

## Supporting information:

### Lewis acid-base bifunctional aluminum-salen catalysts: synthesis of cyclic carbonates from carbon dioxide and epoxides

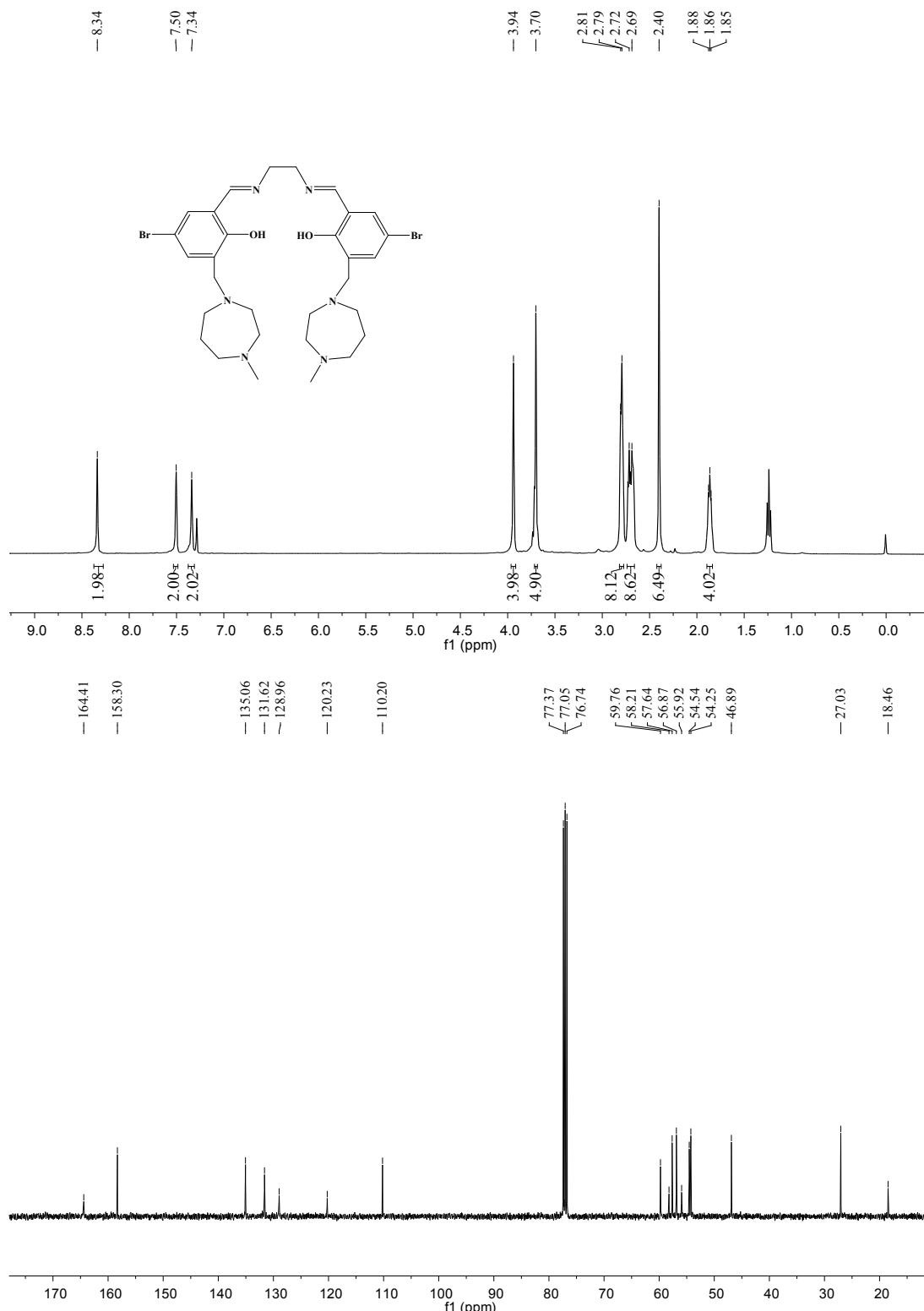
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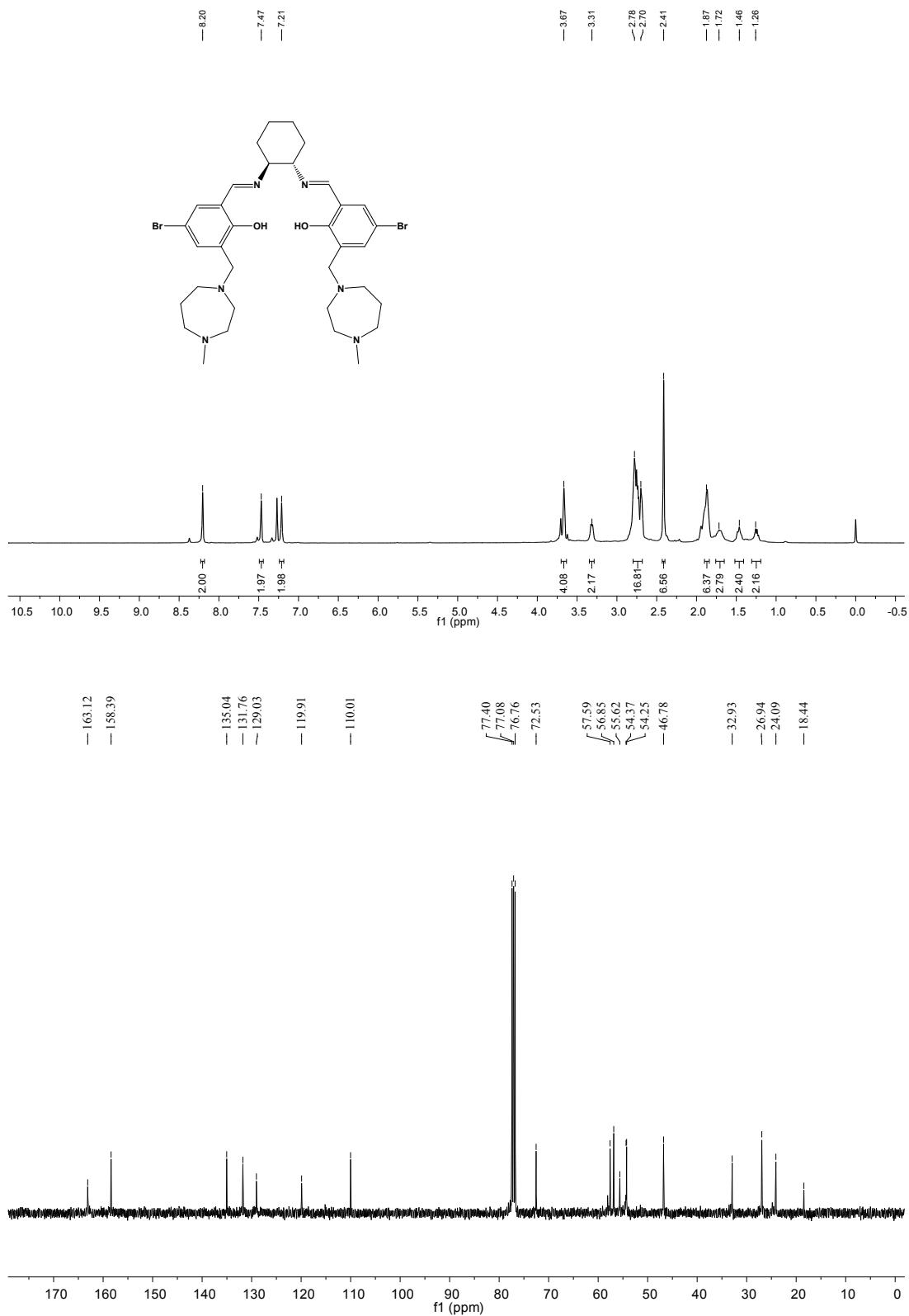
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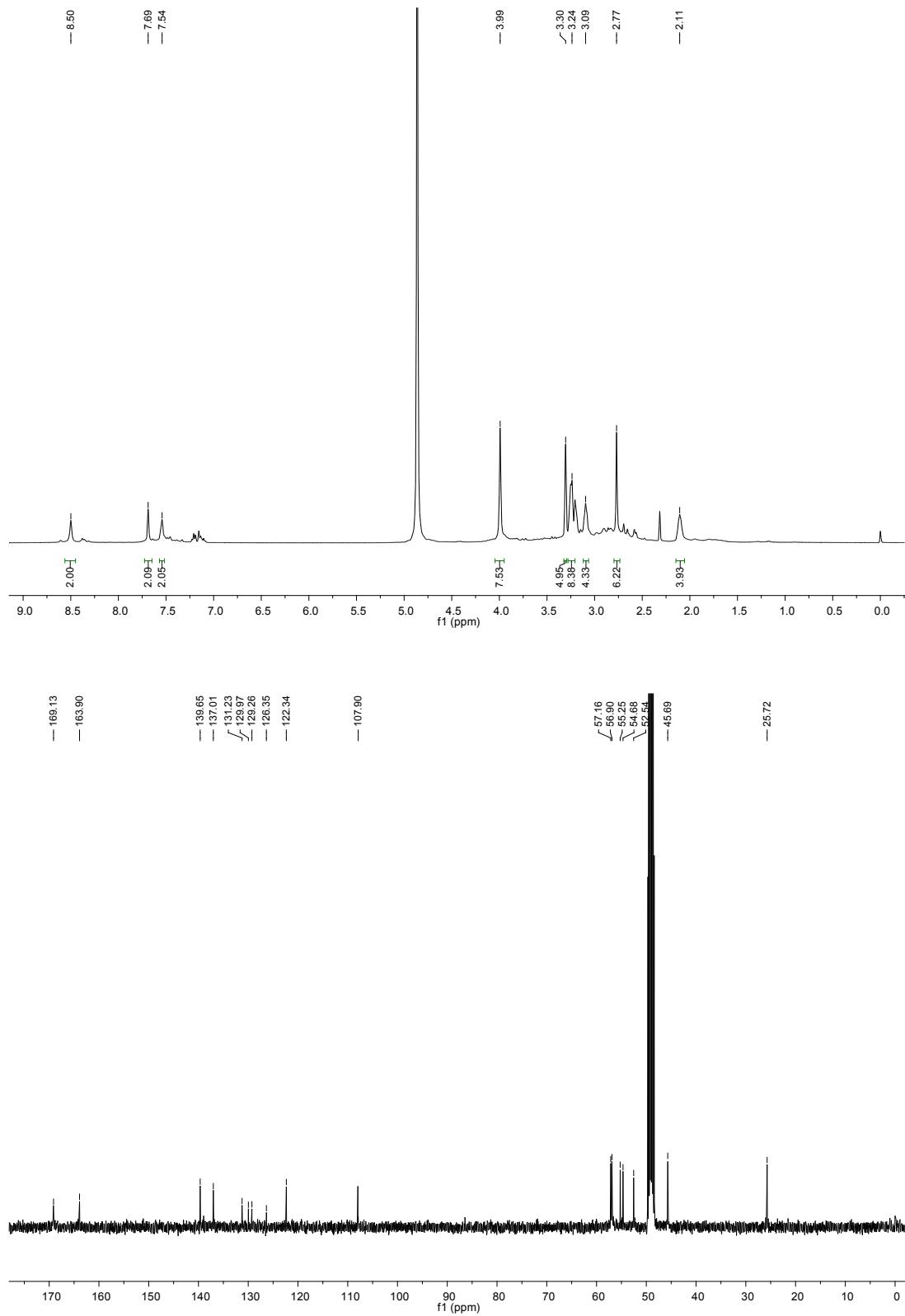
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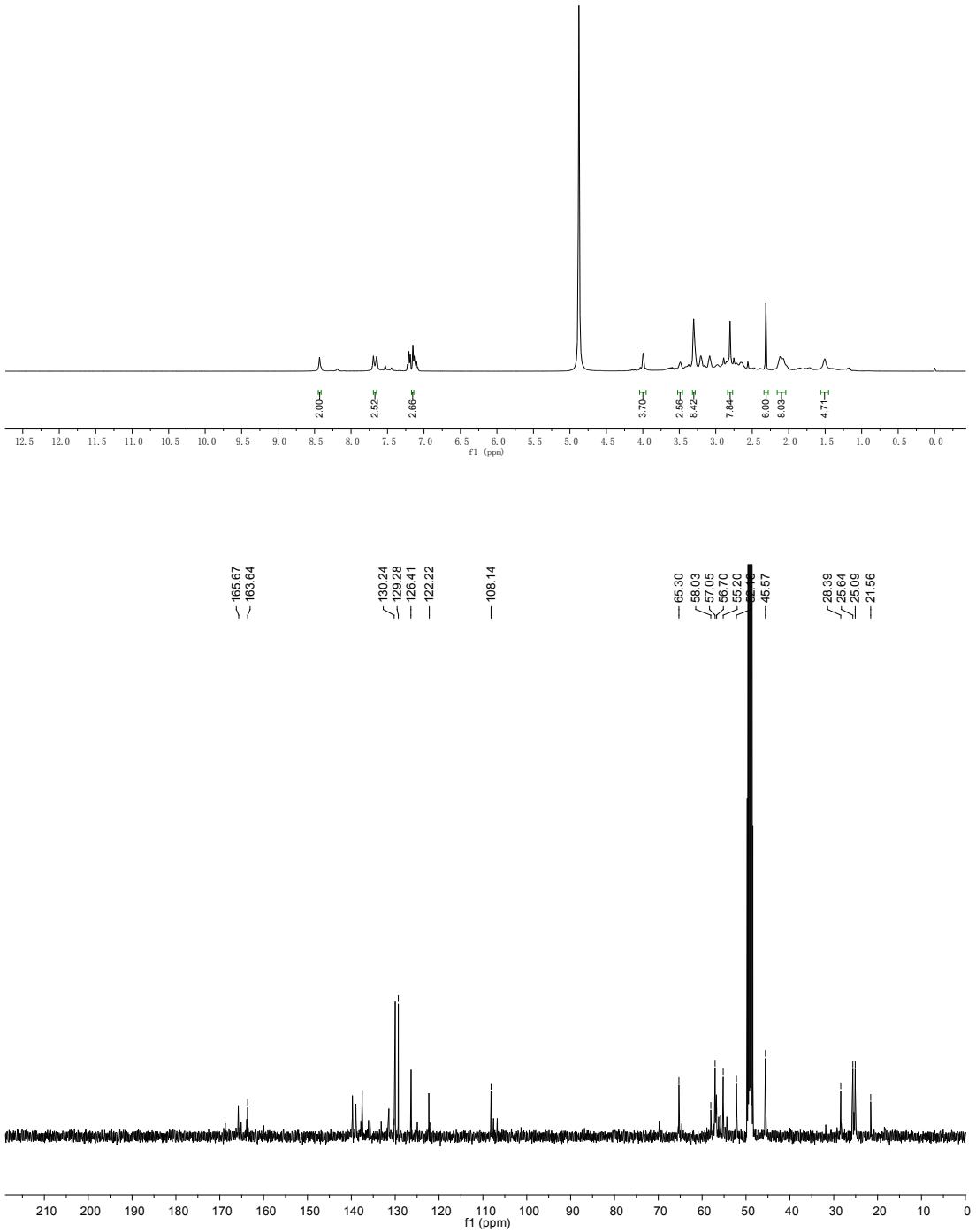
**Fig. S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for ligand  $\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{S}1}$



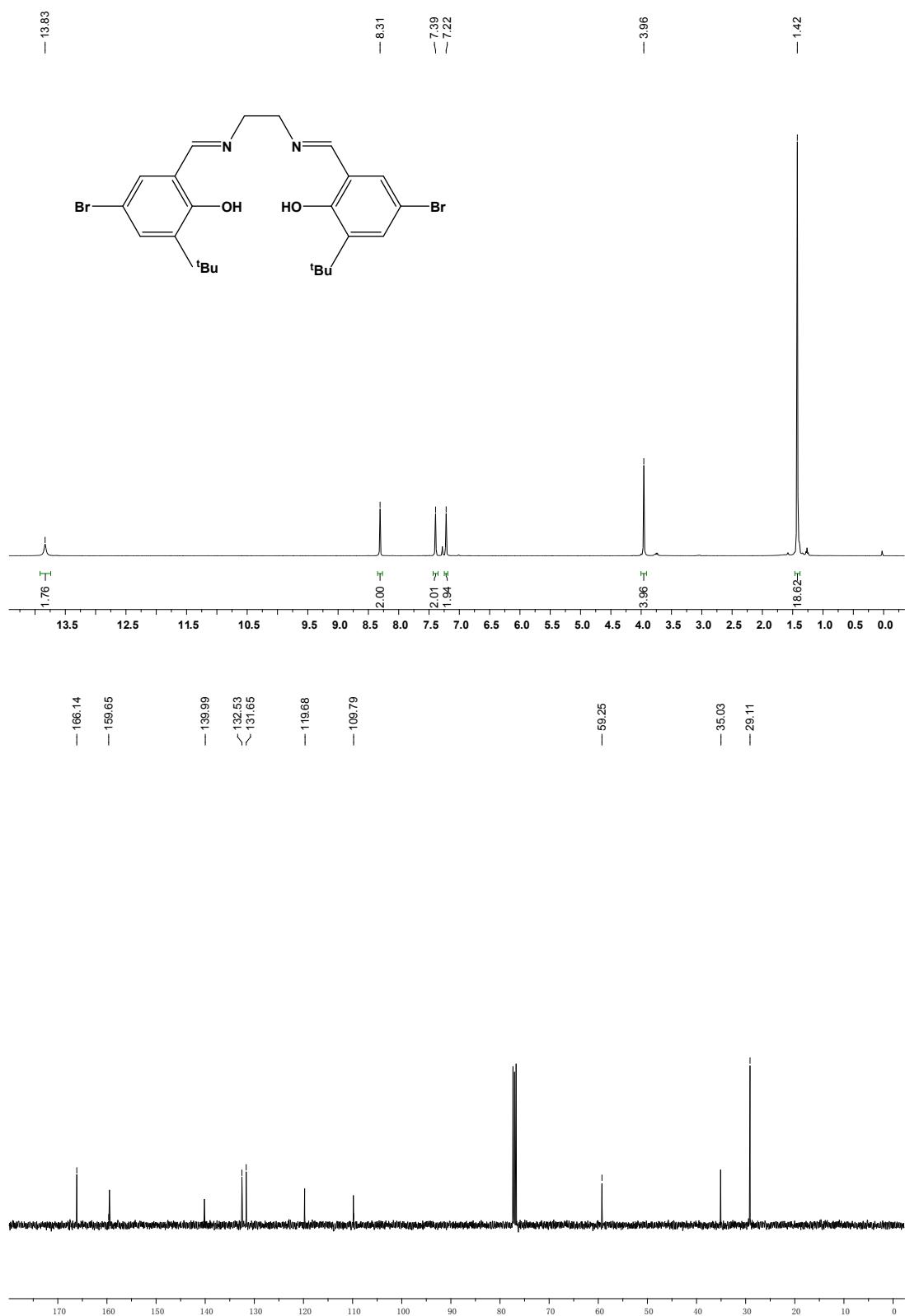
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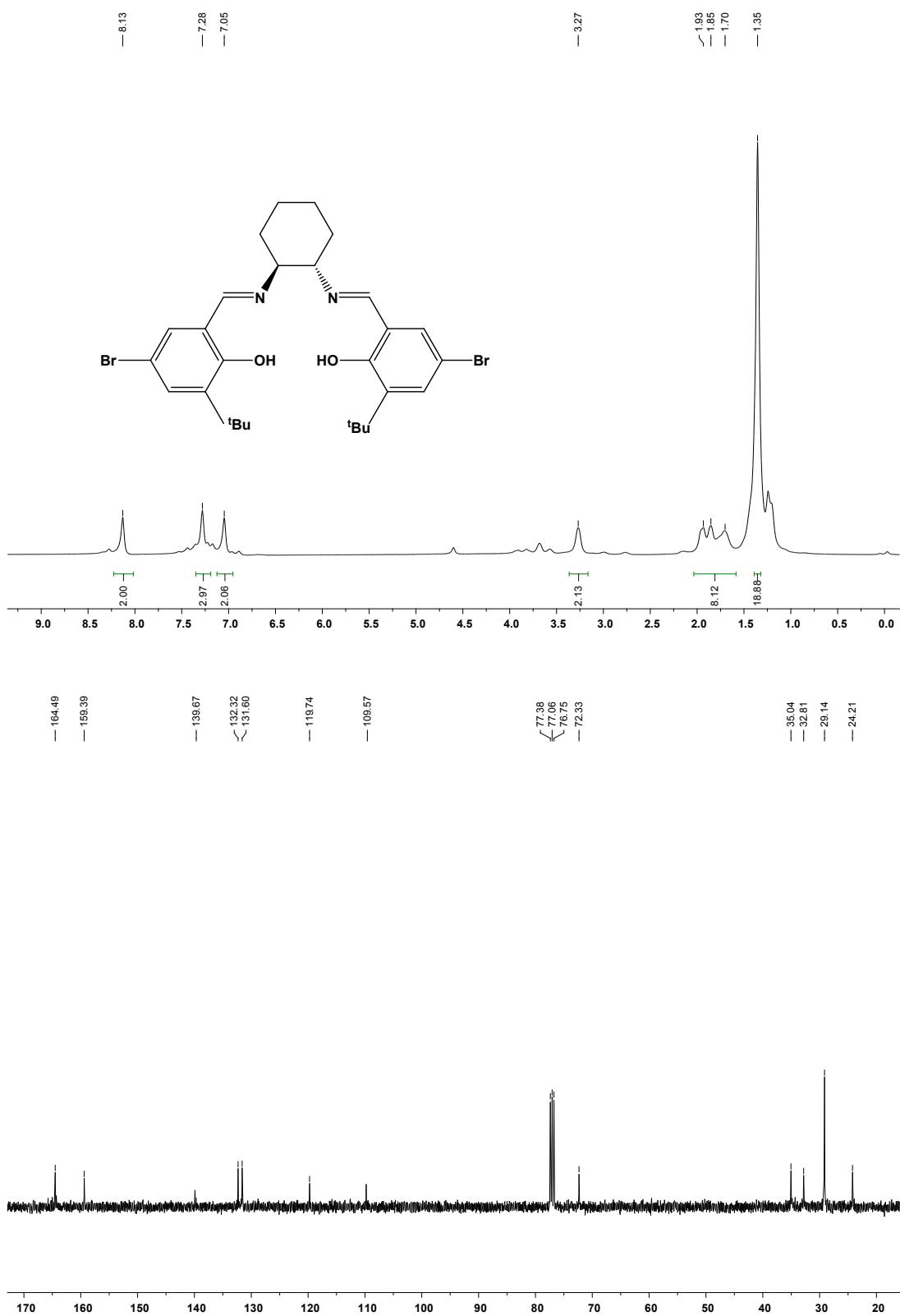
**Fig. S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for **1a**



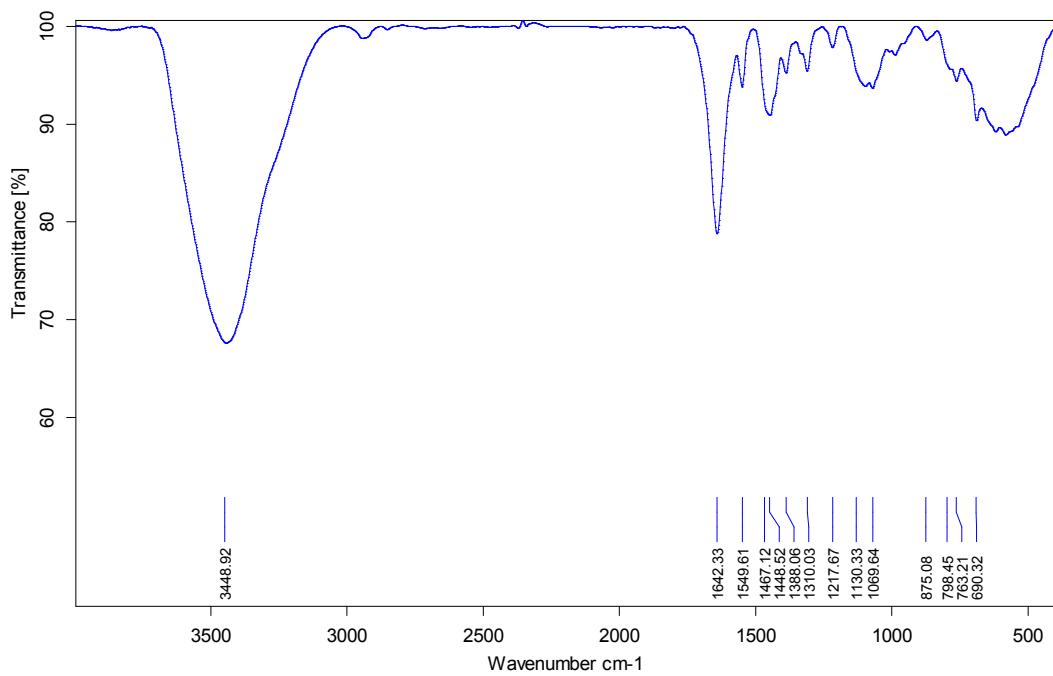
**Fig. S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for **1b**



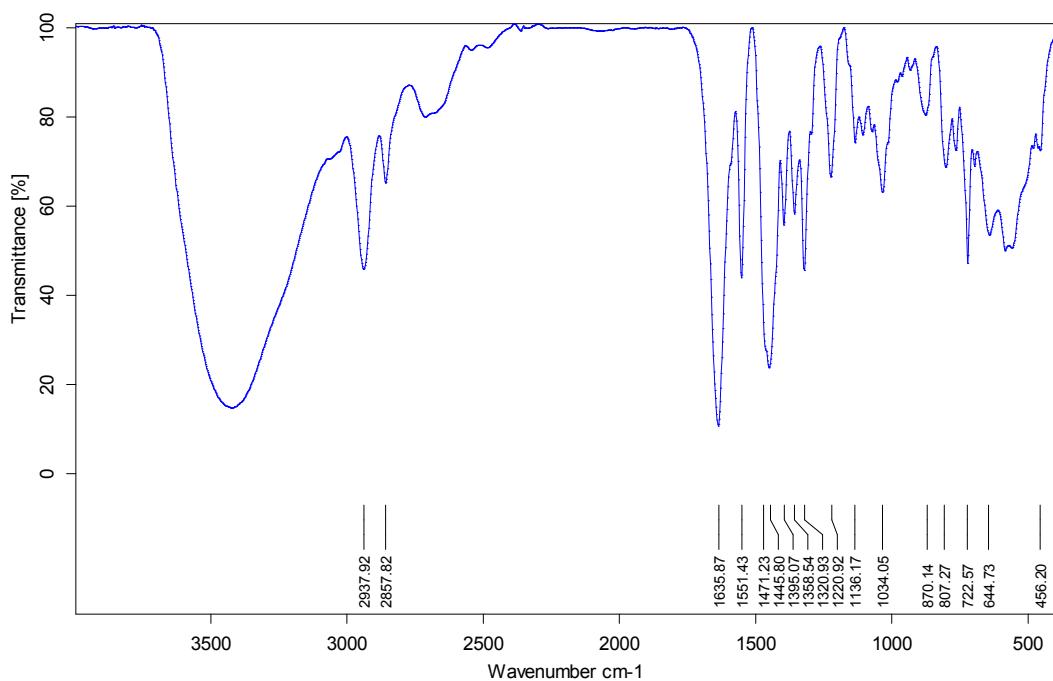
**Fig. S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) for salen ligand of **3a**



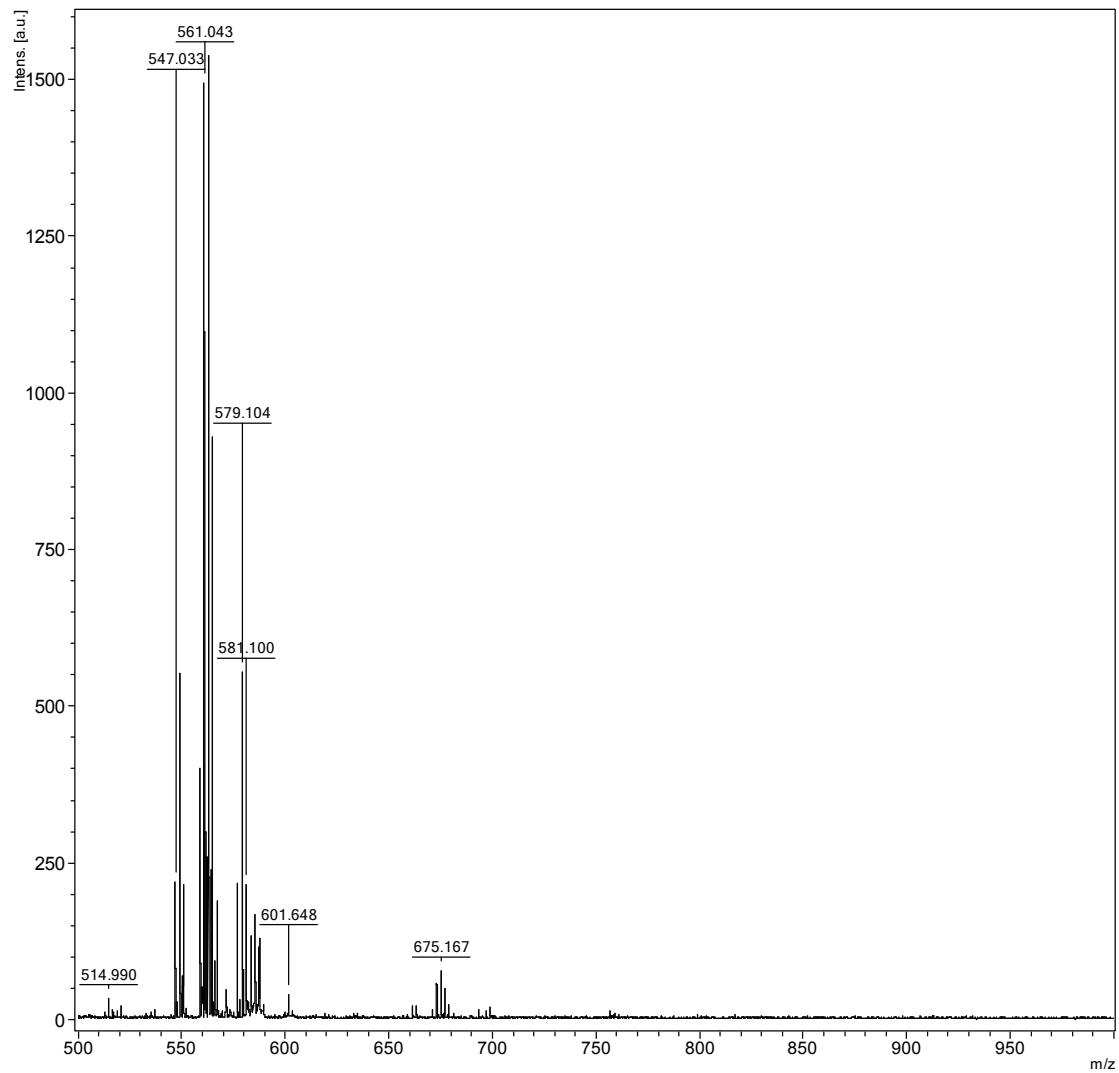
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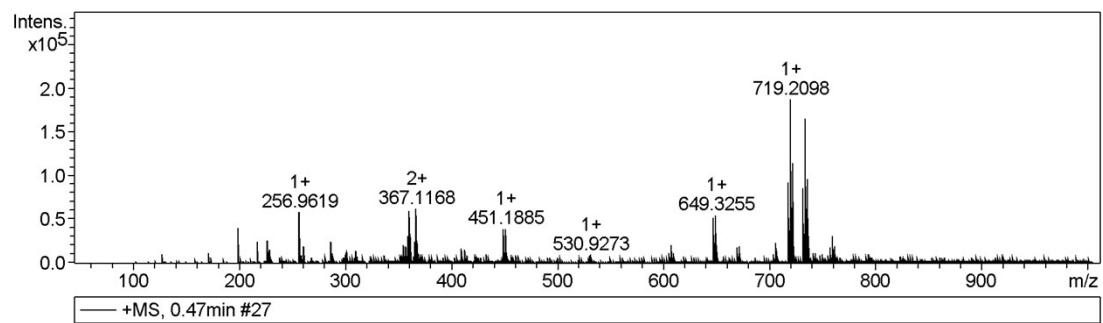
**Fig. S7** FT-IR spectrum of **1a**.



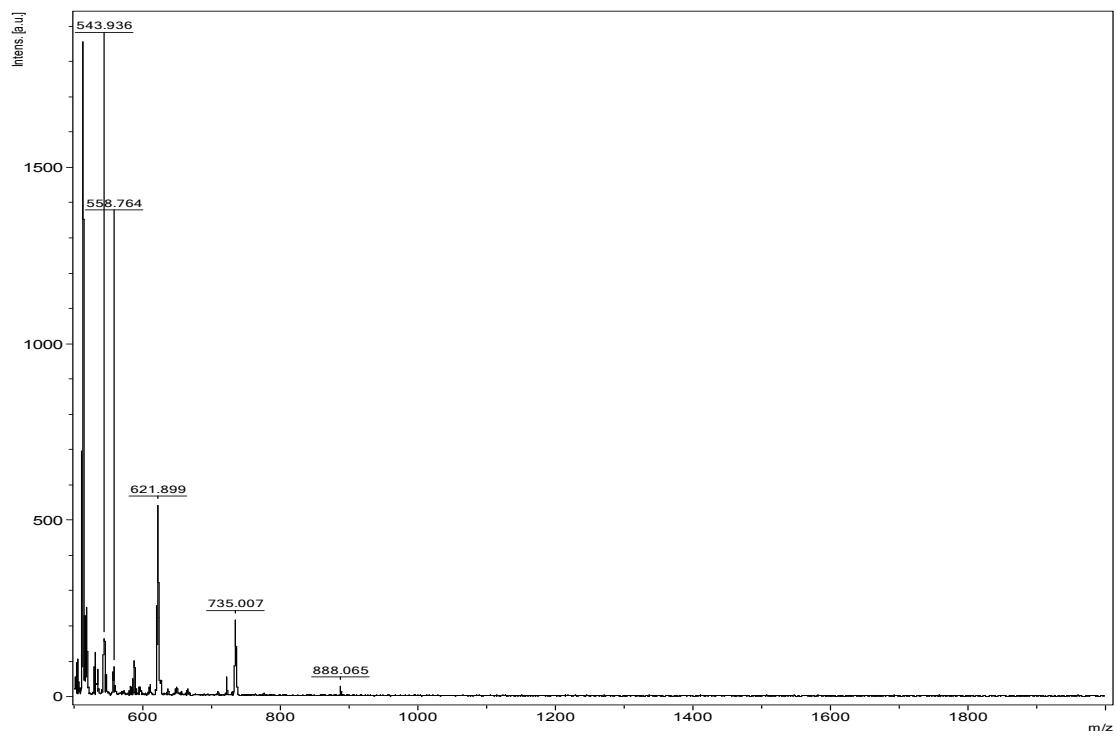
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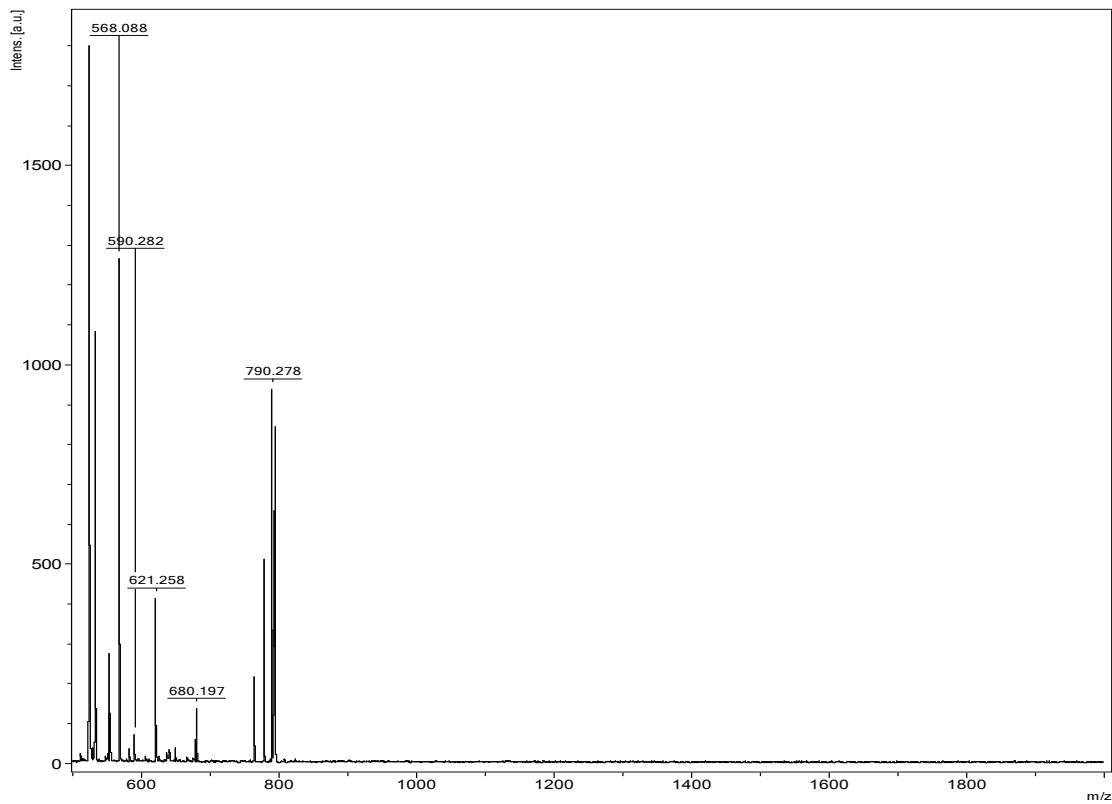
**Fig. S9** MS spectrum of ligand  $\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{S}1}$ .



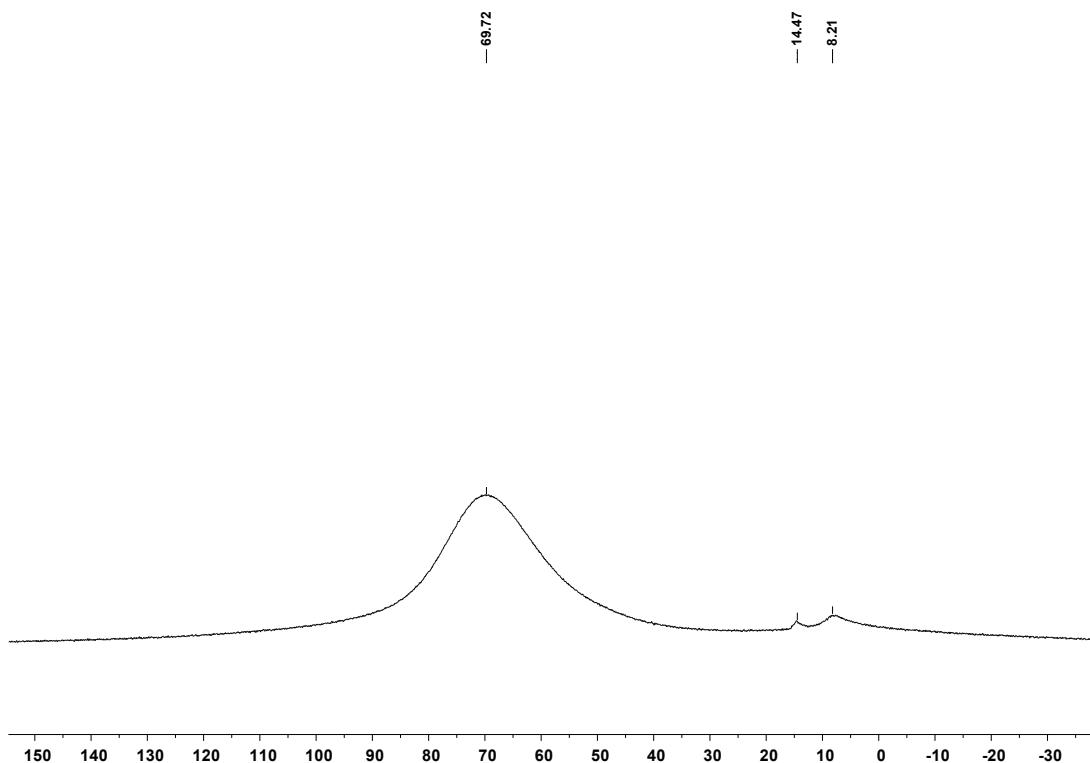
**Fig. S10** MS spectrum of ligand  $\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{S}2}$ .



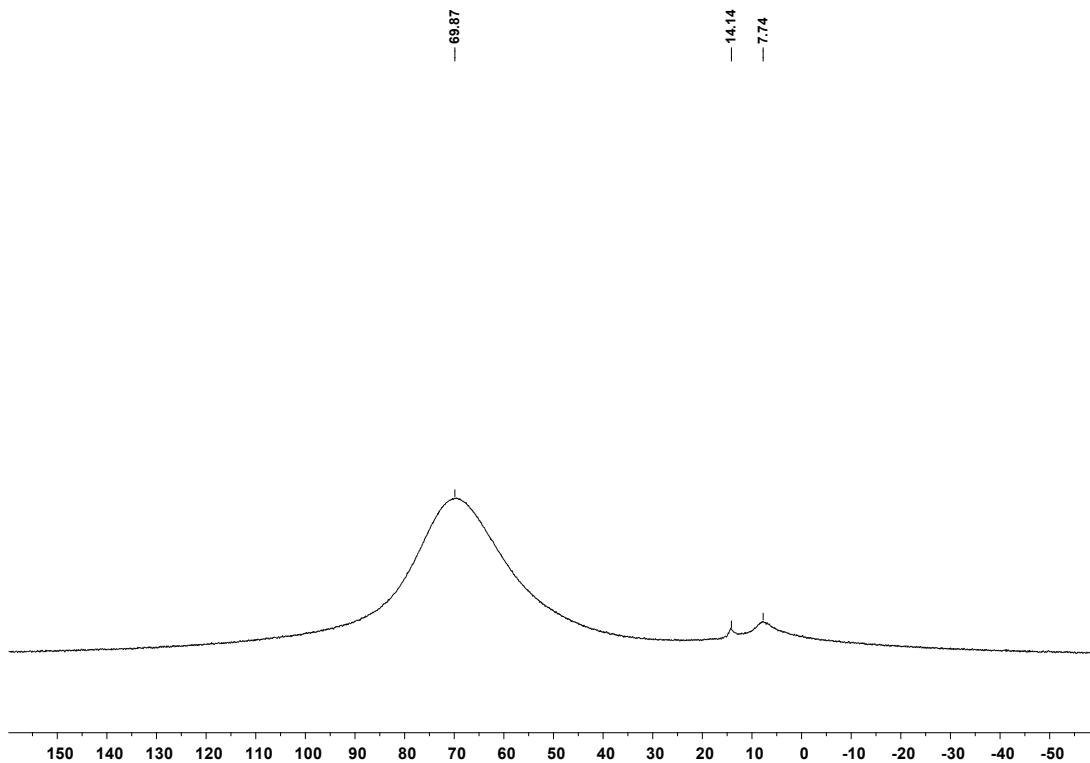
**Fig. S11** MS spectrum of **1a**.



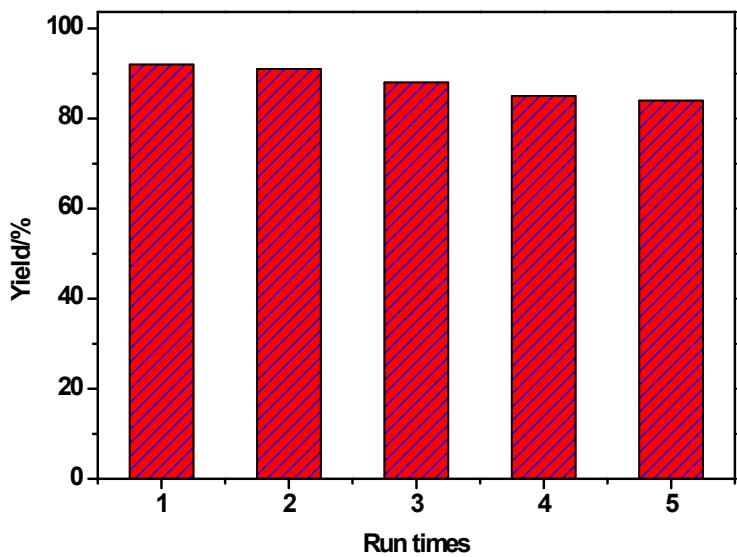
**Fig. S12** MS spectrum of **1b**.



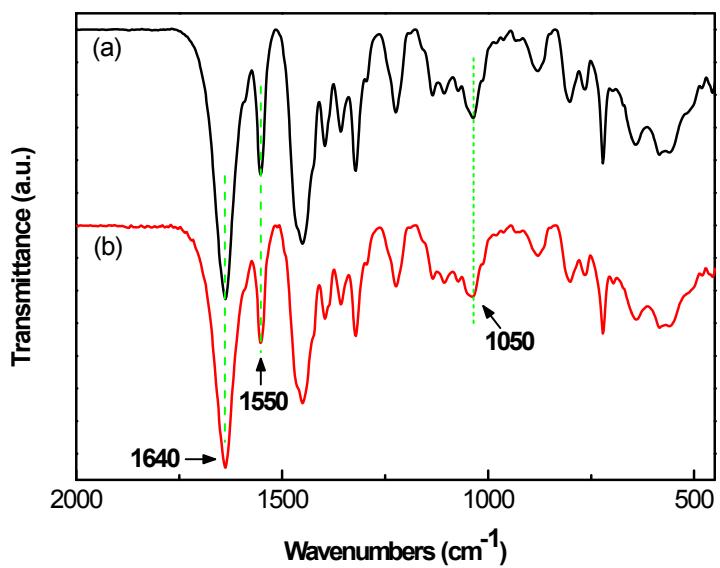
**Fig. S13**  $^{27}\text{Al}$  NMR spectrum of **1a**.



**Fig. S14**  $^{27}\text{Al}$  NMR spectrum of **1b**.



**Fig. S15** Recyclability and reusability of the catalyst **1b** in the coupling reaction of PO with CO<sub>2</sub>. Reaction conditions: 10 mmol PO with 1 mol% **1b**, CO<sub>2</sub> pressure 2 MPa, reaction time 4 h.



**Fig. S16** FT-IR spectra of **1b** (a) and the recovered **1b** after the 5th reuse in the coupling reaction of PO with CO<sub>2</sub> (b).