

Supplementary Information

Phosphido complexes derived from 1,1'-ferrocenediyl-bridged secondary diphosphines

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Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement details

	<i>rac</i> -H ₂ 1a	<i>meso</i> -H ₂ 1b	<i>meso</i> -H ₂ 1e	[Li ₂ (μ- 1a)(TMEDA) ₂]	[Li ₂ (μ- 1b)(TMEDA) ₂]	[Li ₂ (μ- 1d)(TMEDA) ₂] ₂	[{Zr(NMe ₂) ₃] ₂ (μ- 1a)]
Chemical formula	C ₂₂ H ₂₀ FeP ₂	C ₁₈ H ₂₈ FeP ₂	C ₂₆ H ₁₆ F ₁₂ FeP ₂	C ₃₄ H ₅₀ FeLi ₂ N ₄ P ₂	C ₃₀ H ₅₈ FeLi ₂ N ₄ P ₂	C ₅₂ H ₉₂ Fe ₂ Li ₄ N ₄ P ₄	C ₃₄ H ₅₄ FeN ₆ P ₂ Zr ₂
Formula mass	402.17	362.19	674.18	646.45	606.47	1036.63	847.06
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	orthorhombic	triclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>Pca</i> 2 ₁	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	5.9967(14)	5.9610(8)	8.9360(7)	10.8879(8)	21.7734(5)	10.5717(9)	13.4517(4)
<i>b</i> /Å	26.083(7)	8.9856(11)	8.1613(5)	12.9242(8)	13.2129(4)	10.9440(9)	16.4468(4)
<i>c</i> /Å	11.900(4)	9.7083(12)	18.0145(16)	14.9695(10)	24.9840(7)	13.6502(10)	35.2138(13)
<i>α</i> /°	90	65.070(9)	90	101.557(5)	90	70.253(6)	90
<i>β</i> /°	101.87(2)	80.485(10)	94.549(7)	91.535(6)	90	80.074(6)	98.545(3)
<i>γ</i> /°	90	78.753(10)	90	111.792(5)	90	89.001(7)	90
Unit cell volume/Å ³	1821.6(8)	460.48(11)	1309.65(18)	1904.4(2)	7187.6(3)	1462.7(2)	7704.1(4)
<i>T</i> /K	200(2)	100(2)	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)	100(2)
<i>Z</i>	4	1	2	2	8	1	8
<i>μ</i> /mm ⁻¹	1.005	0.985	0.800	0.506	0.531	0.640	1.017
No. of refl. measured	8393	3222	9409	13776	39434	10283	50852
Independent	3184	1601	2310	6666	12455	5103	14256
reflections [<i>R</i> _{int}]	[0.0417]	[0.0219]	[0.0276]		[0.0376]	[0.0427]	[0.0418]
Final <i>R</i> ₁ (<i>wR</i> ₂)	0.0379	0.0385	0.0364	0.0635	0.0468	0.0494	0.0388
[<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	(0.0929)	(0.1411)	(0.0887)	(0.1713)	(0.1350)	(0.1228)	(0.0931)
Final <i>R</i> ₁ (<i>wR</i> ₂)	0.0537	0.0397	0.0537	0.0776	0.0644	0.0701	0.0500
[all data]	(0.1006)	(0.1425)	(0.0953)	(0.1870)	(0.1548)	(0.1372)	(0.1001)
Goodness of fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.025	1.299	1.029	1.095	0.841	1.054	1.031
CCDC number	1536257	1536258	1536259	1536260	1536261	1536262	15362603

Table S1 (continued) Crystal data and structure refinement details

	$[\{\text{Zr}(\text{NMe}_2)_3\}_2(\mu\text{-1e})]$	$[(\text{NiCp})_2(\mu\text{-1a})]\cdot\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$	$[\text{Ni}(\mu_2\text{-OH})\{\text{NiCp}(\mu_2\text{-1b})\}]_2$ $[(\text{NiCp})_2(\mu\text{-1b})]\cdot 3\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$	$[\text{NiCp}(\text{H1b})]$	$[\{\text{Ni}[\text{NiCp}(\mu_2\text{-1b})]\}_2\{\mu_2\text{-}\eta^5\text{:}\eta^5\text{-(C}_5\text{H}_4)_2\}]\cdot 2\text{THF}$	$[\text{Ni}\{\text{NiCp}(\mu\text{-1a})\}]_2$	$[\text{Ni}(\text{H1b})_2]$
Chemical formula	$\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{50}\text{F}_{12}\text{FeN}_6\text{P}_2\text{Zr}_2$	$\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{34}\text{FeNi}_2\text{P}_2$	$\text{C}_{92}\text{H}_{118}\text{Fe}_3\text{Ni}_6\text{O}_2\text{P}_6$	$\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{32}\text{FeNiP}_2$	$\text{C}_{64}\text{H}_{86}\text{Fe}_2\text{Ni}_4\text{O}_2\text{P}_4$	$\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{46}\text{Fe}_2\text{Ni}_3\text{P}_4$	$\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{54}\text{Fe}_2\text{NiP}_4$
Formula mass	1119.07	725.86	1961.49	484.98	1357.74	1106.62	781.08
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	$C2/c$	$P2_1/c$	$C2/c$	Cc	$P2_1/c$	$P-1$	$P-1$
$a/\text{\AA}$	41.181(3)	12.0027(4)	10.1479(4)	20.4381(14)	14.0188(8)	10.126(3)	10.5735(6)
$b/\text{\AA}$	12.8318(13)	9.7307(4)	18.7714(6)	6.4522(3)	10.6198(5)	11.395(3)	12.3319(7)
$c/\text{\AA}$	18.5900(15)	27.0982(8)	45.164(2)	18.5152(12)	20.1658(12)	12.124(3)	14.3840(8)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90	90	90	90	90	103.44(2)	87.958(5)
$\beta/^\circ$	108.288(6)	90.452(2)	96.353(3)	116.319(5)	96.178(5)	106.87(2)	74.515(4)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90	90	90	90	90	115.18(2)	87.467(5)
Unit cell volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$	9327.4(15)	3164.8(2)	8550.5(6)	2188.5(2)	2984.8(3)	1104.5(5)	1805.2(2)
T/K	100(2)	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)	153(2)
Z	8	4	4	4	2	1	2
μ/mm^{-1}	0.897	1.758	1.944	1.675	1.860	2.080	1.511
No. of refl. measured	18502	31471	56233	5786	13143	7162	12583
Independent	8501	5582	7535	3458	5250	3832	6327
reflections $[R_{\text{int}}]$	[0.1011]	[0.0144]	[0.0220]	[0.0259]	[0.1261]	[0.1557]	[0.0189]
Final R_1 (wR_2)	0.0899	0.0294	0.0254	0.0629	0.0812	0.1439	0.0282
$[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	(0.2209)	(0.0739)	(0.0629)	(0.1524)	(0.1681)	(0.3669)	(0.0741)
Final R_1 (wR_2)	0.1300	0.0325	0.0298	0.0633	0.1654	0.1853	0.0315
[all data]	(0.2589)	(0.0756)	(0.0653)	(0.1533)	(0.2120)	(0.4285)	(0.0799)
Goodness of fit on F^2	0.997	1.058	1.035	1.059	1.068	1.398	1.088
CCDC number	1536264	1536265	1536267	1536266	1536268	1536269	1536270

Table S2 Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for the nickel complexes of this study which were obtained by serendipity

	Average Ni–P	Ni–P–Ni	P–Ni–P	C–P–C
$[\text{Ni}(\mu_2\text{-OH})\{\text{NiCp}(\mu_2\text{-}\mathbf{1b})\}]_2^{a,b}$	2.17 (Ni2)	96.06(3)	74.94(3)	101.4(1)
	2.18 (Ni3)	96.16(3)	74.60(3)	101.3(1)
$[\{\text{Ni}[\text{NiCp}(\mu_2\text{-}\mathbf{1b})]\}_2\{\mu_2\text{-}\eta^5\text{:}\eta^5\text{-(C}_5\text{H}_4)_2\}]^c$	2.17	96.7(1)	75.1(1)	100.9(5)
		96.6(1)	74.8(1)	101.8(5)
$[\text{Ni}\{\text{NiCp}(\mu_2\text{-}\mathbf{1a})\}]_2^c$	2.19	89.1(2)	77.41(15) (Ni1) ^d	100.8(8)
		88.1(2)	102.59(15) (Ni1)	102.5(8)
			78.9(2) (Ni2) ^d	
$[\text{Ni}(\text{H}\mathbf{1b})_2]^e$	2.17		105.70(3) ^d	99.7(1)
			111.32(2)	99.2(1)
			112.31(3)	
			111.40(2)	
			111.60(2)	
			104.66(2) ^d	

^a Molecular C_{2h} symmetry. ^b O–Ni–O 79.0(1), Ni–O–Ni 101.0(1), average P–Ni–O 103.1 and 175.9. ^c Molecular C_i symmetry. ^d Chelate bite angle. ^e Approximate D_2 symmetry, because the phosphino and phosphido P atom could not be distinguished from one another experimentally.

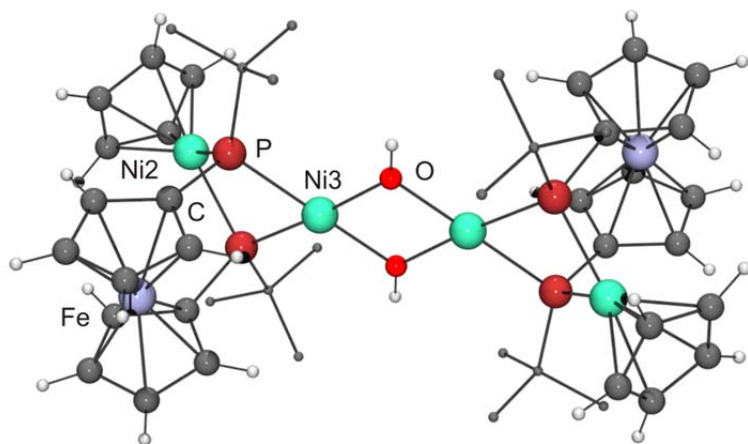


Fig. S1 Molecular structure of $[\text{Ni}(\mu_2\text{-OH})\{\text{NiCp}(\mu_2\text{-}\mathbf{1b})\}]_2$ in the co-crystal with $[(\text{NiCp})_2(\mu\text{-}\mathbf{1b})]$. *tert*-Butyl carbon atoms are shown as smaller circles without hydrogen atoms for clarity.

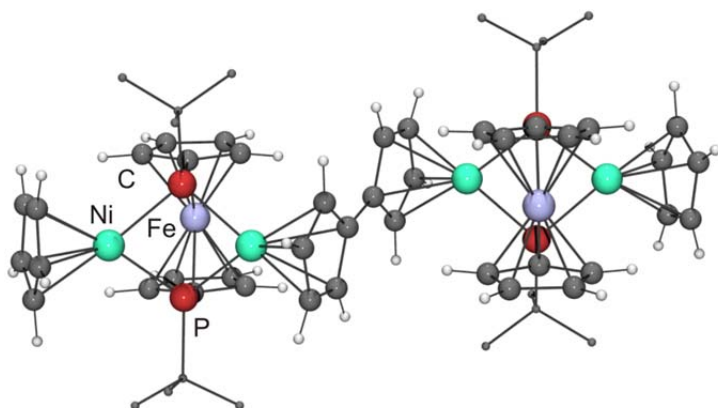


Fig. S2 Molecular structure of $[\{\text{Ni}[\text{NiCp}(\mu_2\text{-}\mathbf{1b})]\}_2\{\mu_2\text{-}\eta^5\text{:}\eta^5\text{-(C}_5\text{H}_4)_2\}]$ in the crystal. *tert*-Butyl carbon atoms are shown as smaller circles without hydrogen atoms for clarity.

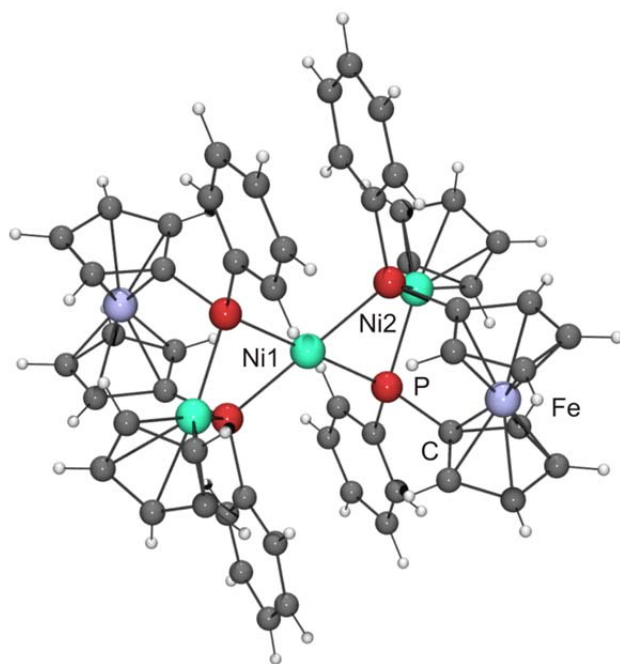


Fig. S3 Molecular structure of $[\text{Ni}\{[\text{NiCp}(\mu\text{-1a})]\}_2]$ in the crystal.

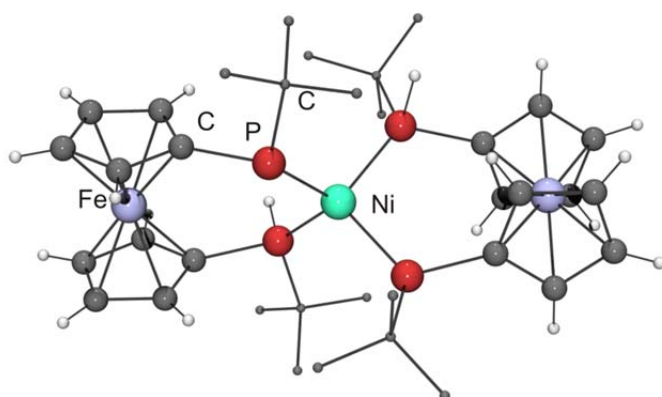


Fig. S4 Molecular structure of $[\text{Ni}(\text{H1b})_2]$ in the crystal. *tert*-Butyl carbon atoms are shown as smaller circles without hydrogen atoms for clarity.

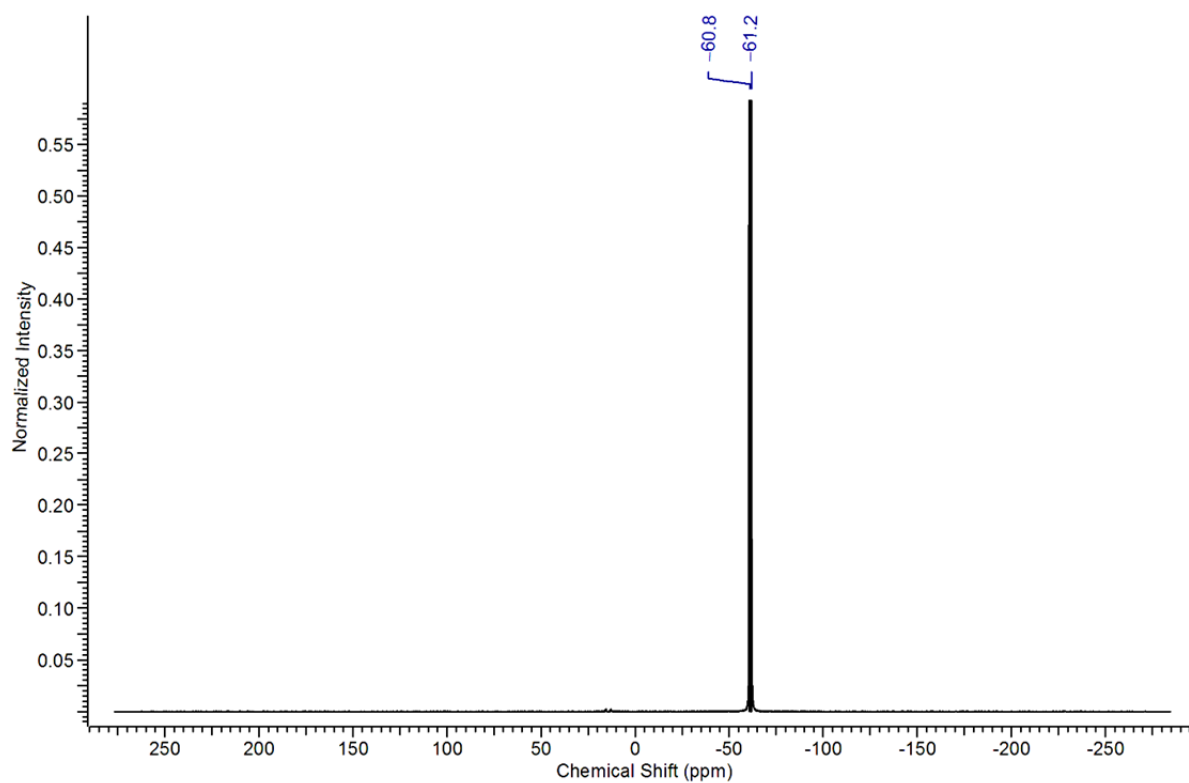


Fig. S5 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $\text{H}_2\mathbf{1a}$ (C_6D_6 , 202.3 MHz).

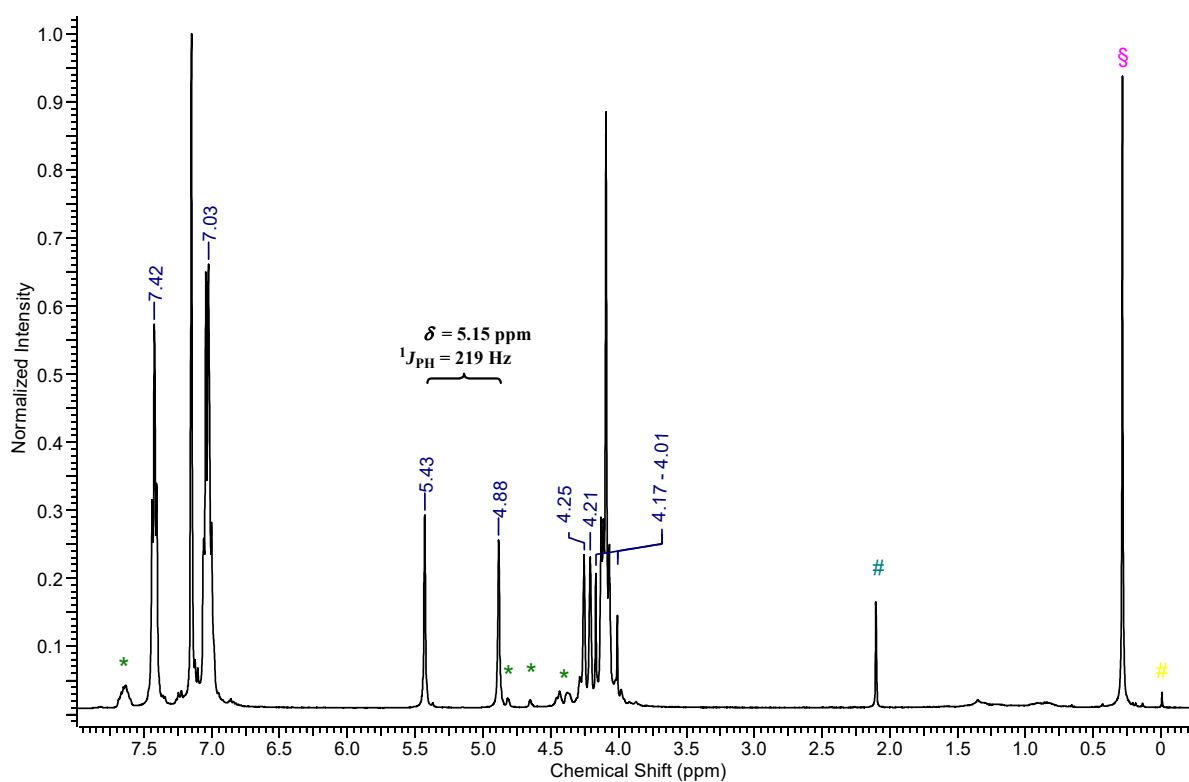


Fig. S6 ^1H NMR spectrum of $\text{H}_2\mathbf{1a}$ (C_6D_6 , 399.9 MHz). Signals marked belongs to trace amounts of unidentified impurities (*) and TMS (#) as well as small amounts of toluene (#) and to silicon grease (S).

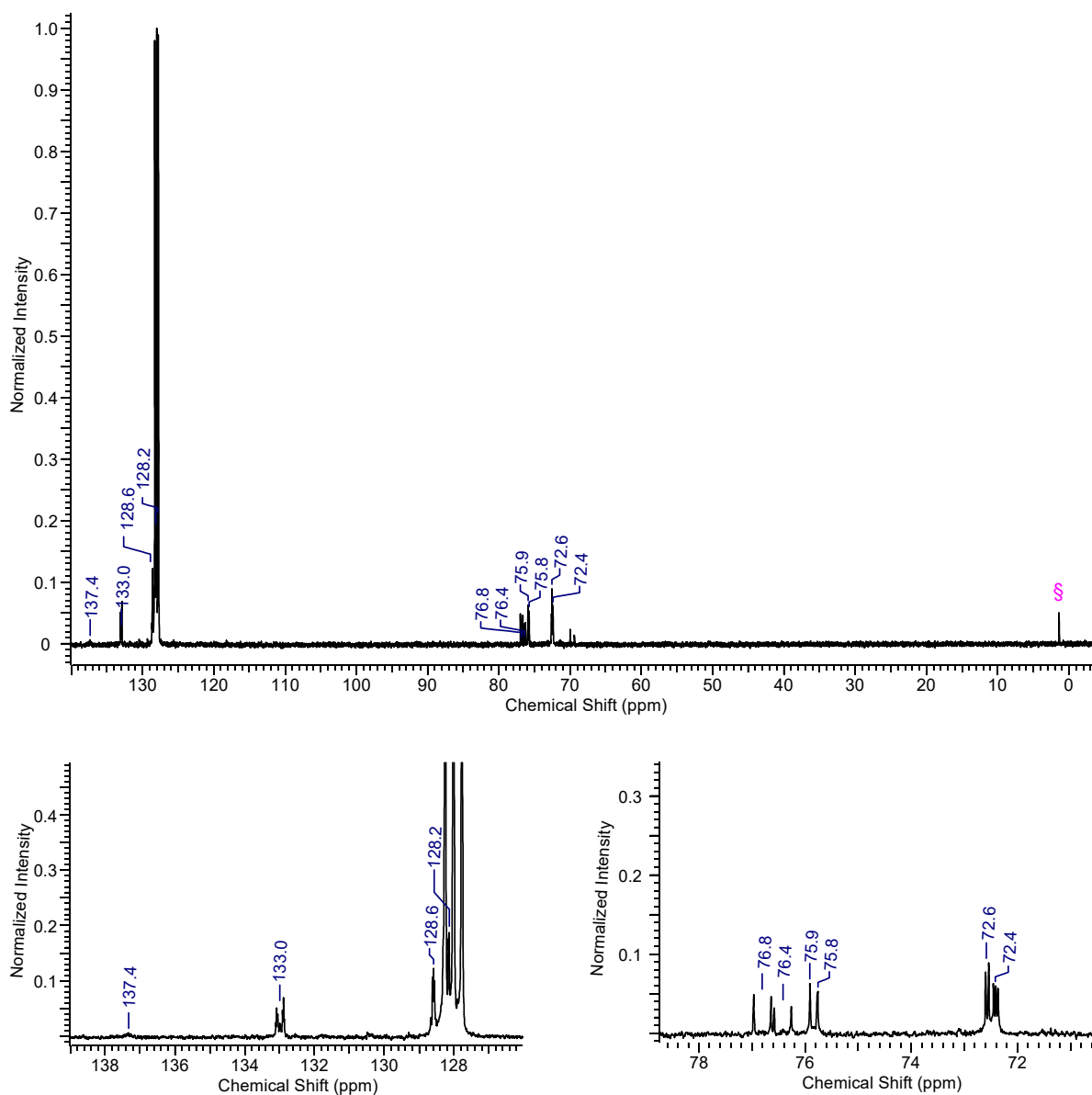


Fig. S7 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $\text{H}_2\text{1a}$ (C_6D_6 , 100.5 MHz). The signal marked belongs to silicon grease (§).

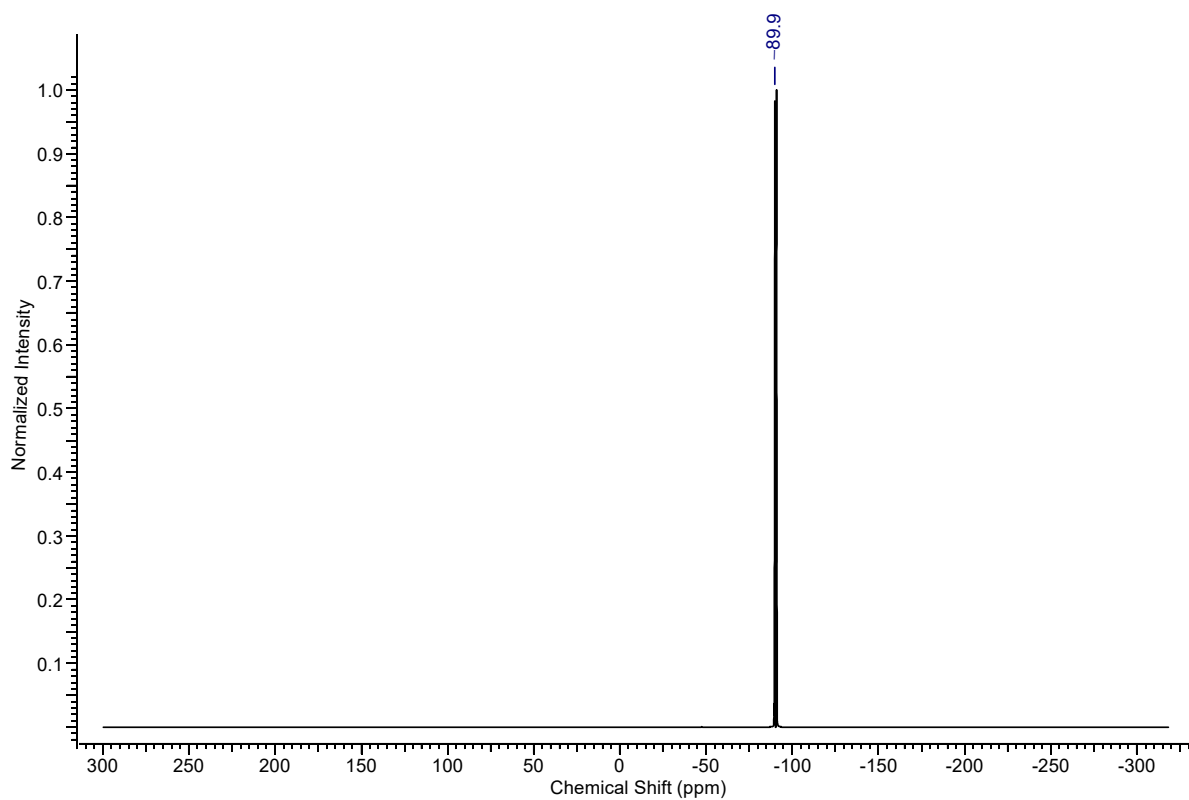


Fig. S8 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $\text{H}_2\mathbf{1c}$ (C_6D_6 , 202.3 MHz).

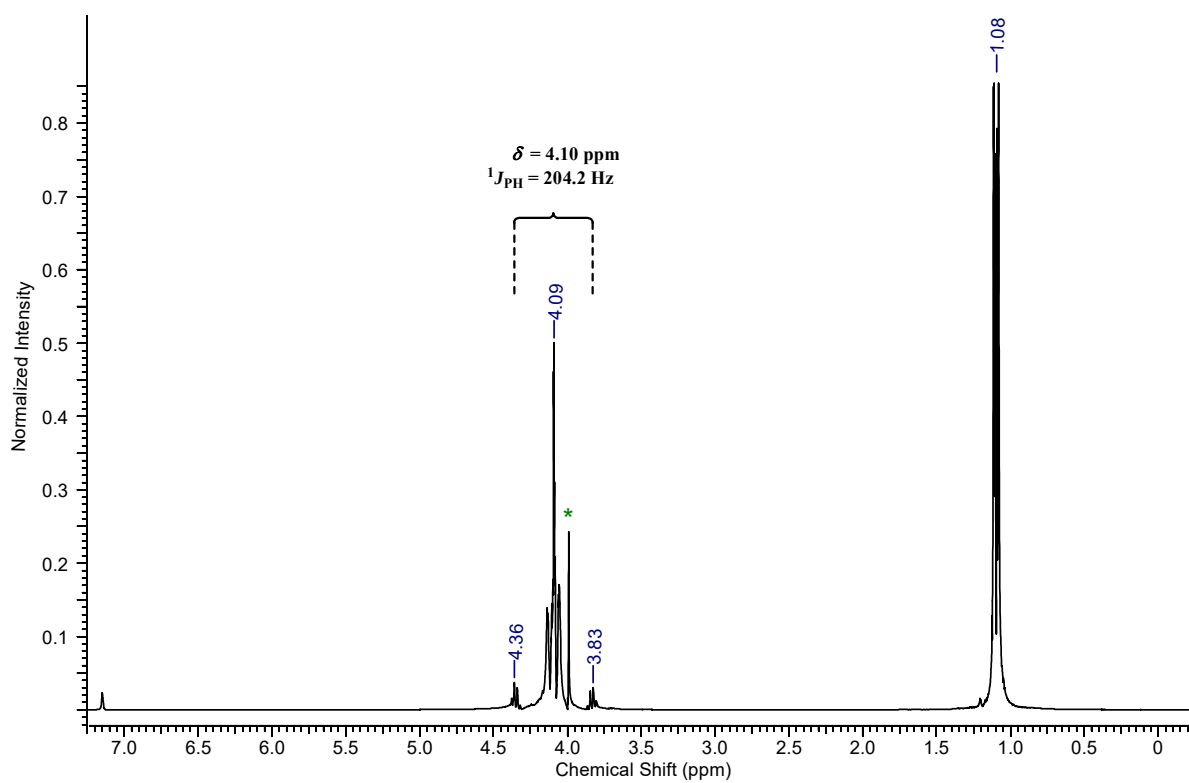


Fig. S9 ^1H NMR spectrum of $\text{H}_2\mathbf{1c}$ (C_6D_6 , 399.9 MHz). The signal marked belongs to trace amounts of $[\text{FeCp}\{\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4(\text{PHMe})\}]$ (*).

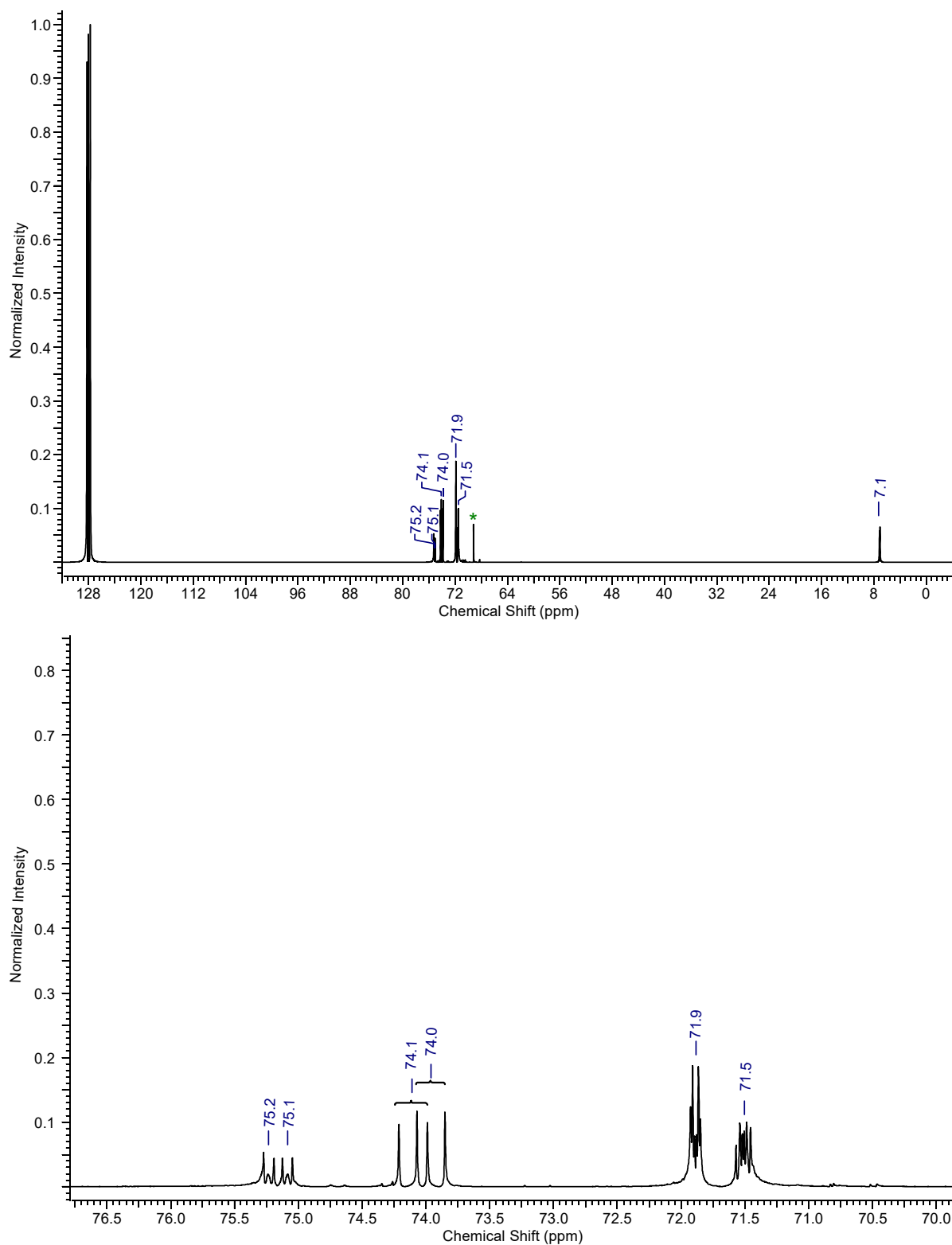


Fig. S10 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $\text{H}_2\mathbf{1c}$ (C_6D_6 , 100.5 MHz). The signal marked belongs to trace amounts of $[\text{FeCp}\{\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4(\text{PHMe})\}]$ (*).

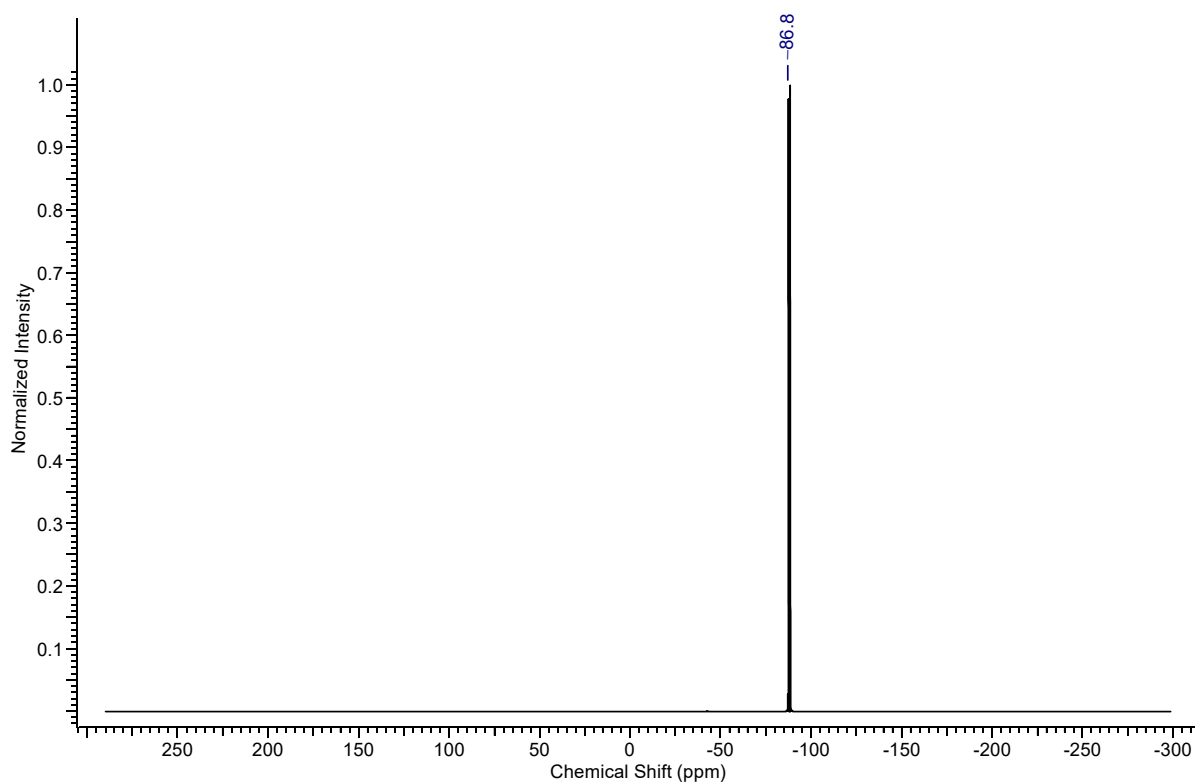


Fig. S11 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $\text{H}_2\mathbf{1d}$ (C_6D_6 , 202.3 MHz).

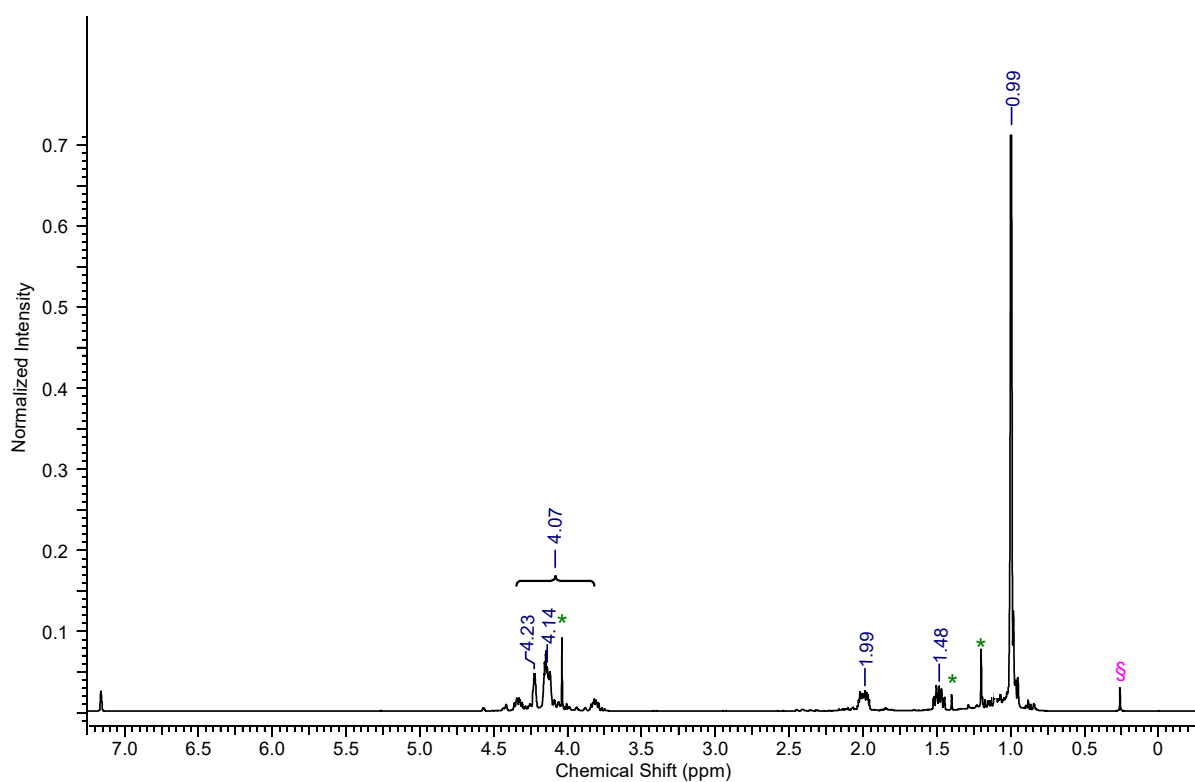


Fig. S12 ^1H NMR spectrum of $\text{H}_2\mathbf{1d}$ (C_6D_6 , 399.9 MHz). Signals marked belong to trace amounts of $[\text{FeCp}\{\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4(\text{PHNp})\}]$ (*) and silicon grease (§).

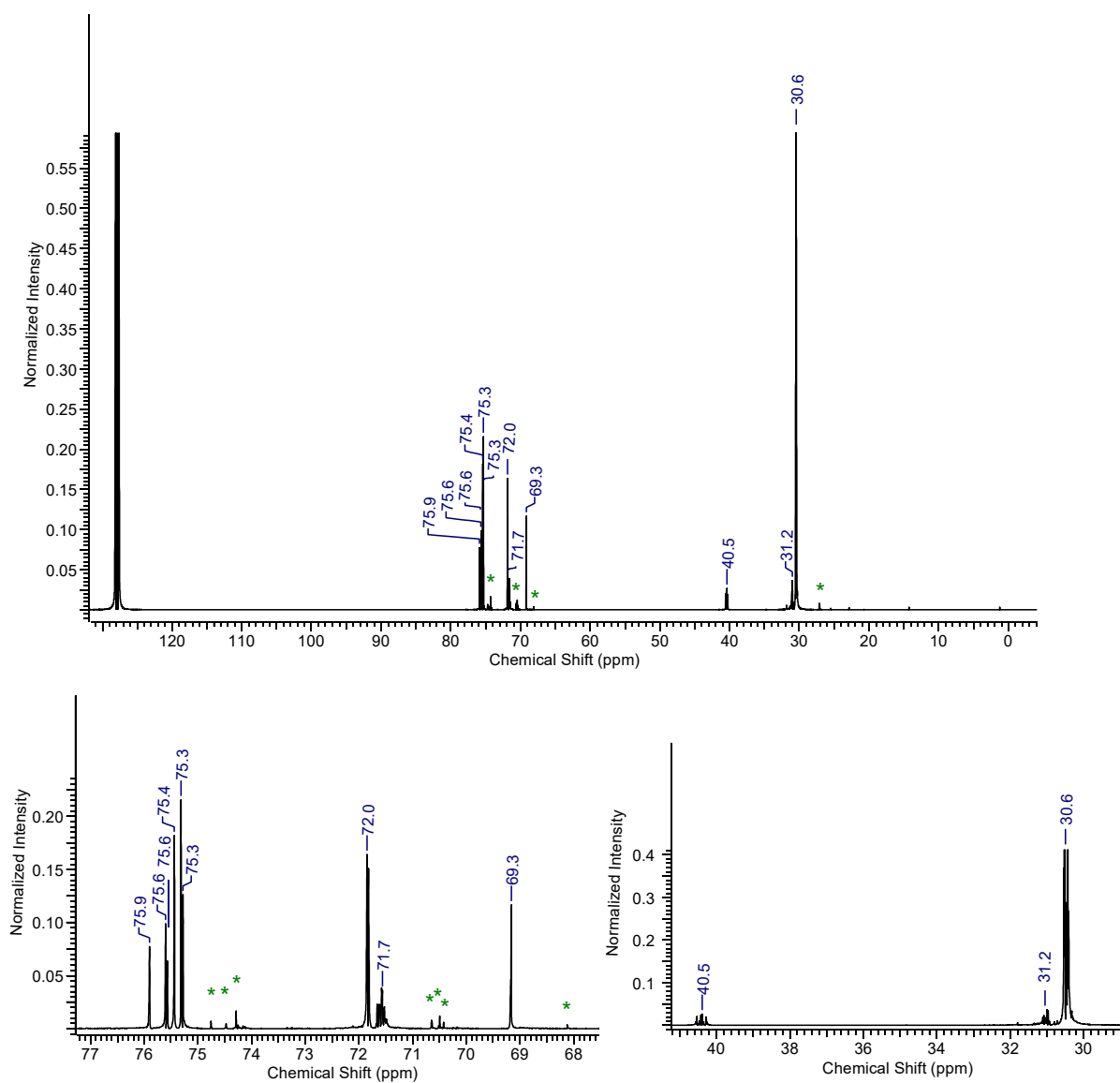


Fig. S13 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $\text{H}_2\mathbf{1d}$ (C_6D_6 , 100.5 MHz). Signals marked belong to trace amounts of $[\text{FeCp}\{\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4(\text{PHNp})\}]$ (*).

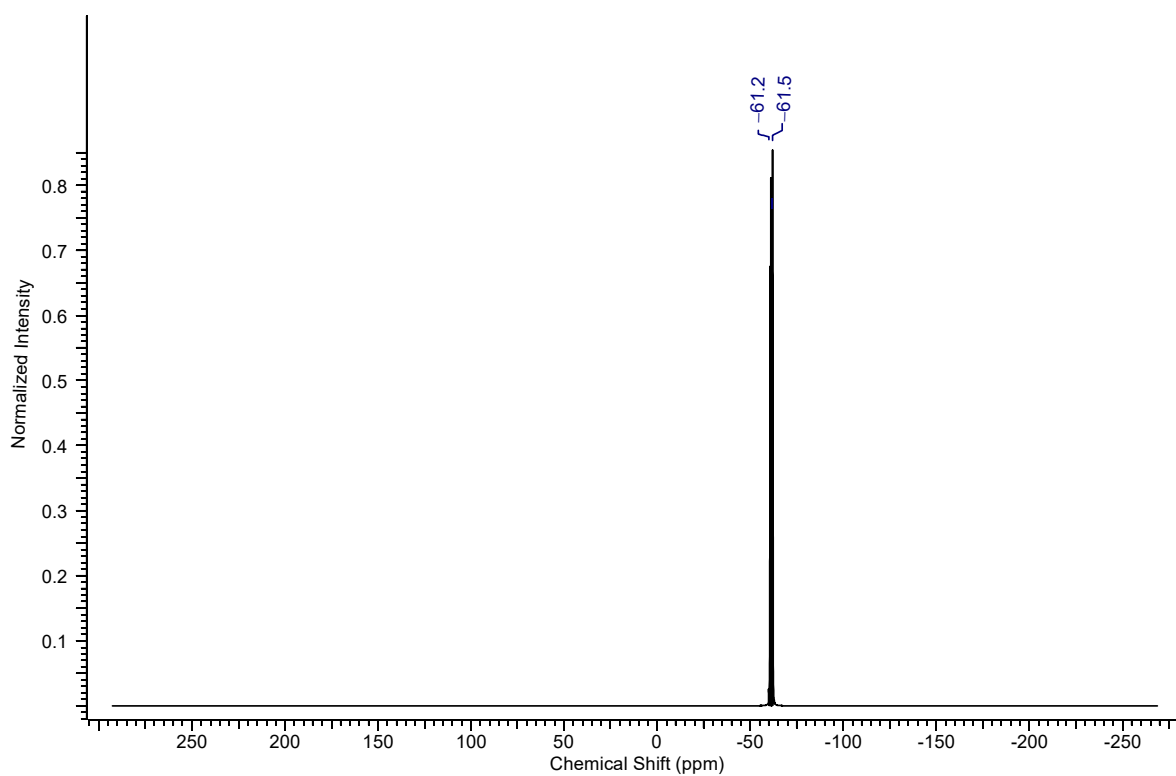


Fig. S14 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $\text{H}_2\mathbf{1e}$ (C_6D_6 , 202.3 MHz).

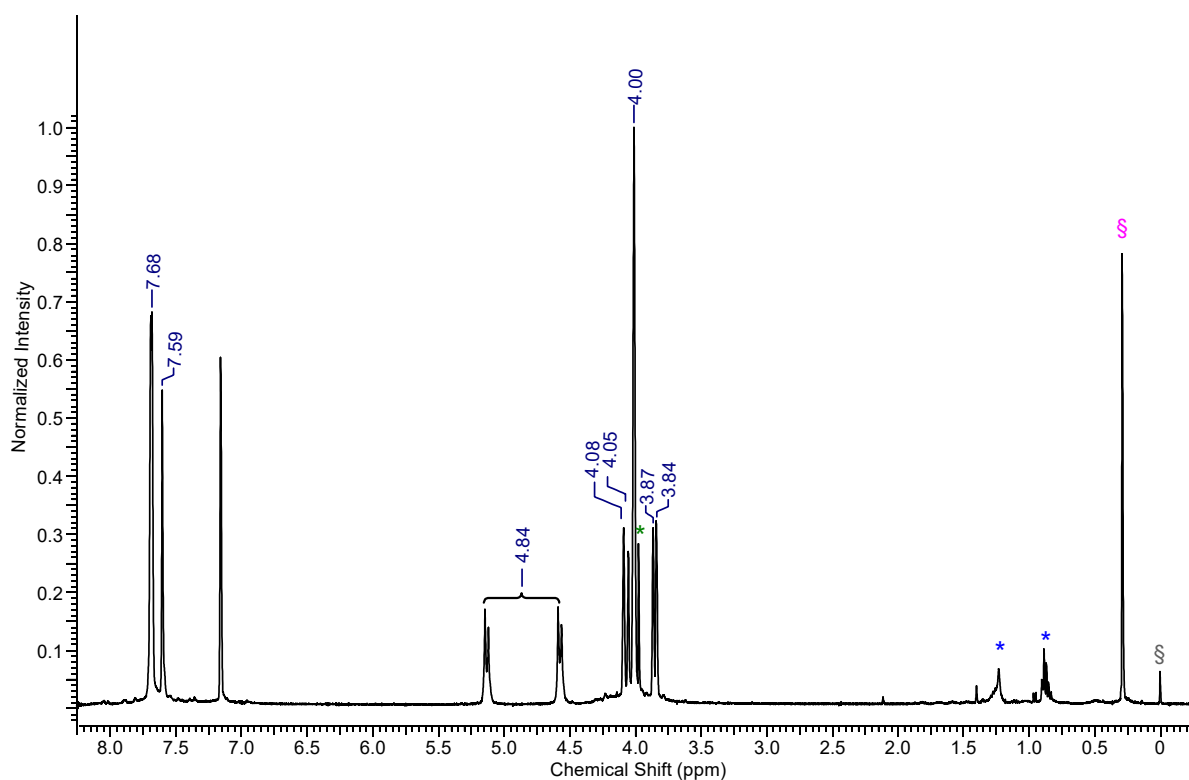


Fig. S15 ^1H NMR spectrum of $\text{H}_2\mathbf{1e}$ (C_6D_6 , 399.9 MHz). Signals marked belong to trace amounts of $[\text{FeCp}\{\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4(\text{PHXyF})\}]$ (*), *n*-hexane (*), silicon grease (§) and TMS (§).

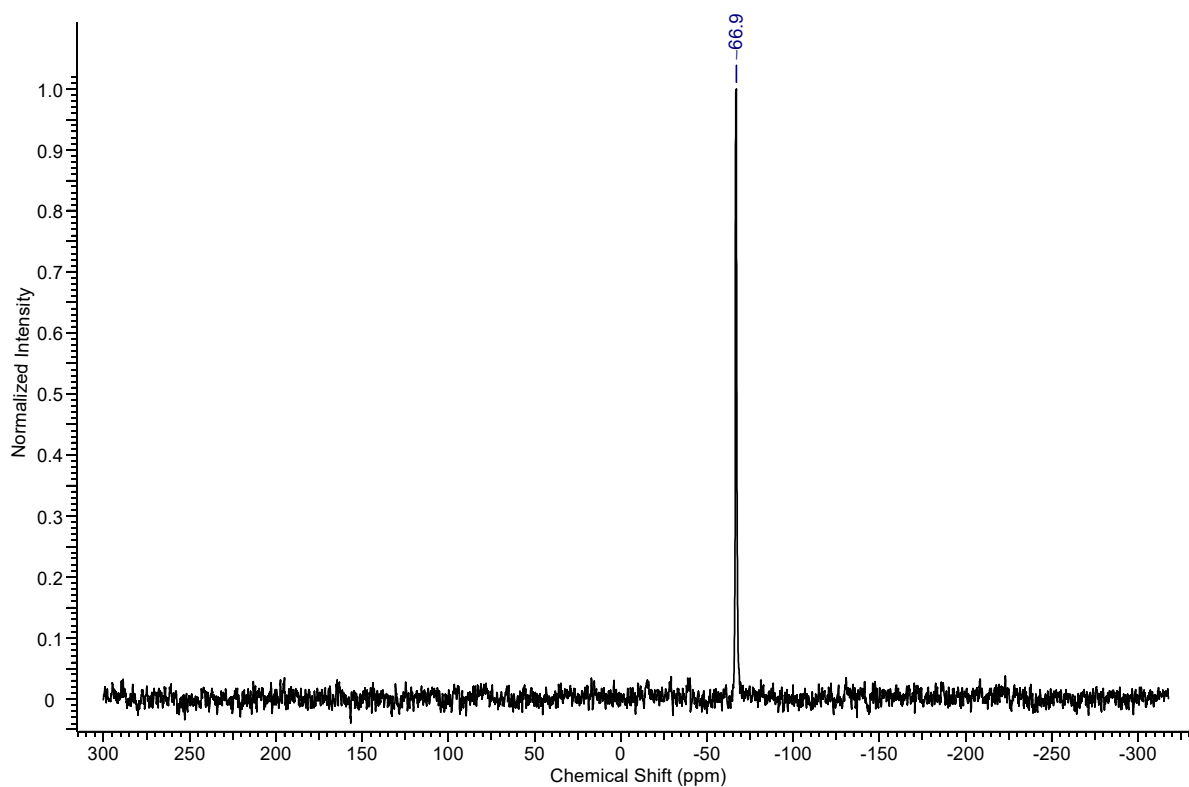


Fig. S16 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1a})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ (C_6D_6 , 202.3 MHz).

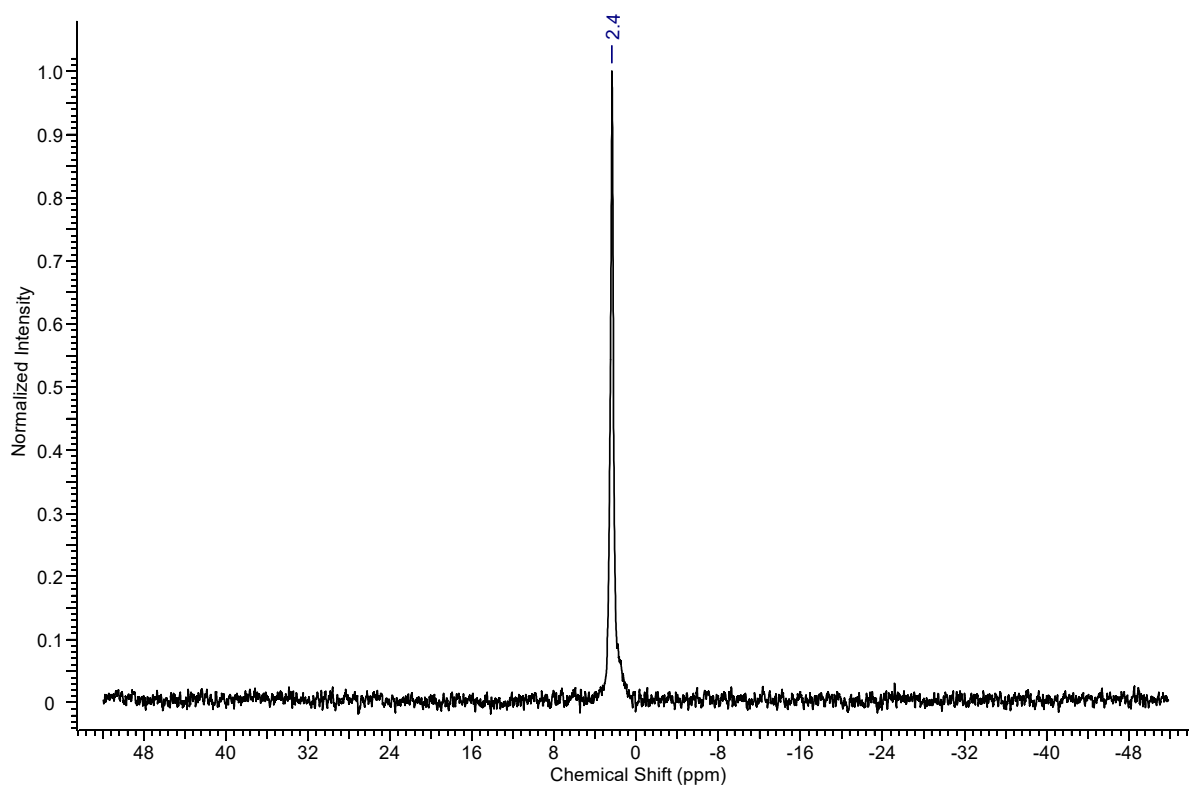


Fig. S17 ^7Li NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1a})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ (C_6D_6 , 194.2 MHz).

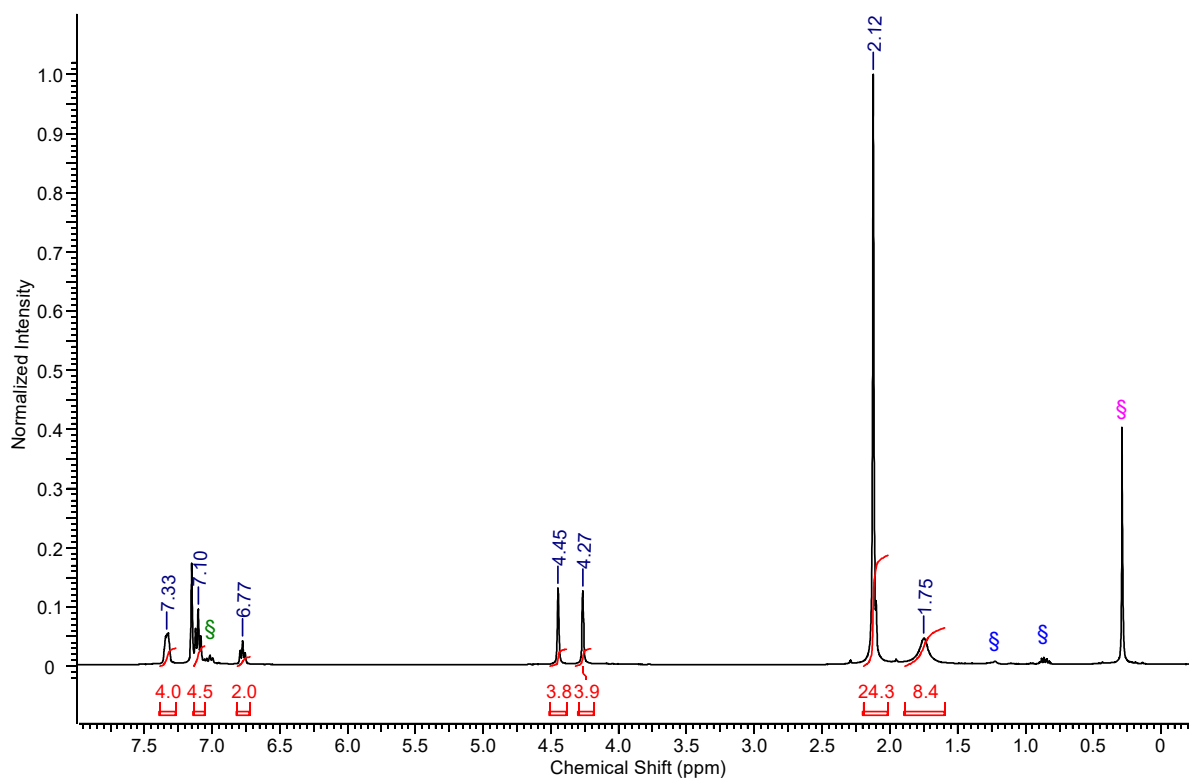


Figure S18 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1a})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ (C_6D_6 , 399.9 MHz). Signals marked belong to trace amounts of toluene (§) and *n*-hexane (§) and to silicon grease (§).

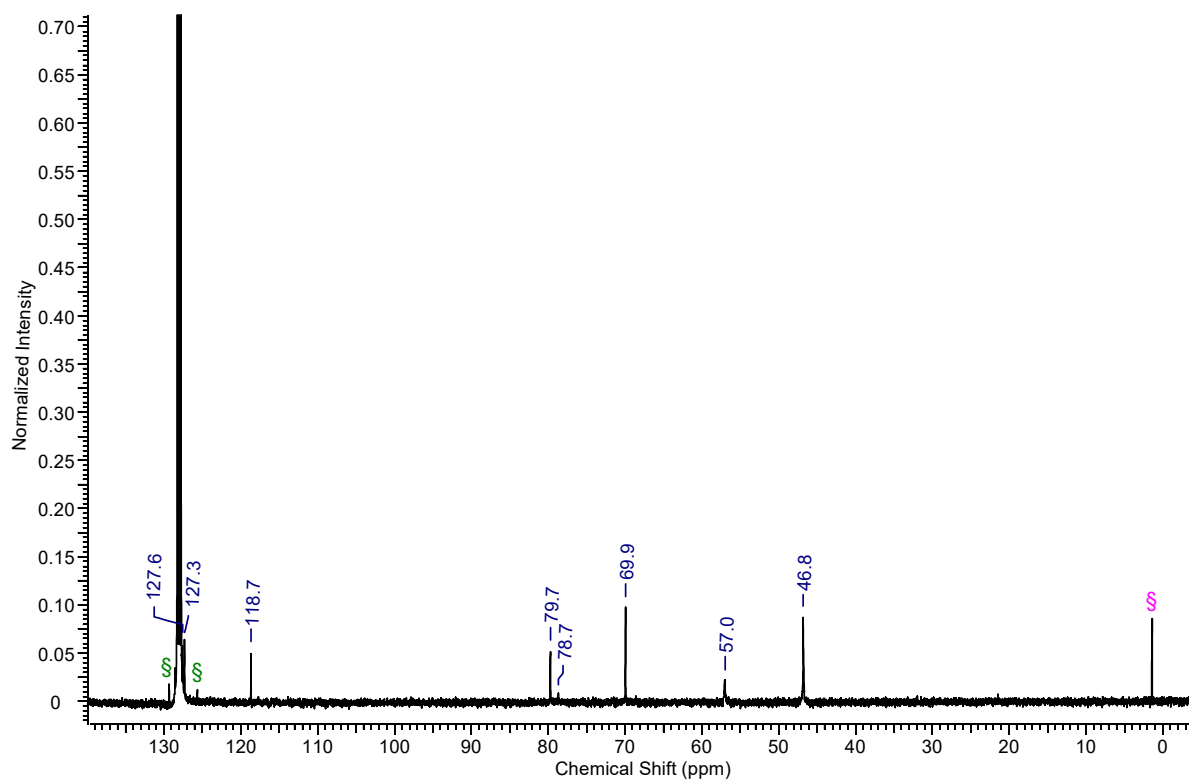


Fig. S19 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1a})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ (C_6D_6 , 100.5 MHz). Signals marked belong to trace amounts of toluene (§) and to silicon grease (§).

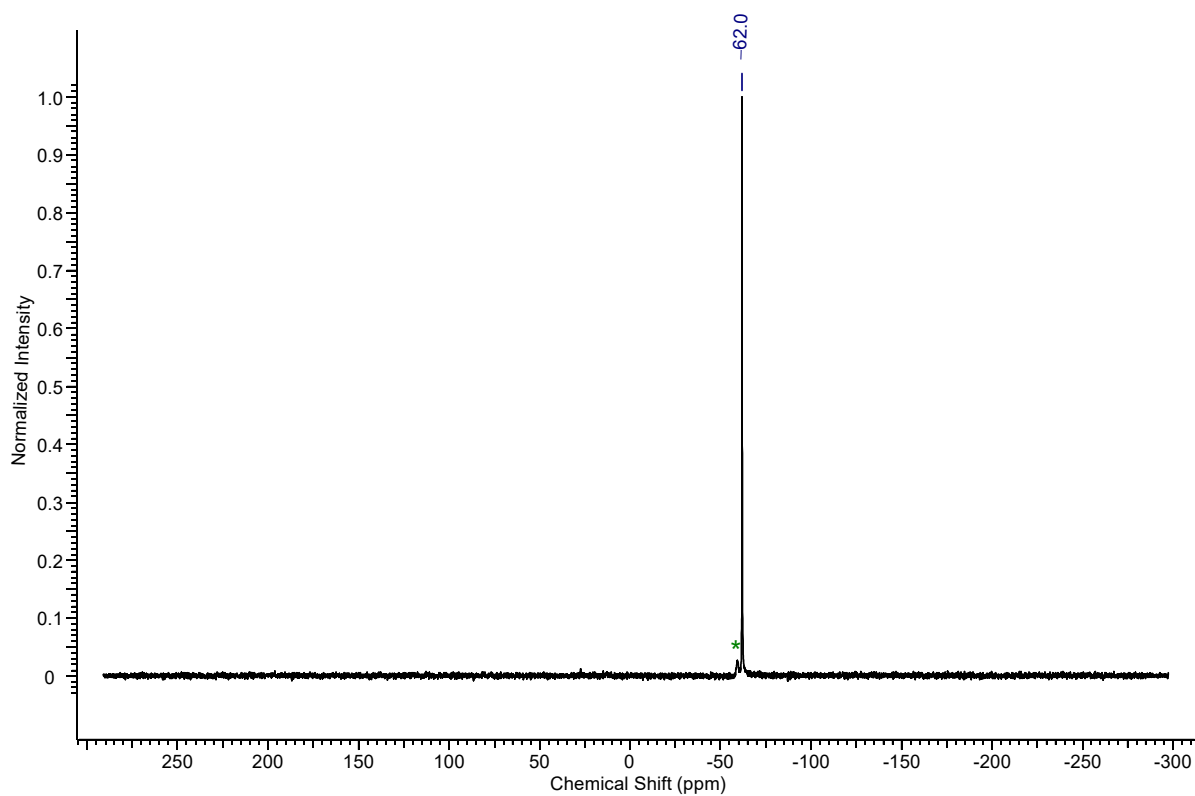


Fig. S20 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1a})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 202.3 MHz). The signal marked belongs to trace amounts of an unidentified species (*).

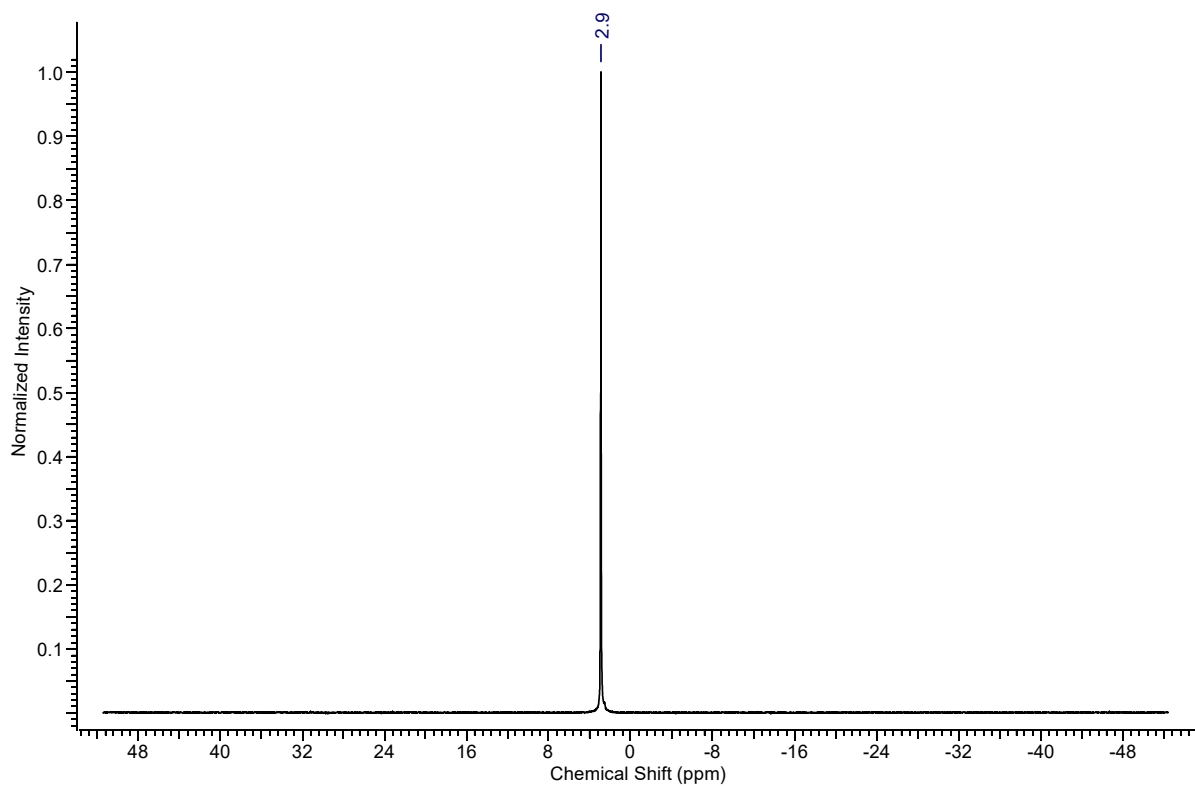


Fig. S21 ^7Li NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1a})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 194.2 MHz).

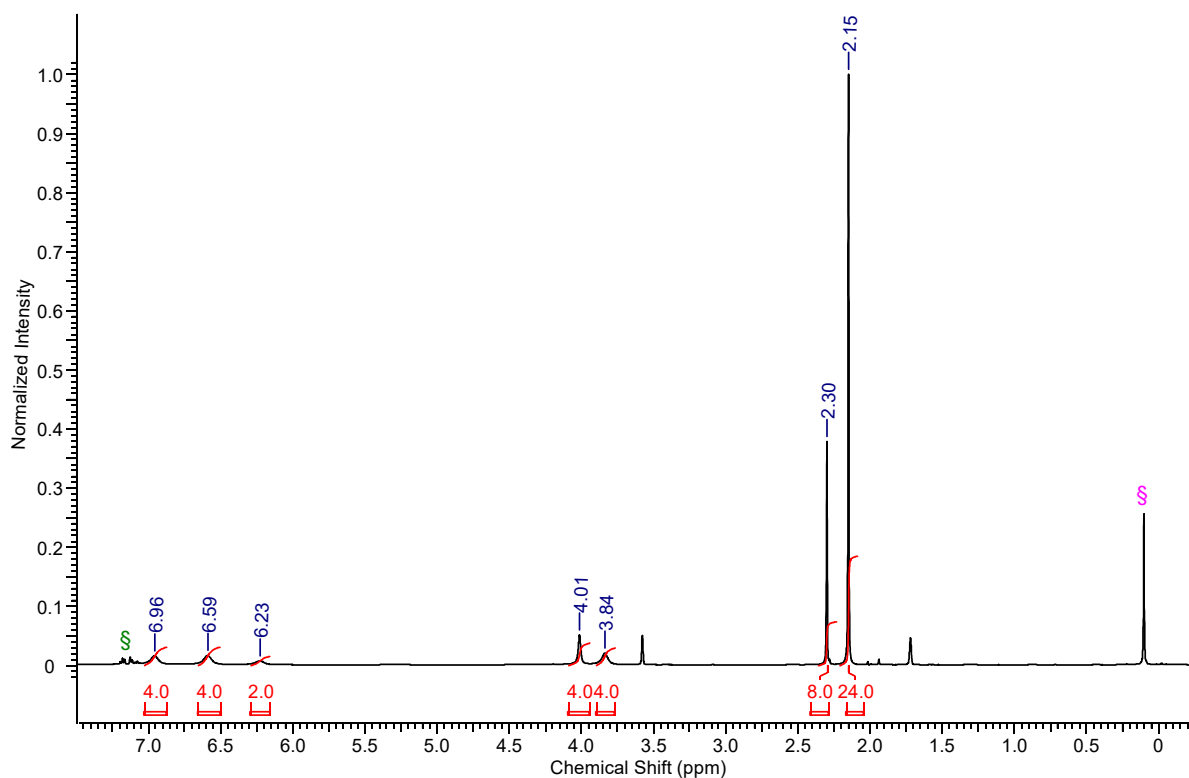


Fig. S22 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1a})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 399.9 MHz). Signals marked belong to trace amounts of toluene (§) and to silicon grease (§).

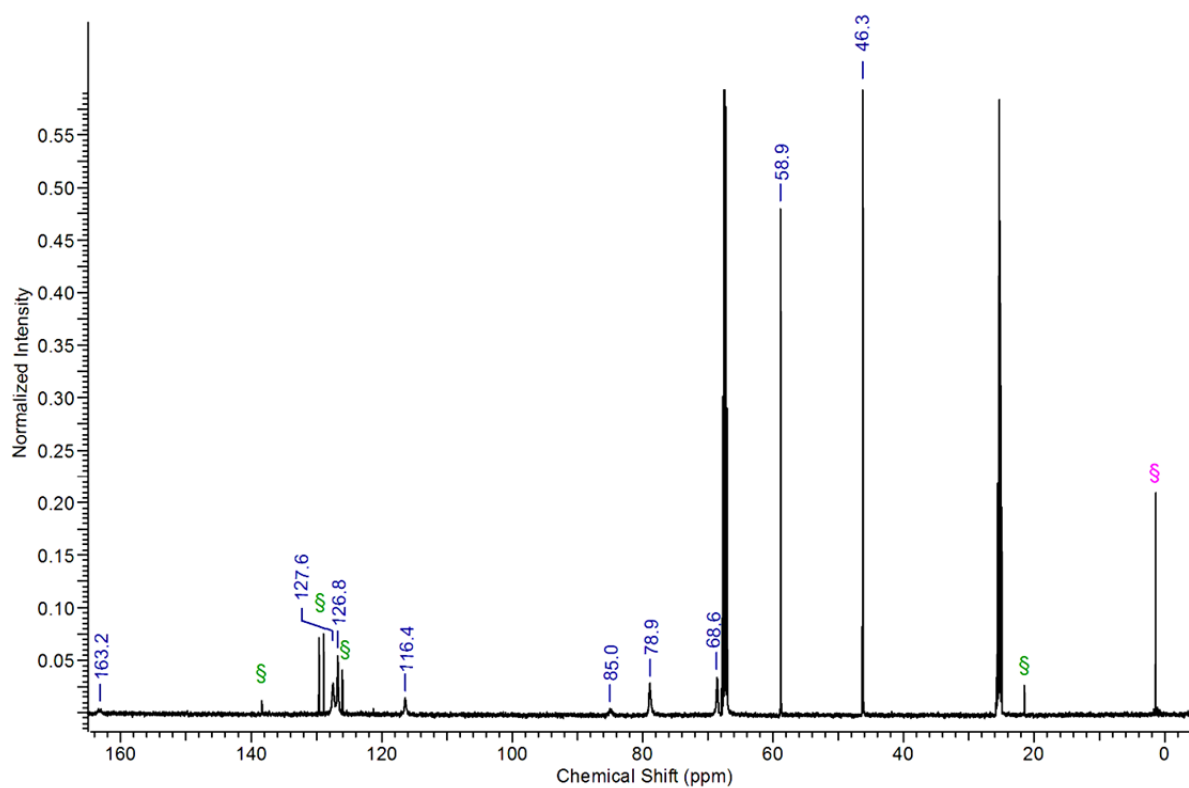


Fig. S23 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1a})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 100.6 MHz). Signals marked belong to trace amounts of toluene (§) and to silicon grease (§).

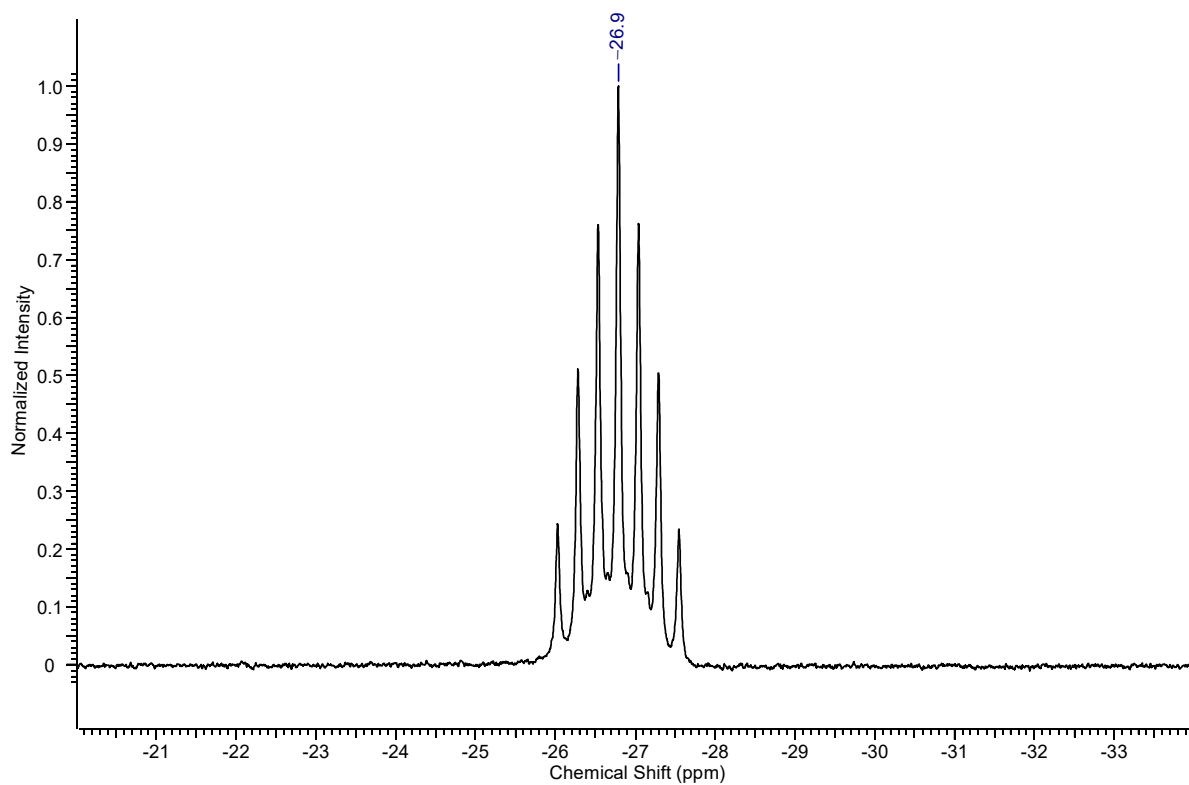
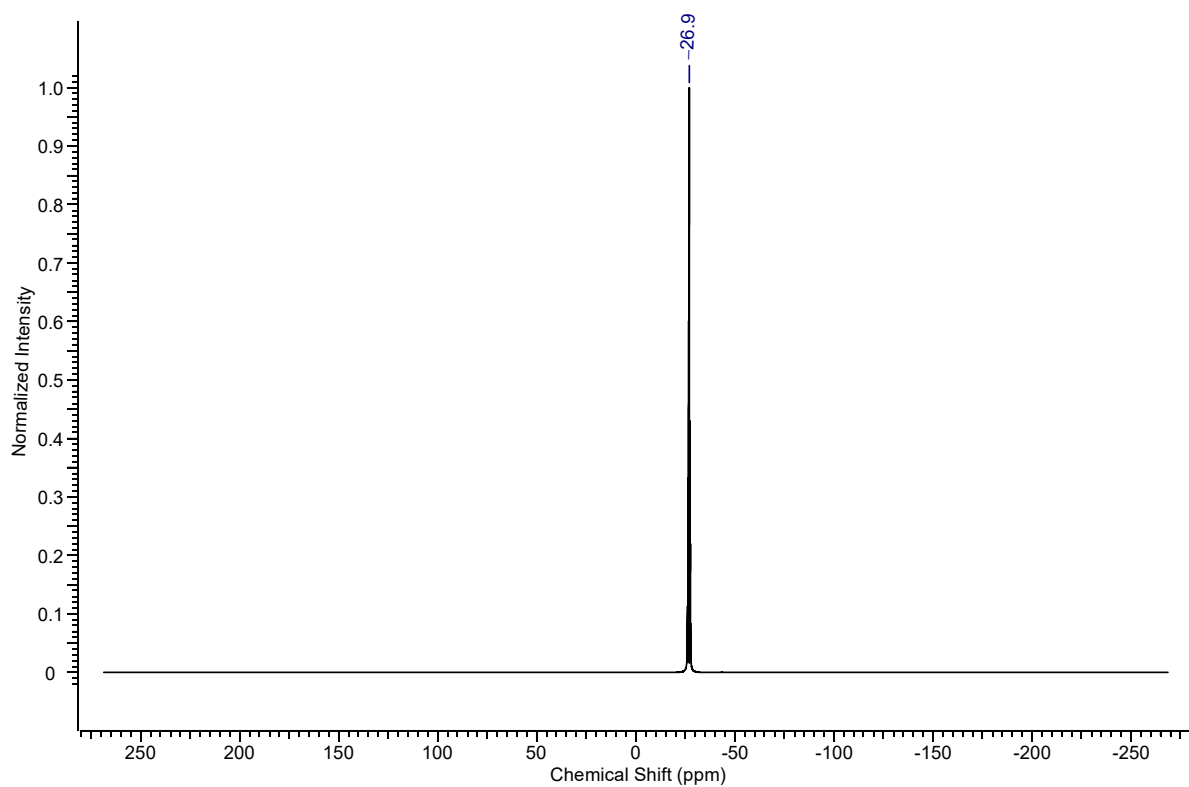


Fig. S24 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1b})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ (C_6D_6 , 202.3 MHz).

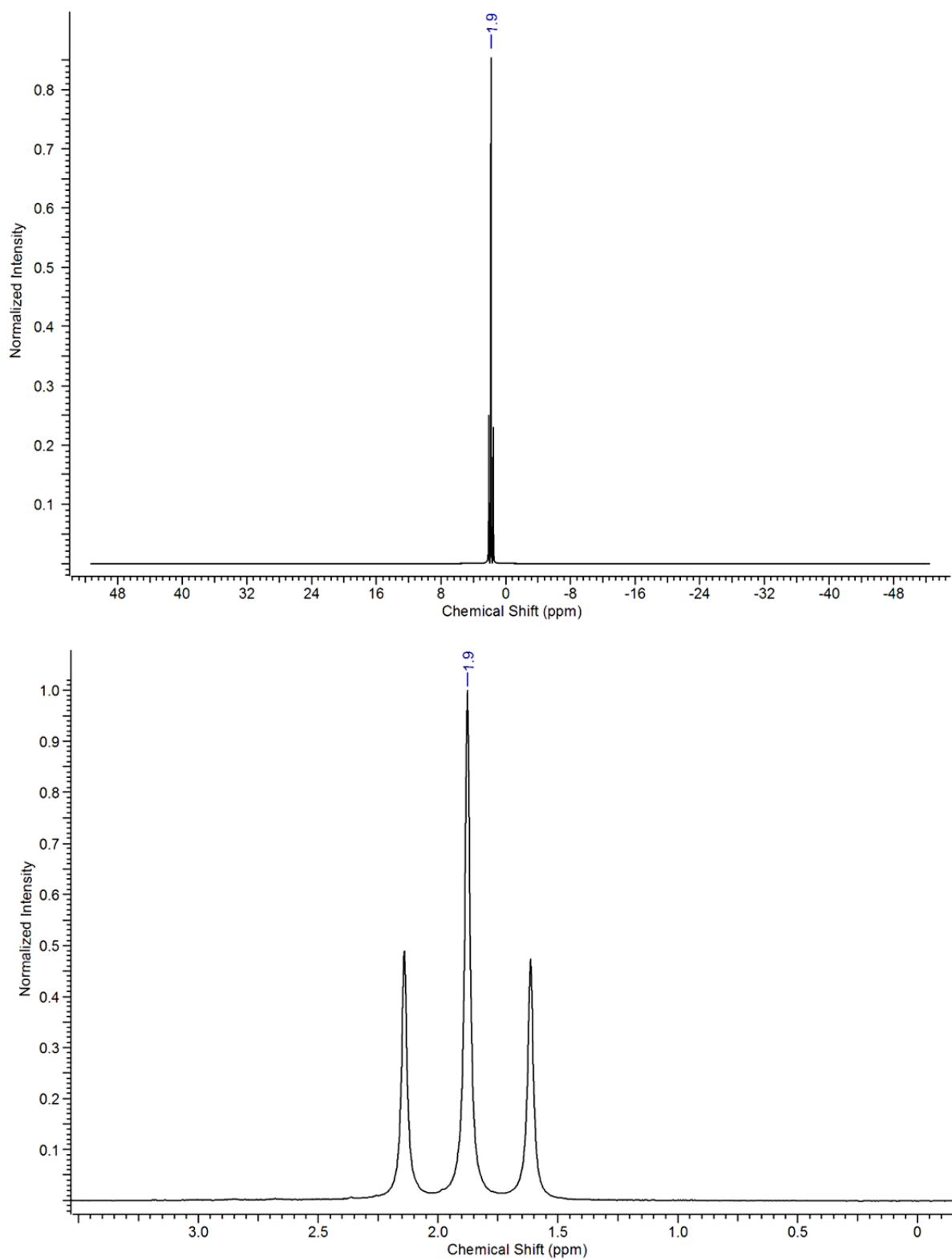


Fig. S25 ^7Li NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1b})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ (C_6D_6 , 194.2 MHz).

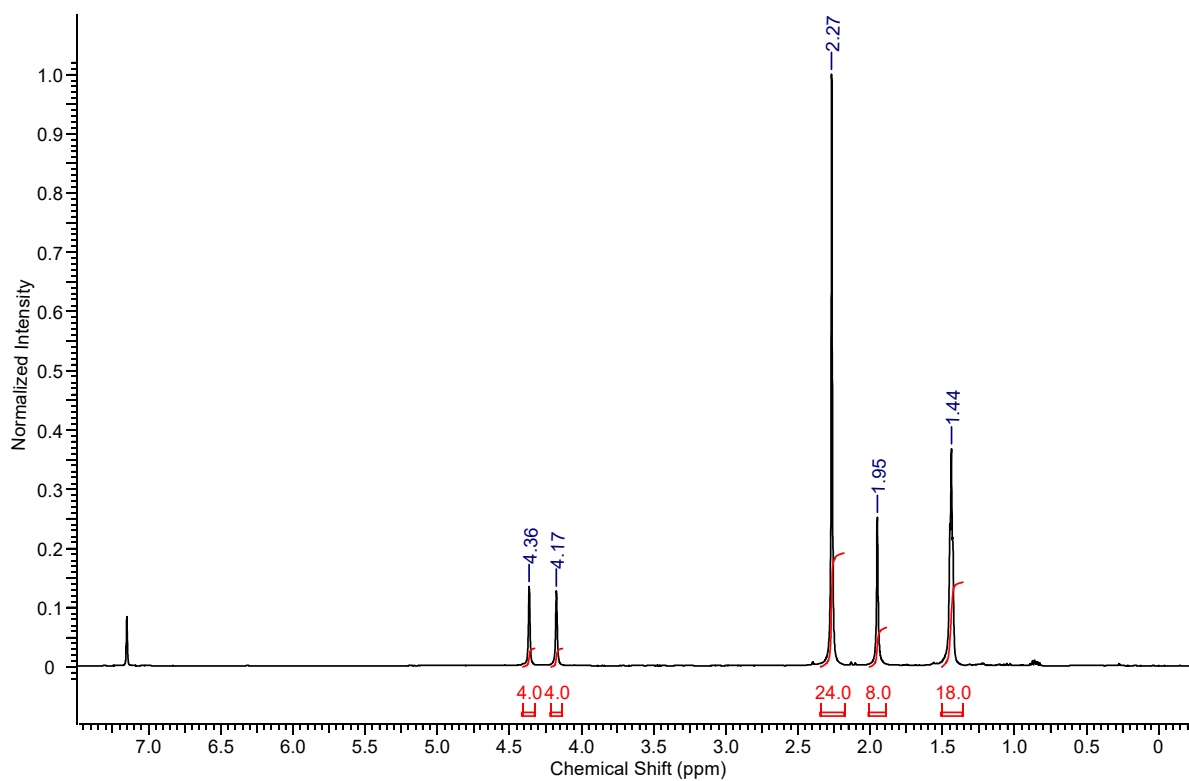


Fig. S26 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1b})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ (C_6D_6 , 399.9 MHz).

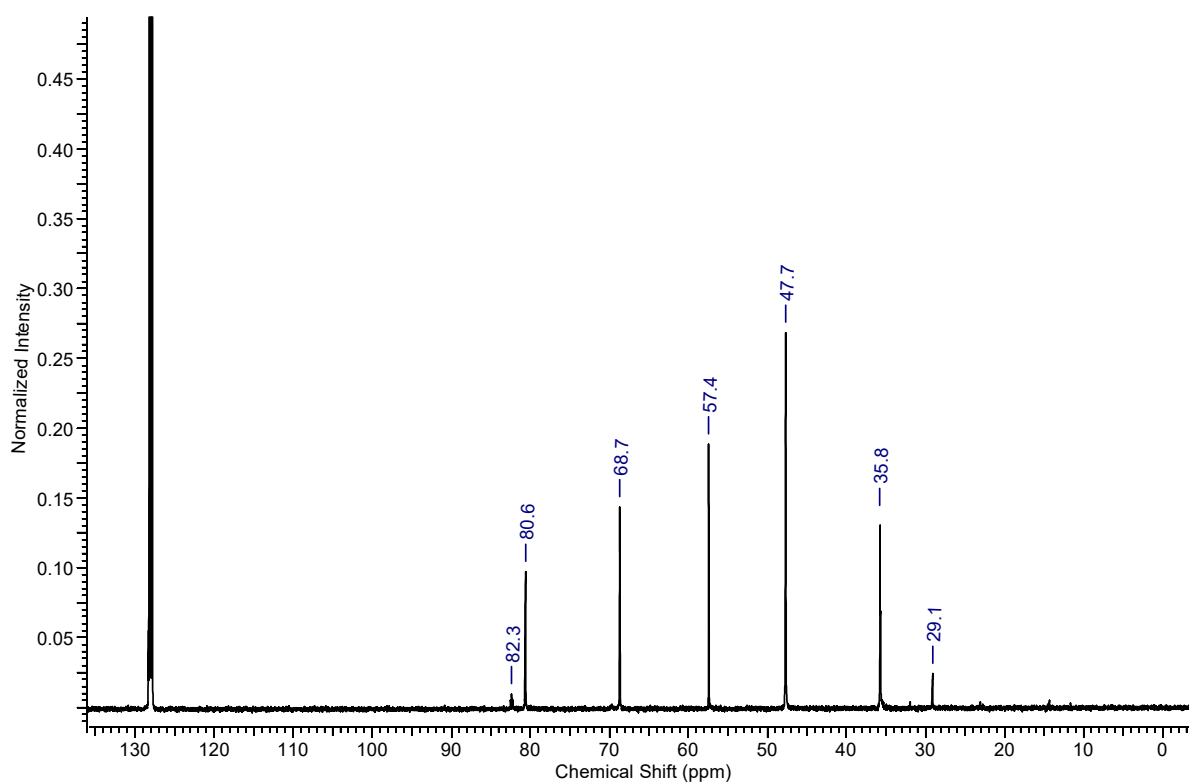


Fig. S27 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1b})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ (C_6D_6 , 100.6 MHz).

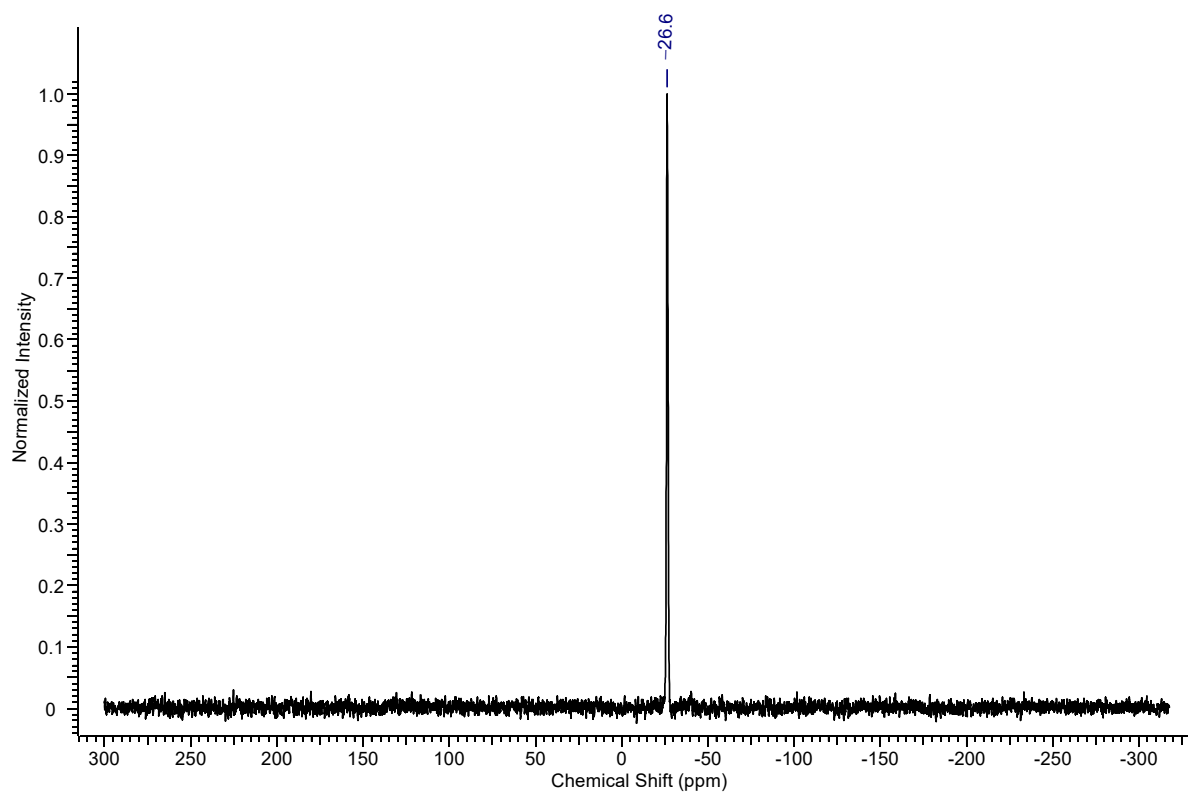


Fig. S28 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1b})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 202.3 MHz).

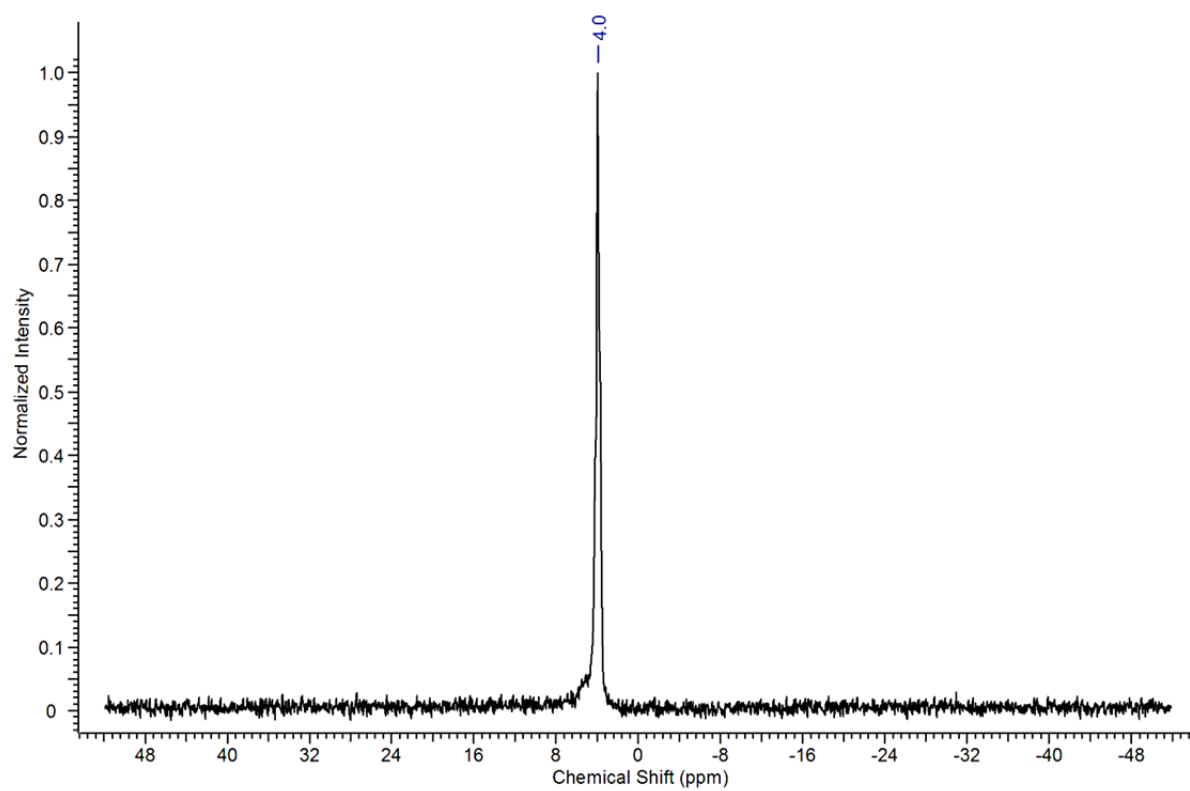


Fig. S29 ^7Li NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1b})(\text{TMEDA})_2]$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 194.2 MHz).

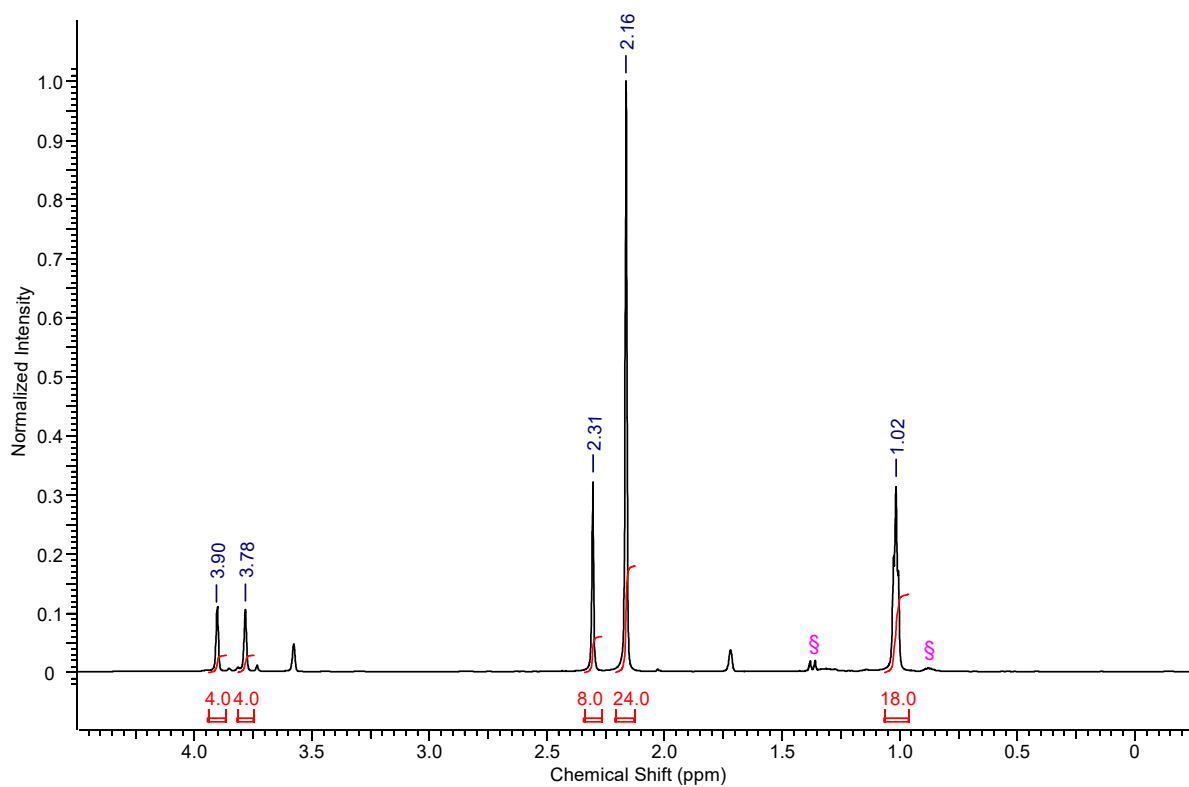


Fig. S30 ¹H NMR spectrum of [Li₂(μ-**1b**)(TMEDA)₂] (THF-*d*₈, 399.9 MHz). Signals marked belong to trace amounts of *n*-hexane (S).

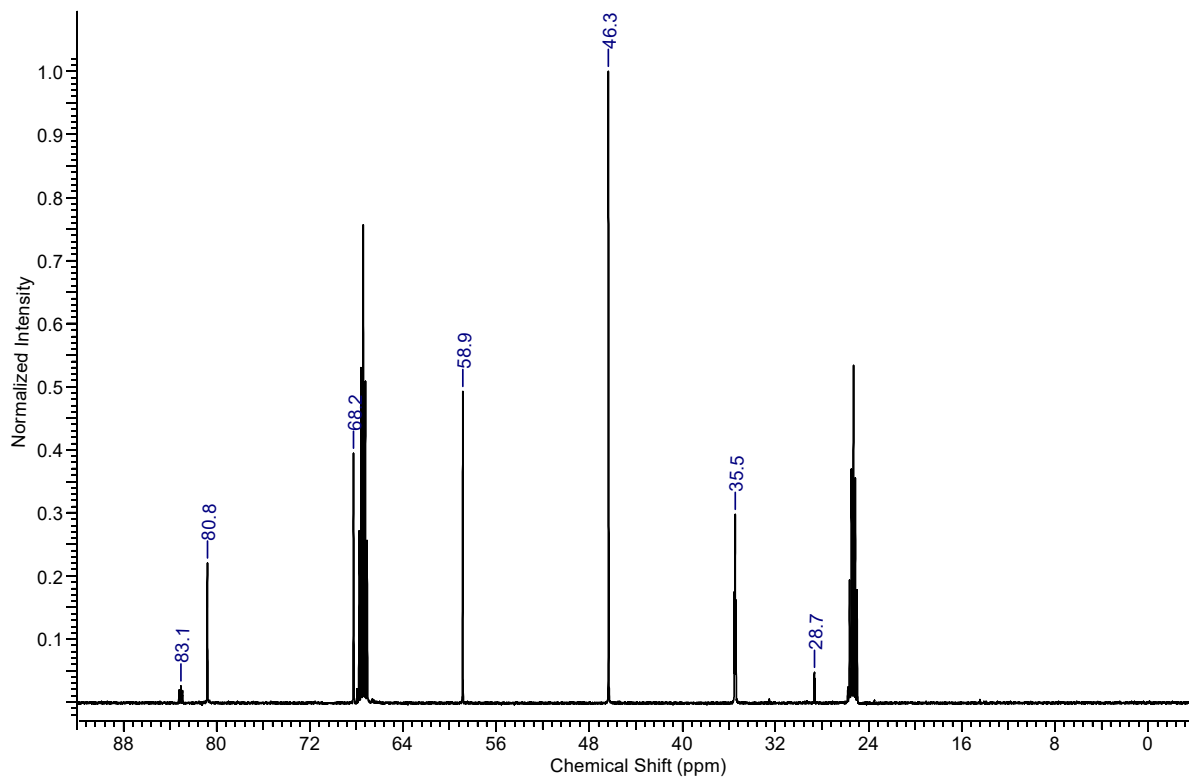


Fig. S31 ¹³C NMR spectrum of [Li₂(μ-**1b**)(TMEDA)₂] (THF-*d*₈, 100.6 MHz).

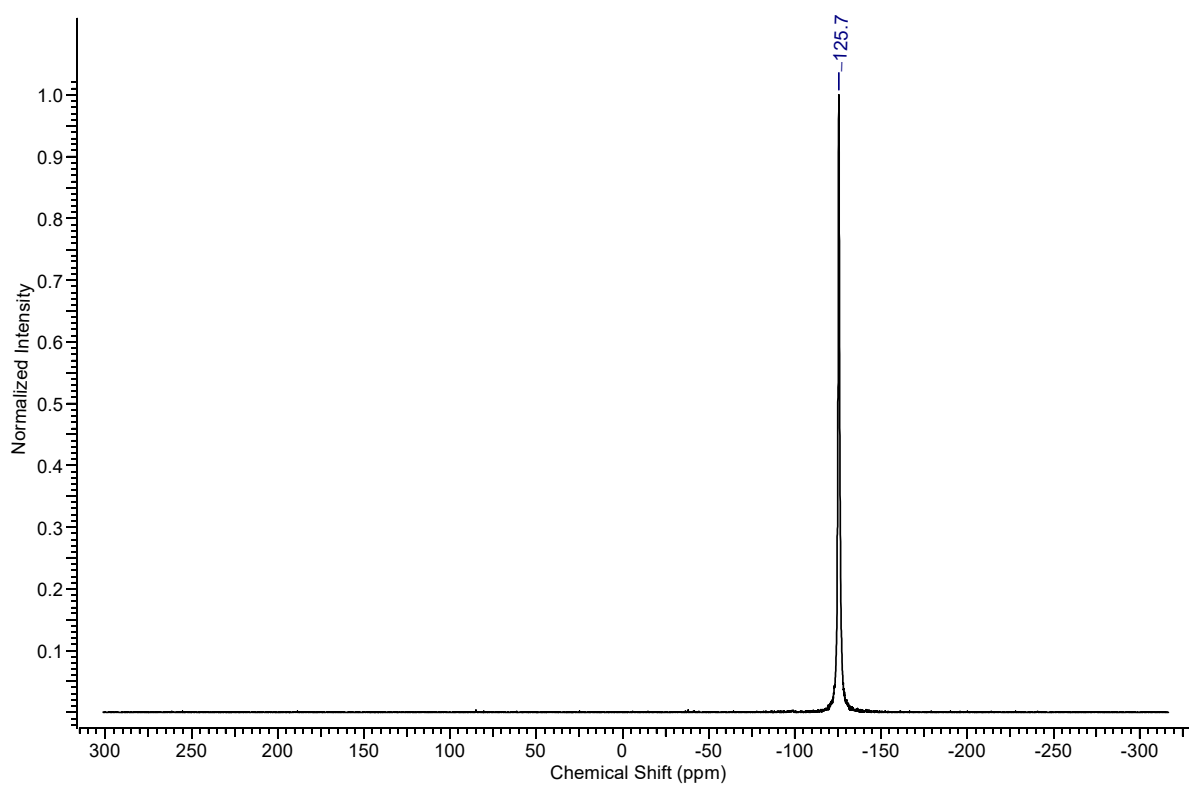


Fig. S32 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_4(\mu\text{-1c})_2(\text{TMEDA})_3]$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 202.3 MHz).

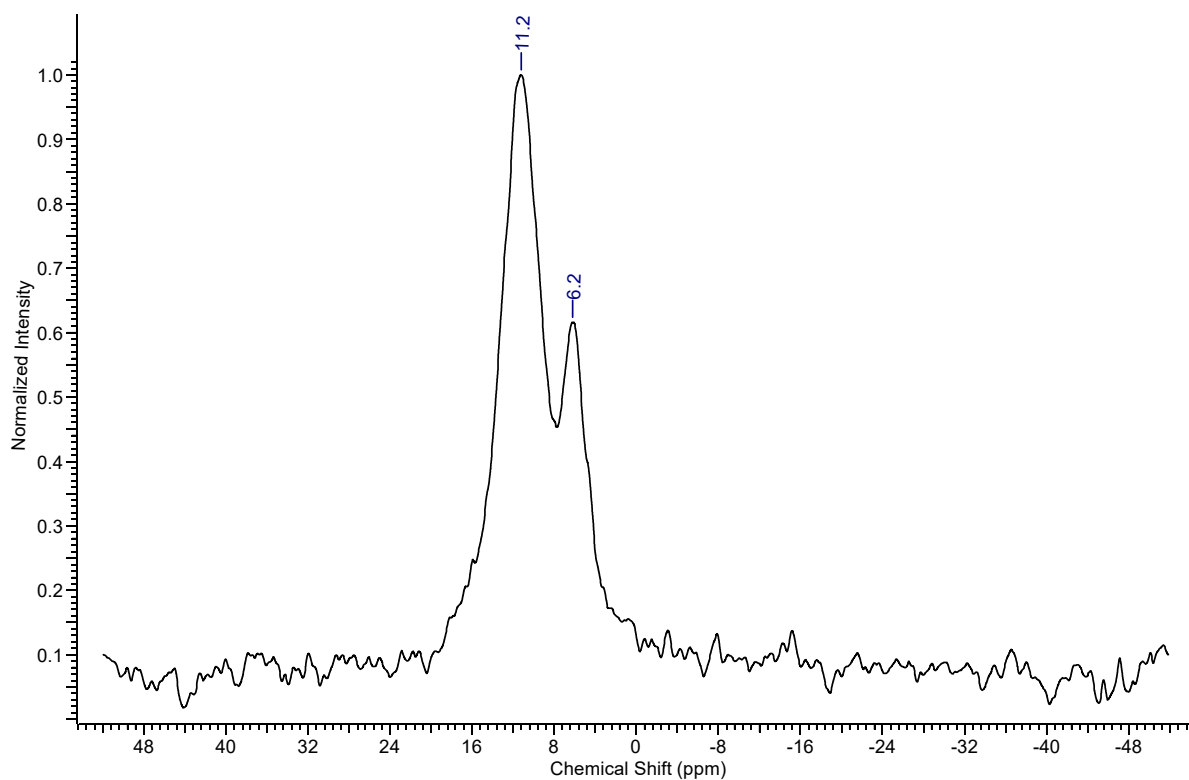


Fig. S33 ^7Li NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_4(\mu\text{-1c})_2(\text{TMEDA})_3]$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 194.2 MHz).

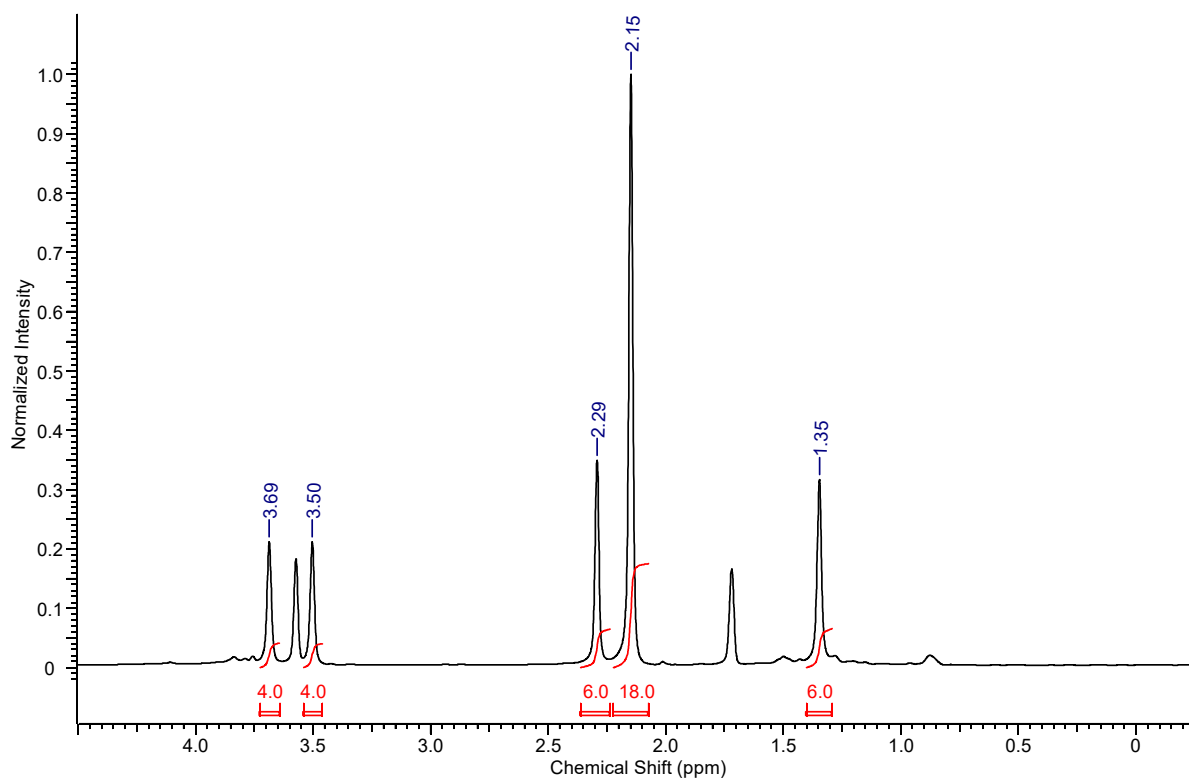


Fig. S34 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_4(\mu\text{-1c})_2(\text{TMEDA})_3]$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 399.9 MHz).

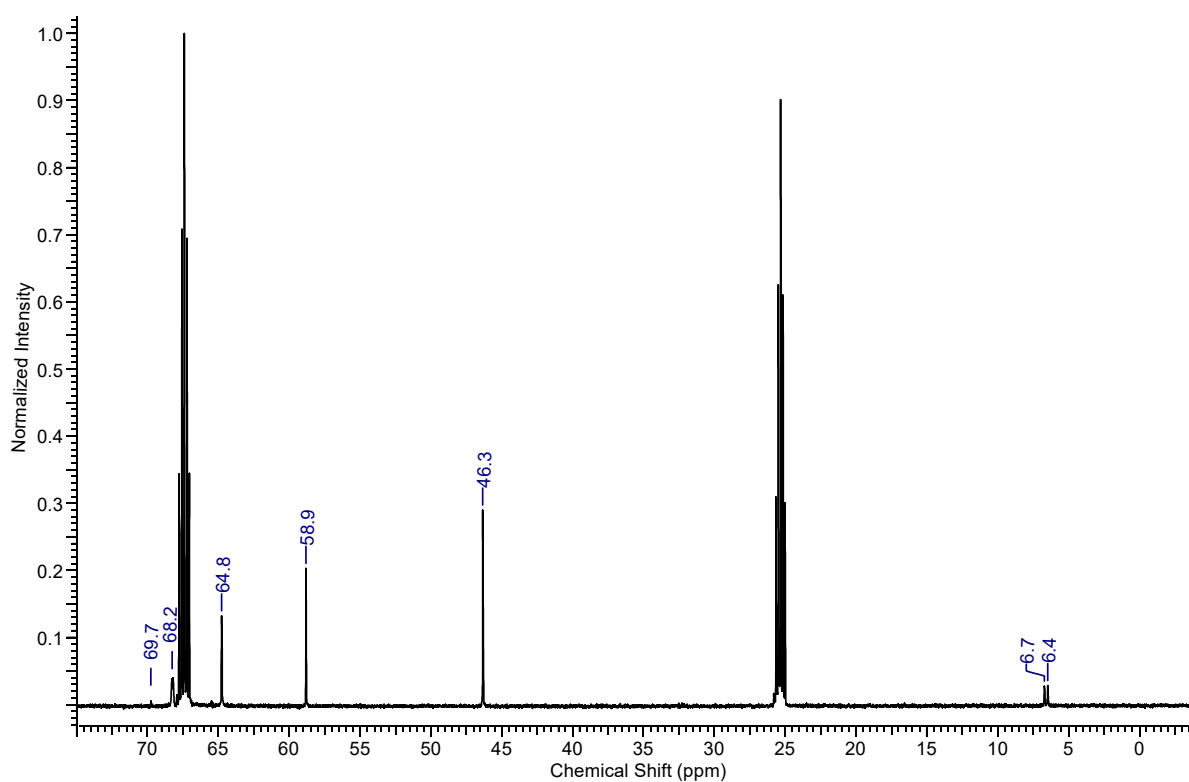


Fig. S35 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_4(\mu\text{-1c})_2(\text{TMEDA})_3]$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 100.6 MHz).

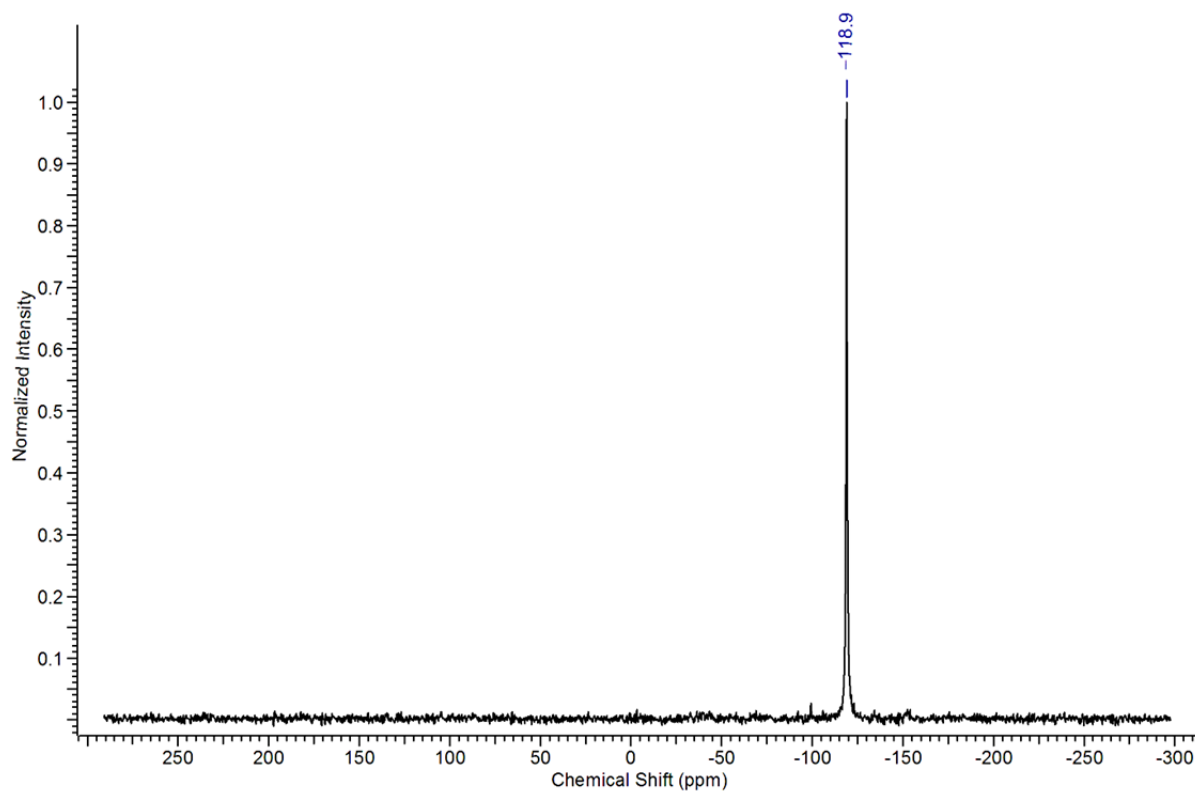


Fig. S36 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1d})(\text{TMEDA})]_2$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 202.3 MHz).

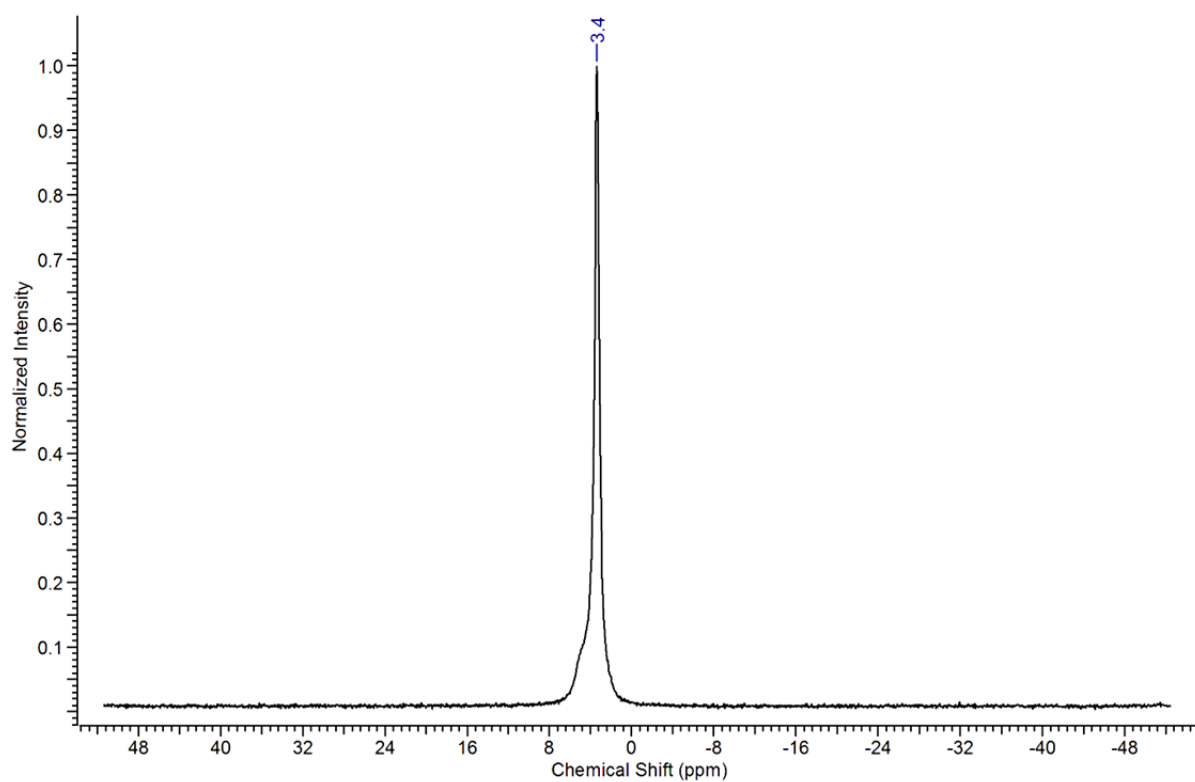


Fig. S37 ^7Li NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1d})(\text{TMEDA})]_2$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 194.2 MHz).

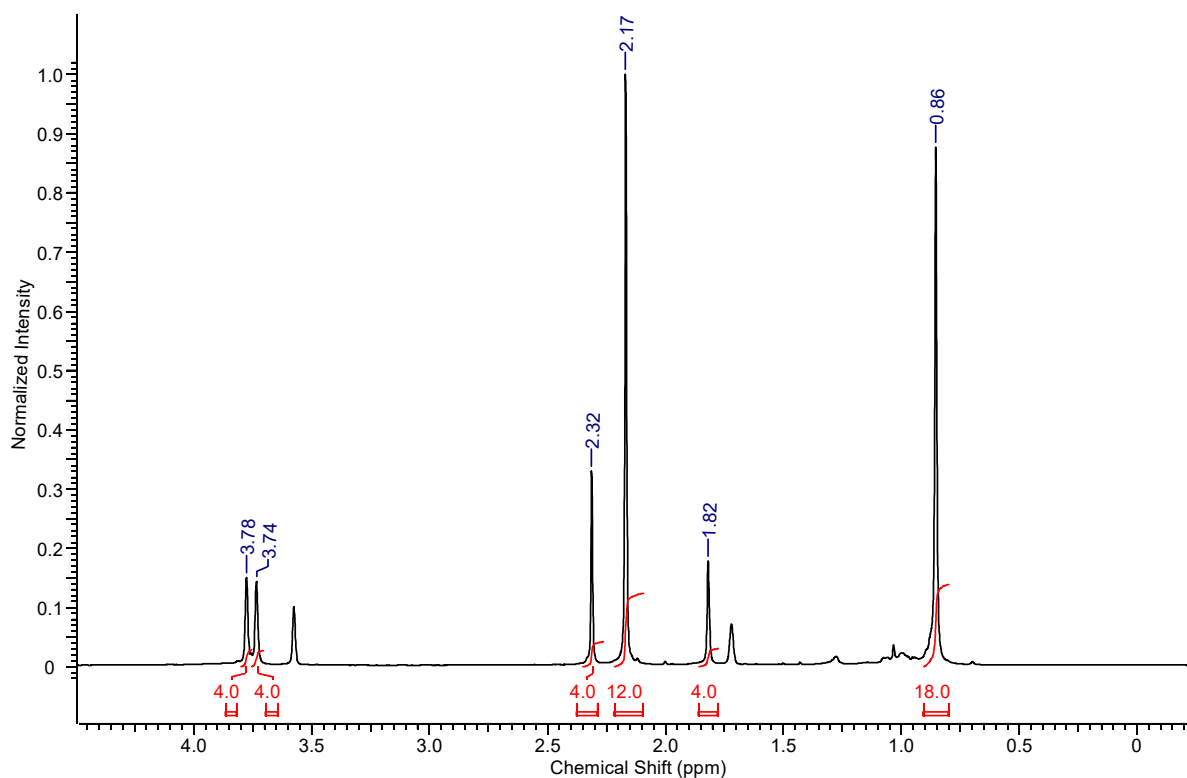


Fig. S38 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1d})(\text{TMEDA})]_2$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 399.9 MHz).

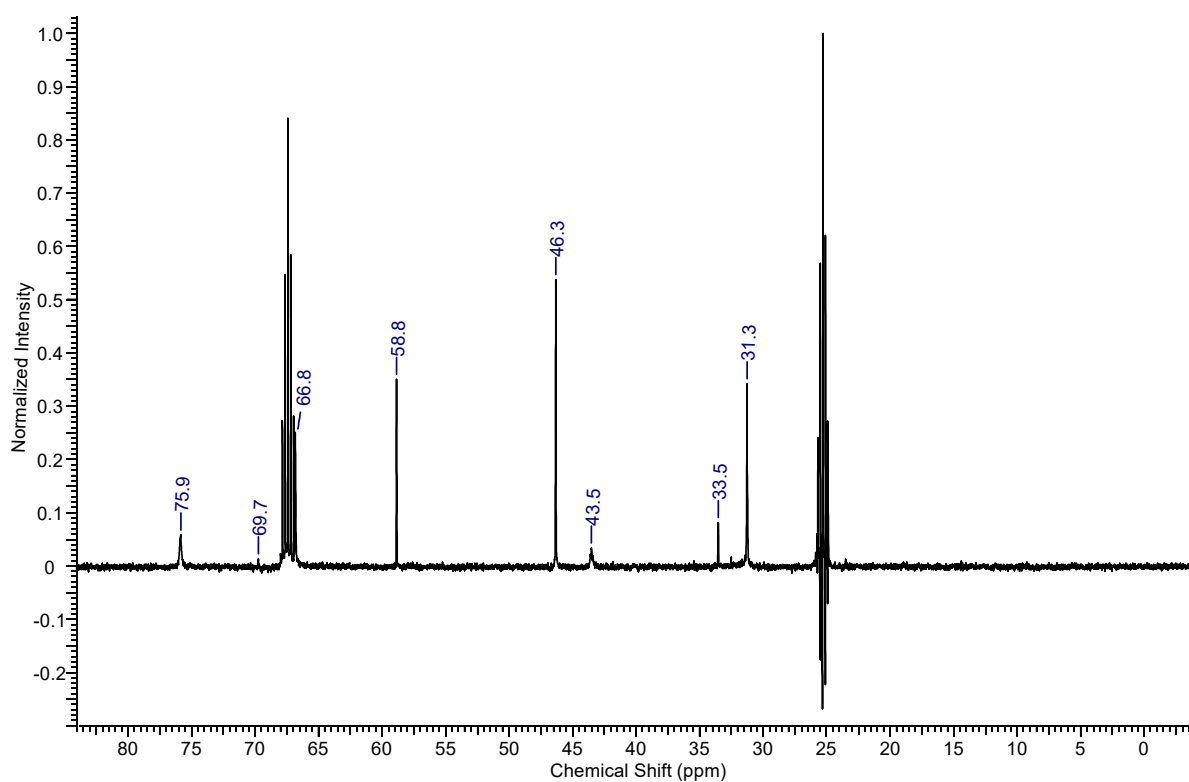


Fig. S39 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{Li}_2(\mu\text{-1d})(\text{TMEDA})]_2$ ($\text{THF-}d_8$, 100.6 MHz).

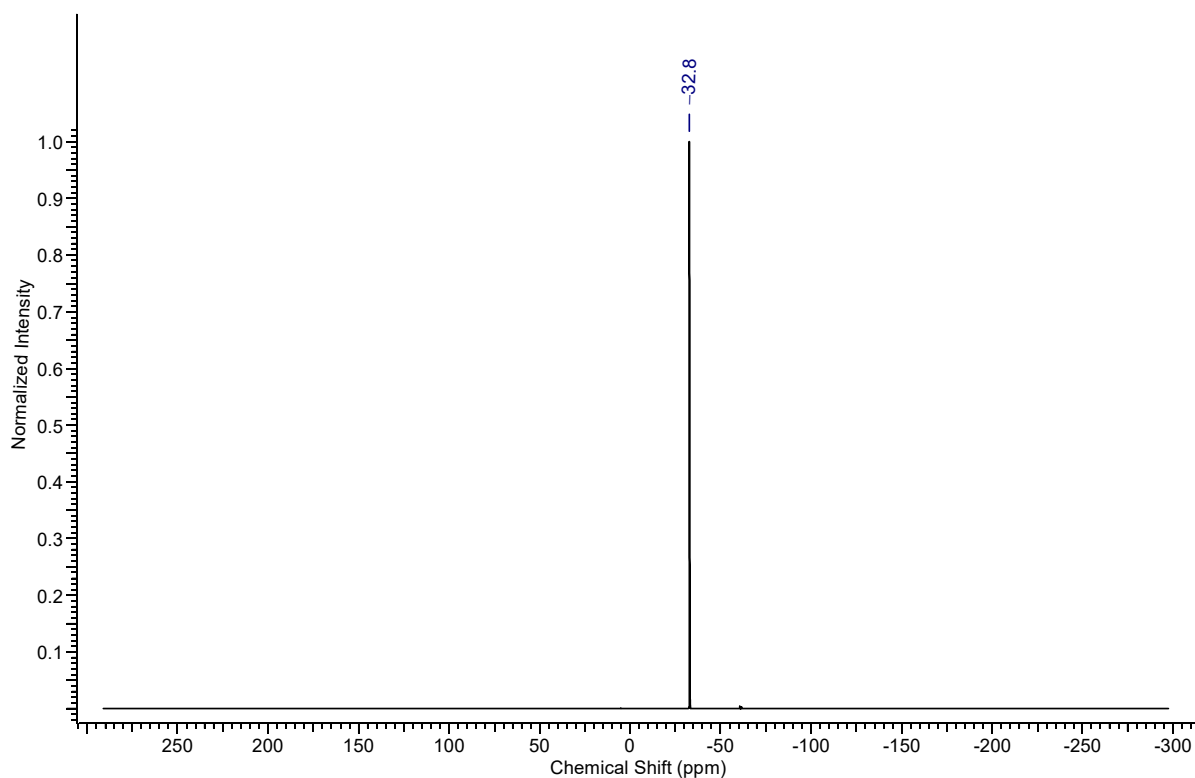


Fig. S40 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $[\{\text{Zr}(\text{NMe}_2)_3\}_2(\mu\text{-1a})]$ (C_6D_6 , 202.3 MHz).

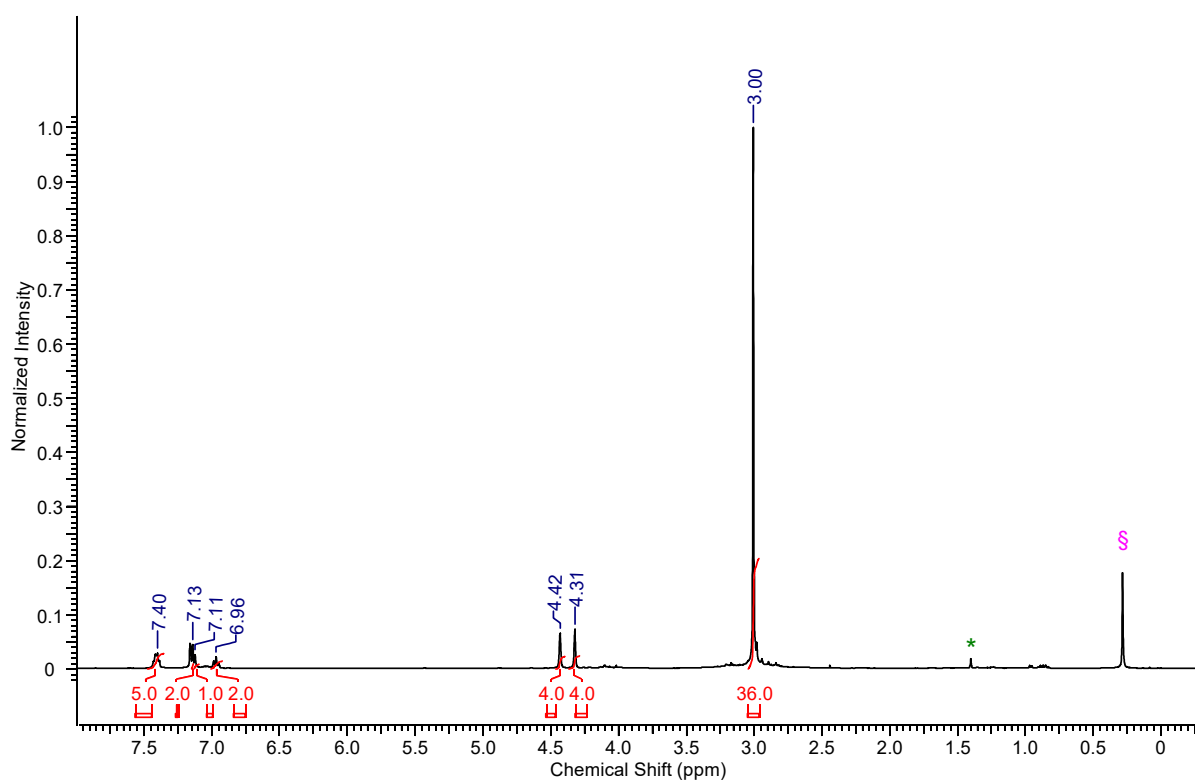


Fig. S41 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\{\text{Zr}(\text{NMe}_2)_3\}_2(\mu\text{-1a})]$ (C_6D_6 , 399.9 MHz). Signals marked belong to trace amounts of THF (*) and silicon grease (§).

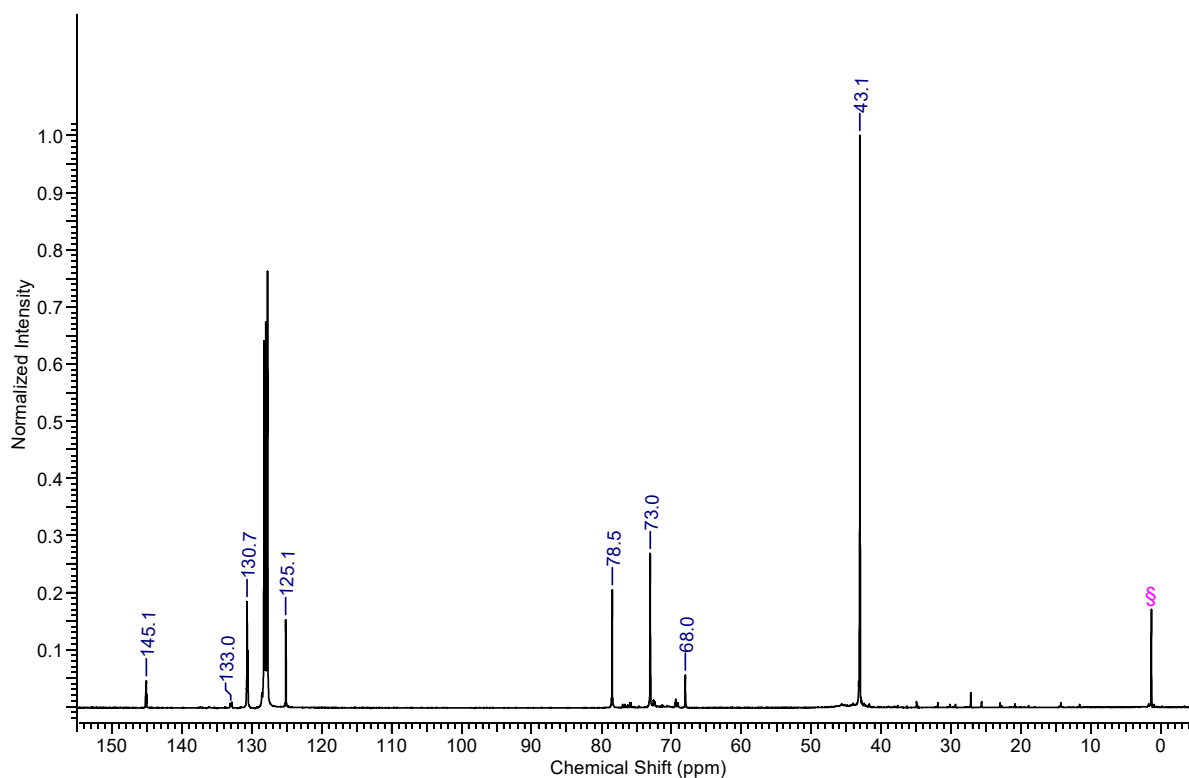


Fig. S42 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\{\text{Zr}(\text{NMe}_2)_3\}_2(\mu\text{-1a})]$ (C_6D_6 , 100.6 MHz). The signal marked belongs to small amounts of silicon grease (S).

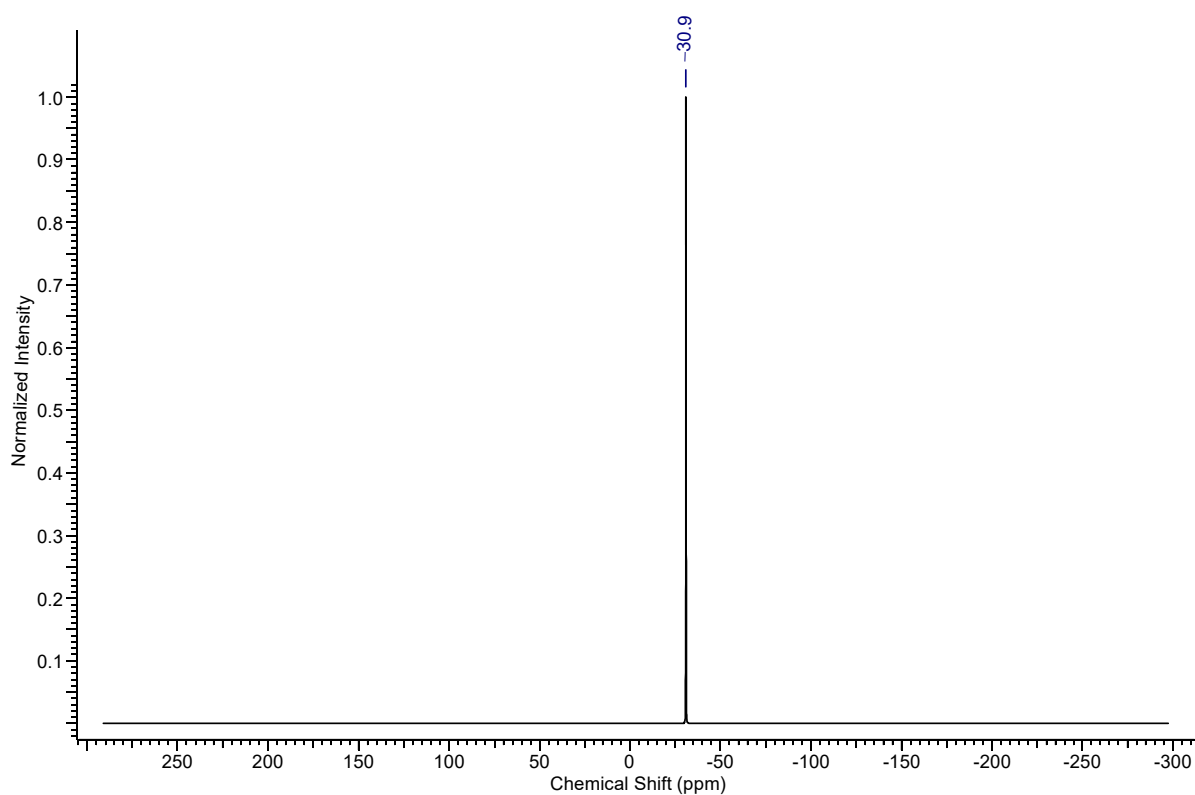


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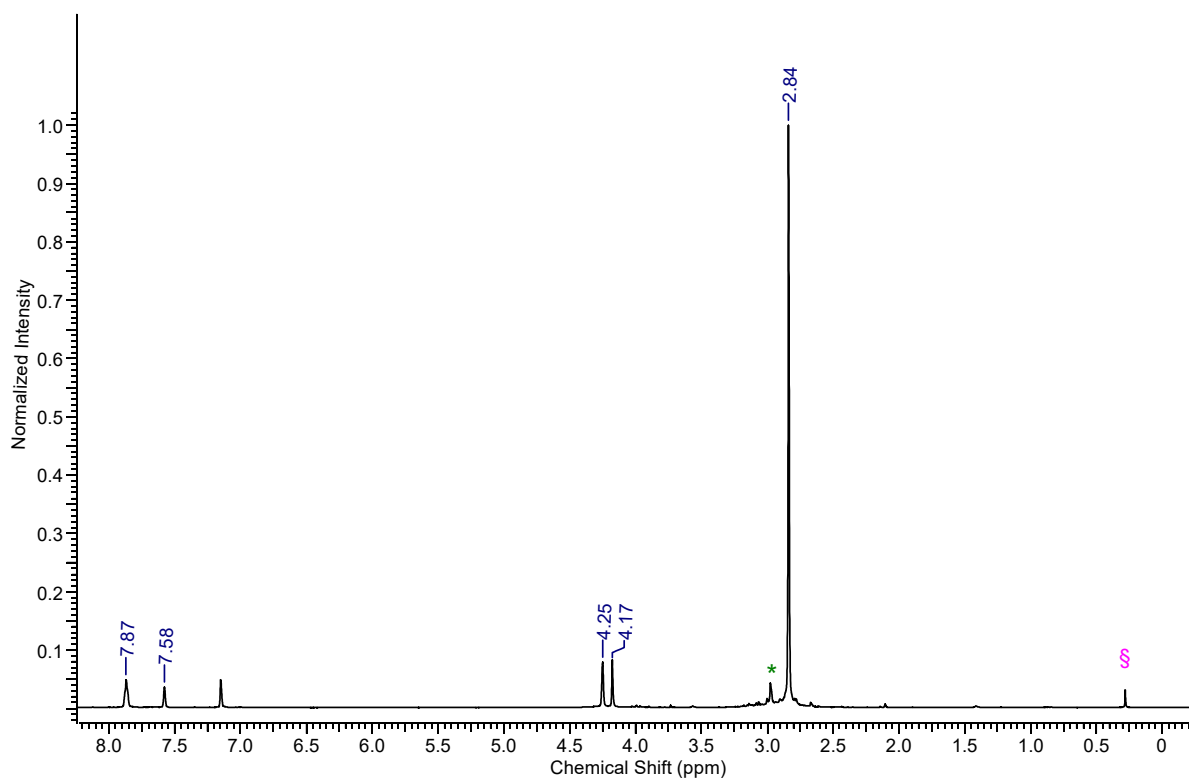


Fig. S44 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\{\text{Zr}(\text{NMe}_2)_3\}_2(\mu\text{-1e})]$ (C_6D_6 , 399.9 MHz). Signals marked belong to trace amounts of unidentified impurities (*) and silicon grease (§).

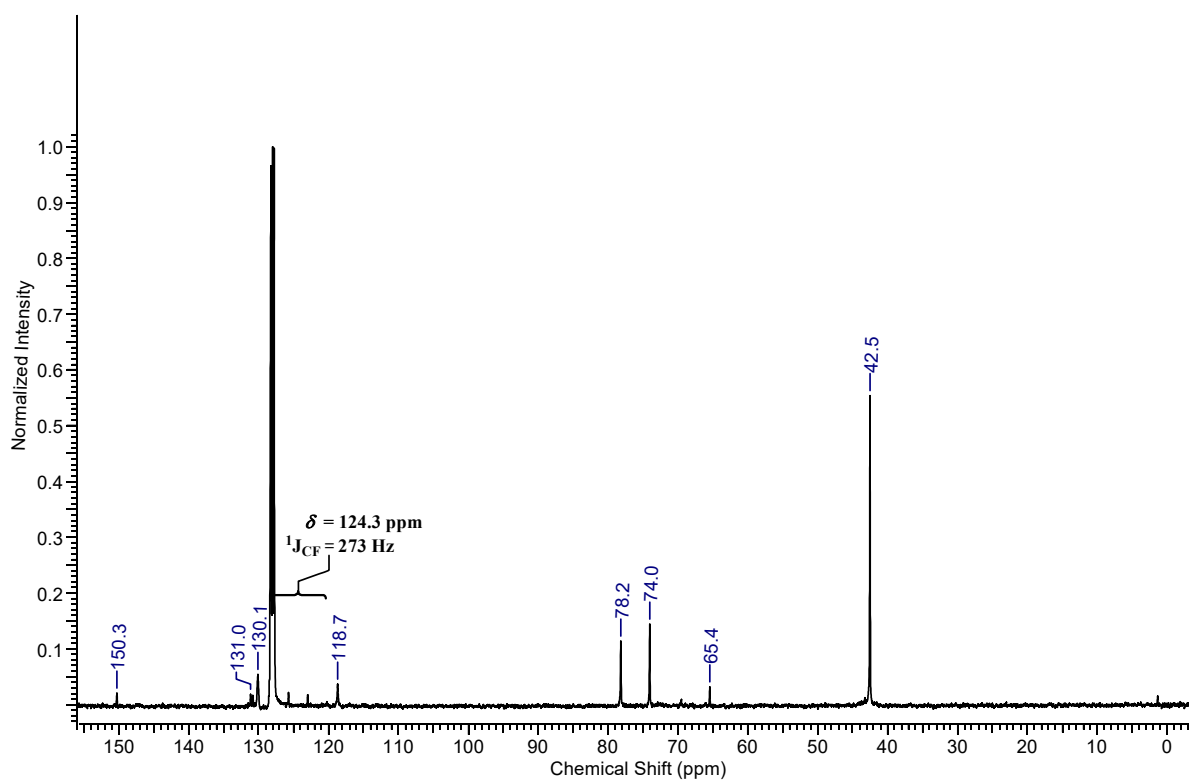


Fig. S45 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\{\text{Zr}(\text{NMe}_2)_3\}_2(\mu\text{-1e})]$ (C_6D_6 , 100.6 MHz).

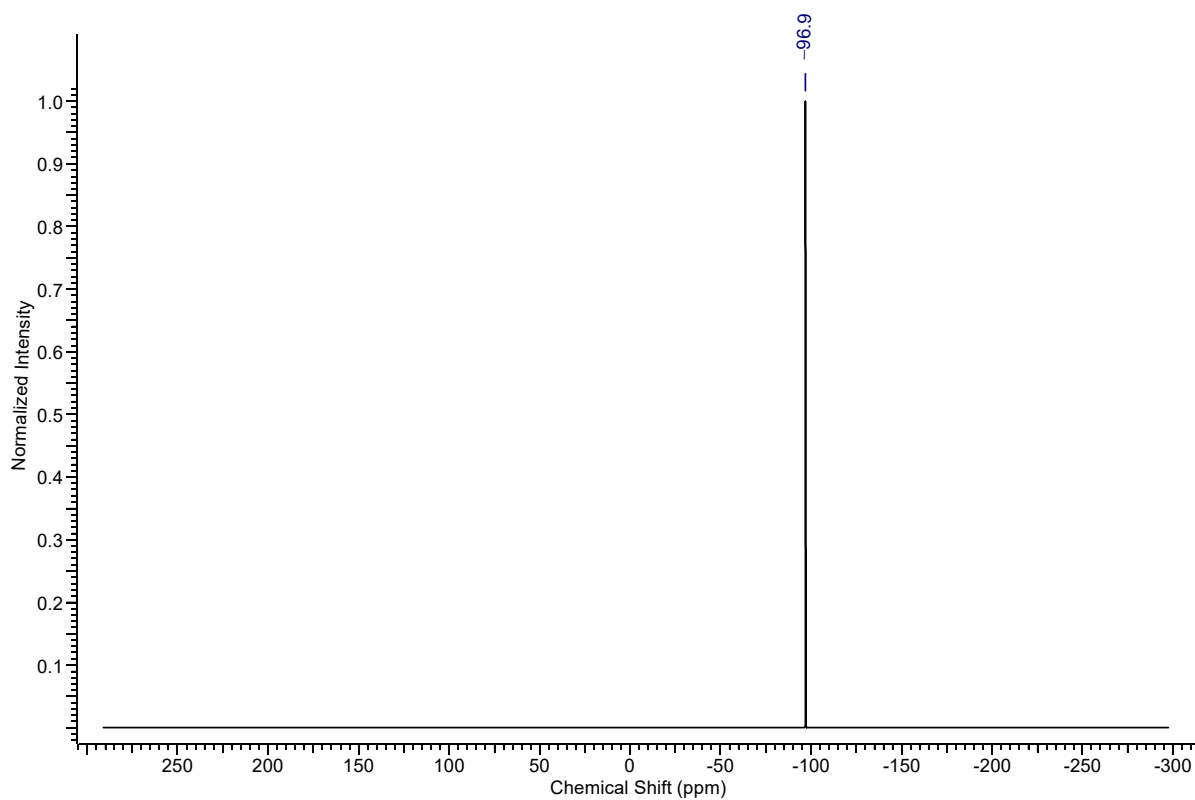


Fig. S46 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $[(\text{NiCp})_2(\mu\text{-1a})]$ (C_6D_6 , 202.3 MHz).

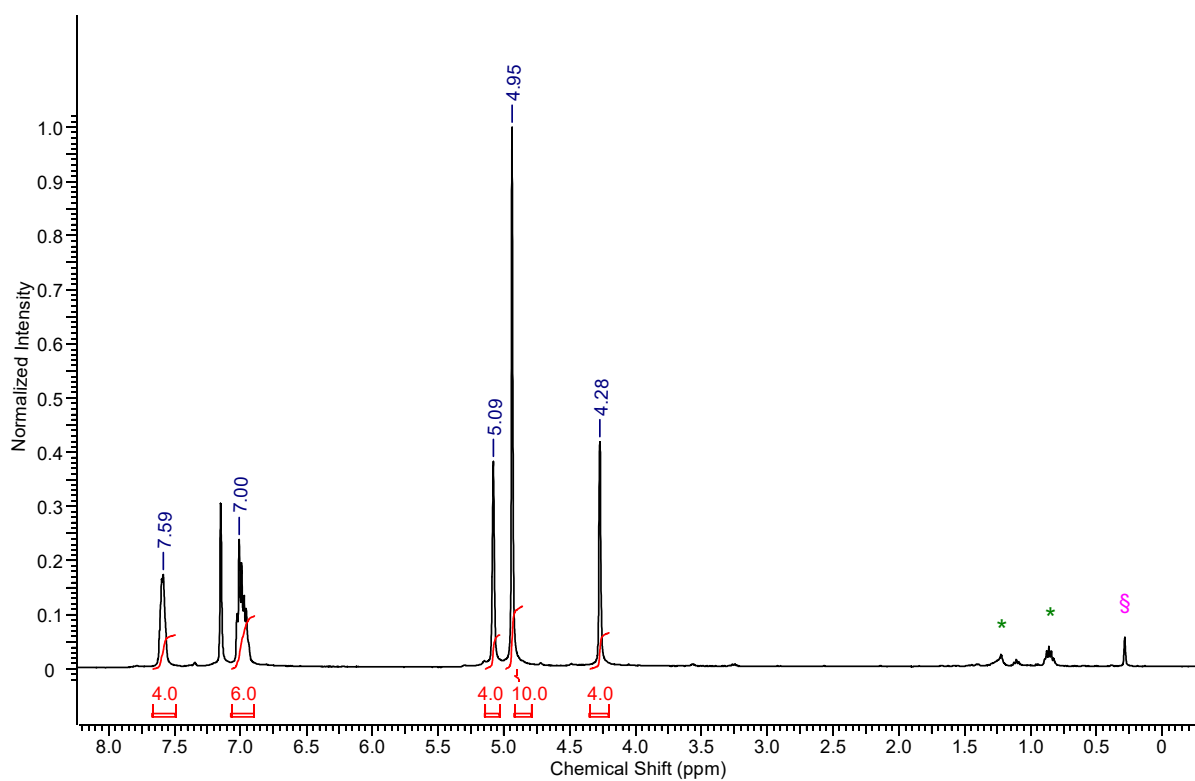


Fig. S47 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[(\text{NiCp})_2(\mu\text{-1a})]$ (C_6D_6 , 399.9 MHz). Signals marked belong to trace amounts of *n*-hexane (*) and silicon grease (§).

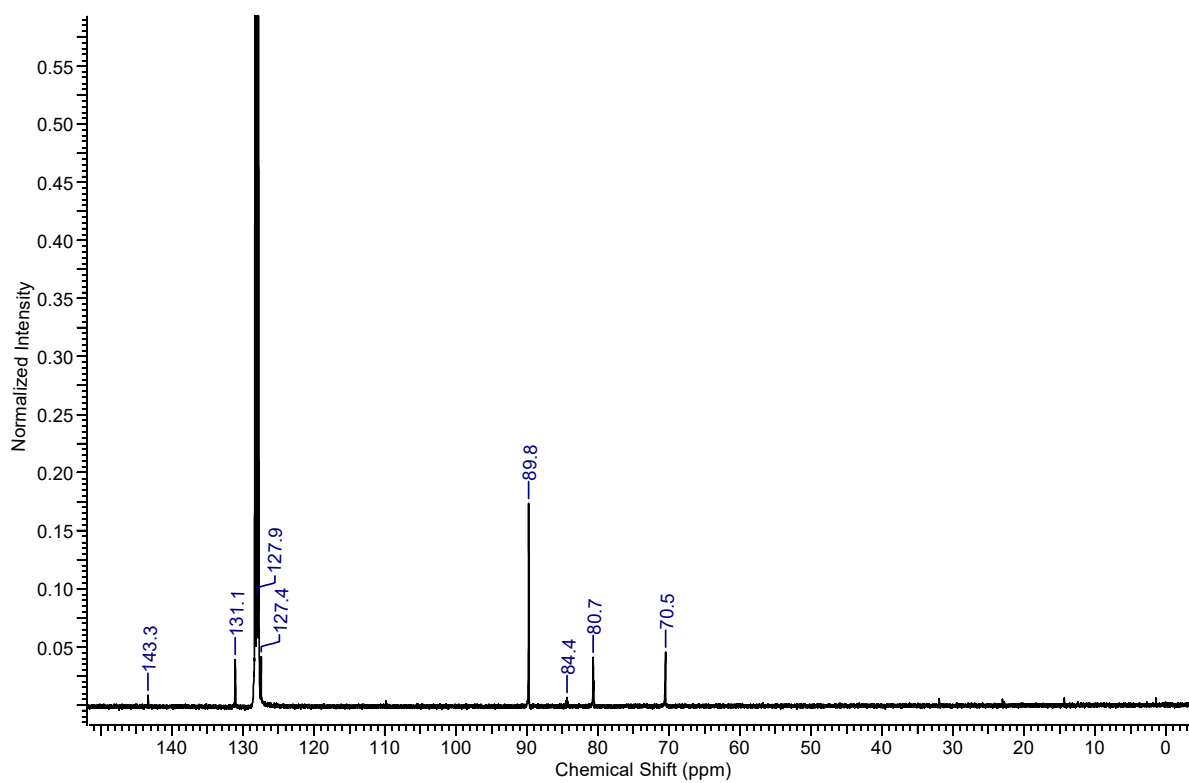


Fig. S48 ¹³C NMR spectrum of [(NiCp)₂(μ-1a)] (C₆D₆, 100.6 MHz).

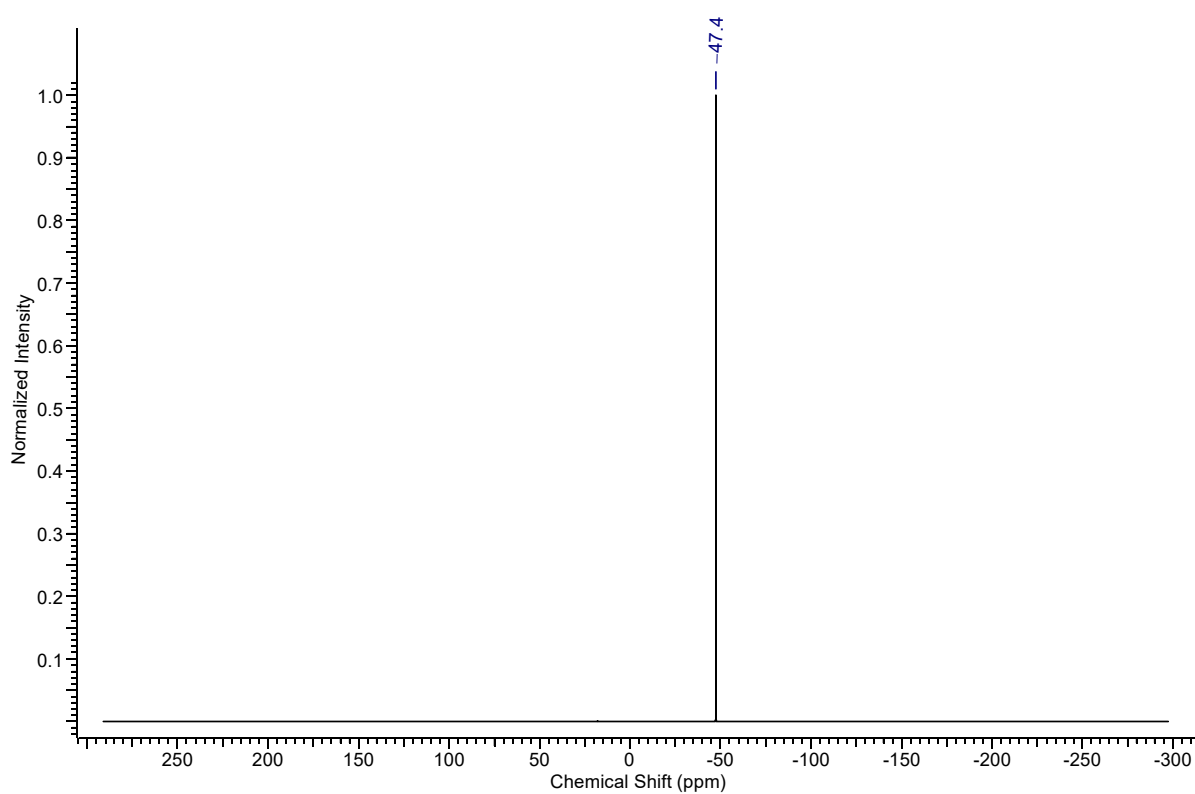


Fig. S49 ³¹P NMR spectrum of [(NiCp)₂(μ-1b)] (C₆D₆, 202.3 MHz).

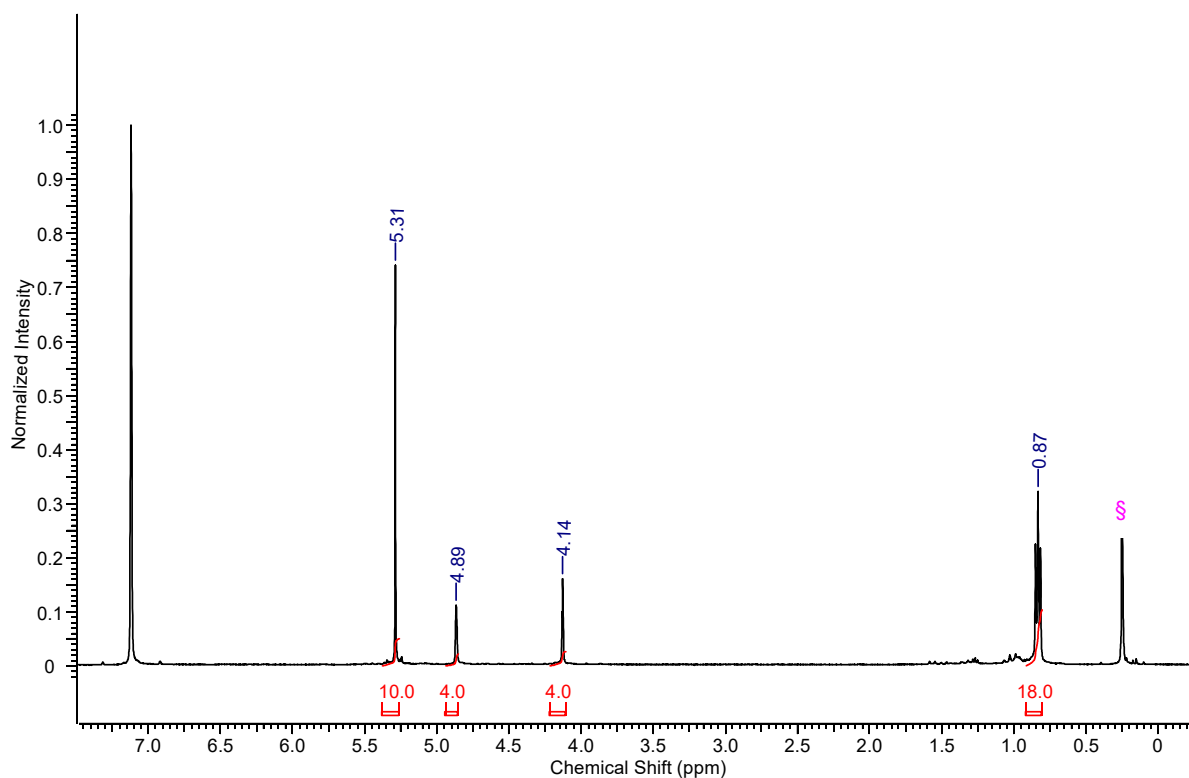


Fig. S50 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[(\text{NiCp})_2(\mu\text{-1b})]$ (C_6D_6 , 399.9 MHz). The signal marked belongs to silicon grease (§).

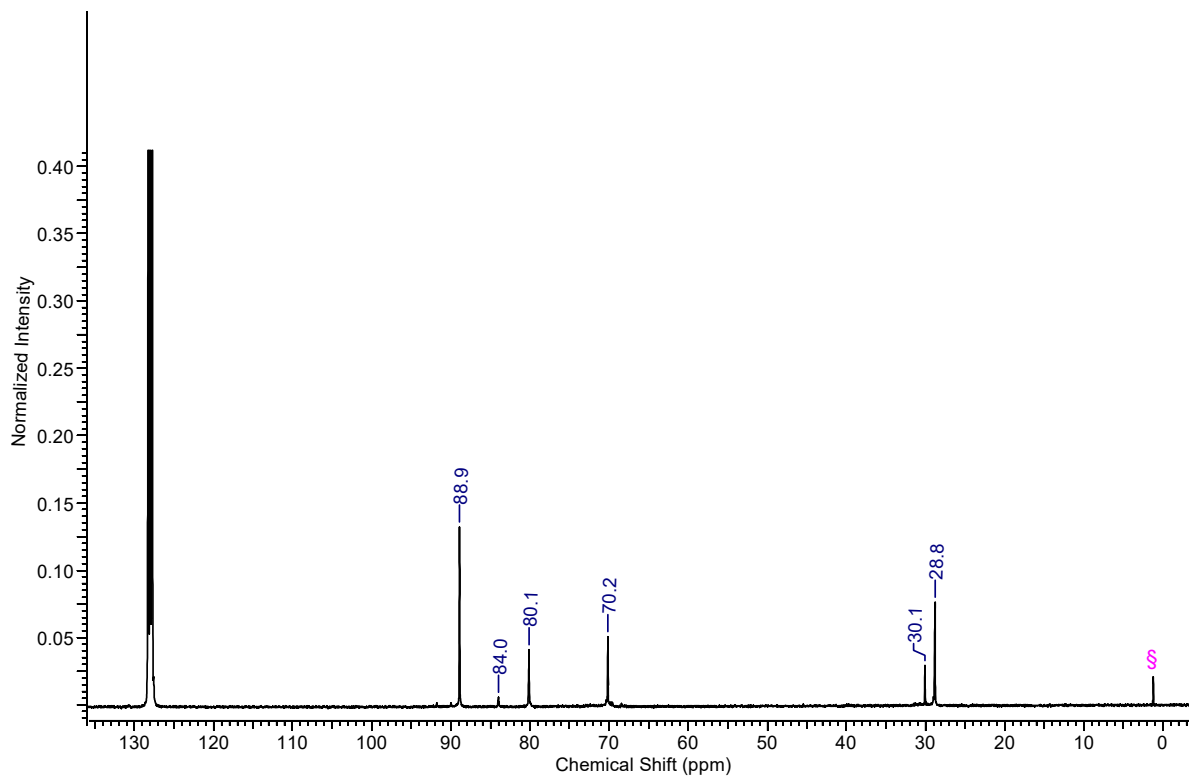


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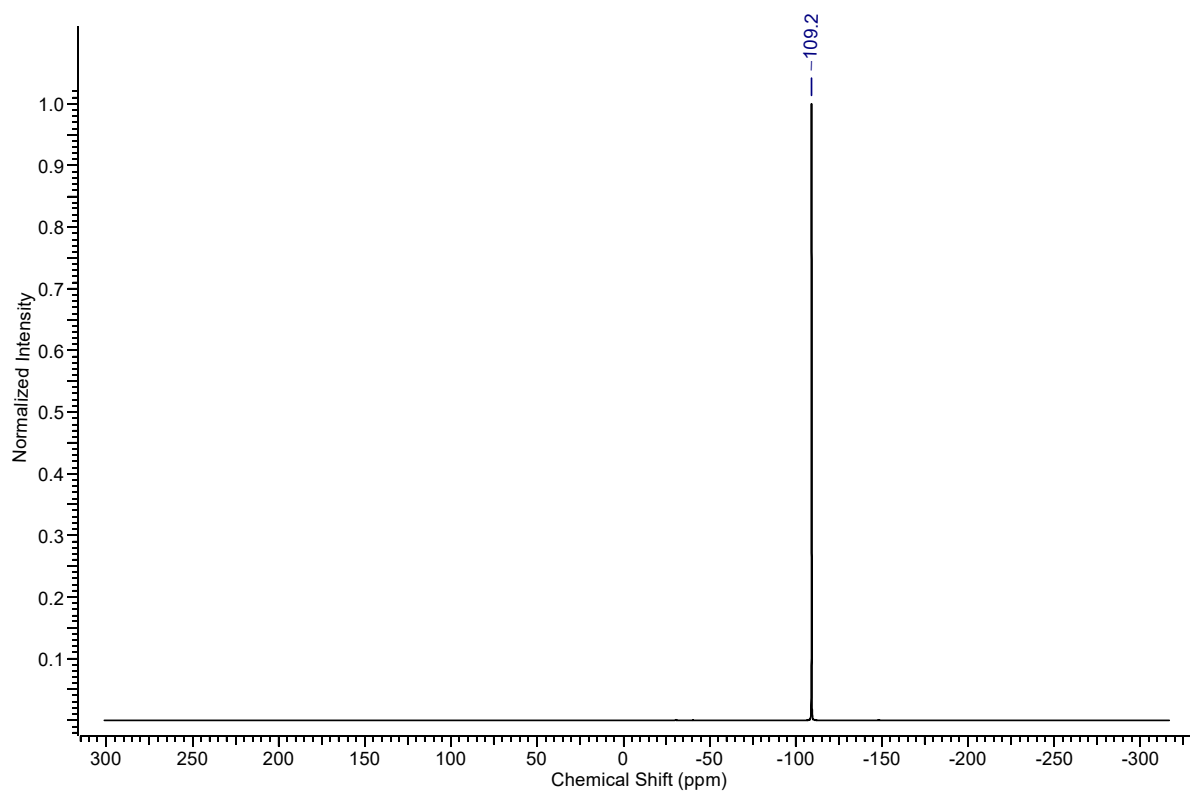


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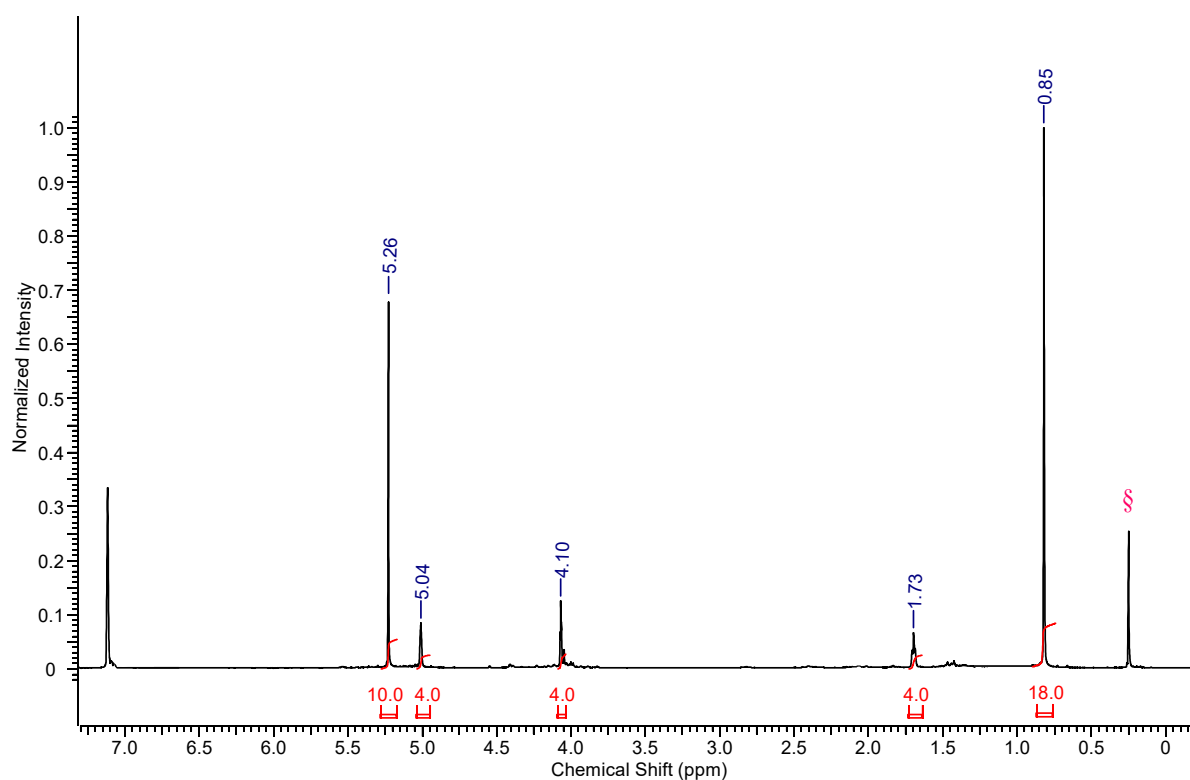


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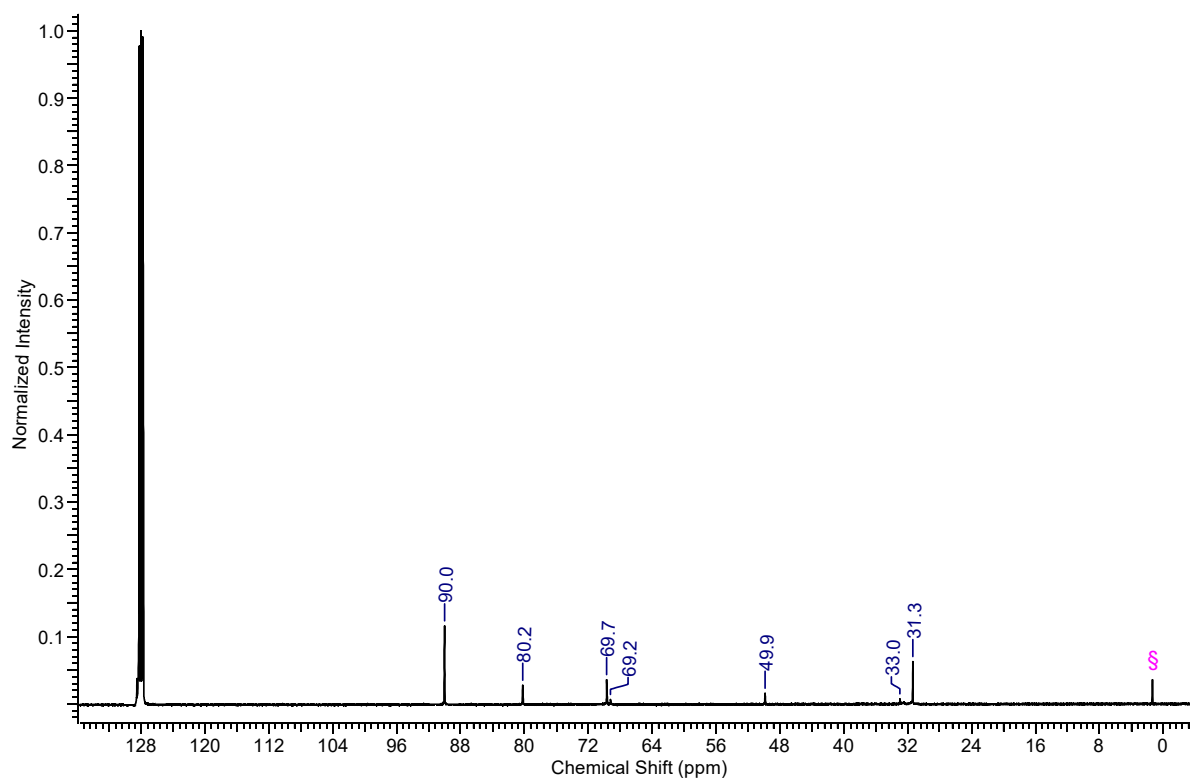


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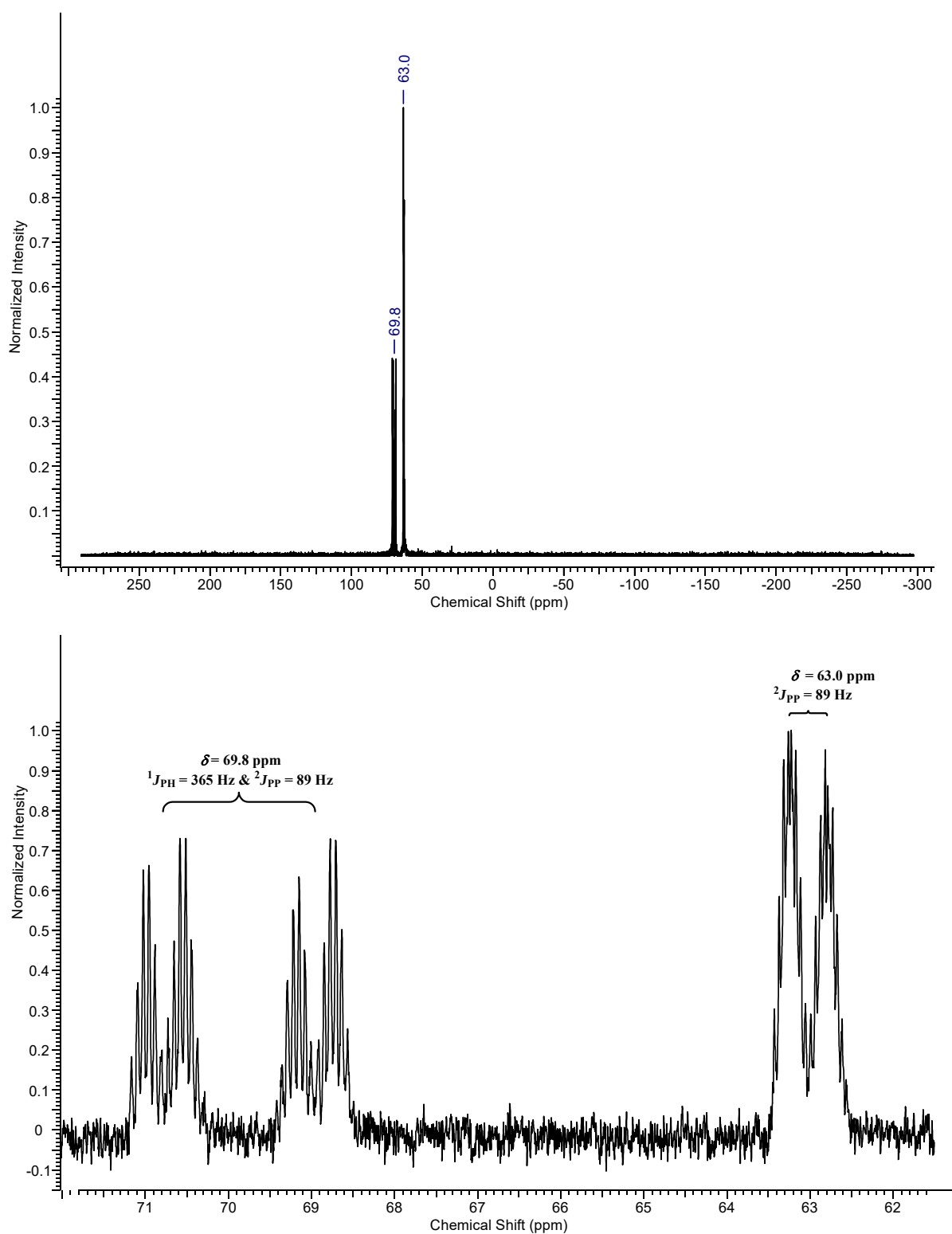


Fig. S55 ^{31}P NMR spectrum of $[\text{NiCp}(\text{H1b})]$ (C_6D_6 , 202.3 MHz).

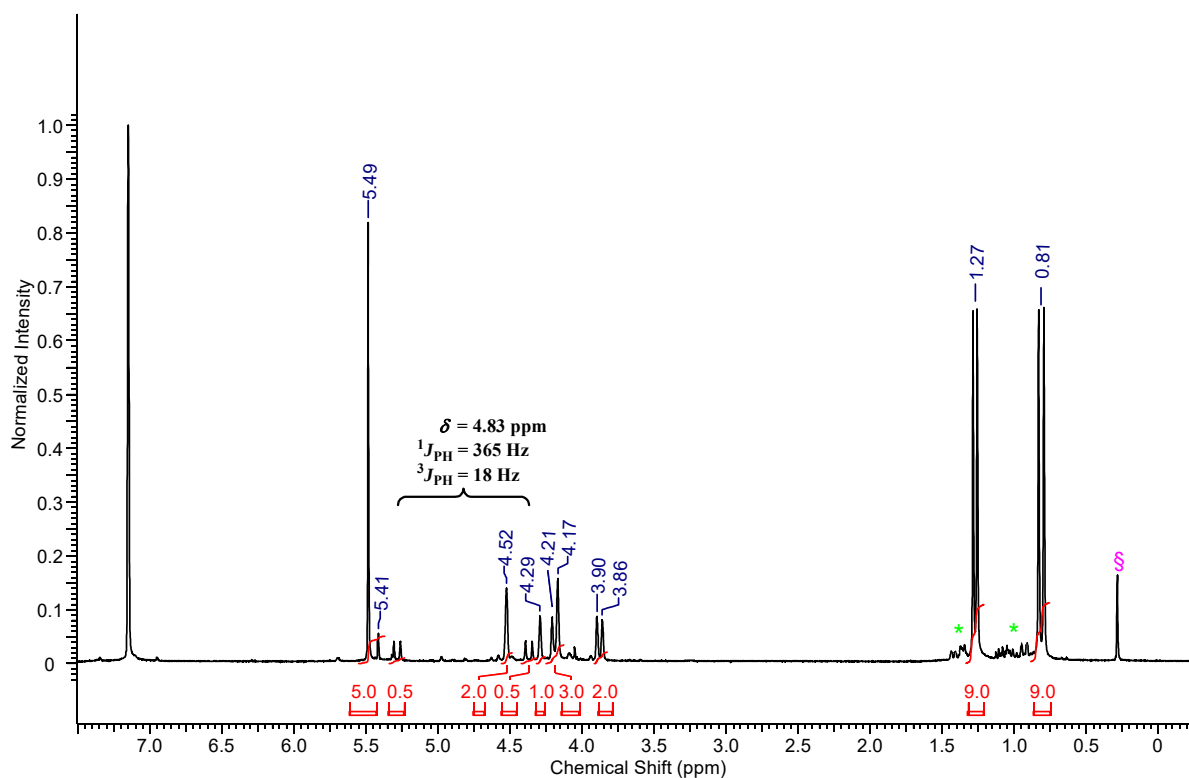


Fig. S56 ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{NiCp}(\text{H1b})]$ (C_6D_6 , 399.9 MHz). Signals marked belong to trace amounts of unidentified impurities (*) and silicon grease (§).

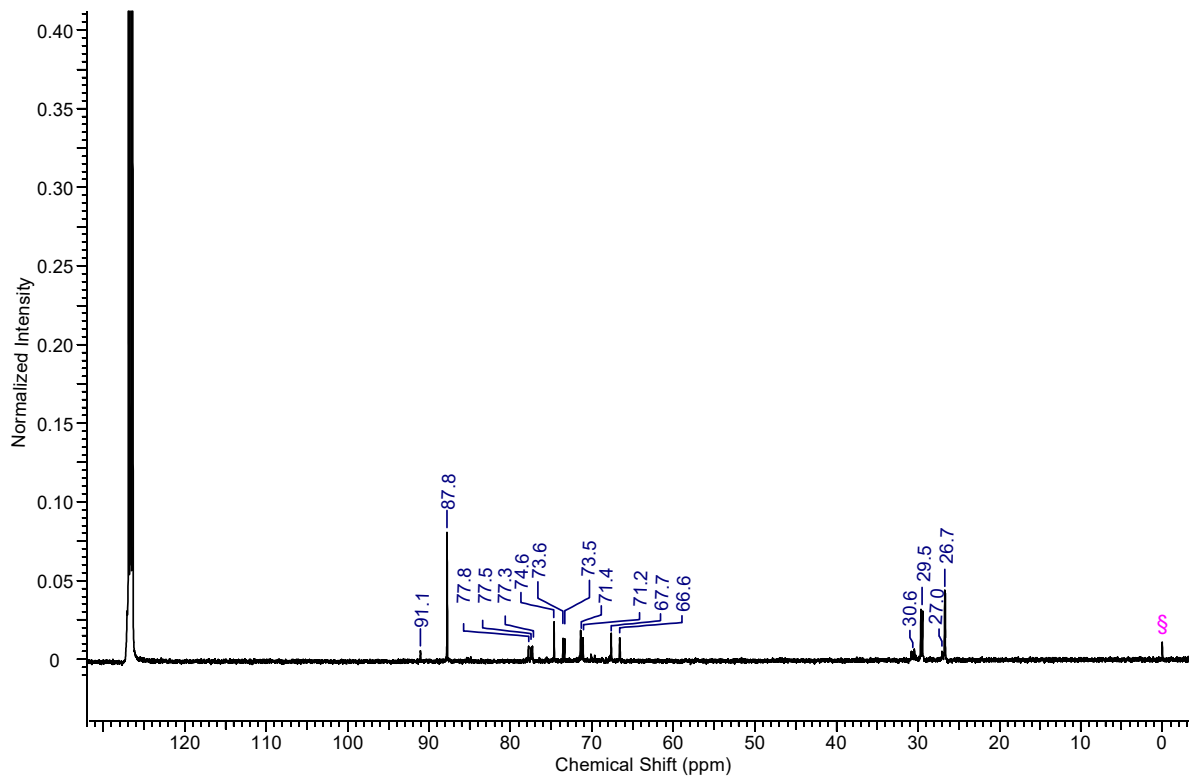


Fig. S57 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{NiCp}(\text{H1b})]$ (C_6D_6 , 100.6 MHz). The signal marked belongs to silicon grease (§).