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## Synthesis, spectroscopic and structural properties of Sn(II) and Pb(II) triflate complexes with soft phosphine and arsine coordination

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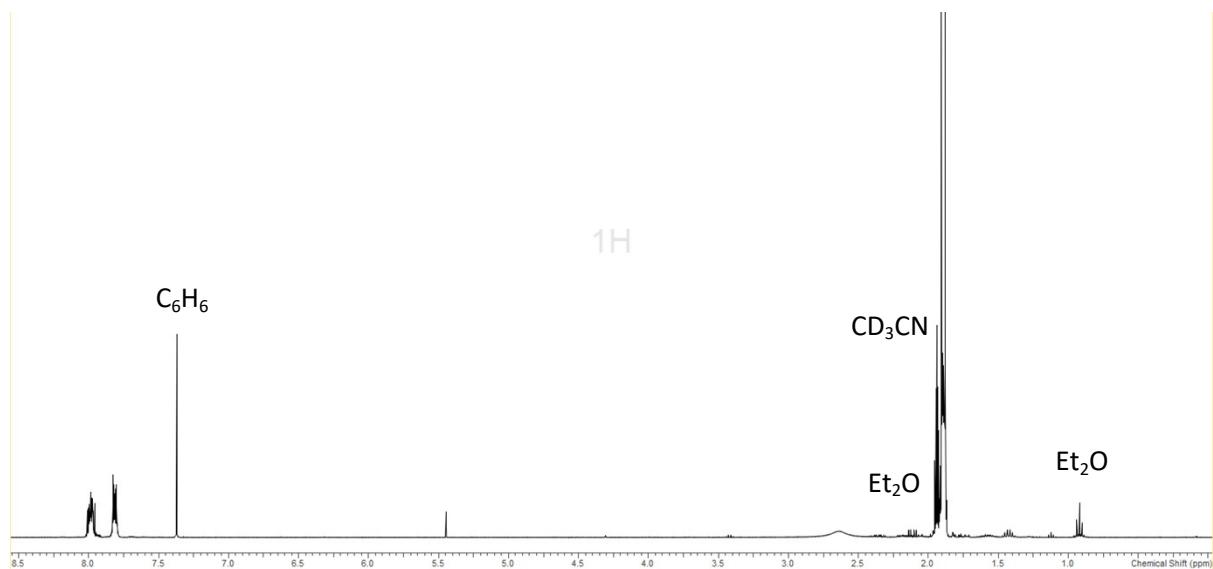
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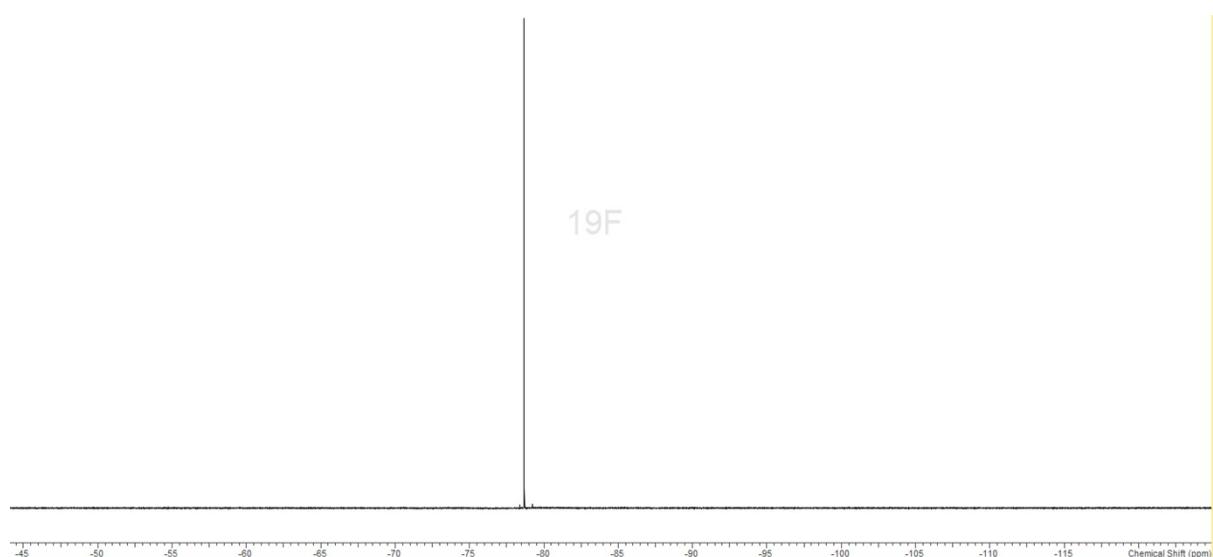
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**Figure S1 – [Sn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>{*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(PMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>}]**

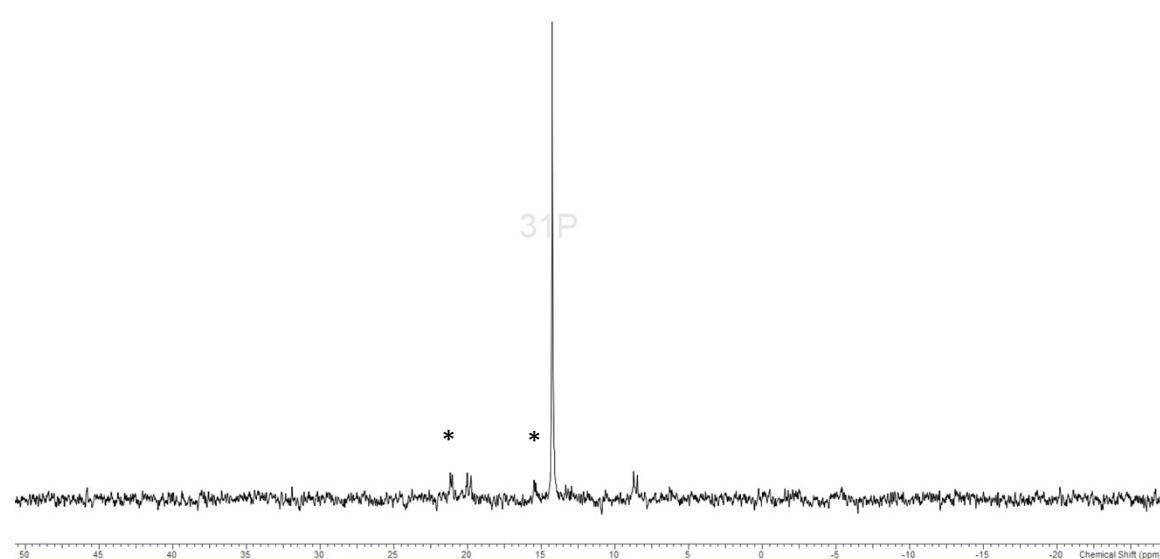
S1.1 – <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (298 K, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)



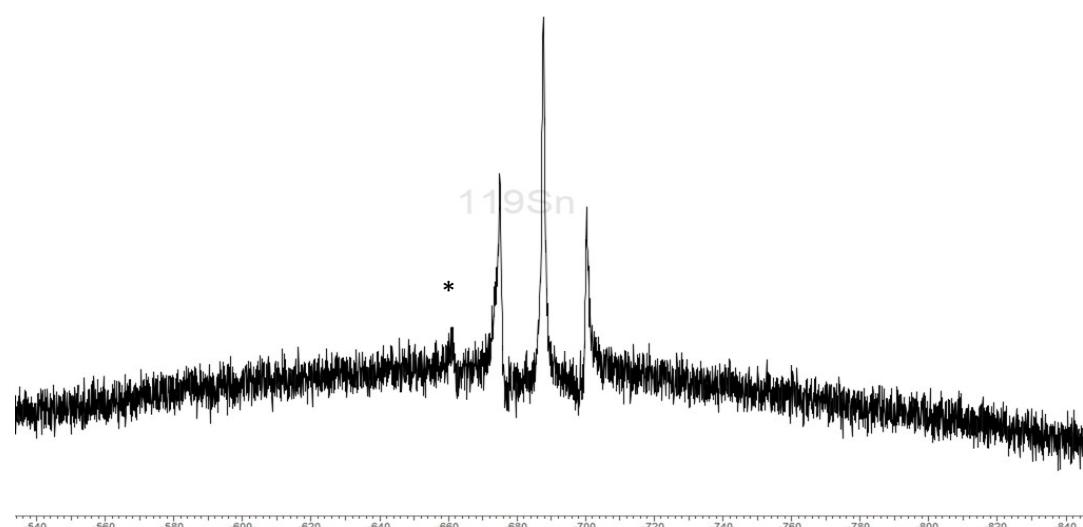
S1.2 – <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (298 K, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)



S1.3 –  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) \* = unidentified impurity



S1.4 –  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) \* = unidentified impurity

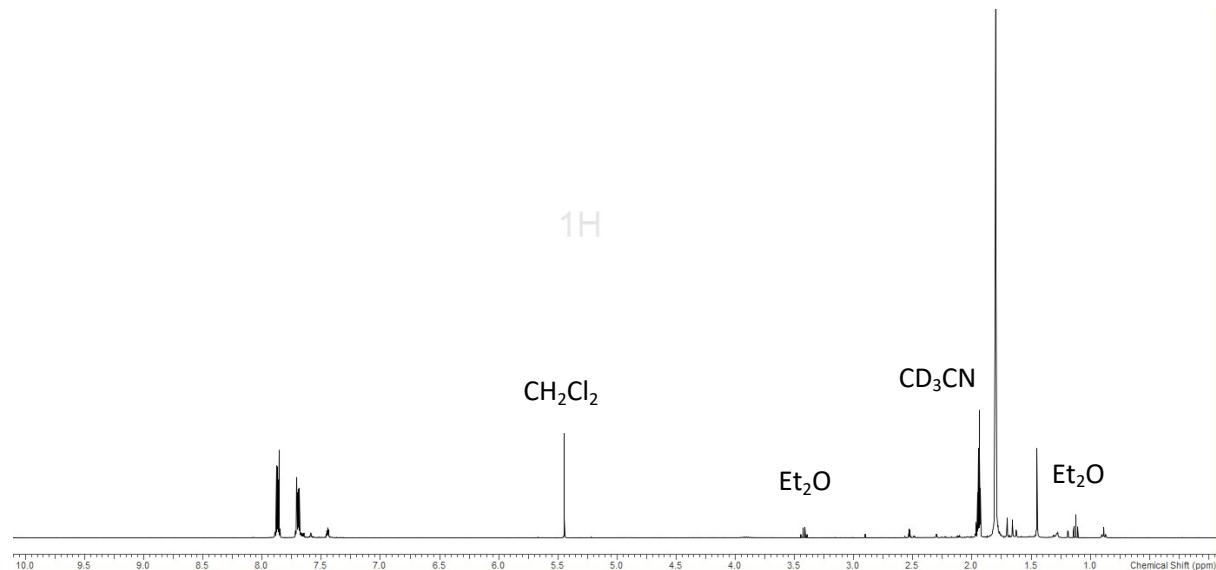


S1.5 – IR spectrum (Nujol)

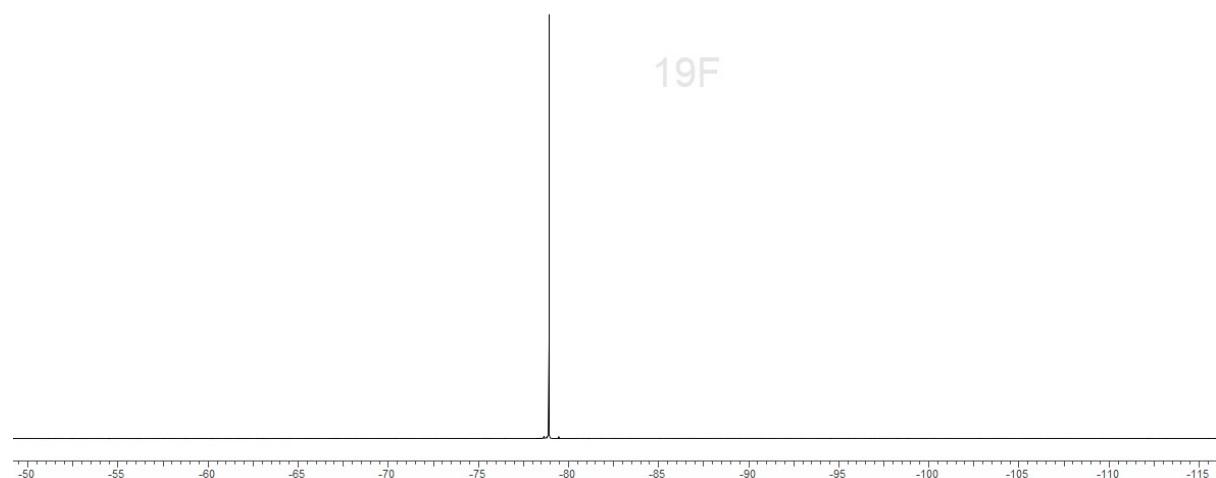


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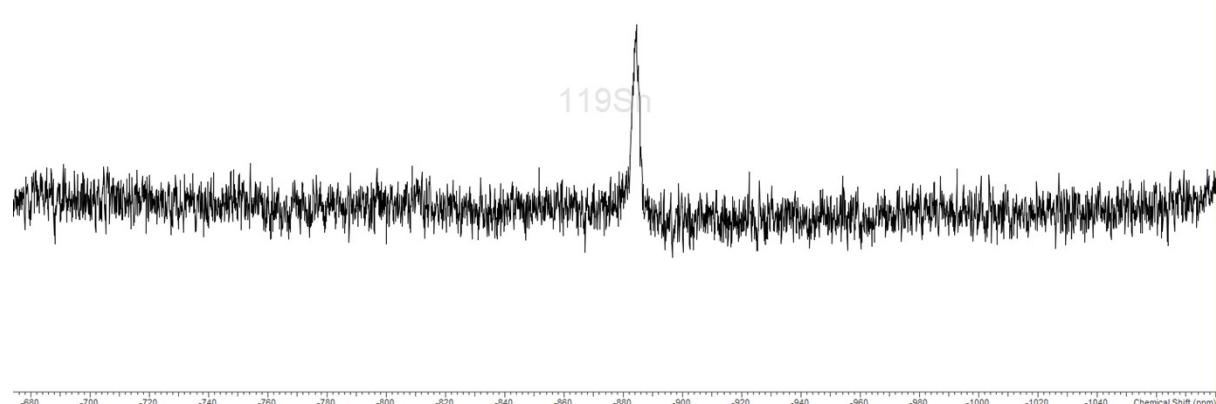
S2.1 – <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (298 K, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)



S2.2 – <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (298 K, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)

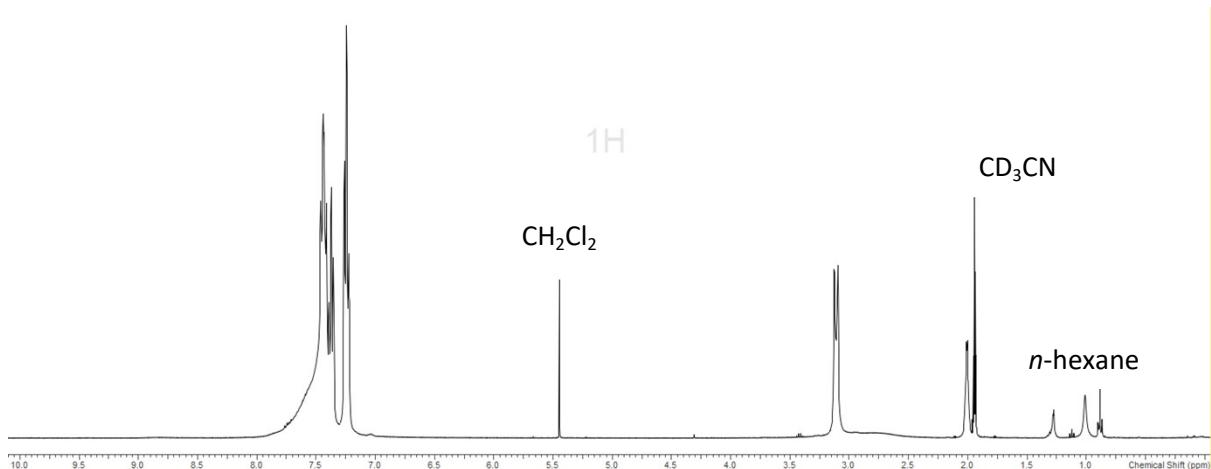


S2.3 – <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR spectrum (258 K, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)

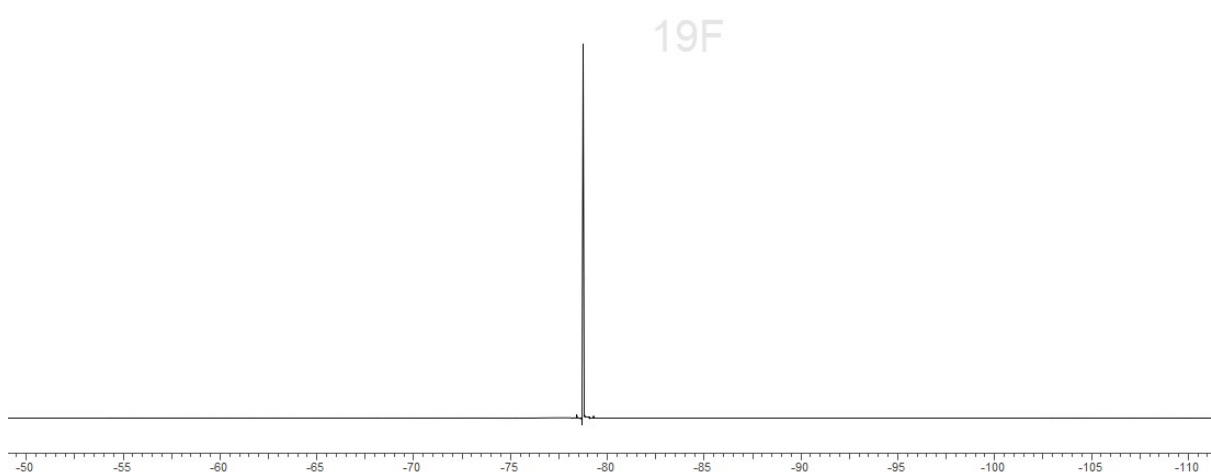


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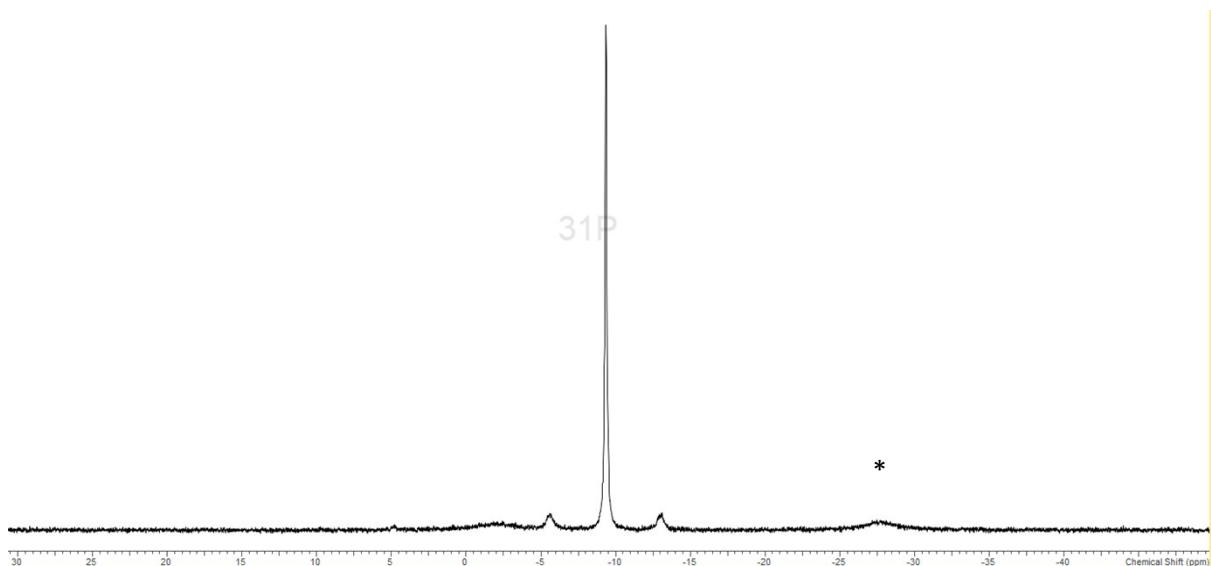
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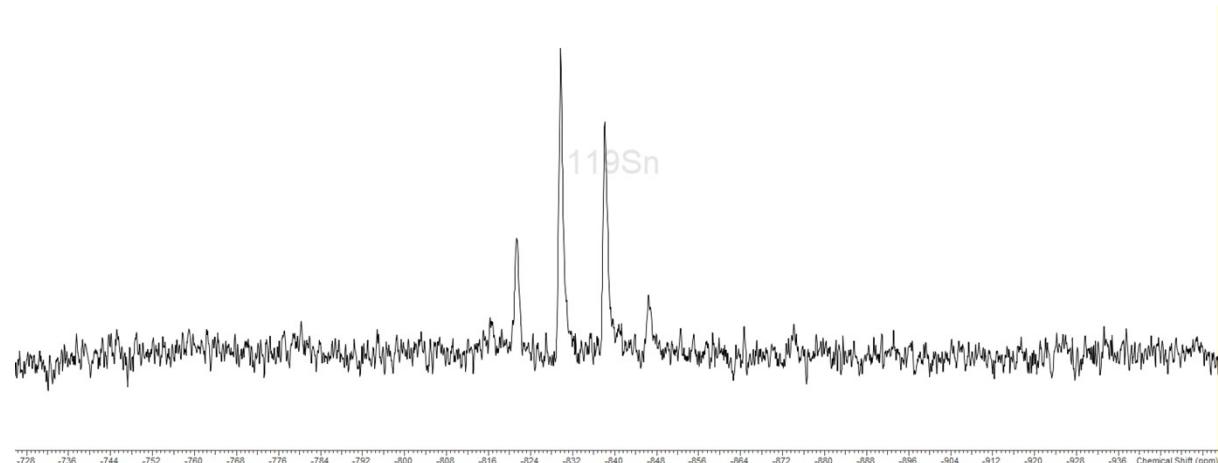
S3.2 –  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



S3.3 –  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) \* = unidentified impurity



S3.4 –  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )

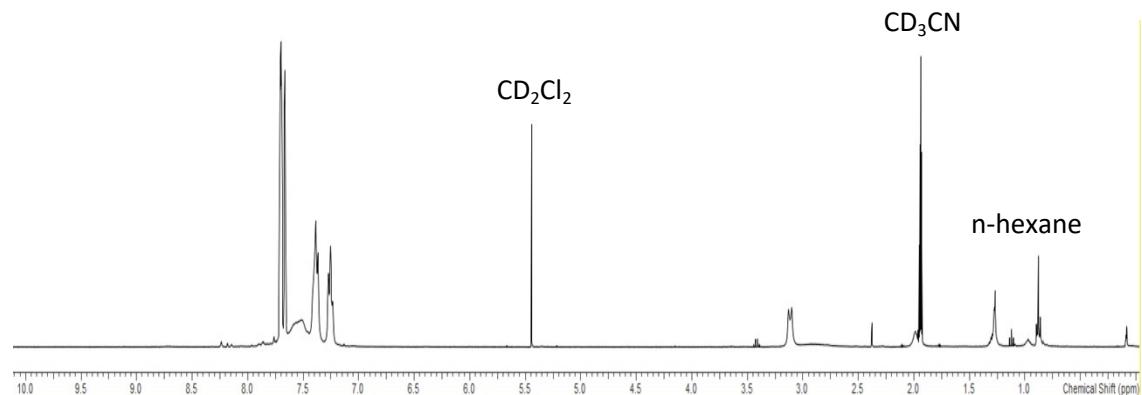


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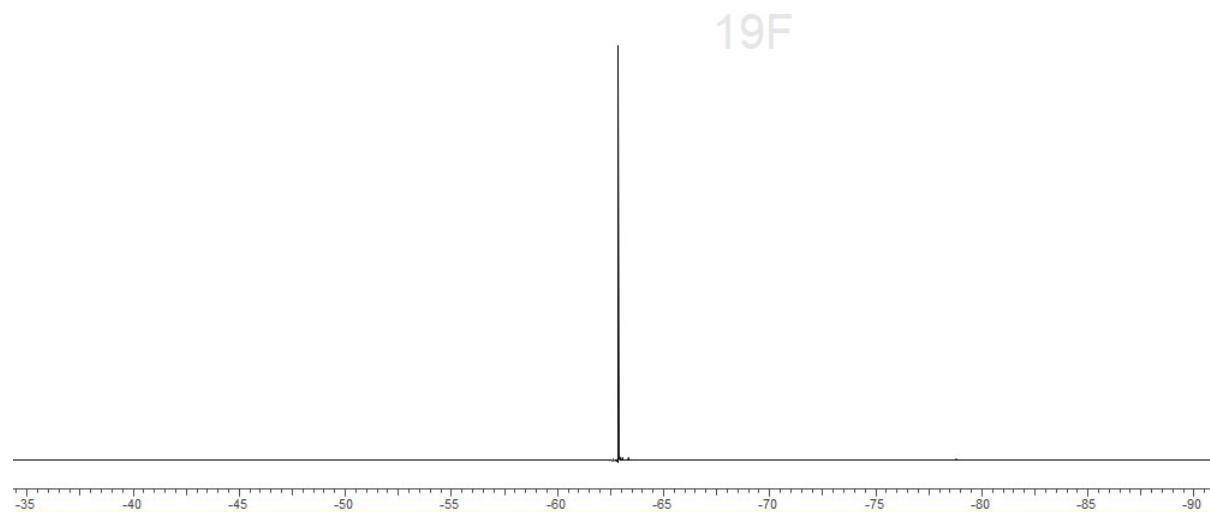


**Figure S4 –  $[\text{Sn}\{\text{MeC}(\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_3\}][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]_2$**

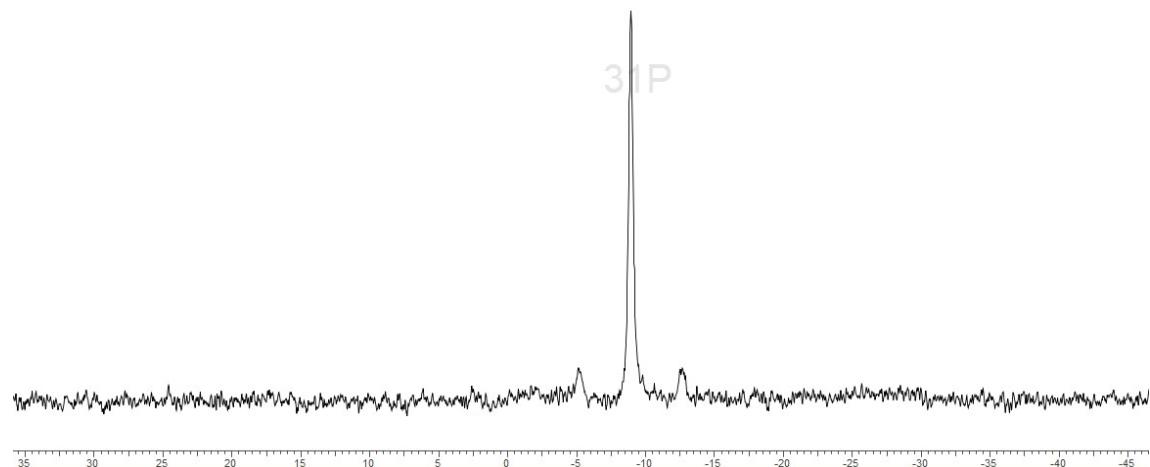
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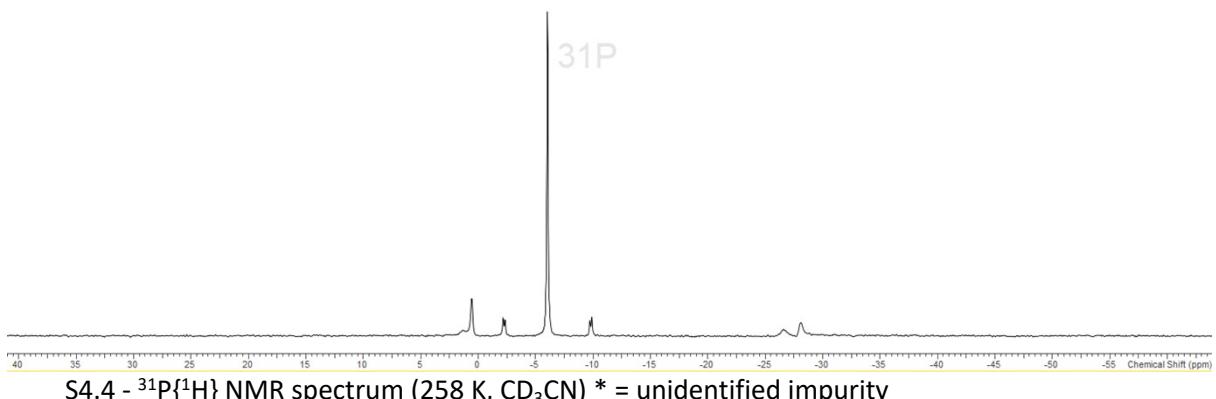


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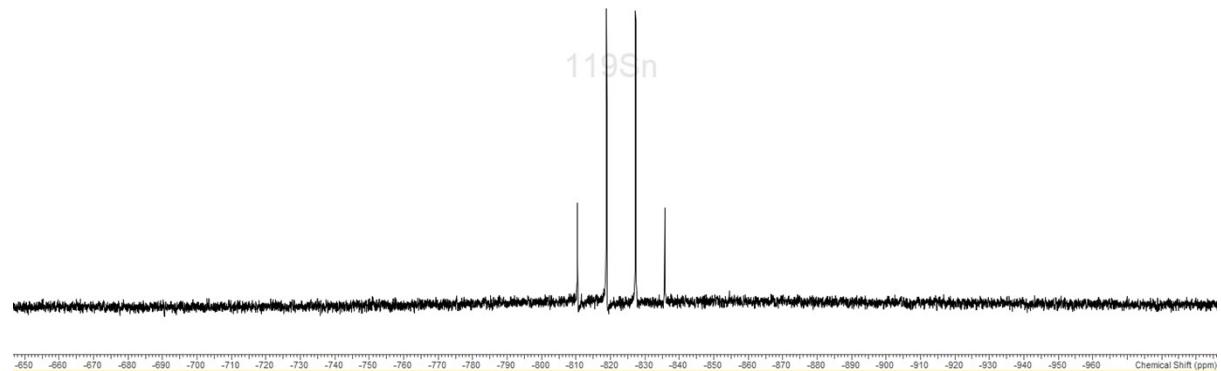
S4.3 –  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



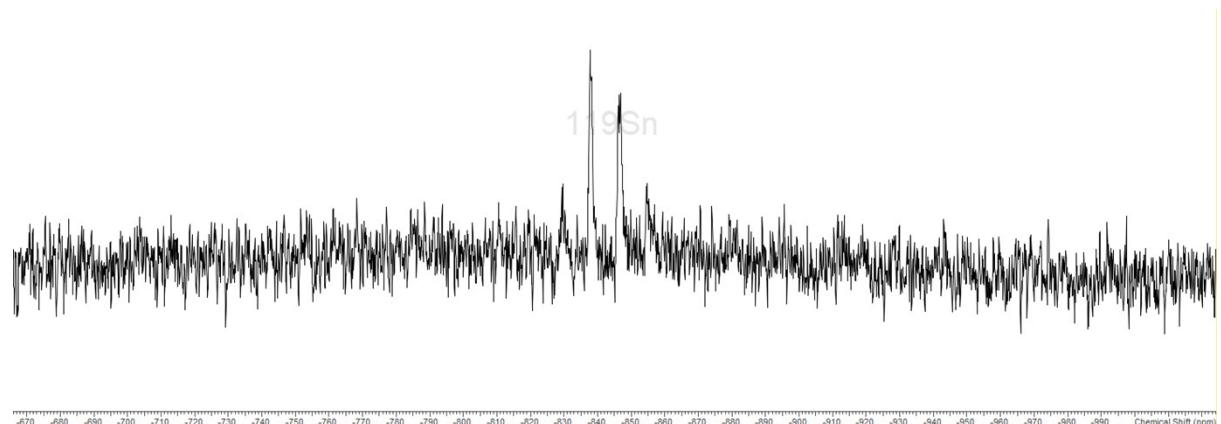


S4.4 –  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (258 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) \* = unidentified impurity

S4.5 –  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



S4.6 –  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  NMR spectrum (258 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )

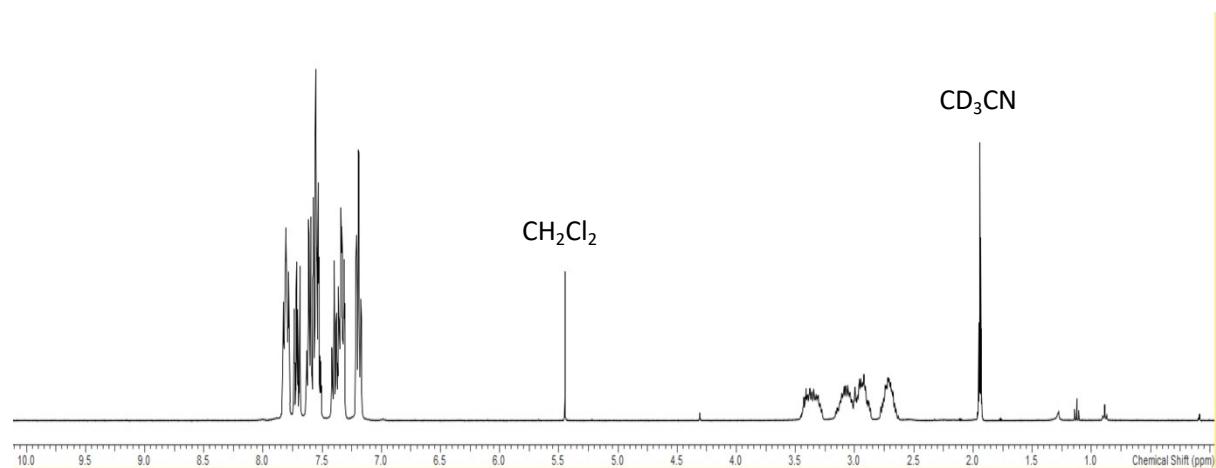


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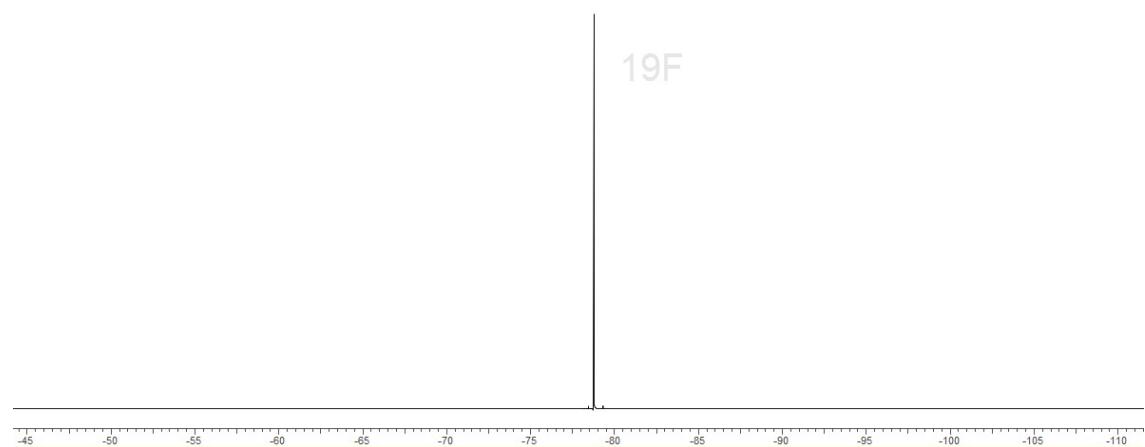


**Figure S5 – [Sn(OTf){PhP(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>}][OTf]**

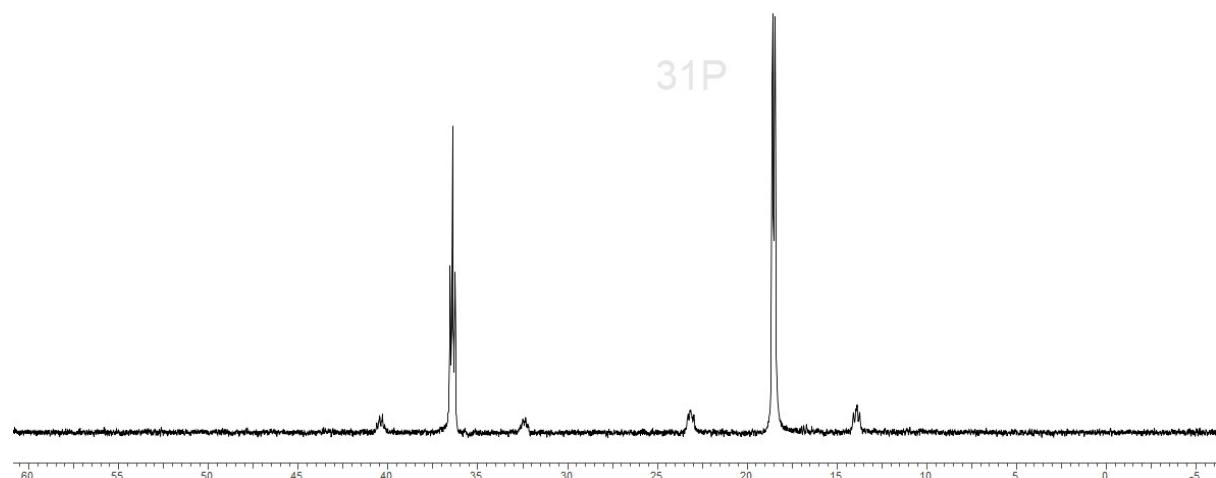
S5.1 – <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (298 K, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)



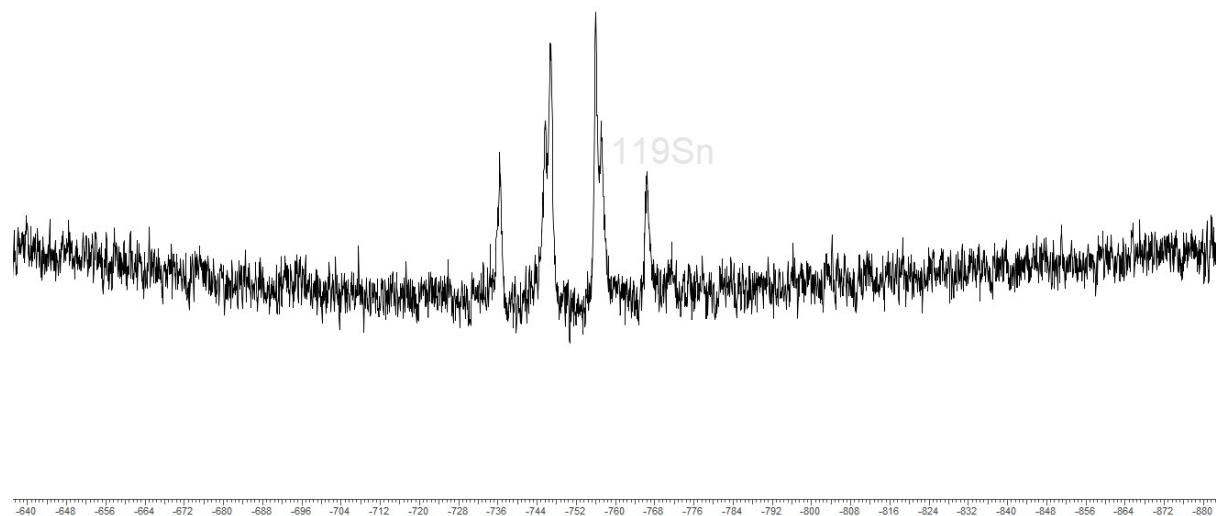
S5.2 – <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (298 K, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)



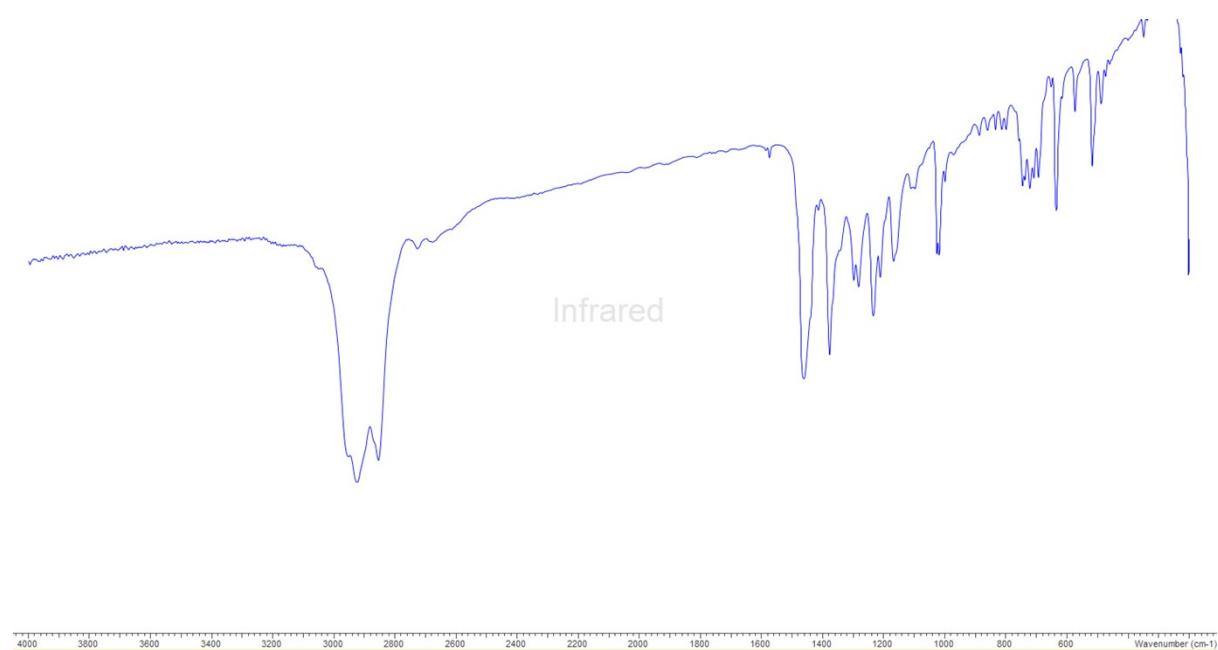
S5.3 – <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (298 K, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)



S5.4 –  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )

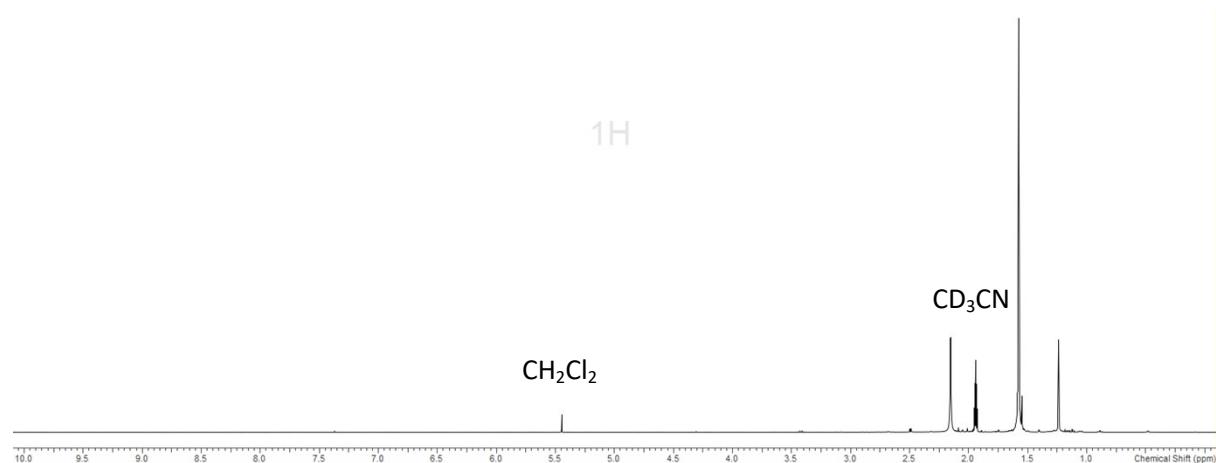


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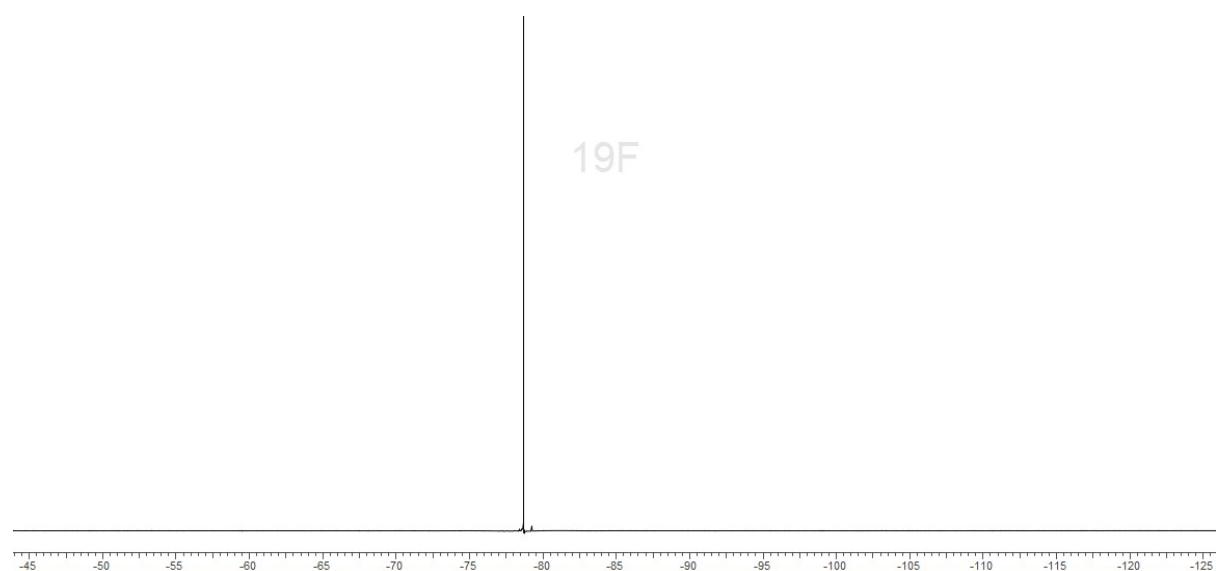


**Figure S6 – [Sn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>{MeC(CH<sub>2</sub>AsMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>}]**

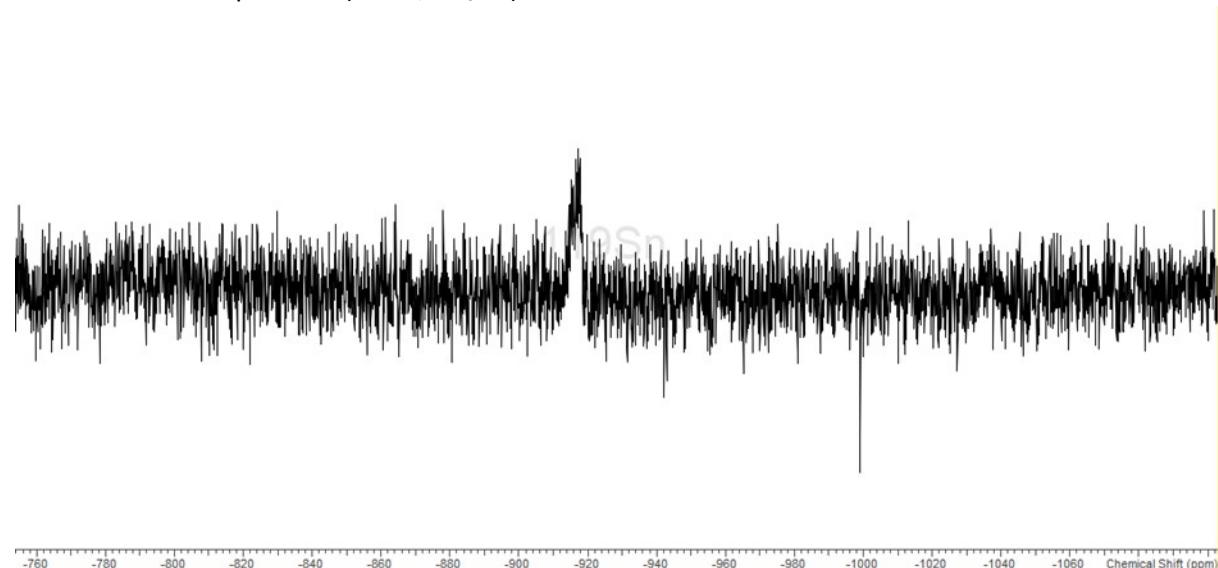
S6.1 – <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (298 K, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)



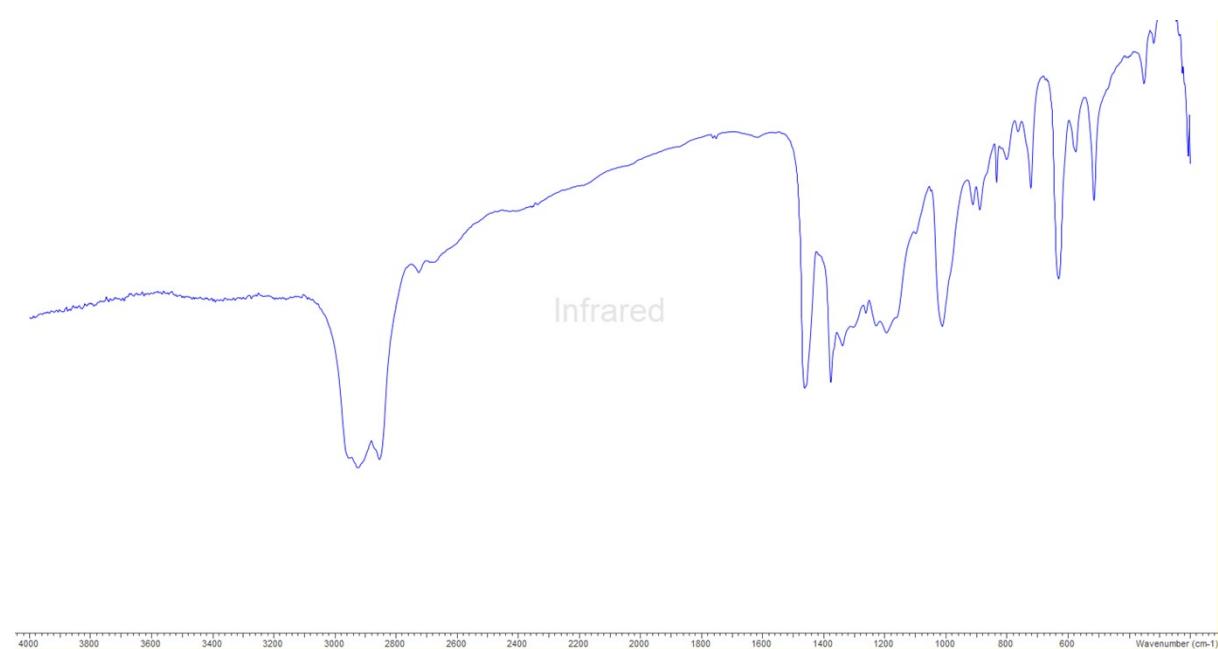
S6.2 – <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (298 K, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)



S6.3 –  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  NMR spectrum (258 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )

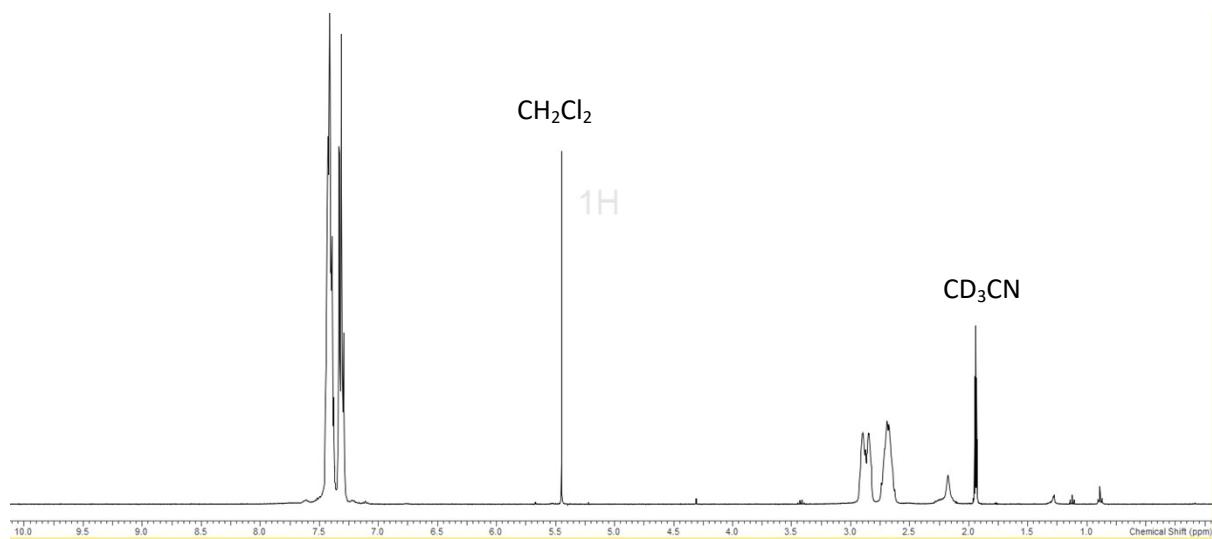


S6.4 – IR spectrum (Nujol)

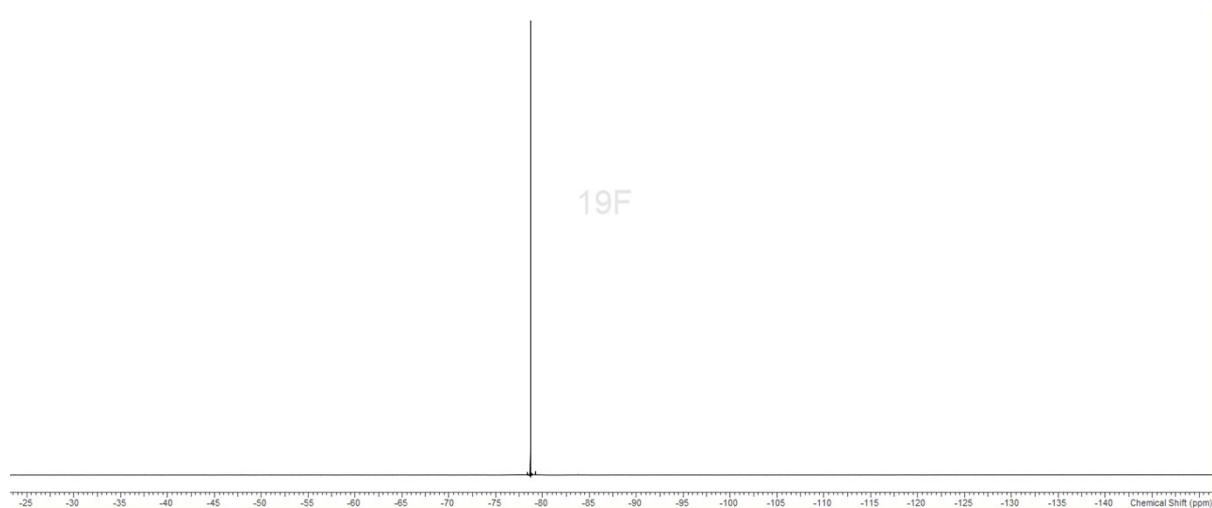


**Figure S7 -  $[\text{Sn}(\text{OTf})\{\text{P}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_3\}][\text{OTf}]$**

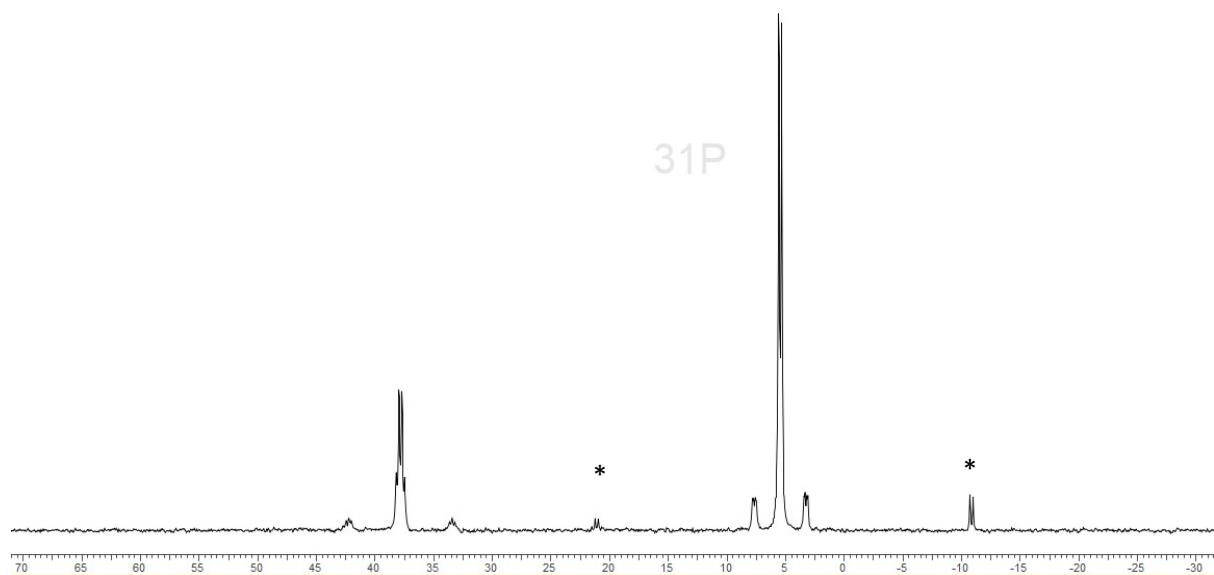
S7.1 –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



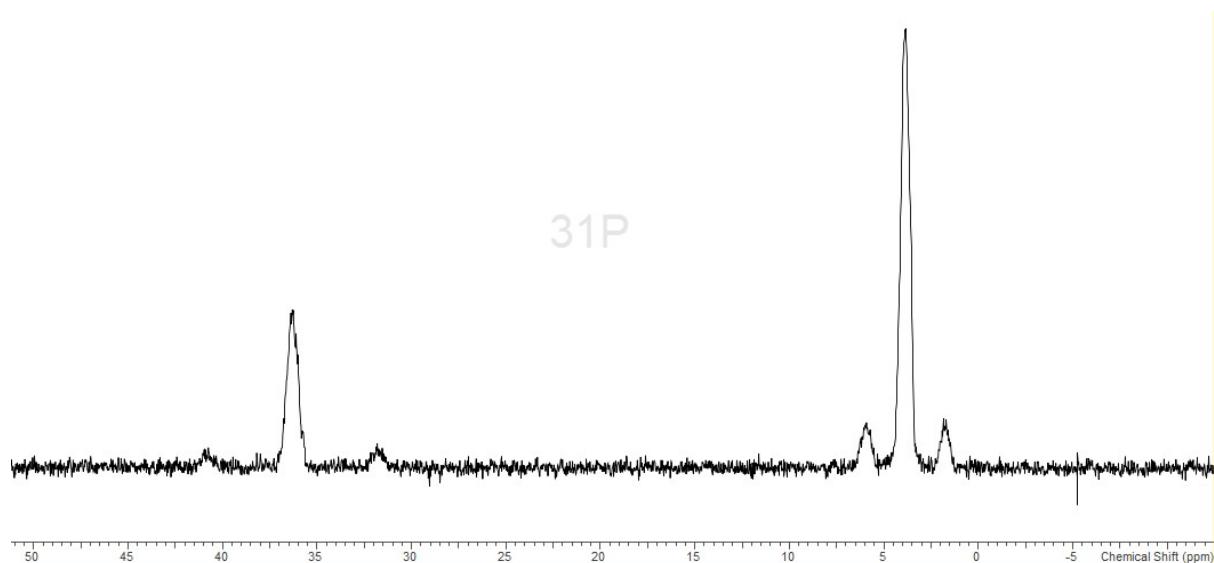
S7.2 –  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



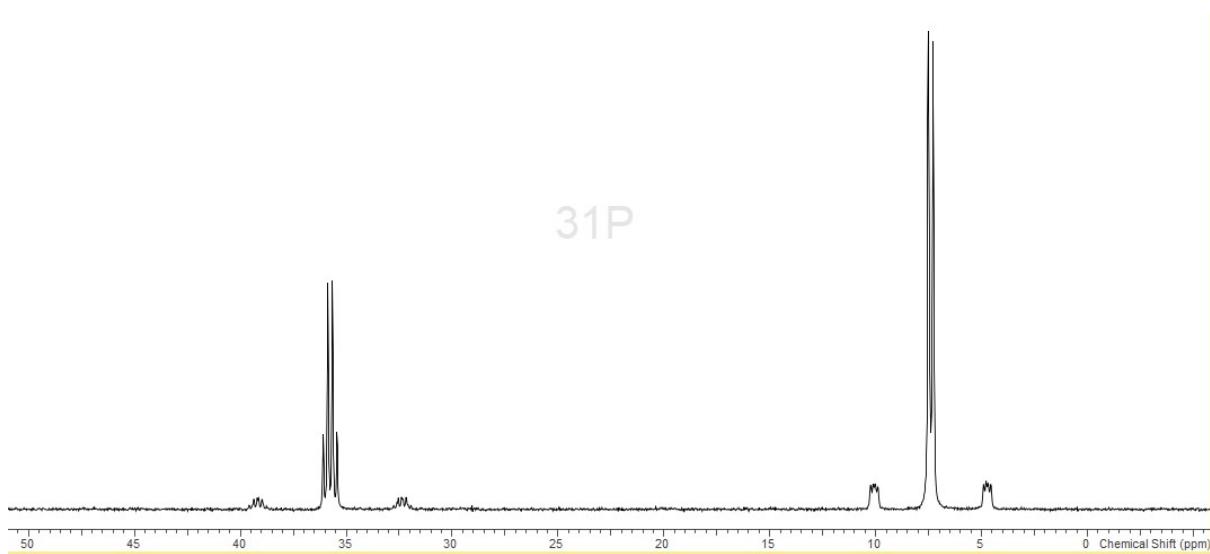
S7.3 –  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) \* = minor hydrolysis product



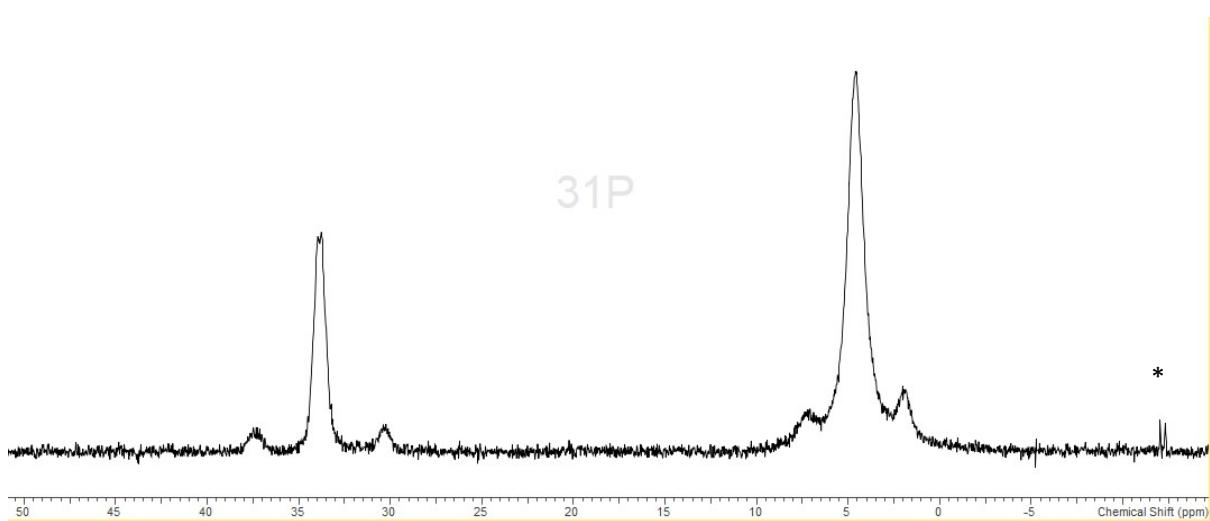
S7.4 –  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (258 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



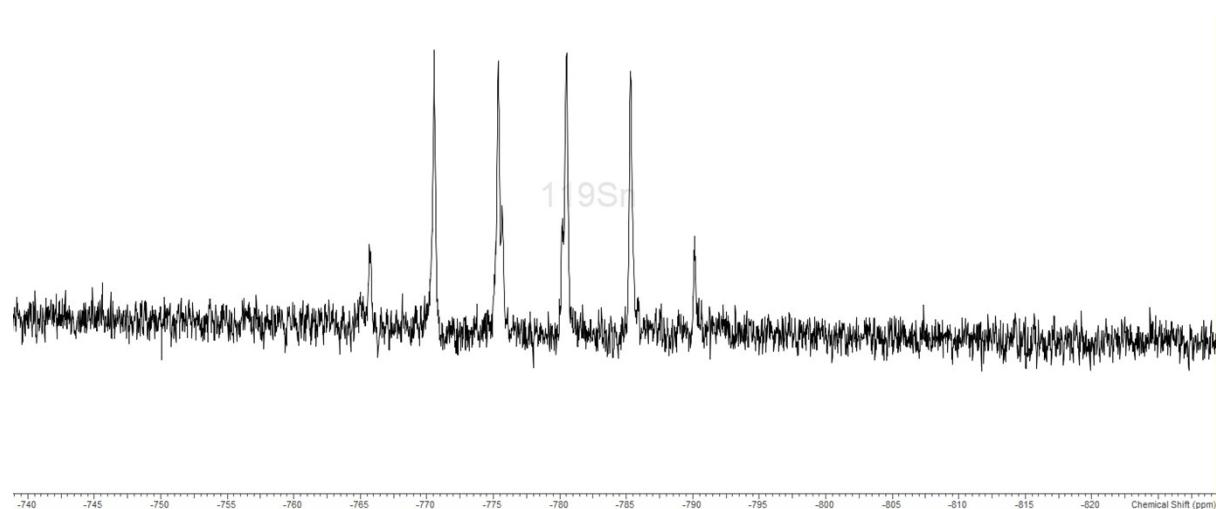
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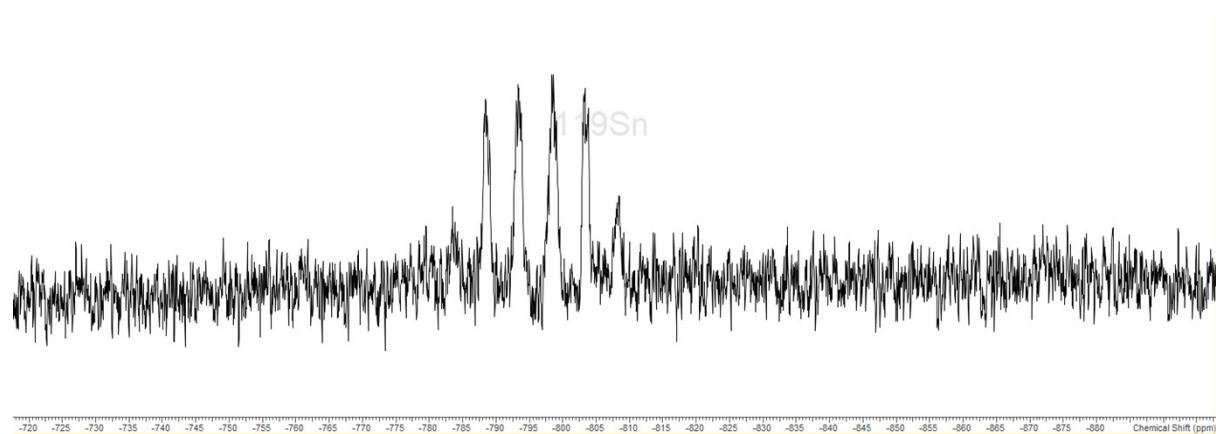
S7.6 –  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (208 K,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) \* = minor hydrolysis product



S7.7 –  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



S7.8 –  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  NMR spectrum (258 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )

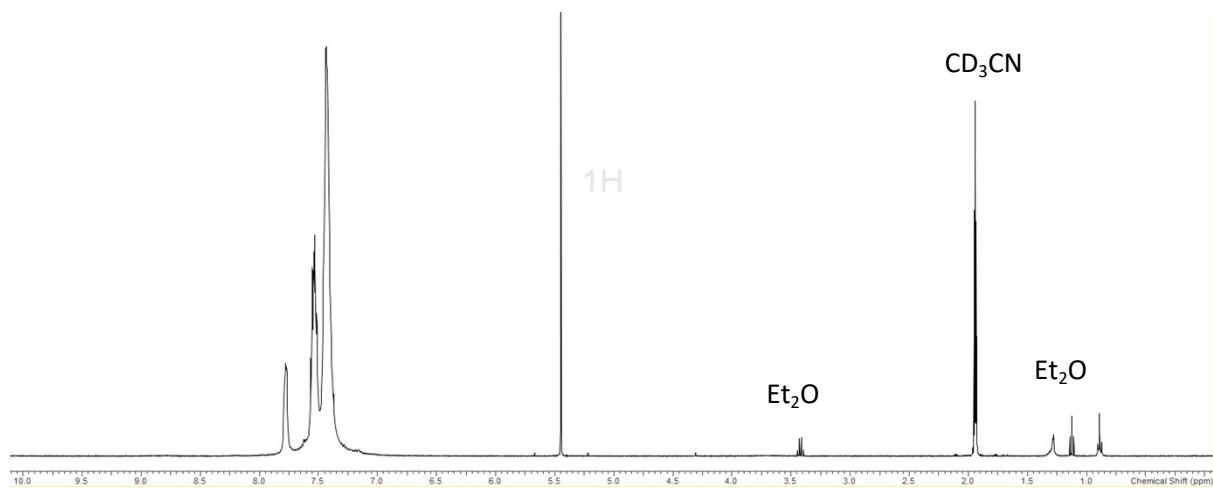


S7.9 – IR spectrum (Nujol)

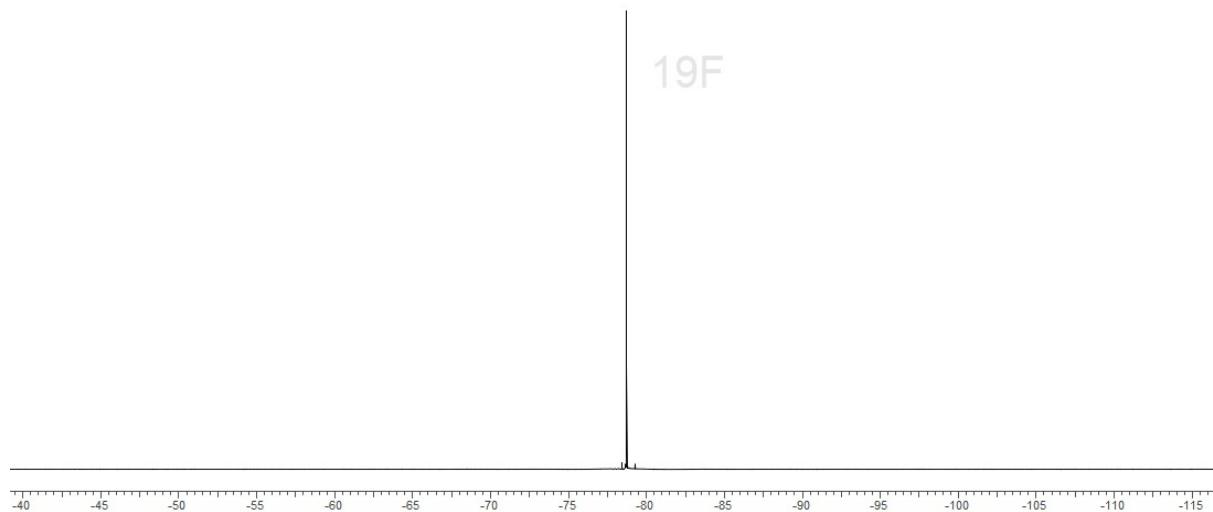


**Figure S8 – [Sn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>{*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>}]**

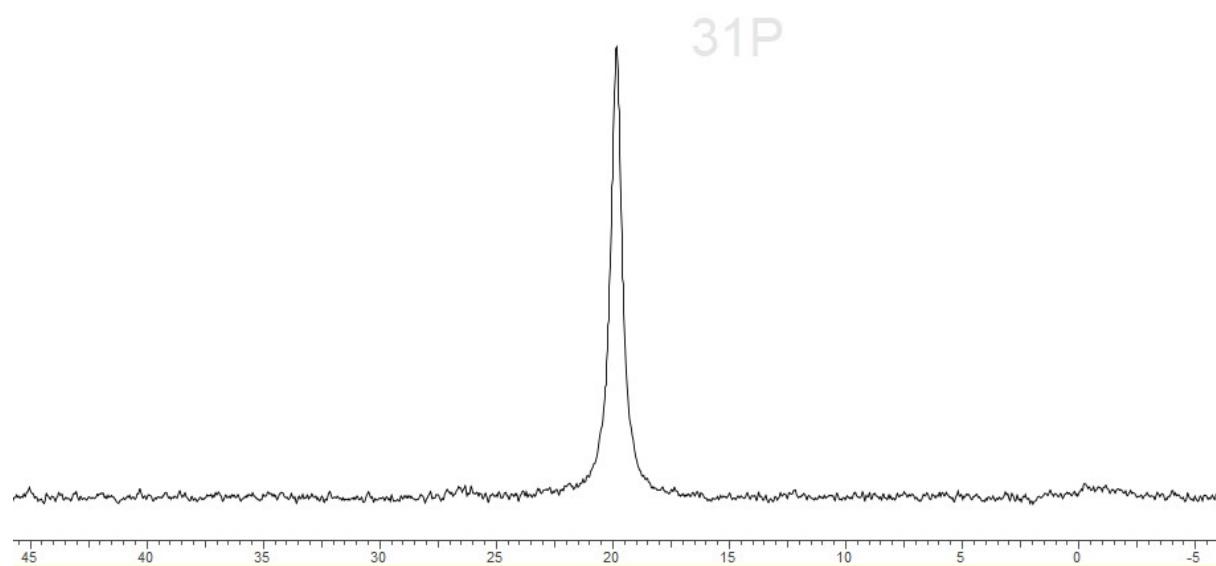
S8.1 – <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (298 K, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)      CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>



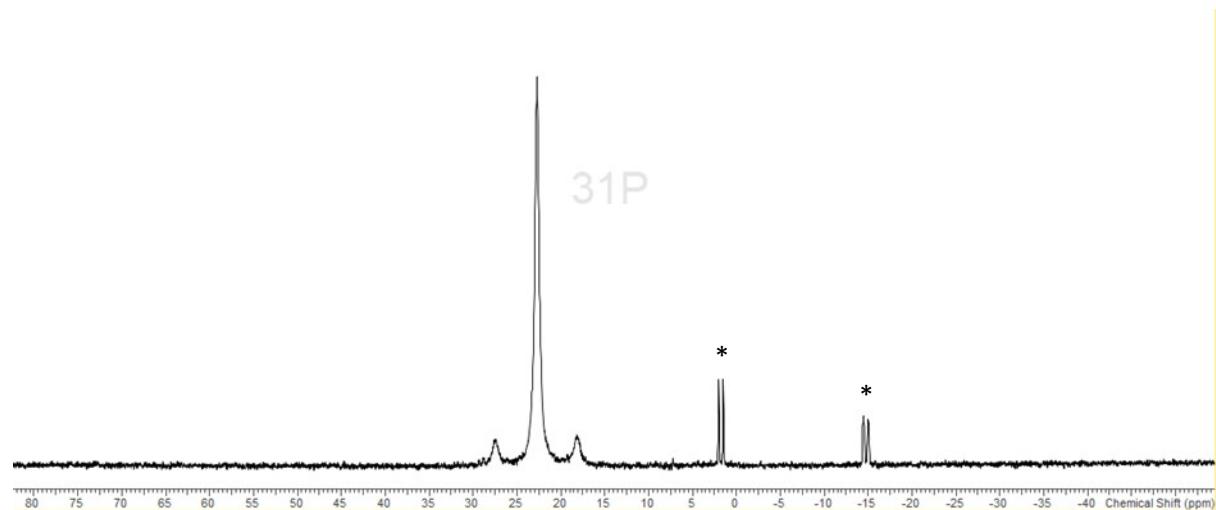
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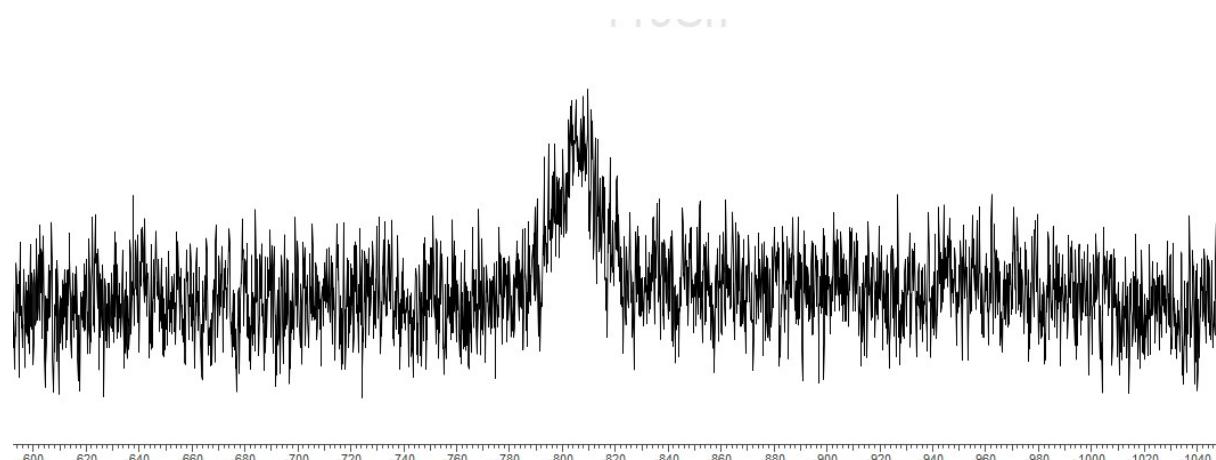
S8.3 –  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



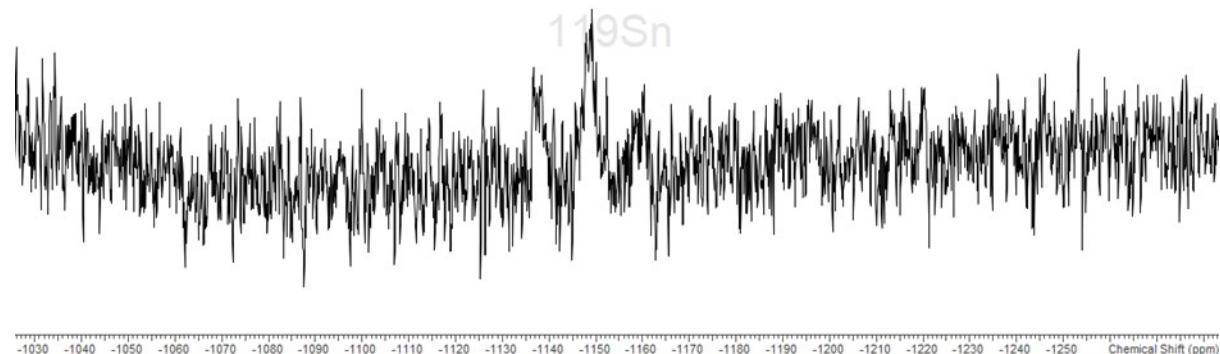
S8.4  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (258 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) \* =  $o\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{PPh}_2\text{H})(\text{PPh}_2)]^+$  hydrolysis product



S8.5 –  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



S8.6 –  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  NMR spectrum (258 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) (poorly soluble)

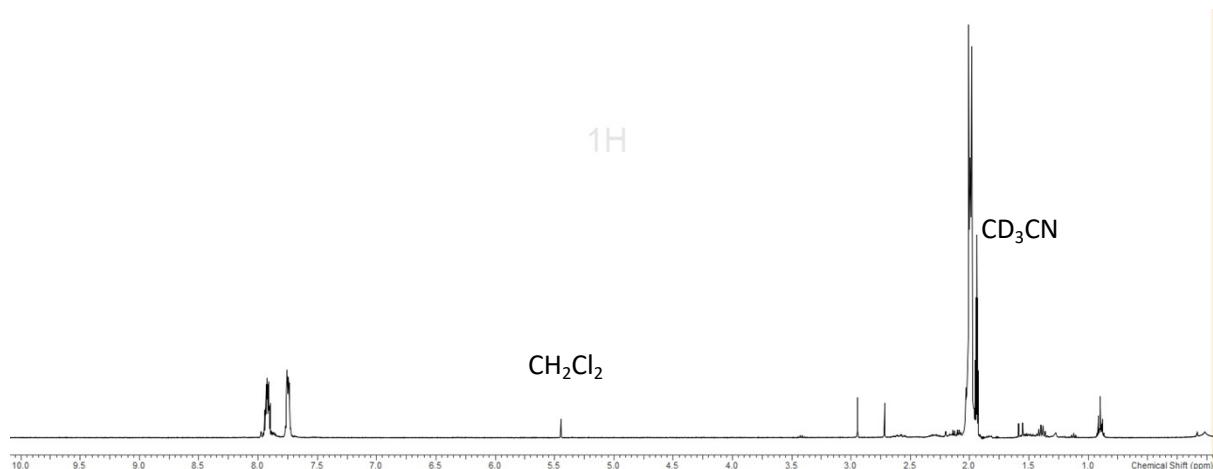


S8.7 – IR spectrum (Nujol)

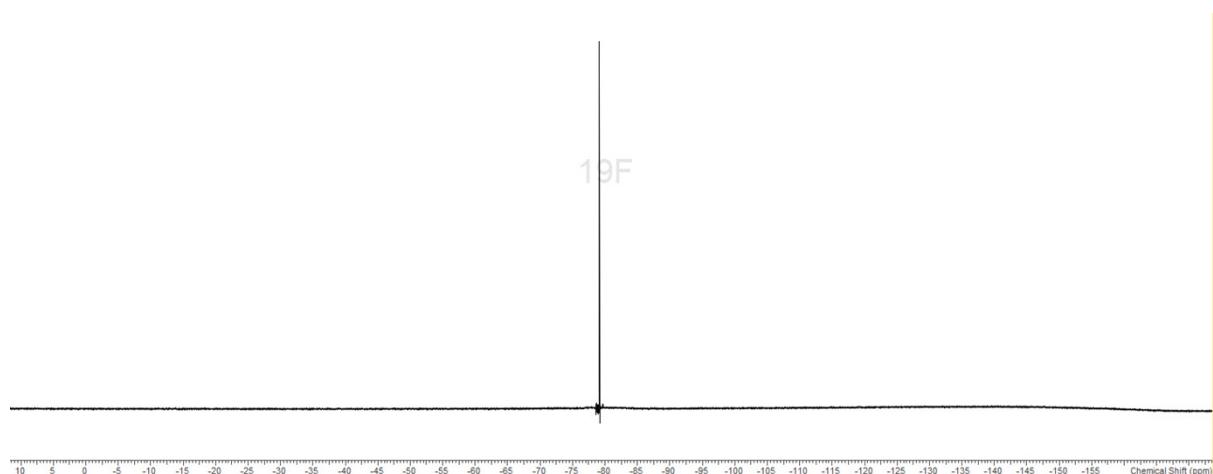


**Figure S9 –  $[\text{Pb}(\text{OTf})_2\{\text{o-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{PMe}_2)_2\}]$**

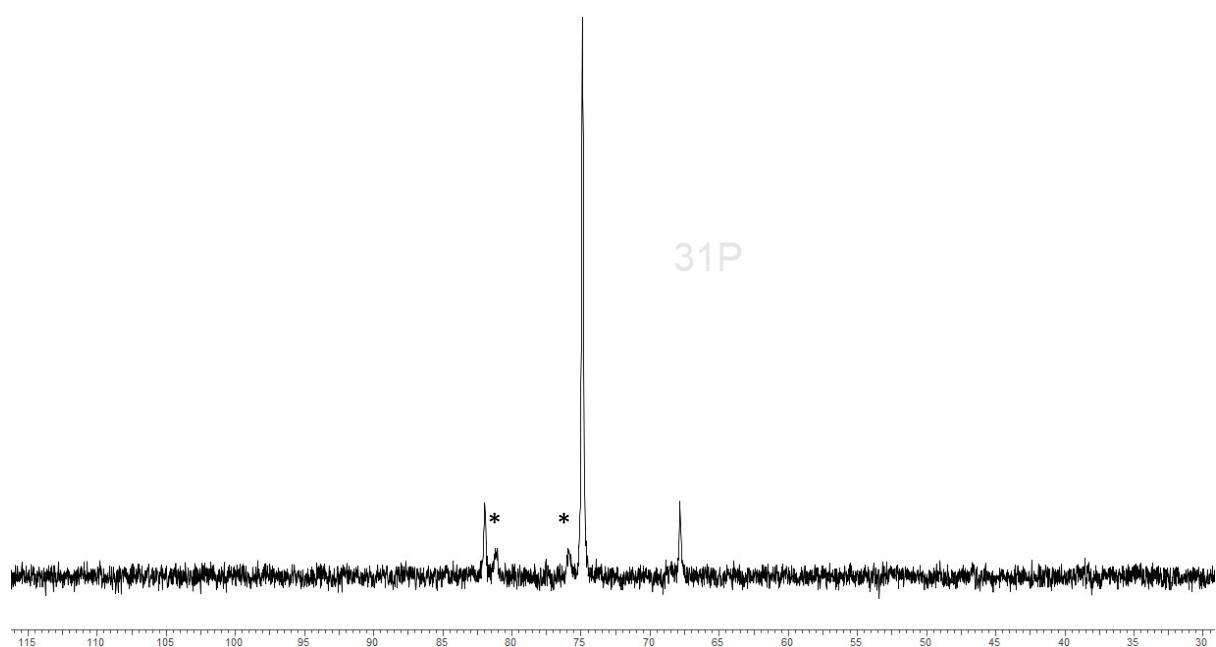
S9.1 –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



S9.2 –  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )

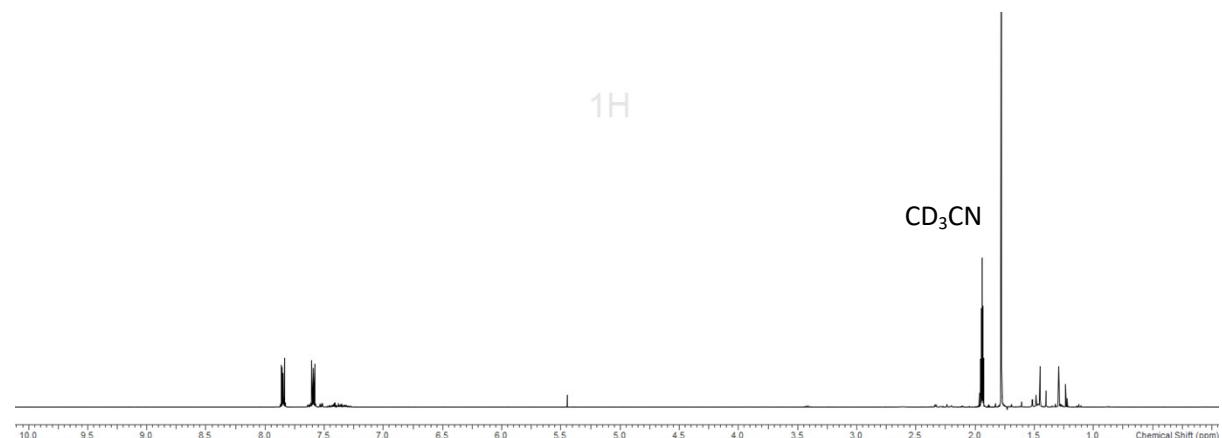


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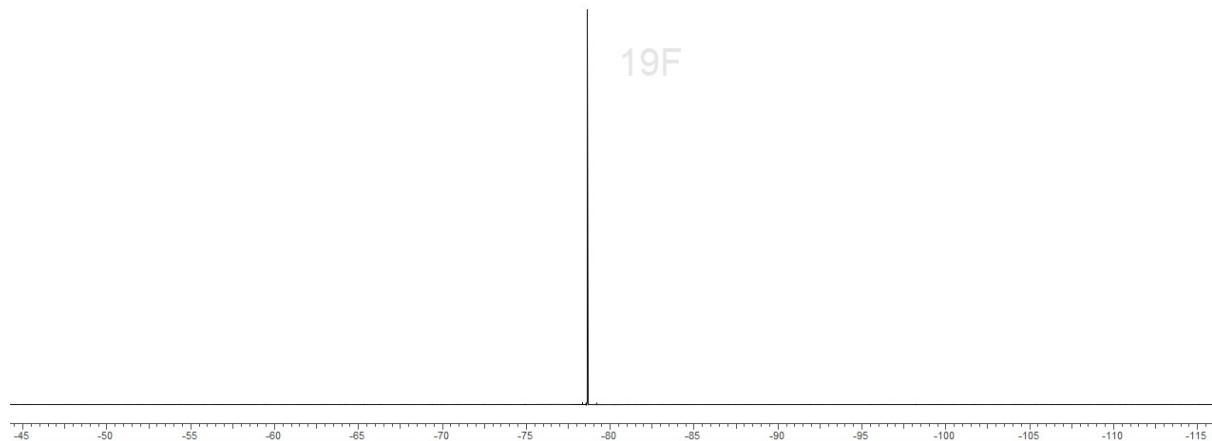


**Figure S10 –  $[\text{Pb}(\text{OTf})_2\{\text{o-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{AsMe}_2)_2\}]$**

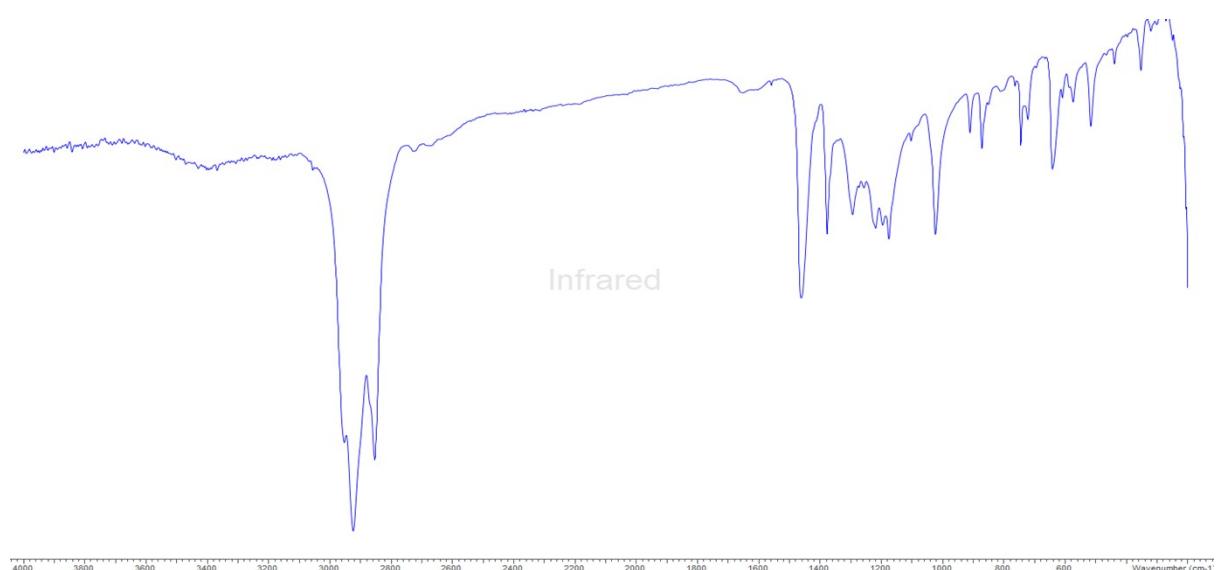
S10.1 –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



S10.2 –  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )

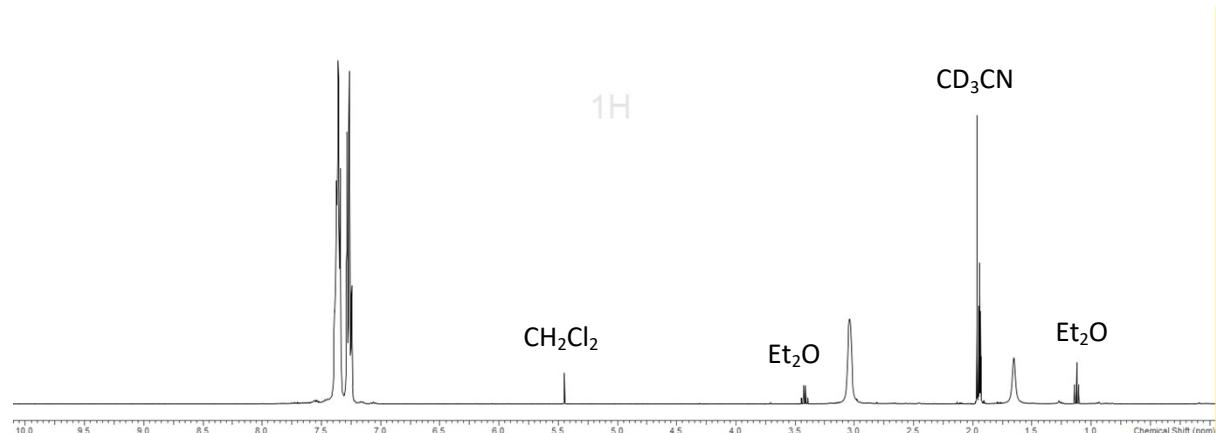


S10.3 – IR spectrum (Nujol)

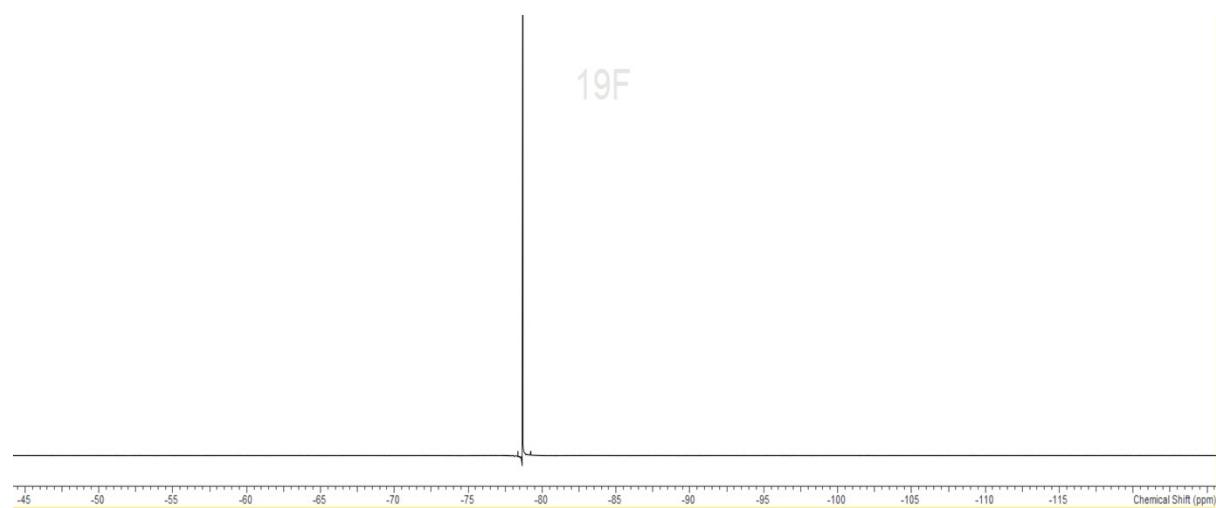


**Figure S11 –  $[\text{Pb}(\text{OTf})_2\{\text{MeC}(\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_3\}]$**

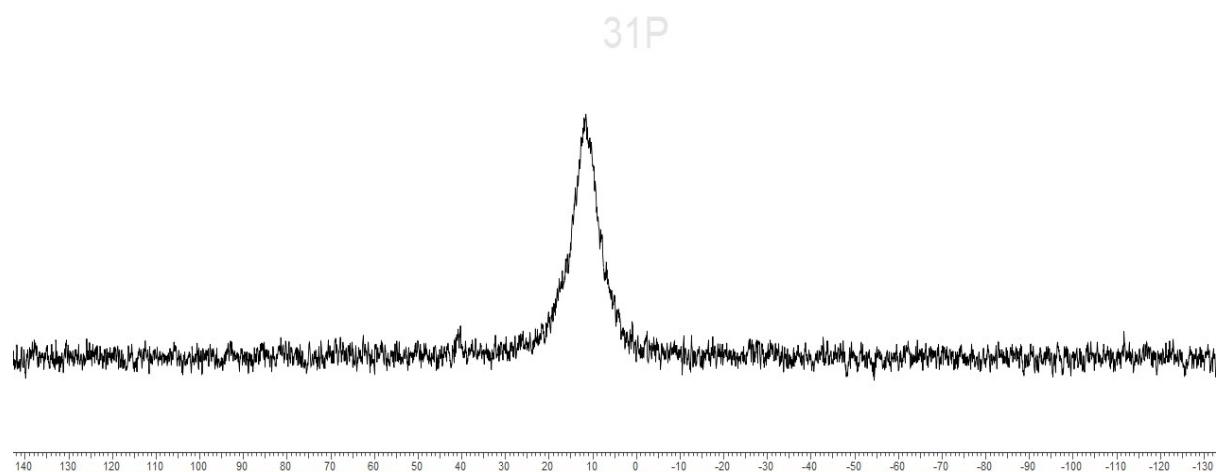
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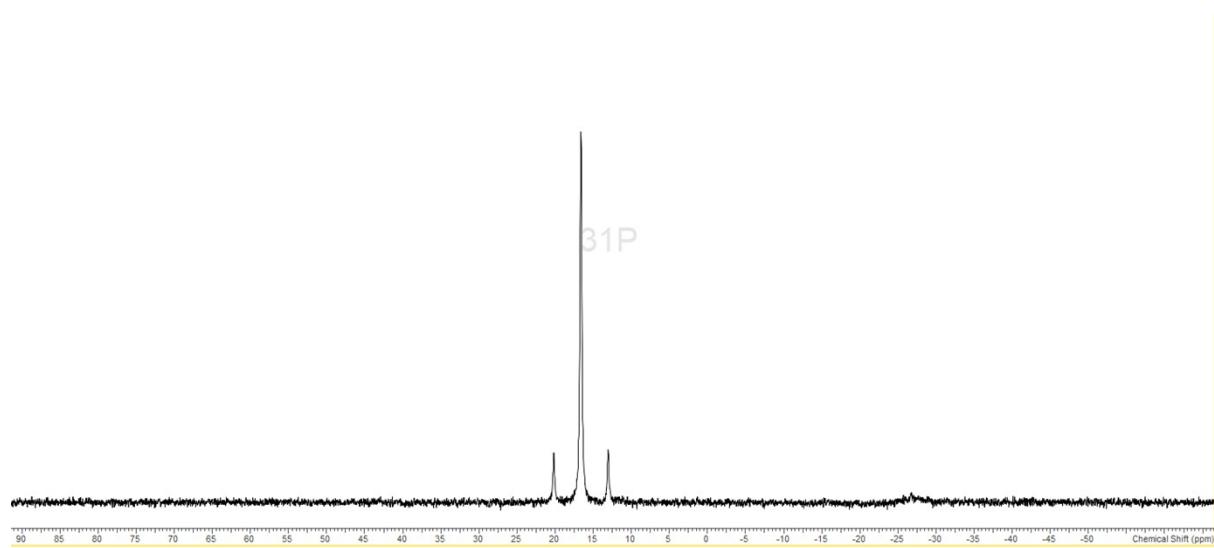
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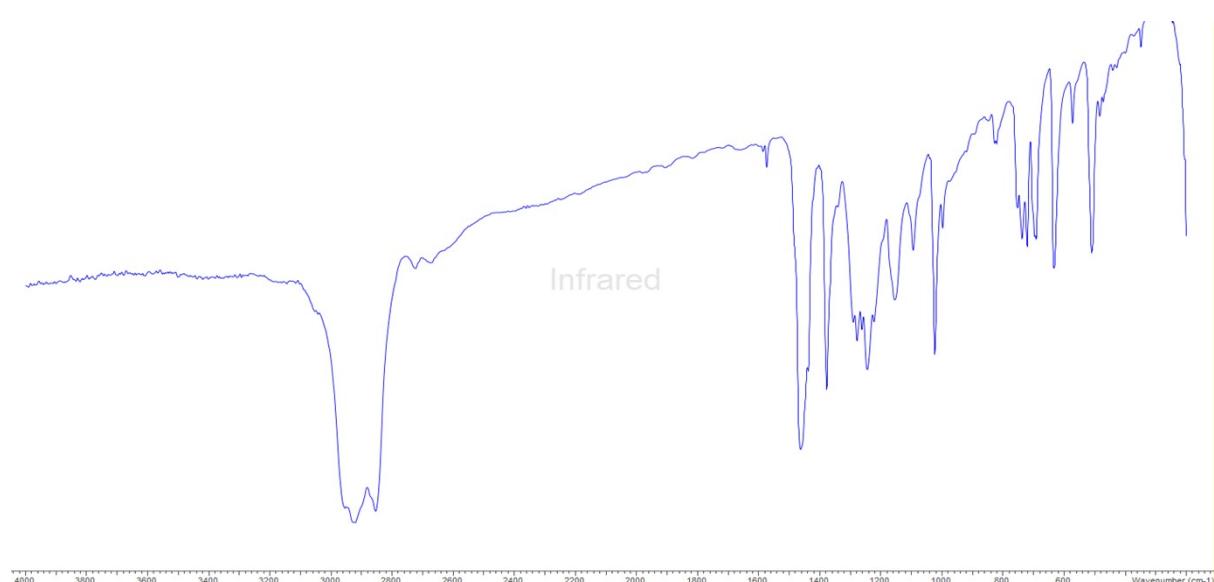
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S11.4  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (258 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )

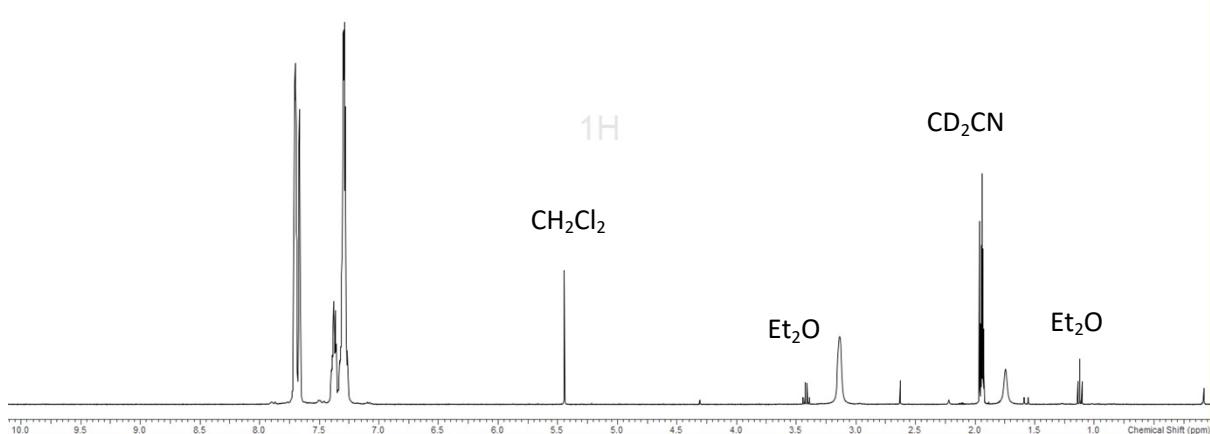


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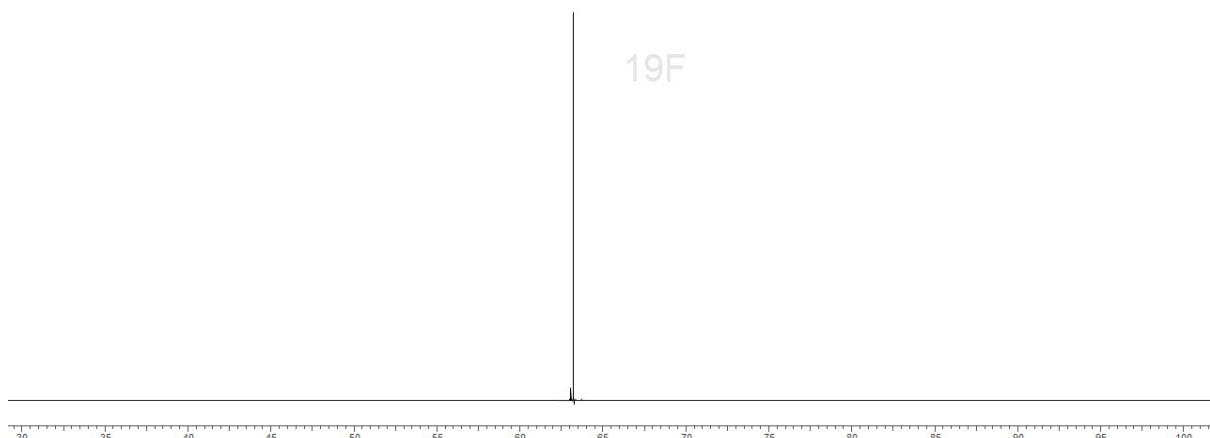


**Figure S12 –  $[\text{Pb}(\text{MeC(CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_3]\text{[BAr}^{\text{F}}\text{]}_2$**

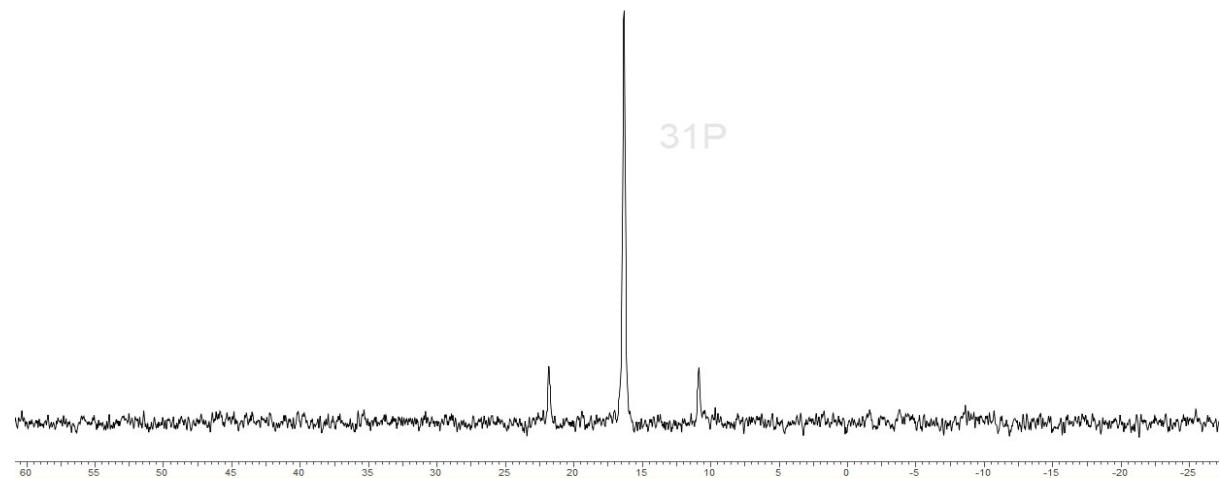
S12.1 –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



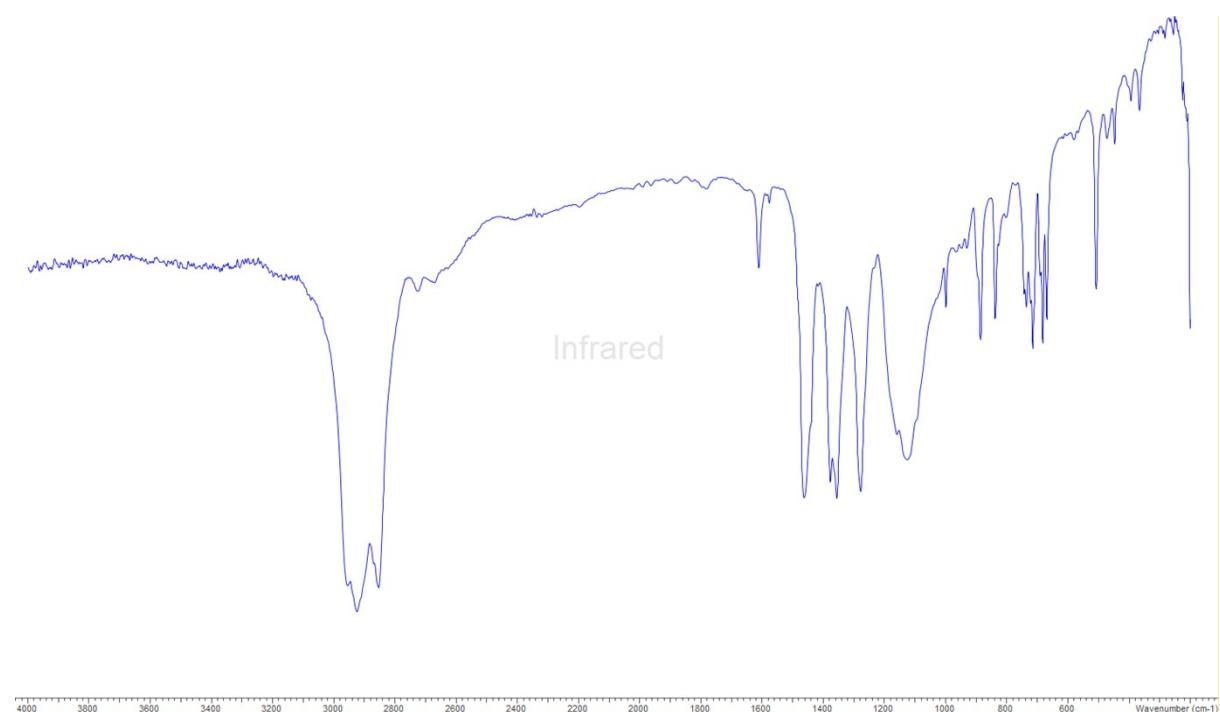
S12.2 –  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



S12.3 –  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )

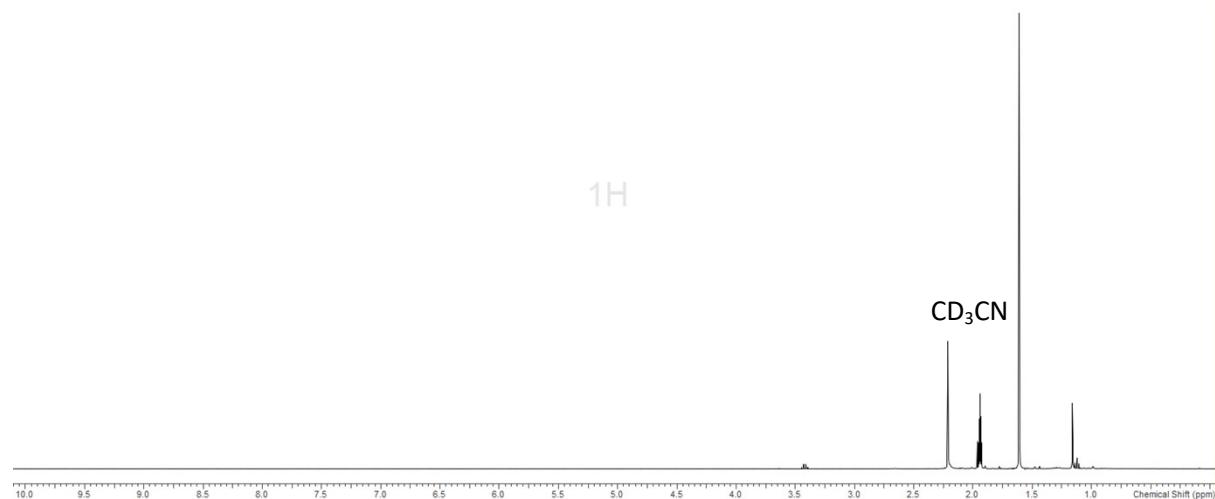


S12.4 IR spectrum (Nujol)

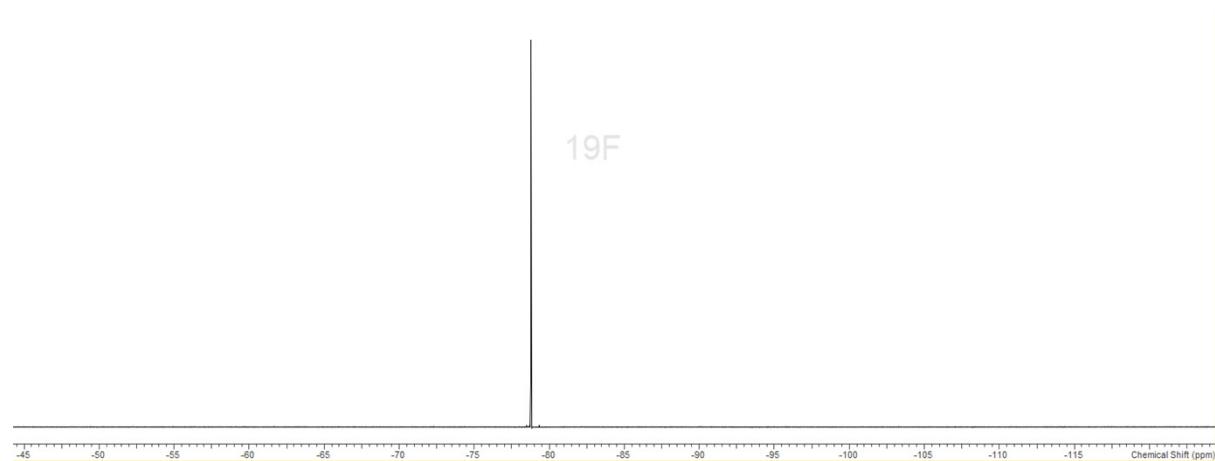


**Figure S13 –  $[\text{Pb}(\text{OTf})_2\{\text{MeC}(\text{CH}_2\text{AsMe}_2)_3\}]$**

S13.1 –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )

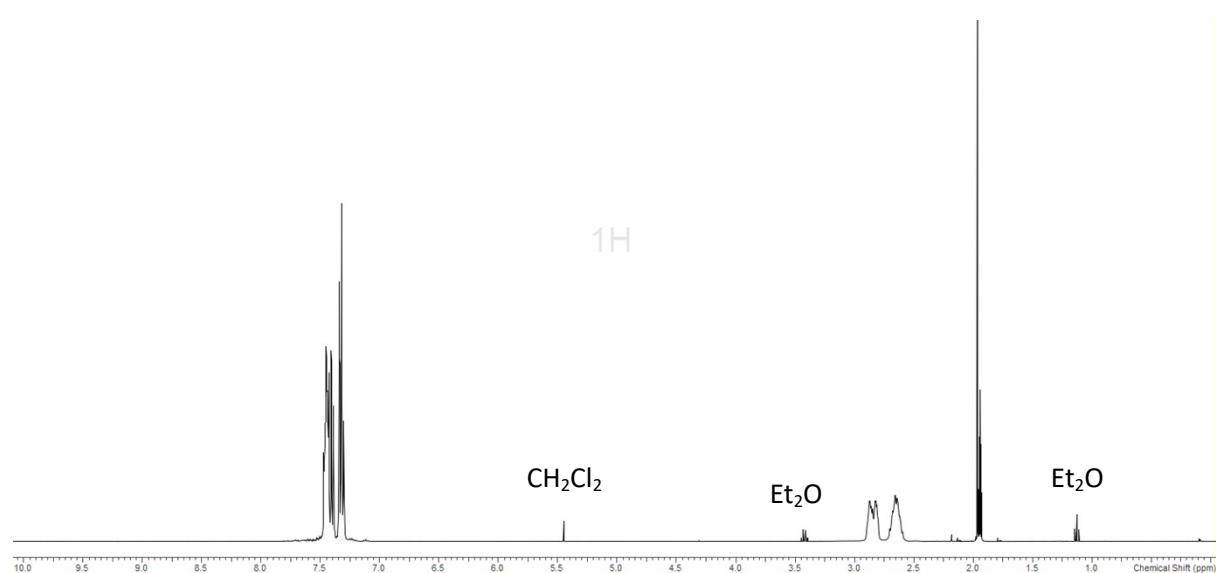


S13.2 –  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )

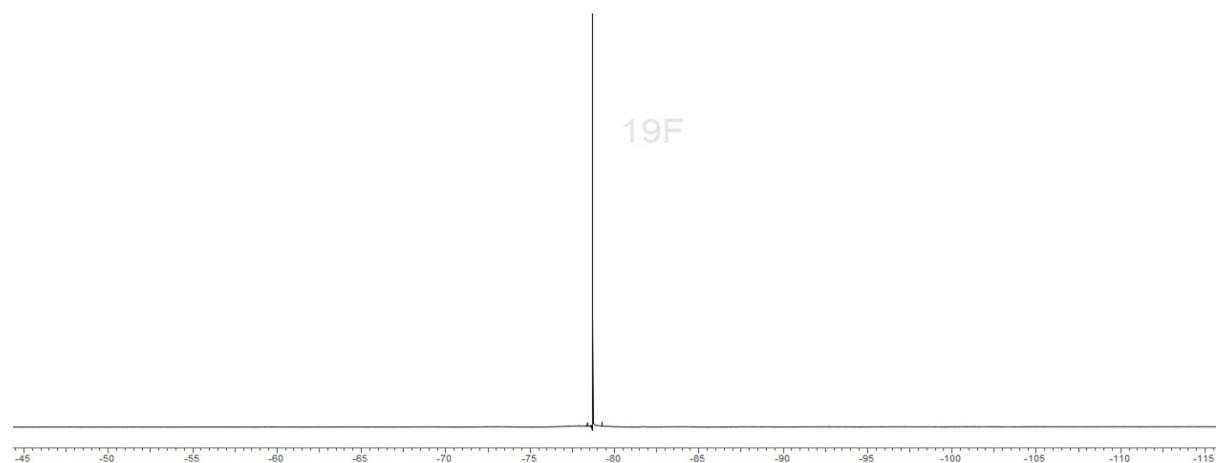


**Figure S14 –  $[\text{Pb}(\text{OTf})\{\text{P}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_3\}][\text{OTf}]$**

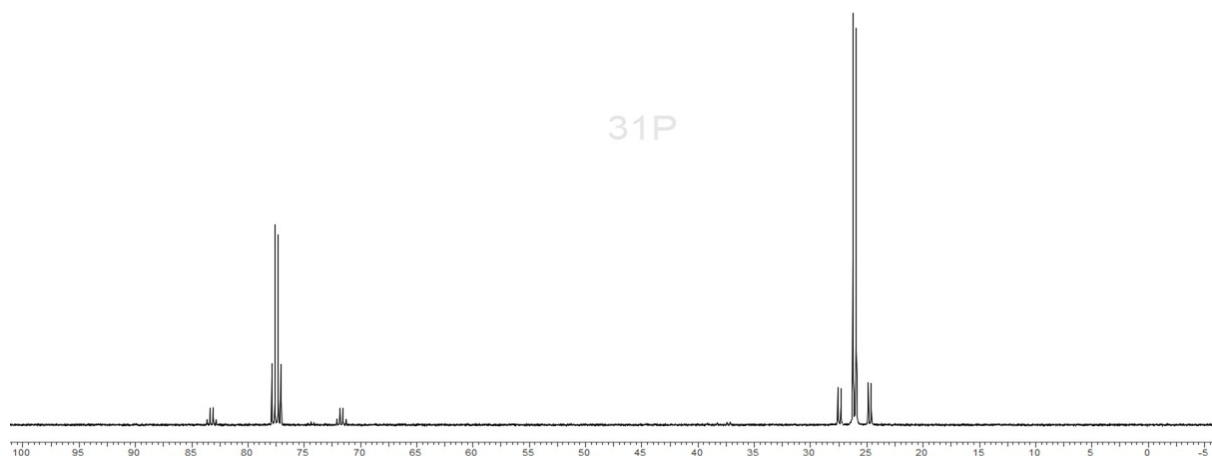
S14.1 –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



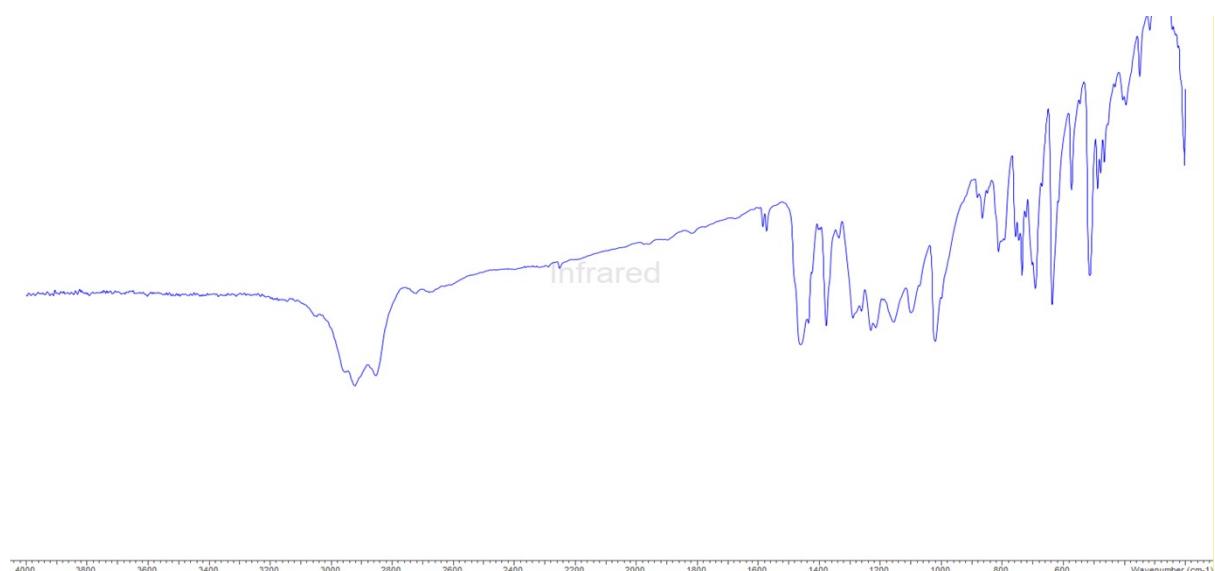
S14.2 –  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )



S14.3 –  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )

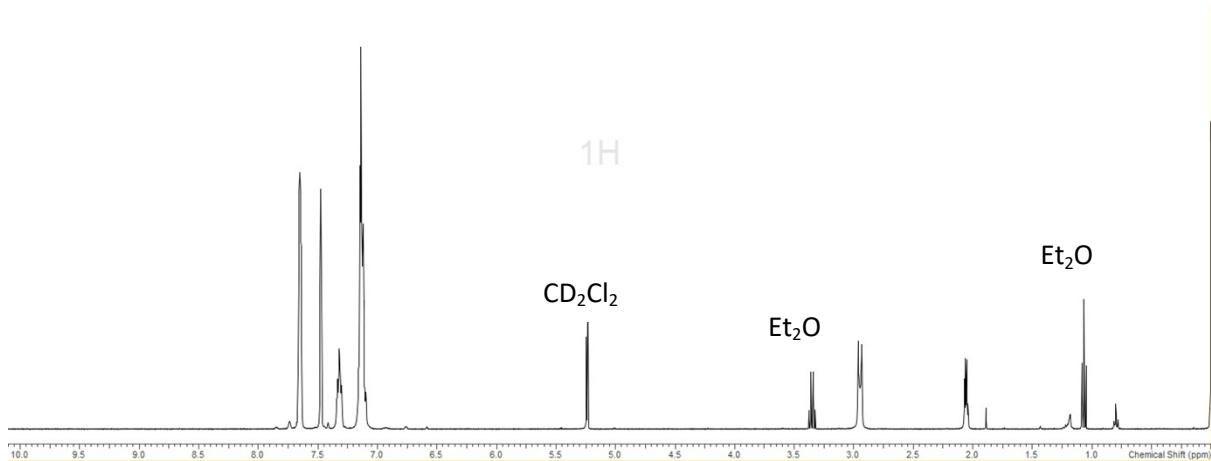


S14.4 – IR spectrum (Nujol)

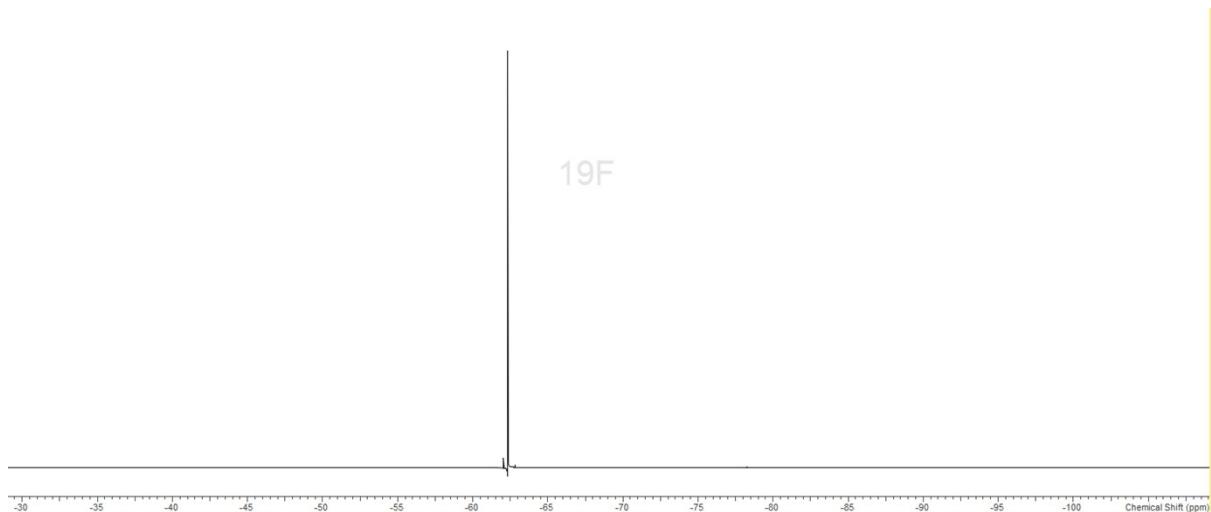


**Figure S15 –  $[\text{Ge}\{\text{MeC}(\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_3\}][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]_2$**

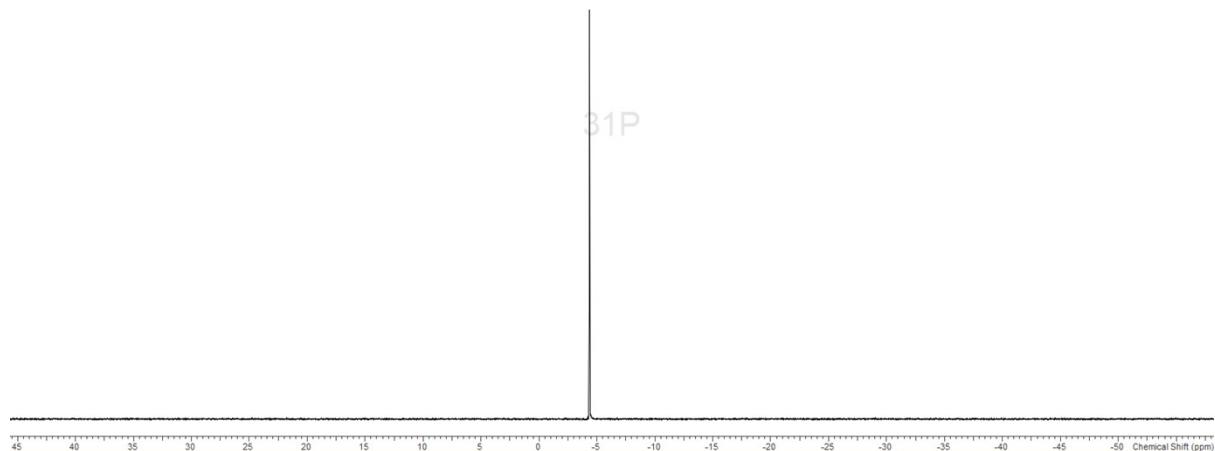
S15.1 –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )



S15.2 –  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )



S15.3 -  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (298 K,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )



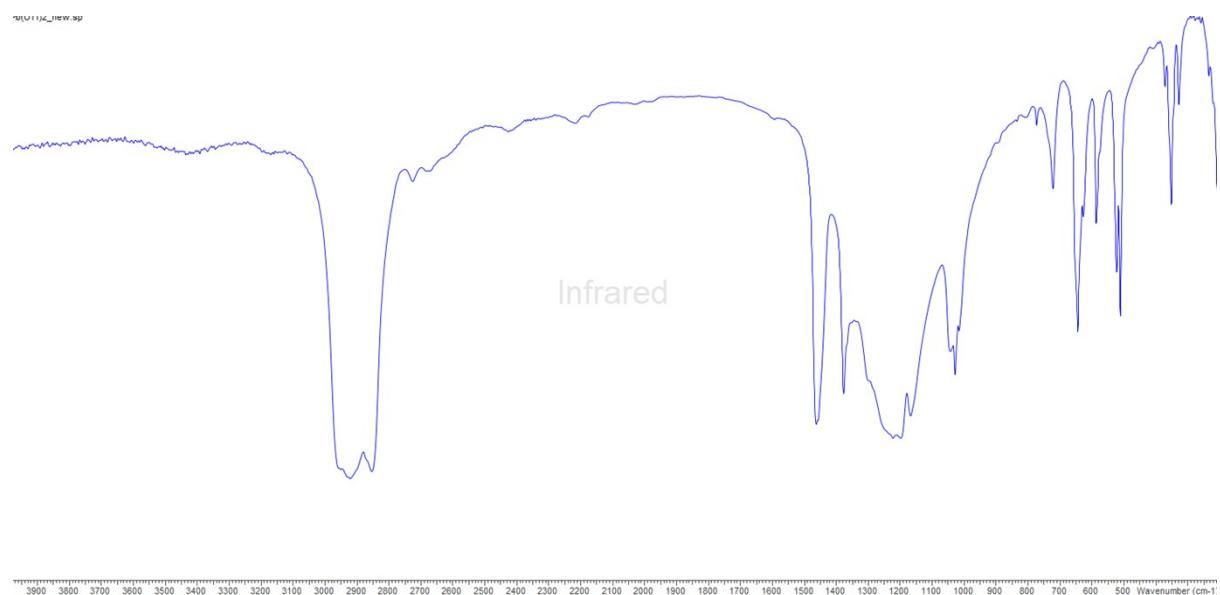
**Figure S16 –  $\text{Sn}(\text{OTf})_2$**

S16.1 – IR spectrum (Nujol)



**Figure S17 – Pb(OTf)<sub>2</sub>**

S17.1 - IR spectrum (Nujol)



**Table S1 - X-ray crystallographic parameters<sup>a</sup>**

Complex	[Sn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> { <i>o</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (PMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> }]	[Sn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> { <i>o</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (AsMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> }]	[Sn(OTf){PhP(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> PPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> }][OTf] ·Et <sub>2</sub> O *
Formula	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>48</sub> F <sub>18</sub> O <sub>18</sub> P <sub>6</sub> S <sub>6</sub> Sn <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>16</sub> As <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Sn	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>43</sub> F <sub>6</sub> O <sub>7</sub> P <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Sn
<i>M</i>	2215.59	702.92	1025.46
Crystal system	orthorhombic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group (no.)	Pnna (52)	C2/c (15)	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n (14)
<i>a</i> / Å	16.2539(3)	15.8316(5)	15.8064(5)
<i>b</i> / Å	24.0871(5)	14.0437(4)	10.1469(2)
<i>c</i> / Å	20.0157(5)	9.7168(3)	27.2193(6)
α / °	90	90	90
β / °	90	95.863(3)	91.081(2)
γ / °	90	90	90
<i>U</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	7836.3(3)	2149.06(11)	4364.82(19)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4
μ(Mo-K <sub>α</sub> ) / mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.346	4.517	7.232
<i>F</i> (000)	4464	1352	2080
Total number reflns	74108	14822	78496
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0774	0.0346	0.0791
Unique reflns	10118	3237	8919
No. of params, restraints	490, 468	134, 0	534, 9
GOF	1.042	1.054	1.085
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>b</sup>	0.0602, 0.1519	0.0203, 0.0453	0.0624, 0.1642
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0959, 0.1674	0.0246, 0.0464	0.0671, 0.1681

Complex	[Sn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> { <i>o</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> }] ·CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	[Sn(OTf){P(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> PPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> }][OTf] ·CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> *	[Ge{MeC(CH <sub>2</sub> PPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> }][BAr <sup>F</sup> <sub>2</sub> ] ·0.5 CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
Formula	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>26</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Sn	C <sub>45</sub> H <sub>44</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub> P <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Sn	C <sub>105.5</sub> H <sub>64</sub> B <sub>2</sub> ClF <sub>48</sub> GeP <sub>3</sub>
<i>M</i>	948.19	1172.39	2466.13
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group (no.)	I1 <sub>2</sub> /a (15)	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c (14)	P-1 (2)
<i>a</i> / Å	26.1551(8)	16.1811(2)	12.73530(10)
<i>b</i> / Å	8.8030(2)	14.49840(10)	16.7939(2)
<i>c</i> / Å	33.6112(9)	21.3672(2)	26.6298(3)
α / °	90	90	79.1070(10)
β / °	107.604(3)	97.9480(10)	89.4620(10)
γ / °	90	90	69.1300(10)
<i>U</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	7376.3(4)	4964.59(9)	5215.47(10)
<i>Z</i>	8	4	2
μ(Mo-K <sub>α</sub> ) / mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.112	7.689	0.500
<i>F</i> (000)	3776	2368	2466
Total number reflns	49013	118476	134869
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0506	0.0657	0.0290
Unique reflns	9513	8946	26892
No. of params, restraints	469, 0	595, 0	1600, 1546
GOF	1.138	1.050	1.016
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>b</sup>	0.0497, 0.1084	0.0379, 0.1045	0.0440, 0.1048
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0646, 0.1126	0.0391, 0.1054	0.0508, 0.1091

Complex	[Pb(OTf) <sub>2</sub> {o-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (PMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> }]	[Pb(OTf) <sub>2</sub> {o-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (AsMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> }] *	[{Pb <sub>2</sub> (OTf) <sub>3</sub> {MeC(CH <sub>2</sub> PPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> J <sub>2</sub> }OTf] ·MeCN
Formula	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>16</sub> F <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub> P <sub>2</sub> PbS <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>16</sub> As <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub> PbS <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>88</sub> H <sub>81</sub> F <sub>12</sub> NO <sub>12</sub> P <sub>6</sub> Pb <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub>
<i>M</i>	703.50	791.40	2300.97
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	orthorhombic
Space group (no.)	P-1 (2)	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c (14)	Pbca (61)
<i>a</i> /Å	10.4025(2)	10.58200(10)	20.7298(2)
<i>b</i> /Å	10.4520(2)	21.4899(2)	29.4124(2)
<i>c</i> /Å	11.9474(3)	9.72860(10)	29.6444(2)
$\alpha$ /°	105.687(2)	90	90
$\beta$ /°	106.932(2)	95.1510(10)	90
$\gamma$ /°	110.441(2)	90	90
<i>U</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	1059.39(4)	2203.41(4)	18074.6(2)
<i>Z</i>	2	4	8
$\mu$ (Mo-K <sub>α</sub> ) /mm <sup>-1</sup>	8.389	20.735	4.005
<i>F</i> (000)	668	1480	9104
Total number reflns	15069	21504	274211
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0230	0.0280	0.0381
Unique reflns	6025	3966	23338
No. of params, restraints	266, 0	266, 218	1157, 603
GOF	1.035	1.053	1.017
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>b</sup>	0.0192, 0.0419	0.0289, 0.0675	0.0191, 0.426
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0219, 0.0430	0.0294, 0.0678	0.0244, 0.0448

Complex	[Pb(OTf){P(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> PPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> }][OTf] ·MeCN	[Sn{MeC(CH <sub>2</sub> PPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> }][BAr <sup>F</sup> ] <sub>2</sub> ·0.5CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	[Pb{MeC(CH <sub>2</sub> PPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> }][BAr <sup>F</sup> ] <sub>2</sub> ·0.5CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
Formula	C <sub>46</sub> H <sub>45</sub> F <sub>6</sub> NO <sub>6</sub> P <sub>4</sub> PbS <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>105.5</sub> H <sub>64</sub> B <sub>2</sub> ClF <sub>48</sub> P <sub>3</sub> Sn	C <sub>105.5</sub> H <sub>64</sub> B <sub>2</sub> ClF <sub>48</sub> P <sub>3</sub> Pb
M	1217.02	2512.23	2600.73
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic
Space group (no.)	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c (14)	P-1 (2)	P-1 (2)
a /Å	16.3354(5)	12.7643(2)	12.7607(2)
b /Å	14.2959(3)	16.7092(2)	16.7182(2)
c /Å	21.6774(5)	26.6628(3)	26.6413(3)
α /°	90	78.5010(10)	78.0880(10)
β /°	102.940(2)	89.4220(10)	89.0490(10)
γ /°	90	69.6880(10)	69.7810(10)
U /Å <sup>3</sup>	4933.7(2)	5215.19(12)	5208.49(12)
Z	4	2	2
μ(Mo-K <sub>α</sub> ) /mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.704	0.451	1.826
F(000)	2416	2502	2566
Total number reflns	44954	141657	134409
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0373	0.0332	0.0408
Unique reflns	11554	31821	26898
No. of params, restraints	604, 0	1572, 1784	1544, 1392
GOF	1.019	1.036	1.028
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> [I > 2σ(I)] <sup>b</sup>	0.0314, 0.0515	0.0443, 0.0987	0.0343, 0.0794
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0470, 0.0546	0.0536, 0.1032	0.0383, 0.0815

<sup>a</sup> Common items: T = 100 K; θ(max) = 27.5°; wavelength (Mo-K<sub>α</sub>) = 0.71073 Å, except for those marked \* which used (Cu- K<sub>α</sub>) radiation. λ = 1.54184 Å; <sup>b</sup> R<sub>1</sub> = Σ||F<sub>o</sub>|-|F<sub>c</sub>||/Σ|F<sub>o</sub>|; wR<sub>2</sub>=[Σw(F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup>-F<sub>c</sub><sup>2</sup>)<sub>2</sub>/ΣwF<sub>o</sub><sup>4</sup>]<sup>1/2</sup>

**Table S2 Experimental (X-ray) vs. calculated (DFT, B3LYP-D3) metrics for [M{MeC(CH<sub>2</sub>PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>}]<sup>2+</sup> (M = Ge, Sn, Pb)**

[Ge{MeC(CH <sub>2</sub> PPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> }] <sup>2+</sup>	X-ray	DFT
d(Ge-P) / Å	2.4070(4) 2.4239(4) 2.4110(5)	2.42947 2.42978 2.42966
<(P-Ge-P) / °	86.609(14) 85.412(15) 85.912(15)	86.13757 86.17999 86.15668
[Sn{MeC(CH <sub>2</sub> PPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> }] <sup>2+</sup>	X-ray	DFT
d(Sn-P) / Å	2.6194(4) 2.6438(4) 2.6249(4)	2.64552 2.64663 2.64198
<(P-Sn-P) / °	82.120(13) 80.160(14) 80.761(14)	80.81234 81.57846 80.70846
[Pb{MeC(CH <sub>2</sub> PPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> }] <sup>2+</sup>	X-ray	DFT
d(Pb-P) / Å	2.7092(6) 2.7184(7) 2.7360(5)	2.71964 2.72140 2.72068
<(P-Pb-P) / °	77.868(17) 80.594(17) 78.676(17)	79.51974 79.61498 79.72607