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**Frustrated Lewis Pair Behavior of Monomeric (Boryl)iminomethanes
Accessed from Isocyanide 1,1-Hydroboration**

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S1. Synthetic Procedures.

S1.1. General considerations. All manipulations were carried out under an atmosphere of purified dinitrogen using standard Schlenk and glovebox techniques. Unless otherwise stated, reagent-grade starting materials were purchased from commercial sources and either used as received or purified by standard procedures.¹ Solvents were dried and deoxygenated according to standard procedures.² Benzene-*d*₆ (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories) was distilled from NaK alloy and stored over 4 Å molecular sieves under N₂ for at least 24 h prior to use. Celite 405 (Fisher Scientific) was dried under vacuum (24 h) at a temperature above 250 °C and stored in the glovebox prior to use. The (boryl)iminomethane³ Cy²BIM and *m*-terphenyl isocyanide⁴ CNAr^{Dipp2} were prepared as previously reported.

Solution ¹H, ¹³C{¹H} and ¹¹B NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 300, a Varian Mercury 400, a Jeol ECA 500, or a Varian X-SENS 500 spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C{¹H} chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to SiMe₄ (¹H and ¹³C δ = 0.0 ppm) with reference to residual solvent resonances of 7.16 ppm (¹H) and 128.06 ppm (¹³C) for C₆D₆. ¹¹B NMR chemical shifts were referenced externally to a solution of phenylboronic acid in acetone-*d*₆ (δ = 29 ppm vs. BF₃·Et₂O (δ = 0.0 ppm)). FTIR spectra were recorded on a Thermo-Nicolet iS10 FTIR spectrometer. Samples were prepared as C₆D₆ solutions injected into a ThermoFisher solution cell equipped with KBr windows. For solution FTIR spectra, solvent peaks were digitally subtracted from all spectra by comparison with an authentic spectrum obtained immediately prior to that of the sample. The following abbreviations were used for the intensities and characteristics of important IR absorption bands: vs = very strong, s = strong, m = medium, w = weak, vw = very weak; b = broad, vb = very broad, sh = shoulder. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed using an Agilent 6230 ESI-TOFMS instrument running in positive ion mode. Combustion analyses were performed by Robertson Microlit Laboratories of Madison, NJ (USA).

S1.2. Synthesis of Boralactone 2a. A benzene solution of Cy²BIM (0.102 g, 0.170 mmol, 3 mL) was placed in an ampoule, degassed, and exposed to CO₂ gas (1 atm). Upon thawing the solution instantly changed in color from yellow to colorless. The ampoule was intermittently shaken over the course of 10 min, whereupon all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. Dissolution of the resulting residue in 1 mL *n*-pentane and storage at -40 °C overnight provided colorless crystals, which were collected and dried *in vacuo*. Yield: 0.070 g, 0.108 mmol, 64%. ¹H NMR (499.8 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 7.27 (t, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz, *p*-Ar), 7.25-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.11 (t, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz, *p*-Ar), 7.08 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8, 1 Hz, *m*-Ar), 7.02 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7, 3 Hz, *m*-Ar), 4.01 (septet, 1H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.32 (septet, 1H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.04 (d, 1H, *J* = 3 Hz, B-CH(Cy)-N), 2.59 (septet, 1H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.41 (septet, 1H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.69 (bd, 2H, *J* = 14 Hz, Cy), 1.58-1.49 (m, 6H, Cy), 1.55 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.48 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.39-1.32 (m, 2H, Cy), 1.30 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.28 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.18-1.13 (m, 8H, Cy), 1.08 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.07 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.00 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.93 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.83-0.77 (m, 2H, Cy), 0.50 (qt, 1H, *J* = 13, 2 Hz, Cy), 0.23 (qd, 1H, *J* = 12, 4 Hz, Cy) ppm. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.7 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 158.3 (C(=O)OR), 149.2, 149.1, 147.8, 146.7, 142.6, 141.7, 138.0, 137.7, 136.1, 132.1, 131.8, 129.2, 129.1, 126.7, 124.1, 123.4, 122.9, 122.2, 61.4, 38.0, 31.4, 31.2, 31.0, 30.8, 30.5, 30.4, 29.0, 27.9, 27.8, 27.0, 26.9, 26.9, 26.8, 26.8, 26.7, 26.6, 26.2, 26.2, 26.1 ppm. ¹¹B NMR (125.7 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 54.8 (bs) ppm. FTIR (C₆D₆, KBr

windows, 25 °C): 2962 (s), 2923 (vs), 2864 (m), 2853 (m), 1772 (vs), 1575 (w), 1460 (m), 1447 (m), 1420 (m), 1383 (w), 1360 (m), 1319 (w), 1304 (m), 1263 (w), 1245 (m), 1172 (m), 1166 (m), 1103 (m), 1070 (m), 1054 (w), 951 (m), 793 (w), 782 (w), 760 (m) cm⁻¹. Anal. Calc'd for C₄₄H₆₀NBO₂: C, 81.84; H, 9.36; N, 2.17. Found: C, 81.81; H, 9.19; N, 2.18.

S1.3. Synthesis of Exocyclic Enamine 3. To a benzene solution of Cy²BIM (0.100 g, 0.166 mmol, 3 mL) was added 0.10 mL of a 3.1 M acetonitrile solution in C₆H₆ (0.31 mmol, 1.9 equiv). The solution immediately changed in color from bright yellow to colorless. After stirring for 20 min, all volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The resulting colorless solid was dissolved in 1 mL *n*-pentane and stored at -40 °C for 24 h, affording colorless crystals, which were collected and dried *in vacuo*. Yield: 83 mg, 0.129 mmol, 78%. ¹H NMR (500.2 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 7.32 (t, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz, *p*-Ar), 7.26-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.07 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8, 2 Hz, *m*-Ar), 7.02 (t, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz, *p*-Ar), 5.32 (s, 1H, N-H), 3.77 (septet, 1H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.40 (septet, 1H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 2 Hz, C_{alkene}-H), 3.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 2 Hz, C_{alkene}-H), 2.87 (d, 1H, *J* = 2 Hz, B-CH(Cy)-N), 2.78 (septet, 1H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.41 (septet, 1H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.63-1.56 (m, 7H, Cy), 1.48 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.45-1.39 (m, 4H, Cy), 1.37 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.33 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.30 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.23 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.18 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.15-1.10 (m, 4H, Cy), 1.09 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.00-0.90 (m, 3H, Cy), 0.89 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.75 (m, 1H, Cy), 0.63-0.49 (m, 2H, Cy), 0.42 (m, 1H, Cy) ppm. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.7 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 158.1, 149.0, 148.6, 147.6, 146.9, 144.2, 143.4, 142.8, 139.5, 137.6, 133.0, 131.8, 128.7, 128.6, 125.0, 123.4, 123.1, 122.9, 122.2, 64.7, 64.5, 40.9, 31.9, 31.4, 31.2, 31.0, 30.7, 29.9, 29.6, 28.7, 28.3, 27.6, 27.5, 27.3, 27.2, 26.8, 26.6, 26.2, 26.2, 26.0, 24.6, 23.5, 22.7, 22.0 ppm. ¹¹B NMR (125.7 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 48.0 (bs) ppm. FTIR (C₆D₆, KBr windows, 20 °C): ν(N-H) = 3440 cm⁻¹, also 2965 (s), 2924 (s), 2856 (m), 2852 (m), 1650 (s), 1602 (w), 1594 (w), 1574 (w), 1468 (m), 1448 (m), 1413 (m), 1382, 1363 (m), 1322 (m), 1302 (m), 1257 (m), 1213 (w), 1189 (w), 1178 (w), 1160 (w), 1128 (w), 1091 (w), 1072 (w), 1056 (w), 1036 (w), 1027 (w), 986 (w), 848 (w), 793 (w), 774 (w), 760 (m), 720 (w), 700 (w), 677 (w), 656 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* calc'd for C₄₃H₆₄N₂B [M+H]⁺: 642.5193 Found: 642.5193. Anal. Calc'd for C₄₅H₆₃N₂B: C, 84.08; H, 9.88; N, 4.36. Found: C, 83.51; H, 9.92; N, 4.19.

S1.4. Synthesis of Heterocycle 4. To an *n*-pentane solution of Cy²BIM (0.100 g, 0.166 mmol, 2 mL) was added benzonitrile via microsyringe (0.019 mL, 0.184 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The solution was stirred for 30 min, during which time a colorless solid precipitated out of the solution. This solid was isolated via decantation of the solvent and washed with a single portion of *n*-pentane (2 mL) and dried *in vacuo* to afford **4** as an analytically pure colorless solid. Yield: 0.091 g, 0.129 mmol, 78%. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown from a 2:1 Et₂O/C₆H₆ solution stored at -40 °C. ¹H NMR (499.8 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 9.31 (bs, 1H, PhC(NAr)=N), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.15-6.99 (m, 8H), 6.82 (bs, 1H, PhC(NAr)=N), 6.18 (bs, 1H, PhC(NAr)=N), 3.37 (d, 1H, *J* = 4 Hz, B-CH(Cy)-N), 3.02 (septet, 1H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.90 (septet, 1H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.76 (septet, 1H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.30 (septet, 1H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.23 (bd, 1H, *J* = 15 Hz, Cy), 2.06-1.90 (m, 2H, Cy), 1.76-1.62 (m, 4H, Cy), 1.53-1.38 (m, 7H, Cy), 1.43 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.31 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.22 (d, 2H, *J* = 14 Hz, Cy), 1.13-1.10 (m, 2H, Cy), 1.05 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.96 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.88 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.87 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.73 (d, 3H, *J*

= 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.63 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.63-0.52 (m, 2H, Cy), 0.25-0.13 (m, 2H, Cy). Note: Two phenyl resonances cannot be conclusively assigned. We believe these resonances are coincident with multiplets between 7.26-7.21 ppm and 7.15-6.99 ppm, which arise from terphenyl unit aryl resonances. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 182.1 (C≡N), 149.6, 148.4, 147.3, 147.1, 143.0, 142.0, 141.1, 138.4, 136.0, 134.8, 133.2, 133.1, 130.9, 129.3, 129.2, 126.4, 124.0, 123.3, 123.2, 122.6, 70.6, 38.7, 31.9, 31.5, 31.3, 31.0, 30.6, 29.9, 29.2, 28.6, 27.8, 27.6, 26.8, 26.6, 26.4, 26.1, 25.8, 25.5, 23.1, 22.7, 22.4, 21.7 ppm. ¹¹B NMR (125.7 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 64.4 (bs) ppm. FTIR (C₆D₆, KBr windows, 25 °C): 2963 (s), 2924 (vs), 2864 (m), 2850 (m), 1578 (w), 1469 (s), 1445 (m), 1427 (m), 1407 (m), 1383 (w), 1361 (m), 1302 (m), 1251 (m), 1242 (m), 1184 (w), 1077 (w), 1057 (w), 1031 (w), 999 (w), 794 (w), 760 (m), 720 (m), 704 (m) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF, NCMe): *m/z* calc'd for C₅₀H₆₅N₂B: 704.5241. Found: 705.5321 [M+H]⁺. Anal Calc'd for C₅₀H₆₅N₂B: C, 85.20; H, 9.29; N, 3.97. Found: C, 85.43; H, 9.11; N, 3.95.

S1.5. Synthesis of (Cy)((CH₃)₃CC≡C)BCH(Cy)NHAr^{Dipp2} (5). To an *n*-pentane solution of Cy²BIM (0.075 g, 0.125 mmol, 2 mL) was added *t*-BuCCH (0.017 mL, 0.139 mmol, 1.1 equiv) via microsyringe. The solution was stirred for 15 min, whereupon all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was dissolved in 0.5 mL of 3:1 hexamethyldisiloxane/*n*-pentane and stored at -40 °C overnight, resulting in the formation of colorless crystals, which were collected and dried *in vacuo*. Yield: 0.063 g, 0.092 mmol, 74%. ¹H NMR (499.8 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 7.32 (t, 2H, *J* = 8 Hz, *p*-Ar), 7.23 (d, 2H, *J* = 8 Hz, *m*-Ar), 7.22 (d, 2H, *J* = 8 Hz, *m*-Ar), 7.03 (d, 2H, *J* = 8 Hz, *m*-Ar), 6.78 (t, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz, *p*-Ar), 3.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 10 Hz, *N-H*), 3.18 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10, 8 Hz, B-CH(Cy)-N), 3.10 (septet, 4H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.84-1.81 (m, 2H, Cy), 1.76-1.42 (m, 8H, Cy), 1.43 (d, 6H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.39 (d, 6H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.38-1.05 (m, 8H, Cy), 1.12 (d, 6H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.10 (d, 6H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.04 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.00-0.82 (m, 4H, Cy) ppm. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.7 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 148.0, 147.9, 146.4, 138.8, 134.3, 132.4, 128.6, 126.8, 123.6, 123.5, 116.8, 87.8, 56.4, 44.6, 37.2, 31.8, 31.1, 30.9, 30.6, 30.5, 28.9, 28.6, 28.5, 27.9, 27.8, 27.4, 27.3, 27.1, 26.1, 26.0, 23.9, 23.6 ppm. ¹¹B NMR (125.7 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 68.1 (bs) ppm. FTIR (C₆D₆, KBr windows, 25 °C): ν(N-H) = 3352 (w), also 2961 (s), 2926 (s), 2866 (m), 2849 (m), 2174 (w, sh), 2155 (w), 1669 (w), 1578 (w), 1491 (w), 1461 (m), 1444 (m), 1412 (m), 1379 (w), 1360 (m), 1258 (m), 1055 (w), 761 (m) cm⁻¹. Anal. Calc'd for C₄₉H₇₀NB: C, 86.05; H, 10.31; N, 2.05. Found: C, 85.68; H, 10.74; N, 2.07.

S1.6. Synthesis of 9-BBN^{BIM}·THF (1b·THF). CNAr^{Dipp2} (0.250 g, 0.590 mmol) was slurried in 5 mL Et₂O. To this slurry was added a solution of 9-BBN dimer in 4:1 Et₂O/THF (0.072 g, 0.295 mmol, 0.5 equiv, 5 mL) dropwise over the course of 5 min. The solution was stirred for 2 h, whereupon the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Dissolution of the resulting residue in 7 mL 2:1 Et₂O/C₆H₆ and storage at -40 °C for 4 days resulted in the production of colorless crystals, which were collected and dried *in vacuo*. Yield: 0.272 g, 0.441 mmol, 75%. ¹H NMR (499.8 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 8.52 (s, 1H, C_{imine}-H), 7.23 (t, 2H, *J* = 8 Hz, *p*-Dipp), 7.18 (d, 2H, *J* = 8 Hz, *m*-Ar), 7.12 (d, 4H, *J* = 8 Hz, *m*-Dipp), 7.04 (t, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz, *p*-Ar), 3.51 (m, 4H, THF), 3.03 (septet, 4H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.12 (m, 2H, 9-BBN), 1.80 (m, 4H, 9-BBN), 1.67 (m, 2H, 9-BBN), 1.48 (m, 4H, 9-BBN), 1.25 (d, 12H, *J* = 8 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.13 (d, 12H, *J* = 8 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.80 (bs, 2H, 9-BBN) ppm. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.7 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): δ = 193.5 (C_{imine}), 153.5, 146.8, 139.0, 131.7, 130.9, 127.9, 122.8, 122.5, 70.2, 31.8, 30.9, 25.5, 25.0, 24.5,

23.6, 22.8 ppm. ^{11}B NMR (125.7 MHz, C_6D_6 , 20 °C): δ = 7.5 (s) ppm. FTIR (C_6D_6 , KBr windows, 25 °C): 2961 (s), 2921 (m), 2867 (m), 2852 (m, sh), 2838 (m, sh), 1601 (m), 1577 (m), 1462 (m), 1450 (m, sh), 1415 (m), 1382 (w), 1361 (m), 1353 (w, sh), 1252 (w), 1205 (w), 1188 (w), 1178 (w), 1120 (w), 1071 (w), 1056 (w), 1043 (w), 1017 (w), 914 (w), 868 (m), 846 (w), 759 (m), 679 (w) cm^{-1} . Anal. Calc'd for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{60}\text{NBO}$: C, 83.60; H, 9.79; N, 2.27. Found: C, 82.98; H, 9.70; N, 2.48.

S1.7. Synthesis of (9-BBN) CH_2N (9-BBN)Ar^{Dipp2} (6**).** Benzene (5 mL) was added to solid $\text{CNAr}^{\text{Dipp2}}$ (0.068 g, 0.160 mmol) and 9-BBN dimer (0.040 g, 0.164 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The solution was stirred over the course of 3 h and gradually changed in color from colorless to light yellow. All volatile materials were then removed *in vacuo*. The resulting solid was then extracted three times with *n*-pentane (2 mL), leaving behind **6** as an off-white solid, which was dried *in vacuo*. Yield: 0.066 g, 0.099 mmol, 62%. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown by storing an *n*-pentane solution at -40 °C overnight. ^1H NMR (499.8 MHz, C_6D_6 , 20 °C): δ = 7.28 (t, 2H, J = 8 Hz, *p*-Ar), 7.23-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz, *m*-Ar), 7.07 (t, 1H, J = 8 Hz, *p*-Ar), 3.45 (s, 2H, B- CH_2 -N), 3.10 (septet, 2H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 3.07 (septet, 2H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.90-1.87 (m, 6H, BBN), 1.85-1.67 (m, 10H, BBN), 1.50-1.45 (m, 4H, BBN), 1.35-1.29 (m, 3H, BBN), 1.34 (d, 6H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.26 (d, 6H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.10 (d, 6H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.06 (d, 6H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 0.98-0.91 (m, 4H, Cy), -1.30 (s, 1H, BBN) ppm. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125.7 MHz, C_6D_6 , 20 °C): δ = 147.1, 146.9, 146.8, 140.8, 137.8, 134.9, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 124.2, 123.6, 123.2, 49.0, 38.2, 34.1, 33.6, 33.1, 31.3, 31.0, 30.5, 30.2, 26.9, 26.1, 23.8, 23.5, 22.9, 22.7 ppm. ^{11}B NMR (125.7 MHz, C_6D_6 , 20 °C): δ = 63.6 (bs), 46.8 (bs) ppm. FTIR (C_6D_6 , KBr windows, 20 °C): 2961 (s), 2925 (s), 2899 (m, sh), 2886 (m, sh), 2870 (m, sh), 2844 (m), 2739 (b, m), 1616 (m), 1572 (w), 1551 (w), 1486 (w, sh), 1467 (m), 1450 (s), 1413 (m), 1398 (w, sh), 1383 (m), 1361 (w), 1275 (m), 1249 (m), 1184 (w), 1067 (w), 1053 (w), 1037 (w), 971 (w), 859 (w), 794 (w), 763 (m), 729 (w), 687 (w), 663 (w), 642 (w) cm^{-1} . Anal. Calc'd for $\text{C}_{47}\text{H}_{67}\text{NB}_2$: C, 84.55; H, 10.11; N, 2.10. Found: C, 85.02; H, 10.56; N, 2.00.

S1.8. Synthesis of Boralactone **2b.** A benzene solution of $^9\text{-BBN}$ BIM·THF (0.114 g, 0.185 mmol, 5 mL) was placed in an ampoule, degassed, and exposed to 1 atm CO_2 gas. The ampoule was intermittently shaken over the course of 15 min, whereupon all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was washed with 3 mL *n*-pentane and dried *in vacuo*, affording **2b** as a colorless solid. Yield: 0.102 g, 0.173 mmol, 93%. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown by storing an *n*-pentane solution at -40 °C overnight. ^1H NMR (499.8 MHz, C_6D_6 , 20 °C): δ = 7.27-7.18 (m, 6H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dd, 1H, J = 7, 1 Hz), 3.83 (septet, 1H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 3.53 (septet, 1H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 3.38 (d, 1H, J = 3 Hz, B- CH -N), 2.65 (septet, 1H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 2.43 (septet, 1H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.94 (m, 1H, bicycloalkyl), 1.67 (m, 2H, bicycloalkyl), 1.57 (d, 3H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.47 (d, 3H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.36-1.15 (m, 7H, bicycloalkyl), 1.33 (d, 3H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.19 (d, 3H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.08 (d, 3H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.05 (d, 3H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.04 (d, 3H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 0.96 (d, 3H, J = 7 Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 0.92 (m, 2H, bicycloalkyl), 0.45 (m, 1H, bicycloalkyl), 0.11 (t, 1H, J = 14 Hz, bicycloalkyl) ppm. Note: Peak assignments of bicycloalkyl backbone protons are tentative. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125.7 MHz, C_6D_6 , 20 °C): δ = 158.2 (B-C(O)-OR), 149.4, 149.3, 147.5, 147.0, 142.7, 141.7, 137.6, 136.9, 136.3, 132.3, 132.1, 129.4, 128.9, 126.6, 124.5, 123.7, 122.7, 121.8, 59.7, 31.8, 31.4, 31.4, 30.8, 28.4, 27.4, 27.2, 26.9, 26.4, 26.2, 25.3, 24.0, 23.7, 23.6, 23.3, 22.3, 22.1, 19.9 ppm. ^{11}B NMR (125.7 MHz, C_6D_6 , 20 °C): δ

= 55.7 (s) ppm. FTIR (C₆D₆, KBr windows, 20 °C): $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O}) = 1772$ (vs) cm⁻¹, also 2960 (s), 2925 (s), 2865 (m), 1575 (w), 1466 (m), 1421 (m), 1384 (m), 1360 (m), 1326 (w), 1302 (m), 1293 (w, sh), 1263 (m), 1248 (w), 1239 (w), 1215 (w), 1171 (w), 1148 (w), 1112 (m), 1081 (w), 1067 (w), 1055 (w), 957 (w), 950 (w), 940 (w), 907 (w), 848 (w), 794 (w), 781 (w), 768 (w), 760 (m) cm⁻¹. Anal. Calc'd for C₄₀H₅₂NBO₂: C, 81.48; H, 8.89; N, 2.38. Found: C, 81.62; H, 9.40; N, 2.49.

Synthesis of Borninic Acid 7. To a benzene solution of ⁹-BBN^{BIM}·THF (0.082 g, 0.133 mmol, 3 mL) was added deionized H₂O via microsyringe (0.010 mL, 0.556 mmol, 4.2 equiv). The solution was shaken intermittently over the course of 1 h, whereupon all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. Dissolution of the resulting residue in 2 mL Et₂O and storage at -40 °C for 1 week produced colorless crystals, which were collected and dried *in vacuo*. Yield: 0.012 g, 0.021 mmol, 16%. ¹H NMR (499.8 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): $\delta = 7.29$ (t, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz, *m*-Ar), 7.23 (dd, 2H, $J = 8, 2$ Hz, *m*-Ar), 7.19-7.17 (m, 4H), 6.95 (t, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz, *p*-Ar), 6.11 (bs, 1H, O-H), 3.38 (d, 1H, $J = 11$ Hz, N-H), 3.01 (septet, 2H, $J = 7$ Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.99 (septet, 2H, $J = 7$ Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.60 (dd, 1H, $J = 11, 3$ Hz, R₂B-CHR-NHAr), 2.07 (m, 1H, bicycloalkyl), 1.52-1.42 (m, 4H, bicycloalkyl), 1.39-1.30 (m, 6H, bicycloalkyl), 1.34 (d, 6H, $J = 7$ Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.31 (d, 6H, $J = 7$ Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.26-1.18 (m, 4H, bicycloalkyl), 1.07 (d, 6H, $J = 7$ Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.06 (d, 6H, $J = 7$ Hz, CH(CH₃)₂) ppm. Note: Peak assignments of bicycloalkyl backbone protons are tentative. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.7 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): $\delta = 147.6, 147.4, 146.0, 137.6, 131.8, 129.1, 128.4, 127.6, 124.0, 123.6, 120.0, 38.6, 36.4, 34.0, 31.7, 31.2, 31.1, 30.3, 28.6, 27.0, 26.7, 26.4, 26.2, 25.0, 24.2, 23.4, 22.8, 21.4$ ppm. ¹¹B NMR (125.7 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): $\delta = 53.4$ (s) ppm. FTIR (C₆D₆, KBr windows, 20 °C): $\nu(\text{O-H}) = 3485$ (b, w) cm⁻¹, $\nu(\text{N-H}) = 3345$ (w), also 2962 (s), 2925 (s), 2866 (m), 1578 (w), 1466 (m), 1417 (m), 1383 (m), 1361 (m), 1250 (w), 1229 (m), 1179 (w), 1117 (m), 1081 (w), 1055 (w), 1043 (w), 989 (w), 944 (w), 934 (w), 867 (w), 795 (w), 778 (w), 759 (m), 698 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF, NCMe): m/z calc'd for C₃₉H₅₄NBO: 563.4298. Found: 564.4375 [M+H]⁺. Anal. Calc'd for C₃₉H₅₄NBO: C, 83.10; H, 9.66; N, 2.48. Found: C: 81.91; H, 9.99; N, 2.38.

Synthesis of ^{Pin}BIM (1c). A toluene (5 mL) solution of CNAr^{Dipp2} (0.102 g, 0.240 mmol) and pinacolborane (0.34 mL, 2.33 mmol, 10.0 equiv) was placed in a sealed ampoule and heated to 100 °C for 60 h. After cooling to room temperature, all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. Fractional crystallization from 2:1 hexamethyldisiloxane/*n*-pentane solution provided light yellow crystals of ^{Pin}BIM, which were collected and dried *in vacuo*. Yield: 0.037 g, 0.067 mmol, 28%. ¹H NMR (499.8 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): $\delta = 7.85$ (s, 1H, C_{imine}-H), 7.24 (t, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz, *p*-Ar), 7.16 (d, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz, *m*-Ar), 7.15 (d, 4H, $J = 8$ Hz, *m*-Ar), 7.03 (t, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz, *p*-Ar), 3.05 (septet, 4H, $J = 7$ Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.36 (d, 12H, $J = 7$ Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.15 (d, 12H, $J = 7$ Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.72 (s, 12H, Pin -CH₃) ppm. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.7 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): $\delta = 168.2$ (C_{imine}), 153.4, 147.1, 136.8, 130.4, 130.0, 128.4, 124.0, 122.9, 83.8, 31.3, 25.3, 24.4, 23.5 ppm. ¹¹B NMR (125.7 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): $\delta = 26.0$ (bs) ppm. FTIR (C₆D₆, KBr windows, 20 °C): 2961 (s), 2926 (m), 2905 (m, sh), 2867 (m), 1577 (w), 1463 (m), 1420 (m), 1382 (s), 1372 (s), 1362 (s), 1278 (w, sh), 1262 (m), 1143 (m), 1055 (w), 968 (m), 896 (w), 850 (m), 835 (w), 791 (w), 769 (m), 758 (m), 733 (w) cm⁻¹. Anal. Calc'd for C₃₇H₅₀NBO₂: C, 80.56; H, 9.14; N, 2.54. Found: C, 80.21; H, 9.02; N, 2.55.

S2. Results of Computational Studies.

S2.1. Computational Details.

Density Functional Theory calculations on the (boryl)iminomethanes ^{Cy}2BIM (**1a**) and ^{9-BBN}BIM·THF (**1b**·THF), their adducts with carbon dioxide **2a** and **2b**, and the putative zwitterionic intermediates in CO₂ capture **2a*** and **2b*** were performed with the Amsterdam Density Functional (ADF) program suite,^{5,6} version 2013.99.⁷ For all atoms, the triple- ζ Slater-type orbital TZ2P ADF basis set was utilized without frozen cores. The local density approximation (LDA) of Vosko, Wilk, and Nusair (VWN)⁸ was coupled with the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) corrections described by Becke⁹ and Perdew^{10,11} for electron exchange and correlation, respectively. Crystallographic atomic coordinates were used as input where appropriate. Optimized geometries and molecular orbitals were visualized with the ADFView graphical routine of the ADF-GUI.¹²

S2.2. Hardware Specifics. DFT calculations were performed on a home-built 72-CPU (1 x 8 master, 8 x 8 slave) Rocks 4.3 Linux cluster featuring Intel Xeon E5335 Quad-Core 2.00 GHz processors. Job control was implemented with the Sun Grid Engine v. 5.3.

S2.3. Input

S2.3.1. Input for geometry optimization of ^{Cy}2BIM (**1a**)

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S2.3.2. Input for geometry optimization of Compound 2a

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SYMMETRY NOSYM
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S2.3.6. Input for geometry optimization of Compound 2b*

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S2.4. Results

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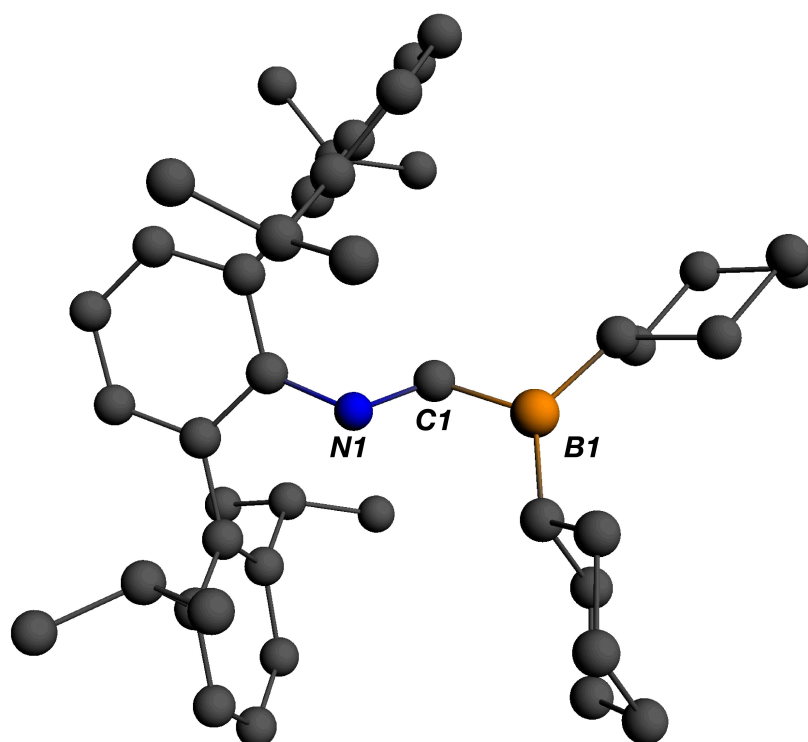


Figure S2.1. Optimized molecular structure of ^{Cy}2BIM (**1a**).

S2.4.2. Optimized Coordinates of Compound 1b

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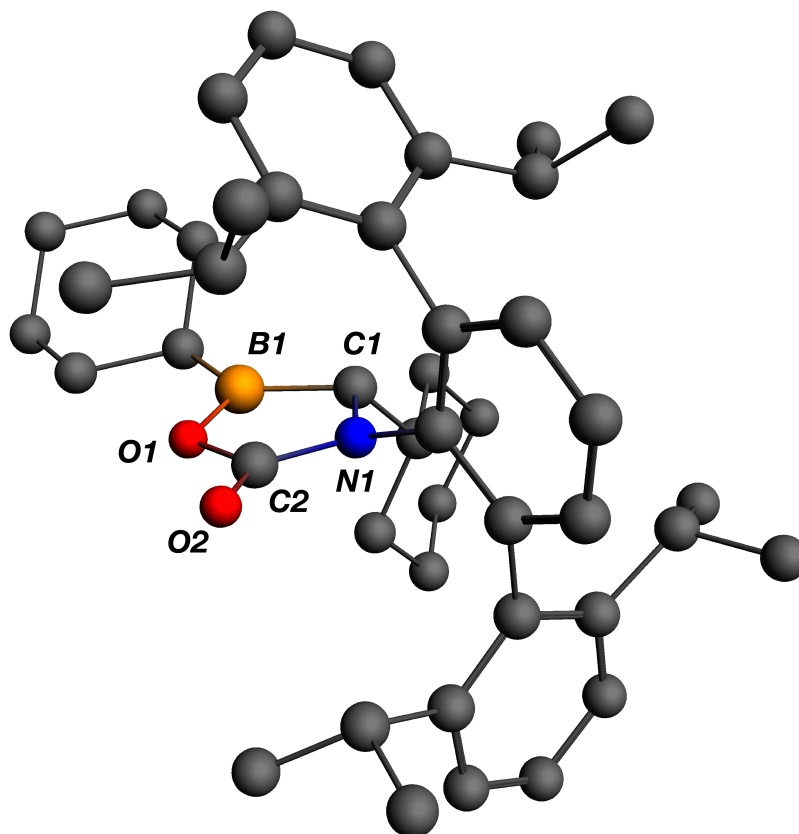


Figure S2.2. Optimized molecular structure of **1b**.

Table S2.1. Comparative metrical parameters between experimental (X-ray crystal structure) and calculated versions of **1b**.

Parameter	Exp. (X-ray)	Calculated	% Difference
C2-O1	1.391(3) Å	1.404 Å	0.9 %
C2-O2	1.198(3) Å	1.210 Å	1.0 %
C2-N1	1.367(3) Å	1.378 Å	0.8 %
O1-B1	1.378(4) Å	1.381 Å	0.2 %

S2.4.3. Optimized Coordinates of **1b***

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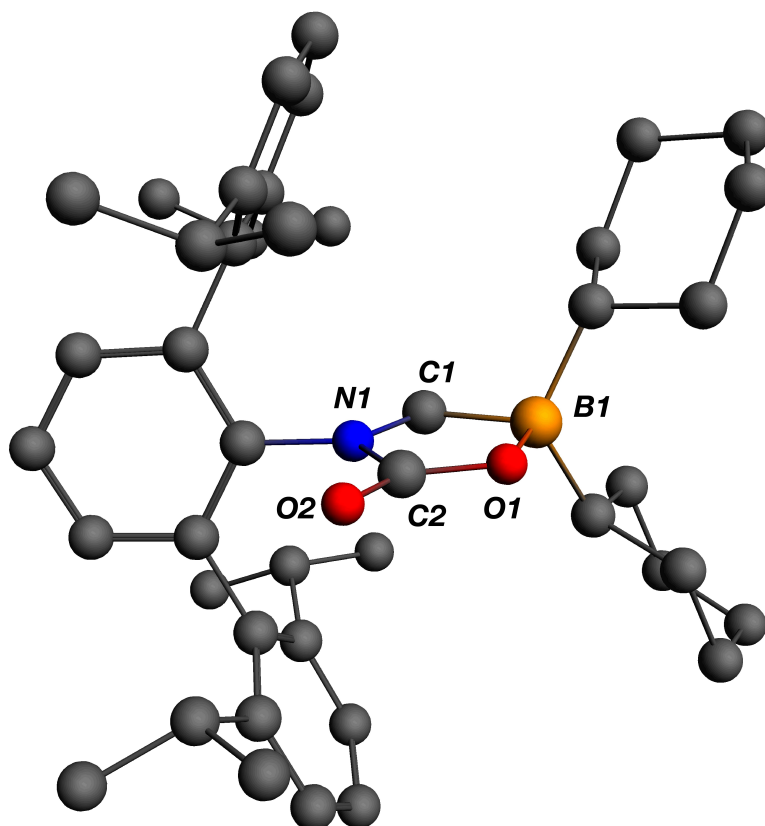


Figure S2.3. Optimized molecular structure of **1b***.

S2.4.4. Optimized Coordinates for ⁹-BBN^{BIM}·THF (**1b**·THF)

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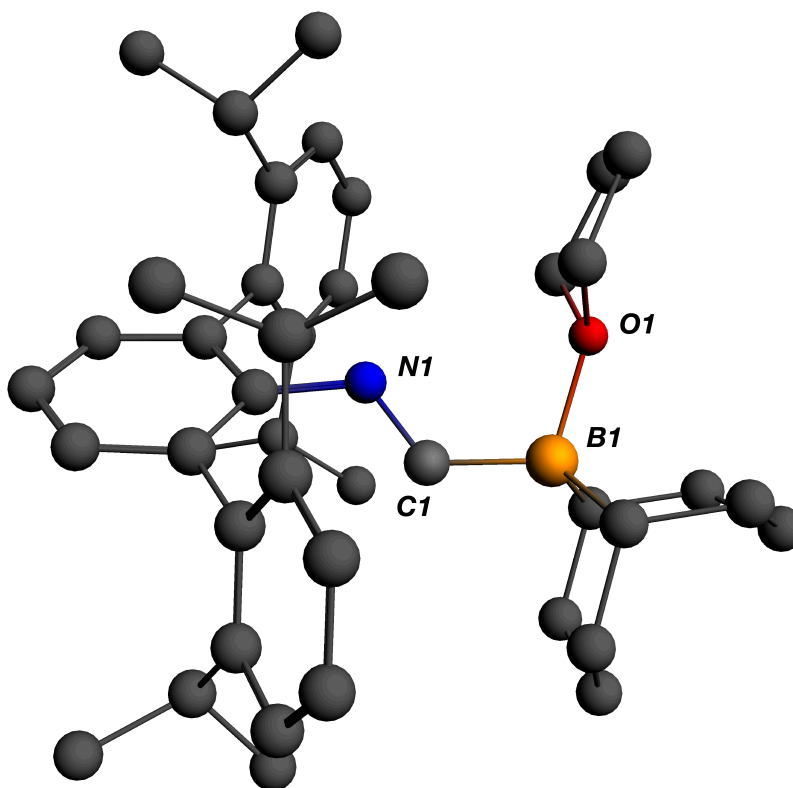


Figure S2.4. Optimized molecular structure of $^9\text{-BBN-BIM}\cdot\text{THF}$ (**1b**·THF).

Table S2.2. Comparative metrical parameters between the experimental (X-ray crystal structure) and calculated versions of **2b**.

Parameter	Exp. (X-ray)	Calculated	% Difference
N1-C1	1.280(2) Å	1.292 Å	0.9 %
C1-B1	1.613(2) Å	1.599 Å	0.9 %
B1-O1	1.631(2) Å	1.659 Å	1.7%
N1-C1-B1	125.8(1)°	127.0°	1.0 %
C1-B1-O1	106.7(1)°	107.2°	0.9 %

S2.4.5. Optimized Coordinates of **2b**

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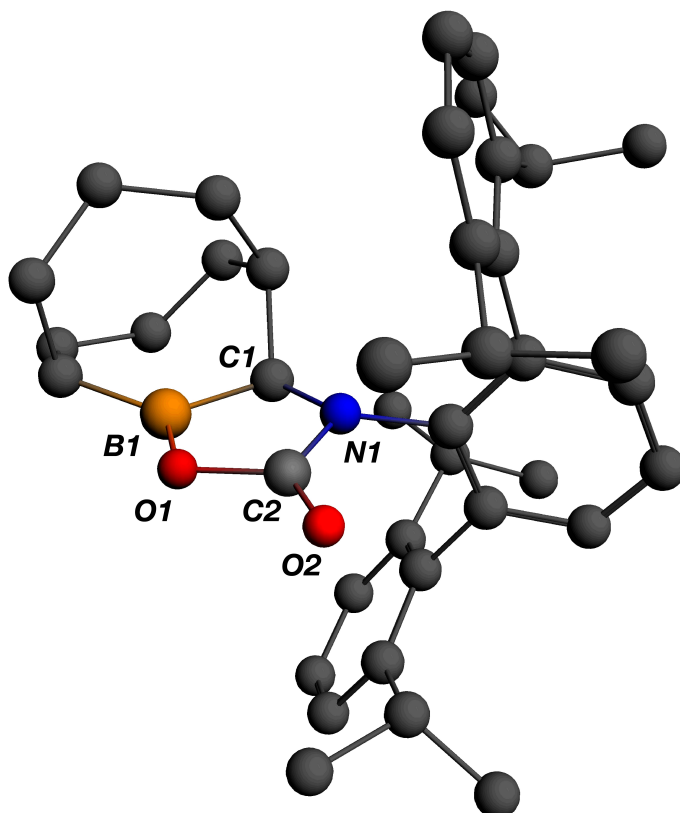


Figure S2.5. Optimized molecular structure of **2b**.

Table S2.3. Comparative metrical parameters between the experimental (X-ray crystal structure) and calculated versions of **2b**.

Parameter	Exp. (X-ray)	Calculated	% Difference
C2-O1	1.389(2)	1.407 Å	1.3 %
C2-O2	1.202(2)	1.210 Å	0.7 %
C2-N1	1.365(2)	1.380 Å	1.1 %
O1-B1	1.381(2)	1.383 Å	0.1 %

S2.4.6. Optimized Coordinates of **2b***

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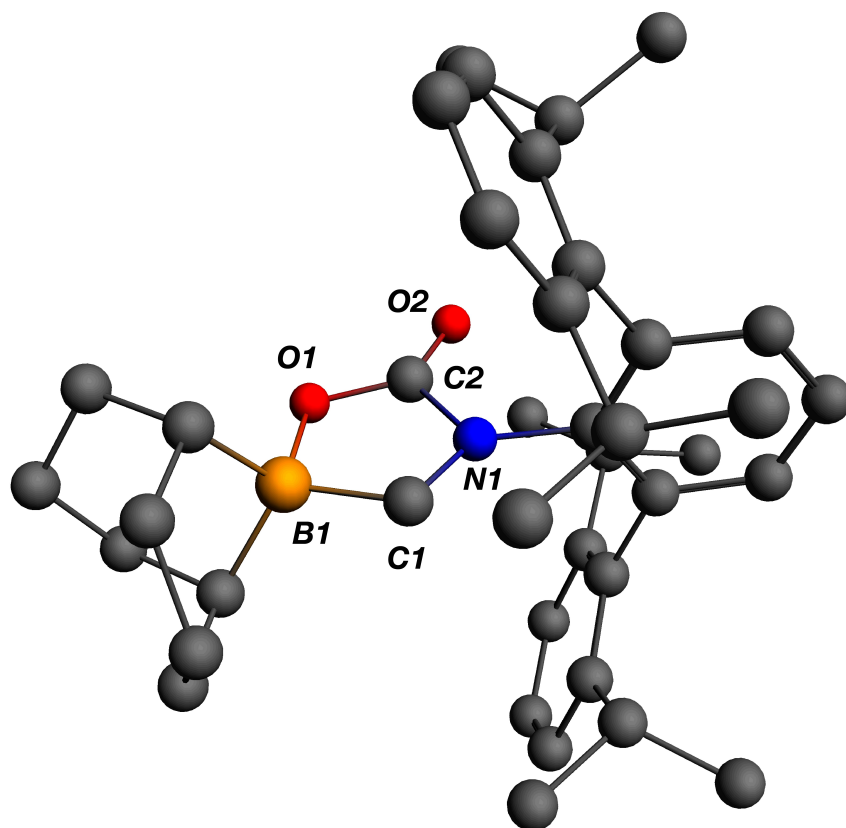
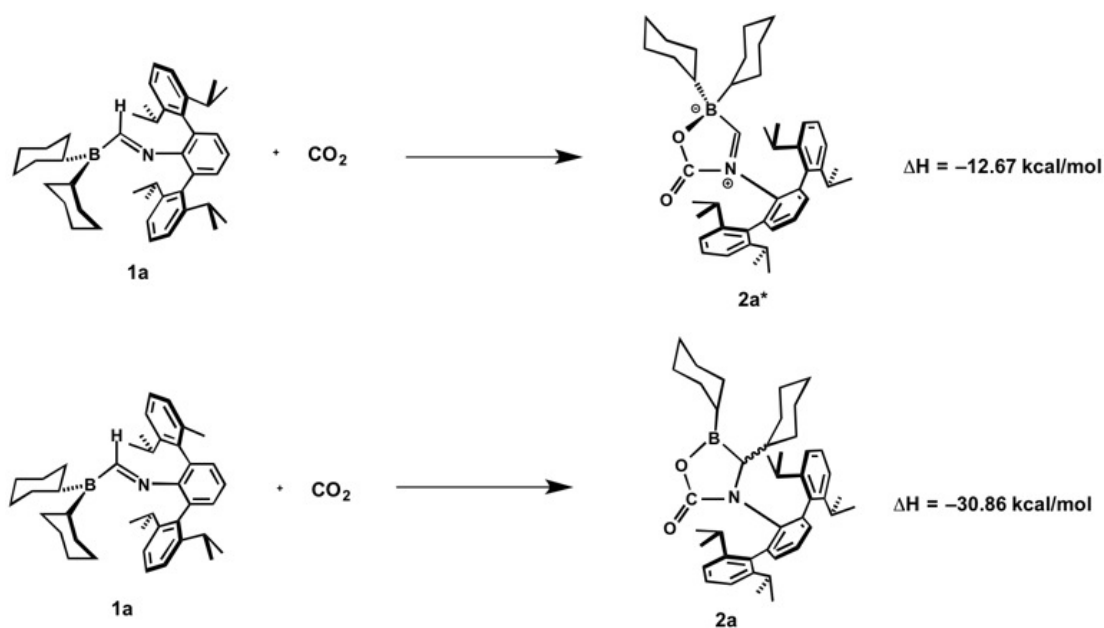


Figure S2.6. Optimized molecular structure of **2b***.

S2.4.7. Energetic Analysis of CO₂ Adduct Formation and Alkyl-group Migration

Table S2.4. Listing of total bonding energies for reactants and products (including putative intermediate **2a***) in the formation of **2a** (BP86/TZ2P).

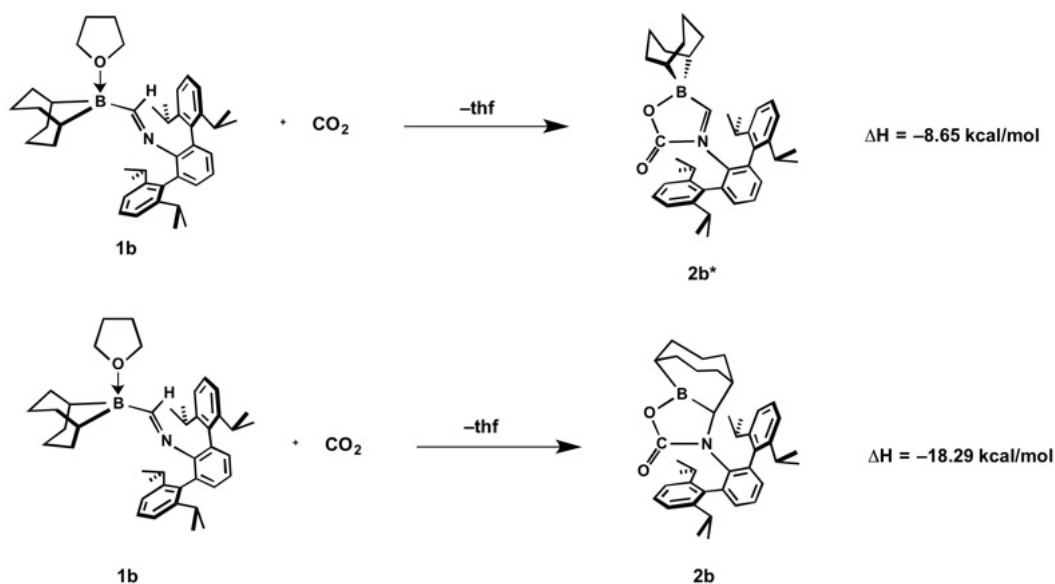
Compound	Total Bonding Energy (kcal/mol)
^{Cy2} BIM (1a)	−14183.97
CO ₂	−529.21
2a*	−14725.85
2a	−14744.04



Scheme S2.1. Enthalpies of reaction in the formation of **2a*** and **2a** from ^{Cy}₂BIM (**1a**) and CO₂.

Table S2.5. Listing of total bonding energies for reactants and products (including putative intermediate **2b***) in the formation of **2b** (BP86/TZ2P).

Compound	Total Bonding Energy (kcal/mol)
⁹ -BBN BIM·THF (1b ·THF)	-14323.85
CO ₂	-529.21
2b*	-13223.83
2b	-13233.47
THF	-1637.88



Scheme S2.2. Enthalpies of reaction in the formation of **2b*** and **2b** from $^9\text{-BBN}^{\text{BIM}}\cdot\text{THF}$ (**1b**·THF) and CO_2 .

S3. Crystallographic Structure Determinations

S3.1. General. Single crystal X-ray structure determinations were carried out at low temperature on Bruker Kappa Diffractometers equipped with a Mo or Cu radiation source and a Bruker APEX or APEX-II area detector. All structures were solved via direct methods with SIR 2004¹³ and refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures using SHELXL-2013¹⁴. Crystallographic data collection and refinement information are listed in Table S3.1. The borolactone **2a** contains rotational disorder of the boron-bound cyclohexyl group, which was modeled and refined anisotropically. The exocyclic enamine **3**·1.5(C_5H_{12}) contains positional disorder of one co-crystallized molecule of *n*-pentane, which was modeled and refined anisotropically. The (boryl)iminomethane $^9\text{-BBN}^{\text{BIM}}\cdot\text{THF}$ ((**1b**·THF)·1.5(C_6H_6)) contains positional disorder of the boron-bound THF, as well as positional disorder of one *i*-Pr group. These disordered groups were modeled and refined anisotropically. This structure also contains co-crystallized molecules of benzene (two per unit cell) that were highly disordered and could not be properly modeled. The Platon routine SQUEEZE¹⁵ was utilized to account for these electrons as a diffuse contribution to the overall scattering without specific atom positions. The double-hydroboration product **6** contains positional disorder of a co-crystallized molecule of *n*-pentane, which was modeled and refined anisotropically.

Crystallographic Information Files (CIF) for all structures have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. The Following CCDC structure codes have been assigned:

CCDC 1028214 – Compound **2a**

CCDC 1028222 – Compound 3
CCDC 1028216 – Compound 4
CCDC 1028221 – Compound 5
CCDC 1028217 – Compound 1b·THF
CCDC 1028215 – Compound 6
CCDC 1028218 – Compound 2b
CCDC 1028219 – Compound 7
CCDC 1028220 – Compound 1c

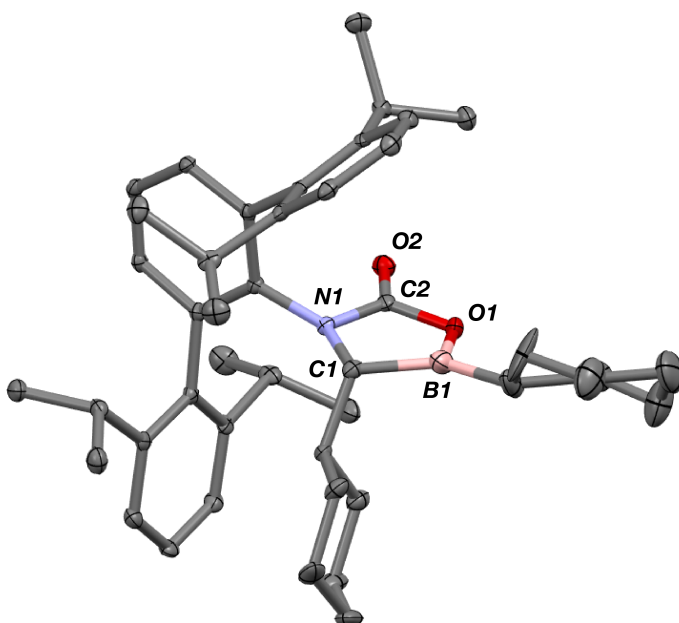


Figure S3.1. Molecular structure of **2a**. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°): C2-O1 = 1.391(3); C2-O2 = 1.198(3); C2-N1 = 1.367(3); O1-B1 = 1.378(4); B1-C1 = 1.570(4); C1-N1 = 1.477(3); O1-C2-O2 = 121.4(2); O1-C2-N1 = 112.0(2); N1-C2-O2 = 129.1(2).

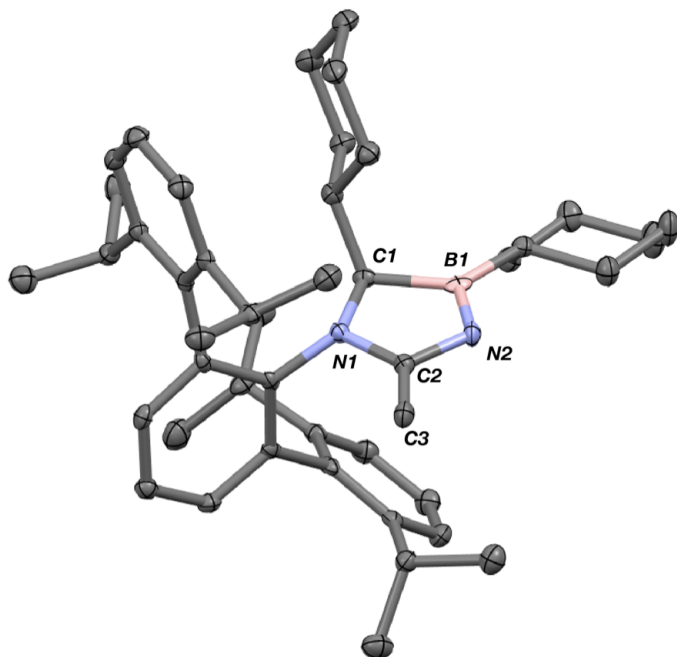


Figure S3.2. Molecular structure of **3**. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°): C2-C3 = 1.332(3); C2-N2 = 1.399(3); N2-B1 = 1.396(3); B1-C1 = 1.592(3); C1-N1 = 1.487(3); N1-C2 = 1.402(3). N1-C2-C3 = 128.1(2); N1-C2-N2 = 107.7(2); C3-C2-N2 = 124.3(2).

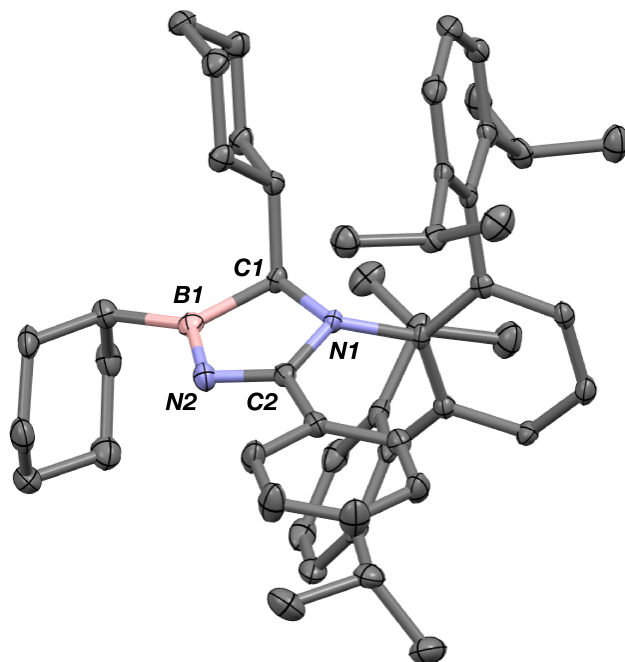


Figure S3.3. Molecular structure of **4**. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°): C2-N2 = 1.315(3); C2-N1 = 1.315(3); N2-B1 = 1.434(3); B1-C1 = 1.596(3); C1-N1 = 1.493(3). B1-N2-C2 = 107.6(2); N2-C2-N1 = 116.5(2).

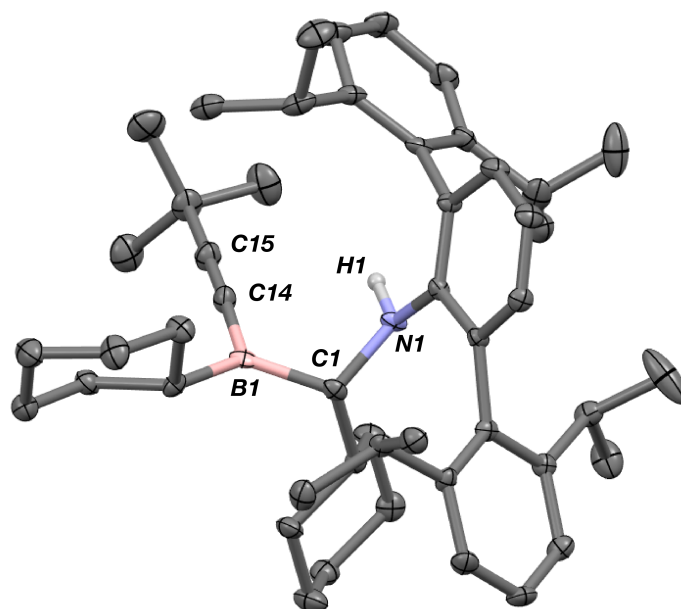


Figure S3.4. Molecular structure of (Cy)((CH₃)₃CC≡C)BCH(Cy)NHAr^{Dipp2} (**5**). Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°): N1-C1 = 1.485(4); C1-B1 = 1.579(5); B1-C14 = 1.522(5); C14-C15 = 1.211(4). B1-C1-N1 = 111.1(2).

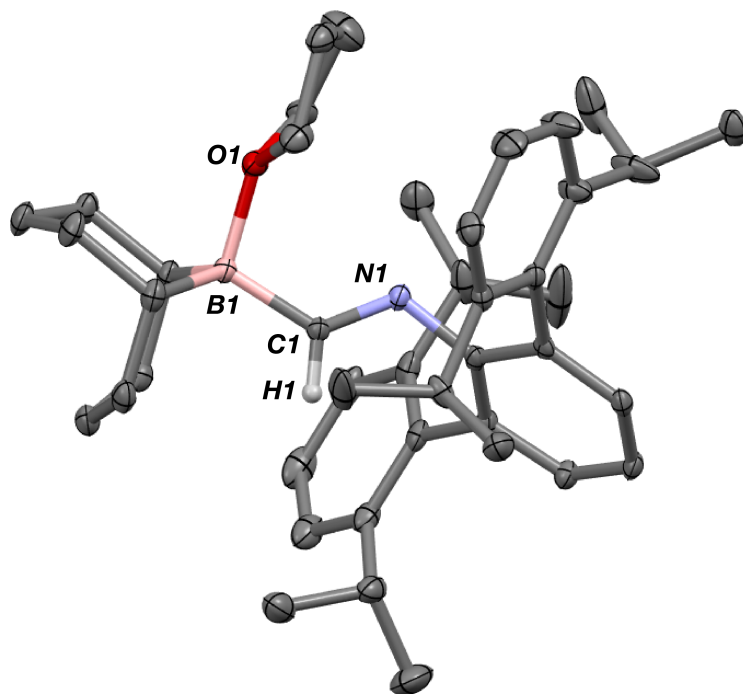


Figure S3.5. Molecular structure of ⁹-BBN·THF (**1b**·THF). Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°): B1-O1 = 1.631(2); B1-C1 = 1.613(2); C1-N1 = 1.280(2); B1-C1-N1 = 125.8(1); C1-B1-O1 = 106.7(1).

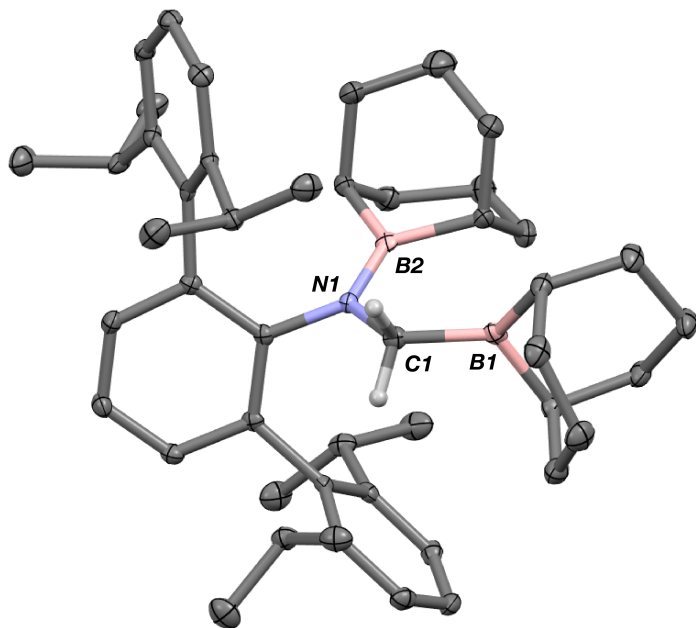


Figure S3.6. Molecular structure of (9-BBN)CH₂N(9-BBN)Ar^{Dipp2} (**6**). Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°): B1-C1 = 1.600(3); C1-N1 = 1.490(2); N1-B2 = 1.406(3); B1-C1-N1 = 119.2(2); B2-N1-C1 = 120.1(2).

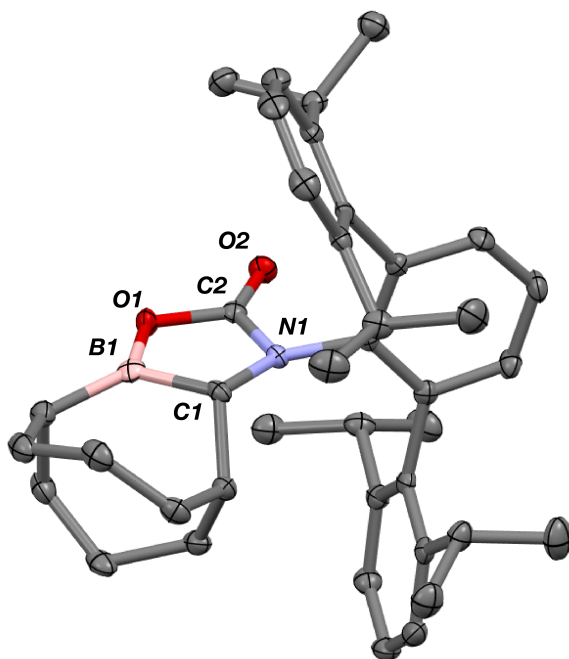


Figure S3.7. Molecular structure of **2b**. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°): C2-O1 = 1.389(2); C2-O2 = 1.202(2); C2-N1 = 1.365(2); O1-B1 = 1.381(2); N1-C1 = 1.480(2); C1-B1 = 1.576(2); N1-C2-O2 = 128.5(1); N1-C1-O1 = 110.1(1); O1-C2-O2 = 121.4(1).

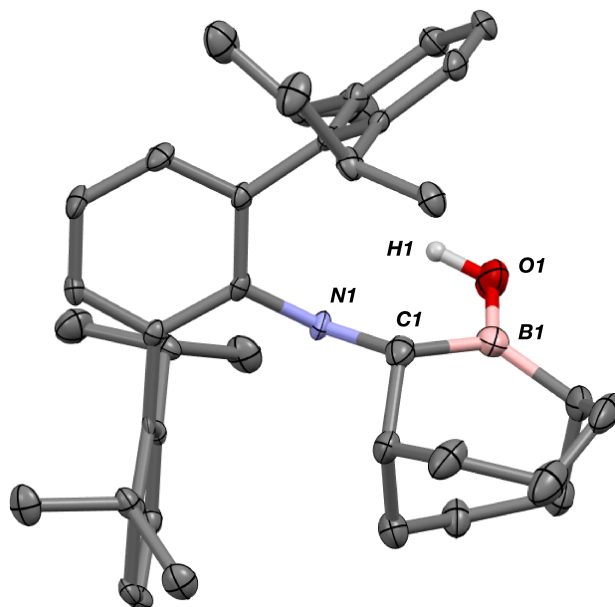


Figure S3.8. Molecular structure of **7**. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°): O1-B1 = 1.358(6); B1-C1 = 1.598(6); C1-N1 = 1.477(5). B1-C1-N1 = 109.1(3).

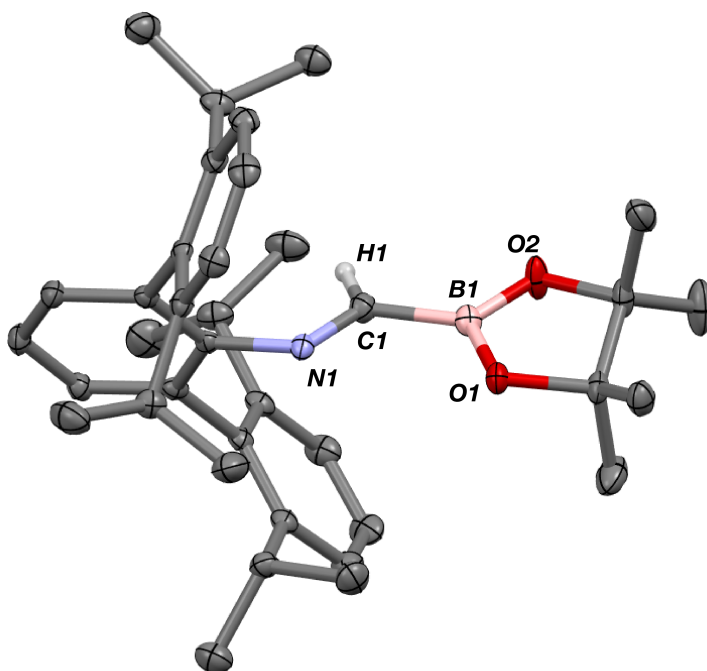


Figure S3.9. Molecular structure of ^{Pin}BIM (**1c**). Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°): N1-C1 = 1.275(2); C1-B1 = 1.570(2); B1-O1 = 1.356(2); 1.353(2); N1-C1-B1 = 119.2(1).

Table S3.1. Crystallographic data collection and refinement information.

Name	Boralactone 2a	Enamine 3 •1.5(C ₆ H ₆)	Heterocycle 4
Formula	C ₄₄ H ₆₀ NBO ₂	C _{52.5} H ₈₁ N ₂ B	C ₅₀ H ₆₅ N ₂ B
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space Group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> , Å	18.442(2)	10.3180(8)	12.3306(9)
<i>b</i> , Å	11.960(1)	12.816(1)	13.054(1)
<i>c</i> , Å	19.592(2)	17.806(1)	25.512(2)
α, deg	90	83.969(4)	90
β, deg	116.965(3)	86.164(4)	90.626(4)
γ, deg	90	85.117(4)	90
<i>V</i> , Å ³	3851.7(7)	2329.1(3)	4106.4(6)
<i>Z</i>	4	2	4
Radiation (λ, Å)	Mo-Kα, 0.71073	Cu-Kα, 1.54178	Mo-Kα, 0.71073
ρ (calcd.), g/cm ³	1.114	1.071	1.140
μ, mm ⁻¹	0.066	0.443	0.064
Temp, K	100	100	100
θ max, deg	26.410	44.878	25.371
data/parameters	7152/492	3308/539	7524/486
<i>R</i> _{<i>I</i>}	0.0626	0.0329	0.0574
<i>wR</i> ₂	0.1157	0.0866	0.1163
GOF	1.007	1.046	1.025

Table S3.1. Cont.

Name	(Cy)(<i>t</i> -BuC≡C) BCH(Cy)NHAr ^{Dipp2} (5)	⁹ -BBN ^{BIM} •THF ((1b •THF)•1.5 (C ₆ H ₆))	(9-BBN)CH ₂ N(9-BBN) Ar ^{Dipp2} (6 •C ₅ H ₁₂)
Formula	C ₄₉ H ₇₀ NB	C ₅₂ H ₆₉ NBO	C ₅₂ H ₇₉ NB ₂
Crystal System	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space Group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> , Å	10.9523(6)	10.6296(3)	20.9432(9)
<i>b</i> , Å	12.2836(6)	23.2451(8)	12.5599(6)

c , Å	18.200(1)	18.4090(6)	17.1099(8)
α , deg	77.103(2)	90	90
β , deg	81.075(3)	104.193(1)	91.099(2)
γ , deg	65.736(2)	90	90
V , Å ³	2170.4(2)	4409.8(2)	4499.8(4)
Z	2	4	4
Radiation (λ , Å)	Mo-K α , 0.71073	Mo-K α , 0.71073	Mo-K α , 0.71073
ρ (calcd.), g/cm ³	1.046	1.107	1.092
μ , mm ⁻¹	0.058	0.063	0.060
Temp, K	100	100	100
θ max, deg	25.371	26.398	25.448
data/parameters	7662/475	9019/496	8280/516
R_I	0.0698	0.0532	0.0557
wR_2	0.1396	0.1316	0.1364
GOF	1.010	1.045	1.033

Table S3.1. Cont.

Name	Boralactone 2b	Borinic acid 7	^{Pin} BIM (1c)
Formula	C ₄₀ H ₅₂ NBO ₂	C ₃₉ H ₅₄ NBO	C ₃₇ H ₅₀ NBO ₂
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space Group	$P2_1/n$	$P2_1/c$	$P2_1/n$
a , Å	10.1073(3)	17.347(2)	13.437(1)
b , Å	16.6024(4)	10.634(1)	14.329(1)
c , Å	20.2451(5)	19.7137(2)	18.587(1)
α , deg	90	90	90
β , deg	94.273(1)	112.174(4)	105.742(3)
γ , deg	90	90	90
V , Å ³	3387.8(2)	3367.6(6)	3444.6(5)
Z	4	4	4
Radiation (λ , Å)	Mo-K α , 0.71073	Mo-K α , 0.71073	Mo-K α , 0.71073
ρ (calcd.), g/cm ³	1.156	1.112	1.064
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Temp, K	100	100	100
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data/parameters	6949/405	6129/395	6102/382
R_I	0.0433	0.0872	0.0382
wR_2	0.0909	0.1893	0.0944
GOF	1.020	1.082	1.019

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