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**Synthesis and characterization of aminopyridine iron(II) chloride catalysts for  
isoprene polymerization: sterically controlled monomer enchainment**

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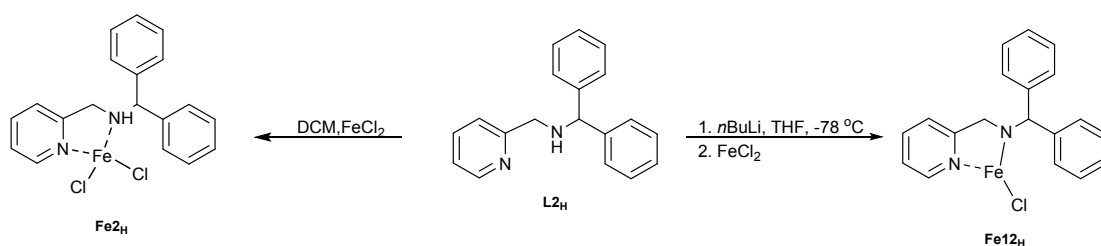
## 1. Isoprene Polymerization Using Fe<sub>8H</sub>-Fe<sub>10H</sub>/MAO<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Cat.	Yield %	Act. <sup>b</sup>	Microstructure(%) <sup>c</sup>		
				<i>cis</i> -1,4	<i>trans</i> -1,4	3,4-
1	Fe <sub>8H</sub>	>99	81.6	33	19	48
2	Fe <sub>9H</sub>	>99	81.6	31	20	49
3	Fe <sub>10H</sub>	>99	81.6	40	10	50

<sup>a</sup> Polymerization conditions: solvent: 5 mL toluene; complex: 10 μmol; isoprene: 20 mmol; time: 10 min; T: 25 °C; MAO/Fe: 500; <sup>b</sup> 10<sup>4</sup> g·mol<sup>-1</sup>·h<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>c</sup> determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR;

## 2. Synthesis of the pyridine-amide iron complex and its catalysis toward isoprene polymerization

### 2.1 Synthesis of the pyridine-amide iron complex



### 2.2 Isoprene Polymerization Using Fe<sub>12H</sub>/MAO<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Cat.	Yield %	Act. <sup>b</sup>	Microstructure(%) <sup>c</sup>		
				<i>cis</i> -1,4	<i>trans</i> -1,4	3,4-
1	Fe <sub>12H</sub>	>99	6.8	50	--	50

<sup>a</sup> Polymerization conditions: solvent: 5 mL toluene; complex: 10 μmol; isoprene: 20 mmol; time: 2 h; T: 25 °C; MAO/Fe: 500; <sup>b</sup> 10<sup>4</sup> g·mol<sup>-1</sup>·h<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>c</sup> determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR;

## 2. NMR Spectra of the Ligands

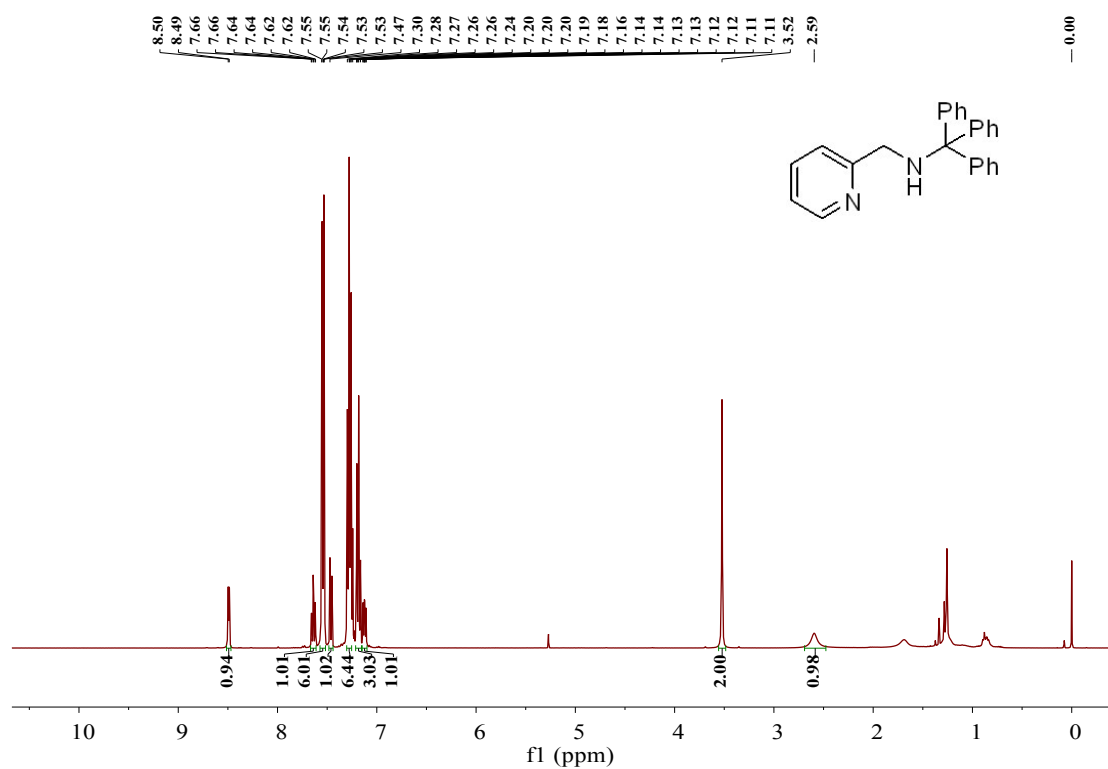


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of  $\text{L1}_\text{H}$

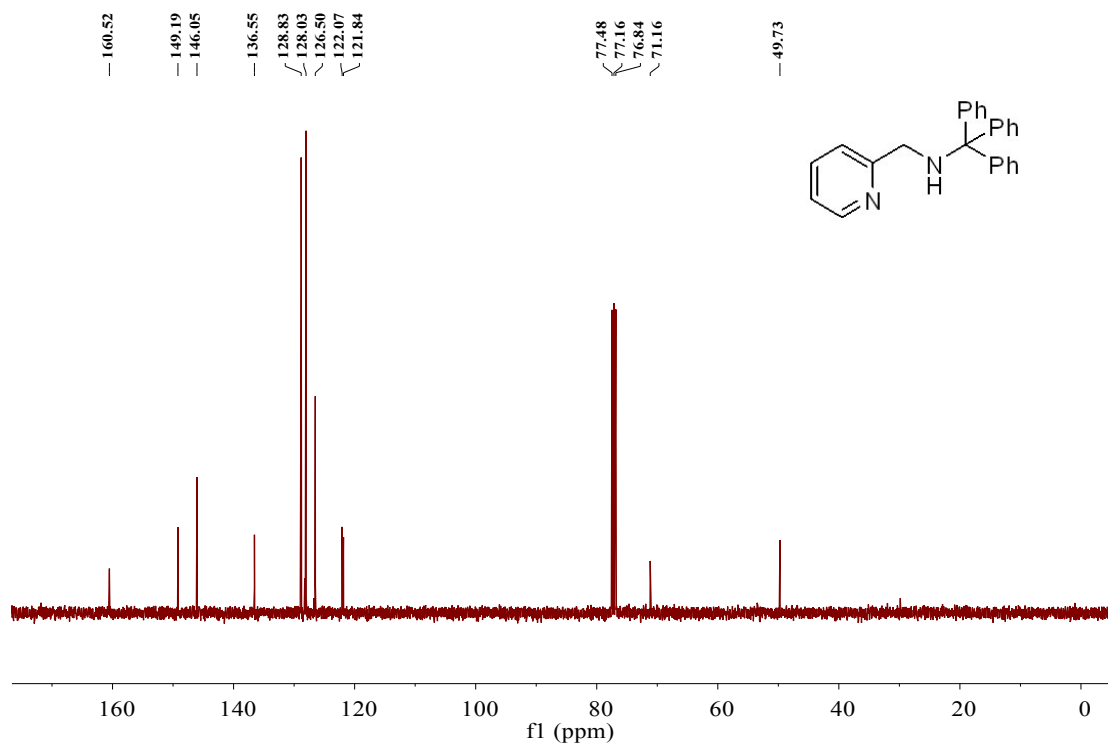


Figure S2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of  $\text{L1}_\text{H}$

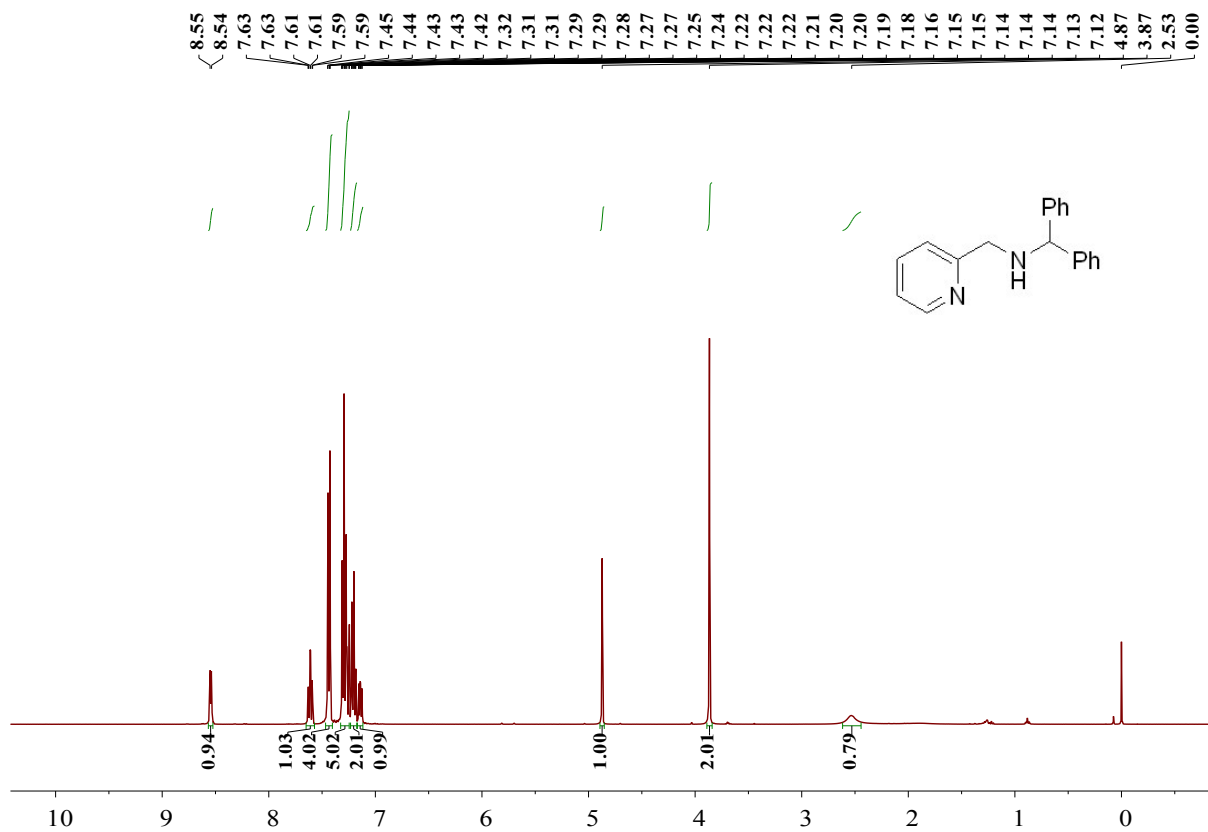


Figure S3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of  $\text{L2}_\text{H}$

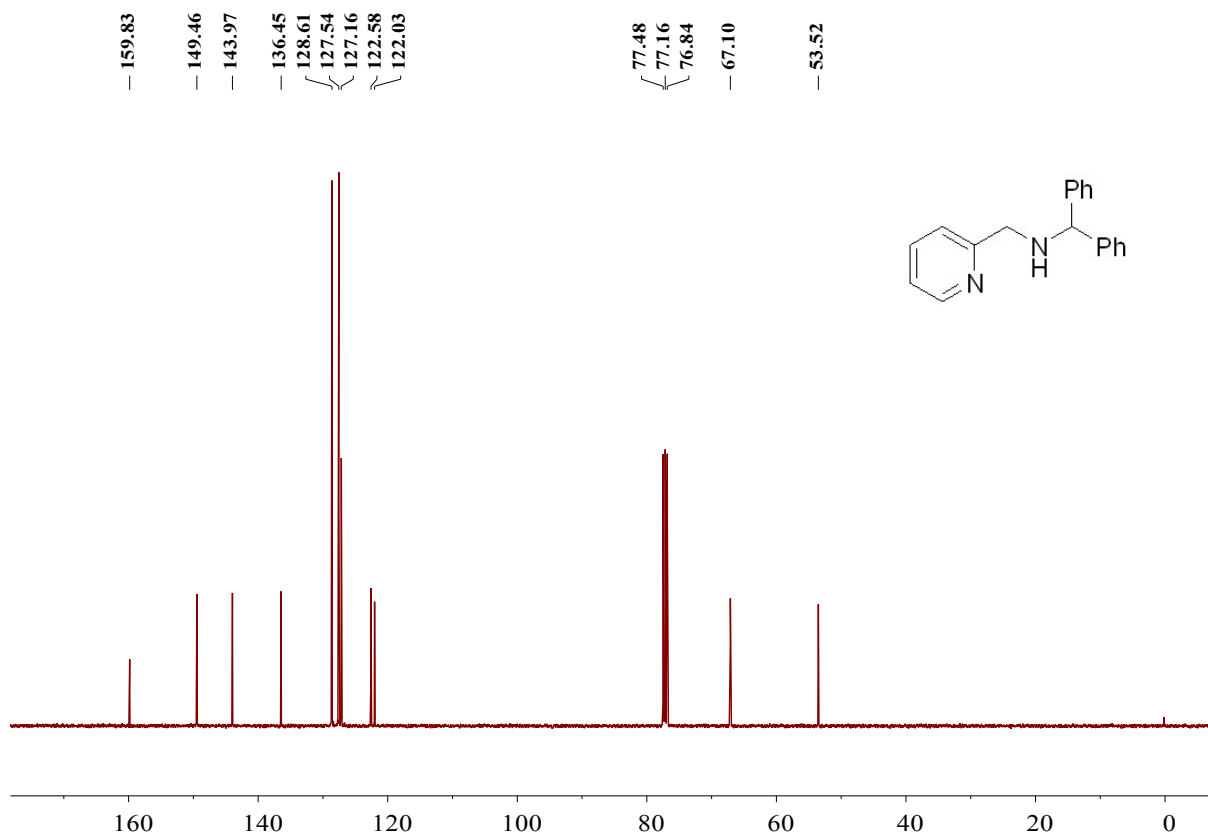


Figure S4.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of  $\text{L2}_\text{H}$

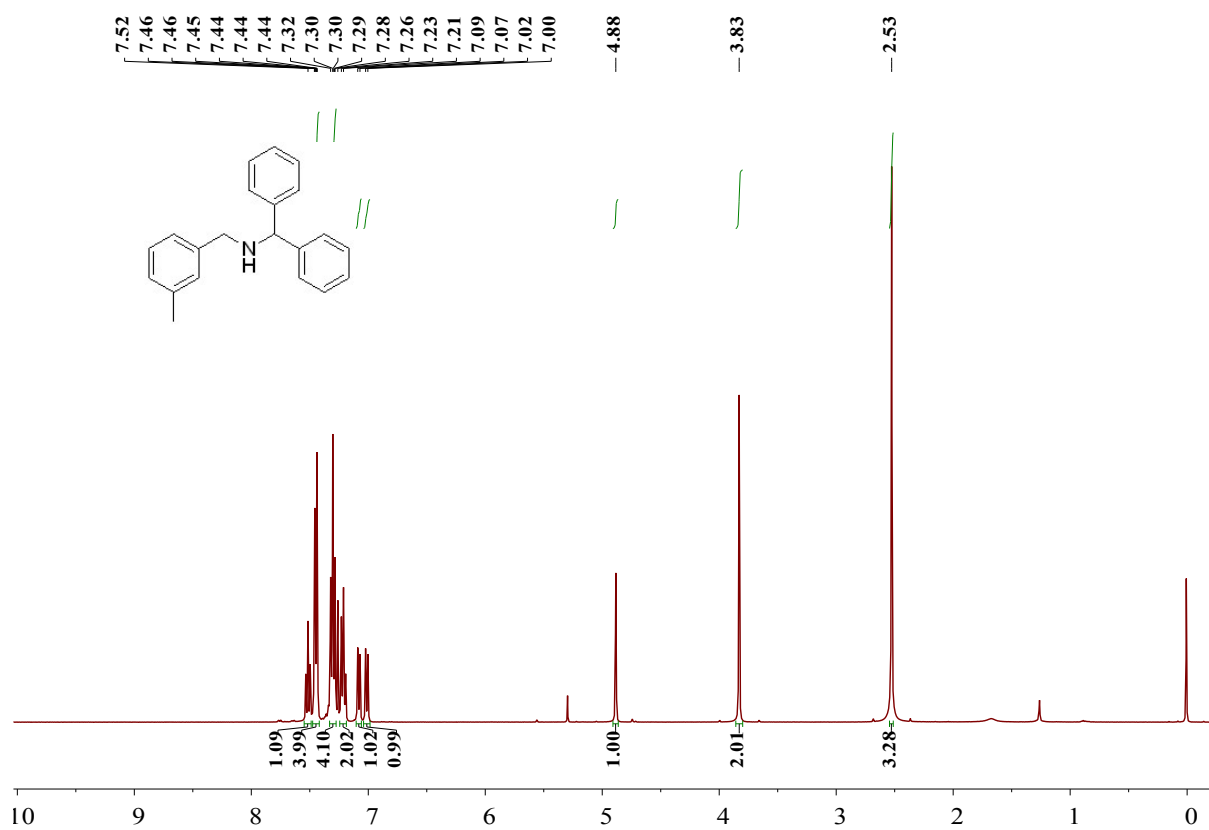


Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K) of L3<sub>Me</sub>

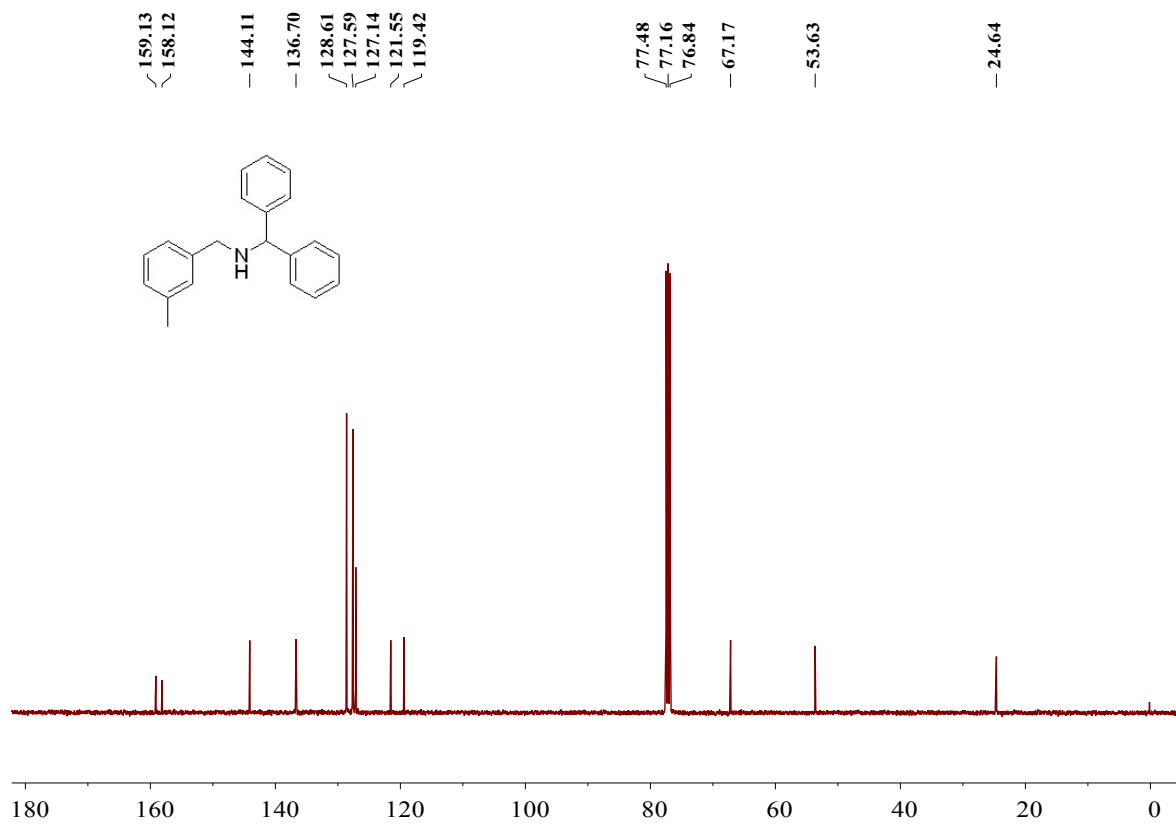


Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K) of L3<sub>Me</sub>

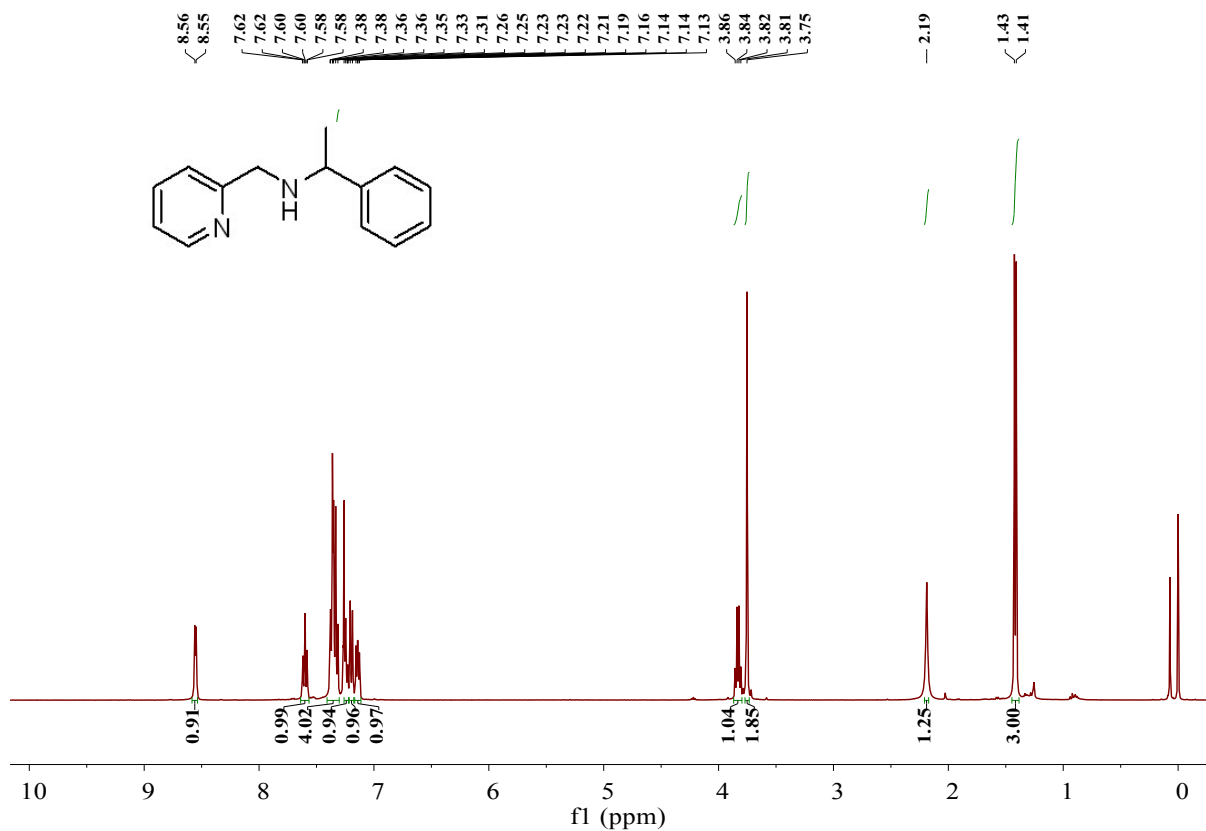


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K) of L4<sub>H</sub>

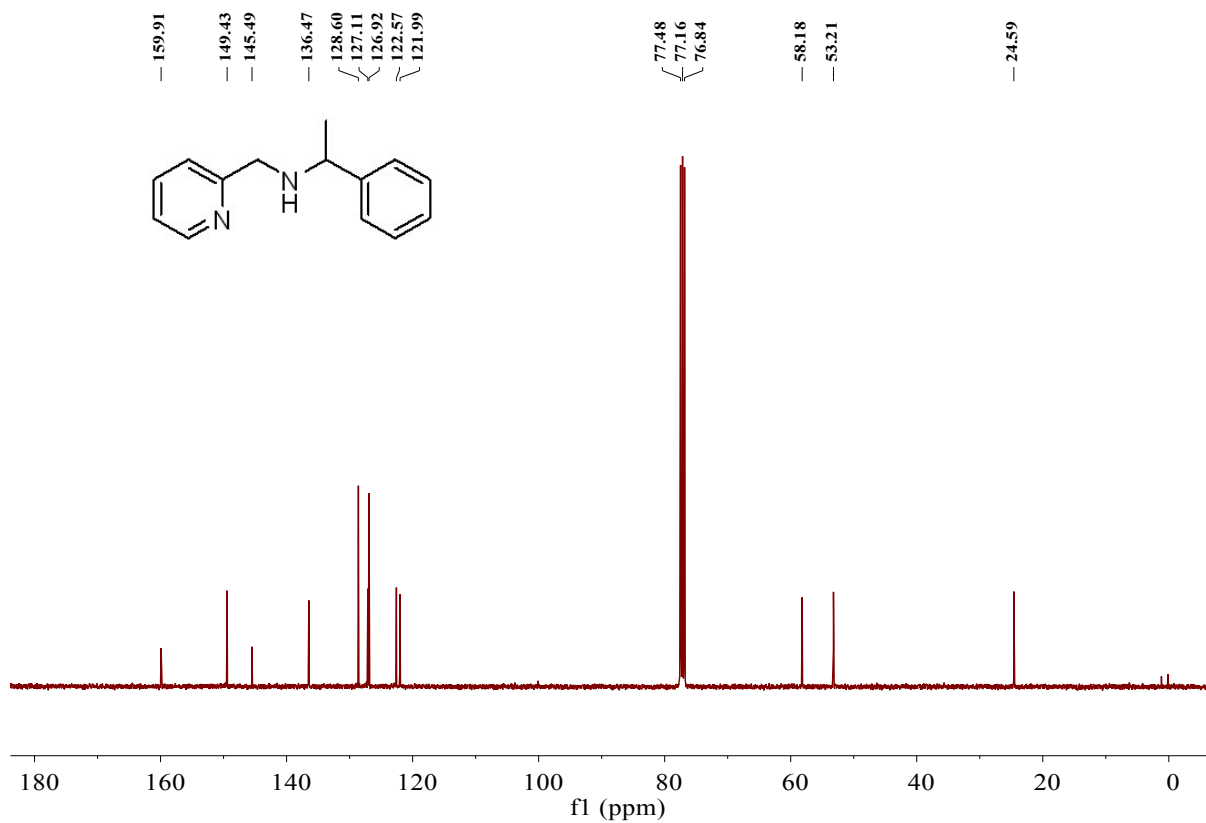


Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K) of L4<sub>H</sub>

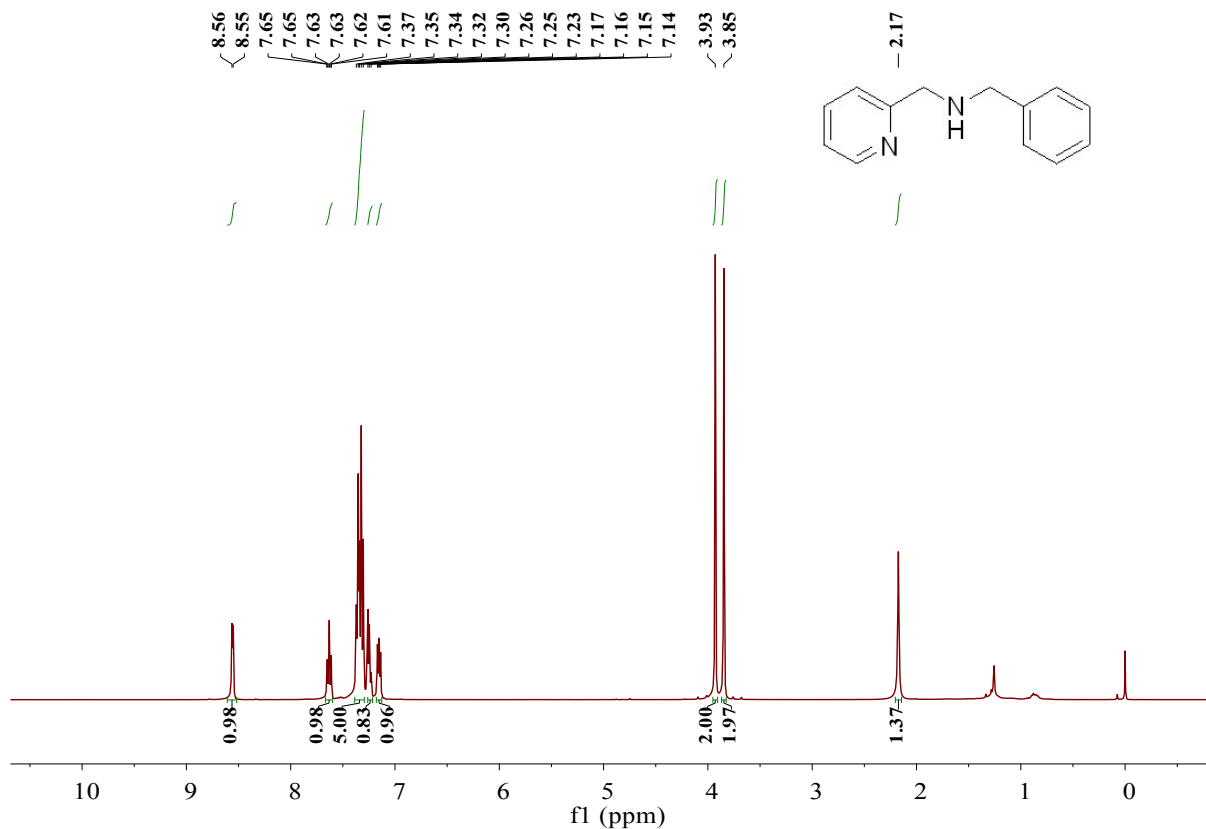


Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K) of L5<sub>H</sub>

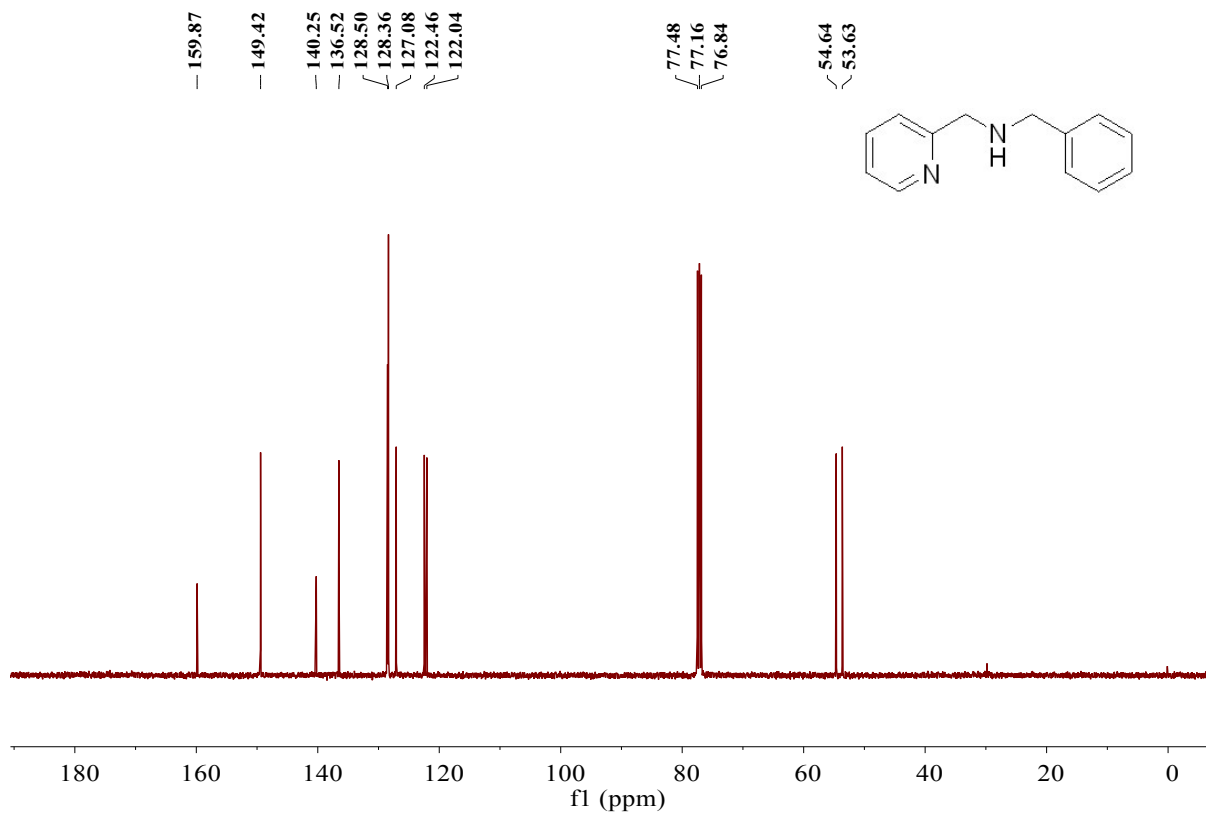


Figure S10. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K) of L5<sub>H</sub>

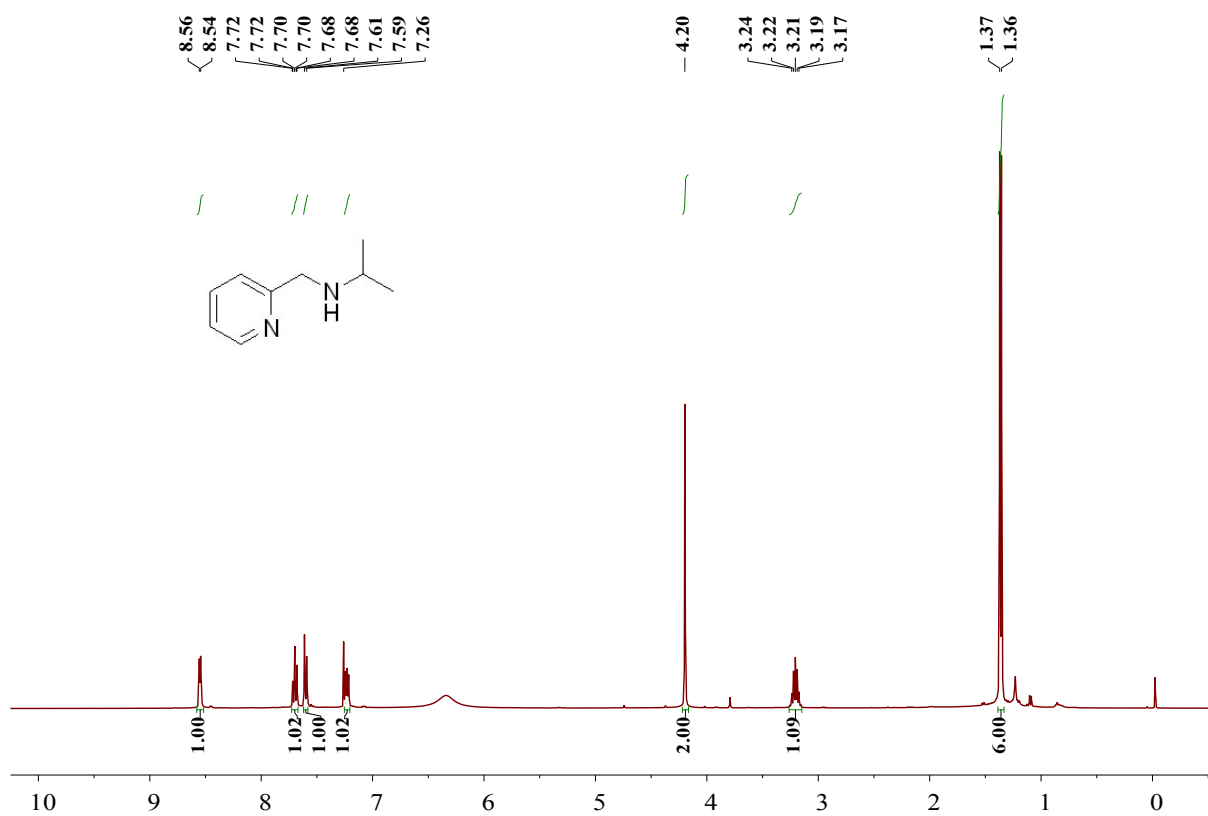


Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K) of L6<sub>H</sub>

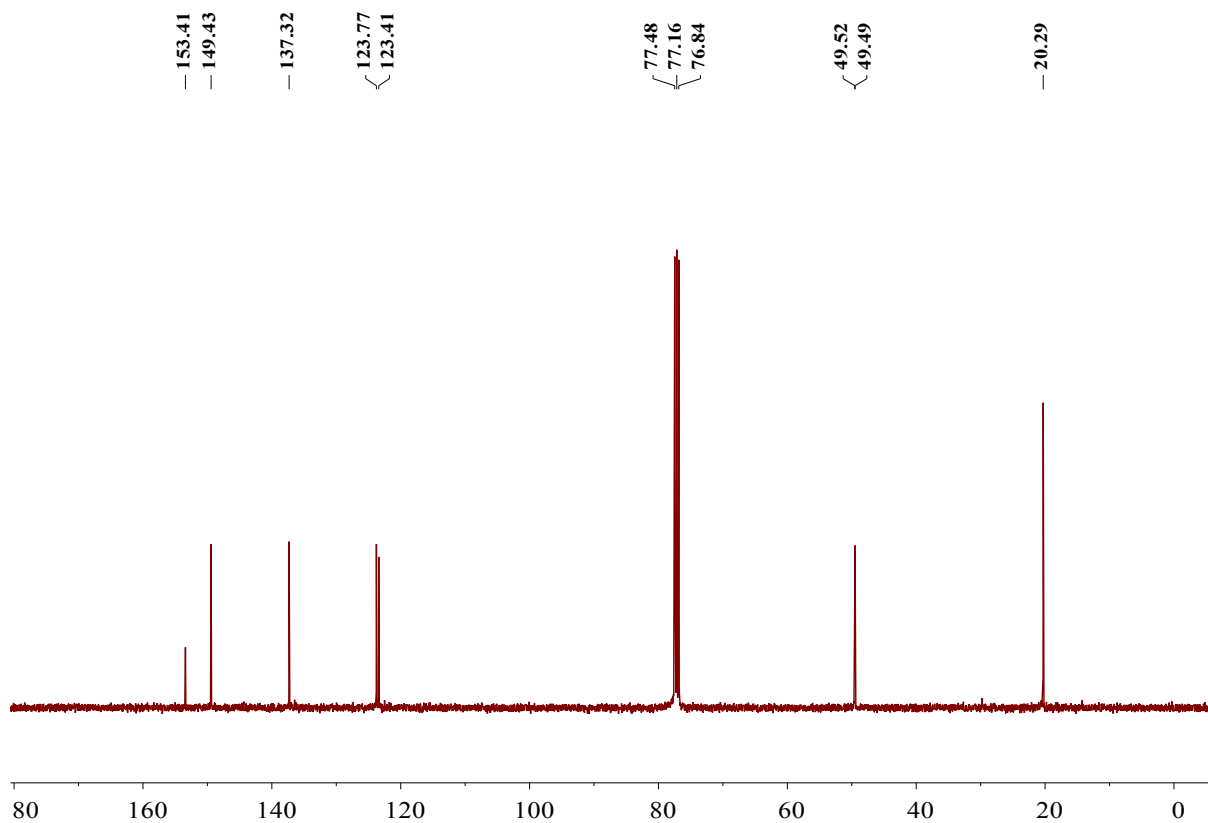


Figure S12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K) of L6<sub>H</sub>



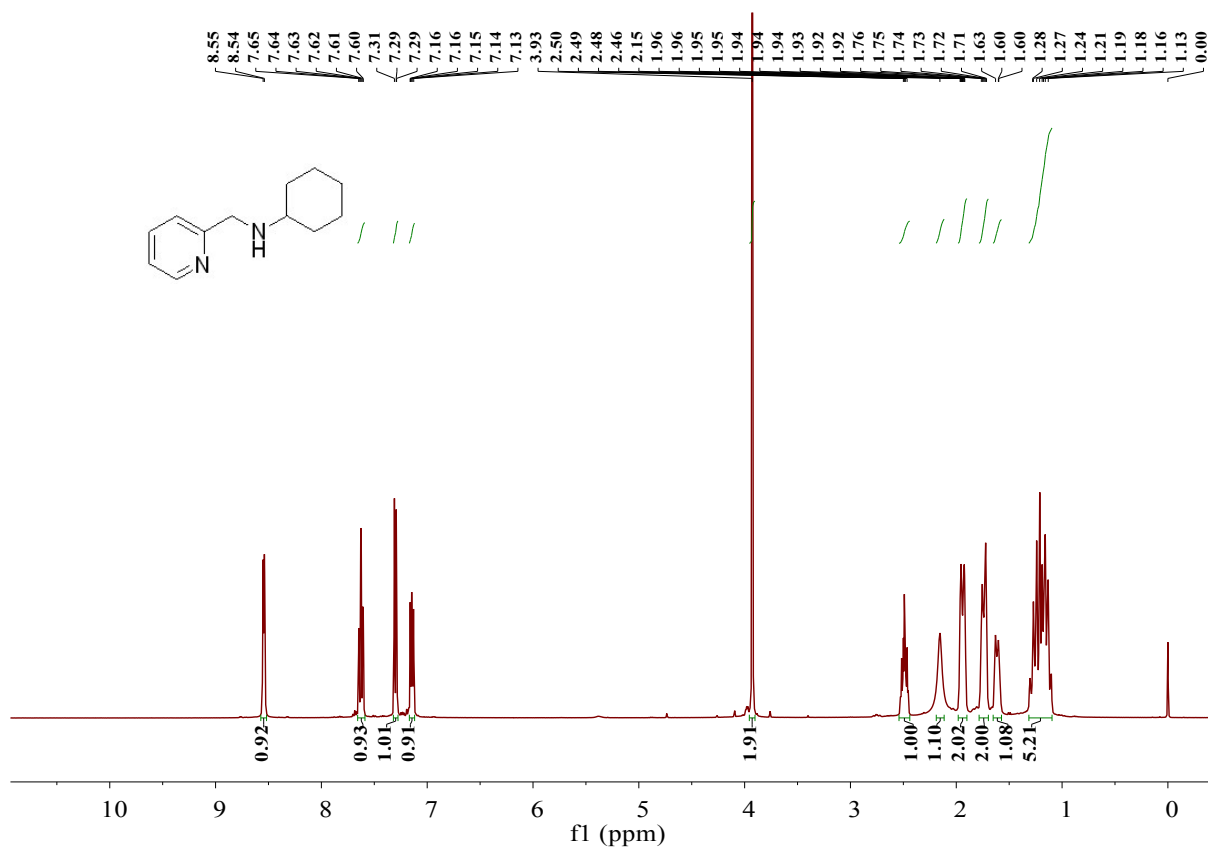


Figure S13.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of L7<sub>H</sub>

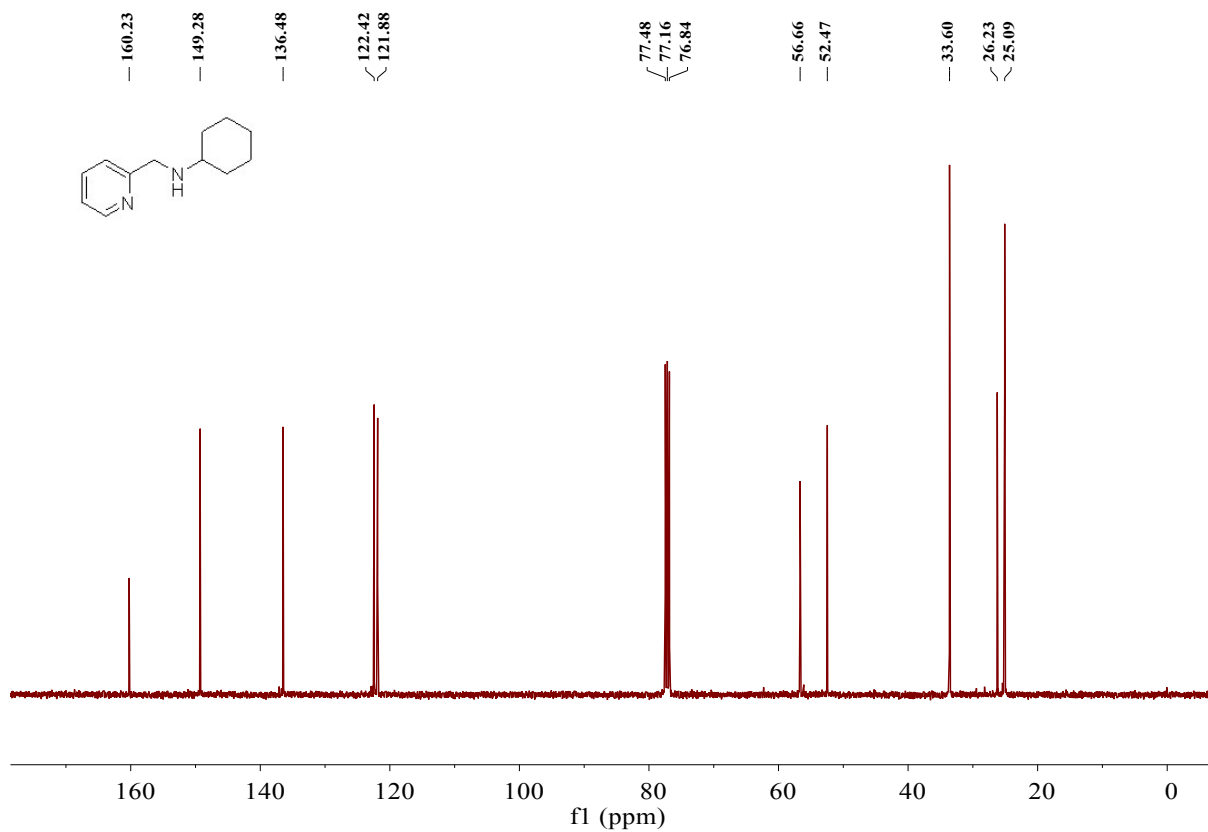


Figure S14.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of L7<sub>H</sub>

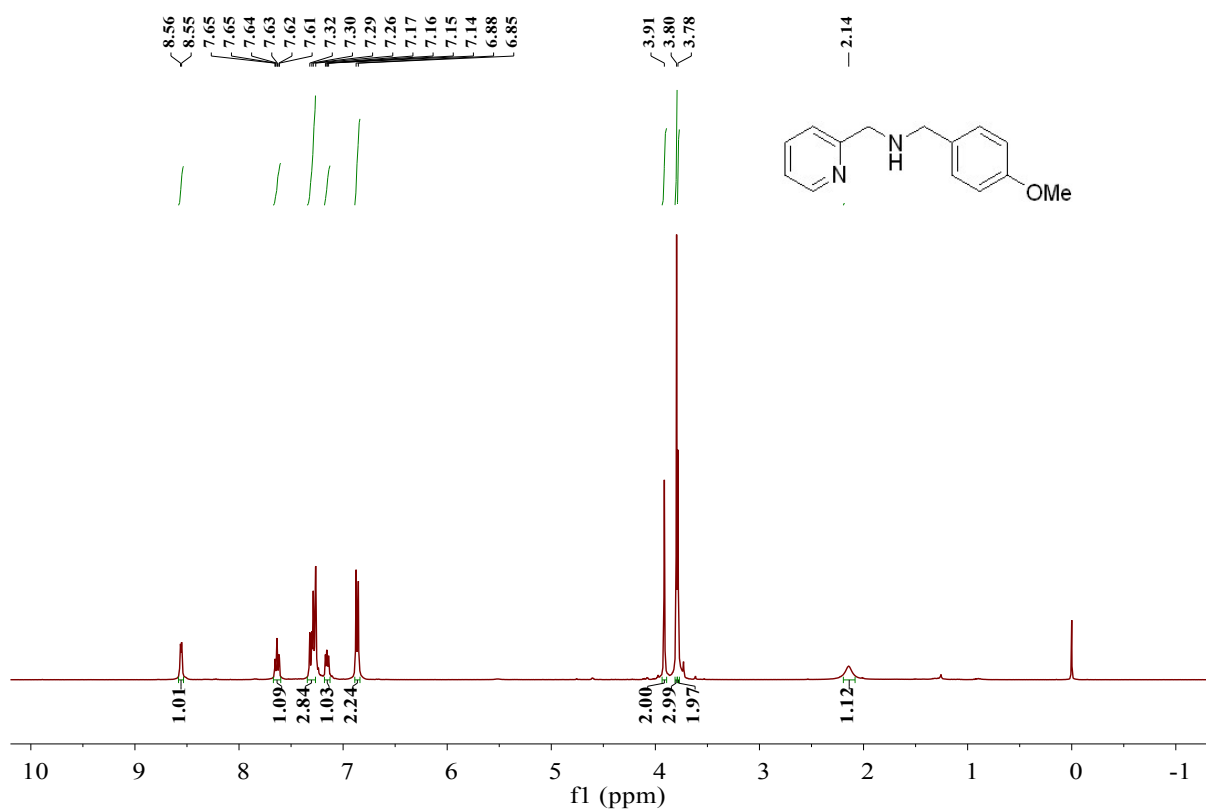


Figure S15.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of  $\text{L8}_\text{H}$

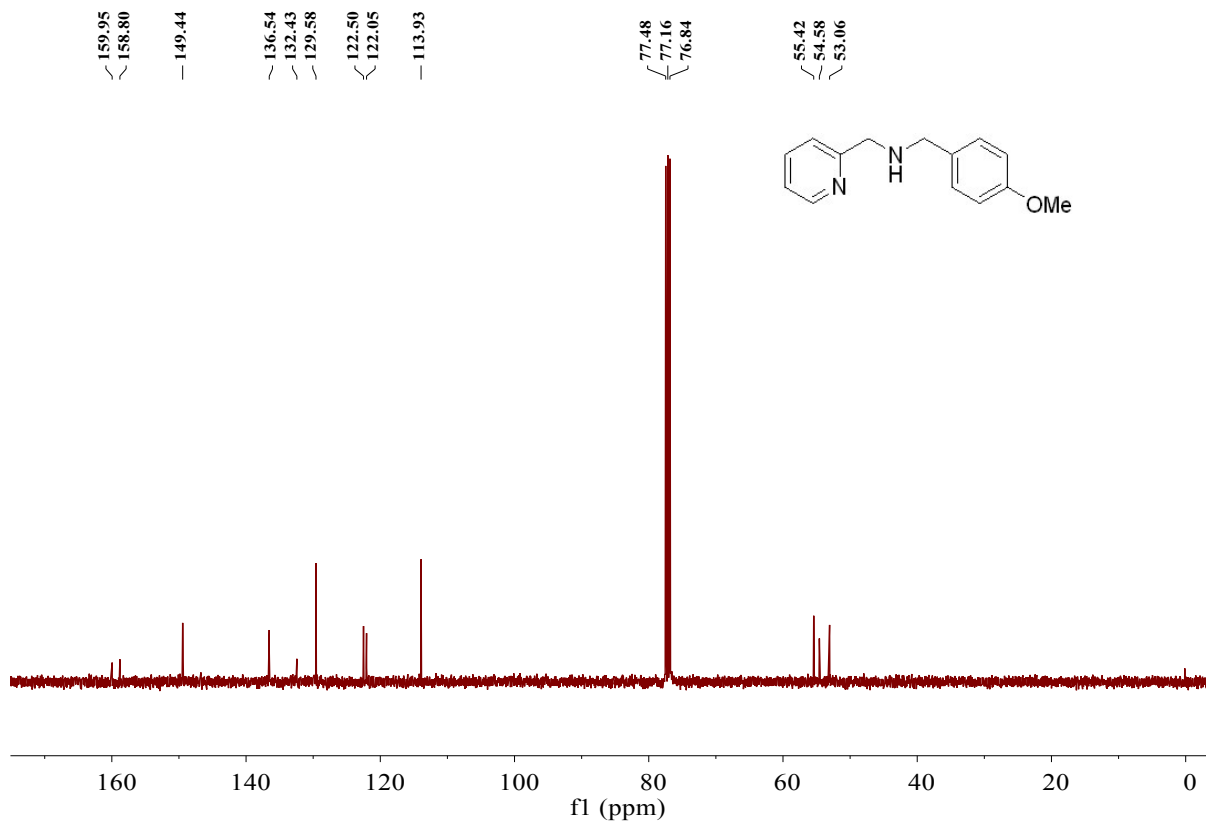


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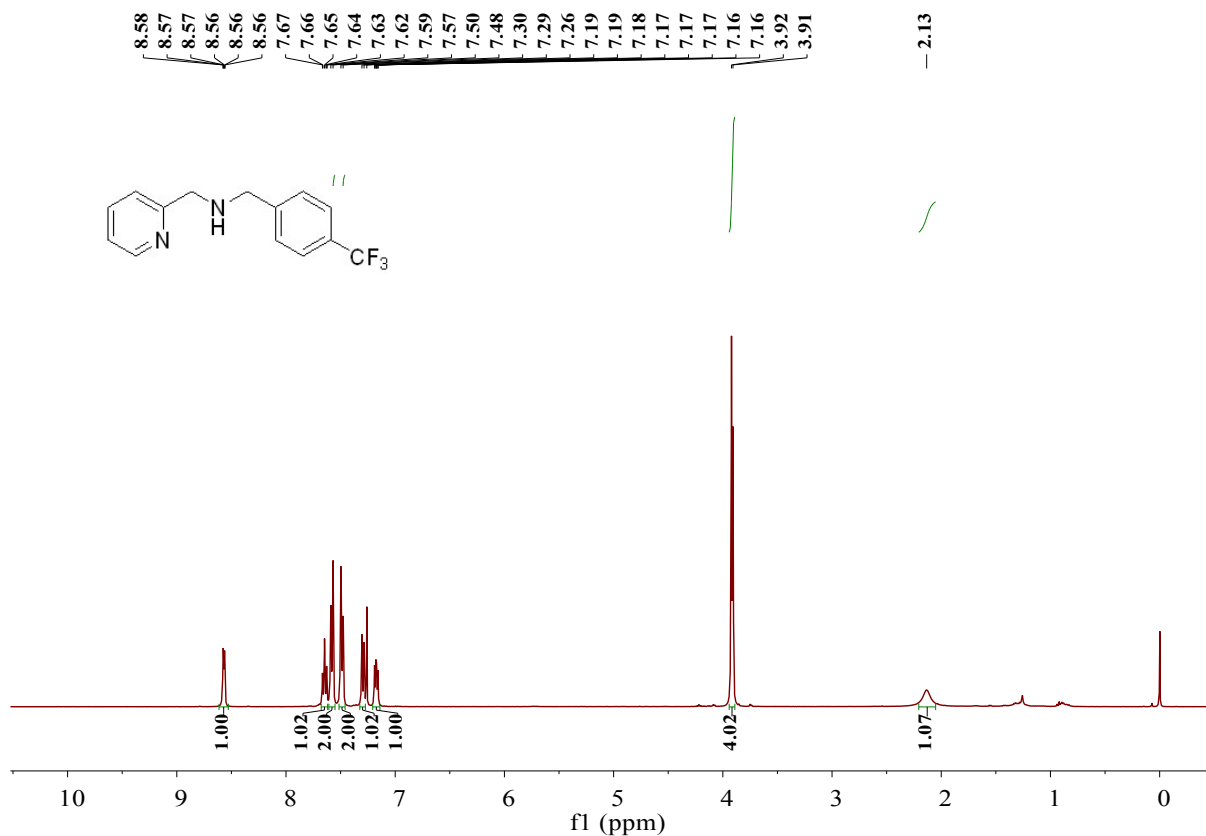


Figure S17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K) of L9<sub>H</sub>

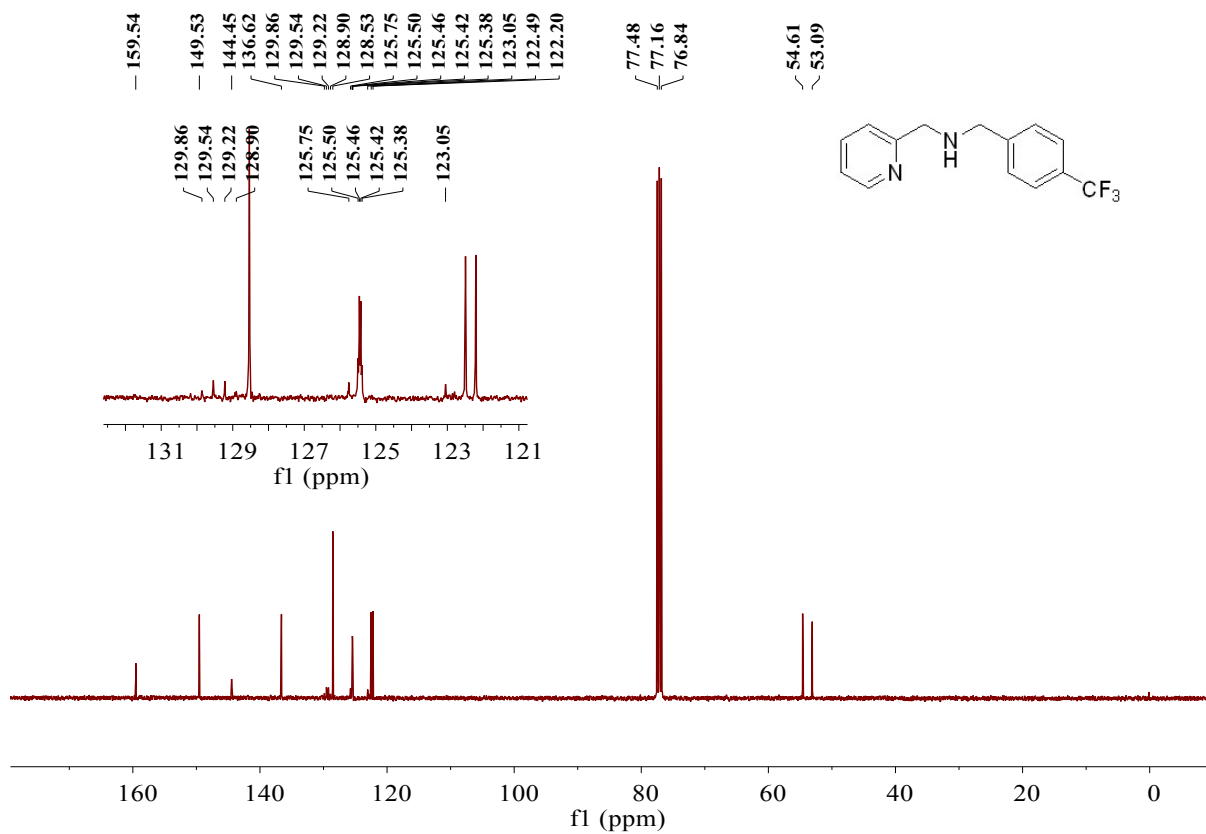
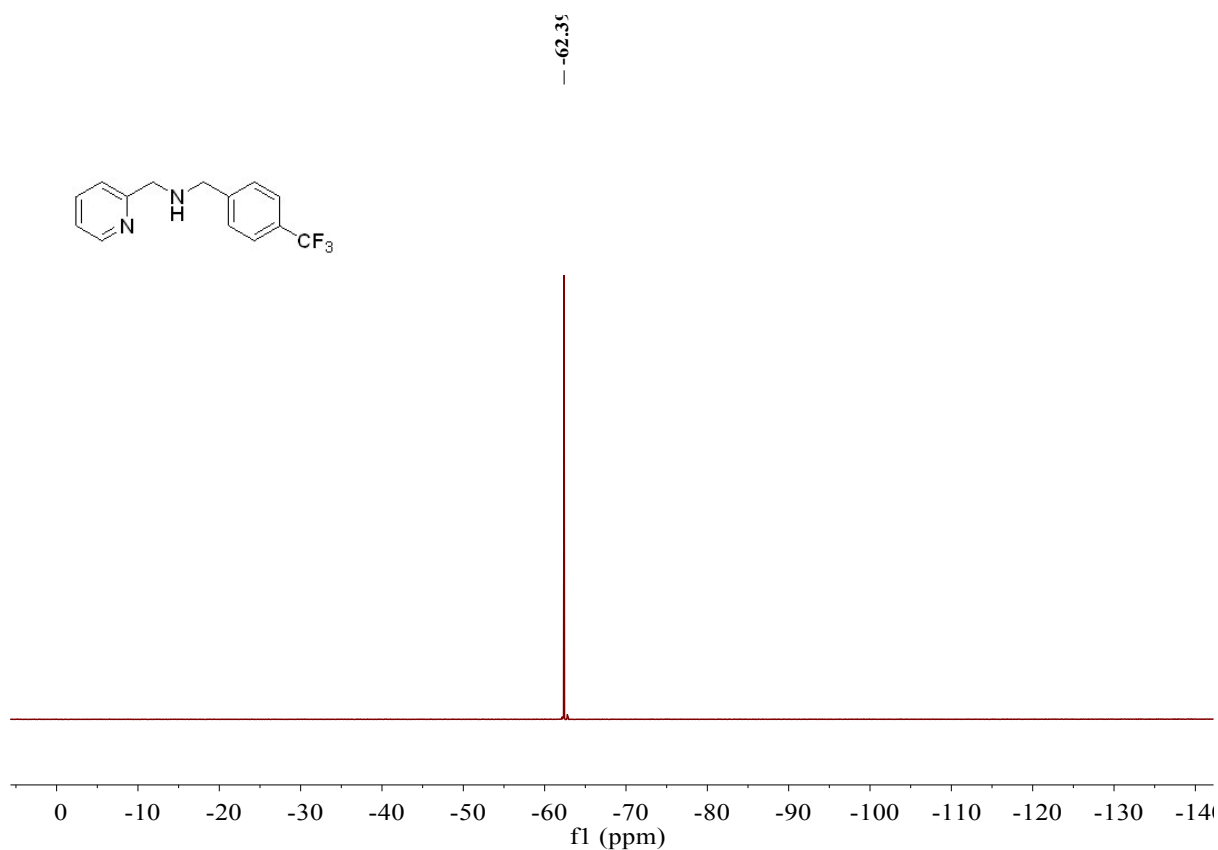
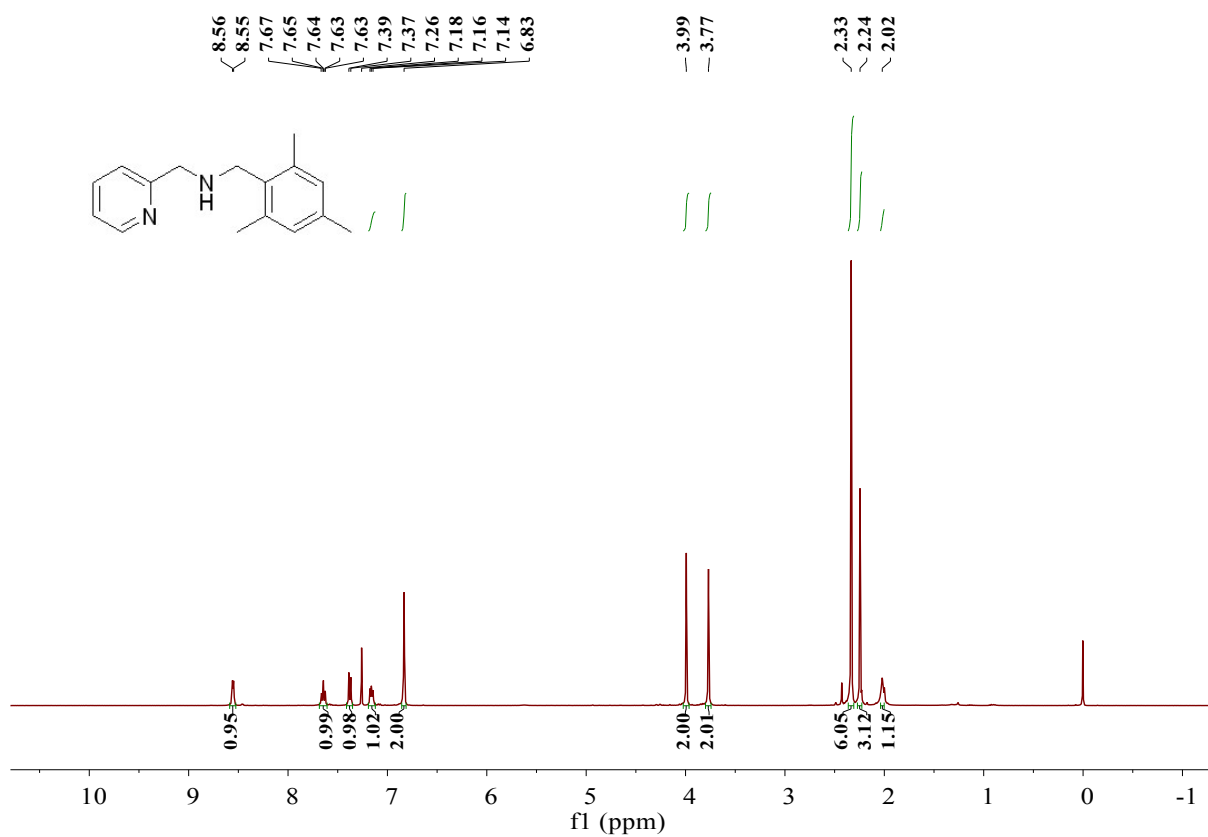


Figure S18. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K) of L9<sub>H</sub>



**Figure S19.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of  $\text{L9}_\text{H}$



**Figure S20.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of  $\text{L10}_\text{H}$

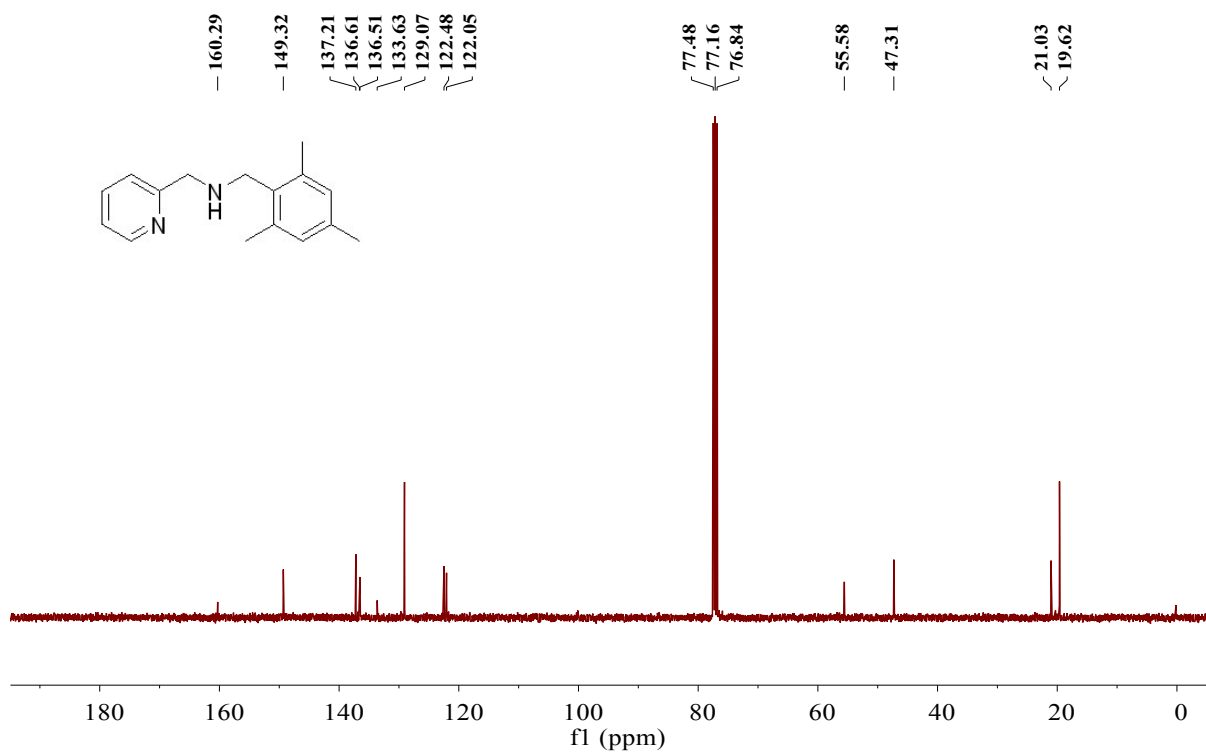


Figure S21.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of L10<sub>H</sub>

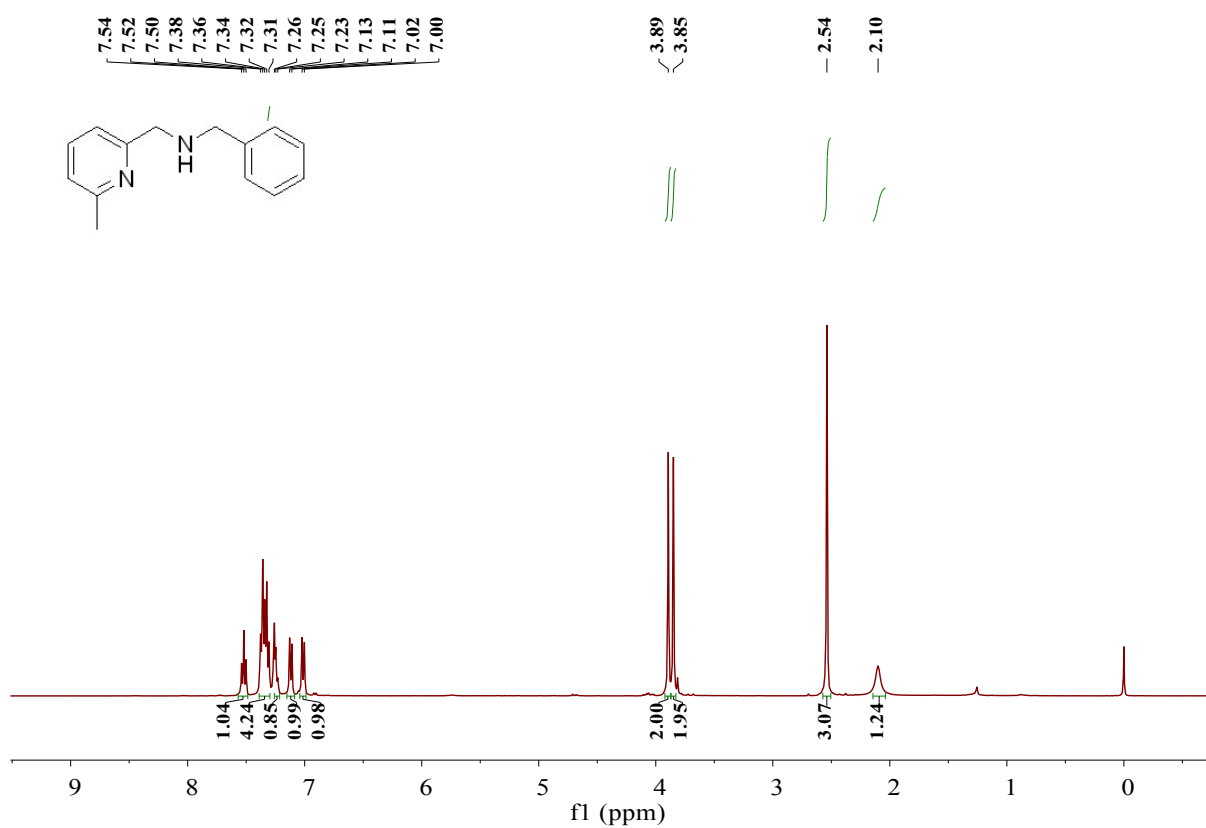


Figure S22.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of L11<sub>Me</sub>

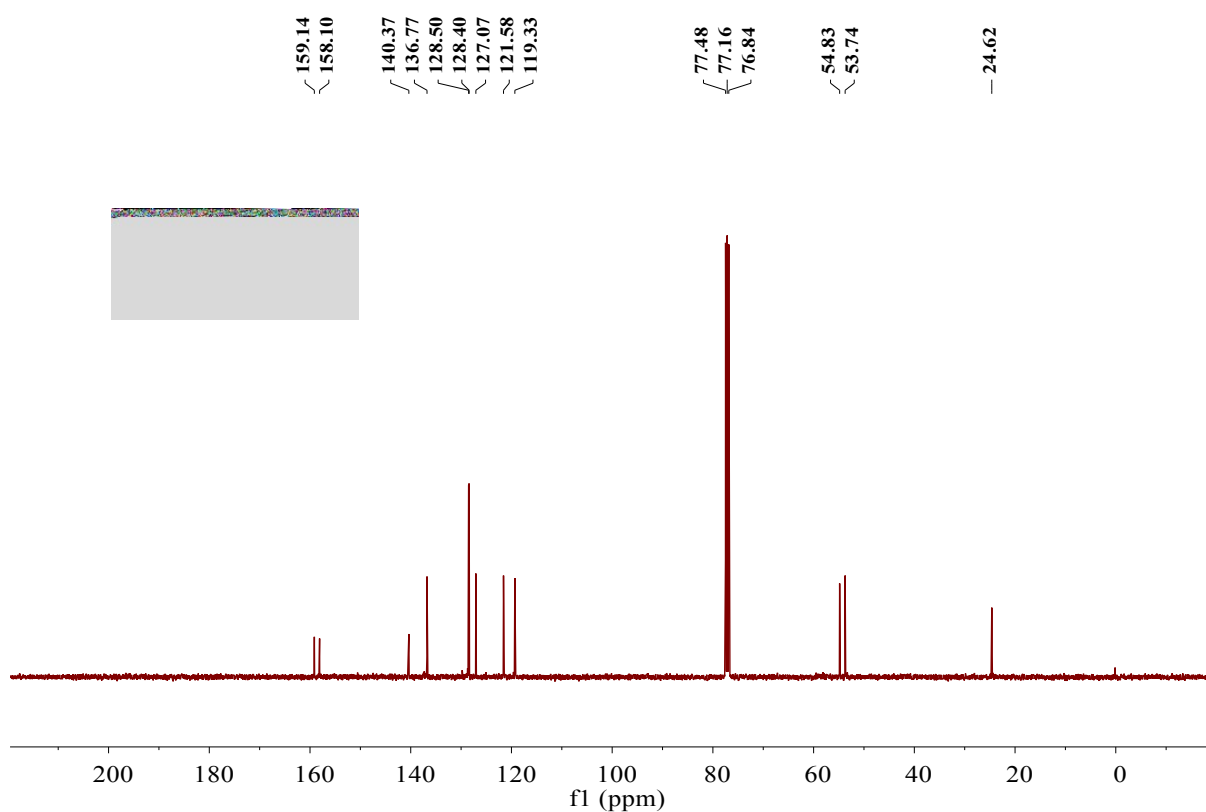


Figure S23.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of L11<sub>Me</sub>

### 3. NMR Spectra of the Representative Polyisoprene

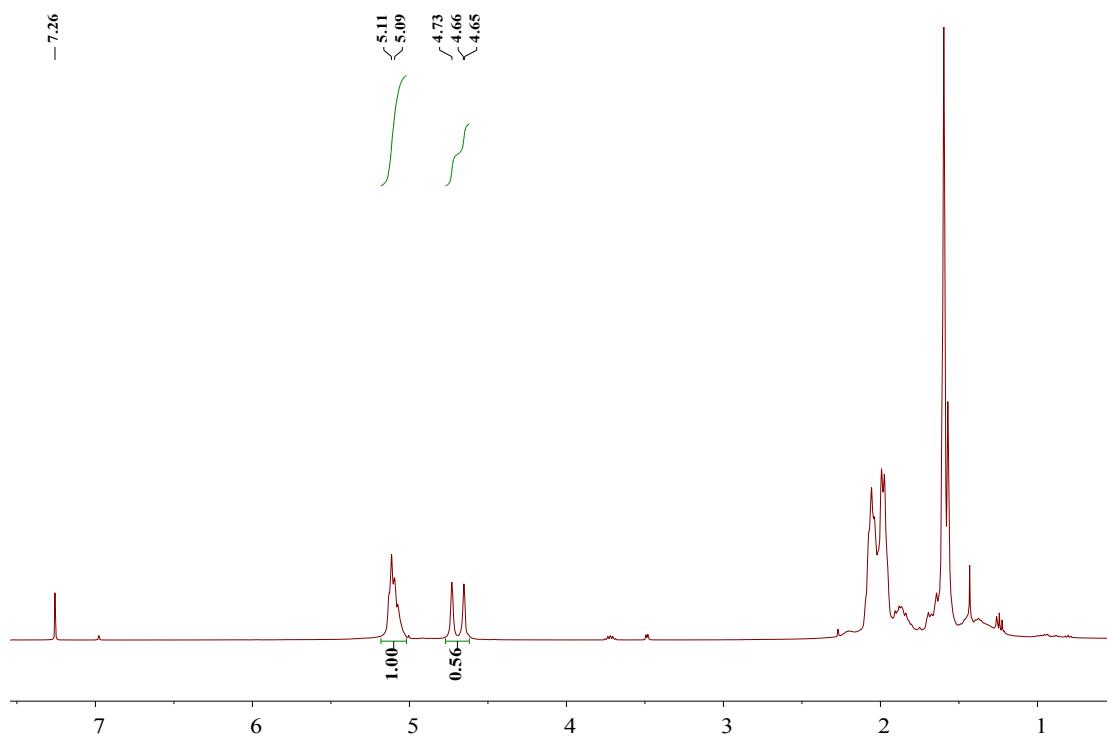
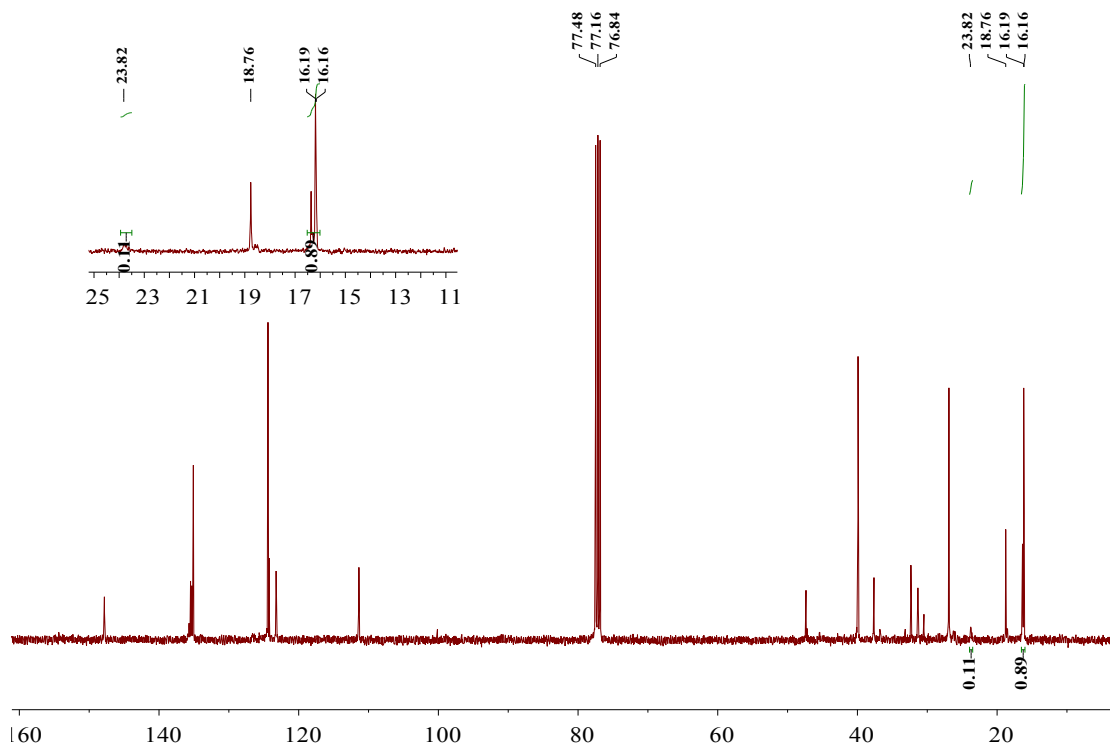
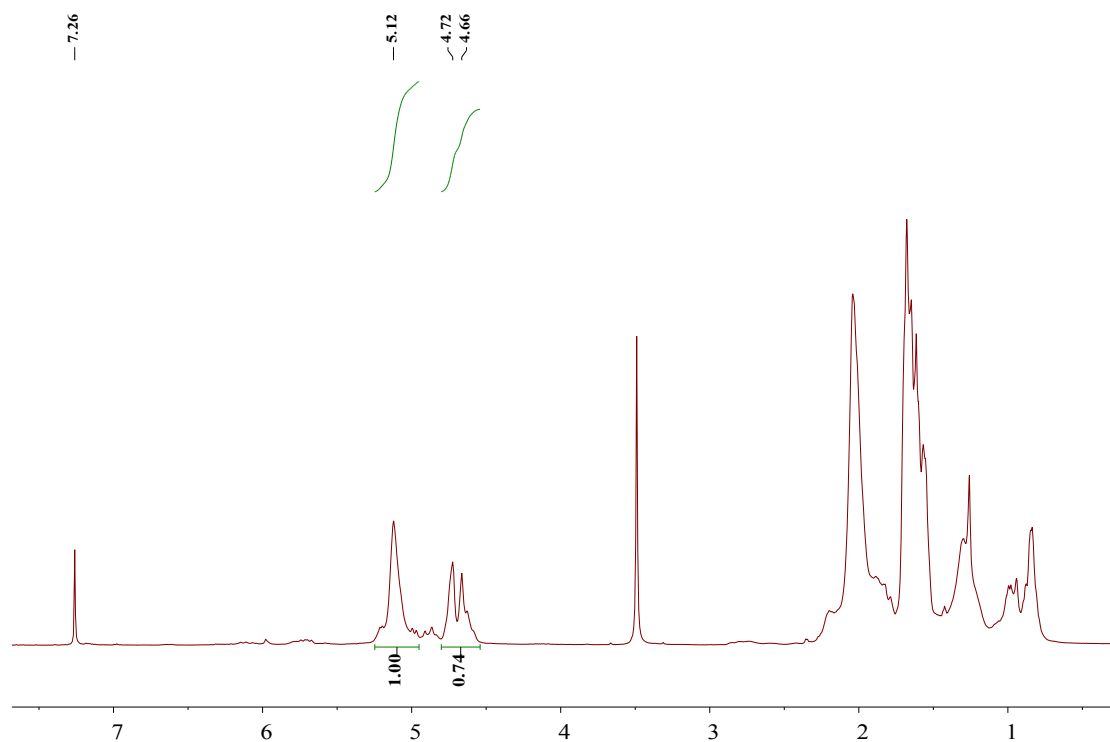


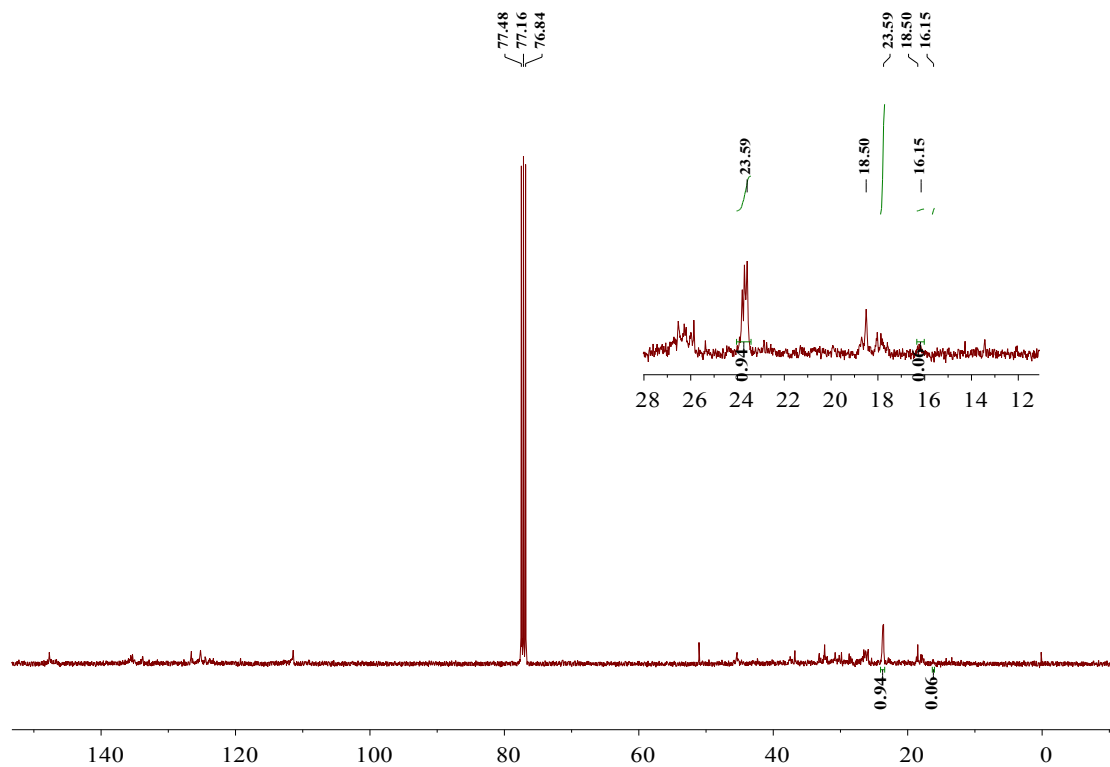
Figure S24.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 2).



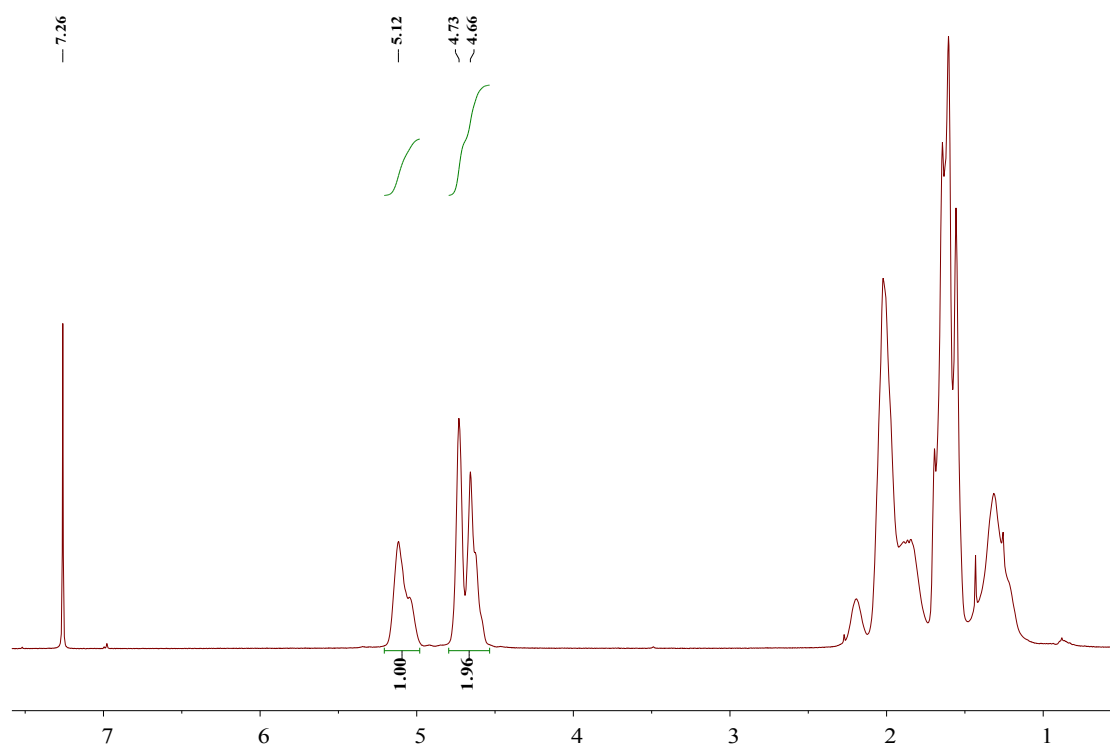
**Figure S25.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 2).



**Figure S26.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 3).

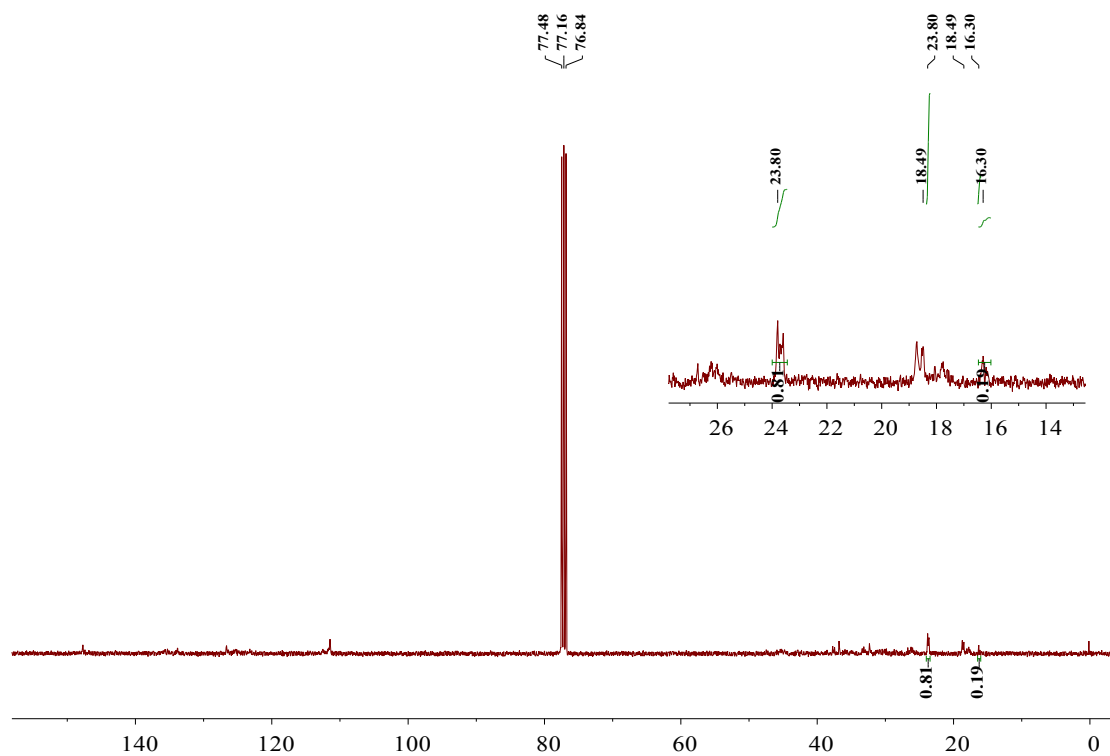


**Figure S27.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 3)

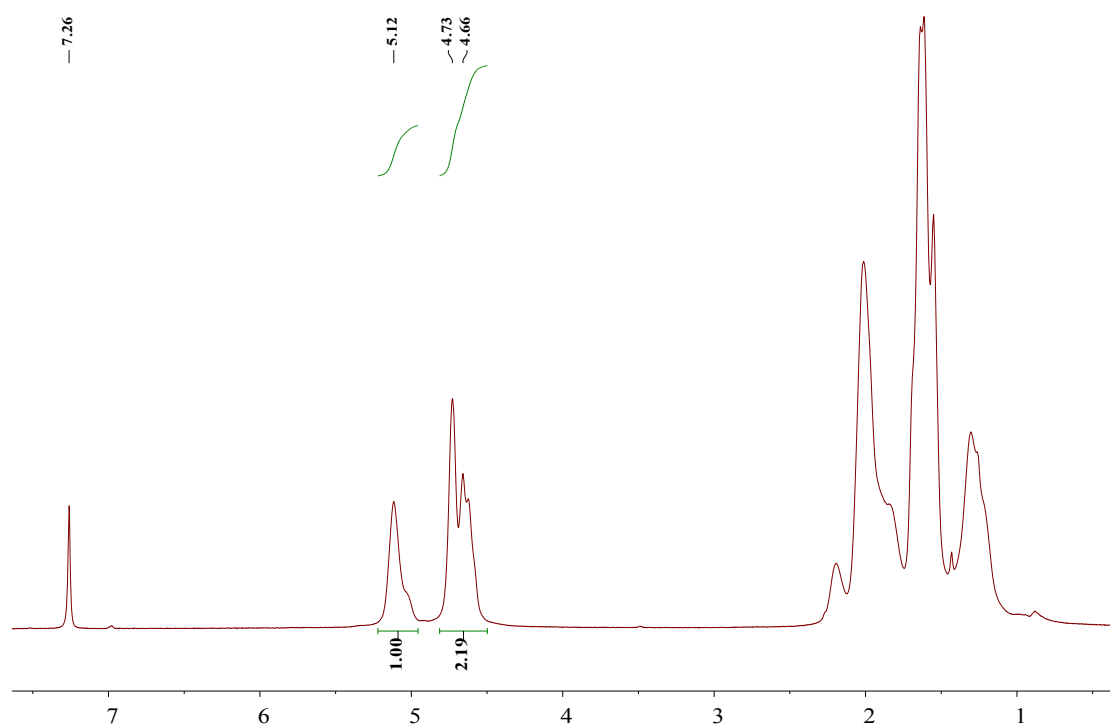


**Figure S28.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 6).

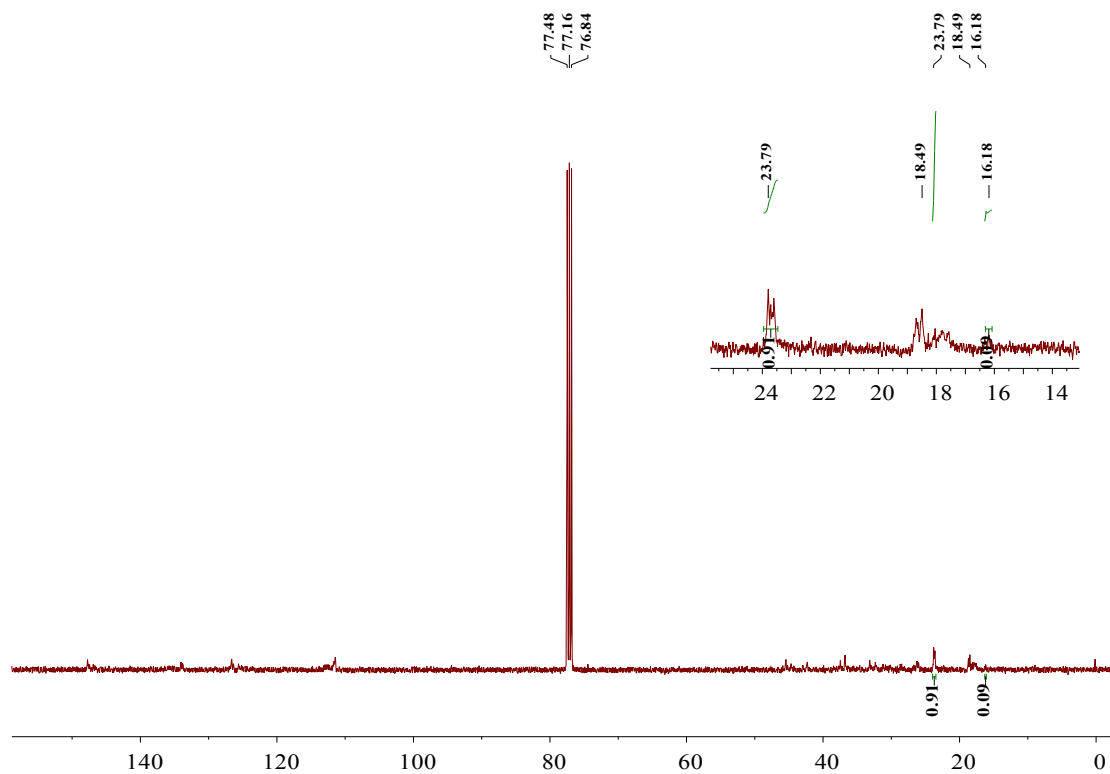




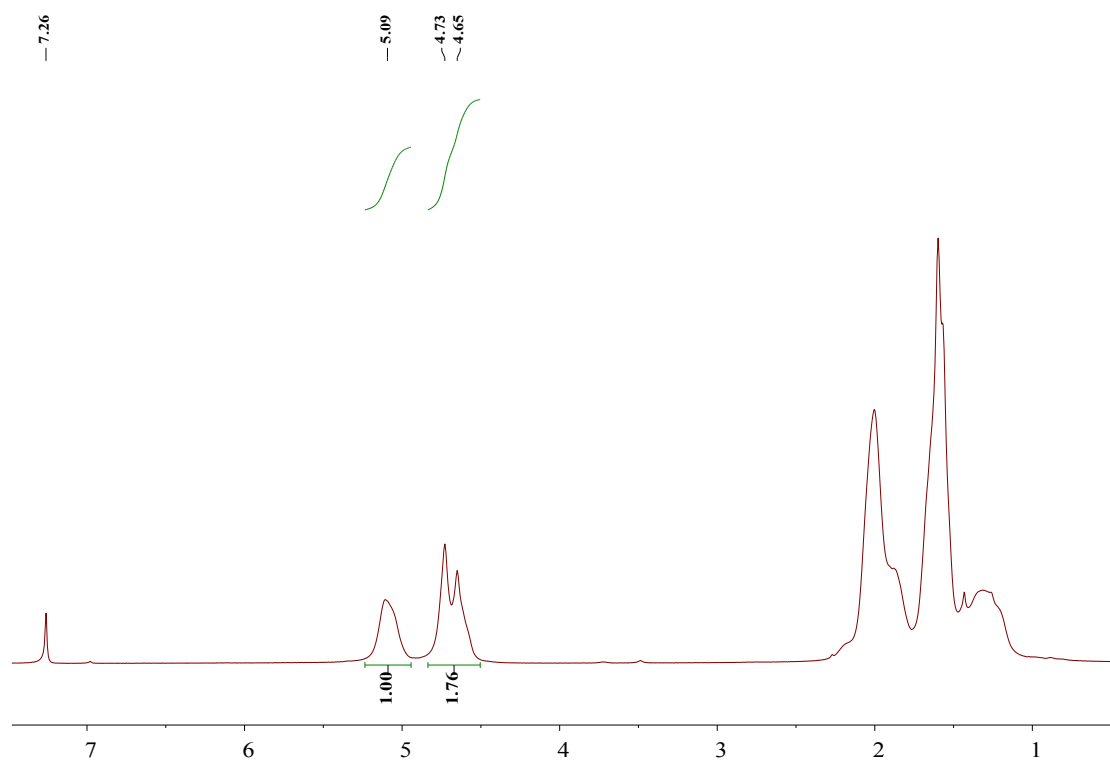
**Figure S29.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 6)



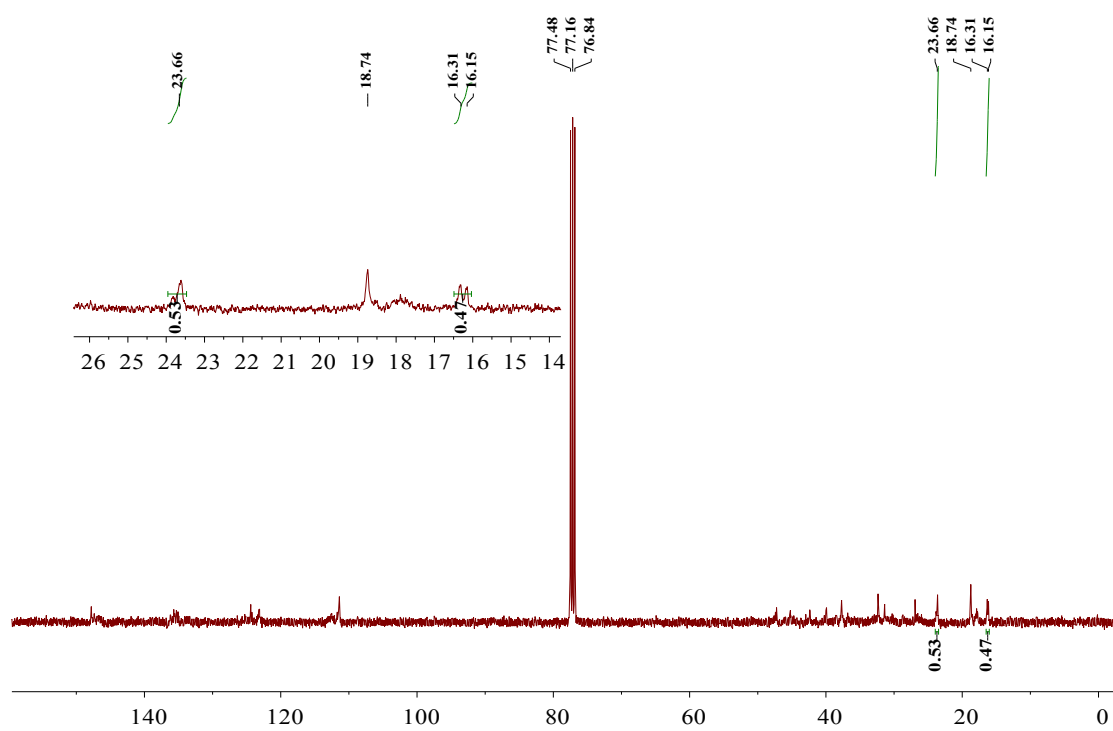
**Figure S30.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 7).



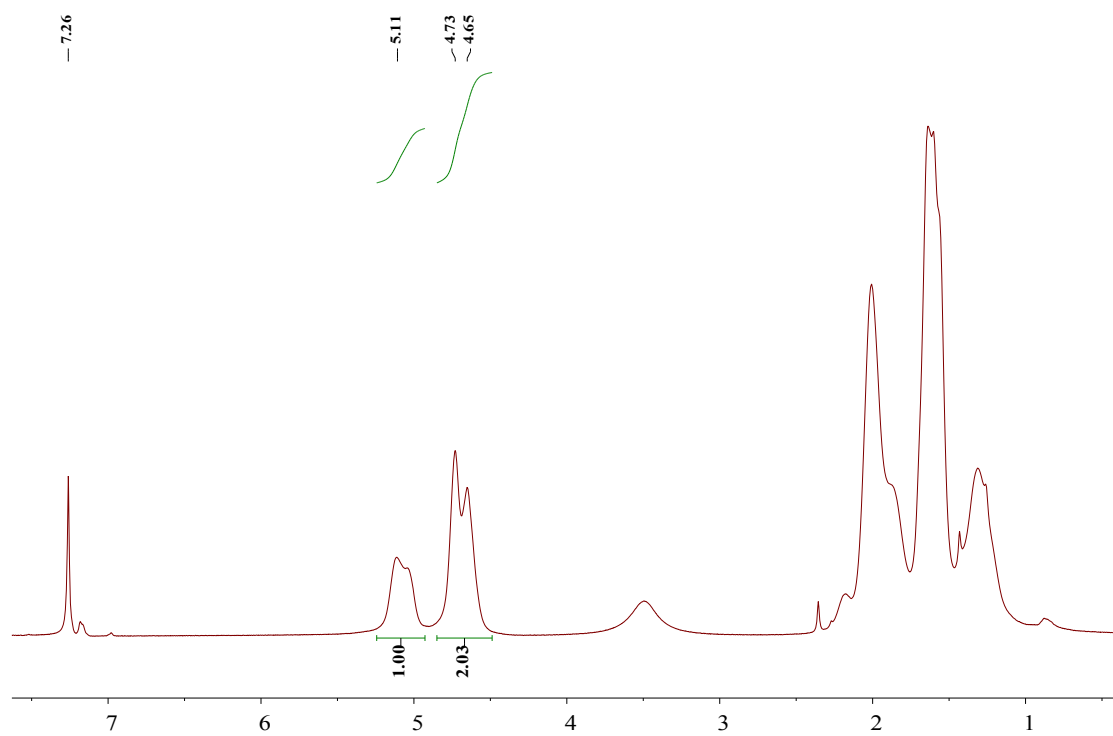
**Figure S31.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 7)



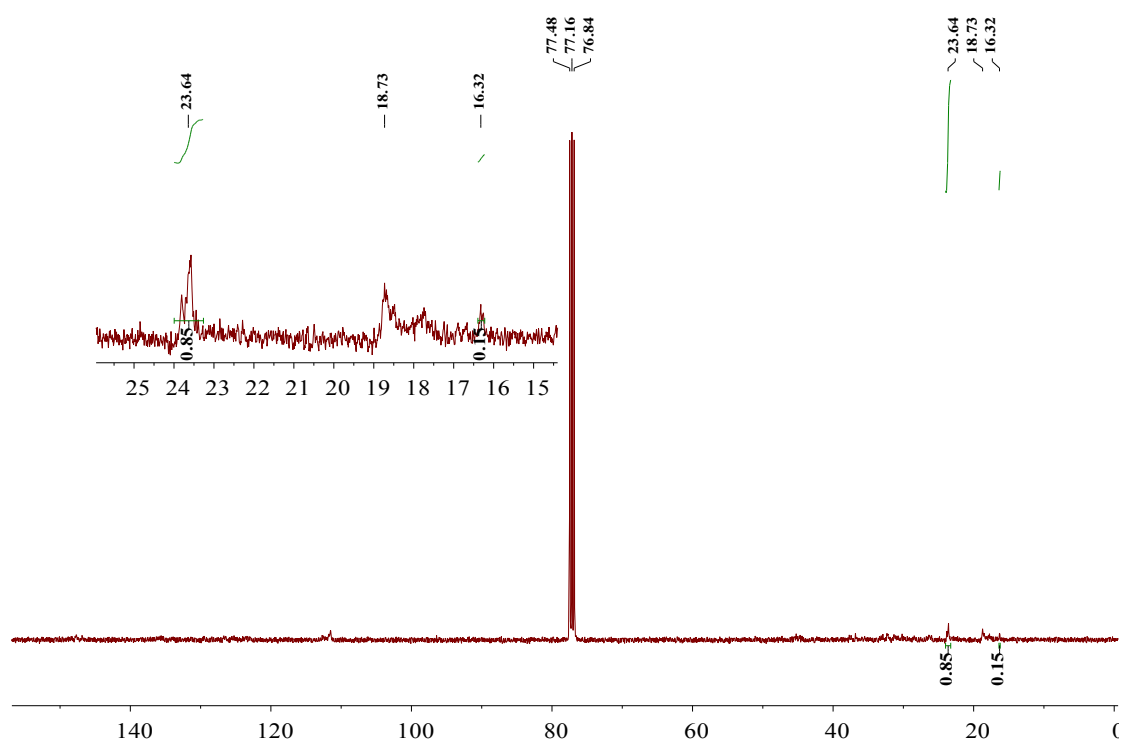
**Figure S32.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 3, entry 3)



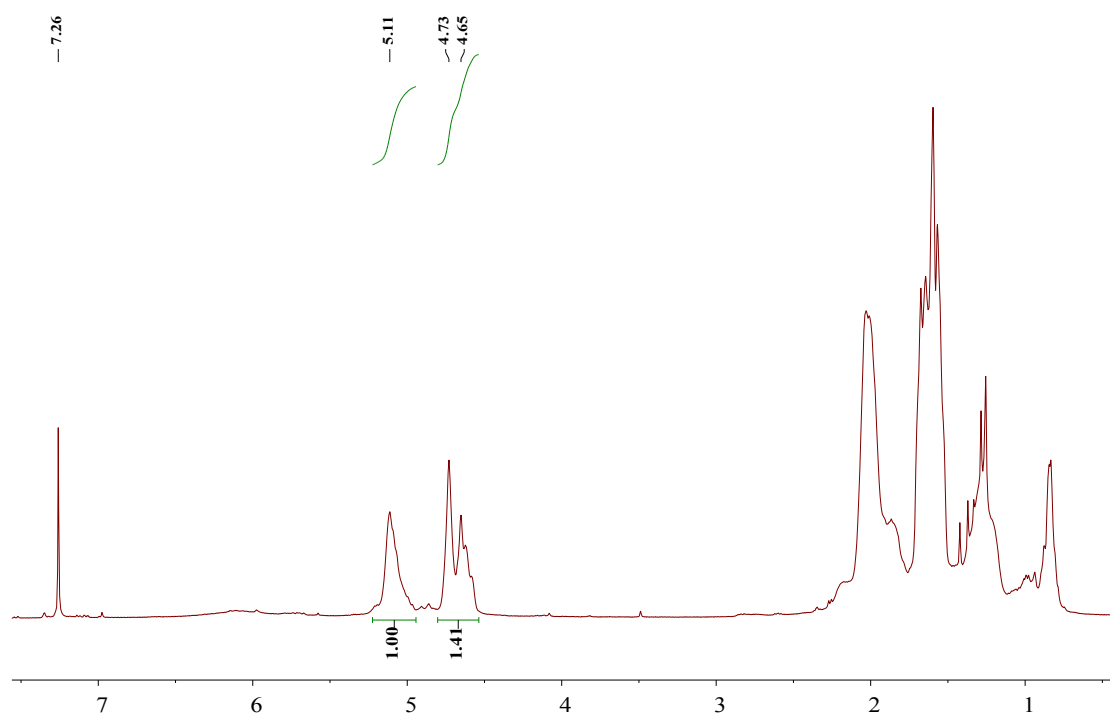
**Figure S33.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 3, entry 3)



**Figure S34.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 3, entry 6)



**Figure S35.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 3, entry 6)



**Figure S36.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 3, entry 11)

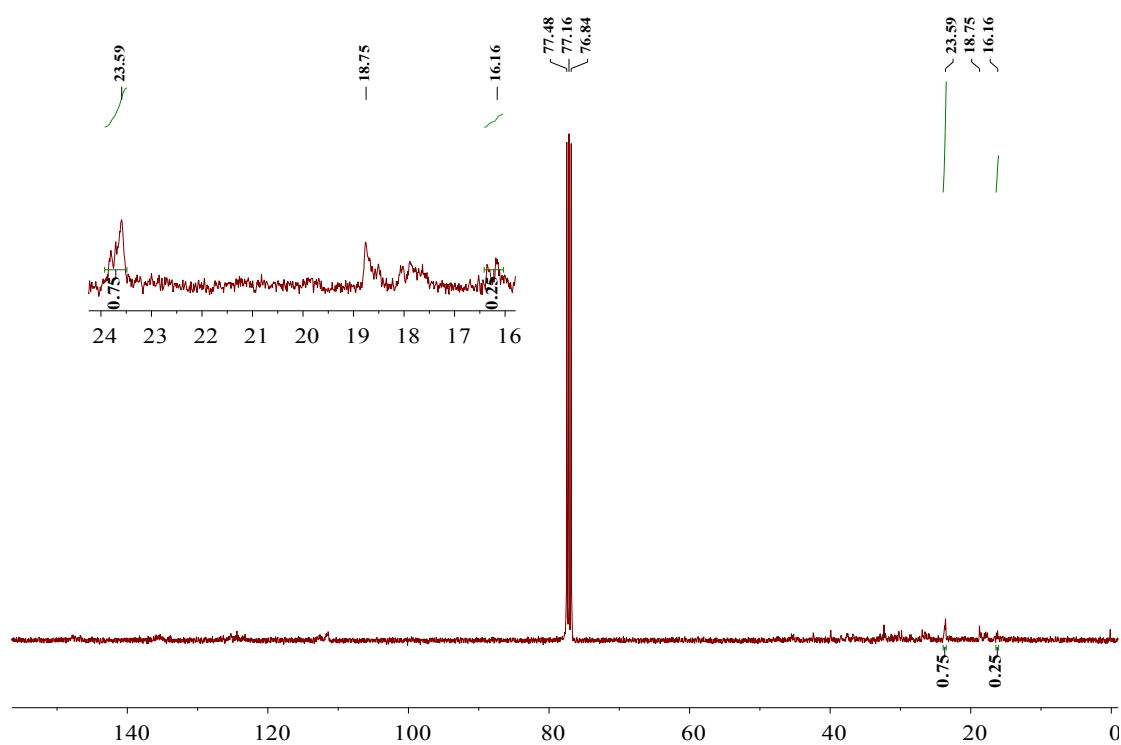


Figure S37.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) of polyisoprene (Table 3, entry 11)

#### 4. GPC Characterization of the Representative Polyisoprene

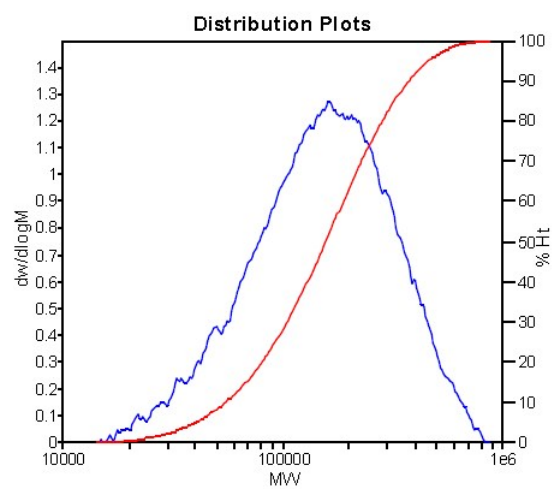
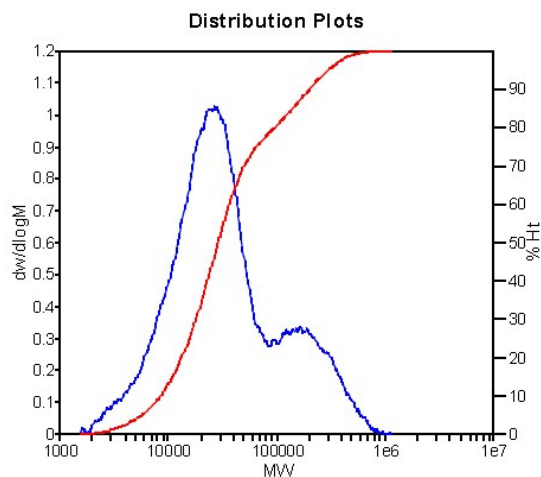
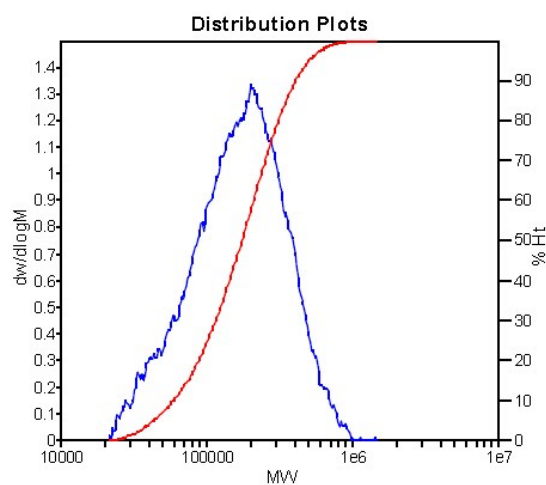


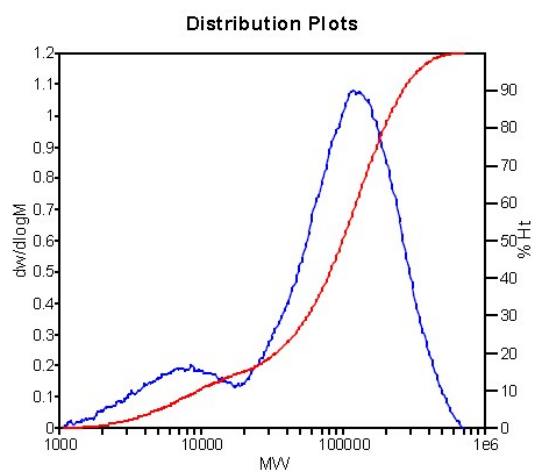
Figure S38. the GPC of Fe(II) complex  $\text{Fe}1_{\text{H}}$  catalyzed polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 1).



**Figure S39.** the GPC of Fe(II) complex **Fe<sub>2H</sub>** catalyzed polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 2)



**Figure S40.** the GPC of Fe(II) complex **Fe<sub>3Me</sub>** catalyzed polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 3)



**Figure S41.** the GPC of Fe(II) complex **Fe<sub>4H</sub>** catalyzed polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 4)

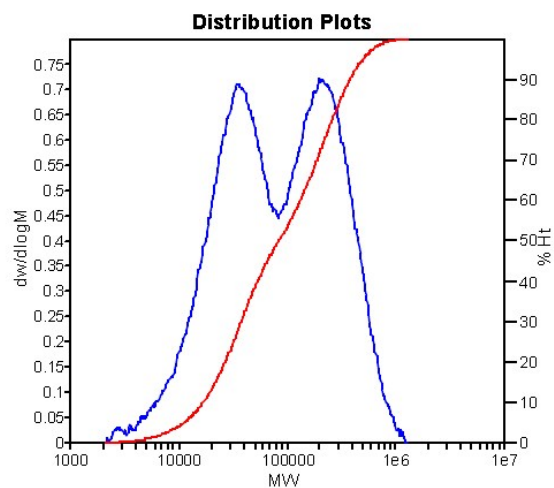


Figure S42. the GPC of Fe(II) complex **Fe5<sub>H</sub>** catalyzed polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 5)

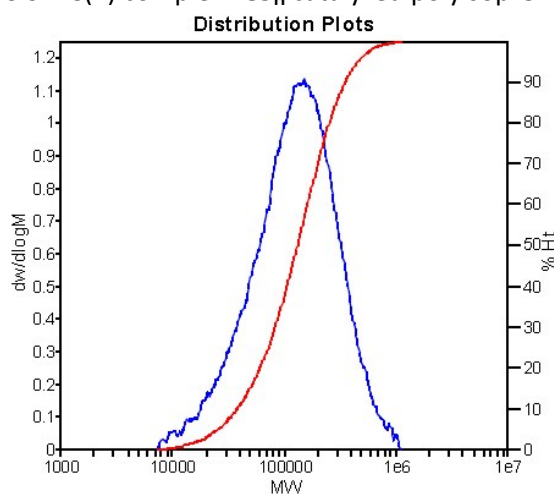


Figure S43. the GPC of Fe(II) complex **Fe6<sub>H</sub>** catalyzed polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 6)

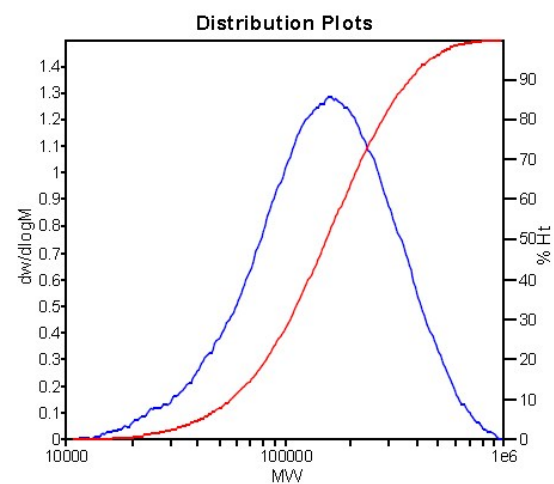
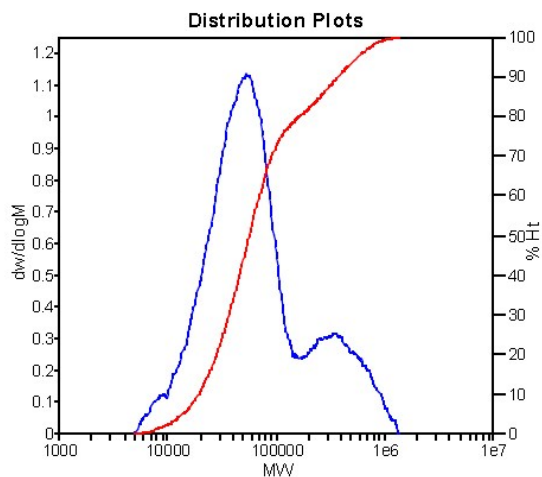
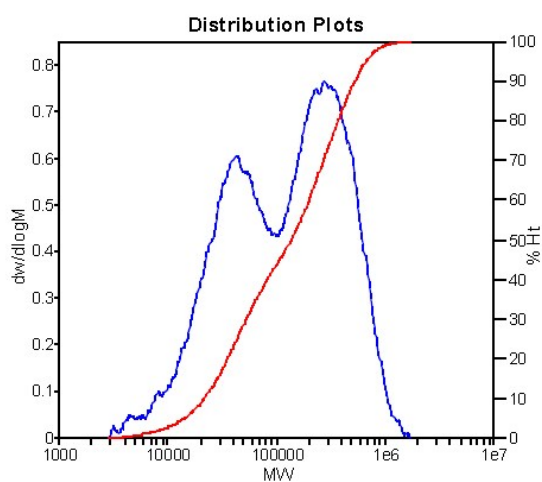


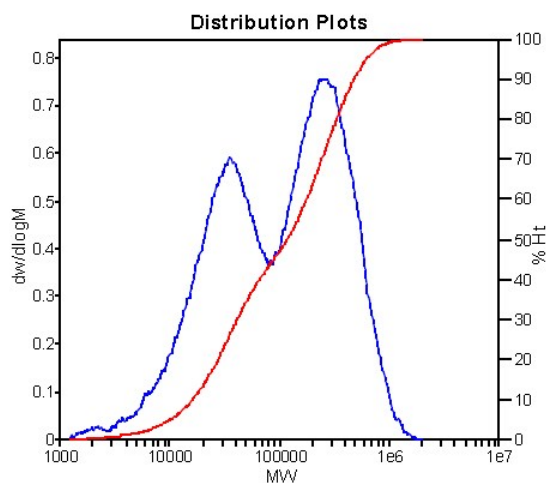
Figure S44. the GPC of Fe(II) complex **Fe7<sub>H</sub>** catalyzed polyisoprene (Table 2, entry 7)



**Figure S45.** the GPC of Fe(II) complex **Fe<sub>8H</sub>** catalyzed polyisoprene (Table 3, entry 8)

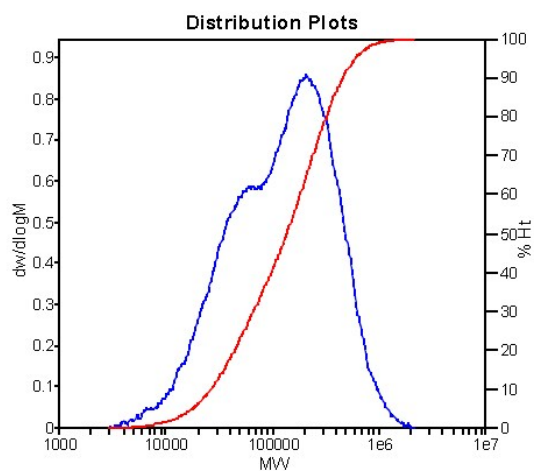


**Figure S46.** the GPC of Fe(II) complex **Fe<sub>9H</sub>** catalyzed polyisoprene (Table 3, entry 9)

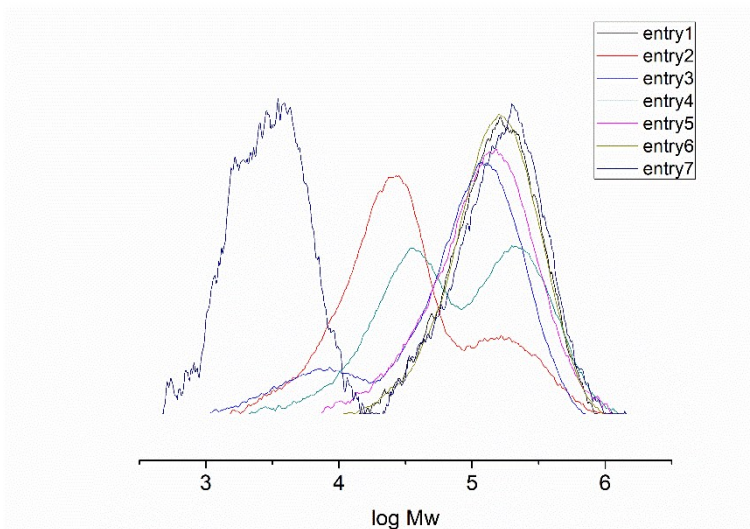


**Figure S47.** the GPC of Fe(II) complex **Fe<sub>10H</sub>** catalyzed polyisoprene (Table 3, entry 10)

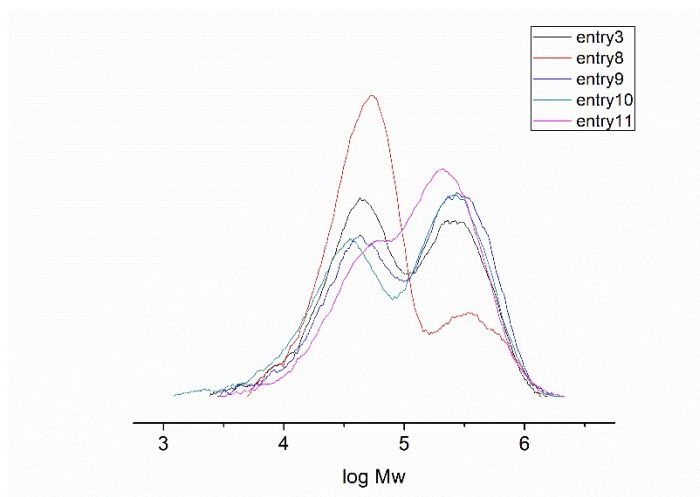




**Figure S48.** the GPC of Fe(II) complex **Fe11<sub>Me</sub>** catalyzed polyisoprene (Table 3, entry 11)



**Figure S49** the GPC of Fe(II) complex **Fe1<sub>H</sub> – Fe7<sub>H</sub>** catalyzed polyisoprene (Table 2, entries 1 – 7)



**Figure S50** the GPC of Fe(II) complex **Fe5<sub>H</sub>, Fe8<sub>H</sub> – Fe11<sub>Me</sub>** catalyzed polyisoprene (Table 3, entries 3, 8 – 11)

## 5. X-Ray Crystallography of Complexes

Fe<sub>3</sub>Me:CCDC number: 1884670;

### data reports

#### Abstract

**Table 1**

Experimental details

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>2</sub>
<i>M<sub>r</sub></i>	415.13
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
Temperature (K)	298
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	8.9981 (8), 10.7524 (9), 11.3021 (11)
$\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ (°)	89.495 (3), 66.730 (1), 79.902 (2)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	986.77 (15)
<i>Z</i>	2
Radiation type	Mo <i>K</i> $\alpha$
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.04
Crystal size (mm)	0.22 × 0.15 × 0.10
Data collection	
Diffractometer	CCD area detector
Absorption correction	Multi-scan <i>SADABS</i>
<i>T<sub>min</sub></i> , <i>T<sub>max</sub></i>	0.804, 0.903
No. of measured, independent and observed [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )] reflections	5011, 3435, 2225
<i>R<sub>int</sub></i>	0.048
( <i>sin</i> $\theta$ / $\lambda$ ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.595
Refinement	
<i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )], <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ), <i>S</i>	0.054, 0.126, 1.01
No. of reflections	3435
No. of parameters	227
No. of restraints	12
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{max}$ , $\Delta\rho_{min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.49, -0.56

Computer programs: Bruker *SMART*, Bruker *SHELXTL*, *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990), *SHELXL2018/3* (Sheldrick, 2018).

#### References

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## Abstract

Table 1

## Experimental details

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>18</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>2</sub>
<i>M<sub>r</sub></i>	317.03
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, <i>Pbca</i>
Temperature (K)	293
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	9.1540 (8), 6.8673 (6), 42.281 (3)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2657.9 (4)
<i>Z</i>	8
Radiation type	Cu <i>K</i> α
<i>μ</i> (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	12.62
Crystal size (mm)	0.30 × 0.15 × 0.05
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Xcalibur, Eos, Gemini
Absorption correction	Multi-scan <i>SADABS</i>
<i>T<sub>min</sub></i> , <i>T<sub>max</sub></i>	0.116, 0.571
No. of measured, independent and observed [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] reflections	13972, 2242, 1618
<i>R<sub>int</sub></i>	0.115
(sin θ/λ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.593
Refinement	
<i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2σ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )], <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ), <i>S</i>	0.099, 0.223, 1.09
No. of reflections	2242
No. of parameters	154
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0583P)^2 + 28.0462P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
Δρ <sub>max</sub> , Δρ <sub>min</sub> (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	1.61, -0.73

Computer programs: *SHELXL2018/3* (Sheldrick, 2018).

Table 2

## Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °) for (1884491)

<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>
C8—H8 <i>A</i> ···Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.83	3.538 (10)	131
C7—H7···Cl2	0.98	2.85	3.451 (10)	121
C6—H6···Cl1	0.93	2.95	3.525 (10)	121
C8—H8 <i>A</i> ···Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.83	3.538 (10)	131
C7—H7···Cl2	0.98	2.85	3.451 (10)	121
C6—H6···Cl1	0.93	2.95	3.525 (10)	121
C8—H8 <i>A</i> ···Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.83	3.538 (10)	131

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C7—H7···C12	0.98	2.85	3.451 (10)	121
C6—H6···C11	0.93	2.95	3.525 (10)	121
C8—H8 <i>A</i> ···C12 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.83	3.538 (10)	131
C7—H7···C12	0.98	2.85	3.451 (10)	121
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C7—H7···C12	0.98	2.85	3.451 (10)	121
C8—H8 <i>A</i> ···C12 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.83	3.538 (10)	131

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Symmetry code: (i)  $-x+1/2, y+1/2, z$ .

**References**

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## Abstract

Table 1

## Experimental details

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>32</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub>
<i>M<sub>r</sub></i>	678.07
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, <i>C2/c</i>
Temperature (K)	298
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	15.1785 (13), 9.3366 (8), 22.6274 (18)
β (°)	103.782 (2)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3114.3 (5)
<i>Z</i>	4
Radiation type	Mo <i>K</i> α
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.30
Crystal size (mm)	0.16 × 0.11 × 0.10
Data collection	
Diffractionmeter	CCD area detector
Absorption correction	Multi-scan <i>SADABS</i>
<i>T<sub>min</sub></i> , <i>T<sub>max</sub></i>	0.819, 0.881
No. of measured, independent and observed [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] reflections	7713, 2739, 1864
<i>R<sub>int</sub></i>	0.038
(sin θ/λ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.595
Refinement	
<i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2σ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )], <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ), <i>S</i>	0.034, 0.072, 1.04
No. of reflections	2739
No. of parameters	189
No. of restraints	24
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
Δρ <sub>max</sub> , Δρ <sub>min</sub> (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.34, -0.22

Computer programs: *SHELXL2018/3* (Sheldrick, 2018).

Table 2

## Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °) for (1884672)

<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>
C5—H5···Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.95	3.867 (3)	168
C6—H6···Cl1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.83	3.431 (3)	123
C8—H8···Cl1	0.98	2.96	3.488 (3)	115

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+2$ ; (ii)  $-x+1, -y+2, -z+2$ .

## Abstract

Table 1

Experimental details

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>18</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>2</sub>
$M_r$	339.04
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
Temperature (K)	298
$a, b, c$ (Å)	7.0439 (7), 13.0684 (11), 16.9522 (12)
$\beta$ (°)	90.761 (1)
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1560.4 (2)
$Z$	4
Radiation type	Mo $K\alpha$
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.30
Crystal size (mm)	0.48 × 0.42 × 0.40
Data collection	
Diffractionmeter	CCD area detector
Absorption correction	Multi-scan <i>SADABS</i>
$T_{\min}, T_{\max}$	0.575, 0.625
No. of measured, independent and observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections	7388, 2760, 2052
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.029
$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\text{max}}$ (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.595
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.035, 0.092, 1.06
No. of reflections	2760
No. of parameters	173
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.26, -0.37

Computer programs: *SHELXL2018/3* (Sheldrick, 2018).

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °) for (1884671)

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N2—H2 $\cdots$ Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	0.98	2.39	3.364 (2)	175

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, -y, -z+2$ .

## References

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6. NMR spectrum of L<sub>2H</sub> ligand deprotonated by AlMe<sub>3</sub>

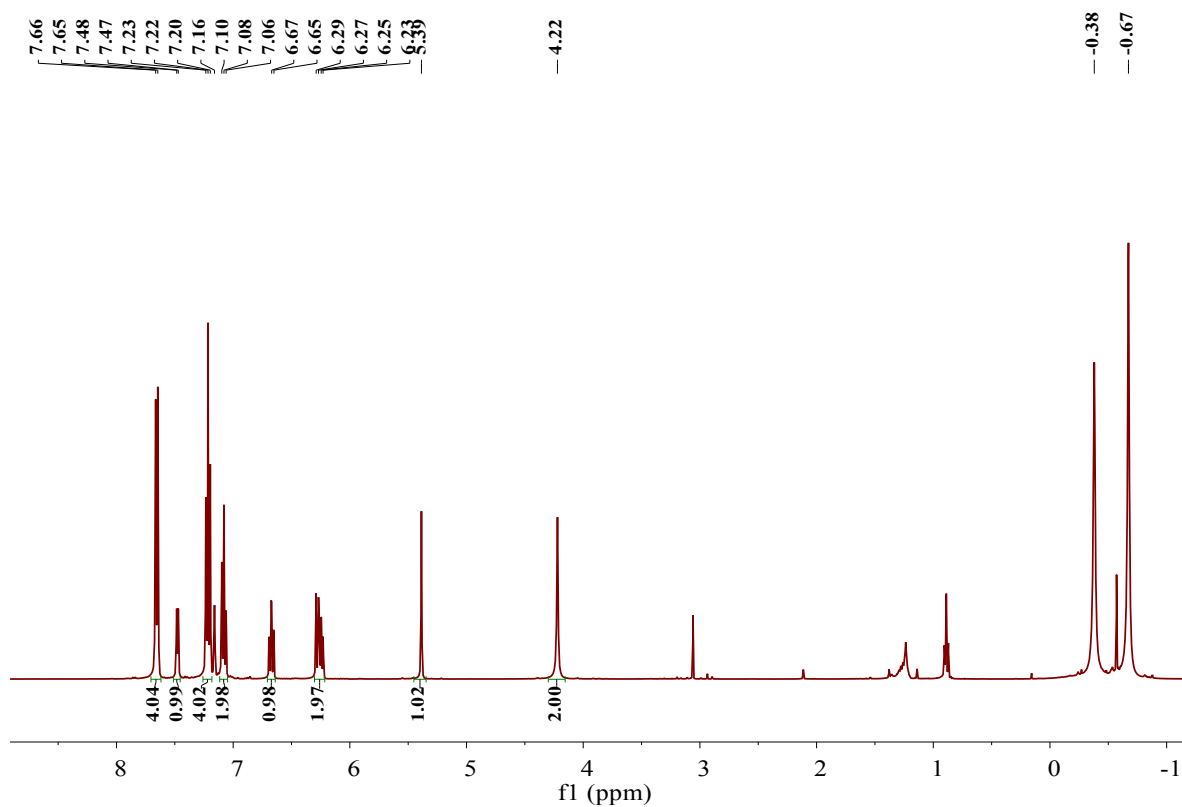


Figure S51 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 298 K)

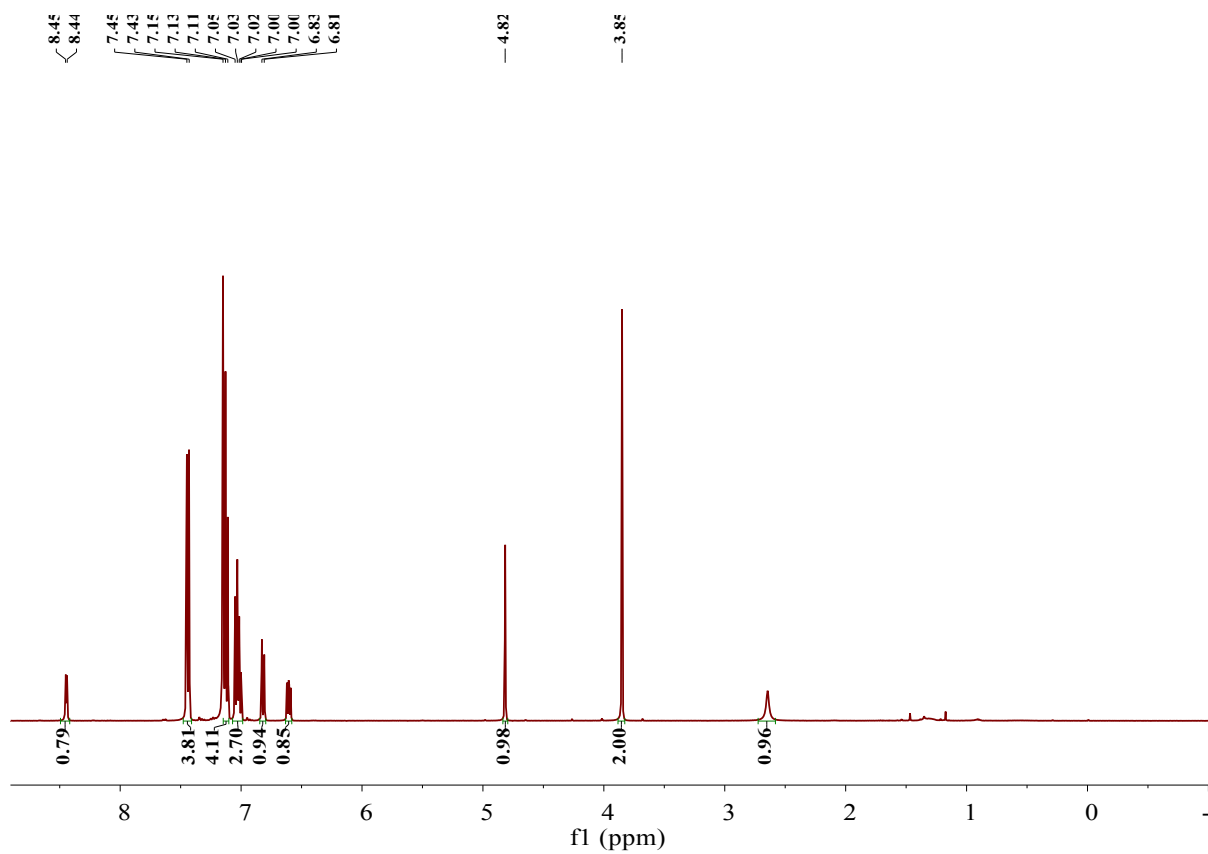


Figure S52. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 298 K) of L<sub>2H</sub>

