# **Supporting Information**

## "Free of base" sulfa-Michael addition for novel o-carboranyl-DL-cysteine synthesis.

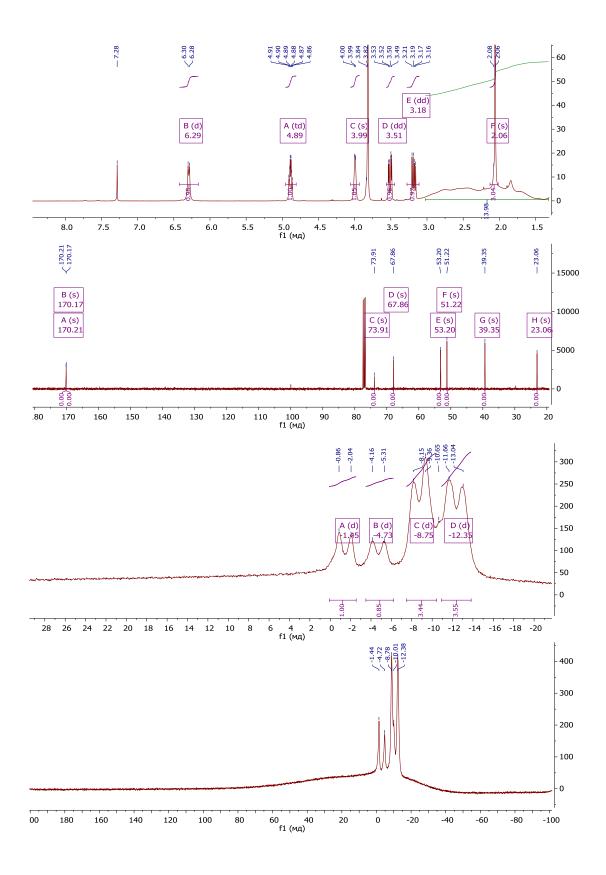
## Materials and Methods

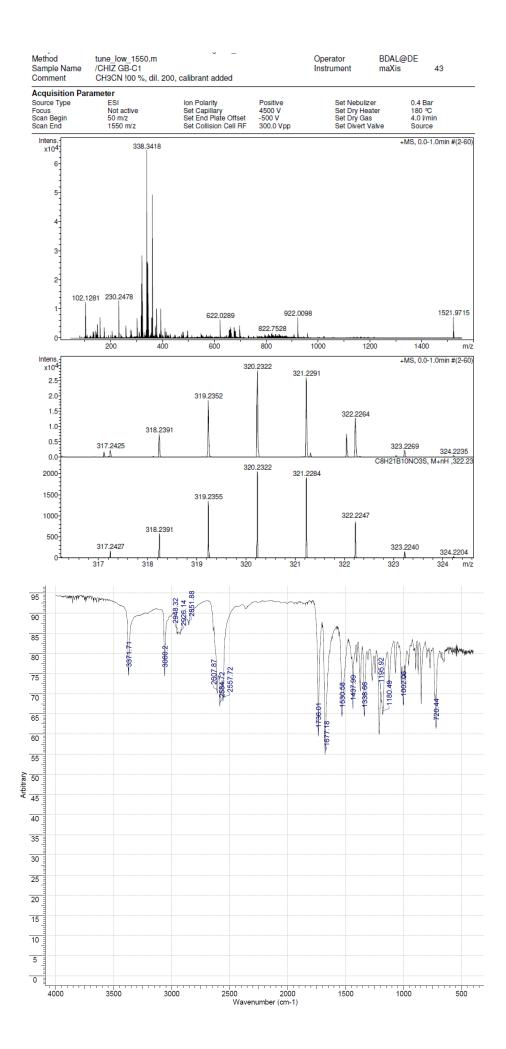
[1-S-1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>](Me<sub>3</sub>NH) (7) was prepared according to the literature procedure [1]. Methyl 2acetamidoacrylate (Sigma Aldrich Chemie GmbH) was used without purification. <sup>2</sup>H<sub>2</sub>O was received from Carl Roth GmbH.. Reactions proceeding were monitored via thin-layer chromatograms (Merck F254 silica gel on aluminums plates). Boron compounds were visualized with PdCl<sub>2</sub> stain solution, which upon heating gave dark brown spots. Purifications were carried out using column chromatography with Silica gel 60 0.060-0.200 mm (Acros Organics). <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra were recorded at 400.13, 100.61 and 128.38 MHz, respectively, on a BRUKER-Avance-400 spectrometer. Tetramethylsilane and BF<sub>3</sub>×Et<sub>2</sub>O were used as standards for <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and <sup>11</sup>B NMR respectively. All chemical shifts are reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to external standards. IR spectra were recorded on IR Prestige-21 (SHIMADZU) instrument. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on a Bruker micrOTOF II instrument using electrospray ionization (ESI), mass range from *m*/*z* 50 to *m*/*z* 3000; external or internal calibration was done with ESI Tuning Mix, Agilent.

## Synthesis of 1-CH<sub>3</sub>O(O)C(CH<sub>3</sub>(O)CHN)CHCH<sub>2</sub>S-1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub> (8)

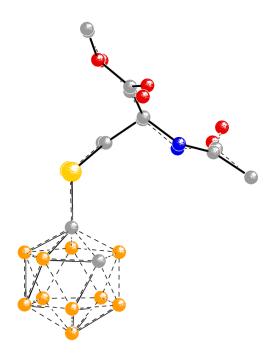
To a solution of 7 (0.5 g, 2.1 mmol) in toluene (30 ml) methyl 2-acetamidoacrylate (0.3 g, 2.1 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (30 ml) were added, resulted system was vigorously stirred under reflux for 24 hours. Then the mixture was cooled to r.t., toluene layer was separated, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (2×20), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. Product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using Et<sub>2</sub>O as eluent and vacuum dried to give light yellow solid. Yield: 0.46 g (68%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 6.29 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.89 (td, *J* = 7.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H,  $\alpha$ -CH), 3.99 (broad s, 1H, carb-CH), 3.82 (s, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH), 3.18 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH), 2.06 (s, 3H, NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.0-1.5 (broad, 10H, BH); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = -1.5 (d, *J* = 150 Hz, 1B), -4.7 (d, *J* = 146 Hz, 1B), -8.8 (d, *J* = 154 Hz, 4B), -12.2 (d, *J* = 162 Hz, 4B); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 170.21, 170.17 (CO), 73.9, 67.9 (C-carb), 53.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 51.2 ( $\alpha$ -CH), 39.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH), 23.1 (COCH<sub>3</sub>). ESI-MS, *m*/*z*, C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>21</sub>B<sub>10</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S calcd. 320.2322, found 320.2322 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>). IR-FT (v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3371(NH), 3060 (CH-carb); 2948, 2926, 2852 (broad CH); 2607, 2584, 2557 (BH); 1736, 16177 (CO).

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# Crystallographic data:



Crystals of 8 (C8H21B10NO3S, M = 319.42) are triclinic, space group P-1, at 120K: a = 7.6513(5), b = 10.5669(7), c = 11.5392(7),  $\alpha$  = 68.378(1)°,  $\beta$  = 85.686(1)°,  $\gamma$  = 72.663(1)°, V = 827.27(9) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 2 (Z' = 1), d<sub>calc</sub> = 1.282 g·cm<sup>-3</sup>, F(000) = 332. Intensities of 11058 reflections were measured with a Bruker SMART APEX 2 Duo CCD diffractometer [ $\lambda$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) = 0.71072Å,  $\omega$ -scans, 2 $\theta$ <60°] and 4824 independent reflections [R<sub>int</sub> = 0.0324] were used in further refinement. The structure was solved by the direct method and refined by the full-matrix least-squares technique against  $F^2$  in the anisotropic-isotropic approximation. The hydrogen atoms were found in the difference Fourier synthesis and refined in the isotropic approximation within the riding model. For 8, the refinement converged to  $wR_2 = 0.1167$  and GOF = 0.781 for all independent reflections (R<sub>1</sub> = 0.0371 was calculated for 3661 observed reflections with I> $2\sigma$ (I)). All calculations were performed using SHELX2018 [2]. The CCDC 2034871 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for 8. These data can be obtained free of charge via http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html (or from the CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge, CB21EZ, UK; or <u>deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk</u>).

**Computational details:** All calculations were done in the Gaussian09 program (rev. D01) [3]. The geometry optimization procedures were performed using standard criteria on displacements and forces. The DFT optimization were performed using the PBE0 functional [4] and the 6-311++G(d,p) basis set (ultrafine integration grids were used). The non-specific solvation was modelled using the self-consistent reaction field approach (PCM model,  $\epsilon=72$ ). The influence of specific solvation on the geometry of **8** was

<sup>2.</sup> Sheldrick G. M. Crystal structure refinement with SHELXL. Acta Cryst. 2015, C71, 3-8.

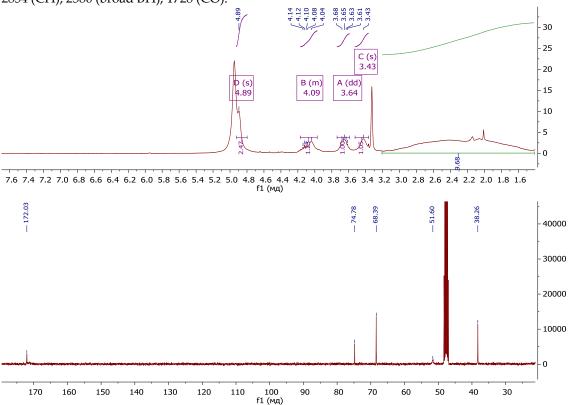
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<sup>(</sup>a) Perdew J.; Ernzerhof M.; Burke K. J. Chem. Phys. 1996, 105, 9982-9985.
(b) Carlo A.; Barone V. J. Chem. Phys. 1999, 110, 6158-6170.

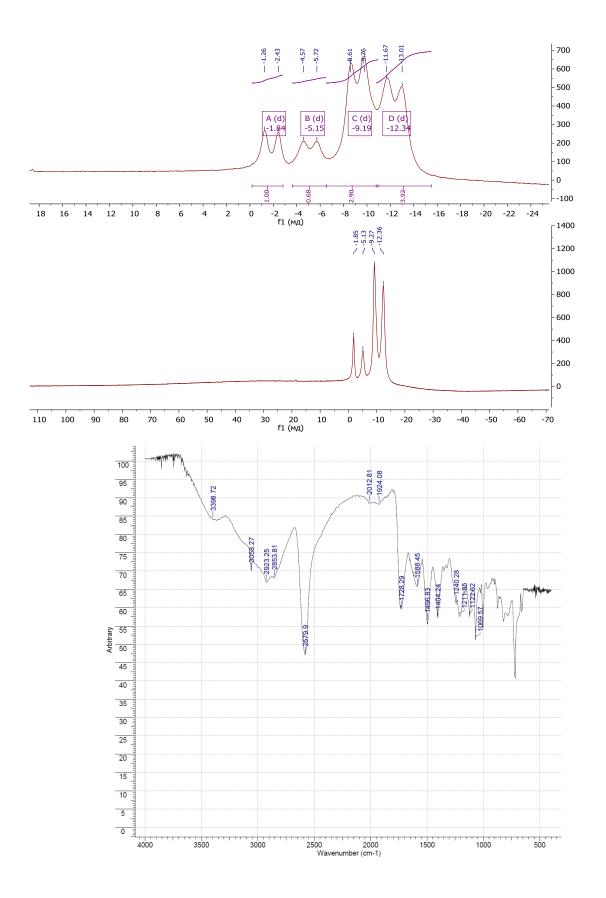
accounted for by the optimization of a central molecule in clusters; two models were used: 1) the trimer of molecules from crystal of **8** with fixed coordinates and normalized X-H bond lengths for lateral molecules and 2) the shell of molecules from crystal of **8** with fixed coordinates and normalized X-H bond lengths. The QTAIM surface integrals for the trimer were calculated using the AIMAll program [5]. The shell in the second model was generated using the criteria of at least one geometrical contact (within the sum of van der Waals radii plus 5 Å) between surrounding molecules and the central molecule. The shell was described by the ONIOM approach (PBE0/6-311++G(d,p):PBE0/3-21G) and only the internal layer (the central molecule) was optimized. The Hessian calculations for all optimized structures revealed their correspondence to energy minimums.

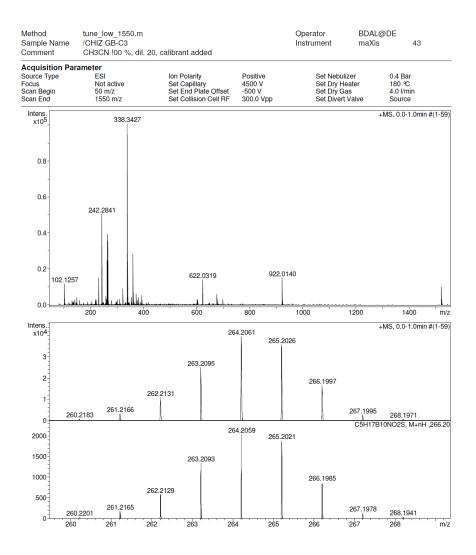
### Synthesis of 1-HOOC(NH2)CHCH2S-1,2-C2B10H11×HCl (9)

Water (2 ml) and concentrated HCl (10 ml) were added to a solution of **8** (0.1 g, 0.3 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (10 ml). The resulted mixture was heated at 70°C for 40 h., cooled to r.t. and evaporated. The residue was suspended in 5 ml of water, formed solid was filtered, washed with water (2×5 ml) and vacuum dried to give **9**. Light yellow solid (0.093 mg, 70%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Methanol-*d*4)  $\delta$  = 4.89 (s, 1H, carb-CH), 4.09 (m, 1H,  $\alpha$ -CH), 3.64 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH), 3.43 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH), 3.0-1.5 (broad, 10H, BH); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (Methanol-*d*4)  $\delta$  = -1.8 (d, *J* = 151 Hz, 1B), -5.1 (d, *J* = 148 Hz, 1B), -9.2 (d, *J* = 148 Hz, 4B), -12.3 (d, *J* = 172 Hz, 4B). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Methanol-*d*4)  $\delta$  172.0 (COOH), 74.8, 68.4 (C-carb), 51.60 ( $\alpha$ -CH), 38.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH). ESI-MS, *m*/z , C5H17B10NO2S calcd. 264.2059, found 264.2061. IR-FT (v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3399 (broad NH<sup>+</sup>), 3058 (CH - carb); 2923, 2854 (CH); 2580 (broad BH), 1728 (CO).



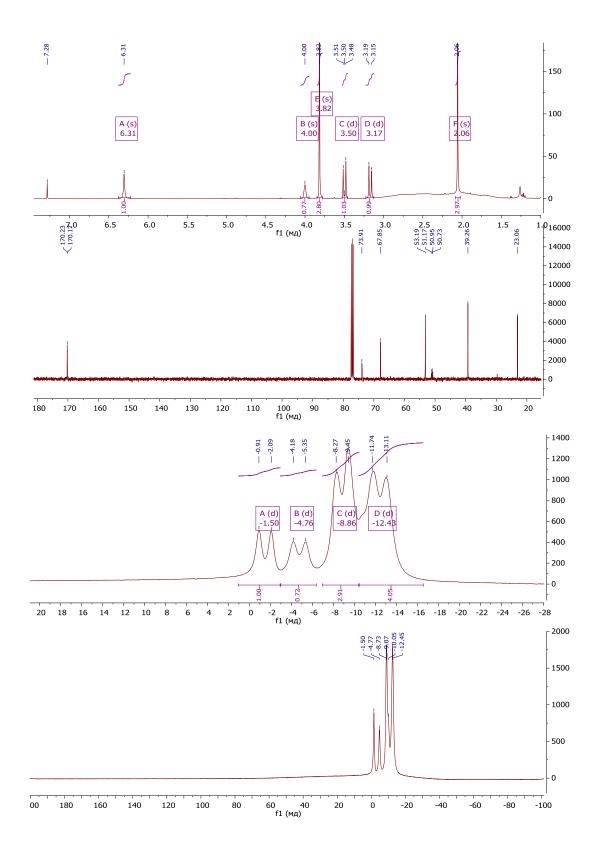
<sup>5.</sup> AIMAll (Version 19.10.12), Todd A. Keith, TK Gristmill Software, Overland Park KS, USA, 2019 (aim.tkgristmill.com)

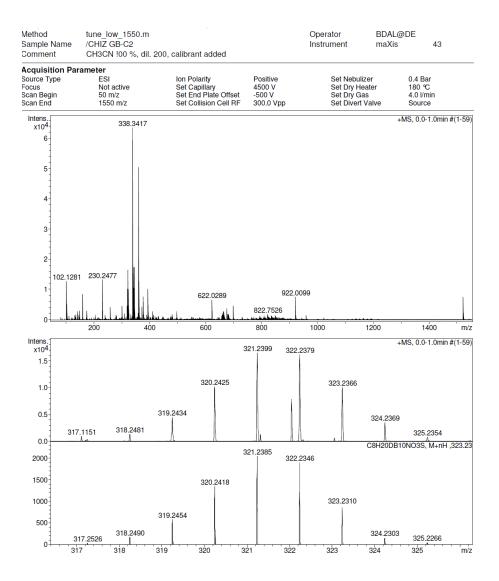


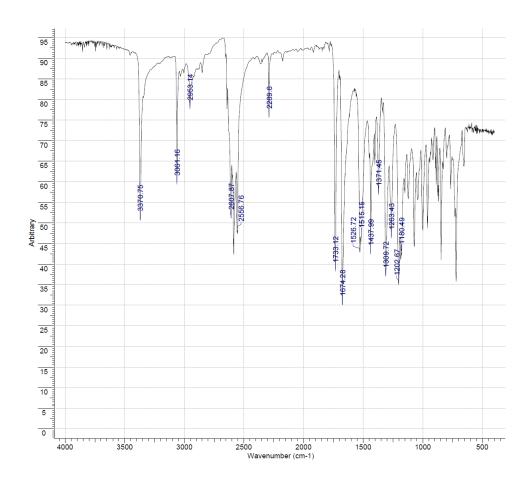


#### Synthesis of 1-CH<sub>3</sub>O(O)C(CH<sub>3</sub>(O)CHN)CDCH<sub>2</sub>S-1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub> (10)

Under argon atmosphere methyl 2-acetamidoacrylate (0.06 g, 0.4 mmol) and <sup>2</sup>H<sub>2</sub>O (5 ml) were added to a solution of **7** (0.1 g, 0.4 mmol) in toluene (15ml), resulted two-phase system was vigorously stirred under reflux for 30 hours. Purification was held in the same manner as for compound **8**. Light yellow solid (90 mg, 66%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 6.31 (s, 1H, NH), 4.00 (broad s, 1H, CH-carb), 3.82 (s, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.50 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CD), 3.17 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CD), 2.06 (s, 3H, NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.0-1.5 (broad, 10H, BH); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = -1.5 (d, *J* = 151 Hz, 1B), -4.8 (d, *J* = 150 Hz, 1B), -8.9 (d, *J* = 151 Hz, 4B), -12.4 (d, *J* = 176 Hz, 4B); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 170.23, 170.17 (CO), 73.9, 67.9 (C-carb), 53.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 51.0 (t, *α*-CD), 39.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.1 (COCH<sub>3</sub>). ESI-MS, *m*/*z*, C8H<sub>20</sub>DB<sub>10</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S calcd. 321.2385, found 321.2399. IR-FT (v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3370 (NH), 3061 (CH - carb); 2953 (CH); 2608, 2586, 2557 (BH), 1733, 1674 (CO).

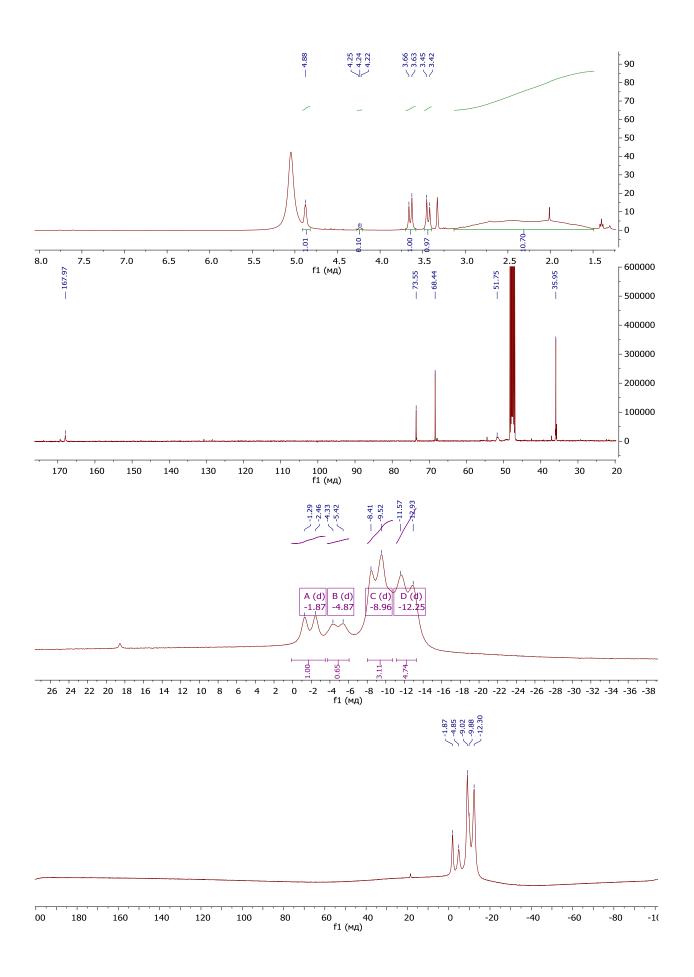


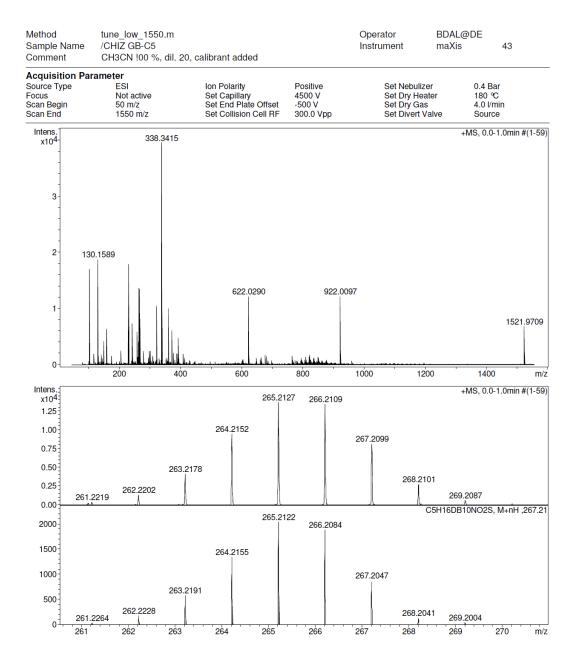




## Synthesis of 1-HOOC(NH2)CDCH2S-1,2-C2B10H11×HCl (11)

Water (2 ml) and concentrated HCl (5 ml) were added to a solution of **10** (0.05 g, 0.16 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (5 ml). The resulted mixture was heated at 70°C for 40 h., cooled to r.t. and evaporated. The residue was suspended in 5 ml of water, formed solid was filtered, washed with water (2 ml) and vacuum dried to yield **11**: 38 mg (81%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  = 4.88 (broad s, 1H, CH-carb), 4.27 – 4.20 ( $\alpha$ -CH, m, 0,1H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CD), 3.44 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CD), 3.0-1.5 (broad, 10H, BH). <sup>11</sup>B NMR (Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  = -1.9 (d, *J* = 149 Hz, 1B), -4.9 (d, *J* = 140 Hz, 1B), -9.0 (d, *J* = 143 Hz, 4B), -12.3 (d, *J* = 175 Hz, 4B). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  = 168.0 (CO), 73.6 (C-carb), 68.4 (C-carb), 51.8 ( $\alpha$ -C), 36.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>). ESI-MS, *m*/z , C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>17</sub>B<sub>10</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S calcd. 265.2122, found 265.2127.





Synthesis of 1-CH3O(O)C(CH3(O)CHN)CHCH2S-2-D-1,2-C2B10H10 (12)

Under argon atmosphere methyl 2-acetamidoacrylate (0.06 g, 0.4 mmol), <sup>2</sup>H<sub>2</sub>O (5 ml) and anhydrous K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.055 g, 0.4 mmol) were added to a solution of 7 (0.1 g, 0.4 mmol) in toluene (15ml), resulted system was vigorously stirred under reflux for 10 hours. The purification was held in the same manner as for compound 8. Light yellow solid (13 mg, 10%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  = 6.20 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.90 (td, J = 7.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H,  $\alpha$ -CH), 4.00 (undetectable, s, 0H, carb-CD), 3.83 (s, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.53 (dd, J = 13.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH), 3.19 (dd, J = 13.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH), 2.07 (s, 3H, NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.0-1.5 (broad, 10H, BH); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  = -1.5 (d, J = 152 Hz, 1B), -4.8 (d, J = 147 Hz, 1B), -8.9 (d, J = 152 Hz, 4B), -12.5 (d, J = 173 Hz, 4B); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  = 170.16,170.14 (CO), 73.8 (CH-carb), 68.5 – 66.8 (t, CD-carb), 53.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 51.2 ( $\alpha$ -CH), 39.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.1 (COCH<sub>3</sub>). ESI-MS, m/z , C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>20</sub>DB<sub>10</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S calcd. 321.2385, found 321.2384. IR-FT (v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3372(NH), 2923, 2851 (CH); 2607, 2584, 2557 (BH); 2289 (CD-carb); 1736, 1677 (CO).

