

## Electronic Supplementary Material:

### Triplet- vs. Singlet-State Imposed Photochemistry. The Role of Substituent Effects on the Photo-Fries and Photodissociation Reaction of Triphenylmethyl Silanes

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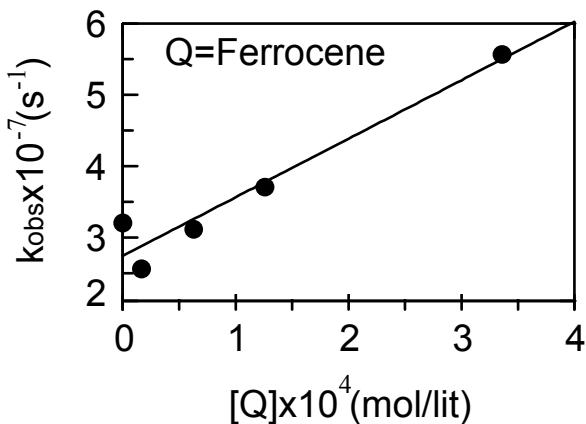


Figure A. Plot of the quenching of the triplet state of **1** ( at 520 nm) by ferrocene, using 308-nm laser light (MeCN).

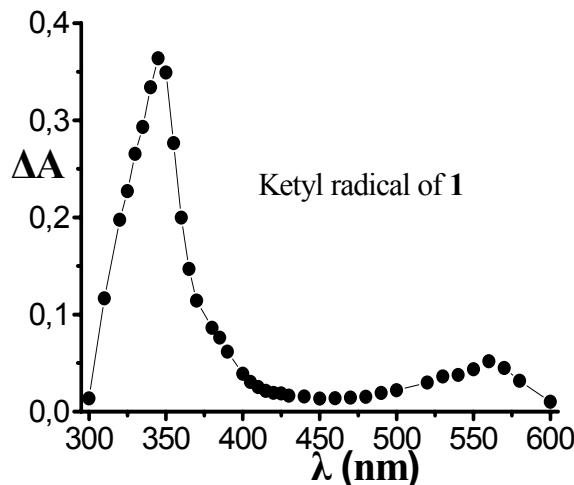


Figure B. Transient absorption spectrum observed 1.62 μs after the pulsing (266-nm) of a solution of **1** in cyclohexane in the presence of 0.01 mM Et<sub>3</sub>N under nitrogen. It corresponds to the ketyl radical *p*-(Ph<sub>2</sub>CSiMe<sub>3</sub>)-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-C(•)(OH)Ph.

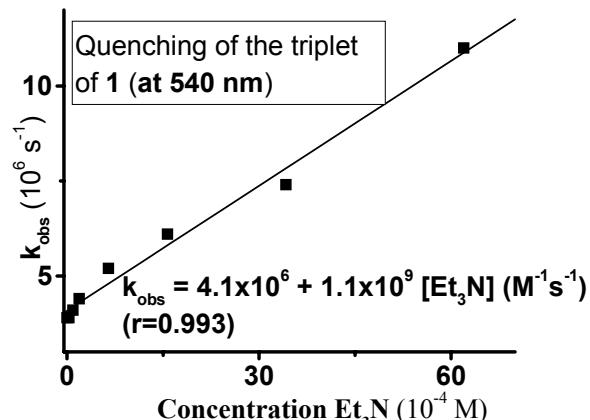


Figure C. Plot of the quenching rate constant of the triplet state of **1** ( at 540 nm) by Et<sub>3</sub>N, using 266-nm laser light (hexane).

#### Absorption Coeffiecient of 6.

The absorption coefficient value  $\epsilon_6$  of the photo-Fries product **6** ( $10300 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) was derived using a linear correlation we found between the  $\epsilon$  values of structurally similar 1,3-exocyclic cyclohexatriens reported in the literature (see structures bellow, Figure D) and the oscillator strength values ( $f$ ) we calculated using the semiempirical method CNDO/S (see Table A); (a) J. Del Bene, H. H. Jaffe, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 1985, 107, 7767:

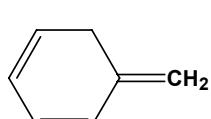
$$\epsilon = 25748 \times f, \quad (r=0.977)$$

For compound **1** we calculated  $f = 0.4$  and therefore  $\epsilon = 10300 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

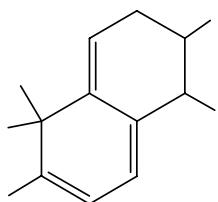
**Table A.** Absorption Data of Compounds **A**, **B**, **C**, **D** (see the structures and the plot bellow)

Comp.	Experimental		Calculated <sup>c</sup>	
	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ (nm)	$\epsilon_{\text{max}}$ (M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ (nm)	f oscillator strength
<b>A</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>4400<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>304</b>	<b>0.380</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>11800<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>317</b>	<b>0.464</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>14500<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>302</b>	<b>0.538</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>19800<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>307</b>	<b>0.666</b>

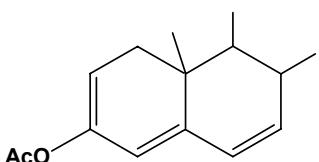
<sup>a</sup> W. J. Bailey, R. A. Baylouny, *J.Org.Chem.*, 1962, **27**, 3476; <sup>b</sup> H. H. Jaffé, M. Orchin, *Theory and Applications of Ultraviolet Spectroscopy*, Wiley, NY, 1964, p. 200; <sup>c</sup> Calculated using CNDO/S.



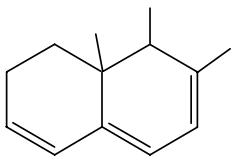
(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

**Figure D.** See for details in **Table A**.