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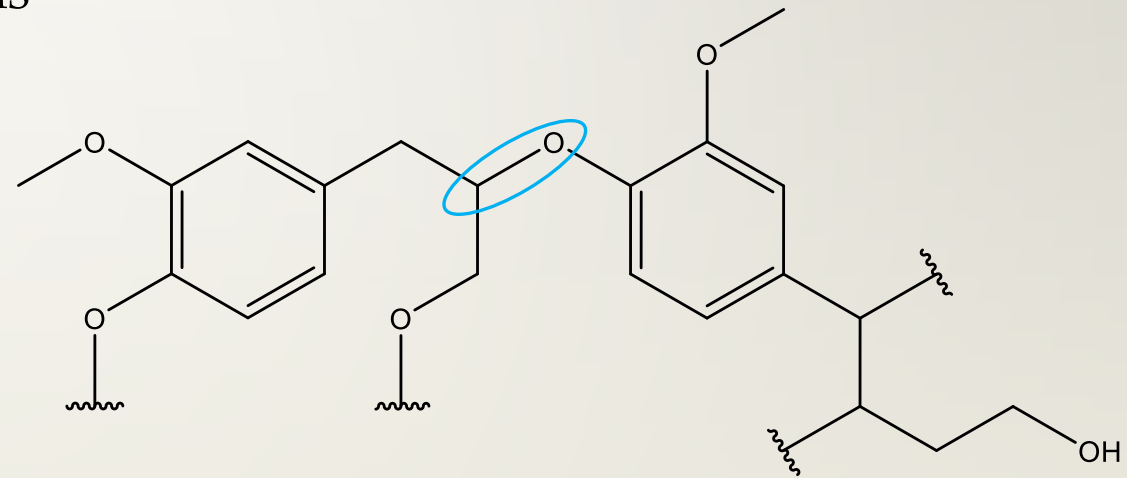
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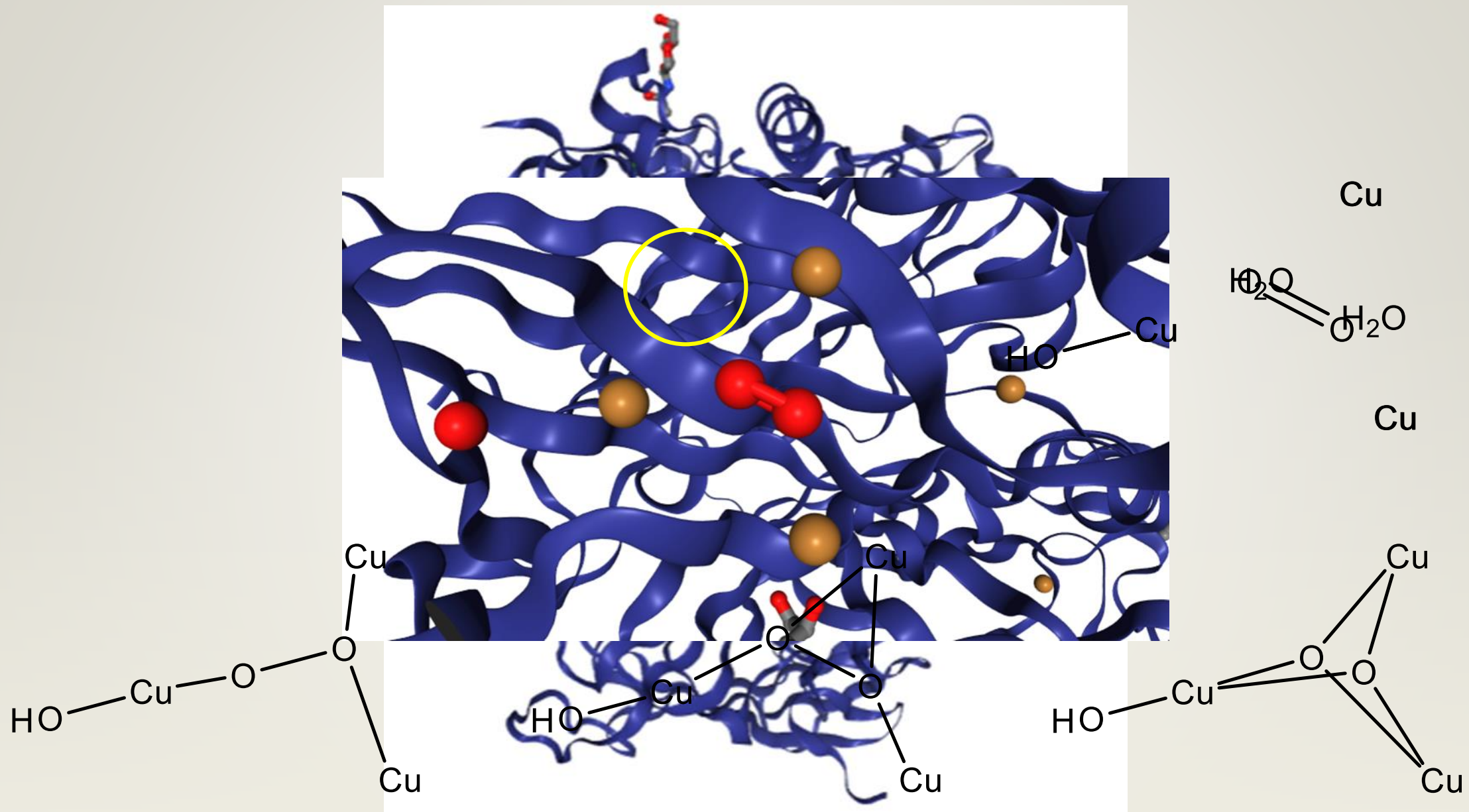
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Multicopper Oxidases (MCO's)

- MCO's are class of enzymes
- Enzymes: BIG molecules with cool reactions
- $O_2 + 4 H^+ + 4 e^- \rightarrow 2 H_2O$
 - Common reaction
 - Tricopper cluster
- Ceruloplasmin, laccase



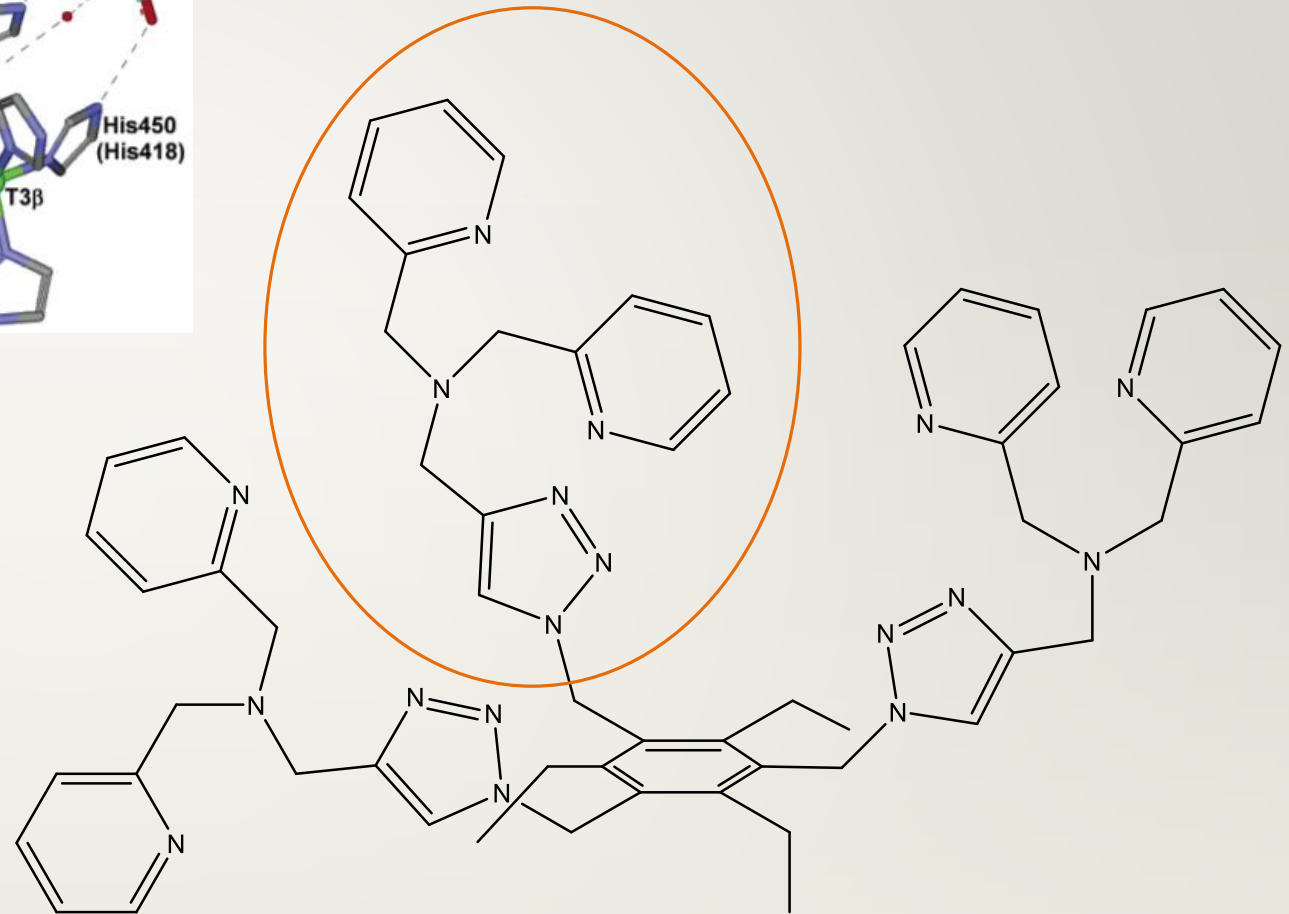
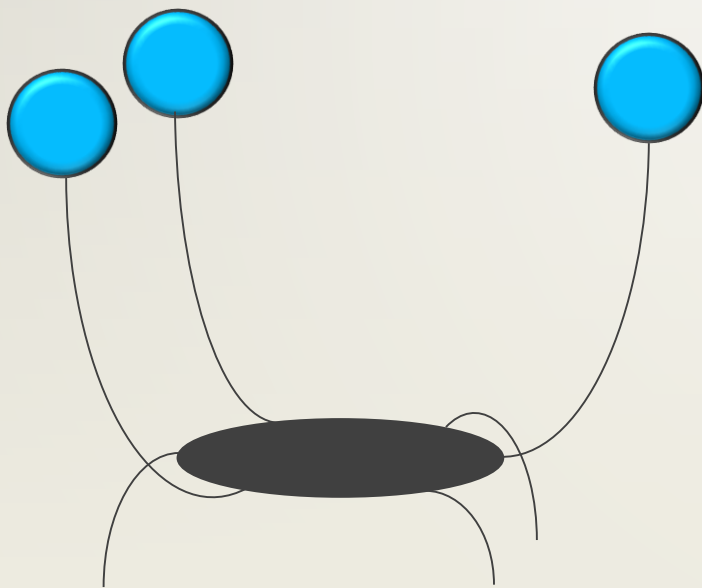
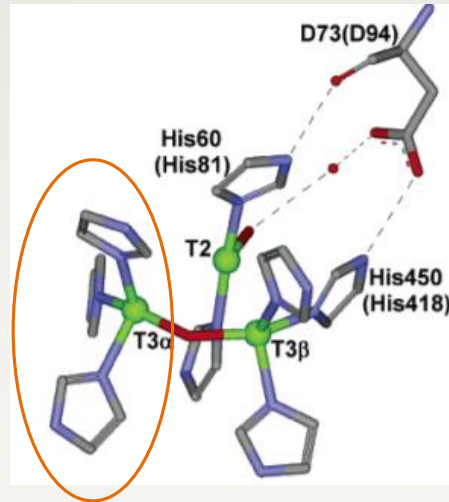


Biomimetic Chemistry

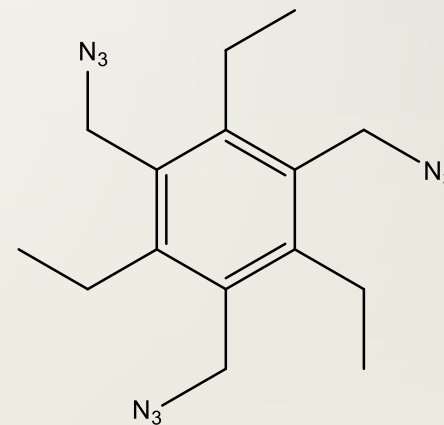
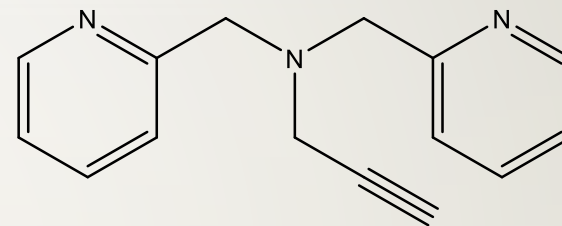
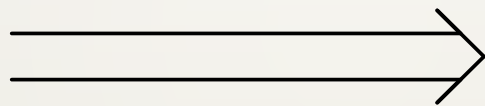
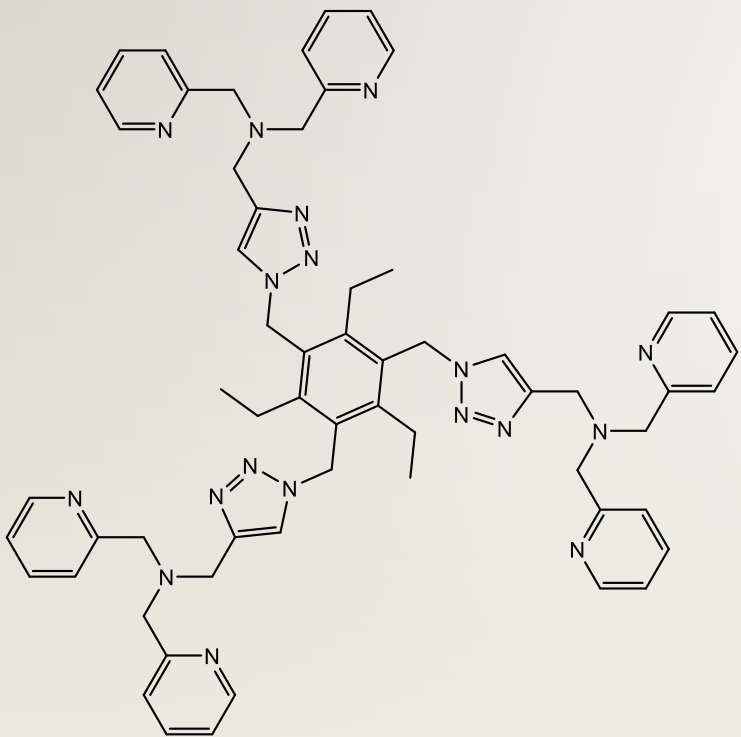
- Enzymes are BIG
- Build smaller model
 - Modifiable
 - Easier to study
 - Cost-effective
- Drawbacks
 - May not give accurate insight

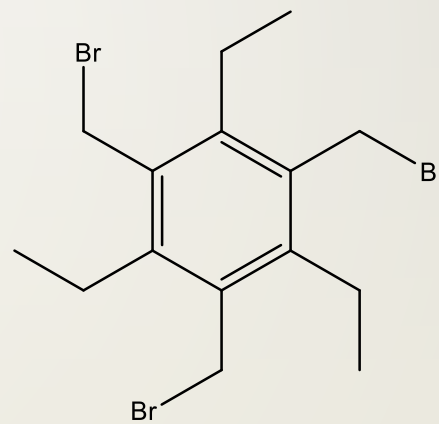
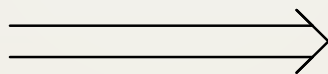
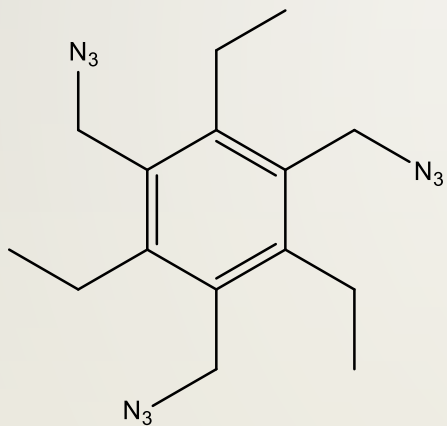
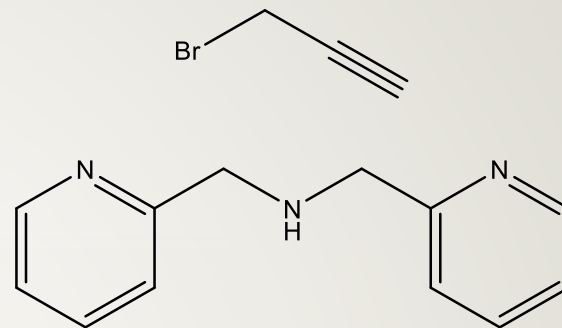
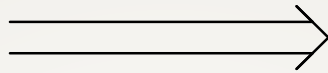
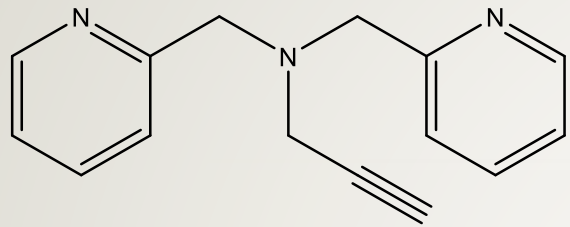
Ligand Design

- Close proximity
- N-donor ligands



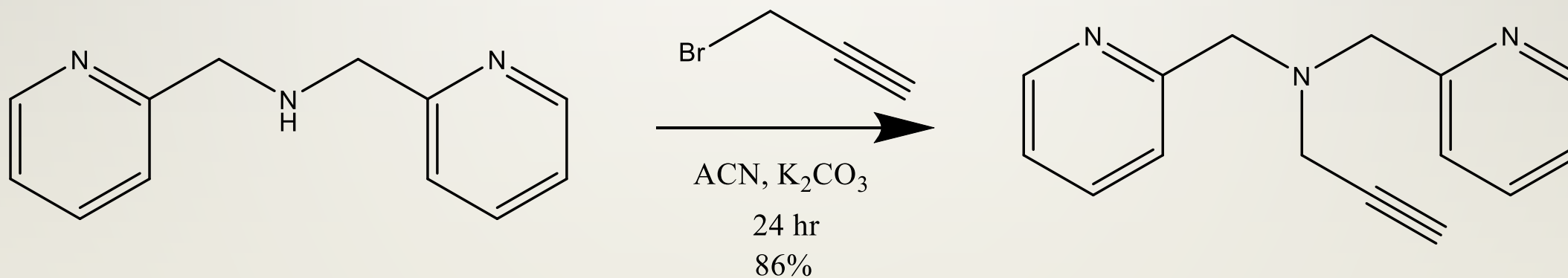
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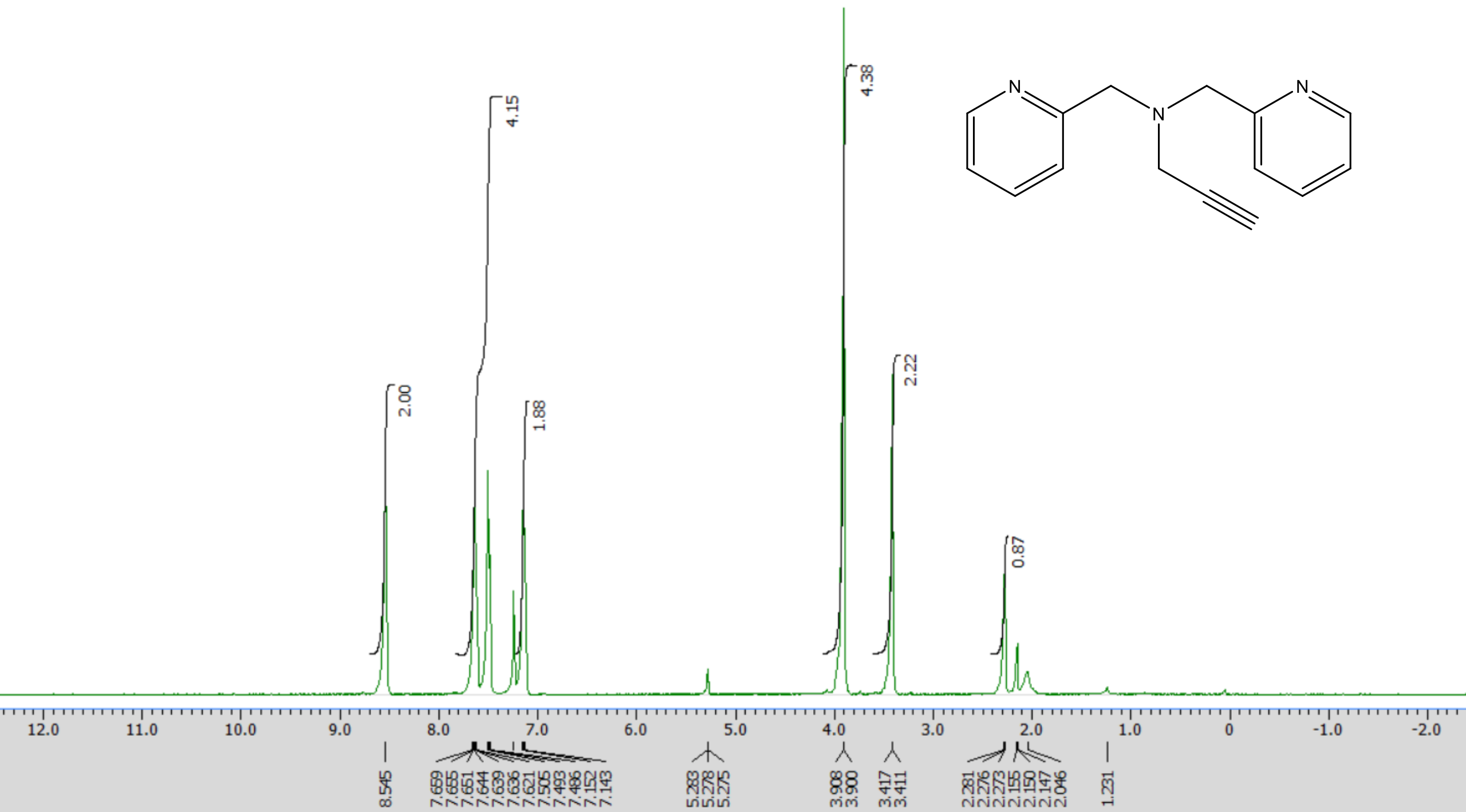
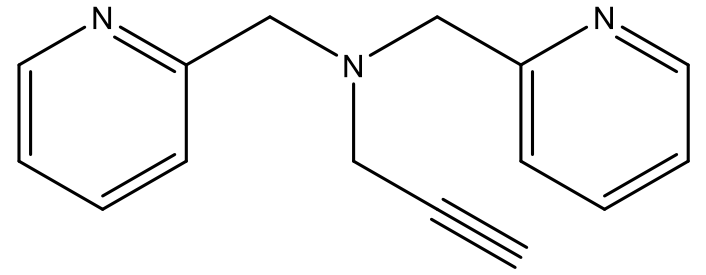




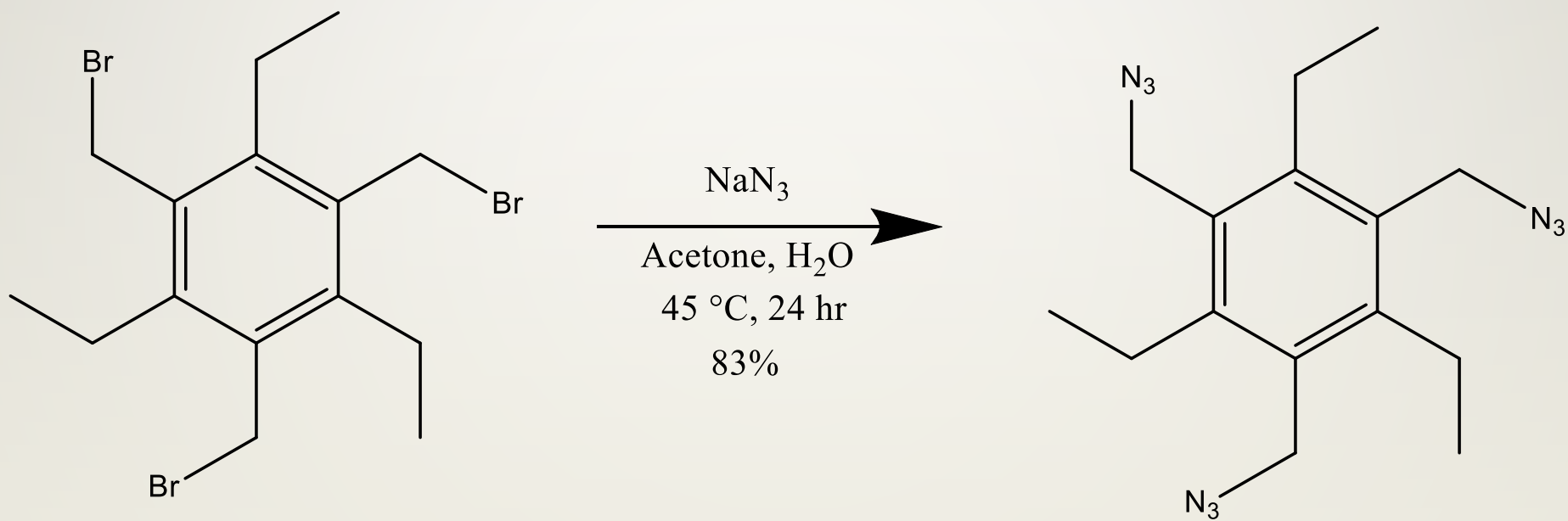
Results and Discussion: Step 1

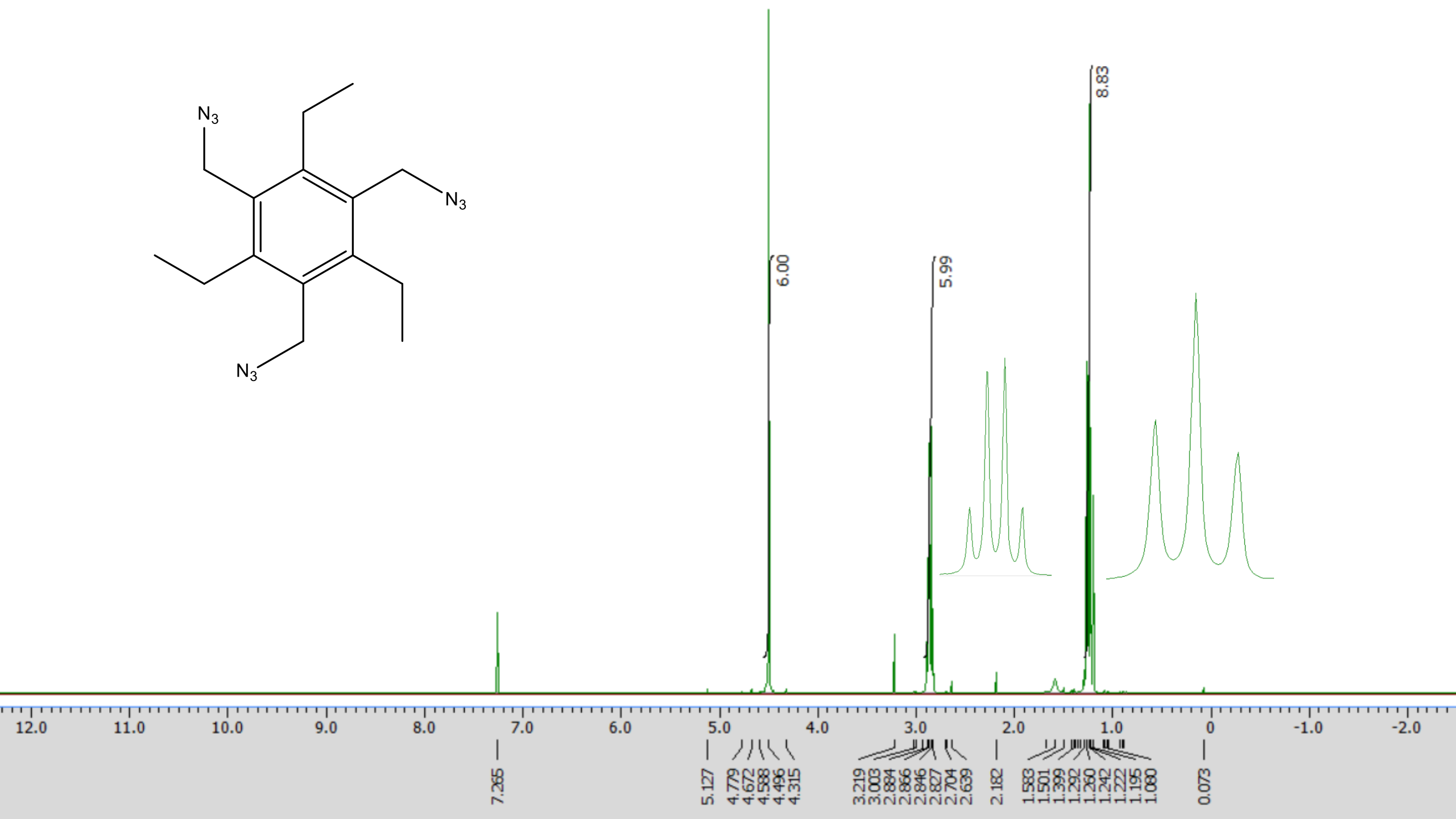
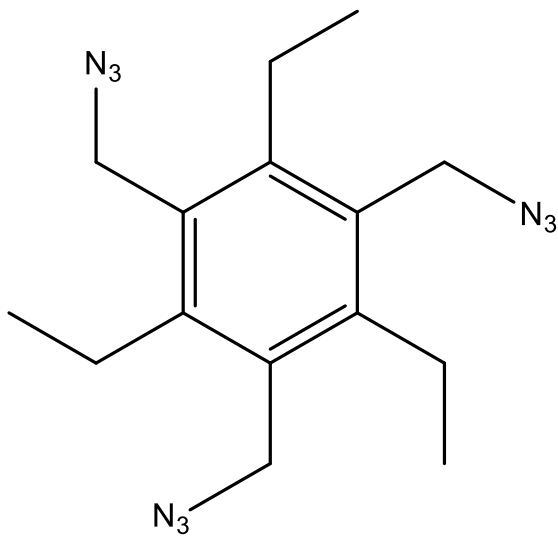
- Difficult to purify
- Changed conditions





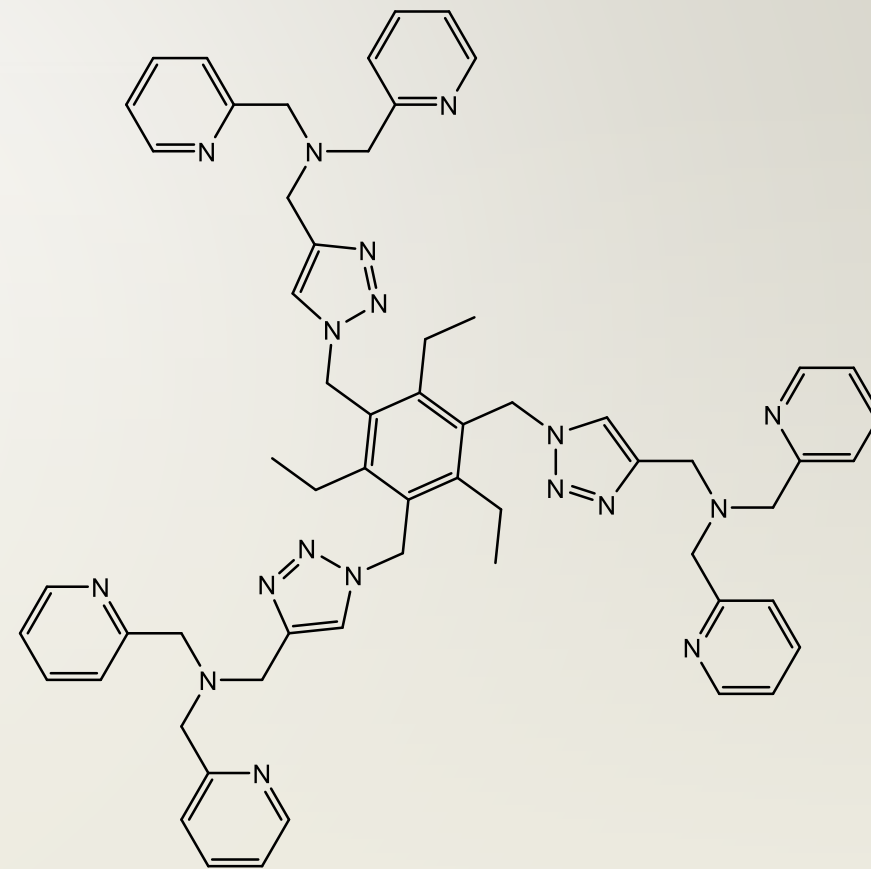
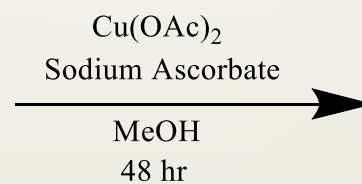
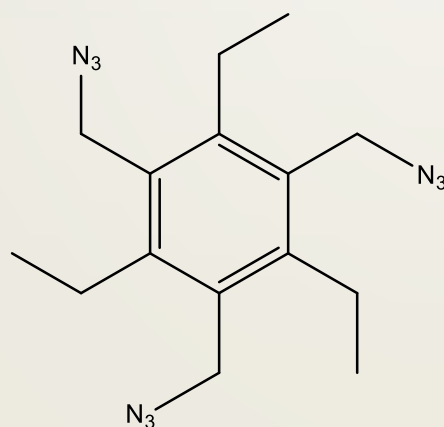
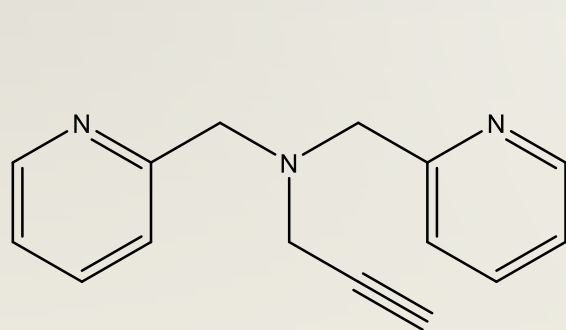
Step 2

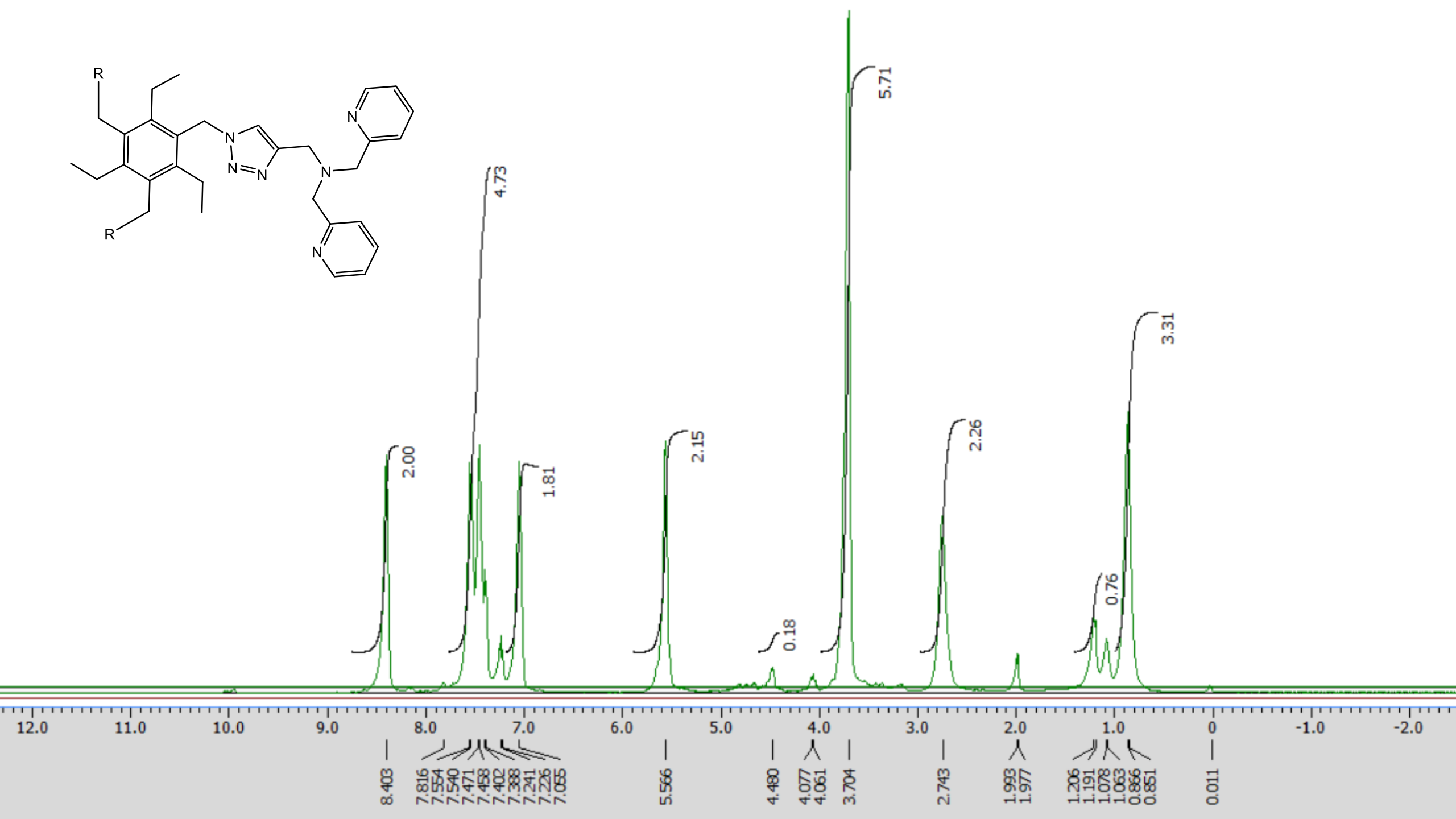
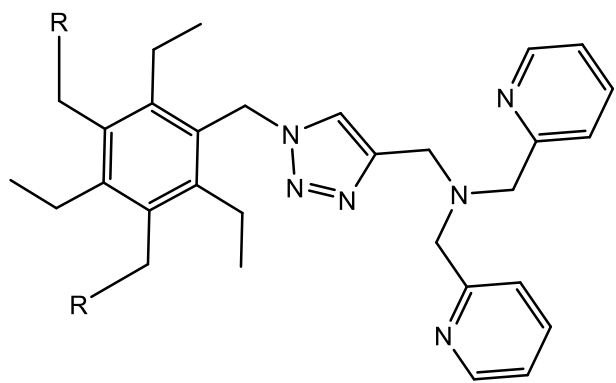




Step 3 Results

- Low initial yield
- Difficult to purify
 - Partial functionalization



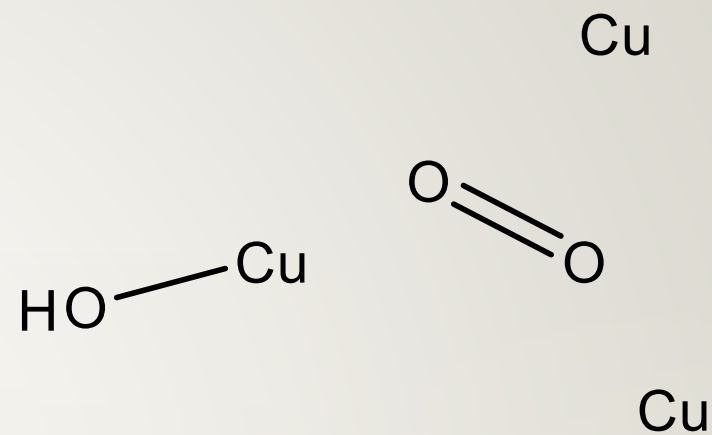


Conclusion

- Step one and two were successful
- Step three was unsuccessful
 - Progress made

Future Work

- Synthesize and purify ligand
- Bind copper
- Characterize
 - NMR
 - Crystals!!
- Studies with O₂



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