

# Mixed Valence Triiron Complexes from the Conjugation of Dinuclear [CpFe<sup>I</sup>-Fe<sup>I</sup>Cp] and [Fe<sup>II</sup>] Complexes via Intermolecular Carbyne/Diyne Coupling

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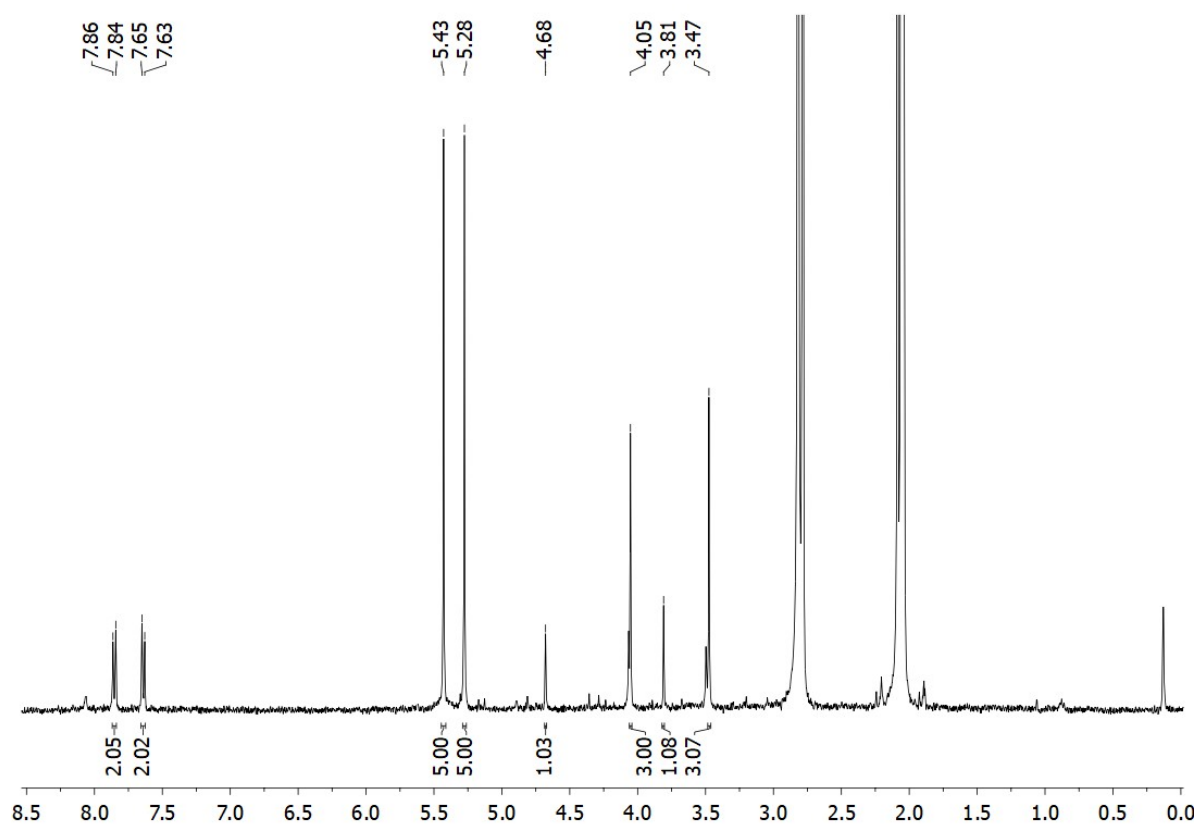
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# Supporting Information

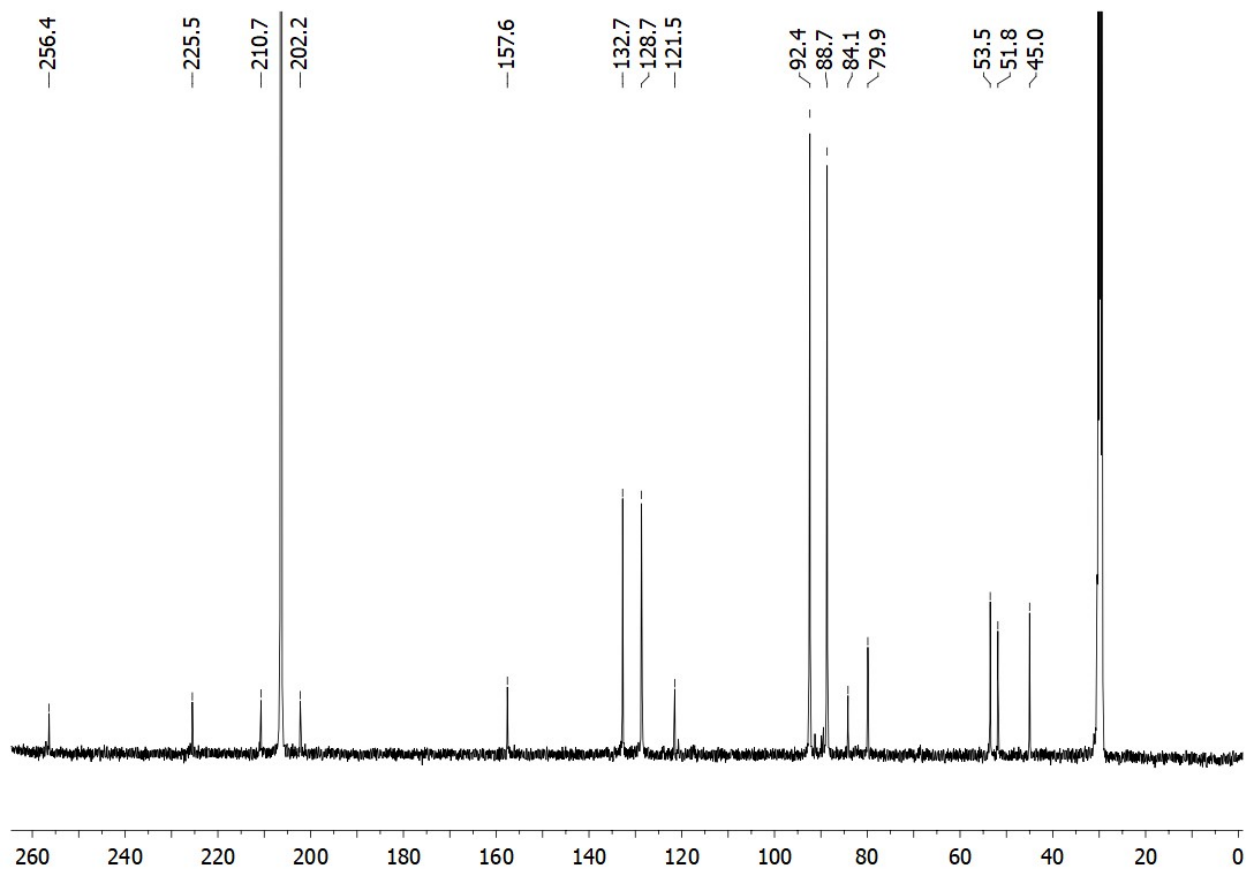
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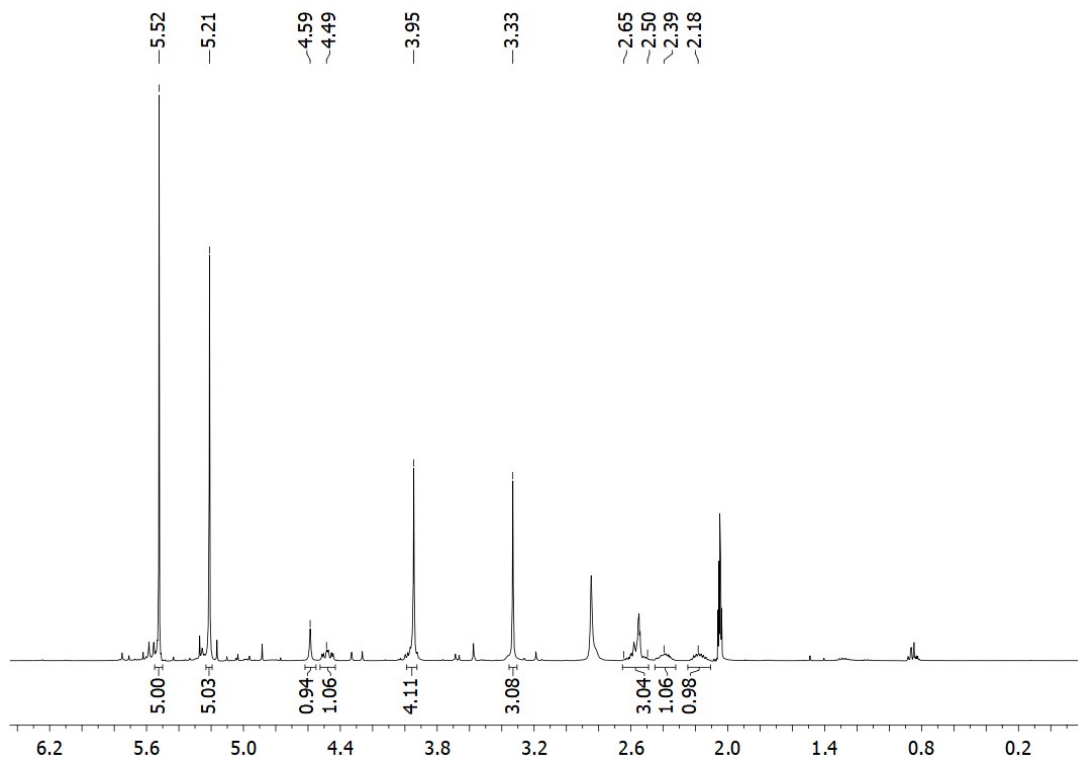
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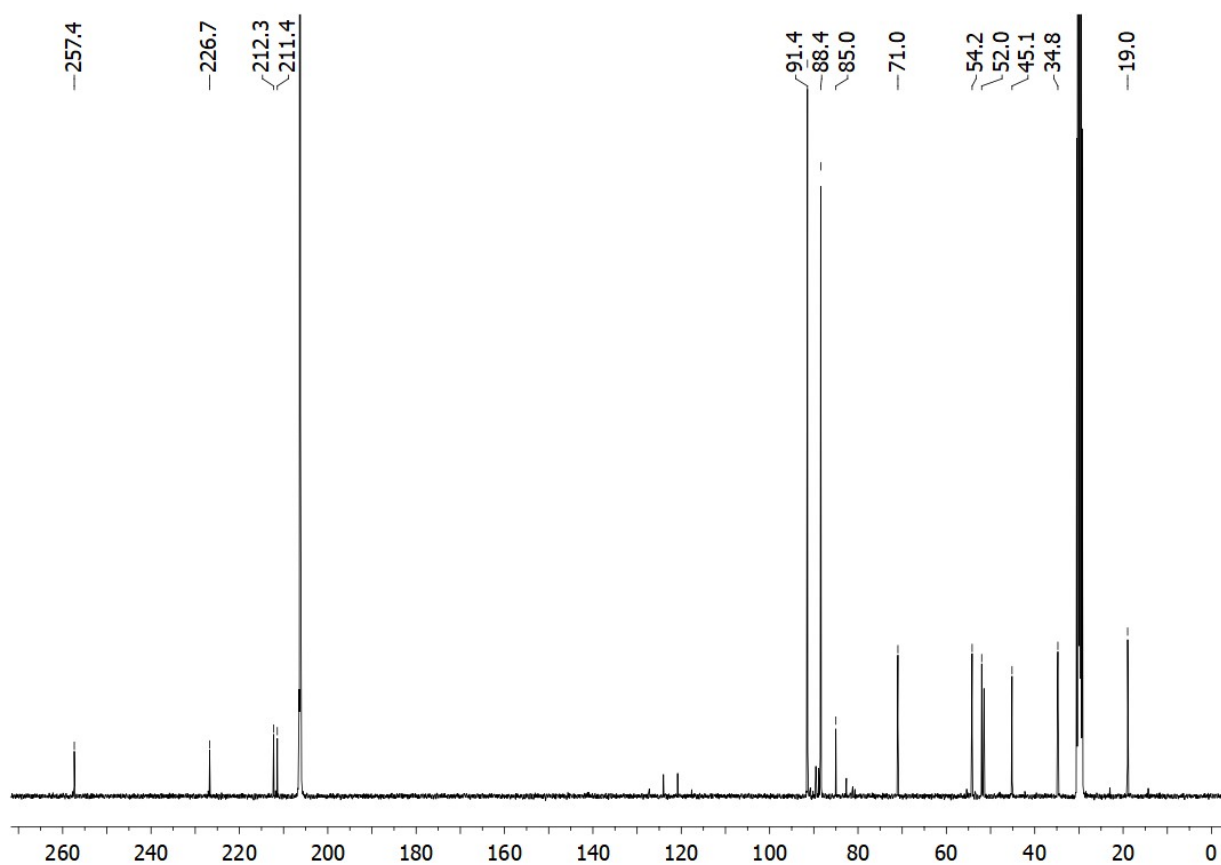
**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) of  $[\mathbf{2a1}]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ .



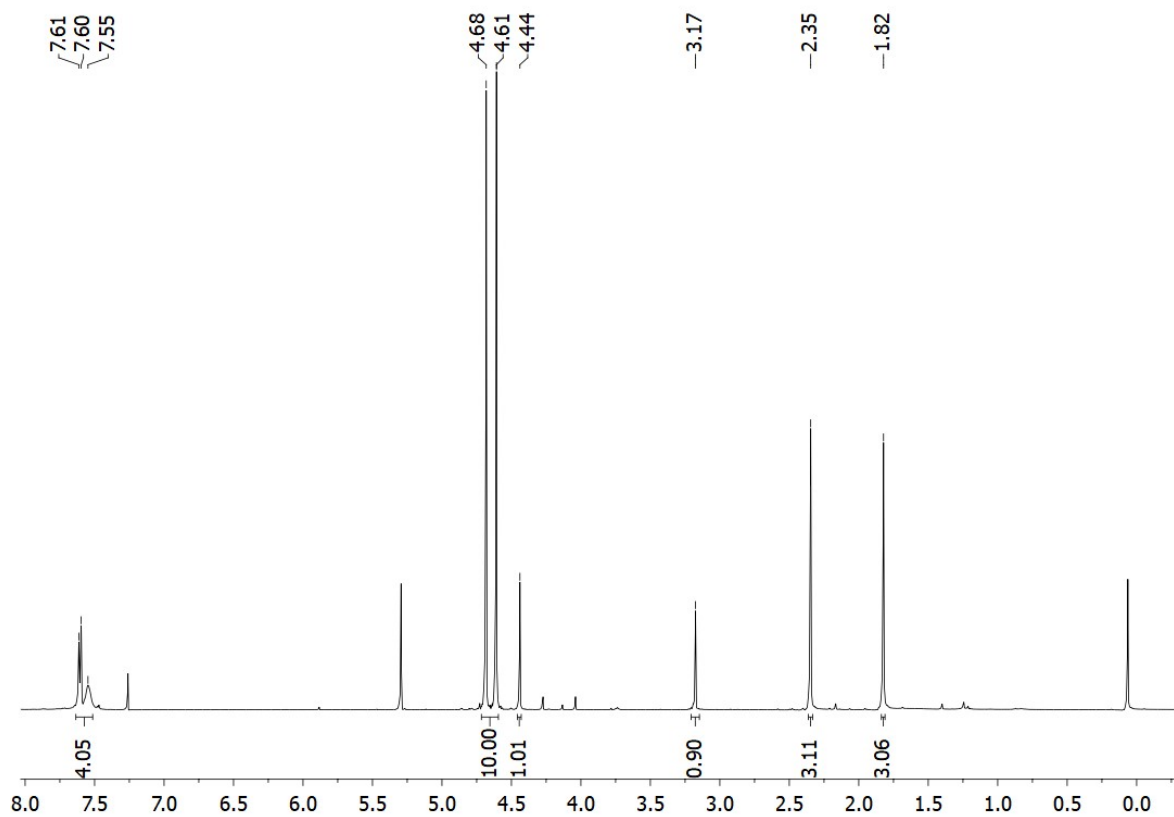
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (401 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) of  $[\mathbf{2a2}]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$



**Figure S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) of  $[\mathbf{2a2}]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ .



**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (401 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3a1**.



**Figure S6.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3a1**.

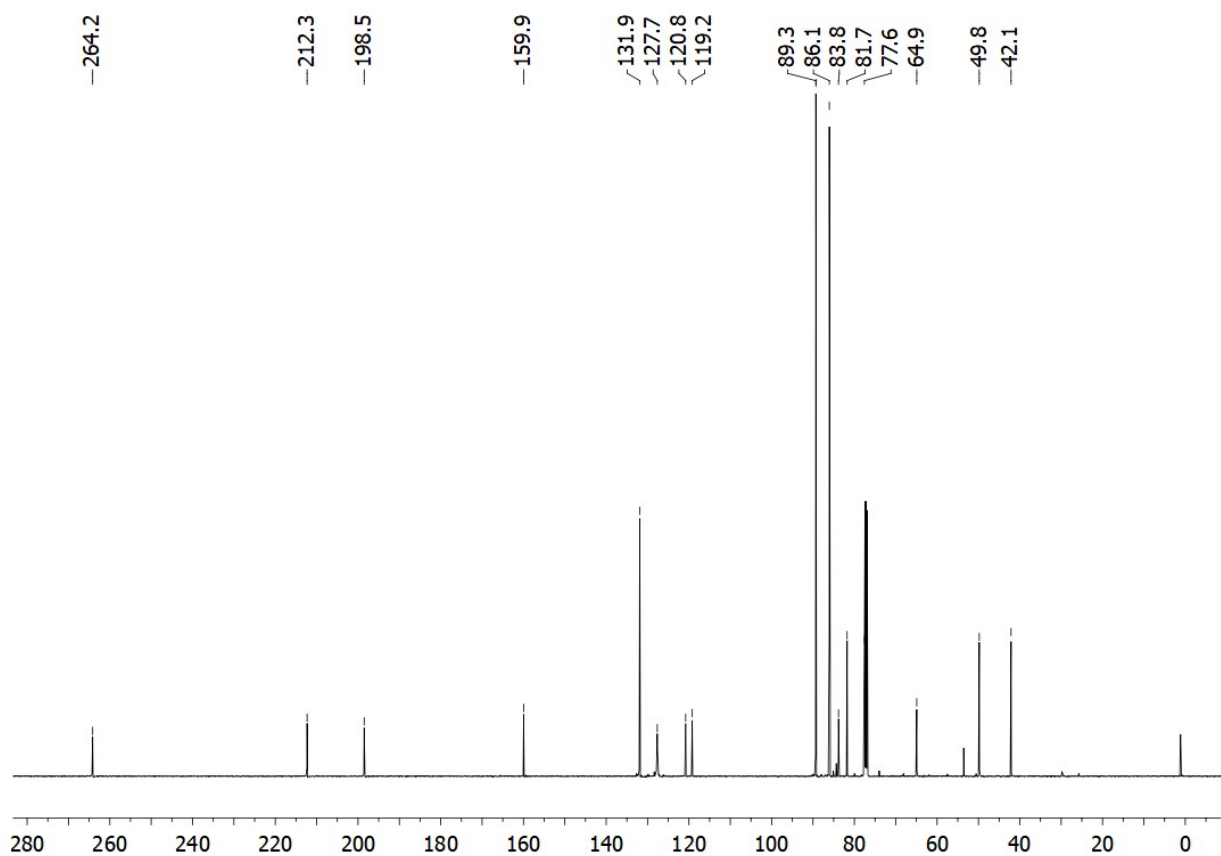


Figure S7.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (401 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3a2**.

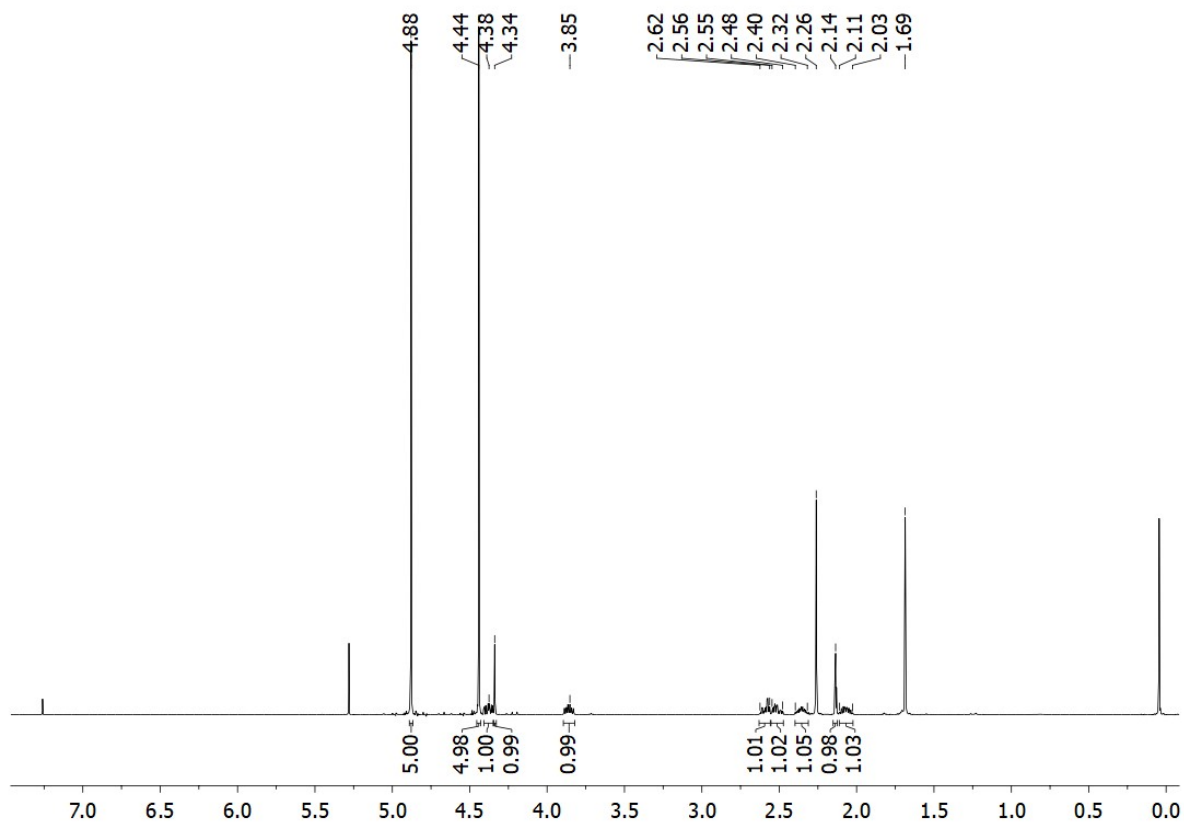
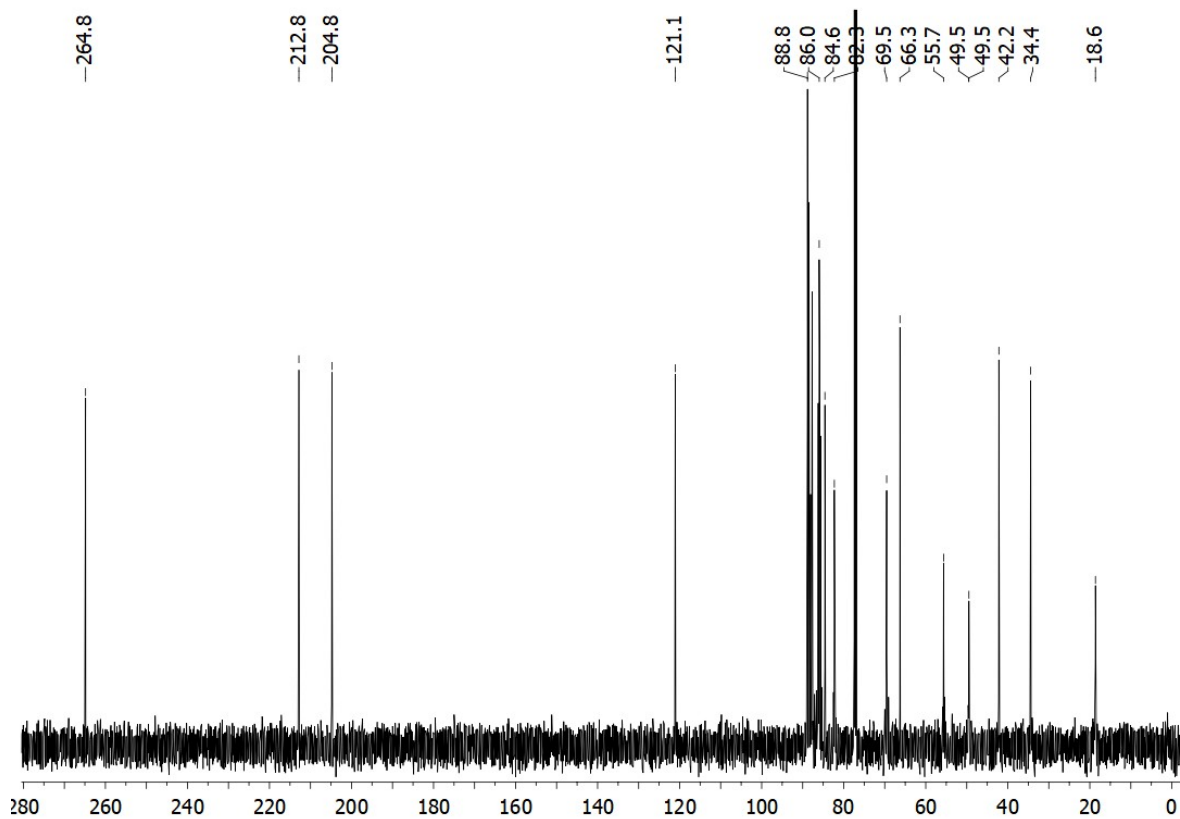
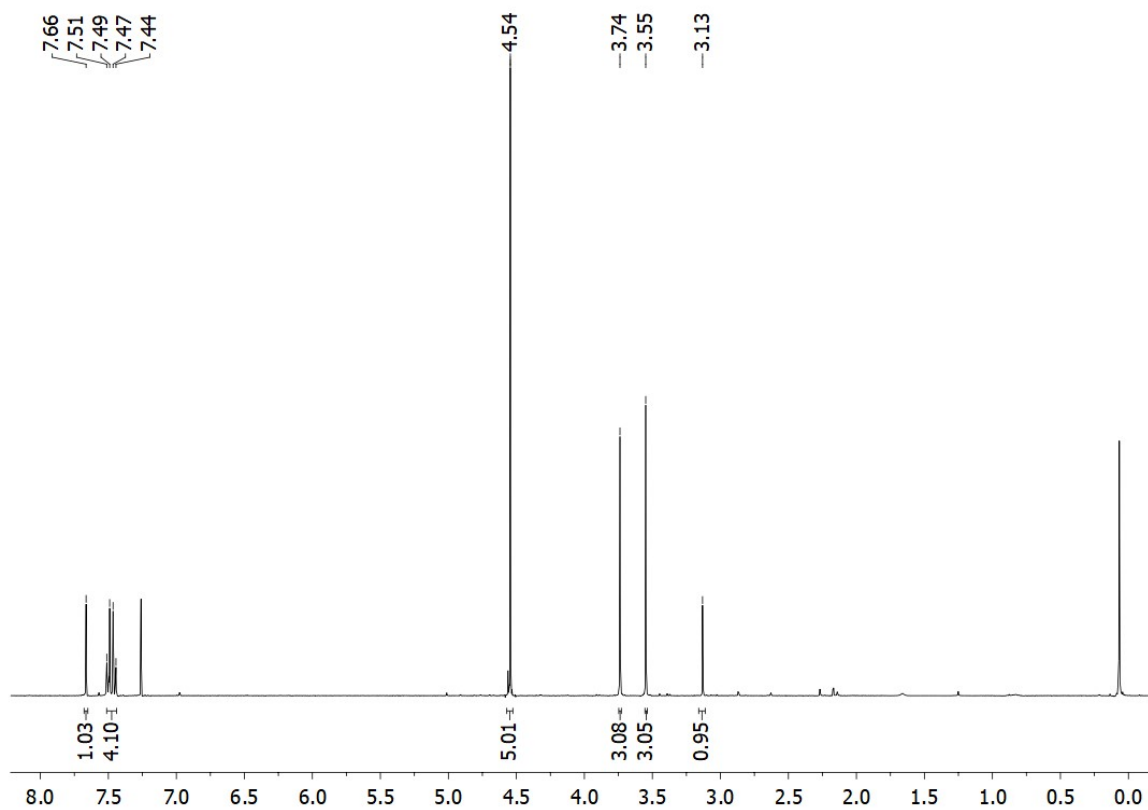


Figure S8.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3a2**.



**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (401 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **4a1**.



**Figure S10.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **4a1**.

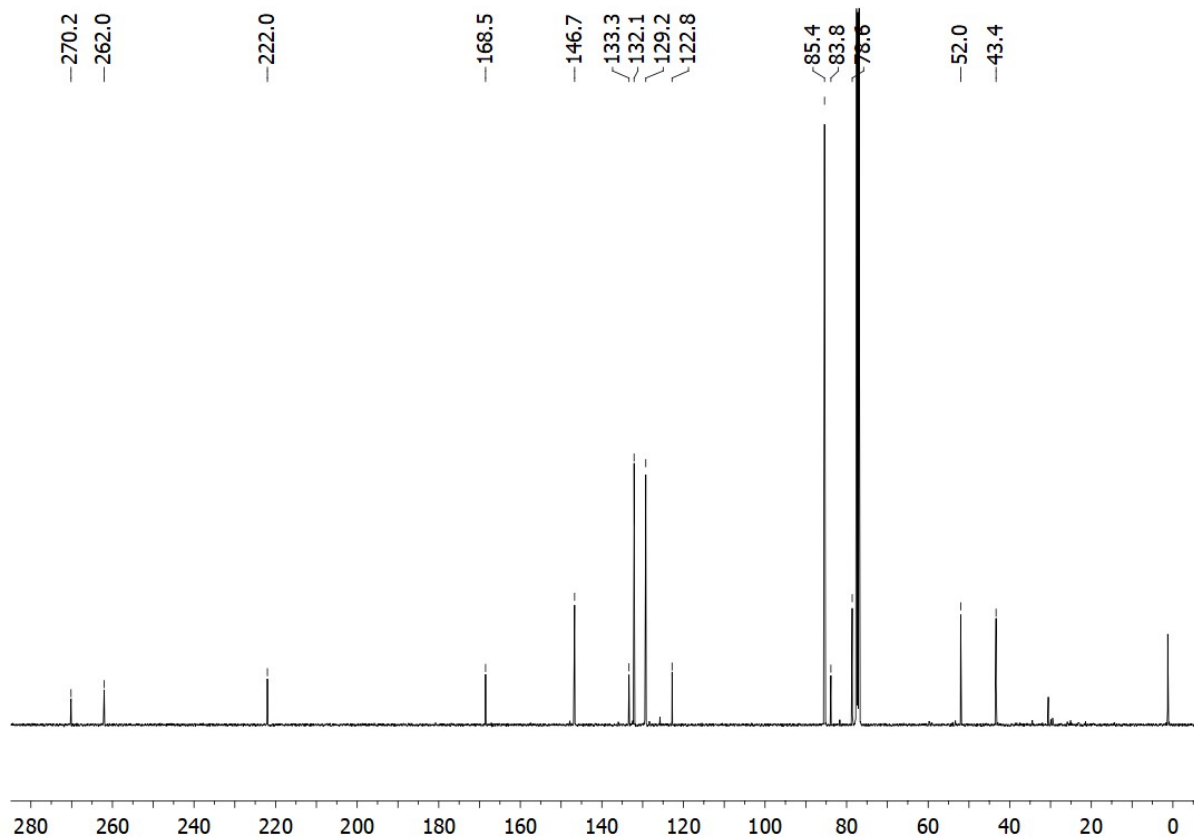


Figure S11.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (401 MHz, acetone- $\text{d}_6$ ) of  $[\mathbf{5a1}]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ .

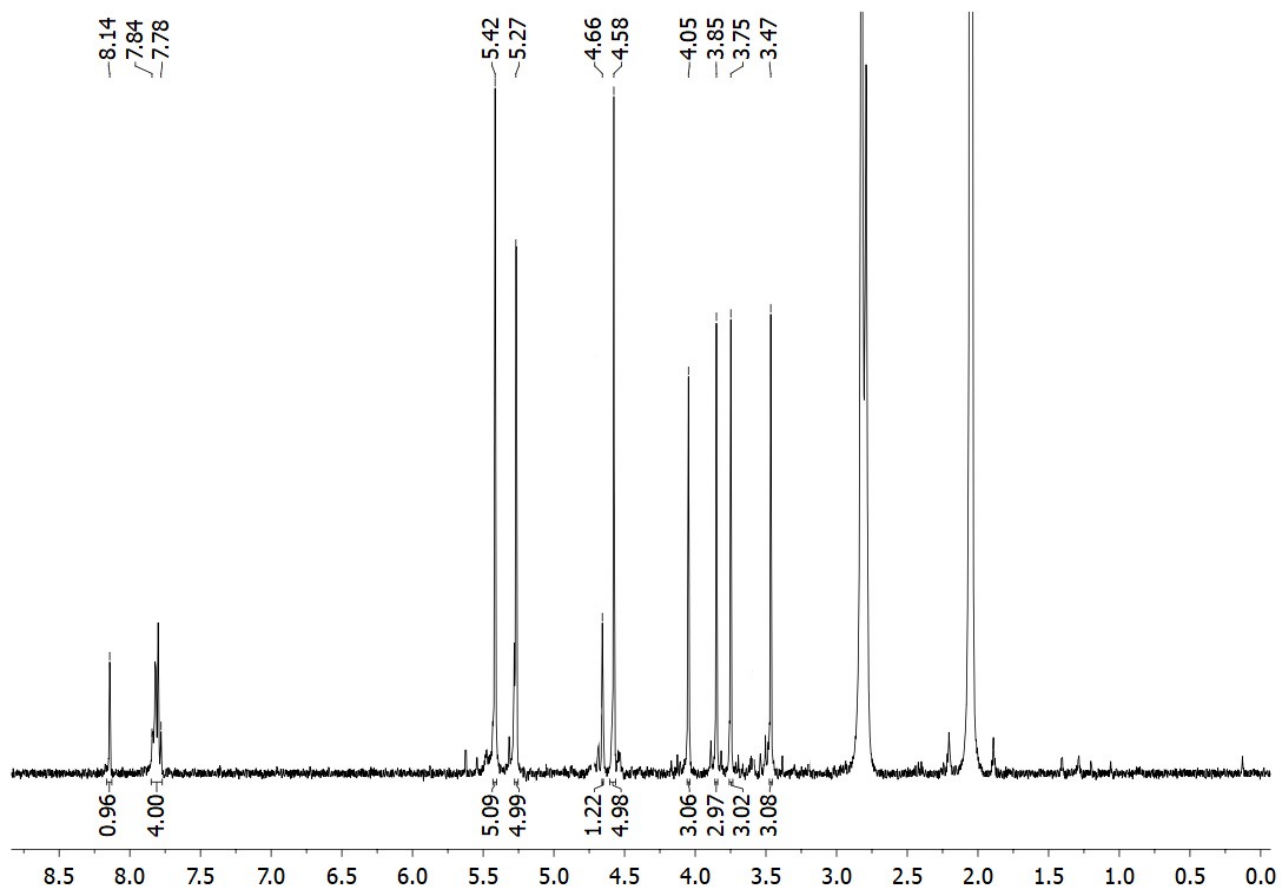


Figure S12.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, acetone- $\text{d}_6$ ) of  $[\mathbf{5a1}]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ .

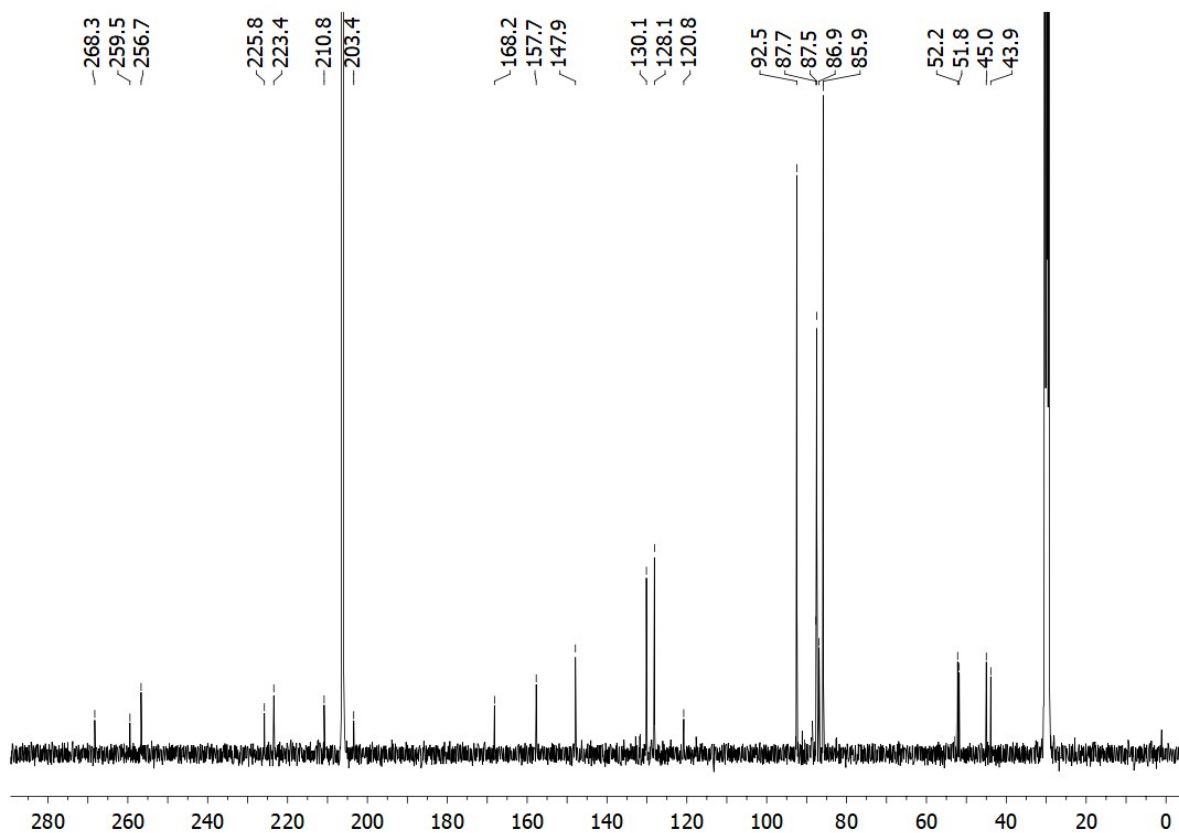




Figure S13.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (401 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) of **[5b1]CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>**.

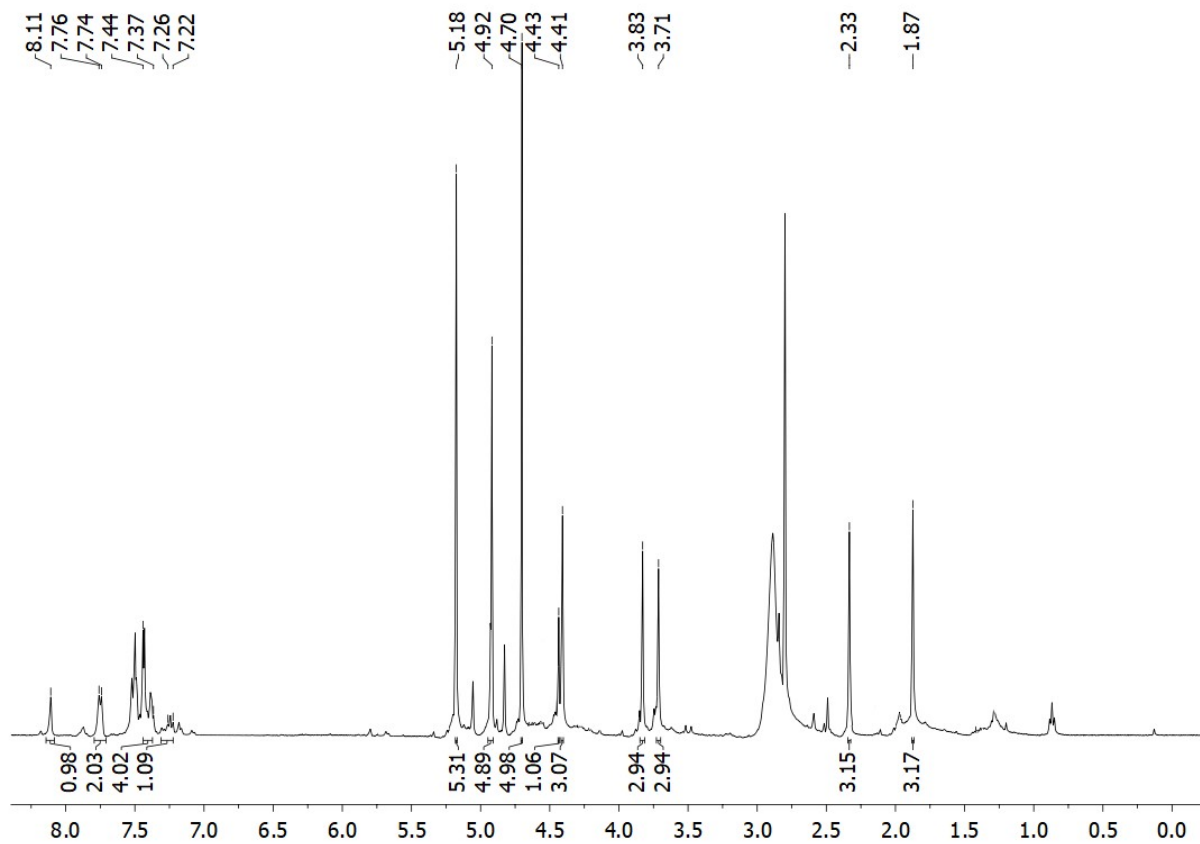
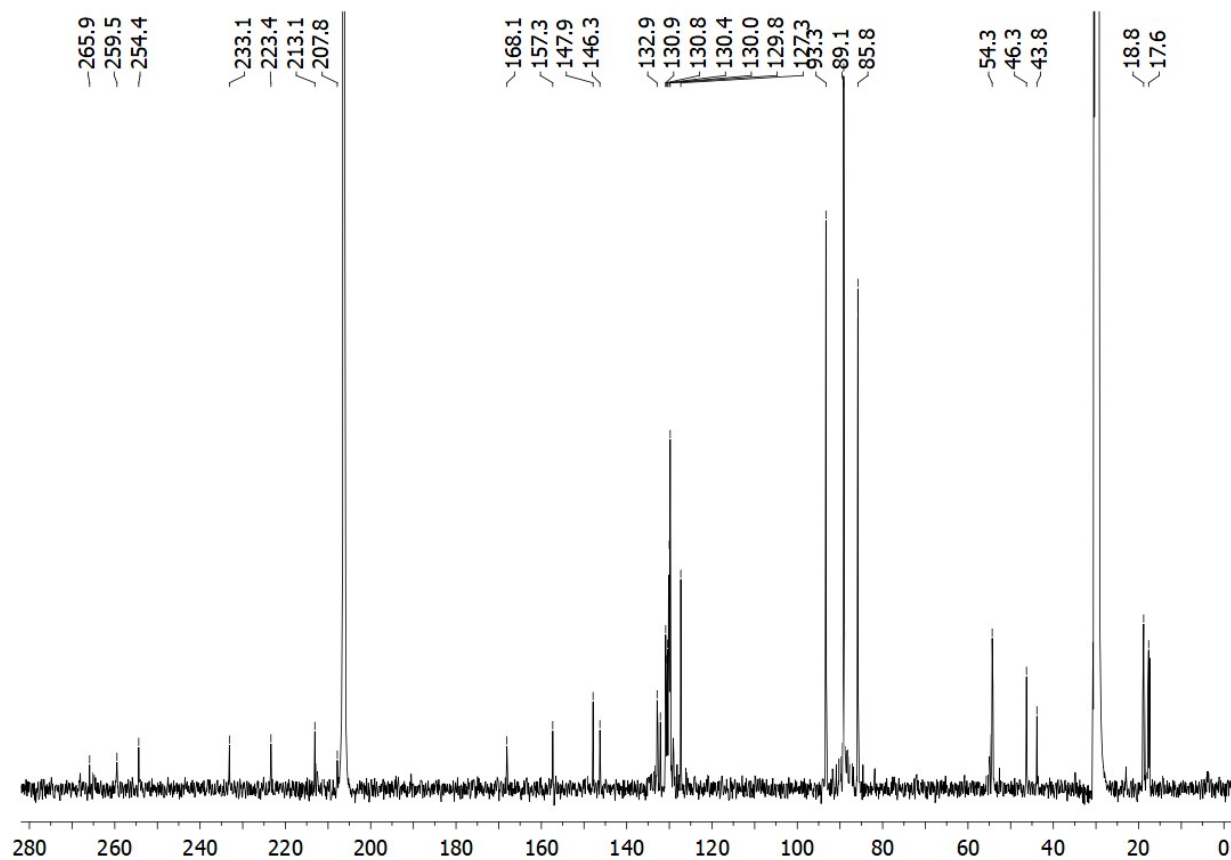
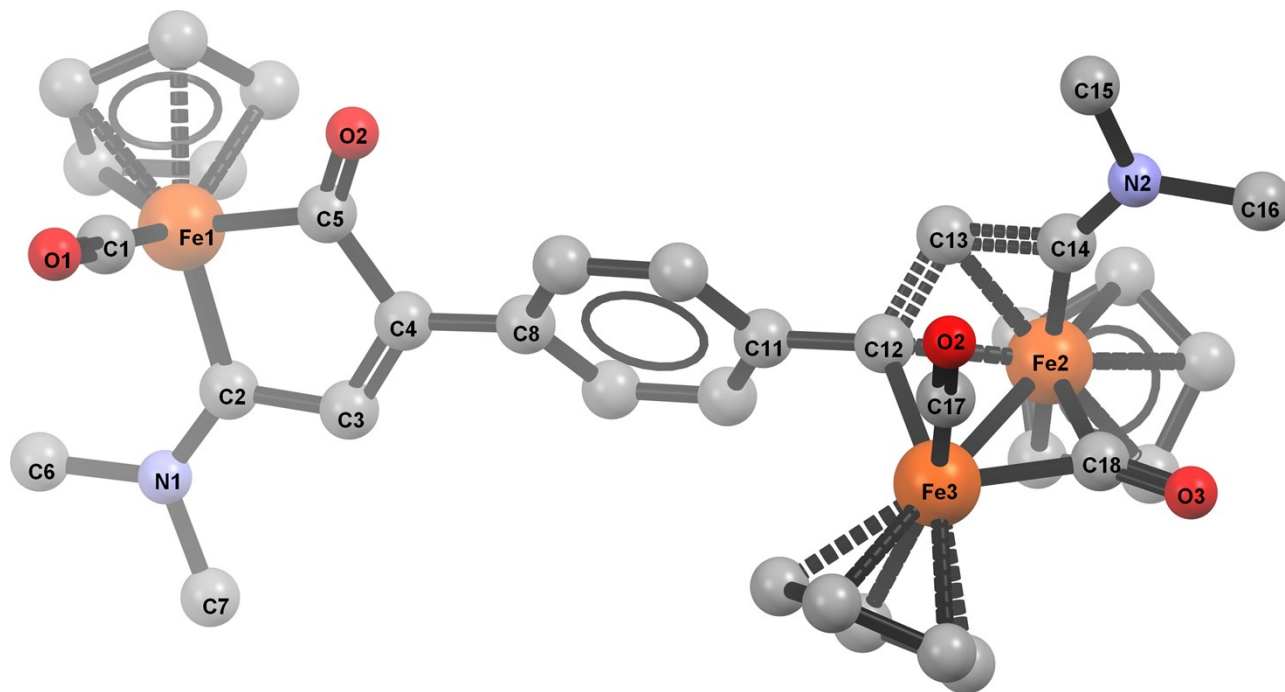


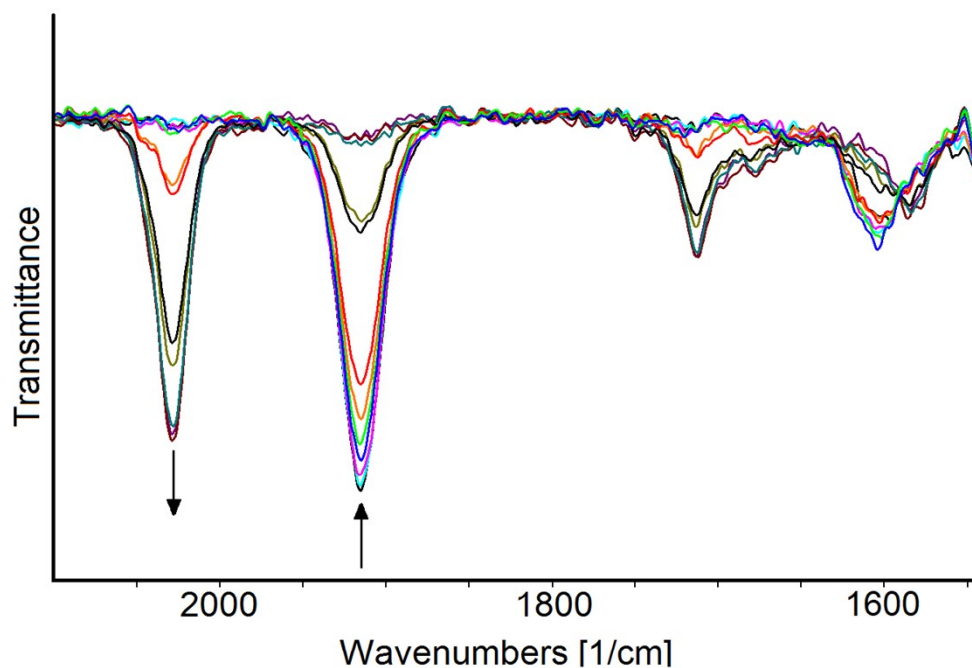
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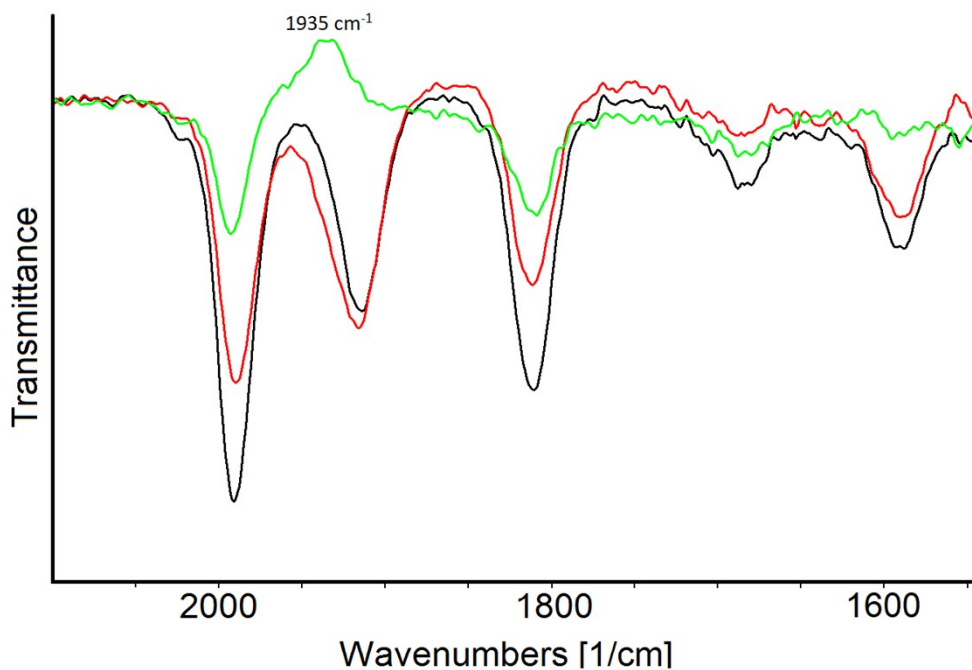
**Figure S15.** View of the DFT-optimized structure of  $[\mathbf{5a1}]^{2+}$  (doublet state). Calculated bond distances (Å) and angles (°): Fe(1)-C(1) 1.769, Fe(1)-C(2) 1.946, Fe(1)-C(5) 2.006, C(1)-O(1) 1.154, C(2)-N(1) 1.326, C(5)-O(2) 1.201, C(11)-C(12) 1.479, C(12)-C(13) 1.428, C(13)-C(14) 1.426, Fe(2)-C(12) 2.040, Fe(2)-C(13) 2.048, Fe(2)-C(14) 1.843, C(14)-N(2) 1.303, Fe(2)-C(18) 1.951, Fe(3)-C(12) 1.960, Fe(3)-C(18) 1.890, C(18)-O(3) 1.180, Fe(3)-C(17) 1.749, C(17)-O(2) 1.159, Fe(2)-Fe(3) 2.560, Fe(1)-C(1)-O(1) 178.9, C(2)-Fe(1)-C(5) 84.8, sum at N(1) 359.9, Fe(2)-C(12)-Fe(3) 79.6, Fe(3)-C(17)-O(2) 178.7, Fe(2)-C(18)-Fe(3) 88.6, sum at N(2) 360.0. Hydrogens atoms are omitted for clarity.



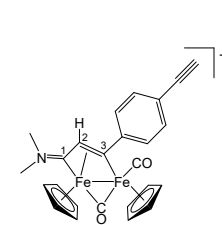
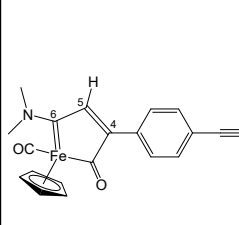
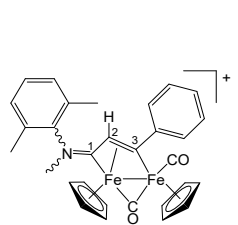
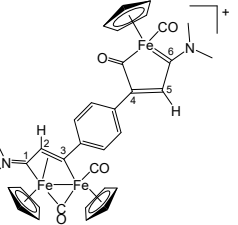
**Figure S16.** IR spectra of a  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution of **4a1** recorded in an OTTLE cell during the progressive increase of the potential from  $-0.1$  to  $+0.3$  V (vs. Ag pseudoreference electrode). Scan rate  $1.0 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ; spectra collected every minute.  $[\text{N}^n\text{Bu}_4]\text{PF}_6$  ( $0.2 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) as the supporting electrolyte. The absorptions of the solvent and supporting electrolyte have been subtracted.



**Figure S17.** IR spectra of a  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution of **[5a1]CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>** recorded in an OTTLE cell before (black line) and after (red line) a cyclic voltammetry between  $-0.6$  and  $-1.2$  V (vs. Ag pseudoreference electrode) at the scan rate of  $2 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ . The green line is the difference spectrum (red minus black).  $[\text{N}^n\text{Bu}_4]\text{PF}_6$  ( $0.2 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) as the supporting electrolyte. The absorptions of the solvent and supporting electrolyte have been subtracted.



**Table S1.** Comparative view of  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data (solvent for analysis indicated in parentheses).

	 <b>[2a1]CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub></b> (acetone-d <sub>6</sub> )	 <b>4a1</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	 <b>[5a1]CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub></b> (acetone-d <sub>6</sub> )	 <b>[5b1]CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub></b> (acetone-d <sub>6</sub> )	
<b><math>^1\text{H}</math> NMR (<math>\delta</math>/ppm)</b>					
Fe <sub>2</sub> Cp <sub>2</sub>	5.43, 5.28		5.37, 5.14, 5.08, 4.88	5.42, 5.27	5.18, 4.92
C <sup>1</sup> -NMe <sub>x</sub>	4.05, 3.47		4.25, 3.58	4.05, 3.47	4.41
C <sup>2</sup> -H	4.68		4.97, 3.94	4.66	4.43
FeCp		4.54		4.58	4.70
C <sup>5</sup> -H		7.66		8.14	8.11
C <sup>6</sup> -NMe <sub>2</sub>		3.74, 3.55		3.85, 3.75	3.83, 3.71
Me <sup>Xyl</sup>			2.51, 2.01, 2.20, 1.79		2.33, 1.87
<b><math>^{13}\text{C}</math> NMR (<math>\delta</math>/ppm)</b>					
Fe <sub>2</sub> Cp <sub>2</sub>	92.4, 88.7		92.2, 92.1, 88.0, 87.9	92.5, 87.5	93.3, 90.1
Fe <sub>2</sub> CO	210.7		210.3, 209.6	210.8	213.1
$\mu$ -CO	256.4		253.2	256.7	254.4
C <sup>1</sup> -NMe <sub>x</sub>	51.8, 45.0		52.5, 45.9	52.2, 45.0	43.8
C <sup>1</sup>	225.5		231.9, 230.4	225.8	233.1
C <sup>2</sup>	53.5		53.6, 53.4	53.8	54.3
C <sup>3</sup>	202.2		207.6, 207.1	203.4	207.8
FeCp		85.4		85.9	85.8
Fe-CO		222.0		223.4	223.4
CO <sup>acyl</sup>		270.2		268.3	265.0
C <sup>4</sup>		168.5		168.2	168.1
C <sup>5</sup>		146.7		147.9	147.9
C <sup>6</sup> -NMe <sub>2</sub>		52.0, 43.4		51.8, 43.9	54.3, 46.3
C <sup>6</sup>		262.2		259.5	259.5
Me <sup>Xyl</sup>			18.7, 18.0, 17.9, 17.2		18.8, 17.6
<i>ipso</i> -Xyl			145.1, 140.8		146.3

<sup>a</sup> From: Albano, V. G.; Busetto, L.; Marchetti, F.; Monari, M.; Zacchini, S.; Zanotti, V. Diiron  $\mu$ -Vinyliminium Complexes from Acetylene Insertion into a Metal - Aminocarbene Bond, *Organometallics* **2003**, *22*, 1326-1331. E/Z ratio = 3. Signals related to Z isomer are italicized.

## DFT optimized coordinates (XYZ)

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**[5a1]<sup>2+</sup>**

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H	3.936483	-1.119444	9.388892
H	3.888399	-0.027948	7.968452