# **Supplementary Material**

### Designing highly efficient solvents for the Knoevenagel condensation: two novel dicationic dimethyl phosphate ionic liquids

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**Figure S11.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of ethyl (*E*)-2-cyano-3-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]prop-2-enoate (8).



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