## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

# $Bi(NO_3)_3 \cdot 5H_2O$ -catalyzed Mannich Reaction: A Potent Catalyst for

# Synthesis of β-Aminocarbonyl Compounds

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#### 2. General procedure

The chemicals used in this study were commercially available from Merck and Aldrich and were used without further purification. The obtained compounds were purified by crystallization. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 and 125 MHz, respectively) spectra were recorded using Me<sub>4</sub>Si as the internal standard in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Mass spectra were obtained on Thermo Finnigan LCQ Advantage MAX MS/MS spectrometer. FT-IR spectra were recorded on Bruker Vertex 70.

#### General procedure for the synthesis of $\beta$ -amino carbonyl compounds

Ketone (2.2 mmol), aldehyde (2 mmol) and amine (2 mmol) and 10 mol % Bi(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> [11-13] were added to a one-necked round bottom flask. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously with a magnetic stirrer at room temperature (r.t.) for the mentioned time. After reaction completion, EtOH and H<sub>2</sub>O at the reaction-mixture was evaporated at ambient temperature. Then 60 ml of hot  $CH_2Cl_2$  was added to dissolve the solid product. The catalyst was removed by filtration and the organic layer was washed twice with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, dried with Na2SO4, and evaporated. The product was purified by recrystallization from an ethanol-acetone mixture (3/2, v/v) to afford the corresponding compounds.

Compounds (**4a-f**, **4h-i**, and **4k-n**) are known in the literature and their results are in accordance with the literature. The analytical and spectral data of the other products (**4g**, **4j**, and **4o**) so obtained were as follows:

## Spectral Data

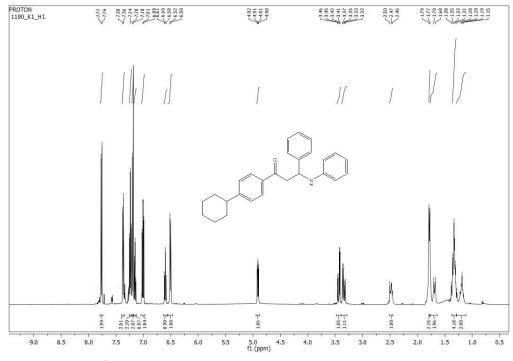


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 4g (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

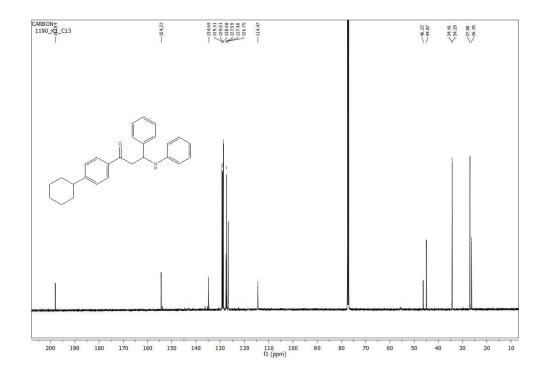


Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 4g (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

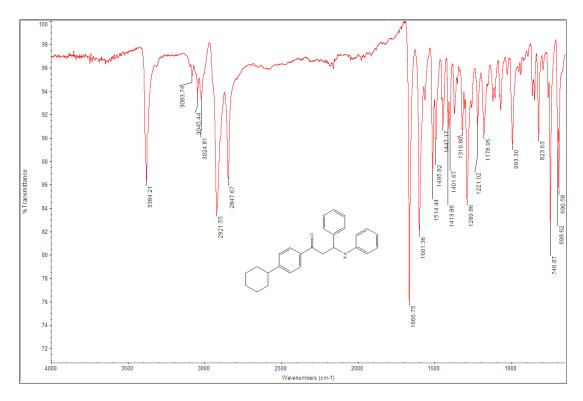


Figure S3. IR spectrum of compound 4g

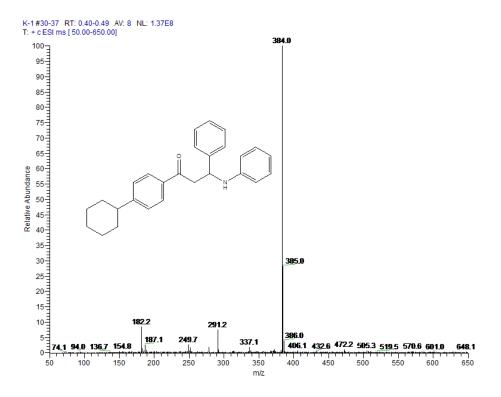


Figure S4. MS spectrum of compound 4g

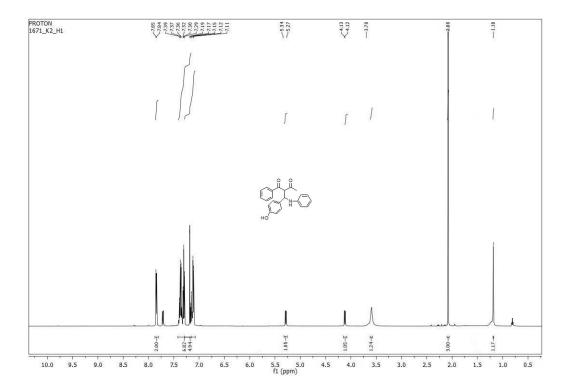


Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 4j (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

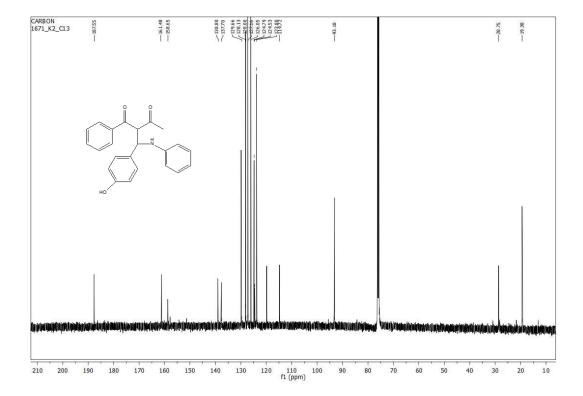


Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 4j (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

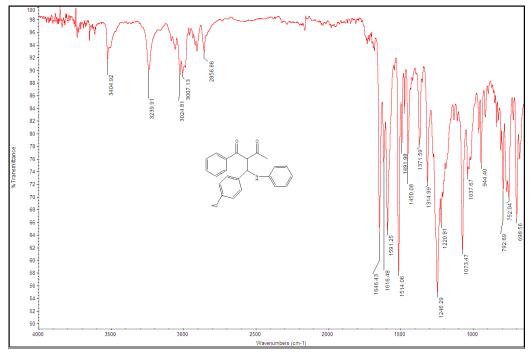


Figure S7. IR spectrum of compound 4j

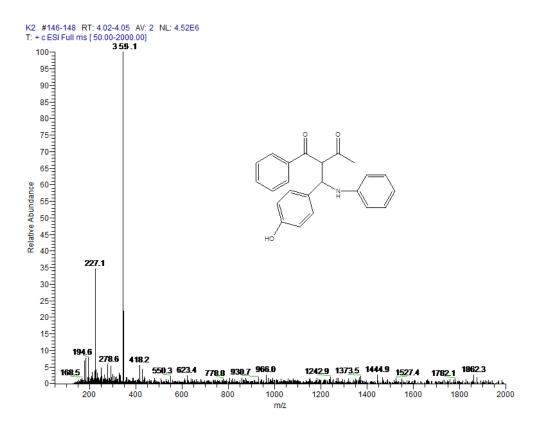


Figure S8. MS spectrum of compound 4j

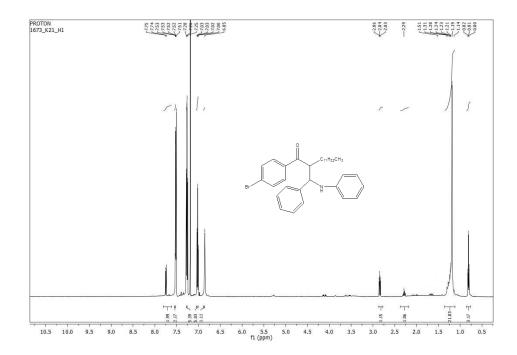


Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 4o (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

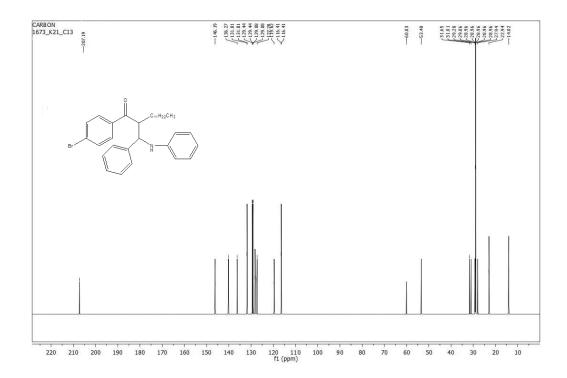


Figure S10. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 4o (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

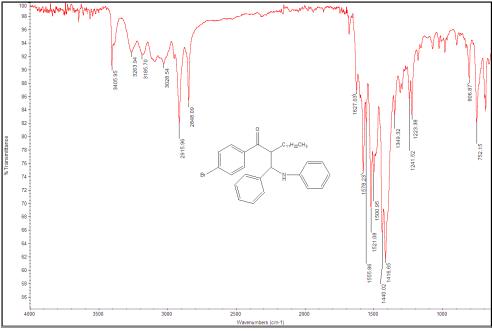


Figure S11. IR spectrum of compound 40

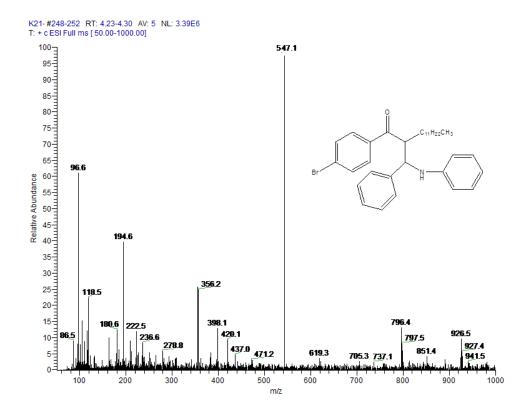


Figure S12. MS spectrum of compound 40