

# A squaramide-based organocatalyst as a novel versatile chiral solvating agent for carboxylic acids

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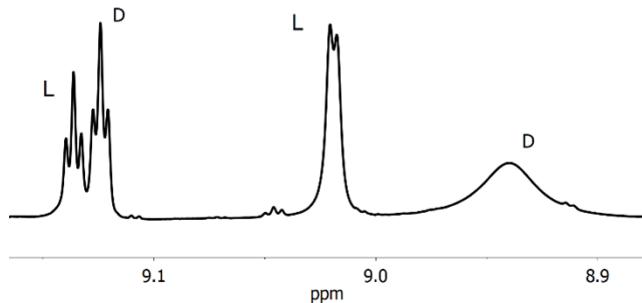
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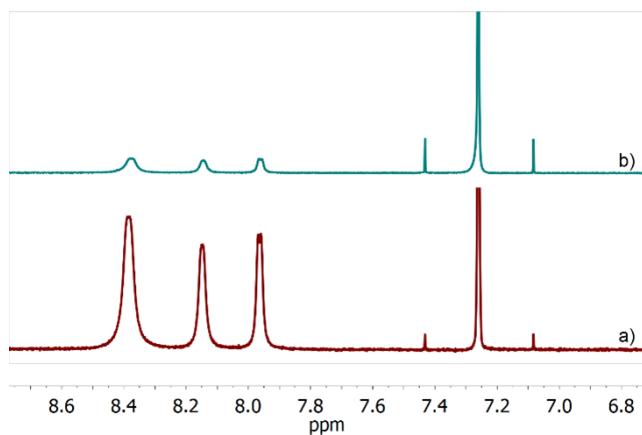
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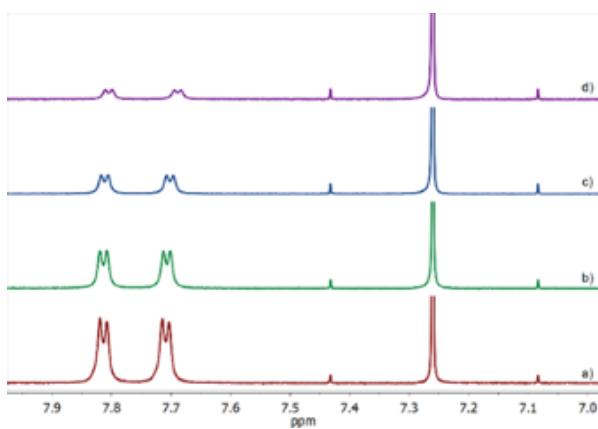
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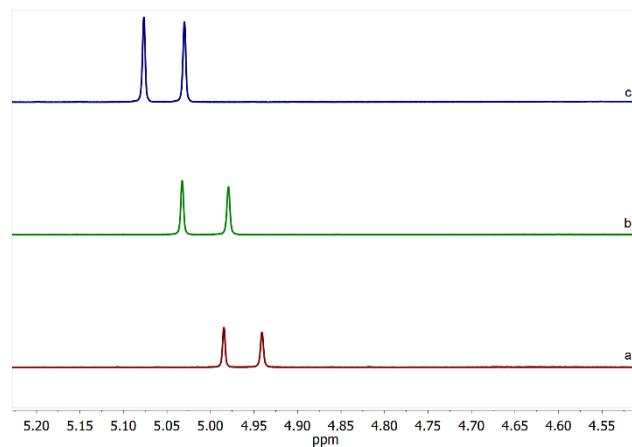
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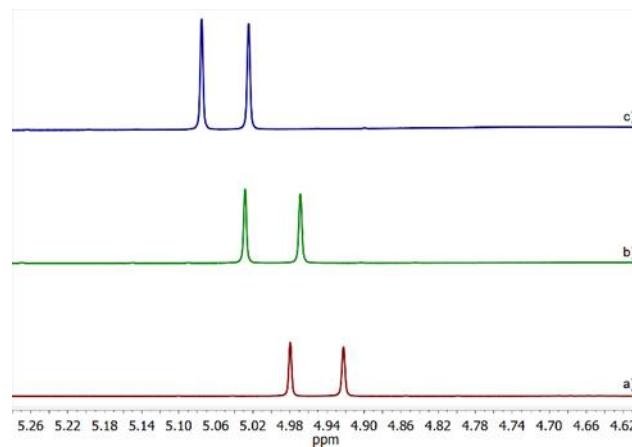
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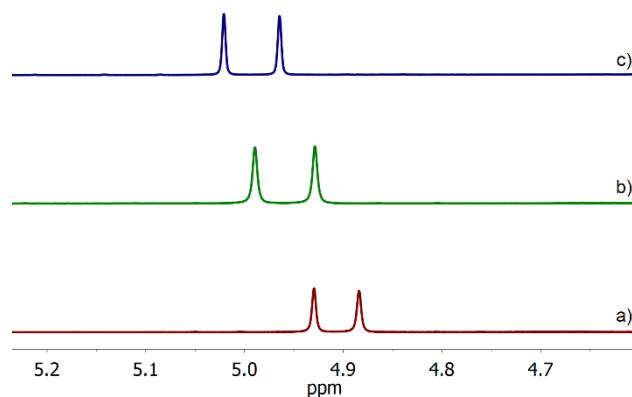
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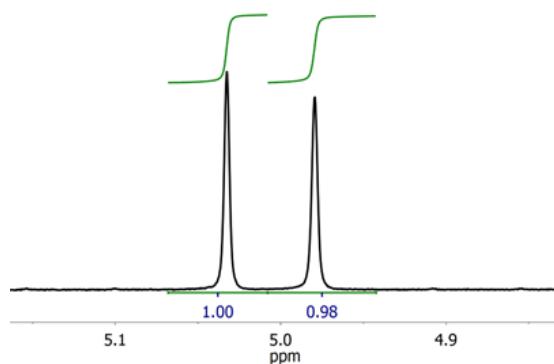
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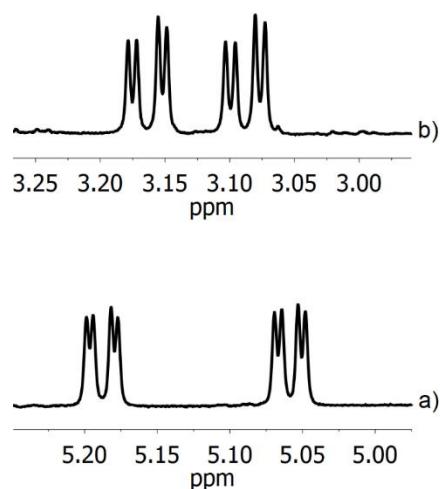


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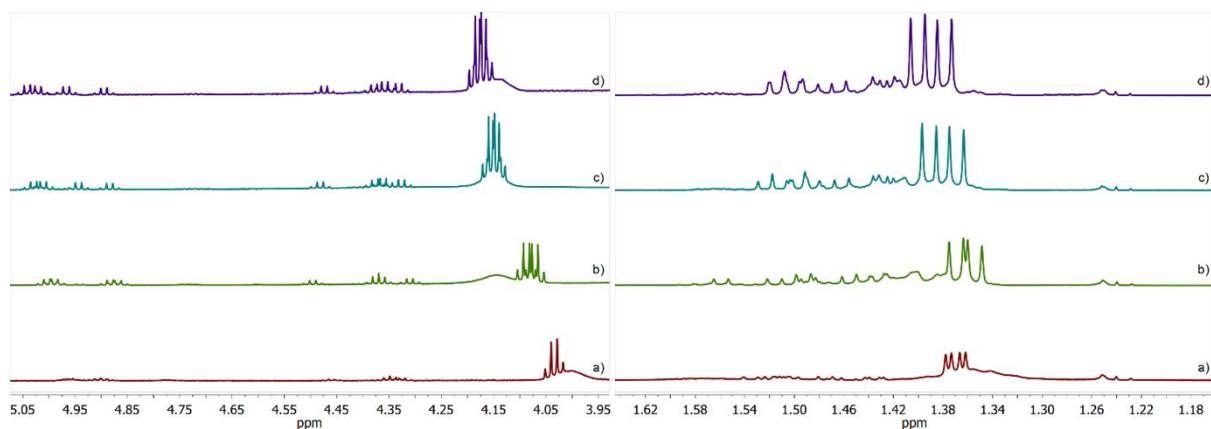
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Substrate	CSA/Substrate	Concentrations	$\Delta\Delta\delta$ (ppm)
<b>15</b>	1:1	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 5 mM	CH: 0.007 CH <sub>3</sub> : 0.001
	1:2	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 10 mM	CH: 0.015 CH <sub>3</sub> : 0.003
	1:3	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 15 mM	CH: 0.005 CH <sub>3</sub> : 0.001
	1:4	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 20 mM	CH: 0.001
	1:2	CSA: 10 mM Substrate: 20 mM	CH: 0.019 CH <sub>3</sub> : 0.003
	1:2	CSA: 20 mM Substrate: 40 mM	CH: 0.023 CH <sub>3</sub> : 0.003
	1:2	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 10 mM	CH: 0.130 Ar-CHO: 0.007; Ar-CHm: 0.005; Ar-CHp: 0.003
	1:3	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 15 mM	CH: 0.089 Ar-CHm: 0.002
<b>16</b>	1:4	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 20 mM	CH: 0.070
	1:1	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 5 mM	One of the diastereotopic protons of CH <sub>2</sub> : 0.030 Ar-CHO: 0.026
	1:2	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 10 mM	CH: 0.013 One of the diastereotopic protons of CH <sub>2</sub> : 0.076 Ar-CHO: 0.017 COOH: 0.548*
	1:3	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 15 mM	CH: 0.311* CH <sub>2</sub> : 0.421*
<b>17</b>	1:1	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 5 mM	CH: 0.006 One of the diastereotopic protons of CH <sub>2</sub> : 0.052
	1:2	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 10 mM	CH: 0.007 CH <sub>3</sub> (propyl fragment): 0 CH <sub>3</sub> (isopropyl fragment): 0.003
	1:2	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 10 mM	CH: 0.012 CH <sub>3</sub> (propyl fragment): 0.003 CH <sub>3</sub> (isopropyl fragment): 0.002
	1:3	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 15 mM	CH: 0.012 CH <sub>3</sub> (propyl fragment): 0.003 CH <sub>3</sub> (isopropyl fragment): 0
<b>19</b>	1:4	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 20 mM	CH: 0.009 CH <sub>3</sub> (propyl fragment): 0.003
	1:2	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 10 mM	CH: 0.003 CH <sub>3</sub> : 0.010
	1:3	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 15 mM	CH: 0.005 CH <sub>3</sub> : 0.009
	1:4	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 20 mM	CH: 0.006 CH <sub>3</sub> : 0.008
	1:2	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 10 mM	CH: 0.005 CH <sub>3</sub> : 0.007
	1:3	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 15 mM	CH: 0.005 CH <sub>3</sub> : 0.007
	1:4	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 20 mM	CH: 0.010 CH <sub>3</sub> : 0.008
	1:5	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 25 mM	CH: 0.005 CH <sub>3</sub> : 0.007
<b>20</b>	1:4	CSA: 10 mM Substrate: 40 mM	CH: 0.010 CH <sub>3</sub> : 0.008
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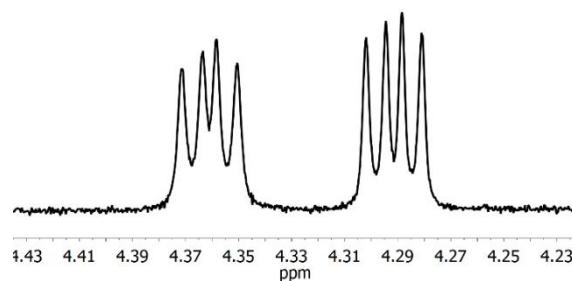
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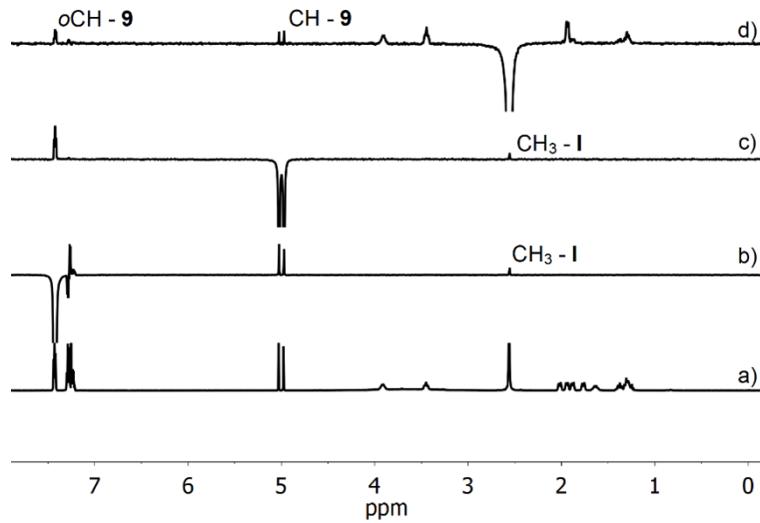
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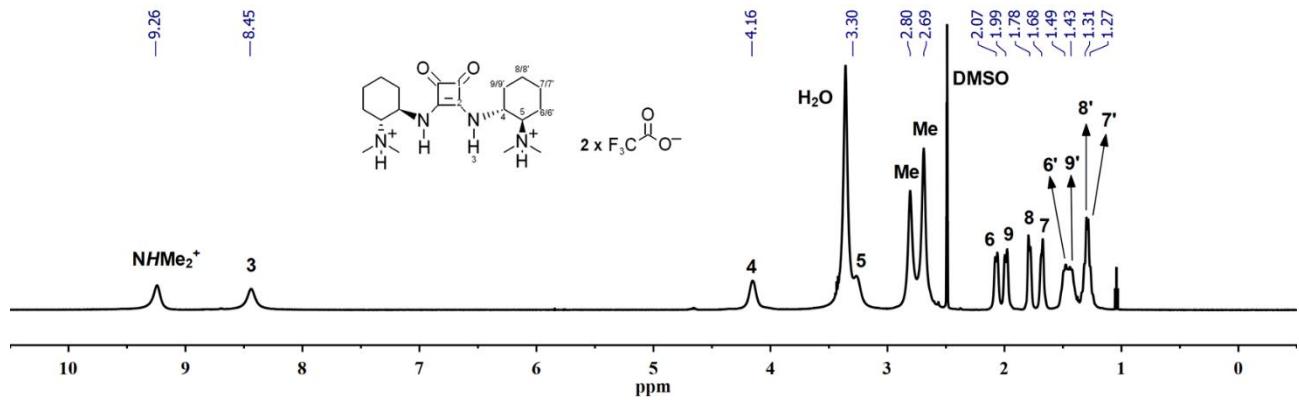
Substrate	CSA/Substrate	Concentrations	$\Delta\Delta\delta$ (ppm)
<b>21</b>	1:1	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 5 mM	$\text{CH}_3$ (main chain): 0.004 $\text{CH}_3$ (bound to CH): 0.007
	1:1	CSA: 10 mM Substrate: 10 mM	$\text{CH}_3$ (main chain): 0.004 $\text{CH}_3$ (bound to CH): 0.008
	1:2	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 10 mM	$\text{CH}_3$ (main chain): 0.003 $\text{CH}_3$ (bound to CH): 0.004
	1:3	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 15 mM	$\text{CH}_3$ (main chain): 0.002 $\text{CH}_3$ (bound to CH): 0.003
	1:1	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 5 mM	CH: 0.069 $\text{CH}_3$ (Ar): 0.012 $\text{CH}_3$ (Aliphatic chain): 0.012 $\text{CH}$ (meta to $\text{CH}_3$ (Ar)): 0.026
	1:2	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 10 mM	CH: superimposed signals $\text{CH}_3$ (Ar): 0.002 $\text{CH}_3$ (Aliphatic chain): 0.002 $\text{CH}$ (meta to $\text{CH}_3$ (Ar)): 0.009
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	1:1	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 5 mM	$\text{CH}_3$ (a): 0.006 $\text{CH}_3$ (b): 0.007
	1:2	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 10 mM	CH(a): 0.007 $\text{CH}_3$ (b): 0.003
	1:3	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 15 mM	CH <sub>3</sub> (a): 0.006
	1:1	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 5 mM	CH: 0.025 $\text{Ar-CHO}$ : 0.007; $\text{Ar-CHm}$ : 0.003; $\text{Ar-CHp}$ : 0.006
	1:2	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 10 mM	CH: 0.026 $\text{Ar-CHO}$ : 0.007; $\text{Ar-CHm}$ : 0.003; $\text{Ar-CHp}$ : 0.004
<b>23</b>	1:3	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 15 mM	CH: 0.025 $\text{Ar-CHO}$ : 0.006; $\text{Ar-CHm}$ : 0.003; $\text{Ar-CHp}$ : 0.003
	1:4	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 20 mM	CH: 0.010 $\text{Ar-CHO}$ : 0.005; $\text{Ar-CHm}$ : 0.002; $\text{Ar-CHp}$ : 0.003
	1:5	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 25 mM	CH: 0.009 $\text{Ar-CHO}$ : 0.005; $\text{Ar-CHm}$ : 0.002; $\text{Ar-CHp}$ : 0.003
	1:6	CSA: 5 mM Substrate: 30 mM	CH: 0.006



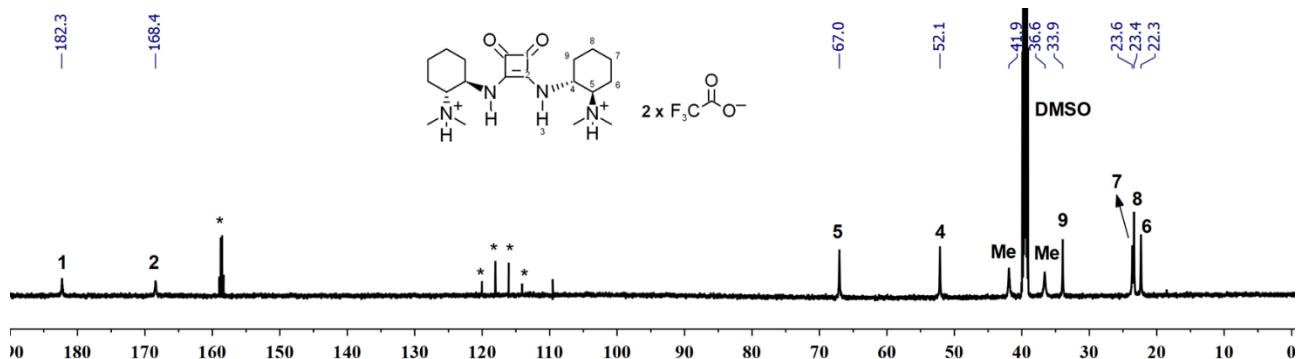
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**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, 40 mM,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6 + 2$  equiv of TFA, 25 °C) spectrum of compound **I**. The apex indicates the axial proton.



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