

## Electronic Supplementary Information

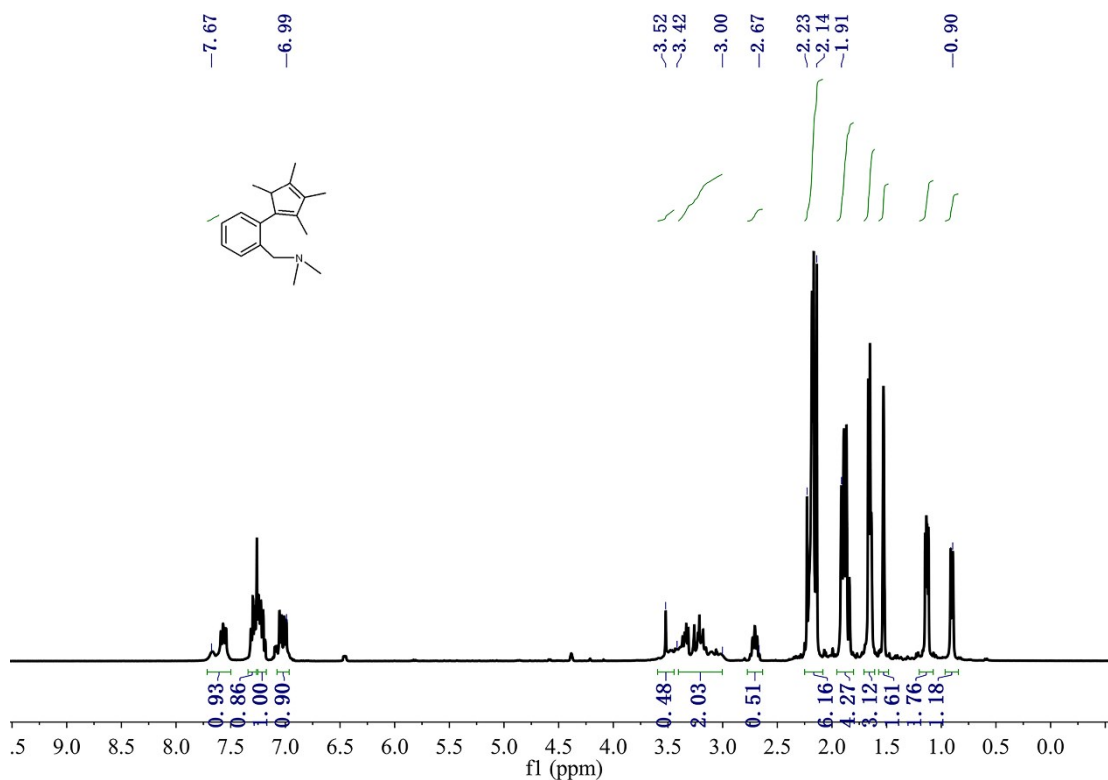
### Half-Sandwich Rare-Earth Metal Complexes Bearing a $C_5Me_4-C_6H_4-o-CH_2NMe_2$ Ligand: Synthesis, Characterization and Catalytic Properties for Isoprene, 1-Hexene and MMA Polymerization

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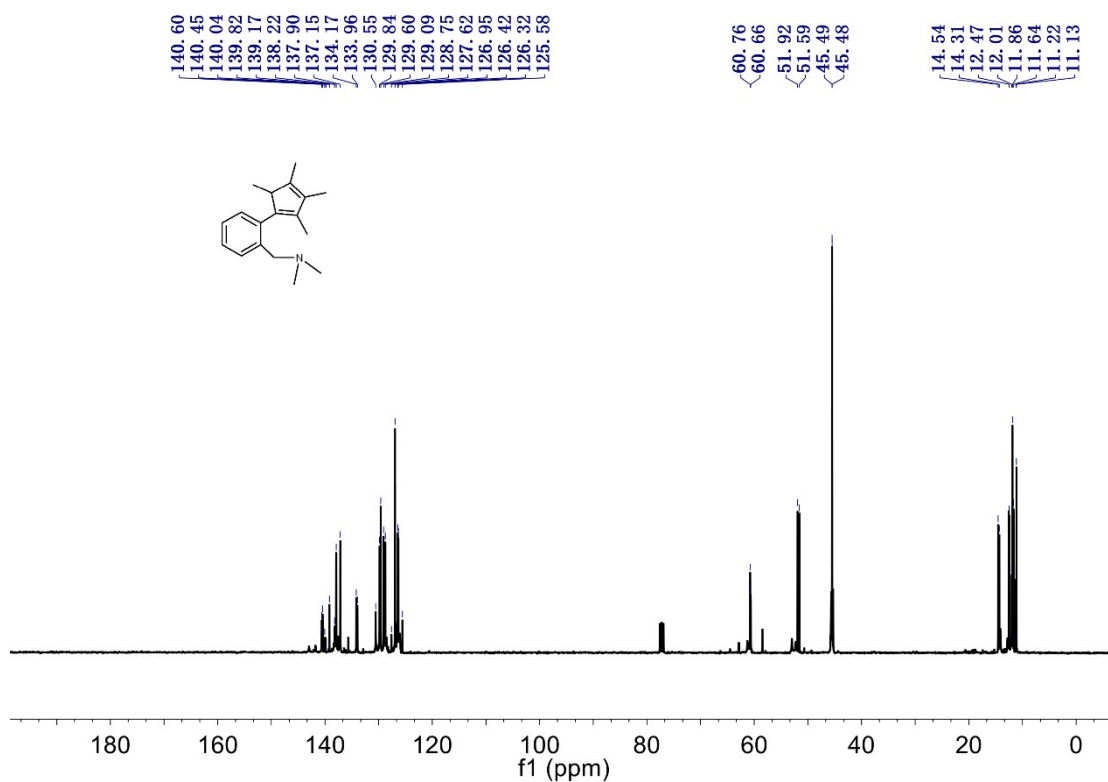
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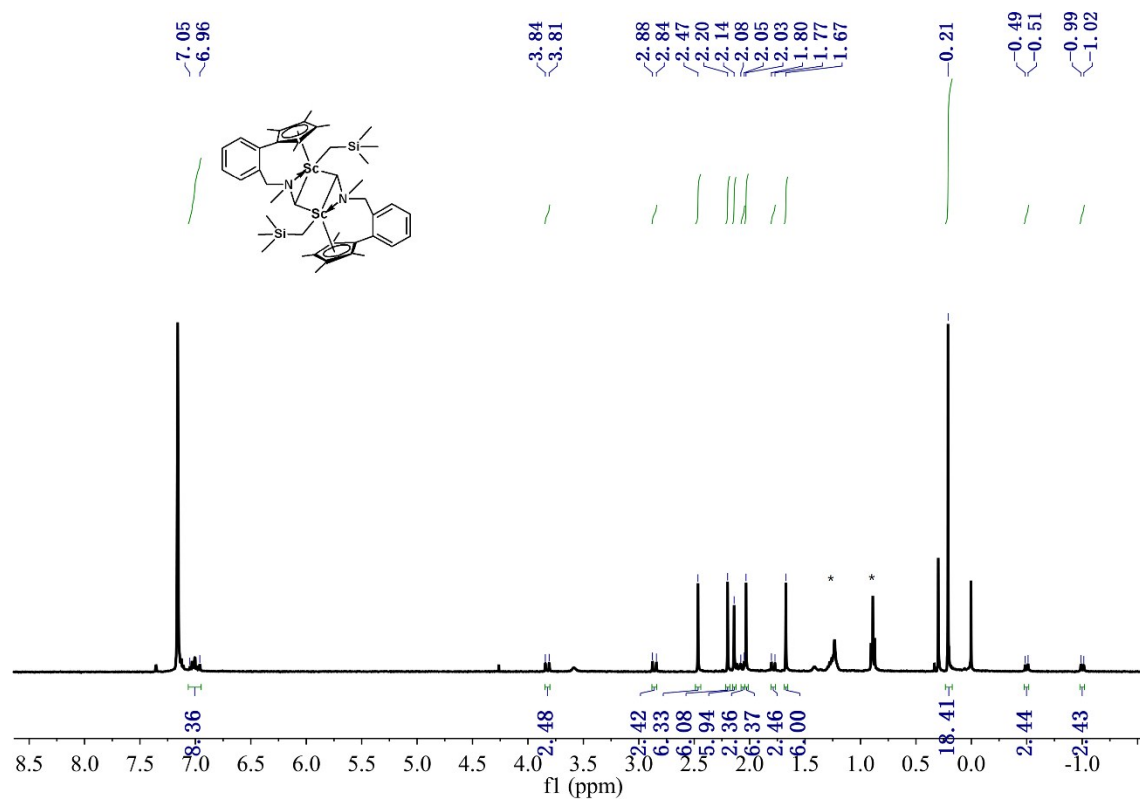
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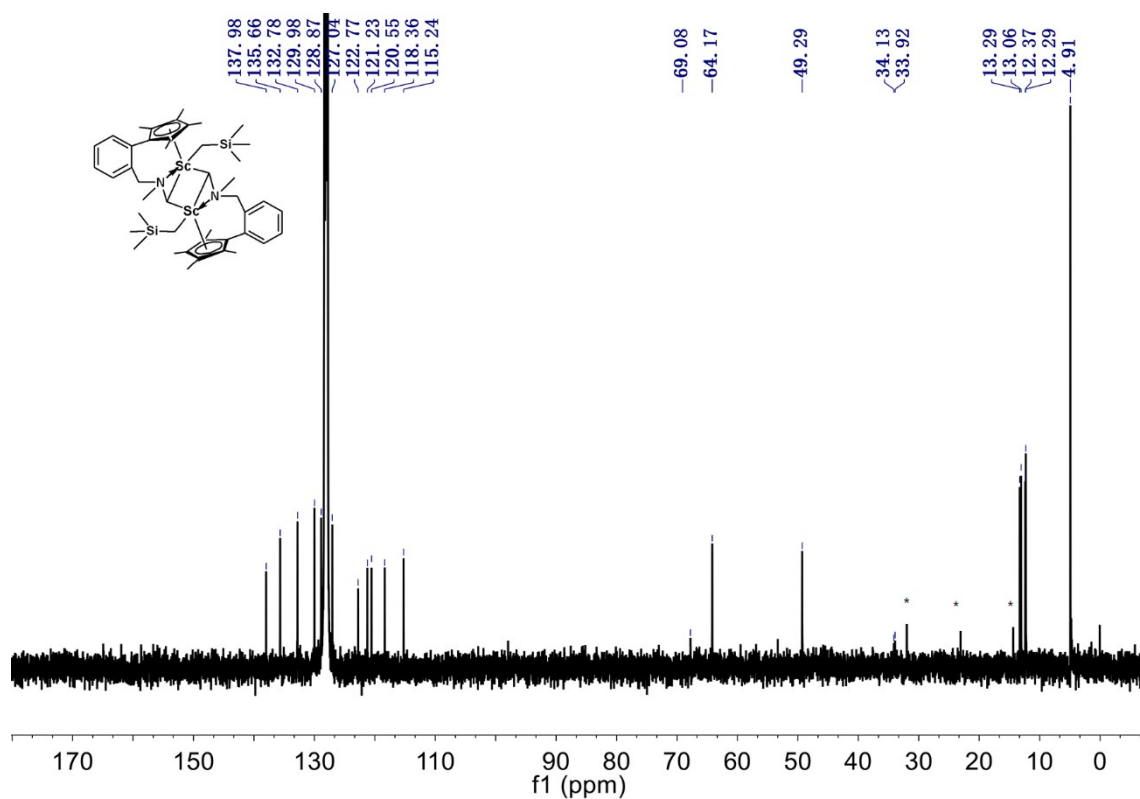
**Figure S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of ligand HL (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C).



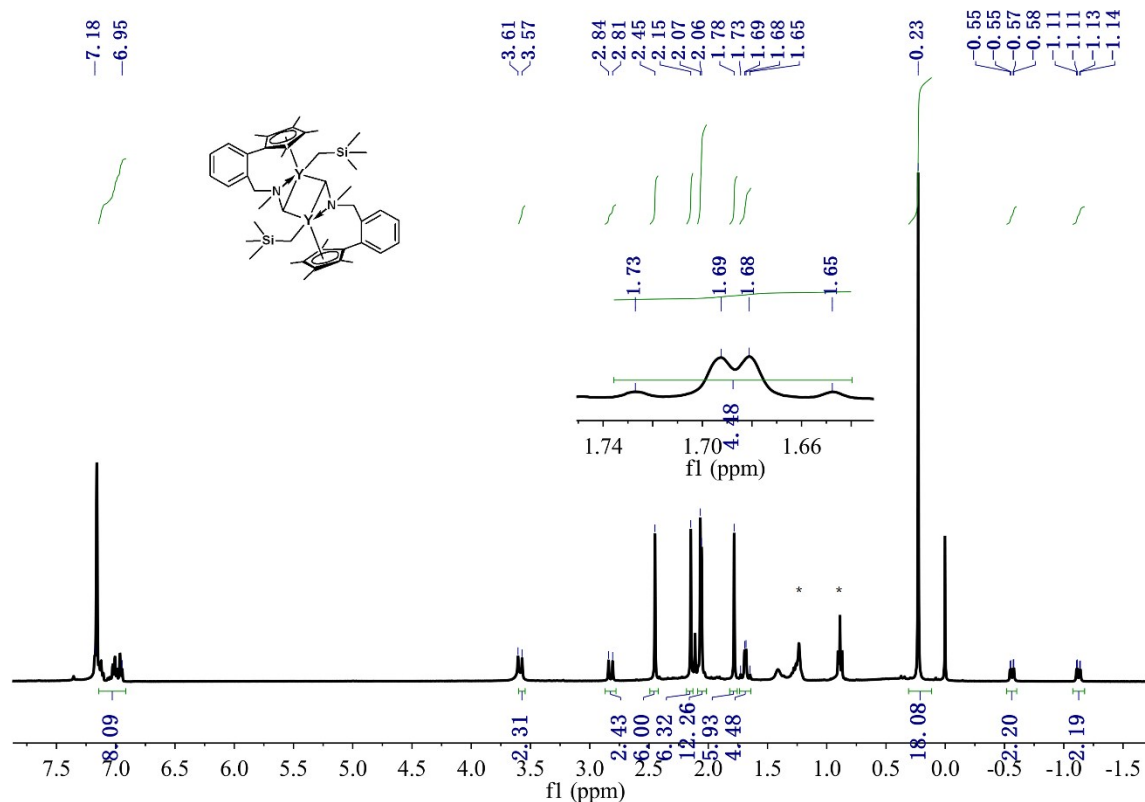
**Figure S2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ligand HL (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C).



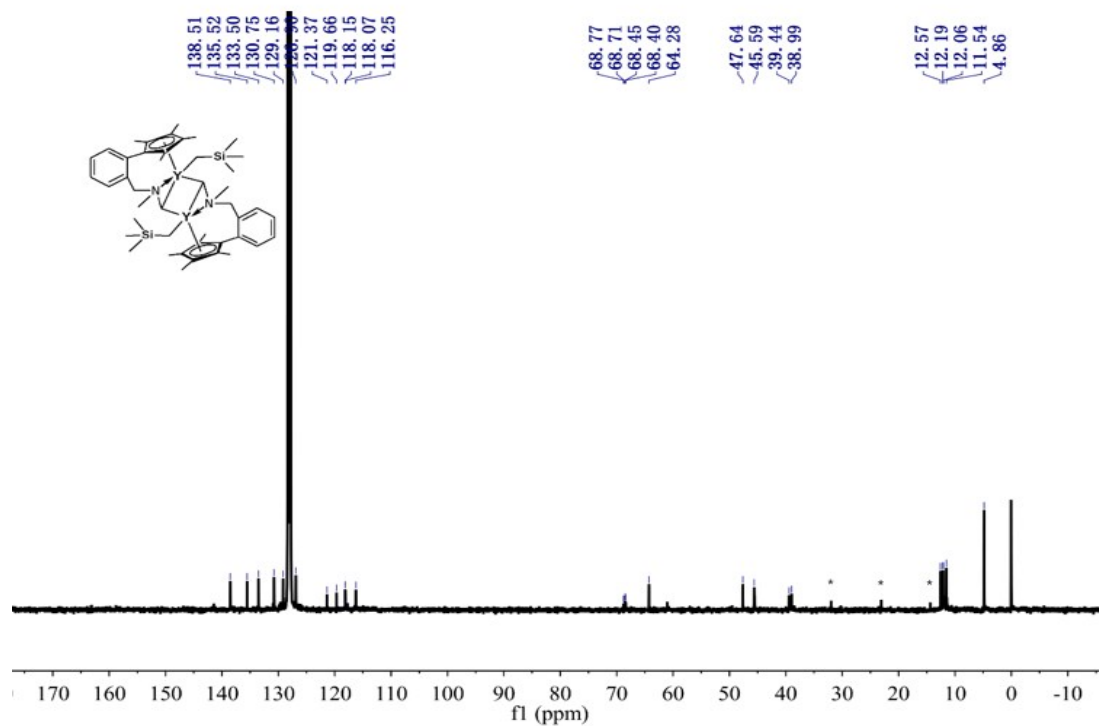
**Figure S3**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **1a** (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ ). \* stands for residual signals of hexane.



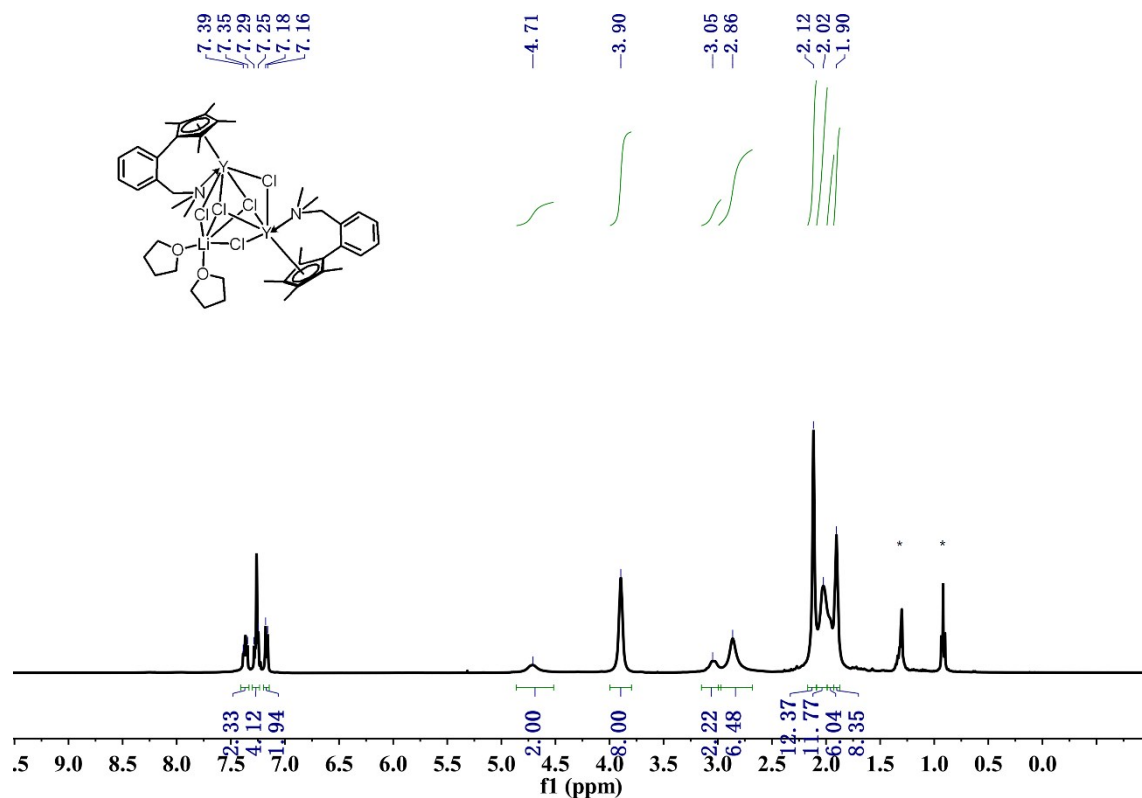
**Figure S4**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex **1a** (100 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ ). \* stands for residual signals of hexane.



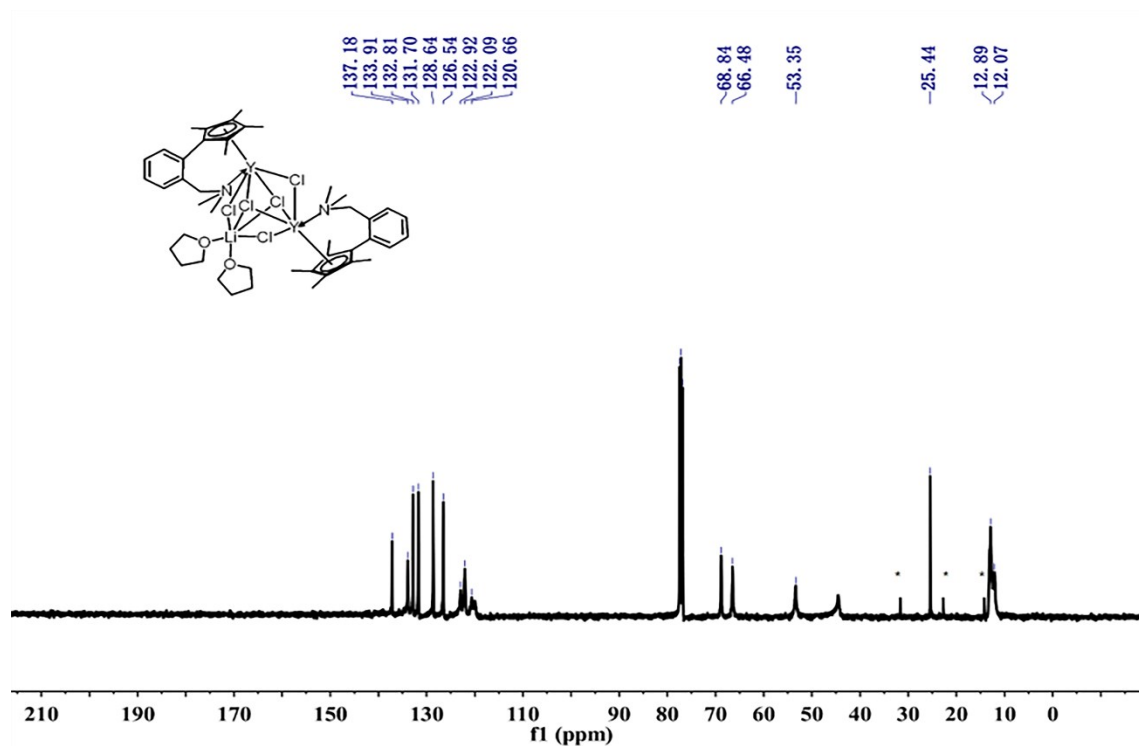
**Figure S5**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **1b** (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ ). \* stands for residual signals of hexane.



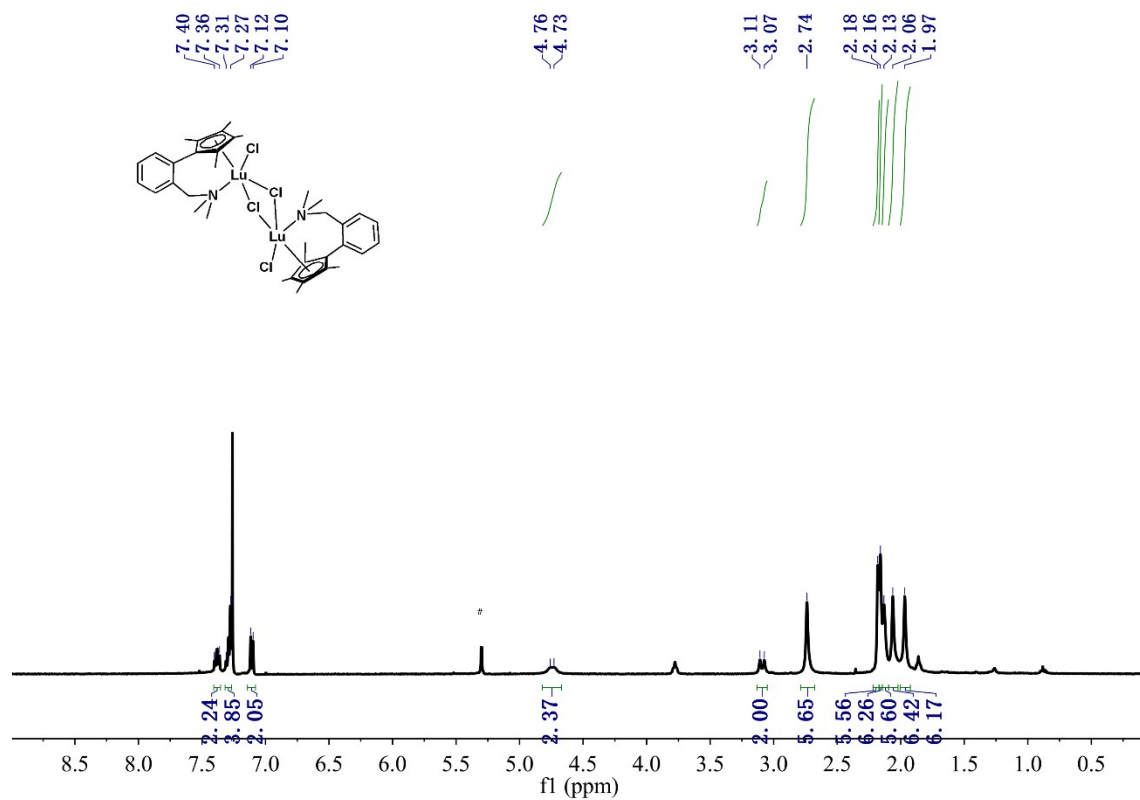
**Figure S6**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex **1b** (100 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ ). \* stands for residual signals of hexane.



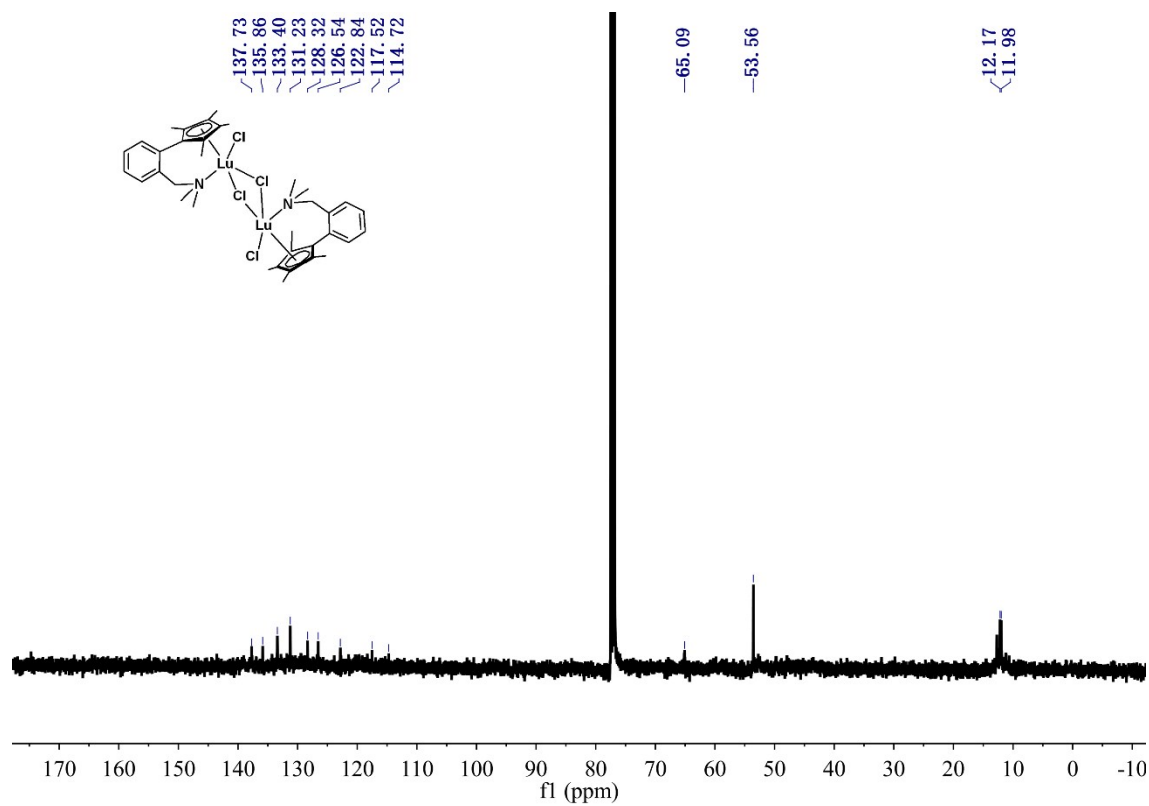
**Figure S7**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **2a** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ ). \* stands for residual signals of hexane.



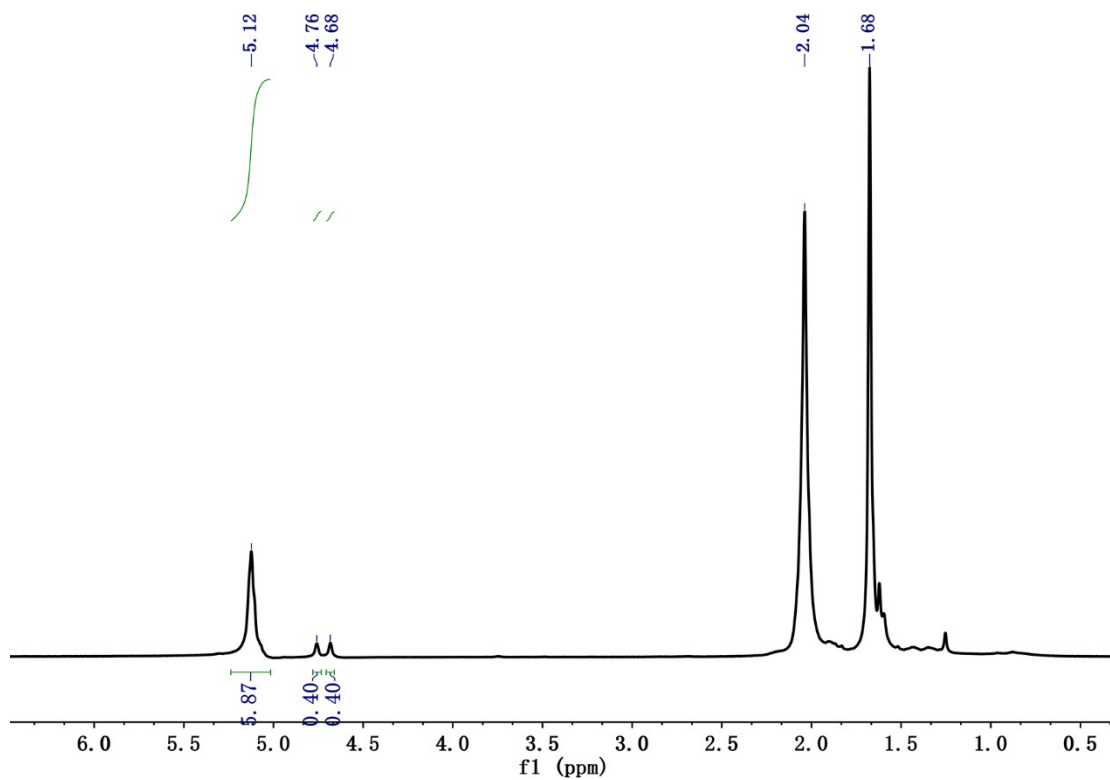
**Figure S8**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex **2a** (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ ). \* stands for residual signals of hexane.



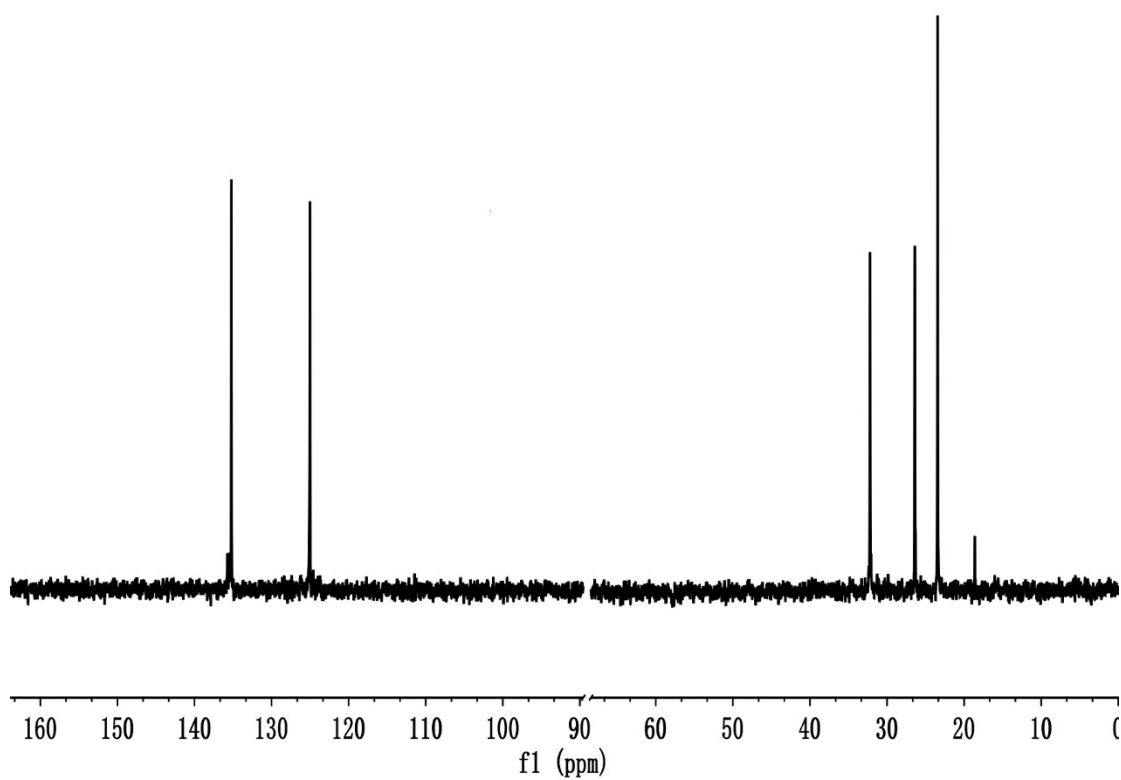
**Figure S9** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **2b** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C). # stands for residual signals of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



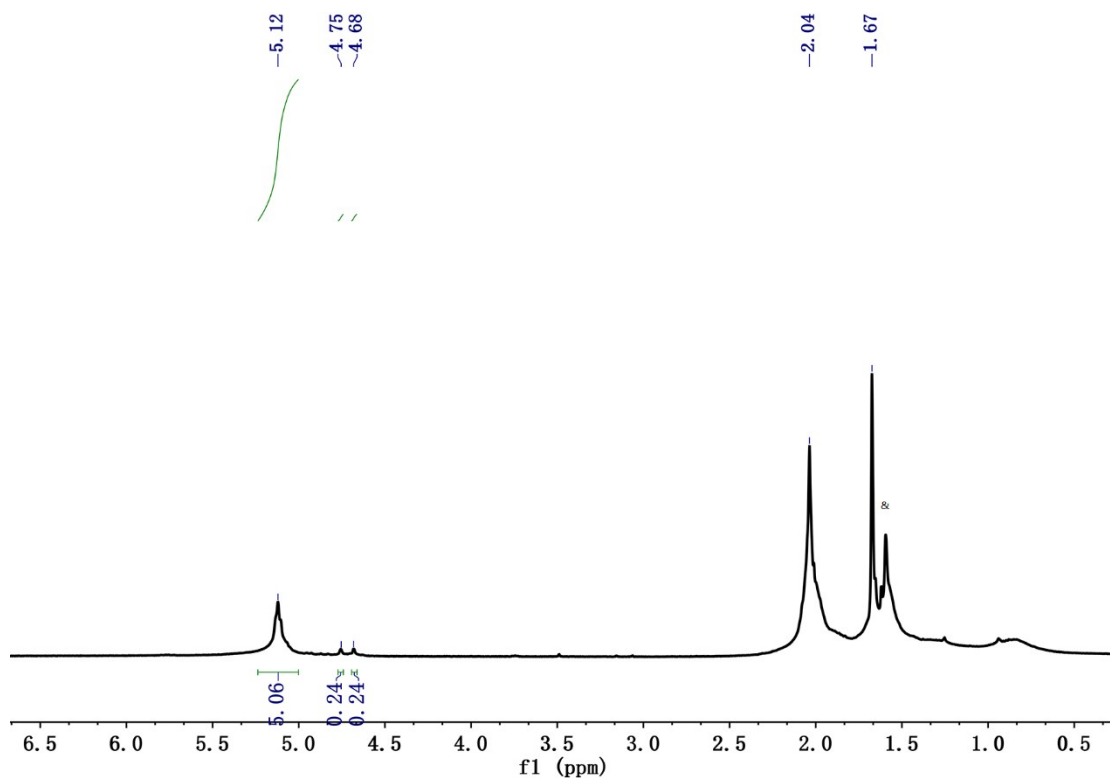
**Figure S10** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of complex **2b** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C).



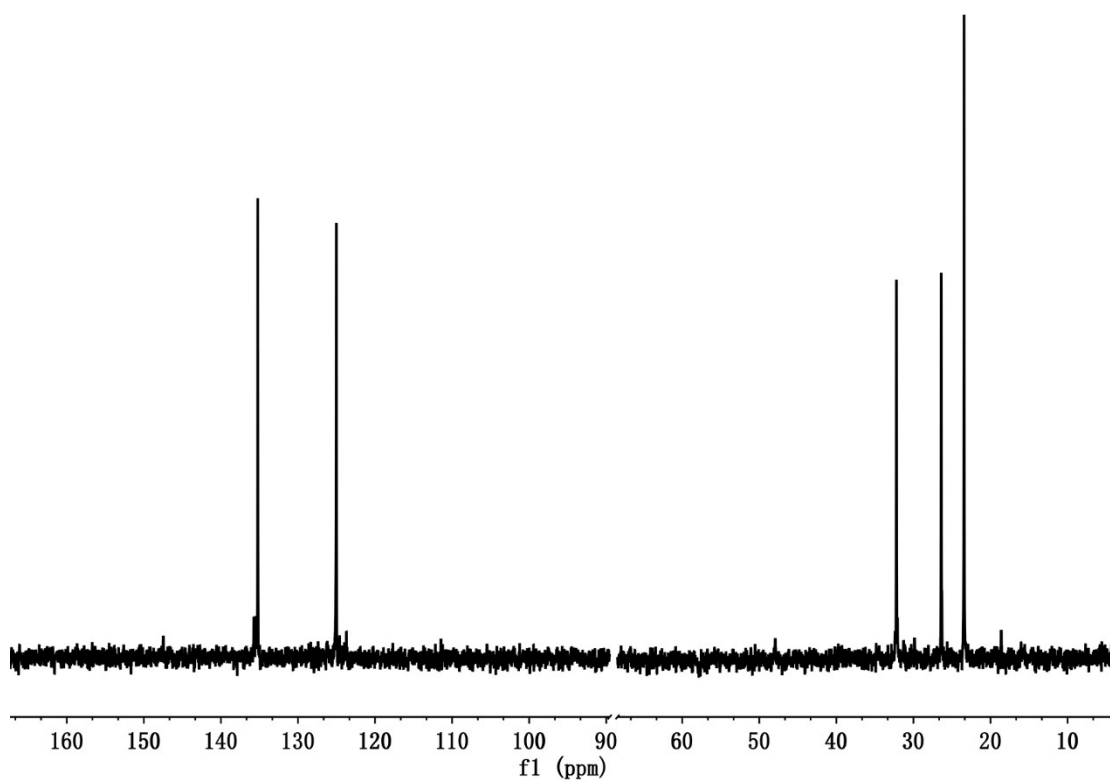
**Figure S11**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of polyisoprene sample (Table 2, entry 8).



**Figure S12**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of polyisoprene sample (Table 2, entry 8).

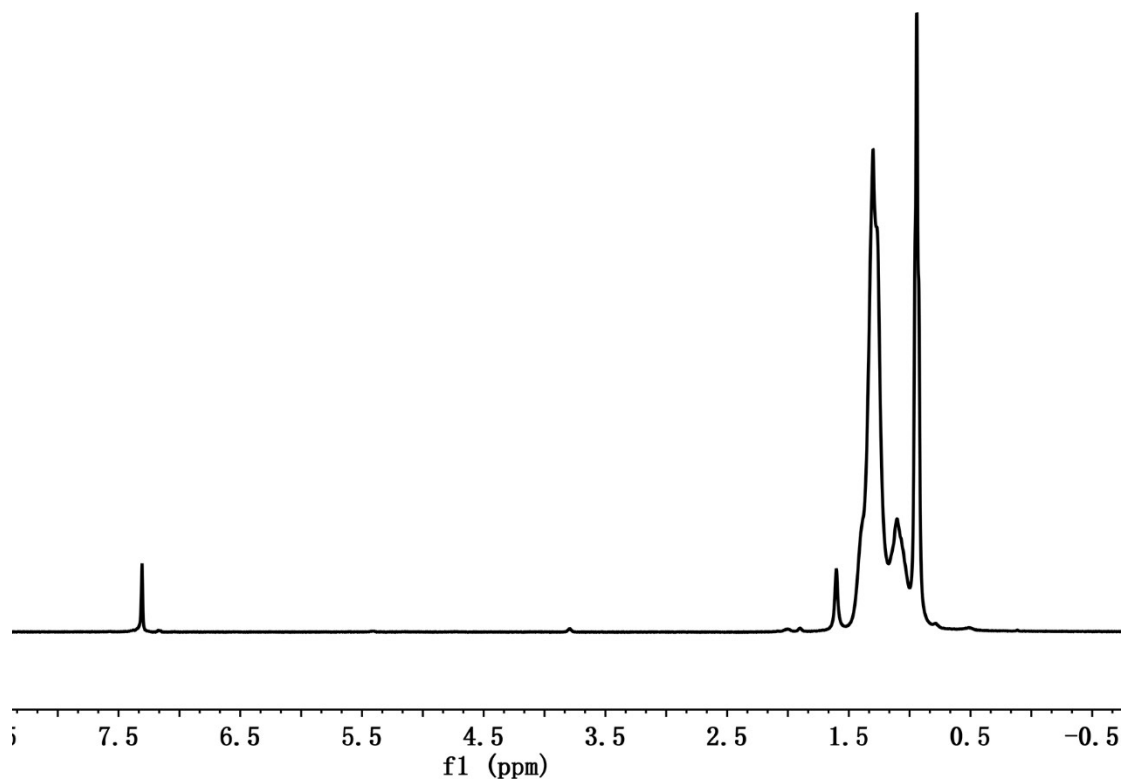


**Figure S13**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of polyisoprene sample (Table 2, entry 11). & stands for residual signals of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

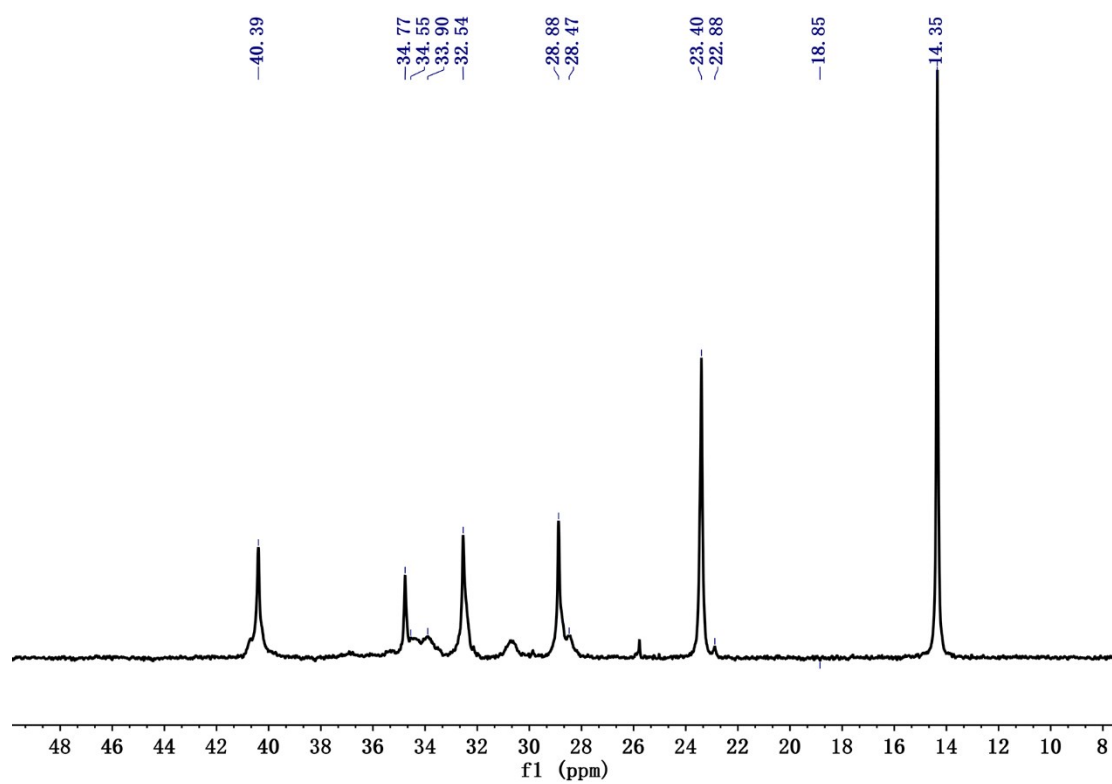


**Figure S14**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of polyisoprene sample (Table 2, entry 11).





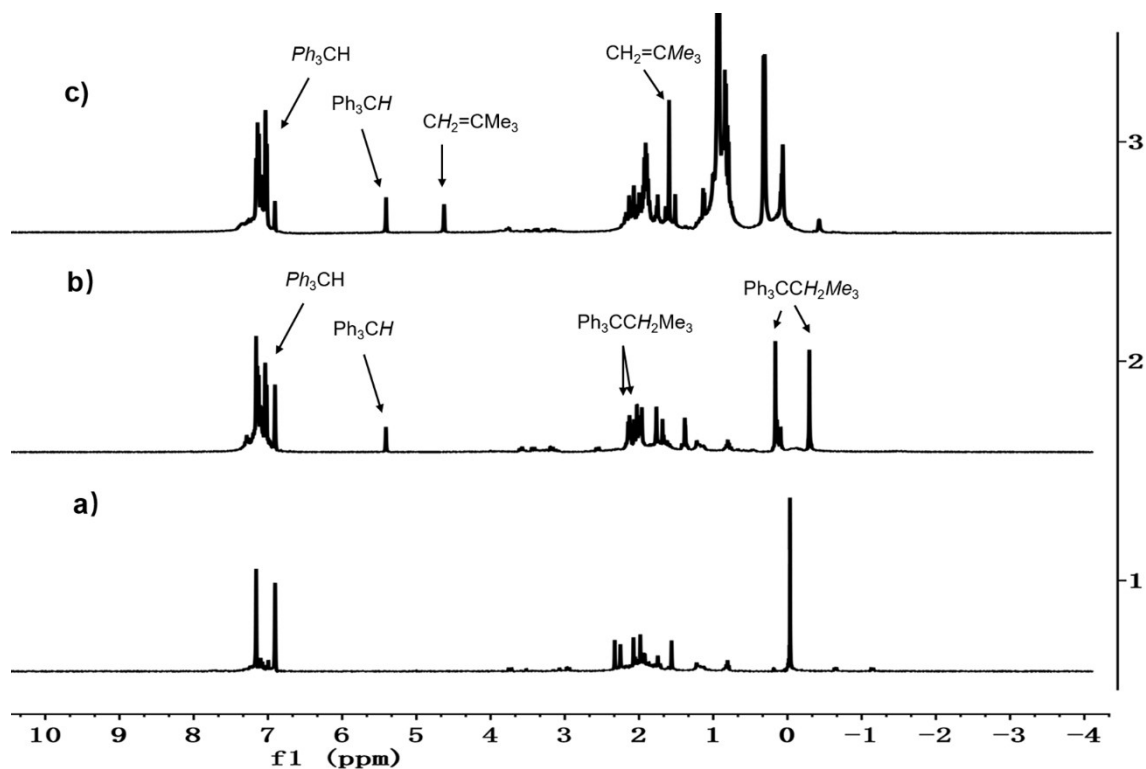
**Figure S15**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of poly(1-hexene) sample.



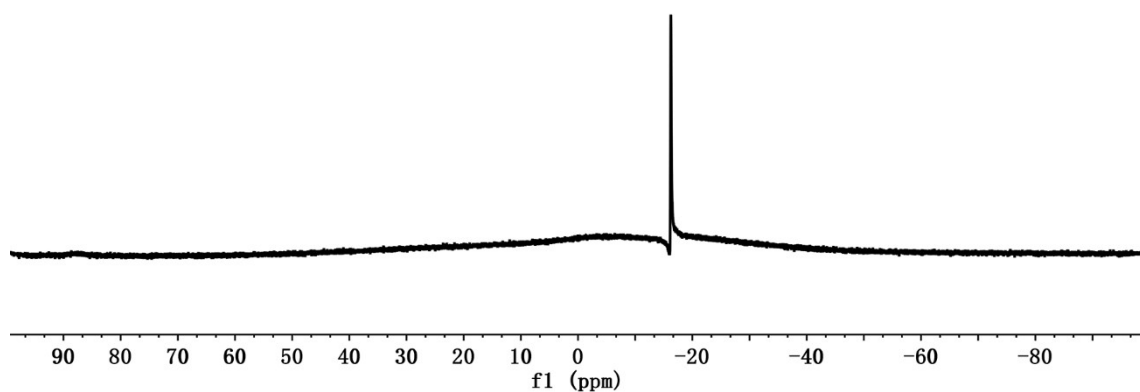
**Figure S16**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of poly(1-hexene) sample.

**Table S1.** Crystal Data and Structure Refinements for Complexes **1a**, **1b**, **2a**, **2b**, **3a** and **3b**.

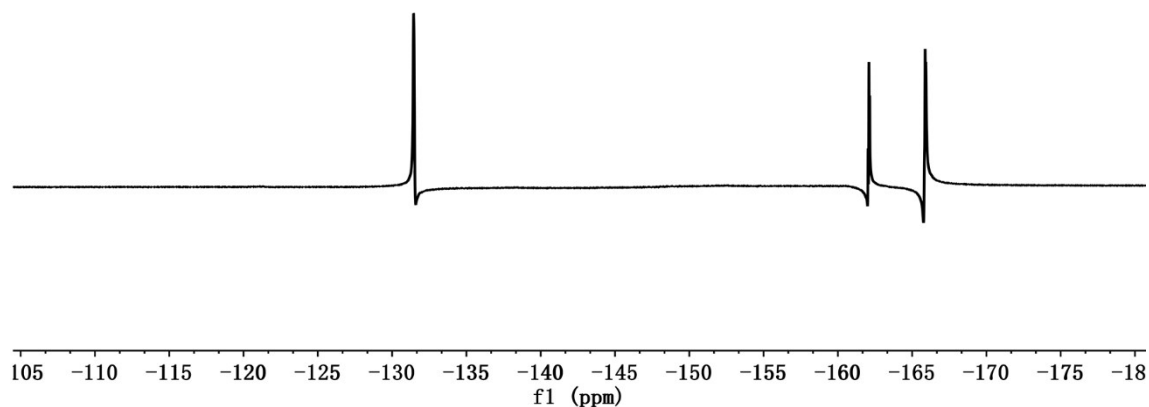
|                                                  | <b>1a</b>                                                                      | <b>1b</b>                                                                     | <b>2a</b>                                                                                      | <b>2b</b>                                                                      | <b>3a</b>                                                                     | <b>3b</b>                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Formula                                          | C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>68</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> Sc <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>68</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> Y <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>64</sub> LiN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>5</sub> Y <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>48</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> Lu <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>64</sub> B <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Sm <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>64</sub> B <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Nd <sub>2</sub> |
| Mol wt                                           | 771.10                                                                         | 859.00                                                                        | 1014.98                                                                                        | 1000.50                                                                        | 868.83                                                                        | 856.61                                                                        |
| Cryst system                                     | monoclinic                                                                     | triclinic                                                                     | monoclinic                                                                                     | orthorhombic                                                                   | triclinic                                                                     | monoclinic                                                                    |
| Space group                                      | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c                                                             | p $\bar{1}$                                                                   | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c                                                                             | Pccn                                                                           | p $\bar{1}$                                                                   | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c                                                            |
| <i>a</i> / Å                                     | 9.8597(8)                                                                      | 9.2689(6)                                                                     | 20.3069(12)                                                                                    | 12.5958(8)                                                                     | 8.6992(5)                                                                     | 8.732(6)                                                                      |
| <i>b</i> / Å                                     | 15.9005(13)                                                                    | 11.0330(8)                                                                    | 10.5790(6)                                                                                     | 24.8514(15)                                                                    | 12.4170(7)                                                                    | 22.278(14)                                                                    |
| <i>c</i> / Å                                     | 14.3669(12)                                                                    | 11.9125(8)                                                                    | 24.3769(15)                                                                                    | 12.0503(7)                                                                     | 21.8057(12)                                                                   | 24.533(16)                                                                    |
| $\alpha$ /deg                                    | 90.00                                                                          | 77.1150(10)                                                                   | 90.00                                                                                          | 90.00                                                                          | 92.1500(10)                                                                   | 90.00                                                                         |
| $\beta$ /deg                                     | 106.9240(10)                                                                   | 75.8990(10)                                                                   | 111.2640(10)                                                                                   | 90.00                                                                          | 94.7390(10)                                                                   | 99.094(11)                                                                    |
| $\gamma$ /deg                                    | 90.00                                                                          | 72.1310(10)                                                                   | 90.00                                                                                          | 90.00                                                                          | 96.5830(10)                                                                   | 90.00                                                                         |
| <i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>                        | 2154.8(3)                                                                      | 1109.92(13)                                                                   | 4880.3(5)                                                                                      | 3772.0(4)                                                                      | 2329.3(2)                                                                     | 4712(5)                                                                       |
| <i>Z</i>                                         | 2                                                                              | 1                                                                             | 4                                                                                              | 4                                                                              | 2                                                                             | 4                                                                             |
| <i>D<sub>c</sub></i> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>         | 1.188                                                                          | 1.285                                                                         | 1.381                                                                                          | 1.762                                                                          | 1.239                                                                         | 1.207                                                                         |
| <i>F</i> (000)                                   | 832.0                                                                          | 452.0                                                                         | 2096.0                                                                                         | 1952.0                                                                         | 876.0                                                                         | 1736.0                                                                        |
| abs coeff/mm <sup>-1</sup>                       | 0.402                                                                          | 2.686                                                                         | 2.675                                                                                          | 5.514                                                                          | 2.518                                                                         | 2.200                                                                         |
| No. of obsd reflns                               | 4398                                                                           | 4409                                                                          | 9957                                                                                           | 3863                                                                           | 9200                                                                          | 9621                                                                          |
| No. of params refnd                              | 238                                                                            | 238                                                                           | 517                                                                                            | 205                                                                            | 449                                                                           | 473                                                                           |
| GOF                                              | 1.037                                                                          | 1.206                                                                         | 1.052                                                                                          | 1.043                                                                          | 1.102                                                                         | 1.027                                                                         |
| <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ )  | 0.0507                                                                         | 0.0329                                                                        | 0.0426                                                                                         | 0.0214                                                                         | 0.0360                                                                        | 0.0292                                                                        |
| <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ) | 0.1268                                                                         | 0.0915                                                                        | 0.1144                                                                                         | 0.0514                                                                         | 0.0989                                                                        | 0.0710                                                                        |



**Figure S17**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (400 MHz,  $o\text{-C}_6\text{D}_4\text{Cl}_2$ , 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) of a) Complex **1a**, b) Complex **1a**/ $\text{Ph}_3\text{CB}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4$ , and c) Complex **1a**/ $\text{Al}^i\text{Bu}_3/\text{Ph}_3\text{CB}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4$ .



**Figure S18**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectra (161 MHz,  $o\text{-C}_6\text{D}_4\text{Cl}_2$ , 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) of complex **1a**/ $\text{Al}^i\text{Bu}_3/\text{Ph}_3\text{CB}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4$ .



**Figure S19**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra (471 MHz,  $o\text{-C}_6\text{D}_4\text{Cl}_2$ , 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) of complex **1a**/ $\text{Al}^i\text{Bu}_3/\text{Ph}_3\text{CB}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4$ .