

## *Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)*

### **Synthesis, structure, and photophysical properties of copper(I) triphenylphosphine complexes with functionalized 3-(2'-pyrimidinyl)-1,2,4-triazole ligands**

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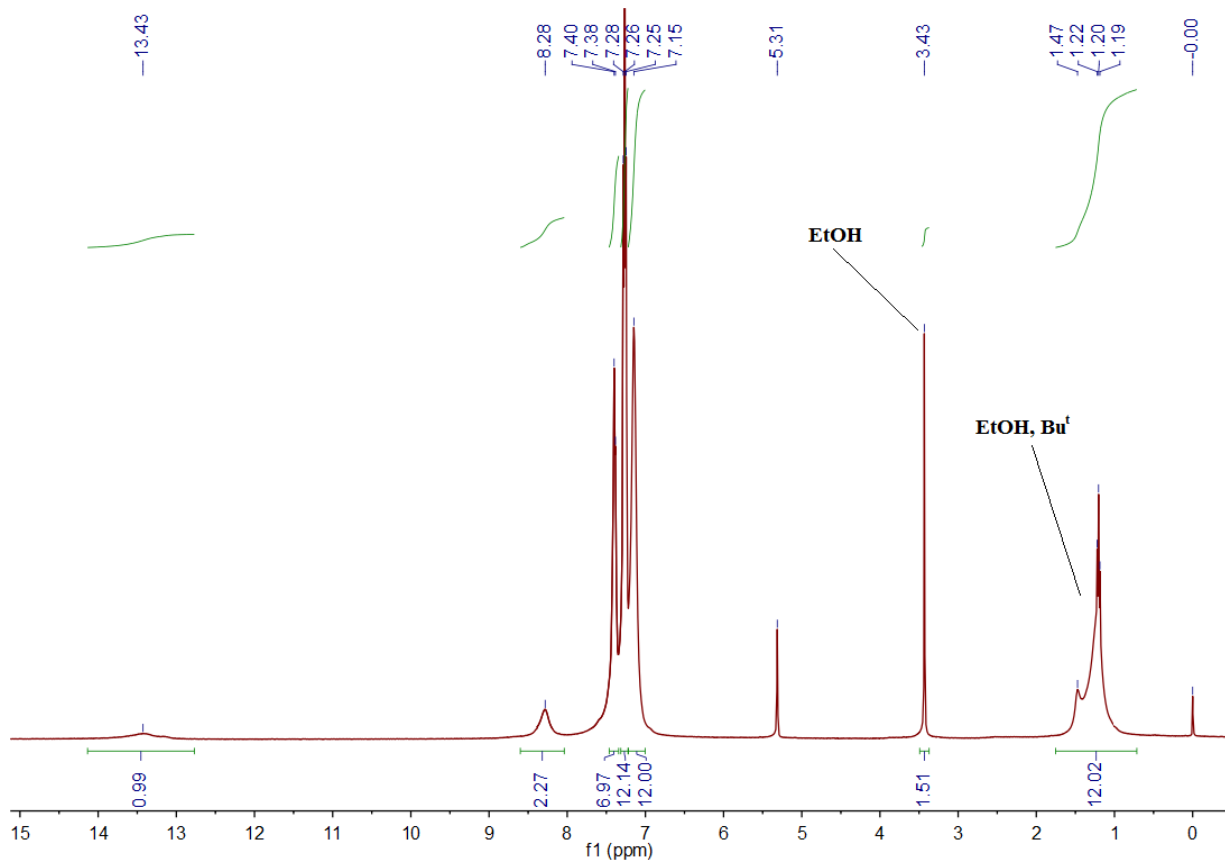


Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

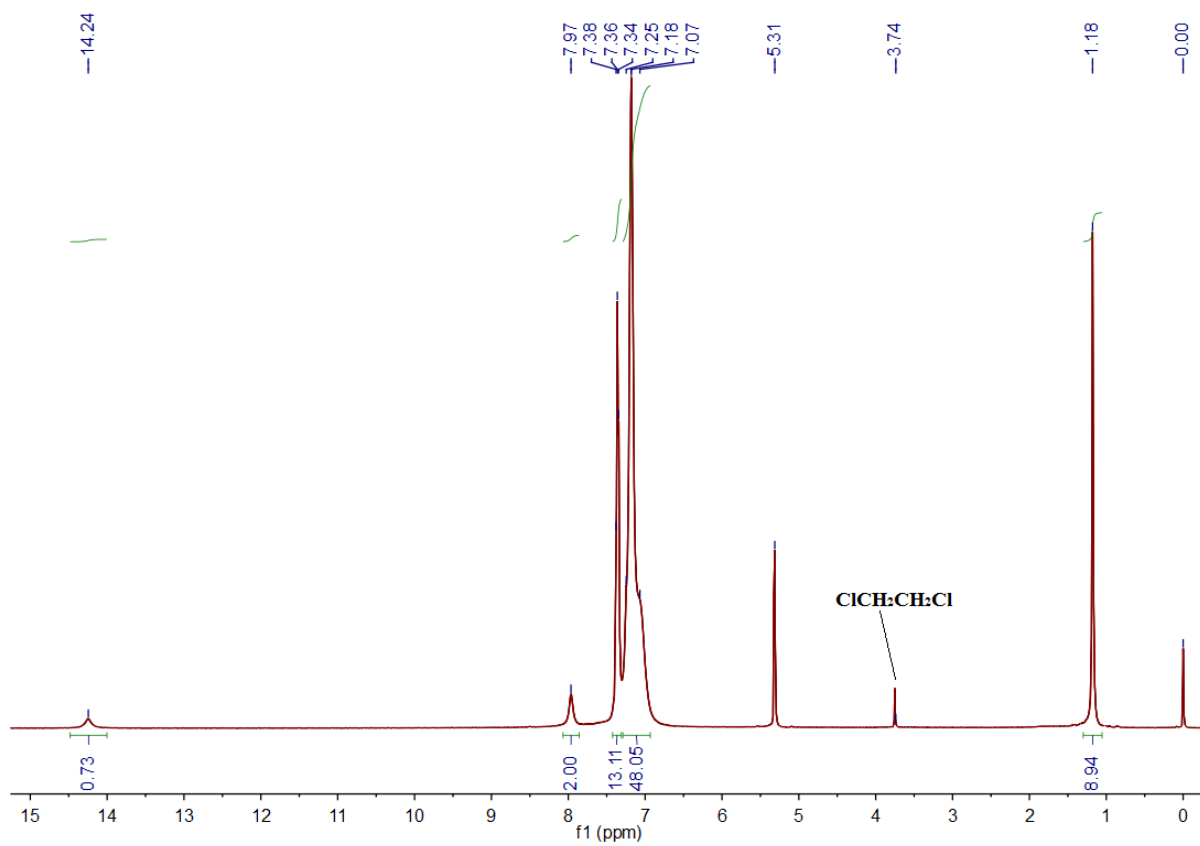
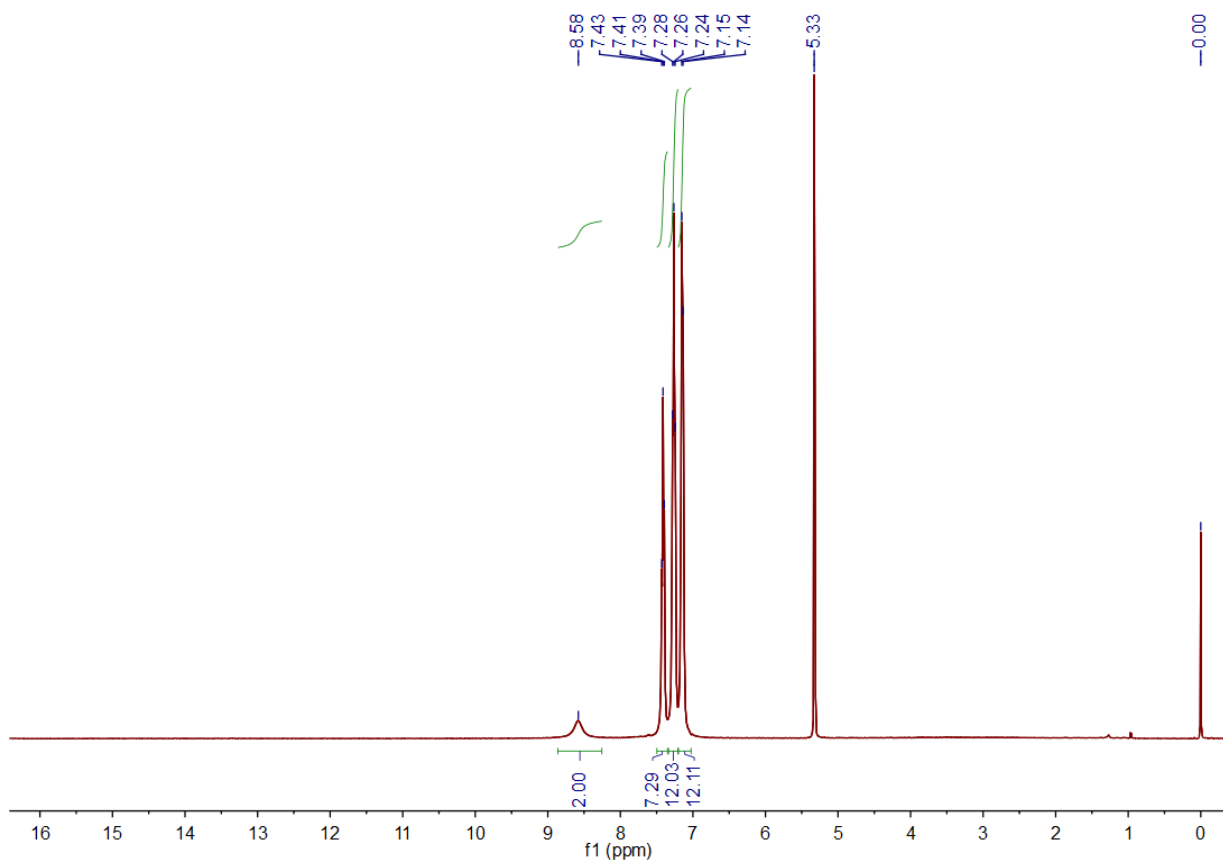
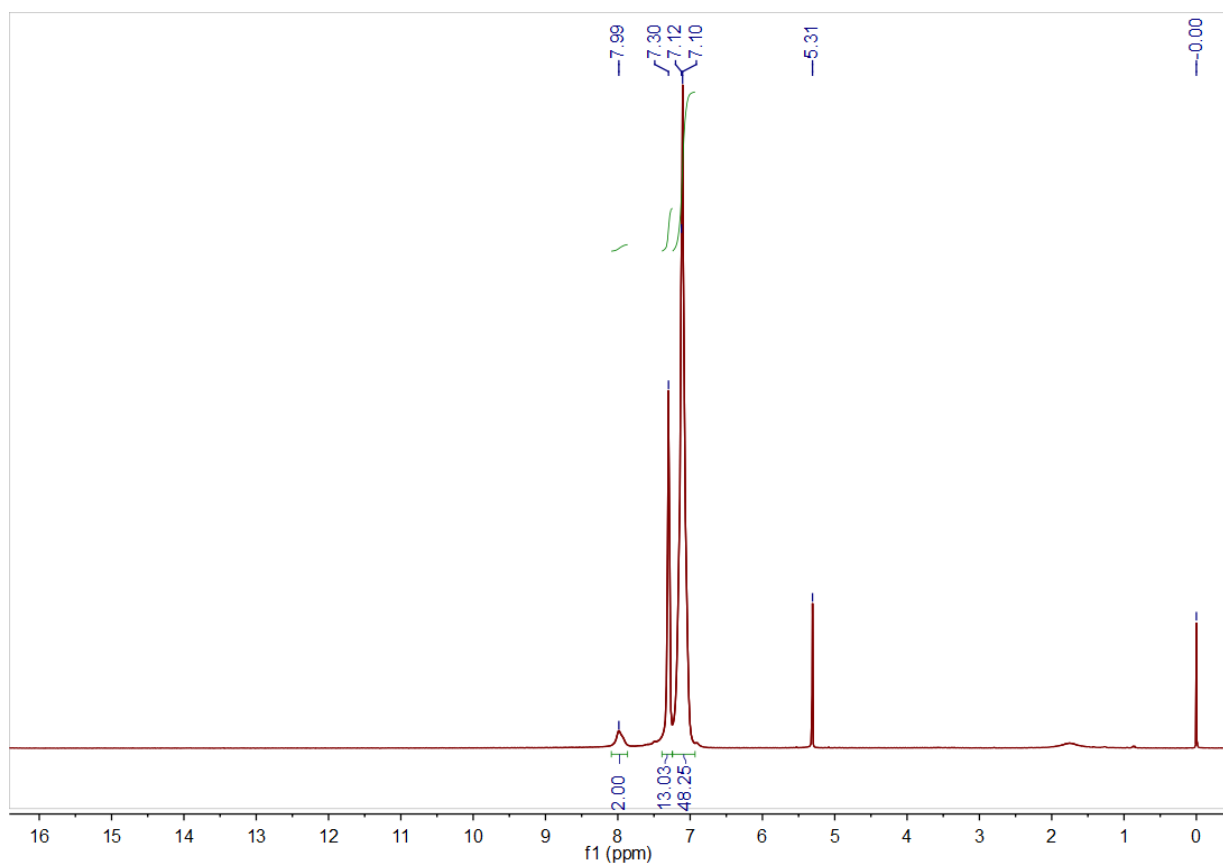


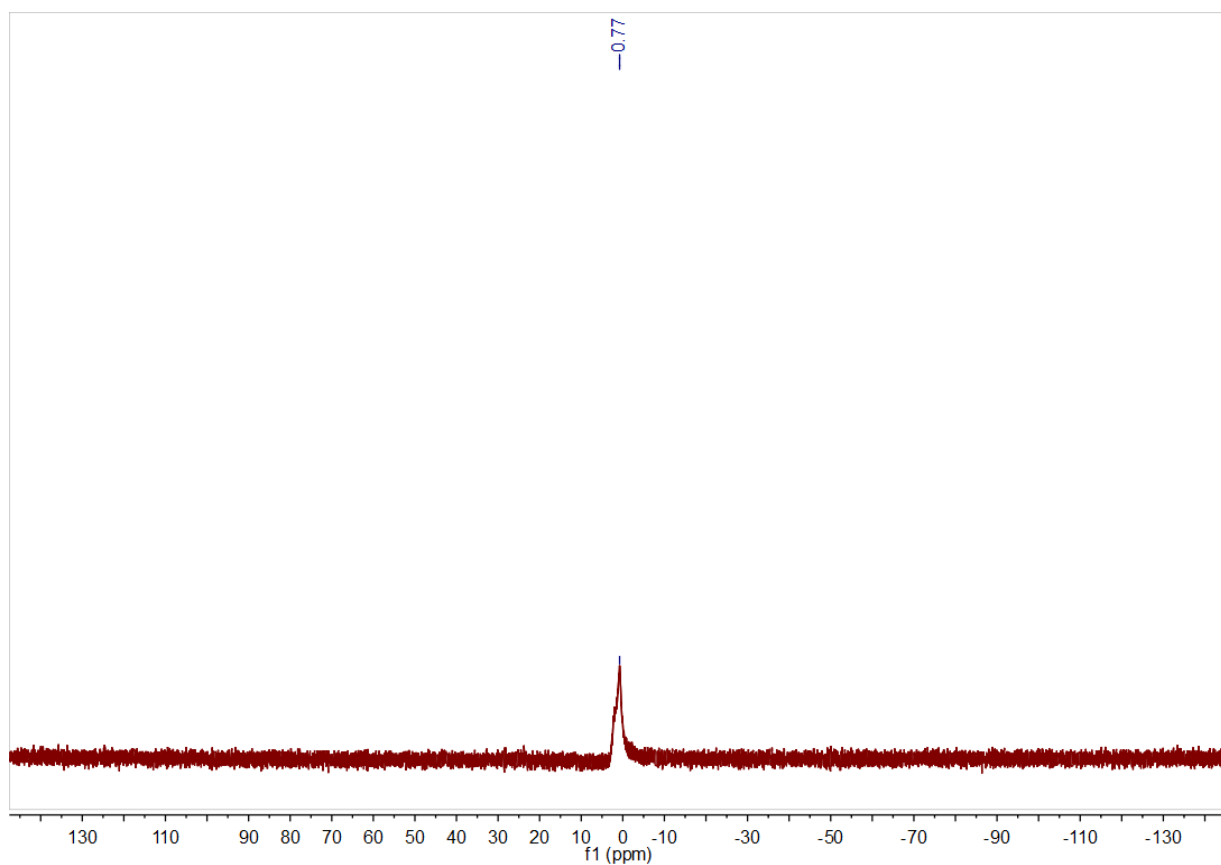
Fig. S2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



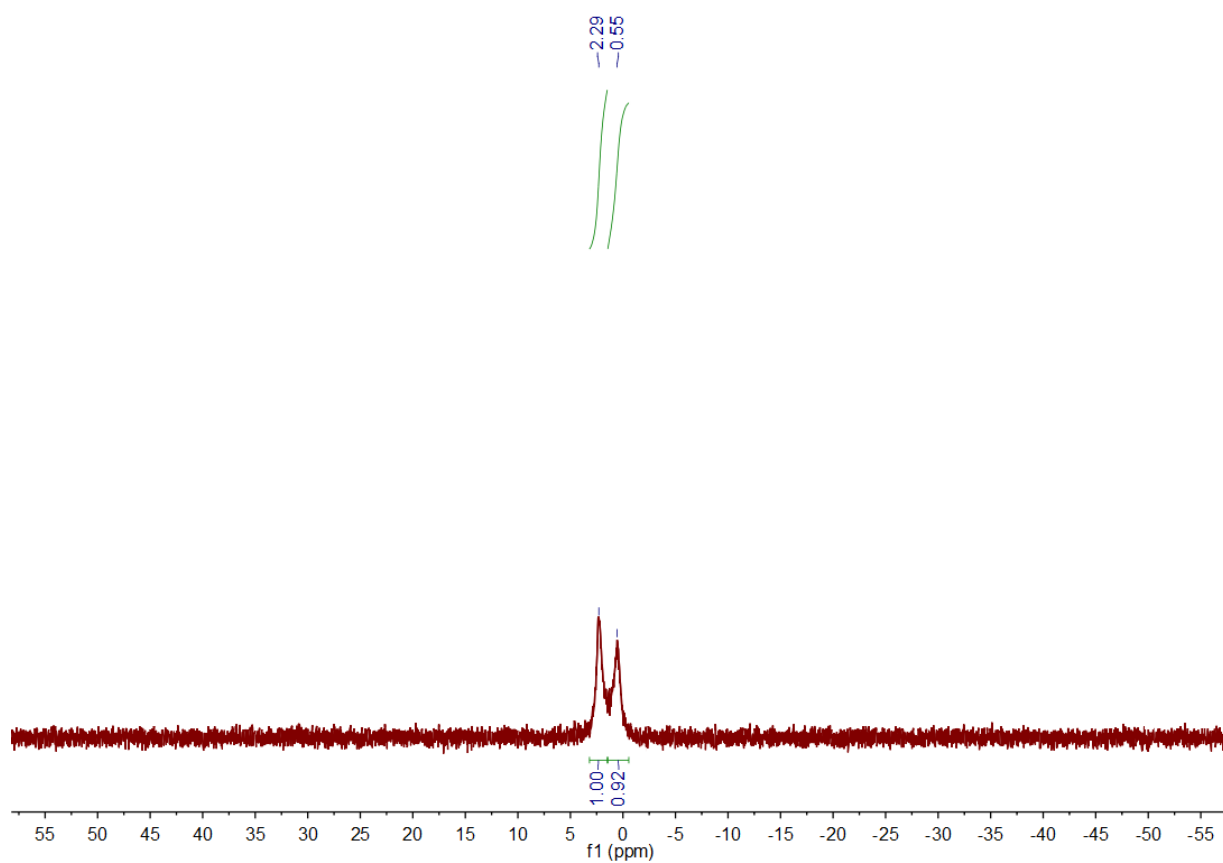
**Fig. S3**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



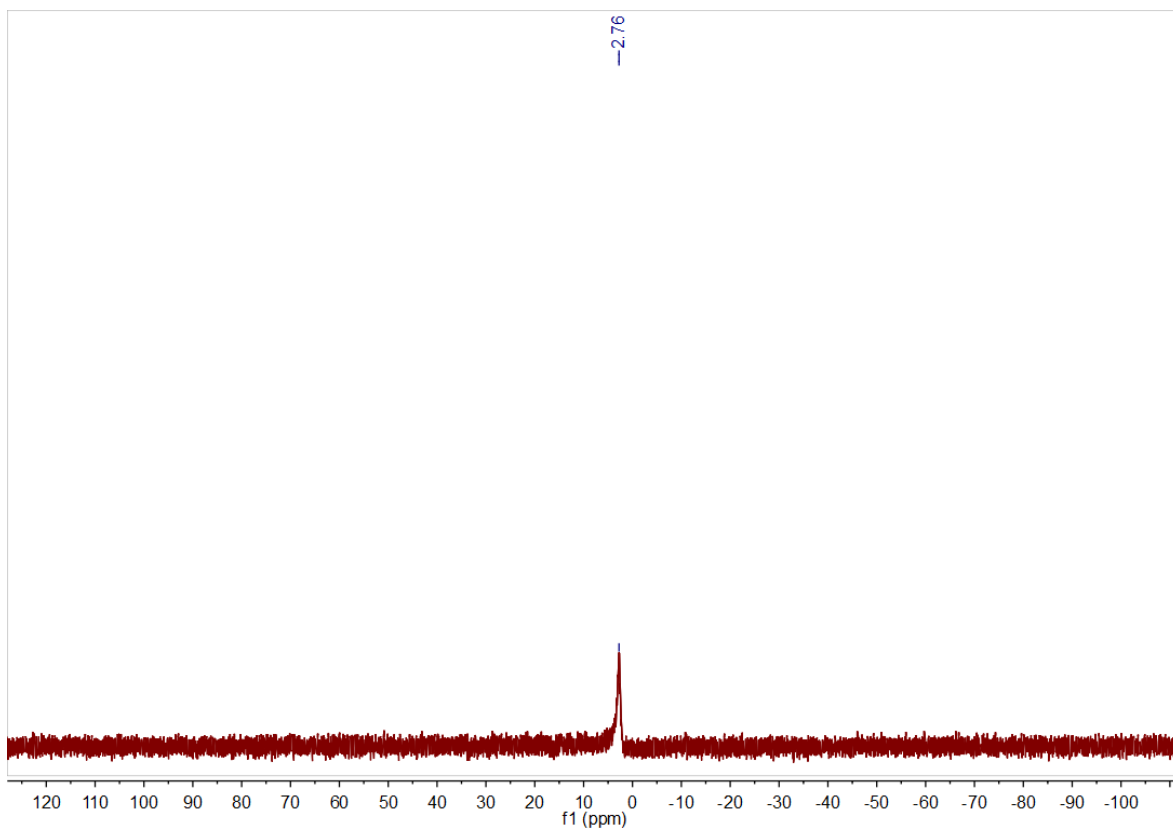
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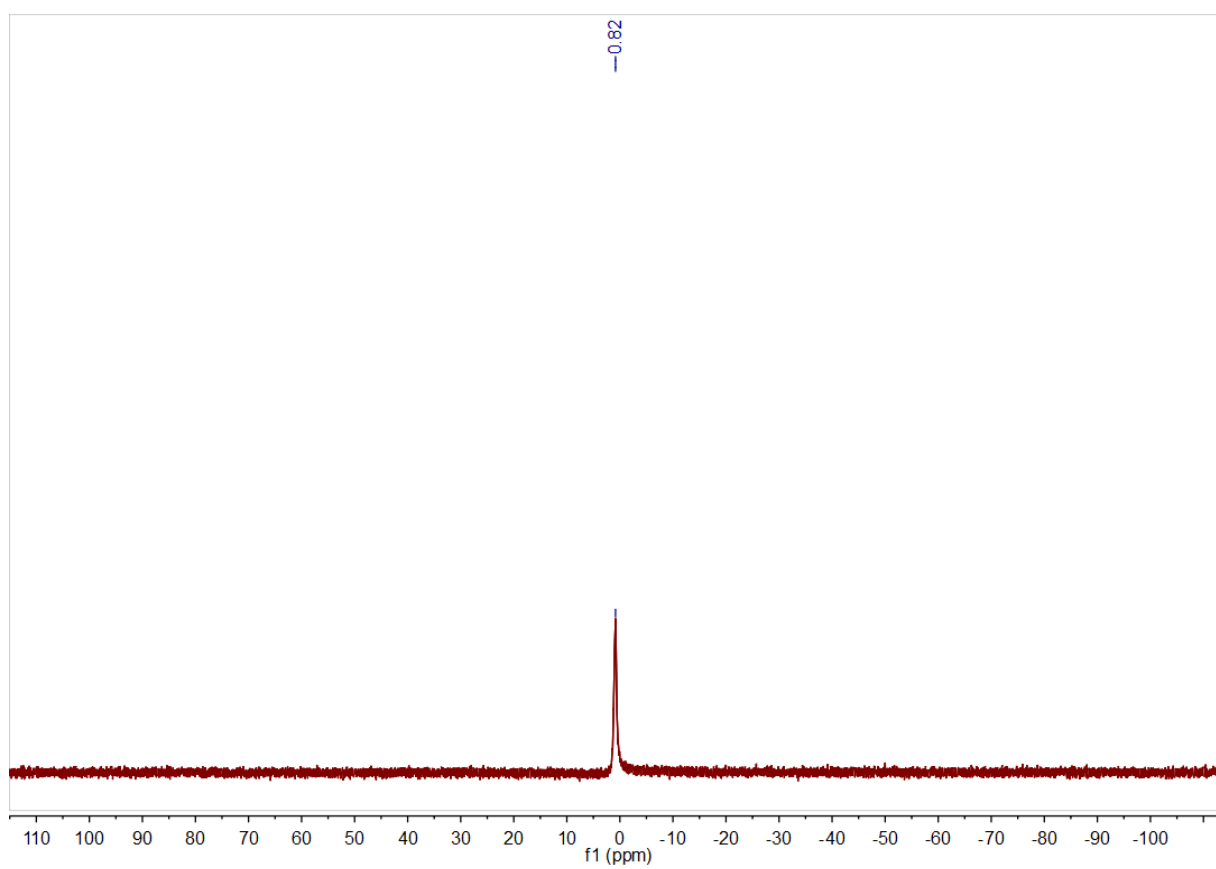
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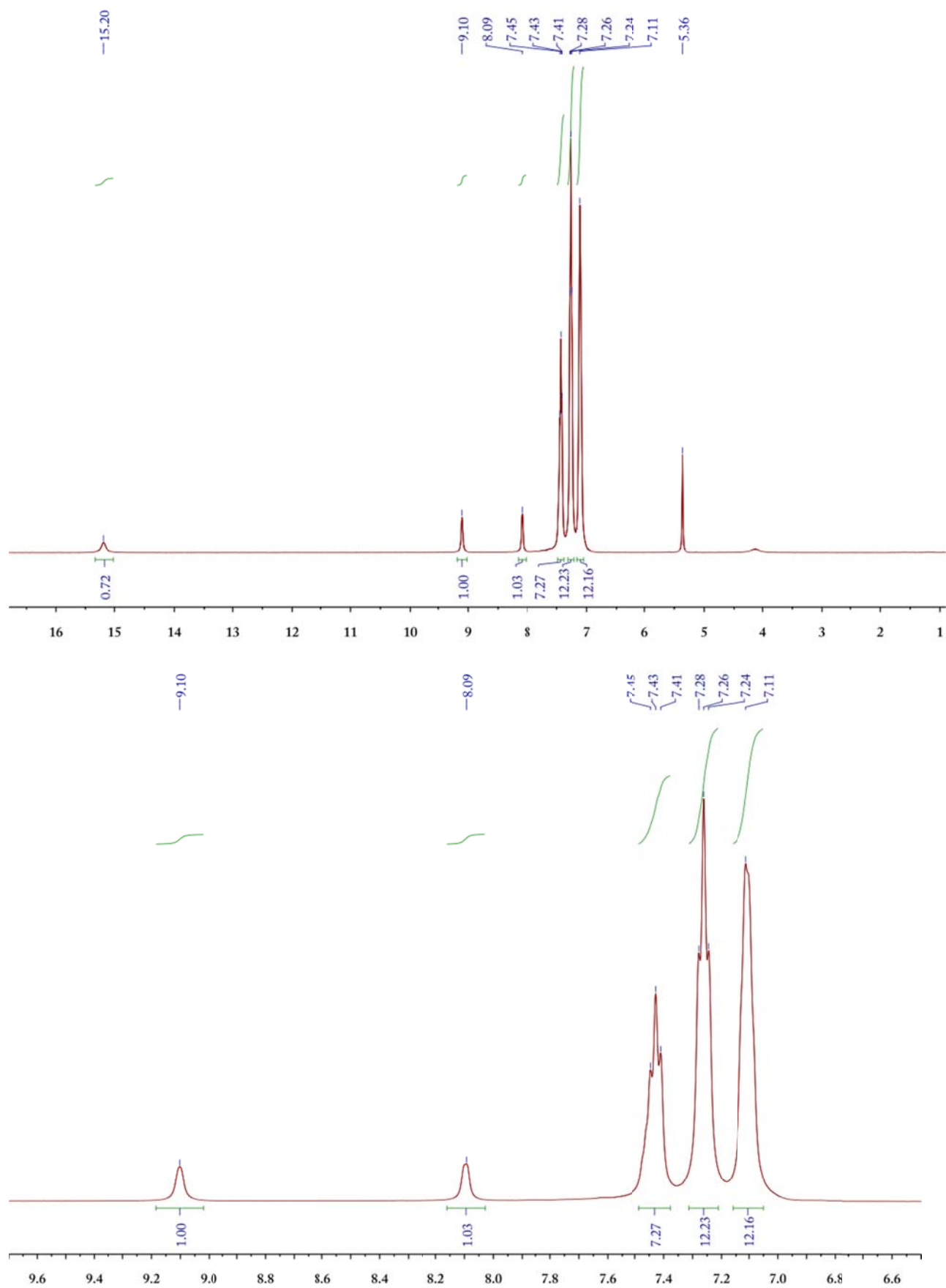
**Fig. S6**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of **2** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



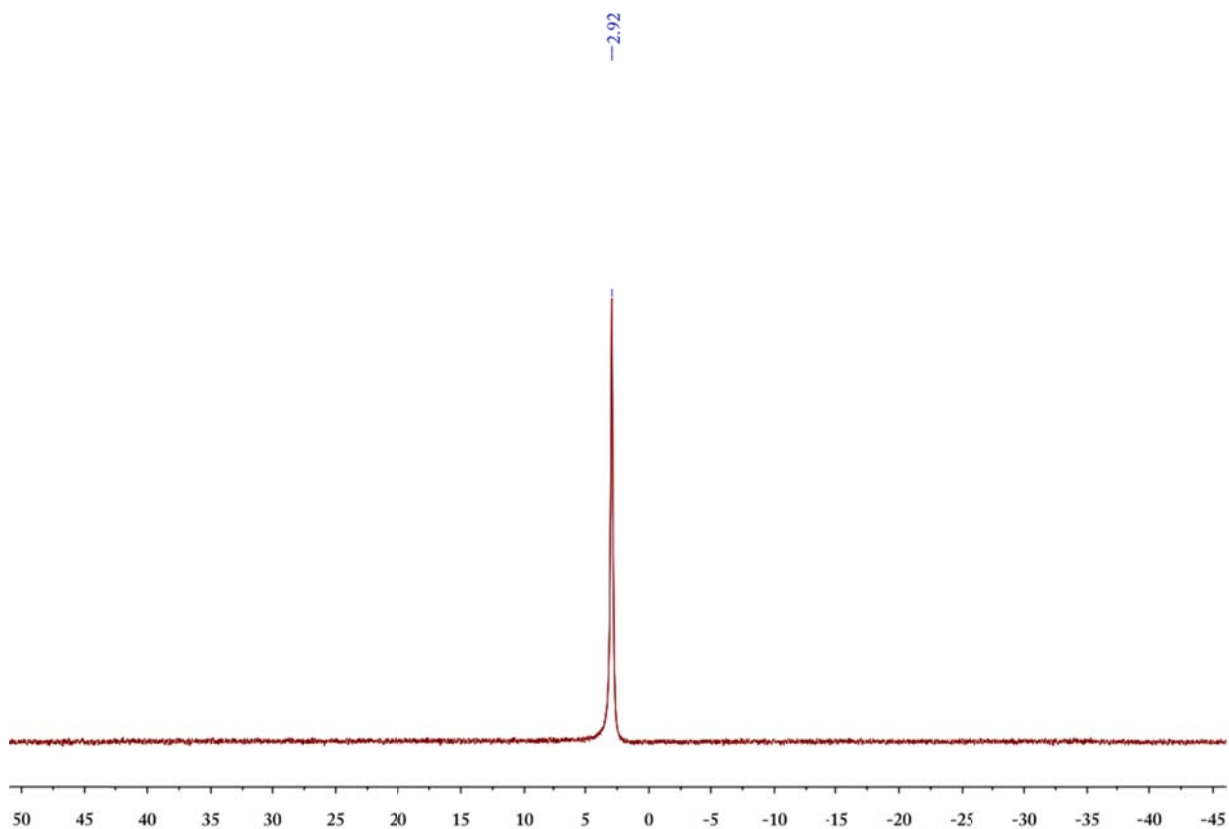
**Fig. S7**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



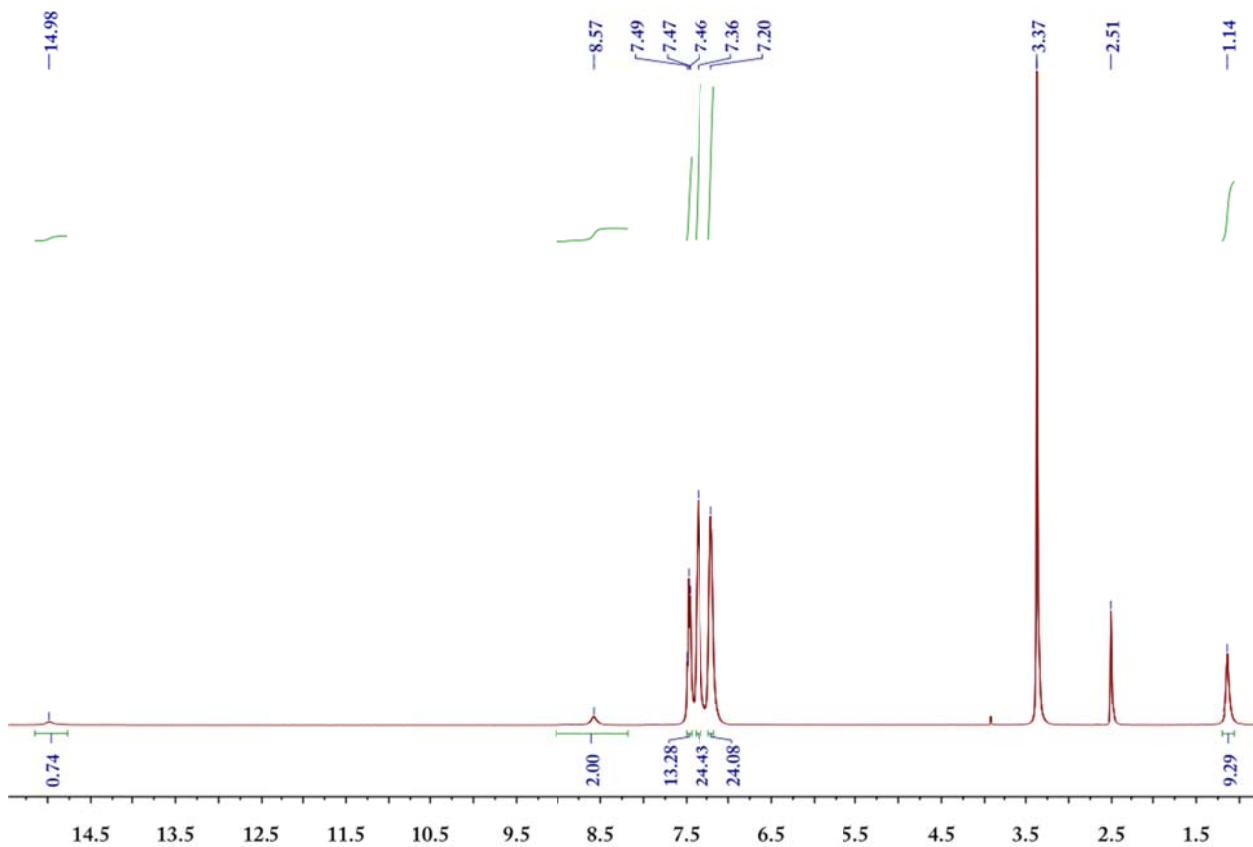
**Fig. S8**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



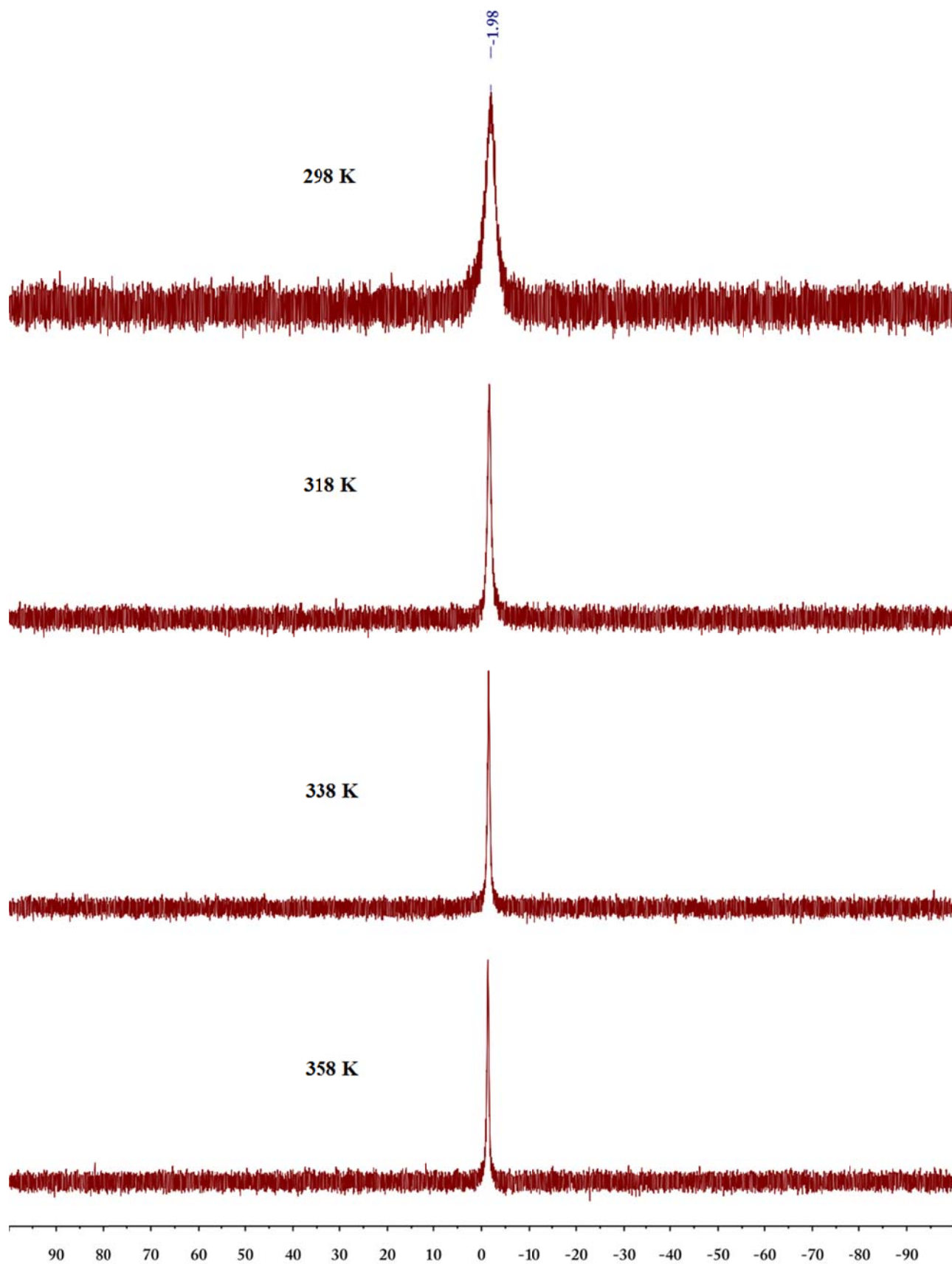
**Fig. S9**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **3** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 218 K.



**Fig. S10** <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of **3** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 218 K.

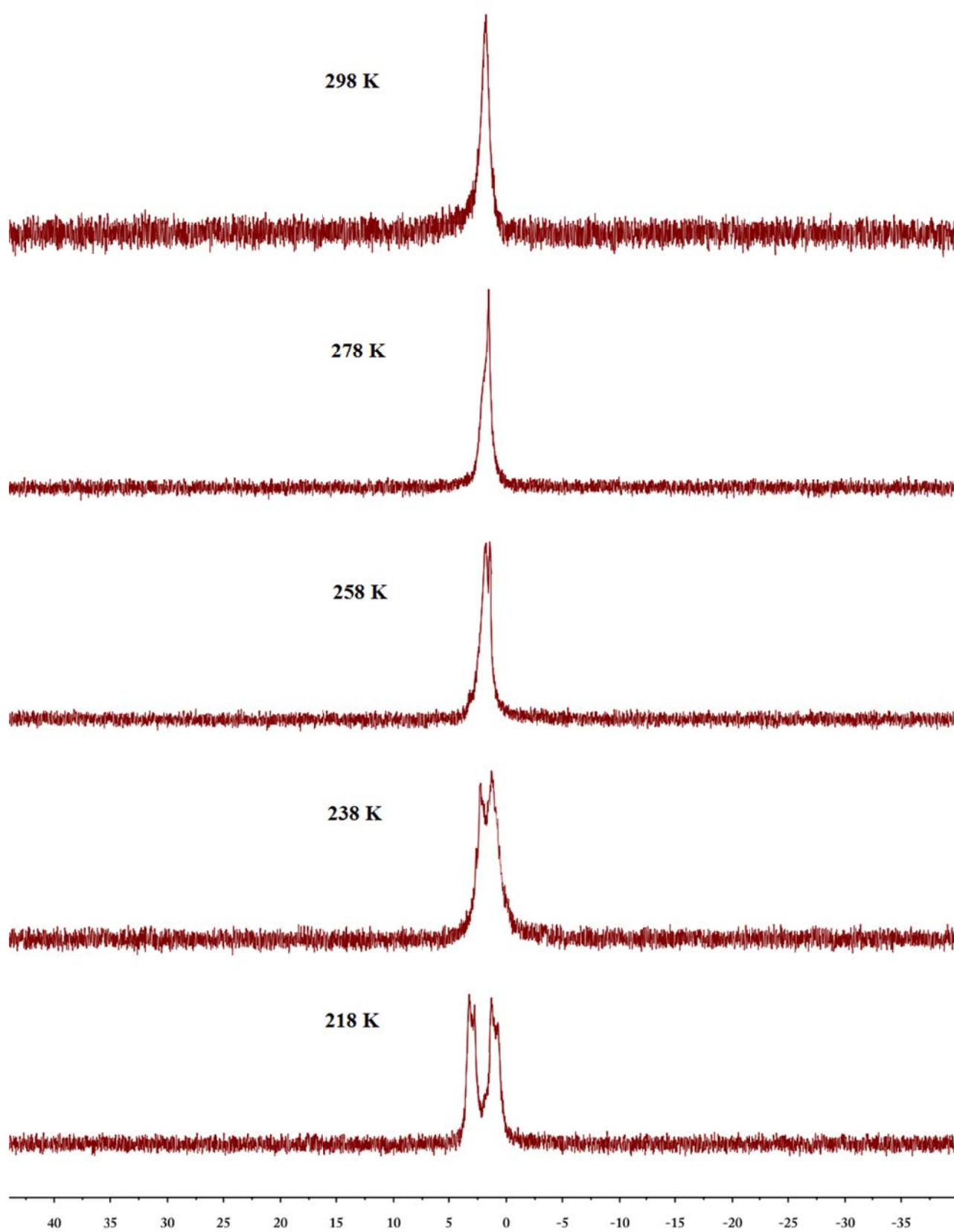


**Fig. S11** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 298 K.



**Fig. S12** Variable-temperature  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra of **2** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  from 298 K to 358 K.





**Fig. S13** Variable-temperature  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra of **4** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  from 298 K to 218 K.

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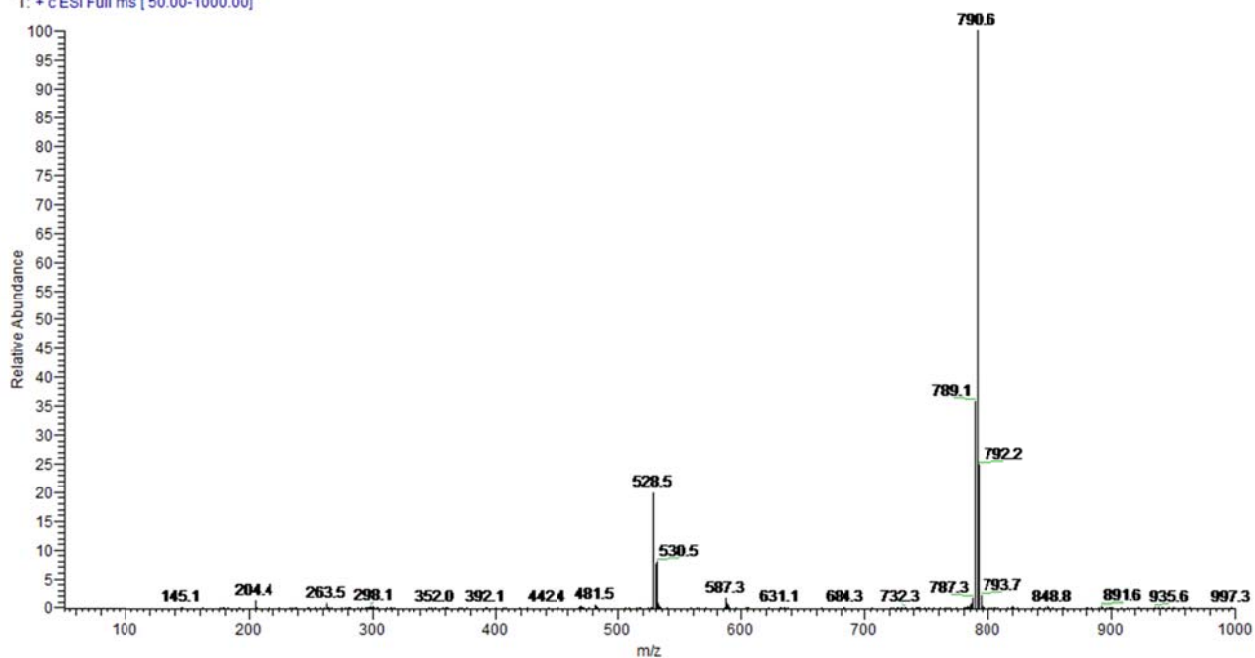


Fig. S14 ESI-MS of complex 1.

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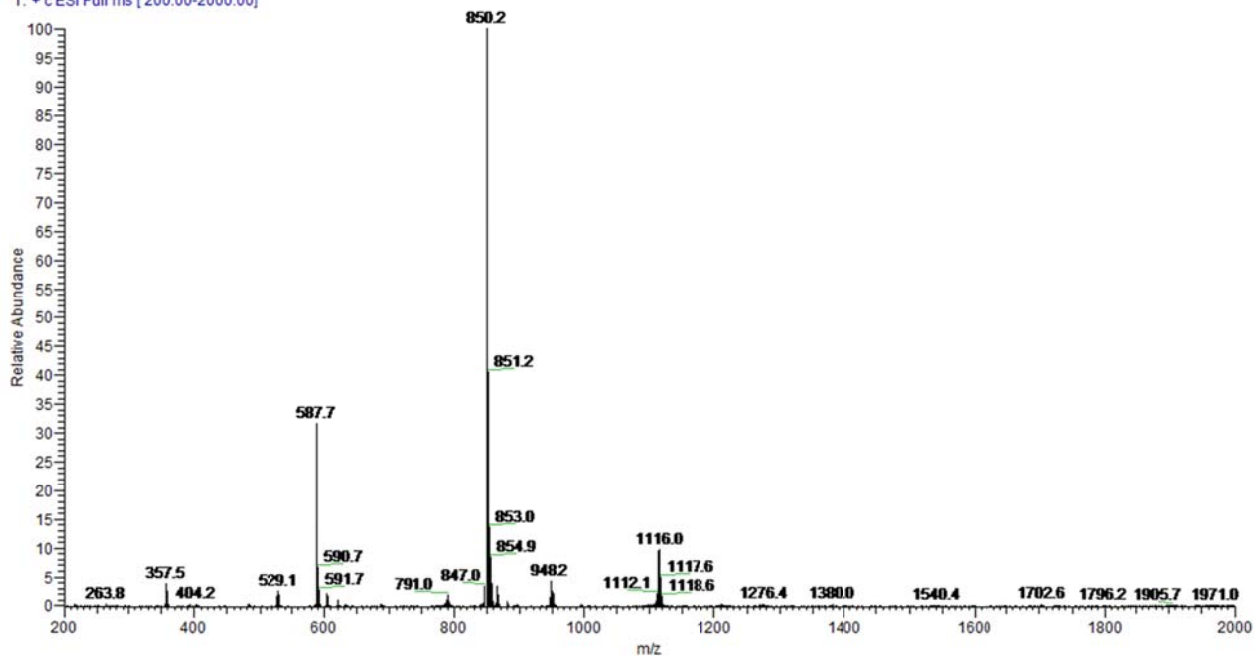


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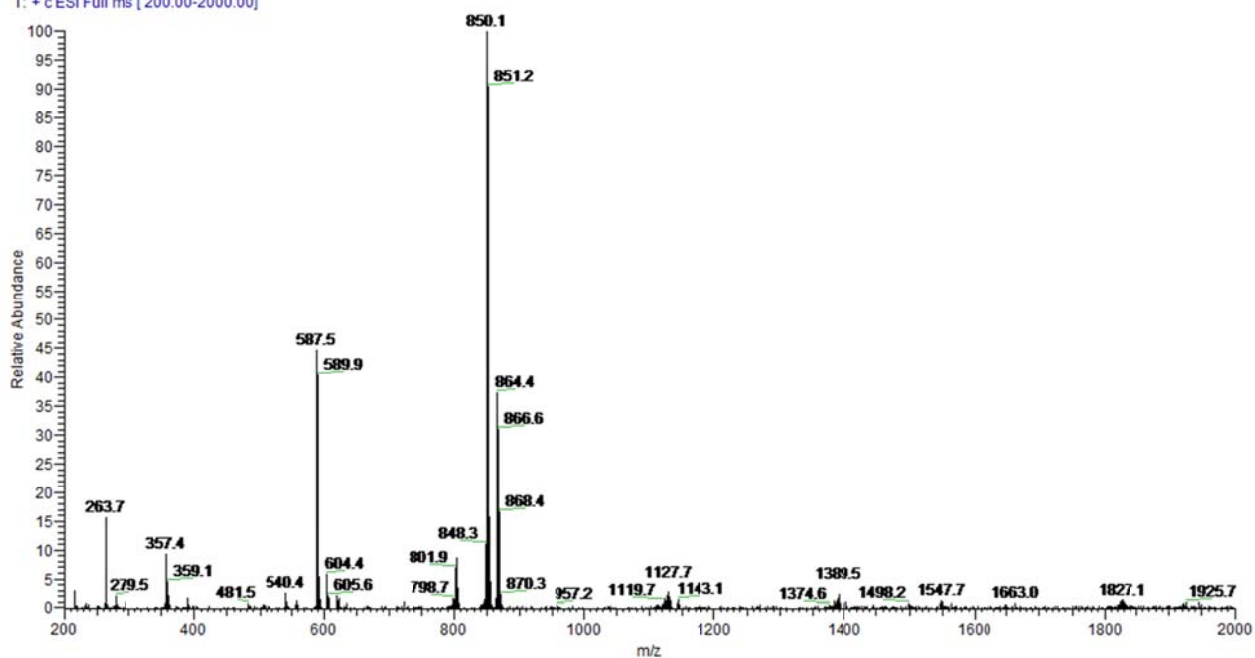


Fig. S16 ESI-MS of complex 3

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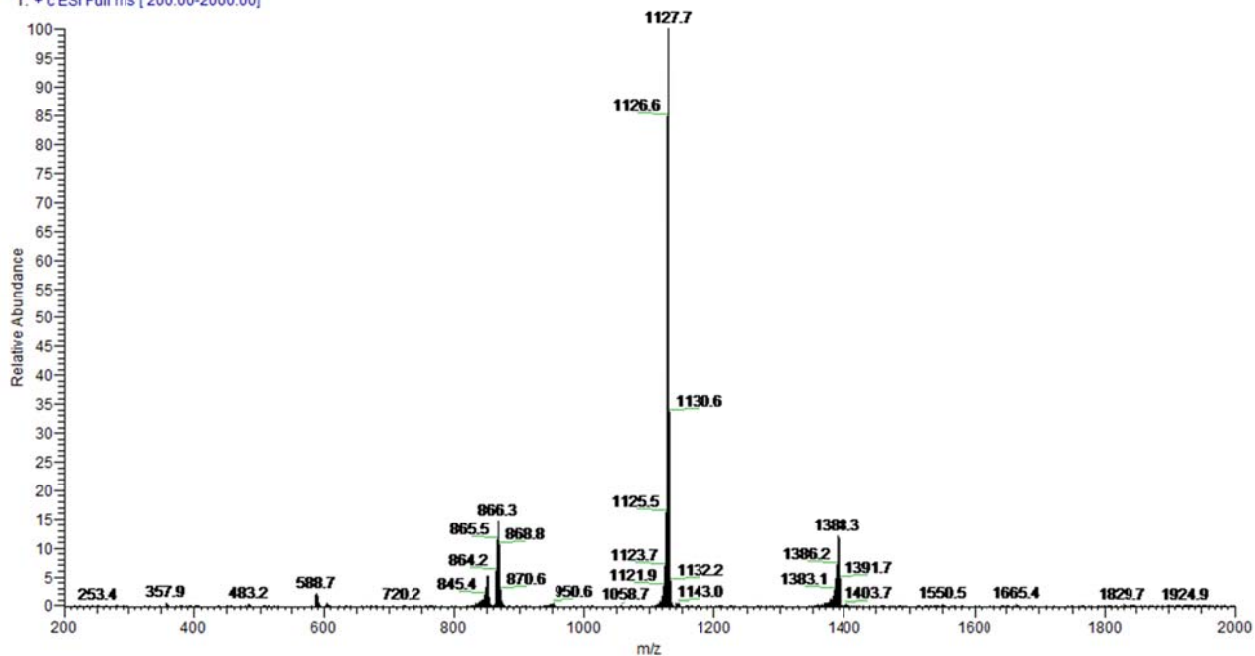
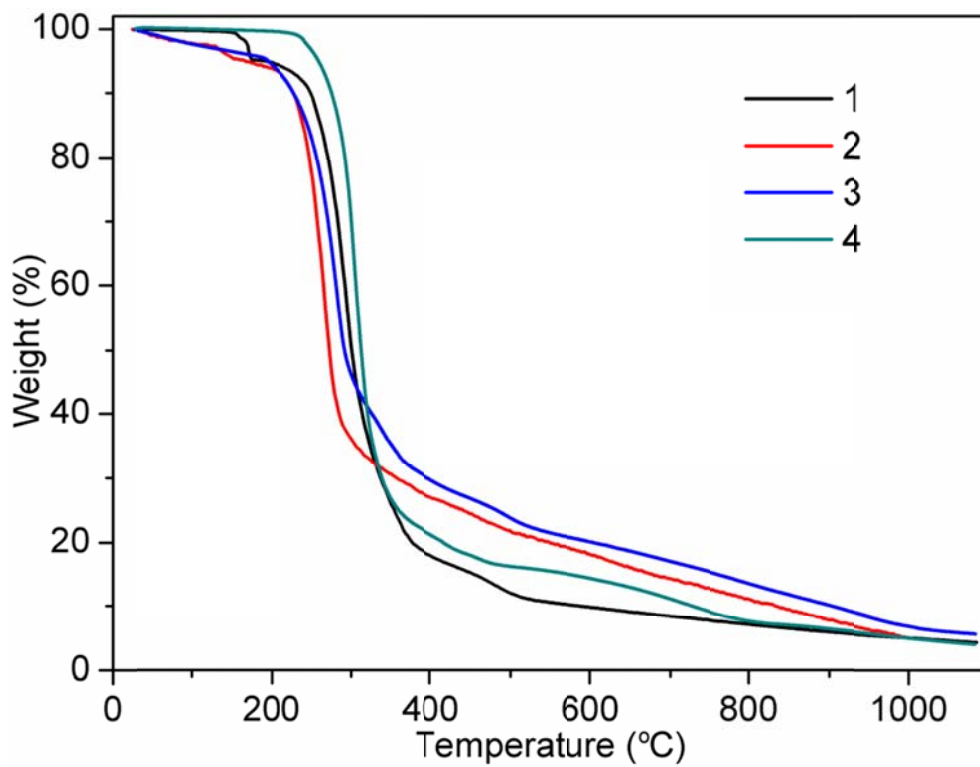
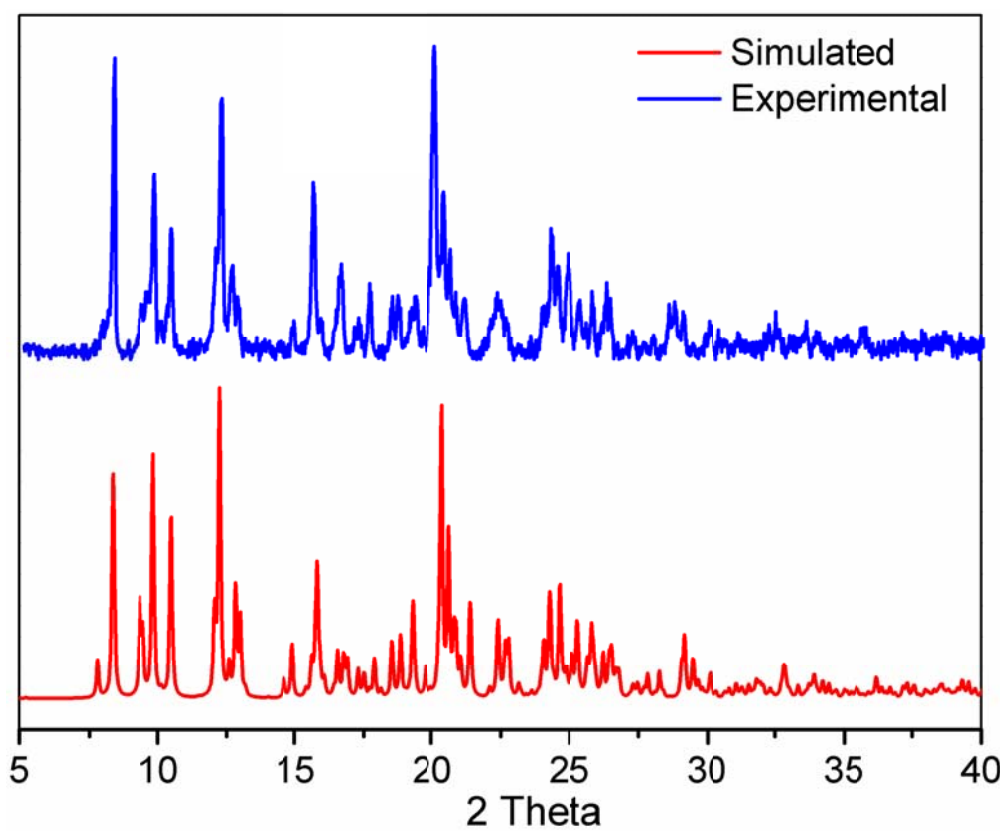


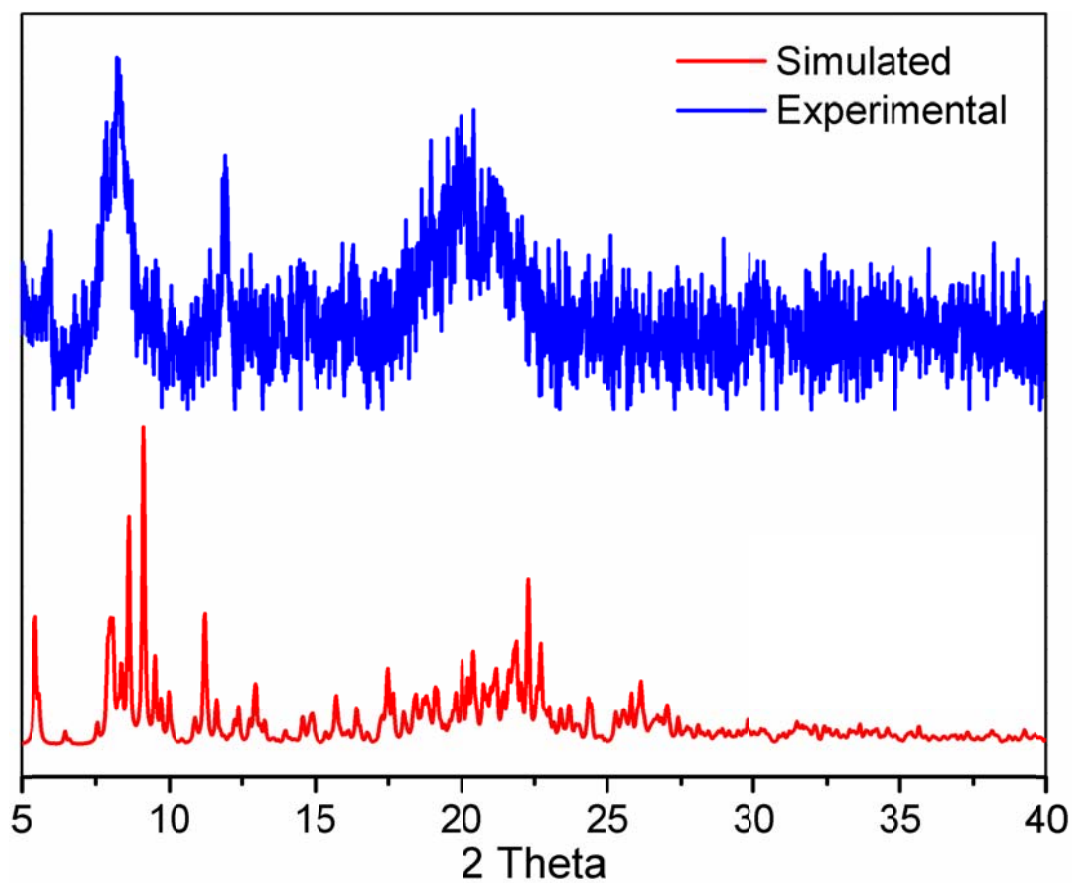
Fig. S17 ESI-MS of complex 4



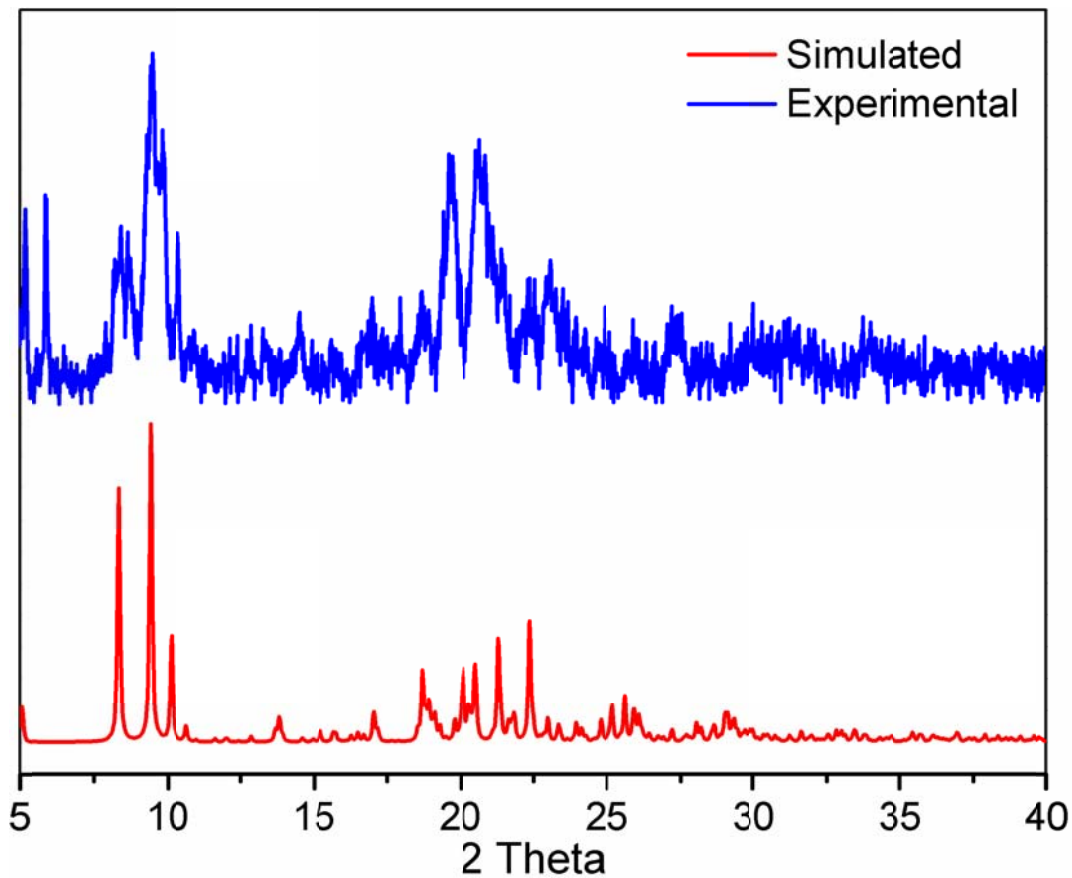
**Fig. S18** TGA curves of complexes 1–4 in N<sub>2</sub>.



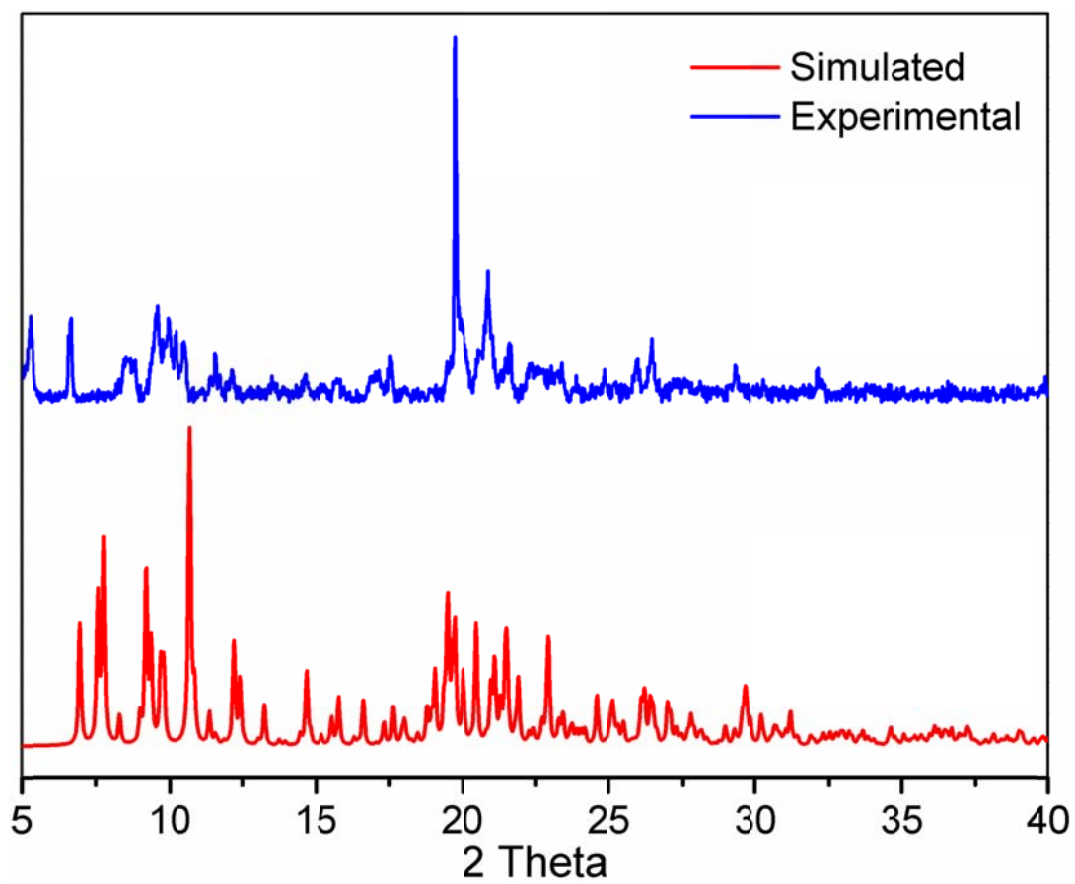
**Fig. S19** The PXRD pattern of complex 1.



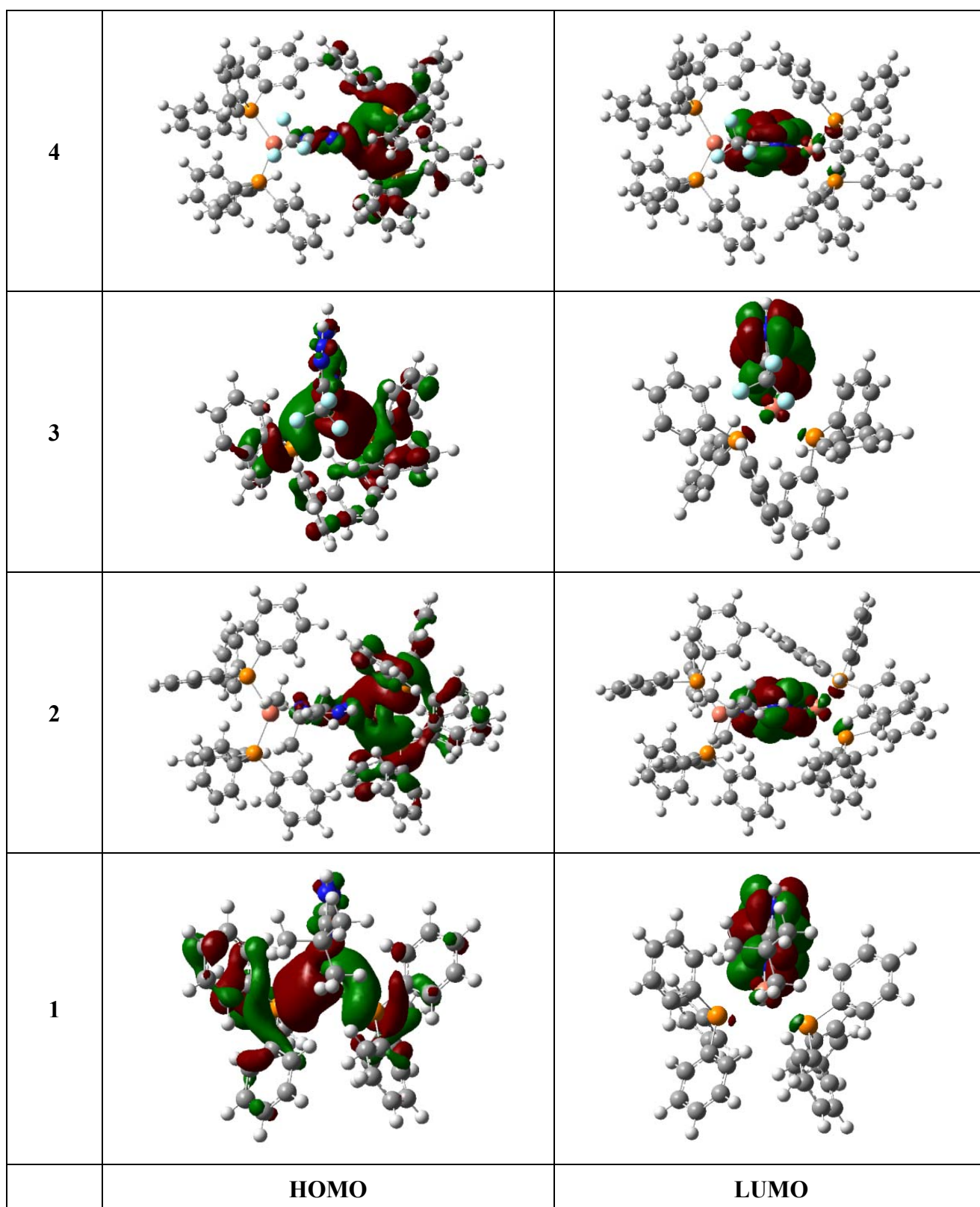
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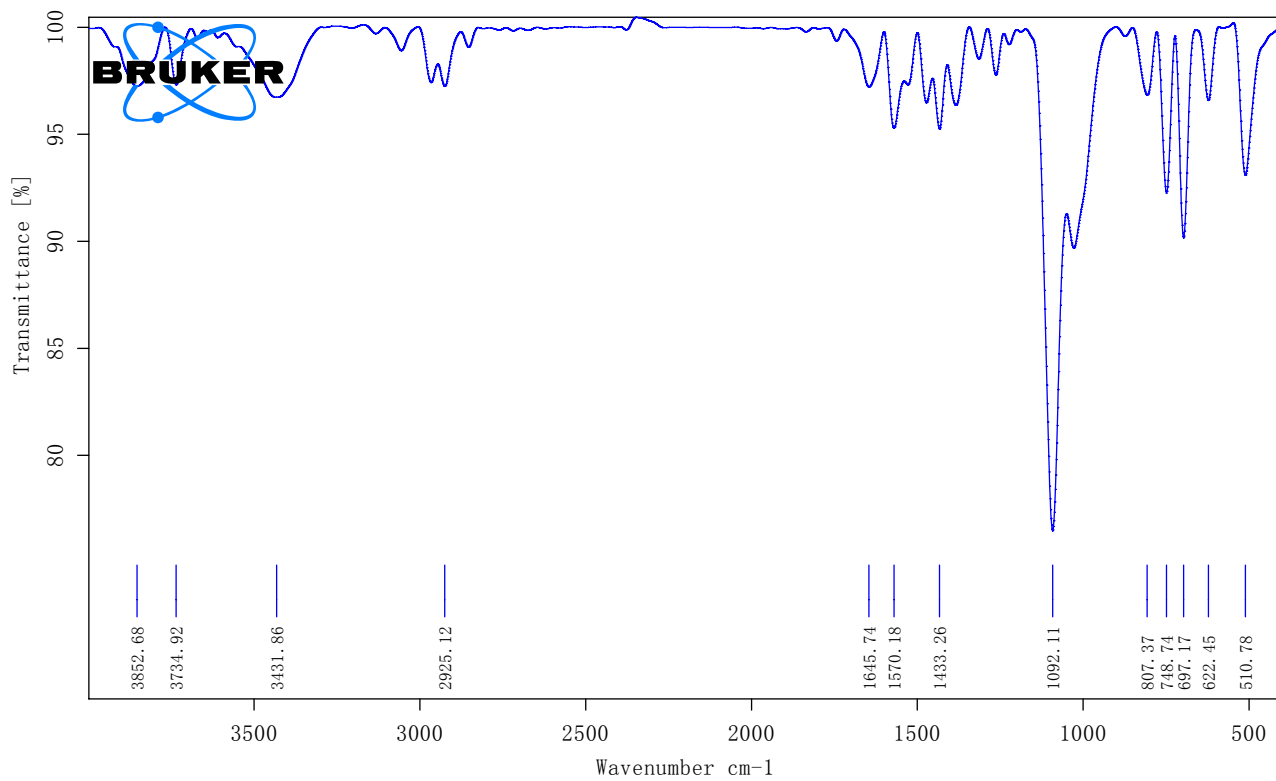
**Fig. S21** The PXRD pattern of complex 3.



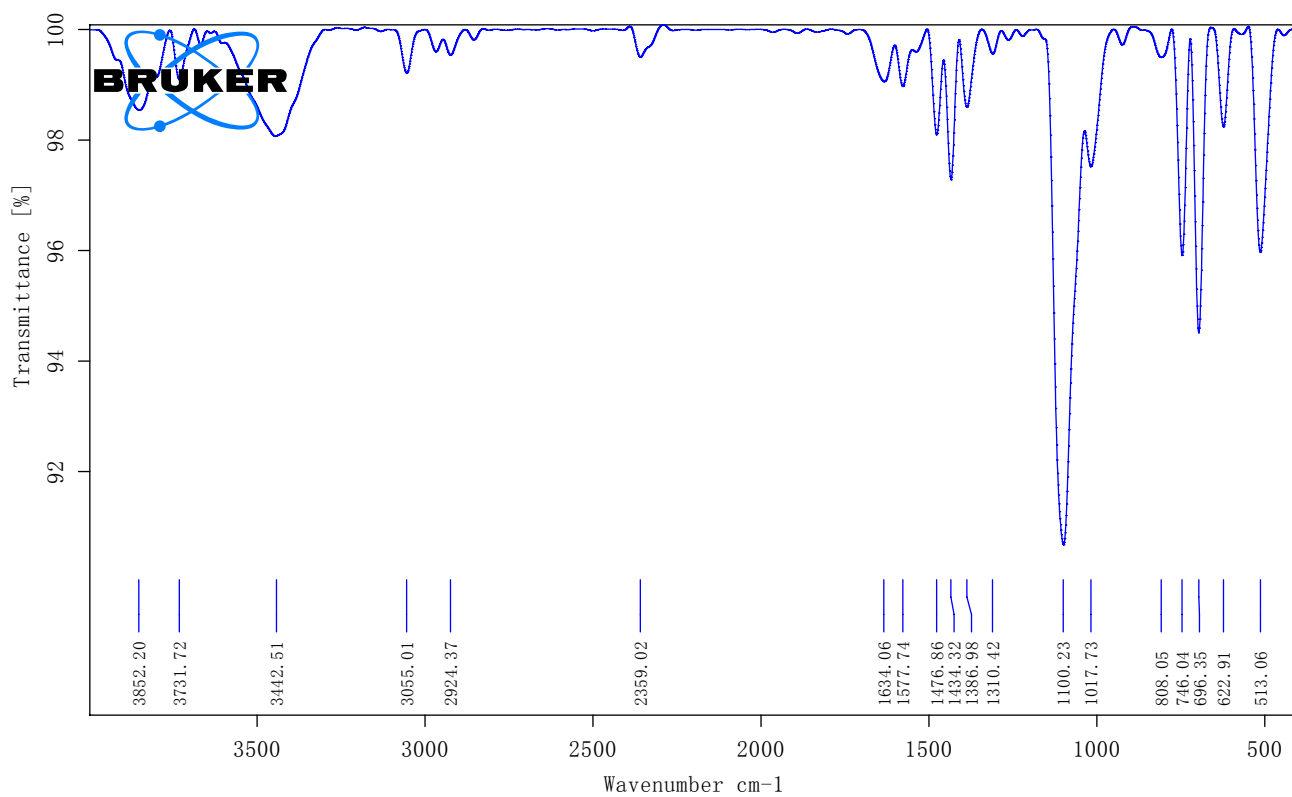
**Fig. S22** The PXRd pattern of complex 4.



**Fig. S23** Plots of the frontier molecular orbitals involved in the lowest triplet excited state of complexes **1–4** based on the  $T_1$ -optimized structure in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  media calculated by TD-DFT method at the PBE1PBE level ( $\text{iso}_{\text{value}} = 0.02$ ).

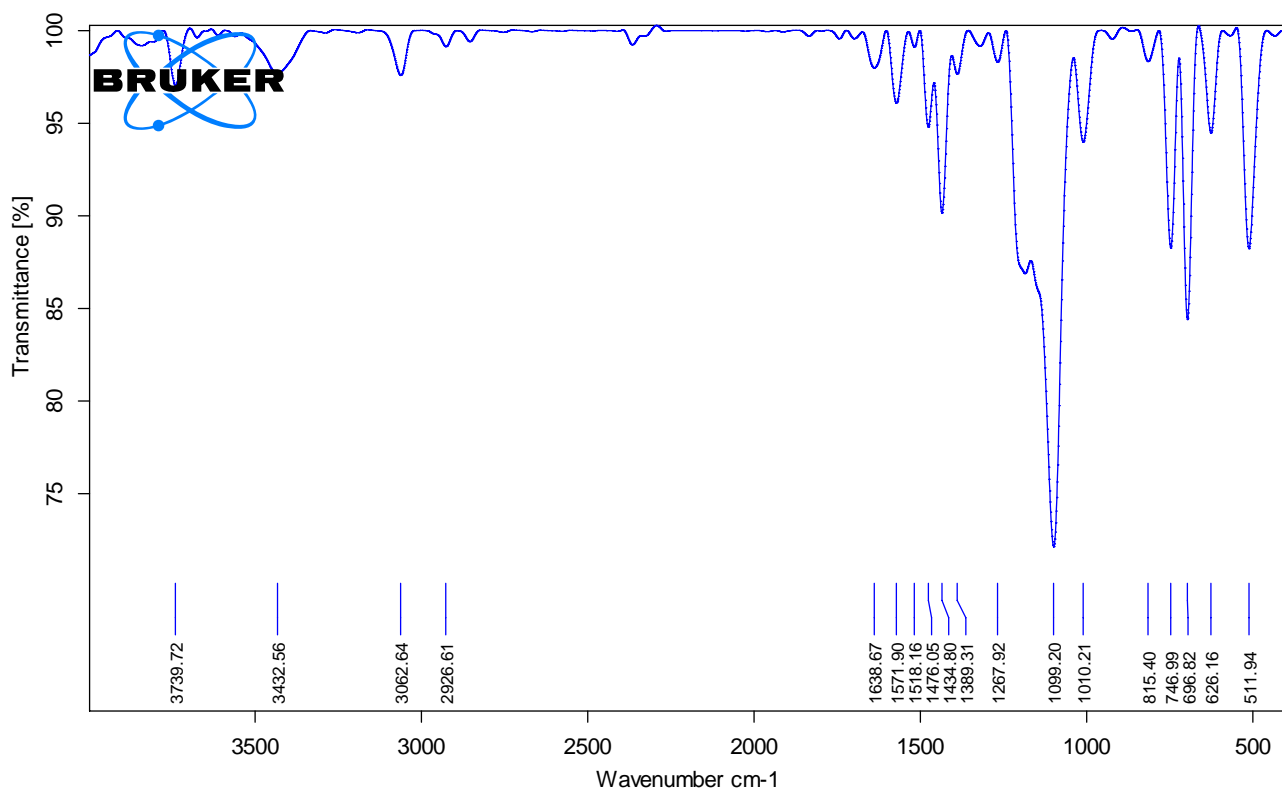


**Fig. S24** IR spectrum of complex 1.

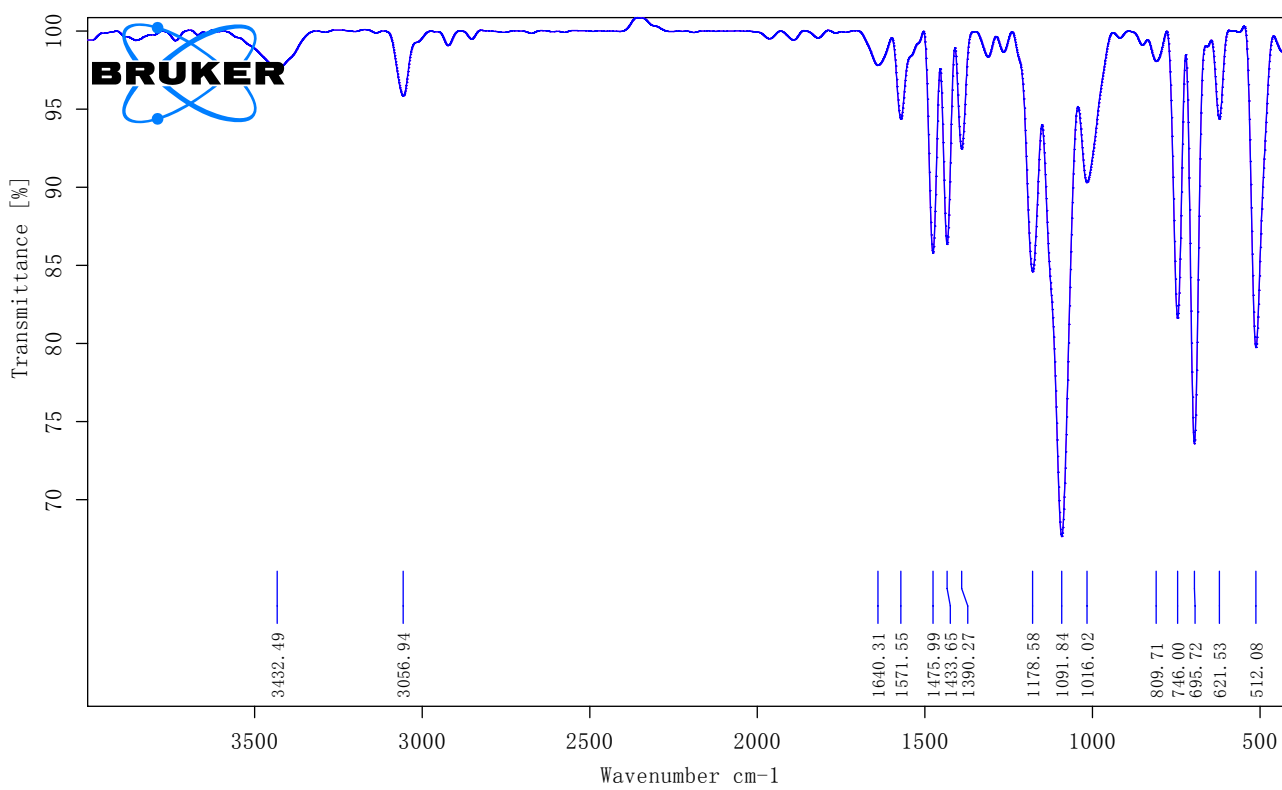


**Fig. S25** IR spectrum of complex 2.

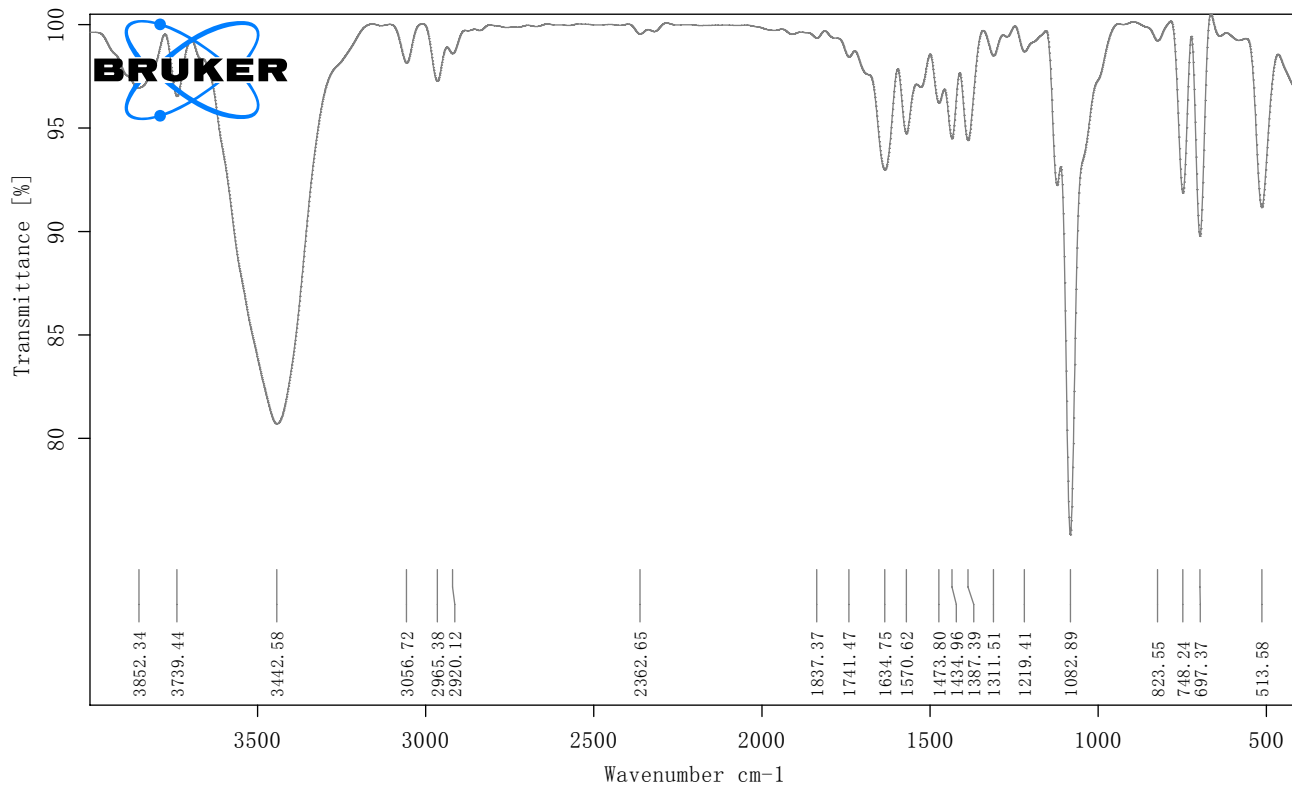




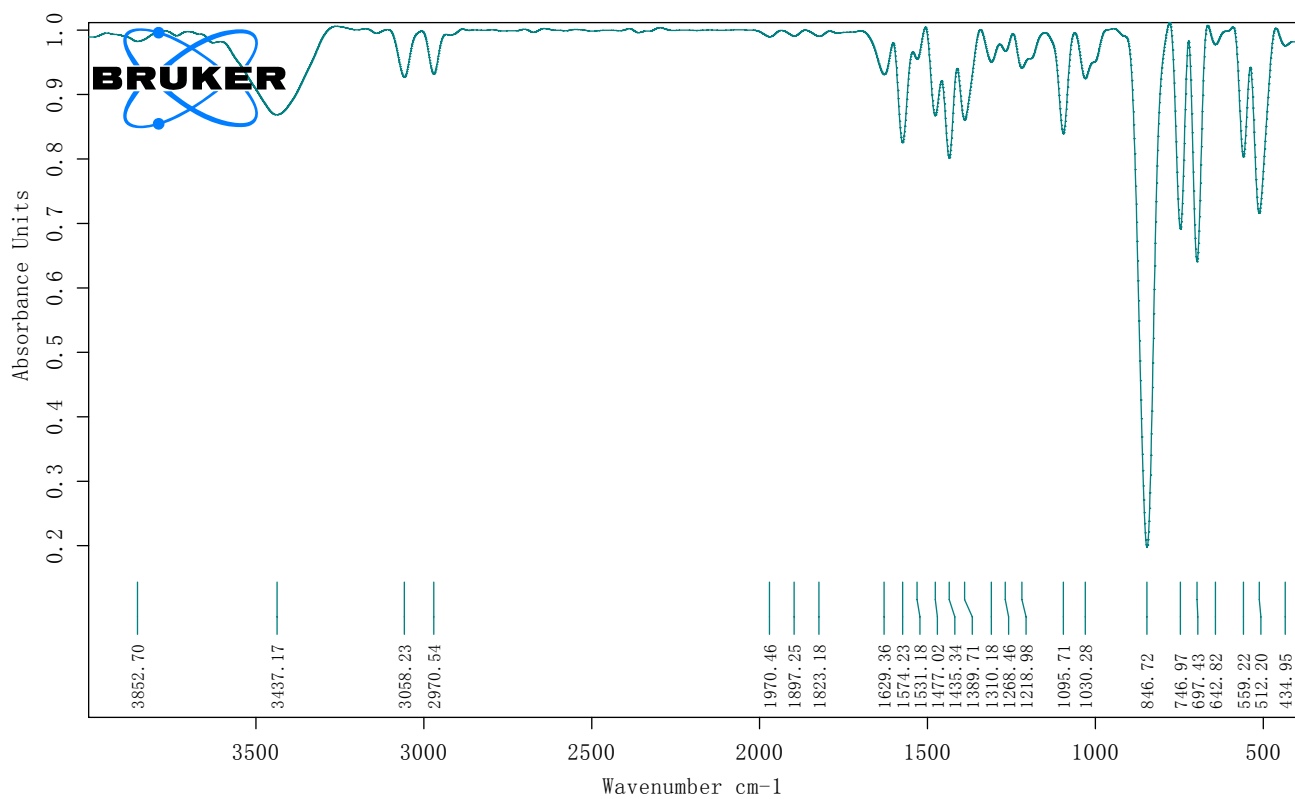
**Fig. S26** IR spectrum of complex 3.



**Fig. S27** IR spectrum of complex 4.



**Fig. S28** IR spectrum of complex 1a.



**Fig. S29** IR spectrum of complex 1b.

**Table S1** Partial molecular orbital compositions (%) by SCPA approach (C-squared population analysis proposed by Ros and Schuit) for **1–4** based on the S<sub>0</sub>-optimized structures in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> media calculated by TD-DFT method at the PBE1PBE level

	Orbital	Energy (eV)	HOMO-LUMO Gap (eV)	MO Contribution (%)			
				Cu	P	Ph	bpmtzH or fpmtzH
<b>1</b>	HOMO	-6.50	4.44	35.12	19.68	41.27	3.93
	LUMO	-2.06		0.76	0.00	1.51	97.73
<b>2</b>	HOMO	-6.75	3.90	31.97	18.21	45.89	3.93
	LUMO	-2.85		1.51	0.62	1.66	96.21
<b>3</b>	HOMO	-6.56	3.89	32.35	18.69	46.16	2.80
	LUMO	-2.67		0.96	0.23	0.87	97.94
<b>4</b>	HOMO	-6.30	4.27	36.80	20.22	36.67	6.31
	LUMO	-2.03		1.40	0.39	3.17	95.04

**Table S2** Partial molecular orbital compositions (%) by SCPA approach (C-squared population analysis proposed by Ros and Schuit) for **1–4** based on the T<sub>1</sub>-optimized structures in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> media calculated by TD-DFT method at the PBE1PBE level

	Orbital	Energy (eV)	HOMO-LUMO Gap (eV)	MO Contribution (%)			
				Cu	P	Ph	bpmtzH or fpmtzH
<b>1</b>	HOMO	-5.85	3.25	37.67	20.09	31.11	11.13
	LUMO	-2.60		2.20	0.32	1.64	95.84
<b>2</b>	HOMO	-5.98	2.62	35.64	22.45	29.6	12.31
	LUMO	-3.36		0.04	1.97	5.8	92.19
<b>3</b>	HOMO	-5.82	2.67	34.37	24.13	30.25	11.25
	LUMO	-3.15		2.39	1.33	1.39	94.89
<b>4</b>	HOMO	-5.54	3.01	41.01	21.37	22.51	15.11
	LUMO	-2.53		0.11	1.76	5.37	92.76