

## Supporting Information

# Selective Synthesis of Iridium(III) End-Capped Polyynes by Oxidative Addition of 1-Iodopolyynes to Vaska's Complex

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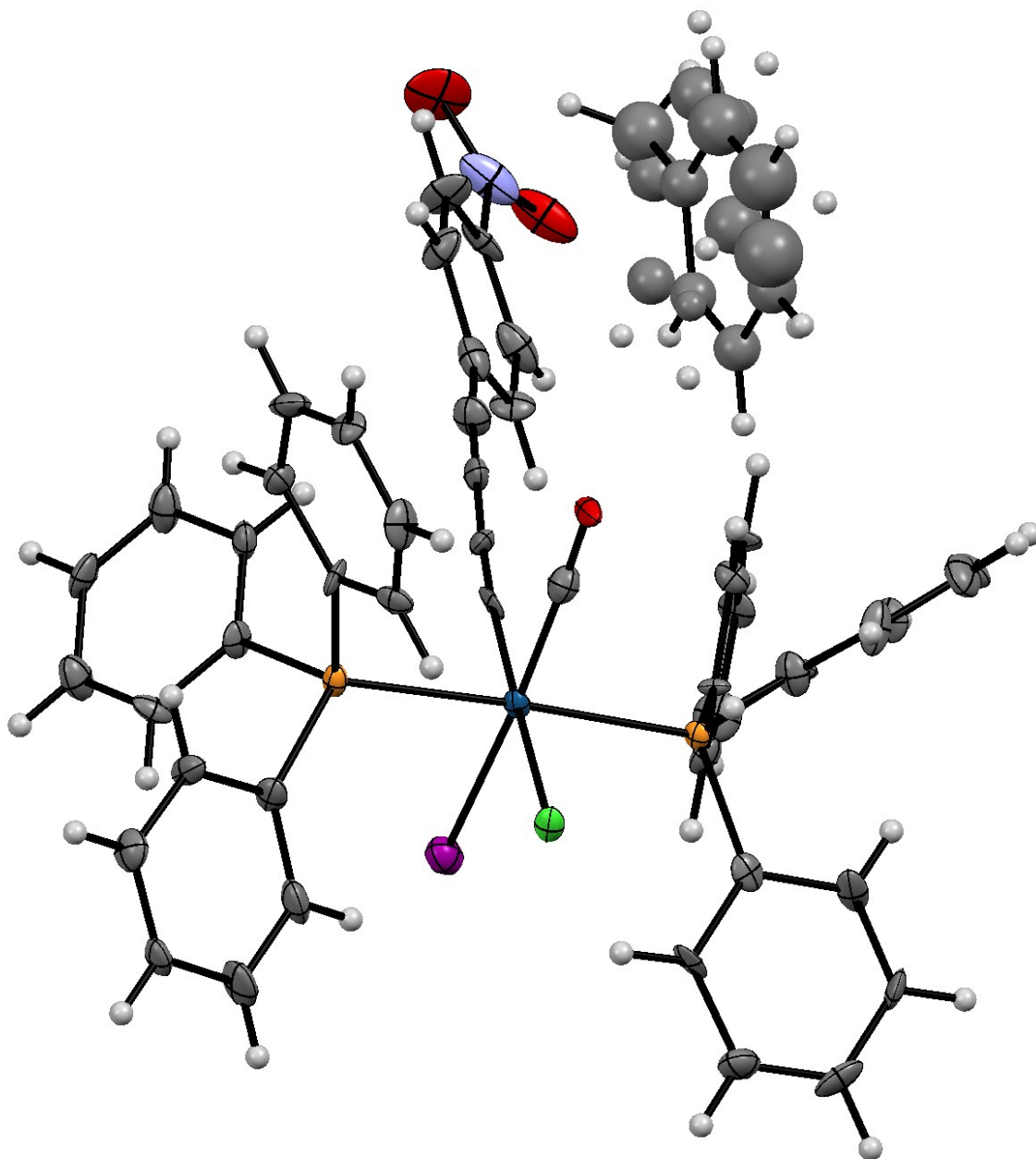
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## X-ray Crystallography Details

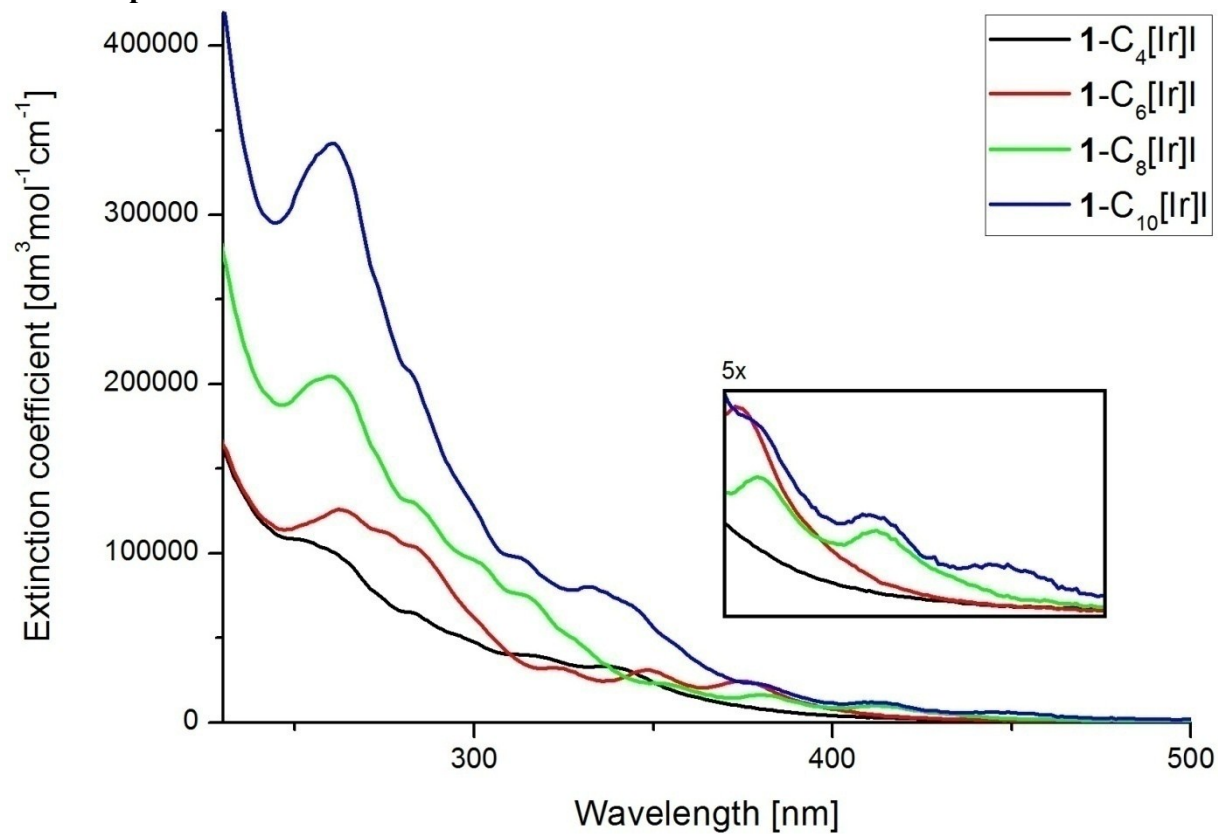
**Table S1.** Details of X-ray single crystal diffraction experiment for **2**-C<sub>4</sub>[Ir]I·C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>

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| <b>2</b> -C <sub>4</sub> [Ir]I                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Chemical formula                                                                                               | C <sub>47</sub> H <sub>34</sub> ClIrNO <sub>3</sub> P <sub>2</sub> ·C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>M</i> <sub>r</sub>                                                                                          | 1169.37                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Crystal system, space group                                                                                    | Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Temperature (K)                                                                                                | 100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)                                                                             | 10.424 (3), 14.820 (5), 30.152 (9)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| β (°)                                                                                                          | 94.81 (3)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                                                                                     | 4642 (2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>Z</i>                                                                                                       | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Radiation type                                                                                                 | Mo <i>K</i> α                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                                                                                          | 3.71                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Crystal size (mm)                                                                                              | 0.17 × 0.06 × 0.04                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Data collection                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Diffractometer                                                                                                 | KUMA KM-4 CCD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Absorption correction                                                                                          | Analytical <i>CrysAlis PRO</i> , Oxford Diffraction Ltd., Version 1.171.33.66 (release 28-04-2010 <i>CrysAlis171 .NET</i> ) (compiled Apr 28 2010, 14:27:37) Analytical numeric absorption correction using a multifaceted crystal model based on expressions derived by R.C. Clark & J.S. Reid. (Clark, R. C. & Reid, J. S. (1995). <i>Acta Cryst.</i> A51, 887-897) |
| <i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> , <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub>                                                              | 0.679, 0.885                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| No. of measured, independent and observed reflections                                                          | 37593, 12946, 5253 { <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )}                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>                                                                                        | 0.163                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| (sin θ/λ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )                                                                    | 0.845                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Refinement                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2σ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )], <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ), <i>S</i> | 0.061, 0.124, 0.76                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| No. of reflections                                                                                             | 12946                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| No. of parameters                                                                                              | 540                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| No. of restraints                                                                                              | 76                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| H-atom treatment                                                                                               | H-atom parameters constrained                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Δρ <sub>max</sub> , Δρ <sub>min</sub> (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )                                                     | 1.62, -1.83                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

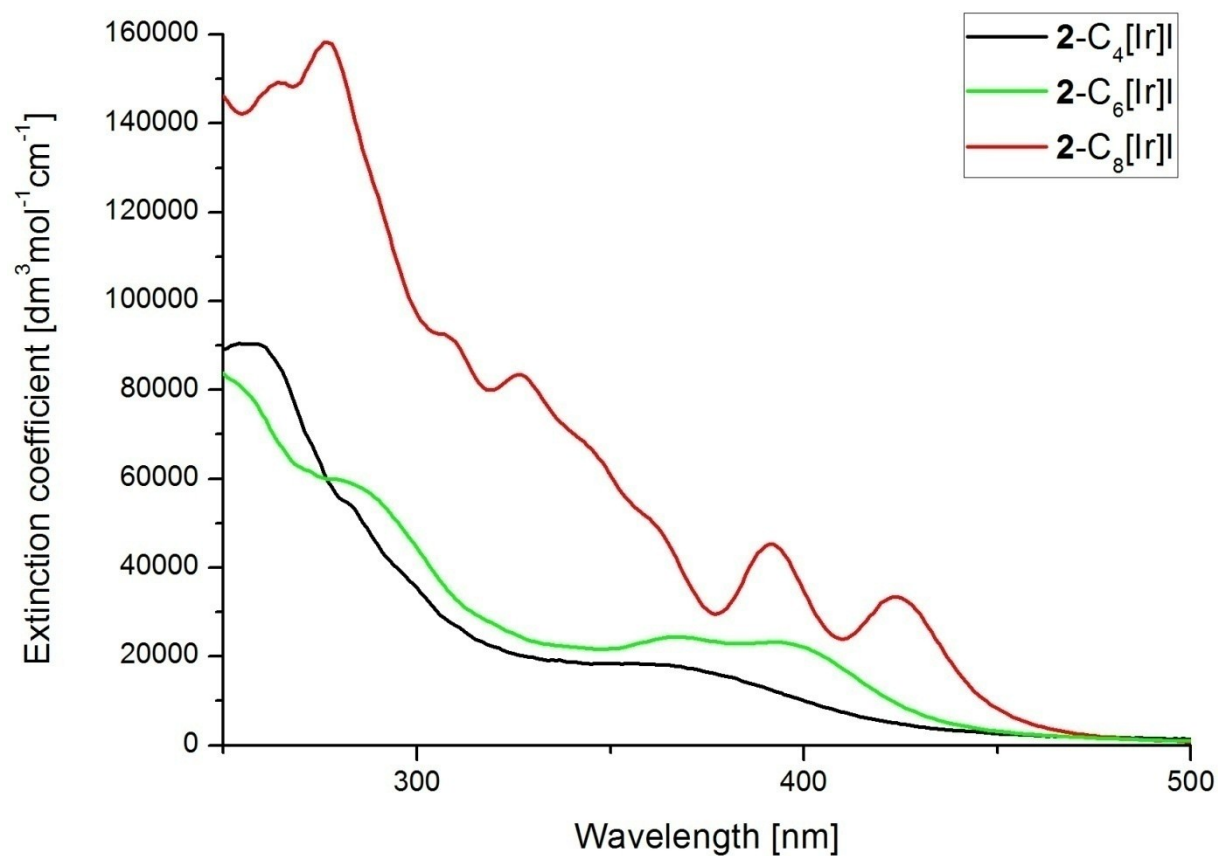


**Figure S1.** Molecular structure of 2-C<sub>4</sub>[Ir]I·C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>. Thermal ellipsoids are given with 50% probability.

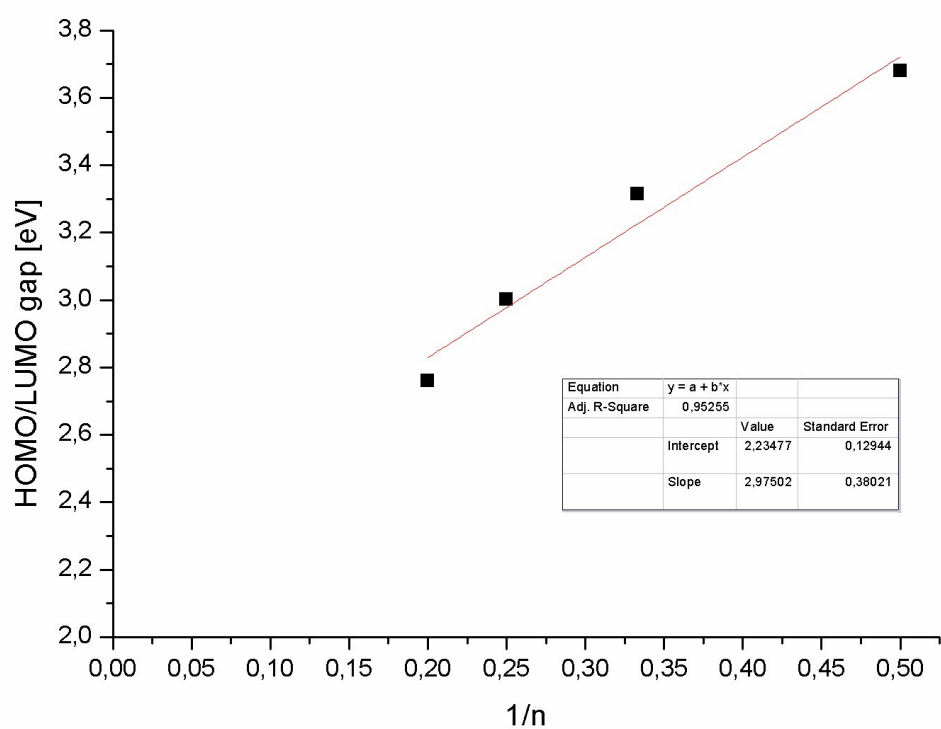
### UV/Vis Spectra



**Figure S2.** UV-Vis spectra of 1-C<sub>4-10</sub>[Ir]I polyynes.



**Figure S3.** UV-Vis spectra of 2-C<sub>4-8</sub>[Ir]I polyynes.



**Figure S4.** Plot of HOMO/LUMO gap calculated from UV/Vis spectra versus  $n$  ( $n$  = number of triple bonds) for **1**-C<sub>*n*</sub>[Ir]I series of complexes.

## DFT Calculations Details

**Table S2.** HOMO and HOMO-1 orbitals.

|                         | HOMO-1 | HOMO |
|-------------------------|--------|------|
| 1-C <sub>4</sub> [Ir]I  |        |      |
| 1-C <sub>6</sub> [Ir]I  |        |      |
| 1-C <sub>8</sub> [Ir]I  |        |      |
| 1-C <sub>10</sub> [Ir]I |        |      |
| 2-C <sub>4</sub> [Ir]I  |        |      |
| 2-C <sub>6</sub> [Ir]I  |        |      |
| 2-C <sub>8</sub> [Ir]I  |        |      |

**Table S3.** LUMO and LUMO+1 orbitals.

|                              | LUMO | LUMO+1 |
|------------------------------|------|--------|
| <b>1-C<sub>4</sub>[Ir]I</b>  |      |        |
| <b>1-C<sub>6</sub>[Ir]I</b>  |      |        |
| <b>1-C<sub>8</sub>[Ir]I</b>  |      |        |
| <b>1-C<sub>10</sub>[Ir]I</b> |      |        |
| <b>2-C<sub>4</sub>[Ir]I</b>  |      |        |
| <b>2-C<sub>6</sub>[Ir]I</b>  |      |        |
| <b>2-C<sub>8</sub>[Ir]I</b>  |      |        |



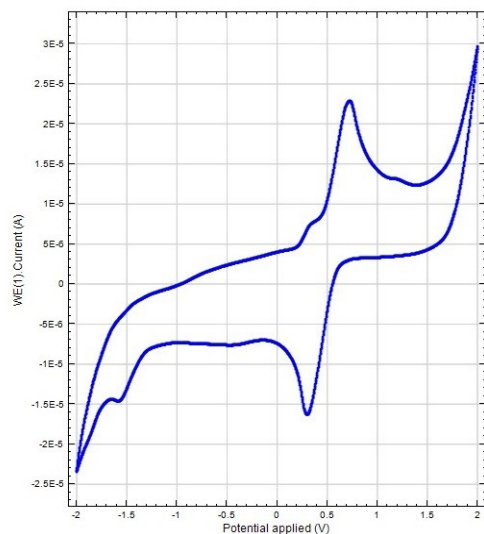
**Table S4.** Energies of frontier molecular orbitals.

|                                 | HOMO-1 [eV] | HOMO [eV] | LUMO [eV] | LUMO+1 [eV] | HOMO/LUMO gap [eV] |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>1</b> -C <sub>4</sub> [Ir]I  | -5.33       | -5.28     | -2.87     | -2.82       | 2.41               |
| <b>1</b> -C <sub>6</sub> [Ir]I  | -5.32       | -5.26     | -3.10     | -2.85       | 2.16               |
| <b>1</b> -C <sub>8</sub> [Ir]I  | -5.27       | -5.24     | -3.28     | -2.92       | 1.96               |
| <b>1</b> -C <sub>10</sub> [Ir]I | -5.23       | -5.22     | -3.44     | -3.05       | 1.78               |
| <b>2</b> -C <sub>4</sub> [Ir]I  | -5.33       | -5.32     | -3.51     | -2.85       | 1.81               |
| <b>2</b> -C <sub>6</sub> [Ir]I  | -5.35       | -5.31     | -3.61     | -2.90       | 1.70               |
| <b>2</b> -C <sub>8</sub> [Ir]I  | -5.36       | -5.29     | -3.70     | -2.94       | 1.59               |

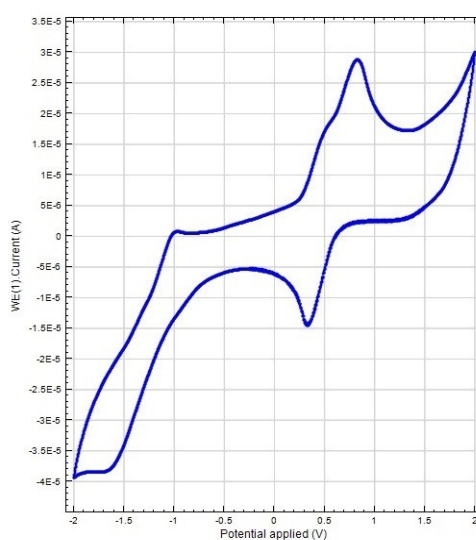
## Cyclic Voltammetry

**Table S5.** Potentials of reduction and oxidation peaks versus SCE ( $E_{1/2}$  ferrocenium/ferrocene ( $\text{Fc}^+/\text{Fc}$ ) redox couple = 0.520 V vs. SCE in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{PF}_6]$ )).

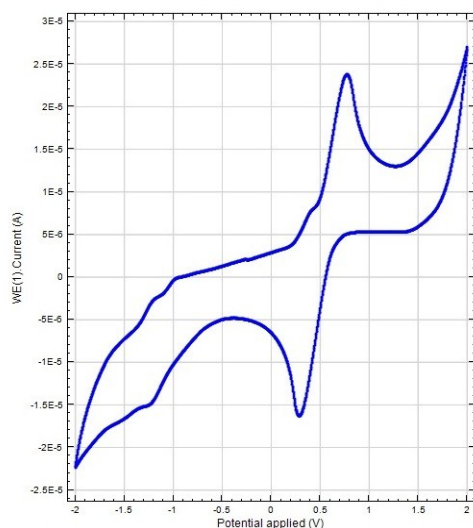
| Compound                     | $E_p^{\text{red}}$ | $E_p^{\text{ox}}$ |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>1-C<sub>10</sub>[Ir]I</b> | -1.576             | 1.198             |
| <b>2-C<sub>4</sub>[Ir]I</b>  | -1.646             | -1.055            |
| <b>2-C<sub>6</sub>[Ir]I</b>  | -1.224, -1.519     | -1.235, -0.984    |
| <b>2-C<sub>8</sub>[Ir]I</b>  | -1.133; -1.421     | -1.211, -0.943    |



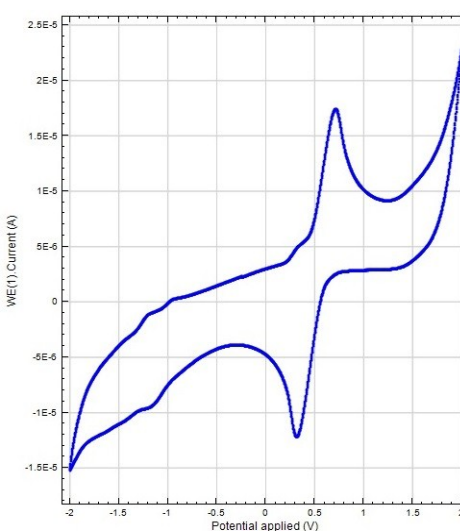
**1-C<sub>10</sub>[Ir]I**



**2-C<sub>4</sub>[Ir]I**



**2-C<sub>6</sub>[Ir]I**



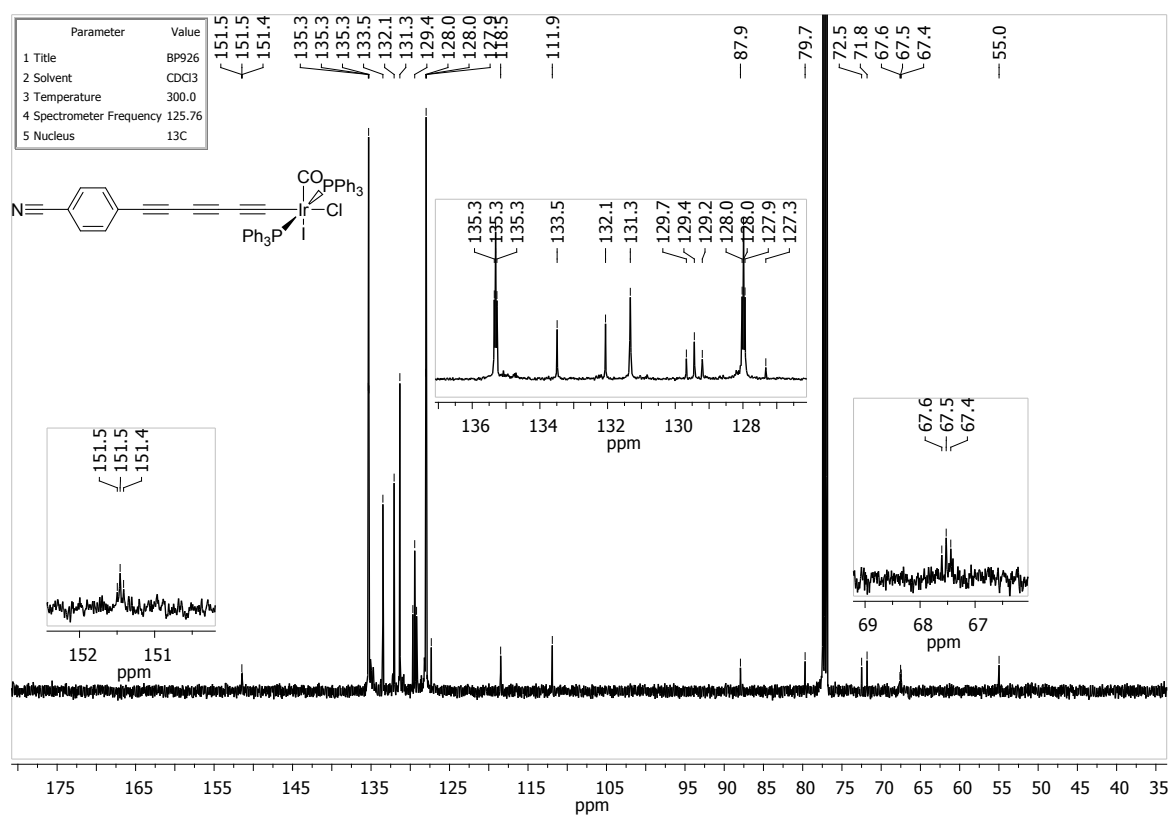
**2-C<sub>8</sub>[Ir]I**

**Figure S4.** Cyclic voltammograms of **1-C<sub>10</sub>[Ir]I**, **2-C<sub>4</sub>[Ir]I**, **2-C<sub>6</sub>[Ir]I**, **2-C<sub>8</sub>[Ir]I** with added ferrocene.

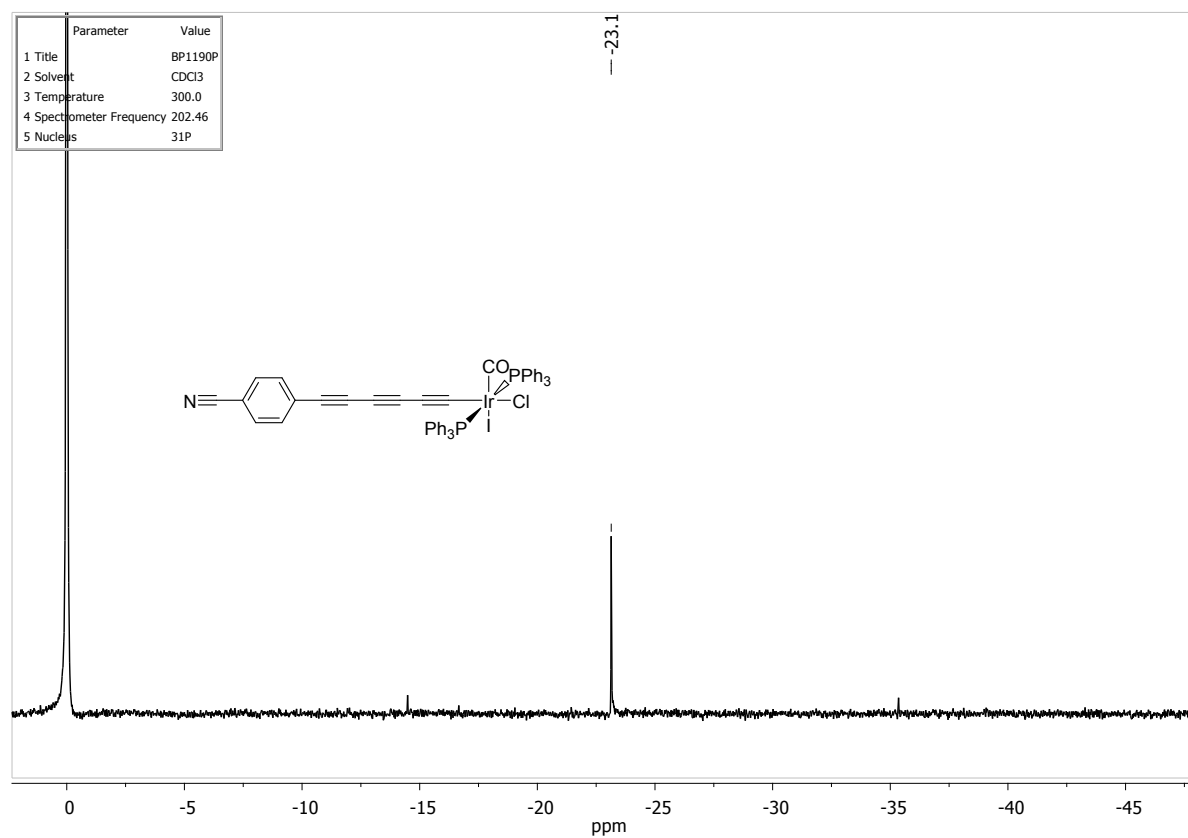
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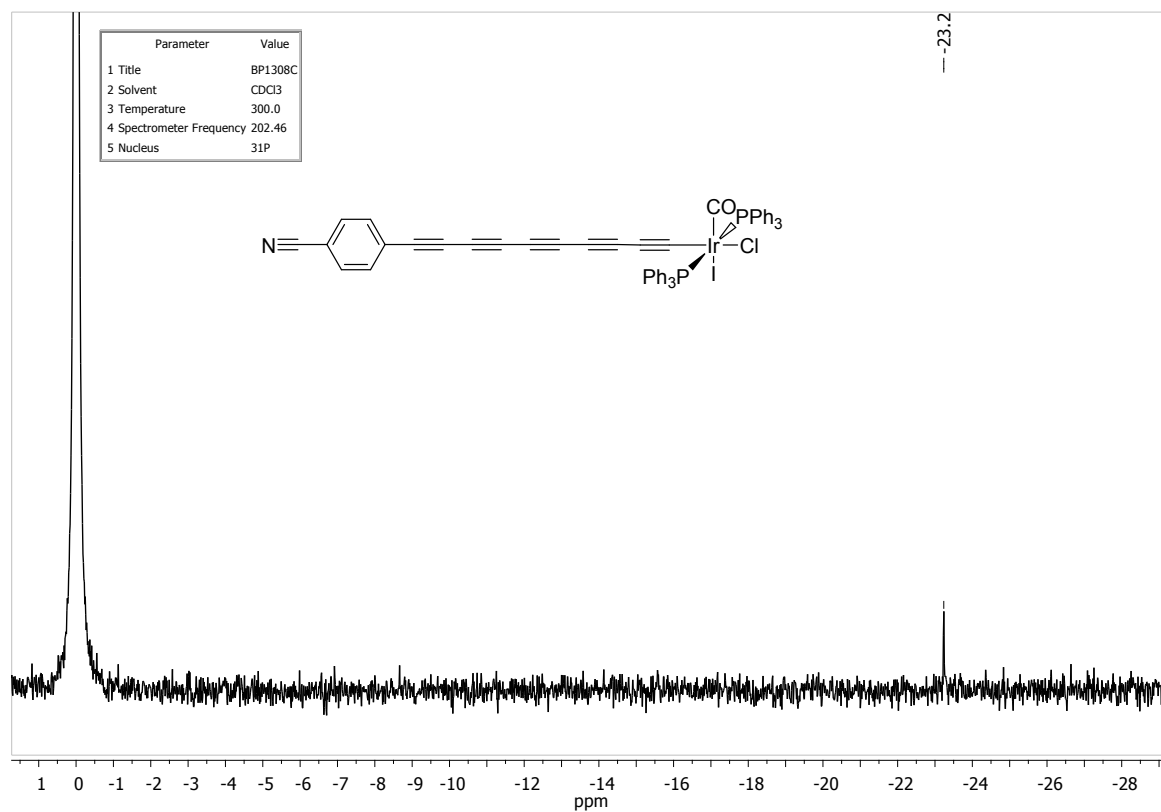
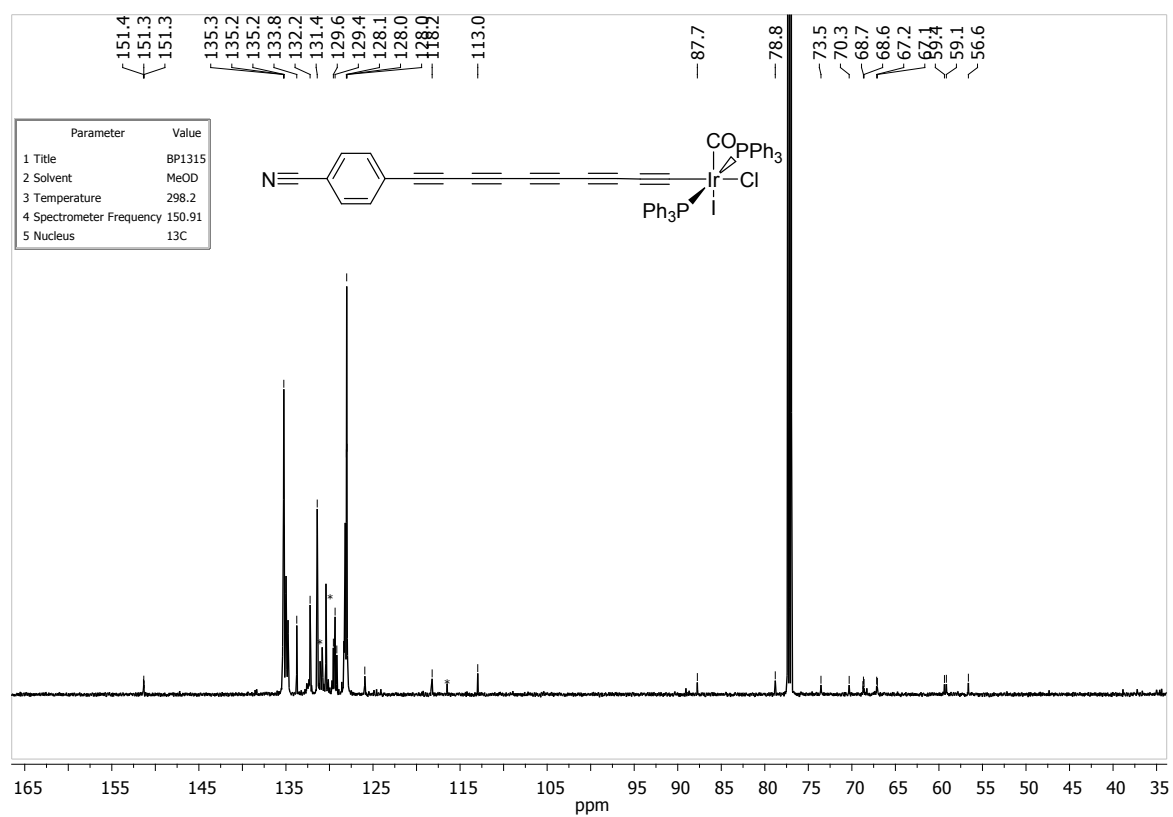
**Figure S9.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1**-C<sub>6</sub>[Ir]I.



**Figure S10.**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of **1**-C<sub>6</sub>[Ir]I.



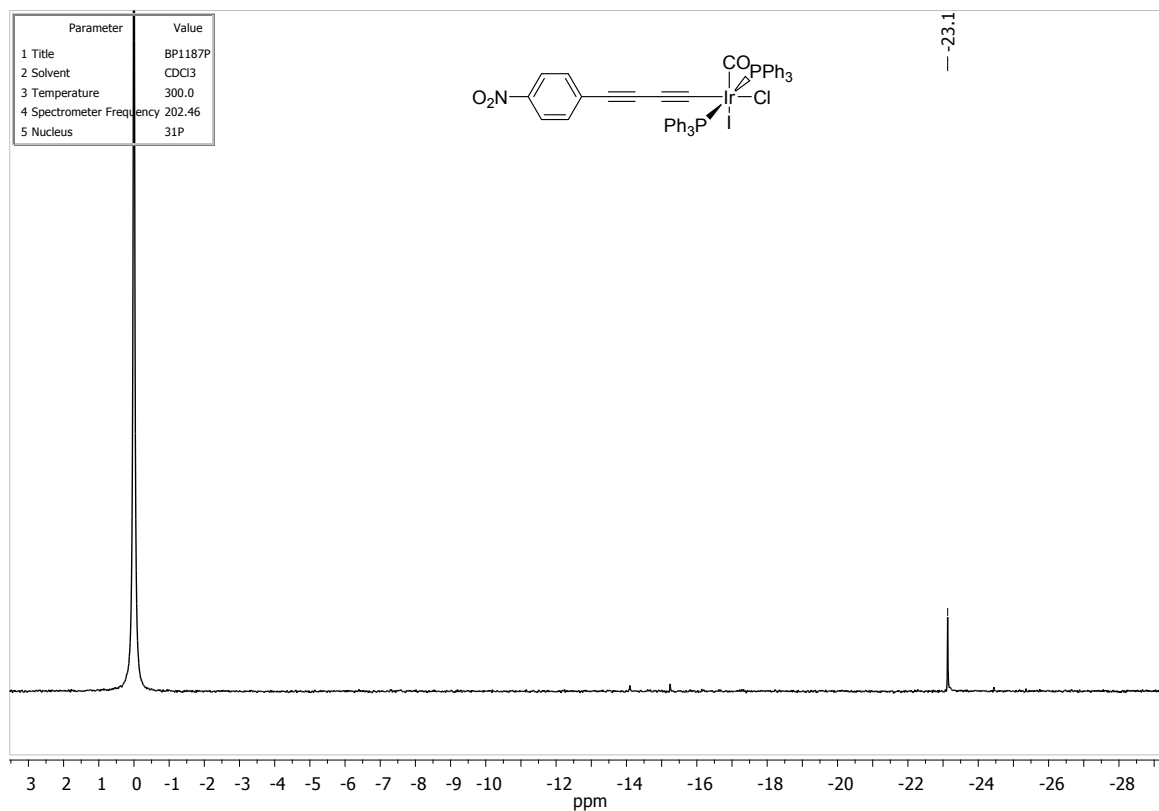




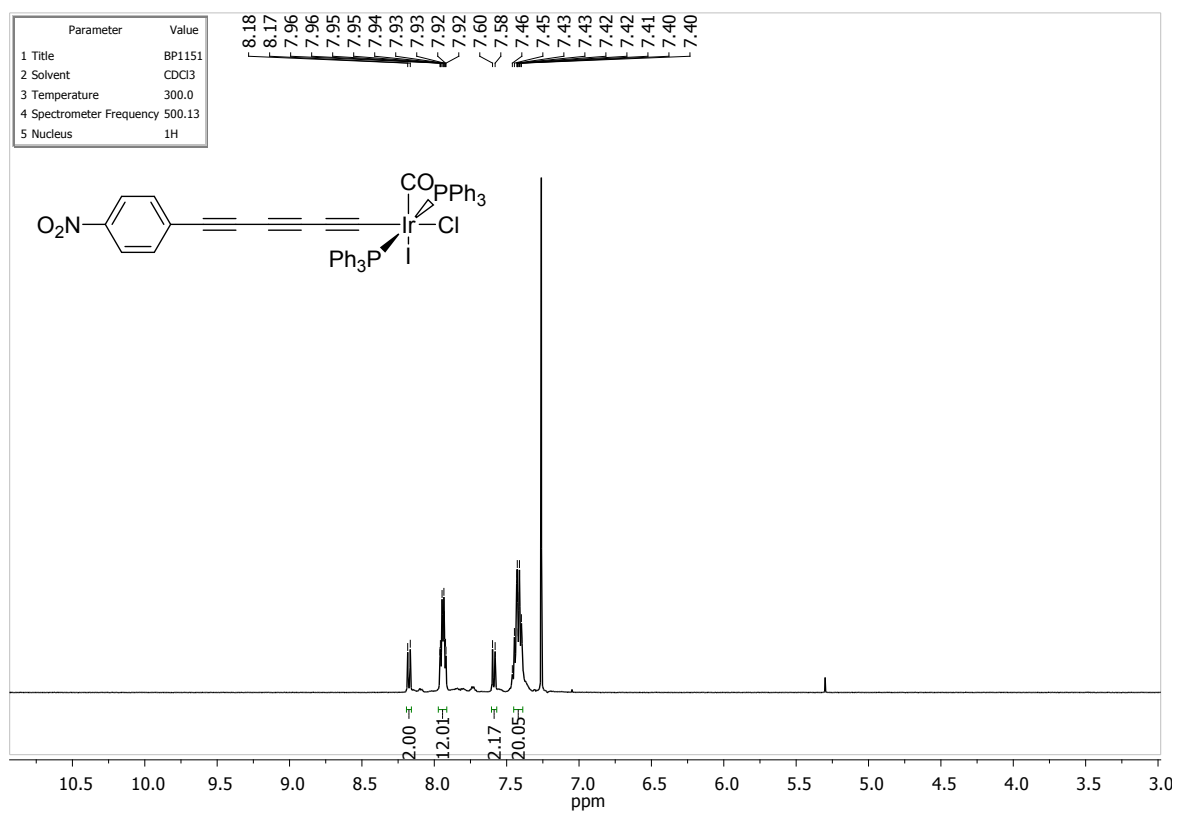
**Figure S16.**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of **1**-C<sub>10</sub>[Ir]I.



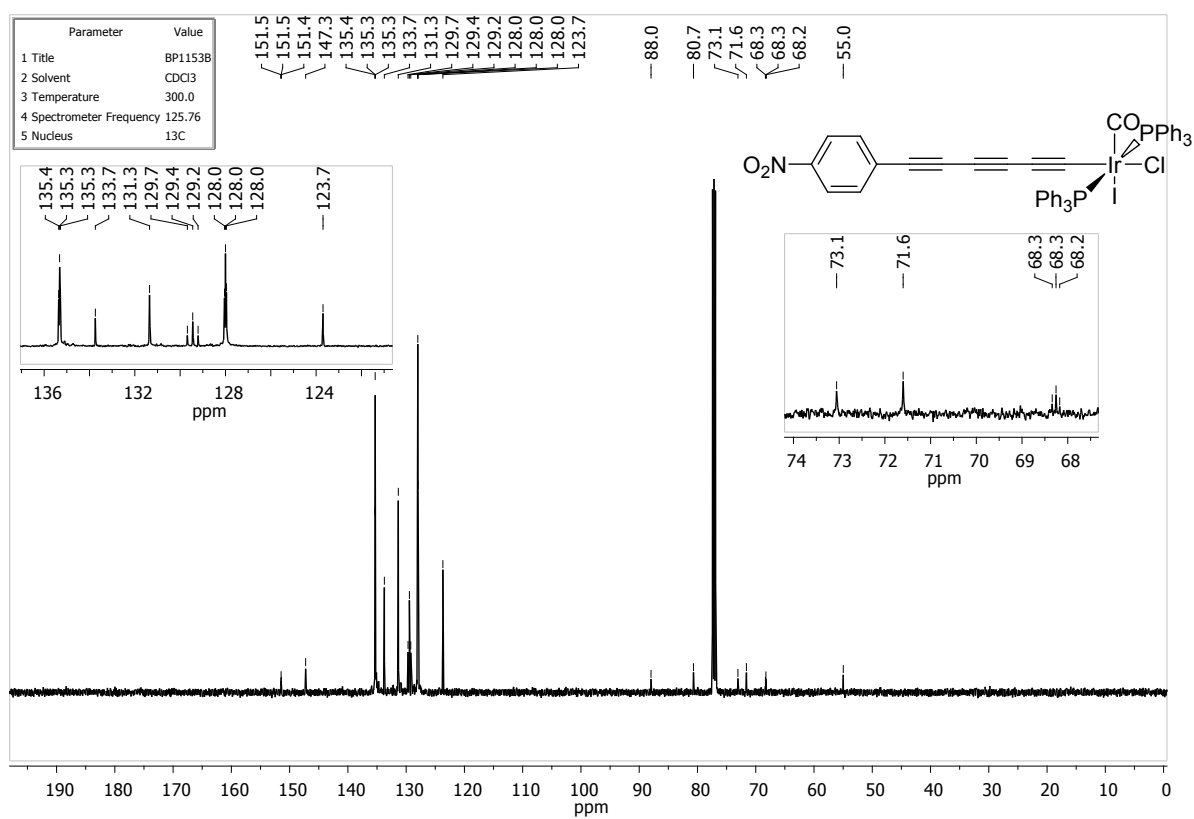




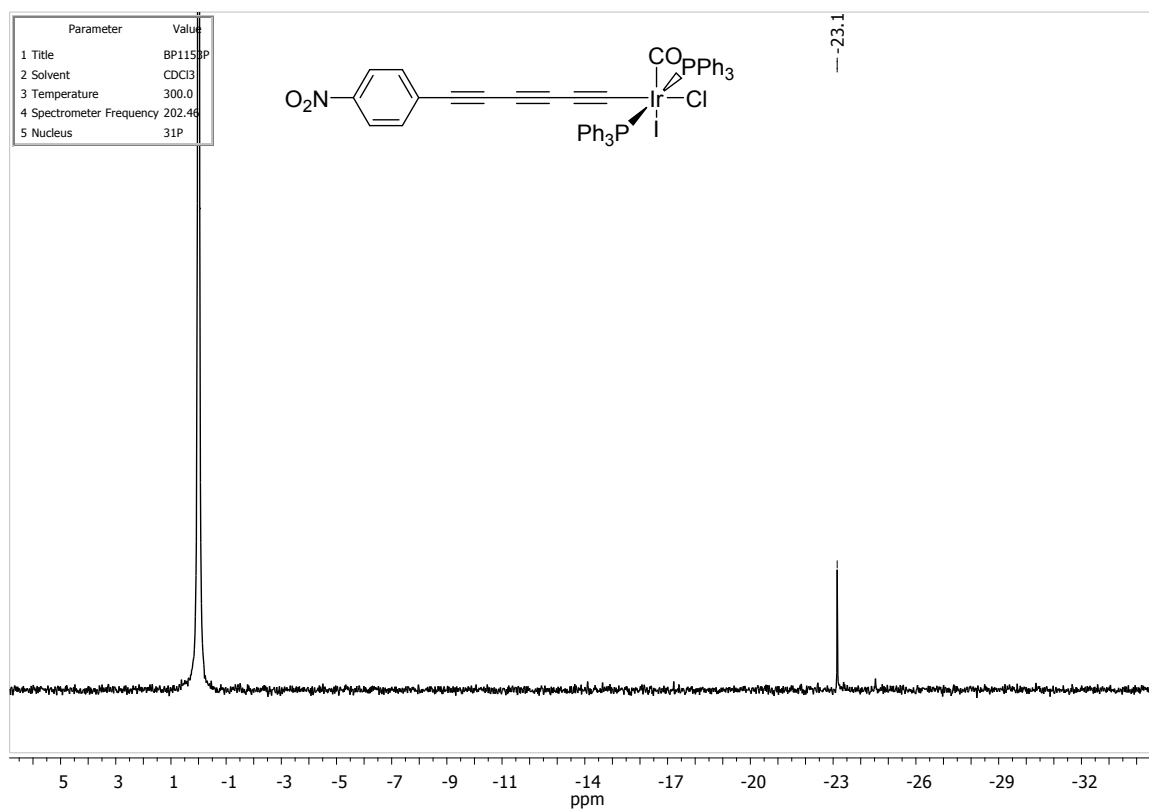
**Figure S19.**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of **2**-C<sub>4</sub>[Ir]I.



**Figure S20.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2**-C<sub>6</sub>[Ir]I.



**Figure S21.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **2-C<sub>6</sub>[Ir]I**.



**Figure S22.** <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of **2-C<sub>6</sub>[Ir]I**.



