

## Supporting Information

# Amido Supported Rare-Earth Metal Methylidene Complexes with $\text{Ln}_3(\mu_3\text{-CH}_2)(\mu_3\text{-Me})(\mu_2\text{-Me})_3$ Core Structure

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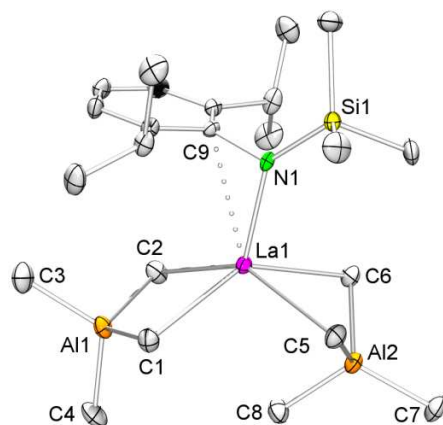
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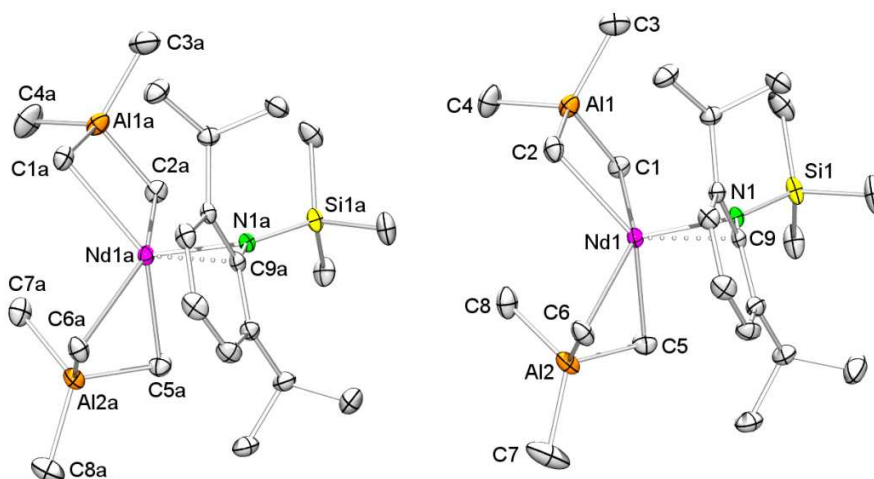
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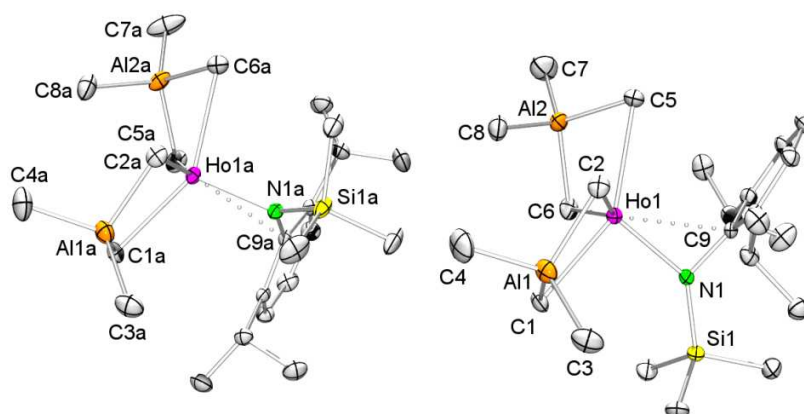
**Figure S1.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{NSiMe}_3(\text{Ar})]\text{La}(\text{AlMe}_4)_2$  (**5-La**). Atomic displacement parameters are set at the 30% level, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. La1–N1 2.295(4), La1–C1 2.712(5), La1–C2 2.716(5), La1–C5 2.837(5), La1–C6 2.717(5), Al1–C1 2.076(5), Al1–C2 2.072(5), Al1–C3 1.971(7), Al1–C4 1.968(6), Al2–C5 2.060(5), Al2–C6 2.077(5), Al2–C7 1.943(6), Al2–C8 1.992(6), La1 $\cdots$ Al1 3.278(2), La1 $\cdots$ Al2 3.013(1), La1 $\cdots$ C9 2.779(4), La1–N1–C9 93.8(2), La1–C1–Al1–C2  $-0.4(2)$ , La1–C5–Al2–C6  $45.5(2)$ .



**Figure S2.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{NSiMe}_3(\text{Ar})]\text{Nd}(\text{AlMe}_4)_2$  (**5-Nd**). Atomic displacement parameters are set at the 30% level, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

**Table S1.** Selected structural parameters [ $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ] of complex **5-Nd**.

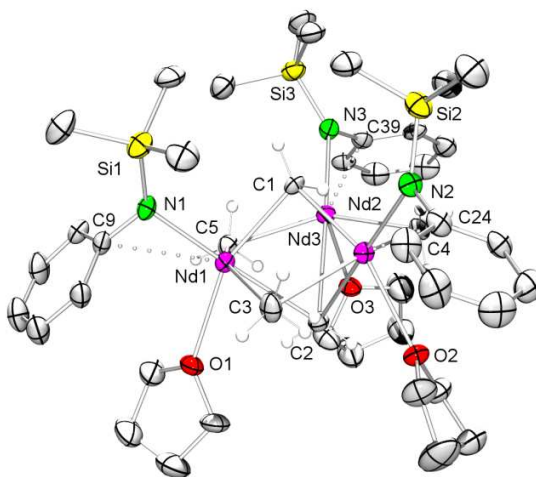
	molecule 1		molecule 2
Nd1–N1	2.222(2)	Nd1a–N1a	2.234(2)
Nd1–C1	2.617(3)	Nd1a–C1a	2.638(3)
Nd1–C2	2.661(4)	Nd1a–C2a	2.637(3)
Nd1–C5	2.661(4)	Nd1a–C5a	2.685(4)
Nd1–C6	2.718(3)	Nd1a–C6a	2.730(3)
Al1–C1	2.072(4)	Al1a–C1a	2.065(4)
Al1–C2	2.074(4)	Al1a–C2a	2.082(4)
Al1–C3	1.970(5)	Al1a–C3a	1.969(5)
Al1–C4	1.984(4)	Al1a–C4a	1.969(5)
Al2–C5	2.069(4)	Al2a–C5a	2.071(4)
Al2–C6	2.072(4)	Al2a–C6a	2.067(4)
Al2–C7	1.941(5)	Al2a–C7a	1.983(4)
Al2–C8	1.979(4)	Al2a–C8a	1.943(4)
Nd1 $\cdots$ Al1	3.194(1)	Nd1a $\cdots$ Al1a	3.188(1)
Nd1 $\cdots$ Al2	2.976(1)	Nd1a $\cdots$ Al2a	2.973(1)
Nd1 $\cdots$ C9	2.755(3)	Nd1a $\cdots$ C9a	2.720(3)
Nd1–N1–C9	95.7(2)	Nd1a–N1a–C9a	93.5(2)
Nd1–C1–Al1–C2	9.6(2)	Nd1a–C1a–Al1a–C2a	7.8(2)
Nd1–C5–Al2–C6	–40.0(1)	Nd1a–C5a–Al2a–C6a	42.5(1)



**Figure S3.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{NSiMe}_3(\text{Ar})]\text{Ho}(\text{AlMe}_4)_2$  (**5-Ho**). Atomic displacement parameters are set at the 30% level, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

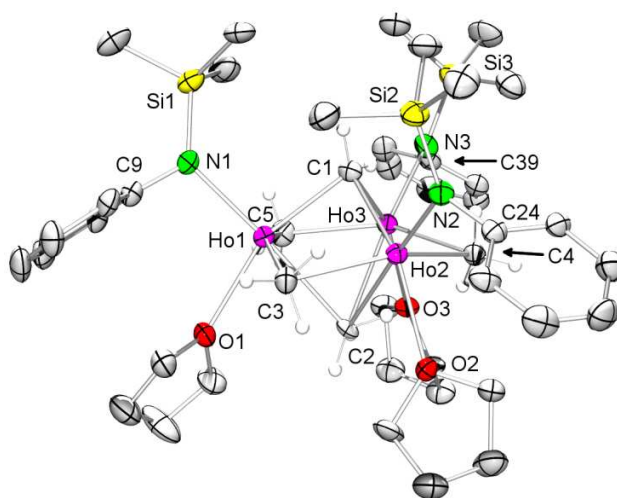
**Table S2.** Selected structural parameters [ $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ] of complex **5-Ho**.

	molecule 1		molecule 2
Ho1–N1	2.160(3)	Ho1a–N1a	2.154(3)
Ho1–C1	2.524(4)	Ho1a–C1a	2.523(4)
Ho1–C2	2.525(4)	Ho1a–C2a	2.503(4)
Ho1–C5	2.631(4)	Ho1a–C5a	2.616(4)
Ho1–C6	2.585(4)	Ho1a–C6a	2.569(4)
Al1–C1	2.085(4)	Al1a–C1a	2.076(4)
Al1–C2	2.069(4)	Al1a–C2a	2.065(4)
Al1–C3	1.964(5)	Al1a–C3a	1.967(5)
Al1–C4	1.965(5)	Al1a–C4a	1.966(5)
Al2–C5	2.059(4)	Al2a–C5a	2.069(4)
Al2–C6	2.077(4)	Al2a–C6a	2.065(4)
Al2–C7	1.941(5)	Al2a–C7a	1.946(5)
Al2–C8	1.975(4)	Al2a–C8a	1.985(5)
Ho1 $\cdots$ Al1	3.078(1)	Ho1a $\cdots$ Al1a	3.0807(14)
Ho1 $\cdots$ Al2	2.882(1)	Ho1a $\cdots$ Al2a	2.8903(14)
Ho1 $\cdots$ C9	2.694(3)	Ho1a $\cdots$ C9a	2.750(3)
Ho1–N1–C9	95.4(2)	Ho1a–N1a–C9a	98.4(2)
Ho1–C1–Al1–C2	7.7(2)	Ho1a–C1a–Al1a–C2a	8.7(2)
Ho1–C5–Al2–C6	–40.4(2)	Ho1a–C5a–Al2a–C6a	–39.2(2)

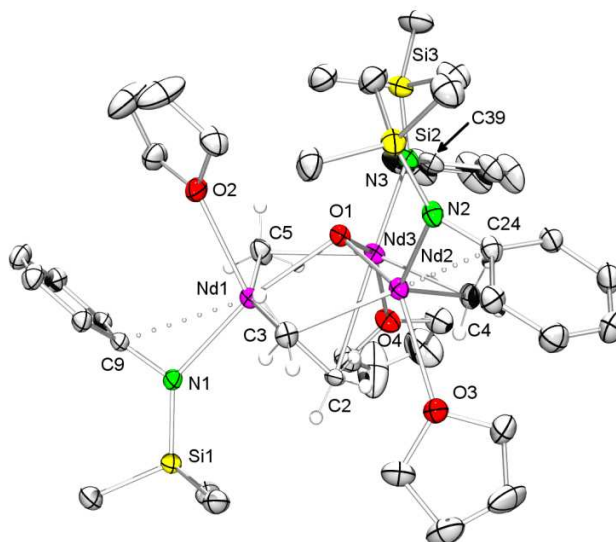


**Figure S4.** Molecular structure of **7-Nd** (atomic displacement parameters are set at the 30% level). Solvent molecules, isopropyl groups and hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity except for Nd–CH<sub>2</sub> and Nd–CH<sub>3</sub> moieties. Selected bond distances [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ]: Nd1–C1 2.425(7), Nd2–C1 2.505(8), Nd3–C1 2.494(8), Nd1–C2 2.811(8), Nd2–C2 2.805(8), Nd3–C2 2.835(8), Nd1–C3 2.626(8),

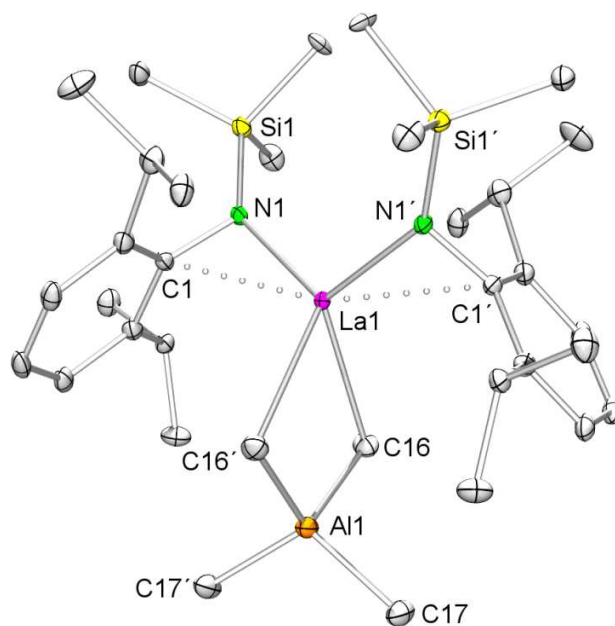
Nd1–C5 2.665(8), Nd2–C3 2.665(8), Nd2–C4 2.585(8), Nd3–C4 2.648(8), Nd3–C5 2.620(8), Nd1–N1 2.357(6), Nd2–N2 2.355(7), Nd3–N3 2.352(6), Nd1–O1 2.572(6), Nd2–O2 2.568(5), Nd3–O3 2.563(6), Nd1 $\cdots$ C9 2.991(8), Nd2 $\cdots$ C24 3.057(9), Nd3 $\cdots$ C39 3.015(8), Nd1–C1–Nd2 90.8(2), Nd1–C1–Nd3 90.6(2), Nd2–C1–Nd3 91.3(2), Nd1–C2–Nd2 77.4(2), Nd1–C2–Nd3 76.6(2), Nd2–C2–Nd3 78.7(2), Nd1–C3–Nd2 83.1(2), Nd2–C4–Nd3 86.2(2), Nd1–C5–Nd3 82.9(2), N1–Nd1–O1 107.9(2), N2–Nd2–O2 105.8(2), N3–Nd3–O3 107.7(2).



**Figure S5.** Molecular structure of **7-Ho** (atomic displacement parameters are set at the 30% level). Solvent molecules, isopropyl groups, disorder in two of the thf molecules and hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity except for Ho–CH<sub>2</sub> and Ho–CH<sub>3</sub> moieties. Selected bond distances [Å] and angles [°]: Ho1–C1 2.356(10), Ho2–C1 2.390(10), Ho3–C1 2.428(10), Ho1–C2 2.721(10), Ho2–C2 2.746(9), Ho3–C2 2.745(9), Ho1–C3 2.575(11), Ho1–C5 2.552(11), Ho2–C3 2.528(11), Ho2–C4 2.582(10), Ho3–C4 2.501(11), Ho3–C5 2.543(11), Ho1–N1 2.278(9), Ho2–N2 2.266(8), Ho3–N3 2.292(9), Ho1–O1 2.466(7), Ho2–O2 2.459(7), Ho3–O3 2.473(7), Ho1 $\cdots$ C9 3.059(10), Ho2 $\cdots$ C24 3.073(11), Ho3 $\cdots$ C39 3.125(11), Ho1–C1–Ho2 87.9(3), Ho1–C1–Ho3 88.2(3), Ho2–C1–Ho3 89.4(3), Ho1–C2–Ho2 74.1(2), Ho1–C2–Ho3 75.1(2), Ho2–C2–Ho3 76.2(2), Ho1–C3–Ho2 80.4(3), Ho2–C4–Ho3 83.6(3), Ho1–C5–Ho3 81.6(3), N1–Ho1–O1 100.4(3), N2–Ho2–O2 100.8(3), N3–Ho3–O3 99.9(3).



**Figure S6.** Molecular structure of **8-Nd** (atomic displacement parameters are set at the 30% level). Isopropyl groups and hydrogen atoms except for Nd–CH<sub>3</sub> moieties have been omitted for clarity. Selected bond distances [Å] and angles [°]: Nd1–O1 2.349(3), Nd2–O1 2.152(3), Nd3–O1 2.216(3), Nd1–C5 2.610(6), Nd1–C3 2.662(6), Nd1–C2 2.644(4), Nd2–C3 2.640(5), Nd2–C4 2.691(6), Nd3–C4 2.612(6), Nd3–C5 2.639(6), Nd3–C2 2.909(5), Nd1–N1 2.394(4), Nd2–N2 2.355(4), Nd3–N3 2.358(4), Nd1–O2 2.520(4), Nd2–O3 2.537(4), Nd3–O4 2.573(4), Nd1···C9 3.021(5), Nd2···C24 2.964(5), Nd3···C39 3.244(5), Nd1–O1–Nd2 104.79(4), Nd1–O1–Nd3 98.48(12), Nd2–O1–Nd3 108.78(14), Nd1–C2–Nd3 76.9(1), Nd1–C5–Nd3 82.45(17), Nd1–C3–Nd2 84.6(2), Nd2–C4–Nd3 84.1(2), N1–Nd1–O1 108.8(1), N2–Nd2–O2 109.7(1), N3–Nd3–O3 100.0(1).



**Figure S7.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{NSiMe}_3(\text{Ar})]_2\text{La}(\text{AlMe}_4)$  (**9-La**). Atomic displacement parameters are set at the 30% level, hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

**Table S3.** Selected structural parameters [ $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ] of complexes **9-Ln**.

	<b>9-La</b>	<b>9-Nd</b>
Ln1–N1	2.356(3)	2.2968(8)
Ln1–C16	2.719(4)	2.650(1)
Al1–C16	2.072(4)	2.073(1)
Al1–C17	1.979(4)	1.980(1)
Ln1 $\cdots$ Al1	3.296(2)	3.2302(4)
Ln1 $\cdots$ C1	2.791(3)	2.7502(9)
N1–Ln1–C16	103.73(11)	103.10(3)
Ln1–N1–C1	91.95(18)	92.29(5)



**Table S4.** Summary of crystallographic data and structure refinement for compounds **4-Lu**, **5-Y**, **6-La**, **6-Nd**, and **6-Ho**.

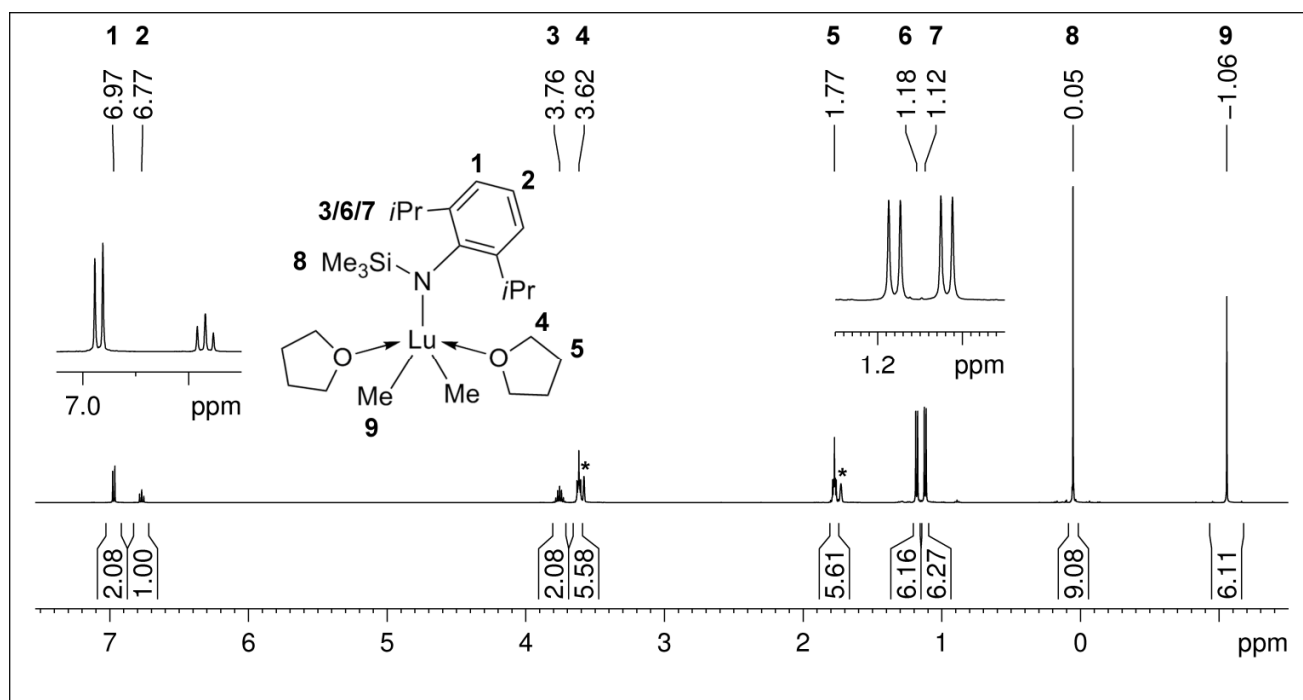
	<b>4-Lu</b>	<b>5-La</b>	<b>5-Nd</b>	<b>5-Ho</b>	<b>6-Y</b>
Chemical	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>48</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> SiLu	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>50</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> LaNSi	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>50</sub> NAI <sub>2</sub> SiNd	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>50</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> HoNSi	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>50</sub> Ga <sub>2</sub> NSiY
<i>M<sub>r</sub></i> [g mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	597.71	561.60	566.93	587.62	597.08
Crystal	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub></i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>
a [Å]	13.396(3)	9.3816(9)	12.2588(5)	12.201(3)	14.691(1)
b [Å]	14.122(2)	12.6128(8)	17.4136(7)	17.328(8)	12.3862(9)
c [Å]	14.991(3)	12.757(1)	28.1778(13)	28.104(8)	17.568(1)
β [°]	99.346(17)	94.340(8)	91.984(4)	91.70(2)	112.559(5)
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	2798.3(10)	1505.2(2)	6011.5(4)	5939(4)	2952.2(4)
<i>Z</i>	1	2	8	8	4
F(000)	1224	584	2360	2416	1240
<i>T</i> [K]	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)
ρ <sub>calcd</sub> [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.419	1.239	1.253	1.314	1.343
μ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	3.590	1.526	1.834	2.773	3.811
R <sub>1</sub> (obsd.) <sup>[a]</sup>	0.0326	0.0278	0.0347	0.0433	0.0602
wR <sub>2</sub> (all) <sup>[b]</sup>	0.0544	0.0653	0.0729	0.0738	0.0996
S <sup>[c]</sup>	1.069	1.022	1.077	1.033	1.263

[a]  $R^1 = \sum(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum|F_o|$ ,  $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$ . [b]  $wR_2 = \{\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum[w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{1/2}$ . [c]  $S = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n_o - np)]^{1/2}$ .

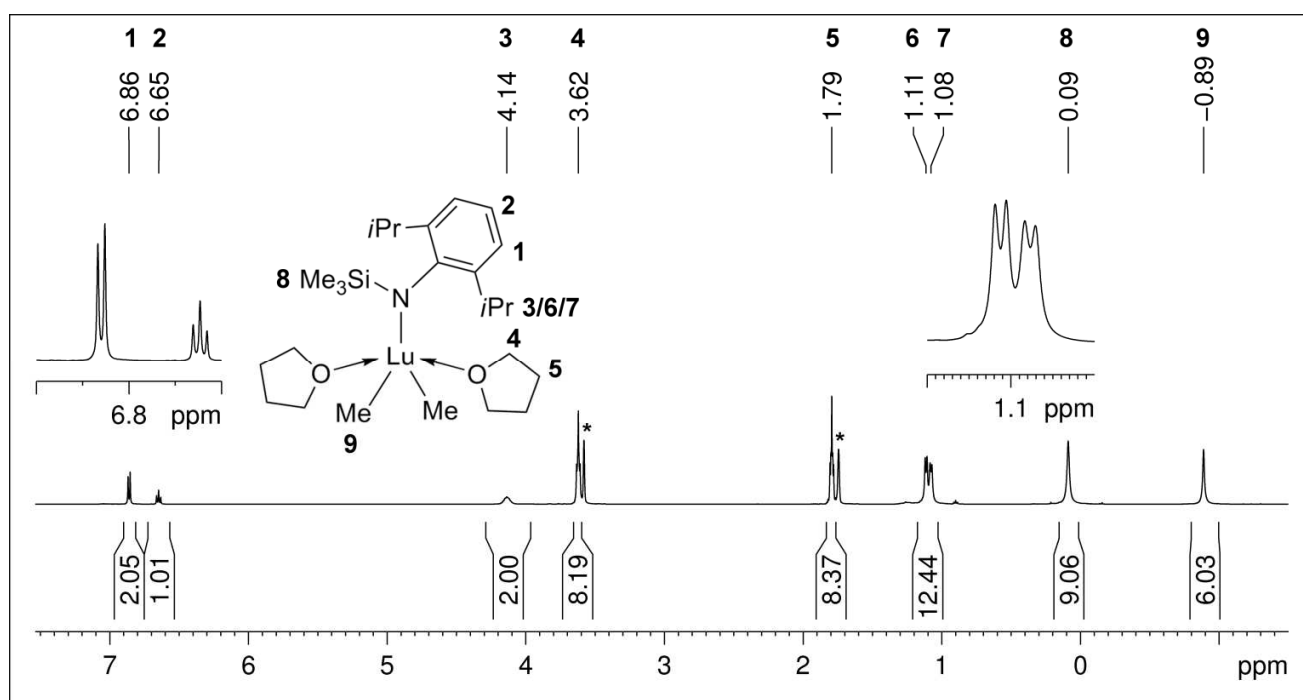
**Table S5.** Summary of crystallographic data and structure refinement for compounds **7-Nd**, **7-Ho**, **8-Nd**, **9-La** and **9-Nd**.

	<b>7-Nd</b>	<b>7-Ho</b>	<b>8-Nd</b>	<b>9-La</b>	<b>9-Nd</b>
Chemical formula	C <sub>62</sub> H <sub>116</sub> N <sub>3</sub> Nd <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> ·0.5C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>62</sub> H <sub>116</sub> Ho <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> ·C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>61</sub> H <sub>114</sub> N <sub>3</sub> Nd <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>64</sub> AlLaNSi <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>64</sub> AlN <sub>2</sub> NdSi <sub>2</sub>
<i>M<sub>r</sub></i> [g mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	1554.73	1616.80	1470.54	722.94	728.27
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>C2/c</i>
a [Å]	11.7297(6)	11.4783(2)	14.4680(3)	18.056(1)	17.9545(6)
b [Å]	25.970(2)	26.0417(6)	25.6711(4)	17.873(1)	17.8184(6)
c [Å]	26.348(1)	26.4880(5)	19.6447(4)	12.2151(8)	12.2373(4)
β [°]	97.592(4)	97.637(1)	106.960(2)	104.133(1)	103.82
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	7955.7(8)	7847.4(3)	6978.9(2)	3822.6(4)	3801.5(2)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4	4	4
F(000)	3120	3304	3020	1520	1532
<i>T</i> [K]	173(2)	153(2)	173(2)	103(2)	123(2)
ρ <sub>calcd</sub> [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.262	1.368	1.400	1.256	1.272
μ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	2.012	3.081	2.292	1.226	1.475
R <sub>1</sub> (obsd.) <sup>[a]</sup>	0.0681	0.0893	0.0570	0.0427	0.0141
wR <sub>2</sub> (all) <sup>[b]</sup>	0.1358	0.1360	0.0951	0.1107	0.0391
S <sup>[c]</sup>	1.035	1.417	1.317	1.193	1.113

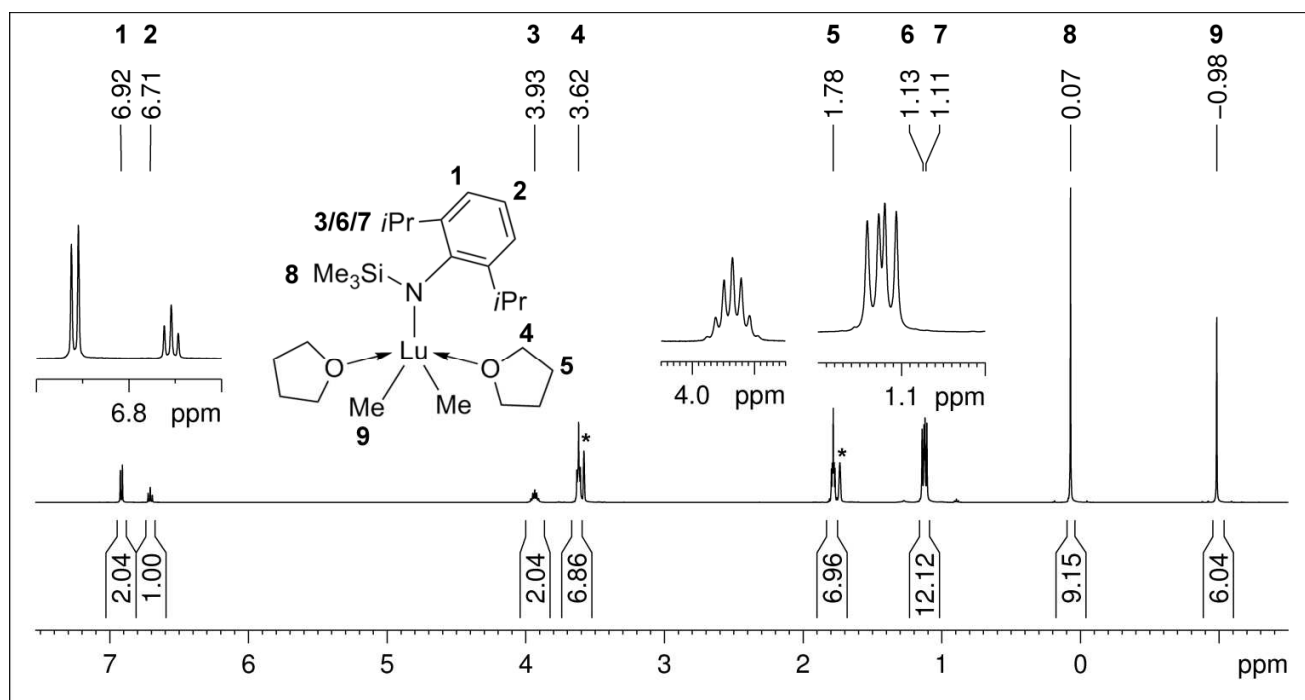
[a]  $R^1 = \sum(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum|F_o|$ ,  $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$ . [b]  $wR_2 = \{\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum[w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{1/2}$ . [c]  $S = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n_o - n_p)]^{1/2}$ .



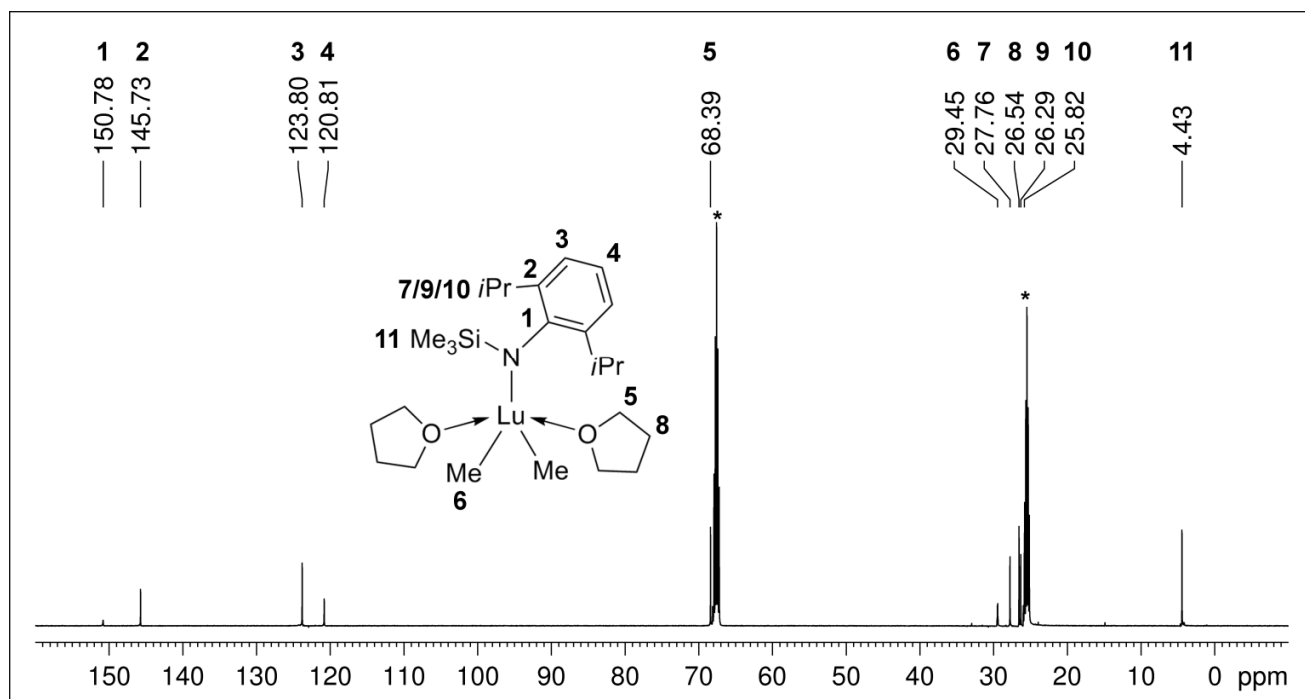
**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of **4-Lu** in  $\text{thf-}d_8$  at  $26^\circ\text{C}$ . The solvent residual peak is marked with an asterisk.



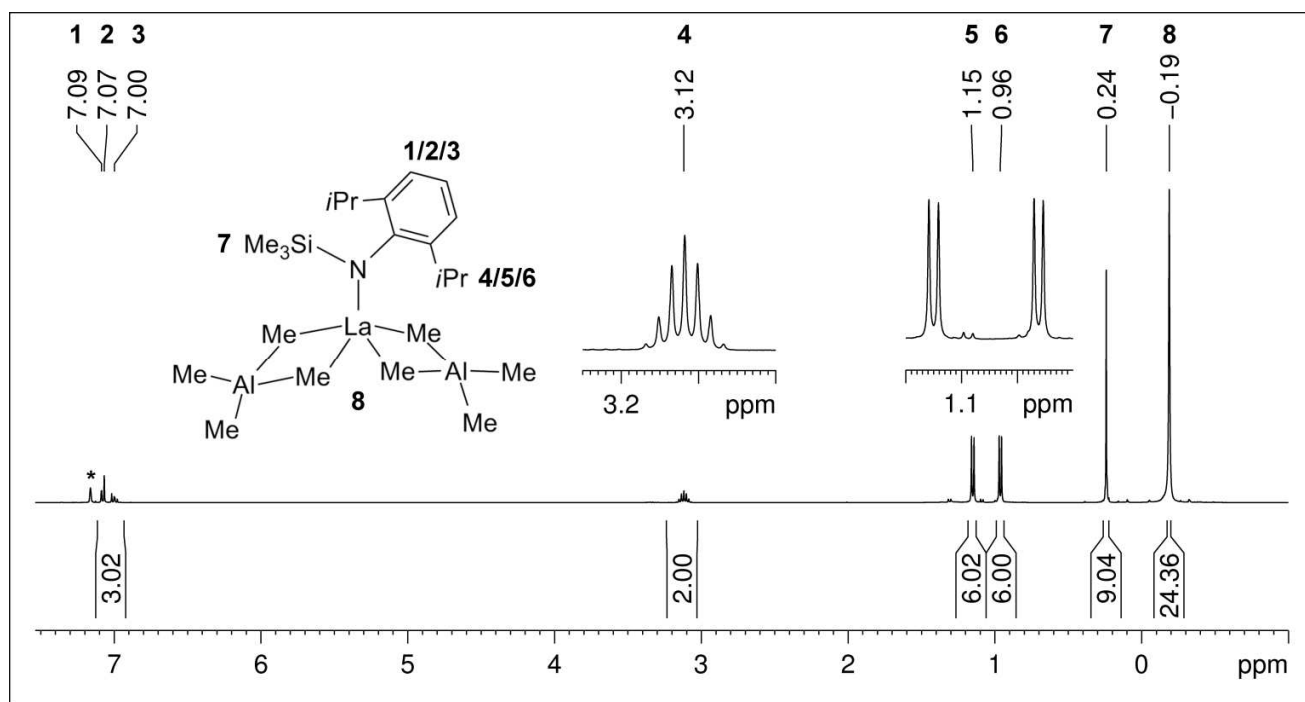
**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of **4-Lu** in  $\text{thf-}d_8$  at  $-90^\circ\text{C}$ . The solvent residual peak is marked with an asterisk.



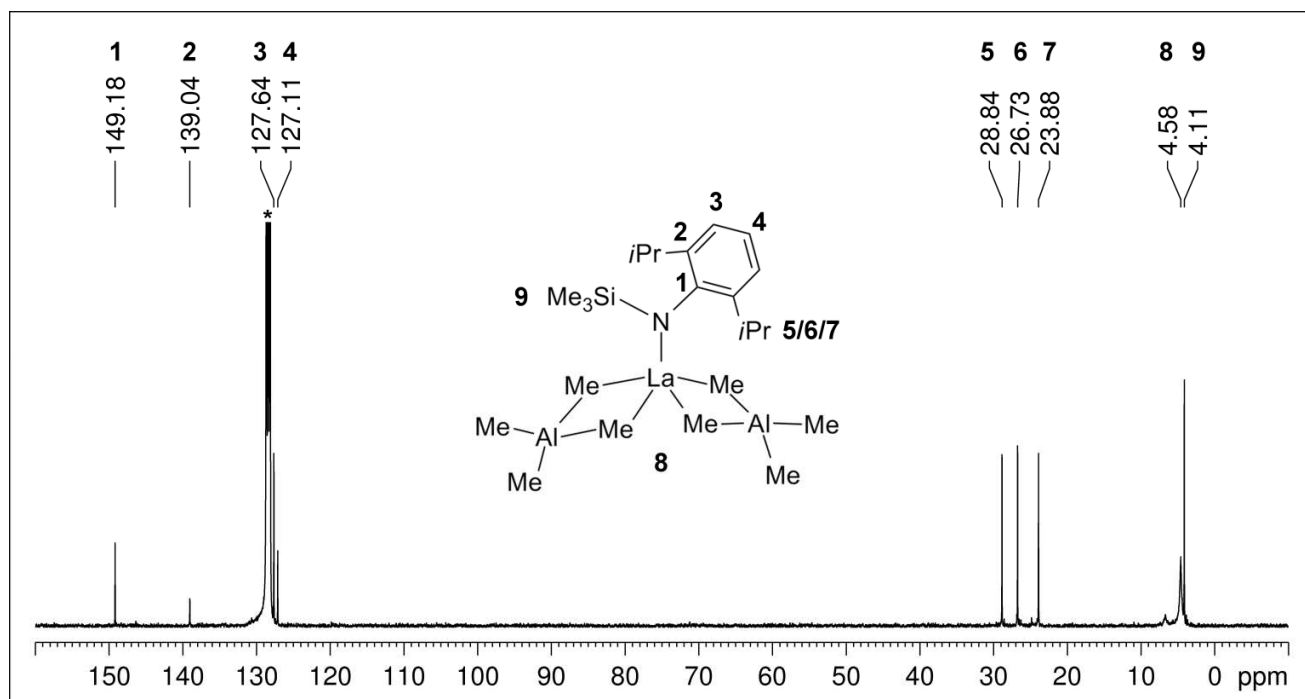
**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of **4-Lu** in  $\text{thf-}d_8$  at  $-35\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The solvent residual peak is marked with an asterisk.



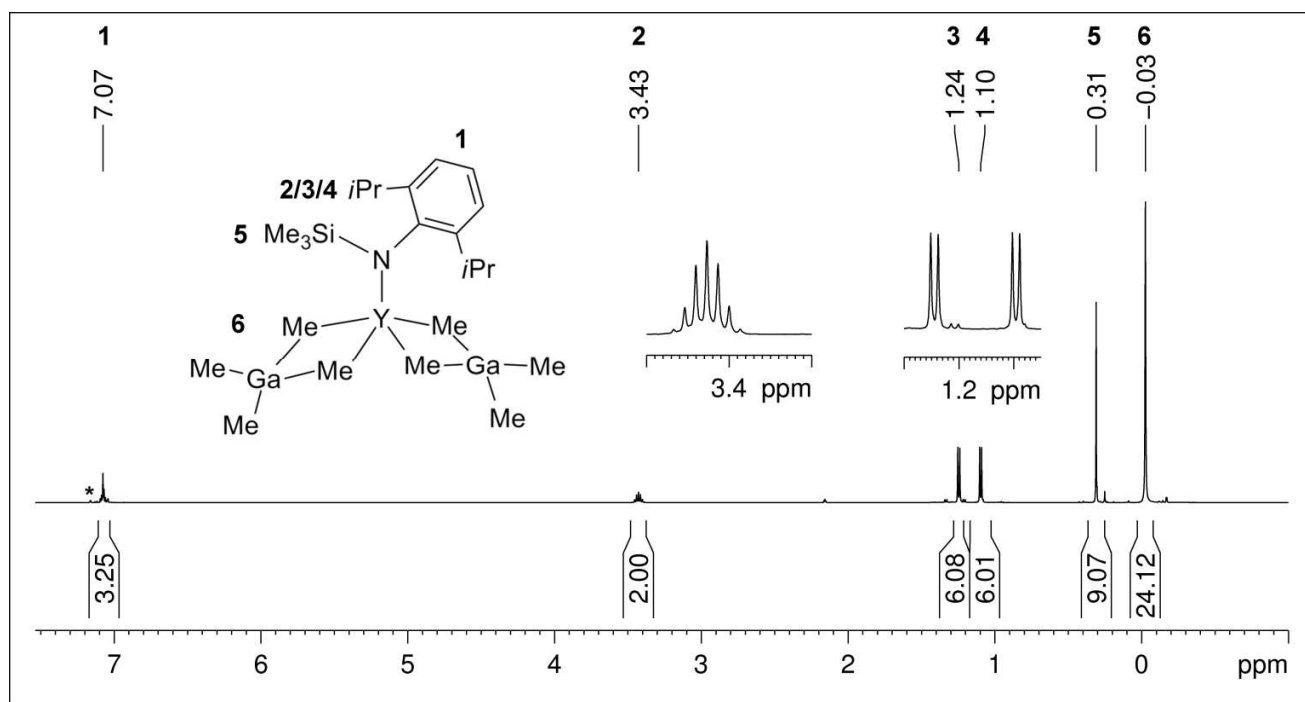
**Figure S11.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (126 MHz) of **4-Lu** obtained in  $\text{thf-}d_8$  at  $-35\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The solvent residual peak is marked with an asterisk.



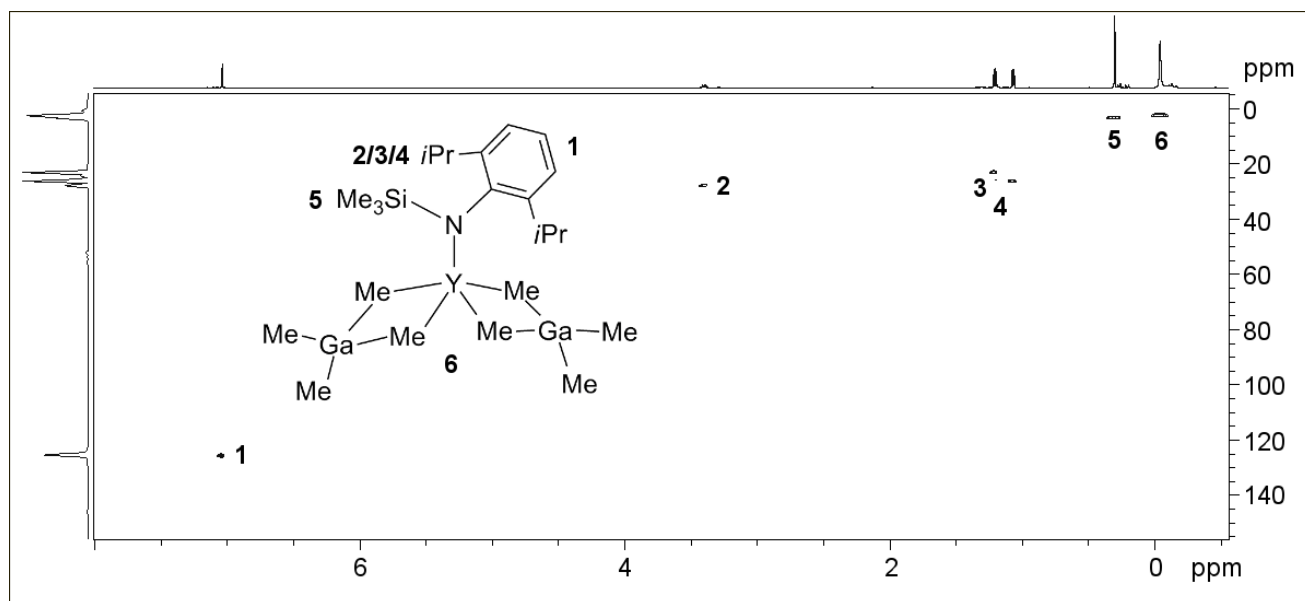
**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of **5-La** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at  $26^\circ\text{C}$ . The solvent residual peak is marked with an asterisk.



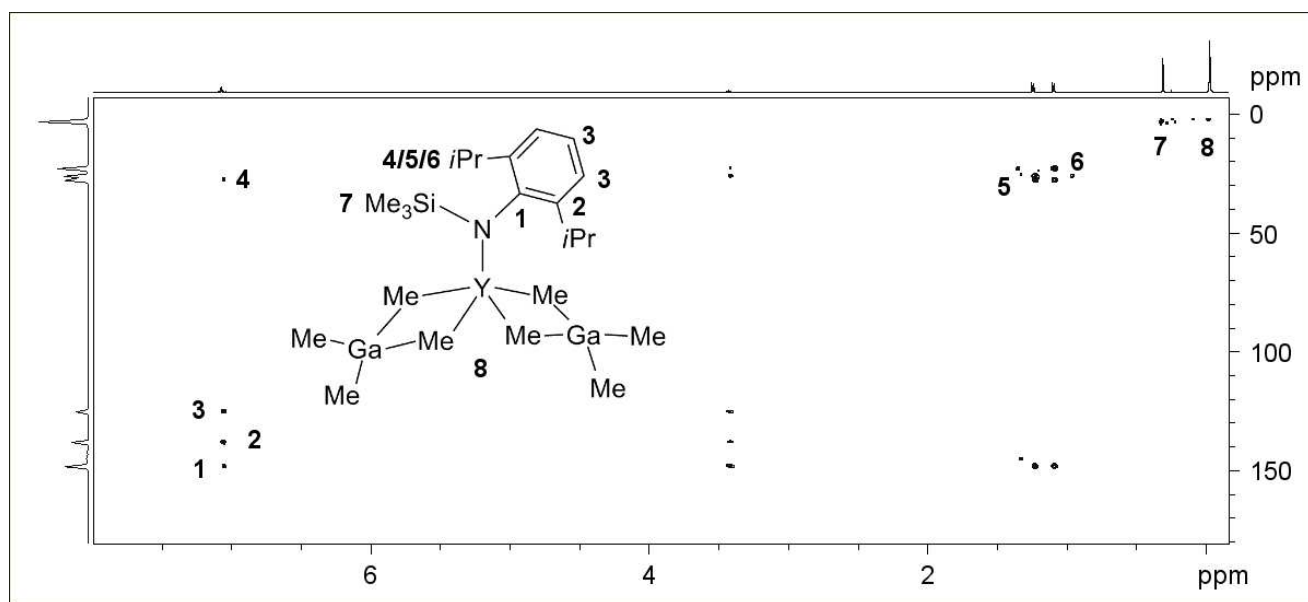
**Figure S13.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz) of **5-La** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at  $26^\circ\text{C}$ . The solvent residual peak is marked with an asterisk.



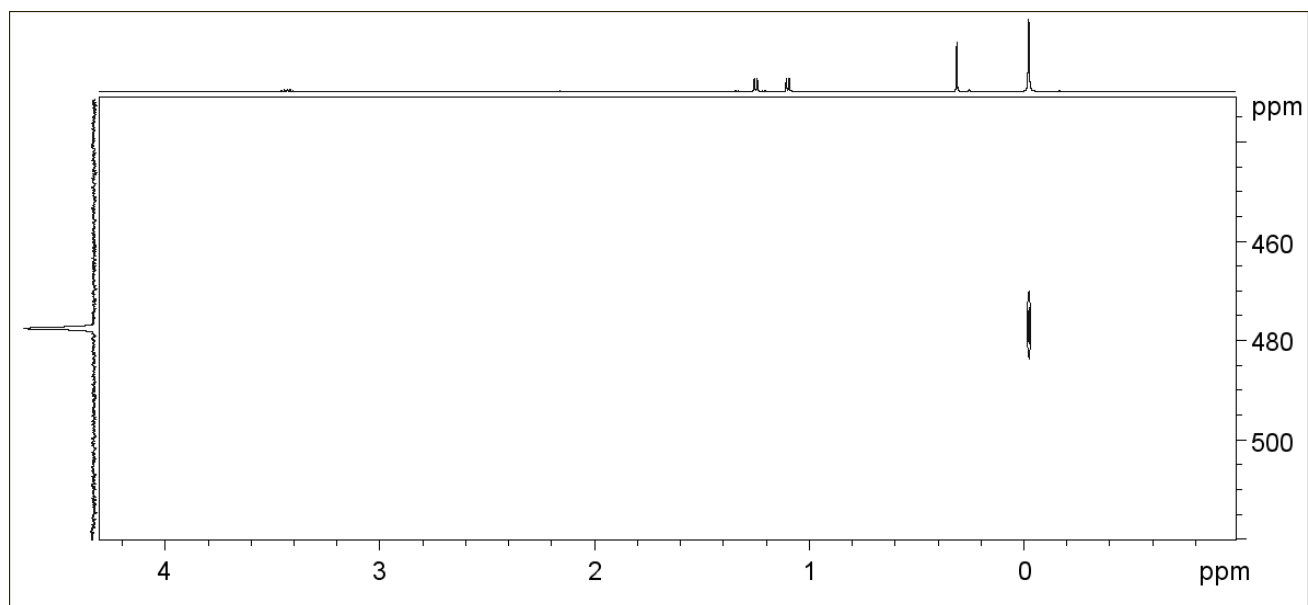
**Figure S14.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of **6-Y** in  $\text{toluene-}d_8$  at  $26^\circ\text{C}$ . The solvent residual peak is marked with an asterisk.



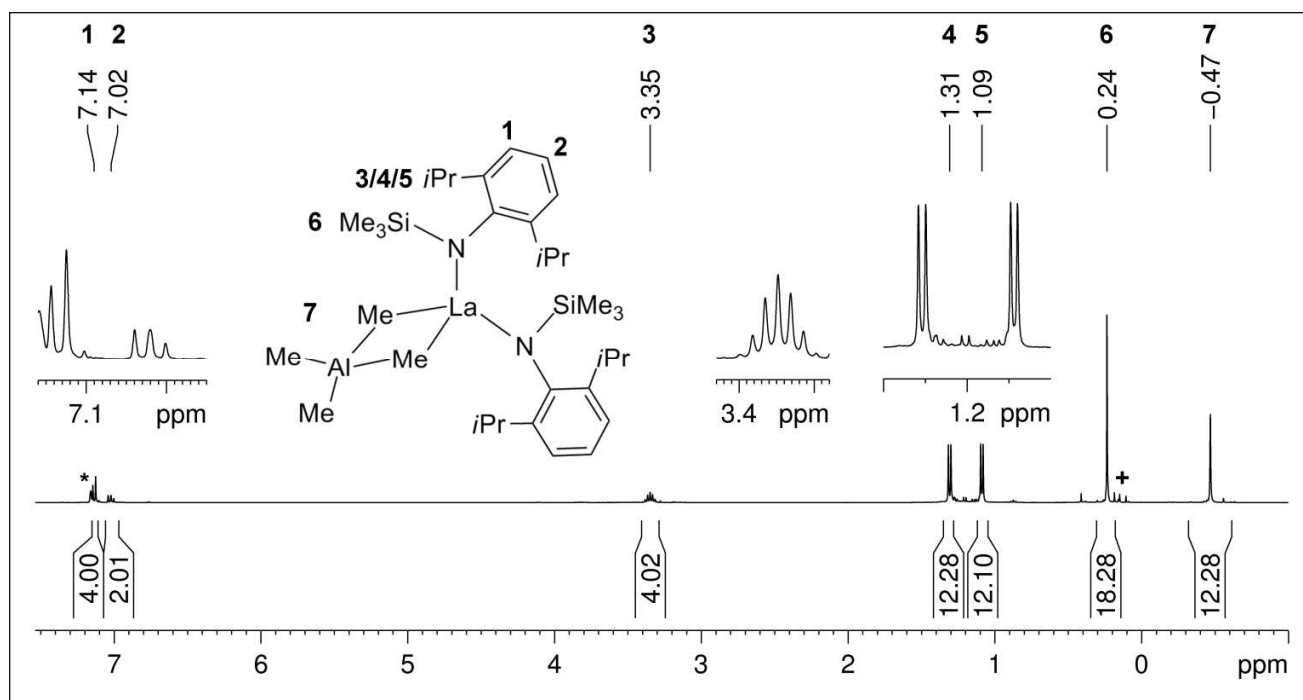
**Figure S15.** Two-dimensional  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of **6-Y** in  $\text{toluene-}d_8$  at  $26^\circ\text{C}$ .



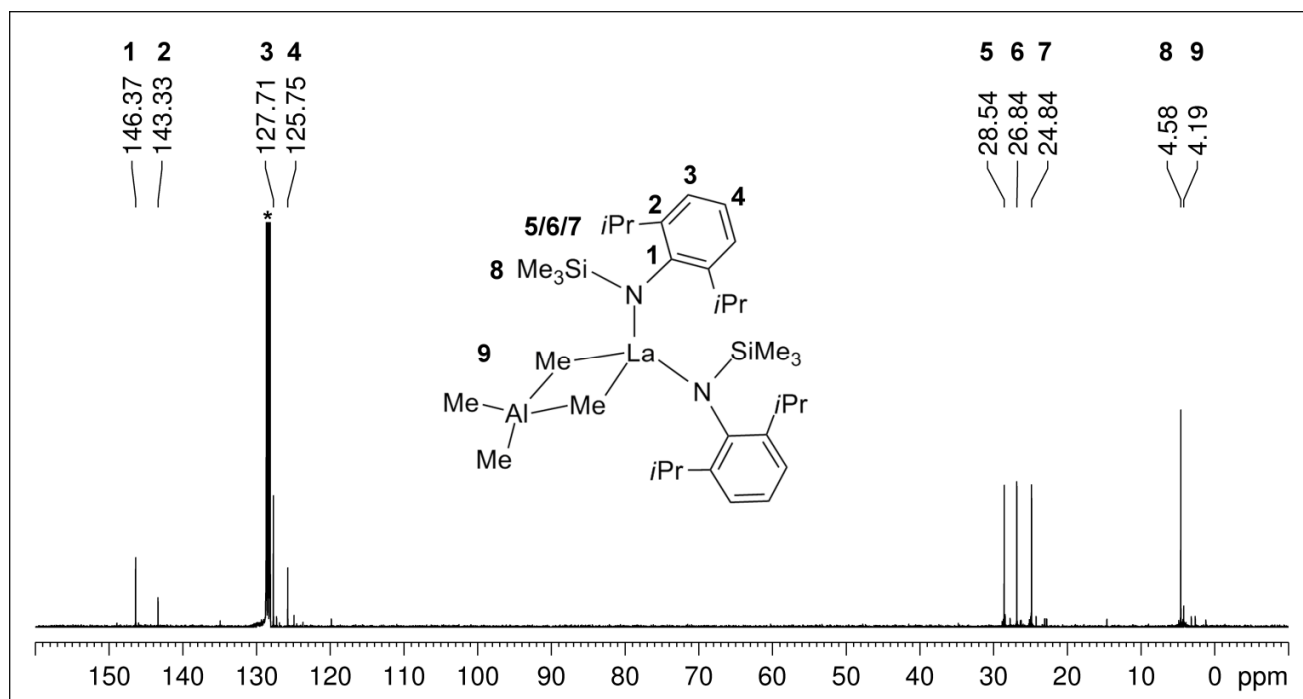
**Figure S16.** Two-dimensional  $^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$  HMBC NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of **6-Y** in toluene- $d_8$  at 26 °C.



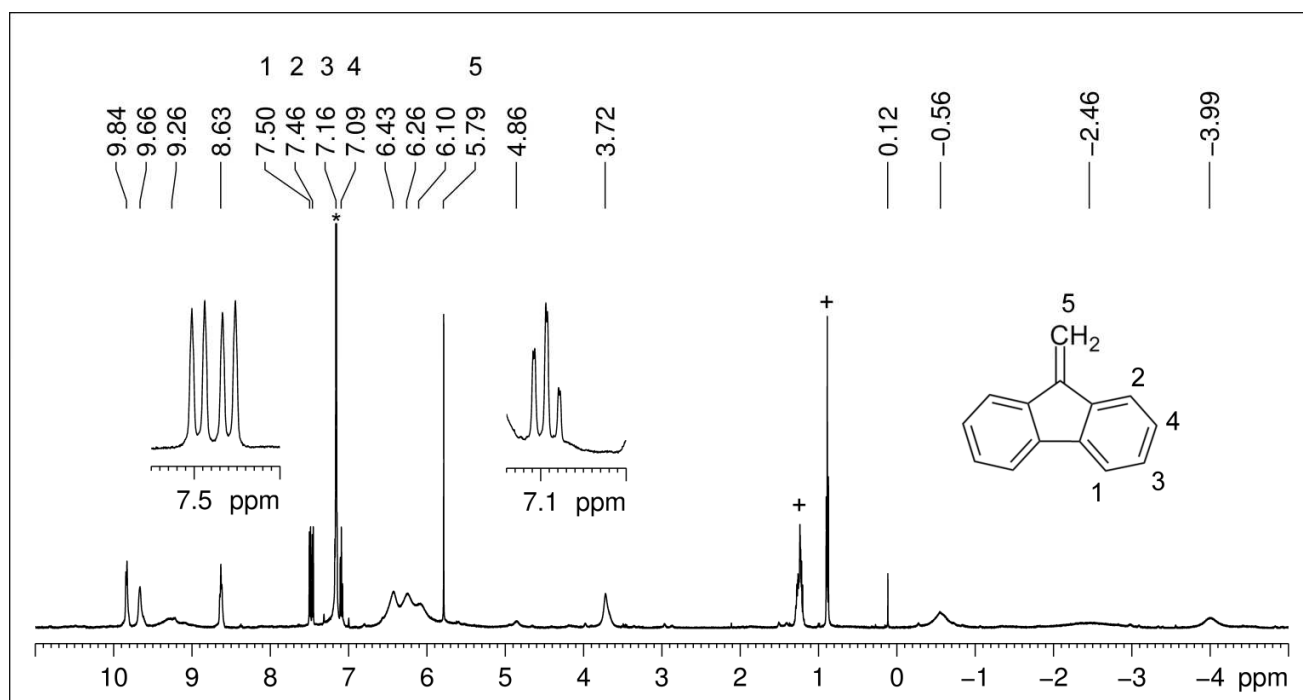
**Figure S17.** Two-dimensional  $^1\text{H}/^{89}\text{Y}$  HSQC NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of **6-Y** in toluene- $d_8$  at 26 °C. (1D  $^{89}\text{Y}$  NMR spectrum (25 MHz) on the left edge of the contour plot, 1D  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the aliphatic region shown on the top).



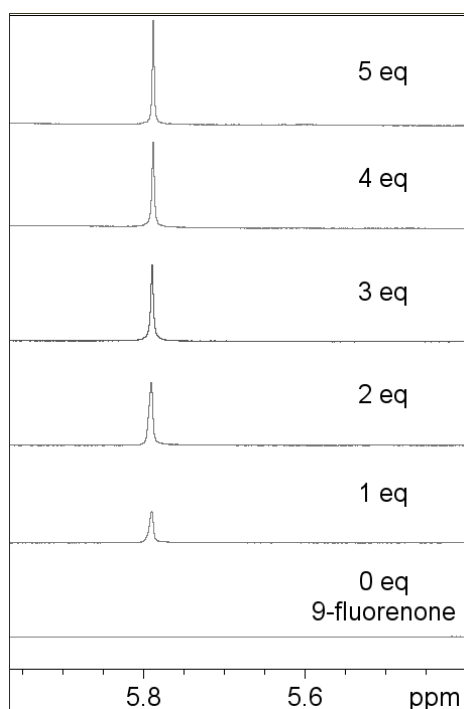
**Figure S18.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of **9-La** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at  $26^\circ\text{C}$ . The solvent residual peak is marked with an asterisk (+ minor impurities).



**Figure S19.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz) of **9-La** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at  $26^\circ\text{C}$ . The solvent residual peak is marked with an asterisk.



**Figure S20.** In situ  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of 7-Nd and 5 equiv. 9-fluorenone in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 26  $^\circ\text{C}$ . The solvent residual peak is marked with an asterisk ( $+ n$ -hexane).



**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (500.13 MHz) of the terminal alkene resonances of 9-methylidene-fluorene after adding 0-5 equivalents 9-fluorenone to 7-Nd in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .