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Azulenium chemistry – towards new derivatives of photochromic dihydroazulenes

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Synthesis – Reactions of azulenium salts 4-7 with lithium triisopropylsilylacetylide

Reaction of **4** *with lithium triisopropylsilylacetylide:* To a degassed solution of triisopropylsilylacetylene (1.60 mL, 7.13 mmol) in Et₂O (30 mL) at -40 °C was added a solution of LiHMDS (3.2 mL, 1.0 M in toluene, 3.2 mmol) and the contents of the vessel allowed to reach -20 °C. The solution was cooled to -78 °C and then added via cannula to a degassed suspension of **4** (1.01 g, 2.69 mmol) in THF (80 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at -78 °C, quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (50 mL) and allowed to reach ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (100 mL) and water (50 mL) and the phases separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (50 mL) and dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue, which was purified by flash chromatography (toluene/heptane 4:1) to give a regioisomeric mixture of **16** (715 mg, 57%). M.p. = 67-73 °C. R_f = 0.52 (toluene/heptane 4:1). Anal. calcd (%) for C₃₀H₃₄N₂OSi (466.70): C 77.21, H 7.34, N 6.00; found C 77.04, H 7.12, N 6.09. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for C₃₀H₃₃N₂OSi [(M-H)⁺]: *m/z* = 465.2357; found *m/z* = 465.2374. Mixture **16** was subject to repeated flash column chromatography (EtOAc/heptane) to isolate small portions of the following regioisomers.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (**16a**): A pale yellow solid. M.p. = 65-68 °C. R_f = 0.39 (3:17 EtOAc/heptane). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.60 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, J = 11.2, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (ddd, J = 9.7, 6.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 9.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.44 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (br s, 21H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 160.9, 142.2, 139.8, 132.9, 131.6, 130.4, 127.2, 127.1, 124.7, 123.1, 122.5, 115.1, 112.4, 112.2, 105.4, 85.0, 55.6, 43.4, 32.3, 18.8, 11.4 ppm. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for C₃₀H₃₃N₂OSi [(M-H)⁺]: *m/z* = 465.2357; found *m/z* = 465.2355. Anal. calcd (%) for C₃₀H₃₄N₂OSi (466.70): C 77.21, H 7.34, N 6.00; found C 77.16, H 7.50, N 5.96.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (16b): A yellow oil. $R_f = 0.36$ (3:17 EtOAc/heptane). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.64$ (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.33 (ddd, J = 9.5, 6.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (dd, J = 9.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.22 (ddd, J = 5.4, 5.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 1.10-1.09 (m, 21H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 161.0$, 139.6, 138.5, 136.4, 129.7, 129.3, 127.6, 125.9, 123.5, 122.9, 117.0, 114.9, 114.3, 113.6, 107.9, 82.1, 55.6, 44.0, 32.4, 18.8, 11.3 ppm. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for C₃₀H₃₃N₂OSi [(M-H)⁺]: m/z = 465.2357; found m/z = 465.2354.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (16c): A yellow oil. $R_f = 0.33$ (3:17 EtOAc/heptane). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.67$ (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.72 (br d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, J = 9.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (dd, J = 9.2, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.90 (dddd, J = 5.7, 5.7, 1.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (m, 21H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 161.0$, 146.5, 139.5, 136.3, 131.2, 127.5, 126.7, 124.4, 122.7, 121.6, 119.7, 115.0, 112.6, 112.6, 107.9, 82.1, 55.6, 44.3, 33.3, 18.8, 11.3 ppm. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for C₃₀H₃₃N₂OSi [(M-H)⁺]: m/z = 465.2357; found m/z = 465.2354.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-7-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (16d): A yellow oil. $R_f = 0.28$ (3:17 EtOAc/heptane). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.64$ (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (ddd, J = 9.7, 6.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.39 (td, J = 5.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 1.10-1.09 (m, 21H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 161.0$, 141.4, 137.0, 136.1, 132.8, 127.8, 126.5, 126.1, 125.8, 123.7, 122.9, 115.0, 114.1, 113.5, 107.1, 82.5, 55.6, 42.5, 32.2, 18.8, 11.3 ppm. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for $C_{30}H_{33}N_2OSi [(M-H)^+]: m/z = 465.2357$; found m/z = 465.2354.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-8-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (16e): A yellow solid. M.p. = 94-96 °C. $R_f = 0.25$ (3:17 EtOAc/heptane). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.63$ (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.75 (dd, J = 10.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dddd, J = 9.1, 6.3, 0.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (dd, J = 9.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.70 (dd, J = 6.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (s, 21H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 160.6, 141.3, 138.5, 133.3, 130.4, 127.4, 125.7, 124.0, 122.9, 114.8, 112.4, 112.2, 102.2, 86.9, 55.6, 43.8, 28.7, 18.8, 11.4 ppm, 2Cs masked. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for C₃₀H₃₃N₂OSi [(M-H)⁺]: <math>m/z = 465.2357$; found m/z = 465.2362.

Reaction of **5** *with lithium triisopropylsilylacetylide:* To a degassed solution of triisopropylsilylacetylene (1.2 mL, 5.35 mmol) at -40 °C in Et₂O (25 mL) was added LiHMDS (2.4 mL, 1.0 M in toluene, 2.4 mmol) and the vessel allowed to warm to -20 °C. The reaction contents were cooled to -78 °C and added via cannula to a vessel containing a degassed suspension of **3** (620 mg, 1.69 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78 °C, quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (50 mL) and allowed to warm to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (100 mL) and the phases separated. The aqueous component was extracted with Et₂O (50 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (toluene) to give a regioisomeric mixture of **17** (315 mg, 40%) as a yellow oil. Anal. calcd (%) for C₃₀H₃₁N₃Si (461.68): C 78.05, H 6.77, N 9.10; found C 77.93, H 6.63, N 9.04. Mixture **17** was subject to repeated flash column chromatography (EtOAc/heptane) to isolate small portions of the following regioisomers.

2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-4-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile

(17*a*): A yellowish oil. $R_f = 0.33$ (1:9 EtOAc/heptane). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.77$ (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 11.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (ddd, J = 9.7, 5.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (dd, J = 9.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (s, 21H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 139.8$, 138.7, 136.4, 134.9, 134.2, 134.1, 133.3, 127.3, 125.7, 125.6, 122.2, 118.2, 112.9, 111.5, 111.3, 104.7, 85.7, 43.2, 32.1, 18.8, 11.3 ppm. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for $C_{30}H_{30}N_3Si [(M-H)^+]$: m/z = 460.2204; found m/z = 460.2209.

2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-5-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (17b): A yellow solid. M.p. = 107.5-112 °C (decomposes). $R_f = 0.21$ (EtOAc/heptane 1:9). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.80$ (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 6.39 (ddd, J = 9.6, 6.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (ddd, J = 5.5, 5.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.09 (s, 21H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 138.8, 137.5, 135.4, 134.7, 134.6, 133.2, 130.0, 126.5, 125.4, 123.9, 119.5, 118.2, 113.6, 113.3, 112.9, 107.1, 82.7, 43.7, 32.4, 18.8, 11.3 ppm. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for C₃₀H₃₀N₃Si [(M-H)⁺]: *m/z* = 460.2204; found *m/z* = 460.2217.

2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-6-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (17c): A yellowish solid. M.p. = 151-153 °C. $R_f = 0.19$ (EtOAc/heptane 1:9). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.83$ (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (dd, J = 9.2, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (dddd, J = 5.8, 5.8, 1.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.09 (s, 21H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 145.6$, 138.4, 137.3, 137.0, 133.9, 133.2, 127.3, 126.3, 126.2, 121.4, 119.6, 118.2, 113.1, 111.7, 111.7, 107.2, 82.5, 44.1, 33.3, 18.7, 11.3 ppm. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for C₃₀H₃₀N₃Si [(M-H)⁺]: m/z = 460.2204; found m/z = 460.2214.

2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-7-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile

(17*d*): A yellowish solid. M.p. = 126-135 °C (decomposes). $R_f = 0.10$ (EtOAc/heptane 1:9). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.79$ (s, 4H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd, J = 9.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, J = 5.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.08 (s, 21H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 140.4$, 138.2, 135.5, 135.2, 134.4, 133.2, 128.7, 126.6, 126.6, 126.4, 125.2, 118.2, 113.4, 113.3, 112.8, 106.3, 83.0, 42.2, 32.1, 18.8, 11.3 ppm. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for C₃₀H₃₀N₃Si [(M-H)⁺]: *m/z* = 460.2204; found *m/z* = 460.2210.

2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-8-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (17e): A yellow solid. M.p. = 152.5-154 °C. $R_f = 0.05$ (EtOAc/heptane 1:9). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.78$ (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 10.7, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dd, J = 9.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 6.0, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (s, 21H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 140.8, 136.8, 136.0, 134.3, 134.1, 133.2, 126.3, 124.0, 118.3, 112.8, 111.5, 111.4, 101.7, 87.8, 29.4, 18.8, 11.4 ppm, 4Cs masked. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for <math>C_{30}H_{30}N_3$ Si [(M-H)⁺]: m/z = 460.2204; found m/z = 460.2209.

Reaction of 6 with lithium triisopropylsilylacetylide: To a degassed solution of triisopropylsilylacetylene (1.6 mL, 7.13 mmol) at -40 °C in Et₂O (30 mL) was added LiHMDS (3.2 mL, 1.0 M in toluene, 3.2 mmol) and the vessel allowed to warm to -20 °C. The reaction contents were cooled to -78 °C and added via cannula to a vessel containing a degassed suspension of 6 (1.00 g, 2.39 mmol) in THF (80 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78 °C, quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (50 mL) and allowed to warm to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (100 mL) and water (50 mL) and the phases separated. The aqueous component was extracted with Et₂O (50 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (toluene/heptane 1:1) to give a regioisomeric mixture of 18 (544 mg, 44%) as a yellow oil. Anal. calcd (%) for C₂₉H₃₂N₂Si (436.67): C 81.98, H 7.08, N 5.46; found C 81.84, H 6.99, N 5.45. This mixture was then subjected to further flash chromatography (EtOAc/heptane 1:19) to give a pure sample of **18c**. Compounds **18b** and **18d** were isolated as a mixture ($R_f = 0.57$ in EtOAc/heptane 1:9) and small amounts could be separated by flash column chromatography (chlorobenzene/heptane 2:1). Compounds 18a and 18e were isolated as a mixture ($R_f = 0.50$ in

EtOAc/heptane 1:9) and small amounts could be separated by flash column chromatography (chlorobenzene/CS $_2$ 1:1).

2,3-Diphenyl-4-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (18a): A yellowish oil. $R_f = 0.52$ (chlorobenzene/CS₂ 1:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.45-7.43$ (m, 3H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.98 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 11.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd, J = 9.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (dd, J = 9.3, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 0.99-0.98 (m, 21H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 147.8$, 141.4, 136.5, 134.0, 133.4, 132.6, 131.1, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 123.3, 122.1, 112.6, 111.9, 102.7, 83.1, 45.4, 28.5, 18.7, 11.2 ppm. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for C₃₅H₃₆N₂Si [M⁺]: m/z = 511.2564; found m/z = 511.2570.

2,3-Diphenyl-5-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (**18b**): A yellowish oil. $R_f = 0.36$ (chlorobenzene/heptane 7:3). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.37$ -7.35 (m, 5H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.37 (ddd, J = 9.9, 6.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (dd, J = 9.9, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (ddd, J = 5.5, 5.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (m, 21H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 145.7$, 140.9, 138.0, 132.1, 131.7, 131.3, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.9, 125.0, 123.6, 117.7, 114.0, 113.9, 107.8, 82.3, 46.4, 32.0, 18.7, 11.3 ppm, 1C masked. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for C₃₅H₃₆N₂Si [M⁺]: m/z = 511.2564; found m/z = 511.2562.

2,3-Diphenyl-6-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (18c): A yellowish oil. $R_f = 0.59$ (EtOAc/heptane 1:9). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.44-7.42$ (m, 2H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 5H), 6.79 (br d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (br d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dddd, J = 5.8, 5.8, 1.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 1.11-1.10 (m, 21H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 147.9$, 136.6, 133.2, 132.4, 131.0, 129.4, 129.1, 129.1, 129.0, 125.6, 121.7, 119.9, 112.8, 112.3, 107.7, 82.1, 47.0, 33.3, 18.8, 11.3 ppm, 4Cs masked. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for $C_{35}H_{36}N_2Si [M^+]: m/z = 511.2564$; found m/z = 511.2569.

2,3-Diphenyl-7-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (18d): A yellowish oil. $R_f = 0.40$ (chlorobenzene/heptane 7:3). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.42$ -7.37 (m, 5H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.52 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (ddd, J = 9.6, 6.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (ddd, J = 5.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.11-1.10 (m, 21H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 148.2, 143.0, 135.5, 132.3, 132.1, 131.4, 129.7, 129.4, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 127.0, 126.3, 125.3, 124.8, 113.8, 113.8, 107.1, 82.5, 44.7, 32.4, 18.8, 11.4 ppm. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for <math>C_{35}H_{36}N_2Si [M^+]$: m/z = 511.2564; found m/z = 511.2576.

2,3-Diphenyl-8-[(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,4-dihydroazulene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (18e): A yellowish oil. $R_f = 0.59$ (chlorobenzene/CS₂ 1:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.39$ -7.35 (m, 5H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.72 (dd, J = 10.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (br dd, J = 8.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dd, J = 8.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dd, J = 6.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (br s, 21H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 147.0, 142.0, 132.8, 132.7, 132.7, 131.1, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 125.8, 123.8, 112.5, 112.1, 102.0, 87.0, 46.0, 28.0, 18.8, 11.4 ppm, 2Cs masked. HRMS (MALDI +ve) calcd for C₃₅H₃₆N₂Si [M⁺]: <math>m/z = 511.2564$; found m/z = 511.2569.

Reaction of 7 with lithium triisopropylsilylacetylide: To a degassed solution of triisopropylsilylacetylene (1.5 mL, 6.7 mmol) in Et₂O (25 mL) at -40 °C was added LiHMDS (3.5 mL, 1M in toluene, 3.5 mmol). The reaction contents were allowed to warm to -20 °C, then cooled to -78 °C and added via cannula to a vessel containing a degassed suspension of 7 (1.33 g, 2.69 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C, quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (20 mL) and water (80 mL) and allowed to warm to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (100 mL) and the phases separated. The aqueous component was extracted with Et₂O (100 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (toluene/heptane 1:1) to give a regioisomeric mixture of **19** (391 mg, 25%) as a brilliant yellow oil. Anal. calcd (%) for C₄₀H₄₁N₂Si (588.87): C 83.63, H 6.85, N 4.76; found C 83.44, H 6.74, N 4.47. Further purification by flash column chromatography (acetone/heptane 3:47) allowed for the isolation of 19a, whereas 19c and 20, which were isolated as a mixture ($R_f = 0.37$), could each be obtained pure by flash column chromatography (chlorobenzene/cyclohexane 6:4).

2,3,7-*Triphenyl-4-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)azulene-1,1(4H)-dicarbonitrile (19a)*: $R_f = 0.34$ (acetone/heptane 3:47). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.58-7.56$ (m, 2H), 7.49-7.36 (m, 8H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 6H), 6.63 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (ddd, J = 10.0, 8.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 147.8$, 146.1, 141.5, 140.8, 136.2, 134.2, 132.6, 131.1, 130.4, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.1, 123.7, 119.0, 112.7, 112.1, 102.8, 82.8, 45.7, 28.3, 18.6 (2 signals, rotamers), 11.2 ppm. HRMS (ESP +ve) calcd for C₄₁H₄₀N₂Si [(M-H)⁺]: m/z = 587.2877; found m/z = 587.2866.

2,3,7-triphenyl-6-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)azulene-1,1(6H)-dicarbonitrile (**19c**): $R_f = 0.43$ (chlorobenzene/cyclohexane 6:4). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.60-7.58$ (m, 2H), 7.45–7.30 (m, 13H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (dd, J = 9.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (br d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 0.99-0.98 (m, 21H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 148.1$, 146.4, 139.7, 136.9, 136.2, 132.8, 132.6, 131.3, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 124.3, 123.1, 118.5, 113.3, 112.2, 104.8, 83.3, 47.4, 35.7, 18.8 (2 signals, rotamers), 11.2 ppm; 1C masked. HRMS (ESP +ve) calcd for C₄₁H₄₀N₂Si [(M-H)⁺]: m/z = 587.2877; found m/z = 587.2874.

2,5,6-*Triphenyl-1-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)-1a*,6b-dihydrocyclopropa[e]indene-4,4(1H)dicarbonitrile (**20**): $R_f = 0.41$ (chlorobenzene/cyclohexane 6:4). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.57-7.55$ (m, 2H), 7.45-7.30 (m, 13H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 4.47 (ddd, J = 5.8, 4.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, J = 5.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, J = 5.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.07 (br s, 21H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) $\delta = 146.3, 141.7, 139.2, 138.1, 135.7, 132.2, 132.1, 131.3, 129.3, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.9, 128.6, 127.5, 122.8, 113.4, 113.1, 106.8, 83.5 (br), 83.1, 81.3 (br), 45.7, 22.3, 18.8, 18.8 (2 signals, rotamers), 11.2 ppm, 1C masked. HRMS (ESP +ve) calcd for C₄₁H₄₀N₂Si [(M-H)⁺]: <math>m/z = 587.2877$; found m/z = 587.2871.

NMR Spectra

Compound 10



 ^{13}C NMR APT (125 MHz) spectrum of 10 in CDCl_3







Compound 13



 ^{13}C NMR APT (125 MHz) spectrum of 13 in C_6D_6

Compound 14













¹³C NMR APT (125 MHz) spectrum of **5** in CD₃CN





¹³C NMR APT (125 MHz) spectrum of 6 in CD₃CN









Regioisomeric mixture 15 (Table 3 Entry 1)



Compound 15a



COSY spectrum (500 MHz) of 15a in CDCl₃.

Compound 15a



HMBC spectrum (500 MHz / 125 MHz) of 15a in $CDCl_3$



COSY spectrum (500 MHz) of 15b in CDCl₃



HMBC spectrum (500 MHz / 125 MHz) of 15b in \mbox{CDCl}_3







S21







Regioisomeric mixture 16 (Table 3 Entry 2)



¹H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of **16** in CDCl₃ zoomed into the sp³ region for the point of nucleophilic attack



 ^{13}C NMR APT (125 MHz) spectrum of 16a in CDCl_3



 ^{13}C NMR APT (125 MHz) spectrum of 16b in CDCl_3















Regioisomeric mixture 17 (Table 3 Entry 3)

¹H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of **17** in CDCl₃ zoomed into the sp³ region for the point of nucleophilic attack





COSY spectrum (500 MHz) of 17a in CDCl₃.



HMBC spectrum (500 MHz / 125 MHz) of 17a in \mbox{CDCl}_3







COSY spectrum (500 MHz) of 17b in CDCl₃







COSY spectrum (500 MHz) of 17c in CDCl₃


COSY spectrum (500 MHz) of **17d** in CDCl₃



¹³C NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of **17d** in CDCl₃







COSY spectrum (500 MHz) of 17e in CDCl₃



S41



HMBC spectrum (500 MHz / 125 MHz) of 17e in CDCl₃

Regioisomeric mixture 18 (Table 3 Entry 4)



¹H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of **18** in CDCl₃ zoomed into the sp³ region for the point of nucleophilic attack







¹³C NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of **18a** in CDCl₃



 $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of $\mathbf{18b}$ in CDCl_3







HMBC spectrum (500 MHz / 125 MHz) of 18b in CDCl₃.







 ^{13}C NMR APT (125 MHz) spectrum of 18d in CDCl_3



 ^1H NMR (500 MHz) NOE spectrum of 18e in CDCl3 irradiating at δ 6.46 ppm



 ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of 18e in CDCl_3



Regioisomeric mixture 19 and 20 (Table 3 Entry 5)

 ^1H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of mixture of 19 and 20 in CDCl_3







¹H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of **19c** in CDCl₃. (Contains some residual chlorobenzene from chromatography)



 ^1H NMR (500 MHz) NOE spectrum of 19c in CDCl3 irradiating at δ 7.59 ppm



¹³C NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of **19c** in CDCl₃. (Contains some residual chlorobenzene from chromatography)



 ^1H NMR (500 MHz) NOE spectrum of 20 in CDCl3 irradiating at δ 2.59 ppm



¹³C NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of **20** in CDCl₃

Compound 21



S59















UV-Vis Absorption Spectra



UV-Vis absorption spectra of compound **3**.



UV-Vis absorption spectra of compound 4.



UV-Vis absorption spectra of compound 5.



UV-Vis absorption spectra of compound 6.



UV-Vis absorption spectra of compound 7.

Calculational Data

Free energy differences (kJ/mol) between DHA **21** and **25** in MeCN:

CAM	38.8
M06-2X	30.6
PBE0	35.7

Free energy differences (kJ/mol) of s-*cis* and s-*tran*s conformers of *E*/*Z*-VHFs **24** and **26** in MeCN:

<i>E</i> -24 (s- <i>cis vs</i> s- <i>trans</i>)		Z-24 (s-cis vs s-trans)	
CAM M06-2X PBE0	-2.9 -3.7 -4.1	CAM M06-2X PBE0	-2.9 -5.0 -5.8
<i>E-26</i> (s- <i>cis vs</i>)	s-trans)	Z-26 (s- <i>cis vs</i> s	s-trans)
CAM	-11.5	CAM	-9.5
M06-2X	-14.8	M06-2X	-10.8
PBE0	-13.0	PBE0	-10.5

Geometries of *E*/*Z*-VHFs 24 and 26 (s-*cis*/s-*trans*):



Coordinates at the CAM-B3LYP/6-311+G(d) level of theory

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Compound 25

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Н	-4.35430	-2.57202	1.34148
Н	-4.94848	-1.64464	2.71493

Transition State Calculations

s-cis-VHF to TS activation energies (kJ/mol):

	"24-SiMe ₃ "	" 26 -SiMe ₃ "
CAM-B3LYP	91.5	94.9
M06-2X	92.4	93.4
PBE0	82.1	84.8

Geometries:



"24-SiMe₃"-TS



"**26-**SiMe₃"-TS

Coordinates:

"**24**-SiMe₃"-TS:

С	0.73132900	4.37204000	-0.07668200
С	1.48506800	3.24780600	-0.16984200
С	1.08025400	1.88735000	-0.38660600
С	-0.17712400	1.42808200	-0.72107000
С	-1.36517900	2.20483600	-0.95060900
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С	-0.47957600	-0.00282800	-0.75730400
С	-1.67108600	-0.36611500	-0.25040500
С	-2.50773900	0.74318400	0.32421800
С	-2.19680500	1.21544600	1.61876000
Ν	-1.94252100	1.60166600	2.67744800
С	-3.86281600	0.85748100	-0.06342800
Ν	-4.95113500	0.97802500	-0.43021200
Н	1.26494200	5.28847600	0.14849700
Н	2.54965300	3.37265900	-0.00706000
Η	-2.02961200	1.79175100	-1.69688300
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Н	0.26859400	-0.72203700	-1.06210400

С	-2.13816800	-1.76428500	-0.19430200
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"26-SiMe₃"-TS:

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С	2.60718300	1.46668700	-0.65914700
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Ν	1.21669700	-1.29375800	2.24689300
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Ν	1.63093100	-2.65320400	-1.94683600
Н	-2.64353500	2.95113700	0.57844200
Η	-0.74760900	4.27676100	0.54231000
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С	6.18026000	-1.74162800	0.26983900
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