

Supporting Information

Enantioselective and Regioselective Cu-Catalyzed Borocyanation of 1-Aryl-1,3-Butadienes

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General information

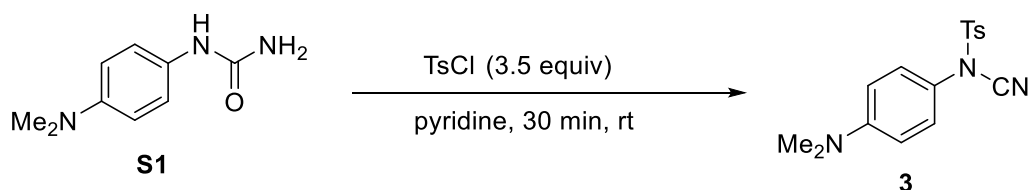
All experiments were performed under an atmosphere of nitrogen, using anhydrous solvents, unless stated otherwise. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded using 400 and 500 MHz spectrometers, with chemical shift values being reported in ppm relative to residual chloroform ($\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.27$ or $\delta_{\text{C}} = 77.0$) as internal standards. All coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectra were obtained using positive and negative electrospray (ES^{\pm}) or gas chromatography (GC) methodology. Infra-red spectra were recorded as evaporated films or neat using a FT/IR spectrometer. Column chromatography was carried out using 35-70 μm , 60 Å silica gel. Routine TLC analysis was carried out on aluminum sheets coated with silica gel 60 F254, 0.2 mm thickness and plates were viewed using a 254 nm ultraviolet lamp and dipped in aqueous potassium permanganate. Enantiomeric ratios were determined by HPLC analysis Chiral Technologies Chiralpak® IA (4.6 x 250 mm), Chiralcel® OD-H (4.6 x 250 mm) in comparison with authentic racemic materials. Specific rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol I Automatic Polarimeter. Melting points were measured on a Stuart Scientific capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

Materials

Reagents were either purchased directly from commercial suppliers or prepared according to literature procedures. K_3PO_4 , K_2CO_3 , diboron pinacol ester, CuTc and Xantphos were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received.

1a-1z¹ and chiral PHOX ligands² were prepared according to the methods previously reported.

The synthesis of compound 3



According to the reported procedure³, a 250 mL round-bottom flask was charged with **S1** (18 g, 100 mmol, 1 equiv) and pyridine (80 mL). *p*-Toluenesulfonyl chloride (67 g, 350 mmol, 3.5 equiv) was added portion wise over 5 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction was quenched with 800 mL water and left to stir for an additional 30 min. The precipitate formed was filtered and washed with water. The crude product was recrystallised from ethanol and the pure **3** (22 g, 70 mmol, 70%) was isolated as a pale yellow solid. Melting Point: 81-83 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 2.50 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.99 (s, 6H, 2 X CH₃), 6.57 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H, ArCH), 6.94 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H, ArCH), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArCH), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 21.8 (CH₃), 40.2 (CH₃), 109.3 (ArC), 112.1 (ArCH), 121.9 (CN), 128.1 (ArCH), 128.5 (ArCH), 130.1 (ArCH), 132.6 (ArC), 146.4 (ArC), 151.2 (ArC).

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃O₂S [M+H]: 316.1114, found: 316.1107.

ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2231, 1595, 1516, 1444, 1340, 1367, 1231, 1185, 1171, 1081, 951.

Optimization of the copper-catalyzed enantioselective borocyanation of dienes

Table S1. Screening of chiral ligands^{a,b}

<p> <chem>c1ccc(cc1)/C=C/C=C</chem> + <chem>COc1ccc(cc1)N#C</chem> </p> <p> $\xrightarrow[\text{THF, rt}]{\text{CuBr(Me}_2\text{S)} (10 \text{ mol\%}), \text{Ligands} (10 \text{ mol\%}), \text{B}_2\text{pin}_2 (2.0 \text{ eq}), \text{K}_3\text{PO}_4 (1.0 \text{ eq})}$ </p> <p> A: <chem>c1ccc(cc1)/C=C/C(C#N)C2=CC=CC=C2C2=CC=CC=C2</chem> </p> <p> B: <chem>c1ccc(cc1)C(C#N)/C=C/C2=CC=CC=C2C2=CC=CC=C2</chem> </p>				
<p>yield^a (A/B): 33%/30% ee^b of A: 45%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 32%/32% ee of A: 39%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 40%/40% ee of A: 44%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 11%/- ee of A: 2%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 31%/22% ee of A: 39%</p>
<p>yield (A/B): 31%/- ee of A: 2%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 36%/22% ee of A: 15%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 28%/- ee of A: 2%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 7%/8% ee of A: 53%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 12%/1% ee of A: 16%</p>
<p>yield (A/B): 8%/1% ee: n.d.</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 6%/1% ee: n.d.</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 55%/3% ee of A: 2%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 45%/3% ee of A: 7%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 50%/2% ee of A: 40%</p>
<p>yield (A/B): 14%/9% ee of A: 31%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 45%/12% ee of A: 2%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 22%/10% ee of A: 40%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): trace ee: n.d.</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 57%/3% ee of A: 54%</p>

^a Yield and regioselectivity (A:B) were determined by ¹H-NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures. ^b The ee values were determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase.

Table S2. Screening of cyanating agents^{a,b}

<p>yield^a (A/B): 57%/ 3% ee^b of A: 54%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 50%/ 2% ee of A: 40%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 25%/ 2% ee of A: 43%</p>	<p>R =</p>	
<p>yield (A/B): 35%/ - ee of A: 55%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 11%/ - ee of A: 62%</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 8%/19% ee: n.d.</p>	<p>yield (A/B): 16%/- ee of A: 59%</p>	
<p>^a Yield and regioselectivity (A:B) were determined by ¹H-NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures. ^b The ee values were determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase.</p>				

Table S3. Screening of chiral PHOX ligands^{a,b}

<p>CuBr(Me₂S) (10 mol%) Ligands (10 mol%) B₂pin₂ (2.0 eq) K₃PO₄ (1.0 eq) THF, rt</p> <p>A B</p>				
<p>yield^a: 57%/3% ee^b of A: 54%</p>	<p>yield: 59%/- ee of A: 30%</p>	<p>yield: 71%/- ee of A: 6%</p>	<p>yield: 23%/1% ee of A: 59%</p>	<p>yield: 11%/- ee of A: 9%</p>
<p>Ar = 4-MeO-C₆H₄, yield: 42%/–; ee of A: 71% Ar = 3,5-CF₃-C₆H₃, yield: 58%/–; ee of A: 79% Ar = 3,5-tBu-4-MeO-C₆H₂, yield: 38%/5%, 57%</p>	<p>Ar = 3,5-CF₃-C₆H₃ yield: 10%/–, ee of A: 10%</p>	<p>yield: 20%/– ee of A: 25%</p>		
^a Yield and regioselectivity (A:B) were determined by ¹ H-NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures. ^b The ee values were determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase.				

Table S4. Screening of bases^{a,b}

entry	Base	Yield (A/B)	ee of A
1	KOtBu	32%/-	14%
2	NaOtBu	73%/-	28%
3	LiOtBu	51%/-	4%
4	NaOMe	53%/3%	69%
5	NaOEt	55%/3%	42%
6	NaOtAmyl	44%/-	14%
7	LiOEt	47%/3%	50%
8	KOH	55%/3%	21%
9	Na ₂ CO ₃	2%/-	-
10	K ₂ CO ₃	48%/2%	71%
11	Cs ₂ CO ₃	40%/-	12%
12	CsF	54%/-	48%
13	LiOH	49%/4%	69%
14	LiNH ₂	31%/-	69%
15	Ag ₂ CO ₃	16%/-	56%
16	NaOH	50%/3%	31%
^a Yield and regioselectivity (A:B) were determined by ¹ H-NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures. ^b The ee values were determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase.			

Table S5. Screening of Copper sources^{a,b}

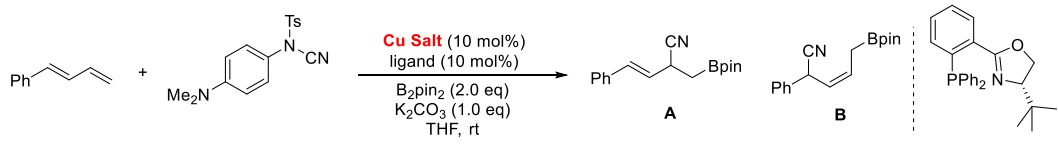
			
entry	Cu	Yield	ee of A
1	CuCl	65%	80%
2	CuI	22%	74%
3	CuPF ₆ (MeCN) ₄	60%	62%
4	CuBF ₄ (MeCN) ₄	57%	70%
5	CuTc	62%	83%
6	CuOAc	42%	83%
7	CuCN	47%	63%
8	CuCl ₂	49%	70%
9	Cu(OAc) ₂	47%	82%
10	Cu(OTf) ₂	55%	58%
^a Yield and regioselectivity (A:B) were determined by ¹ H-NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures. ^b The ee values were determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase.			

Table S6. Screening of solvents^{a,b}

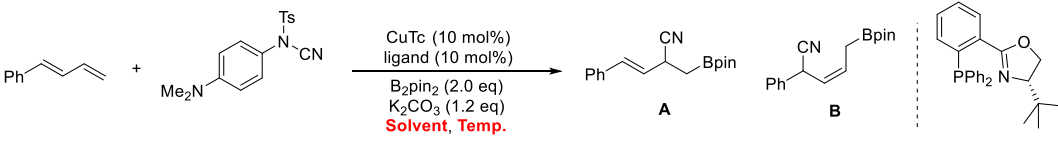
				
entry	Solvent	Temperature	Yield	ee of A
1	2-Me-THF	25 °C	78%	86%
2	MTBE	25 °C	70%	86%
3	Dioxane	25 °C	78%	82%
4	Et ₂ O	25 °C	80%	88%
5	toluene	25 °C	46%	87%
6	MeCN	25 °C	24%	20%
7	2-Me-THF	0 °C	51%	88%
8	MTBE	0 °C	56%	88%
9	Dioxane/THF	0 °C	43%	86%
10	Et ₂ O	0 °C	60%	91%
11	THF	0 °C	65%	87%
12	THF	-10 °C	50%	87%
^a Yield and regioselectivity (A:B) were determined by ¹ H-NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures. ^b The ee values were determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase.				

Table S7. Screening the loading of base and cyanating agent^{a,b}

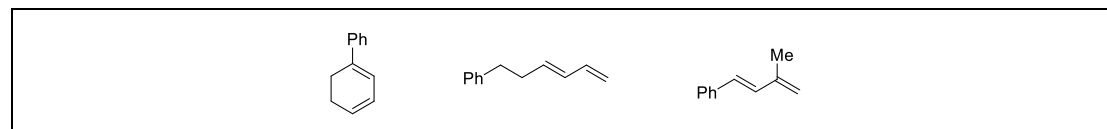
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1	1.0	1.5	63%	91%
2	1.0	2.0	67%	91%
3	1.2	1.0	68%	91%
4	1.5	1.0	70%	91%
5	2.0	1.0	85%	91%
^a Yield and regioselectivity (A:B) were determined by ¹ H-NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures. ^b The ee values were determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase.				

Table S8. Screening of bases^{a,b}

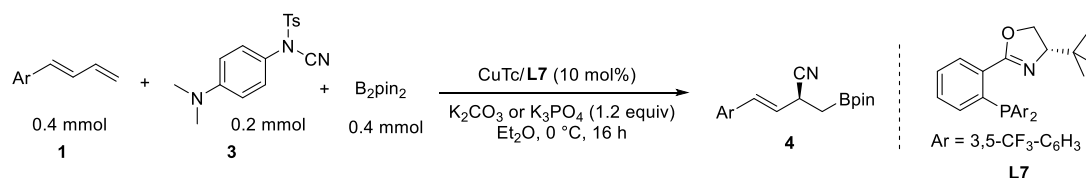
entry	Base	Yield	ee of A
1	Na ₃ PO ₄	48%	90%
2	K ₃ PO ₄	90%	91%
3	LiOtBu	88%	62%
4	KOtBu	60%	84%
^a Yield and regioselectivity (A:B) were determined by ¹ H-NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures. ^b The ee values were determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase.			

Table S9. Unsuccessful substrates

The following substrates were tested under the optimized conditions, however, the desired product was not observed.

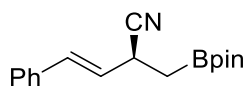


General procedure for the copper-catalyzed enantioselective borocyanation of dienes



To a 10 mL vial, $CuTc$ (4 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), chiral ligand **L7** (13 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and 2 mL dry Et_2O were added under a nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min to generate the copper/**L7** complex. In another 10 mL vial, K_2CO_3 (33 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) or K_3PO_4 (51 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), *N*-cyano-*N*-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (63 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), B_2pin_2 (102 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), diene (0.4 mmol) and 2 mL dry Et_2O were mixed under a nitrogen atmosphere. This solution was then stirred for 5 min at $0\text{ }^{\circ}C$, before the solution of copper/**L7** complex was added by syringe and the new mixture was stirred for 16 h at $0\text{ }^{\circ}C$. The product mixture was then filtered through celite, concentrated in *vacuo* and the crude product mixture was purified by chromatography to afford the pure products.

(*S,E*)-4-Phenyl-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (**4a**)



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 90% NMR yield of crude material using $MeNO_2$ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/ $EtOAc$ / $AcOH$ = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (48 mg, 0.170 mmol, 85%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ ppm 1.26 (s, 12H, 4 x CH_3), 1.30 (dd, J = 16.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H, CH_2Bpin), 1.41 (dd, J = 16.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH_2Bpin), 3.59 – 3.64 (m, 1H, $CHCN$), 6.10 (dd, J = 15.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H, $CH=CH$), 6.68 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H, $CH=CH$), 7.25 – 7.28 (m, 1H, $ArCH$), 7.31 – 7.37 (m, 4H, $ArCH$).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 24.8 (CH_3), 24.9 (CH_3), 29.7 (CH-CN), 84.1 ($\text{OC}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 121.2 (CN), 124.9 (ArCH), 126.5 (CH=CH), 128.1 (ArCH), 129.0 (CH=CH), 132.4 (ArCH), 135.9 (ArC), (CH_2B not observed).

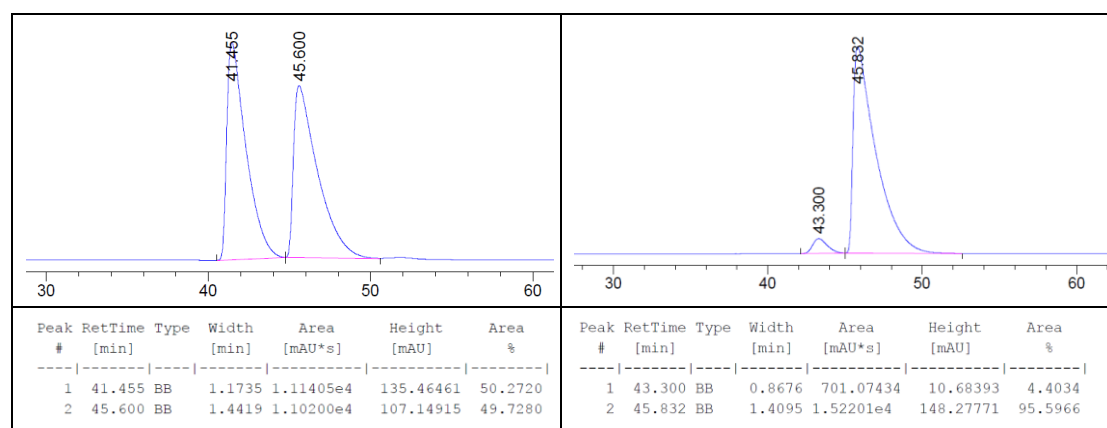
^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 32.8.

HRMS (m/z , ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{BNO}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$]: 284.1816, found: 284.1804.

ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}): 2978, 2240, 1449, 1407, 1371, 1331, 1272, 1166, 1140, 964.

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} +16.3$ ($c = 0.92$, CHCl_3).

Enantiomeric purity of **4a** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (91% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 998:2 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).

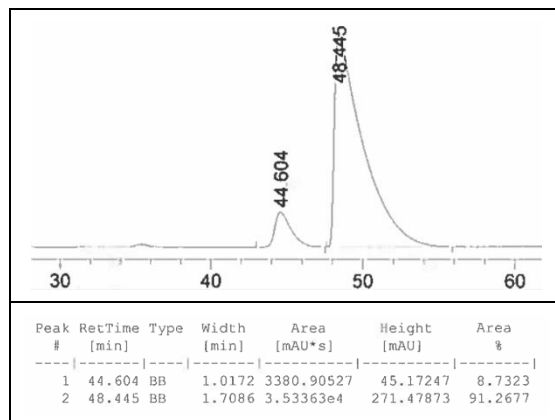


The gram-scale synthesis of this compound was conducted following a modified version of the General Procedure:

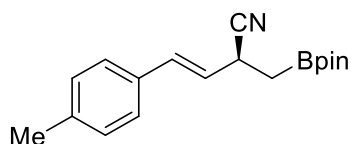
To a 100 mL flask, CuTc (50 mg, 0.25 mmol, 5 mol %), chiral ligand **L7** (163 mg, 0.25 mmol, 5 mol%) and 50 mL dry Et_2O were added under a nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min to generate the copper/**L7** complex. In another 250 mL flask, K_2CO_3 (828 mg, 6.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv), *N*-cyano-*N*-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1.6 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), B_2pin_2 (2.5 g, 10.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), diene (1.3 g, 10.0 mmol) and 50 mL dry Et_2O were mixed under a nitrogen atmosphere. This solution was then stirred for 5 min at 0 °C, before the solution of copper/**L7** complex was added by syringe and the new mixture was stirred for 16 h at 0 °C. The product mixture was then filtered through celite, concentrated in vacuo and the crude product mixture was purified by column

chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (892 mg, 3.15 mmol, 64%).

Enantiomeric purity of **4a** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (83% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 998:2 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-2-((4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)-4-(*p*-tolyl)but-3-enenitrile (4b**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 70% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (41 mg, 0.138 mmol, 69%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.26 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.31 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.3 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.41 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 2.35 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.58-3.63 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.05 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.65 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArCH), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArCH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 21.2 (CH₃), 24.8 (CH₃), 24.9 (CH₃), 29.7 (CH-CN), 84.0 (C(CH₃)₂), 121.4 (CN), 123.9 (CH=CH), 126.4 (ArCH), 129.4 (ArCH), 132.3 (CH=CH), 133.1 (ArC), 138.0 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed).

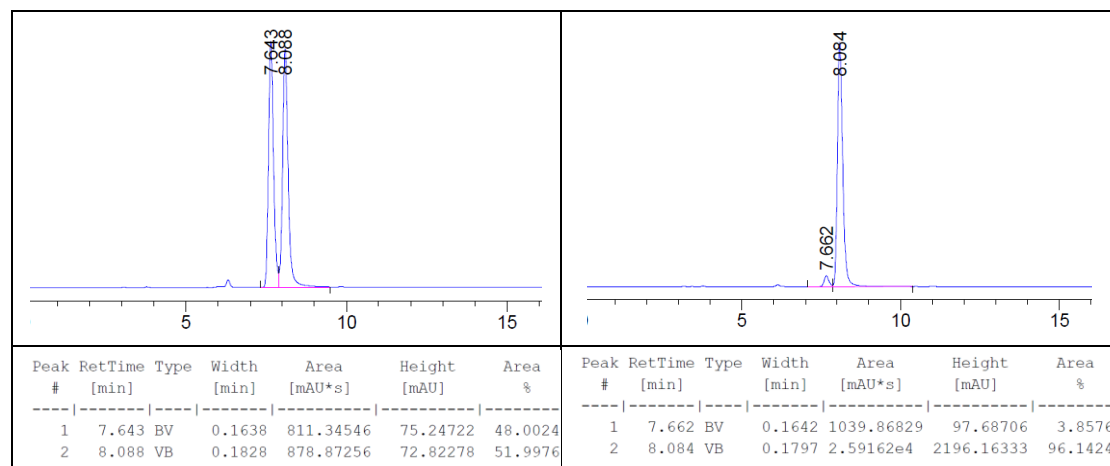
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.4.

HRMS (m/z, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₄BNO₂ [M+Na]: 320.1792, found: 320.1781.

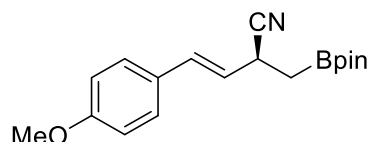
ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2978, 2924, 2241, 1513, 1407, 1371, 1332, 1279, 1167, 1141, 966.

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} +15.8$ (c = 0.83, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4b** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (92% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4c**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 52% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (30 mg, 0.096 mmol, 48%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.27 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.31 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.3 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.45 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.58-3.63 (m, 1H, CHCN), 3.83 (s, 3H, CH₃), 5.97 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.63 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.86-6.89 (m, 2H, ArCH), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 24.9 (CH₃), 29.7 (CH-CN), 55.3 (OCH₃), 84.0 (C(CH₃)₂), 114.1 (ArCH), 121.4 (CN), 122.7 (CH=CH), 127.7 (ArCH), 128.6 (ArC), 131.8 (CH=CH), 159.6 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed).

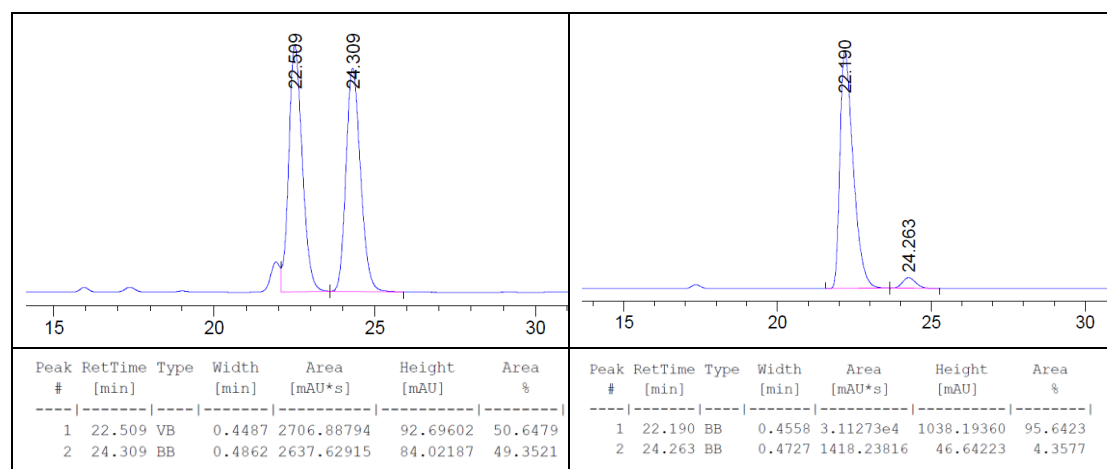
^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 32.7.

HRMS (m/z , ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{BNO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 314.1922, found: 314.1916.

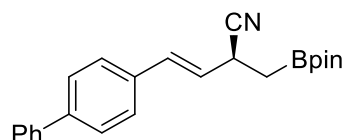
ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}): 2977, 2934, 2240, 1607, 1511, 1372, 1333, 1249, 1175, 1141, 1032, 966.

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} +12.9$ ($c = 0.89$, CHCl_3).

Enantiomeric purity of **4c** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (91% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4d**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale ($>20:1$ *rs* and 79% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO_2 as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid (55 mg, 0.154 mmol, 77%). Melting Point: 69-71 °C.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 1.30 (s, 12H, 4 x CH_3), 1.35 (dd, $J = 16.1, 8.2$ Hz, 1H, CH_2Bpin), 1.45 (dd, $J = 16.1, 7.2$ Hz, 1H, CH_2Bpin), 3.64-3.69 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.17 (dd, $J = 15.8, 6.5$ Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}$), 6.75 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}$), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.45-7.48 (m, 4H, ArCH), 7.59-7.63 (m, 4H, ArCH).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 24.8 (CH_3), 24.9 (CH_3), 29.8 (CH-CN), 84.1 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 121.2 (CN), 125.0 (CH=CH), 127.0 (ArCH), 127.4 (ArCH), 127.5 (ArCH), 128.8 (ArCH), 132.0 (CH=CH), 134.9 (ArC), 140.5 (ArC), 140.9 (ArC), (CH_2B and 1 ArCH not observed).

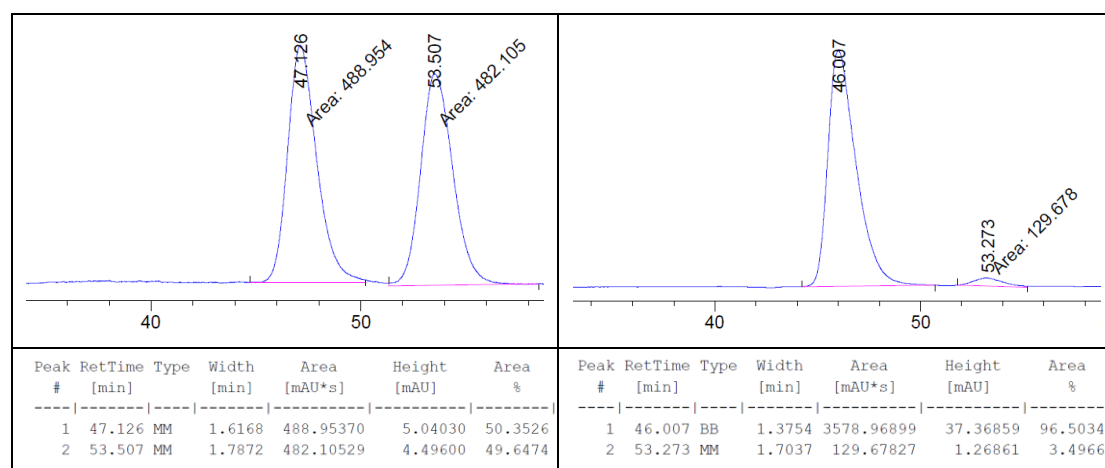
^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 32.9.

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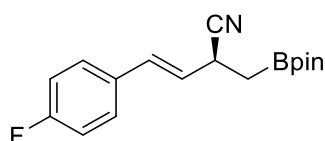
ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}): 3029, 2977, 2932, 2239, 1486, 1407, 1371, 1332, 1271, 1141, 966.

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} +22.6$ ($c = 1.45$, CHCl_3).

Enantiomeric purity of **4d** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (93% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enitrile (4e)



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 82% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO_2 as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (50 mg, 0.166 mmol, 83%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 1.26 (s, 12H, 4 x CH_3), 1.30 (dd, $J = 16.1, 8.2$ Hz, 1H, CH_2Bpin), 1.41 (dd, $J = 16.1, 7.2$ Hz, 1H, CH_2Bpin), 3.58-3.63 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.02 (dd, $J = 15.8, 6.5$ Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.49 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.00-7.04 (m, 2H, ArCH), 7.31-7.35 (m, 2H, ArCH).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 24.8 (CH_3), 24.9 (CH_3), 29.6 (CH-CN), 84.1 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 115.6 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz, ArCH), 121.1 (CN), 124.7 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, CH=CH), 128.0 (d, $J = 31.9$ Hz, ArCH), 131.2 (CH=CH), 132.0 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, ArC), 161.6 (d, $J = 246.2$ Hz, ArC), (CH_2B not observed).

^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 32.7.

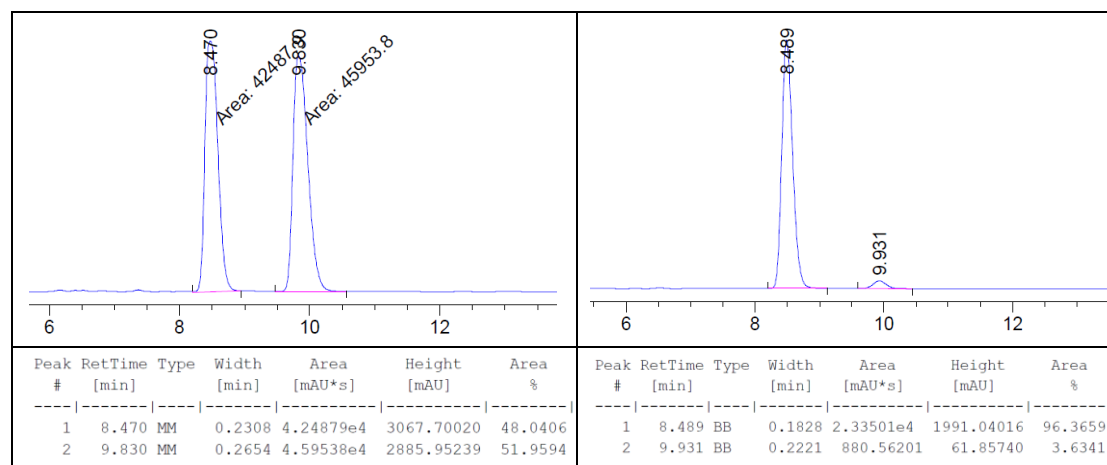
^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm -113.6.

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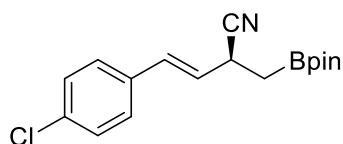
ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}): 2979, 2932, 2360, 2240, 1734, 1602, 1509, 1409, 1372, 1334, 1228, 1141, 966.

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} +15.8$ ($c = 1.17$, CHCl_3).

Enantiomeric purity of **4e** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (93% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4f**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 90% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO_2 as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a

white solid (56 mg, 0.178 mmol, 89%). Melting Point: 43-44 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.26 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.30 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.41 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.59-3.63 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.08-6.13 (m, 1H, CH=CH), 6.65 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.26-7.32 (m, 4H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 24.9 (CH₃), 29.7 (CH-CN), 84.1 (C(CH₃)₂), 121.0 (CN), 125.6 (CH=CH), 127.7 (ArCH), 128.9 (ArCH), 131.2 (CH=CH), 133.8 (ArC), 134.4 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed).

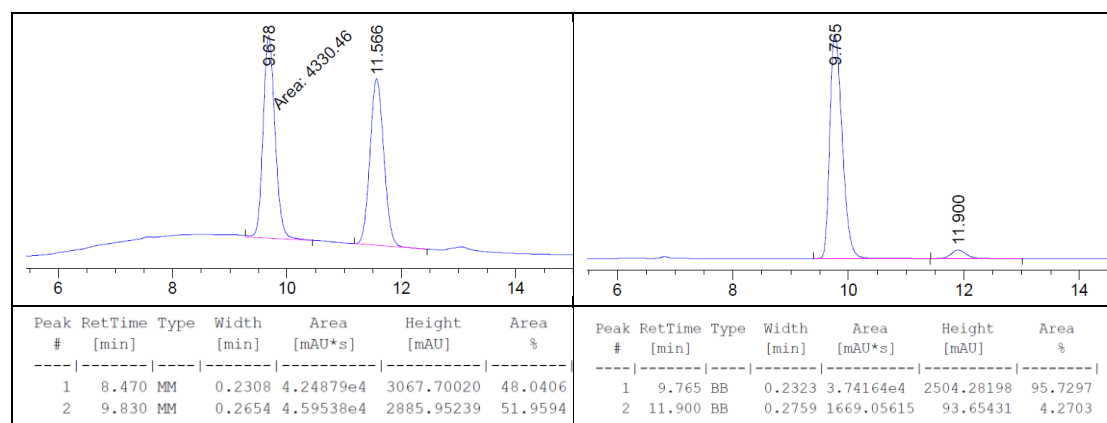
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.7.

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₁ClBNO₂ [M+H]: 318.1427, found: 318.1420.

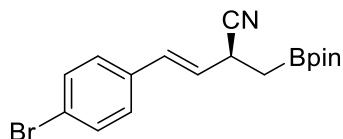
*v*_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2978, 2931, 2241, 1738, 1594, 1491, 1372, 1333, 1141, 1091, 966.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷+3.8 (*c* = 0.35, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4f** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (91% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4g**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 80% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a

white solid (52 mg, 0.144 mmol, 72%). Melting Point: 42-44 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.28 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.32 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.43 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.60-3.64 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.11 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.23-7.26 (m, 2H, ArCH), 7.46-7.48 (m, 2H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 24.9 (CH₃), 29.7 (CH-CN), 84.1 (C(CH₃)₂), 121.0 (CN), 122.0 (ArC), 125.7 (CH=CH), 128.0 (ArCH), 131.3 (CH=CH), 131.8 (ArCH), 134.8 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed)

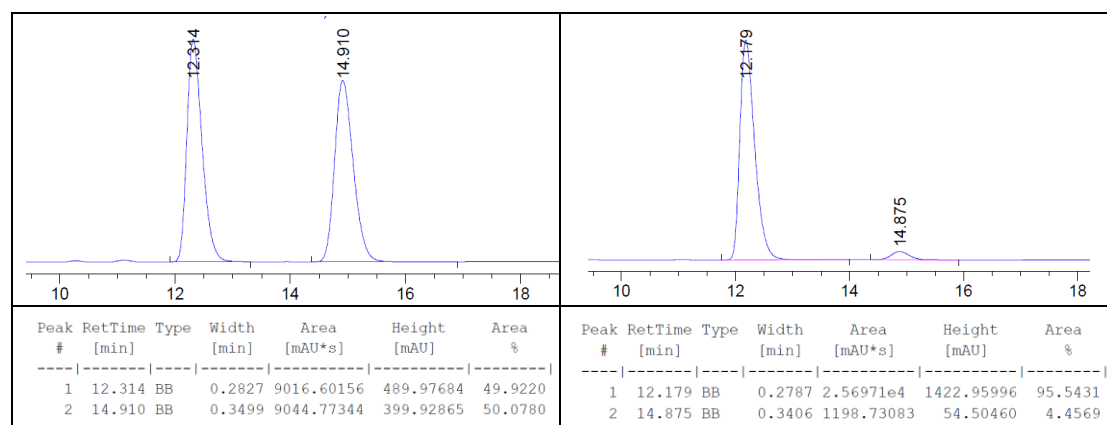
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.7.

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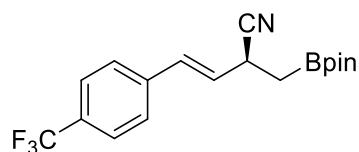
*v*_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2978, 2932, 2240, 1588, 1488, 1372, 1333, 1279, 1167, 1141, 1072, 1008, 966.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷+19.6 (*c* = 0.67, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4g** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (91% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-2-((4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-3-enenitrile (4h**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 77%

NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid (41 mg, 0.118 mmol, 59%). Melting Point: 35-37 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.27 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.32 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.43 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.62-3.67 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.21 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.4 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.74 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArCH), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 16.5 (CH₂Bpin), 24.8 (CH₃), 24.8 (CH₃), 29.7 (CH-CN), 84.1 (C(CH₃)₂), 120.8 (CN), 123.0 (q, *J* = 270.2 Hz, CF₃), 125.6 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz, ArCH), 126.7 (CH=CH), 127.6 (ArCH), 129.6 (q, *J* = 32.1 Hz, ArC), 131.1 (CH=CH), 139.3 (ArC)

¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.4.

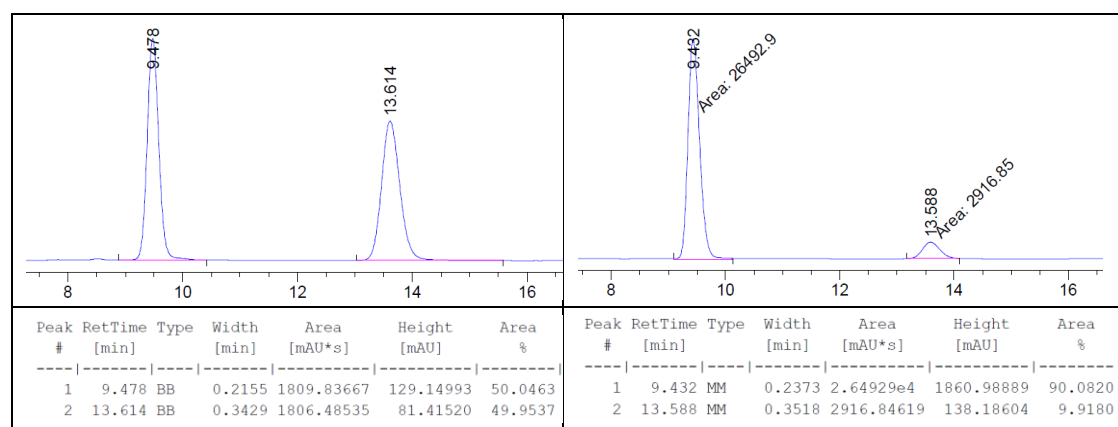
¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm -62.6.

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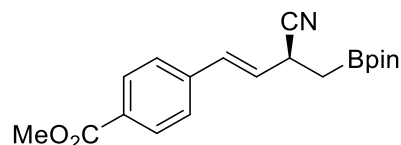
*v*_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2980, 2242, 1616, 1373, 1323, 1268, 1165, 1122, 1067, 1016, 966.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷+19.1 (*c* = 1.31, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4h** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (80% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



Methyl (S,E)-4-(3-cyano-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)but-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (4i)



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 80% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/ACOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (39 mg, 0.114 mmol, 57%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.28 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.34 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.45 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.64-3.68 (m, 1H, CHCN), 3.94 (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.24 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.75 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, ArCH), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArCH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 24.8 (CH₃), 29.7 (CH-CN), 52.1 (OCH₃), 84.1 (C(CH₃)₂), 120.8 (CN), 126.4 (ArCH), 127.6 (CH=CH), 129.6 (ArC), 130.0 (ArCH), 127.4 (ArCH), 131.5 (CH=CH), 140.3 (ArC), 166.7 (CO), (CH₂B not observed).

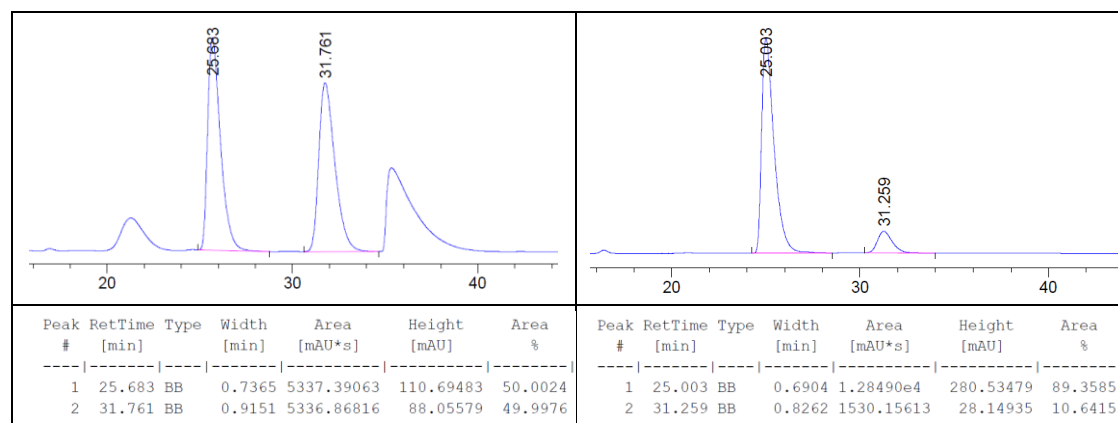
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.8.

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₄BNO₄ [M+H]: 324.1871, found: 324.1868.

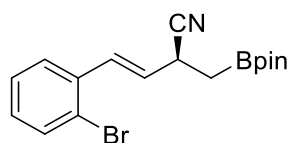
ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2979, 2242, 1720, 1608, 1436, 1372, 1334, 1278, 1178, 1141, 1109, 966.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷+2.8 (*c* = 1.15, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4i** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (79% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4j**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 74% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (47 mg, 0.130 mmol, 65%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.29 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.35 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.45 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.3 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.65-3.69 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.08 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.49 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.14-7.17 (m, 1H, ArCH), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 24.8 (CH₃), 29.8 (CH-CN), 84.1 (C(CH₃)₂), 121.0 (CN), 123.7 (ArC), 127.2 (CH=CH), 127.6 (ArCH), 127.9 (ArCH), 129.4 (ArCH), 131.5 (CH=CH), 133.1 (ArCH), 135.8 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed).

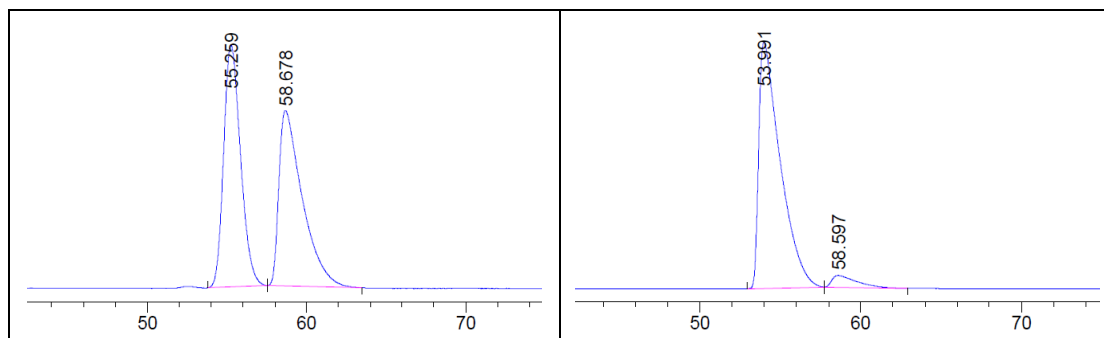
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.6.

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₁BB_rNO₂ [M+H]: 362.0921, found: 362.0918.

ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 3063, 2978, 2930, 2242, 1467, 1407, 1373, 1334, 1279, 1141, 966.

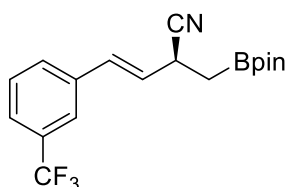
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Enantiomeric purity of **4j** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (90% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 995:5 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



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(*S,E*)-2-((4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-3-enenitrile (4k**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 82% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (51 mg, 0.146 mmol, 73%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.28 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.33 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.44 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.63-3.68 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.21 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.4 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.45-7.48 (m, 1H, ArCH), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArCH), 7.62 (s, 1H, ArCH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.7 (CH₃), 24.8 (CH₃), 29.6 (CH-CN), 84.2 (C(CH₃)₂), 120.8 (CN), 122.9 (q, *J* = 270.4 Hz, CF₃), 123.0 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz, ArCH), 124.6 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz, ArCH), 127.0 (CH=CH), 129.2 (ArCH), 129.7 (ArCH), 130.8 (q, *J* = 32.2 Hz, ArC), 131.0 (CH=CH), 136.7 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed)

¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.6.

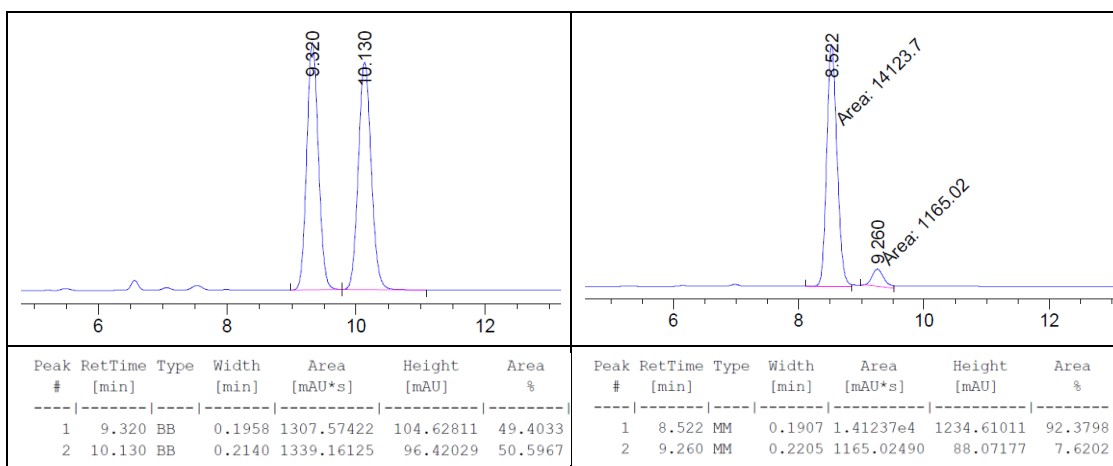
¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm -62.9.

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₁BF₃NO₂ [M+H]: 352.1690, found: 352.1685.

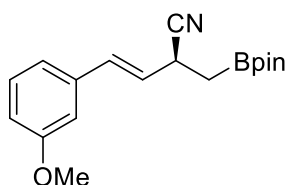
*v*_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2980, 2241, 1409, 1372, 1327, 1164, 1123, 1072, 965.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷+12.1 (*c* = 1.21, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4k** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (85% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4l**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 93% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (44 mg, 0.140 mmol, 70%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.28 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.32 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.42 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.60-3.65 (m, 1H, CHCN), 3.83 (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.11 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.67 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 6.90 (s, 1H, ArCH), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 24.9 (CH₃), 29.7 (CH-CN), 55.2 (OCH₃), 84.1 (C(CH₃)₂), 111.8 (ArCH), 113.8 (ArCH), 119.1 (ArCH), 121.2 (CN), 125.2 (CH=CH), 129.7 (ArCH), 132.3 (CH=CH), 137.3 (ArC), 159.8 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed)

¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.8.

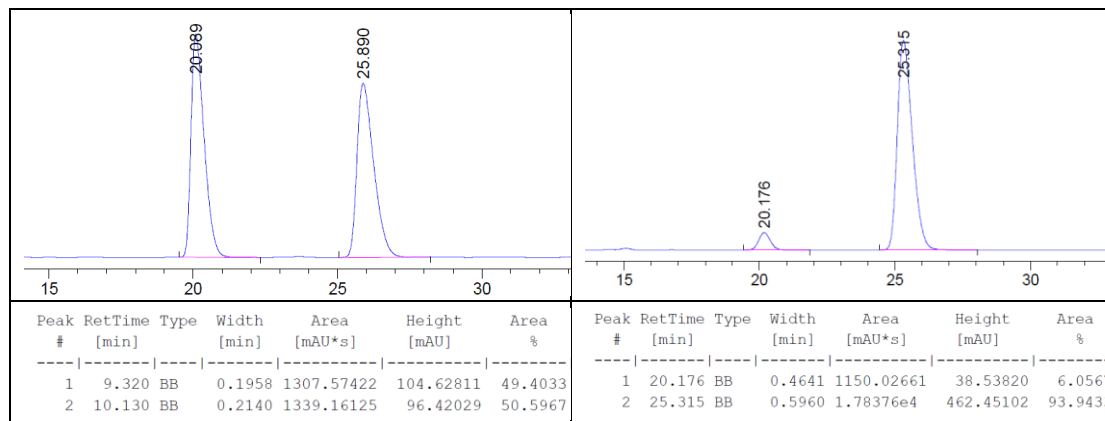
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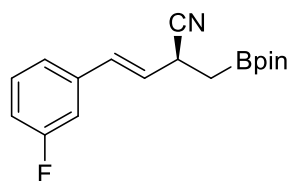
Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷+13.8 (*c* = 0.50, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4l** was determined by HPLC analysis in

comparison with authentic racemic material (88% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(3-Fluorophenyl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4m)



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 85% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (50 mg, 0.166 mmol, 83%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.28 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.32 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.42 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.61-3.66 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.13 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.49 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.96 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.07 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.28-7.33 (m, 1H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 24.8 (CH₃), 29.6 (CH-CN), 84.1 (C(CH₃)₂), 112.9 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz, ArCH), 114.9 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz, ArCH), 120.9 (CN), 122.5 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, ArCH), 126.4 (CH=CH), 130.1 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, ArCH), 131.3 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, CH=CH), 138.2 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, ArC), 162.1 (d, *J* = 244.1 Hz, ArC), (CH₂B not observed).

¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.8.

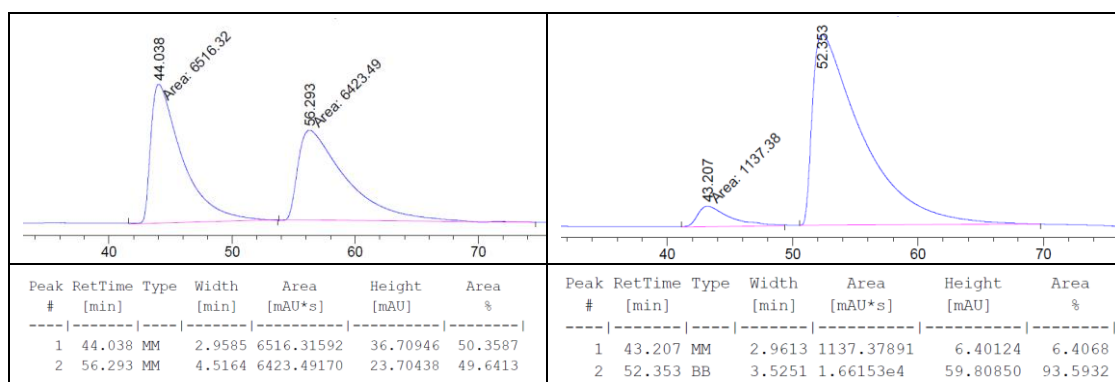
¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm -113.2.

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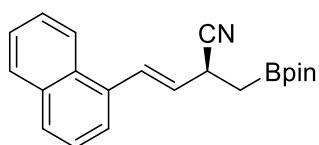
ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2979, 2932, 2241, 1611, 1583, 1487, 1371, 1332, 1267, 1166, 1140, 965.

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} +13.4$ (c = 1.11, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4m** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (87% e.e. shown; IA-H column, 998:2 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4n**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 76% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (49 mg, 0.148 mmol, 74%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.30 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.43 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.52 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.74-3.79 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.16 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.46-7.57 (m, 5H, ArCH and CH=CH), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.87-7.89 (m, 1H, ArCH), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 24.9 (CH₃), 30.0 (CH-CN), 84.1 (C(CH₃)₂), 121.3 (CN), 123.8 (CH=CH), 124.1 (ArCH), 125.6 (ArCH), 126.0 (ArCH), 126.3 (ArCH),

128.1 (ArCH), 128.5 (ArCH), 128.6 (ArCH), 129.9 (CH=CH), 131.0 (ArC), 133.6 (ArC), 133.7 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed).

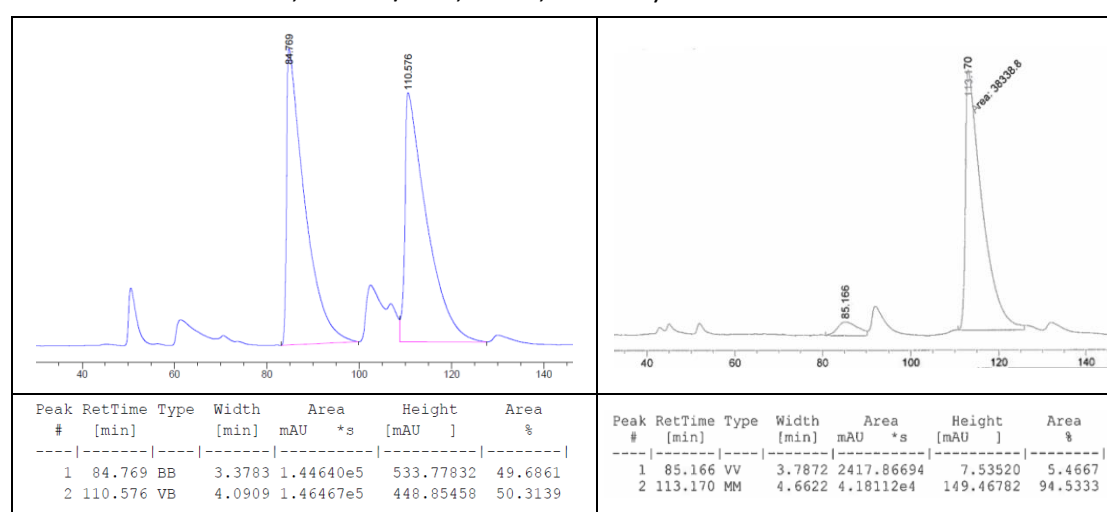
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.8.

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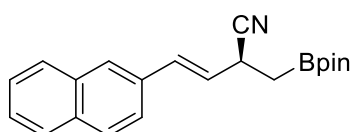
ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 3060, 2977, 2932, 2239, 1591, 1508, 1371, 1333, 1272, 1040, 965.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷+24.8 (c = 0.55, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4n** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (89% e.e. shown; IB-H column, 998:2 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 210 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4o**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 88% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid (57 mg, 0.172 mmol, 86%). Melting Point: 52-53 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.29 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.37 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.47 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.67-3.72 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.24 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.87 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.46-7.53 (m, 2H, ArCH),

7.56 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.76 (s, 1H, ArCH), 7.81-7.84 (m, 3H, ArCH).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 24.8 (CH_3), 24.9 (CH_3), 29.8 (CH-CN), 84.1 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 121.3 (CN), 123.3 (CH=CH), 125.2 (ArCH), 126.2 (ArCH), 126.4 (ArCH), 126.8 (ArCH), 127.7 (ArCH), 128.0 (ArCH), 128.4 (ArCH), 132.5 (CH=CH), 133.2 (ArC), 133.3 (ArC), 133.5 (ArC), (CH_2B not observed).

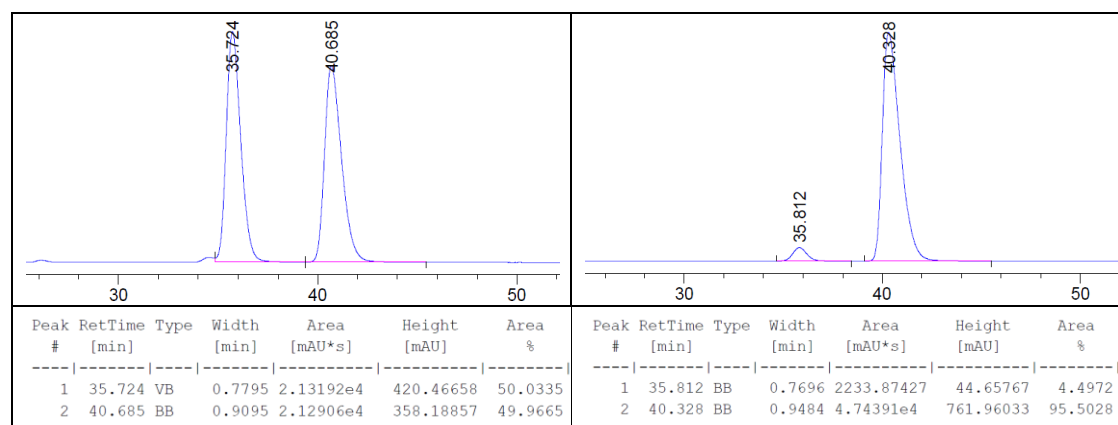
^{11}B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 32.5.

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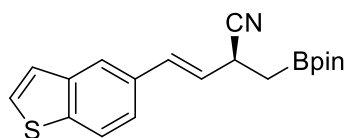
ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}): 2977, 2930, 2240, 1739, 1508, 1407, 1371, 1334, 1271, 1141, 965.

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} +30.3$ ($c = 0.78$, CHCl_3).

Enantiomeric purity of **4o** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (91% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(Benzo[*b*]thiophen-5-yl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4p**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 93% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO_2 as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid (61 mg, 0.180 mmol, 90%). Melting Point: 45-47 °C.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 1.28 (s, 12H, 4 x CH_3), 1.36 (dd, $J = 16.1, 8.3$ Hz, 1H,

CH₂Bpin), 1.46 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.65-3.69 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.17 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.65 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.33 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.46 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.79 (s, 1H, ArCH), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 24.9 (CH₃), 29.8 (CH-CN), 84.1 (C(CH₃)₂), 121.3 (CN), 122.1 (ArCH), 122.4 (ArCH), 122.7 (ArCH), 123.9 (ArCH), 124.5 (CH=CH), 127.2 (ArCH), 132.3 (ArC), 132.5 (CH=CH), 139.4 (ArC), 140.0 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed)

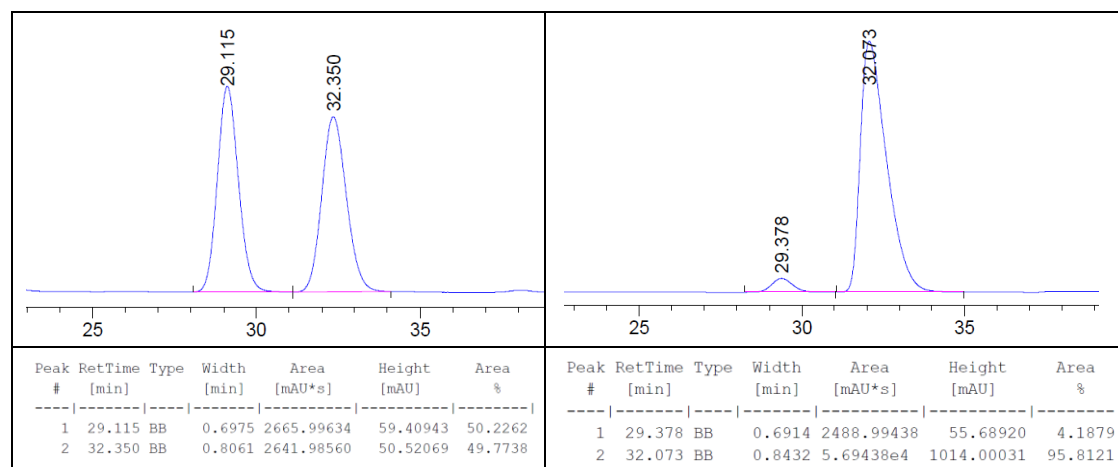
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.8.

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₂BSNO₂ [M+H]: 340.1537, found: 340.1535.

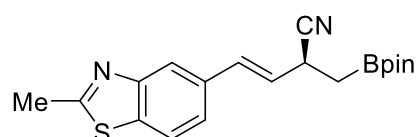
*v*_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2977, 2930, 2239, 1468, 1406, 1371, 1331, 1270, 1166, 1141, 1050, 965.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷ +21.4 (*c* = 1.20, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4p** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (92% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 90:10 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(2-Methylbenzo[d]thiazol-5-yl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4q**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 81%

NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/10/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (55 mg, 0.156 mmol, 78%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.28 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.35 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 8.3 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.45 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 2.85 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.65-3.69 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.19 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.82 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.91 (s, 1H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 20.2 (CH₃), 24.8 (CH₃), 24.9 (CH₃), 29.7 (CH-CN), 84.1 (C(CH₃)₂), 120.3 (ArCH), 121.2 (CN), 121.5 (ArCH), 123.1 (CH=CH), 125.3 (ArCH), 132.2 (CH=CH), 134.2 (ArC), 135.3 (ArC), 153.9 (ArC), 167.9 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed).

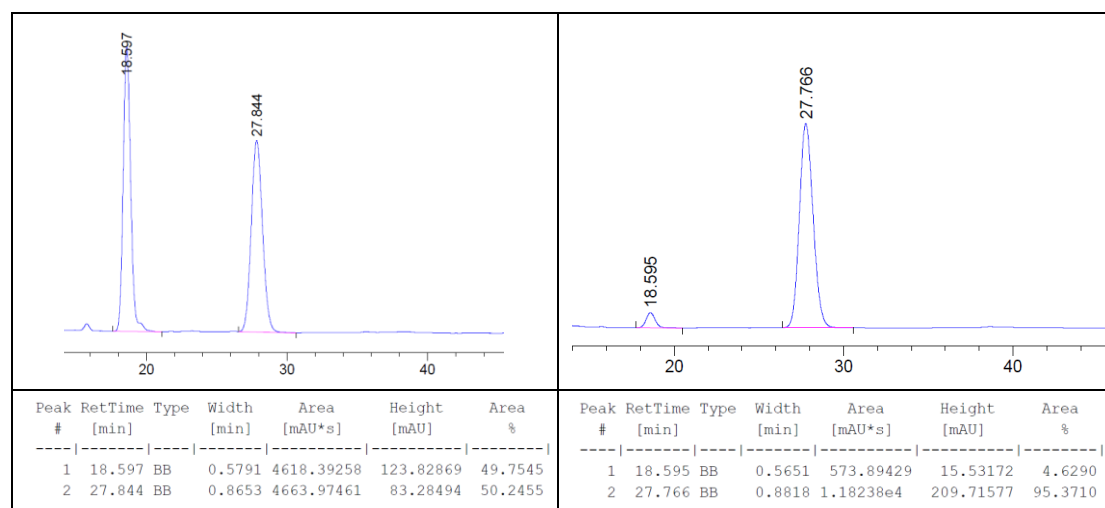
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 31.9.

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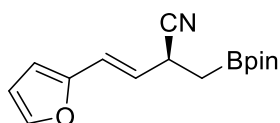
ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2978, 2239, 1610, 1517, 1446, 1372, 1332, 1157, 1091.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷+11.4 (*c* = 2.30, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4q** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (91% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 90:10 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(Furan-2-yl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4r**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 88% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (42 mg, 0.154 mmol, 77%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.27 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.28 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.40 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.4 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.58-3.62 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.06 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.28 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 6.38-6.39 (m, ArCH), 6.51 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.36 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 24.8 (CH₃), 29.5 (CH-CN), 84.1 (C(CH₃)₂), 109.0 (ArCH), 111.4 (ArCH), 119.4 (ArCH), 121.0 (CN), 123.4 (CH=CH), 142.4 (CH=CH), 151.4 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed).

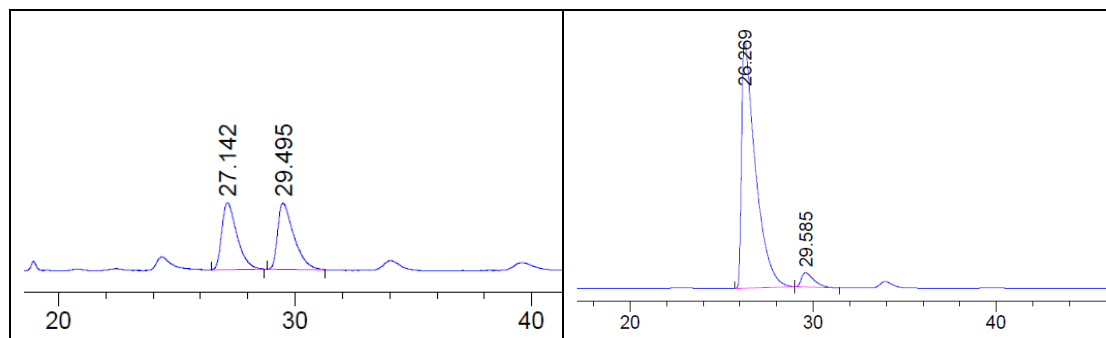
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.5.

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₅H₂₀BNO₃ [M+Na]: 296.1428, found: 296.1418.

ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2979, 2932, 2243, 1788, 1682, 1372, 1333, 1271, 1167, 1140, 966.

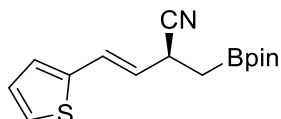
Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷ +12.8 (*c* = 0.70, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4r** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (90% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 998:2 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



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(*S,E*)-2-((4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)-4-(thiophen-2-yl)but-3-enenitrile (4s**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 80% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (45 mg, 0.156 mmol, 78%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.27 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.29 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.41 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.56-3.61 (m, 1H, CHCN), 5.95 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.82 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.97-6.98 (m, 2H, ArCH), 7.18-19 (m, 1H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.7 (CH₃), 24.9 (CH₃), 29.5 (CH-CN), 84.1 (C(CH₃)₂), 121.0 (CN), 124.3 (ArCH), 124.9 (CH=CH), 125.5 (ArCH), 126.5 (ArCH), 127.5 (CH=CH), 140.7 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed).

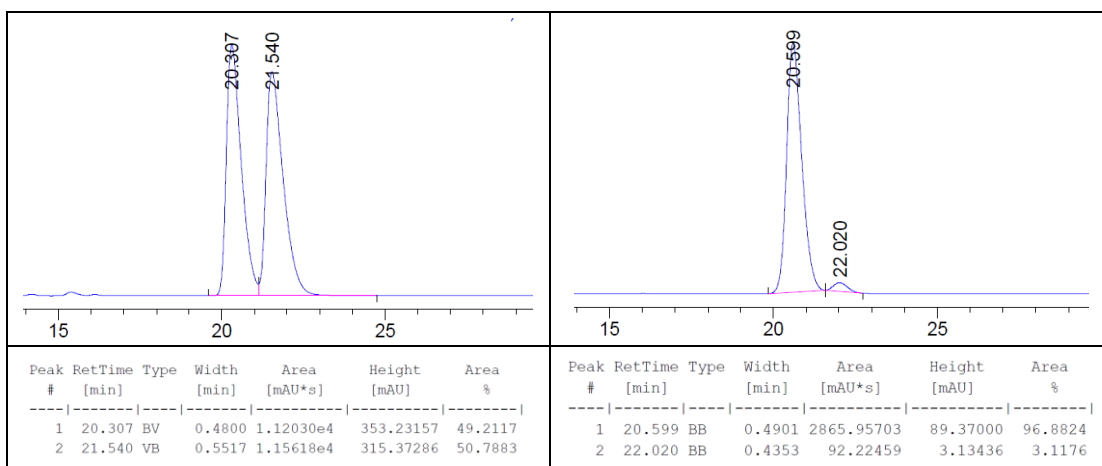
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.5.

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₅H₂₀BSNO₂ [M+H]: 290.1381, found: 290.1377.

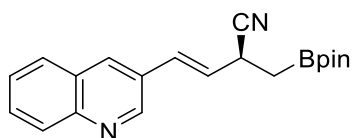
ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2978, 2932, 2241, 1647, 1470, 1407, 1372, 1333, 1271, 1167, 1141, 965.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷+10.7 (*c* = 0.71, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4s** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (94% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 998:2 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(Quinolin-3-yl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4t)



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 76% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (using deactivated silica, Hexane/EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ = 10/1/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (48 mg, 0.144 mmol, 72%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.29 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.39 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.49 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.70-3.75 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.38 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.3 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.89 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.70-7.74 (m, 1H, ArCH), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 8.07-8.11 (m, 2H, ArCH), 9.00 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 24.9 (CH₃), 29.9 (CH-CN), 84.2 (C(CH₃)₂), 120.8 (CN), 127.2 (CH=CH), 127.3 (ArCH), 127.9 (ArC), 127.9 (ArCH), 128.8 (ArC), 129.3 (ArCH), 129.3 (ArCH), 129.6 (ArCH), 133.1 (CH=CH), 147.7 (ArC), 148.9 (ArCH), (CH₂B not observed)

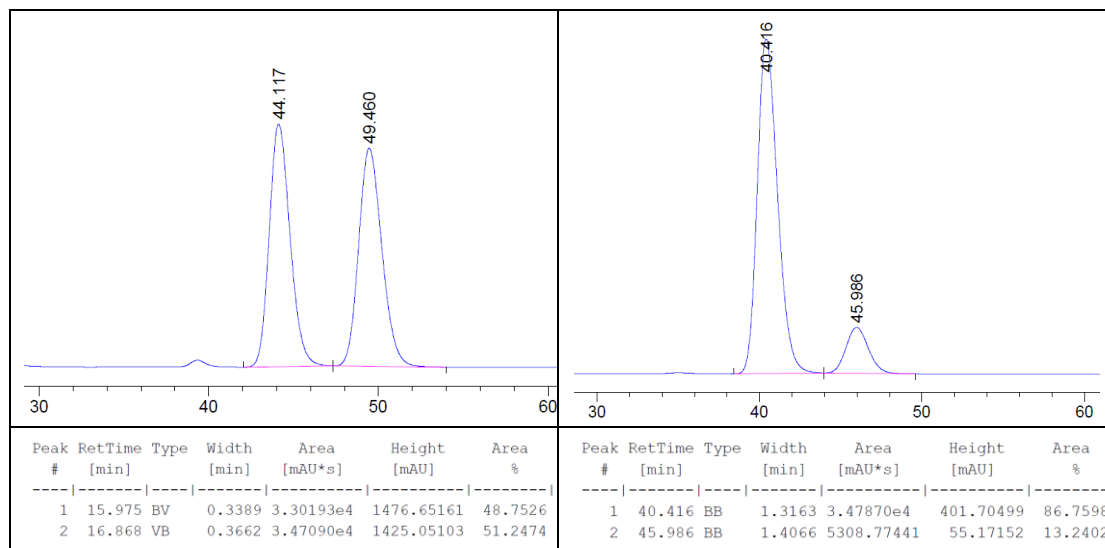
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 33.2.

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₃BN₂O₂ [M+H]: 335.1925, found: 335.1915.

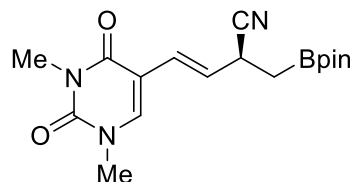
*ν*_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2977, 2241, 1611, 1518, 1371, 1333, 1158, 1141, 1092, 965.

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{27} +9.1$ ($c = 2.70$, CHCl_3).

Enantiomeric purity of **4t** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (74% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 90:10 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-(1,3-Dimethyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidin-5-yl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4u**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (=7:1 *rs* and 54% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO_2 as internal standard). Column chromatography (using deactivated silica, Hexane/EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 = 10/1/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid (34 mg, 0.098 mmol, 49%). Melting Point: 72-74 °C.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 1.24-1.30 (m, 13H, 4 x CH_3 and 1H from CH_2Bpin), 1.35 (dd, $J = 16.1, 7.9$ Hz, 1H, CH_2Bpin), 3.37 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.45 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.55-3.60 (m, 1H, CHCN), 6.32 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}$), 6.64 (dd, $J = 15.7, 6.2$ Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}$), 7.22 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}=\text{C}$).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 24.8 (CH_3), 24.8 (CH_3), 28.1 (CH-CN), 30.2 (CH_3), 37.2 (CH_3), 84.1 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 109.8 (C=CH), 120.1 (CN), 123.7 (CH=CH), 126.6 (CH=C), 140.9 (CH=CH), 151.0 (C=O), 161.8 (C=O), (CH_2B not observed)

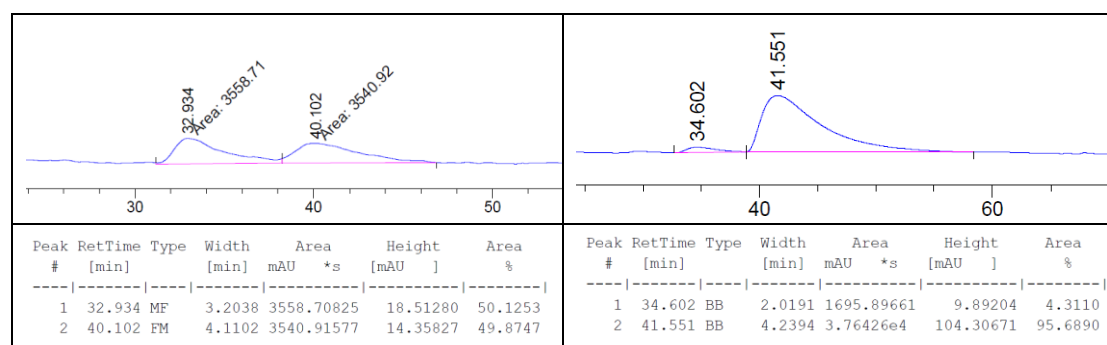
^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 32.2.

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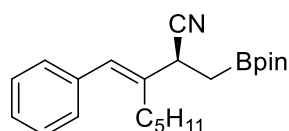
ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}): 2978, 2240, 1705, 1611, 1455, 1371, 1143, 1091, 967.

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27}$ -25.2 ($c = 0.30$, CHCl_3).

Enantiomeric purity of **4u** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (90% e.e. shown; AD-H column, 90:10 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 210 nm).



(*S,E*)-3-Benzylidene-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)octanenitrile (4v)



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 55% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO_2 as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (36 mg, 0.102 mmol, 51%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 0.87 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H, CH_3), 1.28-1.31 (m, 16H, 4 x CH_3 and 2 x CH_2), 1.45 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2Bpin), 1.50-1.56 (m, 2H, CH_2), 2.26-2.32 (m, 1H, CH_2), 2.35-2.41 (m, 1H, CH_2), 3.56 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, CHCN), 6.62 (s, 1H, CH=C), 7.22-7.28 (m, 3H, ArCH), 7.34-7.37 (m, 2H, ArCH).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 14.0 (CH_3), 22.3 (CH_2), 24.8 (CH_3), 24.9 (CH_3), 28.1 (CH_2), 29.9 (CH_2), 31.8 (CH_2), 33.2 (CH-CN), 84.0 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 121.9 (CN), 126.9 ($\text{CH}=\text{C}$), 128.1 (ArCH), 128.3 (ArCH), 128.5 (ArCH), 137.0 ($\text{C}=\text{CH}$), 138.6 (ArC), (CH_2B not observed)

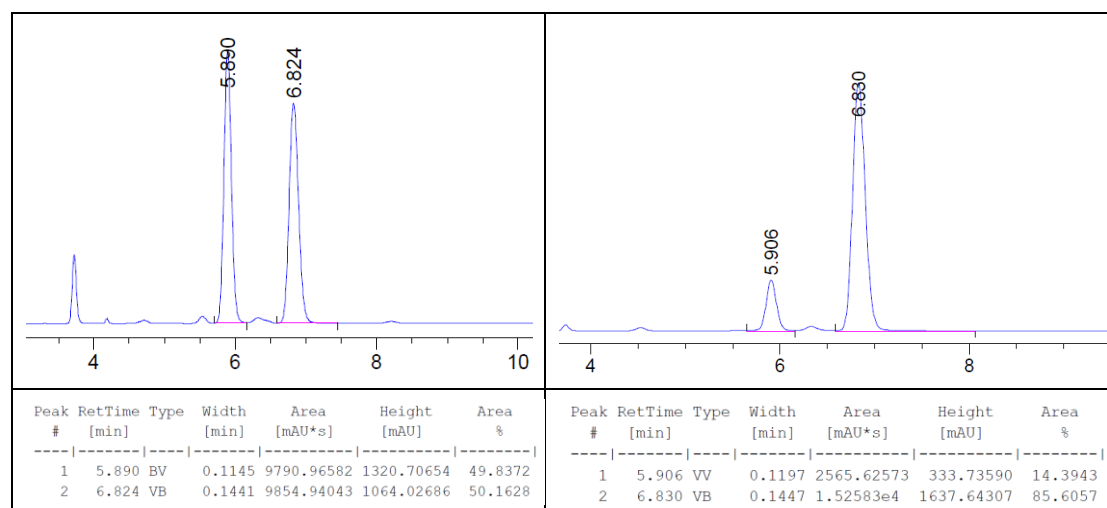
^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 32.6.

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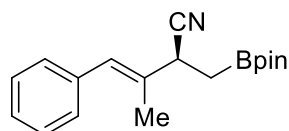
ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}): 2956, 2930, 2858, 2236, 1465, 1369, 1332, 1280, 1166, 1141, 1009, 966.

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27}$ -6.9 ($c = 0.45$, CHCl_3).

Enantiomeric purity of **4v** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (71% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-3-Methyl-4-phenyl-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4w**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 63% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO_2 as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a

colorless oil (34 mg, 0.114 mmol, 57%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 1.27 (s, 6H, 2 x CH_3), 1.28 (s, 6H, 2 x CH_3), 1.38 (dd, $J = 15.9, 7.9$ Hz, 1H, CH_2Bpin), 1.42 (dd, $J = 15.9, 8.1$ Hz, 1H, CH_2Bpin), 1.98 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.57 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, CHCN), 6.57 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}=\text{C}$), 7.24-7.28 (m, 3H, ArCH), 7.35-7.38 (m, 2H, ArCH).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 15.3 (CH_3), 24.8 (CH_3), 24.8 (CH_3), 36.3 (CH-CN), 84.0 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 121.5 (CN), 126.9 ($\text{CH}=\text{C}$), 128.2 (ArCH), 128.3 (ArCH), 128.9 (ArCH), 133.5 ($\text{C}=\text{CH}$), 136.8 (ArC), (CH_2B not observed).

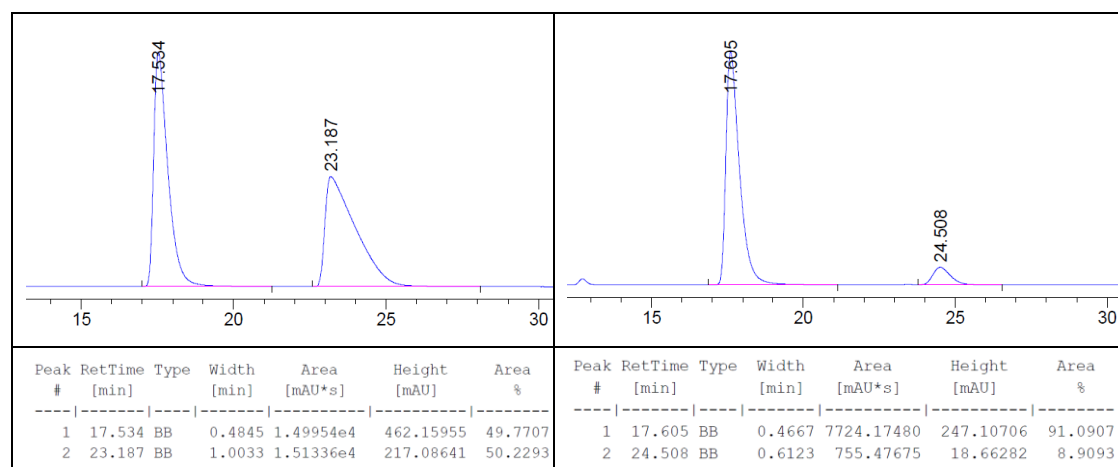
^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 32.9.

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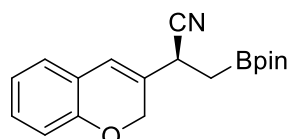
ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}): 2978, 2932, 2235, 1600, 1448, 1405, 1333, 1263, 1167, 1141, 966.

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} +22.3$ ($c = 1.01$, CHCl_3).

Enantiomeric purity of **4w** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (82% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(S)-2-(2H-Chromen-3-yl)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propanenitrile (4x)



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 63% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO_2 as internal standard). Column

chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (34 mg, 0.114 mmol, 57%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.27 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.36-1.47 (m, 2H, CH₂Bpin), 3.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CHCN), 4.80 (s, 2H, CH₂), 6.51 (s, 1H, CH=C), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, ArCH), 7.15 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.7 (CH₃), 24.8 (CH₃), 30.3 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, CH-CN), 66.1 (CH₂), 84.3 (C(CH₃)₂), 115.6 (ArCH), 119.9 (CN), 121.7 (ArC), 121.7 (ArCH), 122.0 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, CH=C), 126.9 (ArCH), 128.8 (C=CH), 129.6 (ArCH), 153.1 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed).

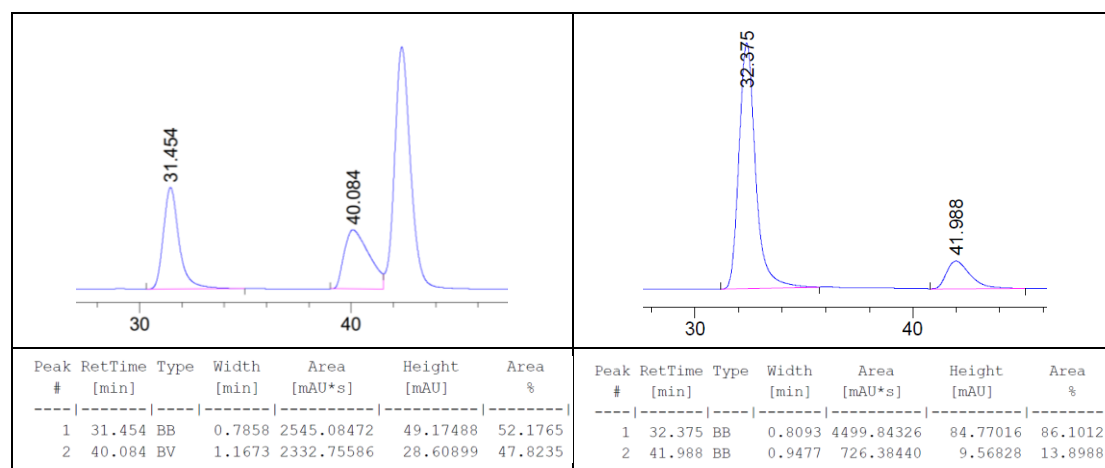
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.2.

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₂BNO₃ [M+H]⁺: 312.1766, found: 312.1762.

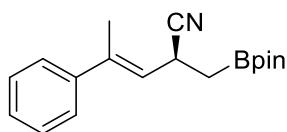
ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2978, 2932, 2242, 1714, 1607, 1579, 1488, 1460, 1372, 1336, 1280, 1167, 1141, 1038.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷ -0.6 (*c* = 1.9, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4x** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (72% e.e. shown; IA-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S,E*)-4-Phenyl-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)pent-3-enenitrile (4y**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (13:1 *rs* and 35% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/ACOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (13 mg, 0.044 mmol, 22%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.26 (s, 6H, 2 x CH₃), 1.27 (s, 6H, 2 x CH₃), 1.31 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 8.3 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.43 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 2.15 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.73-3.79 (m, 1H, CHCN), 5.63 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H, CH=C), 7.30-7.39 (m, 5H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 16.6 (CH₃), 24.8 (CH₃), 25.8 (CH-CN), 84.0 (C(CH₃)₂), 121.8 (CN), 123.5 (CH=C), 125.9 (ArCH), 127.6 (ArCH), 128.4 (ArCH), 139.2 (C=CH), 142.4 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed).

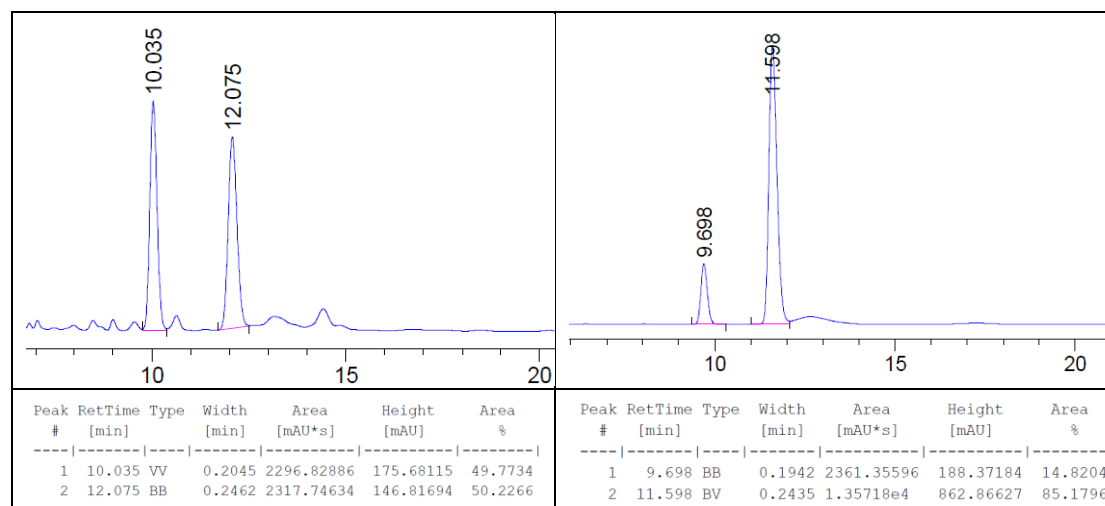
¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.7.

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₄BNO₂ [M+Na]: 320.1792, found: 320.1787.

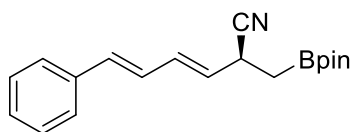
ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2978, 2930, 2236, 1494, 1446, 1372, 1333, 1273, 1166, 1142, 966.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷ +25.3 (*c* = 0.42, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4y** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (70% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 99:1 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(*S*,*3E*,*5E*)-6-Phenyl-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)hexa-3,5-dienenitrile (4z**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 63% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard). Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/ACOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (25 mg, 0.082 mmol, 41%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.28-1.33 (m, 13H, 4 x CH₃ and 1H from CH₂Bpin), 1.39 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 3.54-3.58 (m, 1H, CHCN), 5.72 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.49 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 10.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.60 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.72 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 10.3 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.25-7.28 (m, 1H, ArCH), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H, ArCH), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 24.8 (CH₃), 29.5 (CH-CN), 84.0 (C(CH₃)₂), 121.1 (CN), 126.5 (ArCH), 127.2 (CH=CH), 127.9 (CH=CH), 128.4 (CH=CH), 128.7 (ArCH), 132.8 (CH=CH), 133.8 (ArCH), 136.8 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed).

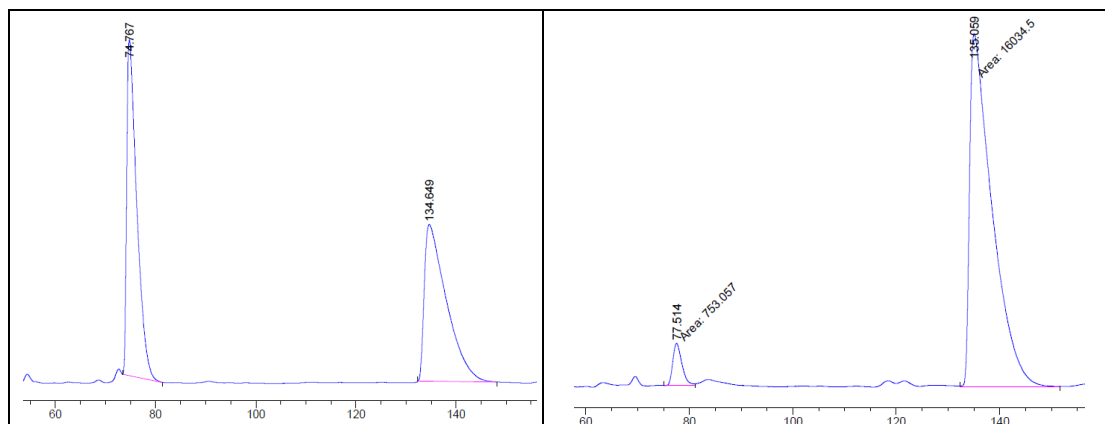
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.4.

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₄BNO₂ [*M*+Na]: 332.1792, found: 332.1796.

ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2978, 2242, 1738, 1449, 1373, 1338, 1271, 1216, 1142, 968.

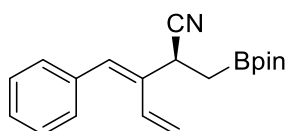
Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷+6.9 (*c* = 1.04, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **4z** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (91% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 998:2 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



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(*S,E*)-3-Benzylidene-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)pent-4-enenitrile (9**)**



Prepared according to the General Procedure, on a 0.2 mmol scale (>20:1 *rs* and 72% NMR yield of crude material using MeNO₂ as internal standard), column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/AcOH = 100/3/1) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (42 mg, 0.136 mmol, 68%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.28 (s, 6H, 2 x CH₃), 1.29 (s, 6H, 2 x CH₃), 1.49-1.57 (m, 2H, CH₂Bpin), 3.91 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CHCN), 5.32 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H, CH₂=CH), 5.49 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1H, CH₂=CH), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 11.4 Hz, 1H, CH₂=CH), 6.86 (s, 1H, CH=C), 7.28-7.31 (m, 3H, ArCH), 7.35-7.38 (m, 2H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 24.9 (CH₃), 30.0 (CH-CN), 84.0 (C(CH₃)₂), 116.5 (CH₂=CH), 121.8 (CN), 127.6 (ArCH), 128.2 (ArCH), 129.5 (ArCH), 131.1 (CH=C), 131.6 (CH₂=CH), 134.6 (CH=C), 136.0 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed)

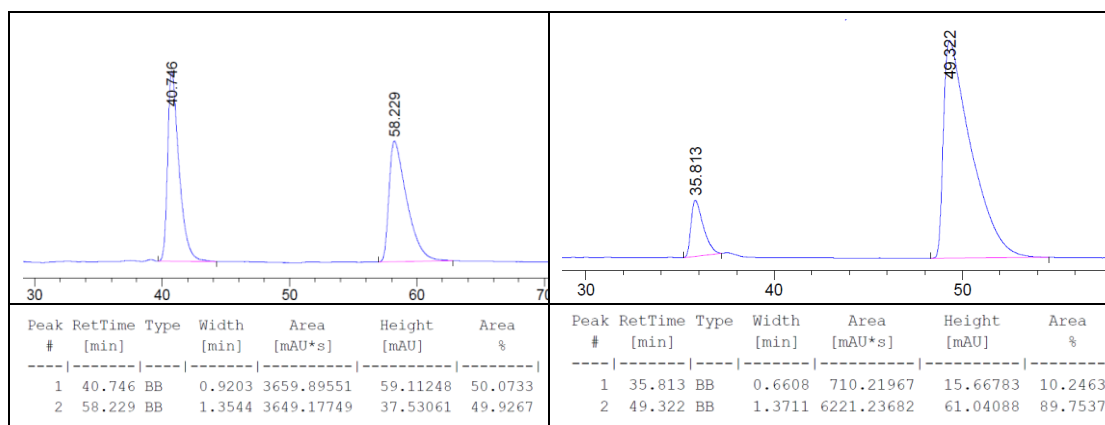
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.6.

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₄BNO₂ [*M*+H]: 310.1973, found: 310.1959.

*v*_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2978, 2932, 2238, 1674, 1450, 1372, 1333, 1271, 1167, 1141, 966.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷+3.3 (*c* = 2.38, CHCl₃).

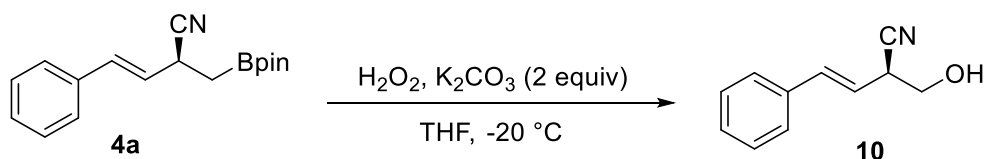
Enantiomeric purity of **9** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (80% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 998:2 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



Compound **9** was transformed into the corresponding ester **S2** after Bpin oxidation and esterification of the resulting alcohol. The absolute configuration of the corresponding ester **S2** was determined by X-ray crystallography after recrystallization.

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(*S,E*)-2-(Hydroxymethyl)-4-phenylbut-3-enenitrile (**10**)



To a 10 mL vial was added **4a** (57 mg, 0.2 mmol), K₂CO₃ (55mg, 0.4 mmol) and 2 mL THF. The solution was stirred at -20 °C for 5 min before H₂O₂ (0.1mL, 30% wt. in H₂O) was added drop-wise. The reaction mixture was monitored by TLC and quenched by addition of saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ (2 mL). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried by anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, eluting with 10:1 to 4:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford the pure alcohol **10** (31 mg, 0.180 mmol, 90%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 2.45 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H, OH), 3.63-3.66 (m, 1H, CHCN), 3.89 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 6.04 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.80 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.28-7.40 (m, 5H, ArCH).

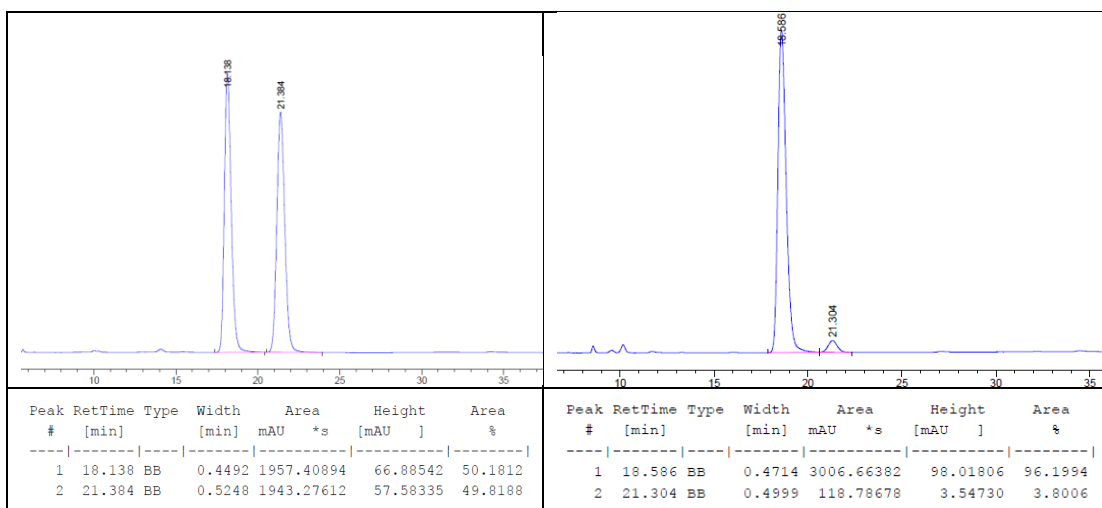
¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 38.1 (CHCN), 63.4 (CH₂), 118.7 (CN), 119.1 (ArCH), 126.7 (ArCH), 128.6 (CH=CH), 128.8 (ArCH), 135.3 (ArC), 135.6 (CH=CH).

HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₁NO [M+H]: 174.0913, found: 174.0906.

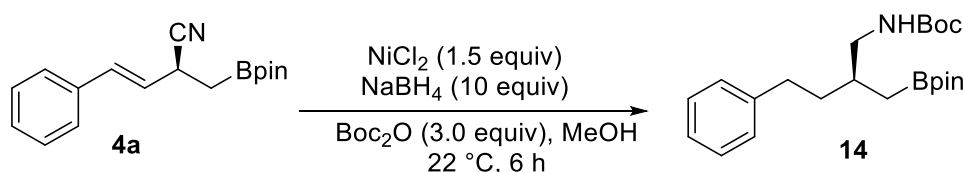
ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 3422, 3027, 2946, 2885, 2246, 1495, 1449, 1374, 1208, 1057, 965.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷+12.2 (*c* = 1.16, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **10** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (92% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 90:10 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



tert-Butyl (S)-(4-phenyl-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)butyl)carbamate⁴ (14)



To a solution of compound **4a** (28 mg, 0.1 mmol), NiCl_2 (19 mg, 0.15 mmol) and Boc_2O (65 mg, 0.3 mmol) in MeOH at 0 °C was added NaBH_4 (38 mg, 1 mmol). The mixture was allowed to stir for 4 h at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NH_4Cl and diluted with Et_2O . The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with Et_2O . The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with Na_2SO_4 , and evaporated at reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, eluting with 10:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford compound **14** (22 mg, 0.056 mmol, 56%).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 0.81-0.93 (m, 2H, CH_2Bpin), 1.27 (s, 6H, 2 x CH_3), 1.28 (s, 6H, 2 x CH_3), 1.46 (s, 9H, 3 x CH_3), 1.53-1.58 (m, 1H, CH_2), 1.62-1.70 (m, 1H, CH_2), 1.82-1.87 (m, 1H, CH), 2.66 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 3.03-3.08 (m, 1H, CH_2N), 3.21-3.26 (m, 1H, CH_2N), 4.95 (s, 1H, NH), 7.17-7.20 (m, 3H, ArCH), 7.27-7.30 (m, 2H, ArCH).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 24.8 (2 x CH_3), 24.9 (2 x CH_3), 28.5 (3 x CH_3), 33.3 (CH_2), 34.6 (CH), 36.8 (CH_2), 46.2 (CH_2), 77.2 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 83.3 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 125.6 (ArCH), 128.3 (ArCH), 128.3 (ArCH), 142.7 (ArC), 156.1 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$).

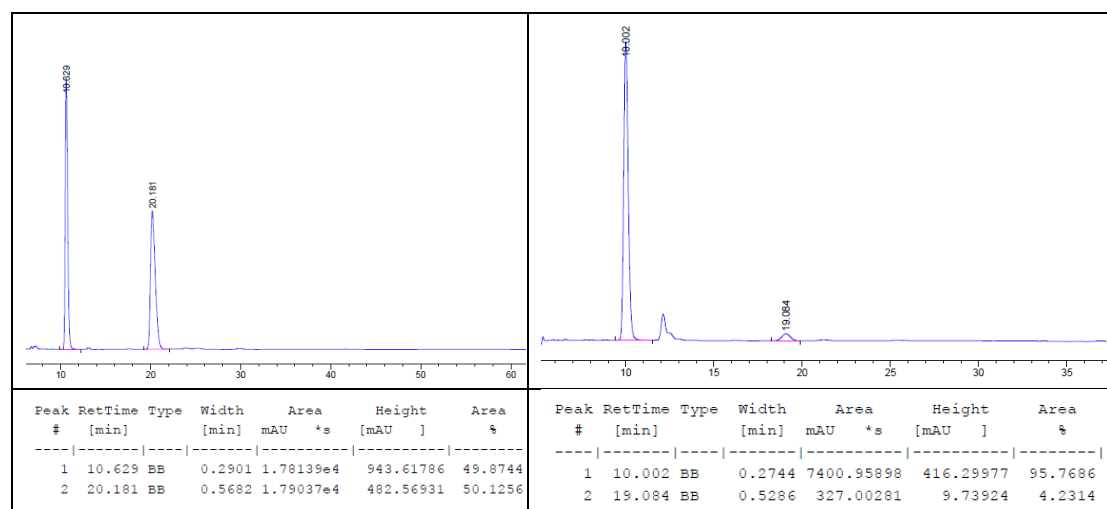
^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 34.0.

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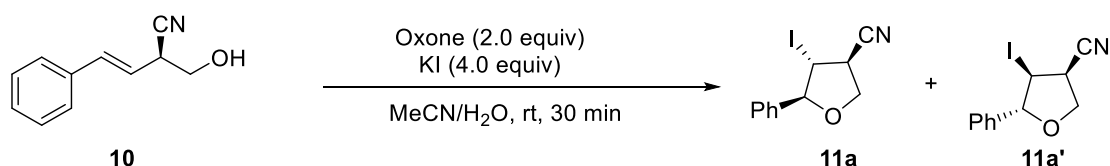
ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 3370, 3026, 2977, 2928, 1715, 1509, 1454, 1366, 1320, 1248, 1167, 1144, 968.

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{27} +2.0$ (c = 2.24, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **14** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (91% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 90:10 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 210 nm).



(3S,4R,5S)-4-Iodo-5-phenyltetrahydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (11a) and (3S,4S,5R)-4-iodo-5-phenyltetrahydrofuran-3-carbonitrile⁵ (11a')



To a stirred solution of Oxone® (123 mg, 0.4 mmol) in 2.5 mL of a 4:1 H₂O-CH₃CN mixture, was added KI (133 mg, 0.8 mmol). After 10 min, to the deep purple solution was added **10** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol) in 1 mL of CH₃CN. The reaction was followed by TLC. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (10 mL), washed with a saturated solution of Na₂S₂O₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried and evaporated at reduced pressure. The crude product was then purified by column chromatography (silica gel, eluting with 10:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford **11a** and **11a'** (major **11a**, 26 mg, 0.088 mmol, 44%; minor **11a'**, 17

mg, 0.058 mmol, 29%).

HRMS (m/z, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₀INO [M+H]: 299.9880, found: 299.9866.

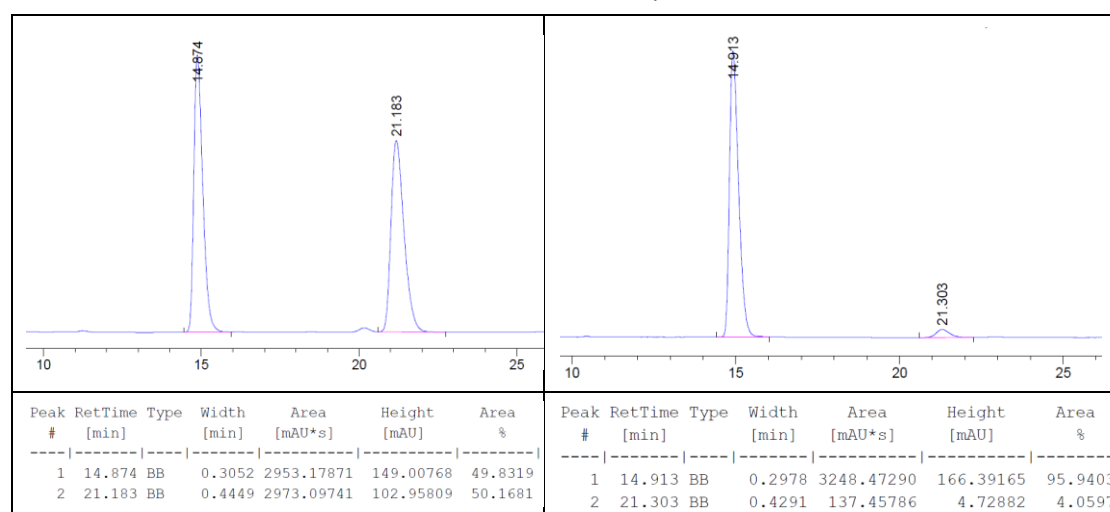
ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 3031, 2969, 2888, 2245, 1738, 1493, 1455, 1365, 1216, 1042, 1025, 976.

Major **11a**: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 3.50 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H, CH-CN), 4.13 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H, CH-I), 4.28 (dd, J = 9.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 4.49 (dd, J = 9.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 5.25 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.38-7.42 (m, 5H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 25.4 (CH-I), 38.2 (CH-CN), 69.8 (CH₂), 89.3 (CH-Ph), 118.3 (CN), 126.1 (ArCH), 128.8 (ArCH), 129.0 (ArCH), 137.3 (ArC).

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{27} +75.1$ (c = 0.88, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **11a** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (92% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 90:10 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



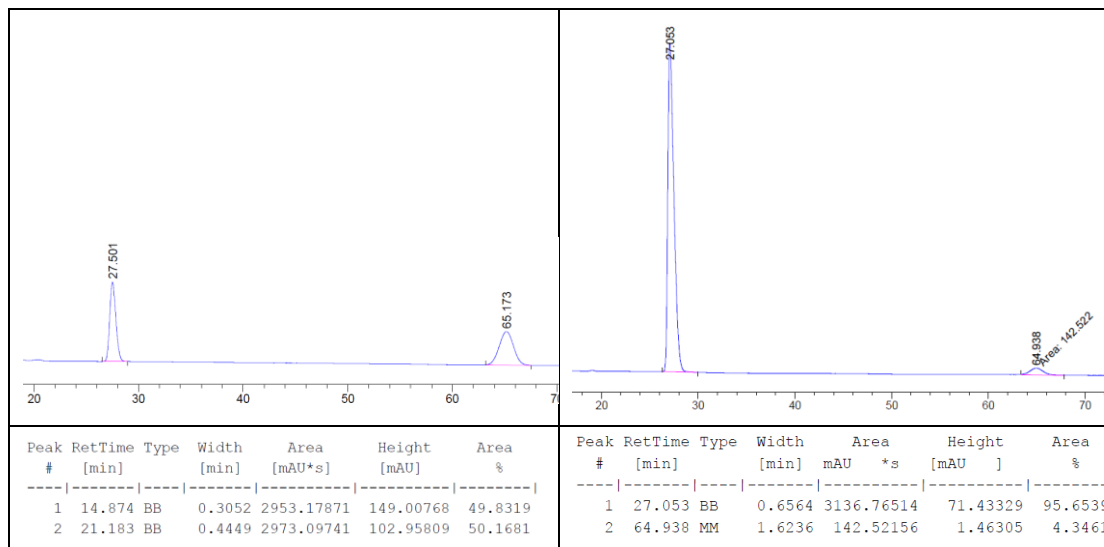
Minor **11a'**: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 3.49-3.54 (m, 1H, CH-CN), 4.07 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH-I), 4.26-4.29 (m, 1H, CH₂), 4.36-4.39 (m, 1H, CH₂), 5.02 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.40-7.44 (m, 3H, ArCH), 7.46-7.48 (m, 2H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.9 (CH-I), 41.8 (CH-CN), 69.8 (CH₂), 90.3 (CH-Ph), 118.1 (CN), 126.5 (ArCH), 128.9 (ArCH), 129.2 (ArCH), 136.0 (ArC).

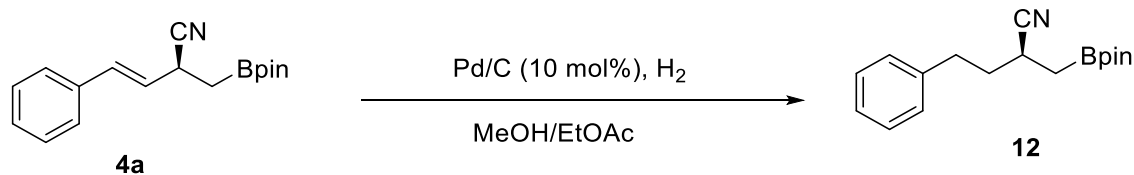
Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{27} +73.2$ (c = 0.73, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **11a'** was determined by HPLC analysis in

comparison with authentic racemic material (91% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 90:10 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 254 nm).



(S)-4-Phenyl-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)butanenitrile (12)



Compound **4a** (57 mg, 0.2 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (6mL) and EtOAc (3 mL) and Pd/C (10 wt. %, 21 mg, 0.02 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred under a hydrogen atmosphere for 12 h at room temperature. The reaction was filtered through celite, and the cake was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 5 mL). The organic layers were combined and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 30:1) to afford **12** as a colorless oil (56 mg, 0.196 mmol, 98%).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.15-1.24 (m, 2H, CH₂Bpin), 1.27 (s, 12H, 4 × CH₃), 1.87-2.01 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.71-2.78 (m, 2H, CHCN and CH₂), 2.88-2.94 (m, 1H, CH₂), 7.22-7.25 (m, 3H, ArCH), 7.31-7.34 (m, 2H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 26.4 (CH-CN), 33.4 (CH₂), 36.0 (CH₂), 83.9

(C(CH₃)₂), 123.0 (CN), 126.3 (ArCH), 128.4 (ArCH), 128.5 (ArCH), 140.4 (ArC), (CH₂B not observed)

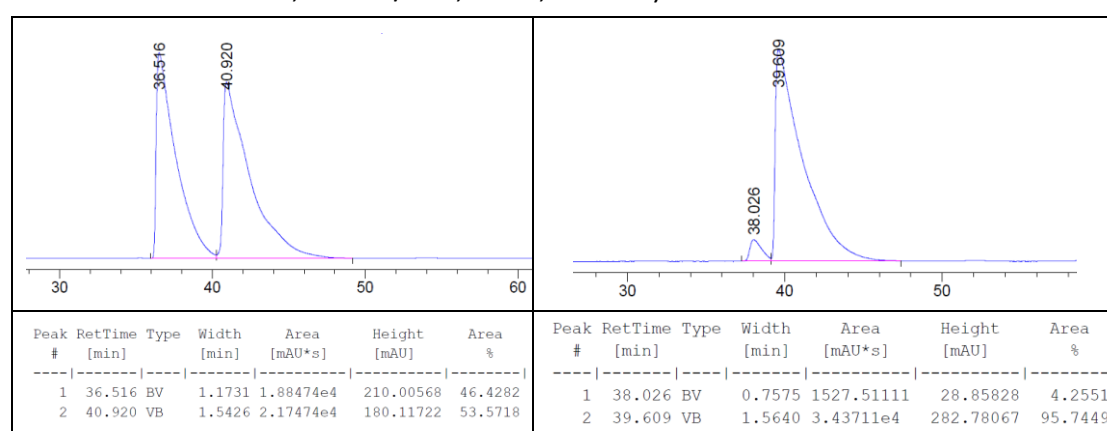
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 32.8.

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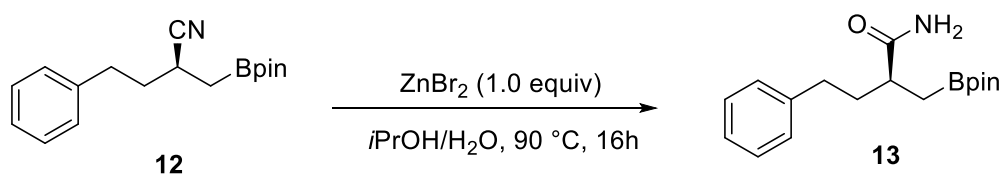
ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 3027, 2978, 2931, 2236, 1455, 1373, 1329, 1166, 1142, 967.

Specific rotation: [α]_D²⁷+21.8 (c = 0.80, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **12** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (91% e.e. shown; OD-H column, 998:2 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 210 nm).



(S)-4-Phenyl-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)butanamide⁶ (13)



An oven-dried vial was charged with **12** (29 mg, 0.1 mmol), ZnBr₂ (22 mg, 0.1 mmol), water (0.50 mL) and isopropanol (0.3 mL). The vial was sealed and heated at 90 °C for 16 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were concentrated in *vacuo* and the crude product purified by column chromatography (silica gel, eluting with 3:1 to 1:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford amide **13** (17 mg, 0.055 mmol, 55%).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.03 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.13 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 8.5 Hz, 1H, CH₂Bpin), 1.26 (s, 12H, 4 x CH₃), 1.17-1.80 (m, 1H, CH₂), 2.01-2.09 (m,

1H, CH₂), 2.42-2.48 (m, 1H, CH), 2.59-2.65 (m, 1H, CH₂), 2.68-2.74 (m, 1H, CH₂), 5.39 (br, 1H, NH₂), 5.75 (br, 1H, NH₂), 7.18-7.21 (m, 3H, ArCH), 7.27-7.30 (m, 2H, ArCH).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 24.8 (CH₃), 33.6 (CH₂), 36.1 (CH₂), 41.3 (CH), 83.4 (C(CH₃)₂), 125.8 (ArCH), 128.4 (ArCH), 128.4 (ArCH), 141.9 (ArC), 178.7 (CO), (CH₂B not observed).

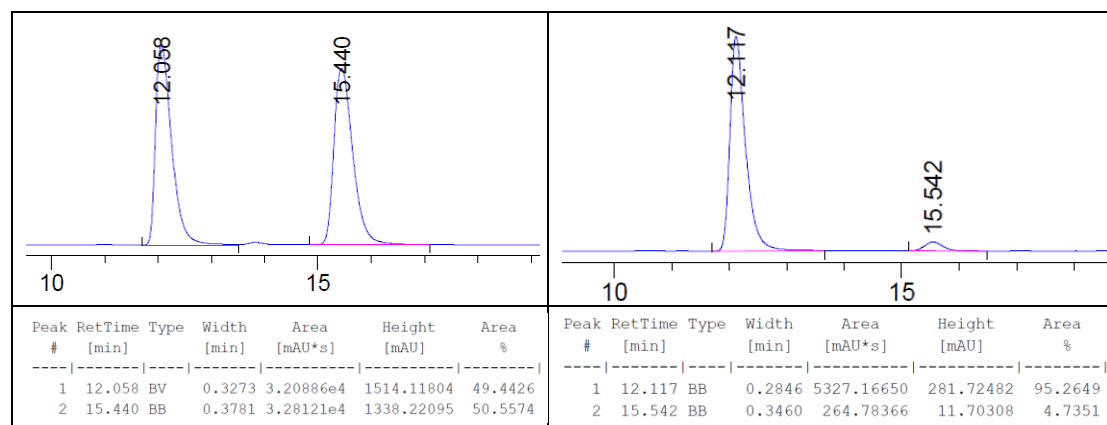
¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 33.6.

HRMS (m/z, ESI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₆BNO₃ [M+H]: 304.2079, found: 304.2065.

ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹): 2976, 2924, 2854, 1648, 1586, 1455, 1372, 1327, 1167, 1142, 1108, 967.

Specific rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{27} +3.2$ (c = 1.19, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric purity of **13** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (91% e.e. shown; IA-H column, 90:10 hexanes:*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, 210 nm).



X-ray crystal structures

(*S,E*)-4-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enenitrile (4g)

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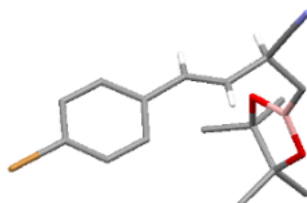
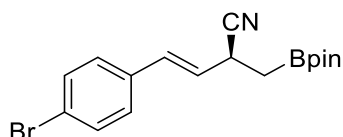


Table S10 Crystal data and structure refinement for 1904527.

Identification code	1904527
Empirical formula	C ₁₇ H ₂₁ BBrNO ₂
Formula weight	362.07
Temperature/K	100.03(15)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁
a/Å	11.3502(4)
b/Å	7.4500(2)
c/Å	20.6376(6)
α/°	90
β/°	91.376(3)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1744.59(9)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.378
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.362
F(000)	744.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.452 × 0.266 × 0.07
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	3.59 to 60.818
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -10 ≤ k ≤ 10, -29 ≤ l ≤ 27
Reflections collected	29396
Independent reflections	8734 [R _{int} = 0.0547, R _{sigma} = 0.0597]
Data/restraints/parameters	8734/1/405
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.051
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0407, wR ₂ = 0.0861
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0536, wR ₂ = 0.0894

Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.79/-0.45
Flack parameter	0.002(6)

(S,E)-3-benzylidene-2-cyanopent-4-en-1-yl 4-bromobenzoate (S2 – a derivative of 9)

Compound **9** was transformed into the corresponding ester **S2** after Bpin oxidation and esterification of the resulting alcohol. The absolute configuration of the corresponding ester **S2** was determined by X-ray crystallography after recrystallization.

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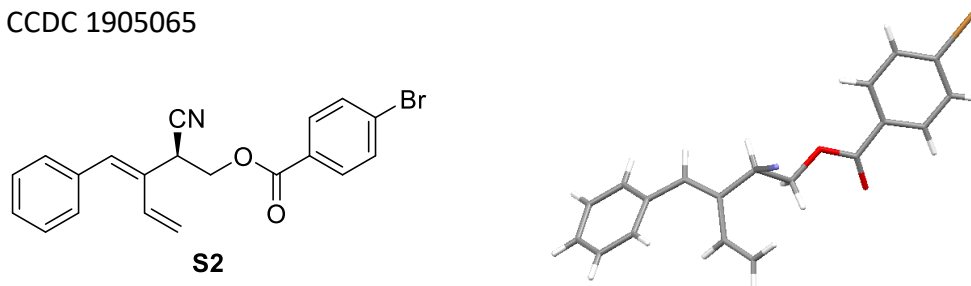


Table S11 Crystal data and structure refinement for 1095065.

Identification code	1095065
Empirical formula	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ BrNO ₂
Formula weight	382.25
Temperature/K	100.0(3)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁
a/Å	14.62776(18)
b/Å	8.05742(10)
c/Å	15.00218(18)
α/°	90
β/°	97.0979(12)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1754.64(4)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.447
μ/mm ⁻¹	3.280
F(000)	776.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 × 0.15 × 0.1
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	5.936 to 130.164
Index ranges	-17 ≤ h ≤ 16, -9 ≤ k ≤ 9, -17 ≤ l ≤ 17
Reflections collected	16624
Independent reflections	5680 [R _{int} = 0.0396, R _{sigma} = 0.0296]
Data/restraints/parameters	5680/1/433
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.063
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0322, wR ₂ = 0.0875

Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0359$, $wR_2 = 0.0942$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$	0.29/-0.38
Flack parameter	0.016(13)

(3*S*,4*R*,5*S*)-4-iodo-5-phenyltetrahydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (11a)

CCDC 1914139

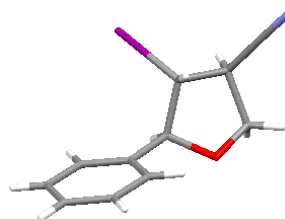
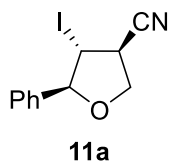


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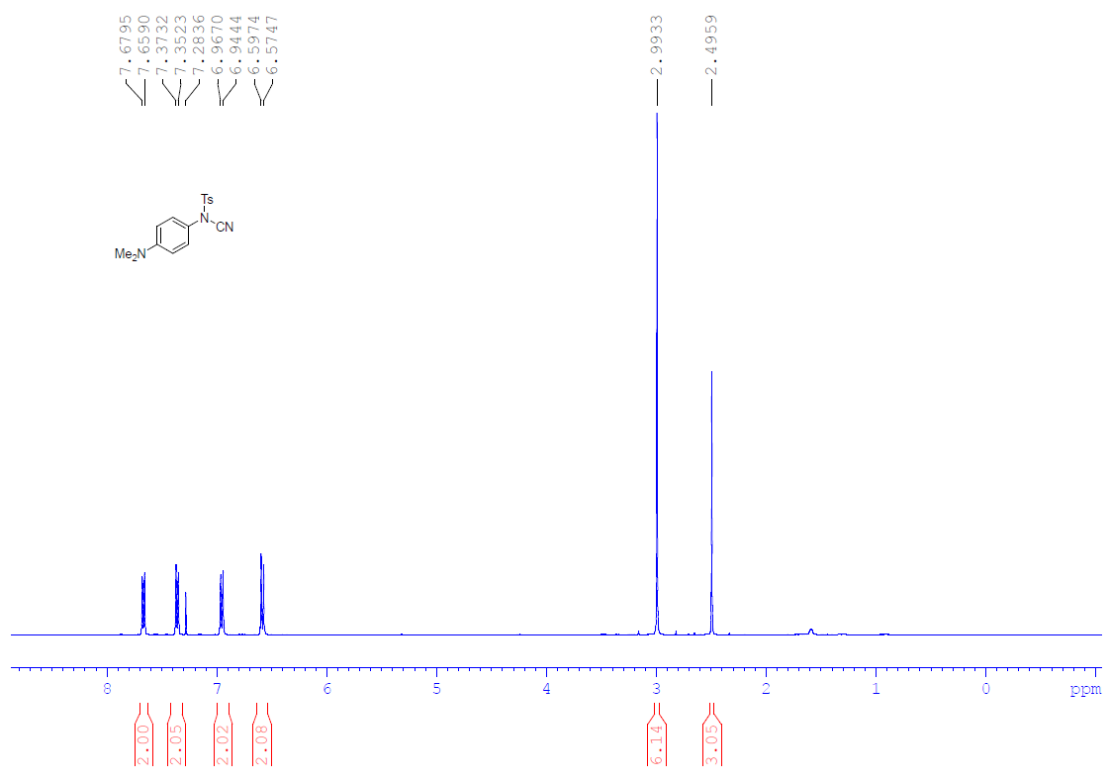
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Space group	P2 ₁
a/Å	9.8268(5)
b/Å	5.6439(3)
c/Å	9.8652(5)
α/°	90
β/°	99.353(5)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	539.86(5)
Z	2
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.809
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.818
F(000)	284.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.249 × 0.017 × 0.015
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	4.184 to 60.436
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 13, -7 ≤ k ≤ 7, -12 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected	3833
Independent reflections	3833 [R _{int} = 0.0447, R _{sigma} = 0.0525]
Data/restraints/parameters	3833/1/130
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.228
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0590, wR ₂ = 0.2182
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0714, wR ₂ = 0.2365
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	2.56/-2.48
Flack parameter	-0.02(7)

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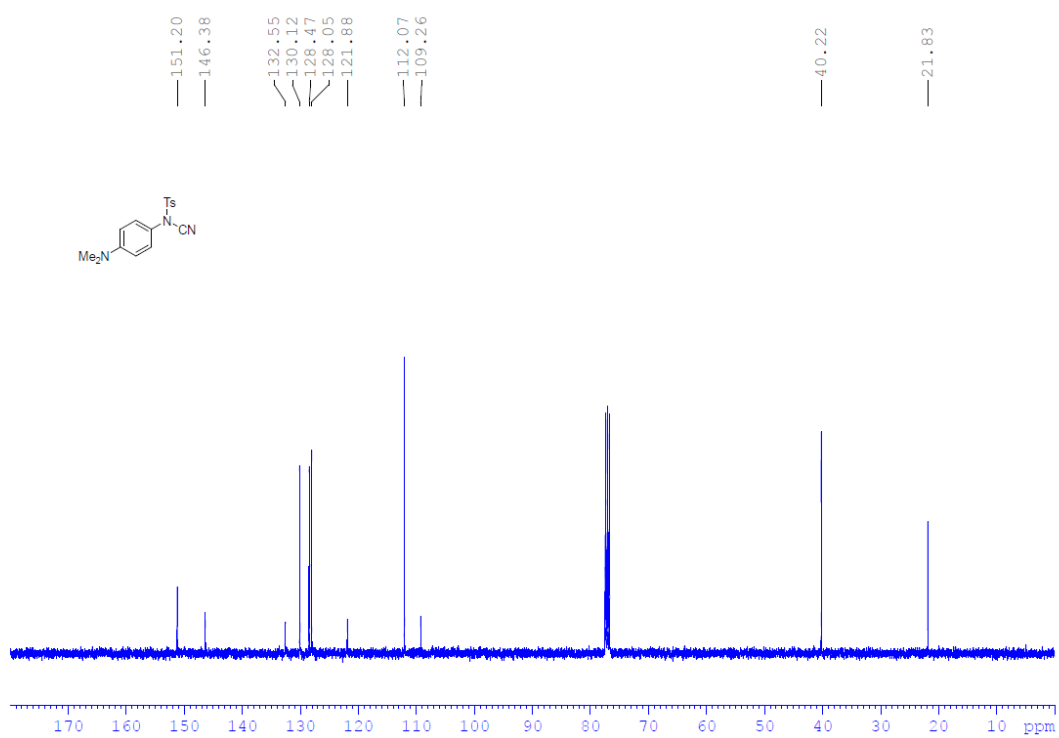
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NMR spectra of compounds

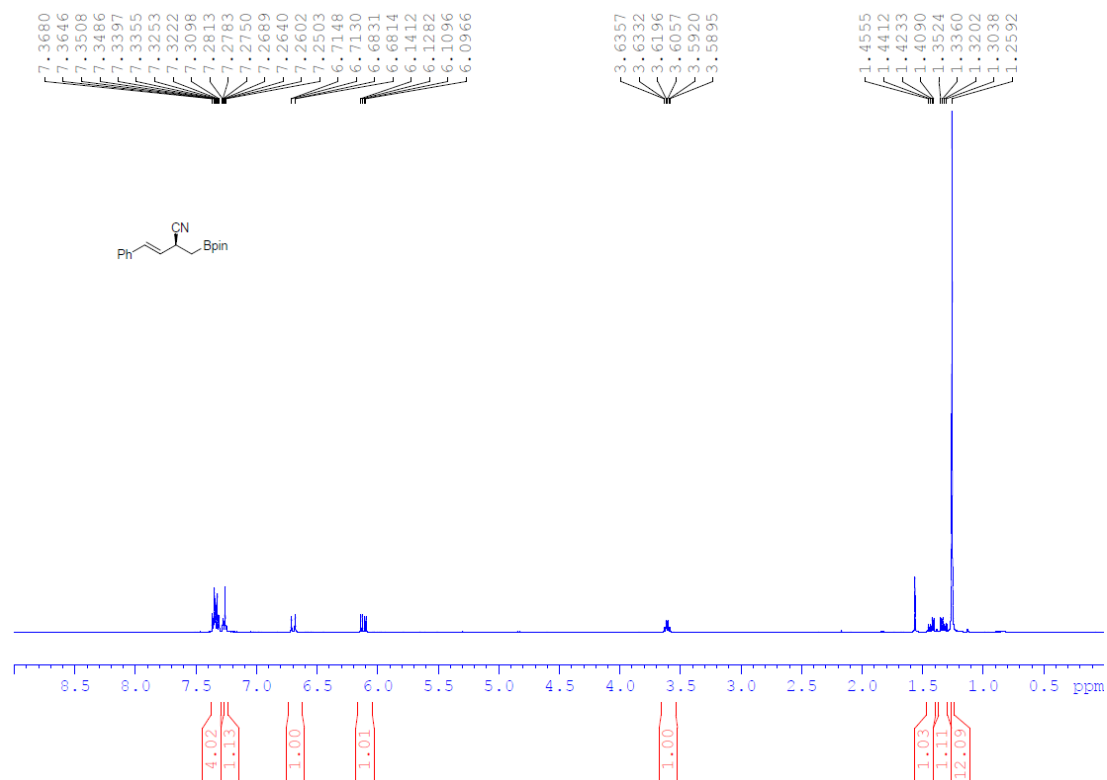
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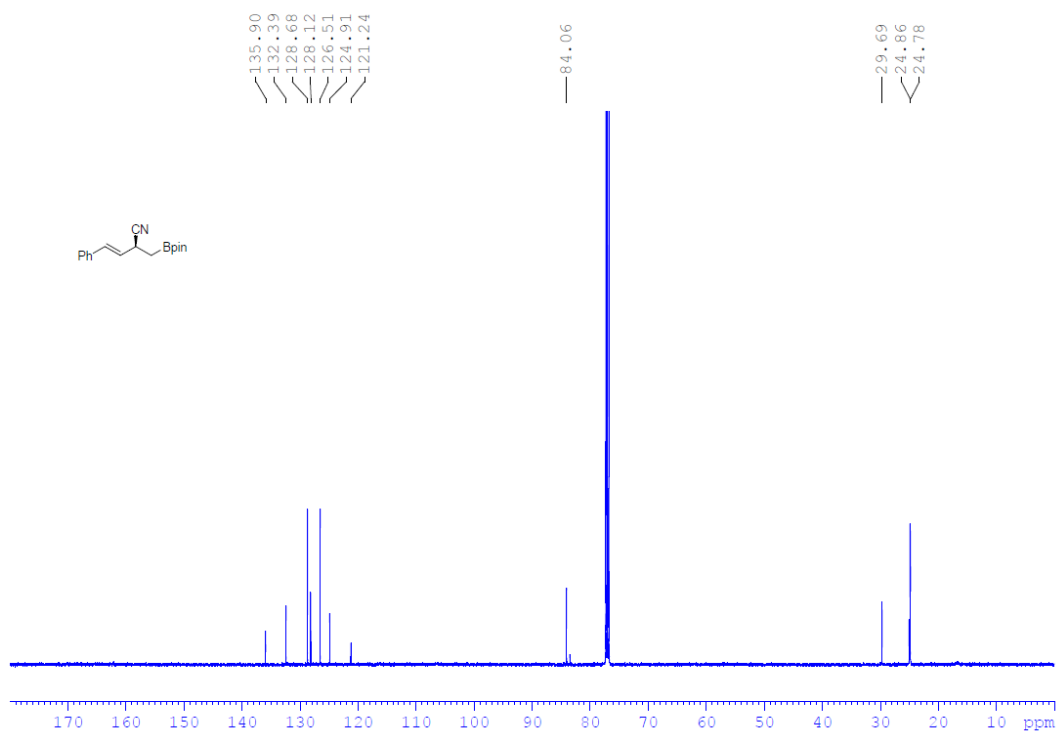
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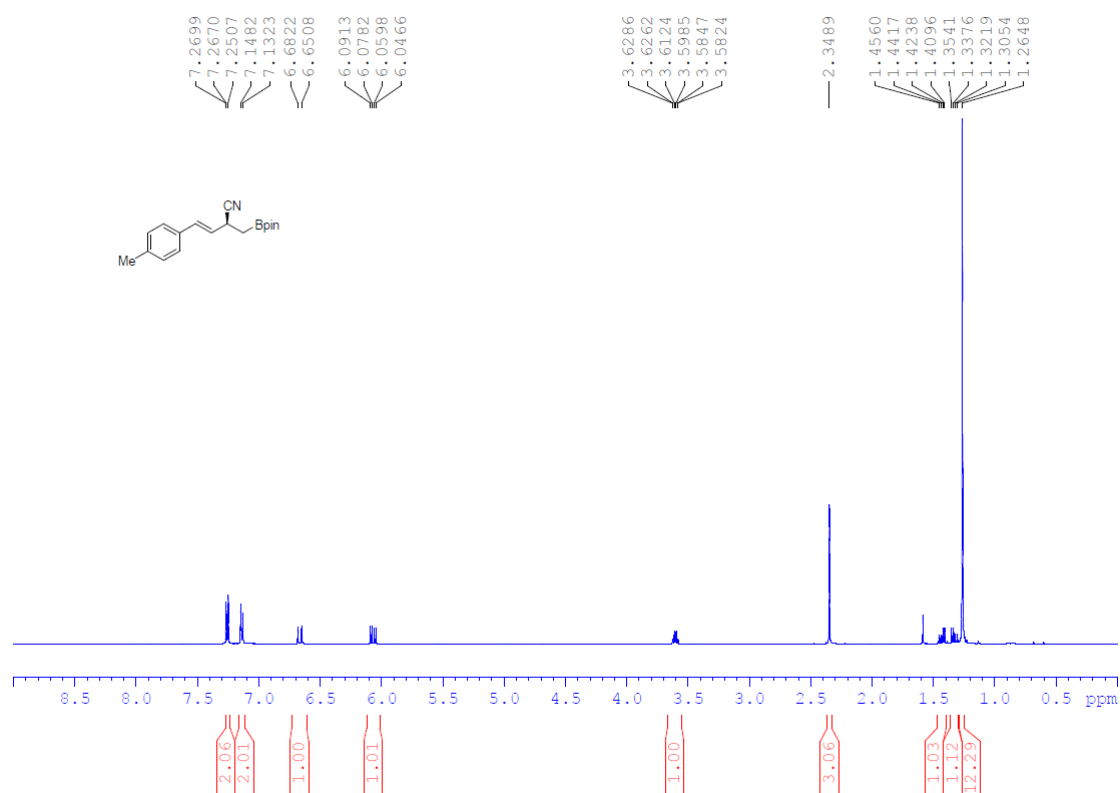
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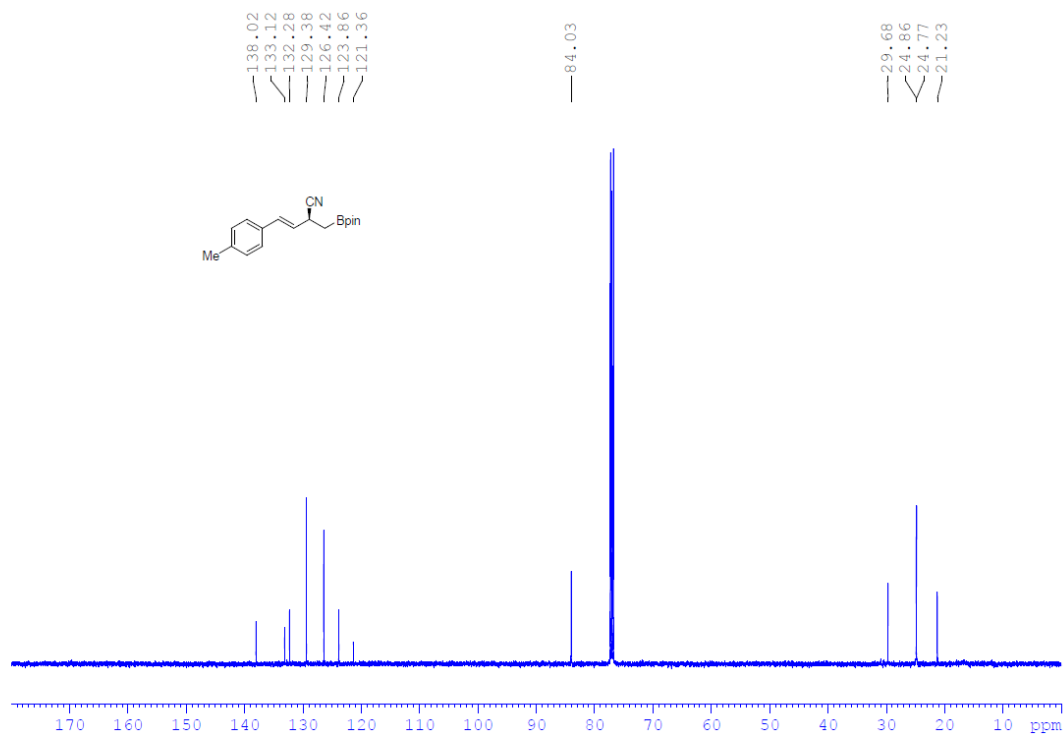
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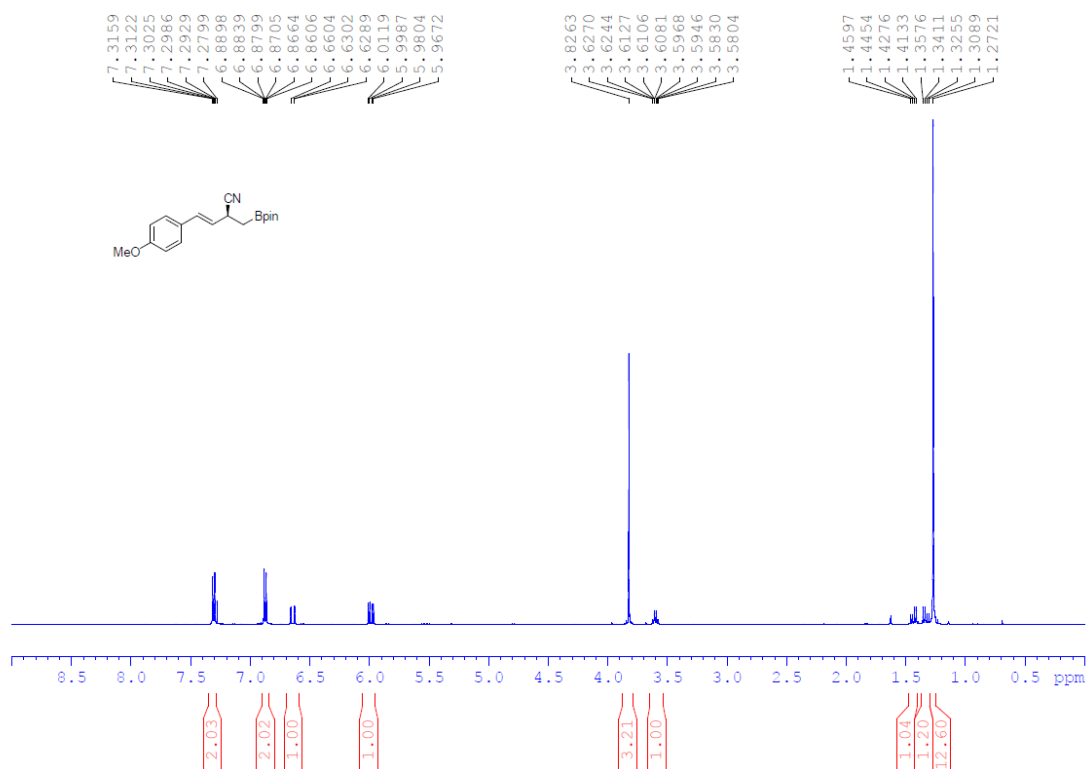
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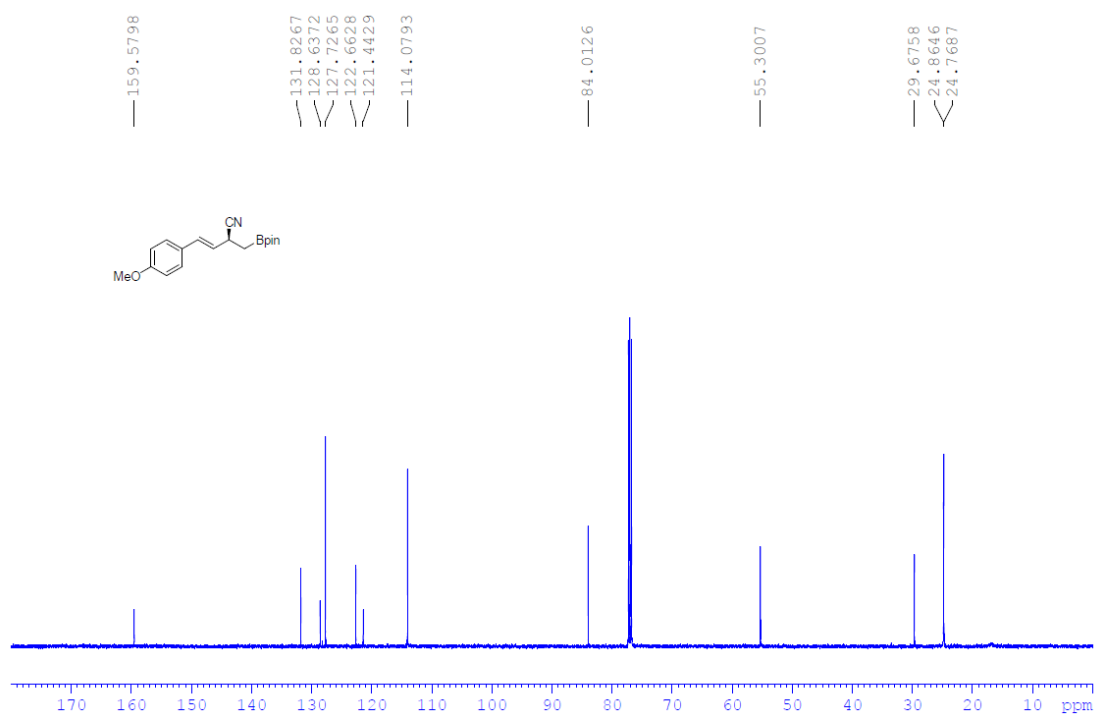
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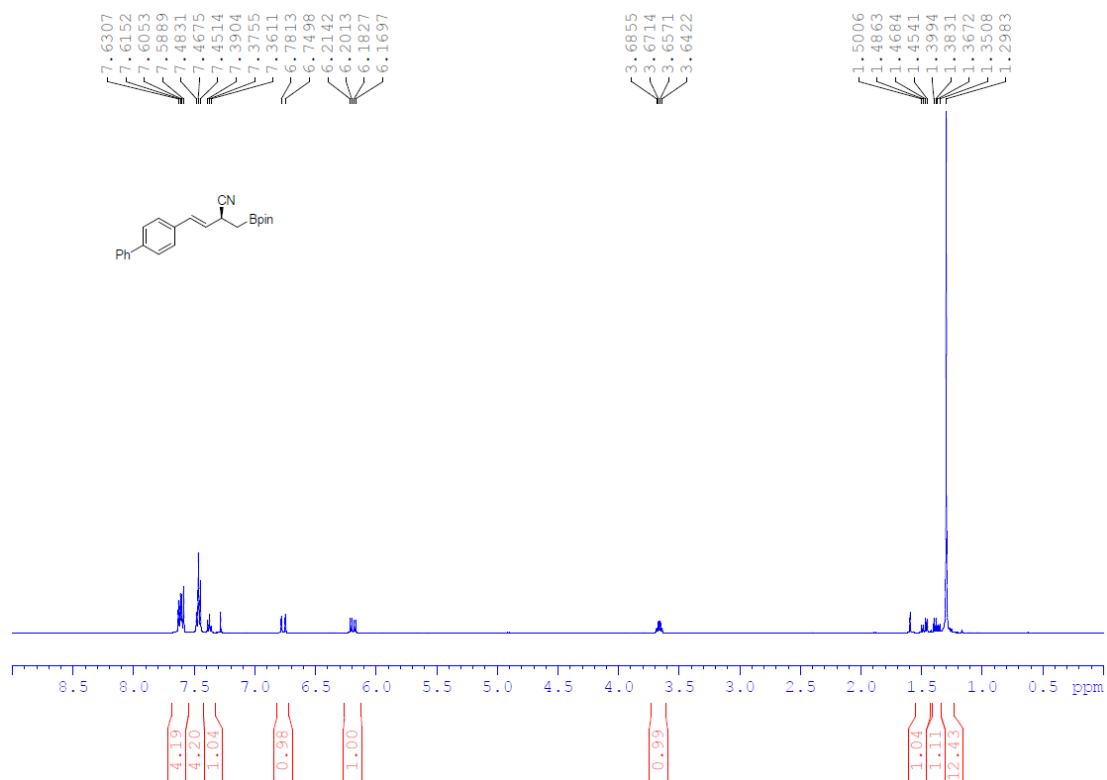
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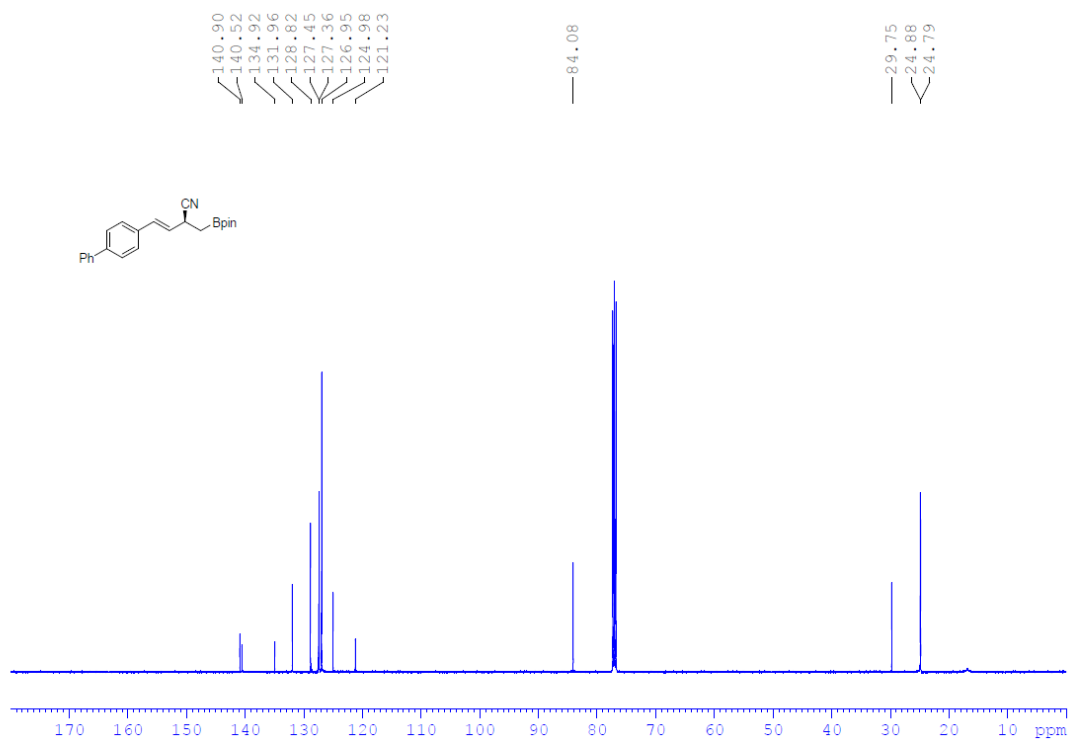
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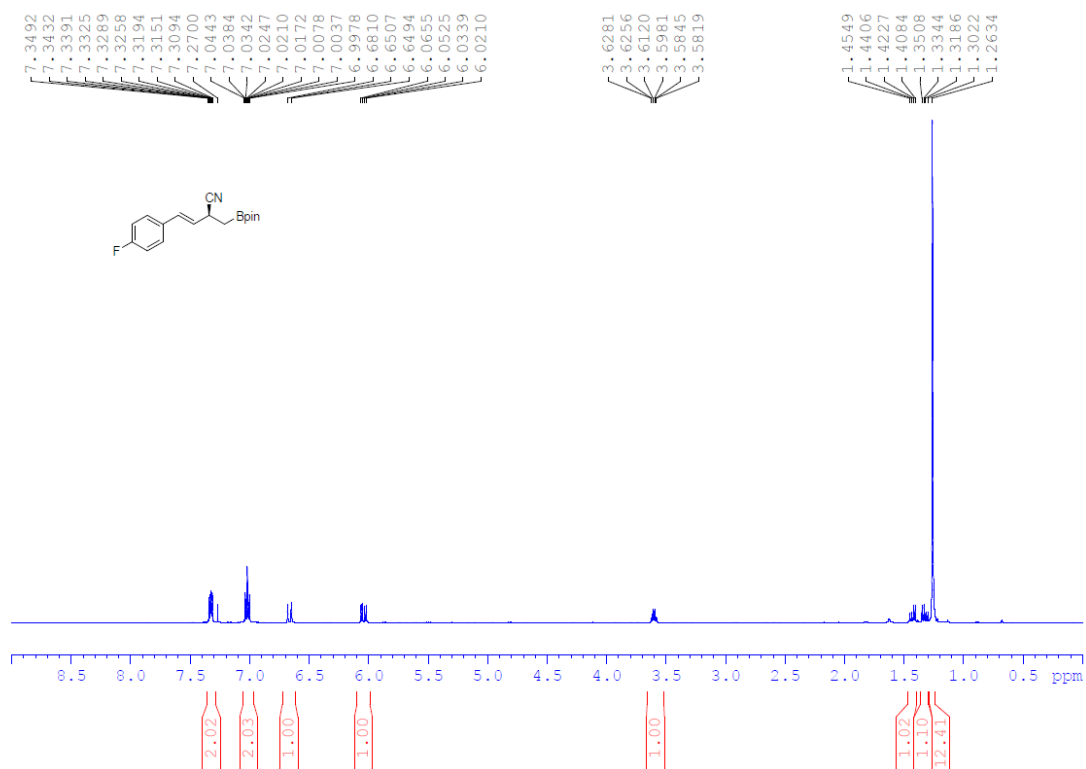


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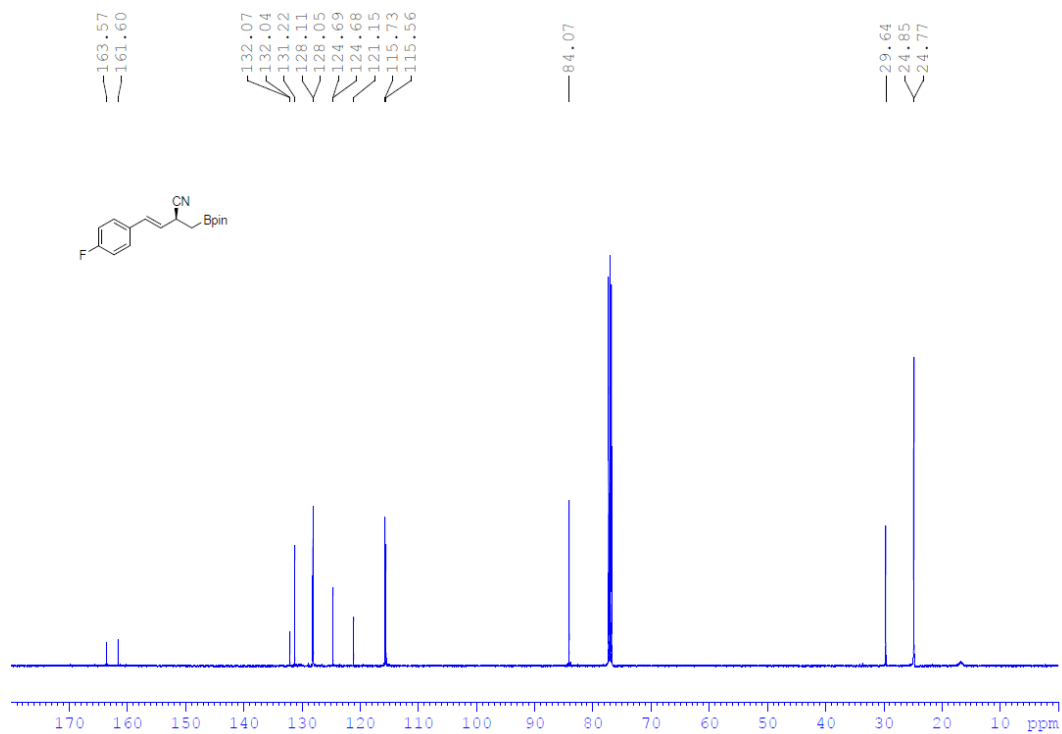


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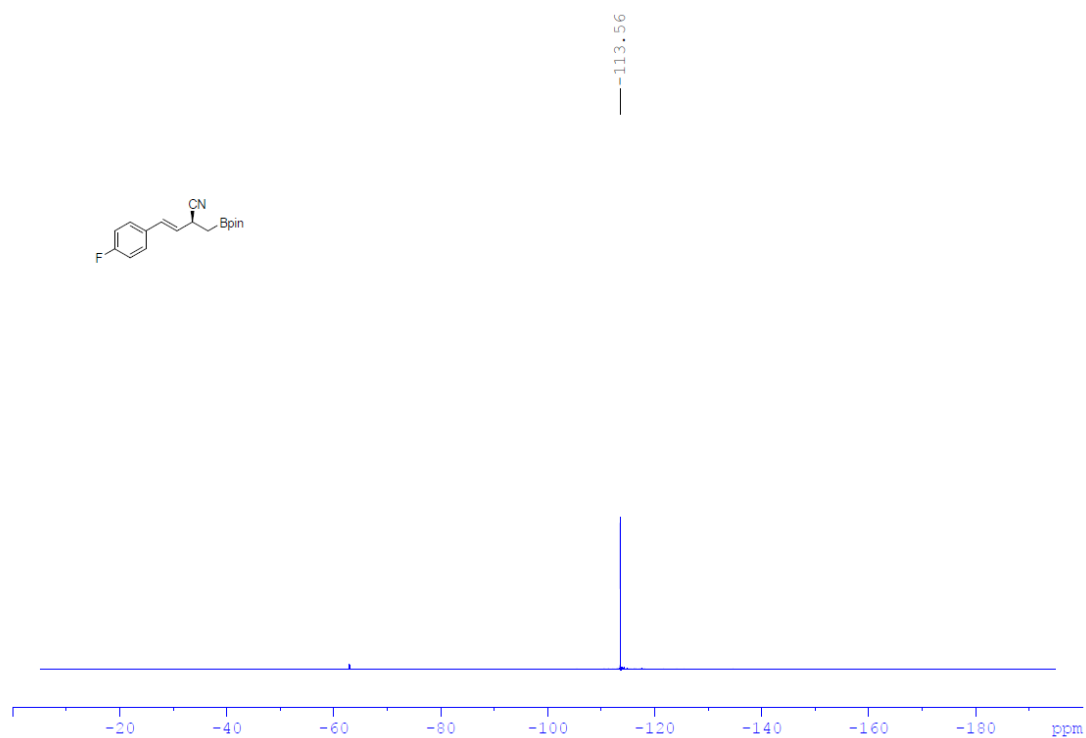


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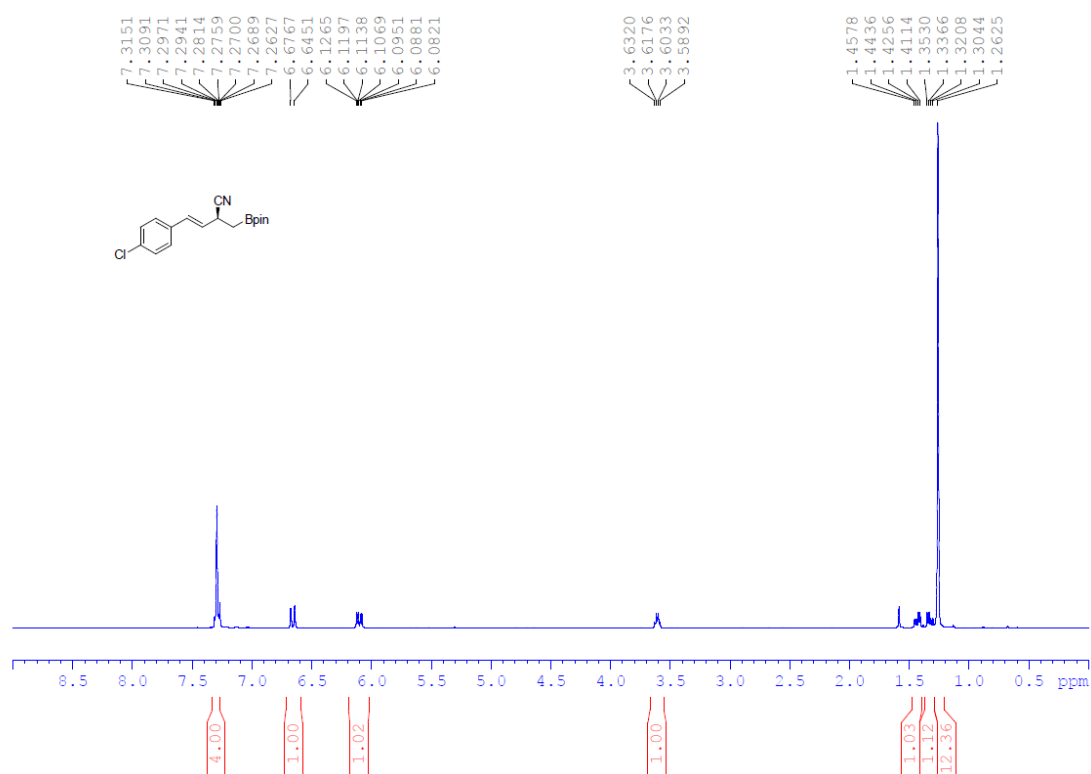
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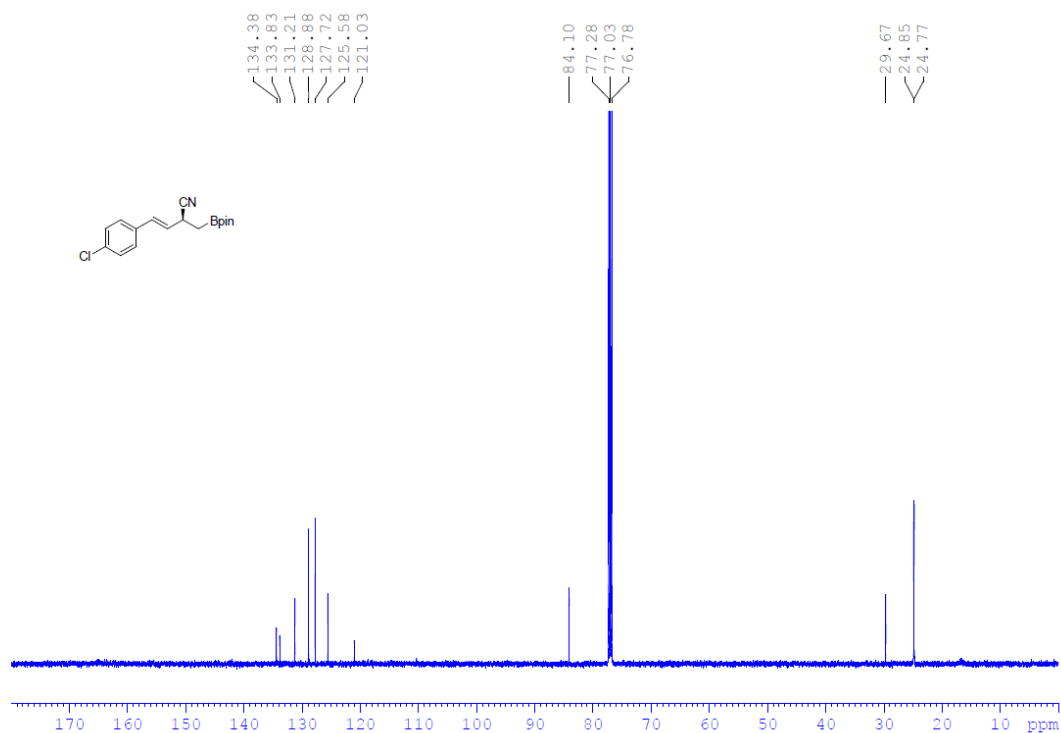
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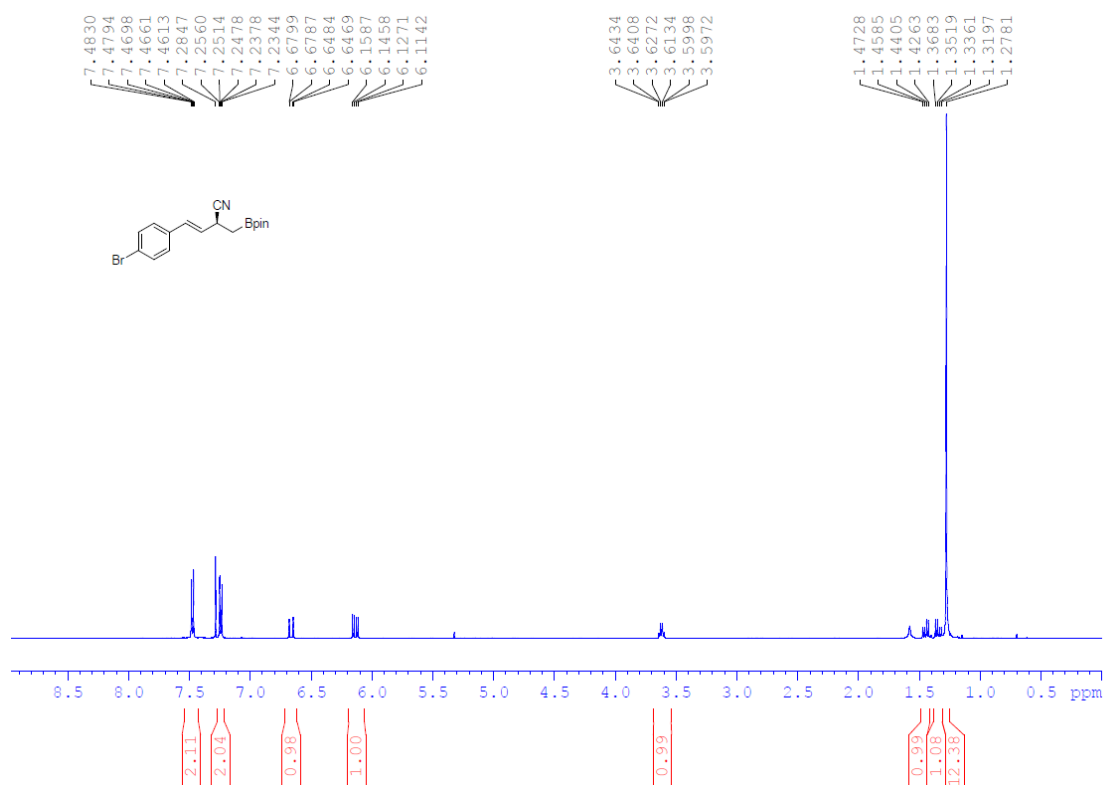
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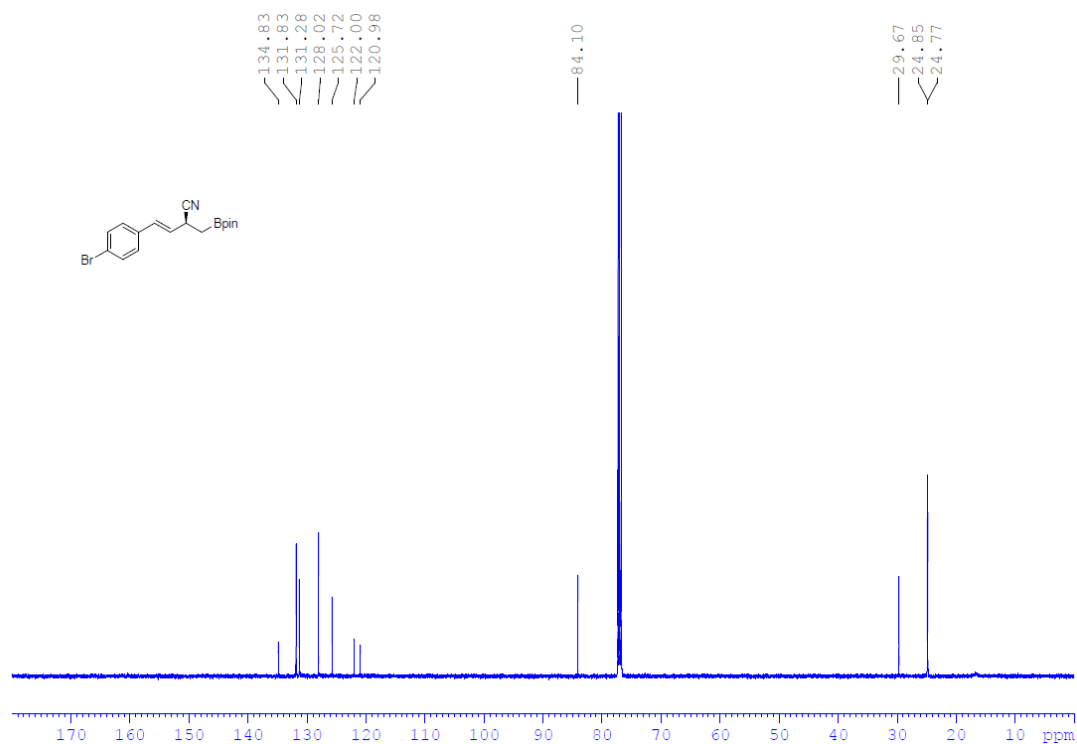
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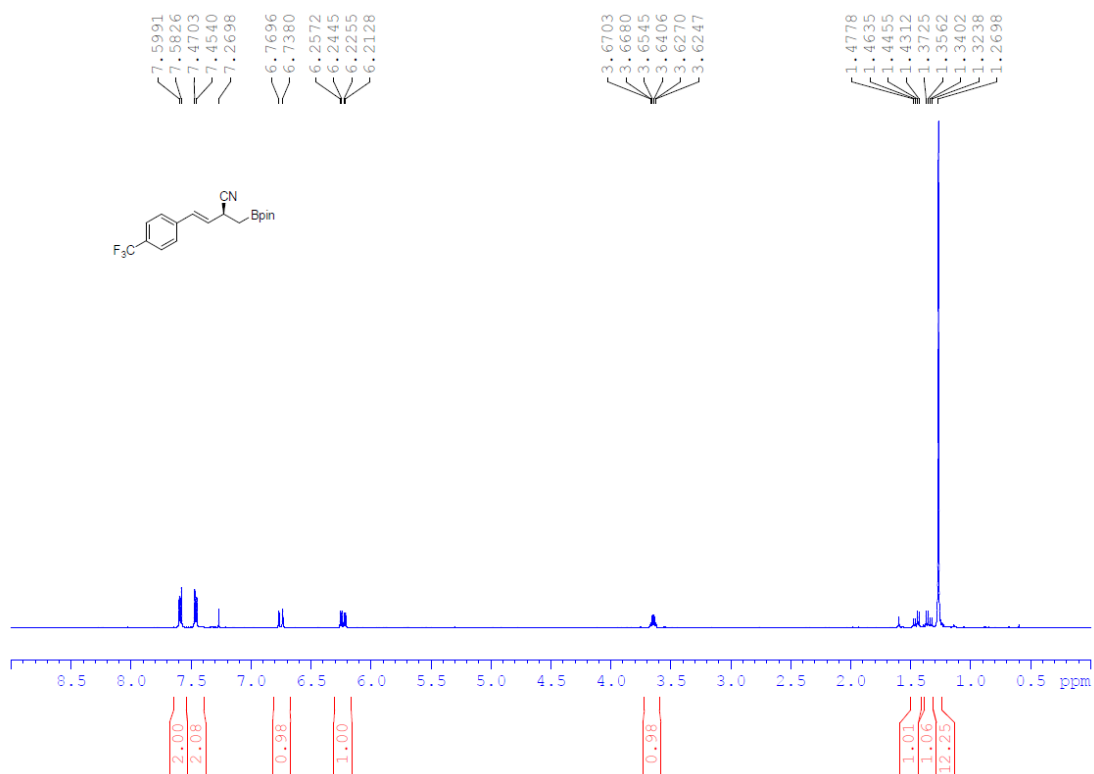
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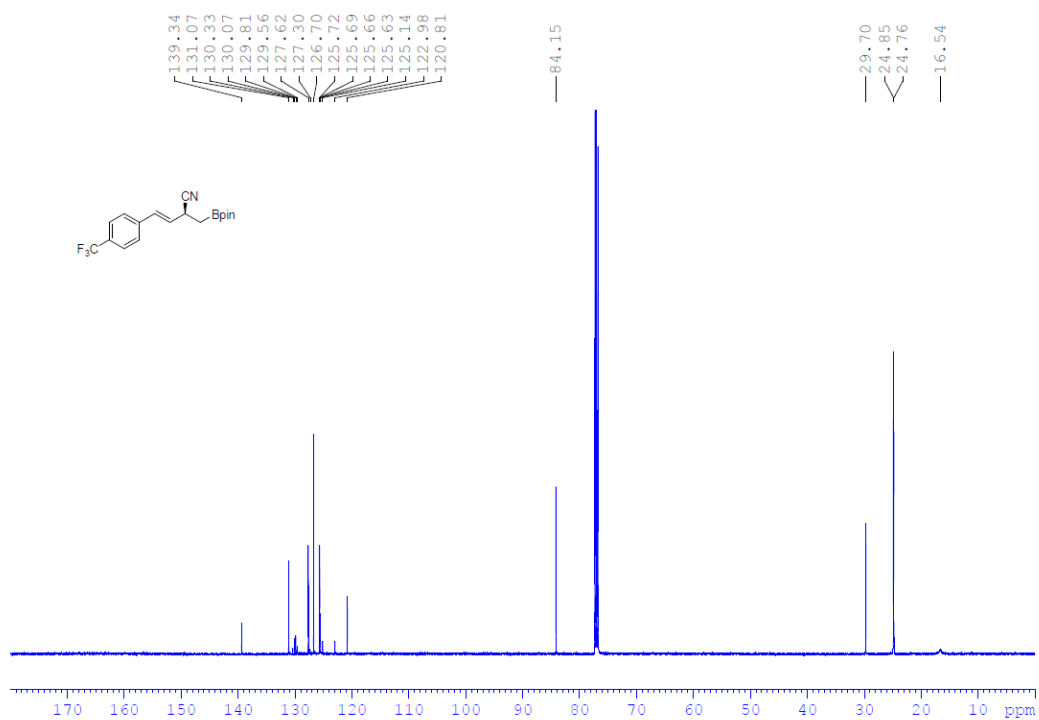
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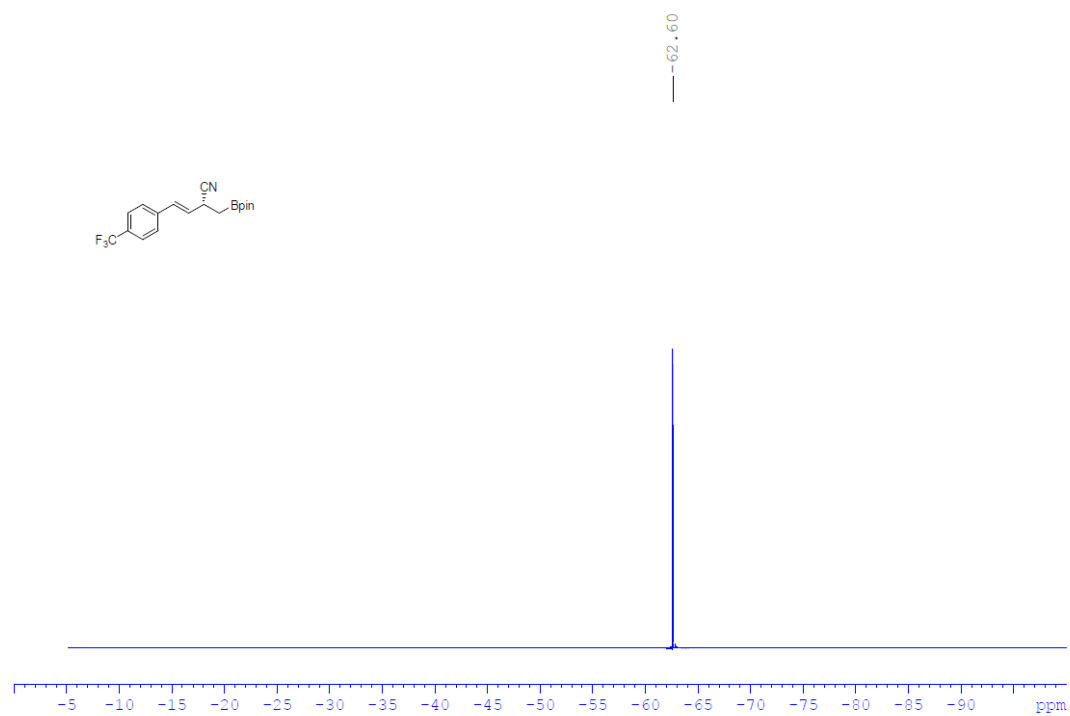
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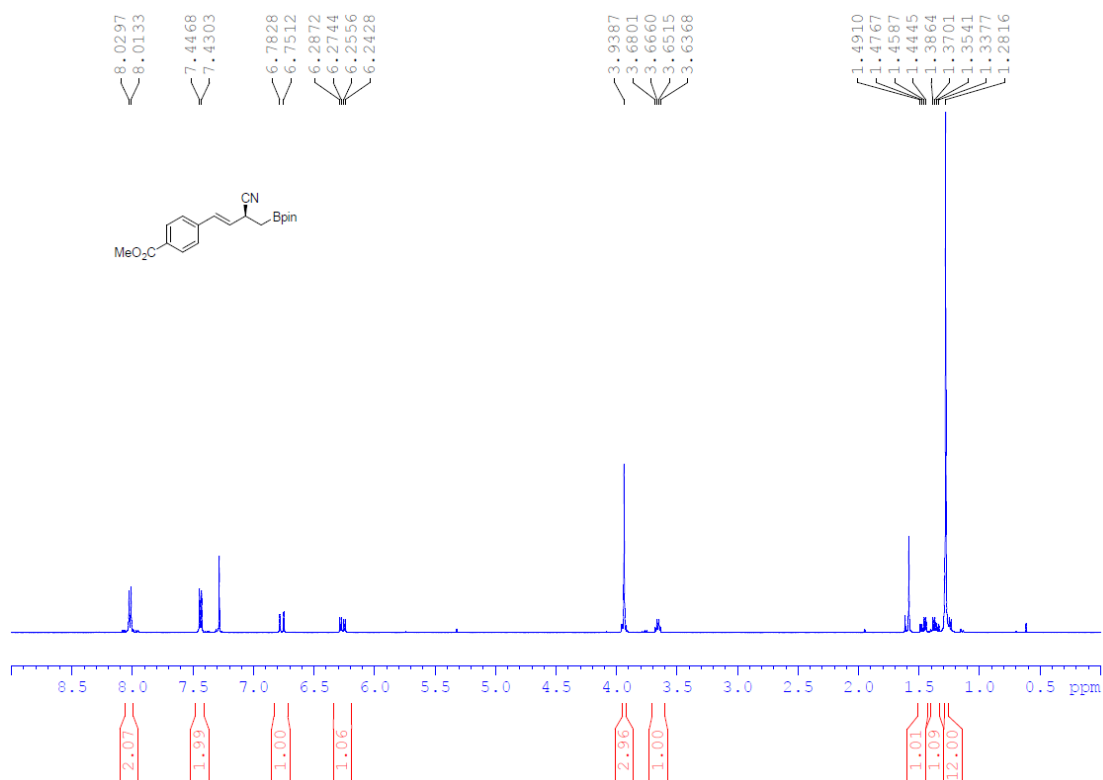
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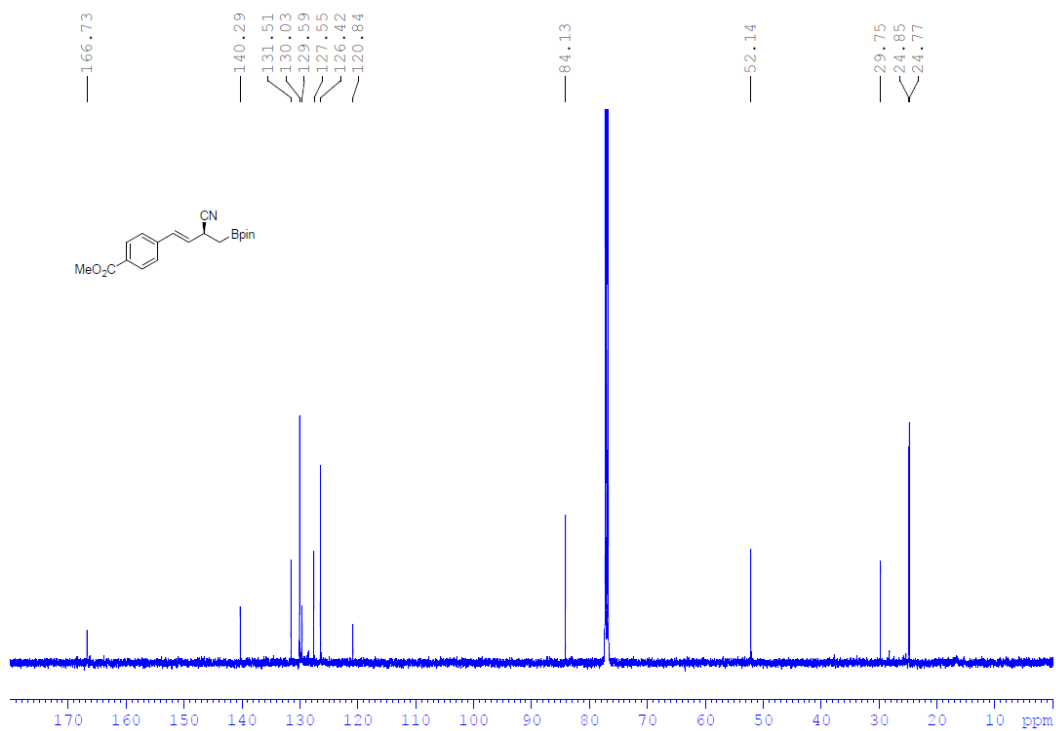
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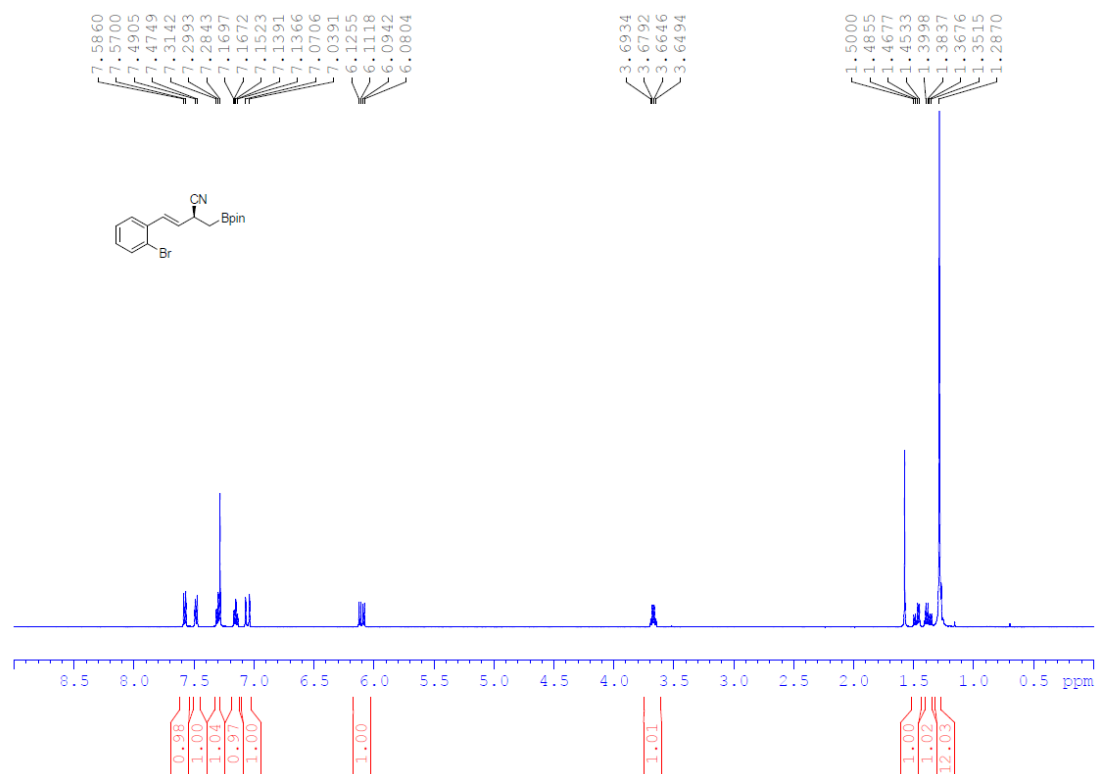
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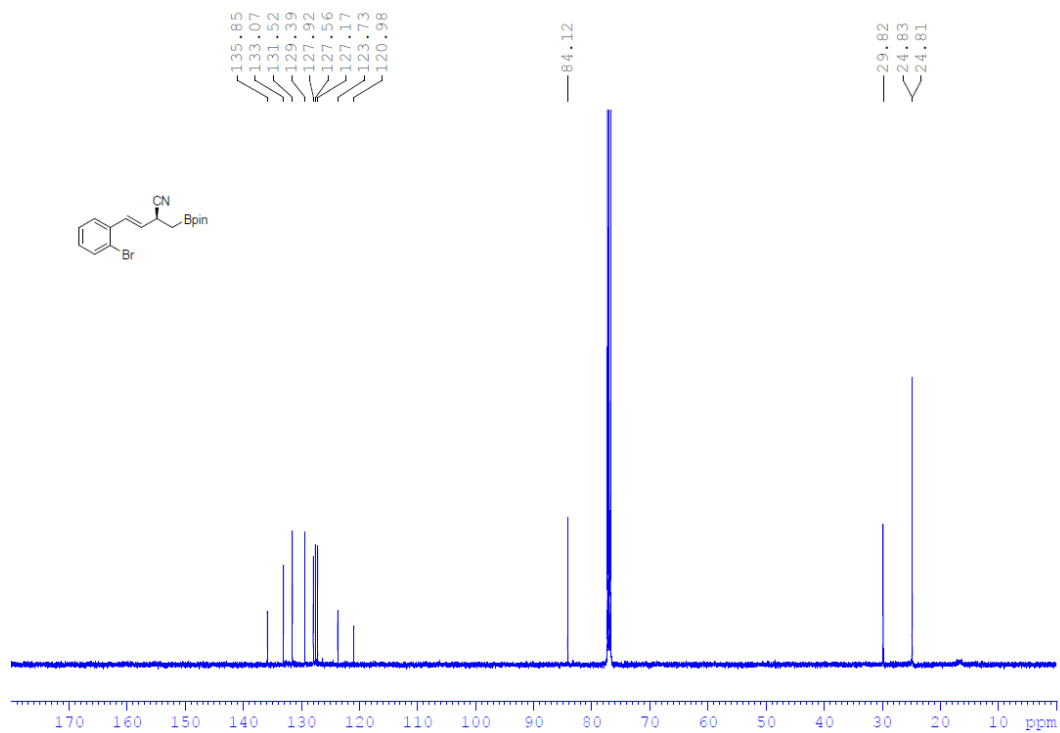
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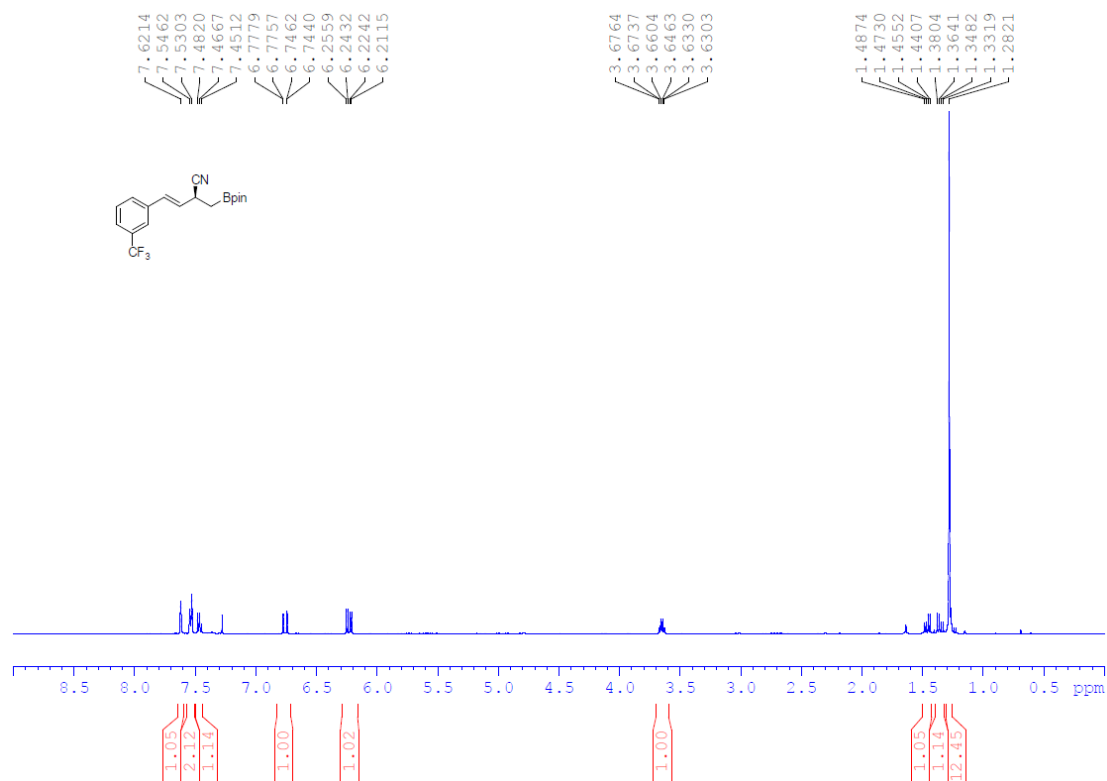
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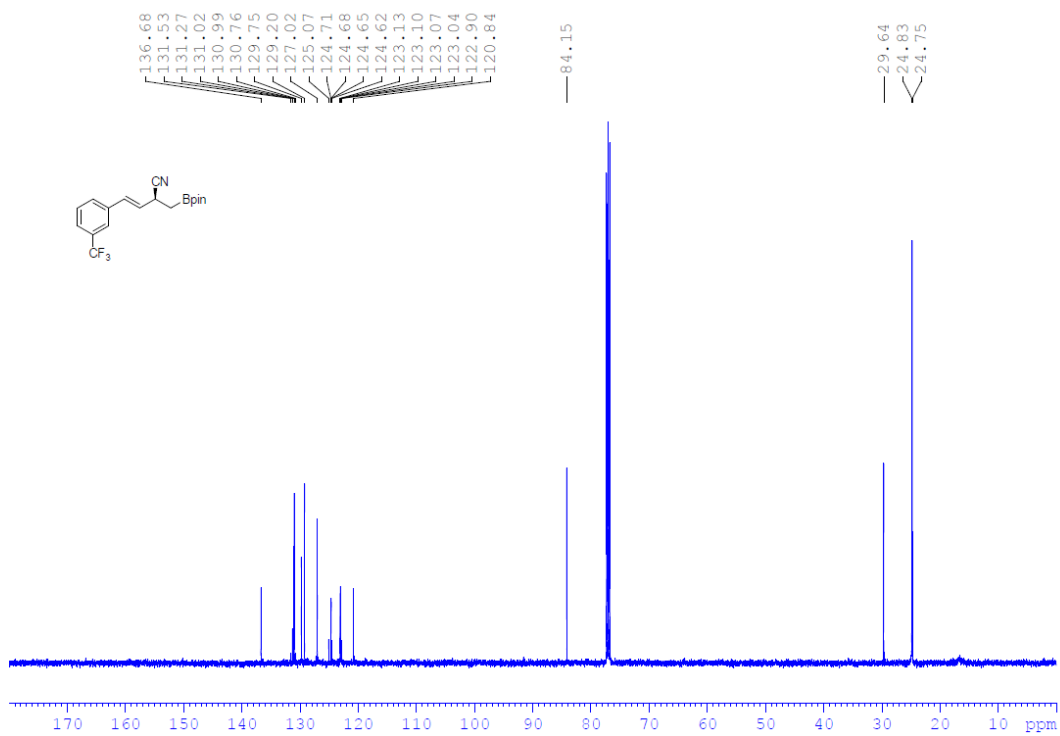
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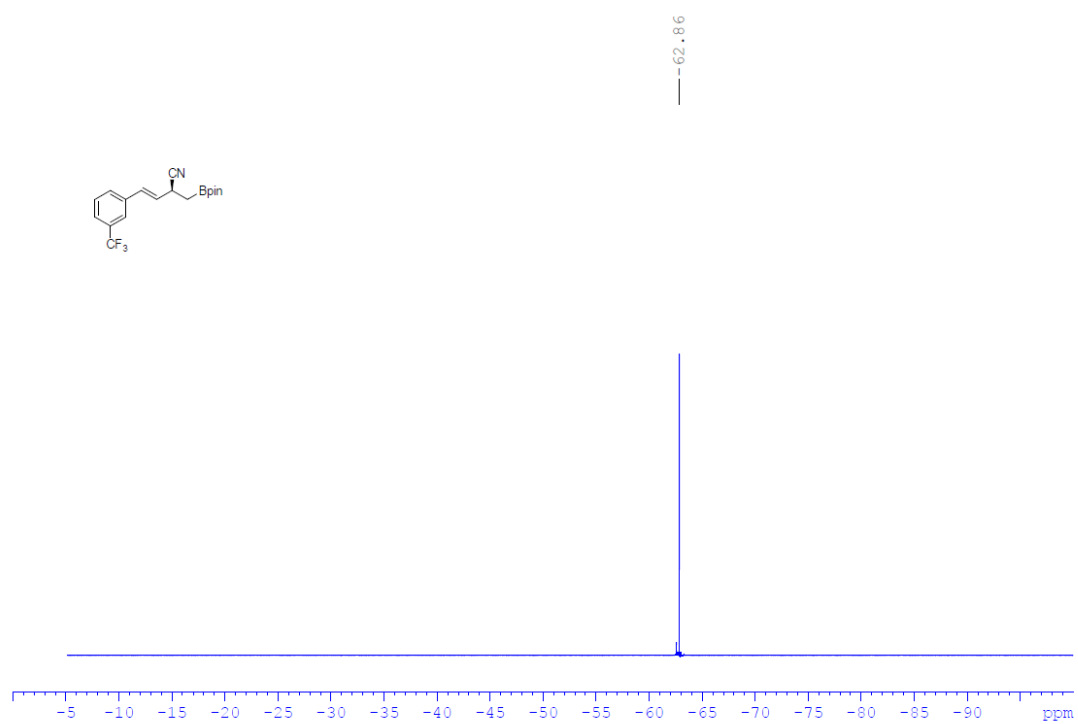
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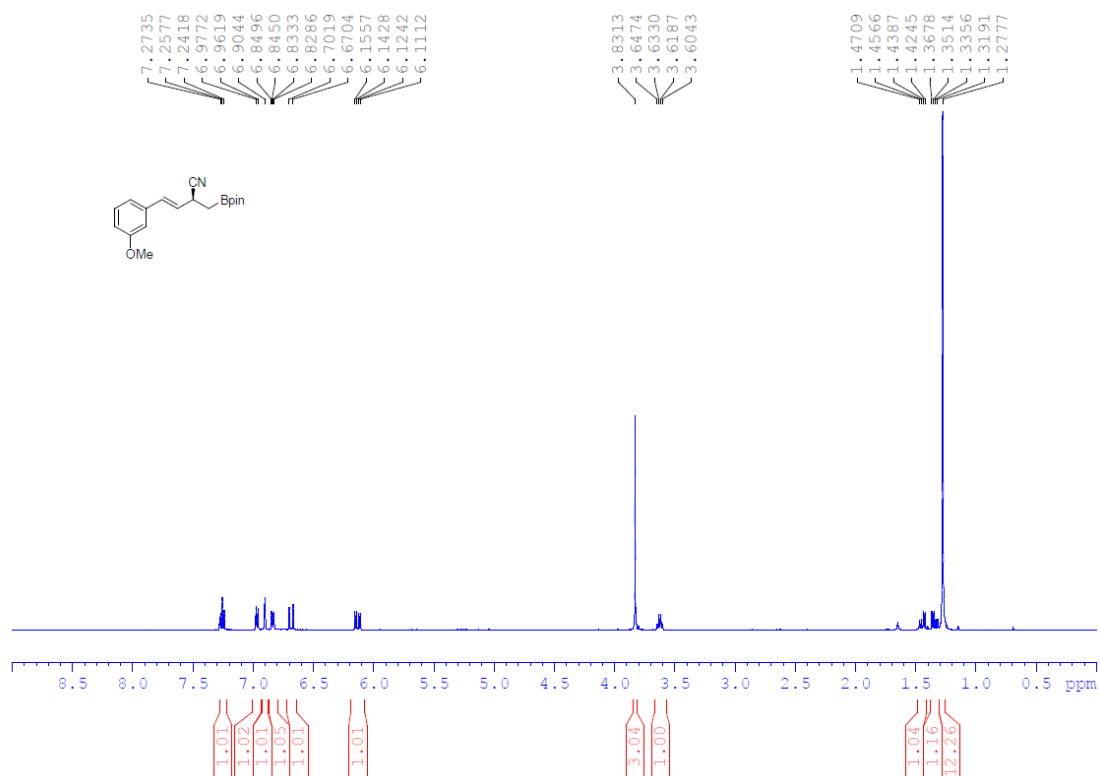
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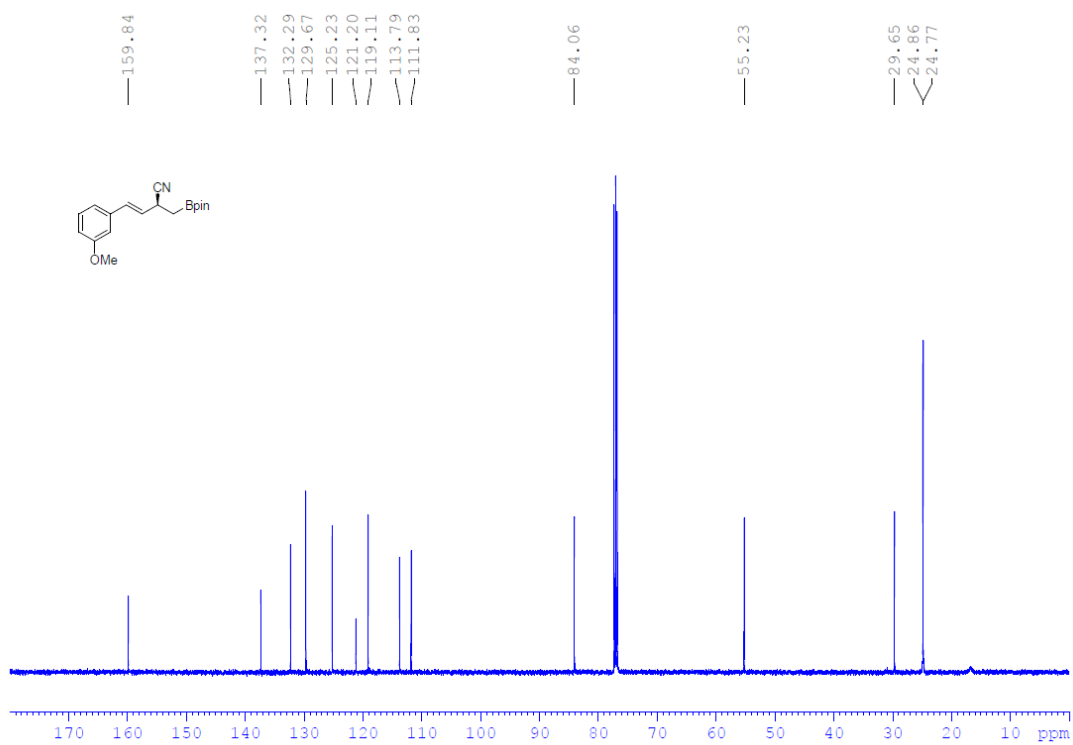
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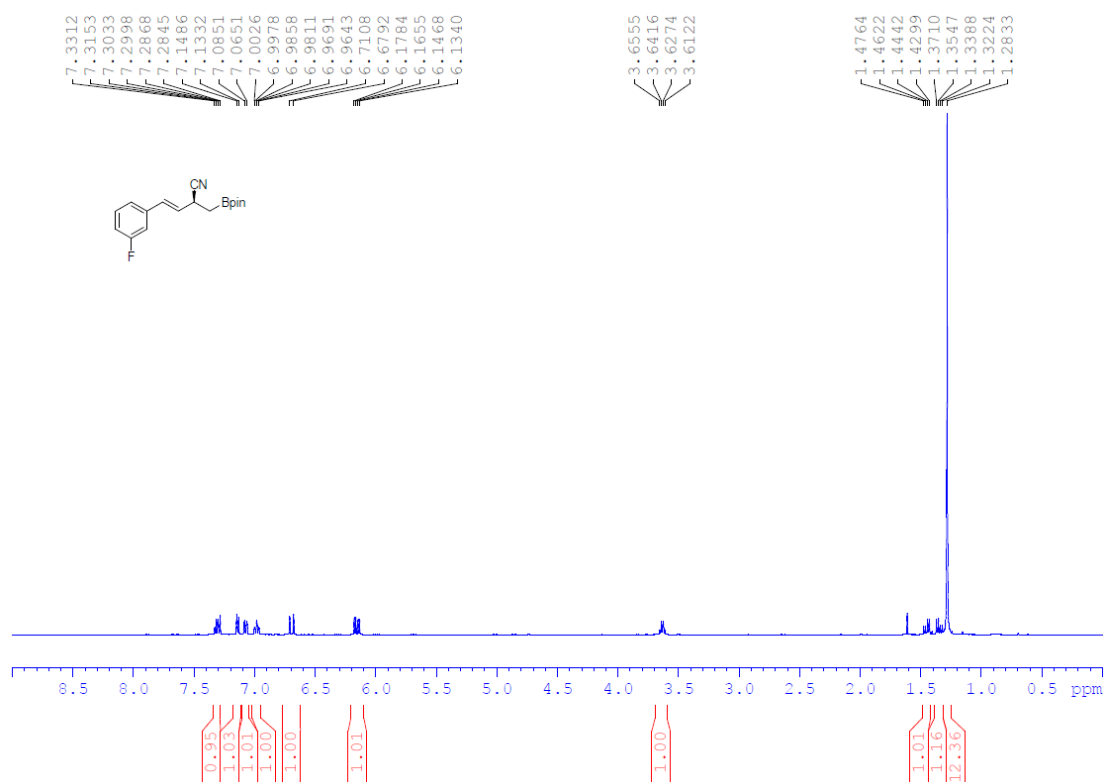


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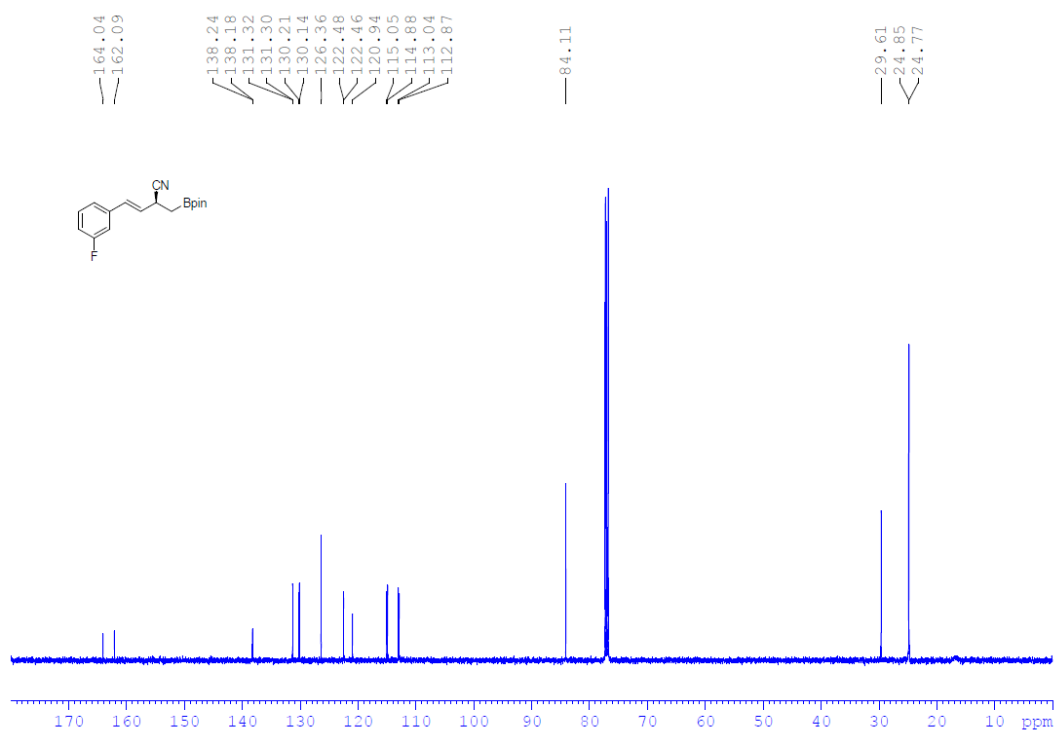


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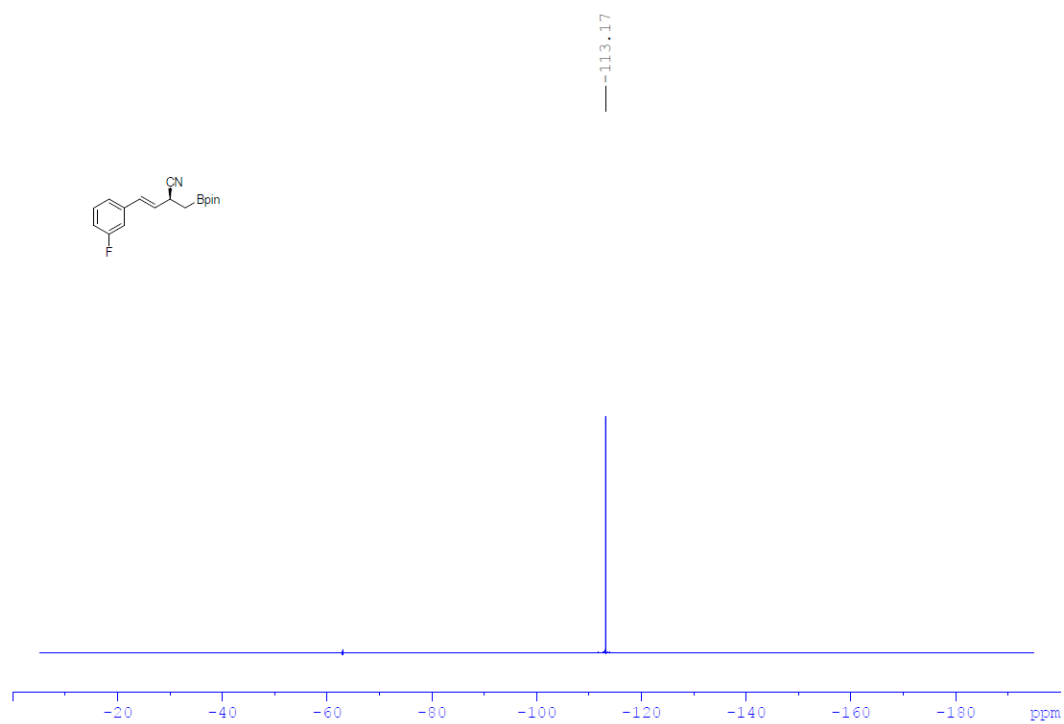


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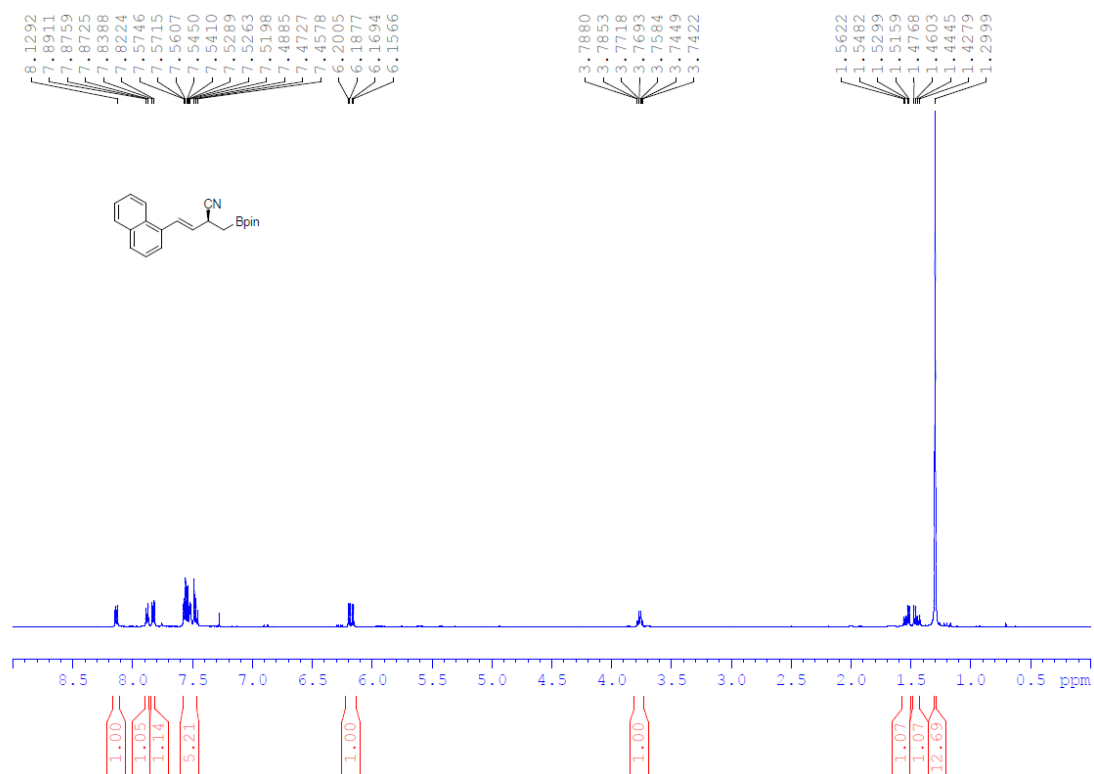
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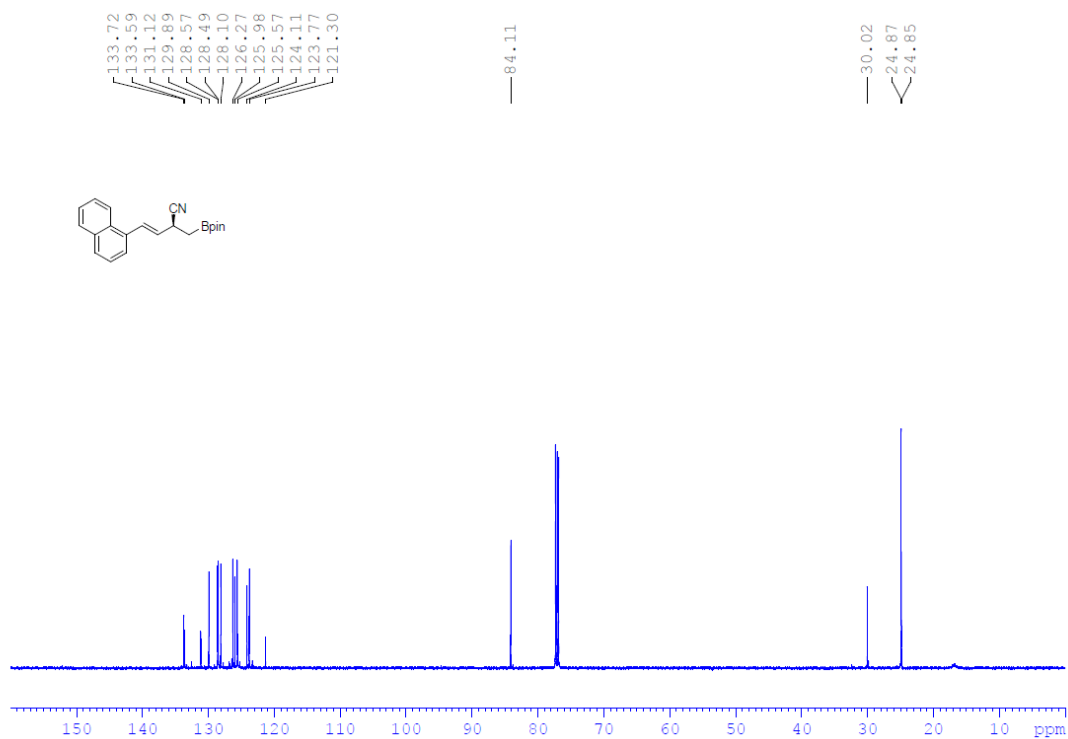
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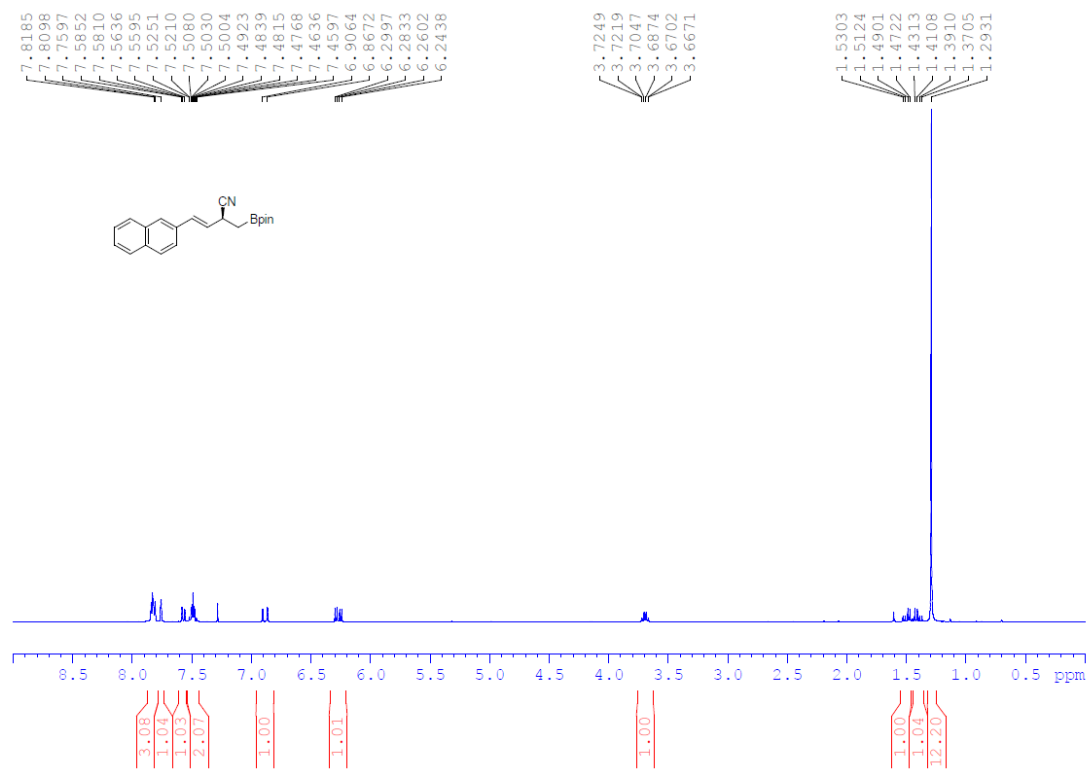
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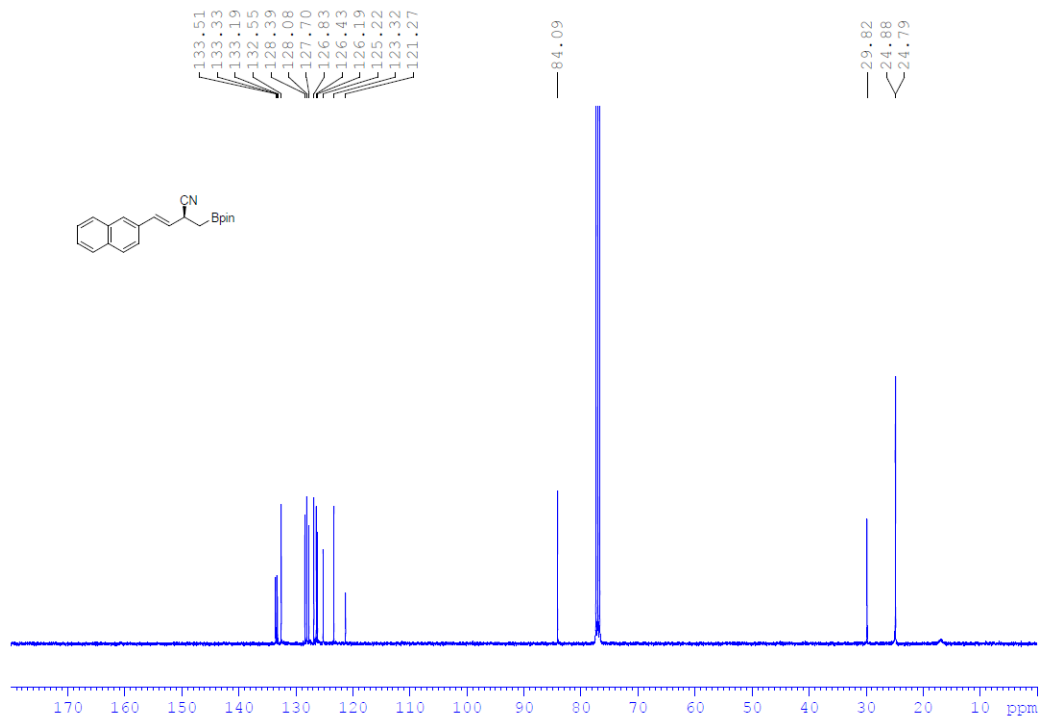
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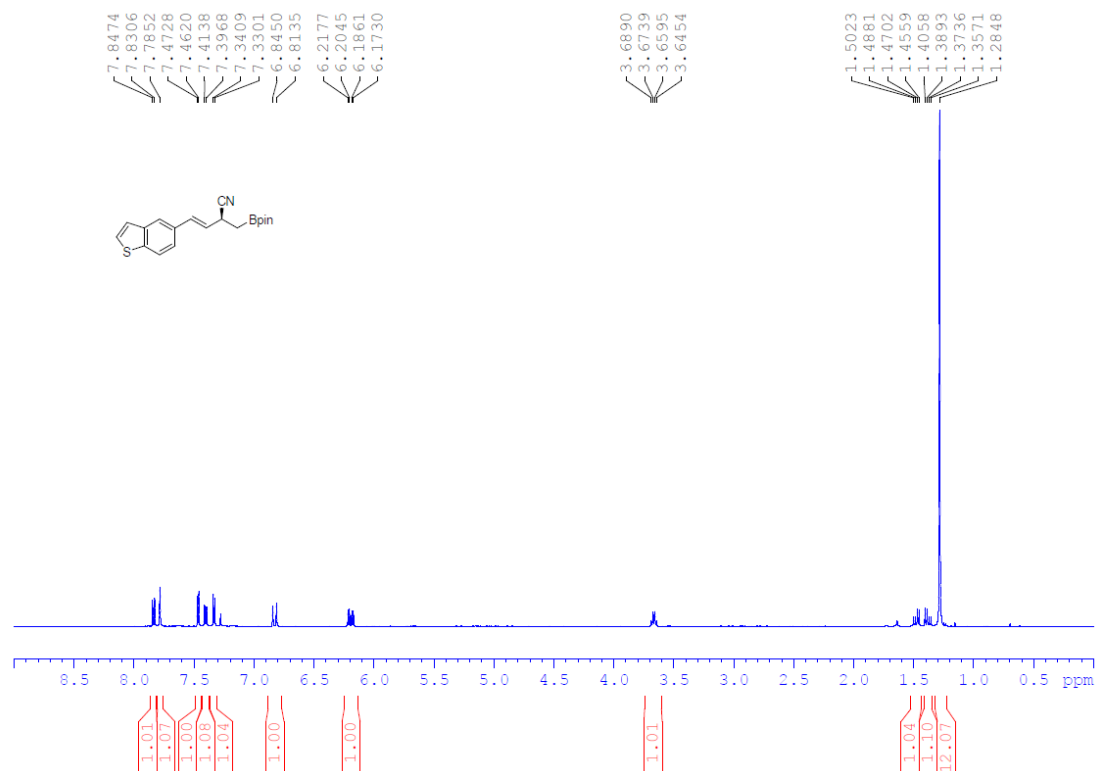
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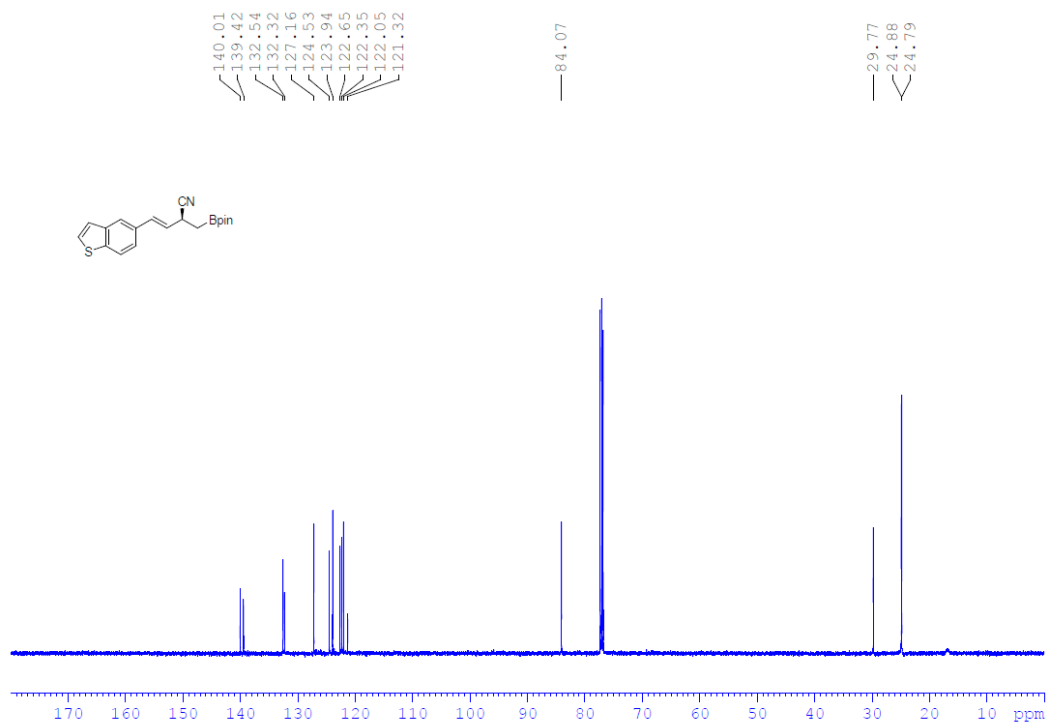
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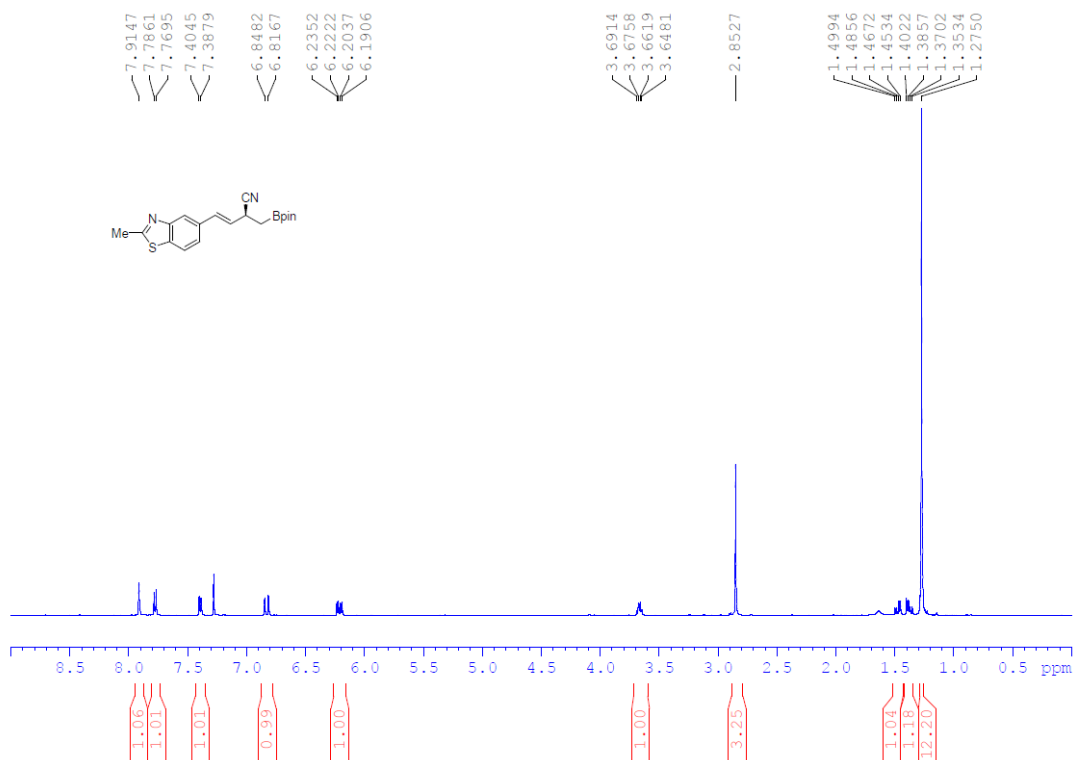


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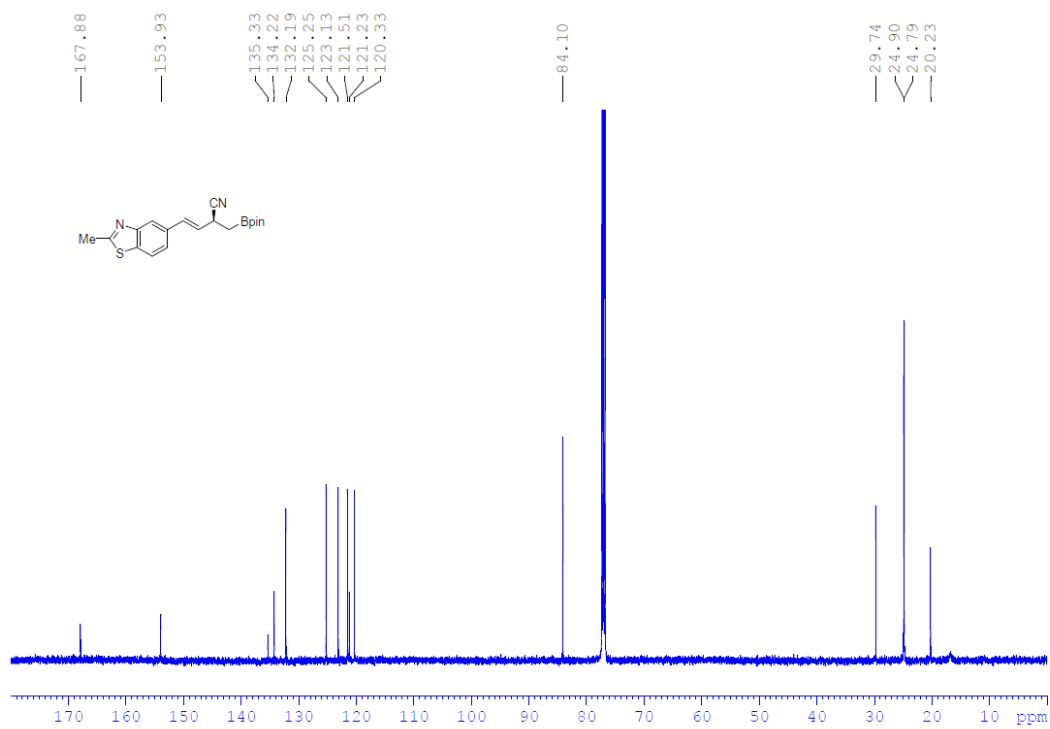


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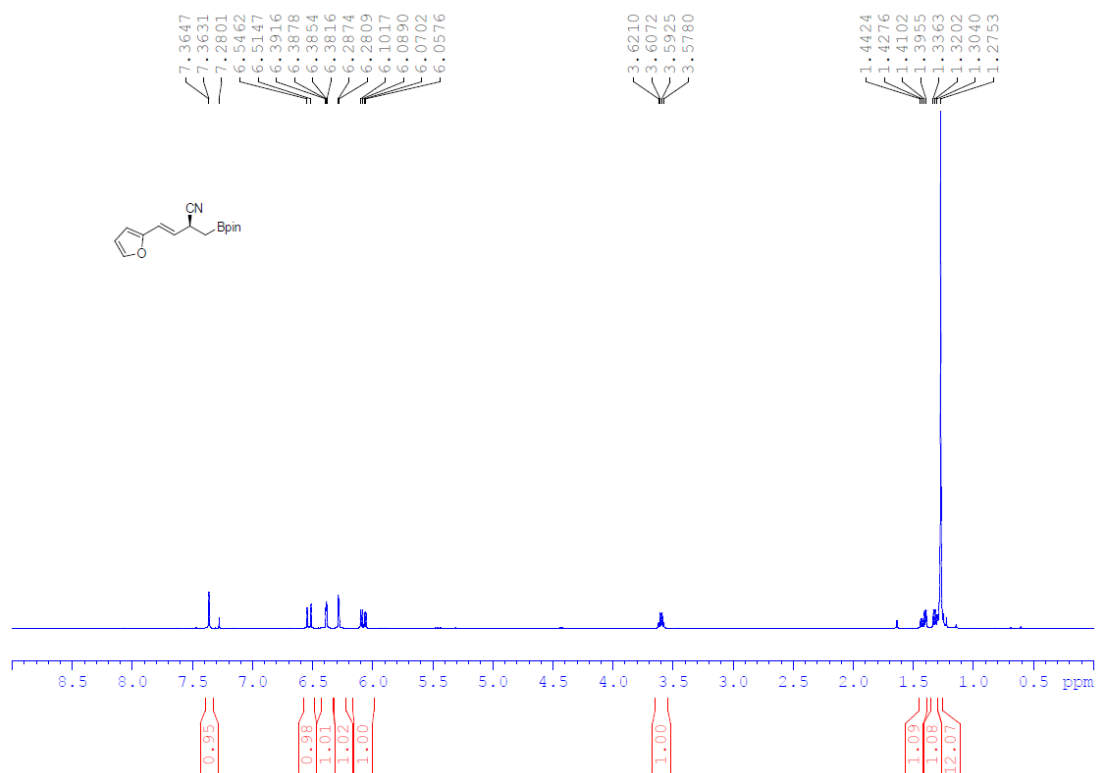


¹H NMR of compound **4q** (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

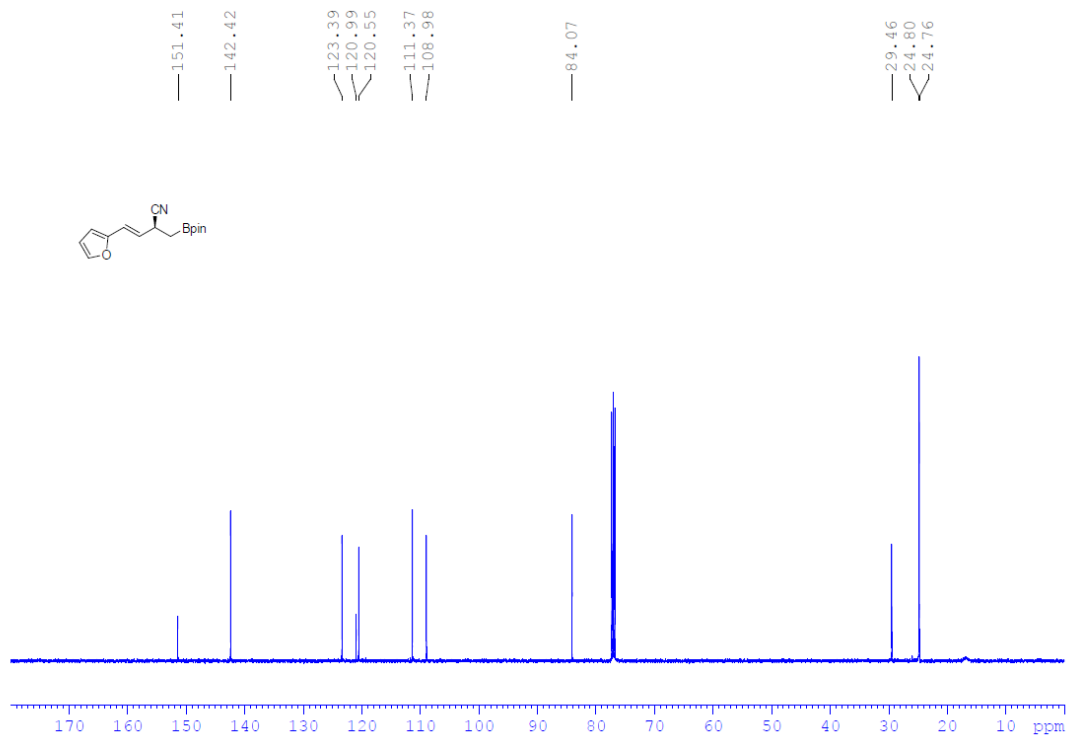
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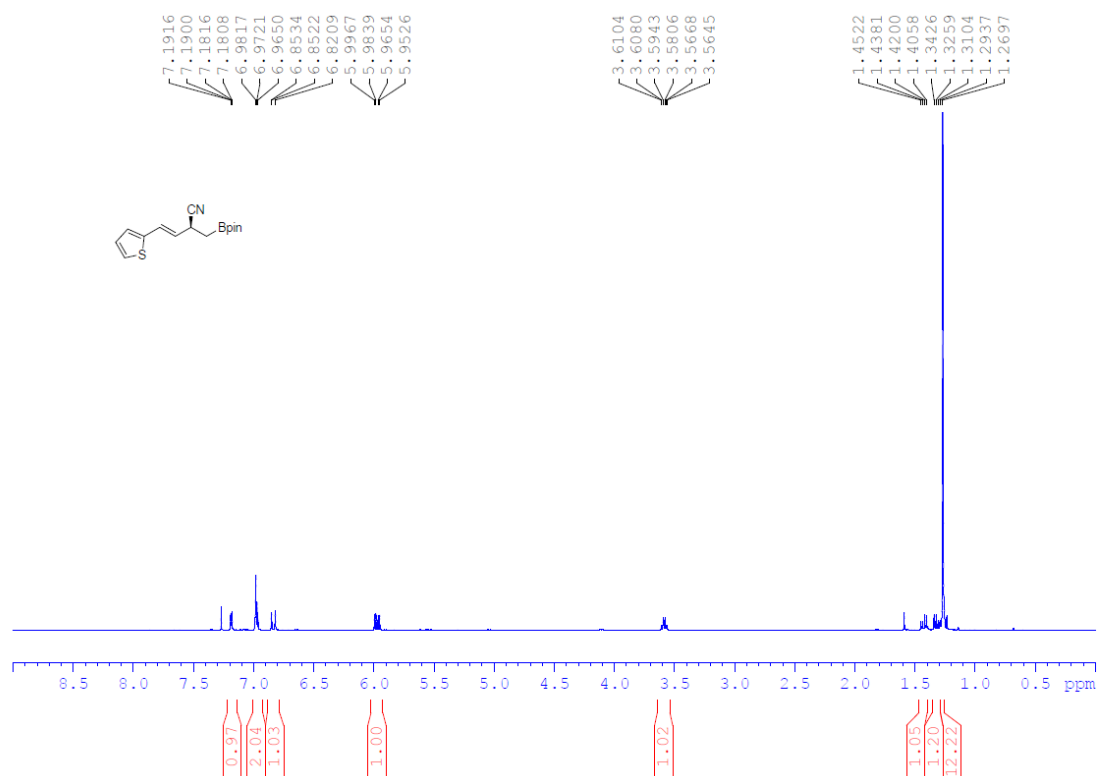
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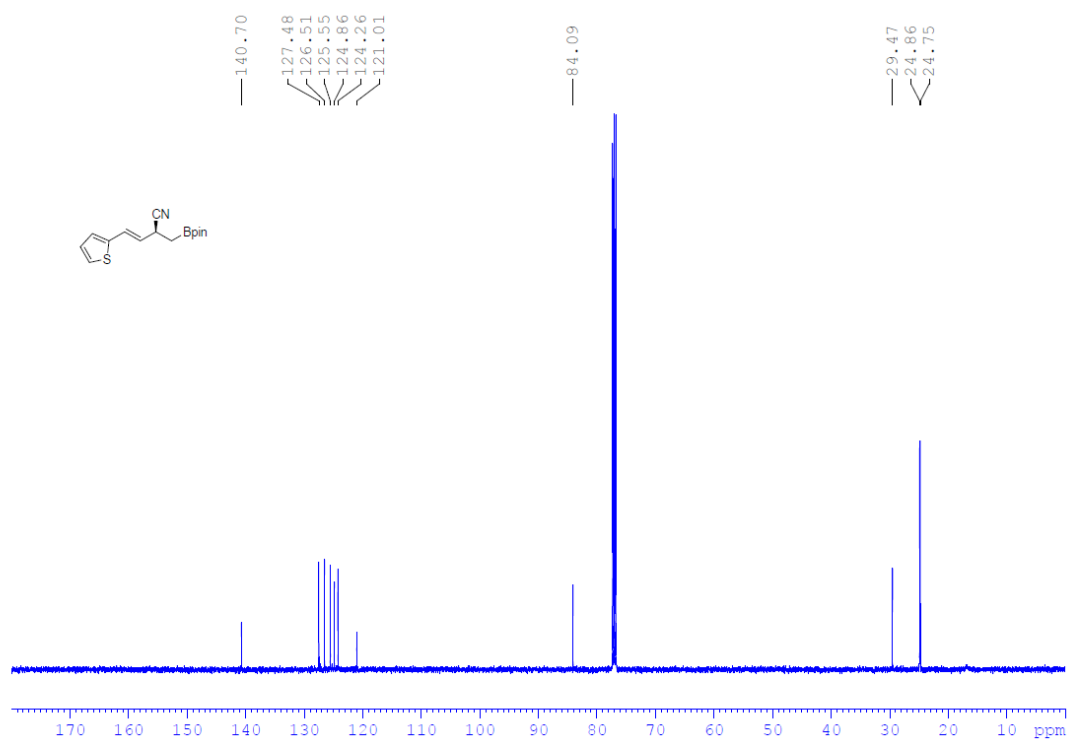
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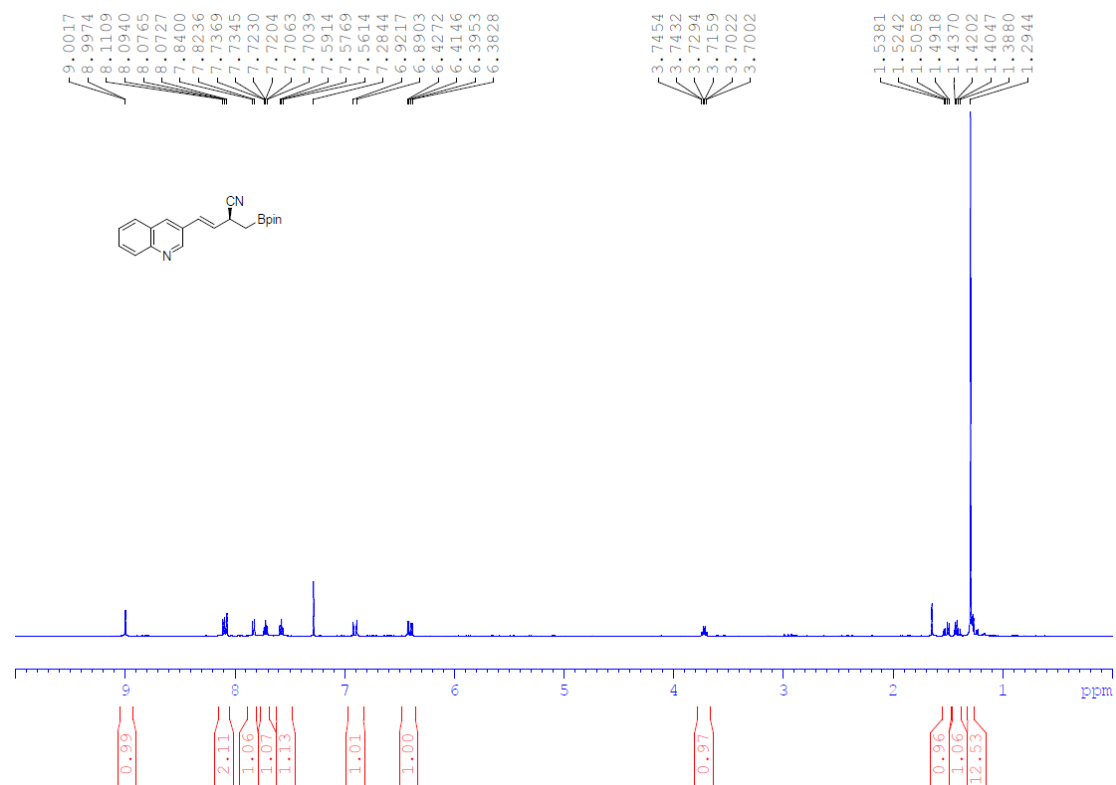
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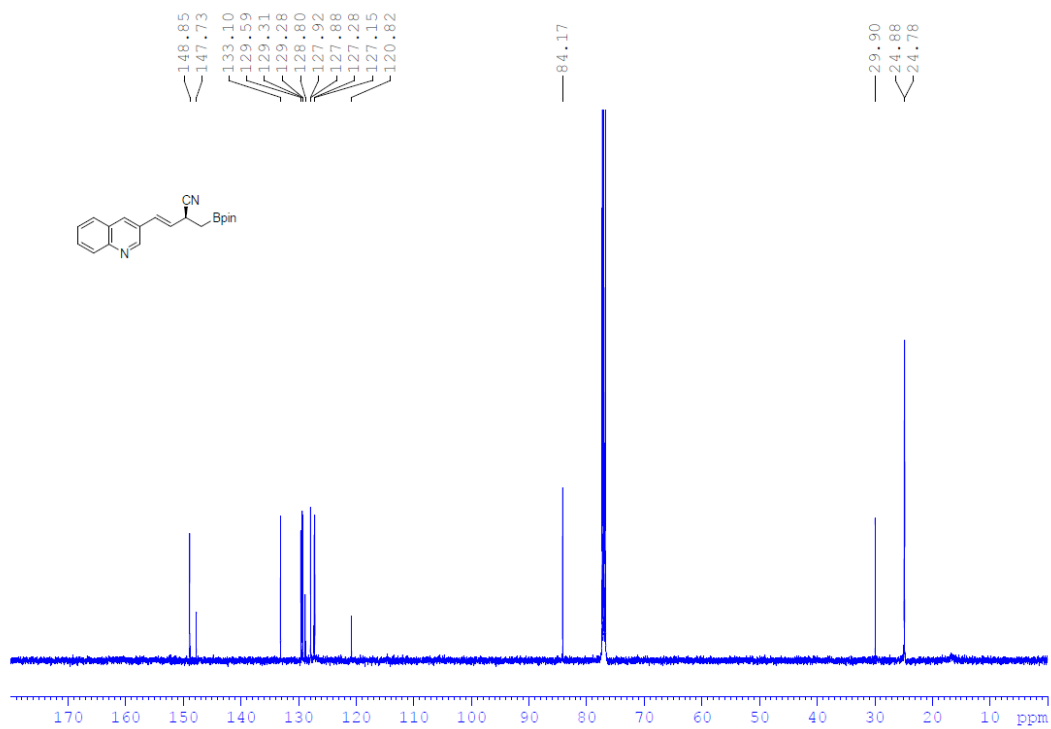
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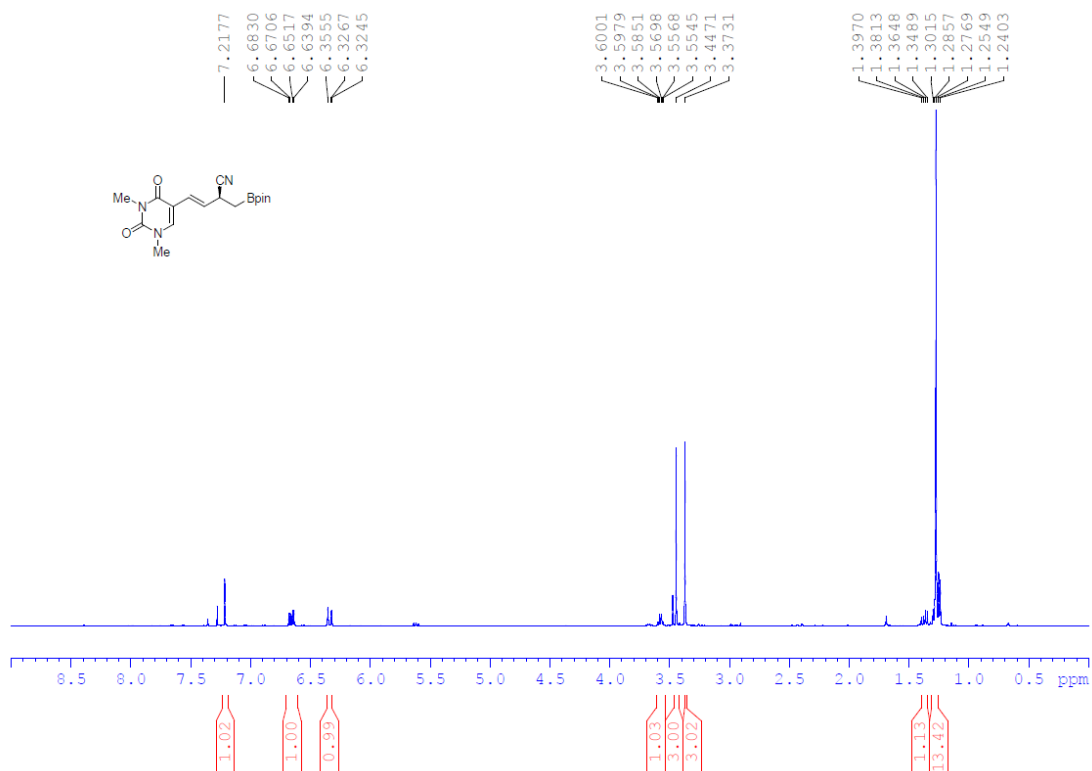
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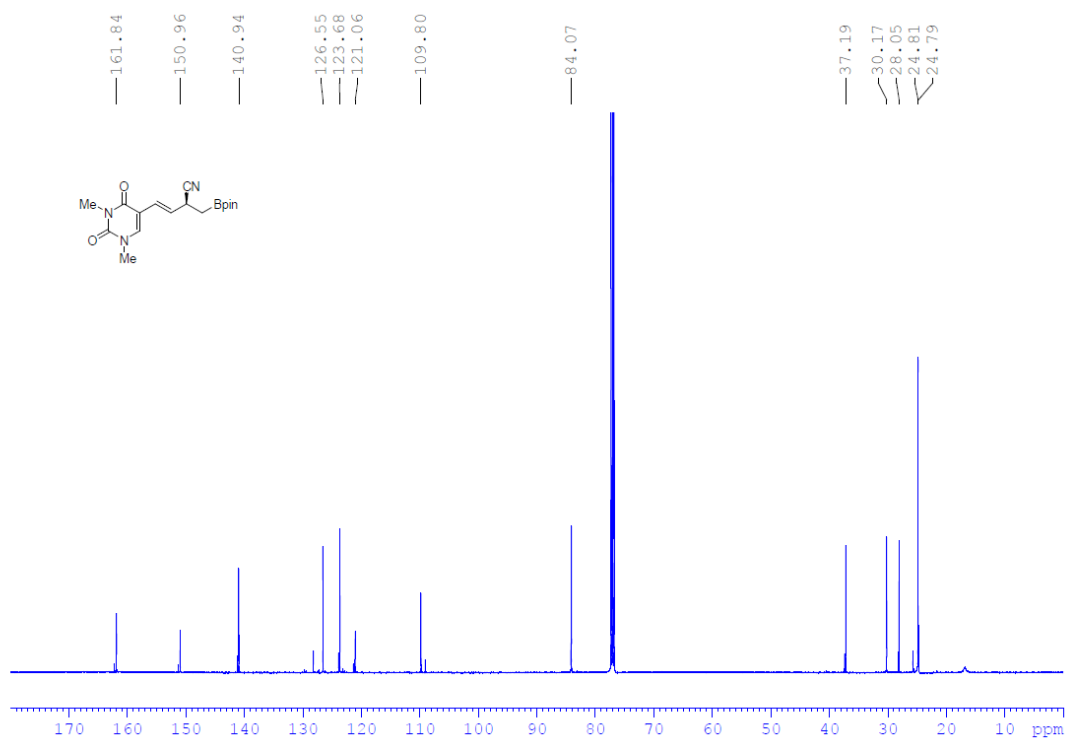
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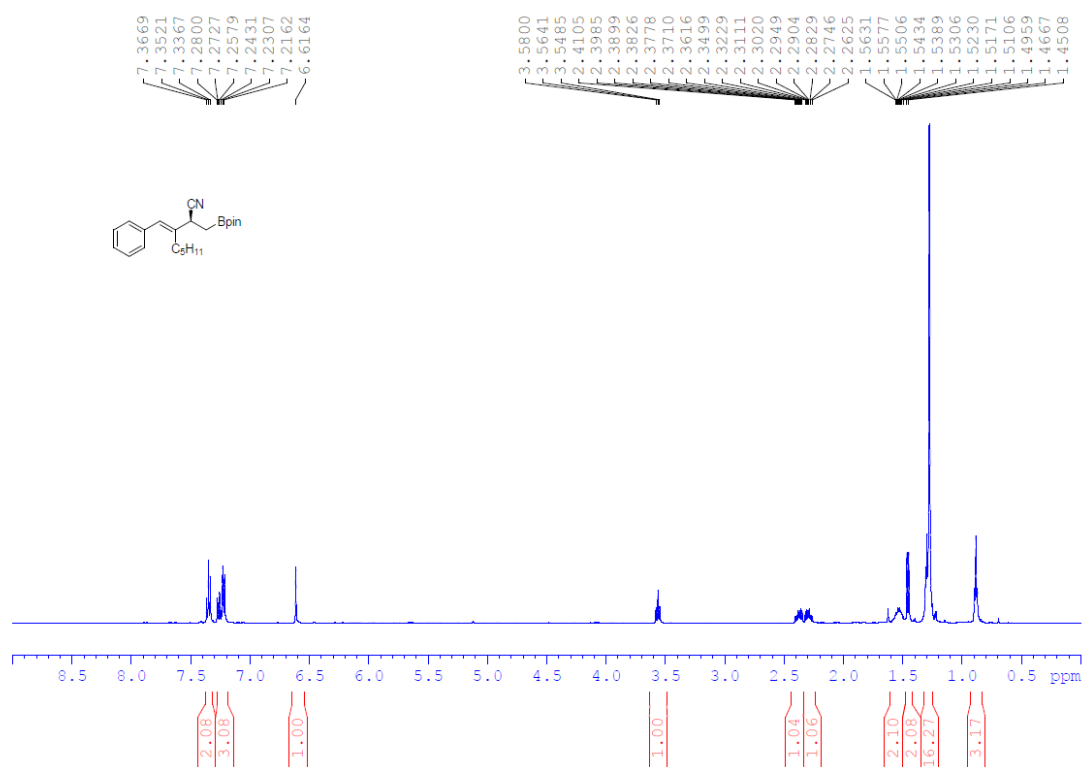


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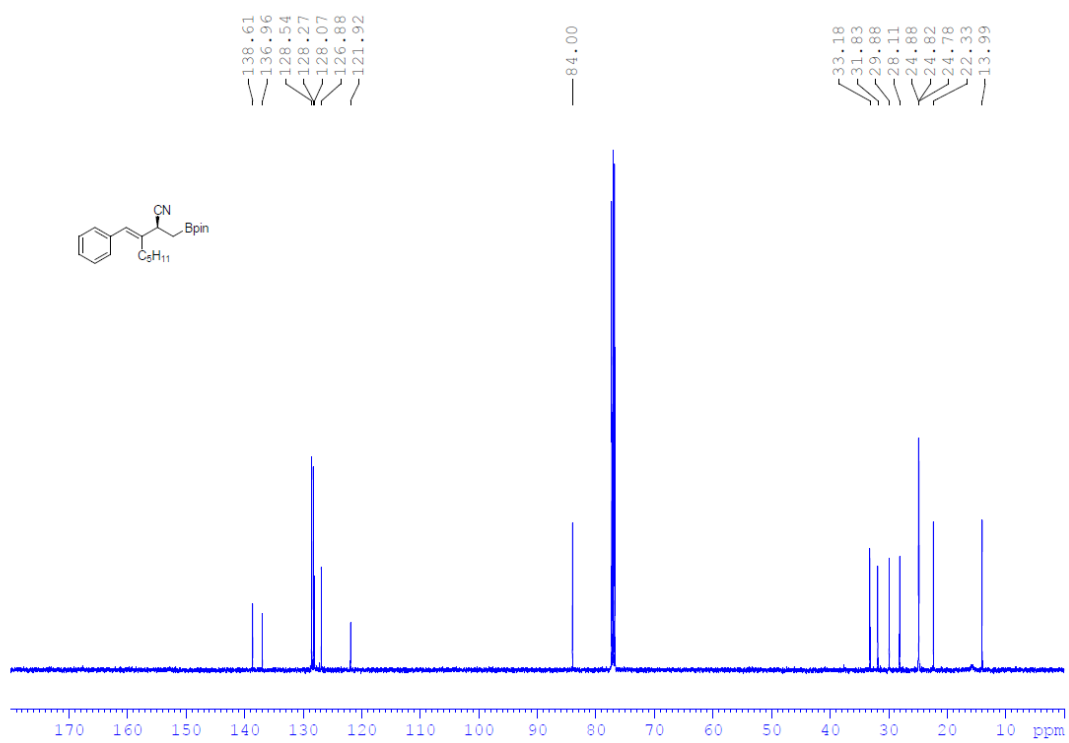


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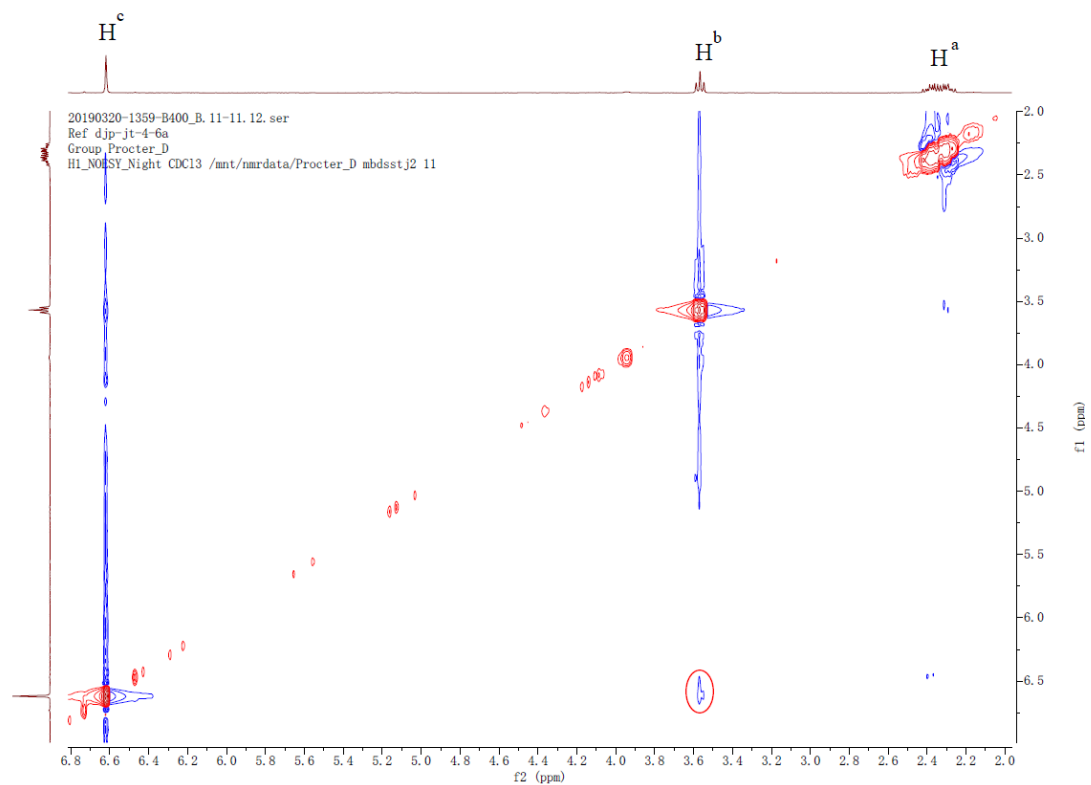
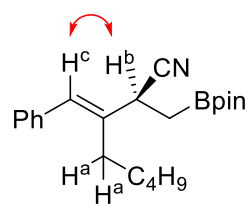


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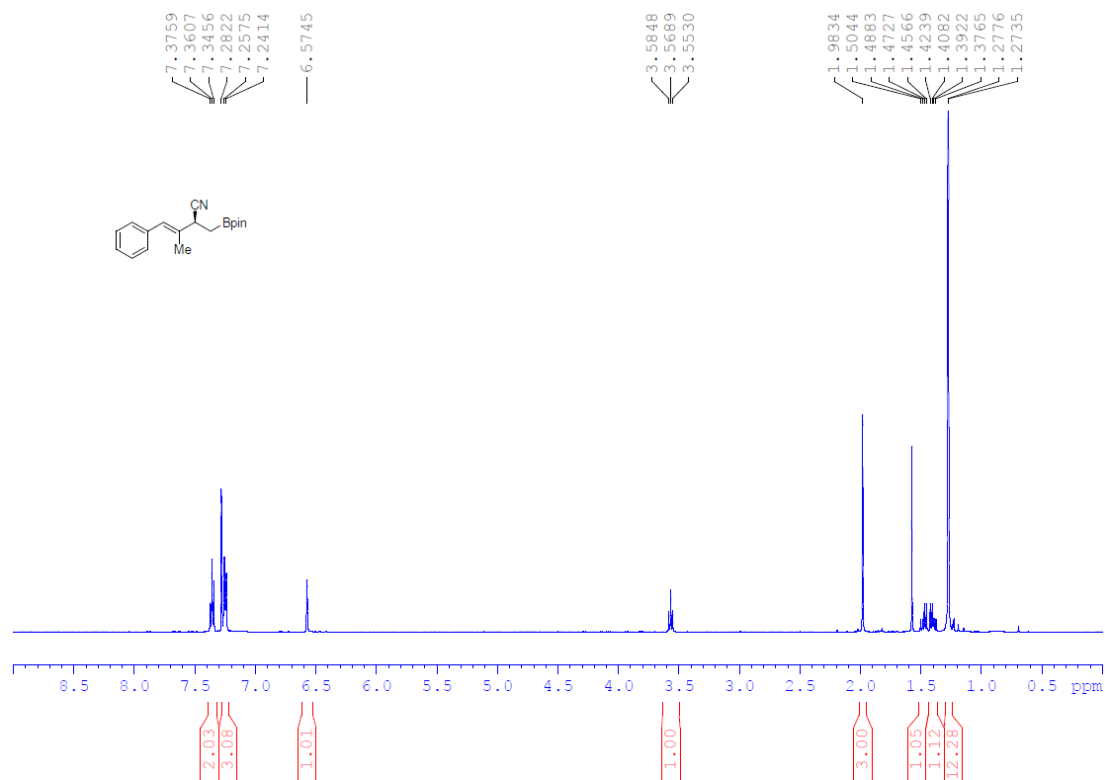
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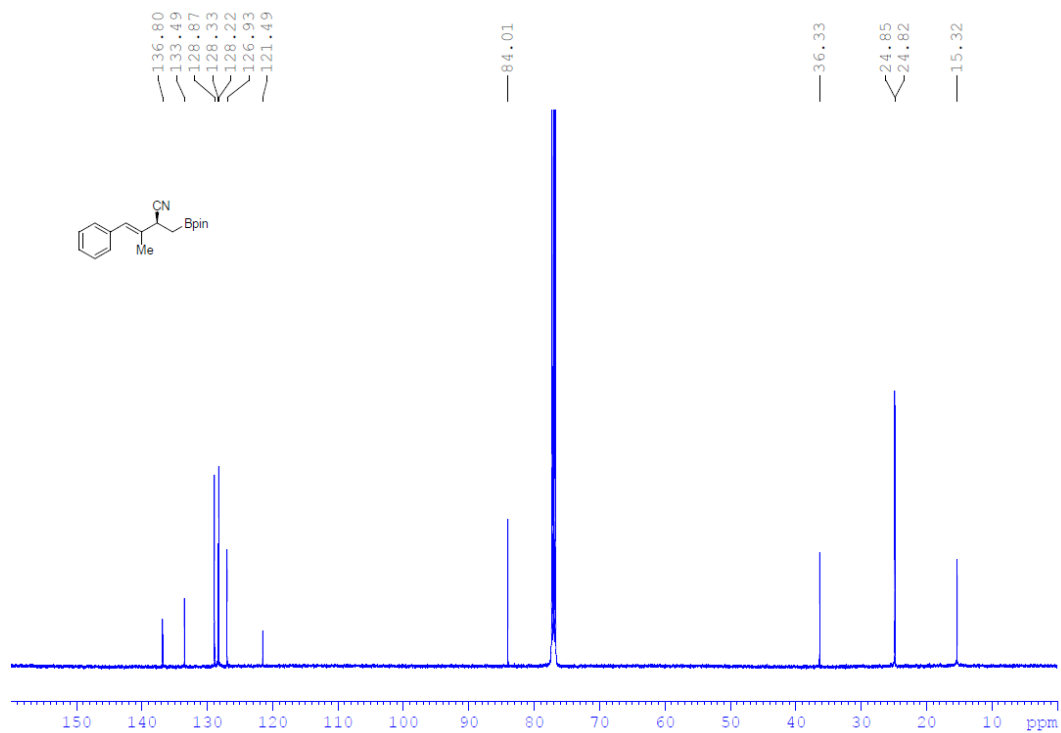
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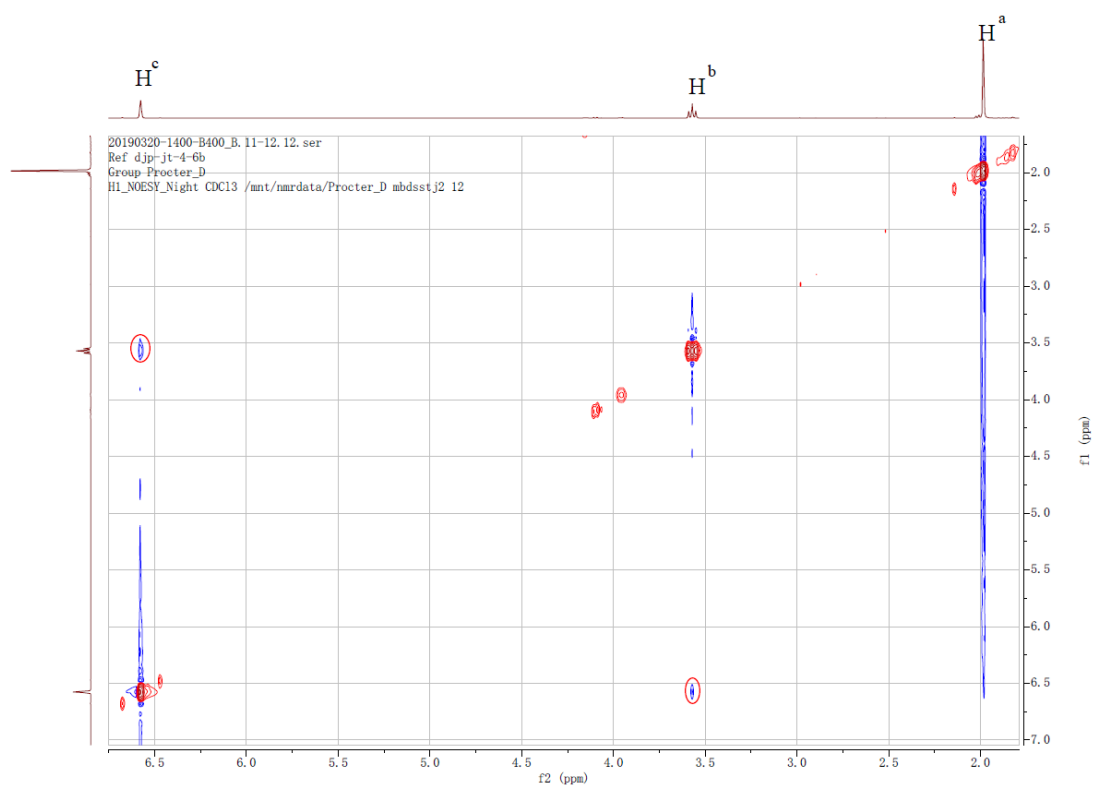
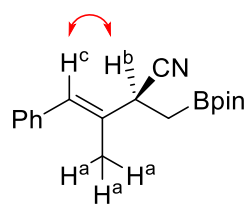
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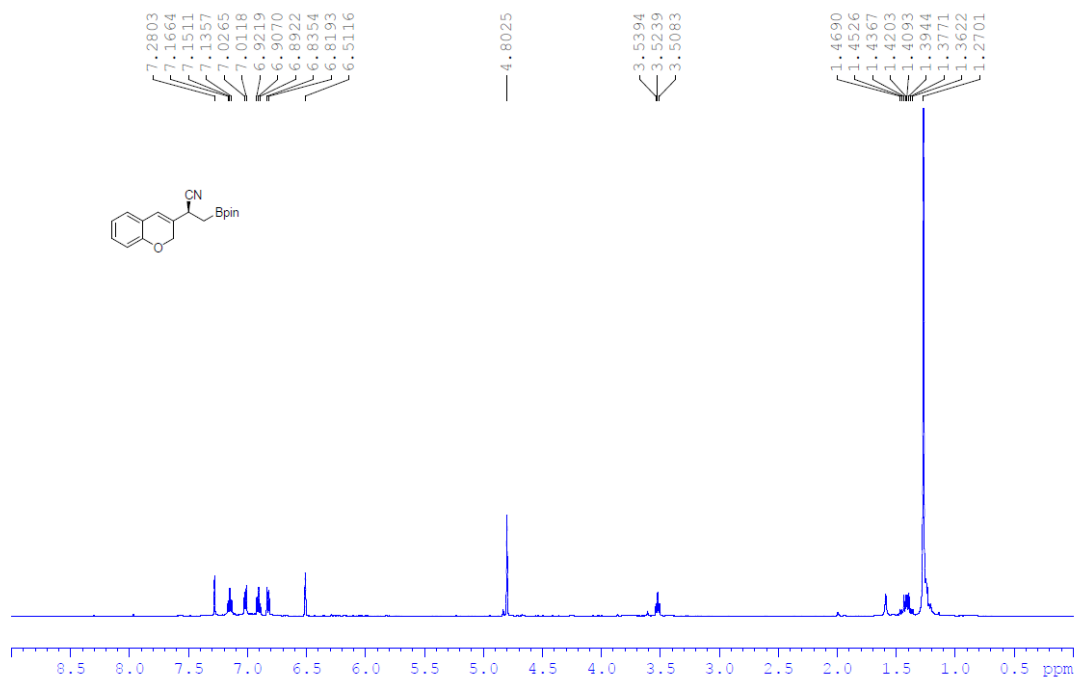
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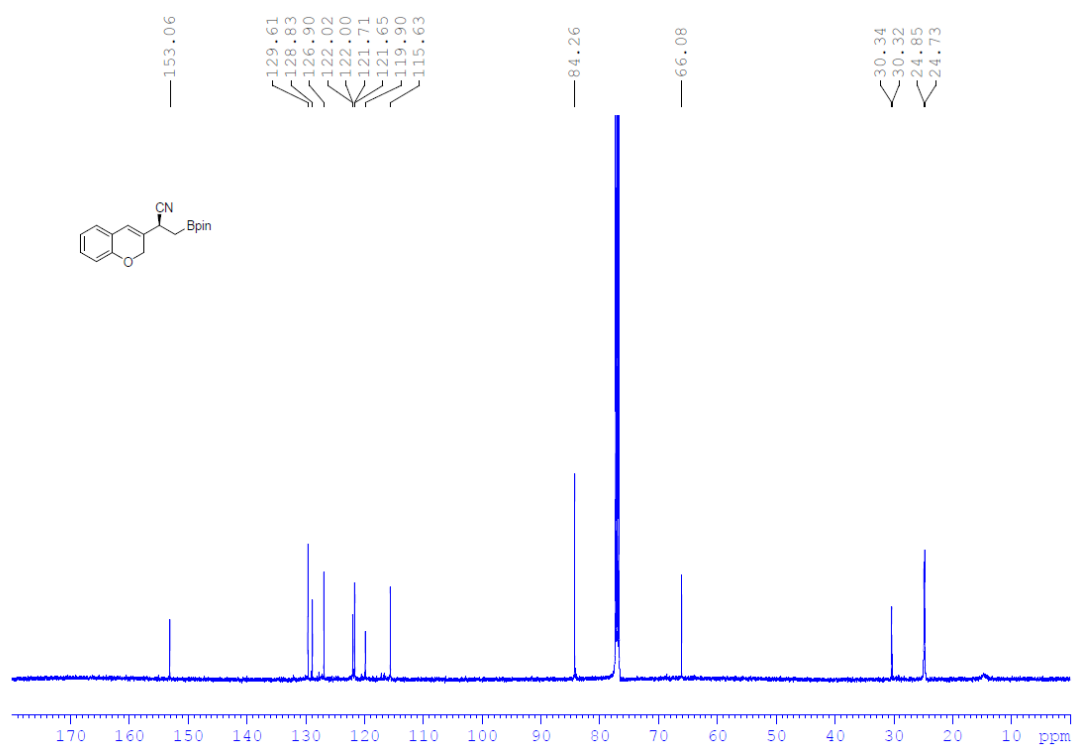
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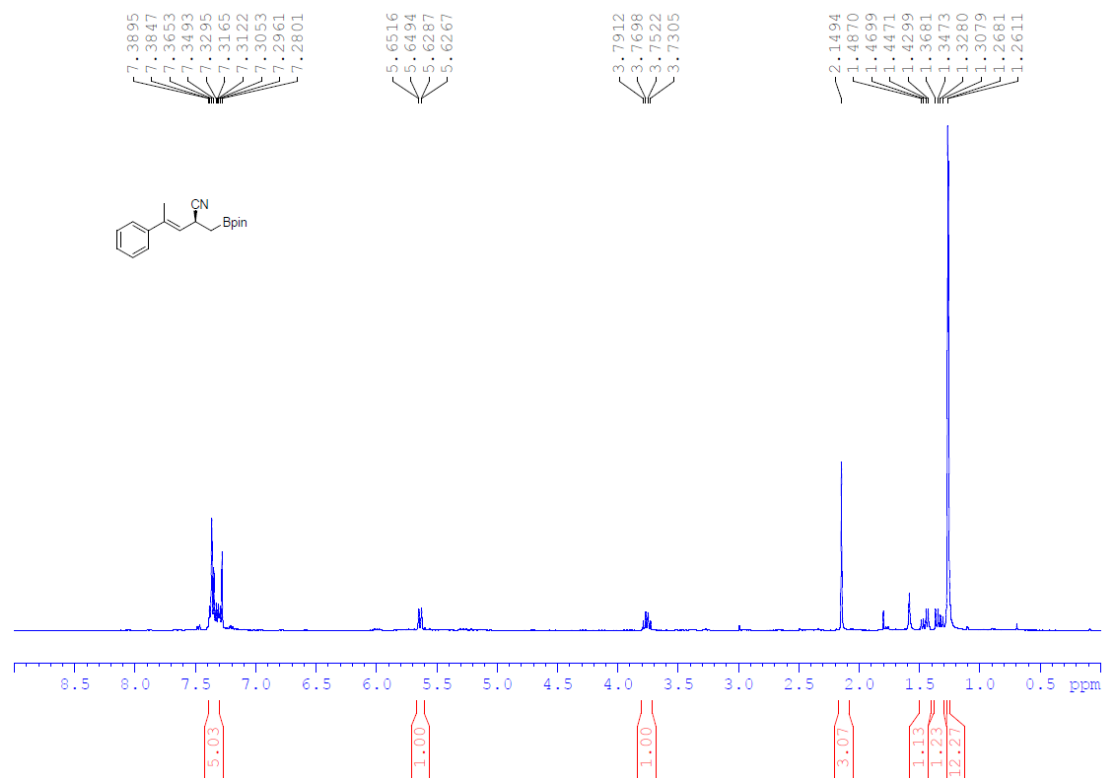
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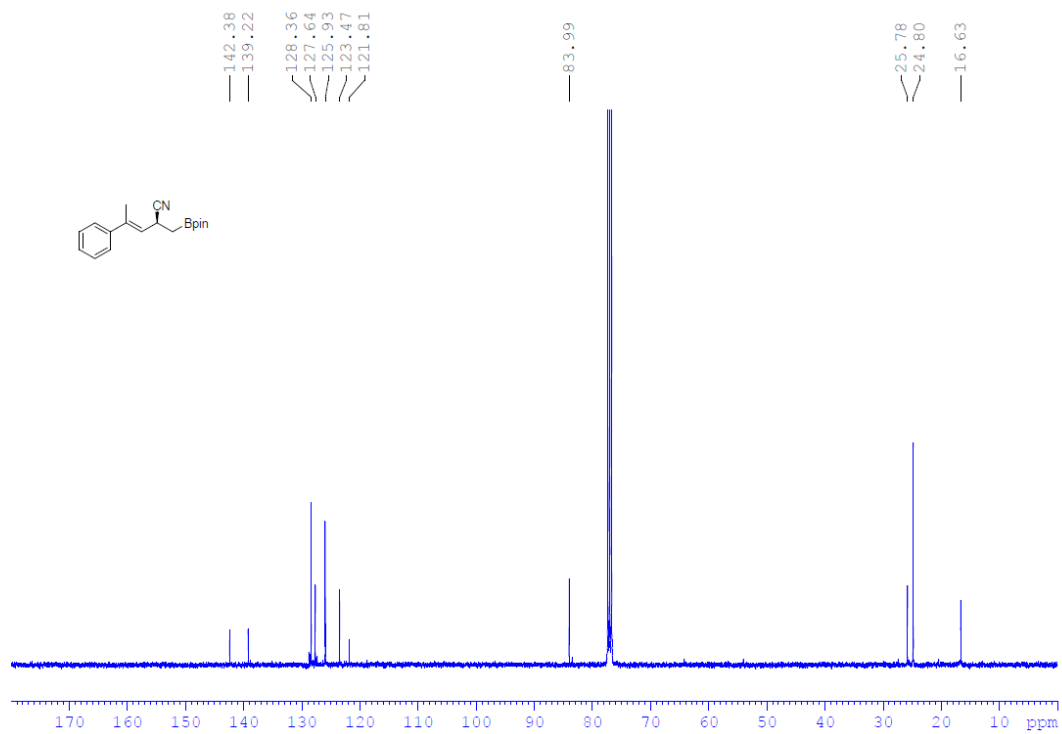
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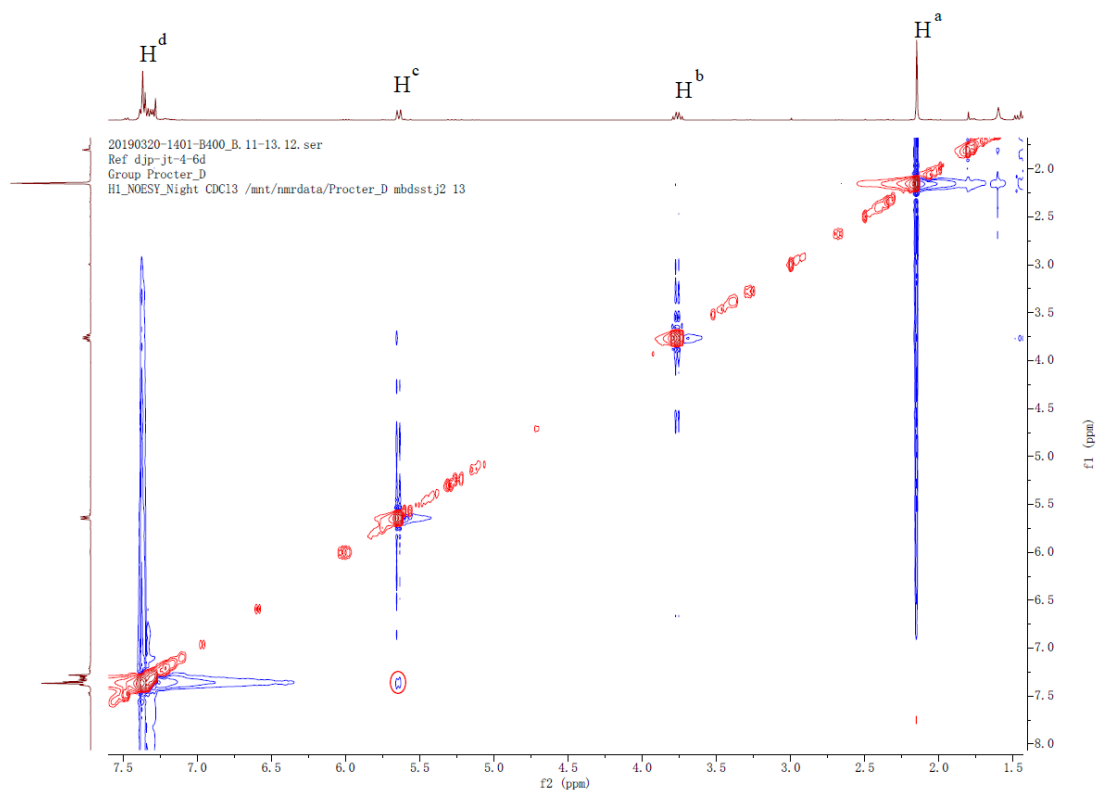
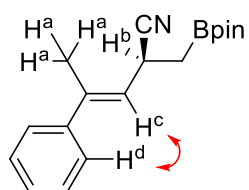
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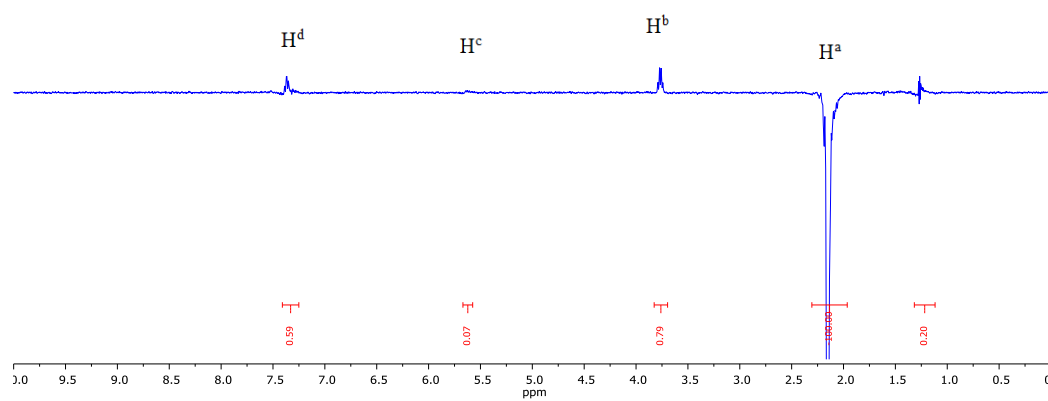
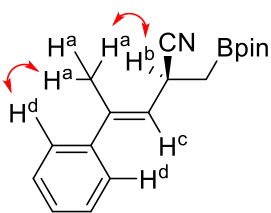
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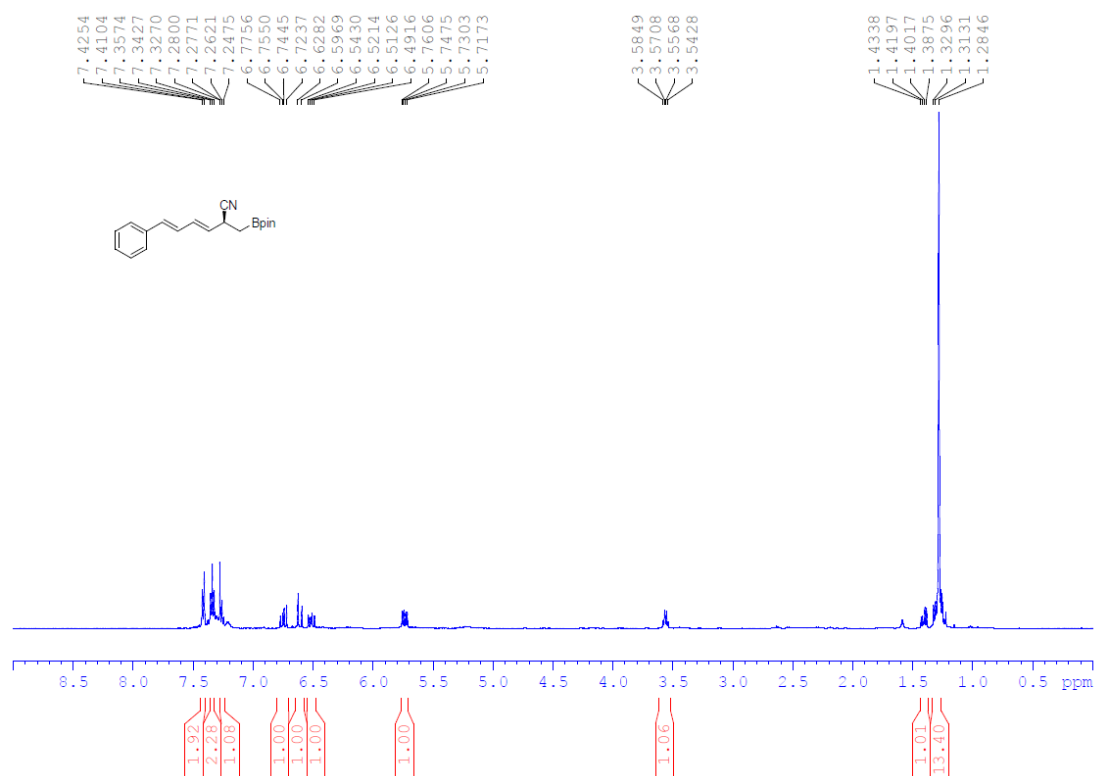
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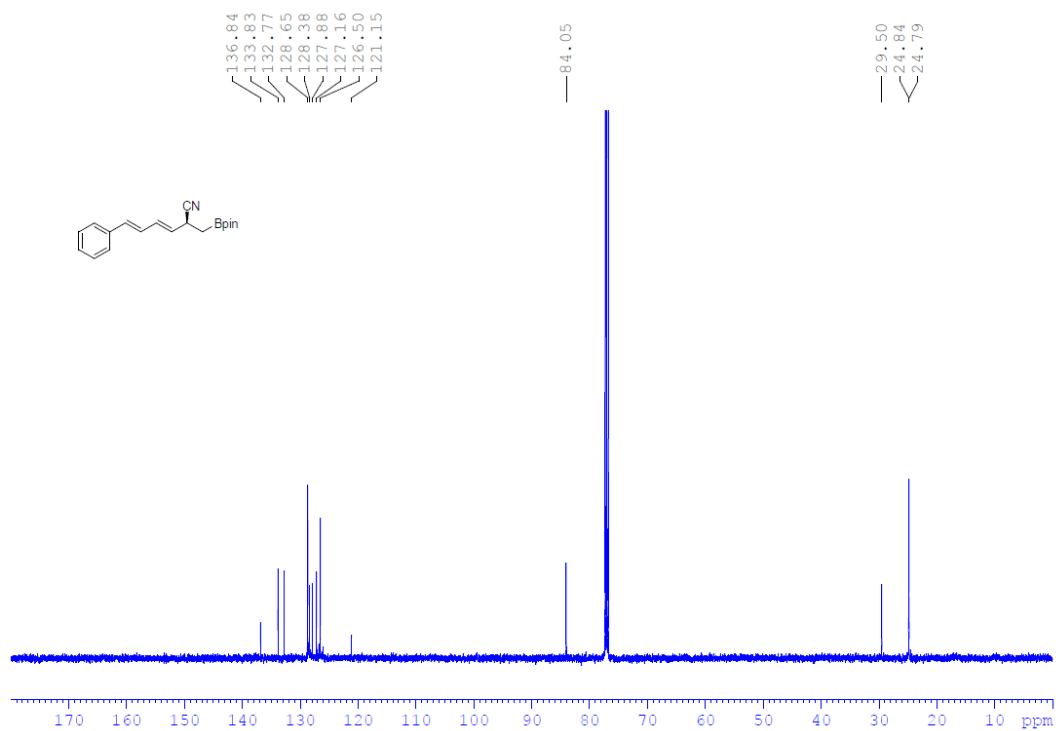
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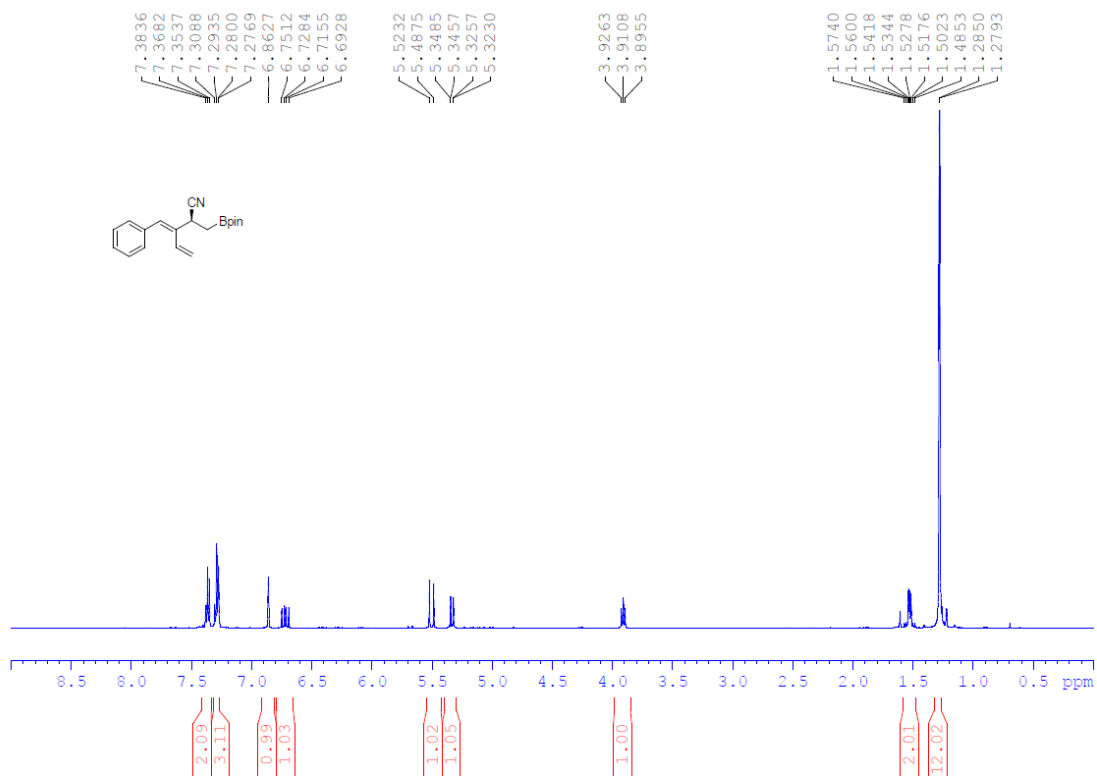
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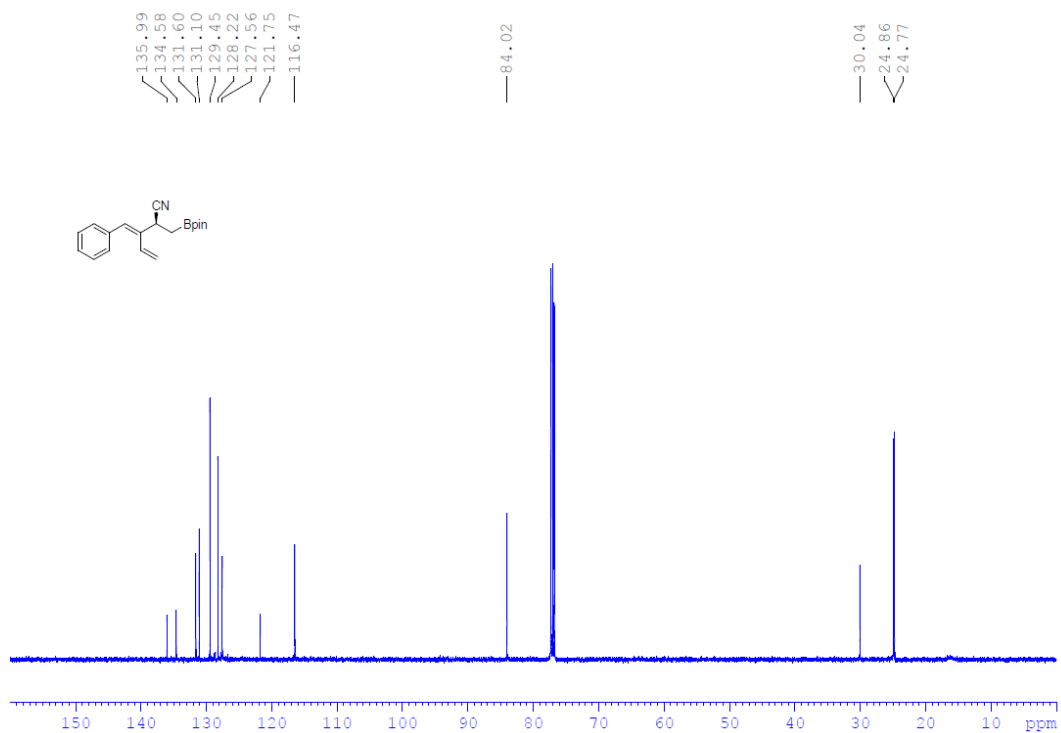
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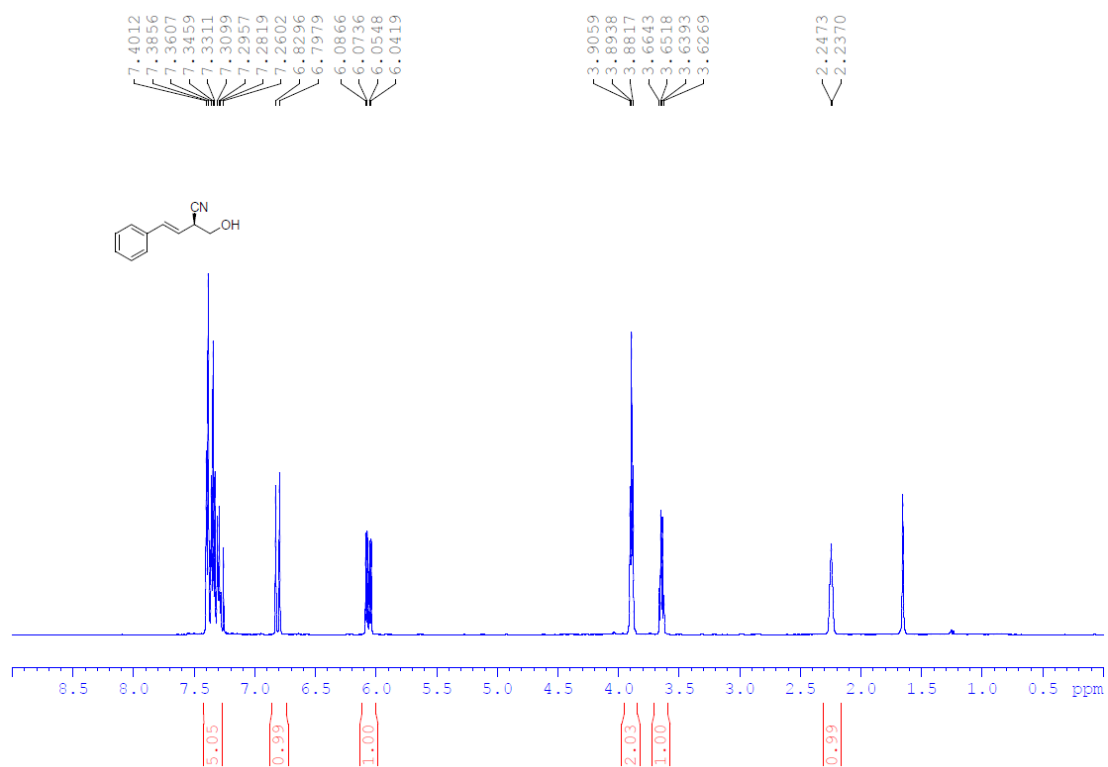
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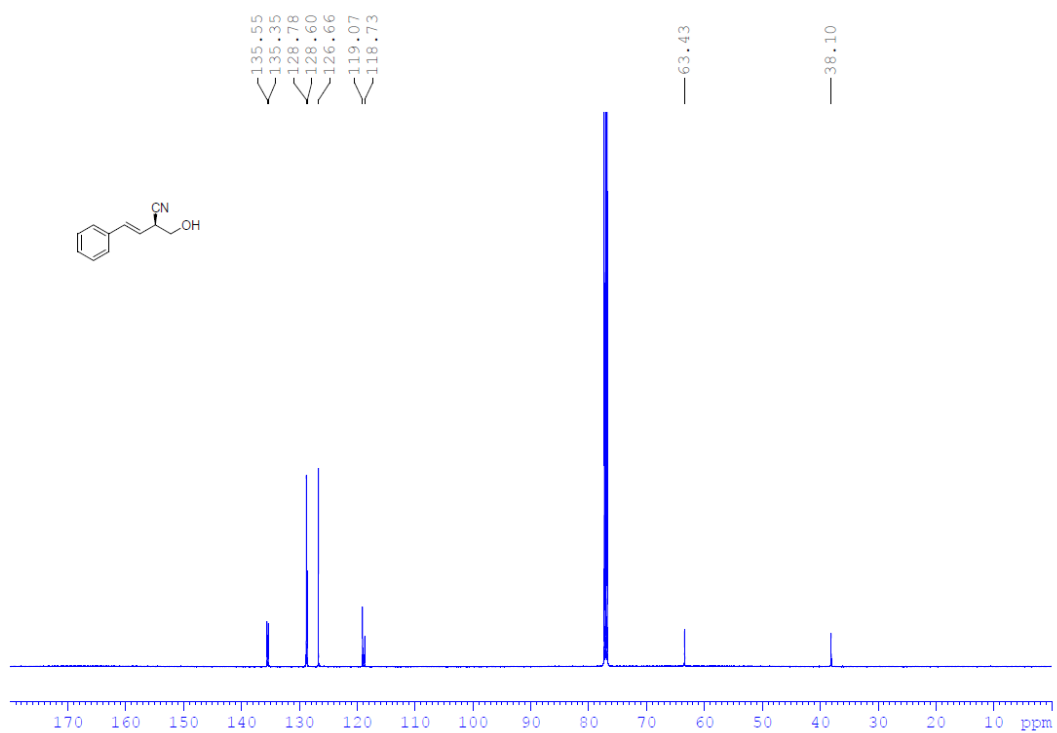
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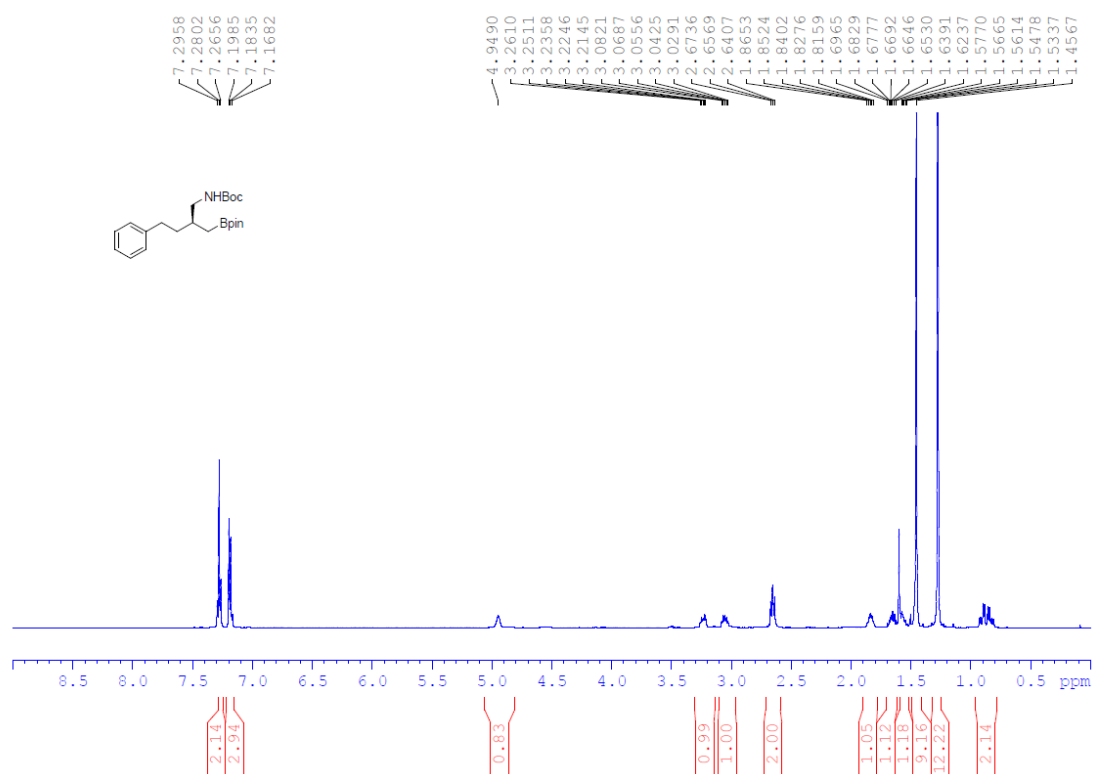
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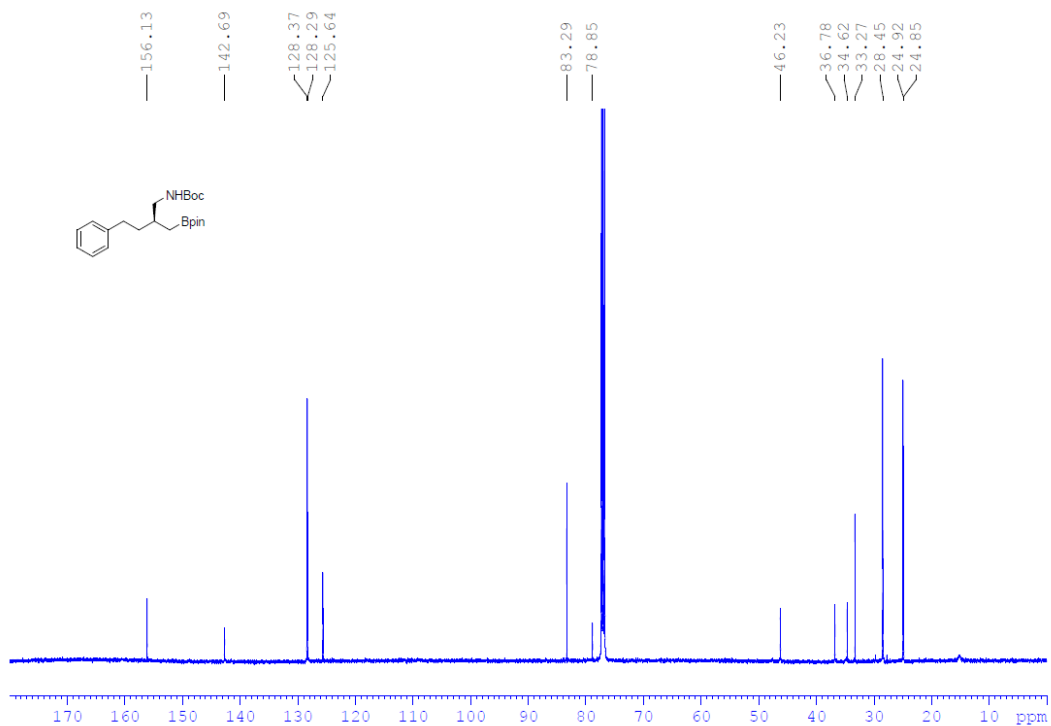
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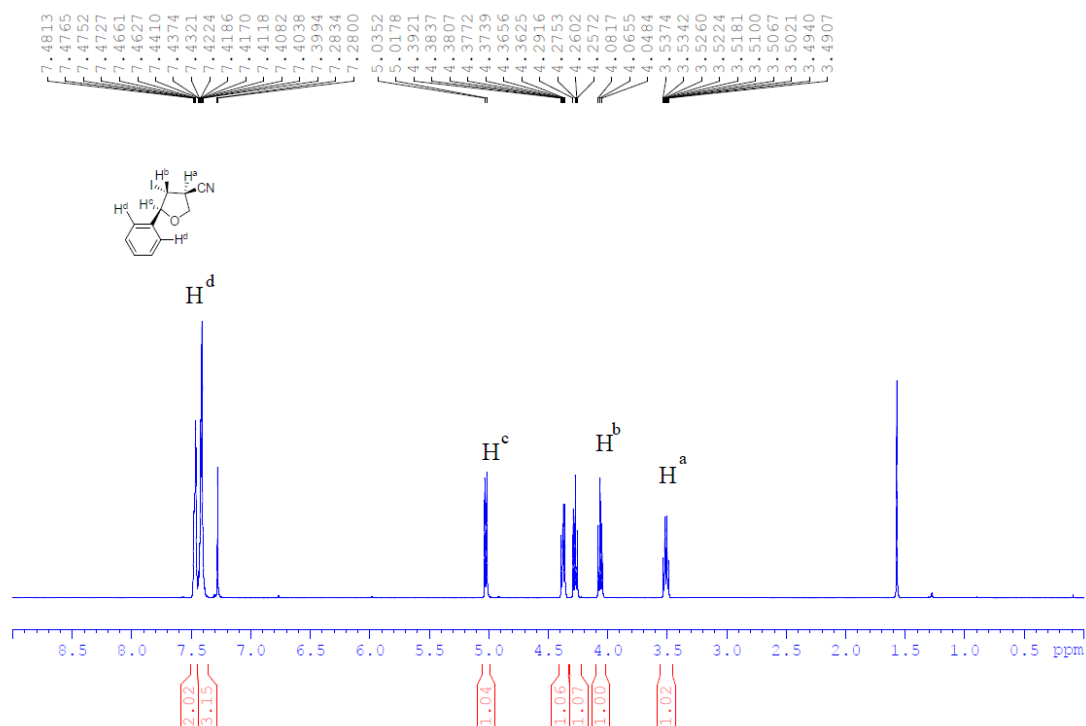
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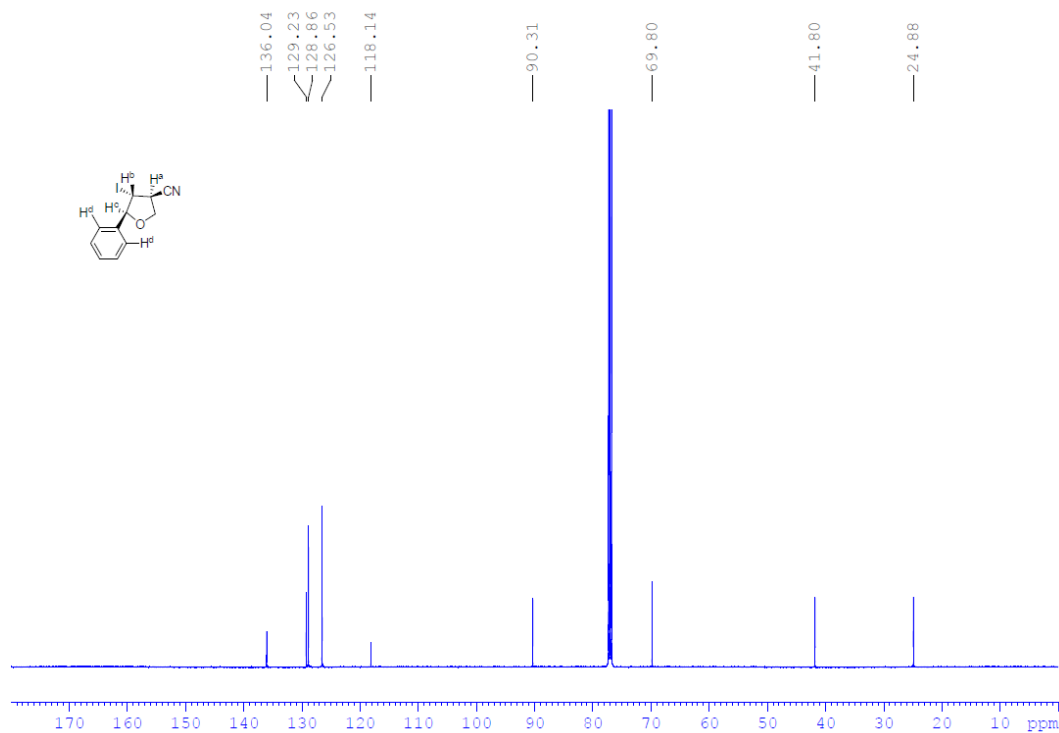
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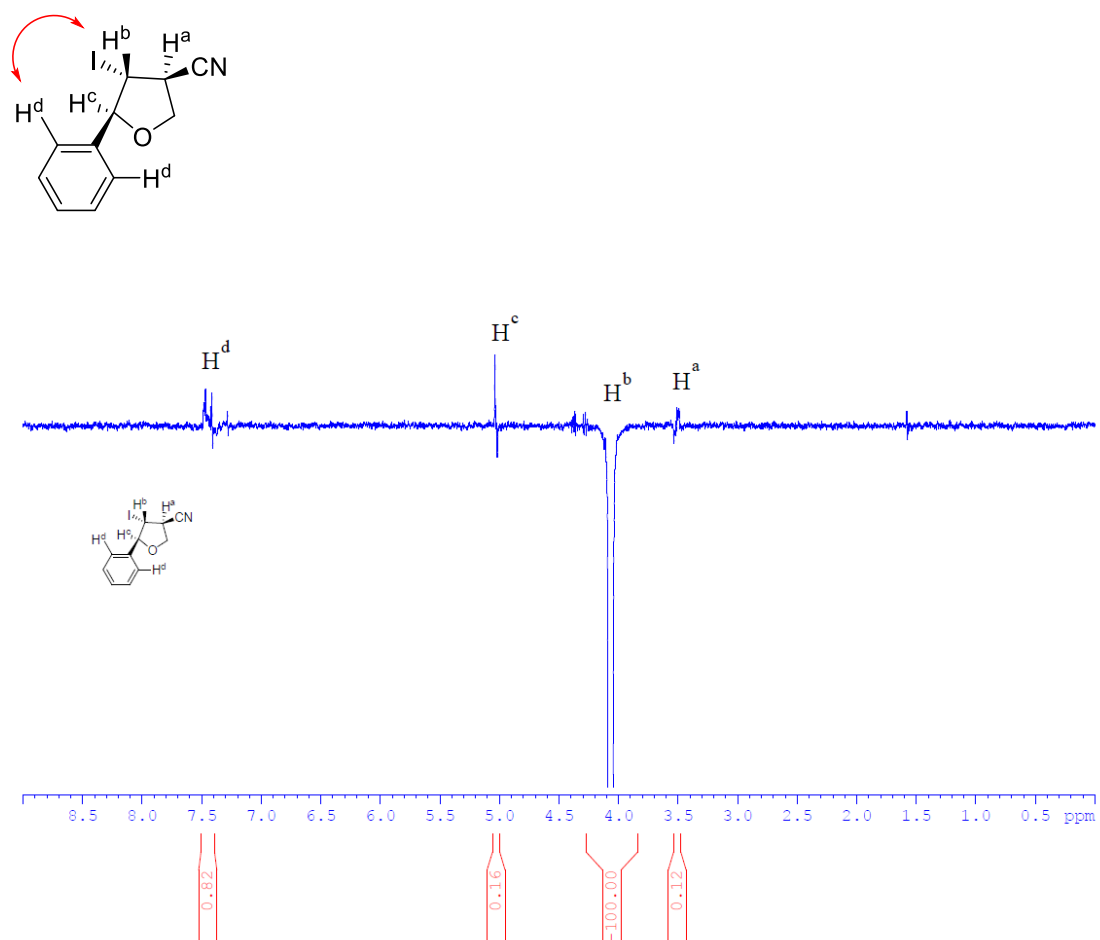
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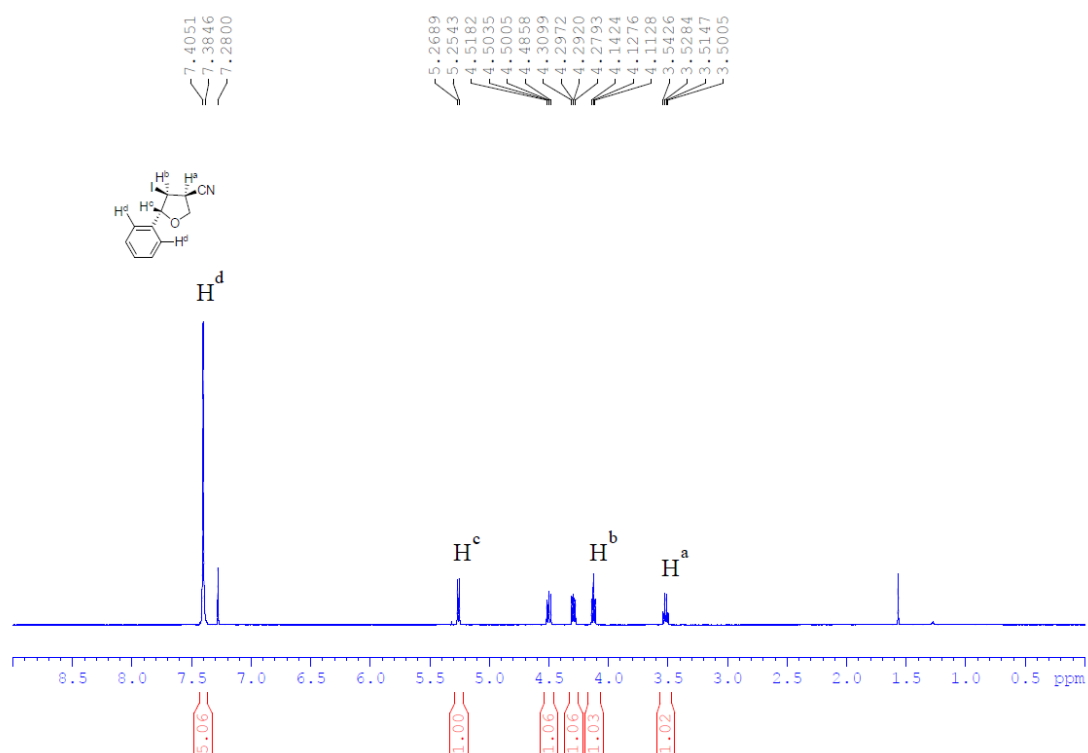
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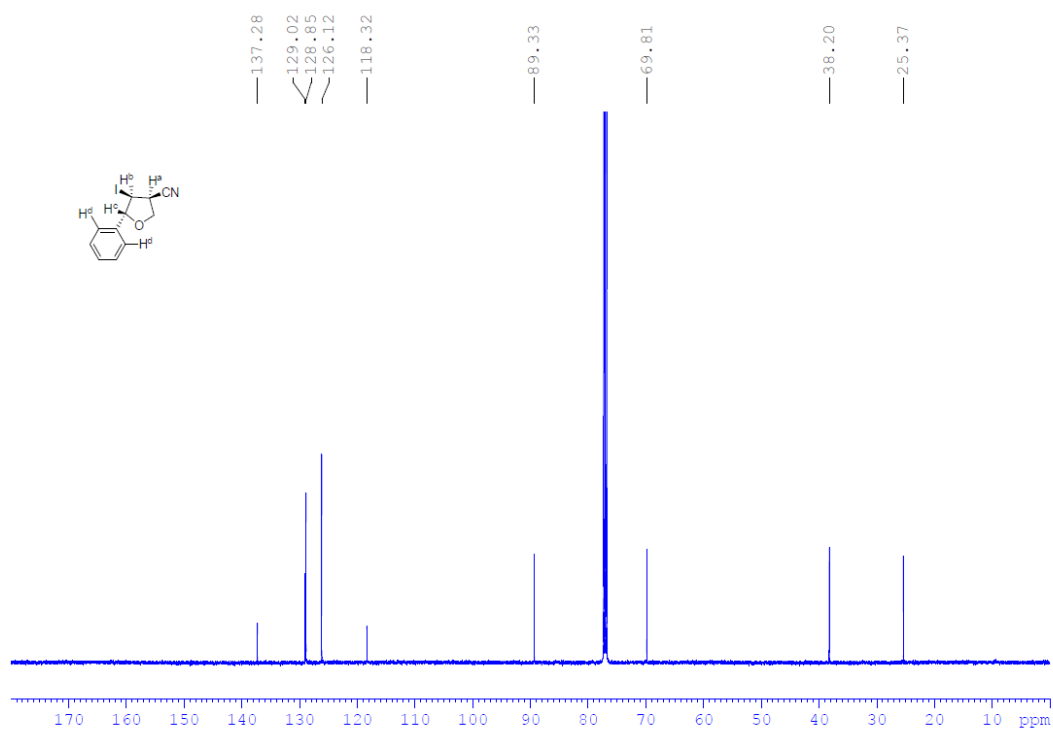
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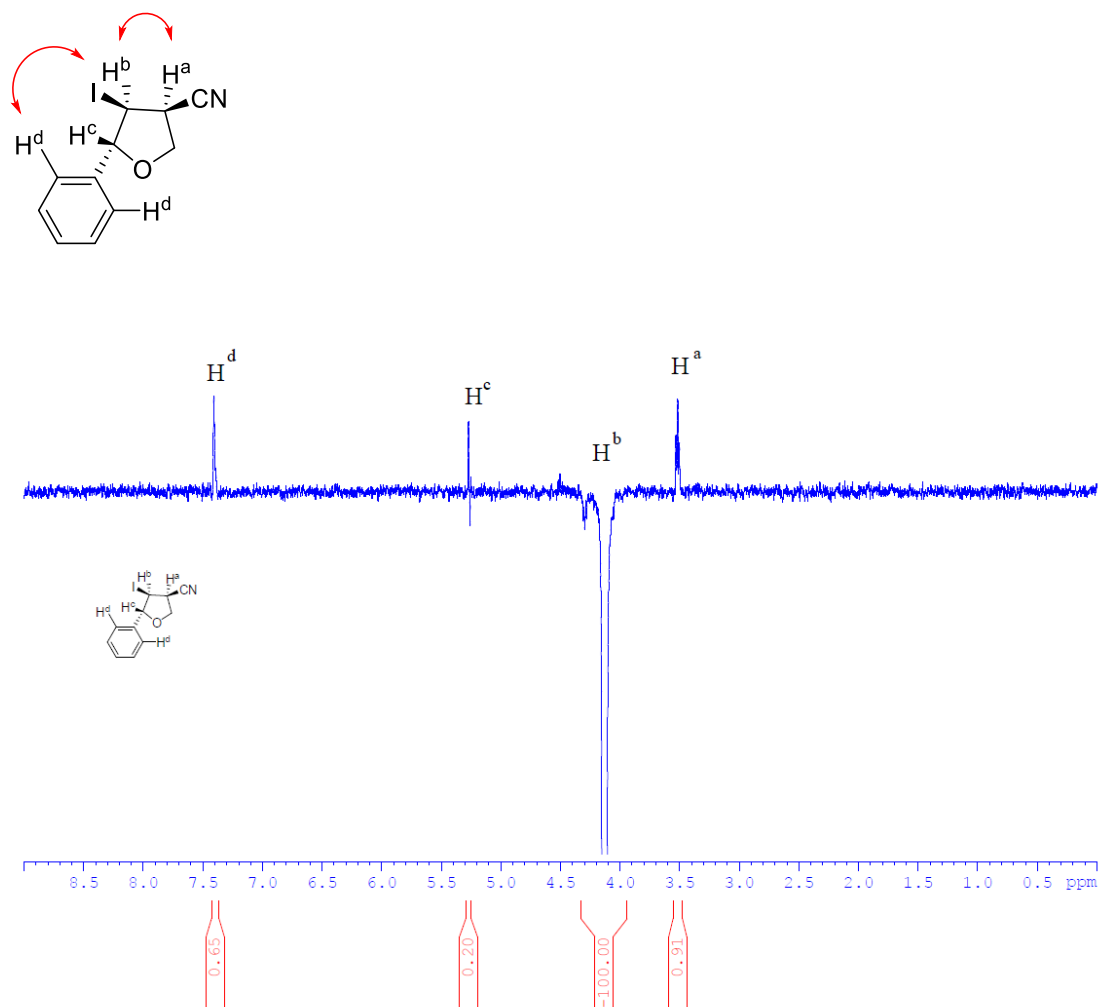
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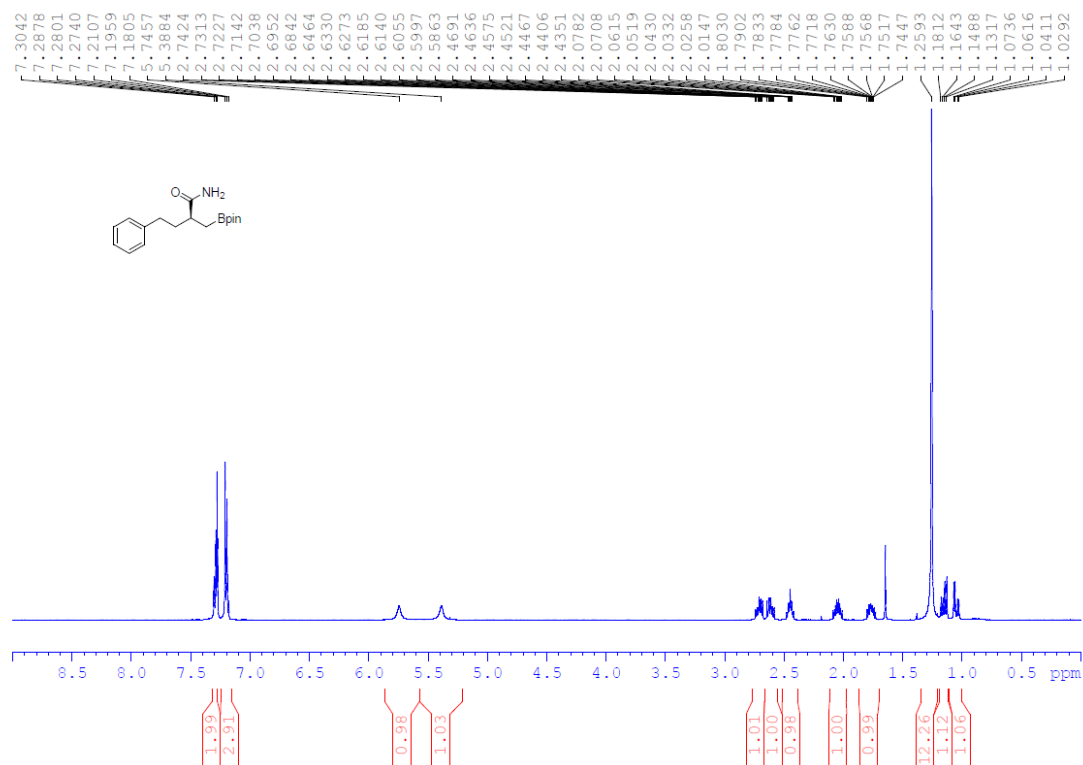


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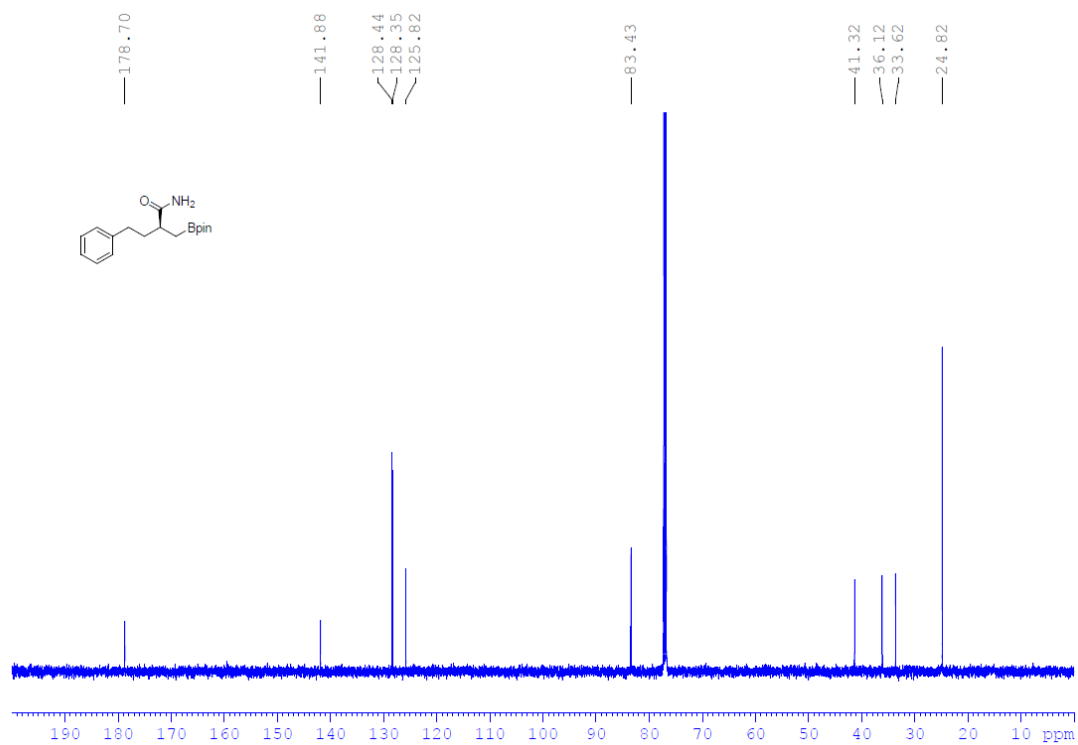


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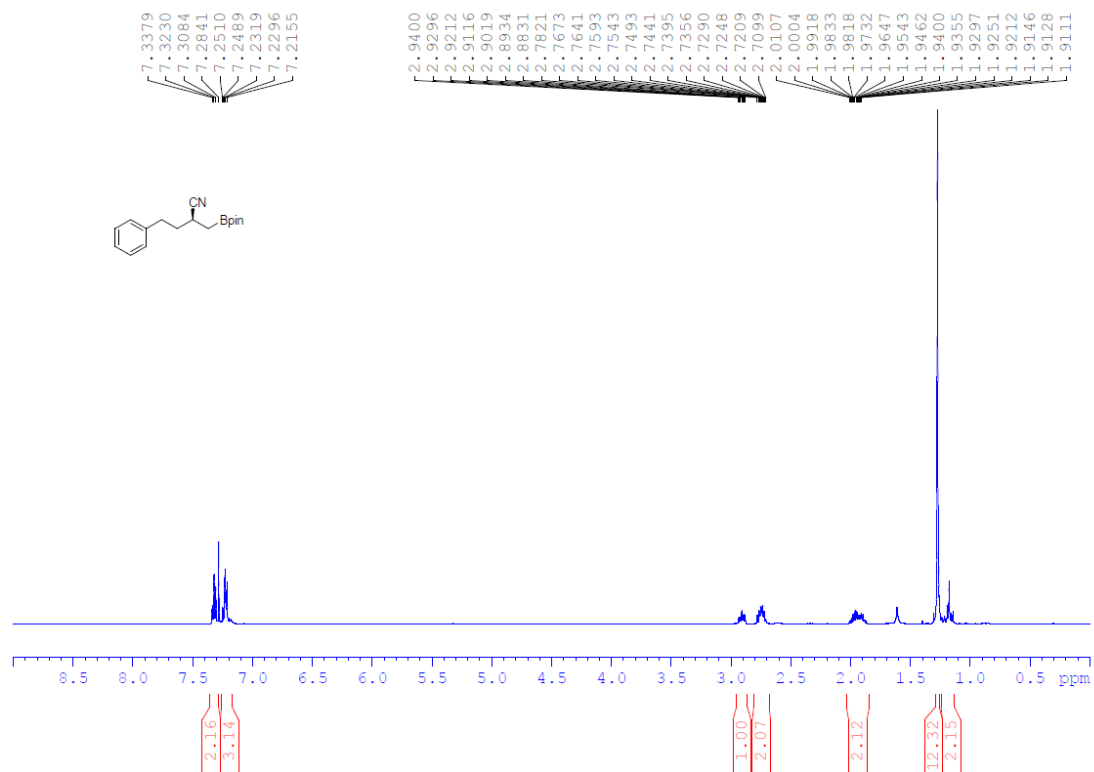


¹H NMR of compound **13** (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

¹³C NMR of compound **13** (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



^1H NMR of compound **12** (500 MHz, CDCl_3)



^{13}C NMR of compound **12** (125 MHz, CDCl_3)

