

## Supporting information for

# High Temperature Ethylene Polymerization Catalyzed by Titanium (IV) Complexes with Tetradentate Aminophenolate Ligands in *cis*-O, N, N Chelating Mode

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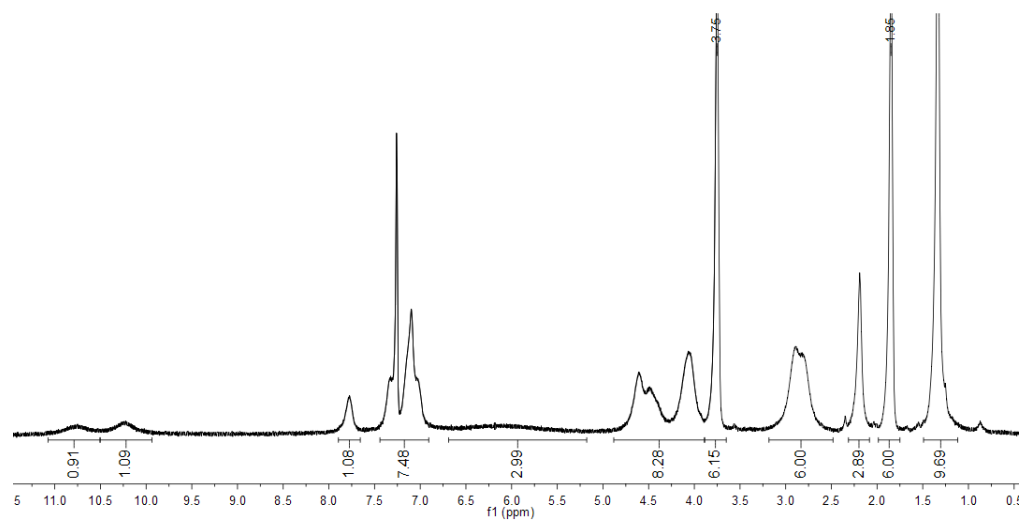
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## 1 X-ray diffraction studies

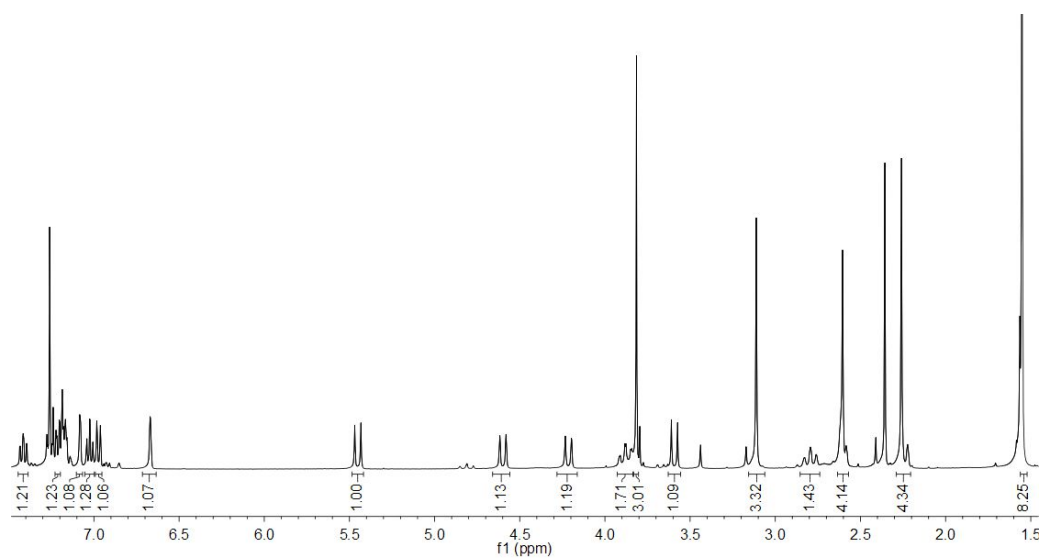
**Table S1.** Summary of crystallographic data for complexes **2a**, **9a**, **8d** and **5e**

	<b>2a</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>8d</b>	<b>5e</b>
Formula	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>41</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Ti	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>45</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Ti	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>46</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>53</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Ti
FW	579.85	607.92	1195.96	629.11
T / K	293(2)	293(2)	293(2)	293(2)
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	Pca2(1)	C2/c	P-1	P2(1)/n
<i>a</i> / Å	17.9918(16)	31.567(14)	12.5385(17)	12.595(4)
<i>b</i> / Å	12.0283(11)	12.607(5)	16.754(2)	13.269(4)
<i>c</i> / Å	22.162(2)	24.650(10)	18.355(2)	21.982(7)
$\alpha$ / °	90	90	99.214(3)	90
$\beta$ / °	90	127.231	93.923(3)	104.538(4)
$\gamma$ / °	90	90	103.434(3)	90
Volume / Å <sup>3</sup>	4796.0(7)	7810(6)	3679.6(8)	3556(2)
<i>Z</i>	4	8	2	4
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> / Mg m <sup>-3</sup>	1.186	1.031	1.412	1.175
Abs coeff / mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.383	0.446	2.581	0.353
<i>F</i> (000)	1824	2560	1588	1352
Crystal size / mm	0.341 × 0.215 × 0.056	0.25 × 0.22 × 0.20	0.311 × 0.145 × 0.056	0.12 × 0.10 × 0.06
2 $\theta$ range / °	1.69 to 25.50	1.62 to 27.50	1.68 to 25.50	1.70 to 25.01
Reflns collected / unique	27081 / 8516	8551 / 8551	21588 / 13665	14395 / 6253
R(int)	0.1323	0.0000	0.0601	0.0542
Data / restraints / para	8516 / 159 / 501	8551 / 6 / 334	13665 / 5 / 578	6253 / 6 / 379
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.960	0.996	0.994	0.954
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0782	0.0840	0.0802	0.0671
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	0.1640	0.2359	0.2050	0.1849
Largest peak and hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.338 and -0.296	1.547 and -0.632	0.967 and -0.538	0.614 and -0.380

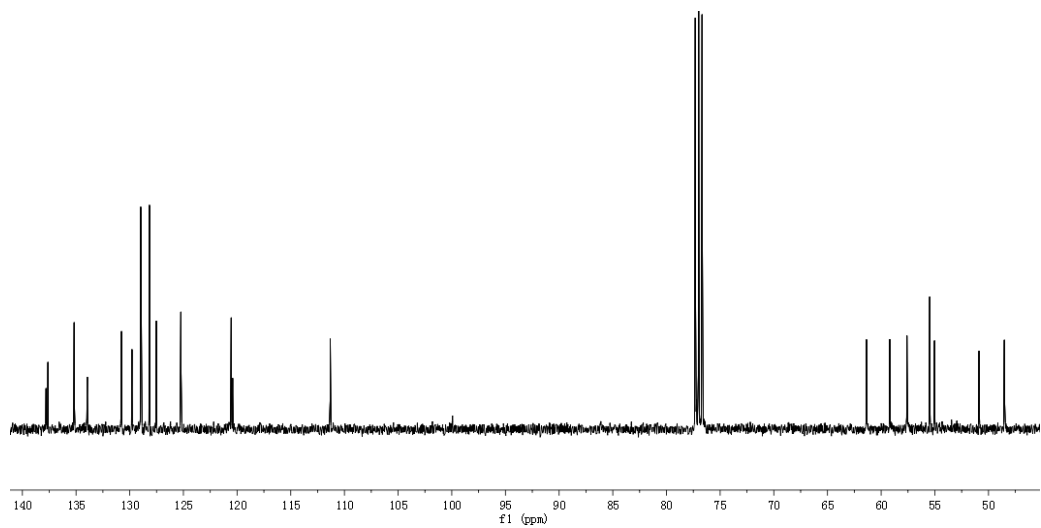
## 2 $^1\text{H}$ NMR and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra of the titanium and zirconium complexes



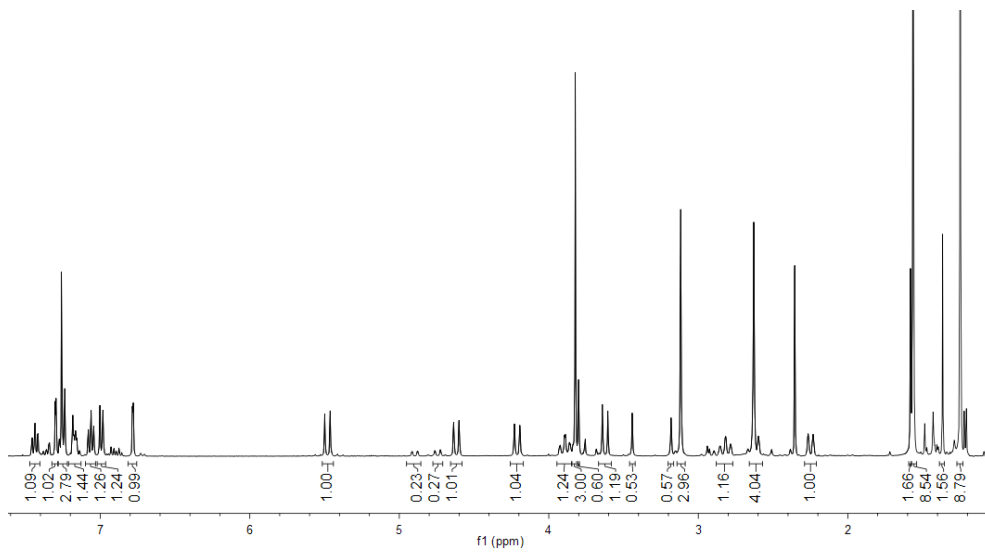
**Fig. S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1c** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).



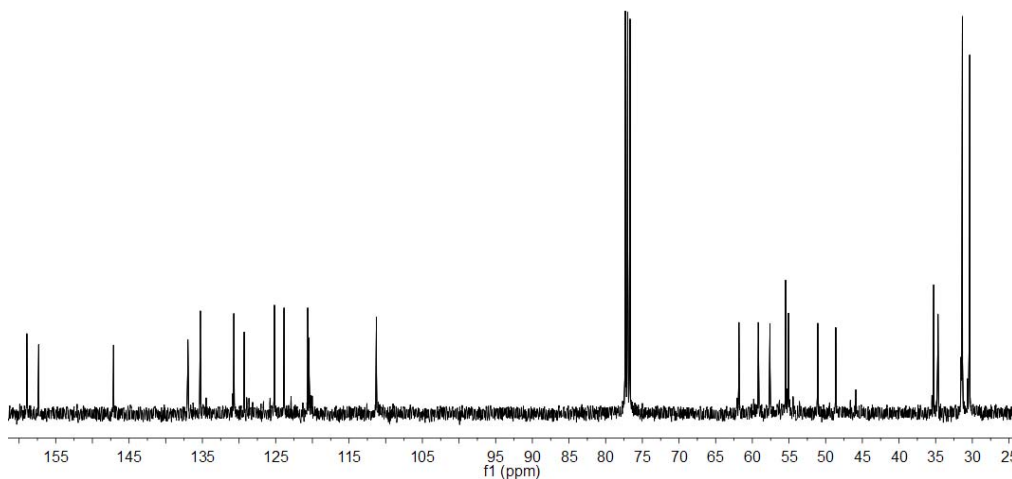
**Fig. S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).



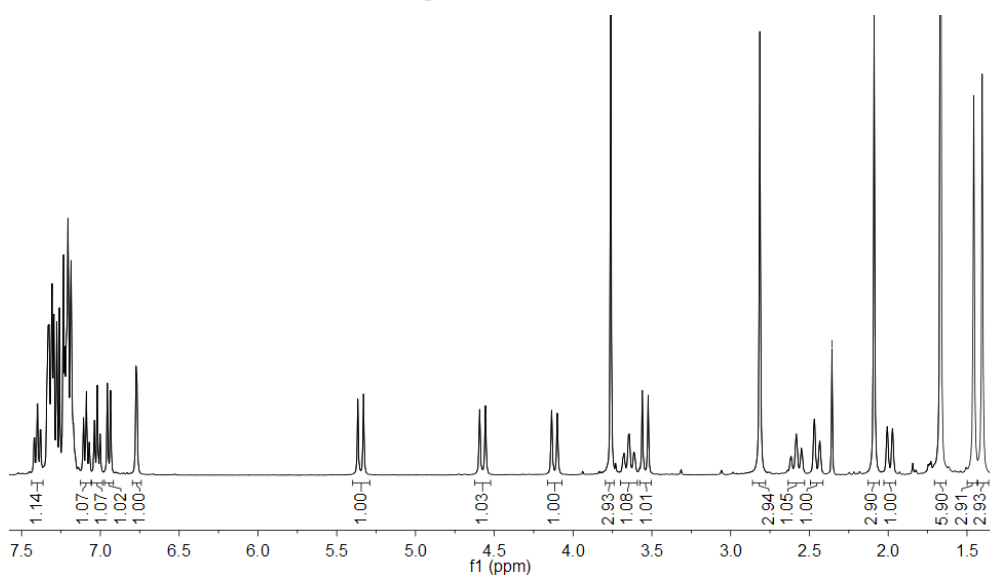
**Fig. S3.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz).



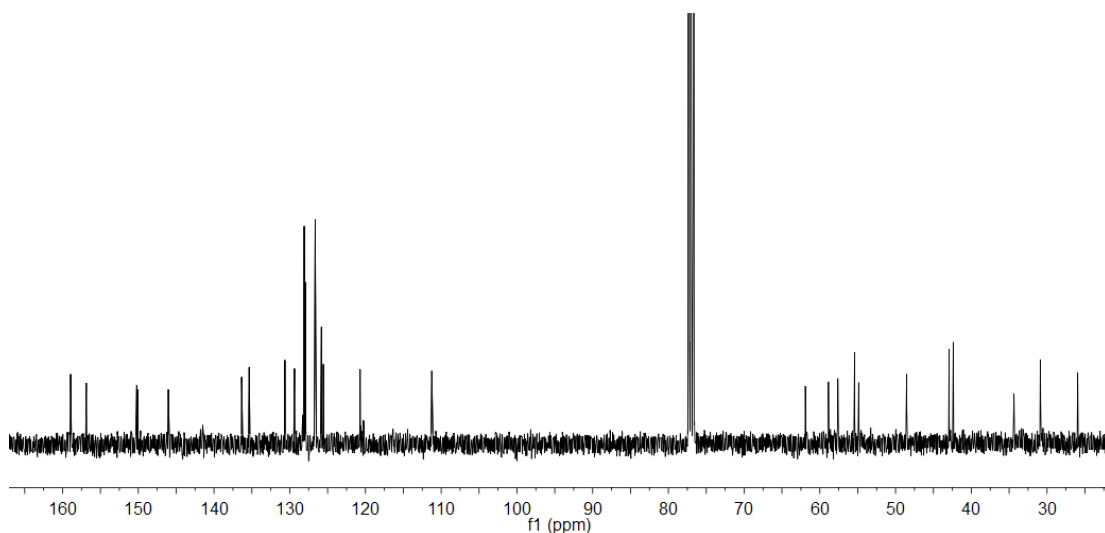
**Fig. S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).



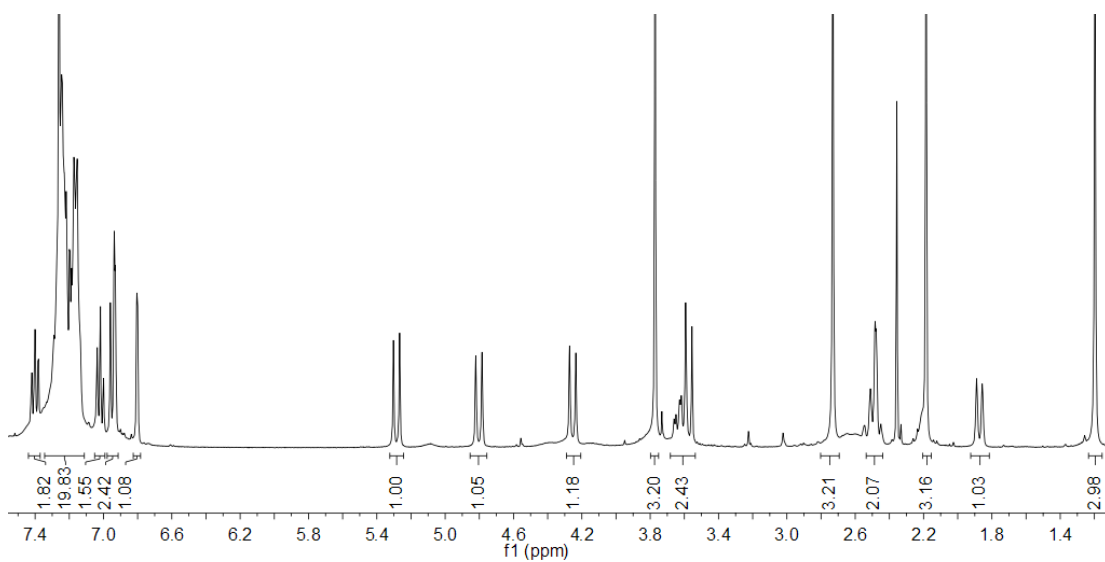
**Fig. S5.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz).



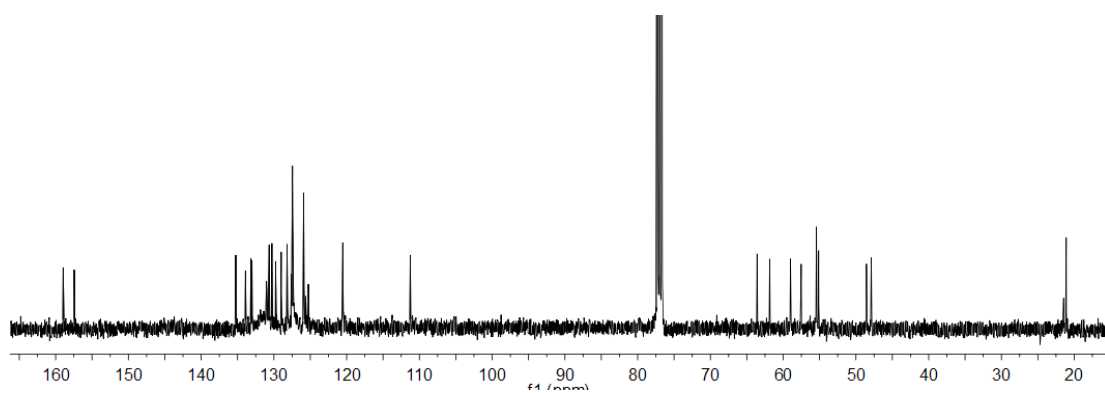
**Fig. S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).



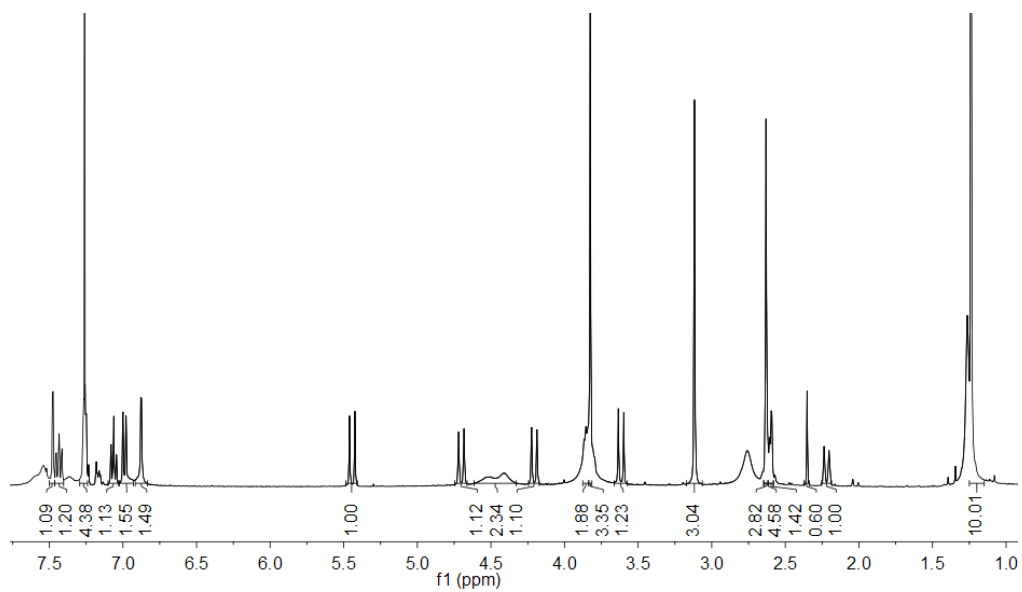
**Fig. S7.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz).



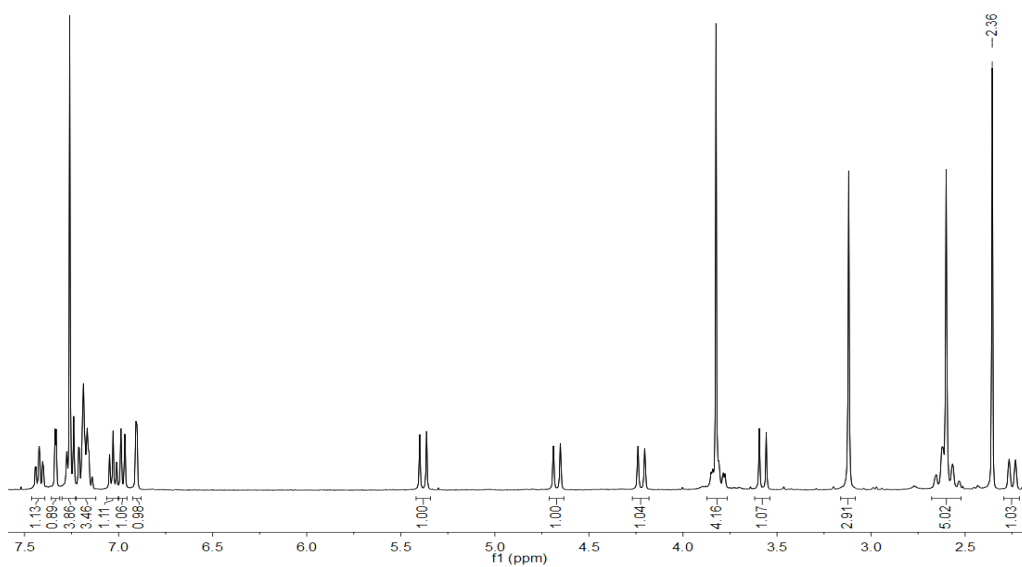
**Fig. S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).



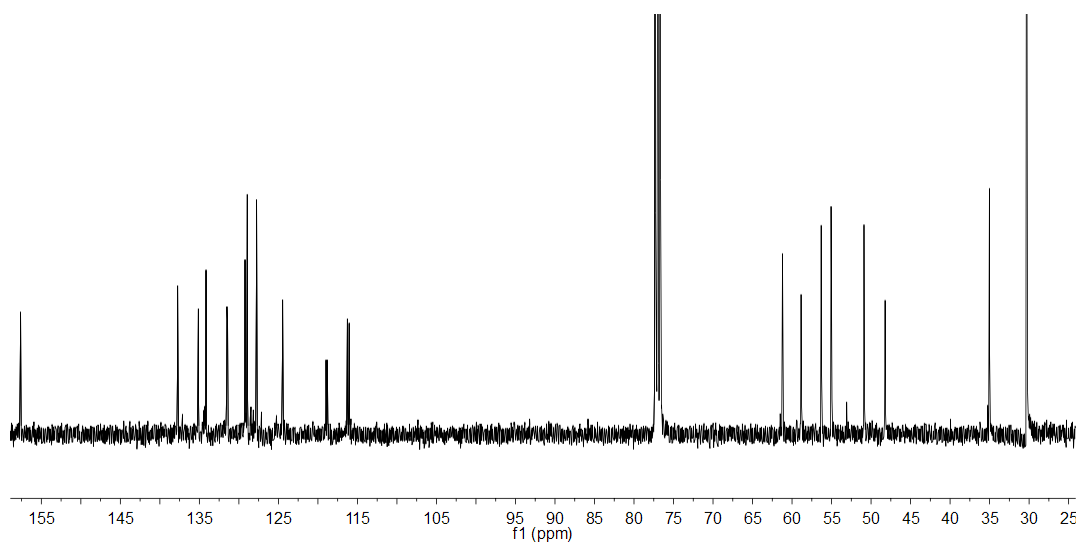
**Fig. S9.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **4a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz).



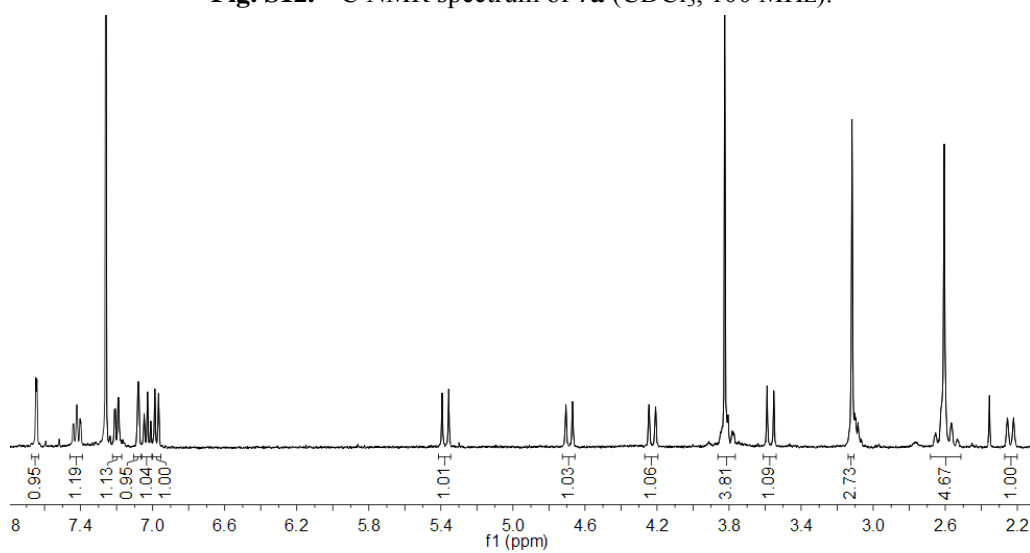
**Fig. S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **6a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).



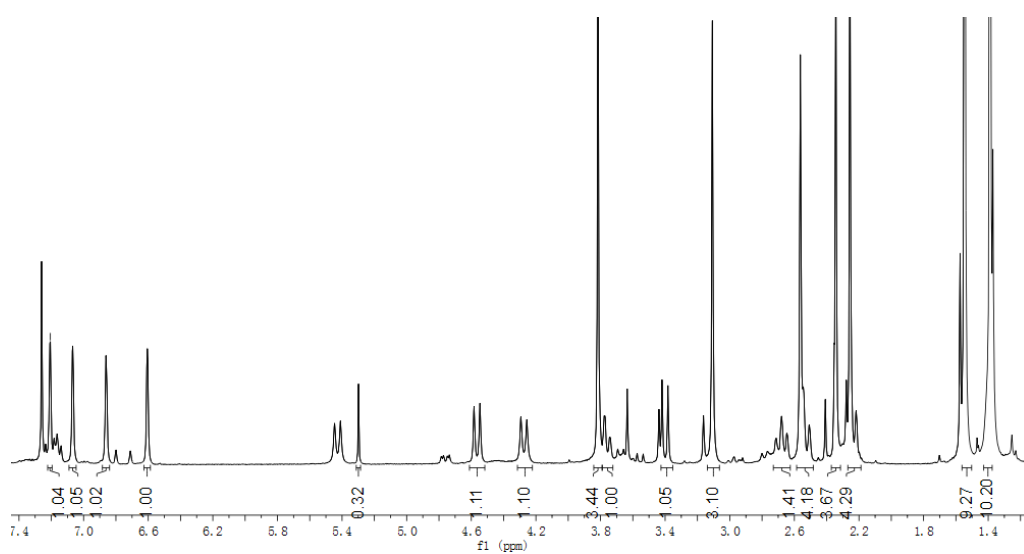
**Fig. S11.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **7a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).



**Fig. S12.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **7a** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz).



**Fig. S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **8a** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz).



**Fig. S14.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9a** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz).

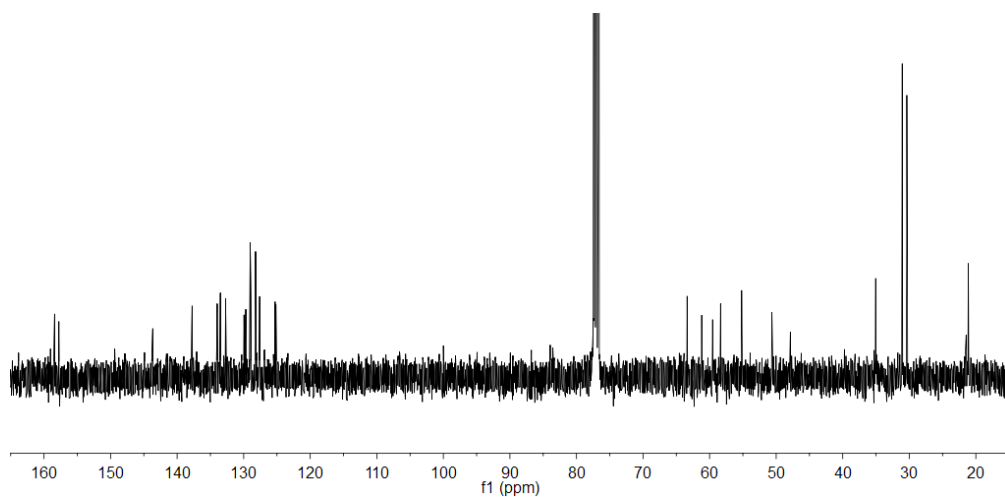


Fig. S15.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz).

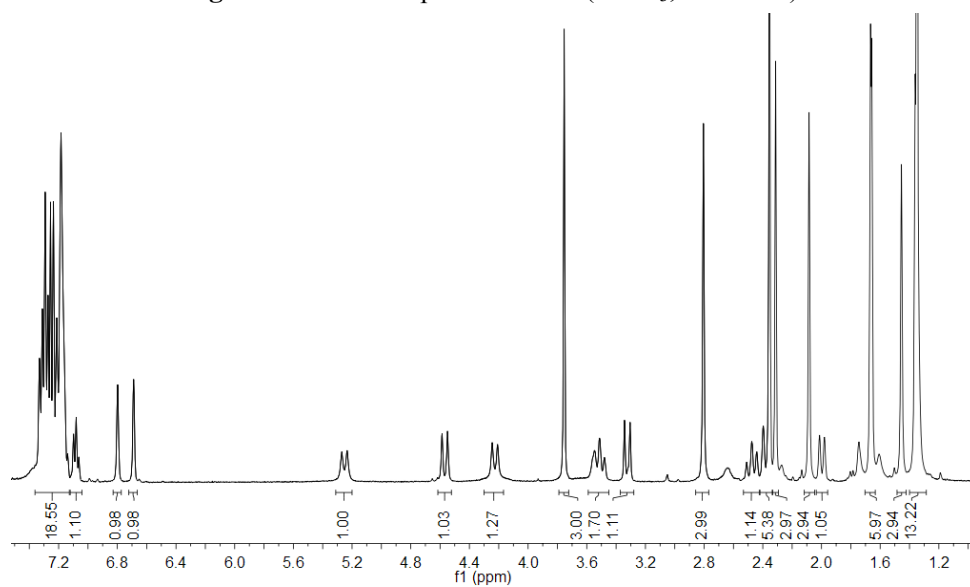


Fig. S16.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **10a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).

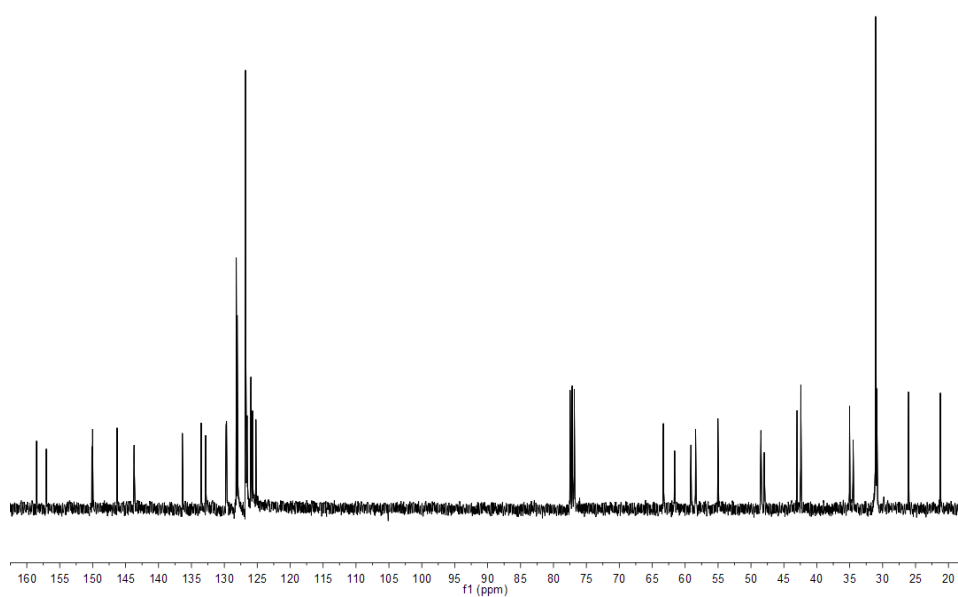
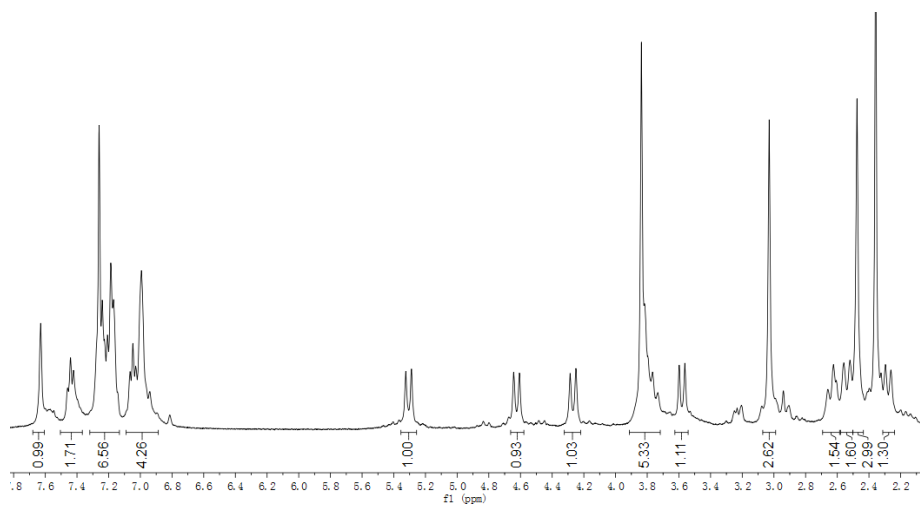
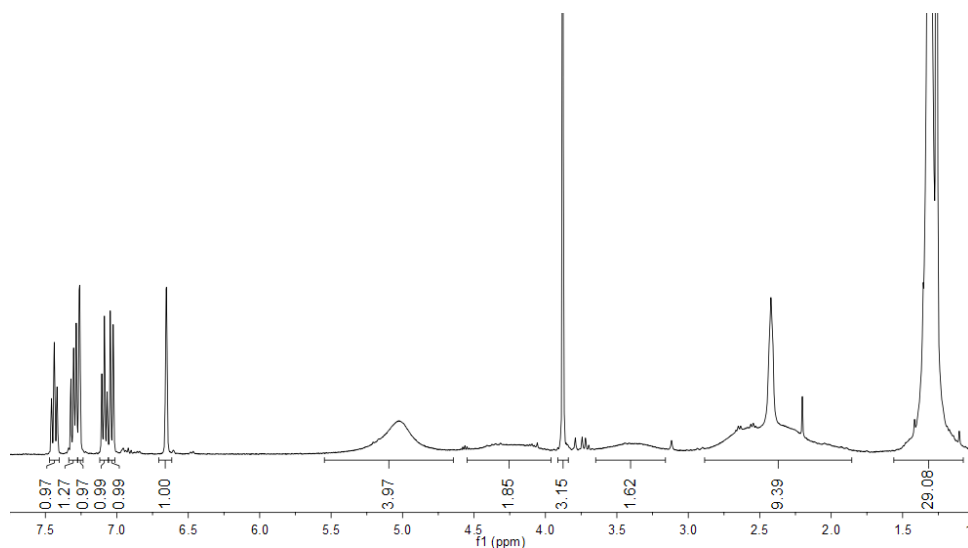


Fig. S17.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **10a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz).

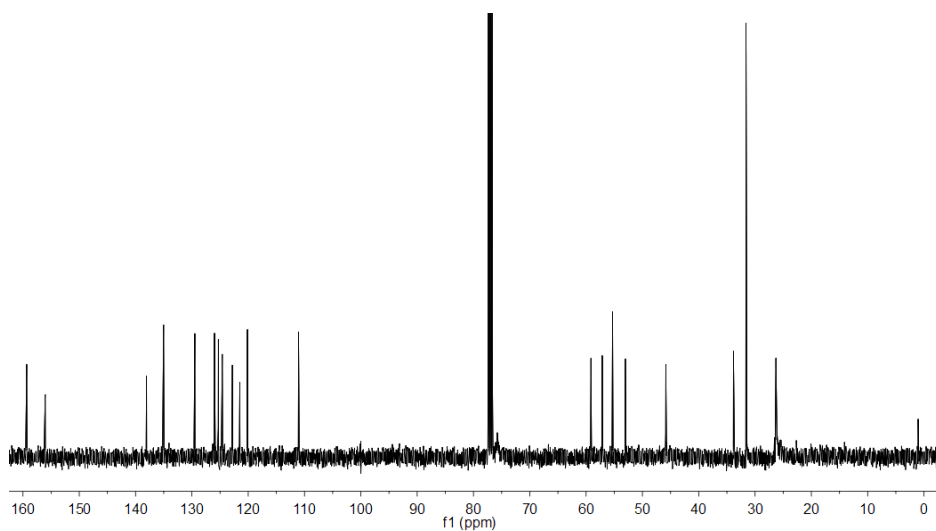




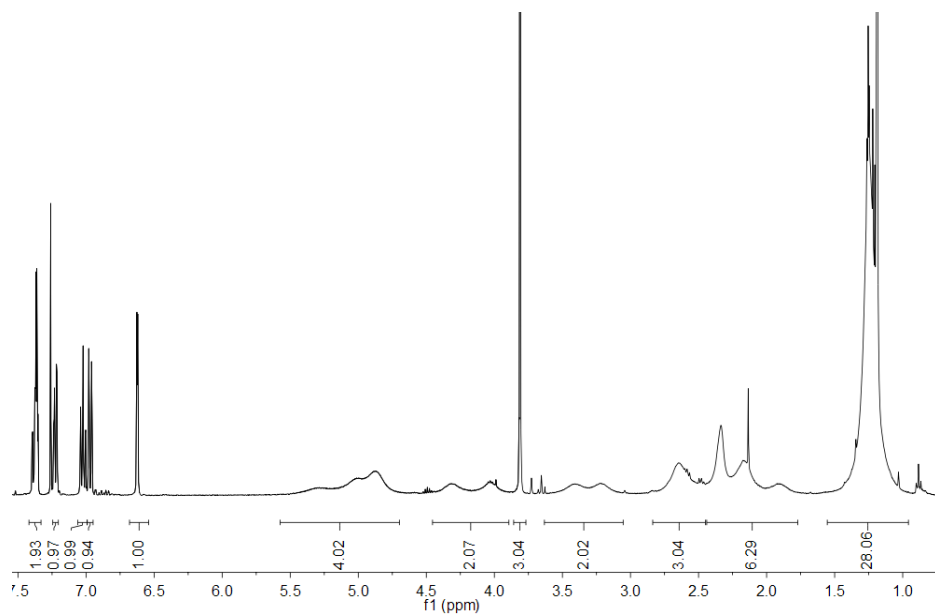
**Fig. S18.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **8b** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).



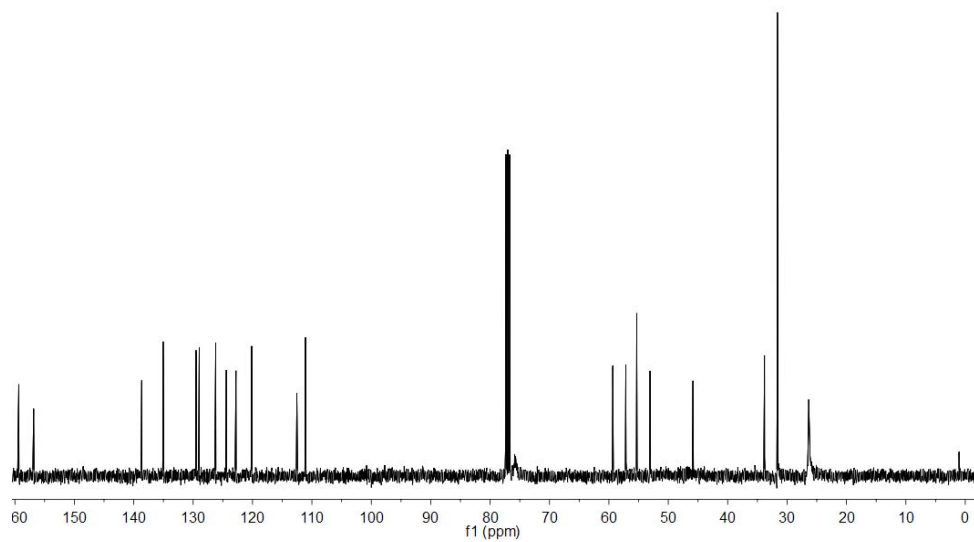
**Fig. S19.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **5e** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).



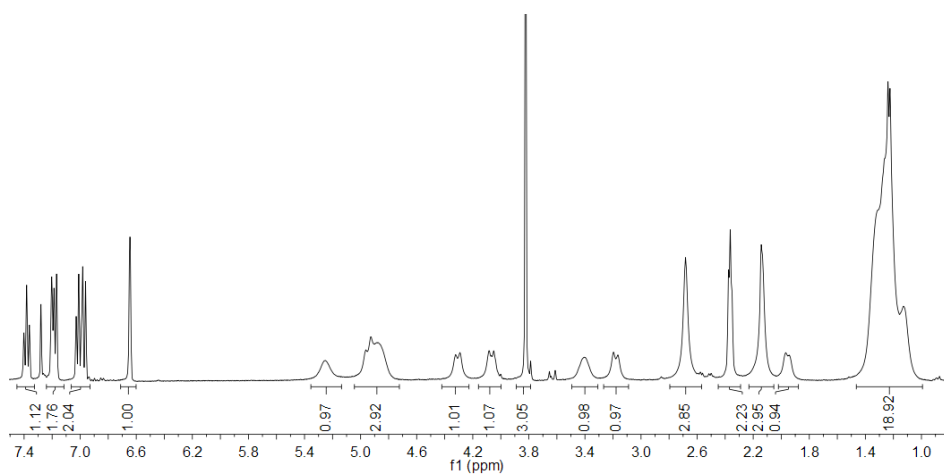
**Fig. S20.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **5e** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz).



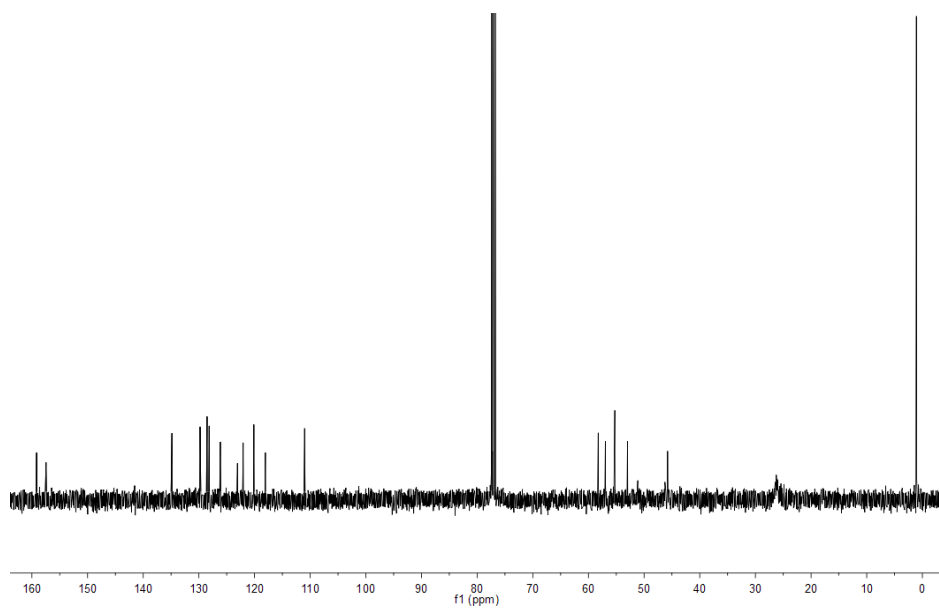
**Fig. S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **6e** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).



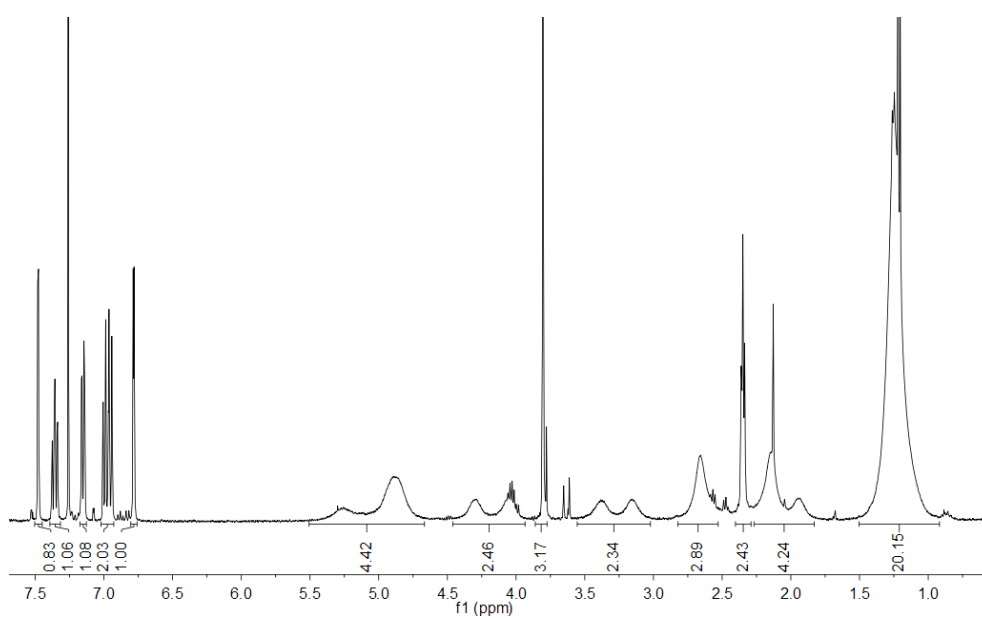
**Fig. S22.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **6e** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz).



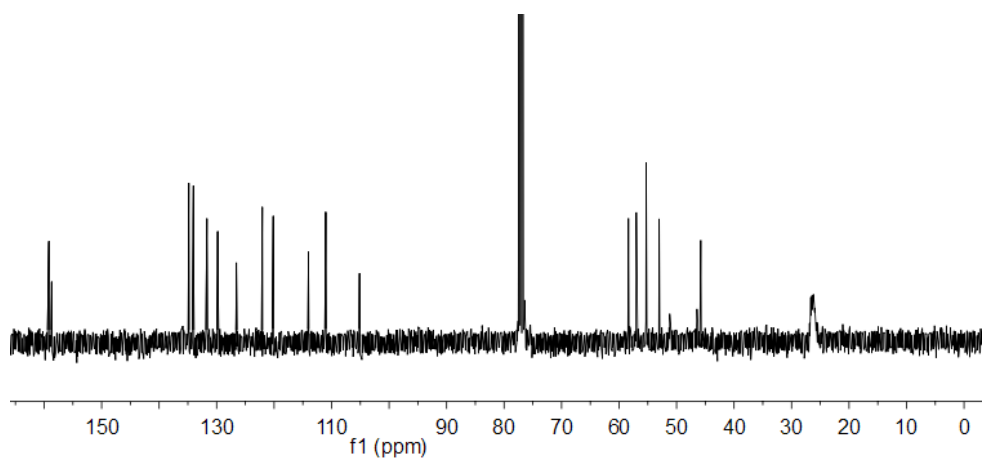
**Fig. S23.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **7e** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).



**Fig. S24.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **7e** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz).



**Fig. S25.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **8e** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).



**Fig. S26.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **8e** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz).

### 3 Variable temperature $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra of complex **2a**

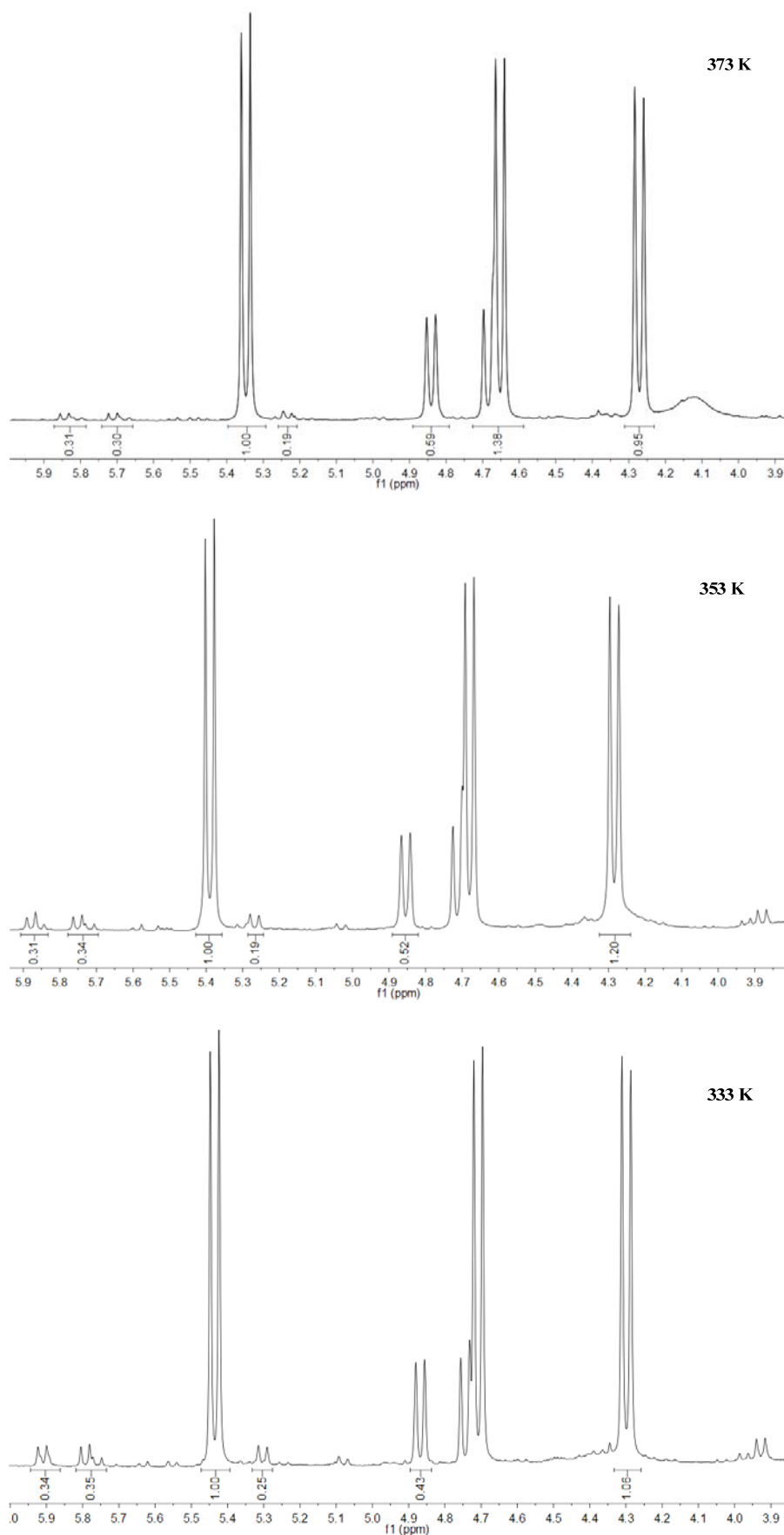
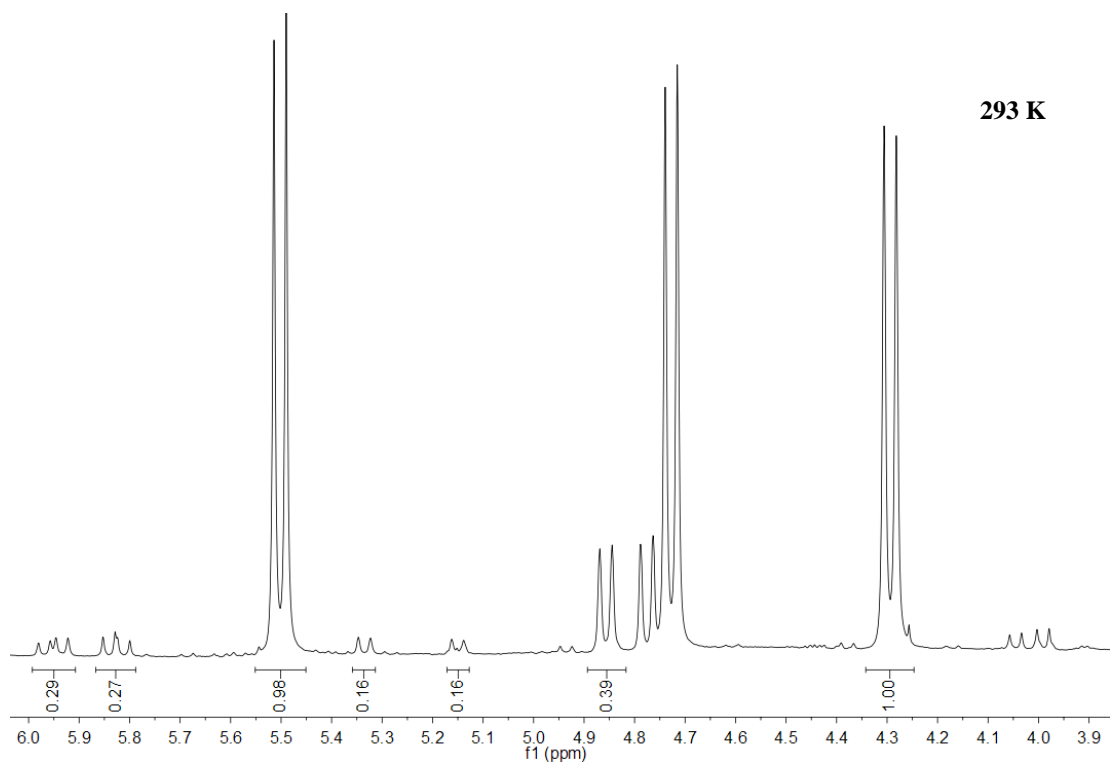
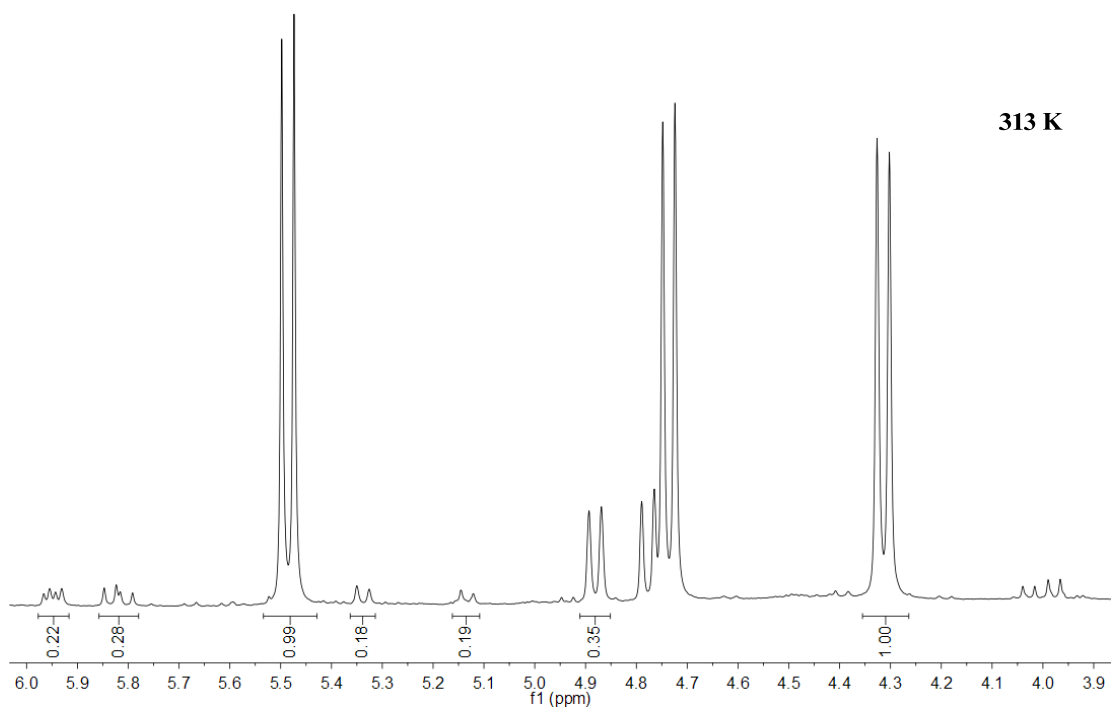
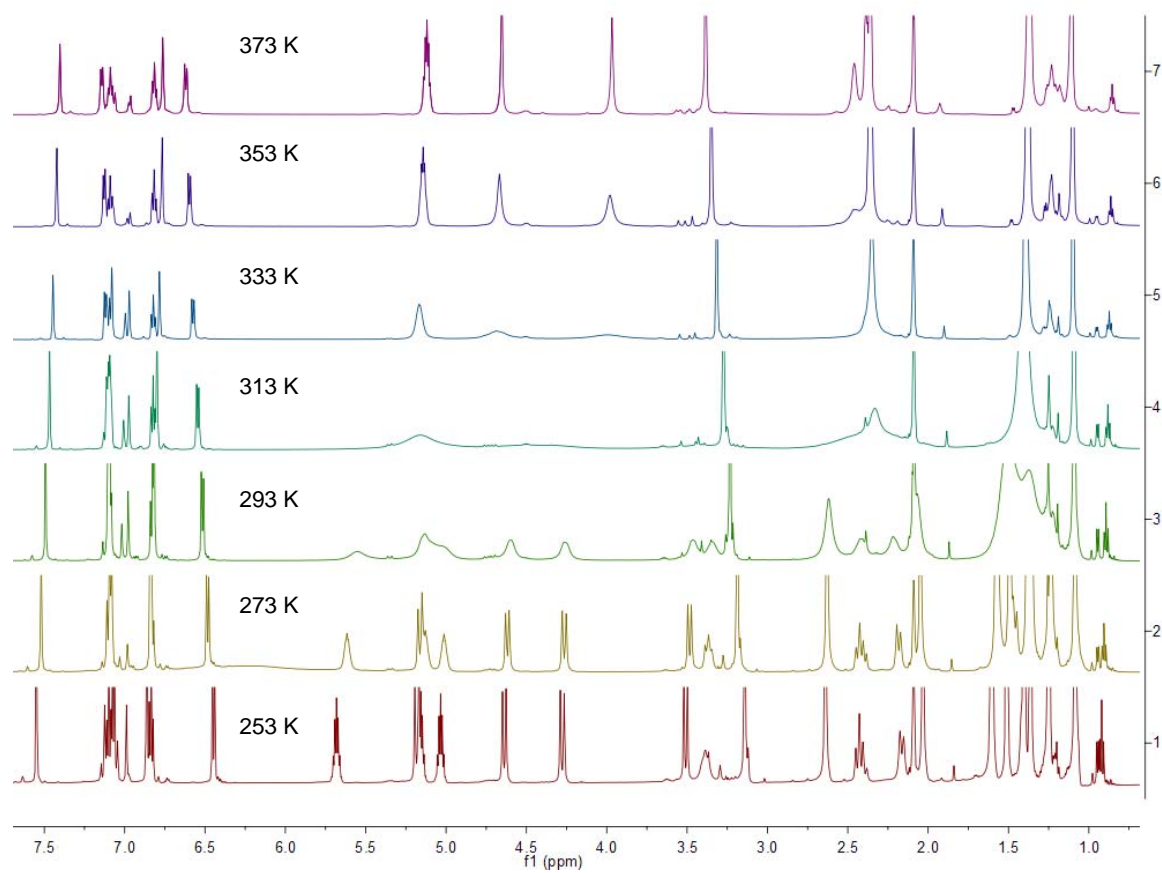


Fig. S27. Variable-temperature  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **2a** in  $\text{toluene-}d_8$  (partial).



**Fig. S28.** Variable-temperature  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **2a** in toluene- $d_8$  (partial)

#### 4 Variable temperature $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra of complex **5e**



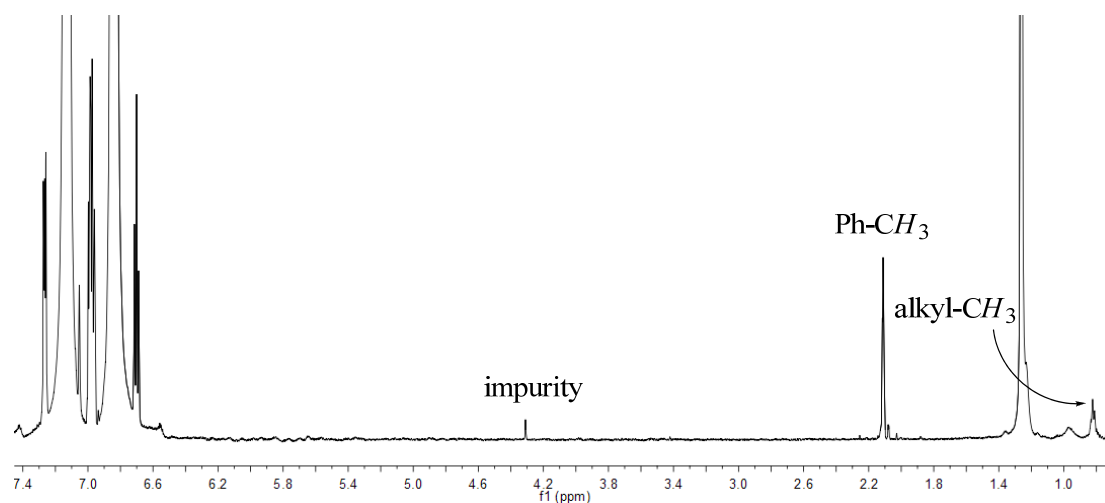
**Fig. S29.** Variable-temperature  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **5e** in  $\text{toluene-}d_8$

## 5 Ethylene polymerization catalyzed by titanium and zirconium complexes.

**Table S2.** The influence of polymerization temperature on the ethylene polymerization catalyzed by complexes **1a-4a**, **7a**, **9a-10a** and **8b**.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Cat.	Temp (°C)	Al/Ti	PE (mg)	Activity (kg/(mol·M·h))	$M_n^b$ ( $10^4$ g/mol)	$T_m^c$ (°C)
1	<b>1a</b>	30	1000	13	78	--	--
2	<b>1a</b>	50	1000	16	96	--	--
3	<b>1a</b>	80	1000	30	180	*	--
4	<b>2a</b>	30	1000	34	204	--	--
5	<b>2a</b>	50	1000	52	312	--	--
6	<b>2a</b>	80	1000	61	366	*	133.4
7	<b>3a</b>	30	1000	45	330	*	--
8	<b>3a</b>	50	1000	50	300	*	--
9	<b>3a</b>	80	1000	59	354	*	--
10	<b>4a</b>	30	1000	11	66	*	--
11	<b>4a</b>	50	1000	33	198	*	--
12	<b>4a</b>	80	1000	45	270	38.48	--
13	<b>7a</b>	30	1000	87	522	*	134.4
14	<b>7a</b>	50	1000	98	588	*	133.6
15	<b>7a</b>	80	1000	119	714	58.43	133.8
16	<b>9a</b>	30	1000	trace	--	--	--
17	<b>9a</b>	50	1000	trace	--	--	--
18	<b>9a</b>	80	1000	24	144	--	--
19	<b>10a</b>	30	1000	trace	--	--	--
20	<b>10a</b>	50	1000	trace	--	--	--
21	<b>10a</b>	80	1000	20	120	--	--
22	<b>8b</b>	30	1000	41	246	*	133.6
23	<b>8b</b>	50	1000	87	522	*	133.7
24	<b>8b</b>	80	1000	113	678	55.05	134.8

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: toluene as solvent, [Cat.] = 0.04  $\mu\text{mol/mL}$ ,  $V_{\text{total}}$  = 25 mL, MMAO as cocatalyst, 1 MPa of ethylene, 10 min; <sup>b</sup> Intrinsic viscosity was determined in decahydronaphthalene at 135 °C by Ubbelohde viscosimeter technique, and the viscosity average molecular weights were calculated using the relation:<sup>96</sup>  $[\eta] = 6.67 \times 10^{-4} M_n^{0.67}$ , in unit of  $10^4$  g/mol; \* insoluble. <sup>c</sup> Determined by DSC at a heating rate of 10 °C  $\text{min}^{-1}$ .



**Fig. S29.**  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum of polymer obtained by complex **8a** (entry 17, 400 MHz,  $o\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl}_2$  :  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  = 4 : 1, 100 °C).