

## Supplementary Information

### 1,2-Dihalodigermenes Bearing Bulky Rind Groups: Synthesis, Characterization, and Conversion to Halogermolenoids

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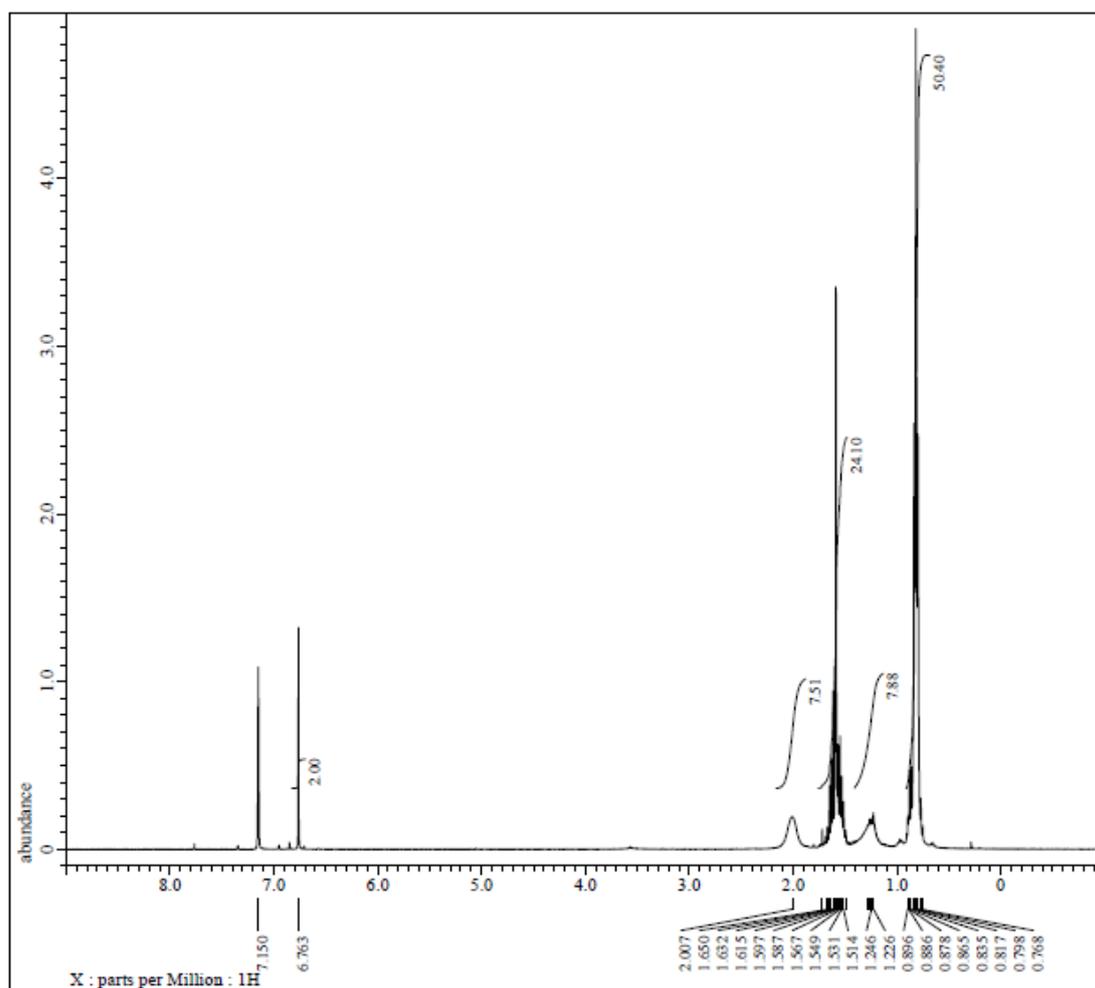
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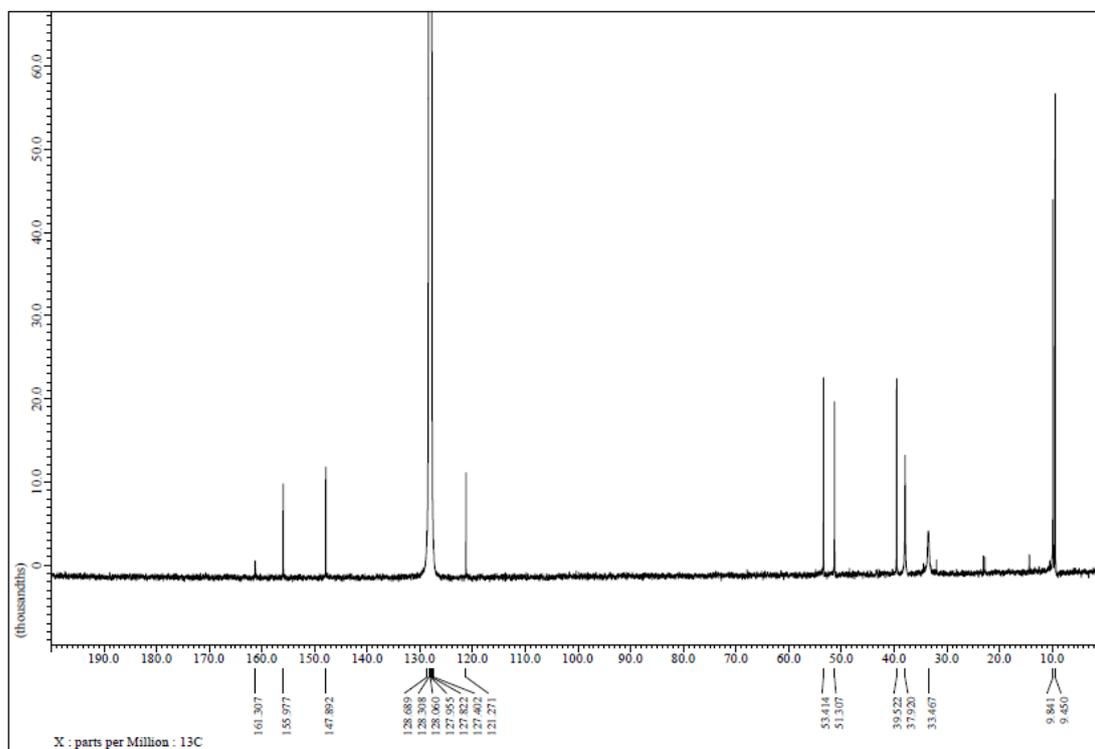
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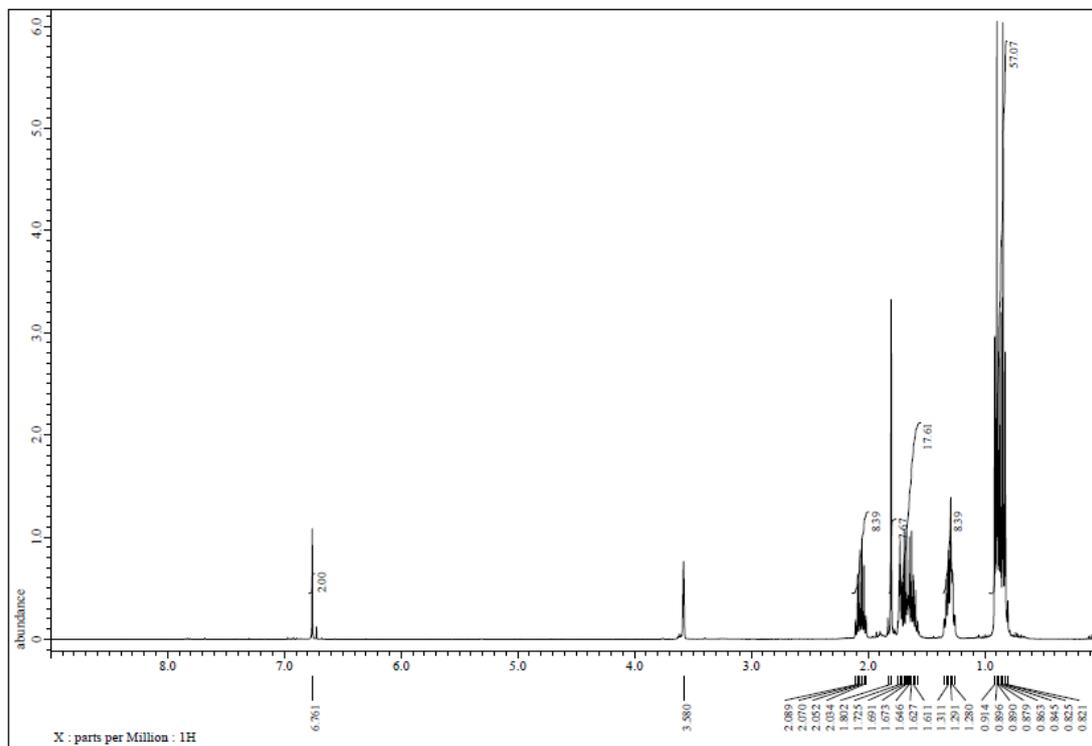
# 1. NMR spectra



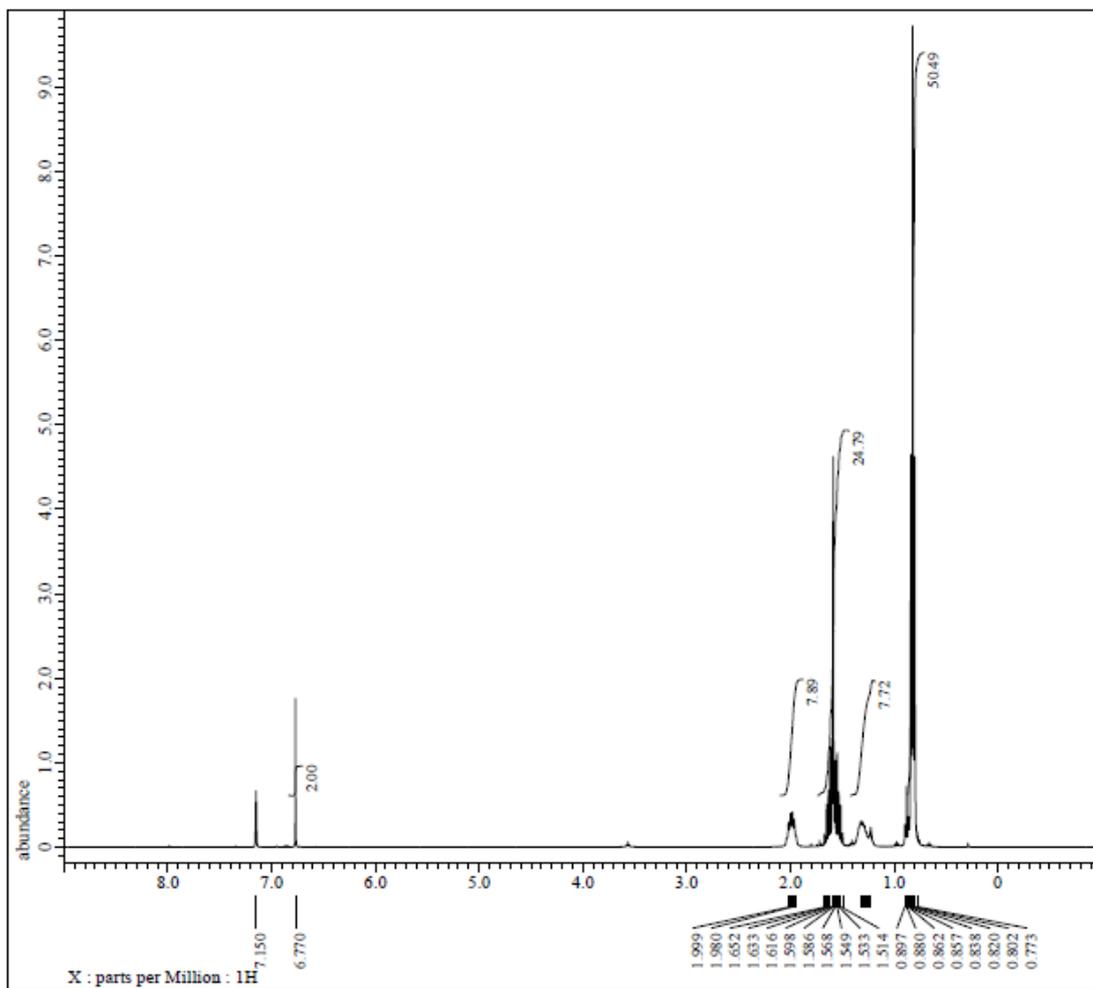
**Fig. S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .



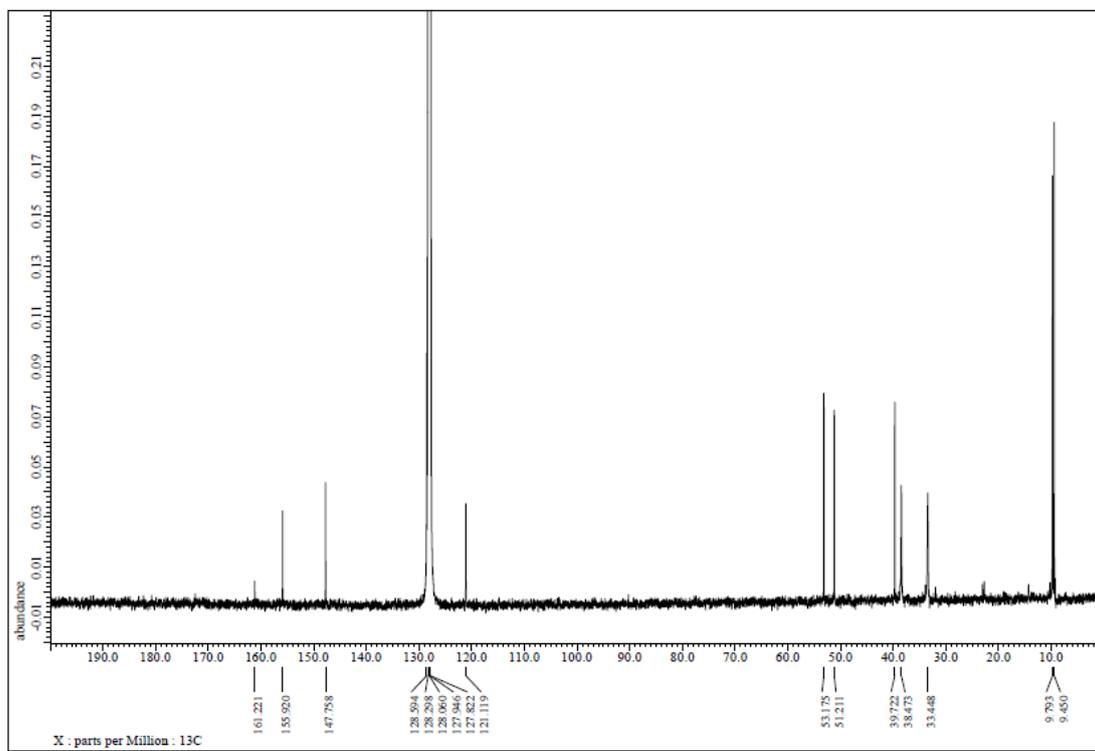
**Fig. S2**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



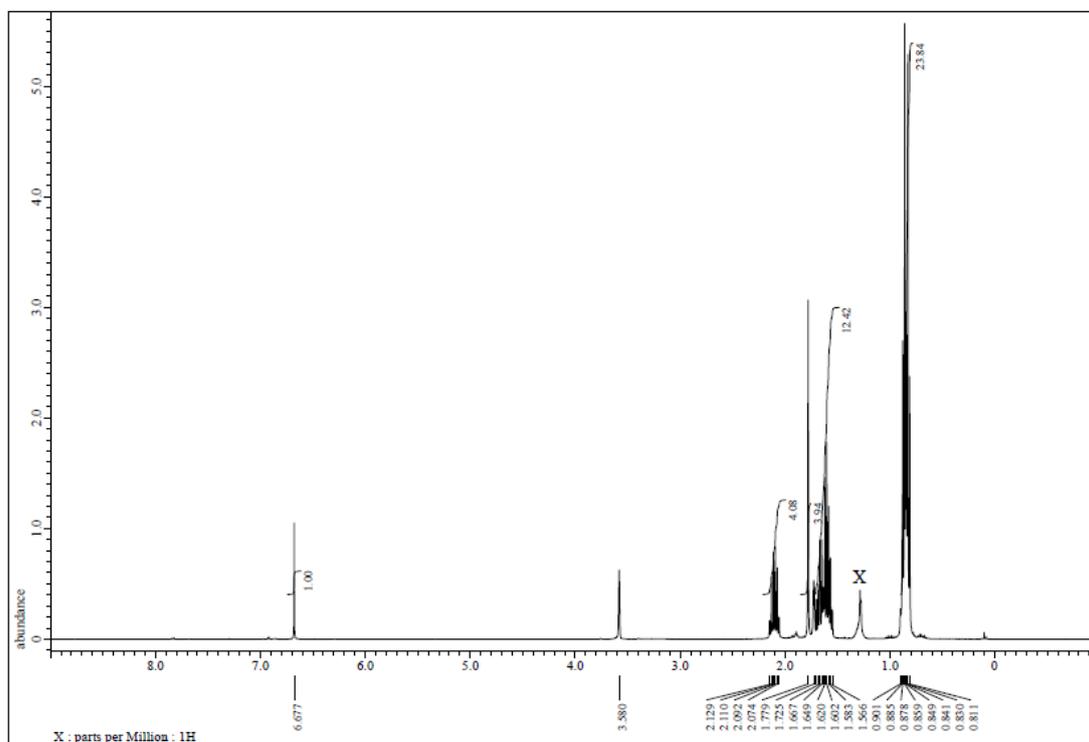
**Fig. S3** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** in THF-*d*<sub>8</sub> at 25 °C.



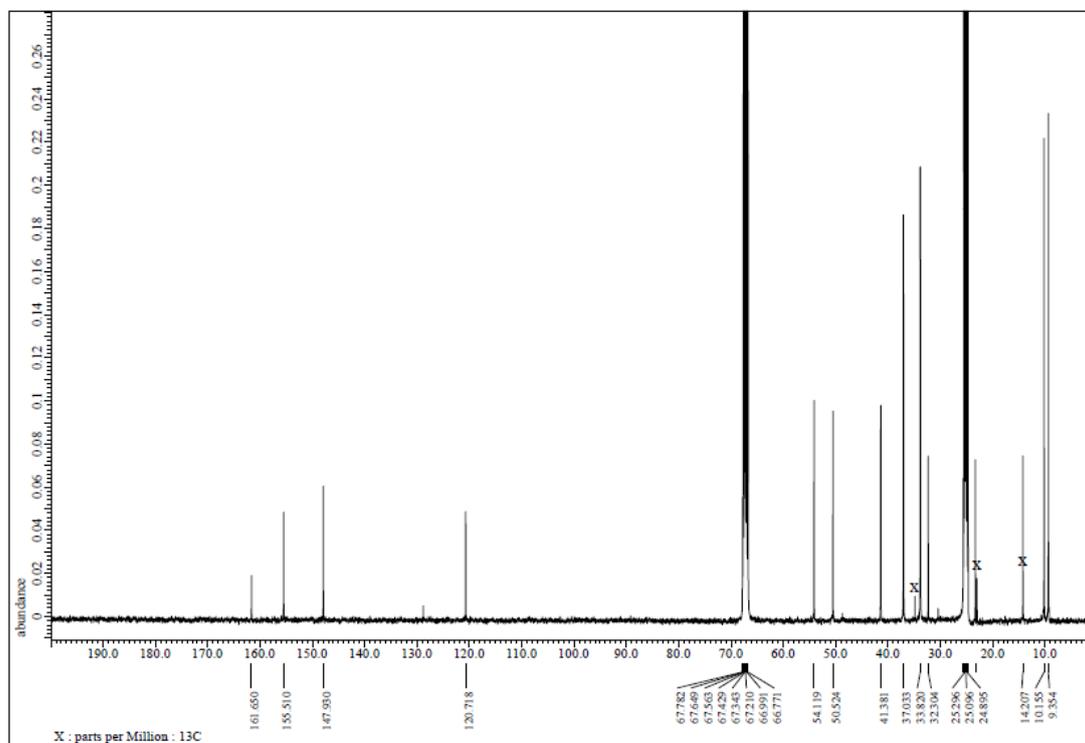
**Fig. S4** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 25 °C.



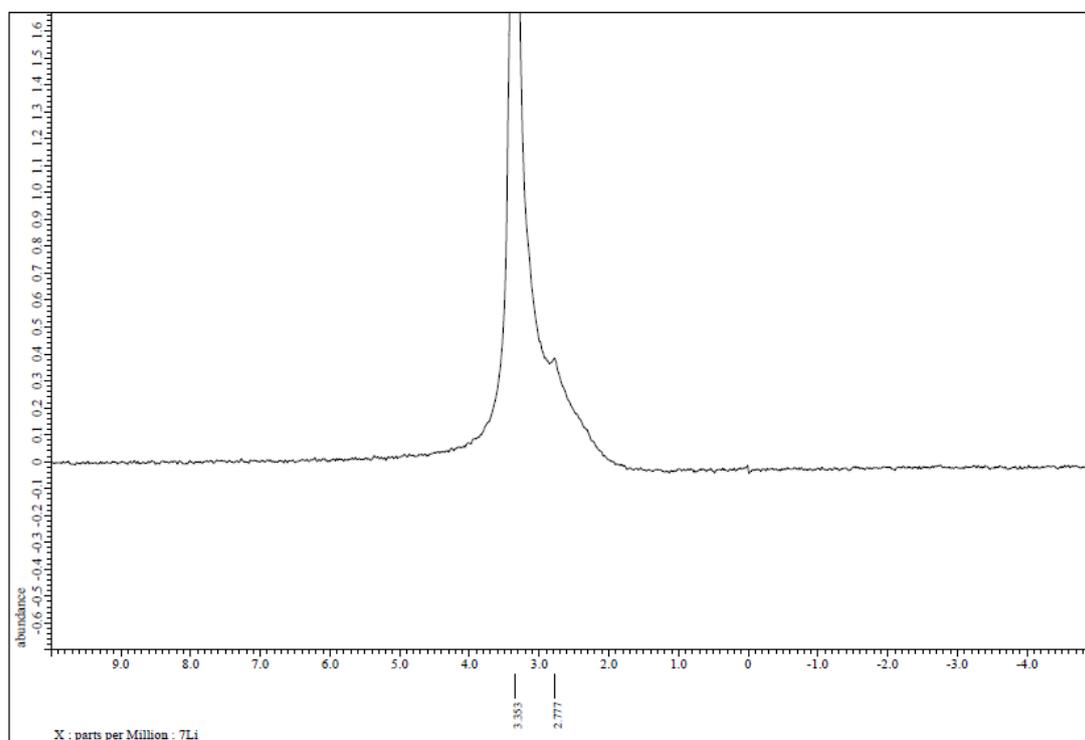
**Fig. S5**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **2** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



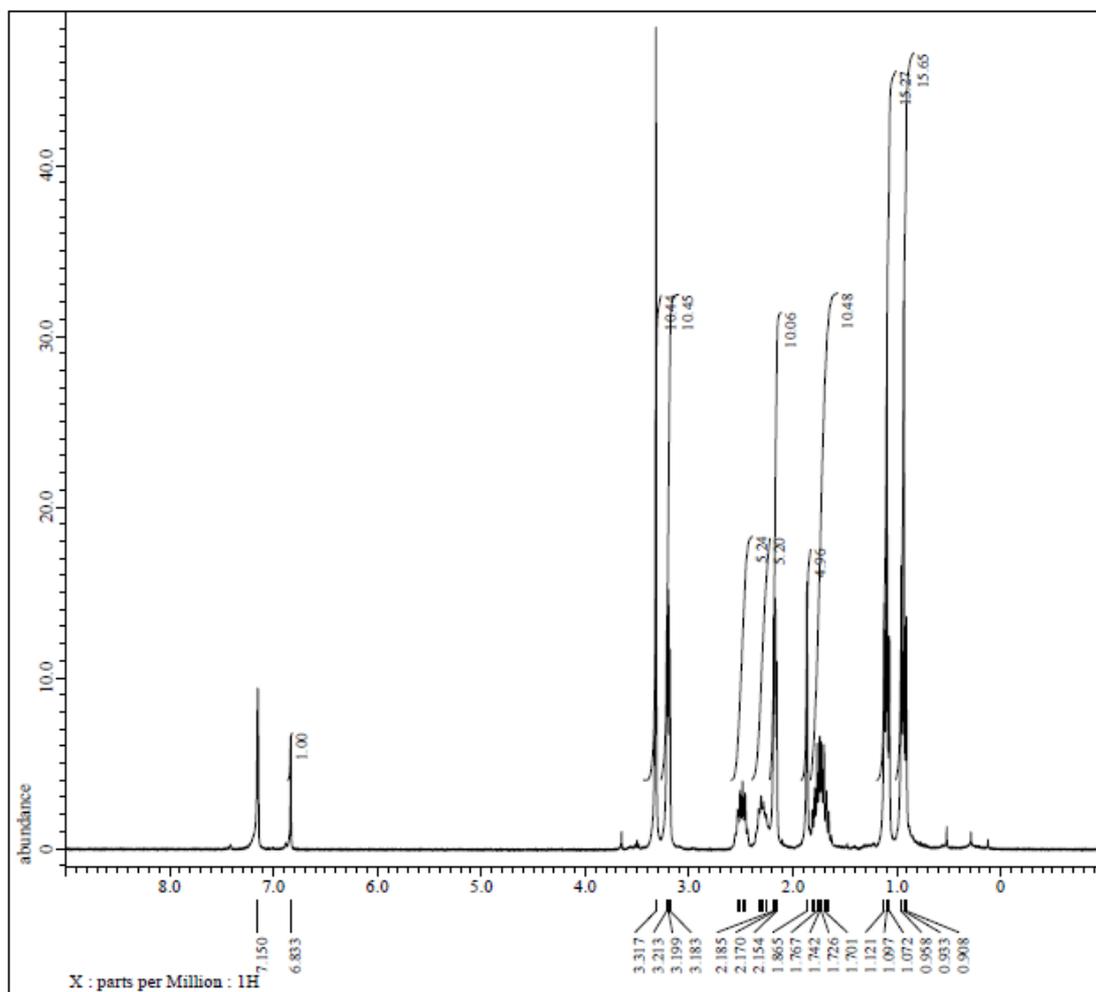
**Fig. S6**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **5** in  $\text{THF-}d_8$  at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  ( $x = \text{hexane}$ ).



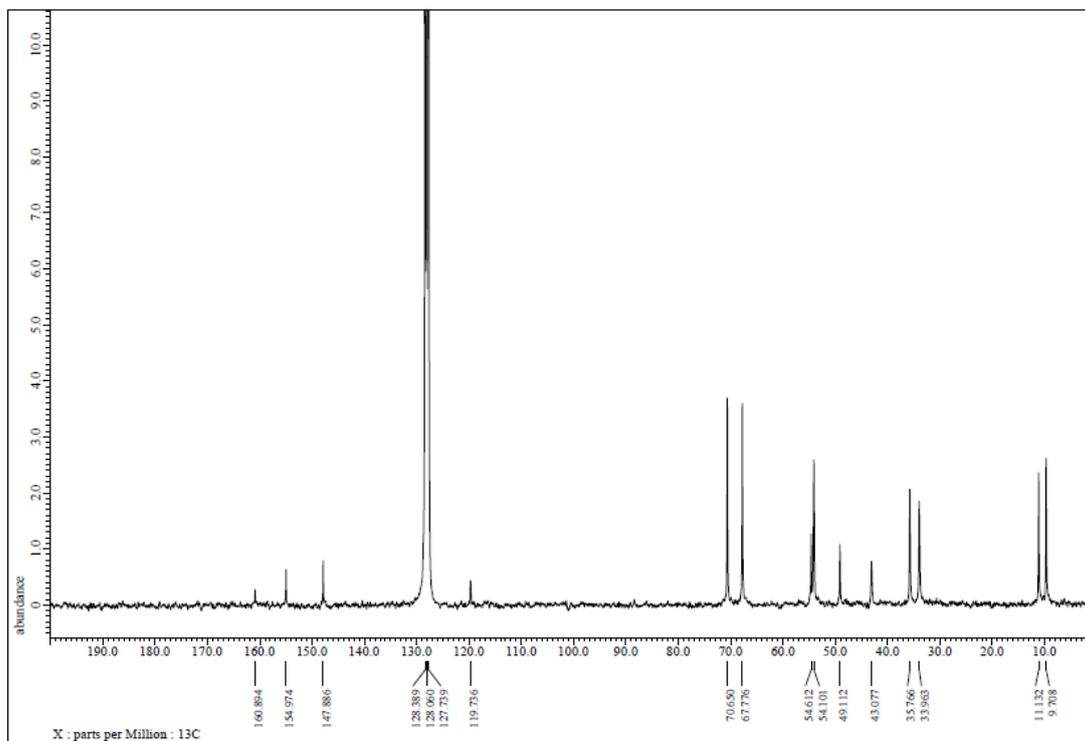
**Fig. S7**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **5** in  $\text{THF-}d_8$  at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (x = hexane).



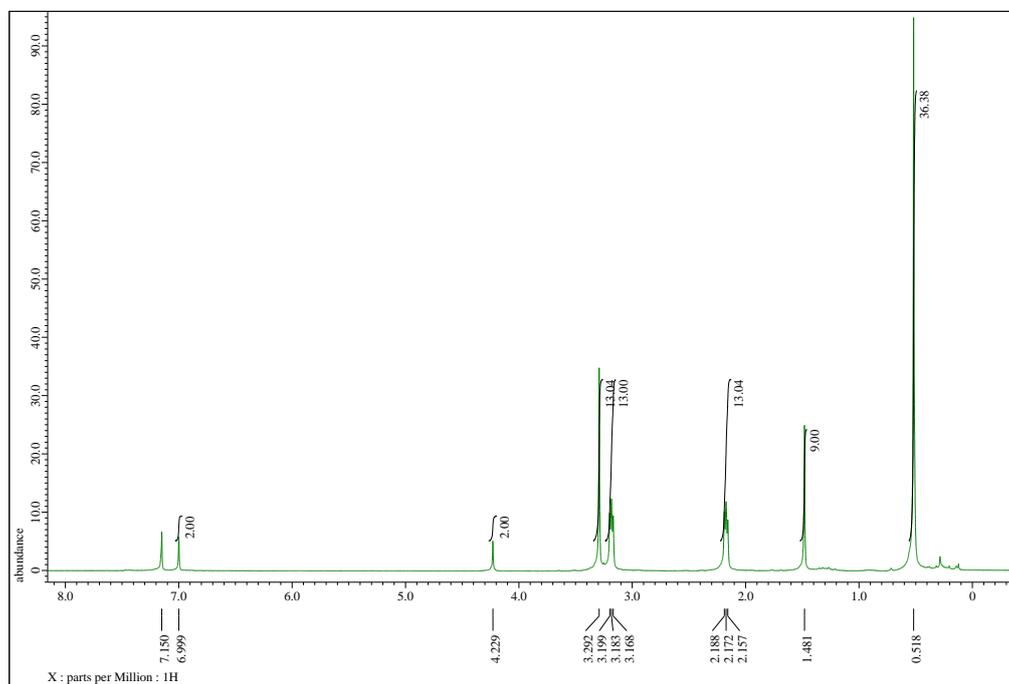
**Fig. S8**  ${}^7\text{Li}$  NMR spectrum of **5** in  $\text{THF-}d_8$  at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



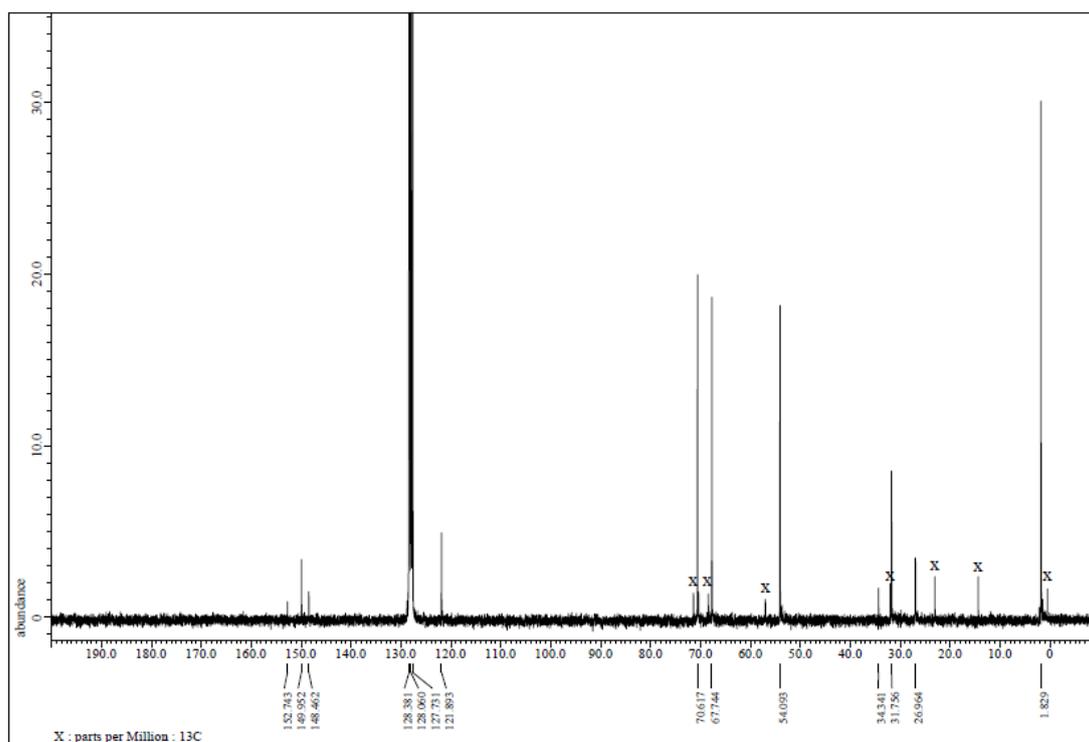
**Fig. S9** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **6** in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 25 °C.



**Fig. S10**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **6** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



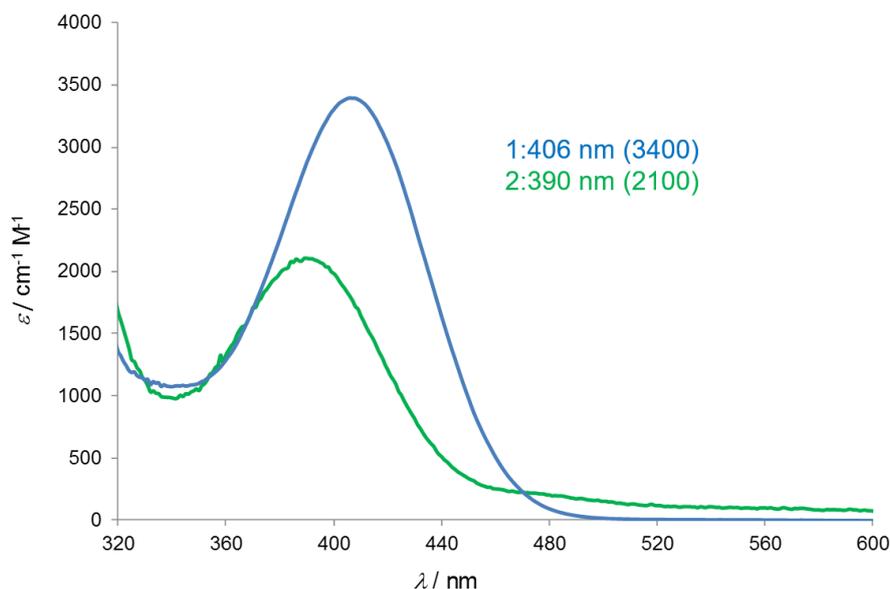
**Fig. S11**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **7** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



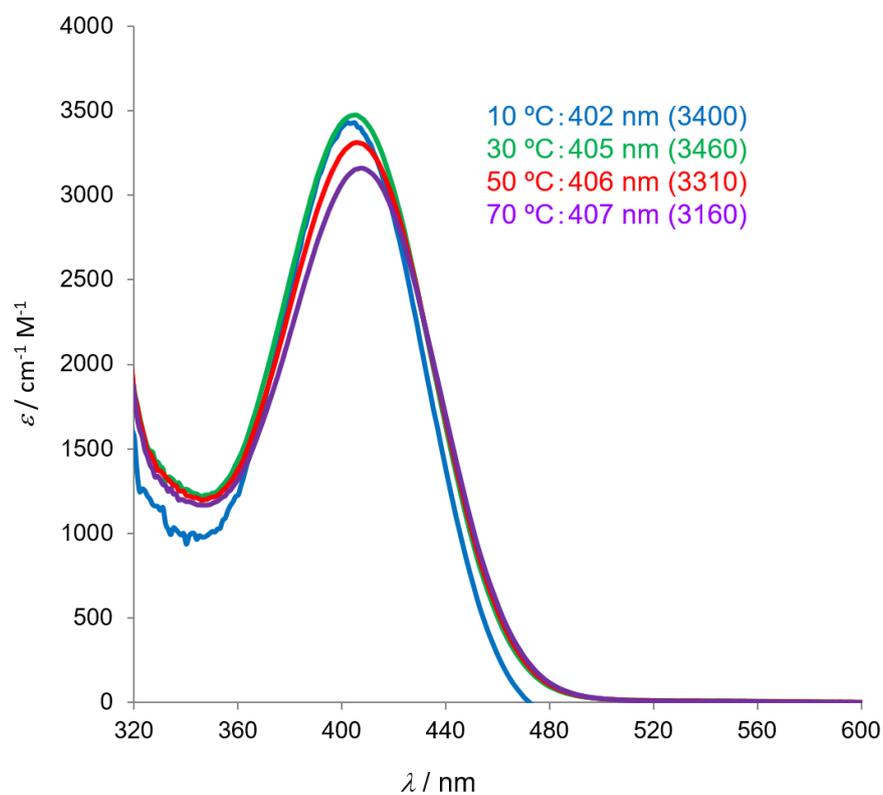
**Fig. S12**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **7** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 25 °C (x = impurity).

## 2. UV-Visible Measurements

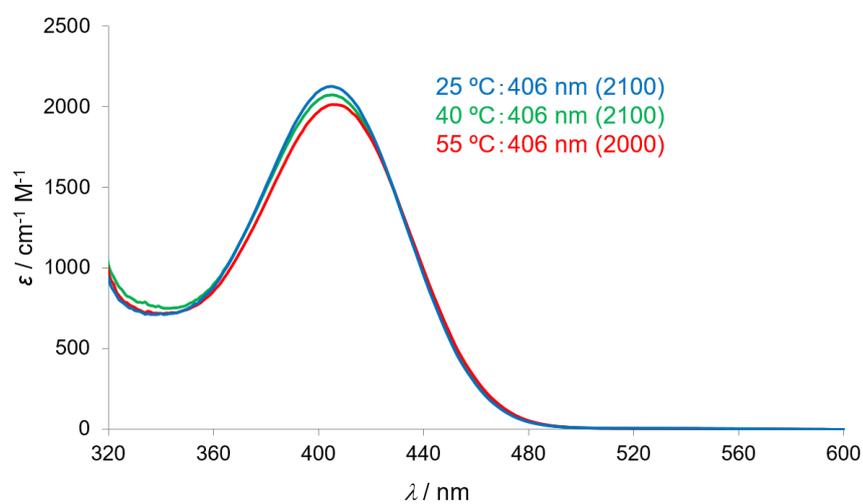
The UV-visible spectra were obtained using a Shimadzu UV-1700 pharmaSpec UV-Vis spectrophotometer with S-1700 Thermoelectric Single Cell Holder for **1** (Fig. S13) and **6** (Fig. S17), and a Shimadzu UV-3101(PC)S spectrometer for **2** (Fig. S13). Dry toluene and THF (purchased from Kanto Chemical Co., Inc.) were used for the sample solution. A 1 cm square quartz cell was used for the measurements. The variable-temperature UV-vis spectra of **1** were recorded at 10 °C, 30 °C, 50 °C, and 70 °C for toluene solution ( $3.4 \times 10^{-4}$  M) (Fig. S14) and at 25 °C, 40 °C, and 55 °C for THF solution ( $7.6 \times 10^{-4}$  M) (Fig. 15). The variable-temperature UV-vis spectra of the mixture of **1** ( $[\mathbf{1}]_0 = \text{ca. } 3.3 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and LiBr ( $[\text{LiBr}] = \text{ca. } 3.7 \times 10^{-2}$  M) in THF were recorded at 25 °C, 40 °C, and 55 °C (Fig. S16). Absorption spectra in a microcrystalline powder film were measured by using a Leica DMLP polarizing microscope connected with a Hamamatsu PMA-11 photodetector (Fig. S18).



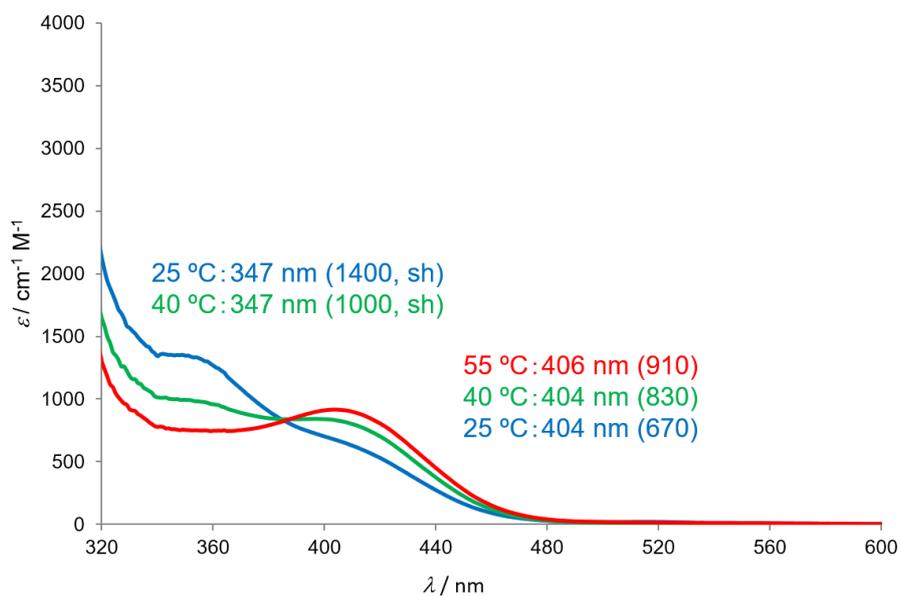
**Fig. S13** UV-vis spectra of **1** and **2** in toluene at 25 °C.



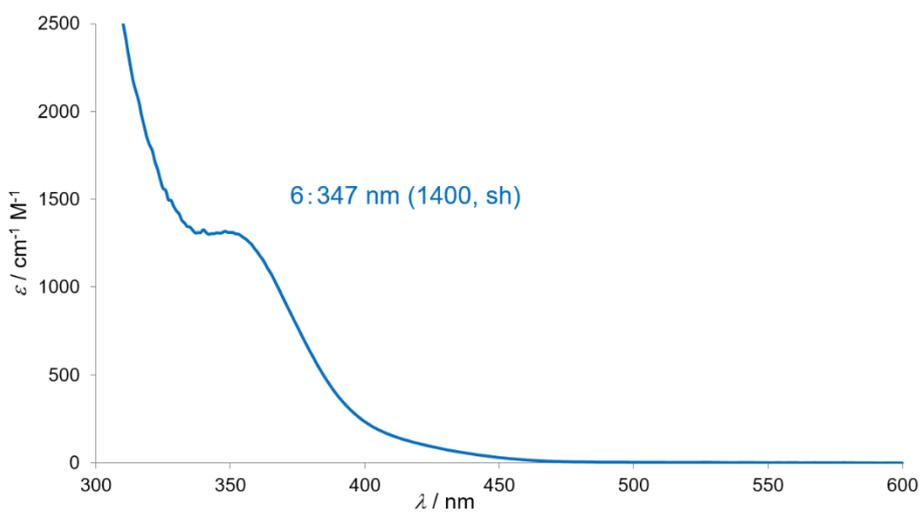
**Fig. S14** Variable-temperature UV-vis spectra of **1** in toluene ( $3.4 \times 10^{-4}$  M).



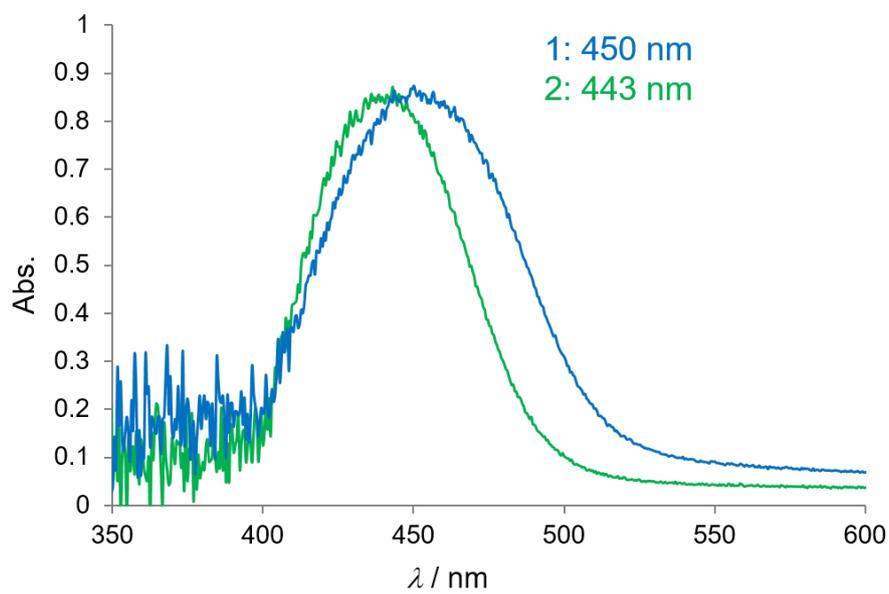
**Fig. S15** Variable-temperature UV-vis spectra of **1** in THF ( $7.6 \times 10^{-4}$  M).



**Fig. S16** Variable-temperature UV-vis spectra of **1** with LiBr in THF ( $3.3 \times 10^{-4}$  M).

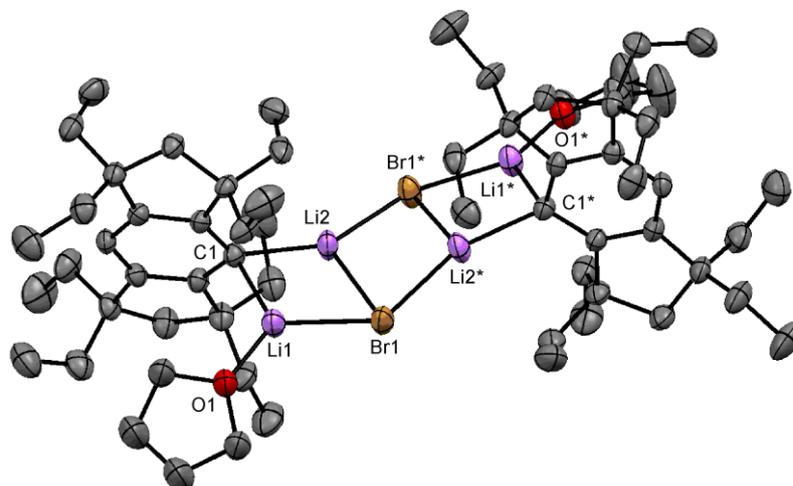


**Fig. S17** UV-vis spectrum of **6** in THF ( $3.7 \times 10^{-4}$  M).

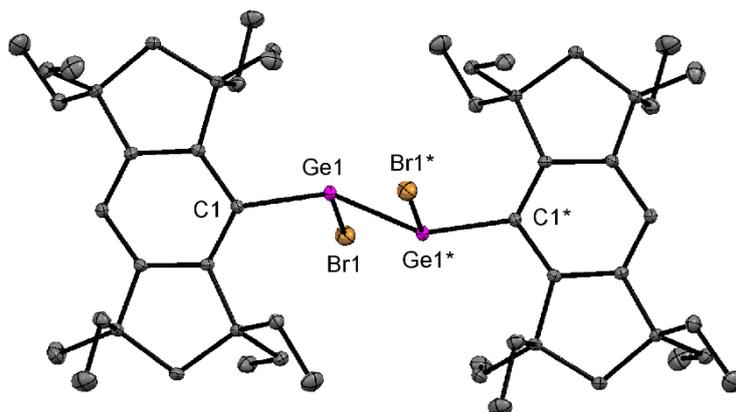


**Fig. S18** UV-vis spectra of **1** and **2** in a microcrystalline powder film.

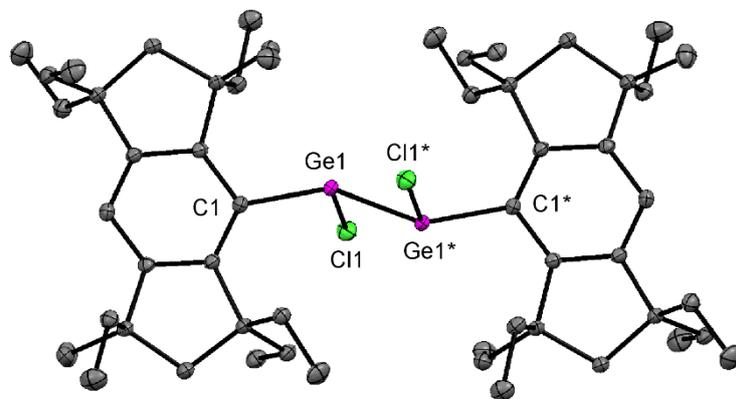
### 3. X-Ray Crystallographic Analysis



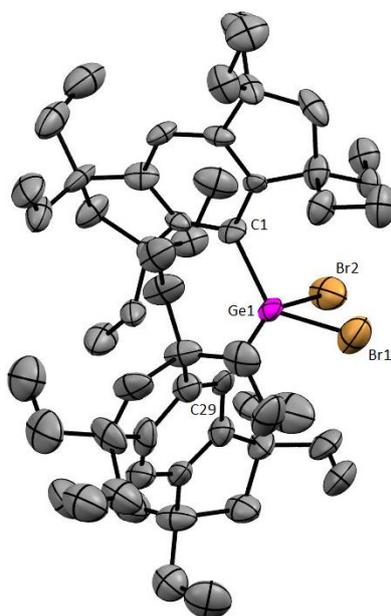
**Fig. S19** Molecular structure of  $[(\text{Eind})\text{Li}(\text{THF})(\text{LiBr})]_2$  (ORTEP drawing; thermal ellipsoids set at 50% probability). Hydrogen atoms and disordered C and O atoms were omitted for clarity and only selected atoms are labeled. Selected atomic distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ), bond angles ( $^\circ$ ): C1–Li1 = 2.138(7), C1–Li2 = 2.147(7), Br1–Li1 = 2.456(6), Br1–Li2 = 2.558(6), Br1–Li2\* = 2.475(6), O1–Li1 = 1.877(7), C1–Li1–Br1 = 111.9(3), C1–Li2–Br1 = 107.8(3), C1–Li2–Br1\* = 149.5(3), Br1–Li2–Br1\* = 102.7(2), C1–Li1–O1 = 119.3(5), Br1–Li1–O1 = 127.9(5), Li1–C1–Li2 = 76.4(3), Li1–Br1–Li2 = 63.8(2), Li2–Br1–Li2\* = 75.3(2), Li1–Br1–Li2\* = 136.5(2).



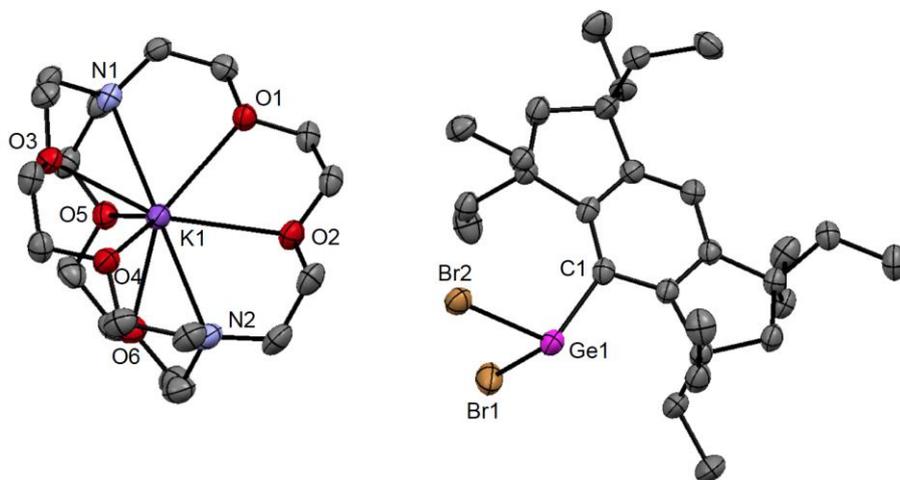
**Fig. S20** Molecular structure of **1** (ORTEP drawing; thermal ellipsoids set at 50% probability). Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity and only selected atoms are labeled. Selected atomic distances (Å), bond angles (°): Ge1–Ge1\* = 2.4145(3), Ge1–Br1 = 2.3622(2), Ge1–C1 = 1.9830(13), C1–Ge1–Br1 = 107.48(4), C1–Ge1–Ge1\* = 125.38(4), Br1–Ge1–Ge1\* = 104.276(9).



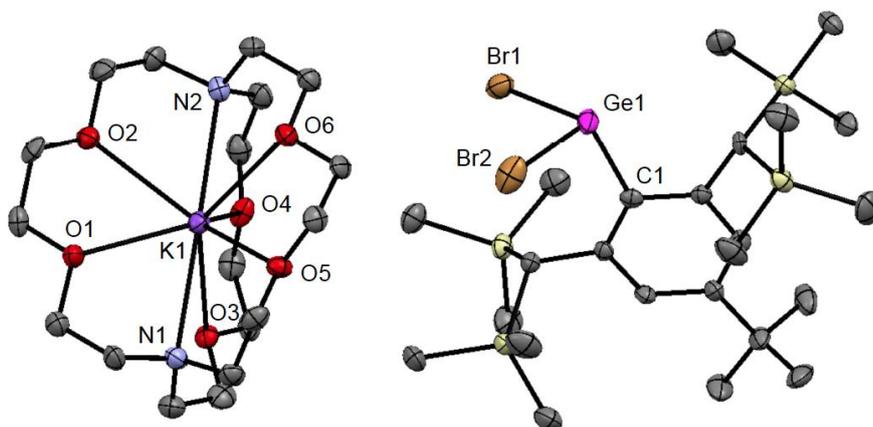
**Fig. S21** Molecular structure of **2** (ORTEP drawing; thermal ellipsoids set at 50% probability). Hydrogen atoms and disordered Ge and Cl atoms were omitted for clarity and only selected atoms are labeled. Selected atomic distances (Å), bond angles (°): Ge1–Ge1\* = 2.4119(5), Ge1–Cl1 = 2.2124(15), Ge1–C1 = 1.9783(19), C1–Ge1–Cl1 = 106.85(7), C1–Ge1–Ge1\* = 125.05(6), Cl1–Ge1–Ge1\* = 103.96(5); Ge1B–Ge1B\* = 2.363(7), Ge1B–Cl1B = 2.23(3), Ge1B–C1 = 2.070(4), C1–Ge1B–Cl1B = 108.5(7), C1–Ge1B–Ge1B\* = 119.8(2), Cl1B–Ge1B–Ge1B\* = 105.5(7).



**Fig. S22** Molecular structure of  $(\text{Eind})_2\text{GeBr}_2$  (ORTEP drawing; thermal ellipsoids set at 50% probability). Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity and only selected atoms are labeled. Selected atomic distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ), bond angles ( $^\circ$ ):  $\text{Ge1-C1} = 2.021(15)$ ,  $\text{Ge1-C29} = 2.022(16)$ ,  $\text{Ge1-Br1} = 2.356(3)$ ,  $\text{Ge1-Br2} = 2.363(3)$ ,  $\text{C1-Ge1-C29} = 120.4(6)$ ,  $\text{C1-Ge1-Br1} = 122.7(5)$ ,  $\text{C1-Ge1-Br2} = 98.5(4)$ ,  $\text{C29-Ge1-Br1} = 98.5(4)$ ,  $\text{C29-Ge1-Br2} = 123.8(5)$ ,  $\text{Br1-Ge1-Br2} = 91.15(11)$ .



**Fig. S23** Molecular structure of **6** (ORTEP drawing; thermal ellipsoids set at 50% probability). Hydrogen atoms and disordered atoms were omitted for clarity and only selected atoms are labeled. Selected atomic distances (Å), bond angles (°): Ge1–Br1 = 2.4780(7), Ge1–Br2 = 2.5562(6), Ge1–C1 = 2.084(4), C1–Ge1–Br1 = 98.57(11), C1–Ge1–Br2 = 113.09(11), Br1–Ge1–Br2 = 96.65(2).



**Fig. S24** Molecular structure of **7** (ORTEP drawing; thermal ellipsoids set at 50% probability). Hydrogen atoms and one molecule of benzene were omitted for clarity and only selected atoms are labeled. Selected atomic distances (Å), bond angles (°): Ge1–Br1 = 2.4708(14), Ge1–Br2 = 2.4888(15), Ge1–C1 = 2.044(8), C1–Ge1–Br1 = 103.5(2), C1–Ge1–Br2 = 103.9(2), Br1–Ge1–Br2 = 95.13(5).

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for [(Eind)Li(THF)(LiBr)]<sub>2</sub>, **1**, **2**, (Eind)<sub>2</sub>GeBr<sub>2</sub>, **6**, and **7**.

Compound	[(Eind)Li(THF)(LiBr)] <sub>2</sub>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	(Eind) <sub>2</sub> GeBr <sub>2</sub>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Formula	C <sub>64</sub> H <sub>106</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> Li <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>56</sub> H <sub>90</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> Ge <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>56</sub> H <sub>90</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> Ge <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>56</sub> H <sub>90</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> Ge	C <sub>46</sub> H <sub>81</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> Ge KN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>45</sub> H <sub>88</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> Ge KN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>4</sub>
Molecular weight	1095.06	1068.32	979.35	995.68	1029.63	1137.04
Temperature / °C	-173	-173	-173	-173	-170	-170
λ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal size / mm <sup>3</sup>	0.52 x 0.37 x 0.29	0.11 x 0.07 x 0.06	0.08 x 0.07 x 0.04	0.11 x 0.09 x 0.05	0.08 x 0.07 x 0.04	0.10 x 0.07 x 0.03
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>Pbcn</i> (#60)	<i>P</i> -1 (#2)	<i>P</i> -1 (#2)	<i>Cc</i> (#9)	<i>P</i> -1 (#2)	<i>P</i> -1 (#2)
<i>a</i> / Å	19.486(5)	10.43530(14)	10.4792(3)	10.6306(9)	11.2880(9)	11.8021(2)
<i>b</i> / Å	19.226(5)	10.52080(14)	10.5003(2)	26.7797(16)	12.8136(7)	12.4235(3)
<i>c</i> / Å	17.324(4)	12.12440(14)	12.0496(3)	18.0740(14)	18.9434(17)	20.4661(4)
α / °	90	97.1732(10)	97.829(2)	90	104.562(4)	79.3220(10)
β / °	90	93.3651(10)	93.325(2)	101.352(8)	96.164(5)	78.1190(10)
γ / °	90	97.2483(11)	97.830(2)	90	107.936(5)	85.9350(10)
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	6490(3)	1306.38(3)	1297.30(6)	5044.7(7)	2471.7(3)	2884.00(10)
<i>Z</i>	4	1	1	4	2	2
μ(Mo-Kα) / mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.287	2.718	1.296	2.226	2.366	2.113
D <sub>calcd.</sub> / g·cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.121	1.358	1.254	1.311	1.383	1.309
θ <sub>max</sub>	27.423	30.000	29.999	26.000	25.999	25.500
Refl./restr./param.	7388/23/337	7611/0/279	7495/18/292	9587/97/548	9641/0/566	10639/0/565
Completeness	99.8	99.9	99.0	99.6	99.3	99.3
GOF	1.139	1.053	1.158	1.026	1.097	1.200
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	0.762	0.0234	0.0428	0.1165	0.0506	0.0872
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	0.1532	0.0616	0.0980	0.2987	0.1184	0.2161
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> (all data)	0.1065	0.0276	0.0515	0.1382	0.0697	0.0943
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