

# Structural Variation in Cerium Aryloxide Complexes Tempered by Hemilabile K<sup>+</sup>-Amine Interactions

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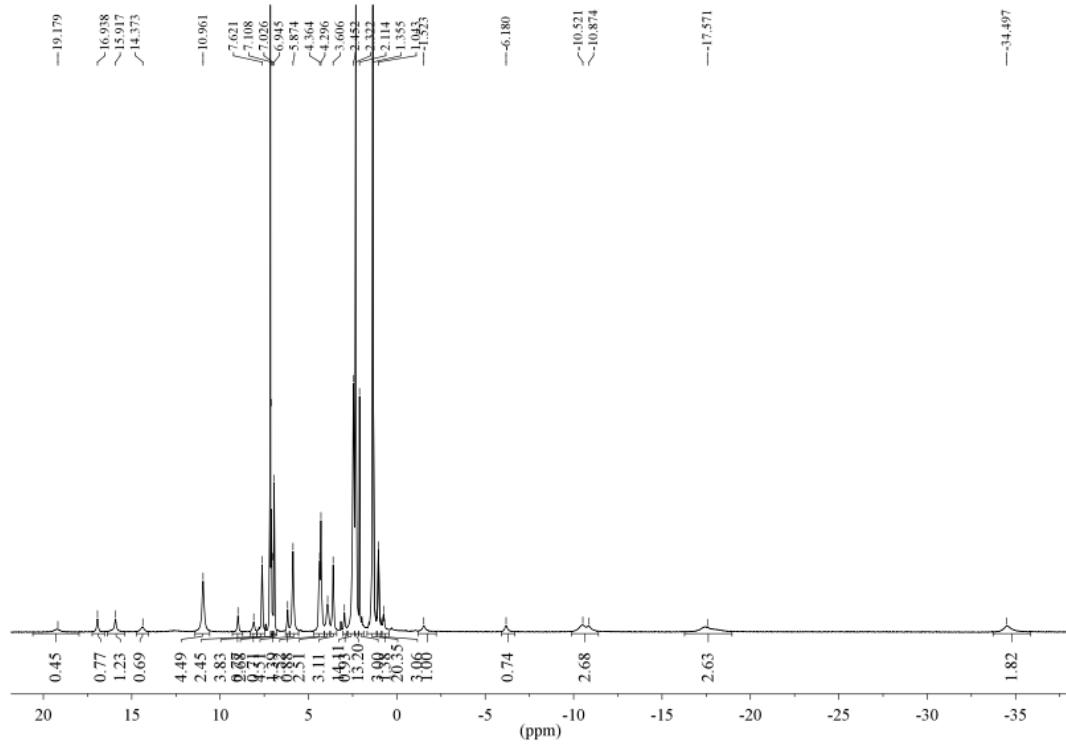
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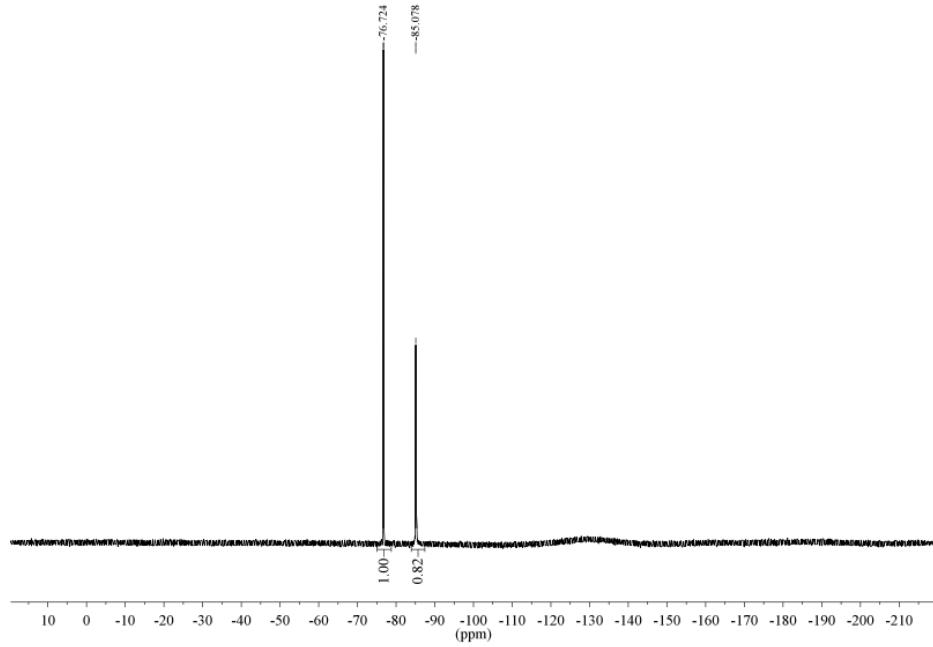
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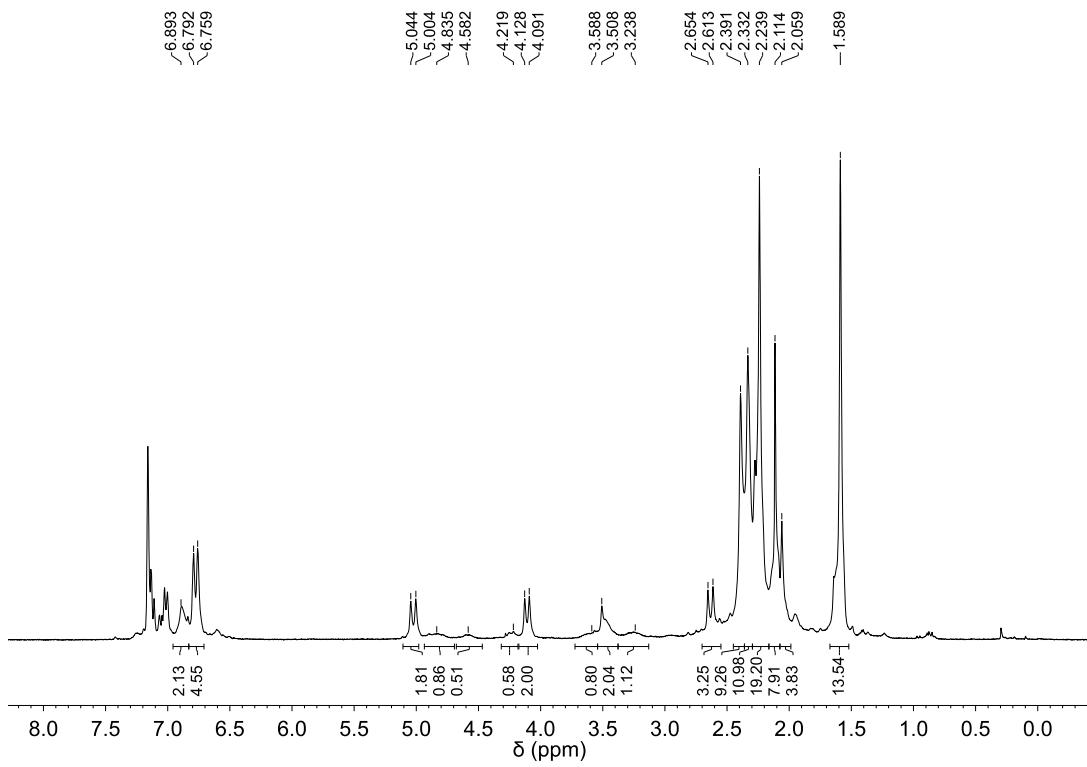


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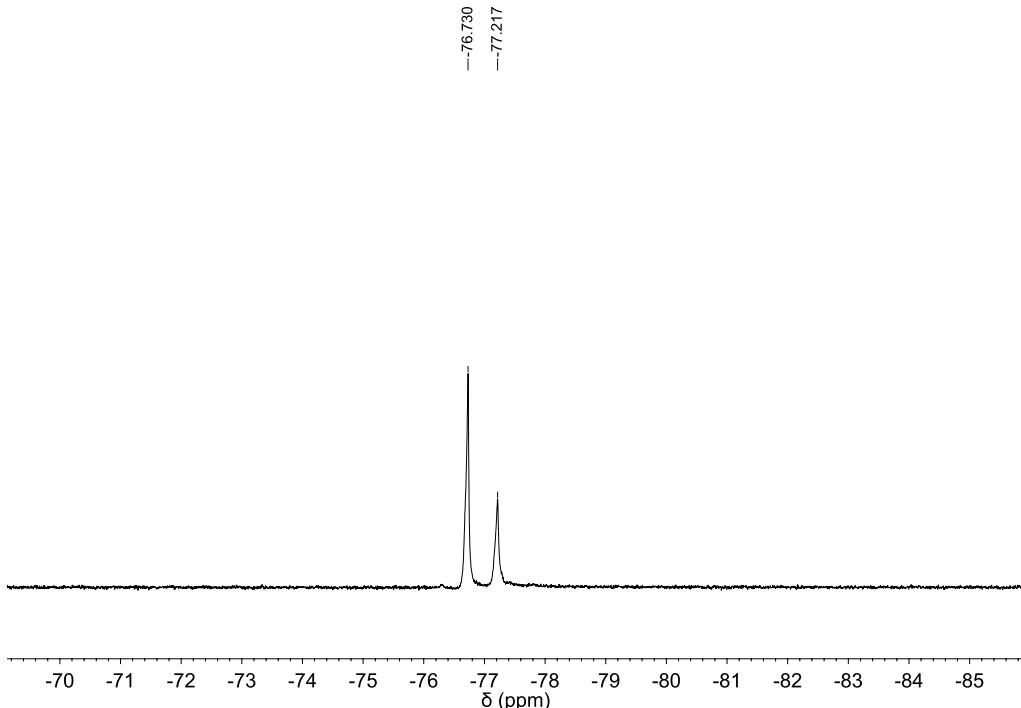
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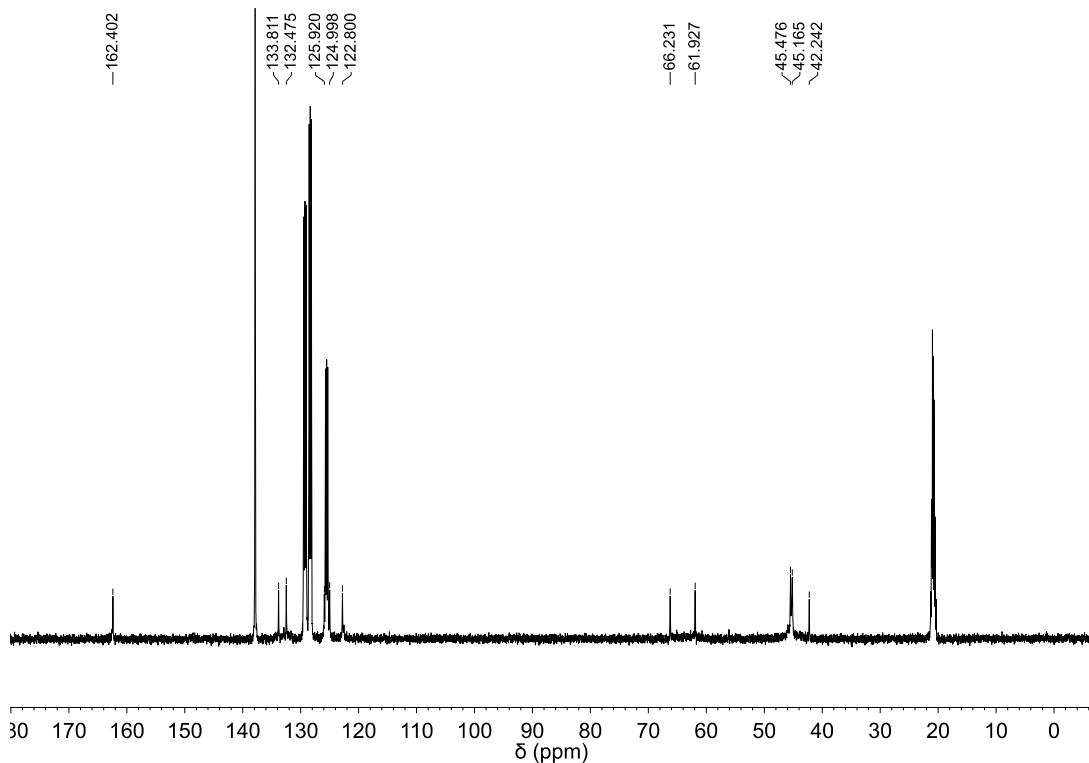
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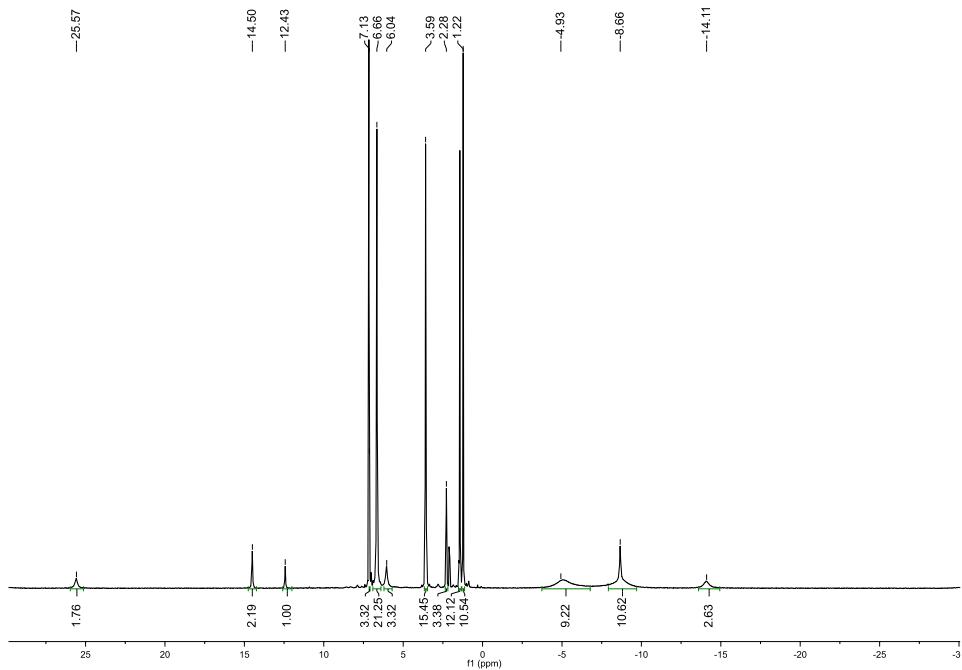
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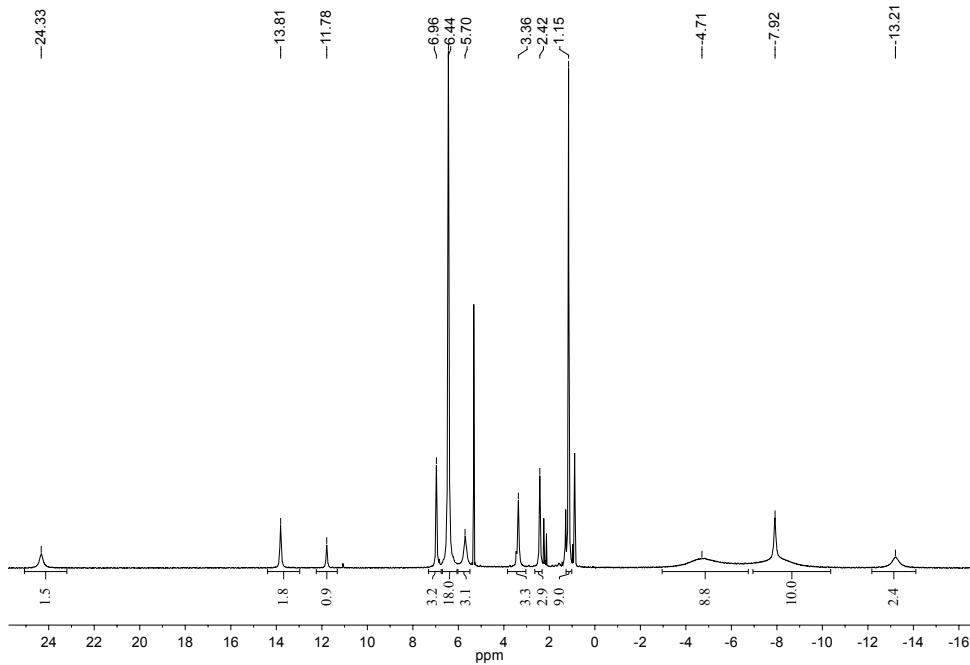
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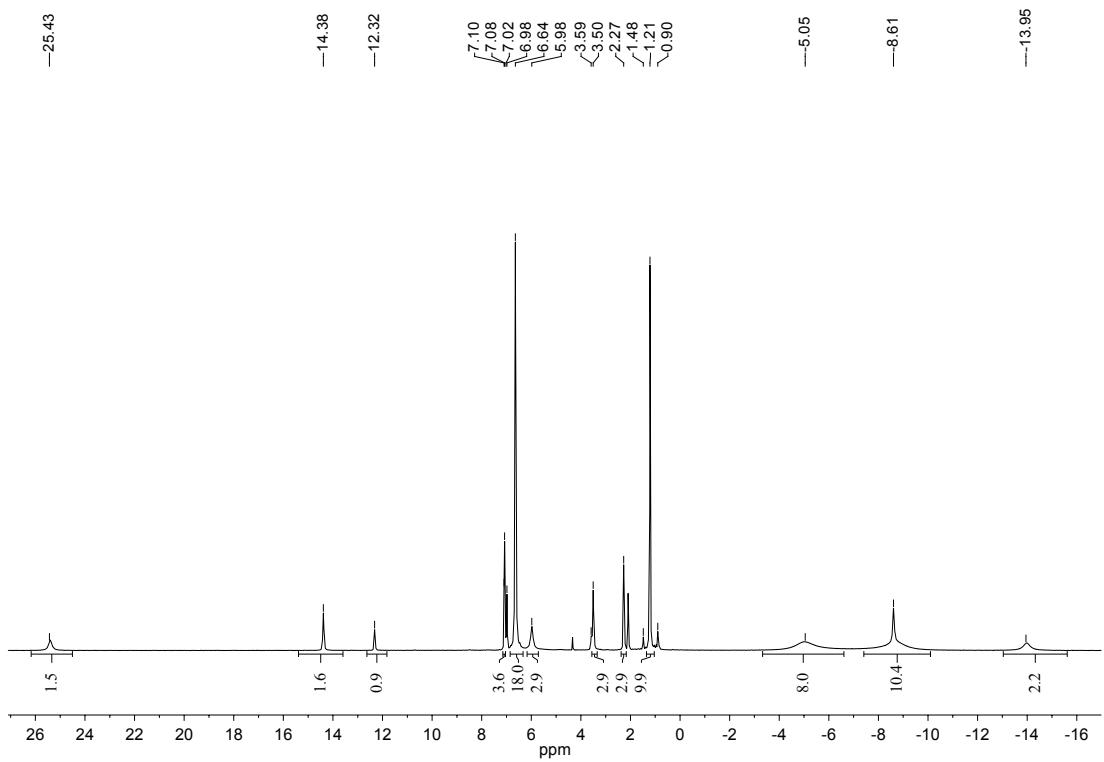
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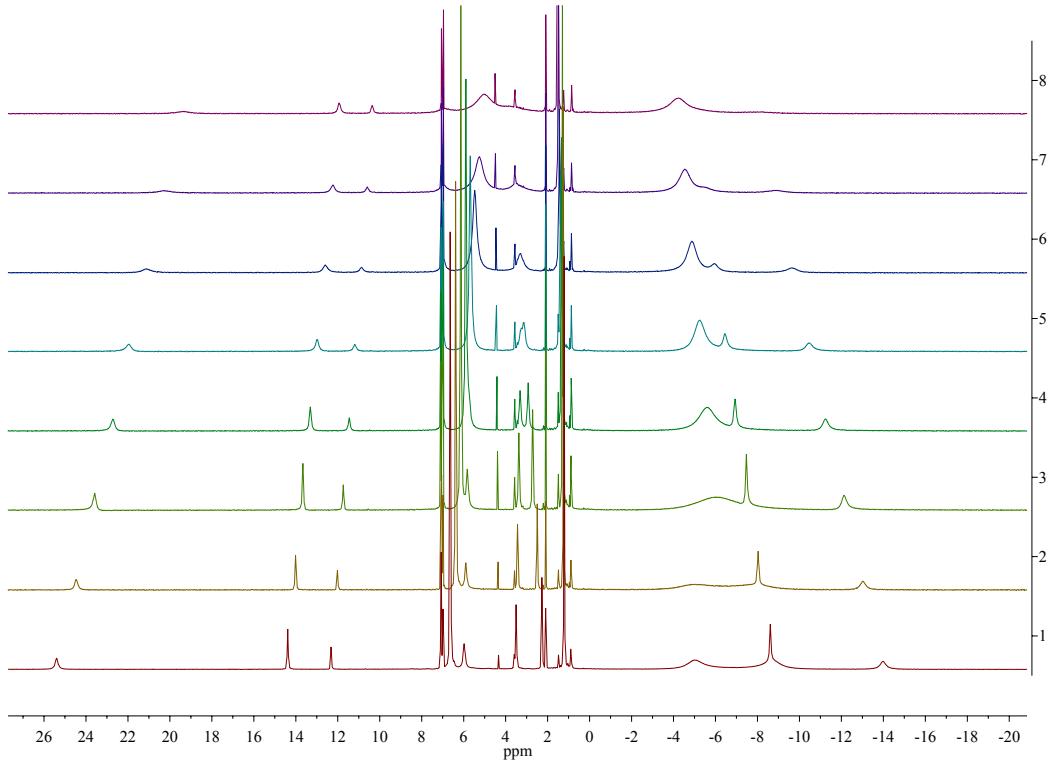
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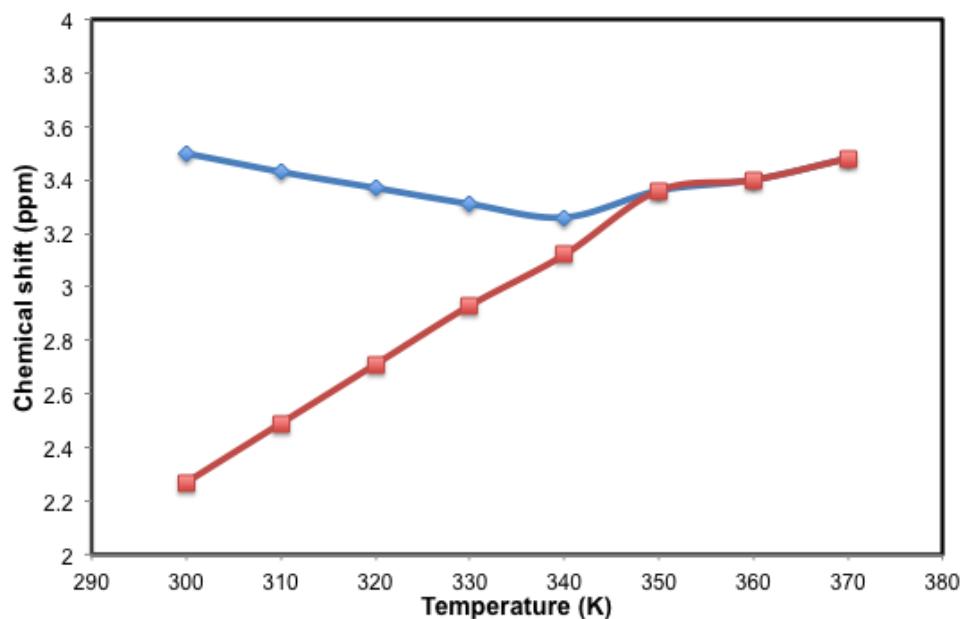
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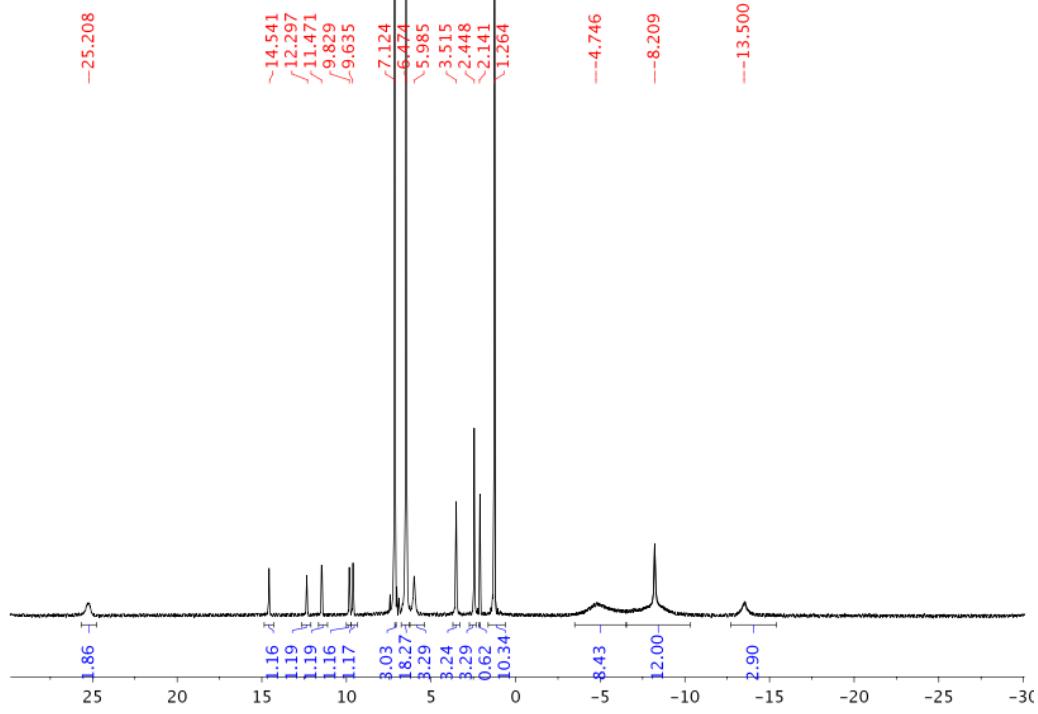
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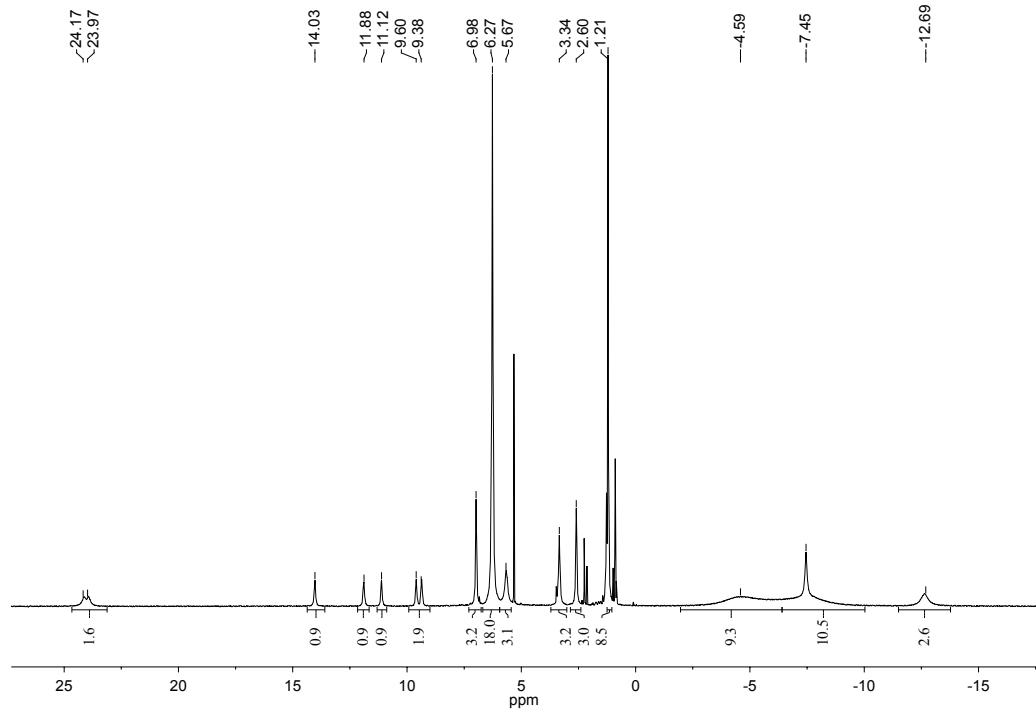
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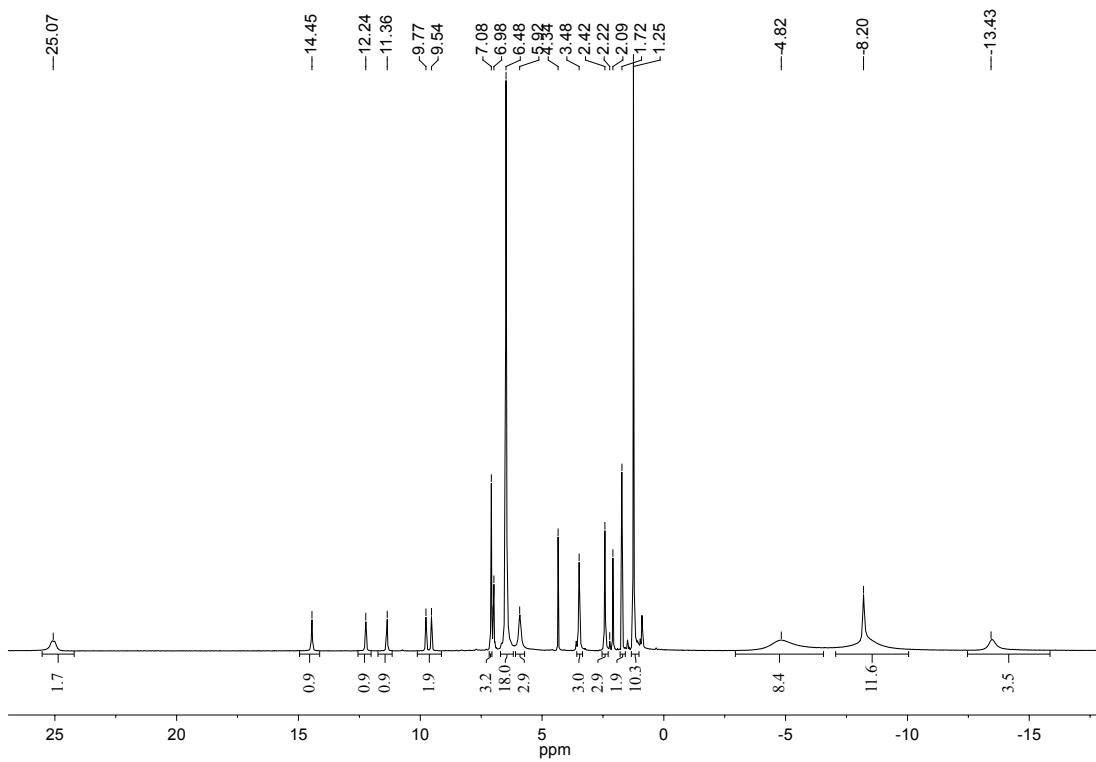
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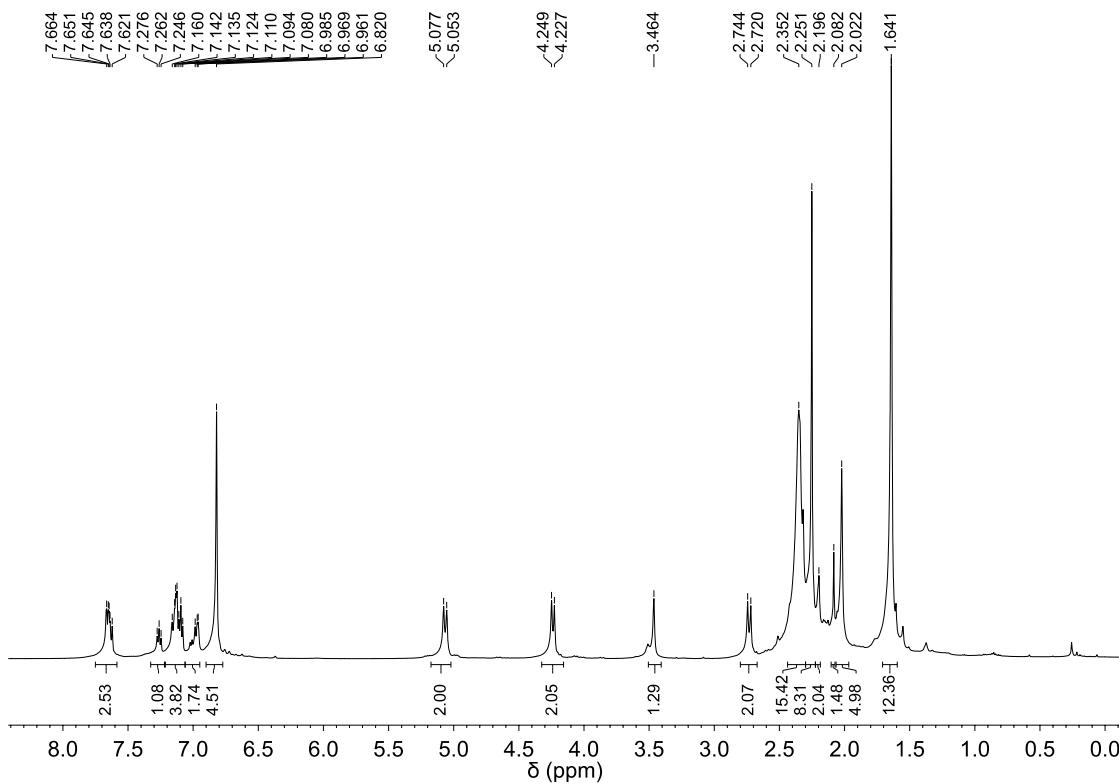
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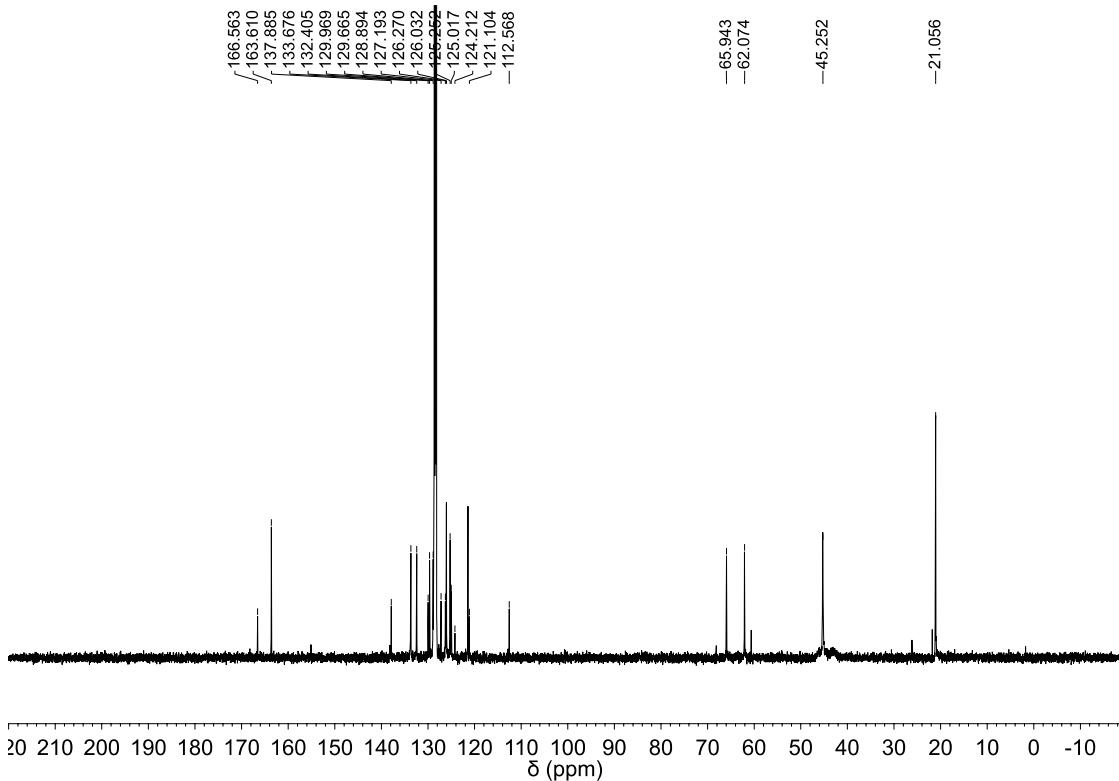
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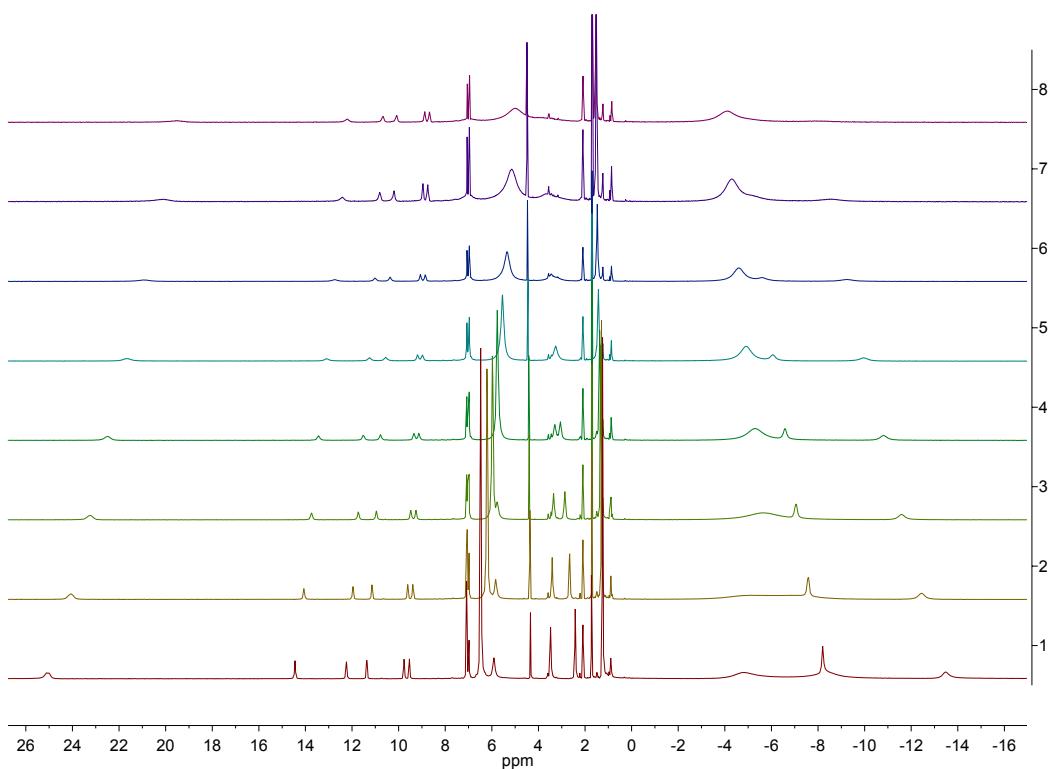
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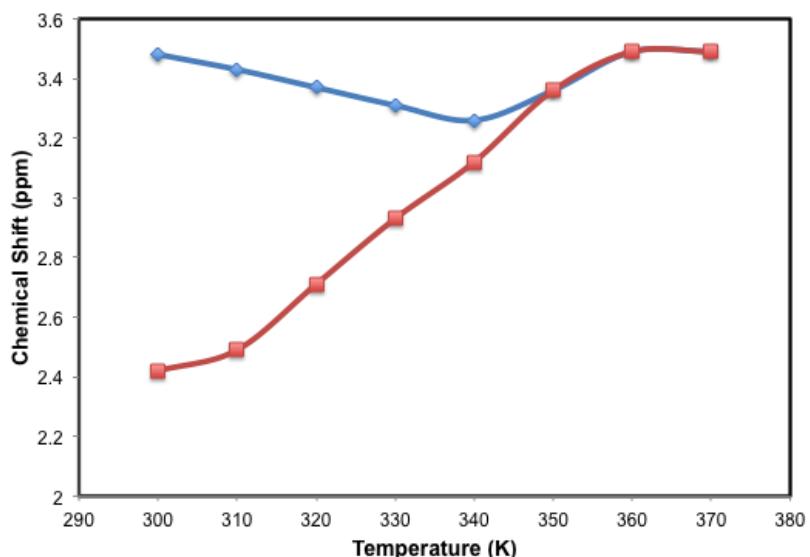
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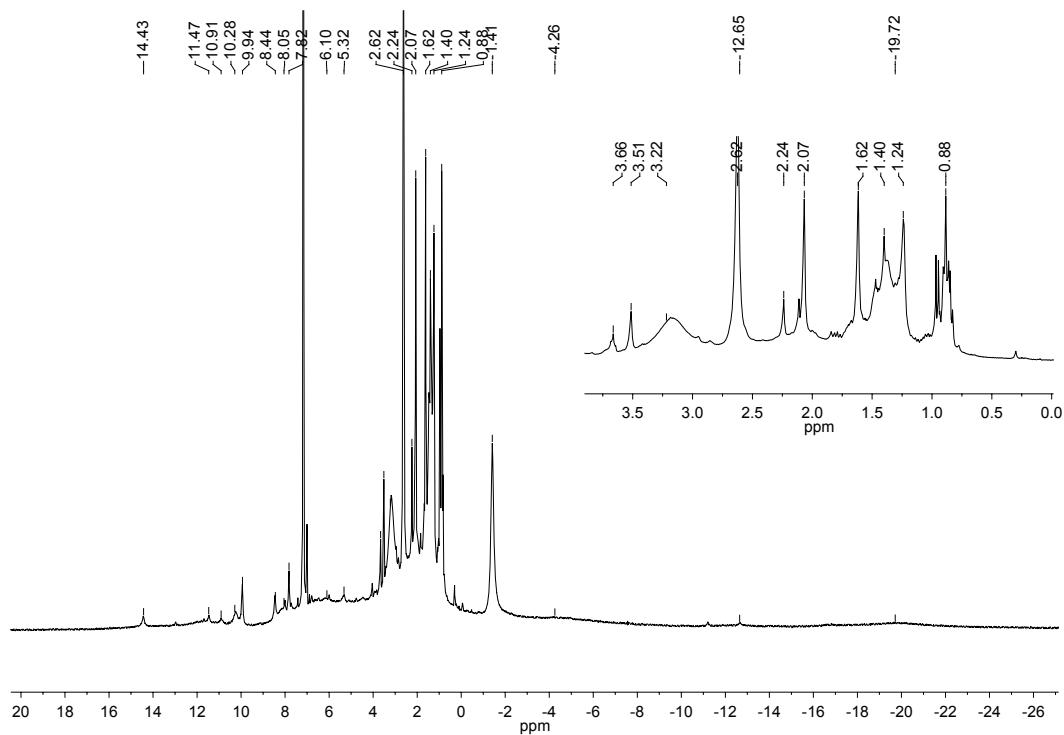
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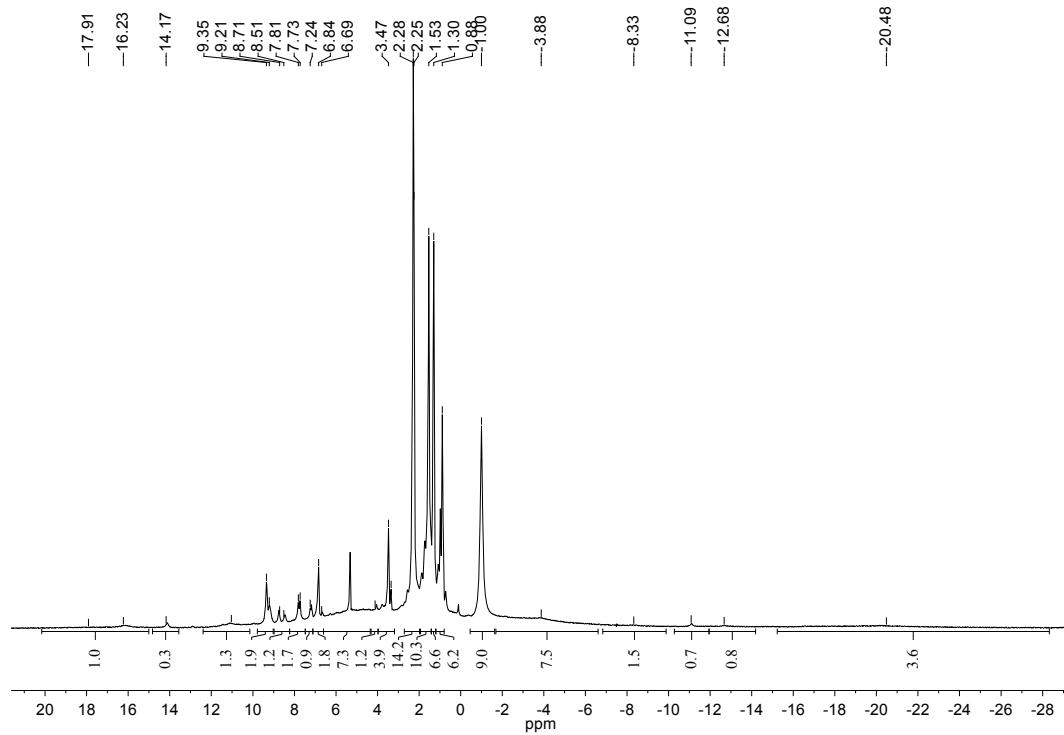
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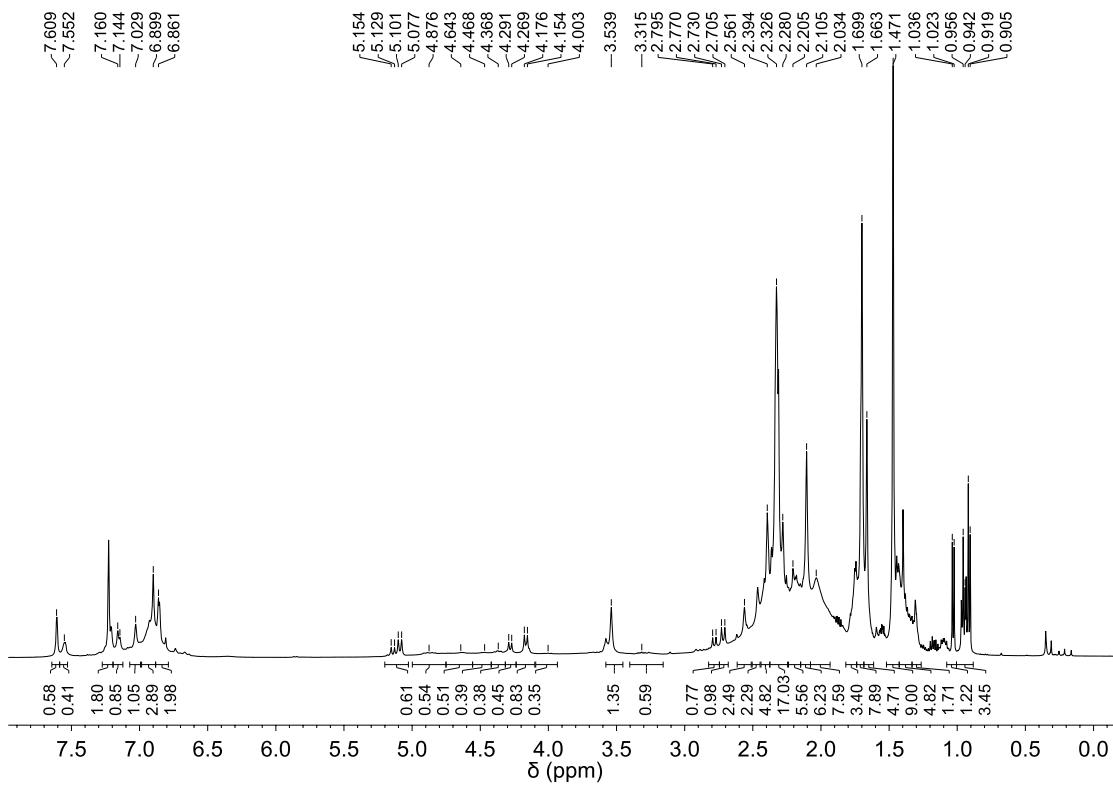
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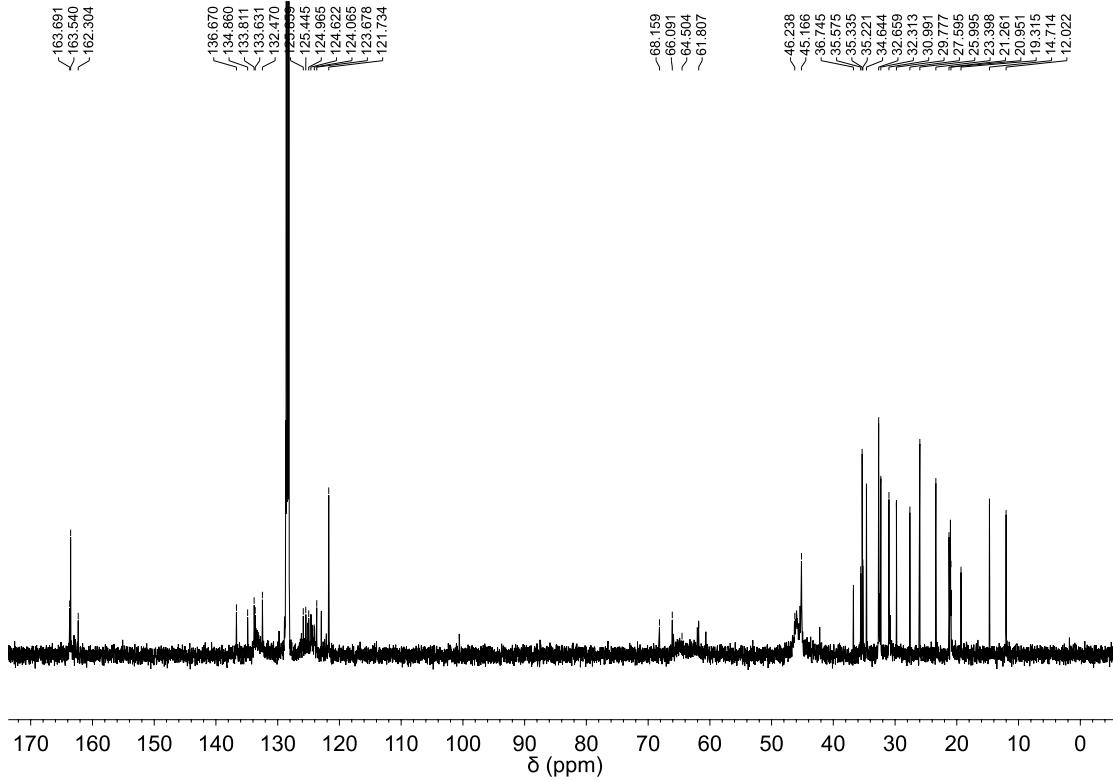
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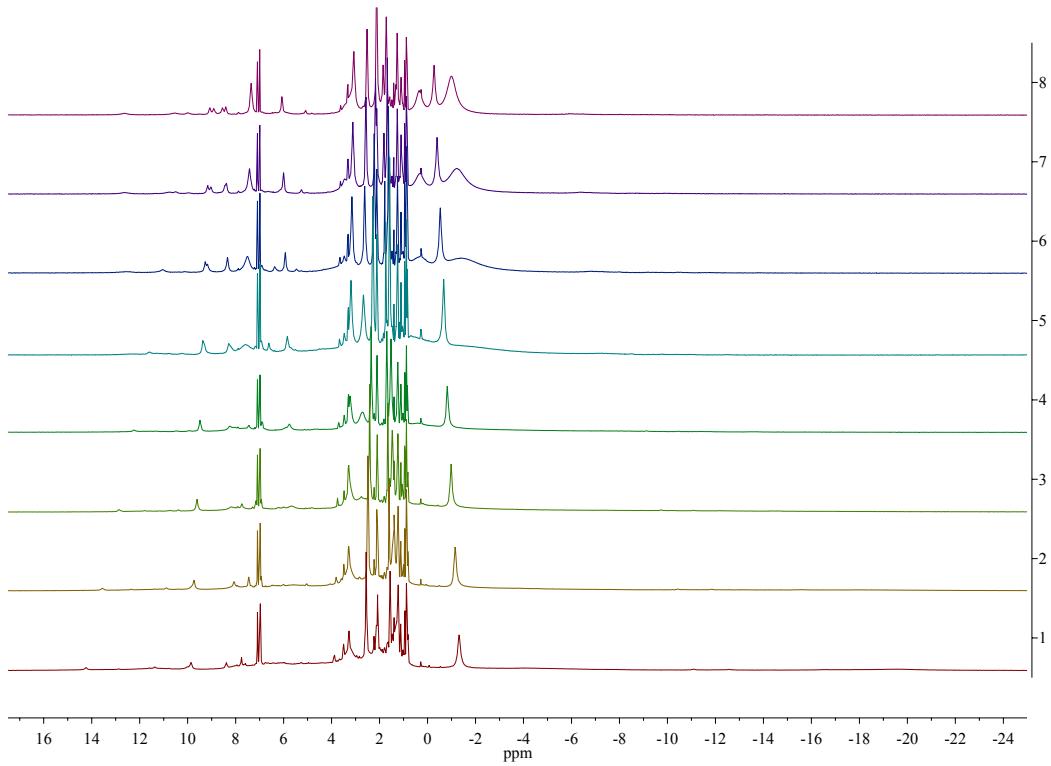
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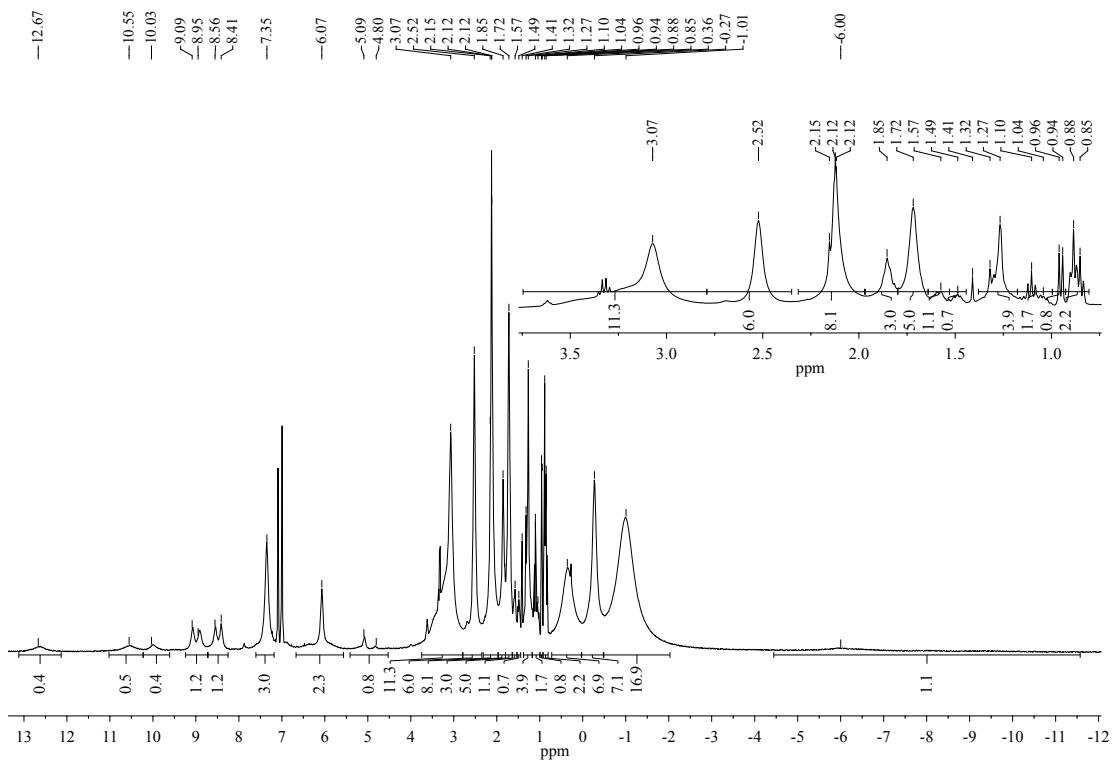
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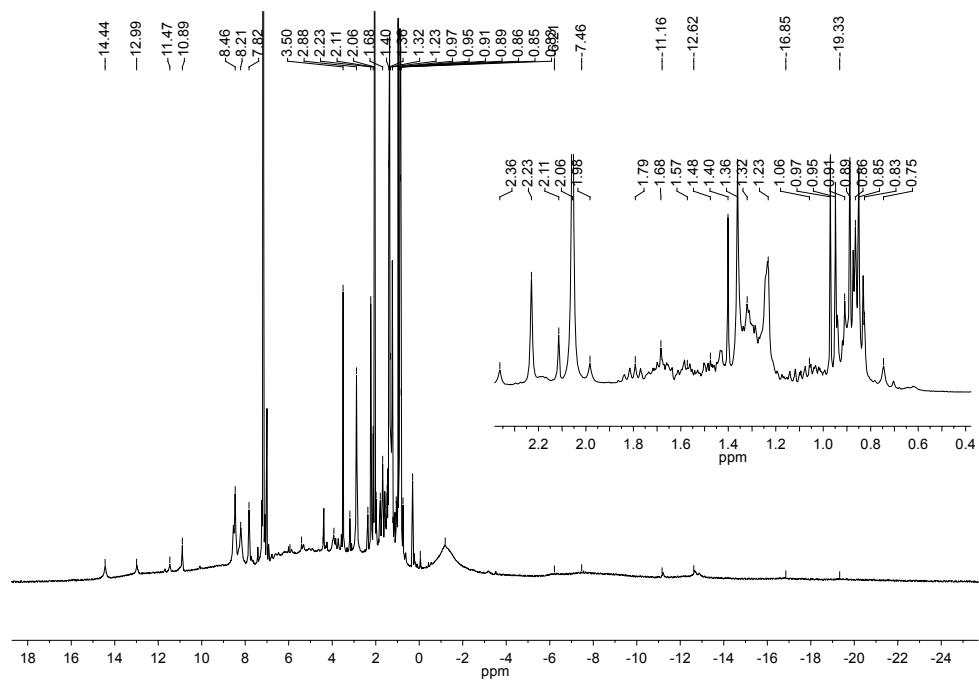
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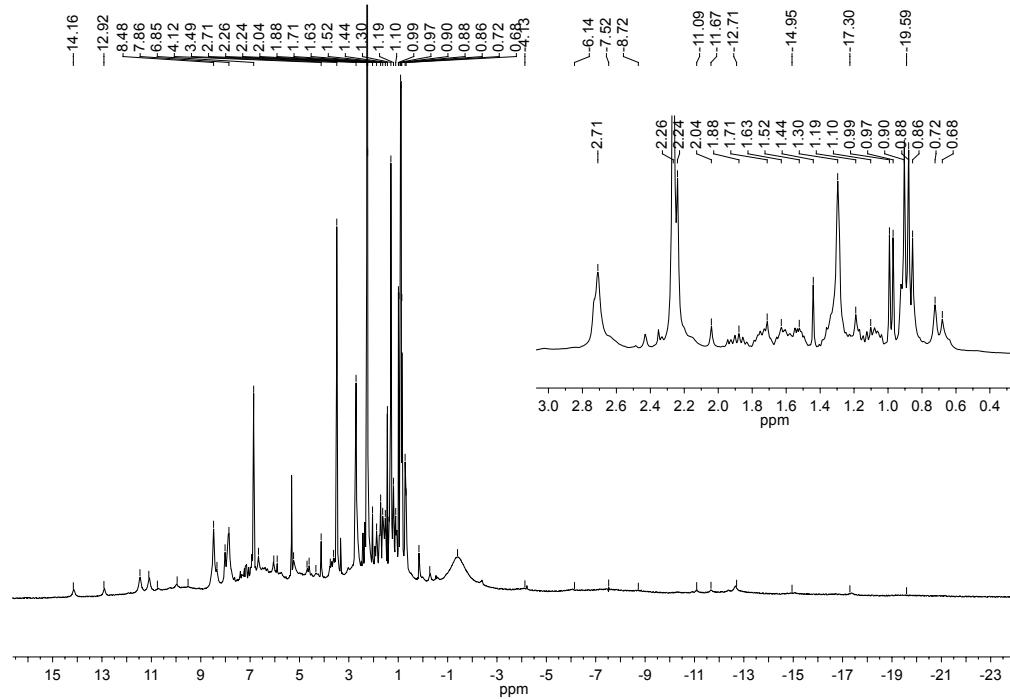
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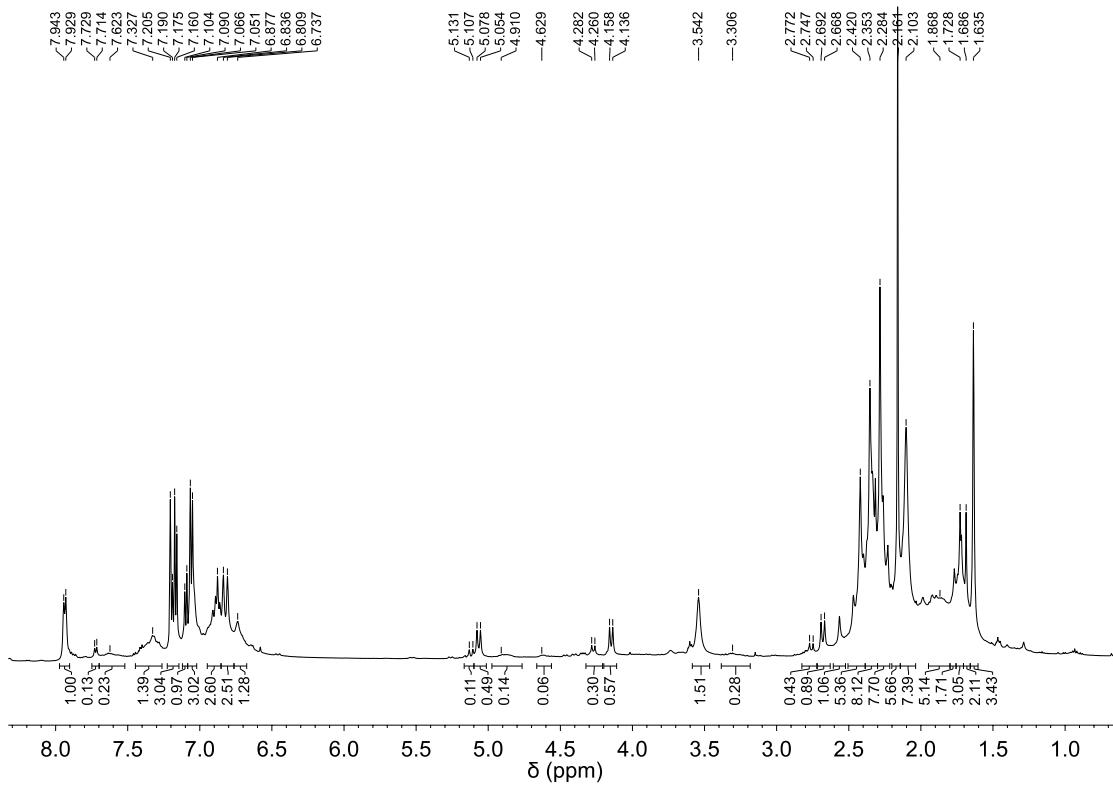
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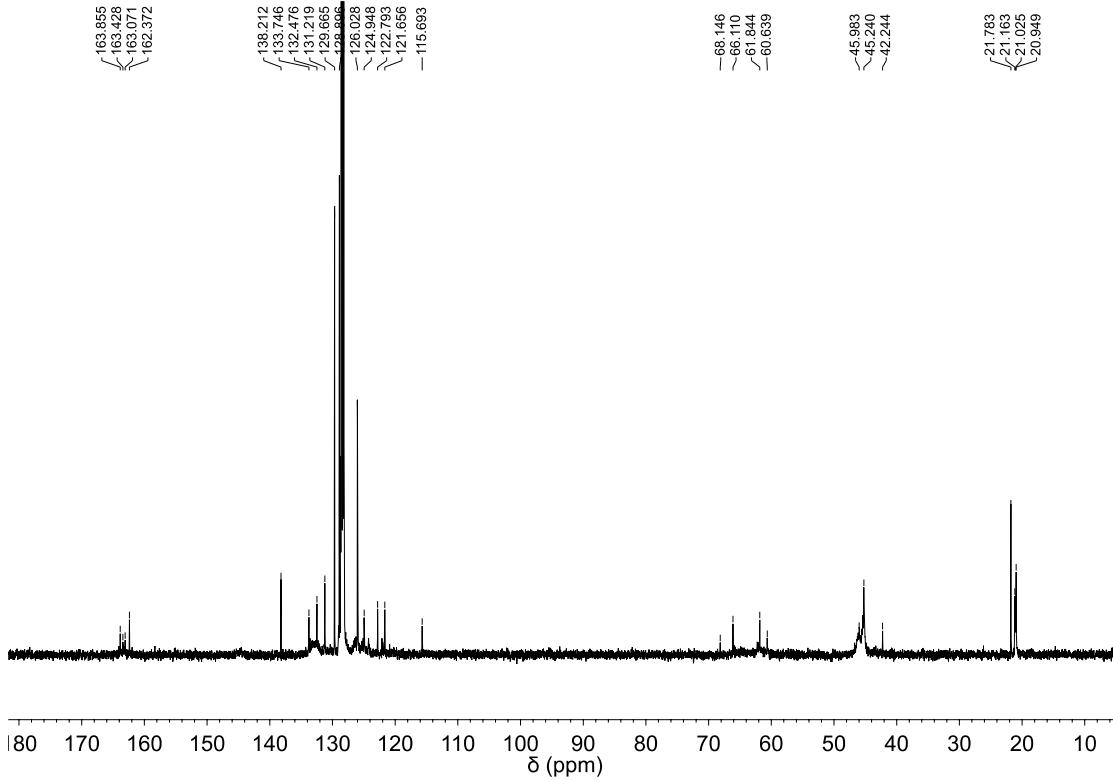
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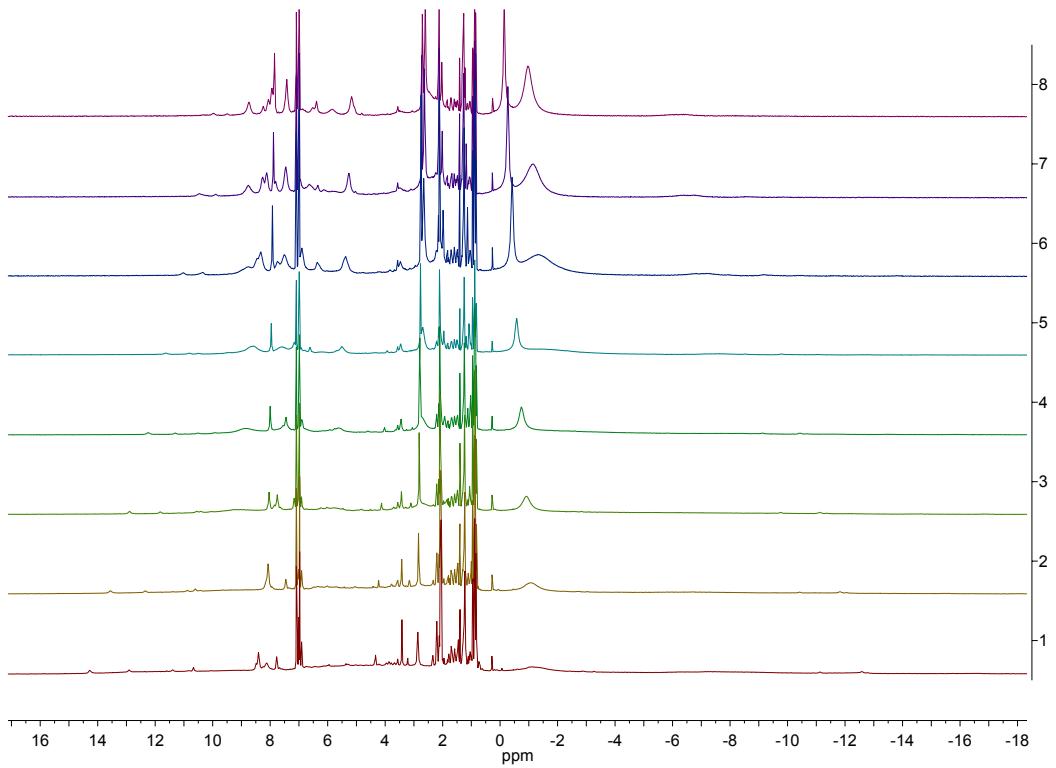
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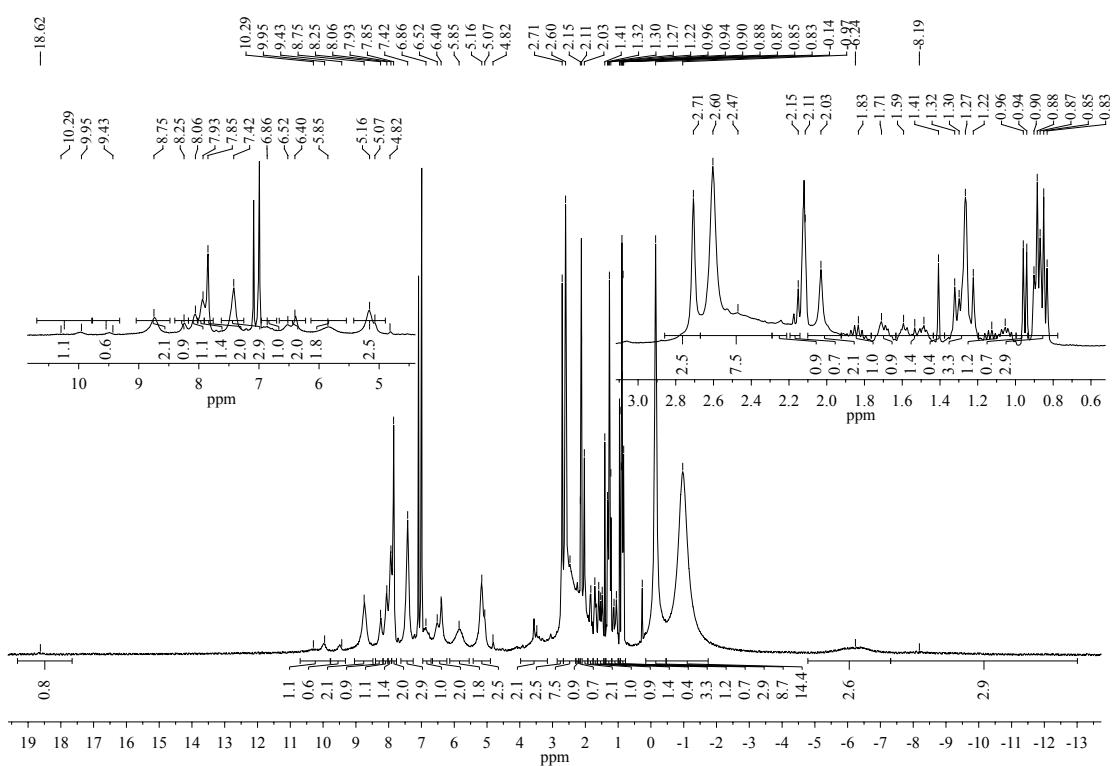
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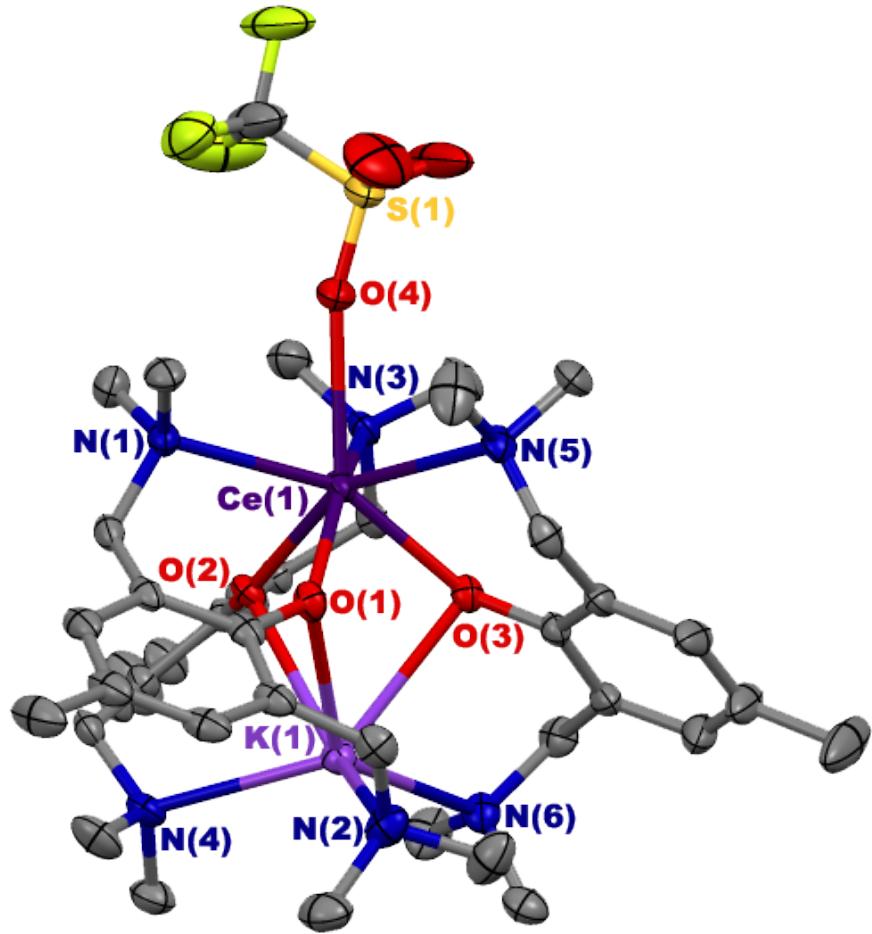
**Figure S16b.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of  $\text{K}[\text{La}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_3\text{-2,6-Ph})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**5-La**) in benzene- $d_6$ .



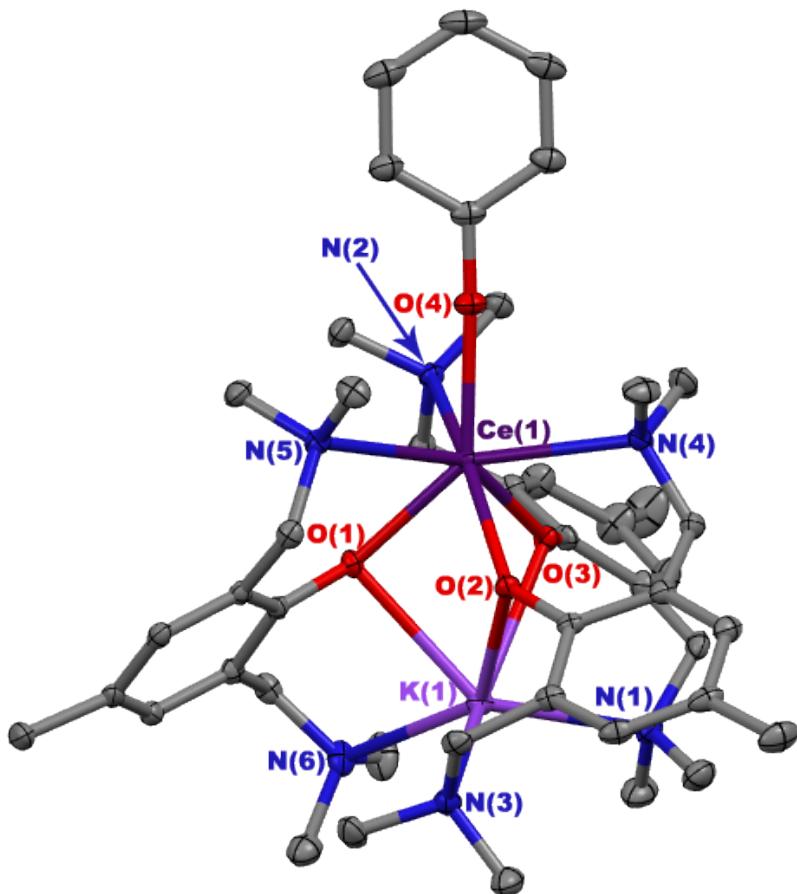
**Figure S17.** VT NMR of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_3\text{-}2,6\text{-Ph})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**5**) in toluene- $d_8$  from 300–370 K.



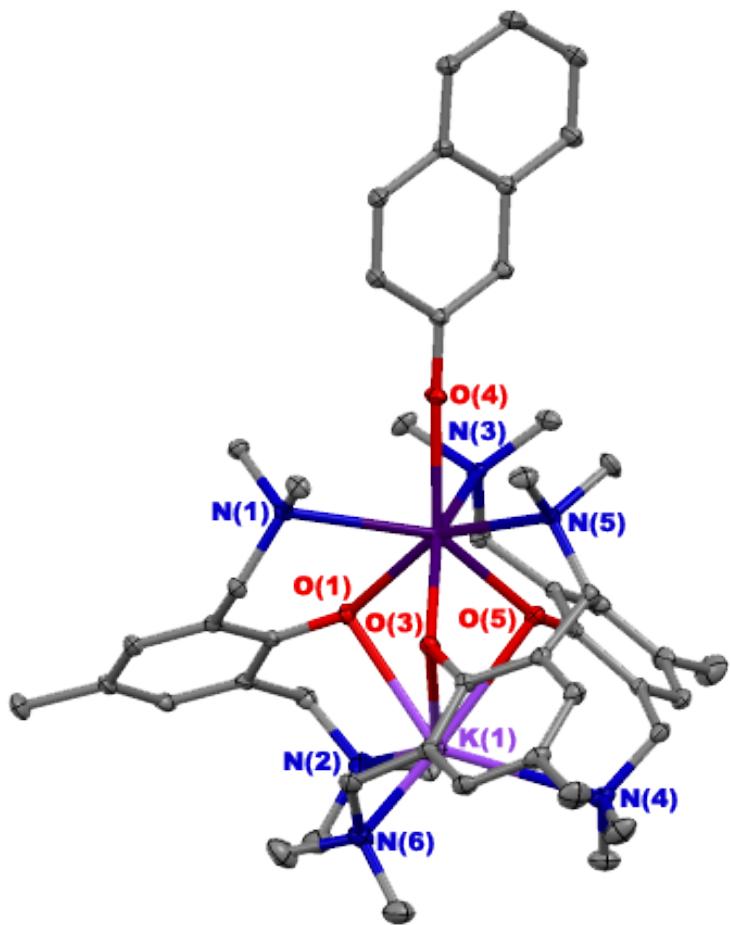
**Figure S18.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_3\text{-}2,6\text{-Ph})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**5**) in toluene- $d_8$  at 370 K.



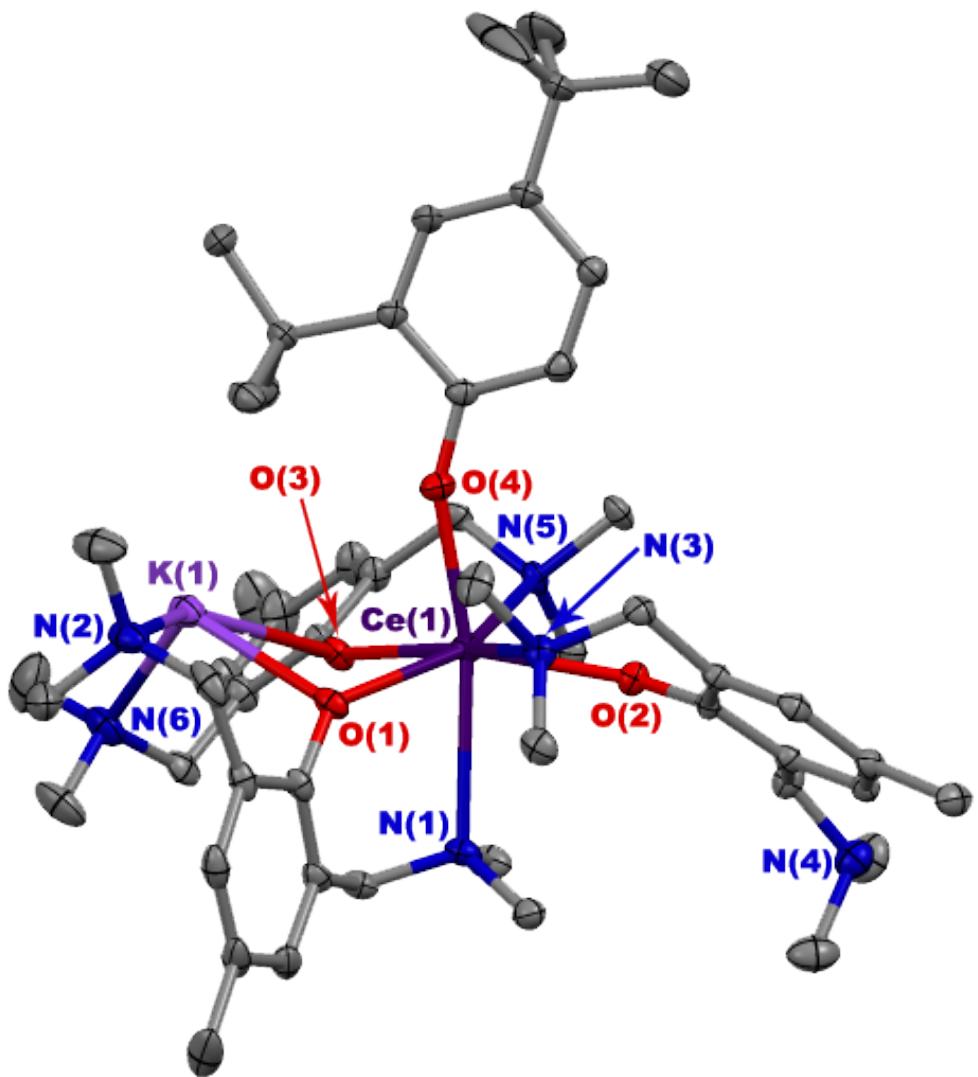
**Figure S19.** Thermal Ellipsoid Plot of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OTf})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**1**) at 30 % probability. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



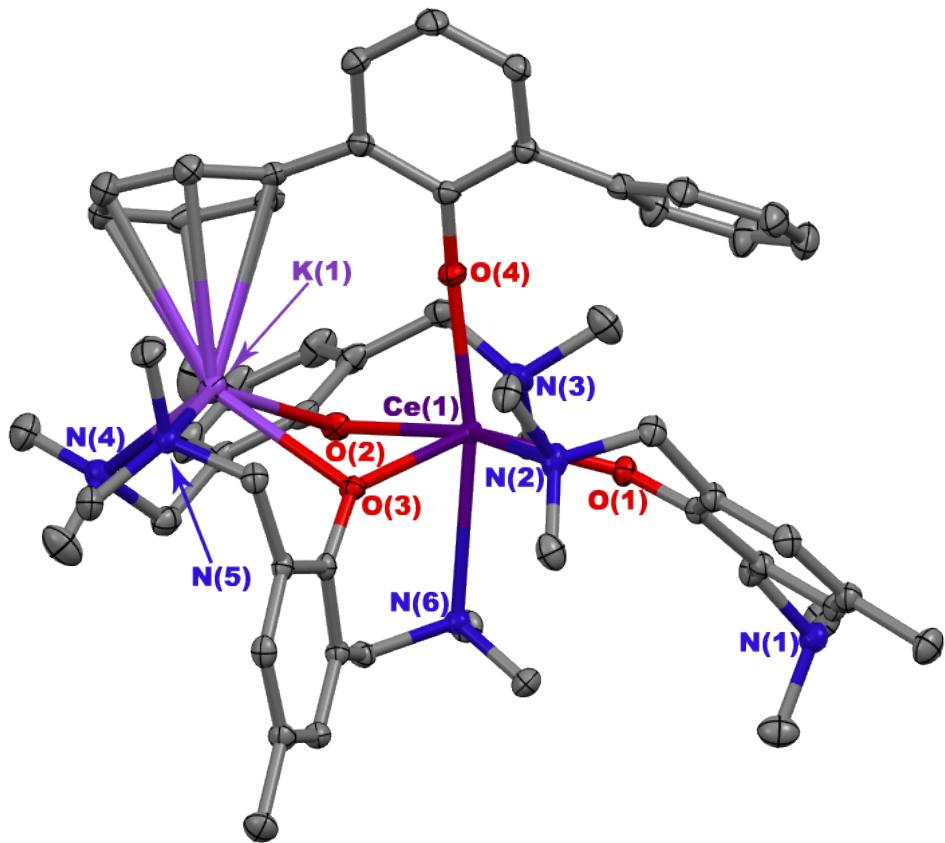
**Figure S20.** Thermal Ellipsoid Plot of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_5)(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**2**) at 30 % probability. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



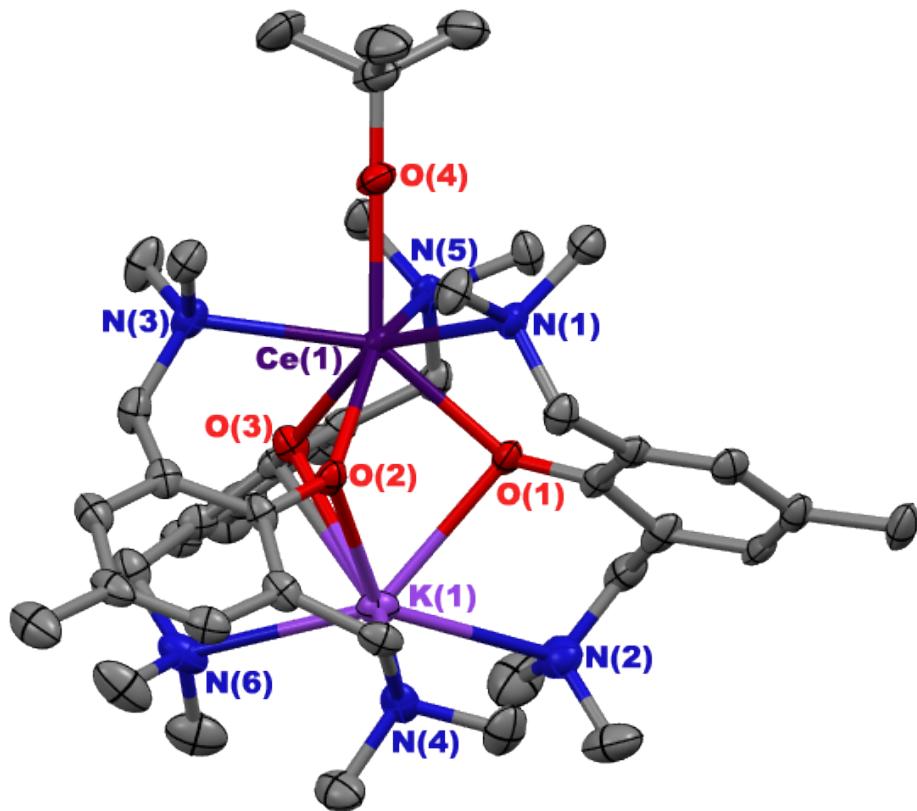
**Figure S21.** Thermal Ellipsoid Plot of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OC}_{10}\text{H}_7)(\text{bdmmmp})_3]$  (**3**) at 30 % probability. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



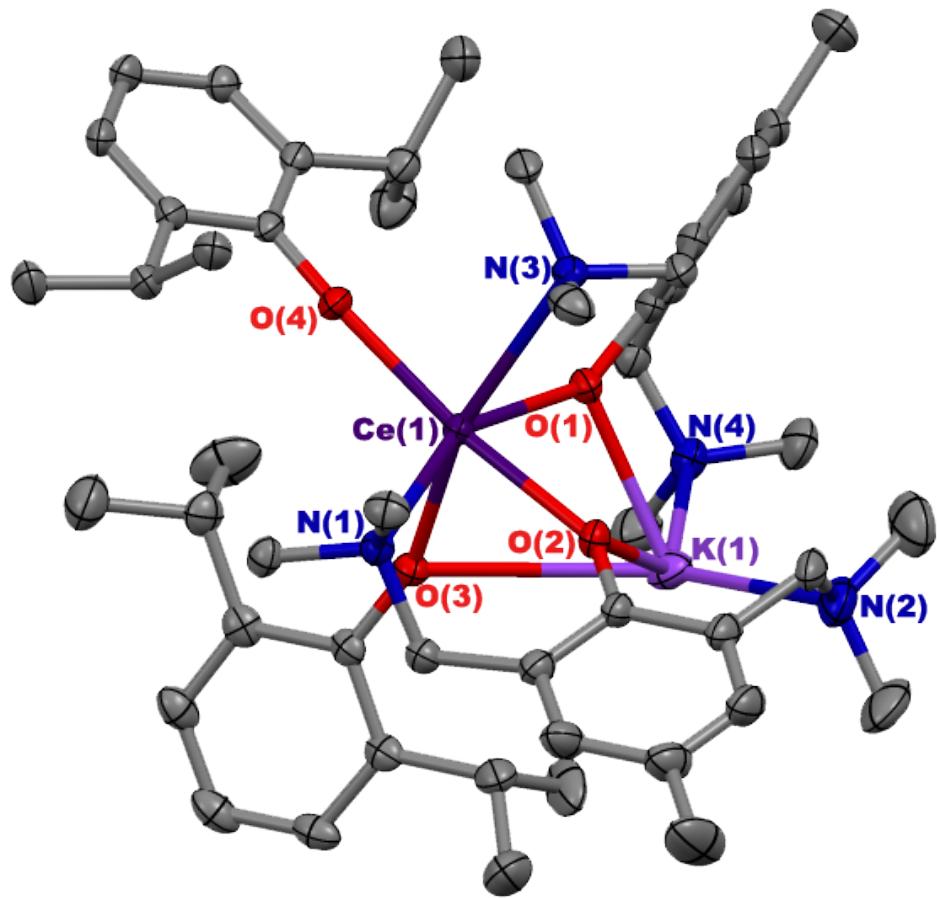
**Figure S22.** Thermal Ellipsoid Plot of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_3\text{-}2,4\text{-}t\text{Bu})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (4) at 30 % probability. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



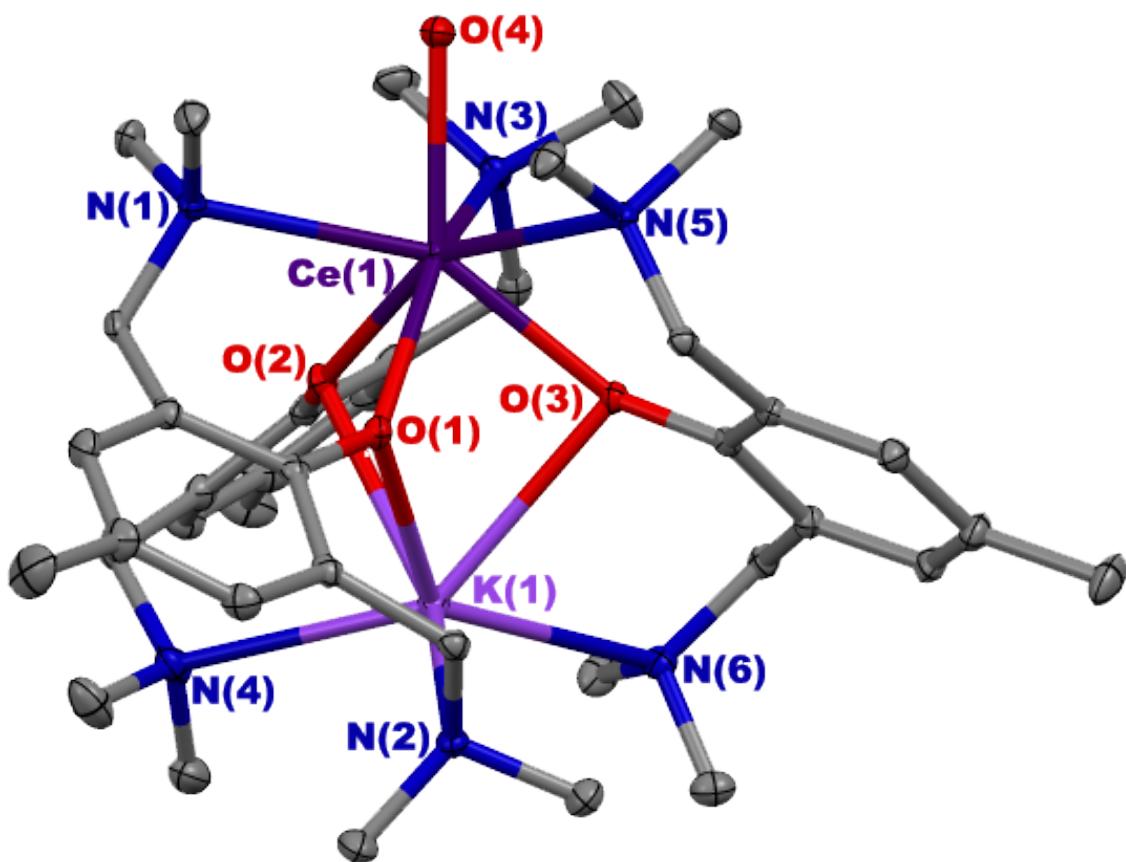
**Figure S23.** Thermal Ellipsoid Plot of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_3\text{-}2,6\text{-Ph})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**5**) at 30 % probability. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S24.** Thermal Ellipsoid Plot of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OtBu})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**6**) at 30 % probability. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



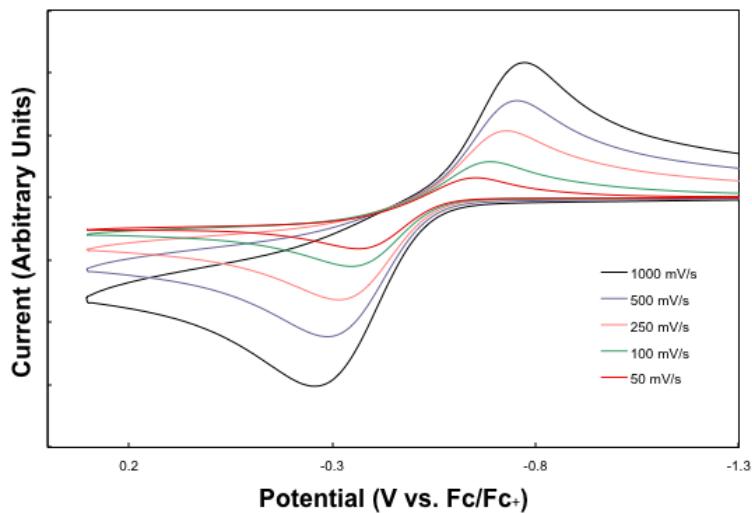
**Figure S25.** Thermal Ellipsoid Plot of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_3\text{-}2,6\text{-}i\text{Pr})_2(\text{bdmmp})_2]$  (7) at 30 % probability. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



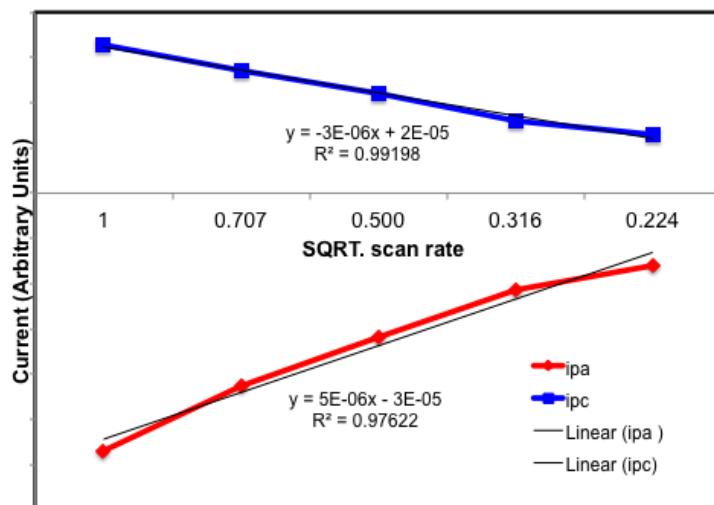
**Figure S26.** Thermal Ellipsoid Plot of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OH})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (8) at 30 % probability. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

**Figure S27a.** Electrochemical Analysis of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_5)(\text{bdmmmp})_3]$  (**2**)

Scan rate(V/s)	sqrt. Scan rate	$E_{pa}$ (V)	$I_{pa}$ (A)	$E_{pc}$ (V)	$I_{pc}$ (A)
1	1	-0.26	-2.85E-05	-0.77	1.63E-05
0.5	0.707	-0.29	-2.13E-05	-0.75	1.36E-05
0.25	0.500	-0.32	-1.58E-05	-0.72	1.10E-05
0.1	0.316	-0.35	-1.07E-05	-0.68	8.01E-06
0.05	0.224	-0.37	-8.01E-06	-0.65	6.45E-06



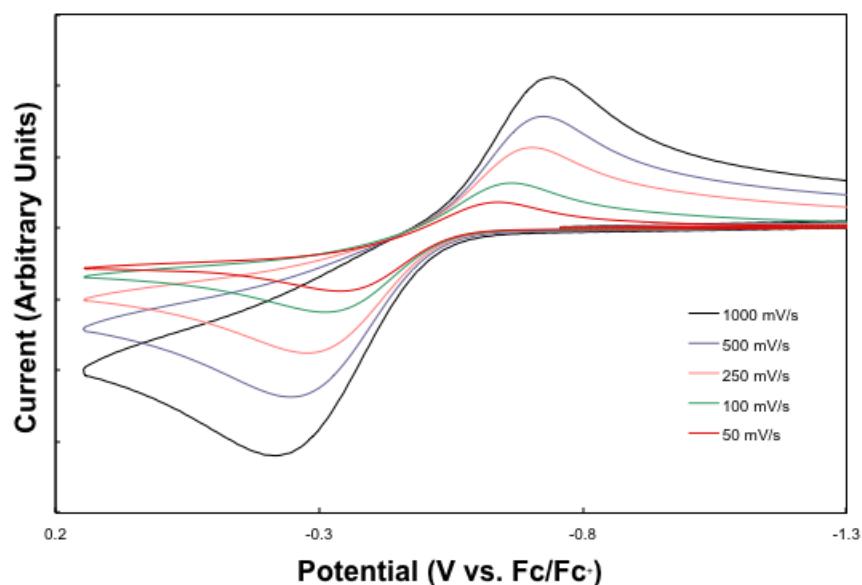
**Figure S27b.** Isolated Ce<sup>III</sup>/IV couple of **2** at scan rate dependence.



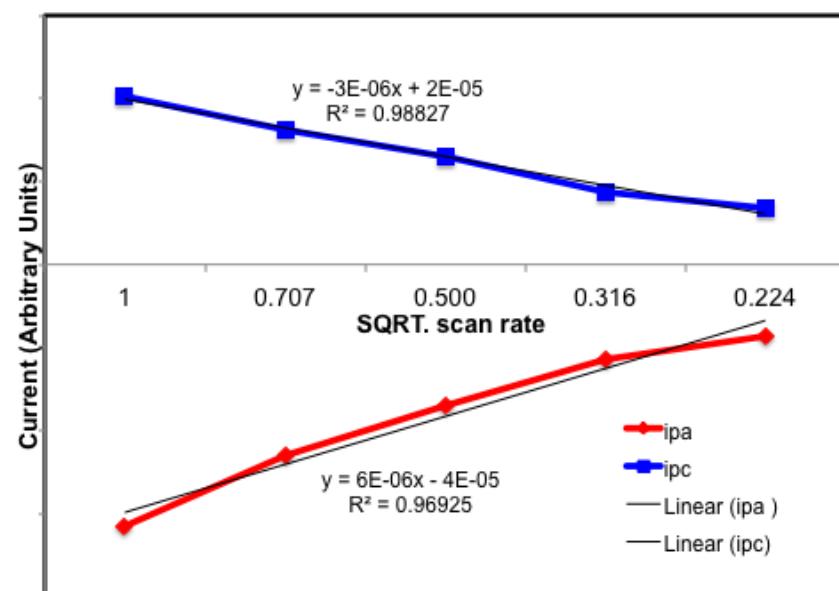
**Figure S27c.** The Randles-Sevcik plot of the isolated cerium(III/IV) couple of **2**.

**Figure S28a.** Electrochemical Analysis of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OC}_{10}\text{H}_7)(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**3**)

Scan rate(V/s)	sqrt. Scan rate	$E_{pa}$ (V)	$I_{pa}$ (A)	$E_{pc}$ (V)	$I_{pc}$ (A)
1	1	-0.22	-3.16E-05	-0.74	2.03E-05
0.5	0.707	-0.25	-2.30E-05	-0.72	1.63E-05
0.25	0.500	-0.28	-1.70E-05	-0.7	1.29E-05
0.1	0.316	-0.31	-1.14E-05	-0.66	8.66E-06
0.05	0.224	-0.34	-8.55E-06	-0.64	6.78E-06



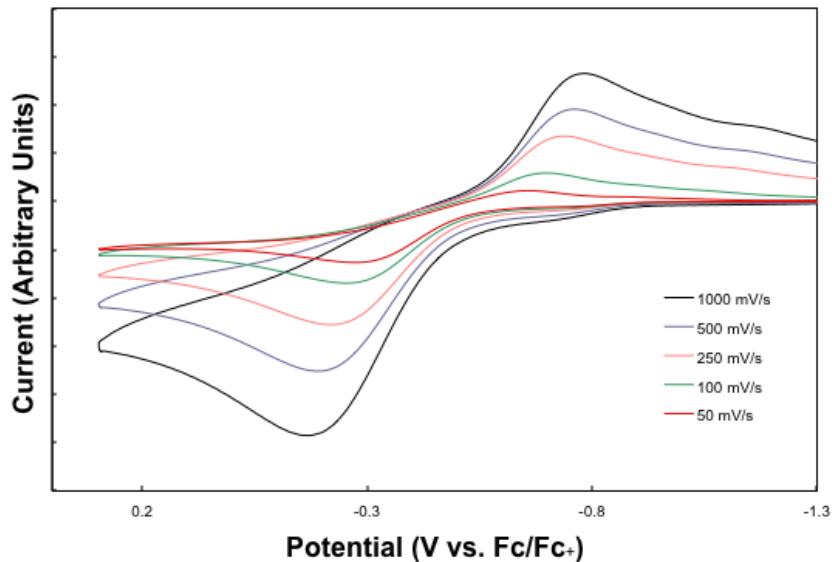
**Figure S28b.** Isolated Ce<sup>III</sup>/IV couple of **3** at scan rate dependence.



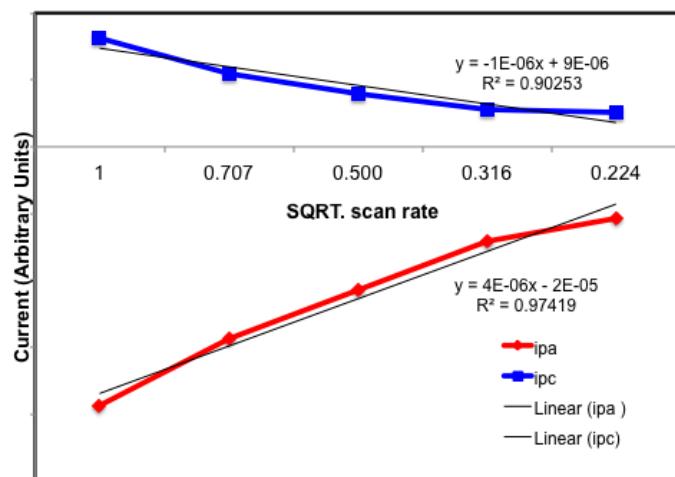
**Figure S28c.** The Randles-Sevcik plot of the isolated cerium(III/IV) couple of **3**.

**Figure S29a.** Electrochemical Analysis of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_3\text{-2,4-}t\text{Bu})(\text{bdmmmp})_3]$  (**4**)

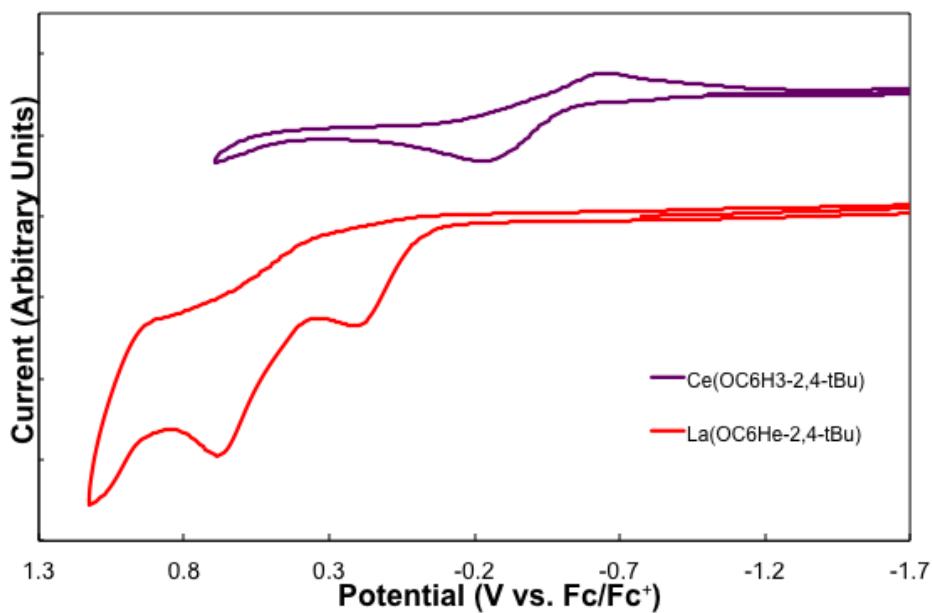
Scan rate(V/s)	sqrt. Scan rate	$E_{pa}$ (V)	$I_{pa}$ (A)	$E_{pc}$ (V)	$I_{pc}$ (A)
1	1	-0.18	-1.94E-05	-0.78	8.17E-06
0.5	0.707	-0.19	-1.43E-05	-0.76	5.49E-06
0.25	0.500	-0.22	-1.07E-05	-0.73	3.91E-06
0.1	0.316	-0.26	-7.11E-06	-0.69	2.78E-06
0.05	0.224	-0.28	-5.32E-06	-0.65	2.57E-06



**Figure S29b.** Isolated Ce<sup>III</sup>/IV couple of **4** at scan rate dependence.



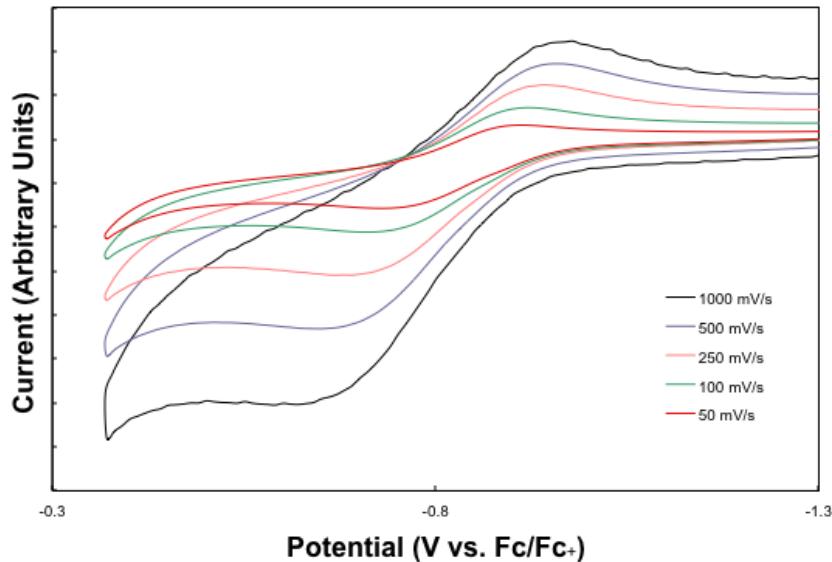
**Figure S29c.** The Randles-Sevcik plot of the isolated cerium(III/IV) couple of **4**.



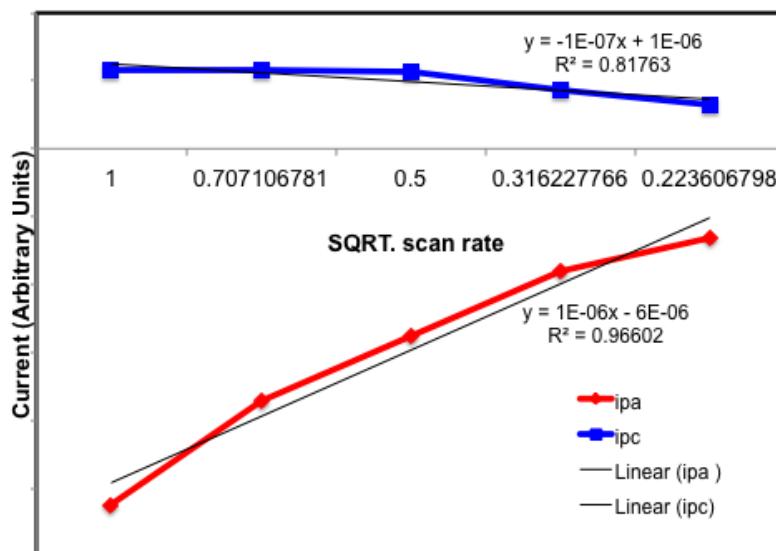
**Figure S30.** Cyclic voltammogram of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_3\text{-}2,4\text{-}t\text{Bu})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**4**) and  $\text{K}[\text{La}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_3\text{-}2,4\text{-}t\text{Bu})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**4-La**).

**Figure S31a.** Electrochemical Analysis of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_3\text{-2,6-Ph})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**5**)

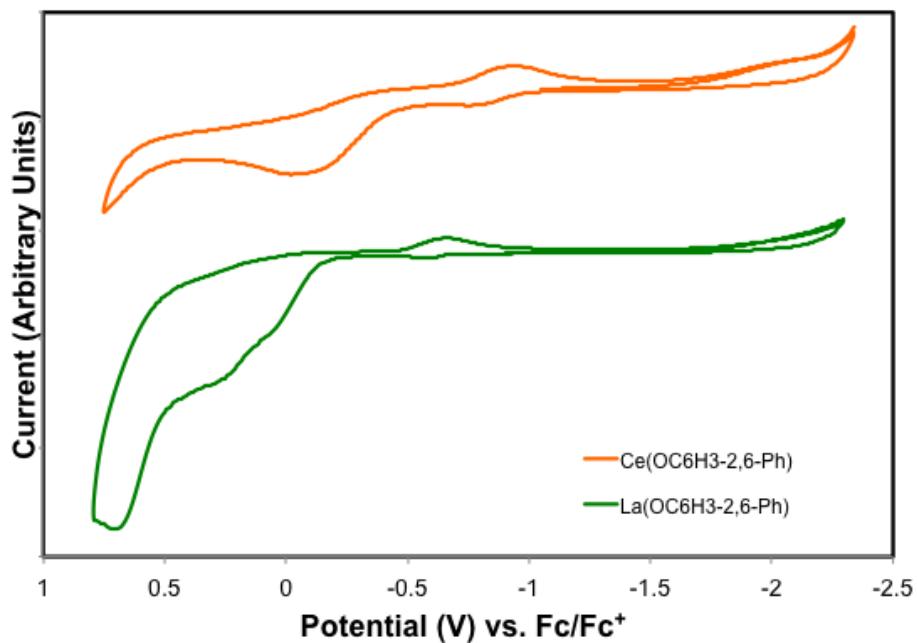
Scan rate(V/s)	sqrt. Scan rate	$E_{pa}$ (V)	$I_{pa}$ (A)	$E_{pc}$ (V)	$I_{pc}$ (A)
1	1	-0.18	-1.94E-05	-0.78	8.17E-06
0.5	0.707	-0.19	-1.43E-05	-0.76	5.49E-06
0.25	0.500	-0.22	-1.07E-05	-0.73	3.91E-06
0.1	0.316	-0.26	-7.11E-06	-0.69	2.78E-06
0.05	0.224	-0.28	-5.32E-06	-0.65	2.57E-06



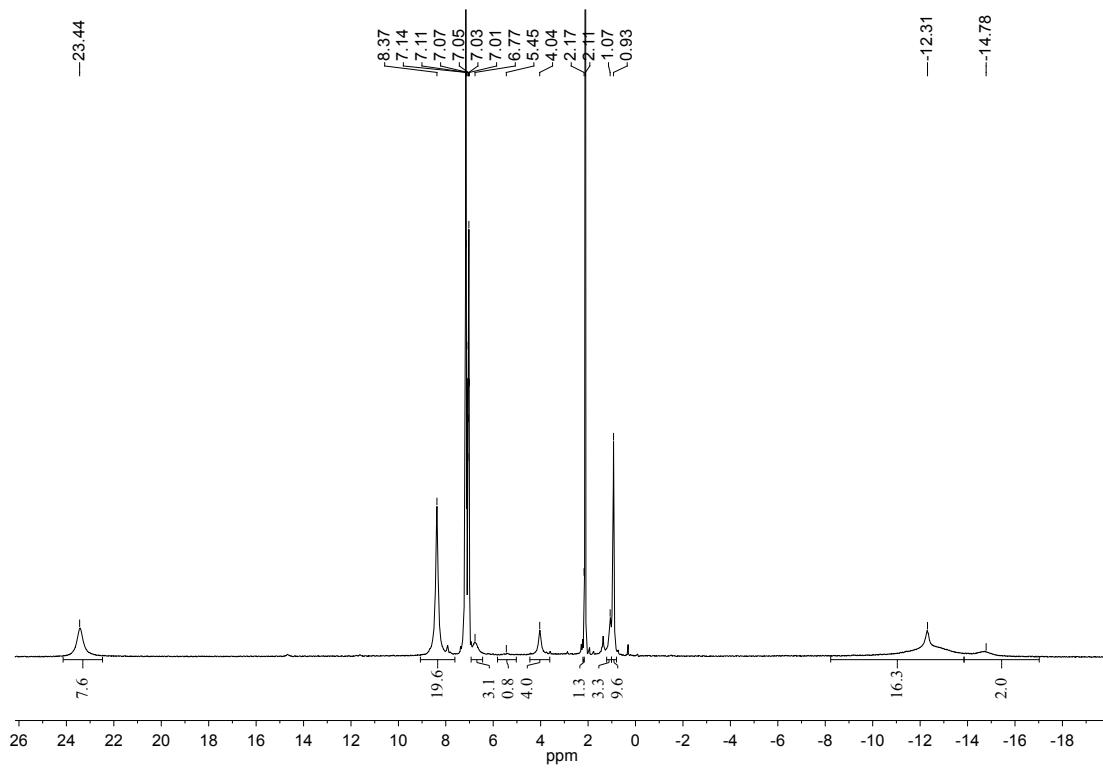
**Figure S31b.** Isolated Ce<sup>III</sup>/IV couple of **5** at scan rate dependence.



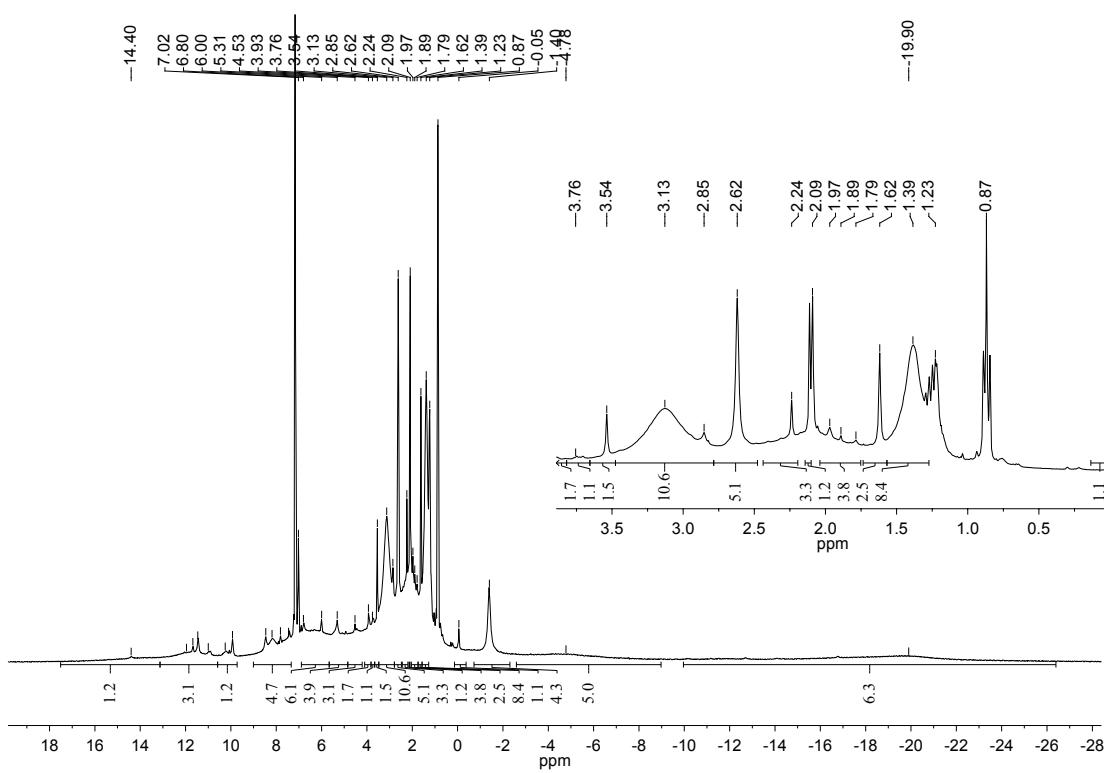
**Figure S31c.** The Randles-Sevcik plot of the isolated cerium(III/IV) couple of **5**.



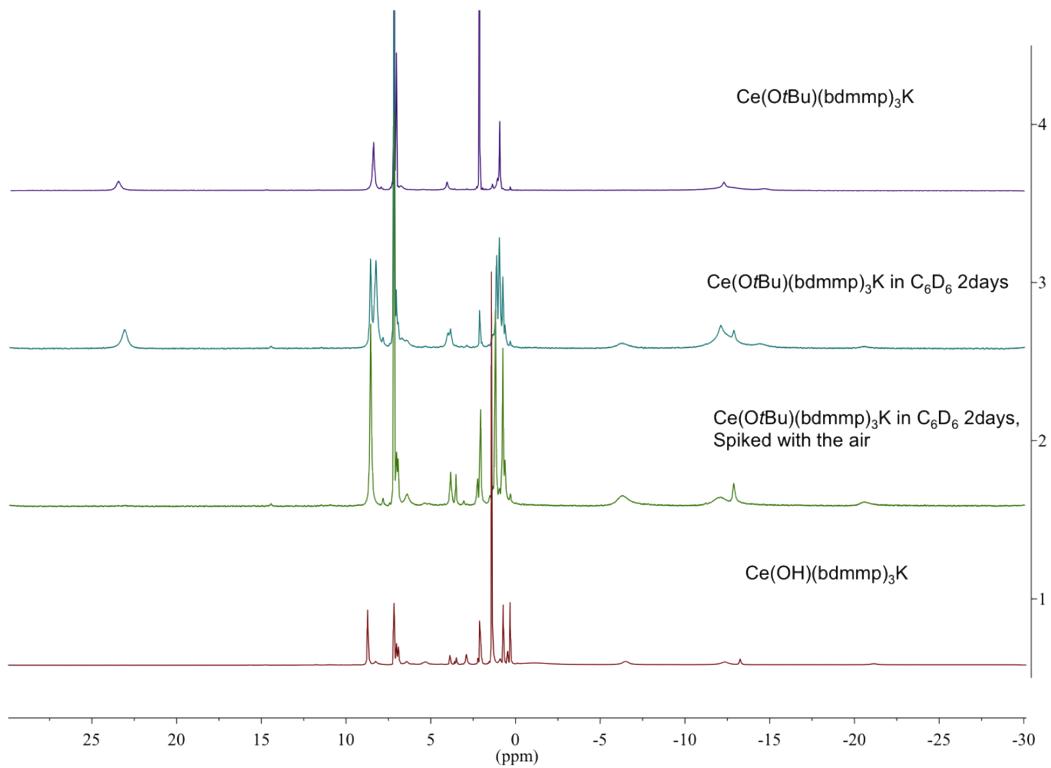
**Figure S32.** Cyclic voltammograms of K[Ce(OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-2,6-Ph)(bdmmp)<sub>3</sub>] (**5**) and K[La(OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-2,6-Ph)(bdmmp)<sub>3</sub>] (**5-La**).



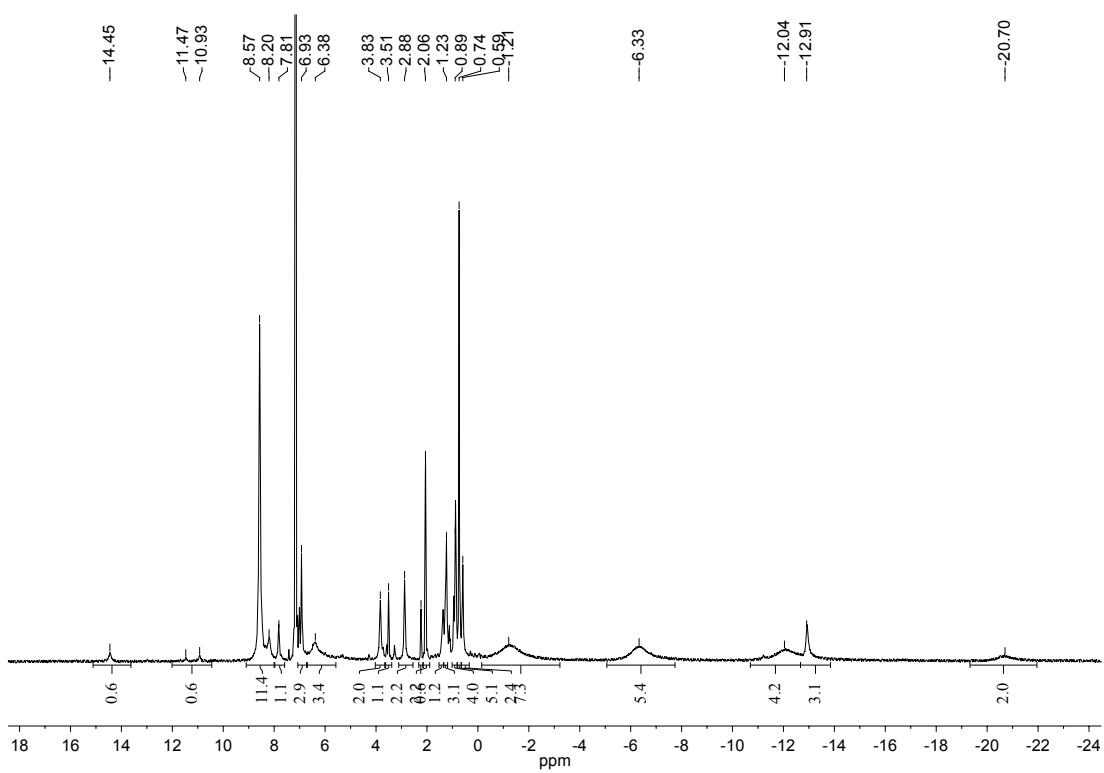
**Figure S33.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of K[Ce(OtBu)(bdmmp)<sub>3</sub>] (**6**) in benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



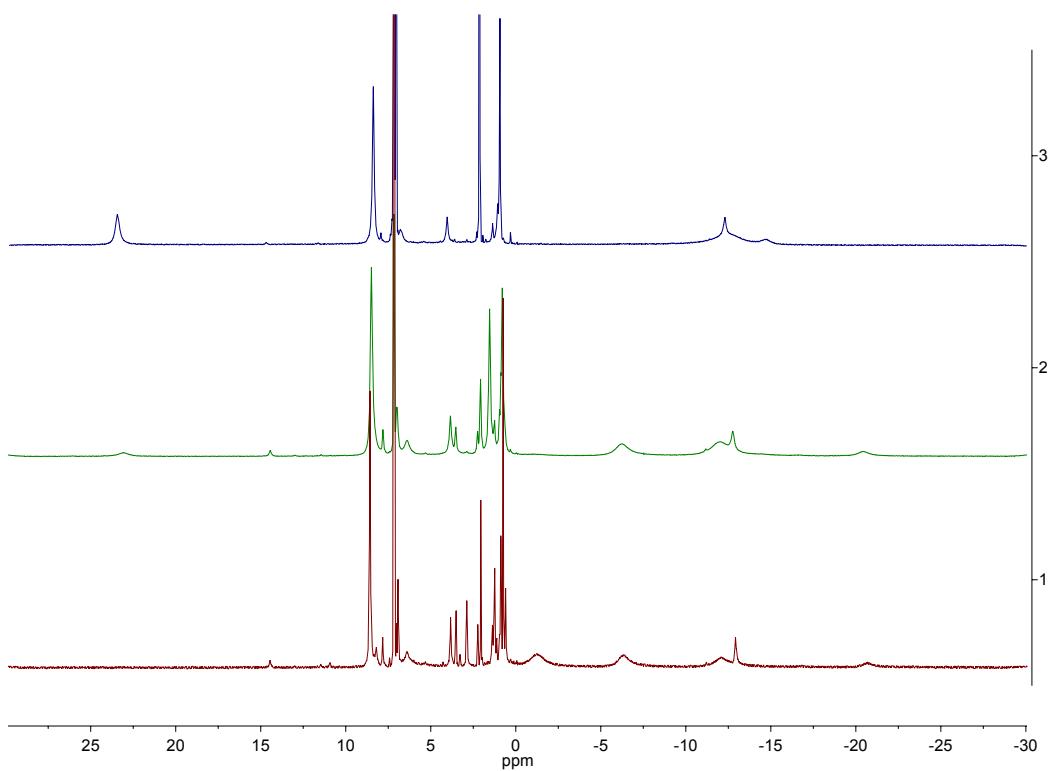
**Figure S34.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of K[Ce(OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-2,6-*i*Pr)<sub>2</sub>(bdmmp)<sub>2</sub>] (**7**) in benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



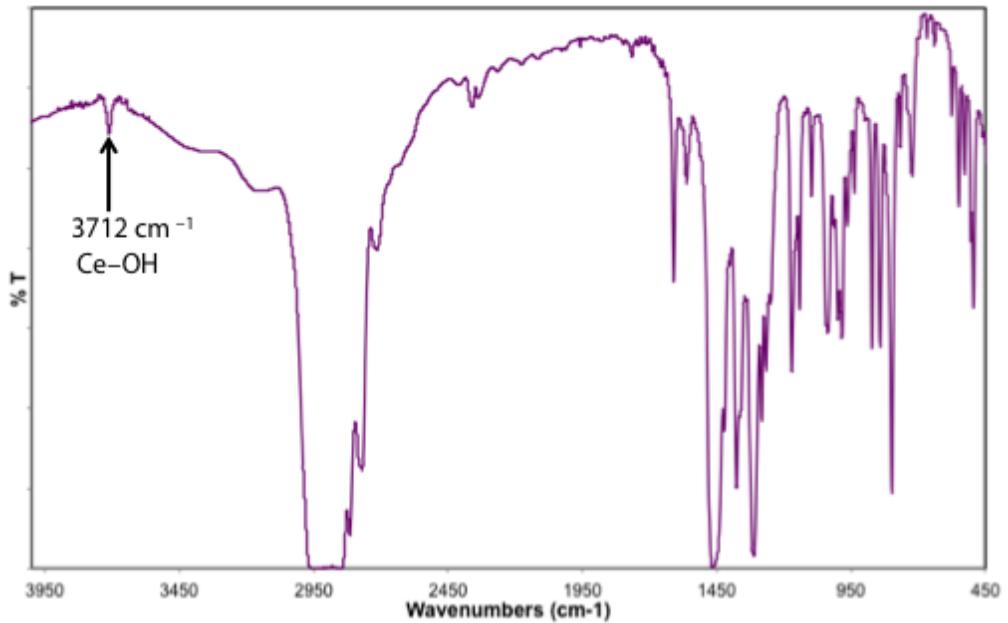
**Figure S35.** Decomposition of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OtBu})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**6**) to  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OH})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**8**) in glovebox.



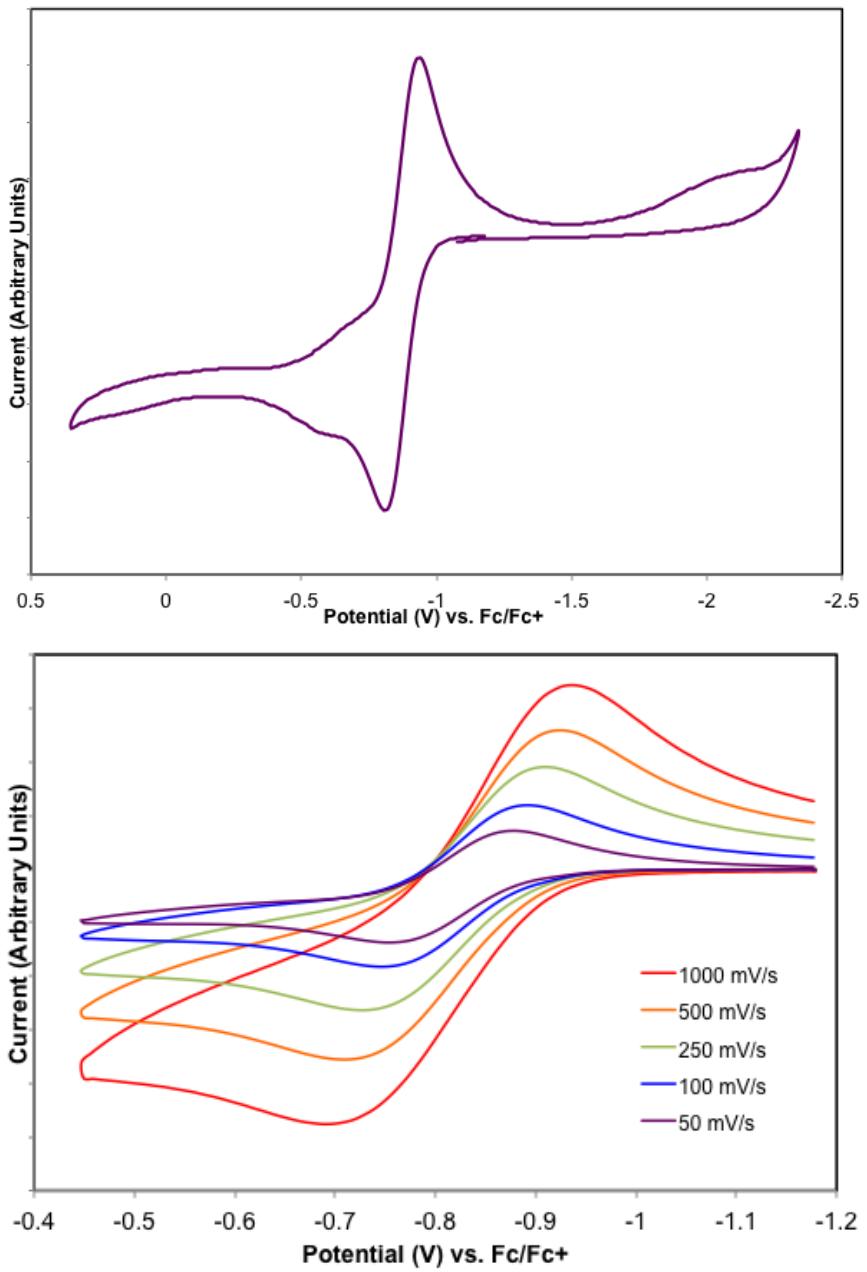
**Figure S36.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of K[Ce(OH)(bdmmp)<sub>3</sub>] (**8**) in benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



**Figure S37.** Addition of degassed H<sub>2</sub>O into K[Ce(O*t*Bu)(bdmmp)<sub>3</sub>] (**6**) in benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub> in the J-young tube. Top: K[Ce(O*t*Bu)(bdmmp)<sub>3</sub>] (**6**), Middle: K[Ce(O*t*Bu)(bdmmp)<sub>3</sub>] (**6**) + H<sub>2</sub>O and Bottom: K[Ce(OH)(bdmmp)<sub>3</sub>] (**8**)



**Figure S38.** IR spectrum of K[Ce(OH)(bdmmp)<sub>3</sub>] (**8**) in KBr plate in Nujol.



**Figure S39.** Cyclic voltammogram of  $\text{K}[\text{Ce}(\text{OH})(\text{bdmmp})_3]$  (**8**) in methylene chloride. (Top) full scan (bottom) isolated Ce<sup>III/IV</sup> couple.

**Table S1.** Summary of structural determination of compound **1–4**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>61</sub> H <sub>87</sub> SN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub> F <sub>3</sub> KCe	C <sub>45</sub> H <sub>68</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> KCe	C <sub>63</sub> H <sub>86</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> KCe	C <sub>53</sub> H <sub>84</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> KCe
Formula weight	1268.65	936.27	1170.60	1048.48
Temperature	143(1) K	143(1) K	143(1) K	143(1) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	$\bar{P}1$	$\bar{P}1$
Cell constants:				
a	20.835(3) Å	11.7314(12) Å	14.4458(9) Å	11.3184(8) Å
b	14.682(2) Å	16.3110(15) Å	14.7681(9) Å	13.5855(11) Å
c	23.143(3) Å	24.948(2) Å	15.4079(10) Å	23.2211(17) Å
$\alpha$	—	—	92.430(3)°	85.902(4)°
$\beta$	115.188(6)°	97.884(5)°	91.434(3)°	76.841(4)°
$\gamma$	—	—	110.149(3)°	77.042(4)°
Volume	6406.3(15) Å <sup>3</sup>	4728.7(8) Å <sup>3</sup>	3080.4(3) Å <sup>3</sup>	3387.5(4) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	4	4	2	2
Density (calculated)	1.315 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.315 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.262 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.028 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.868 mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.096 mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.855 mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.771 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	2652	1956	1230	1106
Crystal size	0.35 x 0.12 x 0.10 mm <sup>3</sup>	0.36 x 0.14 x 0.06 mm <sup>3</sup>	0.30 x 0.12 x 0.08 mm <sup>3</sup>	0.08 x 0.08 x 0.08 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	1.76 to 27.61°	1.50 to 27.52°	1.70 to 27.69°	1.54 to 27.66°
Index ranges	-27 ≤ h ≤ 27, -19 ≤ k ≤ 19, -30 ≤ l ≤ 30	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, 0 ≤ k ≤ 21, 0 ≤ l ≤ 32	-18 ≤ h ≤ 18, -18 ≤ k ≤ 19, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -17 ≤ k ≤ 17, -30 ≤ l ≤ 30
Reflections collected	156725	180529	126487	105132
Independent reflections	14667 [R(int) = 0.0323]	10861 [R(int) = 0.0488]	14176 [R(int) = 0.0234]	15334 [R(int) = 0.0250]
Completeness to theta = 27.59°	98.6 %	99.8 %	98.4 %	97.0 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.5879	0.7456 and 0.6280	0.7456 and 0.6637	0.7456 and 0.6739
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	14667 / 399 / 725	10861 / 0 / 529	14176 / 0 / 692	15334 / 0 / 608
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.098	1.188	1.174	0.777
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0611, wR2 = 0.1329	R1 = 0.0279, wR2 = 0.0732	R1 = 0.0215, wR2 = 0.0541	R1 = 0.0462, wR2 = 0.1361
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0798, wR2 = 0.1482	R1 = 0.0335, wR2 = 0.0750	R1 = 0.0239, wR2 = 0.0559	R1 = 0.0524, wR2 = 0.1434
Absolute structure parameter	—	—	—	—
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.348 and -1.386 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.833 and -0.863 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.635 and -0.340 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.653 and -1.032 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S2.** Summary of structural determination of compound **5–8**

	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>64</sub> H <sub>84</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> KCe	C <sub>43</sub> H <sub>72</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> KCe	C <sub>57</sub> H <sub>84</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> KCe	C <sub>99</sub> H <sub>152</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>8</sub> K <sub>2</sub> Ce
Formula weight	1180.59	916.29	1068.50	1996.76
Temperature	143(1) K	143(1) K	143(1) K	100(1) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic	rhombohedral	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P $\bar{1}$	R $\bar{3}$	C2/c	P $\bar{1}$
Cell constants:				
a	12.1981(9) Å	49.697(5) Å	26.329(3) Å	10.5168(5) Å
b	13.1778(10) Å	—	14.3707(13) Å	14.2353(7) Å
c	19.5063(13) Å	10.6526(12) Å	33.138(3) Å	19.0676(10) Å
$\alpha$	97.217(4) °	—	—	94.568(3) °
$\beta$	96.618(4)°	—	109.328(5)°	100.046(2)°
$\gamma$	98.276(4)°	—	—	110.486(3)°
Volume	3049.8(4) Å <sup>3</sup>	22785(4) Å <sup>3</sup>	11832(2) Å <sup>3</sup>	2602.3(2) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	2	18	8	1
Density (calculated)	1.286 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.202 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.200 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.274 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.865 mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.022 mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.883 mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.000 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1238	8658	4504	1048
Crystal size	0.15 x 0.10 x 0.04 mm <sup>3</sup>	0.12 x 0.02 x 0.01 mm <sup>3</sup>	0.42 x 0.26 x 0.04mm <sup>3</sup>	0.34 x 0.28 x 0.16 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	1.58 to 27.54°	1.42 to 27.52°	1.64 to 27.56°	1.55 to 27.53°
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -17 ≤ k ≤ 17, -25 ≤ l ≤ 24	-64 ≤ h ≤ 63, -59 ≤ k ≤ 49, -13 ≤ l ≤ 13	-34 ≤ h ≤ 34, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18, -43 ≤ l ≤ 43	-13 ≤ h ≤ 13, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18, -24 ≤ l ≤ 24
Reflections collected	71175	55637	103008	76235
Independent reflections	13966 [R(int) = 0.0276]	11574 [R(int) = 0.1306]	13642 [R(int) = 0.0370]	11727 [R(int) = 0.0226]
Completeness to theta = 27.59°	99.4 %	99.2 %	99.7 %	97.7 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.6909	0.7456 and 0.6574	0.7456 and 0.6917	0.7456 and 0.6770
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>			
Data / restraints / parameters	13966 / 0 / 702	11574 / 0 / 515	13642 / 57 / 608	11727 / 279 / 620
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.061	0.800	1.287	1.088
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0345, wR2 = 0.0781	R1 = 0.0649, wR2 = 0.1335	R1 = 0.0623, wR2 = 0.1331	R1 = 0.0262, wR2 = 0.0633
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0429, wR2 = 0.0817	R1 = 0.1606, wR2 = 0.1710	R1 = 0.0774, wR2 = 0.1386	R1 = 0.0294, wR2 = 0.0650
Absolute structure parameter	—	—	—	—
Largest diff. peak and hole	3.269 and -1.256 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.652 and -0.678 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.386 and -1.614 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.057 and -0.369 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>