

Supporting Information for Paper Entitled:

“The titanium *tris*-anilide cation  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}[\textit{t}\text{Bu}]\text{Ar})_3]^+$   
stabilized as its perfluoro-*tetra*-phenylborate salt:  
structural characterization and synthesis in  
connection with redox activity of 4,4'-bipyridine  
dititanium complexes”

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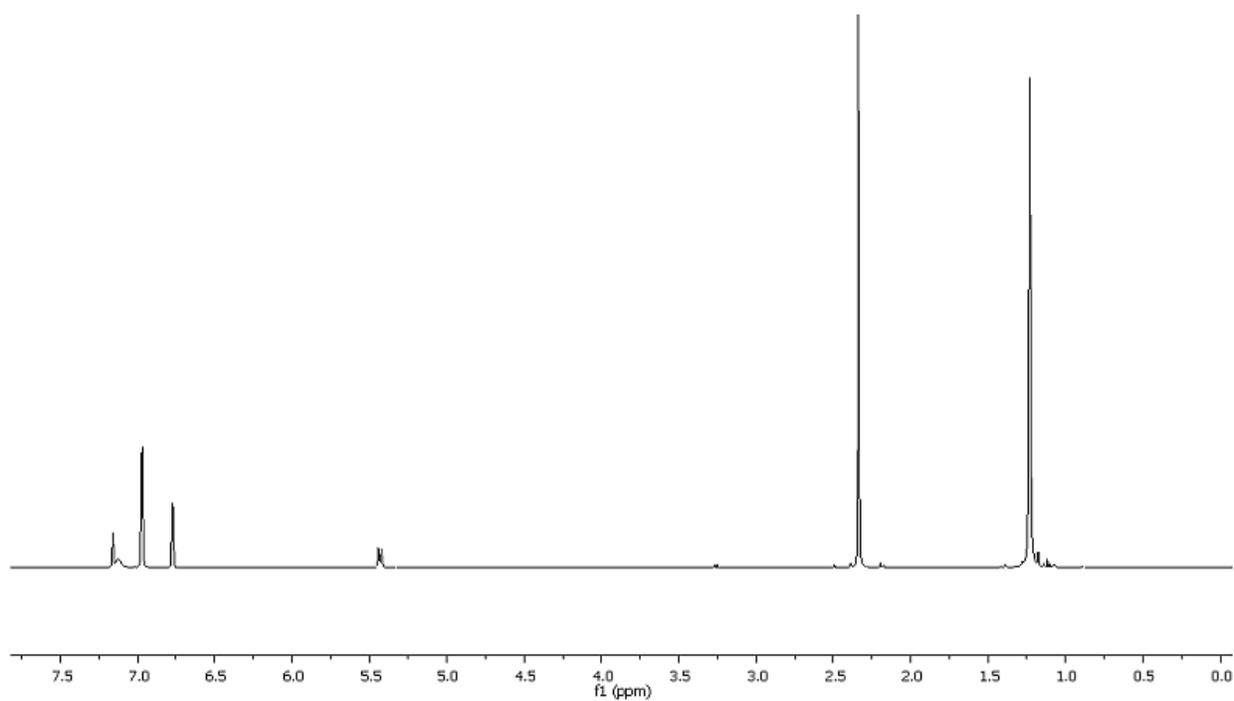


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $(4,4'\text{-bipy})\{\text{Ti}(\text{N}[4\text{-tBu}]\text{Ar})_3\}_2$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

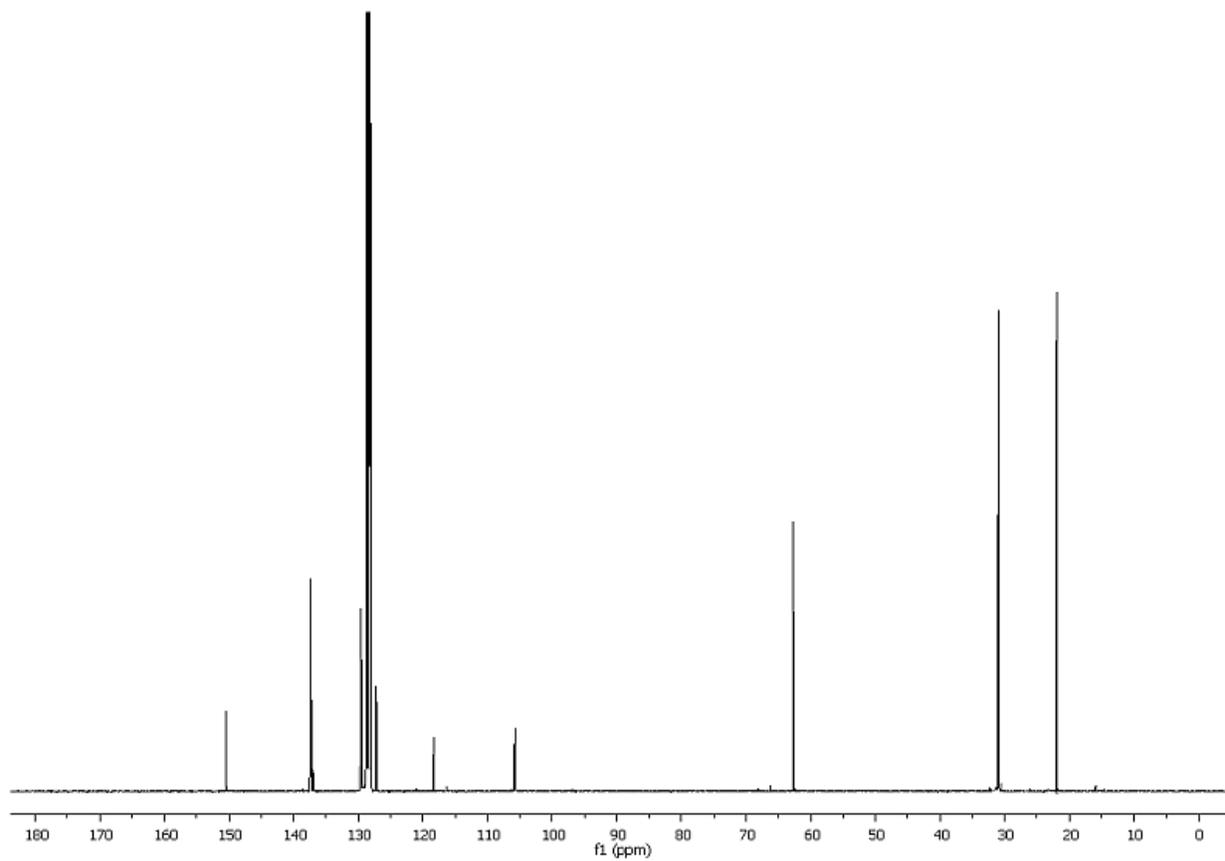


Figure S2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $(4,4'\text{-bipy})\{\text{Ti}(\text{N}[4\text{-tBu}]\text{Ar})_3\}_2$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

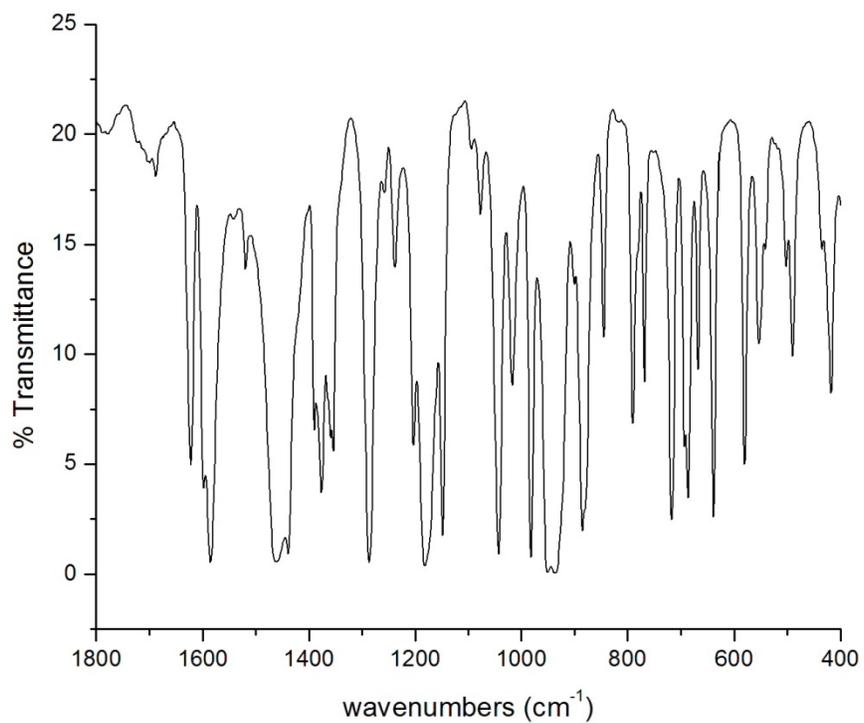


Figure S3. Ir spectrum (nujol mull) of (4,4'-bipy){Ti(N[<sup>'</sup>Bu]Ar)<sub>3</sub>}<sub>2</sub>.

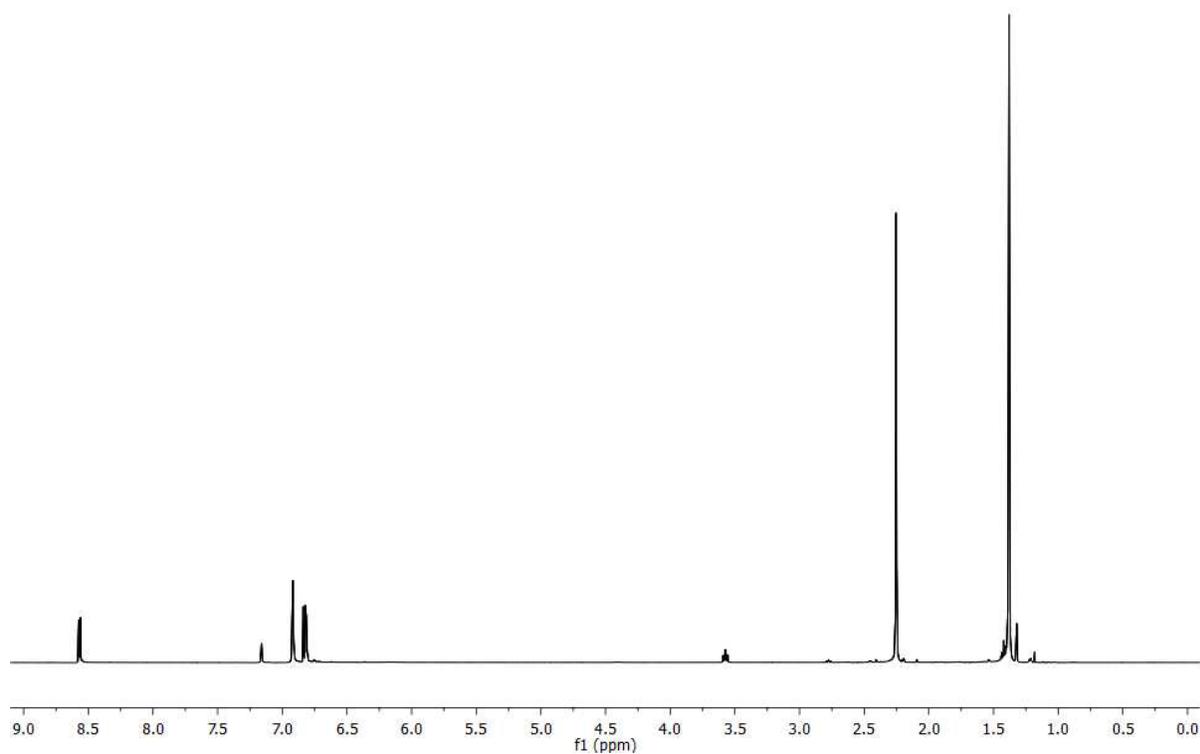


Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of mixture of ITi(N[<sup>'</sup>Bu]Ar)<sub>3</sub> and 4,4'-bipyridine, resulting from treatment of (4,4'-bipy){Ti(N[<sup>'</sup>Bu]Ar)<sub>3</sub>}<sub>2</sub> with I<sub>2</sub>.

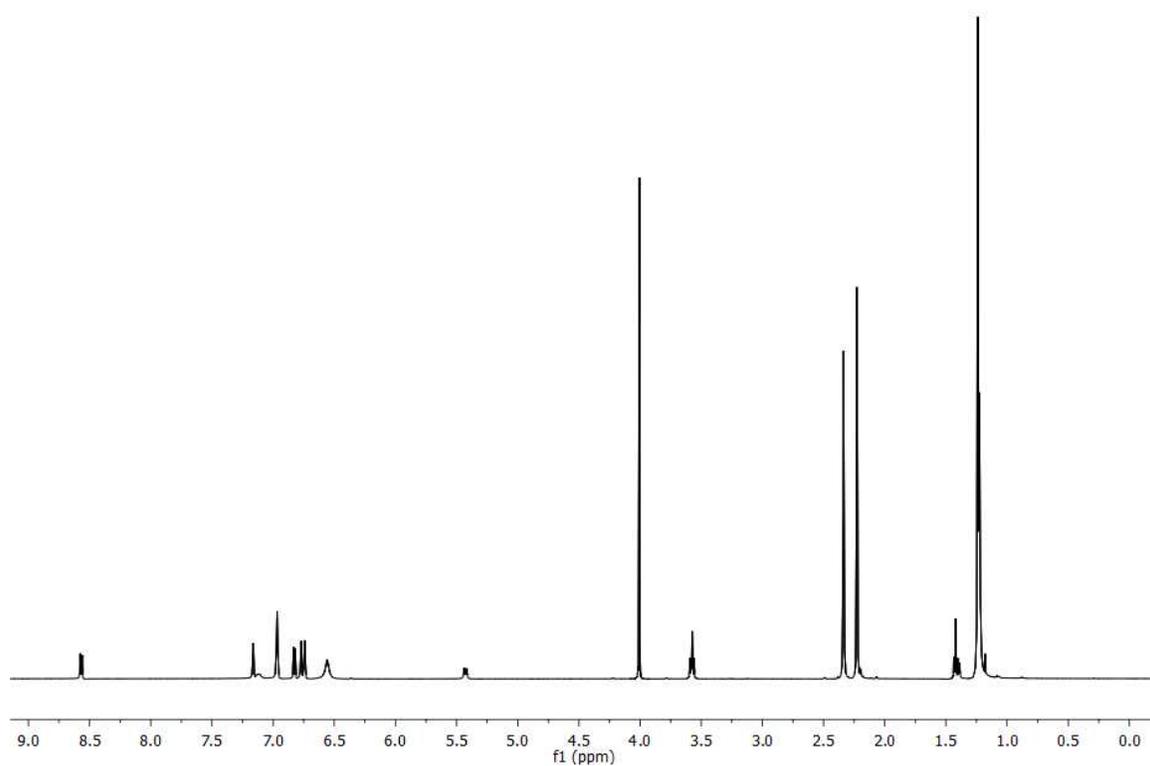


Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of mixture of (4,4'-bipy){Ti(N[*t*-Bu]Ar)<sub>3</sub>}<sub>2</sub>, TfOTi(N[*t*-Bu]Ar)<sub>3</sub>, 4,4'-bipyridine, and ferrocene.

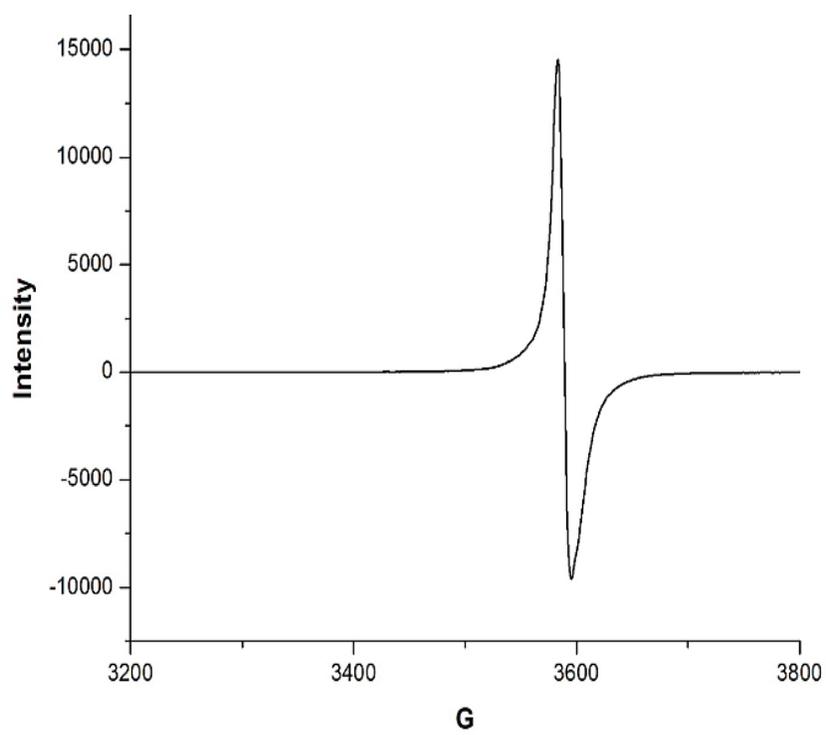


Figure S6. EPR spectrum of material isolated from treatment of (4,4'-bipy){Ti(N[<sup>t</sup>Bu]Ar)<sub>3</sub>}<sub>2</sub> with excess 1% Na/Hg (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).

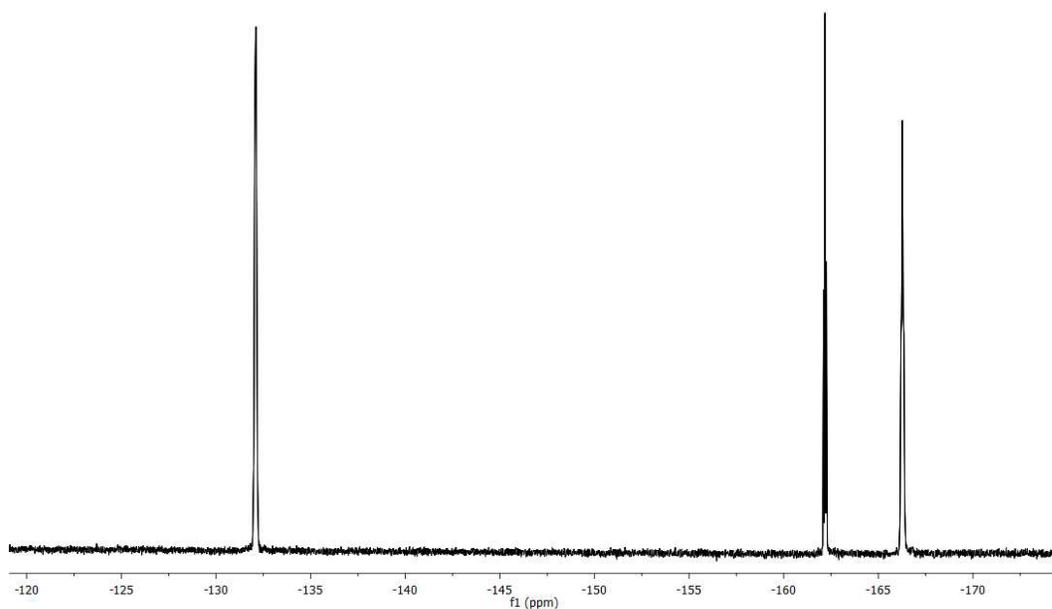


Figure S7. <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of FcB(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> in THF.

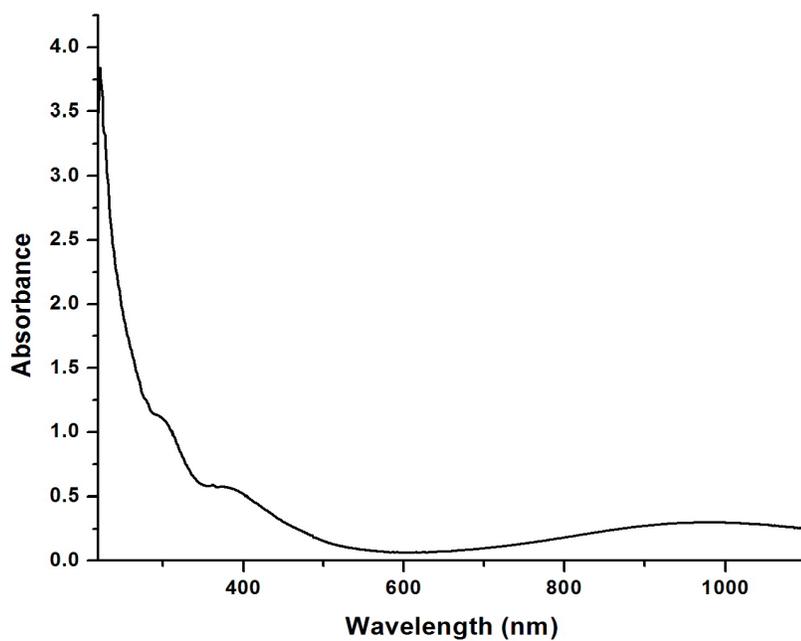


Figure S8. UV/Visible absorbance spectrum of [(4,4'-bipy){Ti(N[<sup>t</sup>Bu]Ar)<sub>3</sub>}<sub>2</sub>][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] in THF solution.

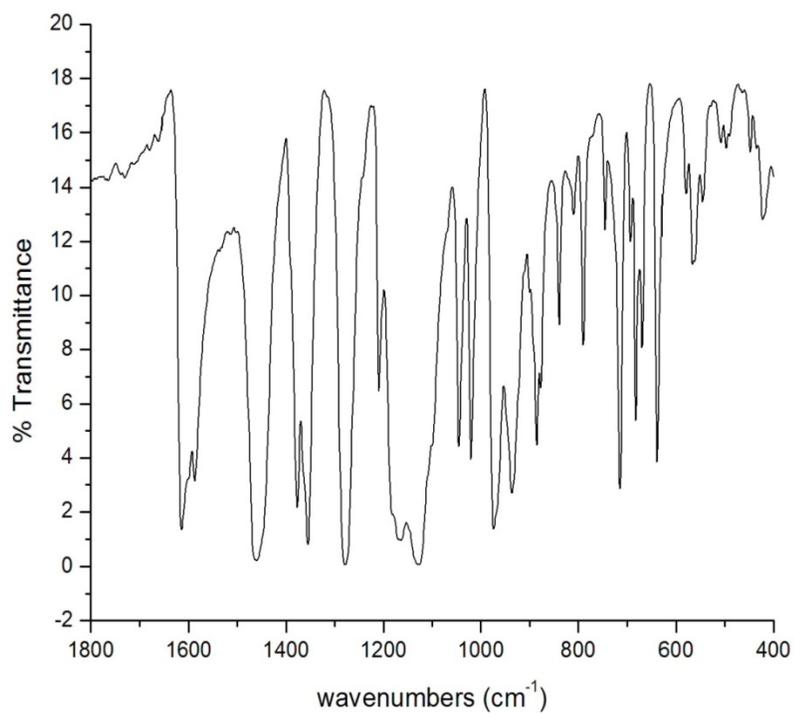


Figure S9. Ir spectrum (nujol mull) of  $[(4,4'\text{-bipy})\{\text{Ti}(\text{N}[\text{'Bu}]\text{Ar})_3\}_2][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$ .

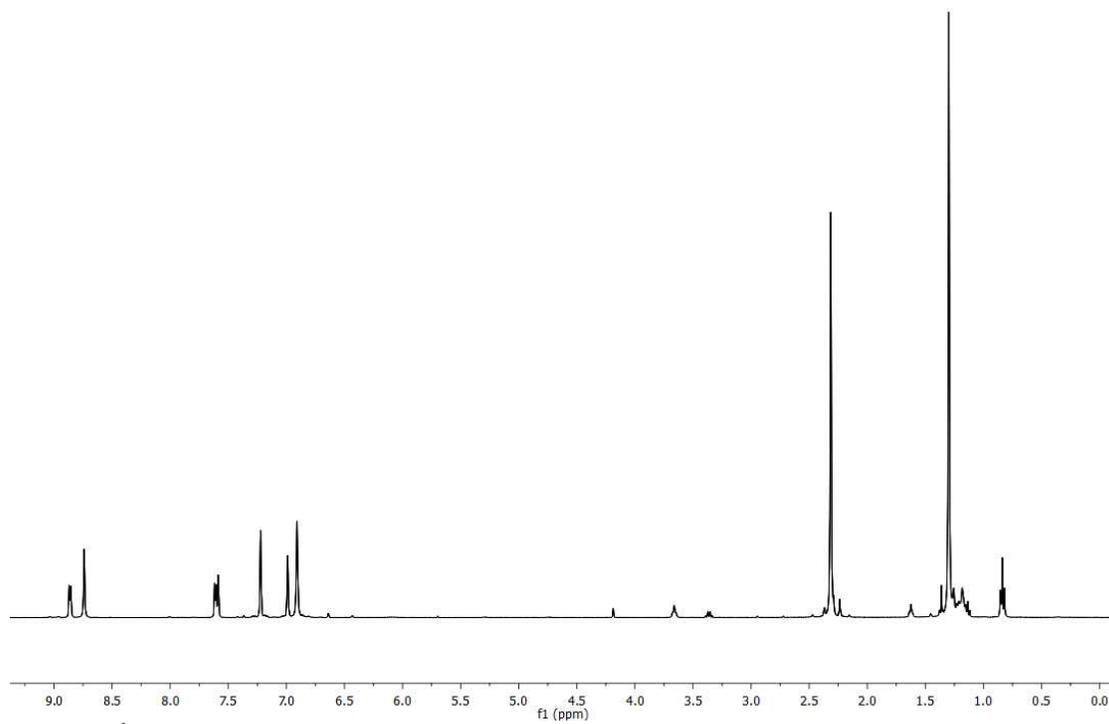


Figure S10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[(4,4'\text{-bipy})\{\text{Ti}(\text{N}[\text{'Bu}]\text{Ar})_3\}_2][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$  in pyridine- $d_5$ .

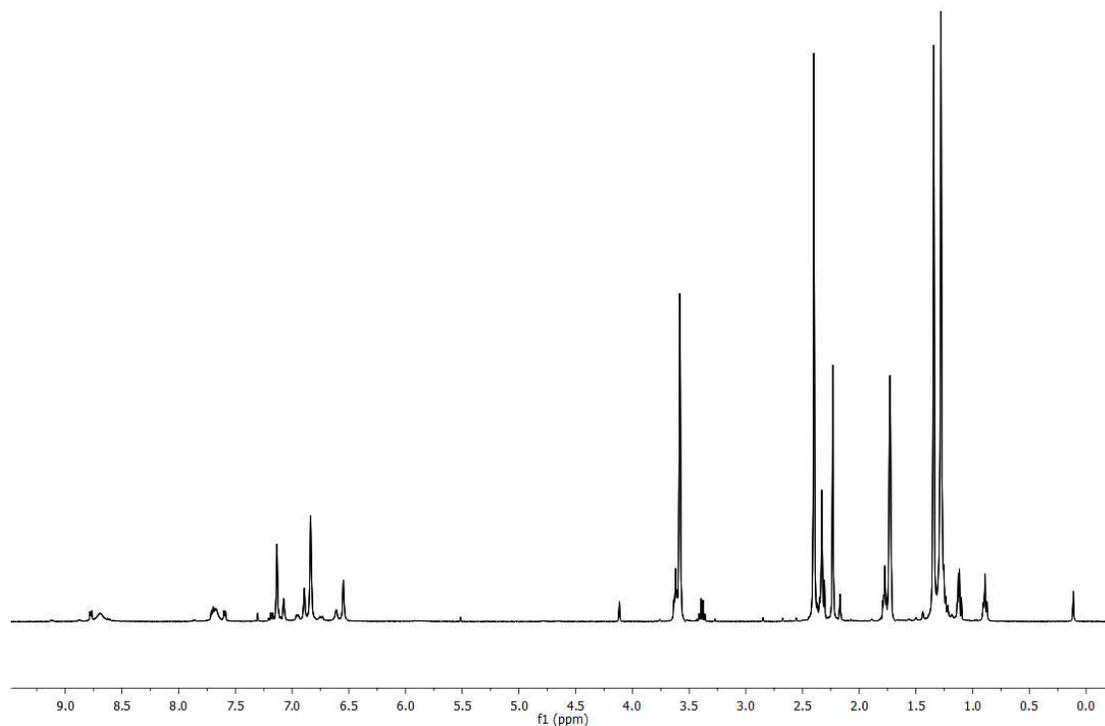


Figure S11.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[(4,4'\text{-bipy})\{\text{Ti}(\text{N}[4\text{-tBu}]\text{Ar})_3\}_2][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]_2$  in  $\text{THF-}d_8$ .

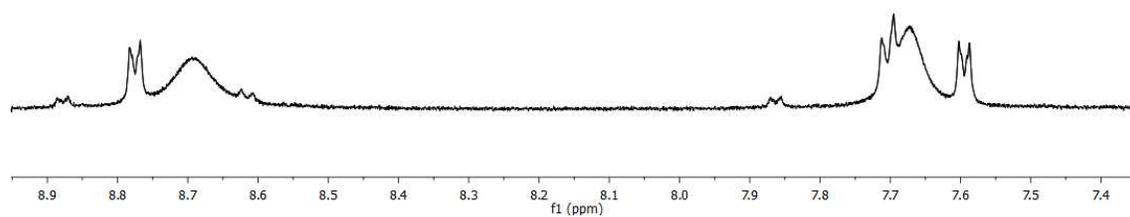


Figure S12. Blow up of 4,4'-bipyridine region of spectrum in Figure S11.

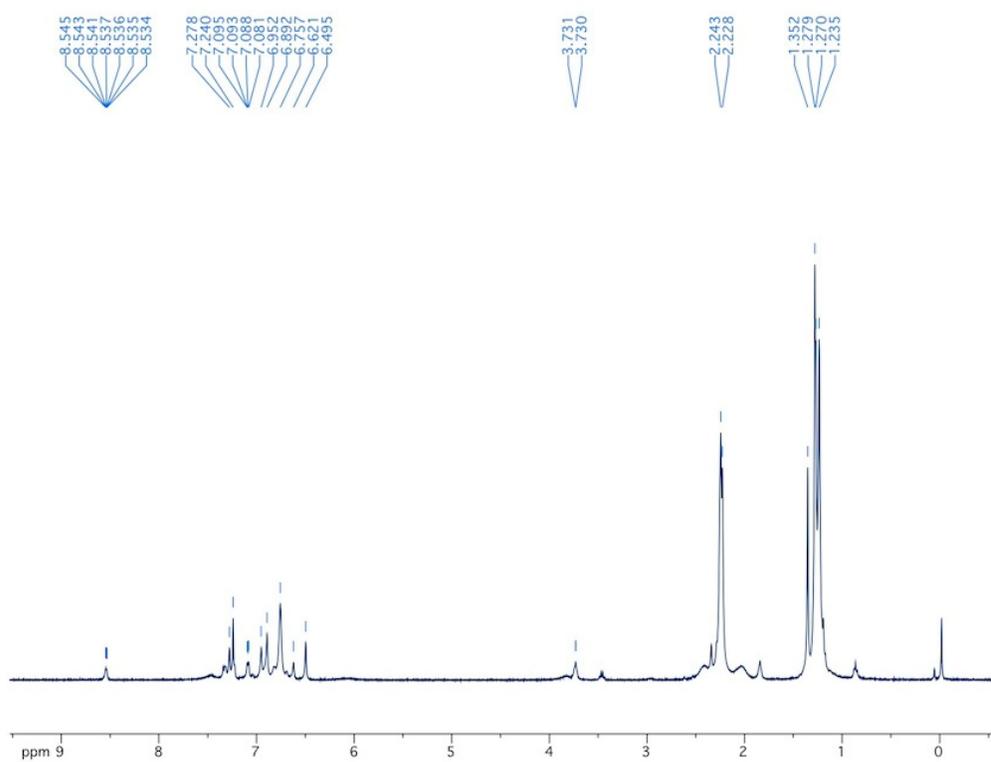


Figure S13.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[(4,4'\text{-bipy})\{\text{Ti}(\text{N}[4\text{-tBu}]\text{Ar})_3\}_2][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]_2$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

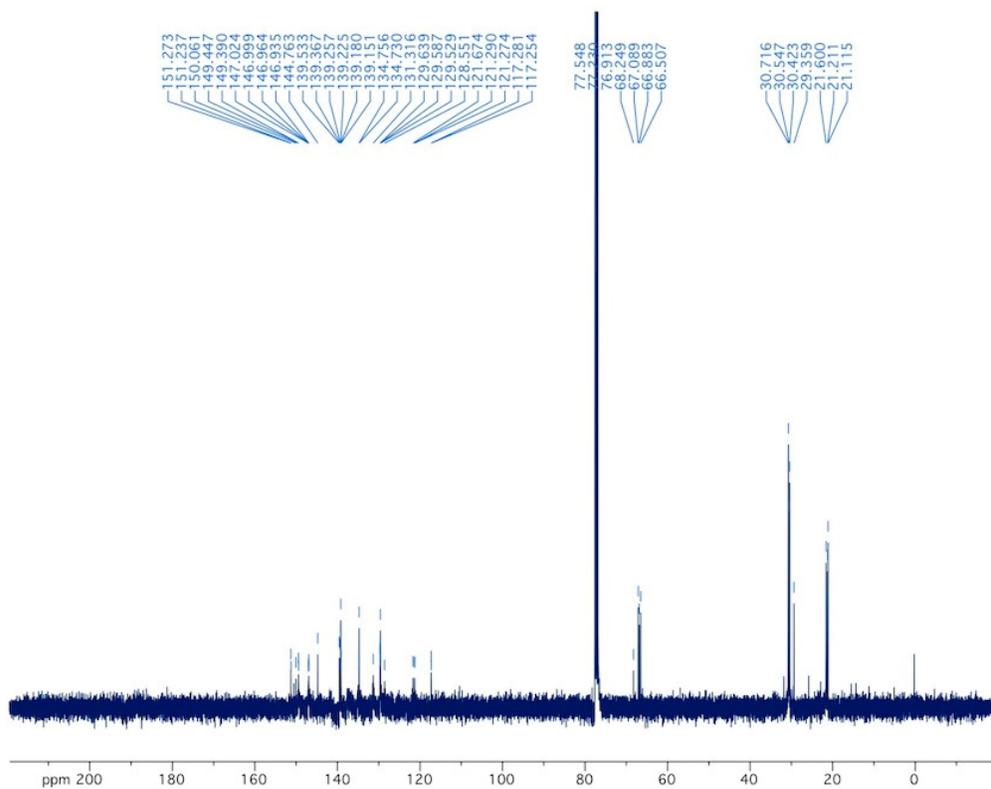


Figure S14.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[(4,4'\text{-bipy})\{\text{Ti}(\text{N}[4\text{-tBu}]\text{Ar})_3\}_2][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]_2$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

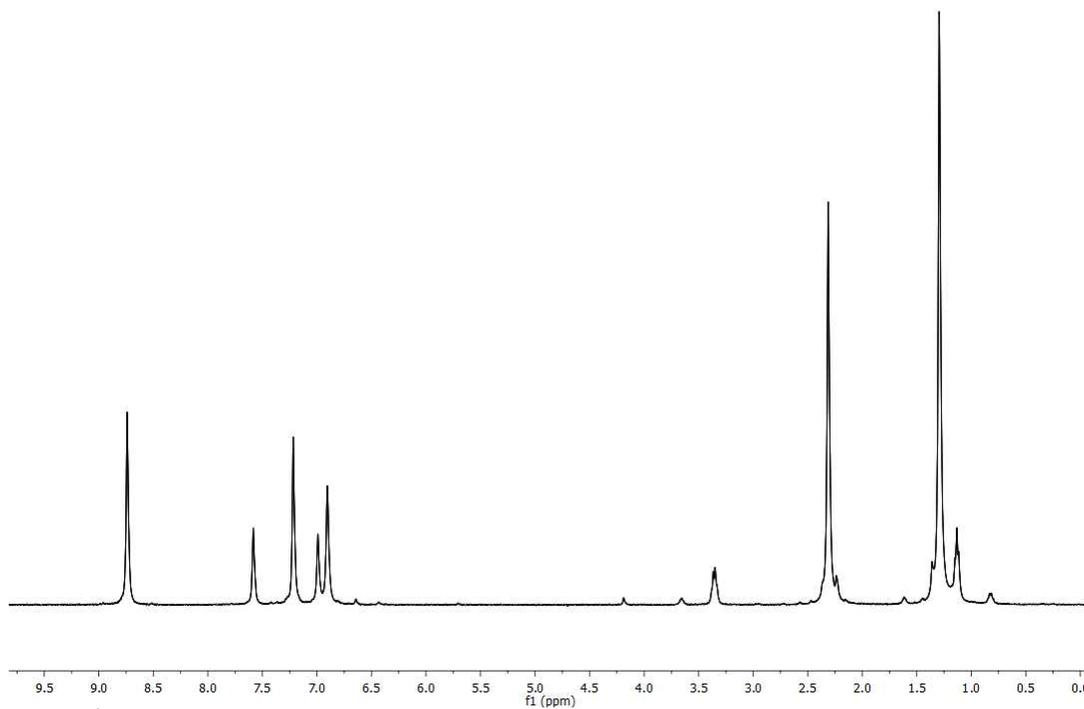


Figure S15.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}[4\text{-tBu}]\text{Ar})_3][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$  in pyridine- $d_5$ .

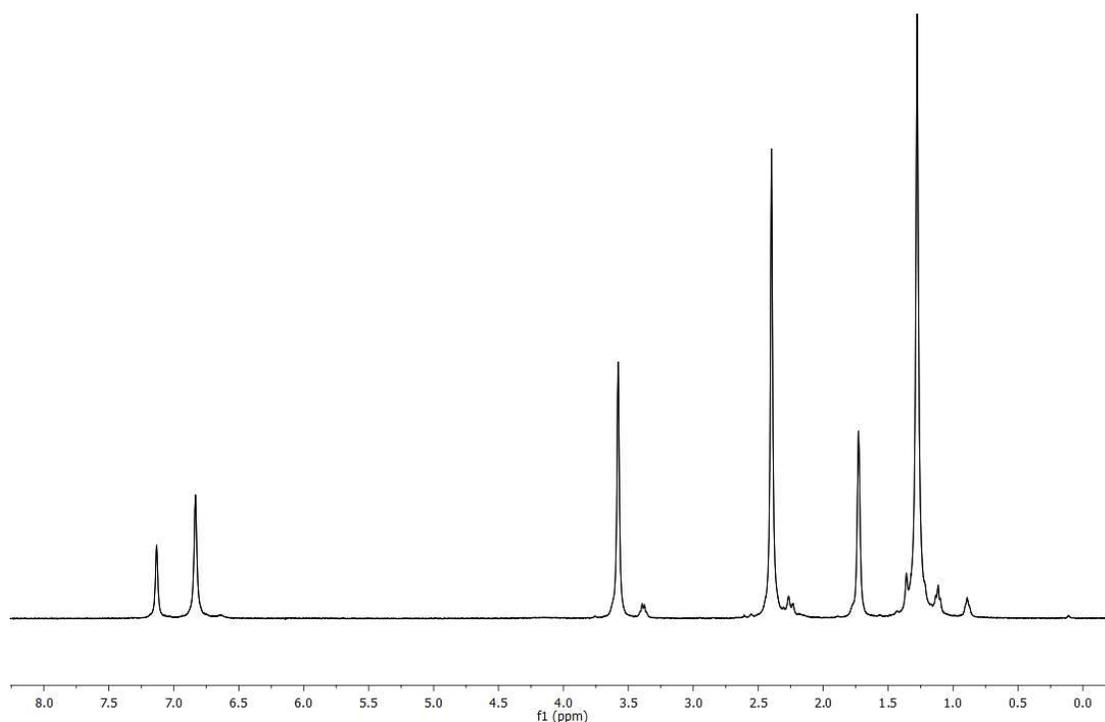


Figure S16.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}[4\text{-tBu}]\text{Ar})_3][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$  in THF- $d_8$ .



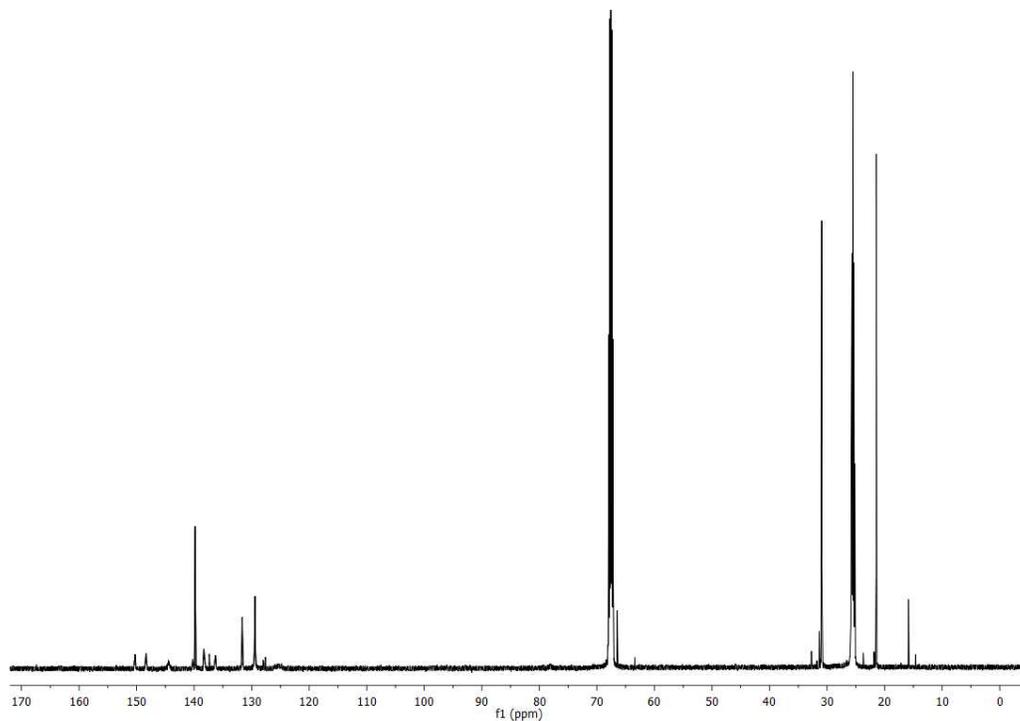


Figure S19.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}[4\text{-tBu}]\text{Ar})_3][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$  in  $\text{THF-}d_8$ .

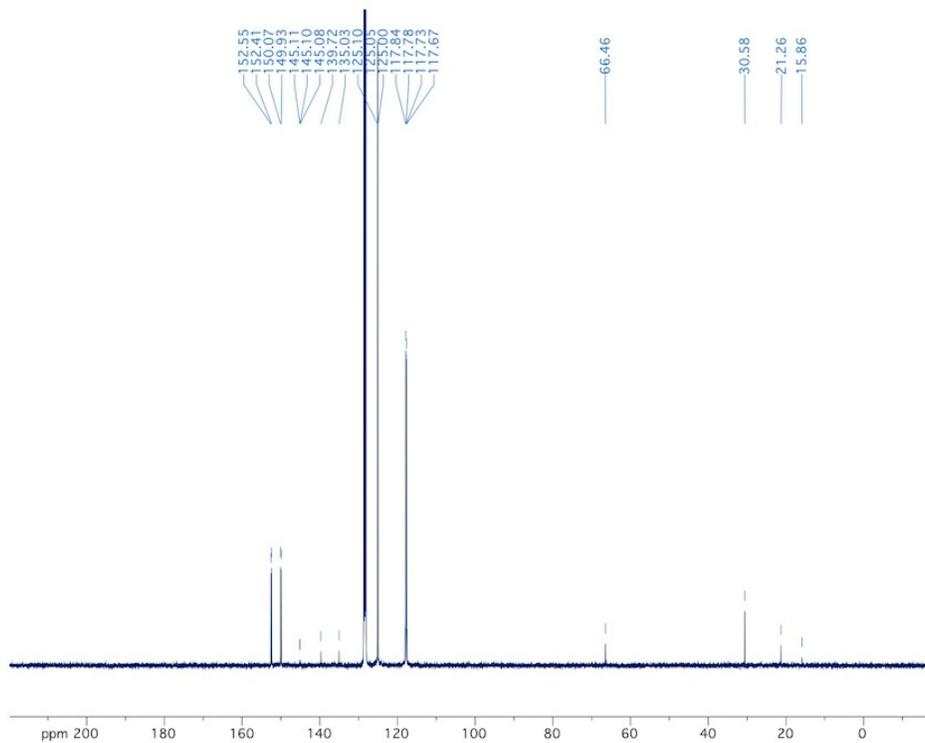


Figure S21.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{N}[4\text{-tBu}]\text{Ar})_3][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6/o\text{-difluorobenzene}$ .

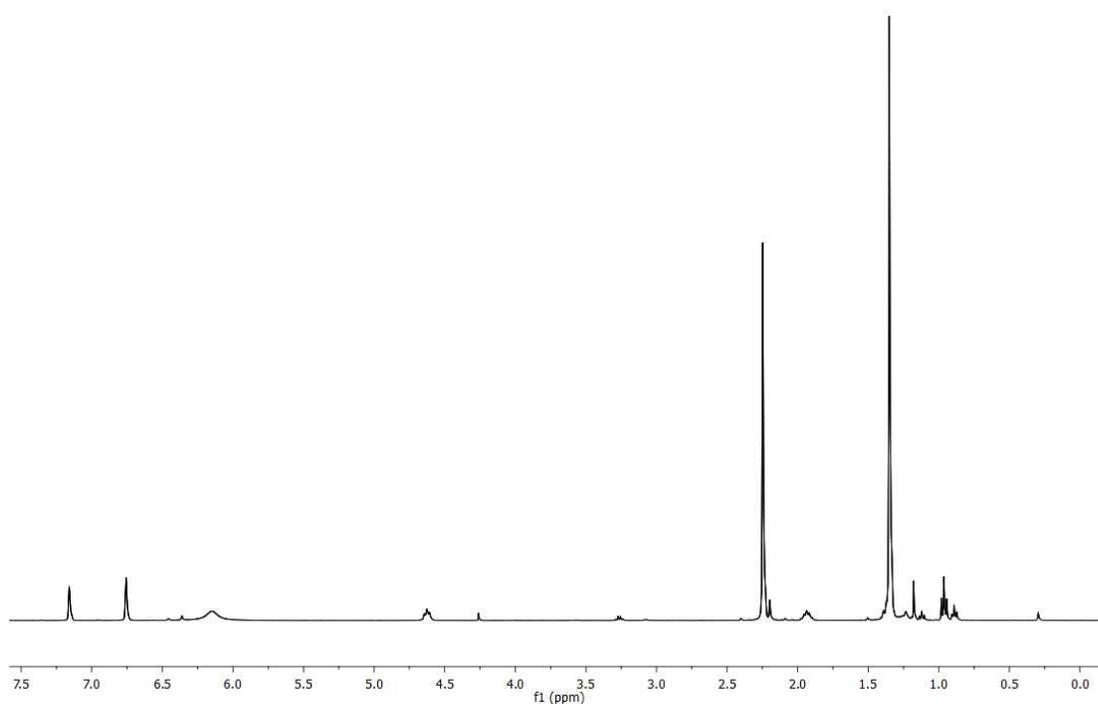


Figure S22.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $n\text{BuOTi}(\text{N}[^{13}\text{C}]\text{Ar})_3$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

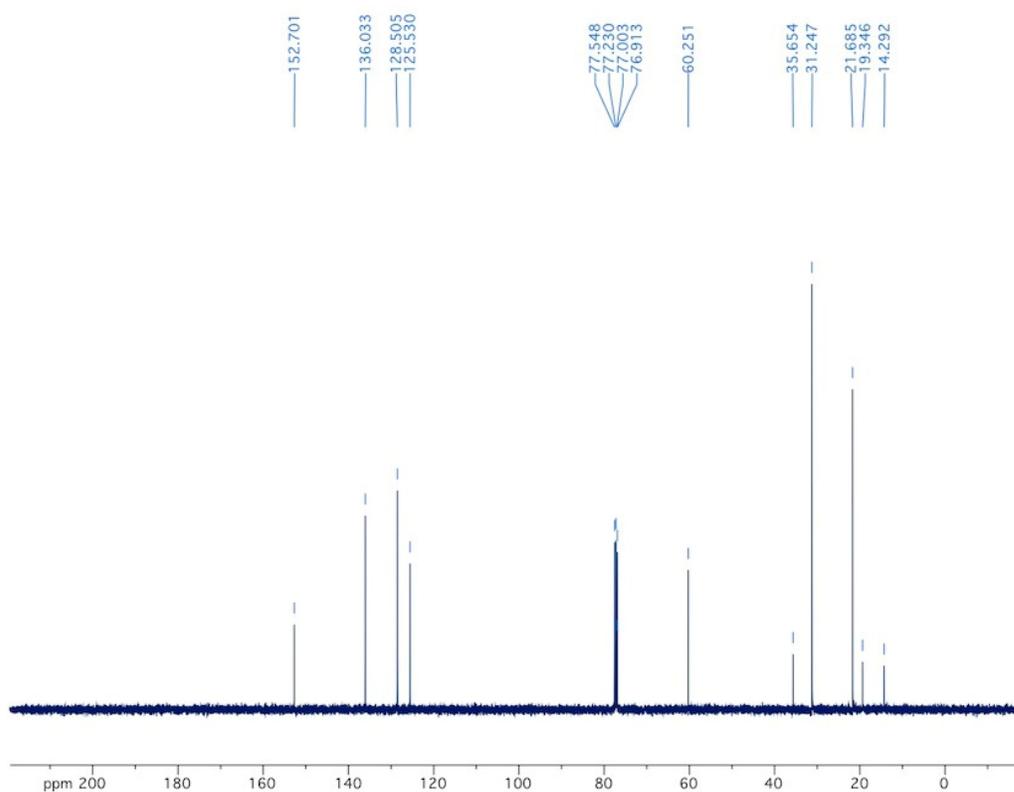


Figure S23.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $n\text{BuOTi}(\text{N}[^{13}\text{C}]\text{Ar})_3$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

**Table S1:** Crystallographic Data for **2**, **4**·(*o*-F<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), and **5**·(THF)(Et<sub>2</sub>O) where **2** = (4,4'-bipy){Ti(N[<sup>t</sup>Bu]Ar)<sub>3</sub>}<sub>2</sub>, **4** = [(4,4'-bipy){Ti(N[<sup>t</sup>Bu]Ar)<sub>3</sub>}<sub>2</sub>][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, and **5**·(THF) = [(THF)Ti(N[<sup>t</sup>Bu]Ar)<sub>3</sub>][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>].

	<b>2</b> ·(C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> )	<b>4</b> ·( <i>o</i> -F <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	<b>5</b> ·(THF)(Et <sub>2</sub> O)
CCDC No.	893531	893532	893533
Formula	C <sub>101</sub> H <sub>144</sub> N <sub>8</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>136</sub> H <sub>120</sub> B <sub>2</sub> N <sub>8</sub> F <sub>42</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>68</sub> H <sub>72</sub> BN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> F <sub>20</sub> Ti
Color	orange	orange	orange
Morphology	block	shard	block
Size, mm <sup>3</sup>	0.50 × 0.50 × 0.35	0.44 × 0.15 × 0.06	0.36 × 0.21 × 0.10
Crystal System	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space Group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1
Wavelength, Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Temperature, K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
<i>a</i> , Å	11.7441 (10)	12.9999(16)	13.3000(11)
<i>b</i> , Å	14.5289 (12)	14.4638(18)	13.5930(11)
<i>c</i> , Å	15.3188 (13)	35.939(5)	19.2817(15)
$\alpha$ , deg	80.1400(10)	82.097(2)	107.9740(10)
$\beta$ , deg	69.8540 (10)	80.086(2)	95.3190(10)
$\gamma$ , deg	71.3520(10)	83.947(2)	95.813(2)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	2319.6(3)	6570.2(14)	3270.3(5)
<i>Z</i>	1	2	2
<i>D</i> <sub>x</sub> , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.121	1.406	1.424
<i>F</i> (000)	850	2848	1448
$\mu$ , (Mo <i>K</i> $\alpha$ ), mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.221	0.234	0.235
No. Reflections	60016	137441	77101
No. Ind. Reflections	12435	20905	15001
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0353	0.0805	0.0505
$\theta_{\max}/\theta_{\min}$	29.13 / 1.42	24.11 / 0.58	27.48 / 1.55
Completeness, %	99.7	100.0	100.0
Goodness of Fit	1.058	1.041	1.030
<i>R</i> ( <i>F</i> ) <sup>a</sup> ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ )	0.0528	0.0457	0.0399
<i>WR</i> ( <i>F</i> ) <sup>a</sup>	0.1595	0.1034	0.0984
Largest difference peak/hole (e/ Å <sup>3</sup> )	+ 1.402 / - 0.857	+ 0.284 / - 0.1034	+ 0.348 / - 0.378

<sup>a</sup> Quantity minimized =  $wR(F^2) = (\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum[(wF_o^2)^2])^{1/2}$ ;  $R = \sum\Delta / \sum(F_o)$ ,  $\Delta = |F_o - F_c|$ ,  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP]$ ,  $P = 2F_c^2 + \text{Max}(F_o, 0)/3$

**Table S2:** Crystallographic Data for **5** and **6**. Where **5** = [Ti(N[<sup>t</sup>Bu]Ar)<sub>3</sub>][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] and **6** = <sup>n</sup>BuOTi(N[<sup>t</sup>Bu]Ar)<sub>3</sub>.

	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
CCDC No.	893534	893535
Formula	C <sub>63</sub> H <sub>59.90</sub> BN <sub>3</sub> F <sub>20.22</sub> Ti	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>63</sub> N <sub>3</sub> OTi
Color	orange	yellow
Morphology	block	block
Size, mm <sup>3</sup>	0.40 × 0.40 × 0.10	0.30 × 0.30 × 0.21
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Cubic
Space Group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>Pa</i> -3
Wavelength, Å	0.71073	0.71073
Temperature, K	100(2)	100(2)
<i>a</i> , Å	16.8241(15)	19.7299(9)
<i>b</i> , Å	20.9559(19)	19.7299(9)
<i>c</i> , Å	17.3595(15)	19.7299(9)
$\alpha$ , deg	90	90
$\beta$ , deg	99.905(2)	90
$\gamma$ , deg	90	90
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	6029.1(9)	7680.2(6)
<i>Z</i>	4	8
<i>D</i> <sub>x</sub> , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.434	1.125
<i>F</i> (000)	2672	2832
$\mu$ , (Mo <i>K</i> $\alpha$ ), mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.247	0.255
No. Reflections	121467	166583
No. Ind. Reflections	14973	3187
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0796	0.0635
$\theta_{\max}/\theta_{\min}$	28.28 / 1.54	28.26 / 1.79
Completeness, %	100.0	100.0
Goodness of Fit	1.006	1.076
<i>R</i> ( <i>F</i> ) <sup>a</sup> ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ )	0.0424	0.0532
<i>WR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	0.0998	0.1626
Largest difference peak/hole (e/ Å <sup>3</sup> )	+ 0.346 / - 0.418	+ 0.954 / - 0.463

<sup>a</sup> Quantity minimized =  $wR(F^2) = (\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]) / \sum[(wF_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ ;  $R = \sum\Delta / \sum(F_o)$ ,  $\Delta = |F_o - F_c|$ ,  $w = 1 / [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP]$ ,  $P = 2F_c^2 + \text{Max}(F_o, 0) / 3$

## Optimized Geometries in Cartesian Coordinates (Å)

Truncated Model Version of **2**, (4,4'-bipy){Ti(N[Me]Ph)<sub>3</sub>}<sub>2</sub>

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