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### **Barium Tetraalkylaluminate Complexes Supported by the Super-Bulky Hydrotris(pyrazolyl)borate Ligand**

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# 1. Selected NMR Spectra

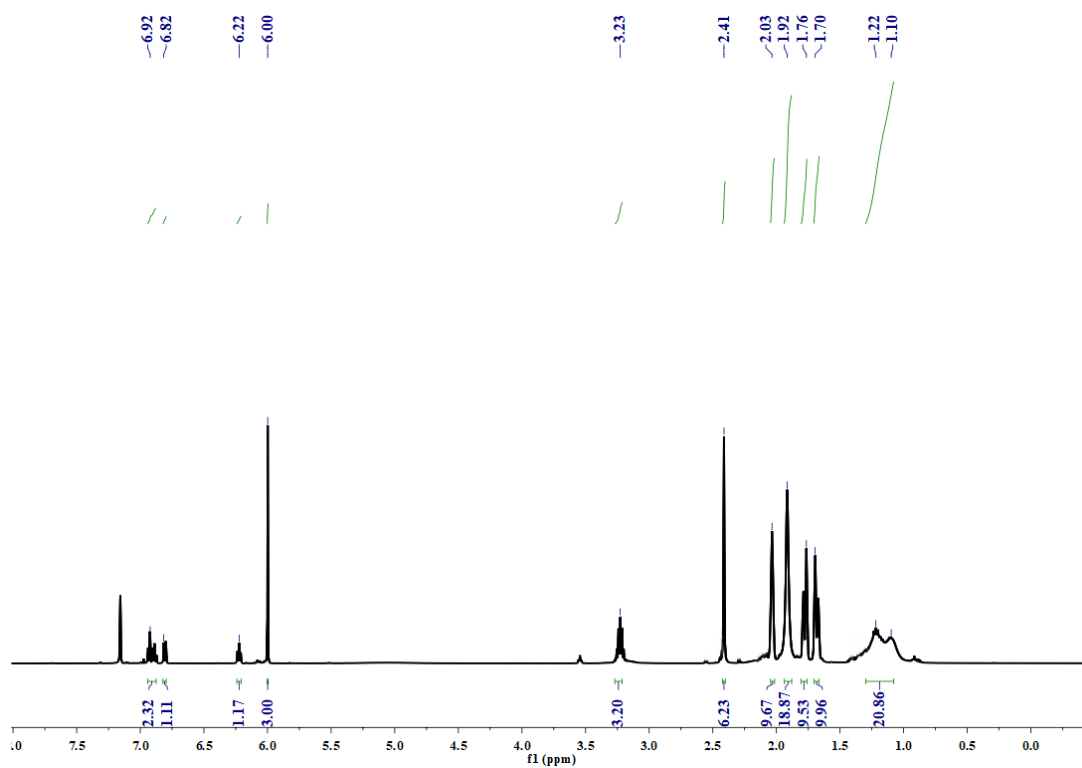


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of  $[(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ad},i\text{Pr}})\text{Ba}(\text{o-CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-NMe}_2)]$  (**1**) in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 25 °C.

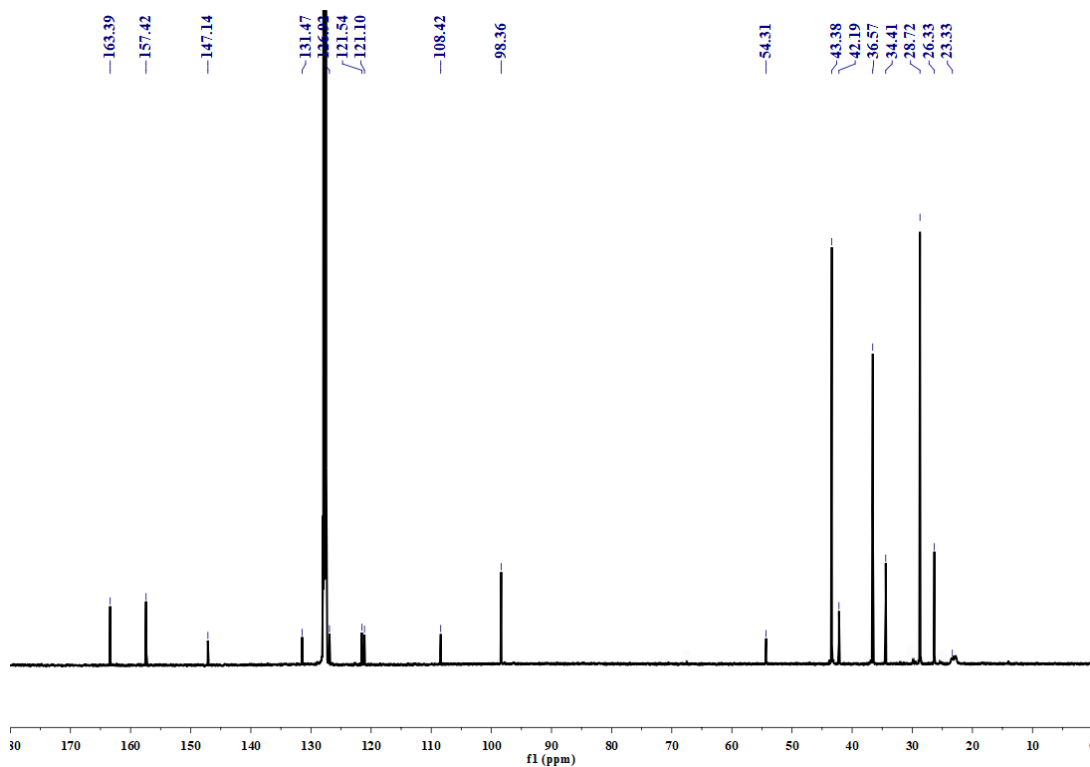
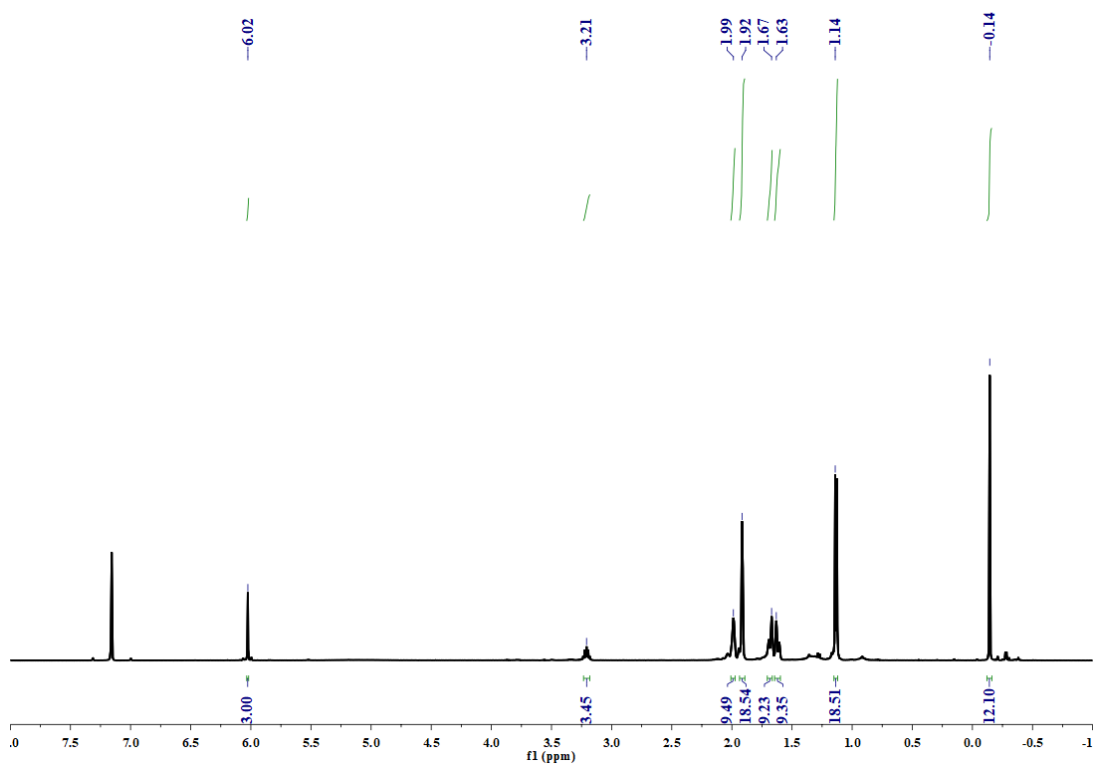
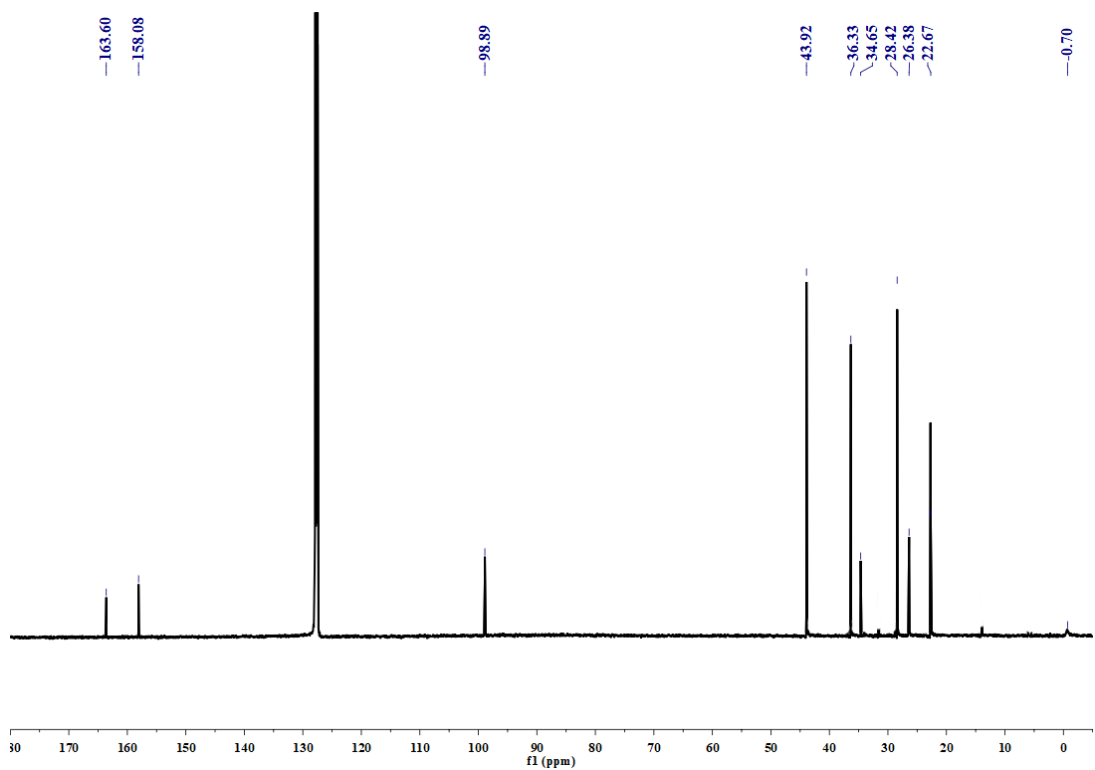


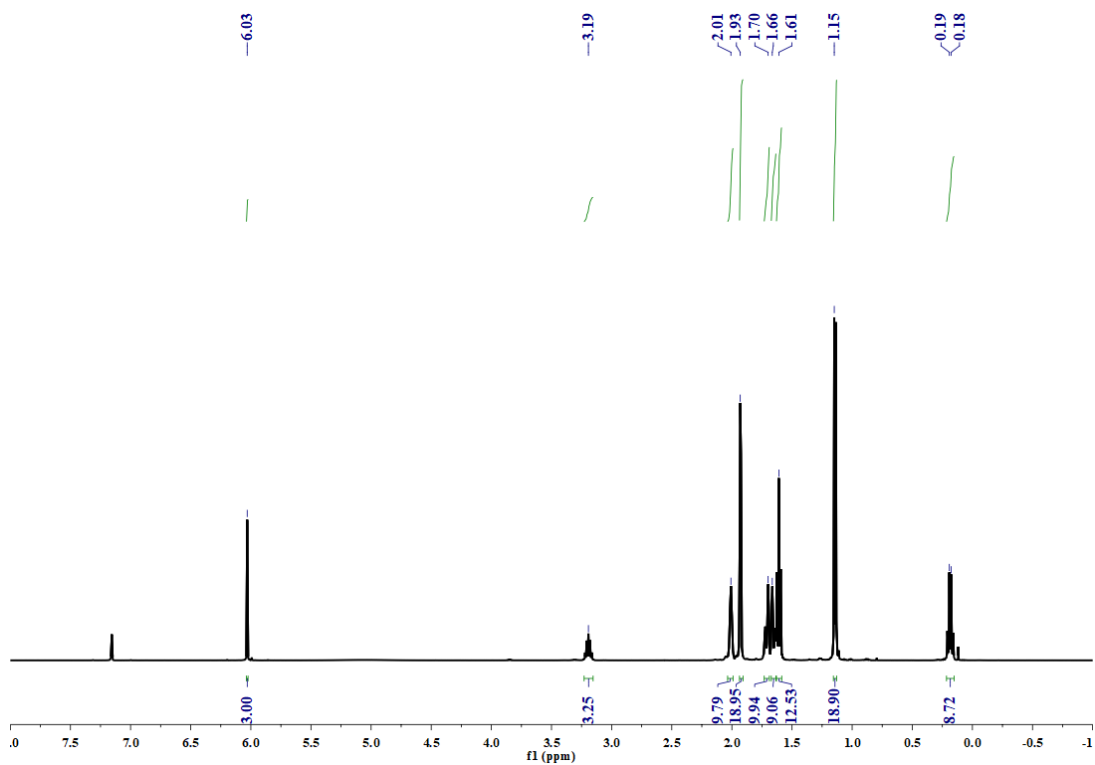
Figure S2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz) of  $[(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ad},i\text{Pr}})\text{Ba}(\text{o-CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-NMe}_2)]$  (**1**) in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 25 °C.



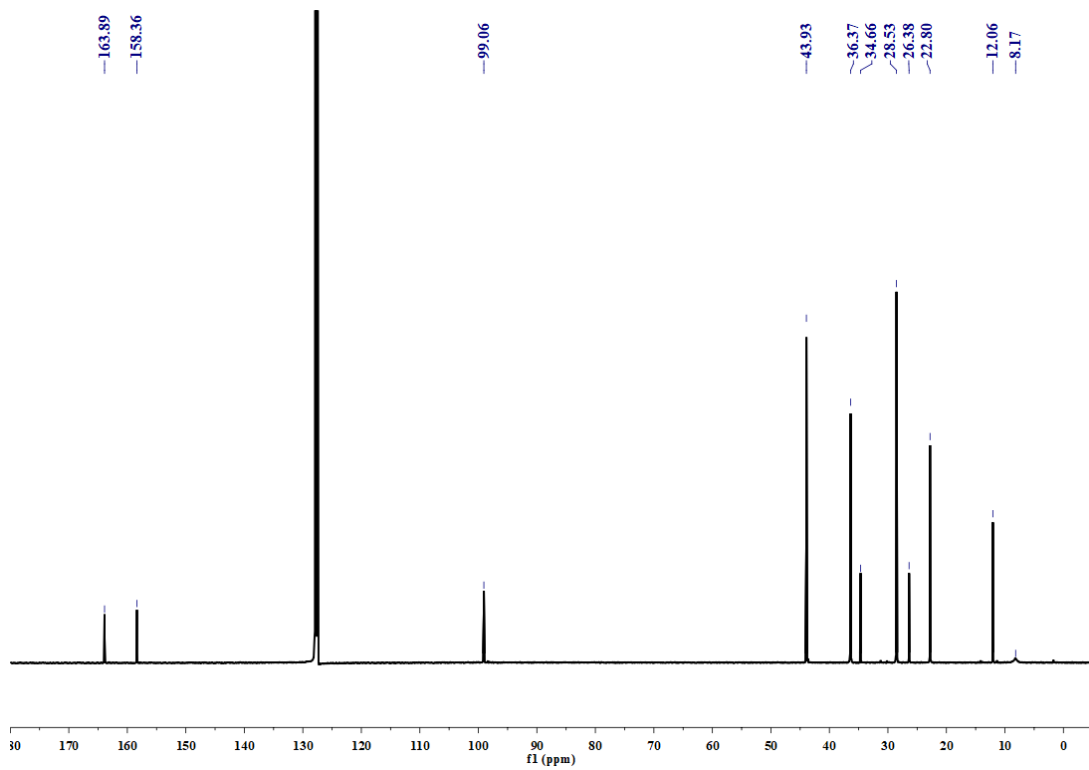
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of  $[(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ad},i\text{Pr}})\text{Ba}(\text{AlMe}_4)_2]$  (**2**) in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .



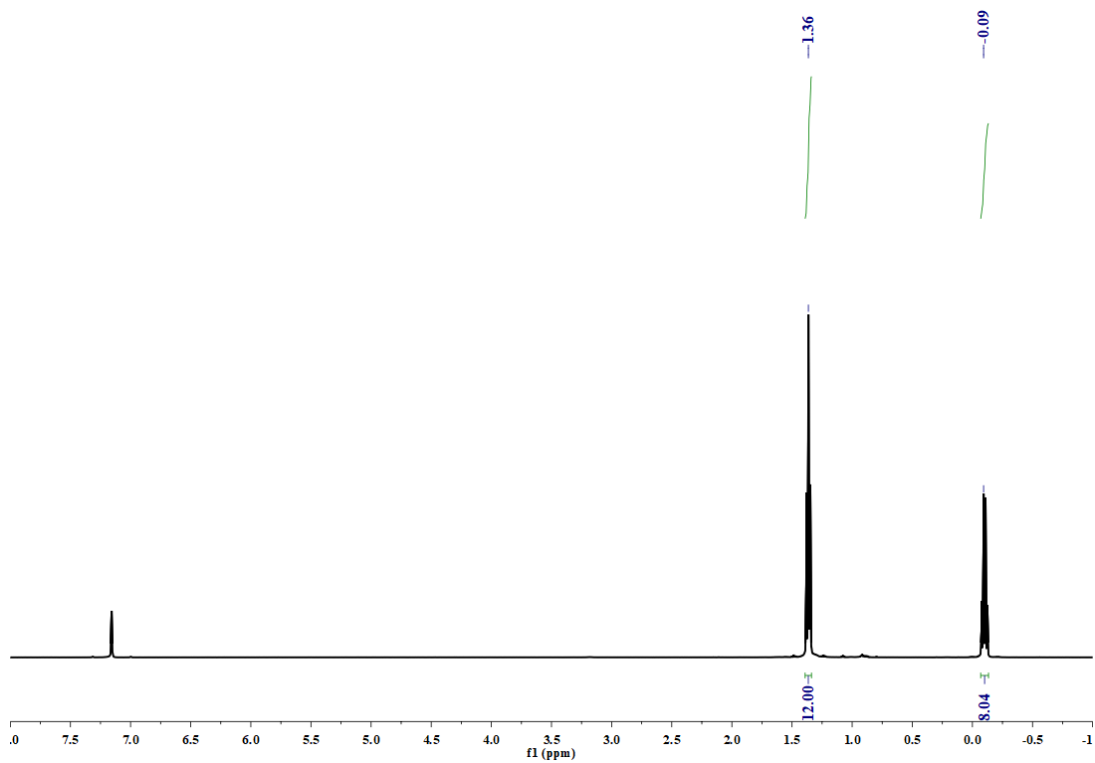
**Figure S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz) of  $[(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ad},i\text{Pr}})\text{Ba}(\text{AlMe}_4)_2]$  (**2**) in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .



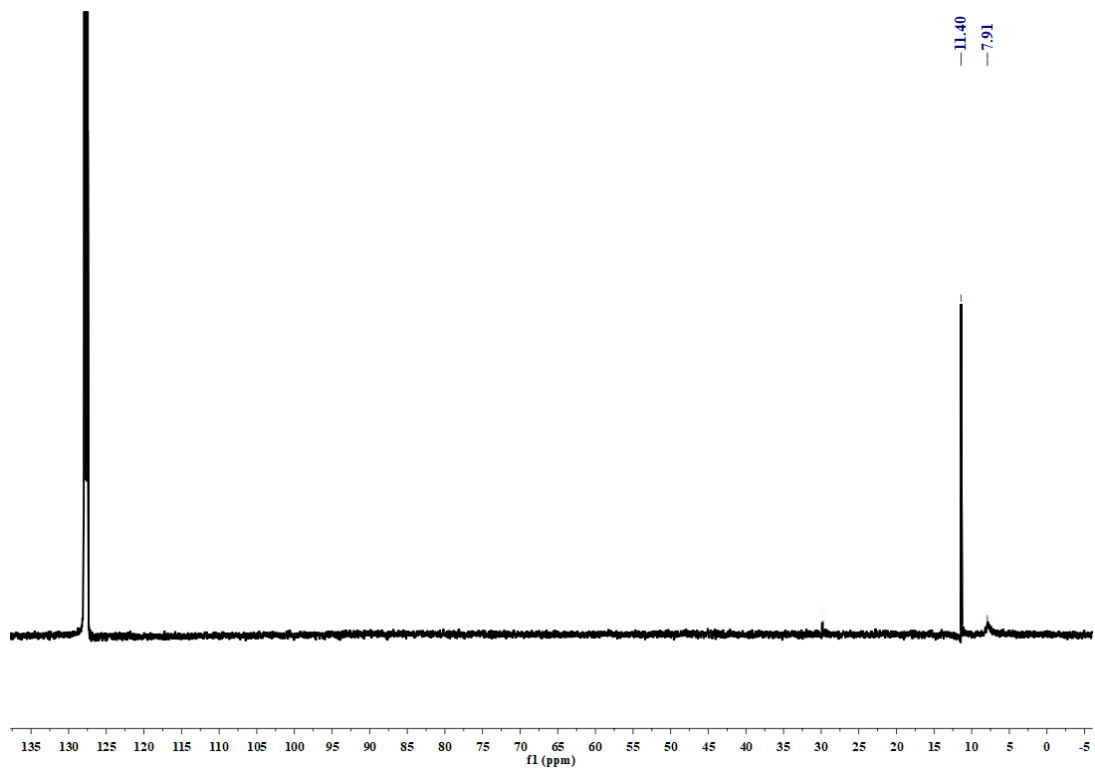
**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of  $[(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ad},i\text{Pr}})\text{Ba}(\text{AlEt}_4)]$  (**3**) in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 25 °C.



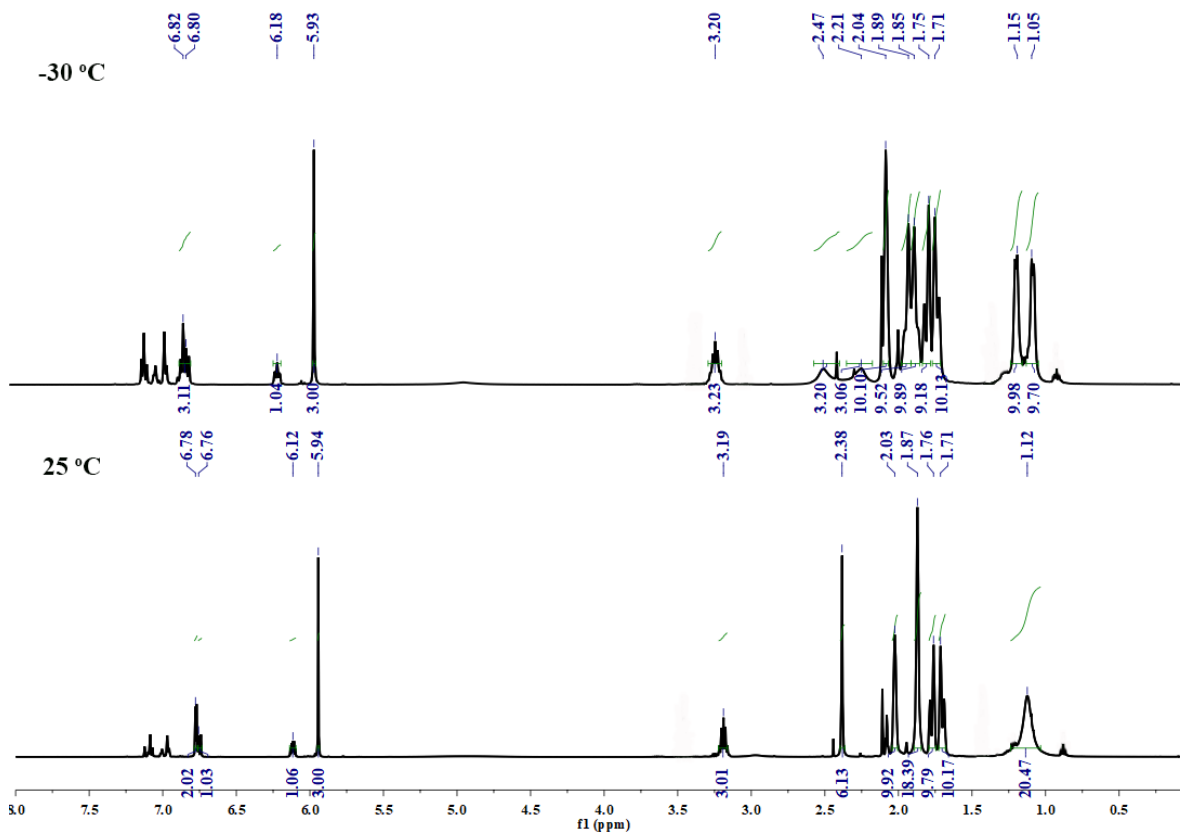
**Figure S6.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz) of  $[(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ad},i\text{Pr}})\text{Ba}(\text{AlEt}_4)]$  (**3**) in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 25 °C.



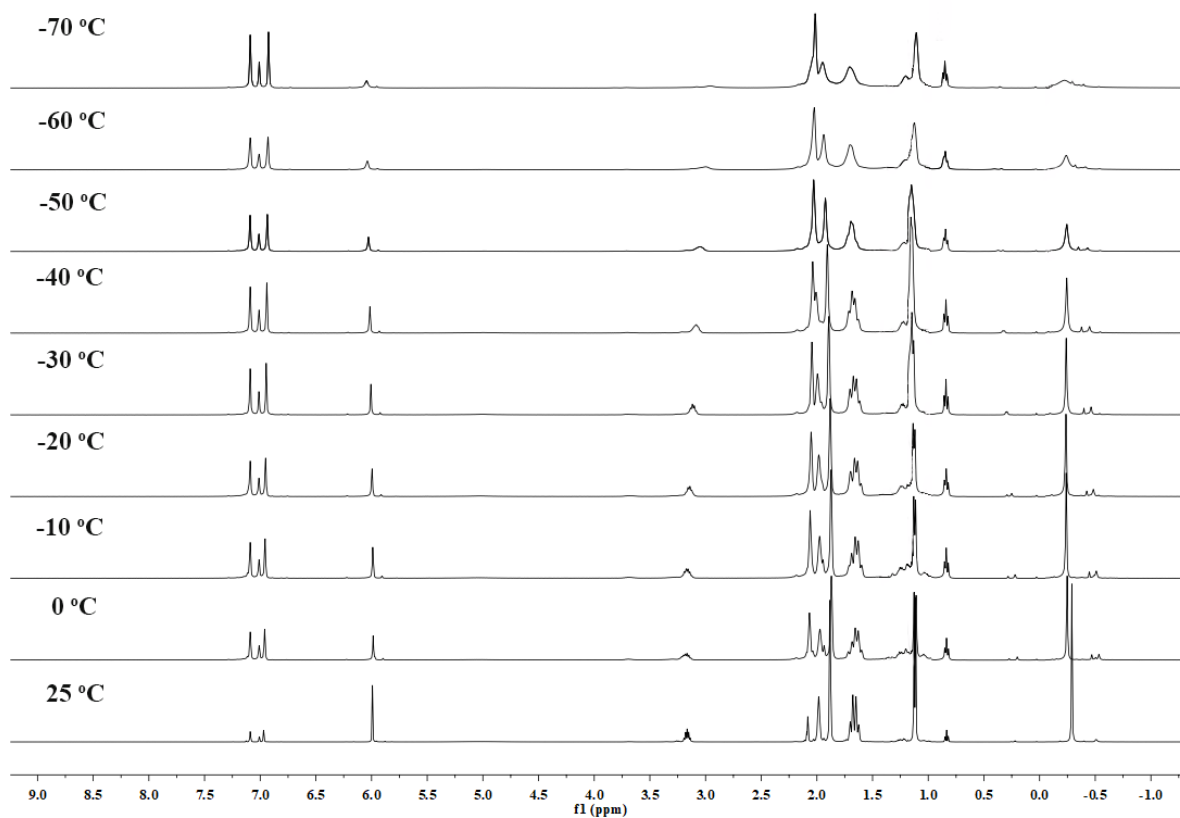
**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of  $[\text{Ba}(\text{AlEt}_4)_2]_n$  (**3-a**) in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 25 °C.



**Figure S8.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz) of  $[\text{Ba}(\text{AlEt}_4)_2]_n$  (**3-a**) in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 25 °C.

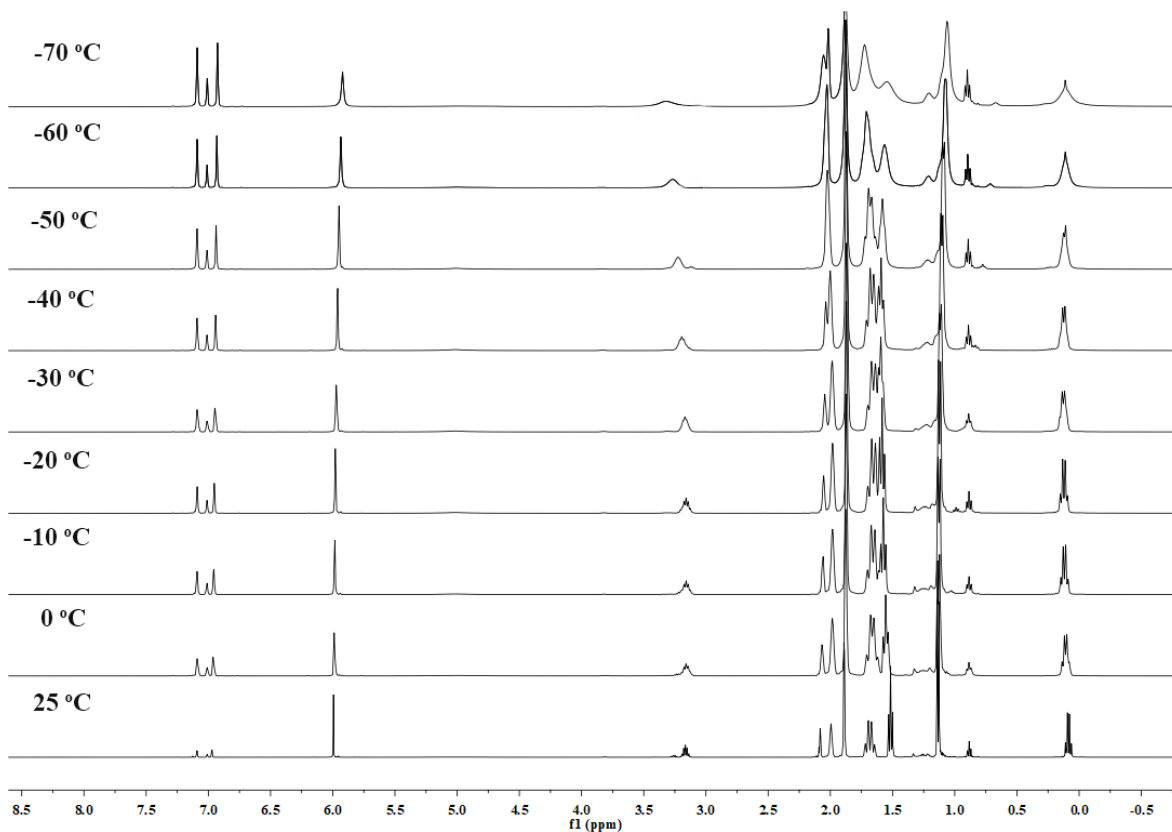


**Figure S9.** Stacked  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of  $[(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ad},i\text{Pr}})\text{Ba}(\text{o-CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-NMe}_2)]$  (1) in  $[\text{D}_8]\text{toluene}$  at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and  $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . A singlet for  $\text{N}(\text{Me})_2$  at 2.38 ppm and an extremely broad resonance at 1.12 ppm (20 H, belonging to methyl protons of isopropyl substituents and methylene protons of aminobenzyl group) at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  split into two signal sets at  $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , featuring integral ratio of about 1:1.



**Figure S10.** VT <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (400 MHz, [D<sub>8</sub>]toluene) of [(Tp<sup>Ad,Pr</sup>)Ba(AlMe<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (**2**). Upon further cooling to -70 °C, these signals of the [AlMe<sub>4</sub>] moieties and Tp<sup>Ad,Pr</sup> ligand broaden simultaneously, without any significant decoalescence of the corresponding proton resonances, indicating a rapid fluxional behavior in [D<sub>8</sub>]toluene solution.





**Figure S11.** VT <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (400 MHz, [D<sub>8</sub>]toluene) of [(Tp<sup>Ad,Pr</sup>)Ba(AlEt<sub>4</sub>)] (**3**). Upon further cooling to -70 °C, these signals of the [AlEt<sub>4</sub>] moieties and Tp<sup>Ad,Pr</sup> ligand broaden simultaneously, without any significant decoalescence of the corresponding proton resonances, indicating a rapid fluxional behavior in [D<sub>8</sub>]toluene solution.

## 2. Tables of crystal data and structure refinement

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for Complex 1.

Identification code	G053
CCDC number	1956785
Empirical formula	C <sub>57</sub> H <sub>82</sub> BN <sub>7</sub> Ba
Formula weight	1013.44
Temperature	193(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)/n
<i>a</i>	11.6141 (6) Å
<i>b</i>	20.4509 (11) Å
<i>c</i>	25.1549 (13) Å
$\alpha$	90 °
$\beta$	91.713 (1) °
$\gamma$	90 °
Volume	5972.1 (5) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.127 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.703 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	2136
Crystal size	0.180 x 0.150 x 0.130 mm
Theta range for data collection	1.620 to 24.999 °
Limiting indices	-13<= <i>h</i> <=13, -24<= <i>k</i> <=13, -29<= <i>l</i> <=27
Reflections collected / unique	30065 / 10462 [R(int) = 0.0475]
Completeness to theta	(24.999 °) 99.5 %
Absorption correction	Empirical
Max. and min. transmission	0.913 and 0.881
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	10462 / 0 / 569
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.035
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0516, wR2 = 0.1240
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0718, wR2 = 0.1354
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.460 and -0.979 e. Å <sup>-3</sup>

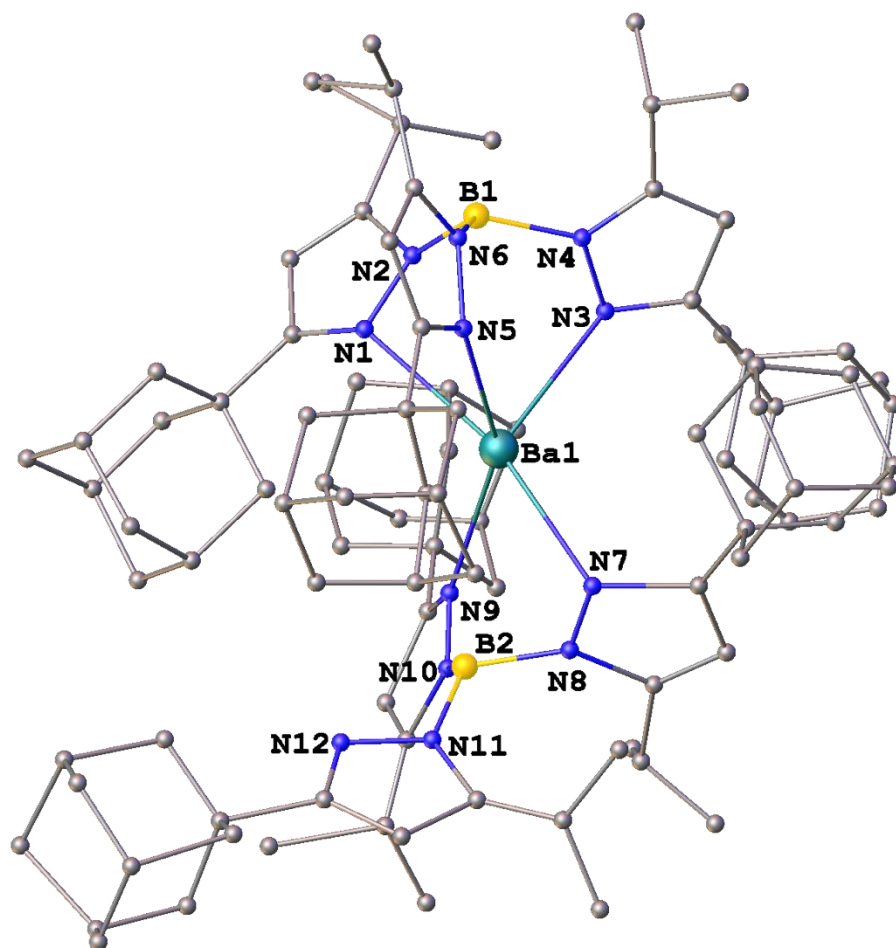
**Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinement for Complex 2.

Identification code	G050
CCDC number	1956786
Empirical formula	C <sub>104</sub> H <sub>164</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> B <sub>2</sub> Ba <sub>2</sub> N <sub>12</sub>
Formula weight	1932.78
Temperature	193(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, P-1
<i>a</i>	12.2575(12) Å
<i>b</i>	14.7303(14) Å
<i>c</i>	15.1632(14) Å
$\alpha$	95.071(1) °
$\beta$	93.004(2) °
$\gamma$	95.766(1) °
Volume	2708.1(4) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.185 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.787 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1020
Crystal size	0.180 x 0.140 x 0.120 mm
Theta range for data collection	1.673 to 24.999 °
Limiting indices	-9<= <i>h</i> <=14, -17<= <i>k</i> <=14, -18<= <i>l</i> <=17
Reflections collected / unique	13413 / 9265 [R(int) = 0.0223]
Completeness to theta	(24.999 °) 97.0 %
Absorption correction	Empirical
Max. and min. transmission	0.910 and 0.876
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	9265 / 9 / 587
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.043
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0382, wR2 = 0.0931
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0467, wR2 = 0.0976
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.500 and -0.481 e. Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S3.** Crystal data and structure refinement for Complex 3.

Identification code	G081
CCDC number	1956787
Empirical formula	C <sub>56</sub> H <sub>90</sub> AIBBaN <sub>6</sub>
Formula weight	1022.46
Temperature	193(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, P-1
a	11.6917(6) Å
b	13.0673(6) Å
c	19.1695(9) Å
α	80.152(1) °
β	80.831(1) °
γ	75.528(1) °
Volume	2773.0(2) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.225 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.772 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1084
Crystal size	0.250 x 0.210 x 0.180 mm
Theta range for data collection	1.625 to 24.999 °
Limiting indices	-13<=h<=13, -15<=k<=14, -19<=l<=22
Reflections collected / unique	14145 / 9497 [R(int) = 0.0166]
Completeness to theta	(24.999 °) 97.2 %
Absorption correction	Empirical
Max. and min. transmission	0.870 and 0.824
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	9497 / 0 / 606
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.029
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0319, wR2 = 0.0801
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0351, wR2 = 0.0821
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.841 and -0.318 e. Å <sup>-3</sup>

### 3. Crystal structure of $[(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ad},i\text{Pr}})_2\text{Ba}]$



**Figure S12.** Olex2 drawing of complex  $[(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ad},i\text{Pr}})_2\text{Ba}]$ . Selected interatomic distances [ $\text{\AA}$ ]: Ba1–N1 2.738(12), Ba1–N3 2.796(10), Ba1–N5 2.825(10), Ba1–N7 2.845(11), Ba1–N9 3.008(11), Ba1---N12 5.210(11), Ba1---B1 3.536(16), Ba1---B2 3.334(16).