

## Supporting information

### Aluminum complexes based on pyridine substituted alcohols: synthesis, structure, catalytic application in ROP

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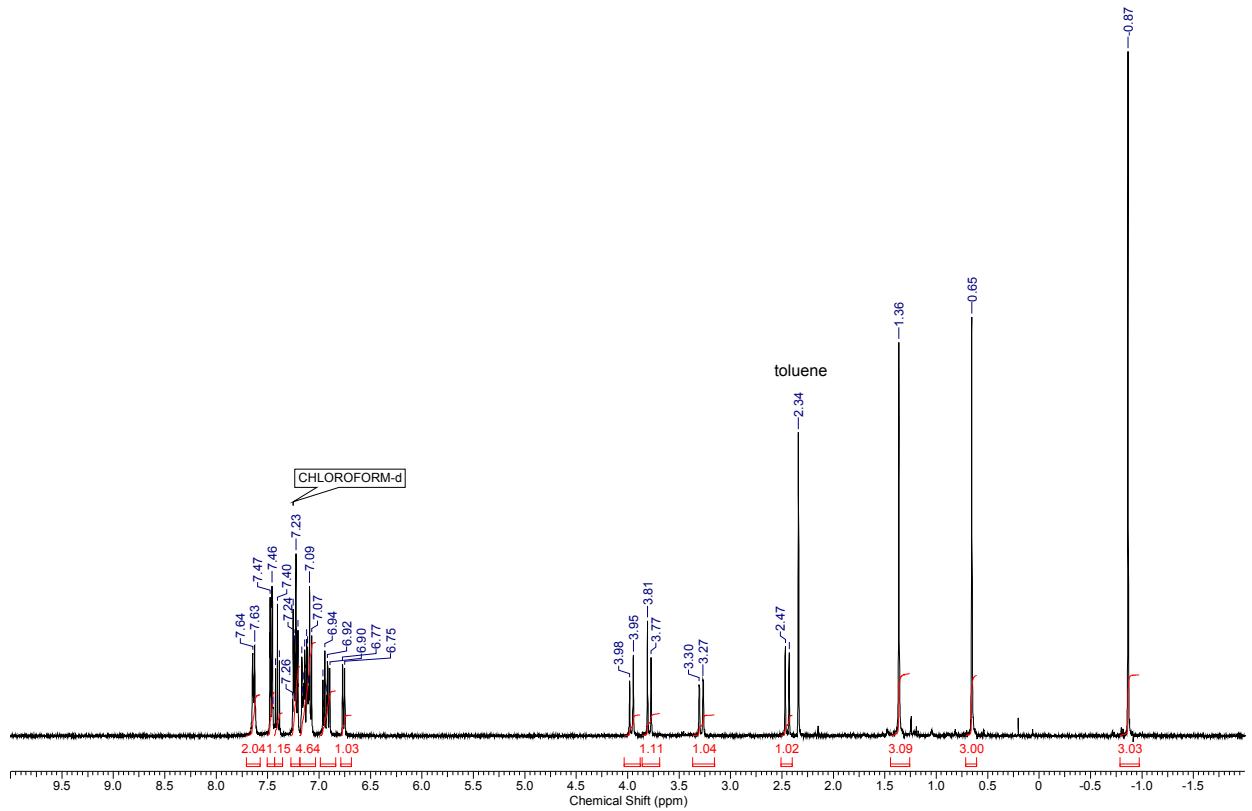
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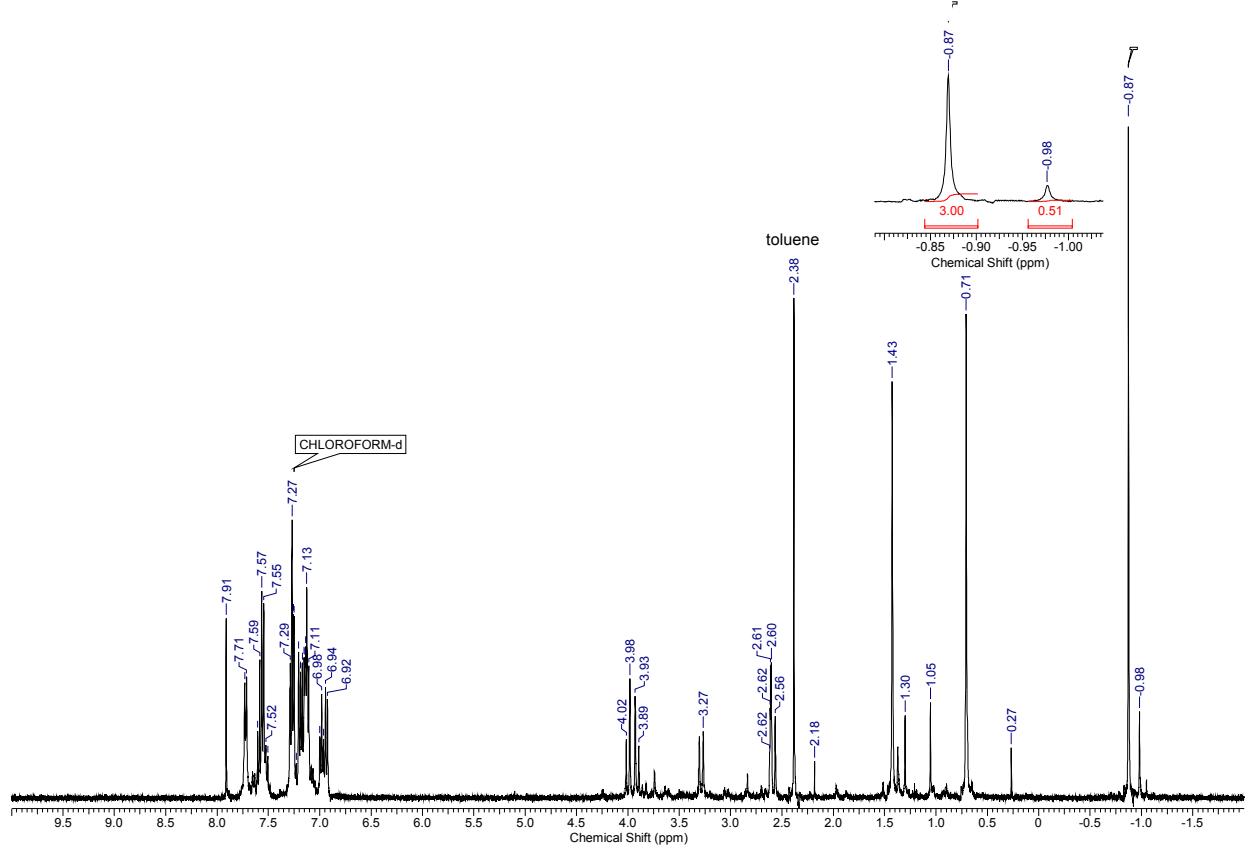
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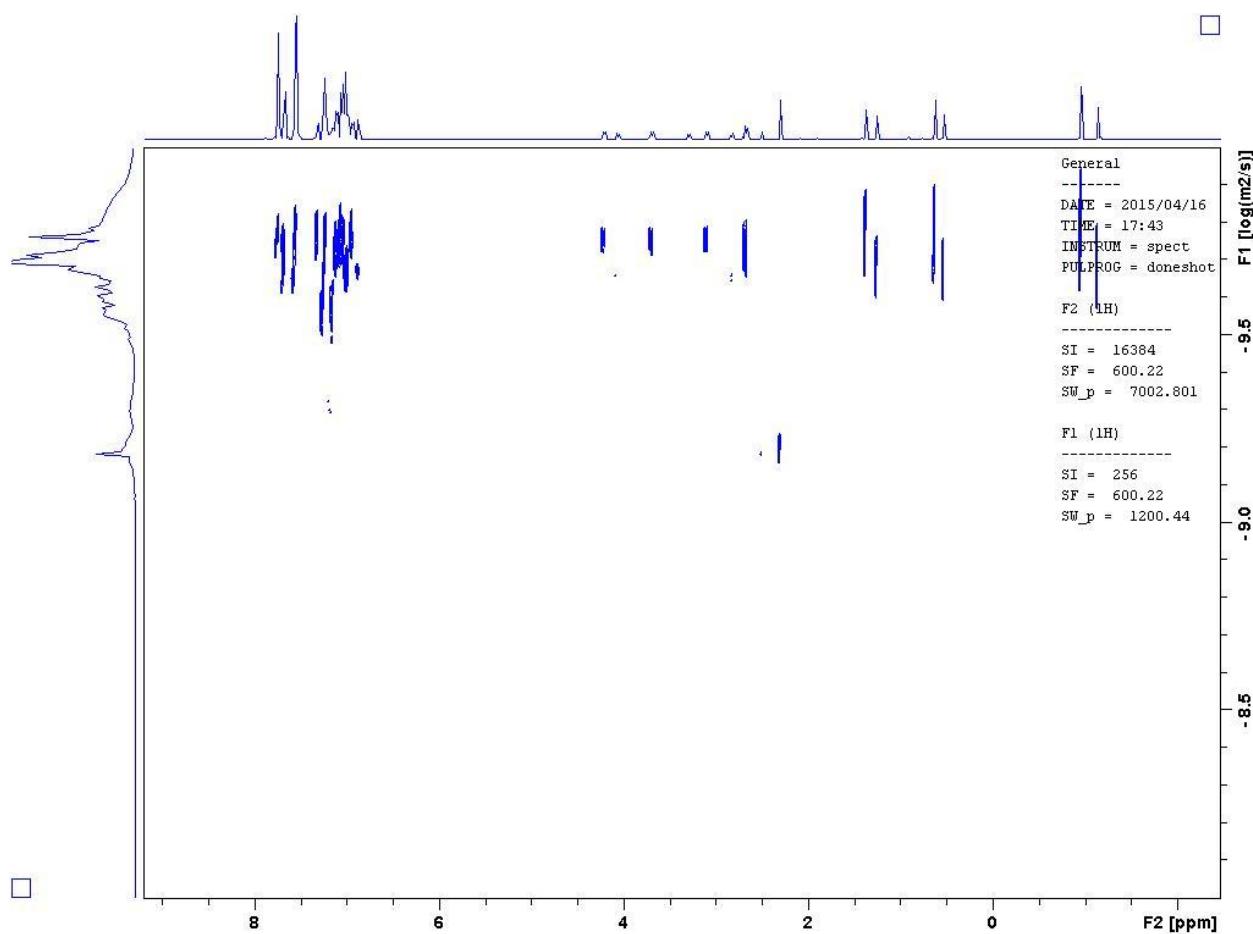
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**Fig. S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for **3a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt).



**Fig. S2**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for **3a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + 20\%$   $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , rt).



**Fig. S3** DOSY NMR spectrum for **3a** (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, room temperature; the admixture of toluene is present).

The formula of MW calculation [*Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* 2013, **52**, 3199 – 3202]

$$D = \frac{k_B T \left( \frac{3\alpha}{2} + \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \right)}{6\pi\eta_3 \sqrt{\frac{3MW}{4\pi\rho_{eff} N_A}}}, \text{ where}$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt[3]{\frac{MW_s}{MW}}$$

MW<sub>S</sub> – molecular weight of the solvent

MW – molecular weight of the solute

$\rho_{eff}$  - the effective density of a small molecule

$\eta$ -viscosity

$N_A$  - the Avogadro number

$k_B$  - Boltzmann constant

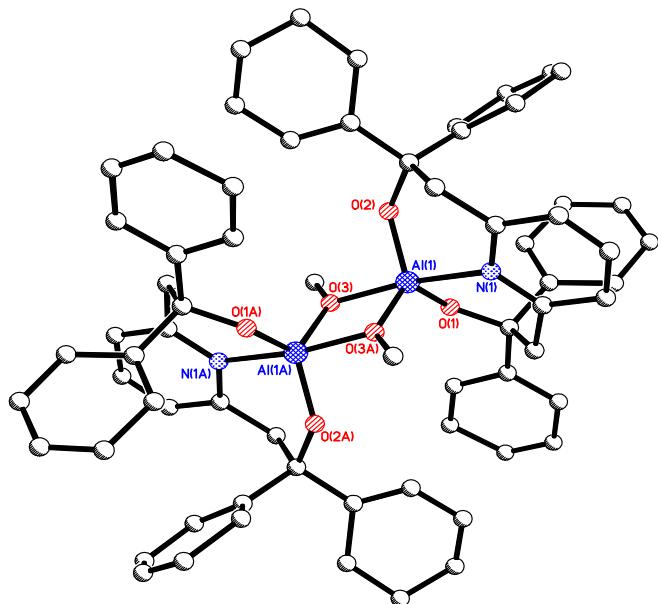
D – diffusion coefficient

T - temperature

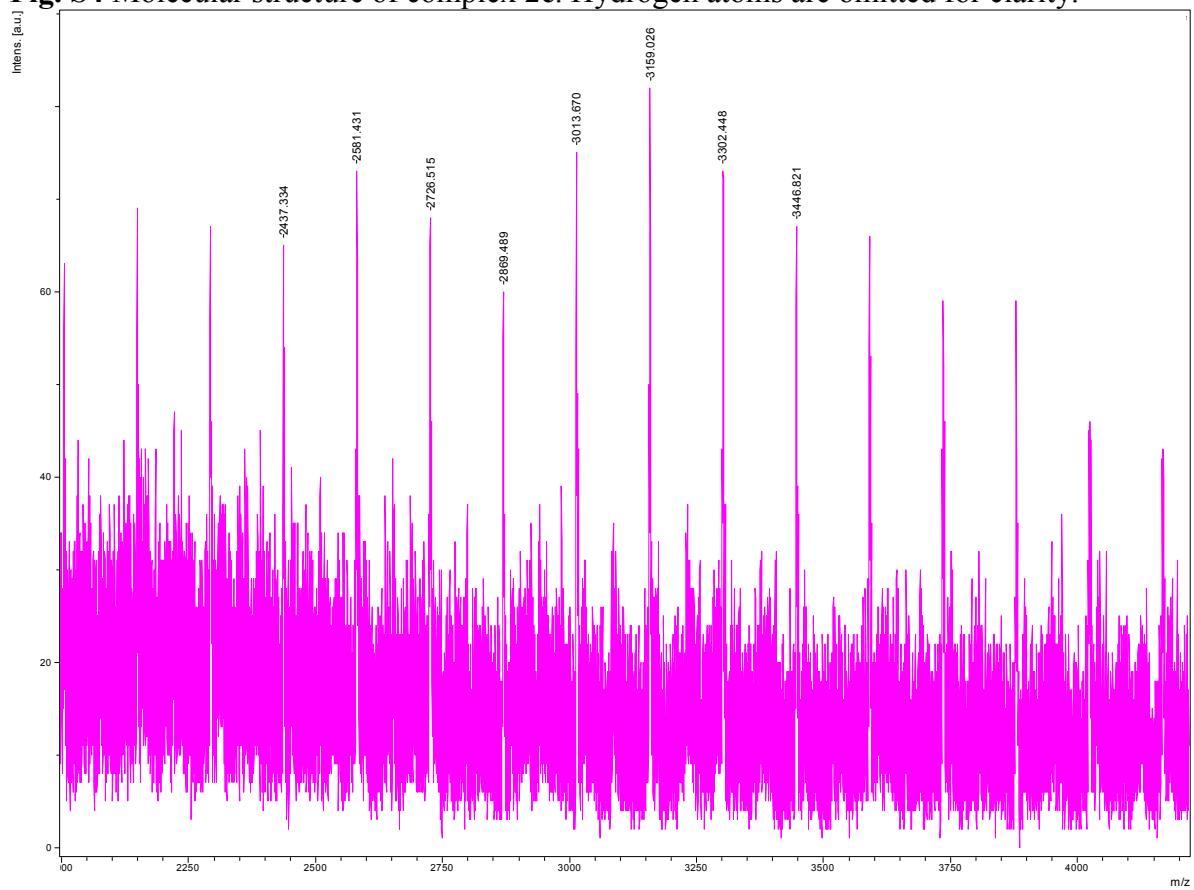
Using known calculation algorithm the molecular weights of two particles was established:

$M_1 = 820 \text{ g/mol}$ ,  $D = 1.74 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  ( $M_1(\text{theor}) = 774.9$ ), what corresponds to dimeric **(3a)<sub>2</sub>**;

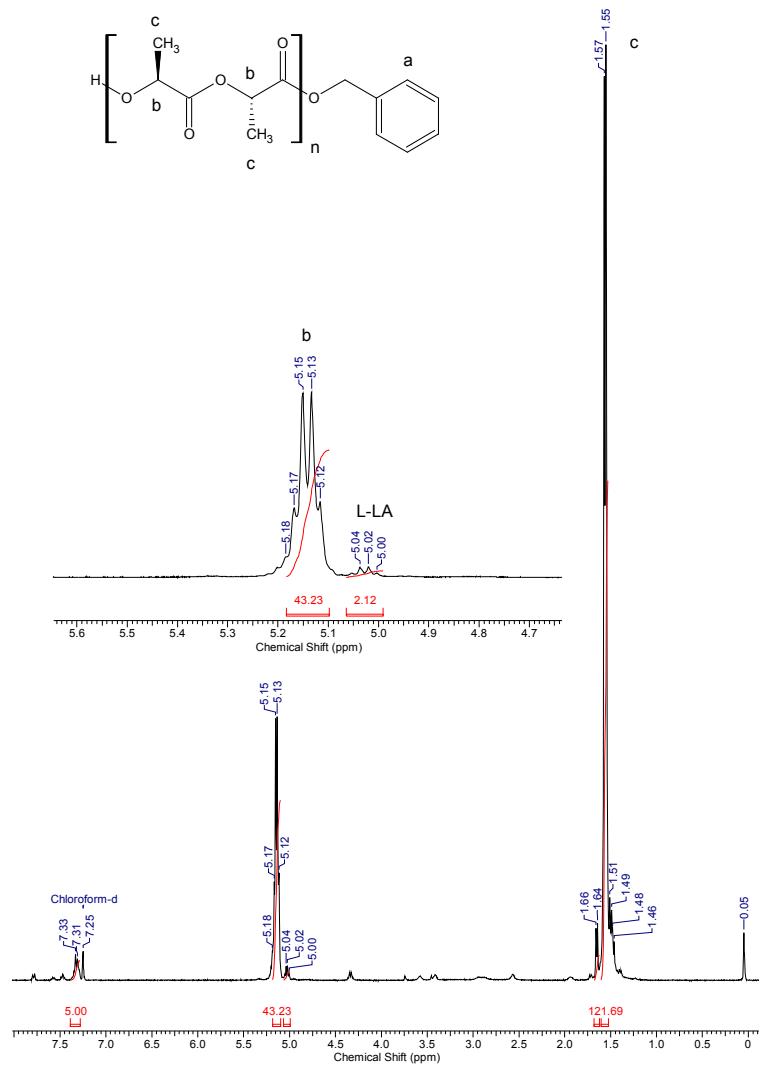
$M_2 = 497.1 \text{ g/mol}$ ,  $D = 2.19 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  ( $M_1(\text{theor}) = 465.6$ ), what corresponds to adduct of monomer with DMSO.



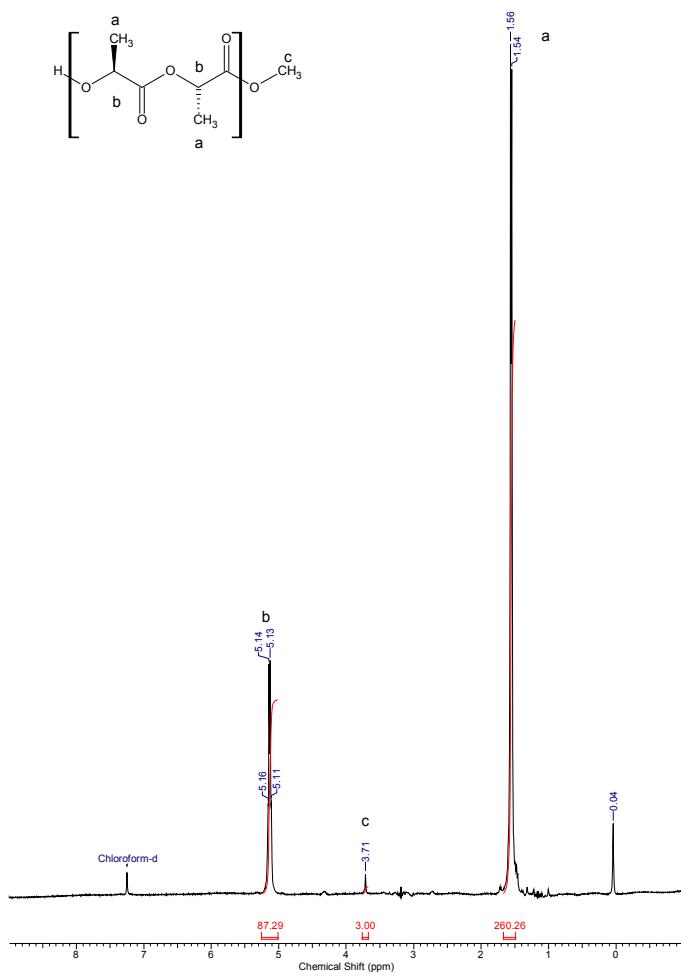
**Fig. S4** Molecular structure of complex **2c**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



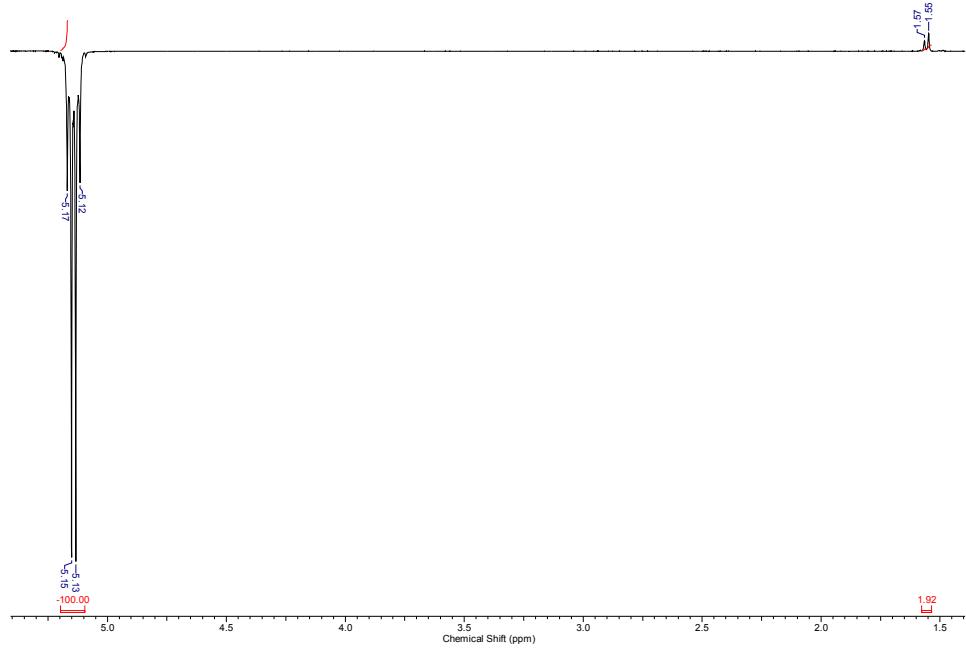
**Fig. S5.** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of a PLA sample prepared with **2a** (Table 2, entry 1) (solvent THF, HABA matrix, 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid).



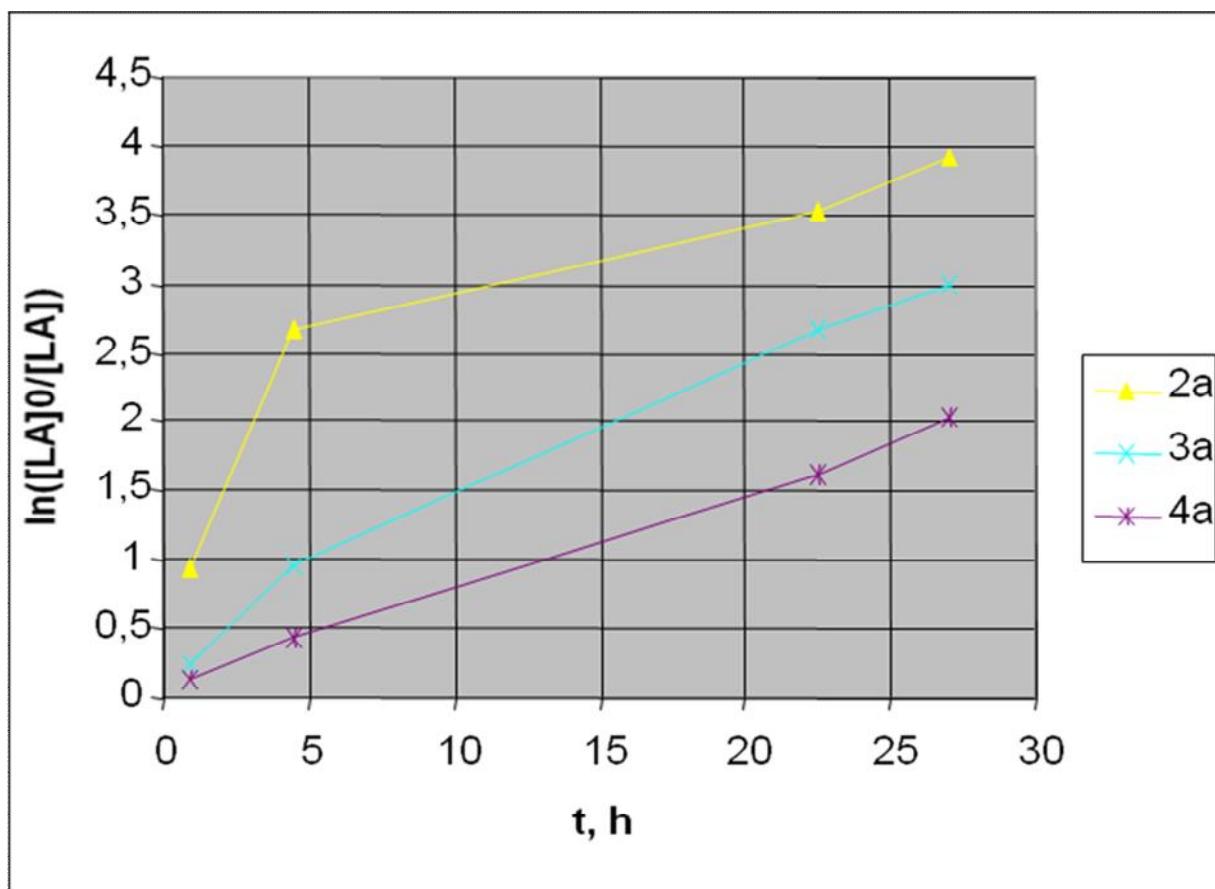
**Fig. S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for BnO-PLLA, prepared with **2a** (75 % conversion).



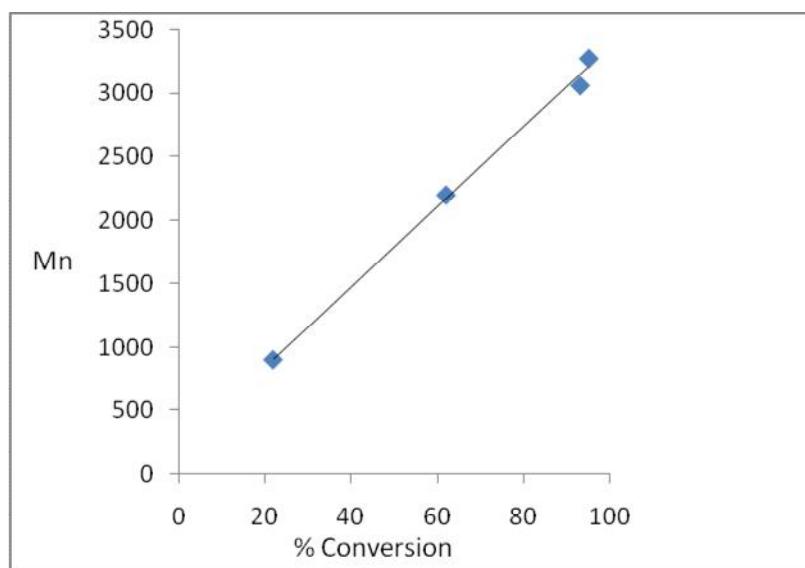
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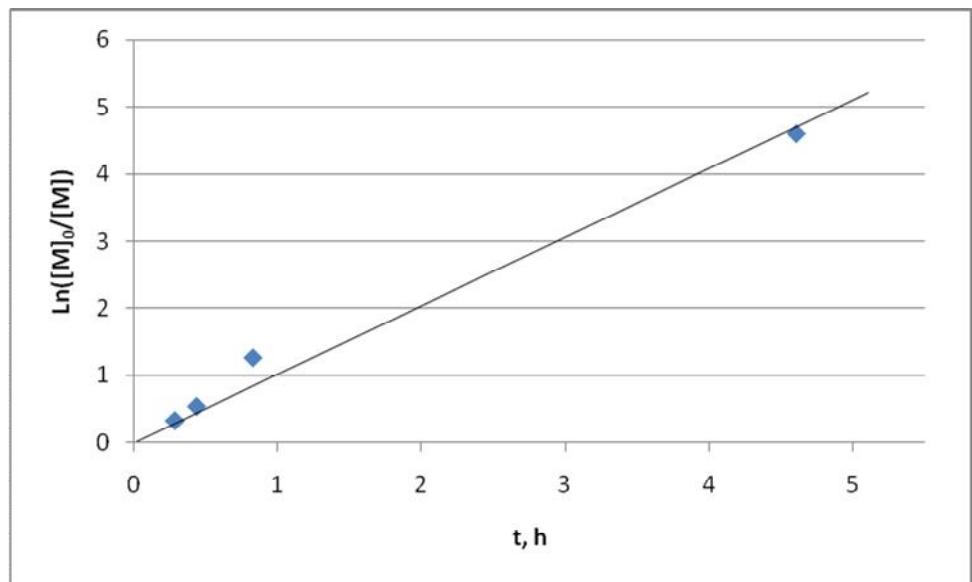
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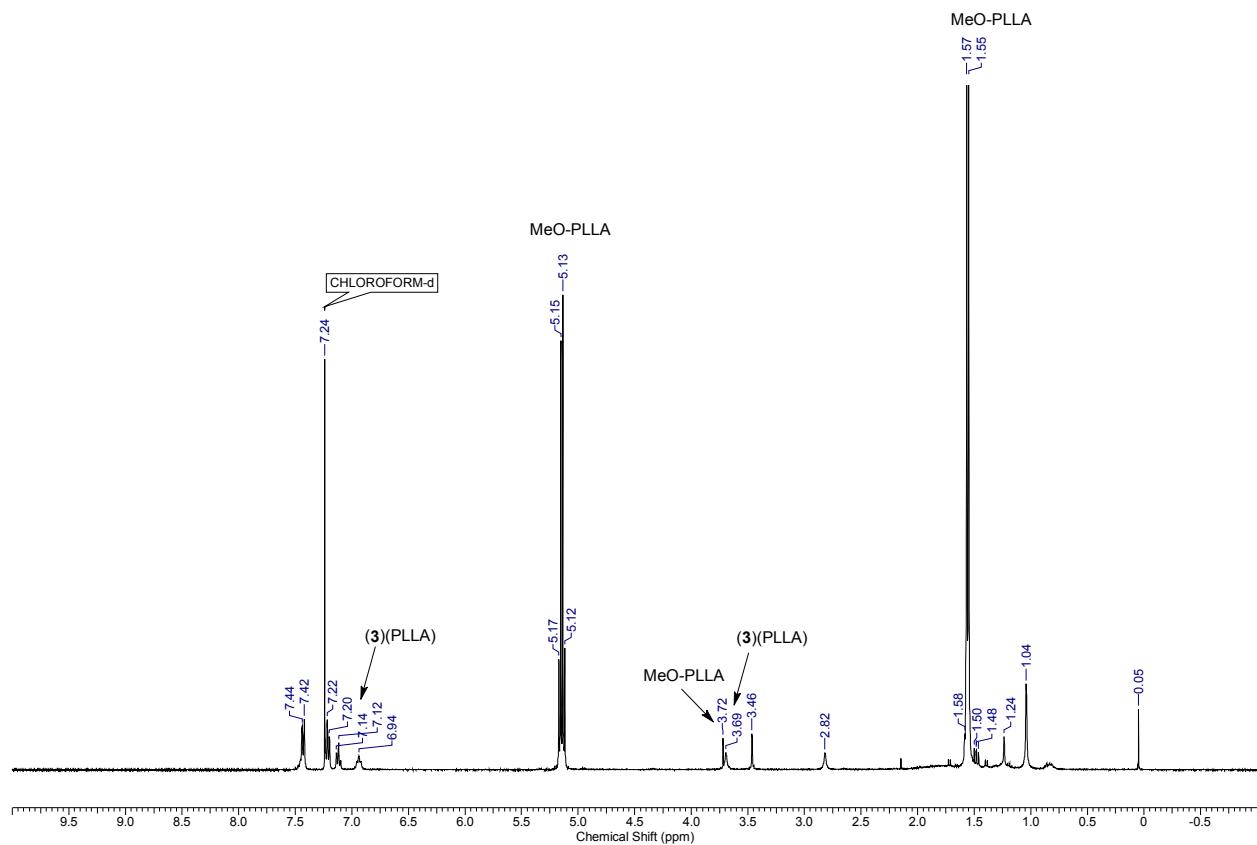
**Fig. S9.**  $\ln([LA]_0/[LA])$  versus time plot for *L*-lactide polymerization with **2a-4a**.



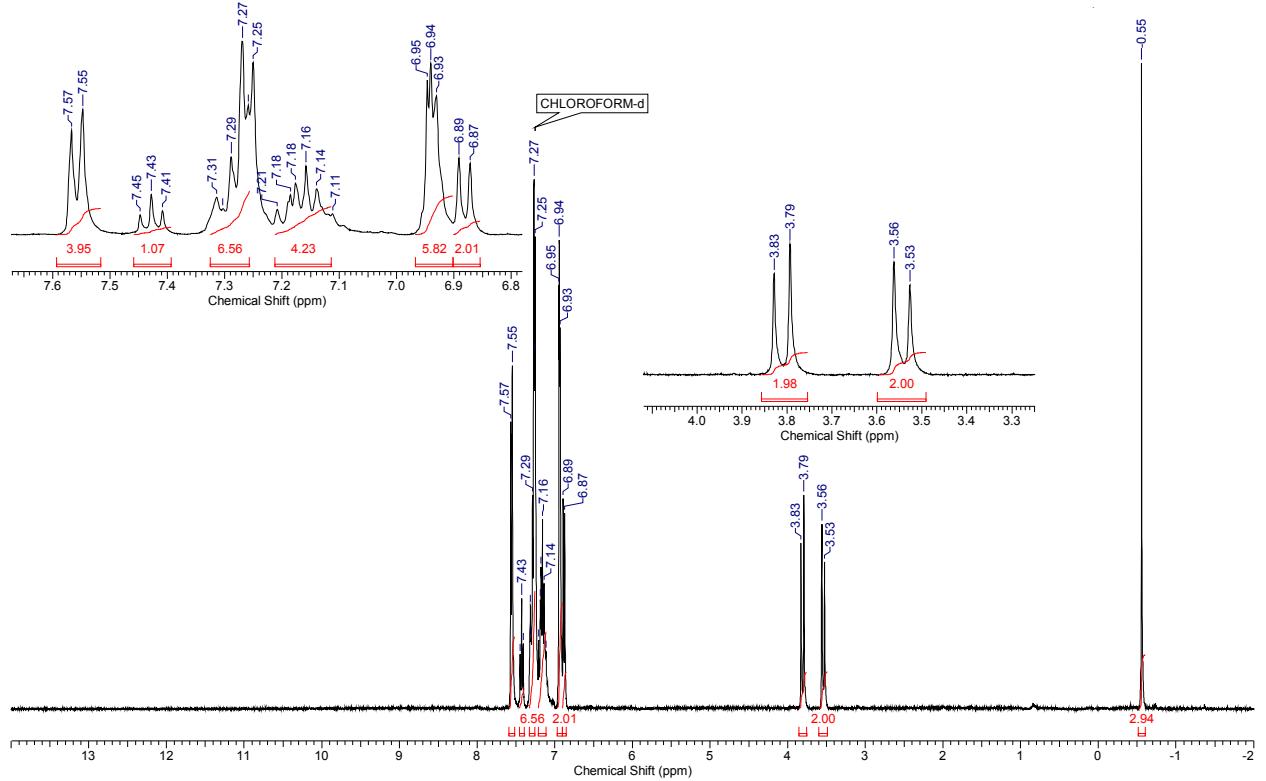
**Fig. S10.**  $M_n$  versus conversion plot for *L*-lactide polymerization with **3a**.



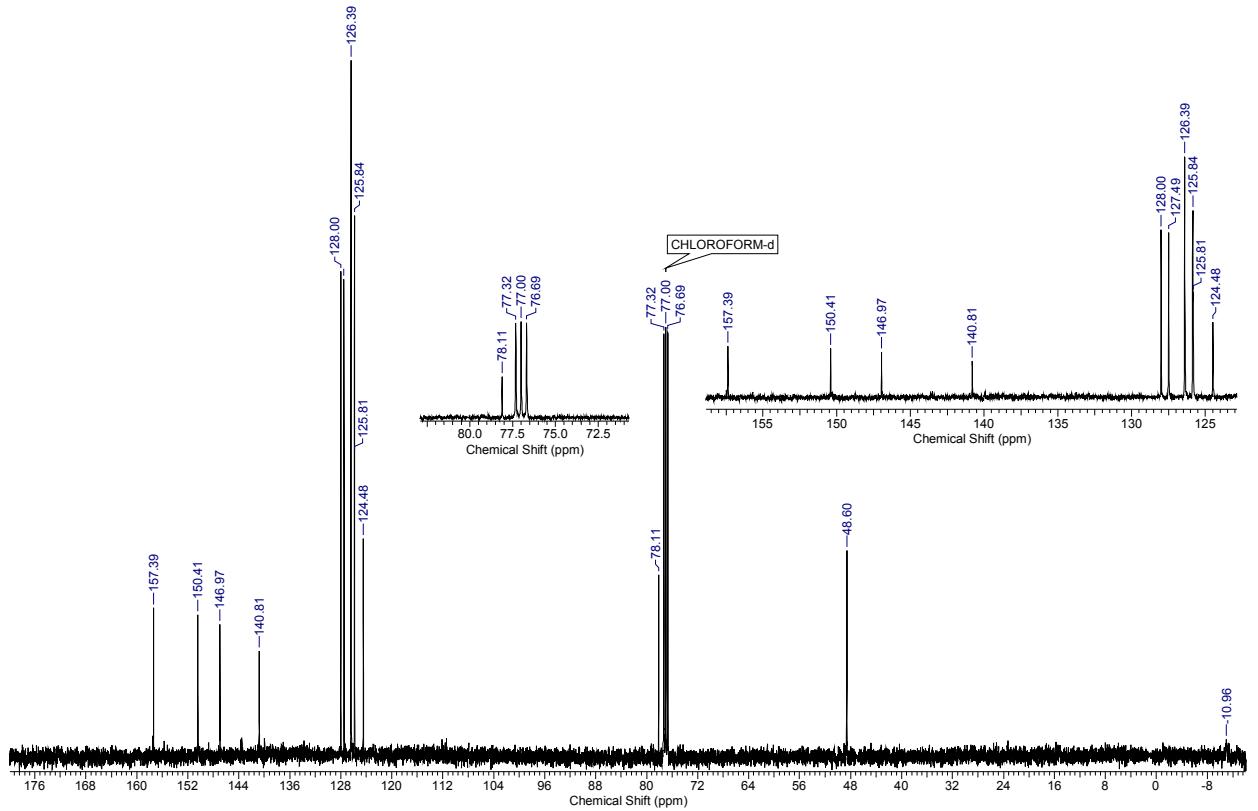
**Fig. S11.**  $\ln([M]_0/[M])$  vs. time plots for the polymerization of *L*-lactide in the presence of catalytic complex **4a** (100:1:1) at 80 °C; [LA]/[initiator]= 100.



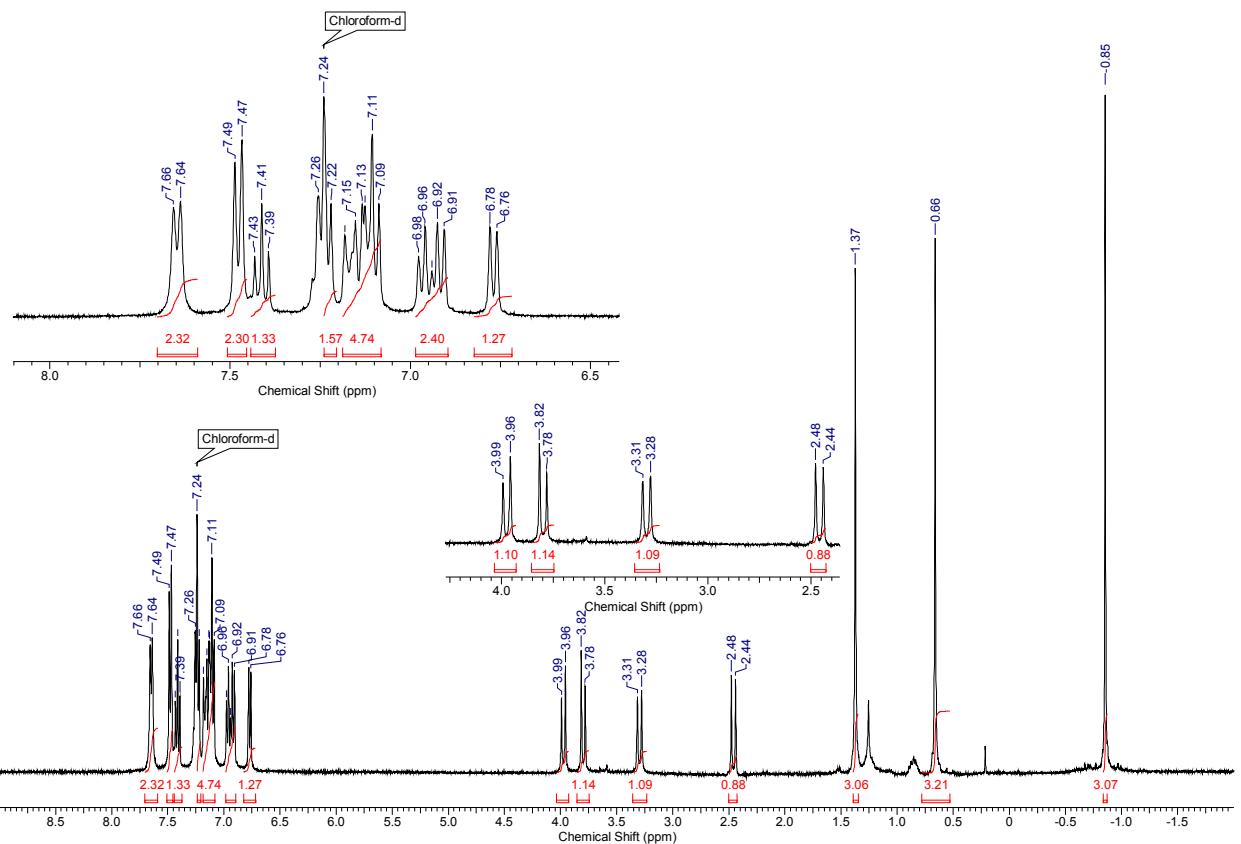
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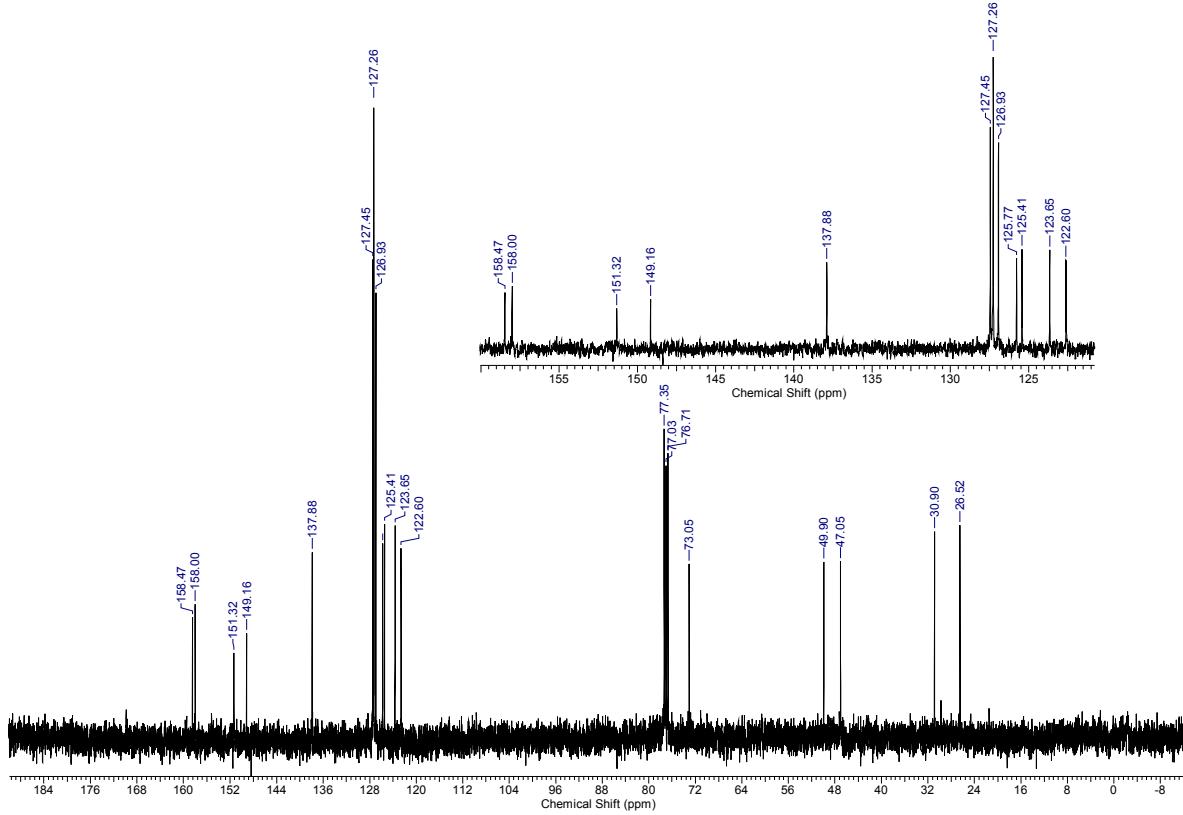
**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt) of complex **2a**.



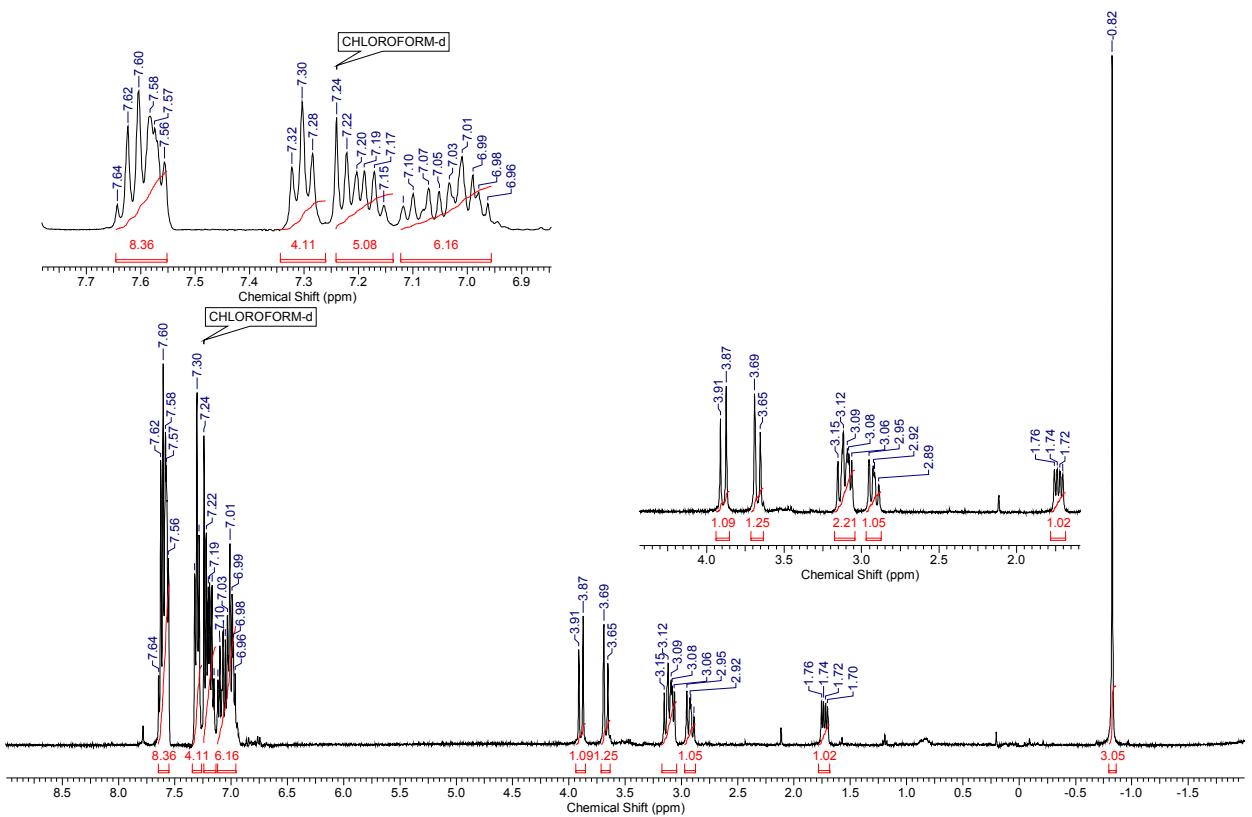
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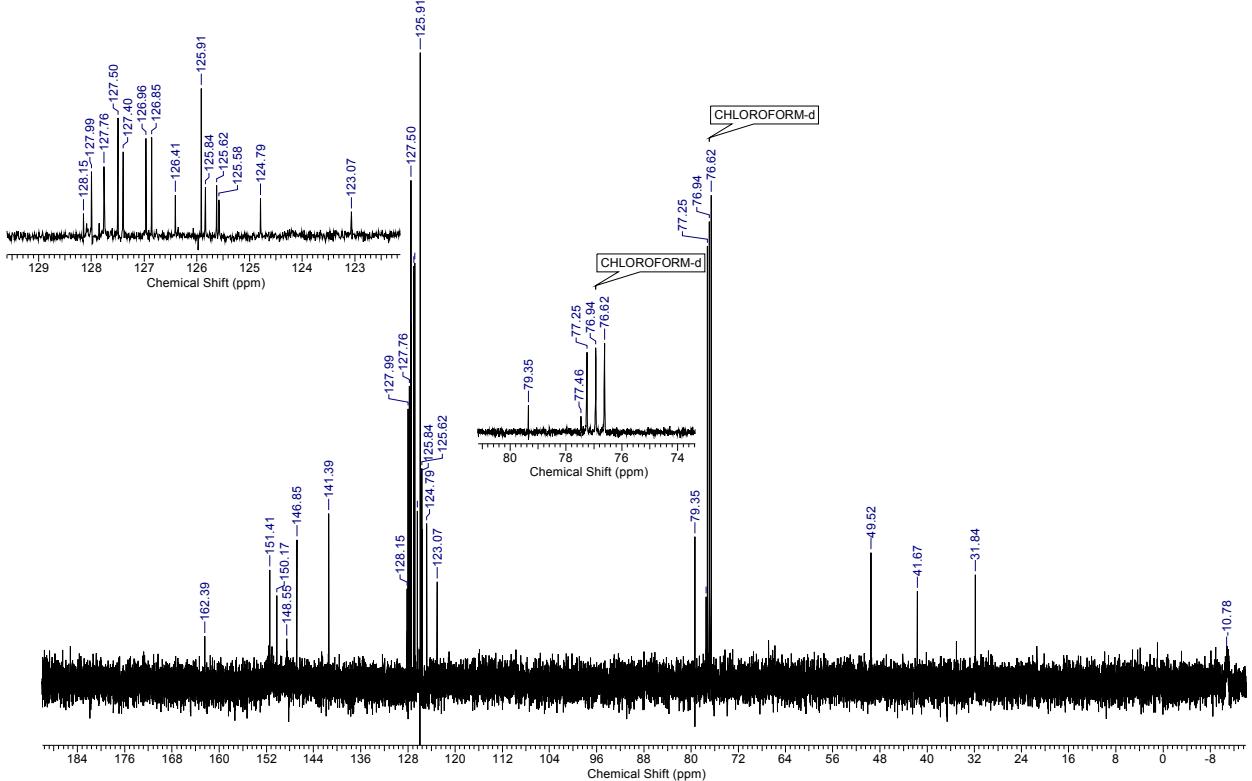
**Figure S15.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt) of complex 3a.



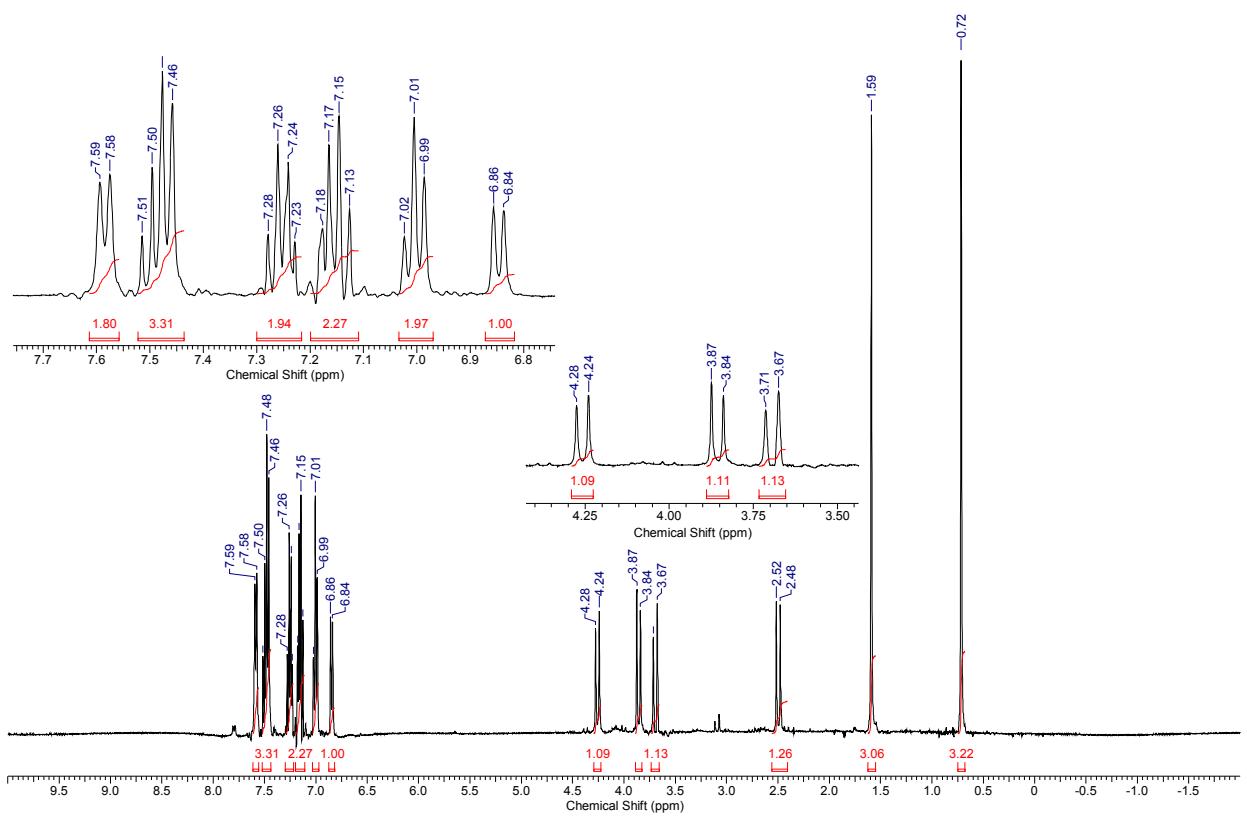
**Figure S16.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt) of complex 3a.



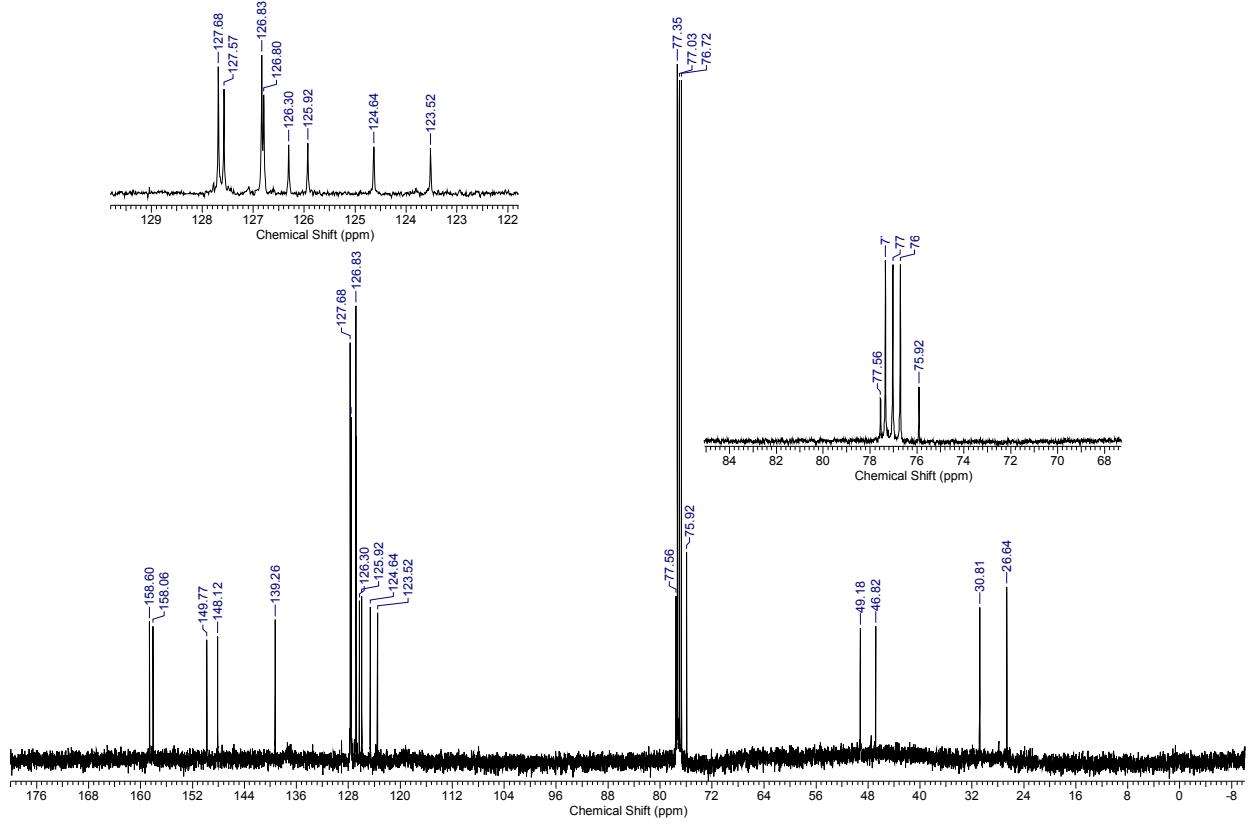
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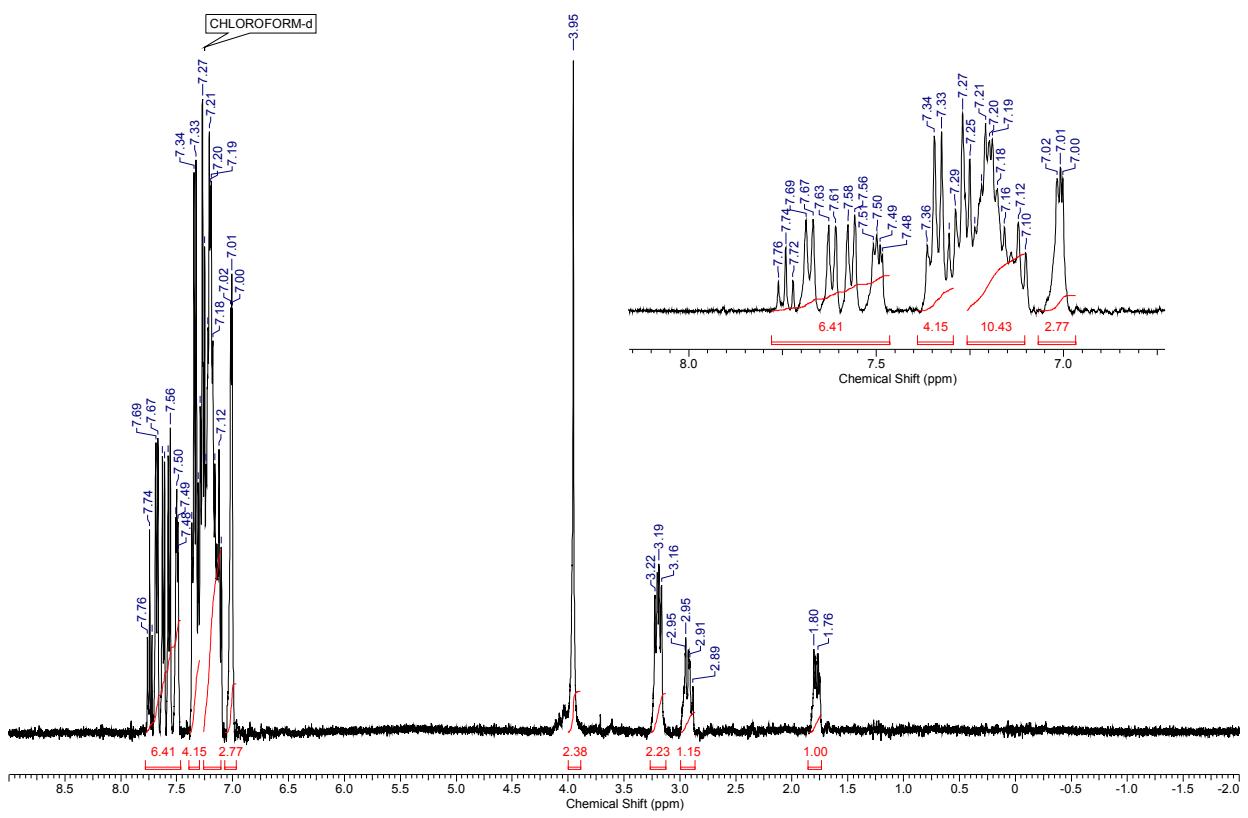
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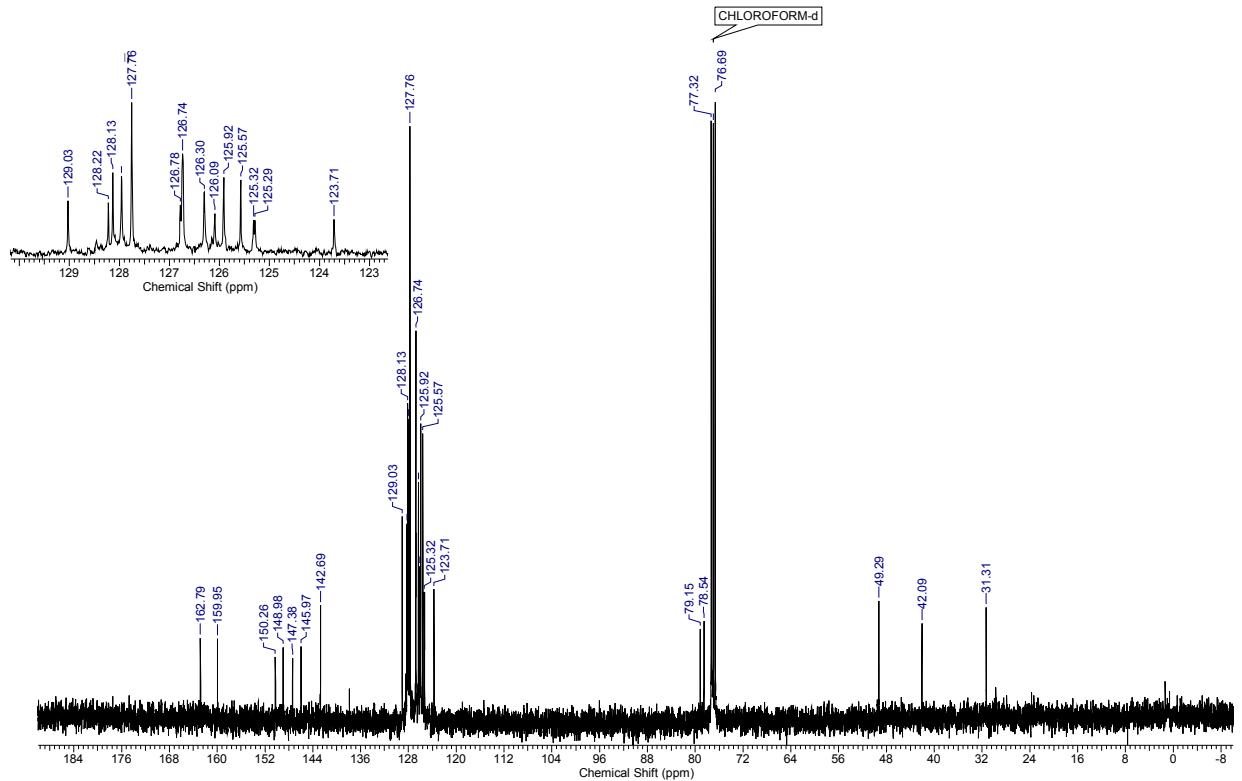
**Figure S19.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt) of complex **3b**.



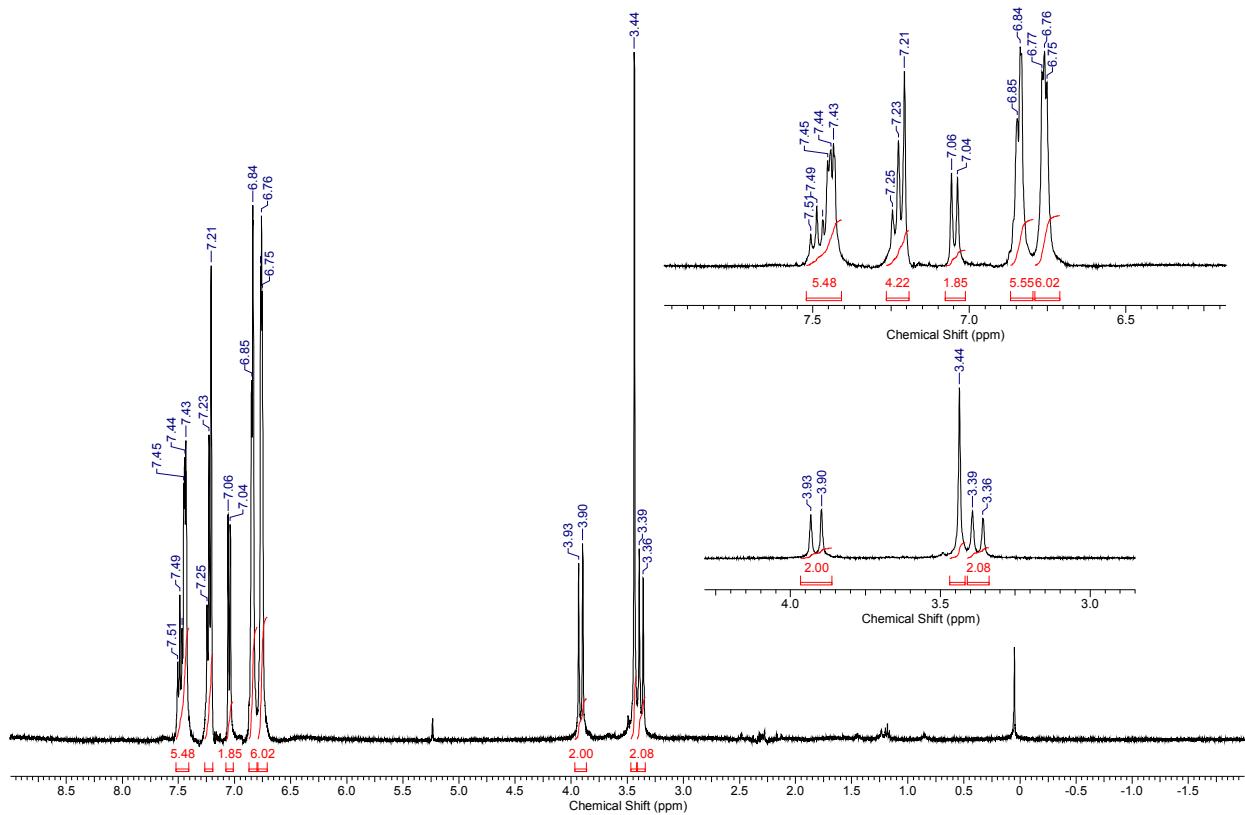
**Figure S20.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt) of complex **3b**.



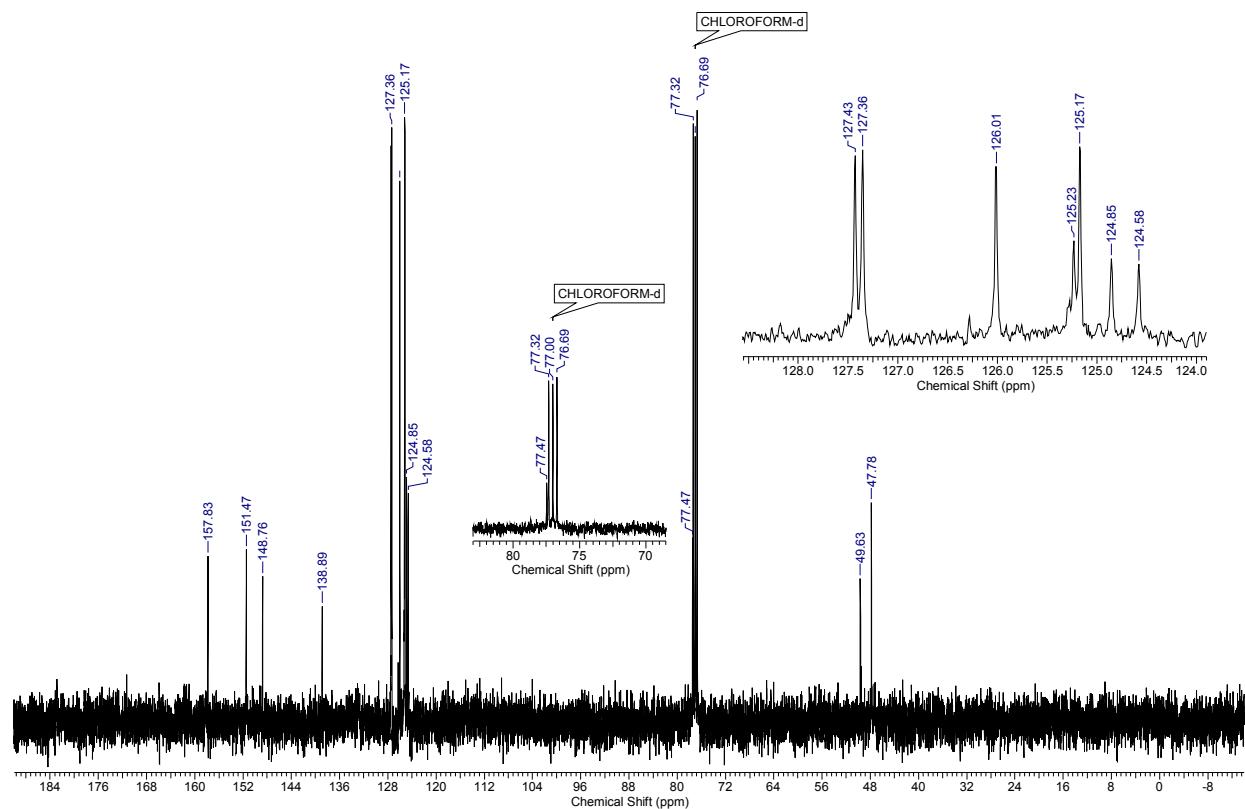
**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt) of complex **4b**.



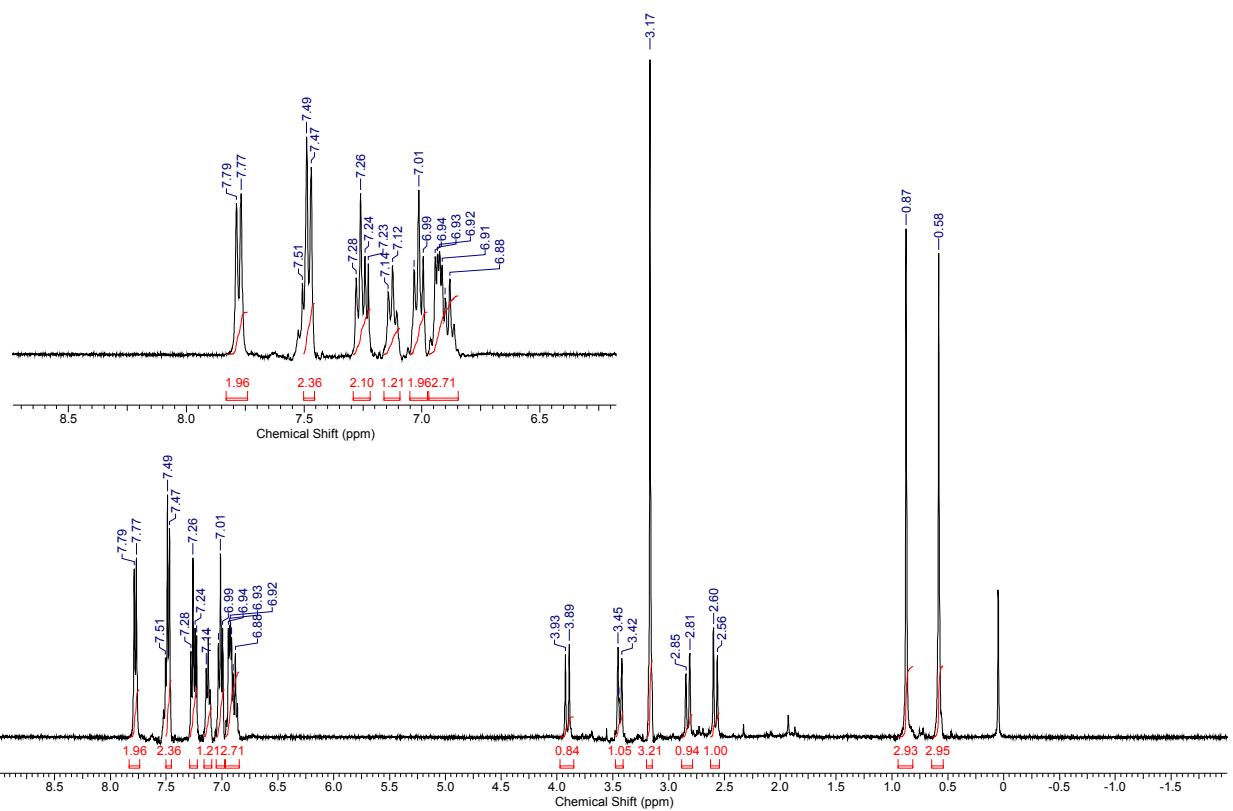
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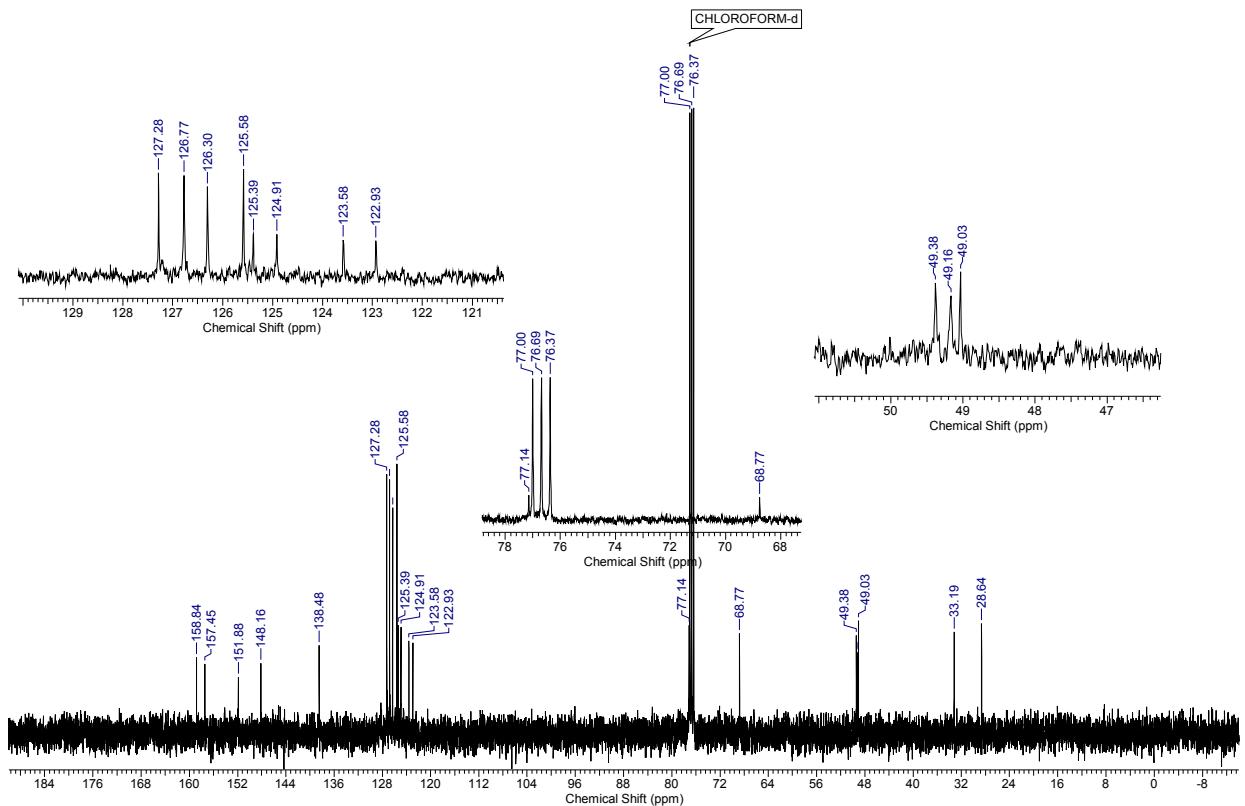
**Figure S23.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt) of complex **2c**.



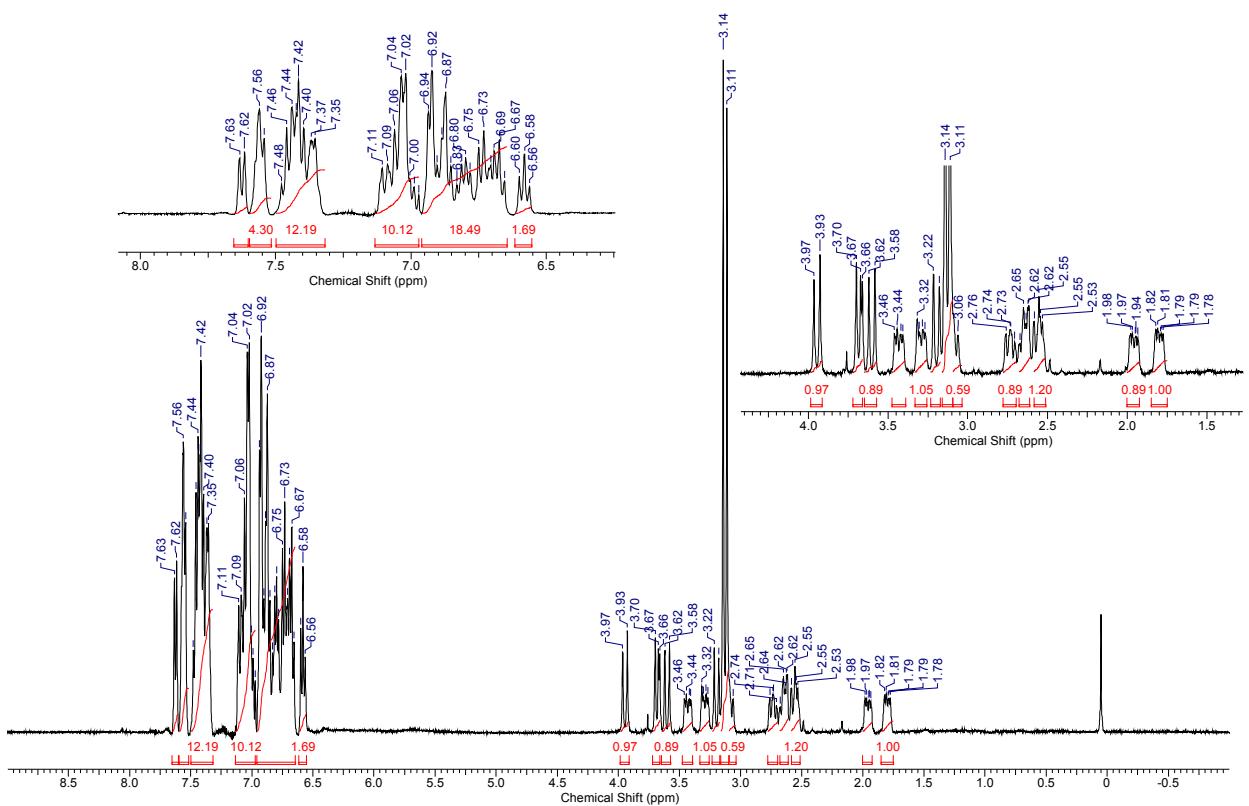
**Figure S24.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt) of complex **2c**.



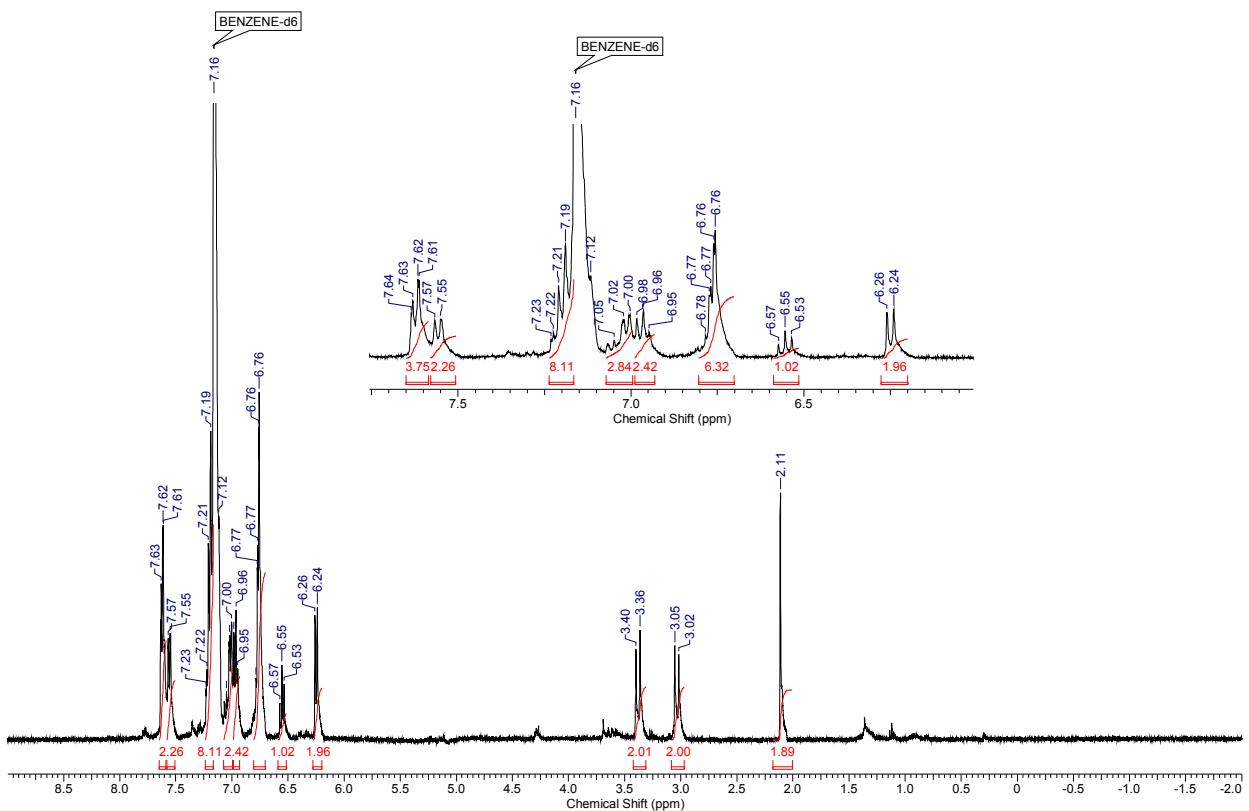
**Figure S25.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt) of complex **3c**.



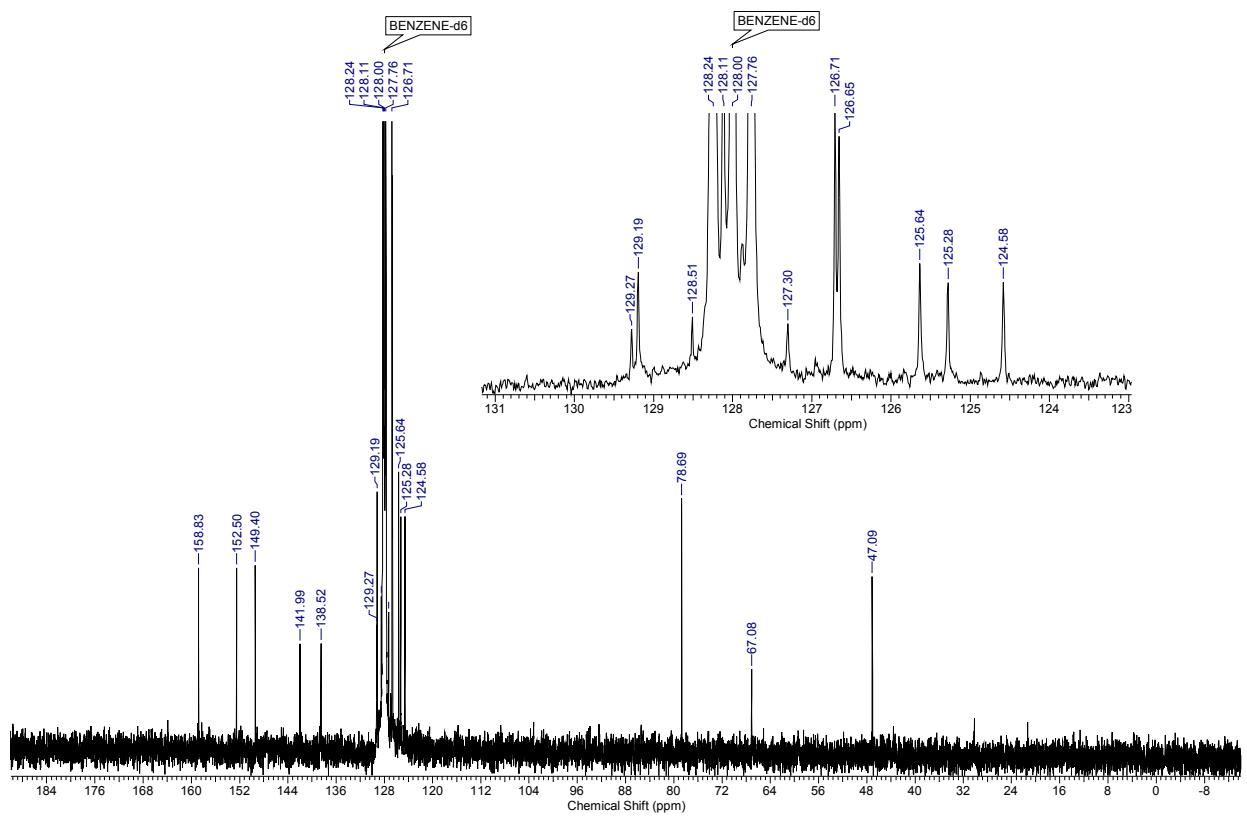
**Figure S26.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt) of complex **3c**.



**Figure S27.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt) of complex **4c**.



**Figure S28.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , rt) of complex **2d**.



**Figure S29.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , rt) of complex **2d**.