

## Supporting Information

### Abnormal N-Heterocyclic Carbene Based Nickel Complex for Catalytic Reduction of Nitroarenes

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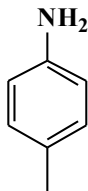
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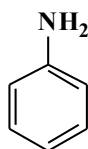
## **<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data**

### **Toluidine<sup>1,2</sup>**



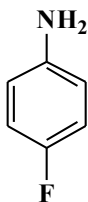
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  6.99 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz), 6.64 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz), 3.54 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.27 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  143.9, 129.8, 127.8, 115.3, 20.5 ppm.

### **Aniline<sup>1</sup>**



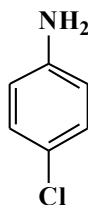
<sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  7.20 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 6.81 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 6.71 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 3.65 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  146.4, 129.3, 118.6, 115.1 ppm.

### **4-Fluoroaniline<sup>1</sup>**



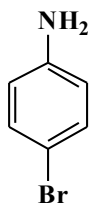
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  6.88 (m, 2H), 6.64 (m, 2H), 3.58 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  157.7, 155.3, 142.5, 116.2, 116.1, 115.9, 115.6 ppm.

### **4-Chloroaniline<sup>2</sup>**



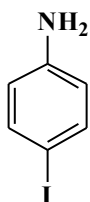
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#### 4-Bromoaniline<sup>2</sup>



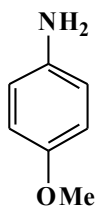
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#### 4-Iodoaniline<sup>3</sup>



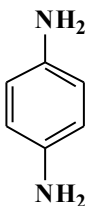
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  7.42 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  146.1, 137.9, 117.3, 79.4 ppm.

#### 4-Methoxyaniline<sup>1</sup>



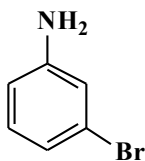
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  6.76 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8 Hz), 6.60 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8 Hz), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.42 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  152.9, 140.0, 116.5, 114.9, 55.8 ppm.

#### 4-Aminoaniline<sup>1</sup>



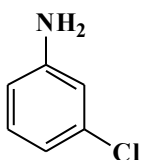
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  6.57 (s, 4H), 3.33 (br s, 4H, -NH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  138.7, 116.8 ppm.

### 3-Bromoaniline<sup>2</sup>



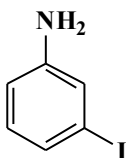
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### 3-Chloroaniline<sup>4</sup>



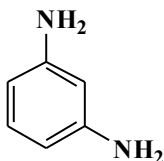
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$ 7.07 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 8 Hz), 6.73 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 8 Hz), 6.67 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz), 6.53 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 8 Hz), 3.71 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$ 147.5, 134.8, 130.2, 118.4, 114.8, 113.1 ppm.

### 3-Iodoaniline<sup>5</sup>



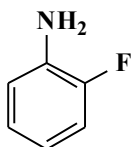
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$ 7.08-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.88 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 8 Hz), 6.63 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz), 3.53 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$ 147.8, 130.8, 127.5, 123.8, 114.3, 95.0 ppm.

### m-Phenylenediamine<sup>6</sup>



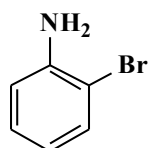
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### 2-Fluoroaniline<sup>6</sup>



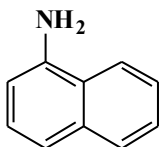
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ 152.9, 150.6, 134.6, 124.5, 124.3, 118.7, 118.6, 117.0, 115.4 ppm.

### 2-Bromoaniline<sup>7</sup>



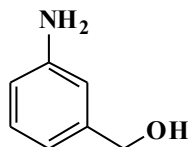
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ 7.42 (d, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz), 7.12 (t, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz), 6.77 (d, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz), 7.64 (t, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz), 4.07 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ 144.1, 132.7, 128.4, 119.5, 115.8, 109.4 ppm.

### 1-Aminonaphthalene<sup>2</sup>



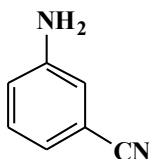
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ 7.85–7.83 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.26 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz), δ 4.15 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ 142.0, 134.3, 128.4, 126.2, 125.7, 124.7, 123.5, 120.7, 118.8, 109.6 ppm.

### 3-Aminobenzylalcohol<sup>8</sup>



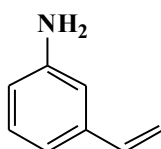
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 8 Hz, 25 °C): δ 7.16 (t, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz), 6.75 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.62 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 4.59 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 8 Hz, 25 °C): δ 146.5, 142.1, 129.4, 117.0, 114.3, 113.5, 65.32 ppm.

### 3-Aminobenzonitrile<sup>9</sup>



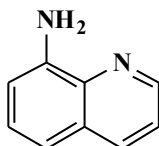
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### 12) 3-Aminostyrene<sup>10</sup>



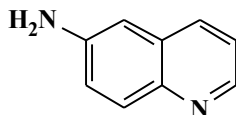
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### 8-Aminoquinoline<sup>4</sup>



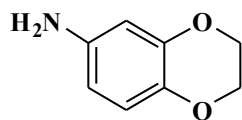
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  8.77 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 4 Hz), 8.08 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 7.38-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  147.5, 144.0, 138.5, 136.1, 128.9, 127.5, 121.4, 116.1, 110.1 ppm.

### 6-Aminoquinoline<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  8.66 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 7.92 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 8.4, 4.2 Hz), 7.29 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 7.7, 3.5 Hz), 7.17 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 8.9, 2.6 Hz), 6.91 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz), 3.95 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  146.9, 144.7, 143.4, 134.0, 130.6, 129.9, 121.7, 121.5, 117.5 ppm.

**6-Amino-1,4-benzodioxane<sup>3</sup>**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ 6.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 6.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 2 Hz), 6.20 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2 Hz, *J* = 2 Hz), 4.22-4.20 (m, 2H), 4.18-4.16 (m, 2H), 3.39 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ 143.8, 140.7, 136.4, 117.5, 108.6, 104.1, 64.6, 64.1 ppm.

**Fig. S1: The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of complex 1.**

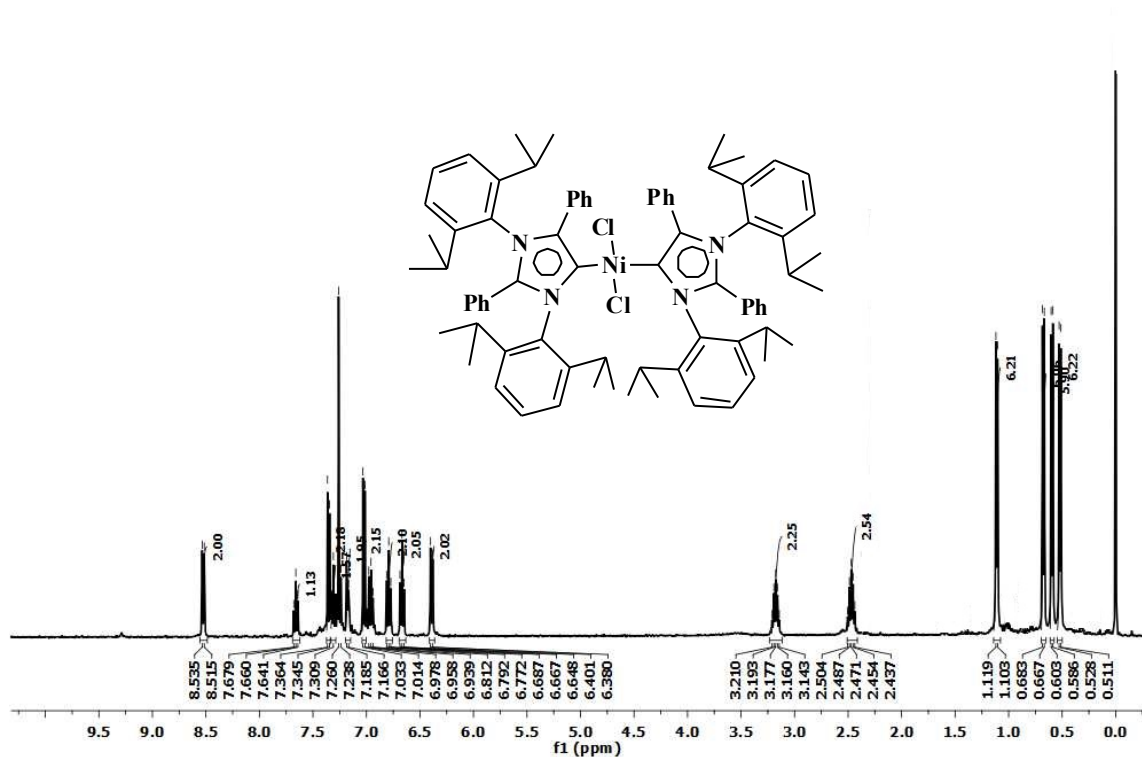


Fig. S2: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of complex 1.

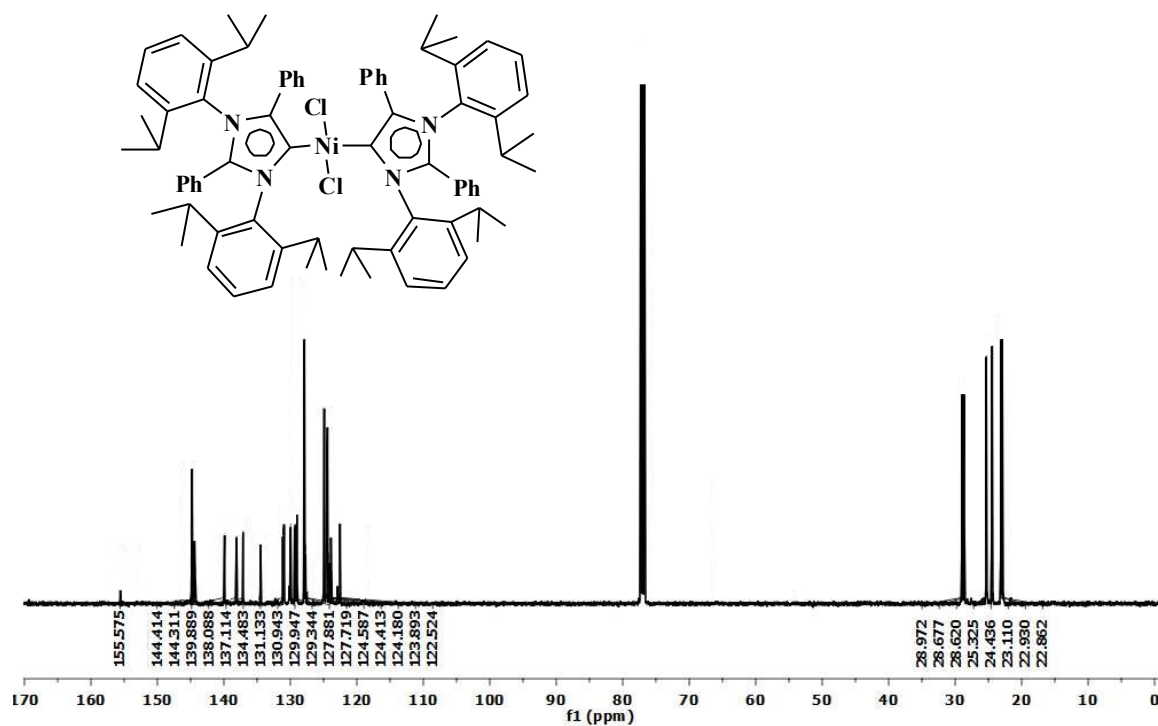


Fig. S3: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of toluidine.

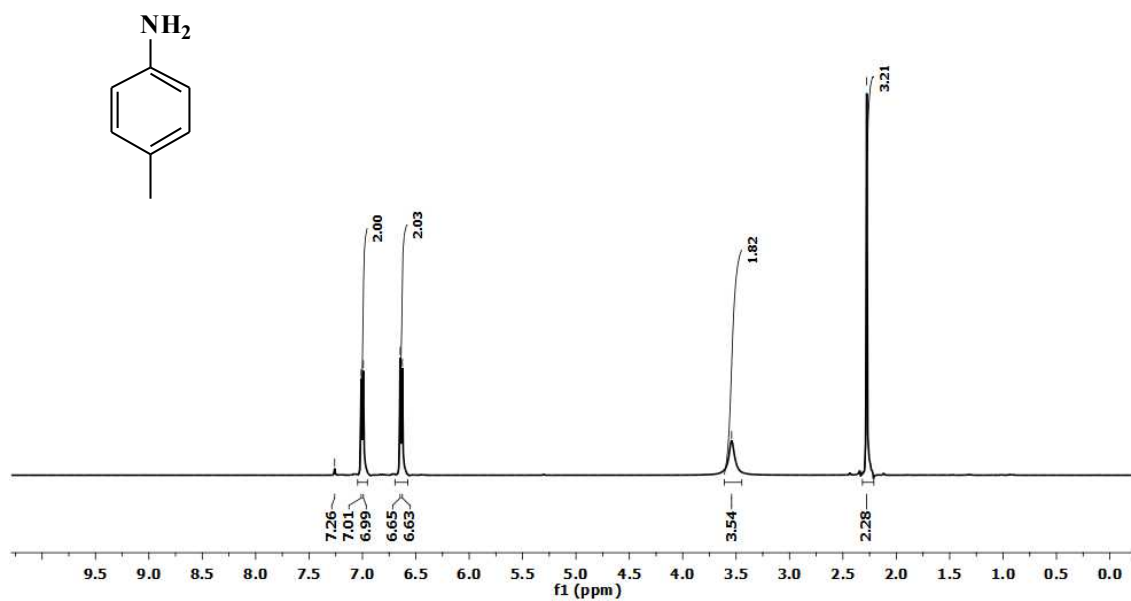


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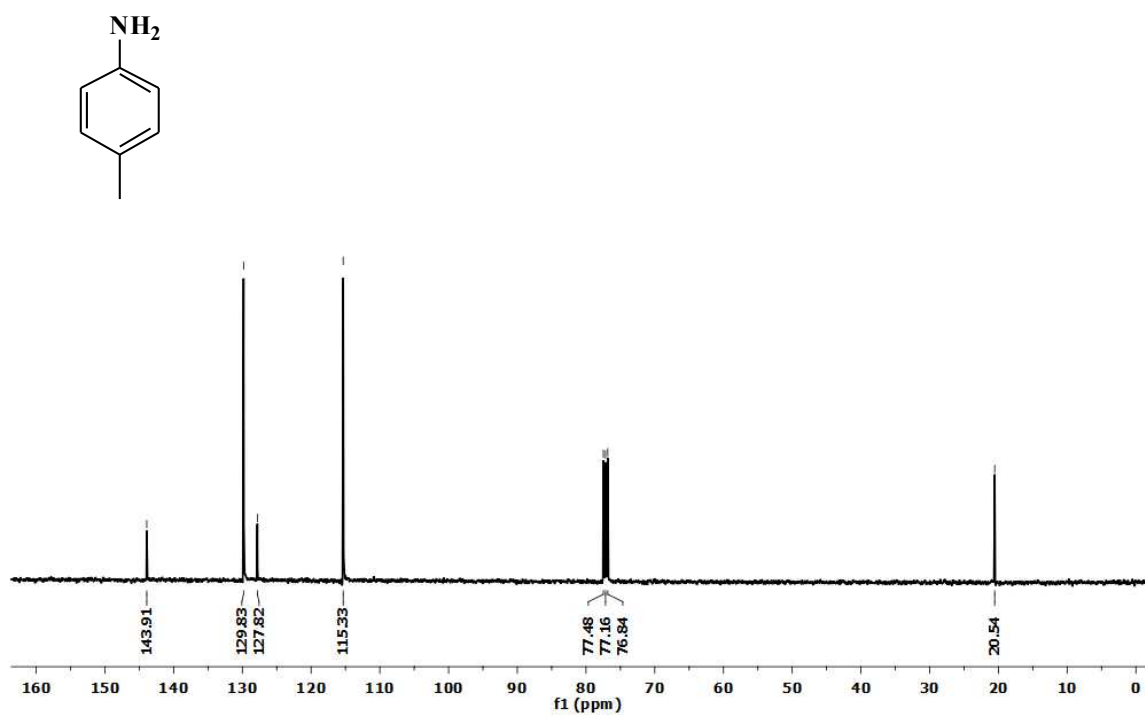


Fig. S5: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of aniline.

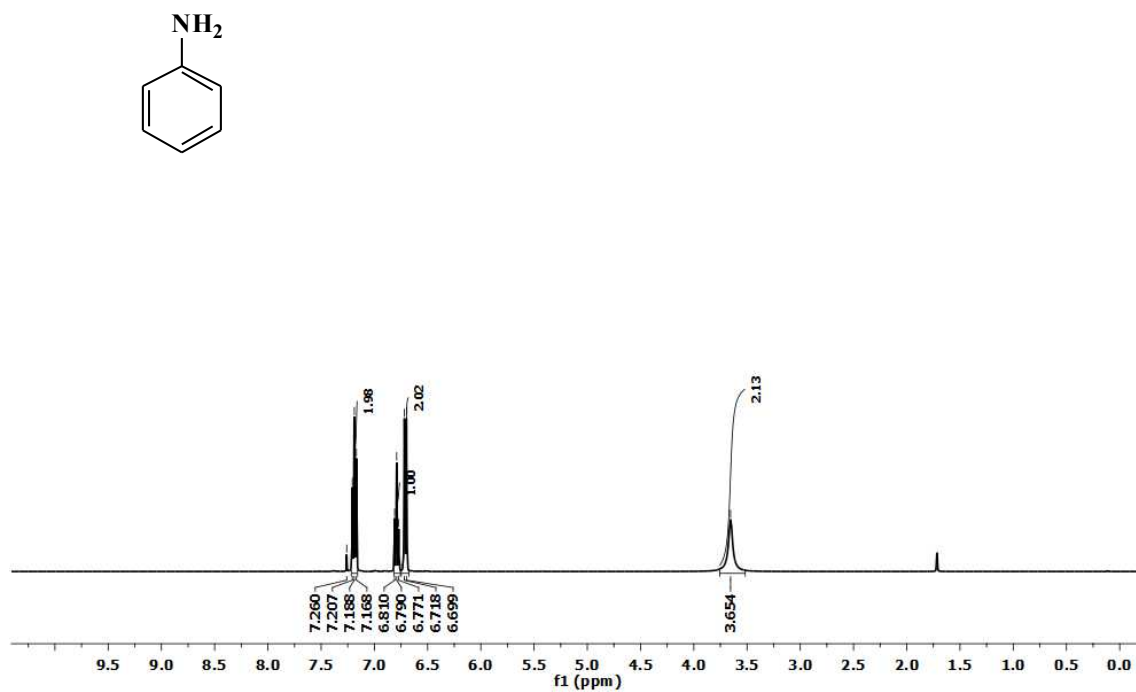


Fig. S6: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of aniline.

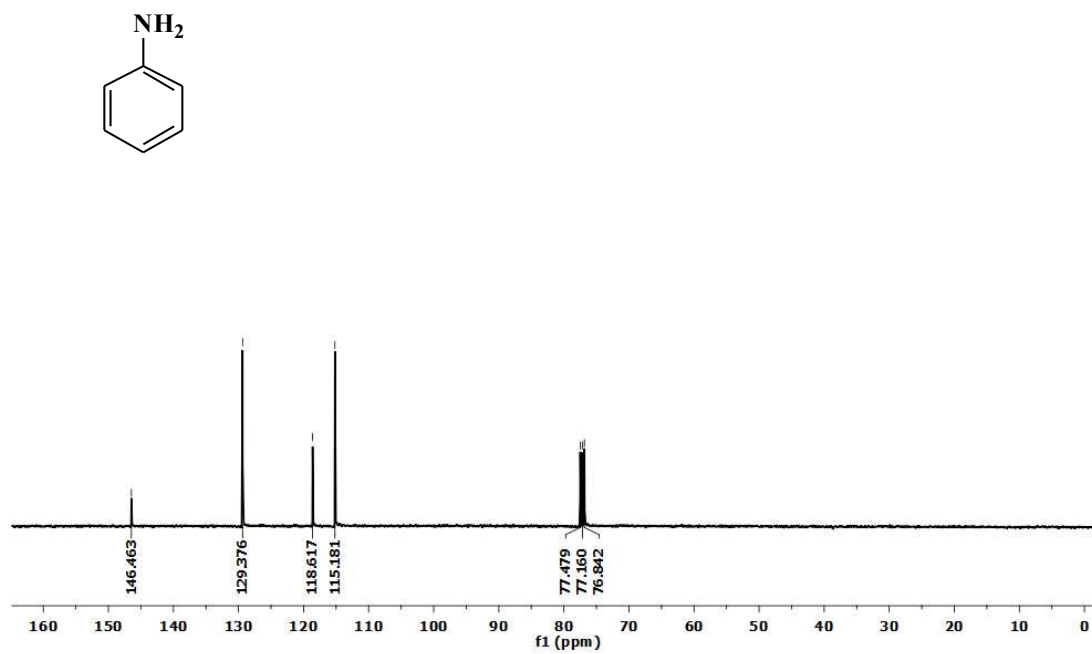


Fig. S7:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-Fluoroaniline.

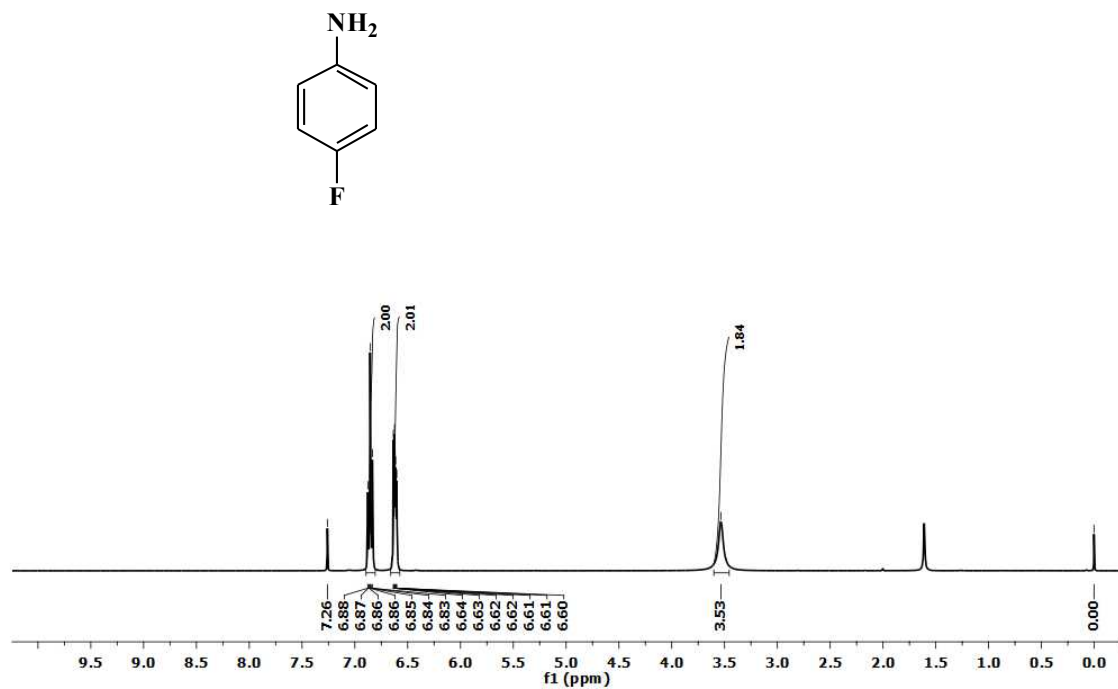


Fig. S8: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-Fluoroaniline.

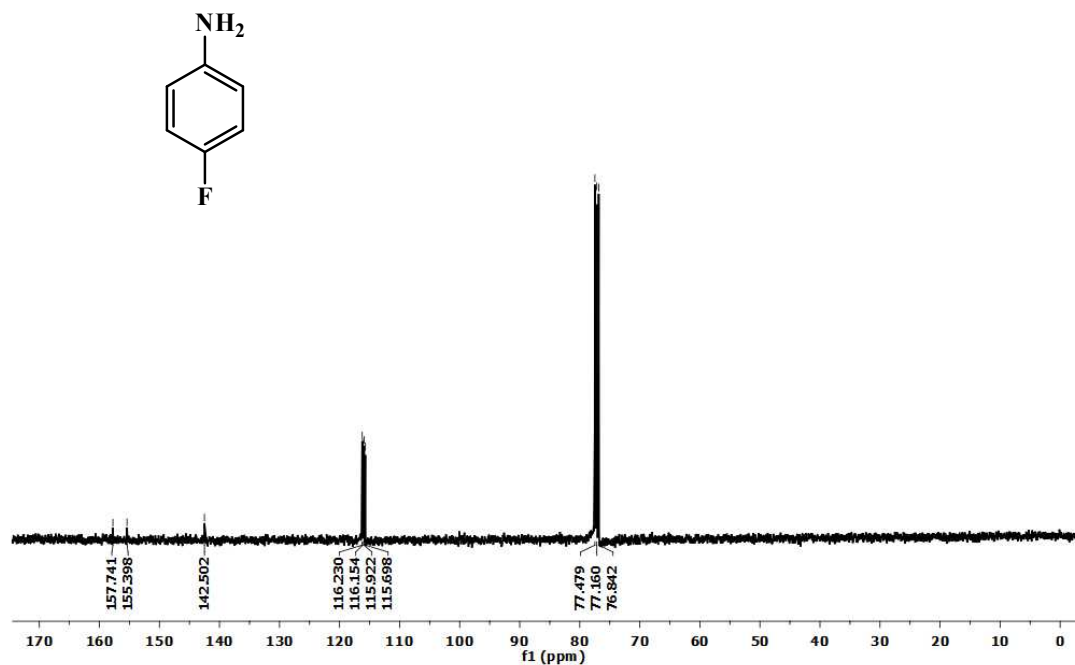


Fig. S9:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of *p*-Anisidine.

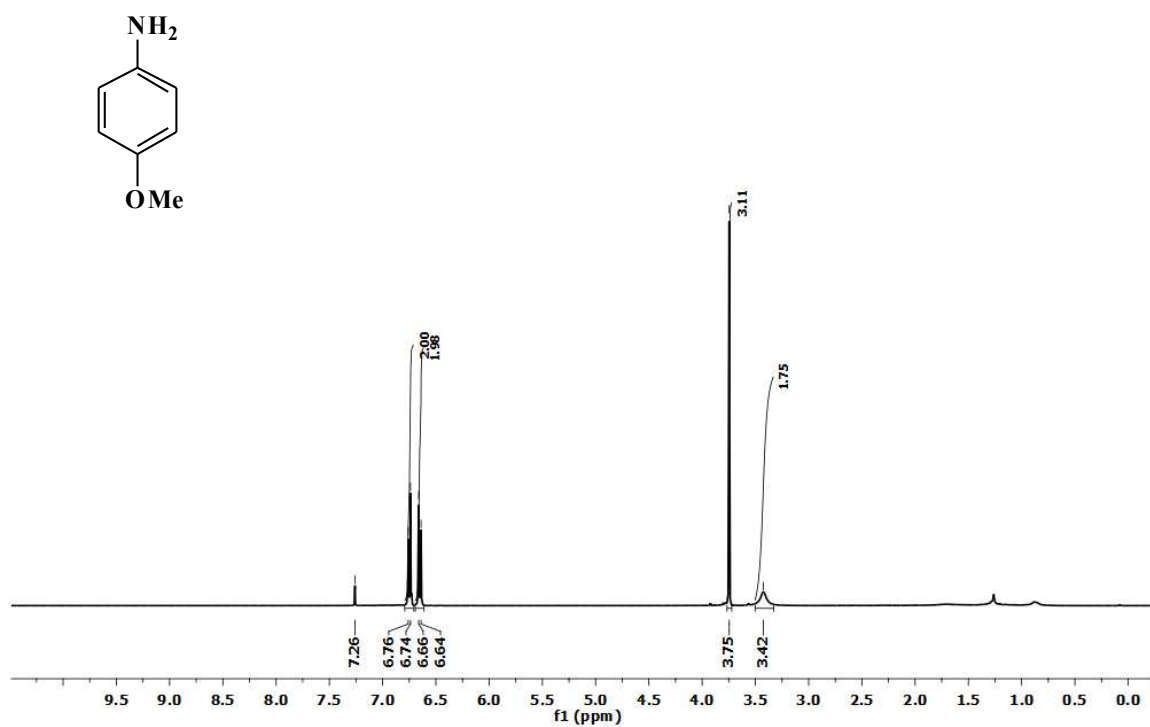


Fig. S10:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of *p*-Anisidine.

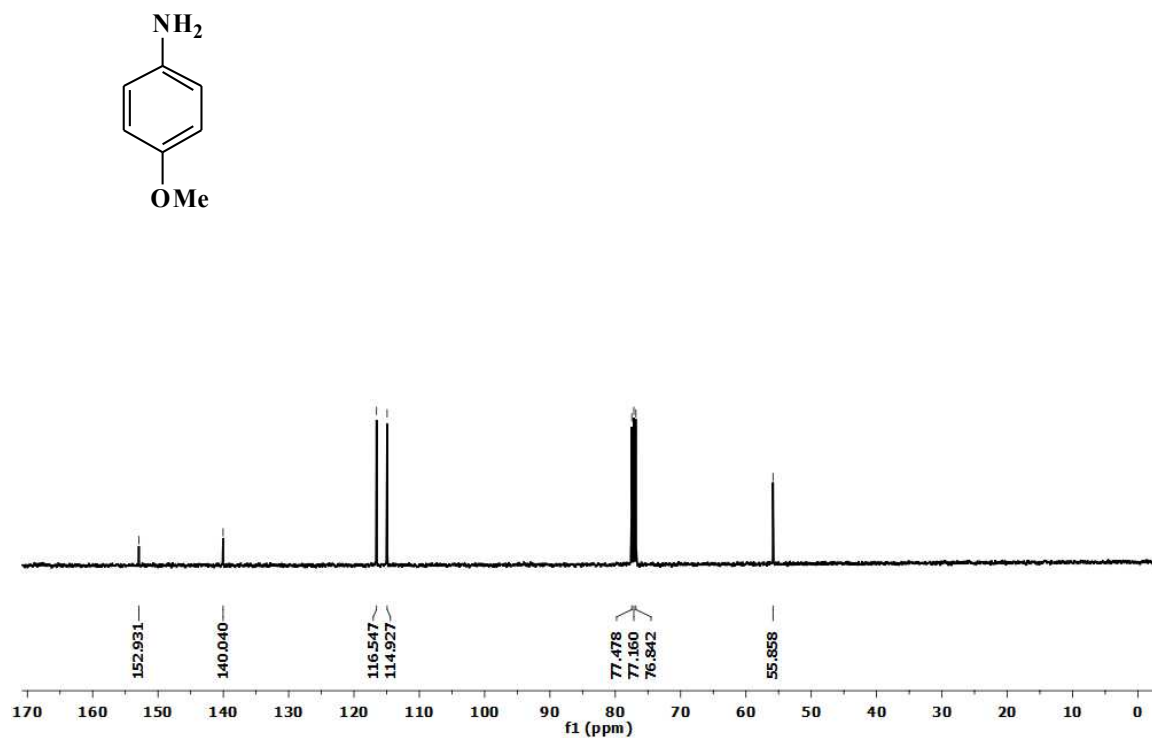


Fig. S11:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-Chloroaniline.

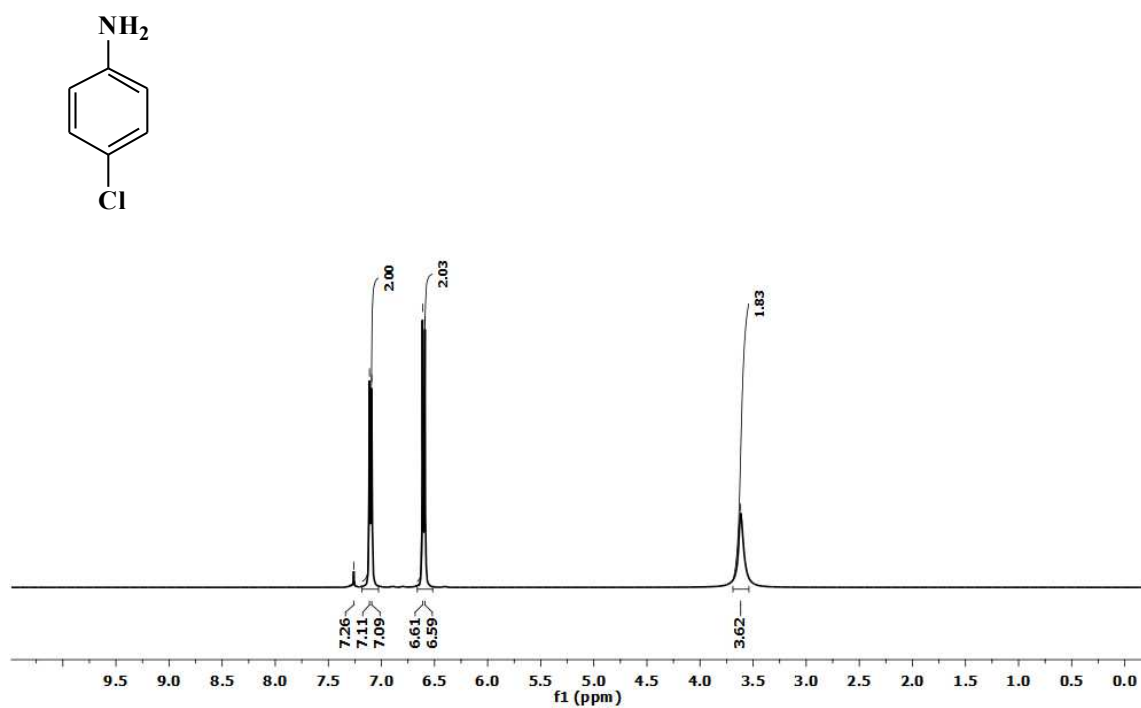


Fig. S12: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-Chloroaniline.

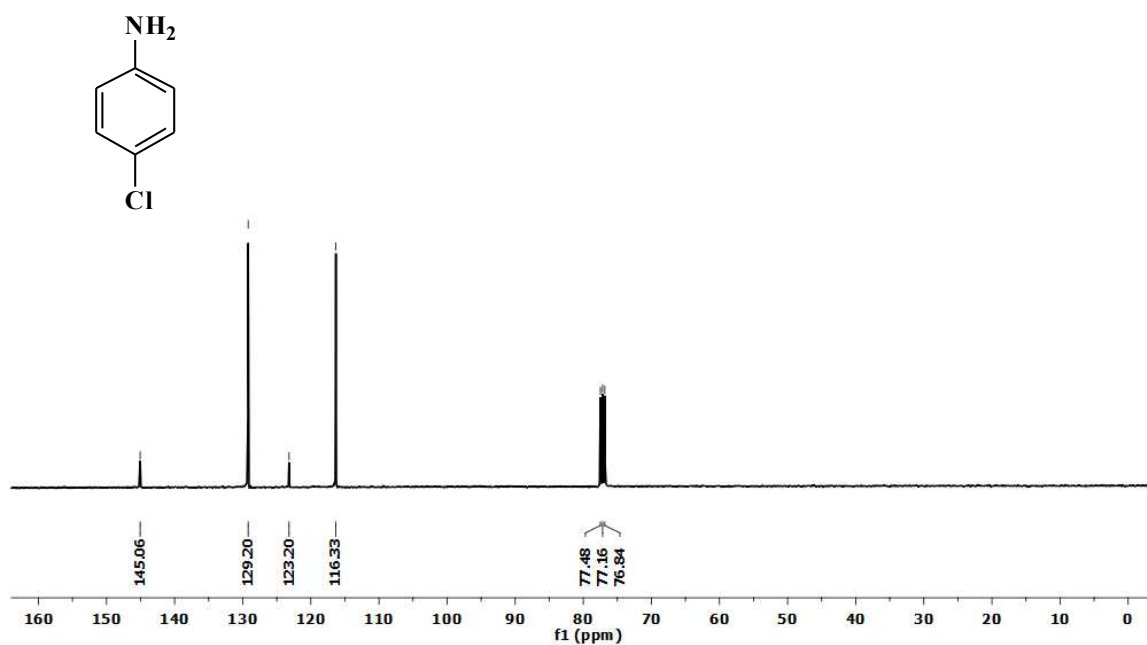


Fig. S13: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-Bromoaniline.

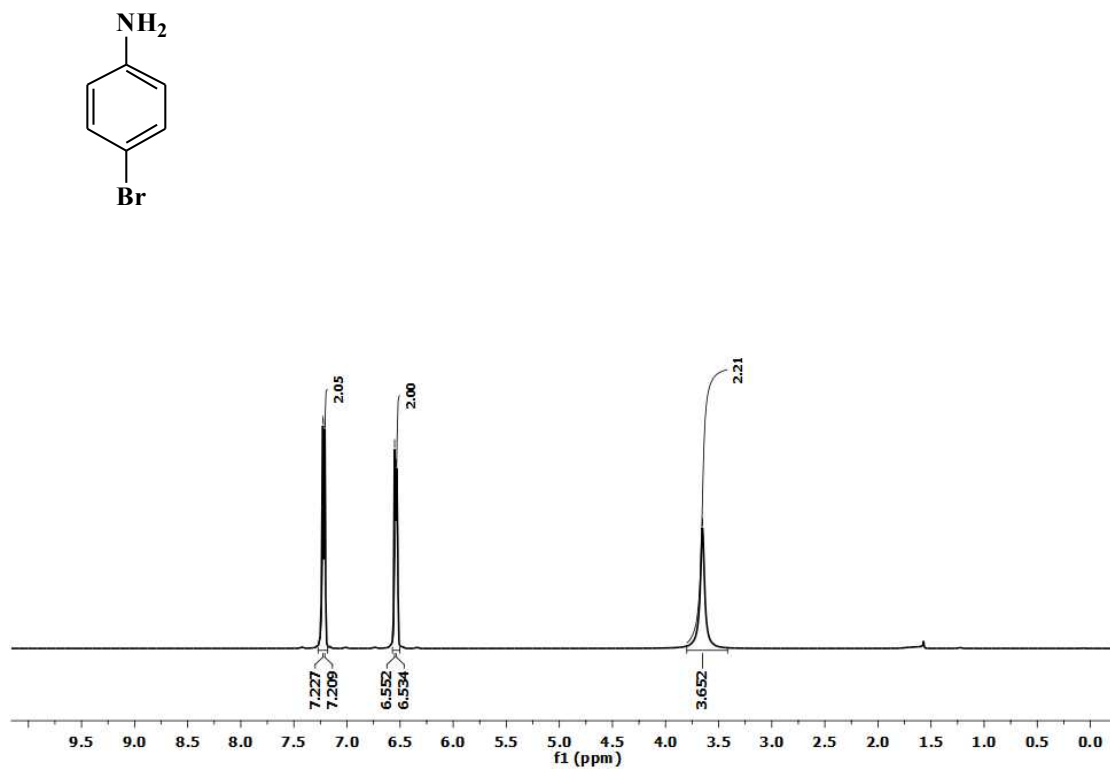


Fig. S14: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-Bromoaniline.

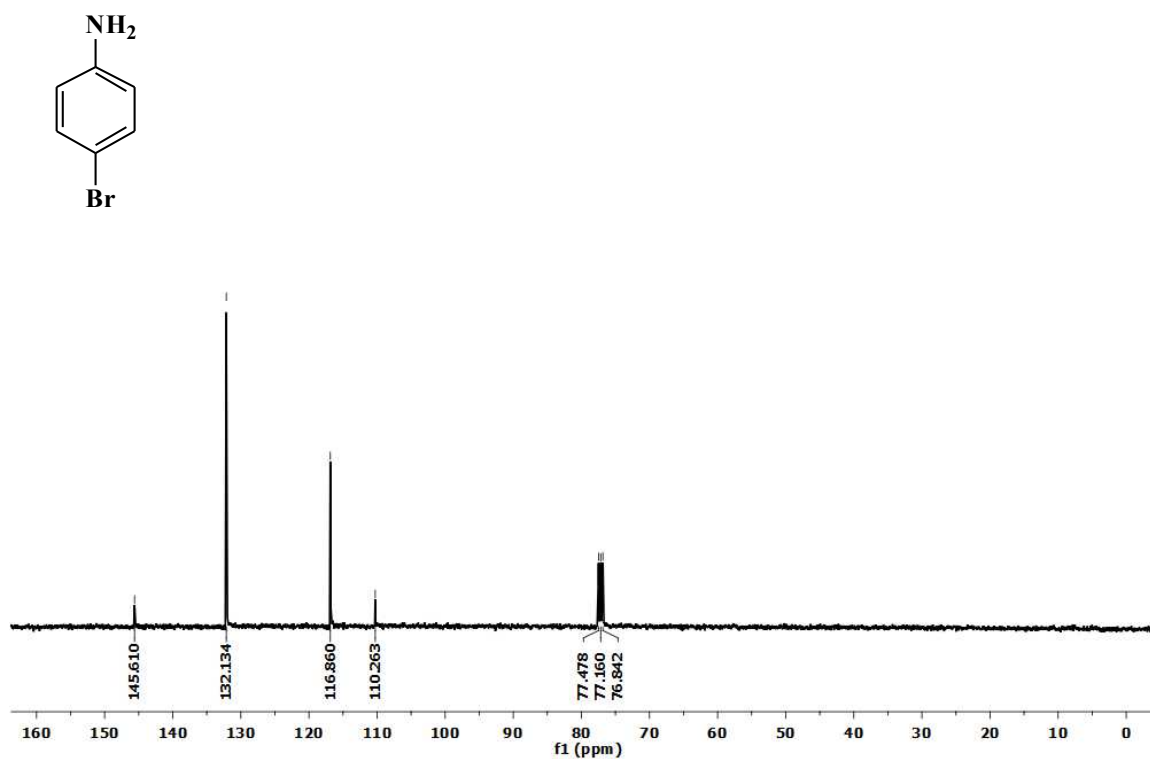


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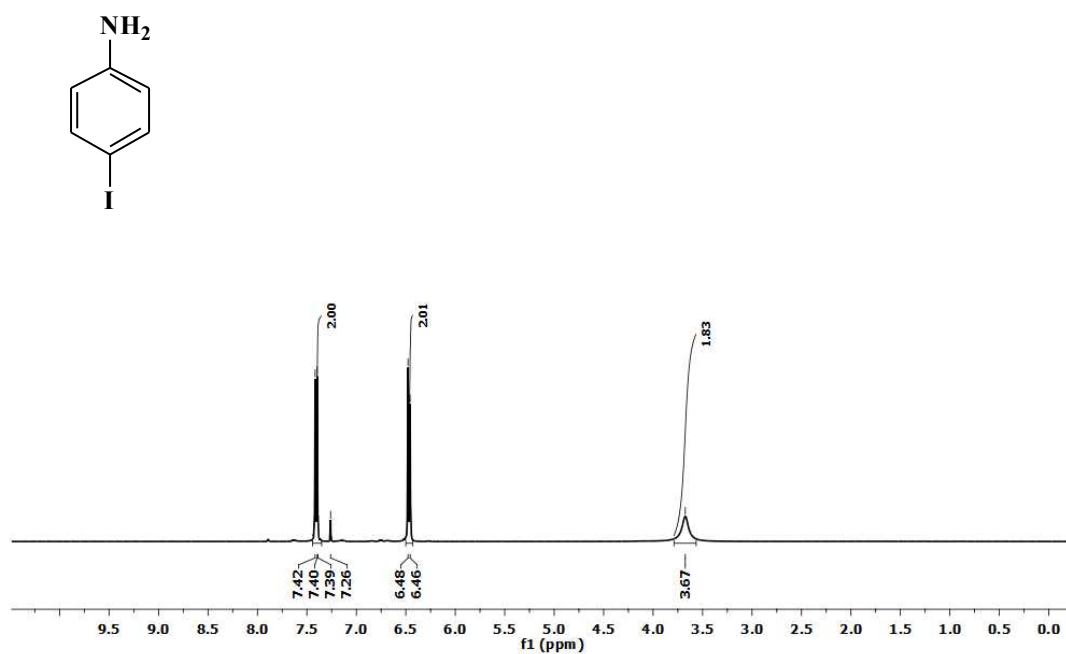


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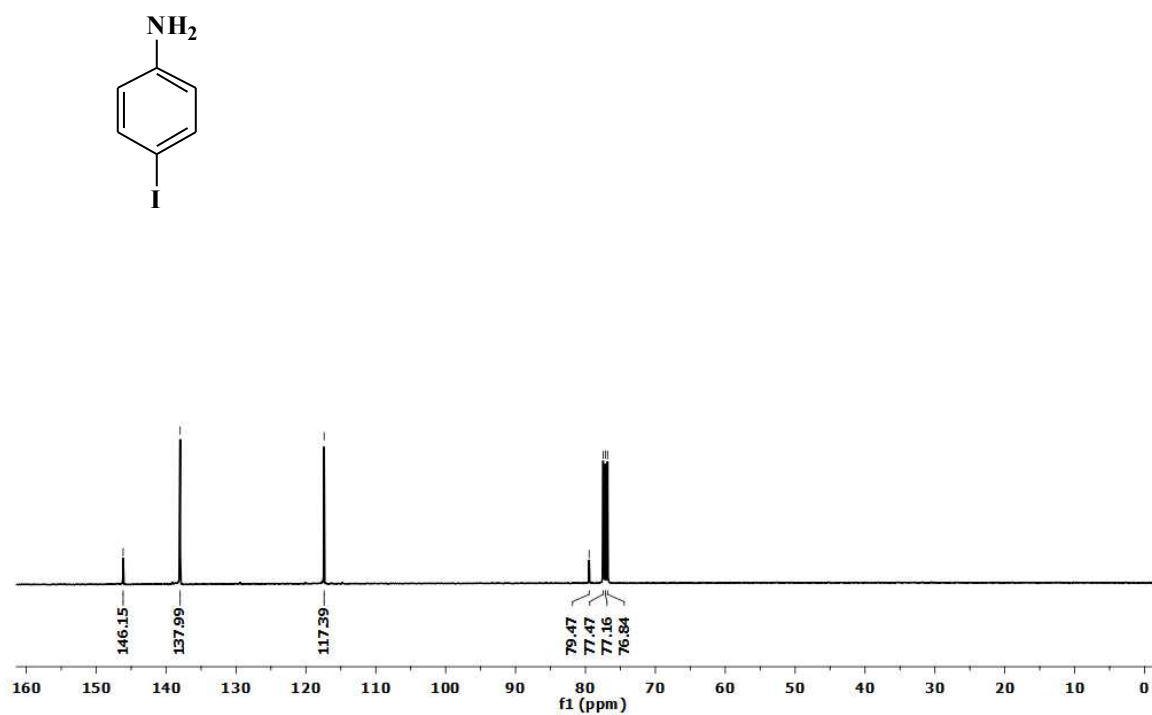


Fig. S17: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-Aminoaniline.

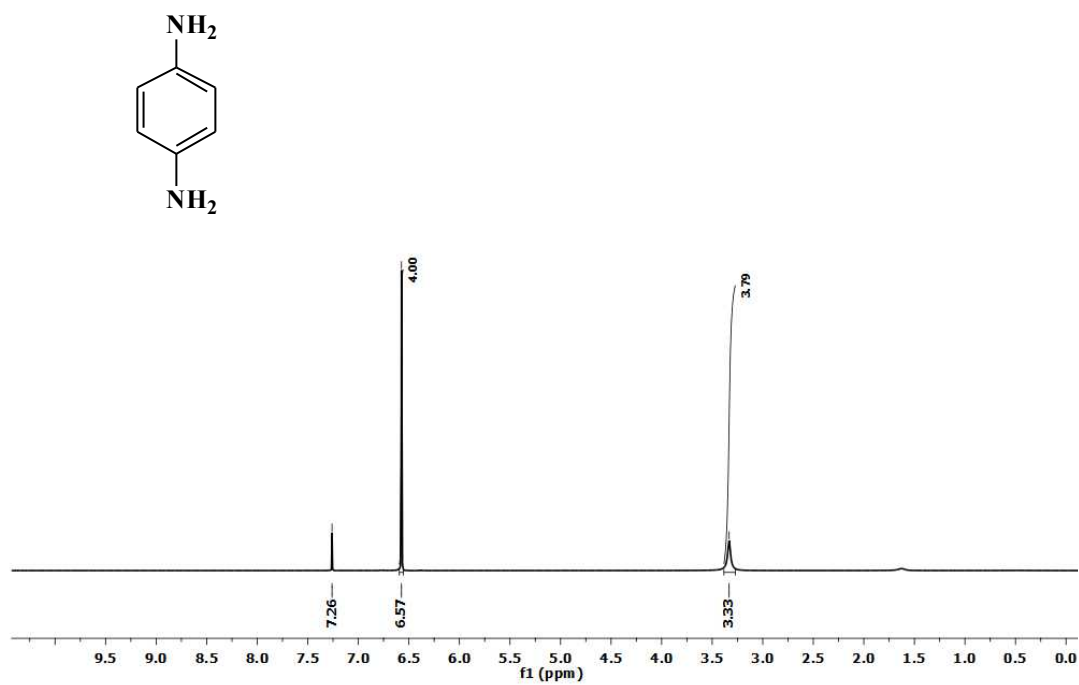


Fig. S18: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-Aminoaniline.

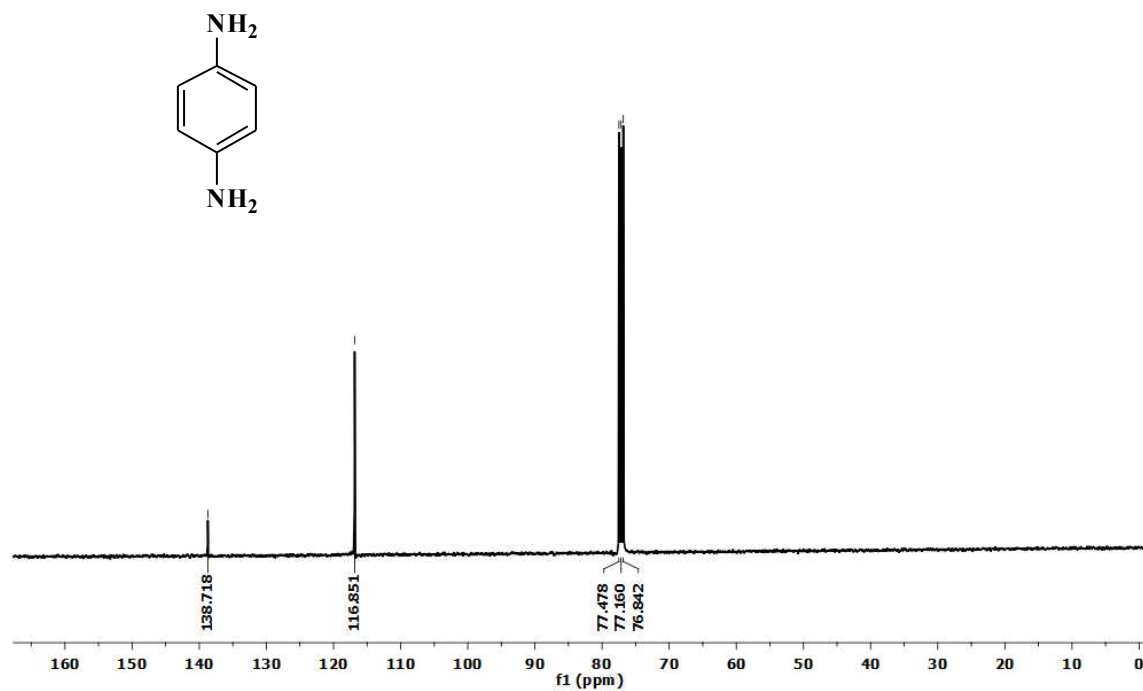


Fig. S19: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-Chloroaniline.

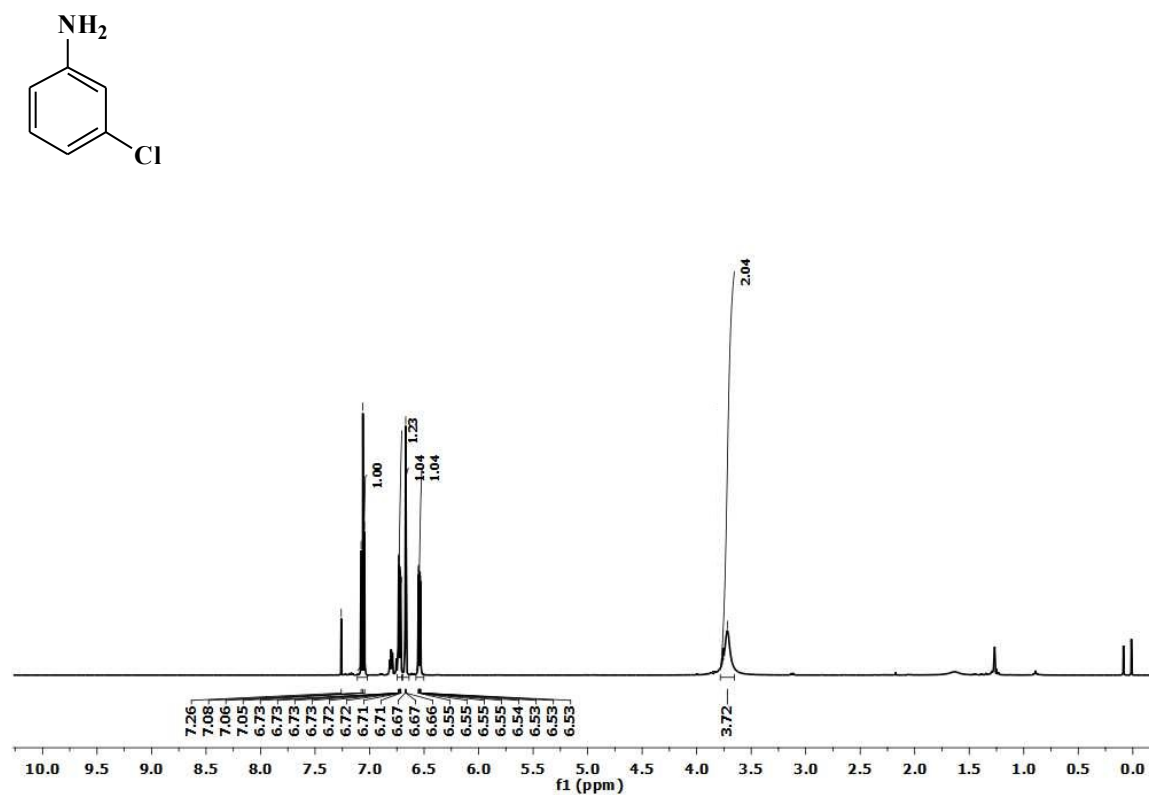


Fig. S20: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-Chloroaniline.

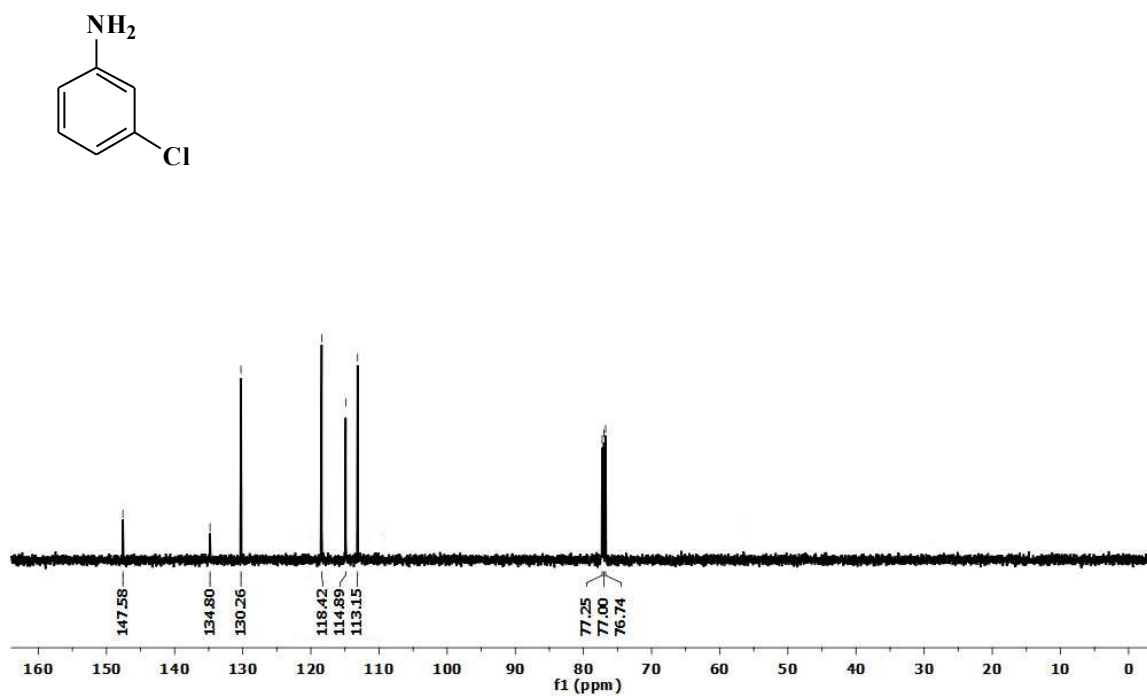


Fig. S21: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-Bromoaniline.

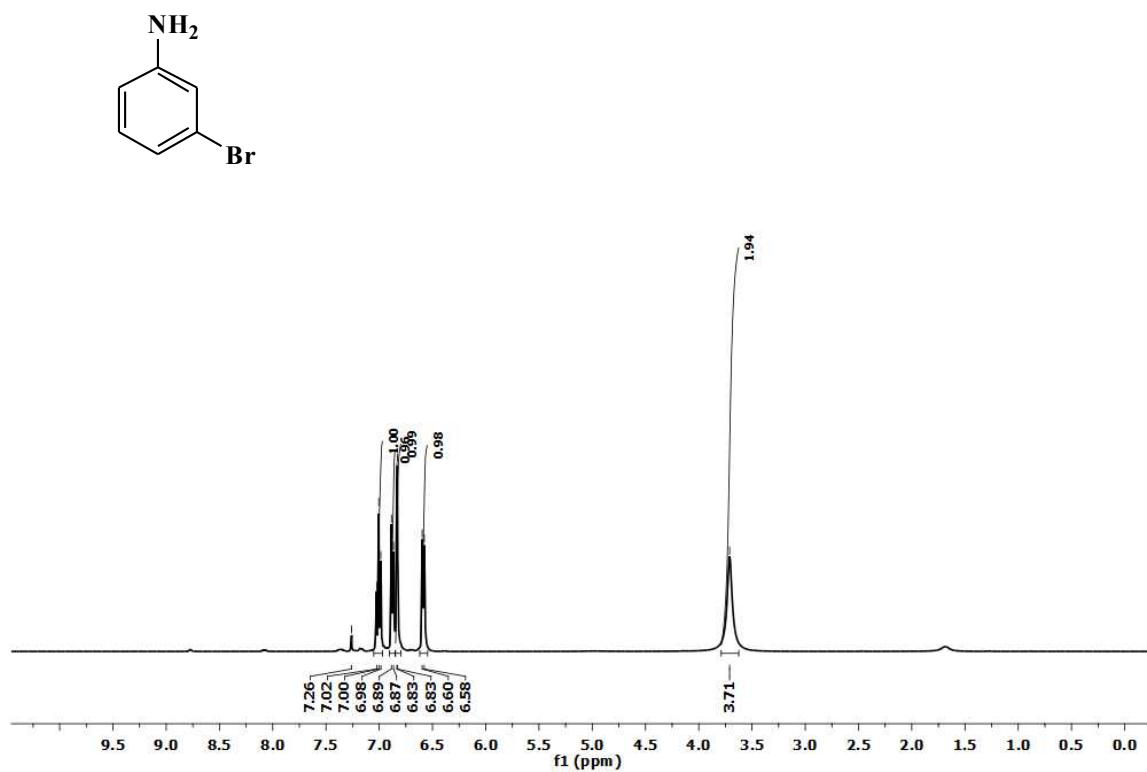


Fig. S22: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-Bromoaniline.

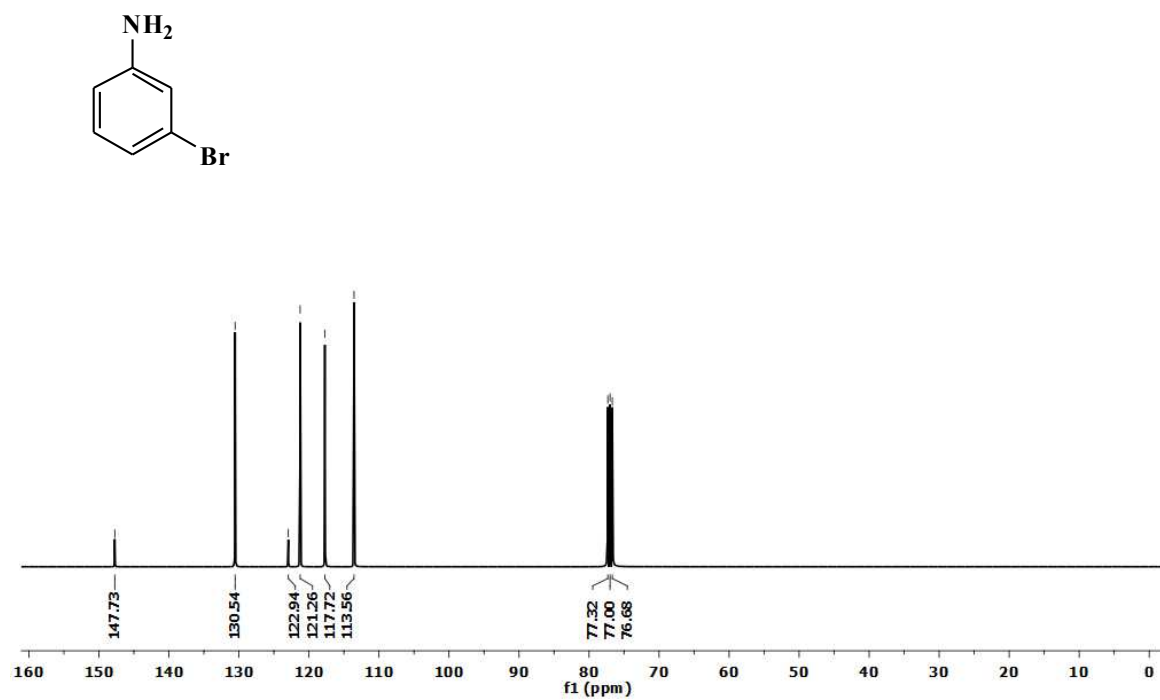


Fig. S23: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-Iodoaniline.

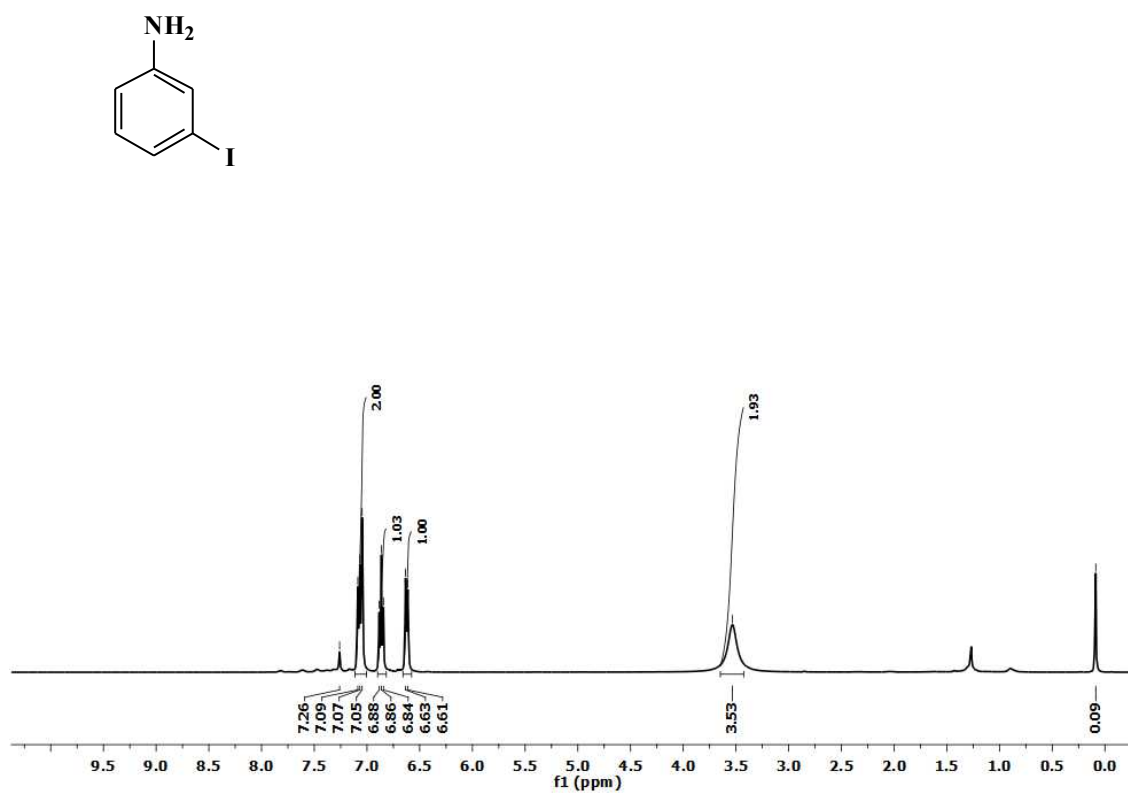


Fig. S24: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-Iodoaniline.

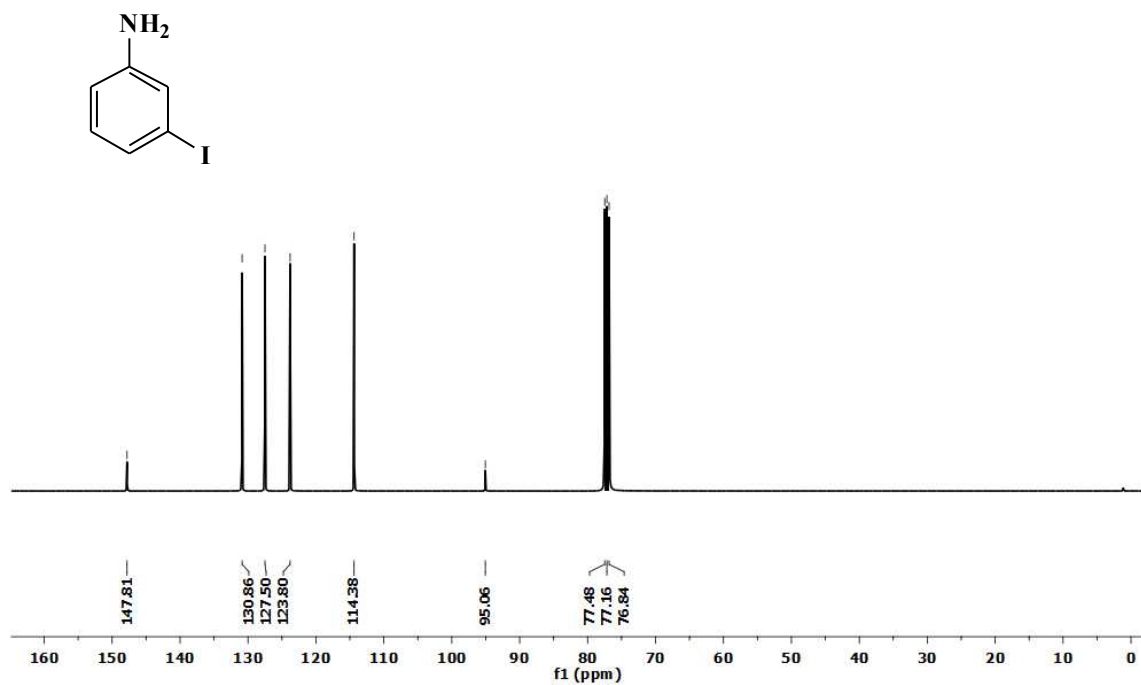


Fig. S25: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of *m*-Phenylenediamine.

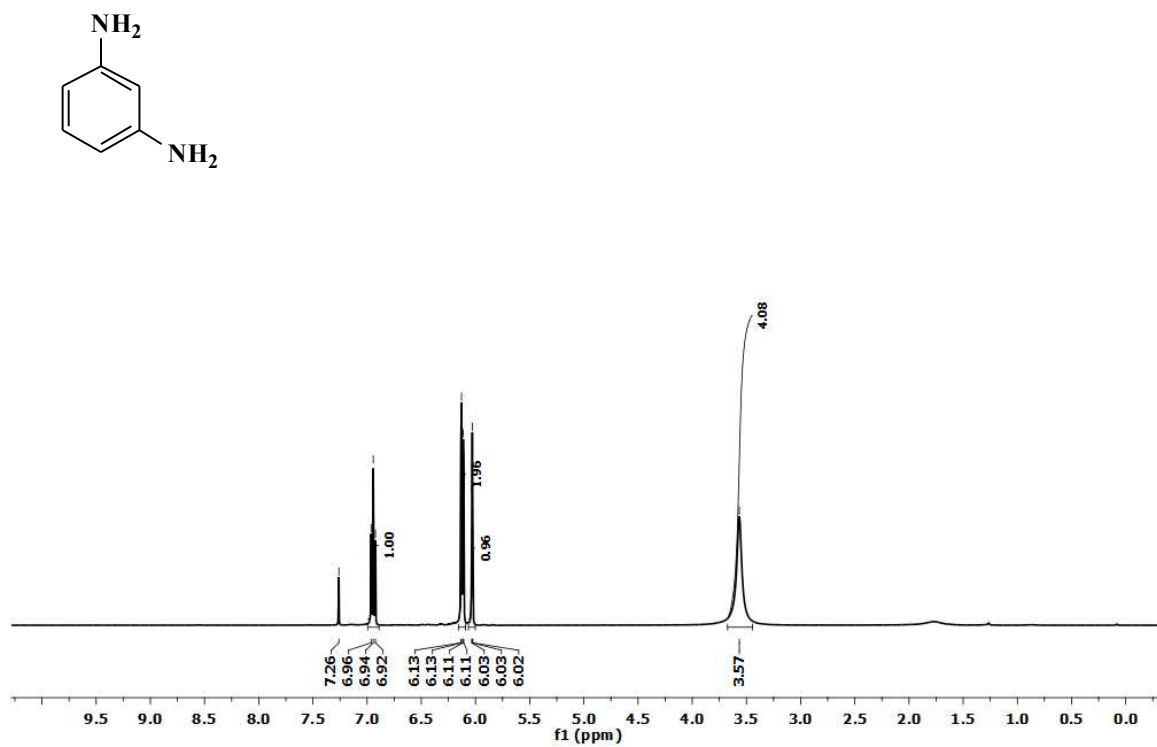


Fig. S26: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of *m*-Phenylenediamine.

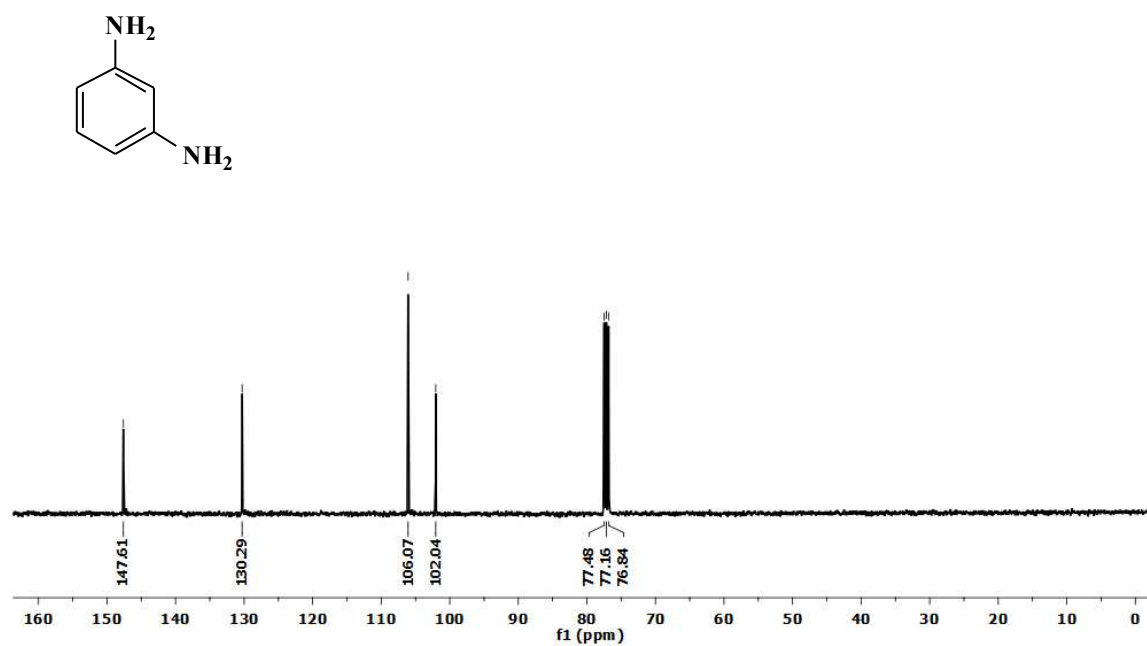


Fig. S27: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-Aminobenzonitrile.

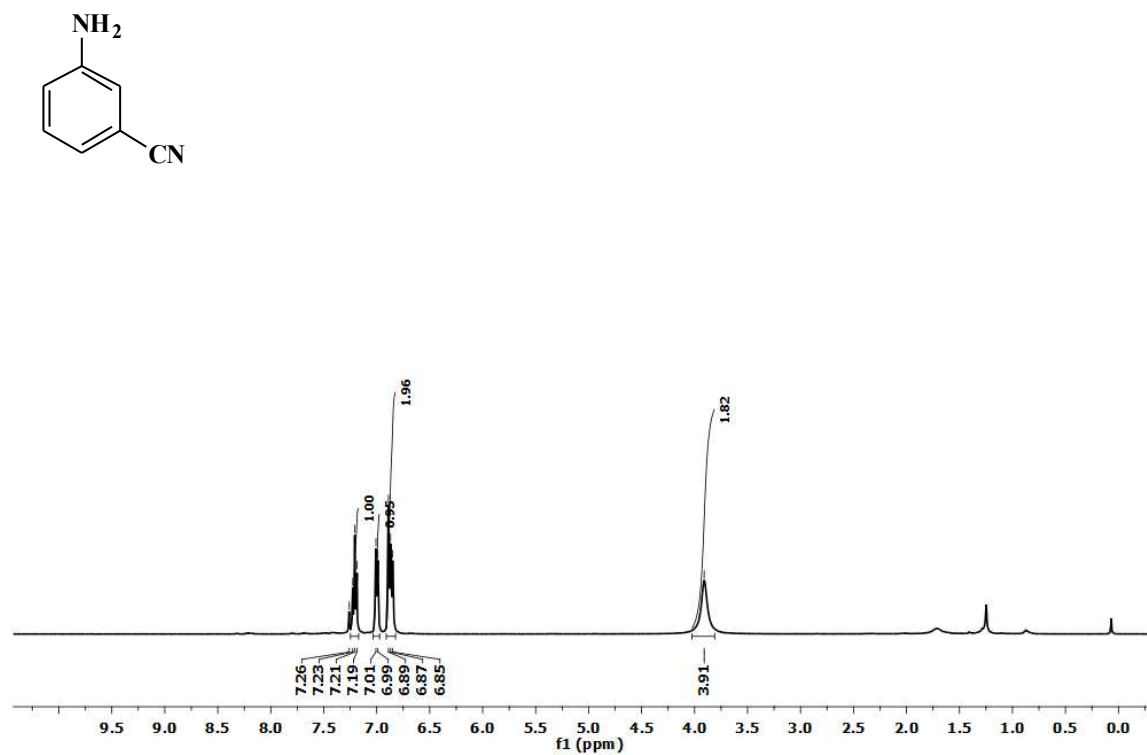


Fig. S28: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-Aminobenzonitrile.

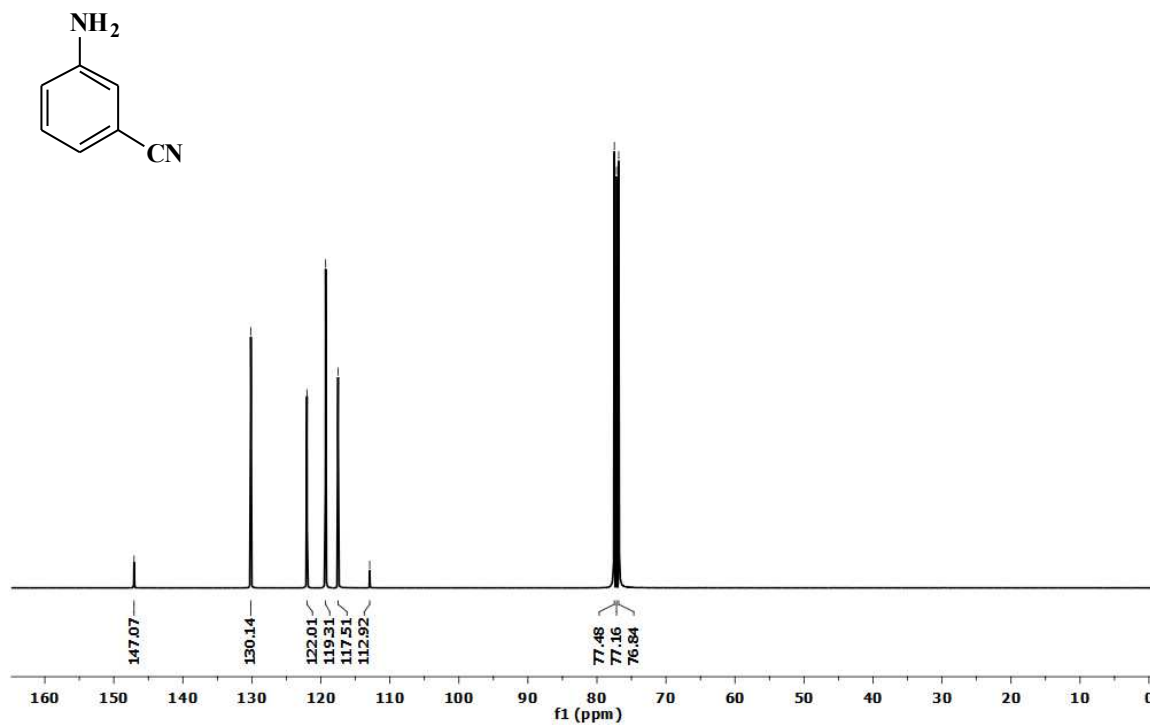


Fig. S29: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 2-Fluoroaniline.

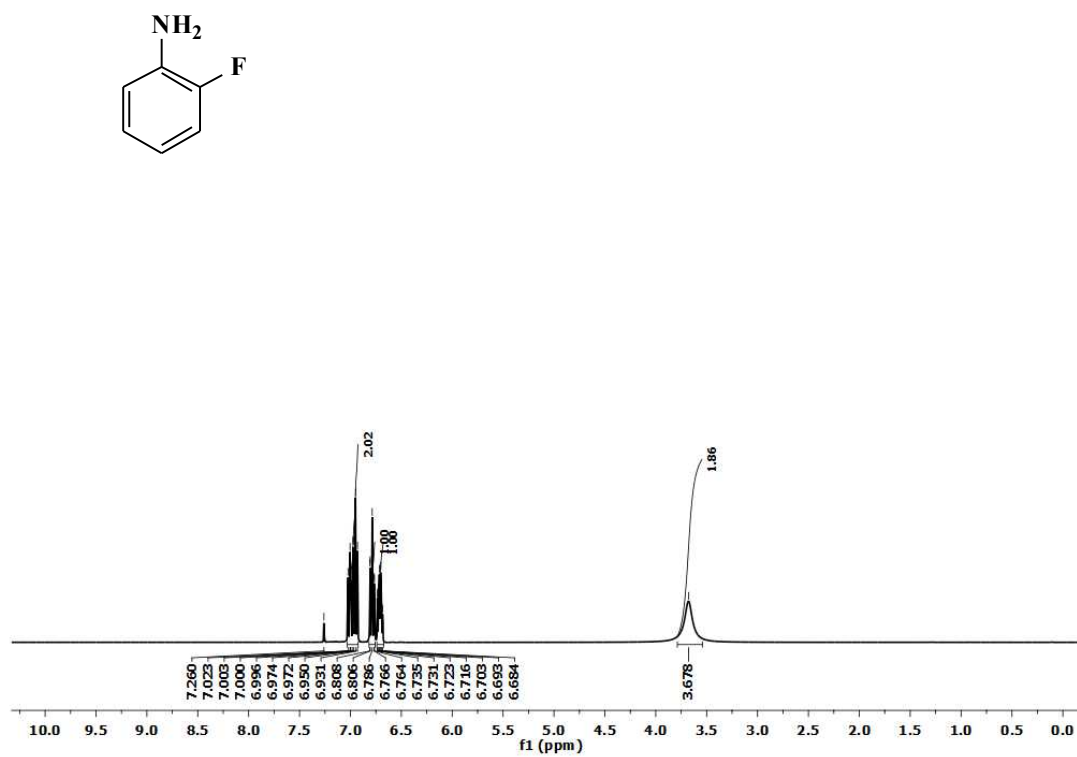


Fig. S30: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 2-Fluoroaniline.

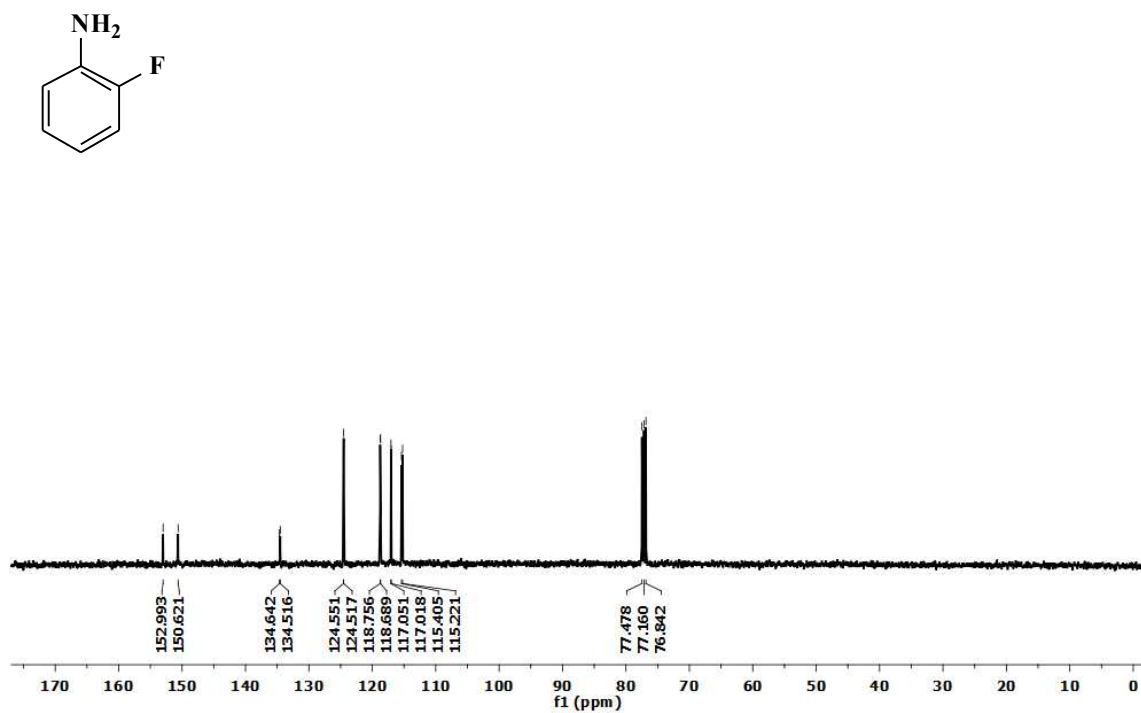


Fig. S31: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 2-Bromoaniline.

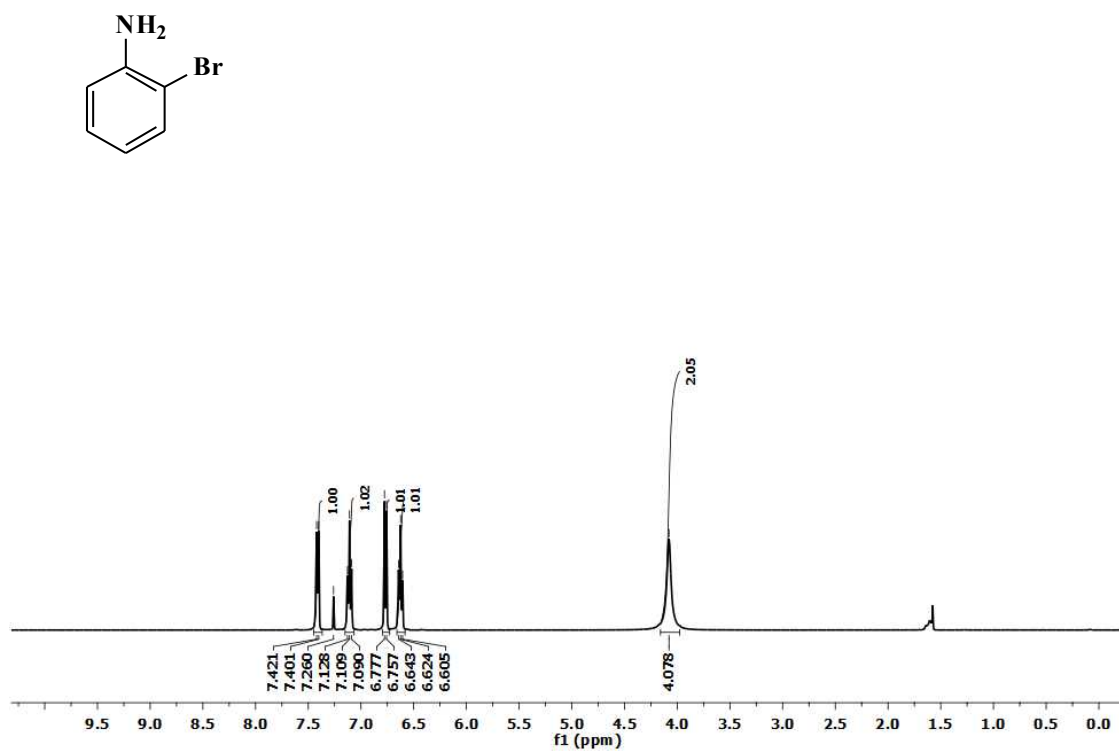


Fig. S32: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 2-Bromoaniline.

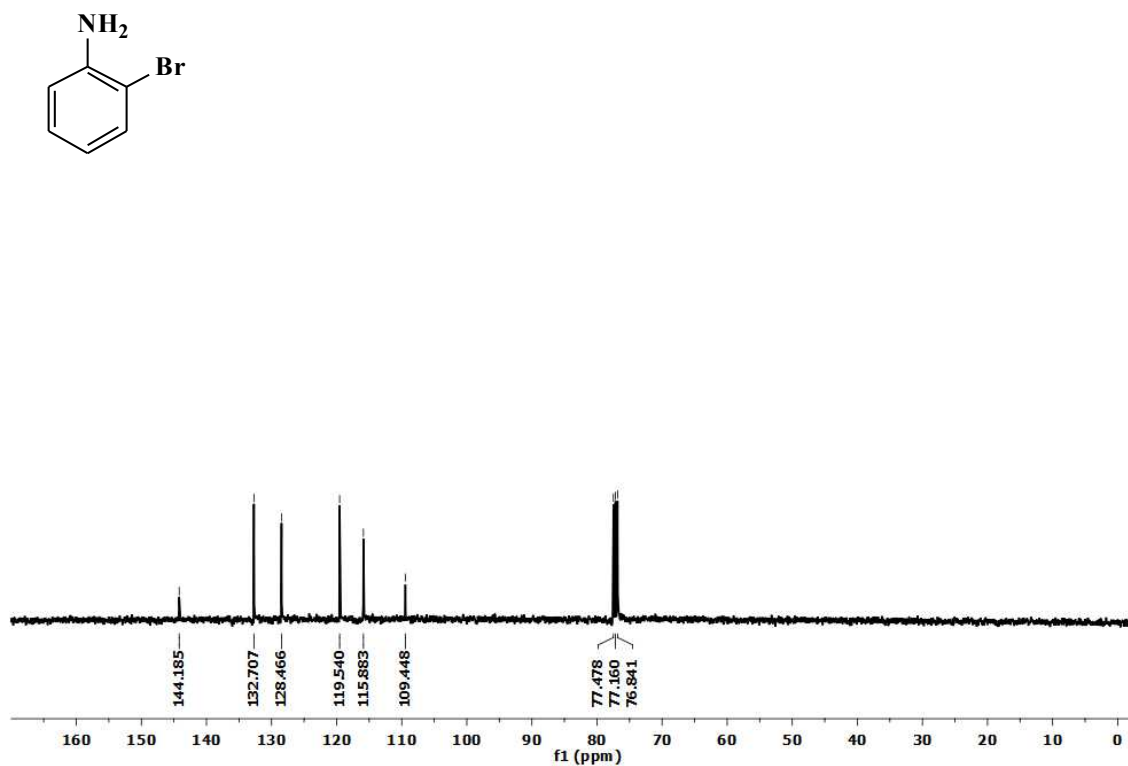


Fig. S33: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-Amino benzylalcohol.

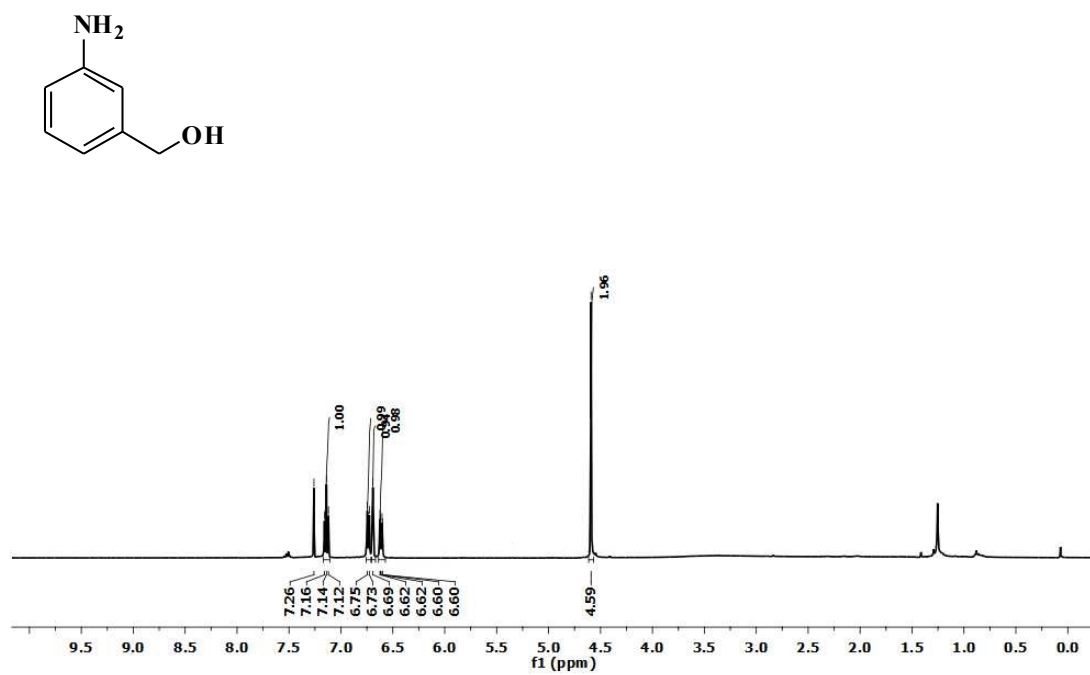


Fig. S34: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-Amino benzylalcohol.

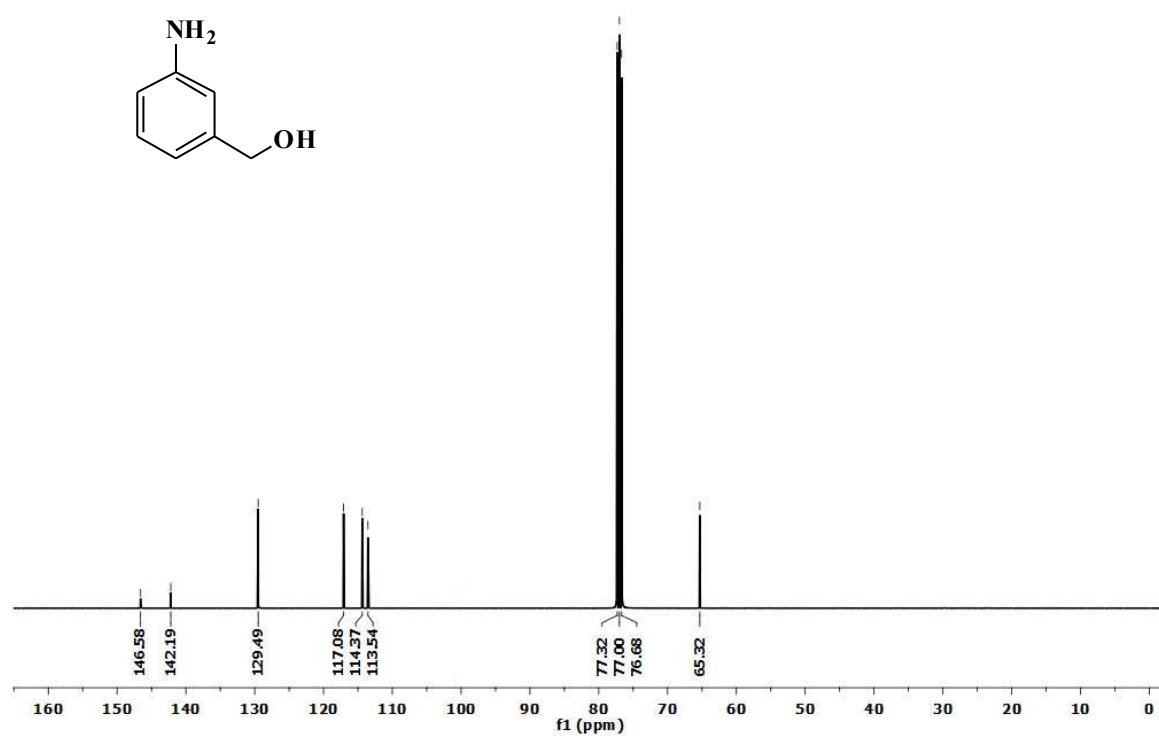


Fig. S35: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 1-Aminonaphthalene.

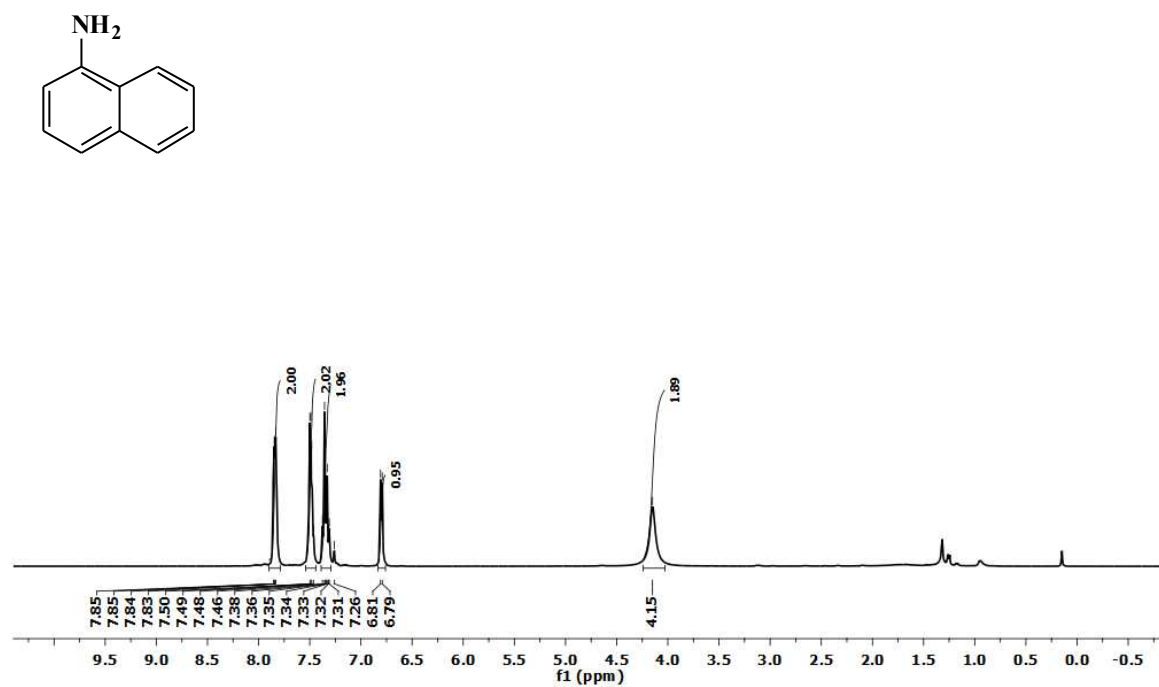


Fig. S36: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 1-Aminonaphthalene.

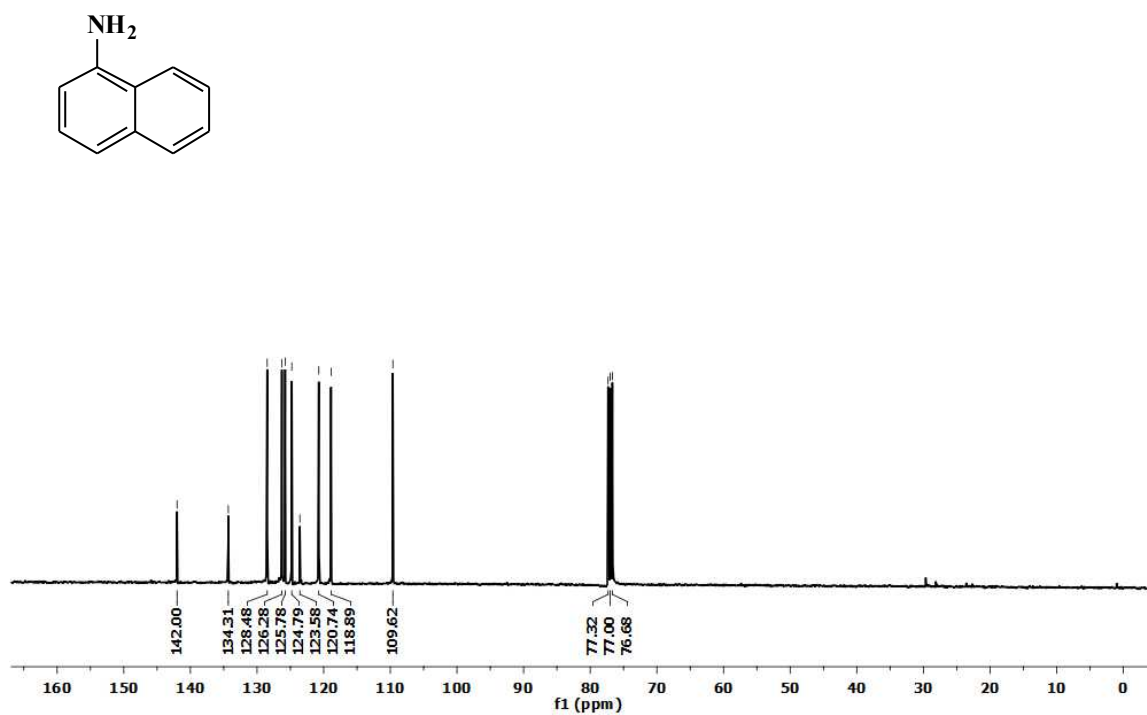


Fig. S37: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 8-Aminoquinoline.

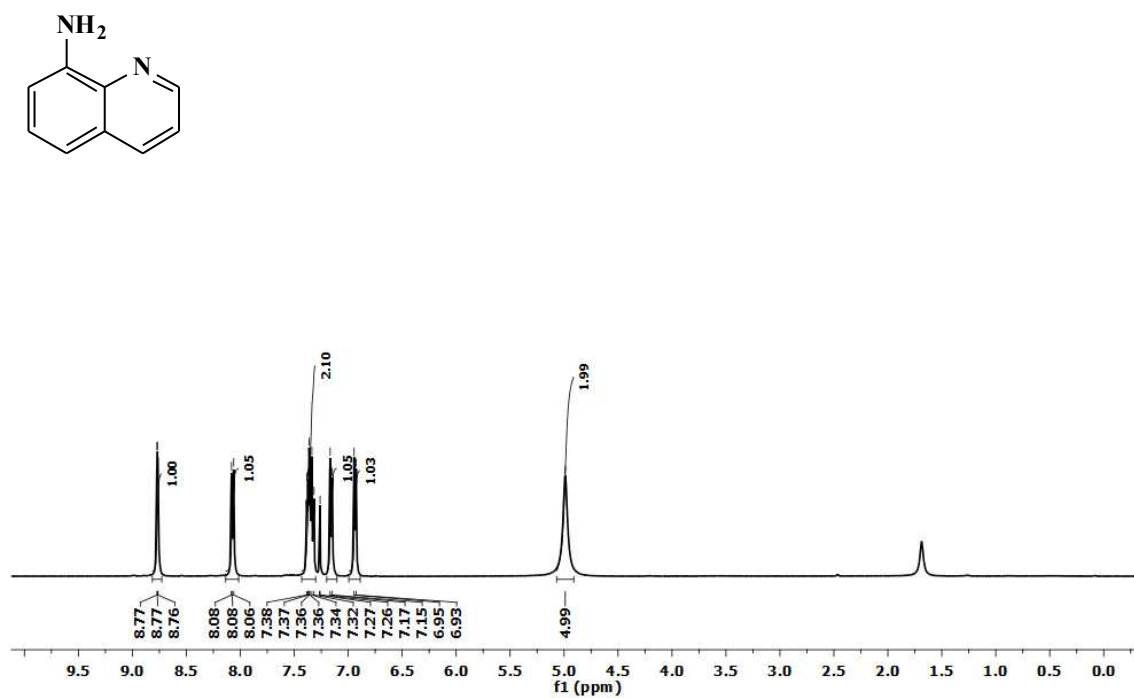


Fig. S38: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 8-Aminoquinoline.

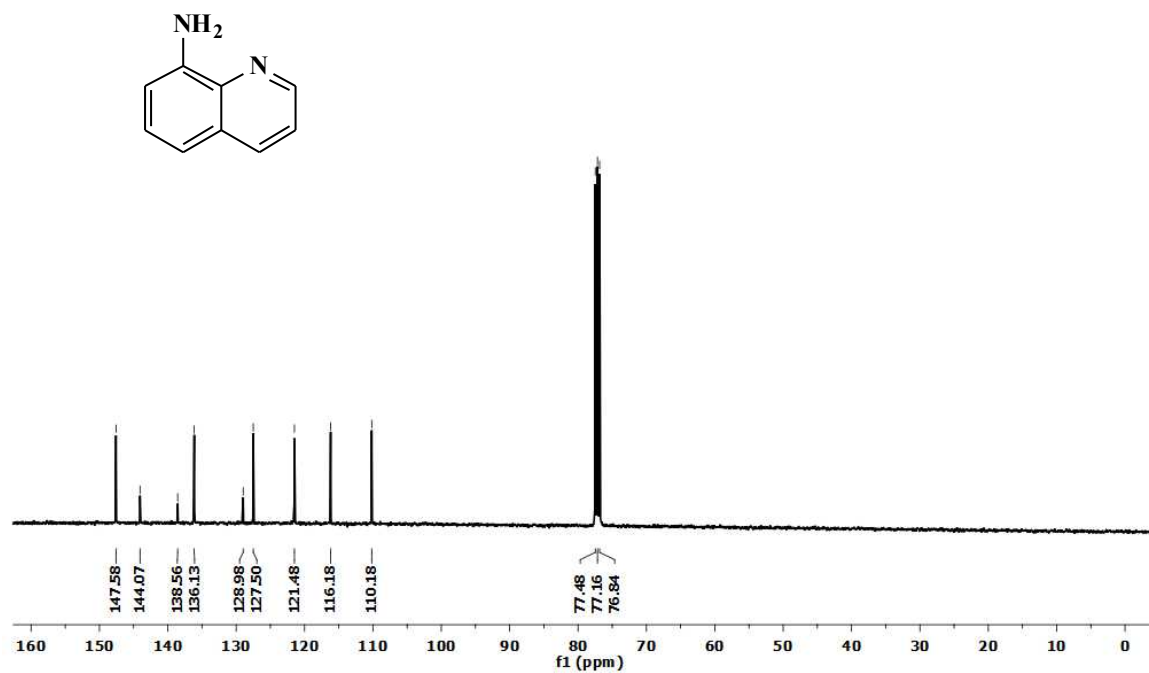


Fig. S39: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 6-Aminoquinoline.

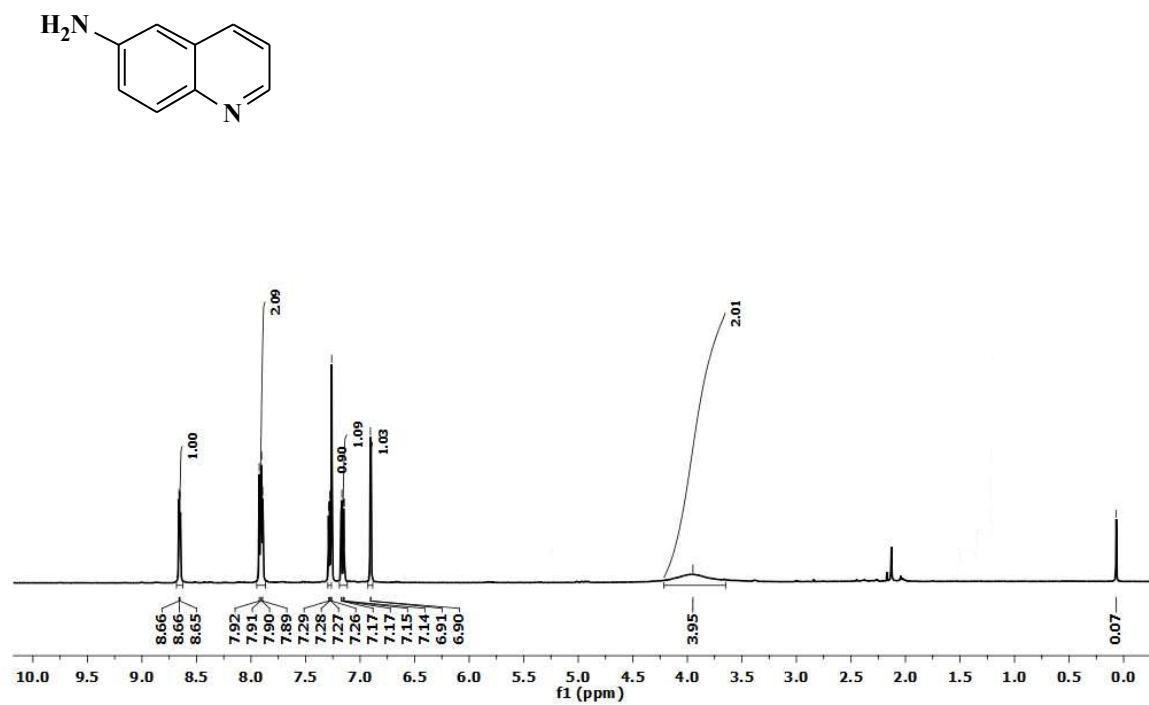


Fig. S40: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 6-Aminoquinoline.

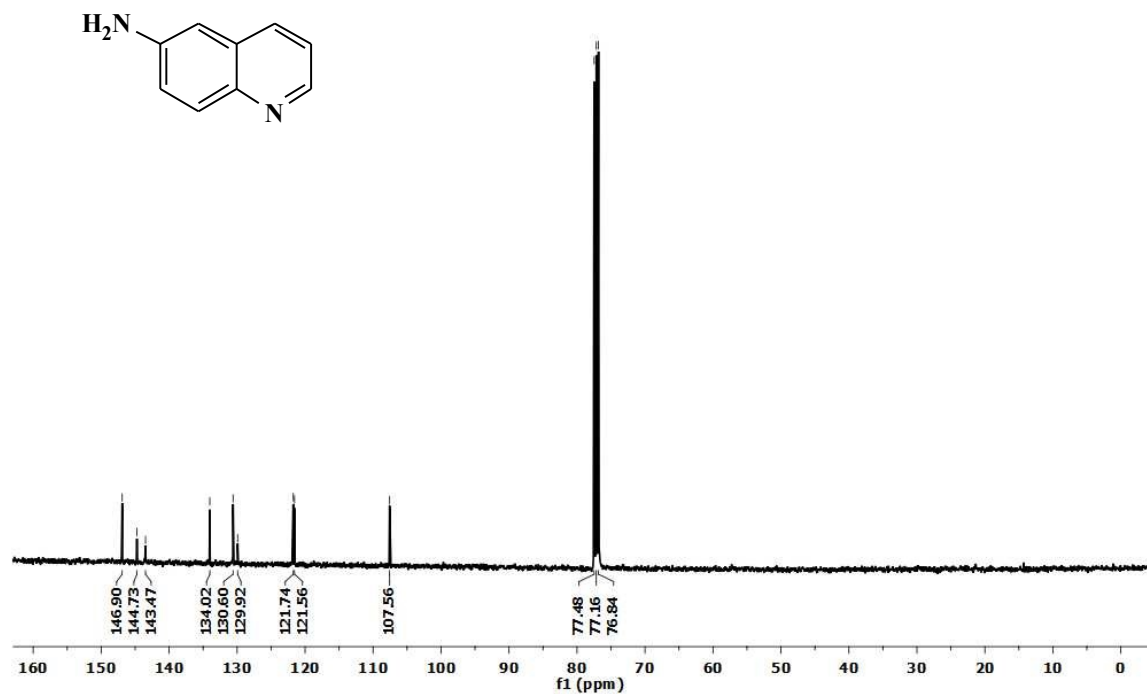


Fig. S41: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-Aminostyrene.

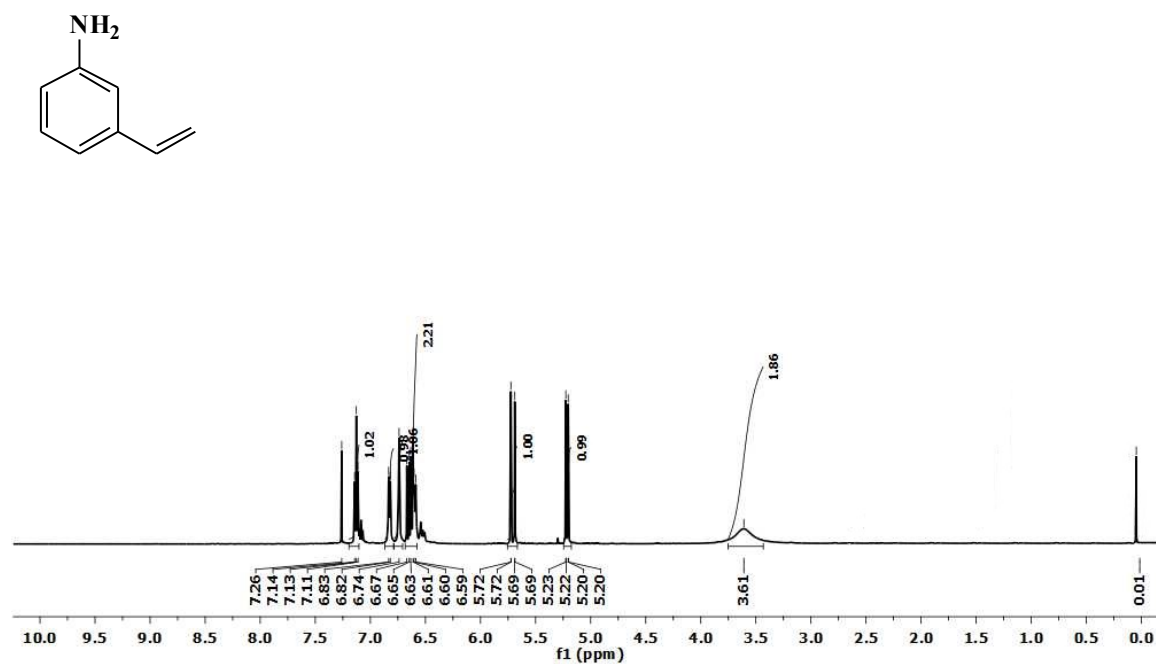


Fig. S42: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-Aminostyrene.

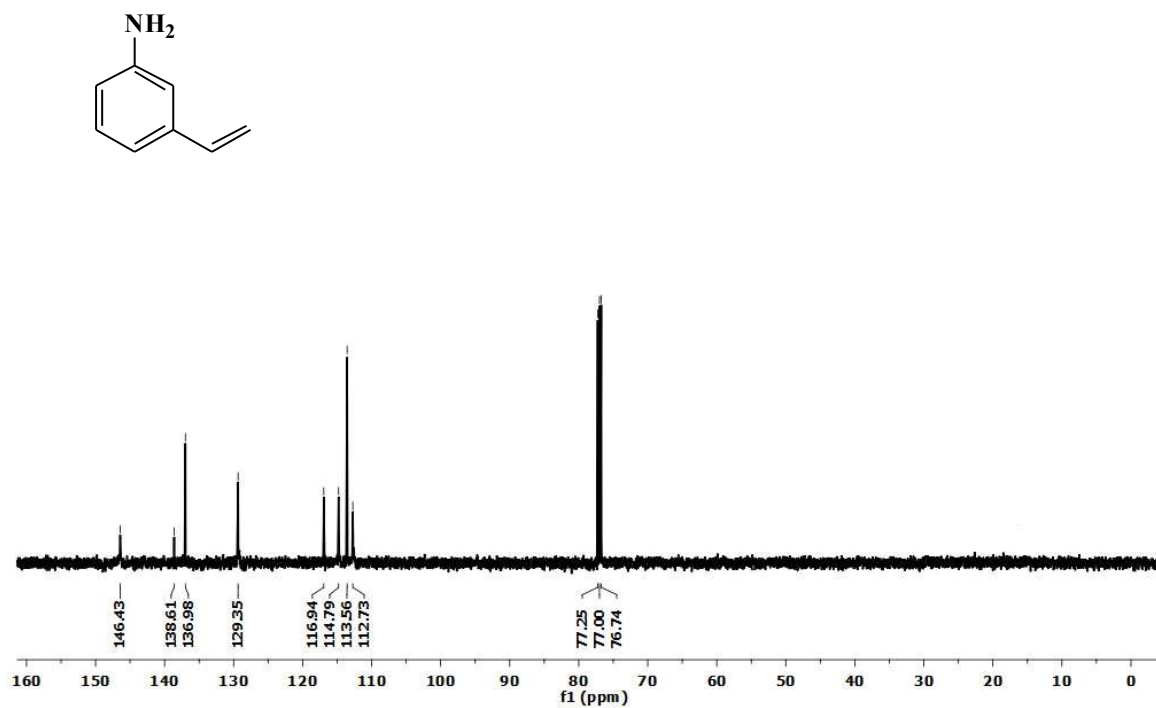


Fig. S43: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 6-Amino-1,4-benzodioxane.

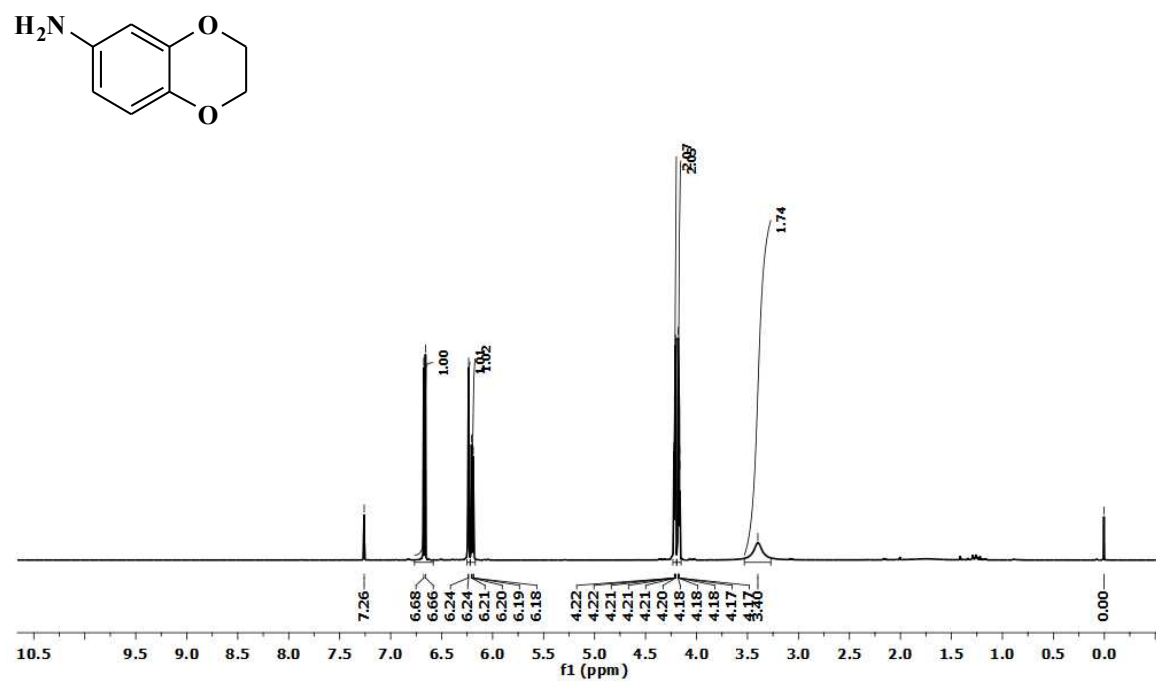


Fig. S44: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 6-Amino-1,4-benzodioxane.

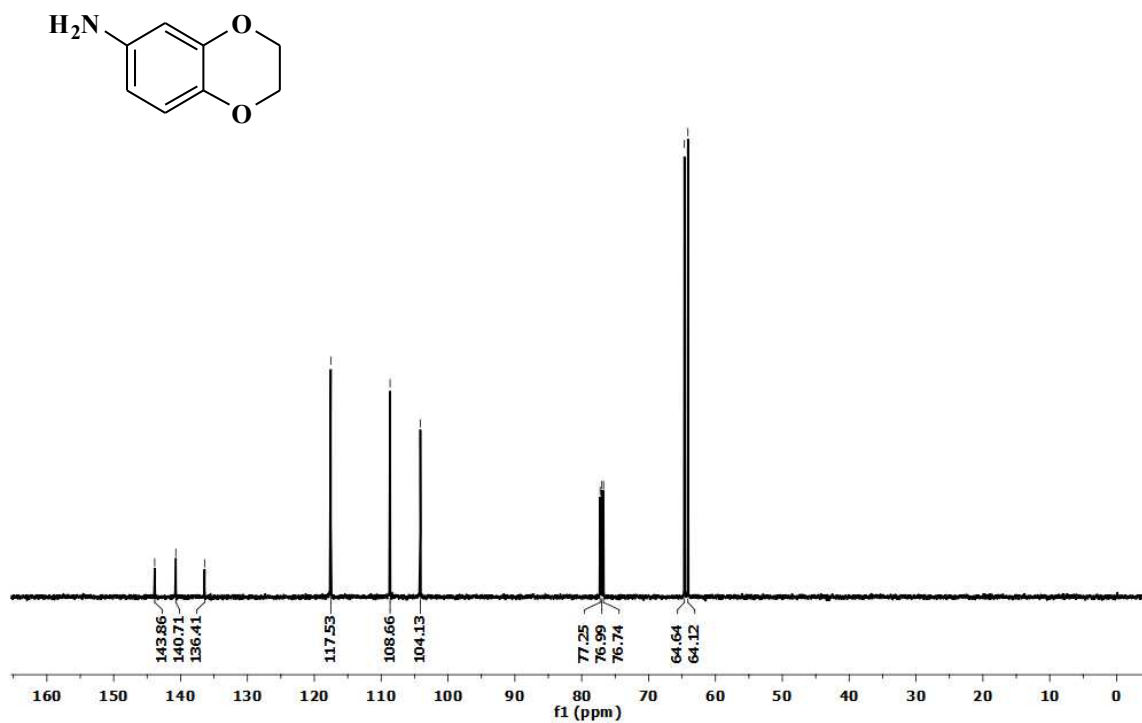


Fig. S45: The stacked  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) recorded from the reaction mixture of stoichiometric reactions between complex 1 and nitrobenzene as well as  $\text{PhSiH}_3$  and compared with  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of all starting reactants.

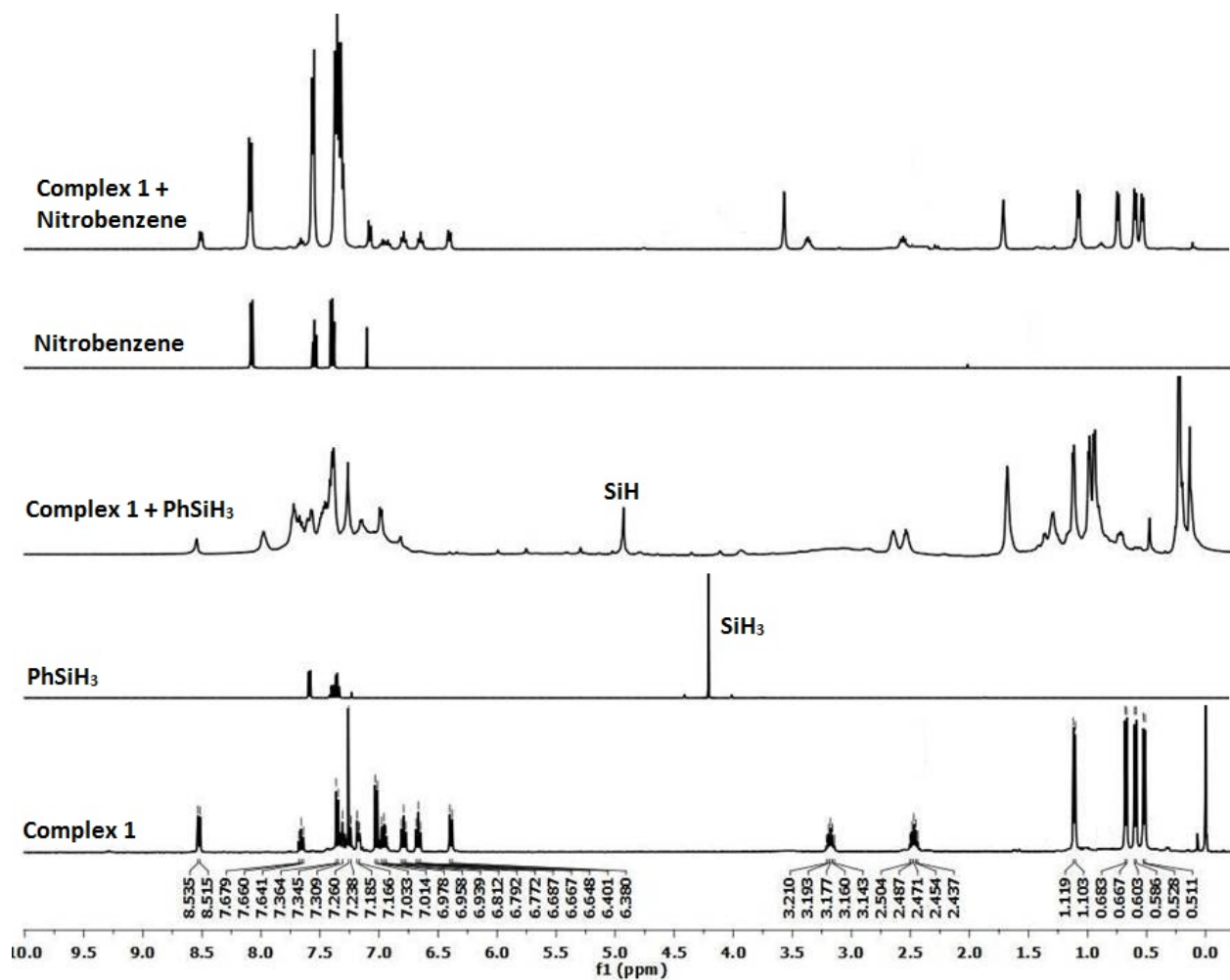


Fig. S46: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) recorded from the reaction mixture of the stoichiometric reaction between complex 1 and with  $\text{PhSiH}_3$  (top) in comparison with that recorded for catalyst 1 (bottom).

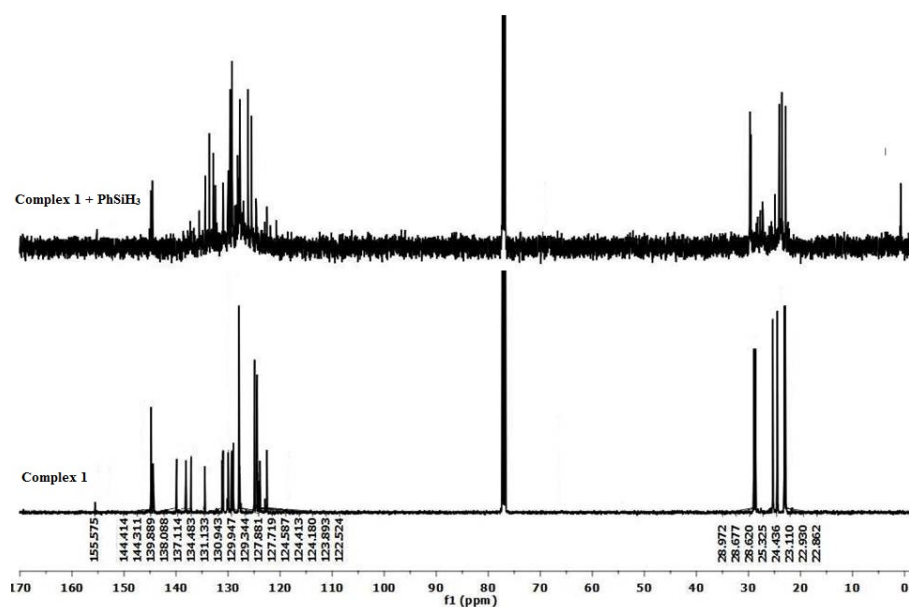
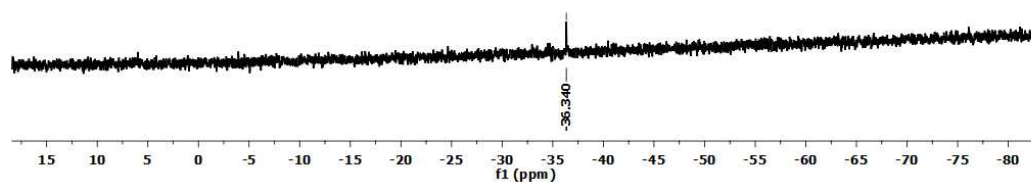


Fig. S47: The  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) obtained from the reaction mixture of stoichiometric reaction of complex 1 with  $\text{PhSiH}_3$ .



**Table S1.** Crystal Data and Details of the Structure Determination for **1**.

|                                               |                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CCDC                                          | 1451179                                                            |
| Empirical formula                             | C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>44</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> Ni <sub>0.5</sub> |
| Formula weight                                | 605.57                                                             |
| Temperature (K)                               | 100                                                                |
| Wavelength (Å)                                | 0.71073                                                            |
| Crystal system                                | triclinic                                                          |
| Space group                                   | P-1                                                                |
| Unit cell dimensions                          |                                                                    |
| a (Å)                                         | 11.4154(6)                                                         |
| b (Å)                                         | 12.6234(5)                                                         |
| c (Å)                                         | 15.3280(8)                                                         |
| α (°)                                         | 66.945(4)                                                          |
| β (°)                                         | 85.853(4)                                                          |
| γ (°)                                         | 71.589(4)                                                          |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )                      | 1925.00(18)                                                        |
| Z                                             | 2                                                                  |
| Calculated density (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )       | 1.045                                                              |
| Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )    | 0.361                                                              |
| F(000)                                        | 646                                                                |
| Crystal size (mm)                             | 0.31 x 0.42 x 0.56                                                 |
| Theta range for data collection(°)            | 1.9, 28.3                                                          |
| Dataset                                       | -15: 13 ; -16: 16 ; -19: 17                                        |
| Tot.,Uniq. Data, R(int)                       | 13758, 8387, 0.028                                                 |
| Observed Data [I > 0.0 sigma(I)]              | 7097                                                               |
| Nref, Npar                                    | 8387, 393                                                          |
| R, wR2, S                                     | 0.0435, 0.1204, 1.05                                               |
| Min. and Max. Resd. Dens. [e/Å <sup>3</sup> ] | -0.45, 0.55                                                        |

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **1**.

| Complex <b>1</b> |                    |                 |                 |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                  | Bond distances (Å) |                 | Bond angles (°) |
| Ni1 -Cl1         | 2.1915(5)          | Cl1 -Ni1 -C1    | 91.92(5)        |
| Ni1 -C1          | 1.9424(17)         | C1 -Ni1 -C1_a   | 180.00          |
| N1 -C1           | 1.407(2)           | Cl1 -Ni1 -Cl1_a | 180.00          |
| N1 -C3           | 1.358(2)           | Cl1 -Ni1 -C1_a  | 88.08(5)        |
| N1 -C4           | 1.458(2)           | Cl1_a -Ni1 -C1  | 88.08(5)        |
| N2 -C2           | 1.411(2)           | C1 -N1 -C3      | 112.08(15)      |
| N2 -C3           | 1.342(2)           | C1 -N1 -C4      | 126.97(14)      |
|                  |                    | C3 -N1 -C4      | 120.70(15)      |

**Table S3.** Final Coordinates and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters of the non-Hydrogen atoms for **1**

| Atom | x           | y           | z           | U(eq) [Ang^2] |
|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| ---- | ---         | ---         | ---         | -----         |
| Ni1  | 1/2         | 1/2         | 1/2         | 0.0122(1)     |
| Cl1  | 0.66332(4)  | 0.54845(4)  | 0.43575(3)  | 0.0214(1)     |
| N1   | 0.31799(12) | 0.73474(12) | 0.37129(9)  | 0.0132(4)     |
| N2   | 0.25462(13) | 0.69194(12) | 0.26315(9)  | 0.0139(4)     |
| C1   | 0.39464(15) | 0.61616(15) | 0.38758(11) | 0.0143(5)     |
| C2   | 0.35615(15) | 0.59281(15) | 0.31588(12) | 0.0150(5)     |
| C3   | 0.23220(15) | 0.77790(15) | 0.29852(11) | 0.0146(5)     |
| C4   | 0.33045(15) | 0.81238(14) | 0.41738(12) | 0.0146(4)     |
| C5   | 0.41401(16) | 0.87849(15) | 0.38173(12) | 0.0176(5)     |
| C6   | 0.40653(17) | 0.97043(16) | 0.41244(14) | 0.0221(5)     |
| C7   | 0.32063(18) | 0.99558(16) | 0.47595(14) | 0.0236(6)     |
| C8   | 0.24457(17) | 0.92398(16) | 0.51450(13) | 0.0211(5)     |
| C9   | 0.24758(16) | 0.83088(15) | 0.48585(12) | 0.0165(5)     |
| C10  | 0.16218(17) | 0.75471(16) | 0.52894(13) | 0.0197(5)     |

|     |              |             |             |           |
|-----|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| C11 | 0.02601(17)  | 0.83366(18) | 0.51126(14) | 0.0252(6) |
| C12 | 0.19556(19)  | 0.68349(17) | 0.63547(13) | 0.0257(6) |
| C13 | 0.50580(17)  | 0.85815(16) | 0.30799(13) | 0.0213(5) |
| C14 | 0.4598(2)    | 0.95731(18) | 0.20853(14) | 0.0298(6) |
| C15 | 0.63461(18)  | 0.85448(19) | 0.33409(16) | 0.0309(6) |
| C16 | 0.12478(16)  | 0.89068(15) | 0.27137(11) | 0.0163(5) |
| C17 | 0.00727(17)  | 0.88639(16) | 0.25701(12) | 0.0203(5) |
| C18 | -0.09616(17) | 0.98845(17) | 0.23653(13) | 0.0241(5) |
| C19 | -0.08476(18) | 1.09703(17) | 0.23028(13) | 0.0242(5) |
| C20 | 0.03085(18)  | 1.10355(16) | 0.24377(13) | 0.0236(5) |
| C21 | 0.13540(17)  | 1.00129(15) | 0.26470(12) | 0.0196(5) |
| C22 | 0.40763(16)  | 0.48567(16) | 0.29127(13) | 0.0187(5) |
| C23 | 0.4263(2)    | 0.49698(18) | 0.19789(14) | 0.0314(6) |
| C24 | 0.4758(2)    | 0.3955(2)   | 0.17608(17) | 0.0448(8) |
| C25 | 0.5080(2)    | 0.28041(19) | 0.24803(17) | 0.0401(7) |
| C26 | 0.4909(2)    | 0.26865(17) | 0.34060(16) | 0.0320(6) |
| C27 | 0.44144(18)  | 0.36944(16) | 0.36303(14) | 0.0235(5) |
| C28 | 0.17594(15)  | 0.69512(15) | 0.19119(12) | 0.0164(5) |
| C29 | 0.18077(16)  | 0.77043(17) | 0.09607(12) | 0.0206(5) |
| C30 | 0.09646(19)  | 0.7783(2)   | 0.03051(14) | 0.0326(6) |
| C31 | 0.0140(2)    | 0.7134(2)   | 0.05796(16) | 0.0406(8) |
| C32 | 0.01422(19)  | 0.6371(2)   | 0.15140(16) | 0.0318(7) |
| C33 | 0.09532(16)  | 0.62545(17) | 0.22093(13) | 0.0210(5) |
| C34 | 0.09169(19)  | 0.54003(18) | 0.32289(14) | 0.0285(6) |
| C35 | 0.1312(2)    | 0.4086(2)   | 0.3301(2)   | 0.0462(8) |
| C36 | -0.0373(2)   | 0.5718(2)   | 0.36110(17) | 0.0406(8) |

|     |             |             |              |           |
|-----|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| C37 | 0.27154(19) | 0.84188(18) | 0.06153(13)  | 0.0275(6) |
| C38 | 0.3498(2)   | 0.8098(2)   | -0.01614(15) | 0.0380(7) |
| C39 | 0.2045(2)   | 0.9781(2)   | 0.02403(15)  | 0.0394(7) |

**Table S4.** (An)isotropic Displacement Parameter for **1**

| Atom | U(1,1) or U | U(2,2)     | U(3,3)     | U(2,3)      | U(1,3)     | U(1,2)     |
|------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| ---- | -----       | -----      | -----      | -----       | -----      | -----      |
| Ni1  | 0.0122(2)   | 0.0104(2)  | 0.0100(2)  | -0.0013(1)  | -0.0034(1) | -0.0011(1) |
| Cl1  | 0.0160(2)   | 0.0179(2)  | 0.0220(2)  | -0.0007(2)  | 0.0004(2)  | -0.0034(2) |
| N1   | 0.0138(7)   | 0.0107(6)  | 0.0123(7)  | -0.0015(5)  | -0.0033(5) | -0.0030(5) |
| N2   | 0.0148(7)   | 0.0136(7)  | 0.0101(6)  | -0.0023(5)  | -0.0035(5) | -0.0025(5) |
| C1   | 0.0151(8)   | 0.0128(8)  | 0.0117(8)  | -0.0011(6)  | 0.0004(6)  | -0.0047(6) |
| C2   | 0.0145(8)   | 0.0117(8)  | 0.0129(8)  | -0.0004(6)  | -0.0036(6) | -0.0012(6) |
| C3   | 0.0142(8)   | 0.0137(8)  | 0.0115(8)  | -0.0008(6)  | -0.0026(6) | -0.0033(6) |
| C4   | 0.0152(8)   | 0.0092(7)  | 0.0140(8)  | -0.0010(6)  | -0.0083(6) | 0.0009(6)  |
| C5   | 0.0165(8)   | 0.0139(8)  | 0.0169(8)  | -0.0016(7)  | -0.0069(7) | -0.0016(7) |
| C6   | 0.0220(9)   | 0.0149(8)  | 0.0283(10) | -0.0051(8)  | -0.0060(8) | -0.0070(7) |
| C7   | 0.0270(10)  | 0.0173(9)  | 0.0267(10) | -0.0104(8)  | -0.0084(8) | -0.0028(7) |
| C8   | 0.0213(9)   | 0.0195(9)  | 0.0196(9)  | -0.0087(7)  | -0.0051(7) | 0.0001(7)  |
| C9   | 0.0172(8)   | 0.0136(8)  | 0.0138(8)  | -0.0024(7)  | -0.0063(7) | -0.0008(7) |
| C10  | 0.0209(9)   | 0.0192(9)  | 0.0176(9)  | -0.0068(7)  | 0.0011(7)  | -0.0050(7) |
| C11  | 0.0224(9)   | 0.0258(10) | 0.0239(10) | -0.0072(8)  | 0.0038(8)  | -0.0068(8) |
| C12  | 0.0299(10)  | 0.0230(10) | 0.0190(9)  | -0.0048(8)  | 0.0037(8)  | -0.0064(8) |
| C13  | 0.0219(9)   | 0.0160(9)  | 0.0235(9)  | -0.0038(7)  | 0.0009(7)  | -0.0076(7) |
| C14  | 0.0304(11)  | 0.0264(10) | 0.0254(10) | -0.0045(9)  | 0.0052(8)  | -0.0076(9) |
| C15  | 0.0215(9)   | 0.0265(10) | 0.0440(13) | -0.0112(10) | 0.0024(9)  | -0.0101(8) |

|     |            |            |            |             |             |             |
|-----|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C16 | 0.0189(8)  | 0.0141(8)  | 0.0105(8)  | -0.0028(6)  | -0.0025(6)  | -0.0001(7)  |
| C17 | 0.0205(9)  | 0.0181(9)  | 0.0184(9)  | -0.0044(7)  | -0.0020(7)  | -0.0036(7)  |
| C18 | 0.0158(8)  | 0.0279(10) | 0.0227(9)  | -0.0091(8)  | -0.0040(7)  | 0.0010(7)   |
| C19 | 0.0239(9)  | 0.0227(9)  | 0.0159(9)  | -0.0069(8)  | -0.0064(7)  | 0.0067(8)   |
| C20 | 0.0290(10) | 0.0165(9)  | 0.0202(9)  | -0.0073(7)  | -0.0044(8)  | 0.0011(8)   |
| C21 | 0.0215(9)  | 0.0170(9)  | 0.0163(8)  | -0.0048(7)  | -0.0040(7)  | -0.0017(7)  |
| C22 | 0.0164(8)  | 0.0173(8)  | 0.0208(9)  | -0.0080(7)  | -0.0074(7)  | -0.0008(7)  |
| C23 | 0.0395(12) | 0.0218(10) | 0.0219(10) | -0.0072(8)  | -0.0037(9)  | 0.0045(9)   |
| C24 | 0.0568(15) | 0.0382(13) | 0.0322(12) | -0.0225(11) | -0.0076(11) | 0.0081(11)  |
| C25 | 0.0432(13) | 0.0252(11) | 0.0497(14) | -0.0251(11) | -0.0148(11) | 0.0095(10)  |
| C26 | 0.0349(11) | 0.0147(9)  | 0.0421(12) | -0.0093(9)  | -0.0191(10) | 0.0001(8)   |
| C27 | 0.0258(9)  | 0.0167(9)  | 0.0254(10) | -0.0058(8)  | -0.0110(8)  | -0.0037(7)  |
| C28 | 0.0140(8)  | 0.0169(8)  | 0.0156(8)  | -0.0064(7)  | -0.0047(7)  | 0.0001(7)   |
| C29 | 0.0175(8)  | 0.0234(9)  | 0.0154(8)  | -0.0045(7)  | -0.0044(7)  | -0.0020(7)  |
| C30 | 0.0295(11) | 0.0451(13) | 0.0158(9)  | -0.0064(9)  | -0.0089(8)  | -0.0069(10) |
| C31 | 0.0312(11) | 0.0655(16) | 0.0321(12) | -0.0238(12) | -0.0106(9)  | -0.0154(11) |
| C32 | 0.0230(10) | 0.0449(13) | 0.0384(12) | -0.0221(10) | 0.0000(9)   | -0.0171(9)  |
| C33 | 0.0166(8)  | 0.0235(9)  | 0.0235(9)  | -0.0103(8)  | -0.0014(7)  | -0.0050(7)  |
| C34 | 0.0263(10) | 0.0295(11) | 0.0283(10) | -0.0052(9)  | 0.0026(8)   | -0.0150(9)  |
| C35 | 0.0330(12) | 0.0296(12) | 0.0664(17) | -0.0036(12) | -0.0010(12) | -0.0157(10) |
| C36 | 0.0375(12) | 0.0466(14) | 0.0389(13) | -0.0135(11) | 0.0141(10)  | -0.0212(11) |
| C37 | 0.0277(10) | 0.0329(11) | 0.0154(9)  | -0.0010(8)  | -0.0042(8)  | -0.0105(9)  |
| C38 | 0.0303(11) | 0.0440(13) | 0.0227(10) | 0.0016(10)  | 0.0042(9)   | -0.0088(10) |
| C39 | 0.0602(15) | 0.0312(12) | 0.0203(10) | -0.0012(9)  | -0.0016(10) | -0.0162(11) |

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