

## Electronic Supplementary Information

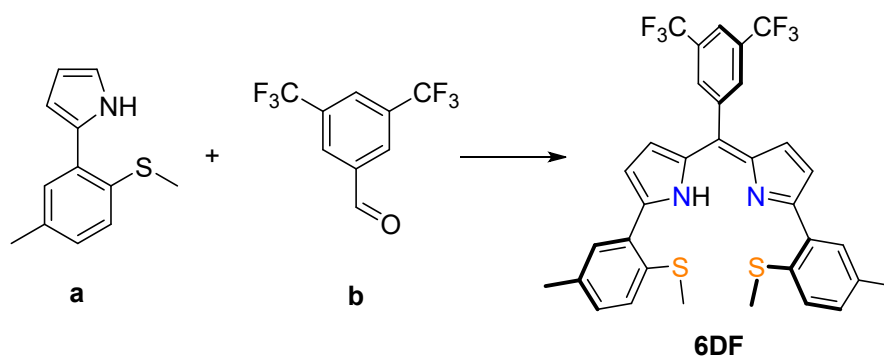
### A New Bis(thioether)-Dipyrin N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> Ligand and Its Coordination Behaviors to Nickel, Copper and Zinc

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Scheme S1. Synthesis of ligand **6DFH**.

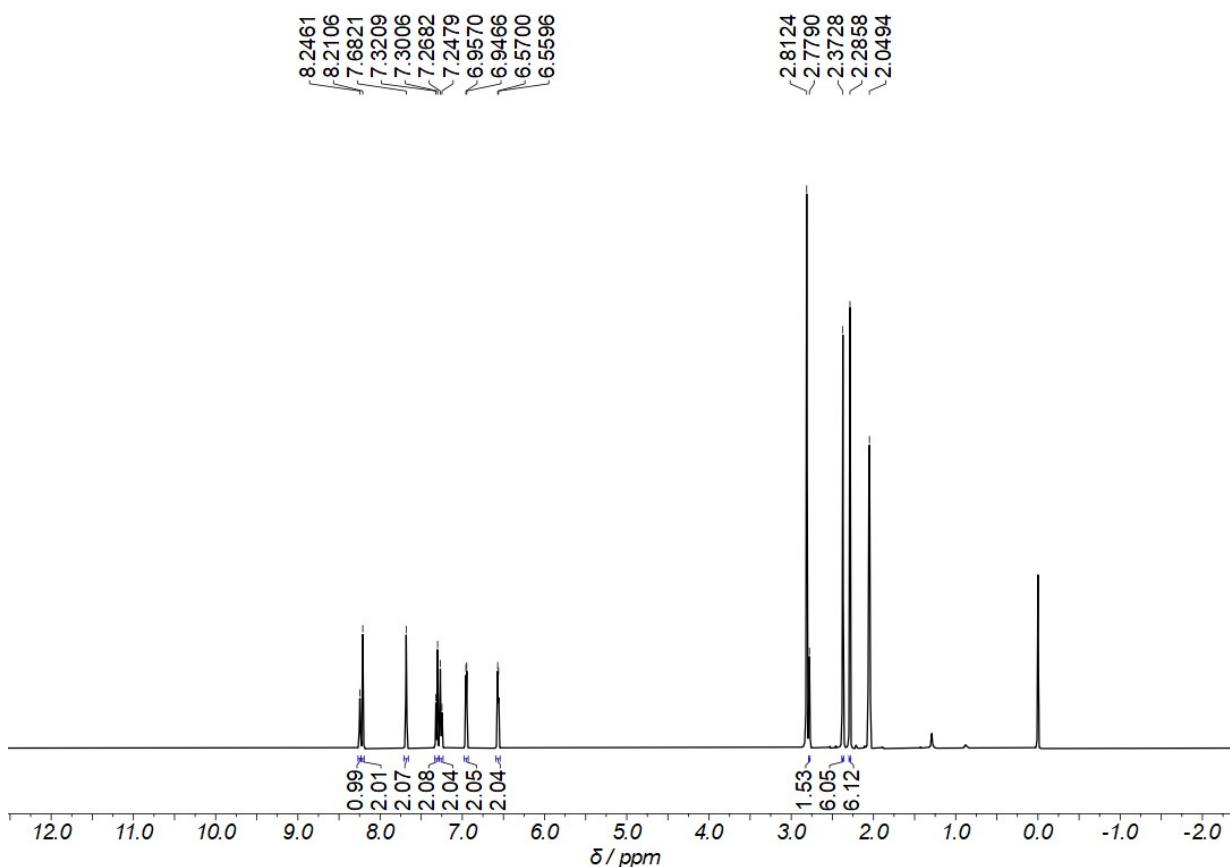


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of ligand **6DFH** in d-acetone at 25 °C.

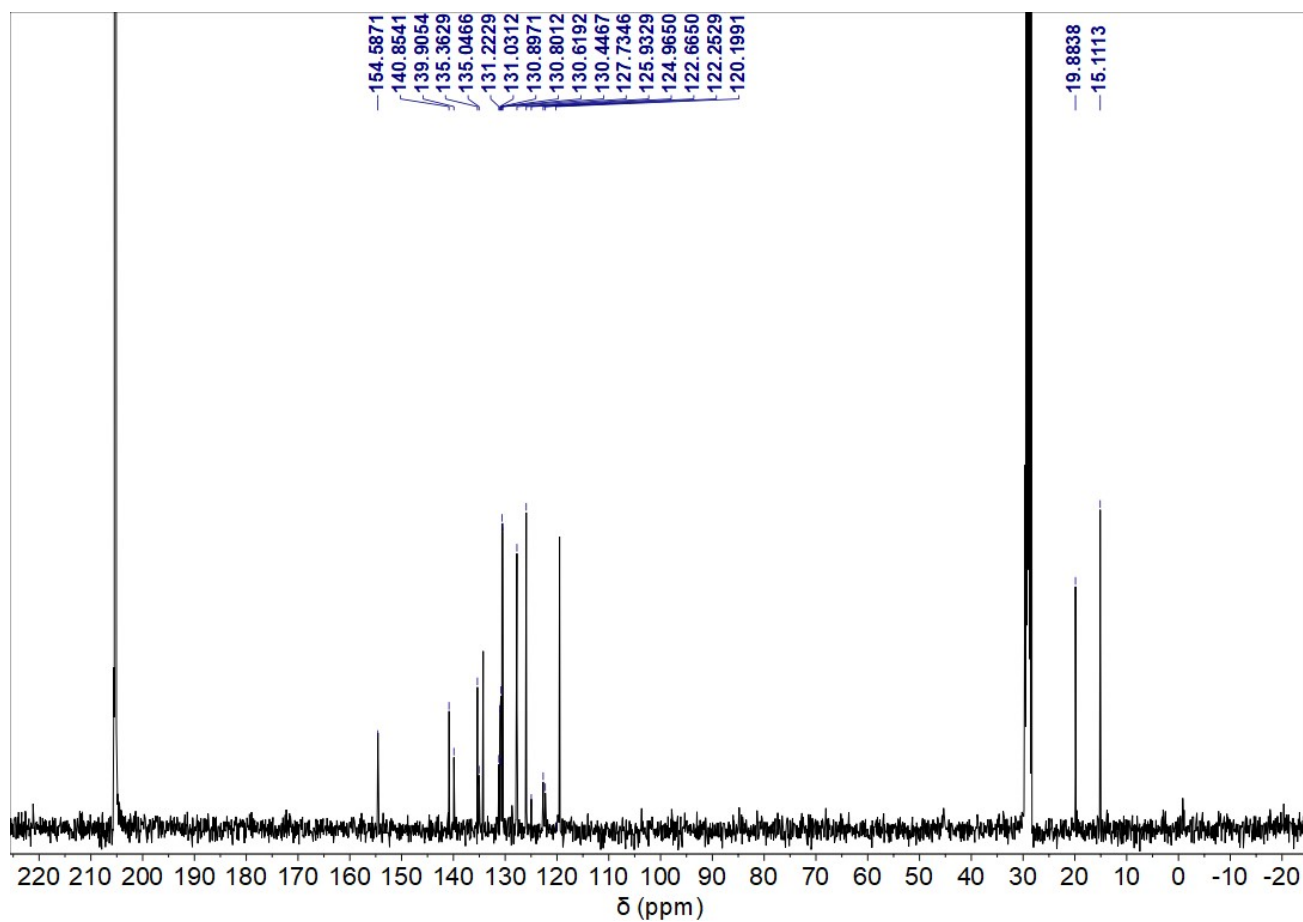


Figure S2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of ligand **6DFH** in d-acetone at 25 °C.

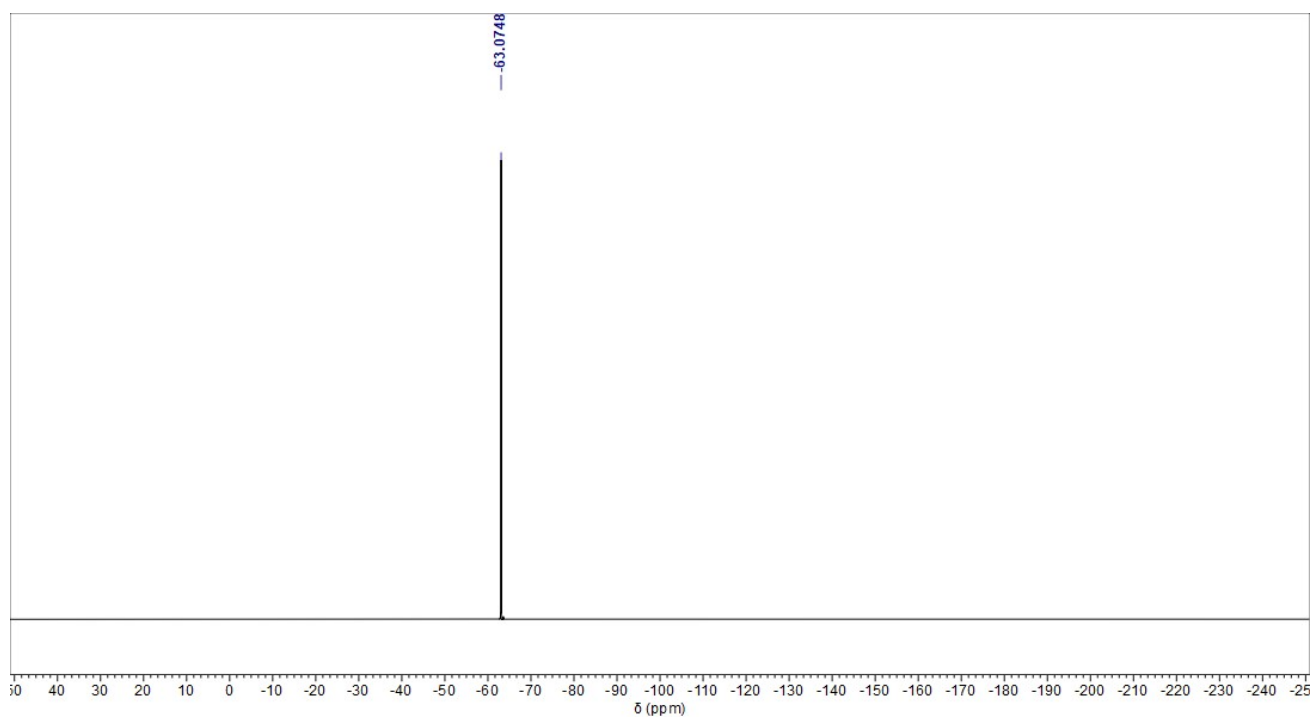


Figure S3.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of ligand **6DFH** in d-acetone at 25 °C.

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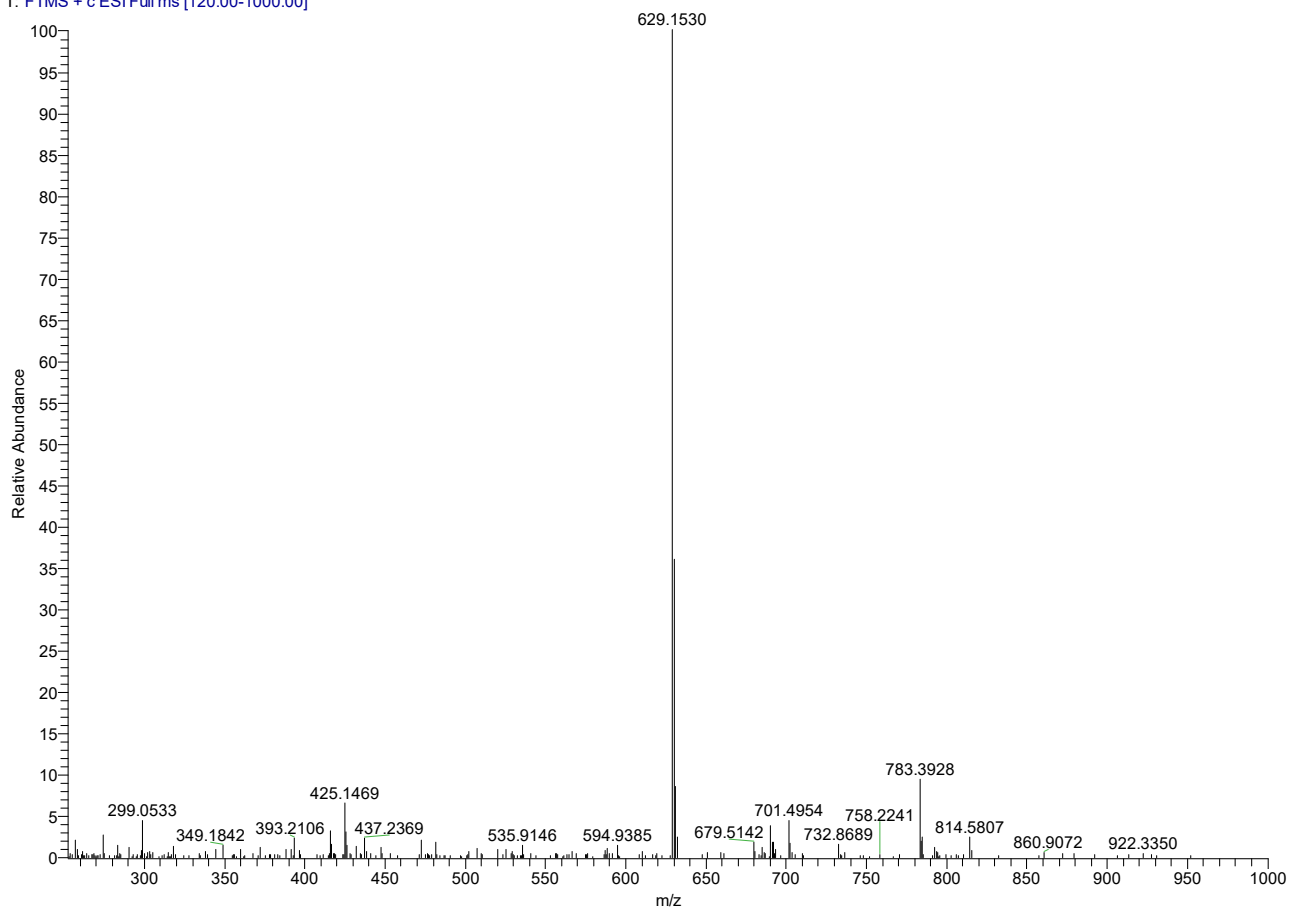


Figure S4. ESI-MS of ligand **6DFH** in methanol.

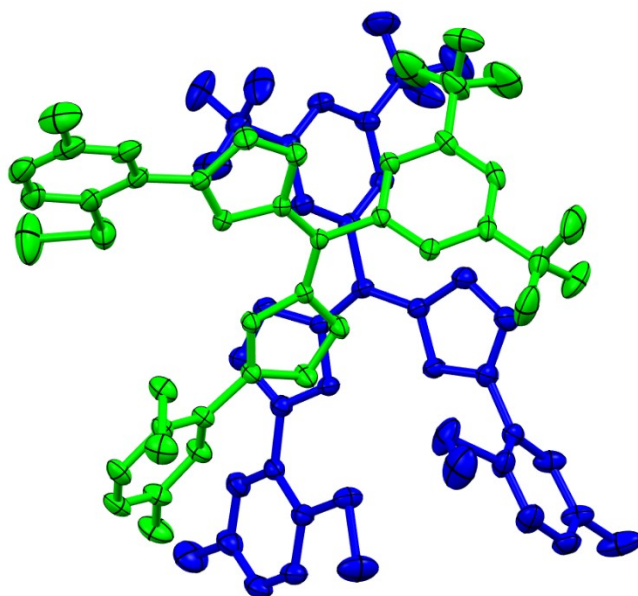


Figure S5. X-ray crystal structure of **6DFH** in the asymmetric unit shown at the 30% ellipsoid probability. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. The two units were distinguished by blue and green color.

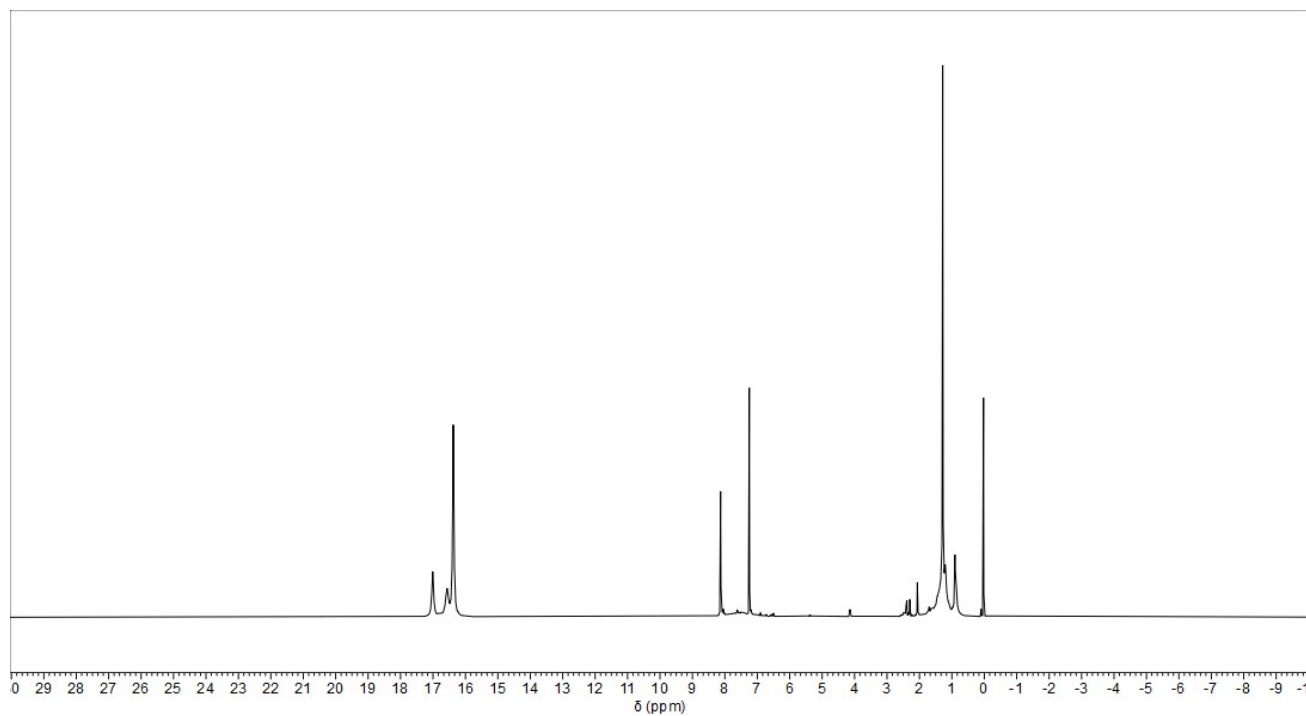


Figure S6.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of complex  $(\mathbf{6DFNiCl})_2$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 25 °C.

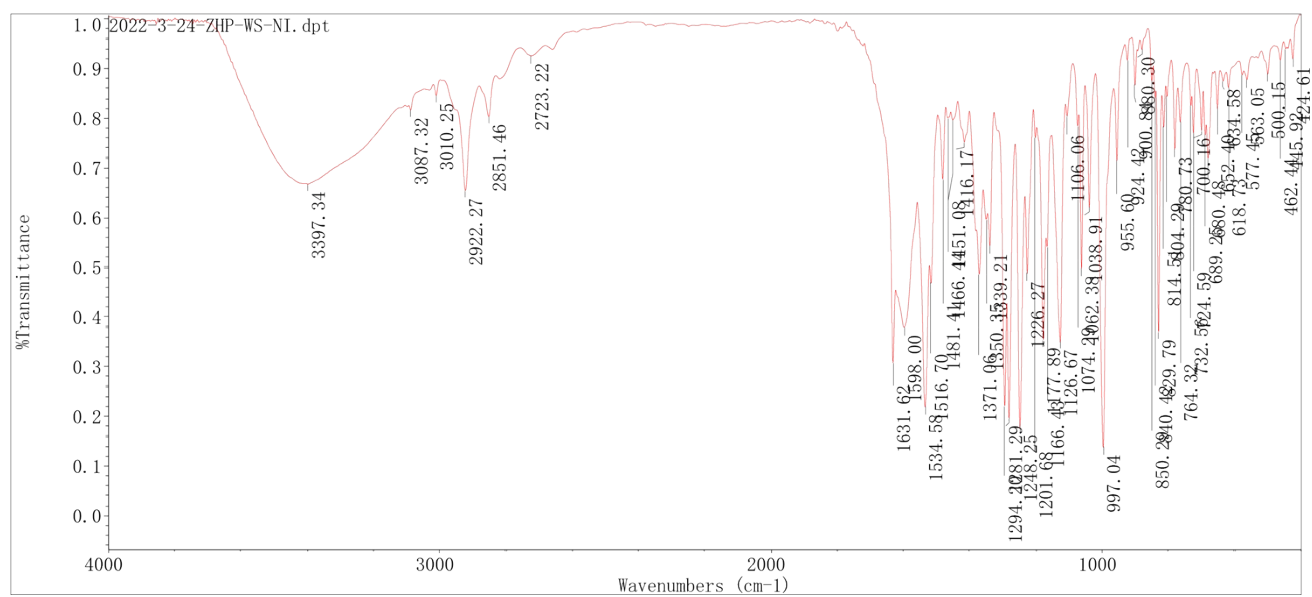


Figure S7. Infrared spectrum of complex  $(\mathbf{6DFNiCl})_2$  in solid state based on KBr.

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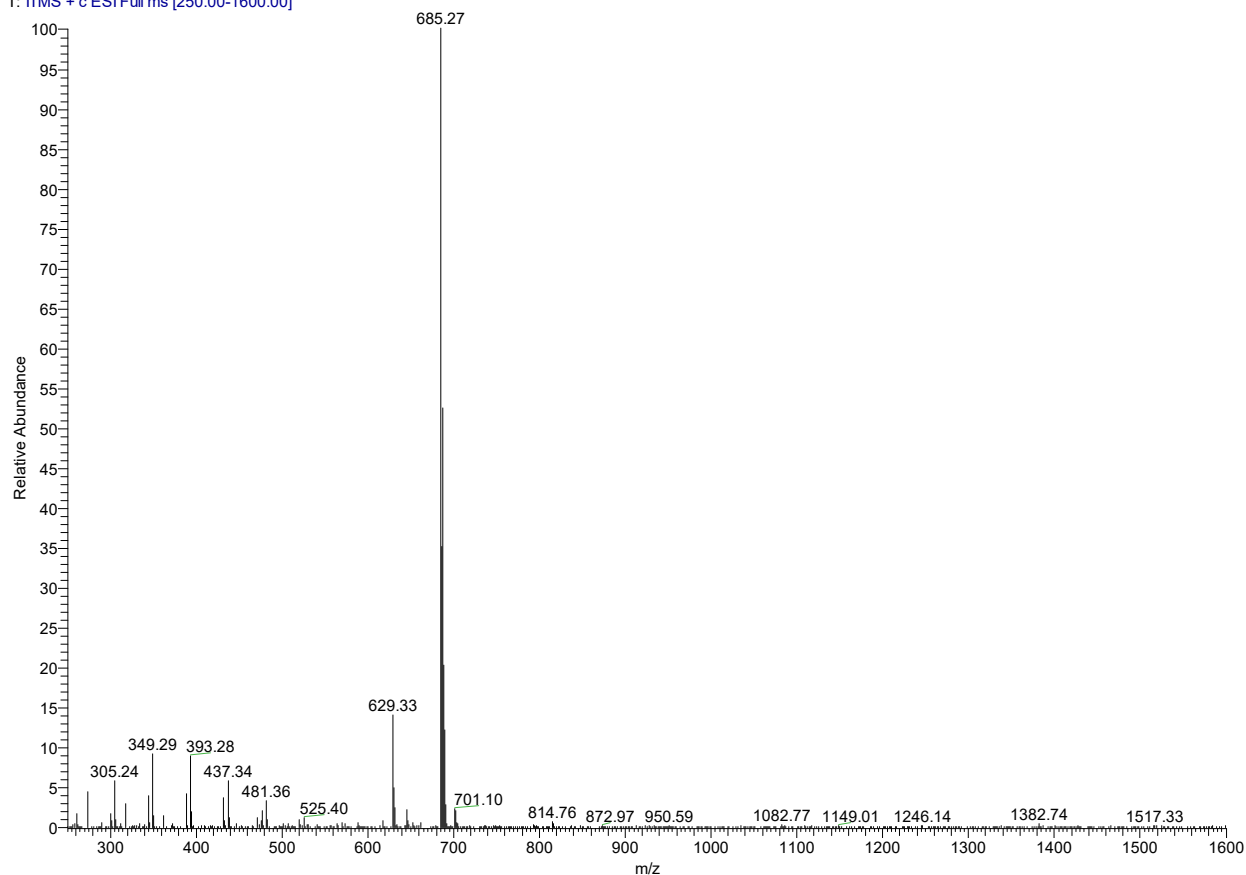


Figure S8. ESI-MS of complex **(6DFNiCl)<sub>2</sub>** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . Peak attribution ( $m/z$ ): 685.27: 6DFNi ( $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{S}_2\text{F}_6\text{Ni}$ ).

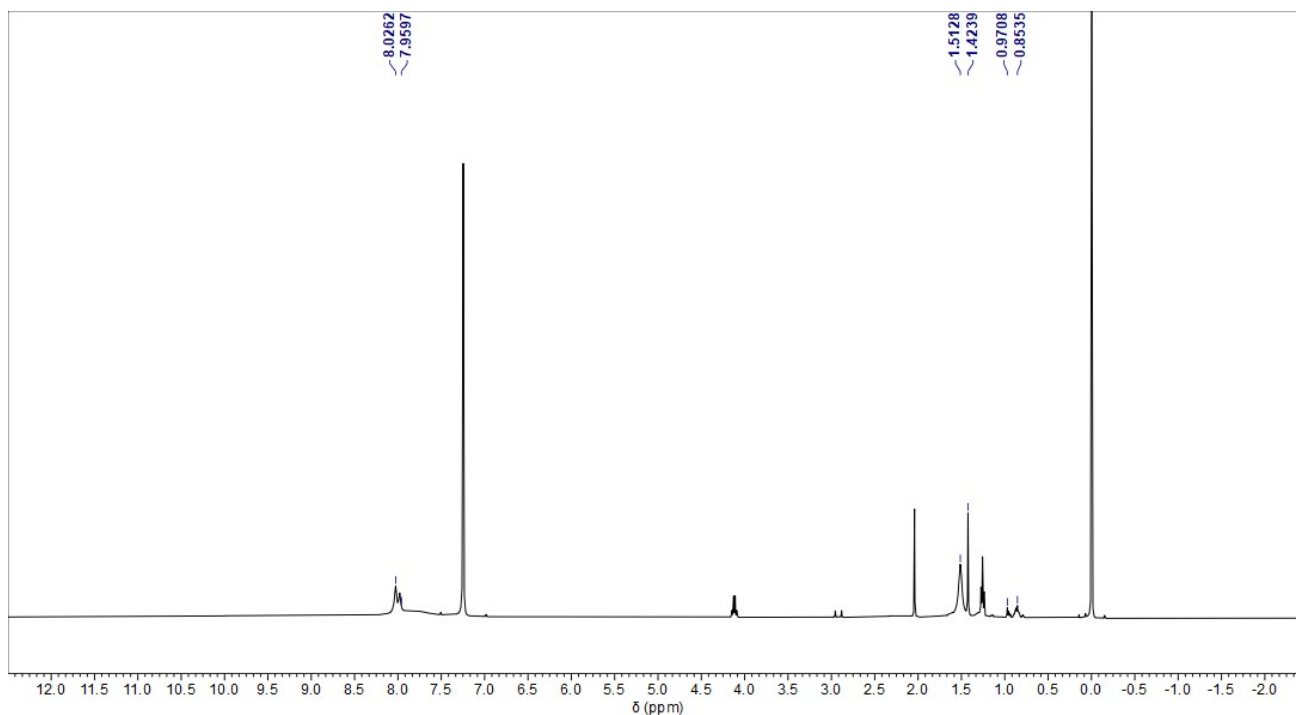


Figure S9.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of complex **6DFCuCl** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 25 °C.

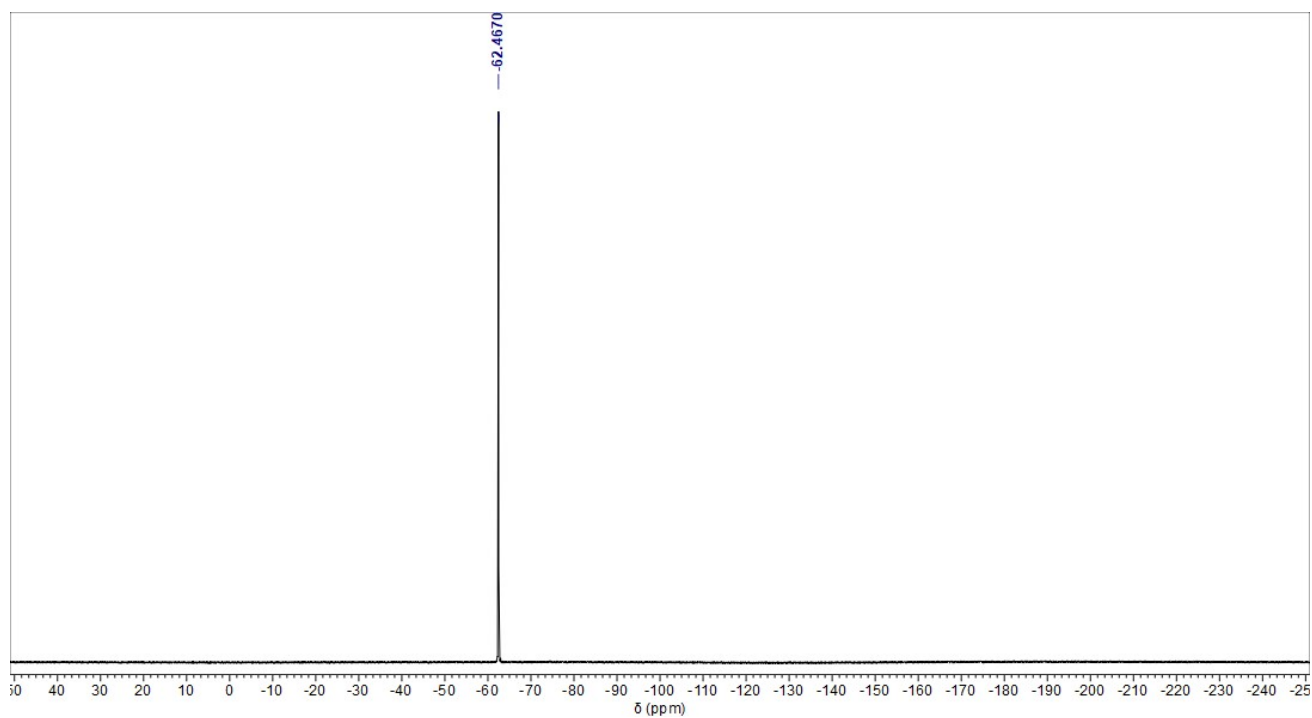


Figure S10.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra of ligand **6DFCuCl** in d-acetone at 25 °C.

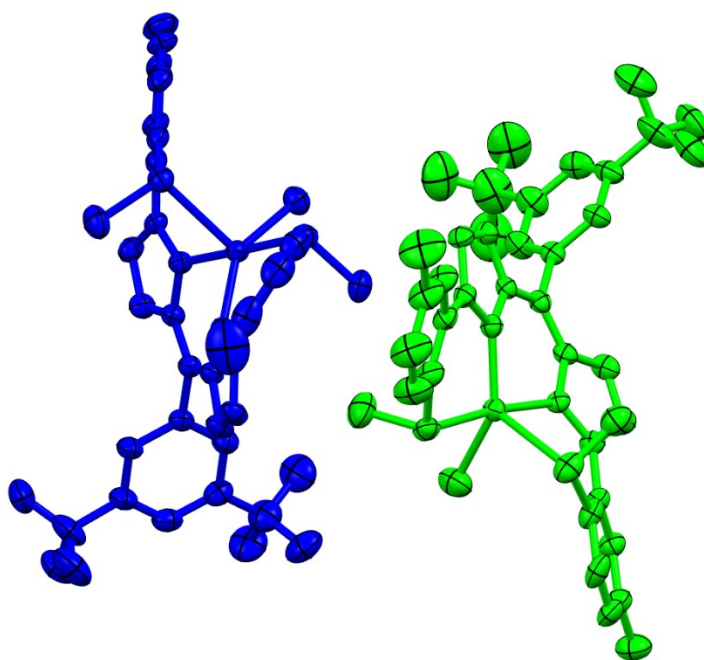


Figure S11. X-ray crystal structure of **6DFCuCl** in the asymmetric unit shown at the 30% ellipsoid probability. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. The two units were distinguished by blue and green color.

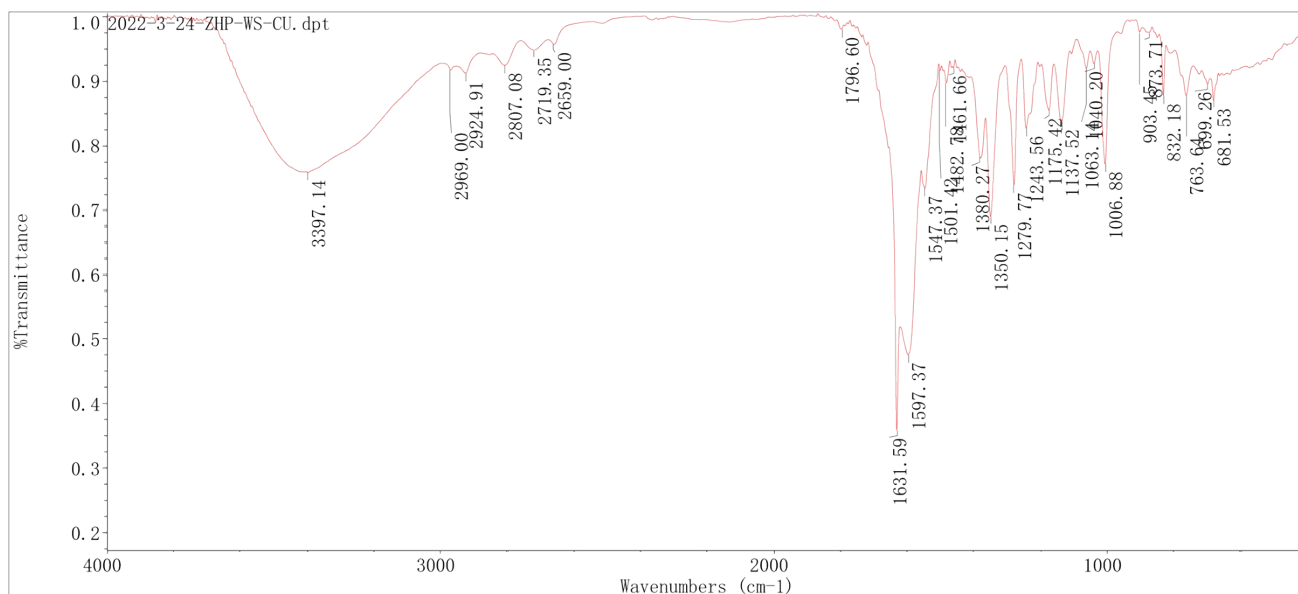


Figure S12. Infrared spectrum of complex **6DFCuCl** in solid state based on KBr.

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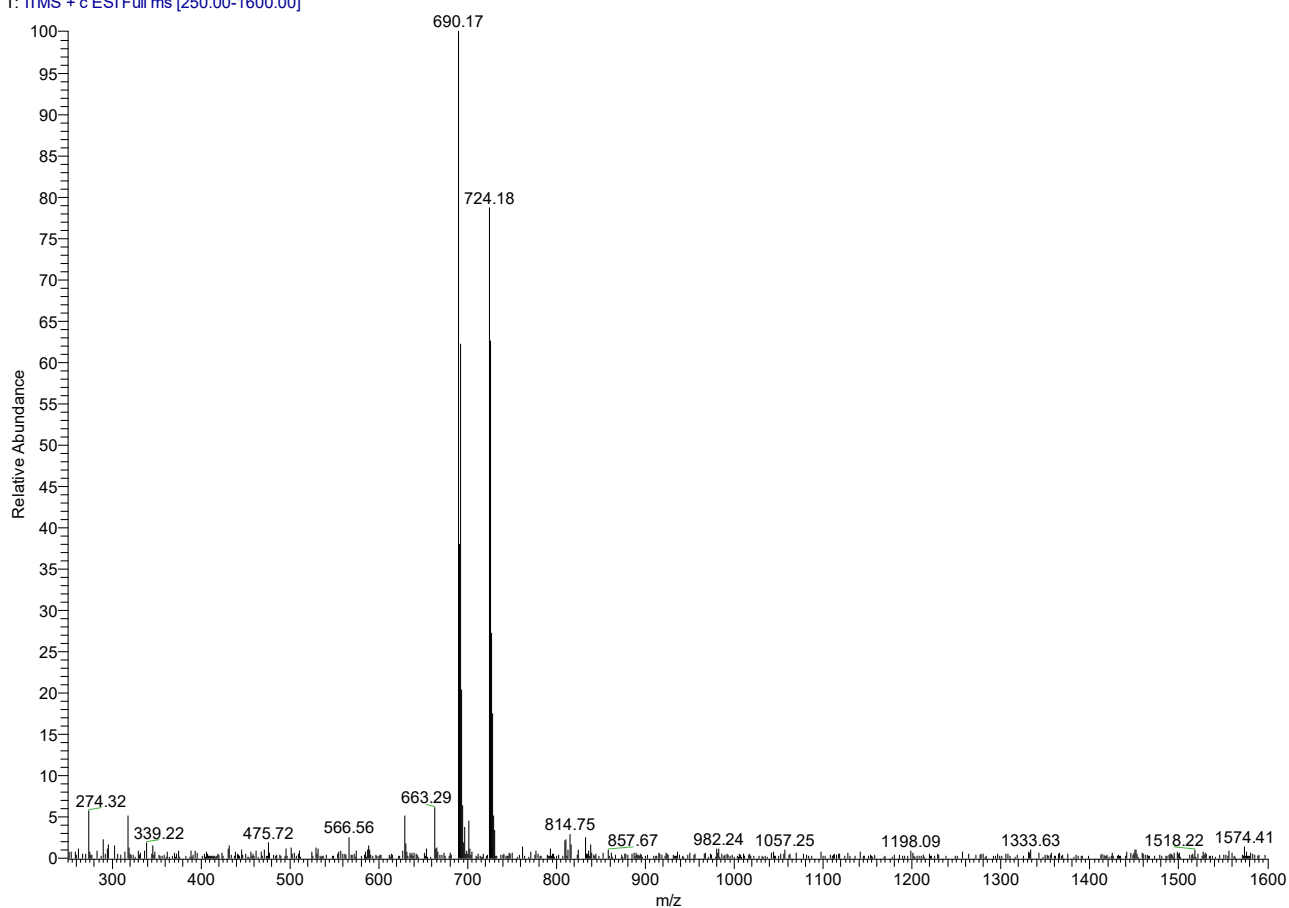


Figure S13. ESI-MS of complex **6DFCuCl** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Peak attribution (*m/z*): 690.17: **6DFCu** (C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>Cu).

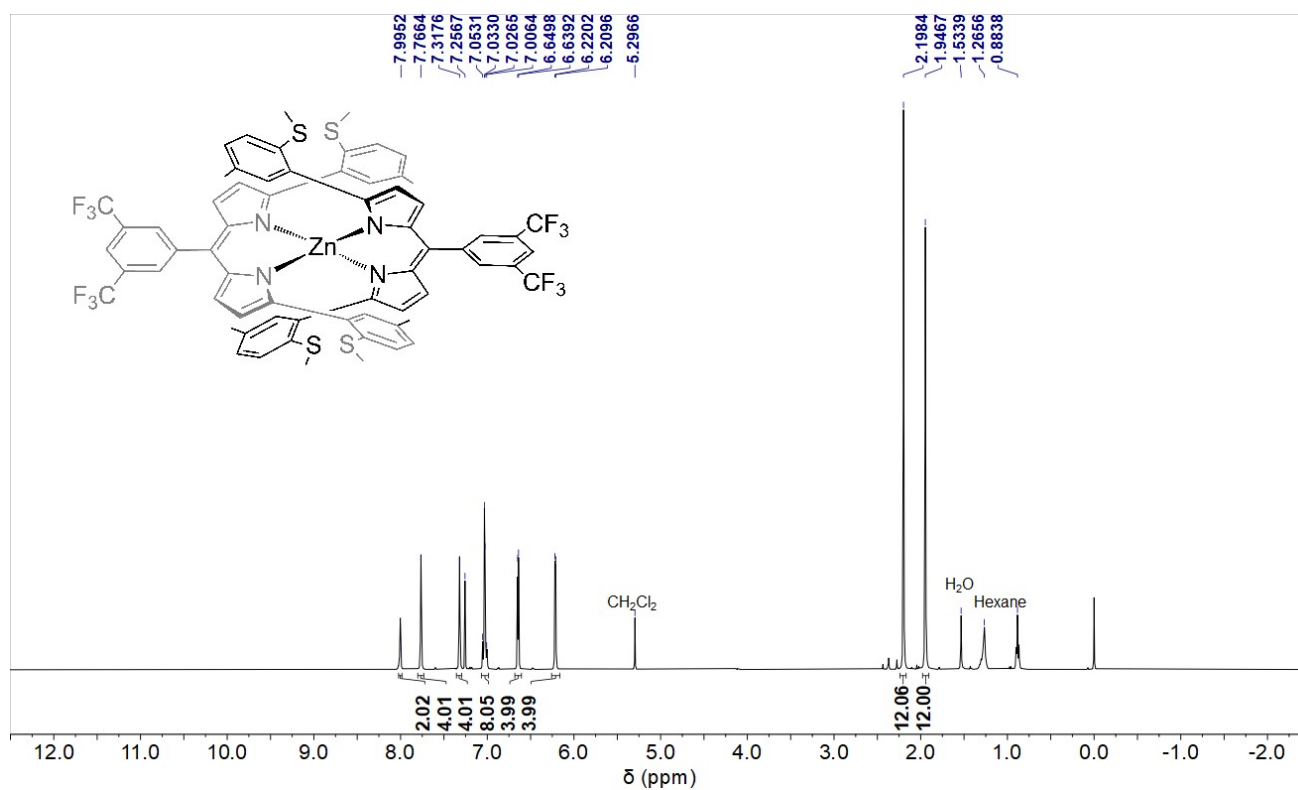


Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of complex (6DF)<sub>2</sub>Zn in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.

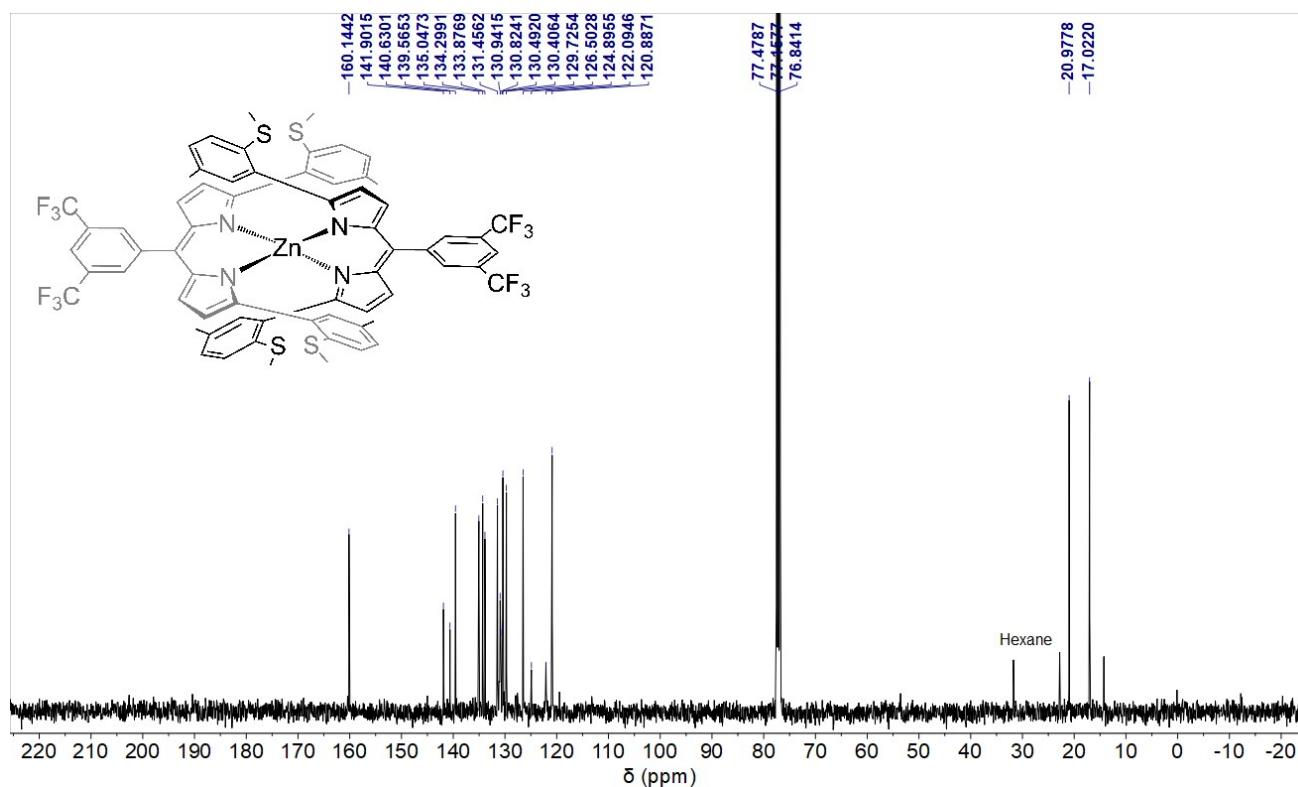


Figure S15. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of complex (6DF)<sub>2</sub>Zn in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



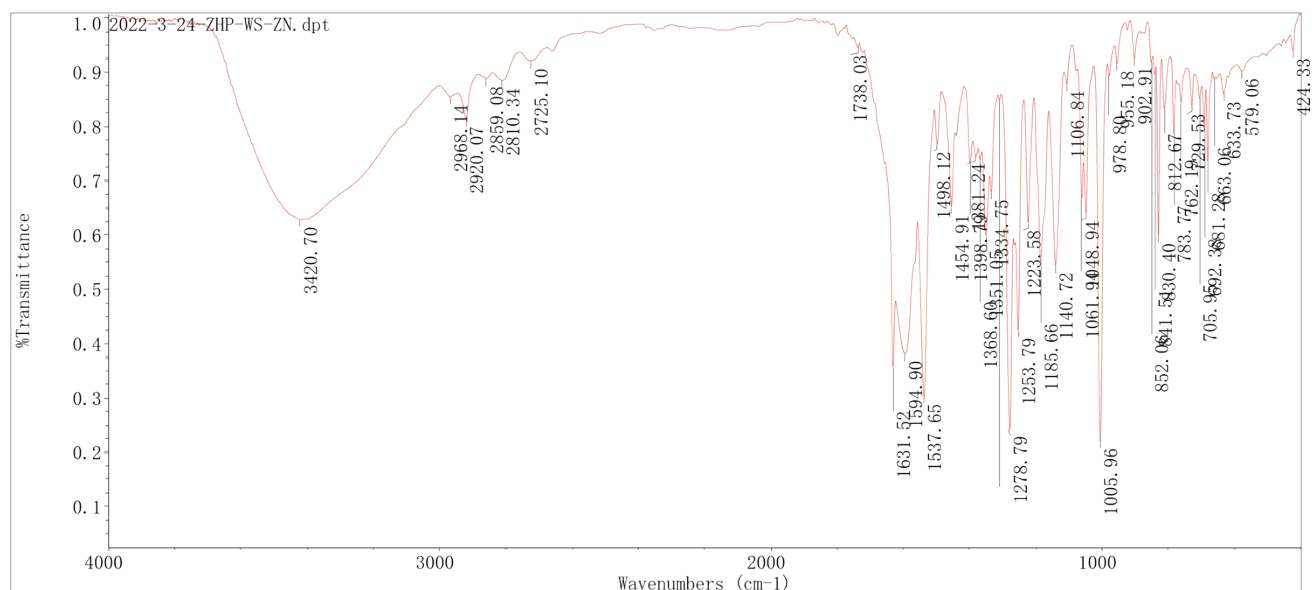


Figure S16. Infrared spectrum of complex **(6DF)<sub>2</sub>Zn** in solid state based on KBr.

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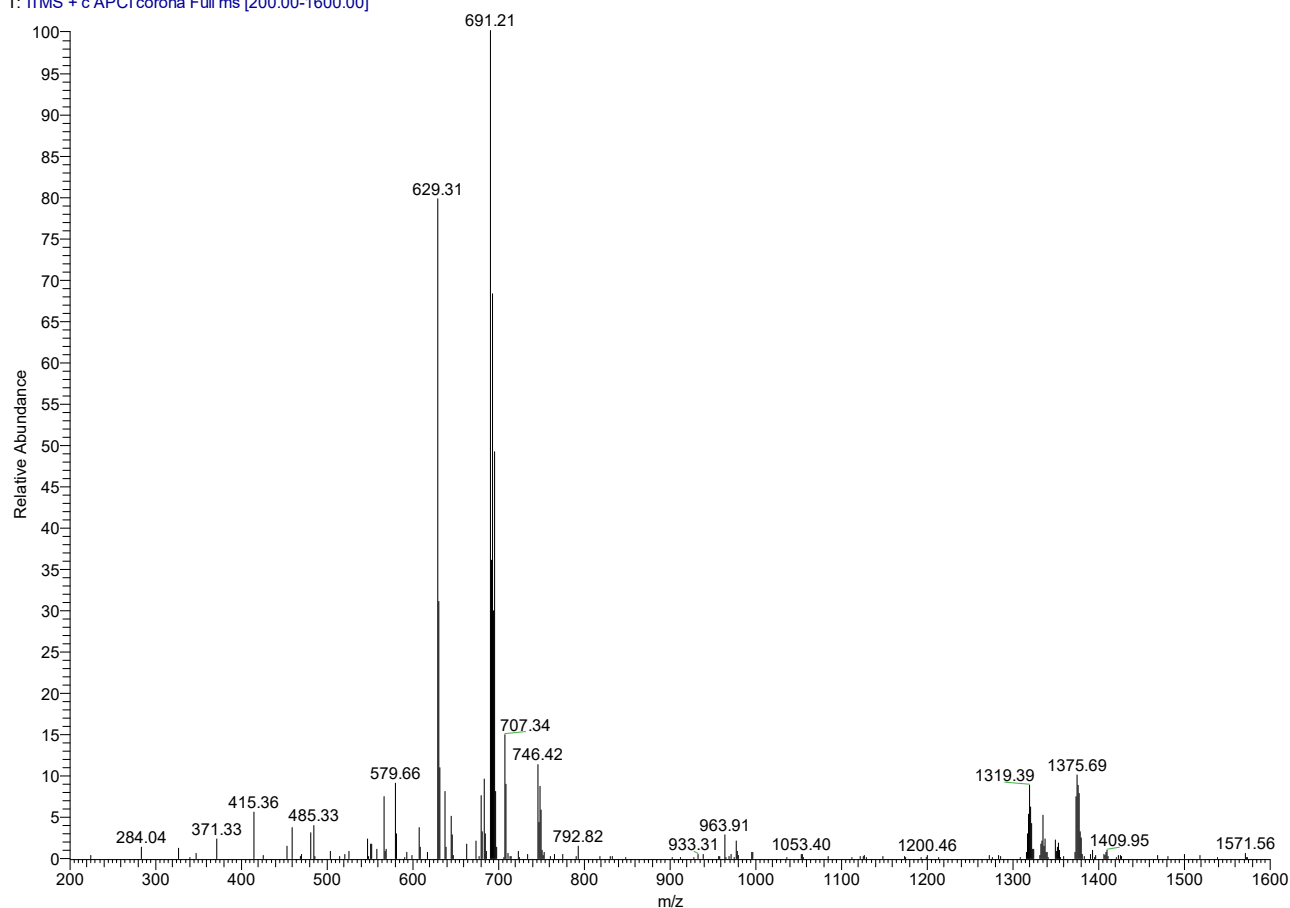


Figure S17. APCI-MS of **(6DF)<sub>2</sub>Zn** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Peak attribution (*m/z*): 629.31: 6DFH+H (C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>); 691.21: 6DFZn (C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>Zn).

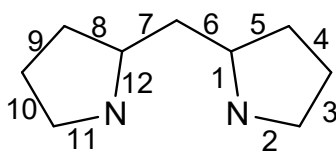
Table S1 Crystallographic data.

| Identification code                         | <b>6DFH</b>                                                                  | <b>(6DFNiCl)<sub>2</sub></b>                                                                                  | <b>6DFCuCl</b>                                                                   | <b>(6DF)<sub>2</sub>Zn</b>                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                           | C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>26</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>66</sub> H <sub>50</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Ni <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> | C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>25</sub> ClCuF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>66</sub> H <sub>50</sub> F <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S <sub>4</sub> Zn |
| Formula weight                              | 628.68                                                                       | 1443.66                                                                                                       | 726.66                                                                           | 1320.71                                                                          |
| Temperature/K                               | 296.15                                                                       | 296.15                                                                                                        | 296.15                                                                           | 296.15                                                                           |
| Crystal system                              | monoclinic                                                                   | triclinic                                                                                                     | triclinic                                                                        | orthorhombic                                                                     |
| Space group                                 | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c                                                           | P-1                                                                                                           | P-1                                                                              | P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>                                    |
| a/Å                                         | 9.5425(14)                                                                   | 10.3025(17)                                                                                                   | 16.2289(19)                                                                      | 13.5949(13)                                                                      |
| b/Å                                         | 22.706(3)                                                                    | 12.284(2)                                                                                                     | 16.6073(19)                                                                      | 17.6861(17)                                                                      |
| c/Å                                         | 28.330(4)                                                                    | 14.517(2)                                                                                                     | 17.416(2)                                                                        | 28.194(3)                                                                        |
| α/°                                         | 90                                                                           | 69.290(2)                                                                                                     | 69.500(2)                                                                        | 90                                                                               |
| β/°                                         | 93.511(2)                                                                    | 70.236(2)                                                                                                     | 69.628(2)                                                                        | 90                                                                               |
| γ/°                                         | 90                                                                           | 85.129(3)                                                                                                     | 62.269(2)                                                                        | 90                                                                               |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                       | 6126.8(15)                                                                   | 1616.1(5)                                                                                                     | 3793.4(8)                                                                        | 6779.0(11)                                                                       |
| Z                                           | 8                                                                            | 1                                                                                                             | 4                                                                                | 4                                                                                |
| ρ <sub>calc</sub> g/cm <sup>3</sup>         | 1.363                                                                        | 1.483                                                                                                         | 1.272                                                                            | 1.294                                                                            |
| μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>                          | 0.236                                                                        | 0.873                                                                                                         | 0.808                                                                            | 0.559                                                                            |
| F(000)                                      | 2592.0                                                                       | 736.0                                                                                                         | 1476.0                                                                           | 2704.0                                                                           |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                | 0.32 × 0.25 × 0.18                                                           | 0.18 × 0.16 × 0.08                                                                                            | 0.31 × 0.25 × 0.12                                                               | 0.22 × 0.21 × 0.1                                                                |
| Radiation                                   | MoKα (λ = 0.71073)                                                           | MoKα (λ = 0.71073)                                                                                            | MoKα (λ = 0.71073)                                                               | MoKα (λ = 0.71073)                                                               |
| 2θ range for data collection/°              | 2.88 to 55.004                                                               | 3.178 to 49.994                                                                                               | 2.908 to 49.998                                                                  | 2.718 to 50                                                                      |
| Index ranges                                | -12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -29 ≤ k ≤ 27, -35 ≤ l ≤ 33                                     | -12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -14 ≤ k ≤ 13, -17 ≤ l ≤ 16                                                                      | -18 ≤ h ≤ 19, -19 ≤ k ≤ 19, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20                                         | -16 ≤ h ≤ 12, -21 ≤ k ≤ 21, -33 ≤ l ≤ 33                                         |
| Reflections collected                       | 49056                                                                        | 11770                                                                                                         | 27615                                                                            | 49426                                                                            |
| Independent reflections                     | 13068<br>[Rint = 0.0611, Rsigma = 0.0587]                                    | 5658<br>[Rint = 0.0529, Rsigma = 0.0934]                                                                      | 13245<br>[Rint = 0.0331, Rsigma = 0.0536]                                        | 11937<br>[Rint = 0.0710, Rsigma = 0.0723]                                        |
| Data/restraints/parameters                  | 13068/293/903                                                                | 5658/272/475                                                                                                  | 13245/726/967                                                                    | 11937/368/940                                                                    |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>           | 1.027                                                                        | 1.006                                                                                                         | 1.032                                                                            | 1.039                                                                            |
| Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]                 | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0631<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1596                          | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0545<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1150                                                           | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0766<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2147                              | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0527<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1135                              |
| Final R indexes [all data]                  | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1146<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1915                          | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1081<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1385                                                           | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1090<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2412                              | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0895<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1302                              |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> | 1.11/-0.49                                                                   | 0.40/-0.37                                                                                                    | 2.45/-1.12                                                                       | 0.50/-0.24                                                                       |
| Flack parameter                             |                                                                              |                                                                                                               |                                                                                  | 0.007(9)                                                                         |

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) in the crystal structures of the Tetradentate N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> complexes.

| (6DFNiCl) <sub>2</sub>   |     |                  |            | 6DFCuCl |     |     |            | (6DF) <sub>2</sub> Zn |     |    |           |
|--------------------------|-----|------------------|------------|---------|-----|-----|------------|-----------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Cl1                      | Ni1 | Cl1 <sup>a</sup> | 81.95(4)   | Cl1     | Cu1 | S1  | 86.48(8)   | N1                    | Zn1 | N2 | 96.67(19) |
| Cl11                     | Ni1 | S1               | 92.89(5)   | Cl1     | Cu1 | S2  | 100.53(8)  | N1                    | Zn1 | N3 | 111.4(2)  |
| Cl1                      | Ni1 | S1               | 89.59(5)   | S1      | Cu1 | S2  | 87.80(7)   | N1                    | Zn1 | N4 | 115.7(2)  |
| S2                       | Ni1 | Cl1              | 168.27(5)  | N1      | Cu1 | Cl1 | 143.95(16) | N2                    | Zn1 | N3 | 118.3(2)  |
| S2                       | Ni1 | Cl1 <sup>a</sup> | 86.53(5)   | N1      | Cu1 | S1  | 93.41(14)  | N2                    | Zn1 | N4 | 118.1(2)  |
| S2                       | Ni1 | S1               | 93.23(5)   | N1      | Cu1 | S2  | 115.49(15) | N3                    | Zn1 | N4 | 97.83(19) |
| N1                       | Ni1 | Cl1 <sup>a</sup> | 173.69(11) | N2      | Cu1 | Cl1 | 92.64(15)  |                       |     |    |           |
| N1                       | Ni1 | Cl1              | 93.45(11)  | N2      | Cu1 | S1  | 171.79(15) |                       |     |    |           |
| N1                       | Ni1 | S1               | 82.73(11)  | N2      | Cu1 | S2  | 84.34(15)  |                       |     |    |           |
| N1                       | Ni1 | S2               | 98.20(11)  | N2      | Cu1 | N1  | 92.10(19)  |                       |     |    |           |
| N2                       | Ni1 | Cl1              | 94.61(11)  | Cl2     | Cu2 | S3  | 85.89(7)   |                       |     |    |           |
| N2                       | Ni1 | Cl1 <sup>a</sup> | 98.01(11)  | Cl2     | Cu2 | S4  | 107.11(7)  |                       |     |    |           |
| N2                       | Ni1 | S1               | 168.77(11) | S3      | Cu2 | S4  | 96.58(6)   |                       |     |    |           |
| N2                       | Ni1 | S2               | 84.74(11)  | N3      | Cu2 | Cl2 | 93.15(15)  |                       |     |    |           |
| N2                       | Ni1 | N1               | 86.62(15)  | N3      | Cu2 | S3  | 178.83(15) |                       |     |    |           |
| <sup>a</sup> 1-X,1-Y,1-Z |     |                  |            | N3      | Cu2 | S4  | 83.06(15)  |                       |     |    |           |
|                          |     |                  |            | N3      | Cu2 | N4  | 90.7(2)    |                       |     |    |           |
|                          |     |                  |            | N4      | Cu2 | Cl2 | 142.87(16) |                       |     |    |           |
|                          |     |                  |            | N4      | Cu2 | S3  | 90.52(14)  |                       |     |    |           |
|                          |     |                  |            | N4      | Cu2 | S4  | 110.02(15) |                       |     |    |           |

Table S3. Selected bond lengths (Å) of dipyrins units in the crystal structures.



| Bonds | 6DFH               | (6DFNiCl) <sub>2</sub> | 6DFCuCl            | (6DF) <sub>2</sub> Zn |
|-------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1     | 1.383(3) /1.387(4) | 1.393(6)               | 1.386(7) /1.384(7) | 1.396(7) /1.399(7)    |
| 2     | 1.351(4) /1.353(4) | 1.340(6)               | 1.352(7) /1.356(7) | 1.354(8) /1.340(8)    |
| 3     | 1.403(4) /1.388(5) | 1.439(6)               | 1.436(8) /1.418(9) | 1.416(8) /1.434(9)    |
| 4     | 1.375(4) /1.383(5) | 1.347(7)               | 1.346(9) /1.355(9) | 1.347(9) /1.369(10)   |
| 5     | 1.404(4) /1.384(4) | 1.427(6)               | 1.404(8) /1.426(8) | 1.425(9) /1.408(9)    |
| 6     | 1.409(4) /1.431(4) | 1.397(6)               | 1.407(8) /1.401(8) | 1.396(9) /1.413(9)    |
| 7     | 1.396(4) /1.371(4) | 1.397(6)               | 1.381(8) /1.379(8) | 1.398(9) /1.388(8)    |
| 8     | 1.432(4) /1.443(4) | 1.420(7)               | 1.418(8) /1.432(8) | 1.424(9)/ 1.431(9)    |
| 9     | 1.335(4) /1.347(4) | 1.370(7)               | 1.359(9) /1.346(9) | 1.375(10)/ 1.360(9)   |
| 10    | 1.359(4) /1.446(4) | 1.426(7)               | 1.423(9) /1.410(8) | 1.422(9)/ 1.420(9)    |
| 11    | 1.335(4) /1.319(4) | 1.343(6)               | 1.342(7) /1.340(7) | 1.355(8) /1.338(7)    |
| 12    | 1.391(3) /1.401(3) | 1.387(5)               | 1.402(7) /1.391(7) | 1.388(7) /1.413(7)    |