

# Searches for bridged bicyclic molecules in Space—Norbornadiene and its cyano derivatives

## Electronic Supplementary Information

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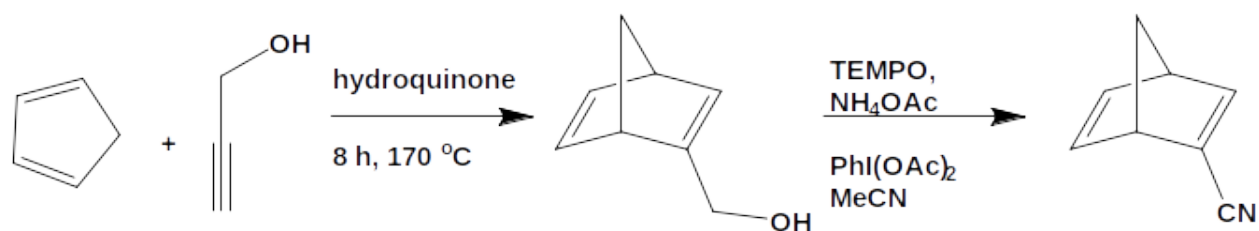
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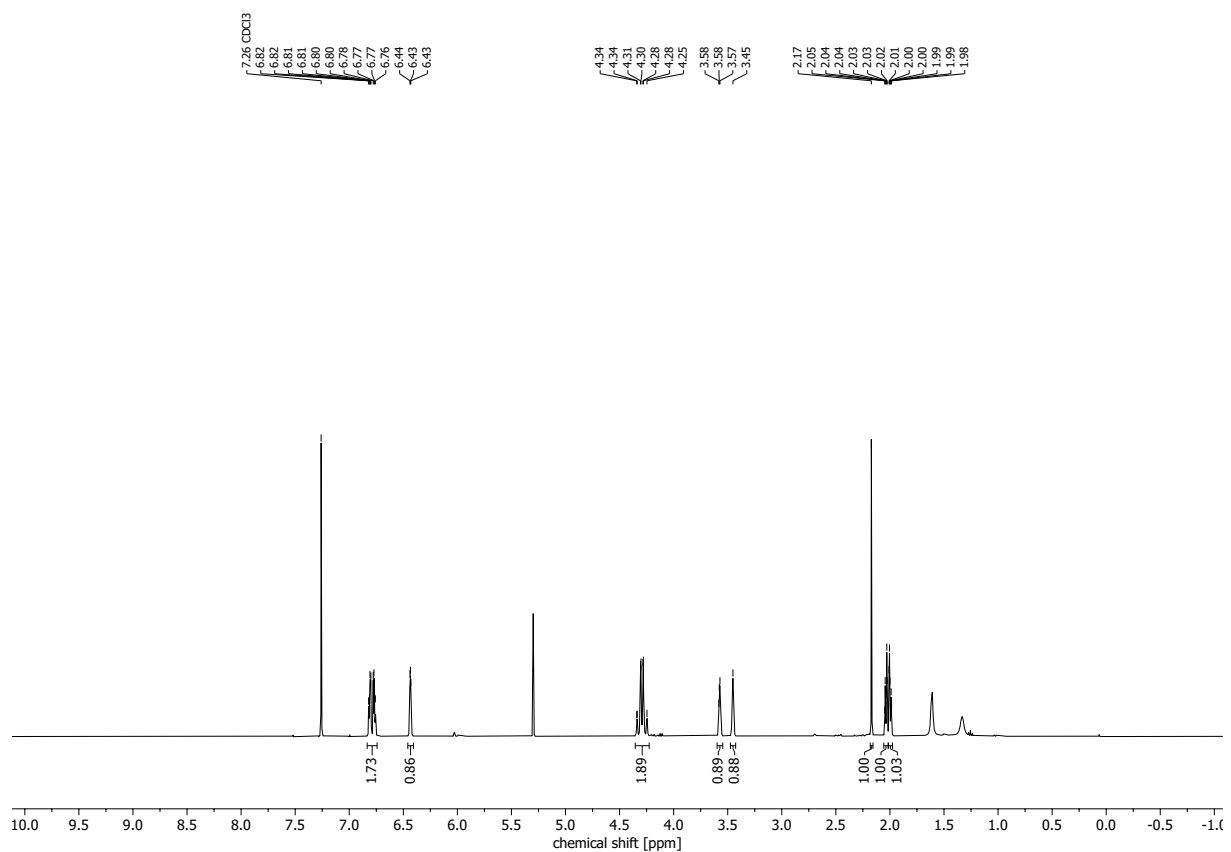
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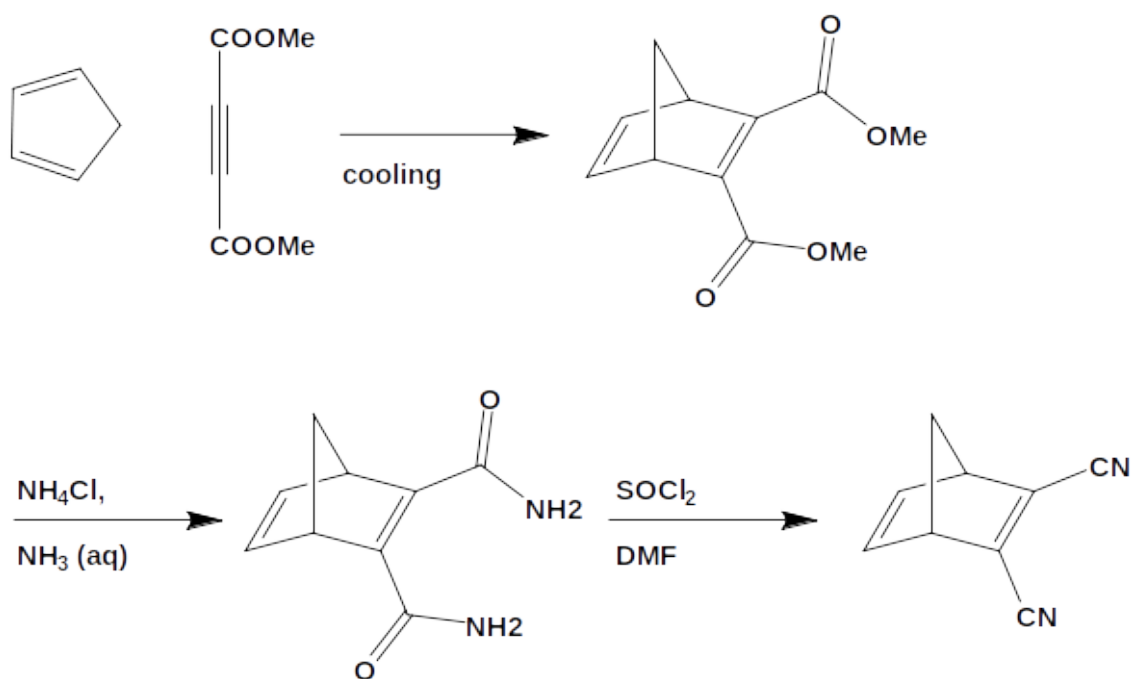
# 1 Supplementary Figures



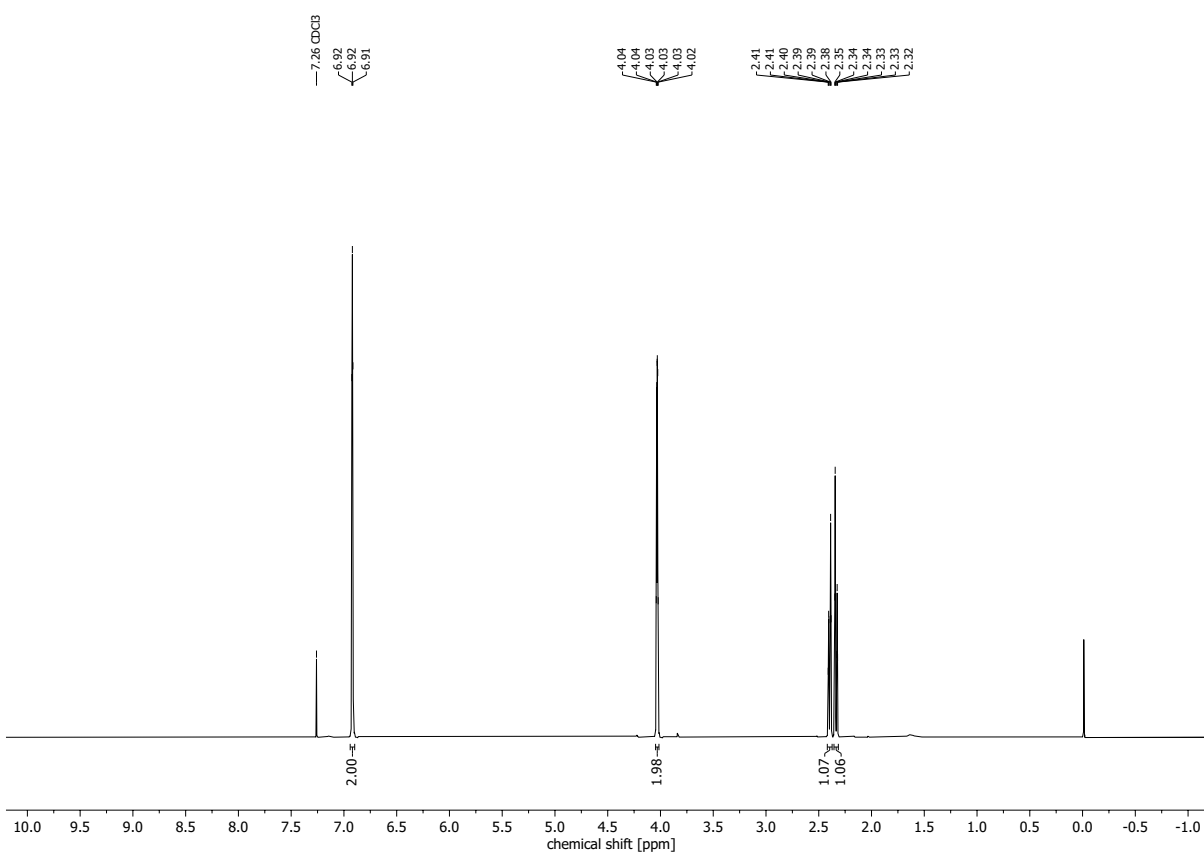
**Figure S1:** Synthesis of CN-NBD



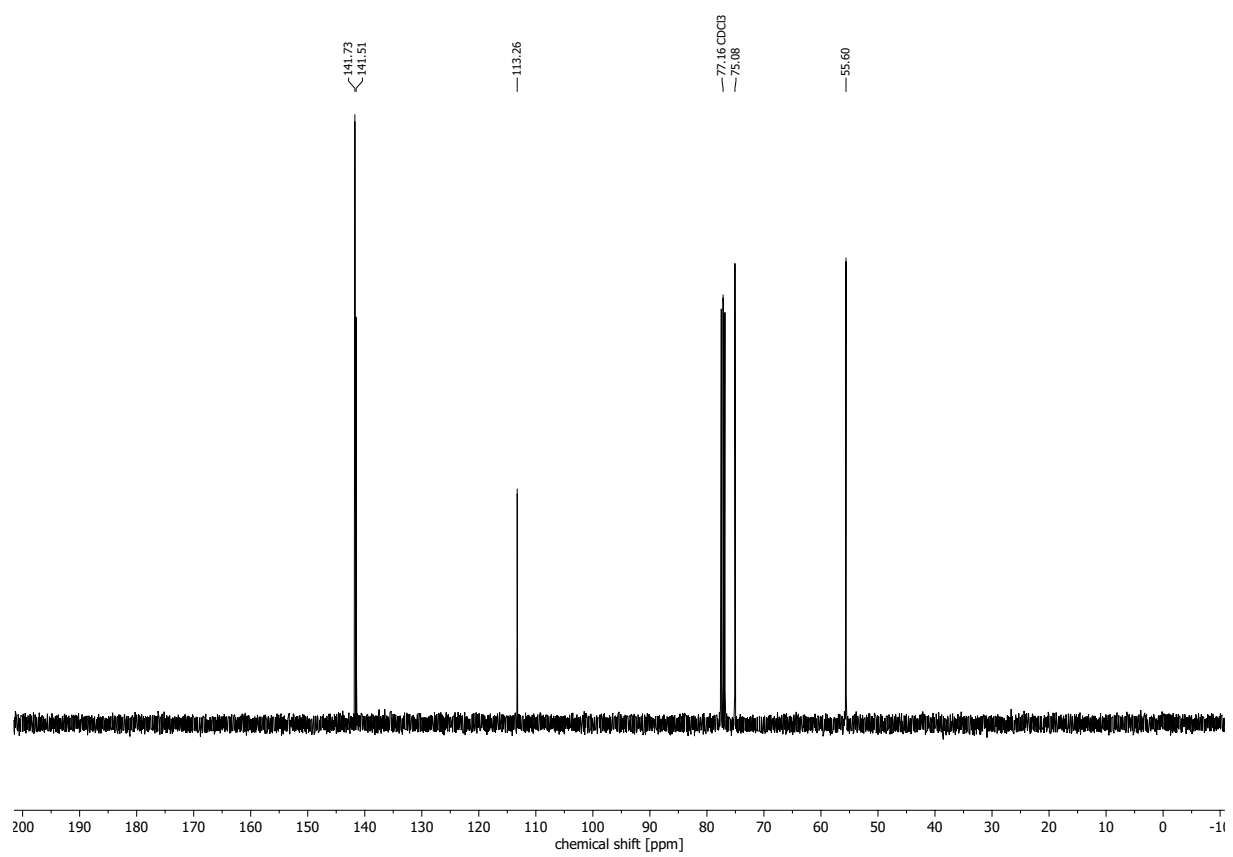
**Figure S2:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) of (±)-2-hydroxymethylbicyclo[2.2.1]hepta-2,5-diene in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature, with dichloromethane (5.2 ppm) and water residues (1.6 ppm);  $\delta$  = 6.82 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 6.44 – 6.43 (m, 1H), 4.34 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 3.58 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 2.17 (s, 1H), 2.03 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 4 Hz), 2.00 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 4 Hz).



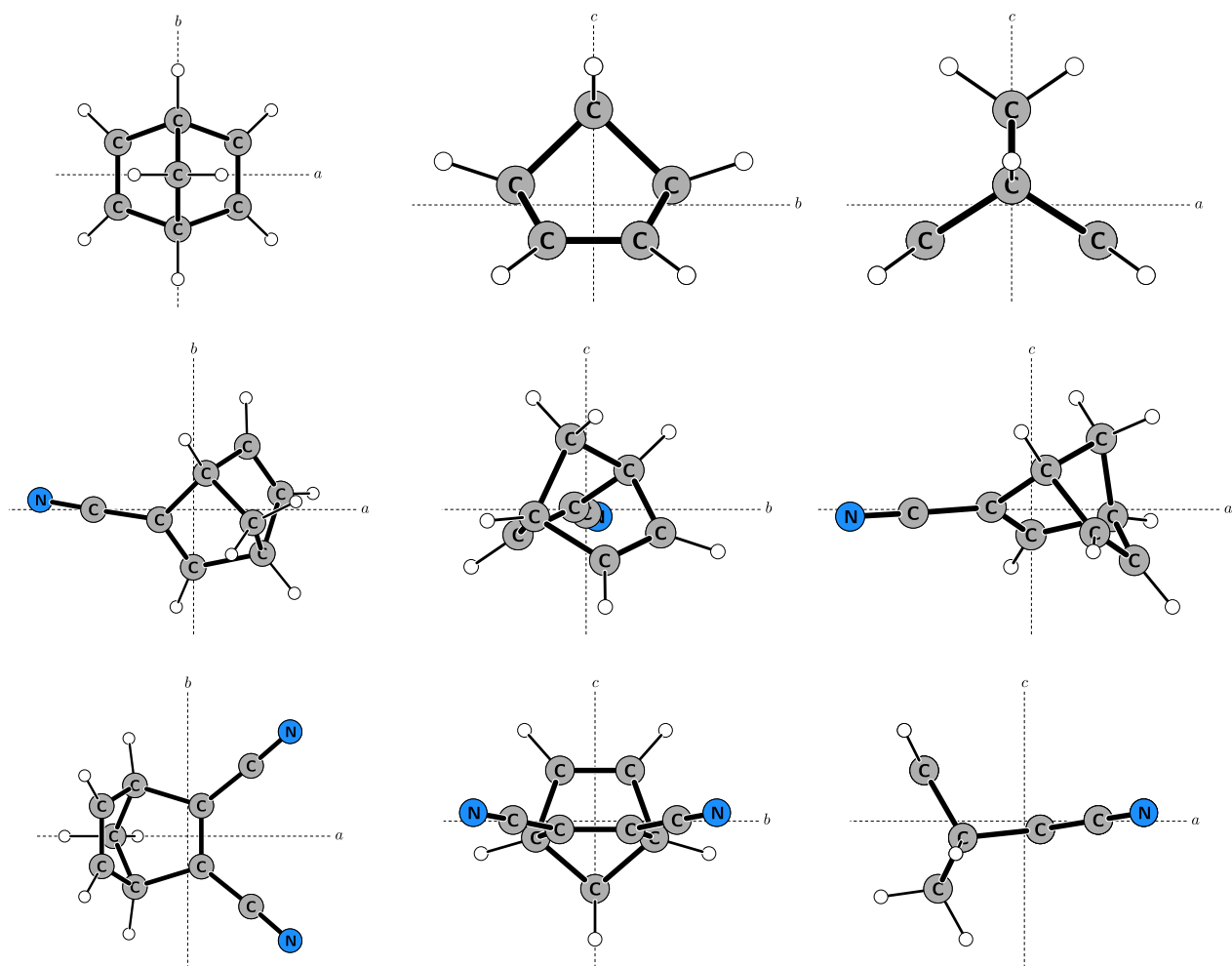
**Figure S3:** Synthesis of DCN-NBD



**Figure S4:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) of DCN-NBD in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature;  $\delta = 6.925\text{--}6.915$  (m, 2H), 4.04 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 2.40 (dt,  $J = 7.5, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dt,  $J = 7.4, 1.6$  Hz, 1H).



**Figure S5:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz) of **DCN-NBD** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature;  $\delta = 141.7$ , 141.5, 113.3, 75.1, 55.6.



**Figure S6:** Structural projections of NBD, CN-NBD, and DCN-NBD (from top to bottom) along the  $ab$ ,  $bc$ , and  $ac$  planes (from left to right). Projections performed using the PMIFST software [Kisiel, 2001].

## 2 Supplementary Tables

**Table S1:** Equilibrium structure of **NBD** optimised at the  $\omega$ B97X-D/cc-pVQZ level of theory

Principal axis orientation:				
Center Number	Atomic Number	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	6	1.234587	0.662534	-0.506805
2	6	0.000000	1.115107	0.284273
3	6	-0.000000	-1.115107	0.284273
4	6	1.234587	-0.662534	-0.506805
5	1	1.921016	1.327440	-1.006736
6	1	1.921016	-1.327440	-1.006736
7	6	-0.000000	0.000000	1.360071
8	1	-0.896713	0.000000	1.977776
9	1	0.896713	-0.000000	1.977776
10	6	-1.234587	0.662534	-0.506805
11	6	-1.234587	-0.662534	-0.506805
12	1	0.000000	2.146246	0.622713
13	1	-0.000000	-2.146246	0.622713
14	1	-1.921016	-1.327440	-1.006736
15	1	-1.921016	1.327440	-1.006736

**Table S2:** Equilibrium structure of **CN-NBD** optimised at the  $\omega$ B97X-D/cc-pVQZ level of theory

Principal axis orientation:				
Center Number	Atomic Number	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	6	1.135855	1.337063	-0.419208
2	6	0.263004	0.767406	0.703669
3	6	1.455698	-0.928441	-0.125094
4	6	1.843471	0.331709	-0.912139
5	1	1.108016	2.361093	-0.754656
6	1	2.527090	0.343161	-1.745666
7	6	1.254320	-0.278097	1.267717
8	1	0.803211	-0.949008	1.996844
9	1	2.164215	0.168280	1.662762
10	6	-0.723205	-0.213291	0.041377
11	6	-0.007463	-1.220436	-0.453923
12	1	-0.179385	1.480841	1.389593
13	1	2.133626	-1.771241	-0.202342
14	6	-2.118980	0.001145	-0.063983
15	7	-3.248271	0.204618	-0.127906
16	1	-0.367473	-2.059766	-1.026778

**Table S3:** Equilibrium structure of **DCN-NBD** optimised at the  $\omega$ B97X-D/cc-pVQZ level of theory

Principal axis orientation:				
Center Number	Atomic Number	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	6	-1.890363	0.662127	0.957296
2	6	-1.160793	1.116595	-0.311532
3	6	-1.160793	-1.116595	-0.311532
4	6	-1.890363	-0.662127	0.957296
5	1	-2.267117	1.331146	1.713516
6	1	-2.267117	-1.331146	1.713516
7	6	-1.630029	0.000000	-1.274722
8	1	-1.103390	0.000000	-2.227379
9	1	-2.706257	0.000000	-1.427021
10	6	0.300584	0.668929	-0.155806
11	6	0.300584	-0.668929	-0.155806
12	1	-1.293665	2.149487	-0.610975
13	1	-1.293665	-2.149487	-0.610975
14	6	1.394734	1.546991	0.022035
15	7	2.253691	2.296969	0.159589
16	6	1.394734	-1.546991	0.022035
17	7	2.253691	-2.296969	0.159589

**Table S4:** Equilibrium rotational constants of **DCN-NBD**, **DCN-NBD**, and **DCN-NBD** (in MHz) derived from the structure optimised at the  $\omega$ B97X-D/cc-pVQZ level of theory

Constant	DCN-NBD	DCN-NBD	DCN-NBD
$A_e$	4337.3177	3881.0223	1540.2270
$B_e$	3639.0411	1326.8412	1196.7806
$C_e$	3219.7849	1252.3365	798.7702

**Table S5:** Partitions functions of **NBD**, **CN-NBD**, and **DCN-NBD** as a function of the temperature calculated using the SPCAT program

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NBD

TEMPERATURE	- Q(SPIN-ROT.)	- log Q(SPIN-ROT.)
300.000	2000043.0864	6.3010
225.000	1299167.5476	6.1137
150.000	707147.2317	5.8495
75.000	250047.4339	5.3980
37.500	88449.2918	4.9467
18.750	31306.4805	4.4956
9.375	11093.9073	4.0451

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CN-NBD

TEMPERATURE	- Q(SPIN-ROT.)	- log Q(SPIN-ROT.)
300.000	350337.5958	5.5445
225.000	227576.9790	5.3571
150.000	123851.3301	5.0929
75.000	43780.4448	4.6413
37.500	15480.2707	4.1898
18.750	5475.4236	3.7384
10.000	2134.4195	3.3293
9.375	1937.7144	3.2873

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DCN-NBD

TEMPERATURE	- Q(SPIN-ROT.)	- log Q(SPIN-ROT.)
300.000	713498.2663	5.8534
225.000	470975.6689	5.6730
150.000	258541.8459	5.4125
75.000	91530.2785	4.9616
37.500	32358.6627	4.5100
18.750	11442.9034	4.0585
10.000	4459.2338	3.6493
9.375	4048.0995	3.6073

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