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**Synthesis, characterization and properties of  
furan-containing difluoroboron complexes**

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## X-ray Structural Analysis

Crystals suitable were grown by slow diffusion of n-hexane into the respective solutions of **F2** or **F3** in chloroform at room temperature. Reflection data were collected at 296 (2) K using a graphite monochromator with Mo- $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) on a Bruker SMART APEX(II) CCD diffractometer. The collected frames were processed with the software SAINT and an absorption correction (SADABS) was used to the collected reflections. The resulting structure was solved by the Direct or Patterson methods (SHELXTL 97) in conjunction with standard difference Fourier techniques and then refined by full-matrix least-square technique on  $F^2$ . All hydrogen atoms were positioned geometrically and non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Relevant crystal data for the structures are collected in Table S1.

CCDC-1486089 (for **F2**), 1482992 (for **F3**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

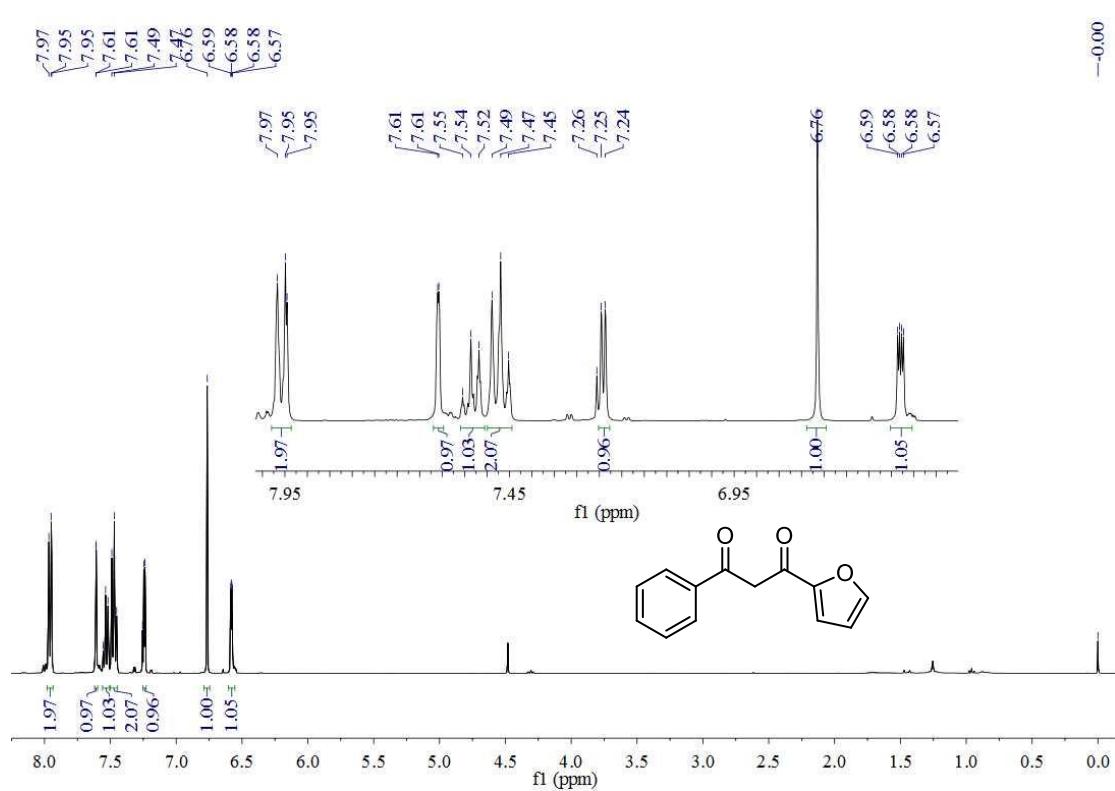
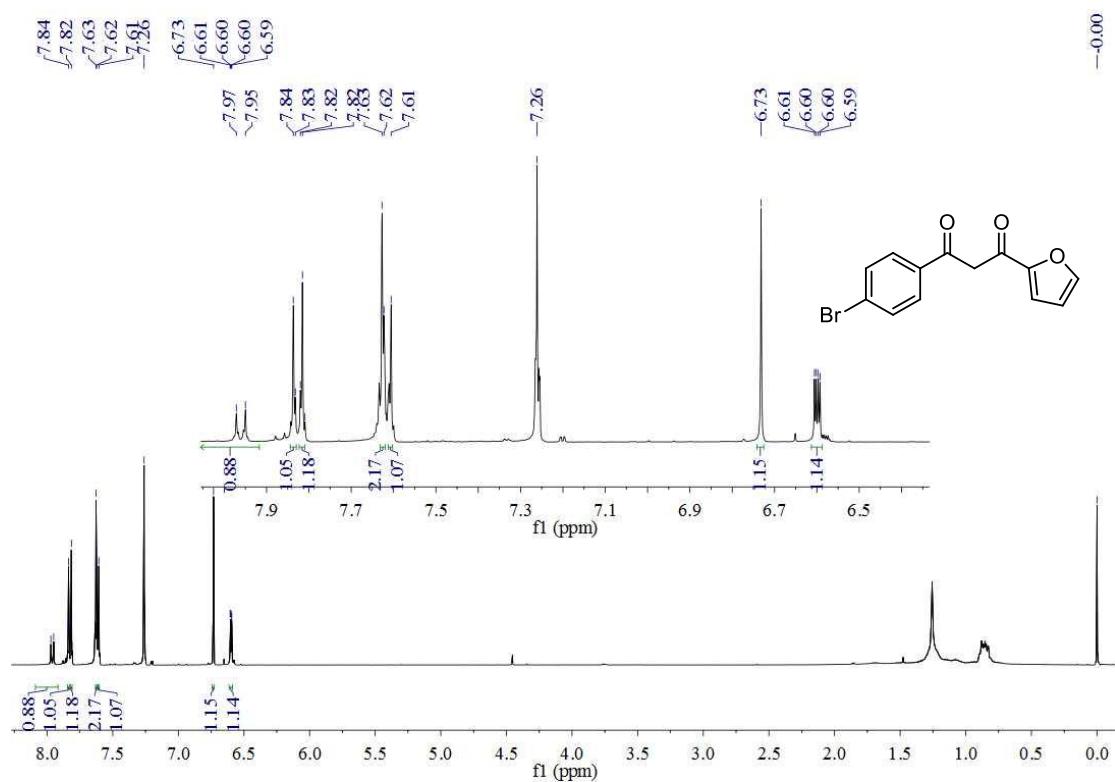
**Table S1** Summary of crystal data.

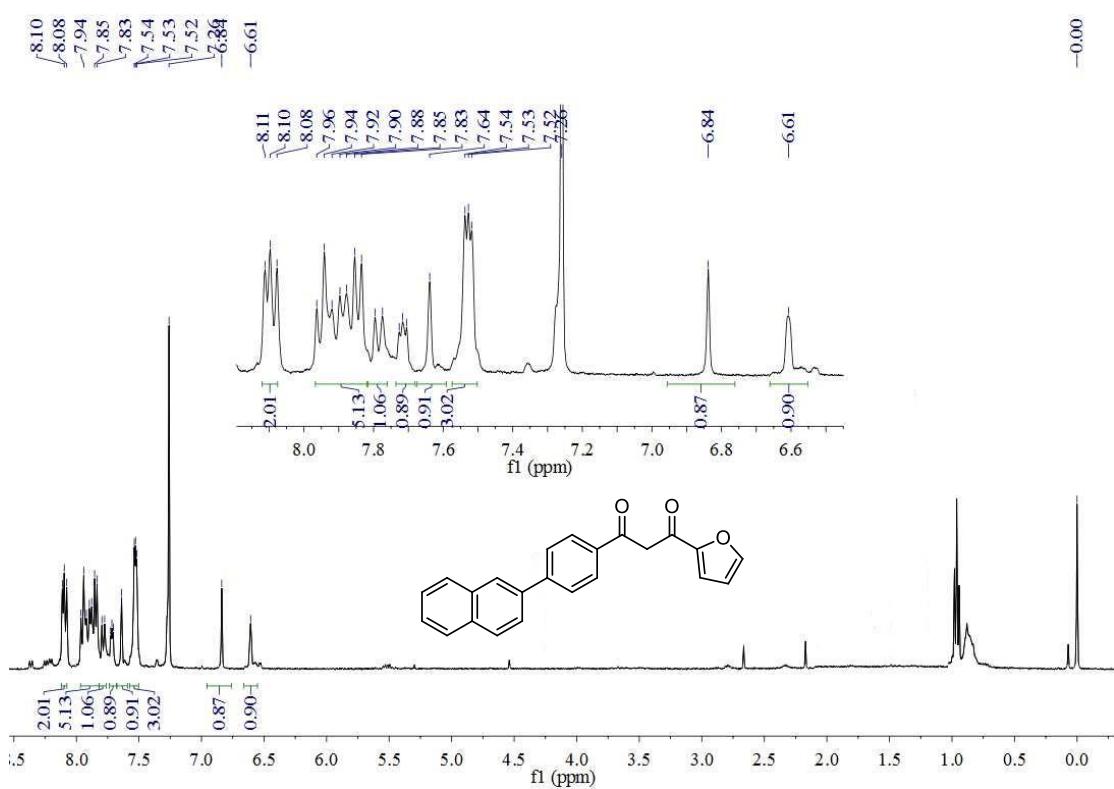
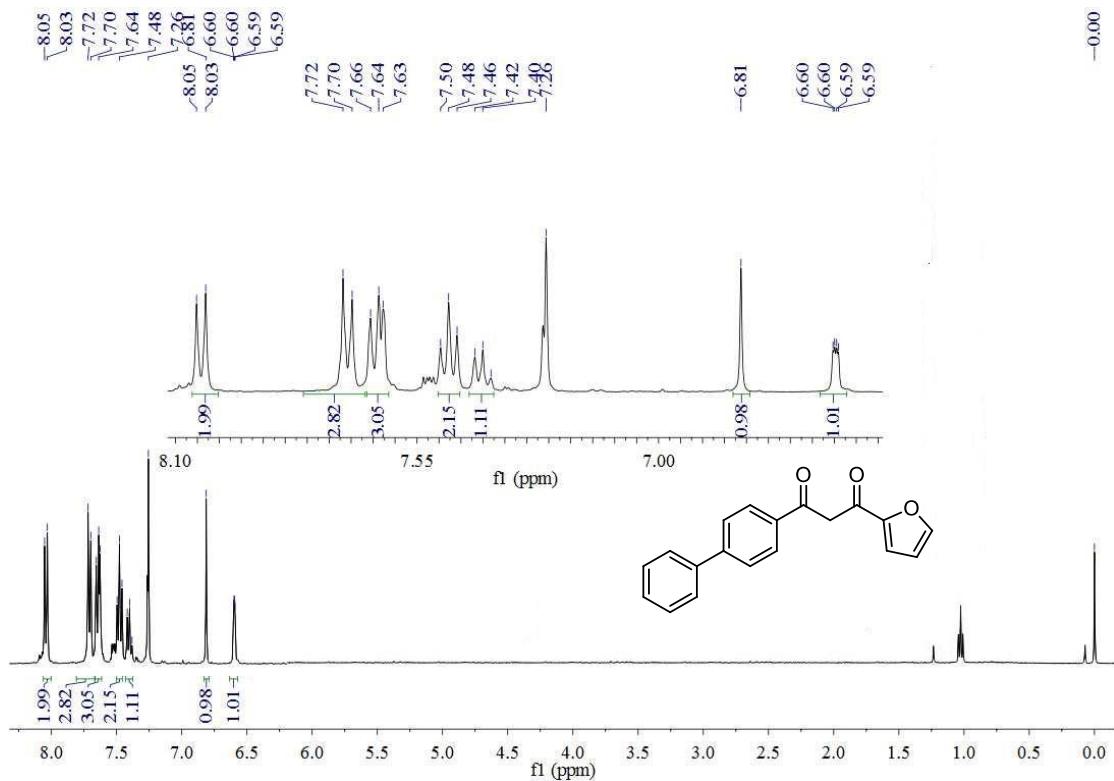
Complexes	<b>F2</b>	<b>F3</b>
CCDC number	1486089	1482992
Moiety formula	$C_{23}H_{15}BF_2O_3$	$C_{20}H_{15}BF_2O_4$
formula weight	388.16	368.13
temperature, K	296(2)	296(2)
wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic
space group	P2(1)/c	P-1
unit cell dimensions		
a (Å)	16.880	8.808
b (Å)	9.056	13.609
c (Å)	11.782	14.247
$\alpha$ (deg)	90	76.62
$\beta$ (deg)	97.50	87.56
$\gamma$ (deg)	90	88.26
volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1785.6	1659.6
Z	4	4
density, calcd (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.444	1.473
Absorption coefficient(mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.108	0.115
F(000)	800	760
$\Theta$ range for data collection(deg)	2.43-25.00	2.36-27.52
reflections collected	8561 / 3136 [R(int) = 0.0436]	12058 / 7508 [R(int)= 0.1034]
refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$
data/restraints/parameters	3136 / 0 / 262	7508 / 0 / 487
goodness-of-fit on $F^2$ <sup>[a]</sup>	1.017	1.042
final R indices [ $ I  > 2\sigma(I)$ ] <sup>[b]</sup>	0.0517	0.0535
R indices (all data)	0.0879	0.0638

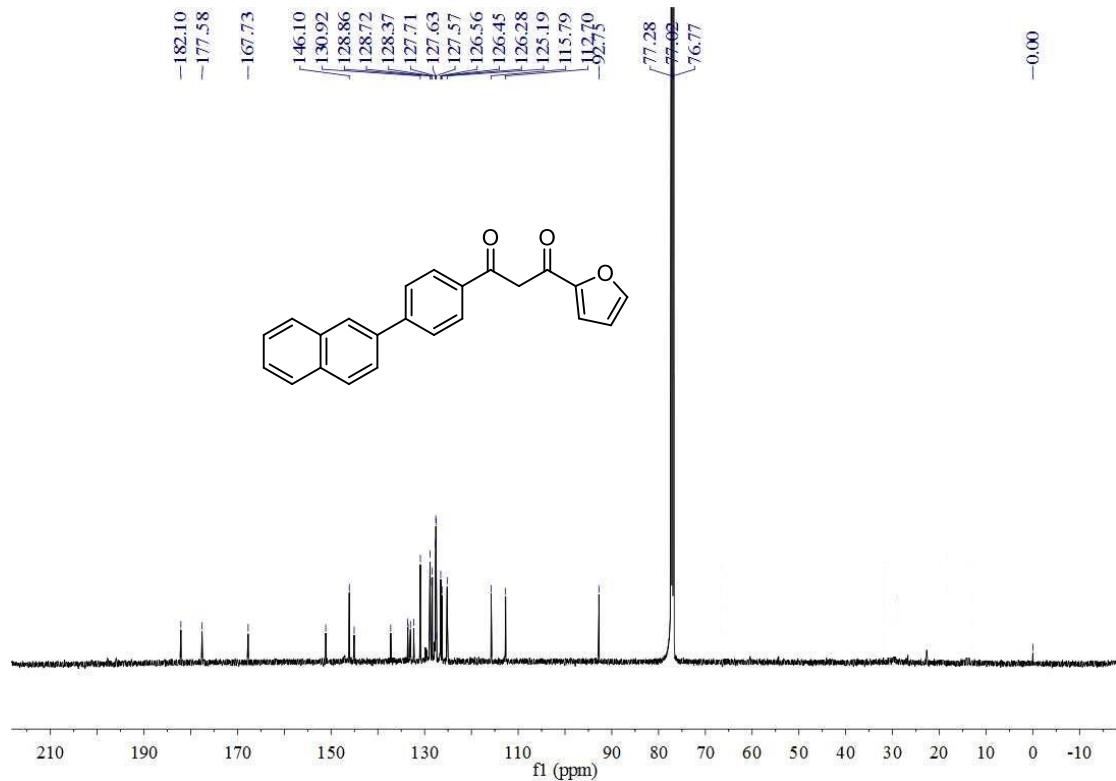
$$[a] \text{ goodness-of-fit} = \left\{ \left( [w(F_0^2 - F_C^2)^2] / (N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{param}}) \right) \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$[b] R_1 = \sum |F_0| - |F_C| / |F_0|. \quad wR2 = \{\sum [w(F_0^2 - F_C^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_0^2)^2]\}^{1/2}$$

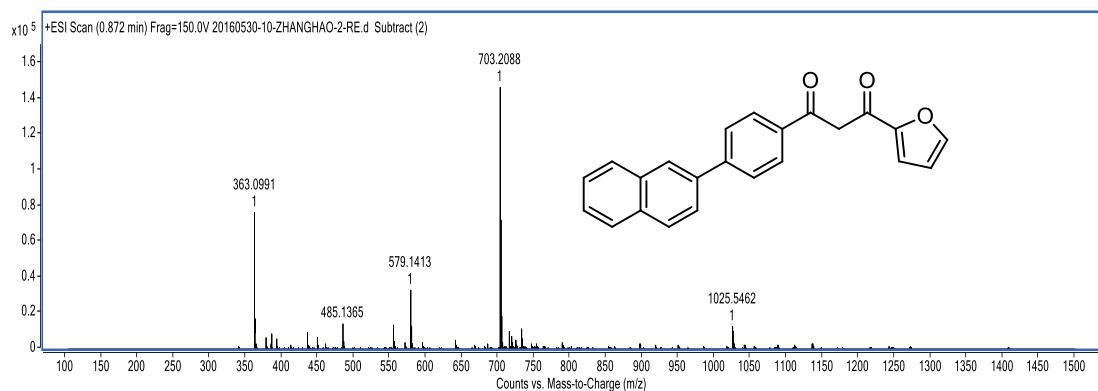
## NMR and MS Spectra for Ligands and $\text{BF}_2$ Complexes



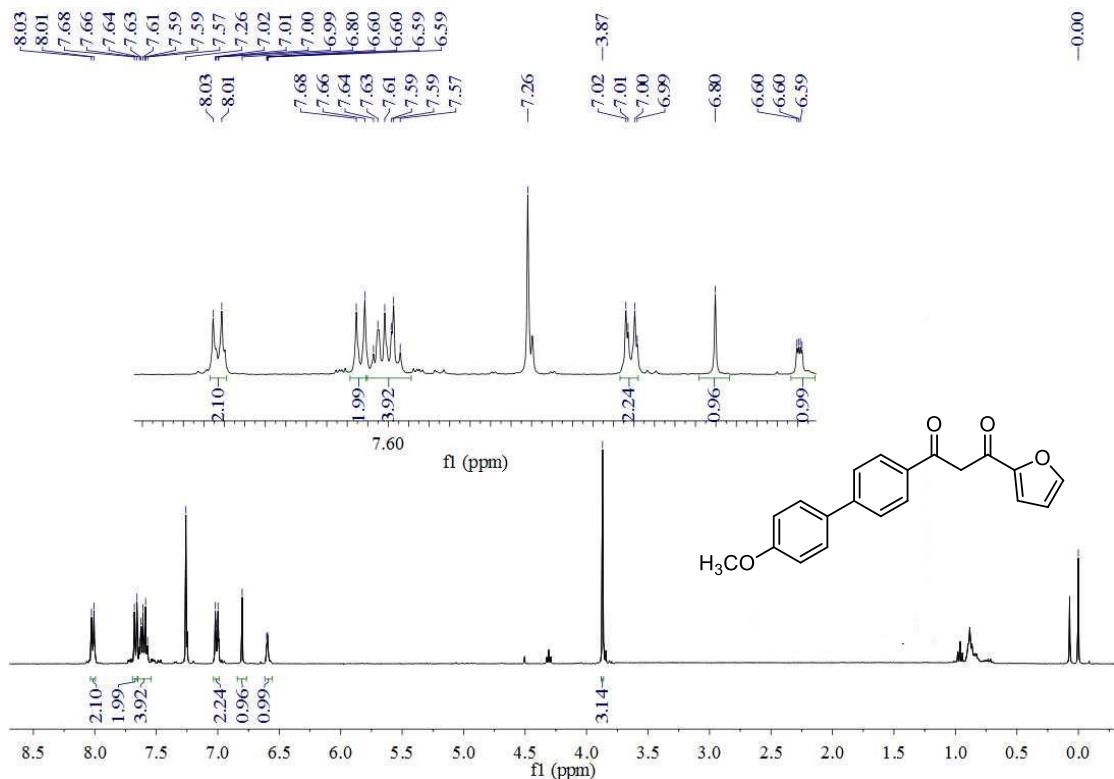




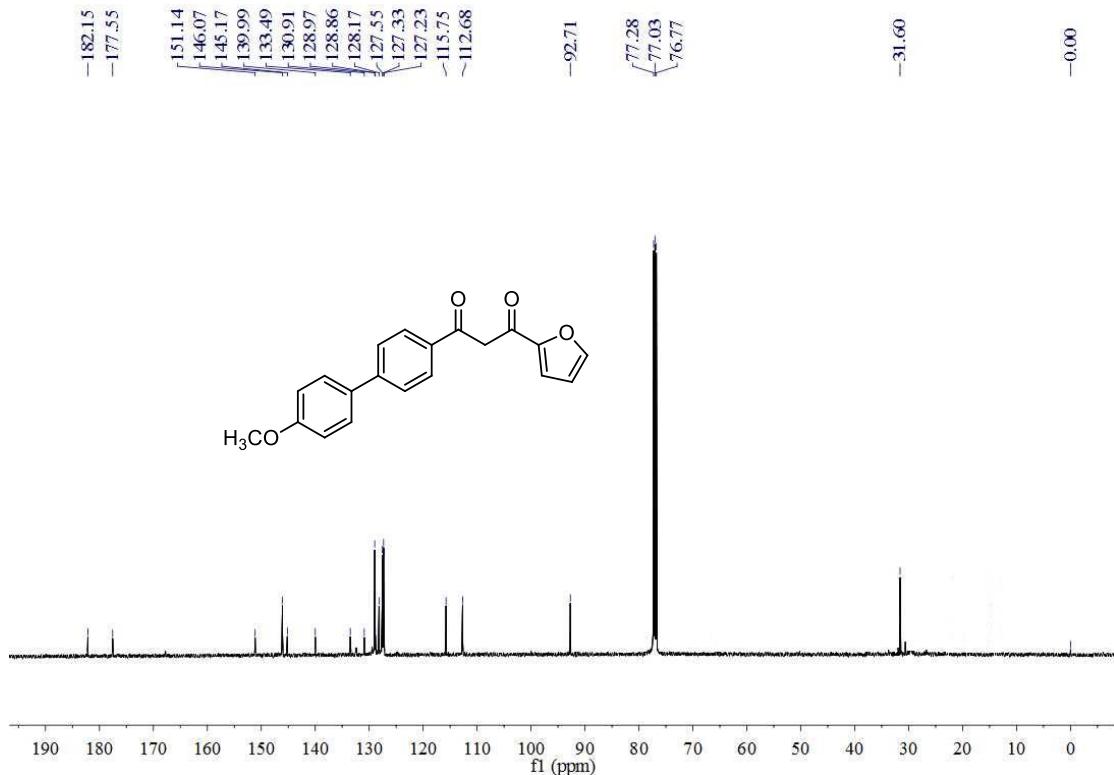
**Figure S5.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of Ligand **LF2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



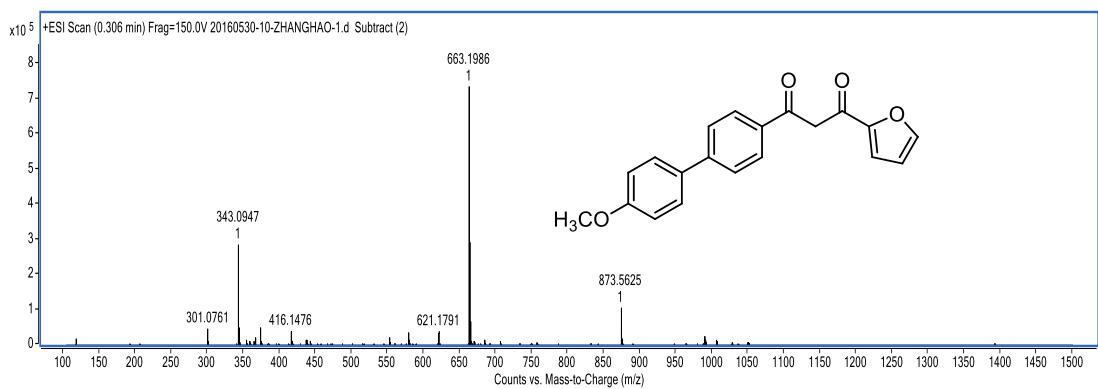
**Figure S6.** The HRMS spectrum of Ligand **LF2**.



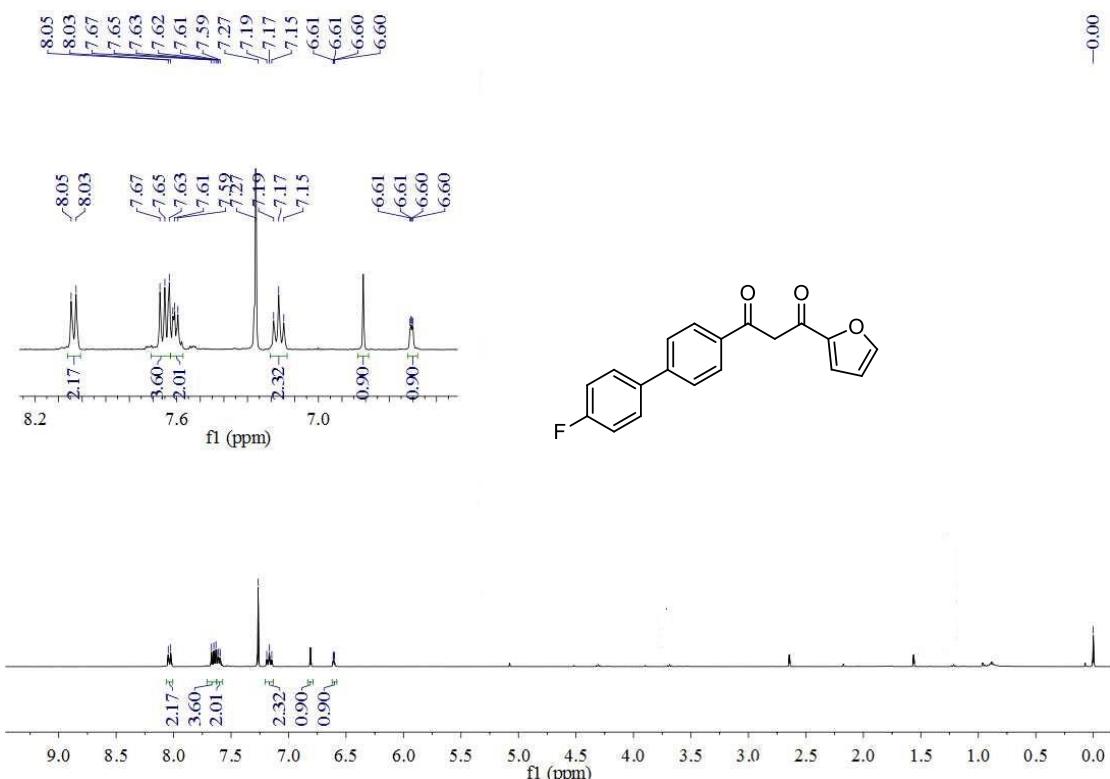
**Figure S7.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Ligand **LF3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



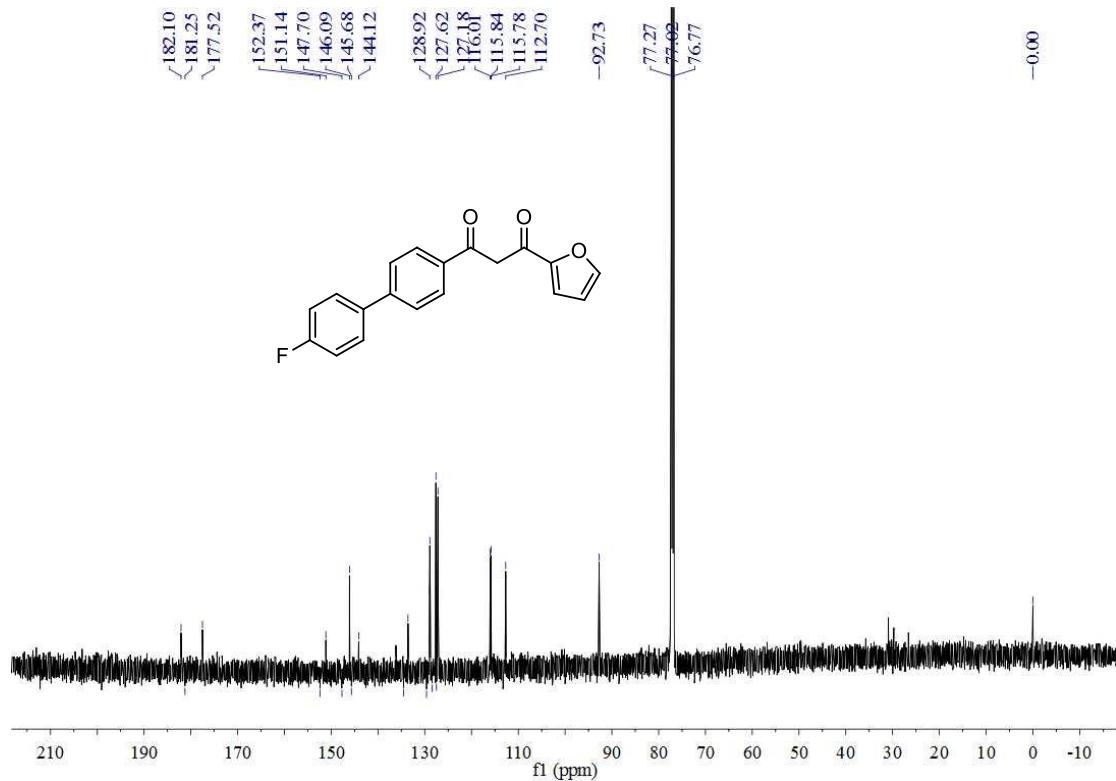
**Figure S8.** The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of Ligand **LF3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



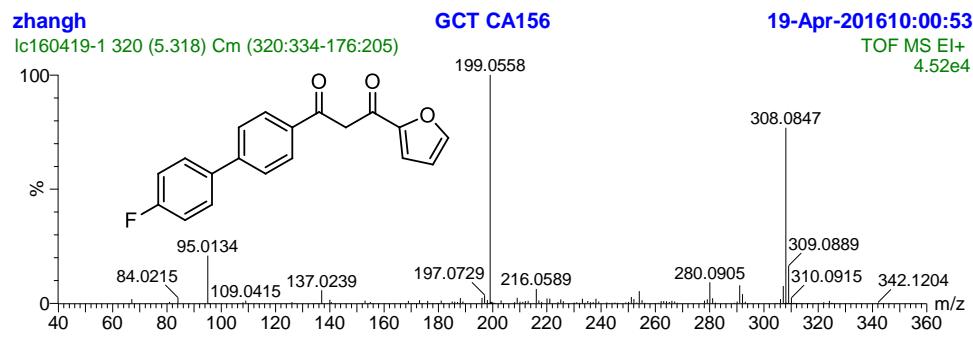
**Figure S9.** The HRMS spectrum of Ligand **LF3**.



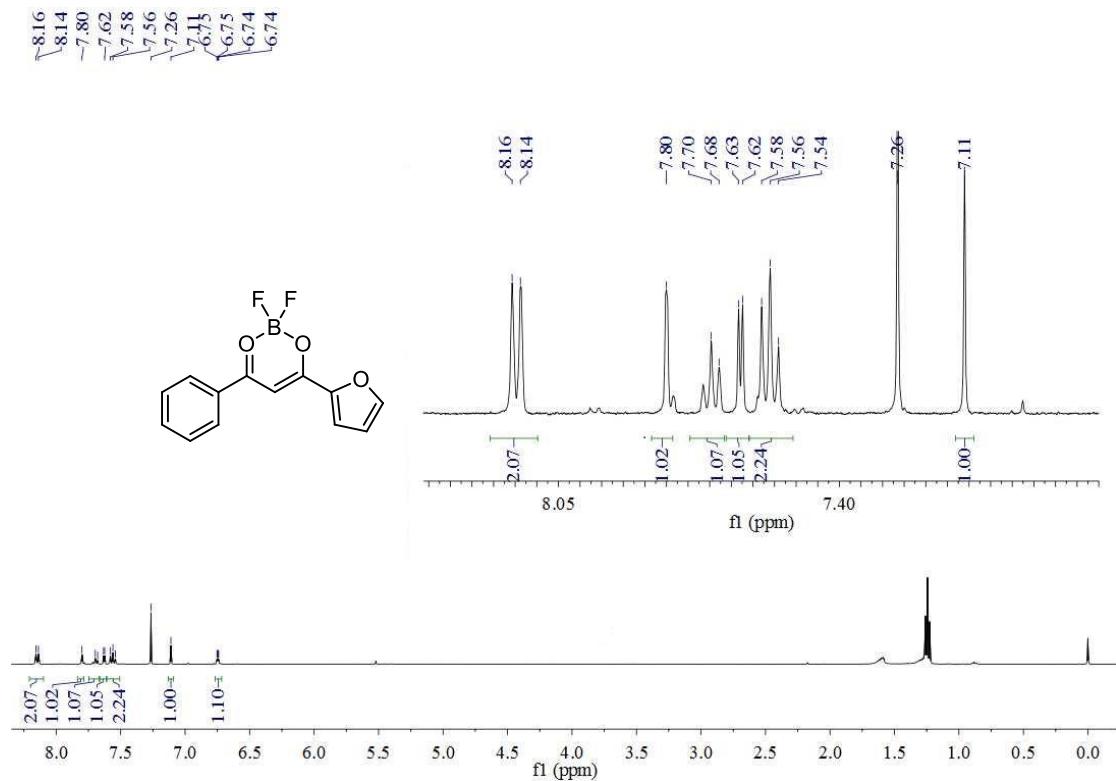
**Figure S10.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Ligand **LF4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



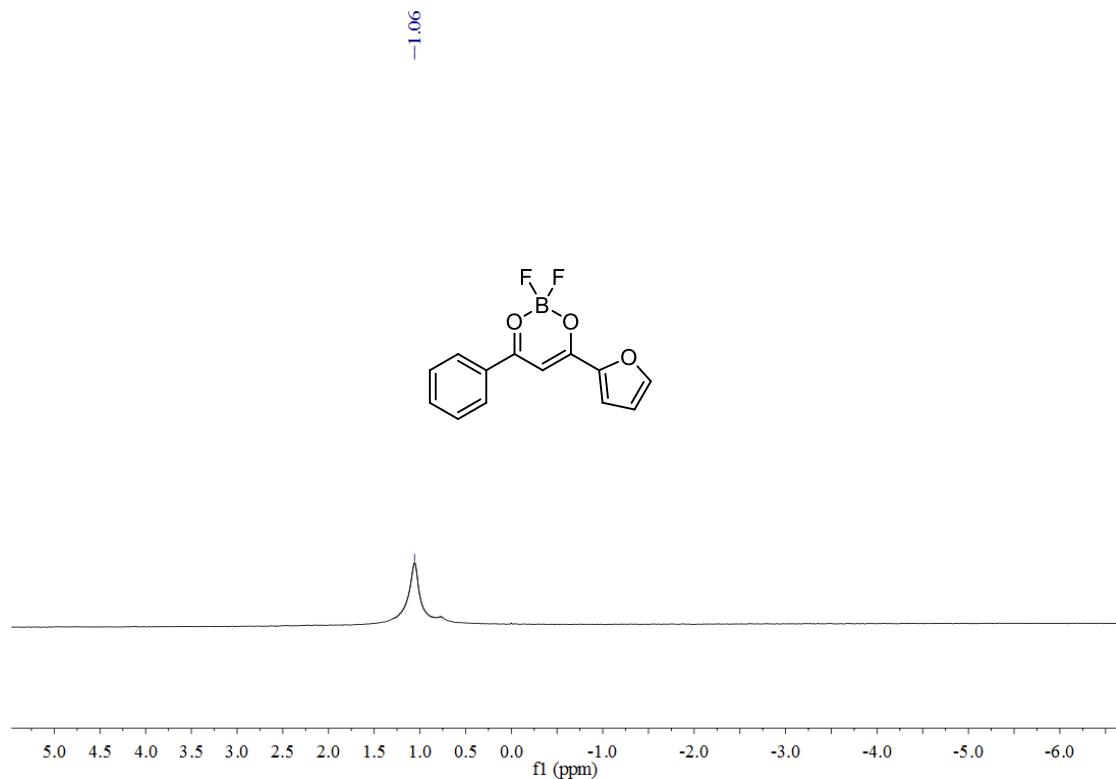
**Figure S11.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of Ligand **LF4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



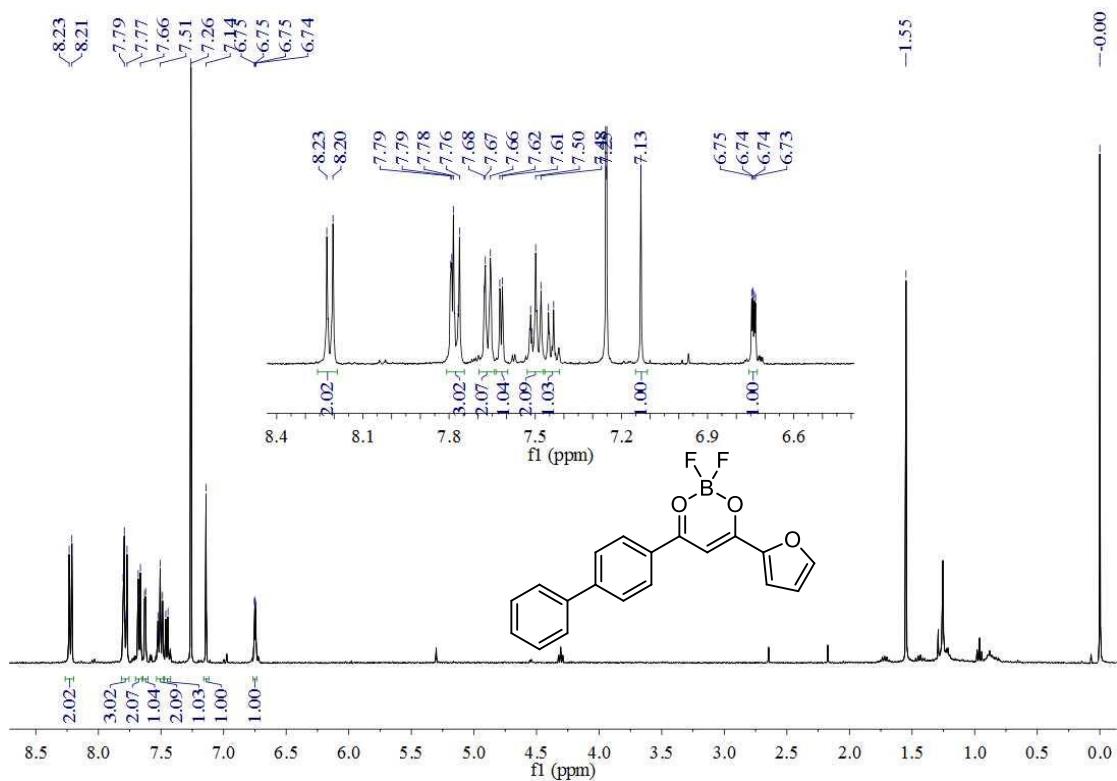
**Figure S12.** The HRMS spectrum of Ligand **LF4**.



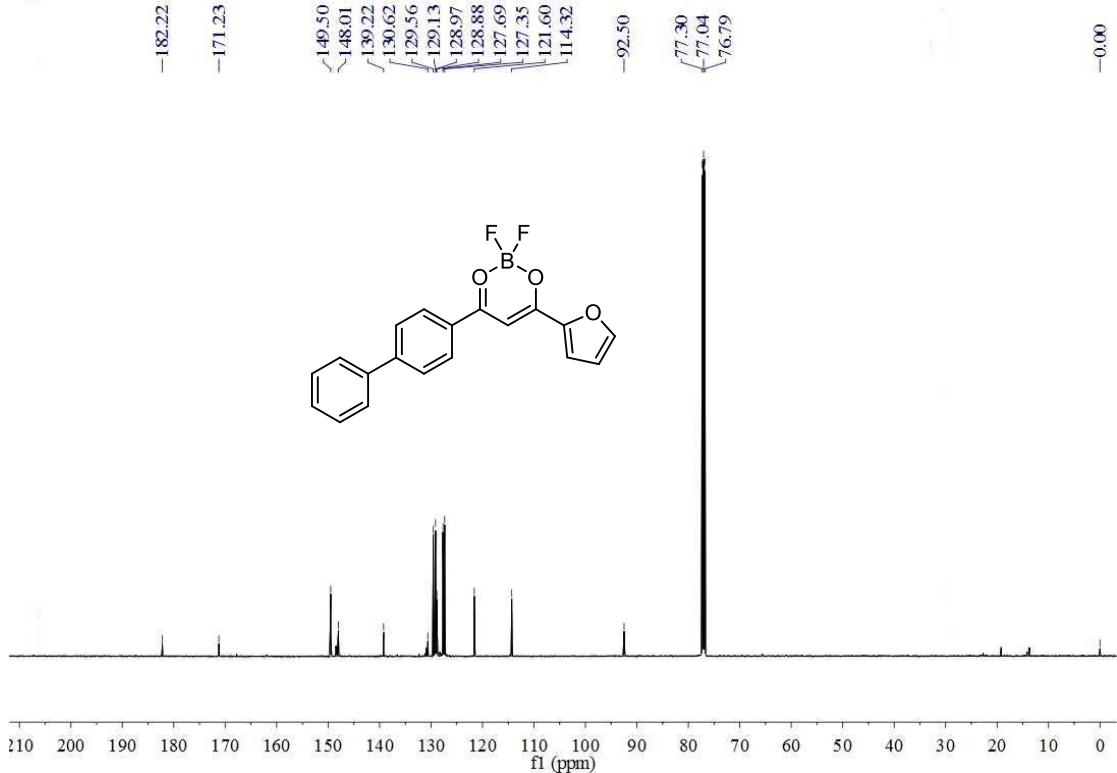
**Figure S13.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **F0** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



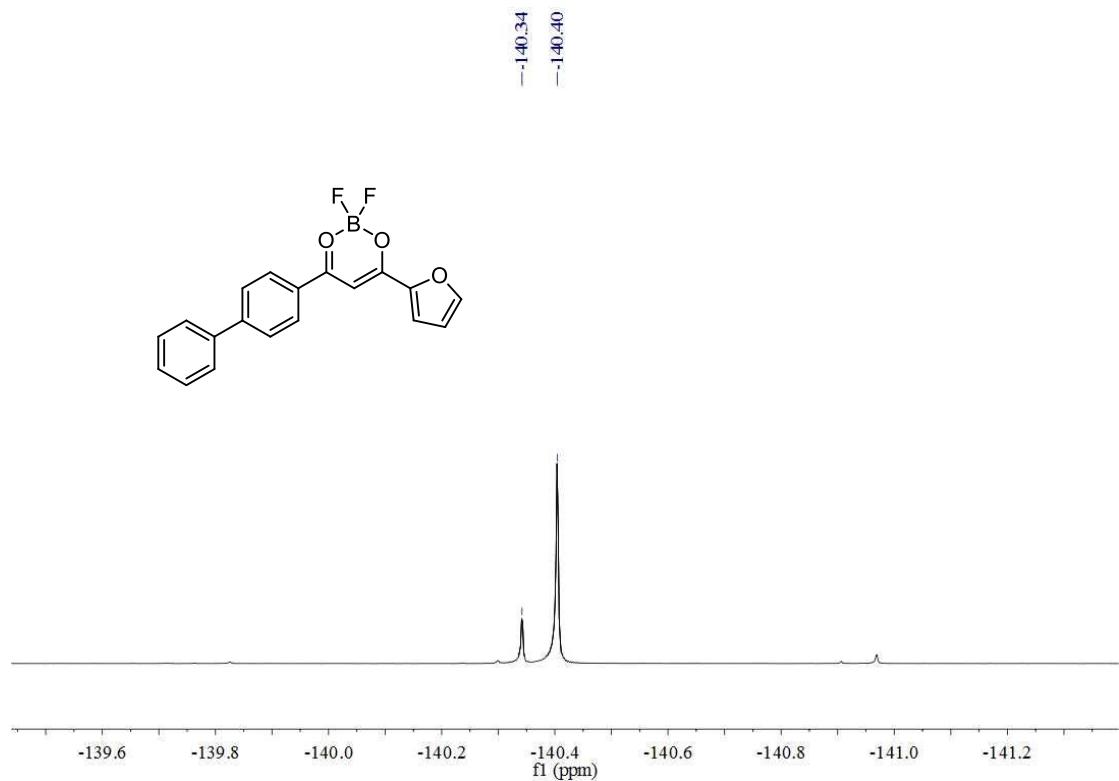
**Figure S14.** The  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of complex **F0** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



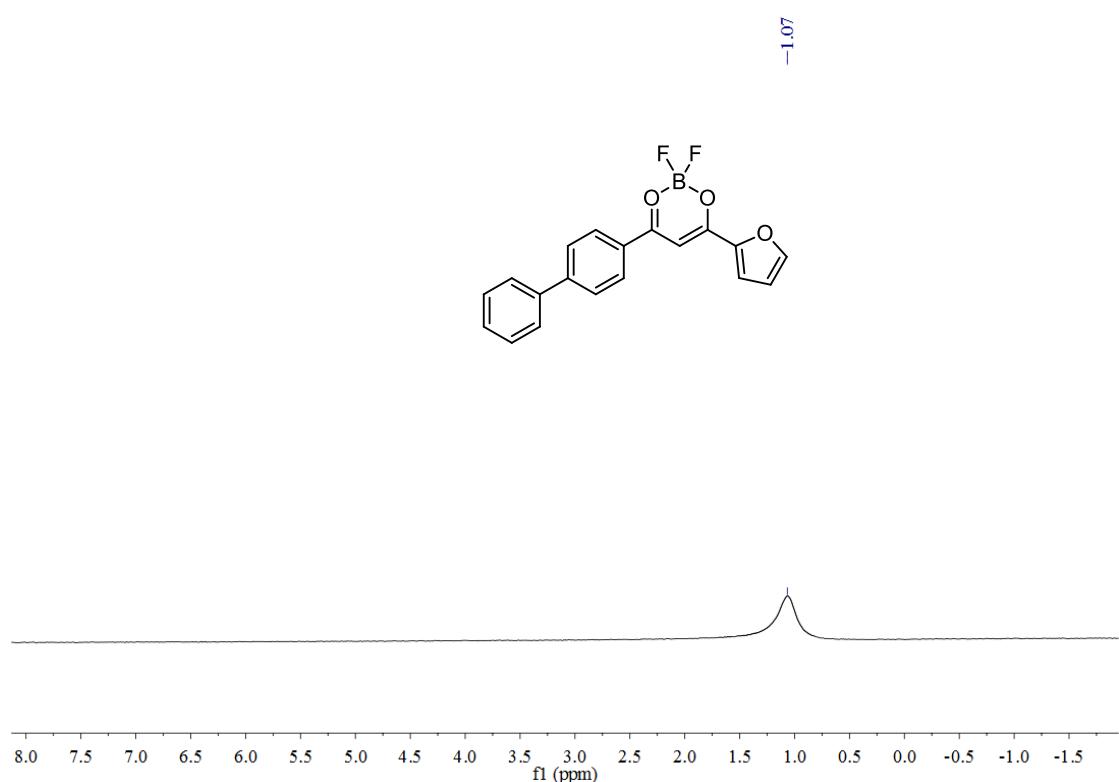
**Figure S15.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **F1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S16.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex **F1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S17.** The  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of complex **F1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S18.** The  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of complex **F1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

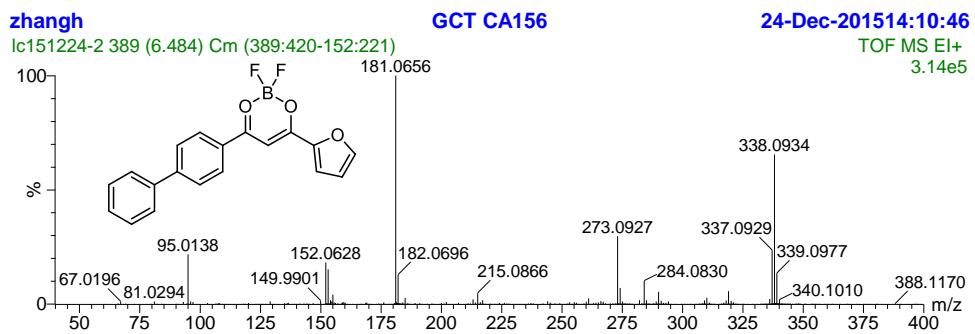


Figure S19. The HRMS spectrum of complex F1.

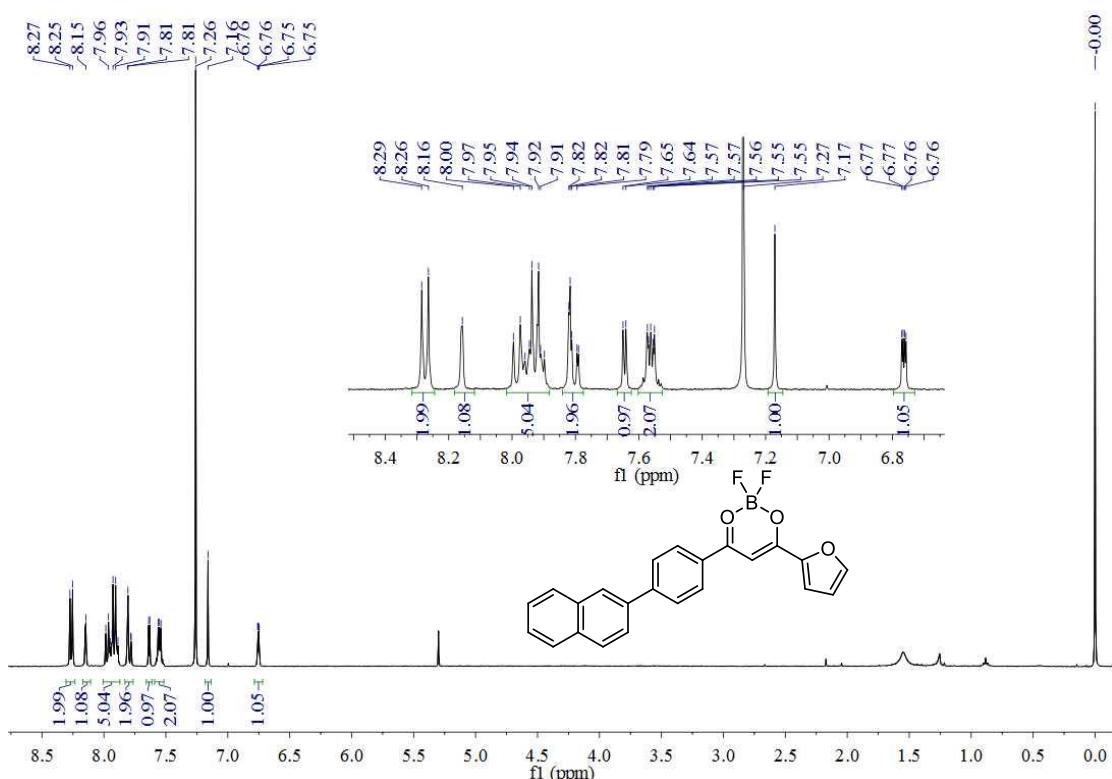
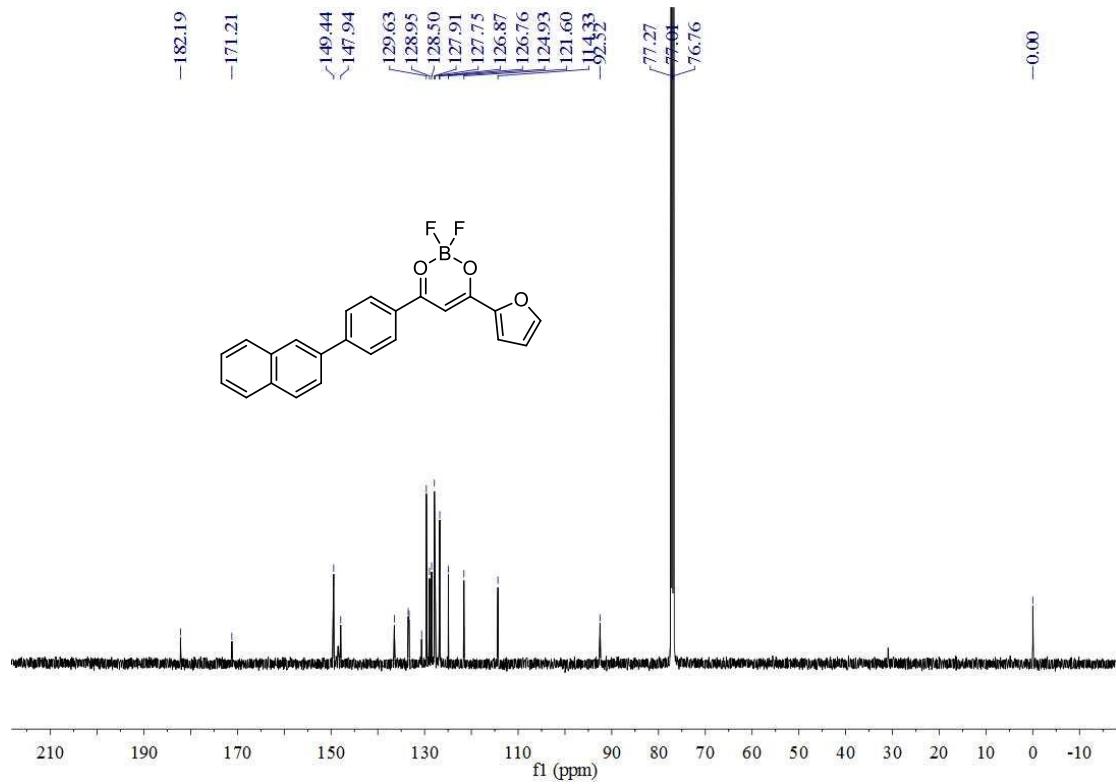
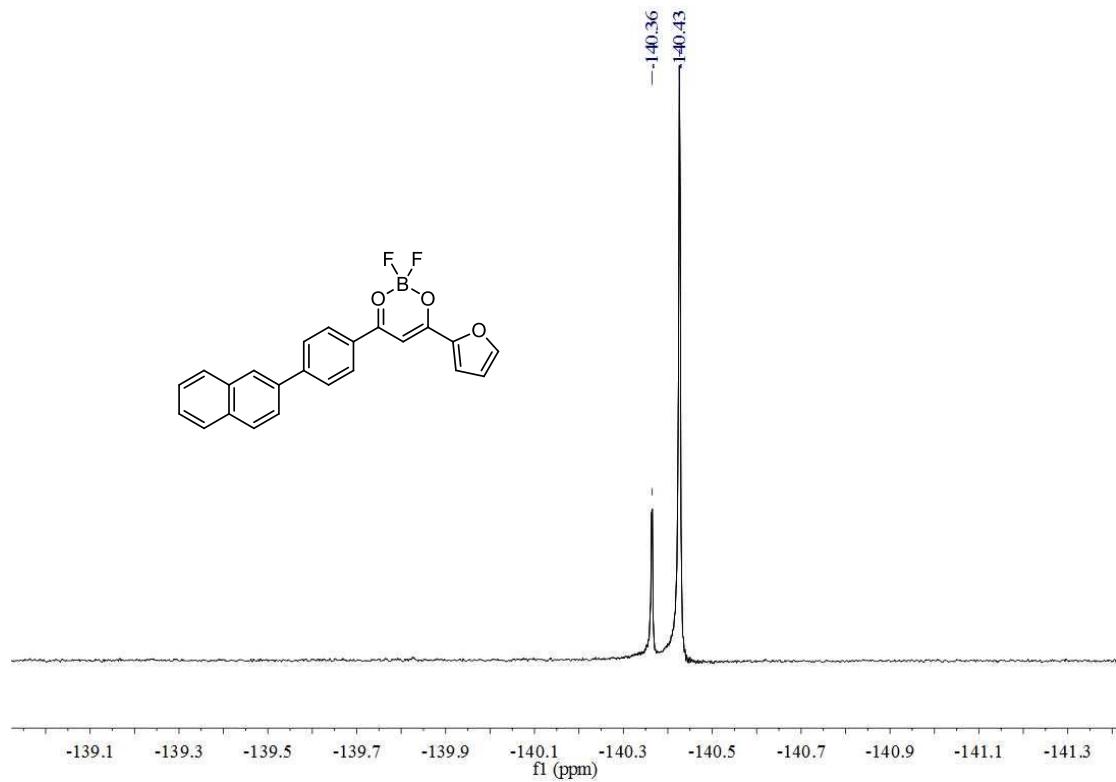


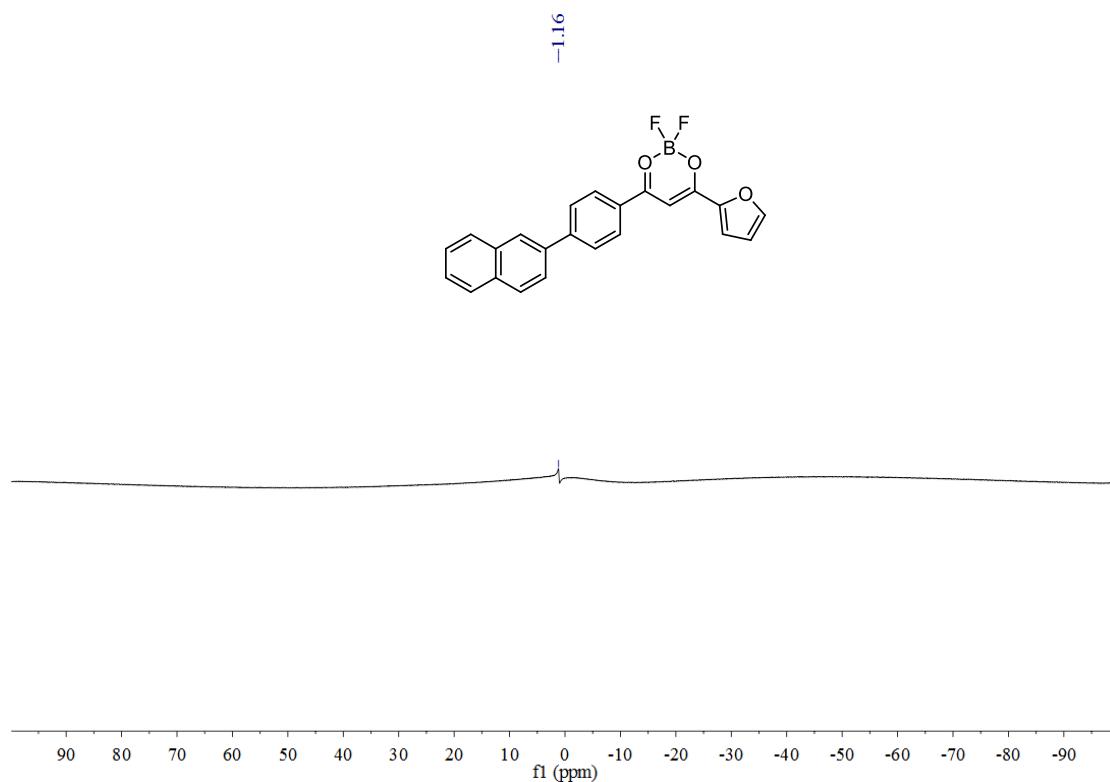
Figure S20. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex F2 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



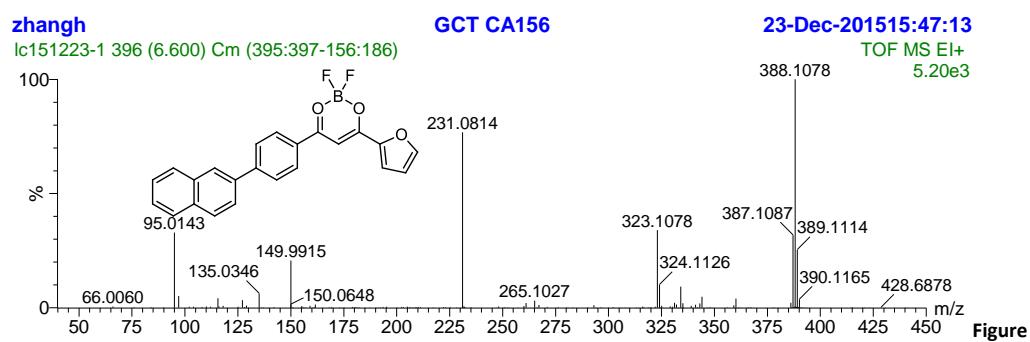
**Figure S21.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex F2 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



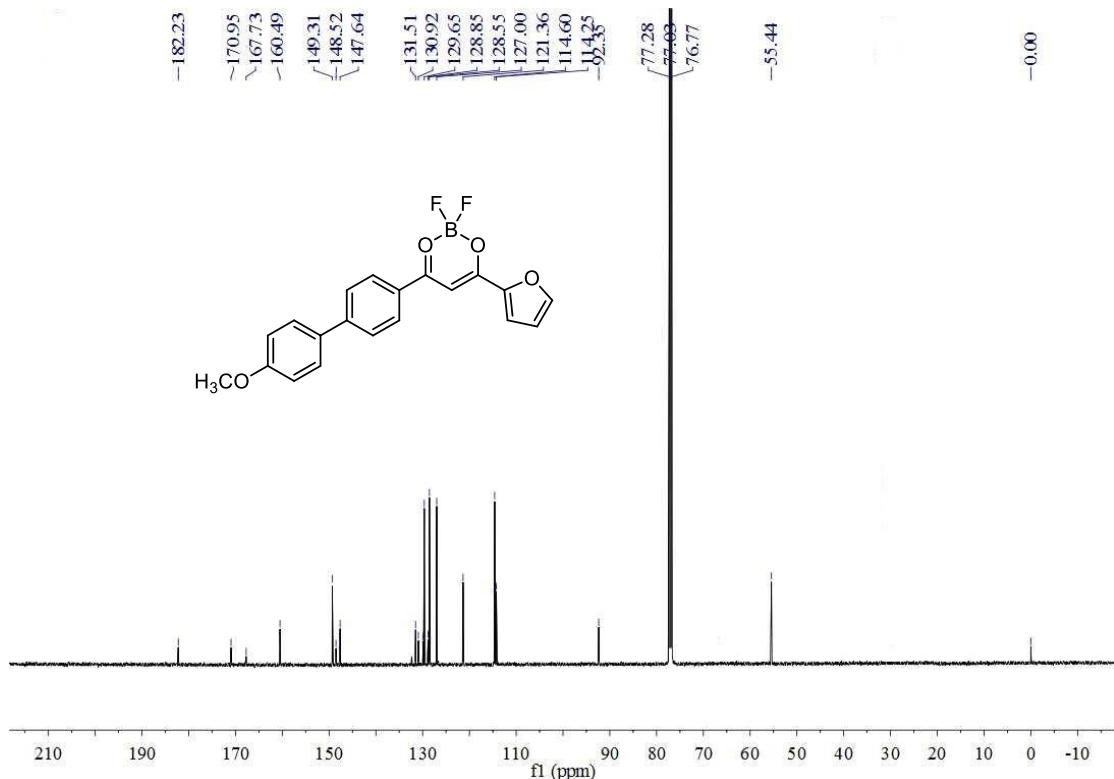
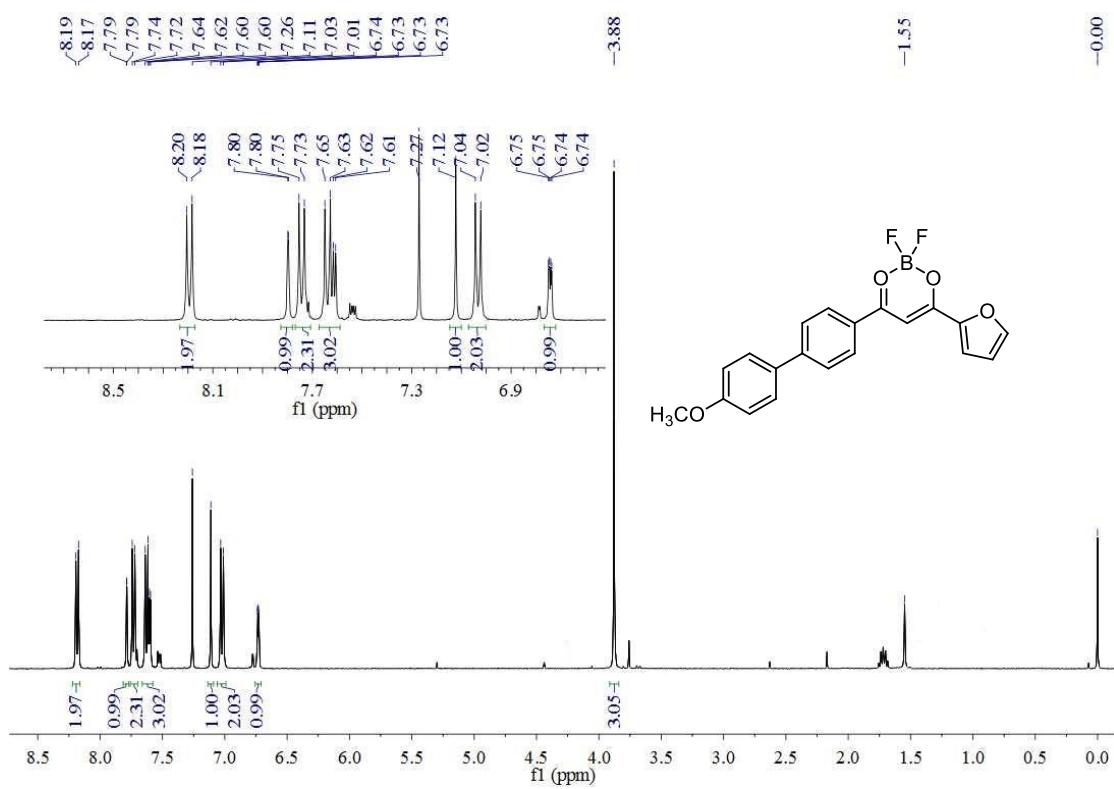
**Figure S22.** The  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of complex F2 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

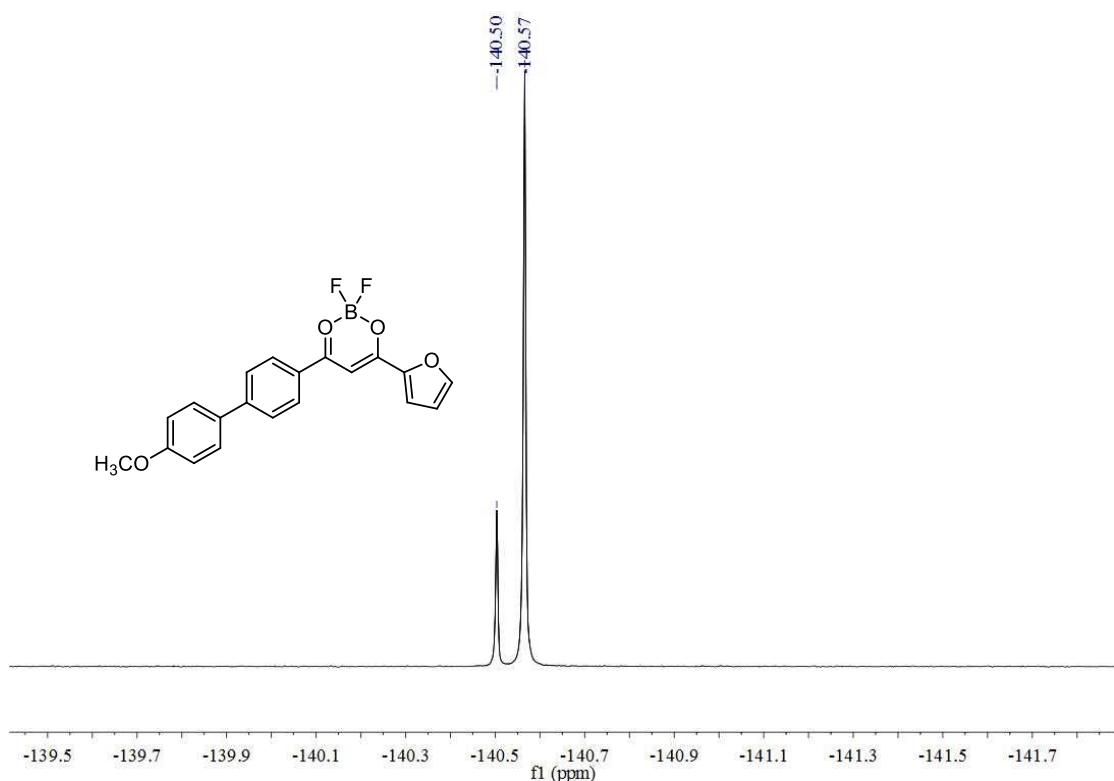


**Figure S23.** The  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of complex **F2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

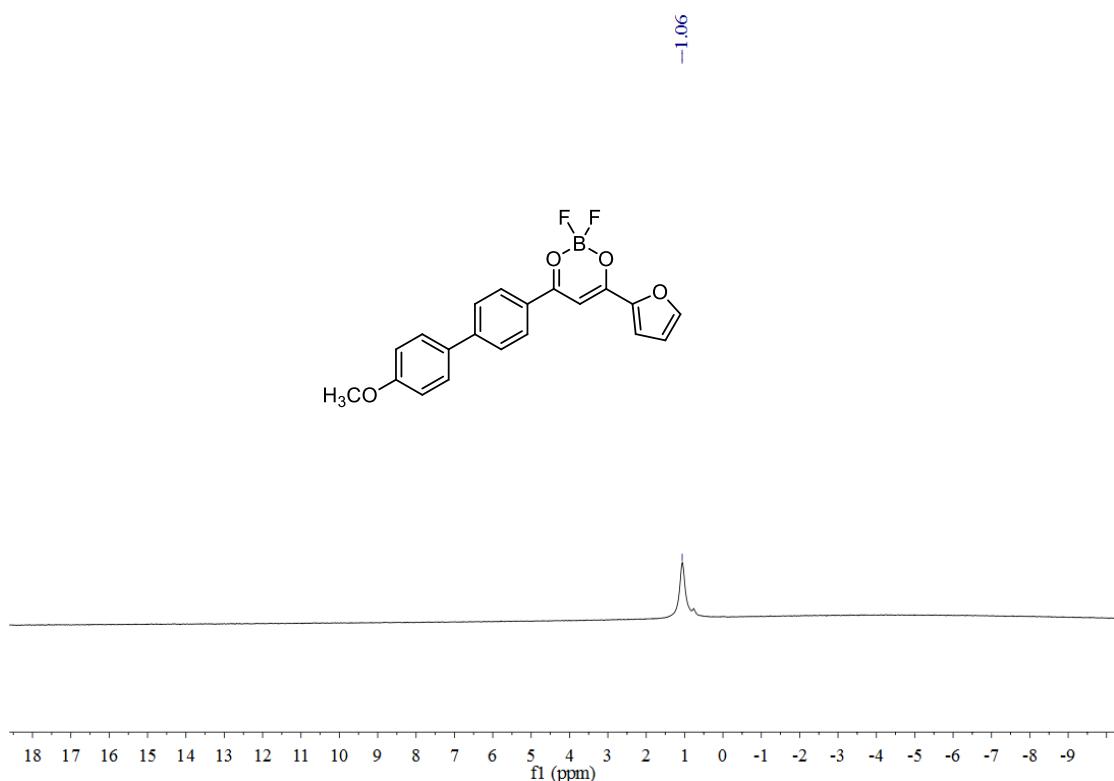


**Figure S24.** The HRMS spectrum of complex **F2**.

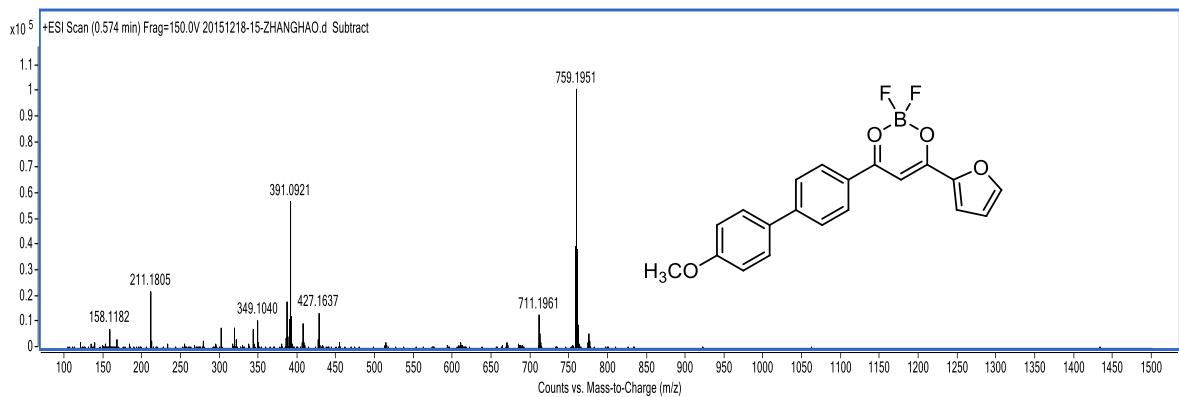




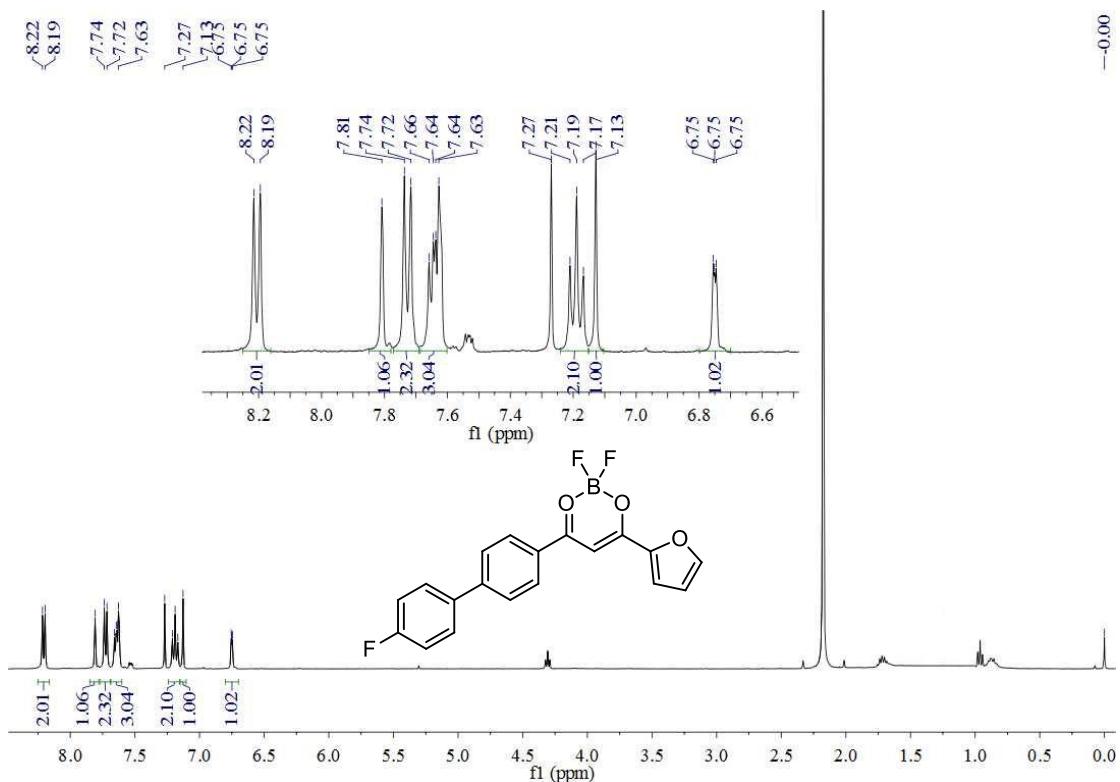
**Figure S27.** The  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of complex **F3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



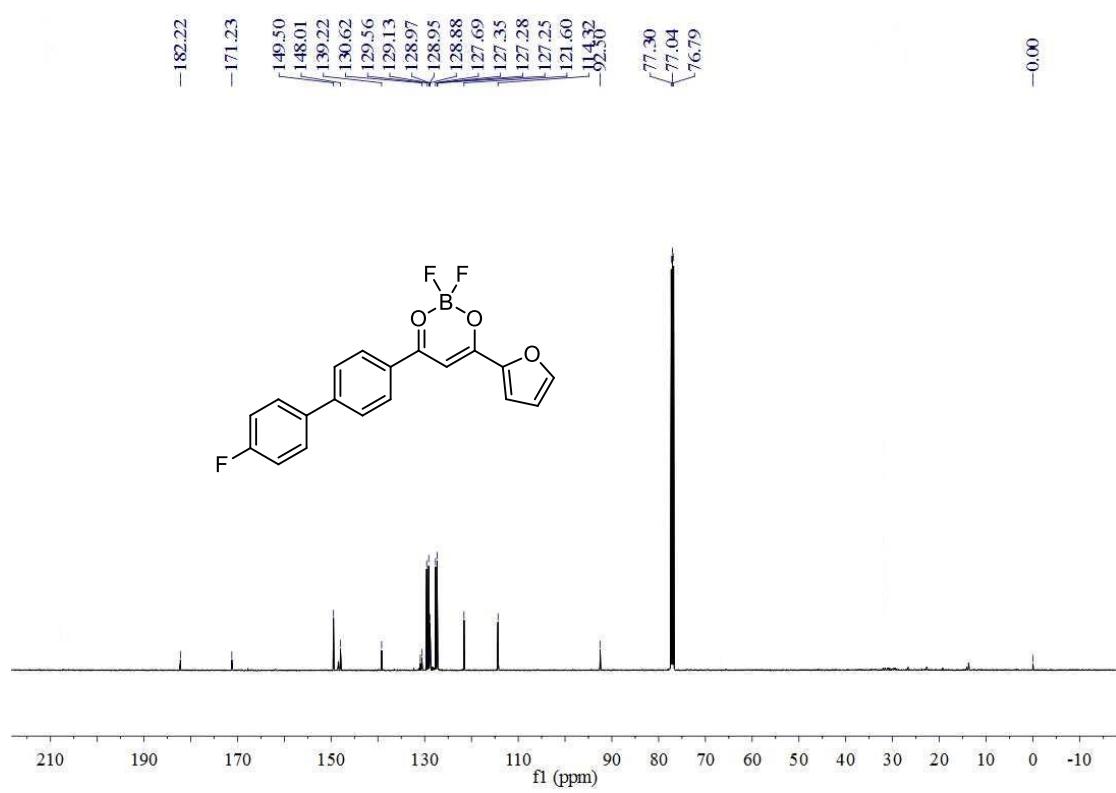
**Figure S28.** The  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of complex **F3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



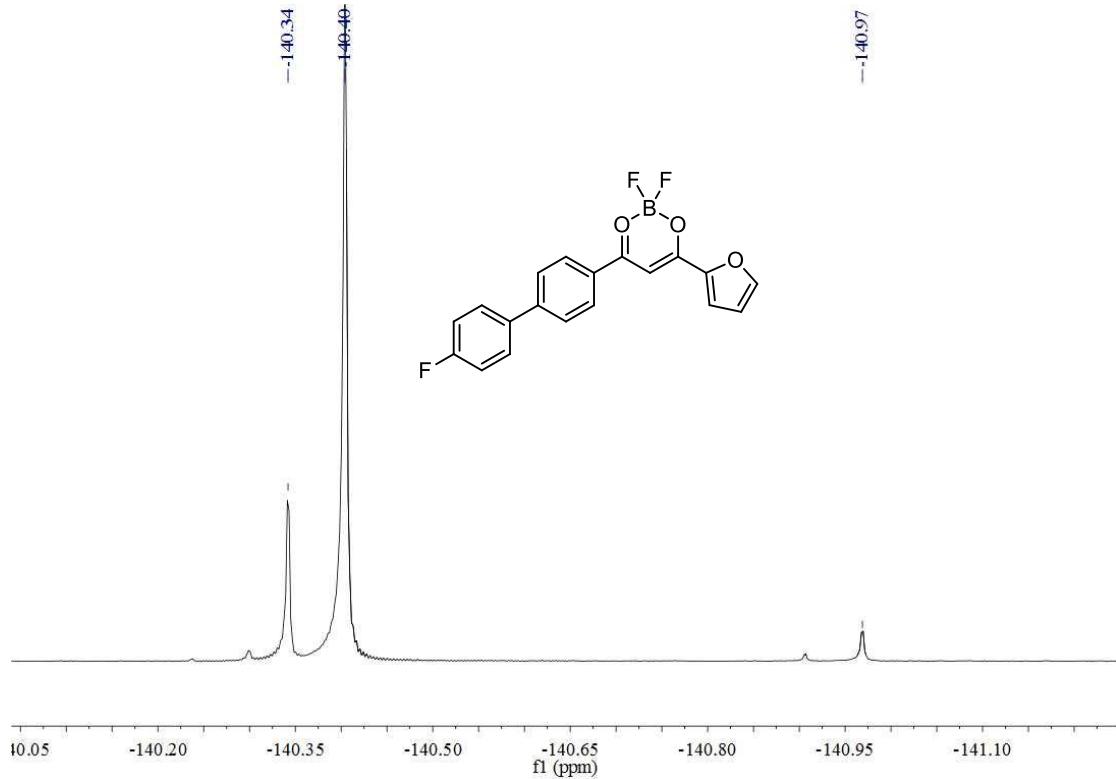
**Figure S29.** The HRMS spectrum of complex **F3**.



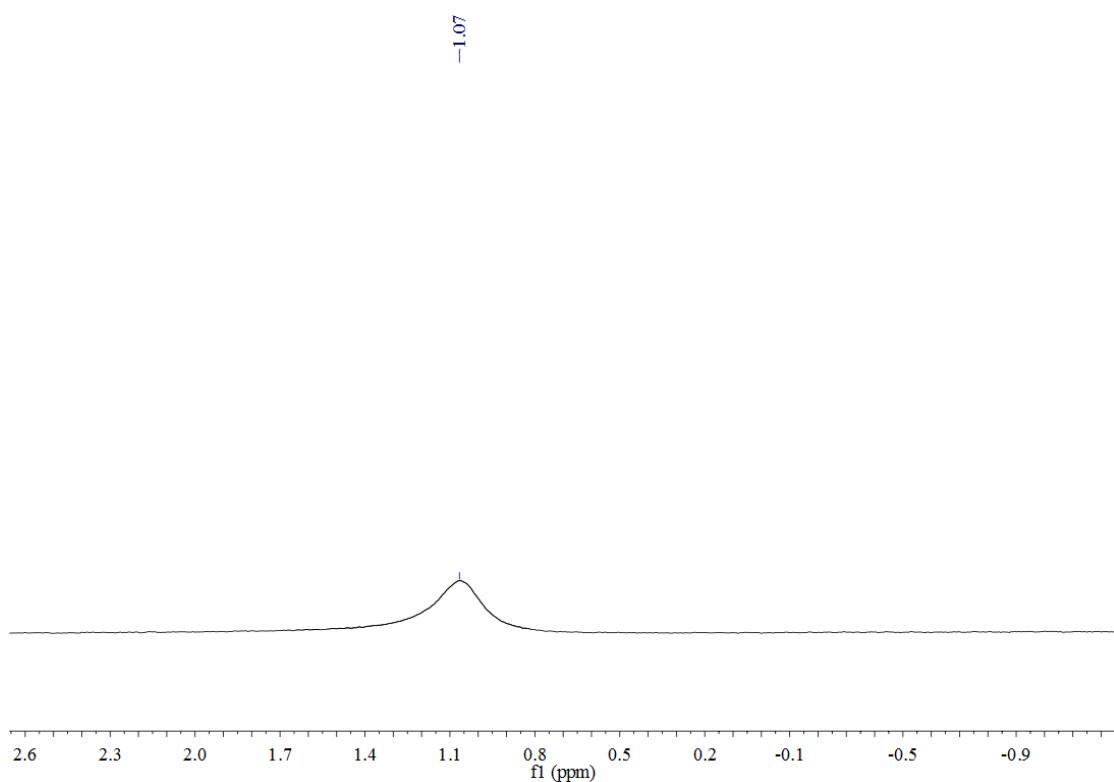
**Figure S30.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **F4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



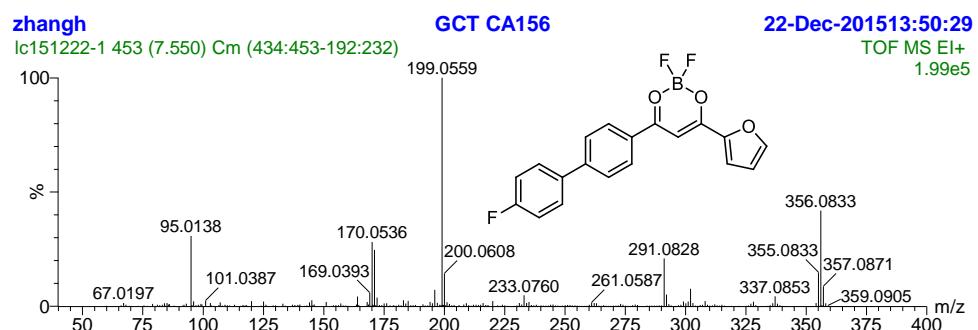
**Figure S31.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex **F4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S32.** The  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of complex **F4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S33.** The  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of complex **F4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S34.** The HRMS spectrum of complex **F4**.

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