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## Supporting Information for

# Stereospecific chlorination of $\beta$ -substituted cyclic alcohols using $\text{PPh}_3/\text{NCS}$ : factors that control the stereospecificity

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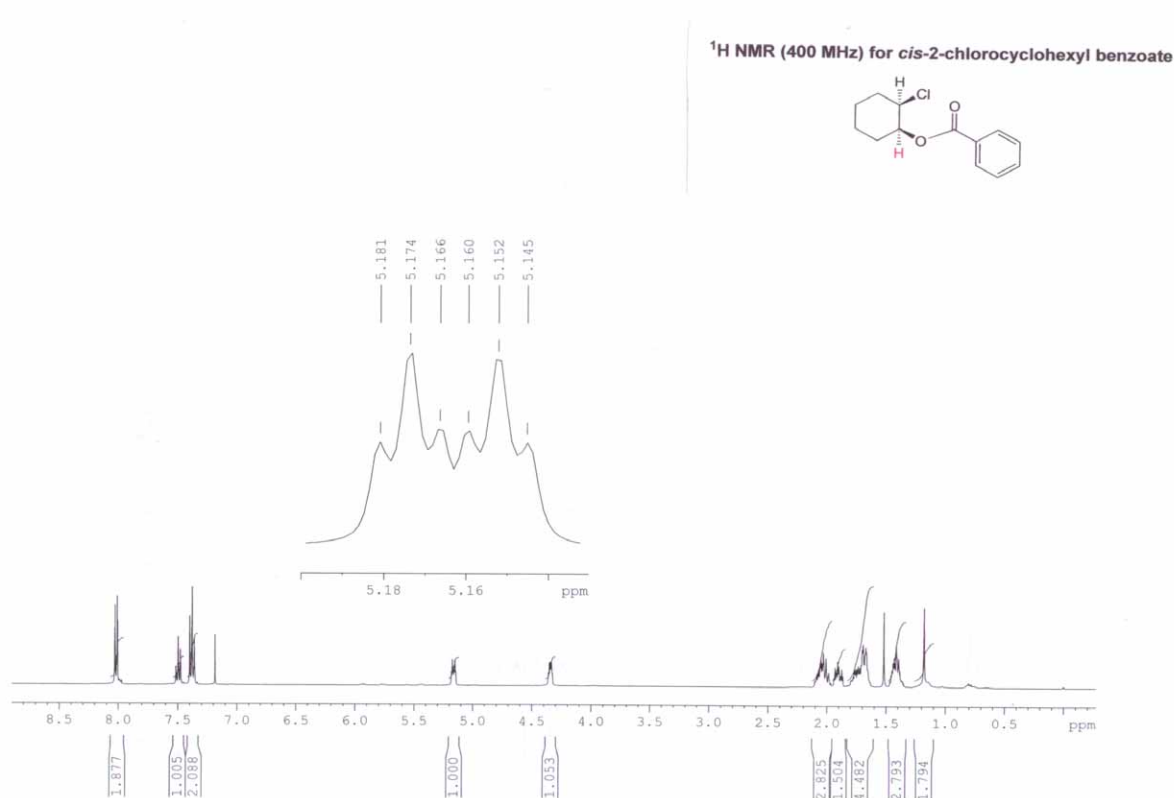
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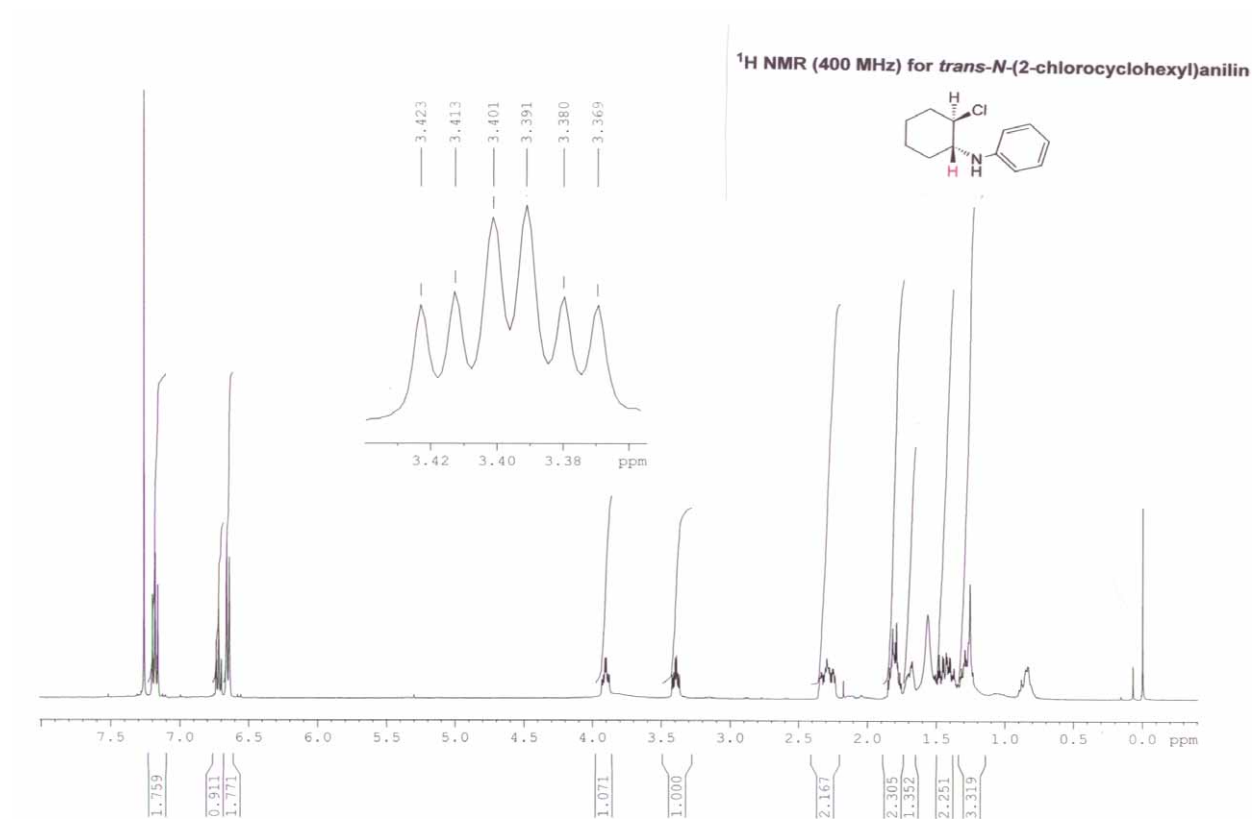
## Determination of Stereochemistry by $^1\text{H}$ NMR

The stereochemistry of the product chlorides was determined by coupling pattern of methine protons in  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra. All the *cis* chlorides have doublet of triplet (dt) pattern due to one *trans* coupling and two *cis* couplings. Whereas the *trans* chlorides gave triplet of doublet (td) coupling pattern due to two *trans* coupling and one *cis* coupling. This is also confirmed by X-ray structure of selected compounds.

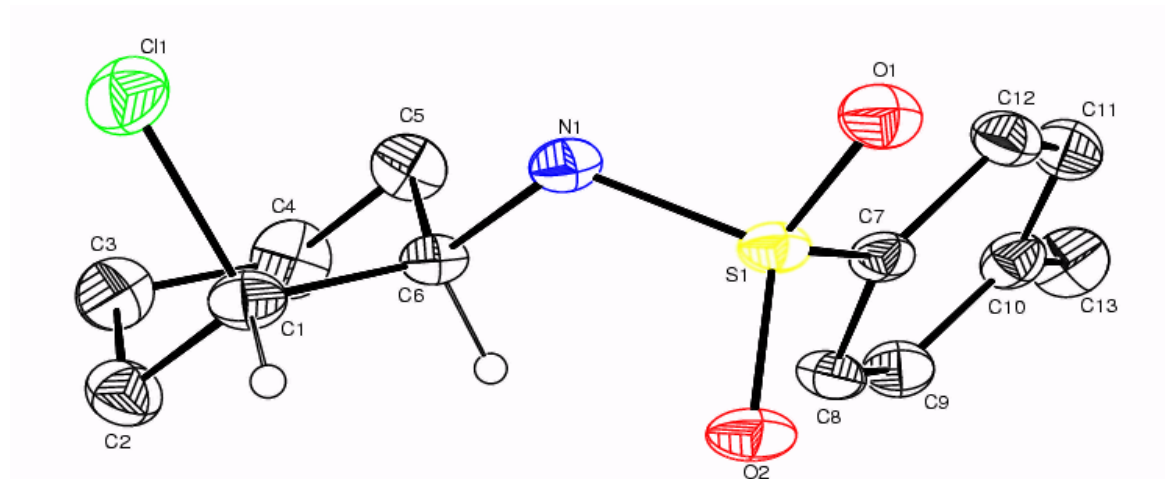
### Representative $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum for *cis*-chloride



## Representative $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum for *trans*-chloride



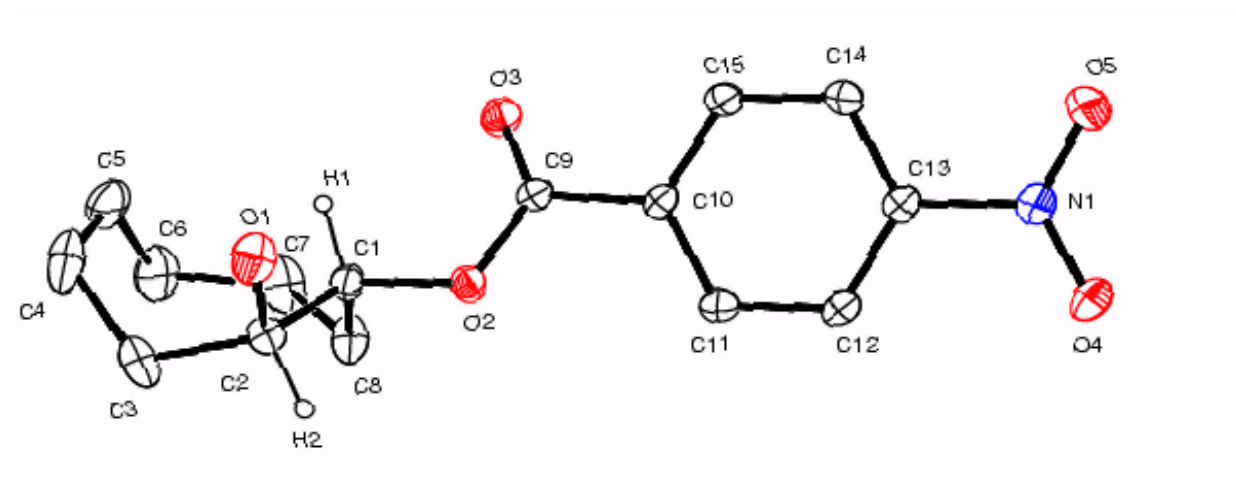
**X-ray crystal structure of *cis*-*N*-(2-chlorocyclohexyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide. (30% Probability).**



**Crystallographic data for *cis*-*N*-(2-chlorocyclohexyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide:**

C<sub>13</sub> H<sub>18</sub> Cl N O<sub>2</sub> S, M = 287.79, Triclinic,  $a = 6.7769(4)$ ,  $b = 9.7641(8)$ ,  $c = 11.4462(8)$  Å,  $\alpha = 76.916(5)$ ,  $\beta = 80.416(4)$ ,  $\gamma = 74.897(4)$ ,  $V = 707.58(9)$ ,  $T = 273(2)$  K, space group  $P-1$ ,  $Z = 2$ ,  $\mu = 0.411$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0280$  (for 4438 measured reflections),  $R1 = 0.0626$  [for 1996 unique reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ],  $wR2 = 0.1733$  (for all 2382 unique reflections), CCDC 621755

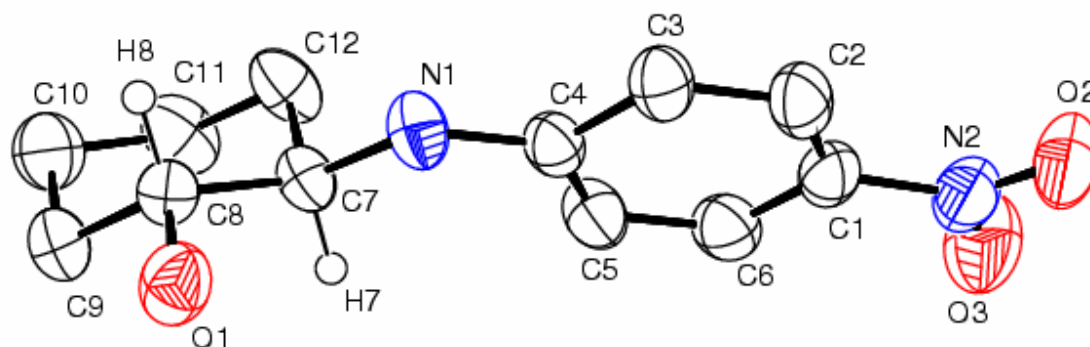
**X-ray crystal structures of *trans*-2-hydroxycyclooctyl-4-nitrobenzoate. 30% Probability**



**Crystallographic data for *trans*-2-hydroxycyclooctyl-4-nitrobenzoate. 30% Probability**

$C_{15}H_{19}NO_5$ ,  $M = 293.31$ , Triclinic,  $a = 7.2564(6)$ ,  $b = 7.4017(5)$ ,  $c = 15.5988(13)$  Å,  $\alpha = 88.923(5)$ ,  $\beta = 85.403(5)$ ,  $\gamma = 62.334(4)$ ,  $V = 739.47(10)$ ,  $T = 293(2)$  K, space group P-1,  $Z = 2$ ,  $\mu = 0.099$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $R_{int} = 0.0237$  (for 9003 measured reflections),  $R1 = 0.0826$  [for 2033 unique reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ],  $wR2 = 0.2637$  (for all 2530 unique reflections), CCDC 621756.

**X-ray crystal structures of *trans*-2-(4-nitrophenylamino)cyclohexanol (30% Probability)**



**Crystallographic data for *trans*-2-(4-nitrophenylamino)cyclohexanol**

C<sub>12</sub> H<sub>16</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>3</sub>, M = 236.27, Monoclinic,  $a = 18.6930(18)$ ,  $b = 9.9424(8)$ ,  $c = 14.9984(16)$  Å,  $\beta = 122.342(10)$ ,  $V = 2355.1(4)$ ,  $T = 273(2)$  K, space group C2/c,  $Z = 8$ ,  $\mu = 0.097$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0220$  (for 16937 measured reflections),  $R1 = 0.0526$  [for 2723 unique reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ],  $wR2 = 0.1973$  (for all 4148 unique reflections), CCDC 622916.