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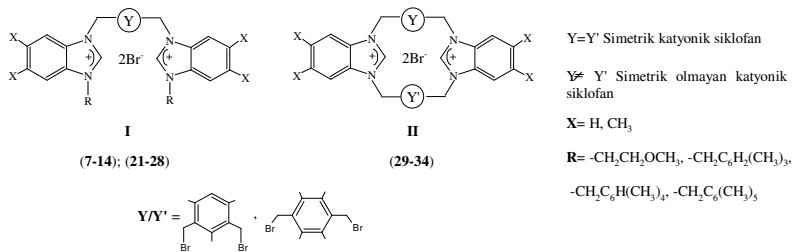
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Bu tez köprülü bibenzimidazolyum bromürlerle (**I** ve **II**) ilgilidir ve üç kısımdan oluşmaktadır. İlk kısım 1,3-diazollere ait temel bilgiler, önemi ve kullanılımları hakkında kısa bir derlemedir. İkinci kısımda deneysel veriler ayrıntılı bir biçimde açıklanmıştır. Üçüncü kısım köprülü bibenzimidazolyum tuzlarının sentezi, yapı aydınlatılması ve eşleşme (Suzuki ve Heck) tepkimelerindeki katalitik aktivitelerinin incelenmesini kapsamaktadır. Bu çalışmada seri halinde mono- ve di- köprülü bibenzimidazolyum tuzları (**I** ve **II**) sentezlenmiştir.



I ve **II**' nin yapı aydınlatılmasından sonra (IR, ¹H NMR ve ¹³C NMR) tüm tuzların Pd(OAc)₂ varlığında (Suzuki ve Heck) eşleşme tepkimelerindeki katalitik aktiviteleri araştırılmıştır. En iyi katalitik aktivite **I**' de (R=-CH₂CH₂OCH₃) gözlenmiştir.

Anahtar sözcükler: 1,3-Diazoller, benzimidazolium salts, catalytic activities.

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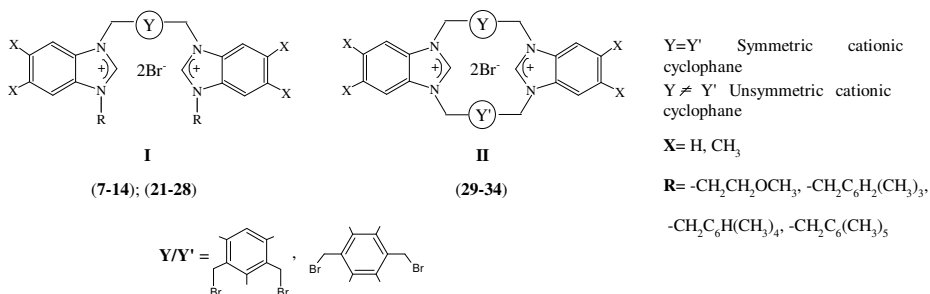
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This thesis is related with bridged bibenzimidazolium bromides (**I** ve **II**) and consist of three parts. The first part is a concise review about 1,3-diazoles and their importance and use. In part two the experimental details were explained. Part three covers the synthesis, characterisation, and catalytic activities of bridged bibenzimidazolium salts. In this study, series of mono- and di-bridged bibenzimidazolium bromides (**I** and **II**) were prepared.



After characterisation of **I** and **II** by spectroscopic methods (IR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR), catalytic activities of all the related salts in the presence of Pd(OAc)₂ for Suzuki and Heck reactions were examined. The best catalytic activity was observed for **I** (R=-CH₂CH₂OCH₃)

Keywords: 1,3-Diazoles, benzimidazolium salts, catalytic activities.

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ABBREVIATIONS

<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
BuOH	Buthanol
CDCl₃	Deuteriochloroform
CD₃OD	Deuteriomethanol
CH₂Cl₂	Dichloromethane
DMA	N,N-Dimethylacetamide
DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxide
Et	Ethyl
Et₂O	Diethyl ether
EtOH	Ethanol
EtOAc	Ethyl acetate
Eq.	Equation
ero	Electron Rich Olefins
FTIR	Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer
GC	Gas chromatography
Hz	Hertz
IPA	Isopropyl alcohol
IR	Infrared Spectroscopy
KOH	Potassium hydroxide
KO^tBu	Potassium tert butoxide
NaH	Sodium hydride
NaOH	Sodium hydroxide
NHC	N-Heterocyclic Carbene
N.M.R	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

ABBREVIATIONS (Continue)

Me	Methyl
MeOH	Methanol
m.p.	Melting point
THF	Tetrahydrofuran

1.INTRODUCTION

1.1 Imidazoles and Benzimidazoles

Imidazole and benzimidazole are incorporated into many important biological molecules. However imidazole and benzimidazole have become an important part of many pharmaceuticals. Synthetic imidazoles and benzimidazoles are present in many fungicides and antifungal, antiprotozoal, and antihypertensive medications.

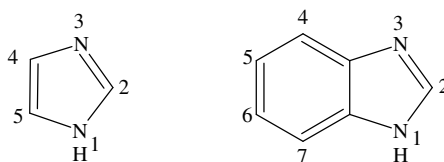


Figure 1.1 Imidazole, benzimidazole and their numbering scheme

A number of naturally occurring substances, such as histidine and the purines, have been found to contain the imidazole nucleus, while 5,6-dimethyl-1-(α -D-ribofuranosyl)benzimidazole is an integral part of the structure of vitamin B₁₂. Histidine is present in many proteins and enzymes and plays a vital part in the structure and binding functions of hemoglobin (Mathews; Holde; Ahern, 2000).

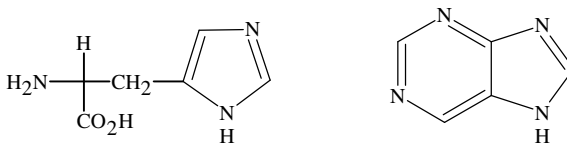


Figure 1.2 Histidine and purine

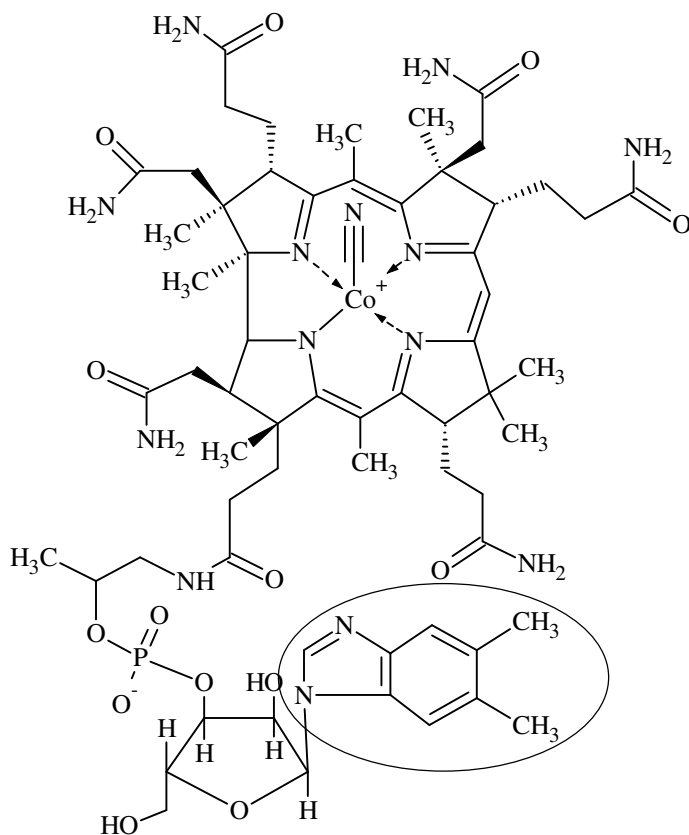


Figure 1.3 B₁₂ vitamin

B₁₂ vitamin (cynocobalamin) can be degraded to 5,6-dimethylbenzimidazole, and afforded important evidence of the structure.

Dihydro and tetrahydro derivatives of imidazole (or 1,3-diazole) are called as imidazole-2-in and imidazolidine, respectively (Figure 1.4).

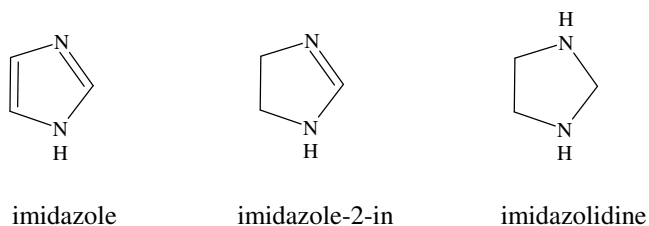


Figure 1.4 Reduced form of imidazole

Three isomers of the benzimidazole molecules are known (Figure 1.5) The isomer called benzo[d]imidazole or shortly benzimidazole is the important one. Because a massive research effort has been expended upon the chemistry of benzo[d]imidazoles with particular emphasis on the synthesis of new compounds for pharmacological importance (Kutlu, 1976).

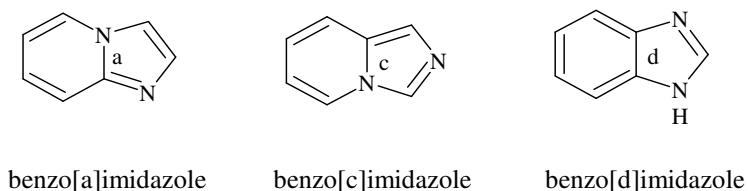


Figure 1.5 Benzimidazole isomers

1.2. Properties of imidazoles and benzimidazoles

1.2.1 Physical properties

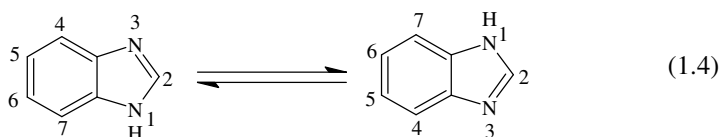
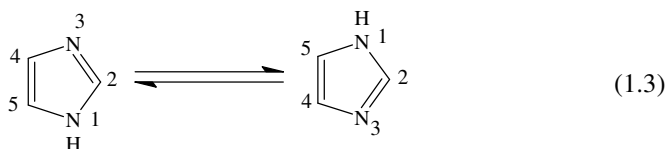
Imidazole, which is a five membered planar ring, is soluble in water and polar solvents. Imidazole and 1-methylimidazole are odourless, however they have very much higher boiling points, 256°C and 199°C, respectively. 2-Imidazolines unsubstituted at the nitrogen of the 1-position show a greater solubility in polar solvents than the 1-alkyl- or 1-aryl-substituted derivatives. 2-Imidazolines which are unsubstituted in the 1-

position are solids or heavy viscous oils, while compounds substituted in this position are most frequently liquids.

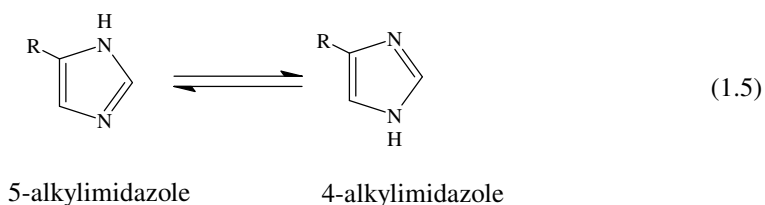
Benzimidazoles are generally crystalline solids which have high melting and boiling points. They are soluble in polar solvents but slightly soluble in nonpolar solvents. The melting and boiling points of N-substituted benzimidazoles are lower than benzimidazole itself due to lack of imino hydrogen.

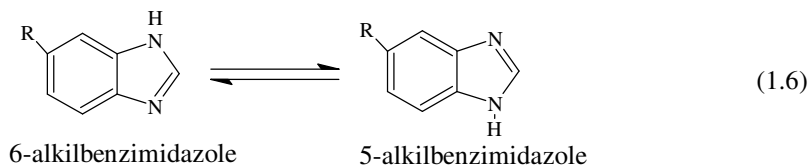
1.2.2 Tautomeric character

Imino hydrogens show tautomerism in both heterocyclic system [Eq.(1.3; 1.4)].



Consequently, in the substituted imidazoles and benzimidazoles the two isomeric structures are at equilibrium. Therefore, for naming the position of the substituent (R) is shown as 4(5) or 5(6) respectively [Eq.(1.5; 1.6)].

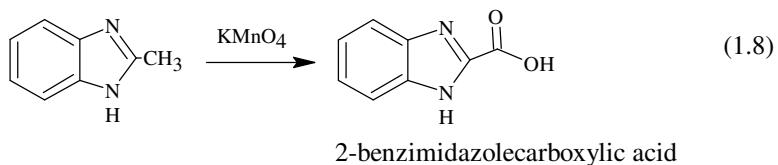
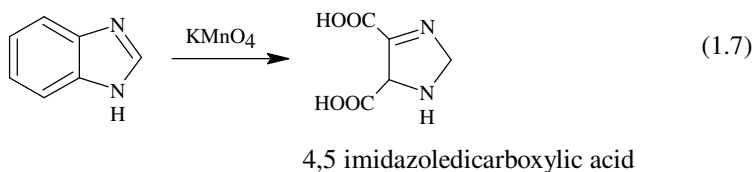




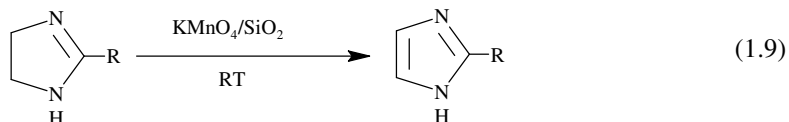
Of course, tautomerism of this kind is not possible for N-substituted imidazoles and benzimidazoles. The tautomerism in these heterocycles were discovered by Kaiser for the first time (Kaiser,1885).

1.2.3 Chemical properties

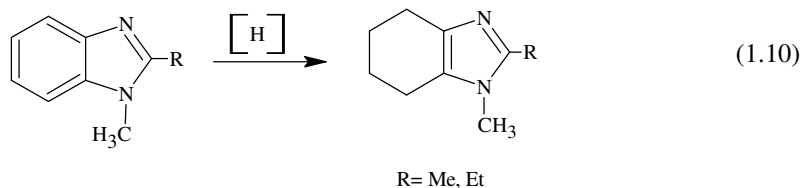
Chemical inertness is one of the most prominent properties of benzimidazoles. Imidazole ring is resistant to most of the oxidizing agents. When benzimidazole is reacted with potassium permanganate benzene ring opens by oxidation and 4,5-imidazole dicarboxylic acid forms [Eq.(1.7)]. By oxidation of 2-methyl benzimidazole with potassium permanganate 2-benzimidazole carboxylic acid forms [Eq.(1.8)].



On the other hand, oxidation of 2-substituted imidazolines with potassium permanganate supported on silica gel yields imidazoles [Eq.(1.9)] (Baltork, 2004).



Benzimidazoles can not be reduced with Ni and hydrogen. But 1-methyl-2-ethyl and 1,2-dimethyl benzimidazole can be converted to their tetrahydro derivatives when they are hydrogenated in glacial acetic acid on platinumium oxide [Eq.(1.10)] (Güven, 2000).



Imidazole is the most resistant to reduction, thus it is unaffected by sodium-liquid ammonia, concentrated hydriodic acid and red phosphorus, zinc and acid, or H_2 and a catalyst. Therefore hydrogenated derivatives cannot be obtained by reduction of imidazole but can be prepared via reaction of ethylenediamine and aldehyde derivatives.

1.3 Pharmaceutical importance of imidazoles and benzimidazoles

Substituted imidazoles are a class of pharmaceutically important heterocyclic compounds, several of which have been incorporated in marketed drugs such as cimetidine and losartan. Losartan, a nonpeptide angiotensin II receptor antagonist for the treatment of hypertension, contains 2,4,5-trisubstituted imidazole (Carini, 1991; Xi, 2005; Zhong, 2003).

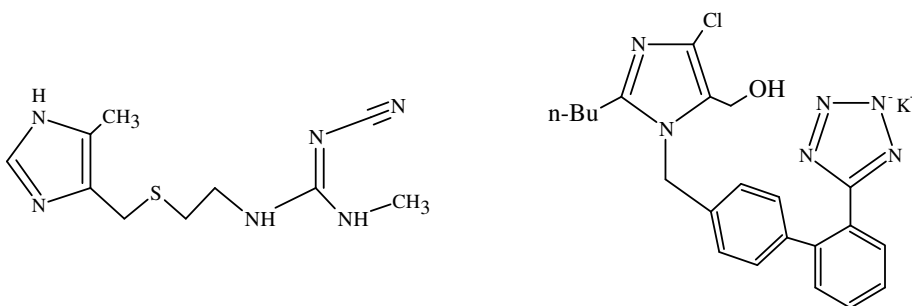
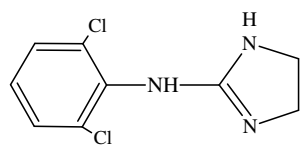


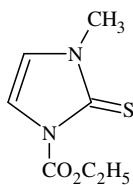
Figure 1.6 Cimetidine and Losartan

Many 2-imidazolines substituted in the 2-position by either alkyl or aryl groups show a definite effect on the circulatory system (Ferm and Riebsomer, 1954).

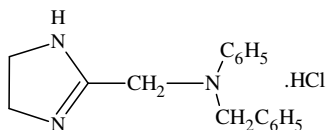
Benzimidazoles possess different pharmacological activities as well. A range of benzimidazoles is now important as clinically useful drugs such as human and veterinary antihelmintics, fungicides, antineoplastics, bactericides, antihistaminics, vasodilators, hypotensives, local anesthetics and spasmolytic agents (Lednicer and Mitscher, 1977; 1980).



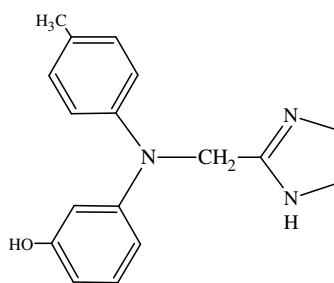
Clonidine
(antihypertensive)



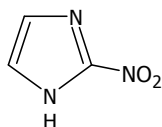
Carbimazole
(antithyroid)



Antazoline
(antihistamine)



Phentolamine
(antihypertensive/antiadrenergic)



Azomycin
(antibacterial)

Figure 1.7 Some drugs including imidazole and imidazoline rings

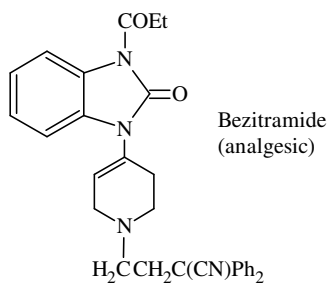
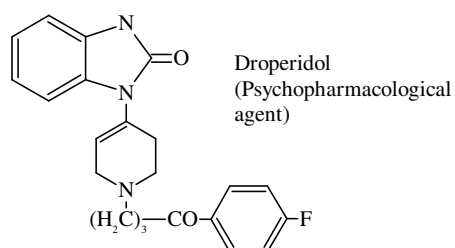
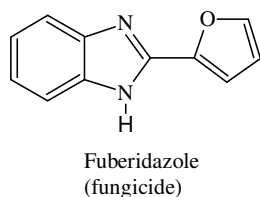
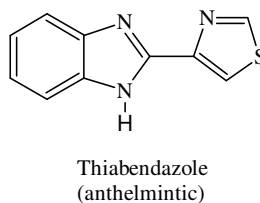
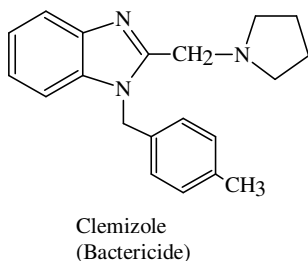
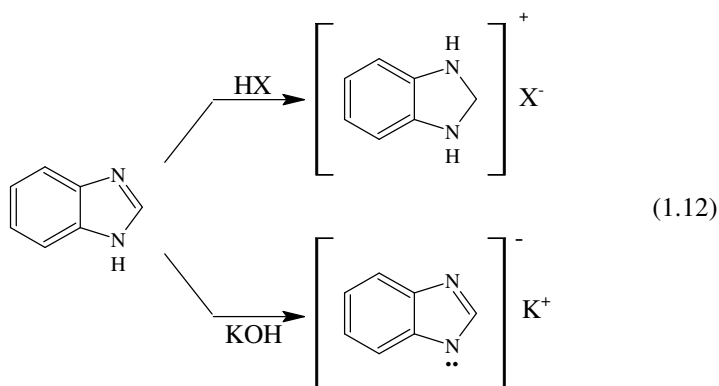
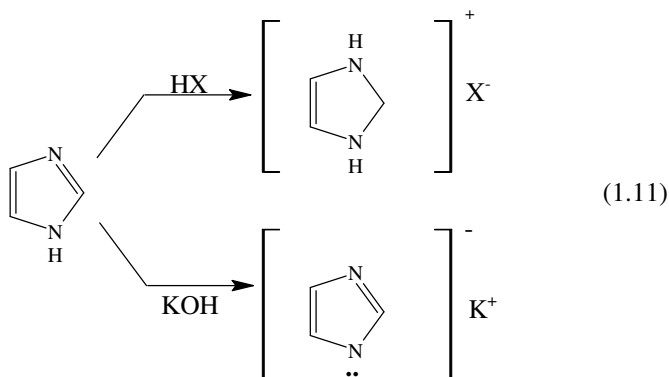


Figure 1.8 Some drugs including benzimidazole ring

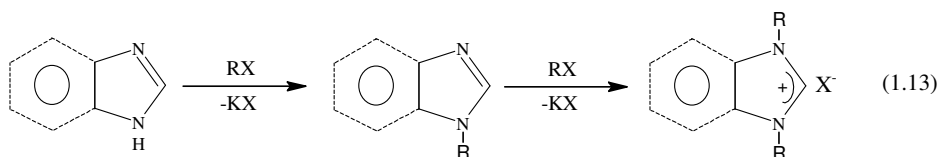
1.4 Acidic and basic properties

Unsubstituted imidazoles and benzimidazoles are amphoteric heterocycles. They can form salts with mineral acids. Their basic character is due to the presence of tertiary nitrogen which can bind a proton. Benzimidazole is less basic than imidazole. This difference arises from the conjugation between the imidazole and benzene rings. These heterocycles

are also acidic, so easily react with bases (KOH, NaOH, NaH) [Eq.(1.11; 1.12)].



The anionic forms are excellent nucleophiles. Therefore they can easily be converted to 1-substituted 1,3-diazoles by alkylating or acylating reagents. Imidazole/benzimidazole carrying a substituent on nitrogen are also converted into quaternary salt [Eq.(1.13)].



1.5 The properties and use of azolium salts

1,3-Diazol(in)um salts are very versatile compounds because of their broad range of use in chemistry. They possess antielectrostatic effects. Especially, some derivatives of 1,3-disubstituted benzimidazolium salts showed this effect (Pernak, 1998).

Biological studies have indicated that azolium salts exhibit antibacterial and antifungal activities (Küçükbay, 1995; Çetinkaya, 2002; Barışık, 2005).

In recent years, ionic liquids have emerged as a set of green solvents with unique properties such as tunable polarity, high thermal stability, and immiscibility with a number of organic solvents, negligible vapor pressure and recyclability (Welton, 1999; Wasserscheid, 2000). Moreover, ionic liquids are simple and inexpensive to prepare and easy to recycle and their properties can be fine-tuned by changing the anion or alkyl group attached to cation. Thus, ionic liquids have been described as ‘designer solvents’.

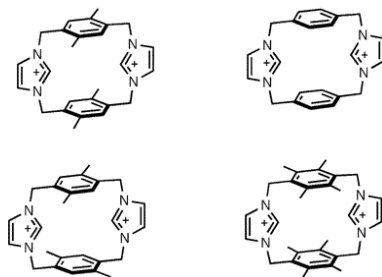
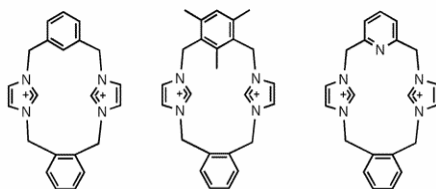
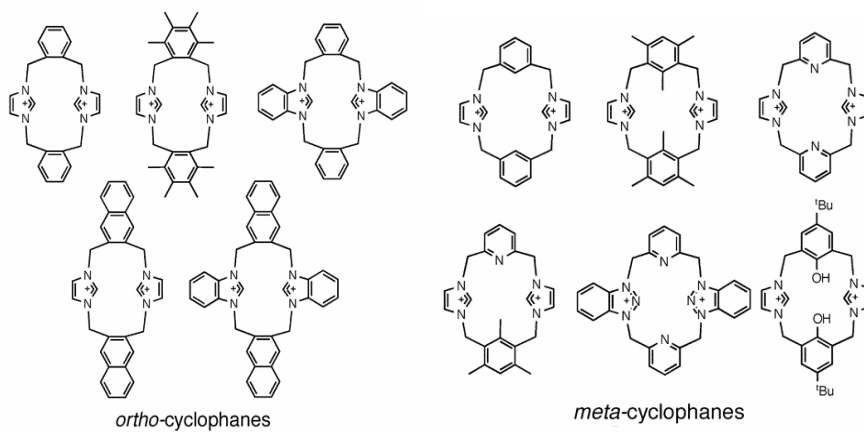
A cyclophane is a hydrocarbon consisting of an aromatic unit (typically a benzene ring) and an aliphatic chain that forms a bridge between two non-adjacent positions of the aromatic ring. More complex derivatives with multiple aromatic units and bridges forming cage-like structures are also known. Cyclophanes are well studied in organic chemistry because they adopt unusual chemical conformations due to build-up of strain. The chemistry of cyclophanes has been of interest for decades. Due to their structural versatility and opportunities for synthetic modifications, cyclophanes have received much attention in the areas of host-guest

complexation, molecular self-assembly and specific receptor activity (Rajakumar et al., 2005).

In recent years, much interest has focused on cationic azolium-linked cyclophanes systems the linking units are placed ortho, meta, or para on the aromatic units; imidazolium, benzimidazolium, and benzotriazolium linking units; and aromatic units based on benzene, pyridine, and naphthalene. A number of different aspects of these azolium-linked cyclophanes have been studied, including synthesis, conformational behavior, anion binding properties, and mass spectral properties. Imidazolium and benzimidazolium units of the cyclophanes are precursors to (benz)imidazolylidenes, which are of much current interest in metal coordination chemistry. (Baker et al., 2001, 2002; Barnard et al, 2004; Simos et al., 2002; Garrison et al., 2001a,2001b; Alcalde et al., 1999; Bitter et al., 2001; Cabildol et al., 1999; Magill et al., 2001; Yuan et al., 2002; Rajakumar et al., 2000, 2002; Ramos et al., 2002).

Baker and co-workers (2004) reported a broad examination of a well-defined series of azolium-linked cyclophanes. Their study includes a 1,3,5-cyclophane and ortho-, meta-, para-, and mixed ortho/meta-substituted azolium-linked cyclophanes containing a variety of azolium units and aromatic units (Figure 1.9).

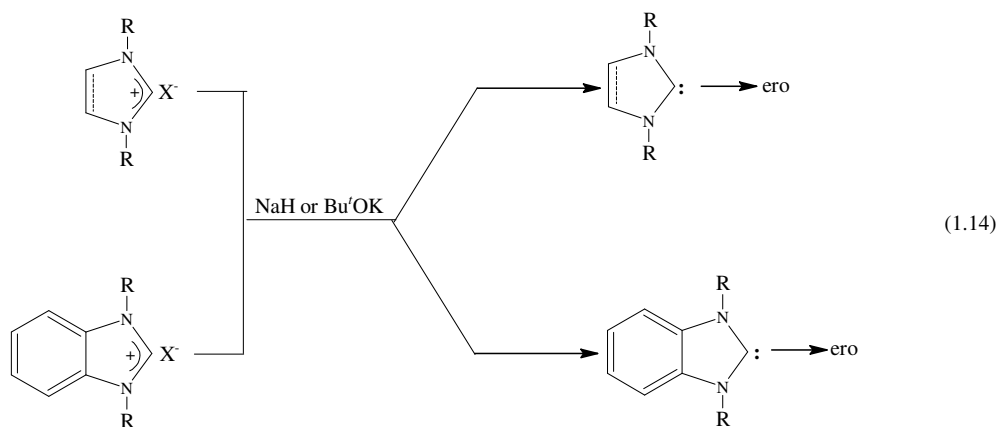
1,3-Diazaol(in)um salts are used as precursor for the preparation of N-heterocyclic carbenes (NHCs) (Özdemir et. al, 2004).

*para-cyclophanes**ortho/meta-cyclophanes**ortho-cyclophanes**meta-cyclophanes***Figure 1.9** Azolium-linked cyclophanes

1.6 The conversion of 1,3-diazol(in)um salts into carbenes

Carbenes are known divalent carbon species. They are so reactive that some carbenes, such as $:\text{CH}_2$, $:\text{CCl}_2$, insert themselves into normally inert alkane C-H bonds or react with alkene to form cyclopropanes (March, 1992).

1,3-Diazol(in)um salts are converted into N-heterocyclic carbenes (NHCs). The procedure used most often is deprotonation of the corresponding azolium salts to give the free carbene [Eq.(1.14)].



Direct deprotonation of 1,3-disubstituted imidazolium or disubstituted benzimidazolium salts with a less sterically demanding substituent yield dimers or electron rich olefine (ero) or enetetramines instead of free carbene (Çetinkaya et al.,1994; Shi et al., 1995).

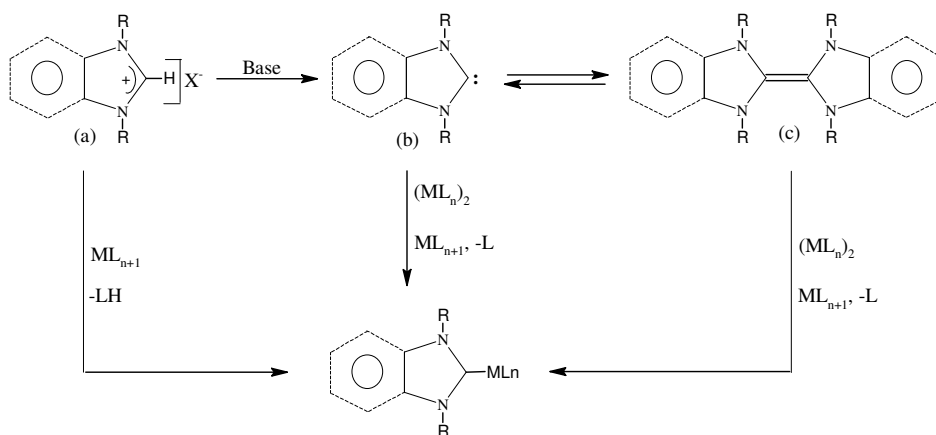
Similar to imidazolium salts, a combination of benzimidazolium salts with metal precursors would finally lead to the corresponding NHC-metal complexes under proper conditions (Huang et al., 2005).

1.6.1 Synthesis of transition metal-NHC complexes

N-heterocyclic carbenes and their transition metal complexes have been focus of intense research in organometallic chemistry and homogeneous catalysis since the past decade.

Generally, three major routes are applied for the synthesis of NHC complexes

- (a) the *in situ* deprotonation of ligand precursors
- (b) complexation of free N-heterocyclic carbenes,
- (c) the cleavage of electron-rich olefins (ero) (Scheme 1.1)

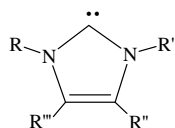


Scheme 1.1 Major synthetic pathways for the generation of transition metal NHC complexes.

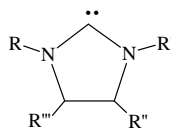
1.6.2 The importance and use of NHCs-transition metal complexes in catalysis

N-heterocyclic carbenes and their transition metal complexes have been focus of intense research in organometallic chemistry and homogeneous catalysis since the past decade.

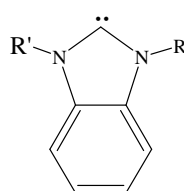
Imidazolylidenes **A**, imidazolinyldenenes **B**, benzimidazolylidenes **C**, triazolinyldenenes **D**, and related carbenes readily complex with transition metals (Hitchcock et al., 1980; Herrmann, 2002) These ligands are excellent σ -donors and form rather strong metal-carbon bonds; therefore, catalysts containing these ligands often have better air and thermal stability than complexes containing phosphines (Peris et al., 2001; Briot et al., 2000). The use of such ligands in catalysis has lead to major advances particularly in the area of Ru-catalyzed alkene C-C bond forming reactions (Jafarpouret al., 2001; Hillier et al., 2002).



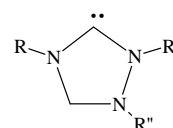
imidazolylidene

A

imidazolinylidene

B

benzimidazolylidene

C

triazolinylidene

D

In particular, palladium complexes of NHC derived from imidazolium and imidazolinium salts are highly active catalysts for a wide range of C-C coupling reactions. For example, complexes derived from

benzimidazolium precursors have been investigated for their catalytic activities for Heck reaction (Huynh et al., 2005).

The palladium-imidazolium salt systems have proved to be one of the most successful catalyst for the Suzuki coupling. Substituent on the nitrogen atoms of imidazolium significantly influence the catalytic activities. Recently, in order to find more efficient palladium catalysts, for coupling of aryl chloride for Suzuki reaction *in situ* prepared three-component system Pd(OAc)₂-1,3-dialkylbenzimidazolium salt-Cs₂CO₃ have been employed (Özdemir et al., 2004; Gök et al., 2005). However, despite the numerous efforts to prepare chiral carbene complexes, there have been few reports on highly enantioselective catalytic transformations using these systems. Therefore, novel strategies for the introduction of chirality into these systems are required (Perry et al., 2003).

1.7 The Aim of this study

NHCs are versatile and easy-to-make ligands with great potential in homogenous catalysis. In contrast to phosphine complexes, they have shown remarkable stability toward heat, oxygen and moisture, and represent a remarkable improvement with respect to the catalytic activity. The number, nature and position of the substituents on the nitrogen atoms and / or NHC ring have been found to play a crucial role in driving the catalytic activity.

In this connection as a NHC precursor bridged bibenzimidazolium salts bearing different substituents (**7-14**; **21-28**) have been synthesized to investigate the effects of substituents on the N-atoms. Furthermore, we envisioned that benzimidazolium-linked cyclophanes would be excellent

precursors toward bis N-heterocyclic carbene. For this reason, we also synthesized symmetrical or unsymmetrical cyclophanes (**29-34**) and their catalytic activities were tested. In addition, synthesis of functional and chiral imidazolinium and benzimidazolium salts were attempted at the beginning of this study. But no success was obtained (see experimental part: 2.2 and 2.4).

2. EXPERIMENTAL

Starting compounds and reagents were obtained from Merck, Fluka, Alfa Aesar and Acros Organics; and solvents like dichloromethane, ethanol, diethyl ether, toluene, ethylacetate, 1-butanol were obtained from Merck and J.T. Baker.

Benzimidazole was synthesized according to the literature (Furniss et al., 1978). 2,4,6-trimethylbenzyl bromide, 2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzyl bromide, 2,3,4,5,6-pentamethylbenzyl bromide, 1,3-bis(bromomethyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene, 1,4-bis(bromomethyl)-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzene were prepared according to literature (van der Made, 1993).

Representative protocol was given for the same class of compounds bearing different substituents and the data were presented in Tables.

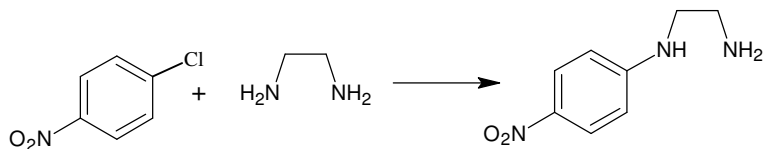
Anhydrous sodium sulphate was used for drying especially after extraction with water.

Melting points were recorded with Gallenkamp electrothermal melting point apparatus.

^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were taken with Varian AS 400 Mercury instrument. As solvents CDCl_3 , CD_3OD and d_6 -DMSO were employed.

FTIR Spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum 100 series. The measurements for catalytic experiments performed by GC (Thermo-Finnigan on a HP-5 capillary column and with a FID detector) in Ege University, Faculty of Science.

2.1 Synthesis of N-(4-nitrophenyl)ethylenediamine

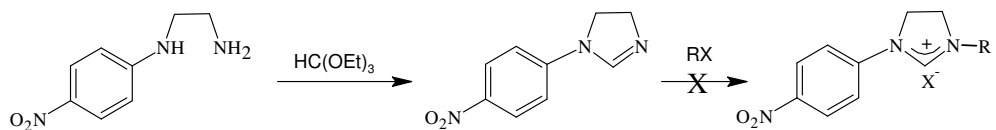


4-Nitro-chlorobenzene (5.0g; 32 mmol) and ethylenediamine (22 mL; 335 mmol) were stirred 2 h under reflux. After distillation of the excess of ethylenediamine, the crude product was taken in hot distilled water (75 mL) and filtrated. After cooling, the product was collected as an orange solide. Yield: 4.85 g; 85%; m.p: 142°C (Allali et al., 2003).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ(ppm): 1.26 (s, 2H, NH₂); 3.01 (m, 2H, CH₂); 3.25 (m, 2H, CH₂); 5.07 (s, 1H, NH); 6.55 (d, 2H, J = 2.4 Hz, H-2; H-6); 8.08 (d, 2H, J = 2.4 Hz, H-3; H-5).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ(ppm): 40.78; 45.53 (CH₂); 111.39 (C-2; C-6); 126.67 (C-3; C-5); 138.28 (C-4); 153.73 (C-1).

2.2 Synthesis of 1-(4-nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole; attempt to synthesis imidazolinium salts



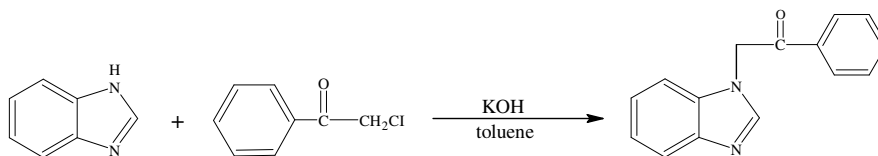
N-(4-nitrophenyl)ethylenediamine (3.0 g; 16.57 mmol) and triethyl orthoformate (15 mL) were heated for 24 h until removal of ethanol. After volatiles were removed in vacuo, the residue was washed with ether and then was filtered

off. The solid was recrystallized from ethanol. Yield: 1.6 g; 62%; m.p: 167-169 °C. Attempt to alkylation failed under various conditions.

^1H NMR (CD_3OD): $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 3.35 (t, 2H, $J = 1.4$ Hz, CH_2); 3.45 (t, 2H, $J = 1.4$ Hz, CH_2); 6.66 (d, 2H, $J = 2.4$ Hz, $H-2$; $H-6$); 8.03 (d, 2H, $J = 2.4$ Hz, $H-3$; $H-5$); 8.08 (s, 1H, -NCHN).

^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD): $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 36.99; 42.07 (CH_2); 110.76 ($\text{C}-2$; $\text{C}-6$); 126.08 ($\text{C}-3$; $\text{C}-5$); 137.24 ($\text{C}-4$); 154.58 ($\text{C}-1$); 163.144 (-NCHN).

2.3 Synthesis of 2-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-1-phenylethanone



Benzimidazole (1.0 g; 8.47 mmol) and KOH (0.5 g; 8.92 mmol) were stirred in toluene for 24 h. 2-Chloroacetophenone was added to the mixture and then refluxed overnight. Then solvent was removed, the residue was treated with a mixture of dichloromethane and water. Dichloromethane phase was concentrated and the solid was precipitated by addition of diethyl ether. Yield: 0.8 g; 40 %; m.p.:150-152 °C.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 5.54 (s, 2H, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{COC}_6\text{H}_5$); 7.23- 7.29 (m, 3H); 7.54 (t, 2H, $J = 1.9$ Hz); 7.67 (t, 1H, $J = 1.9$ Hz); 7.71 (m, 1H); 8.00 (t, 2H, $J = 1.9$ Hz) ($\text{Ar}-H$); 7.91 (s, 1H, NCHN).

^{13}C NMR (CH_3OD): $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 50.59 ($-\text{NCH}_2\text{COC}_6\text{H}_5$); 109.50; 120.76; 122.56; 123.49; 128.27; 129.39; 134.49; 134.66; 143.81 ($\text{C}_{\text{aromatic}}$); 144.01 (NCHN); 191.53 (CO).

2.4 Synthesis of 2-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-aryl-1-phenylpropan-1-one (Ia, b)

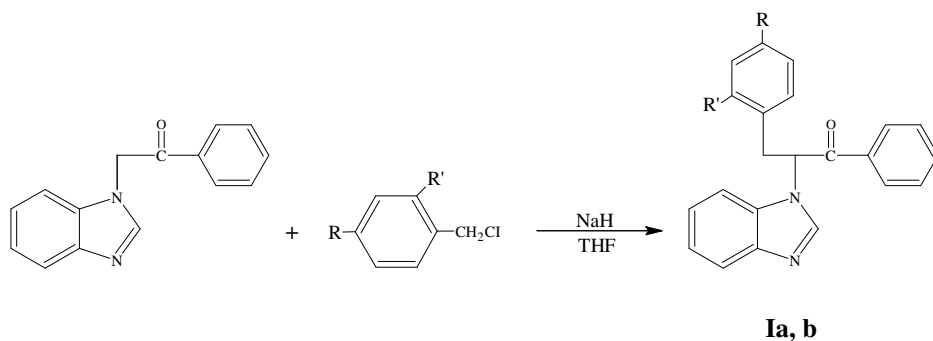


Table 2.1 Compounds Ia and Ib; and their yields

Compound No	R	R'	Yield (%)
Ia	Cl	Cl	41
Ib	Cl	H	53

A solution of 2-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-1-phenylethanone (2.0 g; 8.47 mmol) in anhydrous THF (30 mL) was added to a suspension of NaH (0.24 g; 10.16 mmol) in the same solvent. The mixture was stirred for 1 h and the appropriate benzyl chloride (1.66 g; 8.47 mmol) was added dropwise. After 3 hours of stirring at 50 °C, the reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of methanol and evaporated. The residue was partitioned between water and diethyl ether. The organic extract was washed with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc as eluent.

^1H NMR data of 2-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-aryl-1-phenylpropan-1-one are given in Table 2.2. ^{13}C NMR data of 2-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-aryl-1-phenylpropan-1-one are given in Table 2.3.

Table 2.2 ^1H NMR data for 2-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-aryl-1-phenylpropan-1-one

Compound No	2-CH	Aromatics	Alkyl
Ia	7.89 (s)	6.58 (d, J 2); 6.77-7.81 (m)	3.35;3.67 (m, CH_2); 6.14 (m, CH)
Ib	8.18 (s)	6.89-7.91 (m)	3.43; 3.61 (m, CH_2); 6.10 (m, CH)

Table 2.3 ^{13}C NMR data for 2-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-aryl-1-phenylpropan-1-one

Compound No	2-CH	C=O	Aromatics	Alkyl
Ia	143.78	194.23	109.85; 120.89; 122.85; 123.79; 127.65; 128.65; 129.26; 129.61; 35.81 (CH_2); 132.38; 132.72; 53.71 (CH) 133.21; 134.27; 134.56; 134.59; 134.73; 142.25	
Ib	144.01	194.27	109.89; 121.05; 121.87; 122.86; 123.74; 128.61; 129.19; 129.30; 130.48; 133.51; 134.50; 134.81; 142.35	37.21 (CH_2); 60.88(CH)

CDCl_3 was used as a solvent. Chemical shift values are given in ppm and J values are given in Hz. Abbreviations: s: singlet; t: triplet; q: quartet; m: multiplet

2.5 Synthesis of 1-substitutedbenzimidazoles and bibenzimidazoles (1-6)

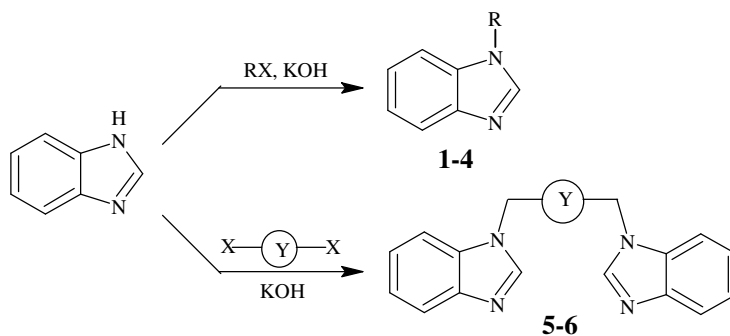


Table 2.4 Melting points and yields of the compounds **1-6**

Compound No	R	Y	m.p (°C)	Yield (%)
1	-CH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃	-	-	70
2	-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃	-	103-104	60
3	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄	-	168-172	77
4	-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅	-	104-107	73
5	-	- CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ -	233-235	56
6	-	- CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ -	237-238	67

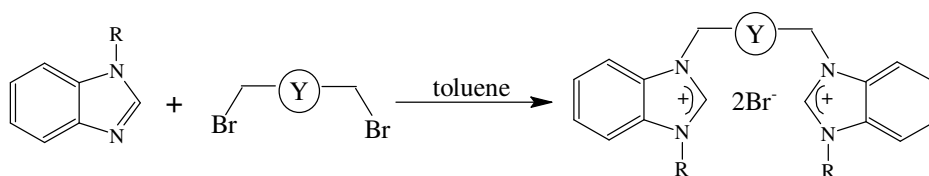
Benzimidazole (3.0 g; 25.42 mmol) and KOH (1.5 g; 26.8 mmol) were dissolved in ethanol (20 mL) and stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. 2-Chloroethyl methyl ether was added and the mixture was refluxed for 24 h. Following the completion of the process ethanol was removed. The residue was treated with a mixture of dichloromethane and water. The dried dichloromethane phase was concentrated. The oily product was distilled under vacuum (b.p: 105-106 °C/0.1mmHg).

The compounds **3**, **4** and **6** were synthesized using the same procedure but in toluene instead of ethanol. Compound **2** was recrystallized

from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane}$. The other compounds (**3**, **4**, **5**, **6**) were recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$.

^1H NMR data of 1-substitutedbenzimidazoles and bibenzimidazoles are given in Table 3.1. ^{13}C NMR data of 1-alkylbenzimidazoles are given in Table 3.2.

2.6 The reactions of 1-substituted benzimidazoles with 1,3-bis(bromomethyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene and 1,4-bis(bromomethyl)-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzene



7-14

Table 2.5 Melting points and yields of the compounds 7-14

Compound No	Y	R	m.p(°C)	Yield
7	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CH}_2-$	$-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$	171-174	90
8	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CH}_2-$	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(\text{CH}_3)_3$	199-201	80
9	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CH}_2-$	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_4$	200-202	60
10	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CH}_2-$	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_5$	217-221	65
11	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{CH}_2-$	$-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$	265-267	82
12	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{CH}_2-$	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(\text{CH}_3)_3$	308-310	80
13	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{CH}_2-$	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_4$	250-251(dec.)	89
14	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{CH}_2-$	$-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_5$	220-221(dec.)	77

1-methoxyethylbenzimidazole (1,0 g; 5,7 mmol) was dissolved in toluene and then bis(bromomethyl)mesitylene (0,87 g; 2,85 mmol) was added. The mixture was refluxed for 4 h. The solid that separated out after cooling was filtered off and washed with diethyl ether (5 mL). The product was recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$.

The compounds (**8-14**) were synthesized in the same manner as described for **7**.

^1H NMR data of **7-14** are given in Table 3.3. ^{13}C NMR data of **7-14** are given in Table 3.4.

2.7 Synthesis of 1-substituted-5,6-dimethylbenzimidazole and bibenzimidazoles (**15-20**)

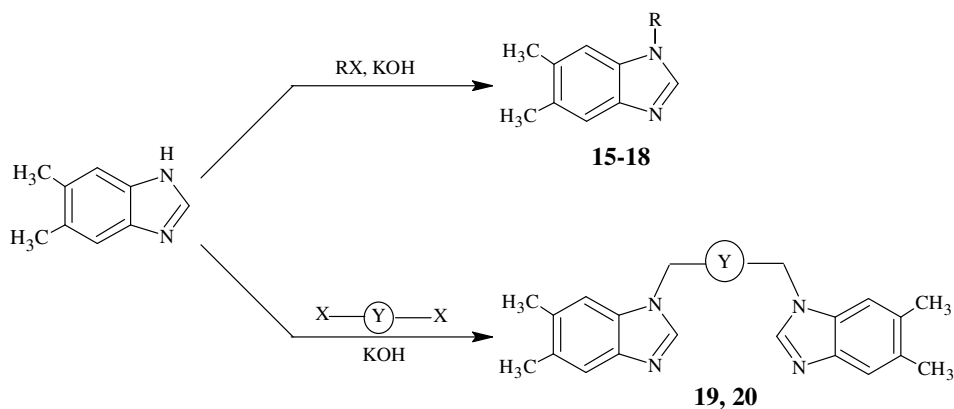


Table 2.6 Melting points and yields of the compounds **15-20**

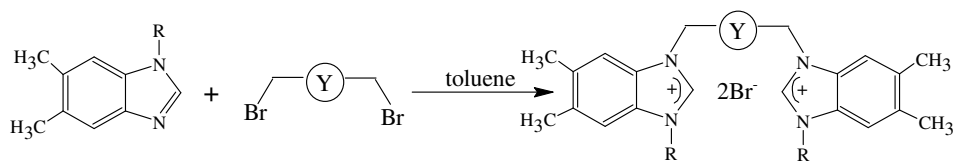
Compound No	R	Y	m.p(°C)	Yield (%)
15	-CH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃	-	-	79
16	-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃	-	99-102	52
17	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄	-	127-130	51
18	-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅	-	154-157	50
19	-	- CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ -	224-226	53
20	-	- CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ -	281-282	50

5,6-dimethylbenzimidazole (3.0 g; 20.52mol) and KOH (1.8 g; 21.0 mmol) were dissolved in BuOH (25 ml) and stirred for 2 h at room temperature. 2-Chloroethyl methyl ether was added and the mixture was refluxed for 24 h. Volatiles were evaporated. The residue was extracted with dichloromethane and the dichloromethane phase was washed with water. After the dichloromethane phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, it was removed. The residue was distilled under vacuum to obtain the product (b.p: 102-103 °C/0.1mmHg).

Compound **16** was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂/hexane. The other compounds (**17, 18, 19, 20**) were recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂/Et₂O.

¹H NMR data of **15-20** are given in Table 3.5. ¹³C NMR data of **15-20** are given in Table 3.6.

2.8 Reaction of 1-substituted-5,6-dimethylbenzimidazoles with 1,3-bis(bromomethyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene and 1,4-bis(bromomethyl)-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzene



21-28

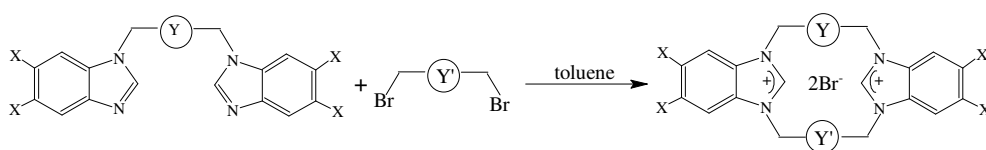
Table 2.7 Melting points and yields of the compounds **21-28**

Compound No	Y	R	m.p.(°C)	Yield
21	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃	250-253	59
22	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃	172-175	34
23	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄	192-194	46
24	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅	197-199	40
25	-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃	268-269	70
26	-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃	226-228	57
27	-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄	220-222	75
28	-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₅	218-220	59

1-Methoxyethyl-5,6-dimethylbenzimidazole (1.0 g; 4.9 mmol) was dissolved in toluene and then 1,4-bis(bromomethyl)-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzene (0.78 g; 2.45 mmol) was added. The mixture was refluxed for 4 h. The solid that separated out after cooling was filtered off and washed with diethyl ether (5 mL). The product was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂/Et₂O.

The rest of benzimidazolium halides (**26**, **27**, **28**) were synthesized with the same method as mentioned above. But synthesis of **21**, **22**, **23**, **24** were carried out at room temperature for 24 hours. ^1H NMR data of **21-28** are given in Table 3.7. ^{13}C NMR data of **21-28** are given in Table 3.8.

2.9 Synthesis of cationic cyclophanes (**29**, **30**, **31**, **32**, **33**, **34**)



29-34

Table 2.8 Melting points and yields of the compounds **29-34**

Compound No	X	Y	Y'	m.p(°C)	Yield
29	H	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ -	294(dec.)	65
30	H	-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ -	348-350(dec.)	70
31	CH ₃	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ -	295(dec.)	60
32	CH ₃	-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ -	329(dec.)	66
33	H	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ -	291(dec.)	66
34	CH ₃	-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ -	327-330(dec.)	47

1,3-bis(benzimidazol-1-ylmethyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene (1.0 g; 2.6 mmol) was dissolved in toluene and then bis(bromomethyl)mesitylene (0.8 g; 2.6 mmol) was added. The mixture was refluxed for overnight. The solid

that separated out after cooling was filtered off and washed with diethyl ether (5 mL). The product was recrystallized from MeOH.

The cyclophanes were synthesized with this method. ^1H NMR data of **29-34** are given in Table 3.9. ^{13}C NMR data of **29-34** are given in Table 3.10.

2.10 Catalytic Experiments

2.10.1 General procedure for the Suzuki coupling reactions

A two-necked 25mL flask fitted with a reflux condenser and septum was charged with 4-Chloroacetophenone (154.6 mg; 1.0 mmol), phenylboronic acid (182.9 mg; 1.5 mmol), diethyleneglycol di-n-butyl ether (internal standard), Cs_2CO_3 (488.73 mg; 1.5 mmol) and benzimidazolium salts (3 mmol %) and $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (3 mmol %) in 3 mL of IPA was added. The flask was placed in a preheated oil bath (80 $^\circ\text{C}$) under argon atmosphere. The conversion was monitored by gas chromatography.

2.10.2 General procedure of Heck coupling reactions

Aryl halides (1.0 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (1.5 mmol), olefin (1.5 mmol), diethyleneglycol di-n-butyl ether (internal standard), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (3 mmol %), benzimidazolium salts (3 mmol %) were introduced into a two necked flask and then DMA (3 mL) was added. The flask was placed in a preheated oil bath (100 $^\circ\text{C}$) under argon atmosphere. The conversion was monitored by gas chromatography.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Despite the fact that derivatives of five-membered carbenes such as imidazol-2-ylidenes and imidazolin-2-ylidenes have been known for a quite a long time, the chemistry of benzimidazol-2-ylidenes is relatively poorly explored. This lack of knowledge is unexpected considering the wide range of applications that representatives of this group compounds have found in various fields, particularly as easier synthesis of precursor as the later.

It is known that benzannulated carbenes derived from benzimidazolium precursors exhibit the topology of an unsaturated NHC, but show spectroscopic and structural properties and the reactivity with a saturated N-heterocyclic ring (Hahn et al.,1999; 2000).

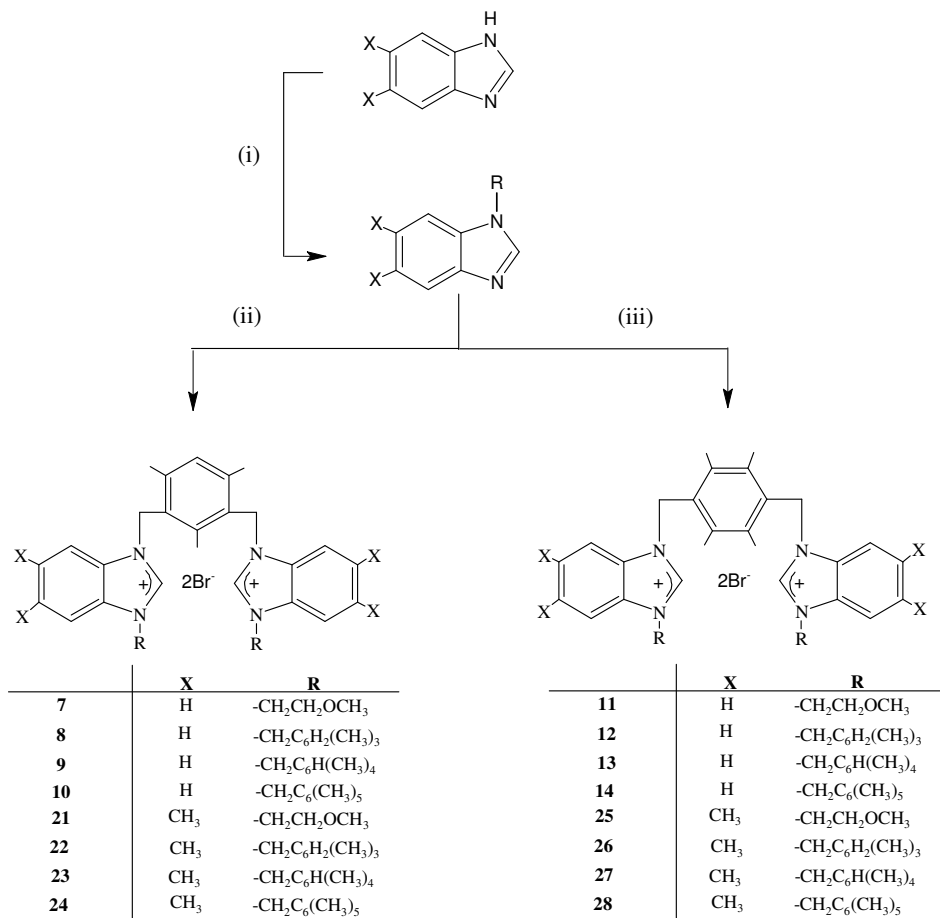
In this part of the thesis, the synthesis and characterization of benzimidazolium and cationic cylophanes as NHC precursors were described. Their catalytic properties were examined *in situ* formed complexes.

3.1 Synthesis of mono-bridged bibenzimidazolium salts, I (7-14; 21-28)

The benzimidazolium salts were synthesized according to the steps illustrated in Scheme 3.1. At the first step, 1-substituted benzimidazoles were prepared by treating benzimidazole and appropriate alkyl or benzylic halide under basic conditions (Step (i)). Bridged bibenzimidazolium salts (**7-14**; **21-28**) were obtained via alkylation of the latter product with 1,3-bis(bromomethyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene and 1,4-bis(bromomethyl)-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzene, respectively in toluene at reflux or at room temperature (Step (ii, iii)).

The IR data for benzimidazolium salts (**7-14**; **21-28**) clearly indicate the presence of the -C=N- group with a $\nu(\text{C=N})$ vibration between 1558-1561 cm^{-1} (Gök et al., 2005).

These benzimidazolium salts have been characterized by ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. ^1H NMR chemical shifts were consistent with the proposed structures; the resonances for C_2 -hydrogenes were observed as sharp singlets between 9.51-10.86 ppm. ^{13}C NMR of these salts showed the C_2 carbon at 140.44-142.23 ppm (Tables 3.3; 3.4; 3.7; 3.8 and Figures 3.1; 3.2; 3.3; 3.4).



Scheme 3.1 Reagents and conditions of reactions: (i) RX, KOH, toluene, EtOH or BuOH; (ii) 1,3-bis(bromomethyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene, toluene, reflux; (iii) 1,4-bis(bromomethyl)-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzene, toluene, reflux.

3.2 Synthesis of symmetrical cationic cyclophanes, II (29-32)

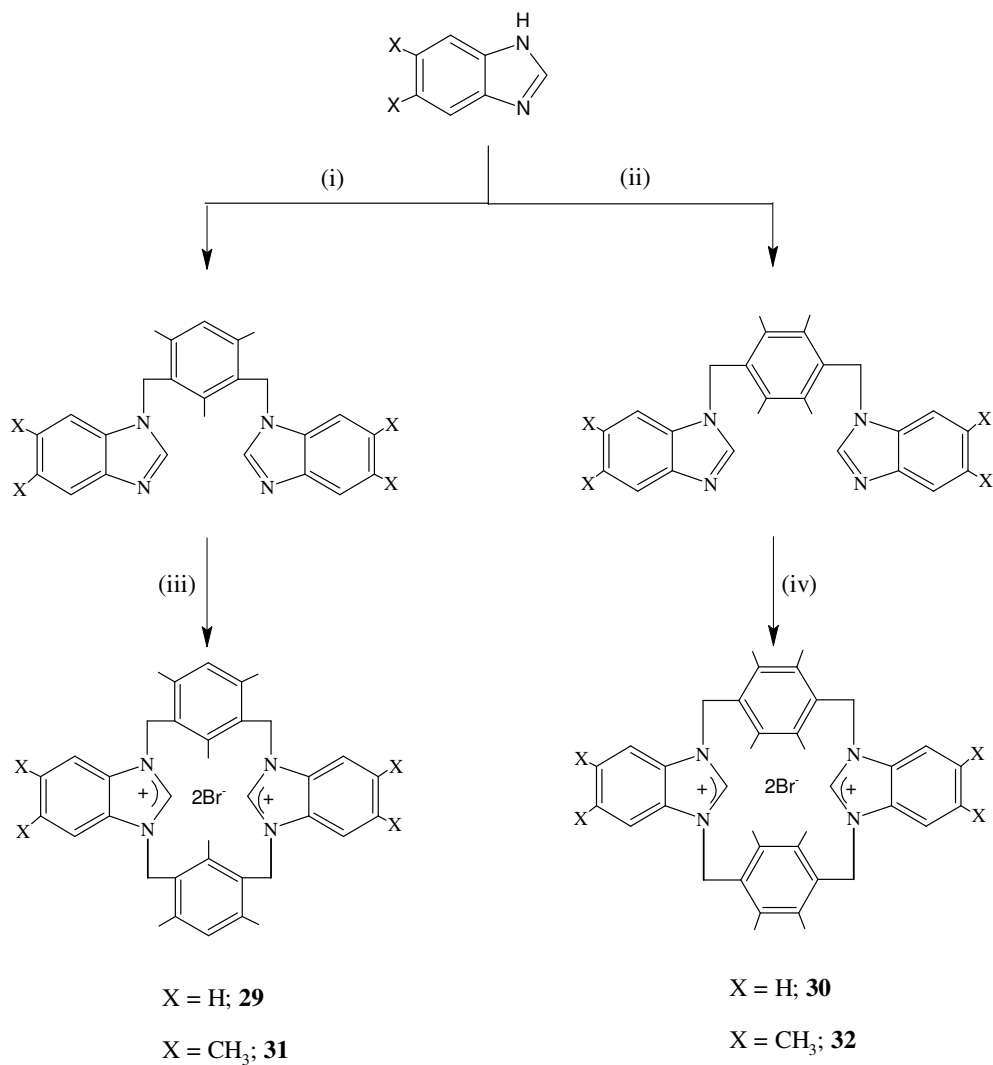
Symmetrical cyclophanes were prepared according to the procedure indicated in Scheme 3.2 and described in the experimental section. The

bridged benzimidazoles were synthesized by N-alkylation of (5,6-dimethyl)benzimidazole with the corresponding *m*- or *p*- dibromides in the presence of KOH in a suitable solvent (Step (i, ii)). Then symmetrical cyclophanes (**29**, **30**, **31**, **32**) were synthesized from reaction of the mono-bridged benzimidazoles with 1,3-bis(bromomethyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene or 1,4-bis(bromomethyl)-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzene (Step (iii, iv)). In general cyclophanes, as their bromide salts, were insoluble in acetone, sparingly soluble in DMSO and methanol. These salts were purified by recrystallization from methanol.

The IR data for symmetrical cationic cyclophanes (**29**, **30**, **31**, **32**) clearly indicate the presence of the -C=N- group with a $\nu(\text{C=N})$ vibration between $1546\text{-}1573\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

The ^1H NMR spectrum of metacyclophanes displayed the methyl protons as a 18 protons singlet about $\delta = 1.5; 2.4$ ppm. The N-methylene protons as doublets about $\delta = 5.5; 5.8$ ppm. $\text{C}_2\text{-H}$ signals were observed approximate $\delta = 7.2$ ppm. ^{13}C NMR showed the C_2 carbon at 141 ppm.

The ^1H NMR spectrum of paracyclophanes showed the methyl protons as a singlet at 2.1 ppm. The benzylic protons appeared as a singlet at 5.7-5.8 ppm. The resonances for $\text{C}_2\text{-hydrogenes}$ were observed as a singlets between 6.22-7.23 ppm. ^{13}C NMR of paracyclophanes showed the C_2 carbon at 137-138 ppm (Tables 3.9; 3.10 and Figures 3.5; 3.6).



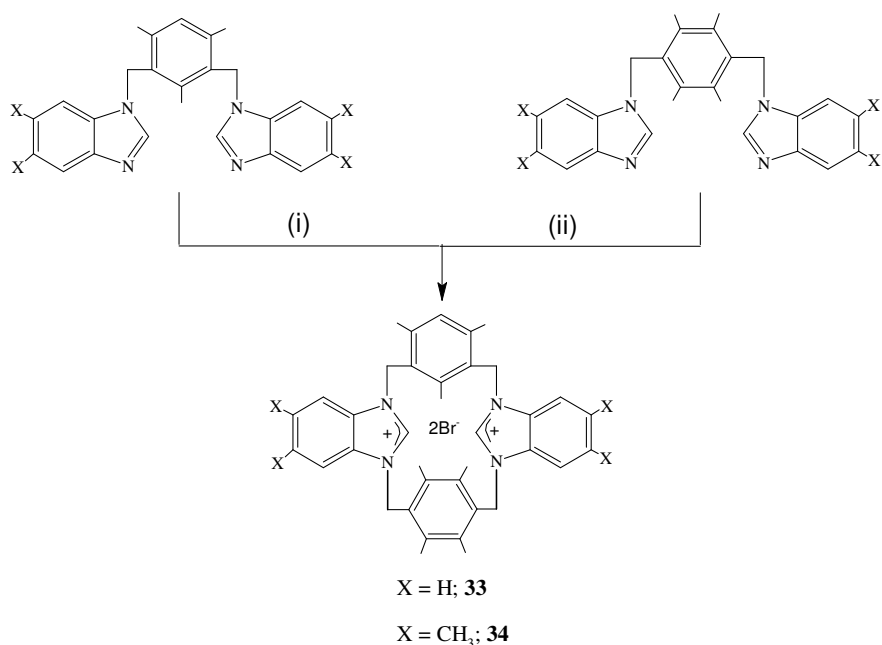
Scheme 3.2 Reagents and conditions of reactions: (i) 1,3-bis(bromomethyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene, KOH, toluene, EtOH or BuOH; (ii) 1,4-bis(bromomethyl)-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzene, KOH, toluene, EtOH or BuOH; (iii) 1,3-bis(bromomethyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene, toluene, reflux; (iv) 1,4-bis(bromomethyl)-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzene, toluene, reflux.

3.3 Synthesis of unsymmetrical cationic cyclophanes, II (33, 34)

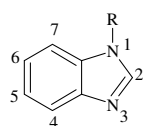
The unsymmetrical cationic cyclophanes were synthesized with the same method that mentioned above for symmetrical ones. And procedure was illustrated in Scheme 3.3.

The IR data show the presence of the $-\text{C}=\text{N}-$ group with a $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ vibration between $1563\text{-}1569\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

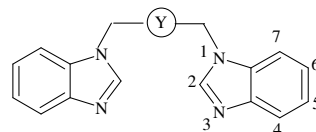
^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of these compounds were taken in CD_3OD . $\text{C}_2\text{-H}$ signals were observed as a singlet between $6.45\text{-}6.67$ ppm. The benzylic protons appeared as a multiply between $5.44\text{-}6.05$ ppm. In ^{13}C NMR C_2 carbon appeared between $141\text{-}142$ ppm (Tables 3.9; 3.10 and Figures 3.7; 3.8).



Scheme 3.3 Reagents and conditions of reactions: (i) 1,4-bis(bromomethyl)-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzene; (ii) 1,3-bis(bromomethyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene, toluene, reflux.



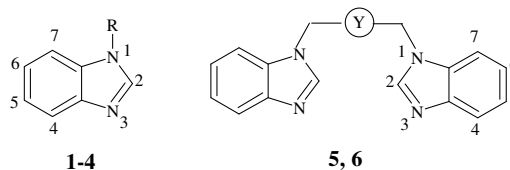
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Table 3.1 ^1H NMR data for 1-substitutedbenzimidazoles and bibenzimidazoles

Compound No	$\text{H}^2(\text{s})$	H^{4-7}	Others
1	7,94	7.23-7.80 (m)	3.28 (s, $-\text{OCH}_3$); 3.67; 4.27 (t, J 1.4 Hz; $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$)
2	7,44	7.29-7.83 (m)	2.23; 2.33 (s, 2,4,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(\text{CH}_3)_3$); 5.23 (s, 2,4,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(\text{CH}_3)_3$); 6.96 (s, 2,4,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(\text{CH}_3)_3$)
3	7,36	7.80 (dd, J 1.8 Hz); 7.47 (dd, J 1.5 Hz); 7.27-7.34 (m)	5.29 (s, 2,3,5,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_4$); 2.29; 2.16 (2,3,5,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_4$); 7.05 (s, 2,3,5,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_4$)
4	7,24	7.12-7.75 (m)	2.13; 2.14; 2.19 (s, 2,3,4,5,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_5$); 5.22 (s, 2,3,4,5,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_5$)
5	7,44	7.30-7.83 (m)	2.14; 2.36 (s, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CH}_2\text{N}-$); 5.31 (s, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CH}_2\text{N}-$); 7.15 (s, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CH}_2\text{N}-$)
6	7,42	7.32-7.85 (m)	2.26 (s, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{CH}_2-$); 5.38 (s, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{CH}_2\text{N}-$)

**Table 3.2** ^{13}C NMR data for 1-substitutedbenzimidazoles and bibenzimidazoles

Compound No	2-CH	Aromatics	Alkyl
1	143.86	109.76; 120.48; 122.29; 123.07; 134.08; 143.81	45.17; 59.22 (-CH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃); 77.92 (-OCH ₃)
2	144.19	109.83; 120.57; 122.53; 123.13; 127.39; 129.92; 134.43; 138.16; 139.03; 141.98	19.80; 21.26 (2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃); 43.37 (2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃)
3	143.93	109.83; 120.48; 122.68; 123.20; 130.04; 132.89; 134.14; 134.33; 134.88; 141.91	44.13 (2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄); 20.66; 15.72 (2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄)
4	144.08	109.80; 120.48; 122.62; 123.11; 127.34; 133.67; 133.73; 134.31; 136.48; 142.04	16.74; 17.08; 17.37 (2,3,4,5,6-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅); 44.62 (2,3,4,5,6-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅)
5	143.99	109.73; 120.67; 122.81; 123.41; 129.53; 131.91; 134.23; 138.48; 139.40; 141.61	15.81; 20.22 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-); 43.89 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-)
6	144.38	109.67; 120.77; 122.70; 123.25; 131.54; 134.33; 135.41; 141.83	16.83 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-); 44.53 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-)

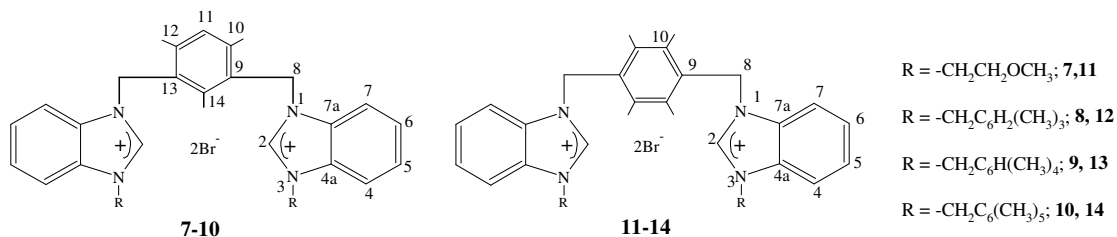


Table 3.3 ¹H NMR data for **7-14**

Compound No	H ² (s)	H ⁴⁻⁷	H ¹¹ (s)	H ⁸ (s)	Others
7	10,27	7.62;7.67 (t, <i>J</i> 2 Hz); 7.83; 8.24 (d, <i>J</i> 2.1 Hz)	7,15	5,80	2.30; 2.48 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N); 3.22 (s, -OCH ₃); 3.80 (t, <i>J</i> 1.2 Hz, -NCH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃); 4.97 (t, <i>J</i> 1.2 Hz, -NCH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃)
8	10,86	6.89; 8.27 (d, <i>J</i> 2.1 Hz);7.39; 7.62 (t, <i>J</i> 2.0 Hz)	6,84	5,84	2.23; 2.25; 2.32; 2.57 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N); 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃ ; 6.09 (s, 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃); 7.26 (s, 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃)
9	10,83	6.82; 8.22 (d, <i>J</i> 2.2 Hz); 7.34; 7.60 (m)	7,00	5,86	2.17; 2.20 (s, 2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄); 2.33; 2.58 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N); 6.15 (s, 2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄); 7.32 (s, 2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄)
10	10,75	6.84; 8.18 (d, <i>J</i> 2.1 Hz); 7.33; 7.58 (t, <i>J</i> 2.1 Hz)	7,23	6,10	2.05-2.54 (m, -NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N); 2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅ ; 6.11 (s, 2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅)
11	9,51	7.72-8.21 (m)	-	5,84	2.24 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N); 3.18 (s, -OCH ₃); 3.72; (t, <i>J</i> 1.3 Hz, -NCH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃);4.77 (t, <i>J</i> 1.3 Hz, -NCH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃)
12	10,77	6.87; 8.53 (d, <i>J</i> 2.2 Hz); 7.37; 7.66 (t, <i>J</i> 2.0 Hz)	-	5,93	1.95; 2.22; 2.34 (s,-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N); 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃ ; 6.07 (s, 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃); 6.83 (s, 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃)
13	10,78	6.77; 8.49 (d, <i>J</i> 2.2 Hz); 7.34; 7.65 (t, <i>J</i> 2.1 Hz)	-	5,93	2.16; 2.19; 2.32 (s,-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N); 2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄ ; 6.14 (s, 2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄)
14	10,78	6.77; 8.47 (d, <i>J</i> 2.1 Hz); 7.32; 7.63 (t, <i>J</i> 1.9 Hz)	-	5,91	2.16-2.33 (m, -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N); 2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅ ; 6.13 (s, 2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅)

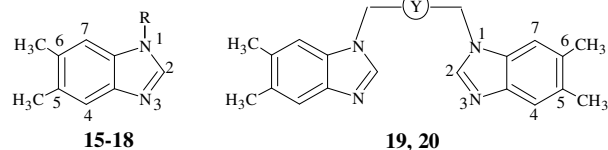
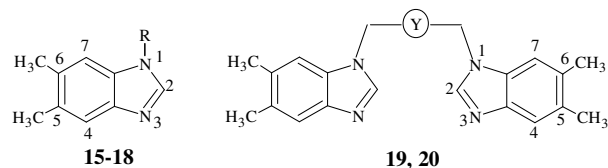
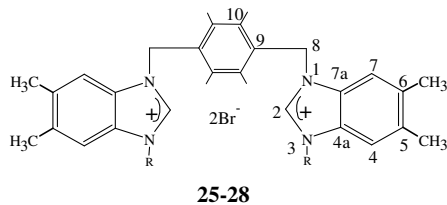
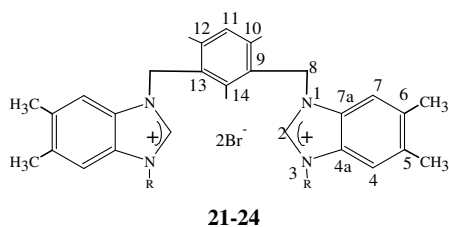


Table 3.5 ^1H NMR data for **15-20**

Compound No	$\text{H}^2(\text{s})$	$\text{H}^{4-7}(\text{s})$	Others
15	7,85	7.16; 7.55	2.36;2.38 (s, Ar- CH_3); 3.30 (s, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$); 3.68 (t, J 1.3 Hz, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$); 4.25 (t, J 1.3 Hz, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$)
16	7,57	7.30; 7.24	2.24; 2.32; 2.39; 2.43 (s, Ar- CH_3 ; 2,4,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(\text{CH}_3)_3$); 5.19 (s, 2,4,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(\text{CH}_3)_3$); 6.99 (s, 2,4,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(\text{CH}_3)_3$)
17	7,59	7.31; 7.29	2.15; 2.28 (s, 2,3,5,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_4$); 2.40; 2.45 (s, Ar- CH_3); 5.25 (s, 2,3,5,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_4$); 7.07 (s, 2,3,5,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_4$)
18	7,58	7.32; 7.30	2.20; 2.27; 2.31; 2.41; 2.45 (s, Ar- CH_3 ; 2,3,4,5,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_5$); 5.25 (s, 2,3,4,5,6- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_5$)
19	7,57	7.31; 7.24	2.14; 2.34 (s, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CH}_2\text{N}-$); 2.38; 2.41 (s, Ar- CH_3); 5.24(s, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CH}_2\text{N}-$); 7.12(s, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CH}_2\text{N}-$)
20	7,60	7.30; 7.31	2.24 (s, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{CH}_2\text{N}-$); 2.41; 2.45 (s, Ar- CH_3); 5.31 (s, $-\text{NCH}_2\text{C}_6(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{CH}_2\text{N}-$)

**Table 3.6** ^{13}C NMR data for **15-20**

Compound No	2-CH	Aromatics	Alkyl
15	143.04	109.89; 120.50; 131.17; 132.22; 132.58; 142.46	20.41; 20.79 (Ar-CH ₃); 45.14; 59.26 (-CH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃); 70.99 (-CH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃)
16	142.45	110.00; 120.41; 127.47; 129.86; 131.57; 132.37; 132.95; 138.07; 138.99; 141.00	19.75; 20.48; 20.85; 21.24 (Ar-CH ₃ ; 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃); 43.28 (2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃)
17	140.86	110.03; 120.25; 130.05; 131.89; 132.57; 132.76; 132.86; 134.14; 134.87	15.66; 20.50; 20.63; 20.85 (2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄ ; Ar-CH ₃)
18	142.83	109.95; 120.52; 127.62; 131.39; 132.15; 132.95; 133.59; 133.75; 136.32; 141.30	16.70; 17.06; 17.35; 20.50; 20.84 (Ar-CH ₃ ; 2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅); 44.48 (2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅)
19	142.60	109.89; 120.59; 129.66; 131.67; 131.75; 132.54; 132.86; 138.46; 139.25; 140.79	15.738; 20.15 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-); 20.48; 20.86 (Ar-CH ₃); 43.76 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-)
20	142.45	109.92; 120.54; 131.55; 131.81; 132.59; 132.80; 135.36; 140.85	16.78 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-); 20.51; 20.88 (Ar-CH ₃); 44.45 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-)



R = -CH₂CH₂OCH₃; **21, 25**

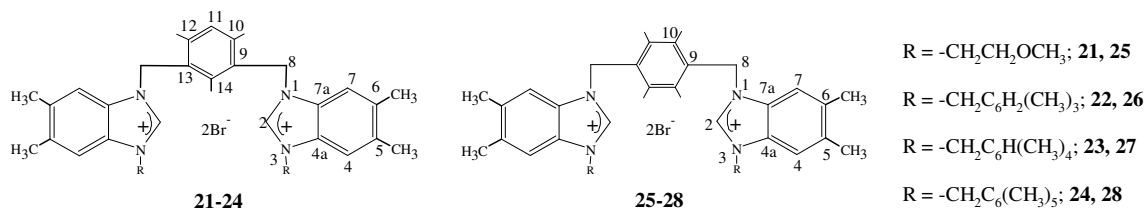
R = -CH₂C₆H₂(CH₃)₃; **22, 26**

R = -CH₂C₆H(CH₃)₄; **23, 27**

R = -CH₂C₆(CH₃)₅; **24, 28**

Table 3.7 ¹H NMR data for **21-28**

Compound No	H ² (s)	H ⁴⁻⁷	H ¹¹	H ⁸ (s)	Others
21	10.09	7.52; 7.94	7.16	5.68	2.26; 2.45; 2.49; 2.50 (s, NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N, Ar-CH ₃); 3.24 (s, -OCH ₃); 3.79; 4.88 (t, J1.2 Hz; -NCH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃)
22	10.58	6.56; 8.00	7.21	5.69	2.15; 2.16; 2.20; 2.21; 2.38; 2.44 (s, 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃ ; Ar-CH ₃); NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N); 5.94 (s, , 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃); 6.78 (s, 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃)
23	10.52	7.00; 7.82	7.23	5.74	2.17; 2.22 (s, 2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄); 2.20; 2.31 (s, Ar-CH ₃); 2.41; 2.53 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N); 6.05 (s, 2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄); 6.56 (s, 2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄)
24	9.56	6.93; 7.21	7.09	5.69	2.19; 2.22; 2.26; 2.29; 2.31; 2.35; 2.39; (s, Ar-CH ₃ , 2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅), NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N); 5.84 (s, 2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅)
25	10.02	7.56; 8.05	-	5.71	2.28 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N); 2.43; 2.50 (s, Ar-CH ₃); 3.26 (s, -OCH ₃); 3.79; 4.84 (t, J1.2 Hz, -CH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃)
26	10.60	6.61; 8.16	-	5.79	2.21; 2.22 (s, 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃); 2.25; 2.50 (s, Ar-CH ₃); 2.33 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N); 6.84 (s, 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃)
27	10.63	6.99; 8.13	-	5.78	2.15; 2.17; 2.20; 2.33; 2.45 (s, 2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄); -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-; Ar-CH ₃); 6.07 (s, 2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄); 6.51 (s, 2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄)
28	10.57	6.53; 8.06	-	5.76	2.17; 2.18; 2.22; 2.23; 2.33; 2.44 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N; Ar-CH ₃); 2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅); 6.53 (s, 2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅)


Table 3.8 ¹³C NMR data for **21-28**

Compound No	2-CH	Aromatics	Alkyl
21	140.70	113.49; 113.78; 127.04; 130.13; 131.23; 132.63; 137.76; 137.89; 140.41	17.58; 20.18; 20.84; 20.94 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N; Ar-CH ₃); 46.71; (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N); 47.71; 59.21 (-NCH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃); 71.19 (-OCH ₃)
22	140.89	113.78; 113.95; 126.14; 126.93; 130.19; 130.35; 130.65; 132.71; 137.75; 137.84; 137.91; 139.33; 140.05; 140.69	17.39; 20.12; 20.44; 20.76; 21.07; 21.19 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N; Ar-CH ₃); 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃ ; 46.94; 48.17 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-; 2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃)
23	140.70	113.70; 113.97; 127.11; 129.02; 130.54; 130.63; 132.70; 133.24; 134.12; 134.89; 137.52; 137.70; 140.47	16.26; 17.59; 20.18; 20.69; 20.76; 21.08 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N; Ar-CH ₃); 2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄ ; 46.97; 48.92 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-; 2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄)
24	140.57	113.31; 113.19; 125.15; 127.24; 130.52; 131.68; 133.64; 133.94; 134.19; 137.47; 137.68; 138.03; 138.94; 139.34	15.98; 17.19; 17.30; 19.72; 20.64; 20.88 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N; Ar-CH ₃); 2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅ ; 47.84; 48.03 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-; 2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅)
25	140.44	113.62; 113.89; 129.41; 130.11; 131.32; 136.46; 137.85; 138.03	17.34 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-); 20.86; 20.96 (Ar-CH ₃); 47.21 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-); 47.68; 59.26 (-CH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃); 71.83 (-OCH ₃)
26	141.00	113.72; 114.09; 126.13; 129.48; 130.19; 130.36; 130.61; 136.54; 137.76; 137.79; 137.96; 139.26	17.32; 20.41; 20.77 (2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃ ; -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-); 21.08; 21.18 (Ar-CH ₃); 47.43; 47.99 (2,4,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₂ (CH ₃) ₃ ; -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-)
27	140.95	113.98; 129.10; 129.47; 130.50; 130.61; 133.18; 134.05; 134.82; 136.55; 137.57; 137.81	16.20; 17.32 (2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄); 20.69 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-); 20.74; 21.12 (Ar-CH ₃); 47.40; 48.80 (2,3,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄ ; -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-)
28	140.91	113.87; 114.09; 126.50; 129.48; 130.54; 130.61; 133.53; 133.63; 136.52; 136.70; 137.45; 137.72	17.07; 17.21; 17.33; 17.50 (2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅ ; -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-); 20.75; 21.14 (Ar-CH ₃); 47.36; 49.31 (2,3,4,5,6-CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₅ ; -NCH ₂ C ₆ H ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-)

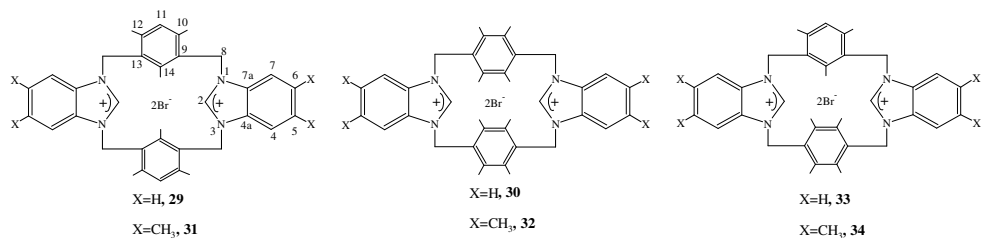


Table 3.9 ¹H NMR data for **29-34**

Compound No	H ² (s)	H ⁴⁻⁷	H ¹¹ (s)	H ⁸ /H ¹⁵	Others
29	7,22	7.80-8.30 (m)	7.78 (s)	5.56; 5.80 (d, <i>J</i> 3.7 Hz)	1.59; 2.43 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-)
30	7,23	7.90-8.37 (m)	-	5.81 (s)	2.10 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-)
31	7,20	8.08 (s)	7.62 (s)	5.49; 5.72 (d, <i>J</i> 3.7 Hz)	1.54; 2.41 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-); 3.31 (s, Ar-CH ₃)
32	6,22	8.14 (s)	-	5.73 (s)	2.07 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-); 2.53 (s, Ar-CH ₃)
33	6,67	7.89-8.35 (m)	7.29 (s)	5.61-6.05 (m)	2.15; 2.23 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-); 2.31 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-)
34	6,45	8.07; 8.10 (s)	7.27 (s)	5.44-5.97 (m)	2.57 (s, Ar-CH ₃); 2.29 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-); 2.17; 2.22 (s, -NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-)

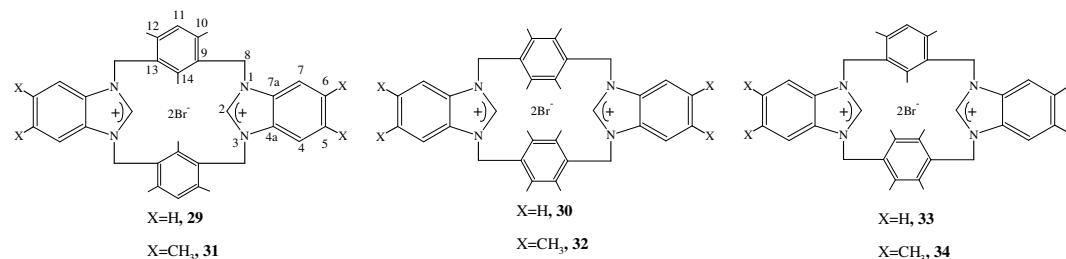


Table 3.10 ¹³ C NMR data for **29-34**

Compound No	2-CH	Aromatics	Alkyl
29	140.99	114.71; 127.91; 128.06; 132.54; 133.01; 138.50; 138.73	15.62; 20.66 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-); 46.31 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-)
30	136.72	114.97; 128.16; 130.87; 132.89; 136.40	16.79 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-); 46.82 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-)
31	140.86	114.26; 128.33; 131.04; 137.65; 138.43	15.93; 20.73 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-); 20.92 (Ar-CH ₃); 46.17 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N)
32	137.96	114.38; 131.02; 131.31; 136.25	16.74 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-); 20.92 (Ar-CH ₃); 46.60 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-)
33	141.98	113.79; 113.85; 127.58; 128.08; 128.12; 131.20; 132.50; 132.67; 132.82	14.61; 15.60; 18.60 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-; -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-); 45.72; 46.35 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-; -CH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ -)
34	141.78	113.28; 127.73; 131.18; 131.32; 131.36; 132.40; 135.23; 135.85; 136.50; 138.70; 138.73; 138.89	14.56; 15.52; 18.59; 19.56 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-; -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-; Ar-CH ₃); 45.56; 46.19 (-NCH ₂ C ₆ H(CH ₃) ₃ CH ₂ N-; -NCH ₂ C ₆ (CH ₃) ₄ CH ₂ N-

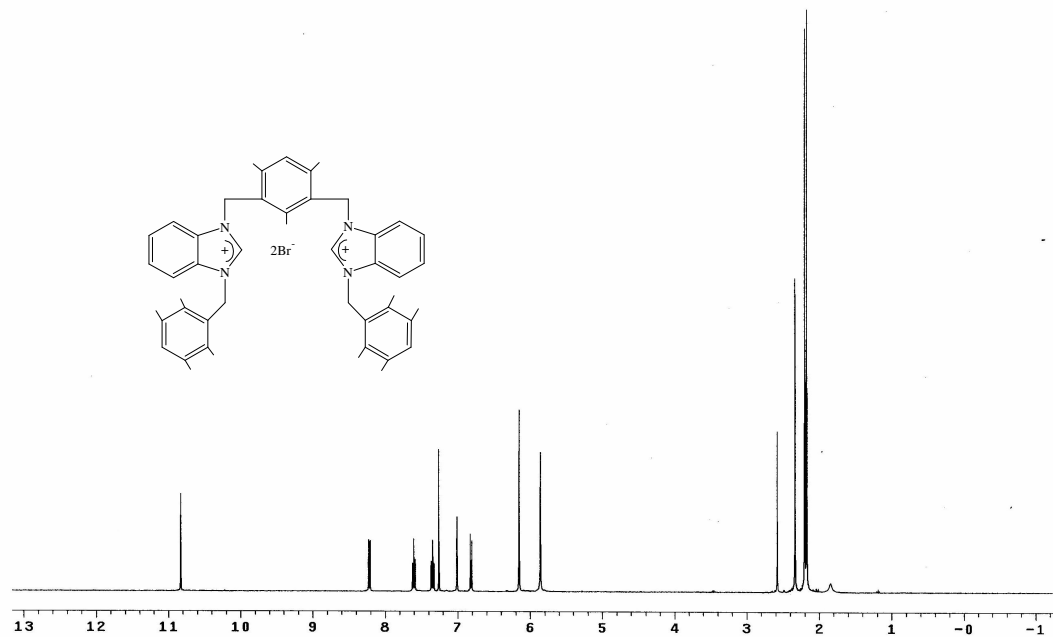


Figure 3.1 ¹H NMR Spectrum of compound **9**

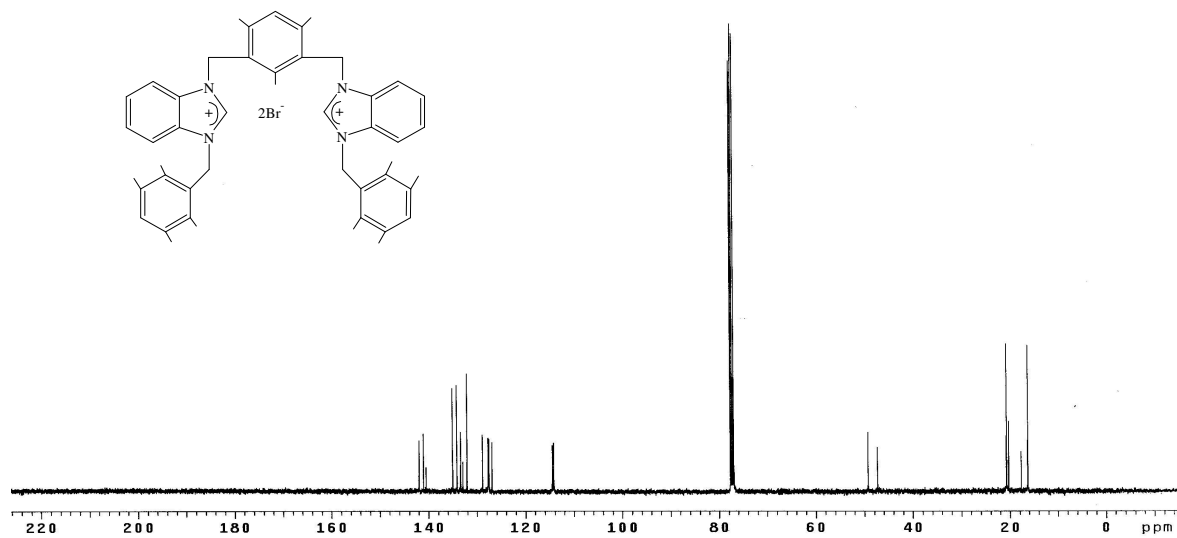


Figure 3.2 ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of compound 9

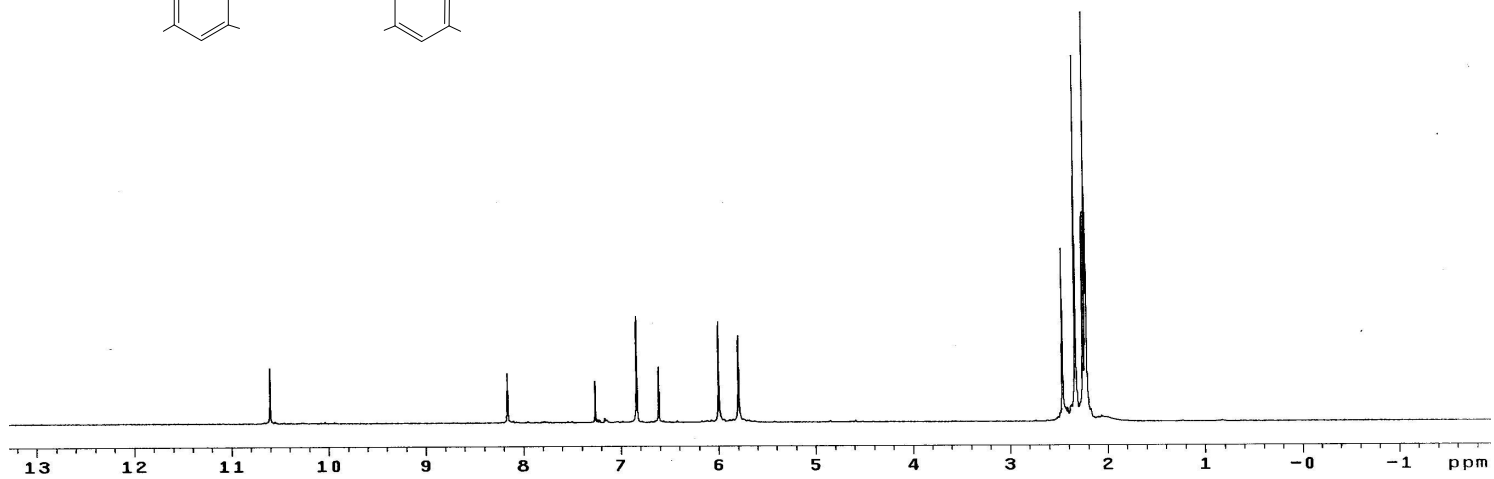
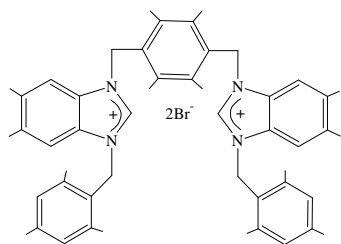


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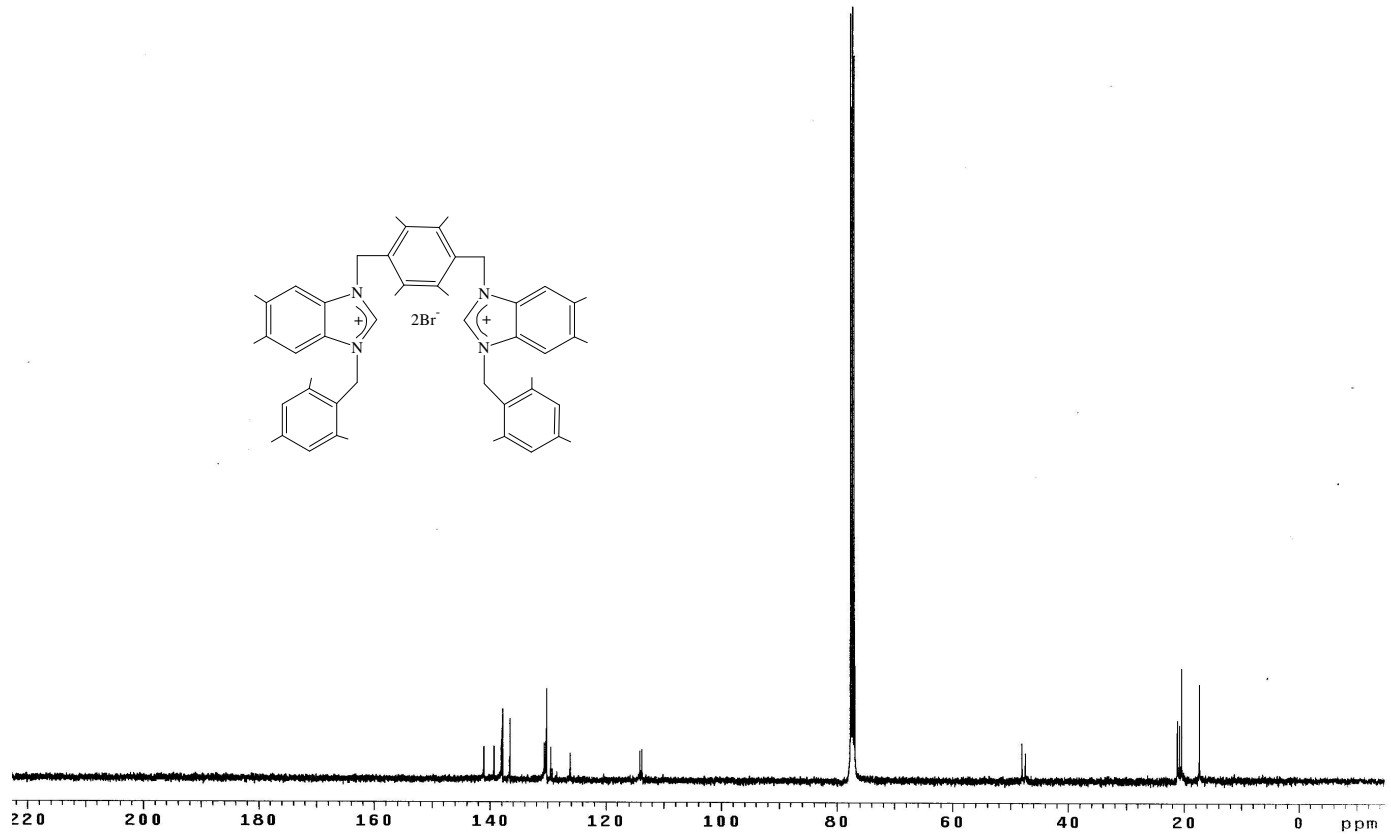


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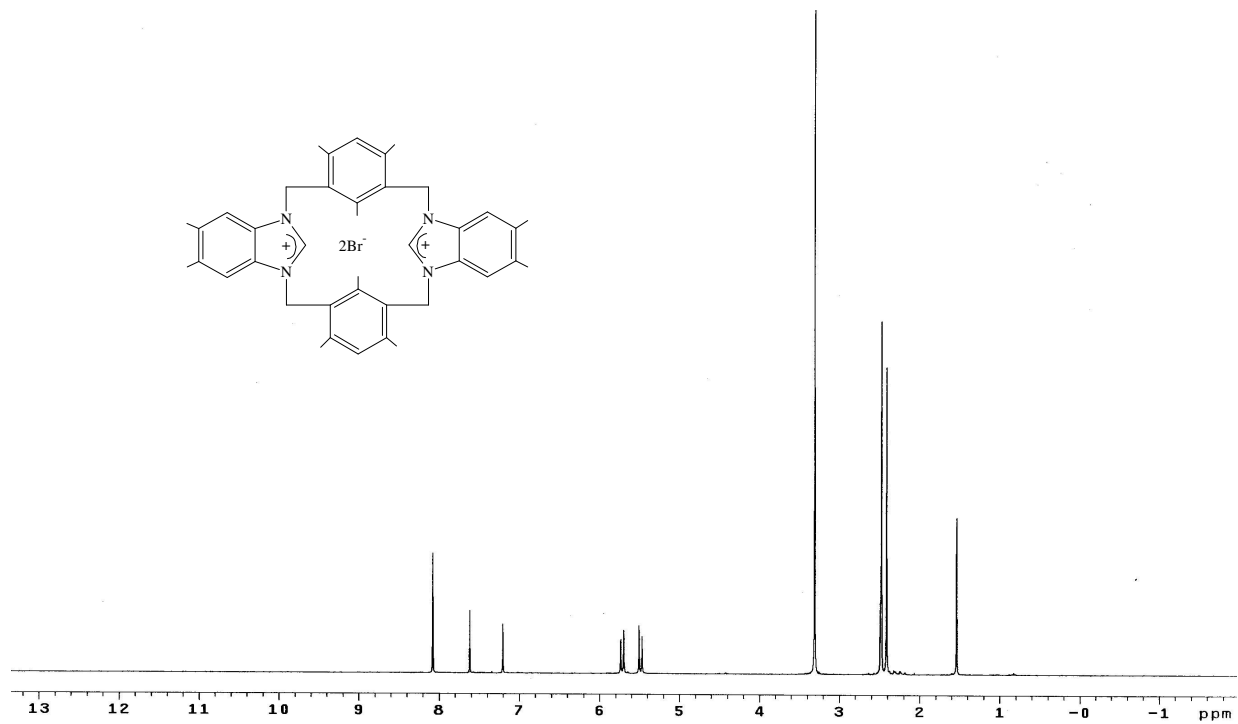


Figure 3.5 ¹H NMR Spectrum of compound **31**

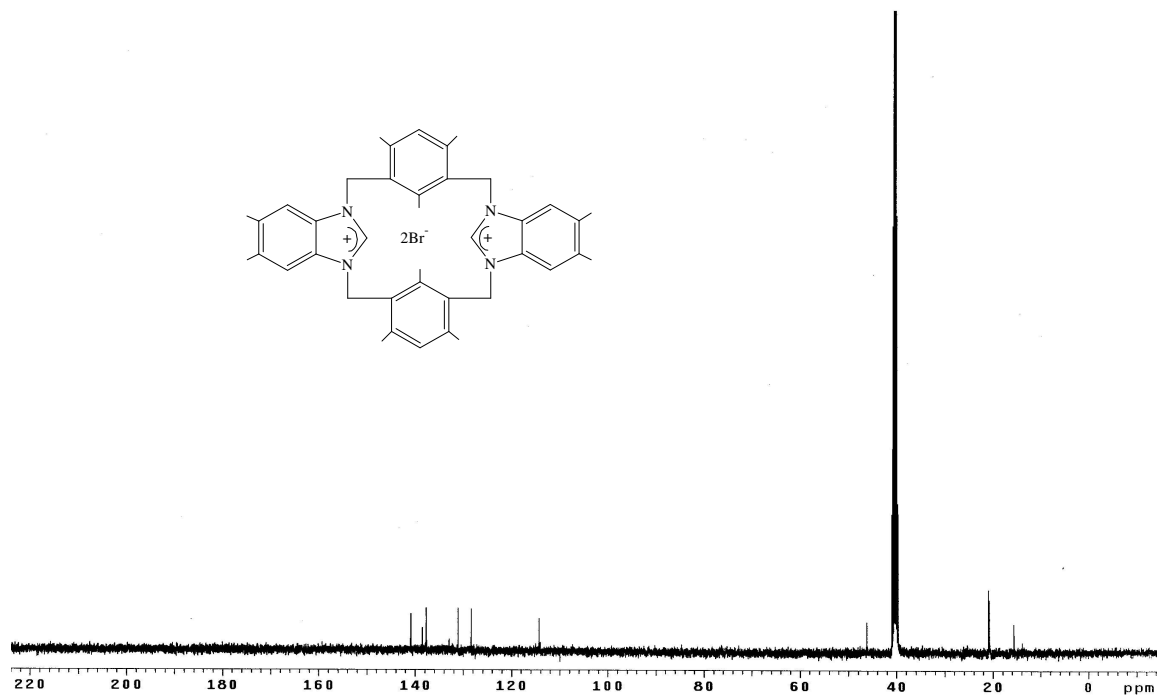


Figure 3.6 ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of compound 31

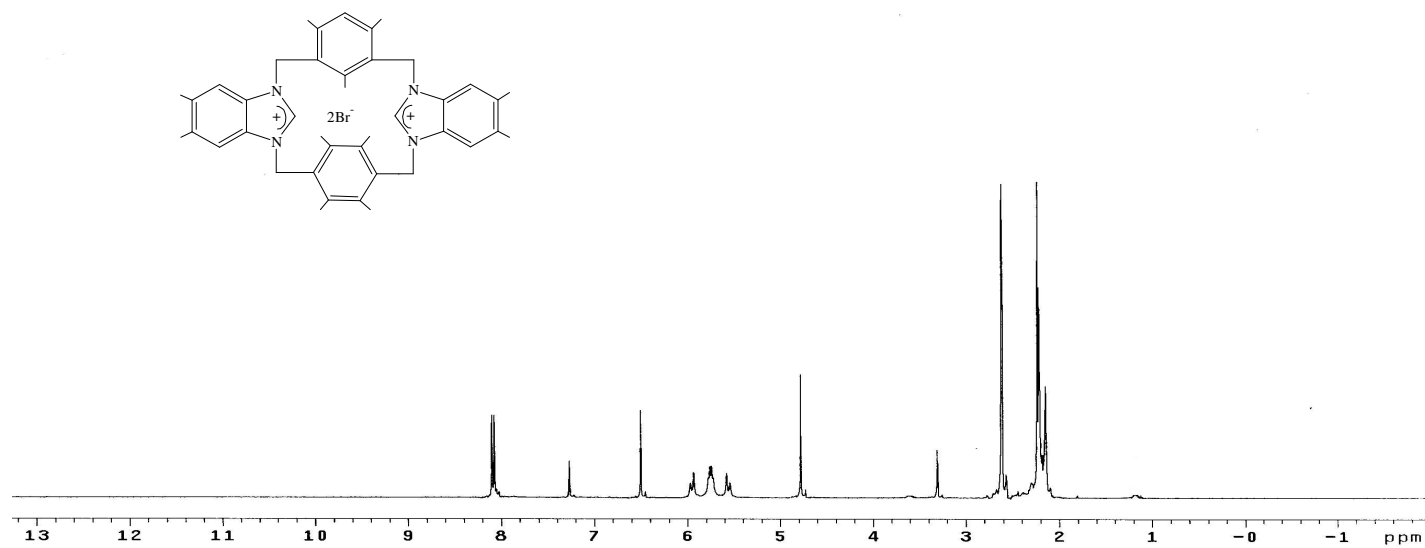


Figure 3.7 ^1H NMR Spectrum of compound **34**

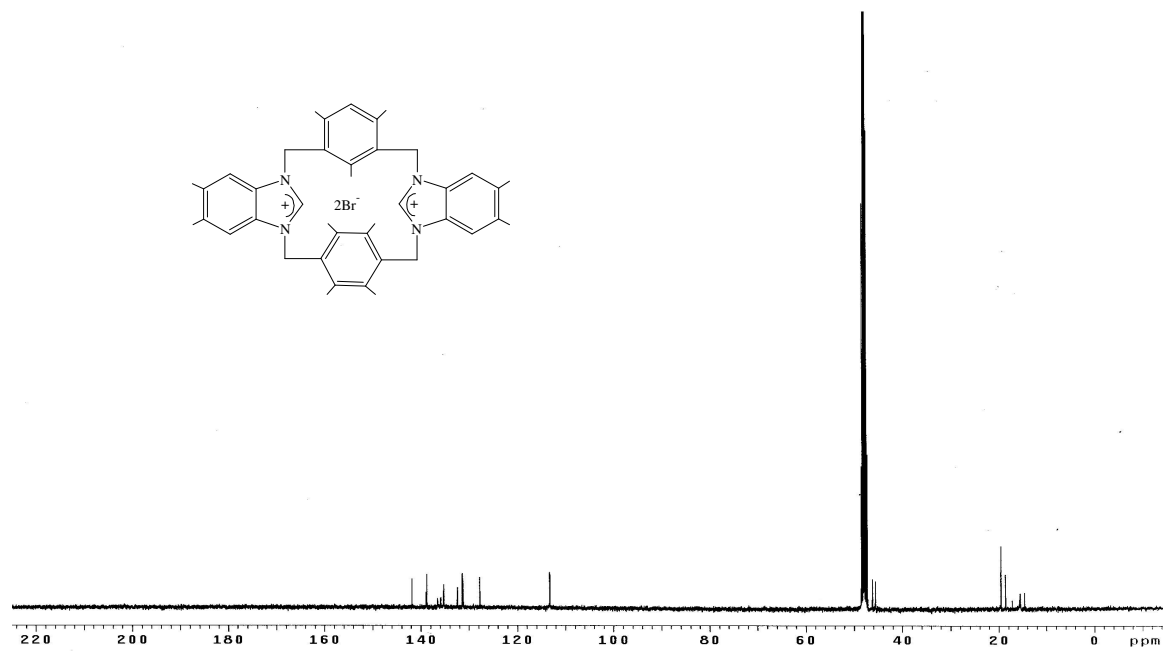


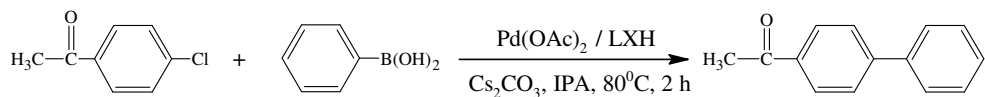
Figure 3.8 ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of compound 34

3.4 The Suzuki Coupling Reaction

The Suzuki coupling, where organoboronic acids are employed as nucleophilic partners to couple with electrophiles such as aryl halides, is one of the most important protocols in organic synthesis, permitting the construction of a wide variety of organic compounds ranging from artificial materials to natural products (Miyaura, 1995; Suzuki, 1999; Stanforth, 1998).

The reactions are usually carried out homogeneously in the presence of a base under inert atmosphere. The reactivity of the aryl halide component decreases drastically in the order $X = I > Br > Cl$ and electron-withdrawing substituents R are required for the chlorides to react.

To survey the reaction parameters for the catalytic Suzuki reaction, a series of experiments has been performed with aryl halide and phenylboronic acid. We found that the reactions performed in IPA with Cs_2CO_3 as the base at $80^\circ C$ appeared to be best. We started our investigation with the coupling of 4-chloroacetophenone and phenylboronic acid, in the presence of $Pd(OAc)_2$. It is evident that the NHC precursors that contain electron donating methoxyethyl substituent (**7**, **11**, **21**, **25**) are the most effective of the salts examined. Table 3.11 summarizes the results obtained in the presence of **7-14**; **21-28**; **29-34**.

Table 3.11 The Suzuki coupling reaction of 4-chloroacetophenone with phenylboronic acid.

Entry	LXH	Yield (%)
1	7	94
2	8	80
3	9	79
4	10	90
5	11	93
6	12	89
7	13	85
8	14	91
9	21	97
10	22	83
11	23	80
12	24	91
13	25	95
14	26	87
15	27	82
16	28	90
17	29	75
18	30	70
19	31	73
20	32	60
21	33	80
22	34	88

Abbreviation; LXH= benzimidazolium salts; IPA= isopropylalcohol

3.5 The Heck Coupling Reaction

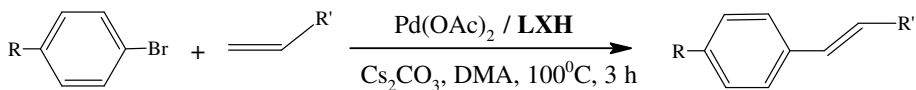
The Heck coupling reaction is one of the most important methods for C-C bond formation in general organic synthesis, synthesis of pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals and natural products.

The coupling reactions of aryl halides with olefins are called Heck coupling reactions. Palladium species have largely been used as catalyst for C-C bond forming reactions. The reactions are usually carried out homogeneously in the presence of a base under inert atmosphere. It is worth noting that in situ formation of the zwitterion salt led to significantly better results than the use of the preformed complex.

For the choice of base, we surveyed Cs_2CO_3 , Na_2CO_3 and KO^tBu . Finally, we found that use of 3% $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$, 3% ligand and 1.5 mmol Cs_2CO_3 in DMA at 100°C led to the best conversion within 3 h. Under the determined reaction conditions, we investigated reaction of aryl halides with n-butyl acrylate or styrene and observed that reactions at 100°C gave good to excellent products (62-100%). As expected, we could observe that the NHC precursors that contain electron donating methoxyethyl group (**7**, **11**, **21**, **25**) were the most effective of the salts examined. We expected that activities of these salts would increase in the order: pentamethylbenzene substituent (**a**) (**10**, **14**, **24**, **28**) > tetramethylbenzene substituent (**b**) (**9**, **13**, **23**, **27**) > trimethylbenzene substituent (**c**) (**8**, **12**, **22**, **26**). But the catalytic activity increased in the sequence **a** > **c** > **b**. This observation indicates that the effect of p-substituent was significant. Also, benzimidazolium salts bearing methyl groups on 5,6-positions of benzene ring have shown better catalytic activity than unsubstituted counterparts. This observation is

consistent with the previous reports (Türkmen and Çetinkaya, 2006). The results obtained were summarized in Table 3.12

Table 3.12 The Heck reaction catalyzed by in situ formed (LHX + Pd(OAc)₂)



Entry	LXH	Aryl Halide	Olefin	Yield (%)
1	7	4-Bromoacetophenone	n-butyl acrylate	98
2	8	"	"	90
3	9	"	"	80
4	10	"	"	94
5	11	"	"	96
6	12	"	"	88
7	13	"	"	82
8	14	"	"	91
9	21	"	"	100
10	22	"	"	92
11	23	"	"	88
12	24	"	"	96
13	25	"	"	100
14	26	"	"	91
15	27	"	"	83
16	28	"	"	92
17	29	"	"	70
18	30	"	"	67
19	31	"	"	73
20	32	"	"	67
21	33	"	"	75
22	34	"	"	83
23	7	4-Bromoanisole	"	78
24	8	"	"	68
25	9	"	"	62
26	10	"	"	75
27	11	"	"	77
28	11	4-Bromoacetophenone	Styrene	88
29	25	Bromobenzene	n-butyl acrylate	80

Abbreviation; LXH= benzimidazolium salts; DMA= N,N-Dimethylacetamide

In conclusion, in this thesis, mono- and di-bridged bibenzimidazolium bromides (**I**, **II**) were synthesized and their catalytic activities were tested for Suzuki and Heck reactions. We examined Suzuki reaction of 4-chloroacetophenone and phenylboronic acid, in the presence of Pd(OAc)₂. The results were summarized in Table 3.11. The mono-bridged bibenzimidazolium salts containing electron donating methoxyethyl substituent (**7**, **11**, **21**, **25**) are the most effective of the salts examined. Catalytic activity increased in the sequence: pentamethyl substituent (**a**) > trimethyl substituent (**c**) > tetramethyl substituent (**b**). This observation indicates the influence of *p*- substituent was significant. Also, benzimidazolium salts bearing methyl groups on 5,6-positions have shown better activity than those not bearing methyl substituent. Besides, unsymmetrical cyclophanes gave the better results than the symmetrical ones. The Heck coupling reactions were performed between aryl halides with *n*-butyl acrylate or styrene in the presence of Pd(OAc)₂ in DMA at 100 °C. The results obtained were summarized Table 3.12. As is seen in Table, similar to Suzuki reaction, the best catalytic activity was observed at salts bearing one methoxyethyl substituent on nitrogen atom (**7**, **11**, **21**, **25**).

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