

Synthesis of 2-cyanoacryloyl chloride and its interaction with O- and S-nucleophiles

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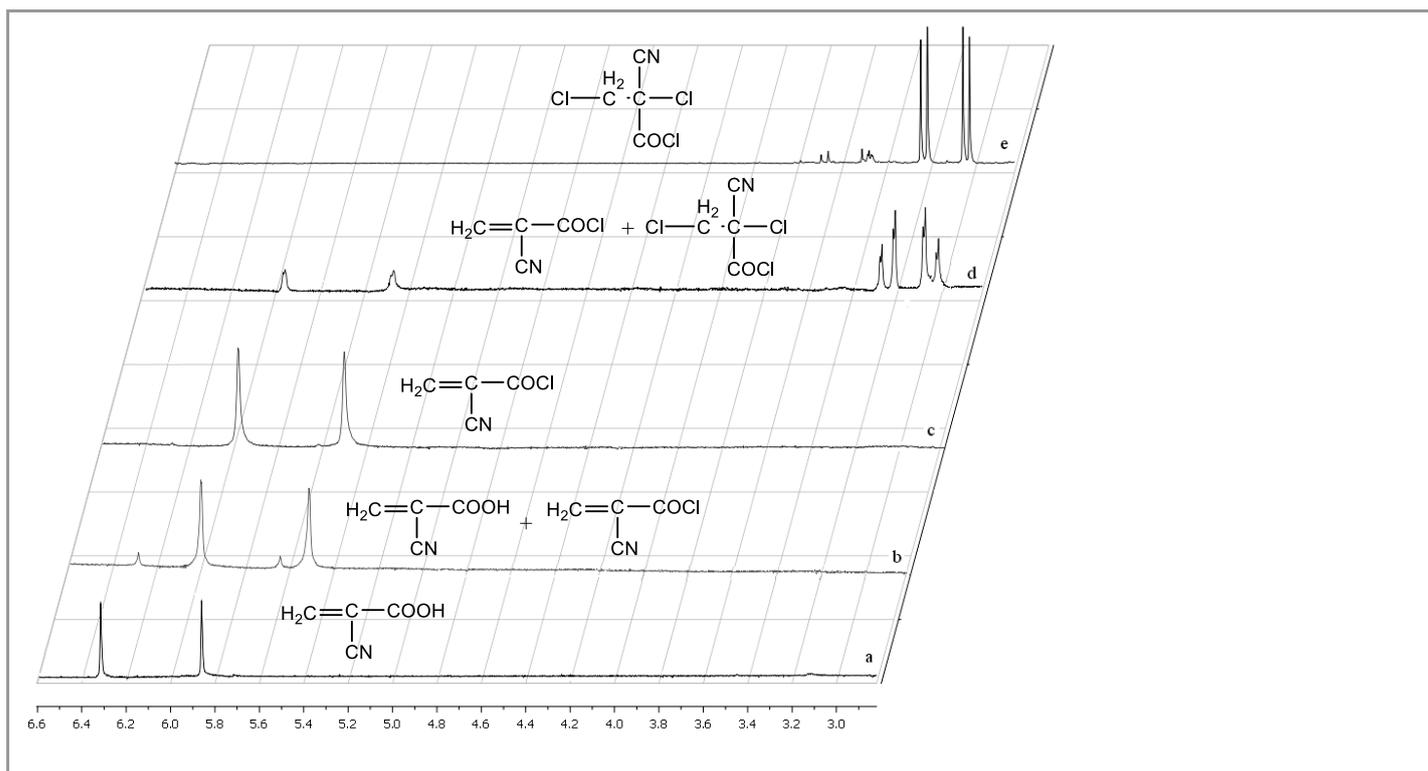


Figure S1 ¹H NMR spectra of: a – 2-cyanoacrylic acid; b – mixture of 2-cyanoacrylic acid and 2-cyanoacryloyl chloride; c – 2-cyanoacryloyl chloride; d – mixture of 2-cyanoacryloyl chloride and 2,3-dichloro-2-cyanopropanoyl chloride; e - 2,3-dichloro-2-cyanopropanoyl chloride.

Experimental section

Commercially available chemicals (Sigma, Aldrich) were used as purchased. All solvents were dried under P₂O₅ and distilled over Na-benzophenone system. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 600 (¹H) instrument at 25°C.

2-Cyanoacrylic acid. Tube-type quartz pyrolysis reactor fitted with an addition funnel [filled with ethyl 2-cyanoacrylate (4.63 g, 37.04 mmol)] and a capillary tube for sparging SO₂ was heated up to 100 °C. Ethyl 2-

cyanoacrylate was added dropwise with a rate of approximately 3-4 droplets per min into the pyrolysis tube heated to 590–600 °C, with constant sparging of SO₂, at a flow rate of 0.5 ml/min., and at pressure of 0.01–0.1 mm Hg. Emerging vapours were cooled in a receiver yielding 2-cyanoacrylic acid (3.41 g, 35.19 mmol). The solid was recrystallized from toluene to give white crystals of 2-cyanoacrylic acid, M_p = 93-94 °C (3.23 g, 90% yield). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.73 and 7.11 (each 1H, s, H_aH_bC=C-), 10.29 (s, 1H, COOH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 113.7, 116.1, 145.5, 165.3. Calcd for C₄H₃NO₂ (%): C, 49.48; H, 3.09; N, 14.44. Found (%): C, 49.45; H, 4.1; N, 14.48.

2,3-Dichloro-2-cyanopropanoyl chloride. Phosphorus pentachloride (1.29 g, 6.19 mmol) was added into a solution of 2-cyanoacrylic acid (0.5 g, 5.15 mmol) in toluene (5 ml) under intensive stirring. This solution was vigorously stirred for 15 min at 80 °C then a distillation was applied to remove POCl₃ and a portion of the solvent. The residual solution contained a pure 2,3-dichloro-2-cyanopropanoyl chloride and small residues of 2-cyanoacryloyl chloride that was fully converted to 2,3-dichloro-2-cyanopropanoyl chloride at room temperature. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 3.24 (2H, dd, J=1.8, H_aH_bClC-CCl); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): δ 48.5, 65.8, 114.9, 166.7. Calcd for C₄H₂NOCl₃ (%): C, 25.74; H, 1.07; N, 7.51; Cl, 57.10. Found (%): C, 25.68; H, 1.1; N, 7.49; Cl, 57.15.

2-Cyanoacryloyl chloride. Oxalyl chloride (0.75 ml, 5 mmol) was added to 2-cyanoacrylic acid (0.25 g, 2.5 mmol) at room temperature with vigorous stirring. This suspension was vigorously stirred for 15 min at room temperature then heated to 40 °C. Acid slowly dissolved at this temperature within 5 min. Once the acid was completely dissolved then a stream of argon was bubbled through the solution and the reaction mixture was cooled down with liquid nitrogen. Obtained solid frozen mixture was slowly heated up to yield a mixture of excess oxalyl chloride with a solid precipitate. The liquid was decanted from precipitate that was dried in vacuum producing 0.24 g (2.1 mmol) of solid 2-cyanoacryloyl chloride, M_p=46–49 °C (83% yield). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.20 and 5.76 (each 1H, s, H_aH_bC=C-); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): 112.8, 119.5, 146.0, 161.8. Calcd for C₄H₂NOCl (%): C, 41.56; H, 1.73; N, 12.12; Cl, 30.74. Found (%): C, 41.39; H, 1.75; N, 11.67; Cl, 31.40.

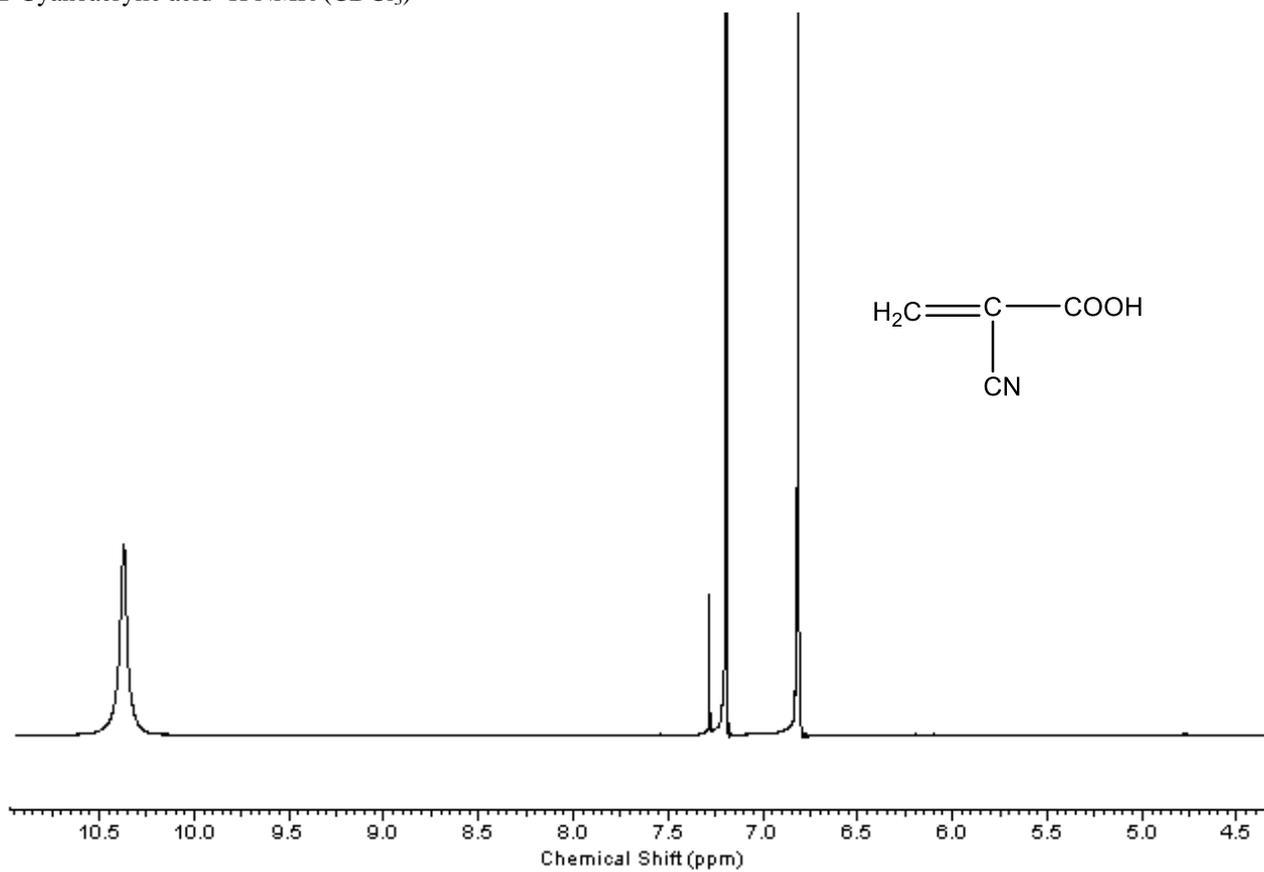
Pentafluorophenyl 2-cyanoprop-2-enoate. Oxalyl chloride (1.1659 g, 9.18 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 2-cyanoacrylic acid (445 mg, 4.59 mmol) in benzene (5 ml). The mixture was refluxed for 1 h at 40 °C then it was cooled down to room temperature. Formation of 2-cyanoacryloyl chloride was controlled by ¹H NMR. When 2-cyanoacrylic acid was fully converted to 2-cyanoacryloyl chloride an equimolar amount of pentafluorophenol (845 mg, 4.59 mmol) was added. The mixture was refluxing for 10 min then it

was evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was recrystallized from hexane producing white crystals (92% yield). Mp 75–77 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6,25 (s, 1H, CH₂), 6,73 (s, 1H, CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -168,98 (tt, J=3,77, J=7,53, 1F, CF-p), -164,23 (td, J=3,77, J=11,29, 2F, CF-m), -163,20 (dd, J=3,77, J=11,29, 2F, CF-o); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 113.5, 115.6, 127.4, 127.7, 127.9, 145.1, 165.2. Calcd for C₁₀H₂NO₂F₅(%): C, 45.63; H, 0.76; N, 5.32; F, 36.12. Found (%): C, 45.59; H, 0.83; N, 5.29; F, 36.15.

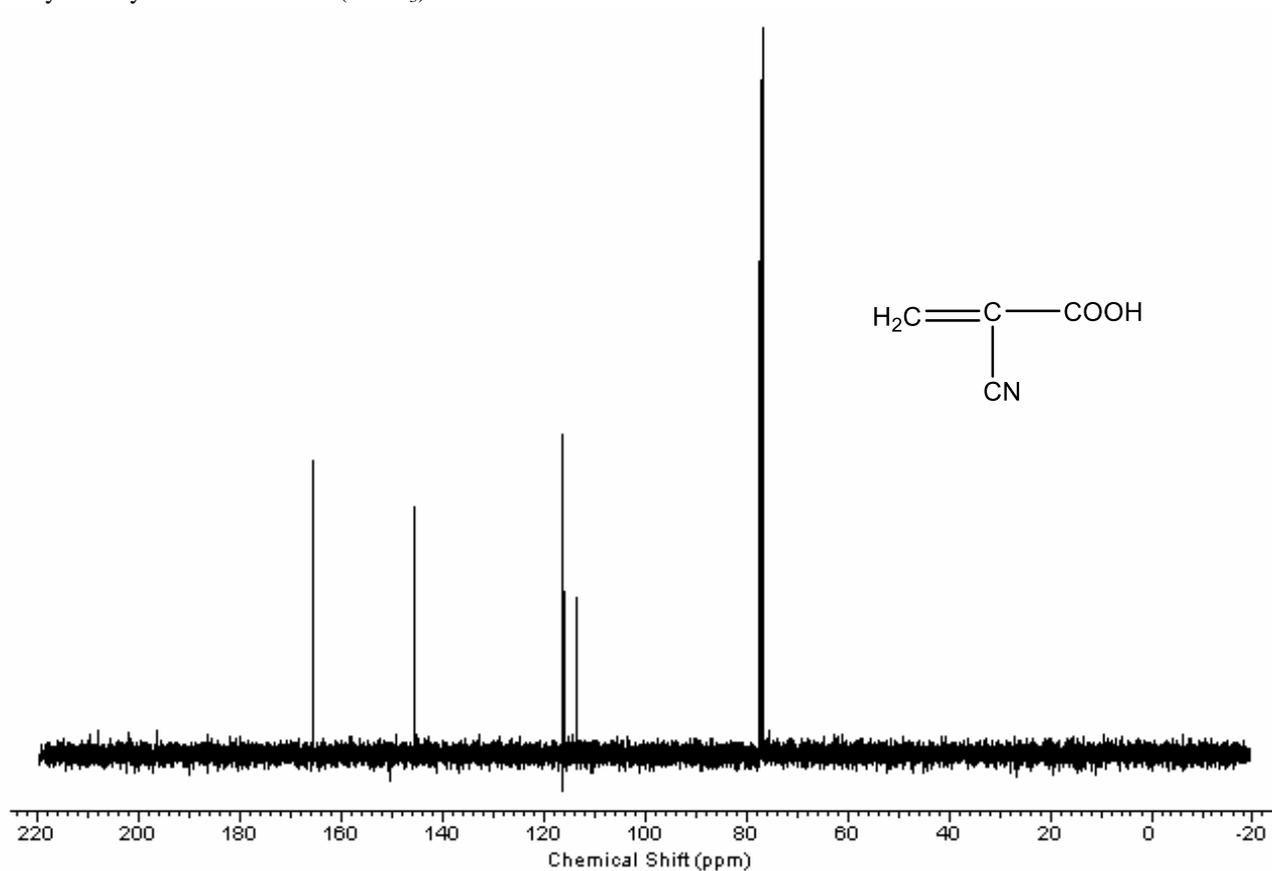
1,1,1,4,4,4-Hexafluoro-2,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)butane-2,3-diyl bis(2-cyanoprop-2-enoate). Oxalyl chloride (1.3538 g, 10.66 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 2-cyanoacrylic acid (517 mg, 5.33 mmol) in benzene (5 ml). The mixture was refluxing for 1 h at 40 °C then it was cooled down to room temperature. Formation of 2-cyanoacryloyl chloride was controlled by ¹H NMR. As soon 2-cyanoacrylic acid was fully converted to 2-cyanoacryloyl chloride then a solution of 1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluoro-2,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)butane-2,3-diol (890 mg, 2.66 mmol) in benzene (5 ml) was added. After refluxing for 10 min, the mixture was evaporated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue turned out to be yellow oil (85% yield). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6,87 (d, J=1.92, 1H, CH₂), 7,085 (d, J=1.92, 1H, CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -70,12 (s, 12F, CF₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 161.9, 137.7, 120.1, 113.4, 112.3, 39.4. Calcd for C₁₄H₄N₂O₄F₁₂ (%): C, 34.15; H, 0.81; N, 5.69; F, 46.34. Found (%): C, 34.19; H, 0.84; N, 5.66; F, 46.37.

S-Decyl 2-cyanoprop-2-enethioate and decyl 2-cyanoprop-2-ene(dithioate). Solution of decanethiol (0.87 g, 4.99 mmol) in dry benzene (5 ml) was added to a stirred solution of 2-cyanoacryloyl chloride (0.5763 g, 4.99 mmol) in dry benzene (5 ml) at stoichiometric ratio. The mixture was let refluxing for 10 h at 25 °C in inert atmosphere then it was evaporated *in vacuo*. The obtained mixture in ratio 1:0.6 of *S*-decyl 2-cyanoprop-2-enethioate and decyl 2-cyanoprop-2-ene(dithioate) respectively was purified from hexane giving yellow oil (92% yield, 1.2 g). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 6.35 and 5.69 (each 1H, s, H_aH_bC=C-), 3.47 (2H, s, CH₂S), 2.73 (16H, m, (CH₂)₈), 2.35 (3H, s, CH₃). For C₁₄H₂₃ONS ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆) δ 14.2, 30.0, 33.5, 46.9, 115.1, 116.2, 139.0, 184.5. For C₁₄H₂₃NS₂ ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆) δ 14.2, 30.0, 33.5, 46.9, 116.2, 122.2, 139.0, 191.7.

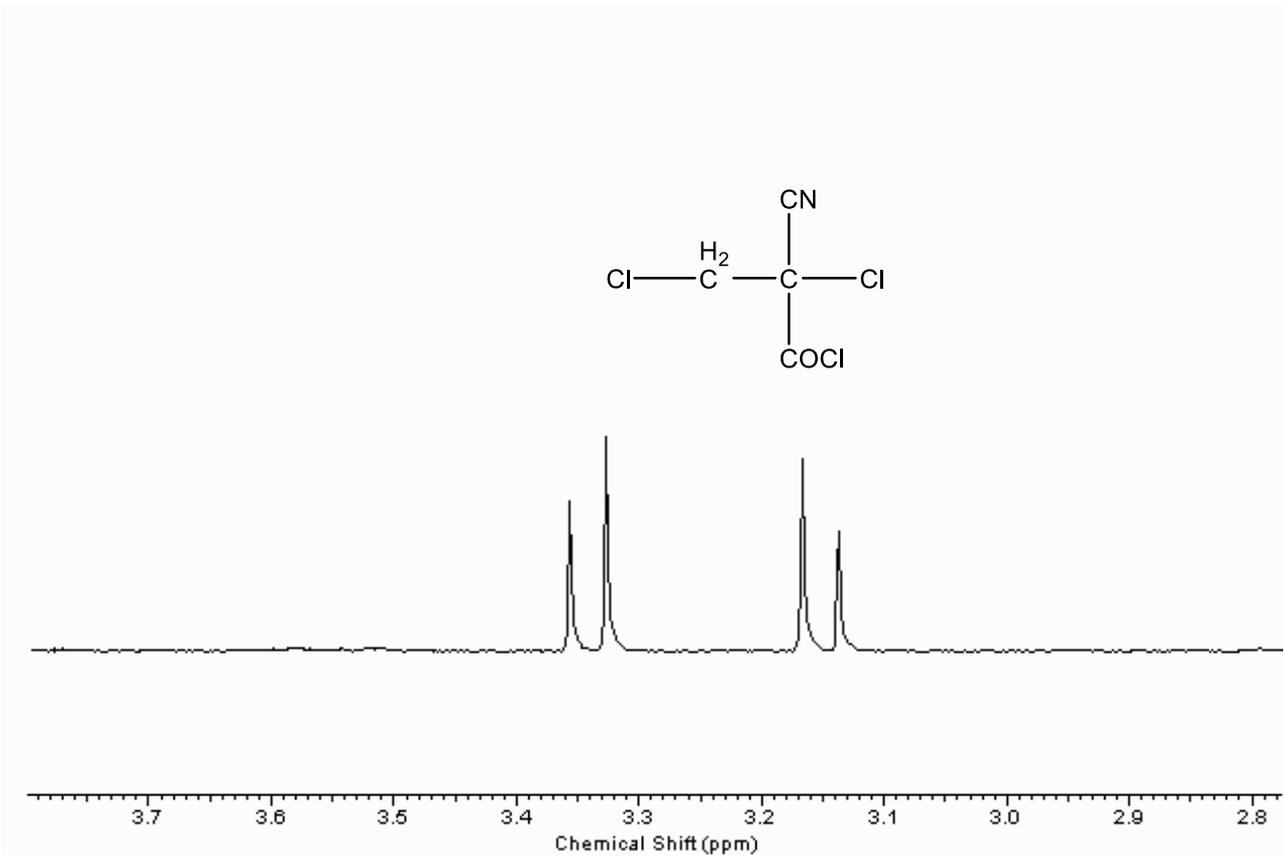
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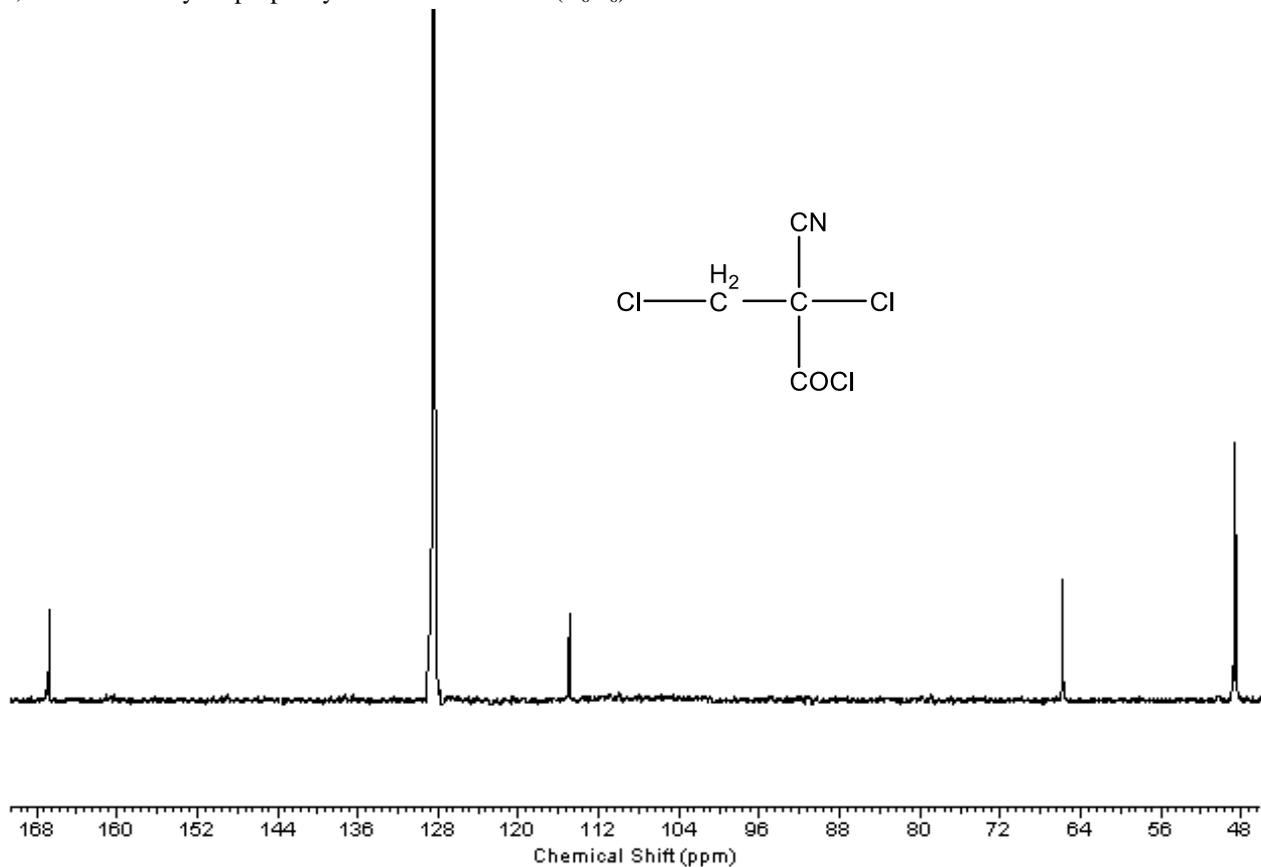
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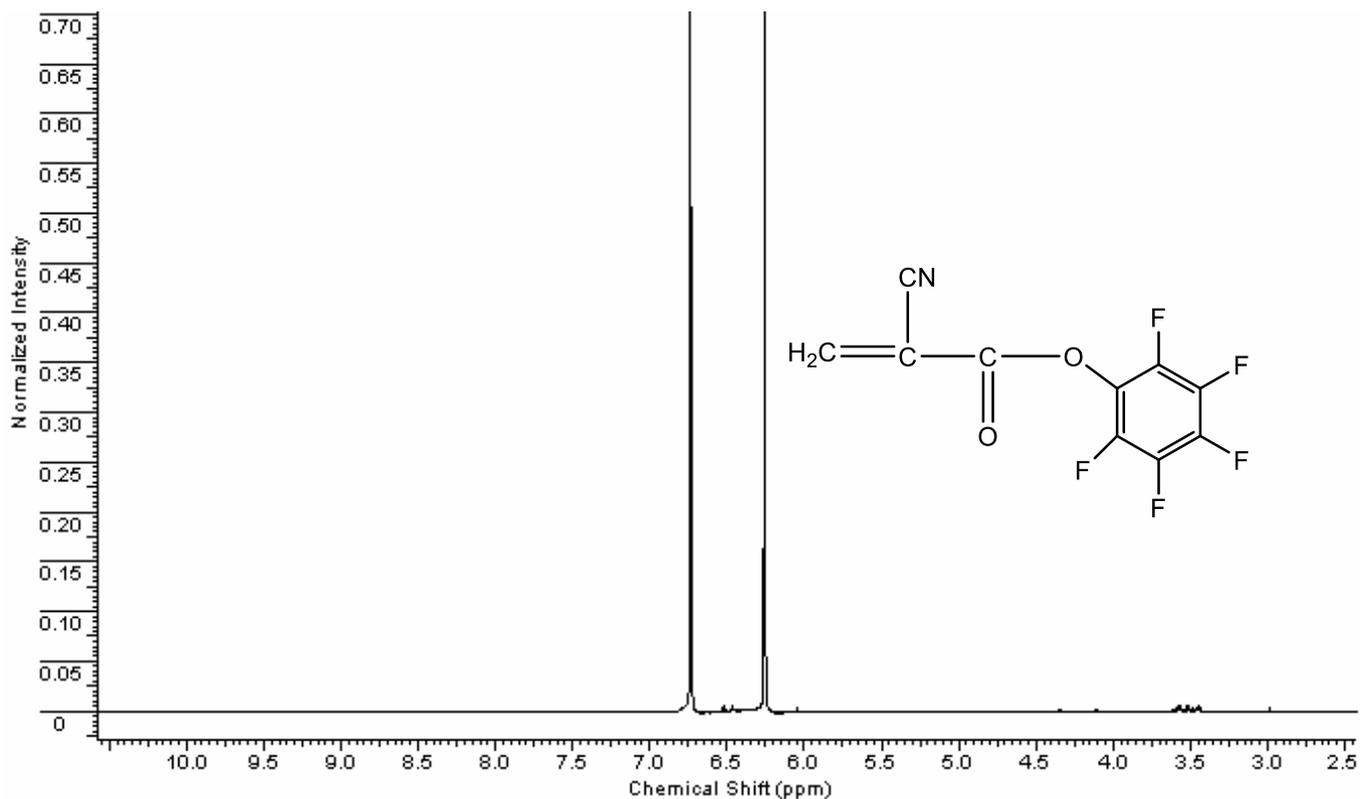
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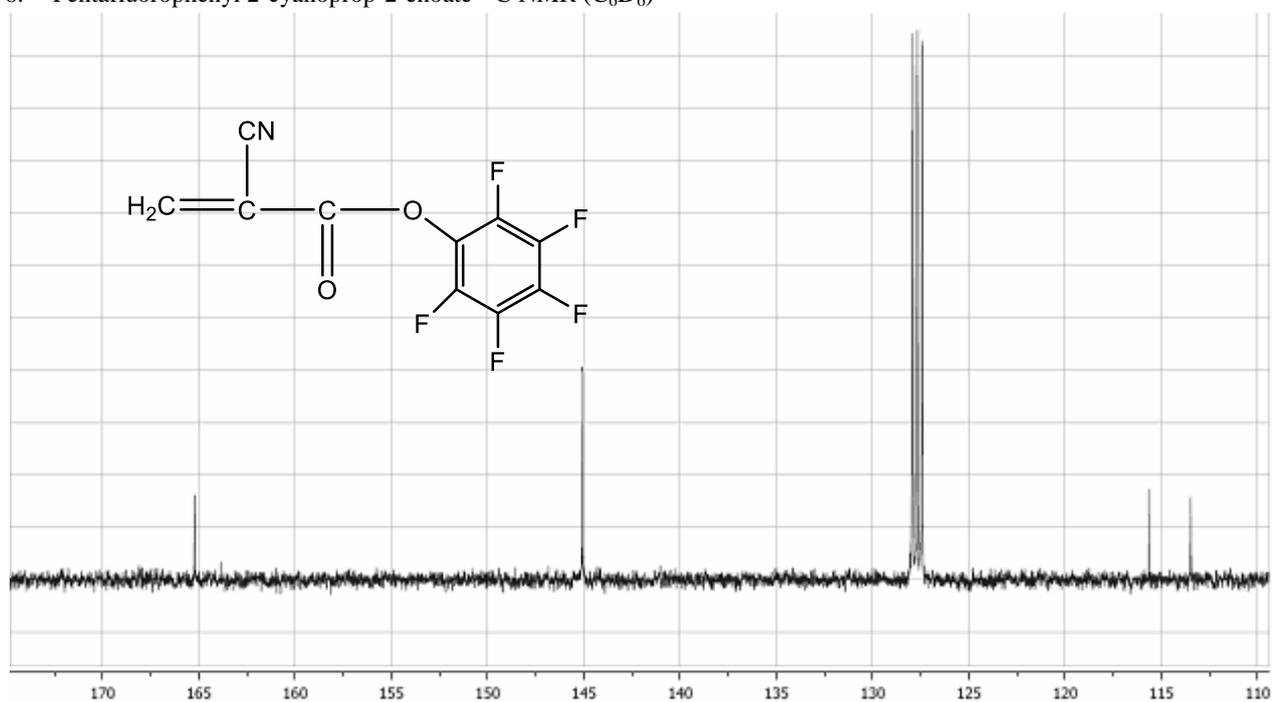
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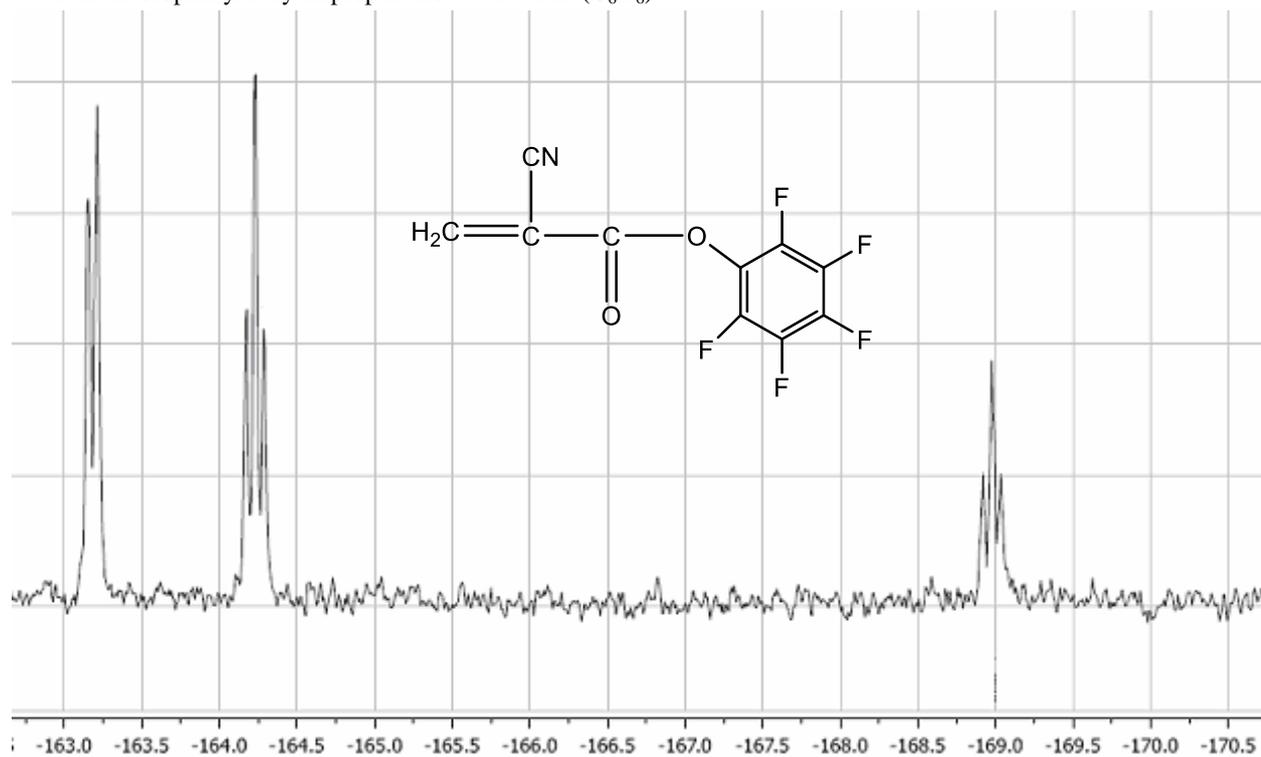
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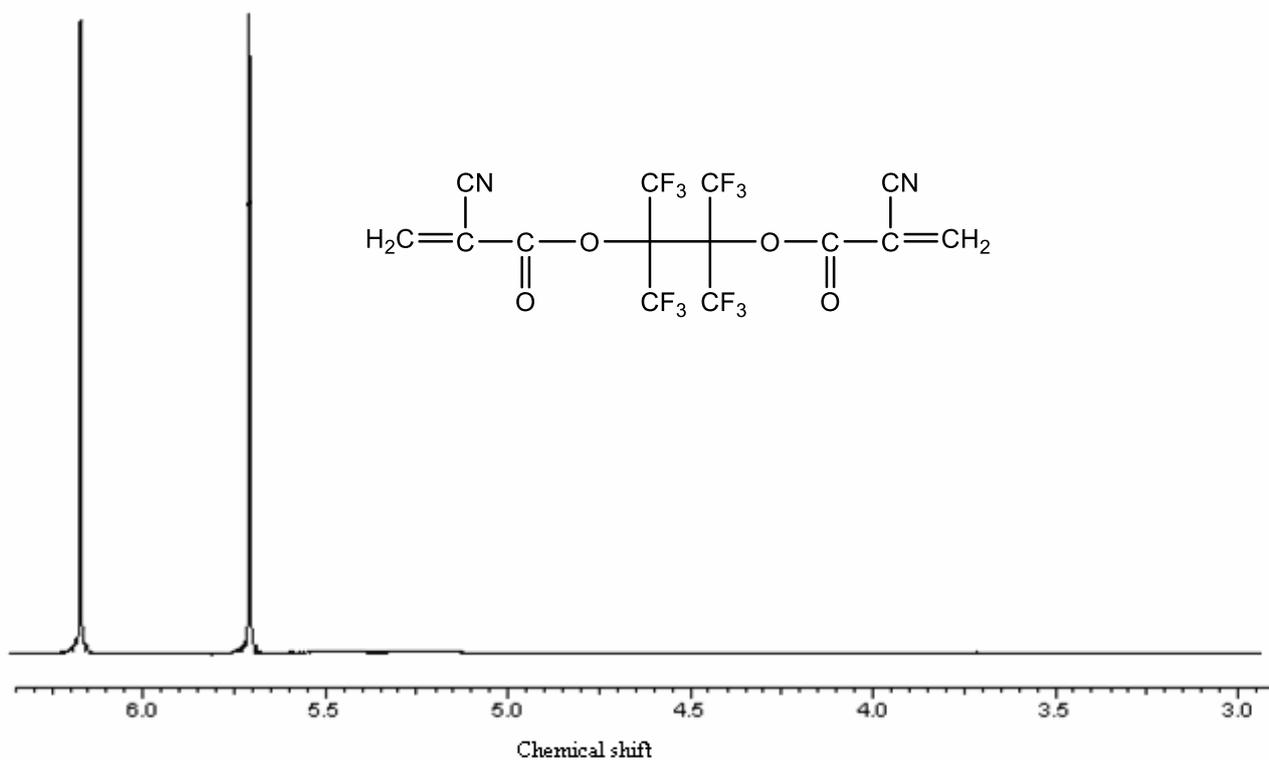
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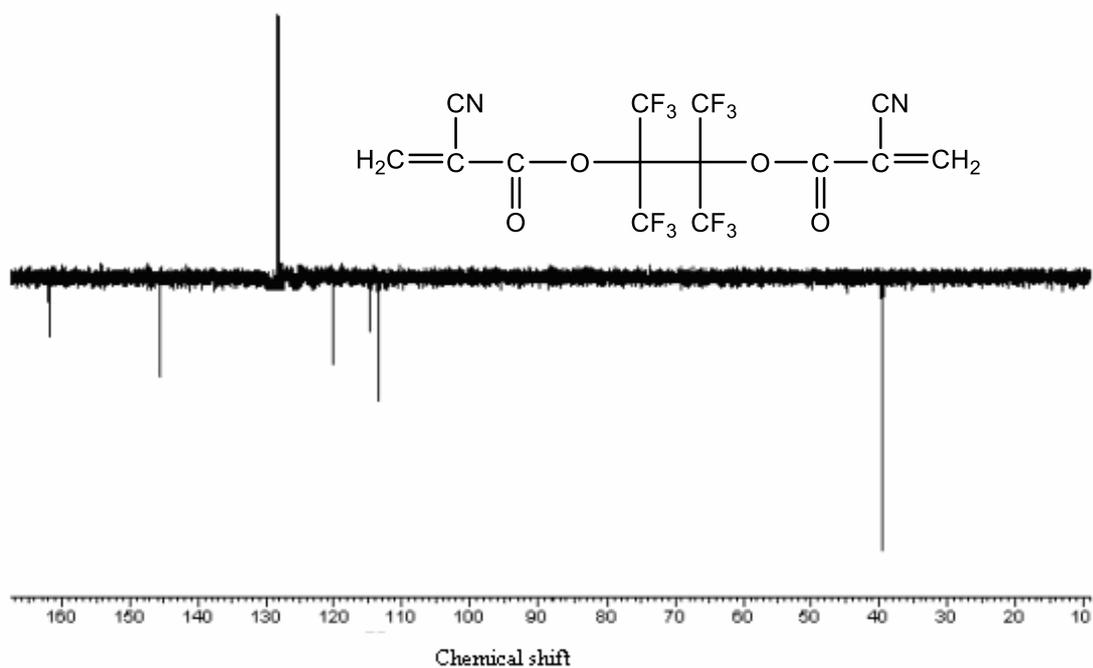
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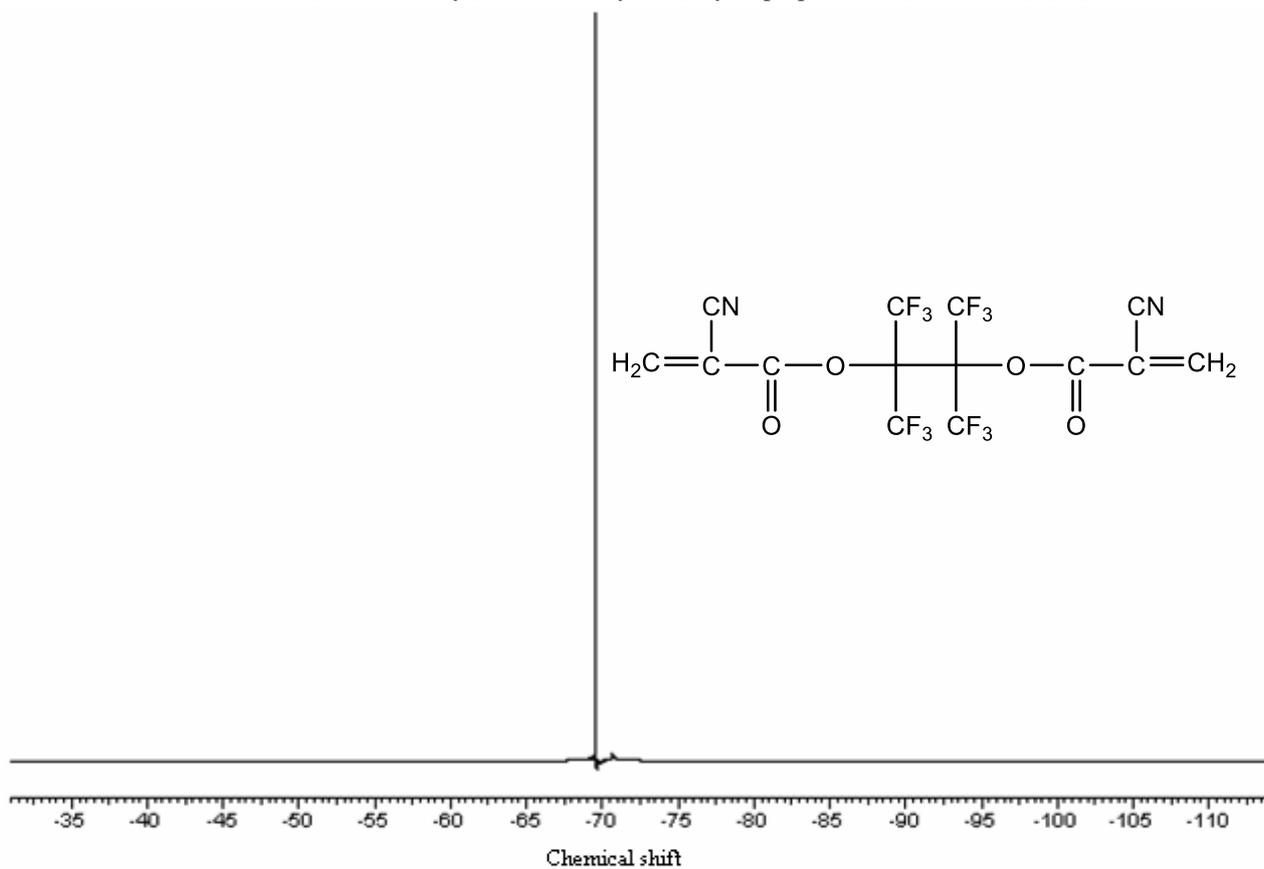
8. 1,1,1,4,4,4-Hexafluoro-2,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)butane-2,3-diyl bis(2-cyanoprop-2-enoate) ^1H NMR (C_6D_6)



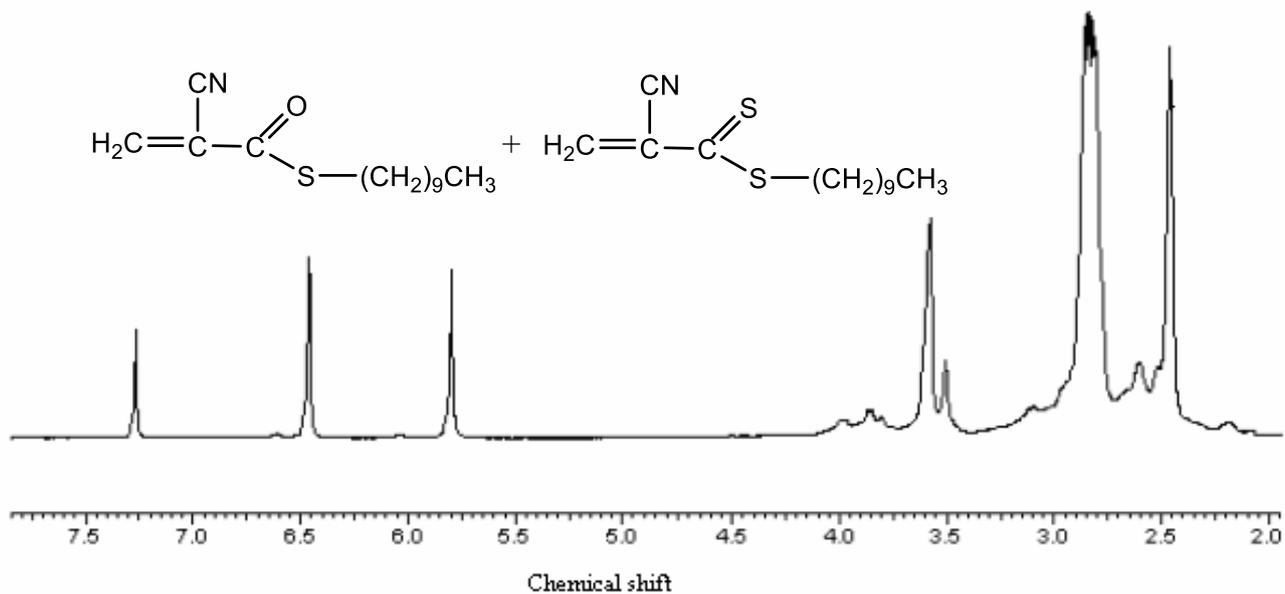
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10. 1,1,1,4,4,4-Hexafluoro-2,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)butane-2,3-diyl bis(2-cyanoprop-2-enoate) ^{19}F NMR (C_6D_6)



11. *S*-Decyl-2-cyanoprop-2-ene-thioate and decyl-2-cyanoprop-2-ene(dithioate) ^1H NMR (C_6D_6)



12. *S*-Decyl-2-cyanoprop-2-ene-thioate and decyl-2-cyanoprop-2-ene(dithioate) ^{13}C NMR (C_6D_6)

