

**New aspects of the synthesis of *closo*-dodecaborate nitrilium derivatives [B<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NCR]<sup>−</sup> (R = *n*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>, *i*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>, 4-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, 1-C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>): experimental and theoretical studies**

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## 1. Spectral data for synthesised compounds.

Figure S1:  $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum  $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NC}^n\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)]$  **1a**

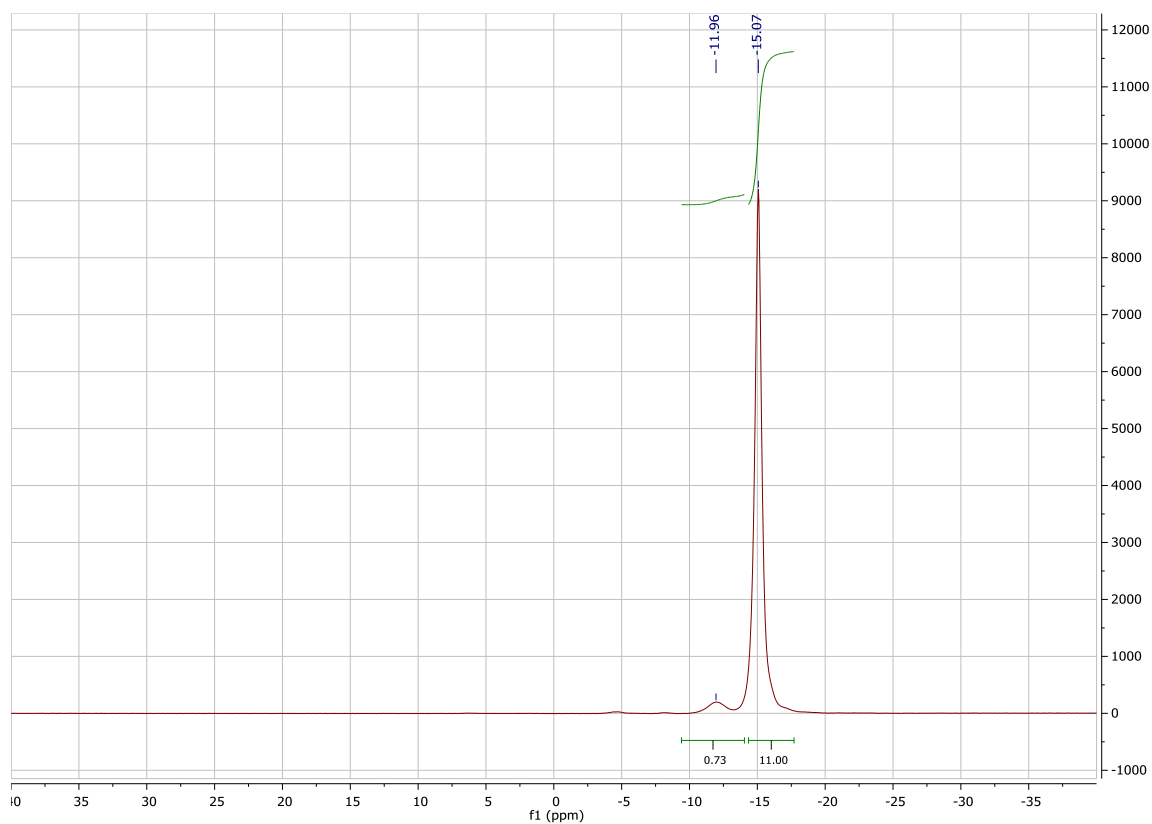
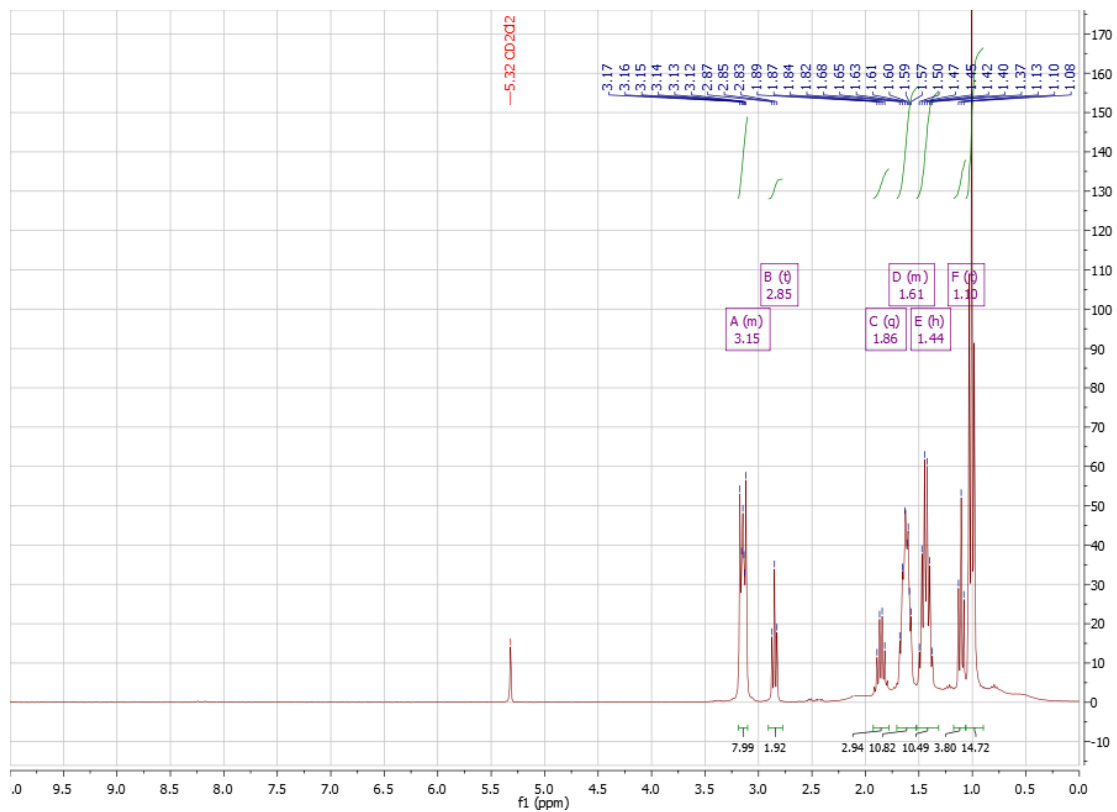
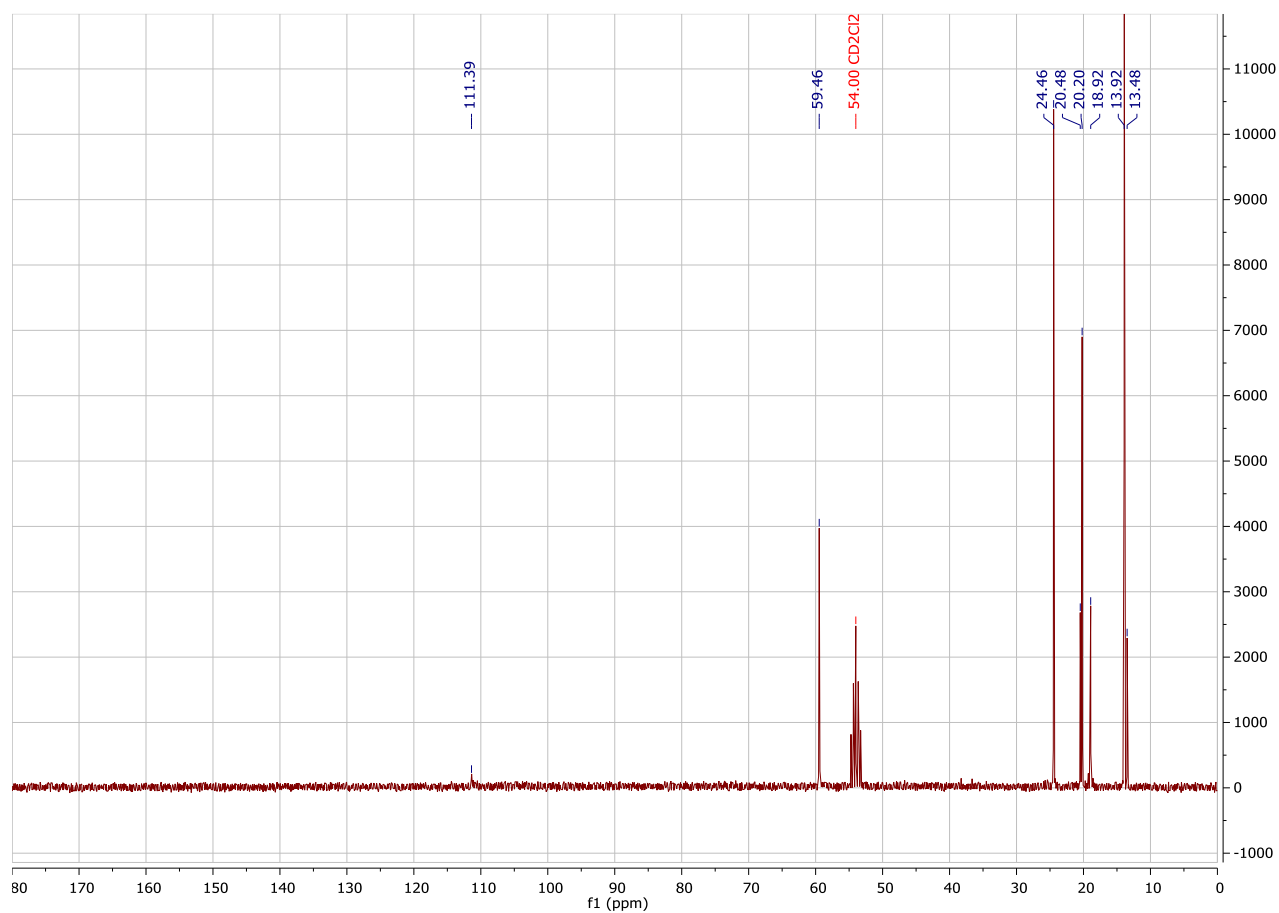


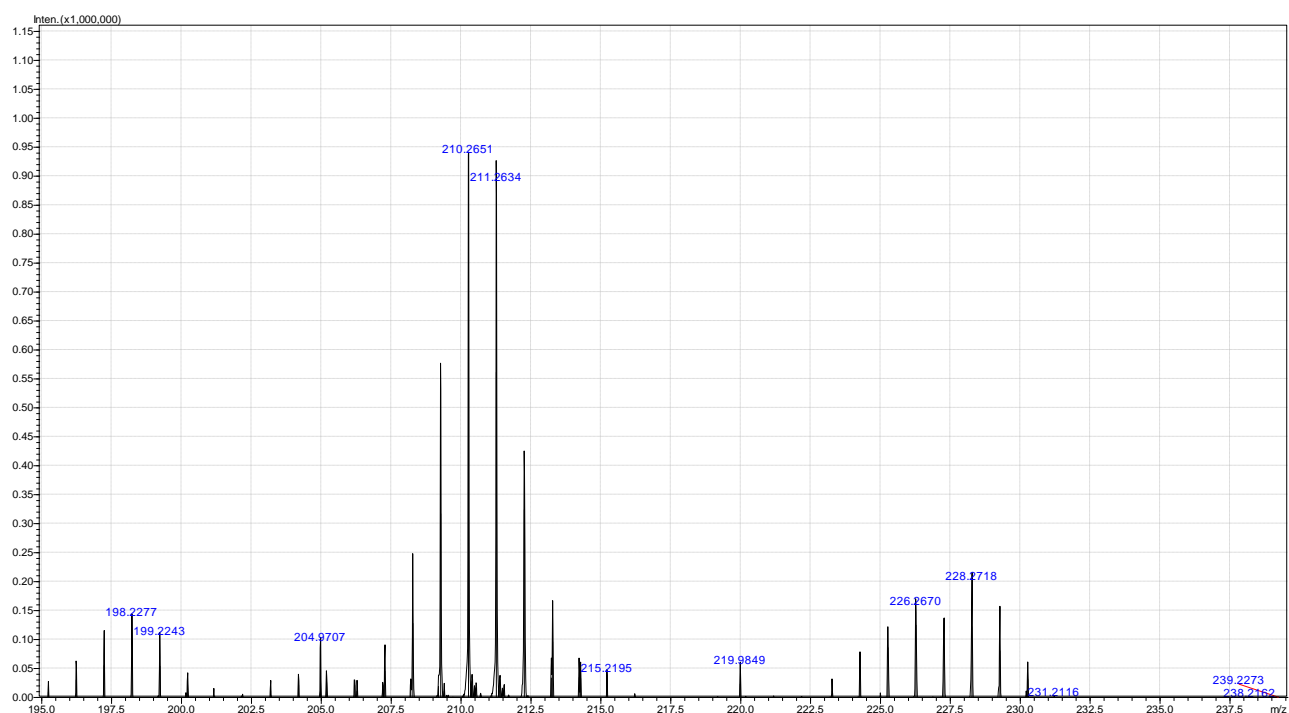
Figure S2:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum  $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NC}^n\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)]$  **1a**



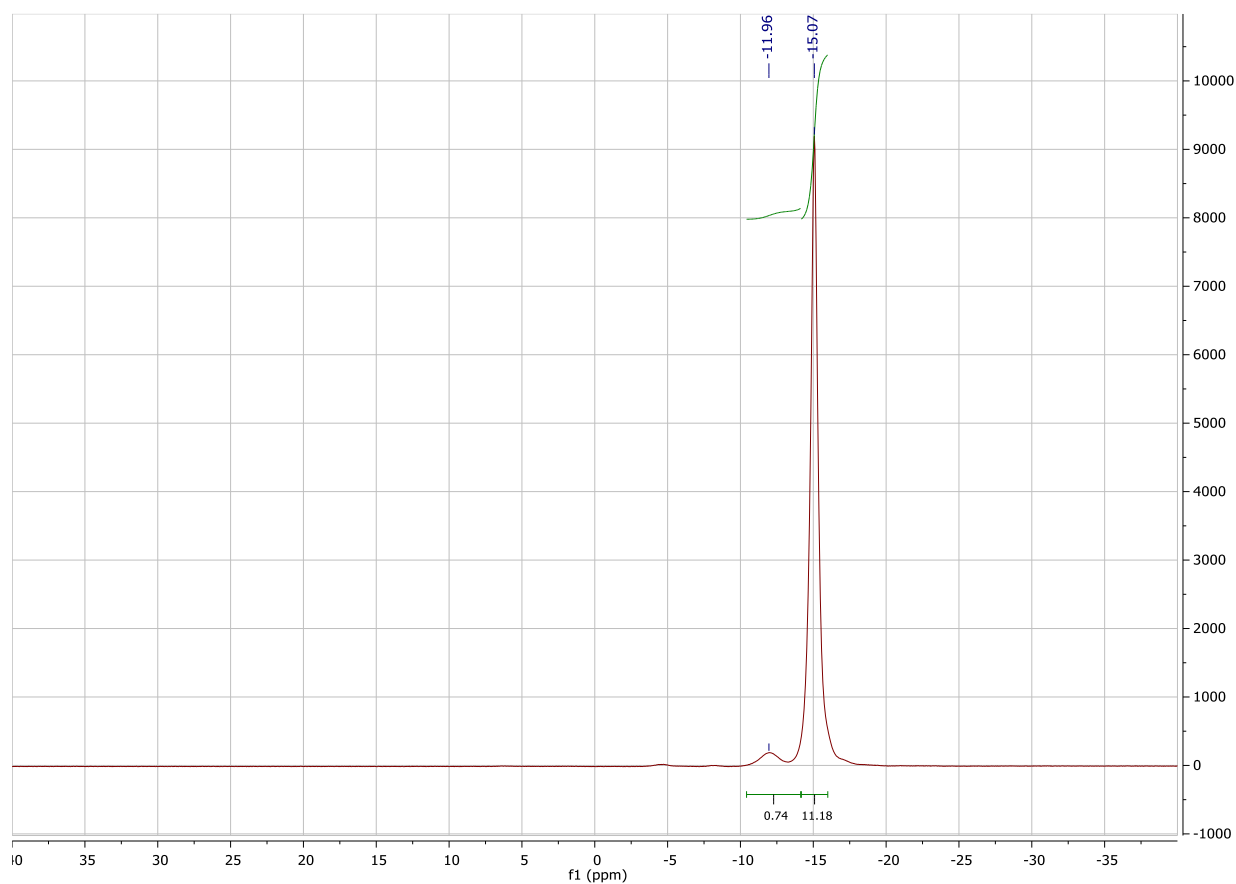
**Figure S3:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}$ )[ $\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NC}^n\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)$ ] 1a**



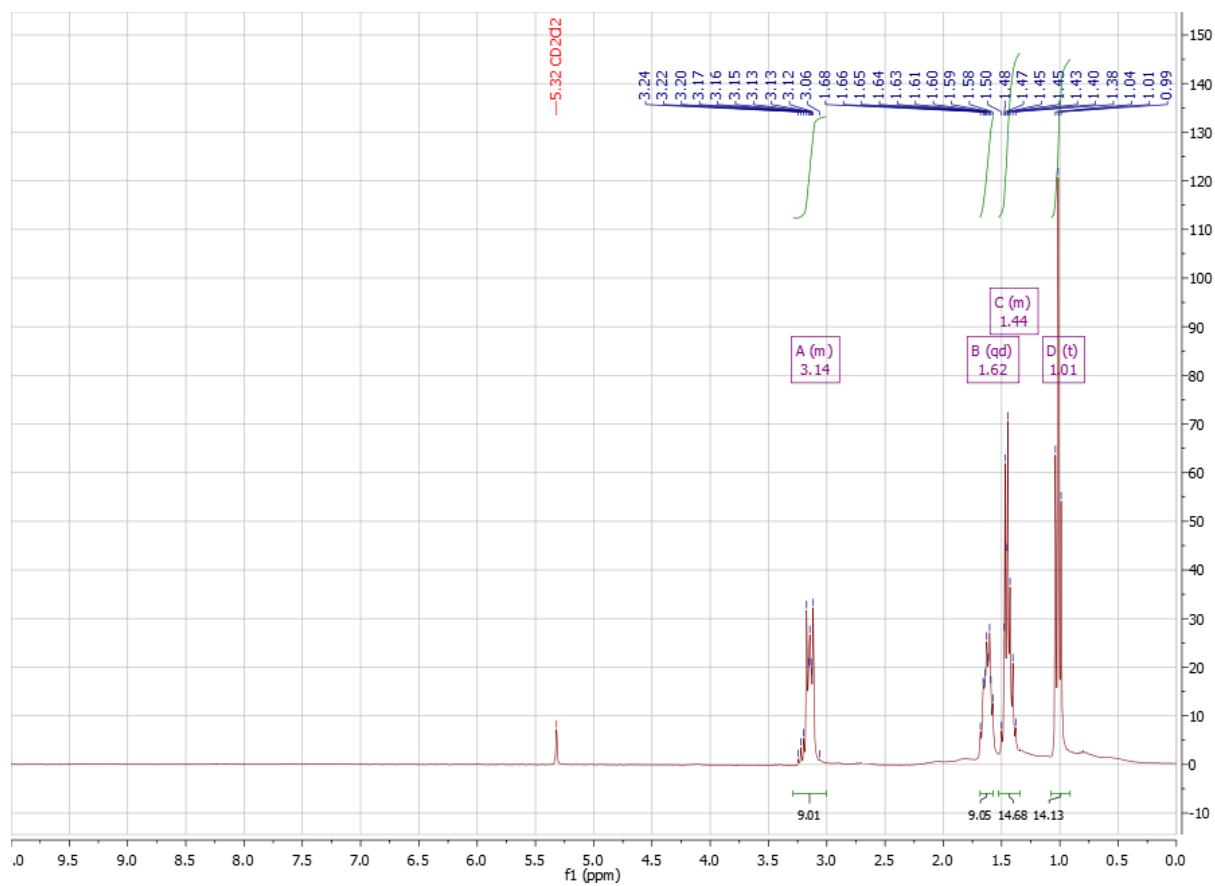
**Figure S4: ESI-MS spectrum ( $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}$ )[ $\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NC}^n\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)$ ] (negative area) 1a.**



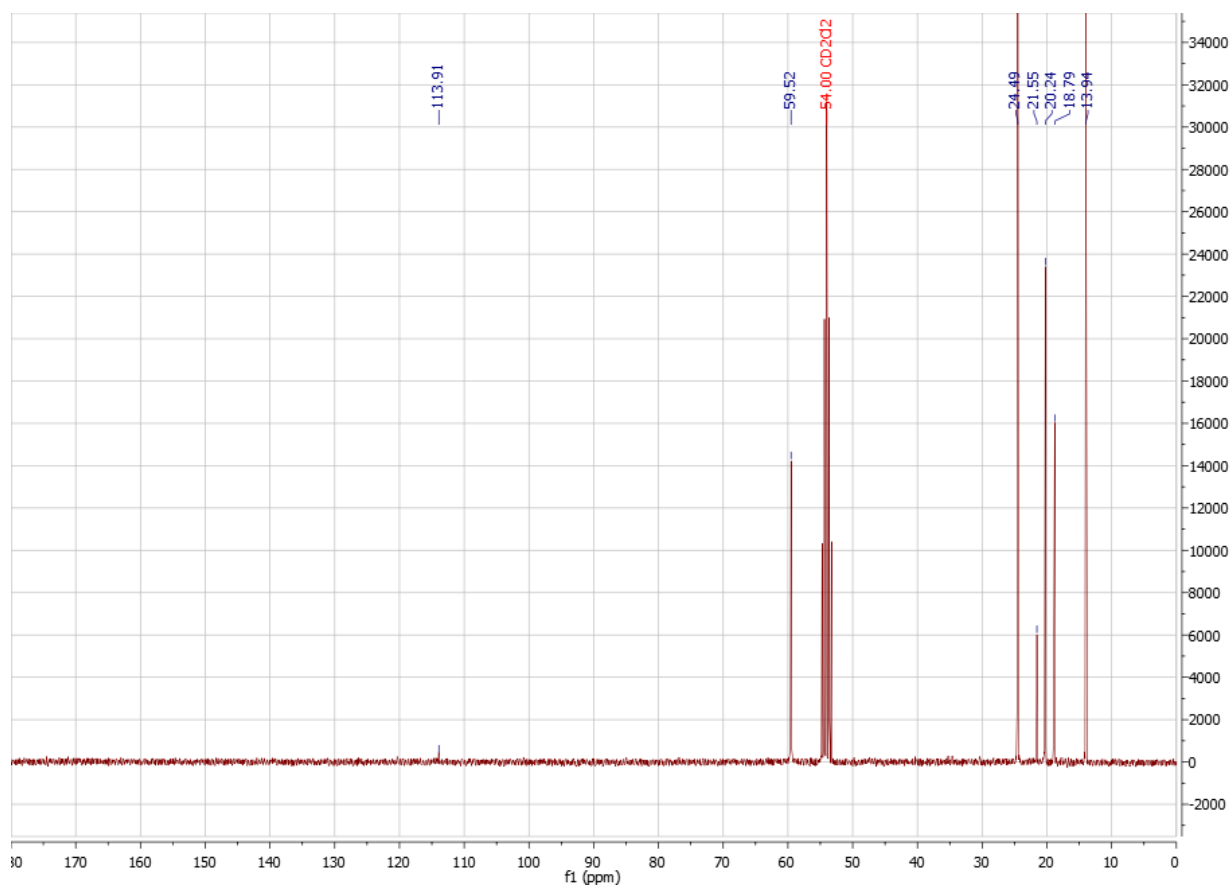
**Figure S5:  $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum  $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NC}^i\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)]$  **1b****



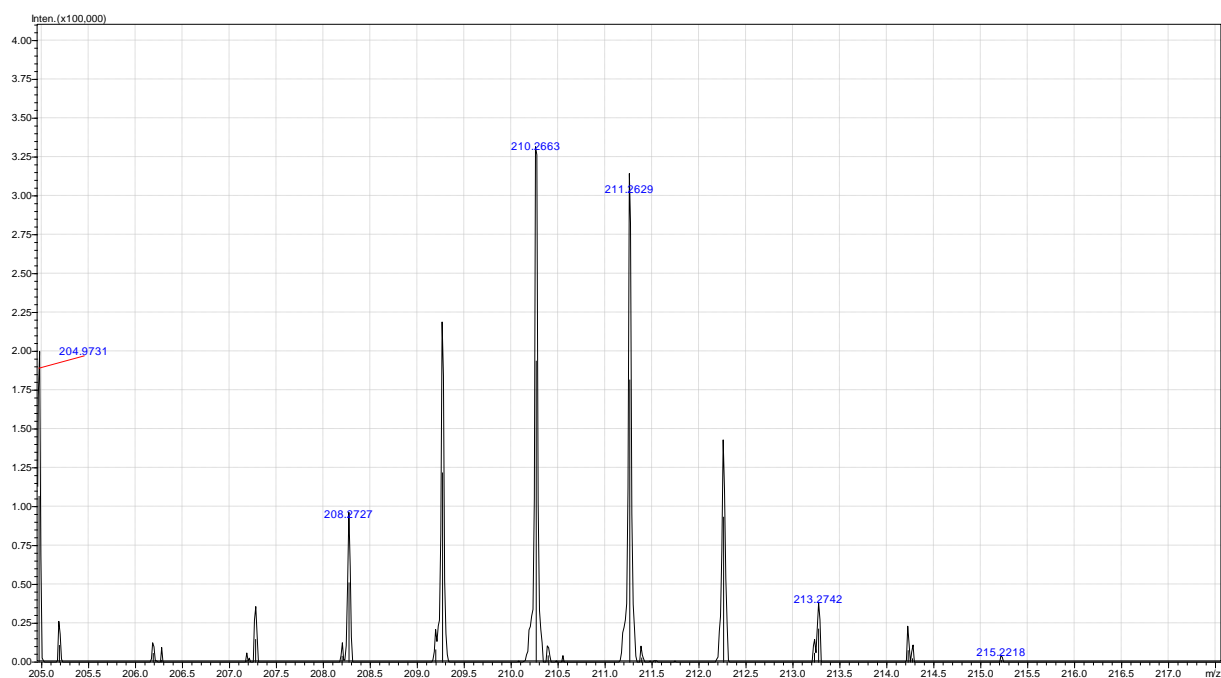
**Figure S6:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum  $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NC}^i\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)]$  **1b**.**



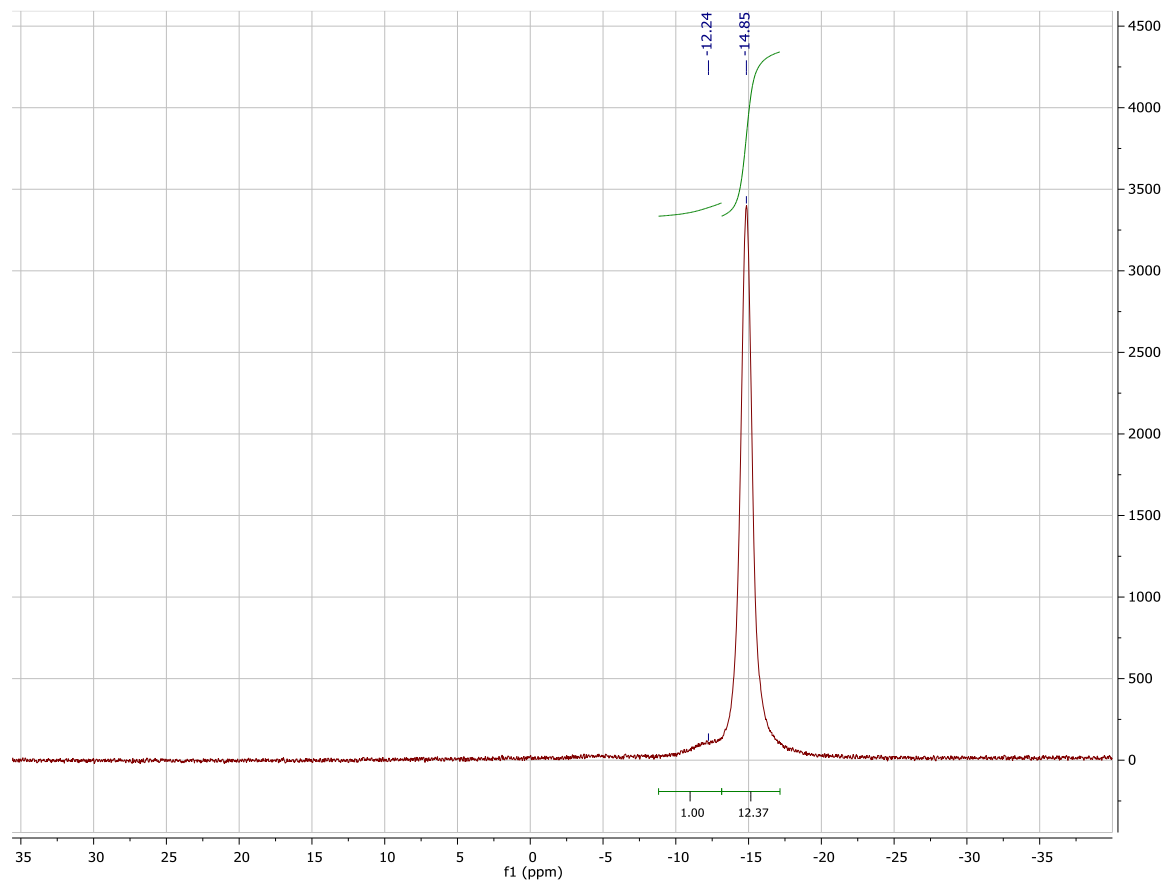
**Figure S7:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}$ )[ $\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NC}^i\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)$ ] 1b**



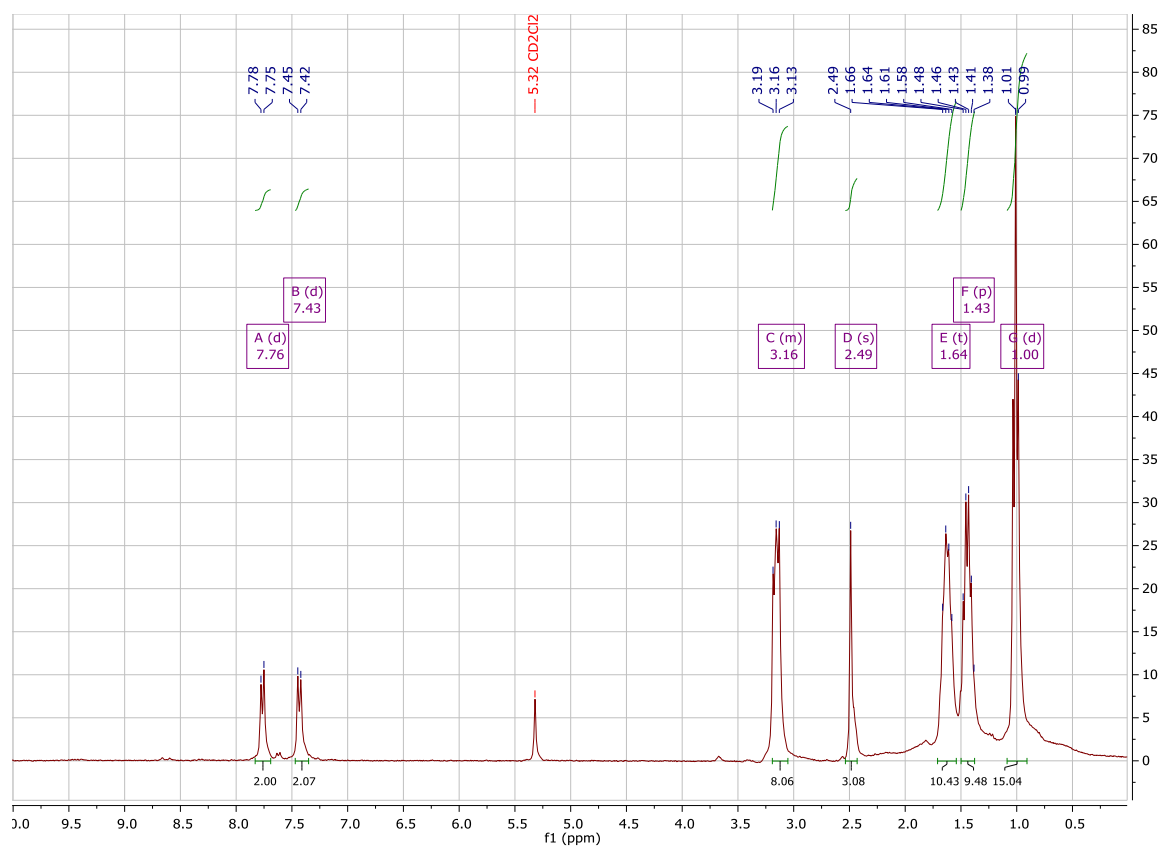
**Figure S8: ESI-MS spectrum ( $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}$ )[ $\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NC}^i\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)$ ] (negative area) 1b.**



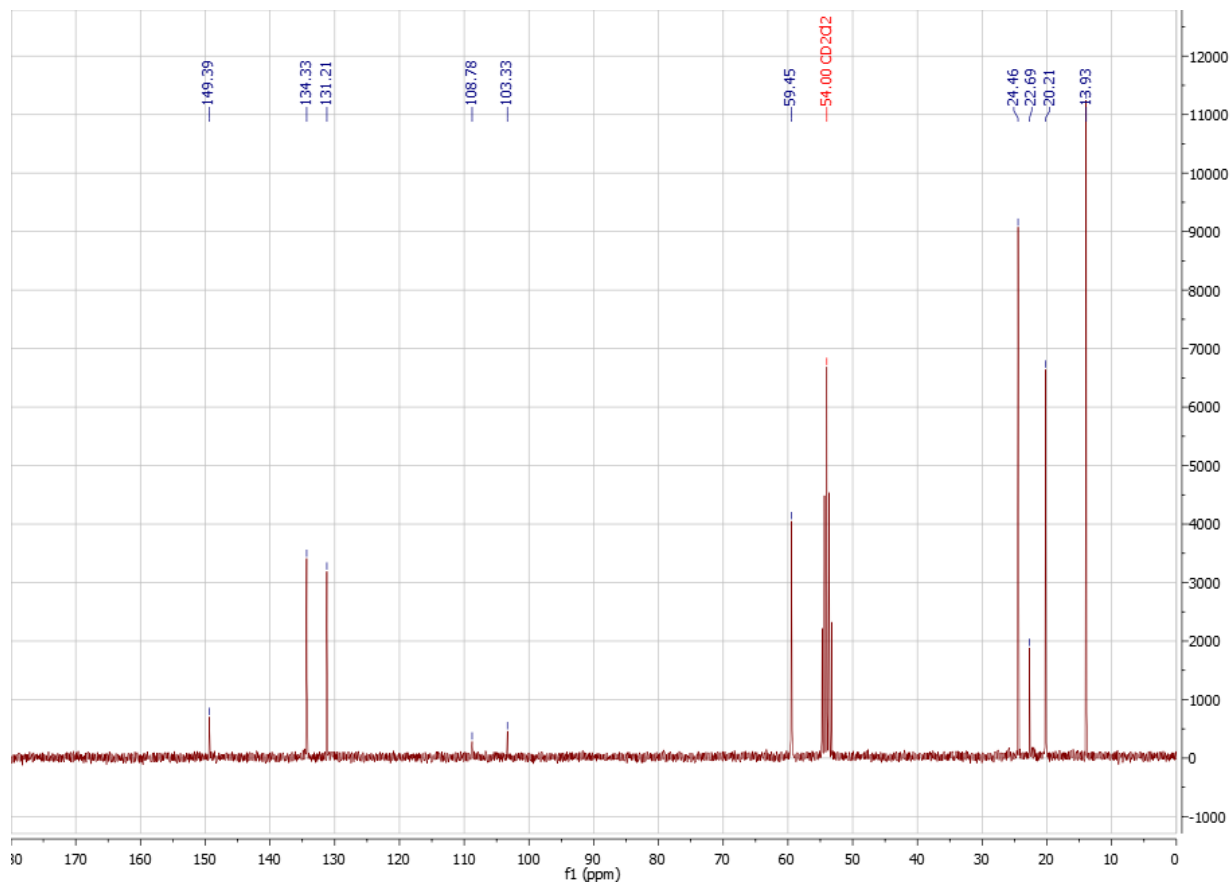
**Figure S9:  $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum  $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NCC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3)]$  2a**



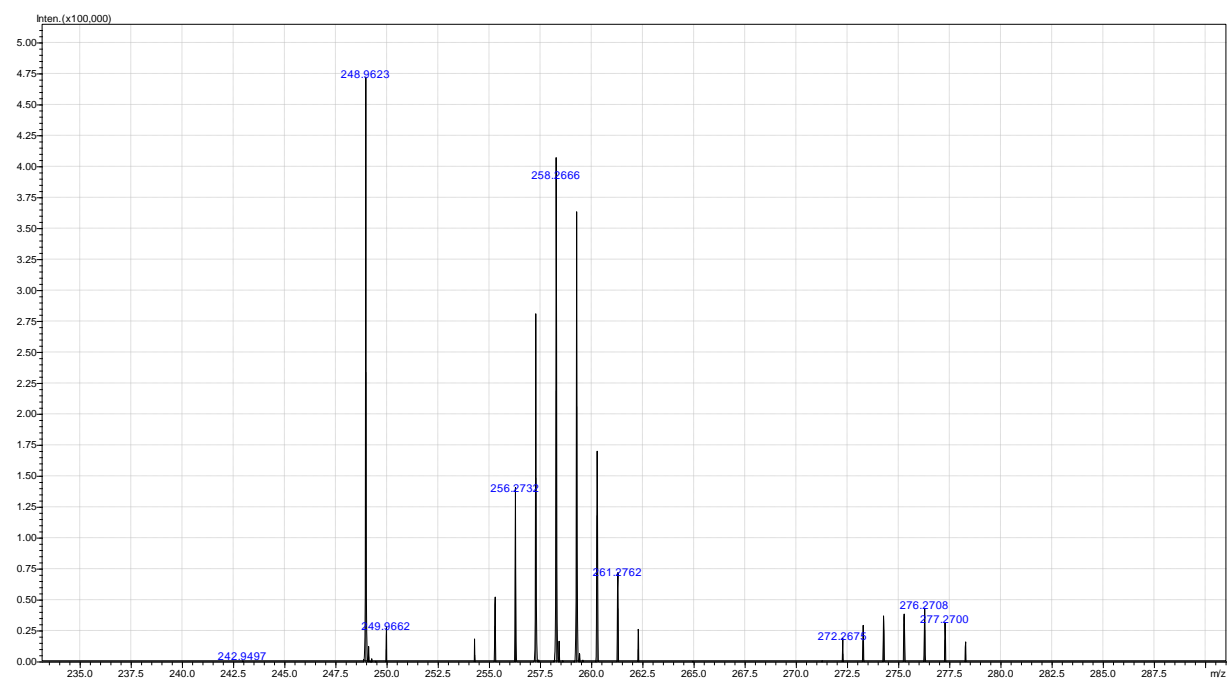
**Figure S10:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum  $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NCC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3)]$  2a**



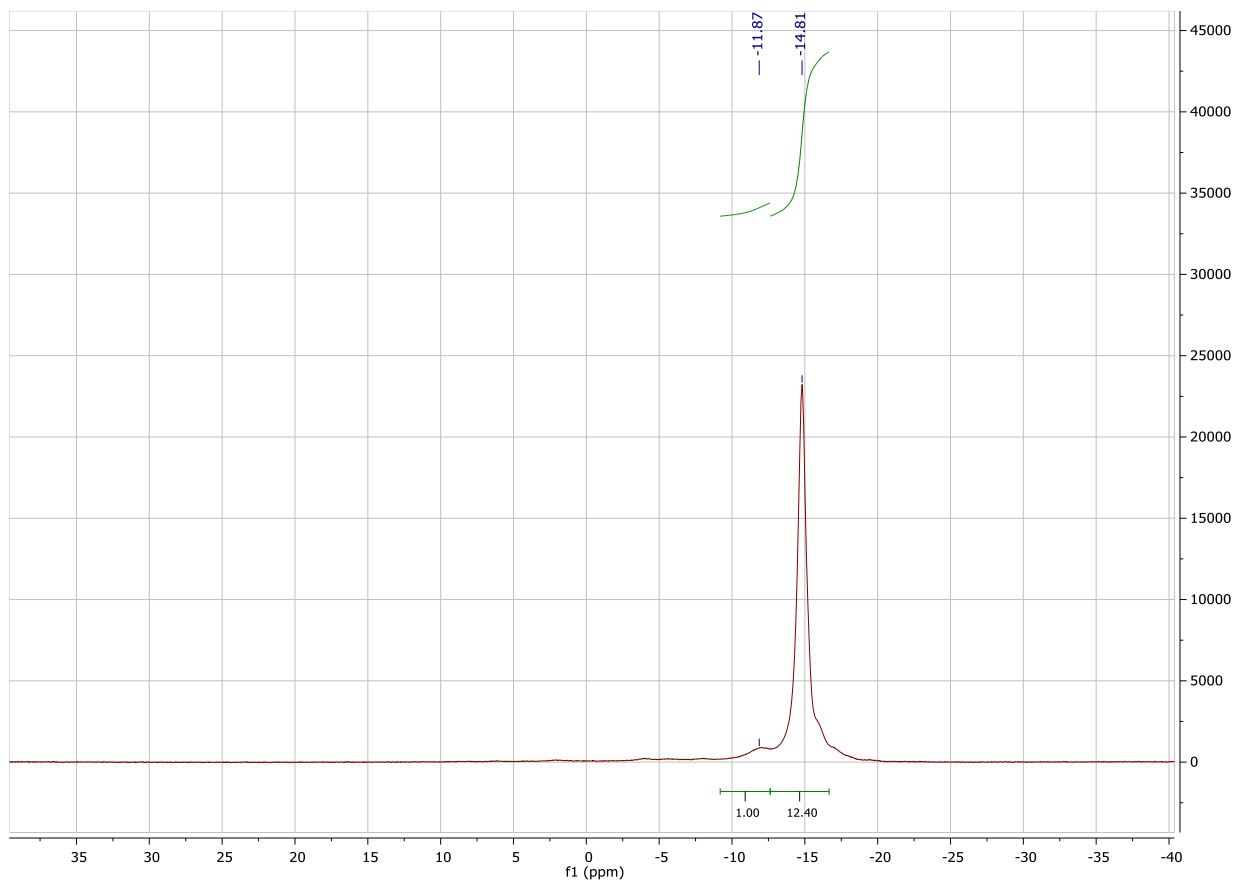
**Figure S11:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum  $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NCC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3)]$  **2a**



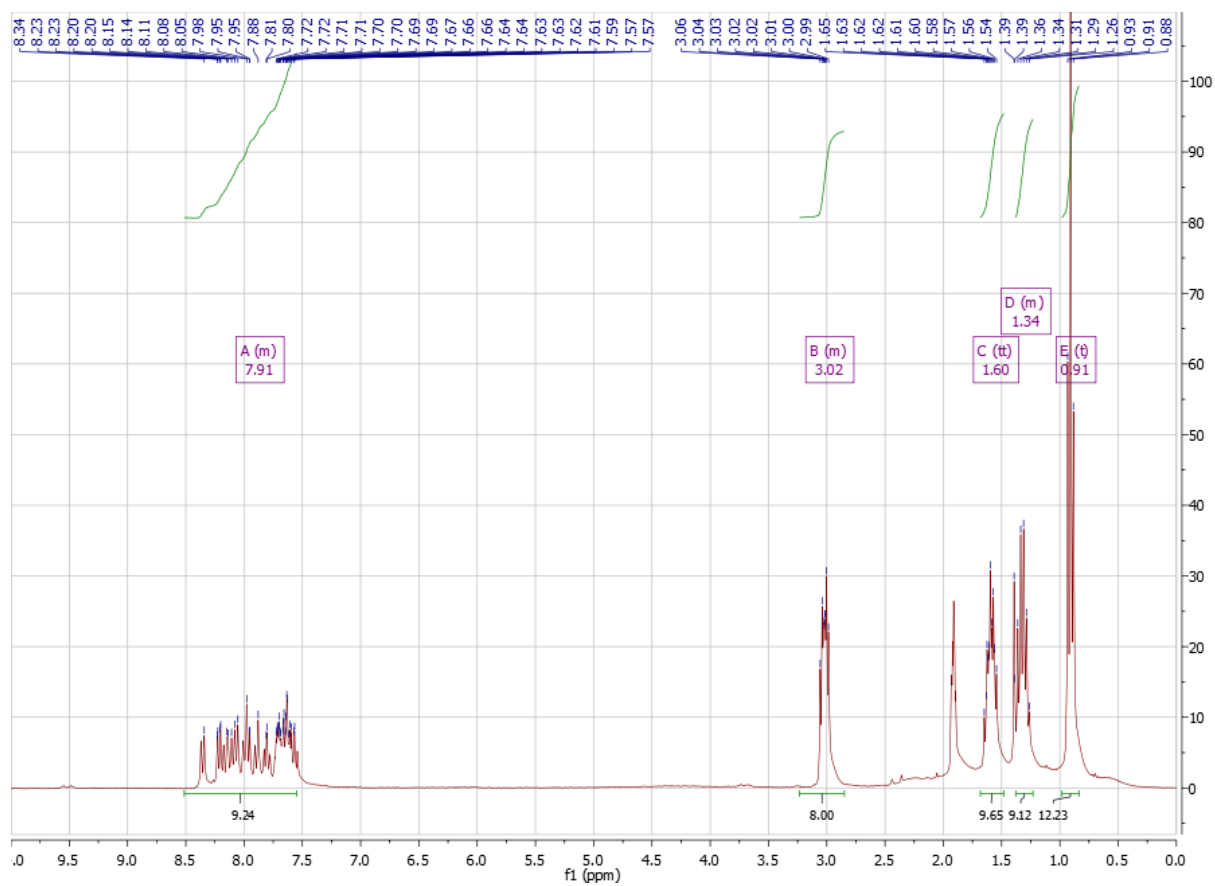
**Figure S12:** ESI-MS spectrum  $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NCC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3)]$  (negative area) **2a**.



**Figure S13:**  $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum  $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NCC}_{10}\text{H}_7)]$  **2b**

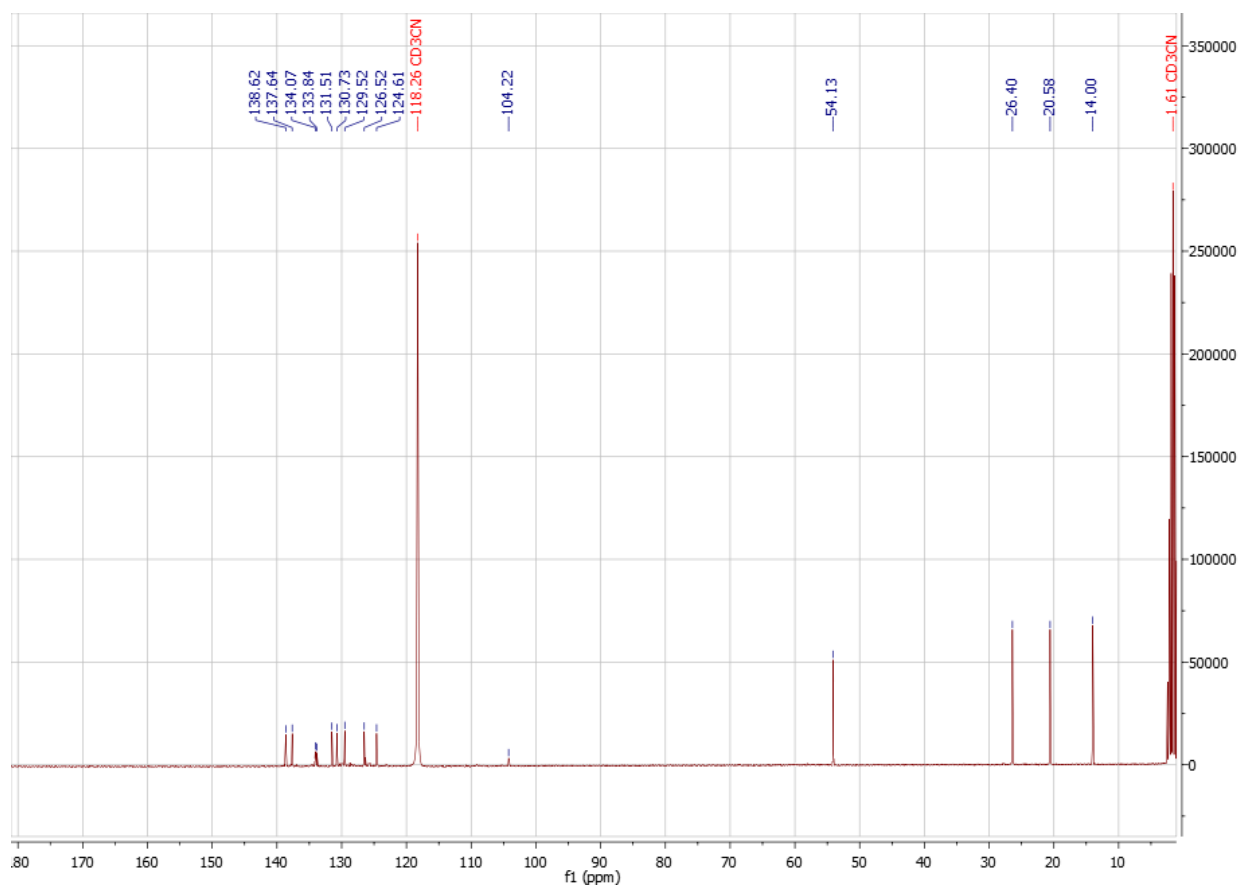


**Figure S14:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum  $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NCC}_{10}\text{H}_7)]$  2b**

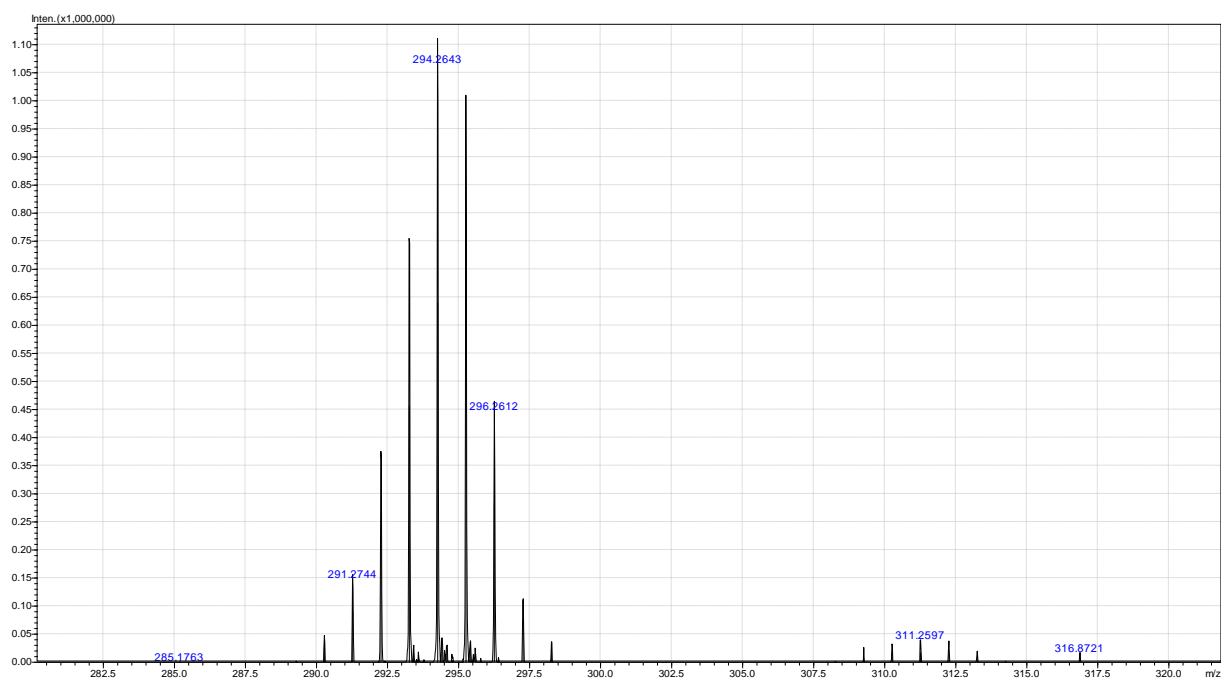




**Figure S15:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum  $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NCC}_{10}\text{H}_7)]$  2b**



**Figure S16: ESI-MS spectrum  $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{11}(\text{NCC}_{10}\text{H}_7)]$  (negative area) 2b.**



## 2. Computational details

**Table S1.** Cartesian atomic coordinates of the calculated optimized equilibrium model structures. All coordinates are given in Angstrom units.

### Optimized equilibrium model structures in gas phase

Structure	Atom	X	Y	Z
CH <sub>3</sub> CN				
	C	3.630562	8.675135	11.07631
	N	3.629907	8.675135	9.929943
	C	3.630418	8.675135	12.53245
	H	4.653647	8.675135	12.90432
	H	3.118817	7.78878	12.90337
	H	3.118816	9.561489	12.90337
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> CN				
	C	-1.16182	0.392019	0.167032
	N	-0.18923	0.455499	0.77186
	C	-2.40726	0.286027	-0.59183
	H	-2.16021	0.365413	-1.65277
	H	-3.02744	1.147895	-0.34104
	C	-3.15512	-1.02233	-0.30942
	H	-3.40385	-1.06583	0.752698
	H	-4.10188	-0.98475	-0.85166
	C	-2.36746	-2.25997	-0.71423
	H	-1.42266	-2.32163	-0.17185
	H	-2.14021	-2.25065	-1.7819
	H	-2.93331	-3.16684	-0.50222
CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN				
	N	4.277441	13.89055	2.012378
	C	3.195365	13.63237	1.726994
	C	1.84418	13.30139	1.373594
	C	1.512399	13.03962	0.048194
	C	0.858919	13.2439	2.357545
	C	0.207187	12.72166	-0.28431
	C	-0.43893	12.92415	2.009973
	C	-0.78664	12.65523	0.687225
	H	2.276966	13.08847	-0.71565
	H	1.11679	13.45029	3.387726
	H	-0.0426	12.52302	-1.31942
	H	-1.19965	12.88197	2.780285
	C	-2.19861	12.28403	0.333886
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	H	-2.42329	11.27072	0.67254
	H	-2.91312	12.95428	0.81238
[B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCCH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>				
	N	4.325912	13.83306	2.011305

	C	3.253626	13.57322	1.735547
	C	1.883957	13.24213	1.401799
	H	1.858921	12.68455	0.466858
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	B	7.021129	13.06433	1.870918
	H	6.775108	12.09078	1.216802
	B	8.451896	14.08335	1.653831
	H	9.285307	13.81264	0.839485
	B	8.00168	15.76892	2.012542
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	B	7.520939	15.85808	3.725013
	H	7.695803	16.84443	4.37886
	B	7.672953	14.2273	4.425238
	H	7.951046	14.05727	5.576188
[B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>				
	N	0.068438	7.192772	13.45591
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	H	-5.36629	8.970596	11.70229
[B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>−</sup>				
	N	4.261241	13.87133	1.998186
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	B	6.243803	15.81977	2.477385
	H	5.510673	16.73734	2.243114
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	H	9.937529	14.97437	3.523916
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	H	7.671121	16.79316	4.41963
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	H	7.897088	13.97731	5.553171
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	C	1.513714	13.04523	0.045842

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	H	-1.20078	12.8833	2.781325
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	H	-2.91061	12.9531	0.808963

**Table S2.** Cartesian atomic coordinates of the calculated optimized equilibrium model structures. All coordinates are given in Angstrom units.

**Optimized equilibrium model structures in dichloromethane**

Structure	Atom	X	Y	Z
<b>CH<sub>3</sub>CN</b>				
	C	3.630907	8.674766	11.08262
	N	3.629215	8.675509	9.935158
	C	3.630845	8.675065	12.53356
	H	4.655861	8.675154	12.90093
	H	3.117673	7.787039	12.89898
	H	3.117667	9.563277	12.89851
<b>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>CN</b>				
	C	-1.16558	0.401083	0.166245
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	C	-2.40677	0.284795	-0.5923
	H	-2.15263	0.364654	-1.65115
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<b>CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN</b>				
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	N	4.297232	13.82544	2.00802
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	B	6.286911	15.79941	2.45624
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	B	8.250645	13.13602	3.145293
	H	8.945731	12.19318	3.389595
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	B	7.523155	15.8541	3.722472
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	B	7.677216	14.22935	4.421096
	H	7.963217	14.06188	5.57092
[B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ] <sup>−</sup>				
	N	0.049664	7.497433	13.47797
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	B	-1.34905	7.782691	13.00268
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	N	4.237555	13.86037	1.992333
	C	3.158563	13.61514	1.713848
	B	6.804739	14.73088	1.172133
	H	6.473326	14.91287	0.037769
	B	5.661489	14.15327	2.373293
	B	6.946991	13.08198	1.838423
	H	6.710654	12.12244	1.165379
	B	8.387316	14.08857	1.636629
	H	9.218745	13.82939	0.815897
	B	7.955491	15.76498	2.03163
	H	8.480721	16.69515	1.492131
	B	6.244551	15.80733	2.478674
	H	5.524703	16.73369	2.248146
	B	6.038245	14.82302	3.952167
	H	5.175498	15.06923	4.742538
	B	6.473599	13.13895	3.556118

	H	5.909805	12.2188	4.071192
	B	8.183722	13.10958	3.104195
	H	8.870023	12.15474	3.325936
	B	8.807397	14.76401	3.220929
	H	9.943497	14.98525	3.525168
	B	7.484387	15.82166	3.741977
	H	7.676329	16.79119	4.416653
	B	7.623891	14.18042	4.404788
	H	7.911346	13.98544	5.549928
	C	1.821181	13.29986	1.36572
	C	1.502129	13.04294	0.032758
	C	0.844608	13.24467	2.362998
	C	0.197924	12.72628	-0.2946
	C	-0.44996	12.92655	2.011557
	C	-0.79306	12.65935	0.684051
	H	2.268135	13.09281	-0.72912
	H	1.106622	13.4478	3.392425
	H	-0.05458	12.52782	-1.32856
	H	-1.21189	12.88196	2.779848
	C	-2.20178	12.28712	0.333076
	H	-2.36683	12.31231	-0.74303
	H	-2.42123	11.27642	0.684546
	H	-2.91471	12.95912	0.811979

**Table S3.** Cartesian atomic coordinates of the calculated optimized equilibrium model structures. All coordinates are given in Angstrom units.

**Optimized equilibrium model structures in acetonitrile**

Structure	Atom	X	Y	Z
CH <sub>3</sub> CN				
	C	3.630907	8.674766	11.08346
	N	3.629215	8.675509	9.935744
	C	3.630841	8.675065	12.53377
	H	4.656107	8.675153	12.90039
	H	3.117552	7.786816	12.89843
	H	3.117544	9.5635	12.89797
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> CN				
	C	-1.16615	0.400522	0.165426
	N	-0.1929	0.476764	0.769899
	C	-2.40721	0.284623	-0.59247
	H	-2.15291	0.3649	-1.6512
	H	-3.02608	1.146248	-0.33906
	C	-3.15019	-1.02486	-0.30515
	H	-3.39936	-1.06852	0.75683
	H	-4.09442	-0.98051	-0.8498
	C	-2.36992	-2.26366	-0.71589



	H	-1.42656	-2.34419	-0.17073
	H	-2.13985	-2.24919	-1.78331
	H	-2.9449	-3.16727	-0.50987
CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN				
	N	4.27106	13.88775	2.011749
	C	3.188257	13.62957	1.72529
	C	1.839997	13.30049	1.372412
	C	1.513777	13.03978	0.043777
	C	0.857554	13.24448	2.361611
	C	0.208294	12.72232	-0.28759
	C	-0.43971	12.92497	2.012301
	C	-0.7854	12.65627	0.686919
	H	2.27745	13.08828	-0.72118
	H	1.114093	13.45028	3.392392
	H	-0.04136	12.52373	-1.32269
	H	-1.20049	12.88219	2.782411
	C	-2.19519	12.28547	0.334119
	H	-2.35976	12.31851	-0.74218
	H	-2.41746	11.27242	0.676907
	H	-2.90899	12.95512	0.815281
[B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCCH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>				
	N	4.294097	13.82437	2.007367
	C	3.220364	13.56585	1.730961
	C	1.861732	13.24108	1.391191
	H	1.854329	12.68539	0.454547
	H	1.294614	14.16455	1.284054
	H	1.438206	12.63217	2.188848
	B	6.862111	14.70063	1.175553
	H	6.534479	14.85557	0.036318
	B	5.717554	14.13727	2.384278
	B	7.018006	13.06949	1.877335
	H	6.795841	12.09225	1.225702
	B	8.449491	14.08555	1.658811
	H	9.287879	13.81767	0.847821
	B	7.999548	15.76419	2.015502
	H	8.518464	16.68767	1.45841
	B	6.286617	15.7982	2.456364
	H	5.559413	16.71294	2.204359
	B	6.087122	14.84539	3.949788
	H	5.221038	15.09891	4.733871
	B	6.539269	13.15913	3.591535
	H	5.98546	12.24417	4.125929
	B	8.25085	13.13723	3.145264
	H	8.947615	12.19556	3.389916
	B	8.858238	14.79895	3.227966
	H	9.991224	15.03855	3.530493

	B	7.523372	15.85316	3.721898
	H	7.705684	16.83916	4.375289
	B	7.677718	14.22971	4.420095
	H	7.965562	14.06291	5.569688
[B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ] <sup>−</sup>				
	N	0.054424	7.488018	13.4713
	C	1.114816	7.309481	13.84644
	C	2.459533	7.151076	14.35125
	H	3.125391	7.171015	13.4859
	H	2.522244	6.160322	14.80335
	C	2.805923	8.259857	15.35573
	H	2.146429	8.173256	16.22027
	H	3.818752	8.053092	15.70166
	C	2.722706	9.655369	14.75918
	H	3.378432	9.75423	13.89193
	H	3.022296	10.40235	15.49455
	H	1.705936	9.90003	14.44227
	B	-1.34243	7.777797	12.99586
	B	-2.05482	6.873521	11.67037
	H	-1.45162	6.002454	11.11696
	B	-2.65622	6.664181	13.3362
	H	-2.46712	5.647987	13.93672
	B	-2.57757	8.247256	14.15315
	H	-2.33346	8.328665	15.32053
	B	-1.9274	9.434098	12.99258
	H	-1.22972	10.33376	13.35781
	B	-1.60458	8.58575	11.45865
	H	-0.68691	8.899352	10.75973
	B	-3.79423	6.803882	11.98859
	H	-4.45647	5.873083	11.63226
	B	-4.11551	7.648746	13.51597
	H	-5.00469	7.318235	14.24549
	B	-3.66698	9.353243	13.30505
	H	-4.23696	10.23164	13.88461
	B	-3.06893	9.56167	11.64671
	H	-3.21714	10.58795	11.04911
	B	-3.14665	7.986067	10.83295
	H	-3.3457	7.893321	9.656601
	B	-4.41979	8.461827	11.97097
	H	-5.53124	8.708775	11.60154
[B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>−</sup>				
	N	4.235715	13.85911	1.991368
	C	3.156171	13.61408	1.712826
	B	6.804941	14.72893	1.1726
	H	6.476019	14.91051	0.037721
	B	5.658282	14.15172	2.372325

	B	6.947304	13.08149	1.840151
	H	6.713705	12.12094	1.168061
	B	8.387545	14.08779	1.637931
	H	9.220118	13.82837	0.818323
	B	7.955543	15.76379	2.031108
	H	8.481783	16.6934	1.491458
	B	6.244615	15.80592	2.477311
	H	5.526558	16.73324	2.246237
	B	6.038148	14.82352	3.950853
	H	5.177268	15.06936	4.742965
	B	6.473742	13.13996	3.556675
	H	5.91205	12.21989	4.073601
	B	8.183961	13.1106	3.105707
	H	8.87143	12.15681	3.328734
	B	8.807623	14.76464	3.221147
	H	9.943718	14.98642	3.525483
	B	7.484246	15.8219	3.740521
	H	7.677049	16.79191	4.41441
	B	7.623761	14.18202	4.404574
	H	7.912105	13.98851	5.549822
	C	1.819829	13.29957	1.365106
	C	1.500469	13.04586	0.03128
	C	0.844133	13.24147	2.363501
	C	0.196353	12.72967	-0.29577
	C	-0.45018	12.9235	2.012015
	C	-0.79376	12.65967	0.683778
	H	2.265716	13.09804	-0.73117
	H	1.106355	13.44251	3.393253
	H	-0.05714	12.53391	-1.32997
	H	-1.21172	12.8763	2.78047
	C	-2.20217	12.28794	0.332933
	H	-2.36796	12.31605	-0.74291
	H	-2.41976	11.27609	0.682267
	H	-2.91457	12.95774	0.815596

**Table S4.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **1a** and **1b**.

entification code	<b>1a</b>	<b>1b</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>34</sub> B <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>38</sub> B <sub>12</sub> NP
Formula weight	312.11	549.28
Temperature/K	100	100
Crystal system	orthorhombic	triclinic
Space group	Pbcn	P-1
a/Å	13.711(6)	10.076(2)
b/Å	17.515(3)	11.413(3)
c/Å	17.391(5)	15.720(4)
α/°	90	103.483(12)

$\beta/^\circ$	90	95.907(10)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90	113.512(9)
Volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$	4177(2)	1572.6(7)
Z	8	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g/cm}^3$	0.993	1.160
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.049	0.109
F(000)	1344.0	576.0
Radiation	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
Reflections collected	12508	20048
Independent reflections	4079 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0450$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0565$ ]	8269 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0279$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0393$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	4079/0/223	8269/0/380
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.033	1.061
Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1 = 0.0886$ , $wR_2 = 0.2524$	$R_1 = 0.0488$ , $wR_2 = 0.1279$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1095$ , $wR_2 = 0.2738$	$R_1 = 0.0585$ , $wR_2 = 0.1336$