

## ***Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)***

### **Heterobimetallic copper(I) complexes bearing both 1,1'-bis(diphenyl phosphino)ferrocene and functionalized 3-(2'-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazole**

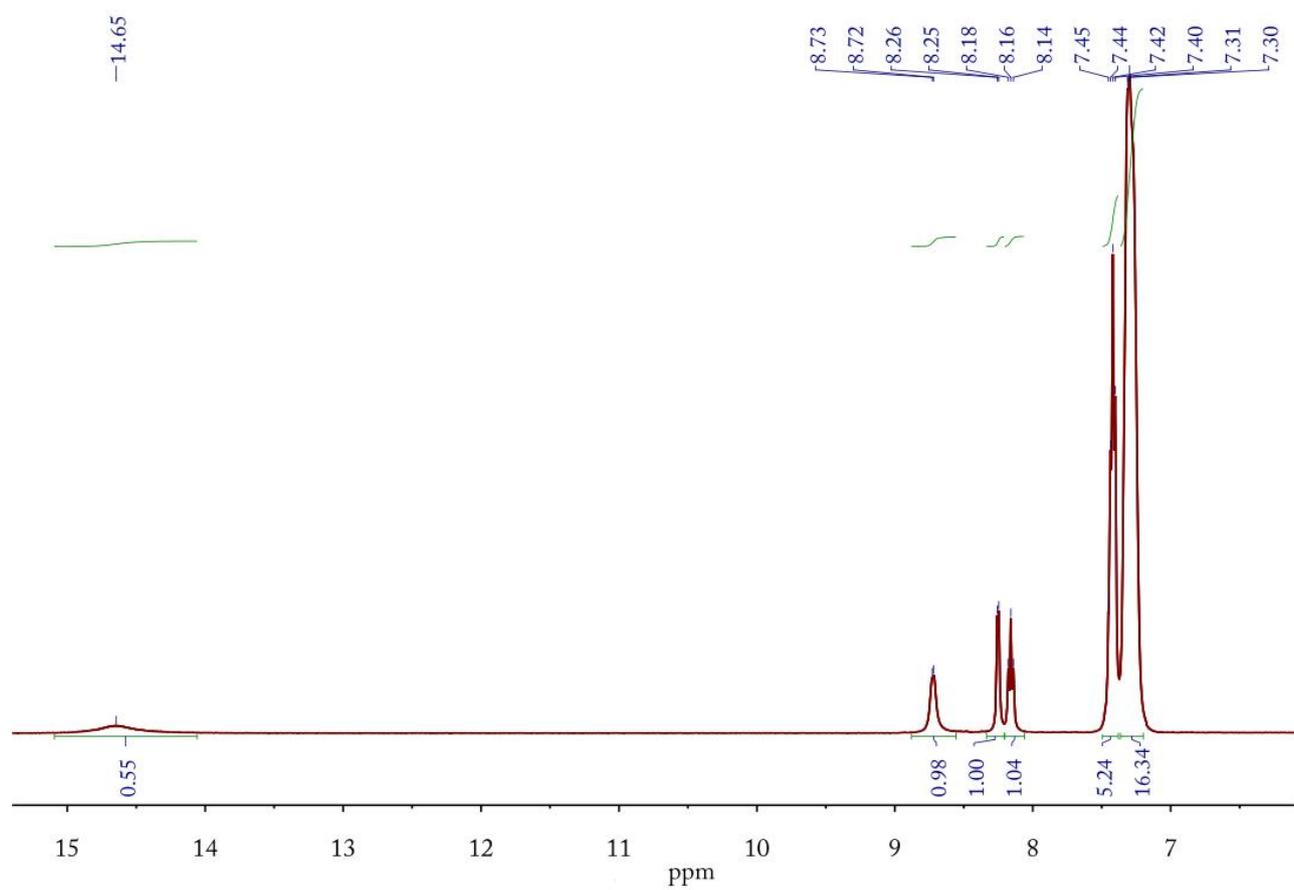
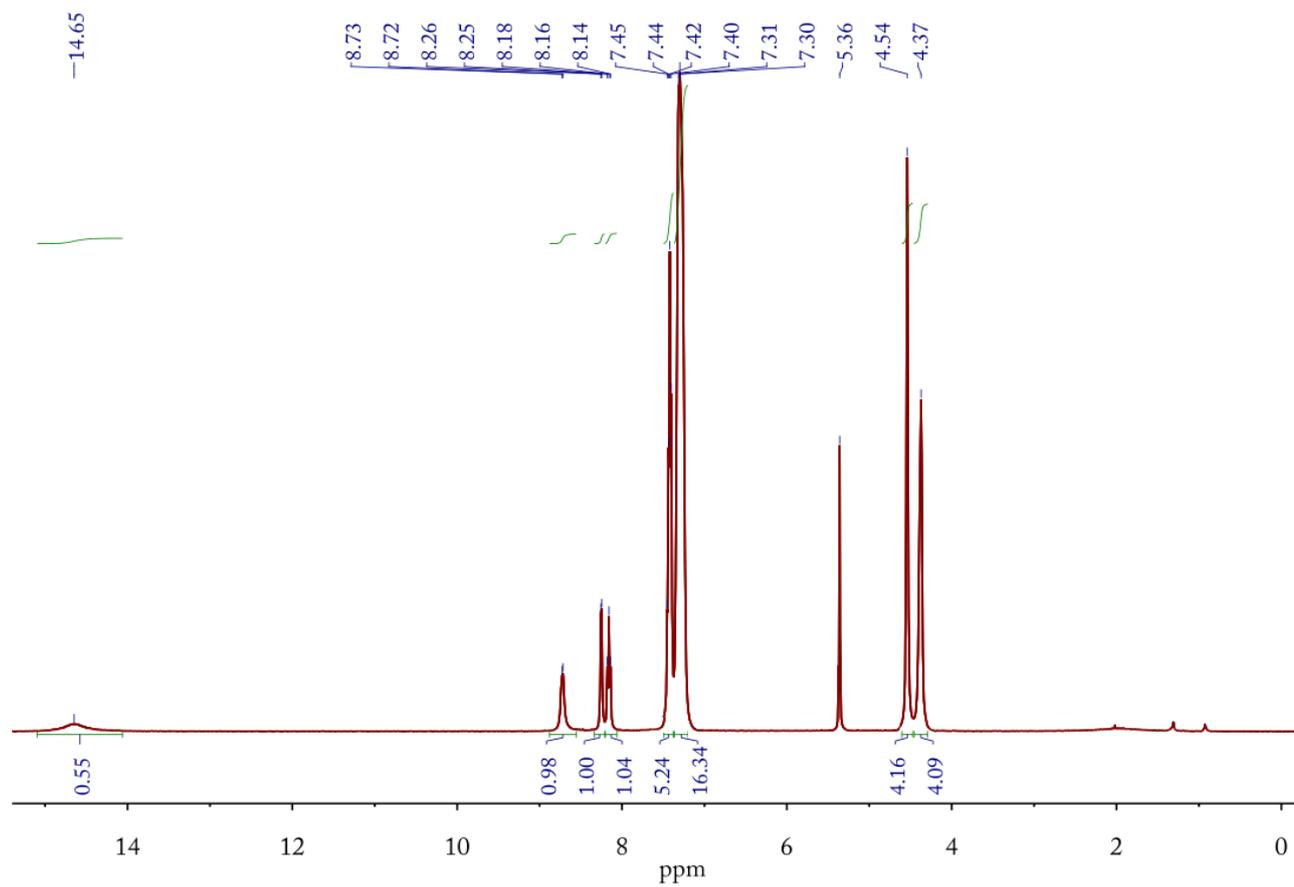
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**Fig. S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature

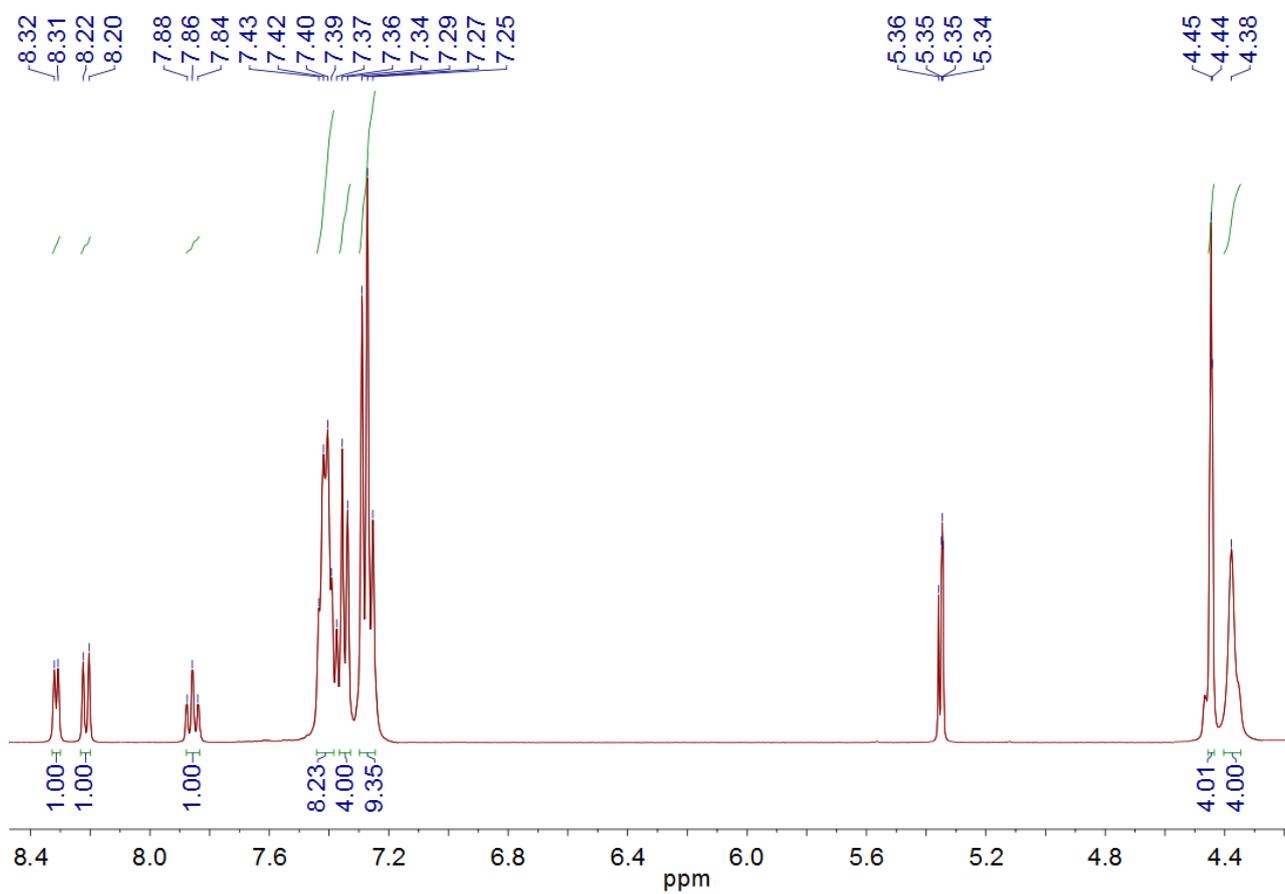
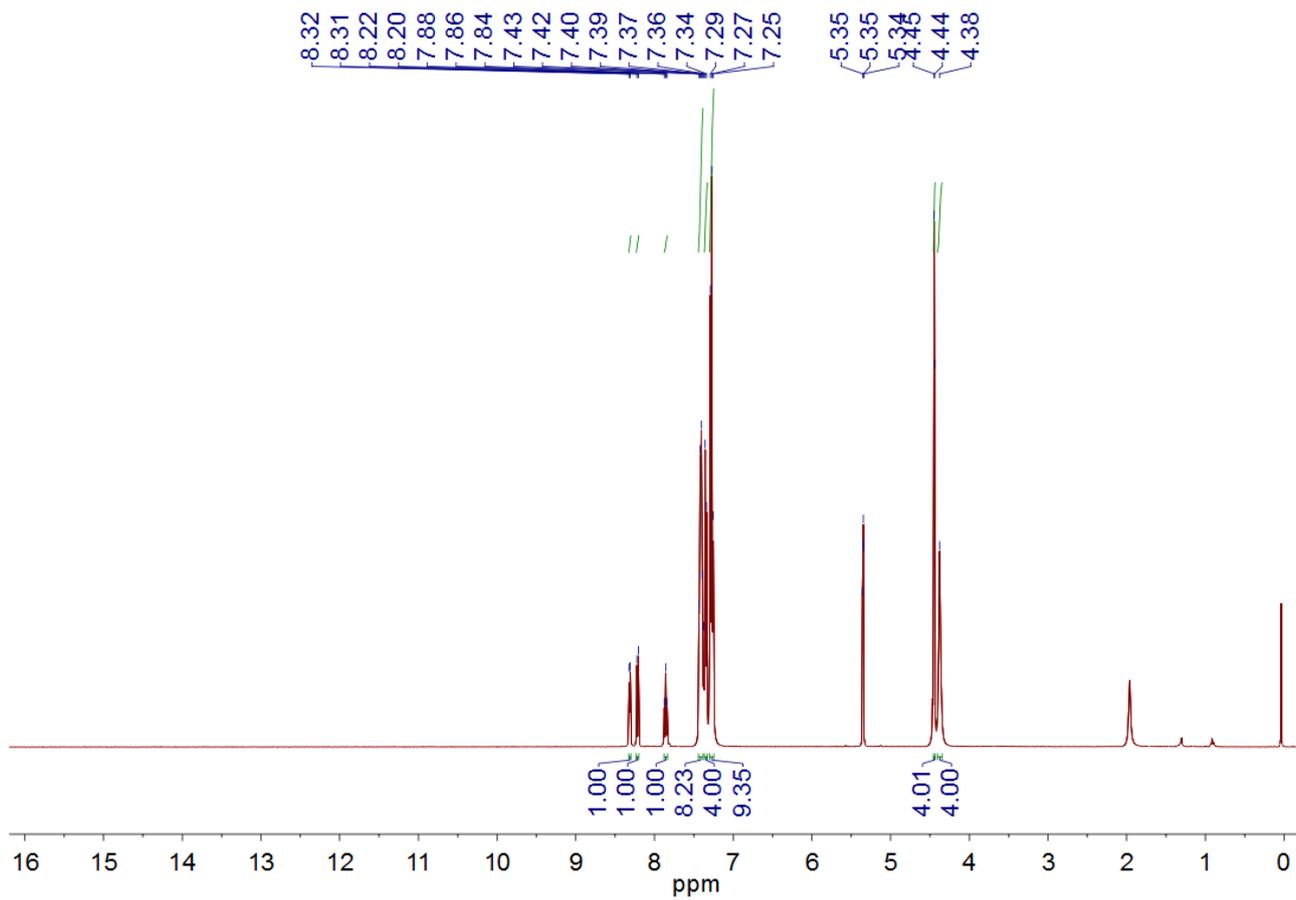


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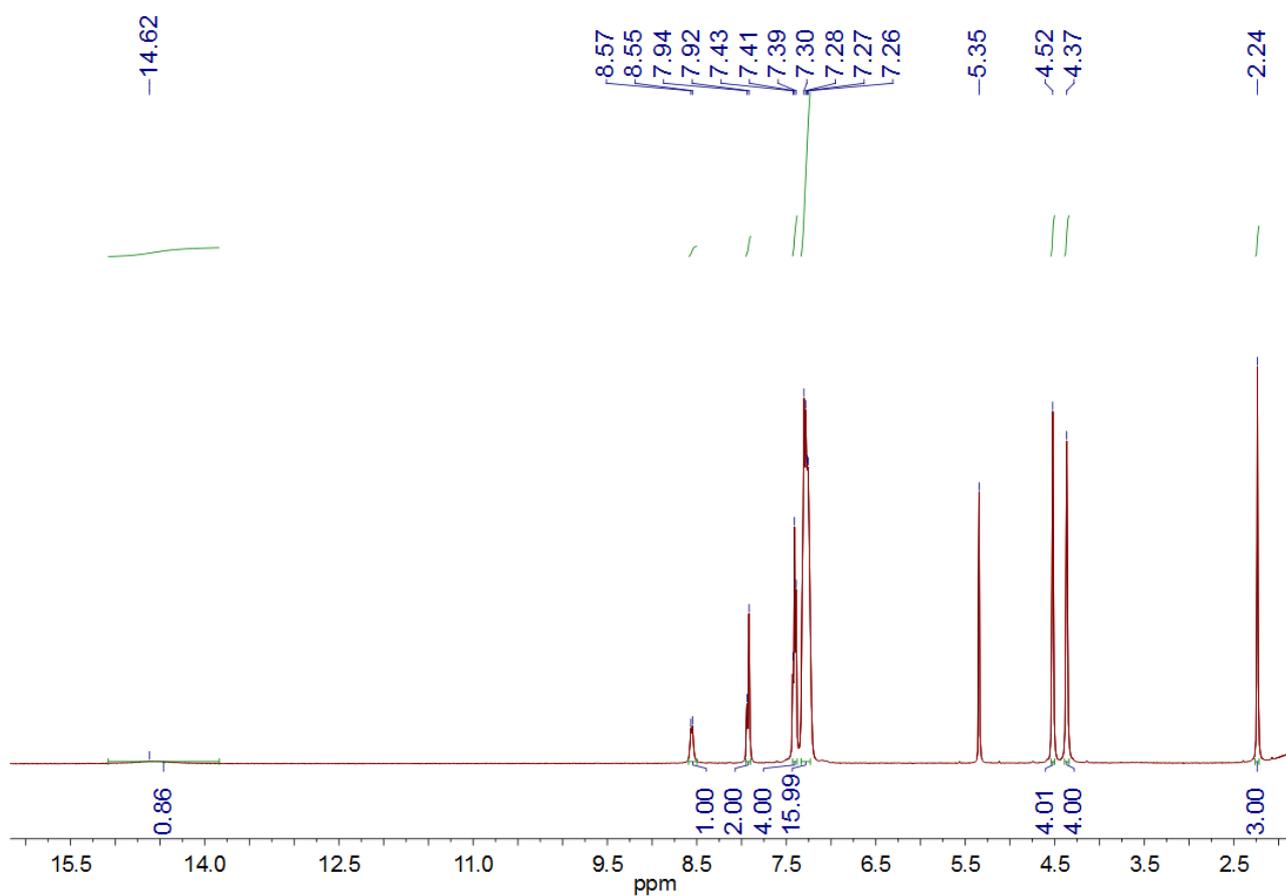
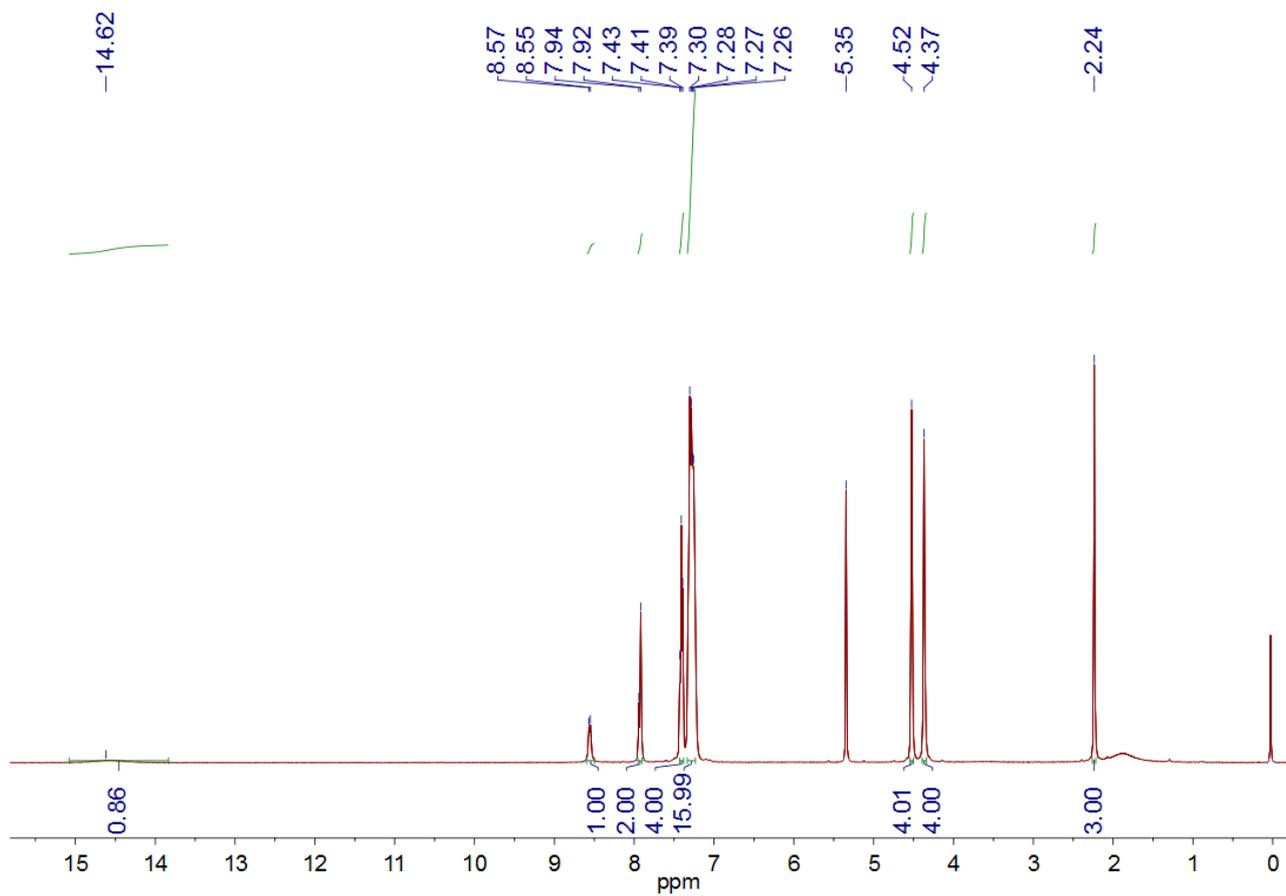


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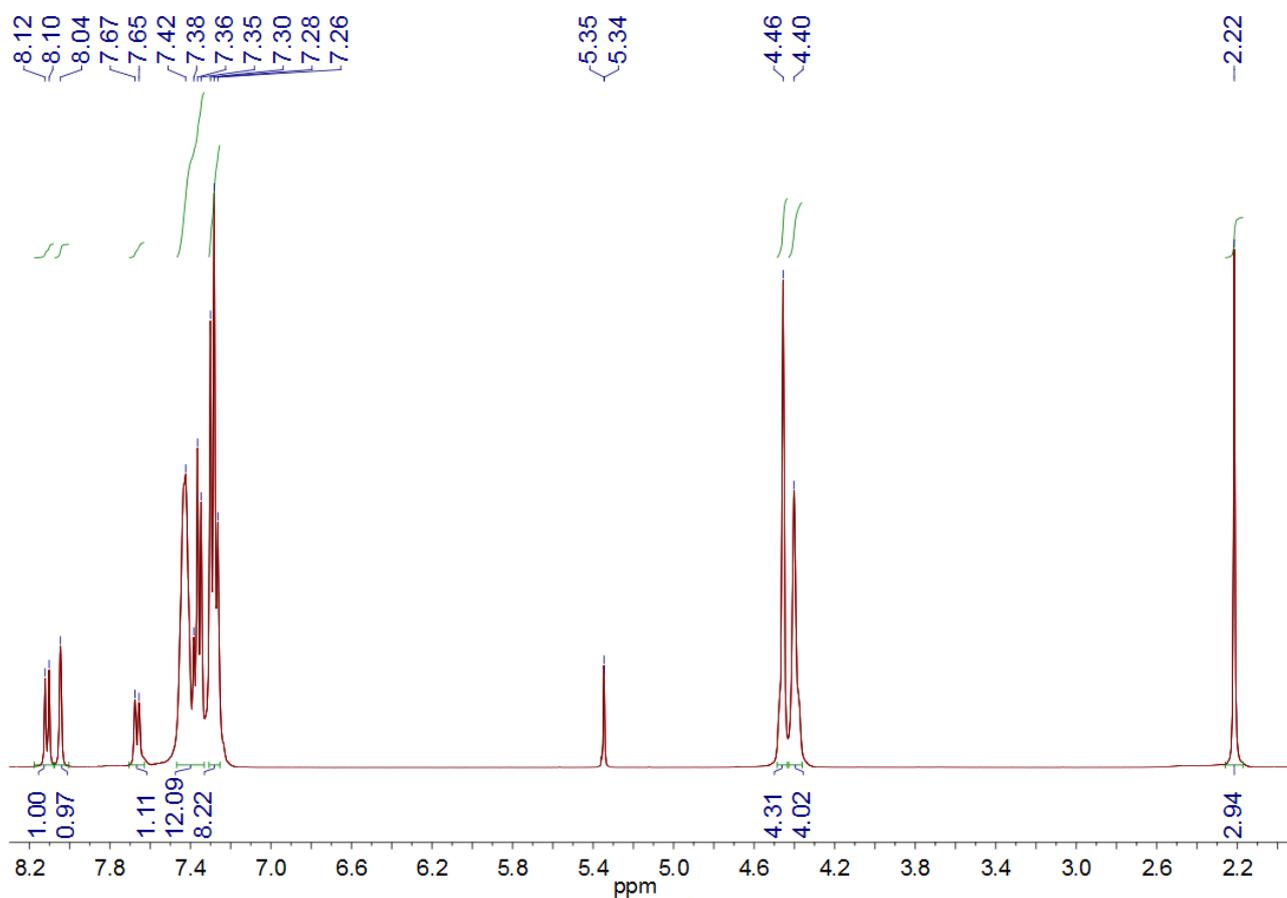
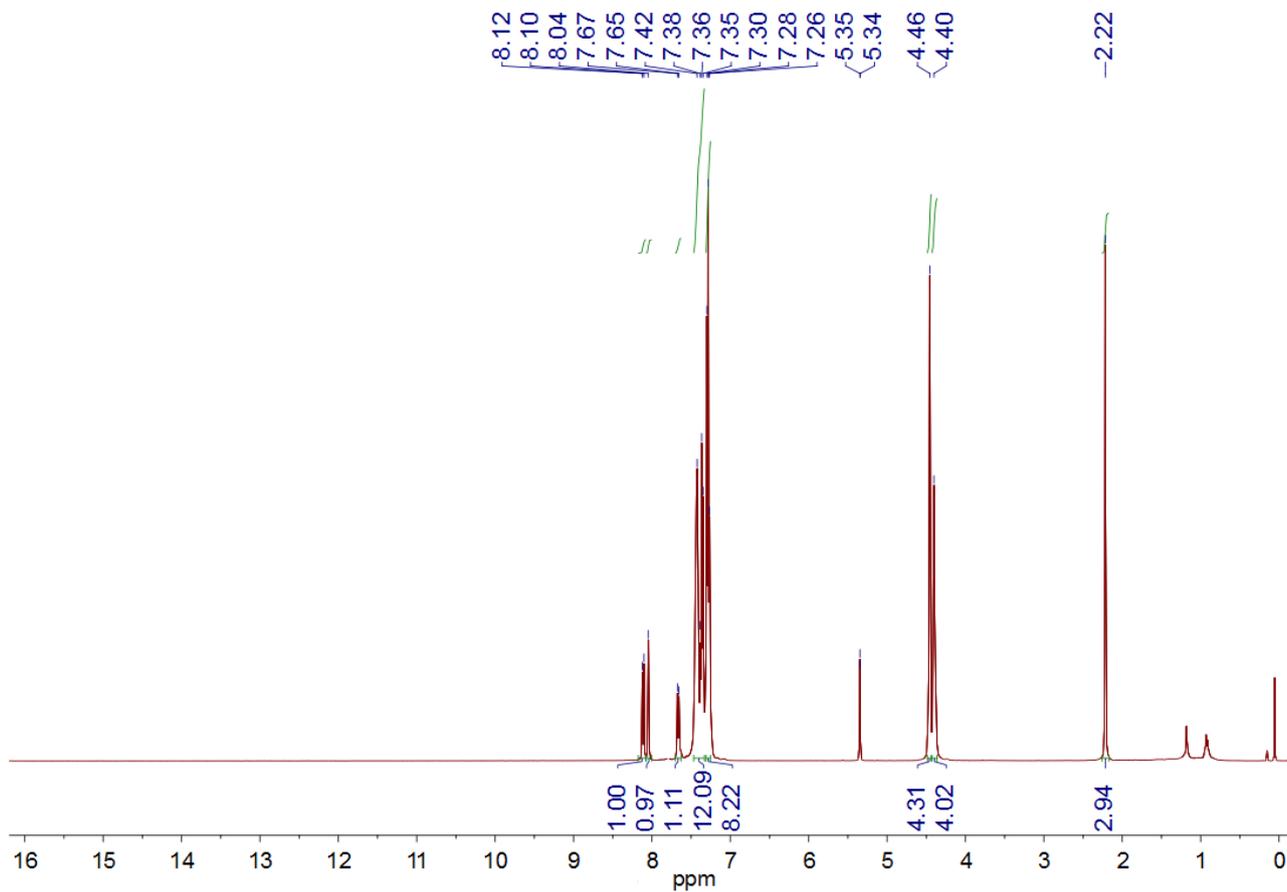


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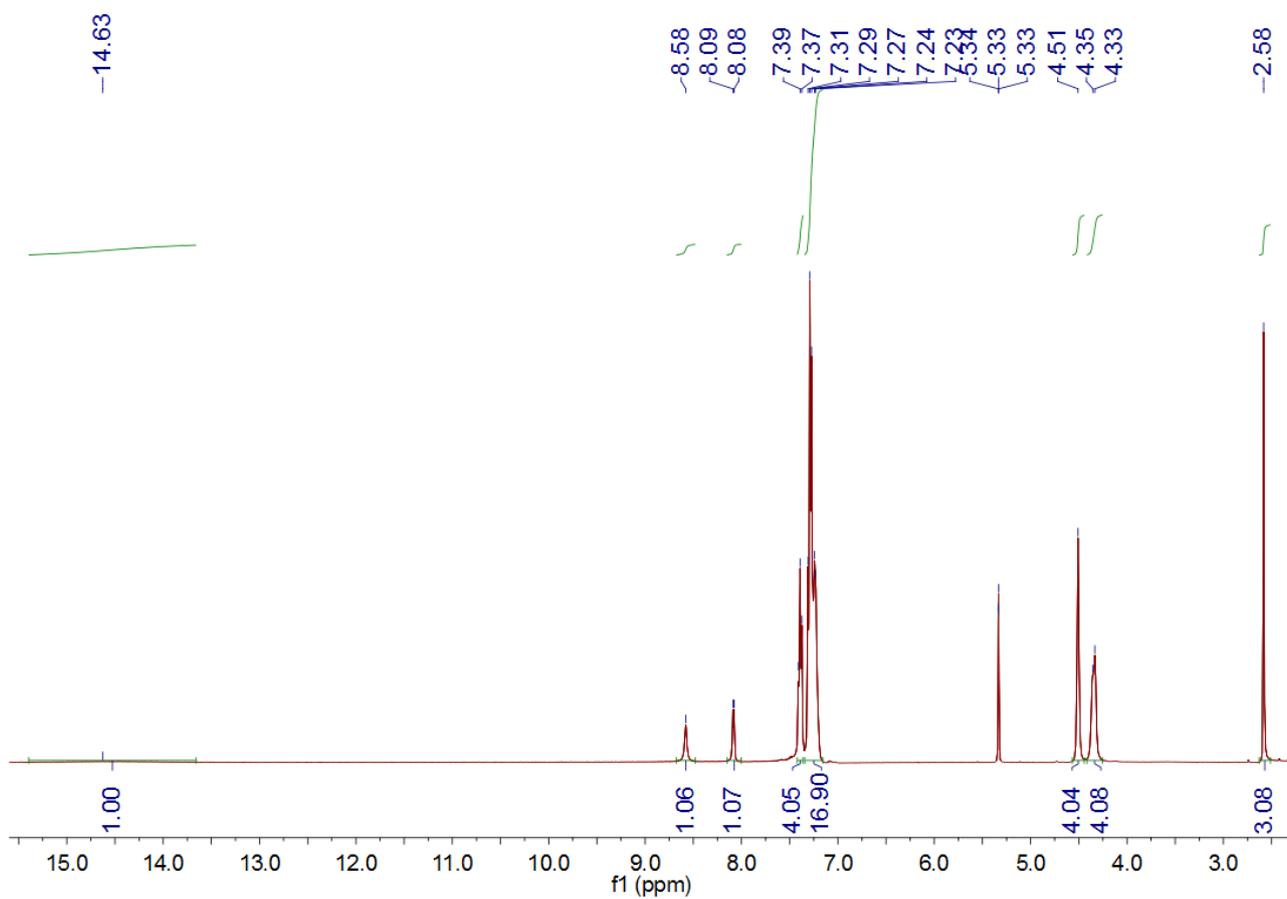
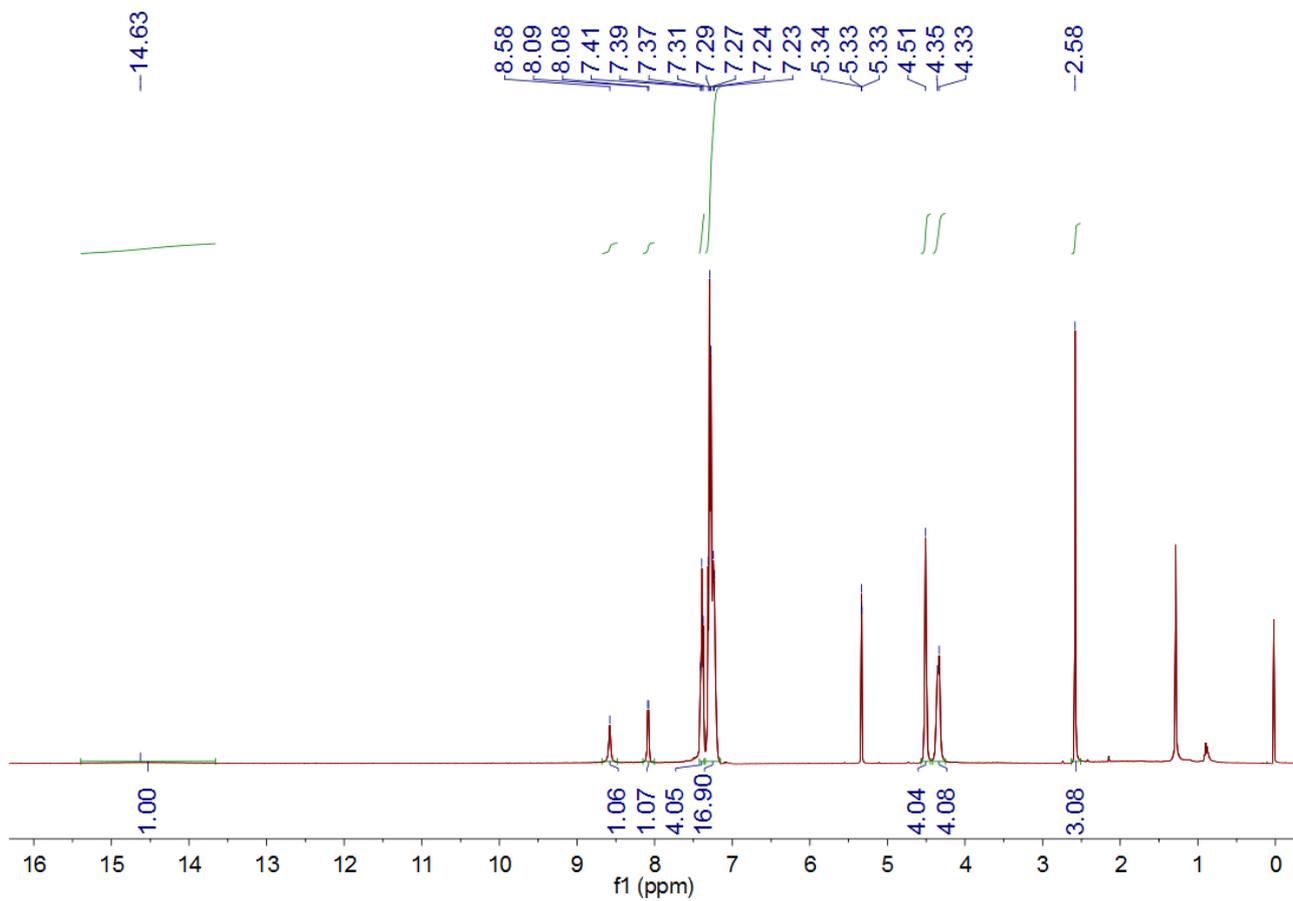


Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5 in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature

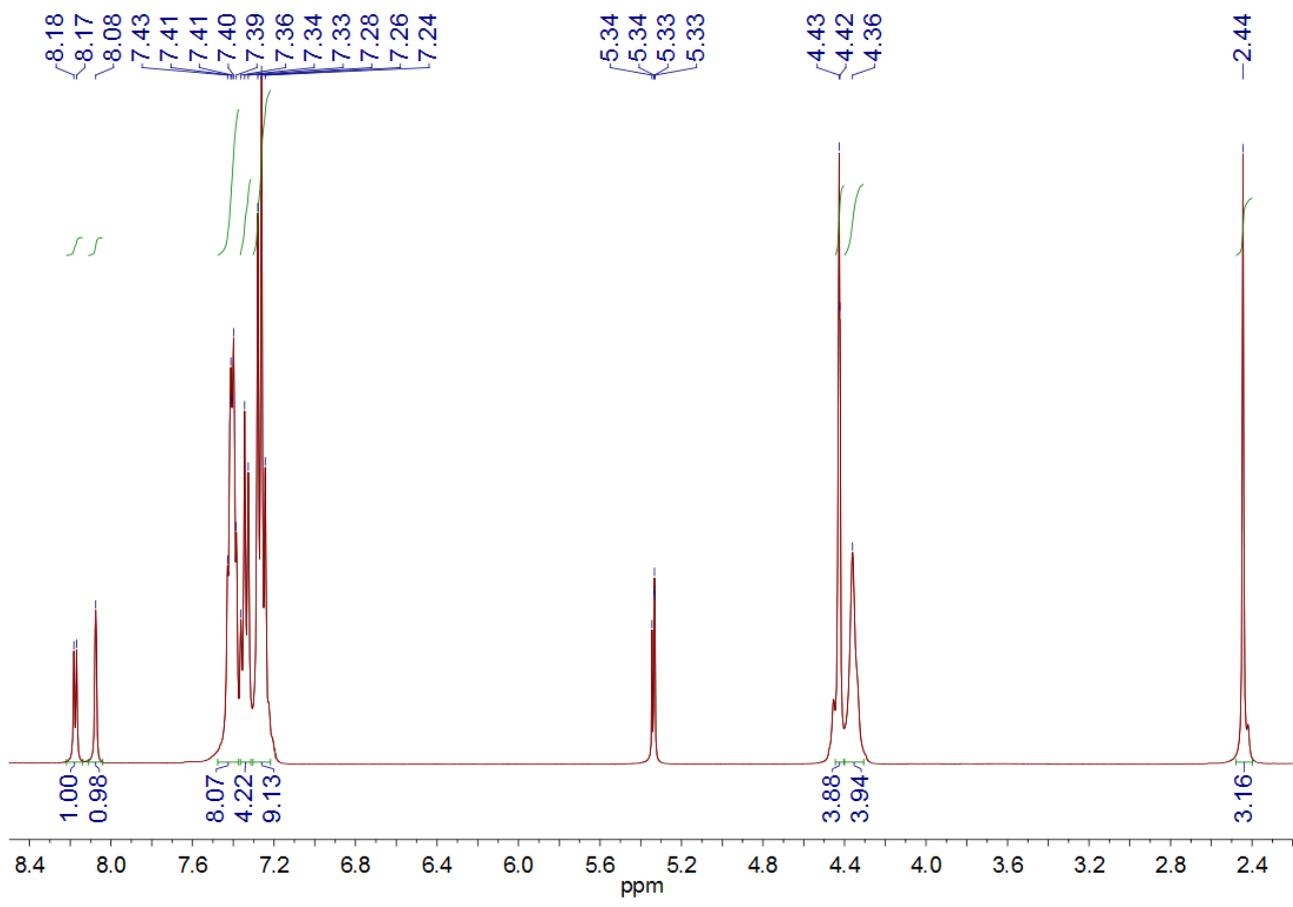
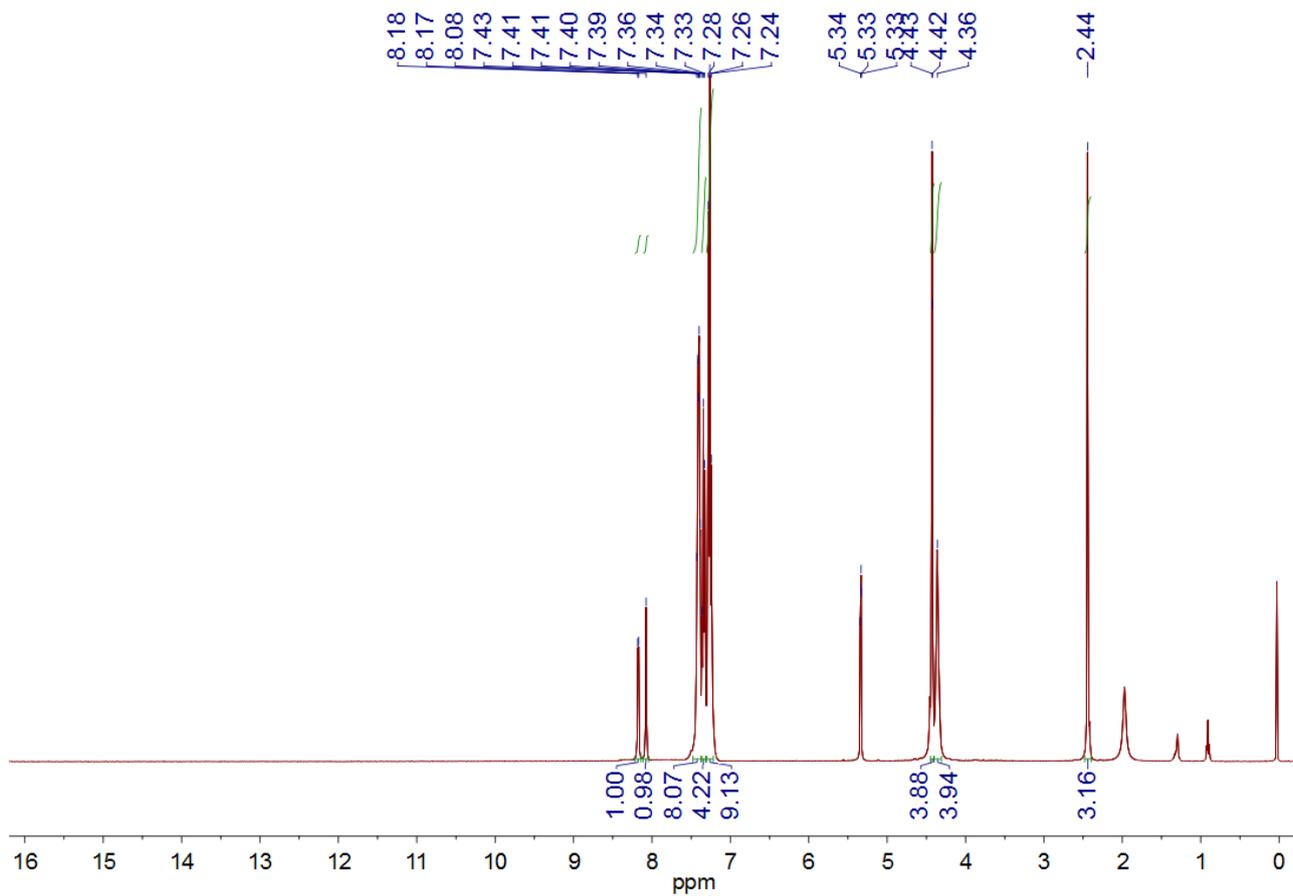
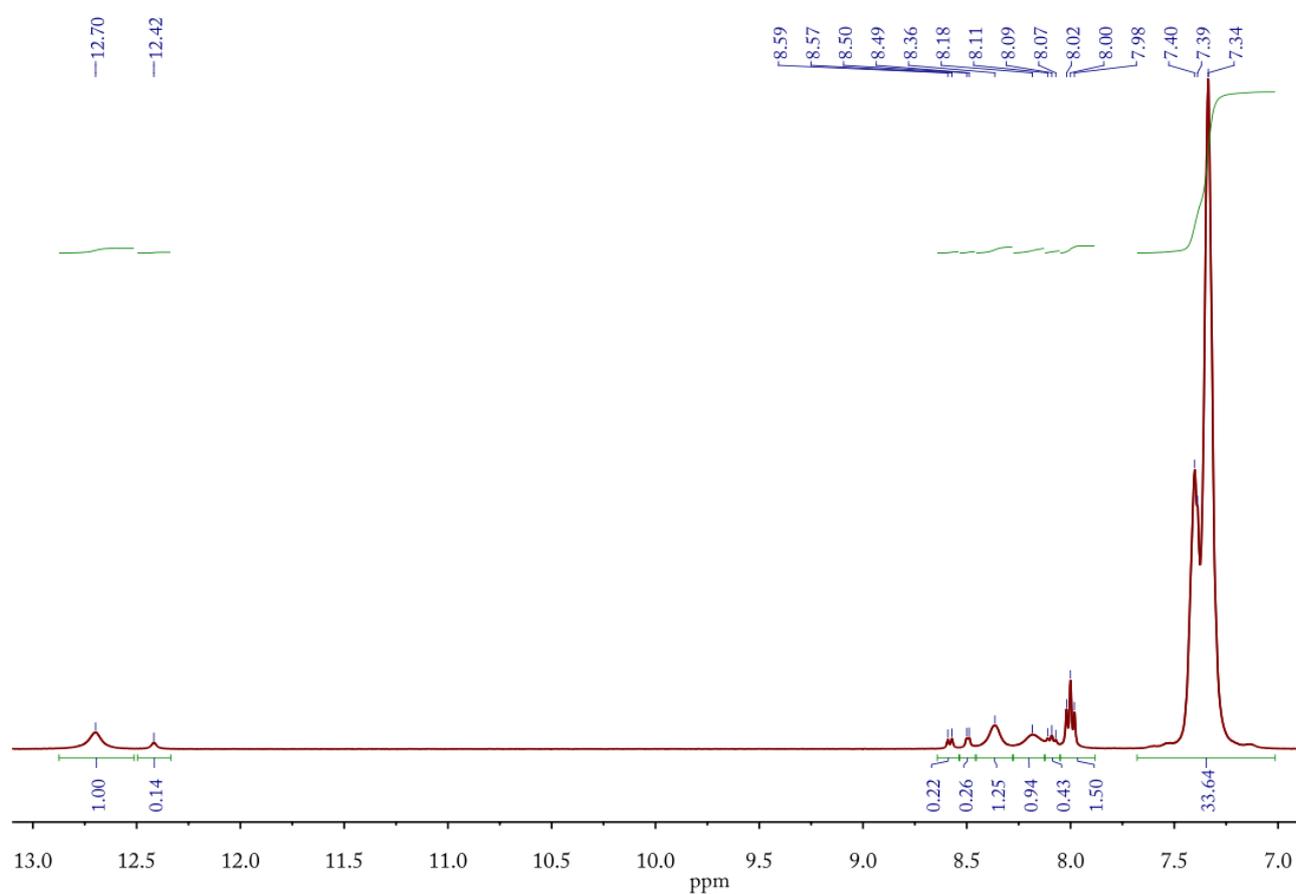
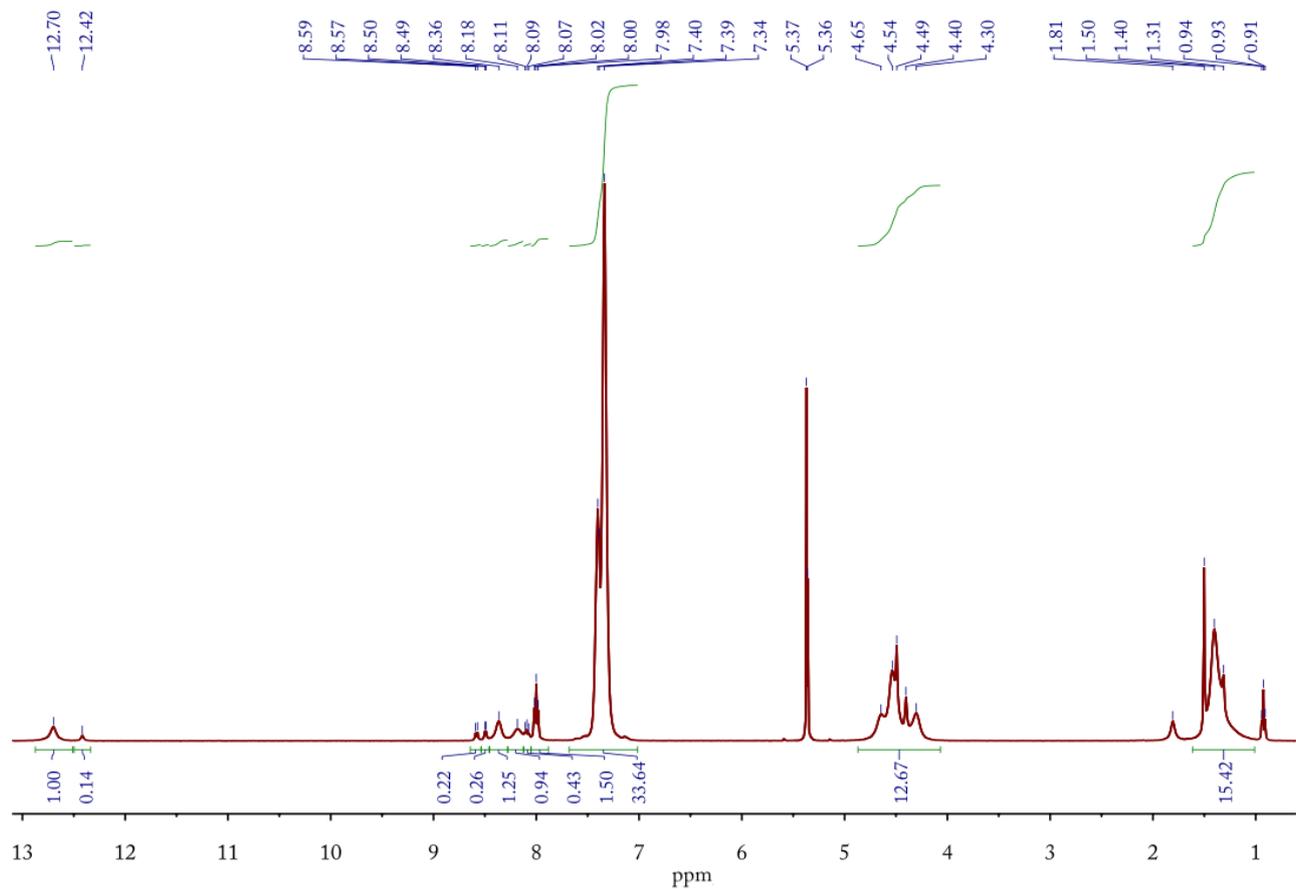
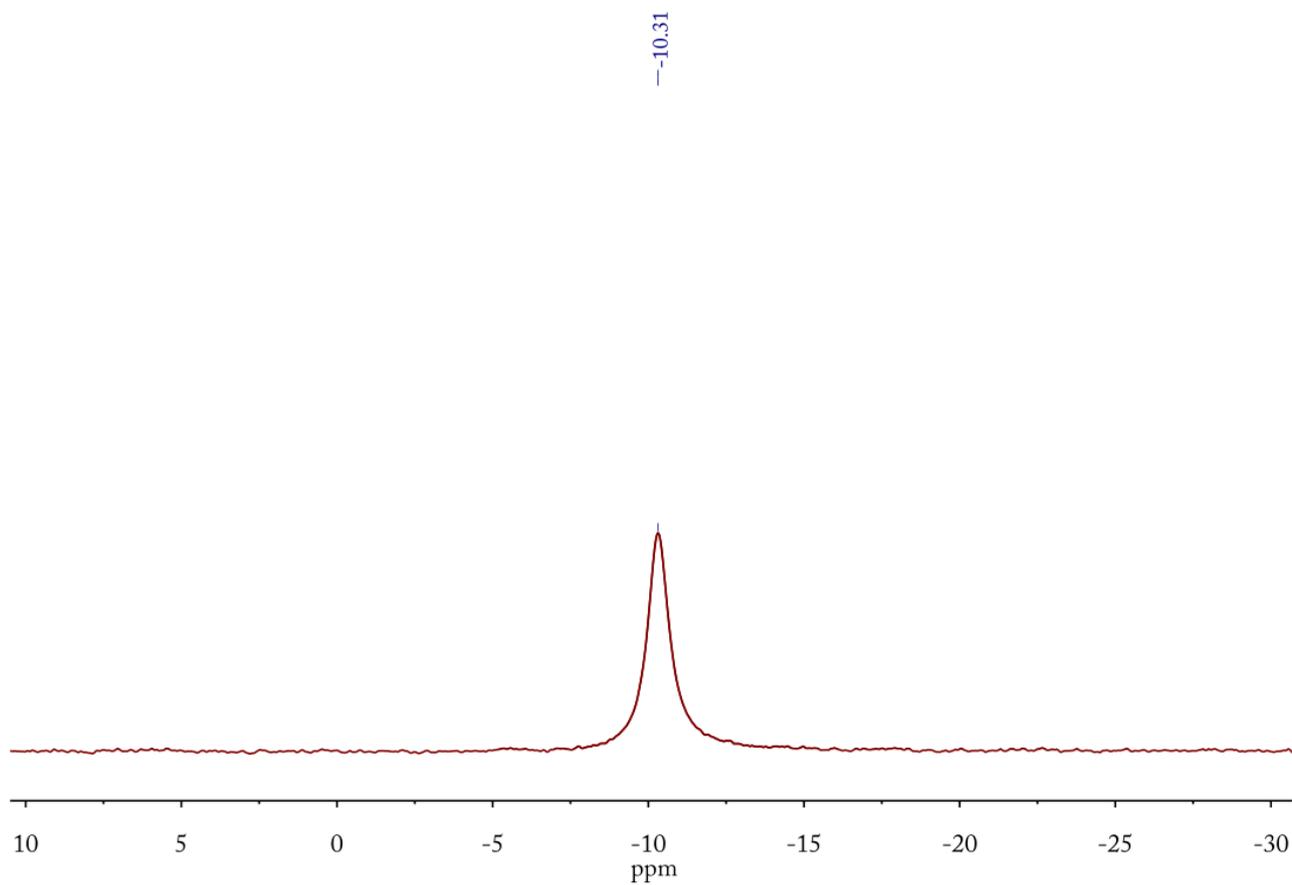


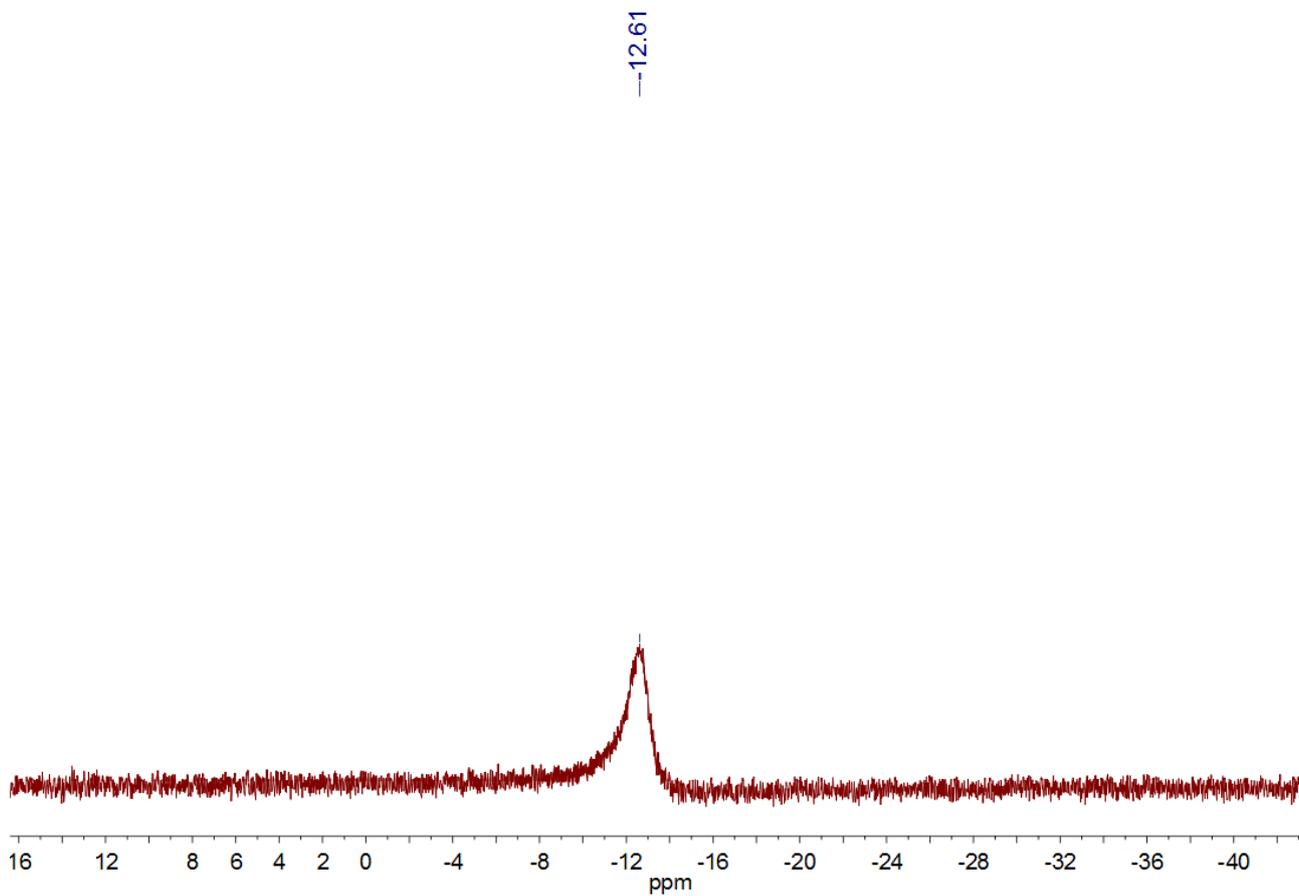
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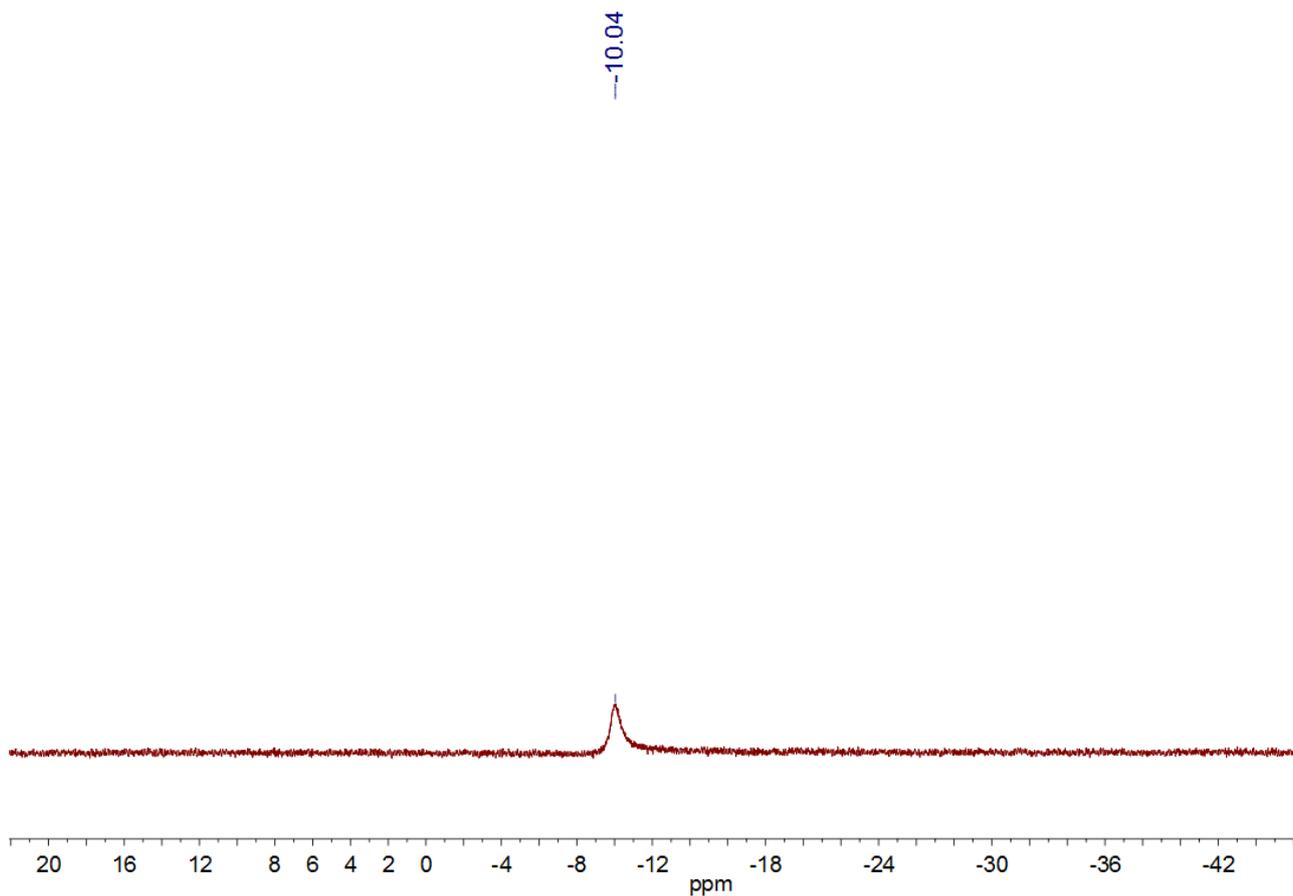
**Fig. S7**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **7** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature



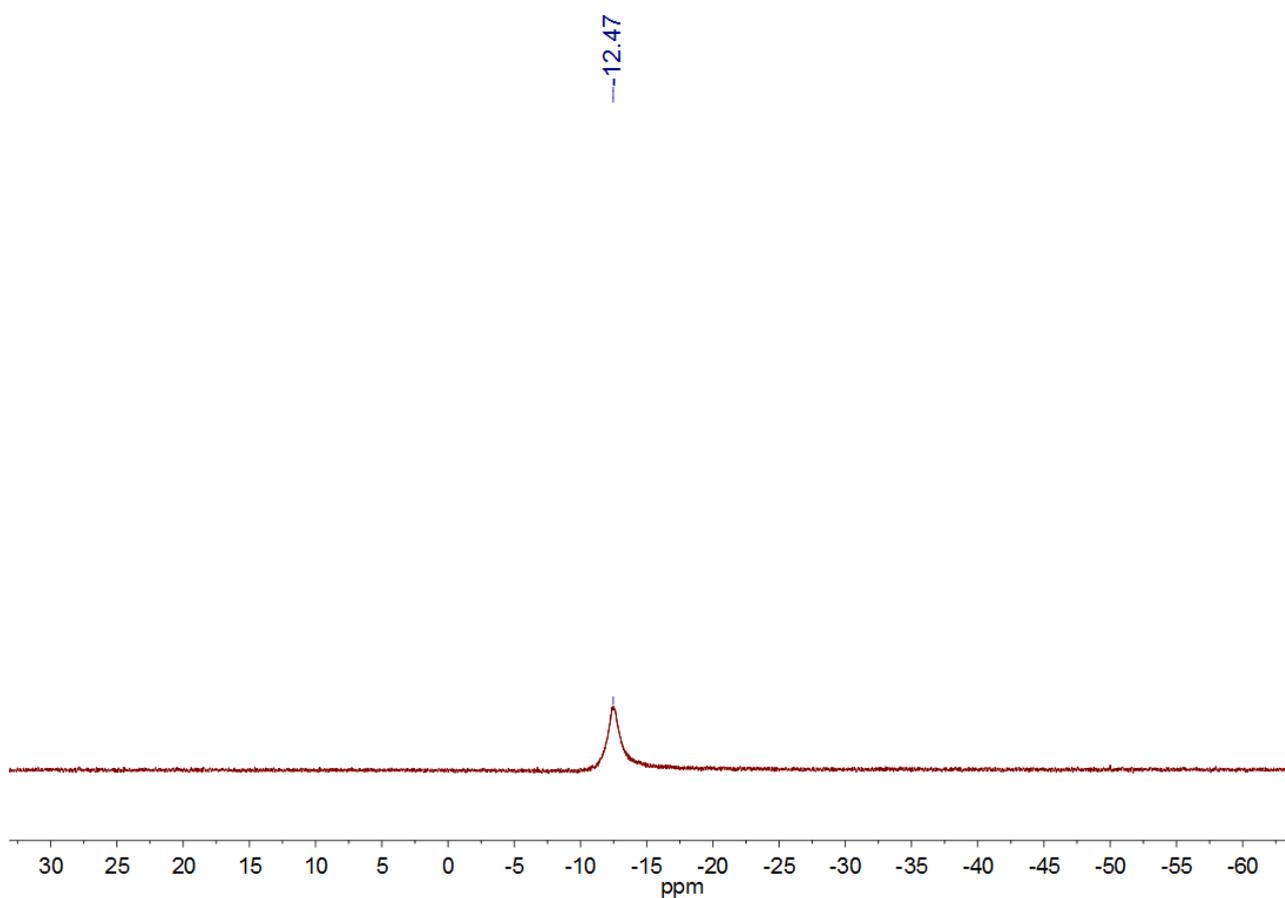
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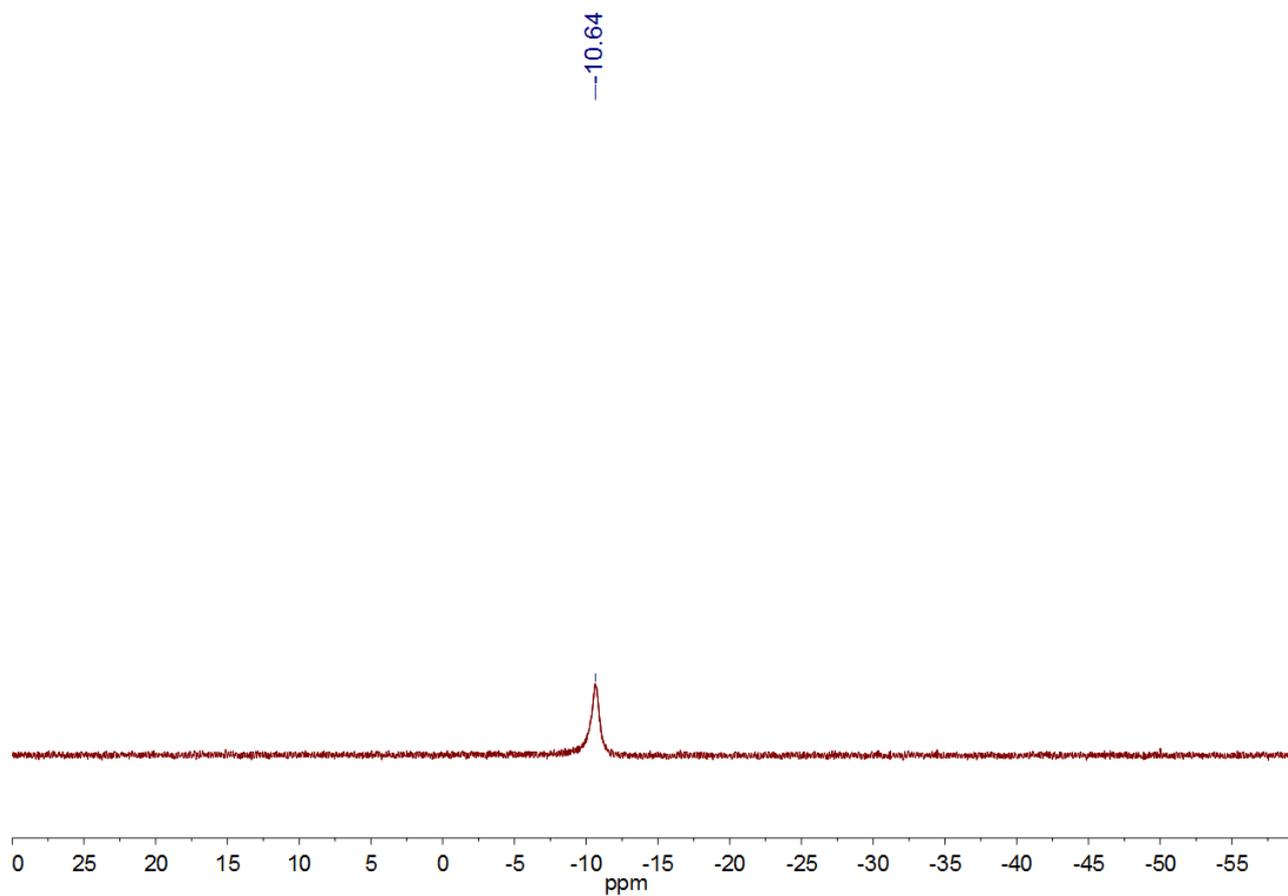
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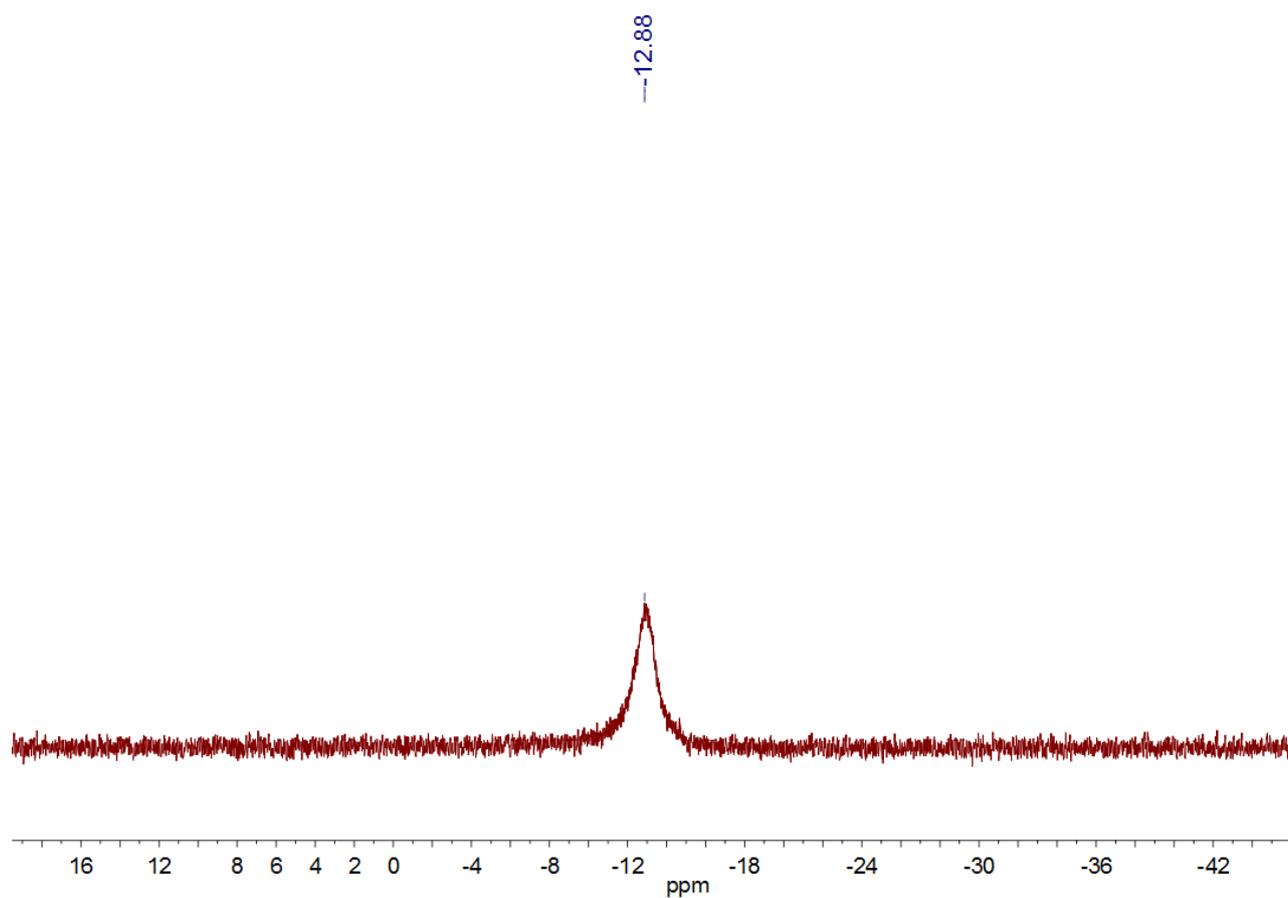
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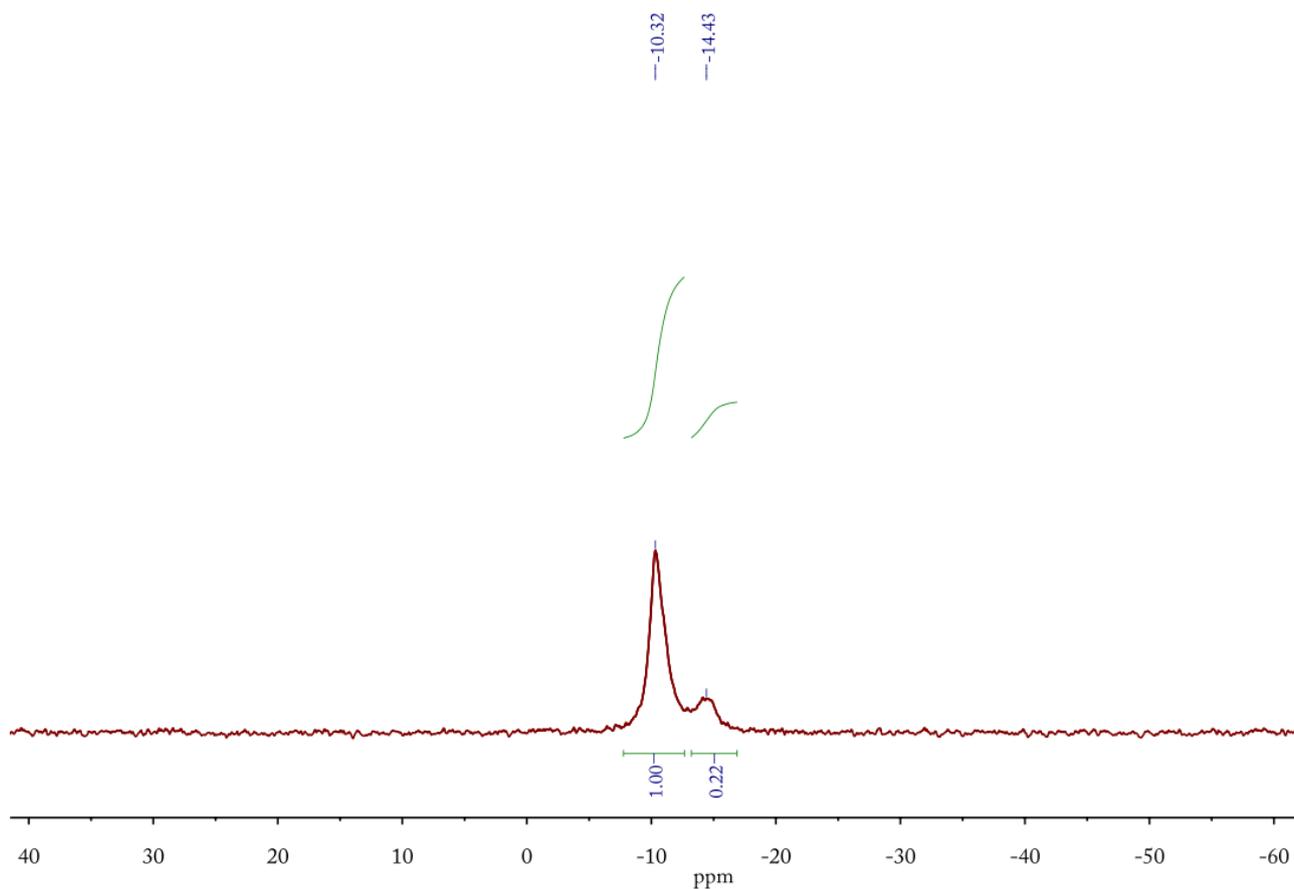
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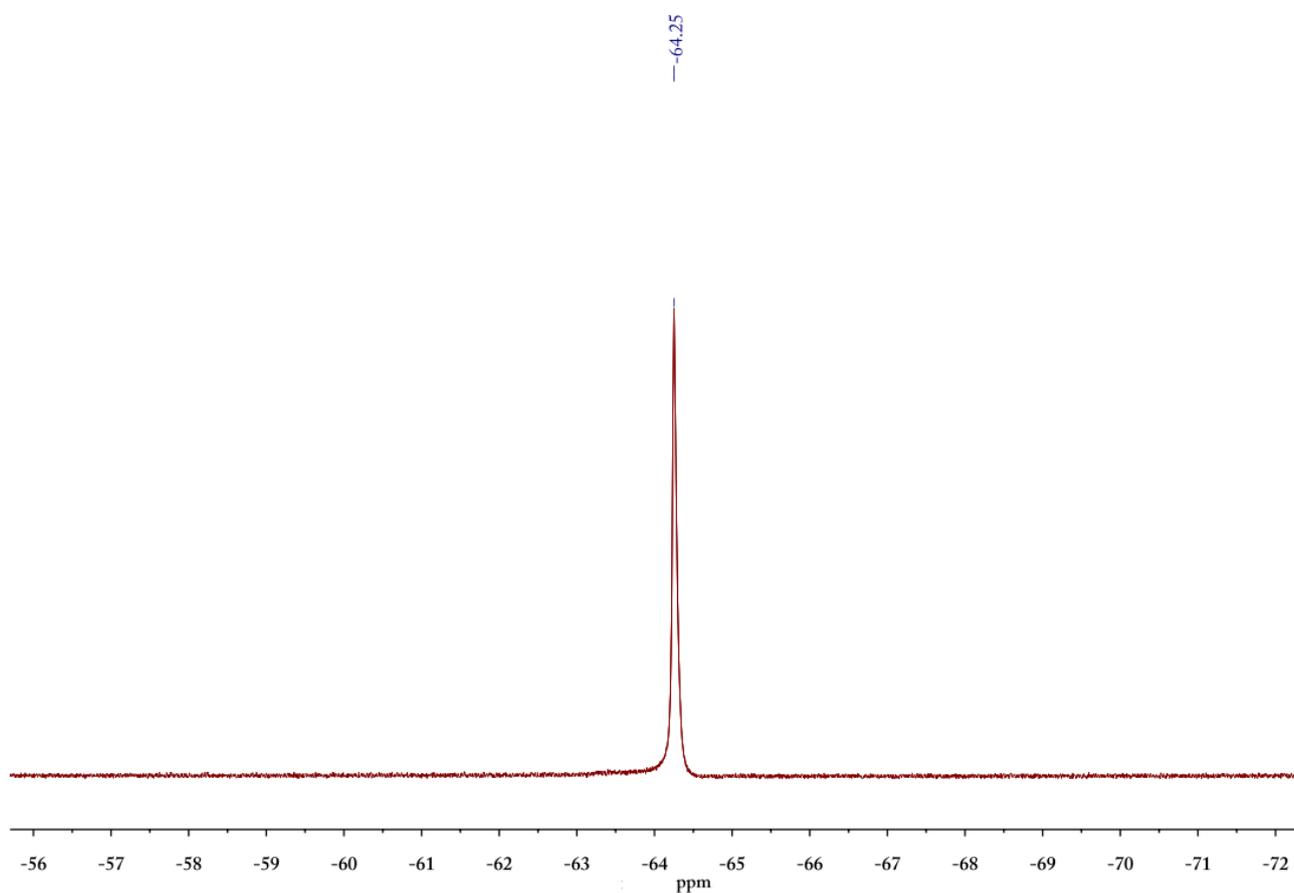
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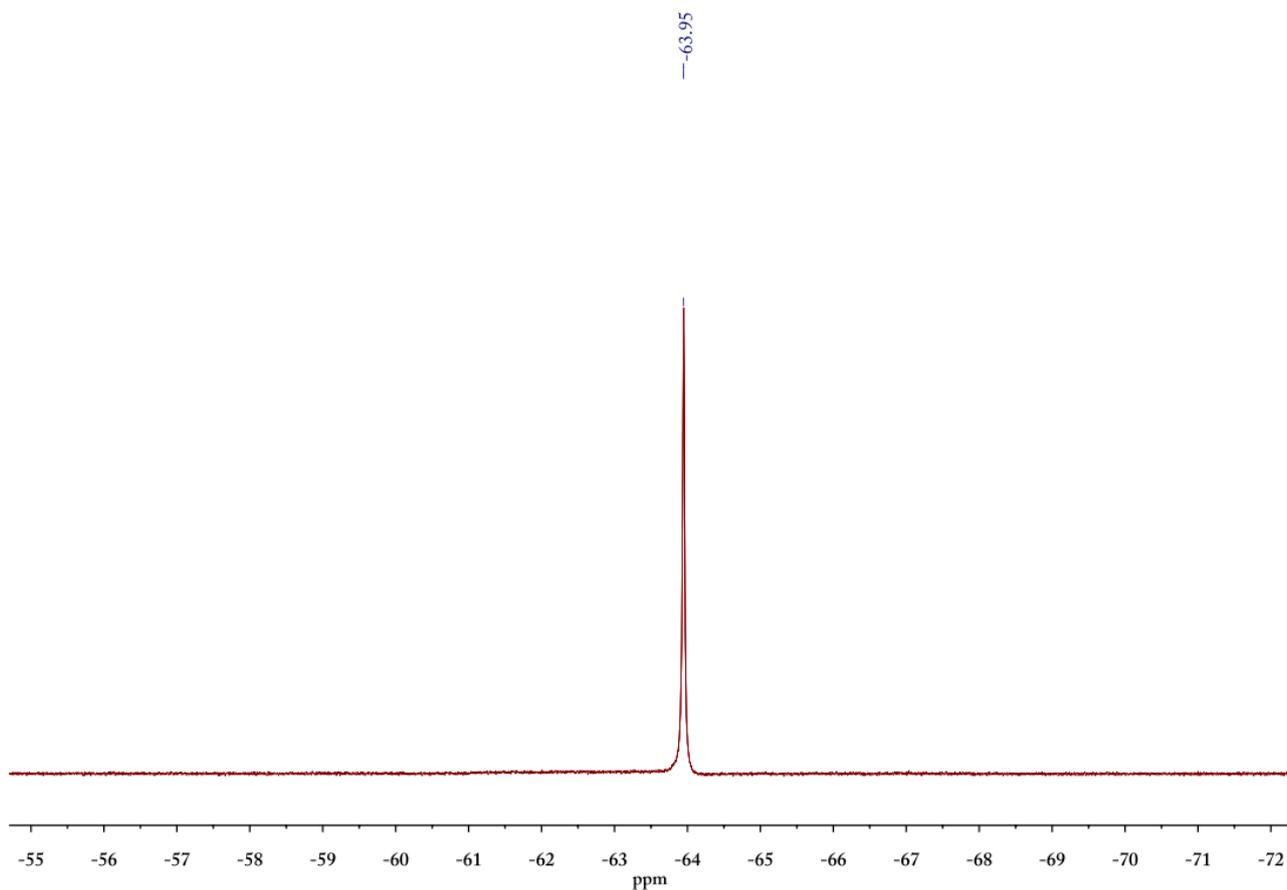
**Fig. S13** <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of **6** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature



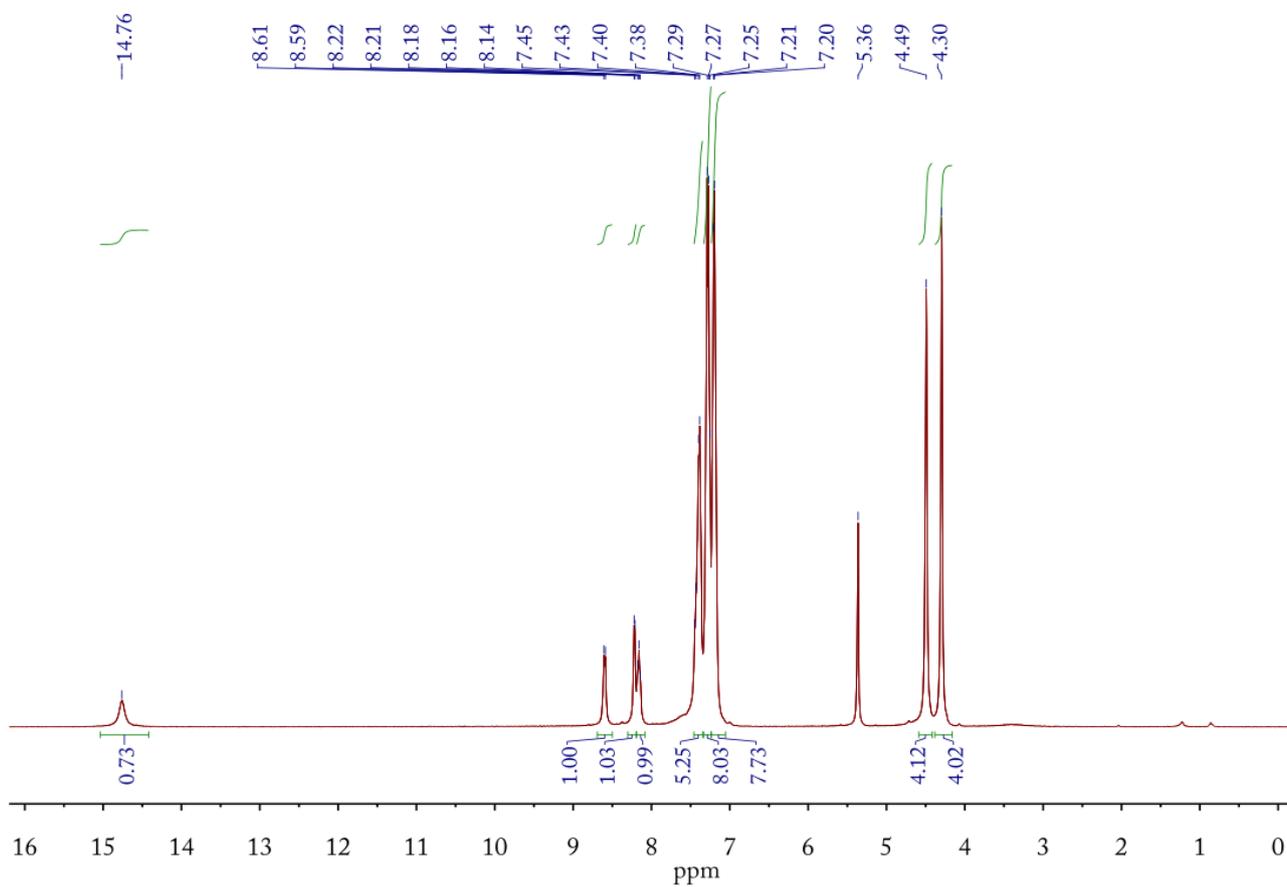
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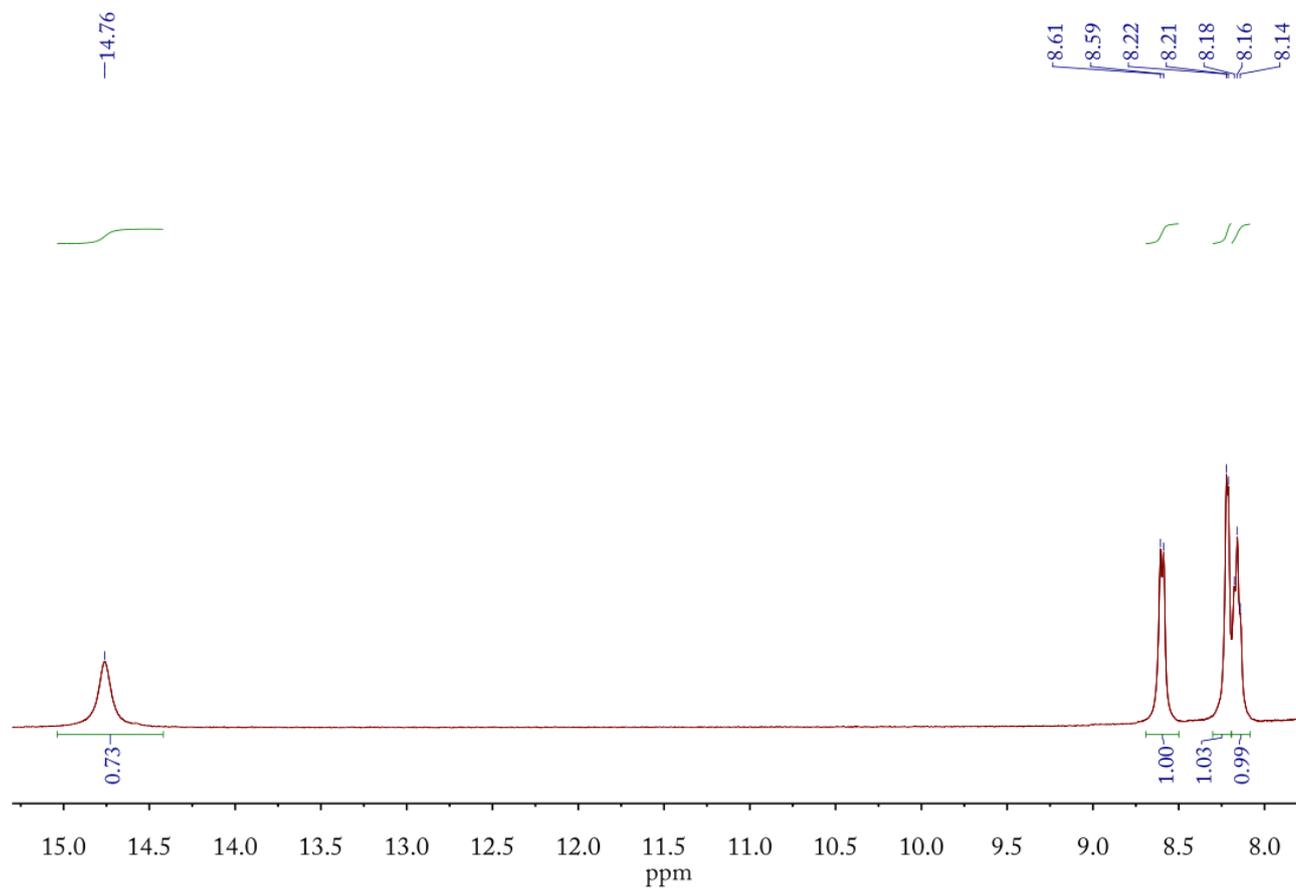


**Fig. S15**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature

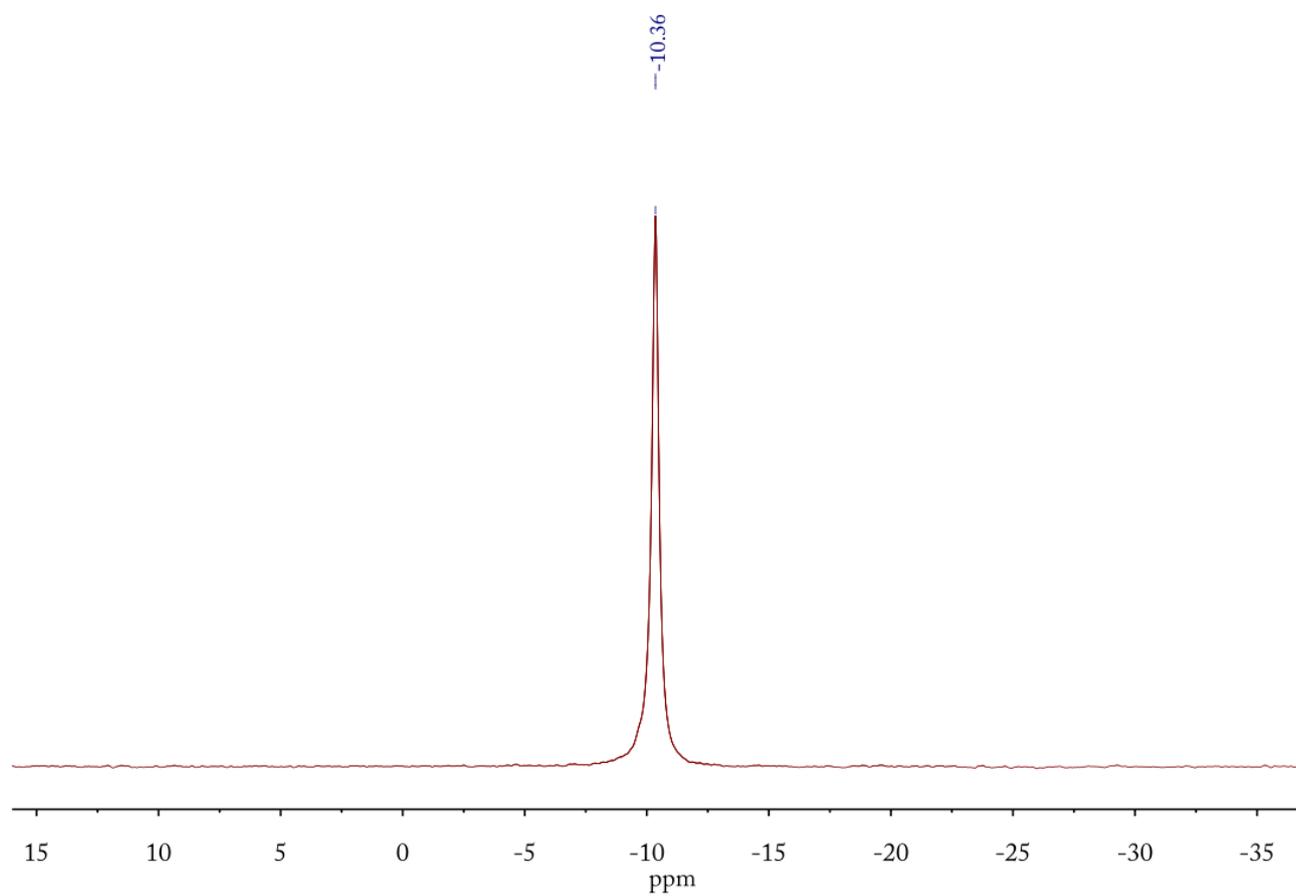


**Fig. S16**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature

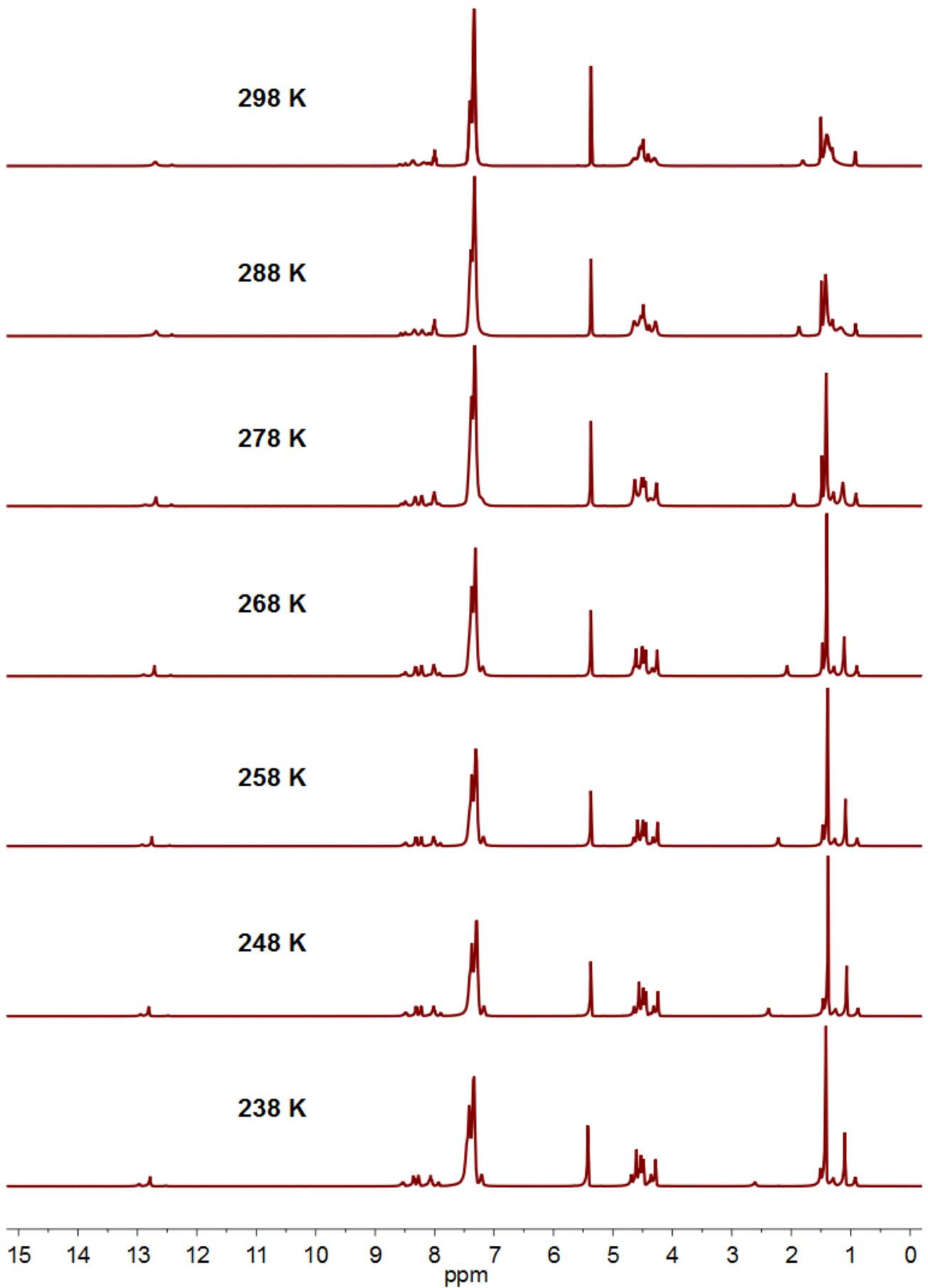


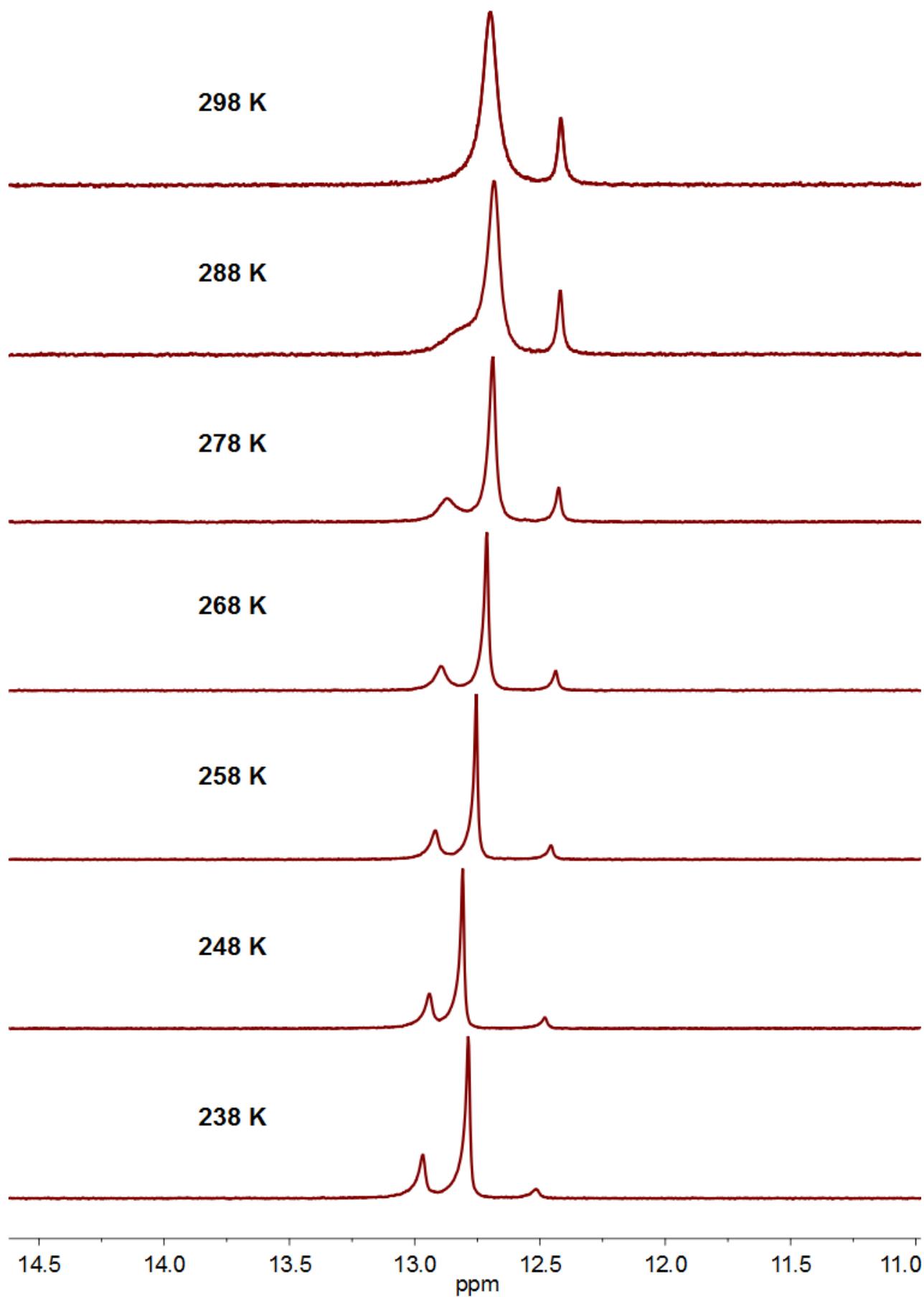


**Fig. S17**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **1** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 228 K



**Fig. S18**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra of **1** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 228K





**Fig. S19** Variable-temperature  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **7** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  from 298 K to 238 K

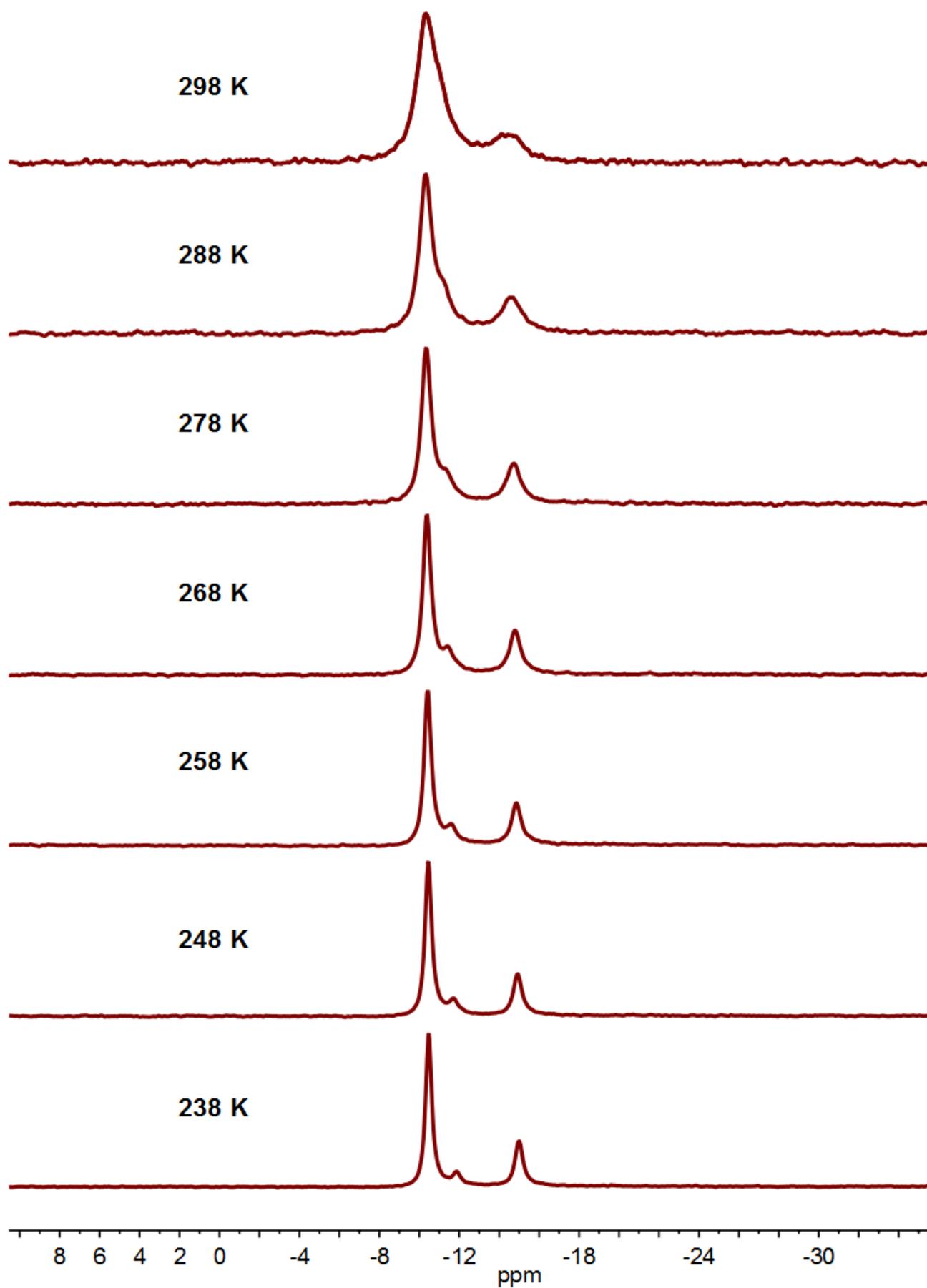
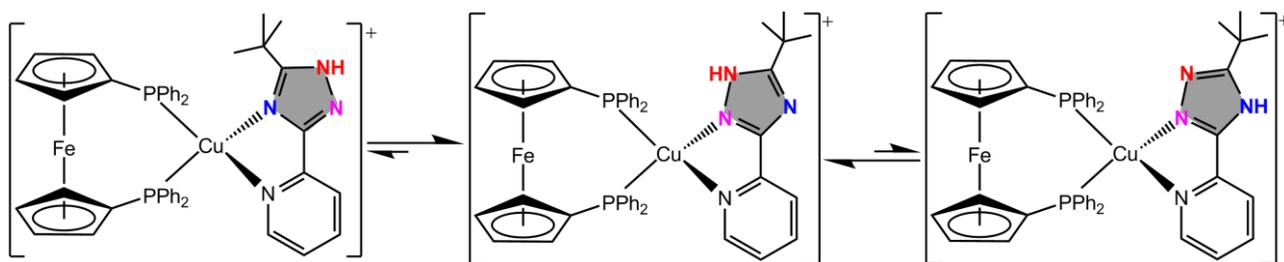
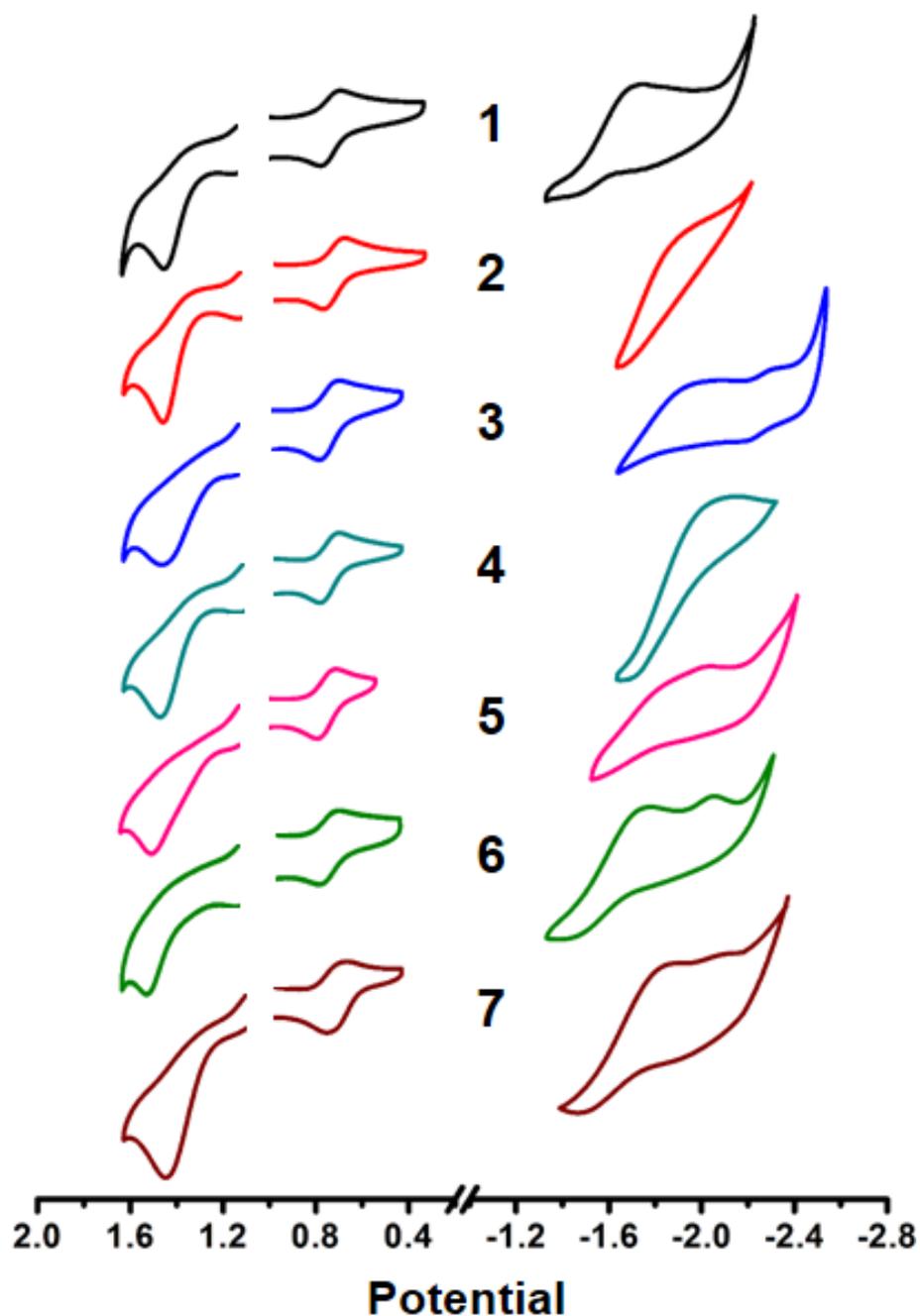


Fig. S20 Variable-temperature  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra of **7** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  from 298 K to 238 K



**Fig. S21** Possible structures and dynamic exchange of three different isomers of **7** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$



**Fig. S22** Cyclic voltammograms of **1–7** in dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  or THF containing 0.1 M  $(\text{tBu}_4\text{N})\text{PF}_6$  ( $\text{Fc}^{+/0}$  = 0.51 V). The scan rate of CV is  $50 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ .

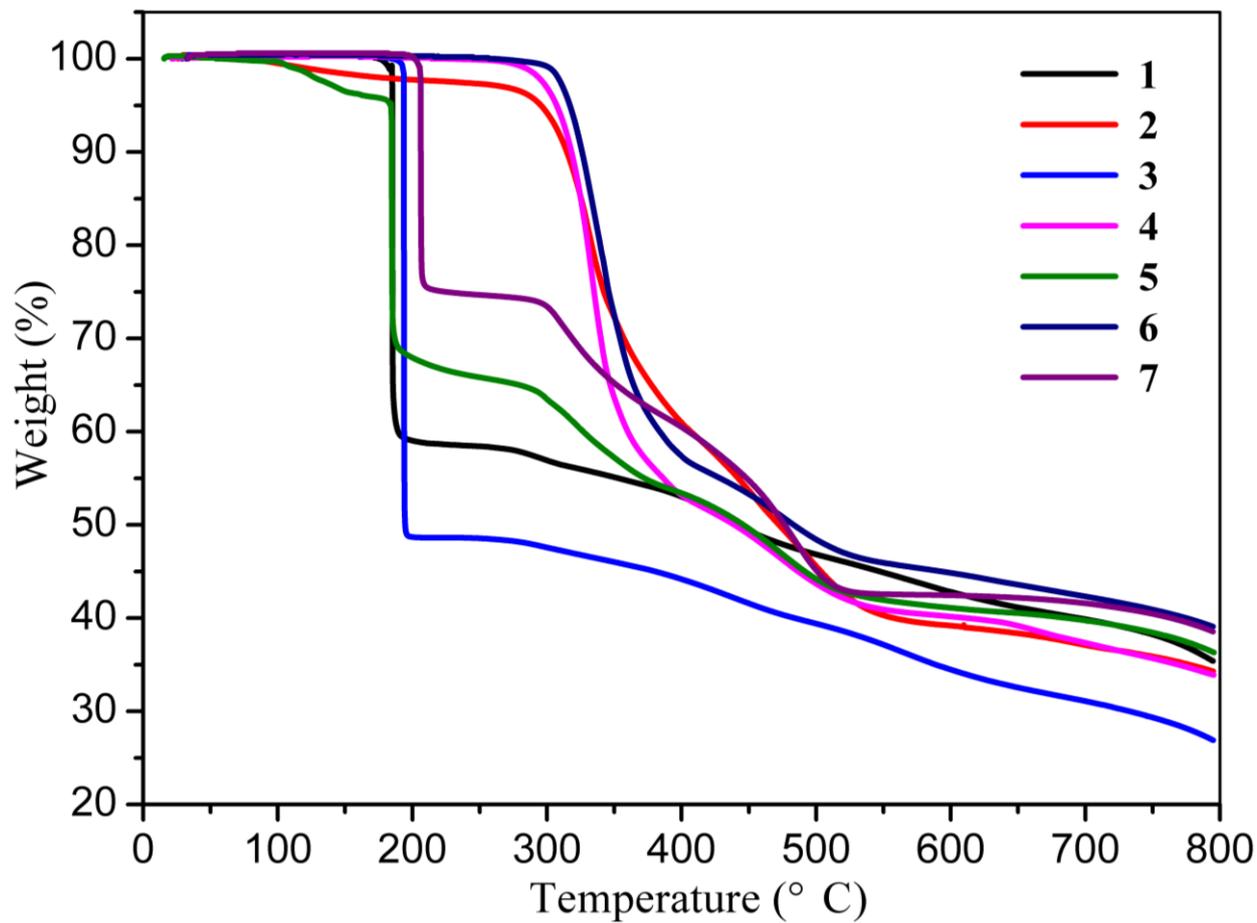


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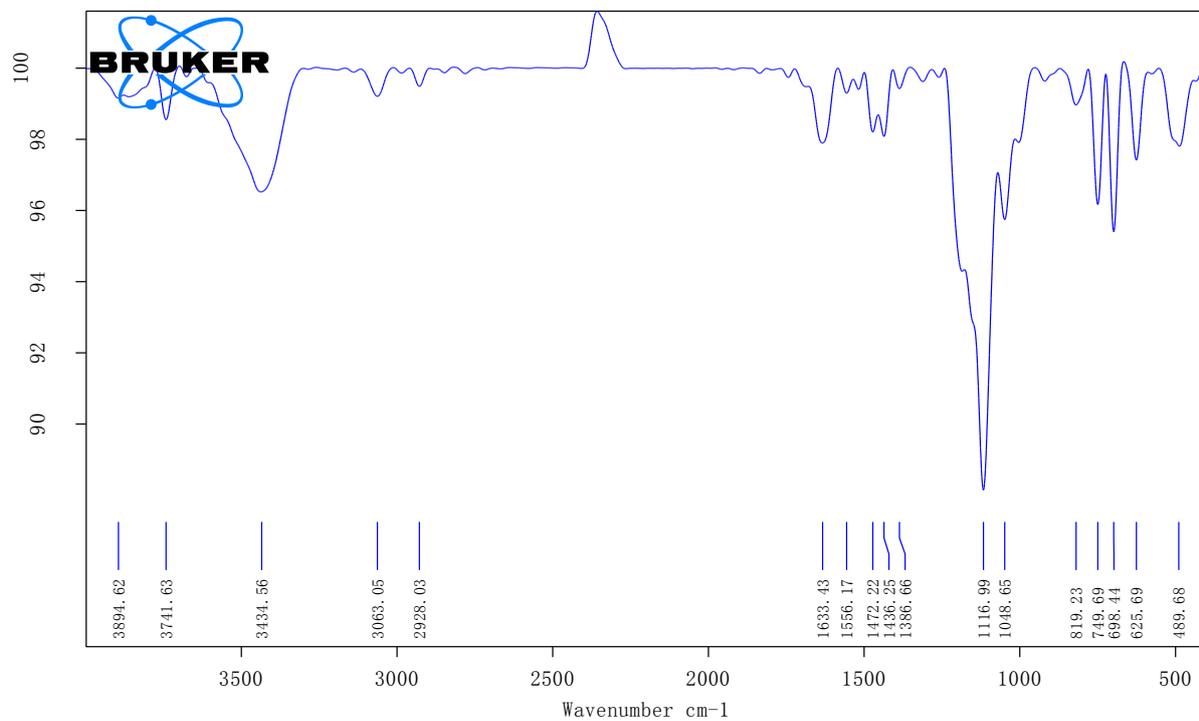
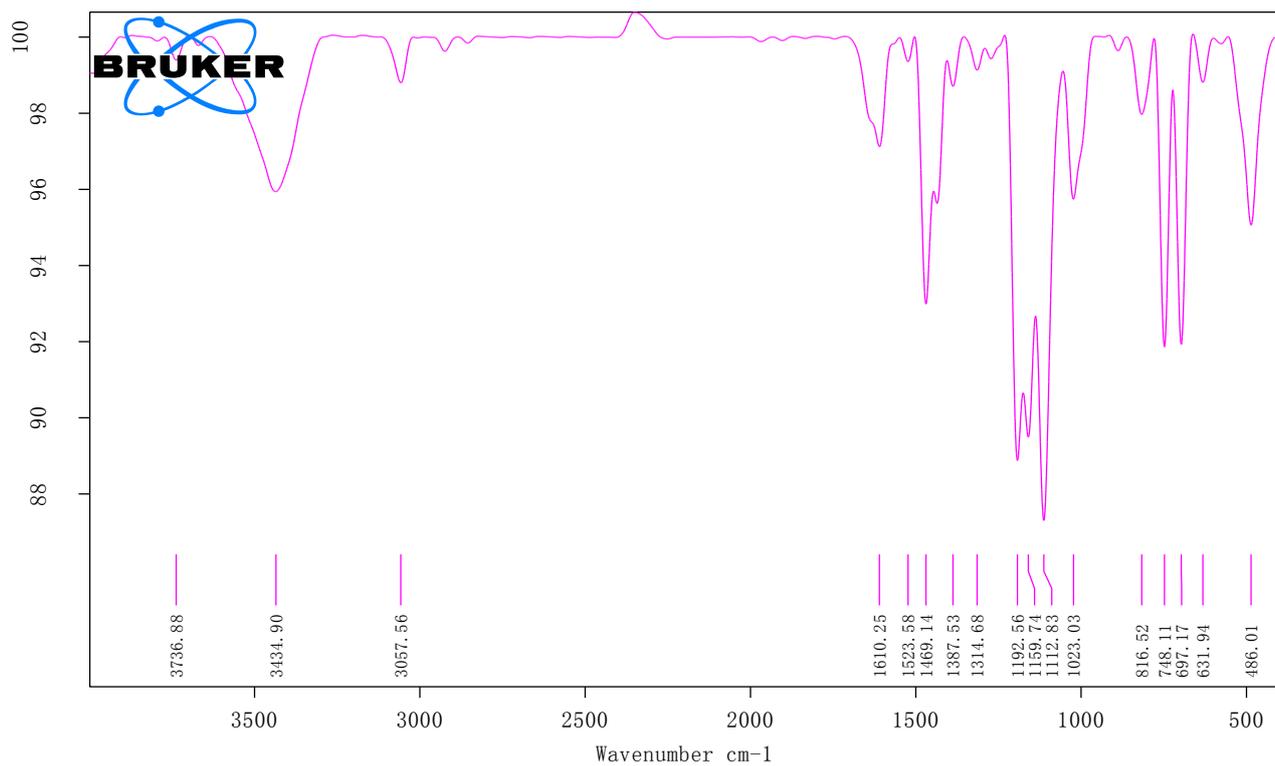
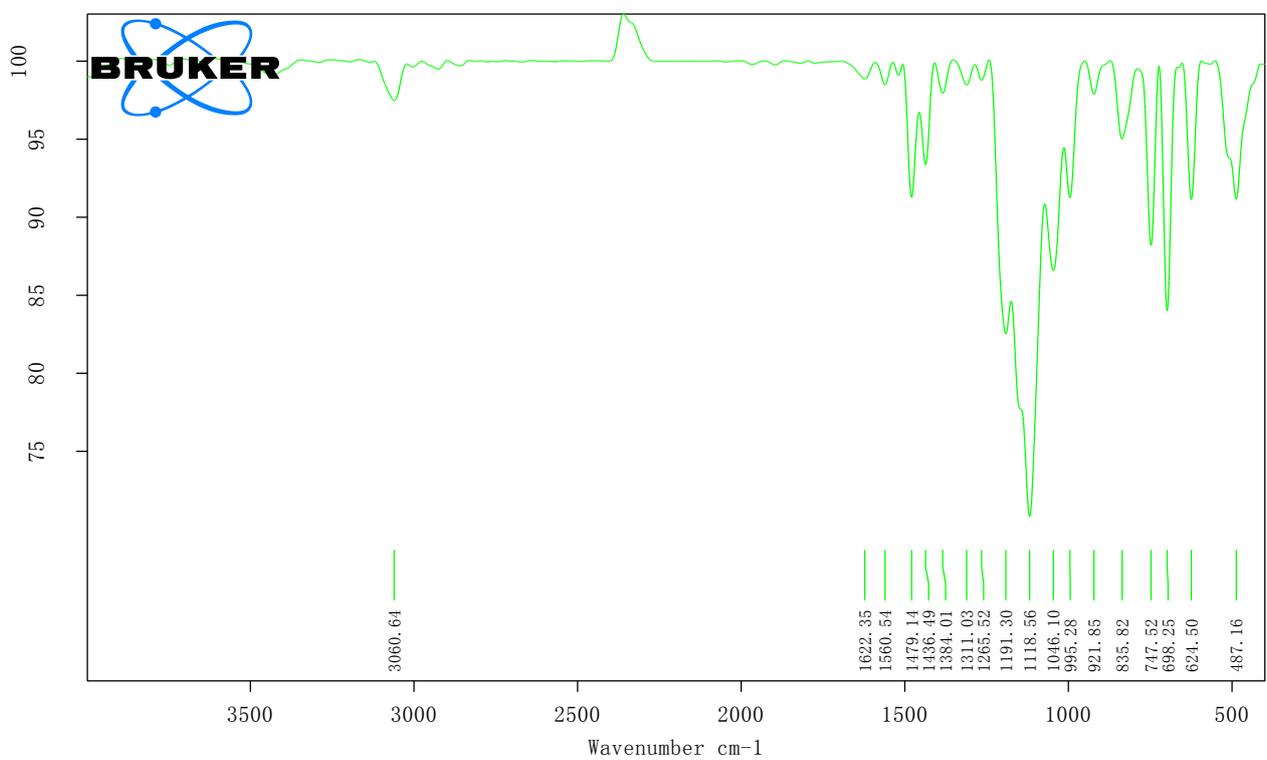


Fig. S24 IR spectrum of 1



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



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

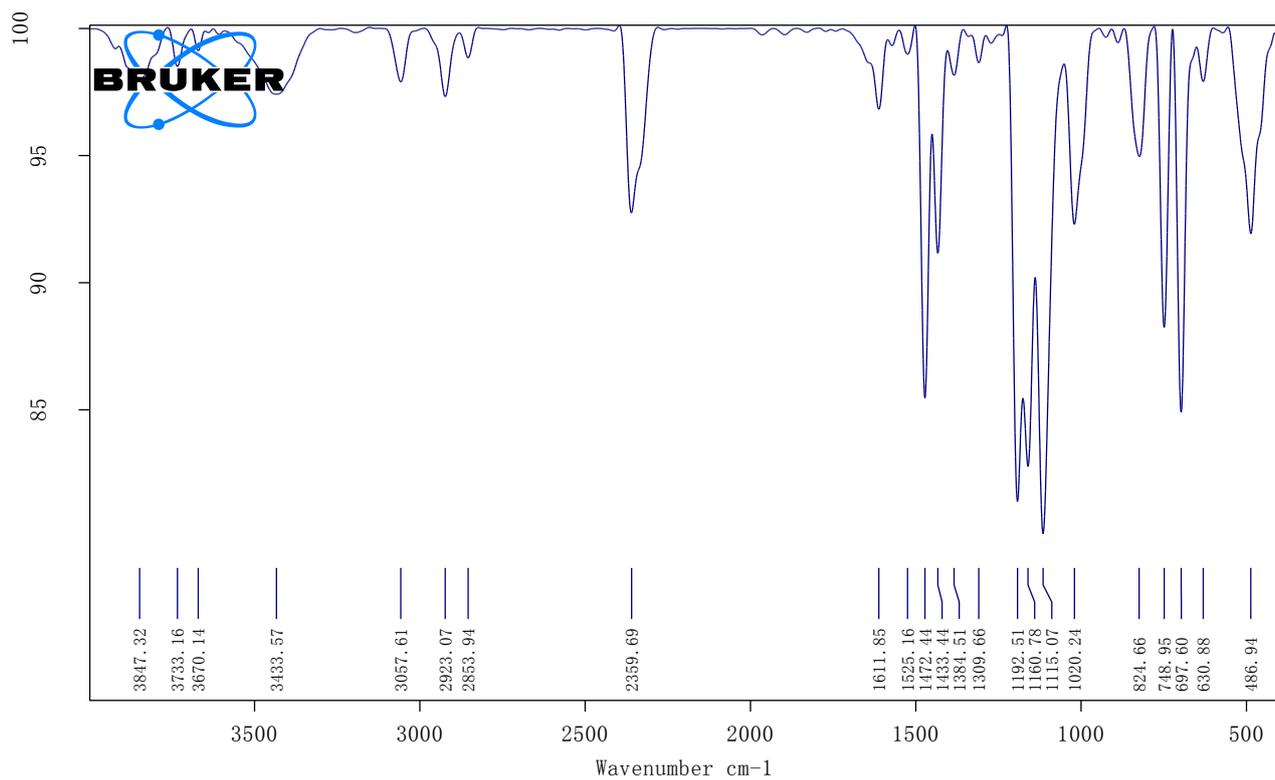


Fig. S27 IR spectrum of 4

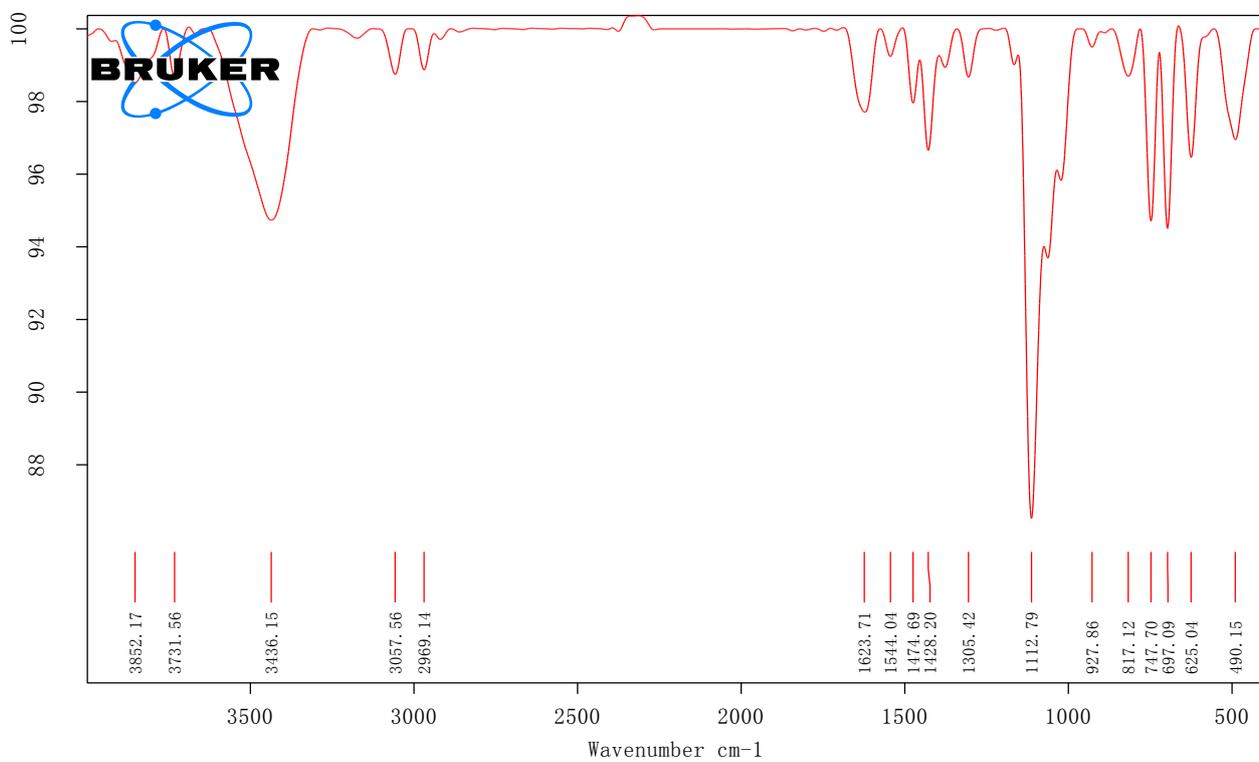
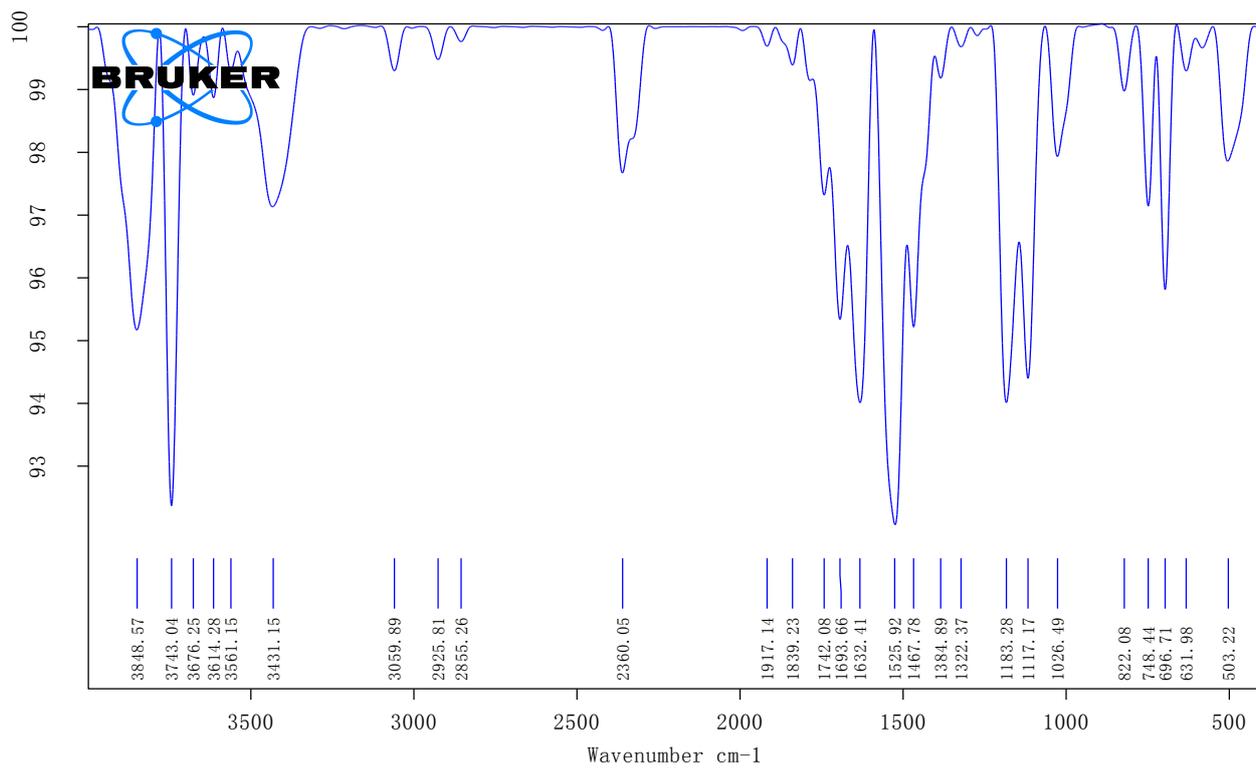
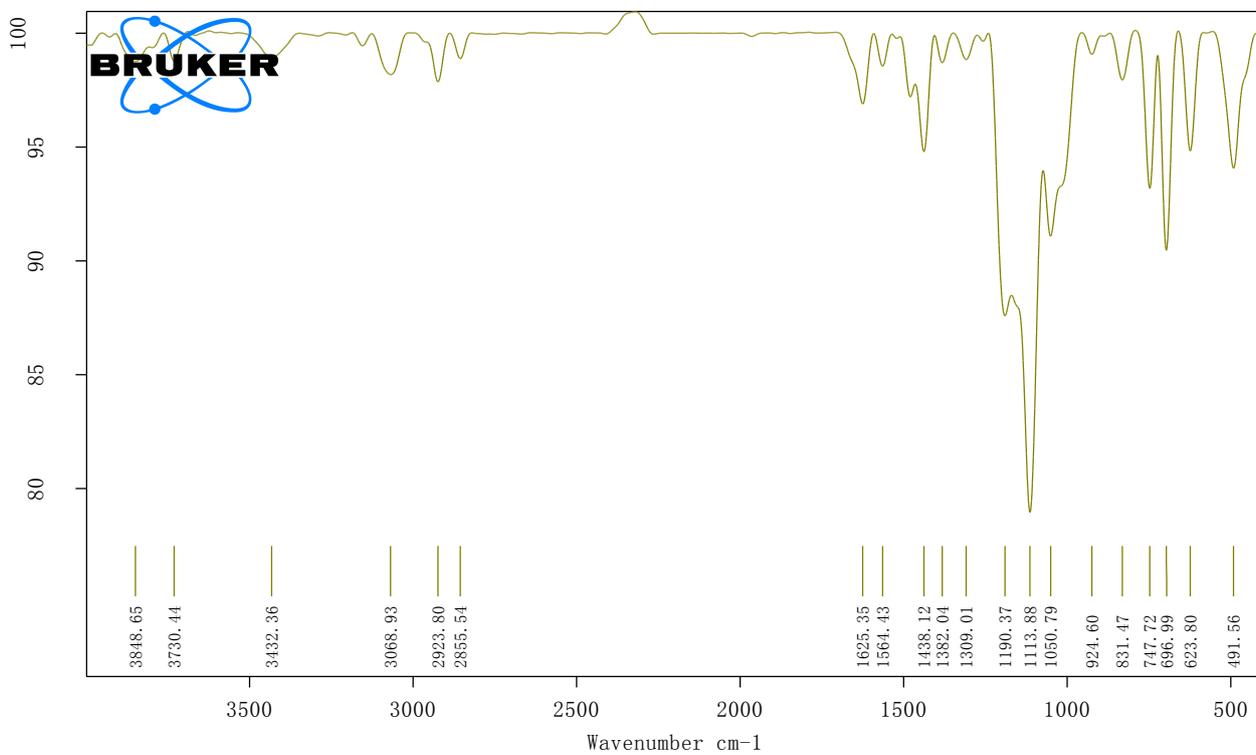


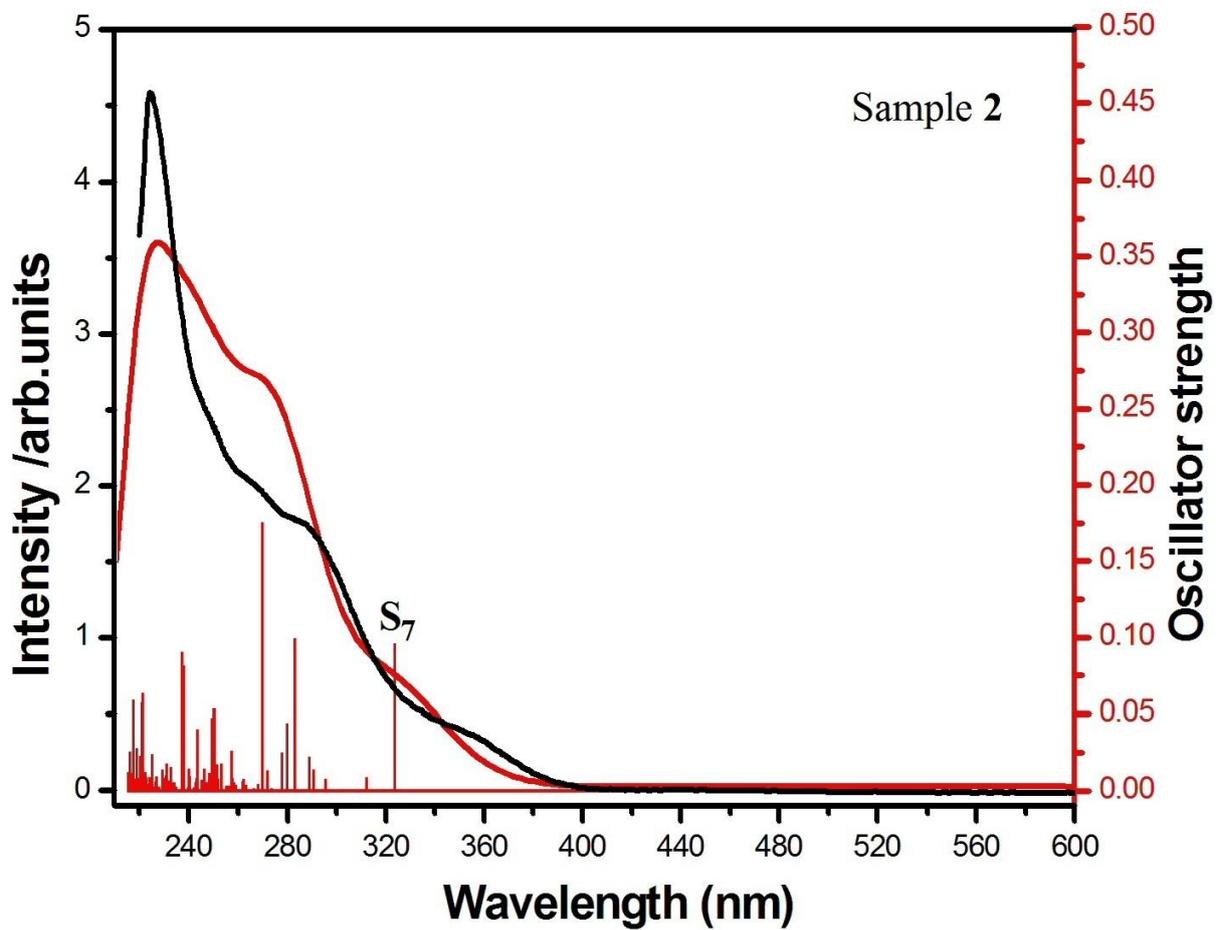
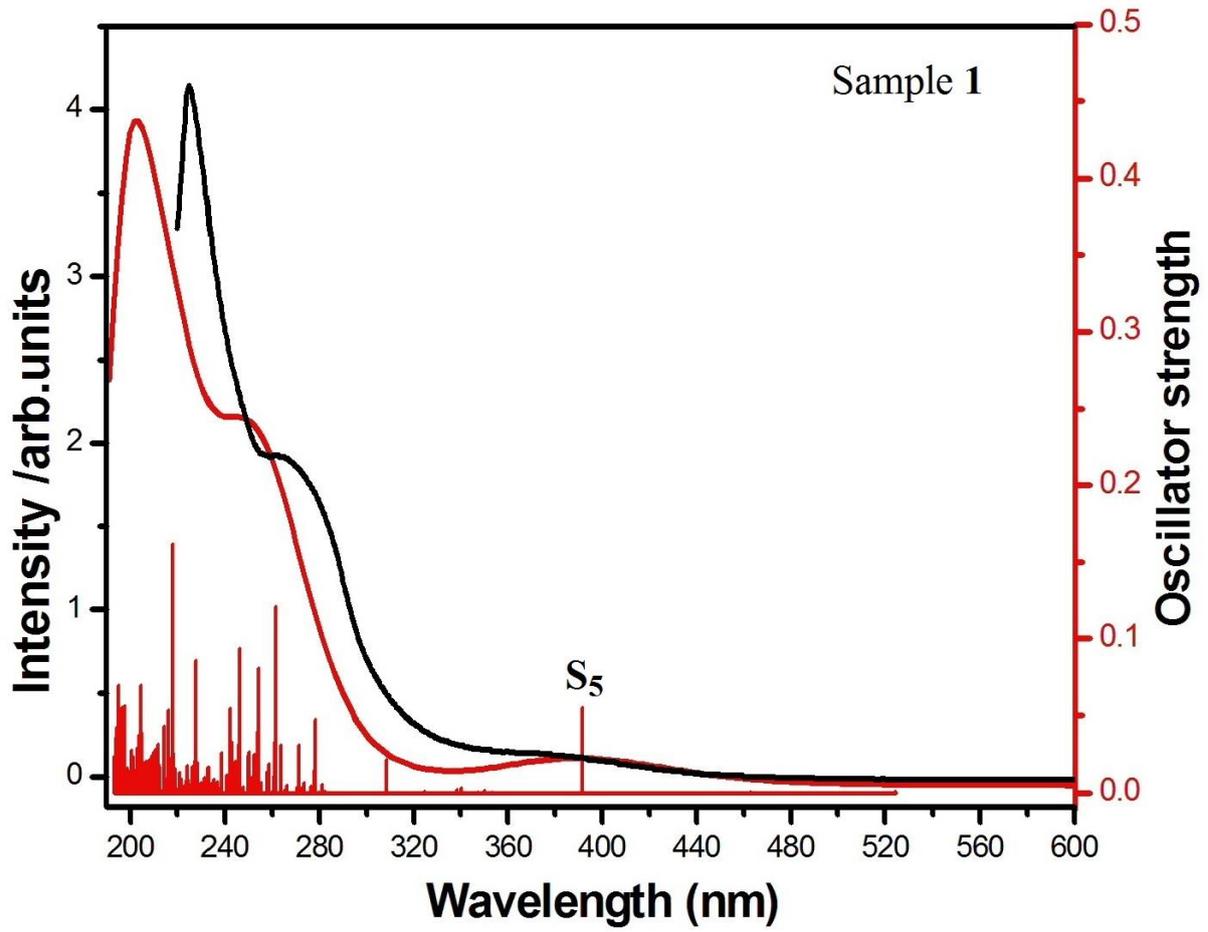
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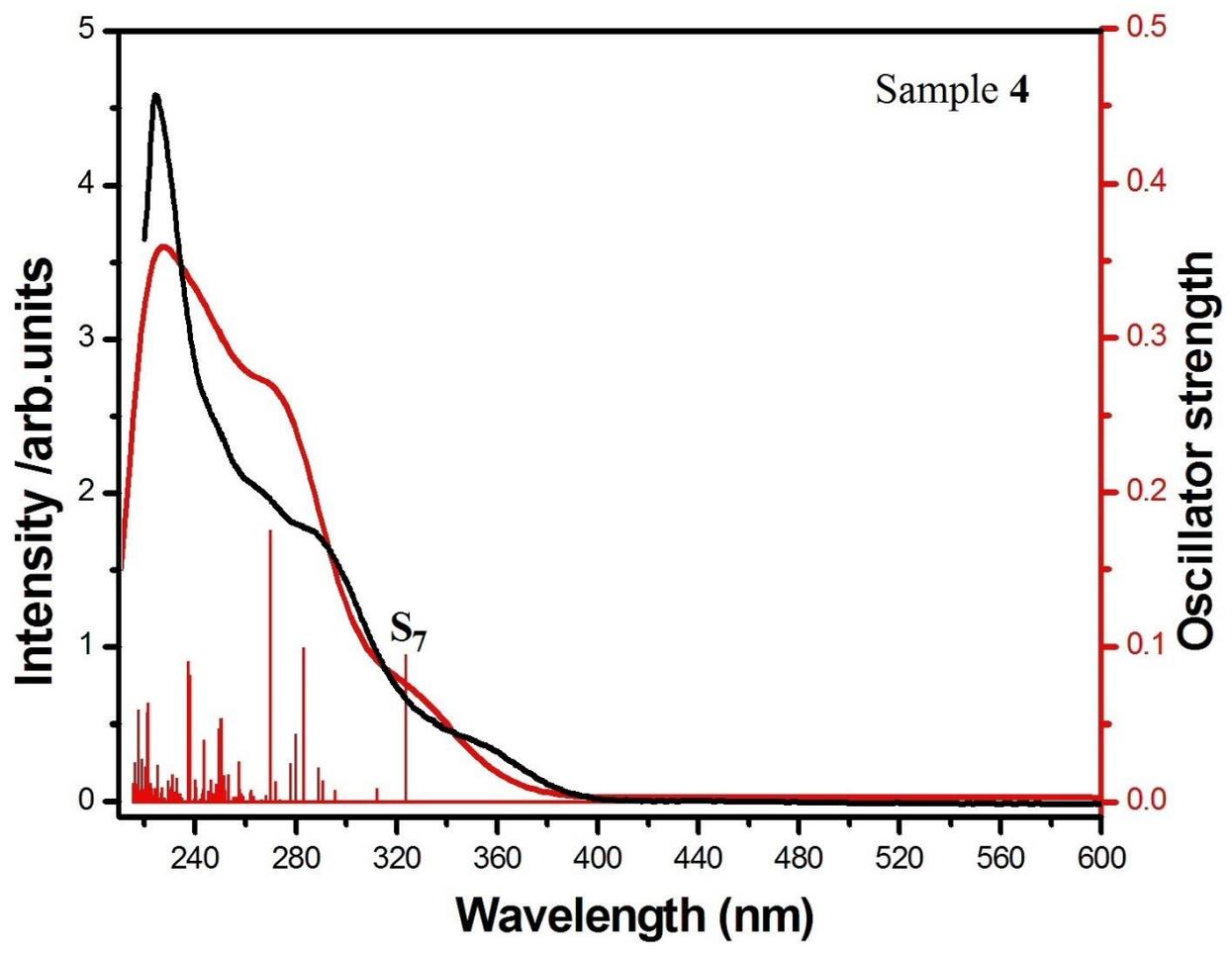
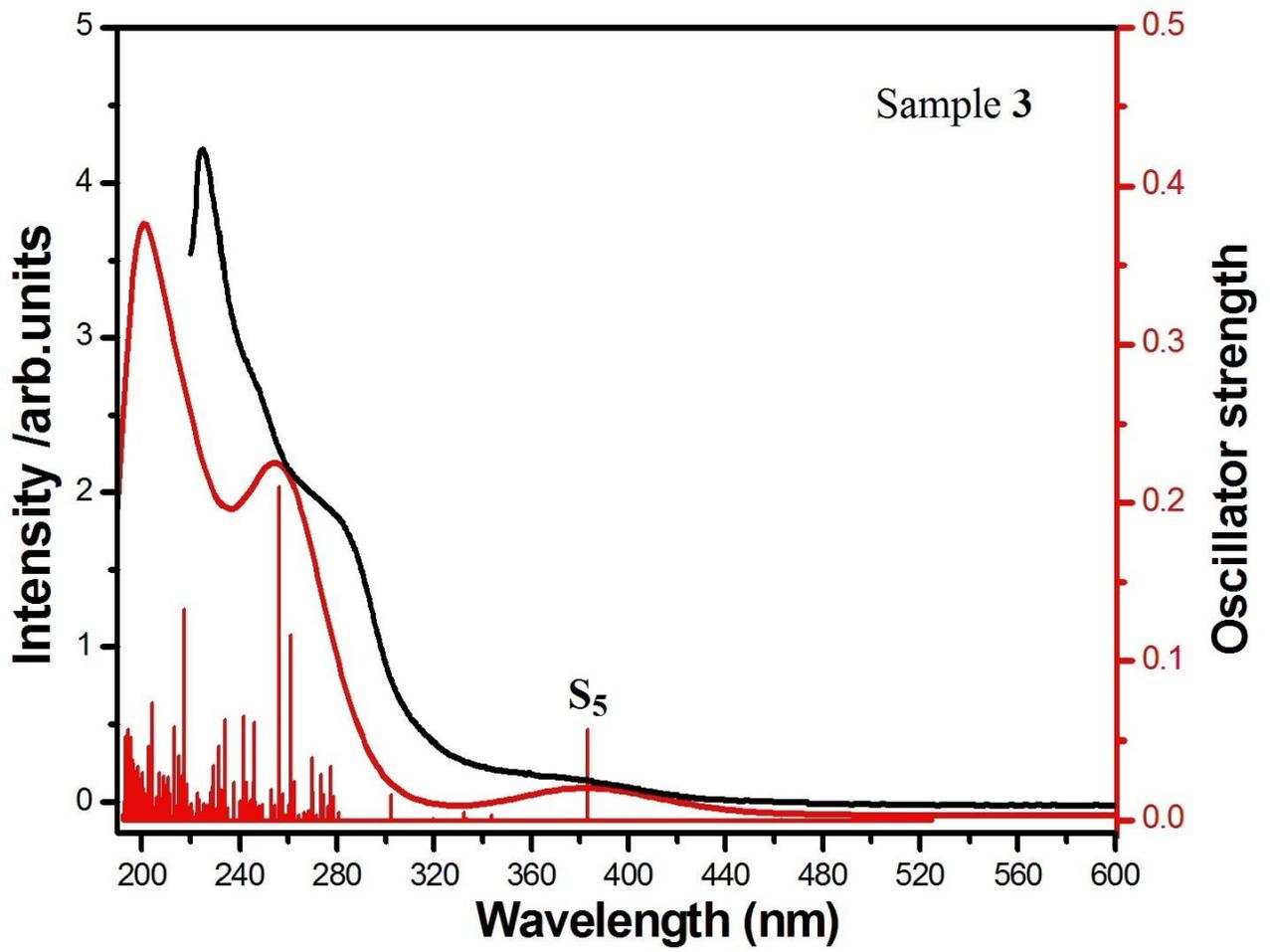


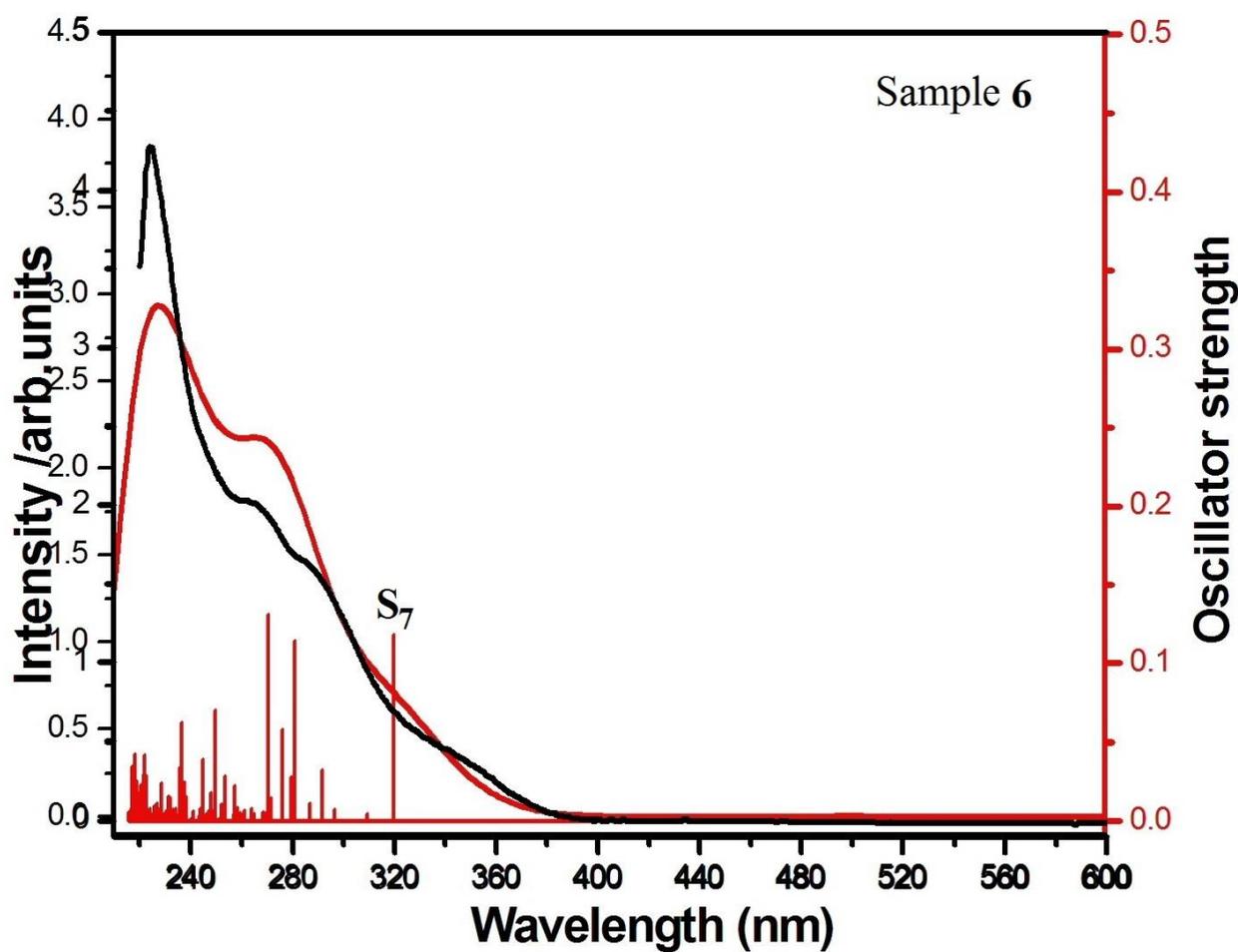
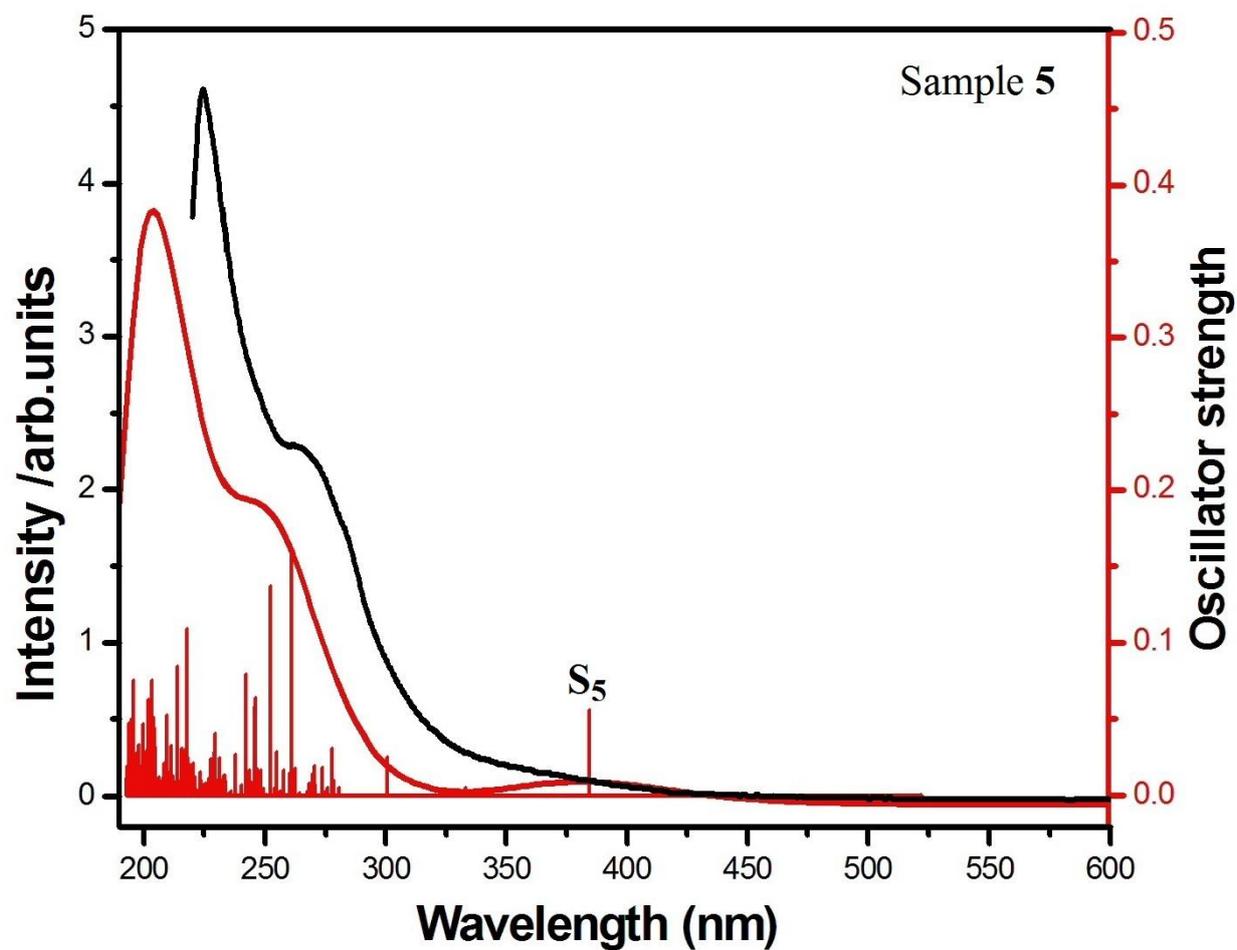
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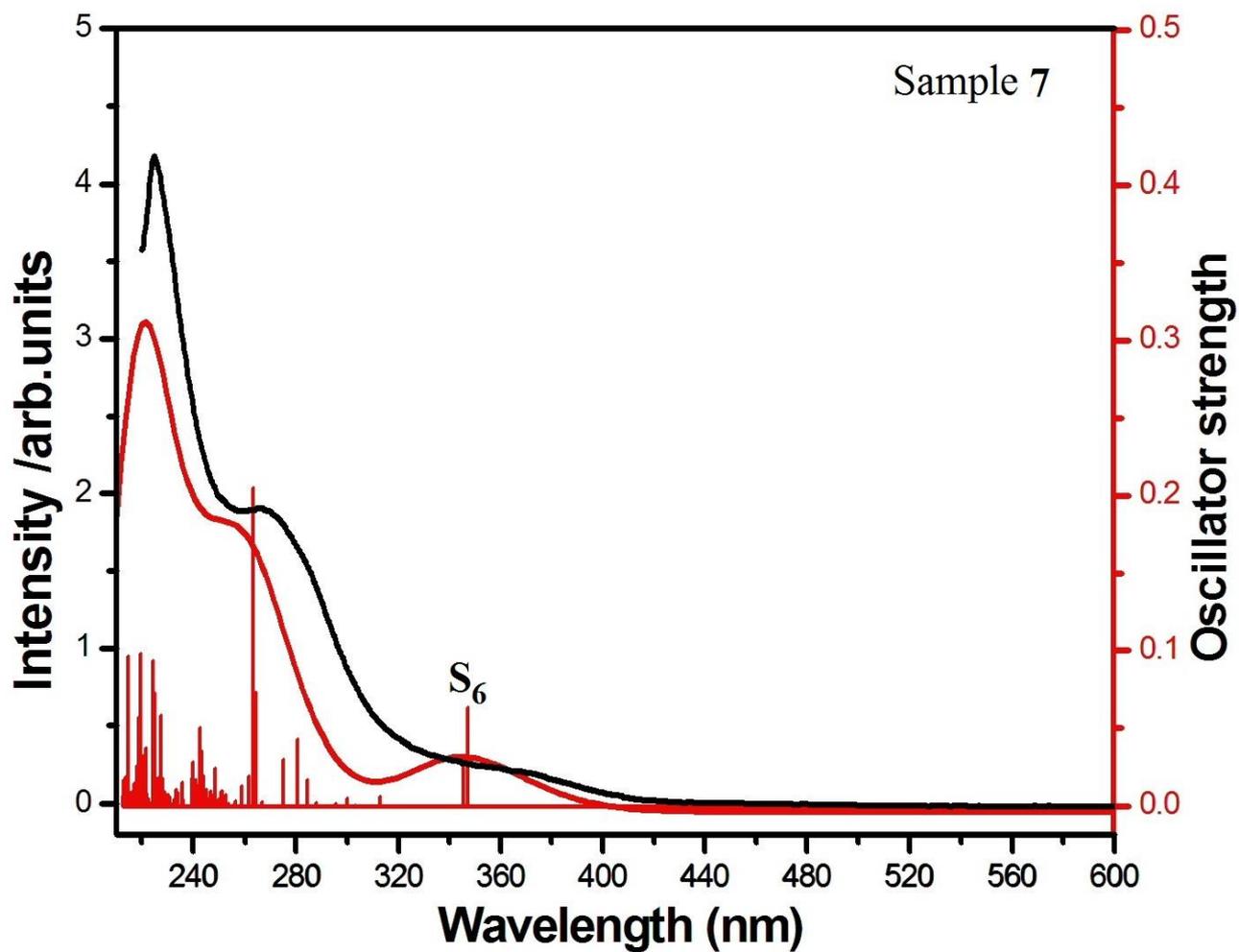


**Fig. S30** IR spectrum of **7**









**Fig. S31** Comparison of the calculated (red line) and experimental (black line) absorption spectra in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  media for **1–7**. Red vertical lines correspond to oscillator strength of calculated singlet-singlet transitions.

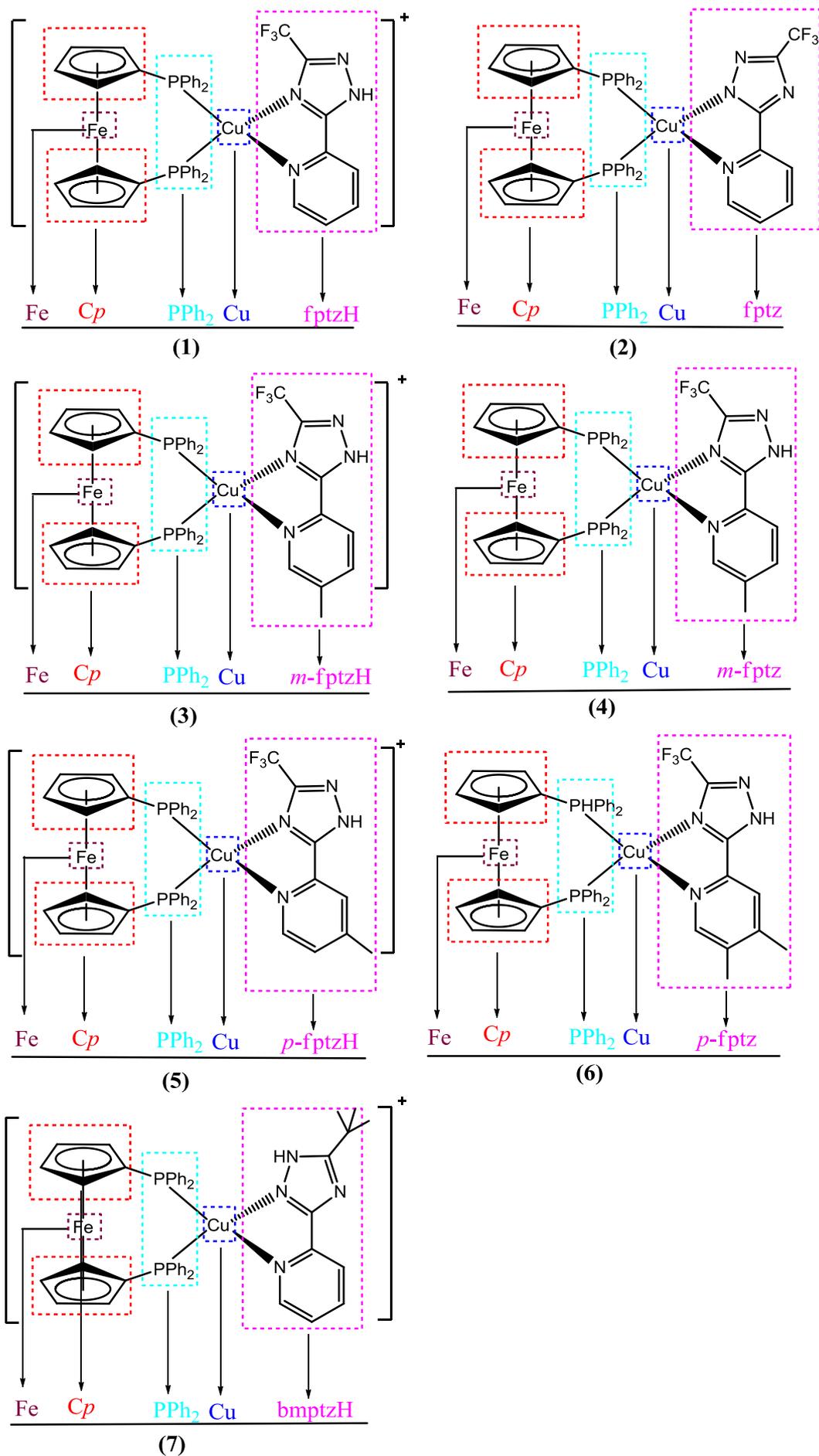


Fig. S32 Assignment of molecular fragments for 1–7

**Table S1** Molecular orbital compositions (%) for **1** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> media at PBE1PBE/6-31G\*\*/LANL2DZ level

Orbital	Main bond type	Contribution (%)				
		Fe	Cp	PPh <sub>2</sub>	Cu	fptzH
LUMO+10	$\pi^*(\text{PPh}_2)$	6.49	9.04	67.8	4.77	11.9
LUMO+8	$\pi^*(\text{PPh}_2)$	9.07	11.8	65.8	8.65	4.69
LUMO	$\pi^*(\text{fptzH})$	0.43	0.0001	2.59	1.70	95.3
HOMO	$d(\text{Fe})+d(\text{Cu})+\pi(\text{PPh}_2)$	33.0	11.6	33.0	20.5	1.91
HOMO-1	$d(\text{Fe})$	77.1	19.5	2.37	0.80	0.19
HOMO-2	$d(\text{Fe})+d(\text{Cu})$	48.4	12.7	22.5	14.3	1.08

**Table S2** Molecular orbital compositions (%) for **2** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> media at PBE1PBE/6-31G\*\*/LANL2DZ level

Orbital	Main bond type	Contribution (%)				
		Fe	Cp	PPh <sub>2</sub>	Cu	fptz
LUMO+8	$\pi^*(\text{PPh}_2)$	15.0	15.4	61.5	4.00	2.40
LUMO+7	$\pi^*(\text{PPh}_2)$	22.9	17.2	53.4	3.27	1.89
LUMO+6	$d(\text{Fe})+\pi^*(\text{PPh}_2)+\pi^*(\text{Cp})$	33.9	22.3	38.0	3.02	0.67
LUMO	$\pi^*(\text{fptz})$	0.46	0.67	5.02	5.29	88.4
HOMO	$d(\text{Cu})+\pi(\text{PPh}_2)$	12.2	6.20	39.8	32.6	8.50
HOMO-1	$d(\text{Fe})$	69.8	18.9	4.20	4.96	2.00
HOMO-2	$d(\text{Fe})$	65.8	7.30	4.48	4.86	7.38

**Table S3** Molecular orbital compositions (%) for **3** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> media at PBE1PBE/6-31G\*\*/LANL2DZ level

Orbital	Main bond type	Contribution (%)				
		Fe	Cp	PPh <sub>2</sub>	Cu	<i>m</i> -fptzH
LUMO+10	d(Fe)+ $\pi^*$ (PPh <sub>2</sub> )+ $\pi^*$ (Cp)	32.8	24.3	38.1	3.71	1.08
LUMO+8	d(Fe)+ $\pi^*$ (PPh <sub>2</sub> )+ $\pi^*$ (Cp)	35.2	21.3	22.8	4.67	16.1
LUMO	$\pi^*$ ( <i>m</i> -fptzH)	0.09	0.48	2.68	1.71	95.1
HOMO	d(Fe)+d(Cu)+ $\pi$ (PPh <sub>2</sub> )	32.3	11.5	33.0	21.0	2.13
HOMO-1	d(Fe)+ $\pi$ (Cp)	77.1	25.5	2.38	0.83	0.20
HOMO-2	d(Fe)+ $\pi$ (PPh <sub>2</sub> )	49.0	13.8	21.8	14.2	1.19

**Table S4** Molecular orbital compositions (%) for **4** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> media at PBE1PBE/6-31G\*\*/LANL2DZ level

Orbital	Main bond type	Contribution (%)				
		Fe	Cp	PPh <sub>2</sub>	Cu	<i>m</i> -fptz
LUMO+8	$\pi^*$ (PPh <sub>2</sub> )	13.6	14.5	64.9	4.18	2.83
LUMO+7	$\pi^*$ (PPh <sub>2</sub> )	24.8	17.7	51.3	3.45	2.76
LUMO+6	d(Fe)+ $\pi^*$ (PPh <sub>2</sub> )	33.0	21.8	41.5	3.03	0.62
LUMO	$\pi^*$ ( <i>m</i> -fptz)	0.53	0.70	5.19	5.11	88.5
HOMO	d(Cu)+ $\pi$ (PPh <sub>2</sub> )	11.6	10.7	40.1	32.7	21.1
HOMO-1	d(Fe)	68.7	18.8	4.56	5.65	2.31
HOMO-2	d(Fe)	57.7	15.1	2.40	3.23	21.6

**Table S5** Molecular orbital compositions (%) for **5** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> media at PBE1PBE/6-31G\*\*/LANL2DZ level

Orbital	Main bond type	Contribution (%)				
		Fe	Cp	PPh <sub>2</sub>	Cu	<i>p</i> -fptzH
LUMO+10	$\pi^*(\text{PPh}_2)$	30.2	22.7	41.7	4.29	1.11
LUMO+8	$d(\text{Fe})+\pi^*(\text{PPh}_2)+\pi^*(\text{Cp})$	35.5	21.9	25.9	5.36	11.4
LUMO	$\pi^*(p\text{-fptzH})$	0.07	0.37	2.50	1.54	95.5
HOMO	$d(\text{Fe})+d(\text{Cu})+\pi(\text{PPh}_2)$	32.0	11.5	32.9	21.4	2.21
HOMO-1	$d(\text{Fe})$	77.2	19.6	2.27	0.78	0.18
HOMO-2	$d(\text{Fe})$	49.1	13.9	21.3	14.5	1.25

**Table S6** Molecular orbital compositions (%) for **6** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> media at PBE1PBE/6-31G\*\*/LANL2DZ level

Orbital	Main bond type	Contribution (%)				
		Fe	Cp	PPh <sub>2</sub>	Cu	<i>p</i> -fptz
LUMO+8	$\pi^*(\text{PPh}_2)$	22.1	18.0	53.6	4.14	2.08
LUMO+7	$\pi^*(\text{PPh}_2)$	23.4	15.8	53.2	4.50	3.04
LUMO+6	$\pi^*(\text{PPh}_2)$	21.1	17.6	57.6	2.77	0.89
LUMO	$\pi^*(p\text{-fptz})$	0.52	0.68	25.9	4.92	67.9
HOMO	$d(\text{Cu})+\pi(\text{PPh}_2)$	12.0	6.20	41.1	32.9	7.83
HOMO-1	$d(\text{Fe})$	68.8	18.7	4.71	5.58	2.21
HOMO-2	$d(\text{Fe})$	65.8	17.3	4.77	4.95	7.19

**Table S7** Molecular orbital compositions (%) for **7** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> media at PBE1PBE/6-31G\*\*/LANL2DZ level

Orbital	Main bond type	Contribution (%)				
		Fe	Cp	PPh <sub>2</sub>	Cu	<i>p</i> -fptz
LUMO+9	d(Fe)+ $\pi^*$ (PPh <sub>2</sub> )+ $\pi^*$ (Cp)	29.9	22.7	43.7	2.93	0.73
LUMO+7	d(Fe)+ $\pi^*$ (PPh <sub>2</sub> )+ $\pi^*$ (Cp)	44.4	26.4	23.4	4.51	1.27
LUMO	$\pi^*$ ( <i>p</i> -fptz)	0.25	0.47	4.13	4.25	90.9
HOMO	d(Fe)+d(Cu)+ $\pi$ (PPh <sub>2</sub> )	24.3	9.60	37.6	24.9	3.65
HOMO-1	d(Fe)	77.3	19.5	2.26	0.78	0.21
HOMO-2	d(Fe)	56.5	15.5	15.6	10.9	1.55