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### **Supporting Information**

A case study of Pd...Pd intramolecular interaction in benzothiazole based Palladacycle; Catalytic activity toward amides synthesis via isocyanide insertion pathway

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## Crystal data and structure refinement for BTP

Identification code khc1445b Empirical formula C31 H26 N2 O7 Pd2 S2 Formula weight 815.46 Temperature 298(2) K Wavelength 0.71073 A Crystal system, space group Orthorhombic, P 21 21 21 Unit cell dimensions a = 7.9107(16) A alpha = 90 deg. b = 12.229(2) A beta = 90 deg. c = 30.953(6) A gamma = 90 deg. Volume 2994.4(10) A^3 Z, Calculated density 4, 1.809 Mg/m^3 Absorption coefficient 1.392 mm^-1 F(000) 1624 Crystal size 0.20 x 0.15 x 0.15 mm Theta range for data collection 2.58 to 24.99 deg. -8<=h<=9, -12<=k<=14, -32<=l<=36 Limiting indices Reflections collected / unique 9420 / 5207 [R(int) = 0.0967]Completeness to theta = 24.99 99.9 % Absorption correction Numerical Max. and min. transmission 0.8183 and 0.7681 Refinement method Full-matrix least-squares on F^2 Data / restraints / parameters 5207 / 0 / 403 Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup> 0.960 Final R indices [I>2 sigma(I)] R1 = 0.0595, wR2 = 0.1257 R indices (all data) R1 = 0.0897, wR2 = 0.1473Absolute structure parameter 0.05(7)Largest diff. peak and hole 0.915 and -0.576 e.A^-3

## Computational studies of Pd...Pd interaction in BTP

## Computational details

DFT calculation for constructing theoretical wave function and NBO analysis have been carried out using the Gaussian 09 suite of programs<sup>1</sup>. The selected fragment involved with Pd...Pd interaction was cut out directly from the CIF file and after that it is optimized using B3LYP<sup>2</sup> functional and LANL2DZ<sup>3</sup> basis set. The QTAIM analysis of theoretical charge density is performed using the AIMALL program<sup>4</sup>. The NCI-RDG analysis is performed using Multiwfn program<sup>5</sup>. The gradient isosurface of NCI-RDG is visualized by using the VMD 1.9.2 software<sup>6</sup>. HOMO and LUMO molecular orbitals are depicted using GaussView 5.0software<sup>1</sup>.

Comparison	of selected	geometric	parameters (	of experimental	l structure wit	h optimized one
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Geometric Parameter	Experimental structure	Optimized Structure			
Distances(Å)					
Pd1-Pd2	2.862	3.195			
Pd2-C30	1.936	1.996			
Pd2-O2	2.033	2.077			
Pd2-O4	2.130	2.172			
Pd2-N2	2.048	2.079			
Pd1-O1	2.171	2.173			
Pd1-O3	2.053	2.076			
Pd1-C9	1.950	1.996			
Pd1-N1	2.037	2.079			
Angles(°)					
N2-Pd2-C30	81.95	81.06			
N2-Pd2-O4	97.60	98.06			
C30-Pd2-O2	91.82	92.60			
O2-Pd2-O4	88.67	88.23			
O1-Pd1-O3	86.02	88.23			
O1-Pd1-N1	98.94	98.09			
C9-Pd1-O3	92.31	92.62			
N1-Pd1-C9	82.70	81.08			

Topological and energetic properties at the Bond Critical Points between Palladium atoms involved in Pd...Pd interaction

Basis set	FUNCTIONAL	ρΒϹΡ	<b>∇</b> <sup>2</sup> ρBCP	G(BCP)	V(BCP)	H(BCP)	V(BCP)/G(BCP)
LANL2DZ	B3LYP	0.0171	0.0477	0.0115	-0.0111	0.0004	0.965

Hirshfield analysis of Pd1...Pd2 axis



Figure 1. Electrostatic potential of Pd1...Pd2 axis analyze by Hirshfield diagram. The High electron density depicted as Red and low electron density as Blue

Contour map of Pd...Pd interaction



Figure 2. Scheme of contour map of Laplacian of electron density in B3LYP/LANL2DZ computational level. The BCP and positive value of Laplacian for Pd...Pd interaction are represented.

#### HOMO and LUMO Molecular orbitals



Figure 3. The HOMO and LUMO orbitals of the system and the energy gap between them Reduced density gradient analysis



Figure 4. The plots of RDG,  $s(\rho)$ , versus  $sign(\lambda 2)\rho$  (Left) and colored  $s(\rho)$ -isosurface in B3LYP/LANL2DZ computational method (Right).

#### **Bond Order By NBO analysis**

The bond order of the  $Pd\cdots Pd$  interaction was calculated by twoNBO criteria; Wiberg bond indices and NAO (natural atomic orbital) bond order. The positive value of the bond order determined by NAO indicates the existence of a net bonding interaction between  $Pd\cdots Pd$ .

NBO criteria	Bond Order of PdPd interaction
Wibergbond indices	0.0912
NAO bond order	0.1814



Figure 5. The EDX elemental analysis of BTP@SBA



Figure 6. The low angle P-XRD of BTP@SBA (A). Reused BTP@SBA after five catalytic cycle (B).



Figure 7. The schematic FT-IR spectrum of BTP



Figure 8. The schematic FT-IR spectrum of BTP@SBA-15

Entry	BTP	BTP@SBA			
1	703 (C-S)	802 (Si-O) <sup>a</sup>			
2	1604 (Aromatic C-H)	1002 (Si-O) <sup>b</sup>			
3	1693 (C=O)	1667 (C=O)			
4	2820 (Acetate C-H)	2780 (Acetate C-H)			

**Details of FT-IR spectra** 

a: Bending

b: Stretching

TGA









Figure 10. The Bet curve of BTP@SBA (A) and BJH distribution curve of BTP@SBA (B)

## **BET results**

	BET plot of (4)	Fresh SBA-15	Unit
$V_m$	75.661	103.743	$[cm^{3}(STP) g^{-1}]$
$a_{s,BET}$	329.31	726.6	$[m^2 g^{-1}]$
Total pore volume( $p/p_0=0.990$ )	0.5629	0.9842	[cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ]
Mean pore diameter	6.8368	9.2687	[nm]

The  $N_2(g)$  adsorption analysis of BTP@SBA and fresh SBA-15.

## SEM







# TEM





(B)

Figure 12. The TEM of BTP@SBA along to pore axis of BTP@SBA (B) and reused BTP@SBA after 5 catalytic cycle (B)

#### Proposed mechanism of MIIr catalyzed by BTP@SBA

The proposed mechanism of MIIr catalyzed by BTP@SBAstart by exchange of OAc<sup>-</sup> by DMSO as solvent, that is common in palladaium coordinated acetate moieties<sup>7</sup>. It is noticeable, all of the reports of MIIr mostly work in DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O solvent conditions. The oxidative addition of Ph-I to Pd(II) center afford Pd(IV) as octahedral six coordinated complex (c). Subsequently, the isocyanide coordinate to Pd(IV) and DMSO get out from the coordination sphere (d). By the migratory isocyanide insertion to Pd-Ph and reinstallation of DMSO the coordinated PhC=NR moiety obtained. The DFT calculation MIIr catalyzed by PdCl<sub>2</sub> elucidate the OH<sup>-</sup>substitution by iodide to form Pd-OH intermediate<sup>8</sup>. The iminol or imidic acid formattained after reductive elimination of OH<sup>-</sup> and PhC=NR group. The resulting MIIr was taken by the tautomerization of imidic acid to amide. Notably, the paladacycle (b) was proposed as actual catalyst of MIIr.



Figure 13. Proposed mechanism of BTP@SBA catalyze MIIr via Pd(+2)/Pd(+4) catalytic cycle

## Experimental Materials and measurement

All chemicals were purchased from Merck or Aldrich and were used without additional distillation. FT-IR spectra were taken with a Bomem FT-IR MB spectrometer. The NMR spectra were recorded on a BRUKER DRX-300 AVANCE spectrometer. Powder X-RAY Diffraction data were collected on a STOE STADI P with scintillation detector, secondary monochromator and Cu-Ka1 radiation ( $\lambda$  =1. 5406 Å). EDS characterizations of BTP@SBA were performed using an electron microscopy Philips XL-30 ESEM. Transmission Electron Microscopy characterization of BTP@SBA was performed using a transmission microscope Philips CM-30 with an accelerating voltage of 150 kV. The concentration of Pd was estimated using Shimadzu AA-680 flame atomic absorption spectrophotometer. The sorption analysis was recorded by micromeritics Auto-chem II 2920. Furthermore, The TGA was accomplished by Perkin Elmer TGA/DSC. Lastly, the CHNS content was estimated by Perkin Elmer 2400 series.

The X-ray diffraction measurements were made with a STOE IPDS-II diffractometer with graphitemonochromated MoKa radiation. Cell constants and an orientation matrix for data collection were obtained by least-squares refinement of diffraction data from 6743 and 3408 unique reflections for BTP. Data were collected at a temperature of 298(2) K to a maximum 2q value of 51.988 and in a series of w scans in 18 oscillations and integrated using the Stoe X-AREA software package. The data were corrected for Lorentz and Polarizing effects. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined on F2 by full-matrix least-squares procedure. All hydrogen atoms were added at ideal positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with Uiso(H)= 1.2Ueq. All refinements were performed by using the X-STEP32 crystallographic software package<sup>-</sup> Complete crystallographic data for BTP has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication No. CCDC 1968870. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via <u>www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\_request/cif</u>.

## Synthesis of 4-Hydroxy 2-Phenyl Benzothiazole (3)

The 2-aminothiophenol (1mmol) and 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (1mmol) stirred in MeOH at room temperature to afford yellow imine sediment. Subsequently, NH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H (10 mol%) was added to the reaction mixture. After 4h, light yellow sediment achieved and recrystallized in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O to afford pure product. Melting point: 227-230 °C.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 10.22 (1H, s, OH), 8.06 (1H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 9.0$  Hz, H–Ar), 7.95 (3H, m, H–Ar), 7.48 (1H, t,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 9.0$  Hz, H–Ar), 7.38 (1H, t,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 9.0$  Hz, H–Ar), 6.93 (2H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 9.0$  Hz, H–Ar). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NOS: C, 68.70; H, 3.99; N, 6.16. Found: C, 66.27; H, 4.15; N, 6.05.



Synthesis of 4-hydroxy 2-phenyl benzothiazole palladacycle (BTP)



<sup>OAc 2</sup> <sup>2</sup> The dimeric acetate palladacycle (**BTP**) was obtained by the reaction of (**3**) (1mmol) and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1mmol) in HOAc under reflux conditions and inert atmosphere for 2h. Afterward, the excess amount of N-hexane was added to the reaction mixture and the sediment gained by simple filtration as greyish-green color.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO). 9.39 (1H, s, OH), 7.61 (1H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 9.0$  Hz, H–Ar), 7.50 (1H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 9.0$  Hz, H–Ar), 7.19 (2H, m, H–Ar), 6.71 (1H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 9.0$  Hz, H–Ar), 5.81 (1H, s, H–Ar), 5.70 (1H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 9.0$  Hz, H–Ar), 2.18 (3H, s, Me).MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 391 (M<sup>+</sup>/2). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Pd<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 45.99; H, 2.83; N, 3.58. Found: C, 45.68; H, 2.71; N, 3.41.





Figure 14. Mass spectrum of BTP

## Synthesis of chlorinated SBA-15

The fresh SBA-15 was kept overnight under 120 °C to evaporate adsorbed water. The SBA-Cl was obtained by chlorination of dried SBA-15 nanoparticles. SBA-15 (3 g) was refluxed in 60 mlit SOCl<sub>2</sub> in a round bottomed flask fortified with a drying tube, condenser and inert atmosphere for 24h. The excess amount of thionyl chloride was distilled off and the resulting solid product was flame-dried as light-greyish color and stored in a sealed vessel under  $N_2(g)$ .

## Synthesis of BTP directly bonded to SBA-15 (BTP@SBA)

The BTP (0.5 mmol, 0.39 gr) was dissolved in 40 mL dried DMF. The soluble of BTP was added drop wise to the round bottom flask containing dried chlorinated SBA-15 under  $N_2(g)$ . The reaction accompanied by emission of gaseous HCl. The reaction was stirred for 24h at room temperature. Then, the 60 ml of MeOH was added to the reaction. Afterward, the BTP@SBA was separated by centrifuge and washed several times with MeOH and H<sub>2</sub>O in order to neutralize the PH.

## General procedure for the migratory isocyanide insertion reaction (MIIr)

A mixture of arylhalides (1mmol), isocyanides (1.2 mmol) and  $Cs_2CO_3$  (1mmol) in presence of 0.5 mol% of BTP@SBA in DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL, 1:1) was stirred at 100 °C for 24h. After completion of the reaction (TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Then, MeOH (5 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the solid BTP@SBA was separated by filtration. The filtrate was

evaporated under vacuum and the product was purified by Column chromatography (EtOAc/n-Hexane (3/7).

All of the synthesized amide are known compounds.<sup>9-13</sup>

## N-(tert-butyl)benzamide (6a).



Cream powder; m.p. 131-133 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3327, 3064, 2975, 1642, 1449. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.51 (s, 9H), 6.10 (brs, 1H), 7.30 -7.51 (m, 3H), 7.71-7.83 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.9, 51.6, 126.8, 128.4, 131.0, 135.9, 167.0.

## N-cyclohexylbenzamide (6b).



White powder; m.p. 151-153 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3301, 3215, 2938, 1659. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.21-1.52 (m, 6H), 1.71-1.83 (m, 2H), 2.01-2.12 (m, 2H), 4.00-4.10 (m, 1H), 6.10 (brs, 1H), 7.31-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.81-7.83 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 24.9, 25.6, 33.3, 48.7, 126.8, 128.5, 131.2, 135.1, 166.6.

N-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)benzamide (6c).



White powder; m.p. 70-72 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3311, 2920, 1650, 1456. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.01 (s, 9H), 1.50 (s, 6H), 1.83 (s, 2H), 5.96 (brs, 1H), 7.36-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.67-7.68 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.7, 31.5, 31.7, 51.8, 55.1, 126.1, 128.4, 130.5, 135.7, 166.3.

## N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)benzamide (6d).



Yellow powder; m.p. 158-160 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3285, 1654, 1534, 1465. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.14 (s, 9H), 4.64 (brs, 1H), 7.13 (s, 3H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 18.5, 127.2, 127.4, 128.3, 131.8, 133.8, 134.3, 135.5, 165.8.

N-cyclohexyl-4-methylbenzamide (6e).



Cream powder; m.p. 160-162 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3323, 2918, 1643, 1556. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.31-1.45 (m, 6H), 1.61-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.72-2.01 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 4.01 (m, 1H), 6.21 (brs, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.4, 25.0, 25.6, 33.2, 48.6, 126.9, 129.1, 132.2, 141.5, 166.6.

N-cyclohexyl-2-methylbenzamide (6f).



White powder; m.p. 157-159 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3334, 2932, 2843, 1662, 1565. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.22-1.43 (m, 6H), 1.71-1.83 (m, 2H), 1.86– 2.10 (m, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 4.02 (m, 1H), 6.53 (brs, 1H), 7.21-7.43 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.7, 24.9, 25.6, 48.5, 125.7, 126.6, 129.6, 130.9, 135.7, 137.0, 169.3.

N-(tert-butyl)-4-methoxybenzamide (6g).



MeO<sup>-</sup> White powder; m.p. 116-118 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3348, 3074, 2856, 1665, 1553, 1450. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.51 (s, 9H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.01 (brs, 1H), 6.91-6.93 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.73 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.9, 51.4, 55.4, 113.6, 128.2, 128.5, 161.8, 166.5.

N-cyclohexyl-4-methoxybenzamide (6h).



MeO Cream powder; m.p. 158-160-228 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3392, 2850, 1667. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.24-1.53 (m, 6H), 1.63-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.81– 2.02 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 4.03 (m, 1H), 6.22 (brs, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  25.0, 25.6, 33.3, 48.6, 55.4, 113.6, 127.4, 128.7, 161.9, 166.2.

N-(tert-butyl)-4-nitrobenzamide (6i).



Yellow powder; m.p. 160-162 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3321, 3062, 2970, 1645. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.53 (s, 9H), 6.11 (brs, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  28.7, 52.3, 123.7, 128.0, 141.6, 149.3, 164.9.

4-acetyl-N-(tert-butyl)benzamide (6j).



O White powder; m.p. 140-142 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3305, 2970, 1678, 1535. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.50 (s, 9H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 6.12 (brs, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 26.8, 28.8, 52.0, 127.1, 128.4, 138.8, 139.8, 165.9, 197.5.

4-acetyl-N-cyclohexylbenzamide (6k).



O White powder; m.p. 196-198 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3318, 2911, 1689, 1637, 1478. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.31-1.71 (m, 6H), 1.74-1.91 (m, 2H), 1.97– 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 4.02 (m, 1H), 6.20 (brs, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 24.9, 25.5, 26.8, 33.1, 49.0, 127.2, 128.4, 138.9, 139.0, 165.7, 197.5.

N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-methylbenzamide (6l).



White powder; m.p. 163-165 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3318, 2911, 1689, 1637, 1478. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.43 (m, 6H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 7.15 (s, 3H), 7.16-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.8, 21.4, 127.1, 127.4, 128.3, 129.0, 131.8, 133.8, 134.5, 135.5, 166.0.

N-(tert-butyl)picolinamide (6m).



Yellow powder; m.p. 35-37 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3367, 2961, 2920, 1685. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.67 (s, 9H), 7.39 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79-7.84 (m, 1H), 7.96 (brs, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  28.9, 51.7, 123.4, 125.6, 138.9, 148.7, 153.4, 164.3.

N-cyclohexylpicolinamide (6n).



Cream powder; m.p. 55-57 °C. IR (KBr) (vmax /cm<sup>-1</sup> 3371, 2931, 2851,

1660. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$   $\delta$  1.31-1.67 (m, 6H), 1.71-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.87– 2.09 (m, 2H), 4.05 (m, 1H), 6.20 (brs, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.84 (m, 1H), 8.10 (brs, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  24.9, 25.6, 33.1, 48.1, 122.2, 126.0, 137.3, 147.9, 150.2, 163.2.

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