

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Phosphine-Functionalized Amidinate Ligated Rare-Earth Metal Complexes for Highly 3,4-Selective Living Polymerization of 1,3-Conjugated Dienes

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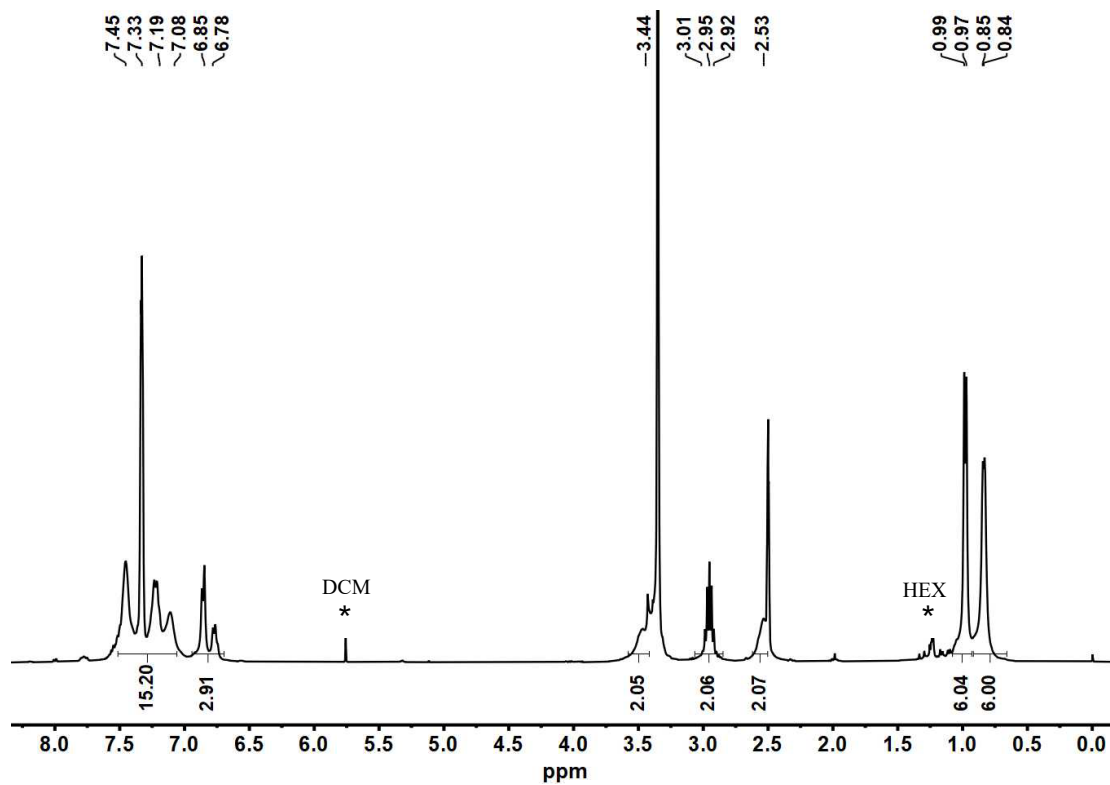


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of ligand **L1-H** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

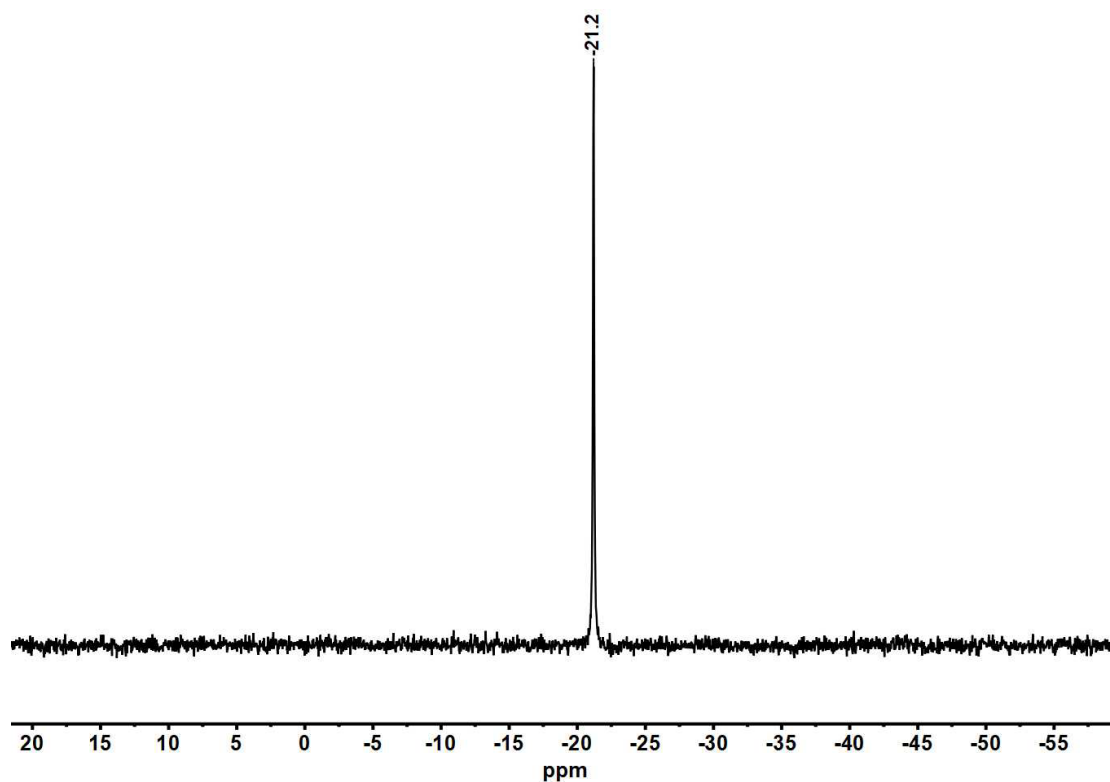


Figure S2. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of ligand **L1-H** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

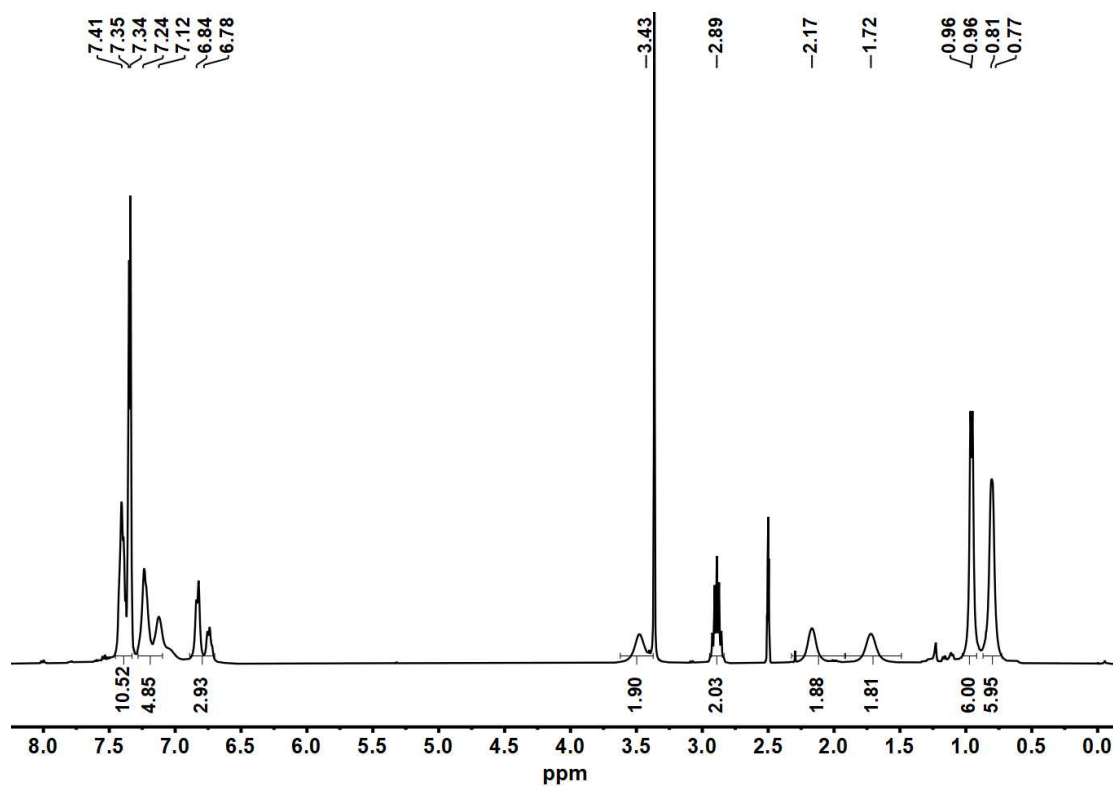


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of ligand L2-H in DMSO- d_6 at 25 °C

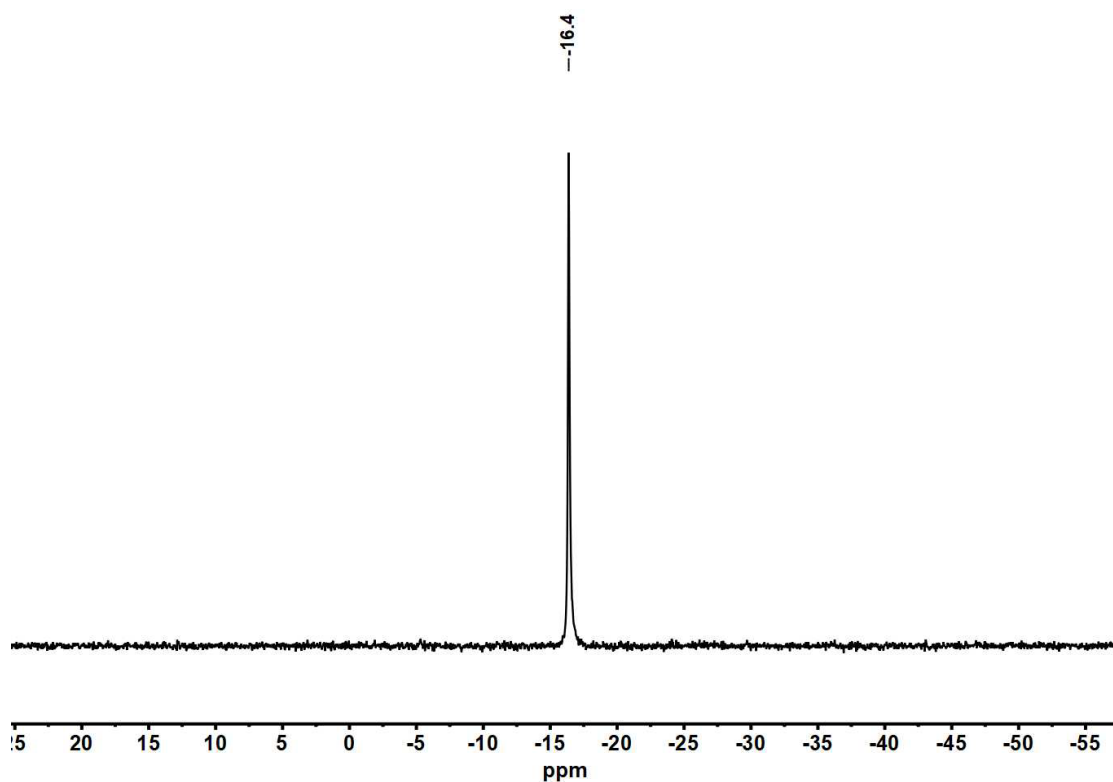


Figure S4. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of ligand L2-H in DMSO- d_6 at 25 °C.

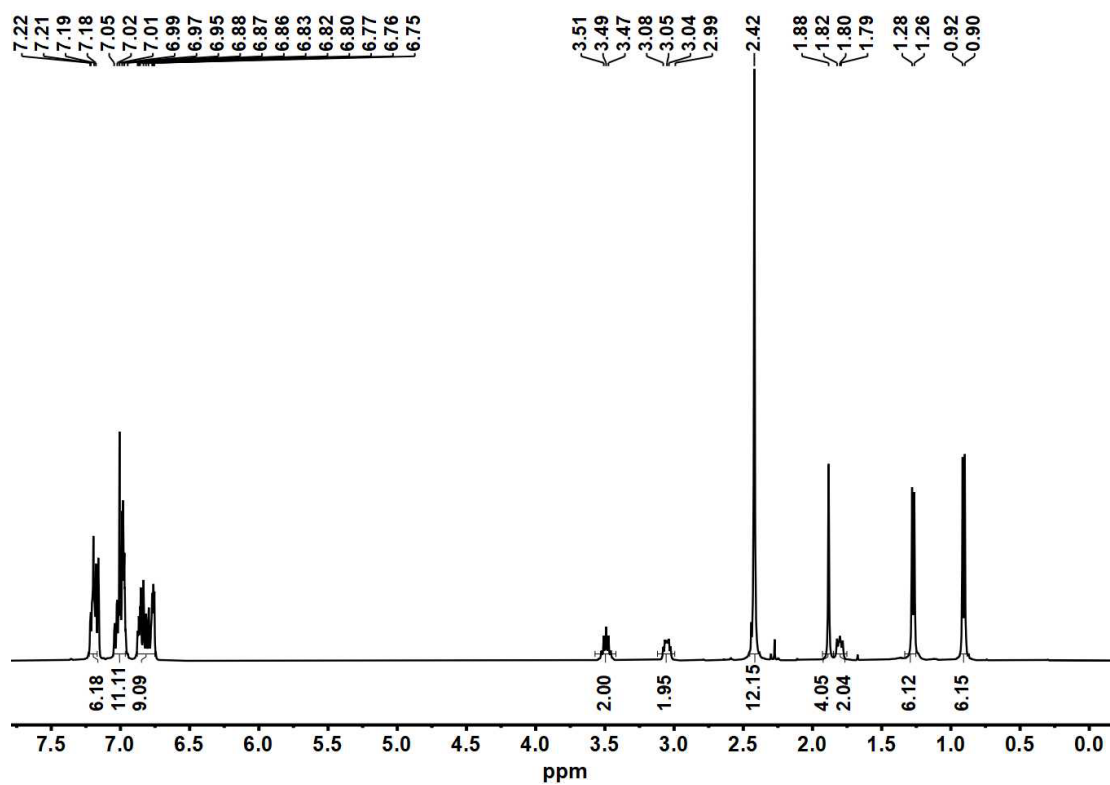


Figure S5. ^1H NMR spectrum of complex **P1-Sc** in C_6D_6 at 25 $^\circ\text{C}$

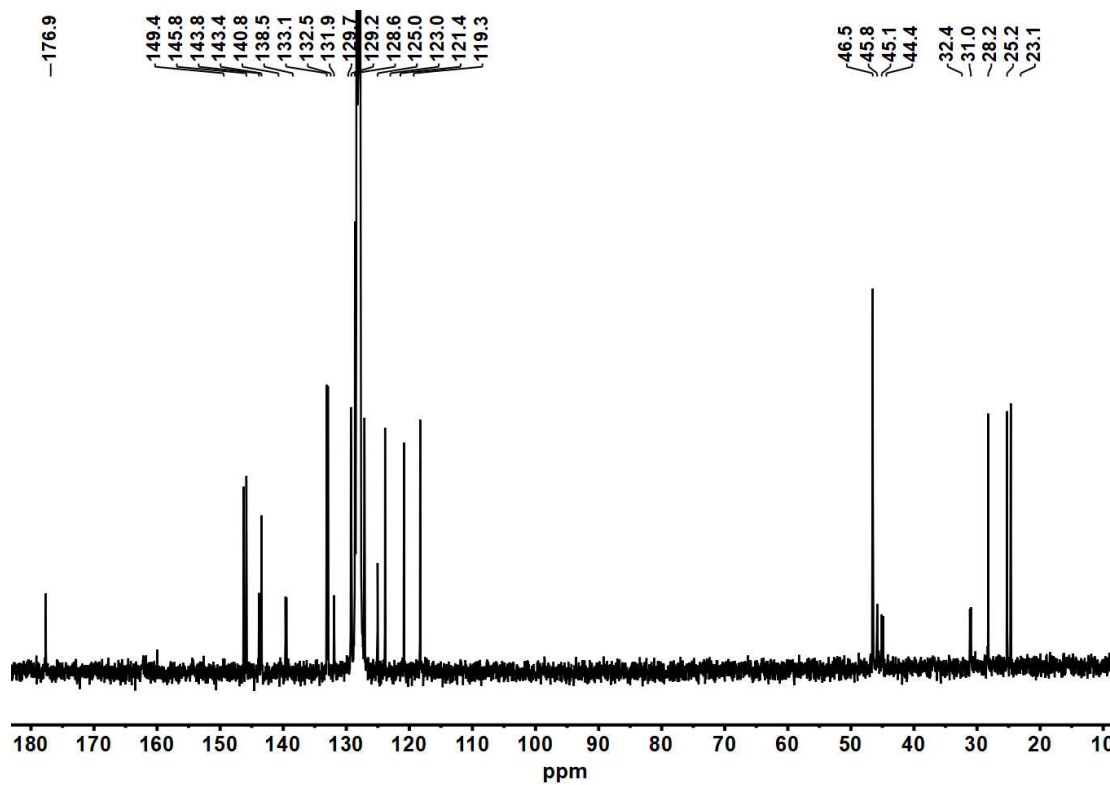


Figure S6. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of complex **P1-Sc** in C_6D_6 at 25 $^\circ\text{C}$

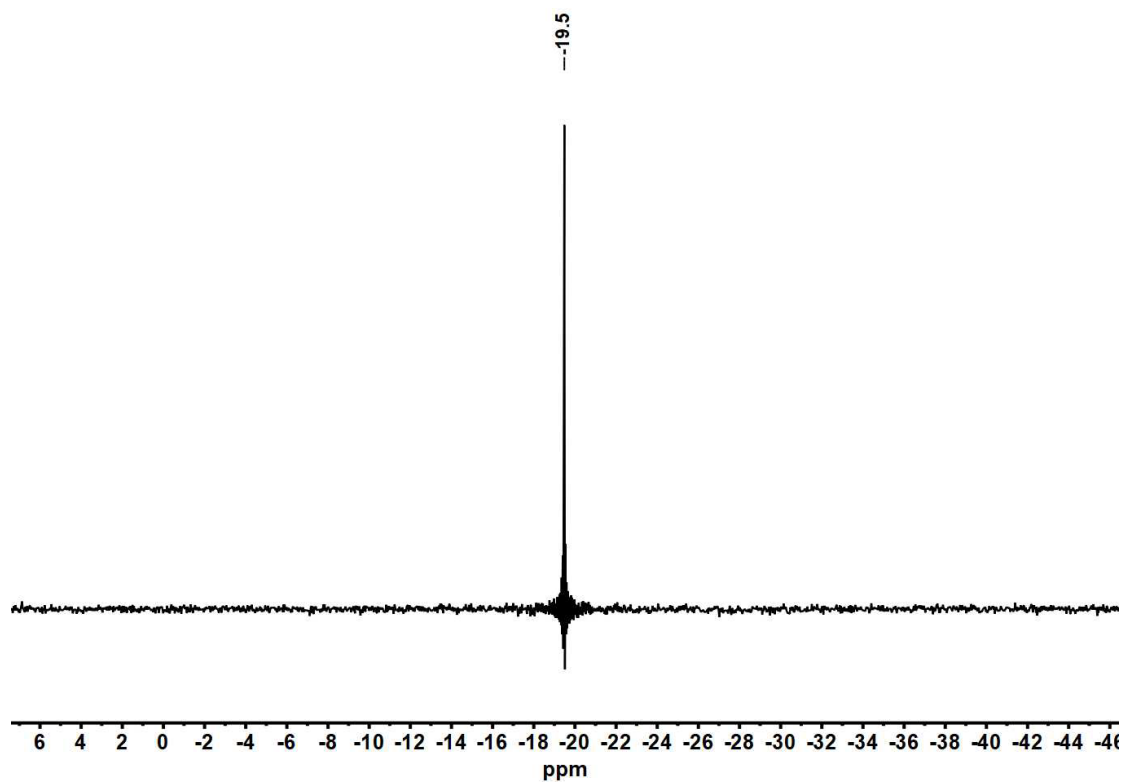


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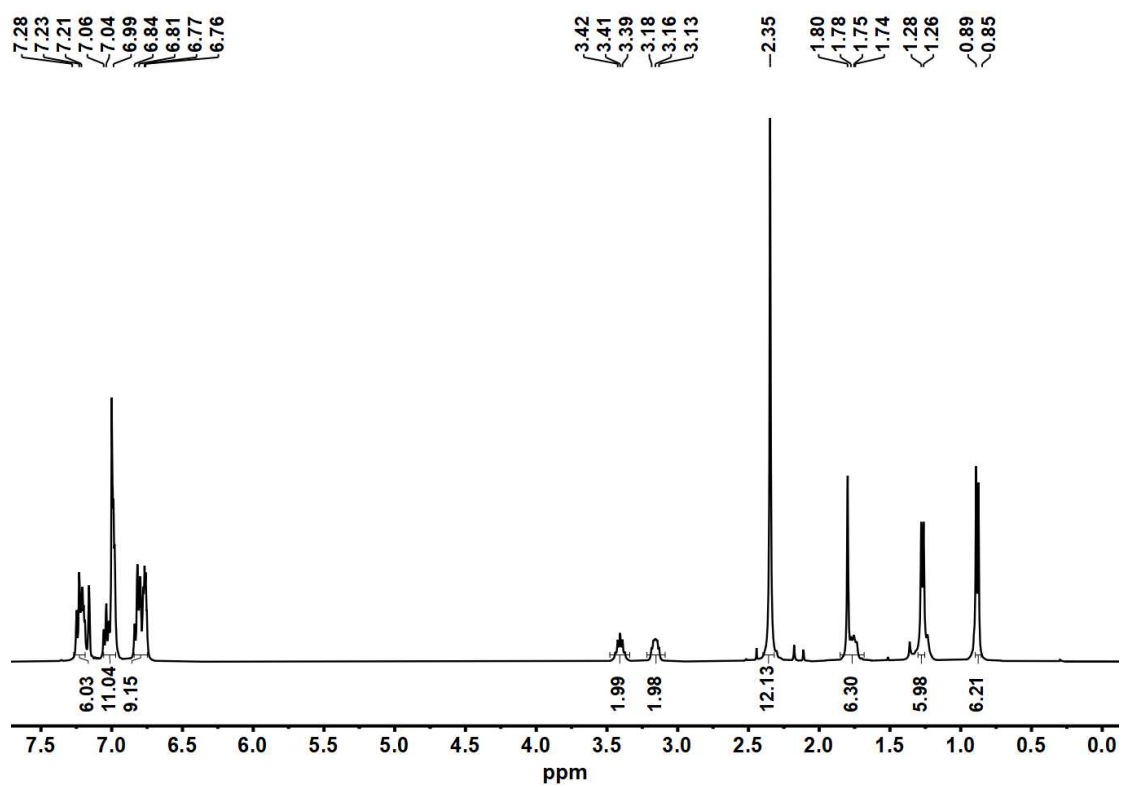


Figure S8. ^1H NMR spectrum of complex **P1-Lu** in C_6D_6 at $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

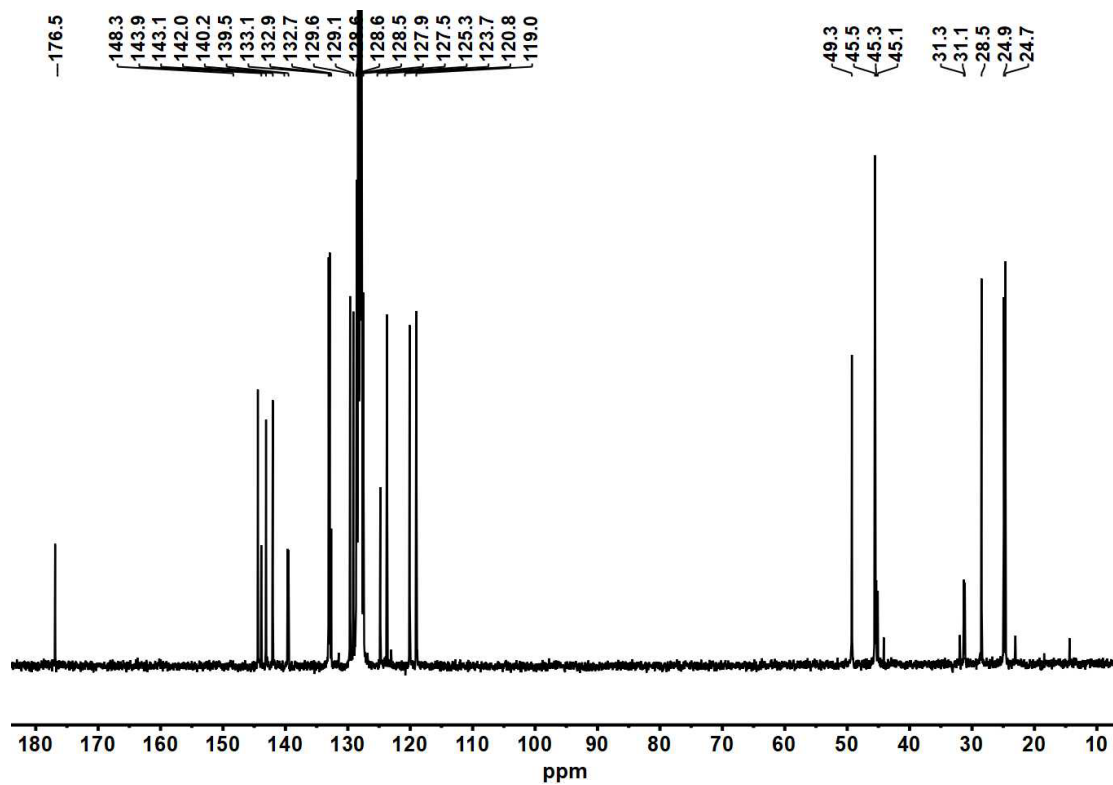


Figure S9. ¹³C NMR spectrum of complex P1-Lu in C₆D₆ at 25 °C

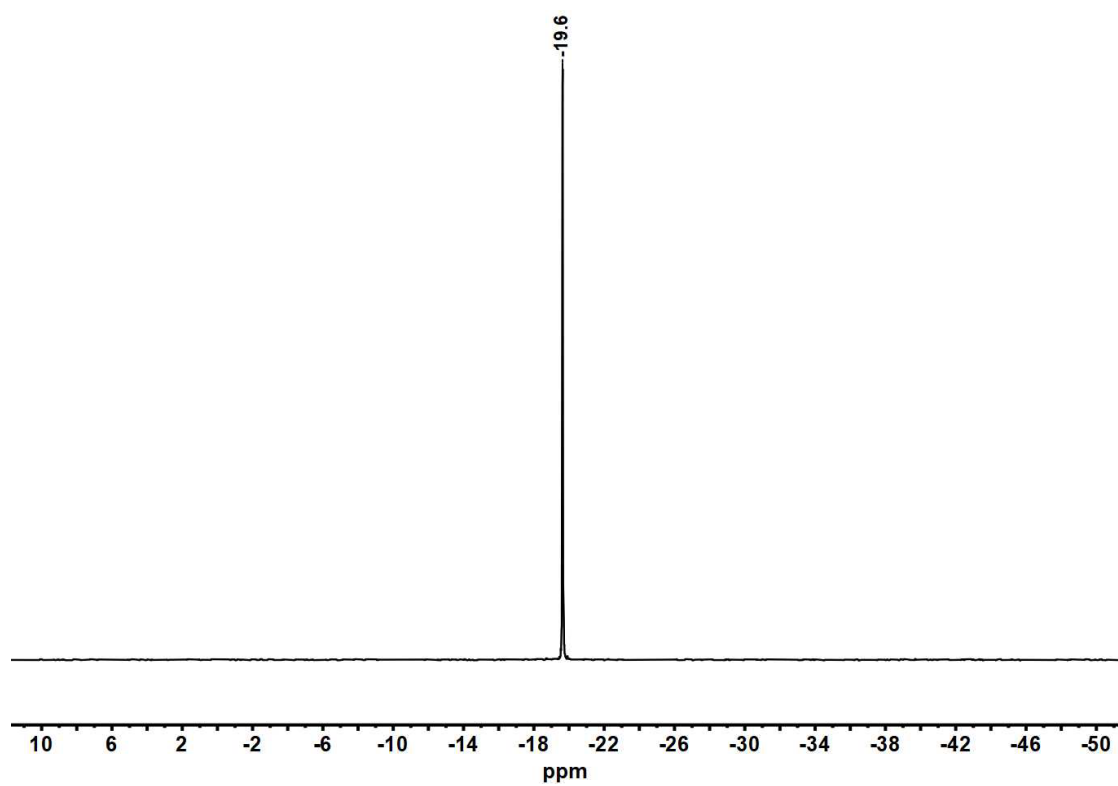


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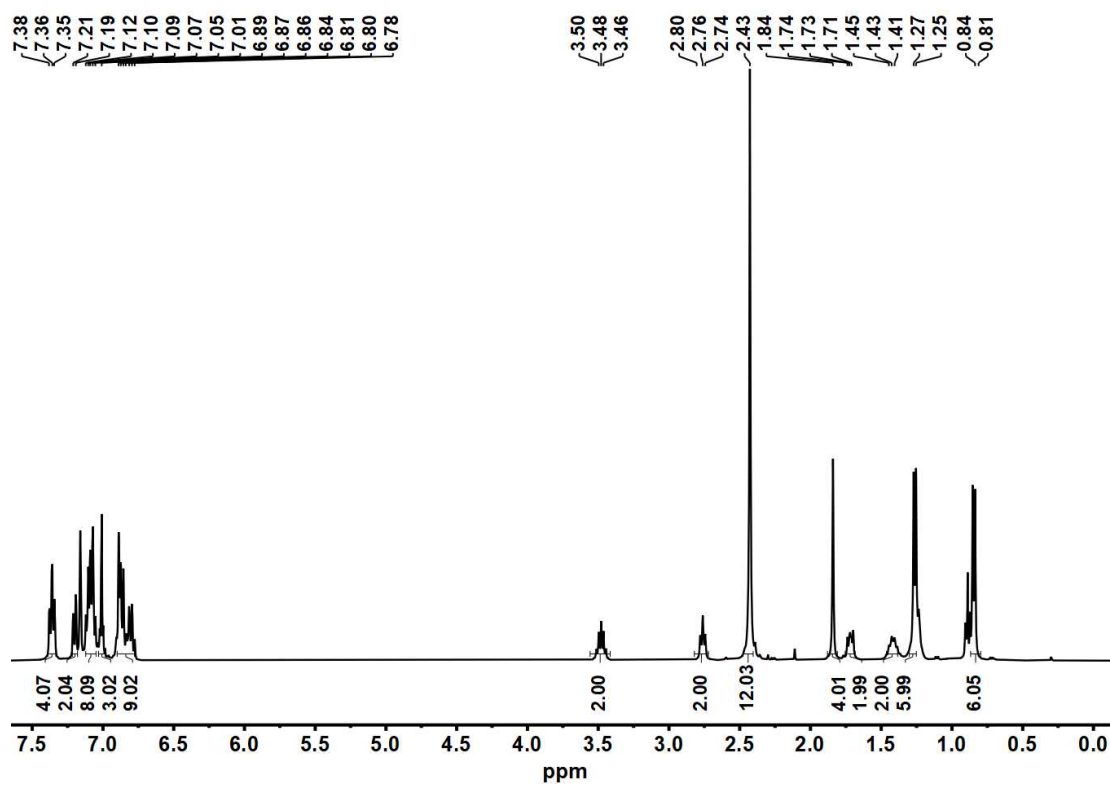


Figure S11. ^1H NMR spectrum of complex **P2-Sc** in C_6D_6 at 25 °C

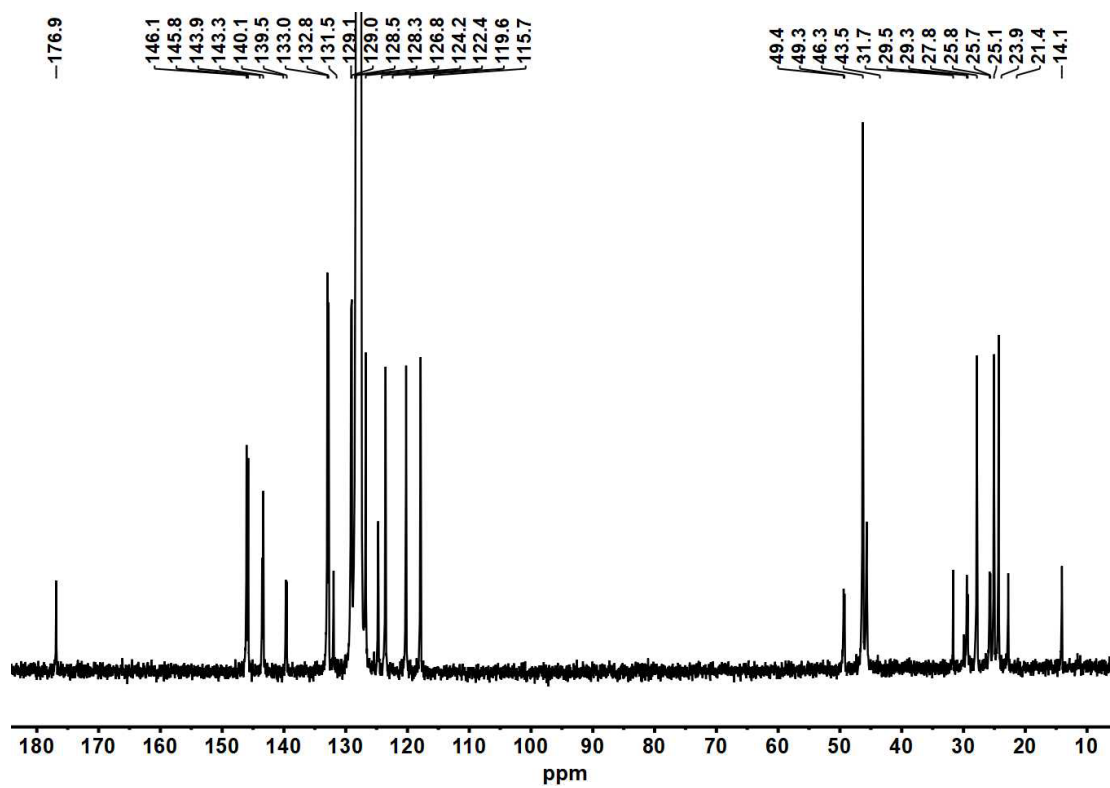


Figure S12. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of complex **P2-Sc** in C_6D_6 at 25 °C

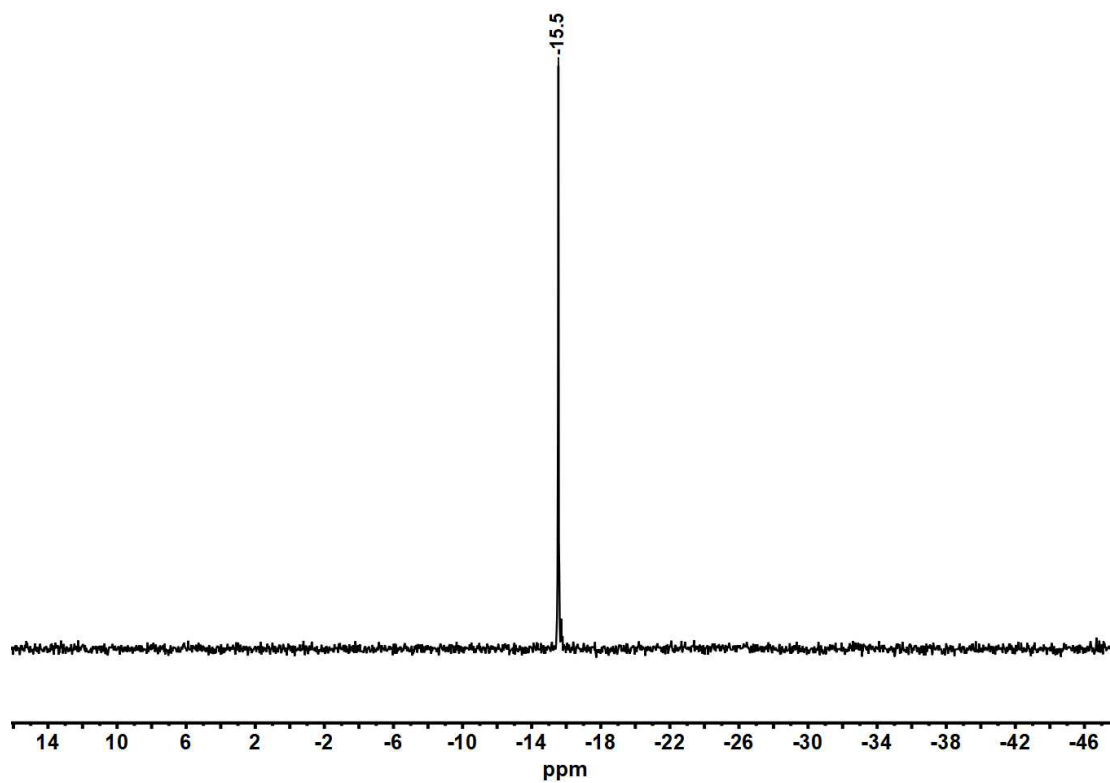


Figure S13. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of complex **P2-Sc** in C_6D_6 at 25 °C

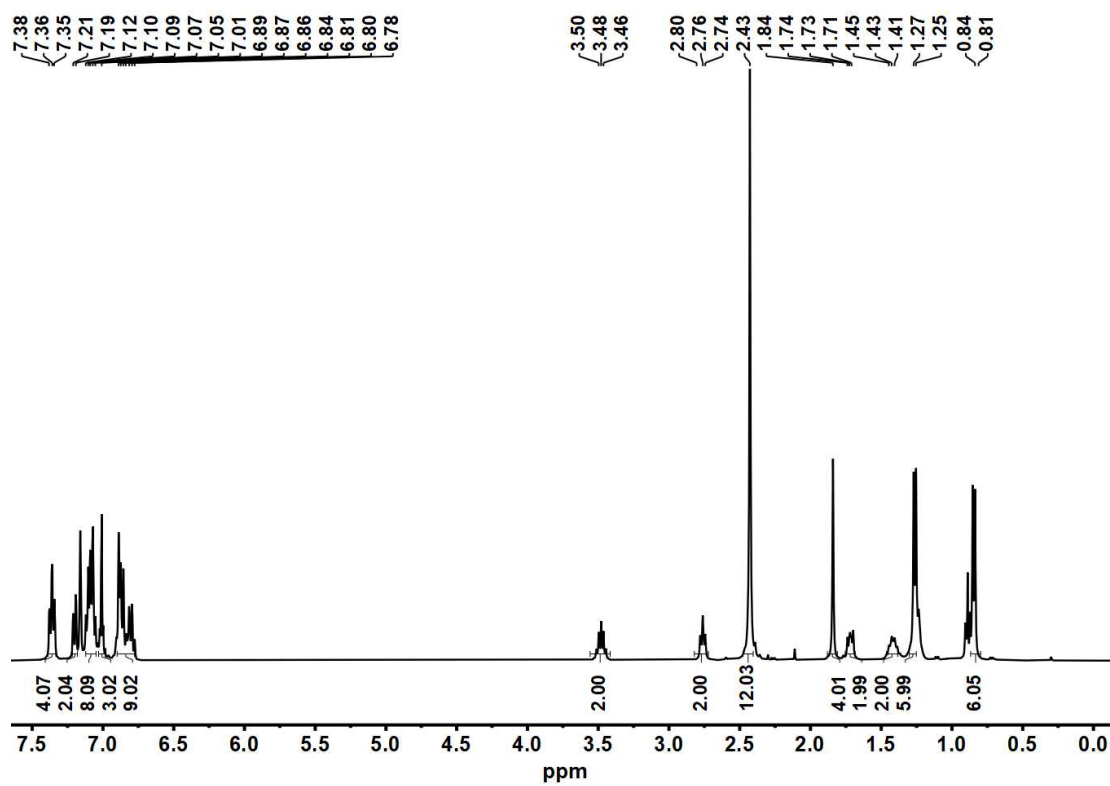


Figure S14. ^1H NMR spectrum of complex **P2-Lu** in C_6D_6 at 25 °C

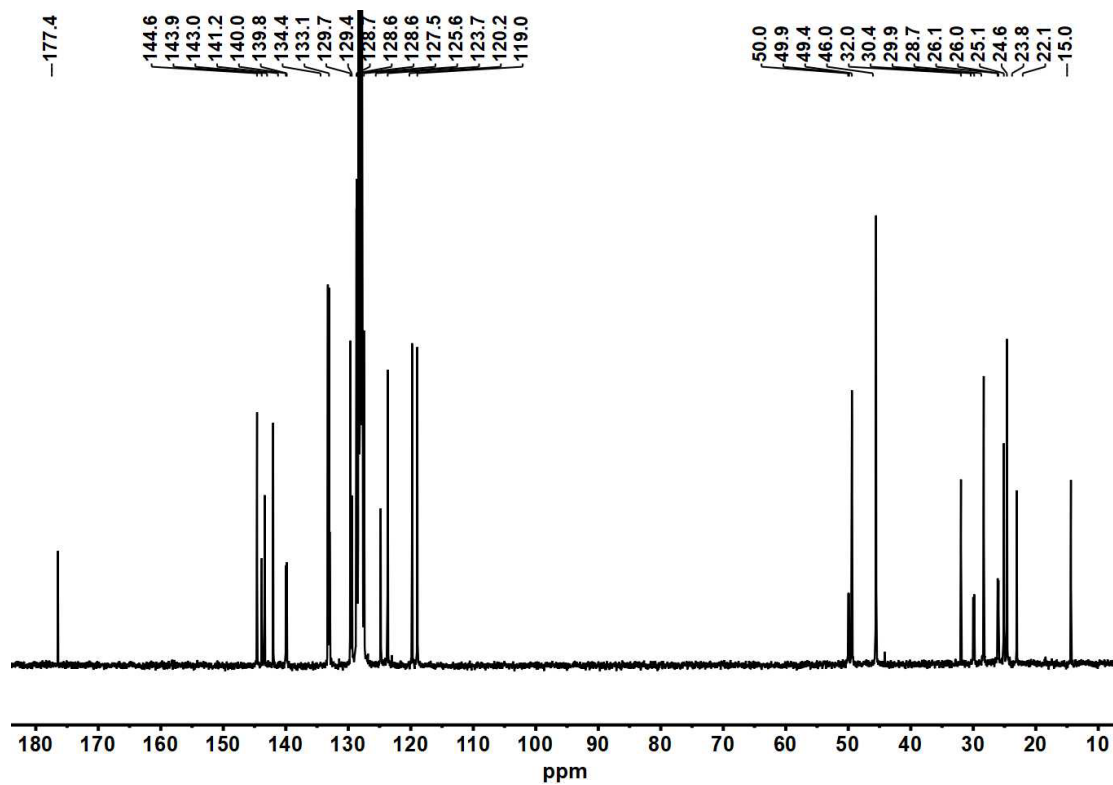


Figure S15. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of complex P2-Lu in C_6D_6 at 25 °C

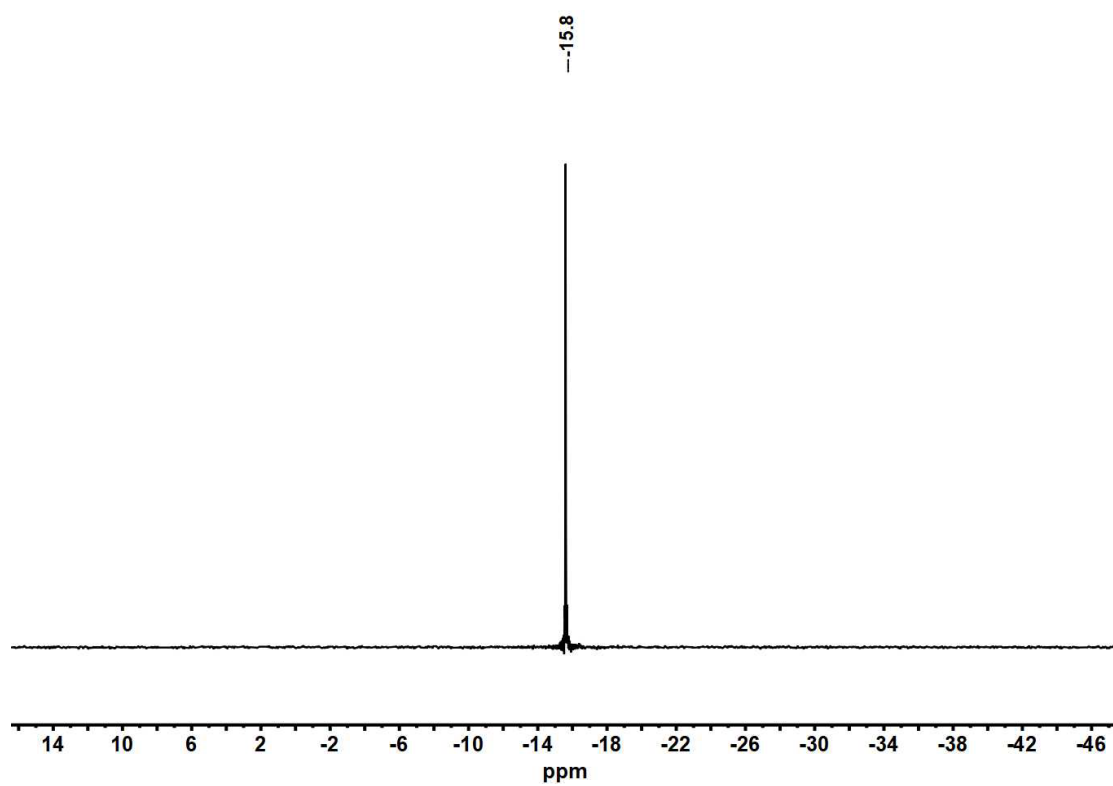


Figure S16. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of complex P2-Lu in C_6D_6 at 25 °C

Table S1. Polymerization of isoprene with complexes based on phosphine-functionalized amidinated ligands.

Entry	Cat	[M]/[cat]	T/°C	t/min	Con/%	Act/kg mol ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	microstructure ^b	<i>M_n</i> ^c	<i>M_w</i> / <i>M_n</i> ^c	Eff/%
							3,4-			
1	P1-Lu	500	25	3	100	≥609	96.9	4.6	1.09	74.0
2	P1-Lu	1000	25	10	100	≥204	96.7	9.1	1.48	74.9
3	P2-Sc	500	25	30	34	23.2	99.3	7.8	1.45	14.8
4	P2-Sc	1000	25	200	100	≥20.4	99.0	44.8	1.13	15.2
5	P2-Lu	500	25	5	95	388	97.1	9.7	1.23	33.3
6	P2-Lu	1000	25	15	100	≥272	96.9	18.9	1.36	36.0

^aConditions: toluene (6 mL); catalyst (20 μmol); [Ln] / Co-cat. = 1:1 Co-cat. = [Ph₃C][B(C₆F₅)₄]. ^bMeasured by means of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy in CDCl₃. ^cDetermined by gel permeation chromatography (GPC) against polystyrene standards at 35 °C. *M_n* in the unit of 10⁴ g mol⁻¹.

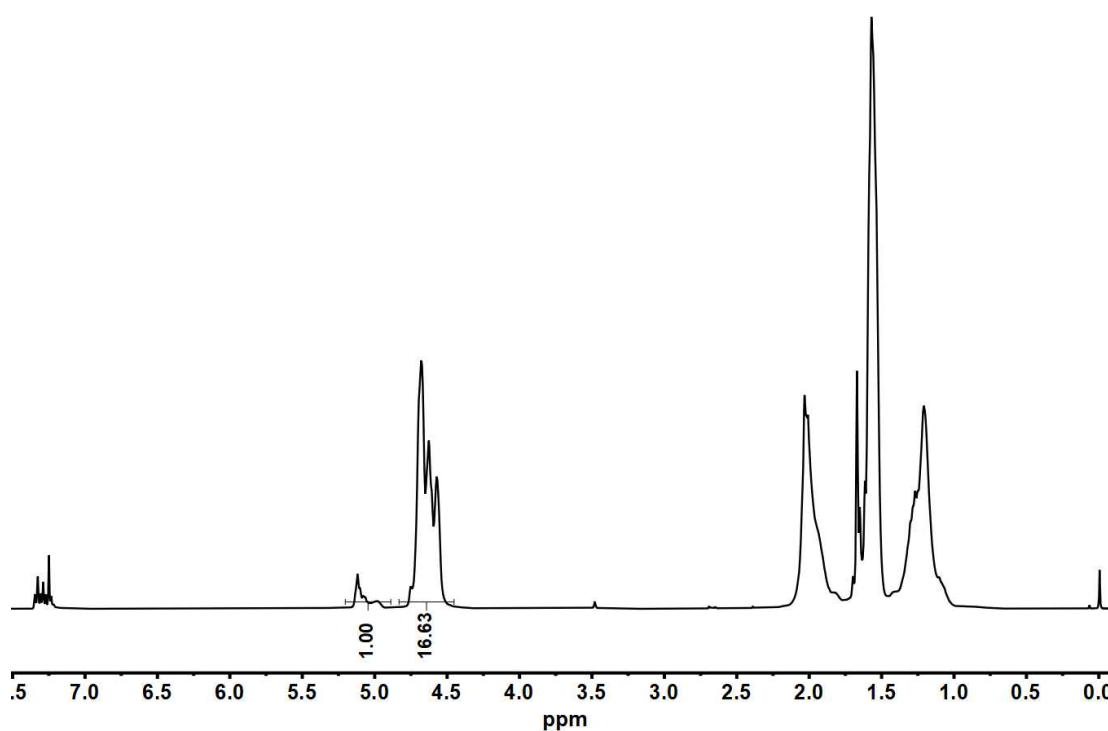


Figure S17. ¹H NMR (400M, CDCl₃, 25 °C) of Polyisoprene sample. (Entry 14, Table 1)

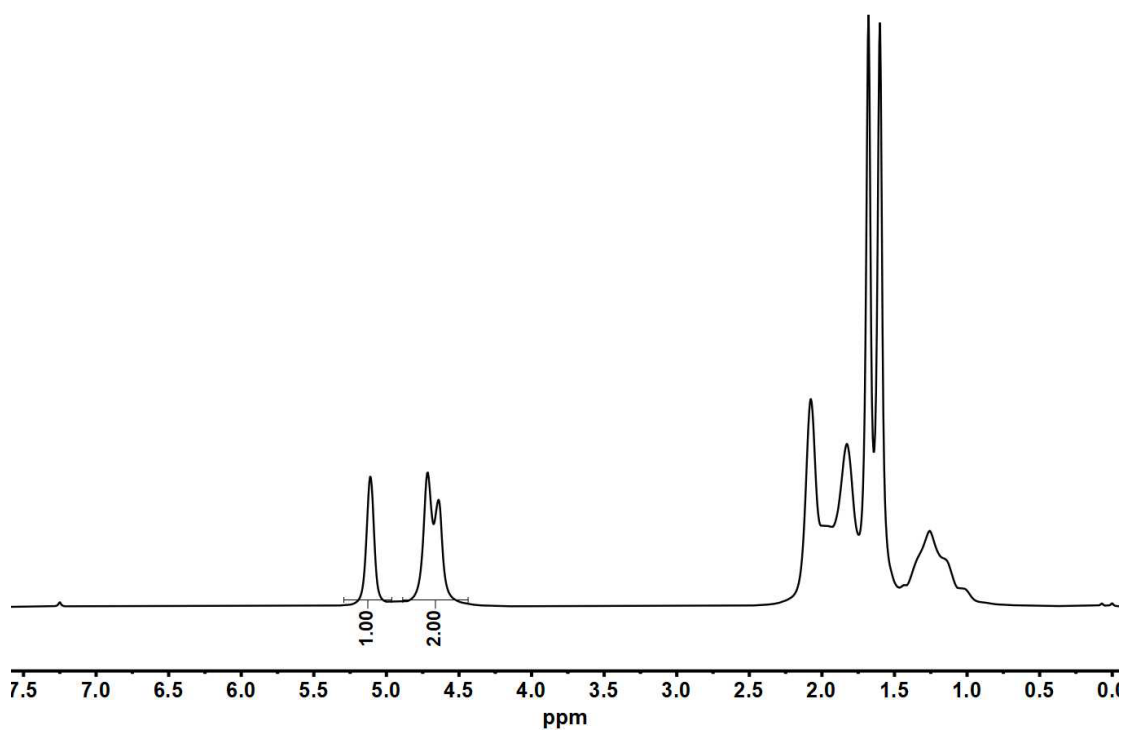


Figure S18. ^1H NMR (400M, CDCl_3 , 25 $^\circ\text{C}$) of Polymyrcene sample. (Entry 1, Table 2)

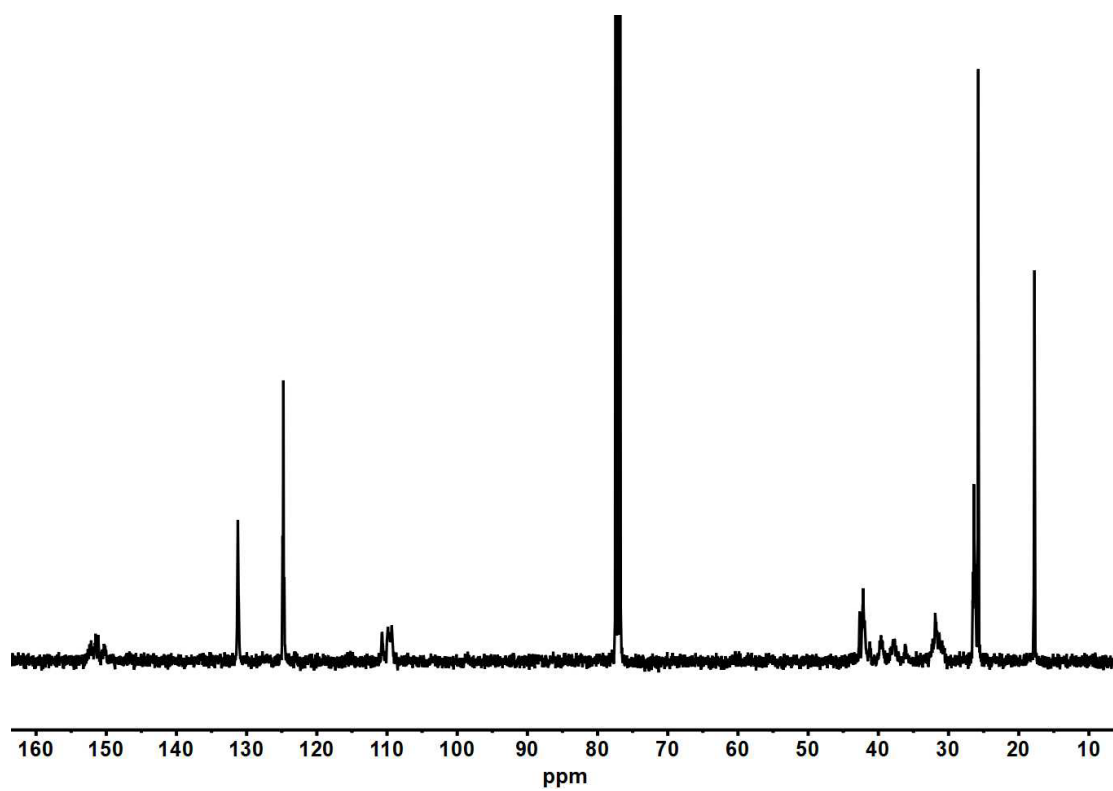


Figure S19. ^{13}C NMR (400M, CDCl_3 , 25 $^\circ\text{C}$) of Polymyrcene sample. (Entry 1, Table 2)

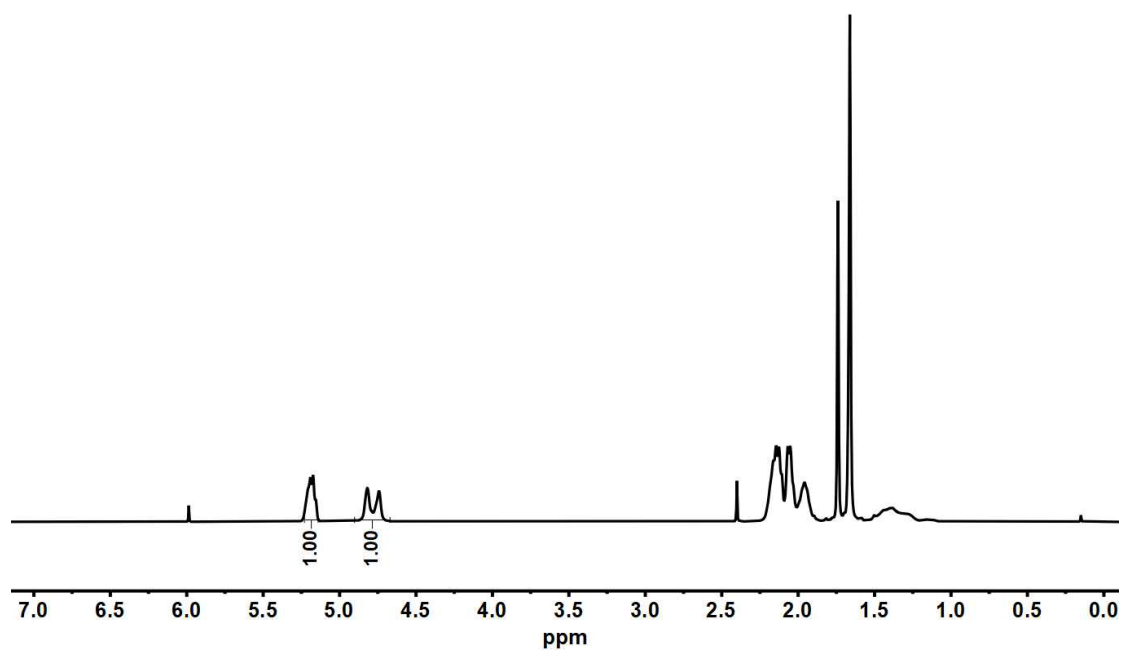


Figure S20. ^1H NMR (400M, $\text{C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_4$, 120 °C) of Polyfarnesene sample. (Entry 5, Table 2)

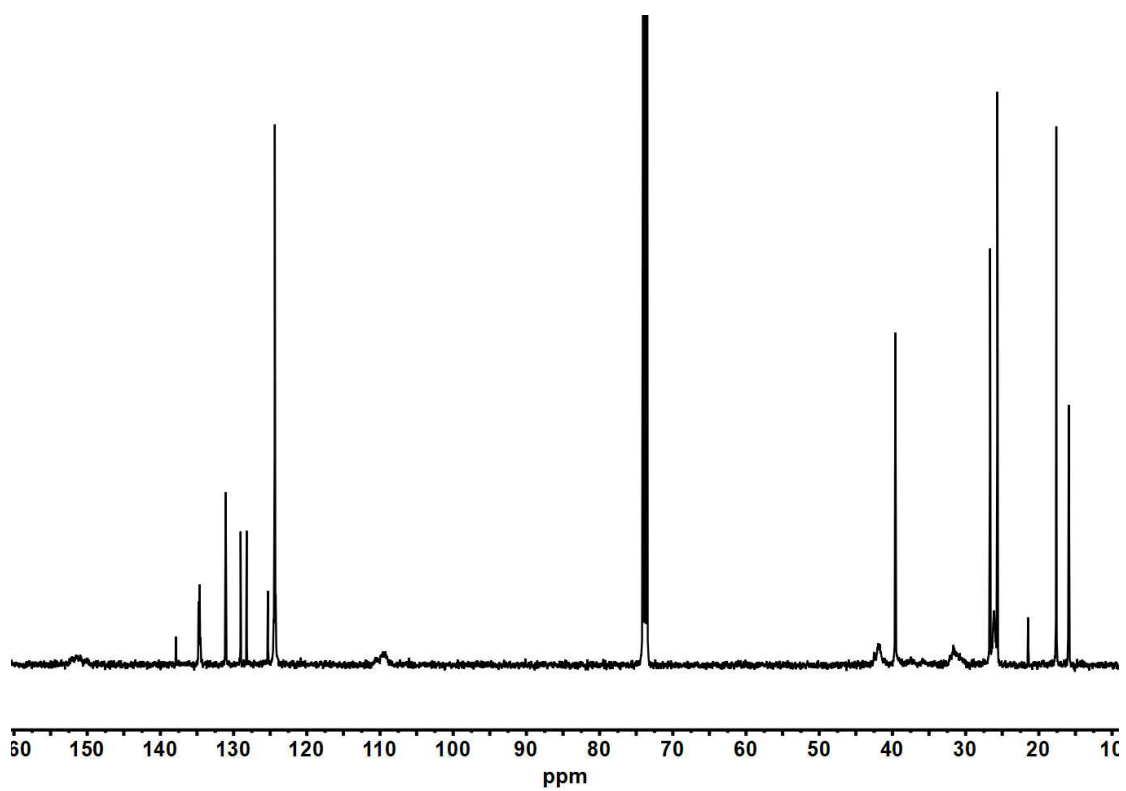


Figure S21. ^{13}C NMR (400M, $\text{C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_4$, 25 °C) of Polyfarnesene sample. (Entry 5, Table 2)

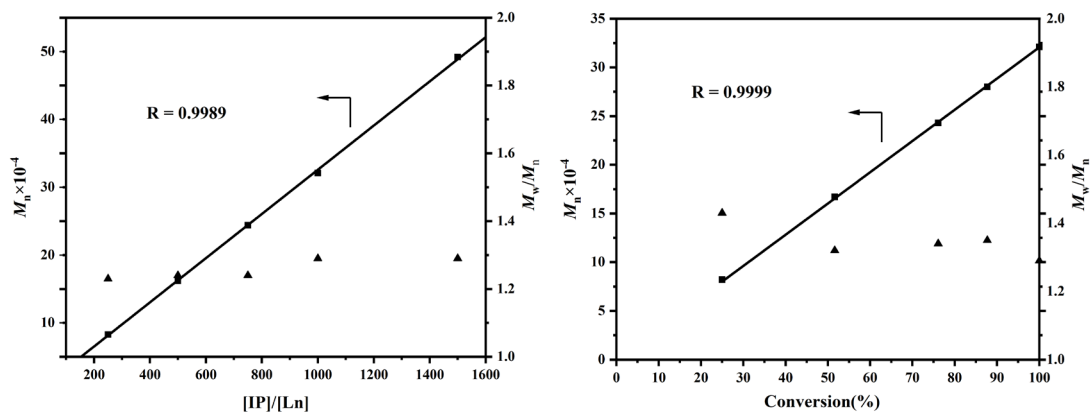


Figure S22. Plot of the polyisoprene M_n and PDI (M_w/M_n) as a function of [IP]/[Ln]. (left; Entries 2, 5-8, Table 1). Plot of the polyisoprene M_n and PDI (M_w/M_n) as a function of conversion. (right; Entries 7, 9-12, Table 1). With use of **P1-Sc**/[Ph₃C][B(C₆F₅)₄] as catalyst.

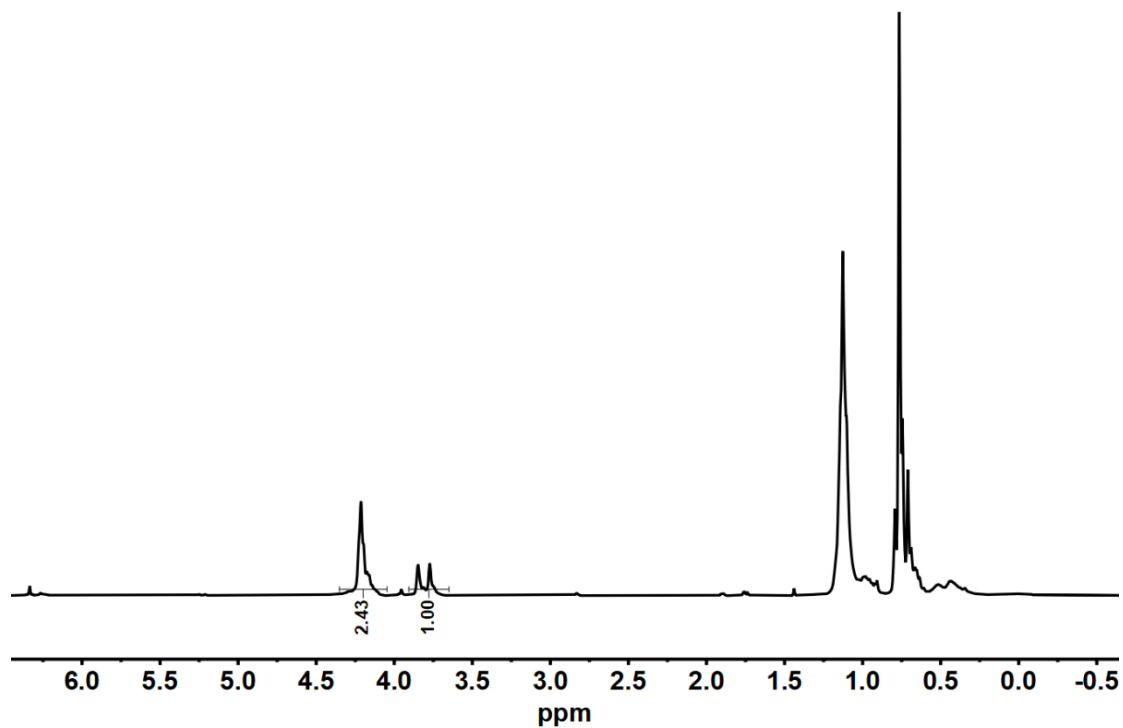


Figure S23. ¹H NMR (400M, CDCl₃, 25 °C) of Polyisoprene sample. (Sc(CH₂C₆H₄NMe₂-o)₃/[Ph₃C][B(C₆F₅)₄] binary system)

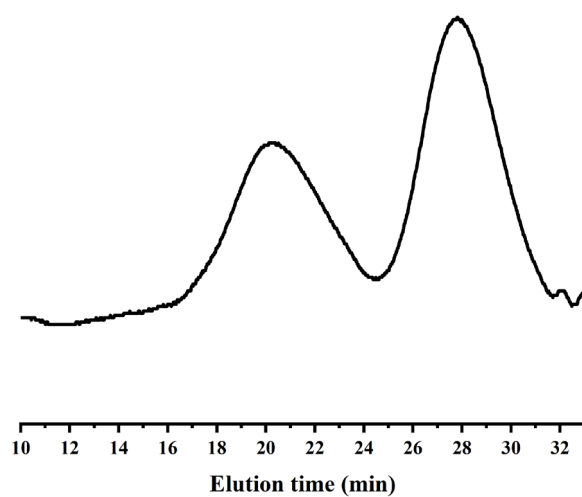


Figure S24. GPC curve of the polyisorene from $\text{Sc}(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NMe}_2)_3/[\text{Ph}_3\text{C}][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$ binary system

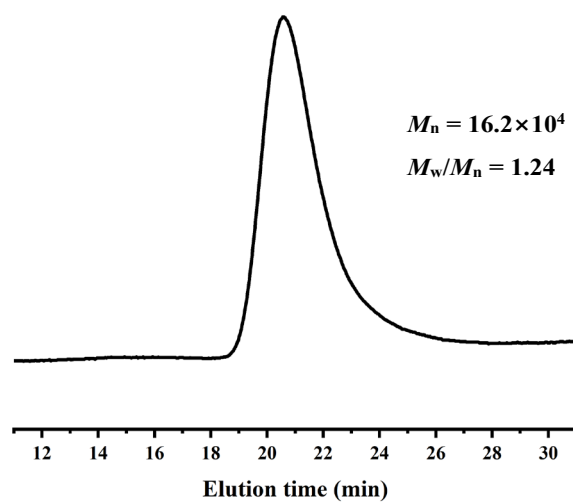


Figure S25. GPC curve of the 3,4-polyisorene from Entry 2 in Table 1.

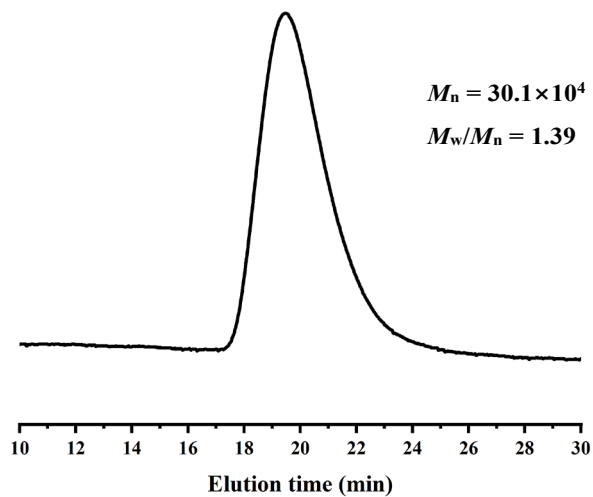


Figure S26. GPC curve of the 3,4-polymyrcene from Entry 1 in Table 2.

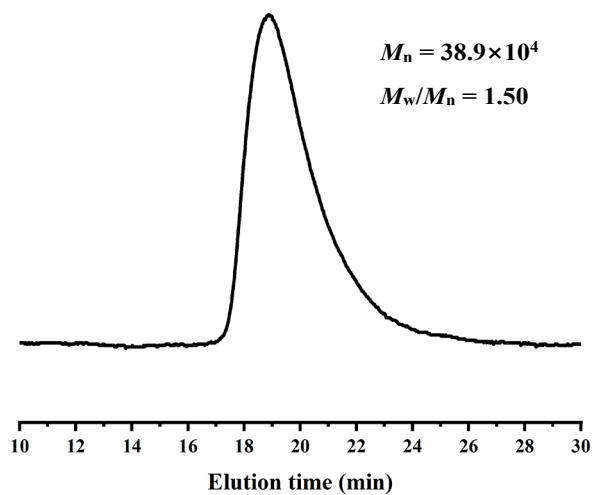


Figure S27. GPC curve of the 3,4-polyfarnesene from Entry 5 in Table 2.

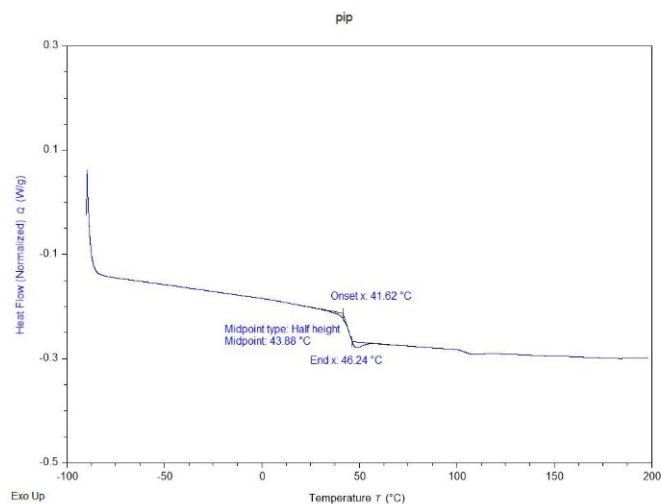


Figure S28. DSC chart of the 3,4-polyisorene (100%) from Entry 2 in Table 1.

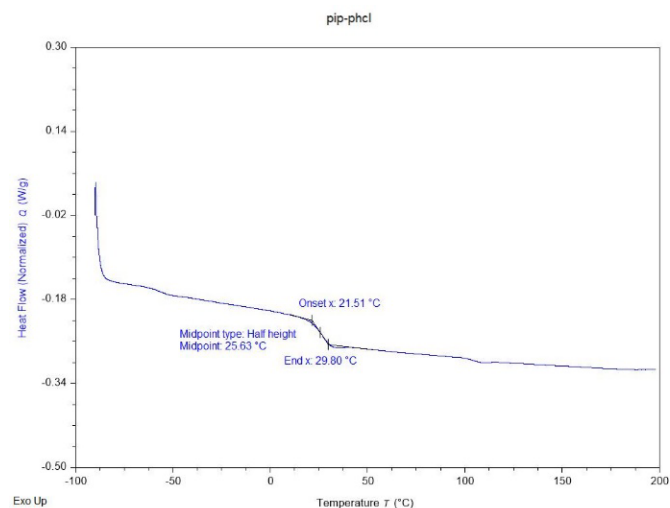


Figure S29. DSC chart of the 3,4-polyisorene (89.3%) from Entry 14 in Table 1.

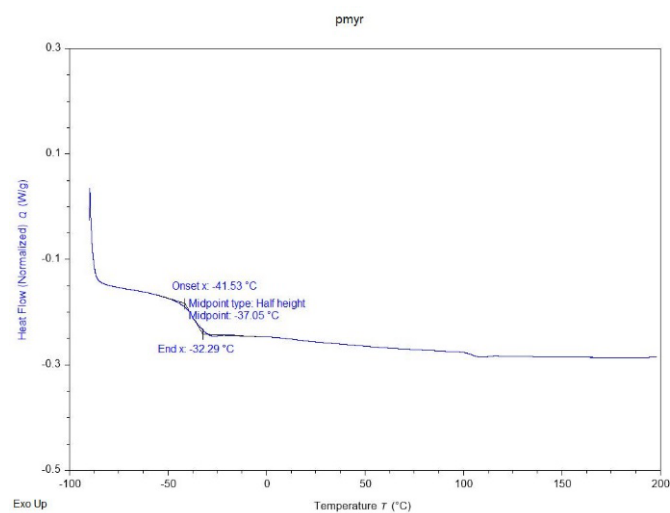


Figure S30. DSC chart of the 3,4-polymyrcene (100%) from entry 1 in Table 2.

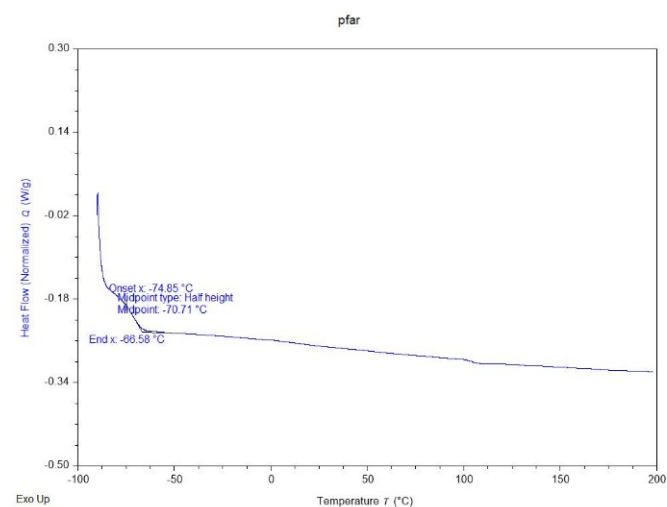


Figure S31 DSC chart of the 3,4-polyfarnesene (100%) from Entry 5 in Table 2.

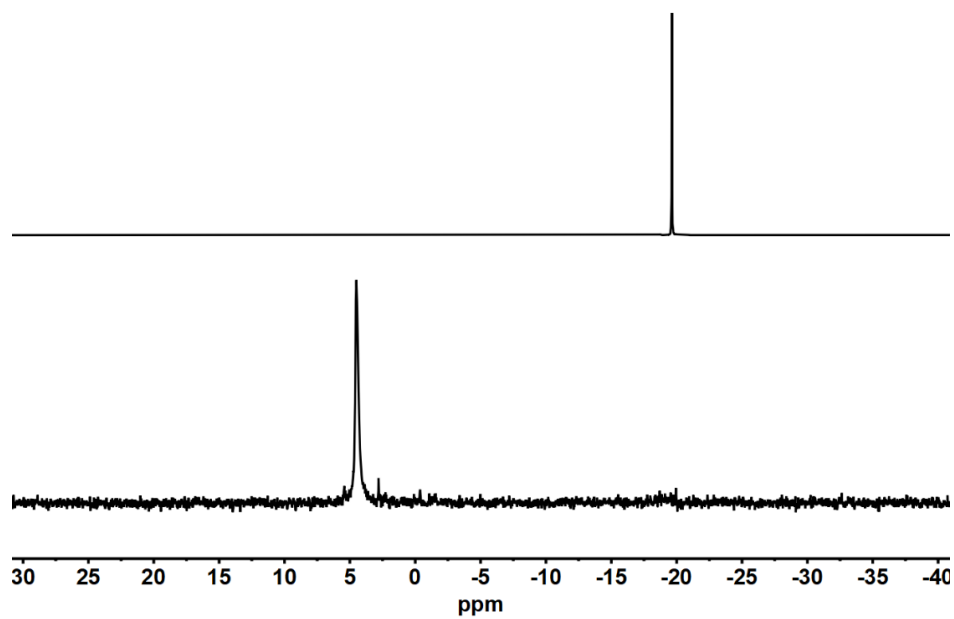


Figure S32 The ^{31}P NMR spectrum of monitoring the in situ reaction of the complex **P1-Lu** + $[\text{Ph}_3\text{C}][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$. (400 MHz, C_6D_6 , 25 $^\circ\text{C}$)

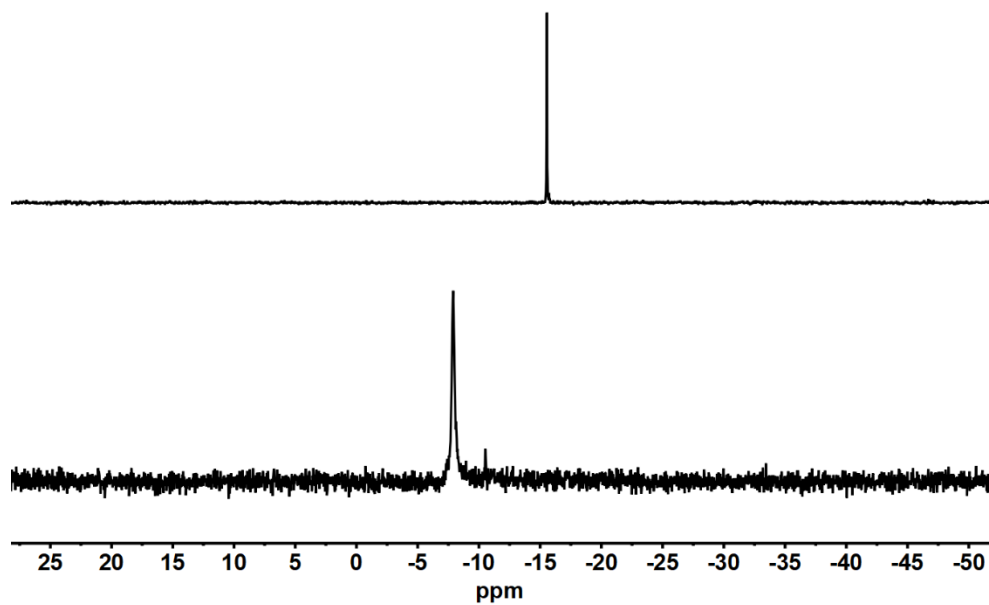


Figure S33 The ^{31}P NMR spectrum of monitoring the in situ reaction of the complex **P2-Sc** + $[\text{Ph}_3\text{C}][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$. (400 MHz, C_6D_6 , 25 $^\circ\text{C}$)

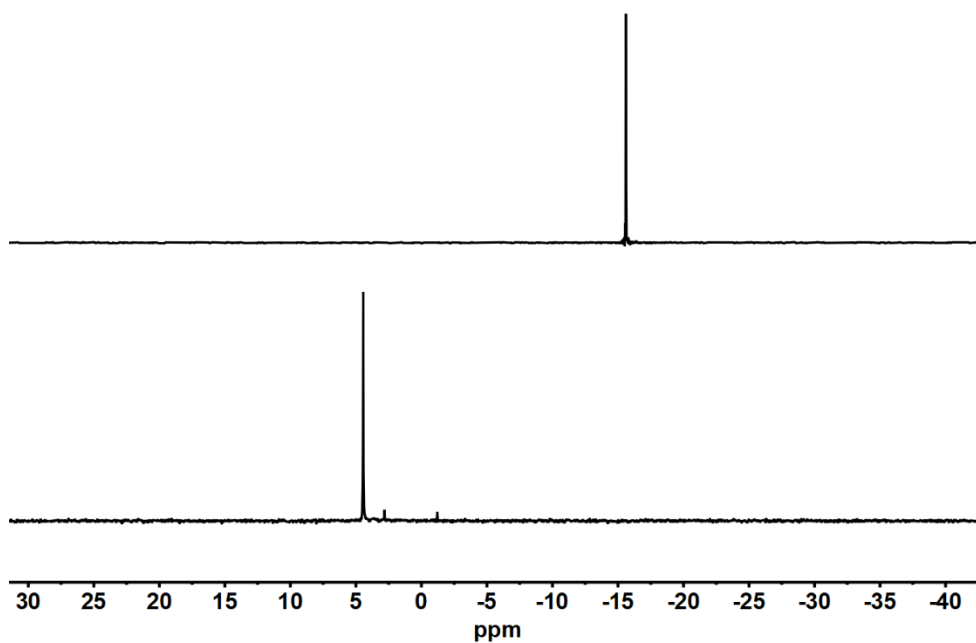


Figure S34 The ^{31}P NMR spectrum of monitoring the in situ reaction of the complex **P2-Lu** + $[\text{Ph}_3\text{C}][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$. (400 MHz, C_6D_6 , 25 °C)

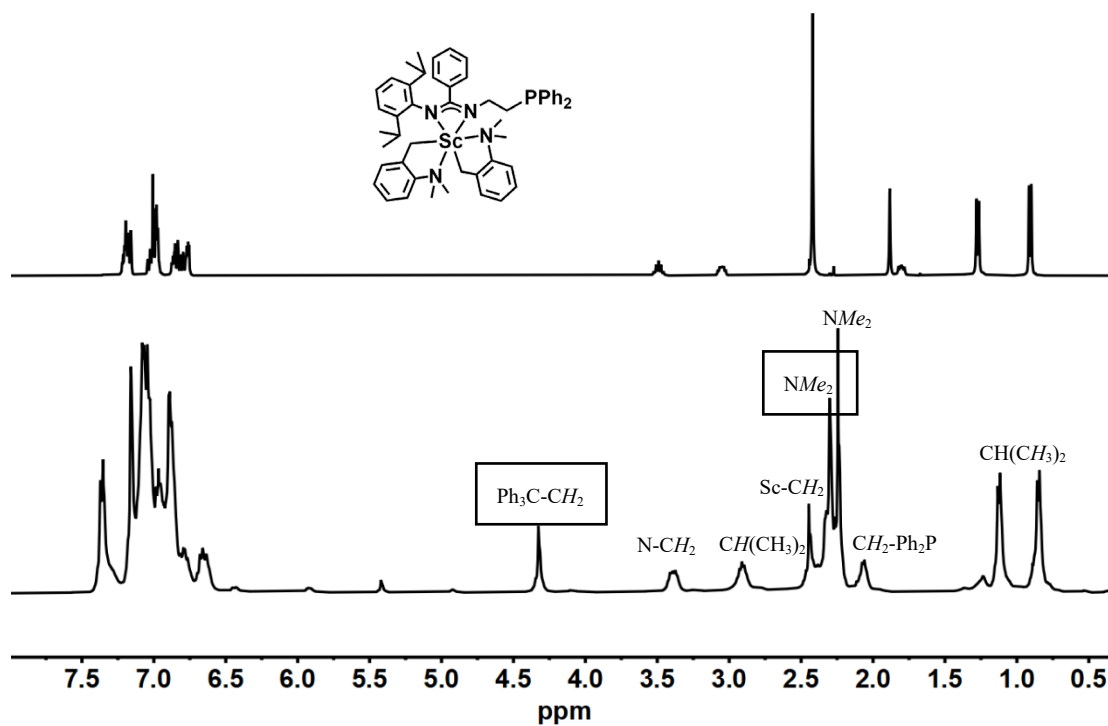


Figure S35 The ^1H NMR spectrum of monitoring the in situ reaction of the **P1-Sc** and $[\text{Ph}_3\text{C}][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$ (400 MHz, C_6D_6 , 25 °C).

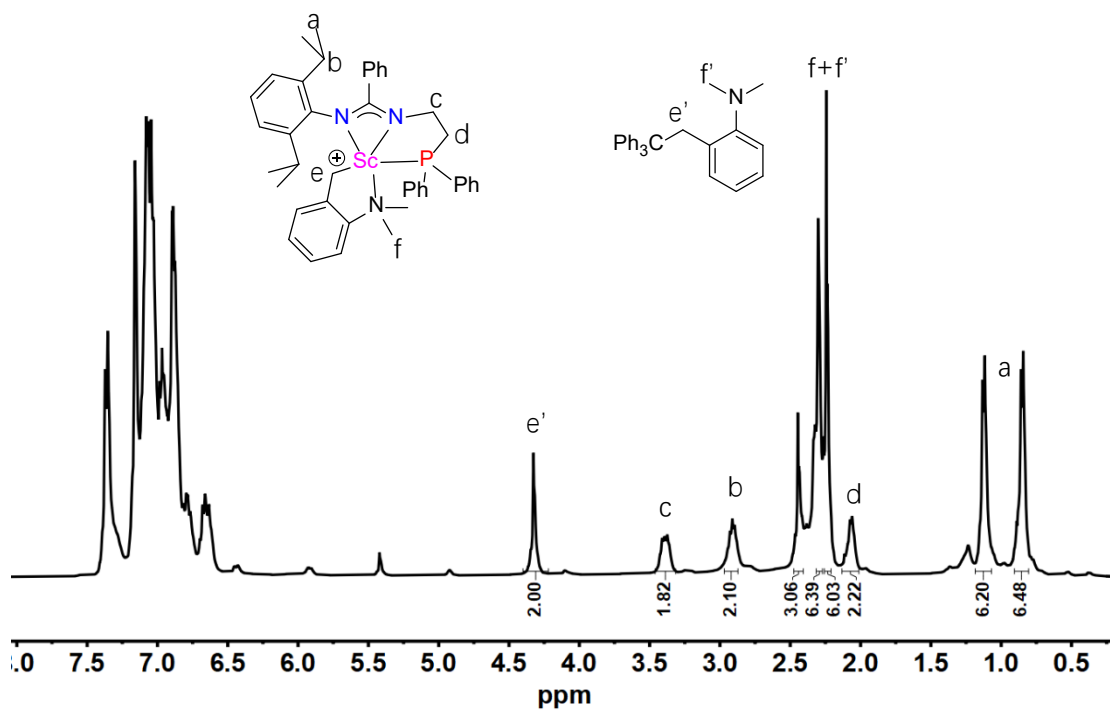


Figure S36 The ^1H NMR spectrum of the $\text{P1-Sc}/[\text{Ph}_3\text{C}][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$ (400 MHz, C_6D_6 , 25 $^\circ\text{C}$).

Table S2. Summary of the crystallographic data for **P1-Sc** and **P2-Sc**.

	P1-Sc	P2-Sc	[L1Sc (CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ NMe ₂ - <i>o</i>)(THF) ₂][BPh ₄]
Empirical formula	C ₅₁ H ₅₈ N ₄ PSc	C ₅₂ H ₆₂ N ₄ PSc, 0.35[C ₆ H ₁₄], 0.275[C ₆ H ₁₄]	C ₅₀ H ₆₄ N ₃ O ₂ PSc, C ₂₄ H ₂₀ B, 0.4[C ₆ H ₁₄]
Formula weight	802.94	872.84	1168.65
Temperature/K	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)
Wavelength/Å	0.71073	1.54178	0.71073
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	P -1	P -1	P -1
a/Å	11.8185(12)	11.8911(6)	13.8049(4)
b/Å	12.4335(15)	15.1281(7)	37.9296(13)
c/Å	15.9472(17)	27.9116(14)	13.9080(5)
α/°	89.192(4)	93.267(3)	90
β/°	71.996(4)	90.002(4)	116.3810(10)
γ/°	87.743(4)	101.270(3)	90
V/Å ³	2226.9(4)	4915.9(4)	6524.0(4)
Z	2	4	4
D _c /Mg m ⁻³	1.197	1.179	1.190
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.240	1.882	0.186
F(000)	856	1877	2504
Crystal size/mm ³	0.040 x 0.030 x 0.010	0.050 x 0.050 x 0.050	0.240 x 0.230 x 0.040
2θ range for data collection/°	1.89 to 25.15	1.58 to 66.85	1.96 to 24.71
Limiting indices(<i>hkl</i>)	-14,11;-14,14;-19,19	-14,14;-16,18;-33,33	-16,16;-44,44;-16,16
Reflections collected	13826	72491	172024
Independent reflections	7945	17382	22220
R _{int}	0.1220	0.1409	0.2226
Completeness to θ/°	25.15° (99.9%)	66.85° (99.5%)	24.71° (99.9%)
Data/restraints/parameters	7945/0/523	17382/0/1061	172024/1/1478
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.001	1.009	1.018
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R1 = 0.0574, wR2 = 0.1288	R1 = 0.0614, wR2 = 0.1677	R1 = 0.0574, wR2 = 0.1288
Final R indexes [all data]	R1 = 0.1831, wR2 = 0.2159	R1 = 0.0966, wR2 = 0.1481	R1 = 0.0972, wR2 = 0.1141
Largest diff. peak/hole/e Å ⁻³	0.633, -0.652	0.496, -0.548	0.500, -0.766

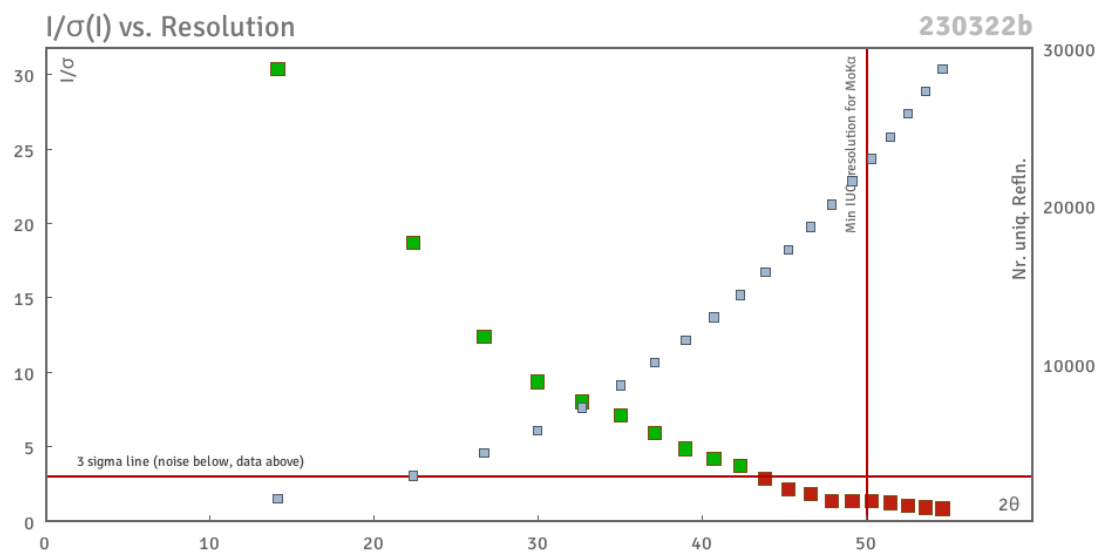


Figure S37 Plot of the signal to noise ratio $I/\sigma(I)$ as a function of resolution based on crystallography of **P1-Sc**.

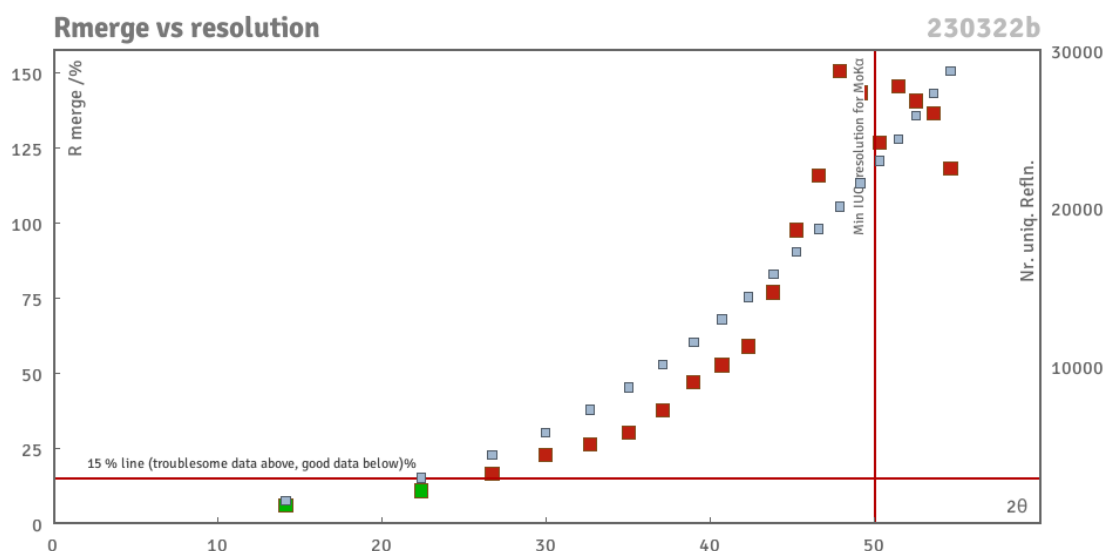


Figure S38 Rmerge as a function of resolution for **P1-Sc**.

Note: The crystal data in detail of **P1-Sc** (CCDC 2261242), was collected with a scan width of 1 degree and exposure time extended to 10 seconds. The weak data for this structure might be attributed to the un-coordinated -PPh₂ group that impeded the molecules to form well-assembly and compacted structure for X-ray diffraction analysis.

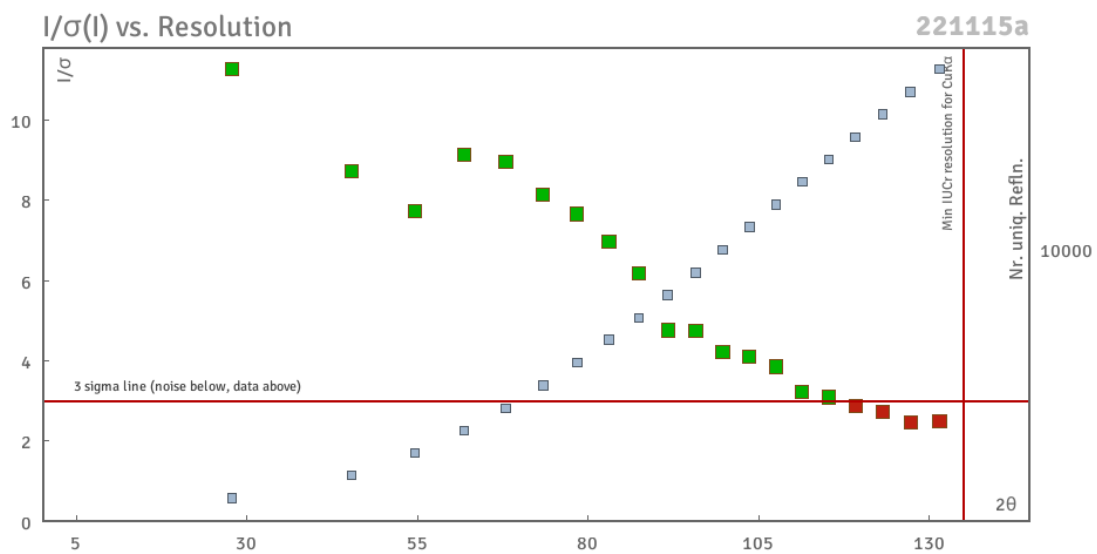


Figure S39 Plot of the signal to noise ratio $I/\sigma(I)$ as a function of resolution based on crystallography of **P2-Sc**.

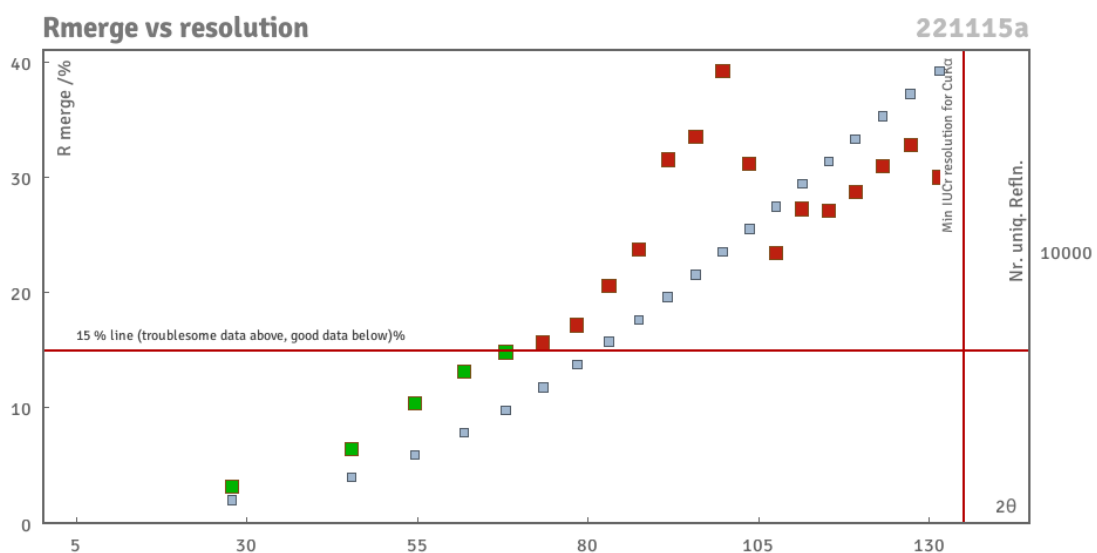


Figure S40 Rmerge as a function of resolution for **P2-Sc**.

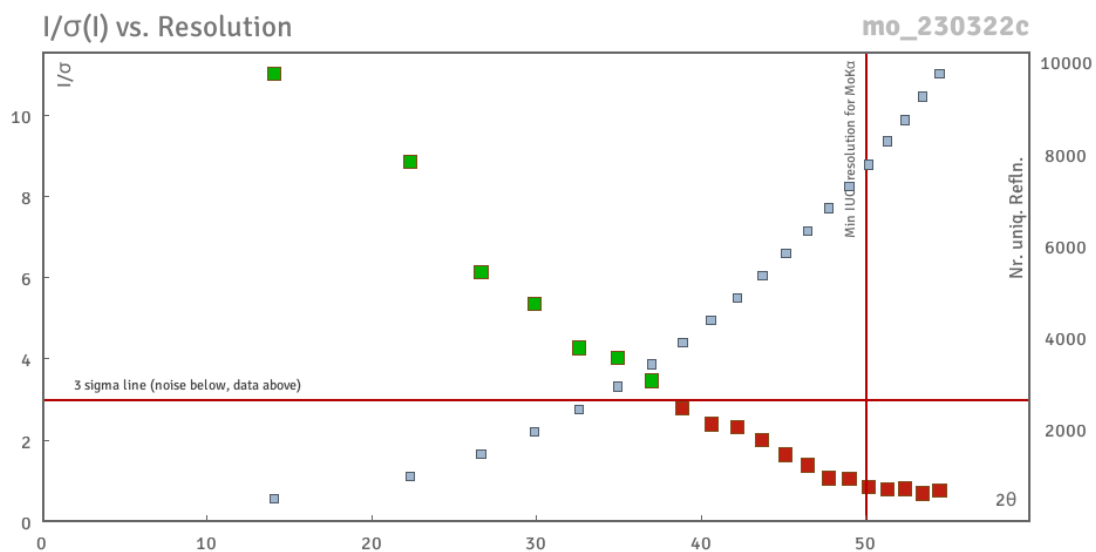


Figure S41 Plot of the signal to noise ratio $I/\sigma(I)$ as a function of resolution based on crystallography of $[\text{L1Sc}(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NMe}_2\text{-}o)(\text{THF})_2][\text{BPh}_4]$.

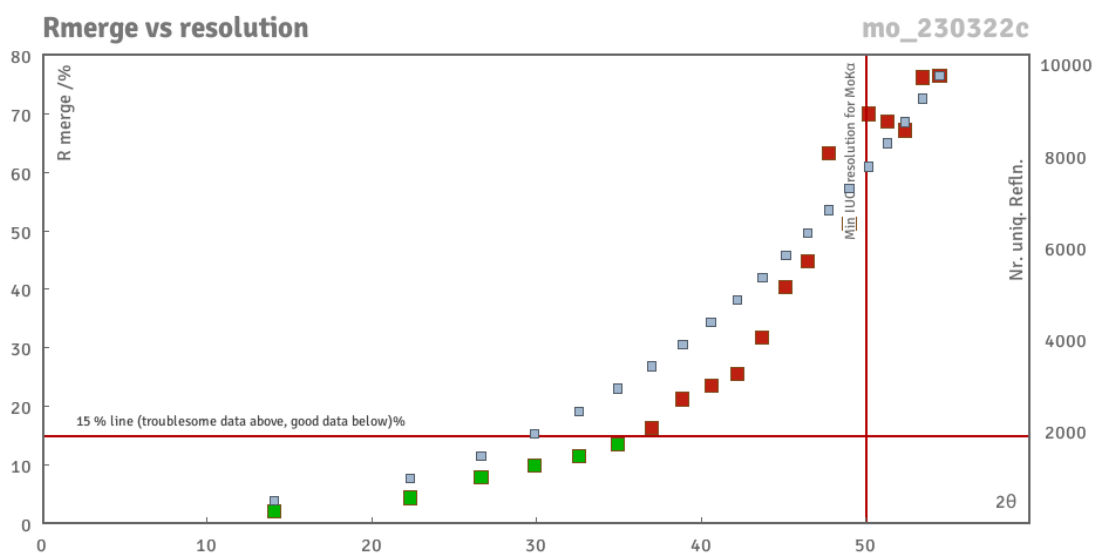


Figure S42 Rmerge as a function of resolution for $[\text{L1Sc}(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NMe}_2\text{-}o)(\text{THF})_2][\text{BPh}_4]$.

Computational details

All calculations were performed with Gaussian 16 program.¹ The B3PW91 hybrid exchange-correlation functional was utilized for geometry optimization.²⁻⁴ The 6-31G* basis set was considered for C, H, N, B, and F atoms, and the P and Sc atoms were treated by the Stuttgart/Dresden effective core potential (ECP) and the associated basis sets.^{5,6} The basis sets of P were augmented with one *d*-polarization function (exponent of 0.387).⁷ This basis set is denoted as “BSI”. To obtain more reliable energy, the single-point calculations of optimized structures were carried out at the level of B3PW91-D3 (B3PW91 with Grimme’s DFT-D3 correction)^{8,9}/BSII, taking into account solvation effect of chlorobenzene with the SMD¹⁰ solvation model. In the BSII, the 6-311G(d,p) basis set was used for nonmetal atoms, while the basis sets together with associated pseudopotentials for Sc atom are the same as that in geometry optimization.

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