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Supplementary Information

cis-1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethylene copper(I) catalyzed C-H activation and carboxylation of terminal alkynes

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S-1. IR spectrum of complex **1**.



S-2. IR spectrum of complex 2.



S-3. ¹H NMR spectrum of complex 1 in $CDCl_3$.



S-4. ¹H NMR spectrum of complex 2 in CDCl₃.



S-5. ³¹P NMR spectrum of complex 1 in CDCl₃.



S-6. ³¹P NMR spectrum of complex **2** in CDCl₃.



S-7. ESI-MS spectrum of complex **1**.



S-8. ESI-MS spectrum of complex **2**.



S-9. Self-assembly of complex **2** showing solvent accessible voids in the crystal lattice.



S-10. Ortep diagram of complex **2** showing C-H...S hydrogen bond interactions in the crystal lattice $[C(27)-H(27)...S1^{\#}(3.131\text{\AA}, 148.93^{\circ});C(27)^{\#}-H(27)^{\#}...S1(3.131\text{\AA}, 148.93^{\circ})].$



S-11. Crystal packing diagram of complex **2** viewed along the *b* axis.

●Cu S P N OC H



S-12. ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the synthesis of 3-phenylpropiolic acid from CO_2 and Phenylacetylene catalysed by complex 2 in $CDCl_3$ after 5h at room temperature.



S-13. ¹³C NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the synthesis of 3-phenylpropiolic acid from CO_2 and Phenylacetylene catalysed by complex 2 in $CDCl_3$ after 5h at room temperature.



S-14. ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the synthesis of 3-phenylpropiolic acid from CO_2 and Phenylacetylene catalysed by complex **2** in $CDCl_3$ after 12h at room temperature

Characterization Data:

3-phenylpropiolic acid:



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 153.24 (-COOH), 131.77, 130.02, 128.21, 118.26, 84.05, 81.41, 40.55, 39.77, 39.54, 39.26, 38.94, 38.70; GCMS *m*/*z*(% rel. inten.) 146 (M⁺, 100).





3-(4-chlorophenyl)propiolic acid:



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.64 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 153.20 (-COOH), 134.90, 133.38, 128.48, 117.28, 82.55, 82.32, 40.10, 40.06, 39.76, 39.53, 39.04, 38.97, 38.61; GCMS *m/z*(% rel. inten.) 181 (M⁺, 100).



4-Fluorophenylpropiolic acid:



¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ =13.61 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 162.31 (-COOH), 154.23, 135.35, 116.53, 116.35, 83.34, 81.66; GCMS *m*/*z* (% rel. inten.) 165 (M⁺, 100).



3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propiolic acid:



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 3.74 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 160.66(-COOH), 153.57, 133.39, 113.75, 111.10, 84.79, 80.83, 55.40, 40.12, 40.10, 39.76, 39.58, 39.30, 38.99, 38.61; GCMS *m*/*z*(% rel. inten.) 176 (M⁺, 100).





3-p-tolylpropiolic acid:



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.46 (d, *J* = 27.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 153.54 (-COOH), 140.18, 131.45, 128.42, 115.56, 84.37, 81.15, 40.23, 40.07, 39.77, 39.33, 39.25, 38.87, 38.60, 21.41; GCMS *m/z*(% rel. inten.) 160 (M⁺, 100).



8.0 X : parts per Million : 1H



4-nitrophenylpropiolic acid:



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.28$ (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 153.84$ (-COOH), 148.30, 148.18, 133.73, 125.63, 124.04, 85.08, 81.70, 40.12, 39.91, 39.70, 39.50, 39.29, 39.08, 38.87; GCMS m/z(% rel. inten.) 167 (M⁺, 100).



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =13.38 (br, s, 1H), 2.89- 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.39 (m, 2H), 1.90-2.15 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.18 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 154.83, 91.72, 74.62, 31.91, 28.22, 25.50, 24.56; GCMS *m/z*(% rel. inten.) 152 (M⁺, 100).





3-(trimethylsilyl)propiolic acid:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 10.75$ (br, s, 1H), 0.21(s, 9H, CH₃Si); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 154.48$, 98.81, 53.58, 31.90, 29.67, 29.34, 22.67, 3.52; GCMS *m/z*(% rel. inten.) 142 (M⁺, 100).

14.0 13.0 12.0 11.0 10.0 9.0 8.0 7.0 6.0 5.0 4.0 3.0 2.0 1.0 0 X : parts per Million : IH

220.0 210.0 200.0 190.0 180.0 170.0 160.0 150.0 140.0 130.0 120.0 110.0 100.0 90.0 80.0 70.0 60.0 50.0 40.0 30.0 20.0 10.0 0 -10.0 -20.0 X : parts per Million : 13C

Hept-2-ynoic acid:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ =13.12 (s, 1H), 2.36 (t, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H, CH₂); 1.46 (p, J = 2.9 Hz, 2H, CH₂); 1.36 (h, J = 1.4 Hz, CH₂); 0.89 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ =154.27, 88.36, 74.20, 29.17, 21.35, 17.34, 13.34; GCMS *m/z*(% rel. inten.) 140 (M⁺, 100).

Hept-6-en-2-ynoic acid:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ =13.12 (s, 1H), 5.87 (dd, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.08 (dd, J = 1.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.46 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.28 (q, J = 1.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 154.24, 136.31, 116.30, 87.68, 74.40, 31.12, 17.34; GCMS *m/z*(% rel. inten.) 138 (M⁺, 100).

