

## Supporting Information

# Aggregation-Induced Phosphorescent Emission-Active Ir(III) Complexes with Long Lifetime for Specific Mitochondrial Imaging and Tracking

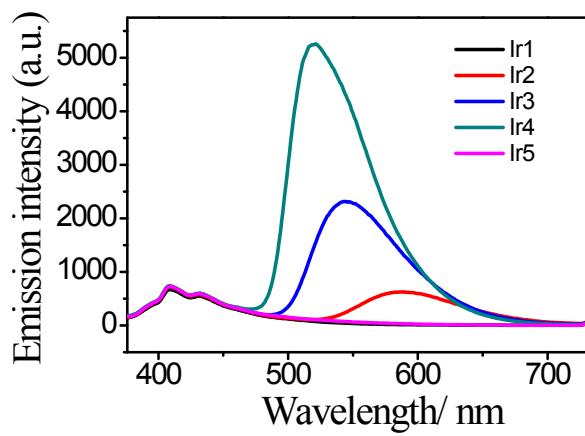
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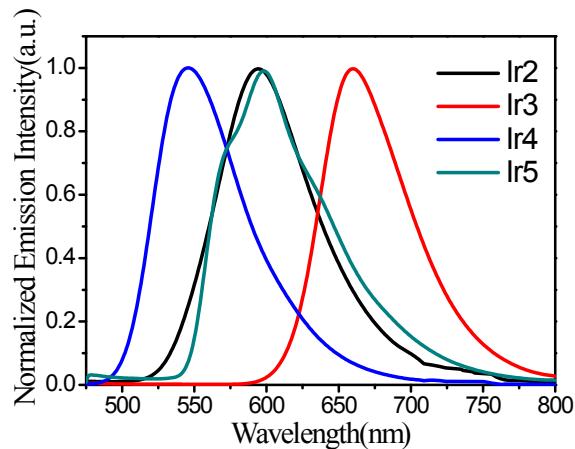
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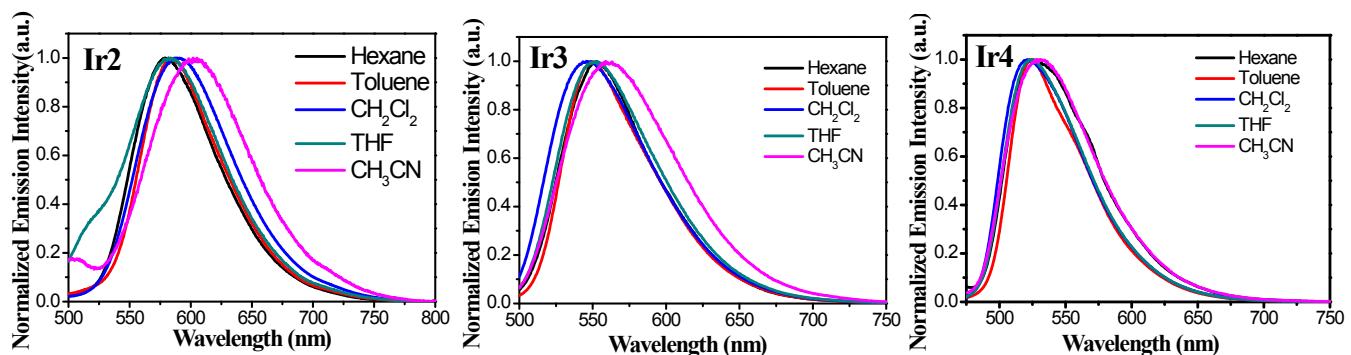
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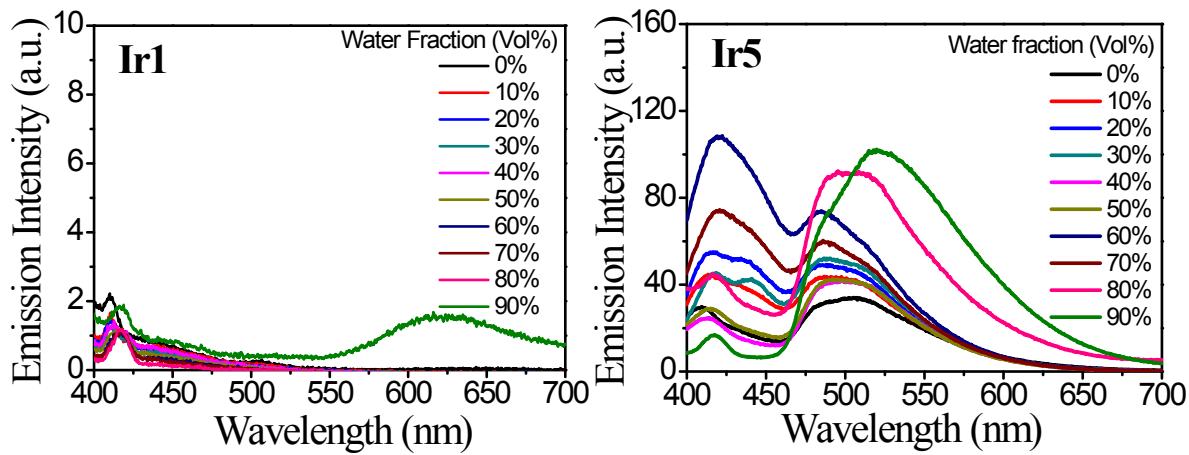
**Fig.S1** Emission spectra of **Ir1-Ir5** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature. ( $c=1\times 10^{-5}\text{M}$ )



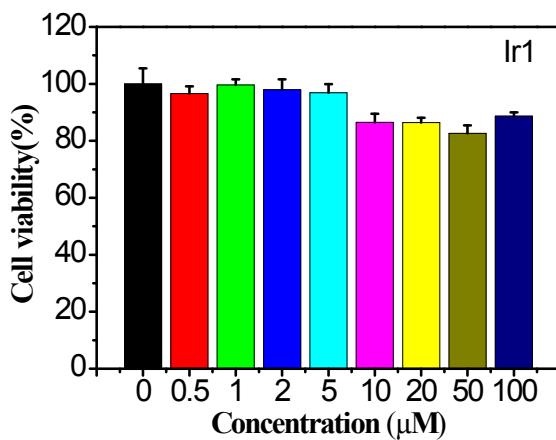
**Fig. S2** The normalized emission spectra of **Ir2-Ir4** in solid state



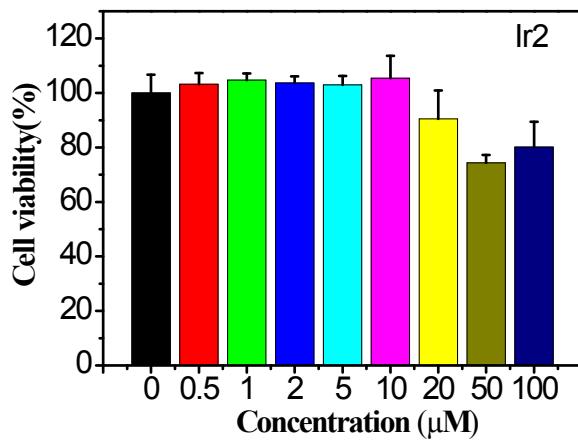
**Fig. S3** Normalized emission spectra of **Ir2**, **Ir3**, **Ir4** in different solvents



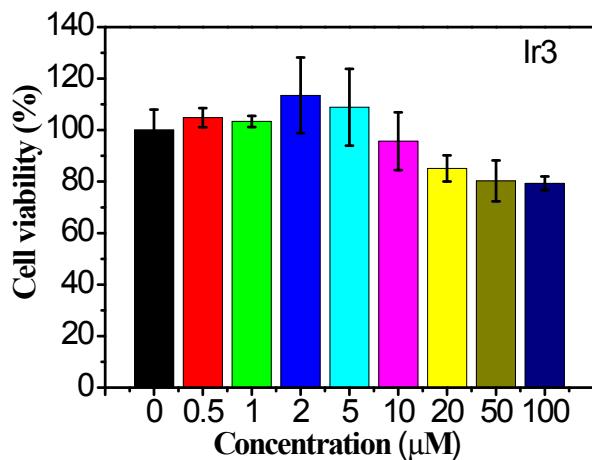
**Fig. S4** Emission spectra of complexes **Ir5** ( $c = 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ -water mixtures with different water fractions (0–90%).



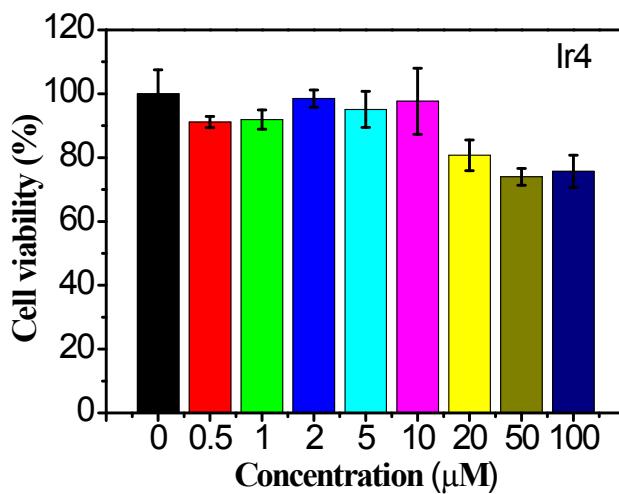
**Fig. S5** Cytotoxicity assay for **Ir1** in HeLa cells, after 12 h of incubation



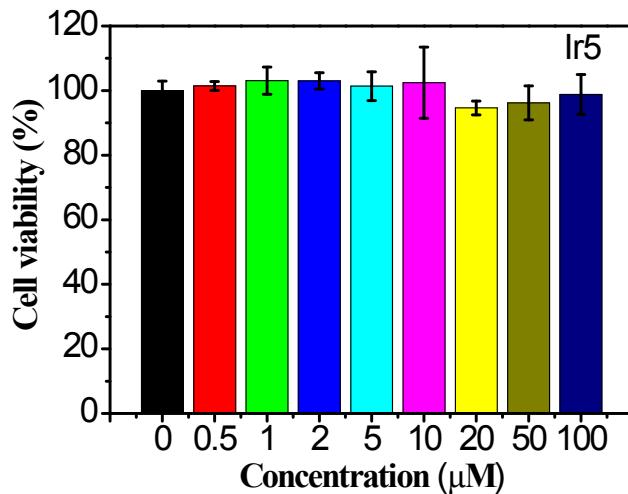
**Fig. S6** Cytotoxicity assay for **Ir2** in HeLa cells, after 12 h of incubation



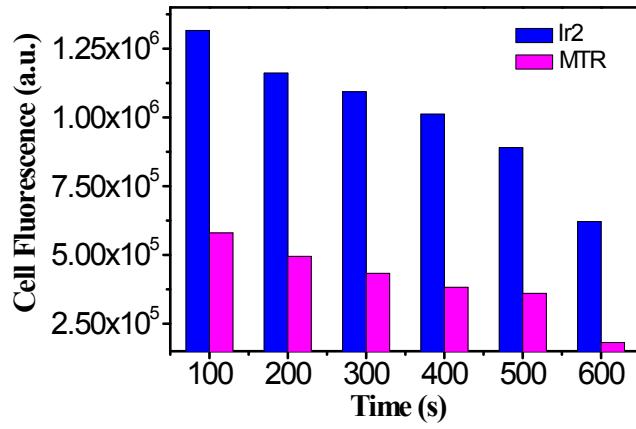
**Fig. S7** Cytotoxicity assay for **Ir3** in HeLa cells, after 12 h of incubation



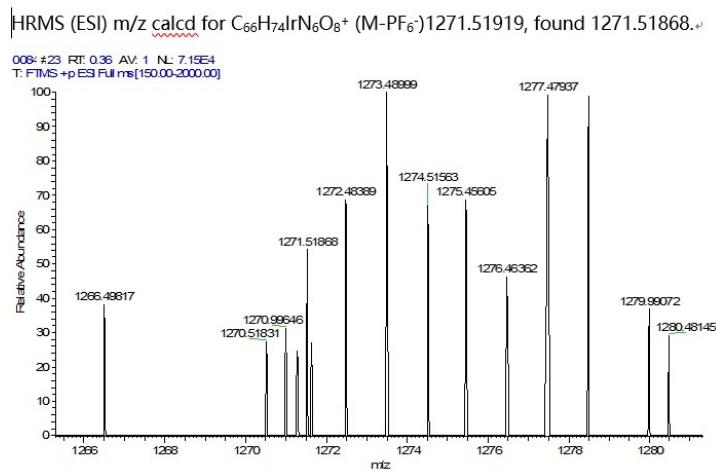
**Fig. S8** Cytotoxicity assay for **Ir4** in HeLa cells, after 12 h of incubation



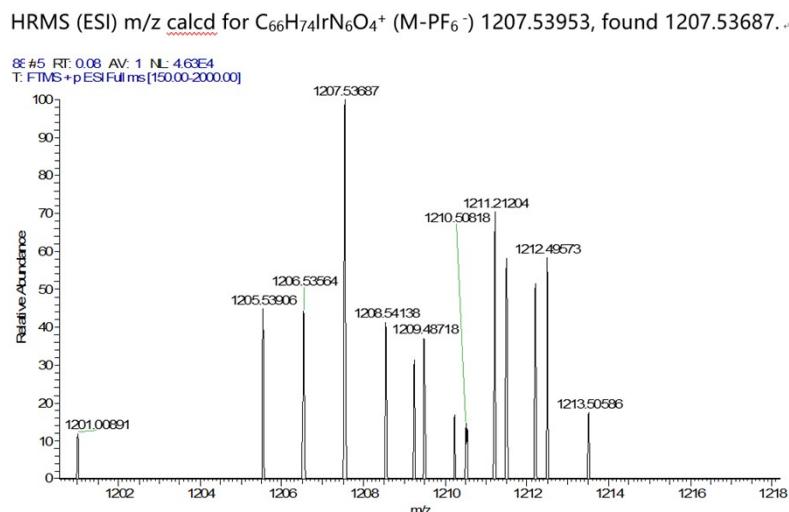
**Fig. S9** Cytotoxicity assay for **Ir5** in HeLa cells, after 12 h of incubation



**Fig. S10** The anti-bleaching properties of **Ir2**, the fluorescent intensity of **Ir2** (blue) and MTR (purple) with living HeLa cells with increasing scan time. HeLa cells were treated with  $10 \mu\text{M}$  of **Ir2**, followed by  $50 \text{nM}$  of MTR.

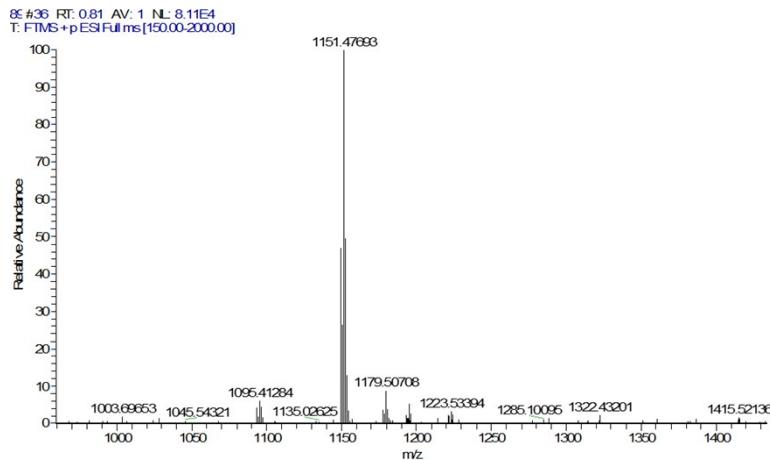


**Fig. S11** HRMS spectrum of **Ir1**



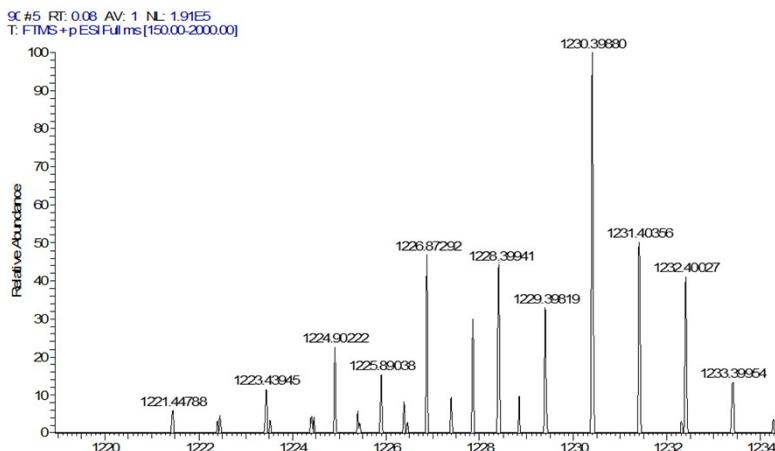
**Fig. S12** HRMS spectrum of **Ir2**

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{62}H_{66}IrN_6O_4^+$  ( $M-PF_6^-$ ) 1151.47693, found 1151.47693.



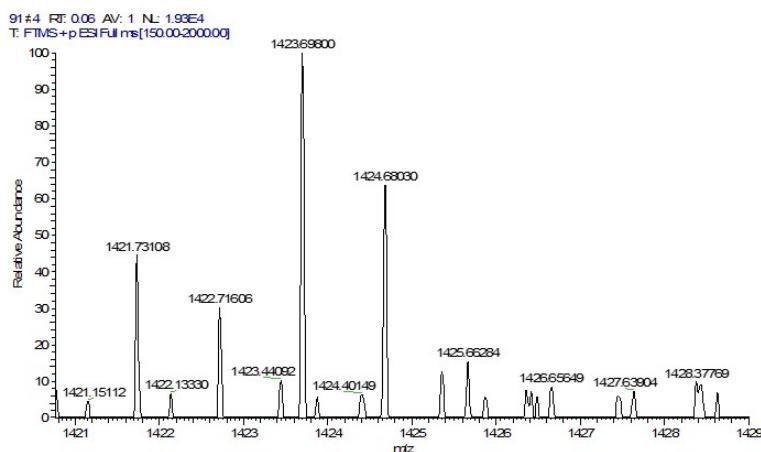
**Fig. S13** HRMS spectrum of Ir3

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{62}H_{62}F_4IrN_6O_4^+$  ( $M-PF_6^-$ ) 1223.43924, found 1223.43945.

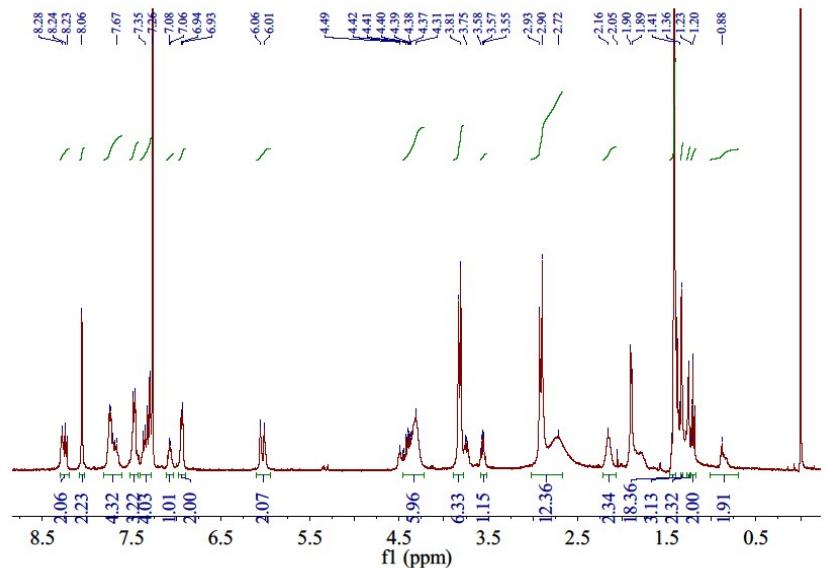


**Fig. S14** HRMS spectrum of Ir4

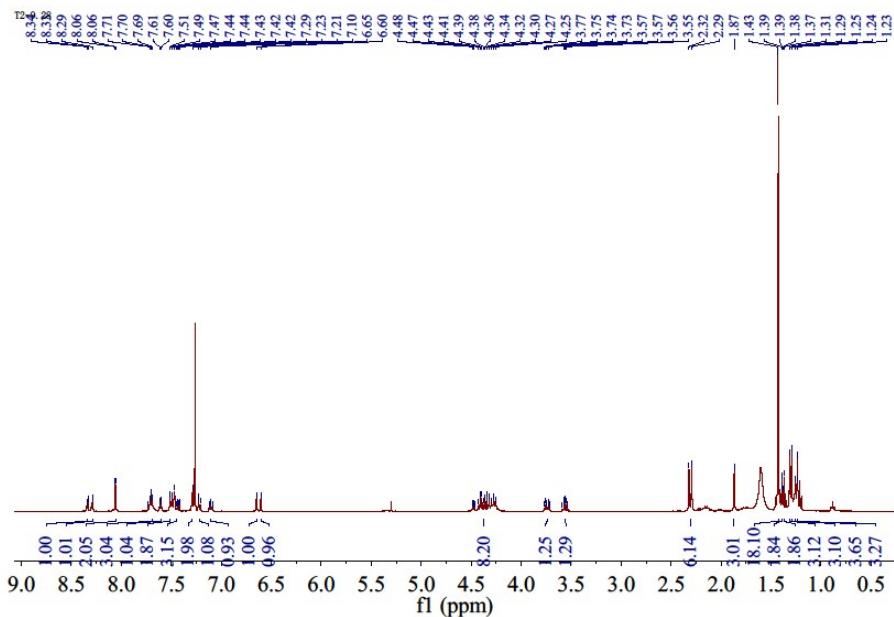
HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{66}H_{62}F_{12}IrN_6O_4^+$  ( $M-PF_6^-$ ) 1423.42647, found 1423.44092.



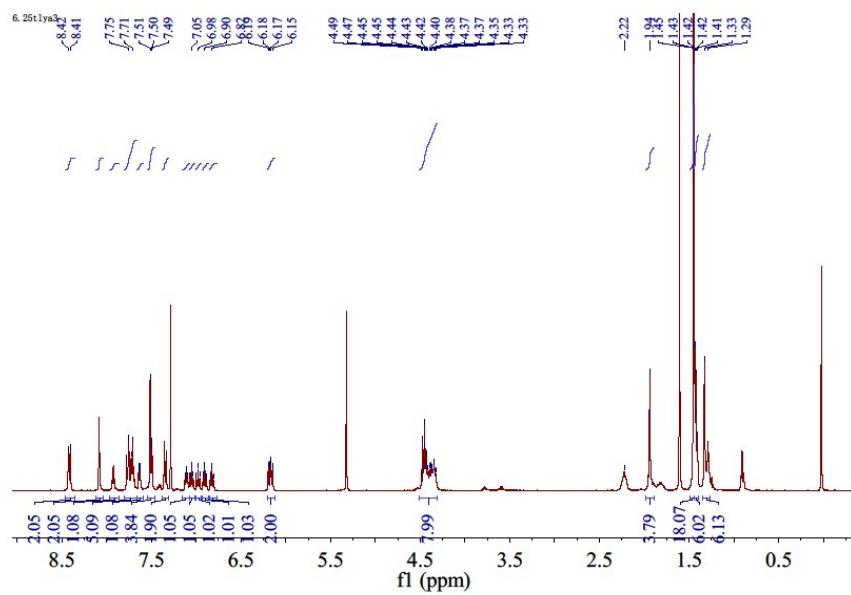
**Fig. S15** HRMS spectrum of Ir5



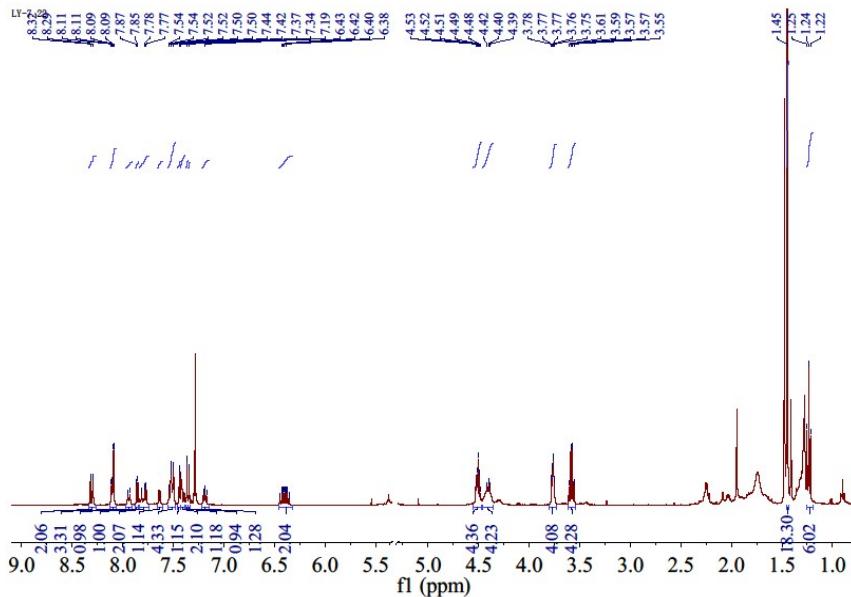
**Fig. S16** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Ir1



**Fig. S17** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Ir2



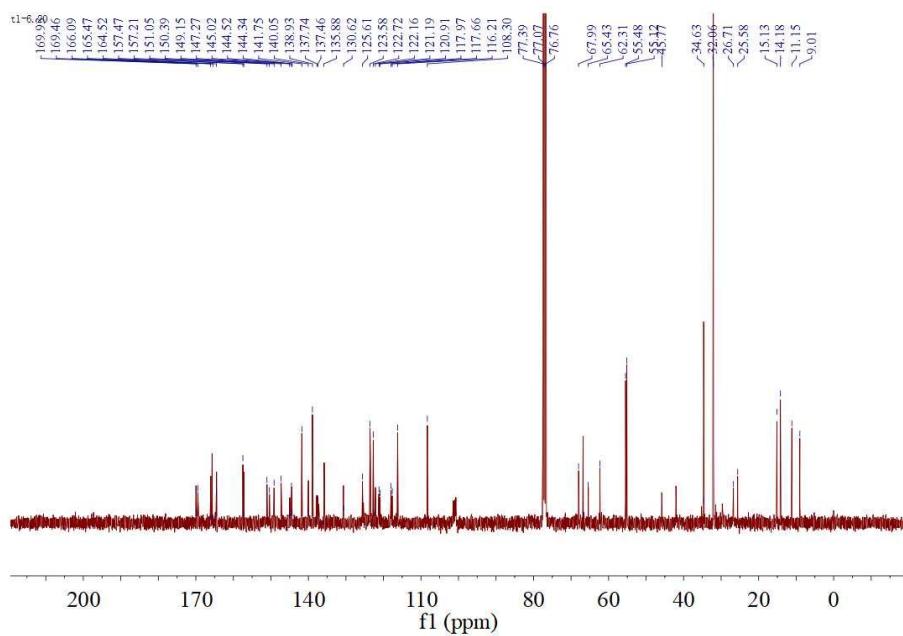
**Fig. S18**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Ir3



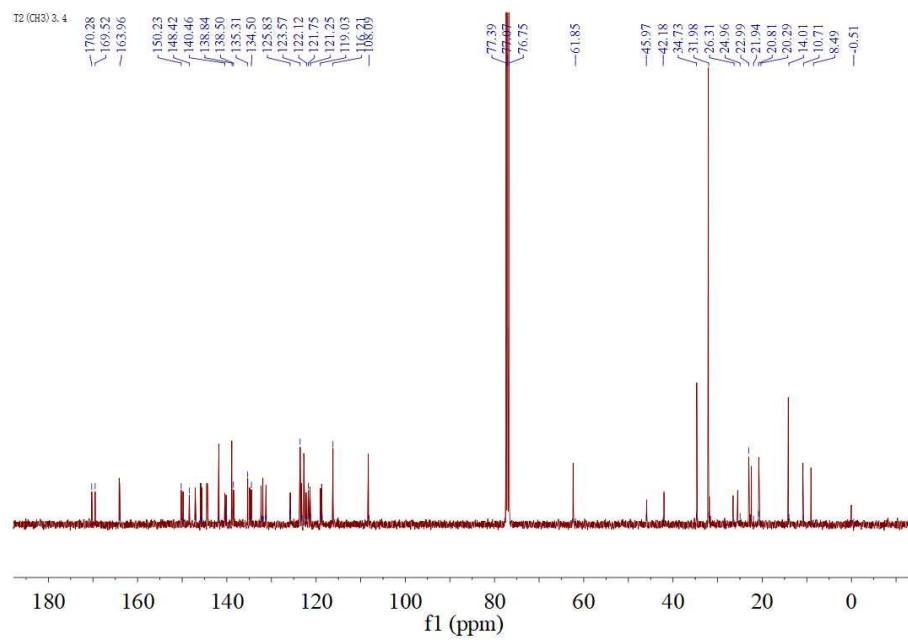
**Fig. S19**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Ir4



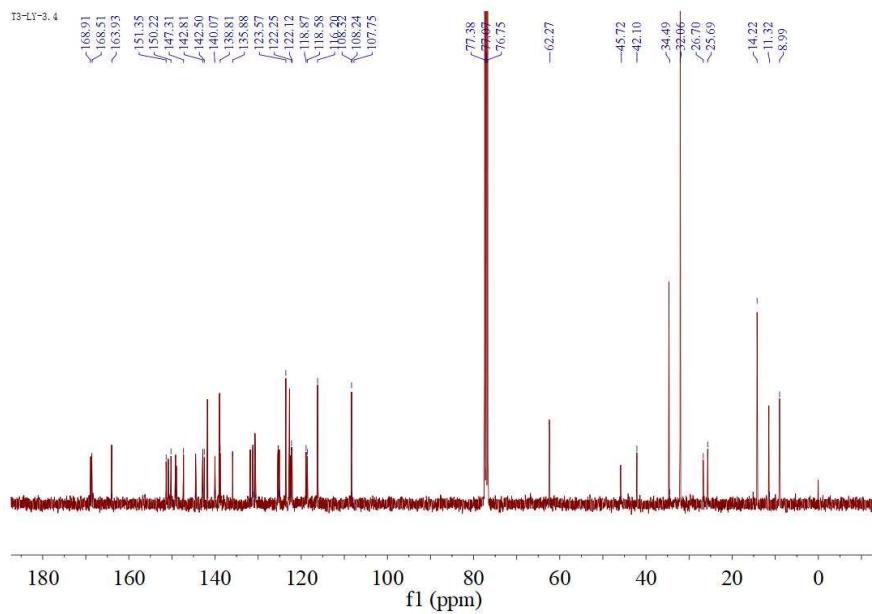
**Fig. S20**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **Ir5**



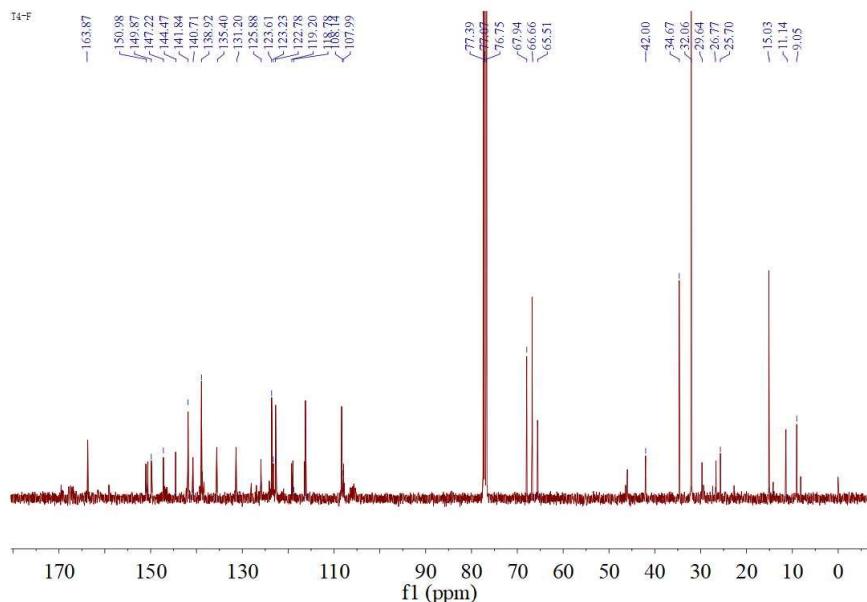
**Fig. S21**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **Ir1**



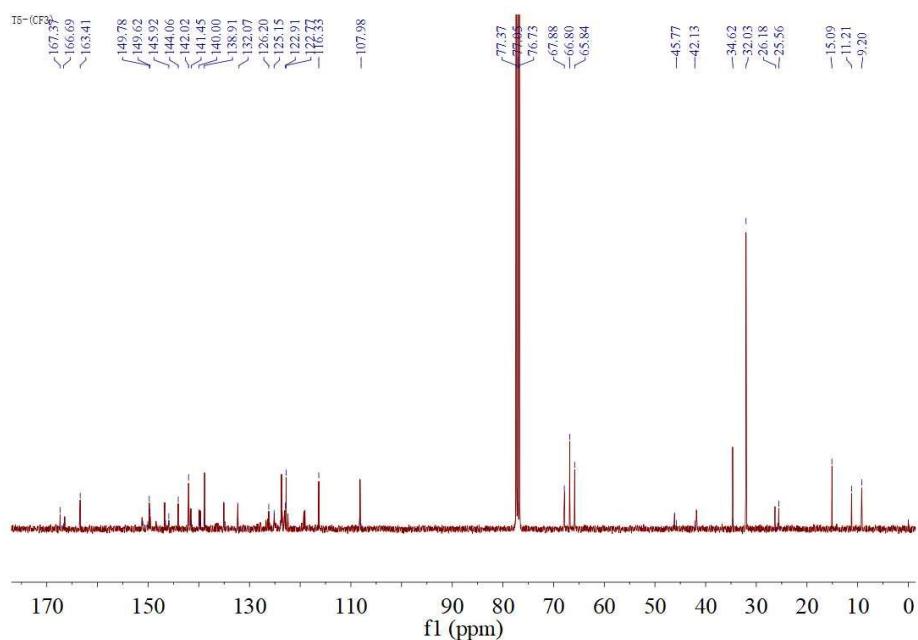
**Fig. S22**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **Ir2**



**Fig. S23** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **Ir3**



**Fig. S24** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **Ir4**



**Fig. S24** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **Ir5**

**Table S1** Crystallographic data for complexes **Ir3**

Compound	Ir3
Formula	C <sub>62</sub> H <sub>66</sub> F <sub>6</sub> IrN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> P
Formula weight	1296.37
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P 21/n
a [Å]	15.9678(7)
b [Å]	16.1793(8)
c [Å]	26.2102(13)

$\alpha$ (°)	90
$\beta$ (°)	96.948(2)
$\gamma$ (°)	90
Volume [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	6721.6(6)
T [K]	153 K
Z	4
F(000)	2632
Index ranges	-18 ≤ h ≤ 18, -19 ≤ k ≤ 18, -31 ≤ l ≤ 21
$\mu$ (Mo-Kα)(mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.281
$\theta$ , deg	2.28 to 25.21
data/restraints/parameters	11829/356/731
$R_1^a, wR_2^b$ (I>2σ(I))	0.0465,0.0702
$R_1^a, wR_2^b$	0.1221,0.1343
GOF	1.080

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **Ir3**

Ir-N3	2.13	N5-Ir-C59	80.70	N3-Ir-N5	91.36
Ir-N4	2.04	N3-Ir-N6	75.20	N3-Ir-C59	100.58
Ir-N5	2.05	C48-Ir-C59	88.38	N3-Ir-C48	170.08
Ir-N6	2.16	N6-Ir-C48	96.06	N6-Ir-C59	174.79
Ir-C59	2.01	N5-Ir-N6	96.21		
Ir-C48	2.01	N4-Ir-N5	172.30		
N4-Ir-C48	80.66	N4-Ir-N3	94.48		

