

Electronic Supplementary Information for

## **Zwitterionic indenylammonium with carbon-centred reactivity toward reversible CO<sub>2</sub> binding and catalytic reduction**

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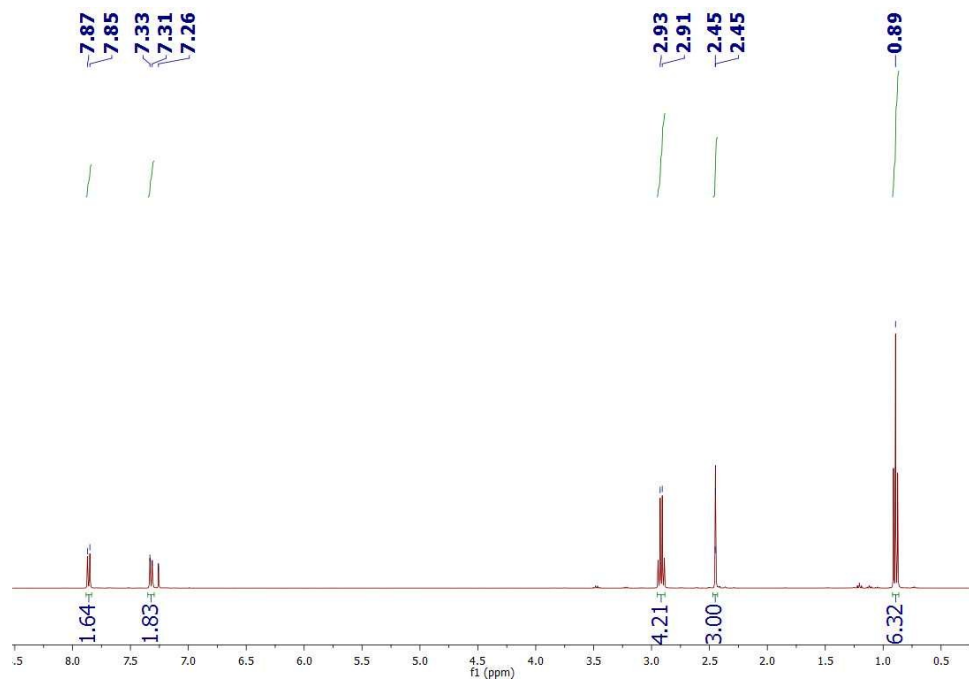


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

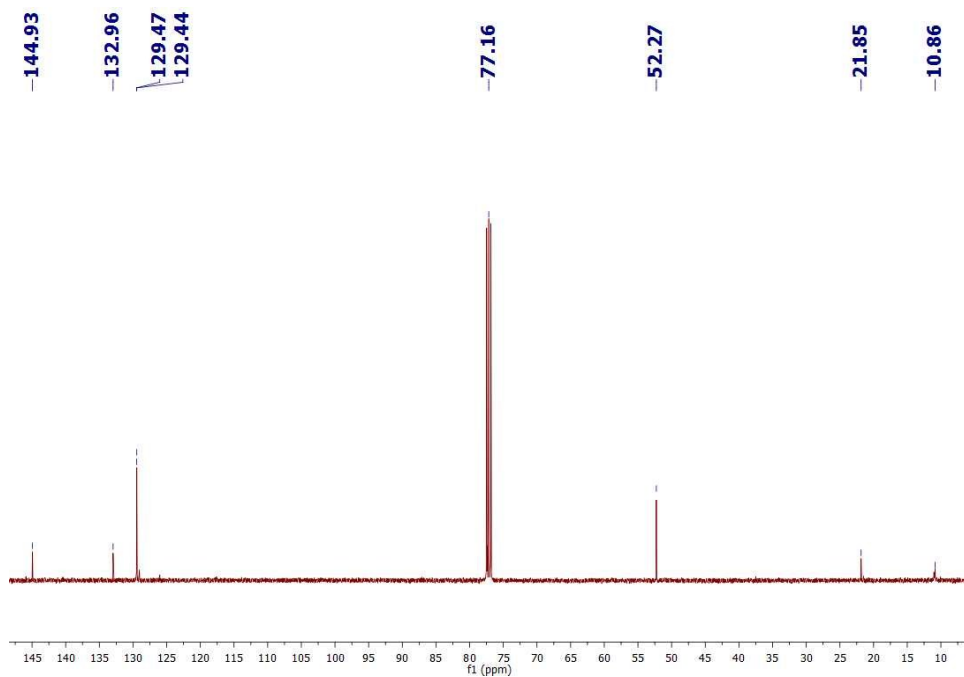


Figure S2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

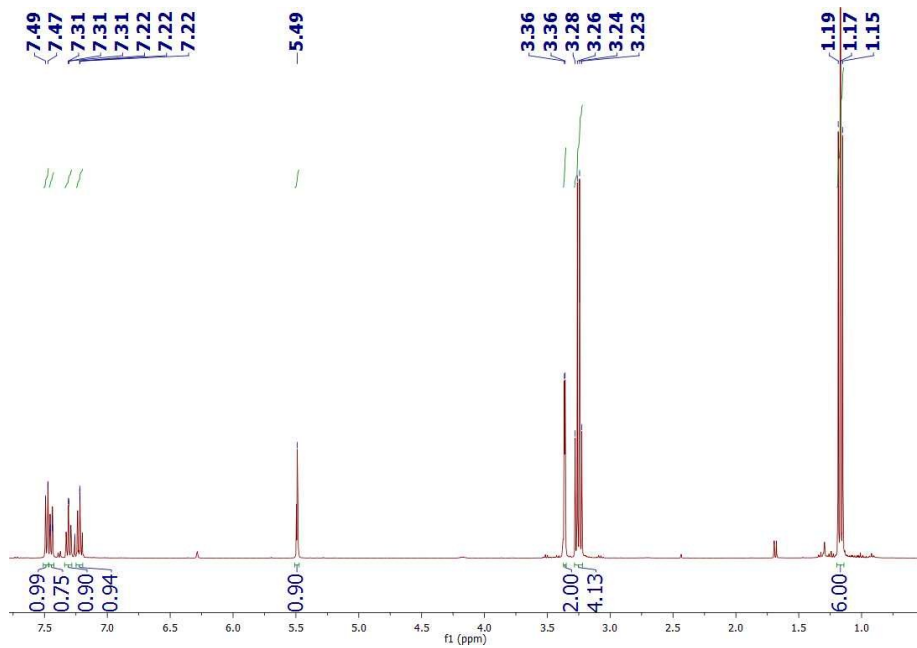


Figure S3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

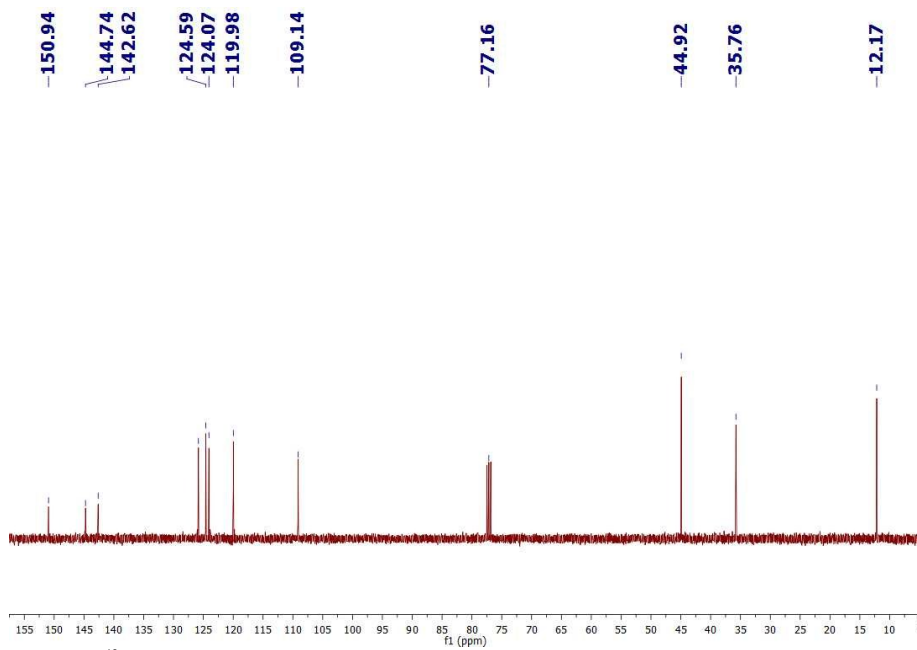
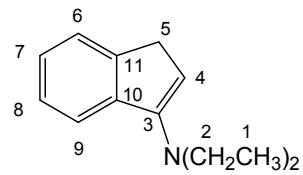


Figure S4.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



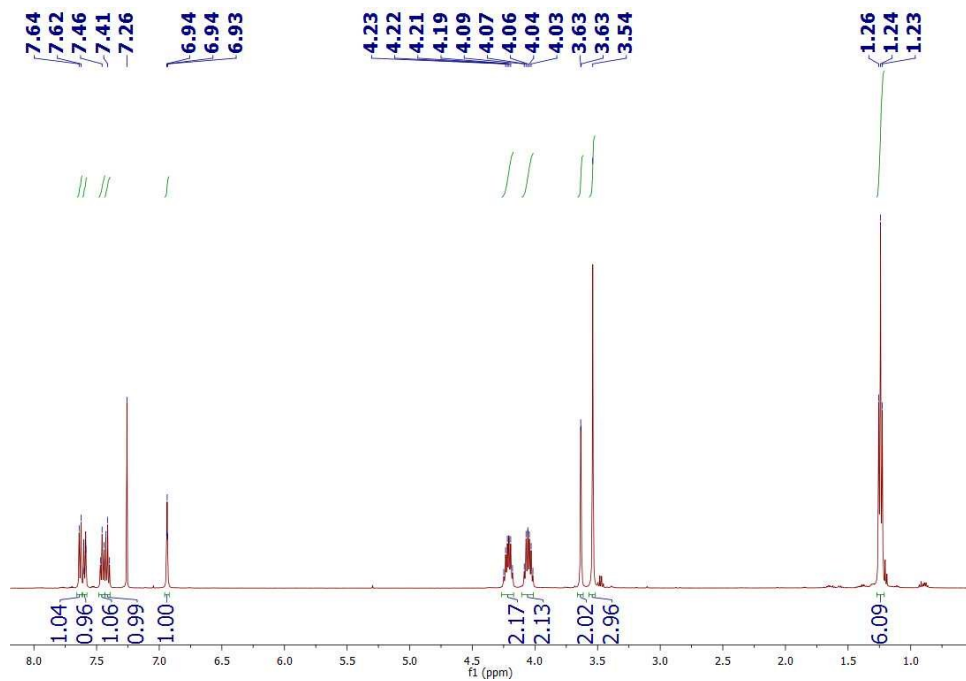


Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

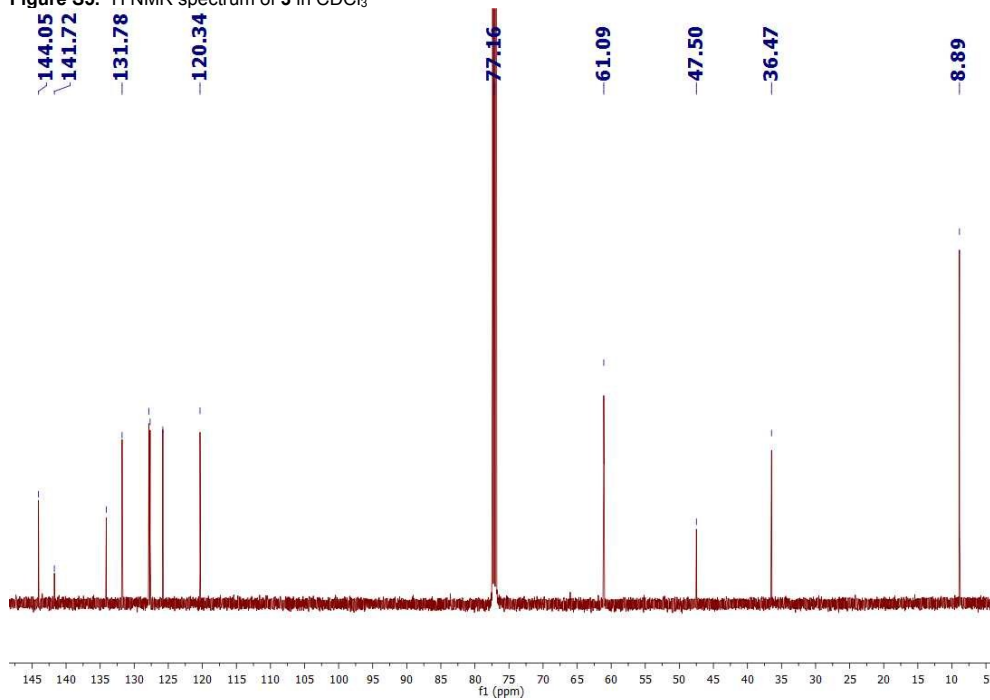


Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

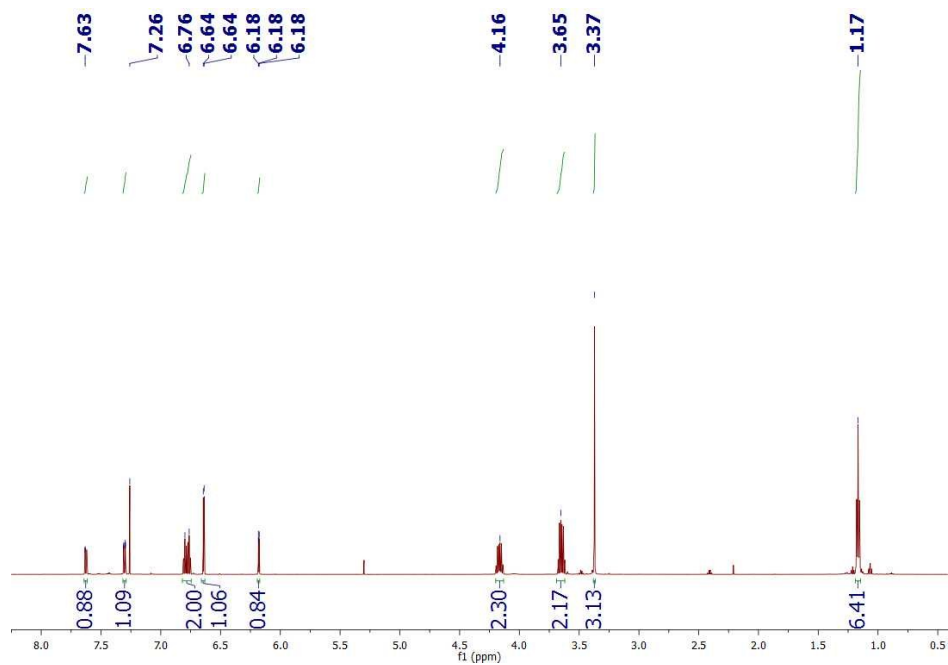
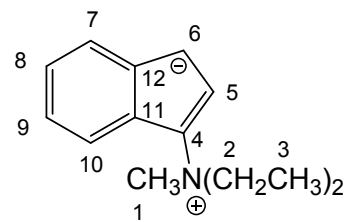


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

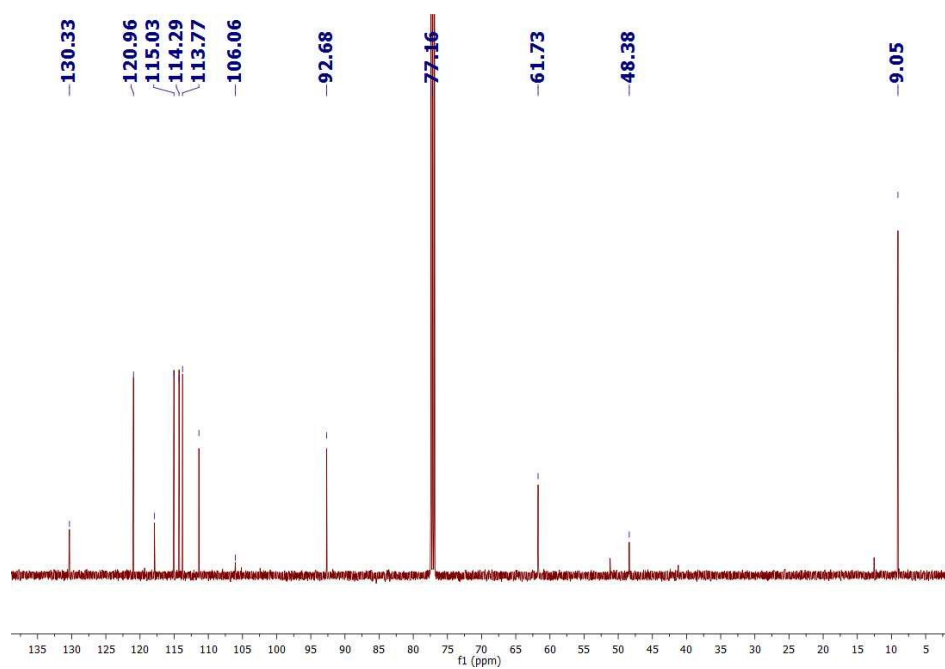


Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **4** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

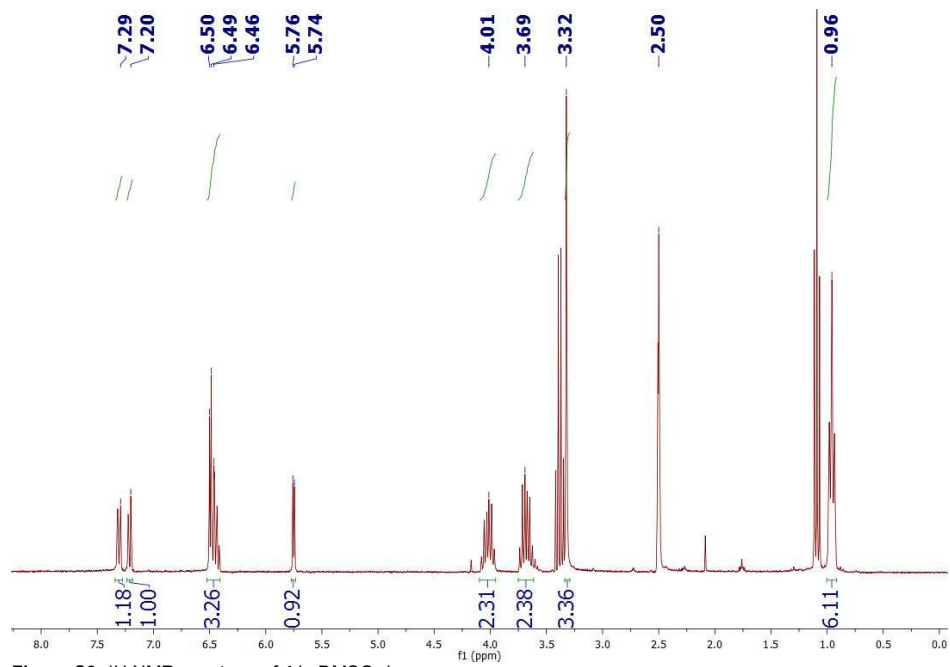
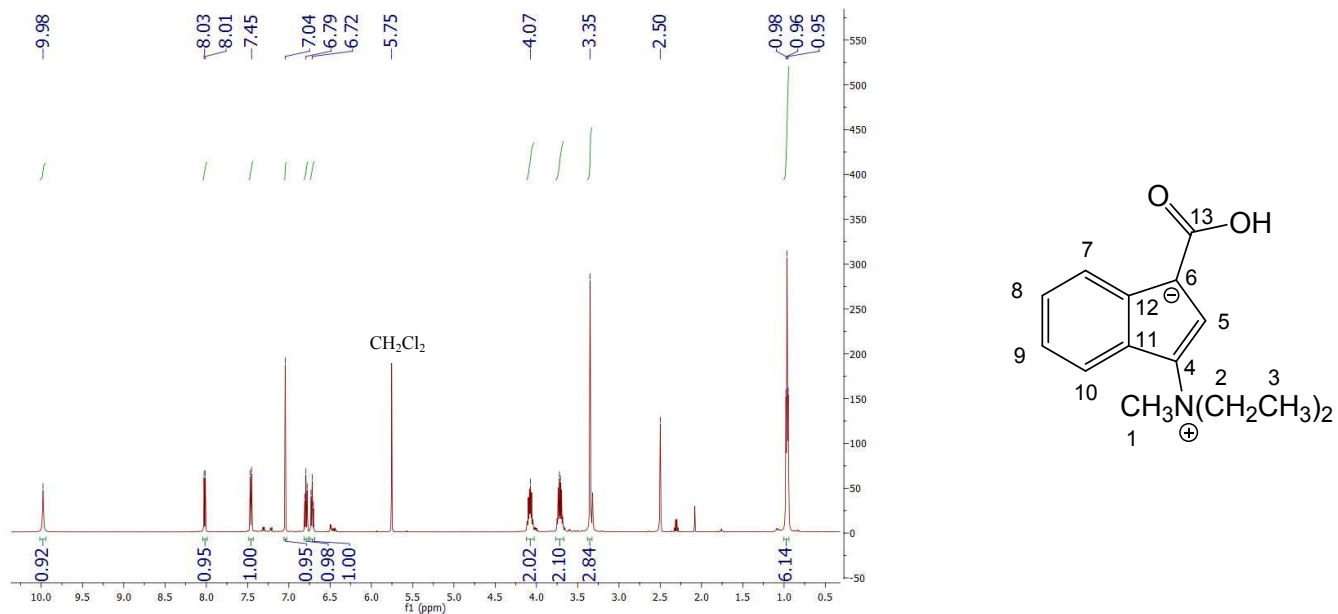
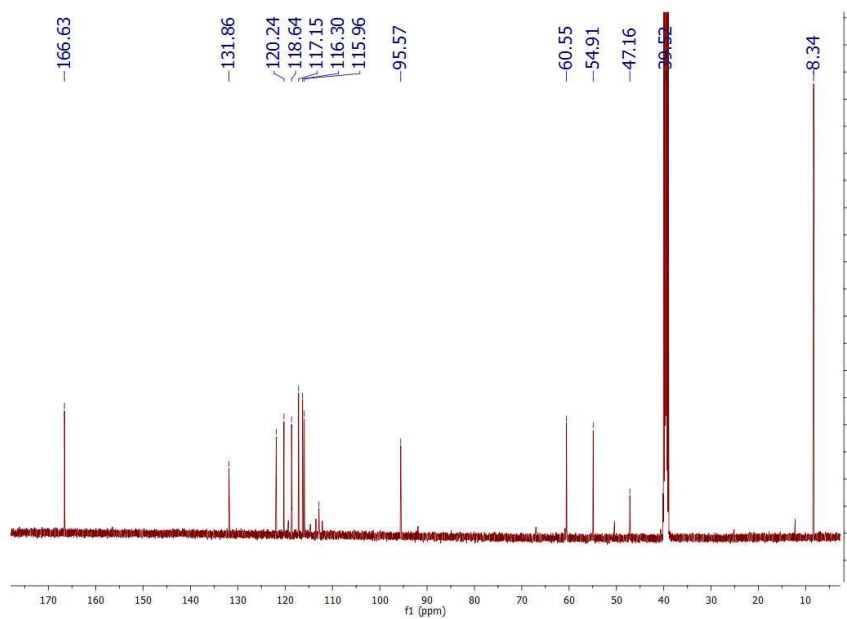


Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4 in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>



**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **5** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ . The peak at 9.98 ppm in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum corresponds to a carboxylic acid.



**Figure S11.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **5** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ . The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum confirms the formation of a carboxylic acid species with a new peak a 166.63 ppm.



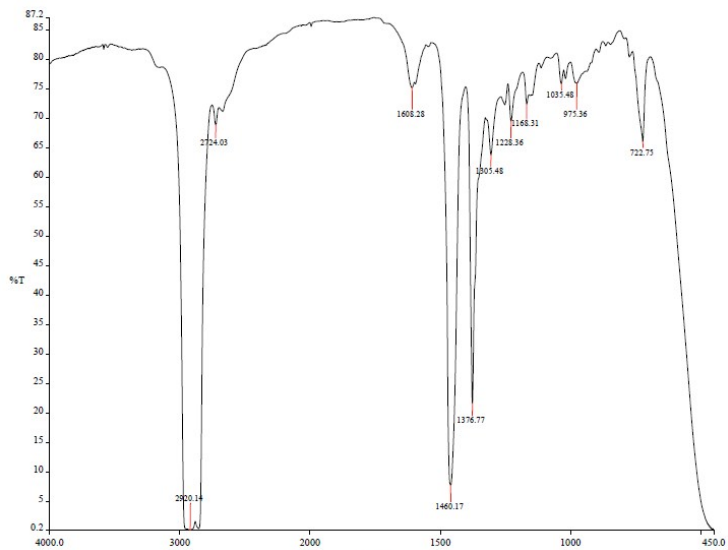


Figure S12. IR spectrum of **5** in nujol.

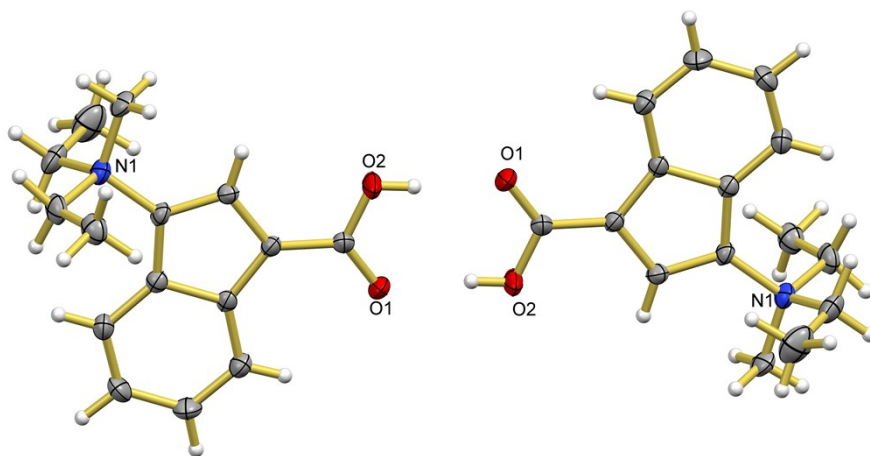


Figure S13. The hydrogen bonded pair in the crystal lattice of **5**. The intermolecular O1–O2 distance is  $\sim 2.6$  Å.

Table S1. Selected crystallographic data of **5**:

	<b>5</b>
Formula	$C_{15}H_{19}NO_2 \cdot 0.5CH_2Cl_2$
FW	287.77
<i>T</i> (K)	150(2)
space group	$P2_1/n$
<i>a</i> (Å)	7.8393(9)
<i>b</i> (Å)	10.837(1)
<i>c</i> (Å)	17.382(2)
$\alpha$ (deg)	90
$\beta$ (deg)	94.666(5)
$\gamma$ (deg)	90
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1471.7(3)
<i>Z</i>	4
<i>D<sub>c</sub></i> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.299
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.259
no. of refln collected	12831
no. of indept refin	3347
GOF on $F^2$	1.012
$R$ [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1 = 0.0664$
	$wR_2 = 0.1285$
$R$ (all data)	$R_1 = 0.1588$
	$wR_2 = 0.1635$

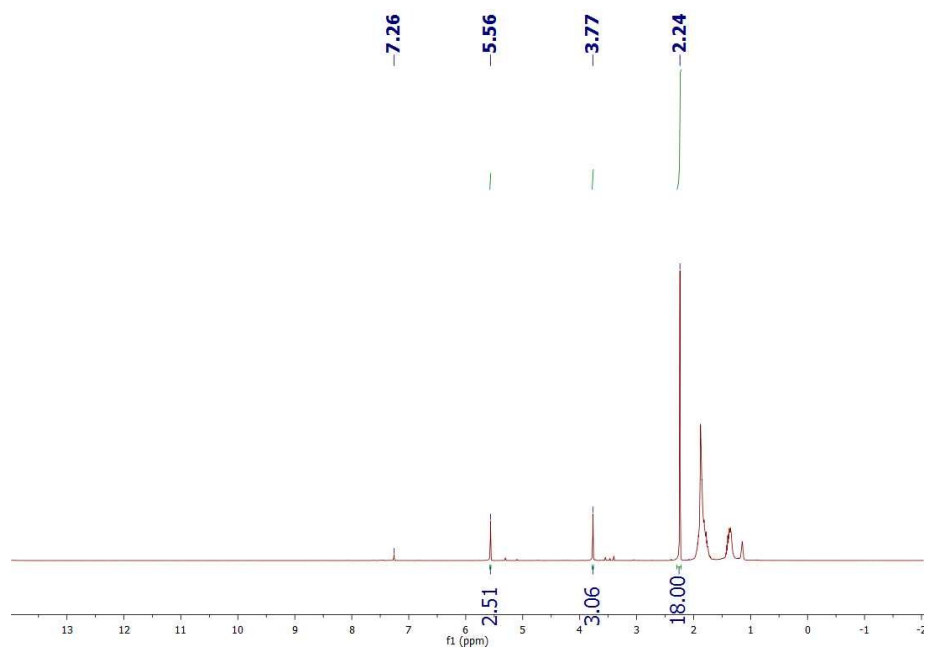
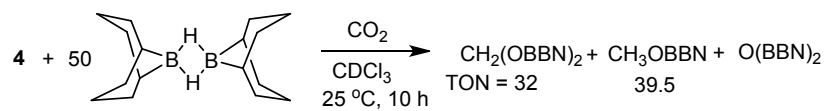


Figure S14.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above.

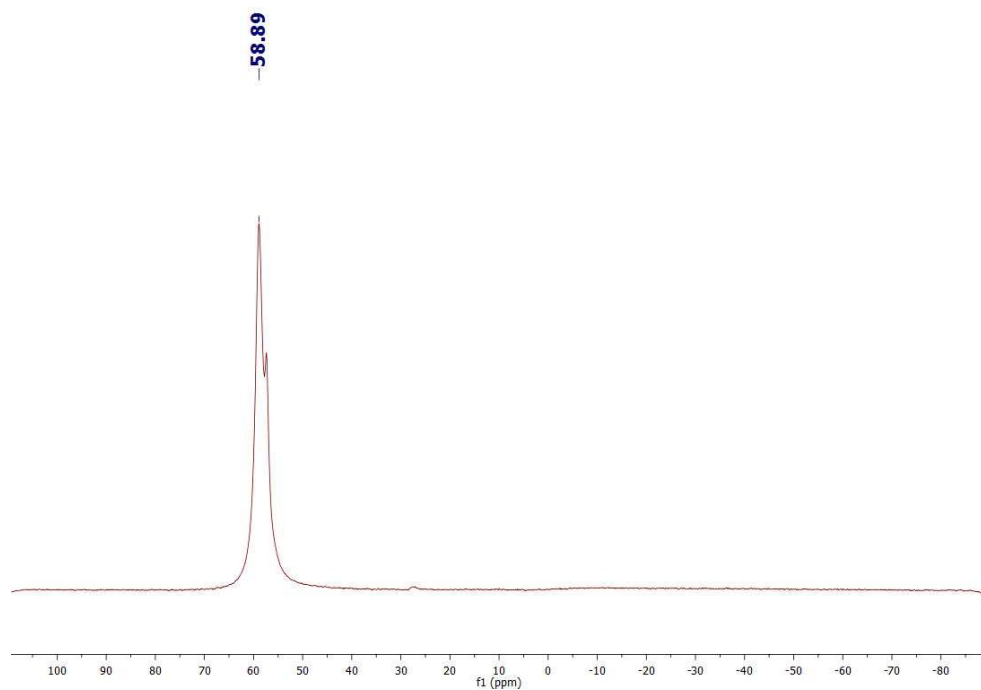


Figure S15.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above.

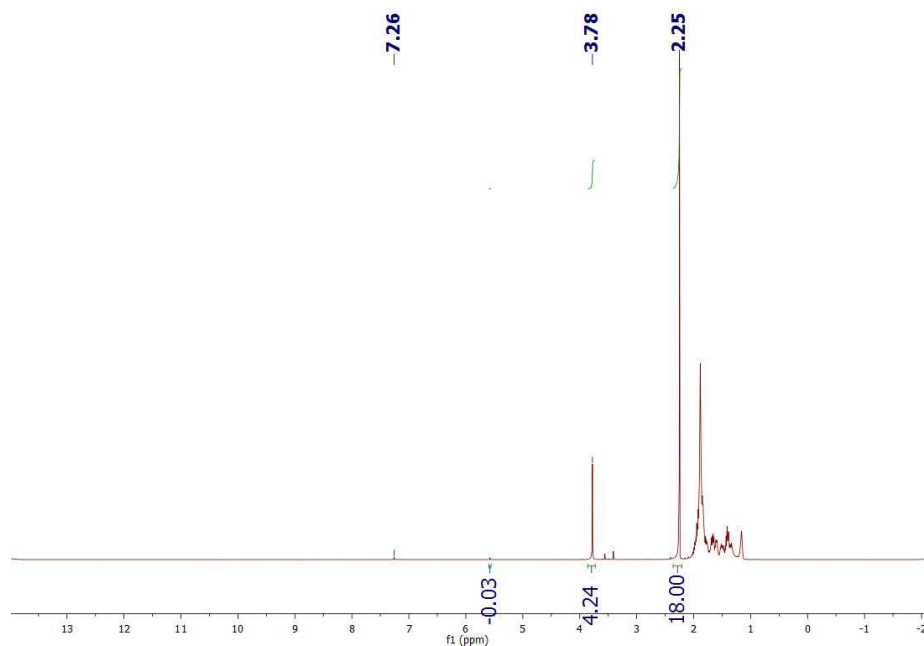
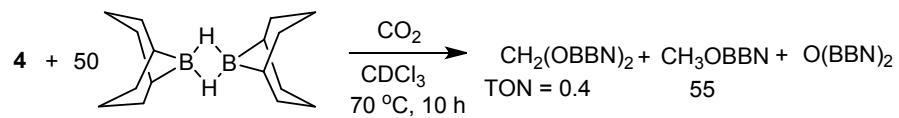


Figure S16.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above

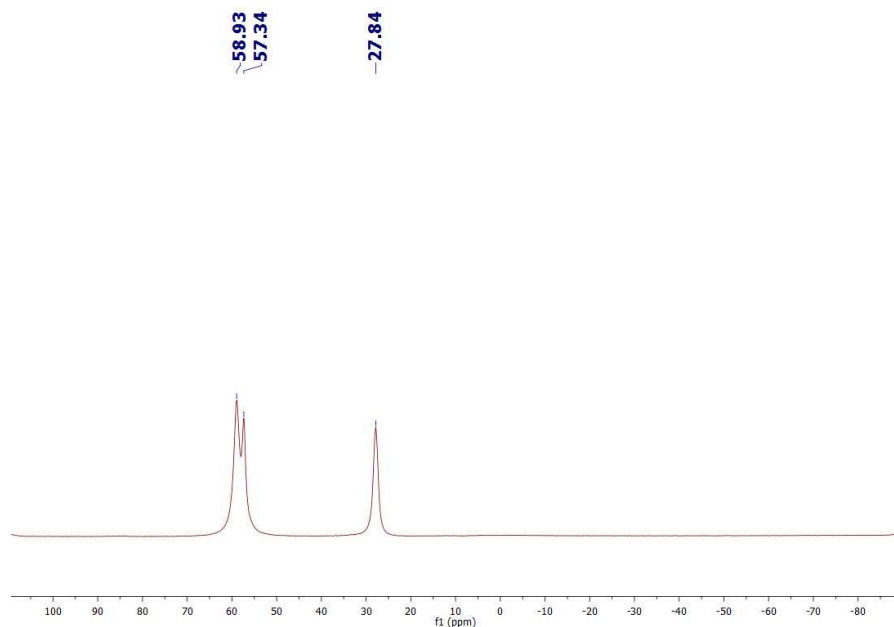


Figure S17.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above

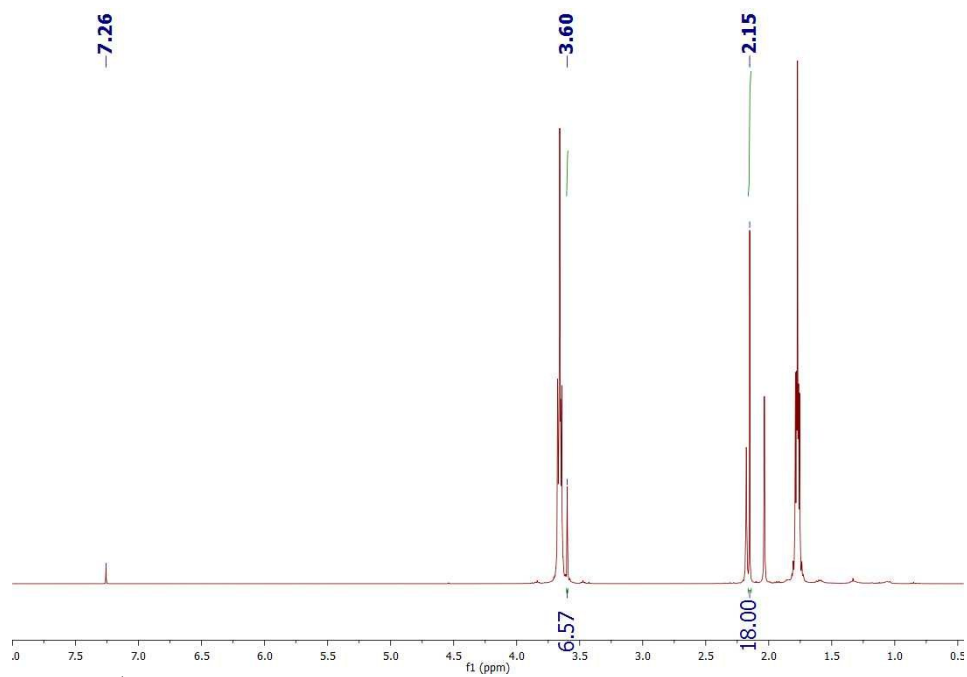
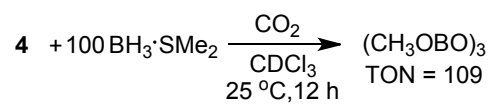


Figure S18.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above

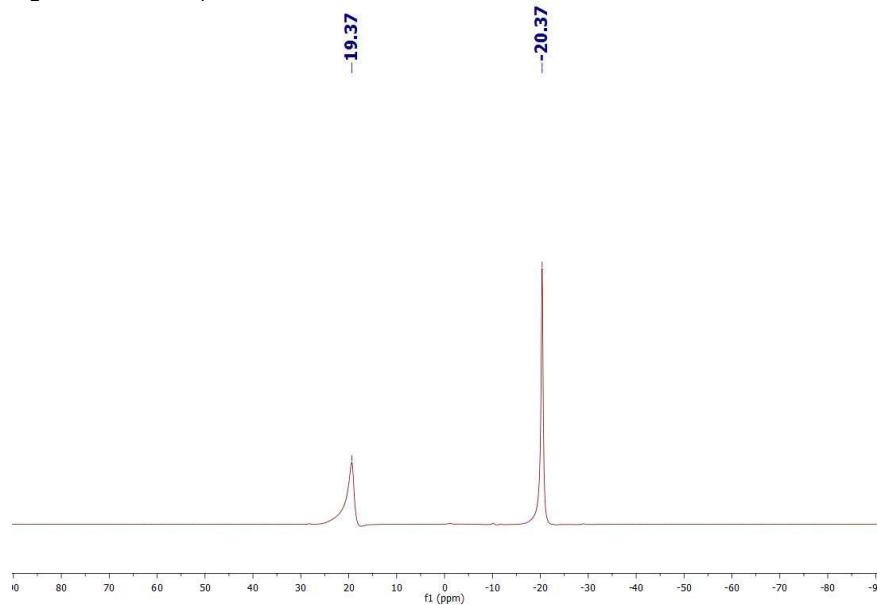


Figure S19.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above

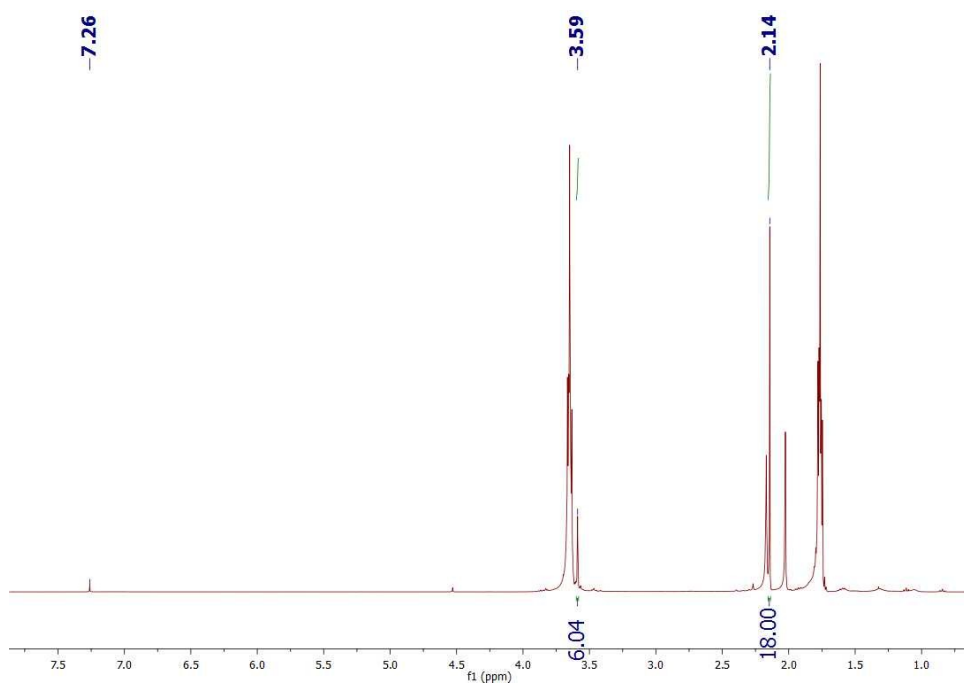
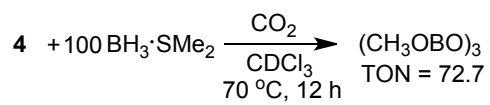


Figure S20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above

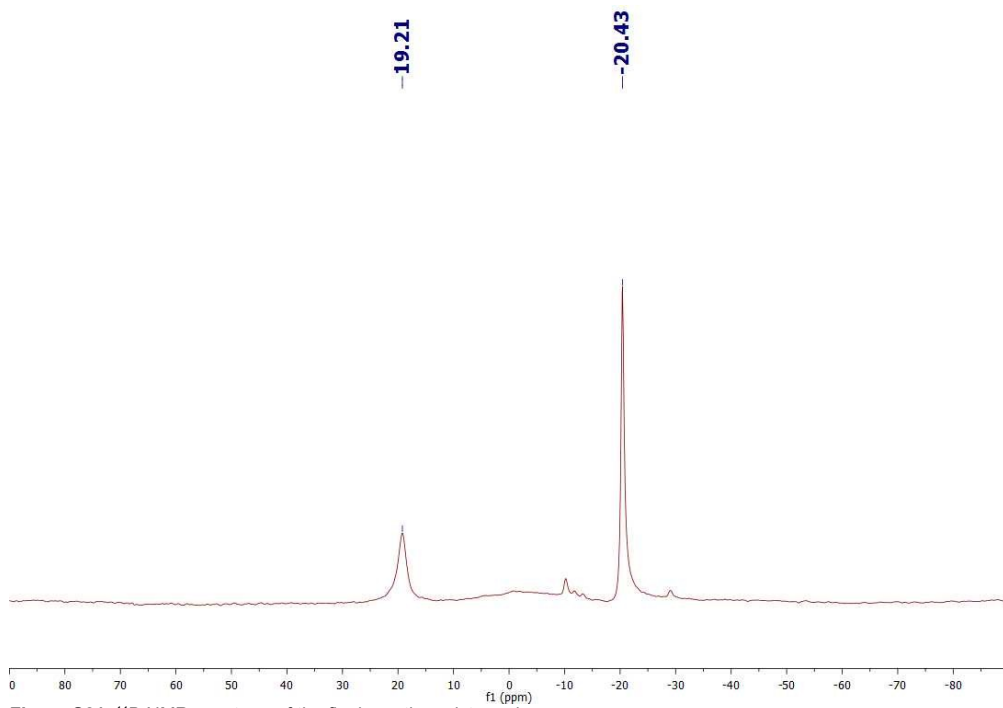
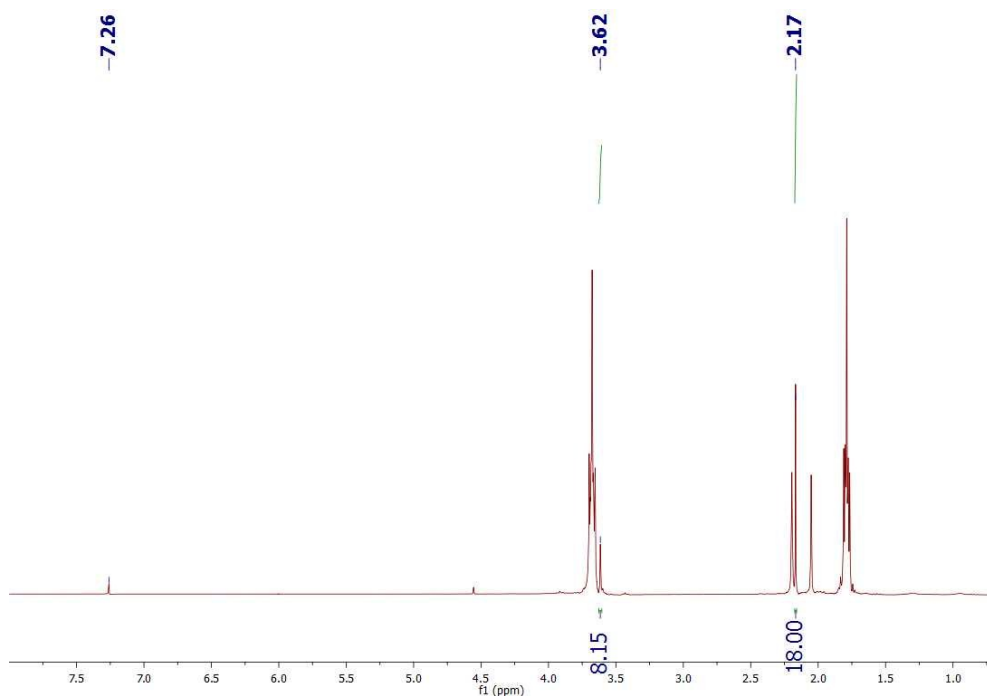
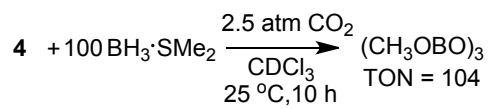
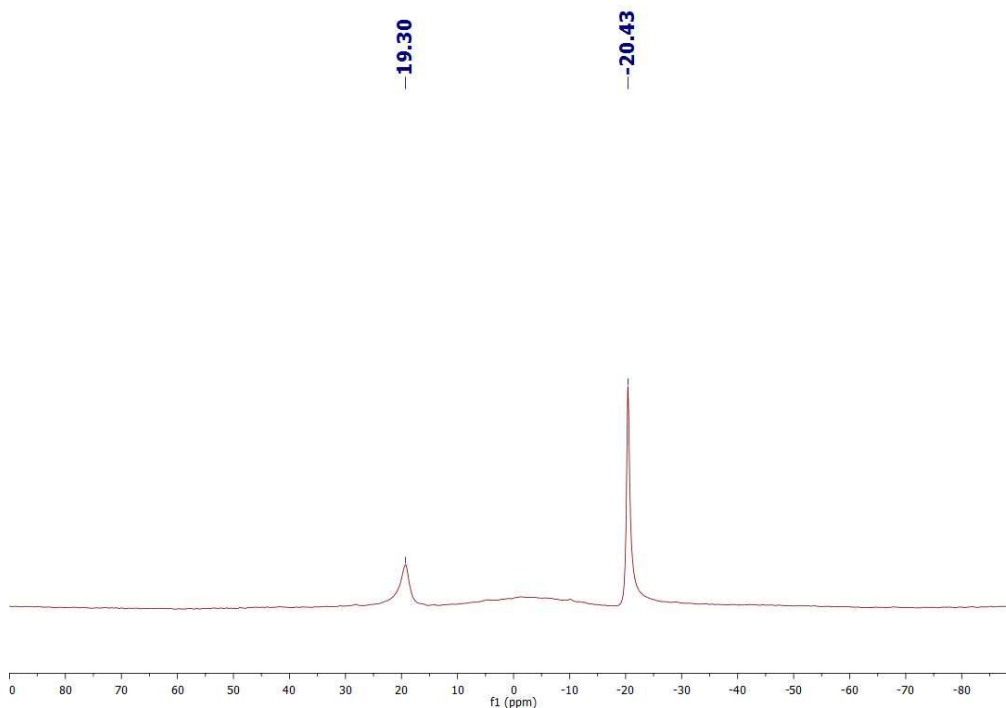


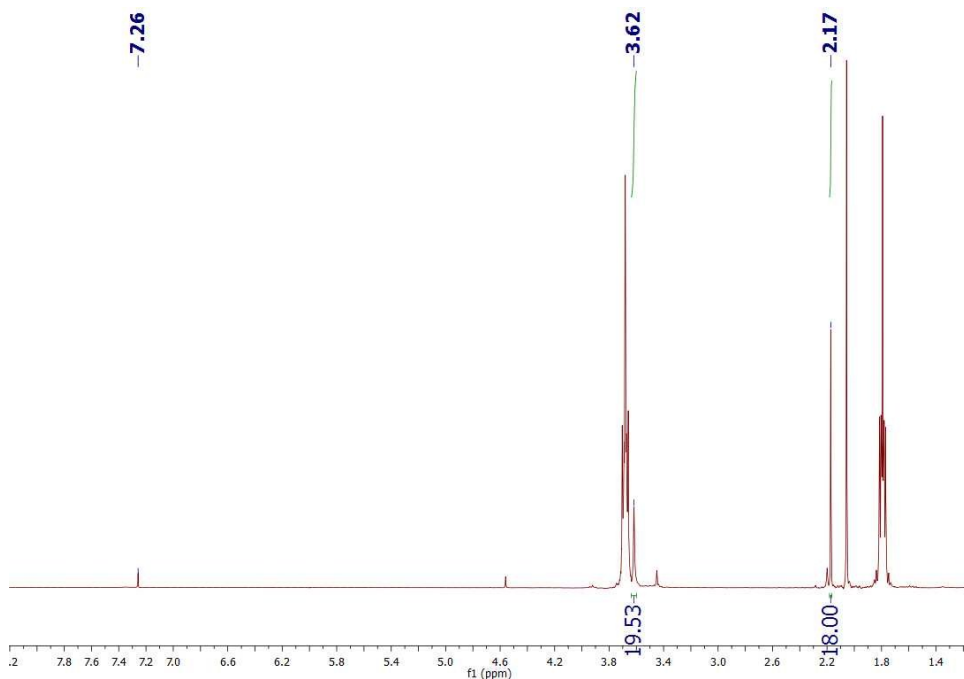
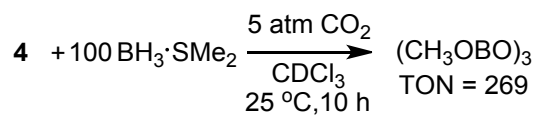
Figure S21. <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above



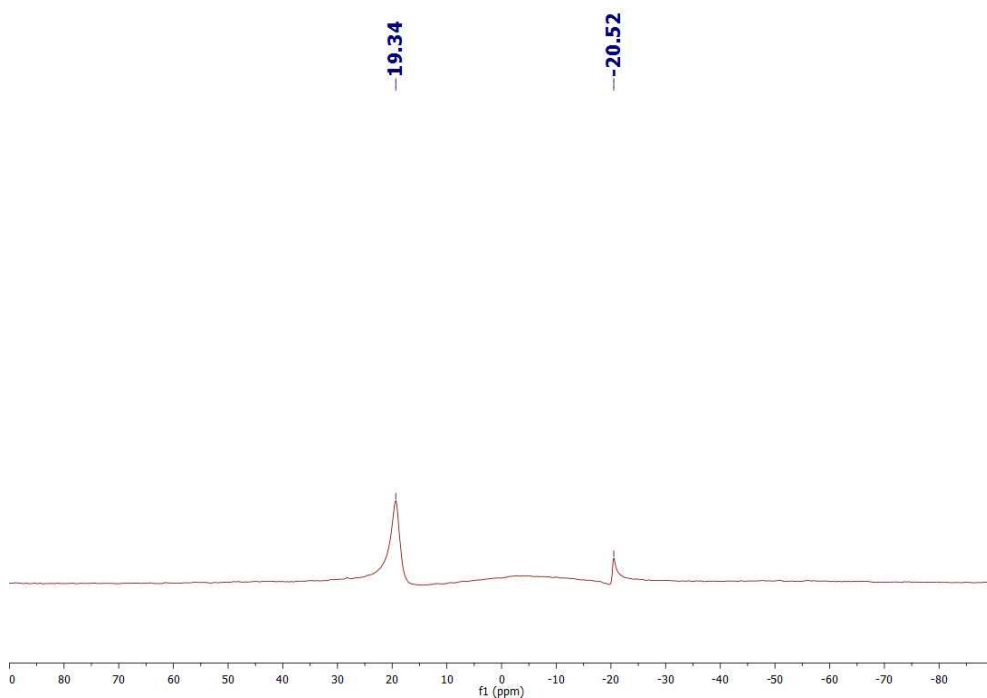
**Figure S22.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above



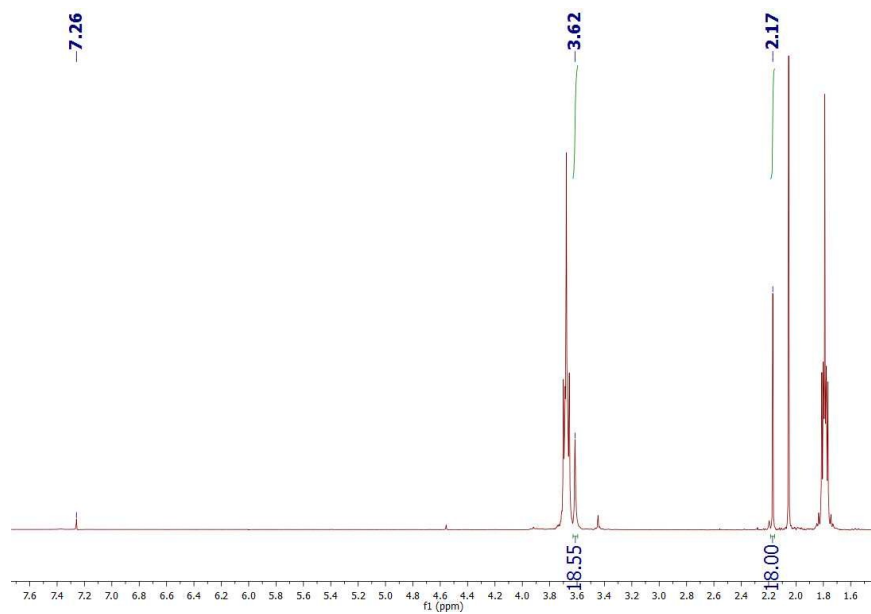
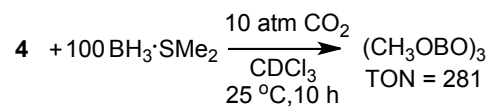
**Figure S23.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above



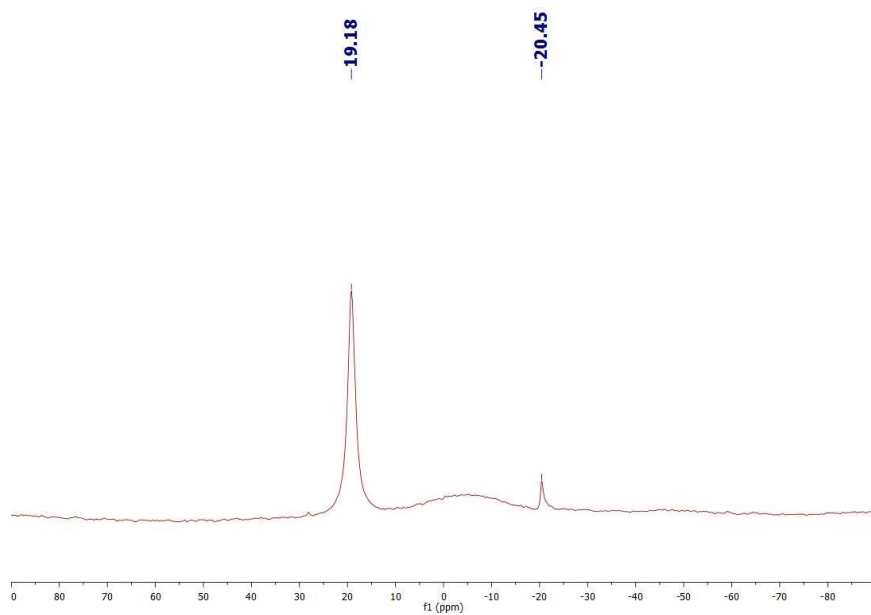
**Figure S24.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above



**Figure S25.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above



**Figure S26.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above



**Figure S27.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of the final reaction mixture above