

## Supporting Information

# Palladium-Catalyzed Direct Preparation of Highly Branched Ethylene Oligomers and MA Functionalized Derivatives Using Dibenzhydryl Pyrazine-Imine Ligands

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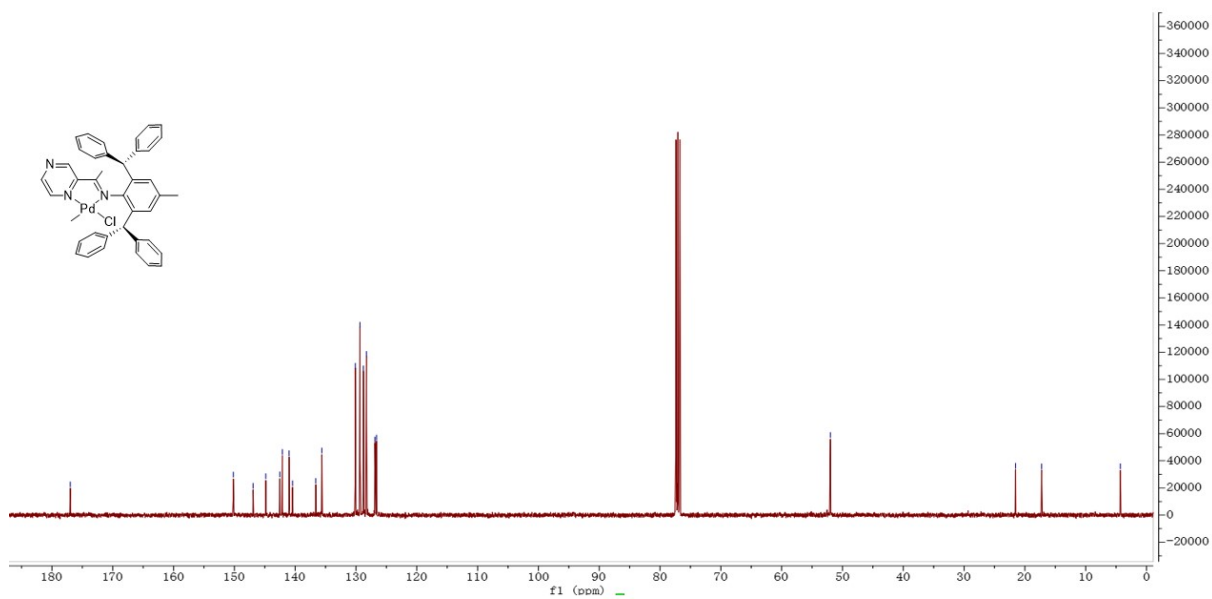
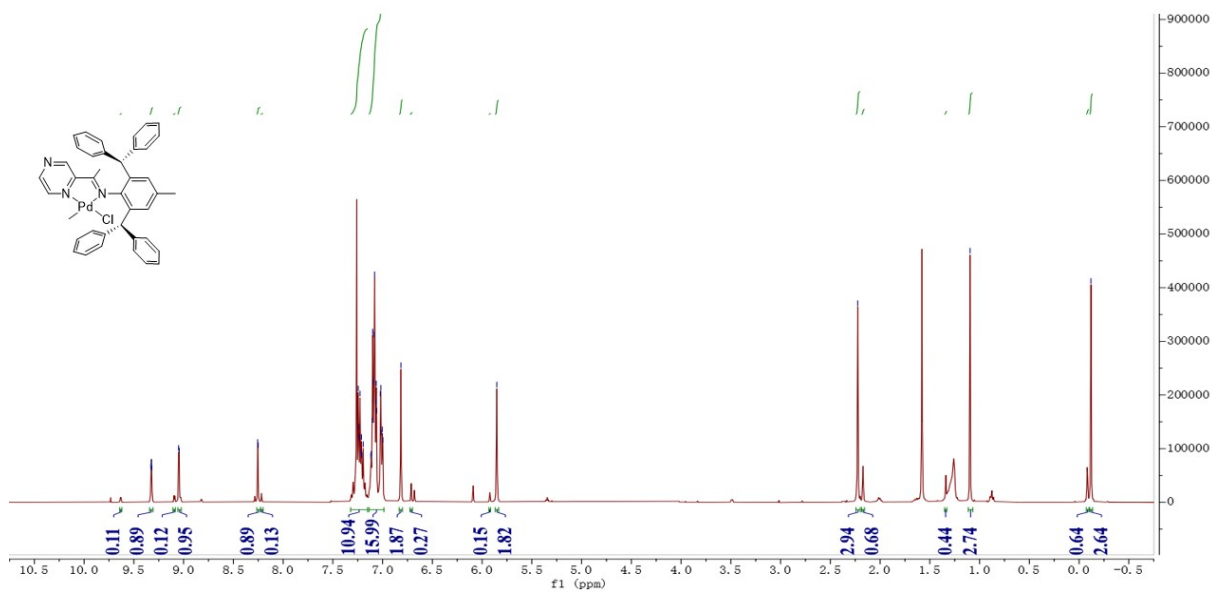
### 1. Experimental sections

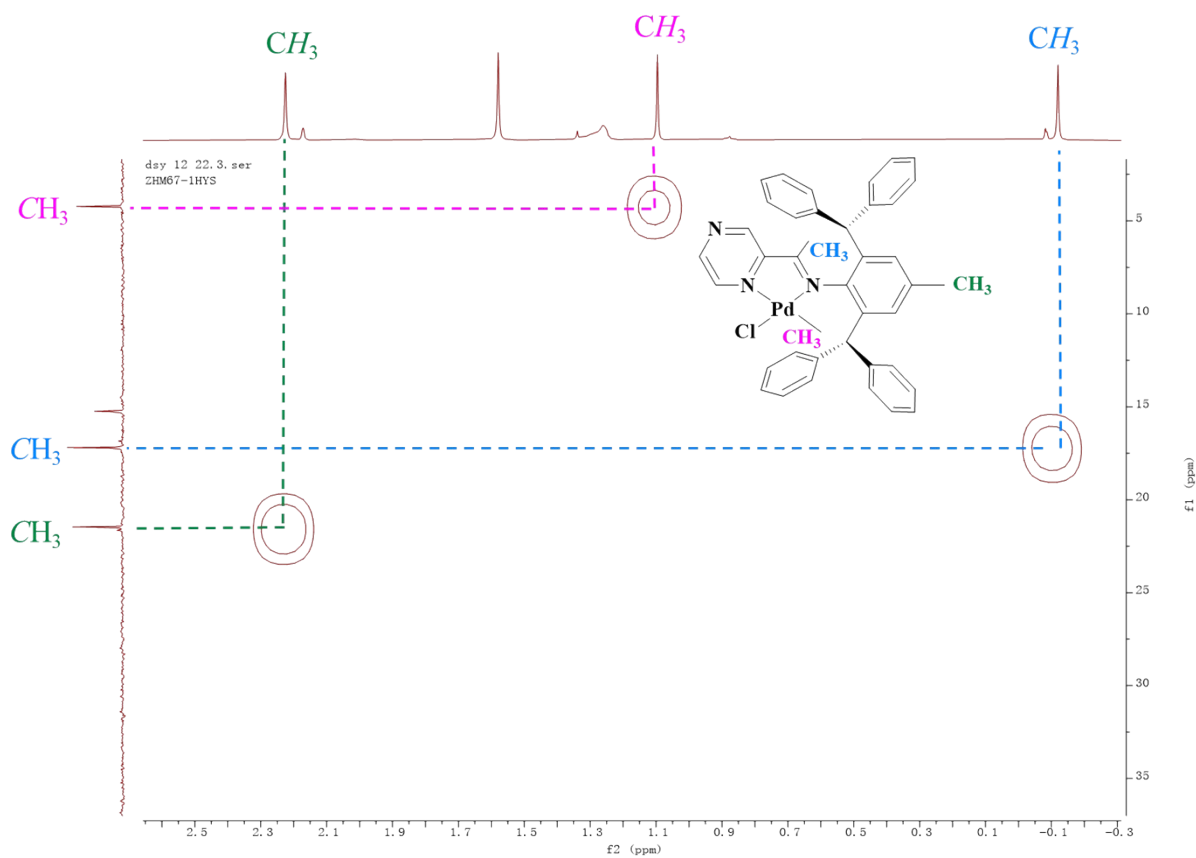
#### 1.1 General Considerations

All chemicals were commercially sourced, except those whose synthesis is described. All experiments were carried out under a dry nitrogen atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques or in a glove-box. Deuterated solvents used for NMR were dried and distilled prior to use. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and 2D NMR spectra were recorded by an AVANCE NEO 400M or 500M spectrometer at ambient temperature unless otherwise stated. The chemical shifts of the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were referenced to the residual solvent; coupling constants are in Hz. Molecular weight of the (MF)HBEOs was determined by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra. Elemental analysis was performed by the Analytical Center of Anhui Normal University. The ligands **L1-L4** were prepared using methods reported by our research group and are all known compounds<sup>1</sup>.

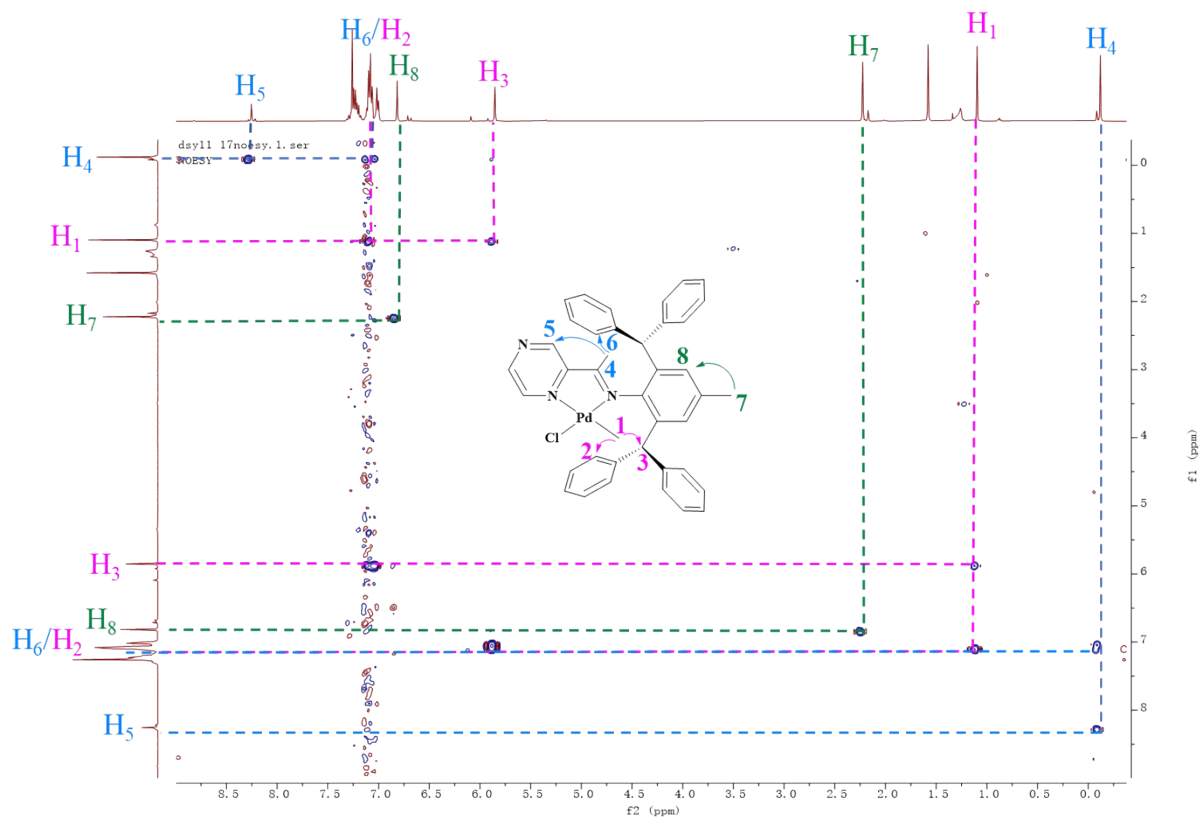
### 2. Spectra Data

#### 2.1 <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and 2D NMR of the Synthetic Compounds

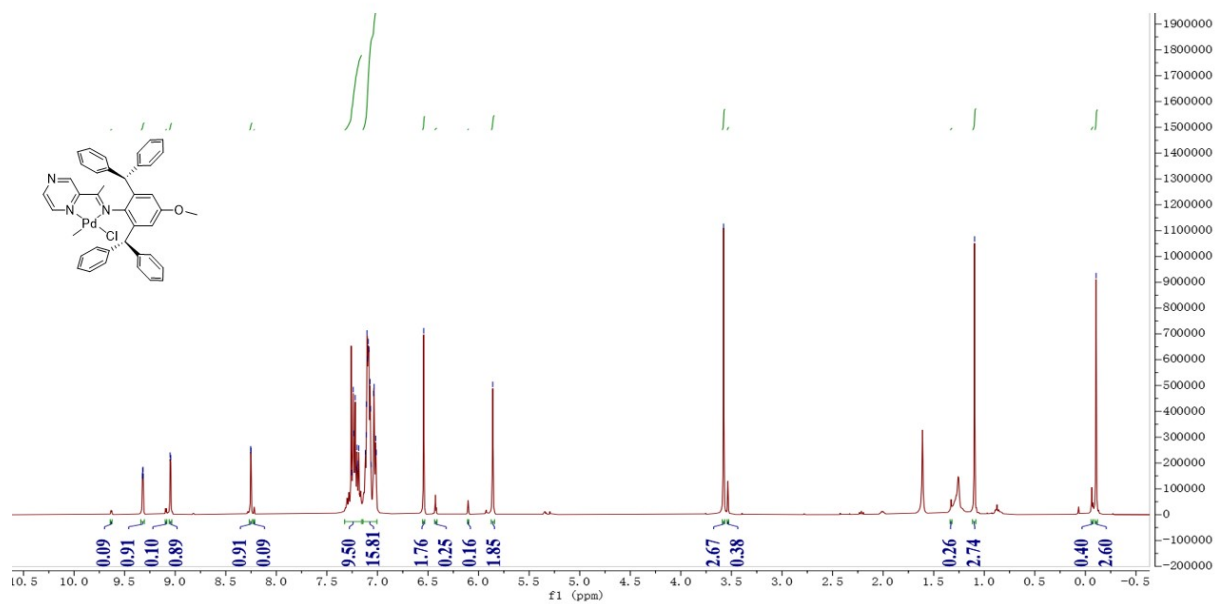




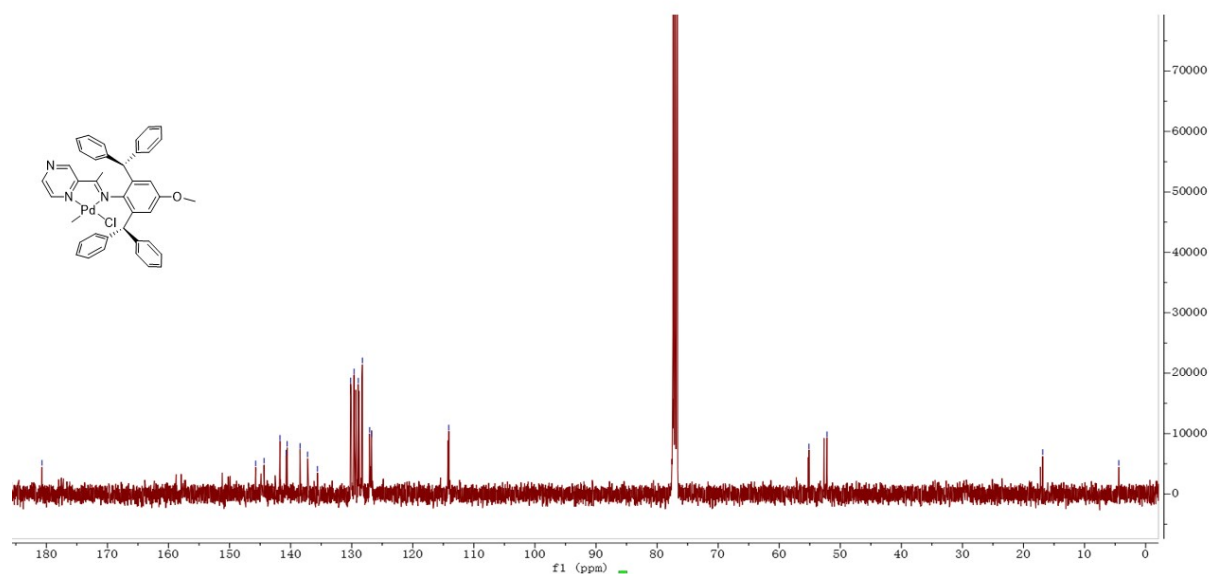
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC NMR spectrum of **Pd1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (500 MHz, 20  $^\circ\text{C}$ ).



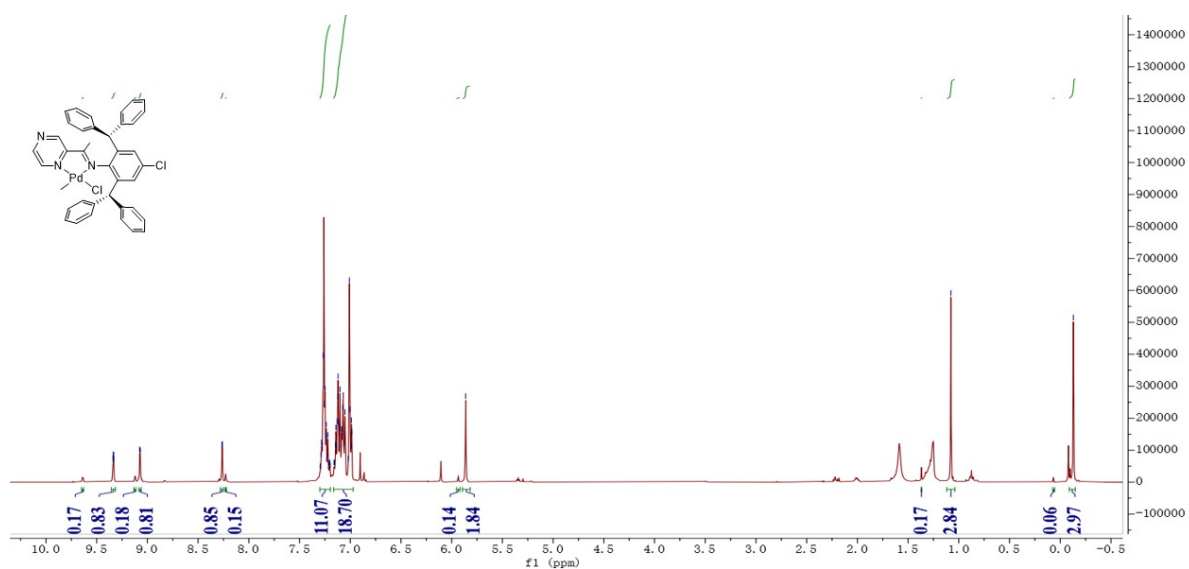
**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  NOESY NMR spectrum of **Pd1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (500 MHz, 20  $^\circ\text{C}$ ).



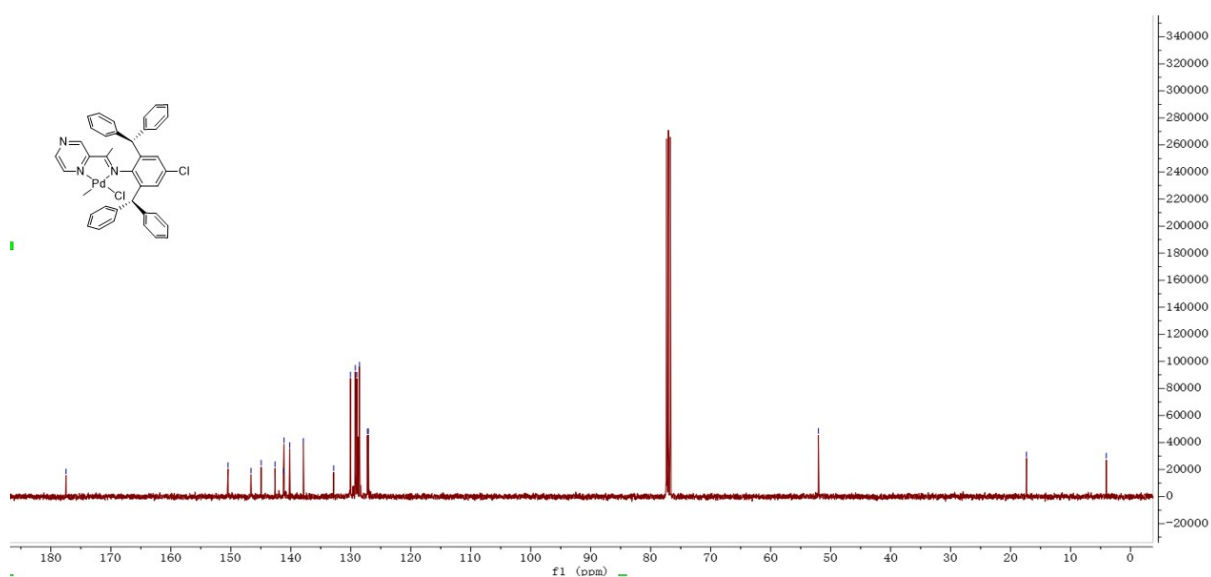
**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Pd2 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (400 MHz, 20 °C).



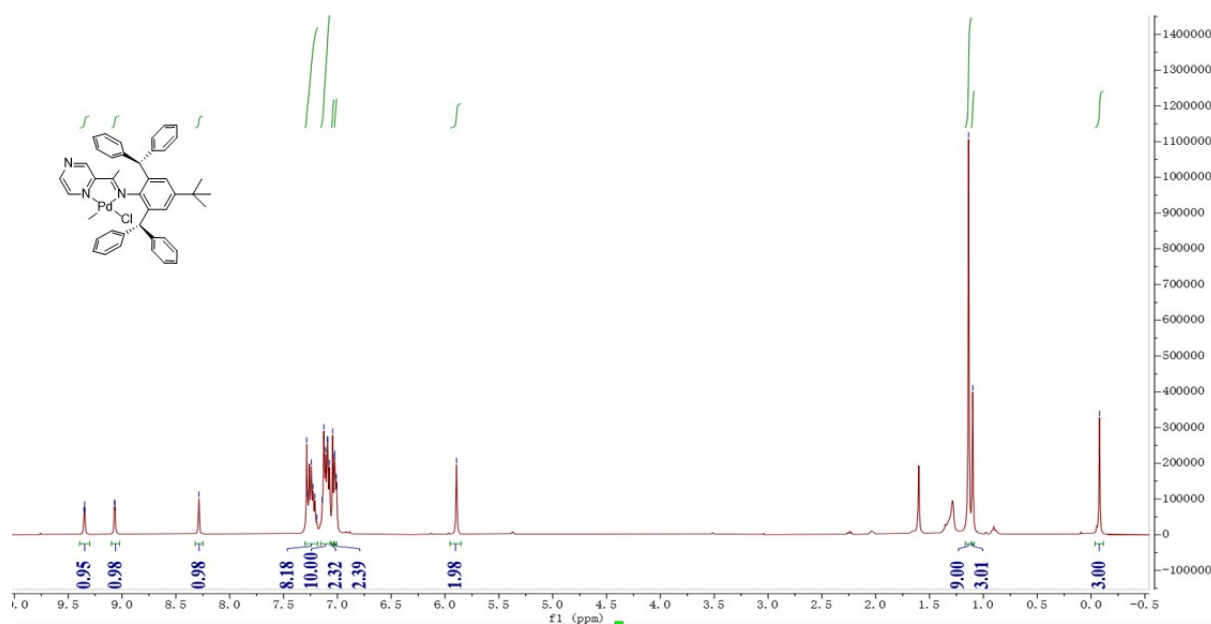
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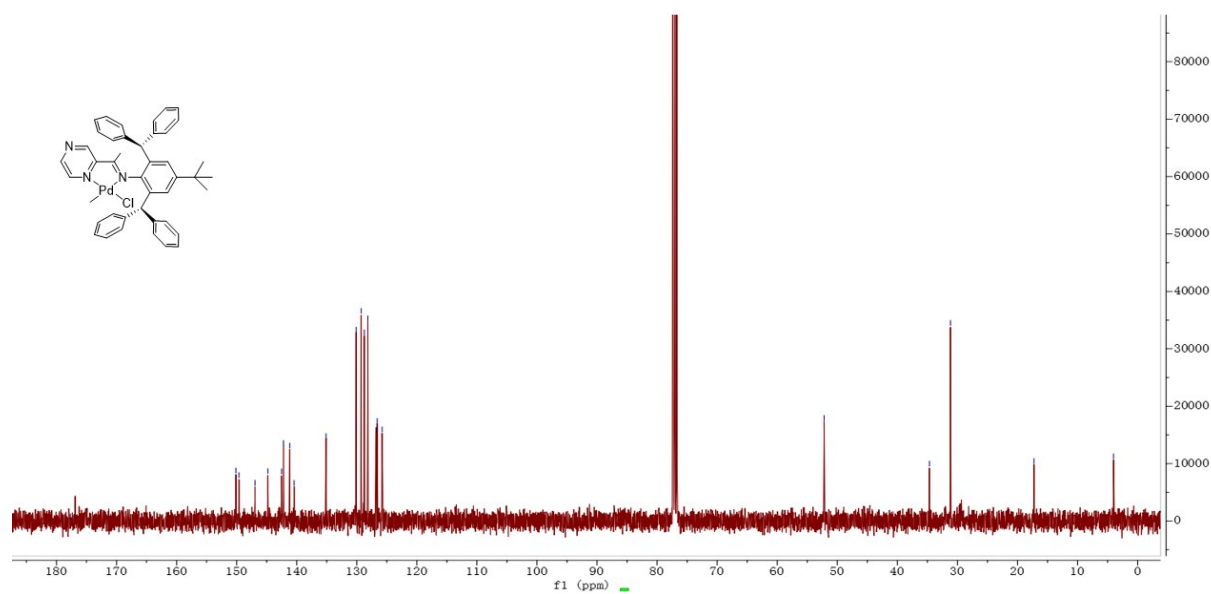
**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **Pd3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (400 MHz, 20 °C).



**Figure S8.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **Pd3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (400 MHz, 20 °C).

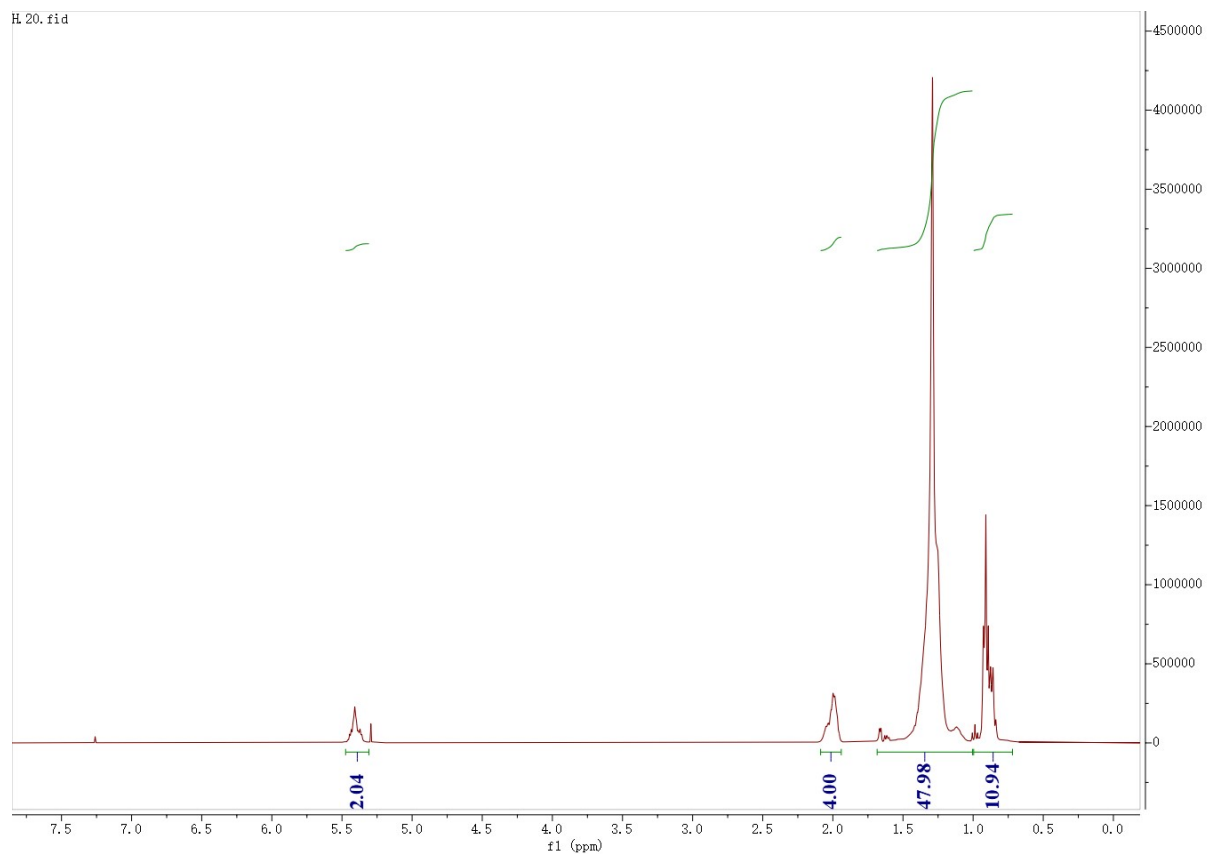


**Figure S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Pd4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz, 20 °C).

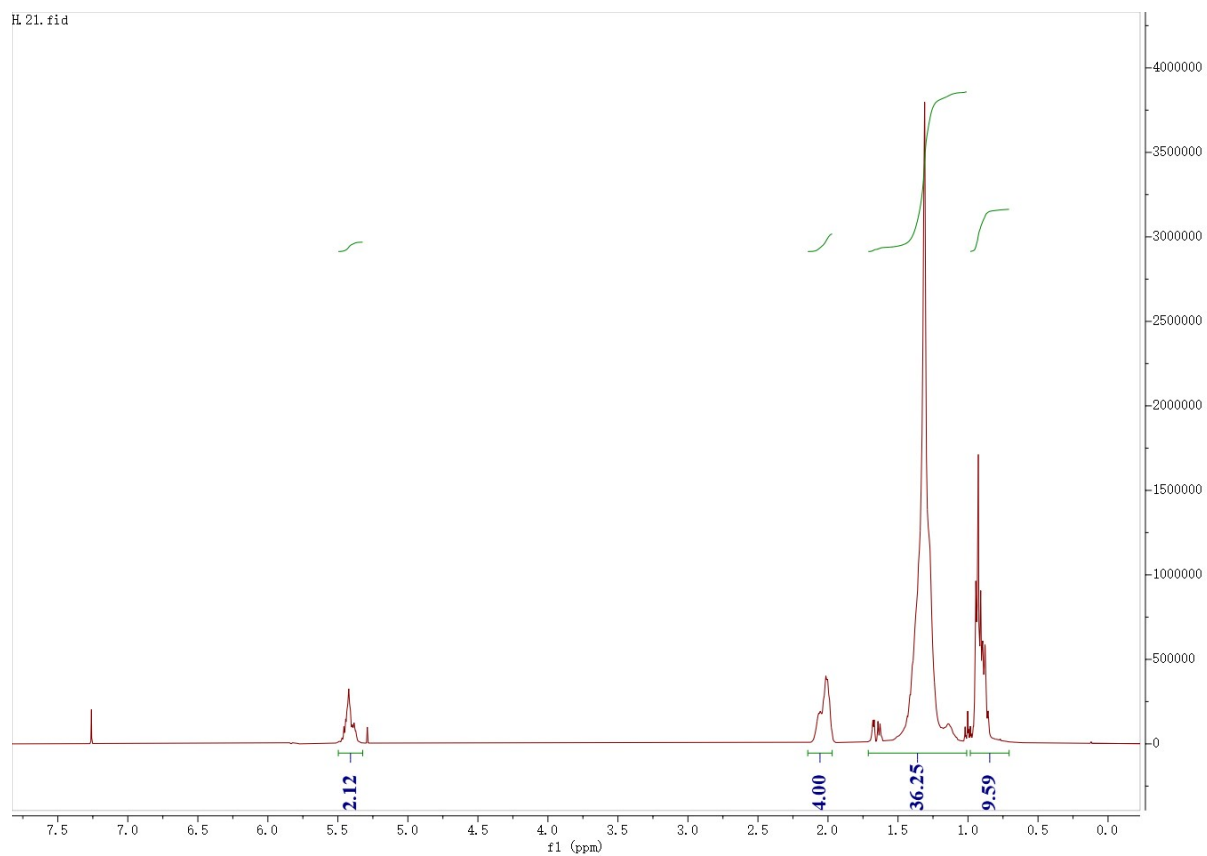


**Figure S10.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of Pd4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz, 20 °C).

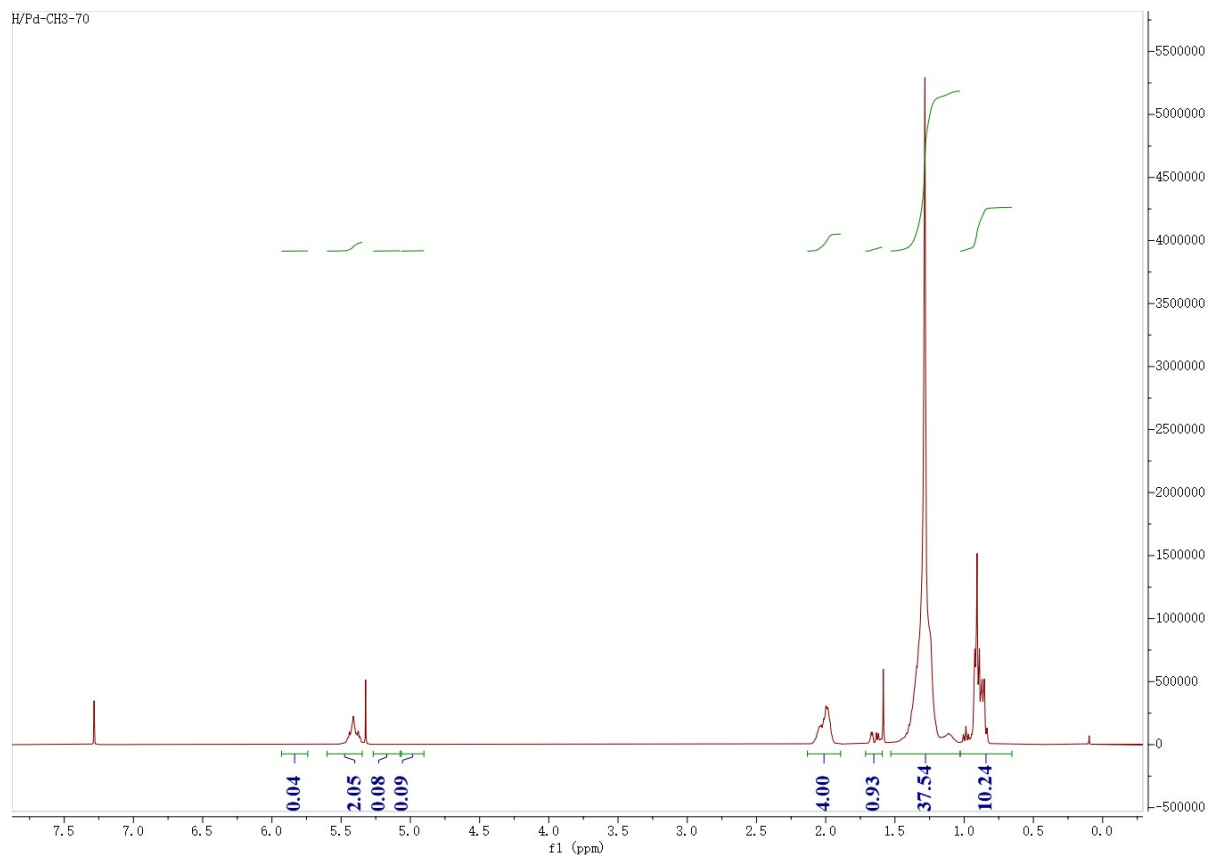
## 2.2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Representative HBEOs and MFHBEOs.



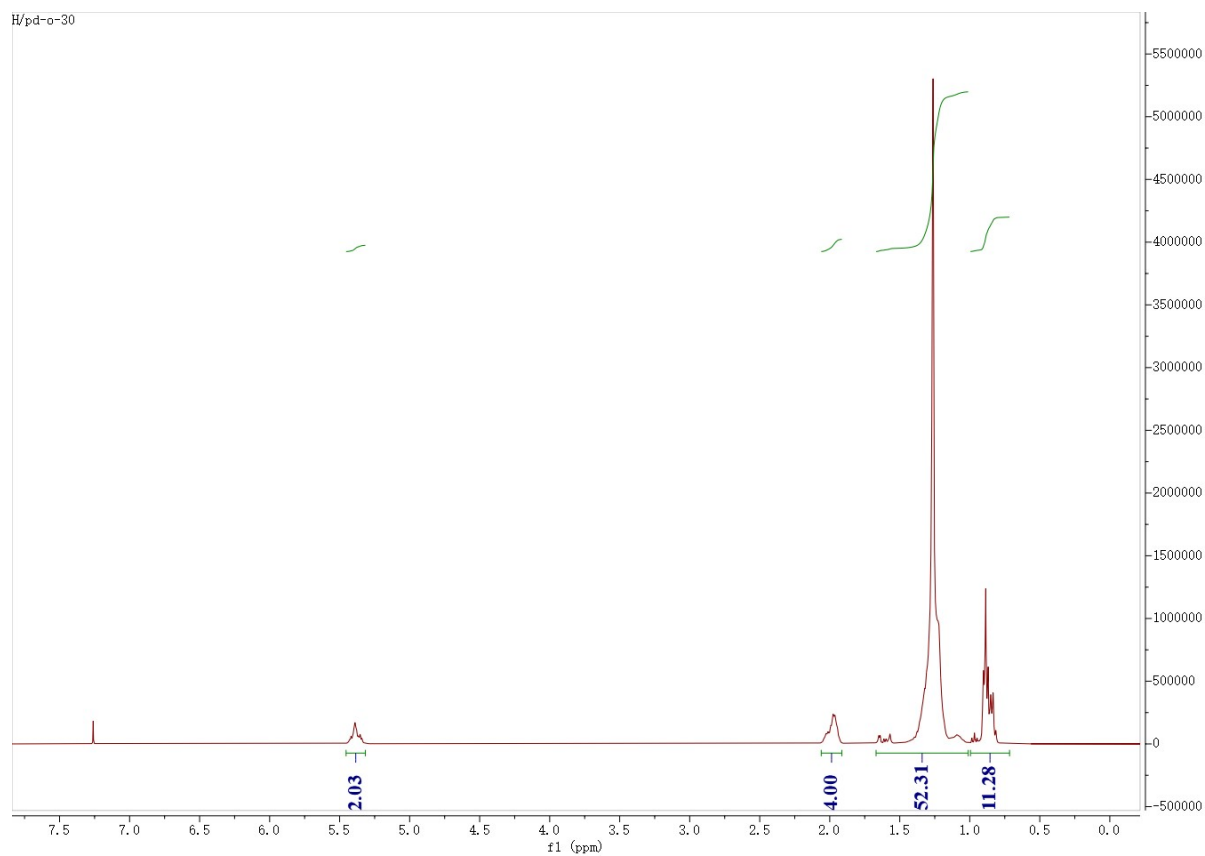
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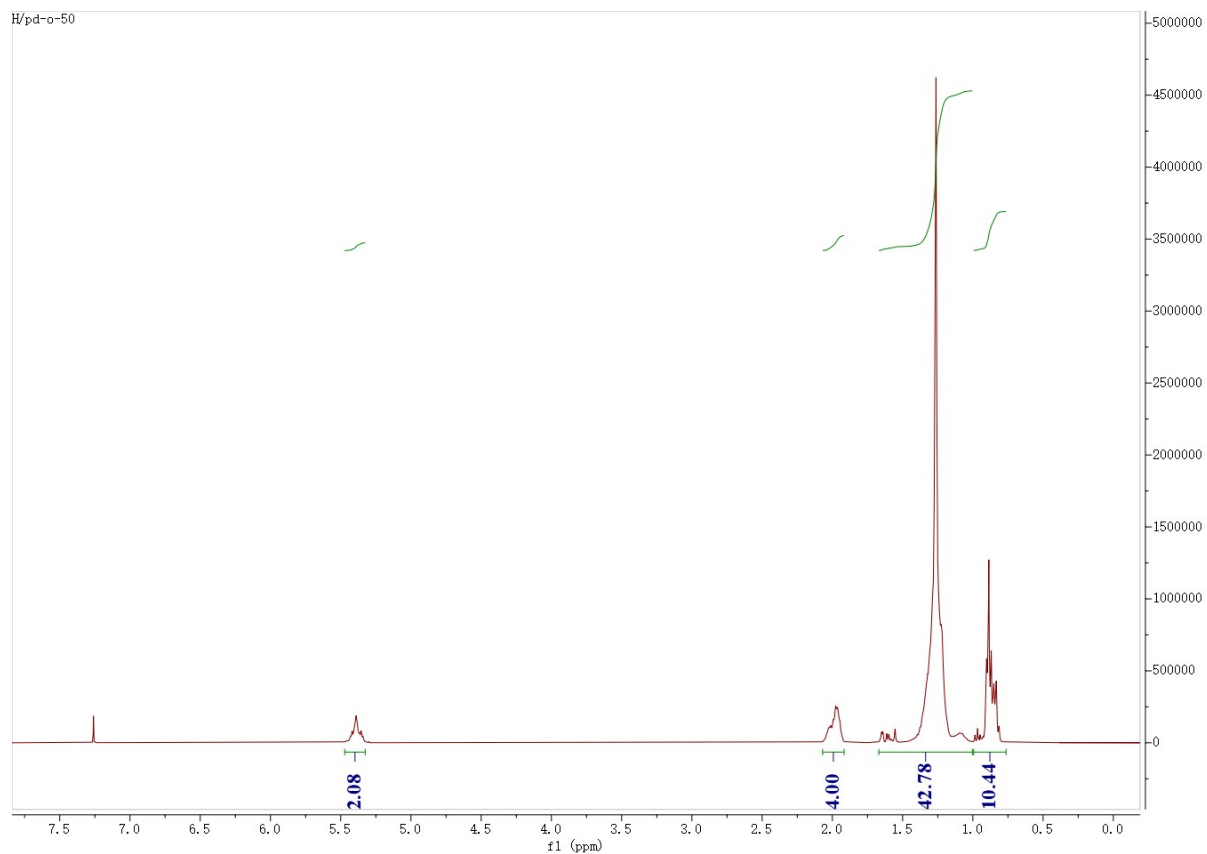
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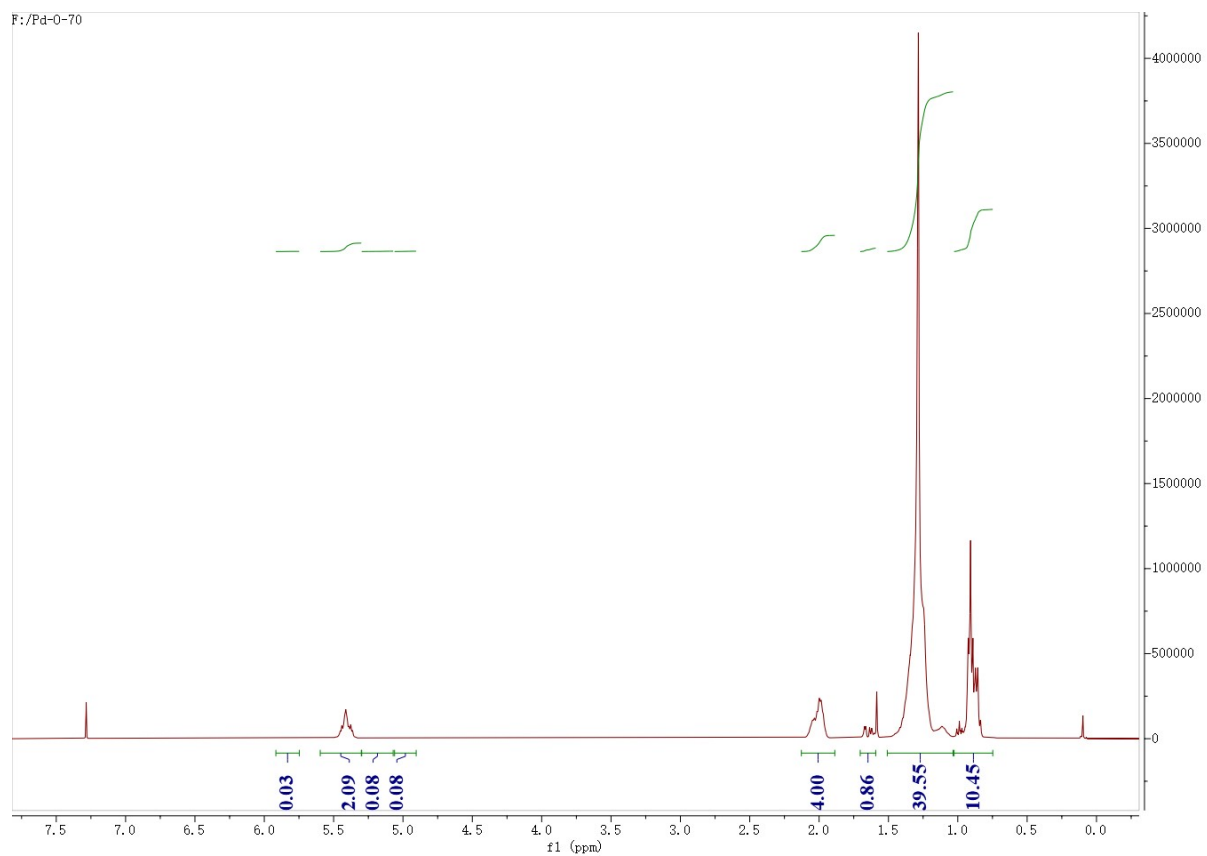
**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the HBE0 from entry 3, table 1 ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ).



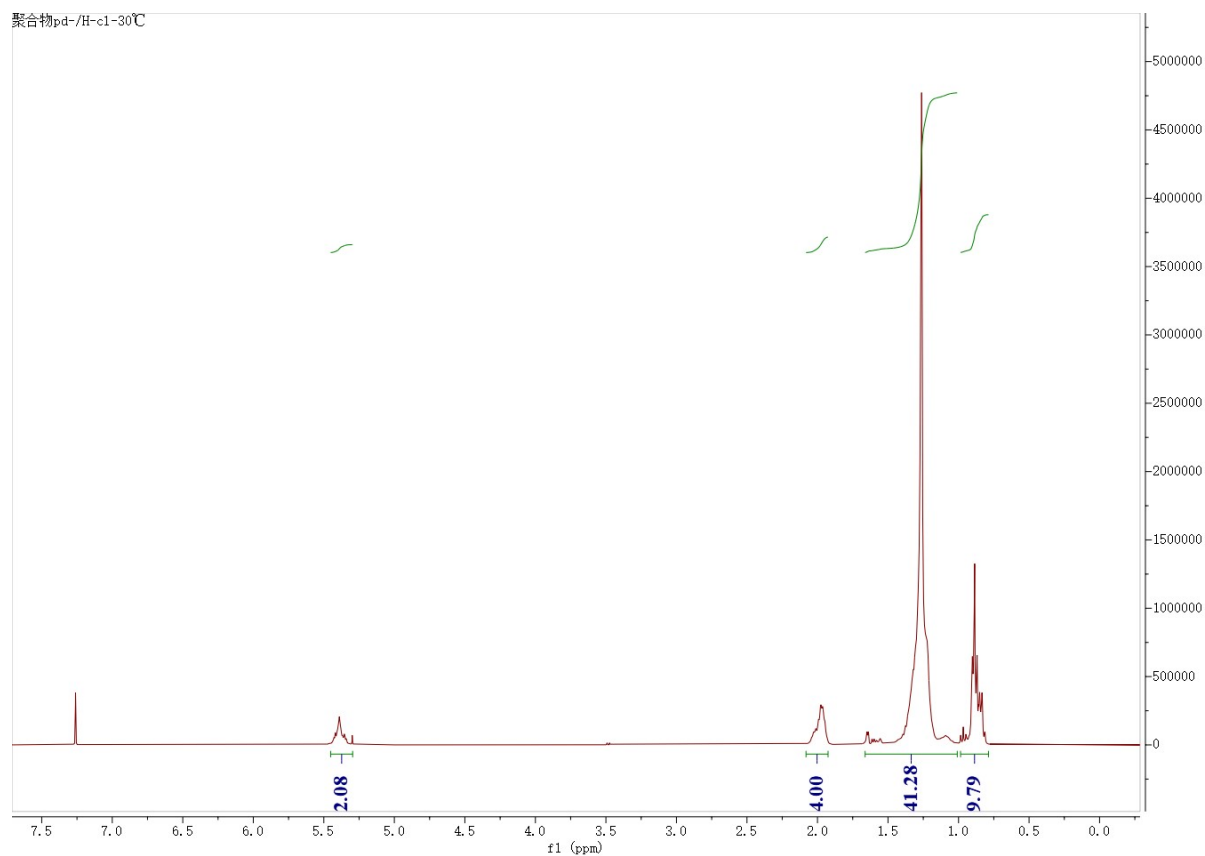
**Figure S14.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the HBE0 from entry 4, table 1 ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ).



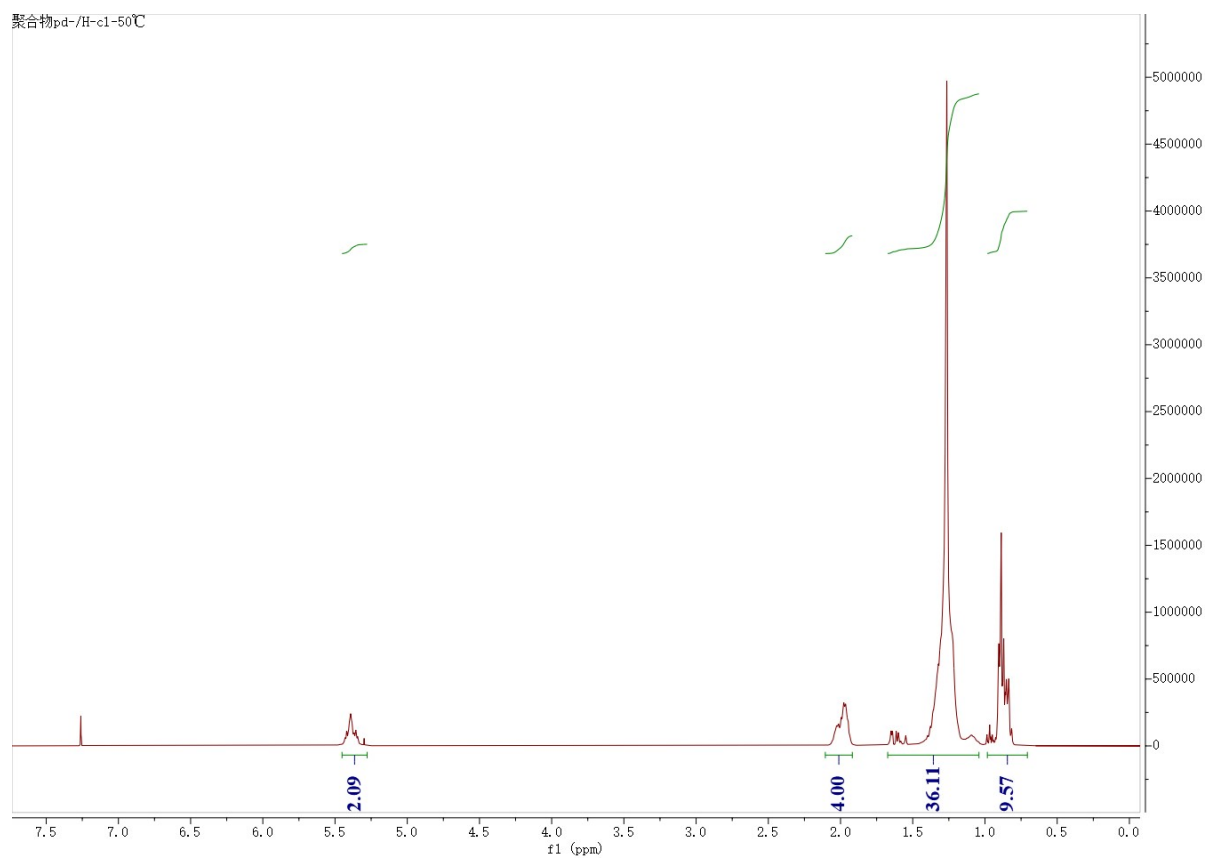
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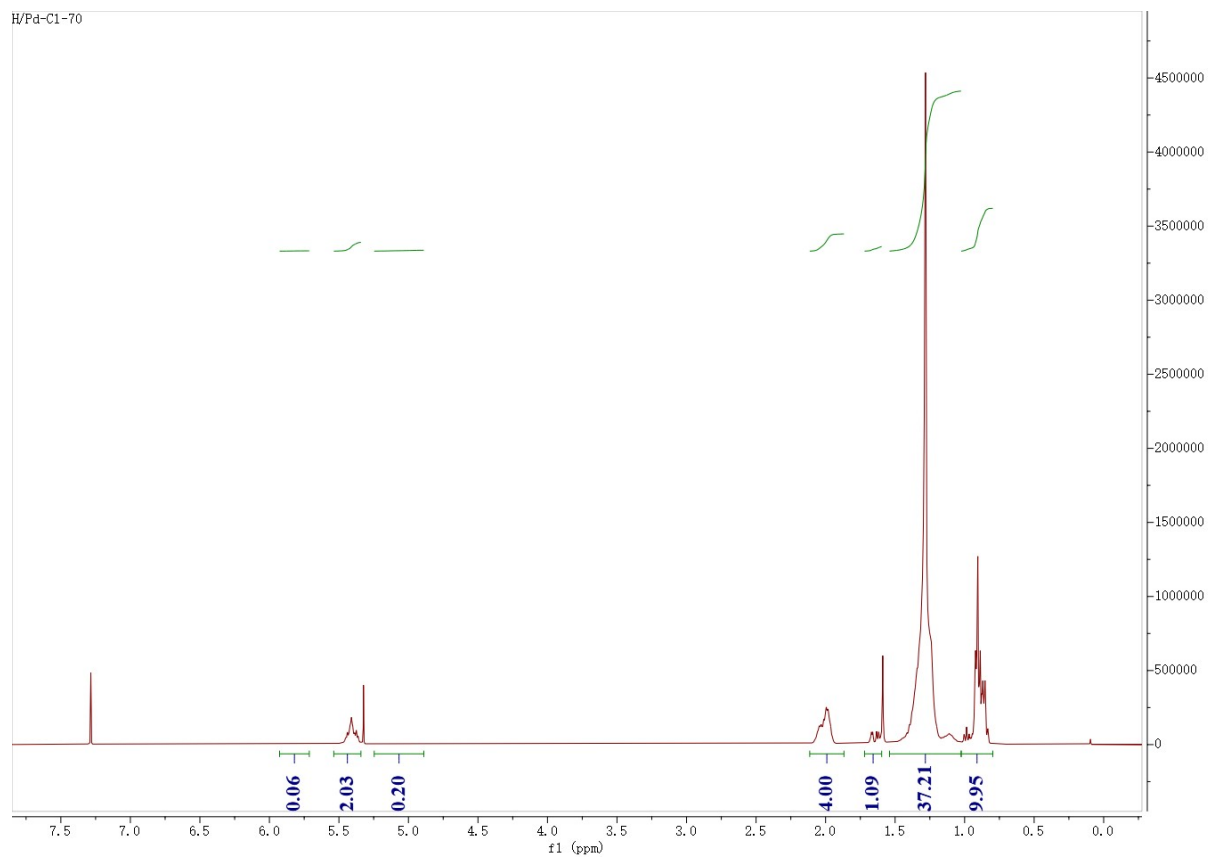
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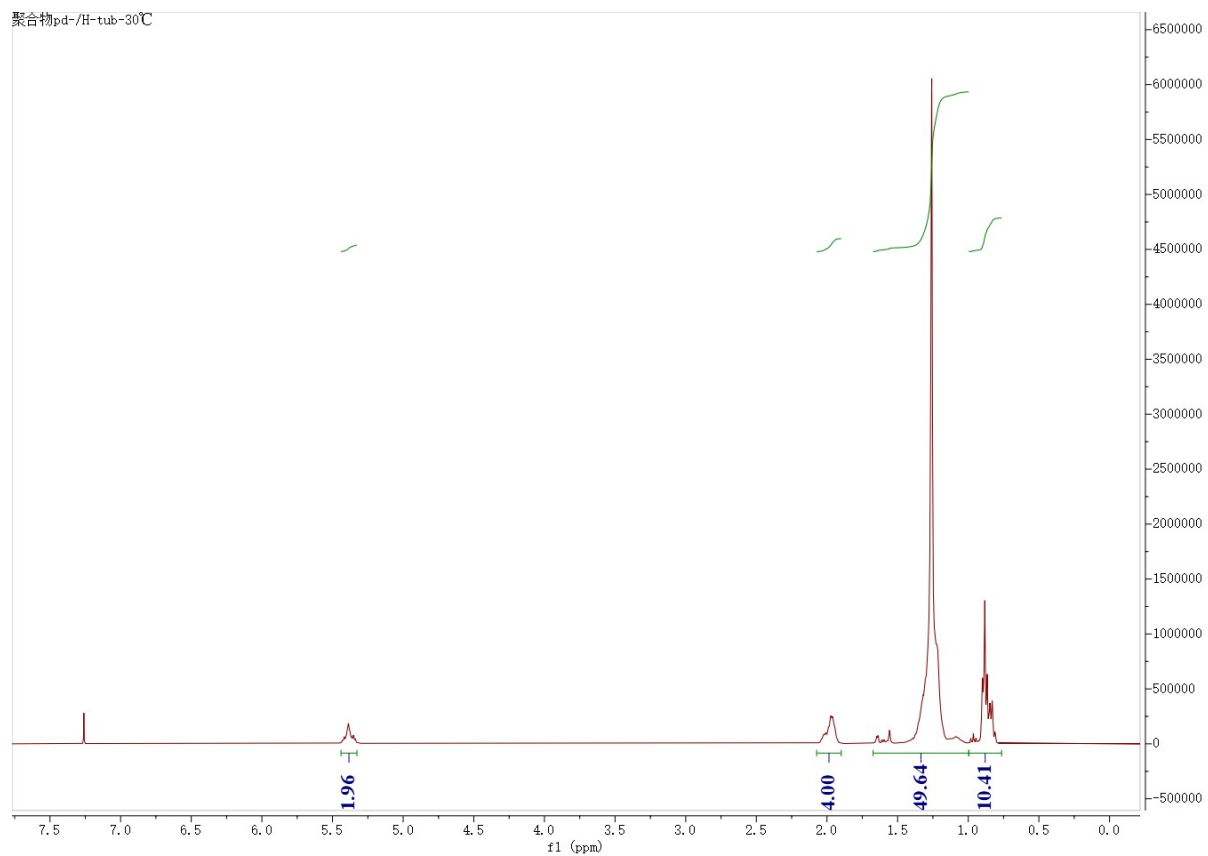
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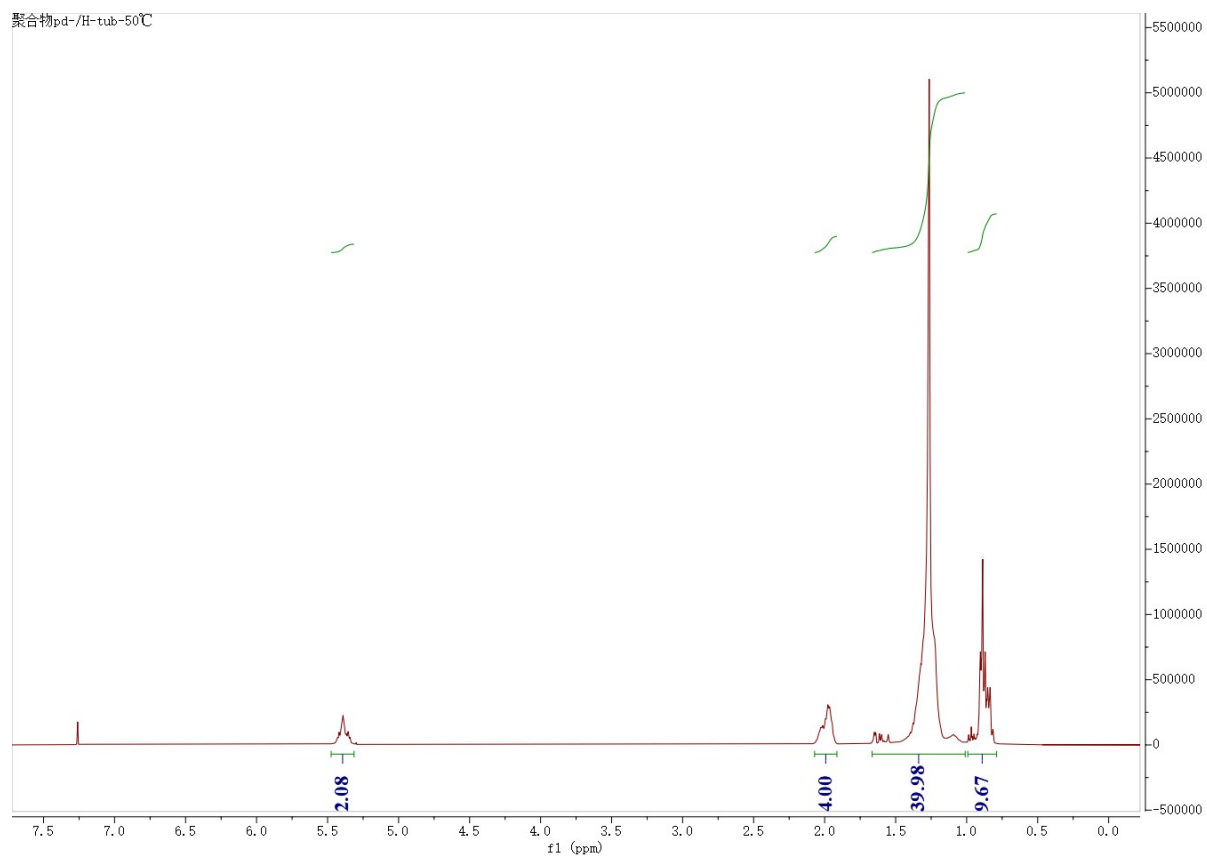
**Figure S18.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the HBEO from entry 8, table 1 ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 20 °C).



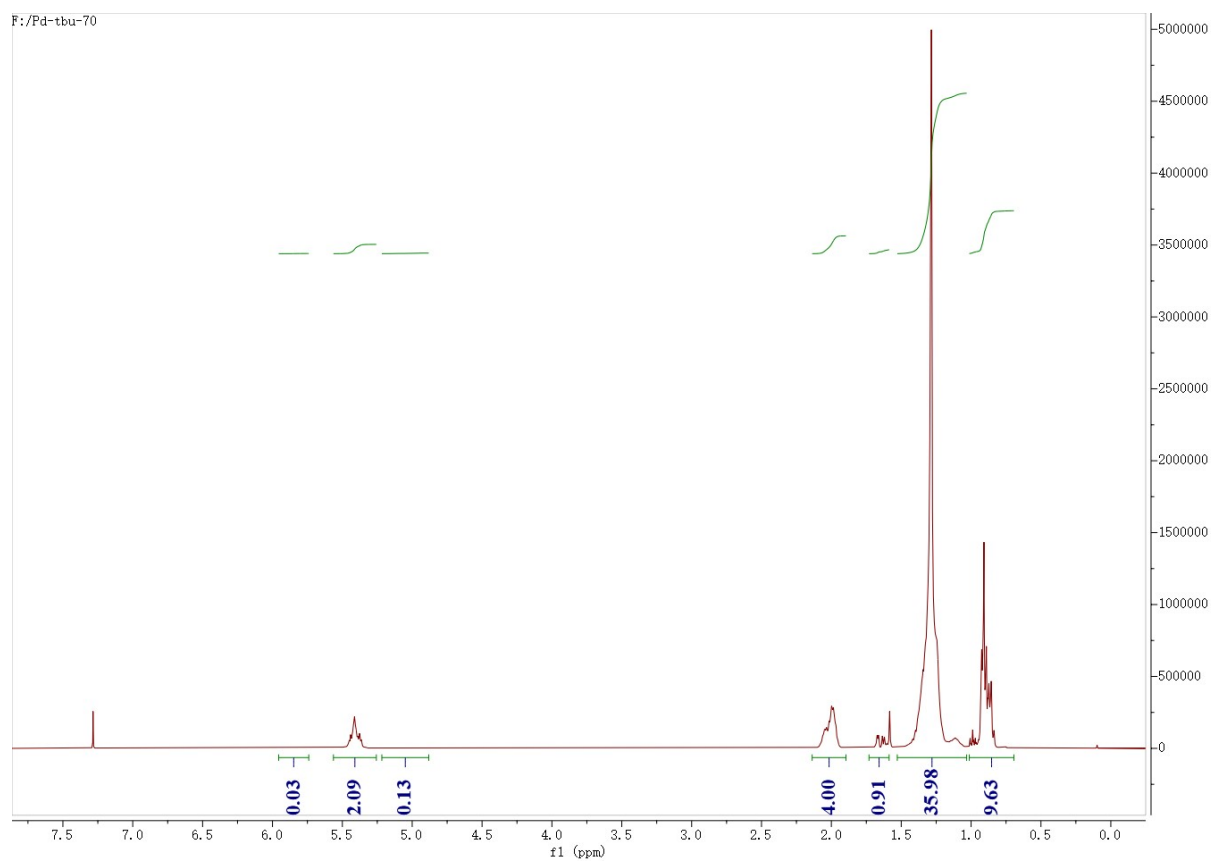
**Figure S19.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the HBE0 from entry 9, table 1 ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 20  $^\circ\text{C}$ ).



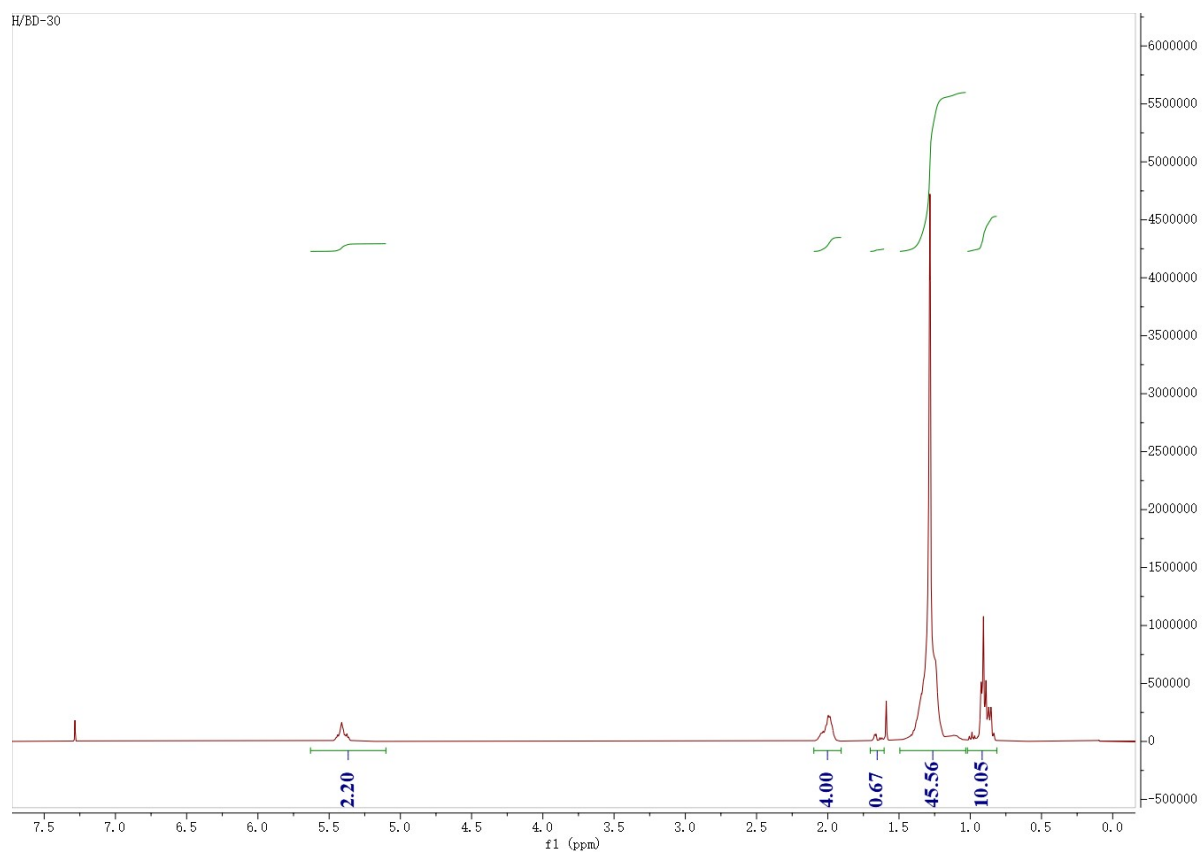
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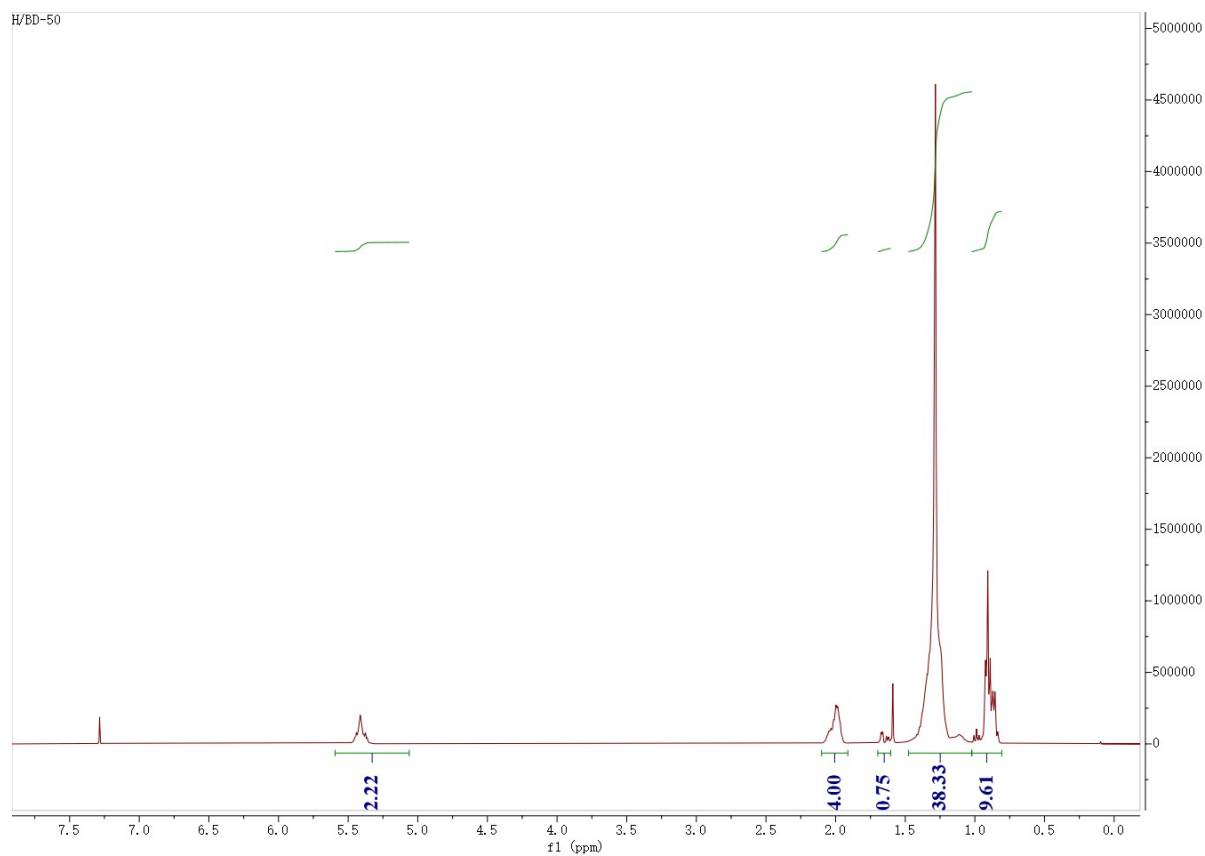
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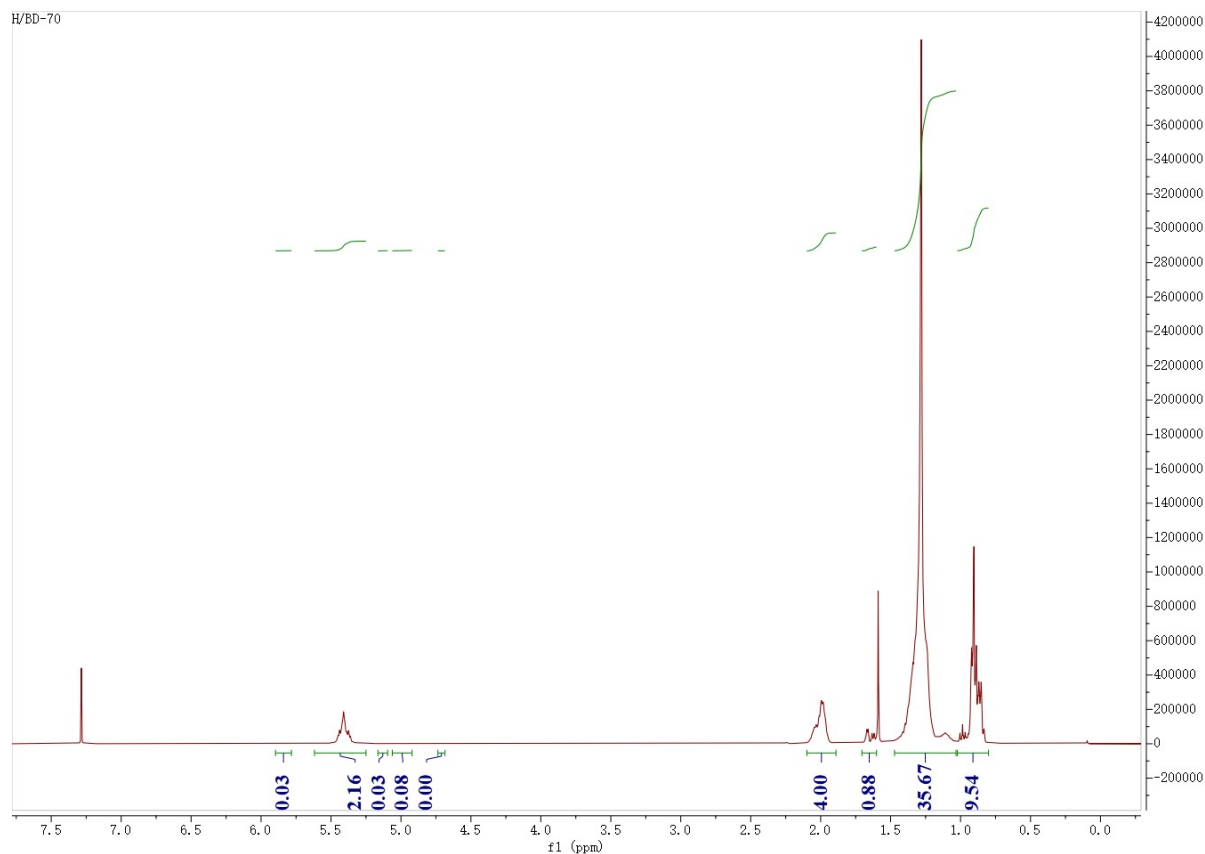
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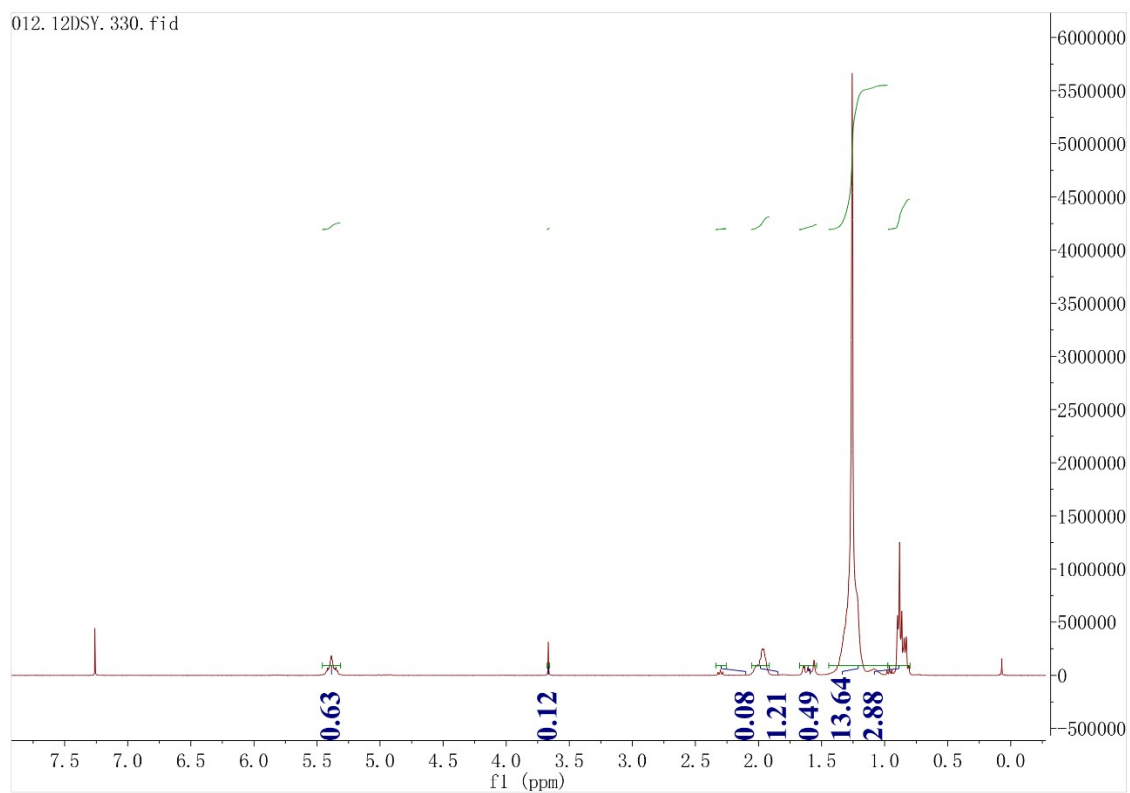
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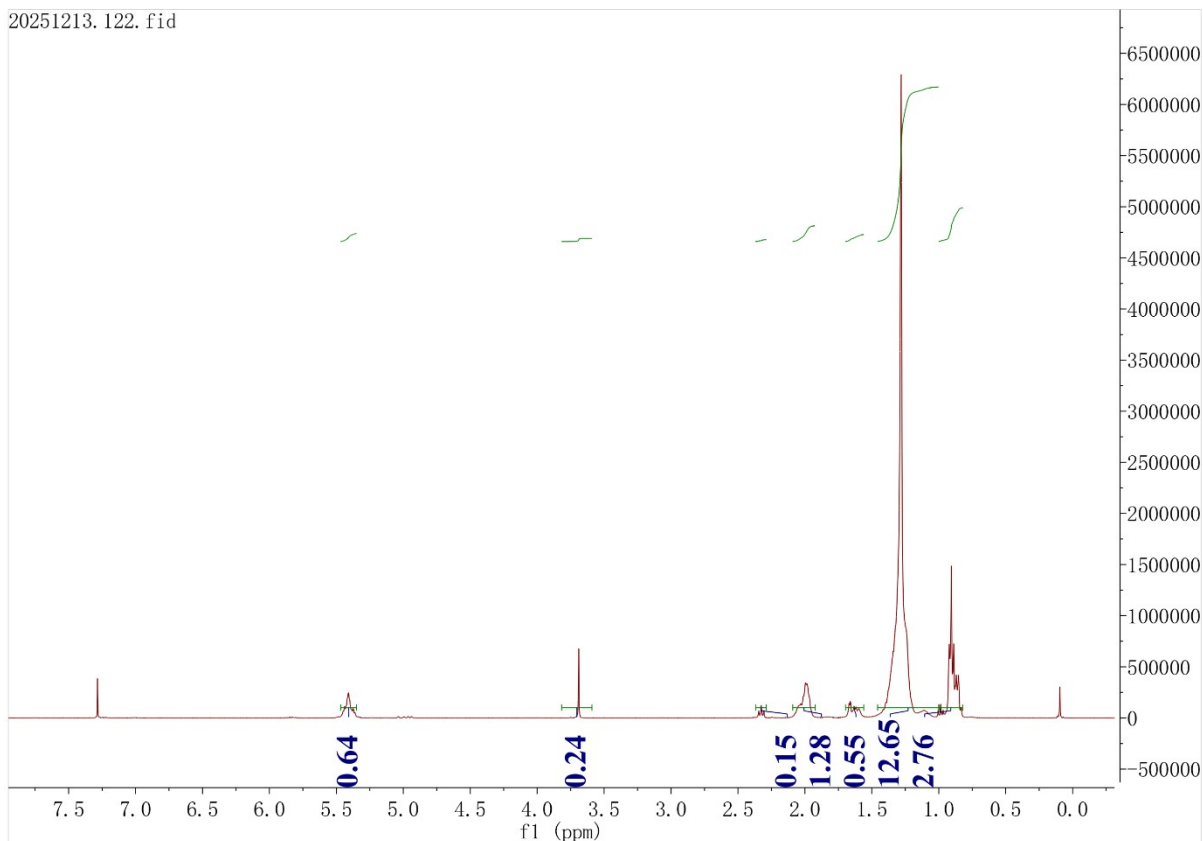
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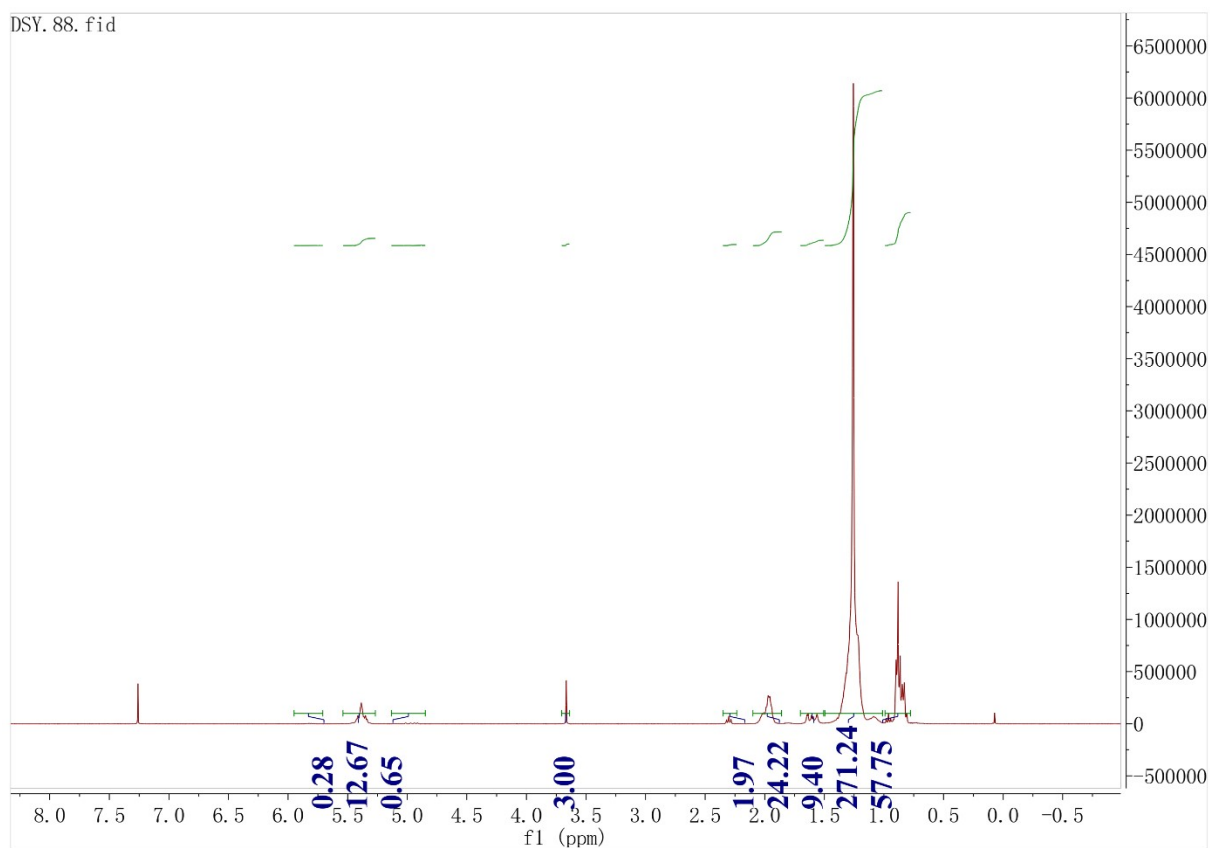
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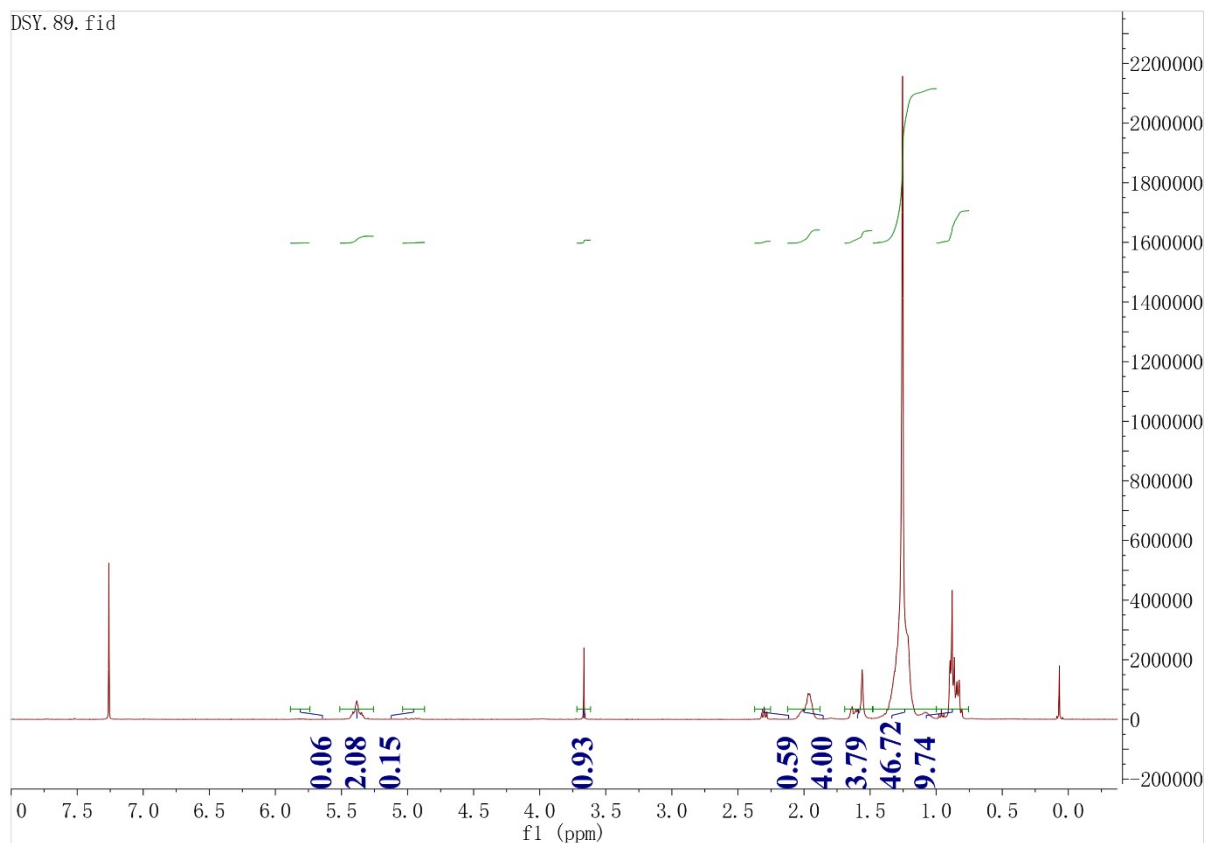
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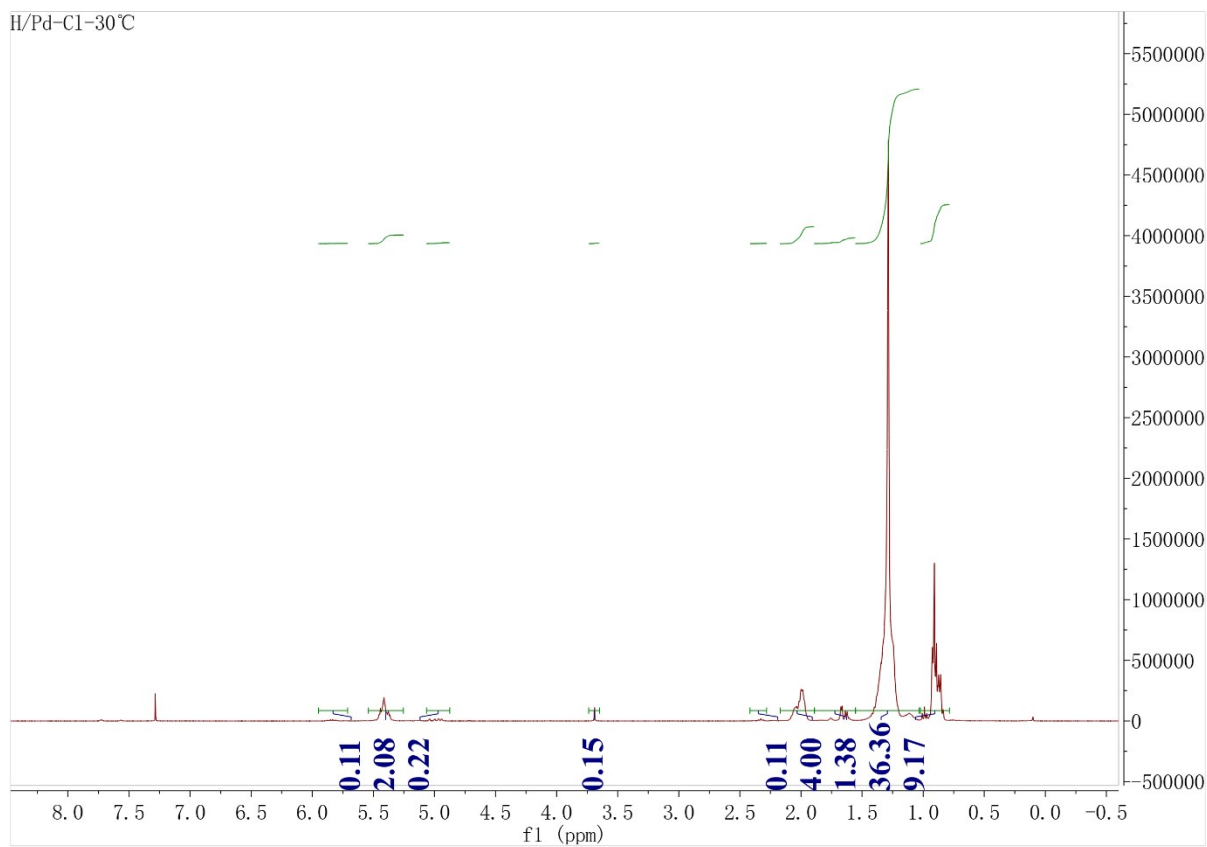
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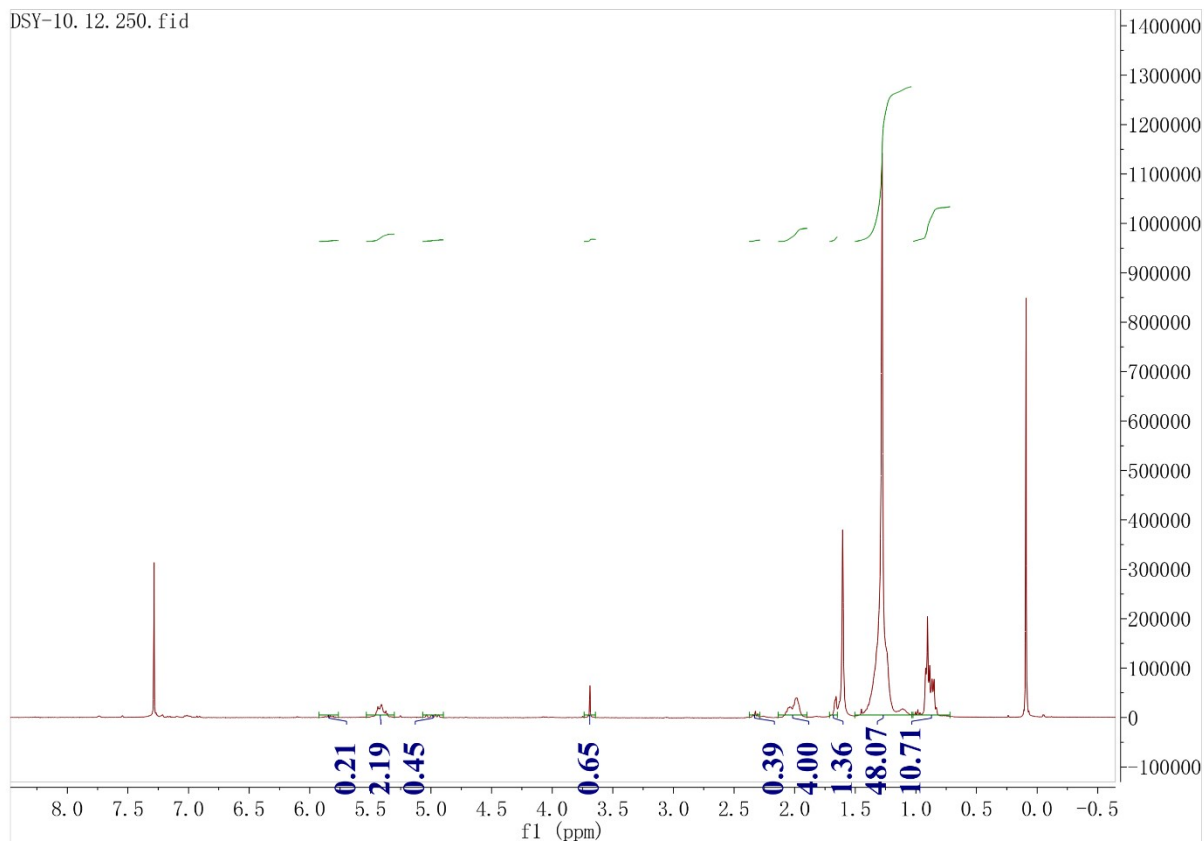
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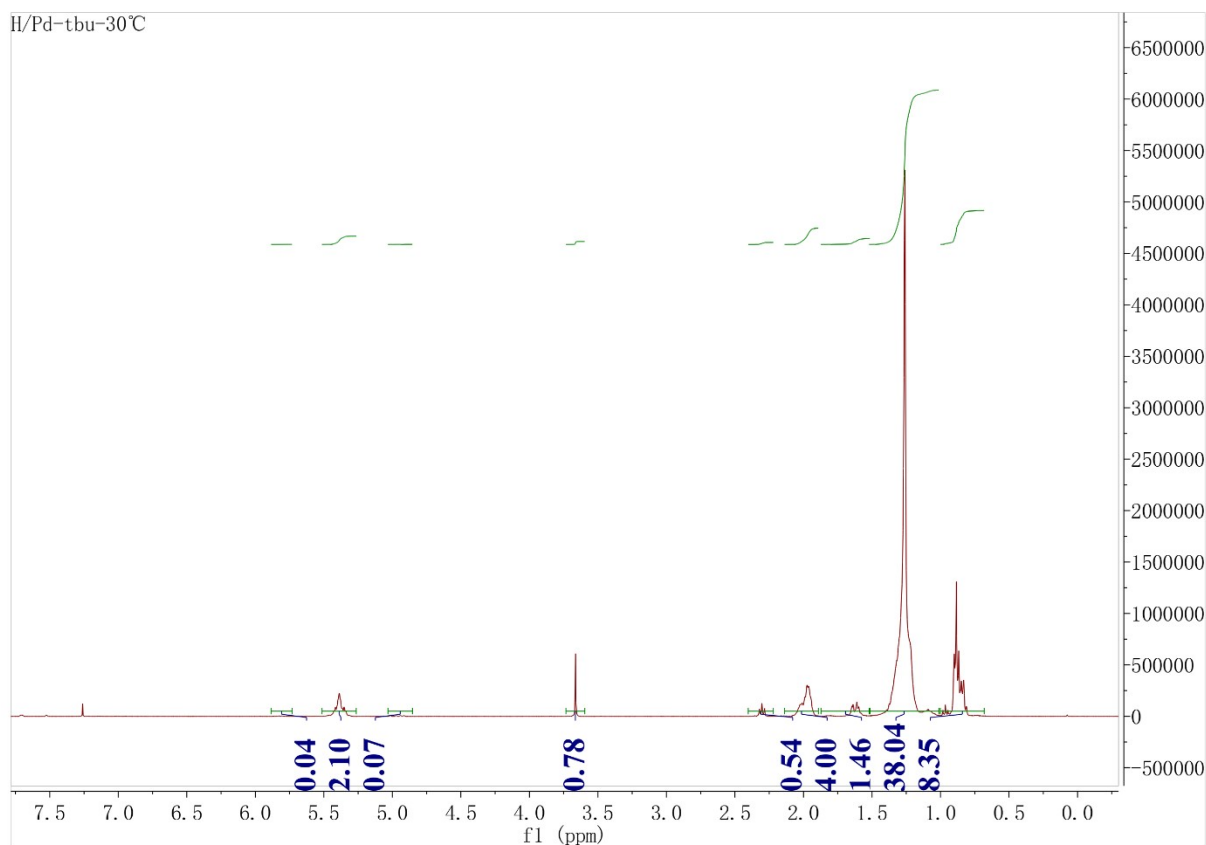
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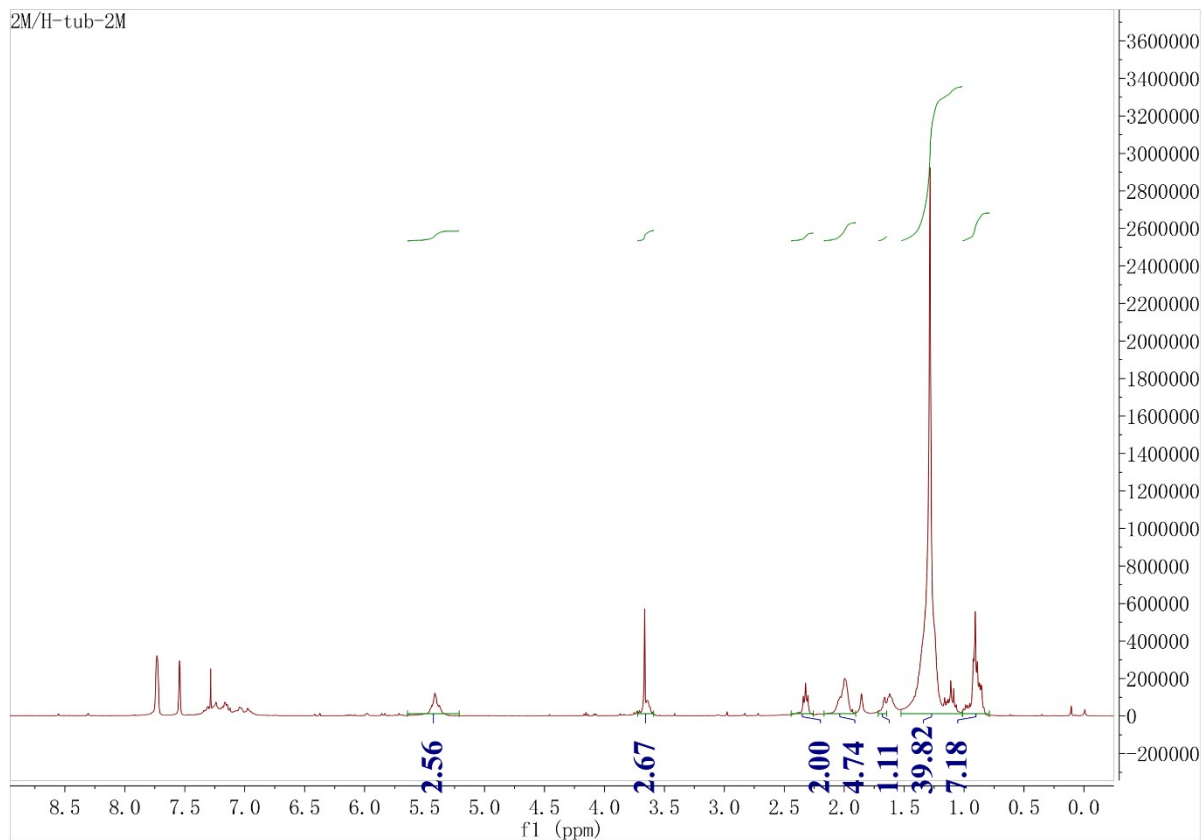
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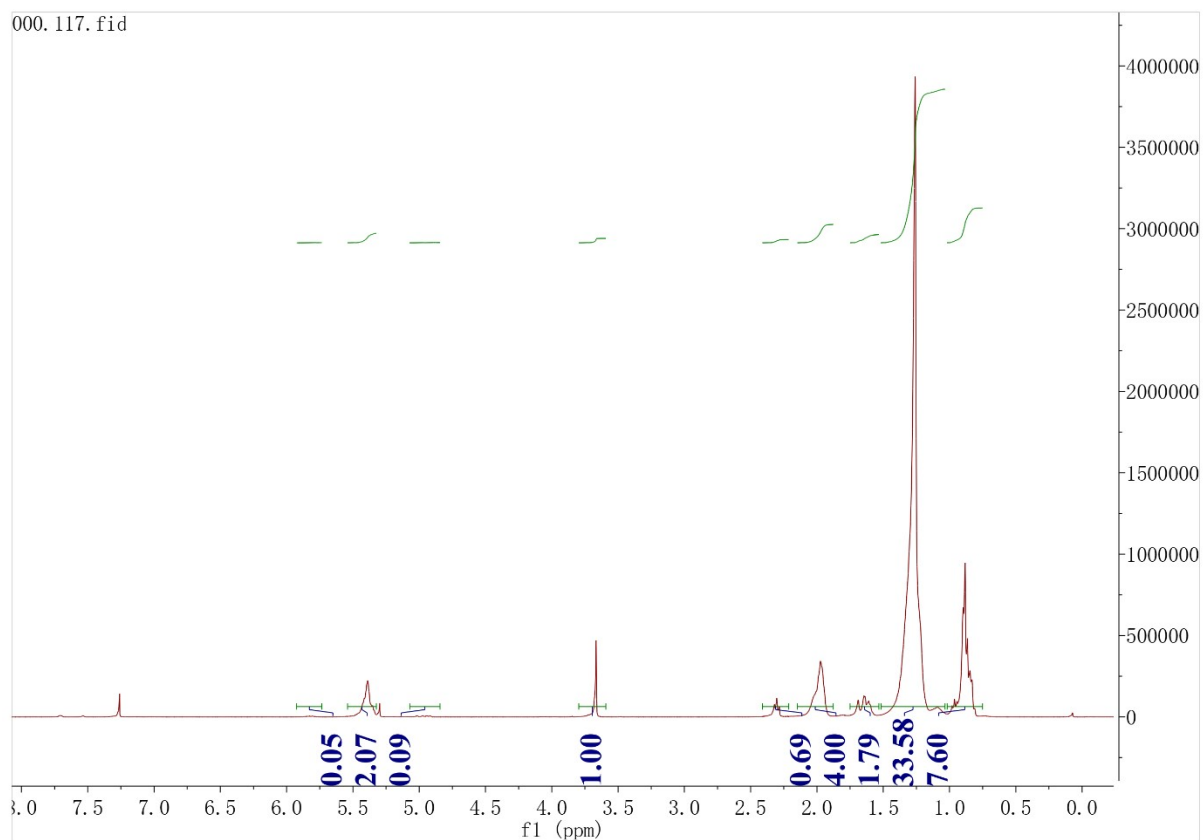
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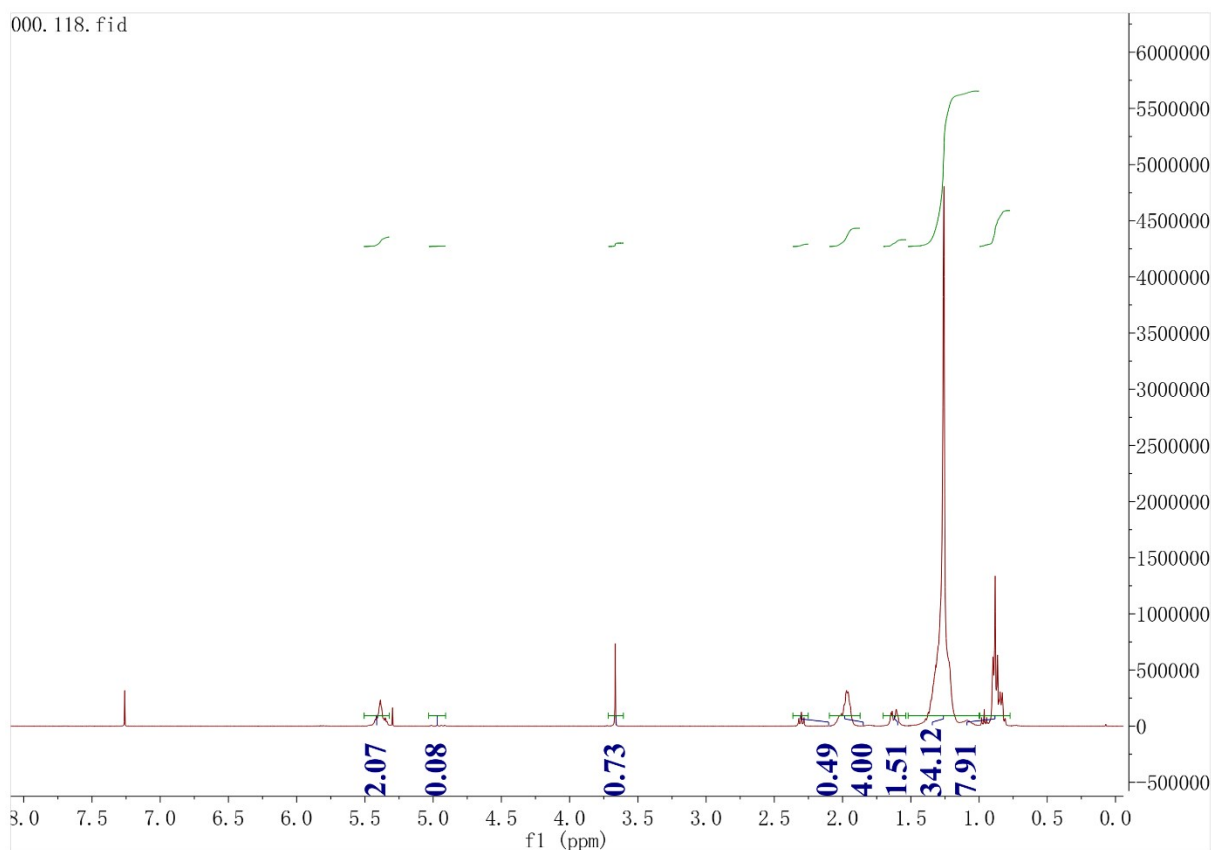
**Figure S32.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the polymer from entry 7, table 2 ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 20  $^\circ\text{C}$ ).



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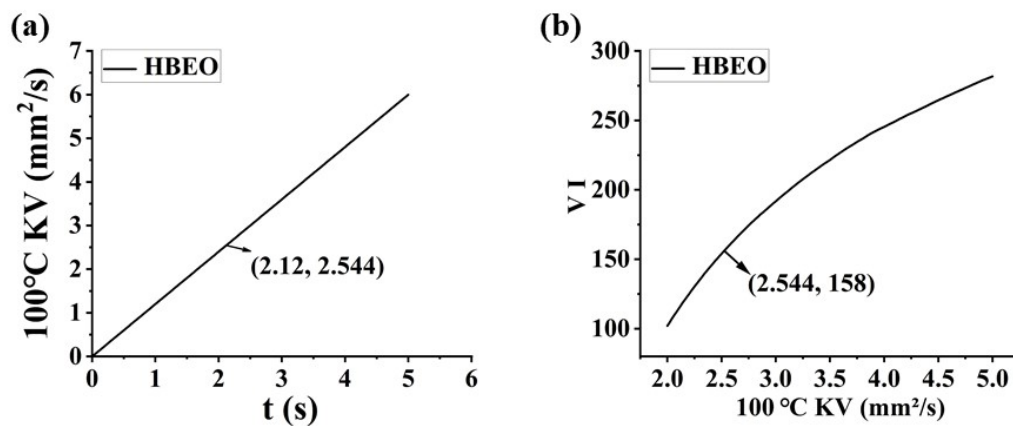


**Figure S34.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the polymer from entry 9, table 2 ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 20  $^\circ\text{C}$ ).



**Figure S35.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the polymer from entry 10, table 2 ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 20 °C).

### 2.3 Rheological Properties of the Representative HBEO.



**Figure S36.** Rheological properties of the representative HBEO prepared by **Pd2** at 30 °C: kinematic viscosity (100 °C) and viscosity index.