

## Supplementary information

Two different emissions of (2Z)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]prop-2-enenitrile due to crystal habit and size: synthesis, optical and supramolecular characterization

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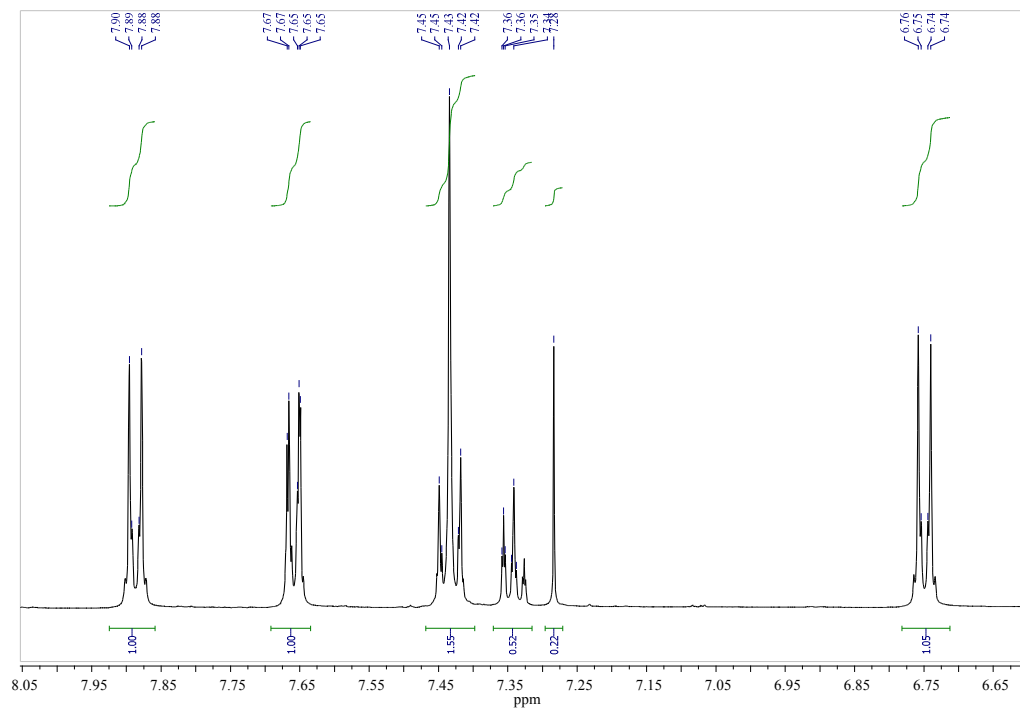
## Preparation of crystals I and II

Crystal **I**, the yellow powder, (0.020 g) was dissolved in heated cyclohexane (25 mL) and the vessel was set aside at room temperature and after 18 h the crystals grown from solvent evaporation. The vessel was kept for 12 h more and then the crystals were filtered.

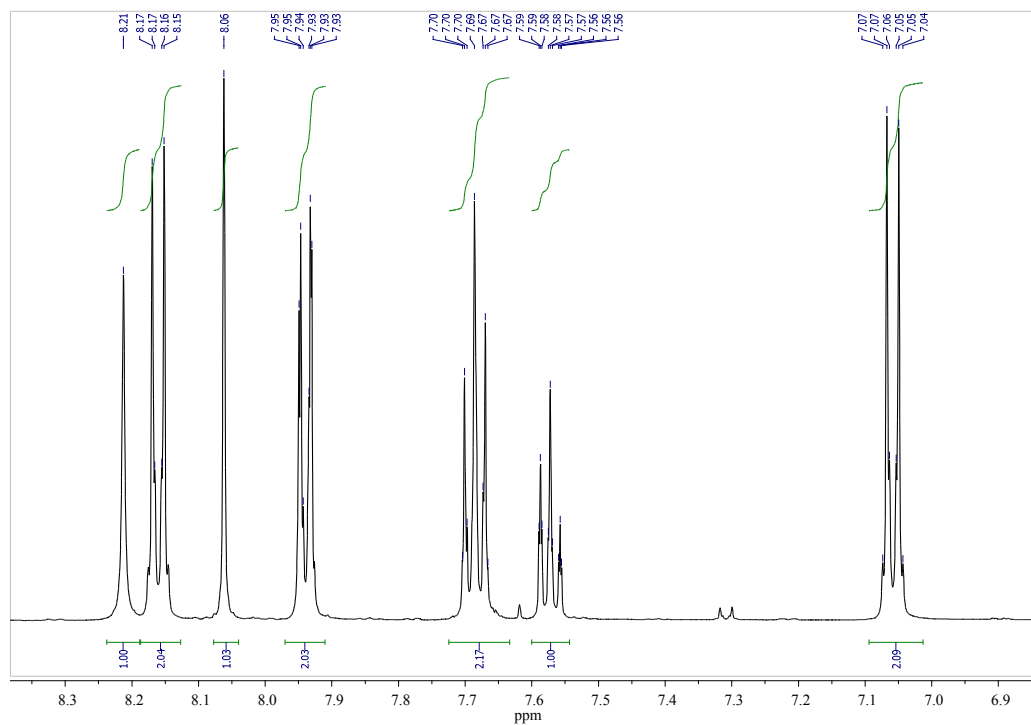
Crystal **II** was obtained as a result in the substitution reaction according to the following conditions: The molar ratio of yellow powder (2*Z*)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]prop-2-enenitrile and *N*-methylaminoethanol was 1:3. To a solution of yellow powder (0.327 g (1.0 mmol)) in DMSO (5 mL) was added of *N*-methylaminoethanol (0.2 mL (3.0 mmol)). The mixture was stirred for 5 min, then K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.138 g (1.0 mmol)) was added. After 15 min, CuI (0.019 g, (1.0 mmol)) was added. As the temperature was increased, the color of reaction mixture changed from green → green-yellow → dark-red. The reaction was maintained at reflux for 50 h at 96 °C until a dark-red solution was obtained. A yellow-orange powder was precipitated by treatment with ethanol:water (1:1) at 4 °C. The powder was washed with ethanol followed with hexane in an ice bath. For crystallization, 0.18 g of the yellow-orange powder was treated with 25 mL of warm cyclohexane and the vessel was set aside for 26 h until the orange-yellow crystals grown from solvent evaporation. The m.p. was 192-194 °C and the yield was 87%.

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra

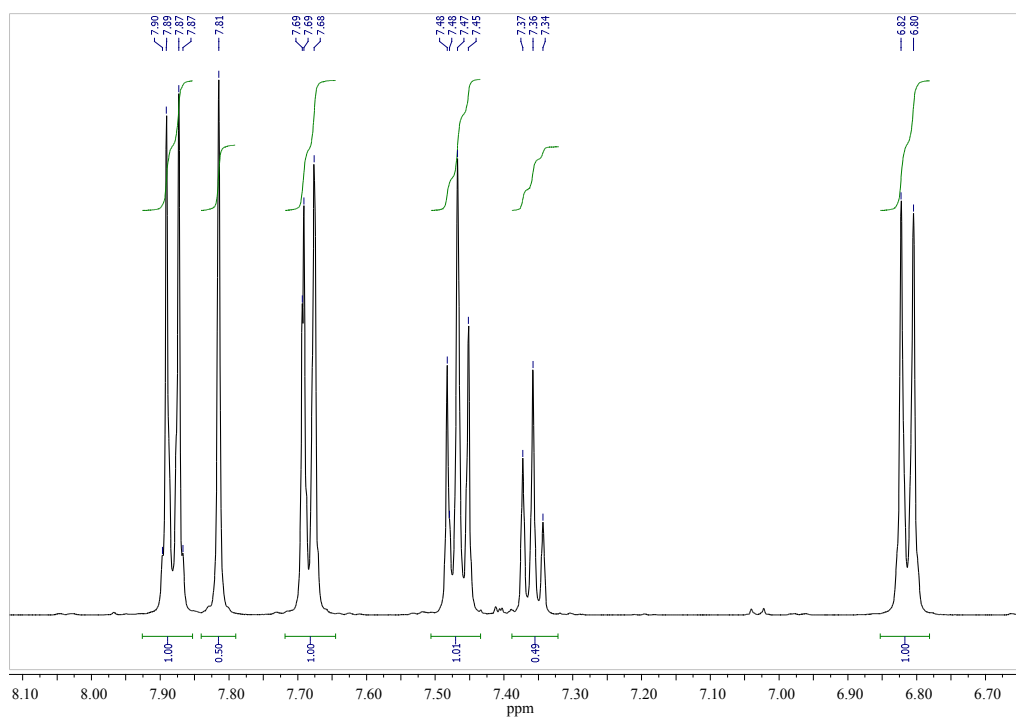
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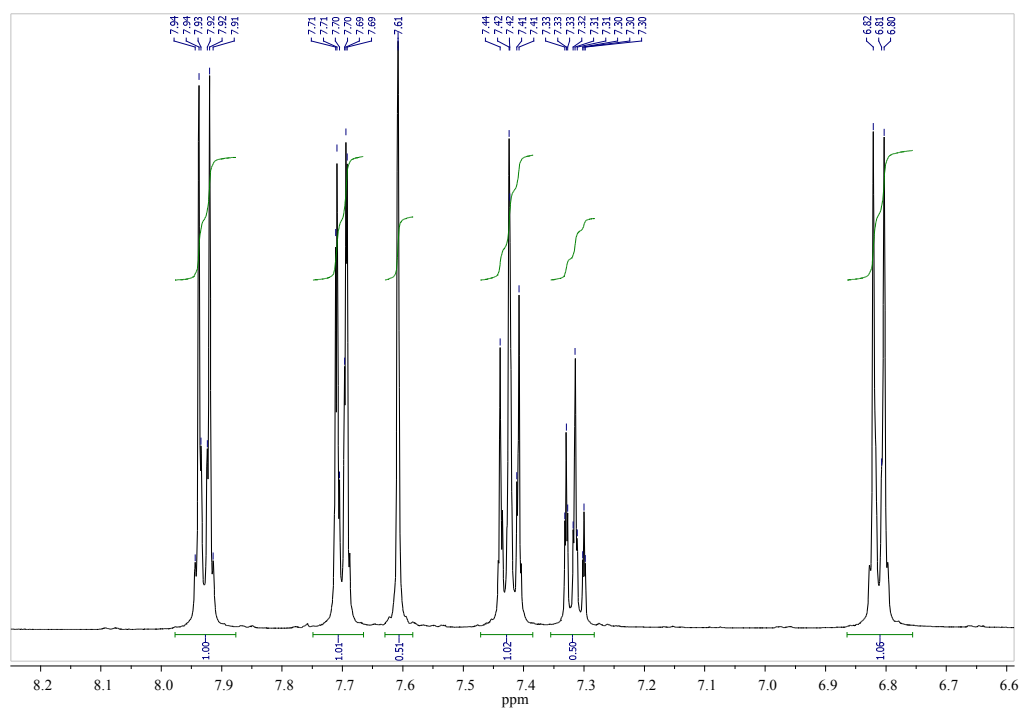
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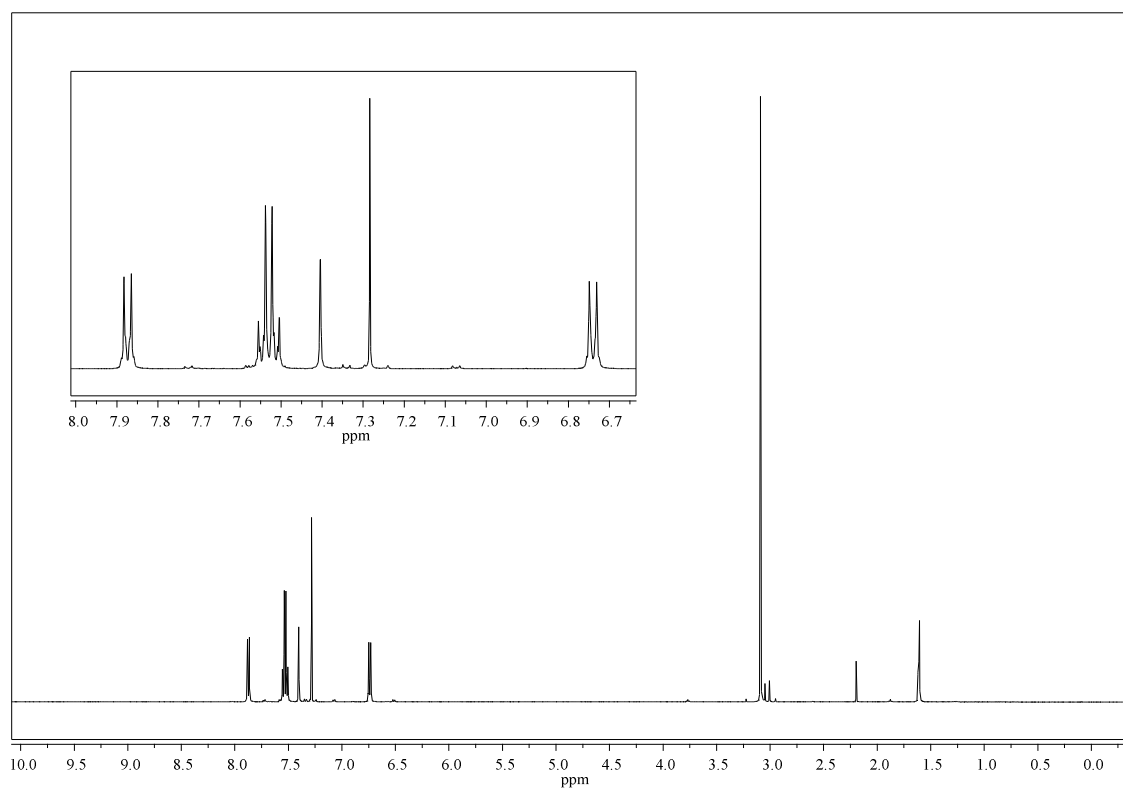
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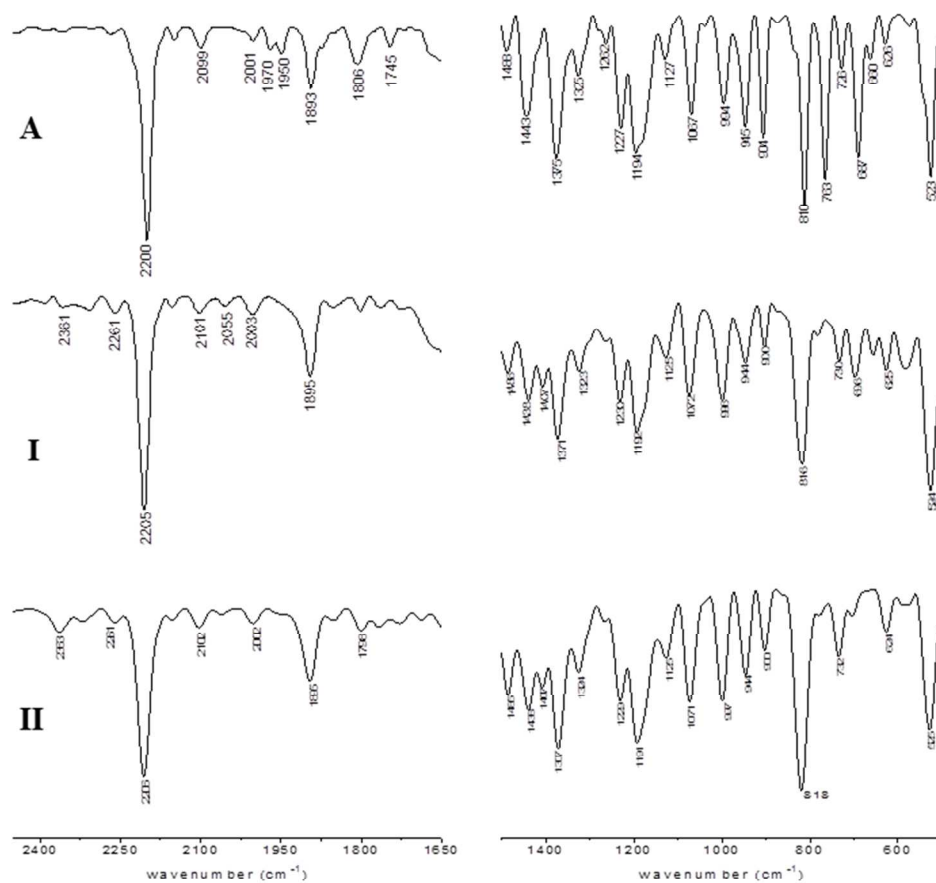
A (THF)



**I** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



## IR spectra



Comparison of FT-IR spectra of the **A**, **I** and **II**, spectral regions of 2400-1550  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1400-500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  at 293 K.

Table S1. Vibrational frequencies in ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of **A** and the crystals **I** and **II**.

|                                                   | <b>A</b>                        | <b>I</b> | <b>II</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| assignment                                        | wavenumber ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) |          |           |
| $\nu\text{C-H (Ar)}$                              | 3090 w                          | 3084 w   | 3086 w    |
| $\nu\text{C-H (Ar)}$                              | 3032 w                          | 3038 w   | 3038 w    |
| $\nu_{\text{as}}\text{C-H (CH}_3\text{)}$         | 2905 s                          | 2904 s   | 2903 s    |
| $\nu_{\text{s}}\text{C-H (CH}_3\text{)}$          | 2819 m                          | 2817 m   | 2816 m    |
| $\nu\text{C-H overtone}$                          | 2650 w                          | 2642 w   |           |
| $\nu\text{C-H overtone}$                          | 2548 w                          | 2542 w   |           |
| $\nu\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$                       | 2200 s                          | 2205 s   | 2205      |
| $\nu\text{C-H overtone (Ar)}$                     | 2149 w                          | 2102 w   |           |
|                                                   | 2099 w                          |          |           |
|                                                   | 2001 w                          | 2003 w   |           |
| $\nu\text{C}=\text{C alkene}$                     | 1611 s                          |          | 1611 s    |
| $\nu\text{C}=\text{C (Ar)}$                       | 1578 s                          | 1580 s   | 1580 s    |
| $\nu\text{C}=\text{C (Ar)}$                       | 1529 s                          | 1530 s   | 1527 s    |
|                                                   | 1488 m                          | 1485 m   | 1486 m    |
| $\delta_{\text{as}}\text{C-H (CH}_3\text{)}$      | 1443 m                          | 1438 m   | 1436 m    |
| $\delta_{\text{s}}\text{C-H (CH}_3\text{)}$       | 1375 m                          | 1372 s   | 1372 s    |
| $\delta\text{C-H alkene}$                         | 1325 m                          | 1323     | 1323 w    |
| $\nu\text{C-H (CH}_3\text{)}$                     | 1262                            | 1230     | 1231 m    |
| $\nu\text{C-N [N(CH}_3\text{)}_2\text{]}$         | 1194 s                          | 1191     | 1193.80s  |
| $\nu\text{C-H (CH}_3\text{)}$                     | 1127 m                          | 1126     |           |
| $\delta\text{C-H (Ar) (in-plane)}$                | 1067 s                          | 1072     | 1075 s    |
| $\delta\text{C}=\text{C-H alkene (out-of plane)}$ | 994 s                           | 997      | 995 s     |
| $\delta\text{C-H (Ar) (in-plane)}$                | 945 m                           | 944      | 944 m     |
| $\delta\text{C-H (Ar) (out-of plane)}$            | 904 m                           | 901      | 900 m     |
| $\nu\text{C}=\text{C-H alkene tri-substituted}$   | 810 s                           | 815      | 815 s     |
| $\delta\text{C}=\text{C-H (Ar) (in-plane)}$       | 726 w                           | 731      | 731 w     |
| $\delta\text{C}=\text{C-H (Ar) (out-of plane)}$   | 687 w                           | 695      |           |
| $\delta\text{C-H (out-of plane)}$                 | 626 w                           | 624      | 626 w     |
| $\delta\text{C}=\text{C (out-of plane)}$          | 523 m                           | 579; 523 | 525 s     |

s = strong, m = medium, w = weak

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and torsion angles (°) in both crystals **I** and **II** and their comparison with **A**

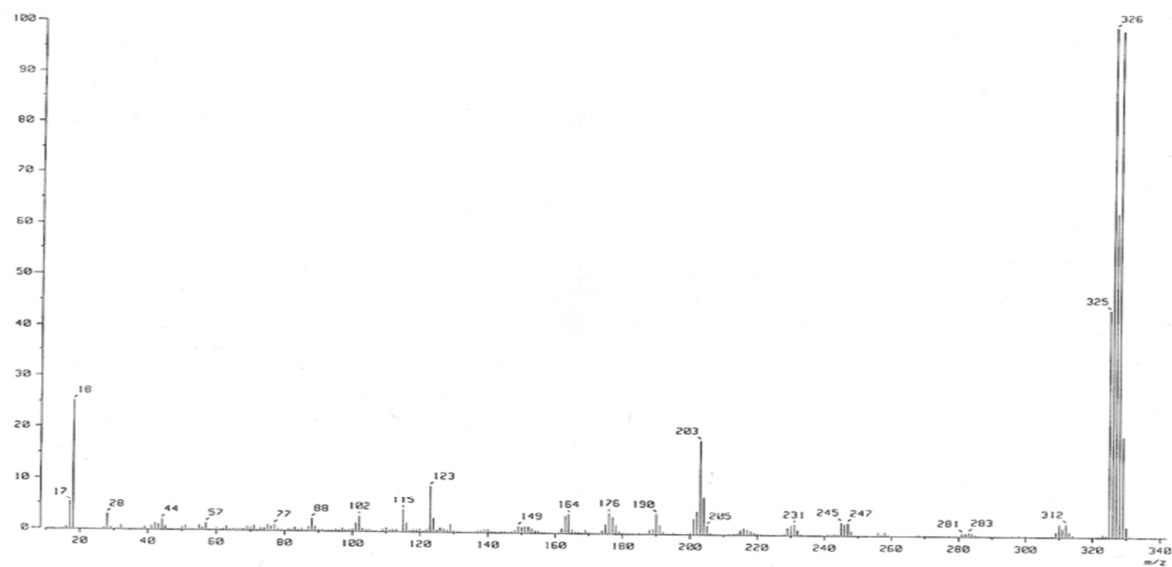
| Bond lengths | <b>I</b>   | <b>II</b> | <b>A</b> |
|--------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| C(1)-N(1)    | 1.448(2)   | 1.443(6)  | 1.447(3) |
| C(2)-N(1)    | 1.4500(19) | 1.409(6)  | 1.454(3) |
| C(3)-N(1)    | 1.366(2)   | 1.369(5)  | 1.371(3) |
| C(3)-C(8)    | 1.412(2)   | 1.410(7)  | 1.414(3) |
| C(3)-C(4)    | 1.415(2)   | 1.413(7)  | 1.407(3) |
| C(4)-C(5)    | 1.376(2)   | 1.385(6)  | 1.380(3) |
| C(5)-C(6)    | 1.408(2)   | 1.392(7)  | 1.409(3) |
| C(6)-C(7)    | 1.407(2)   | 1.408(7)  | 1.406(3) |
| C(6)-C(9)    | 1.447(2)   | 1.462(5)  | 1.454(3) |
| C(7)-C(8)    | 1.380(2)   | 1.377(6)  | 1.381(3) |
| C(9)-C(10)   | 1.356(2)   | 1.350(6)  | 1.356(3) |
| C(10)-C(11)  | 1.439(2)   | 1.436(7)  | 1.441(3) |
| C(10)-C(12)  | 1.484(2)   | 1.491(6)  | 1.496(3) |
| C(11)-N(2)   | 1.149(2)   | 1.145(7)  | 1.151(3) |
| C(12)-C(13)  | 1.398(2)   | 1.386(7)  | 1.391(3) |
| C(12)-C(17)  | 1.401(2)   | 1.413(6)  | 1.393(3) |
| C(13)-C(14)  | 1.390(2)   | 1.390(6)  | 1.392(3) |
| C(14)-C(15)  | 1.381(2)   | 1.357(7)  | 1.385(4) |
| C(15)-C(16)  | 1.386(2)   | 1.377(7)  | 1.378(3) |
| C(15)-Br(1)  | 1.8961(15) | 1.904(4)  |          |
| C(16)-C(17)  | 1.383(2)   | 1.397(6)  | 1.393(3) |

| Torsion angle (°)      | <b>I</b>    | <b>II</b> |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| N(1)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)    | -179.65(14) | -179.0(5) |
| C(8)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)    | 0.0(2)      | 0.3(8)    |
| C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)    | 0.0(2)      | -0.8(9)   |
| C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)    | 0.0(2)      | 1.1(8)    |
| C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(9)    | -178.35(15) | -178.0(5) |
| C(5)-C(6)-C(7)-C(8)    | 0.0(2)      | -1.0(8)   |
| C(9)-C(6)-C(7)-C(8)    | 178.51(14)  | 178.2(5)  |
| C(6)-C(7)-C(8)-C(3)    | 0.0(2)      | 0.5(9)    |
| N(1)-C(3)-C(8)-C(7)    | 179.66(14)  | 179.1(5)  |
| C(4)-C(3)-C(8)-C(7)    | 0.0(2)      | -0.2(8)   |
| C(7)-C(6)-C(9)-C(10)   | -179.84(16) | 179.2(6)  |
| C(5)-C(6)-C(9)-C(10)   | -1.5(3)     | -1.7(10)  |
| C(6)-C(9)-C(10)-C(11)  | -1.9(3)     | -1.7(10)  |
| C(6)-C(9)-C(10)-C(12)  | 178.39(15)  | 178.2(5)  |
| C(9)-C(10)-C(12)-C(13) | -178.84(14) | -178.6(5) |

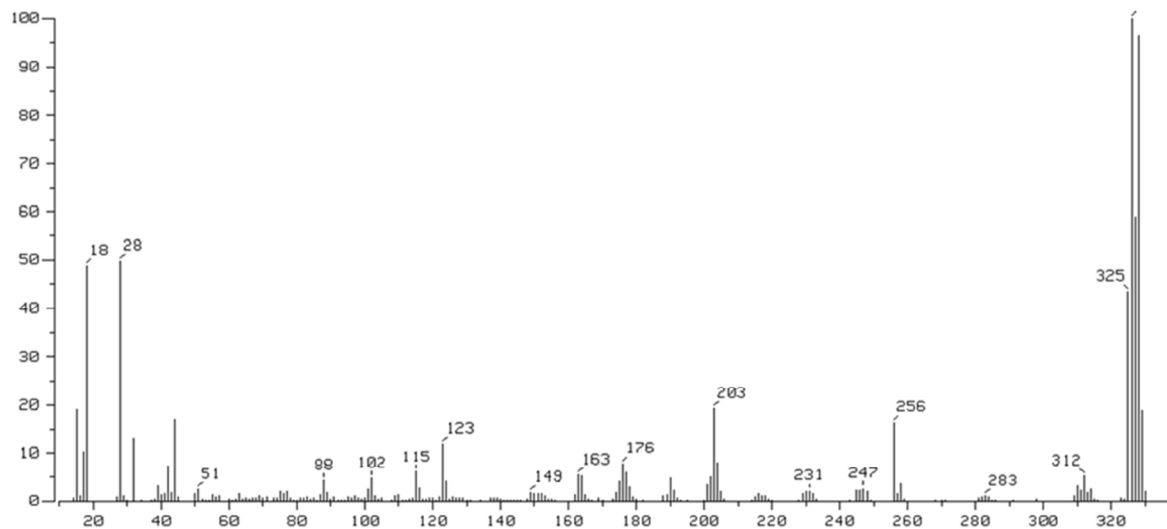
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|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| C(11)-C(10)-C(12)-C(13) | 1.5(2)      | 1.4(8)    |
| C(9)-C(10)-C(12)-C(17)  | 1.4(2)      | 2.5(9)    |
| C(11)-C(10)-C(12)-C(17) | -178.26(14) | -177.5(5) |
| C(17)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14) | 0.6(2)      | -0.2(8)   |
| C(10)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14) | -179.13(14) | -179.1(5) |
| C(12)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15) | 0.1(2)      | 0.4(9)    |
| C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-C(16) | -0.8(2)     | -0.5(9)   |
| C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-Br(1) | 178.09(11)  | 178.0(4)  |
| C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17) | 0.9(2)      | 0.4(9)    |
| Br(1)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17) | -178.02(12) | -178.1(4) |
| C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-C(12) | -0.2(2)     | -0.2(8)   |
| C(13)-C(12)-C(17)-C(16) | -0.5(2)     | 0.1(8)    |
| C(10)-C(12)-C(17)-C(16) | 179.19(14)  | 179.0(5)  |
| C(8)-C(3)-N(1)-C(1)     | -176.94(14) | -176.7(5) |
| C(4)-C(3)-N(1)-C(1)     | 2.7(2)      | 2.5(8)    |
| C(8)-C(3)-N(1)-C(2)     | -5.8(2)     | -5.2(8)   |
| C(4)-C(3)-N(1)-C(2)     | 173.89(14)  | 174.0(5)  |

# Mass Spectra

(I)



(II)



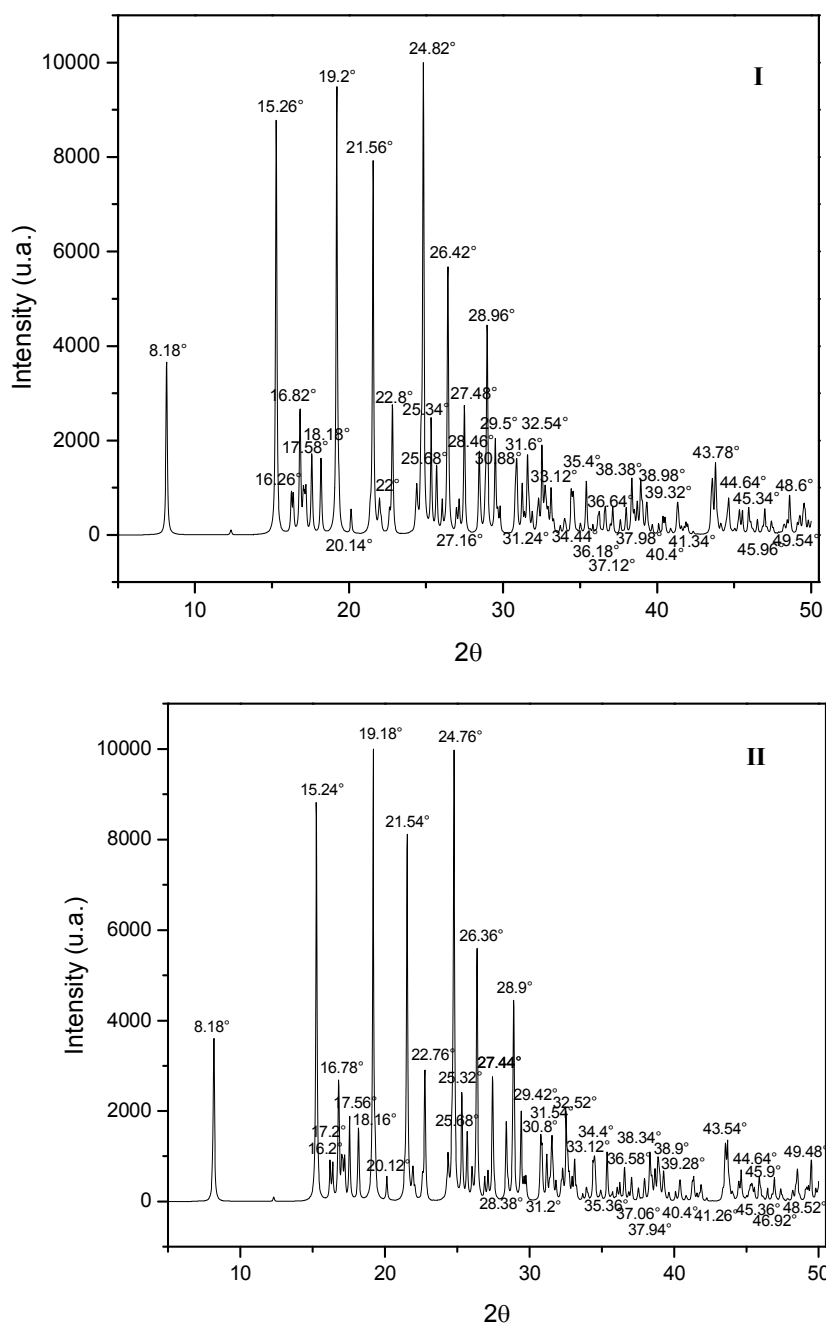


Figure S1. Simulated powder diffraction patterns of **I**, and **II** by mercury software.

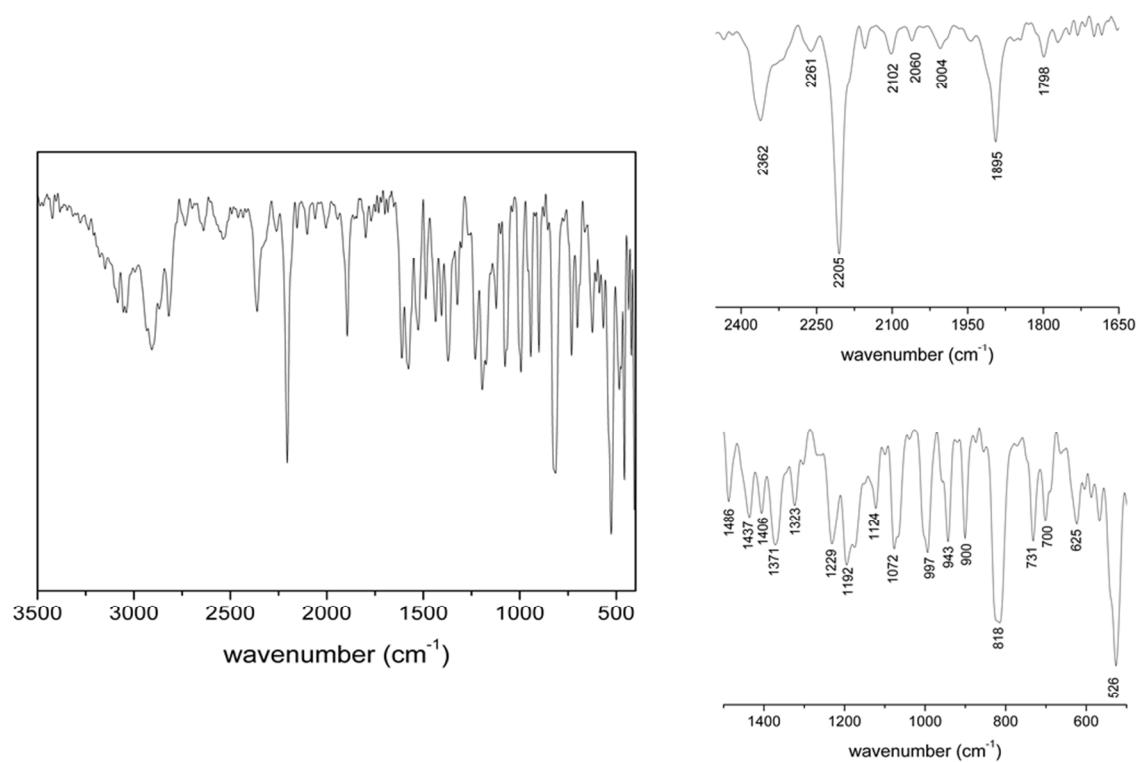


Figure S2. FT-IR spectrum of **I**\* in spectral regions of 2400-1550 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1400-500 cm<sup>-1</sup> taken at 293 K

Table S3. Selected data for comparison of the data crystallography for **I**, **II** and **I\***.

|                    | <b>I</b>    | <b>II</b>   | <b>I*</b> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| T(K)               | 110         | 110         | 110       |
| a (Å)              | 11.0169(2)  | 11.0475(6)  | 10.995(9) |
| b (Å)              | 6.02041(11) | 6.0273(3)   | 6.036(5)  |
| c (Å)              | 21.8541(4)  | 21.8533(11) | 21.82(2)  |
| $\alpha(^{\circ})$ | 90          | 90          | 90        |
| $\beta(^{\circ})$  | 98.4082(18) | 98.315(5)   | 98.35(6)  |
| $\gamma(^{\circ})$ | 90          | 90          | 90        |
| V Å <sup>3</sup>   | 1433.93(5)  | 1439.84(13) | 1433(2)   |

\*I treated with DMF at 100 °C orange crystal

Table S4. Selected data for aliquots at different time A1 (2h), A2 (4h), A3 (6h), A4 (8h), A5 (10h), A6 (12h) and A7 (24h).

|         | a         | b          | c         | $\alpha$ | $\beta$  | $\gamma$ | V              |
|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| aliquot | Å         |            |           | °        |          |          | Å <sup>3</sup> |
| A1      | 11.018(4) | 6.021(2)   | 21.848(9) | 90.0     | 98.42(3) | 90.0     | 1433.7(9)      |
| A2      | 11.020(3) | 6.022(2)   | 21.847(6) | 90.0     | 98.40(2) | 90.0     | 1434.3(8)      |
| A3      | 11.020(3) | 6.0153(17) | 21.852(7) | 90.0     | 98.45(2) | 90.0     | 1432.9(7)      |
| A4      | 11.024(4) | 6.0224(12) | 21.832(7) | 90.0     | 98.44(3) | 90.0     | 1433.7(7)      |
| A5      | 11.017(4) | 6.0214(16) | 21.847(5) | 90.0     | 98.46(4) | 90.0     | 1433.5(7)      |
| A6      | 11.010(3) | 6.0200(16) | 21.816(9) | 90.0     | 98.44(3) | 90.0     | 1430.2(8)      |
| A7      | 11.025(4) | 6.029(2)   | 21.864(6) | 90.0     | 98.46(3) | 90.0     | 1437.5(8)      |

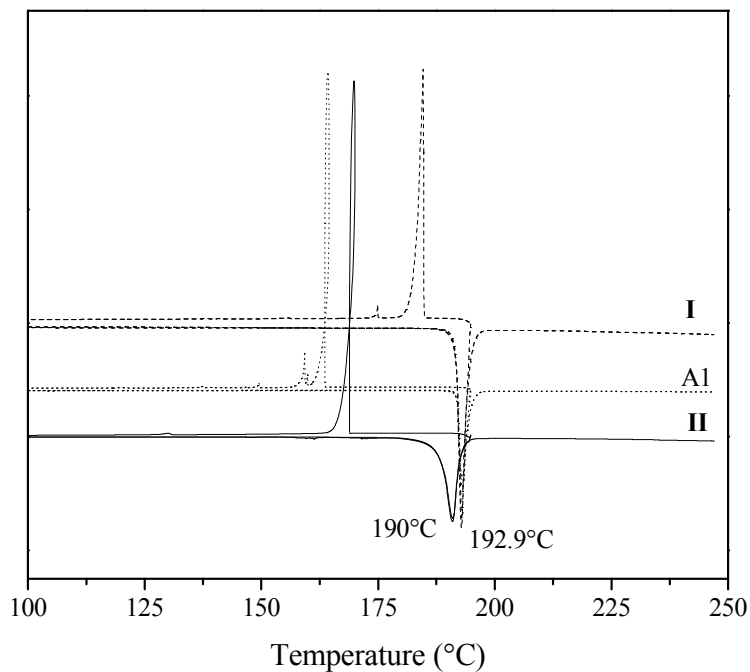


Figure S3. Thermograms of **I**, **II** and **A1** (aliquot taken at 2 hours) in the experiment using yellow powder of (Z)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)acrylonitrile dissolved in DMF at 110 °C for 4 h.

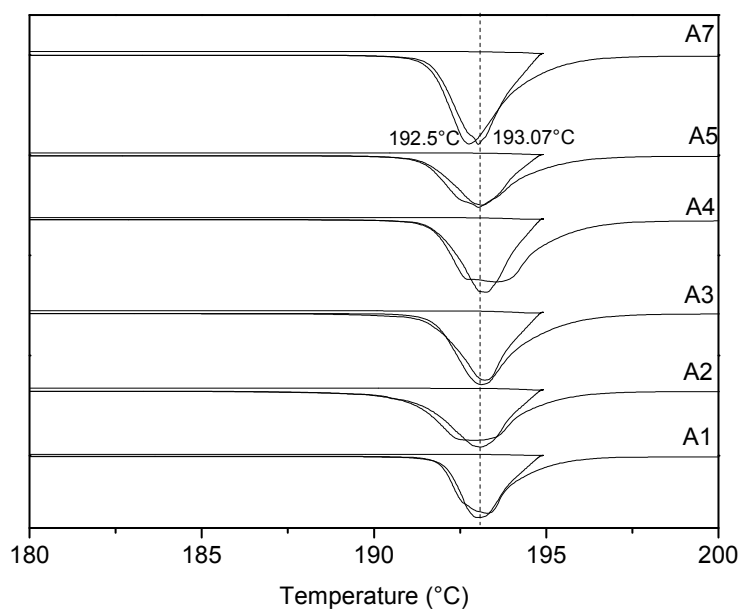


Figure S4. Thermograms of **A1** – **A7** (aliquot taken at 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 24 hours) in the experiment using yellow powder of (Z)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)acrylonitrile dissolved in DMF at 110 °C for 4 h.