

## Supporting Information

# Zebra reaction or the recipe for heterodimeric zinc complexes synthesis

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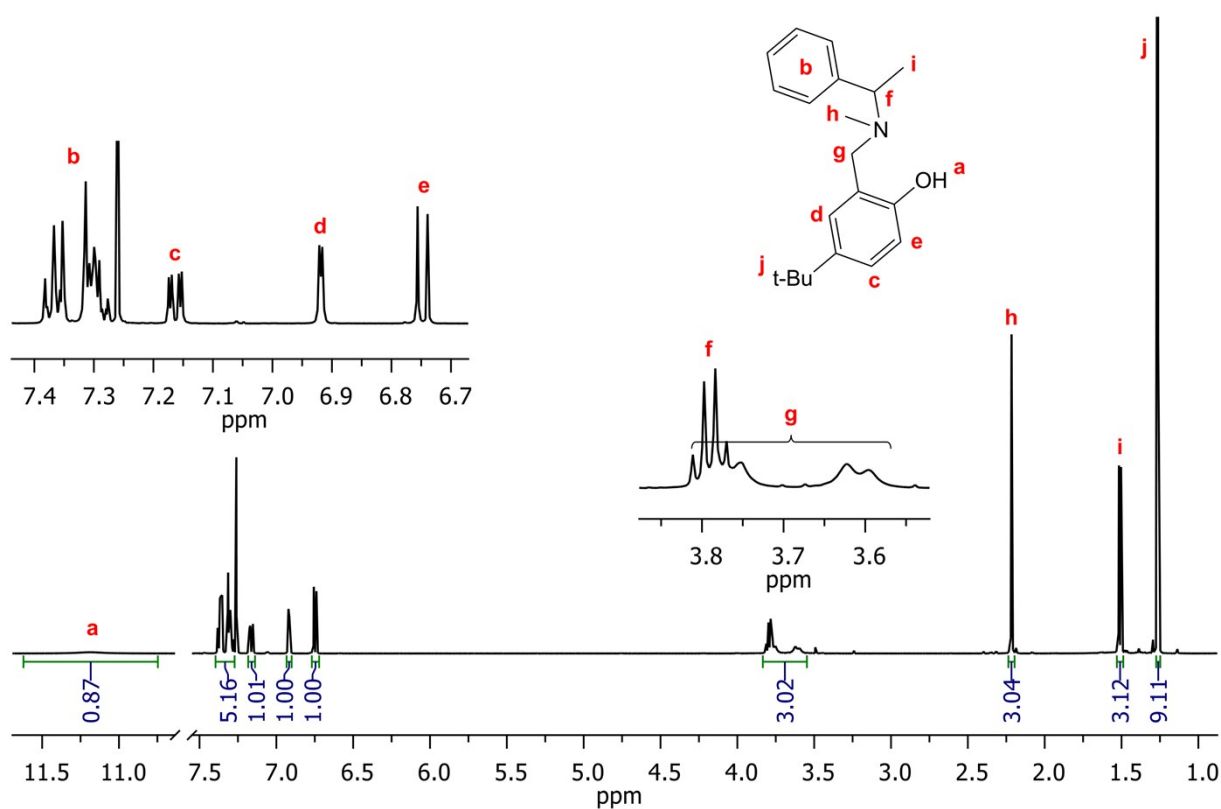


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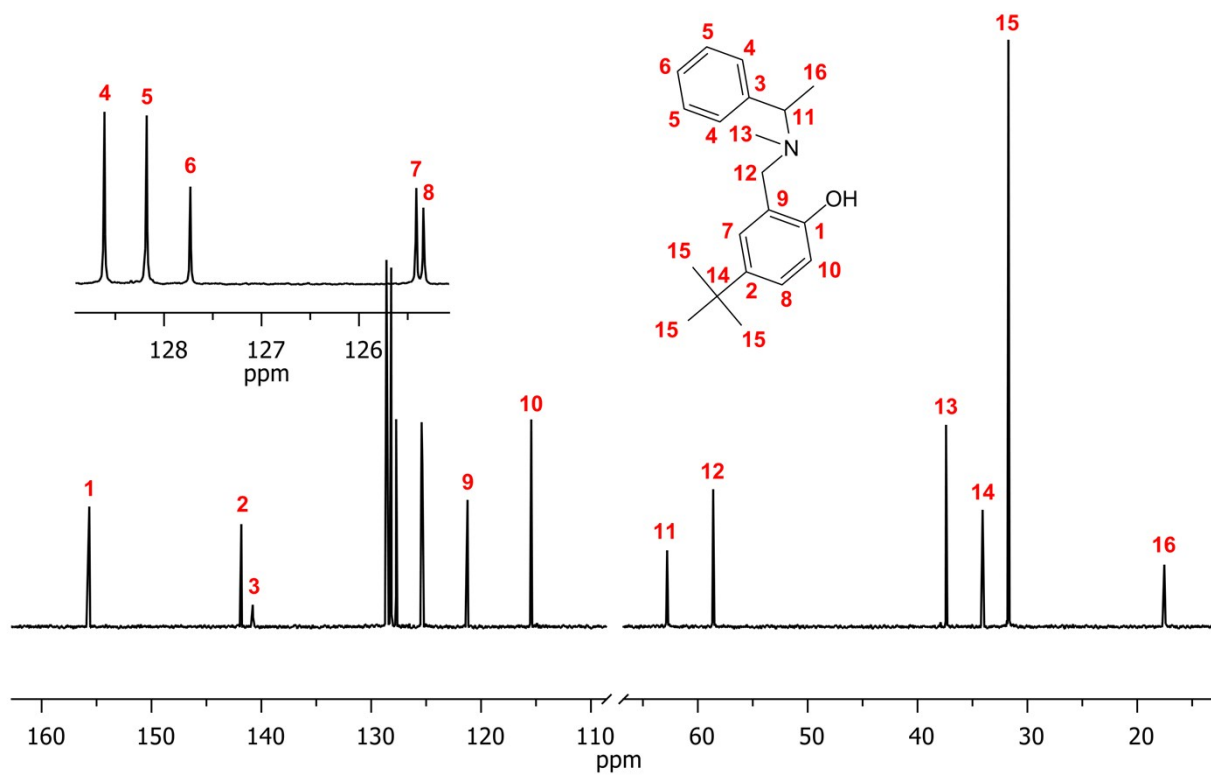
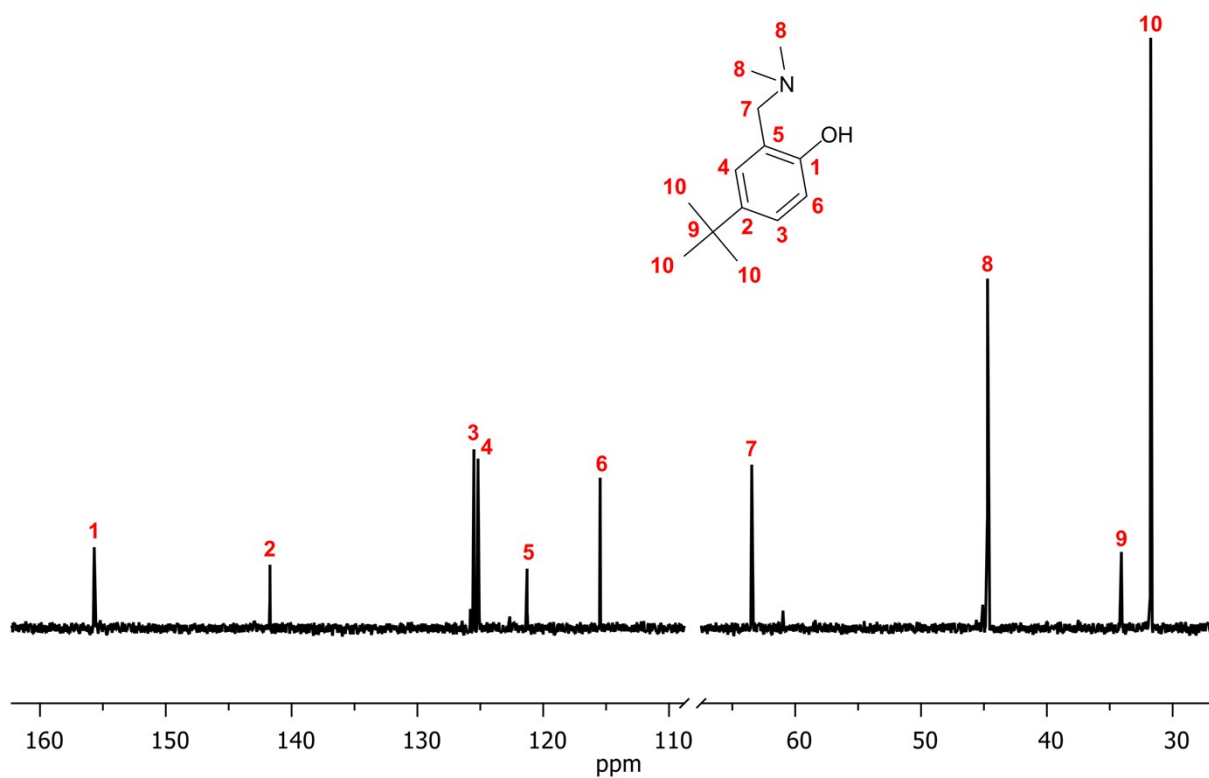
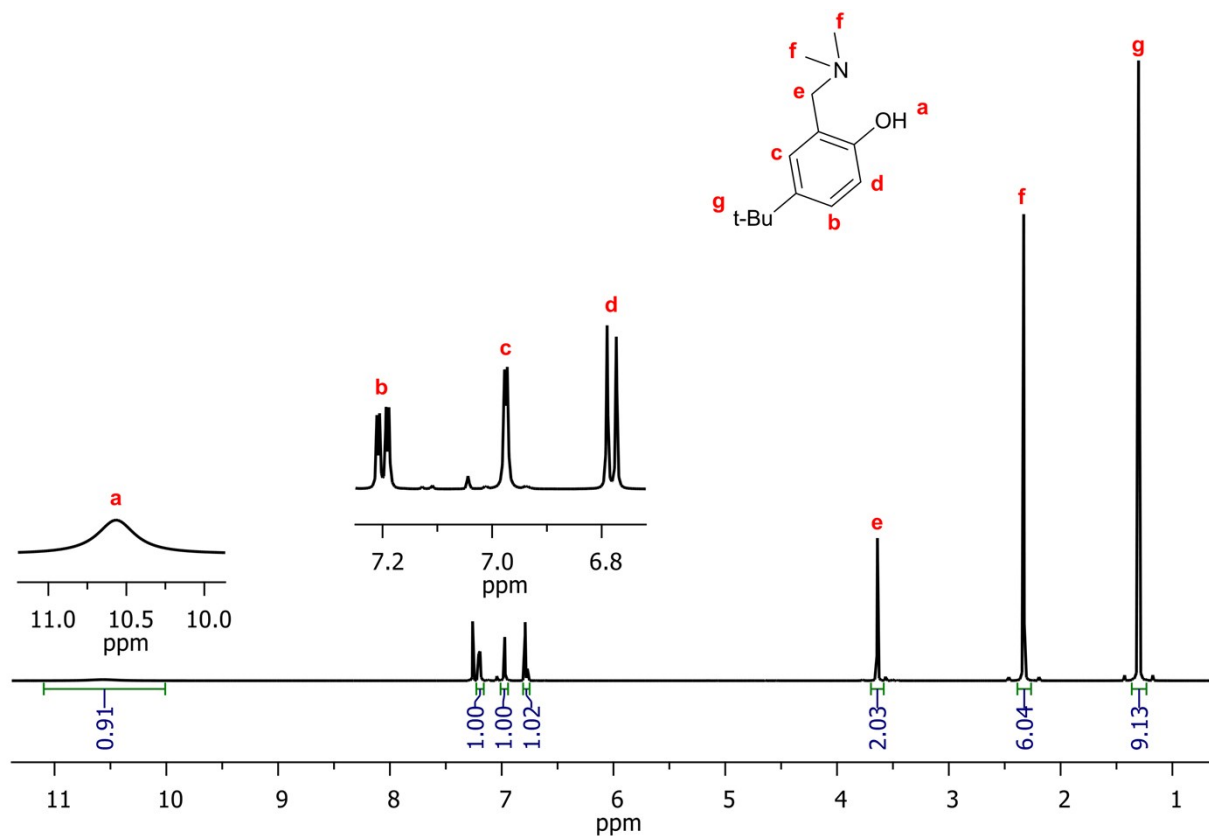


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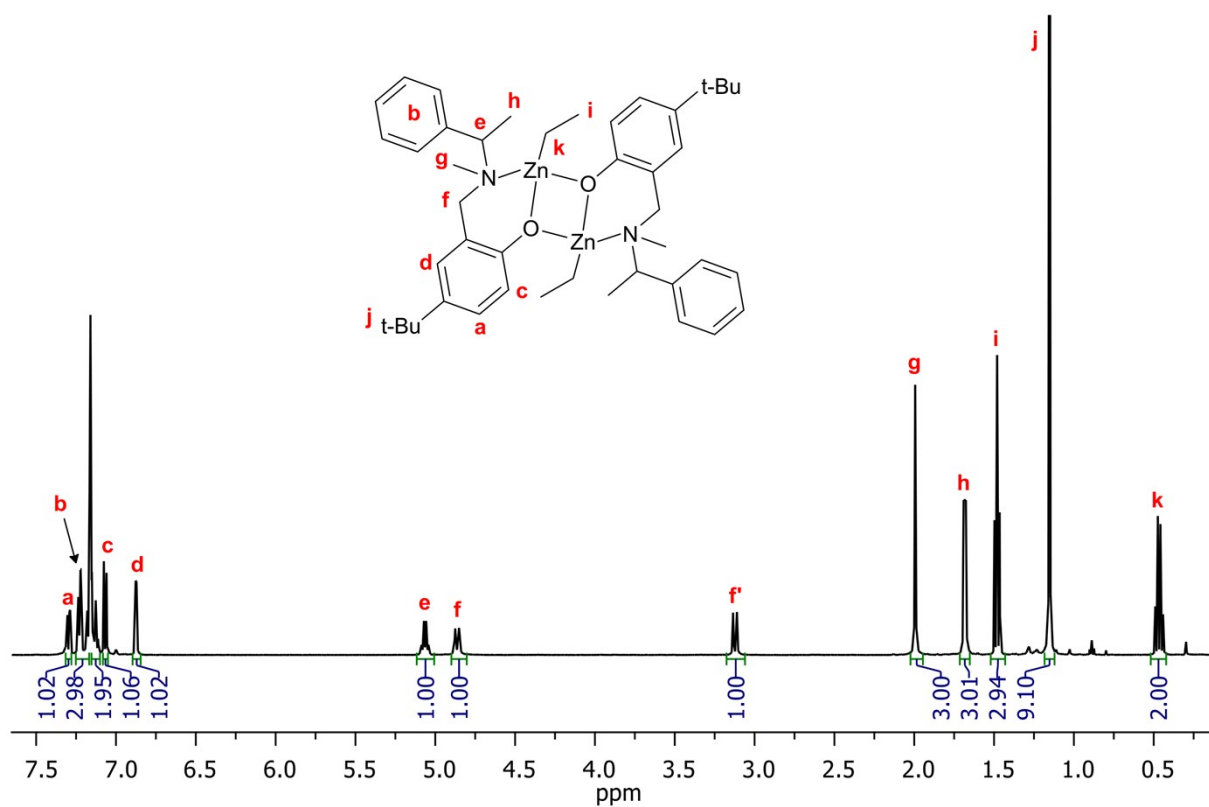


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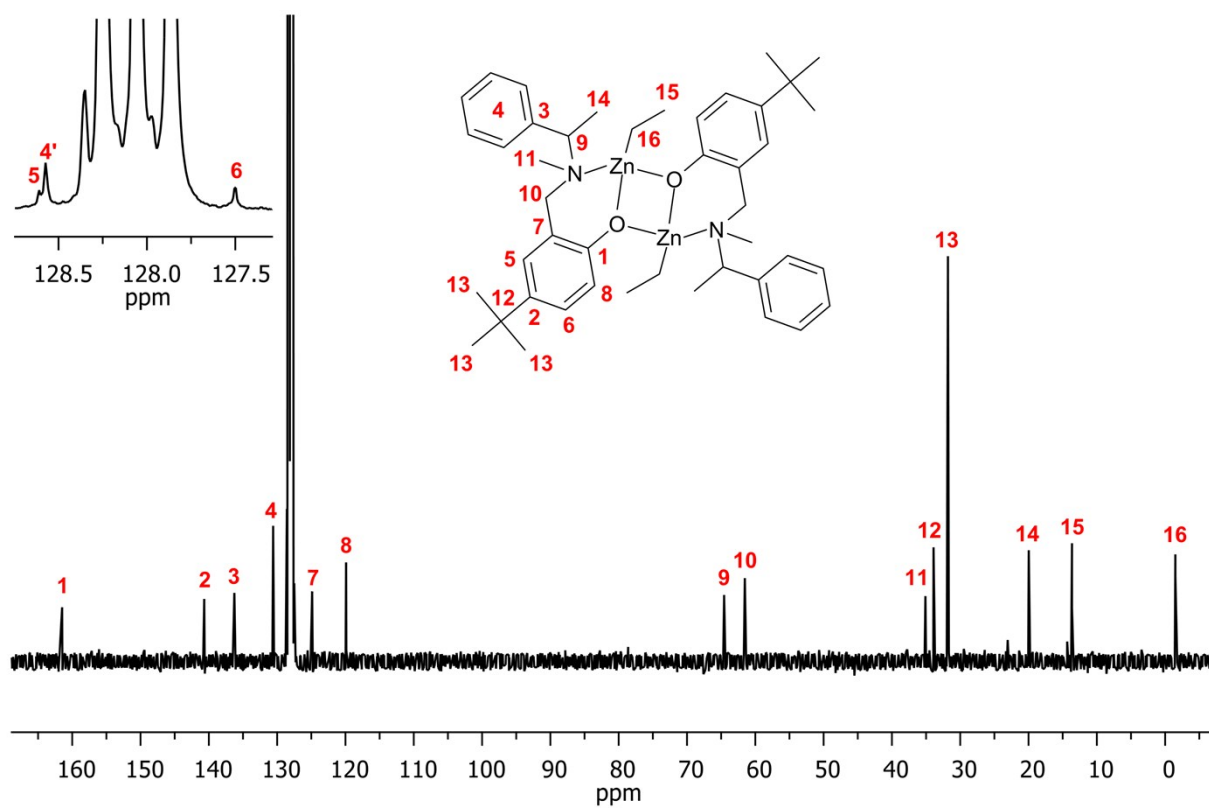


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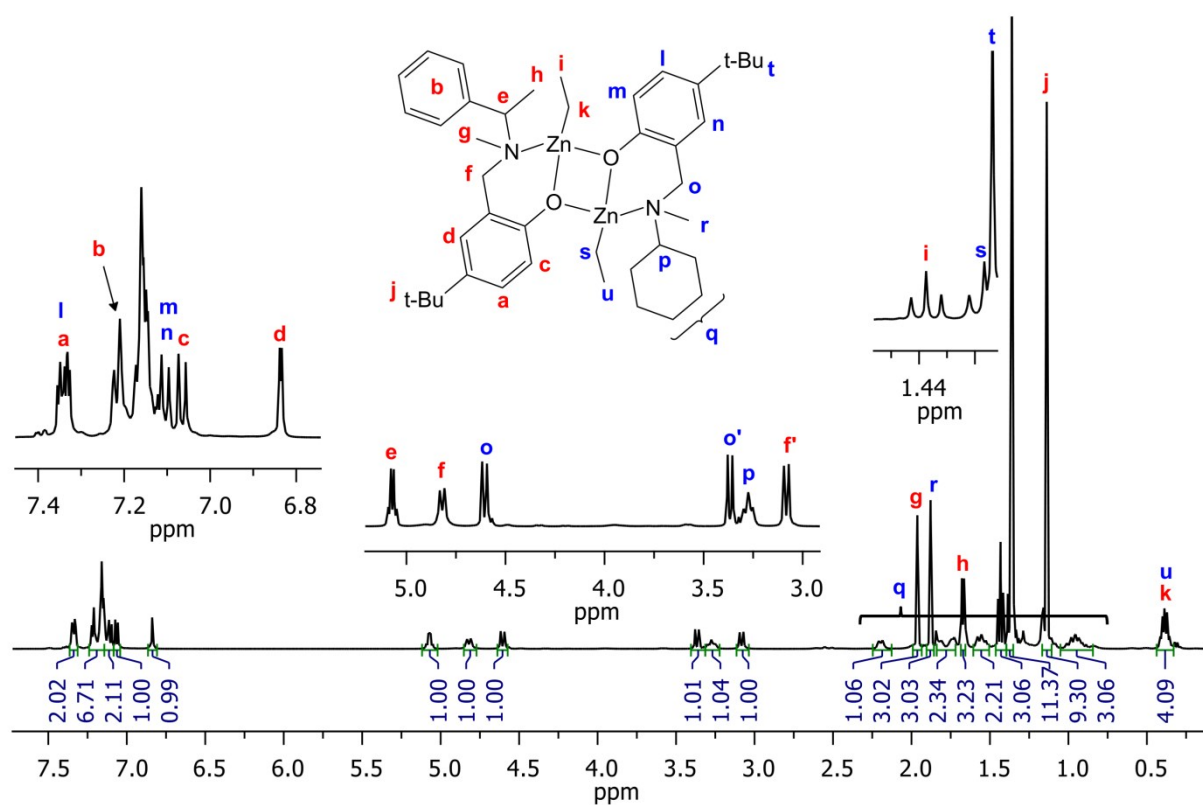


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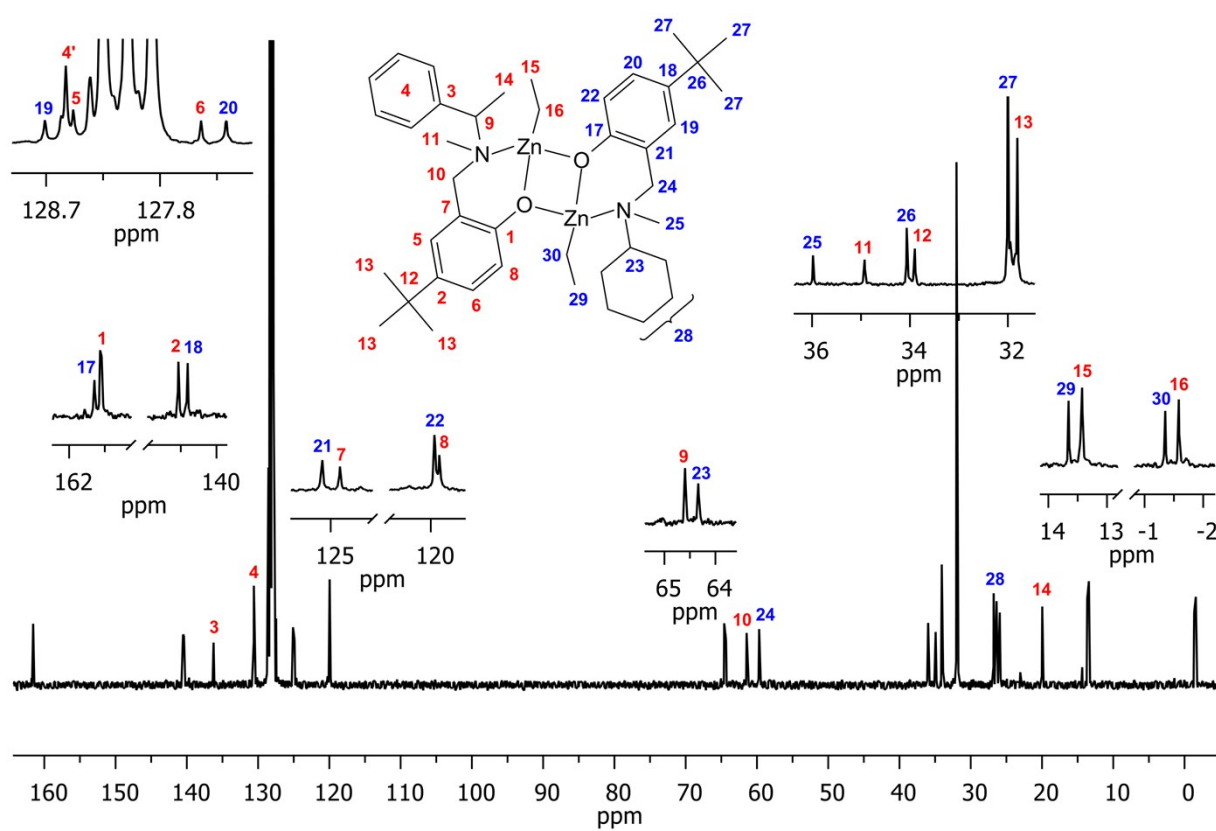
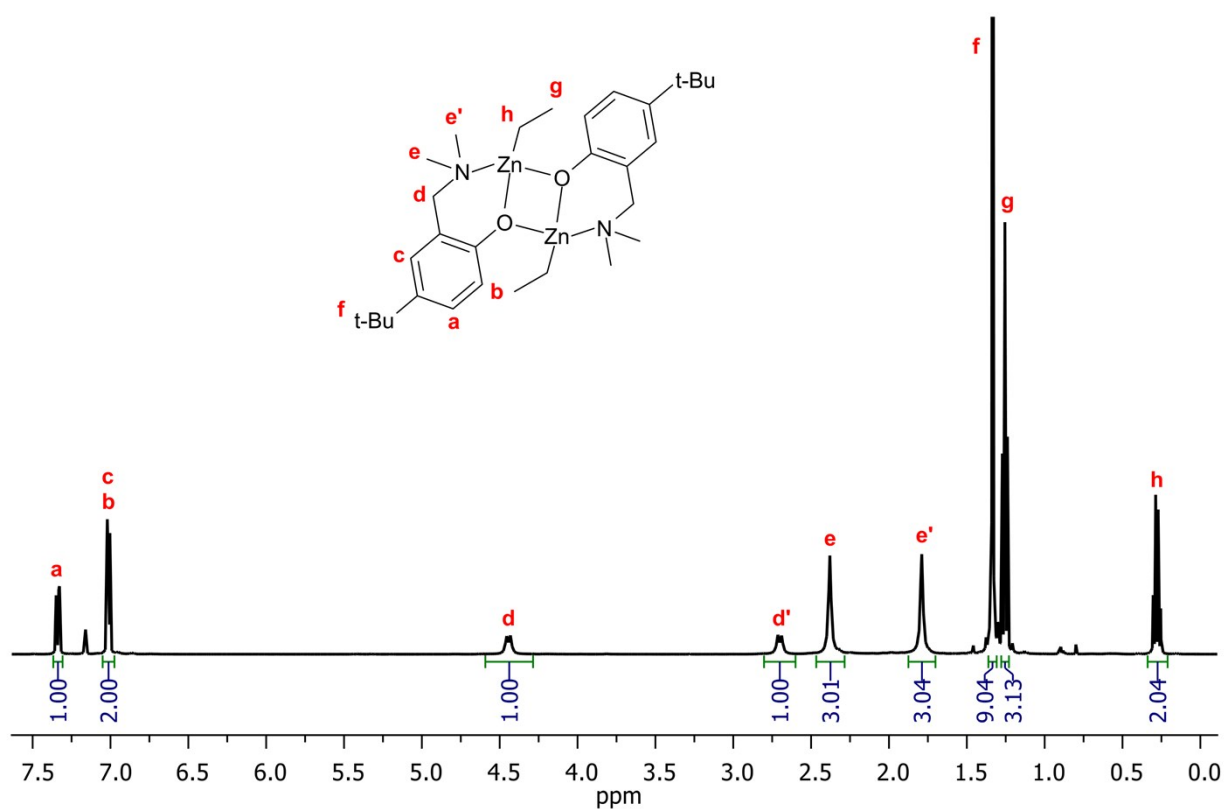
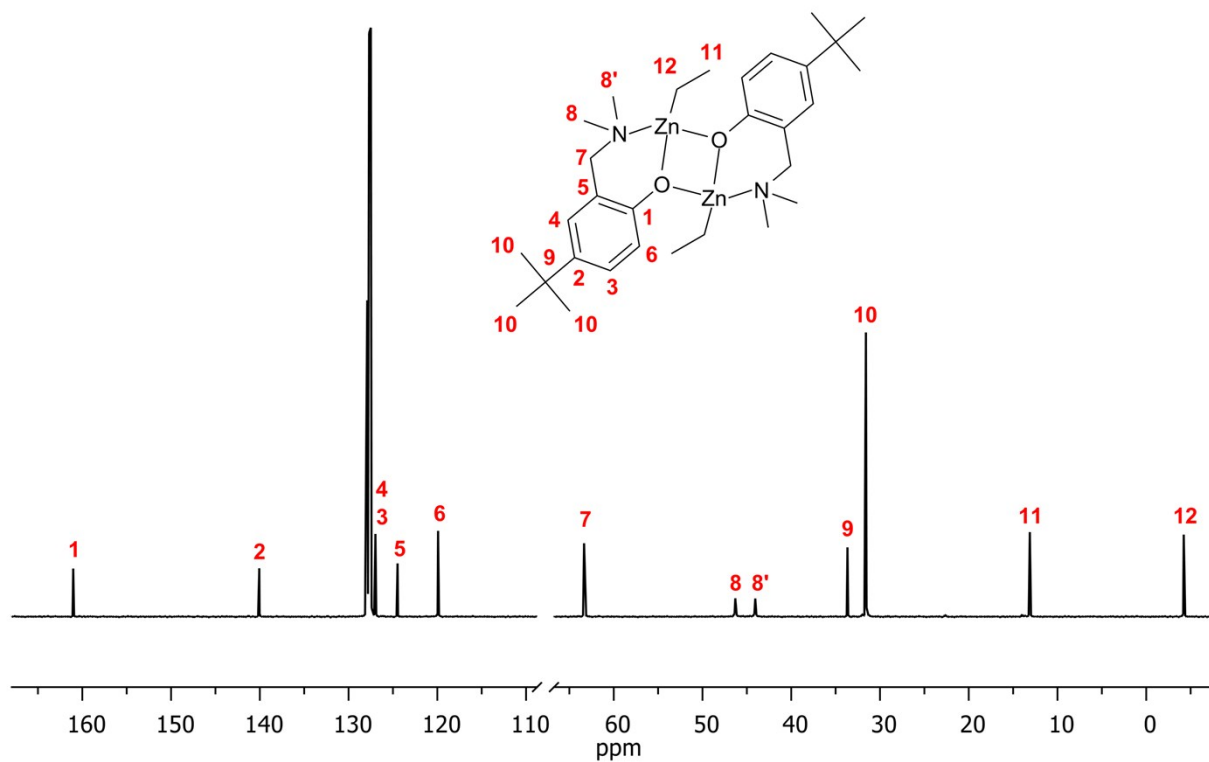


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**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of *Me-Zn* in benzene- $\text{d}_6$ .



**Figure S12.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of *Me-Zn* in benzene- $\text{d}_6$ .

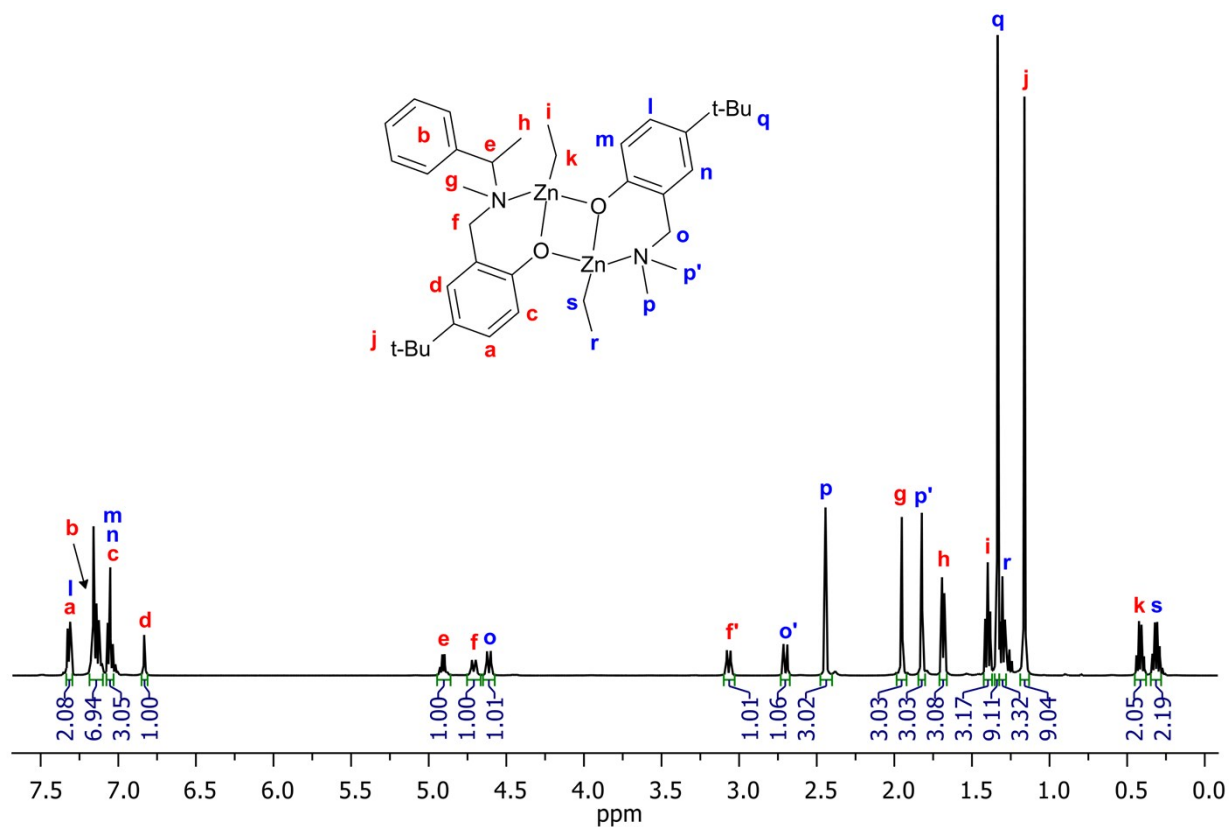


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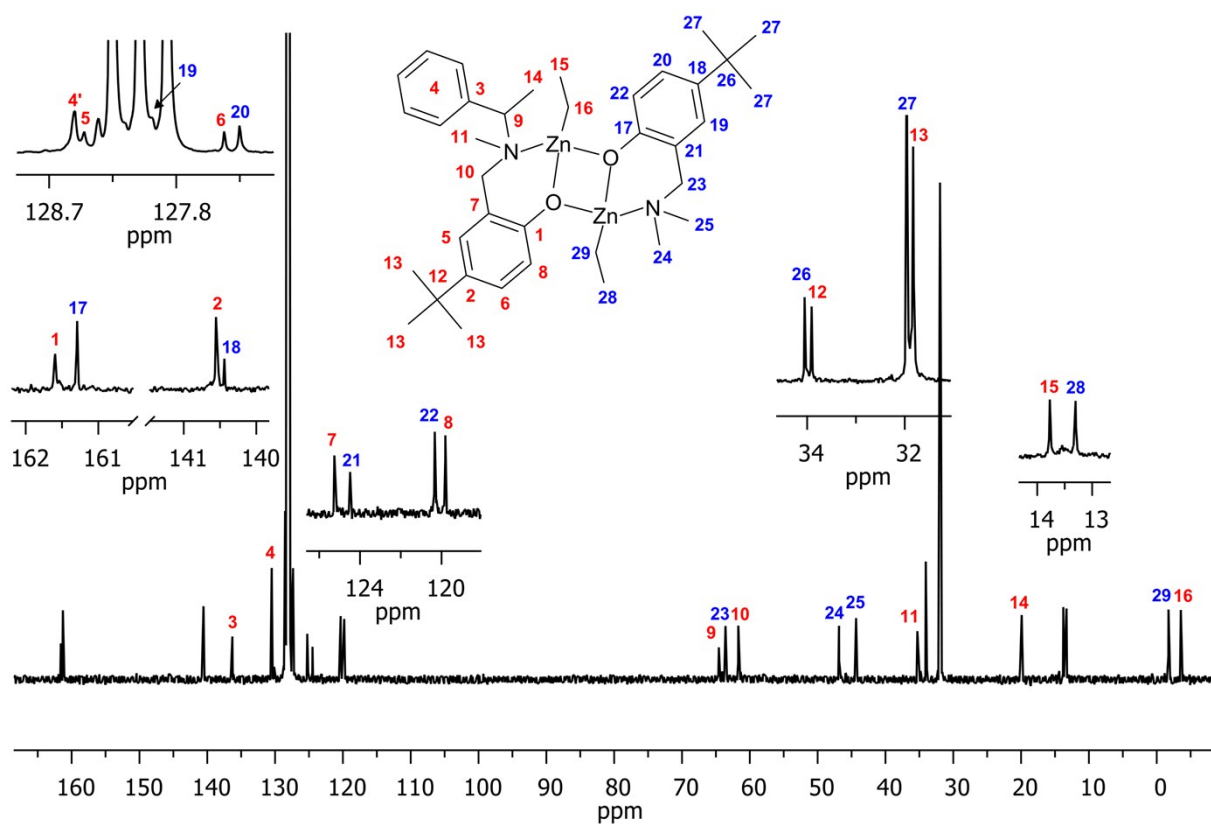
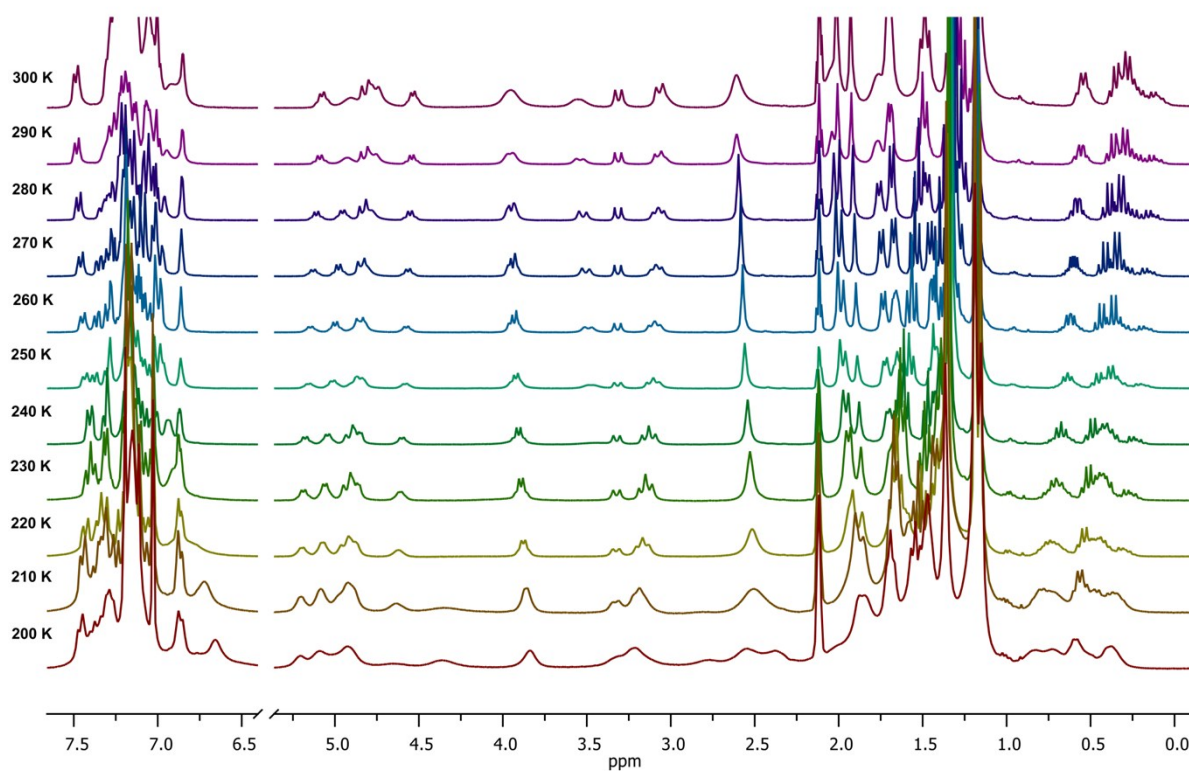
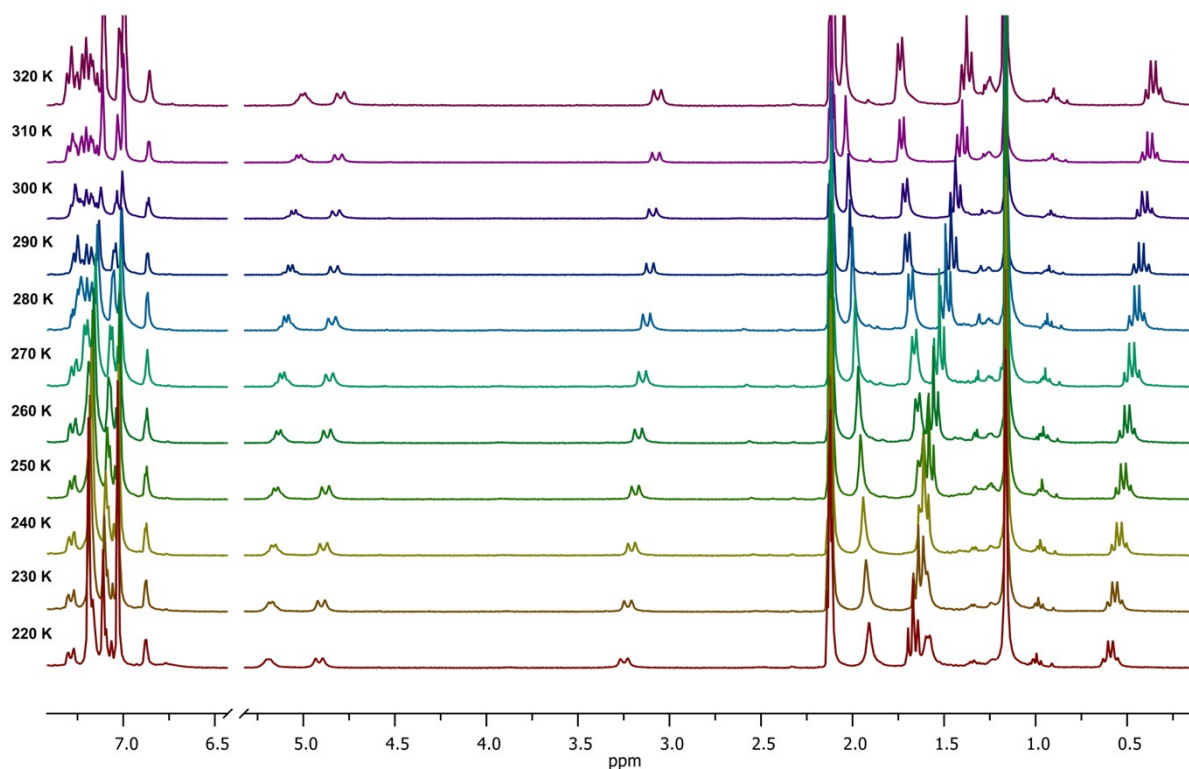


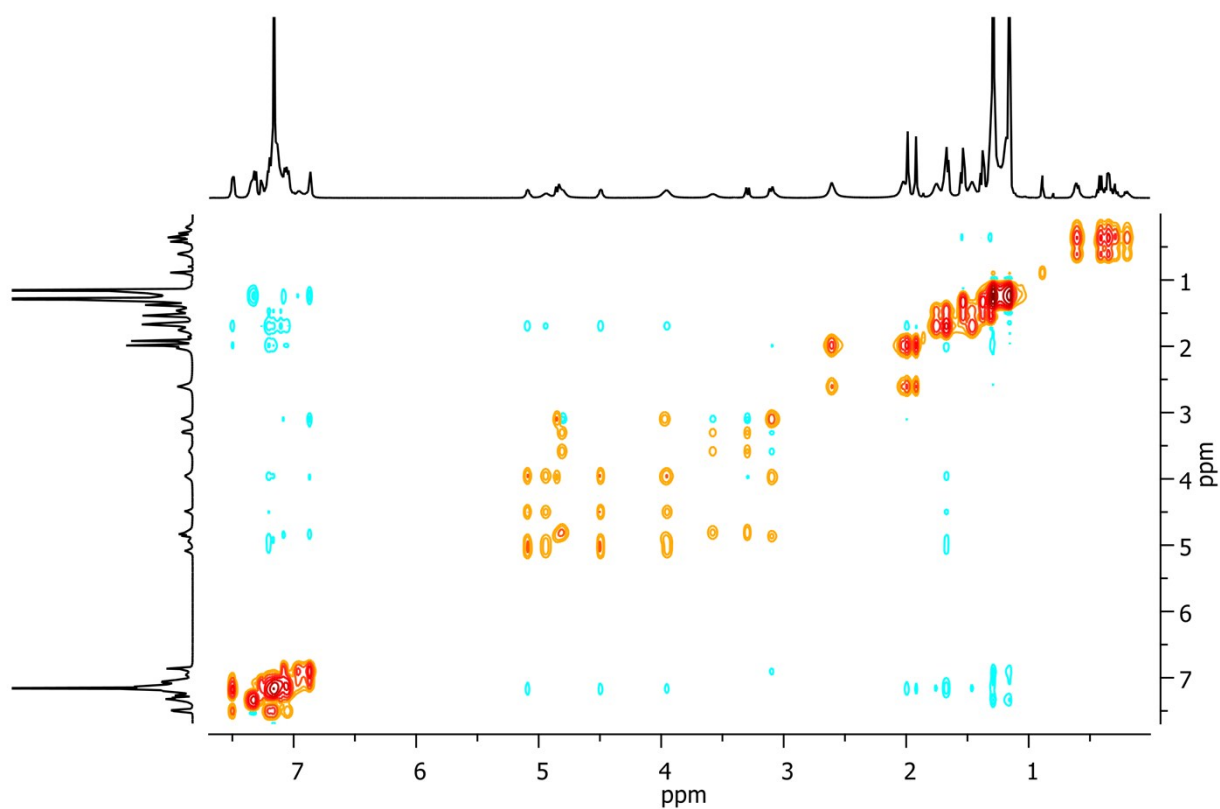
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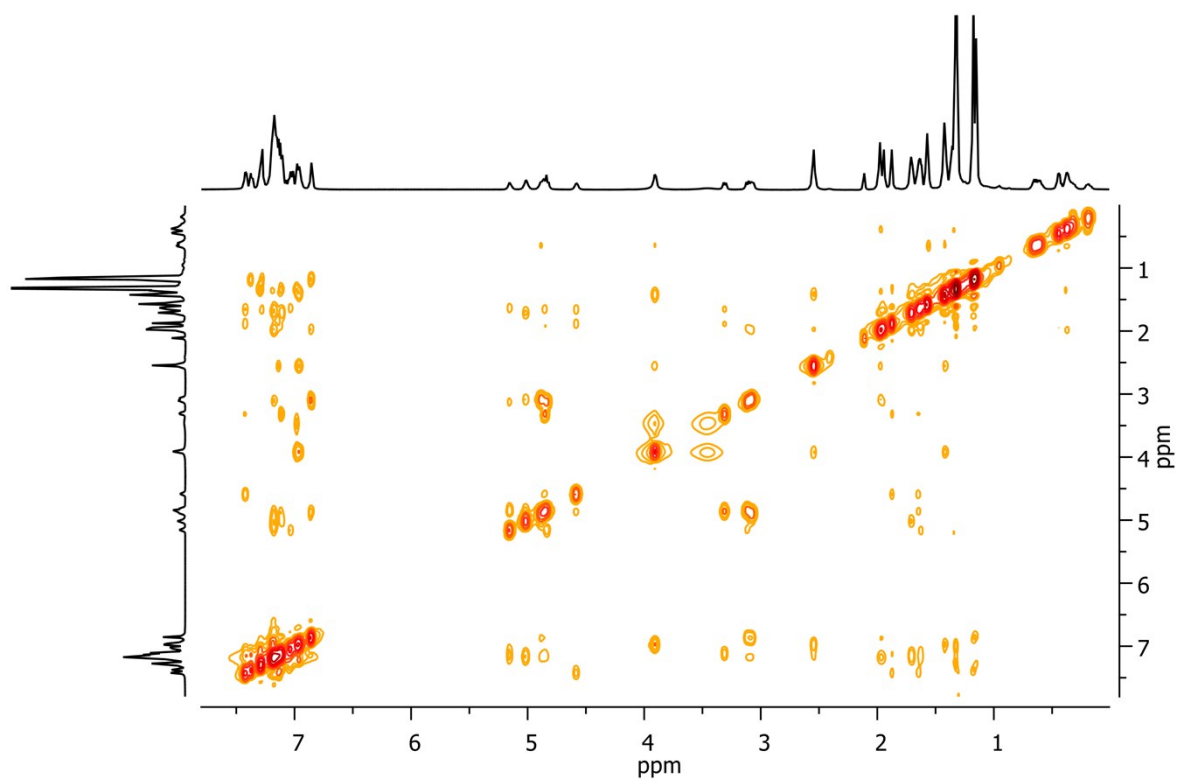
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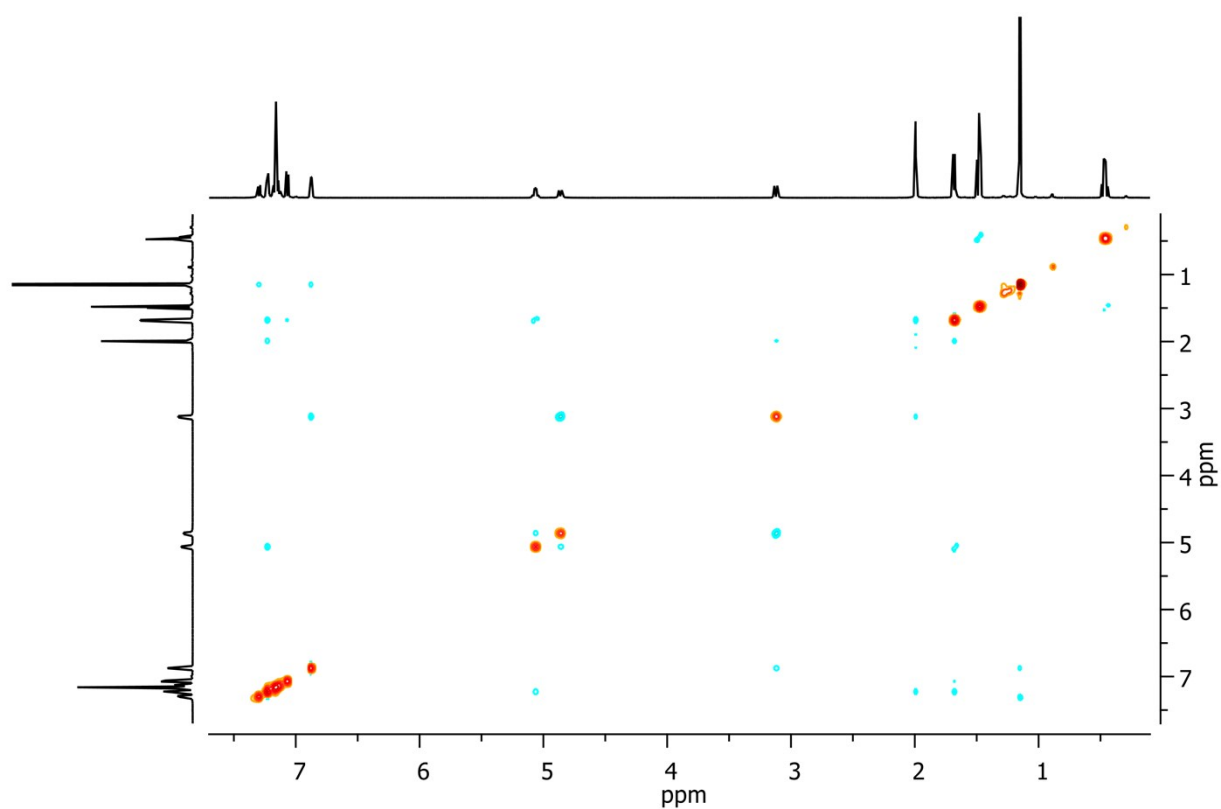
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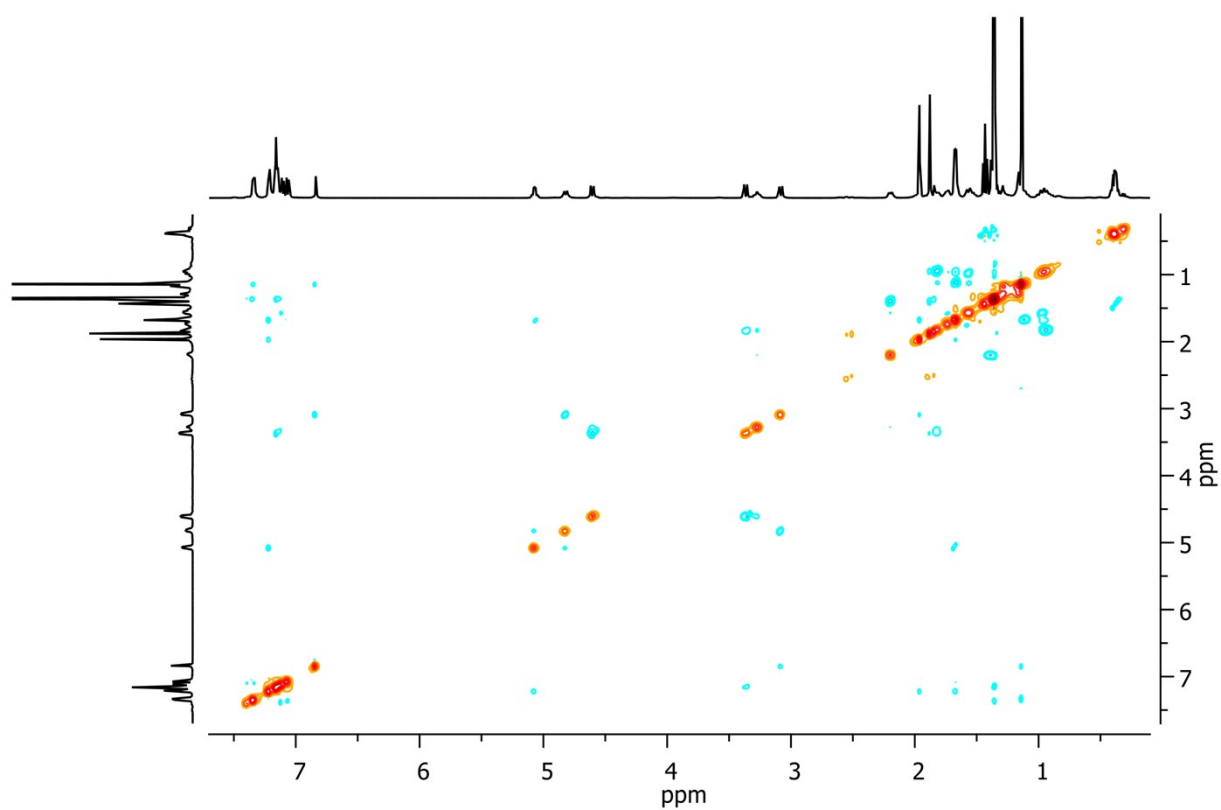
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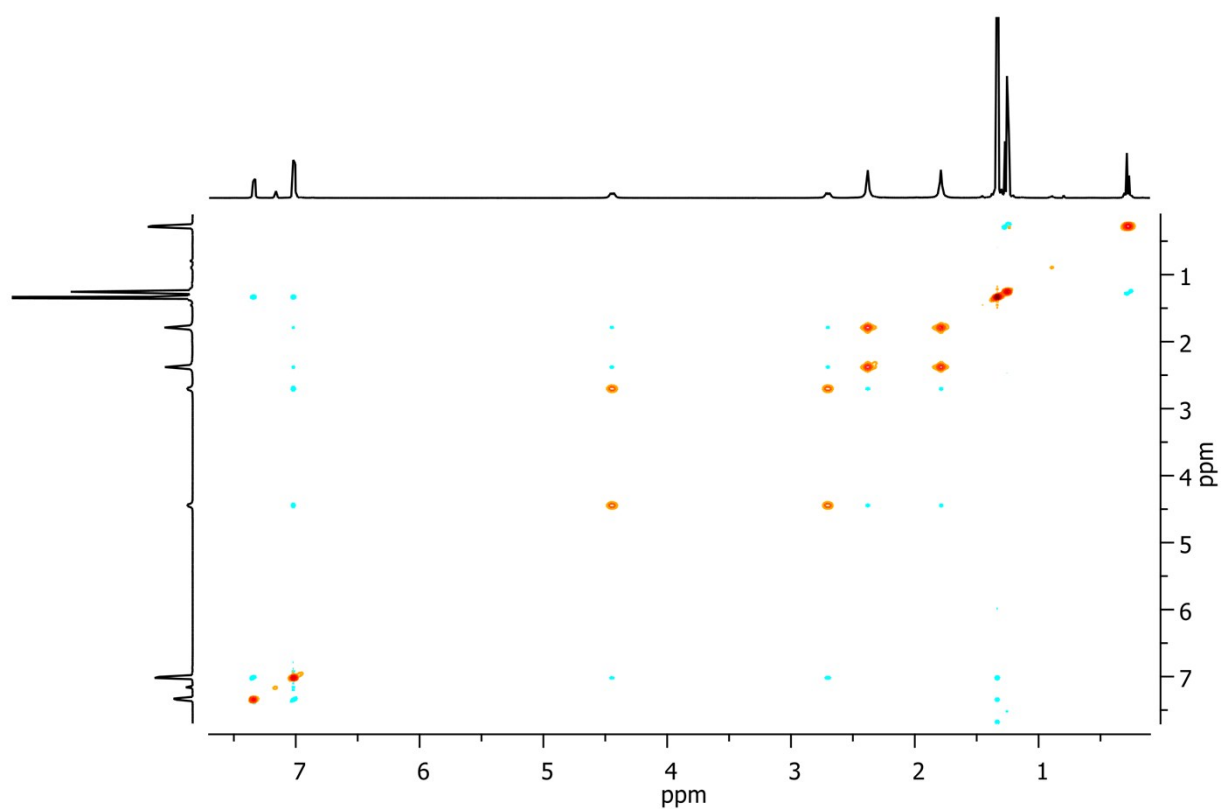
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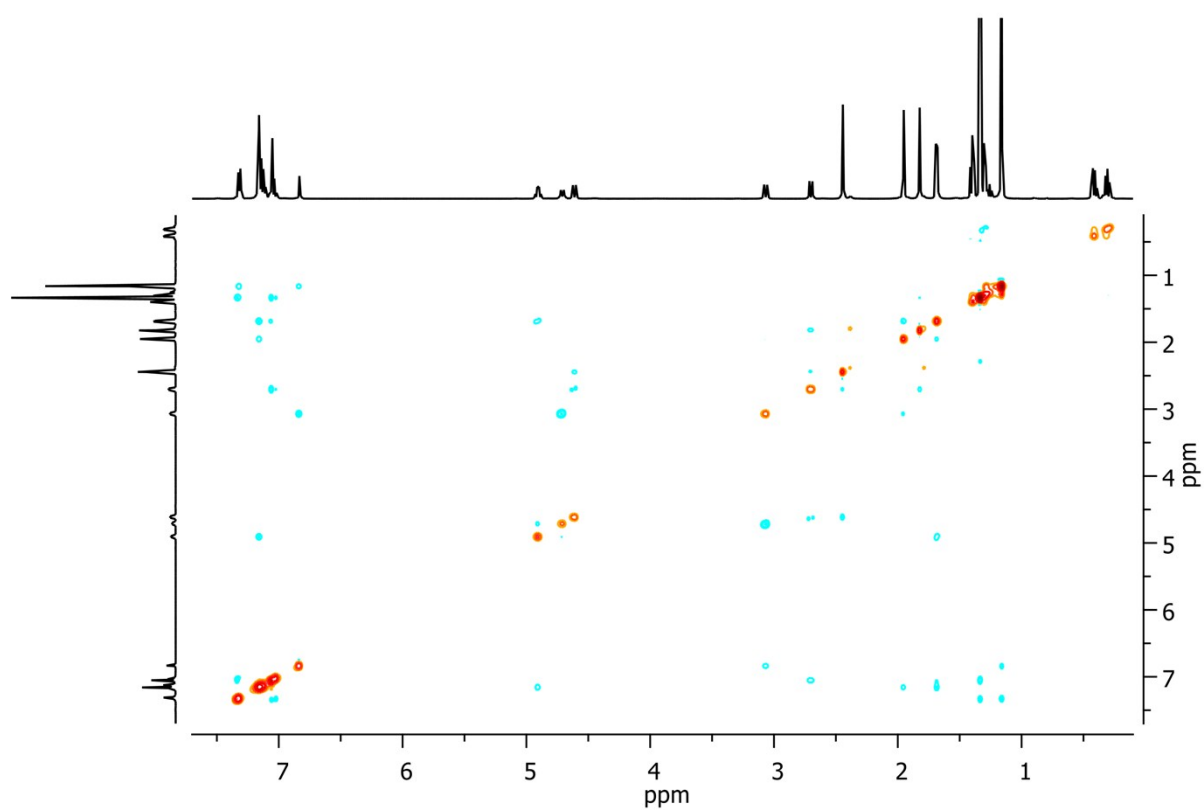
**Figure S19.**  $^1\text{H}$  NOESY NMR of *RS*-Zn in benzene- $\text{d}_6$ .



**Figure S20.**  $^1\text{H}$  NOESY NMR of *RCy*-Zn in benzene- $\text{d}_6$ .



**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NOESY NMR of  $\text{Me-Zn}$  in benzene- $\text{d}_6$ .



**Figure S22.**  $^1\text{H}$  NOESY NMR of  $\text{RMe-Zn}$  in benzene- $\text{d}_6$ .

|                                                                          | <i>RR-Zn</i>                                                                  | <i>SS-Zn</i>                                                                  | <i>RS-Zn</i>                                                                  | <i>RCy-Zn</i>                                                                 | <i>SMe-Zn</i>                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                                                        | C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>62</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>62</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>62</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>64</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>37</sub> H <sub>56</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> ·C <sub>6</sub> D <sub>6</sub> |
| Formula weight                                                           | 781.69                                                                        | 781.69                                                                        | 781.69                                                                        | 759.69                                                                        | 775.72                                                                                                       |
| Crystal system                                                           | Triclinic                                                                     | Triclinic                                                                     | Monoclinic                                                                    | Monoclinic                                                                    | Triclinic                                                                                                    |
| Space group                                                              | <i>P</i> 1                                                                    | <i>P</i> 1                                                                    | <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>                                            | <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>                                                       | <i>P</i> 1                                                                                                   |
| <i>a</i> (Å)                                                             | 7.031 (2)                                                                     | 7.030 (2)                                                                     | 14.582 (5)                                                                    | 13.914 (4)                                                                    | 9.024 (3)                                                                                                    |
| <i>b</i> (Å)                                                             | 10.364 (3)                                                                    | 10.327 (3)                                                                    | 10.542 (3)                                                                    | 10.463 (3)                                                                    | 9.930 (3)                                                                                                    |
| <i>c</i> (Å)                                                             | 15.232 (5)                                                                    | 15.279 (6)                                                                    | 13.030 (4)                                                                    | 14.174 (5)                                                                    | 12.671 (4)                                                                                                   |
| $\alpha$ (°)                                                             | 70.75 (3)                                                                     | 70.36 (2)                                                                     | 90                                                                            | 90                                                                            | 78.01 (3)                                                                                                    |
| $\beta$ (°)                                                              | 82.43 (2)                                                                     | 82.48 (3)                                                                     | 98.64 (3)                                                                     | 102.27 (3)                                                                    | 86.50 (3)                                                                                                    |
| $\gamma$ (°)                                                             | 82.66 (3)                                                                     | 82.65 (3)                                                                     | 90                                                                            | 90                                                                            | 72.57 (2)                                                                                                    |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                                               | 1034.5 (6)                                                                    | 1031.6 (6)                                                                    | 1980 (1)                                                                      | 2016.3 (11)                                                                   | 1059.7 (6)                                                                                                   |
| <i>Z</i>                                                                 | 1                                                                             | 1                                                                             | 2                                                                             | 2                                                                             | 1                                                                                                            |
| Crystal description                                                      | Block, colourless                                                             | Block, colourless                                                             | Block, colourless                                                             | Block, colourless                                                             | Block, colourless                                                                                            |
| Crystal size (mm)                                                        | 0.45 × 0.35 × 0.18                                                            | 0.26 × 0.19 × 0.10                                                            | 0.55 × 0.46 × 0.13                                                            | 0.50 × 0.26 × 0.20                                                            | 0.30 × 0.26 × 0.10                                                                                           |
| <i>d</i> <sub>calc</sub> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )                            | 1.255                                                                         | 1.256                                                                         | 1.311                                                                         | 1.25                                                                          | 1.216                                                                                                        |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                                                | 1.20                                                                          | 1.20                                                                          | 1.25                                                                          | 1.72                                                                          | 1.17                                                                                                         |
| <i>F</i> (000)                                                           | 416                                                                           | 416                                                                           | 832                                                                           | 812                                                                           | 410                                                                                                          |
| Diffractometer                                                           | Kuma KM-4 CCD                                                                 | Xcalibur, CCD Ruby                                                            | Kuma KM-4 CCD                                                                 | Xcalibur, CCD Onyx                                                            | Kuma KM-4 CCD                                                                                                |
| $\lambda$ (Å)                                                            | 0.71073 (Mo)                                                                  | 0.71073 (Mo)                                                                  | 0.71073 (Mo)                                                                  | 1.54184 (Cu)                                                                  | 0.71073 (Mo)                                                                                                 |
| <i>T</i> (K)                                                             | 100                                                                           | 129                                                                           | 100                                                                           | 100                                                                           | 180                                                                                                          |
| $\theta$ min/max (°)                                                     | 2.9/28.7                                                                      | 2.8/28.7                                                                      | 3.0/32.5                                                                      | 3.2/70.2                                                                      | 2.9/28.7                                                                                                     |
| <i>h</i> , <i>k</i> , <i>l</i> min/max                                   | -9/7, -13/13, -19/20                                                          | -9/7, -7/13, -18/20                                                           | -18/20, -14/13, -17/13                                                        | -16/16, -12/10, -17/17                                                        | -12/12, -13/13, -16/16                                                                                       |
| Reflections collected                                                    | 7051                                                                          | 7164                                                                          | 14537                                                                         | 10651                                                                         | 9259                                                                                                         |
| Independent reflections                                                  | 5647                                                                          | 5807                                                                          | 5239                                                                          | 5285                                                                          | 7036                                                                                                         |
| Reflections [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]                        | 5058                                                                          | 5382                                                                          | 4552                                                                          | 5176                                                                          | 5758                                                                                                         |
| R (int.)                                                                 | 0.034                                                                         | 0.016                                                                         | 0.028                                                                         | 0.056                                                                         | 0.040                                                                                                        |
| Flack parameter                                                          | -0.030 (13)                                                                   | -0.004 (9)                                                                    | -                                                                             | 0.03 (3)                                                                      | -0.015 (18)                                                                                                  |
| data/restraints/params                                                   | 5647/57/524                                                                   | 5807/69/525                                                                   | 5239/0/232                                                                    | 5285/19/475                                                                   | 7036/302/547                                                                                                 |
| <i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )] | 0.045                                                                         | 0.027                                                                         | 0.034                                                                         | 0.051                                                                         | 0.048                                                                                                        |
| <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )                                      | 0.126                                                                         | 0.062                                                                         | 0.102                                                                         | 0.150                                                                         | 0.058                                                                                                        |
| GooF                                                                     | 1.10                                                                          | 1.00                                                                          | 1.11                                                                          | 1.21                                                                          | 1.00                                                                                                         |
| $\Delta\rho_{\max}/\Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e·Å <sup>-3</sup> )               | 0.49/-0.51                                                                    | 0.32/-0.29                                                                    | 0.71/-0.41                                                                    | 0.67/-0.81                                                                    | 0.34/-0.60                                                                                                   |

**Table S1.** X-ray experimental data and refinement.

| Atoms                                                                     | <i>RR-Zn</i> | <i>SS-Zn</i> | <i>RS-Zn</i> | <i>RCy-Zn</i> | <i>SMe-Zn</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bond distance [Å]                                                         |              |              |              |               |               |
| Zn1-C21                                                                   | 1.964(9)     | 1.977(6)     | 1.9866(17)   | 1.990(6)      | 1.971(9)      |
| Zn2-C51 <sup>a</sup>                                                      | 1.999(8)     | 1.986(5)     |              | 2.002(6)      | 1.974(9)      |
| Zn1-O1                                                                    | 2.006(5)     | 2.009(4)     | 2.0155(11)   | 2.033(3)      | 2.036(5)      |
| Zn2-O2                                                                    | 2.008(5)     | 2.002(4)     |              | 2.029(3)      | 2.030(5)      |
| Zn1-O1 <sup>i</sup>                                                       | 2.068(5)     | 2.062(4)     | 2.0485(11)   | 2.046(4)      | 2.037(5)      |
| Zn2-O1                                                                    | 2.055(5)     | 2.059(4)     |              | 2.038(4)      | 2.043(5)      |
| Zn1-N1                                                                    | 2.164(6)     | 2.173(5)     | 2.1426(15)   | 2.164(4)      | 2.166(7)      |
| Zn2-N2                                                                    | 2.163(7)     | 2.157(5)     |              | 2.151(4)      | 2.132(8)      |
| Zn1-Zn1 <sup>i,b</sup>                                                    | 3.0946(11)   | 3.0967(10)   | 3.0415(9)    | 3.0581(12)    | 3.0576(11)    |
| O1-O1 <sup>i,b</sup>                                                      | 2.641(4)     | 2.634(2)     | 2.696(2)     | 2.690(4)      | 2.684(4)      |
| Angles [°]                                                                |              |              |              |               |               |
| C21-Zn1-O1                                                                | 128.1(3)     | 138.5(2)     | 124.86(6)    | 126.3(2)      | 127.9(4)      |
| C51 <sup>a</sup> -Zn2-O2                                                  | 135.4(4)     | 127.15(17)   |              | 125.57(19)    | 125.3(3)      |
| C21-Zn1-O1 <sup>i</sup>                                                   | 122.9(3)     | 119.3(2)     | 121.40(6)    | 126.04(18)    | 127.2(4)      |
| C51 <sup>a</sup> -Zn2-O1                                                  | 119.6(3)     | 122.51(18)   |              | 120.43(19)    | 128.8(4)      |
| O1-Zn1-O1 <sup>i</sup>                                                    | 80.81(19)    | 80.63(15)    | 83.10(5)     | 82.52(14)     | 82.42(19)     |
| O1-Zn2-O2                                                                 | 81.05(19)    | 80.86(15)    |              | 82.83(14)     | 82.65(18)     |
| C21-Zn1-N1                                                                | 118.4(3)     | 110.5(2)     | 125.39(6)    | 122.23(18)    | 118.1(4)      |
| C51 <sup>a</sup> -Zn2-N2                                                  | 112.3(4)     | 119.1(2)     |              | 123.2(2)      | 119/1(4)      |
| O1-Zn1-N1                                                                 | 93.0(2)      | 92.35(16)    | 92.85(5)     | 94.04(14)     | 94.3(2)       |
| O2-Zn2-N2                                                                 | 92.5(2)      | 93.37(15)    |              | 93.27(14)     | 93.6(2)       |
| O1 <sup>i</sup> -Zn1-N1                                                   | 105.2(2)     | 110.76(16)   | 98.70(5)     | 95.02(14)     | 97.4(2)       |
| O1-Zn2-N2                                                                 | 110.8(2)     | 105.27(16)   |              | 102.08(15)    | 97.4(2)       |
| Zn1-O1-Zn1 <sup>i</sup>                                                   | 99.27(19)    | 99.16(14)    | 96.90(5)     | 97.37(13)     | 97.4(2)       |
| Zn1-O2-Zn2                                                                | 98.79(19)    | 99.28(14)    |              | 97.24(14)     | 97.5(2)       |
| Sum of the interior angles of the core Zn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> [°] |              |              |              |               |               |
|                                                                           | 359.9(8)     | 359.9(6)     | 360          | 359.9(6)      | 360.0(8)      |

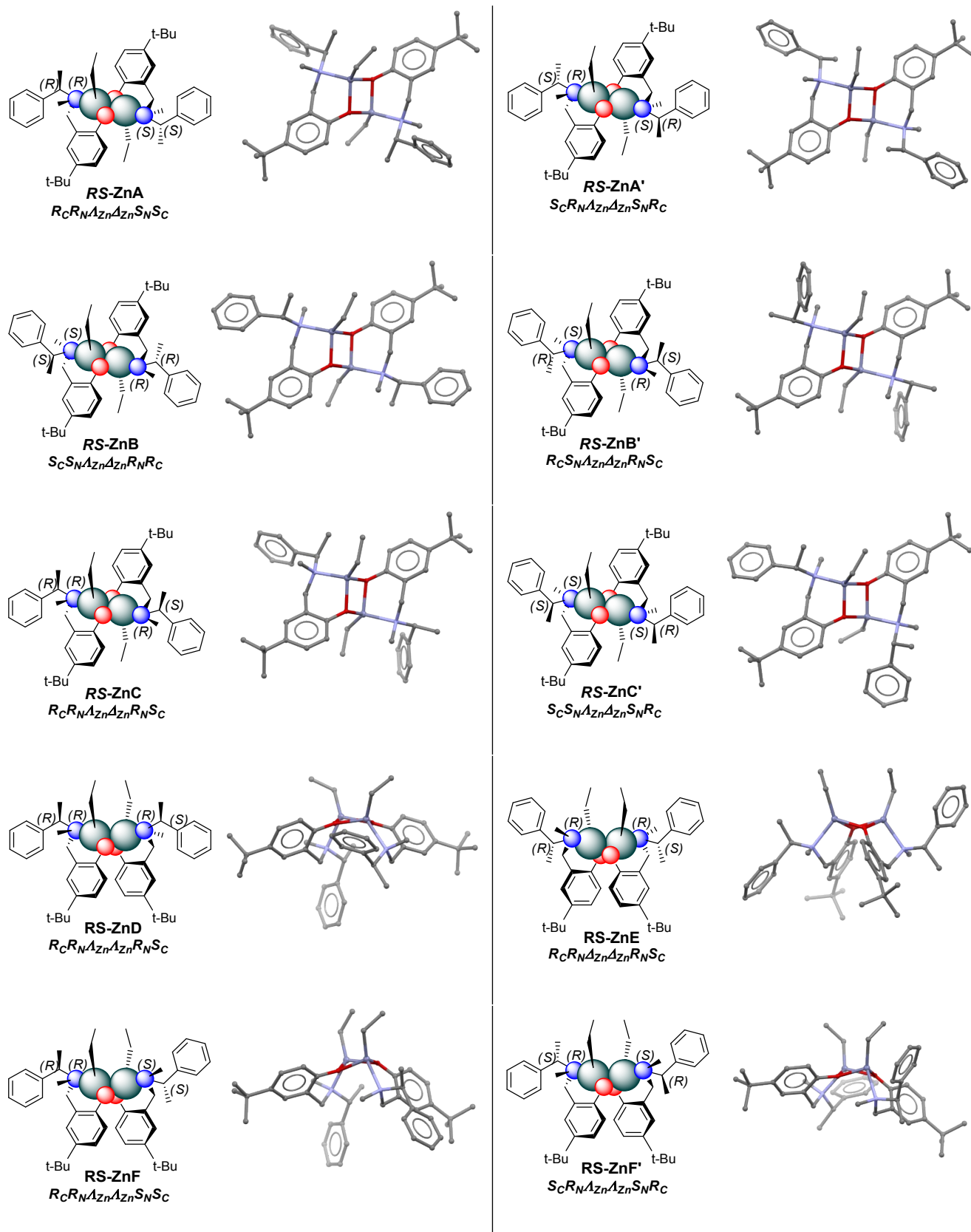
<sup>i</sup> = -x+1, -y+1, -z+1 for *RS-Zn*

O1<sup>i</sup> = O2, Zn1<sup>i</sup> = Zn2 for *RR-Zn*, *SS-Zn*, *RCy-Zn*, *SMe-Zn*

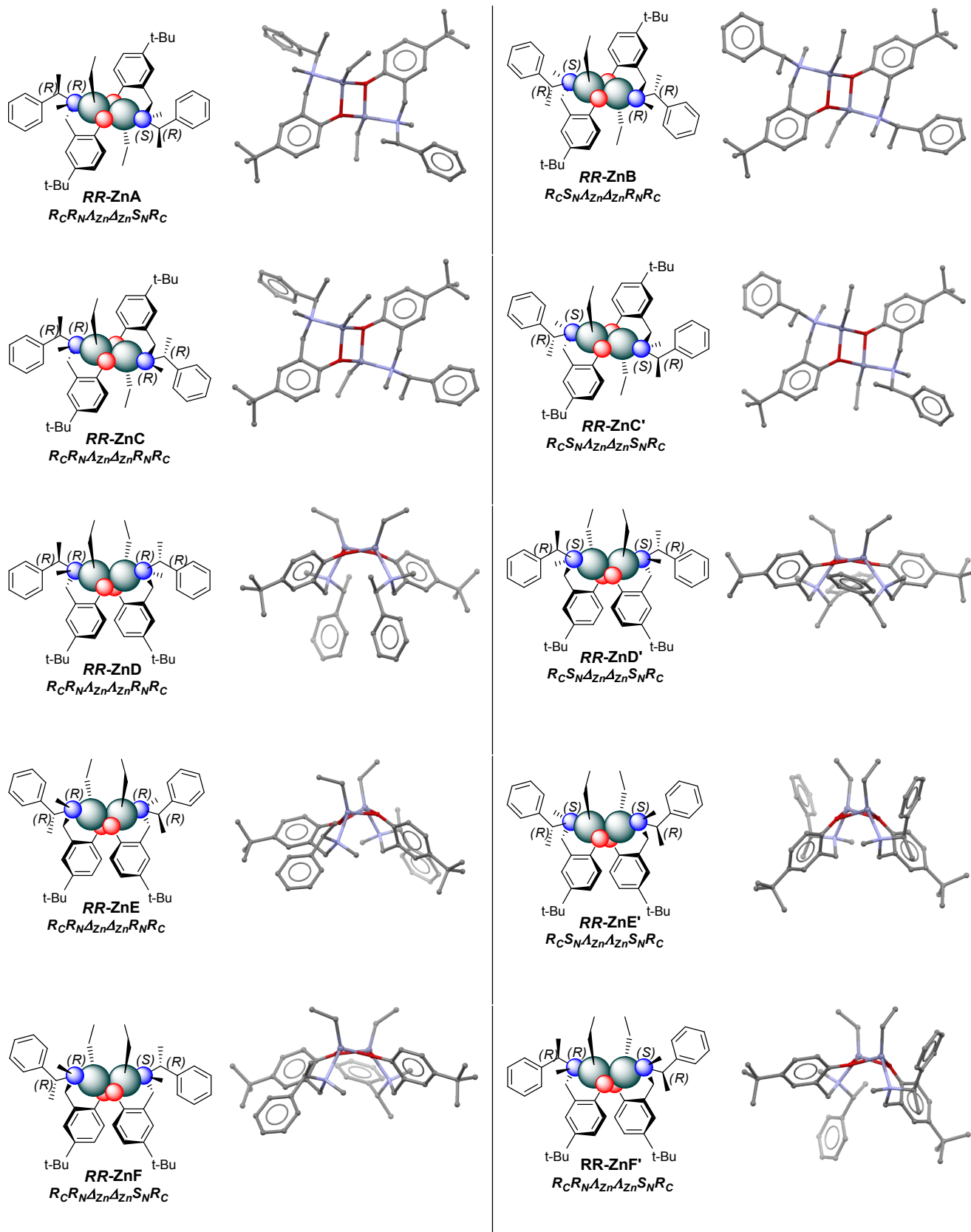
C51<sup>a</sup> = C49 for *RCy-Zn*, C44 for *SMe-Zn*

<sup>b</sup> Values in parentheses refer to the non-bonding interactions.

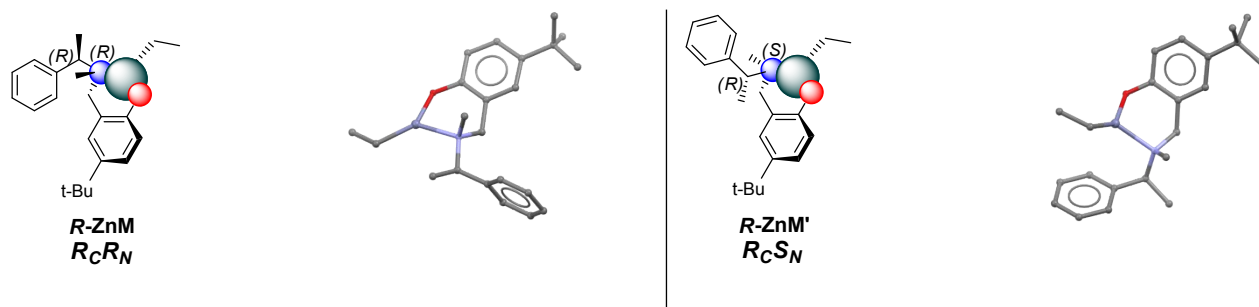
**Table S2.** Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°).



**Figure S23.** Structures of *RS*-Zn isomers (schematic on left, DFT optimised on right). Red - oxygen atoms, green – zinc atoms, blue – nitrogen atoms.



**Figure S24.** Structures of *RR*-Zn isomers (schematic on left, DFT optimised on right). Red - oxygen atoms, green – zinc atoms, blue – nitrogen atoms.



**Figure S25.** Structures of *RS/RR*-Zn monomers (schematic on left, DFT optimised on right). Red - oxygen atoms, green – zinc atoms, blue – nitrogen atoms.

| Isomer  | E (hartree)    | ZPE (kcal/mol) | $\Delta E_{zpe}$ (kcal/mol) | $\Delta E_{zpe}$ (kJ/mol) |
|---------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| RS-ZnA  | -5532.41059547 | 608.41         | 0.00                        | 0.00                      |
| RS-ZnA' | -5532.40546920 | 609.25         | 4.05                        | 16.97                     |
| RS-ZnB  | -5532.40345722 | 609.10         | 5.17                        | 21.62                     |
| RS-ZnB' | -5532.39742961 | 609.06         | 8.91                        | 37.26                     |
| RS-ZnC  | -5532.40390400 | 608.59         | 4.38                        | 18.32                     |
| RS-ZnC' | -5532.40157326 | 608.75         | 6.00                        | 25.11                     |
| RS-ZnD  | -5532.39817291 | 607.76         | 7.14                        | 29.89                     |
| RS-ZnE  | -5532.39168361 | 608.78         | 12.23                       | 51.19                     |
| RS-ZnF  | -5532.39902345 | 608.28         | 7.13                        | 29.82                     |
| RS-ZnF' | -5532.39139122 | 608.46         | 12.10                       | 50.62                     |
| RR-ZnA  | -5532.40781100 | 608.48         | 1.82                        | 7.61                      |
| RR-ZnB  | -5532.40344840 | 609.11         | 5.18                        | 21.69                     |
| RR-ZnC  | -5532.40692280 | 608.81         | 2.70                        | 11.29                     |
| RR-ZnC' | -5532.40473200 | 608.87         | 4.13                        | 17.30                     |
| RR-ZnD  | -5532.40164801 | 608.15         | 5.35                        | 22.40                     |
| RR-ZnD' | -5532.39476523 | 608.24         | 9.77                        | 40.86                     |
| RR-ZnE  | -5532.39455236 | 608.94         | 10.60                       | 44.35                     |
| RR-ZnE' | -5532.38795849 | 608.27         | 14.07                       | 58.85                     |
| RR-ZnF  | -5532.39470040 | 608.44         | 10.00                       | 41.84                     |
| RR-ZnF' | -5532.39628418 | 608.34         | 8.91                        | 37.30                     |
| R-ZnM   | -2766.17691992 | 303.83         | 34.87*                      | 145.89*                   |
| R-ZnM'  | -2766.17436811 | 303.74         | 37.89*                      | 158.51*                   |

**Table S3.** Energies of *RS/RR*-Zn isomers in *vacuo*. \* - Calculated as for two monomers.

| Isomer         | E (hartree)    | ZPE (kcal/mol) | $\Delta E_{zpe}$ (kcal/mol) | $\Delta E_{zpe}$ (kJ/mol) |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>RS-ZnA</b>  | -5532.41590724 | 608.16         | 0.00                        | 0.00                      |
| <b>RS-ZnA'</b> | -5532.41129476 | 608.39         | 3.13                        | 13.10                     |
| <b>RS-ZnB</b>  | -5532.40949091 | 608.82         | 4.69                        | 19.61                     |
| <b>RS-ZnB'</b> | -5532.40397911 | 608.61         | 7.93                        | 33.20                     |
| <b>RS-ZnC</b>  | -5532.40980849 | 608.19         | 3.86                        | 16.14                     |
| <b>RS-ZnC'</b> | -5532.40742782 | 608.54         | 5.70                        | 23.85                     |
| <b>RS-ZnD</b>  | -5532.40460263 | 607.54         | 6.48                        | 27.11                     |
| <b>RS-ZnE</b>  | -5532.39871329 | 608.44         | 11.07                       | 46.32                     |
| <b>RS-ZnF</b>  | -5532.40564158 | 608.27         | 6.56                        | 27.43                     |
| <b>RS-ZnF'</b> | -5532.39878805 | 608.09         | 10.68                       | 44.68                     |
| <b>RR-ZnA</b>  | -5532.41350352 | 608.13         | 1.48                        | 6.19                      |
| <b>RR-ZnB</b>  | -5532.40901733 | 608.76         | 4.92                        | 20.60                     |
| <b>RR-ZnC</b>  | -5532.41255037 | 608.47         | 2.42                        | 10.12                     |
| <b>RR-ZnC'</b> | -5532.41035451 | 608.56         | 3.89                        | 16.28                     |
| <b>RR-ZnD</b>  | -5532.40769320 | 607.88         | 4.88                        | 20.41                     |
| <b>RR-ZnD'</b> | -5532.40121644 | 607.76         | 8.82                        | 36.89                     |
| <b>RR-ZnE</b>  | -5532.40124819 | 608.64         | 9.68                        | 40.51                     |
| <b>RR-ZnE'</b> | -5532.39532702 | 607.95         | 12.71                       | 53.18                     |
| <b>RR-ZnF</b>  | -5532.40154967 | 608.11         | 8.96                        | 37.49                     |
| <b>RR-ZnF'</b> | -5532.40304981 | 608.12         | 8.04                        | 33.62                     |
| <b>R-ZnM</b>   | -2766.18470309 | 303.86         | 28.75*                      | 120.29*                   |
| <b>R-ZnM'</b>  | -2766.18169909 | 303.47         | 31.72*                      | 132.73*                   |

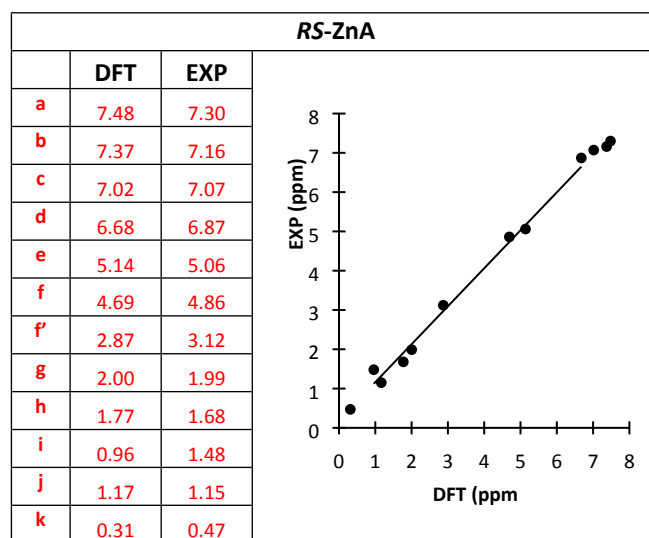
**Table S4.** Energies of *RS/RR*-Zn isomers in benzene. \* - Calculated as for two monomers.

| <i>RR</i> -ZnA ( $R_C R_N \Delta_{Zn}$ part) |      |      | <i>RR</i> -ZnA ( $R_C S_N \Delta_{Zn}$ part) |      |      |
|----------------------------------------------|------|------|----------------------------------------------|------|------|
|                                              | DFT  | EXP  |                                              | DFT  | EXP  |
| a                                            | 7.50 | 7.31 | a                                            | 7.49 | 7.49 |
| b                                            | 7.34 | 7.20 | b                                            | 7.32 | 7.20 |
| c                                            | 7.12 | 7.04 | c                                            | 6.98 | 7.12 |
| d                                            | 6.68 | 6.86 | d                                            | 6.83 | 6.96 |
| e                                            | 4.98 | 5.08 | e                                            | 4.33 | 4.49 |
| f                                            | 4.40 | 4.8  | f                                            | 4.90 | 4.84 |
| f'                                           | 2.67 | 3.09 | f'                                           | 3.28 | 3.29 |
| g                                            | 2.18 | 1.99 | g                                            | 1.96 | 1.92 |
| h                                            | 1.79 | 1.68 | h                                            | 2.10 | 1.66 |
| i                                            | 1.20 | 1.16 | i                                            | 1.19 | 1.29 |
| j                                            | 1.00 | 1.38 | j                                            | 1.30 | 1.29 |
| k                                            | 0.31 | 0.41 | k                                            | 0.21 | 0.23 |

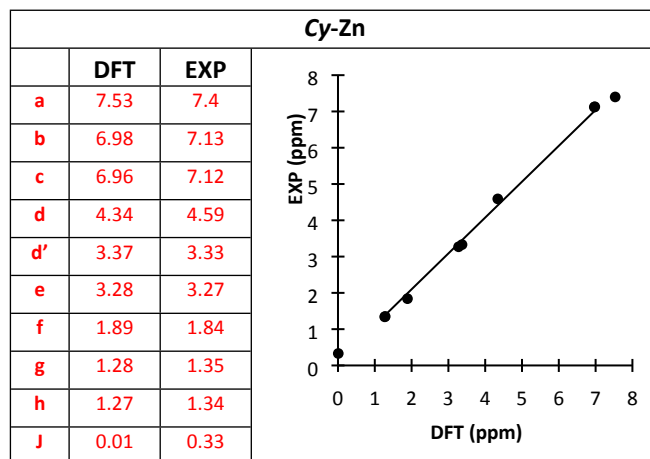
  

| <i>RR</i> -ZnC ( $R_C R_N \Delta_{Zn}$ part) |      |      | <i>RR</i> -ZnC ( $R_C R_N \Delta_{Zn}$ part) |      |      |
|----------------------------------------------|------|------|----------------------------------------------|------|------|
|                                              | DFT  | EXP  |                                              | DFT  | EXP  |
| a                                            | 7.47 | 7.33 | a                                            | 7.53 | 7.49 |
| b                                            | 7.36 | 7.20 | b                                            | 7.32 | 7.20 |
| c                                            | 6.99 | 7.12 | c                                            | 7.06 | 7.12 |
| d                                            | 6.70 | 6.86 | d                                            | 7.02 | 6.96 |
| e                                            | 4.95 | 4.94 | e                                            | 3.99 | 3.95 |
| f                                            | 4.63 | 4.8  | f                                            | 4.18 | 3.95 |
| f'                                           | 2.73 | 3.09 | f'                                           | 3.15 | 3.58 |
| g                                            | 2.15 | 2.02 | g                                            | 2.69 | 2.61 |
| h                                            | 1.71 | 1.75 | h                                            | 1.64 | 1.46 |
| i                                            | 1.19 | 1.17 | i                                            | 1.31 | 1.29 |
| j                                            | 0.76 | 1.31 | j                                            | 1.01 | 1.54 |
| k                                            | 0.15 | 0.35 | k                                            | 0.41 | 0.62 |

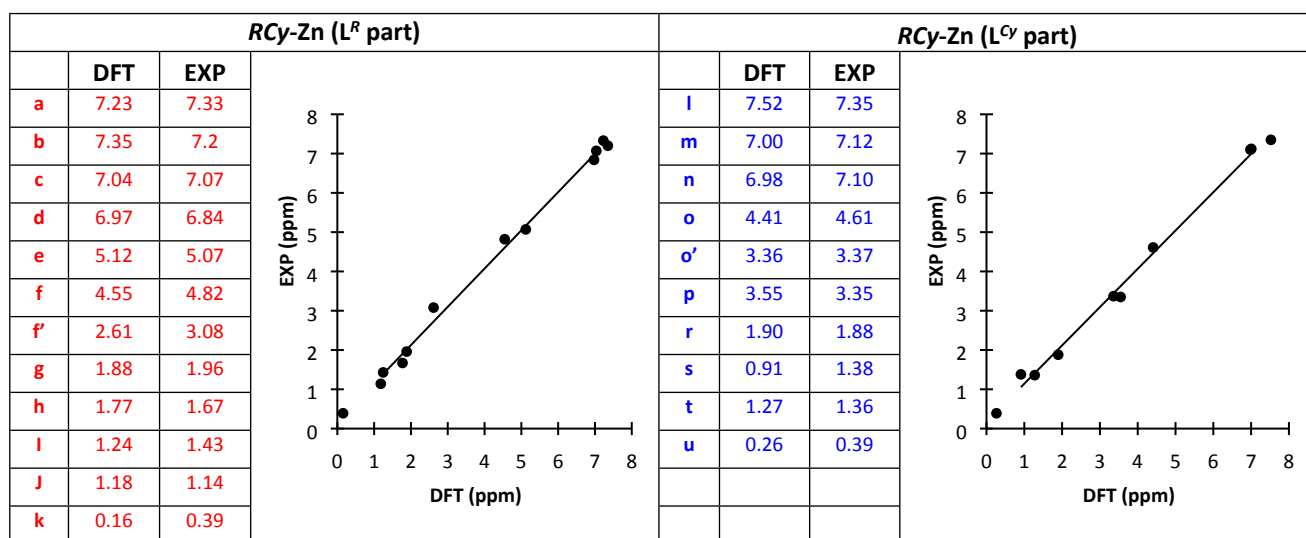
**Table S5.** Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts in benzene- $\text{d}_6$  (EXP) with calculated (DFT) for *RR*-Zn. The best  $R^2$  values were achieved for *RR*-ZnA, *RR*-ZnC isomers.



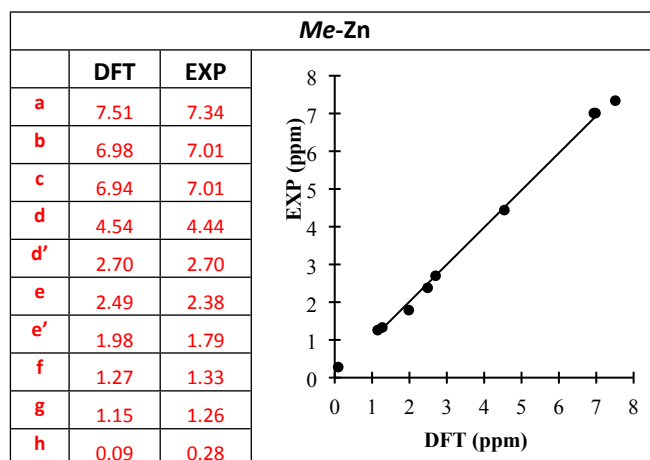
**Table S6.** Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts in benzene- $\text{d}_6$  (EXP) with calculated (DFT) for *RS*-Zn.



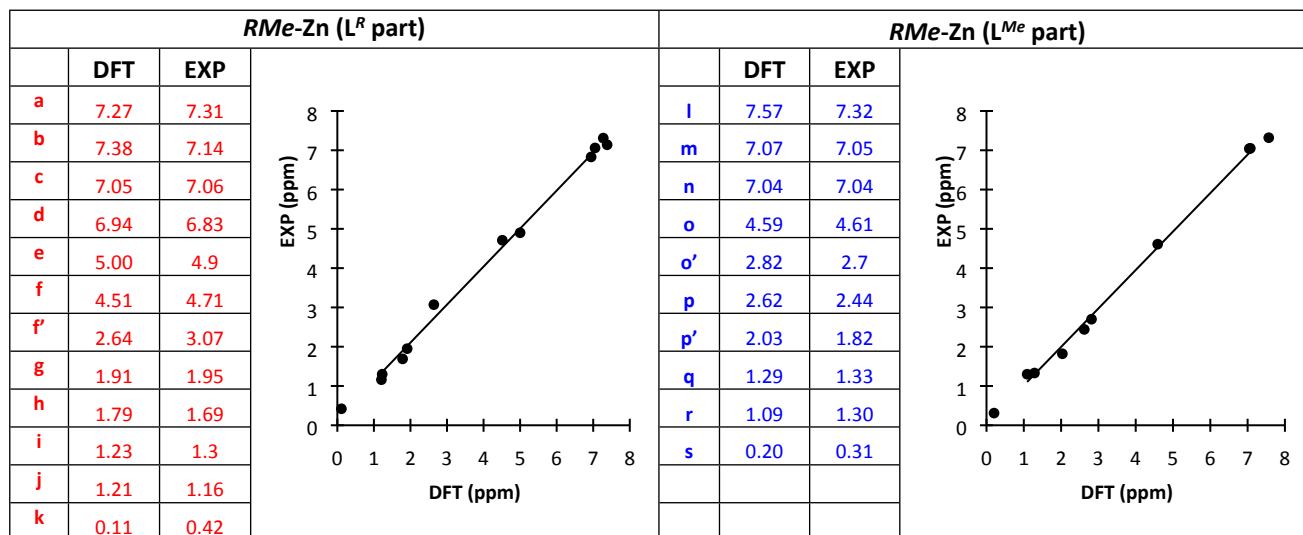
**Table S7.** Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts in benzene- $\text{d}_6$  (EXP) with calculated (DFT) for *Cy-Zn*.



**Table S8.** Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts in benzene- $\text{d}_6$  (EXP) with calculated (DFT) for *RCy-Zn*.



**Table S9.** Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts in benzene- $\text{d}_6$  (EXP) with calculated (DFT) for *Me-Zn*.



**Table S10.** Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts in benzene- $d_6$  (EXP) with calculated (DFT) for *RMe-Zn*.

|                          | $V^{vdW} [\text{\AA}^3]$ | $V^{SES} [\text{\AA}^3]$ | $D^{vdW} [10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}]$ | $D^{SES} [10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}]$ | $D_f^{vdW} [10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}]$ | $D_f^{SES} [10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}]$ | $D^{Exp} [10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}]$ |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <i>RR-ZnA</i>            | 681.70                   | 854.24                   | 6.45                                      | 6.54                                      | 6.32                                        | 6.41                                        | 6.34                                      |
| <i>RR-ZnC</i>            | 681.63                   | 845.01                   | 6.45                                      | 6.57                                      | 6.32                                        | 6.44                                        |                                           |
| <i>RS-ZnA</i>            | 681.19                   | 856.88                   | 6.45                                      | 6.53                                      | 6.34                                        | 6.42                                        | 6.30                                      |
| <i>Me-Zn</i>             | 512.82                   | 645.38                   | 8.15                                      | 7.36                                      | 7.82                                        | 7.07                                        | 7.42                                      |
| <i>Cy-Zn<sup>a</sup></i> | 645.98                   | 818.02                   | 6.75                                      | 6.66                                      | 6.64                                        | 6.55                                        | 6.65                                      |
| <i>RMe-Zn</i>            | 596.96                   | 743.39                   | 7.17                                      | 6.93                                      | 7.04                                        | 6.80                                        | 6.88                                      |
| <i>RCy-Zn</i>            | 629.45                   | 774.56                   | 6.74                                      | 6.81                                      | 6.62                                        | 6.68                                        | 6.72                                      |

**Table S11.** Van der Waals volumes  $V^{vdW}$ , Connolly volumes  $V^{SES}$ , theoretical diffusion coefficients  $D^{vdW}$ ,  $D^{SES}$  and theoretical diffusion coefficients corrected by the shape factor  $D_f^{vdW}$ ,  $D_f^{SES}$  for DFT optimized structures and corresponding experimental diffusion coefficients  $D^{Exp}$ . <sup>a</sup> Previously published, D. Jędrzkiewicz, J. Ejfler, N. Gulia, Ł. John, S. Szafert, *Dalton Trans.*,

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