

# Electronic Supplementary Information

## Diverse reactivity of an isolable dialkylsilylene toward imines

Weifeng Chen, Liliang Wang, Zhifang Li\*, Aiqin Lin, Guoqiao Lai\*, Xuqiong Xiao, Yuan Deng, Mitsuo Kira\*

Key Laboratory of Organosilicon Chemistry and Material Technology of Ministry of Education, Hangzhou Normal University, Hangzhou, 310012, P.R. China

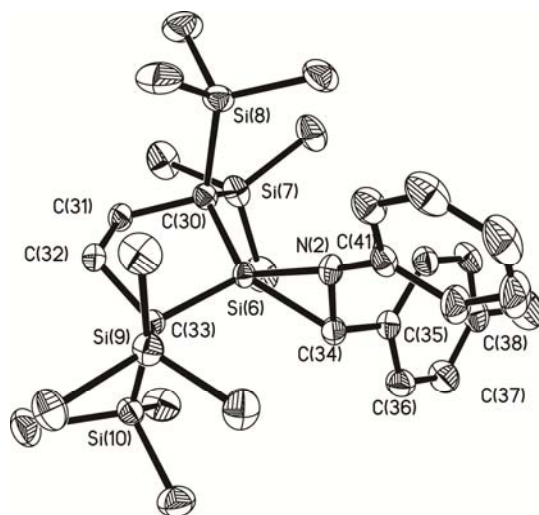
### Contents

1. Additional data for X-ray structure for **12c**. (pages S2-S3)
2. A tentative mechanism for the reaction of silylene **10** with *N*-benzylbenzaldimine **11f** (pages S3-S4)
3.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectra of silaaziridines **12a-12c** (pages S5-S13)
4.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$ , and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectra of silaazetidines **13d-13e** (pages S14-S21)
5.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectra of aminosilane **14f** (pages S22-24)

## 1. X-ray structure determination.

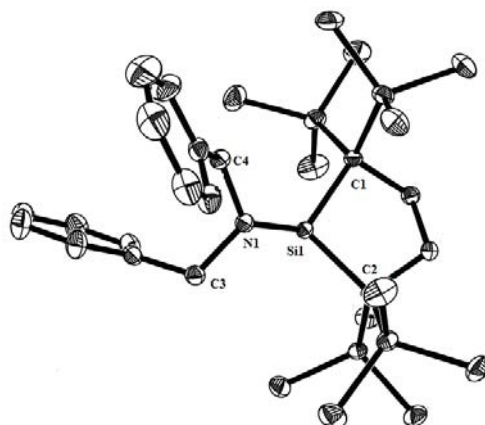
### X-ray analysis of 12c'

Molecular structure of **12c** was determined by X-ray structural analysis. There were two independent molecules (**12c** and **12c'**) in an asymmetric unit. Molecular structure of **12c'** is shown in Fig S1.



**Figure S1.** ORTEP drawing of **12c'**. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 30% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 30% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg): Si6-N2=1.706(2), Si6-C34=1.879(3), C34-N2=1.480(4), C34-C35=1.484(4), C41-N2=1.396(3), Si6-C30=1.884(3), Si6-C33=1.885(3); N2-Si6-C34=48.49(11), C34-N2-Si6=71.86(14), N2-C34-Si6=59.65(13), C30-Si6-C33=101.79(12). Dihedral angles between two planes (deg): 15.25 for C34-Si6-N2/N-aryl planes, 81.31 for C34-Si6-N2/C30-Si6-C33 planes, and 81.76 for C-aryl/N-phenyl planes.

### X-ray analysis of 14f



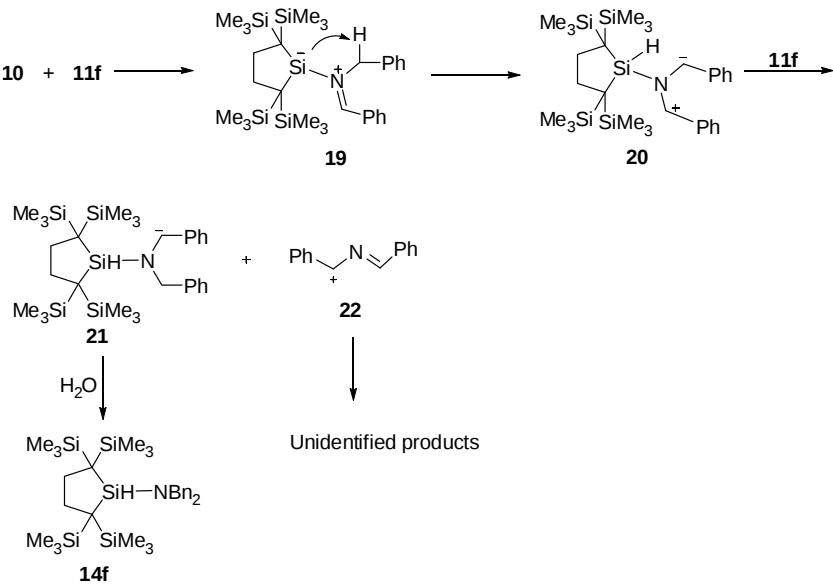
**Figure S2.** ORTEP drawing of **14f**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 30% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg): Si1-N1=1.7392(14), Si1-C1=1.8994(17), Si1-C2=1.9135(15), Si1-H1=1.432(18), N1-C3=1.480(2), N1-C4=1.454(2); C1-Si1-C2= 101.23(7).

**Table S1. Crystal and refinement data for 12a-12c, 13d, 13e, and 14**

| Table S1. Crystal and refinement data for <b>12a-c</b> , <b>13d-e</b> and <b>14f</b> |                                                  |                                                   |                                                    |                                                                 |                                                                 |                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Parameters                                                                           | <b>12a</b>                                       | <b>12b</b>                                        | <b>12c</b>                                         | <b>13d</b>                                                      | <b>13e</b>                                                      | <b>14f</b>                                       |
| Empirical formula                                                                    | C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>51</sub> NSi <sub>5</sub> | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>53</sub> NOSi <sub>5</sub> | C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>50</sub> ClNSi <sub>5</sub> | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>50</sub> F <sub>3</sub> NSi <sub>5</sub> | C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>49</sub> F <sub>6</sub> NSi <sub>5</sub> | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>55</sub> NSi <sub>5</sub> |
| Formula weight                                                                       | 554.16                                           | 584.18                                            | 588.60                                             | 622.16                                                          | 690.16                                                          | 570.20                                           |
| Crystal system                                                                       | Triclinic                                        | Triclinic                                         | Triclinic                                          | Monoclinic                                                      | Orthorhombic                                                    | Triclinic                                        |
| Space group                                                                          | P-1                                              | P-1                                               | P-1                                                | P2(1)/n                                                         | Pbca                                                            | P-1                                              |
| <i>a</i> [Å]                                                                         | 9.9889(8)                                        | 10.1986(8)                                        | 13.1571(11)                                        | 11.6872(8)                                                      | 22.667(4)                                                       | 11.4647(8)                                       |
| <i>b</i> [Å]                                                                         | 10.8412(8)                                       | 11.4219(9)                                        | 15.9991(13)                                        | 23.8106(16)                                                     | 14.110(2)                                                       | 11.7712(9)                                       |
| <i>c</i> [Å]                                                                         | 16.4060(13)                                      | 16.3207(12)                                       | 17.0546(14)                                        | 14.0462(10)                                                     | 23.682(4)                                                       | 14.2938(11)                                      |
| $\alpha$ [deg]                                                                       | 81.7450(10)                                      | 77.5760(10)                                       | 72.259(2)                                          | 90                                                              | 90                                                              | 74.1470(10)                                      |
| $\beta$ [deg]                                                                        | 78.7950(10)                                      | 78.1960(10)                                       | 84.025(2)                                          | 112.988(2)                                                      | 90                                                              | 82.1350(10)                                      |
| $\gamma$ [deg]                                                                       | 78.6920(10)                                      | 71.5880(10)                                       | 89.806(2)                                          | 90                                                              | 90                                                              | 69.5230(10)                                      |
| <i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]                                                           | 1698.6(2)                                        | 1742.3(2)                                         | 3399.2(5)                                          | 3598.4(4)                                                       | 7574(2)                                                         | 1736.6(2)                                        |
| <i>Z</i>                                                                             | 2                                                | 2                                                 | 4                                                  | 4                                                               | 8                                                               | 2                                                |
| <i>D</i> <sub>calcd</sub> [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]                                      | 1.083                                            | 1.114                                             | 1.150                                              | 1.148                                                           | 1.210                                                           | 1.090                                            |
| $\mu$ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]                                                            | 0.228                                            | 0.227                                             | 0.307                                              | 0.233                                                           | 0.239                                                           | 0.224                                            |
| <i>F</i> (000)                                                                       | 604                                              | 636                                               | 1272                                               | 1336                                                            | 2928                                                            | 624                                              |
| Reflections collected                                                                | 23618                                            | 24536                                             | 36538                                              | 26379                                                           | 25486                                                           | 23579                                            |
| Independent Reflections                                                              | 5936                                             | 6091                                              | 12553                                              | 6332                                                            | 7395                                                            | 6067                                             |
| <i>R</i> (int)                                                                       | 0.0205                                           | 0.0245                                            | 0.0386                                             | 0.0283                                                          | 0.0505                                                          | 0.0210                                           |
| Data/restraints /parameters                                                          | 5936/6/ 359                                      | 6091/ 0/347                                       | 12553/0 /673                                       | 6332/87/392                                                     | 7395/17 / 447                                                   | 6067/0 /341                                      |
| final <i>R</i> indices                                                               | 0.0411                                           | 0.0399                                            | 0.0445                                             | 0.0391                                                          | 0.0527                                                          | 0.0340                                           |
| $[I > 2\sigma(I)] R_1$                                                               |                                                  |                                                   |                                                    |                                                                 |                                                                 |                                                  |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data) <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub>                                   | 0.1554                                           | 0.1563                                            | 0.1545                                             | 0.1456                                                          | 0.1509                                                          | 0.1298                                           |

## 2. A plausible mechanism for the reaction of silylene 10 with *N*-benzylbenzaldimine 11f

The reaction would also begin with the formation of the corresponding imine silaylide **19**. The reaction of imine ylide **20**, which is formed by the migration of a benzylic proton of **19**, with starting imine **11f** may give carbanion **21** and 2-azaallyl cation **22**. Carbanion **21** is trapped by water to give the final product **14f**, while **22** gives unidentified products. The fact that the yield of **14f** is lower than 50% is compatible with the proposed mechanism but no other supporting evidence is obtained.



**Scheme S1.**

4.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectra of silaaziridines 12a-12c (Figures S1-S9)

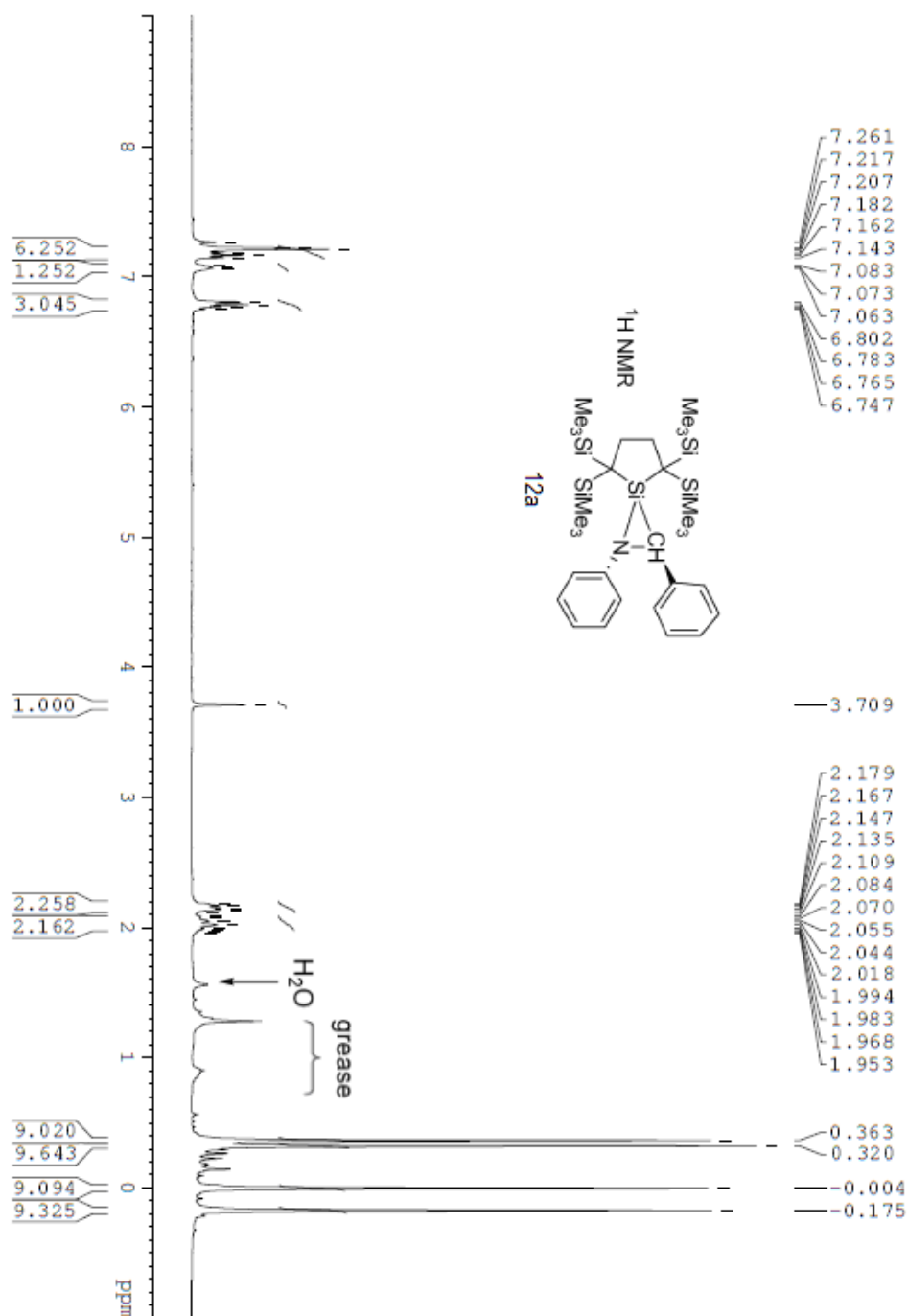


Figure S3.

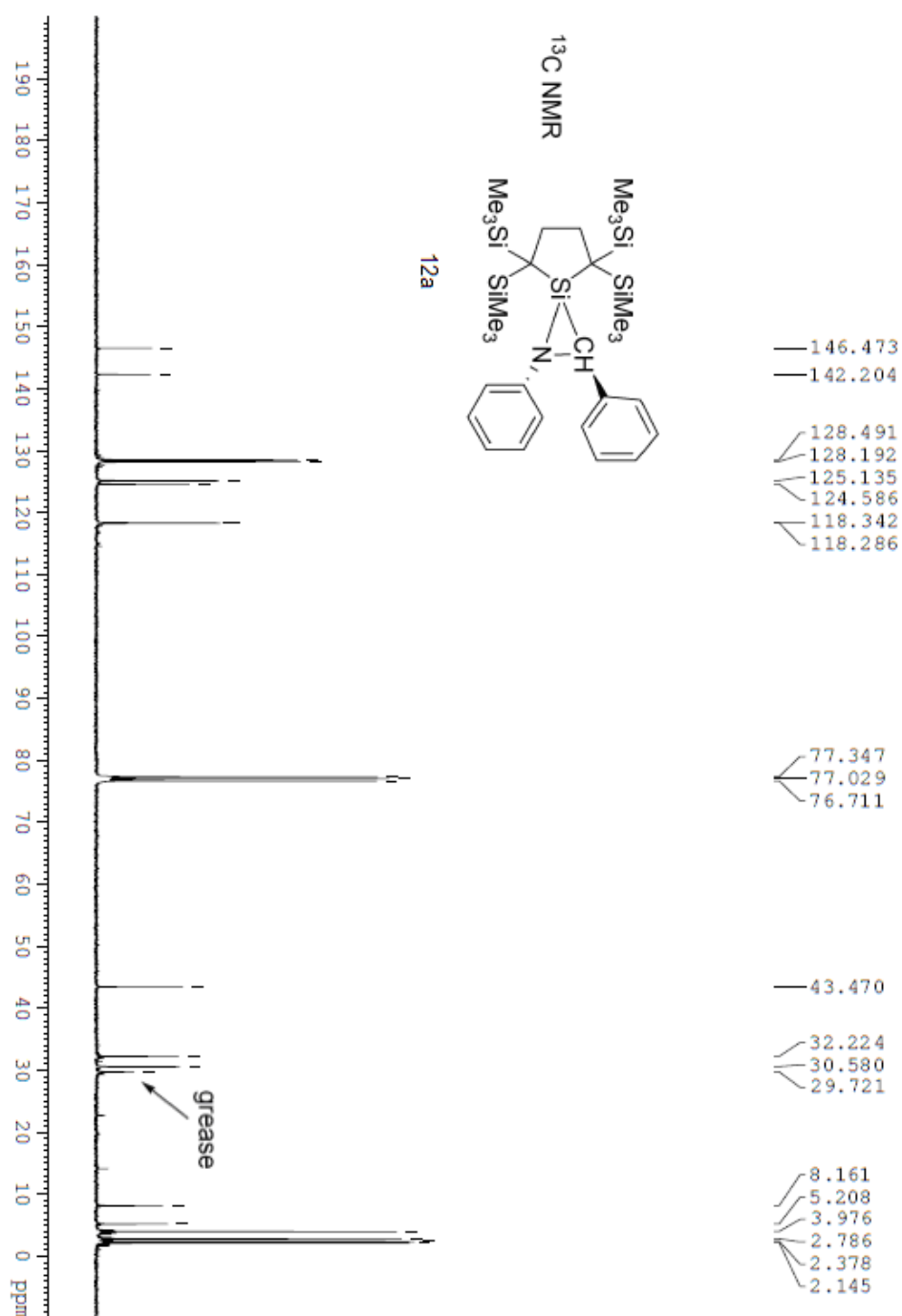


Figure S4.

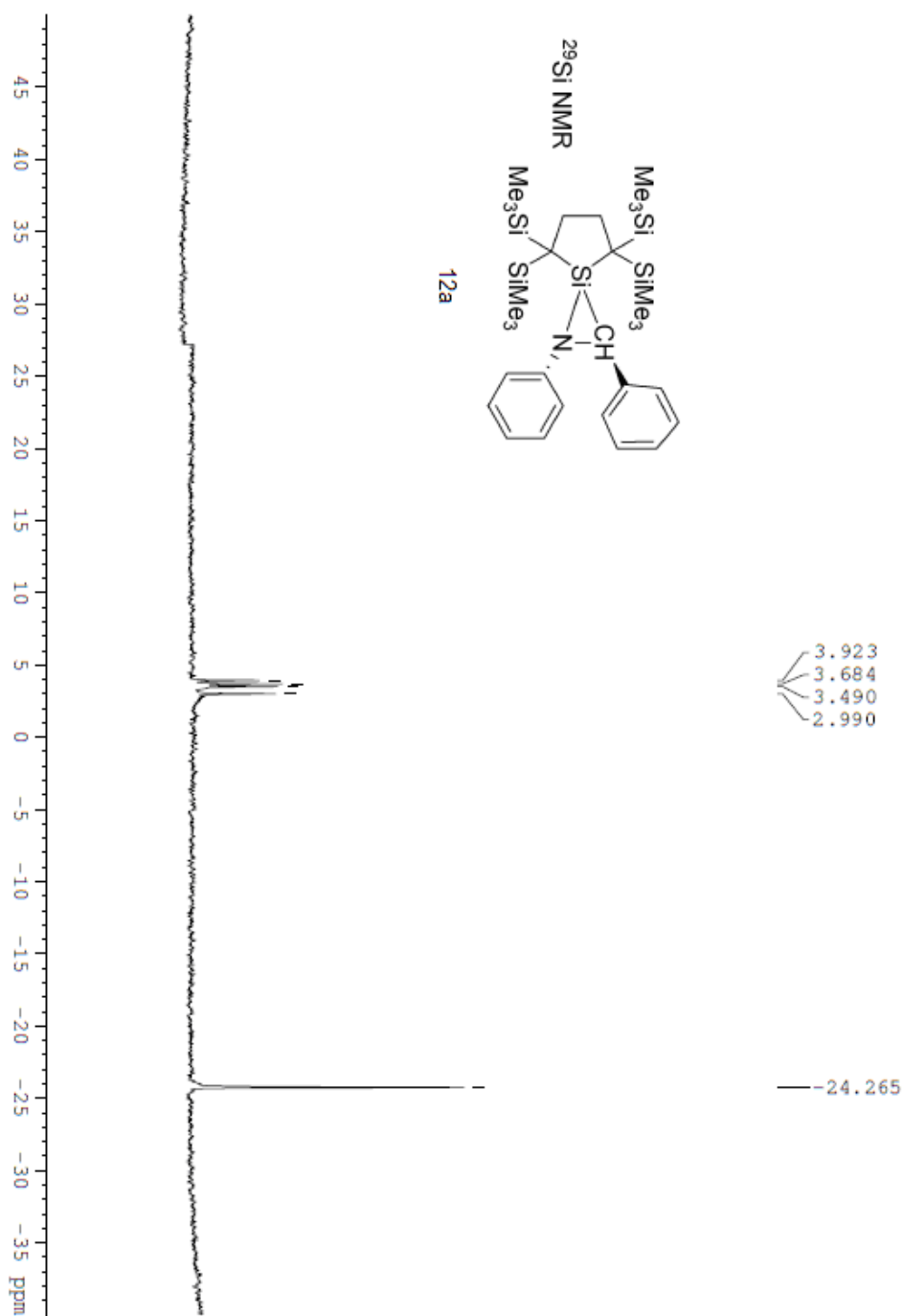
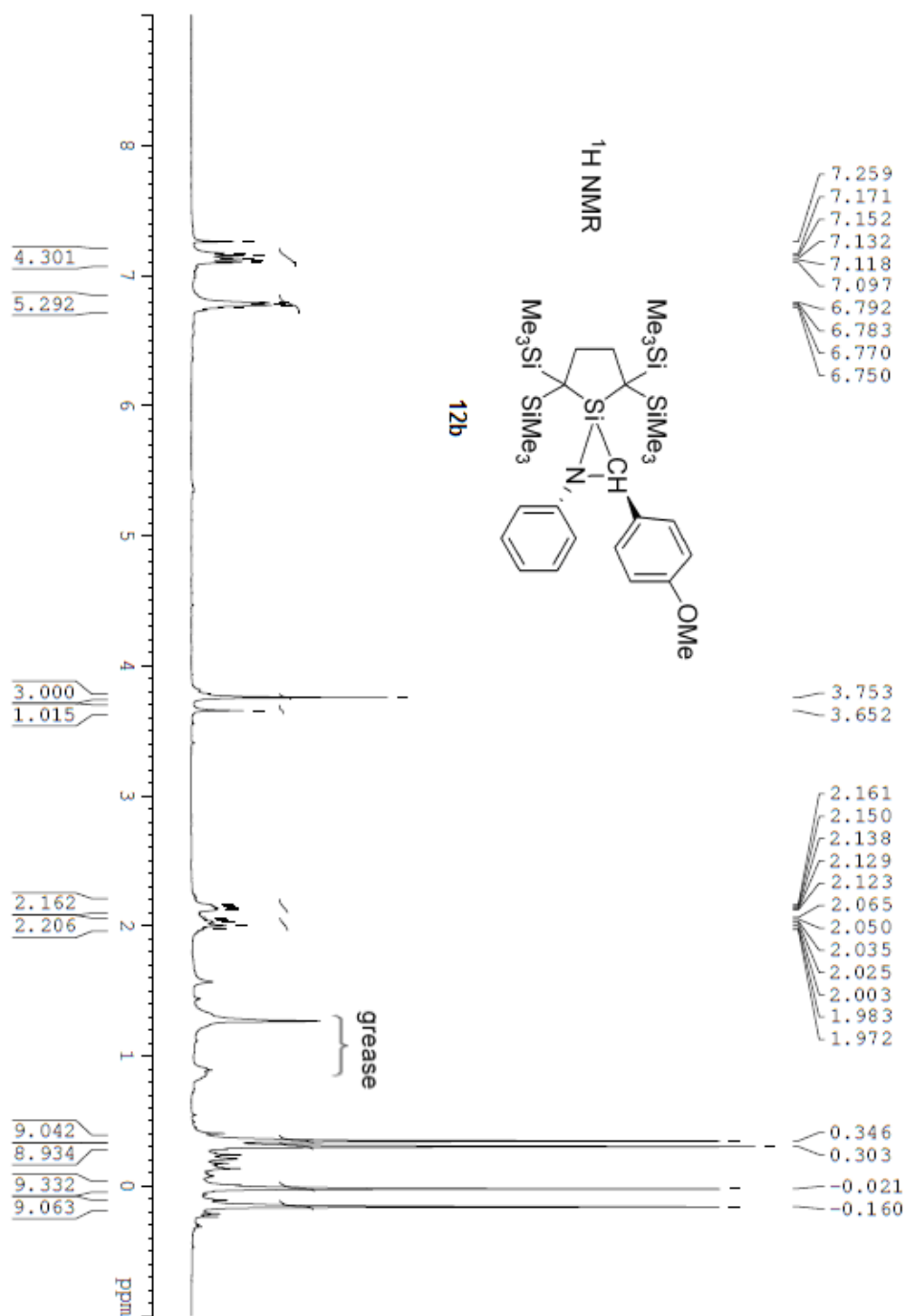
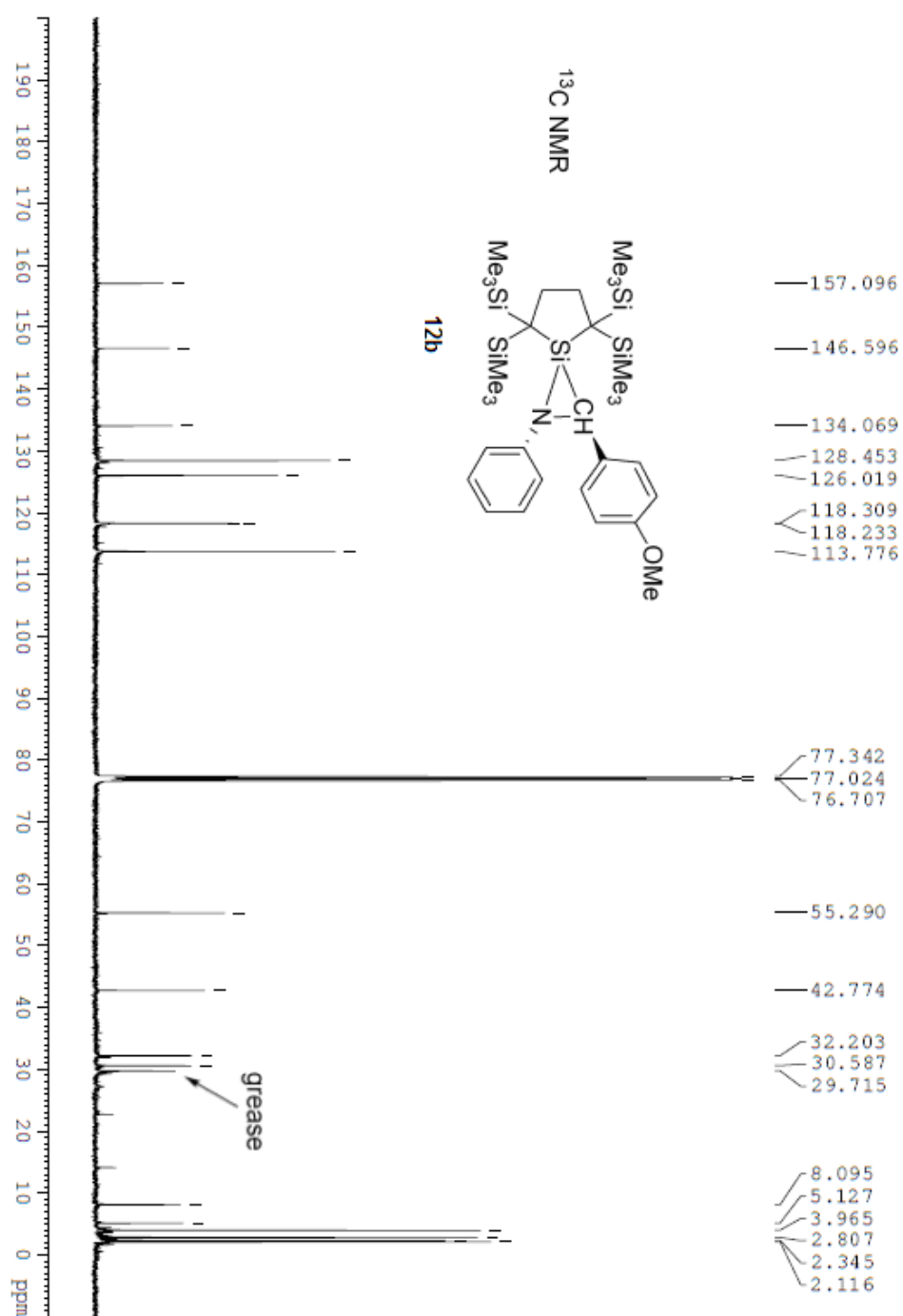


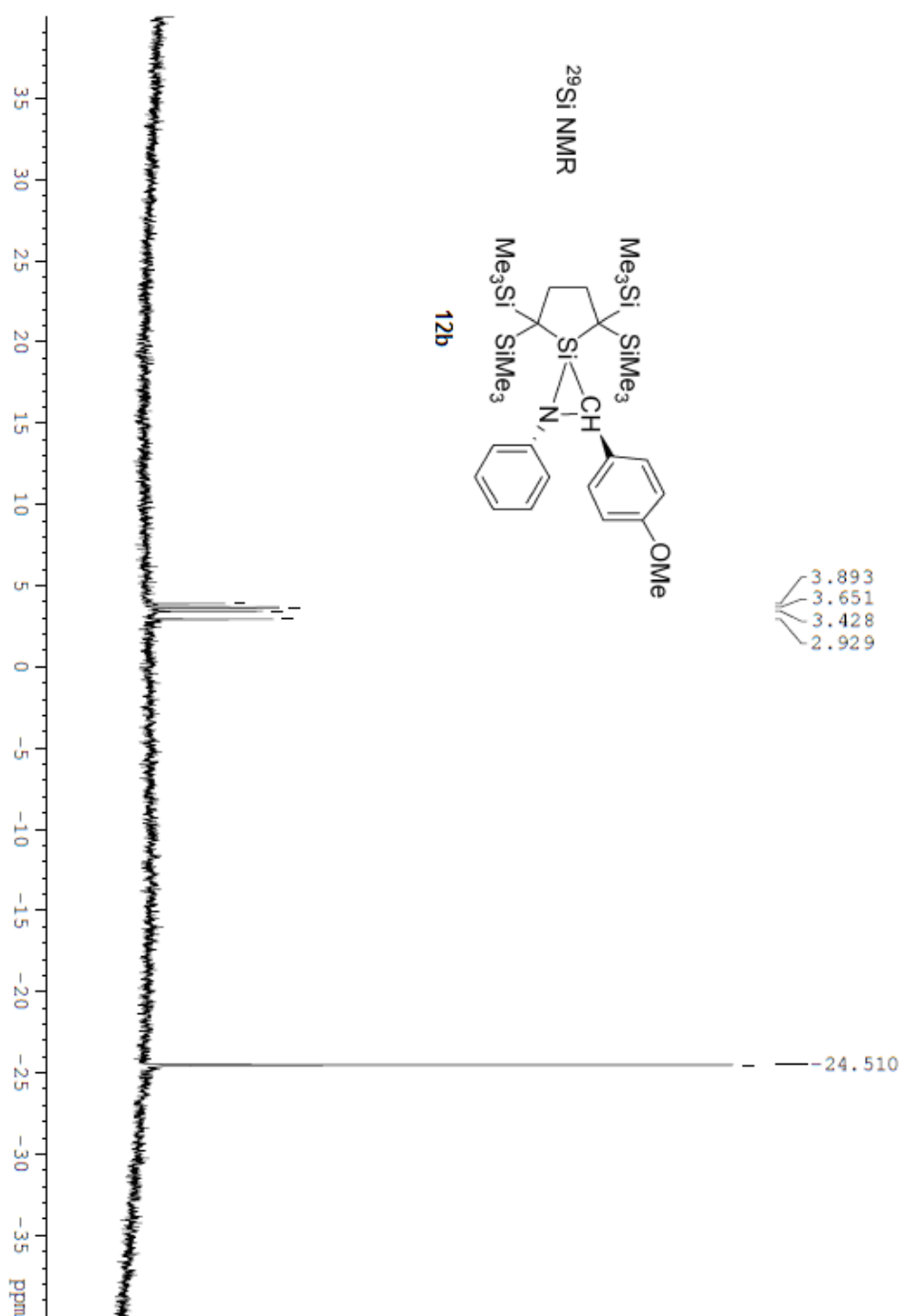
Figure S5.



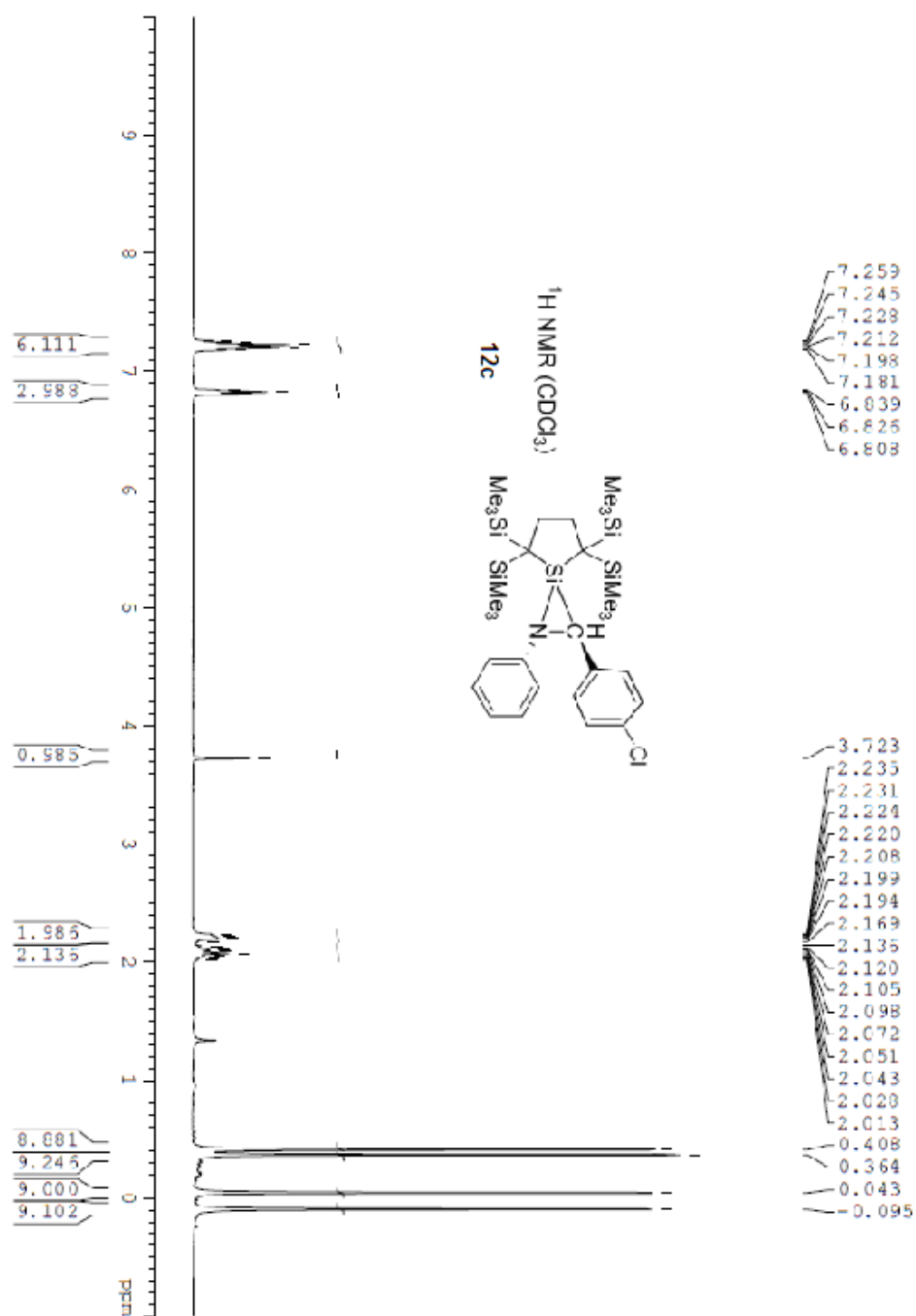
**Figure S6.**



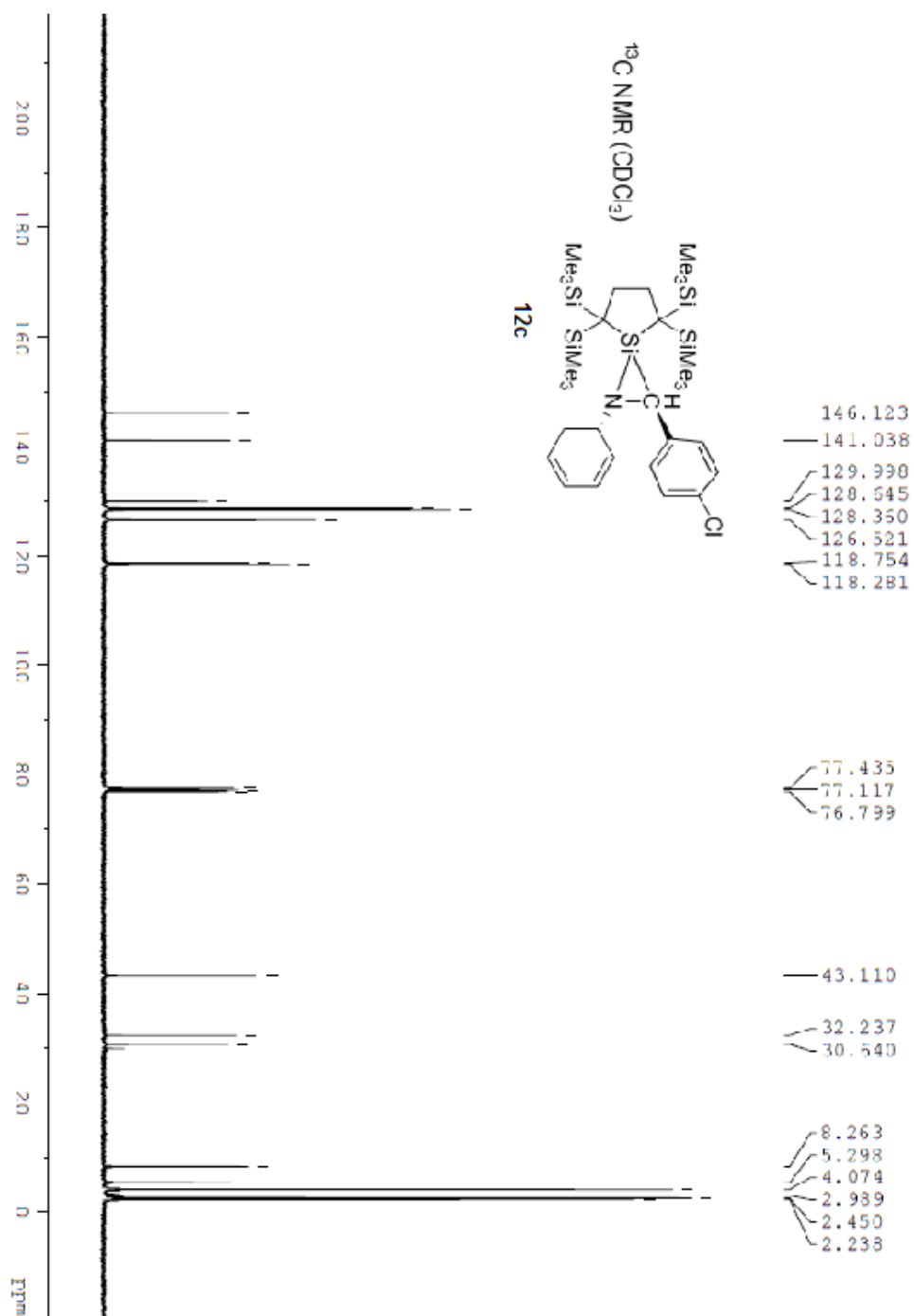
**Figure S7.**



**Figure S8.**



**Figure S9.**



**Figure S10.**

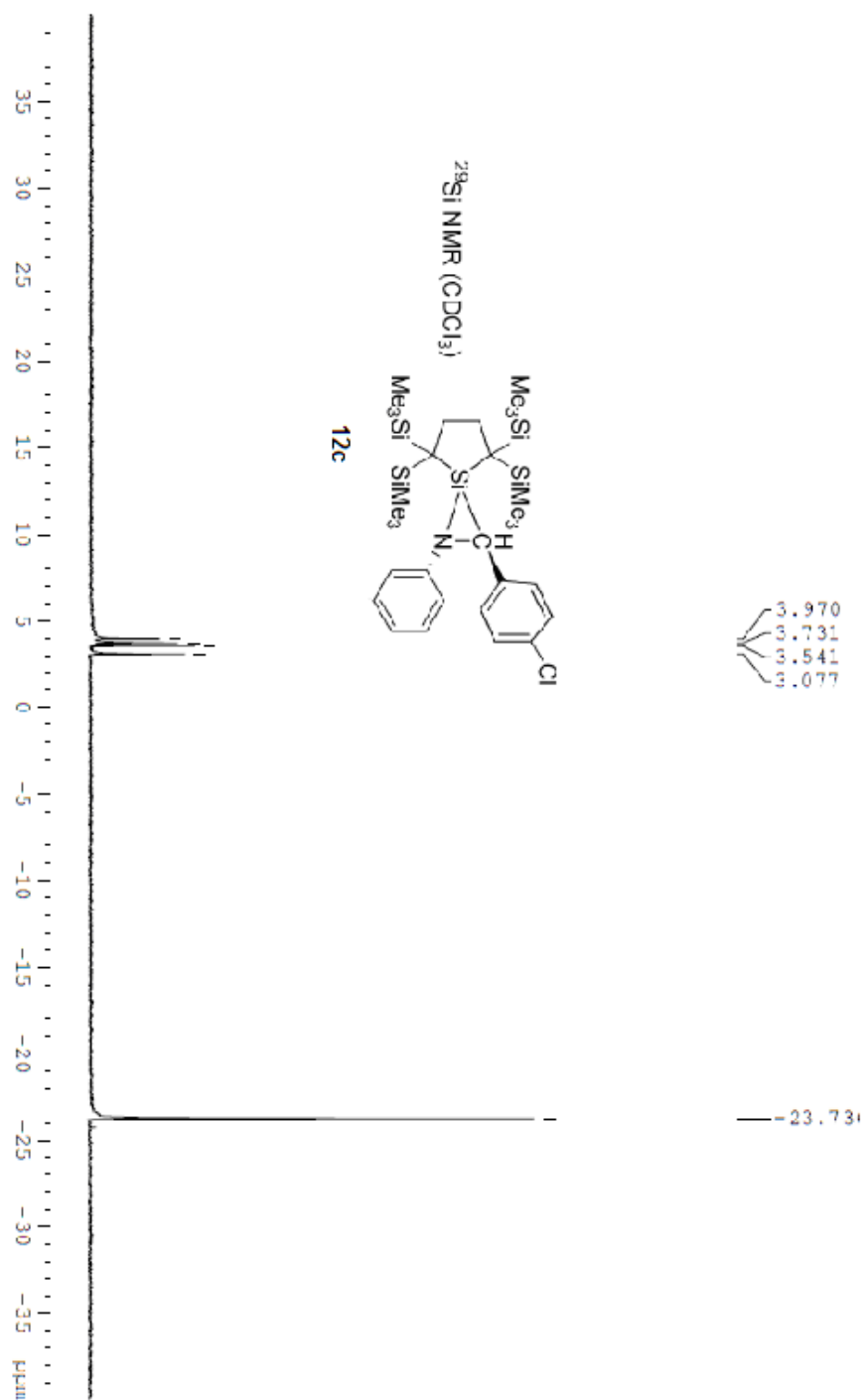


Figure S11.

2.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$ , and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectra of silaazetidines 13d and 13e (Figures S10-S17)

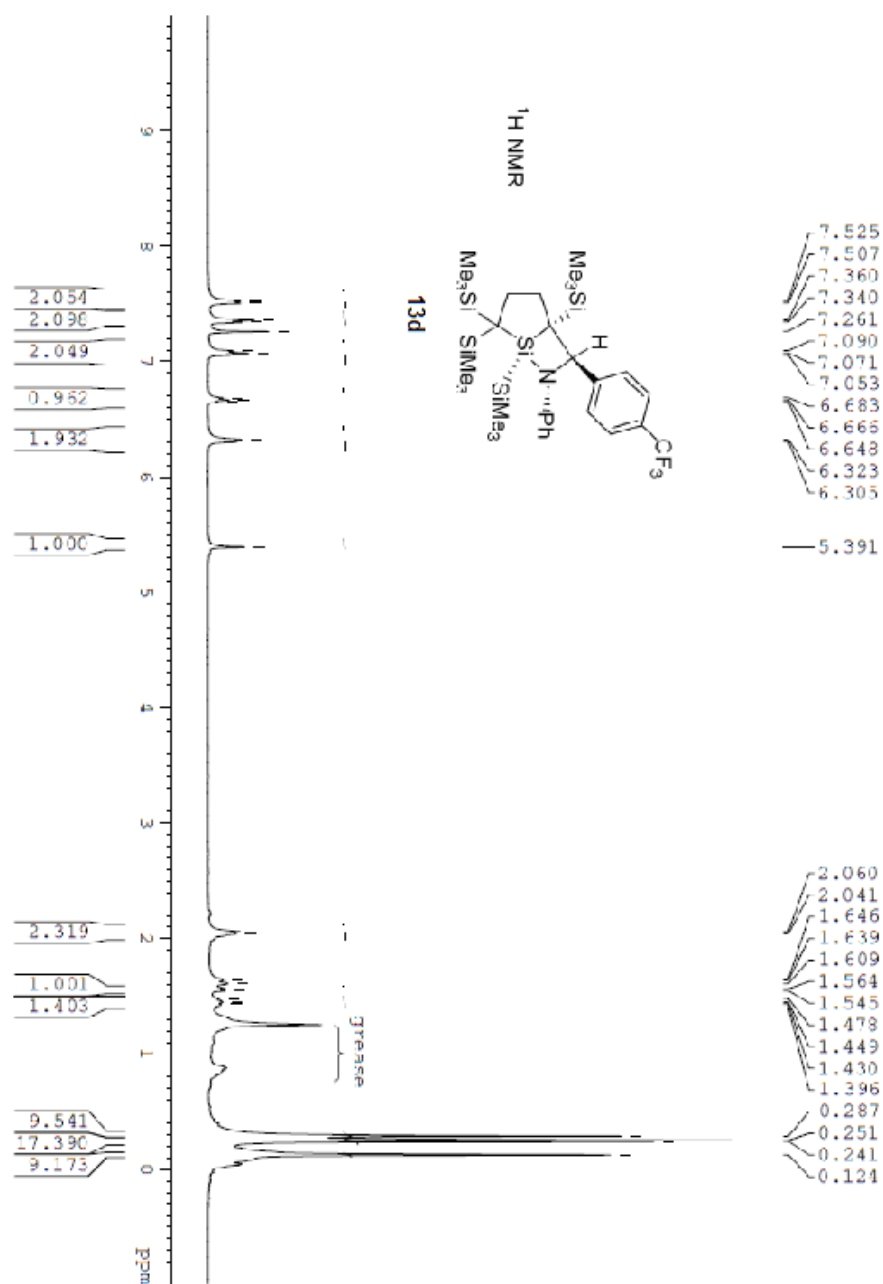


Figure S12.

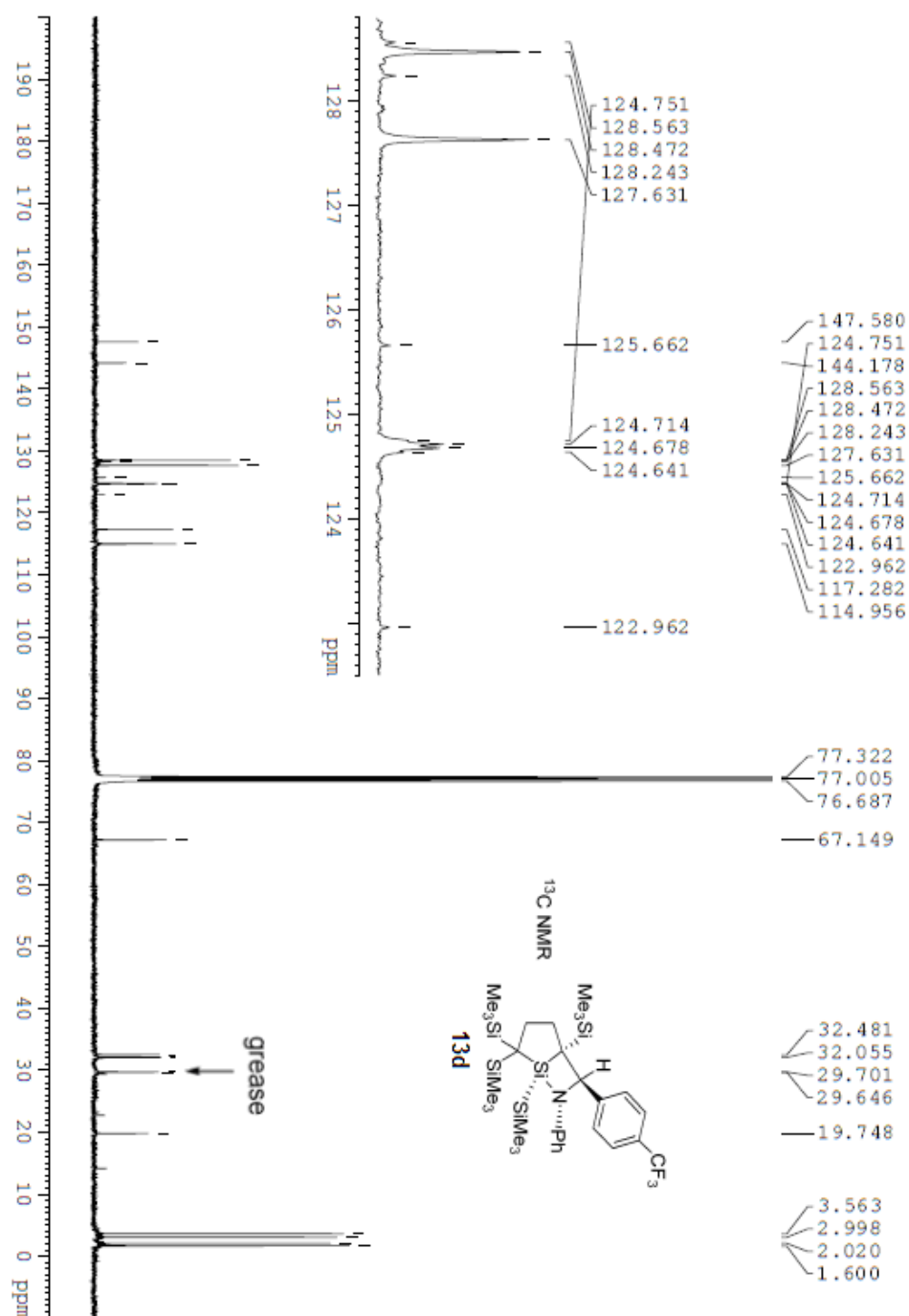


Figure S13.

**Figure S14.**

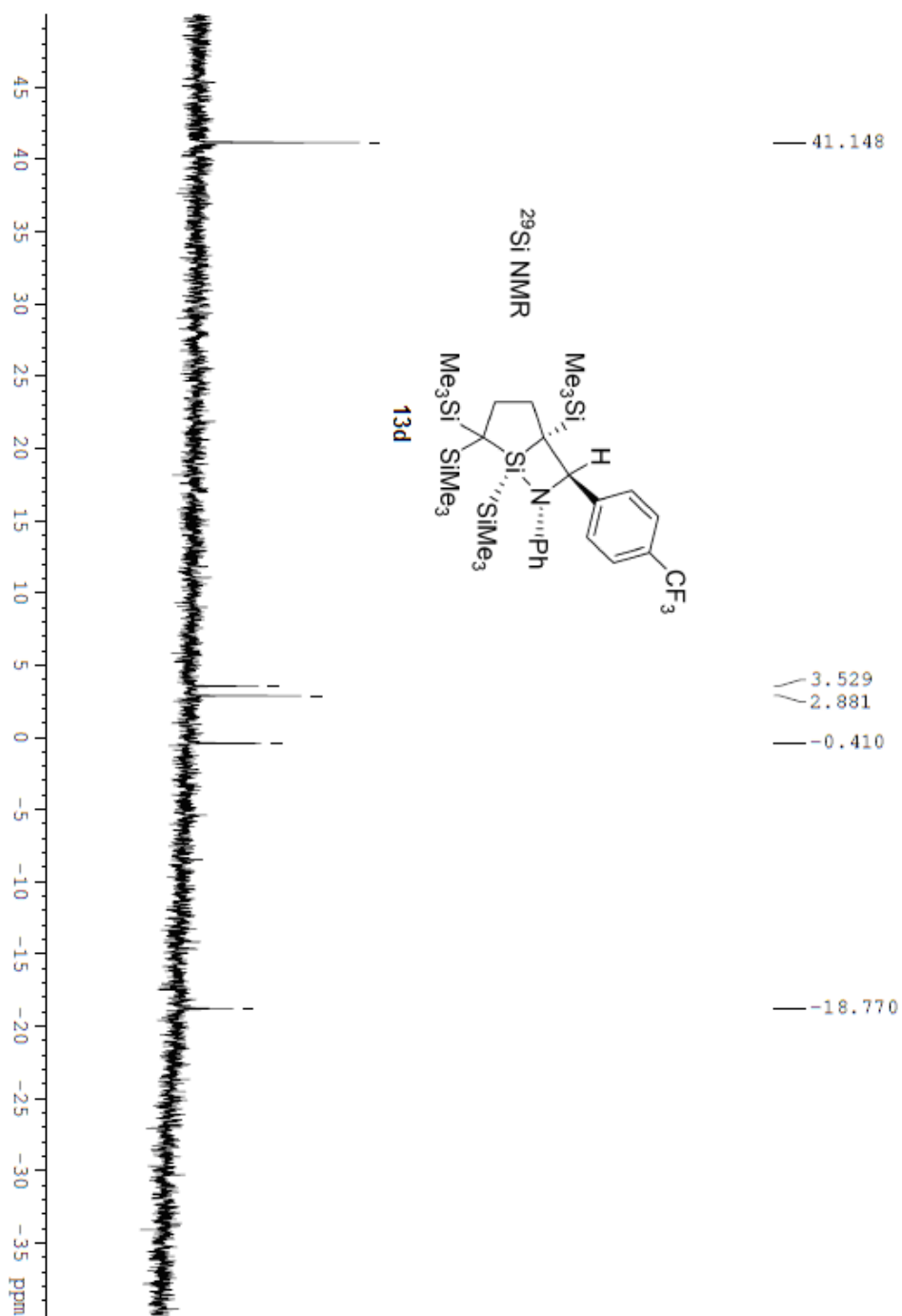


Figure S15.

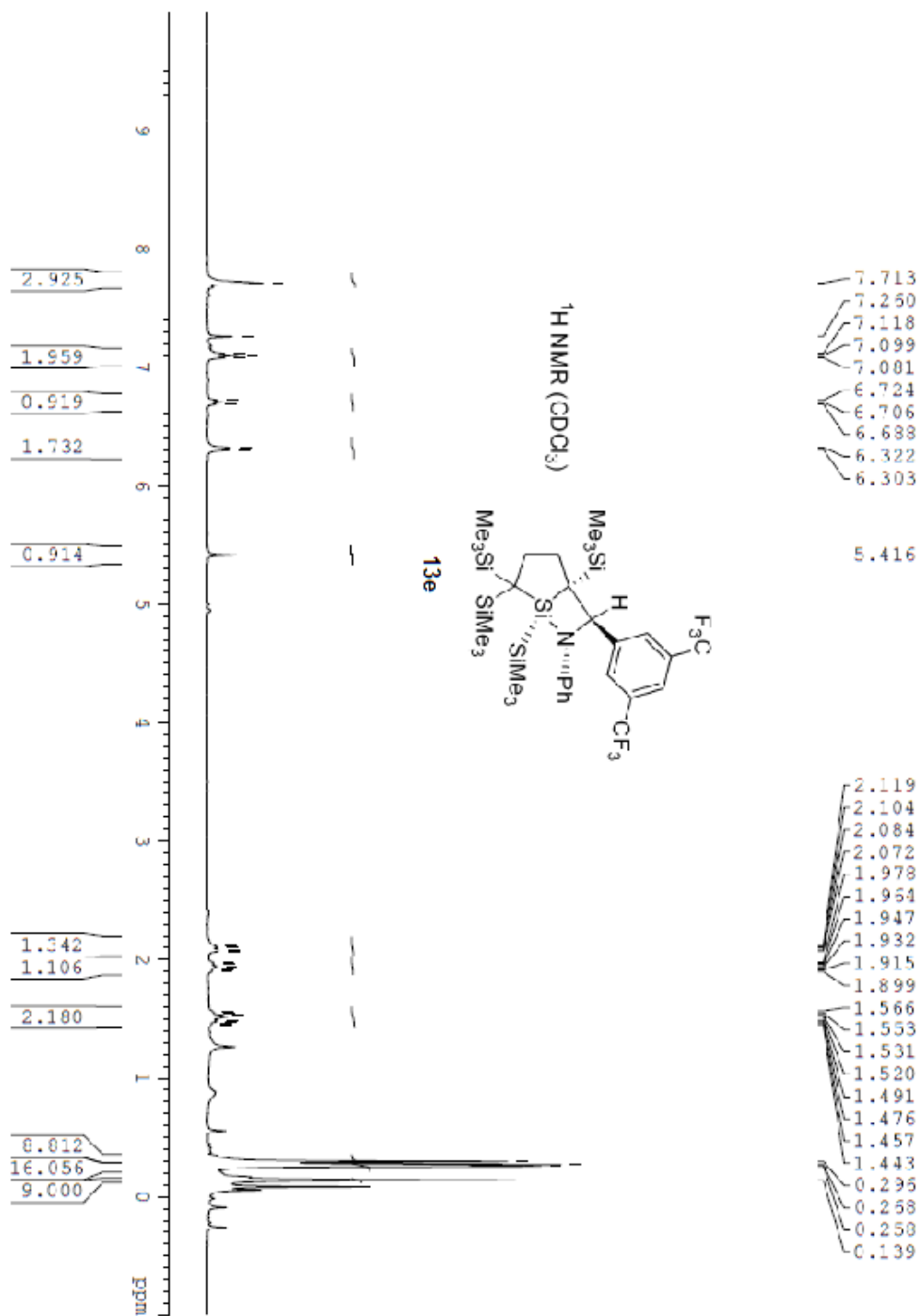


Figure S16.

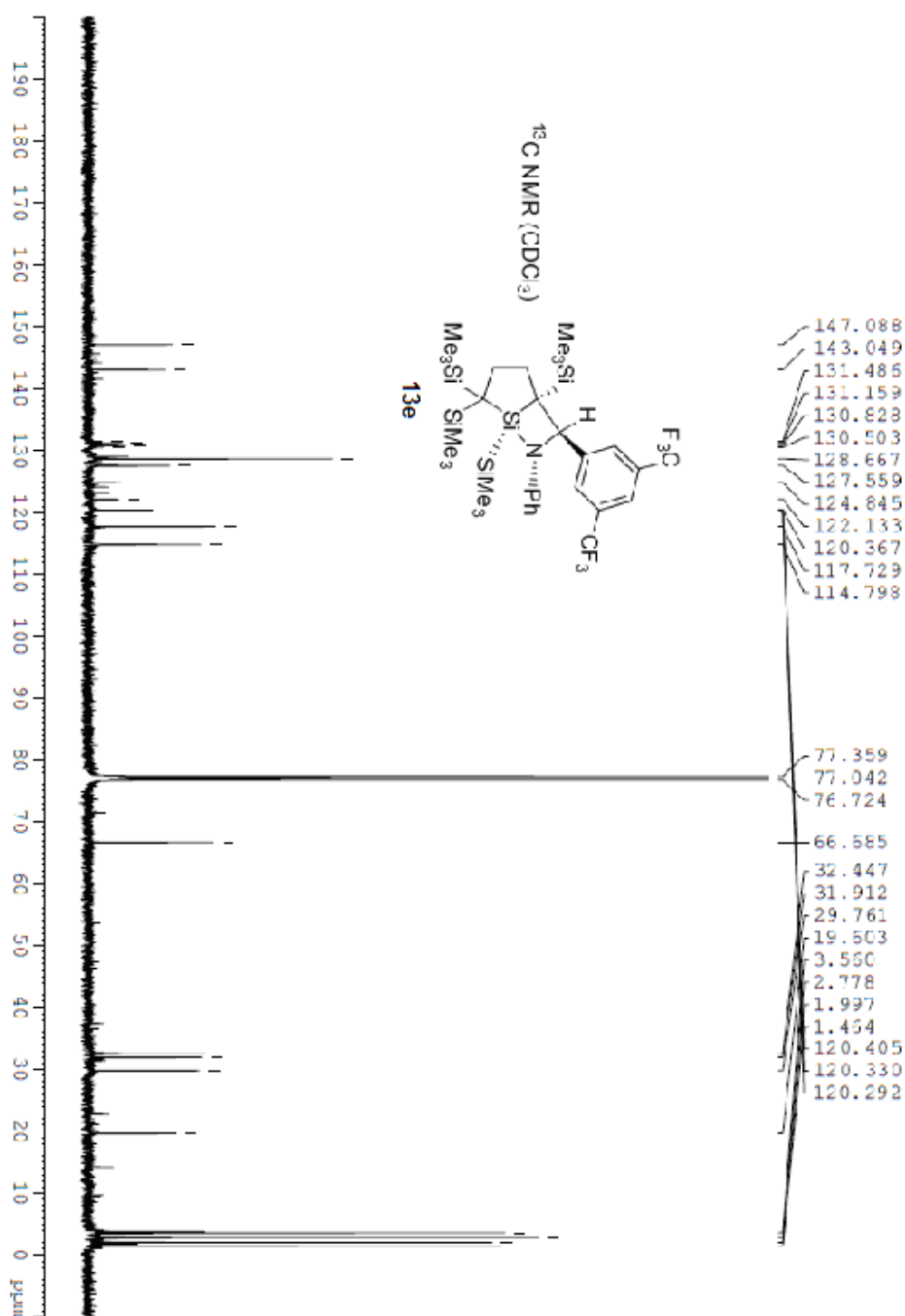


Figure S17.

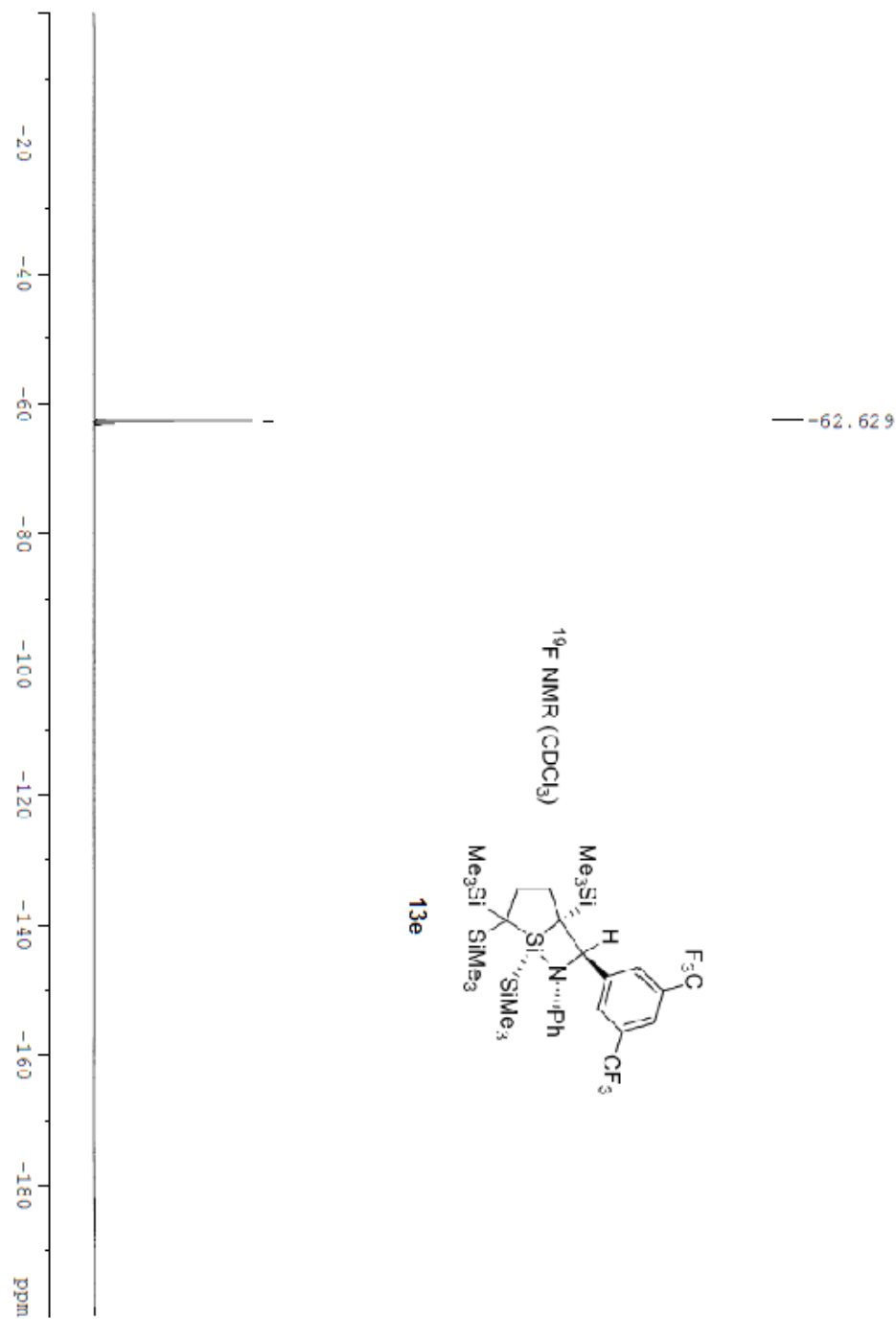


Figure S18.

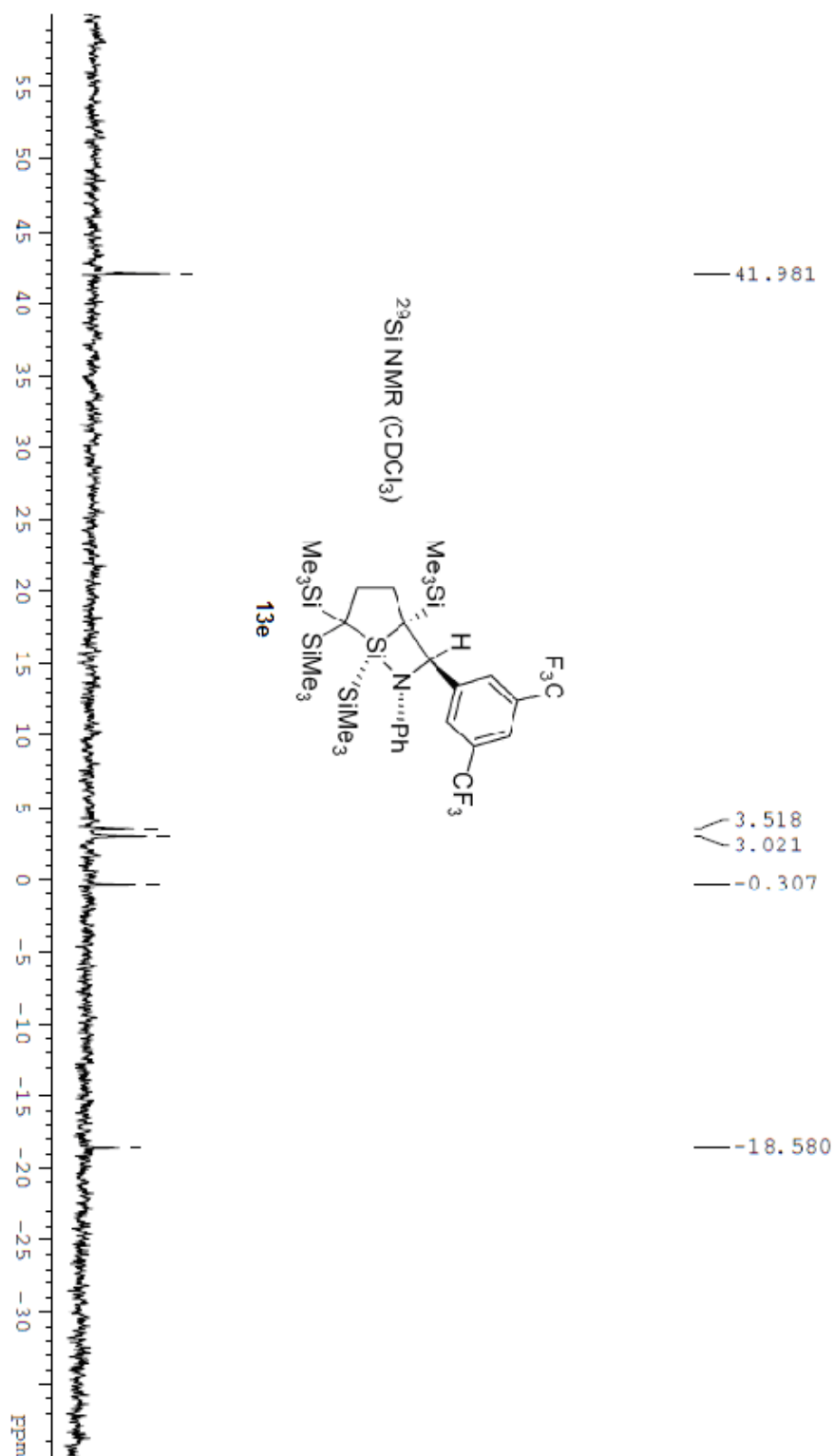


Figure S19.

3.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectra of aminosilane 14f (Figures 18-20)

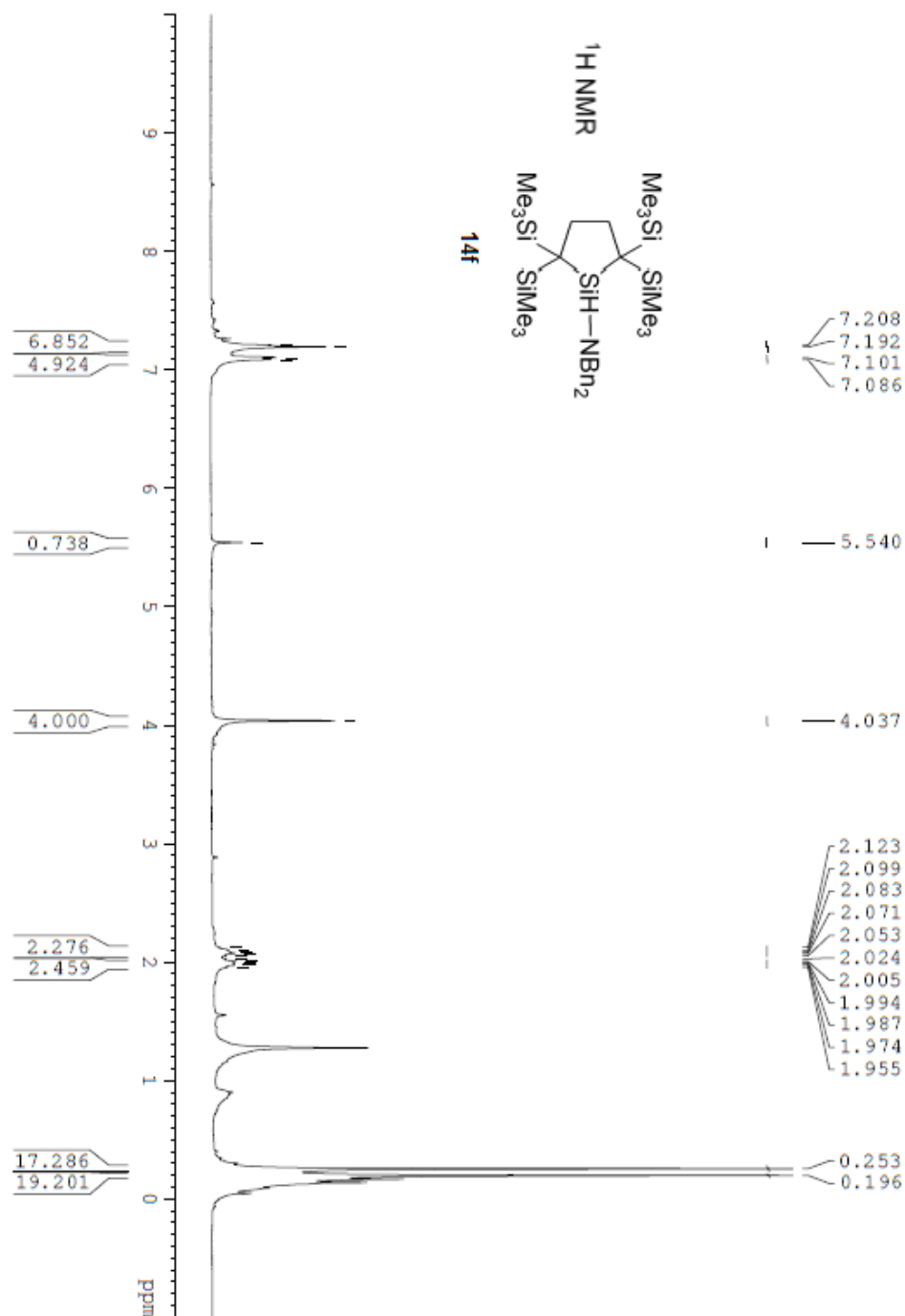


Figure S20.

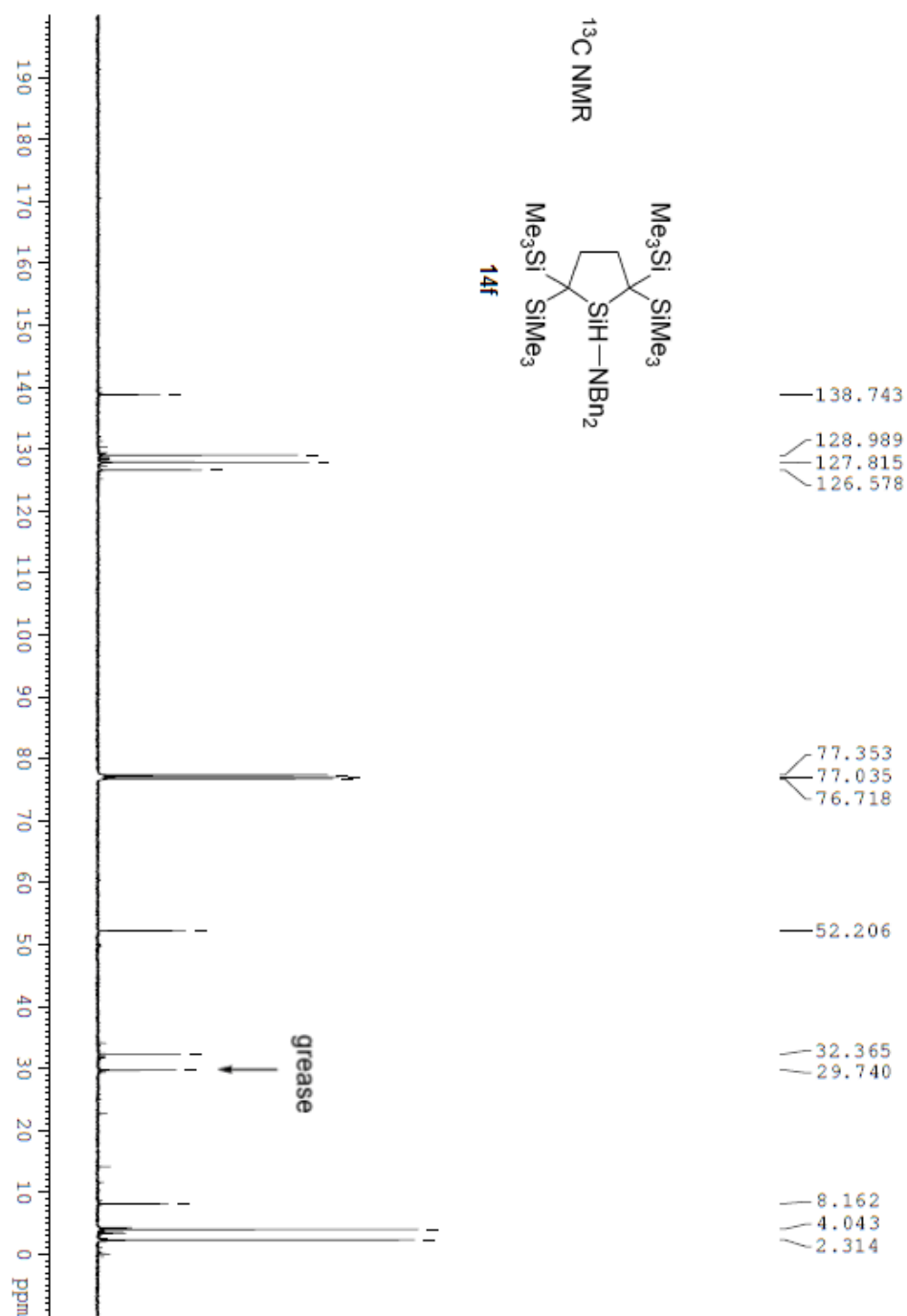


Figure S21.

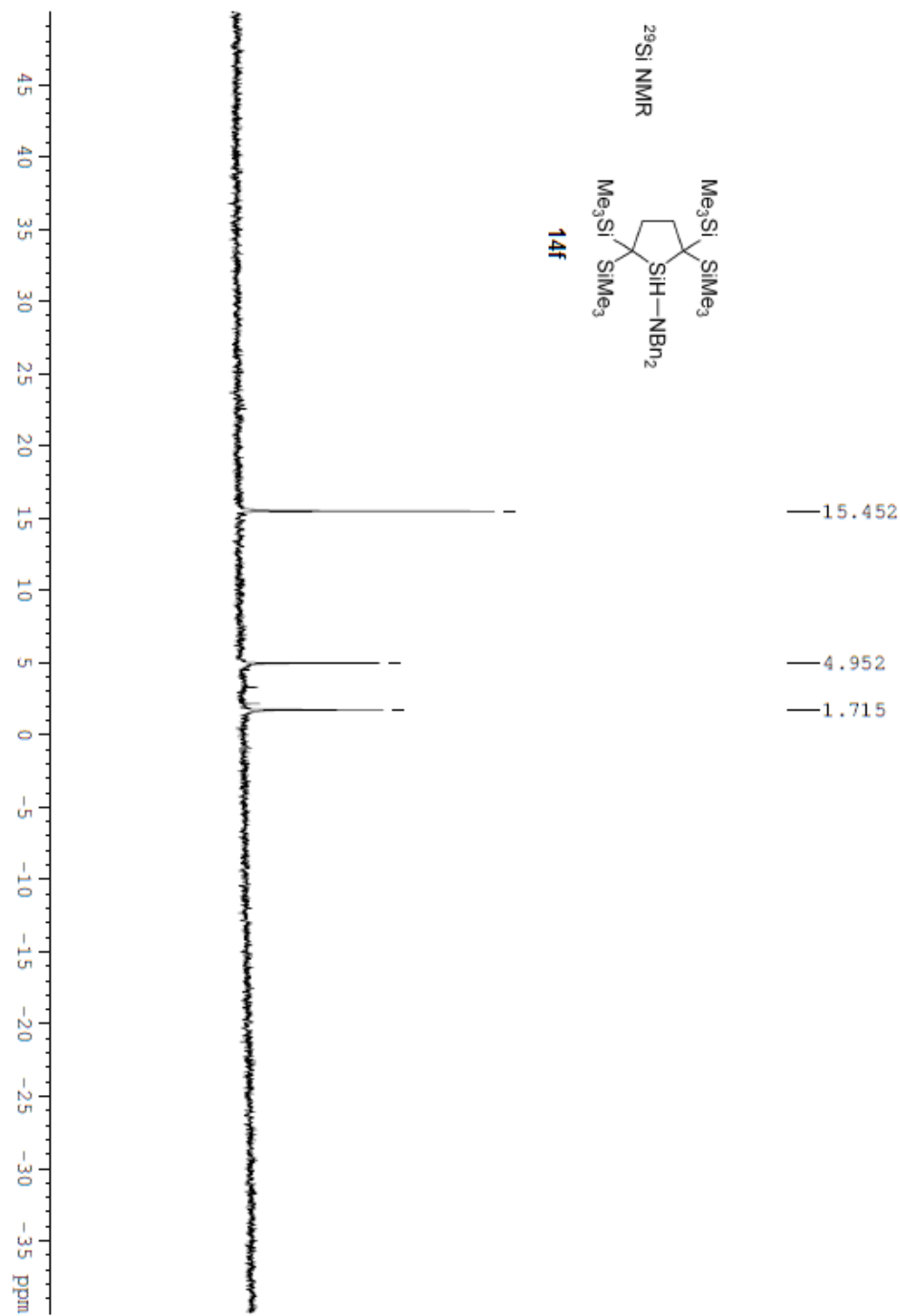


Figure S22.