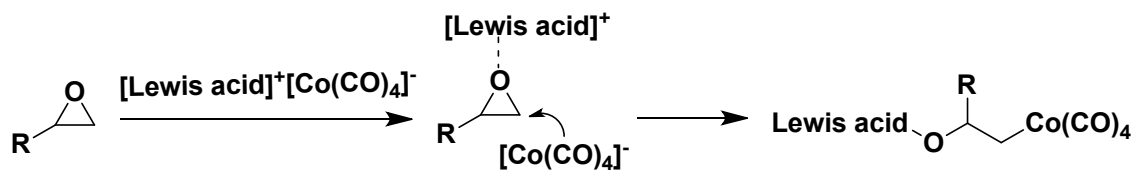


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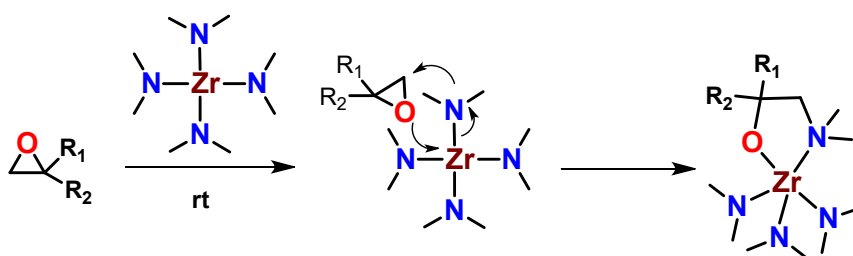
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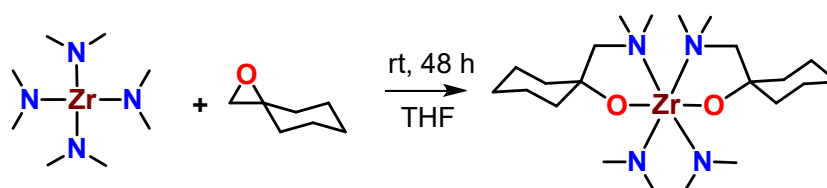
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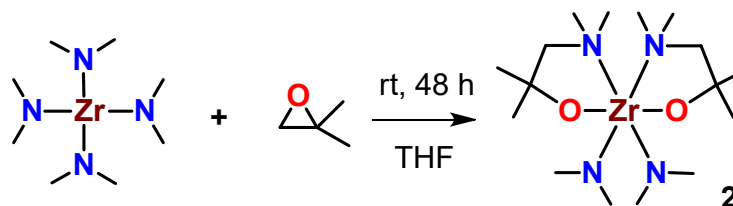
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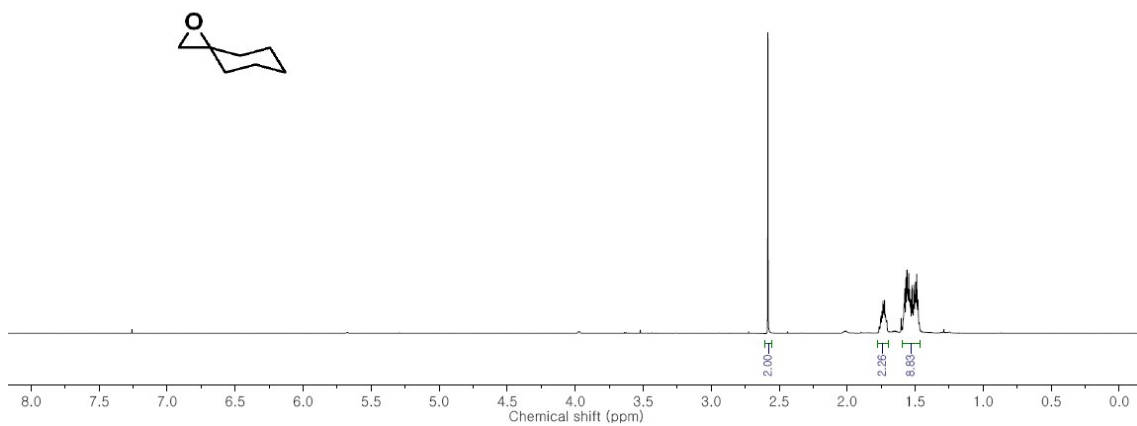
**Scheme S1** Proposed mechanism for the formation of N,O-chelate Zr complex.



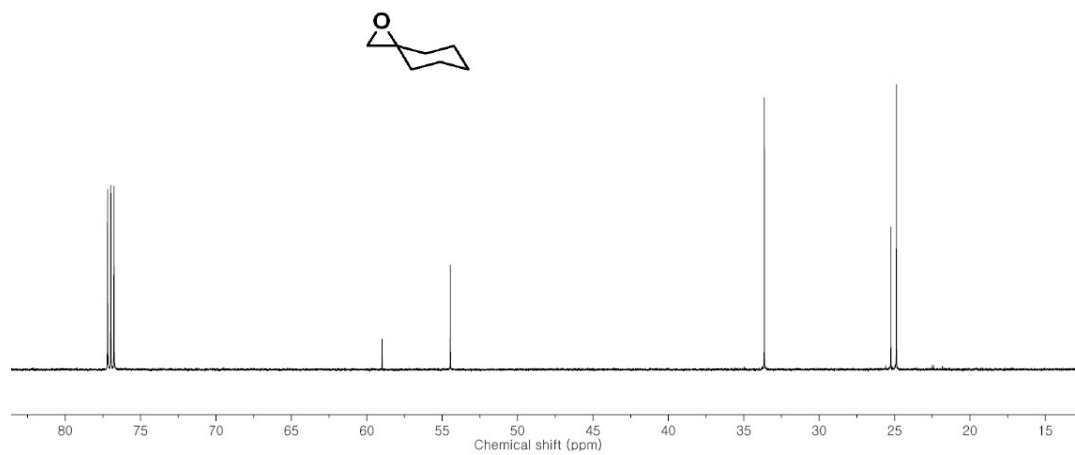
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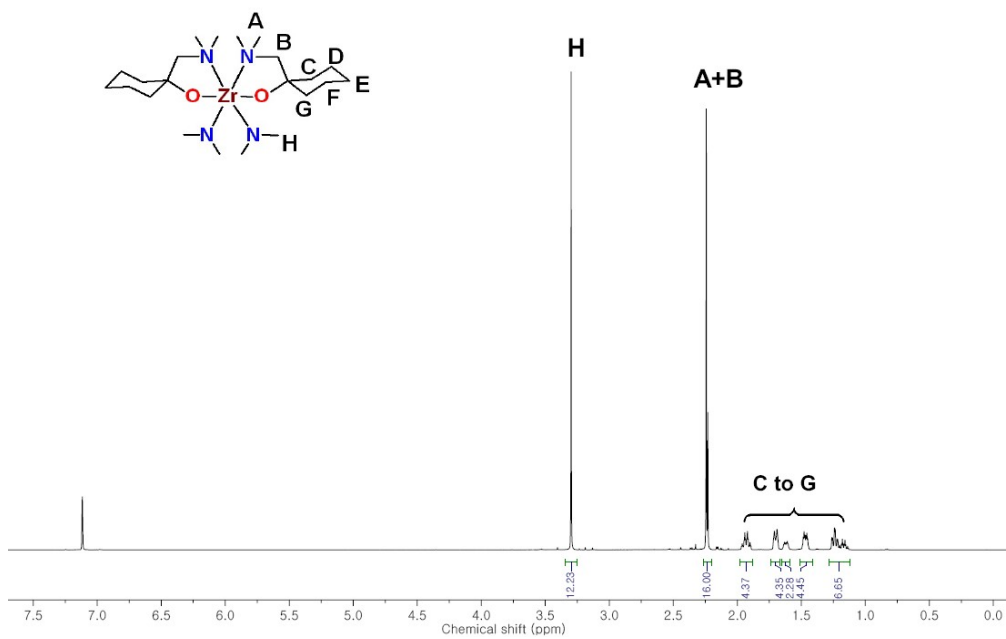
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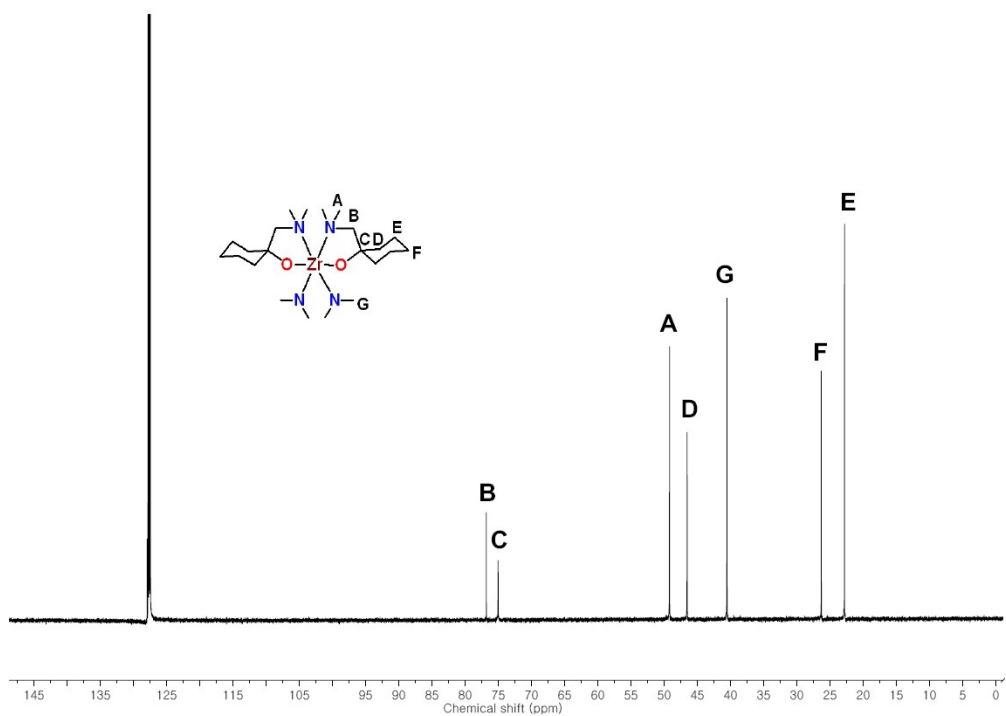
**Fig. S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of MCO in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of MCO in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S3**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex 1 in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



**Fig. S4**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex 1 in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

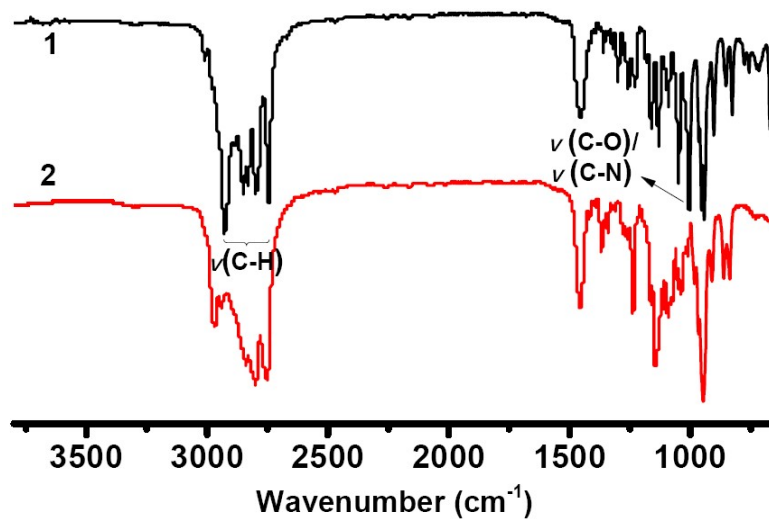


Fig. S5 FTIR spectra of complex 1 and complex 2.

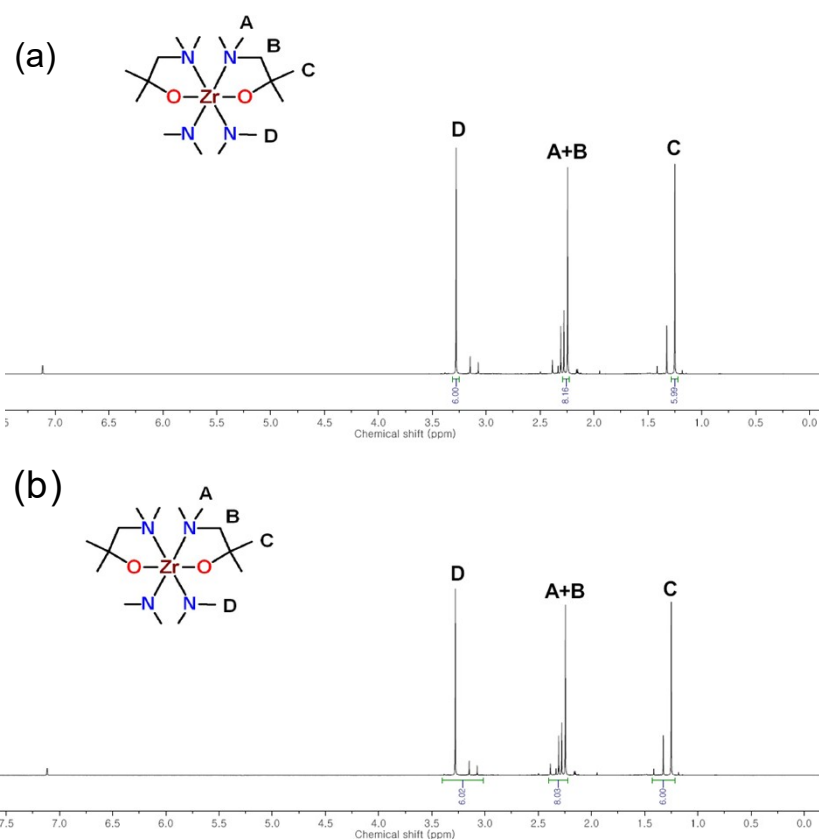
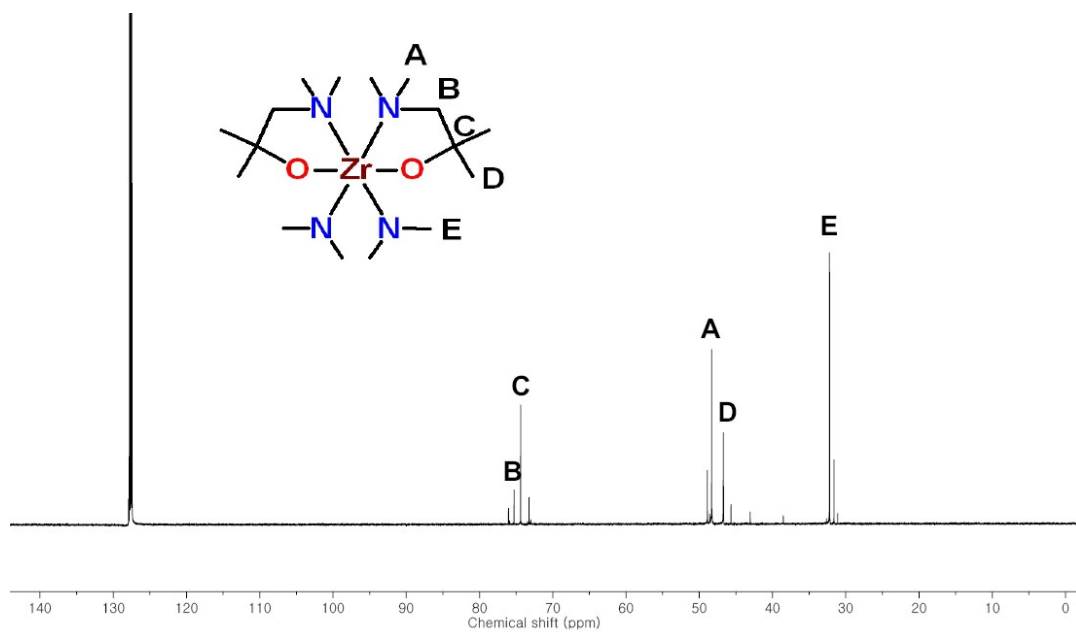
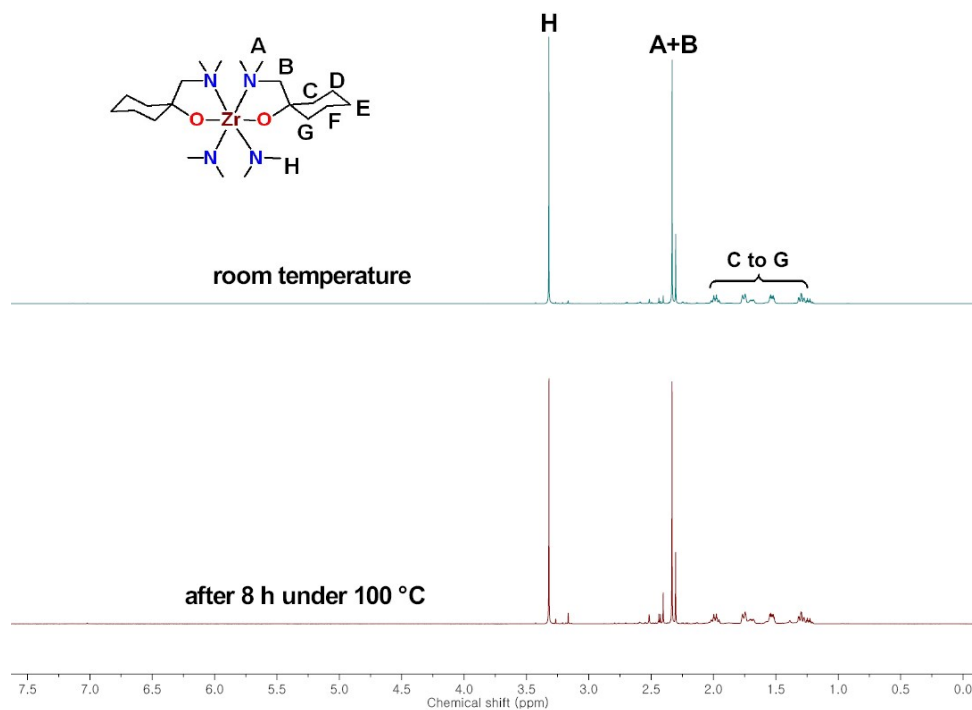


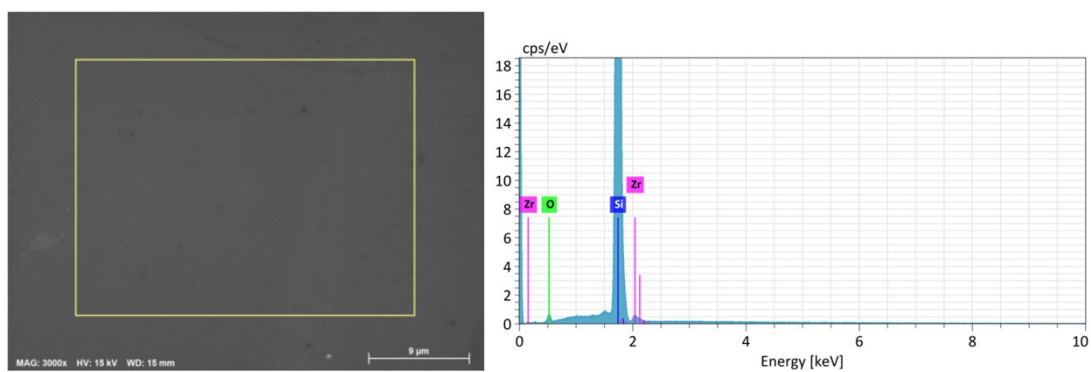
Fig. S6  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex 2 in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ . (a) Integration area of one set of peaks (b) Integration area of several sets of peaks.



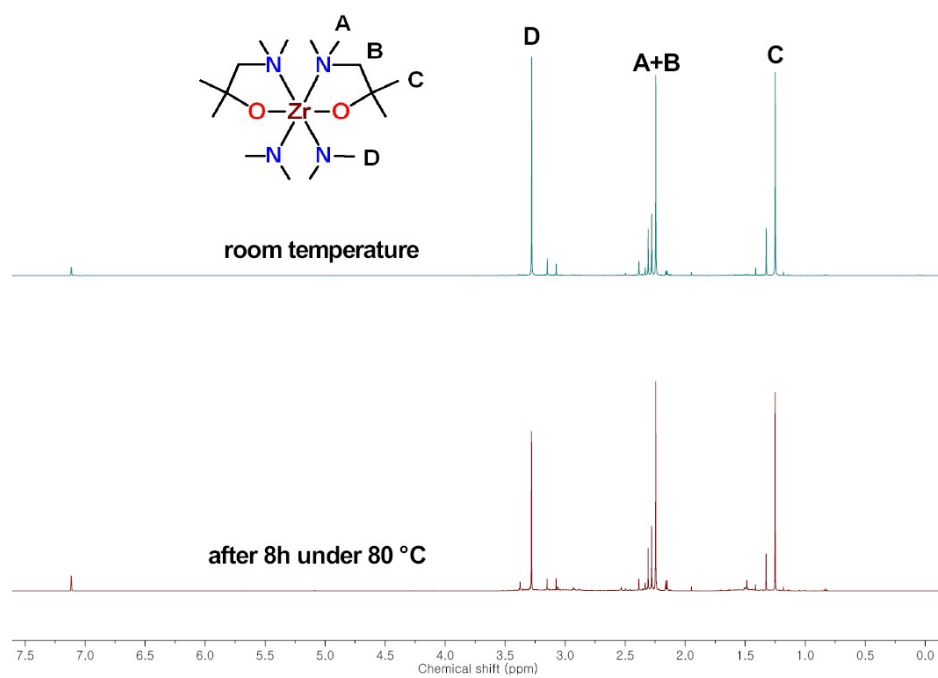
**Fig. S7**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex **2** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



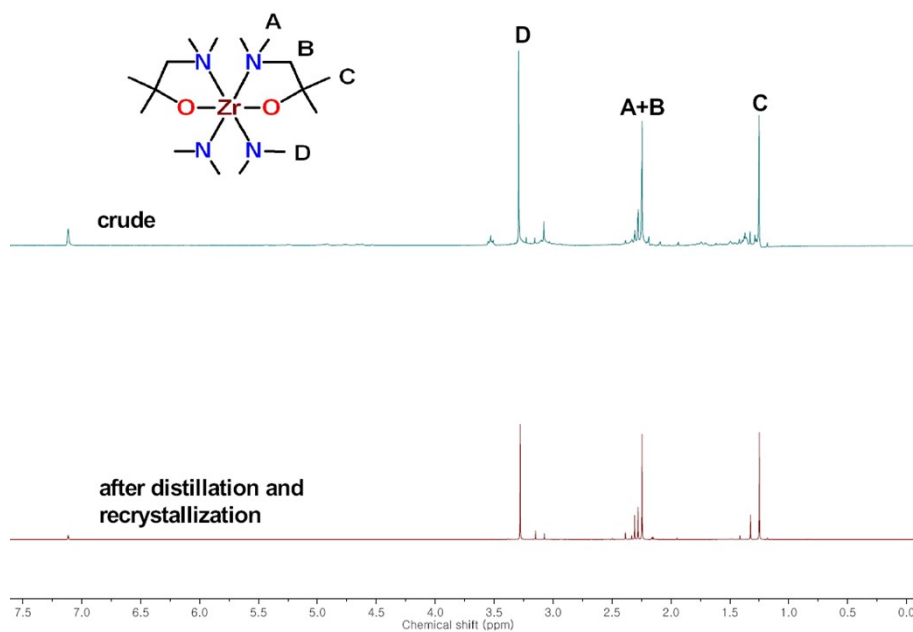
**Fig. S8**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of complex **1** before and after heating in toluene- $\text{d}_8$  under  $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 8 h.



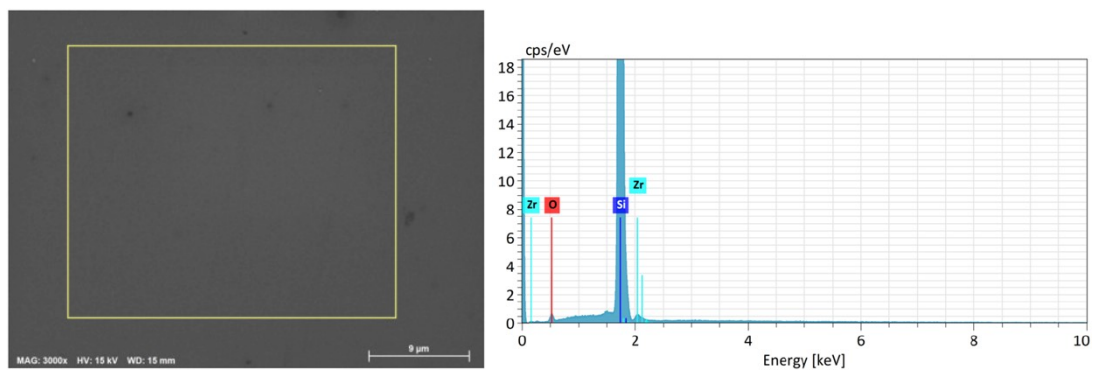
**Fig. S9** The plan-view SEM and EDX images of the film prepared using **1**.



**Fig. S10**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of complex **2** before and after heating in toluene- $d_8$  under 80 °C for 8 h.

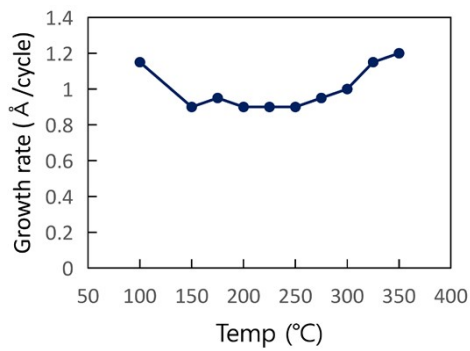
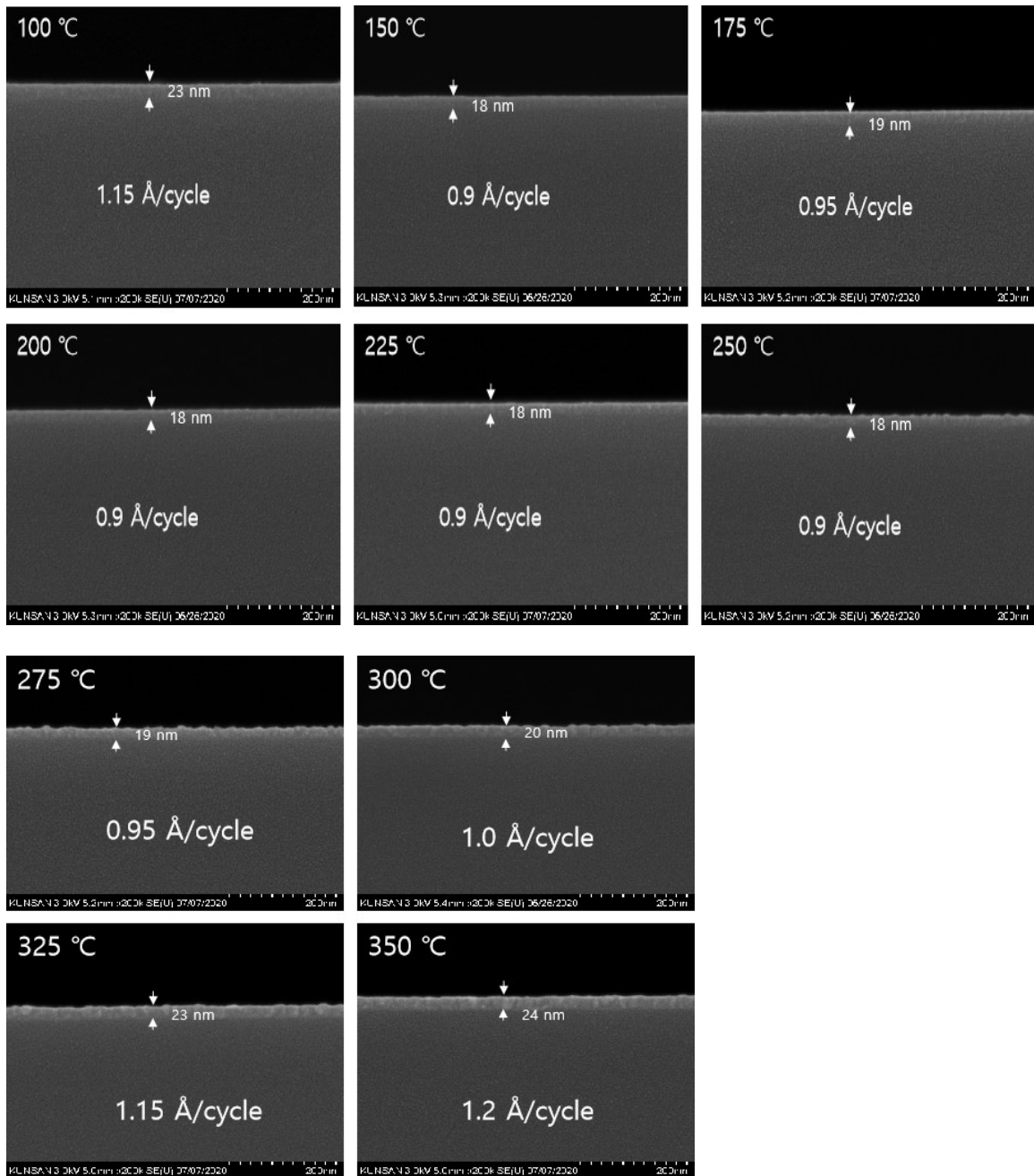


**Fig. S11**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of complex **2** before and after purification.

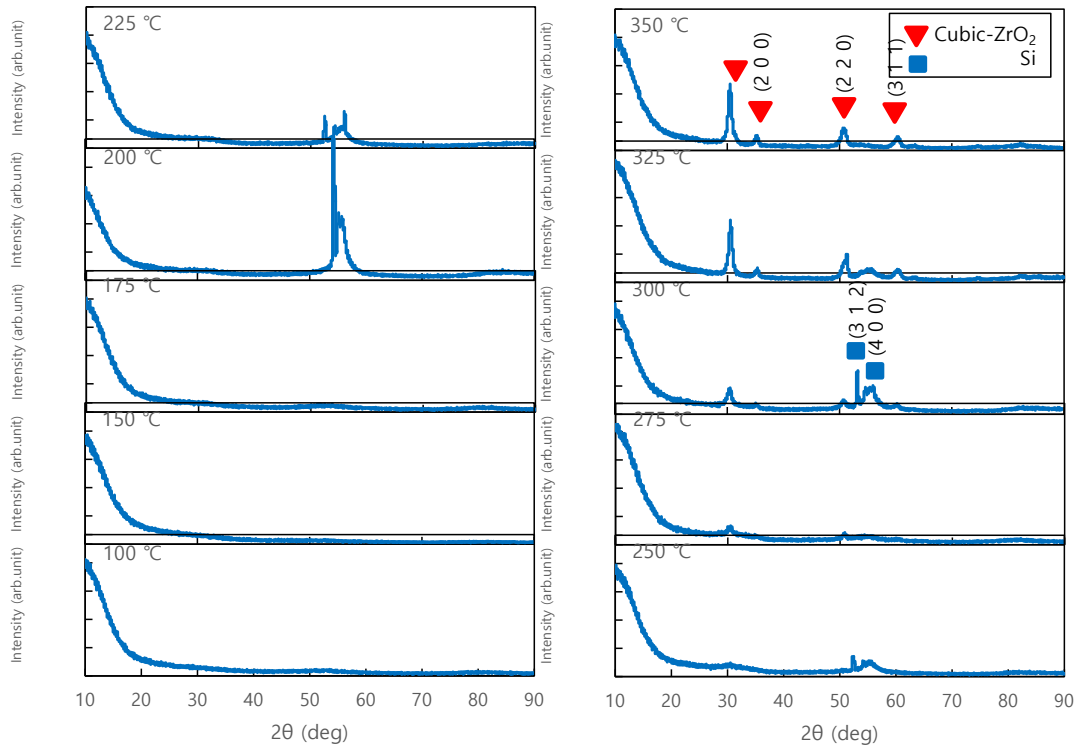


**Fig. S12** The plan-view SEM and EDX images of the film prepared using **2**.





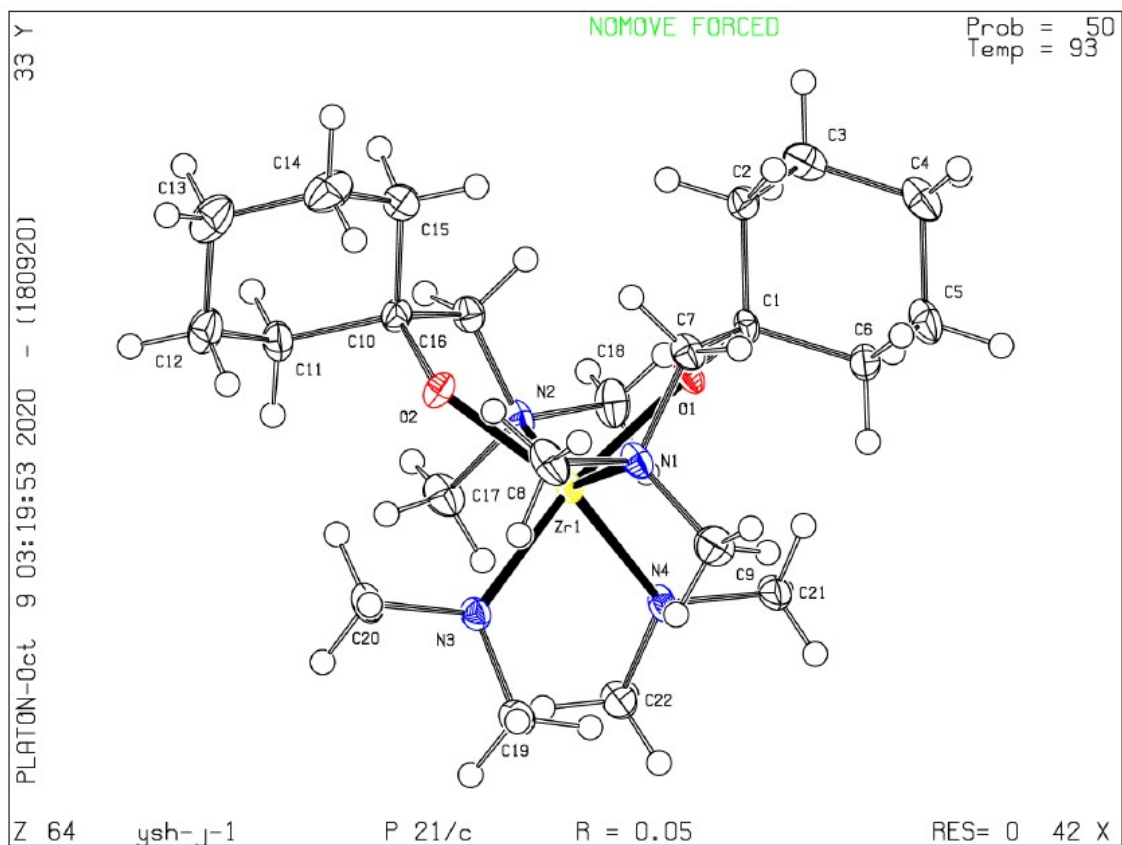
**Fig. S13-1** Cross-sectional SEM images of ZrO<sub>2</sub> thin film deposited using standard CpZr(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> precursor and O<sub>3</sub> on silicon at various temperatures through 200 cycles. (Bottom) The growth rate of ZrO<sub>2</sub> thin film as a function of temperature.



**Fig. S13-2** XRD images of ZrO<sub>2</sub> thin film deposited using CpZr(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and O<sub>3</sub> on silicon at various temperatures through 200 cycles.

**Table S1** Summary of X-ray Crystallographic data.

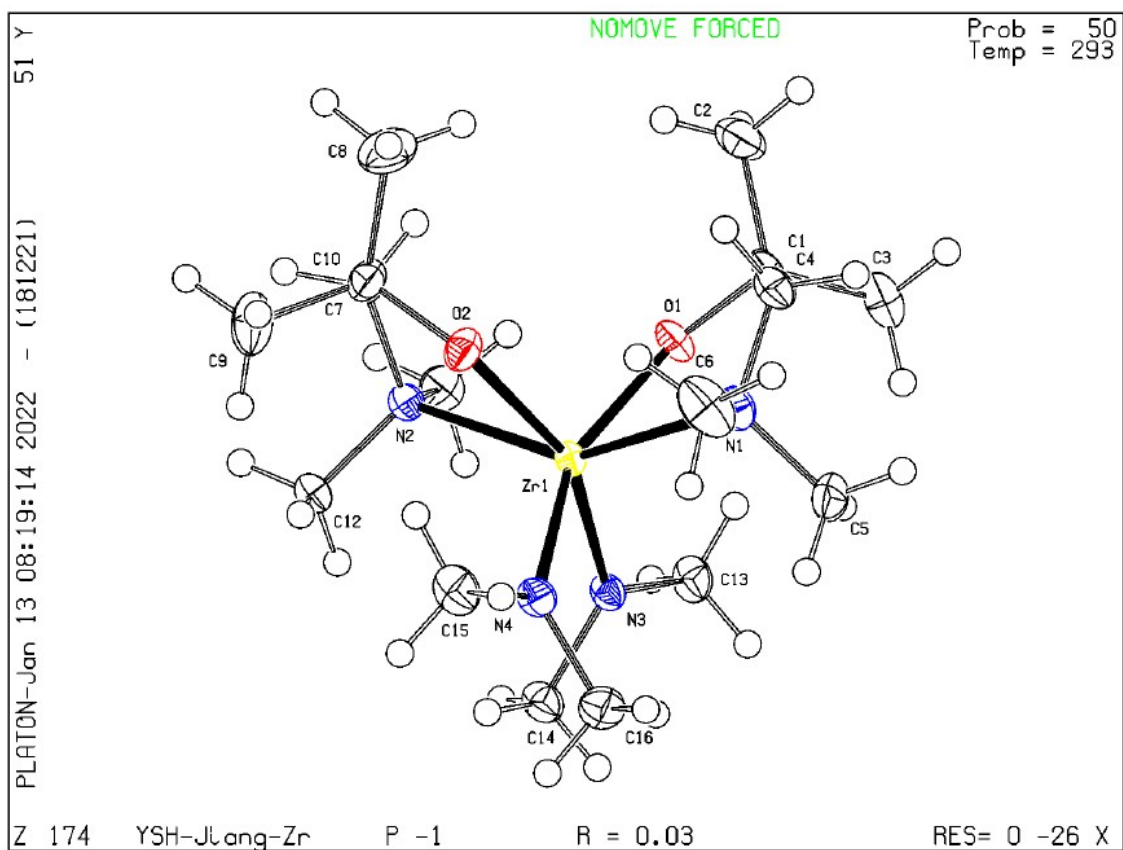
Compound	[(Me <sub>2</sub> N) <sub>2</sub> Zr(OC(C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>10</sub> )CH <sub>2</sub> NMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	[(Me <sub>2</sub> N) <sub>2</sub> Zr(OCMe <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]
	(complex 1)	(complex 2)
Empirical formula	ZrO <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>48</sub>	ZrO <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>40</sub>
Formula weight	491.86	413.75
Temperature	193(2) K	293(2) K
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	1.54184 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P-1
Unit cell dimensions	a = 15.9734(3) Å α = 90° b = 9.57200(19) Å β = 91.5782(16)° c = 16.6128(3) Å γ = 90°	a = 8.8032(2) Å α = 75.6210(10)° b = 9.05680(10) Å β = 86.3200(10)° c = 15.4925(2) Å γ = 65.266(2)°
Volume	2539.09(8) Å <sup>3</sup>	1085.63(3) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	4	2
Density (calculated)	1.287 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.266 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	3.719 mm <sup>-1</sup>	4.249 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1056	444
Crystal size	0.133 x 0.067 x 0.054 mm <sup>3</sup>	0.235 x 0.146 x 0.108 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	5.327 to 79.037°..	5.539 to 79.130°
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 19, -7 ≤ k ≤ 11, -18 ≤ l ≤ 21	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -11 ≤ k ≤ 11, - 19 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflections collected	20701	14033
Independent reflections	5328 [R(int) = 0.0331]	4560 [R(int) = 0.0455]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.111	1.147
Final R indices	R1 = 0.0494, wR2 = 0.1307	R1 = 0.0327, wR2 = 0.0893
[I > 2σ(I)]		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0529, wR2 = 0.1322	R1 = 0.0337, wR2 = 0.0899



**Fig. S14** Structure of complex 1 ( $[(\text{Me}_2\text{N})_2\text{Zr}(\text{OC}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10})\text{CH}_2\text{NMe}_2)_2]$ )

**Table S2.** Selected Angles (deg) and Interatomic Distances (Å) for complex **1**  
 [(Me<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>2</sub>Zr(OC(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>10</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]

Bond angles and lengths			
O(2)-Zr(1)-O(1)	100.30(11)	Zr(1)-O(2)	2.038(3)
O(2)-Zr(1)-N(4)	152.71(12)	Zr(1)-O(1)	2.043(2)
O(1)-Zr(1)-N(4)	92.81(11)	Zr(1)-N(4)	2.117(3)
O(2)-Zr(1)-N(3)	87.81(11)	Zr(1)-N(3)	2.139(3)
O(1)-Zr(1)-N(3)	156.48(11)	Zr(1)-N(1)	2.415(3)
N(4)-Zr(1)-N(3)	89.56(12)	Zr(1)-N(2)	2.437(3)
O(2)-Zr(1)-N(1)	95.62(11)		
O(1)-Zr(1)-N(1)	71.97(10)		
N(4)-Zr(1)-N(1)	111.23(12)		
N(3)-Zr(1)-N(1)	85.37(11)		
O(2)-Zr(1)-N(2)	71.43(11)		
O(1)-Zr(1)-N(2)	84.98(10)		
N(4)-Zr(1)-N(2)	86.15(12)		
N(3)-Zr(1)-N(2)	118.53(11)		
N(1)-Zr(1)-N(2)	151.31(11)		
C(1)-O(1)-Zr(1)	129.8(2)		
C(9)-N(1)-Zr(1)	109.8(2)		
C(8)-N(1)-Zr(1)	112.2(2)		
C(7)-N(1)-Zr(1)	106.6(2)		
C(10)-O(2)-Zr(1)	129.4(2)		
C(16)-N(2)-Zr(1)	105.1(2)		
C(17)-N(2)-Zr(1)	109.3(2)		
C(18)-N(2)-Zr(1)	113.2(2)		
C(19)-N(3)-Zr(1)	125.5(2)		
C(20)-N(3)-Zr(1)	125.6(3)		
C(21)-N(4)-Zr(1)	125.8(2)		
C(22)-N(4)-Zr(1)	125.0(2)		



**Fig. S15** Structure of complex **2** ( $[(\text{Me}_2\text{N})_2\text{Zr}(\text{OCMe}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NMe}_2)_2]$ ).

**Table S3.** Selected Angles (deg) and Interatomic Distances (Å) for complex **2**  
 ([ $(\text{Me}_2\text{N})_2\text{Zr}(\text{OCMe}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NMe}_2)_2$ ]).

Bond angles and lengths			
O(2)-Zr(1)-O(1)	101.96(7)	Zr(1)-O(2)	2.0337(17)
O(2)-Zr(1)-N(3)	154.75(7)	Zr(1)-O(1)	2.0370(17)
O(1)-Zr(1)-N(3)	90.93(7)	Zr(1)-N(3)	2.1192(19)
O(2)-Zr(1)-N(4)	89.58(8)	Zr(1)-N(4)	2.125(2)
O(1)-Zr(1)-N(4)	154.61(8)	Zr(1)-N(1)	2.414(2)
N(3)-Zr(1)-N(4)	87.65(8)	Zr(1)-N(2)	2.418(2)
O(2)-Zr(1)-N(1)	90.69(7)		
O(1)-Zr(1)-N(1)	71.53(7)		
N(3)-Zr(1)-N(1)	114.11(7)		
N(4)-Zr(1)-N(1)	85.95(7)		
O(2)-Zr(1)-N(2)	71.98(7)		
O(1)-Zr(1)-N(2)	89.01(7)		
N(3)-Zr(1)-N(2)	86.82(7)		
N(4)-Zr(1)-N(2)	116.19(7)		
N(1)-Zr(1)-N(2)	150.93(7)		
C(1)-O(1)-Zr(1)	130.05(15)		
C(7)-O(2)-Zr(1)	129.75(15)		
C(14)-N(3)-Zr(1)	126.39(15)		
C(13)-N(3)-Zr(1)	124.48(16)		
C(16)-N(4)-C(15)	108.2(2)		
C(16)-N(4)-Zr(1)	125.67(16)		
C(15)-N(4)-Zr(1)	125.59(17)		
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