

Synthesis of propargylamines catalyzed by *in situ* generated copper nanoparticles in water

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General Experimental

Unless otherwise noted, all chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers (Aladdin) and used without further purification. ¹H NMR were recorded in CDCl₃ at ambient temperature on a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. Liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) was performed on a Shimadzu LCMS-2020 instrument with an electrospray ionization (ESI) source. X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns were collected on a SHIMADZU XRD-6000 diffractometer with Cu K α radiation at 40 kV and 30 mA in the range 5–80° at a scanning rate of 6 min⁻¹. Field-emission Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) images of the samples were taken at 30 kV with a ZEISS Supra 55 microscope. Column chromatography was performed using EM Silica gel 60 (300-400 mesh).

Experimental Procedure

General procedure for the synthesis of 4a~l

In an oven dried round bottom flask, aldehyde **1** (1.0 mmol), amine **2** (1.2 mmol) and alkyne **3** (1.5 mmol) were added to a mixture of CuSO₄•5H₂O (25.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), rongalite (77 mg, 0.5 mmol), and β -CD (23 mg, 0.02 mmol) in H₂O (2 ml). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. After reaction, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 ml). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated

under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v) as eluent. to afford product **4a~l**. **All the products are known compounds and were identified by comparing of their physical and spectra data with those reported in the literature.**

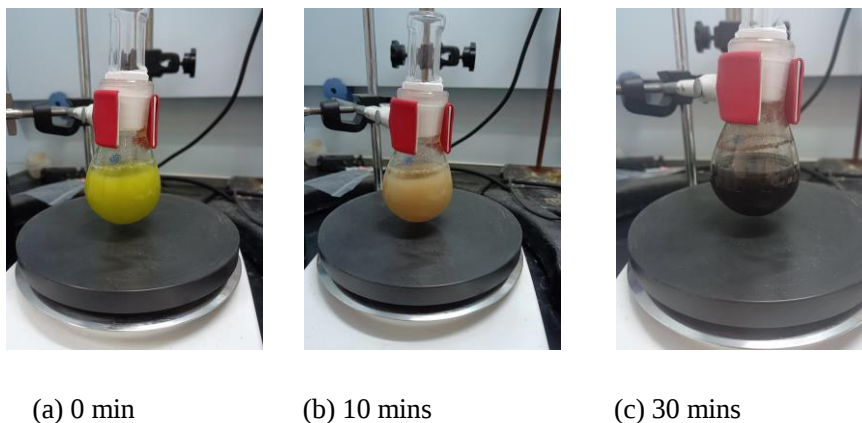
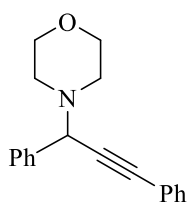
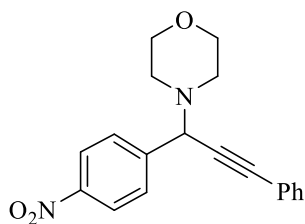


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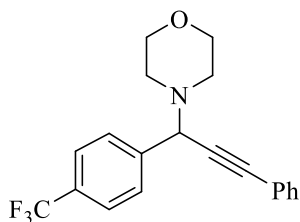
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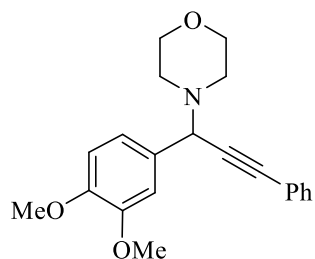
4-(1,3-Diphenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)morpholine **4a**.^{S1} Yellow oil (274 mg, 99%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.62 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.30 (m, 6H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 3.85-3.69 (m, 4H), 2.66-2.57 (m, 4H). MS (ESI): 278.4 [M + H]⁺.



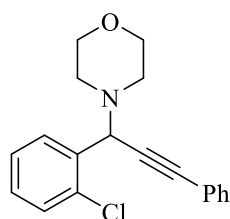
4-(1-(4-Nitrophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)morpholine **4b**.^{S3} Yellow oil (277 mg, 86%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.21-8.17 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 3H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 3.71-3.64 (m, 4H), 2.66-2.61 (m, 4H). MS (ESI): 323.1 [M + H]⁺.



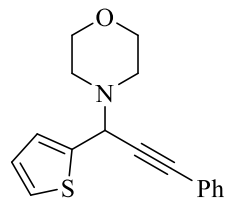
4-(3-Phenyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)morpholine **4c**.^{S4} Yellow oil (289 mg, 84%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.79-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.24 (m, 4H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 3.81-3.72 (m, 4H), 2.67 (t, J =4.7 Hz, 4H). MS (ESI): 346.1 [M + H]⁺.



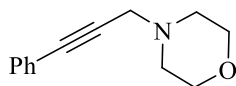
4-(1-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)morpholine **4d**.^{S5} Yellow oil (273 mg, 81%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.51-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.83 (m, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 3.94-3.84 (m, 6H), 3.76 (td, J =5.2, 2.4 Hz, 4H), 2.67-2.58 (m, 4H). MS (ESI): 338.2 [M + H]⁺.



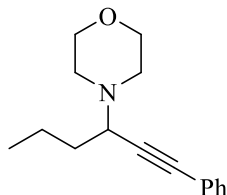
4-(1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)morpholine **4e**.^{S6} Yellow oil (233 mg, 75%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.67-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.41 (ddt, J = 5.6, 3.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.23 (ddt, J = 5.9, 4.2, 2.3 Hz, 3H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 2H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 3.64 (q, J = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 2.59 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, 4H). MS (ESI): 312.8 [M + H]⁺.



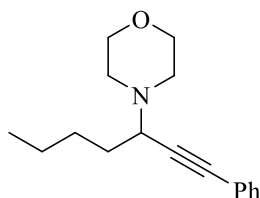
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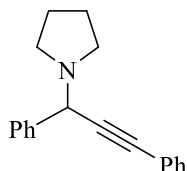
4-(3-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)morpholine **4g**.^{S5} Yellow oil (199 mg, 99%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.36 (ddd, J = 6.7, 3.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (dt, J = 5.0, 1.6 Hz, 3H), 3.68-3.66 (m, 4H), 3.41 (s, 2H), 2.55-2.53 (m, 4H). MS (ESI): 202.3 [M + H]⁺.



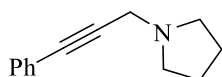
4-(1-Phenylhex-1-yn-3-yl)morpholine **4h**.^{S6} Yellow oil (233 mg, 96%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.43-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 3H), 3.79-3.70 (m, 4H), 3.45 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dddd, J = 53.0, 11.3, 6.0, 3.7 Hz, 4H), 1.72-1.44 (m, 4H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). MS (ESI): 244.4 [M + H]⁺.



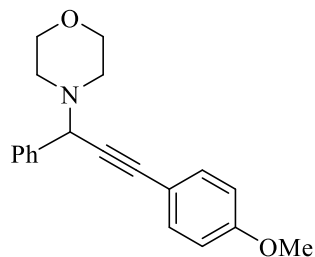
4-(1-Phenylhept-1-yn-3-yl)morpholine **4i**.^{S5} Yellow oil (236 mg, 92%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.44-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 3H), 3.79-3.70 (m, 4H), 3.51 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (dddd, J = 53.4, 11.4, 6.0, 3.6 Hz, 4H), 1.73-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.30 (m, 4H), 0.95 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). MS (ESI): 258.4 [M + H]⁺.



1-(1,3-Diphenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)pyrrolidine **4j**.^{S2} Yellow oil (248 mg, 95%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.61 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 4H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 2.73-2.67 (m, 4H), 1.83-1.76 (m, 4H). MS (ESI): 262.2 [M + H]⁺.



1-(3-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)pyrrolidine **4k**.^{S1} Yellow oil (177 mg, 96%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.18 (m, 3H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 2.61 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 1.76-1.72 (m, 4H). MS (ESI): 186.3 [M + H]⁺.



4-(3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl)morpholine **4l**.^{S8} Yellow oil (276 mg, 90%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.64-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 3H), 6.87-6.84 (m, 2H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.75-3.72 (m, 4H), 2.64-2.61 (m, 4H). MS (ESI): 308.4 [M + H]⁺.

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Characterization of the CuNPs

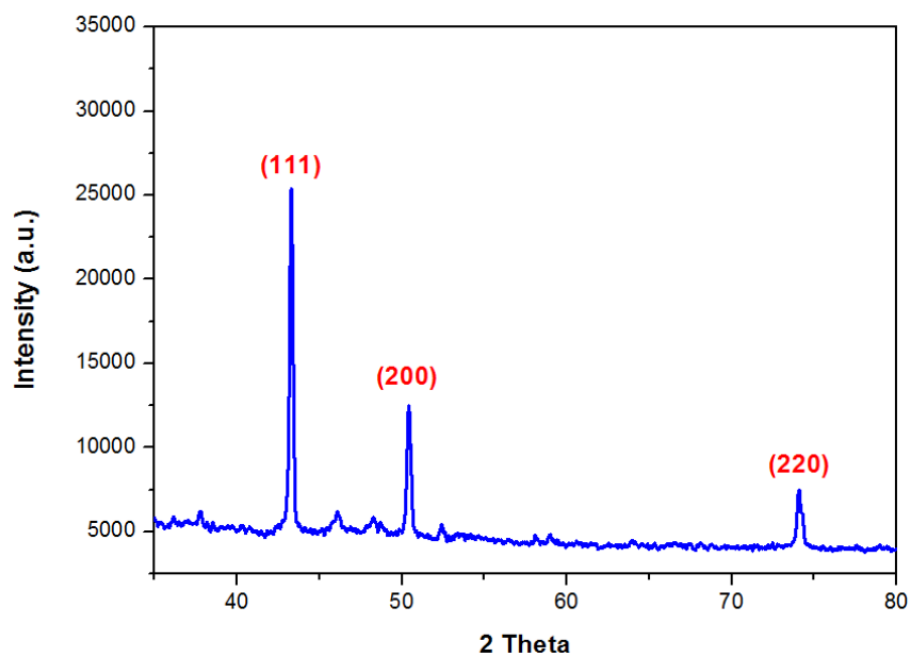


Figure S2. XRD pattern of synthesized CuNPs

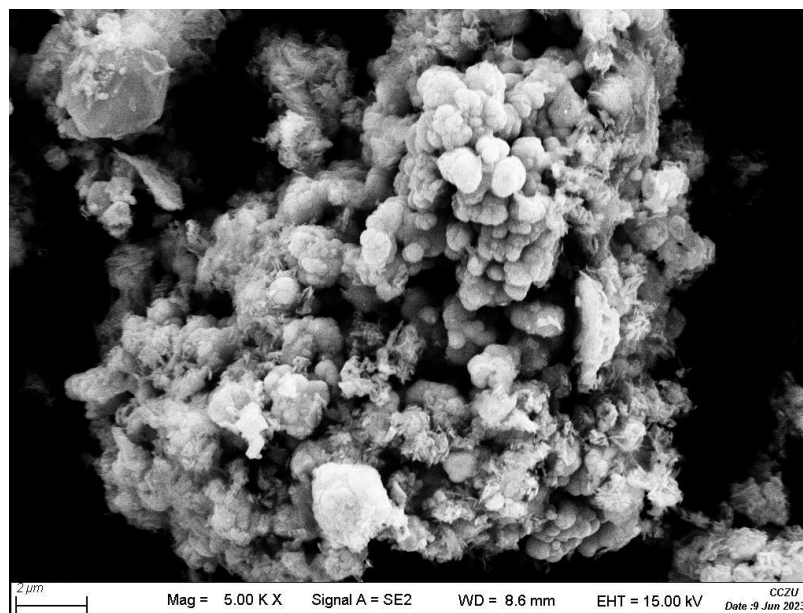


Figure S3. SEM image (2 μm scale)

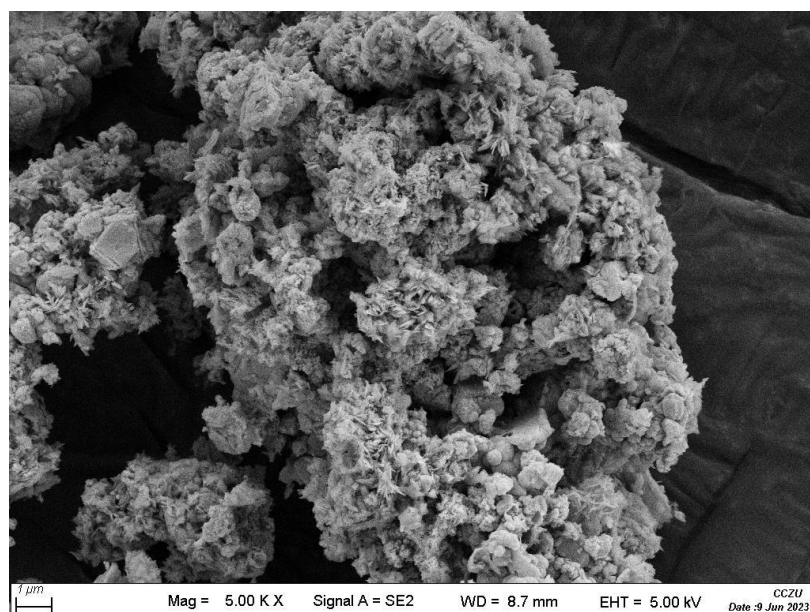


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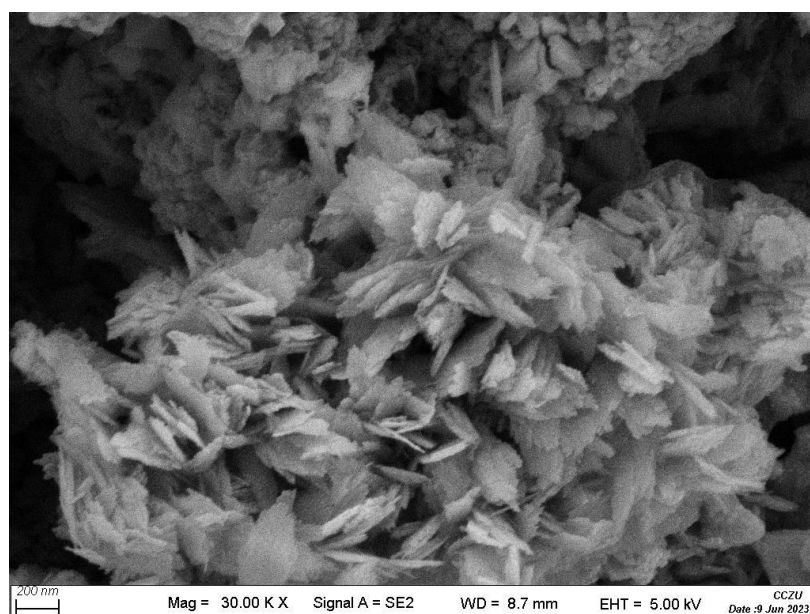
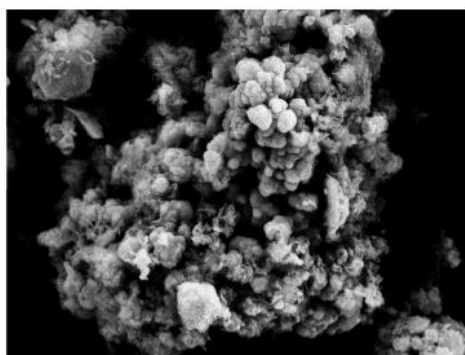
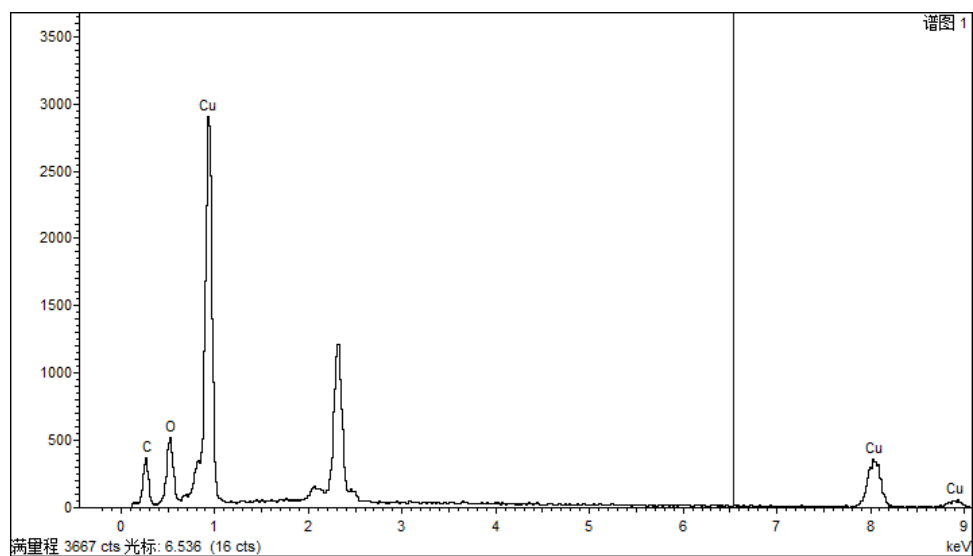
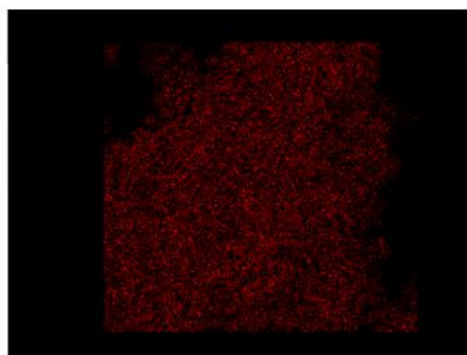


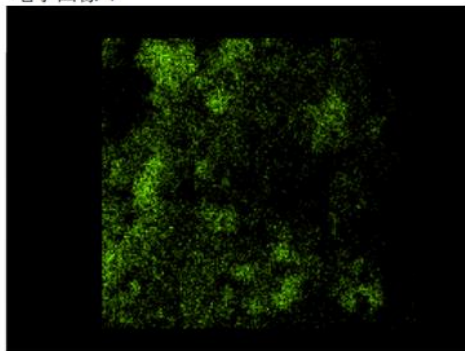
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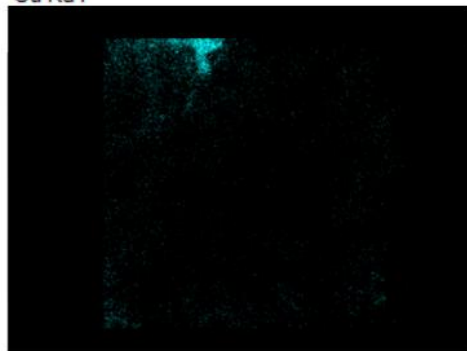
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Figure S6.The EDS element analysis

Copies of ^1H and LC-MS Spectra for compound **4a**

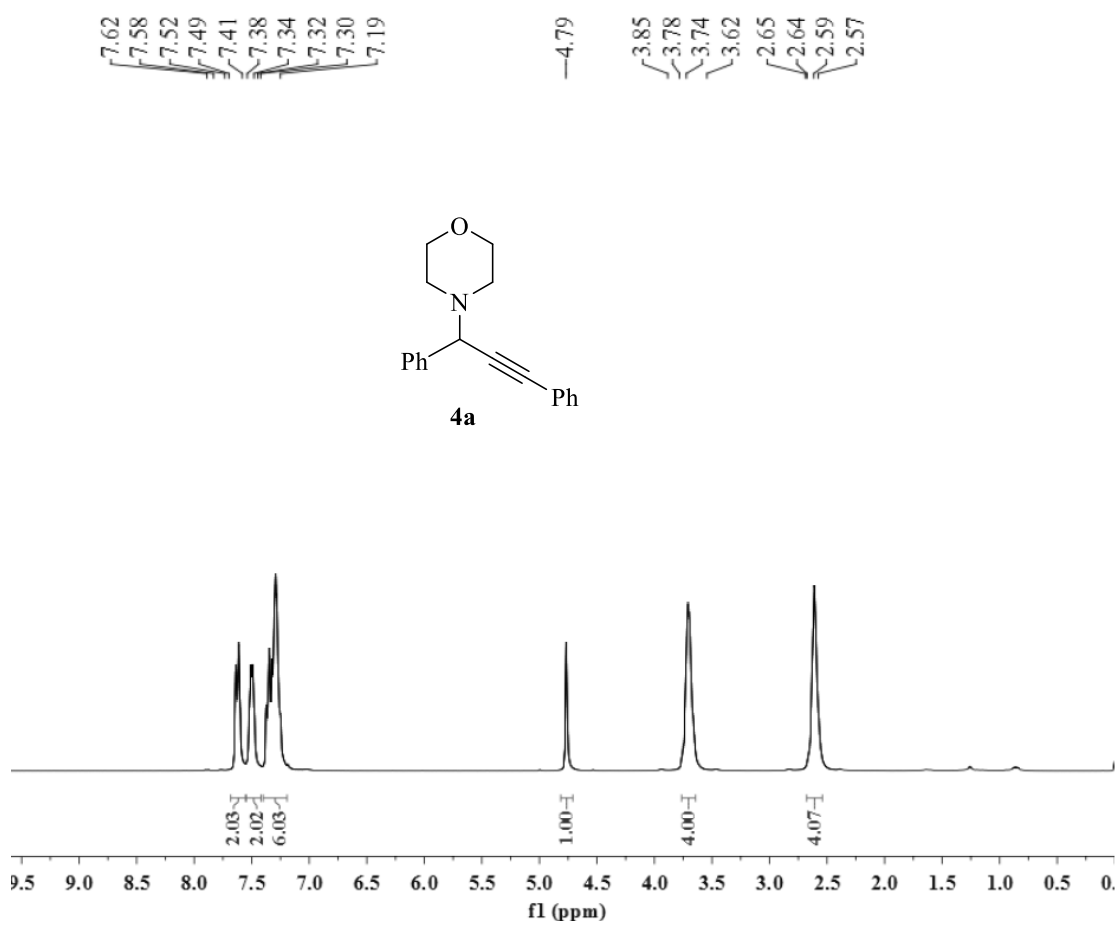


Figure S7. The ^1H NMR for compound **4a**

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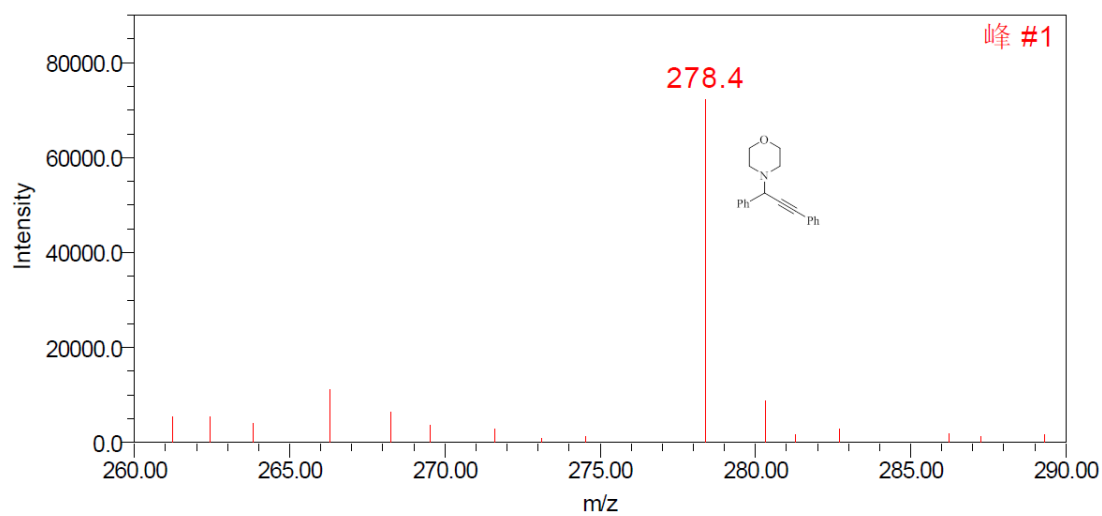
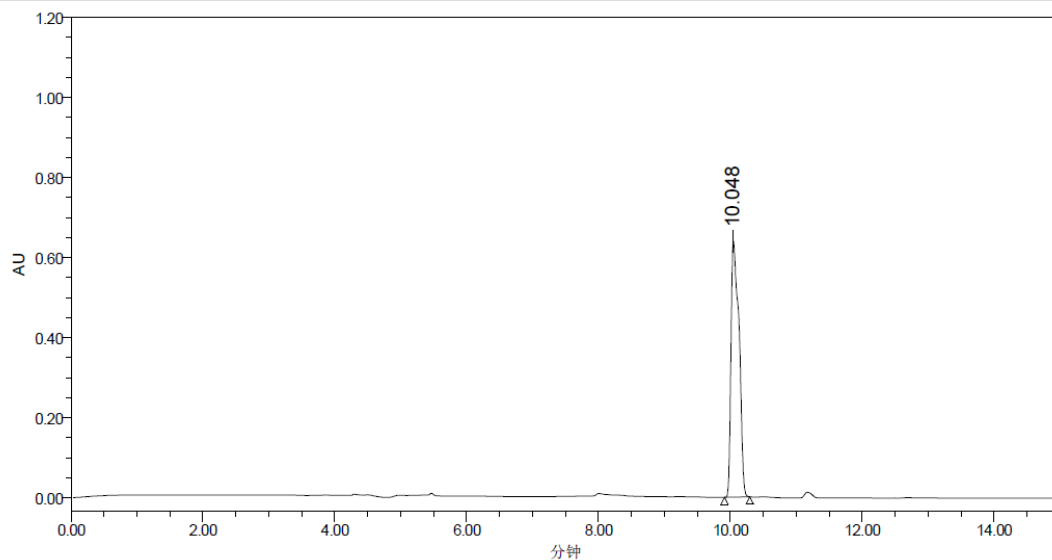


Figure S8. LC-MS spectrum for the compound **4a**