

Supporting Information for

**Efficient synthesis of ferrocifens and other ferrocenyl-substituted ethylenes via a ‘sulfur approach’**

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**Products obtained in the study - supplementation**

**S-1. Alkyl ferrocenyl ketones**

**S-1.1. Ethyl ferrocenyl ketone.** Orange solid; yield: 213 mg (88%); m.p. 66.5–68.7 °C (ref.<sup>S1</sup> 67–68 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.20 (t, 3H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.73 (q, 2H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.18 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 4.48 (t, 2H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 1.8 Hz, 2 Fc-CH), 4.78 (t, 2H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 1.8 Hz, 2 Fc-CH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 69.2, 72.0 (4 CH-Fc), 69.6 (5 CH-Fc), 78.9 (C-Fc), 204.8 (C=O) ppm.

**S-1.2. Ferrocenyl propyl ketone.** Red solid; yield: 192 mg (75%); m.p. 36.1–38.3 °C (ref.<sup>S2</sup> 36.0–38.0 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.02 (t, 3H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.72–1.79 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.69 (t, 2H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.20 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 4.49 (t, 2H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 1.8 Hz, 2 Fc-CH), 4.79 (t, 2H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 1.8 Hz, 2 Fc-CH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.10 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 69.3, 72.0 (4 CH-Fc), 69.7 (5 CH-Fc), 79.3 (C-Fc), 204.4 (C=O) ppm.

**S-1.3. Ferrocenyl (sec-butyl) ketone.** Thick orange oil; yield: 221 mg (82%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.00 (t, 3H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.20 (d, 3H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.42–1.52, 1.77–1.87 (2m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.88–2.94 (m, 1H, CH), 4.21 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 4.50 (bs, 2H, 2 Fc-CH), 4.78 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 4.80 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 12.0, 17.2 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.3 (CH), 69.3, 72.0, 72.1 (4 CH-Fc), 69.5 (5 CH-Fc), 78.9 (C-Fc), 208.3 (C=O) ppm. IR (KBr): ν 3098w, 2965m, 2933m, 2873w, 1666vs (C=O), 1451m, 1378m, 1268m, 1239m, 1106m, 1062m, 1030m, 1002m, 888m, 827m cm<sup>-1</sup>. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FeO (270.15): C 66.69, H 6.73; found: C 66.48, H 6.72.

## **S-2. Alkyl ferrocenyl thioketones 7b-d**

**S-2.1. Ethyl ferrocenyl thioketone (7b).** Violet solid; yield: 206 mg (80%); m.p. 37.0–39.0 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.39 (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{H,H}}= 6.6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.09 (q, 2H,  $J_{\text{H,H}}= 6.6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.18 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 4.73 (bs, 2H, 2 Fc-CH), 5.05 (bs, 2H, 2 Fc-CH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  14.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 42.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 69.9, 74.0 (4 CH-Fc), 71.2 (5 CH-Fc), 89.0 (C-Fc), 247.9 (C=S) ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3110w, 2969w, 1440s, 1373m, 1262s, 1223m, 1154m, 1105m, 1043m, 967m, 836m, 819s, 776m, 513s, 480m  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{FeS}$  (258.16): C 60.48, H 5.47, S 12.42; found: C 60.58, H 5.50, S 12.49.

**S-2.2. Ferrocenyl propyl thioketone (7c).** Violet solid; yield: 199 mg (73%); m.p. 30.0–32.0 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.04 (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{H,H}}= 7.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.84–1.92 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.03–3.09 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.19 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 4.73 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H,H}}= 1.8$  Hz, 2 Fc-CH), 5.03 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H,H}}= 1.8$  Hz, 2 Fc-CH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 24.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 51.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 70.0, 74.2 (4 CH-Fc), 71.3 (5 CH-Fc), 89.3 (C-Fc), 246.7 (C=S) ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3091w, 2960s, 2930m, 2871m, 1669s, 1443vs, 1380s, 1285m, 1107m, 1052m, 1002m, 822vs, 500m  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{FeS}$  (272.19): C 61.78, H 5.92, S 11.78; found: C 61.81, H 5.90, S 11.73.

**S-2.3. Ferrocenyl (sec-butyl) thioketone (7d).** Violet solid; yield: 215 mg (75%); m.p. 35.0–37.0 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.96 (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{H,H}}= 7.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.34 (d, 3H,  $J_{\text{H,H}}= 6.6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.57–1.67, 1.83–1.95 (2m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.34–3.45 (m, 1H, CH), 4.19 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 4.68–4.78 (m, 2H, 2 Fc-CH), 5.01 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 5.08 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  12.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 22.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 31.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 51.6 (CH), 69.7, 70.0, 73.9, 74.2 (4 CH-Fc), 71.0 (5 CH-Fc), 90.0 (C-Fc), 253.7 (C=S) ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3104m, 2961s, 2923m, 1451m, 1439vs, 1378m, 1283m, 1252m, 1223m, 1163m, 1036m, 827m, 685m, 511m  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{FeS}$  (286.21): C 62.95, H 6.34, S 11.20; found: C 62.89, H 6.34, S 11.19.

## **S-3. Ferrocenyl substituted thiiranes 8d,f**

**S-3.1. 3-Ferrocenyl-3-methyl-2,2-diphenylthiirane (8d).** Yellow solid; yield: 271 mg (66%); m.p. 156.1–158.3 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.87 (s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.57 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 3.87 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 4.14 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 4.19 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 4.42 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 7.02–7.06 (m, 3H, 3  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.13–7.20 (m, 3H, 3  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.24–7.28 (m, 2H, 2  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.48–7.51 (m, 2H, 2  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  26.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 55.0 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 67.5, 67.9, 70.0 (4 CH-Fc), 69.0 (5 CH-Fc), 70.3 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 91.1 (C-Fc), 126.3, 126.8, 127.2, 128.0, 128.9, 130.2 (10  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 142.6, 142.7 (2  $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}$ ) ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3079w, 3050w, 2923m, 2851w, 1594w, 1486m, 1442m, 1366w, 1103m, 1021m, 815m, 780s, 745m, 704vs, 691s, 675m  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{FeS}$  (410.35): C 73.17, H 5.40, S 7.81; found: C 73.37, H 5.48, S 7.78

**S-3.2. 3'-Ferrocenyl-3'-methyl-10,11-dihydro-5H-spiro[dibenzo[a,d][7]annulene-5,2'-thiirane] (8f).** Yellow solid; yield: 306 mg (66%); m.p. 154.0–156.0 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.84 (bs, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.45–2.55, 2.88–2.98, 3.09–3.19, 3.35–3.43 (4m, 4H, 2  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.60 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 3.82 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 4.00 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 4.19 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 4.39 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 6.83–6.87 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.03–7.20 (m, 5H, 5  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.59–7.62 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.67–7.71 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  25.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 30.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 32.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 57.3 (C<sub>q</sub>), 67.3, 67.6, 69.2, 69.4 (4 CH-Fc), 69.1 (5 CH-Fc), 71.6 (C<sub>q</sub>), 89.9 (C-Fc), 125.6, 125.7, 127.4, 127.5, 127.7, 130.2, 130.3, 130.5 (8  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 137.4, 138.3, 138.5, 141.0 (6 C<sub>arom</sub>) ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  2958w, 2889w, 2917w, 2857w, 2828w, 1479s, 1454m, 1440m, 1369m, 1271m, 1258m, 1160m, 1107m, 1025m, 999m, 941m, 816vs, 772s, 750vs, 737m, 713m, 682m, 648m, 513s, 492vs  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{FeS}$  (436.39): C 74.31, H 5.54, S 7.35; found: C 74.42, H 5.67, S 7.36.

#### S-4. Ferrocenyl substituted ethylenes 9d,f–g,j–k,m

**S-4.1. 2-Ferrocenyl-1,1-diphenylprop-1-ene (9d).** Orange solid; yield: 367 mg (97%); m.p. 157.5–159.8 °C; desulfurization of thiirane.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.20 (s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.93 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H,H}} = 1.8$  Hz, 2 Fc-CH), 4.11 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H,H}} = 1.8$  Hz, 2 Fc-CH), 4.17 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 7.05–7.09 (m, 2H, 2  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.16–7.28 (m, 6H, 6  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.33–7.37 (m, 2H, 2  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 68.0, 69.2 (4 CH-Fc), 69.0 (5 CH-Fc), 87.4 (C-Fc), 126.1, 126.2, 127.9, 128.0, 129.8, 130.3 (10  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 130.9, 138.2, 144.3, 144.4 (C=C, 2 C<sub>arom</sub>) ppm. IR KBr):  $\nu$  3072w, 3012w, 2917m, 2857w, 1609m, 1594m, 1489m, 1435m, 1271m, 1103m, 1002m, 913m, 812m, 764m, 694vs, 656m, 514m  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{Fe}$  (378.29): C 79.38, H 5.86; found: C 79.34, H 5.97.

**S-4.2. 2-Ferrocenyl-1,1-diphenylpent-1-ene (9f).** Orange solid; yield: 312 mg (77%); m.p. 137.0–139.7 °C; spontaneous desulfurization.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.83 (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.46–1.56 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.55–2.59 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.89 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H,H}} = 1.8$  Hz, 2 Fc-CH), 4.08 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H,H}} = 1.8$  Hz, 2 Fc-CH), 4.13 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 7.07–7.11 (m, 2H, 2  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.15–7.19 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.21–7.24 (m, 5H, 5  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.31–7.35 (m, 2H, 2  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  14.4 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 24.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 37.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 68.1, 69.4 (4 CH-Fc), 69.2 (5 CH-Fc), 87.0 (C-Fc), 126.1, 126.2, 128.1, 128.2, 129.4, 129.9 (10  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 135.9, 138.5, 144.7, 144.8 (C=C, 2 C<sub>arom</sub>) ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3091m, 3015w, 2952s, 2876m, 2866m, 1609m, 1591m, 1489m, 1464m, 1435m, 1454m, 1103m, 1052m, 1040m, 1002m, 1017m, 919m, 812m, 755m, 704vs, 694s, 520m, 495m  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{Fe}$  (406.34): C 79.81, H 6.45; found: C 79.82, H 6.51.

**S-4.3. 2-Ferrocenyl-3-methyl-1,1-diphenylpent-1-ene (9g).** Orange solid; yield: 302 mg (72%); m.p. 102.9–105.8 °C; spontaneous desulfurization.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.90 (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.33 (d, 2H,  $J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.40–1.47, 1.72–1.79 (2m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.77–2.84 (m, 1H, CH), 3.79 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 3.91 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 4.06 (bs, 2H, 2 Fc-CH), 4.12 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 7.04–7.07 (m, 2H, 2  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.10–7.15 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.17–7.22 (m, 5H, 5  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.28–7.31 (m, 2H, 2  $\text{CH}_{\text{arom}}$ ) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 21.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 29.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 41.7 (CH), 67.5, 67.6, 70.0, 70.1 (4 CH-Fc),

69.1 (5 CH-Fc), 86.6 (C-Fc), 125.9, 126.1, 127.9, 128.0, 129.2, 129.5 (10 CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 139.5, 140.1, 145.0, 145.5 (C=C, 2 C<sub>arom.</sub>) ppm. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Fe (420.37): C 80.0, H 6.71; found: C 80.04, H 6.67.

**S-4.4. 9-(1-Ferrocenylbutylidene)-9H-fluorene (9j).** Orange solid; yield: 384 mg (95%); m.p. >207 °C (decomposition); spontaneous desulfurization. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.16 (t, 3H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.83–1.92 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.33–3.40 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.24 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 4.45 (t, 2H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 1.8 Hz, 2 Fc-CH), 4.51 (t, 2H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 1.8 Hz, 2 Fc-CH), 6.94–7.00 (m, 1H, CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 7.17–7.21 (m, 2H, 2 CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 7.34–7.38 (m, 2H, 2 CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 7.66–7.71 (m, 1H, CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 7.77–7.80 (m, 1H, CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 7.84–7.88 (m, 1H, CH<sub>arom.</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 14.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.7, 71.0 (4 CH-Fc), 69.5 (5 CH-Fc), 91.8 (C-Fc), 118.8, 119.4, 124.6, 125.5, 125.7, 126.3, 126.6, 126.8 (8 CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 134.0, 138.8, 139.0, 139.4, 139.9, 146.0 (C=C, 4 C<sub>arom.</sub>) ppm. IR (KBr): ν 3104w, 3050w, 2949m, 2923m, 2863m, 1609m, 1591m, 1461m, 1445s, 1429m, 1106m, 1021m, 995m, 815m, 786m, 729vs, 476s cm<sup>-1</sup>. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>Fe (404.32): C 80.21, H 5.98; found: C 80.34, H 6.03.

**S-4.5. 9-(1-Ferrocenyl-2-methylbutylidene)-9H-fluorene (9k).** Orange solid; yield: 343 mg (82%); m.p. 177.0–179.0 °C; spontaneous desulfurization. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.10 (t, 3H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.75 (d, 2H, J<sub>H,H</sub>= 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.12–2.22, 2.40–2.49 (2m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.82–3.91 (m, 1H, CH), 4.18 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 4.24 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 4.29 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 4.51 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 4.55 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 5.86–5.93 (m, 1H, CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 6.85–6.90 (m, 1H, CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 7.12–7.16 (m, 1H, CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 7.31–7.37 (m, 2H, 2 CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 7.61–7.65 (m, 1H, CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 7.71–7.75 (m, 1H, CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 7.92–7.98 (m, 1H, CH<sub>arom.</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 13.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.9 (CH), 68.1, 68.2, 72.1, 72.8 (4 CH-Fc), 69.7 (5 CH-Fc), 89.5 (C-Fc), 118.5, 119.3, 125.6, 126.0, 126.3, 126.5, 126.7, 126.8 (8 CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 137.8, 138.1, 139.0, 139.4, 140.4, 148.6 (C=C, 4 C<sub>arom.</sub>) ppm. IR (KBr): ν 3104w, 3085w, 2955m, 1572m, 1442s, 1105m, 1021m, 995m, 834s, 780m, 729vs, 489m cm<sup>-1</sup>. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>Fe (418.35): C 80.39, H 6.26; found: C 80.36, H 6.33.

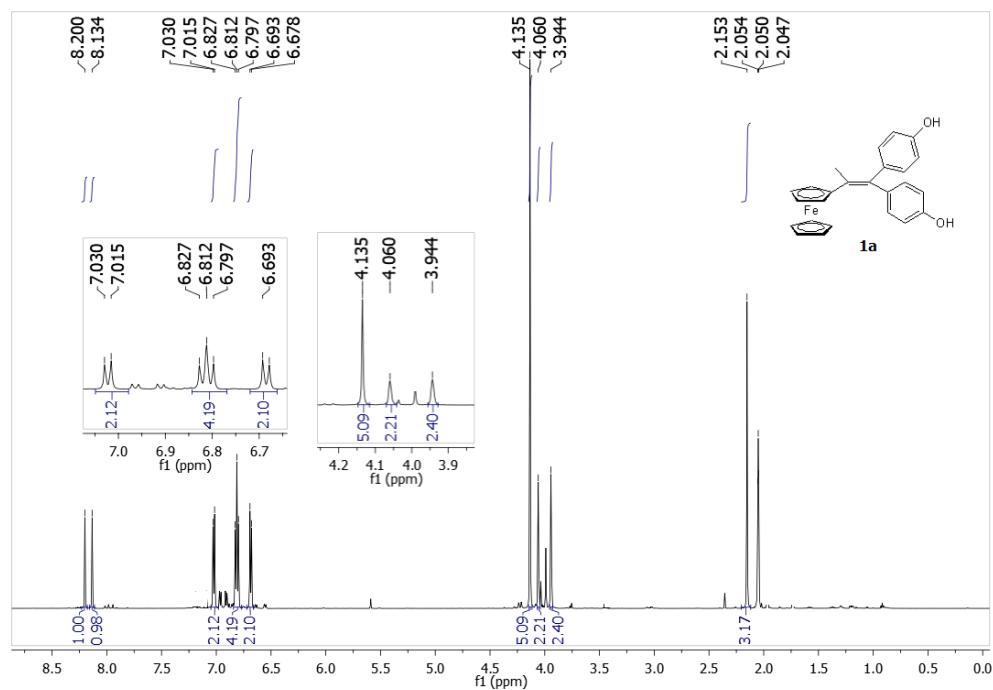
**S-4.6. 5-(1-Ferrocenylpropylidene)-10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[a,d][7]annulene (9m).** Orange solid; yield: 410 mg (98%); m.p. 190.5–193.0 °C; desulfurization of thiirane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.33 (bs, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.45–1.52, 2.28–2.36 (2m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.38–2.48, 2.82–2.93, 2.97–3.09, 3.27–3.36 (4m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.45 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 3.79 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 4.07 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 4.18 (bs, 5H, 5 Fc-CH), 4.46 (bs, 1H, Fc-CH), 6.83–6.90 (m, 1H, CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 6.95–7.00 (m, 1H, CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 7.04–7.15 (m, 4H, 4 CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 7.54–7.65 (m, 2H, 2 CH<sub>arom.</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 16.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8, 32.7 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.0, 68.1, 69.1, 69.5 (4 CH-Fc), 69.0 (5 CH-Fc), 85.8 (C-Fc), 126.7, 126.8, 128.7, 129.4, 129.9 (8 CH<sub>arom.</sub>), 135.7, 136.5, 136.6, 137.4, 142.4, 143.8 (C=C, 4 C<sub>arom.</sub>) ppm. IR (KBr): ν 2990w, 2961w, 2936w, 2895w, 1480m, 1458m, 1293m, 1287m, 1201w, 1103m, 1030m, 986m, 935m, 817s, 772s, 749vs, 647m, 512m, 493s, 481s, cm<sup>-1</sup>. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>Fe (418.35): C 80.39, H 6.26; found: C 80.27, H 6.40.

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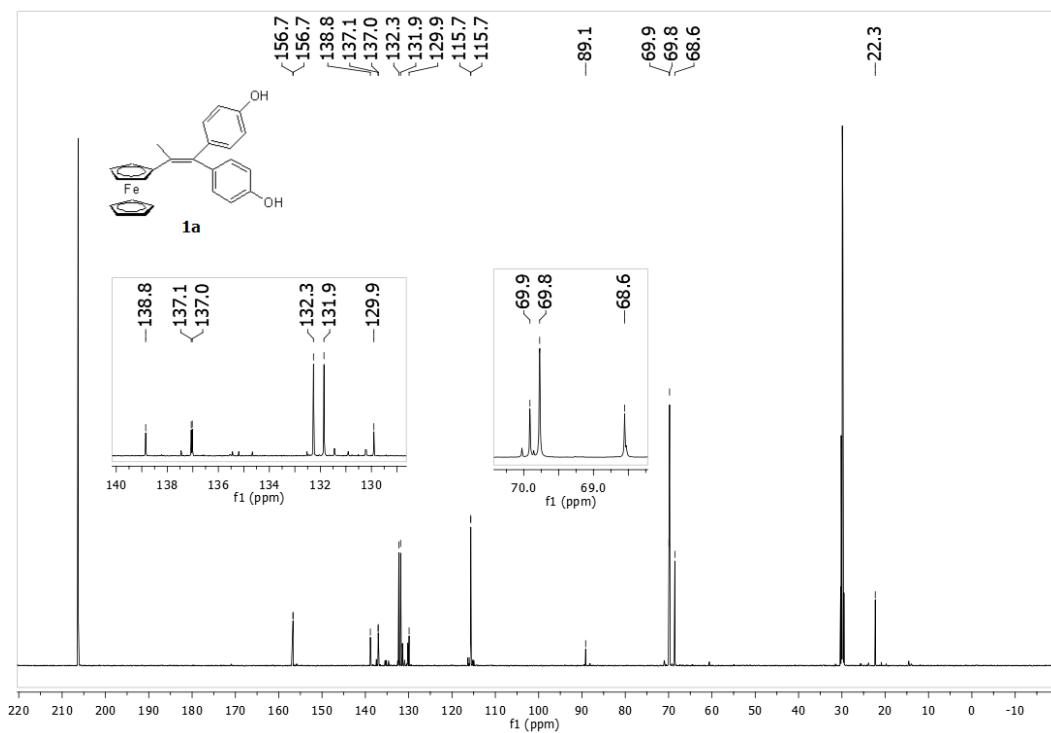
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## Collection of the $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra

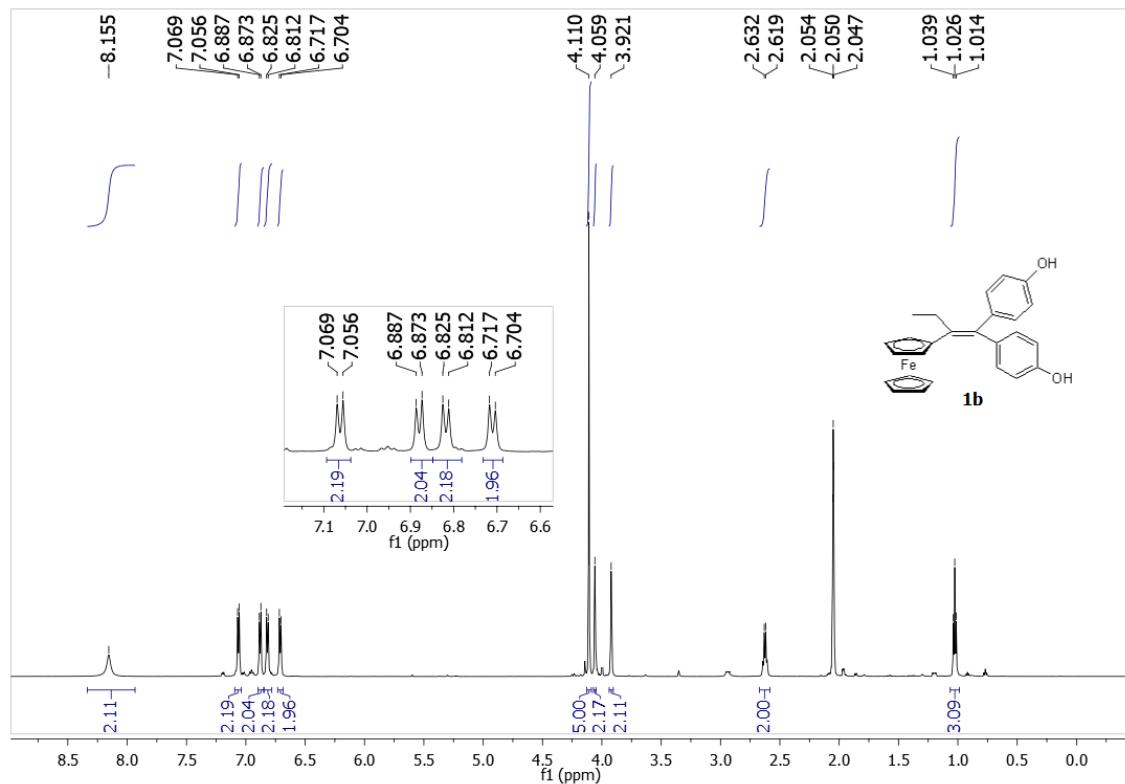
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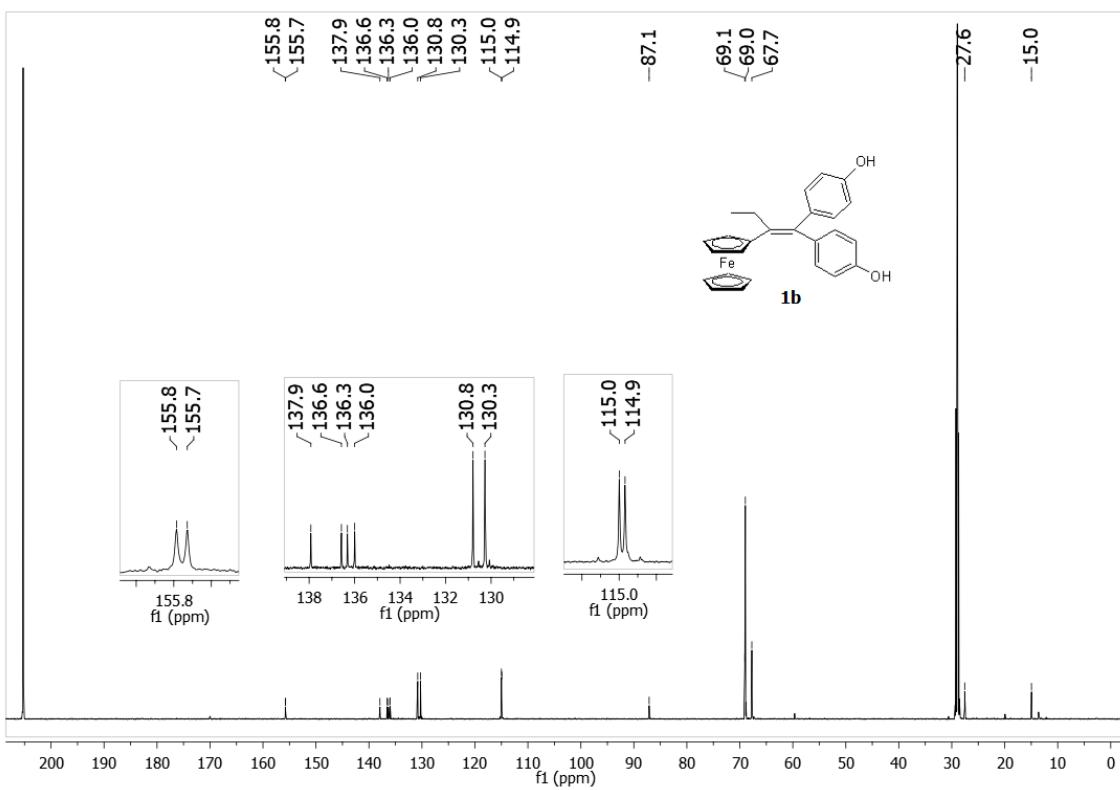
**Figure S1.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1a**.



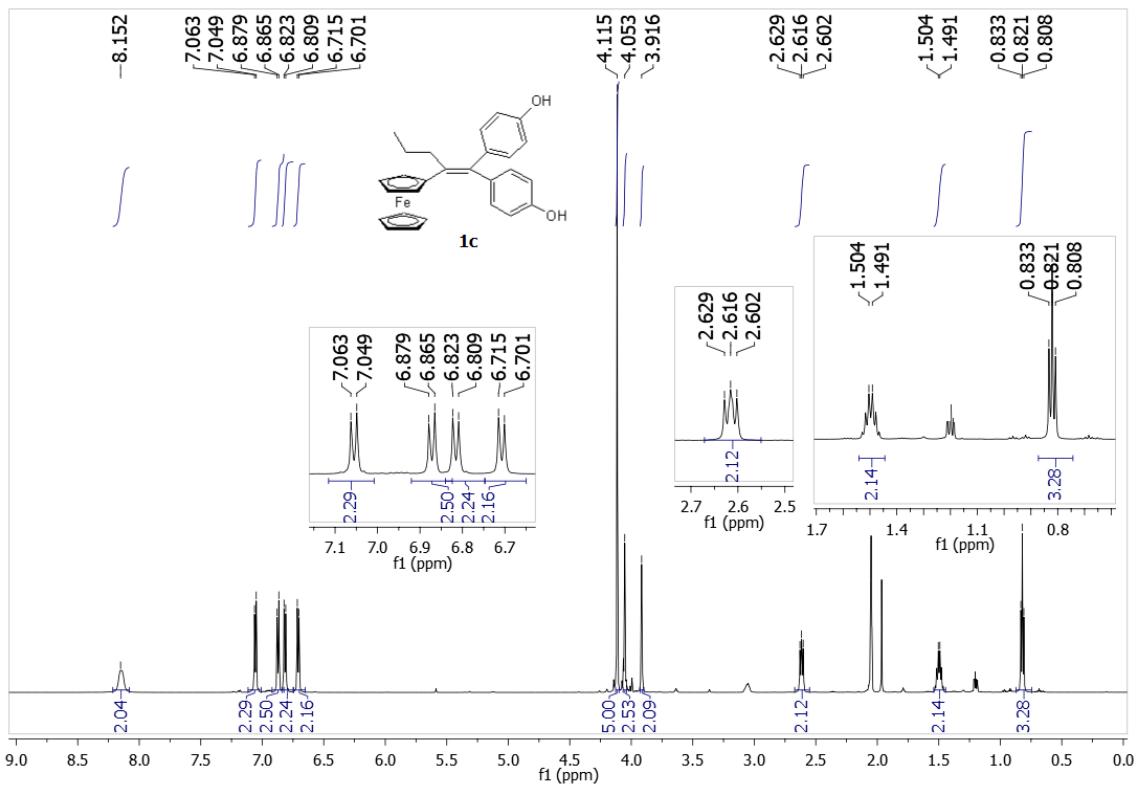
**Figure S2.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1a**.



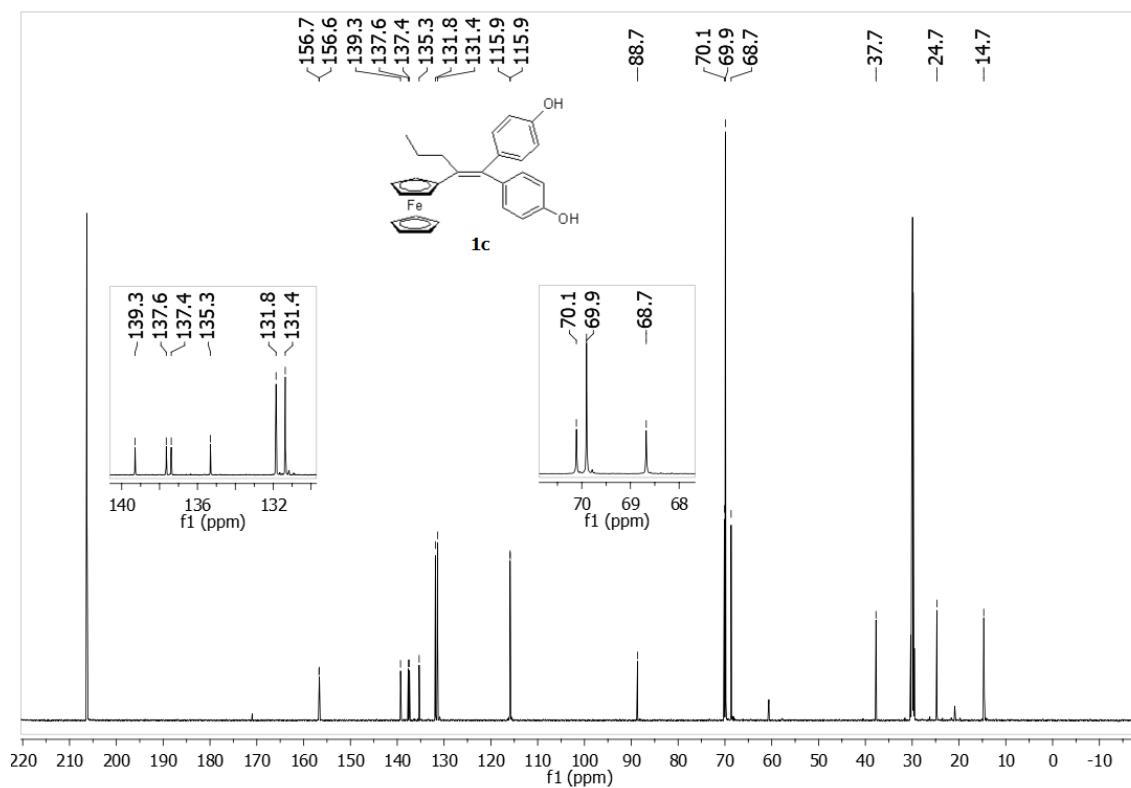
**Figure S3.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1b**.



**Figure S4.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1b**.

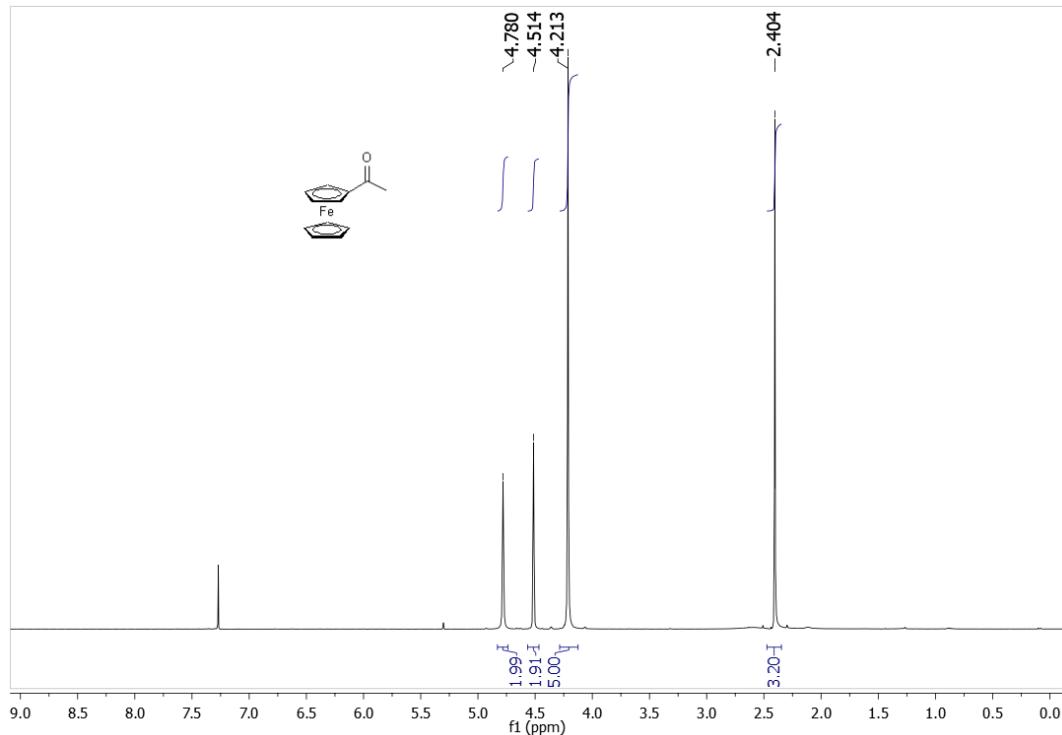


**Figure S5.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1c**.

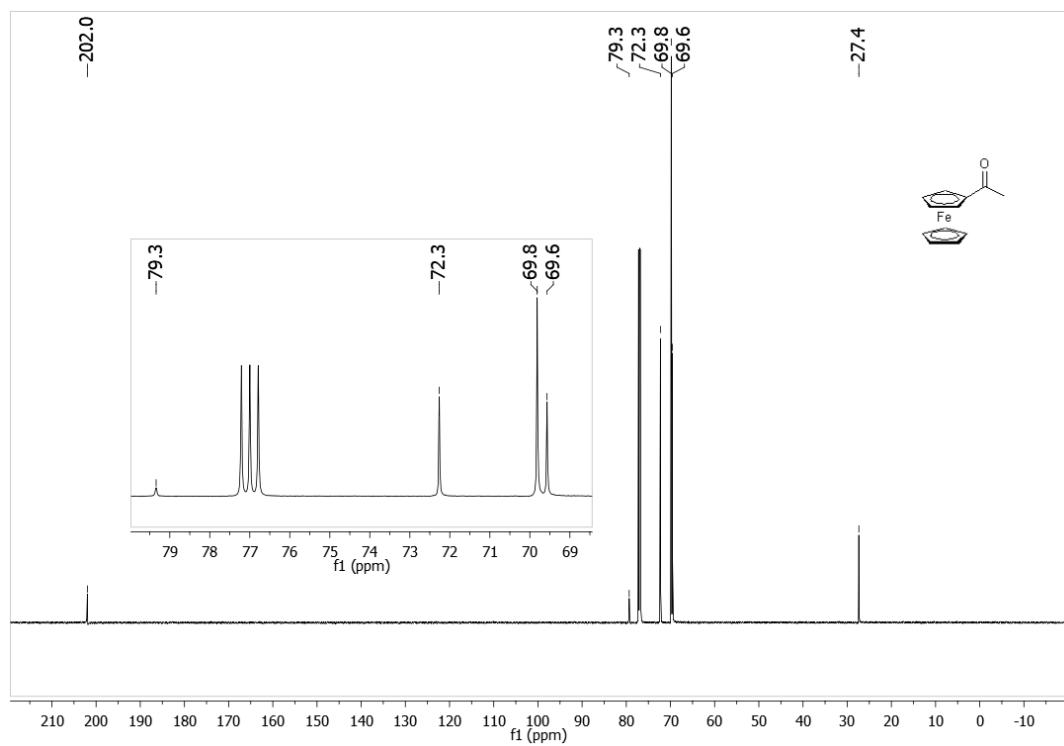


**Figure S6.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1c**

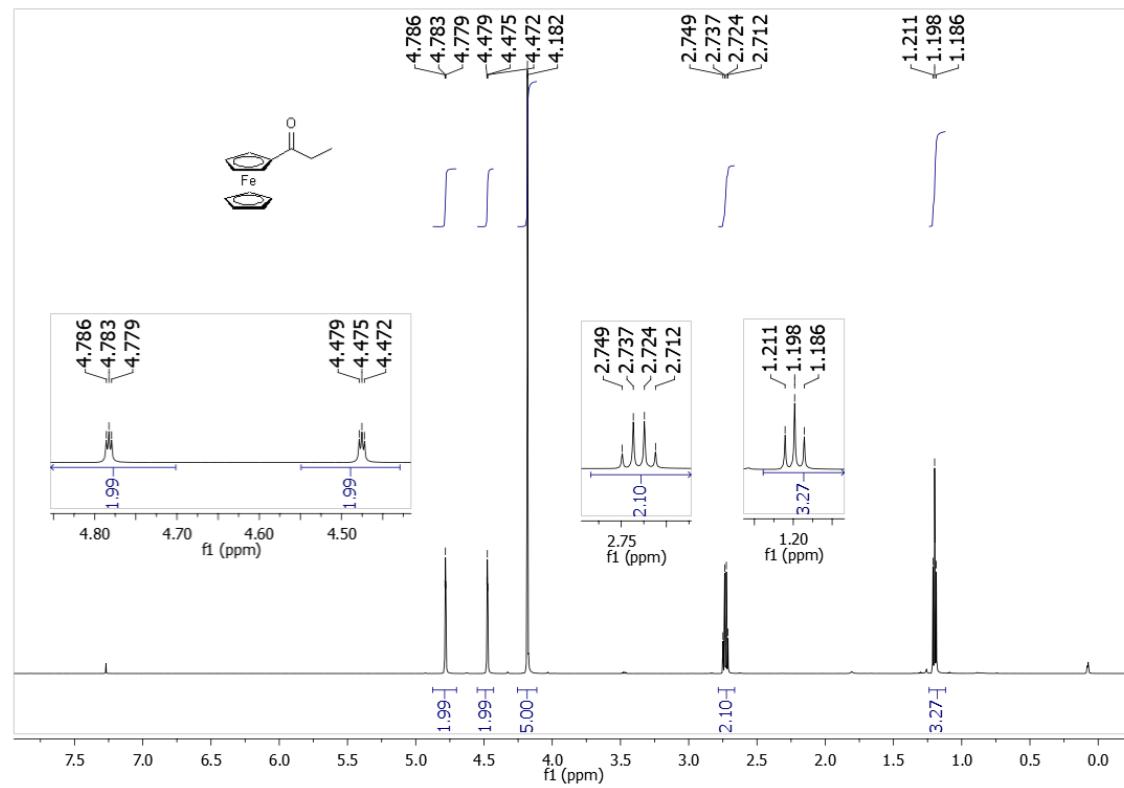
**2. The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  for the ferrocenyl ketones (not numbered in the manuscript).**



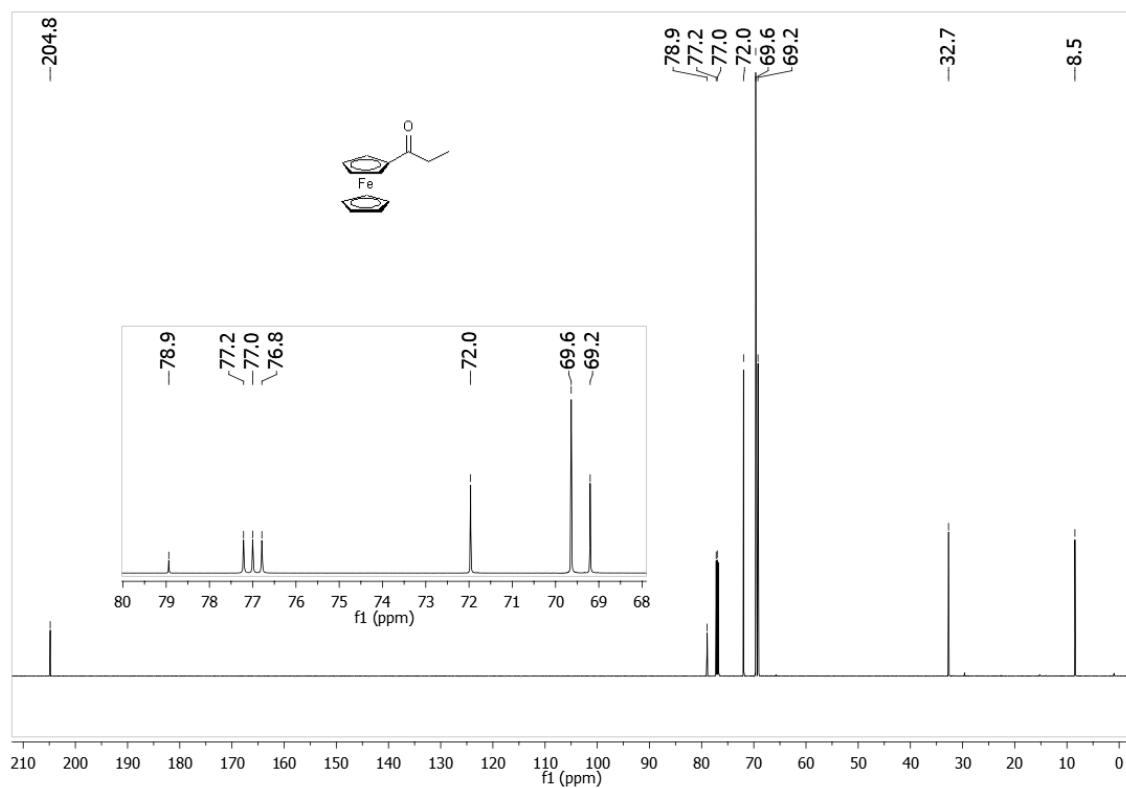
**Figure S9.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl methyl ketone.



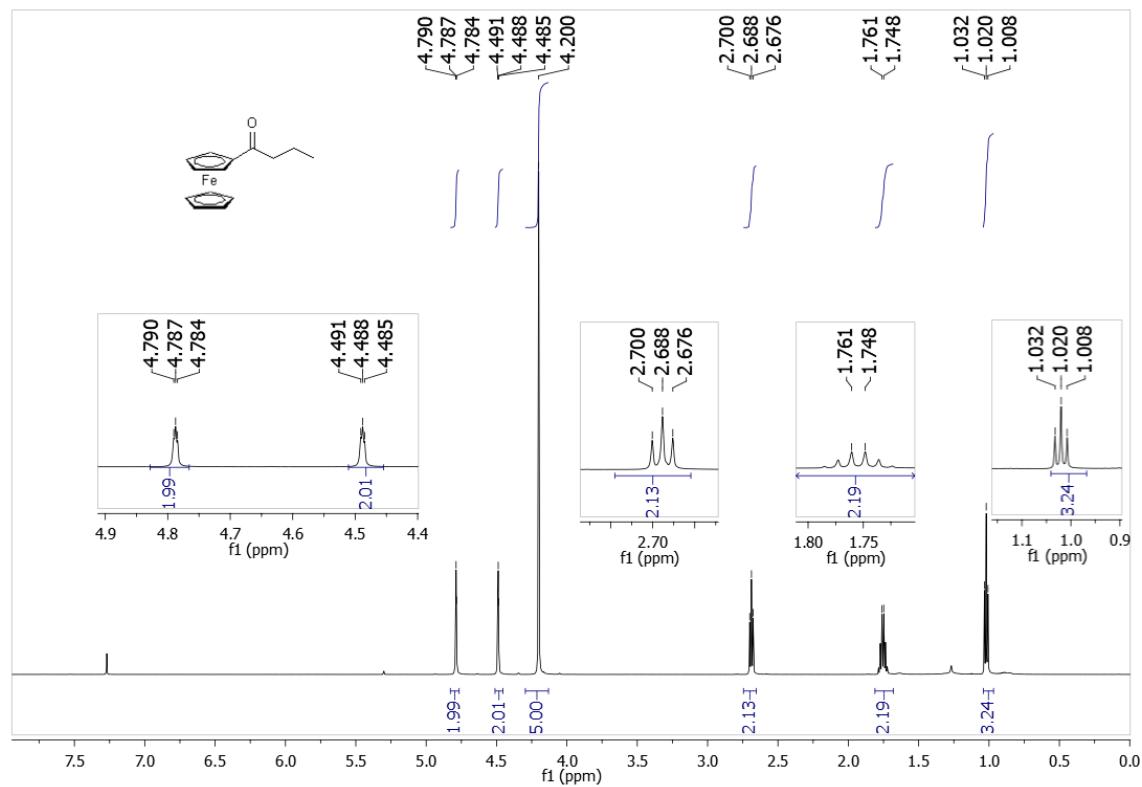
**Figure S10.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl methyl ketone.



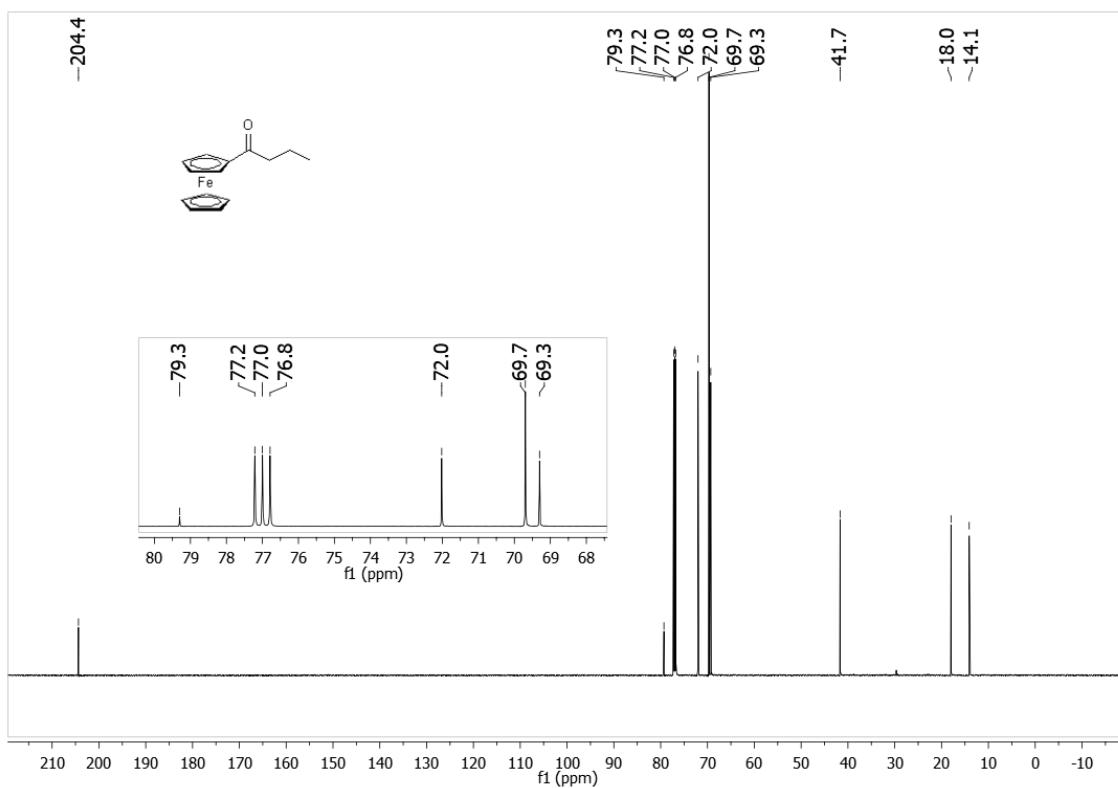
**Figure S11.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl ethyl ketone.



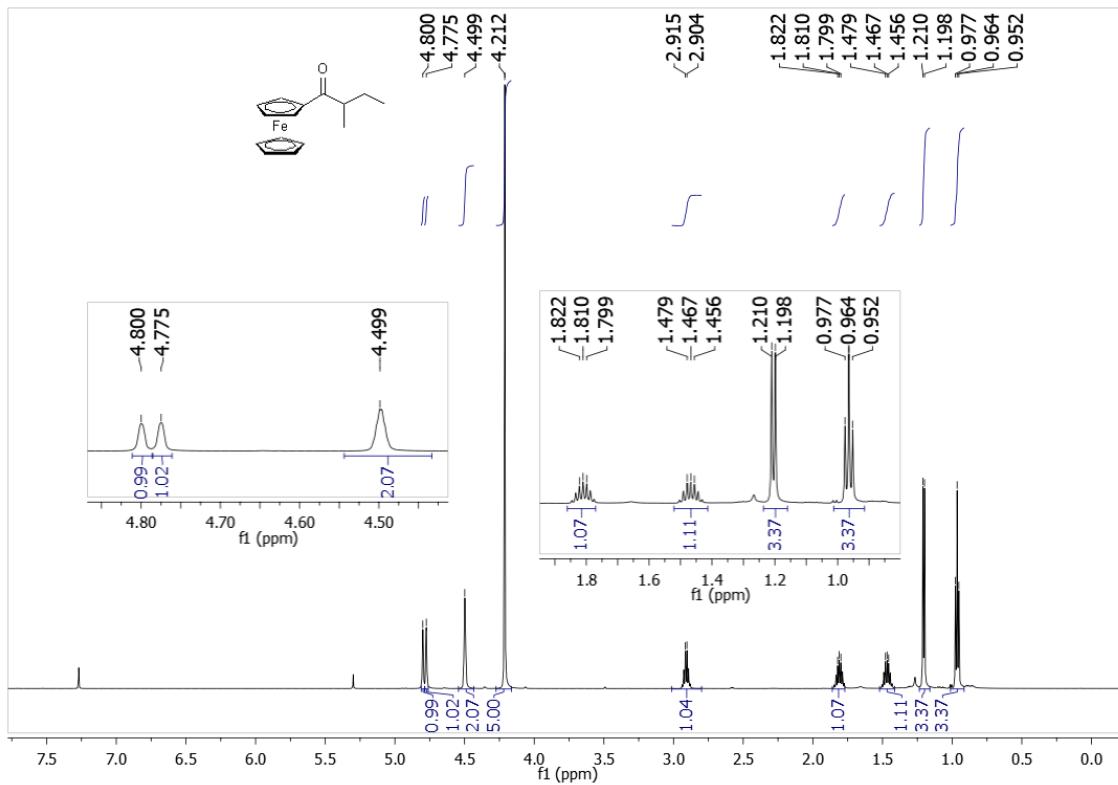
**Figure S12.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl ethyl ketone.



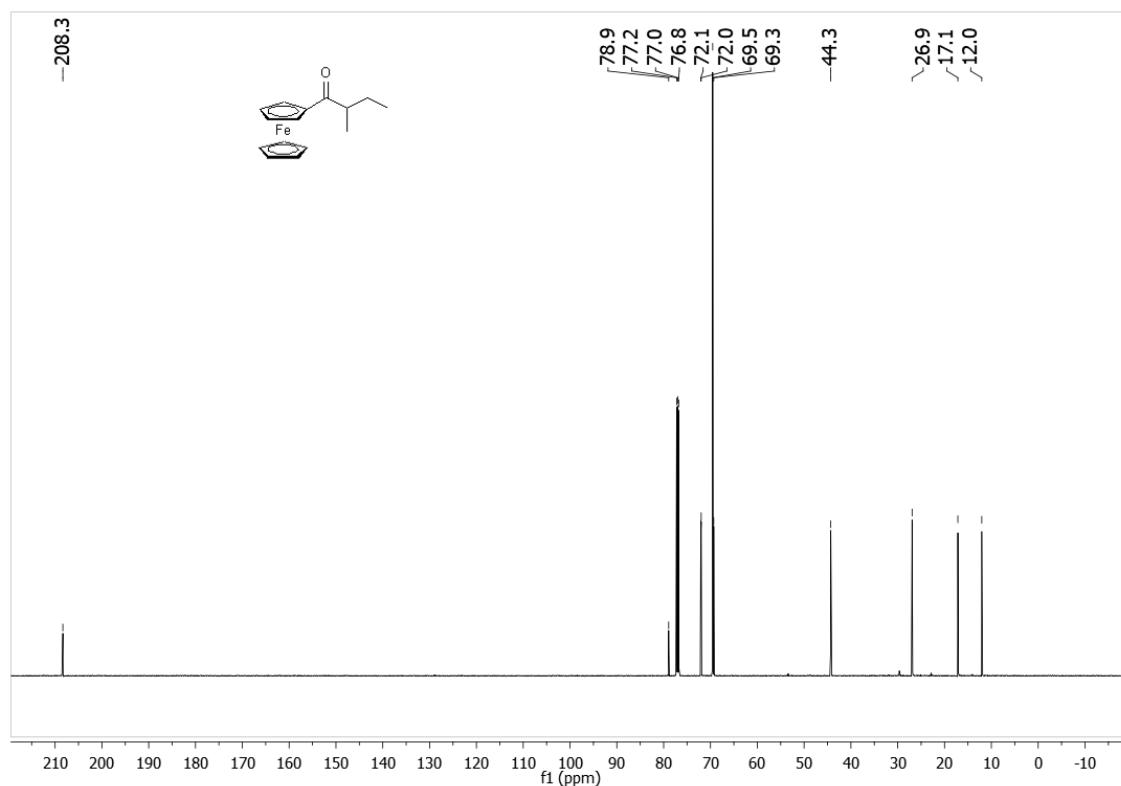
**Figure S13.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl *n*-propyl ketone.



**Figure S14.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl *n*-propyl ketone.

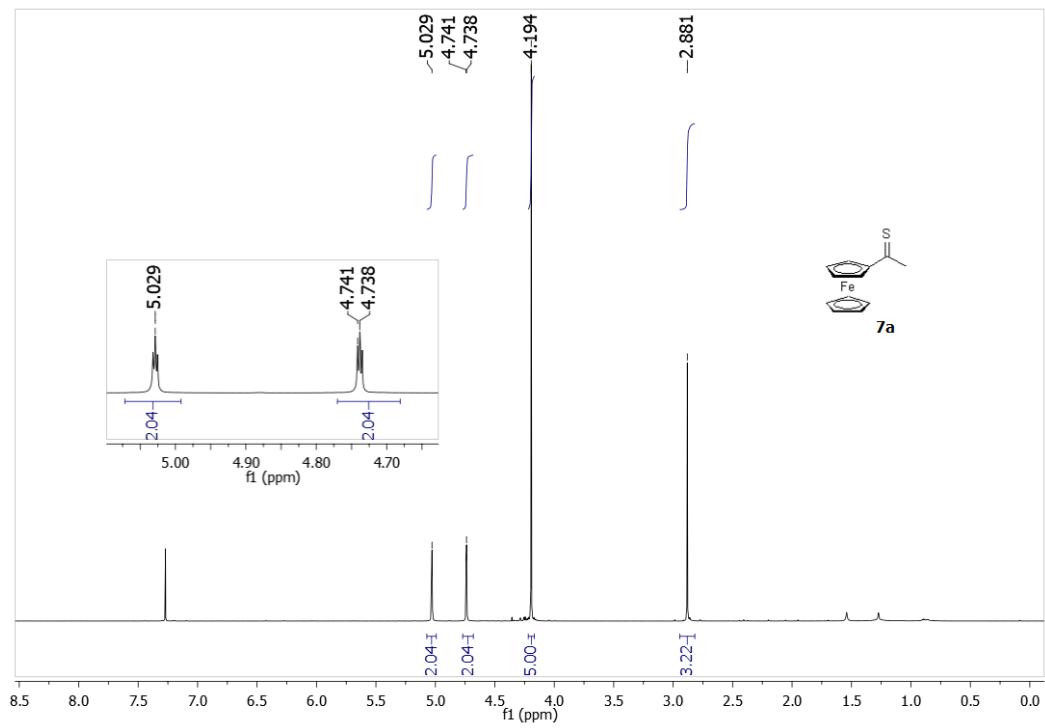


**Figure S15.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl sec-butyl ketone.

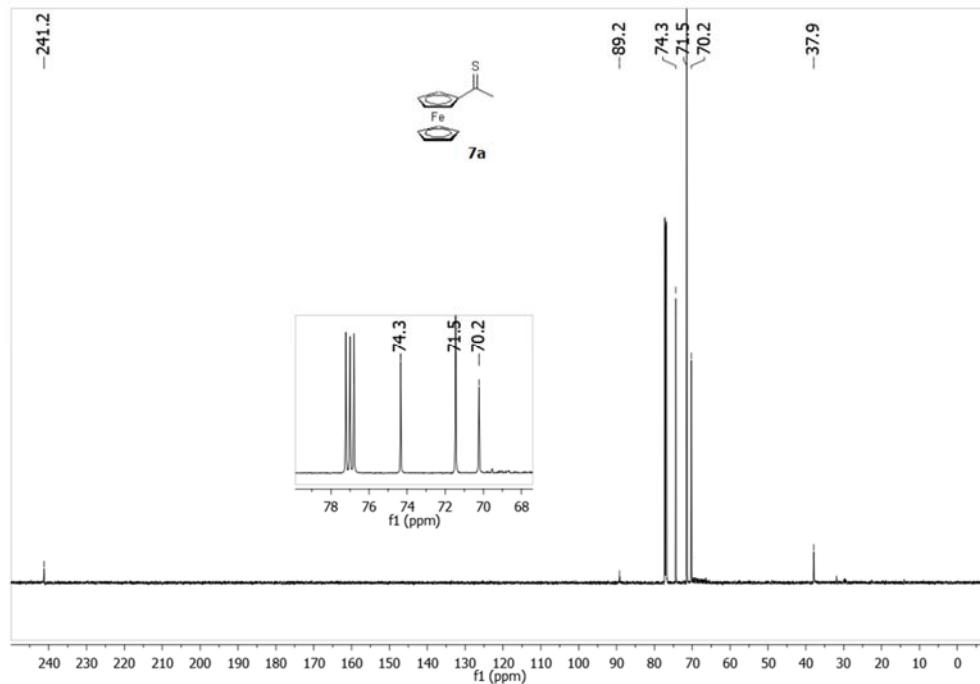


**Figure S16.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl sec-butyl ketone.

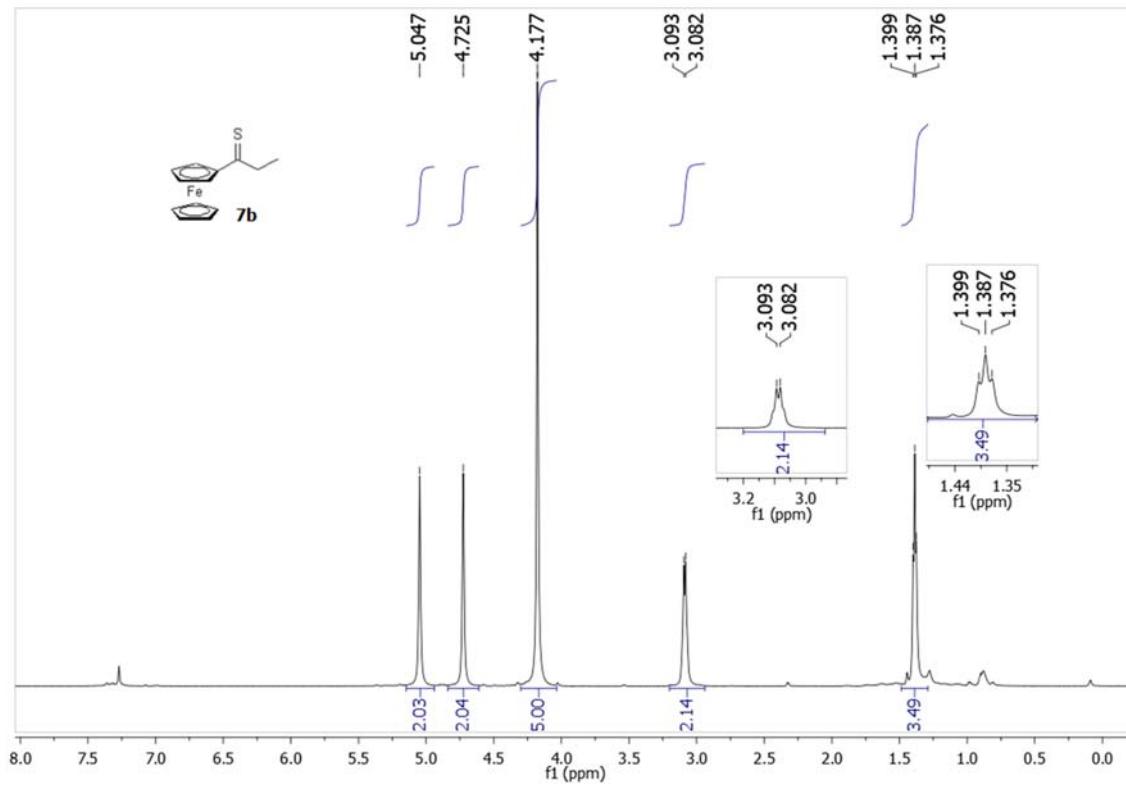
3. The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR for the described ferrocenyl thioketones 7a-d.



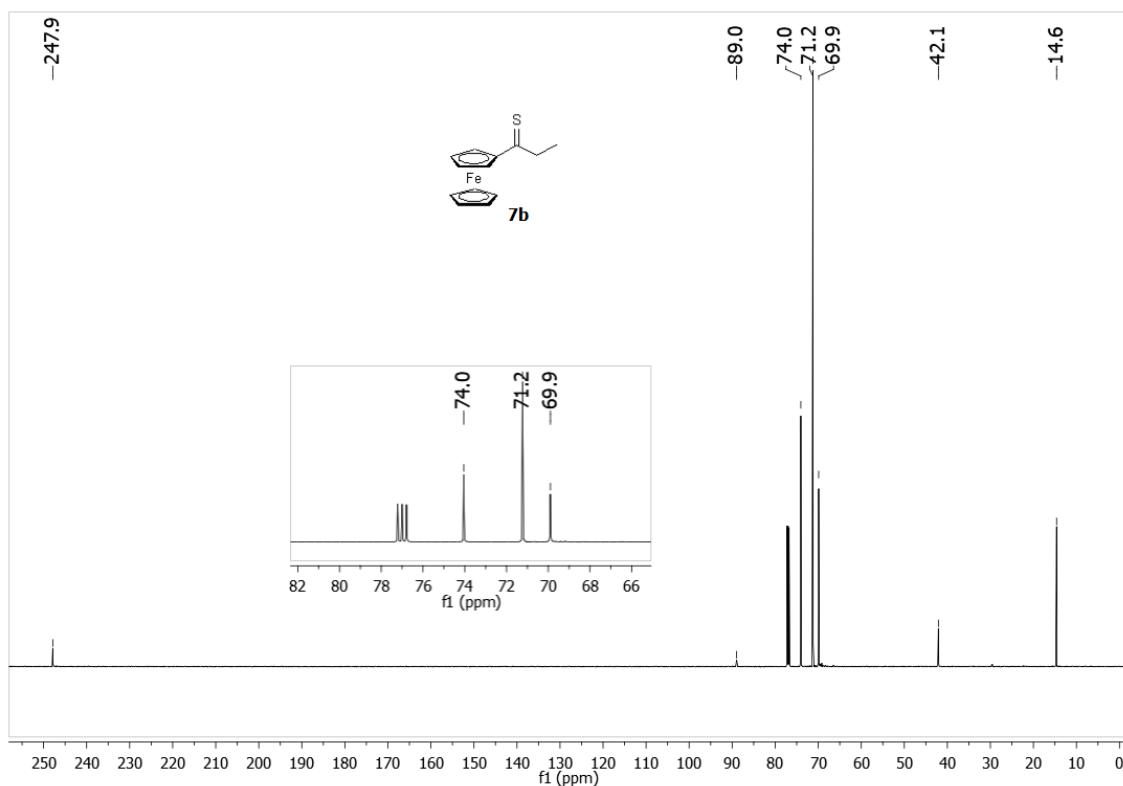
**Figure S17.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl methyl thioketone (**7a**).



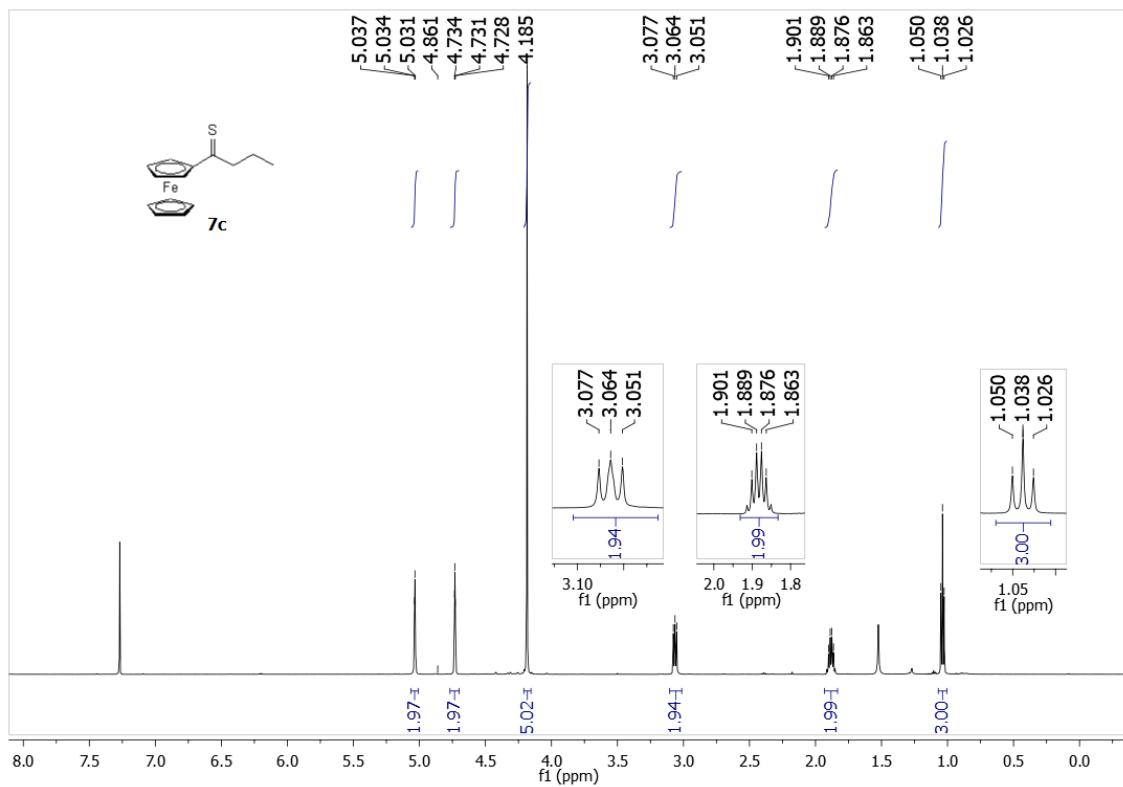
**Figure S18.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl methyl thioketone (**7a**).



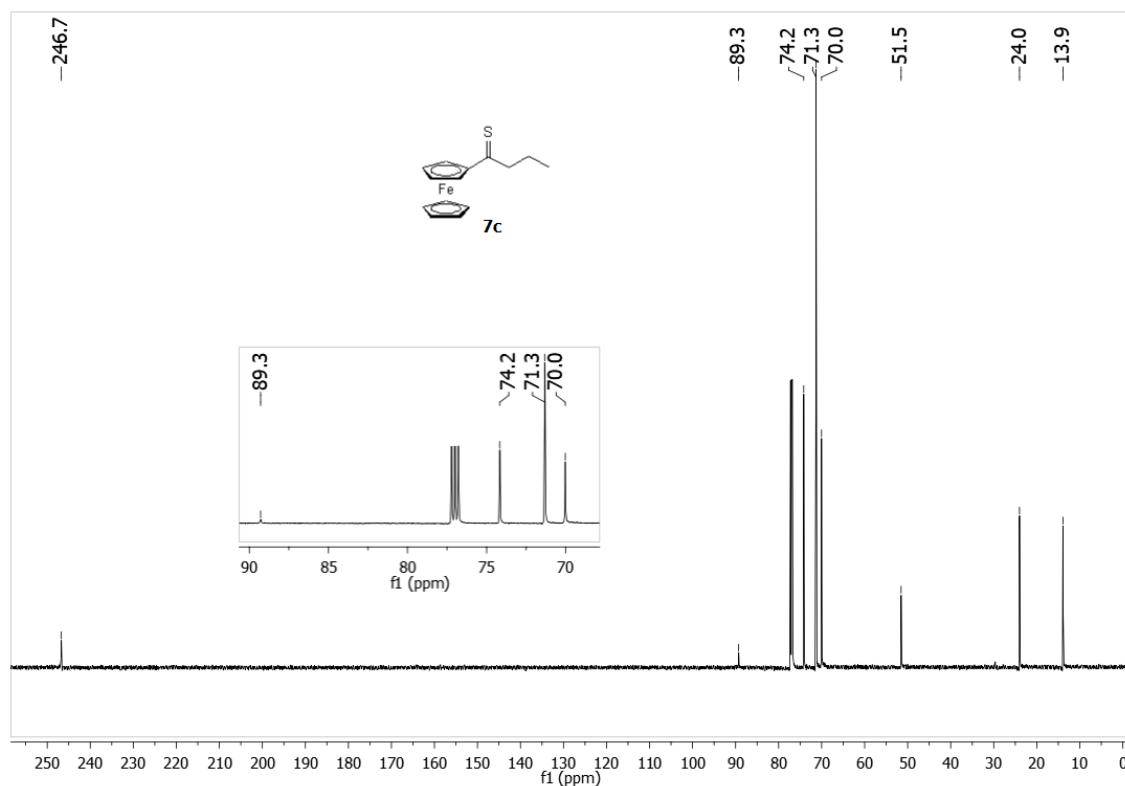
**Figure S19.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl ethyl thioketone (**7b**).



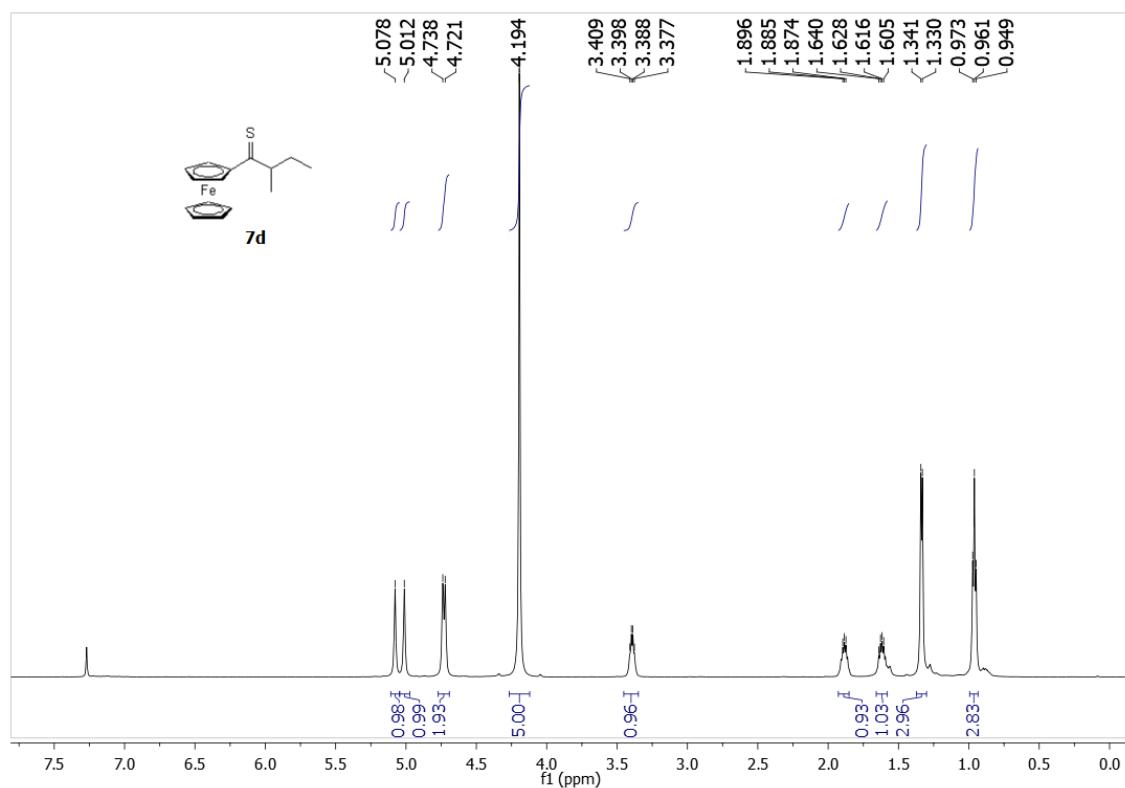
**Figure S20.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl ethyl thioketone (**7b**).



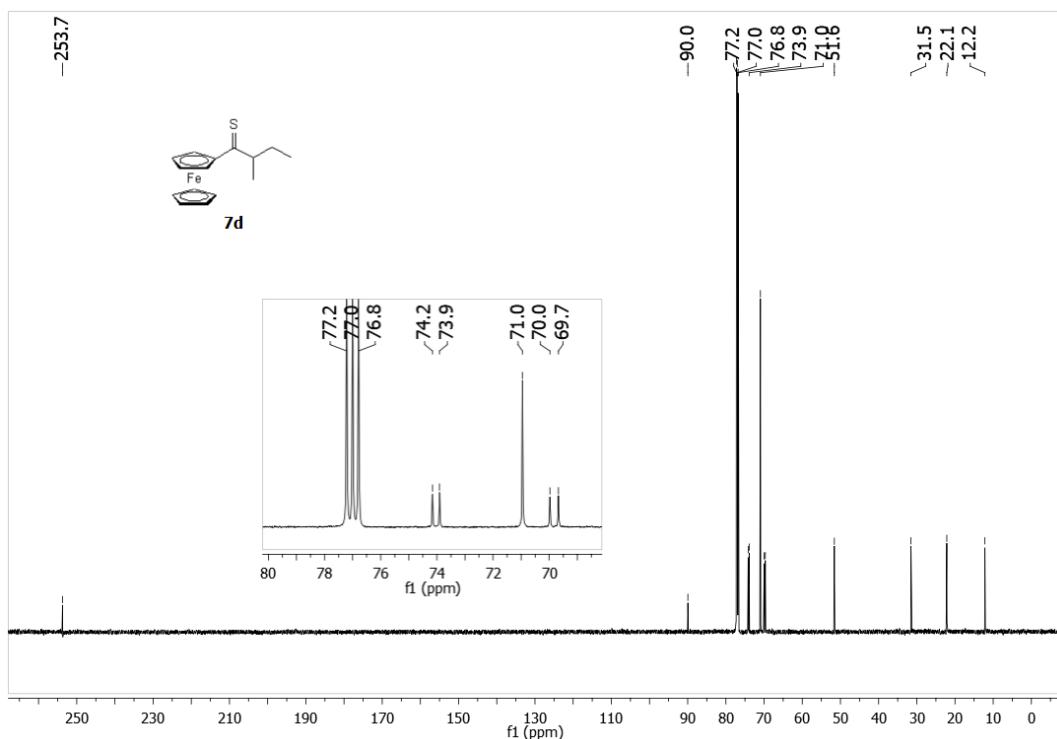
**Figure S21.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl *n*-propyl thioketone (**7c**).



**Figure S22.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl *n*-propyl thioketone (**7c**).

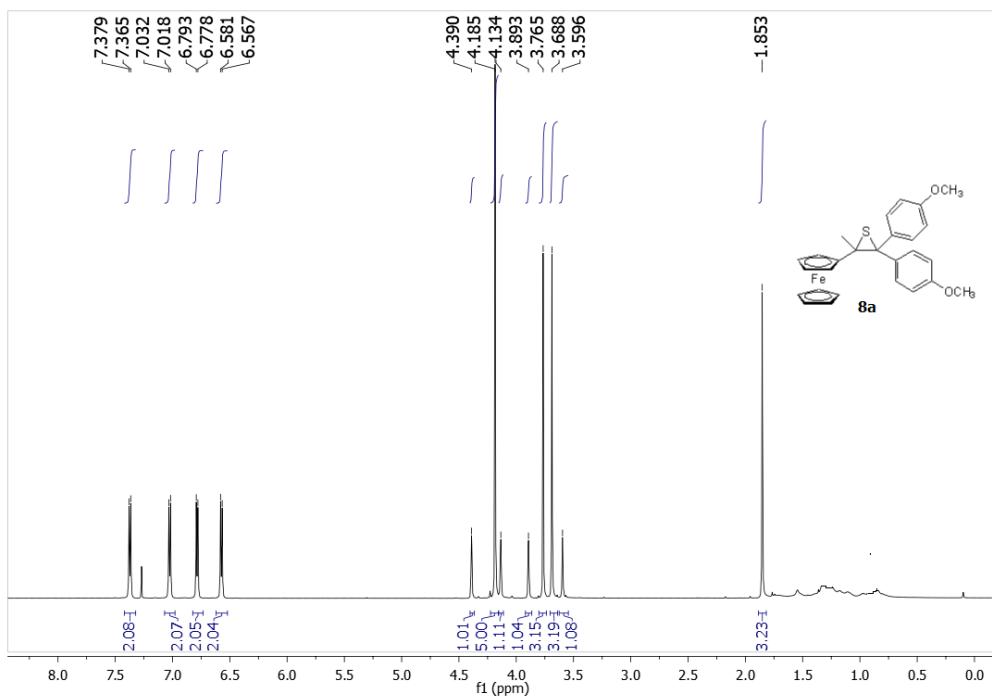


**Figure S23.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl sec-butyl thioketone (**7d**).

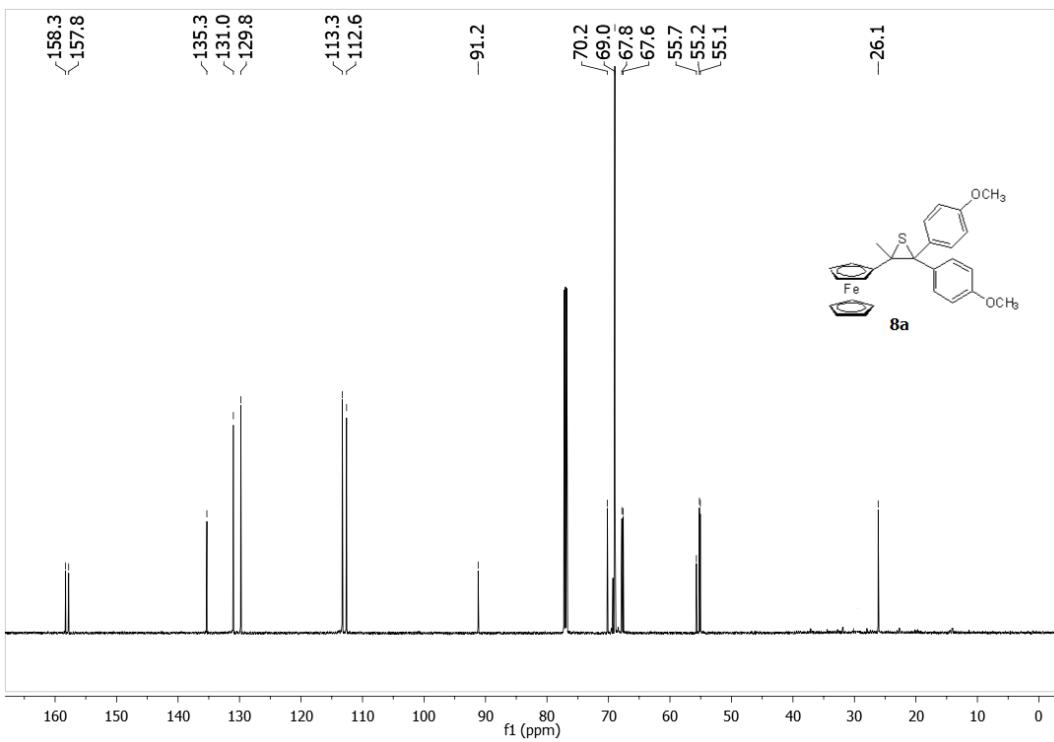


**Figure S24.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of ferrocenyl sec-butyl thioketone (**7d**)

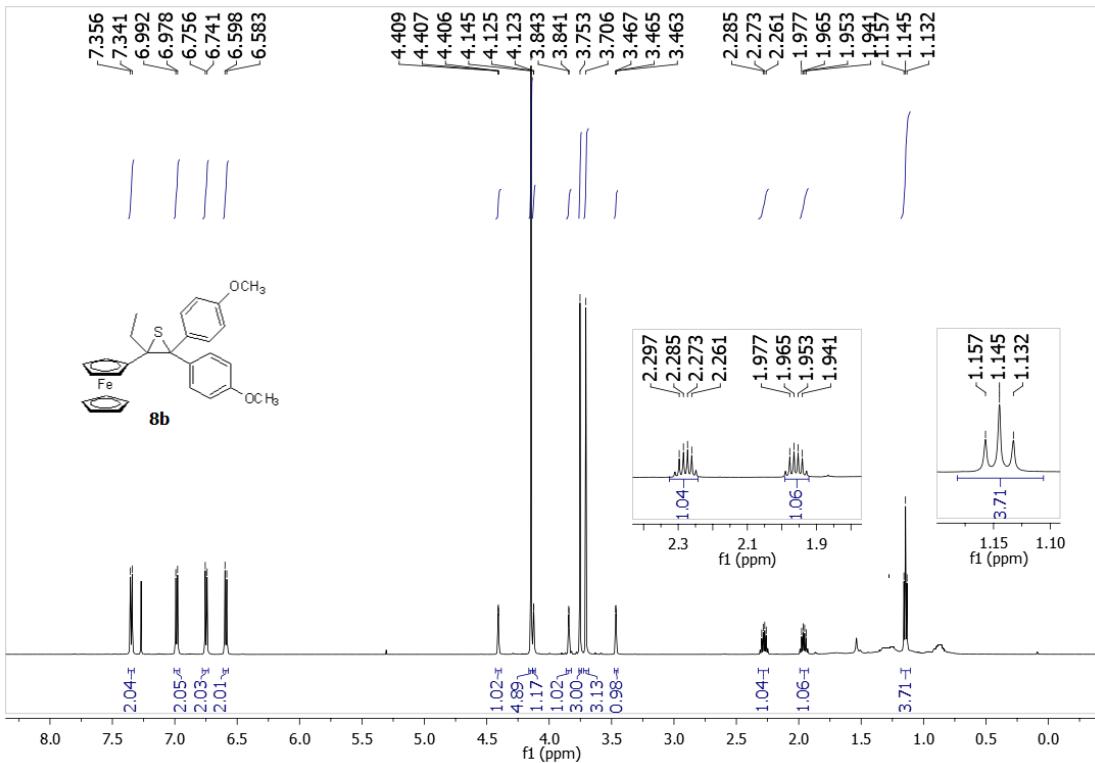
#### 4. The $^1\text{H}$ - and $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra for thiirane derivatives **8a–g**.



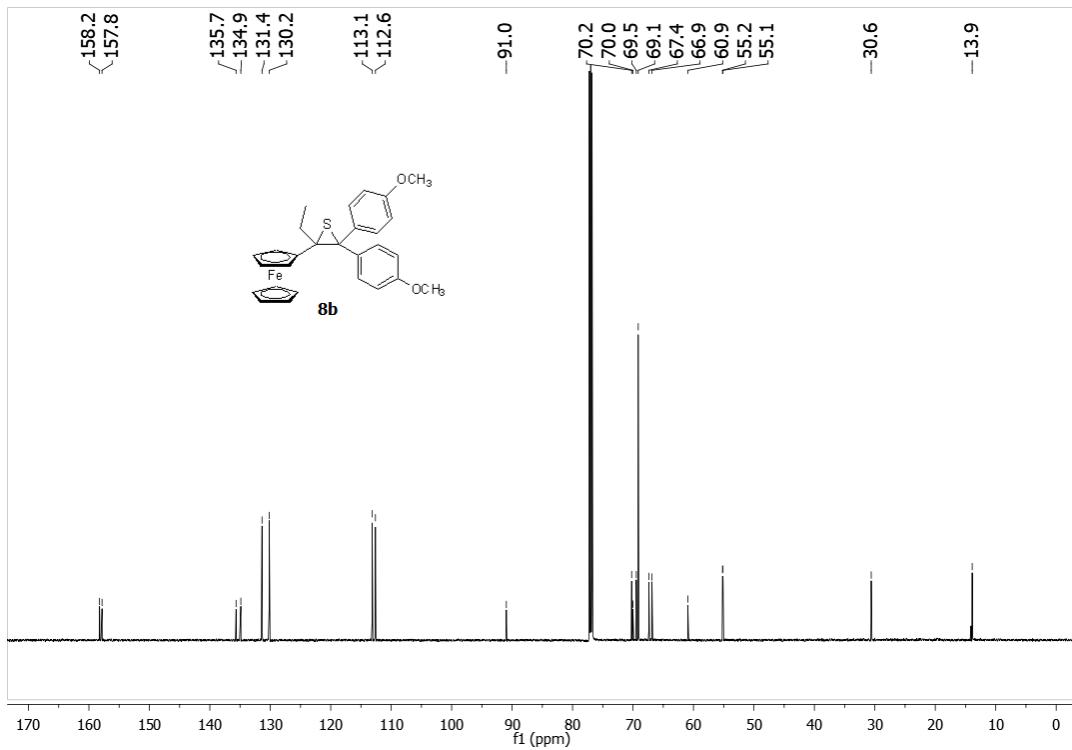
**Figure S25.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **8a**.



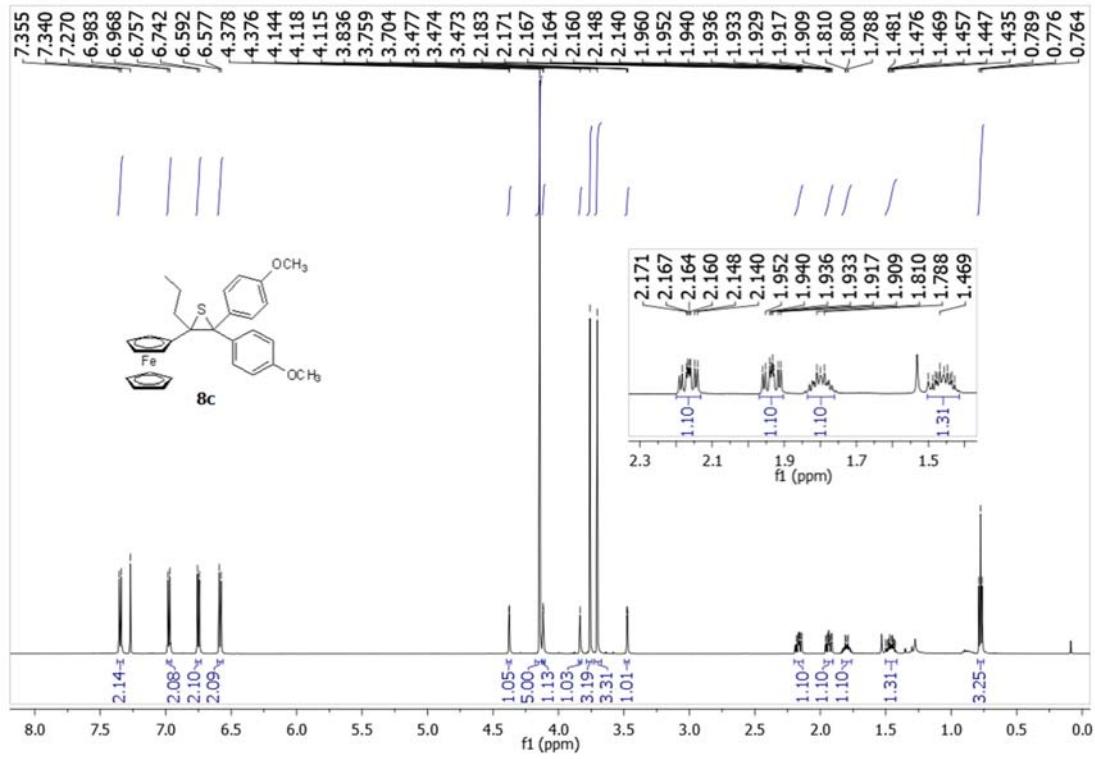
**Figure S26.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **8a**.



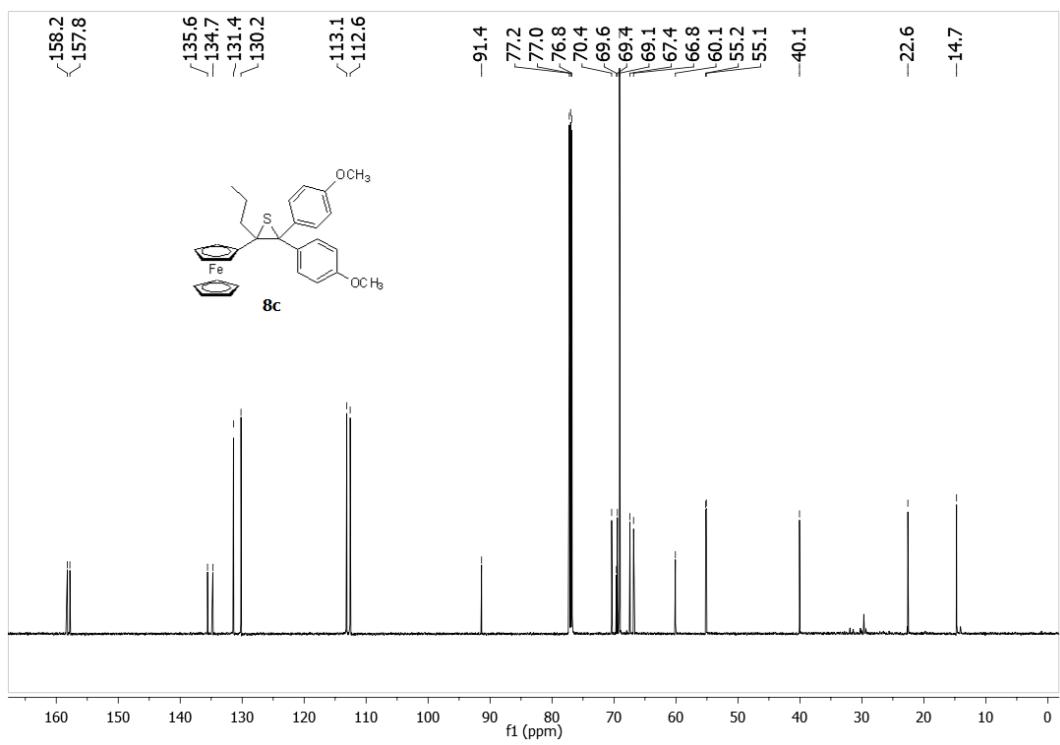
**Figure S27.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **8b**.



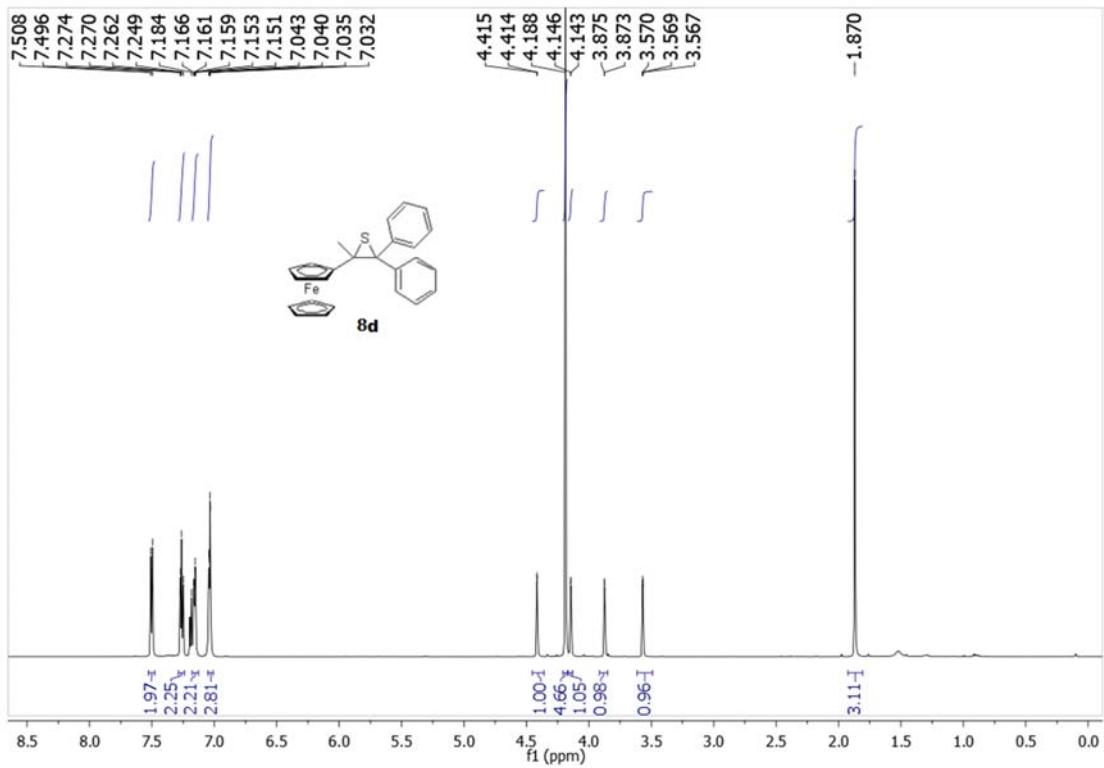
**Figure S28.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **8b**.



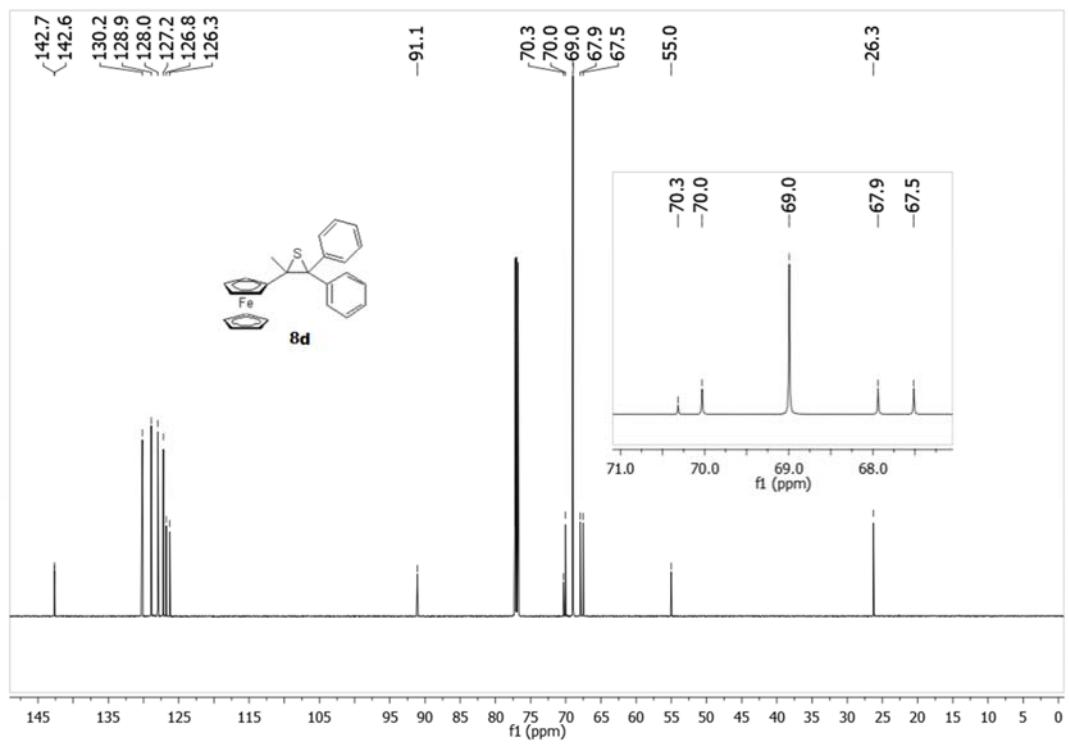
**Figure S29.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **8c**.



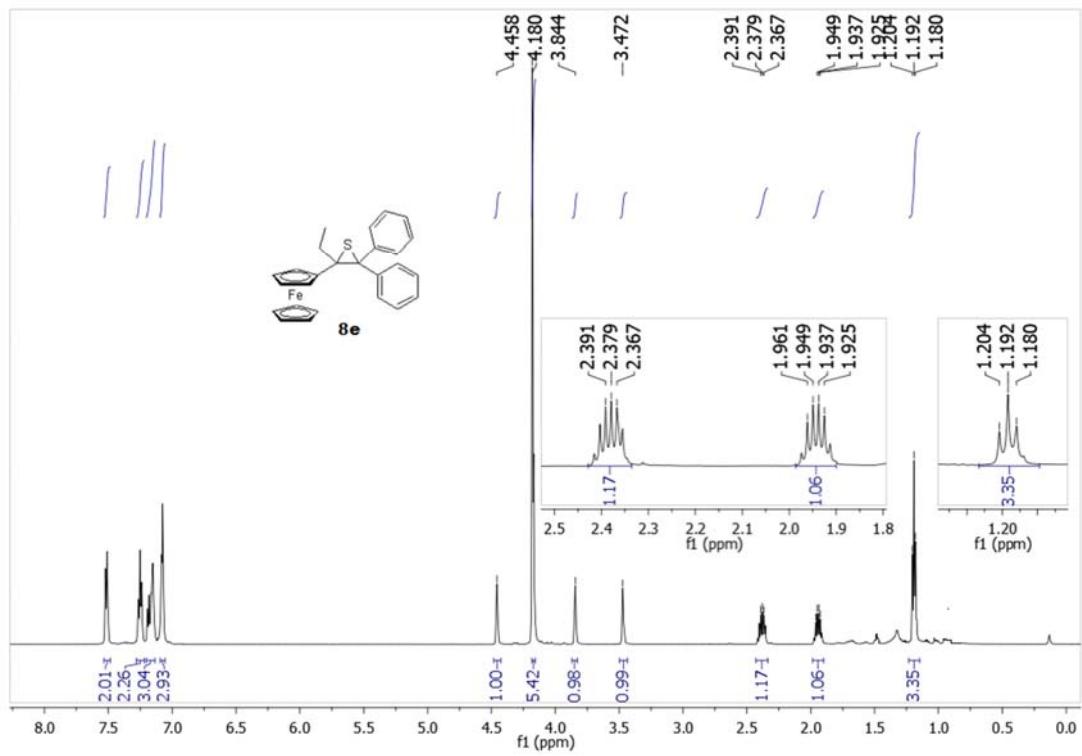
**Figure S30.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **8c**.



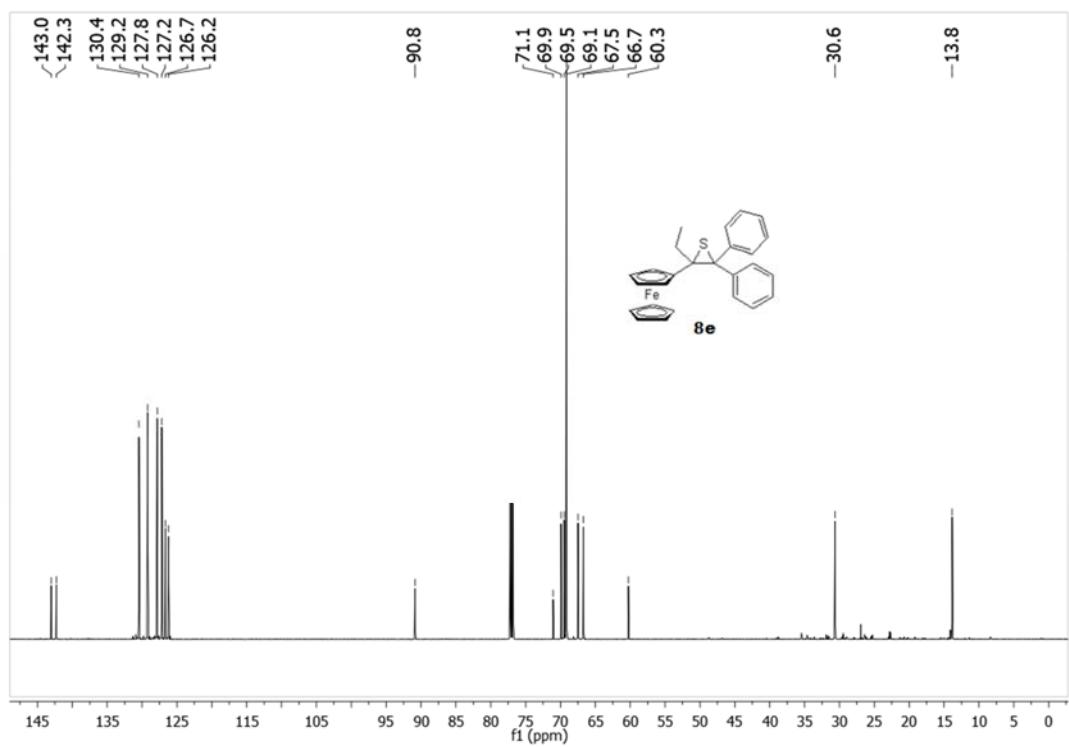
**Figure S33.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **8d**.



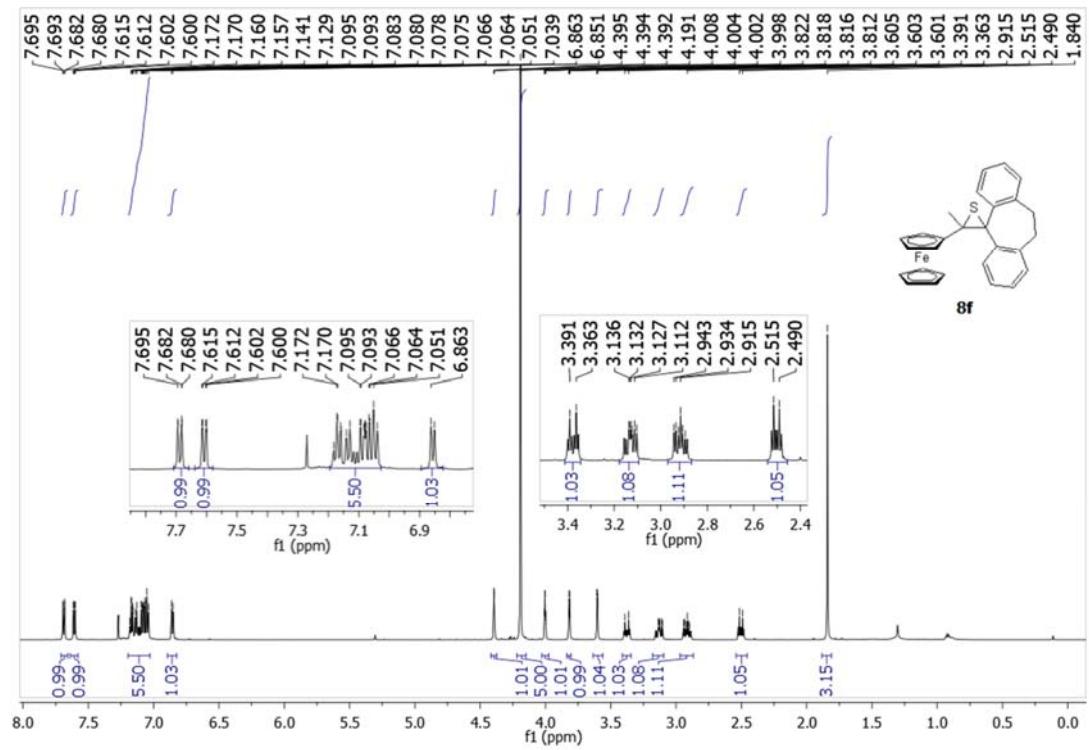
**Figure S34.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **8d**.



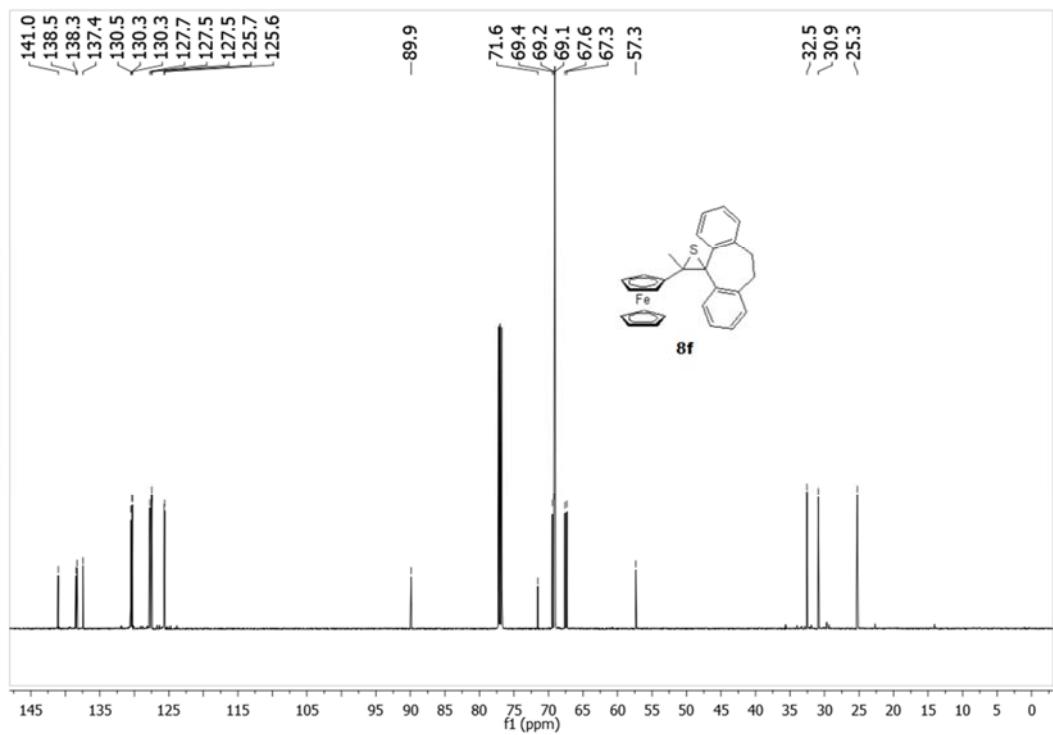
**Figure S35.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **8e**.



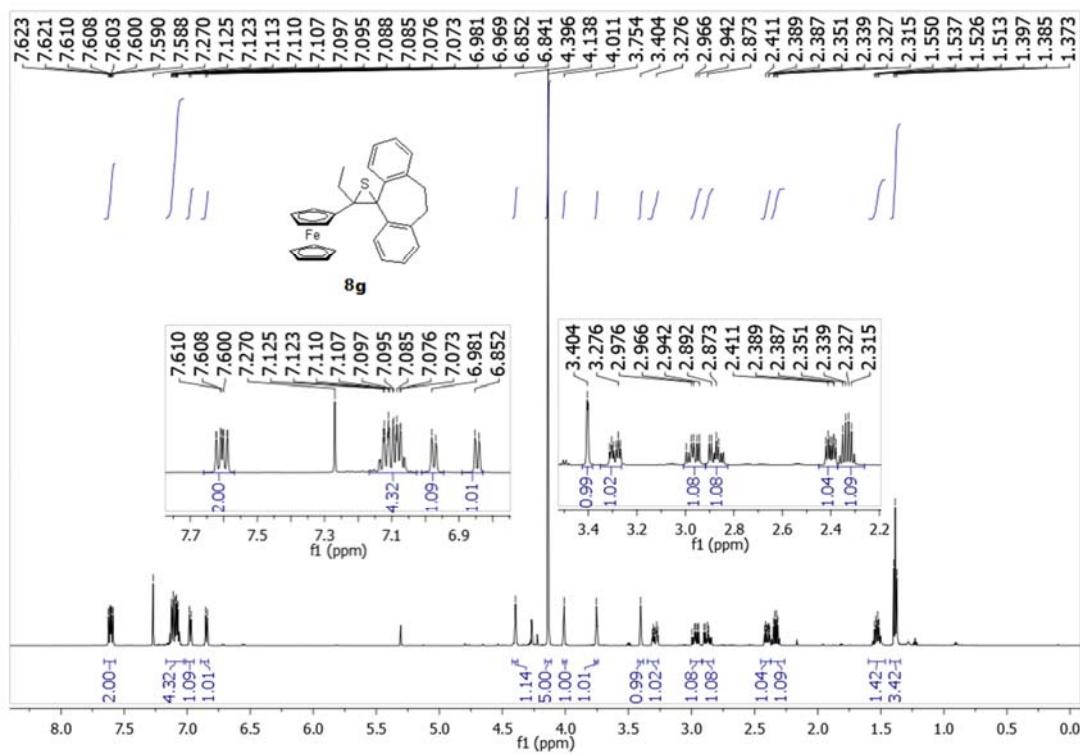
**Figure S36.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **8e**.



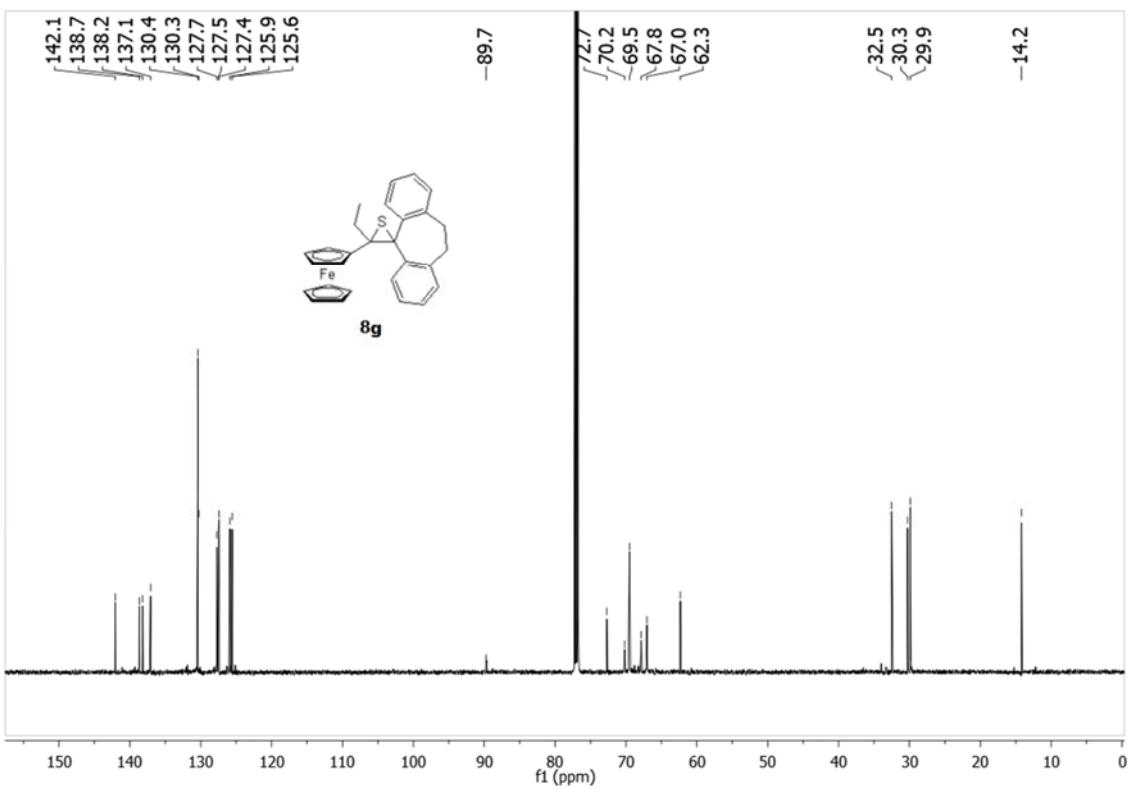
**Figure S37.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **8f**.



**Figure S38.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **8f**.

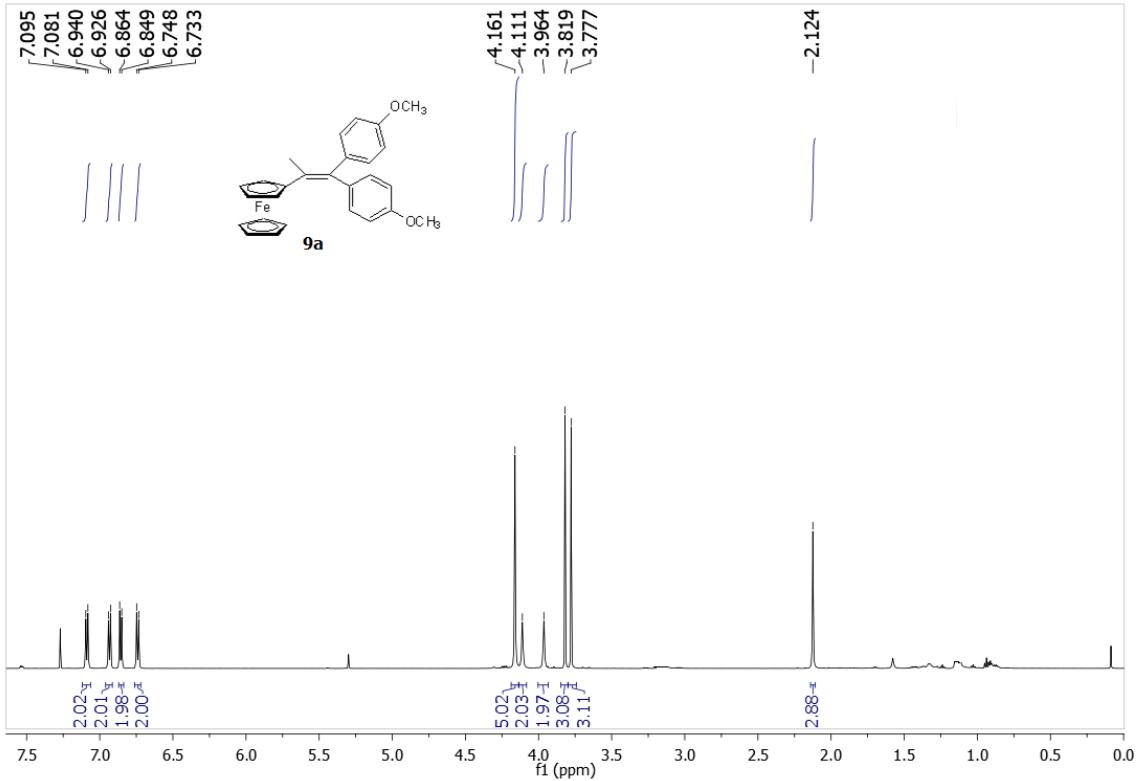


**Figure S35.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **8g**.

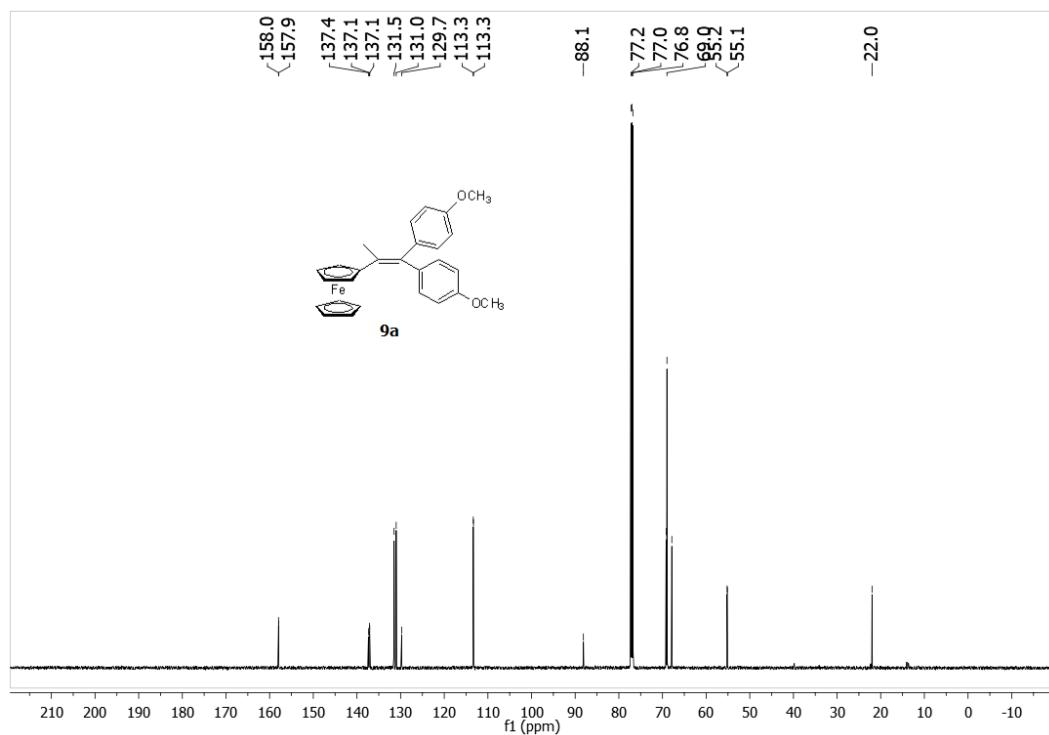


**Figure S36.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **8g**.

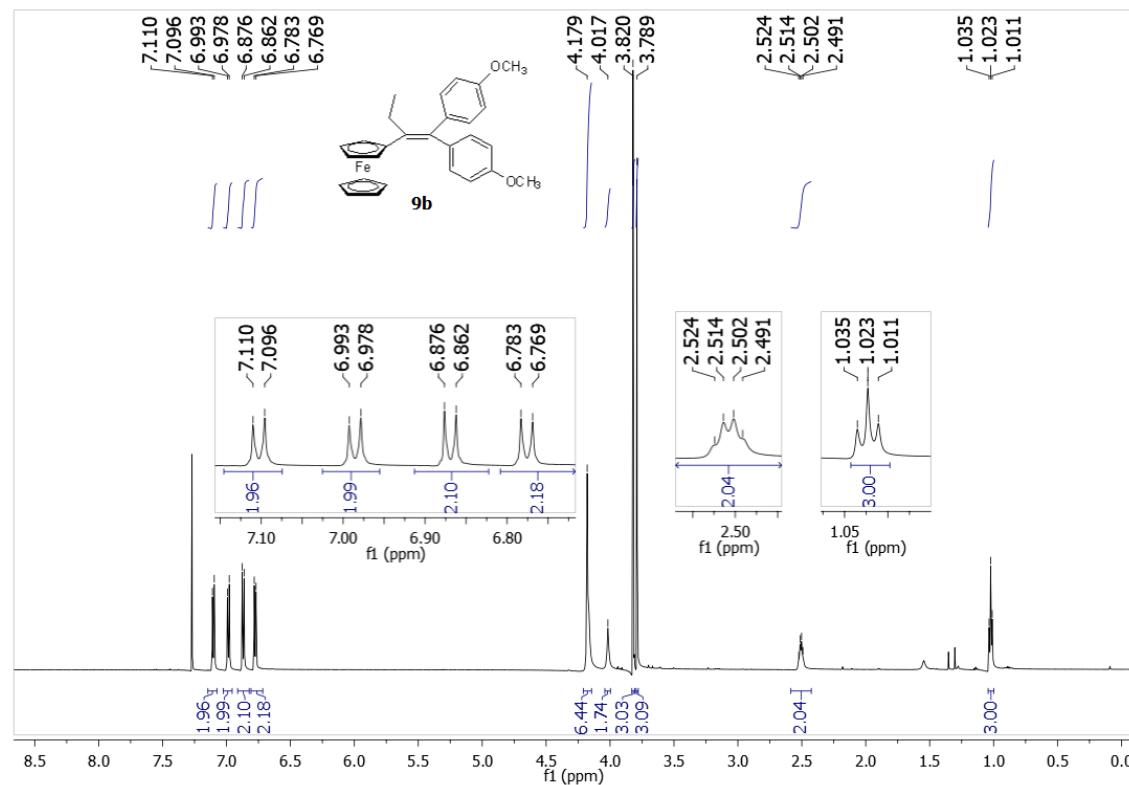
### 5. The $^1\text{H}$ - and $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of ethylene derivatives **9a-m**.



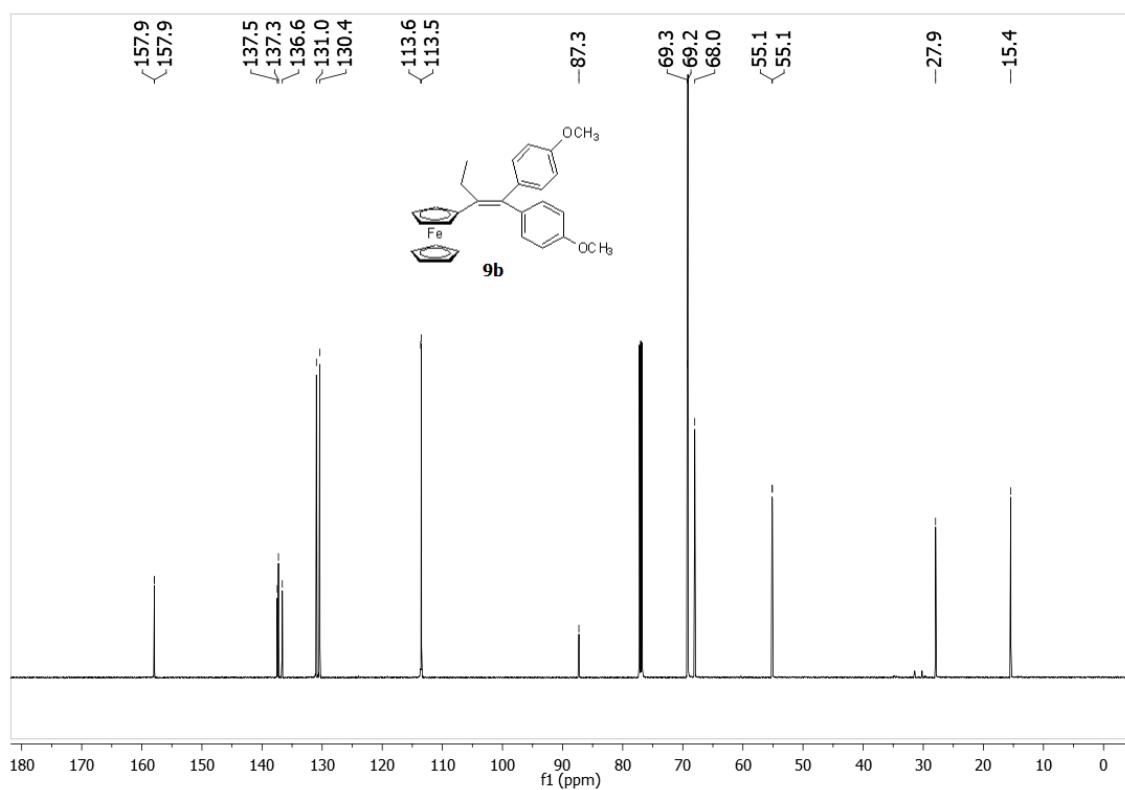
**Figure S37.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9a**.



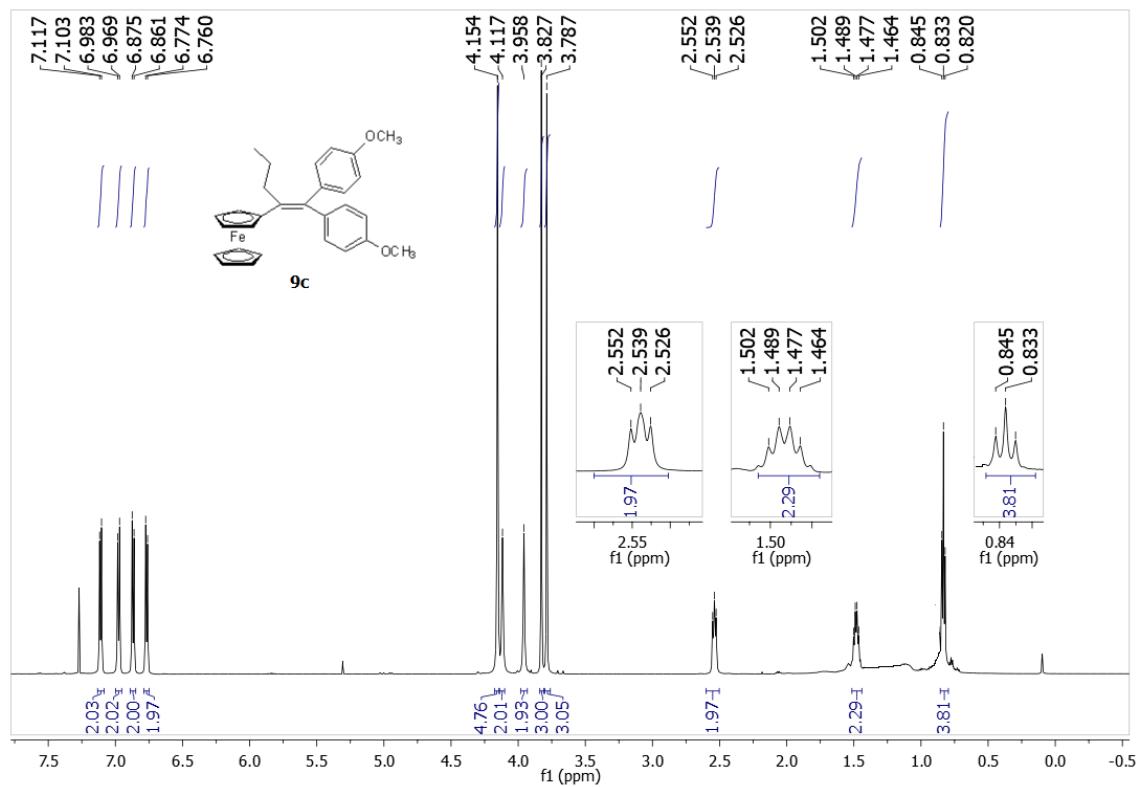
**Figure S38.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9a**.



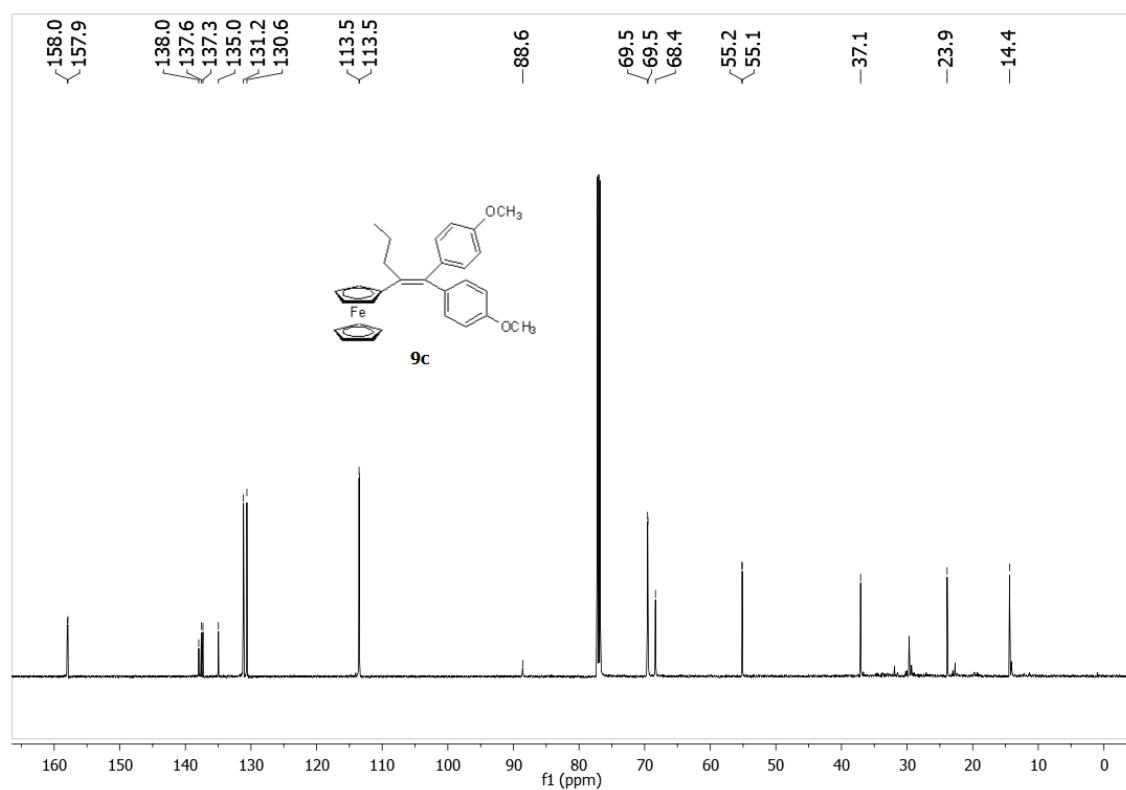
**Figure S39.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9b**.



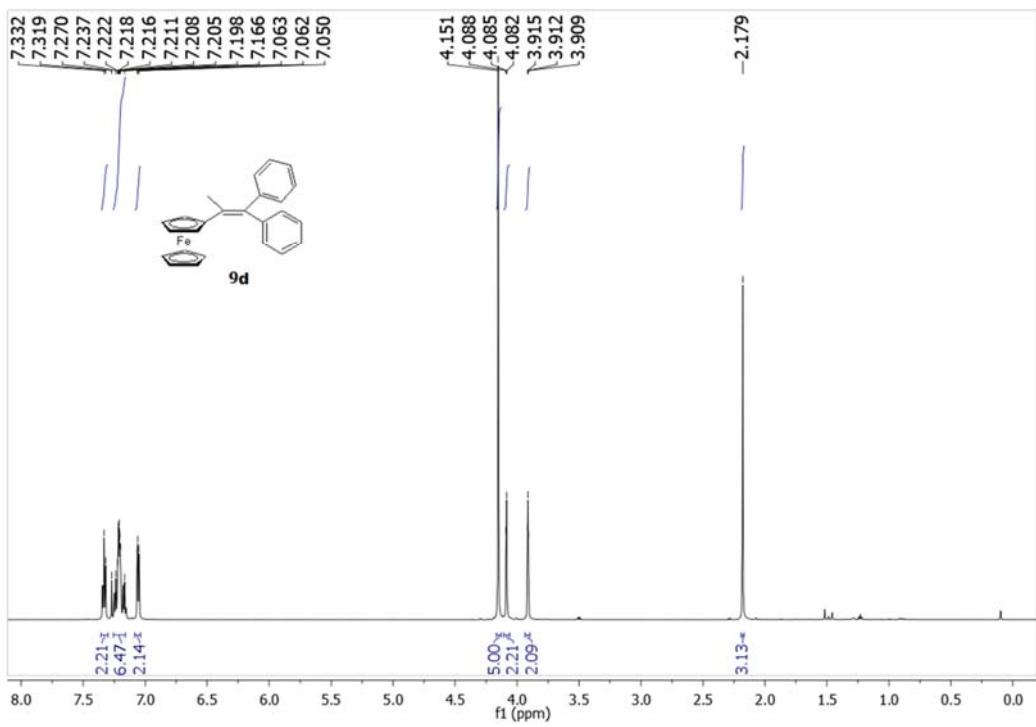
**Figure S40.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9b**.



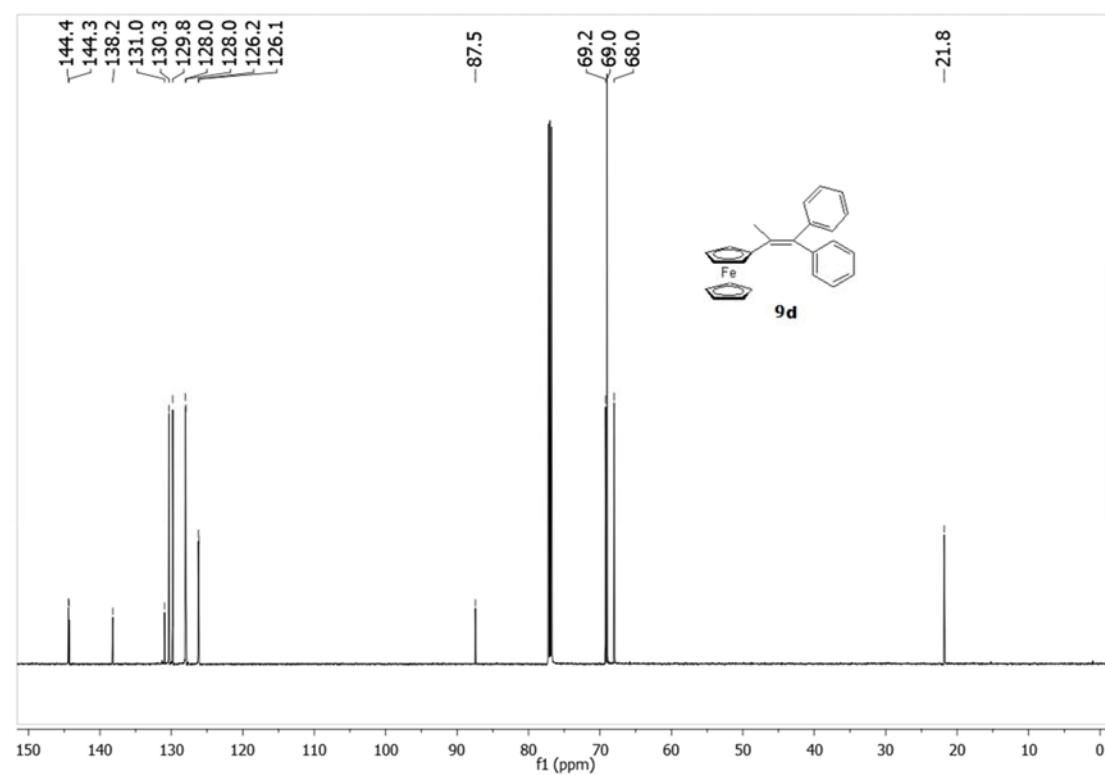
**Figure S41.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9c**.



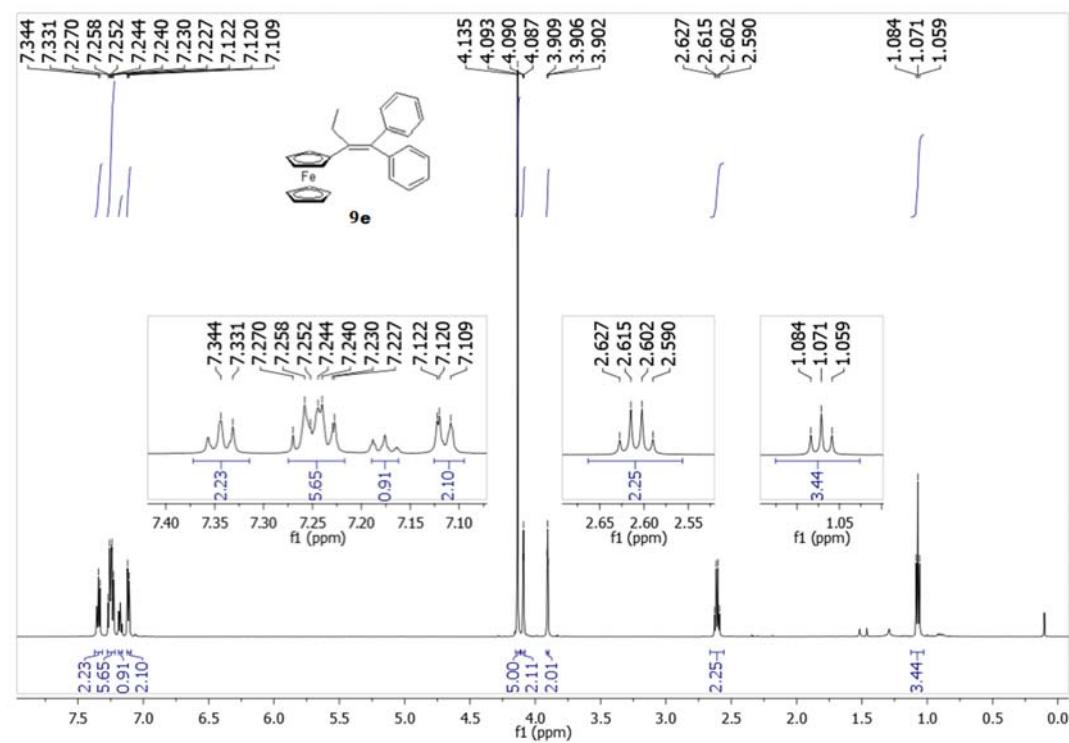
**Figure S42.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9c**.



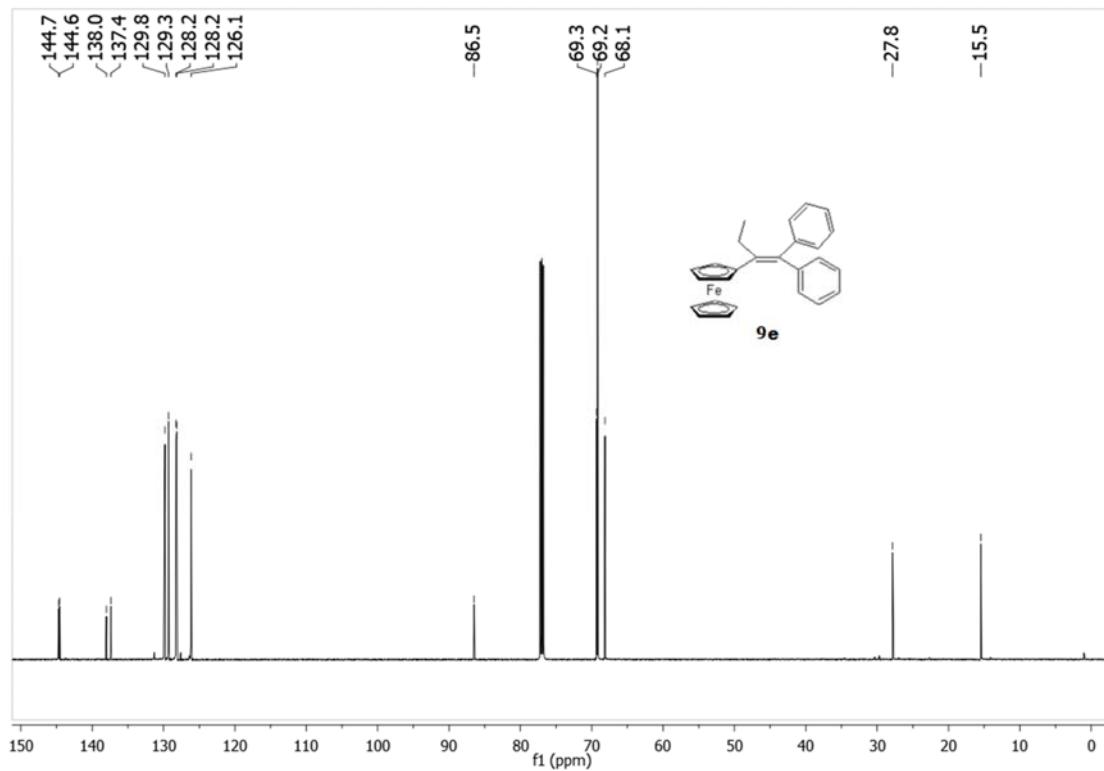
**Figure S43.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9d**.



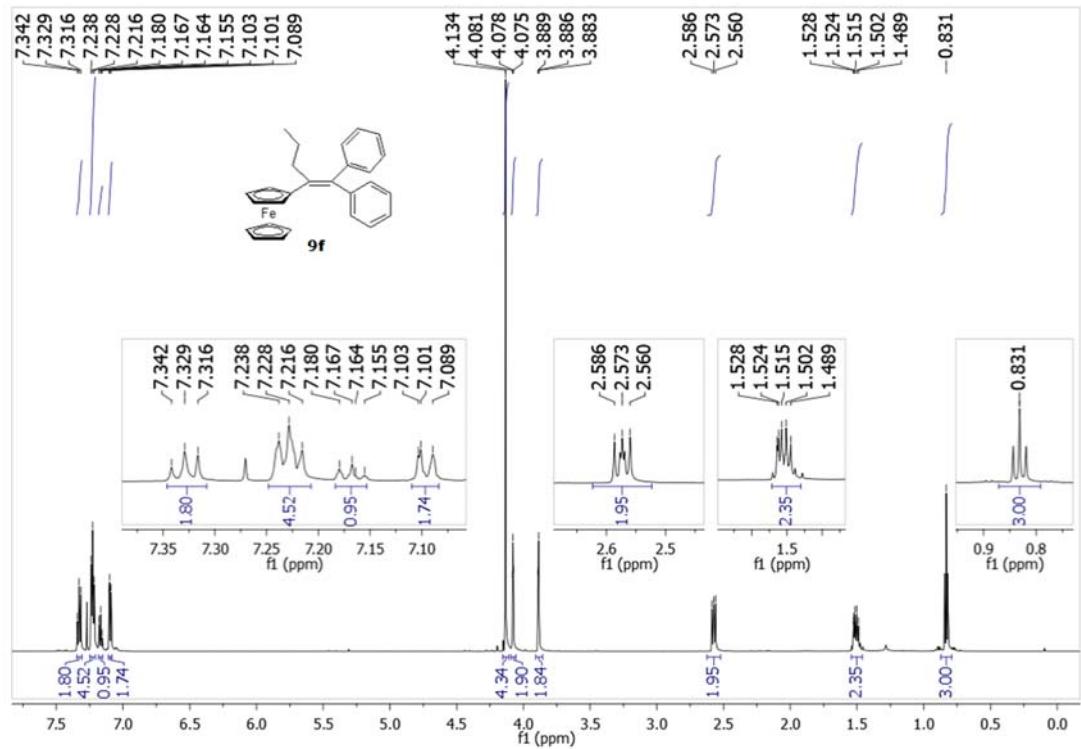
**Figure S44.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9d**.



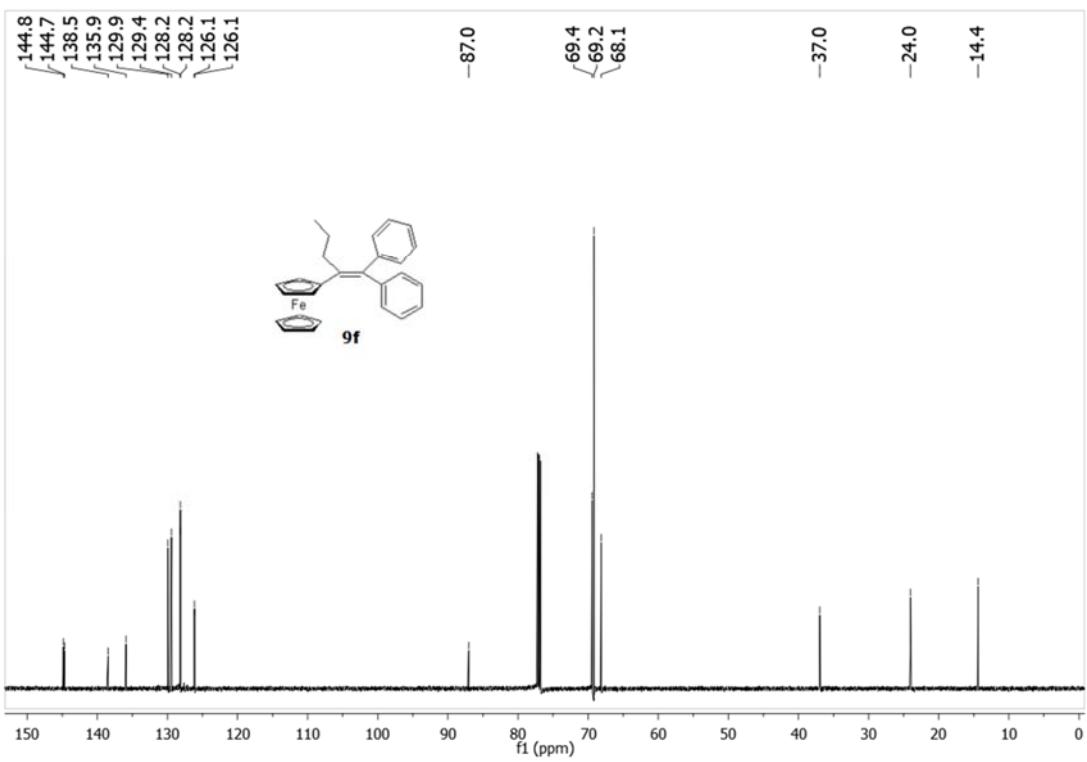
**Figure S45.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9e**.



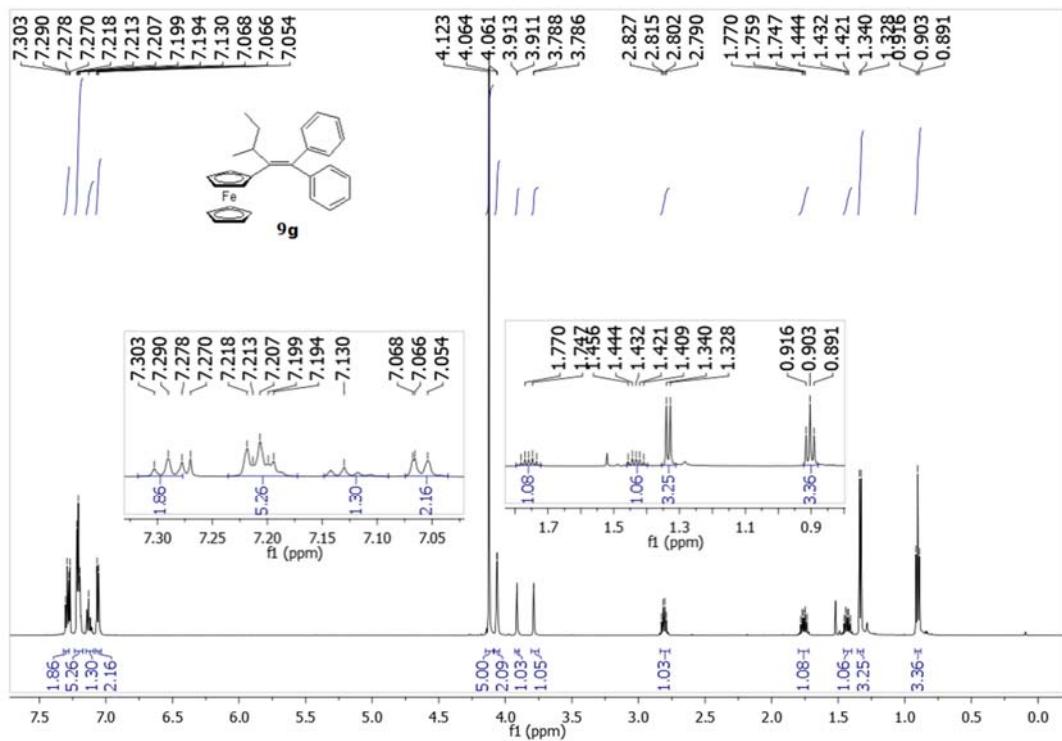
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**Figure S47.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9f**.

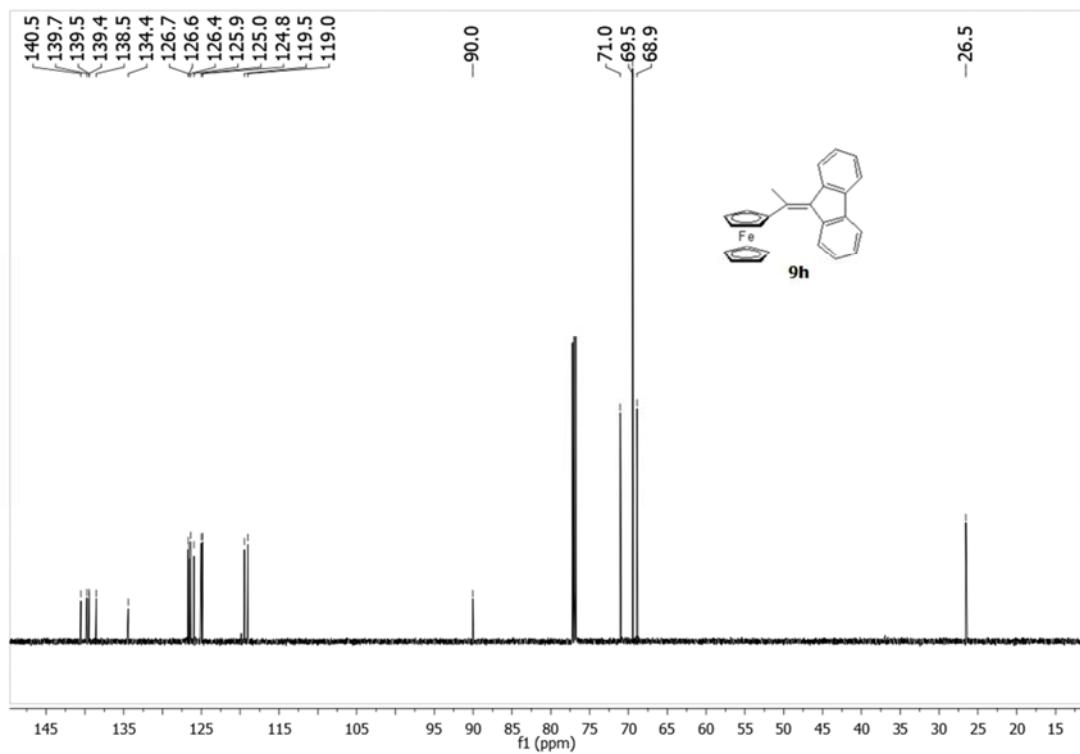


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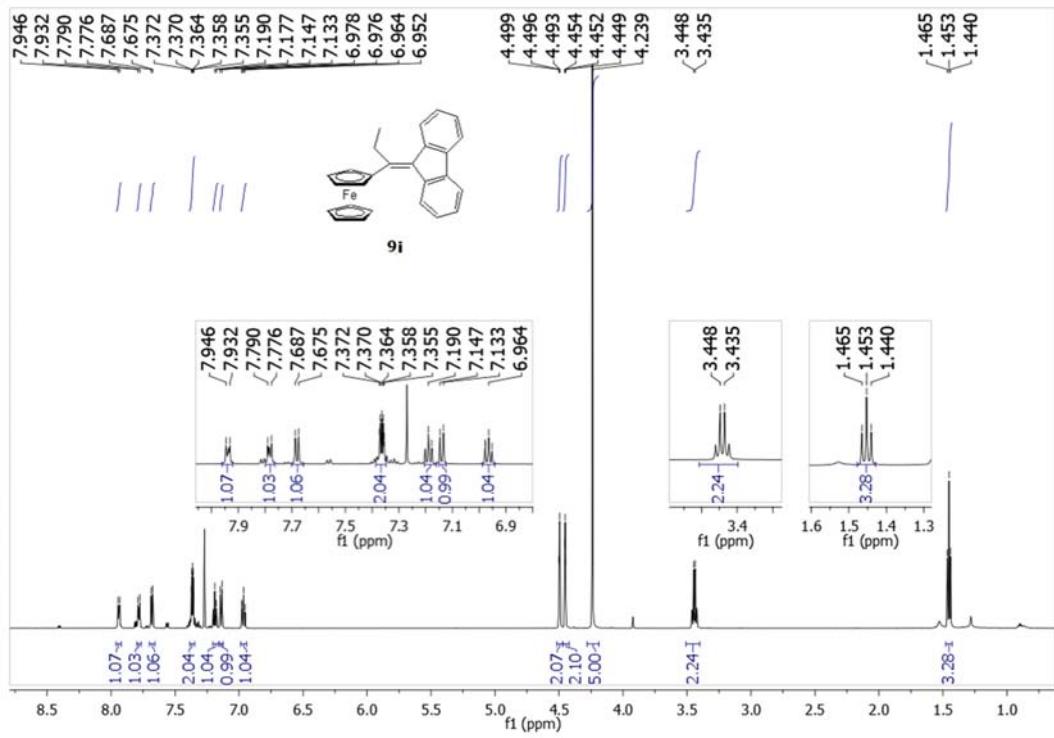


**Figure S49.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9g**.

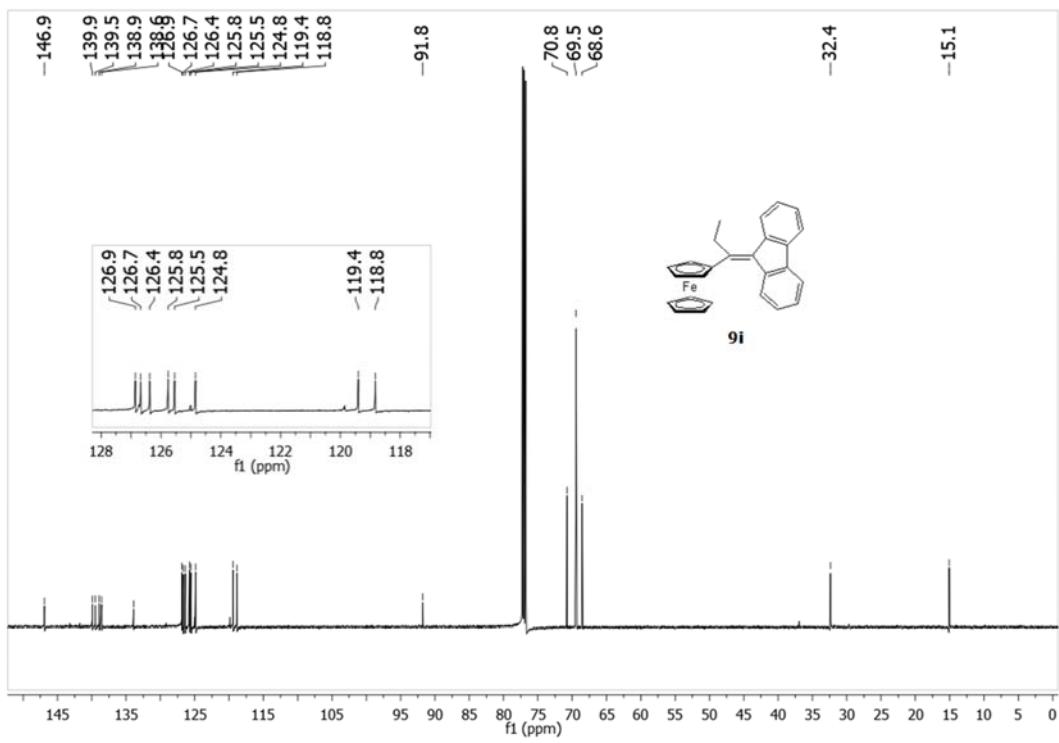




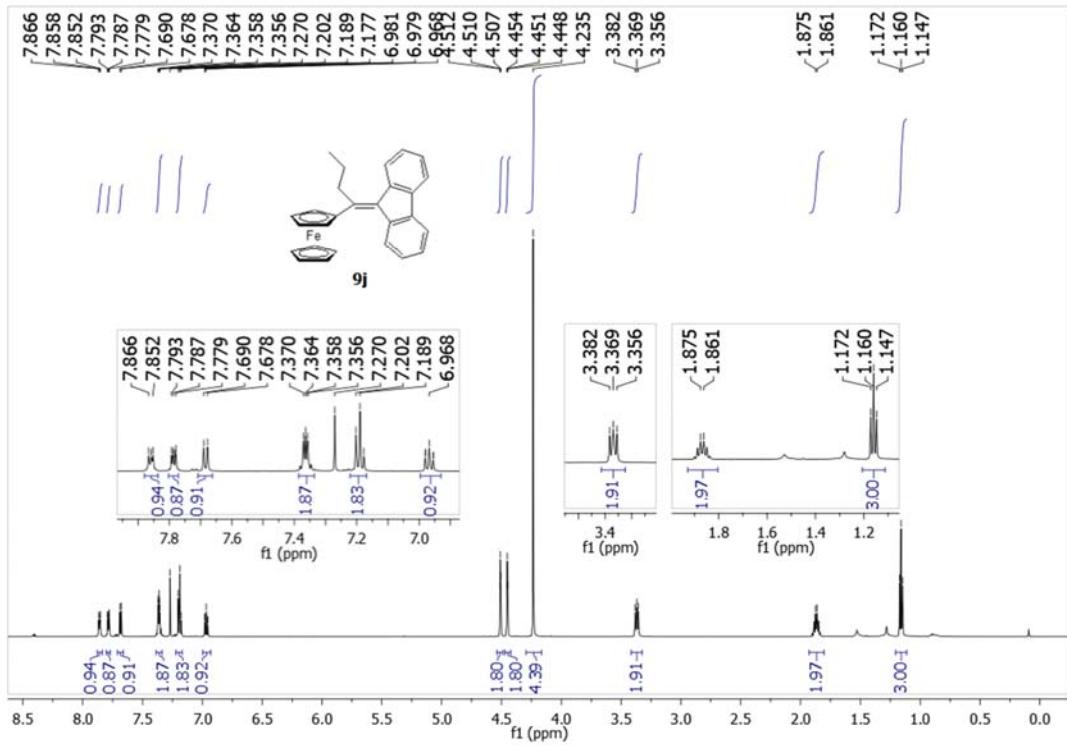
**Figure S52.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9h**.



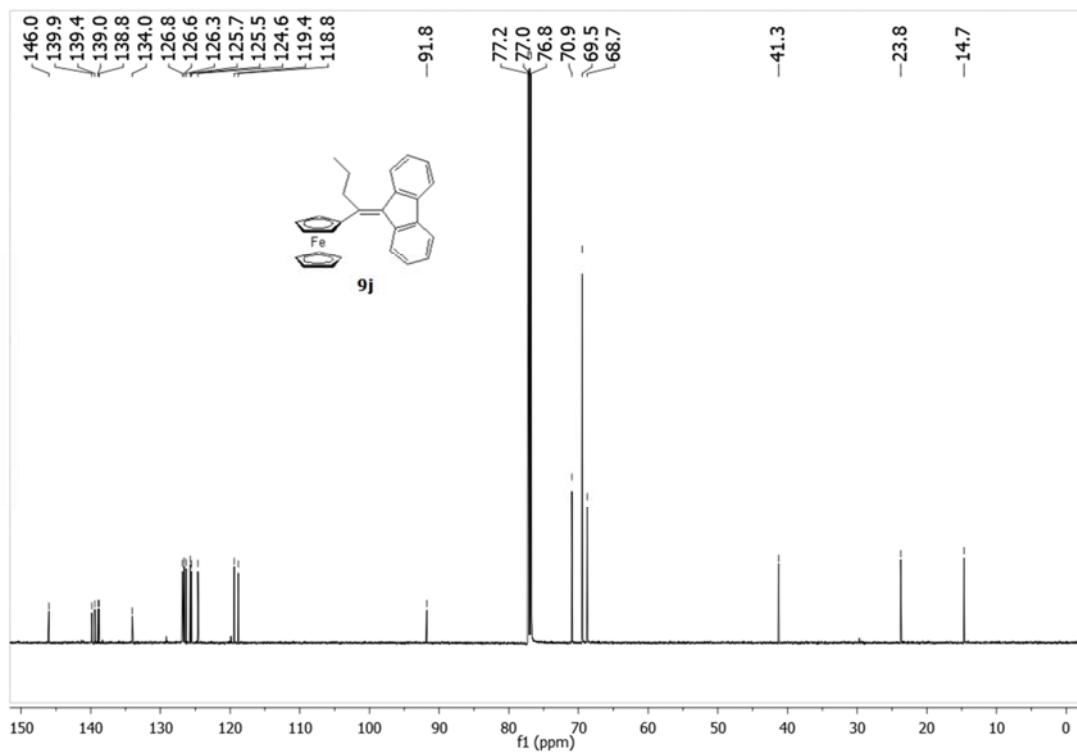
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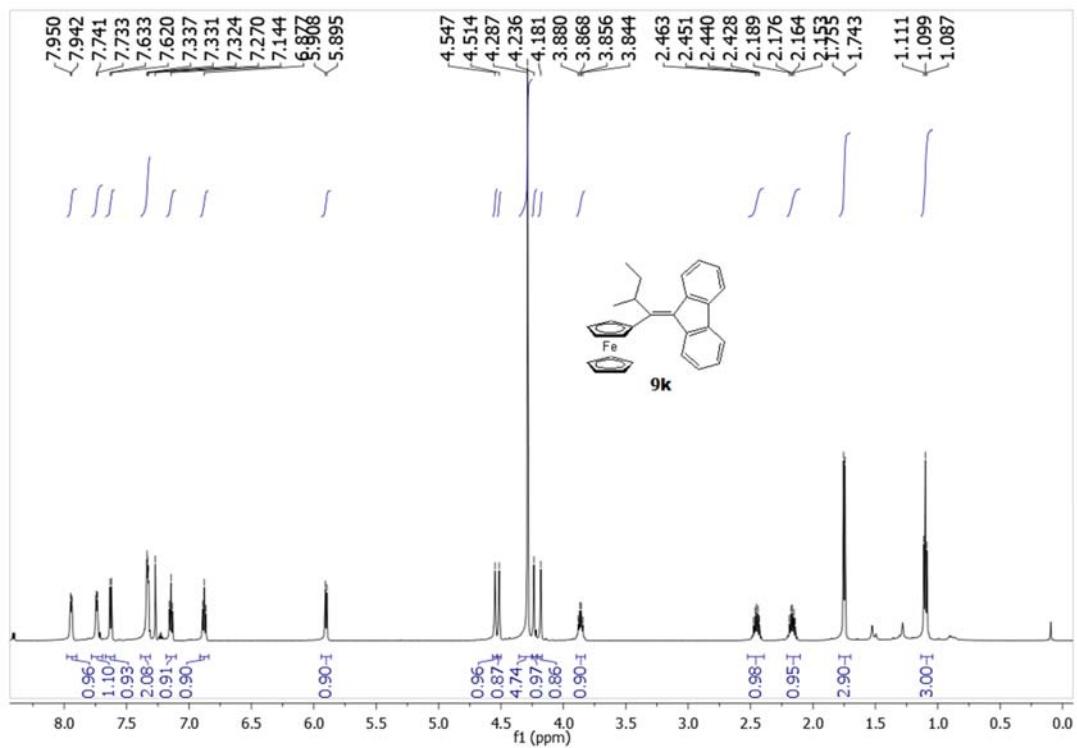
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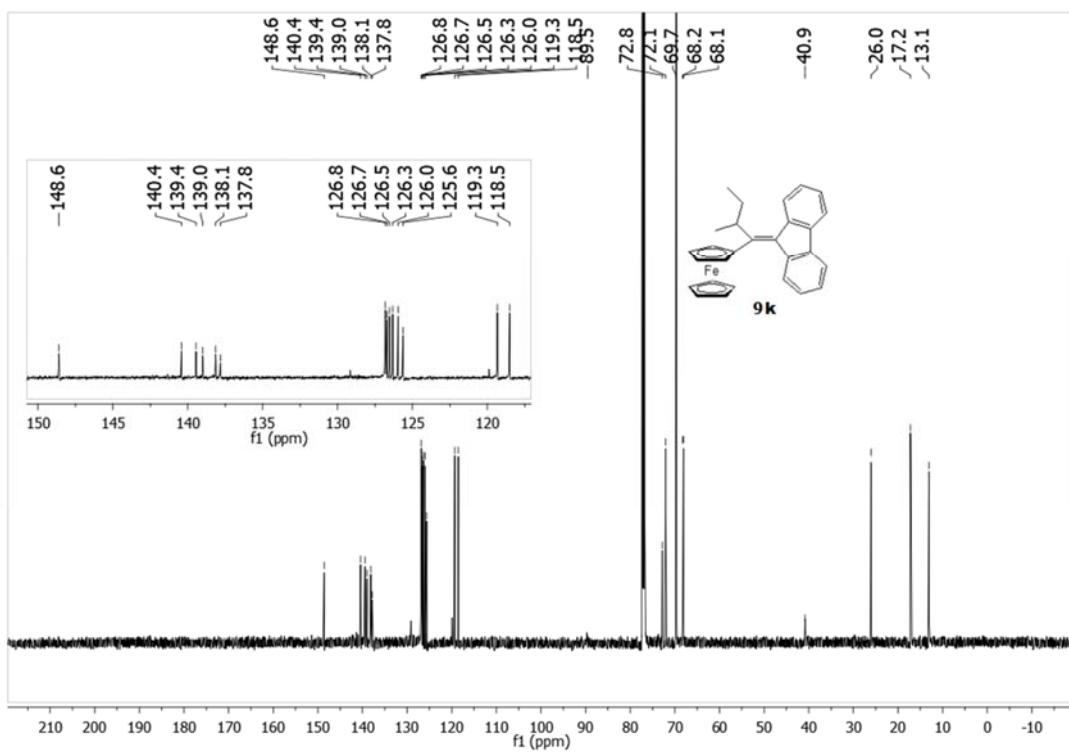
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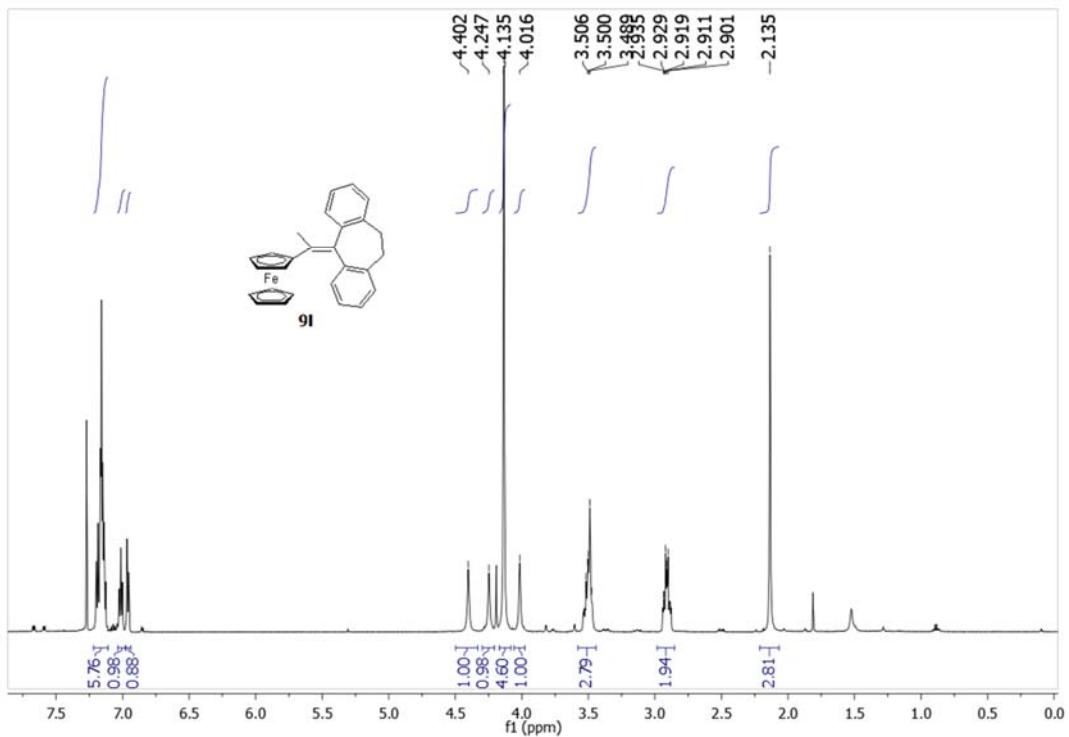
**Figure S56.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9j**.



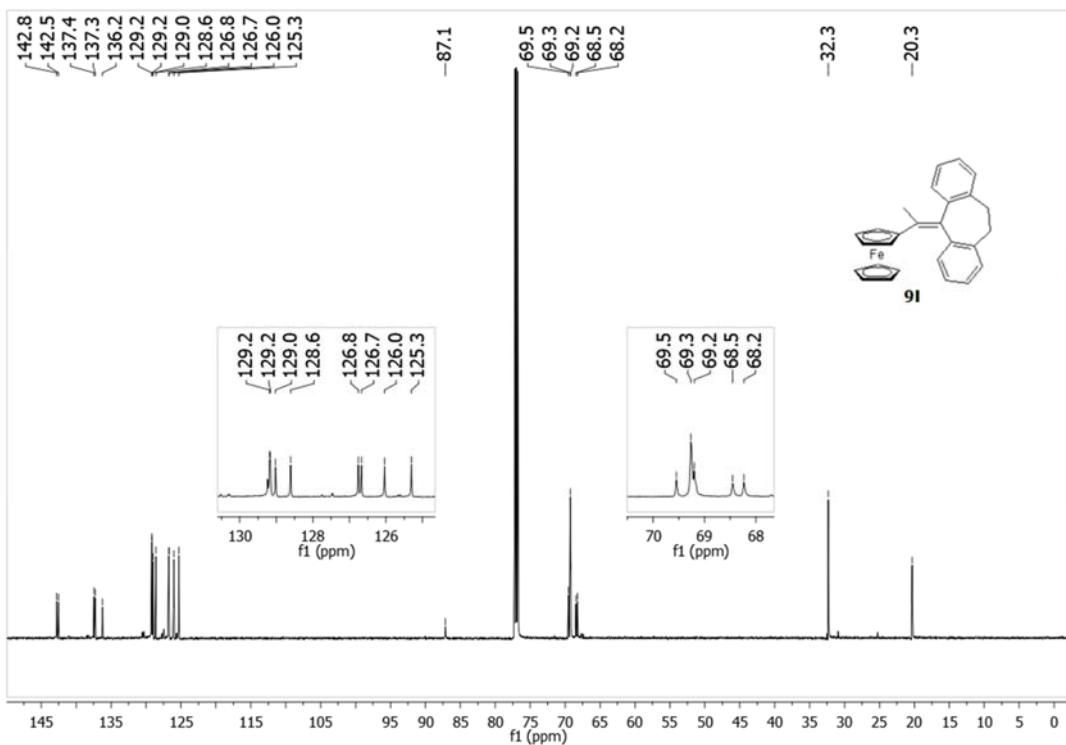
**Figure S57.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9k**.



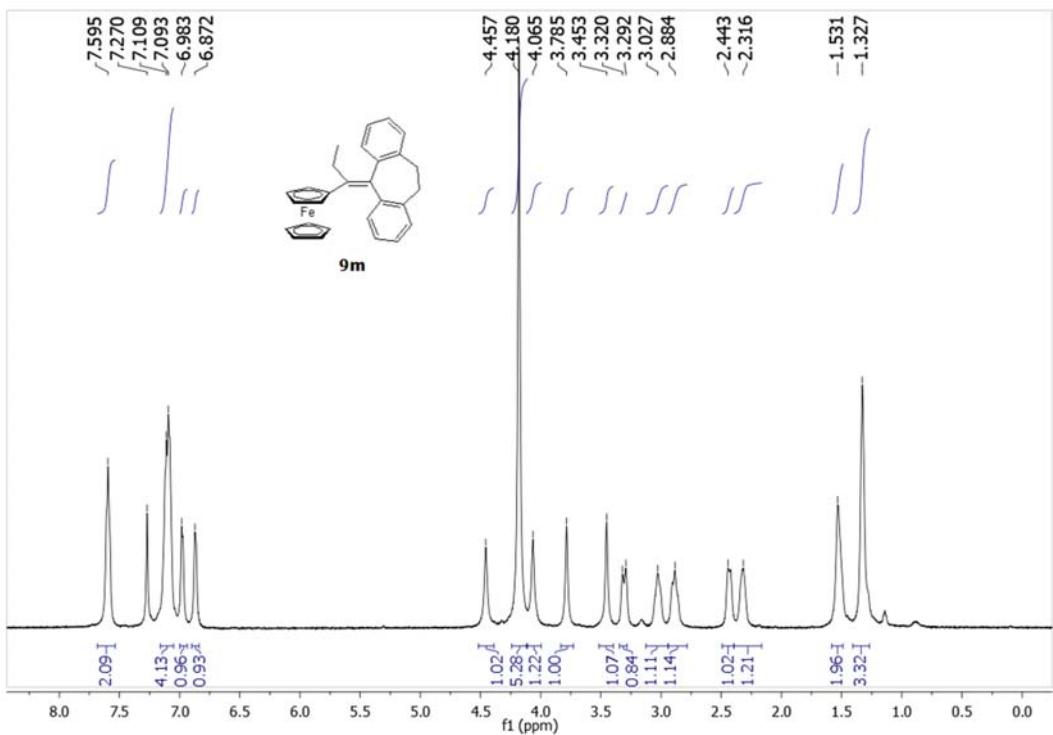
**Figure S58.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9k**.



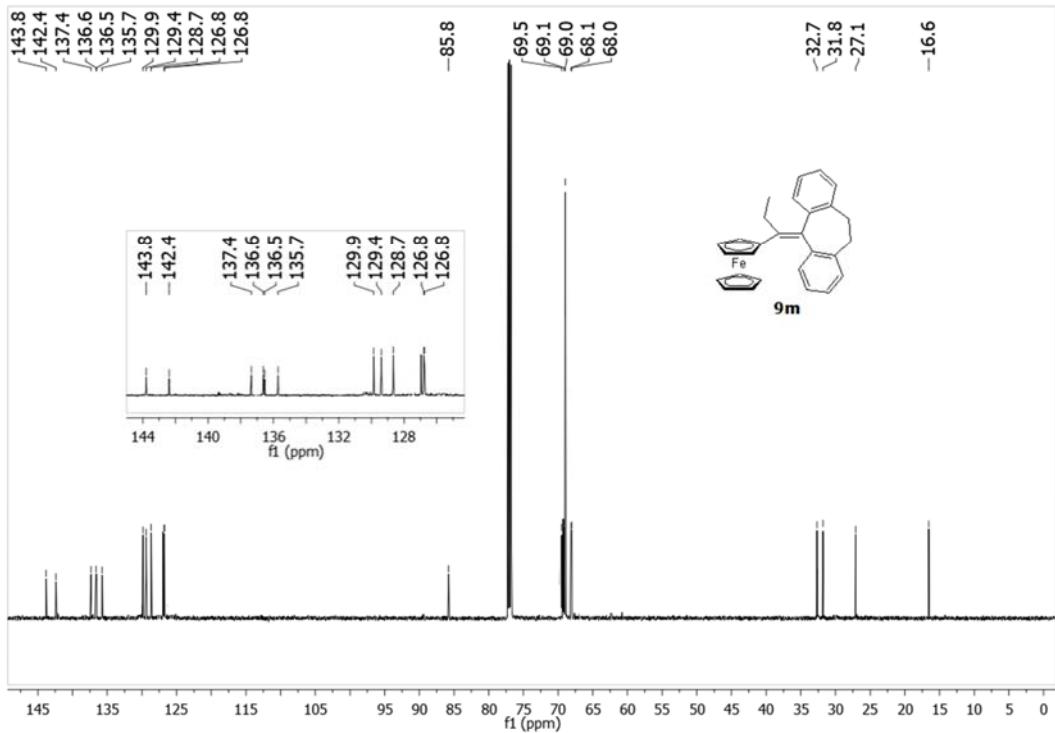
**Figure S59.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9l**.



**Figure S60.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9l**.



**Figure S61.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9m**.



**Figure S64.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9m**.