How to generate a SMILES for an abbreviation using ChemDraw?

• Draw the substructure/protective group you want to abbreviate as a normal structure in ChemDraw; for example the p-Methoxybenzyl (PMB) protective group:

• Add an 'any atom' at the position where the protective group will be connected to the main structure:

• Select the protective group:

• Click on

This will add the SMILES to the clipboard and it can be pasted via "Ctrl + V" or right mouse button \rightarrow "Paste":

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• The SMILES can then be added to the abbreviations list, together with its abbreviation: