## **Supporting Information**

## Zinc Catalyzed Chemoselective Hydrofunctionalization of Cyanamides

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#### **General Experimental Methods**

All air- and moisture-sensitive reactions were performed using standard glove box and Schlenk line techniques under an inert nitrogen atmosphere. Catalysis reactions were conducted in J. Young valve-sealed NMR tubes or reaction vials as required. NMR spectra were recorded on Jeol-400 MHz spectrometer and Bruker NMR spectrometers at 400 MHz and 700 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H), 101 MHz and 176 MHz ( $^{13}C{^{1}H}$ ), 80 MHz ( $^{29}Si{^{1}H}$ ), 128 MHz ( $^{11}B$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and  $^{13}C{^{1}H}$ NMR chemical shifts are referenced to residual protons or carbons in the deuterated solvent. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm. Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. Signals are described as br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublets, t = triplet, q = quartet, and m = multiplet. The crystal data of compounds **Zn-2** and **3c** were collected on a Rigaku Oxford diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 1.54184 Å) at 100 K. Selected data collection parameters and other crystallographic results are summarized in Table S8. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF-Q II spectrometer.

#### Materials:

Solvents were purified by distillation over Na/ benzophenone. Deuterated chloroform (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) was dried on molecular sieves, and benzene-d<sub>6</sub> (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) was dried over Na/K alloy and distilled. The ligand LH (L = {(ArNH)(ArN)–C=N–C=(NAr)(NHAr)}; Ar = 2,6- Et<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>)] and complex {LZnH}<sub>2</sub> (**Zn-1**) were prepared according to reported literature procedures.<sup>1</sup> For catalysis reactions, J. Young valve NMR tubes, Schlenk tubes, or air-tight vials, as per the requirement, were properly oven-dried before being used. Chemicals and reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Co. Ltd., Merck India Pvt. Ltd., and TCI chemicals were used without purification.

General Procedure for Hydrosilylation of Cyanamides. In a J. Young valve NMR tube, precatalyst Zn-1 (0.01 mmol, 5 mol %) and cyanamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were placed. This was followed by adding diphenyl silane (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) and  $C_6D_6$  (~0.5 mL) inside the glove box. Then, the sealed J. Young valve NMR tube was removed from the glove box and heated at 70 °C for 18 hours. The progress of the reaction was monitored using <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, which confirmed the reaction's completion by observing a characteristic -NC*H*N peak.

General Procedure for Catalytic Mono-Hydroboration of Cyanamides. In a J. Young valve NMR tube, catalyst Zn-1 (0.006 mmol, 3 mol %) and cyanamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added. This was followed by adding HBpin (0.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and  $C_6D_6$  (~0.5 mL) inside the glove box. Then, the sealed J. Young valve NMR tube was removed from the glove box and heated at 60 °C for 12 hours. The progress of the reaction was monitored using <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, which confirmed the reaction's completion by observing a characteristic -NCHN peak.

General Procedure for Catalytic Dihydroboration of Cyanamides. Cyanamide (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.), HBpin (0.42 mmol, 2.1 equiv.) and 0.006 mmol (3 mol %) of catalyst Zn-1 were charged in a vial with a magnetic bead or in a J. Young valve NMR tube inside the glove box. The sealed vial or NMR tube was removed from the glove box and heated/stirred at 80 °C for 24 hours. The progress of the reaction was monitored using <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, which indicated the reaction's completion by observing a characteristic  $-CH_2N(Bpin)_2$  peak.

**General Procedure for Scale-up Reaction of Dihydroboration of Cyanamide with HBpin.** In a 25 mL Schlenk flask, 2.0 mmol of cyanamide (1.0 equiv.) and 4.2 mmol of HBpin (2.1 equiv.) were combined with 0.06 mmol of the catalyst **Zn-1** (3 mol%) under solvent-free conditions inside the glove box. The Schlenk flask was removed from the glove box and stirred at 80 °C for 24 hours. Then, the residue was dissolved in a minimal volume of dry *n*-hexane and allowed to crystallize overnight at -20 °C in a freezer. The product, identified as compound **4c**, was isolated as a white crystalline solid with a yield of 74% (0.57 g).

#### Synthesis and Analytical Data for Stoichiometric Experiments

Synthesis of [LZnNC(H)N(Et<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>2</sub> (Zn-2): Diethyl cyanamide (1b) (~4.5 µL, 0.036 mmol) was



added to a J. Young valve NMR tube containing a solution of the complex **Zn-1** (0.025 g, 0.018 mmol) in deuterated toluene (Tol-d<sub>8</sub>) within a glove box. The sealed NMR tube was removed from the glove box and heated at 60 °C for 12

hours. The progress of the reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, confirming the complete formation of the product **Zn-2**. After the reaction was completed, the solution was cooled to room temperature. Within 48 hours, block-shaped, colorless crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction were observed. NMR conversion: (>99 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Tol-d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C) δ 7.64 (s, 2H, (LZnNC(H)N(Et<sub>2</sub>))<sub>2</sub>), 7.12-6.96 (m, 6H, ArH), 6.89-6.77 (m, J = 27.0 Hz, 6H, ArH), 6.62-6.45 (m, J = 37.1 Hz, 12H, ArH), 4.87 (s, 4H, NH), 3.42-3.19 (m, 8H, Ar–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.77-2.69 (m, J = 32.6 Hz, 8H Ar–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.49-2.34 (m, , J = 7.2 Hz, 8H Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.27-2.22 (m, J = 19.3 Hz, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.15-2.08 (m, 8H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.92-1.81 (m, J = 9.2 Hz, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.33-1.29 (t, 12H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 24H, Ar–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.91 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 24H, Ar–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Tol-d<sub>8</sub>, 80 <sup>o</sup>C)  $\delta$  7.66 (s, 2H, (LZnNC(*H*)N(Et<sub>2</sub>))<sub>2</sub>), 7.14-7.09 (m, 6H, Ar*H*), 6.84-6.78 (m, *J* = 23.5 Hz, 6H, ArH), 6.61-6.58 (m, J = 11.8 Hz, 12H, ArH), 4.90 (s, 4H, NH), 3.40-3.31 (m, 8H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.90-2.78 (m, J = 32.6 Hz, 8H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.46-2.39 (m, J = 7.2 Hz, 8H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.35-2.29 (m, J = 19.3 Hz, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.26-2.19 (m, 8H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.97-1.91 (m, J = 24.9 Hz, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.35-1.24 (t, 12H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.11 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 24H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.89 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 24H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, Told<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C) δ 156.6 (N<sub>3</sub>*C*), 156.5(N*C*HN), 144.6, 143.7, 136.0, 135.8, 128.1, 125.9, 125.8, 125.2, 29.9, 24.9, 23.2, 14.2, 14.1, 13.4. HRMS (ASAP/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>66</sub>N<sub>7</sub>Zn 792.4671, Found 792.4606.



Figure S1: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Zn-2 at 25 °C (400 MHz, Tol-d<sub>8</sub>).



Figure S2: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Zn-2 at 80 °C. (400 MHz, Tol-d<sub>8</sub>).



Figure S3: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of Zn-2 (101 MHz, Tol-d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C)

The reaction between Zn-2 and Ph<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub> {NMR-Scale}: To a J. Young valve NMR tube containing a solution of compound Zn-2 (0.013 mmol) in toluene-d<sub>8</sub>, Ph<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub> (4.7 μL, 0.025 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was heated at 70 °C for 3 hours, resulting in the synthesis of compounds Zn-1 and 2b with a 33% conversion, as detected by NMR spectroscopy. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy revealed that the process had reached an equilibrium, as evidenced by the integration of resonance 2b and compound Zn-2. The relative ratio of 2b and Zn-2 remained unchanged after heating for up to 18 hours at 70 °C, indicating that the equilibrium position had already been established before 3 hours. NMR conversion: 33%.



Figure S4: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Zn-1 and 2b (400 MHz, Tol-d<sub>8</sub>).

Synthesis of compound Zn-2 and 2b {NMR-Scale}: The addition of diethyl cyanamide (0.025 mmol) to a J. Young valve NMR tube containing a solution of compounds Zn-1 and 2b (33%) in Tol d<sub>8</sub>. The reaction mixture was heated at 70 °C for 6 h, resulting in the formation of compounds Zn-2 and 2b were observed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. The above study indicates

that once 33% of the compounds **2b** and **Zn-1** were formed, they reacted with additional amounts of diethyl cyanamide to form **2b** and **Zn-2** in quantitative conversion. It stops the equilibrium reaction between compounds **Zn-1** and **2b**. NMR conversion: (>99%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Toluene d<sub>8</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (s, 2H, (LZnNC(*H*)N(Et<sub>2</sub>))<sub>2</sub>), 7.59 (s, 2H, NC*H*N), 7.23-7.19 (m, 8H, Ar*H*), 7.12-7.09 (m, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 20H, *Ph*<sub>2</sub>Si), 7.01-6.97 (m, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 12H, Ar*H*), 6.84 (t, 4H, Ar*H*), 6.66 (s, 3H, Ar*H*, IS, Mesitylene), 5.91 (s, 2H, Si*H*), 4.87 (s, 4H, N*H*), 3.28-3.25 (m, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 8H, NC*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.09-2.91 (m, 8H, Ar–C*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.80-2.61 (m, *J* = 75.9 Hz, 8H, Ar–C*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.52-2.50 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 8H, NC*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.45-2.29 (m, *J* = 61.8 Hz, 16H, Ar–C*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.14 (s, 9H, C*H*<sub>3</sub>, IS, Mesitylene), 1.33 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 12H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.07 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 24H, Ar–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.97 (t, 6H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 0.89 (t, 24H, Ar–CH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 0.61 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S5:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **Zn-2** and **2b** (400 MHz, Tol-d<sub>8</sub>). Mesitylene was used as an internal standard.

Synthesis of Zn-1 and dihydroborated product of Cyanamide(4b) {NMR-Scale}: HBpin (~4.0 μL, 0.025 mmol) was added to a J. Young valve NMR tube containing a solution of compound Zn-2 (0.020 g, 0.013 mmol) in deuterated toluene (Tol-d<sub>8</sub>) inside the glove box. Then, the sealed NMR was removed from the glove box and heated at 80 °C for 24 hours, resulting in compound Zn-1 and the dihydroborated product of cyanamide (4b), which was confirmed by the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. NMR conversion: (>99 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Toluene d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$ =7.11–7.06 (m, 12H, *J* = 20.0 Hz, Ar*H*), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H, Ar*H*), 6.65–6.63 (m, *J*=7.6 Hz, 8H Ar*H*), 5.02 (s, 4H, N*H*), 4.39 (s, 4H, C*H*<sub>2</sub>N(Bpin)<sub>2</sub>), 4.38 (s, 2H, Zn-*H*,), 3.08-3.02 (m, 8H, Ar–C*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) 2.77-2.73 (m, 8H, Ar–C*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.42–2.36 (m, 8H, Ar–C*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.33–2.16 (m, *J*=14.9 Hz, 8H, Ar–C*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.12 (s, 48H, Bpin), 0.99 (t, 24H, Ar–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, Tol d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$ =157.2 (N3*C*), 142.6, 141.1, 138.8, 135.2, 126.7, 126.2, 125.7, 125.3, 81.7(Bpin), 61.8, 44.3, 24.9, 24.3, 24.2, 14.4, 14.2, 13.3. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, Tol d<sub>8</sub>, 25 °C) δ 26.24.



Figure S6: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Zn-1 and 4b at 25 °C(400 MHz, Tol-d<sub>8</sub>).



Figure S7:  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of Zn-1 and 4b (101 MHz, Tol-d<sub>8</sub> at 25 °C).



Figure S8: <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectrum of Zn-1 and 4b (128 MHz, Tol-d<sub>8</sub> at 25 °C).

#### **Optimization Tables**

Table S1. Optimization table for the zinc-catalyzed partial hydrosilylation of diisopropyl cyanamide.<sup>a</sup>

N—C≡	N + 1.0 P	$h_2SiH_2$ —	Zn	→ N-	H N—SiHPh <sub>2</sub>
Entry	Cat. (mol%)	Solvent	Time (h)	Temp (°C)	Conv. <sup>b</sup>
1	-	neat	18	70	-
2	10	neat	24	70	>99
3	5	neat	24	70	>99
4	5	neat	18	70	>99
5	5	C <sub>6</sub> D <sub>6</sub>	18	70	>99
6	5	neat	18	65	93
7	3	neat	18	70	91

<sup>*a*</sup>Reactions were performed with diisopropyl cyanamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $Ph_2SiH_2$  (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and catalyst (**Zn-1**) (x mol %) in sealed reaction vials or J. Young valve NMR tube under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and heated at 65-70 °C. <sup>*b*</sup>Conversion of N-silyl formamidine (**2c**) was investigated by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectroscopy based on the formation of characteristic new proton resonance for the (–NCHN) moiety of product.

Table S2. Optimization table for the zinc-catalyzed monohydroboration of diisopropyl cyanamide.<sup>a</sup>

$ \underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$					
Entry	Cat.	Solvent	Time	Temp	Conv. <sup>b</sup>
	(mol%)		( <b>h</b> )	(°C)	
1	-	$C_6D_6$	12	60	-
2	5	$C_6D_6$	18	65	>99
3	3	$C_6D_6$	18	60	>99
4	3	$C_6D_6$	12	60	>99
5	1	$C_6D_6$	12	60	90

<sup>*a*</sup>Reactions were performed with diisopropyl cyanamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), HBpin (0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and catalyst (**Zn-1**) (x mol %) in J. Young valve NMR tube under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. <sup>*b*</sup>Conversion of N-boryl formamidine (**3c**) was investigated by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectroscopy based on the formation of characteristic new proton resonance for the (-NCHN) moiety of product.

Table S3. Optimization table for the zinc-catalyzed dihydroboration of diisopropyl cyanamides.<sup>a</sup>



<sup>*a*</sup>Reactions were performed with disopropyl cyanamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), HBpin (0.42 mmol, 2.1 equiv), and catalyst (**Zn-1**) (x mol %) in reaction catalytical vial or J Young valve NMR tube under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. <sup>*b*</sup>Conversion of N-bis-boryl diamines (**4c**) was investigated by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectroscopy based on the formation of characteristic new proton resonance for the ( $-CH_2N(Bpin)_2$ ) moiety of product.



Table S4. Substrate scope for the zinc-catalyzed partial hydrosilylation of cyanamides.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reactions were performed with cyanamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $Ph_2SiH_2$  (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and **Zn-1** (5.0 mol %) in a J.Y. valve NMR tube and heated at 70 °C for 18 h. Conversion of the corresponding N-silyl formamidines (**2a-2f**) was investigated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy based on the formation of characteristic new proton resonance for the (-NCHN) moiety of product. <sup>*b*</sup>For **2a** and **2e**, NMR conversion was calculated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy using mesitylene as an internal standard. <sup>*c*</sup>For **2b** and **2c**, 0.8 equiv. of Ph<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub> was used. <sup>*d*</sup>For **2d** TON, TOF calculations were performed at 99% conversion using 1.5 mol% **Zn-1** in 40 mins at 70 °C. (see table S7)



**Table S5.** Substrate scope for the zinc-catalyzed partial hydroboration of cyanamides.<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reactions were performed with cyanamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), HBpin (0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and catalyst (**Zn-1**) (3.0 mol %) in a J.Y. Valve NMR tube and heated at 60 °C for 12 h. Conversion of the corresponding N-boryl formamidines (**3b-3d**) was investigated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy based on the formation of characteristic new proton resonance for the (–NC*H*N) moiety of product. <sup>b</sup>Compound (**3d**) is synthesized at room temperature for 8 h. <sup>c</sup>For **3d** TON, TOF calculations were performed at 99% conversion using 1 mol% **Zn-1** in 5 mins at room temperature. (see table S7)





<sup>*a*</sup>Reactions were performed with cyanamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), HBpin (0.44 mmol, 2.1 equiv), and **Zn-1** (3.0 mol %) in a reaction vials or J.Y.valve NMR tube under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and heated at 80 °C for 24 h. Conversion of the corresponding N-bis boryl diamines (**4a-4f**) was investigated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy based on the formation of characteristic new proton resonance for the  $(-CH_2N(Bpin)_2)$  moiety of product. <sup>*b*</sup>For **4c**, a 2.0 mmol scale reaction was performed.

# Table S7. TON and TOF calculations for the zinc-catalyzed hydrofuctionalization of dibenzyl cyanamide.<sup>*a*</sup>

Entry	Substrate	Hydride	Catalyst	Catalyst	Time	Temp ( <sup>o</sup>	%	TON	TOF
		Source		load	(h)	C)	Conversion		(h <sup>-1</sup> )
				(mol%)					
1.	1d	Ph <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	Zn-1	1.5	0.67	70	99	66	99
2.	1d	HBpin	Zn-1	1	0.083	rt	99	99	1194

<sup>*a*</sup>Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. TON was calculated by dividing the number of moles of the product by the number of moles of catalyst used. TOF was determined to divide TON by the time of reaction.



**Figure S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (700 MHz) for the reaction of (**1c**) (0.2 mmol,1.0 equiv) and pinacolborane (0.42 mmol, 2.1 equiv), and catalyst **Zn-1** (3 mol%) in benzene d<sub>6</sub>. Spectra were recorded at different temperatures and time intervals between T = 65 °C to 80 °C and t = 1 h-20 h, respectively.

#### Analytical data of Monohydrosilylation Products of Cyanamides (2a-2f)

(E)-N'-(diphenylsilyl)-N,N-dimethylformimidamide (2a) : NMR conversion 95%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR



(E)-N'-(diphenylsilyl)-N,N-diethylformimidamide (2b): NMR conversion 99%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85-7.83 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 4H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7

H N N N N N SiHPh<sub>2</sub> **2b**, 99% H H H H N SiHPh<sub>2</sub> C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  156.2, 137.2, 135.0, 129.3, 127.8, 43.5, 37.5, 14.5,

12.3. <sup>29</sup>Si{ <sup>1</sup>H} NMR (80 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  -21.21. HRMS (ASAP/Q-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 283.1631, Found 283.1626.

(E)-N'-(diphenylsilyl)-N,N-diisopropylformimidamide (2c): NMR conversion 99%. <sup>1</sup>H

TOF) m/z:  $[M + H]^+$  Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 311.1943, Found 311.1938.

(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-N'-(diphenylsilyl)formimidamide (2d): NMR conversion 99%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR

Ph H (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 (s, 1H), 7.89-7.86 (m, 4H), Ph SiHPh<sub>2</sub> 7.51-7.49 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.15 -7.10 (m, 5H), 7.09-7.03 (d, J = 19.5 Hz, 4H), 6.82-6.80 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 3.70

(s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  157.4, 137.7, 137.1, 136.7, 135.7, 135.1, 129.7, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 52.0, 45.3. HRMS (ASAP/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 407.1943, Found 407.1908.

(E)-N-(diphenylsilyl)-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanimine (2e): NMR conversion 91%. <sup>1</sup>H



NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.17-8.15 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.03-7.97 (m, J = 24.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.89 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 6.71 (s, 3H, Ar*H*, IS, Mesitylene),

6.02 (s, 1H), 3.37-3.34 (m, J = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 2.67-2.62 (m, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s, 9H,  $CH_3$ , IS, Mesitylene), 1.31 - 1.25 (m, 2H), 1.18-1.13 (m, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (176 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ 154.4, 139.5, 137.1(Ar-*C*, IS, Mesitylene), 135.7, 135.6, 135.1, 134.3, 129.7, 129.4, 128.0, 127.0(Ar-*C*, IS, Mesitylene), 46.7, 44.0, 24.8, 23.8, 20.8(*C*H<sub>3</sub>, IS, Mesitylene). HRMS (ASAP/Q-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 281.1474, Found: 281.1452.

(E)-N-(diphenylsilyl)-1-(piperidin-1-yl)methanimine (2f): NMR conversion 99%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR

 $\begin{array}{c} H \\ N \\ N \\ SiHPh_{2} \\ 2f, 99\% \end{array} (400 \text{ MHz}, C_{6}D_{6}) \delta 8.11-8.09 (m, J = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.87-7.83 (m, J = 13.8 \text{ Hz}, 4\text{H}), 7.60 (s, 1\text{H}), 7.26-7.20 (m, J) \\ = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 5\text{H}), 6.02 (s, 1\text{H}), 3.60-3.49 (m, 2\text{H}), 2.52-7.20 (m, J) \\ = 2.50 (d, J = 11.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 1.19-1.16 (m, 4\text{H}), 0.98-0.86 \\ \end{array}$ 

(m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  154.3, 137.2, 135.6, 135.1, 131.3, 129.8, 129.3, 128.1, 127.8, 48.0, 46.6, 44,0, 24,7, 23.8 . HRMS (ASAP/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 295.1631, Found : 295.1631.

#### Analytical data of Monohydroboration Products of Cyanamides (3b-3d)

(E)-N,N-diethyl-N'-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)formimidamide (3b):



12.1. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 22.83. HRMS (ASAP/Q TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 227.1967, Found: 227.1953.

#### (E)-N, N-diis opropyl-N'-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl) for mimidamide

(3c): NMR conversion 99%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  8.44 (s, 1H), 4.94-4.87 (d, J = 27.4



255.2280, Found : 255.2300.

(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-N'-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)formimidamide (3d): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) NMR conversion 99%.  $\delta$  8.45 (s, 1H), 7.12-7.09 (m, J = 9.3 Hz, Ph H 2H), 7.05-6.99 (m, J = 19.4 Hz, 6H), 6.77-6.75 (m, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H),4.60 (s, 2H), 3.71(s, 2H), 1.23 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  161.1,137.3, 136.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.3, 127.0, 81.5, 52.2, 45.2, 24.8. HRMS (ASAP/Q TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 351.2280, Found : 351.2265.

#### Analytical data of Dihydroboration Products of Cyanamides (4a-4f)

N,N-dimethyl-N',N'-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methanediamine





24.3, 13.5. HRMS (ASAP/Q TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>37</sub>B<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 355.2934, Found : 355.2963.

N,N-diisopropyl-N', N'-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methanediamine



(ASAP/Q TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>41</sub>B<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 383.3247, Found : 383.3248.

#### N,N-dibenzyl-N',N'-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methanediamine

(4d): NMR conversion 99%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  7.50-7.48 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.22-



#### 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-N-(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)-N-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-amine (4e): NMR conversion 99%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400



TOF) m/z:  $[M + H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{17}H_{35}B_2N_2O_4$  353.2777, Found: 353.2780.

4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-N-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-N-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-



56.4, 51.0, 49.7, 45.1, 26.4, 24.3. HRMS (ASAP/Q-TOF) m/z:  $[M + H]^+$  Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>37</sub>B<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 367.2934, Found 367.2919.

## Spectral data (<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR) for catalyst free reactions



Figure S10: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2c without catalyst (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S11: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of 2c without catalyst (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,).



Figure S12: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3c without catalyst (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S13:** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **3c** without catalyst (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S14: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4c without catalyst (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



**Figure S15:** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **4c** without catalyst (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Spectral data (<sup>1</sup>H , <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} and <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR) For Monohydrosilylation of Cyanamides

**Figure S16:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2a** (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>). Mesitylene was used as an internal standard.



**Figure S17:** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **2b**. (101 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ). Mesitylene was used as an internal standard.



Figure S18: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2b (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



**Figure S19:** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **2b** (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



Figure S21: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2c (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



**Figure S23:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2d** (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ).(\* =  $Ph_2SiH_2$ )



**Figure S24:** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **2d** (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



**Figure 25:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2e** (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>). Mesitylene was used as an internal standard.



**Figure S26:** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **2e** (176 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>). Mesitylene was used as an internal standard.



Figure S27: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2f (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



Figure S28:  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of 2f (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).

## <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} and <sup>11</sup>B NMR Spectra of Monohydroboration of Cyanamides



Figure S29: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3b (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



**Figure S30:** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **3b** (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



**Figure S31:** <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectrum of **3b.** (128 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



Figure S32: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3c (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



Figure S34: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3d (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



Figure S35:  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of 3d (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).

## <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} and <sup>11</sup>B NMR Spectra of Dihydroboration of Cyanamides



Figure S36: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4a (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S37: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of 4a (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S38: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4b (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S39: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of 4b (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).





Figure S40: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4c (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S41:  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of 4c (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S42: <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of 4c (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S43: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4d (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



Figure S44:  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of 4d (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



Figure S45: <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectrum of 4d (128 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ).



Figure S46: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4e (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



Figure S47:  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of 4e (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



Figure S48: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4f (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



Figure S49:  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of 4f (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).

#### Scheme S1: Zn-2 catalyzed partial hydrosilylation of diethyl cyanamide<sup>a</sup>



<sup>*a*</sup>Reactions were performed with diethyl cyanamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $Ph_2SiH_2$  (0.2 mmol, 0.8 equiv), and **Zn-2** (5.0 mol %) in a J.Y. valve NMR tube and heated at 70 °C for 18 h. Conversion of the corresponding N-silyl formamidine (**2b**) was investigated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy based on the formation of characteristic new proton resonance for the (-NCHN) moiety of product.



Figure S50: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2b (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).

#### X-ray Crystallographic Data of Compounds Zn-2 and 3c.

The single crystals of compounds **Zn-2** and **3c** were crystallized from benzene at rt as colorless blocks within 24-48 h. The crystal data of compounds **Zn-2** and **3c** are collected on a Rigaku Oxford diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54184$  Å) at 100 K. Selected data collection parameters and other crystallographic results are summarized in Table S4. The structure was determined using direct methods employed in *ShelXT*,<sup>2</sup> *OleX*,<sup>3,</sup> and refinement was carried out using least-square minimization implemented in *ShelXL*.<sup>4</sup> All nonhydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Hydrogen atom positions were fixed geometrically in idealized positions and were refined using a riding model.



**Figure S51.** Molecular structure of **Zn-2**. The thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50% probability, and all the hydrogen atoms and ethyl groups (except H3 and those bound to nitrogen atoms) have been removed for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg), For **Zn-2**: Zn1-N1 2.010(4), Zn1-N2 2.019(4), Zn1-N6 2.059(4), N1-C1 1.322(7), N2-C2 1.314(7), N6-C3 1.078(7), C3-N7 1.478(8), N1-Zn1-N2 91.83(17).



**Figure S52.** Molecular structure of compound **3c**. The thermal ellipsoids are shown at probability 50%, and H atoms were omitted for clarity (except H1). The selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°): O1-B1 1.379 (3), O2-B1 1.379 (3), N1-B1 1.421 (3), N1-C1 1.319 (3), N2-C1 1.333 (3), C1-N1-B1 116.8 (2), N1-C1-N2 124.0 (2), O2-B1-O1 111.7 (2).

Compound	Zn-2	<u>3c</u>		
Empirical Formula	$C_{100}H_{136}N_{14}Zn_2$	$C_{13}H_{27}BN_2O_2$		
CCDC	2357369	2357368		
Molecular mass	1664.96	254.17		
Temperature (K)	100	100		
Wavelength (Å)	1.54184	1.54184		
Size(mm)	$0.2 \times 0.18 \times 0.17$	0.2×0.18×0.17		
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic		
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	$P2_{1}/n$		
a (Å)	12.7981(2)	6.11292(18)		
<i>b</i> (Å)	26.9412(4)	19.9526(6)		
c (Å)	13.2296(2)	12.9873(4)		
α (deg)°	90	90		
β (deg)°	95.7890(10)	100.667(3)		
γ (deg)°	90	90		
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	4538.25(12)	1556.66(8)		
Ζ	2	4		
Calculated density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.218	1.085		
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.061	0.561		
F(000)	1788.0	560.0		
Theta range for data collection	6.716 to 150.142	8.224 to 136.49		
(deg)°				
Limiting indices	$15 \le h \le 15, -31 \le k \le 33, -16 \le 1$	$4 \le h \le 7,  -23 \le k \le 23,  -15 \le l \le 15$		
	≤16			
Reflections collected	35783	12996		
Independent reflections	15258 [ $R_{int} = 0.0302$ , $R_{sigma} =$	$2840 [R_{int} = 0.0360, R_{sigma} = 0.0232]$		
	0.0327]			
Completeness to theta	99 %	99 %		
Absorption correction	Empirical	Empirical		
Data/restraints/parameters	15258/6/1041	2840/0/175		
Goodness – of-fit on F <sup>^</sup> 2	1.045	1.057		
Final R indices [I>2 sigma(I)]	$R_1 = 0.0481, wR_2 = 0.1293$	$R_1 \ 0.0750, wR_2 = \ 0.1991$		

 Table S8. Crystallographic Data and Refinement Parameters for Compounds Zn-2 and 3c.

### HRMS of Newly synthesized Compounds 2a-2f, 3b-3d, 4a-4f and Zn-2.

SN\_SR\_MHS\_6



HRMS of compound 2a.



HRMS of compound 2b.



HRMS of compound 2c.



HRMS of compound 2d.



HRMS of compound 2e.



HRMS of compound 2f.



HRMS of compound 3b.



HRMS of compound 3c.



HRMS of compound 3d.



HRMS of compound 4a.



HRMS of compound 4b.



HRMS of compound 4c.



HRMS of compound 4d.



HRMS of compound 4e.



HRMS of compound 4f.



HRMS of compound Zn-2.

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