

Supplementary Information for:

Ethylene Polymerization Catalyzed by Bridging Ni/Zn Heterobimetallics

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Synthesis and Characterization of Complexes 2 – 5.

General Materials, Considerations and Instrumentation

All air- and moisture-sensitive compounds were manipulated in a glovebox under a nitrogen atmosphere. All solvents were dried in a Glass Contour Solvent System (activated alumina) and liquid reagents were passed through activated basic alumina and titrated with a stock solution of Na/benzophenone where compatible to ensure dryness. Ultra high purity ethylene (99.9%) was purchased from Airgas, and oxygen and water were further removed by using a PUR-Gas In-Line Purifier System from Matheson. $\text{NiBr}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ and ZnBr_2 were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and dried at 260 and 180 °C respectively under high vacuum line for 24 hours. NaH (60 wt% dispersion in mineral oil) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and washed by hexanes in the glovebox to remove oil prior to use. 2,6-diformylphenol¹, $\text{Ni}(\eta^3\text{-C}_4\text{H}_8)_2^2$, $(\text{tmeda})\text{Ni}(\text{o-tolyl})\text{Cl}^3$, $(\text{DME})\text{NiBr}_2^4$ were prepared according to literature procedure.

¹H and ¹³C spectra of ligand and complexes were collected on Bruker Avance III HD NanoBay 400 MHz, Bruker Avance III HD 500 MHz, or Varian Inova 500 MHz spectrometers. ¹³C spectra of polyethylene were collected at 100 °C in d₂-1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane on Agilent/Varian VNMR 600 MHz spectrometer. X-ray crystallography was collected on Data collection was carried out on a Bruker APEX II CCD diffractometer with a 0.71073 Å Mo K α source or on a Bruker-AXS D8 Venture diffractometer with a 1.54178 Å Cu K α source. GPC analyses were carried out on an Agilent PL-GPC 220 high temperature GPC/SEC system at 135 °C in 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene calibrated with polystyrene standards.

Synthesis of 2,6-bis(((2,6-diisopropylphenyl)imino)methyl)phenol, C₃₂H₄₀N₂O, H(NON) (1).

To a stirring solution of 2,6-diformylphenol (950 mg 6.3 mmol, 1 equiv.) and formic acid (0.2 mL, 5.3 mmol, 0.84 equiv.) in methanol (100 mL), 2,6-diisopropylaniline (3.6 mL, 19 mmol, 3 equiv.) was added quickly at ambient temperature. After the mixture turned cloudy, the mixture was stirred for another 3 hours. The volatiles were removed in vacuo and the precipitate was collected via filtration and washed with minimal cold methanol at -78 °C to yield bright yellow powder of **1** (1.81 g, 61% yield). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 13.63 (s, 1H), 8.73 (br, 1H), 8.40 (br, 2H), 7.55 (br, 1H), 7.21-7.09 (m, 7H), 3.03 (sep, 4H, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.21 (d, 24H, J = 6.8 Hz) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 166.74, 161.63, 157.47, 138.31, 135.40, 131.09, 125.53, 124.47, 123.15, 119.10, 28.07, 23.62 ppm. Anal. Calcd (%) for C₃₂H₄₀N₂O: C, 82.01; H, 8.60; N, 5.98. Found: C, 81.86; H, 8.53; N, 5.82.

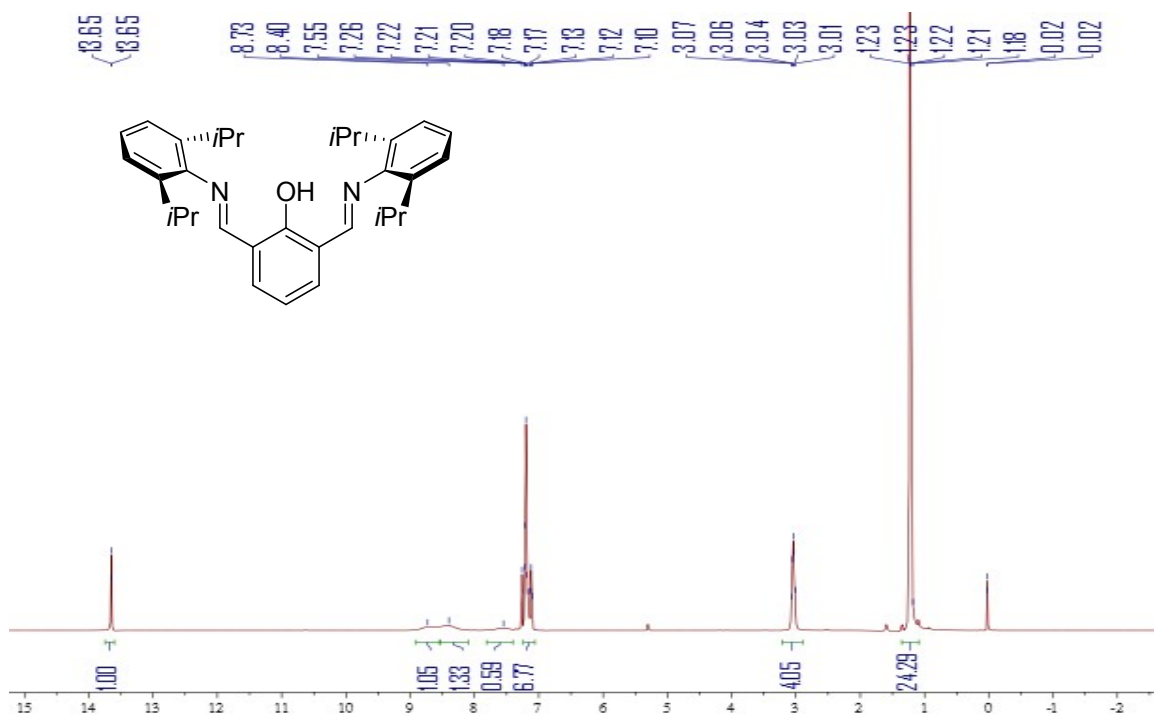


Figure S1: ¹H NMR spectrum of **1** in CDCl₃.

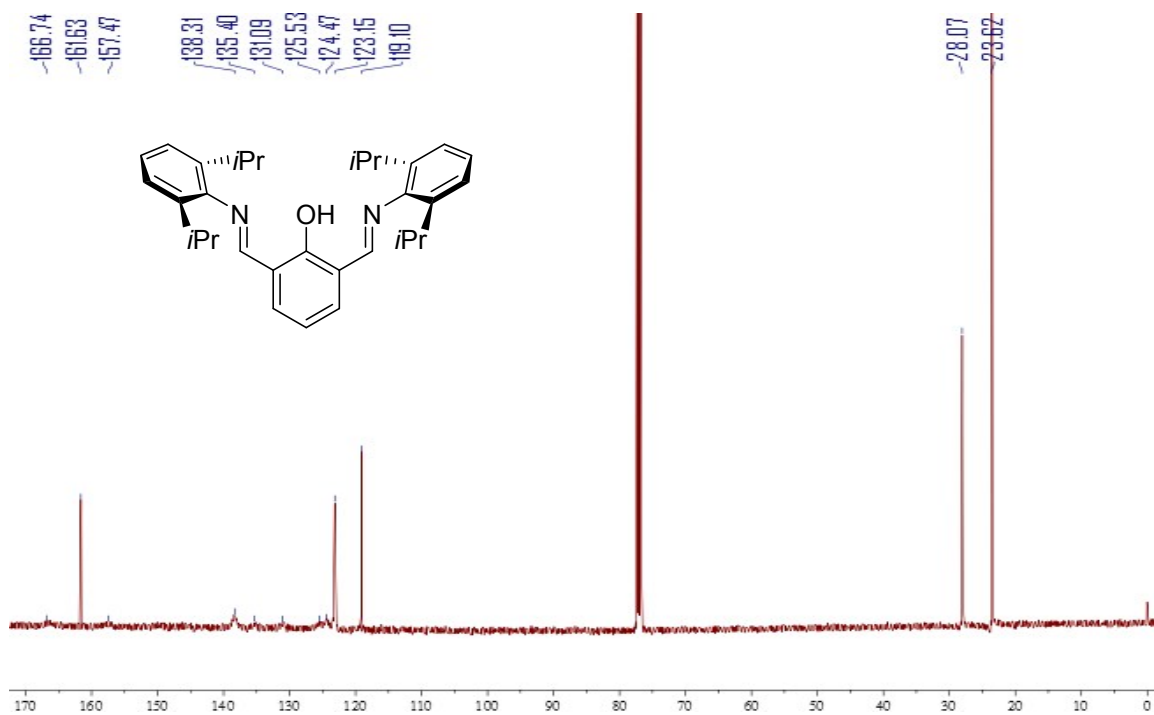


Figure S2: ¹³C NMR spectrum of **1** in CDCl₃.

Synthesis of $C_{44}H_{51}N_3ONi$, (NON)Ni(*o*-tolyl)(py) (**2**)

In an inert atmosphere glovebox, a mixture of **1** (46.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv.) and NaH (10.3 mg, 0.43 mmol, 4.3 equiv.) in THF (2 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 hour. The deprotonated ligand solution was then directly filtered into a solution of (tmeda)Ni(*o*-tolyl)Cl (30.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv.) and pyridine (30.0 mL, 1.5 mmol, 15 equiv.) in THF (3 mL). After being stirred for another 2 hours, the mixture turned into a red orange solution, and NaCl precipitation was evident. Volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The residue was then dissolved in minimal benzene and filtered to collect the filtrate. Volatiles of the filtrate were removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was washed with pentane to yield an orange solid (60.8 mg, 87% yield). Regioisomers (swapping position of tolyl and pyridine on Ni) were not separated (88:12). 1H NMR (C_6D_6 , 500 MHz): δ 8.85 (s, 1H), 8.74 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.5, 1.9$ Hz), 8.61 (m, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.08 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.5, 6.7$ Hz), 7.04 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.7, 1.1$ Hz), 7.02-6.99 (m, 3H), 6.95 (t, 1H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 6.68 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.7, 1.1$ Hz), 6.59 (t, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.54 (m, 2H), 6.47 (m, 1H), 6.28 (tt, 1H, $J = 7.6, 1.5$ Hz), 6.02 (m, 2H), 4.78 (sep, 1H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 3.29 (s, 3H), 3.22 (m, 3H), 1.72 (d, 3H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 1.16 (d, 6H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 1.02 (d, 6H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 0.98 (d, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 0.94 (d, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 0.87 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (C_6D_6 , 125 MHz): δ 167.51, 166.98, 159.28, 152.05, 151.41, 150.58, 149.35, 143.06, 141.41, 140.19, 138.09, 137.95, 136.45, 136.38, 133.56, 126.51, 126.19, 123.96, 123.43, 123.41, 123.16, 122.92, 122.79, 122.66, 122.15, 114.82, 29.33, 28.34, 28.09, 25.83, 25.56, 25.31, 23.75, 23.49, 23.09, 22.15 ppm. Anal. Calcd (%) for $C_{44}H_{51}N_3ONi$: C, 75.87; H, 7.38; N, 6.03. Found: C, 75.49; H, 7.52; N, 5.52.

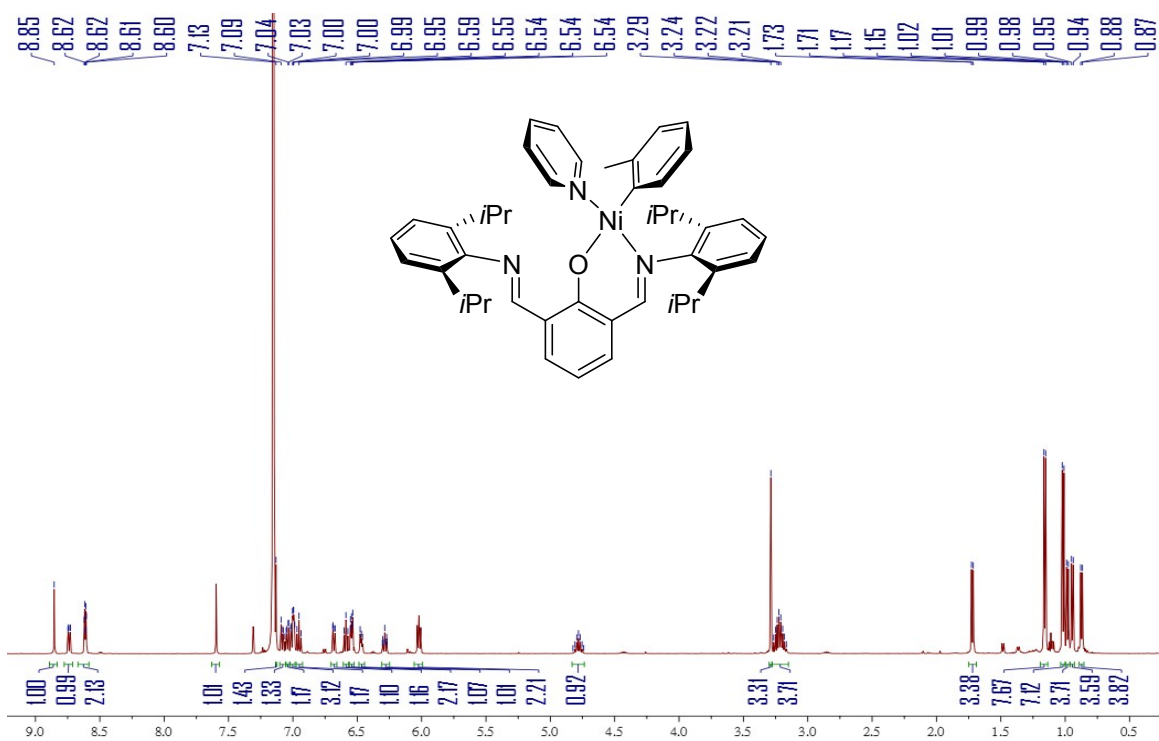


Figure S3: 1H NMR spectrum of **2** in C_6D_6 .

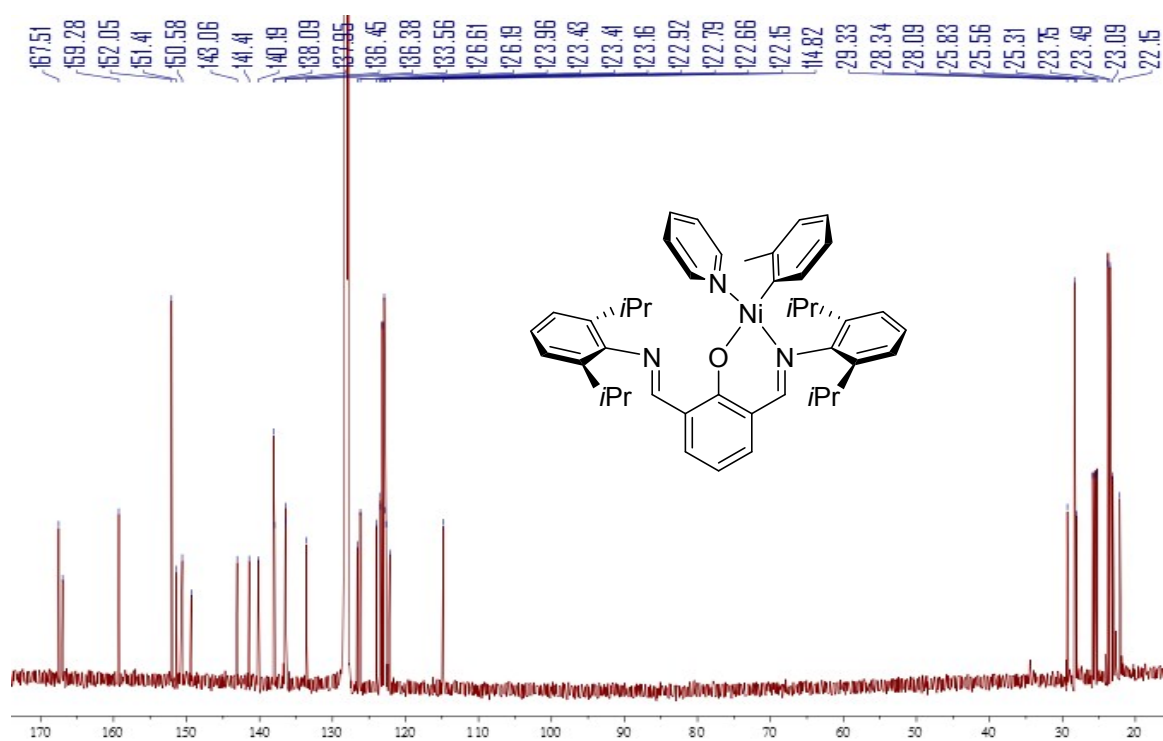


Figure S4: ¹³C NMR spectrum of **2** in C₆D₆.

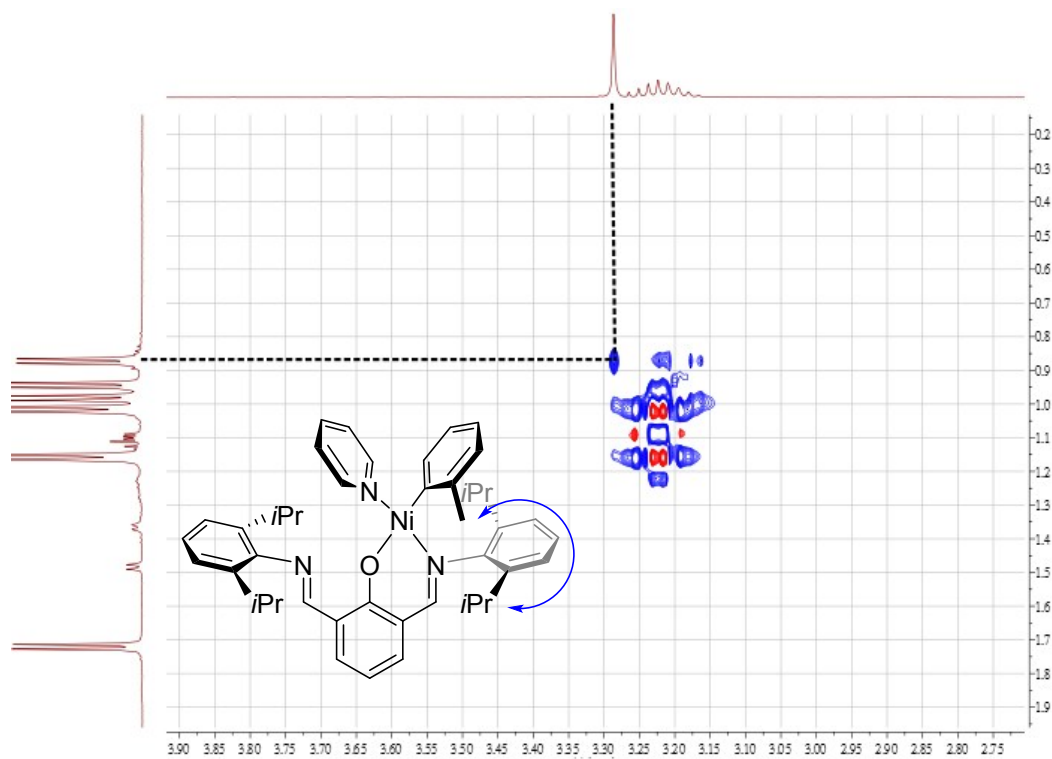


Figure S5: ¹H-¹H NOESY NMR spectrum of **2** in C₆D₆ showing the dominant regioisomer.

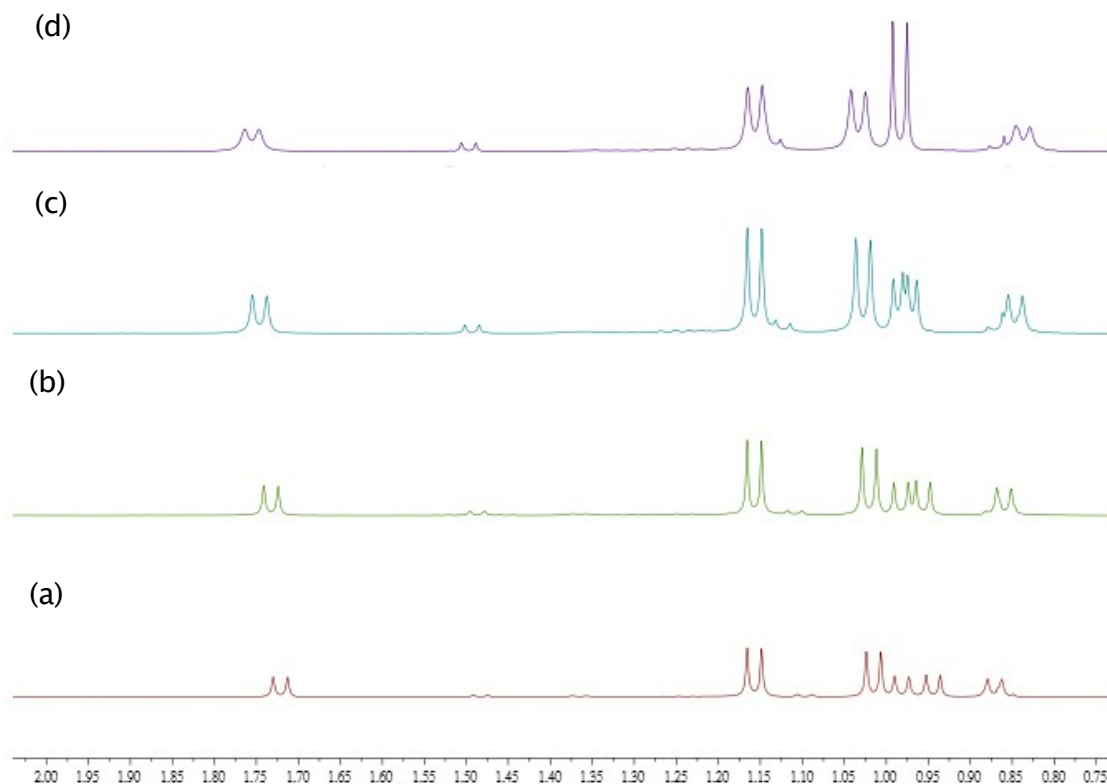


Figure S6: Variable temperature ^1H NMR spectra of **2** in C_6D_6 in the alkyl region: (a) RT, (b) 35 $^\circ\text{C}$, (c) 50 $^\circ\text{C}$, (d) 60 $^\circ\text{C}$.

This VT NMR shows that elevated temperature only results in the coalescence of two isopropyl peaks, which is same in the VT ^1H NMR of complex **5**.

Synthesis of $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_2\text{ONi}$, $(\text{NON})\text{Ni}(\eta^3\text{-C}_4\text{H}_7)$ (**3**).

1 (192 mg, 0.40 mmol, 1 equiv.) and $\text{Ni}(\eta^3\text{-methallyl})_2$ (133.5 mg, 0.80 mmol, 2 equiv.) were dissolved in benzene (2 mL), and stirred at ambient temperature for 2 days. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the residue triturated with hexanes (5 mL) to yield **3** as yellow powder that was collected by filtration. (150 mg, 64% yield). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.13 (m, 5H), 6.73 (t, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 3.91 (sep, 1H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 3.36 (sep, 2H, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 3.13 (sep, 1H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 2.99 (s, 1H), 2.62 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 1H), 1.37 (d, 6H, $J = 4.3$ Hz), 1.25-1.20 (m, 16H), 1.08 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz) ppm. ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ 166.51, 165.04, 160.61, 152.03, 150.55, 140.05, 139.10, 138.38, 138.04, 132.46, 128.26, 126.88, 126.38, 123.79, 123.72, 123.41, 123.06, 120.41, 114.50, 60.73, 50.08, 28.37, 28.01, 25.51, 25.39, 23.92, 23.86, 23.07, 23.05, 22.67 ppm. Anal. Calcd (%) for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_2\text{ONi}$: C, 74.36; H, 7.97; N, 4.82. Found: C, 74.29; H, 8.02; N, 4.68.

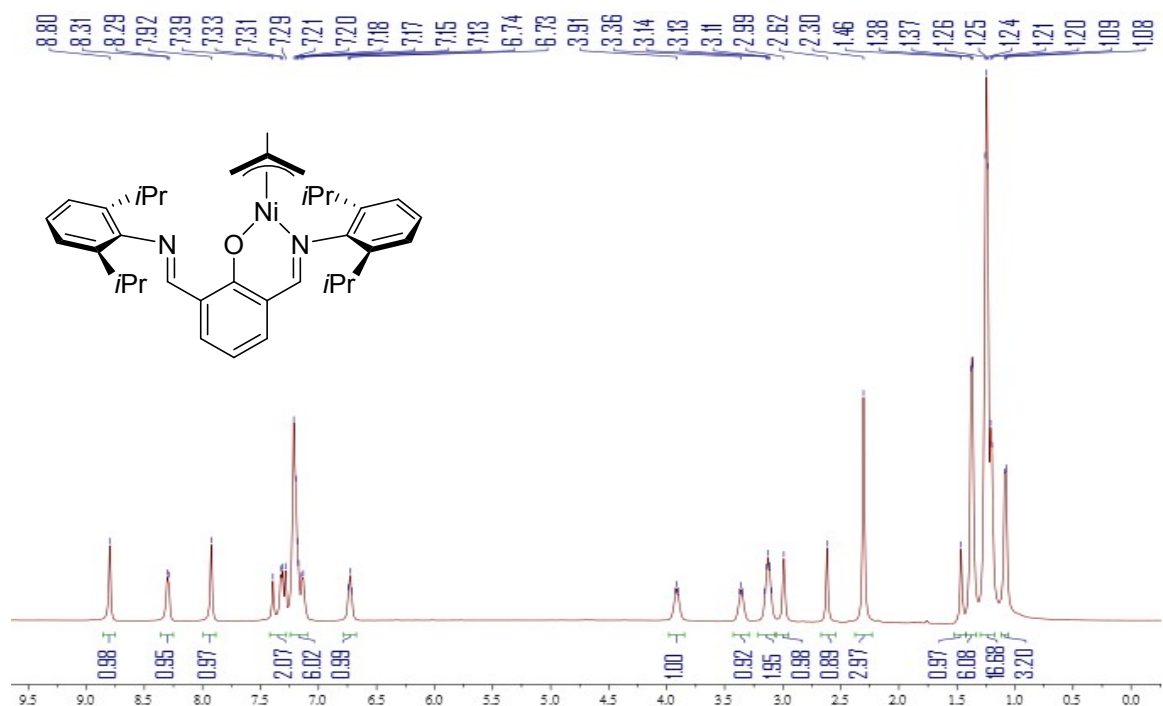


Figure S7: ^1H NMR spectrum of **3** in CDCl_3 .

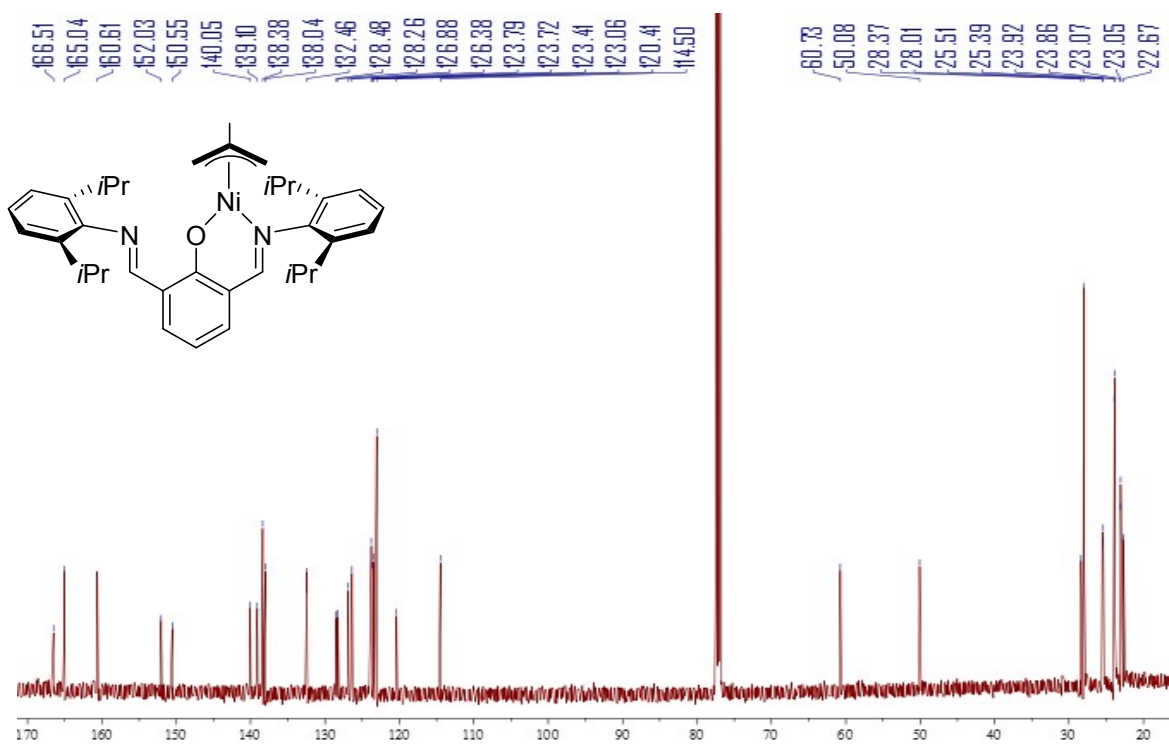


Figure S8: ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **3** in CDCl_3 .

Synthesis of $C_{32}H_{40}N_2ONiBr_2$, $H(NON)NiBr_2$ (**4**)

THF (10 mL) was added to a mixture of solid $NiBr_2$ (63.1 mg, 0.29 mmol, 1 equiv.) and **1** (148 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) at ambient temperature. The mixture was stirred for three days and then the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The residue was then dissolved in minimal CH_2Cl_2 and filtered to collect the filtrate. Volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the precipitate was washed with benzene (5 mL) to yield paramagnetic **4** as a dark brown yellow powder. (167 mg, 84% yield). X-ray quality brown flowery crystals were obtained by layering toluene on the top of CH_2Cl_2 solution at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz): δ 44.38 (s), 35.66 (s), 25.86 (s), 18.26 (s), 14.94 (s), 13.77 (s), 12.50 (br), 11.05 (s), 10.04 (s), 6.38 (s), 6.17 (s), 2.62 (s), -0.05 (s), -7.64 (s) ppm. Anal. Calcd (%) for $C_{35}H_{44}N_2ONi$: C, 55.93; H, 5.87; N, 4.08. Found: C, 59.13; H, 6.06; N, 3.24.

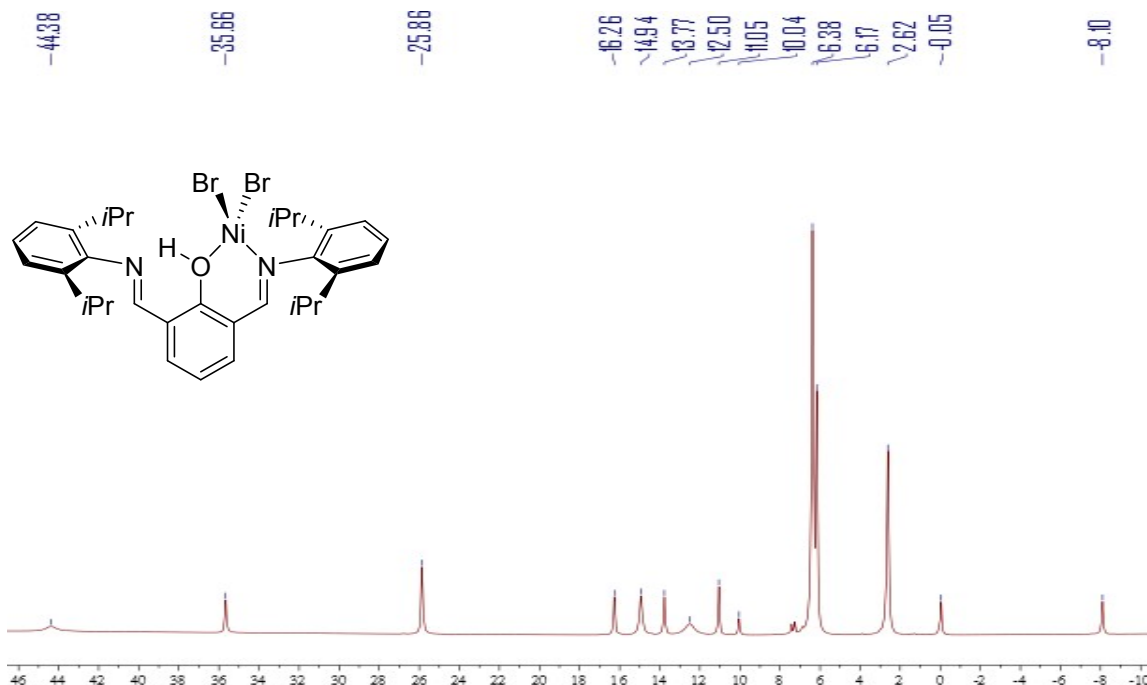


Figure S9: 1H NMR spectrum of **4** in $CDCl_3$.

Synthesis of $C_{36}H_{46}N_2ONiZnBr_2$, $(NON)Ni(\eta^3-C_4H_7)ZnBr_2$ (**5**)

A mixture of **3** (46.8 mg, 0.81 mmol, 1 equiv.) and $ZnBr_2$ (20.8 mg, 0.92 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in THF (2 mL) was stirred overnight at ambient temperature. Volatiles were then removed *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in minimal CH_2Cl_2 and filtered to collect the filtrate. Volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The orange yellow crude product was recrystallized from slow vapor diffusion of pentane into THF to yield brown red crystals of **5** (57.8 mg, 89% yield). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz): δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.53 (t, 2H, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 7.29-7.19 (m, 6H), 7.08 (t, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 3.81 (s, 1H), 3.61 (sep, 1H, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 3.50 (sep, 1H, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 3.22 (sep, 1H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 3.13 (sep, 1H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 2.47 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.79 (s, 1H), 1.63 (s, 1H), 1.55 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 1.36 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 1.33 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 1.29-1.27 (m, 6H), 1.16 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 1.14 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 1.10 (d, 3H, 6.9 Hz) ppm. ^{13}C ($CDCl_3$, 125 MHz): δ 169.63, 165.69, 164.10, 149.75, 144.62, 140.69, 140.10, 139.89, 139.78, 138.92, 130.39, 127.56, 127.32, 125.28, 124.70, 124.10, 123.90, 123.79, 118.86, 59.09, 53.44, 28.71, 28.60, 28.42, 28.40, 25.78, 25.33, 24.84, 24.11, 23.47, 23.37, 22.88, 22.52 ppm. Anal. Calcd (%) for $C_{36}H_{46}N_2ONiZnBr_2$: C, 53.60; H, 5.75; N, 3.47. Found: C, 54.40; H, 5.98; N, 2.77.

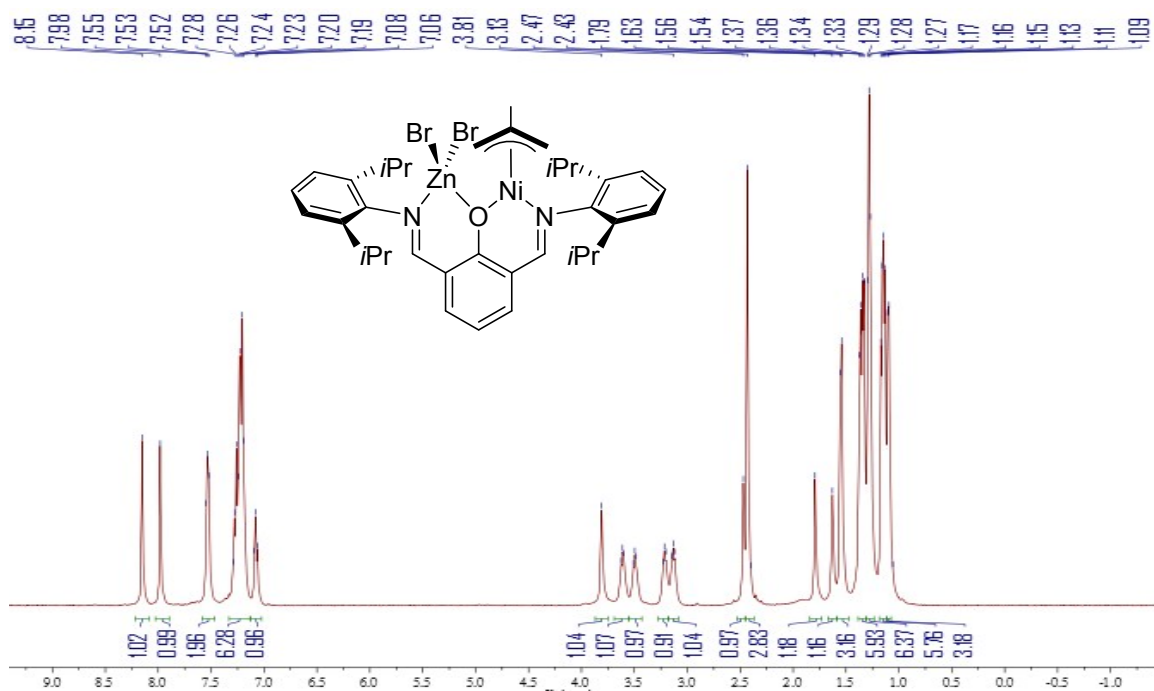


Figure S10: ¹H NMR spectrum of **5** in CDCl₃.

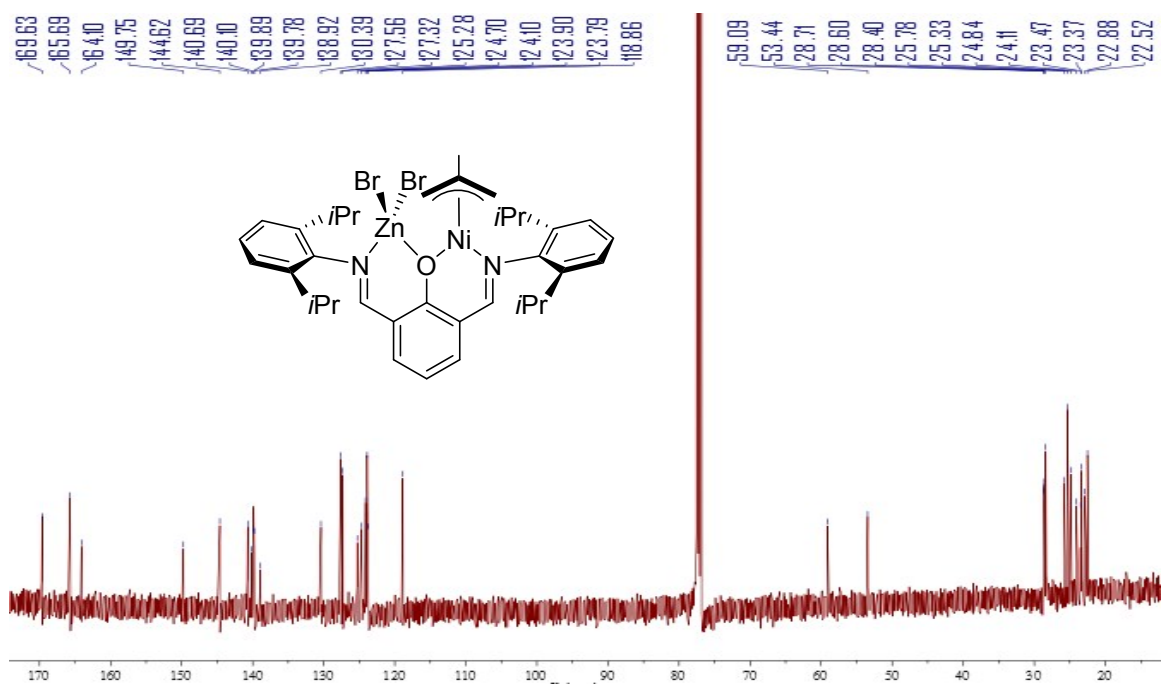


Figure S11: ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5** in CDCl₃.

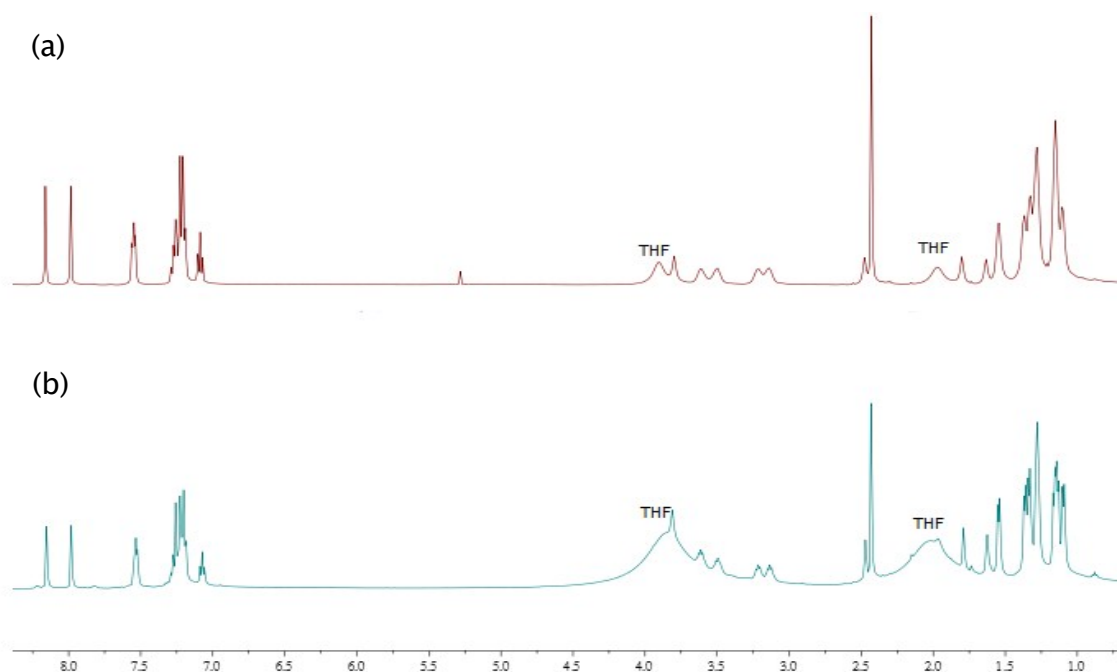


Figure S12: Stacked ^1H NMR spectrum of **5** in CDCl_3 (a) in the crude mixture with THF and (b) titrated with multiple equivalents of THF.

NMR reaction between complex **4** and ZnEt_2

To a solution of **4** (6.8 mg, 0.01 mmol, 1 equiv.) in CD_2Cl_2 (0.4 mL) in a NMR tube in a N_2 -filled glovebox, ZnEt_2 (1.0 μL , 0.01 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added along the NMR tube wall. After being brought out of the glovebox, the NMR tube was cooled down in a LN_2 bath to prevent reaction. The NMR tube was warmed back up to ambient temperature and shaken to mix the reactants right before NMR data collection.

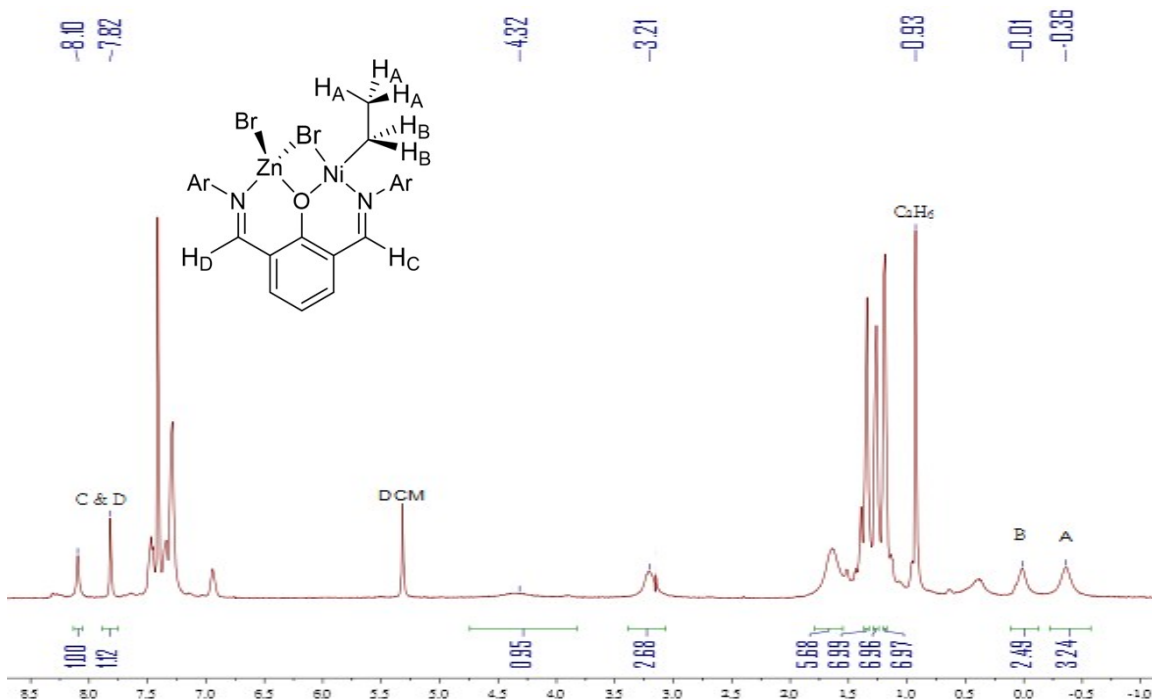


Figure S13: *In situ* ^1H NMR of stoichiometric mixture of **4** and ZnEt_2 in CD_2Cl_2 .

X-ray Crystal Data: General Procedure

Crystals were removed quickly from a scintillation vial to a microscope slide coated with paraffin oil. Samples were selected and mounted on the tip of a 0.1 mm diameter glass capillary. The structures were solved by direct methods. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically with the exception of the OH proton in **4** which was placed with residual electron density and found to be bound to the free imine. Additionally in **4**, the NiBr₂ moiety was modelled over the two positions in the ligand. In **5**, Br1 was modelled over two positions. A disordered pentane molecule in **4** was removed from the unit cell using Platon SQUEEZE12. Refined data details and cell parameters are available in Table S1.

Table S1: Crystal and refinement data for **4** and **5**.

	4	5
CCDC Number	1525489	1525490
Empirical Formula	C ₃₂ H ₄₀ Br ₂ N ₂ NiO · C ₇ H ₈	C ₃₆ H ₄₆ Br ₂ N ₂ NiOZn
Formula weight	779.28	806.65
T (K)	123	124
<i>a</i> , Å	14.2254(4)	47.250(3)
<i>b</i> , Å	15.6563(5)	10.7808(6)
<i>c</i> , Å	18.0121(5)	15.9557(10)
α , deg	90	90
β , deg	111.534(1)	107.470(2)
γ , deg	90	90
Volume, Å ³	3731.59(19)	7752.8(8)
Z	4	8
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space Group	P21/c	C2/c
<i>d</i> _{calc} , g/cm ³	1.387	1.382
ϑ Range, deg	2.599 - 28.25	2.276 - 3.489
μ , mm ⁻¹	2.693	3.193
Abs. Correction	MULTI-SCAN	MULTI-SCAN
GOF	1.037	1.066
<i>R</i> ₁ , ^a	0.0444	0.0321
<i>wR</i> ₂ ^b [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	0.0940	0.0844

Table S2. Supplementary Information of Ethylene Polymerization Experiment with **2** – **6**.^a

entry	catalyst	additive (equiv.)	reaction temperature (°C)	Yield (mg)	Branches (1/1000C)
1	2	none	35	39	13
2	2	none	50	303	31
3	2	ZnBr ₂ (11)	35	146	25
4	2	ZnBr ₂ (11)	50	68	33
5	2	ZnCl ₂ (11)	35	55	23
6	2	ZnCl ₂ (11)	50	41	59
7	3	none	50	0	n.a.
8	3	ZnBr ₂ (11)	35	5	33
9	3	ZnBr ₂ (11)	50	13	38
10	4	none	35	0	n.a.
11	4	ZnEt ₂ (1)	r.t. ^e	207	22
12	4	ZnEt ₂ (1)	35	113	22
13	4	ZnEt ₂ (1)	50	148	21
14	4	ZnEt ₂ (2)	r.t. ^e	113	22
15	4	ZnEt ₂ (1)	r.t. ^e	244	24
16	4	ZnBr ₂ (11)	r.t. ^e	160	43
17	4	ZnEt ₂ (1) THF (20)	r.t. ^e	132	23
18	5	none	50	0	n.a.
19	5	ZnBr ₂ (10)	35	6	21
20	5	ZnBr ₂ (10)	50	9	32
21	6 ^d	none	50	145	71
22	6 ^d	ZnBr ₂ (11)	35	607	37
23	6 ^d	ZnBr ₂ (11)	50	507	69

^aCondition: [cat] = 1.25 mM in 2 mL of toluene, 100 psi of ethylene, 3 hours. All the data is triplicated and presented in the average. Bimodal distribution would be deconvoluted by LogNormal fitting. ^bR_i = (amplitude of lower M_n peak)/(amplitude of higher M_n peak). ^cDetermined by ¹H NMR of polymers. ^d6 = (6-*t*Bu-salicyl(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)iminato)Ni(*o*-tolyl)(py). ^eWithout any thermal control.

Table S3: polymerization reactions with no ethylene consumption.

entry	catalyst	additive (equiv.)	reaction temperature (°C)
1	1	None	35
2	1	ZnEt ₂ (1)	35
3	2	ZnEt ₂ (1)	35
4	3	None	35
5	3	None	70
6	3	ZnBr ₂ (1)	50
7	3	ZnEt ₂ (1)	50
8	4	None	35
9	4	ZnEt ₂ (10)	Not controlled
10	5	None	50

Ethylene Consumption Curves

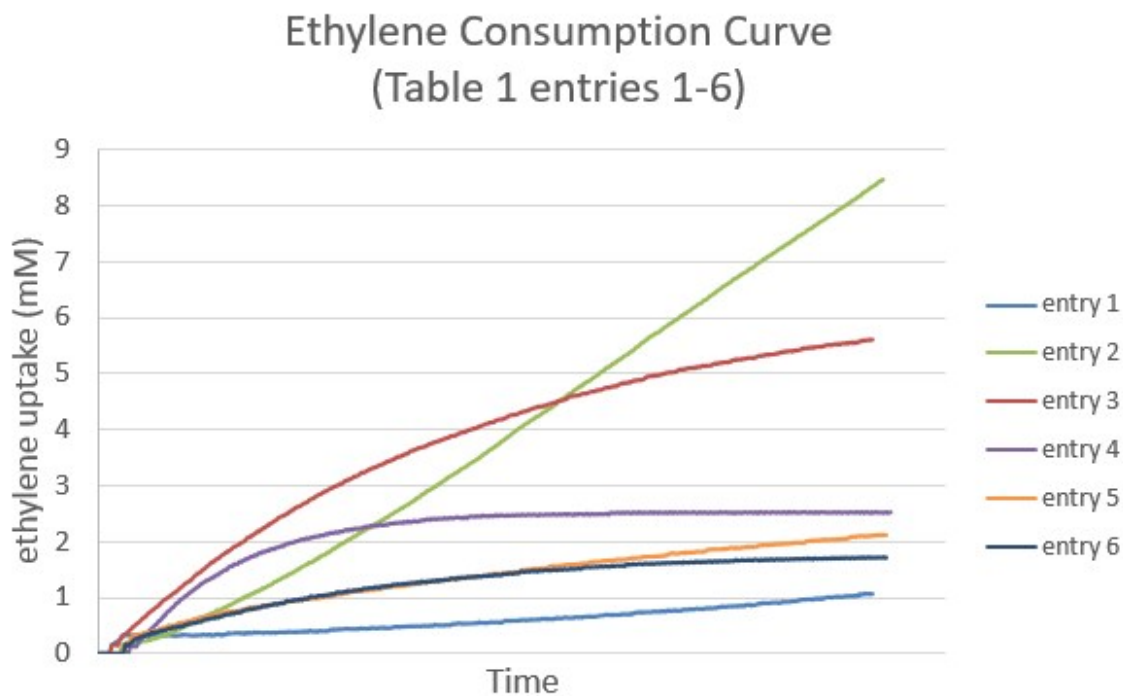


Figure S15: Ethylene consumption curves of **2** (Table 1, entries 1-7).

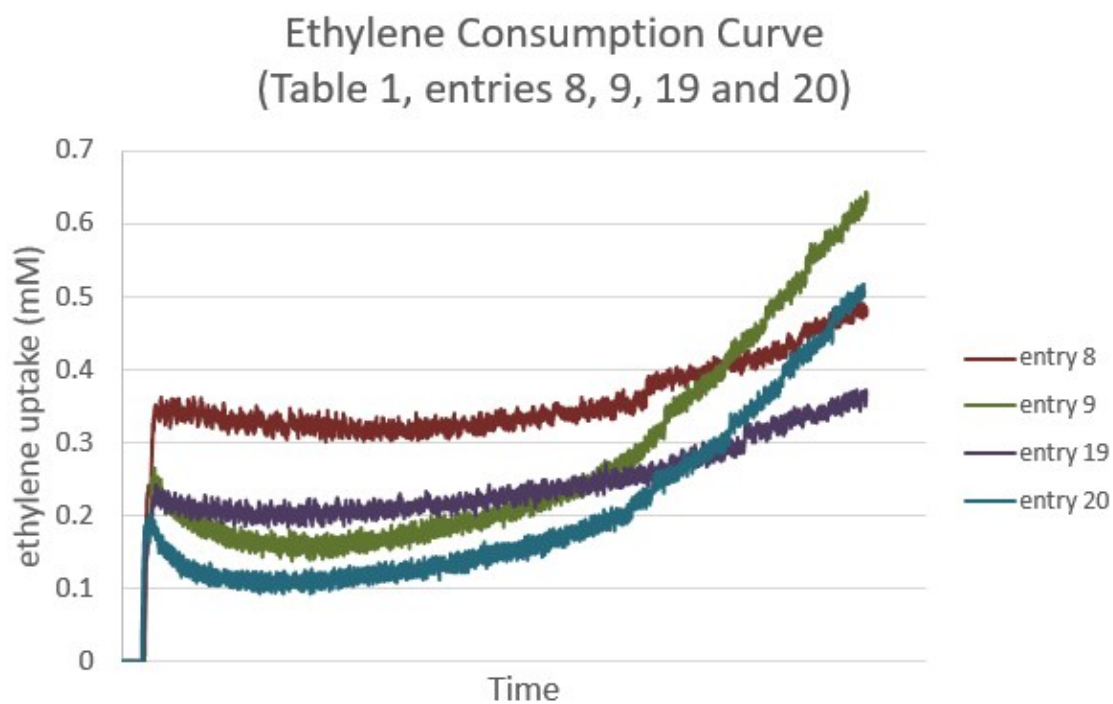


Figure S16: Ethylene consumption curves of **3** and **5** (Table 1, entries 9, 10, 20 and 21).

Ethylene Consumption Curve (Table 1, entries 11-17)

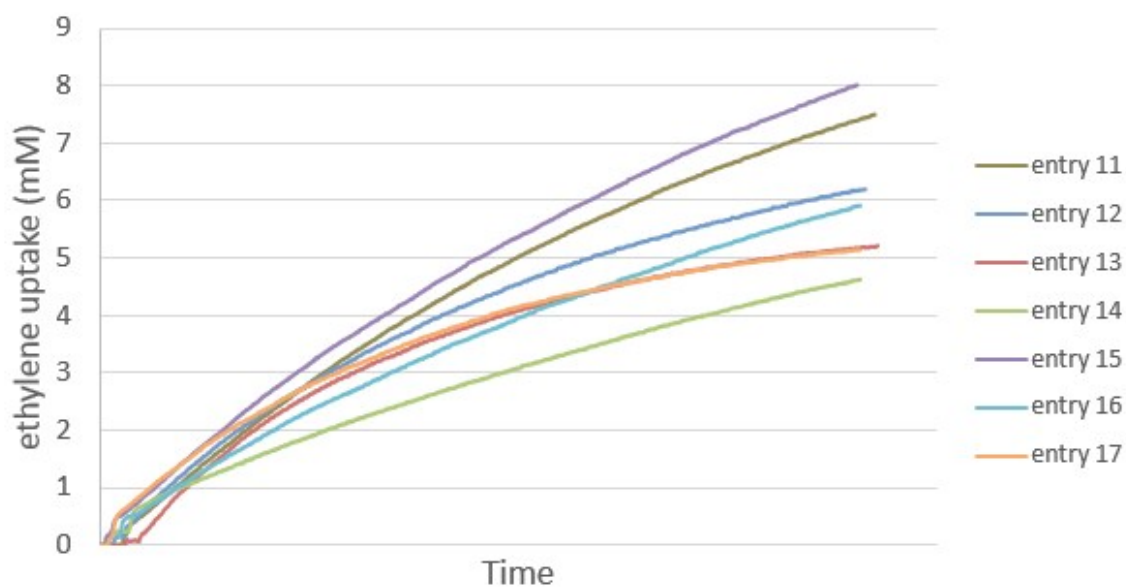


Figure S17: Ethylene consumption curves of **4** (Table 1, entries 12-18).

Ethylene Consumption Curve (Table 1, entries 21-23)

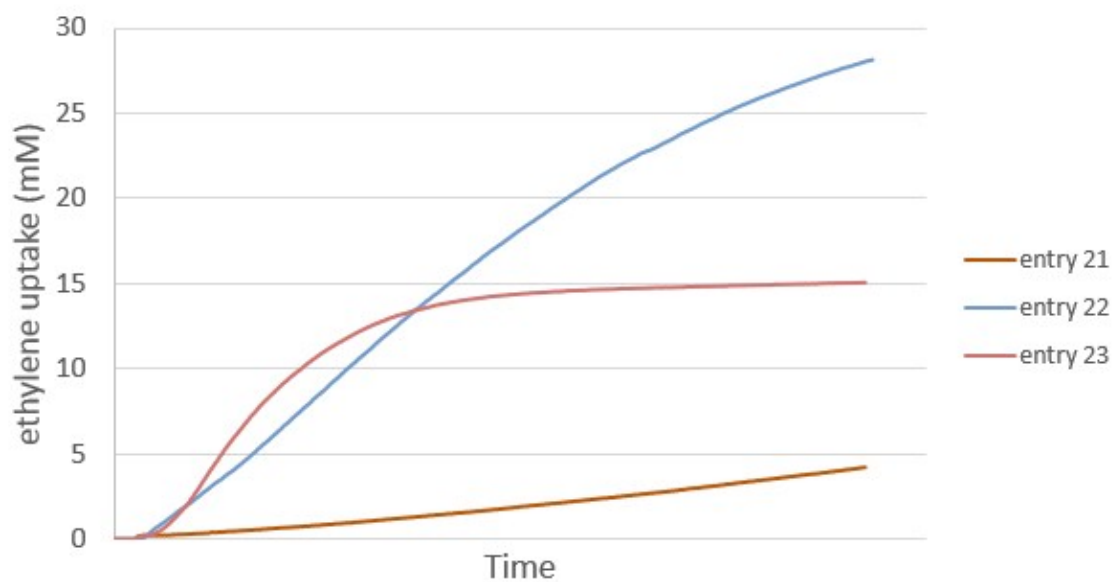


Figure S18: Ethylene consumption curves of **7** (Table 1, entries 20-22).

Polymer Characterization- GPC and ^1H NMR

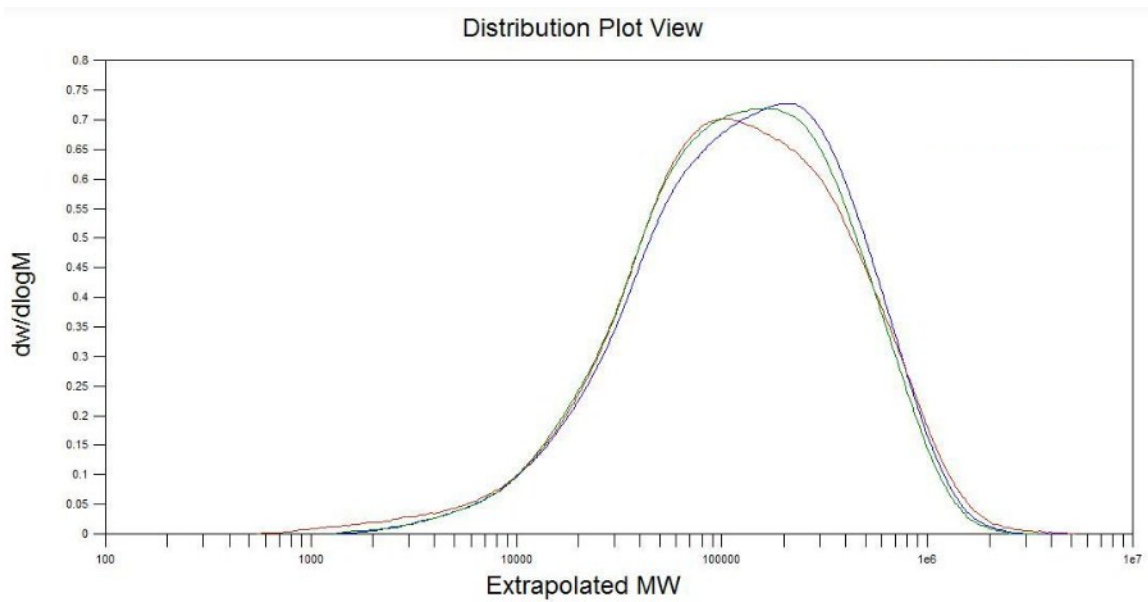


Figure S19: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **2** at 35 °C in three runs (Table 1, entry 1).

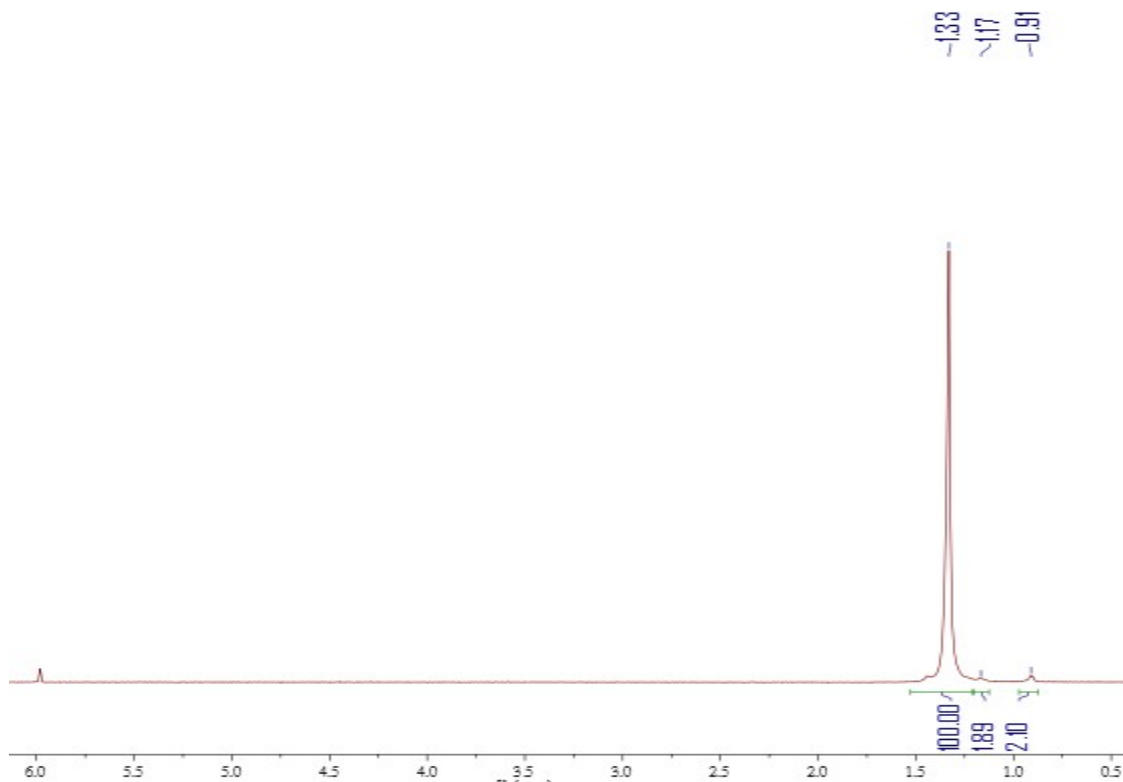


Figure S20: ^1H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane- D_2 at $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ of the polyethylene made with **2** at $35\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (Table 1, entry 1).

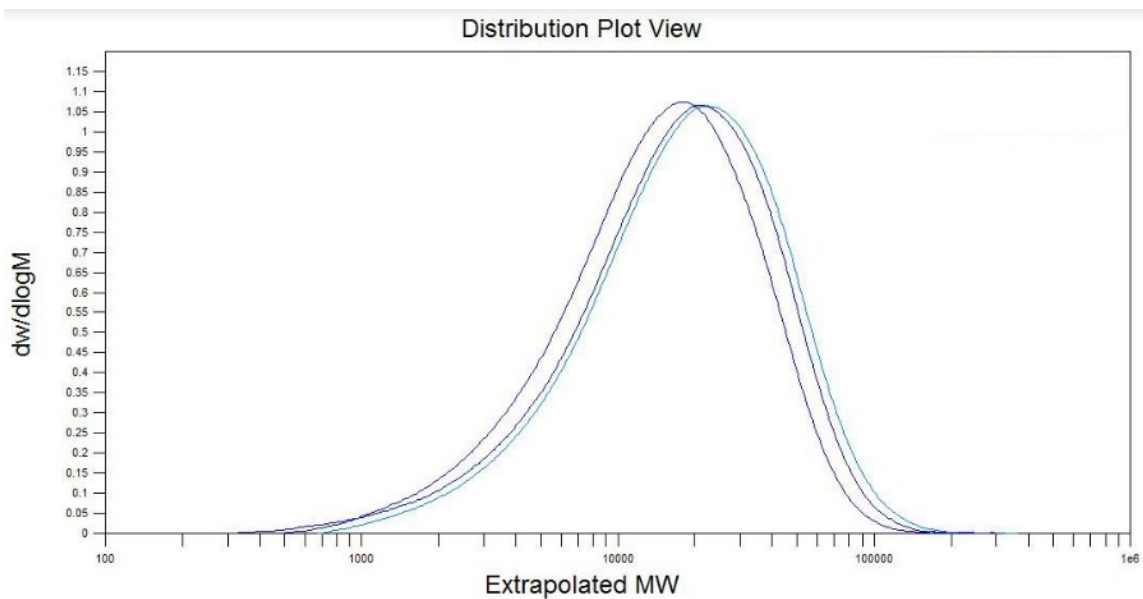


Figure S21: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **2** at $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in three runs (Table 1, entry 2).

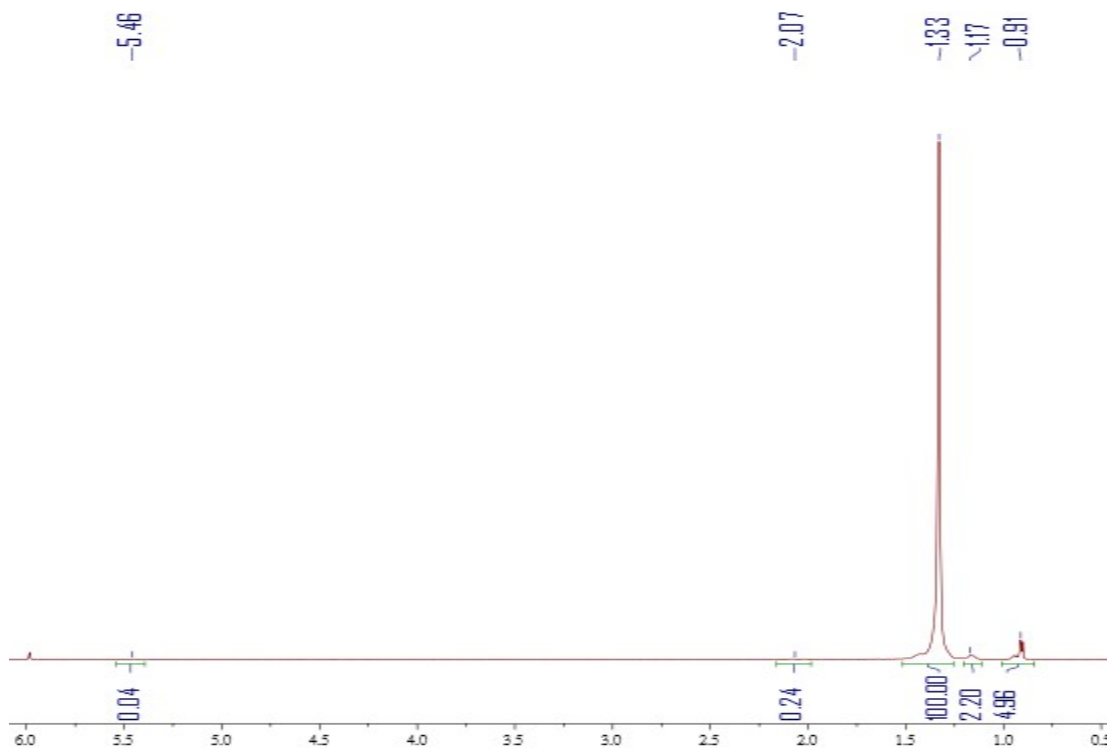


Figure S22: ^1H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane- D_2 at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ of the polyethylene made with **2** at 50 $^\circ\text{C}$ (Table 1, entry 2).

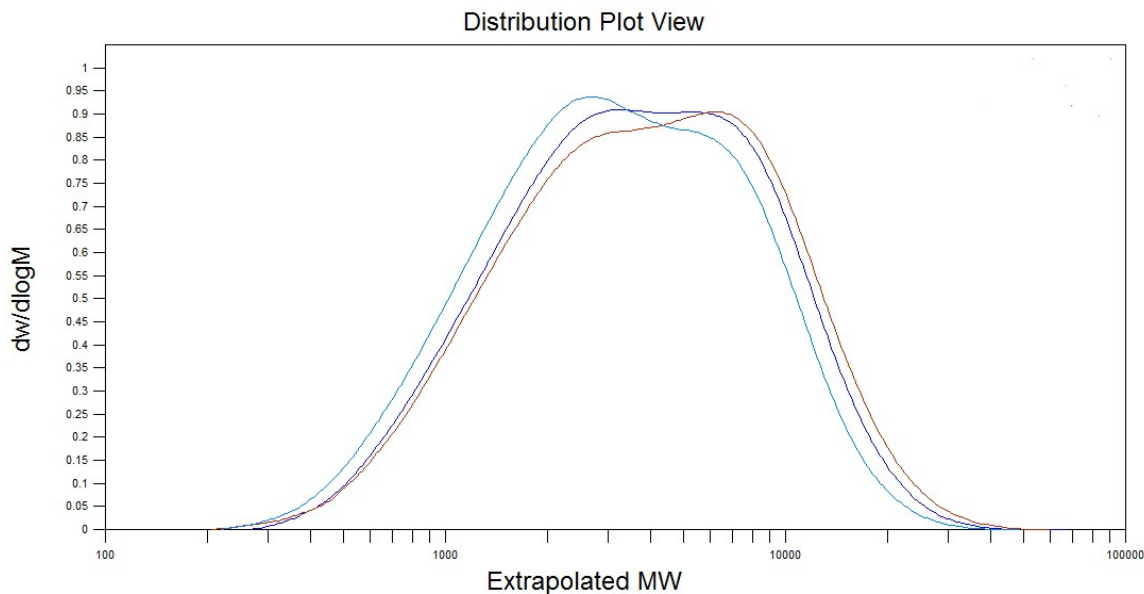


Figure S23: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **2** at 35 $^\circ\text{C}$ with 11 equiv. ZnBr_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 3).

Table S4. GPC trace deconvolution of the polyethylene made with **2** at 35 $^\circ\text{C}$ with 11 equiv. ZnBr_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 3).

	Peak label	Location	Height	Area	FWHM	Fit function parameters		
						Location	Width	Height
Trial 1	Low M_n	2680	0.937	8210	6630	2680	1.248	0.937
		± 10	± 0.002	± 440	± 350	± 10	± 0.005	± 0.002
	High M_n	8100	0.318	2730	7740	8100	0.554	0.318
		± 20	± 0.005	± 90	± 260	± 20	± 0.005	± 0.005
Trial 2	Low M_n	2620	0.791	5750	5720	2620	1.136	0.791
		± 20	± 0.003	± 740	± 740	± 20	± 0.006	± 0.003
	High M_n	8500	0.554	6920	10920	8500	0.726	0.554
		± 30	± 0.007	± 770	± 1210	± 30	± 0.004	± 0.007
Trial 3	Low M_n	3090	0.917	9880	8020	3090	1.294	0.917
		± 20	± 0.003	± 970	± 790	± 20	± 0.006	± 0.003
	High M_n	8640	0.318	3050	8620	8640	0.577	0.318
		± 20	± 0.006	± 100	± 300	± 20	± 0.006	± 0.006

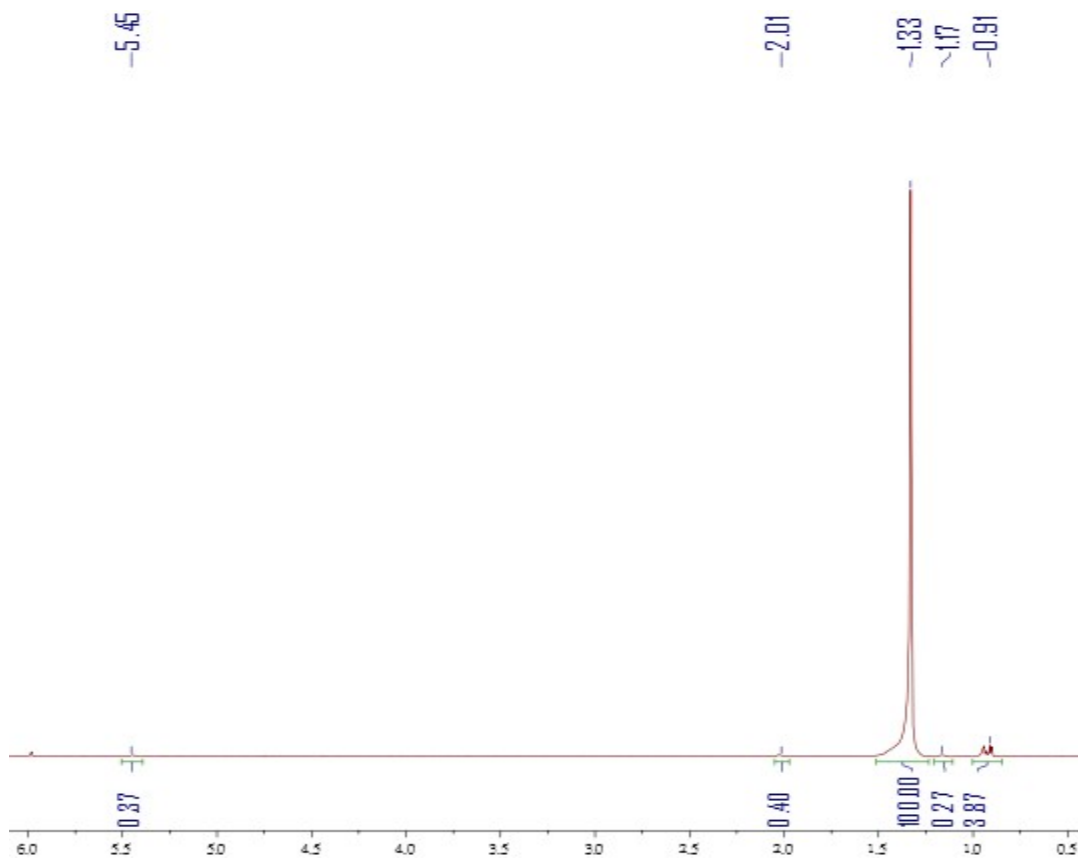


Figure S24: ¹H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane-D₂ at 100 °C of the polyethylene made with **2** at 35 °C with 11 equiv. ZnBr₂ (Table 1, entry 3).

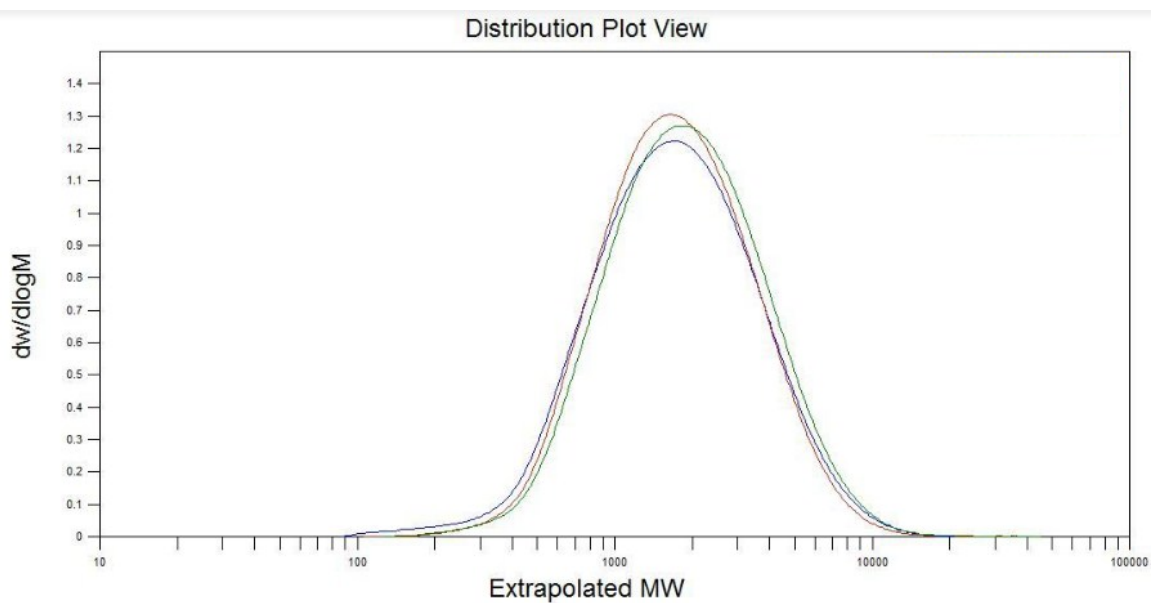


Figure S25: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **2** at 50 °C with 11 equiv. ZnBr₂ in three runs (Table 1, entry 4).

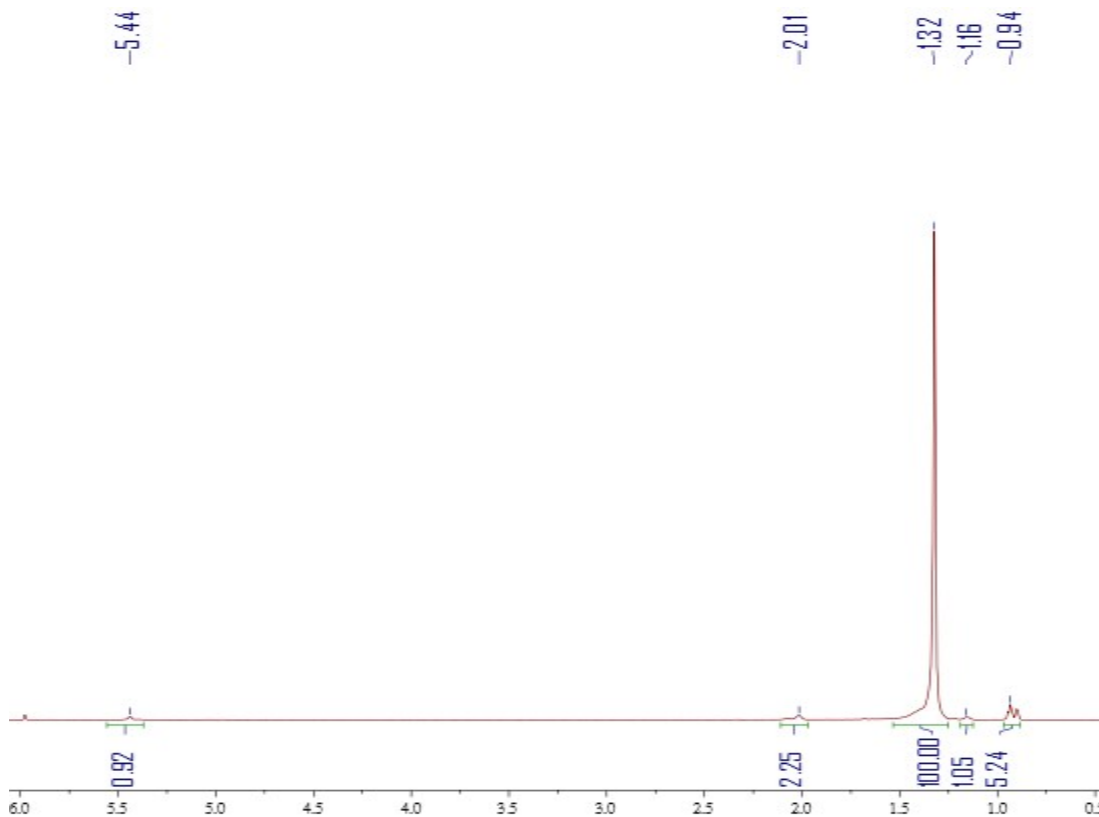


Figure S26: ¹H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane-D₂ at 100 °C of the polyethylene made with **2** at 50 °C with 11 equiv. ZnBr₂ (Table 1, entry 4).

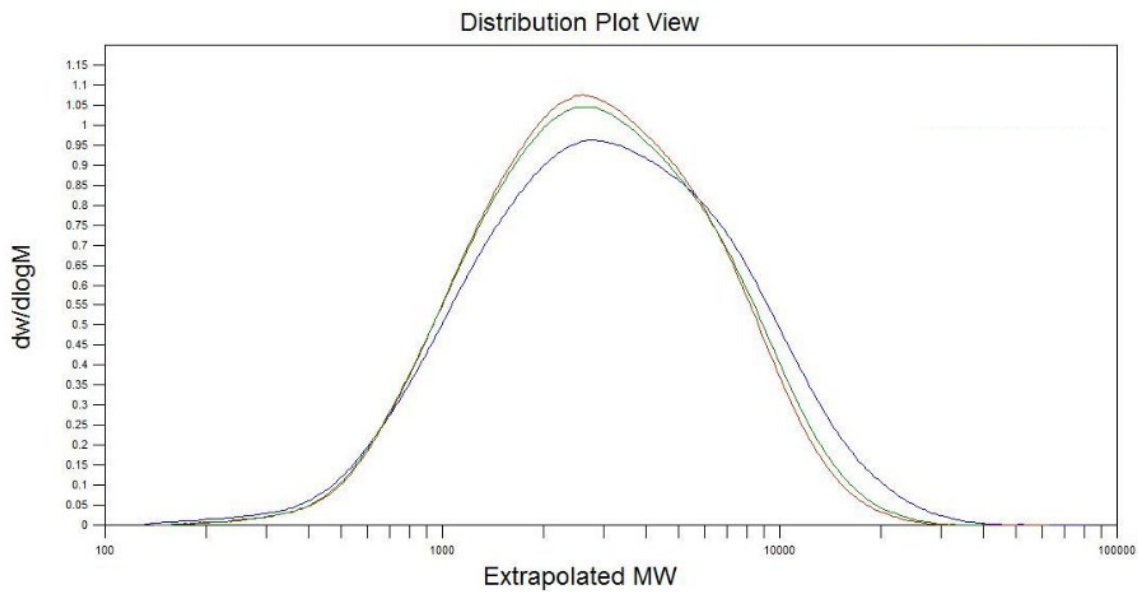


Figure S27: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **2** at 35 °C with 11 equiv. ZnCl_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 5).

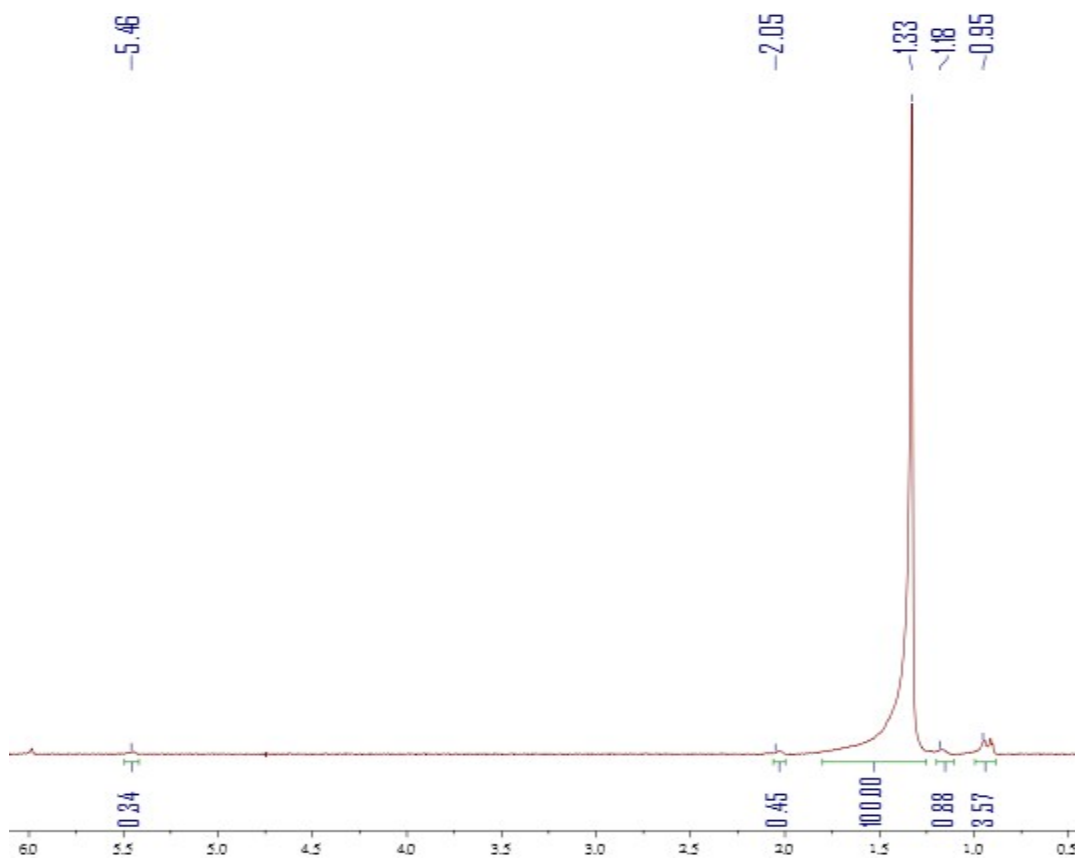


Figure S28: ^1H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane- D_2 at $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ of the polyethylene made with **2** at $35\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ with 11 equiv. ZnCl_2 (Table 1, entry 5).

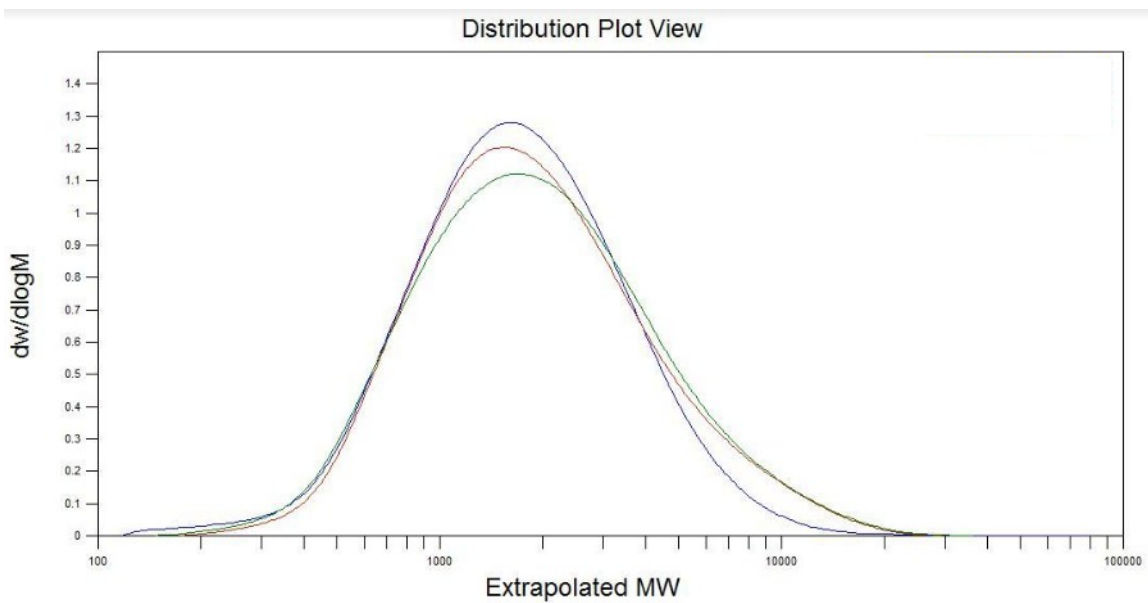


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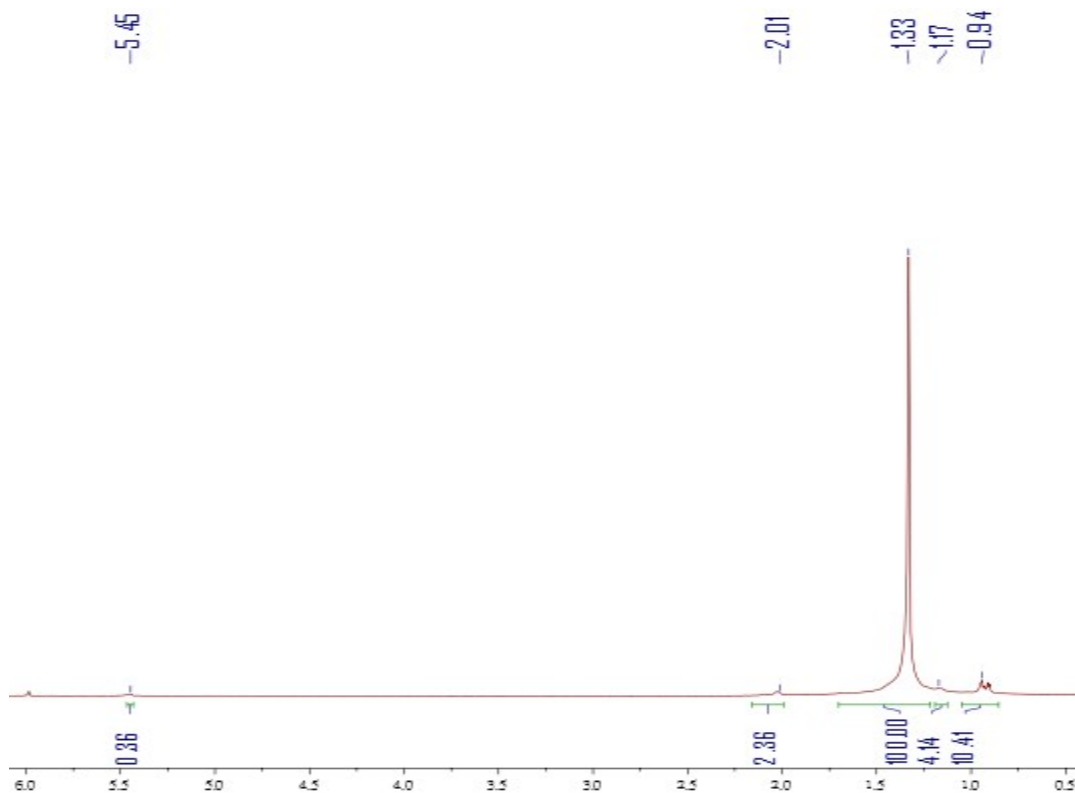


Figure S30: ^1H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane- D_2 at $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ of the polyethylene made with **2** at $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ with 11 equiv. ZnCl_2 (Table 1, entry 6).

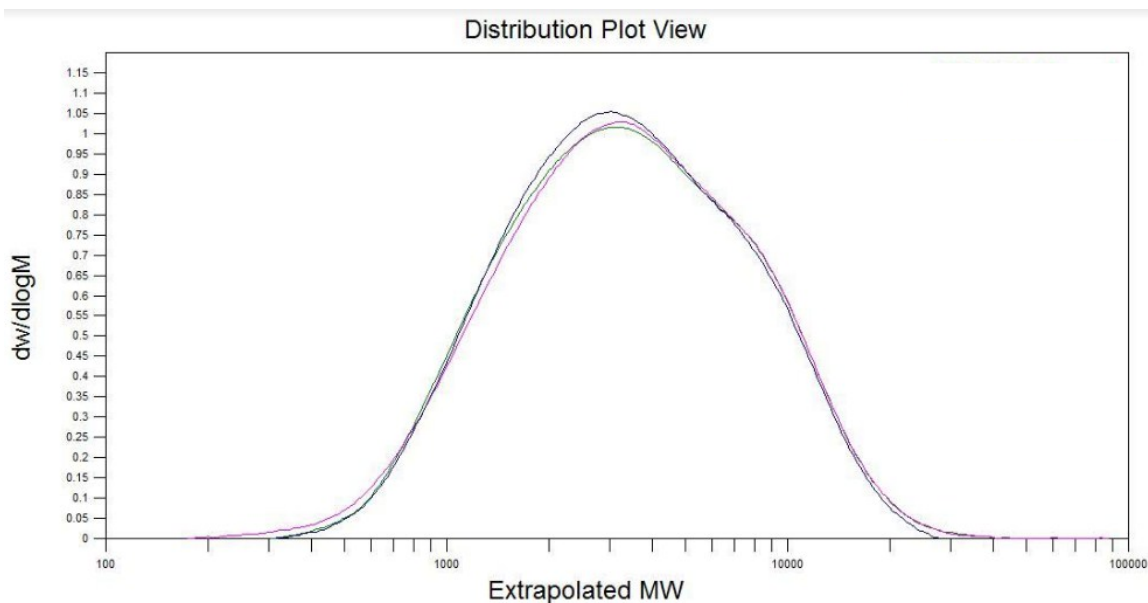


Figure S31: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **3** at $35\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ with 11 equiv. ZnBr_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 8).

Table S5. GPC trace deconvolution of the polyethylene made with **3** at $35\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ with 11 equiv. ZnBr_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 8).

	Peak label	Location	Height	Area	FWHM	Fit function parameters		
						Location	Width	Height
Trial 1	Low M_n	2450	0.971	5650	4730	2450	1.029	0.971
		± 30	± 0.008	± 2380	± 1990	± 30	± 0.011	± 0.008
	High M_n	7910	0.485	5790	10400	7910	0.742	0.485
		± 110	± 0.017	± 8360	± 15020	± 110	± 0.011	± 0.017
Trial 2	Low M_n	2670	1.072	7400	5520	2670	1.085	1.072
		± 20	± 0.004	± 810	± 600	± 20	± 0.007	± 0.004
	High M_n	8720	0.369	4270	10240	8720	0.670	0.369
		± 60	± 0.009	± 2040	± 4890	± 60	± 0.008	± 0.009
Trial 3	Low M_n	3000	1.033	8990	6780	3000	1.166	1.033
		± 10	± 0.002	± 570	± 430	± 10	± 0.005	± 0.002
	High M_n	9120	0.244	2250	8360	9120	0.533	0.244
		± 40	± 0.006	± 310	± 1160	± 40	± 0.009	± 0.006

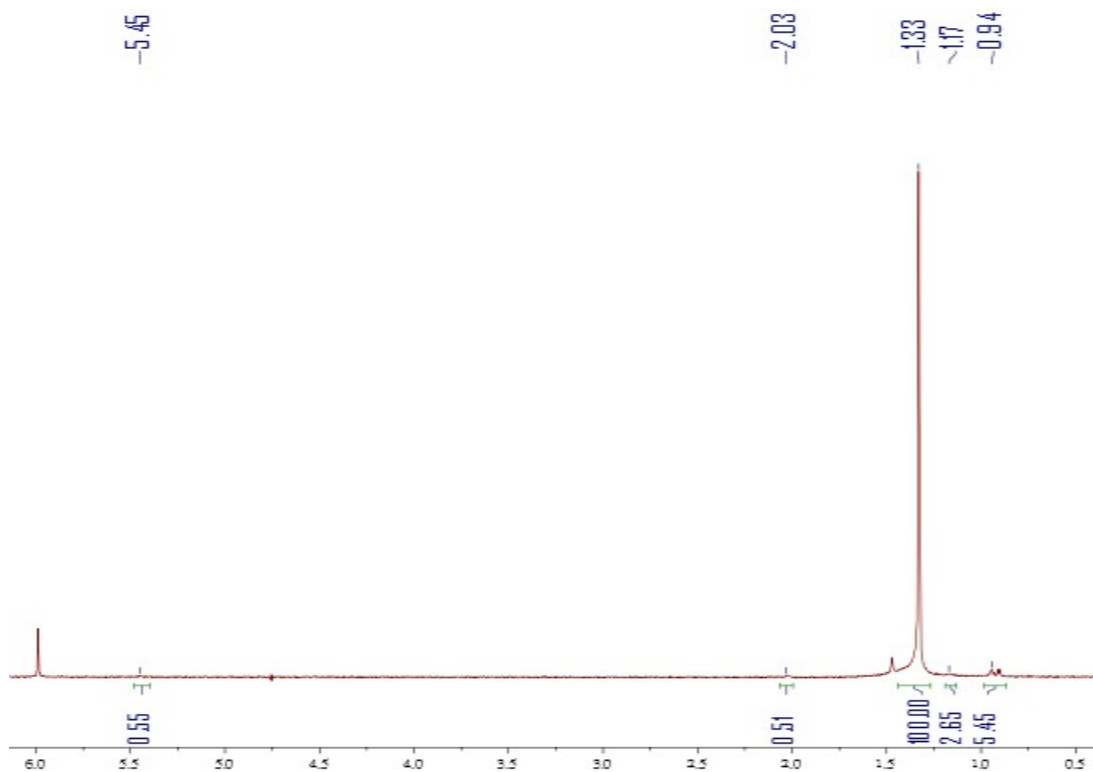


Figure S32: ^1H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane- D_2 at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ of the polyethylene made with **3** at 35 $^\circ\text{C}$ with 11 equiv. ZnBr_2 (Table 1, entry 8).

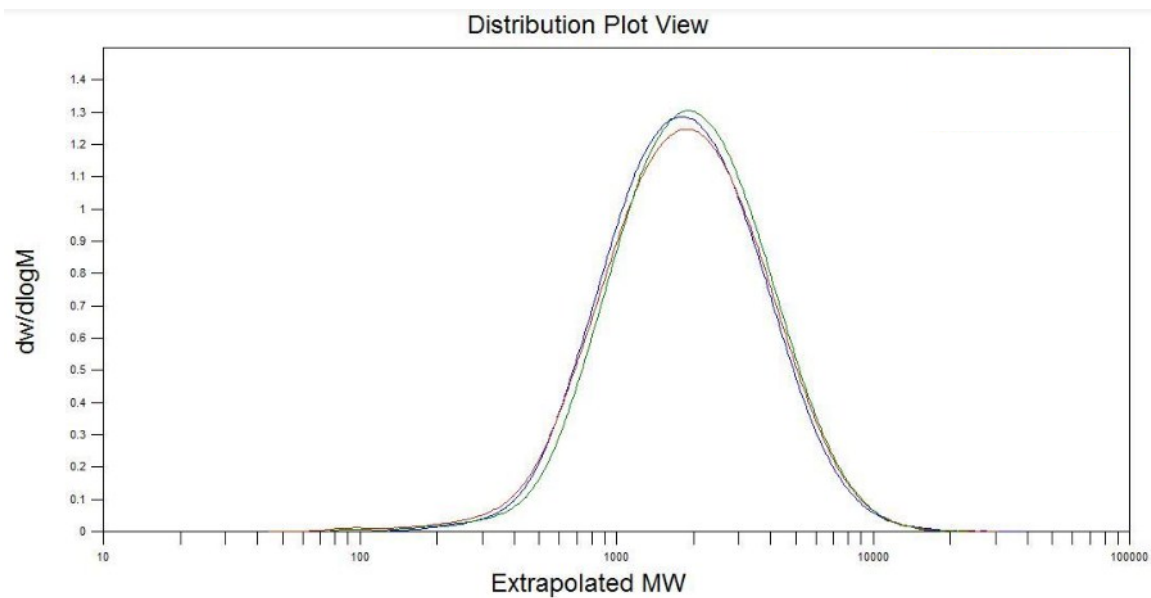


Figure S33: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **3** at 50 $^\circ\text{C}$ with 11 equiv. ZnBr_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 9).

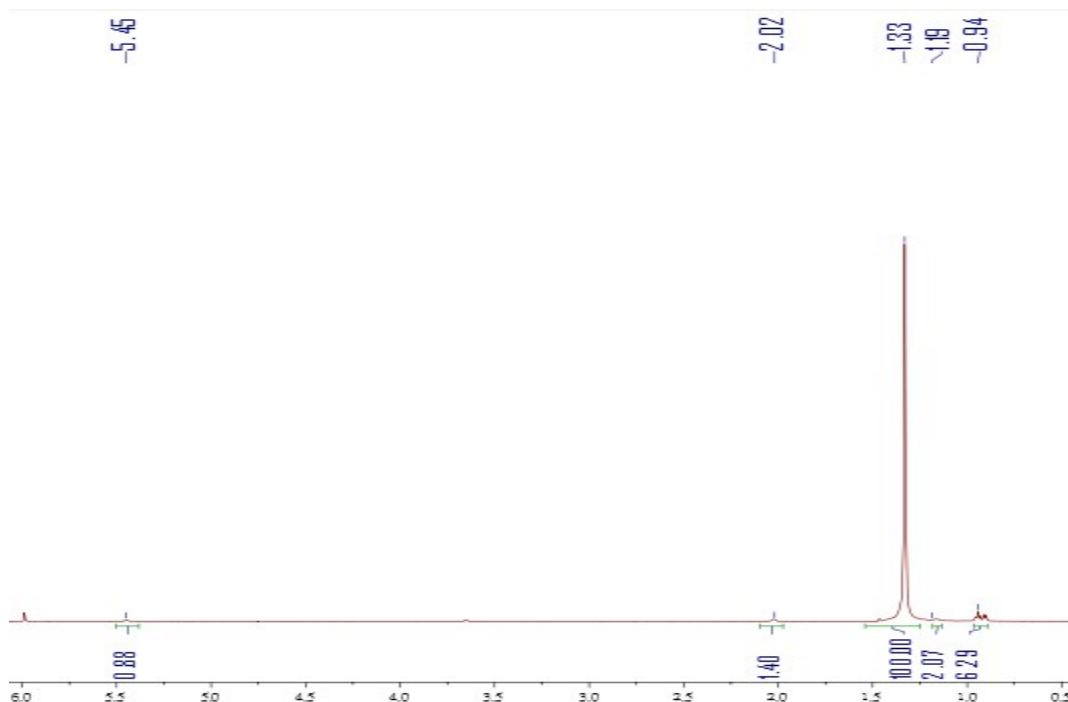


Figure S34: ^1H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane- D_2 at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ of the polyethylene made with **3** at 50 $^\circ\text{C}$ with 11 equiv. ZnBr_2 (Table 1, entry 9).

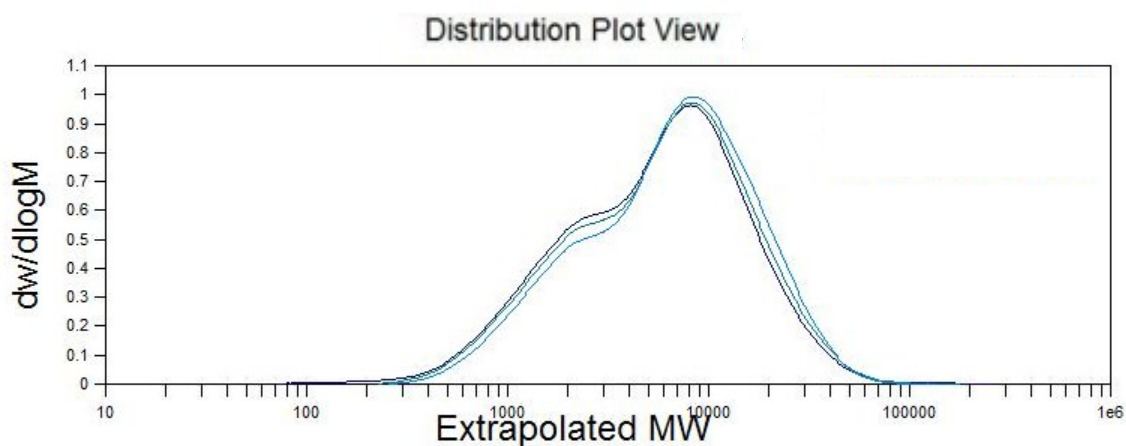


Figure S35: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **4** at the ambient temperature with 1 equiv. ZnEt_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 11).

Table S6. GPC trace deconvolution of the polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 1 equiv. ZnEt_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 11).

Peak label	Location	Height	Area	FWHM	Fit function parameters		
					Location	Width	Height

Trial 1	Low M _n	1690 ±30	0.382 ±0.005	1160 ±470	2580 ±1040	1690 ±30	0.845 ±0.017	0.382 ±0.005
	High M _n	8670 ±60	0.920 ±0.004	18580 ±7750	16470 ±6870	8670 ±60	1.015 ±0.008	0.920 ±0.004
Trial 2	Low M _n	1730 ±20	0.413 ±0.005	1330 ±470	2730 ±960	1730 ±20	0.869 ±0.014	0.413 ±0.005
	High M _n	8460 ±60	0.900 ±0.004	16740 ±6450	15340 ±5900	8460 ±60	0.977 ±0.007	0.900 ±0.004
Trial 3	Low M _n	1630 ±20	0.335 ±0.004	900 ±180	2310 ±470	1630 ±20	0.794 ±0.013	0.335 ±0.004
	High M _n	8900 ±40	0.964 ±0.003	21420 ±3540	17870 ±2960	8900 ±40	1.062 ±0.006	0.964 ±0.003

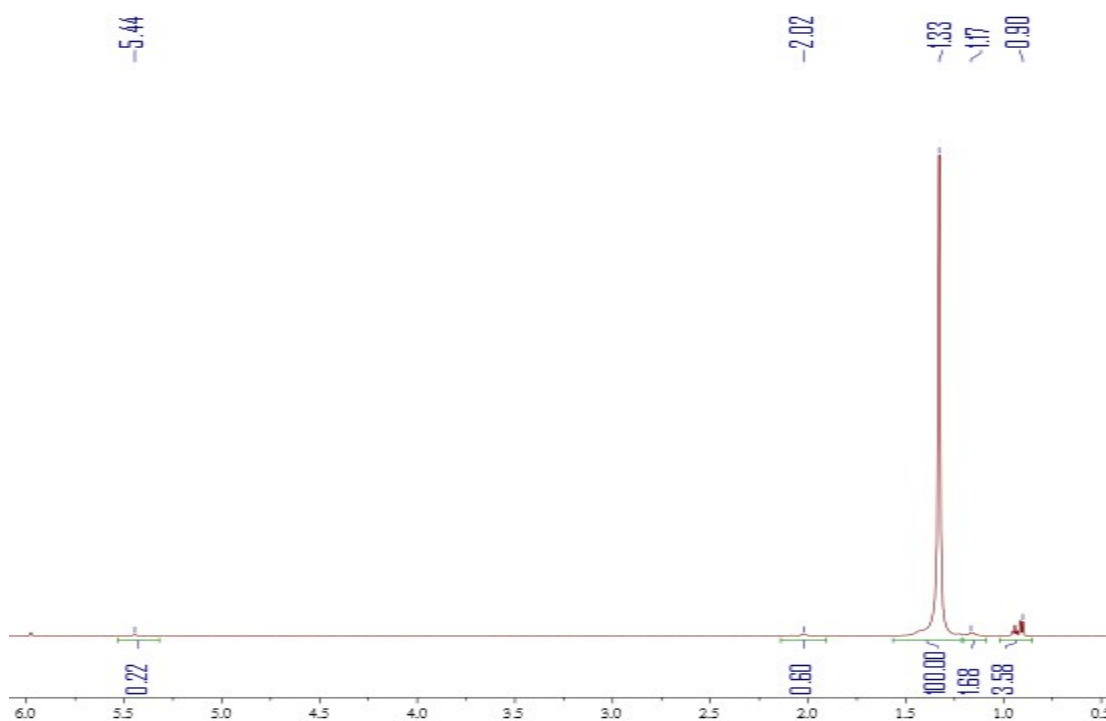


Figure S36: ¹H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane-D₂ at 100 °C of the polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 1 equiv. ZnEt₂ (Table 1, entry 11).

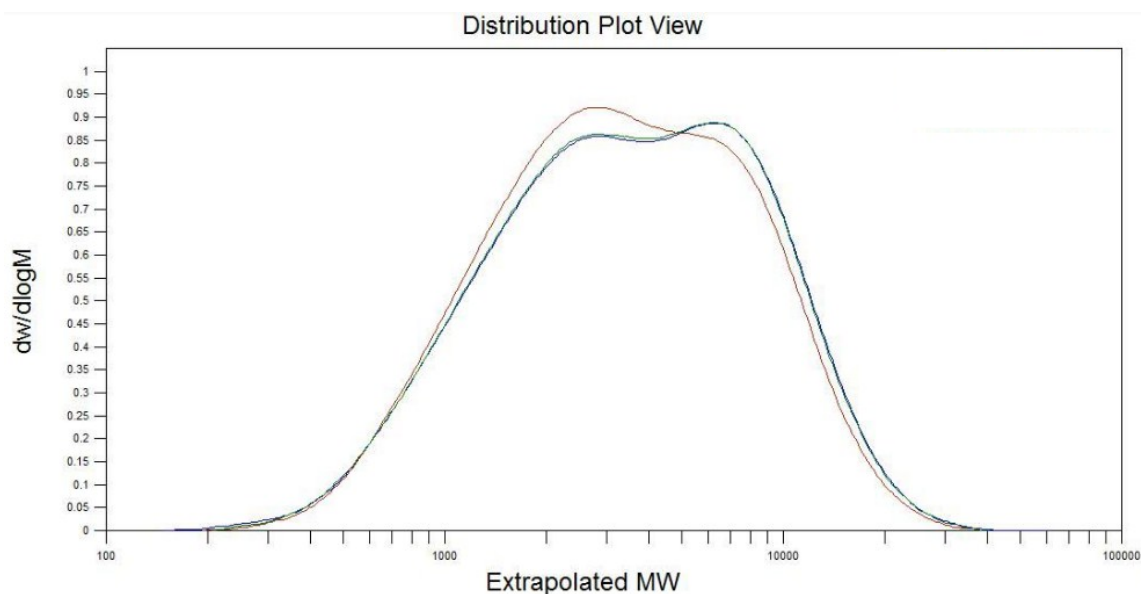


Figure S37: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **4** at 35 °C with 1 equiv. ZnEt_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 12).

Table S7. GPC trace deconvolution of the polyethylene made with **4** at 35 °C with 1 equiv. ZnEt_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 12).

	Peak label	Location	Height	Area	FWHM	Fit function parameters		
						Location	Width	Height
Trial 1	Low M_n	2750	0.862	8080	7020	2750	1.27	0.862
		± 20	± 0.004	± 1530	± 1330	± 20	± 0.01	± 0.004
Trial 1	High M_n	8420	0.419	4100	8750	8420	0.600	0.419
		± 20	± 0.009	± 220	± 470	± 20	± 0.007	± 0.009
Trial 2	Low M_n	2700	0.923	8020	6610	2700	1.238	0.923
		± 20	± 0.003	± 880	± 720	± 20	± 0.007	± 0.003
Trial 2	High M_n	8370	0.360	3410	8490	8370	0.586	0.360
		± 20	± 0.008	± 230	± 580	± 20	± 0.006	± 0.008
Trial 3	Low M_n	2620	0.833	6840	6280	2620	1.220	0.833
		± 20	± 0.003	± 810	± 750	± 20	± 0.007	± 0.003
Trial 3	High M_n	8350	0.476	4940	9230	8350	0.634	0.476
		± 20	± 0.007	± 260	± 490	± 20	± 0.005	± 0.007

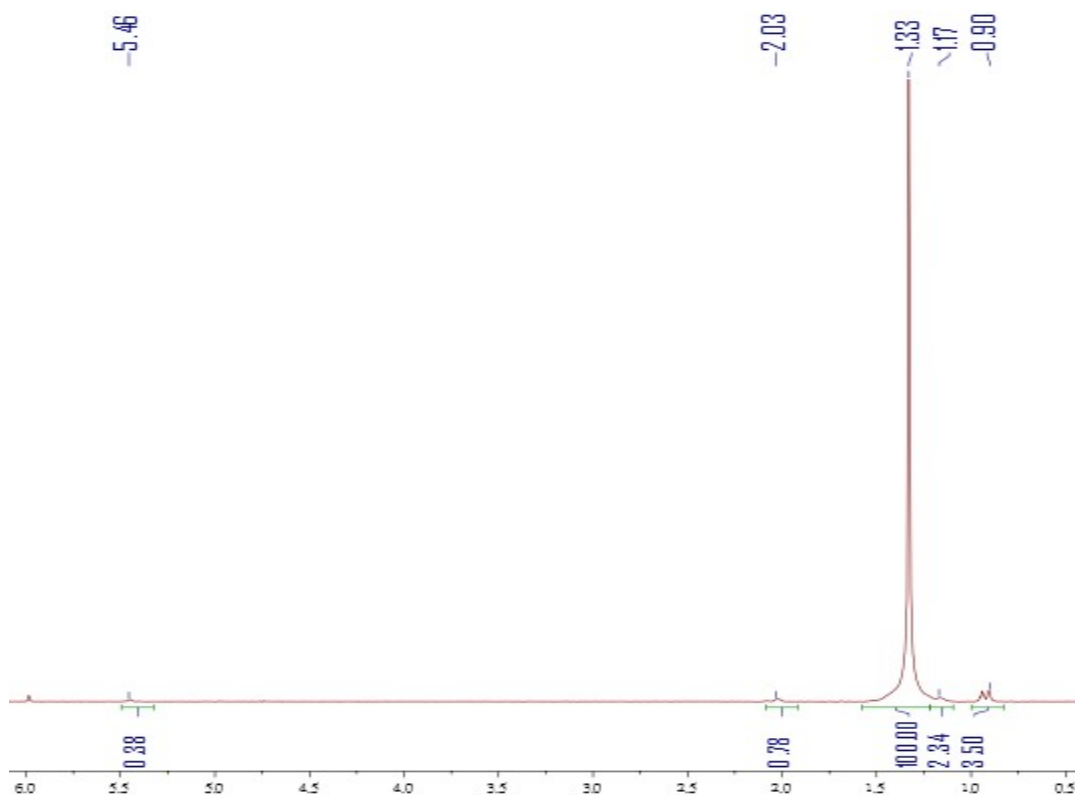


Figure S38: ^1H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane- D_2 at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ of the polyethylene made with **4** at 35 $^\circ\text{C}$ with 1 equiv. ZnEt_2 (Table 1, entry 12).

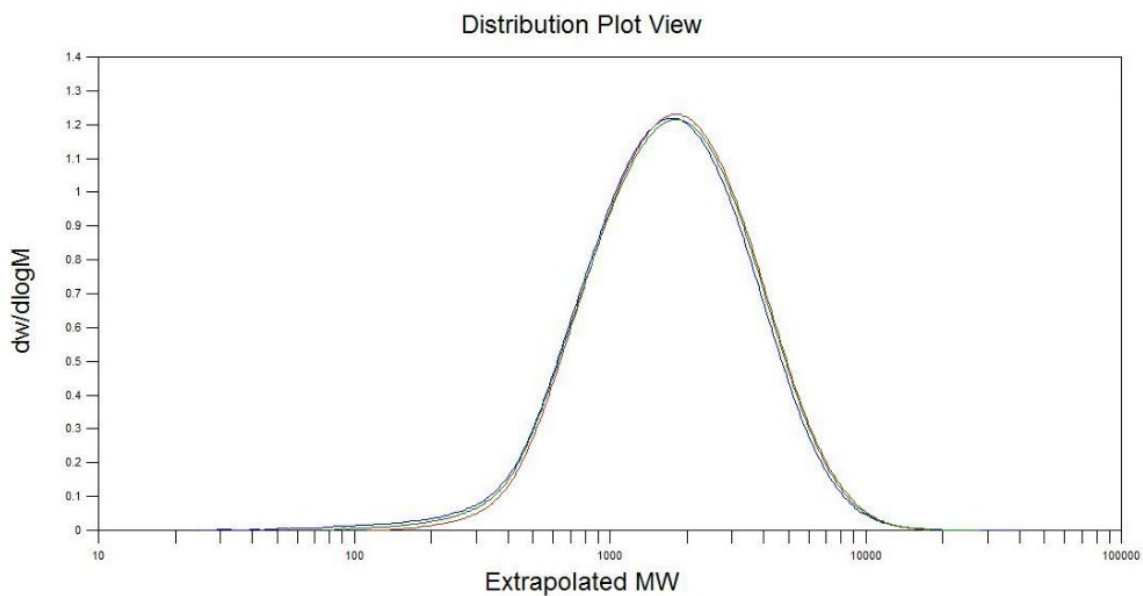


Figure S39: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **4** at 50 $^\circ\text{C}$ with 1 equiv. ZnEt_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 13).

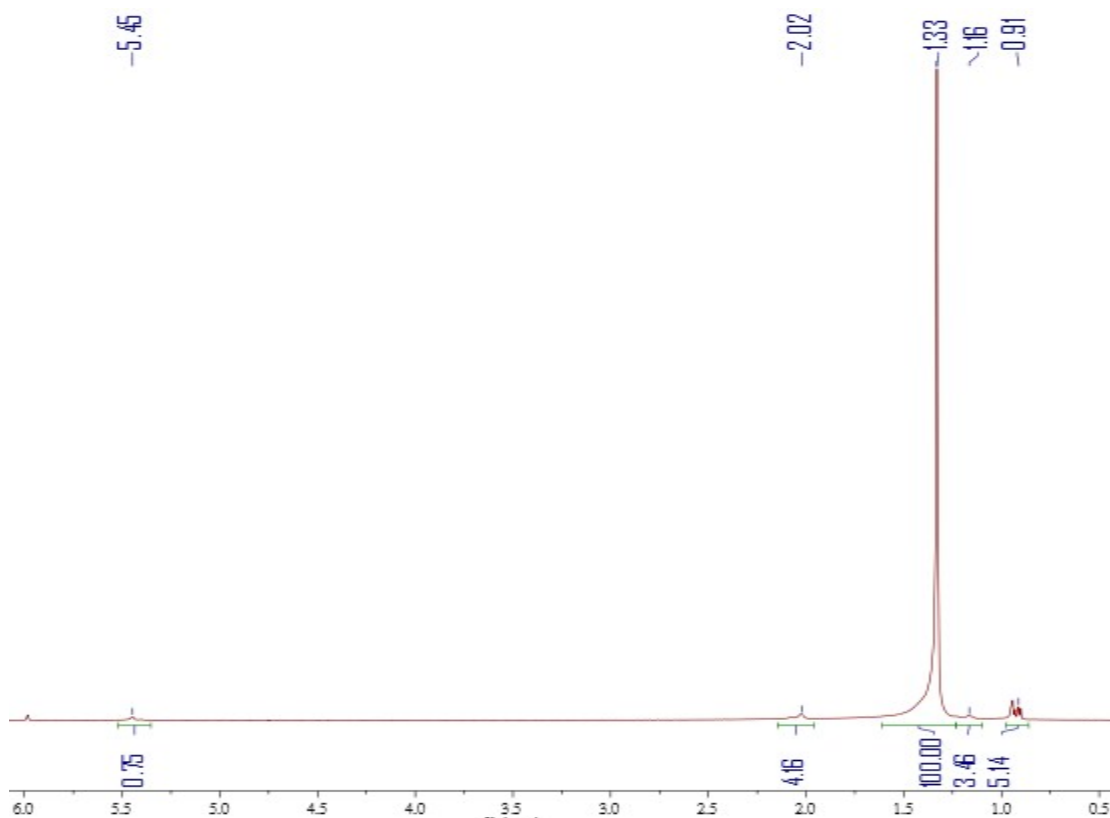


Figure S40: ^1H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane- D_2 at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ of the polyethylene made with **4** at 50 $^\circ\text{C}$ with 1 equiv. ZnEt_2 (Table 1, entry 13).

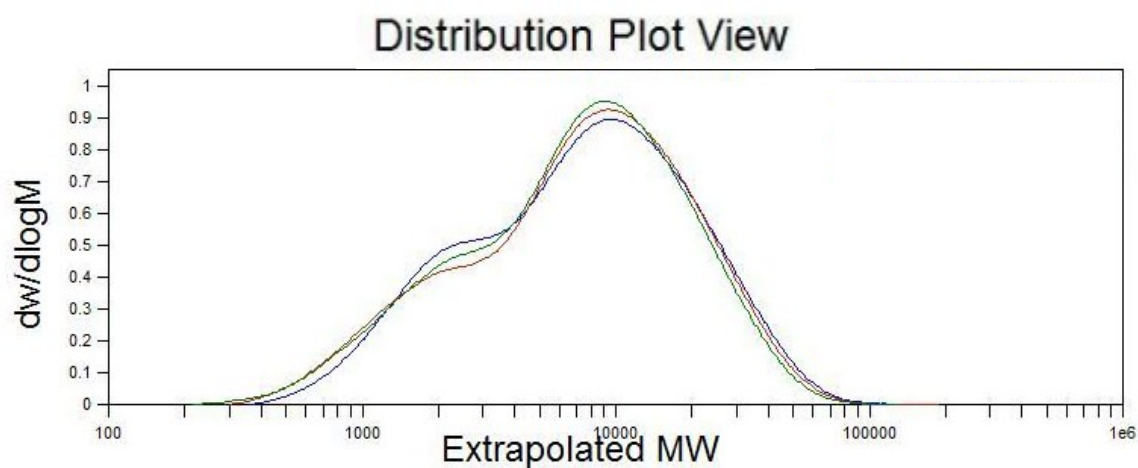


Figure S41: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 2 equiv. ZnEt_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 14).

Table S8. GPC trace deconvolution of the polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 2 equiv. ZnEt_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 14).

	Peak label	Location	Height	Area	FWHM	Fit function parameters		
						Location	Width	Height
Trial 1	Low M _n	1650	0.315	970	2610	1650	0.874	0.315
		±20	±0.003	±260	±700	±20	±0.014	±0.003
	High M _n	9840	0.938	24830	20960	9840	1.113	0.938
		±50	±0.003	±5380	±4540	±50	±0.006	±0.003
Trial 2	Low M _n	1790	0.347	1030	2560	1790	0.798	0.347
		±20	±0.004	±150	±370	±20	±0.010	±0.004
	High M _n	10390	0.901	28370	24290	10390	1.196	0.901
		±50	±0.003	±5940	±5090	±50	±0.006	±0.003
Trial 3	Low M _n	1490	0.311	850	2330	1490	0.862	0.311
		±20	±0.003	±130	±350	±20	±0.012	±0.003
	High M _n	10110	0.945	27900	22970	10110	1.170	0.945
		±40	±0.003	±3370	±2780	±40	±0.006	±0.003

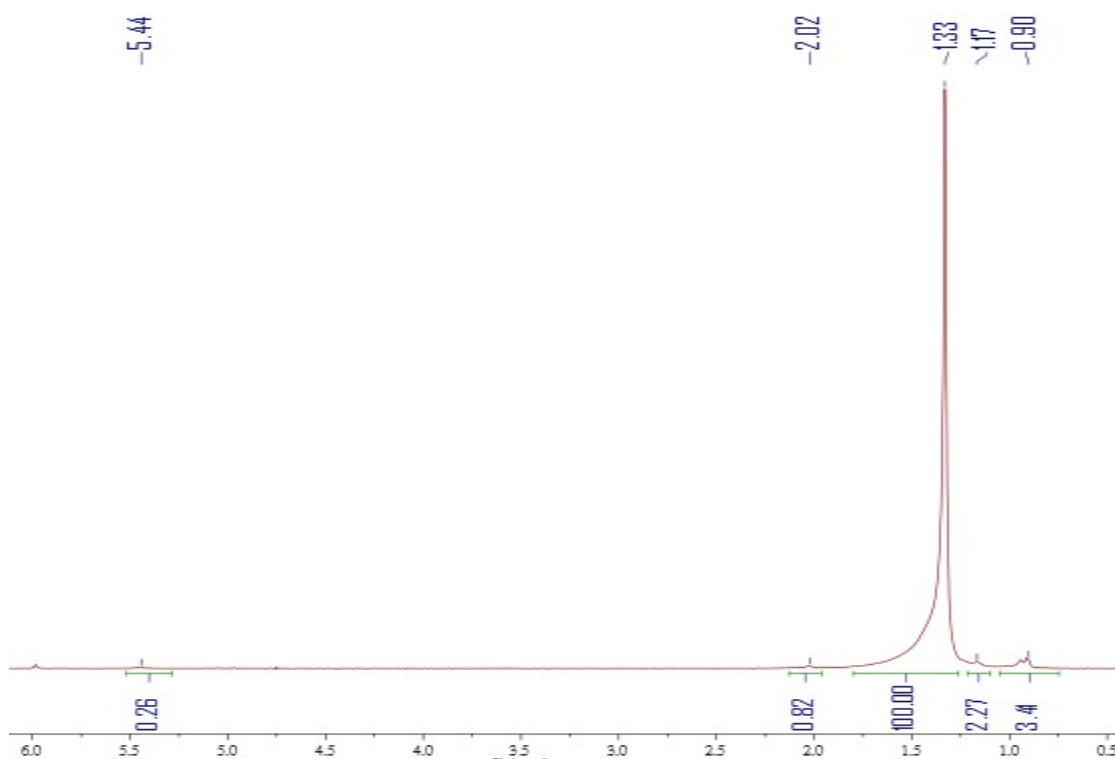


Figure S42: ¹H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane-D₂ at 100 °C of the polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 2 equiv. ZnEt₂ (Table 1, entry 14).

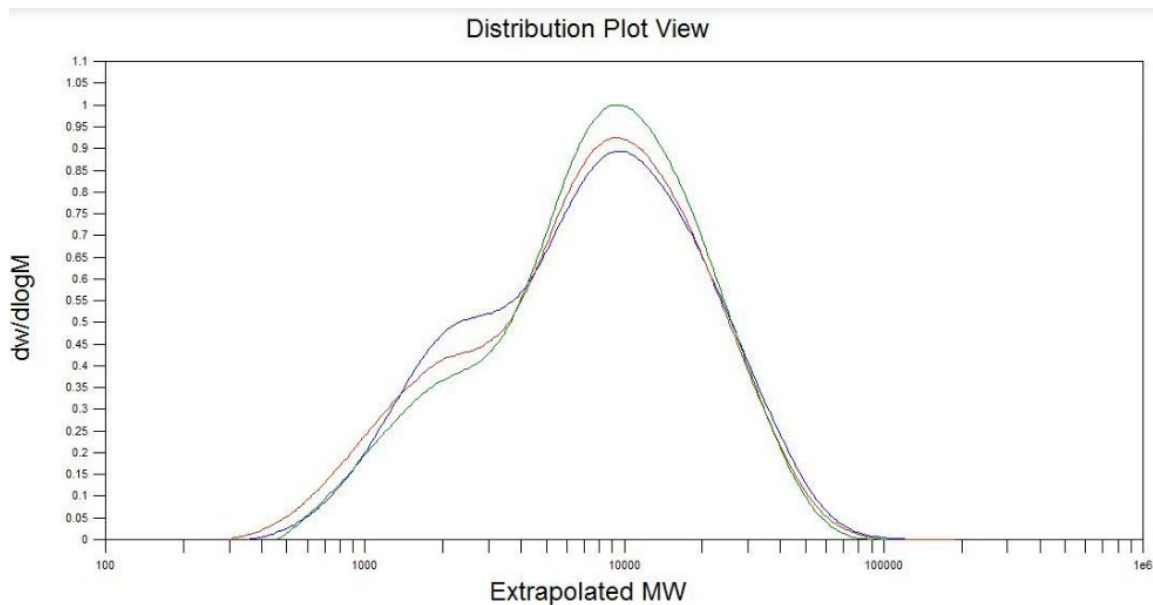


Figure S43: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 1 equiv. ZnEt₂ and 11 equiv. ZnBr₂ in three runs (Table 1, entry 15).

Table S9. GPC trace deconvolution of the polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 1 equiv. ZnEt₂ and 11 equiv. ZnBr₂ in three runs (Table 1, entry 15).

	Peak label	Location	Height	Area	FWHM	Fit function parameters		
						Location	Width	Height
Trial 1	Low M _n	1580	0.279	720	2240	1580	0.794	0.279
		±20	±0.004	±170	±520	±20	±0.015	±0.004
	High M _n	9950	0.953	27020	22170	9950	1.153	0.953
		±40	±0.003	±4390	±3600	±40	±0.006	±0.003
Trial 2	Low M _n	1540	0.274	700	2210	1540	0.800	0.274
		±20	±0.004	±160	±510	±20	±0.015	±0.004
	High M _n	9820	0.935	26560	22150	9820	1.164	0.935
		±40	±0.003	±4450	±3710	±40	±0.006	±0.003
Trial 3	Low M _n	1720	0.336	900	2330	1720	0.761	0.336
		±20	±0.004	±170	±440	±20	±0.012	±0.004
	High M _n	9145	0.925	22030	19000	9145	1.091	0.925
		±40	±0.003	±4270	±3680	±40	±0.006	±0.003

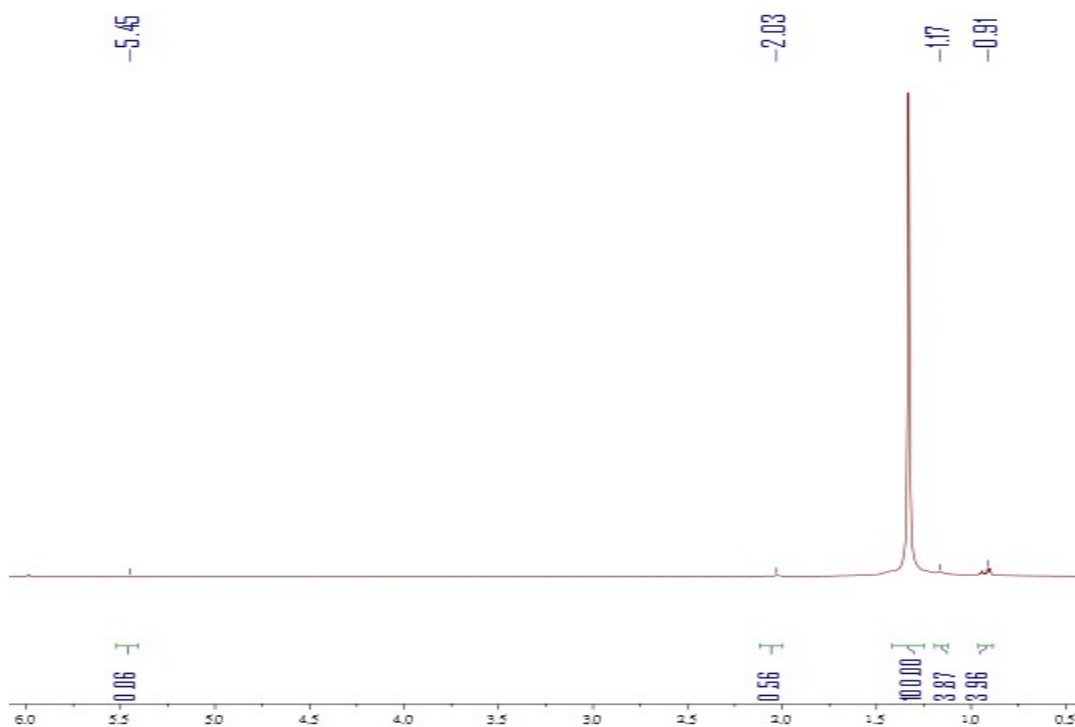


Figure S44: ^1H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane- D_2 at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ of the polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 1 equiv. ZnEt_2 and 11 equiv. ZnBr_2 (Table 1, entry 15).

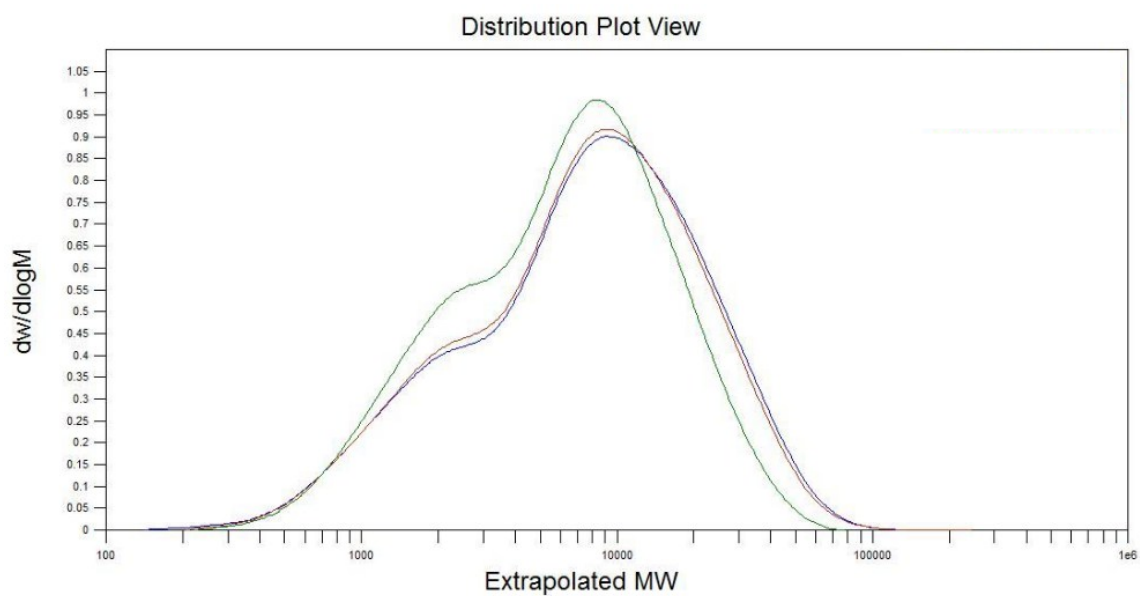


Figure S45: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 1 equiv. ZnEt_2 and 20 equiv. THF in three runs (Table 1, entry 16).

Table S10. GPC trace deconvolution of the polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 1 equiv. ZnEt_2 and 20 equiv. THF in three runs (Table 1, entry 16).

	Peak label	Location	Height	Area	FWHM	Fit function parameters		
						Location	Width	Height
Trial 1	Low M _n	1460	0.269	690	2200	1460	0.836	0.269
		±20	±0.004	±200	±640	±20	±0.017	±0.004
	High M _n	10330	0.903	29020	24620	10330	1.214	0.903
		±50	±0.003	±6450	±5470	±50	±0.007	±0.003
Trial 2	Low M _n	1770	0.386	1180	2610	1770	0.821	0.386
		±20	±0.004	±240	±540	±20	±0.011	±0.004
	High M _n	8890	0.946	19700	16960	8890	1.019	0.946
		±50	±0.003	±4580	±3940	±50	±0.006	0.003
Trial 3	Low M _n	1500	0.279	750	2300	1500	0.848	0.279
		±20	±0.004	±210	±630	±20	±0.016	±0.004
	High M _n	10050	0.911	27470	23300	10050	1.189	0.911
		±50	±0.003	±5980	±5070	±50	±0.007	±0.003

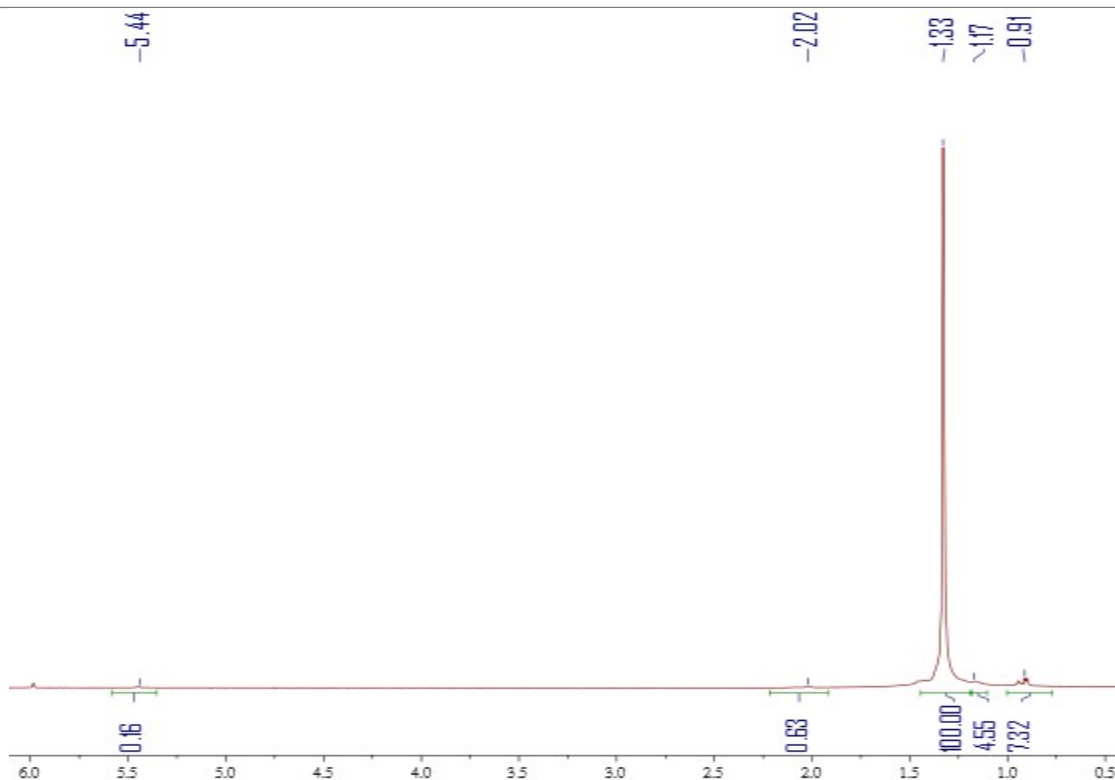


Figure S46: ¹H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane-D₂ at 100 °C of the polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 1 equiv. ZnEt₂ and 20 equiv. THF (Table 1, entry 16).

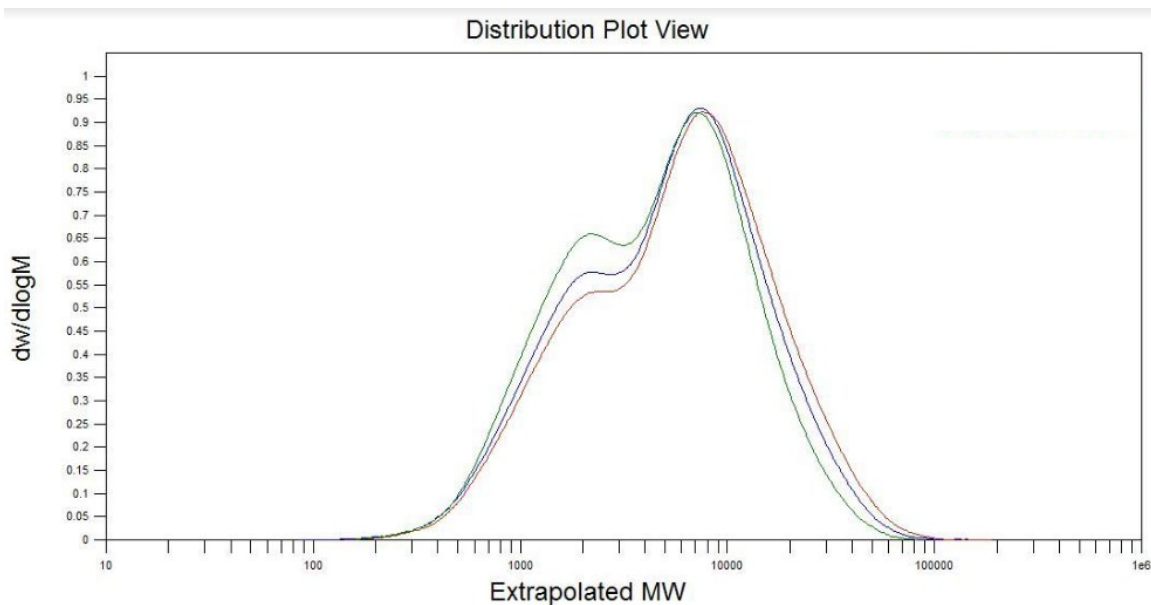


Figure S47: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 1 equiv. ZnEt_2 11 equiv. ZnBr_2 , and 20 equiv. THF in three runs (Table 1, entry 17).

Table S11. GPC trace deconvolution of the polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 1 equiv. ZnEt_2 , 11 equiv. ZnBr_2 and 20 equiv. THF in three runs (Table 1, entry 17).

	Peak label	Location	Height	Area	FWHM	Fit function parameters		
						Location	Width	Height
Trial 1	Low M_n	1470	0.406	970	2050	1470	0.780	0.406
		± 20	± 0.006	± 270	± 570	± 20	± 0.015	± 0.006
	High M_n	7650	0.863	16260	15200	7650	1.053	0.863
		± 60	± 0.004	± 6550	± 6120	± 60	± 0.009	± 0.004
Trial 2	Low M_n	1430	0.356	800	1960	1430	0.768	0.356
		± 20	± 0.005	± 180	± 430	± 20	± 0.014	± 0.005
	High M_n	8050	0.866	19040	17360	8050	1.124	0.866
		± 50	± 0.003	± 5710	± 5200	± 50	± 0.009	± 0.003
Trial 3	Low M_n	1630	0.529	1520	2460	1630	0.838	0.529
		± 20	± 0.005	± 300	± 490	± 20	± 0.011	± 0.005
	High M_n	7600	0.849	13250	13020	7600	0.933	0.849
		± 50	± 0.004	± 5270	± 5180	± 50	± 0.008	± 0.004

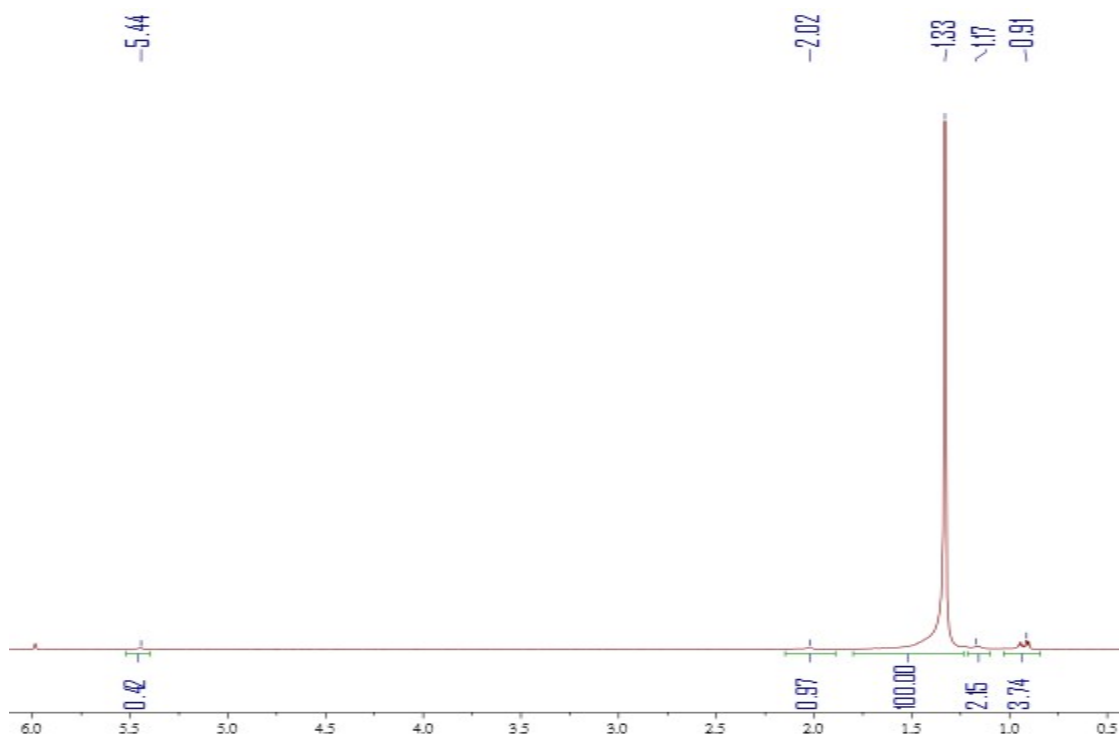


Figure S48: ^1H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane- D_2 at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ of the polyethylene made with **4** at ambient temperature with 1 equiv. ZnEt_2 , 11 equiv. ZnBr_2 and 20 equiv. THF (Table 1, entry 17).

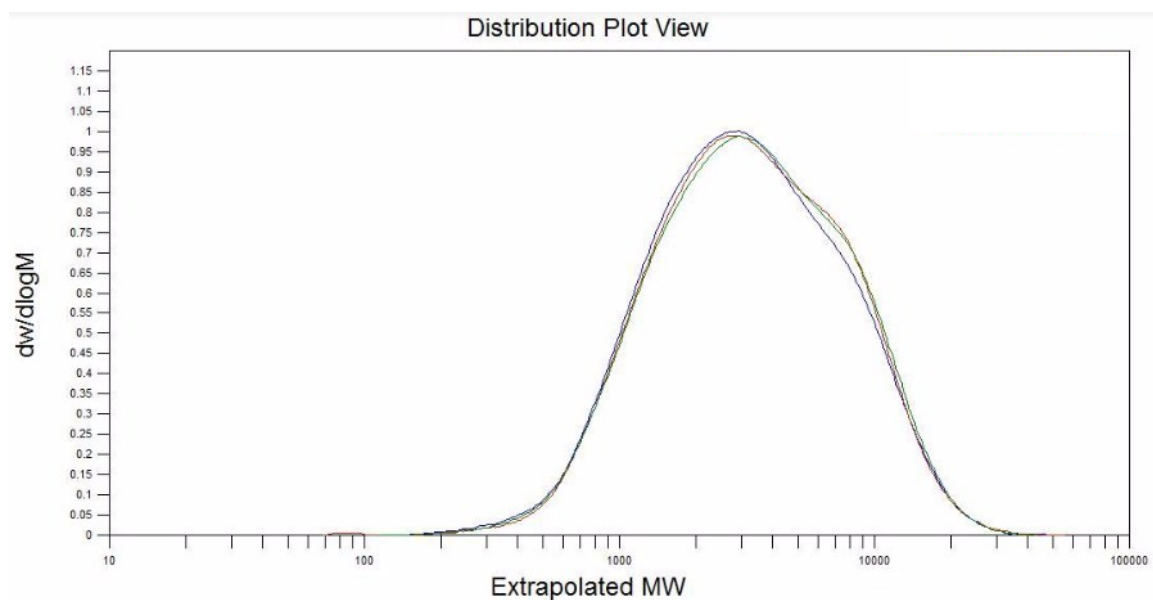


Figure S50: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **5** at 35 $^\circ\text{C}$ with 10 equiv. ZnBr_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 19).

Table S12. GPC trace deconvolution of the polyethylene made with **5** at 35 °C with 10 equiv. ZnBr₂ in three runs (Table 1, entry 19).

	Peak label	Location	Height	Area	FWHM	Fit function parameters		
						Location	Width	Height
Trial 1	Low M _n	2450	0.965	5850	4890	2450	1.056	0.965
		±10	±0.003	±530	±440	±10	±0.006	±0.003
	High M _n	8070	0.440	4570	9220	8070	0.653	0.440
		±50	±0.008	±1190	±2400	±50	±0.006	±0.008
Trial 2	Low M _n	2430	0.985	5970	4880	2430	1.063	0.985
		±20	±0.004	±700	±570	±20	0.006	±0.004
	High M _n	8220	0.383	4400	10110	8200	0.698	0.383
		±70	±0.009	±2450	±5610	±70	±0.008	±0.009
Trial 3	Low M _n	2620	0.977	7000	5650	2620	1.125	0.977
		±20	±0.003	±950	±770	±20	±0.007	±0.003
	High M _n	8630	0.360	3860	9560	8630	0.635	0.360
		±60	±0.009	±1370	±3390	±60	±0.008	±0.009

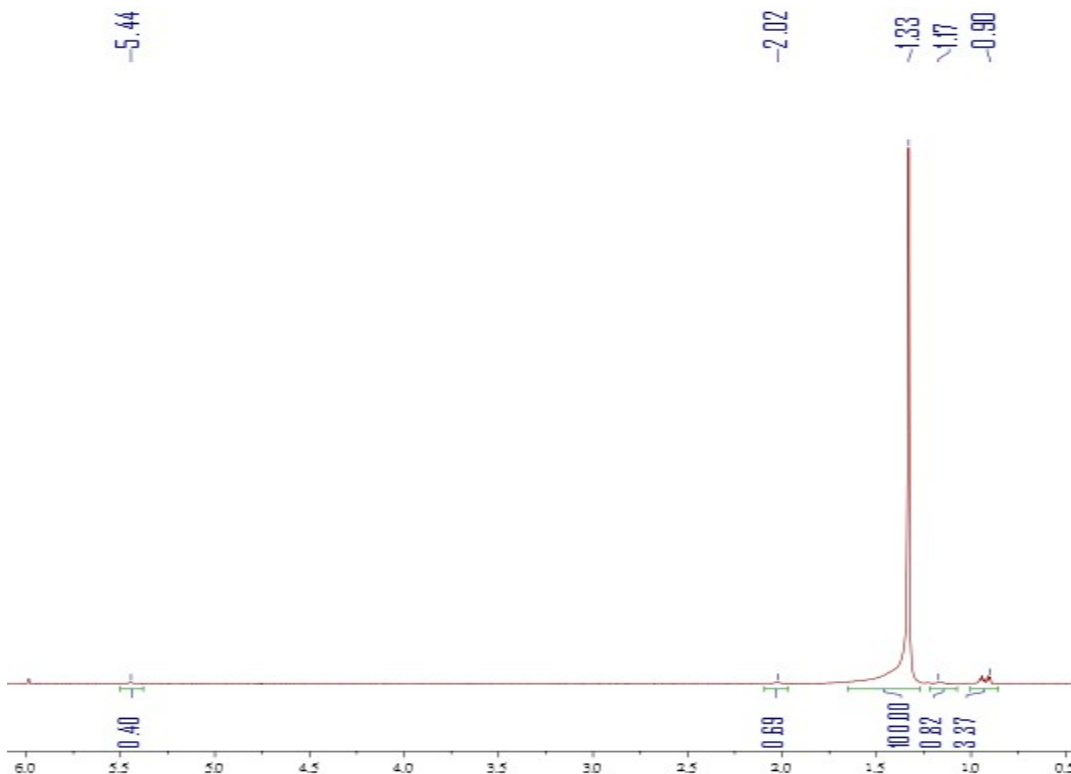


Figure S50: ¹H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane-D₂ at 100 °C of the polyethylene made with **5** at 35 °C with 10 equiv. ZnBr₂ (Table 1, entry 19).

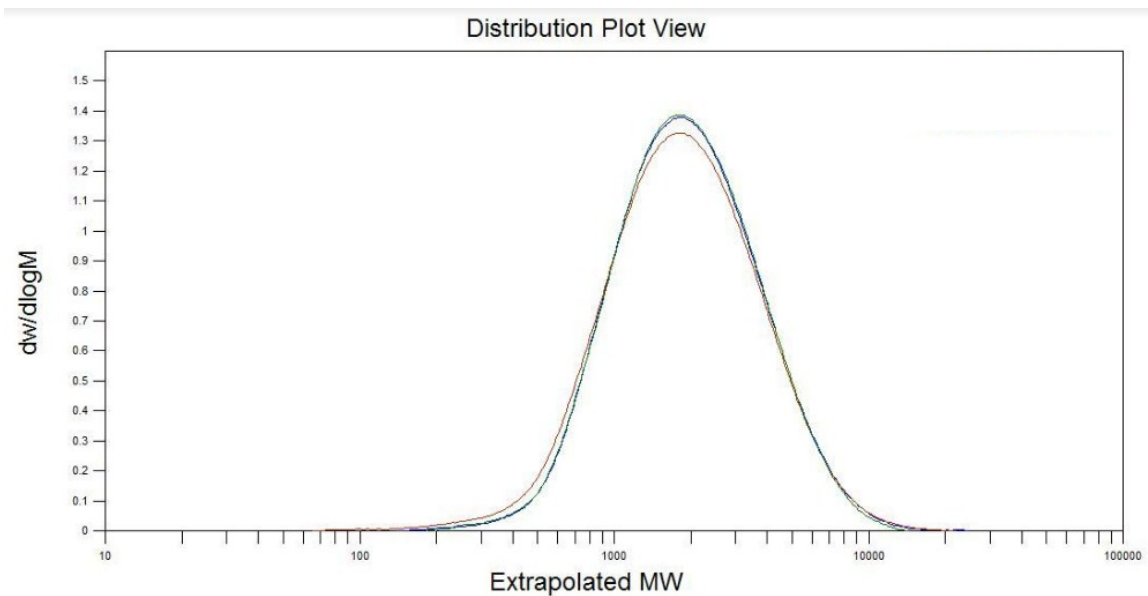


Figure S51: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **5** at 50 °C with 10 equiv. ZnBr₂ in three runs (Table 1, entry 20).

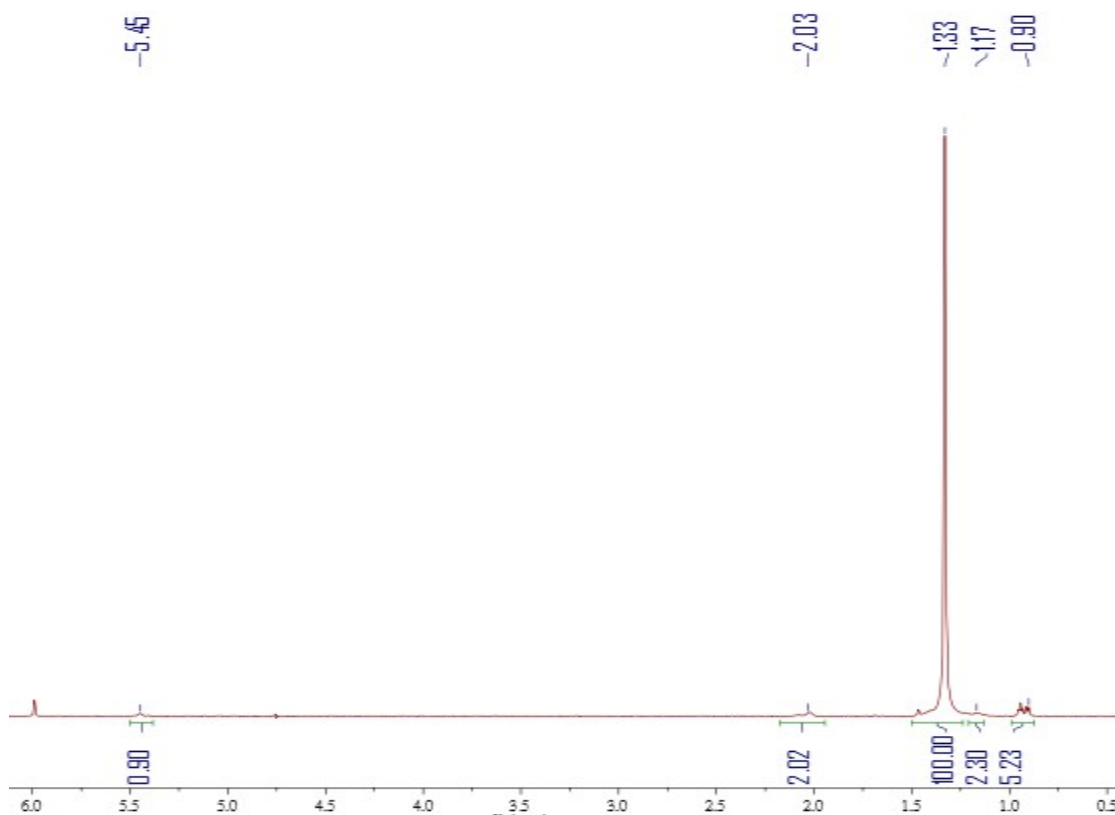


Figure S52: ¹H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane-D₂ at 100 °C of the polyethylene made with **5** at 50 °C with 10 equiv. ZnBr₂ (Table 1, entry 20).

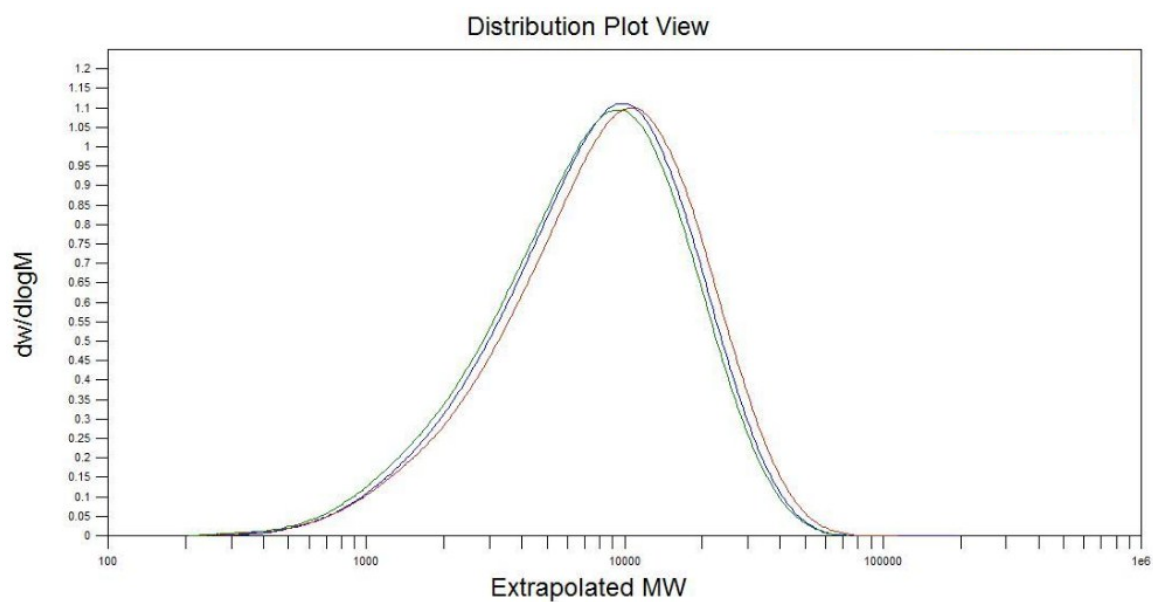


Figure S53: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **6** at 50°C in three runs (Table 1, entry 21).

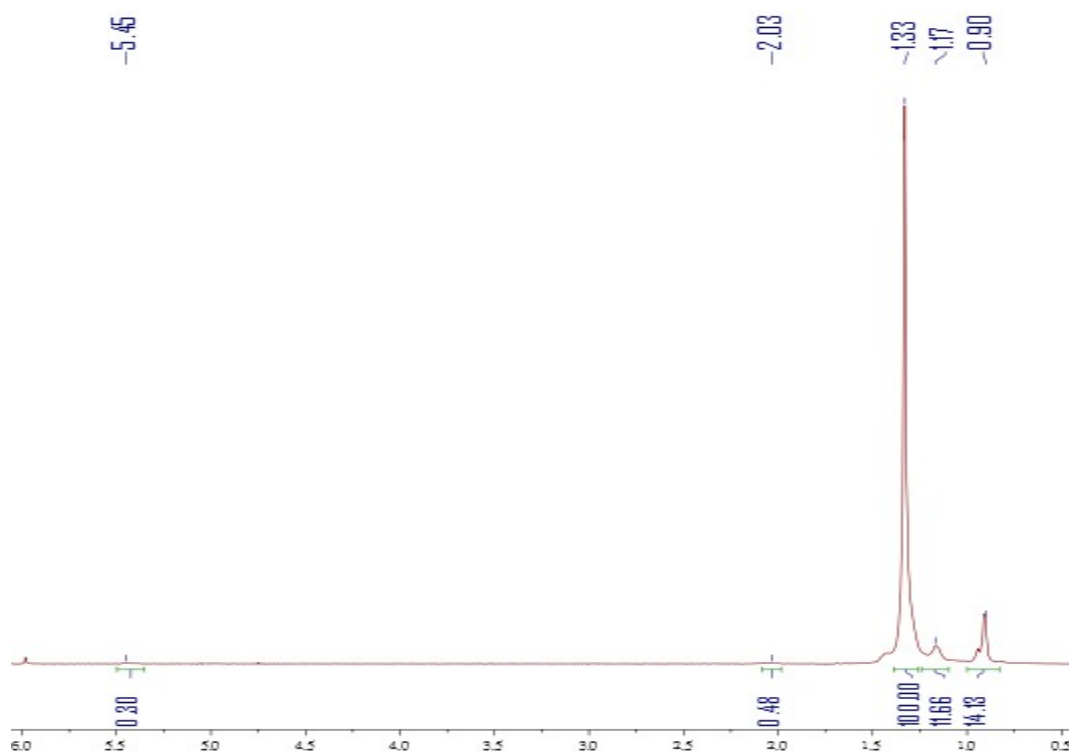


Figure S54: ^1H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane- D_2 at $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ of the polyethylene made with **6** at $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (Table 1, entry 21).

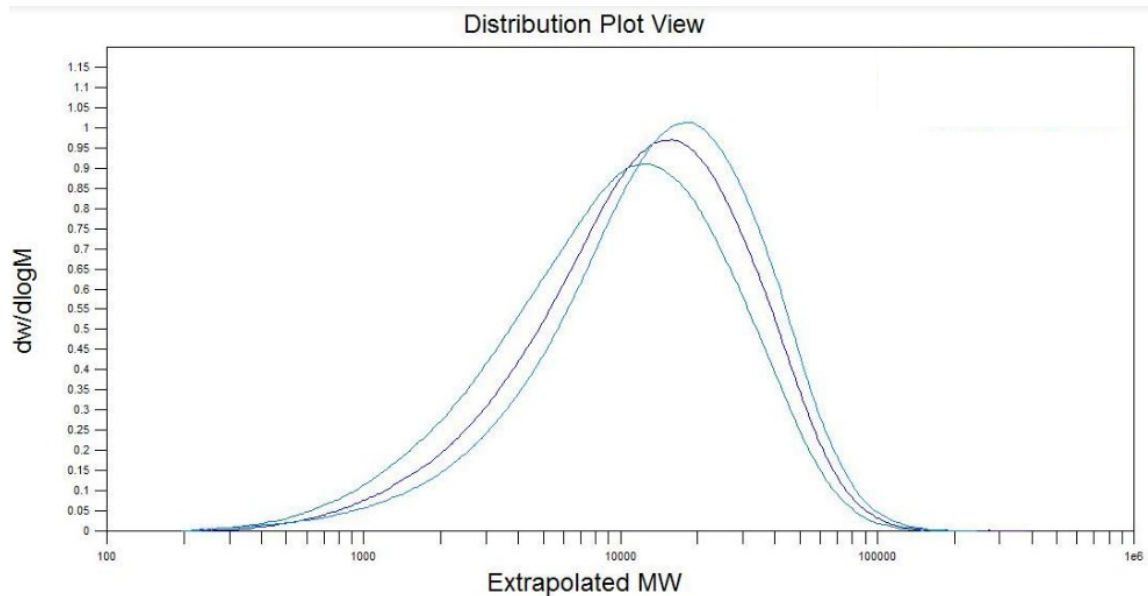


Figure S55: Overlapping molecular weight distribution of polyethylene made with **6** at $35\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ with 11 equiv. ZnBr_2 in three runs (Table 1, entry 22).

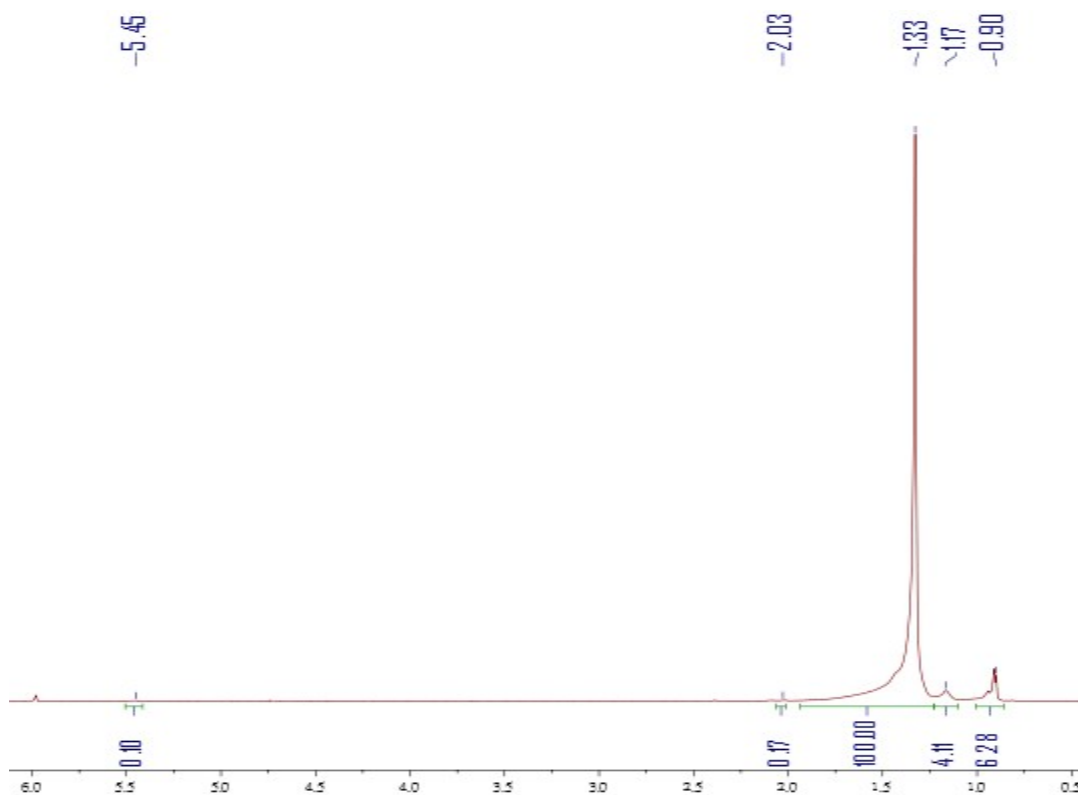


Figure S56: ¹H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane-D₂ at 100 °C of the polyethylene made with **6** at 35 °C with 11 equiv. ZnBr₂ (Table 1, entry 22).

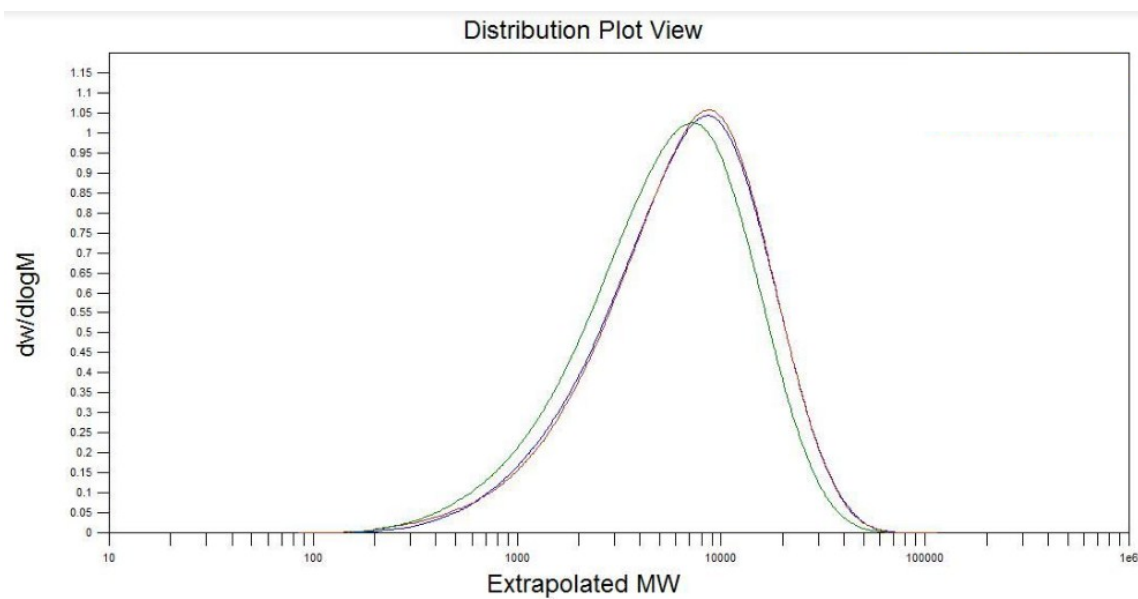


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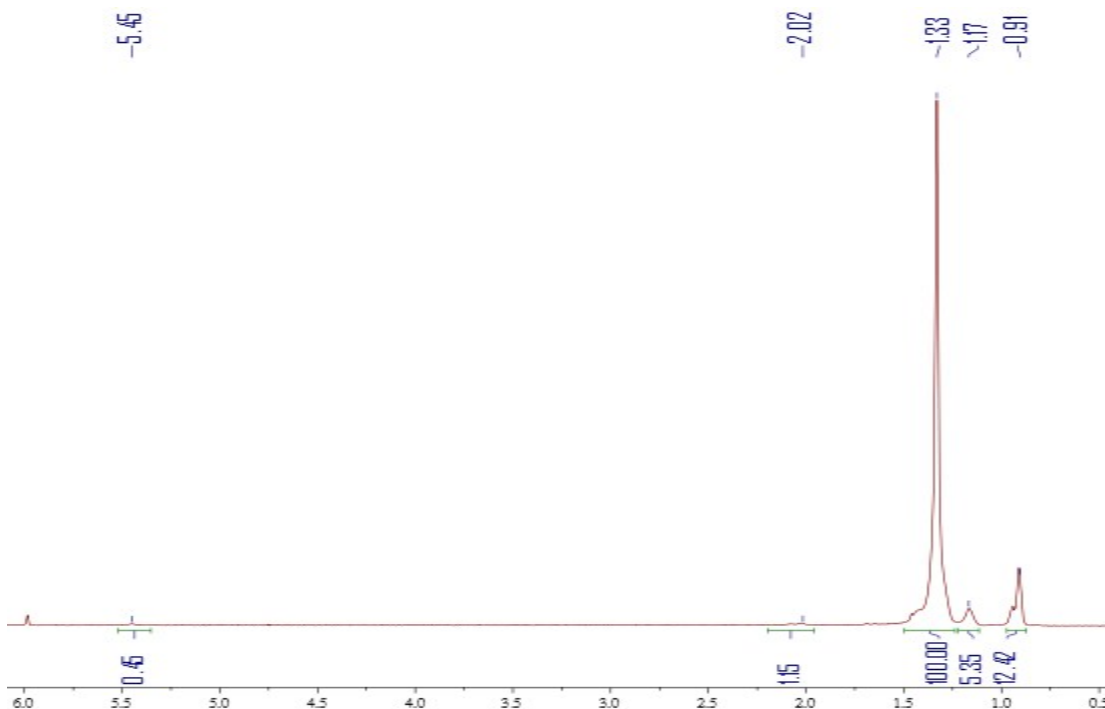


Figure S58: ¹H NMR spectrum of polyethylene in tetrachloroethane-D₂ at 100 °C of the polyethylene made with **6** at 50 °C with 11 equiv. ZnBr₂ (Table 1, entry 23).

Computational Results

Density functional theory calculations were performed using Gaussian 09 package (M06, 6-31g). All geometries were optimized to obtain a stationary point with minimum energy representing their ground state energies. The calculations were performed at 50 °C using toluene as a solvent. The solvent effects on the complexes were calculated using SMD (Solvation Model based on Density). The optimized geometries and their respective cartesian coordinates are shown below. Images and cartesian coordinates of the optimized geometries were obtained using chemcraft.

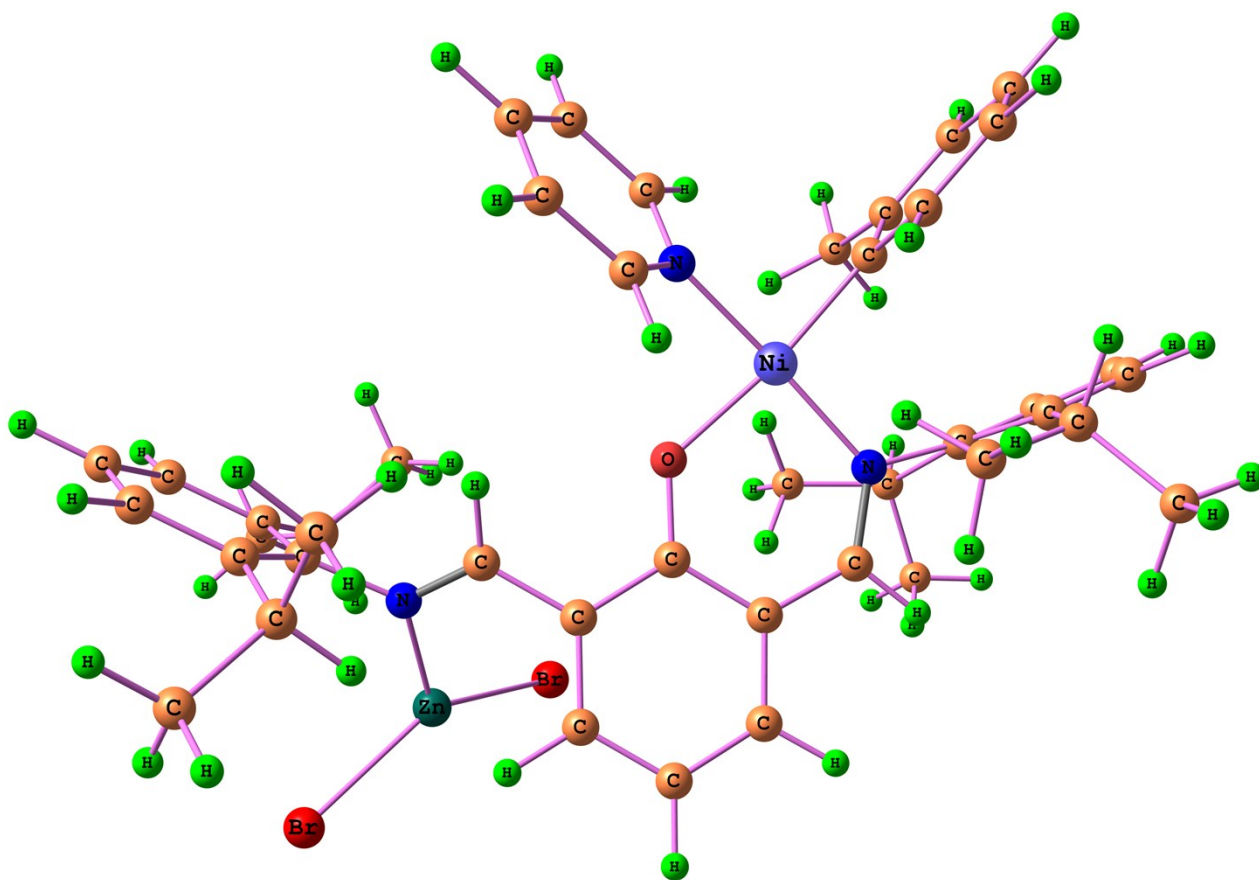


Figure S59: Optimized M06/6-31g/auto cartesian geometry for lowest energy of 7a.

Table S13. Optimized M06/6-31g/auto cartesian coordinates (Å) for lowest energy of 7a.

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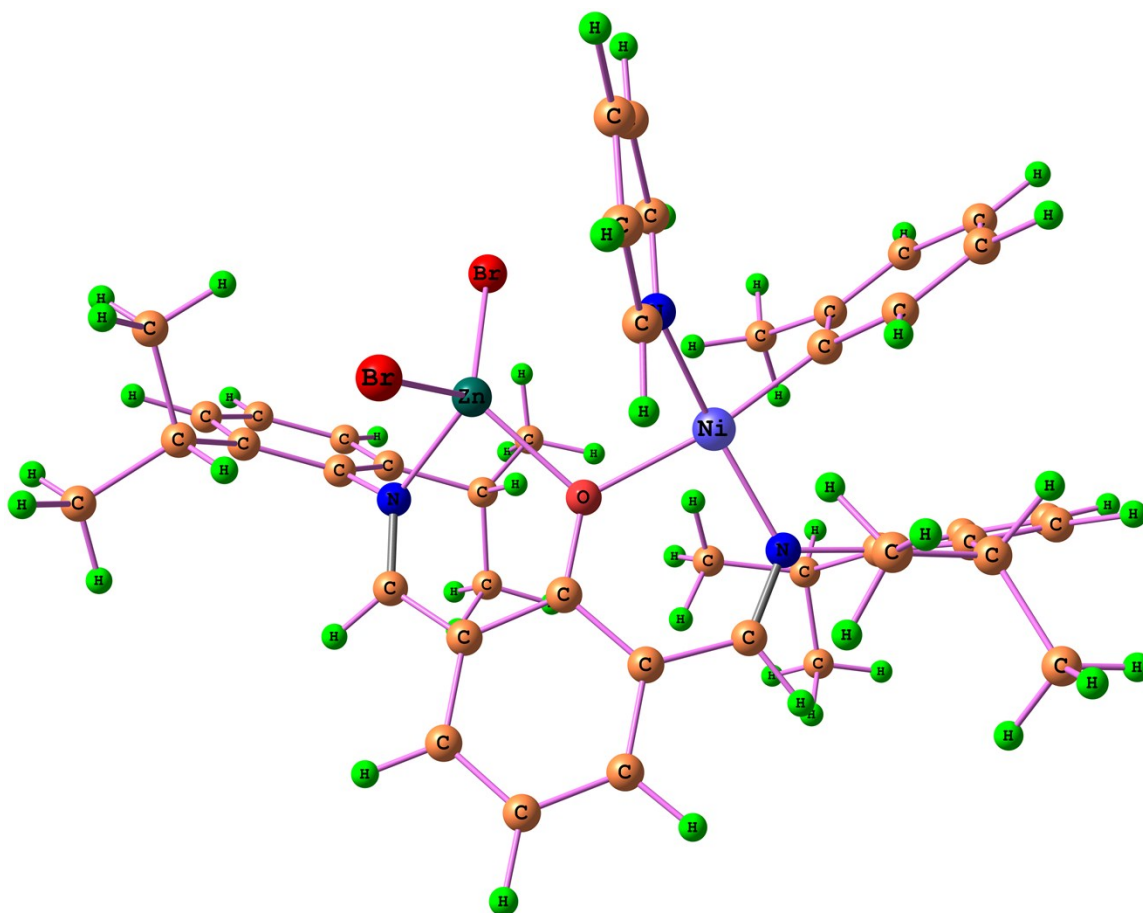


Figure S60: Optimized M06/6-31g/auto cartesian geometry for lowest energy of **7b**.

Table S14. Optimized M06/6-31g/auto cartesian coordinates (Å) for lowest energy of **7b**.

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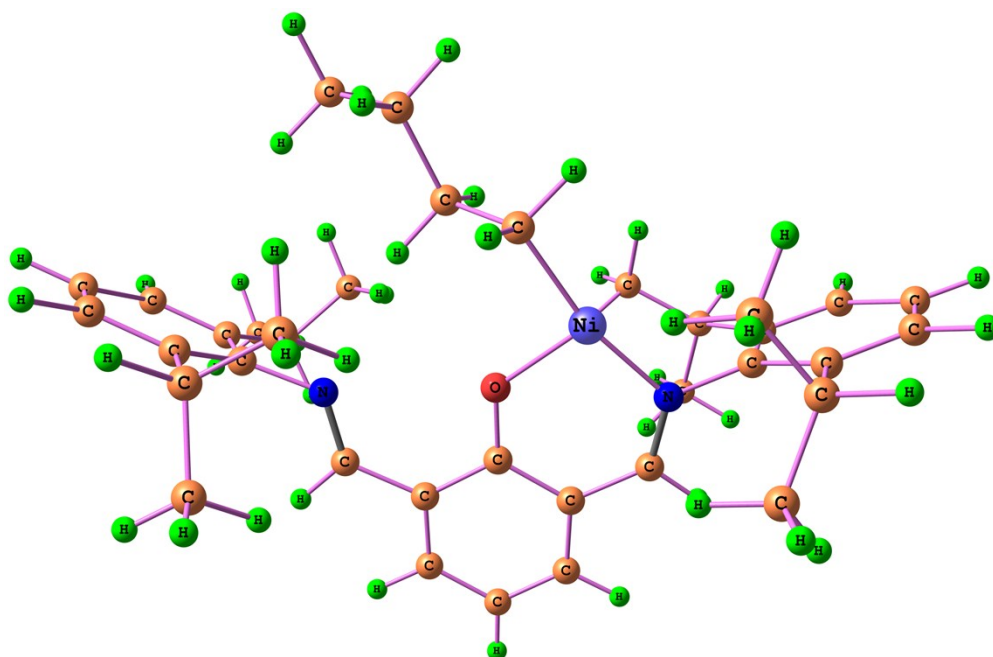


Figure S61: Optimized M06/6-31g/auto cartesian geometry for lowest energy of INT1.

Table S15. Optimized M06/6-31g/auto cartesian coordinates (Å) for lowest energy of INT1.

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H	1.777488000	1.501679000	3.425644000
H	2.319314000	-0.132528000	2.997970000
H	1.577739000	0.918129000	1.768255000
H	4.172762000	1.533261000	3.273755000
Ni	1.434171000	-0.952271000	-0.000755000
H	-3.189446000	2.180488000	-1.569990000
H	3.533487000	2.072153000	-1.094870000
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H	-3.520736000	-2.292992000	2.245058000
H	-3.293141000	-3.710072000	3.290501000

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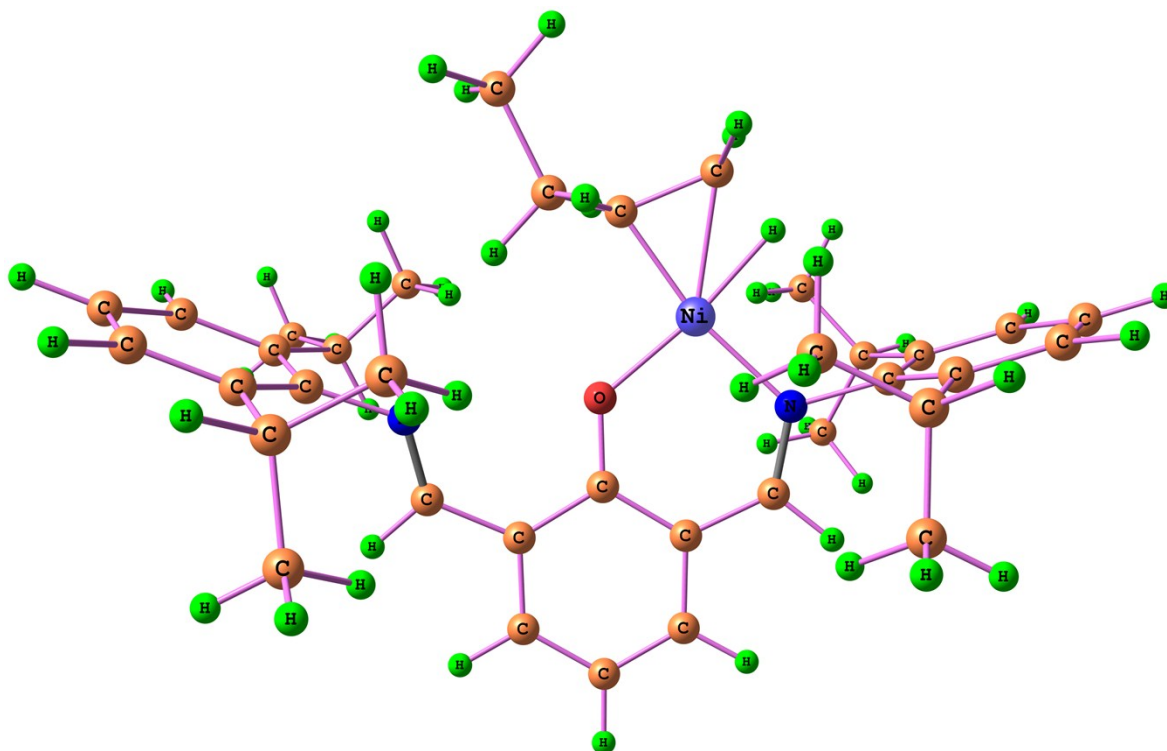


Figure S62: Optimized M06/6-31g/auto cartesian geometry for lowest energy of INT2.

Table S16. Optimized M06/6-31g/auto cartesian coordinates (Å) for lowest energy of INT2.

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C	-1.267784000	1.625741000	1.747847000
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C	1.187469000	2.717185000	2.578730000

H	2.146191000	3.141846000	2.874149000
C	1.186595000	1.641354000	1.665514000
C	2.452766000	1.211130000	1.158666000
C	-0.050656000	1.048180000	1.250372000
O	-0.103205000	0.013204000	0.454146000
N	-2.889452000	0.446451000	0.339764000
N	2.669702000	0.216247000	0.336200000
H	-6.758624000	-2.005648000	0.624257000
C	-6.206883000	-1.200375000	0.146504000
C	-4.920356000	-0.889983000	0.597258000
C	-4.246814000	-1.694255000	1.698957000
C	-4.221562000	0.167359000	-0.037638000
C	-4.798490000	0.882790000	-1.112254000
C	-4.094197000	2.014128000	-1.847940000
C	-6.093154000	0.534553000	-1.515650000
H	-6.548067000	1.087077000	-2.336459000
C	-6.798462000	-0.493906000	-0.898615000
H	-7.801597000	-0.747832000	-1.231243000
C	4.488247000	-1.703020000	1.764795000
C	4.884402000	-0.861520000	0.556392000
C	6.182740000	-1.030074000	0.057173000
H	6.853253000	-1.715013000	0.572439000
C	6.624063000	-0.349586000	-1.072344000
H	7.635190000	-0.497738000	-1.441515000
C	5.759164000	0.519481000	-1.727213000

H	6.097804000	1.054915000	-2.612217000
C	4.448036000	0.730980000	-1.276825000
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C	4.025525000	0.031791000	-0.124180000
C	3.517589000	3.105007000	-1.356074000
H	2.835803000	3.078391000	-0.496565000
H	3.126951000	3.856768000	-2.054882000
H	4.502543000	3.441559000	-1.007813000
C	2.214426000	1.272925000	-2.496140000
H	1.513713000	1.200797000	-1.655103000
H	2.258462000	0.297638000	-2.998707000
H	1.797351000	1.995612000	-3.210467000
H	4.176473000	1.912097000	-2.985078000
C	-3.939191000	3.285496000	-0.999062000
H	-3.174731000	3.161710000	-0.221531000
H	-4.885056000	3.557797000	-0.512954000
H	-3.627066000	4.126218000	-1.633831000
C	-2.750245000	1.607501000	-2.467839000
H	-2.359967000	2.428835000	-3.084876000
H	-2.867439000	0.723788000	-3.108991000
H	-2.008093000	1.368255000	-1.695508000
H	-4.764016000	2.277560000	-2.683120000
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H	-6.039596000	-1.954781000	2.933346000
H	-4.675785000	-3.008966000	3.359291000

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C	-3.139338000	-2.581037000	1.105745000
H	-2.636978000	-3.153421000	1.897708000
H	-2.386948000	-1.972324000	0.588969000
H	-3.572372000	-3.293013000	0.388476000
H	-3.764675000	-0.988119000	2.392745000
C	3.961795000	-0.930618000	2.982404000
H	4.566572000	-0.038934000	3.192337000
H	4.002122000	-1.578455000	3.868034000
H	2.917340000	-0.622568000	2.855129000
C	3.507995000	-2.815553000	1.372215000
H	3.233560000	-3.420238000	2.245947000
H	3.941914000	-3.478712000	0.611853000
H	2.590210000	-2.375289000	0.958164000
H	5.419500000	-2.193050000	2.089950000
Ni	1.274596000	-0.919475000	-0.298404000
H	-3.414188000	1.681478000	1.914698000
H	3.319088000	1.793954000	1.494304000
C	1.530225000	-2.508047000	-1.655112000
C	0.179168000	-2.209421000	-1.101471000
H	2.356684000	-1.819549000	-1.180173000
H	-0.196876000	-2.960437000	-0.395797000
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H	-1.628679000	-1.126143000	-1.408135000
H	-0.456382000	-0.933223000	-2.707385000

C	-1.590074000	-2.773786000	-2.823082000
H	-0.875297000	-3.314283000	-3.460622000
H	-2.056854000	-3.507861000	-2.151376000
H	-2.377891000	-2.364086000	-3.468773000
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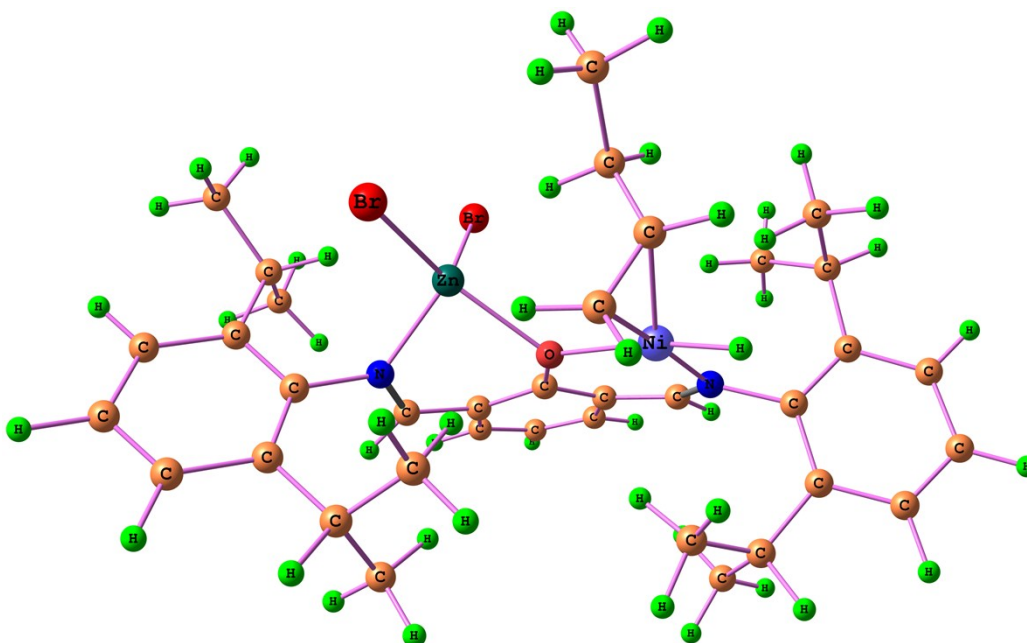


Figure S63: Optimized M06/6-31g/auto cartesian geometry for lowest energy of INT2-ZnBr₂.

Table S17. Optimized M06/6-31g/auto cartesian coordinates (Å) for lowest energy of INT2-ZnBr₂.

C	-1.961438000	1.698316000	1.266716000
C	-0.684959000	1.525075000	1.924875000
C	-0.587016000	2.130811000	3.184237000
H	-1.473192000	2.619539000	3.585214000

C	0.588629000	2.120839000	3.925125000
H	0.631397000	2.565167000	4.912826000
C	1.714986000	1.583047000	3.332026000
H	2.674581000	1.629272000	3.842714000
C	1.676677000	0.995771000	2.050168000
C	2.958631000	0.711574000	1.481362000
C	0.446317000	0.864998000	1.345721000
O	0.363455000	0.184851000	0.192923000
N	-2.426564000	0.955897000	0.318924000
N	3.223155000	0.286495000	0.279265000
H	-6.972830000	0.493853000	-0.008548000
C	-6.072874000	0.992425000	-0.360242000
C	-4.837065000	0.640946000	0.188752000
C	-4.701718000	-0.435775000	1.247128000
C	-3.689803000	1.304876000	-0.281841000
C	-3.737138000	2.240931000	-1.330481000
C	-2.510839000	2.884262000	-1.962846000
C	-5.000155000	2.555933000	-1.849348000
H	-5.064255000	3.278132000	-2.661046000
C	-6.157904000	1.954720000	-1.363637000
H	-7.124339000	2.218310000	-1.785049000
C	5.093149000	-2.058053000	0.717432000
C	5.504699000	-0.696301000	0.170305000
C	6.849982000	-0.532513000	-0.188000000
H	7.542582000	-1.347661000	0.012194000

C	7.307835000	0.632275000	-0.793174000
H	8.355990000	0.734697000	-1.060191000
C	6.413047000	1.662315000	-1.059648000
H	6.764527000	2.576355000	-1.534673000
C	5.056051000	1.559772000	-0.723811000
C	4.183601000	2.781159000	-1.007815000
C	4.623184000	0.369785000	-0.102286000
C	4.014683000	3.659152000	0.243151000
H	3.372000000	3.178334000	0.993234000
H	3.543624000	4.613921000	-0.026286000
H	4.983977000	3.875324000	0.710160000
C	2.827151000	2.541433000	-1.684292000
H	2.066902000	2.162373000	-0.987495000
H	2.909960000	1.837987000	-2.521797000
H	2.451270000	3.494778000	-2.079983000
H	4.772196000	3.377711000	-1.722671000
C	-1.822401000	3.938813000	-1.081744000
H	-1.206389000	3.475072000	-0.299381000
H	-2.550096000	4.606634000	-0.602830000
H	-1.149748000	4.553780000	-1.694672000
C	-1.491144000	1.850789000	-2.453984000
H	-0.658782000	2.352825000	-2.967257000
H	-1.949096000	1.133397000	-3.146526000
H	-1.077602000	1.283715000	-1.612333000
H	-2.889964000	3.416638000	-2.849124000

C	-4.778109000	0.137436000	2.668142000
H	-3.958738000	0.841185000	2.873785000
H	-4.704465000	-0.673407000	3.404723000
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H	-5.427173000	-2.405398000	1.741705000
H	-5.694668000	-1.955764000	0.045583000
H	-6.725961000	-1.271099000	1.331564000
H	-3.701141000	-0.870345000	1.128393000
C	4.281983000	-2.080778000	2.020262000
H	4.680383000	-1.385199000	2.770197000
H	4.322252000	-3.090026000	2.450051000
H	3.221891000	-1.850005000	1.852618000
C	4.350426000	-2.835537000	-0.376001000
H	4.032041000	-3.821363000	-0.012420000
H	4.976919000	-2.972995000	-1.266982000
H	3.465668000	-2.260740000	-0.670808000
H	6.037090000	-2.584063000	0.927101000
Ni	1.924587000	-0.337929000	-0.926529000
H	-2.563854000	2.545617000	1.618368000
H	3.811463000	0.972109000	2.117576000
C	0.747239000	-0.792024000	-2.473558000
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H	-0.111108000	-2.518071000	-0.593002000
C	0.164896000	-4.153932000	-1.959933000
H	-0.574256000	-3.798628000	-2.688259000
H	0.966912000	-4.677722000	-2.496487000
H	-0.335069000	-4.868827000	-1.296333000
H	-0.290522000	-0.598609000	-2.219654000
H	2.226750000	-2.333192000	-2.591284000
H	3.038959000	-0.492449000	-1.819933000
Zn	-1.514260000	-0.794114000	0.030468000
Br	-2.729000000	-1.758130000	-1.747645000
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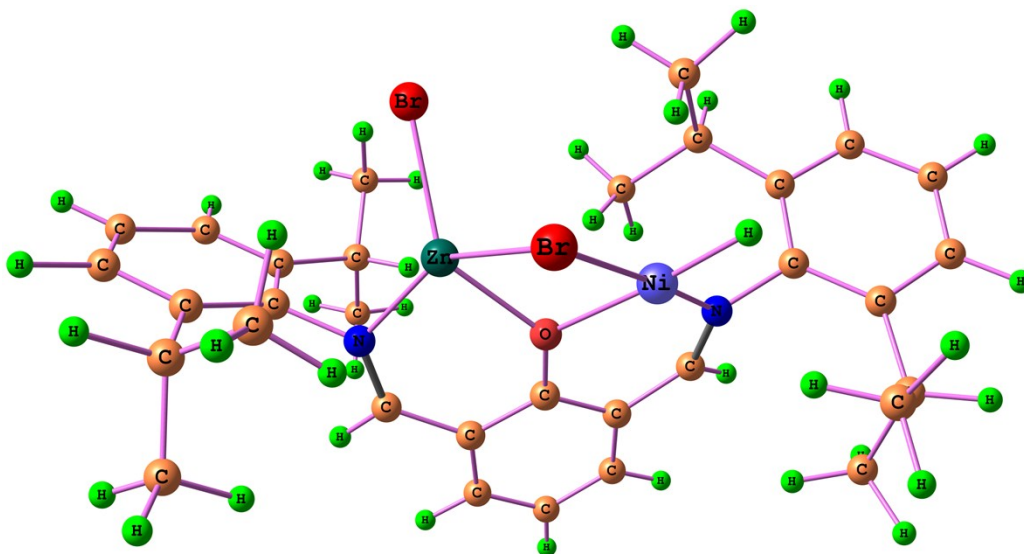


Figure S64: Optimized M06/6-31g/auto cartesian geometry for lowest energy of INT3-ZnBr₂.

Table S18. Optimized M06/6-31g/auto cartesian coordinates (Å) for lowest energy of INT3-ZnBr₂.

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C	-0.771515000	4.077200000	0.326857000
H	-1.682479000	4.673180000	0.331707000
C	0.442634000	4.661711000	0.663755000
H	0.495950000	5.716738000	0.908517000
C	1.581570000	3.862547000	0.733314000
H	2.528953000	4.289733000	1.057720000
C	1.541832000	2.501235000	0.400664000
C	2.723001000	1.695874000	0.602987000
C	0.316418000	1.926890000	-0.023143000
O	0.279865000	0.662280000	-0.406405000
N	-2.513442000	0.894196000	-0.270425000
N	2.933946000	0.487862000	0.158443000
H	-5.559301000	-0.104260000	2.999768000
C	-5.348761000	-0.022628000	1.936176000
C	-4.077304000	0.384621000	1.519132000
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C	-3.841706000	0.486826000	0.129997000
C	-4.803891000	0.110001000	-0.821964000
C	-4.575046000	0.141375000	-2.322385000
C	-6.059348000	-0.290286000	-0.349632000
H	-6.822537000	-0.571686000	-1.072392000
C	-6.338198000	-0.344594000	1.012606000
H	-7.319638000	-0.661418000	1.354670000

C	2.775111000	-1.670334000	2.232921000
C	4.065372000	-1.099003000	1.644285000
C	5.263250000	-1.656999000	2.112402000
H	5.213681000	-2.392521000	2.913445000
C	6.493935000	-1.301924000	1.573248000
H	7.408097000	-1.747551000	1.955846000
C	6.546238000	-0.386031000	0.527654000
H	7.504460000	-0.127669000	0.081697000
C	5.386525000	0.210459000	0.015496000
C	5.546548000	1.121353000	-1.201710000
C	4.156160000	-0.146267000	0.609937000
C	5.215829000	2.608218000	-0.989276000
H	4.137224000	2.802385000	-1.047727000
H	5.687454000	3.199128000	-1.785618000
H	5.593010000	2.980726000	-0.027620000
C	4.809414000	0.577102000	-2.431745000
H	3.739418000	0.443818000	-2.228418000
H	5.198496000	-0.407698000	-2.720393000
H	4.928254000	1.261241000	-3.282218000
H	6.622858000	1.085627000	-1.431977000
C	-4.647164000	1.570730000	-2.876924000
H	-3.829289000	2.187877000	-2.481596000
H	-5.597509000	2.051712000	-2.613547000
H	-4.557782000	1.561827000	-3.971203000
C	-3.290581000	-0.552150000	-2.791085000

H	-3.369829000	-0.816145000	-3.853533000
H	-3.099946000	-1.486770000	-2.243650000
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H	-3.137820000	2.850628000	2.453097000
H	-2.353775000	2.225078000	3.920531000
H	-4.114943000	2.096564000	3.722371000
C	-2.938327000	-0.424609000	3.637943000
H	-2.061714000	-0.261884000	4.279145000
H	-2.852584000	-1.420931000	3.188650000
H	-3.826746000	-0.399212000	4.282803000
H	-2.011515000	0.615514000	2.037916000
C	1.610342000	-0.708620000	2.507242000
H	1.939333000	0.221190000	2.991222000
H	0.889559000	-1.202474000	3.172779000
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C	2.289434000	-2.845187000	1.365837000
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H	3.062823000	-3.618363000	1.274340000
H	2.042714000	-2.497026000	0.352979000
H	3.070456000	-2.086984000	3.208928000
Ni	1.781392000	-0.406393000	-0.927390000
H	-3.004484000	2.847327000	0.124251000
H	3.498399000	2.150806000	1.225972000

H	2.850591000	-1.314824000	-1.326816000
Zn	-1.252807000	-0.591593000	-0.585459000
Br	-1.756776000	-2.480167000	0.690233000
Br	0.255430000	-1.466975000	-2.418327000

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