

Supplementary Information

Synthesis and Reactivity of Fluorenyl-Tethered N-heterocyclic Stannylenes

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Additional experimental details**Synthesis of $t\text{-BuN(H)C}_2\text{H}_4\text{NH}_2$**

Adapted from a literature procedure:¹ $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2\cdot\text{HBr}$ (21.1 g, 103 mmol), dissolved in H_2O (60 cm^3), and t -butyl amine (52 cm^3 , 36 g, 492 mmol) were heated under reflux for 24 h. The volatiles were removed under vacuum leaving a white solid which was dissolved in MeOH (60 cm^3) and solid KOH (17.5 g) was slowly added (3-4 g at a time) with water bath cooling (slightly exothermic). After stirring for 50 mins, the MeOH was removed under vacuum (rotary vane oil pump) until the mixture was no longer cool to the touch, then the diamine was distilled directly from the flask (48 °C and 48 mbar) yielding $t\text{-BuN(H)C}_2\text{H}_4\text{NH}_2$ as a colourless liquid (5.14 g, 44.2 mmol, 43%).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.71 (m, 2H, CH_2), 2.54 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.04 (br. s, 4 H, NH), 1.03 (s, 9H, $t\text{-Bu}$).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 50.0 (CMe_3), 45.2 (CH_2), 42.8 (CH_2), 29.1 ($t\text{-Bu CH}_3$).

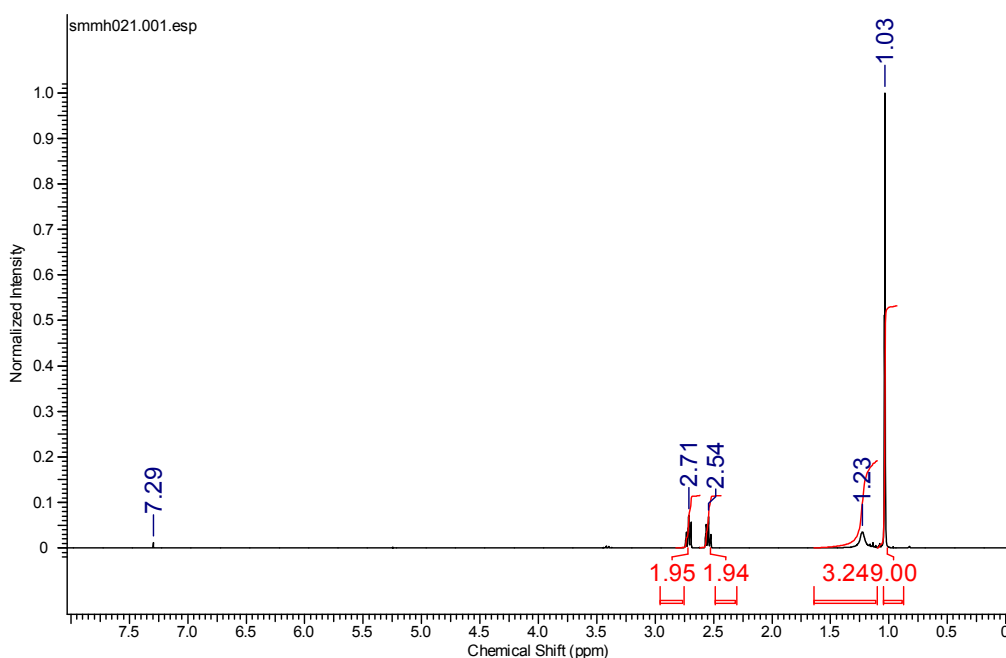


Figure S1. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of $t\text{-BuN(H)C}_2\text{H}_4\text{NH}_2$ in CDCl_3 at 25 °C

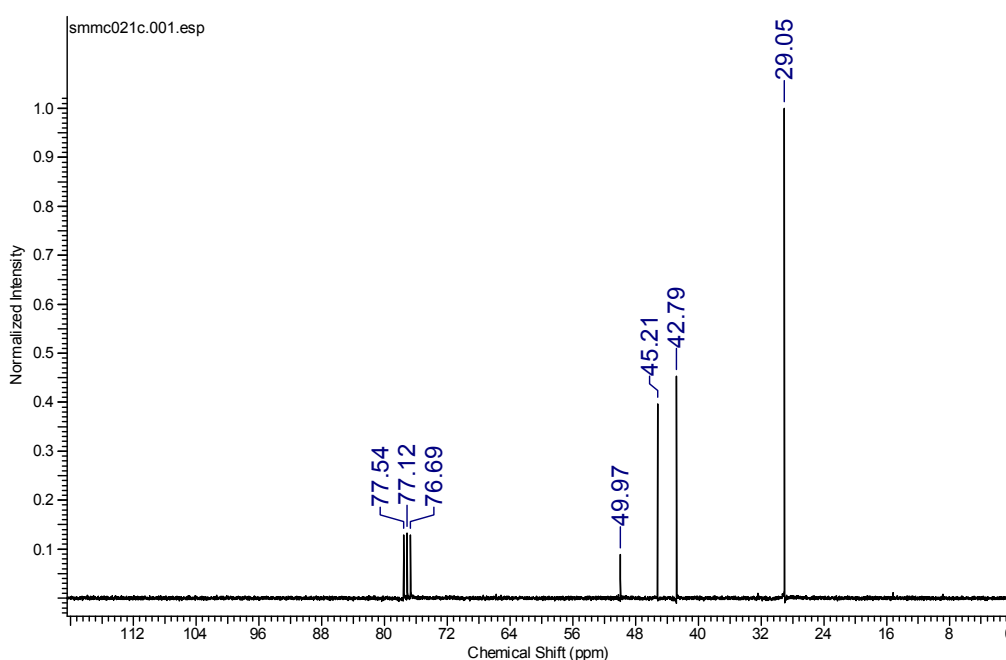
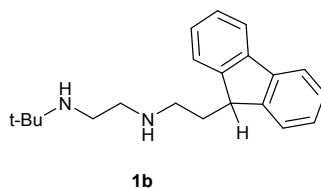
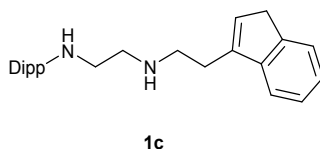


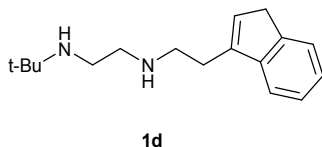
Figure S2. $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectrum of $t\text{-BuN(H)C}_2\text{H}_4\text{NH}_2$ in CDCl_3 at 25 °C.

**(9H-C₁₃H₉)C₂H₄N(H)C₂H₄N(H)^tBu (**1b**)**

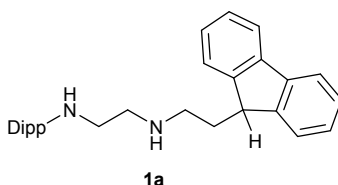
HCl (1.65 cm³, 1M soln. in Et₂O, 1.5 eq.) was added to ^tBuN(H)C₂H₄NH₂ (382 mg, 3.29 mmol, 3 eq.) and stirred for 5 mins at 25°C. The volatiles were then removed under reduced pressure, FIC₂H₄Br (300 mg, 1.10 mmol, 1 eq.) added and the mixture heated at 100 °C for 3 hours. The crude product was then dissolved in DCM (3 cm³) and treated with KOH (155 mg, 2.75 mmol, 2.5 eq.) dissolved in water (2 cm³). The organic fraction was separated and then purified by column chromatography first with DCM elution to separate the spirocyclopropane impurity. NEt₃ (0.5 cm³) was then introduced followed by elution with acetone containing 5% NEt₃ to remove the disubstituted diamine impurity then elution with methanol containing 5% NEt₃ extracted the desired product which, after solvent removal under reduced pressure, yielded **1b** as a white solid (113 mg, 0.37 mmol, 33%). Spectroscopic yield before chromatography was found to be 68 - 55%. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, 25°C, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.75 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, 2H, Ar_{Fl} H), 7.52 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, 2H, Ar_{Fl} H), 7.36 (tdd, ³J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 1.5 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 0.7 Hz, 2H, Ar_{Fl} H), 7.30 (td, ³J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 1.5 Hz, 2H, Ar_{Fl} H), 4.06 (t, ³J_{HH} = 5.9 Hz, 1H, 9H-fluorene), 2.56 (m, 4H, CH₂), 2.48 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.23 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.37 (br, 2H, NH), 1.05 (s, 9H, ^tBu); **¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, 25°C, CDCl₃):** δ 147.1 (FI-C_q), 141.1 (FI-C_q), 127.1, 127.0, 124.4, 120.0 (collection of FI-CH), 50.4 (CH₂), 50.2 (CH₂), 46.3 (CH₂), 45.9 (FI-9C), 42.1 (CH₂), 33.2 (^tBu-C_q), 29.1 (^tBu-CH₃); **elemental analysis** calcd (%) for C₂₁H₂₈N₂: C 81.77, H 9.15, N 9.08; found: C 81.70, H 9.21, N 8.97; **HRMS (ESI):** Calculated for M+1: 309.2325, Found: 309.2397.

**(2H-C₉H₇)C₂H₄N(H)C₂H₄N(H)Dipp (**1c**)**

Synthesised as for **1a** using IndC₂H₄Br ² (0.5 g, 2.21 mmol) and DippN(H)C₂H₄NH₂ (1.5.g, 6.63 mmol, 3 eq.), heating at 100 °C for 3 hours and purifying using column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ followed by ethyl acetate) yielding a pale yellow oil (563 mg, 1.55 mmol, 64% yield). **¹H-NMR (400 MHz, 25°C CDCl₃):** δ = 7.49 (m, 1H, Ar_{Ind} H), 7.43 (dt, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 0.9 Hz, 1H, Ar_{Ind} H), 7.33 (m, 1H, Ar_{Ind} H), 7.24 (dt, ³J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 0.9 Hz, 1H, Ar_{Ind} H), 7.12–7.04 (m, 3H, Dipp Ar H), 6.32 (q, ³J_{HH} = 1.2 Hz, 1H, Ar_{Ind} H), 3.37 (m, 2H, Ar_{Ind} CH₂), 3.34 (sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, 2H, Dipp CH), 3.04 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.99 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.92 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.85 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.25 (d, ³J_{HH} = 6.7 Hz, 12H, Dipp CH₃); **¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, 25°C CDCl₃):** δ = 145.3 (Ar_{Ind}), 144.6 (Ar_{Ind}), 144.6 (Dipp *ipso*), 142.5 (Dipp *ortho*), 142.3 (Ar_{Ind}), 129.2 (Ar_{Ind} CH), 126.2 (Ar_{Ind} CH), 124.8 (Ar_{Ind} CH), 123.9 (Ar_{Ind} CH), 123.6 (Dipp CH), 123.5 (Dipp CH), 119.0 (Ar_{Ind} CH), 51.4 (CH₂), 49.9 (CH₂), 48.1 (CH₂), 37.9 (Ind-CH₂), 28.6 (CH₂), 27.7 (CH ⁱPr), 24.4 (CH₃ ⁱPr); **elemental analysis** calcd (%) for C₂₅H₃₄N₂: C 82.82, H 9.45, N 7.73; found: C 82.59, H 9.63, N 7.78.

**(2H-C₉H₇)C₂H₄N(H)C₂H₄N(H)^tBu (**1d**)**

This was prepared and purified in an analogous manner to **1b** using IndC₂H₄Br ² (300 mg, 1.34 mmol, 1.0 eq.), ^tBuN(H)C₂H₄NH₂ (192 mg, 1.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.) and HCl (1.3 cm³, 1 M Et₂O soln., 1 eq.) after 2 hours at 100 °C. Spectroscopic yield was around 70% and after chromatography **1d** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (95 mg, 0.37 mmol, 42%). **¹H-NMR (400 MHz, 25°C, CDCl₃):** δ 7.46 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ar_{Ind} H), 7.39 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar_{Ind} H), 7.30 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar_{Ind} H), 7.21 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ar_{Ind} H), 6.27 (m, 1H, Ar_{Ind} H), 3.34 (m, 2H, Ar_{Ind}, CH₂), 2.96 (m, CH₂, 2H), 2.77 (m, overlapping CH₂, 4H), 2.67 (m, CH₂, 2H), 1.25 (br, NH, 2H), 1.08 (s, ^tBu, 9H); **¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, 25°C, CDCl₃):** δ 145.4 (Ind-C_q), 144.6 (Ind-C_q), 142.5 (Ind-C_q), 129.1, 126.2, 124.8, 124.0, 119.1 (collection of Ind-CH), 50.3 (CH₂), 50.3 (CH₂), 48.1 (CH₂), 42.1 (CH₂), 37.9 (Ind-CH₂), 29.1 (^tBu-CH₃), 28.5 (^tBu-C_q); **HRMS (ESI):** Calculated for M+1: 259.2169, Found: 259.2193.

Additional spectroscopic details and NMR spectra**(9H-C₁₃H₉)C₂H₄N(H)C₂H₄N(H)Dipp (**1a**)**

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, d₈-THF): δ 7.76 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 2H, Ar_{Fl} H), 7.56 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, 2H, Ar_{Fl} H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 4H, Ar_{Fl} H), 7.00 – 6.88 (m, 3H, Diip Ar H), 4.12 (t, ³J_{HH} = 6.0 Hz, 1H, 9H-fluorene), 3.68 (t, ³J_{HH} = 6.6 Hz, 1H, NH), 3.38 (sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, 2H, Diip CH), 2.85 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.76 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.62 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.19 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.37 (m, 1H, NH), 1.16 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 12H, Diip CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, d₈-THF):** δ 148.6, 145.1, 143.5, 142.1, 127.8, 125.3, 124.1, 121.0, 120.7, 52.6, 50.8, 47.7, 47.2, 46.7, 35.0, 28.4.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 7.63 (d, ³J_{HH} = 6.6 Hz, 2H, Ar_{Fl} H), 7.38 (m, 2H, Ar_{Fl} H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 4H, Ar_{Fl} H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 3H, Diip Ar H), 3.90 (t, ³J_{HH} = 5.9 Hz, 1H, 9H-fluorene), 3.66 (br, 1H, NH), 3.45 (sept, ³J_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, 2H, Diip CH), 2.78 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.42 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.37 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.99 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.24 (d, ³J_{HH} = 6.7 Hz, 12H, Diip CH₃), 0.39 (br, 1H, NH). **¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆):** δ 148.1, 143.0, 141.9, 127.7, 127.6, 125.0, 124.4, 124.2, 120.6, 52.1, 50.2, 47.0, 46.4, 34.3, 28.2, 24.9.

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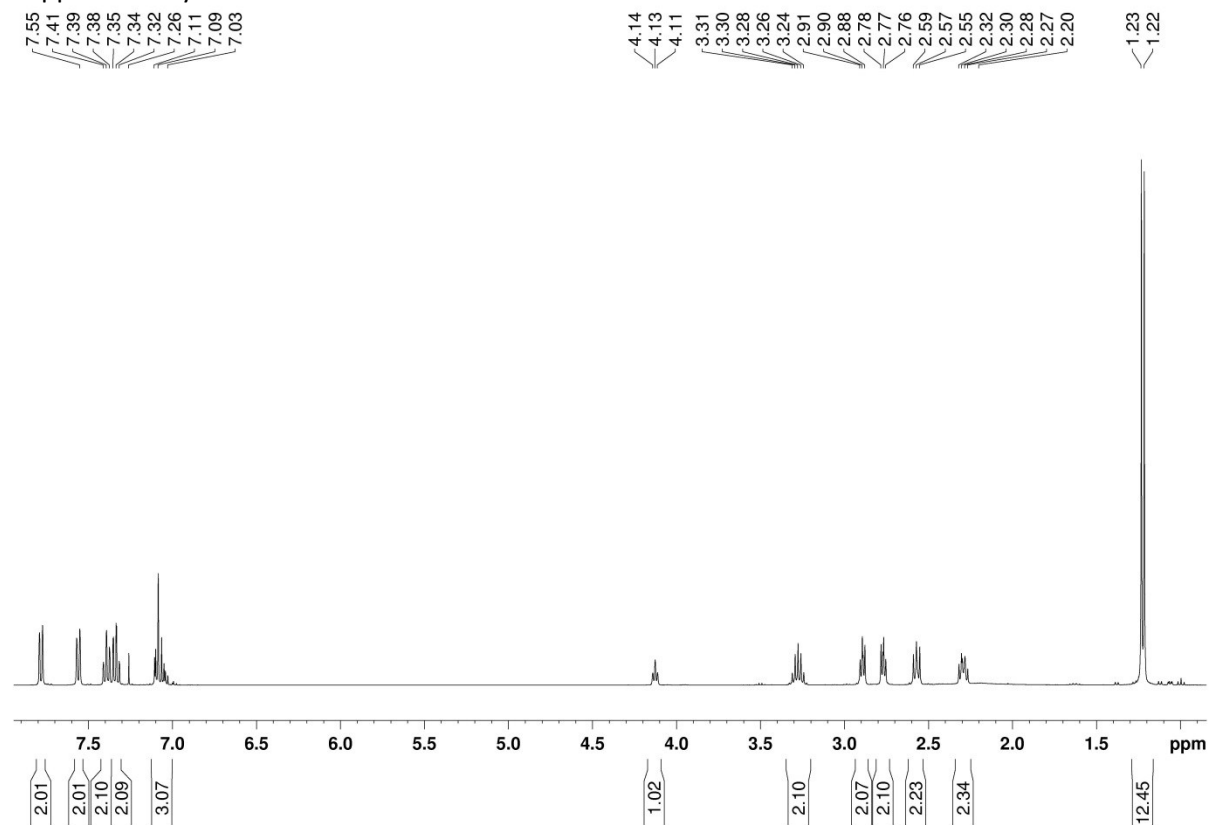


Figure S3. ¹H-NMR of **1a** in CDCl₃ at 25 °C

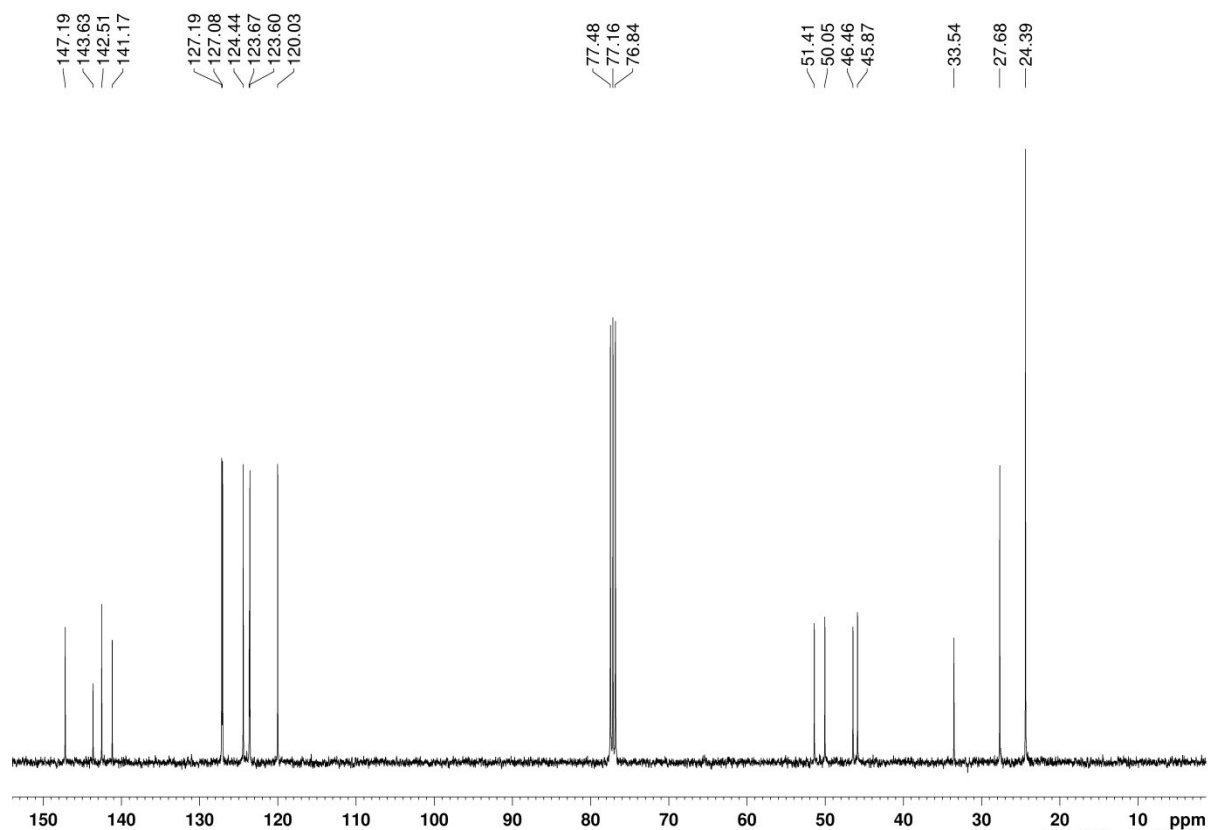


Figure S4. ¹³C-NMR of **1a** in CDCl₃ at 25 °C

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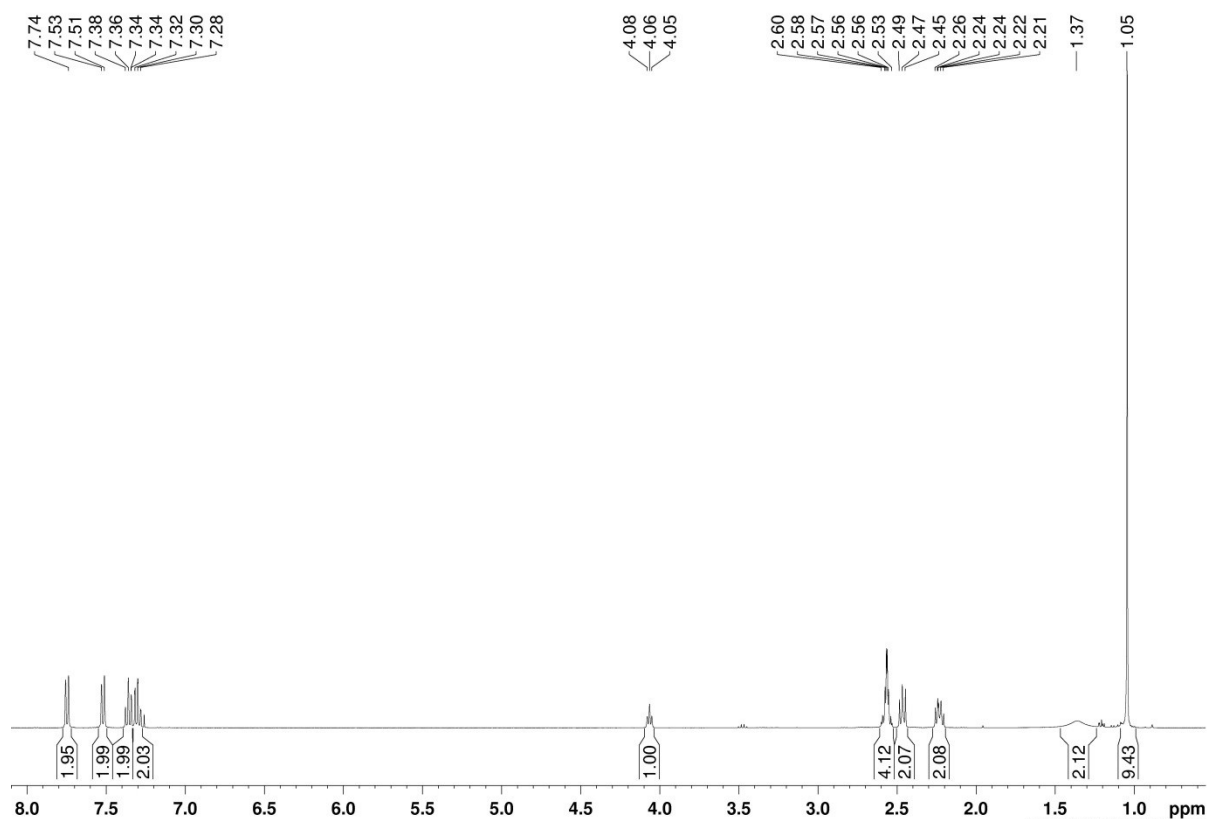


Figure S5. ¹H-NMR of **1b** in CDCl₃ at 25 °C

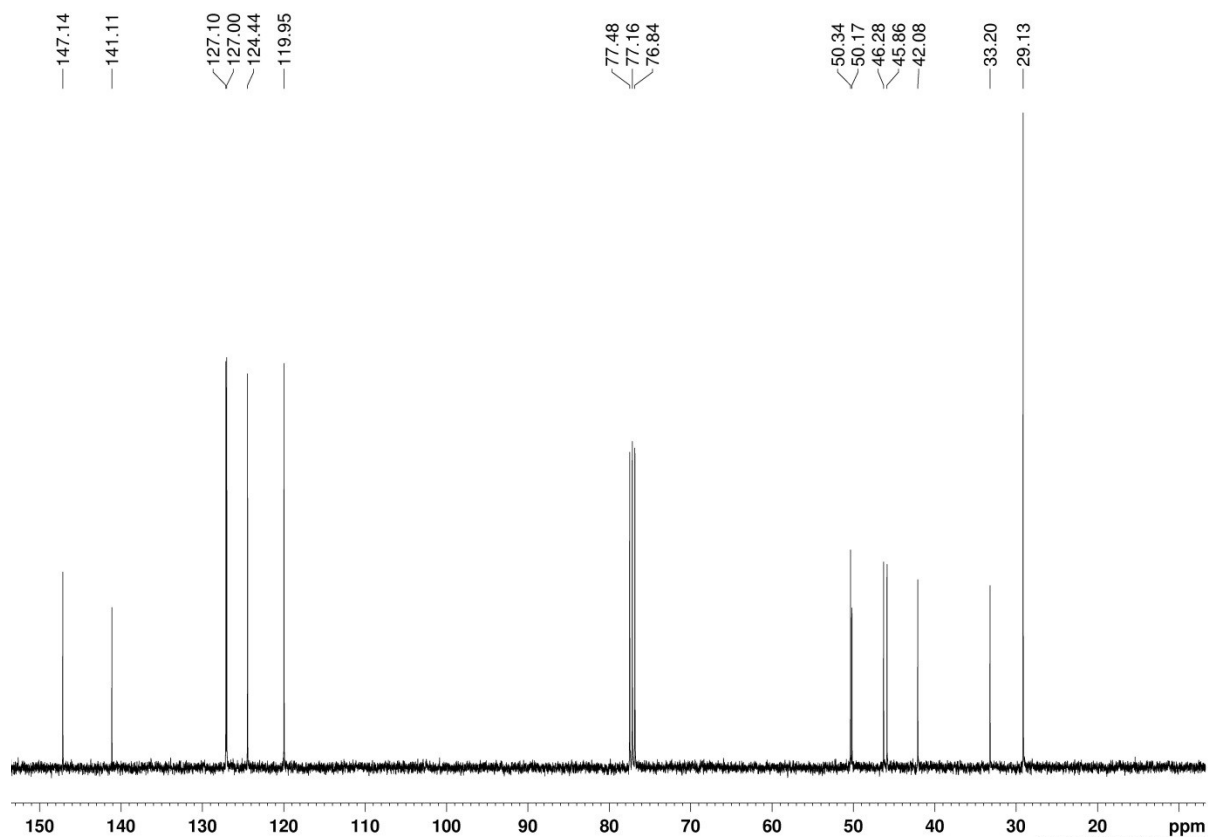


Figure S6. ¹³C-NMR of **1b** in CDCl₃ at 25 °C

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1c

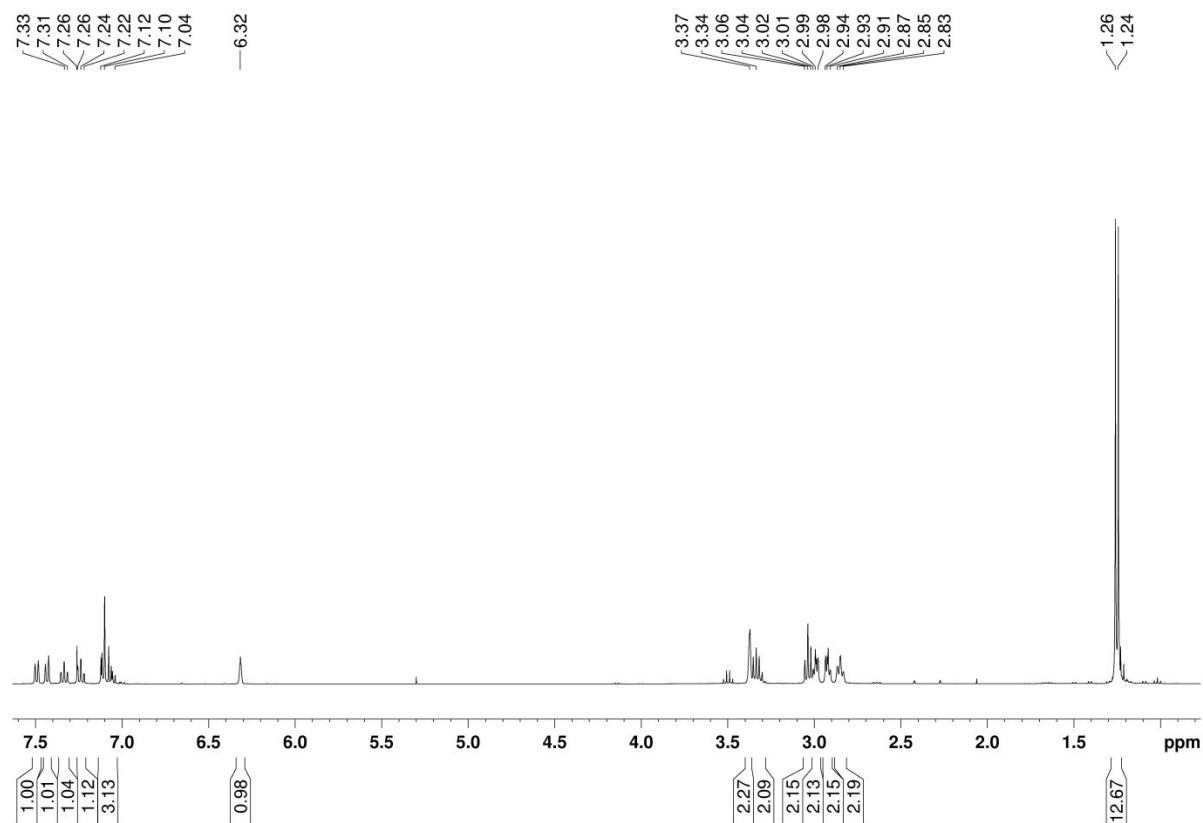


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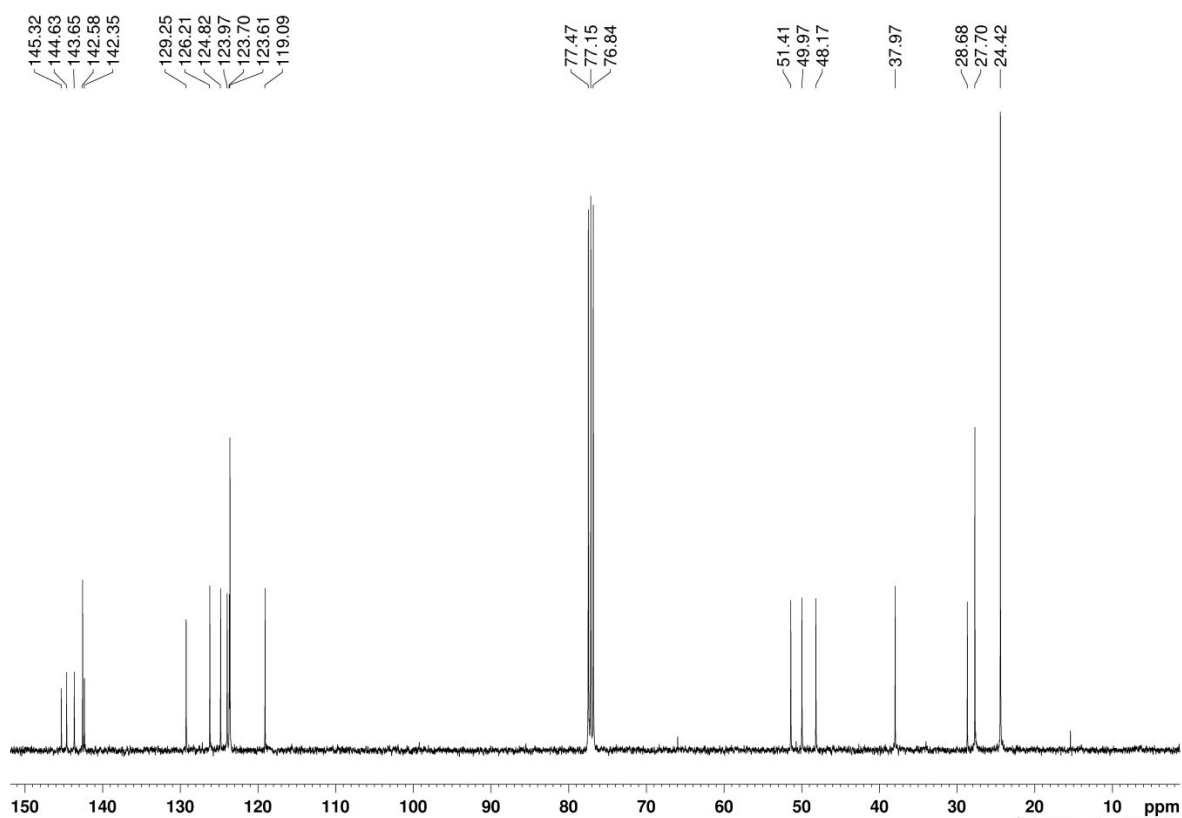


Figure S8. ¹³C-NMR of **1c** in CDCl₃ at 25 °C

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1d

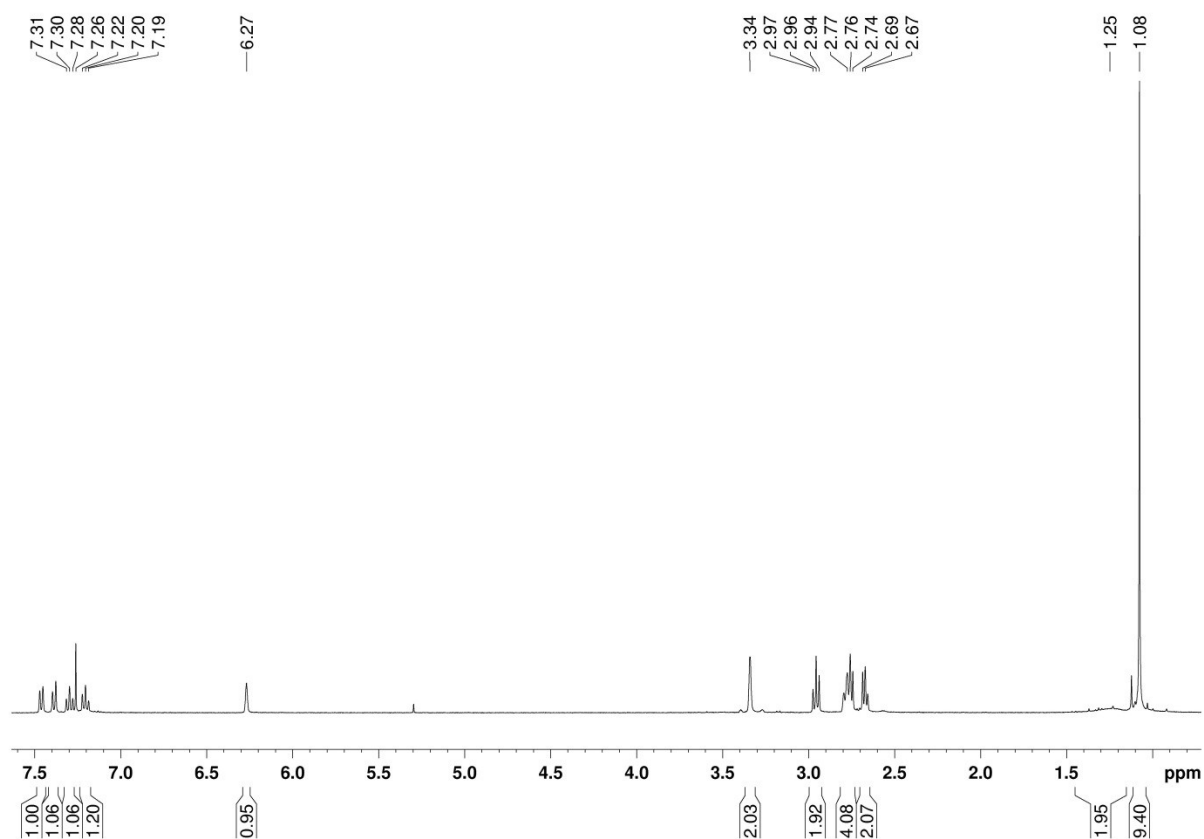


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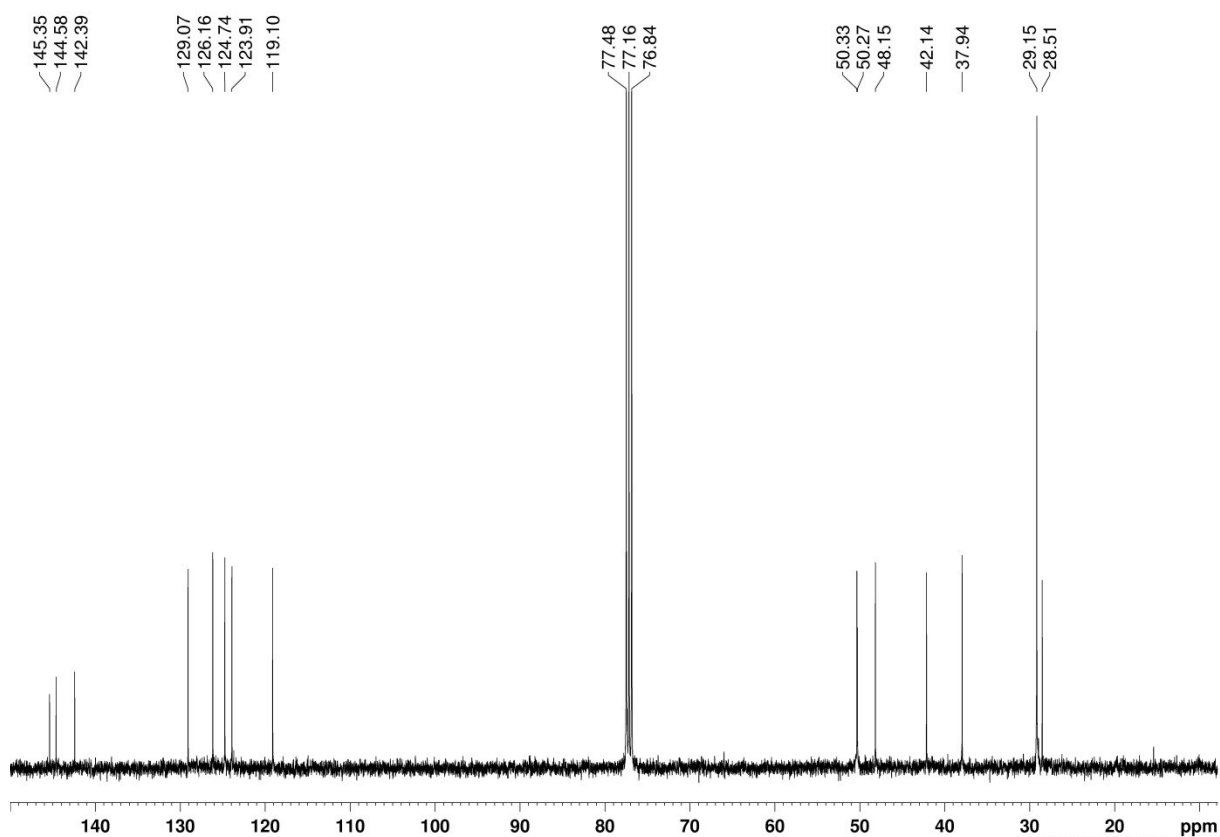
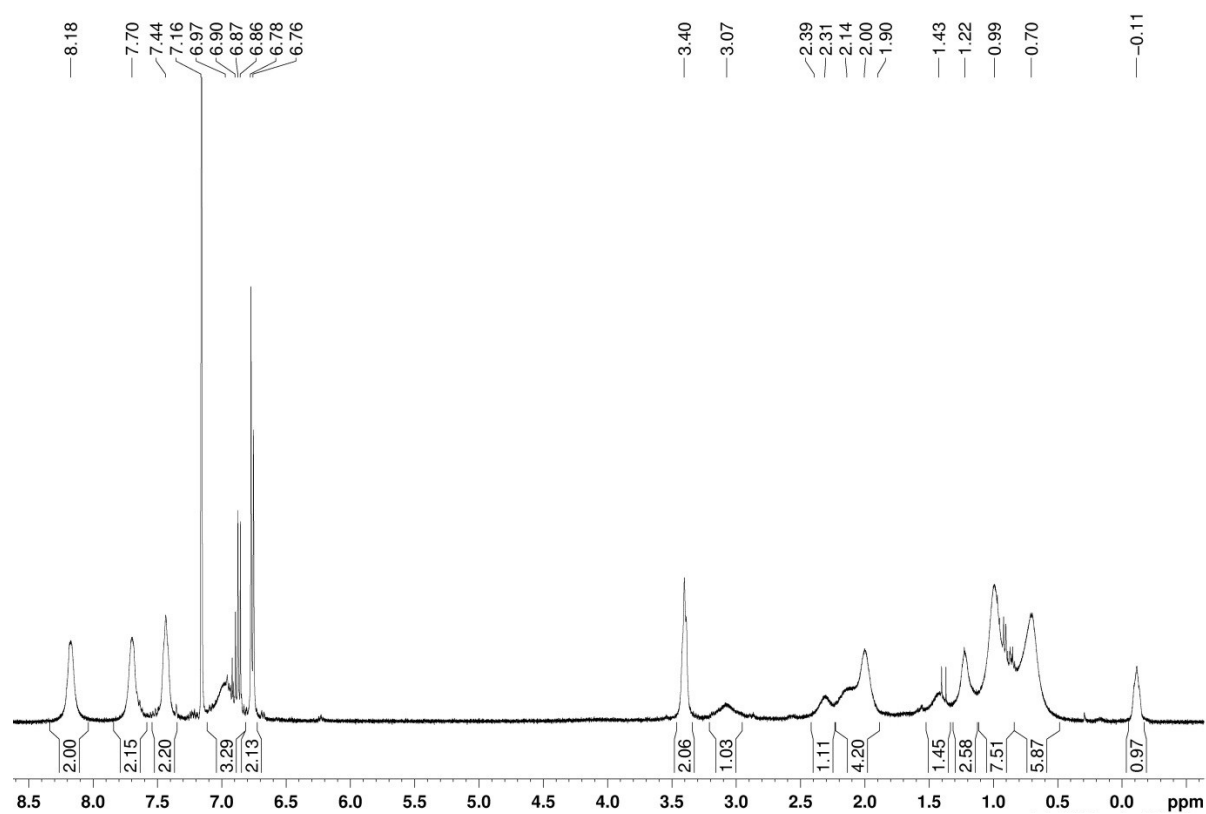
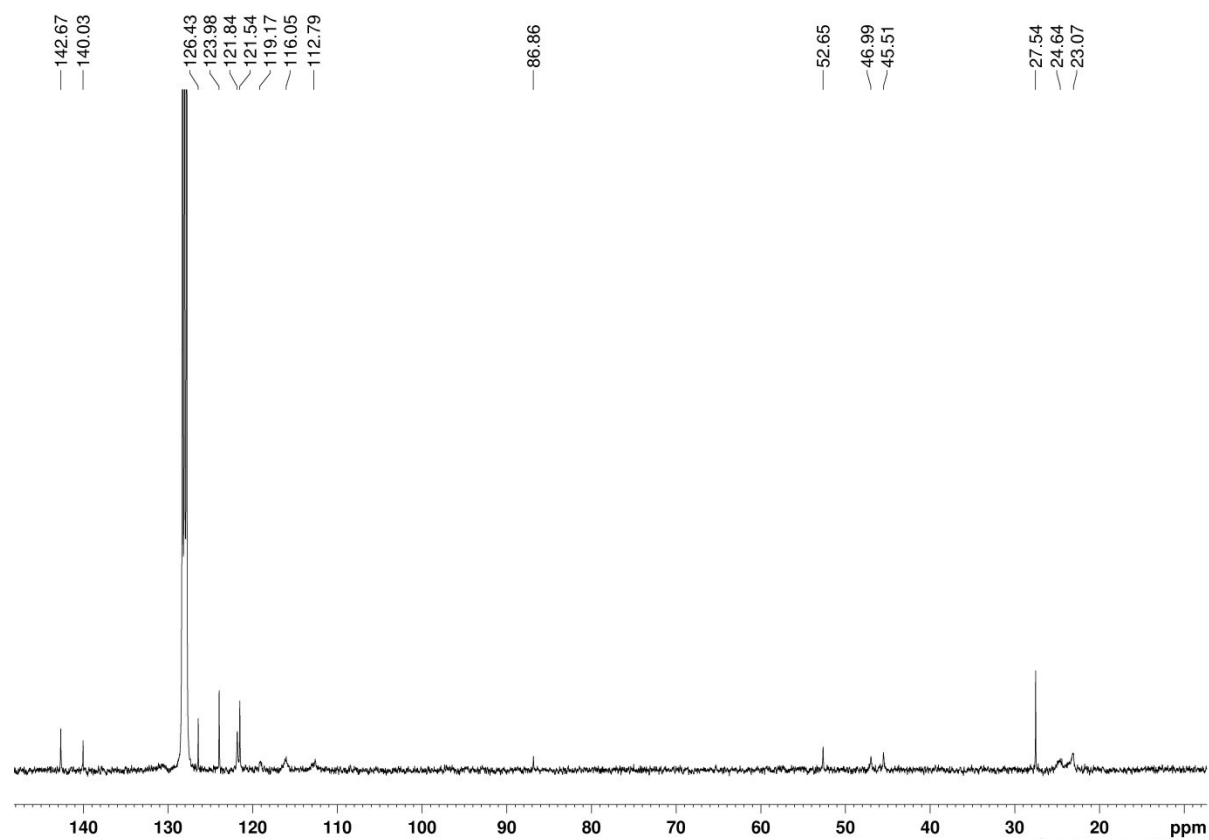


Figure S10. ¹³C-NMR of **1d** in CDCl₃ at 25 °C

Figure S11. ¹H-NMR of **2** in C₆D₆ at 25 °CFigure S12. ¹³C-NMR of **2** in C₆D₆ at 25 °C

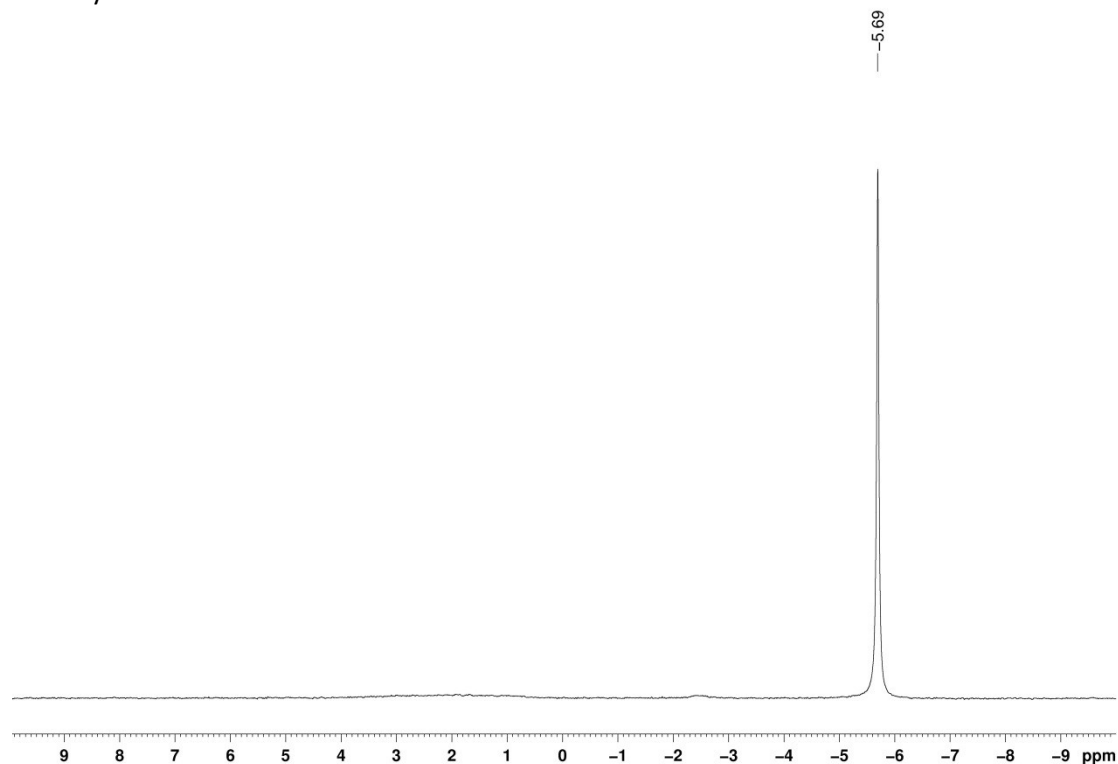


Figure S13. ^7Li -NMR of **2** in C_6D_6 at 25 °C

$\text{Li}\{\kappa^5\text{-(C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{)C}_2\text{H}_4\text{N(H)C}_2\text{H}_4\text{N(H)Diip}\}(\text{THF})_n, [\text{2}(\text{thf})_n]$

A drop of dry THF was added to a sample of **2** in C_6D_6 . A species with sharp signals at room temperature was observed by NMR spectroscopy. **^1H -NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6):** δ 8.40 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, Ar_{FI} H), 7.69 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.2$ Hz, 2H, Ar_{FI} H), 7.44 (m, 2H, Ar_{FI} H), 7.03 (m, 2H, Ar_{FI} H), 6.98 (s, 3H, Diip Ar H), 3.45 (m, 2H, CH_2), 3.06 (sept, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.8$ Hz, 2H, Diip CH), 2.86 (m, 2H, CH_2), 2.60 (m, 1H, NH), 2.49 (m, 2H, CH_2), 2.13 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.15 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.7$ Hz, 12H, Diip CH_3), 0.71 (m, 1H, NH). **^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, C_6D_6):** δ 142.6, 141.7, 133.2, 127.6, 126.0, 124.4, 122.1, 121.2, 115.2, 112.1, 86.5, 52.4, 49.1, 46.8, 28.0, 24.8, 24.4. **^7Li -NMR (155.4 MHz, C_6D_6):** δ -2.65.

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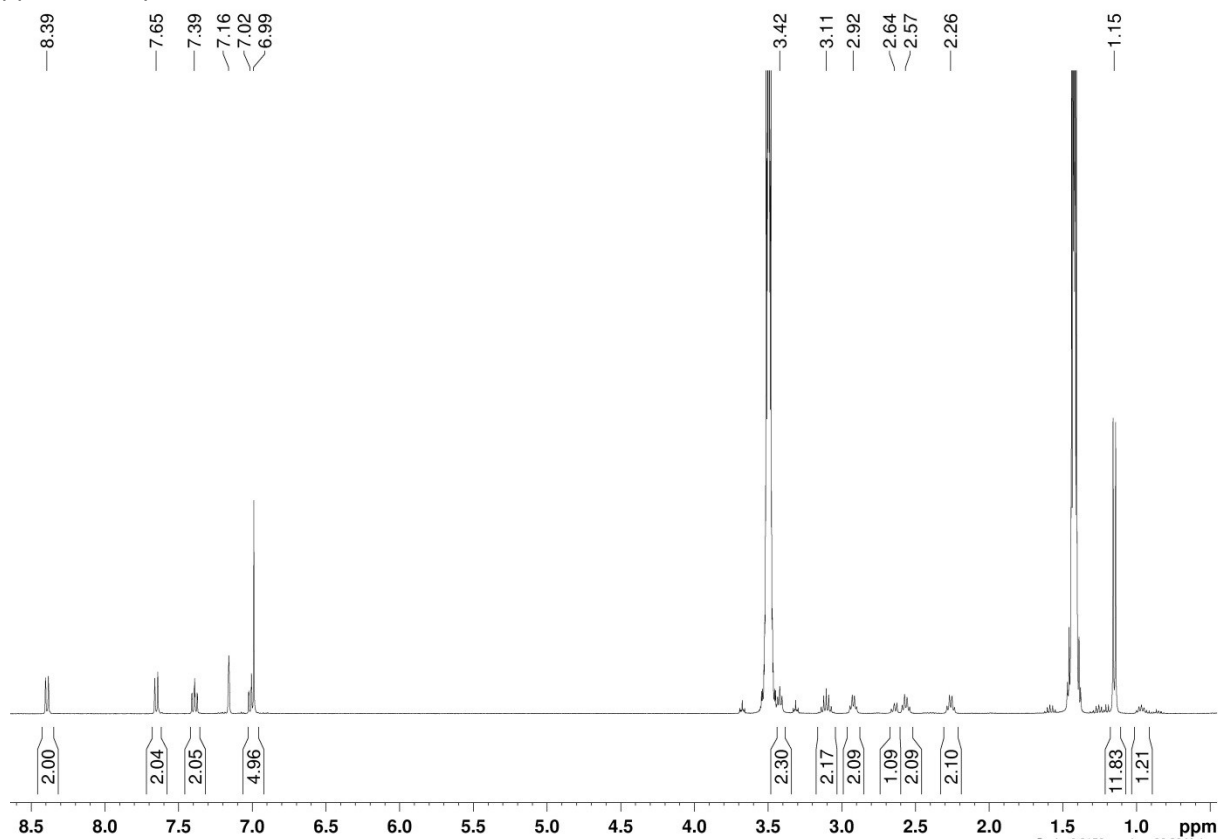


Figure S14. ¹H-NMR of 2·THF in C₆D₆ at 25 °C

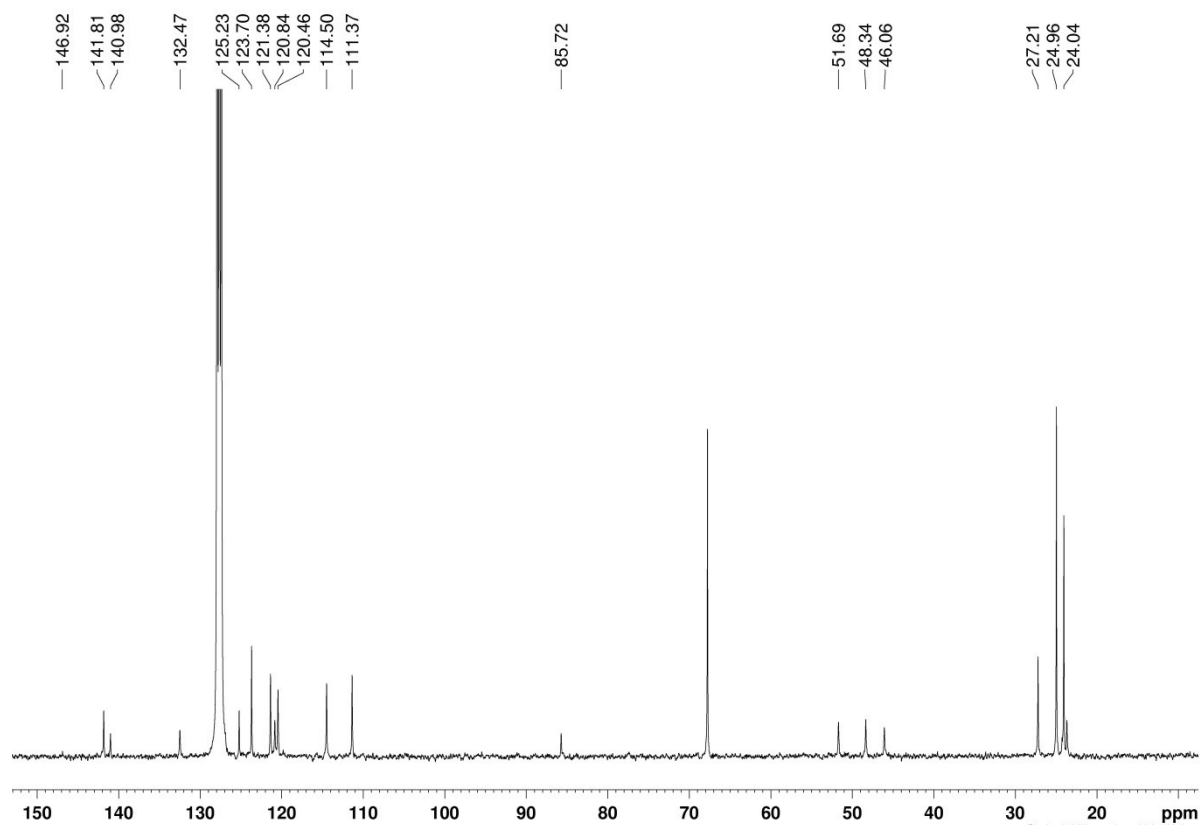


Figure S15. ¹³C-NMR of 2·THF in C₆D₆ at 25 °C

Variable temperature NMR study of compound 2

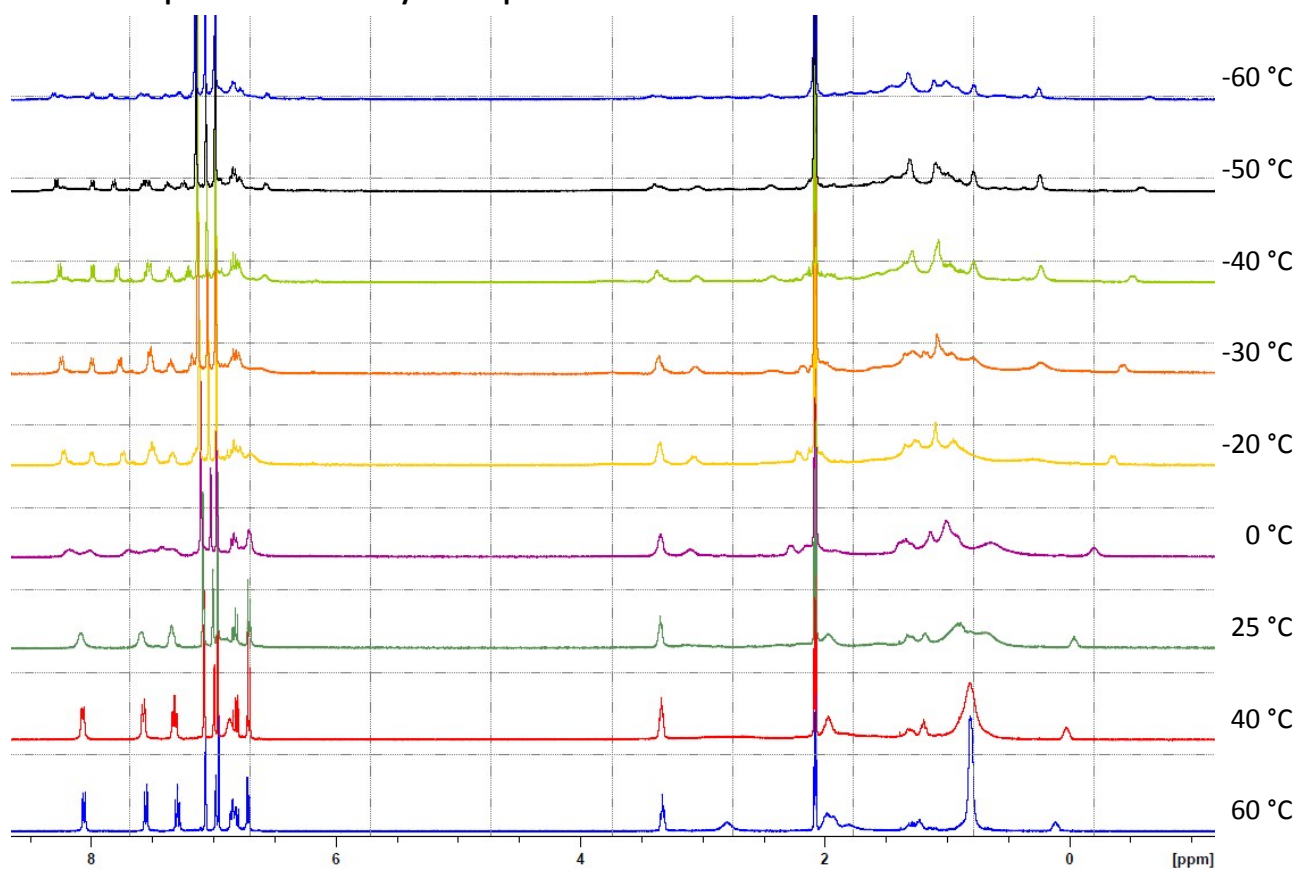
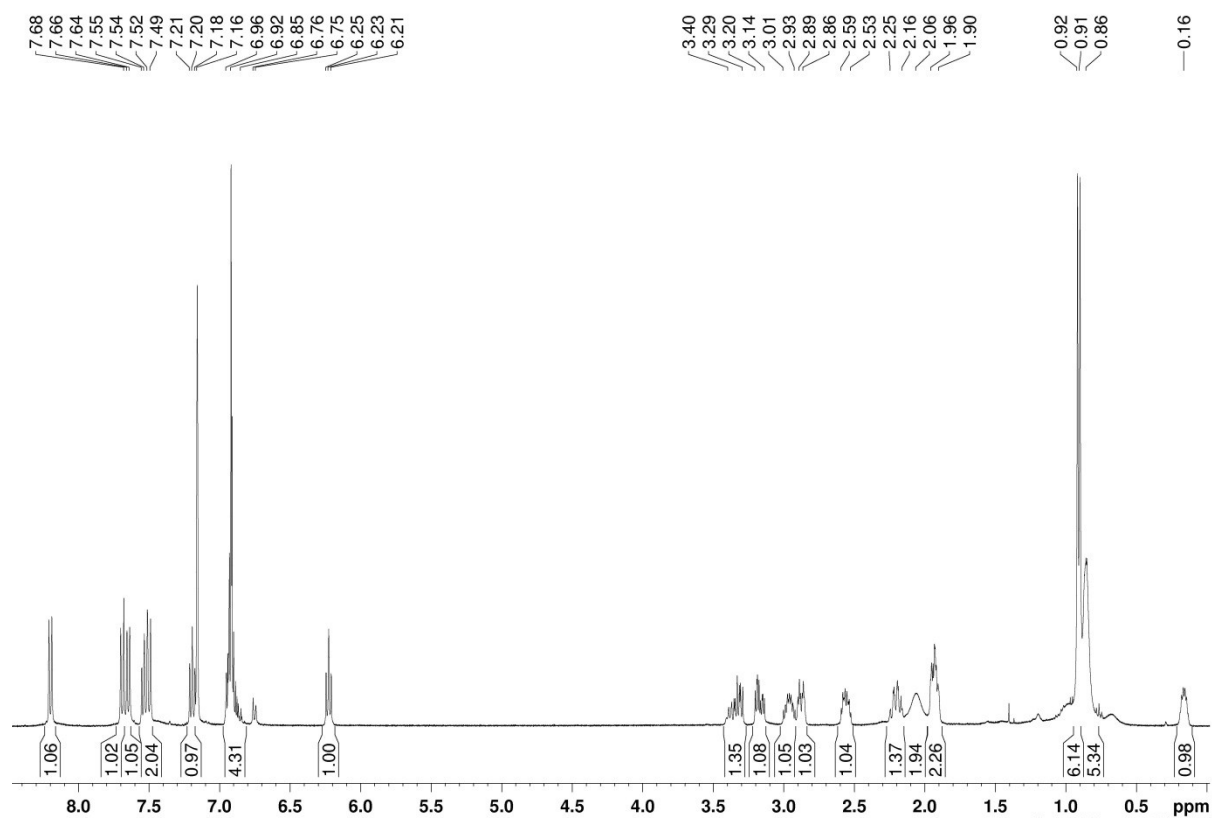
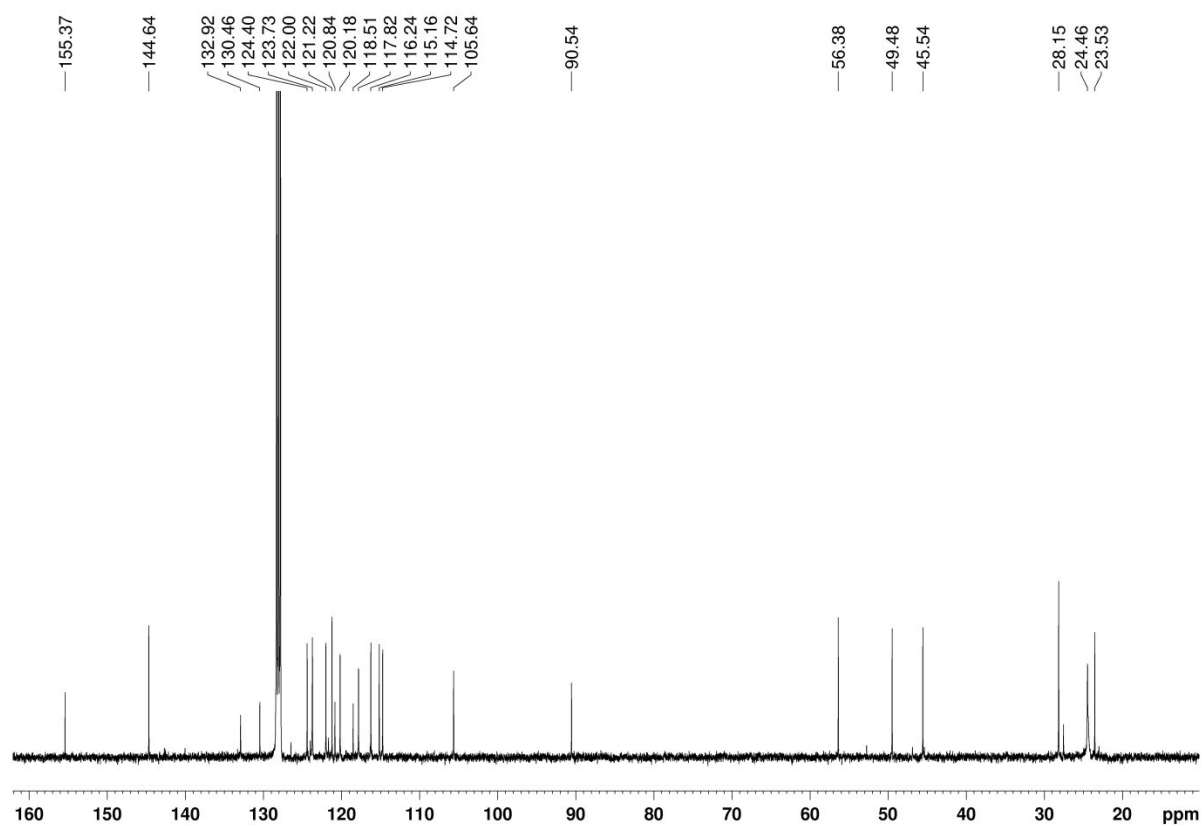


Figure S16. Variable temperature NMR study of $\text{Li}\{\kappa^5\text{-(C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{)C}_2\text{H}_4\text{N(H)C}_2\text{H}_4\text{N(H)Dipp}\}$ (**2**) in $\text{d}^8\text{-toluene}$.

Figure S17. ¹H-NMR of **3** in C₆D₆ at 25 °CFigure S18. ¹³C-NMR of **3** in C₆D₆ at 25 °C

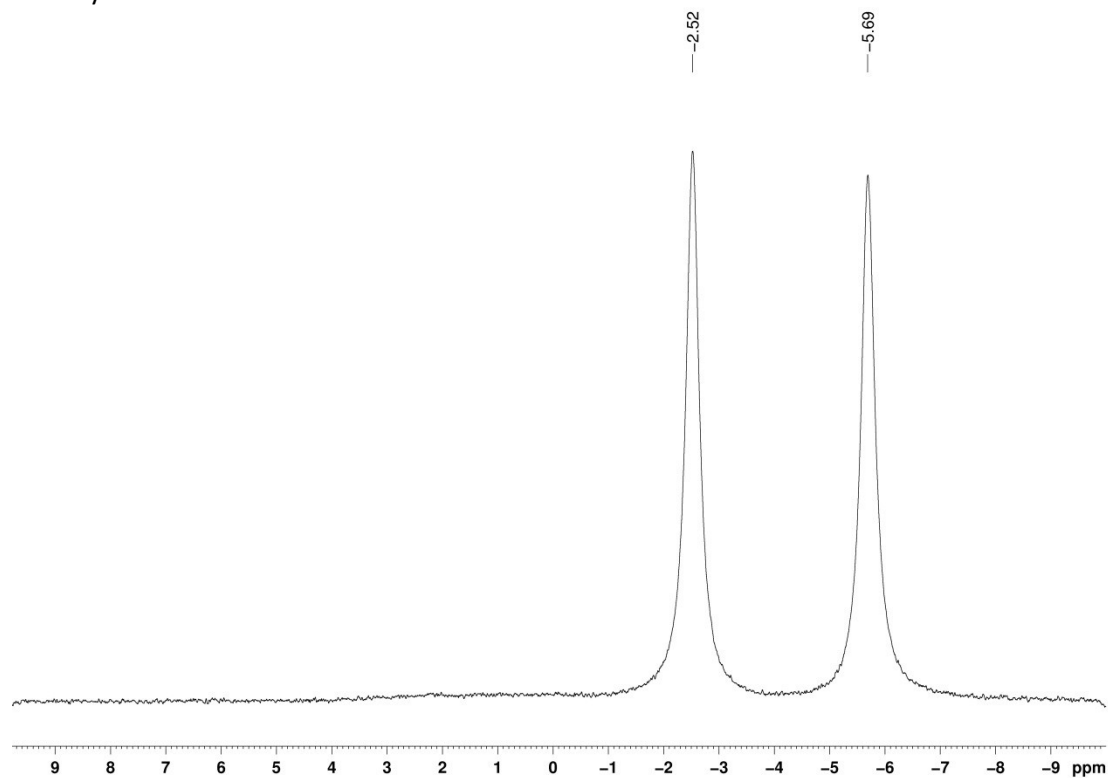


Figure S19. ^7Li -NMR of **3** in C_6D_6 at 25°C

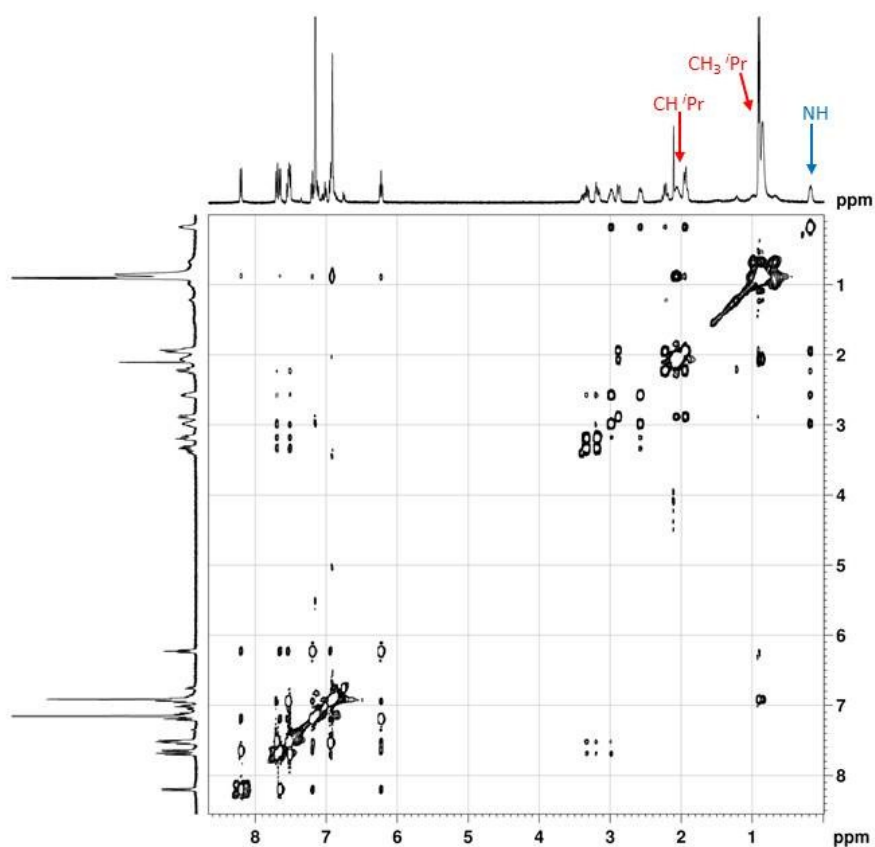


Figure S20. $\{^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}\}$ - NOESY of **3** in C_6D_6 at 25°C . As indicated, the NH signal does not present crosspeaks with any of the isopropyl resonances from the Dipp fragment.

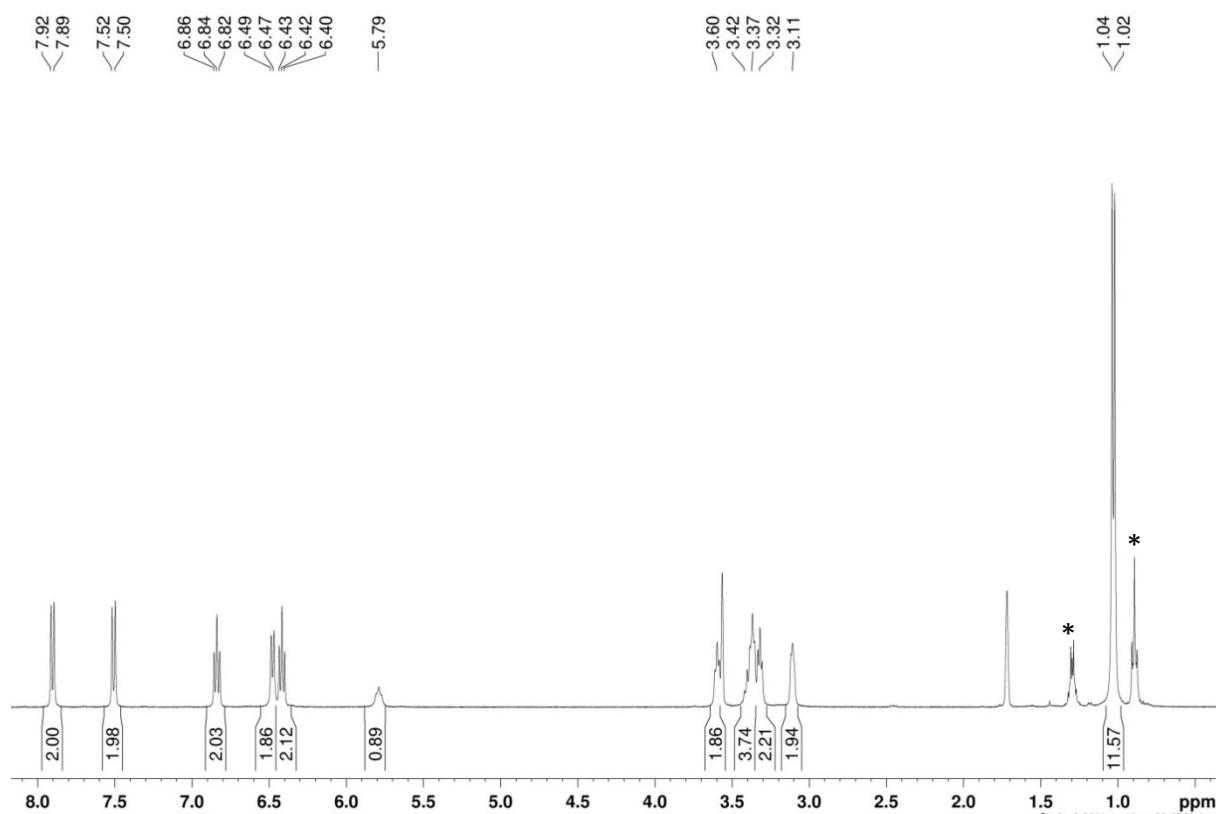


Figure S21. ¹H-NMR of **4** in d₈-THF at 25 °C. Signals marked with * arise from traces of hexane.

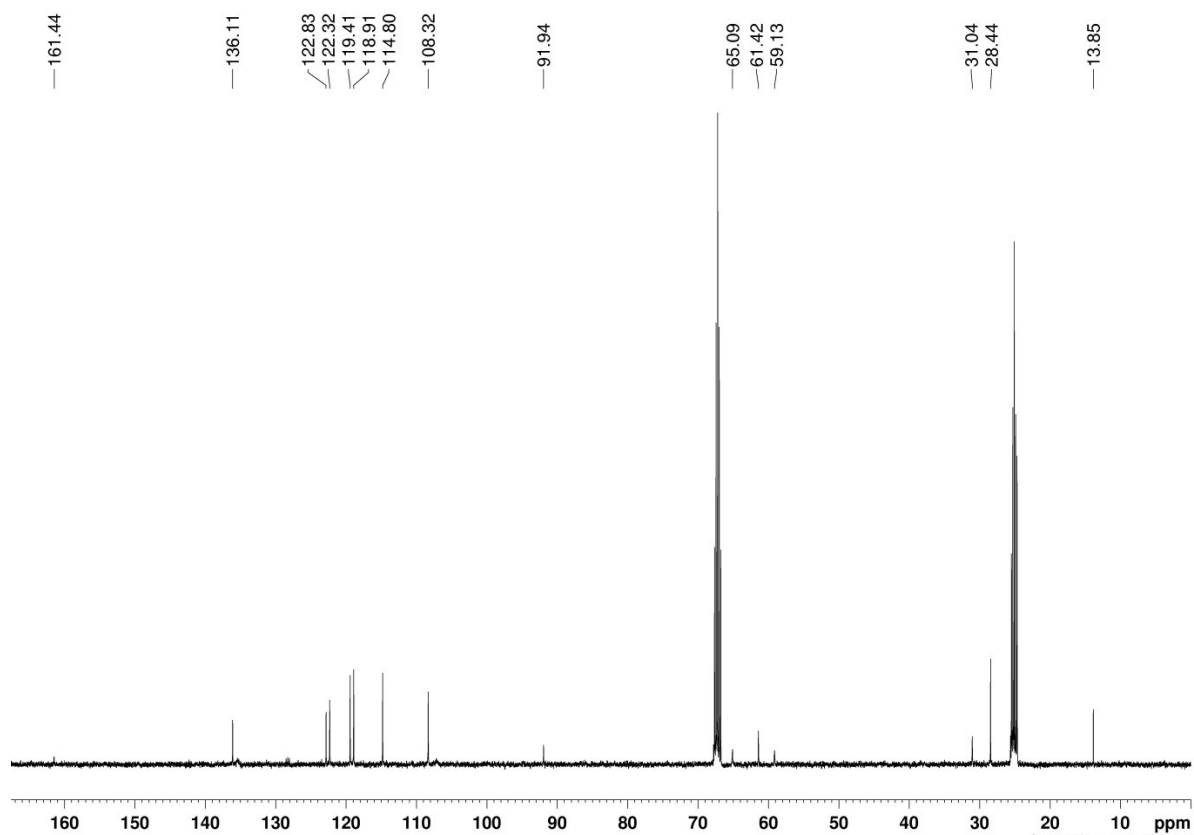


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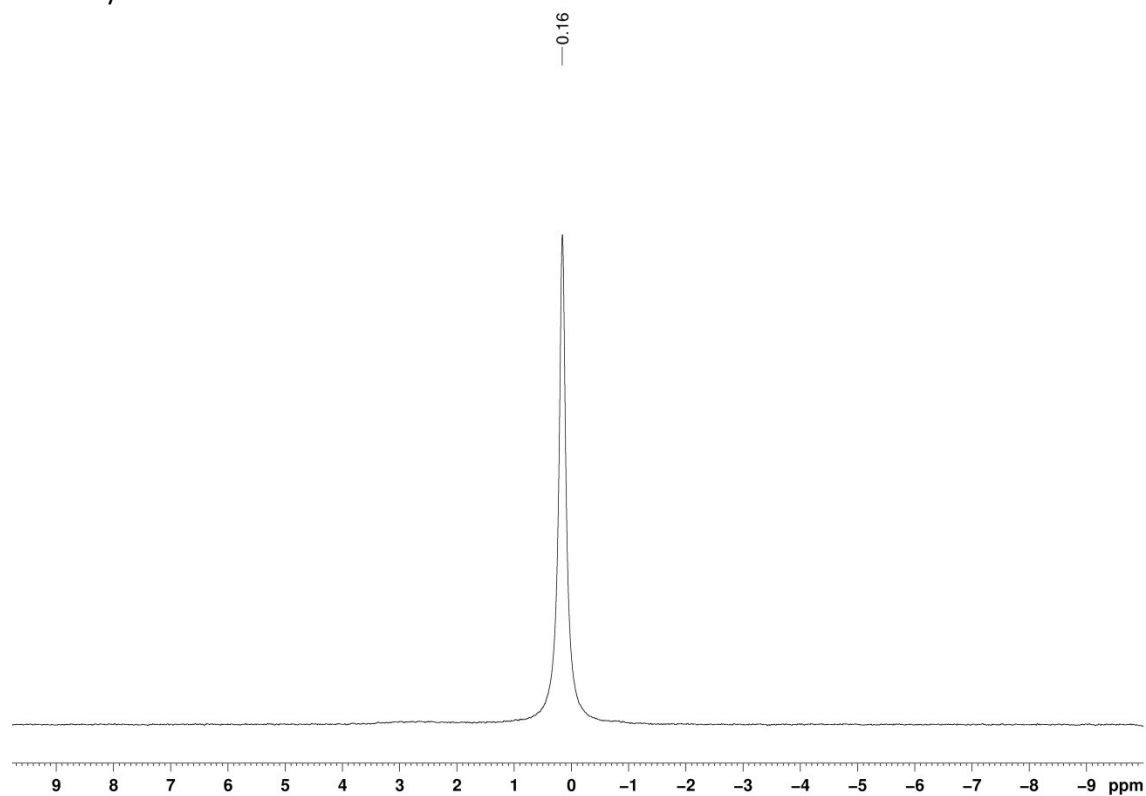


Figure S23. ^7Li -NMR of **4** in d_8 -THF at 25 °C

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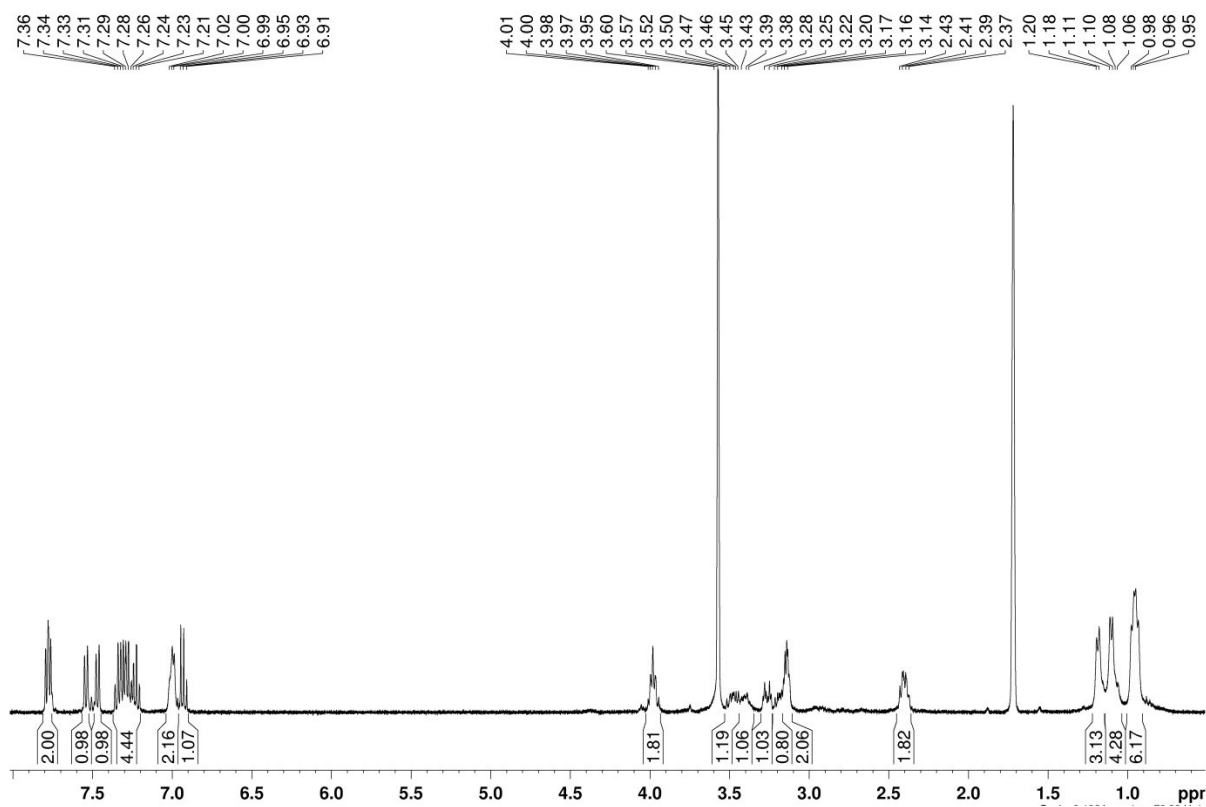


Figure S24. ^1H -NMR of **5** in d_8 -THF at 25 °C

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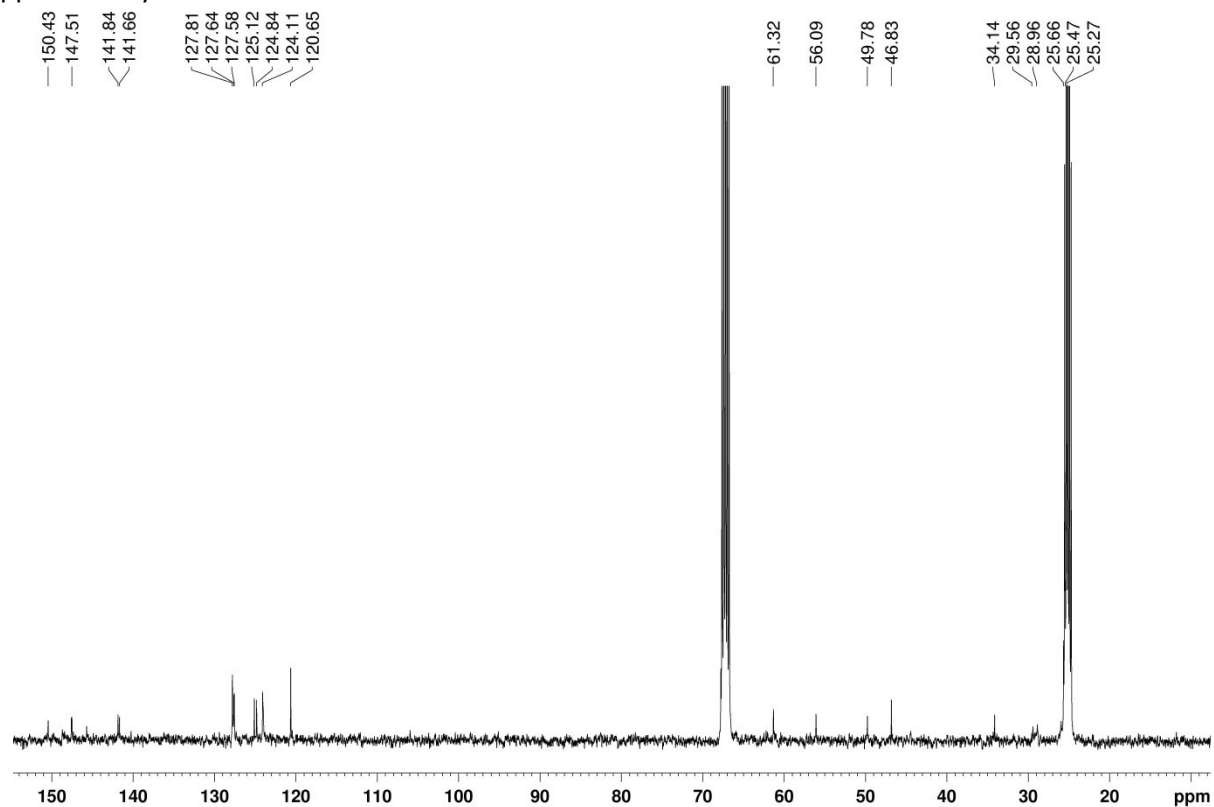


Figure S25. ^{13}C -NMR of **5** in d_8 -THF at 25 °C

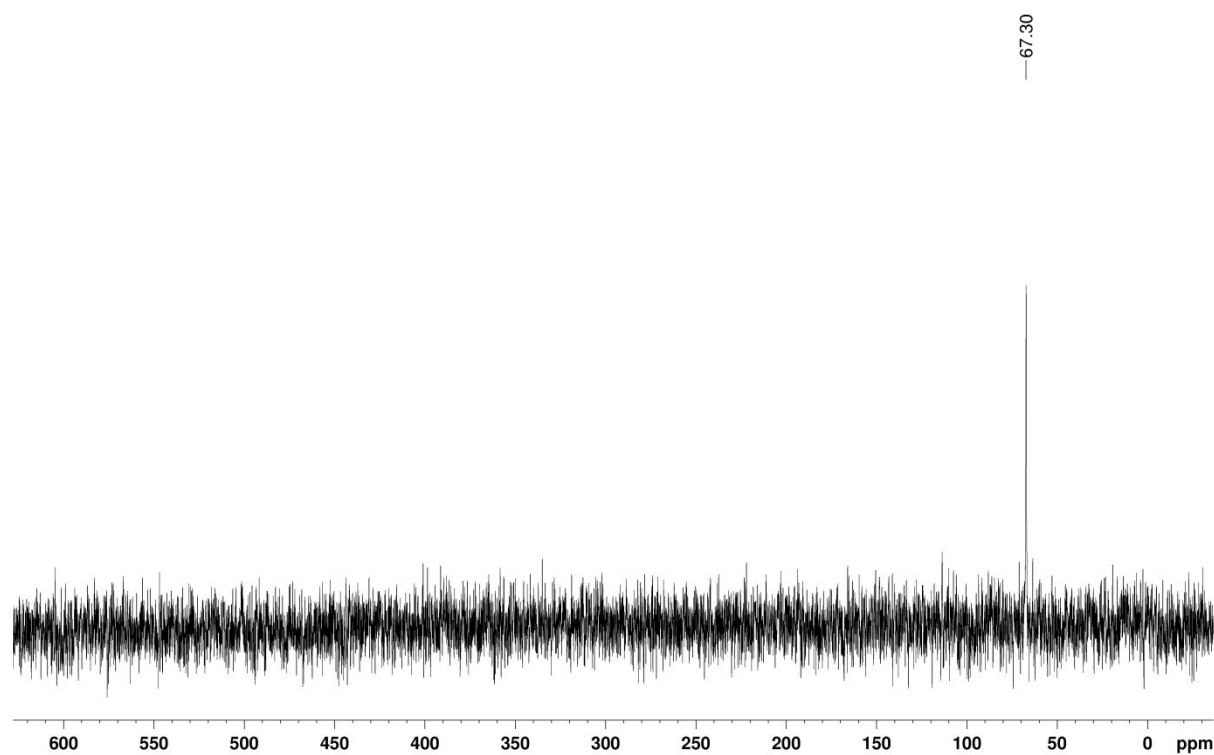


Figure S26. ^{119}Sn -NMR of **5** in d_8 -THF at 25 °C

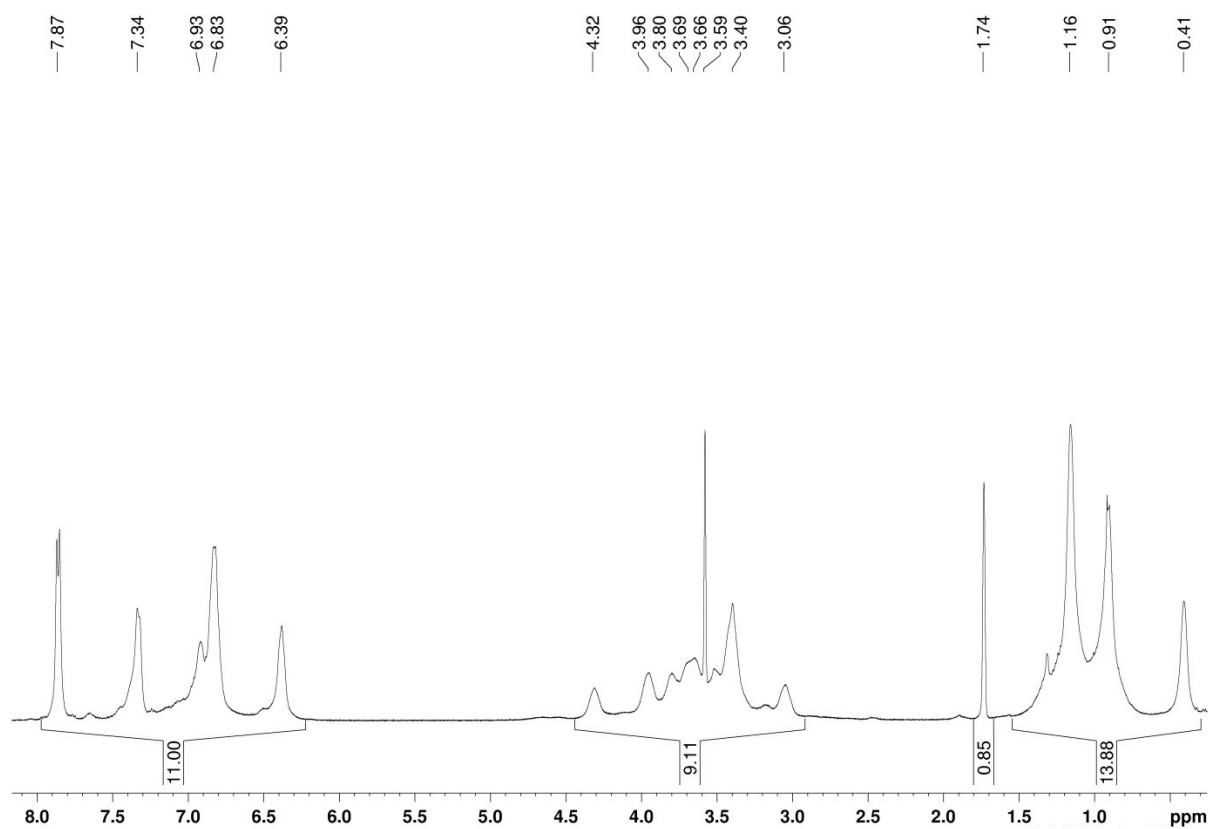


Figure S27. ^1H -NMR of **6** in d_8 -THF at 25 °C ($0.034 \text{ mmol ml}^{-1}$)

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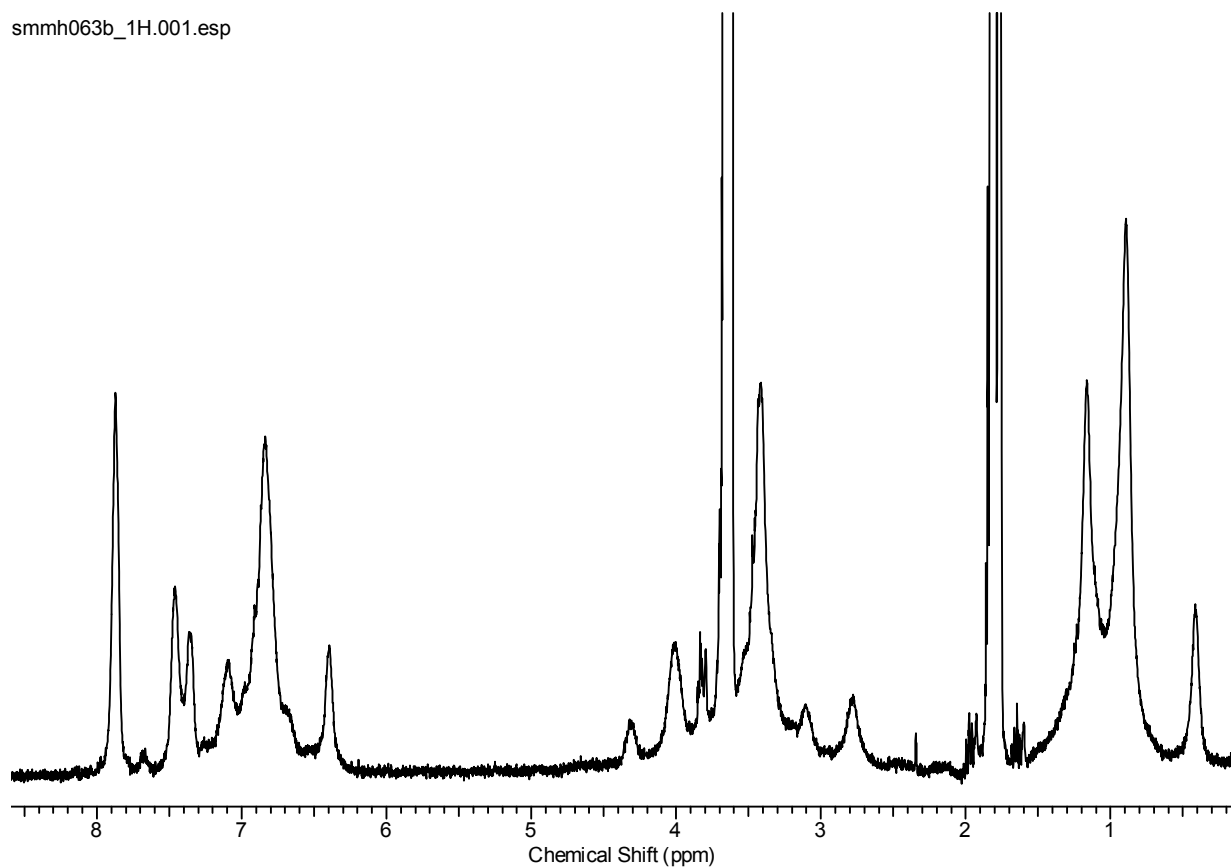


Figure S28. ^1H -NMR of **6** in d_8 -THF at 25 °C ($0.003 \text{ mmol ml}^{-1}$)

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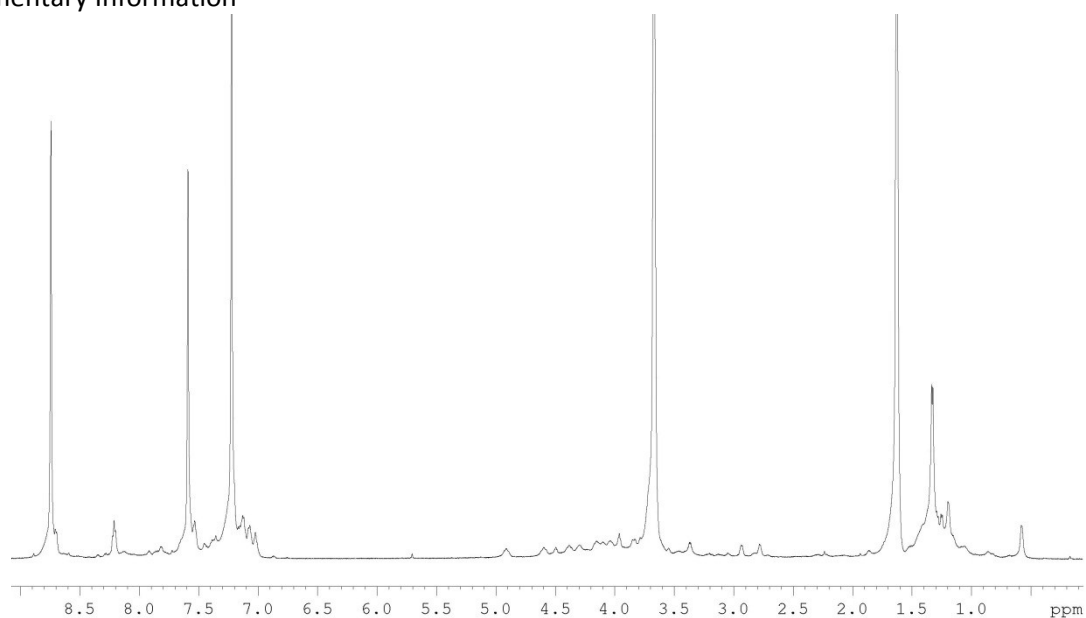


Figure S29. ^1H -NMR of **6** at 700MHz in d_5 -pyridine at 25 °C. The large solvent resonances are from thf molecules displaced from the $[\text{Li}(\text{thf})_4]$ cations and residual protio impurities in the d_5 -pyridine solvent.

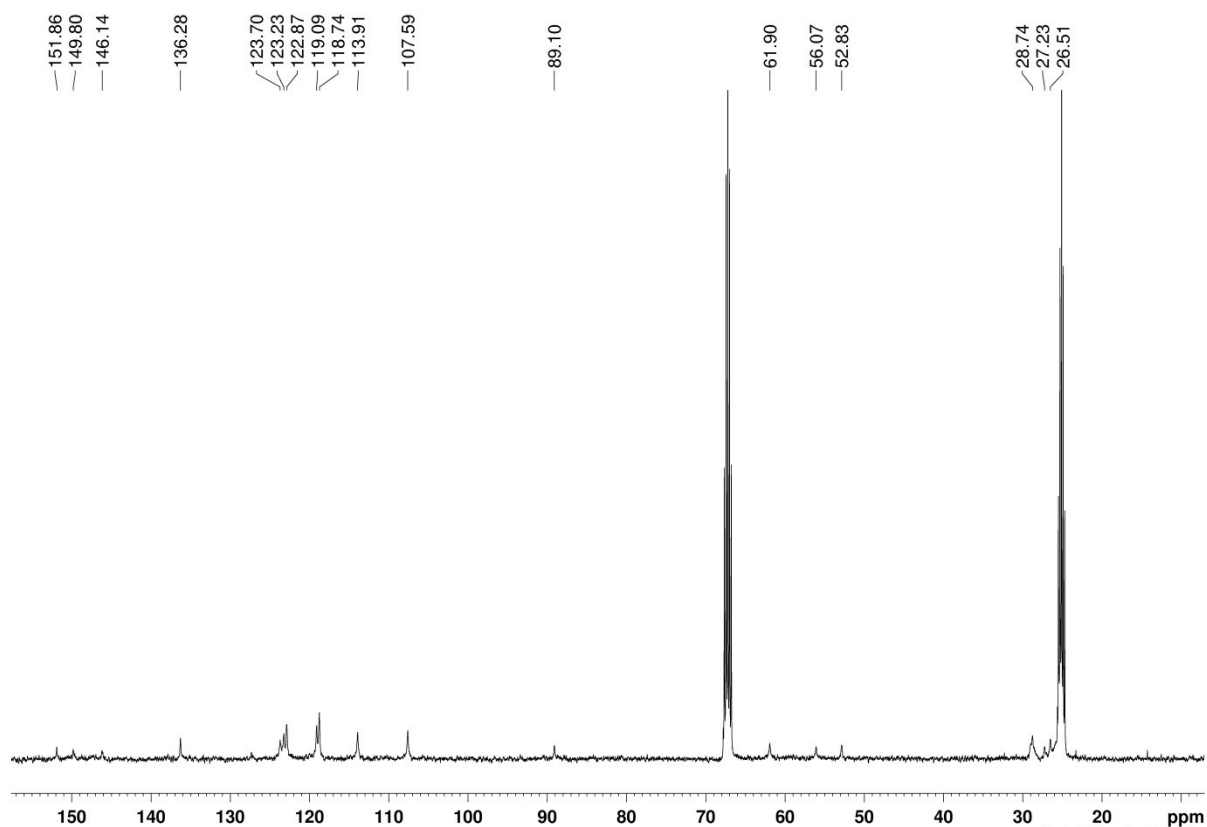


Figure S30. ^{13}C -NMR of **6** in d_8 -THF at 25 °C

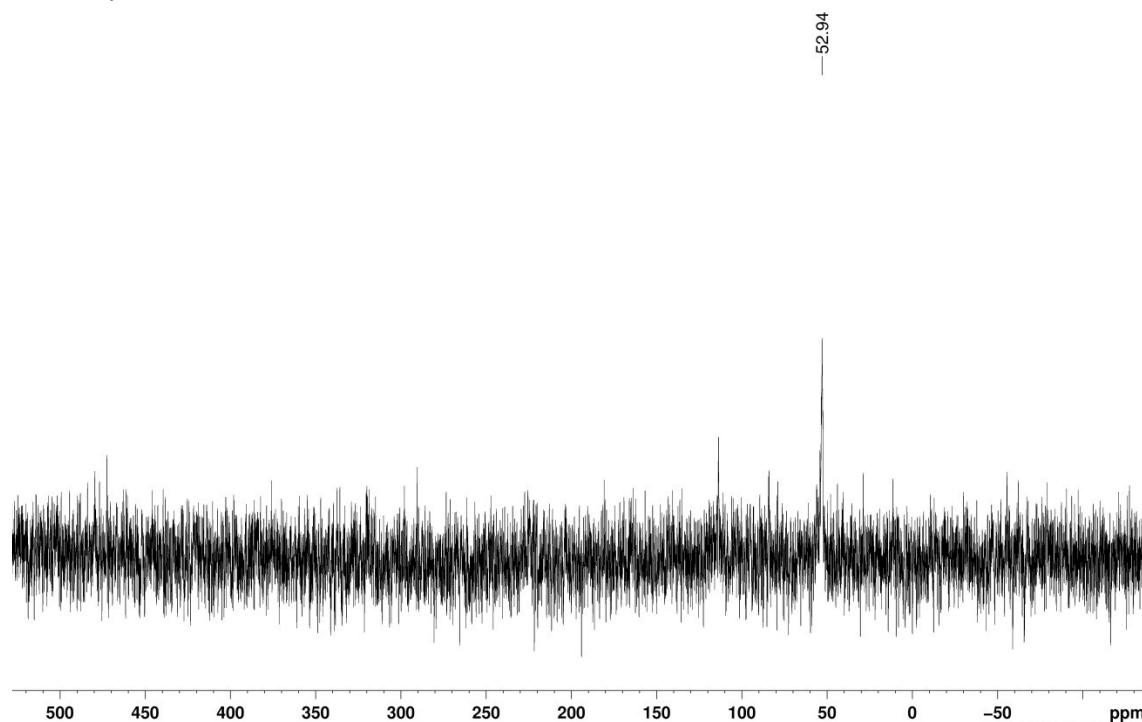


Figure S31. ^{119}Sn -NMR of **6** in d_8 -THF at 25 °C ($0.034 \text{ mmol ml}^{-1}$). The very weak resonance at 115 ppm is from the thermal decomposition product of **6**.

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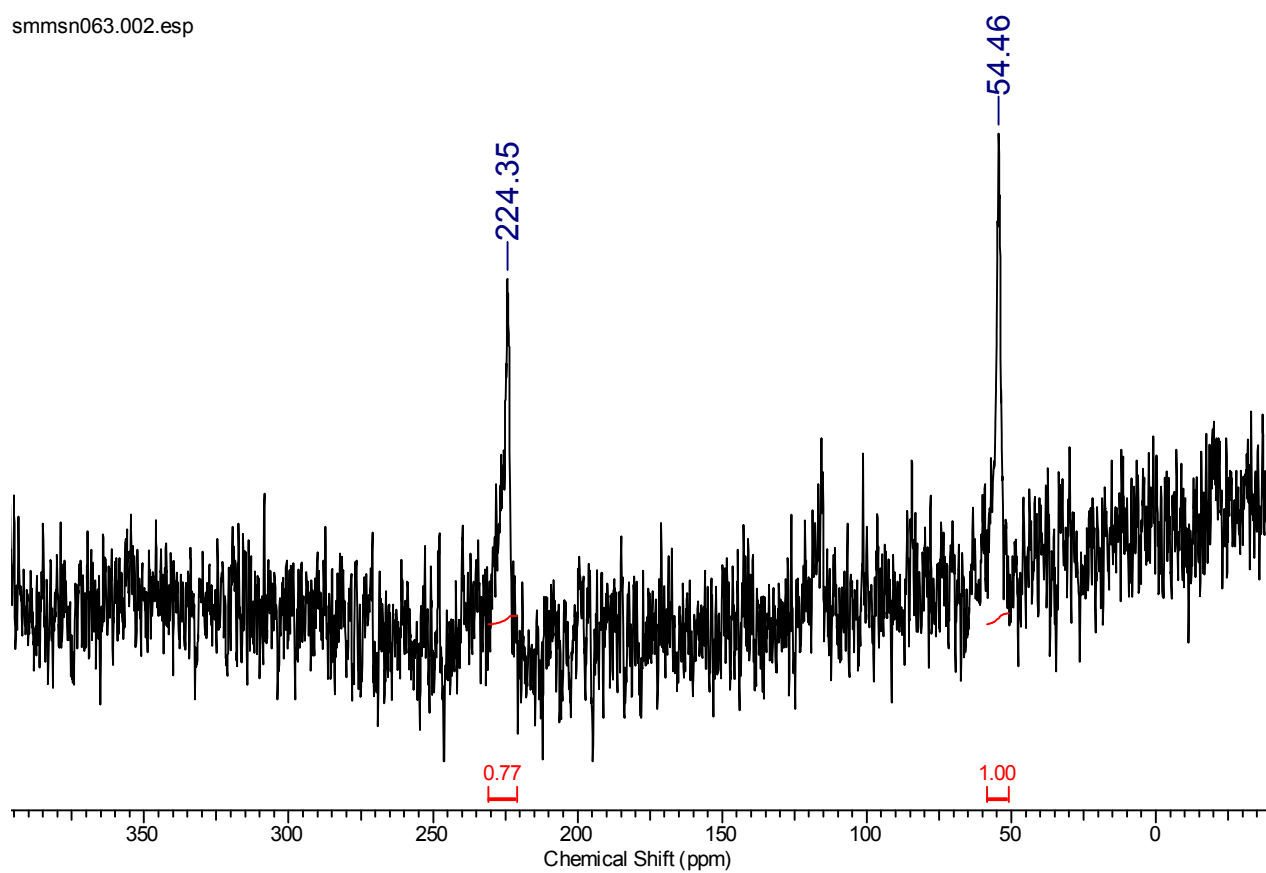


Figure S32. ^{119}Sn -NMR of **6** in d_8 -THF at 25 °C ($0.003 \text{ mmol ml}^{-1}$). The very weak resonance at 115 ppm is from the thermal thermal decomposition of **6**.

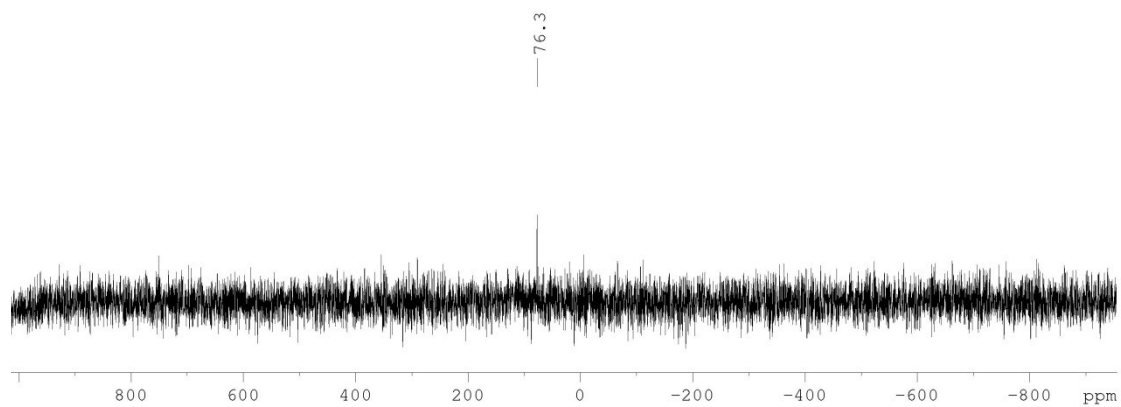


Figure S33. ^{119}Sn -NMR of **6** at 261 MHz (700MHz spectrometer) in d_5 -pyridine at 25 °C ($0.02 \text{ mmol cm}^{-3}$)

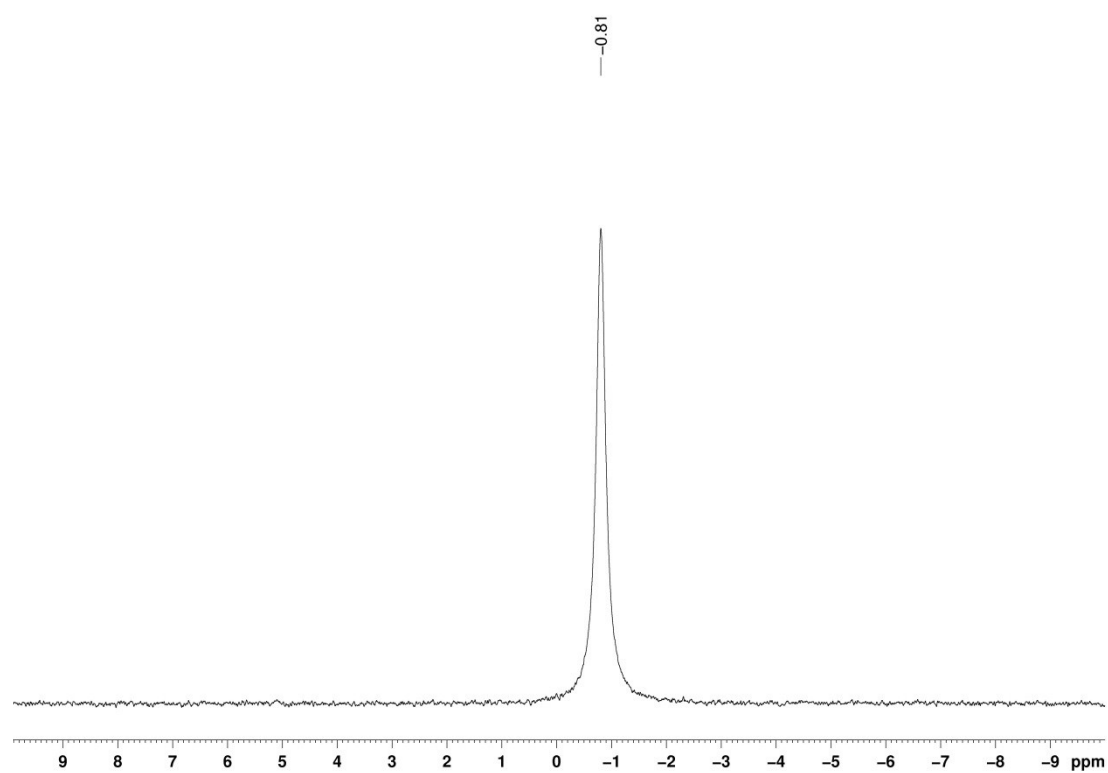
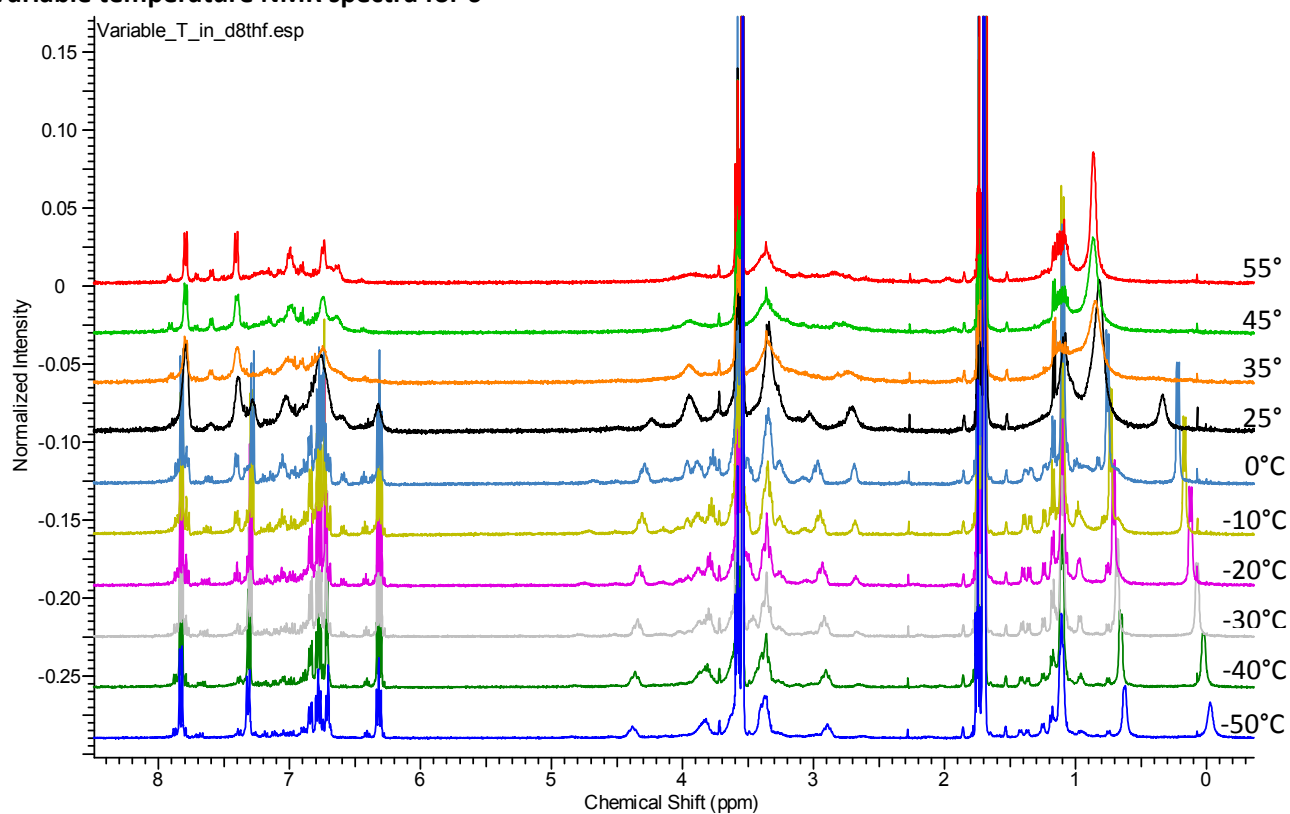
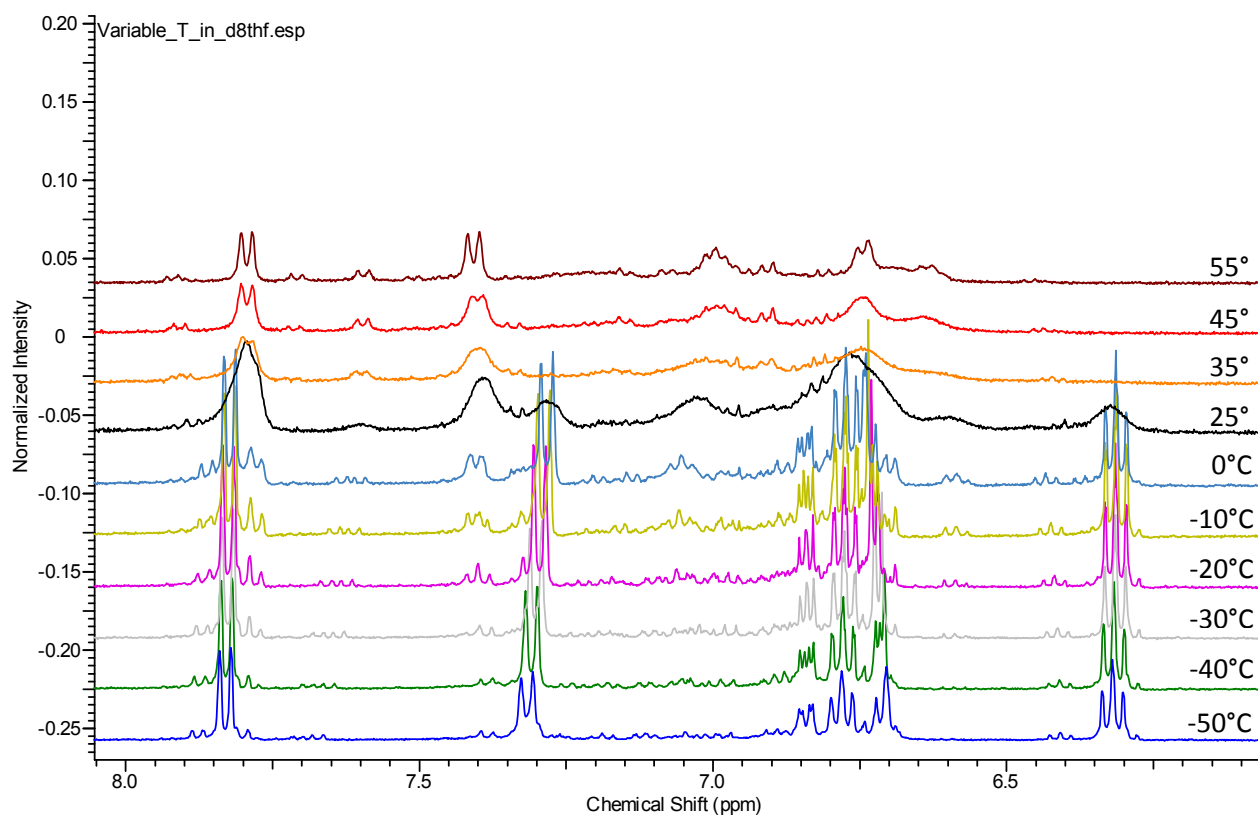


Figure S34. ^7Li -NMR of **6** in d_8 -THF at 25 °C

Variable temperature NMR spectra for **6**Figure S35. Variable temperature ^1H -NMR of **6** d_8 -thfFigure S36. Variable temperature ^1H -NMR of **6** d_8 -thf: high frequency section

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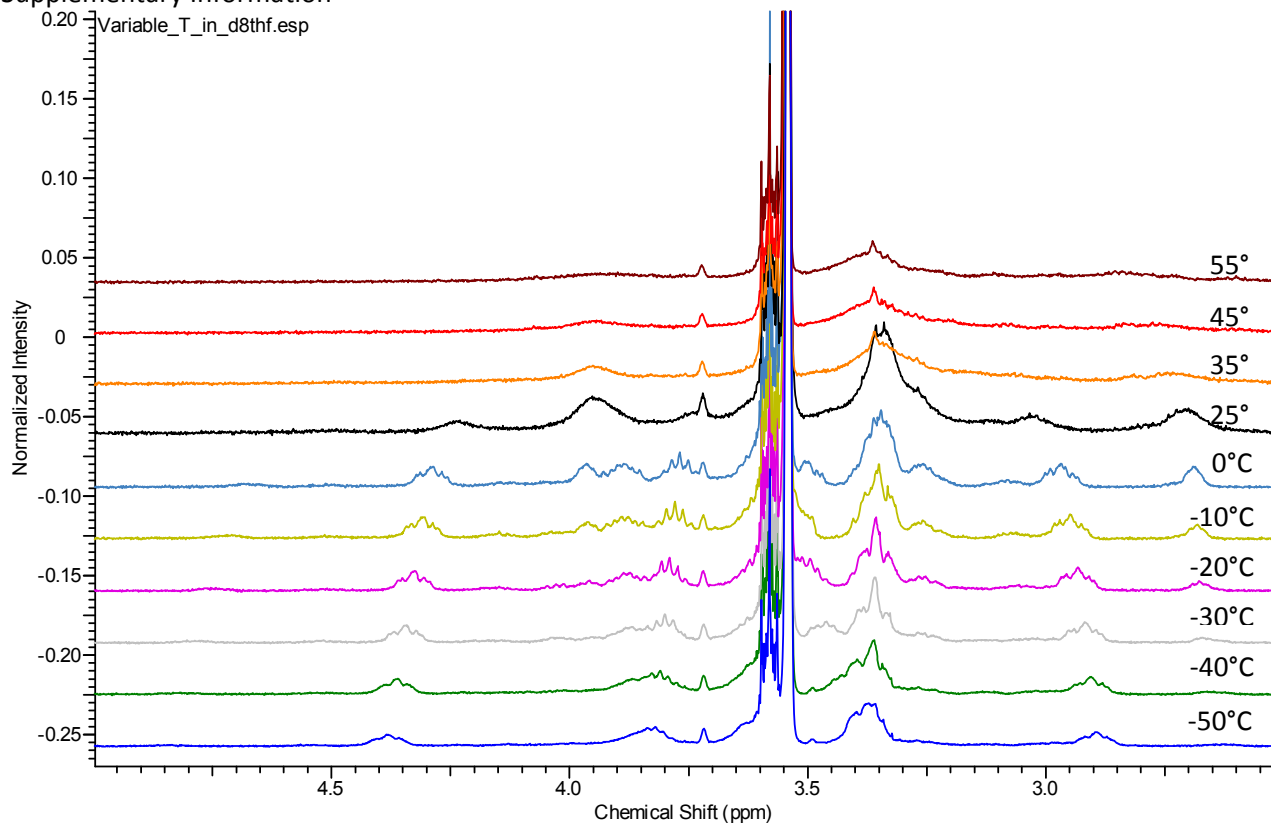


Figure S37. Variable temperature ^1H -NMR of **6** d_8 -thf: medium frequency section

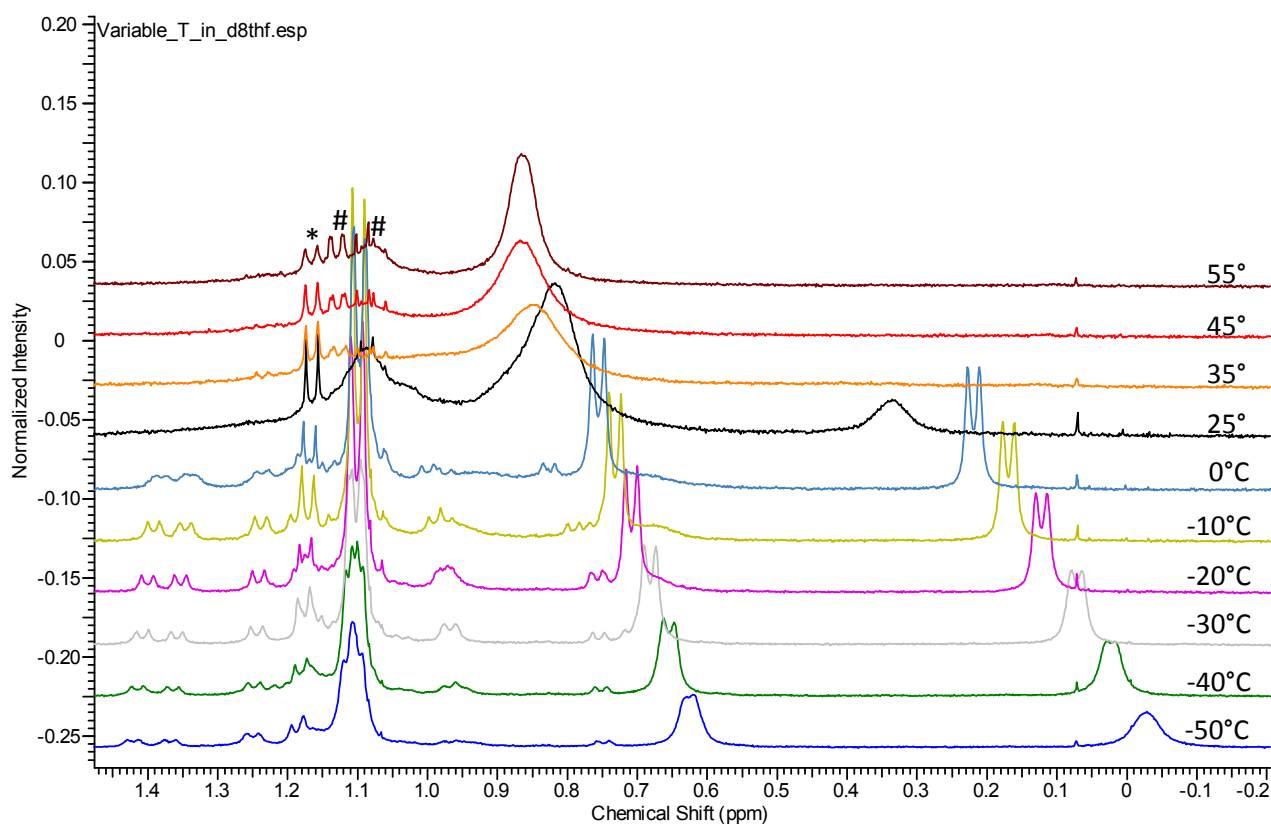


Figure S38. Variable temperature ^1H -NMR of **6** d_8 -thf: low frequency section. The resonances under * are from trace hydrolysis of the complex. The resonances under # arise from a thermal decomposition process at higher temperatures.

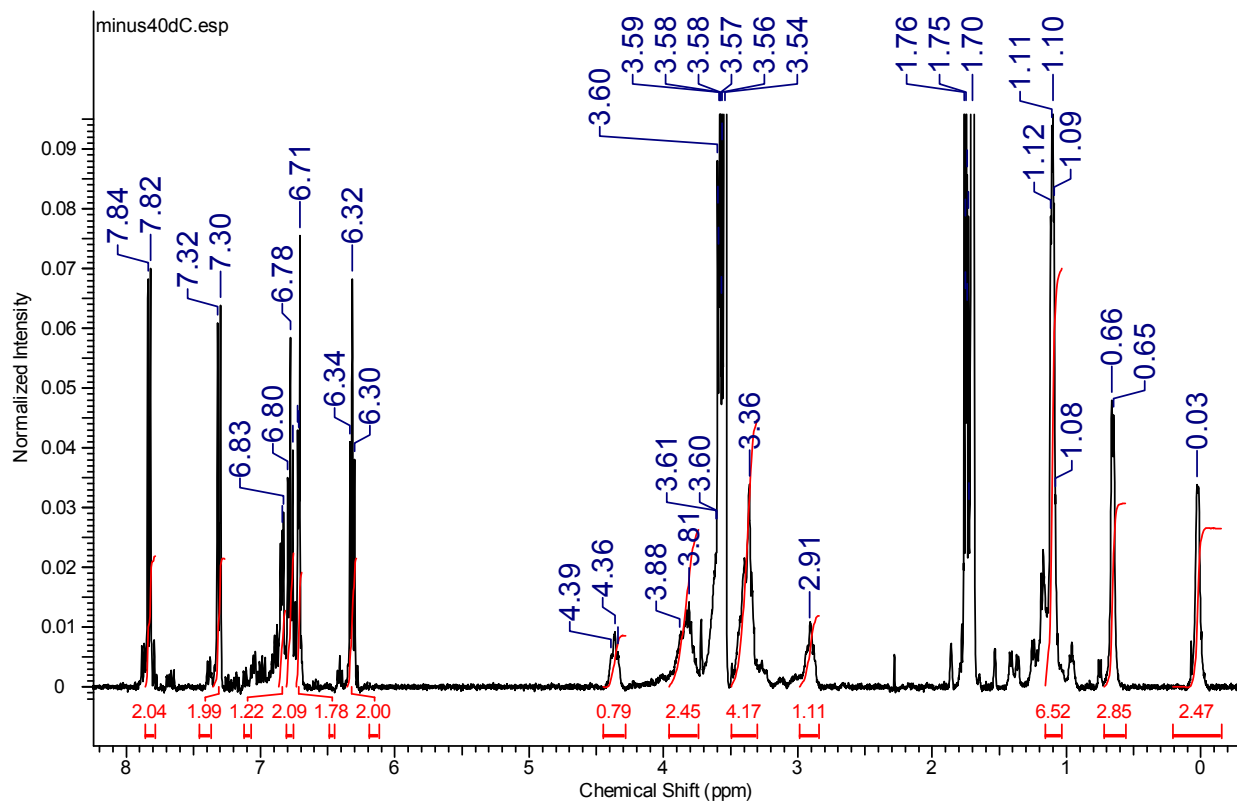


Figure S39. ^1H -NMR of **6** in d_8 -THF at -40°C

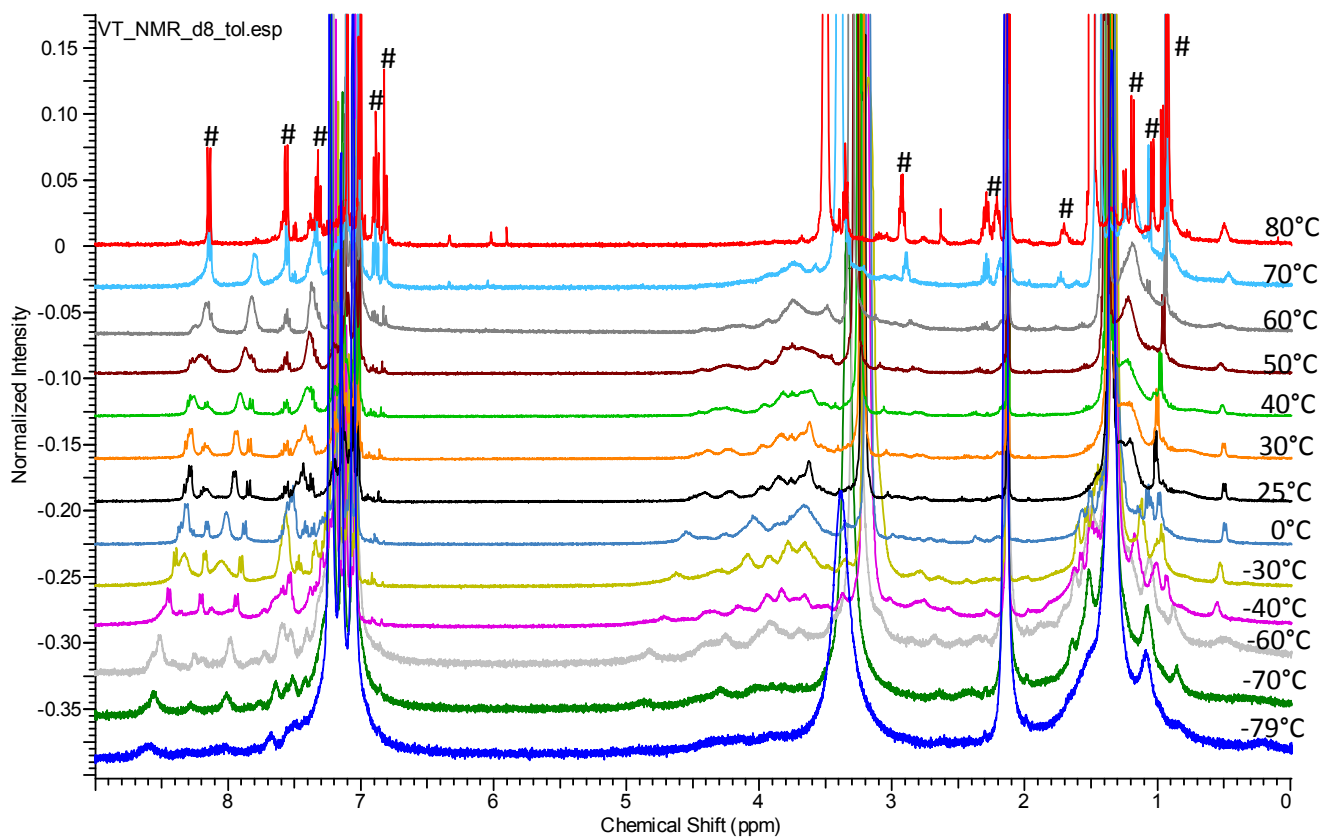


Figure S40. Variable temperature ^1H -NMR of **6** in d_8 -toluene. The resonances under # arise from a thermal decomposition process at higher temperatures.

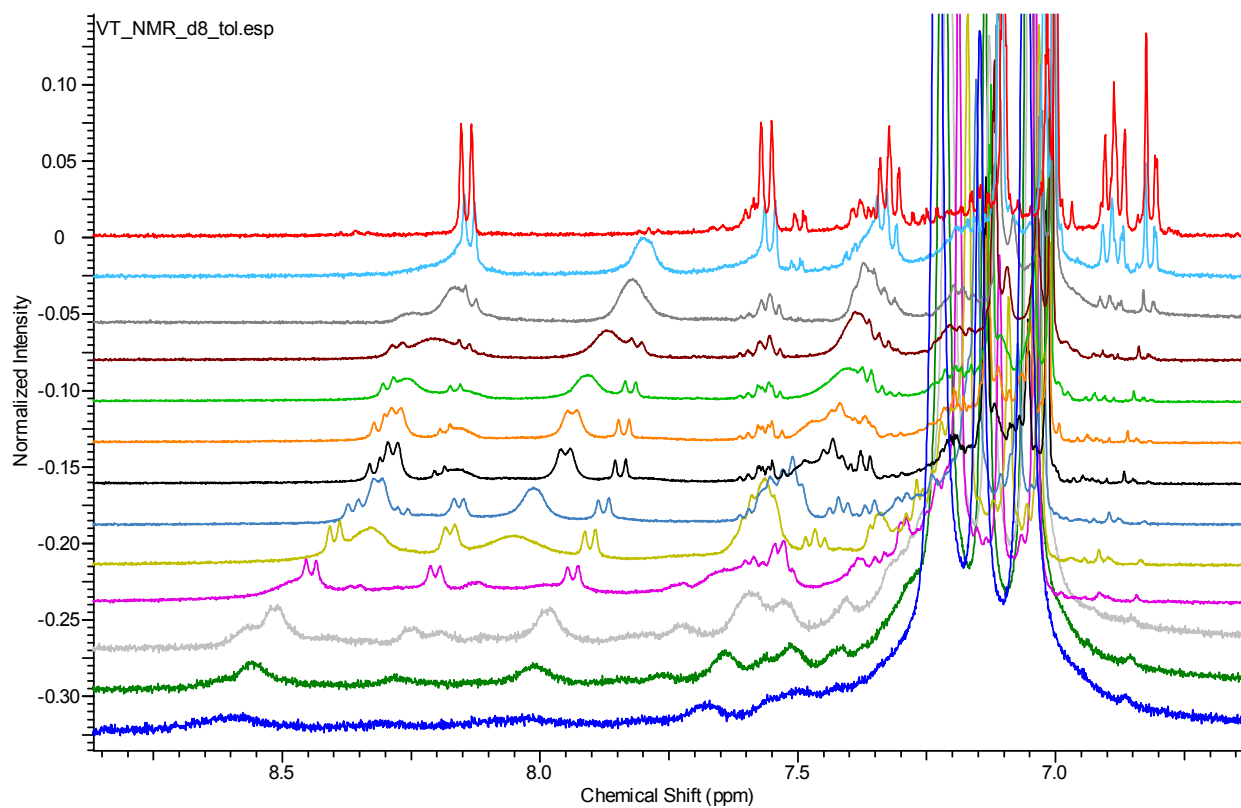


Figure S41. Variable temperature ^1H -NMR of **6** d_8 -toluene: high frequency region.

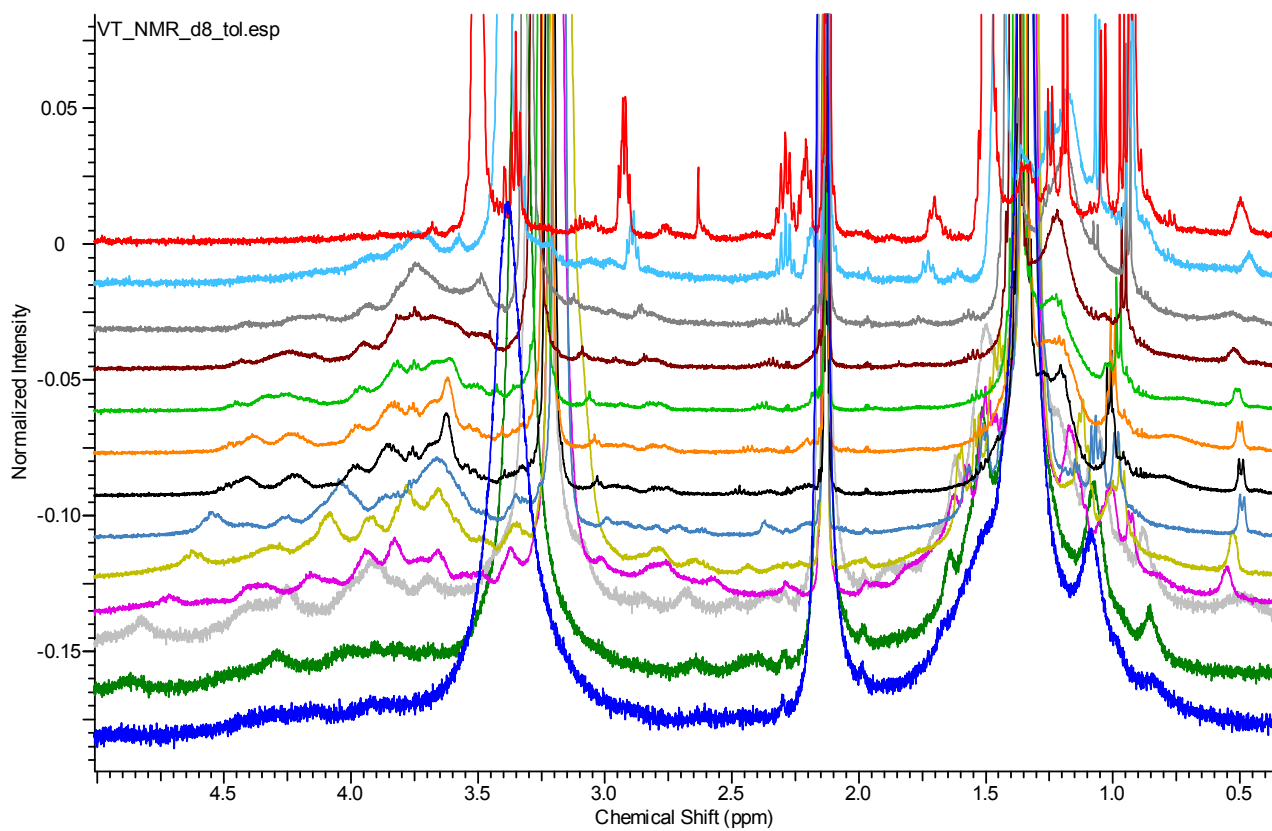
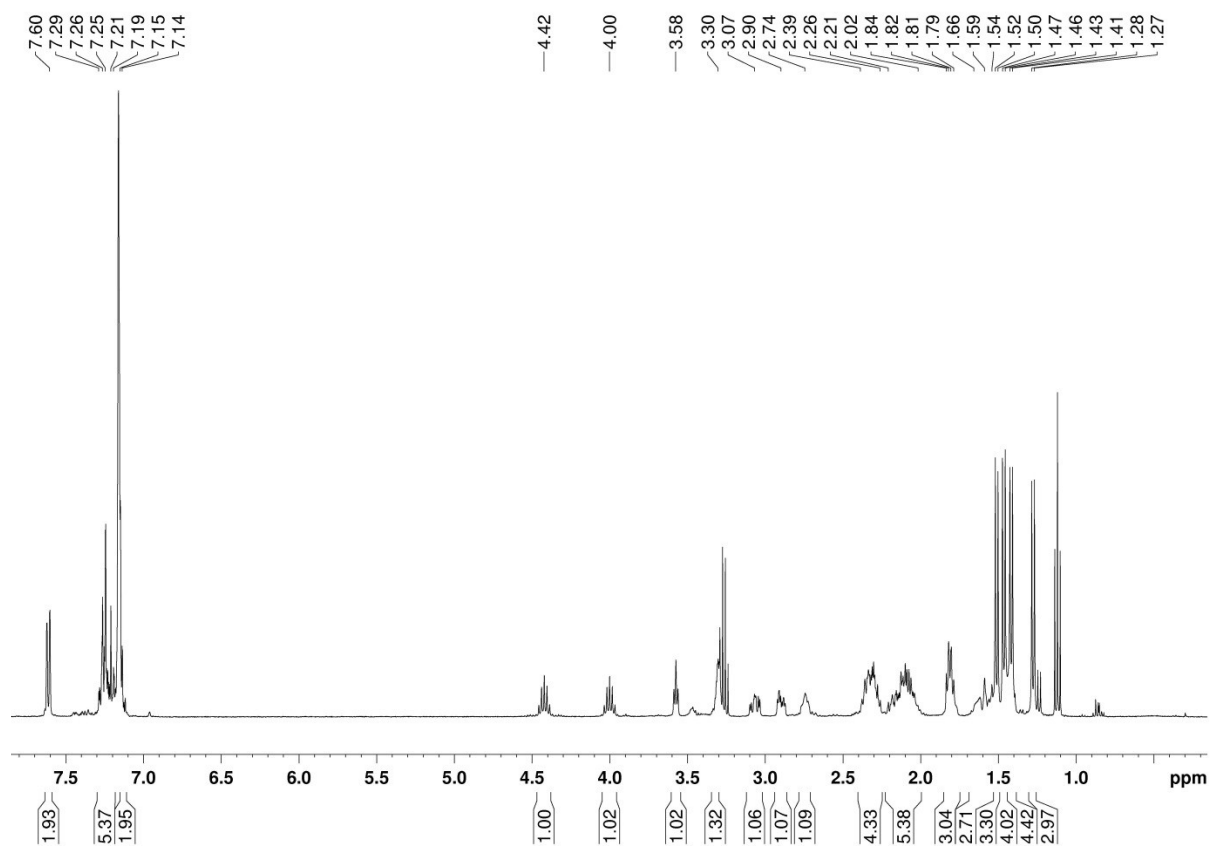
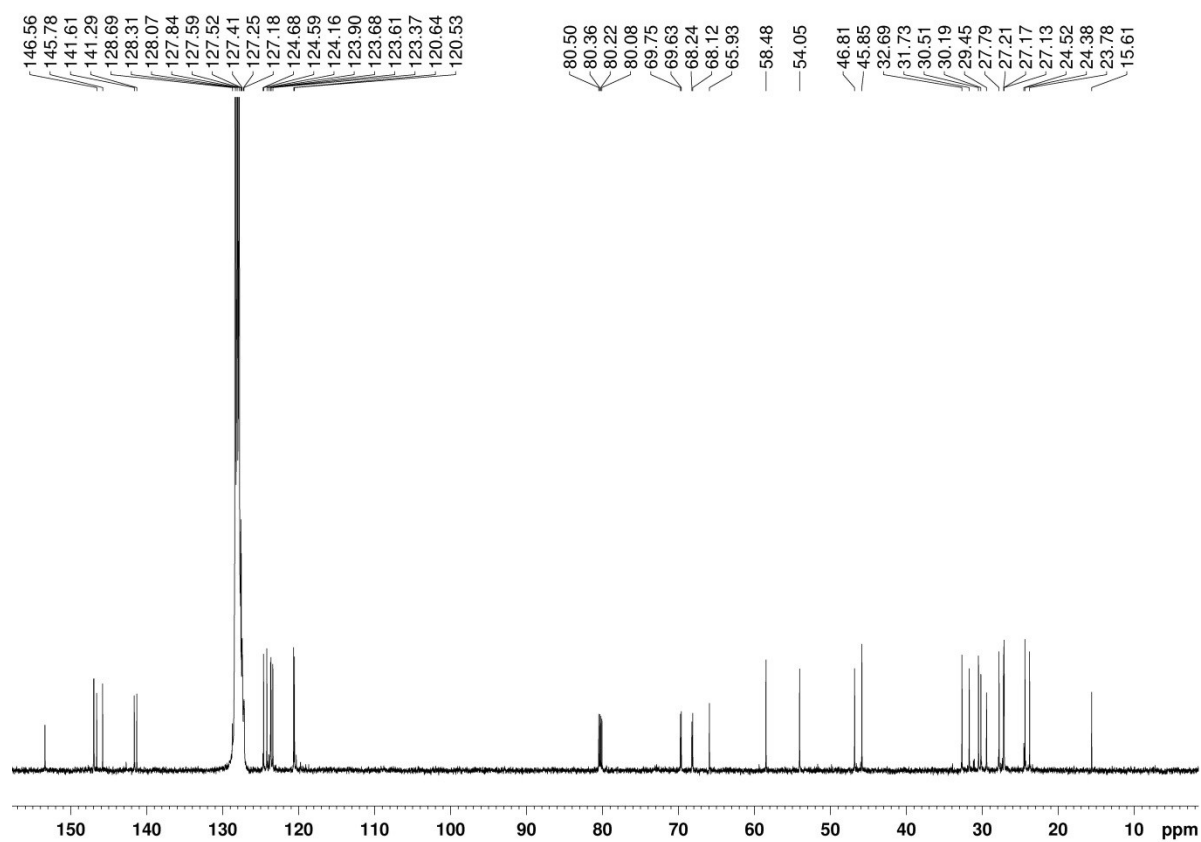


Figure S42. Variable temperature ^1H -NMR of **6** d_8 -toluene: low frequency region.

Figure S43. ¹H-NMR of **7** in C₆D₆ at 25 °CFigure S44. ¹³C-NMR of **7** in C₆D₆ at 25 °C

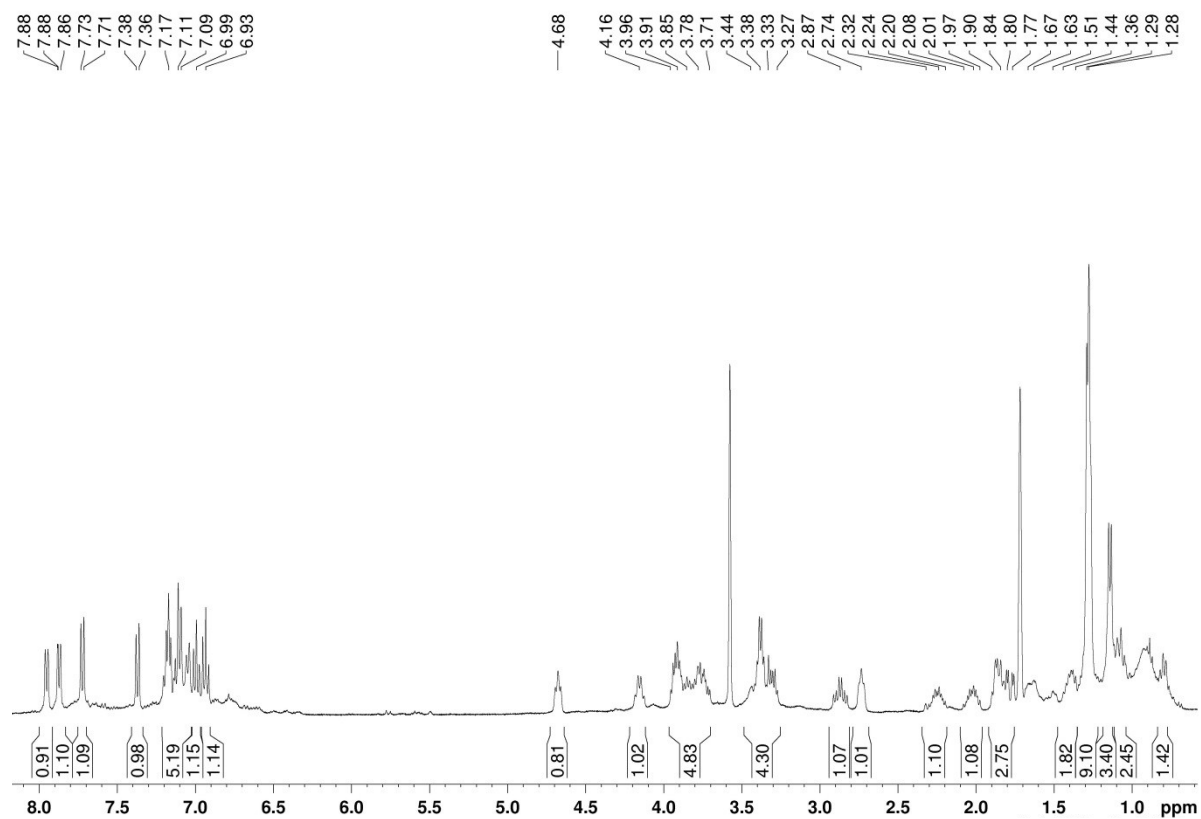


Figure S45. ¹H-NMR of **8** in d₈-thf at 25 °C

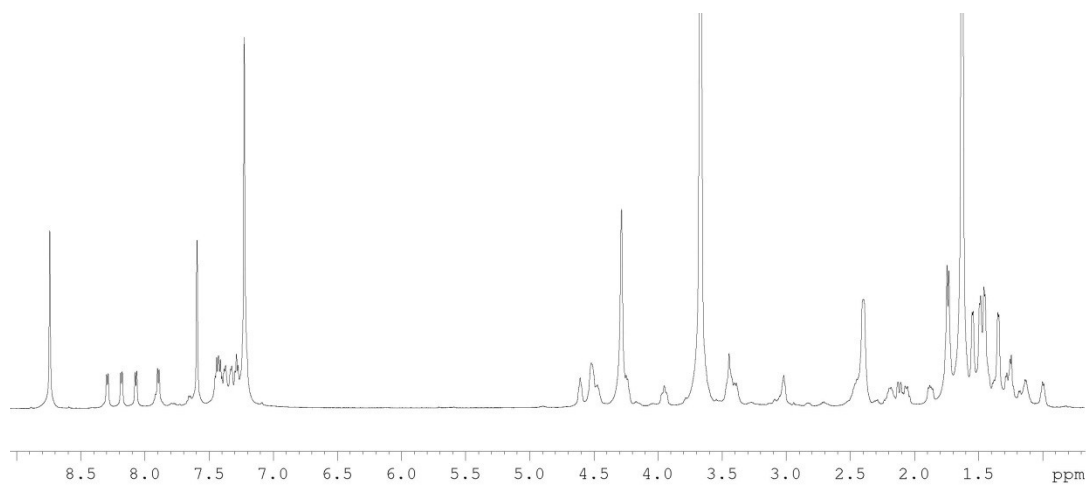


Figure S46. ¹H-NMR of **8** at 700 MHz in d₅-pyridine at 25 °C

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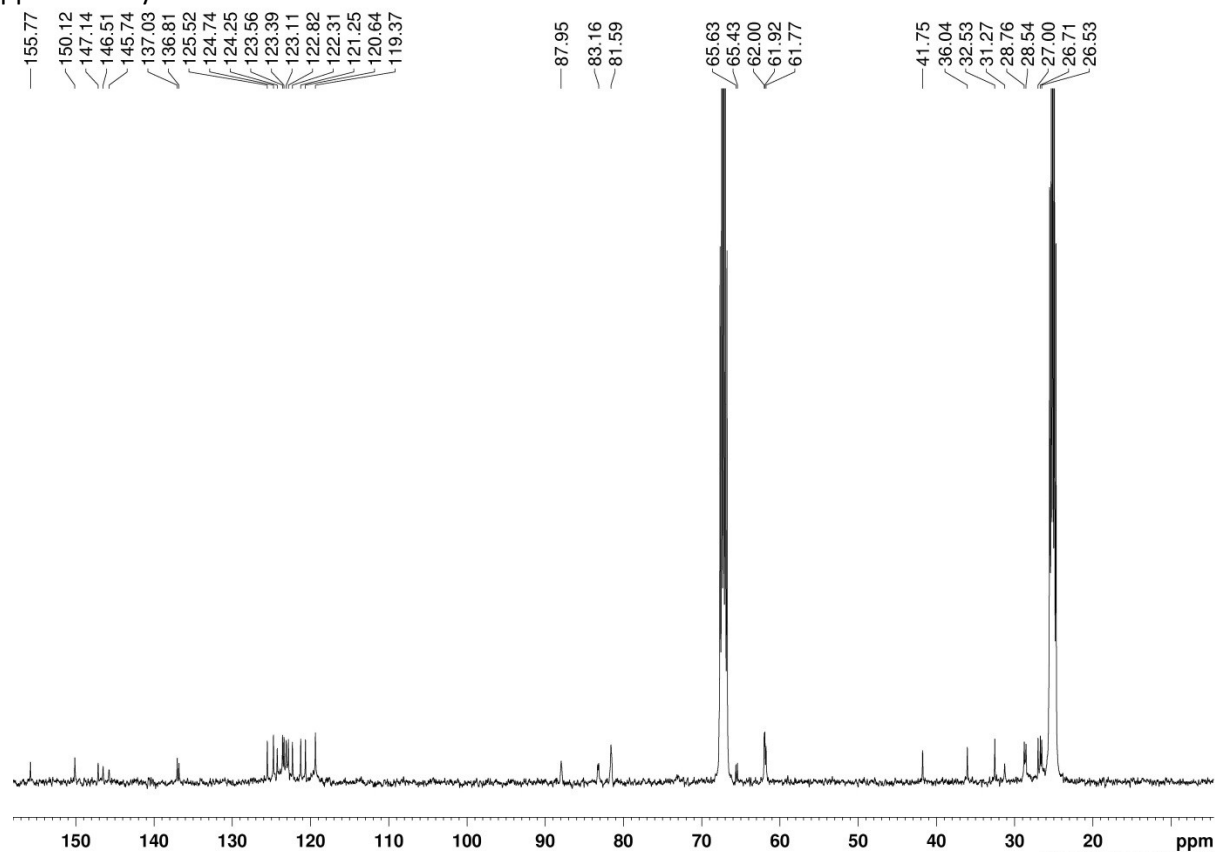


Figure S47. ^{13}C -NMR of **8** in d_8 -thf at 25 °C

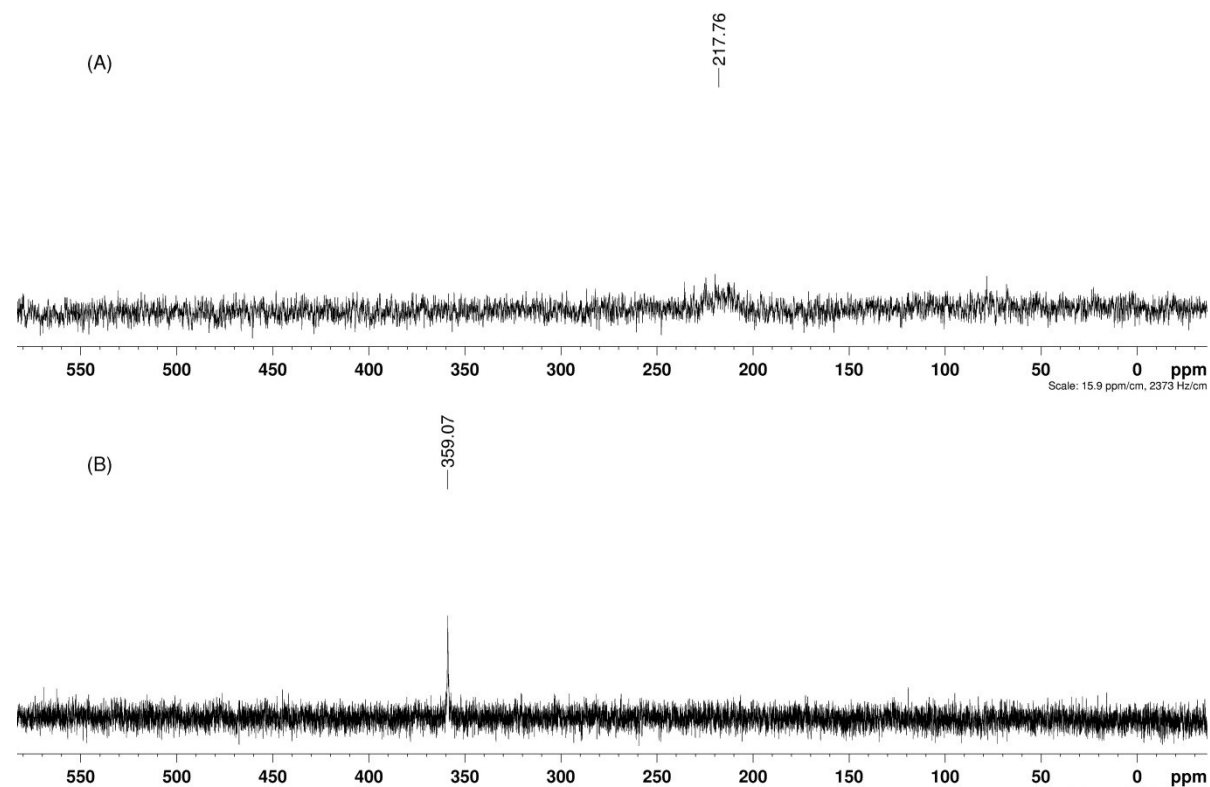


Figure S48. ^{119}Sn -NMR of **8** at in (A) d_8 -thf at 25 °C, (B) C_6D_6 at 25 °C.

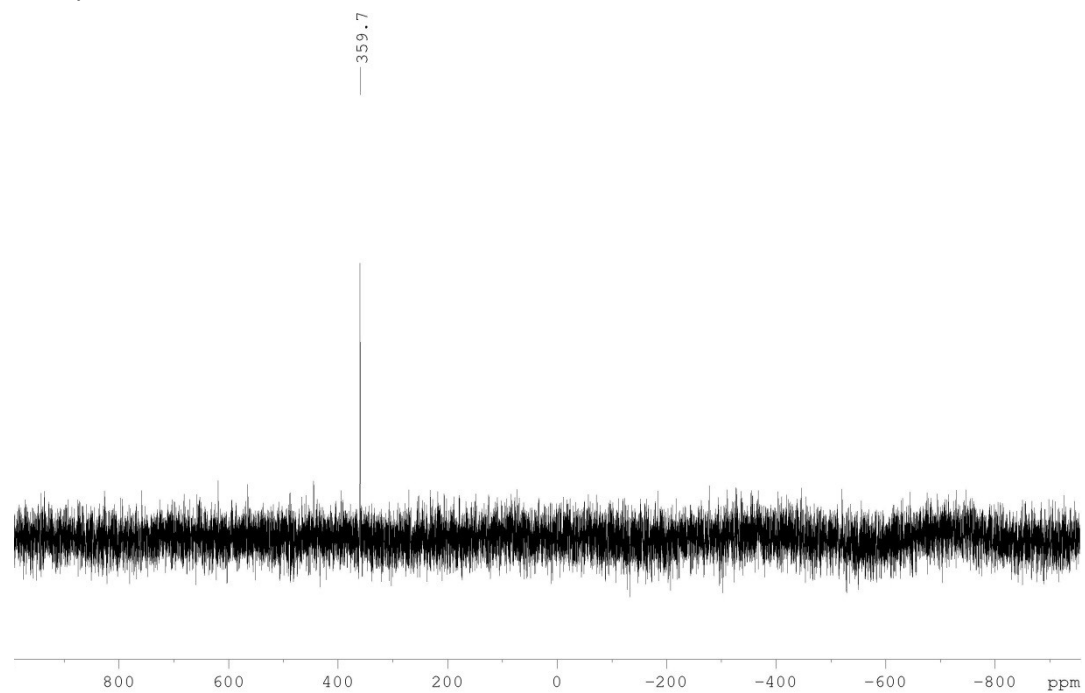


Figure S49. ^{119}Sn -NMR of **8** at 261 MHz (700MHz spectrometer) in C_6D_6 at 25 °C. No signal was observed in d_5 -pyridine at 261 MHz after similar experiment time.

Additional crystallographic details

Crystals of **1b** were pseudo-merohedrally twinned and a twin law was successfully applied. Refinement as a mixture of 7 parts **1b** to 1 part **1b·HCl** gave the best model, with hydrogen bonding to H₂O molecules modelled with the correct occupancies, to give a final moiety formula of 7(C₂₁H₂₈N₂), 1(C₂₁H₂₉N₂)Cl, 4(H₂O), 6(H₂O).

Identification code	1a	1b	1b·2HCl
Empirical formula	C ₂₉ H ₃₆ N ₂	C ₁₆₈ H ₂₄₅ ClN ₁₆ O ₁₀	C ₂₉ H ₃₆ N ₂
Formula weight	412.60	2684.24	412.60
Temperature/K	100.0(2)	100(2)	100.0
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	PError!	C2/c	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	8.8412(7)	34.733(3)	11.0999(6)
b/Å	10.2994(7)	5.8657(5)	7.4994(4)
c/Å	14.6904(11)	19.4635(17)	28.9734(15)
α/°	90.460(3)	90	90
β/°	102.300(3)	106.437(4)	100.948(2)
γ/°	111.703(3)	90	90
Volume/Å ³	1208.77(16)	3803.3(6)	2367.9(2)
Z	2	1	4
ρ _{calc} /g/cm ³	1.134	1.172	1.157
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.065	0.089	0.067
F(000)	448.0	1462.0	896.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.48 × 0.38 × 0.26	0.2 × 0.2 × 0.06	0.45 × 0.20 × 0.10
2θ range for data collection/°	2.85 to 64.746	2.182 to 49.492	5.132 to 54.928
Index ranges	-13 ≤ h ≤ 13, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -22 ≤ l ≤ 20	-40 ≤ h ≤ 39, -6 ≤ k ≤ 6, -22 ≤ l ≤ 22	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -9 ≤ k ≤ 9, -36 ≤ l ≤ 37
Reflections collected	32628	11915	38959
Independent reflections	8568 [R _{int} = 0.0295, R _{sigma} = 0.0323]	3205 [R _{int} = 0.0371, R _{sigma} = 0.0451]	5392 [R _{int} = 0.0499, R _{sigma} = 0.0400]
Data/restraints/parameters	8568/0/290	3205/10/260	5392/0/290
GooF on F ²	1.025	1.049	1.060
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0444, wR ₂ = 0.1143	R ₁ = 0.0493, wR ₂ = 0.1077	R ₁ = 0.0544, wR ₂ = 0.1131
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0600, wR ₂ = 0.1237	R ₁ = 0.0733, wR ₂ = 0.1171	R ₁ = 0.0826, wR ₂ = 0.1244
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.43/-0.23	0.19/-0.22	0.26/-0.28

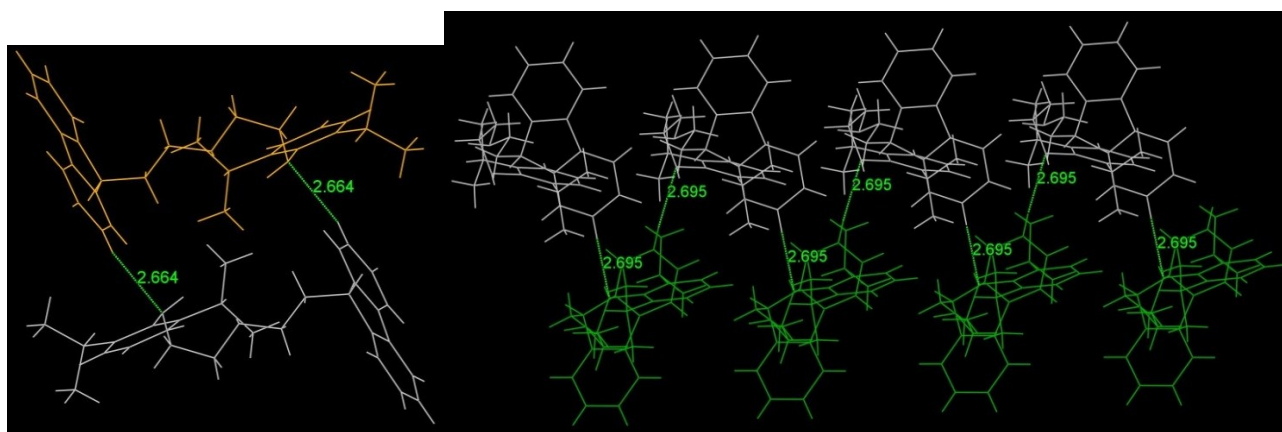


Figure S50. Diagrams showing intermolecular interactions between N2 and H4 in of **1a** (**PError!**, left) and in the P2₁/n polymorph of **1a** (top) leading to pairs of molecules and ribbons respectively.

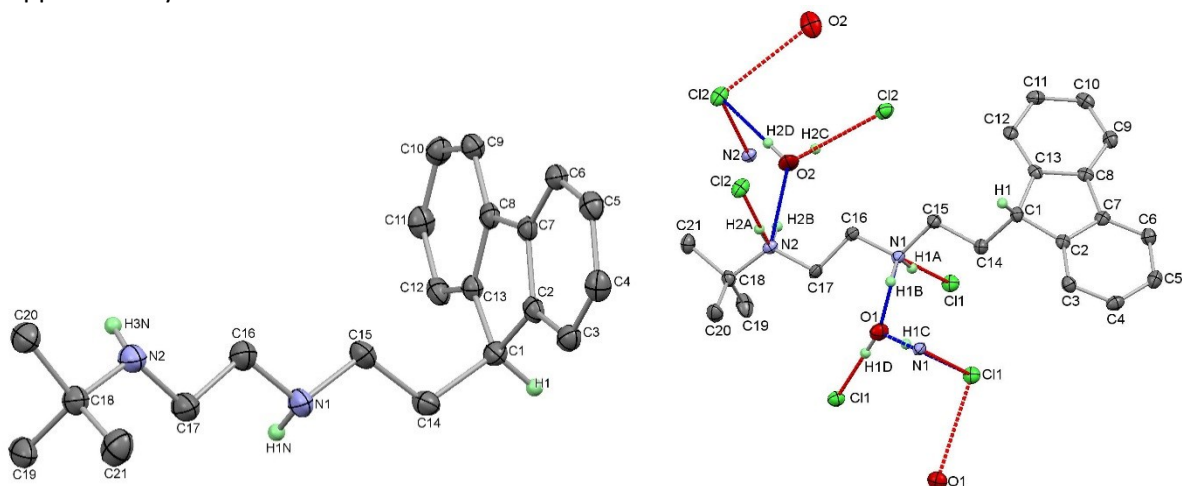


Figure S51. Thermal ellipsoid plot of the molecular structure of **1b** (left) and **1b·2HCl** (right) with thermal ellipsoids at 50% probability. The positions of only the relevant hydrogen atoms are shown with the rest omitted for clarity along with H₂O molecules and partially occupied Cl (1/8 occupancy) for **1b**. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **1b**: C1-C2 1.524(3), C1-C13 1.519(3), C1-C14 1.544(3), C2-C7 1.410(3), C7-C8 1.468(3), C8-C13 1.403(3); Σ (angles at C1) 327.9. H-bonding in the asymmetric unit of **1b·2HCl** is highlighted in blue, with additional hydrogen bonding in red.

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