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Bicyclic (alkyl)(amino)carbene stabilized zinc(0) complex with singlet biradicaloid ground state

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Experimental Section

General methods and instrumentation. Manipulations involving air/moisture sensitive compounds were carried out under an argon atmosphere using a Schlenk line and a glovebox. Toluene and hexane (from Na/benzophenone ketyl) were distilled fresh whenever required. Benzene-*d*₆ and THF-*d*₈ were condensed from Na/benzophenone ketyl, and CDCl₃ and CD₂Cl₂ were condensed from CaH₂ and stored in a glovebox. All other chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received. Elemental analyses were performed using a Perkin-Elmer 2400, Series II, CHNS/O analyser. NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECS 400 MHz spectrometer and on a Bruker Avance III 500 MHz spectrometer. EPR measurements were performed on a Bruker (X-band) spectrometer. All chemical shifts were reported in ppm using tetramethylsilane as a reference.

Single-Crystal X-ray Experiments. X-ray diffraction data for complexes **1**, **2** and **3** were collected on a SuperNova, Dual, Mo at zero, Eos diffractometer. The data for complex **1** were collected at 293 K while for compounds **2** and **3** data were collected at 100 K. Atomic coordinates, isotropic and anisotropic displacement parameters of all the non-hydrogen atoms were refined using Olex2,^{S1} and the structure was solved with the ShelXT^{S2} structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL^{S3} refinement package using Least Squares minimization. Carbon and hydrogen atoms in bicyclo[2.2.2]octane framework (BICAAC ring) of compound **1** and **2** were disordered which were modelled using the occupancy factors with AFIX instructions. The crystal data and results of the analyses are listed in Table S1. CCDC 2033102 and 2033103, contain the supplementary crystallographic data for **1**, **2**, respectively. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

Computational Details. All geometry optimization are performed under the framework of Density functional theory. To confirm the comparison in energy among different electronic states three different functional M06-2X,^{S4,S5} PBE0^{S6} and B3LYP-D3^{S7-S13} are used along with def2-SVP^{S14} basis set for all atoms. The stationary points are characterized by vibrational analysis to recognize the structures as minima with all positive frequencies. The energies are further refined

with the larger basis set def2-TZVPP^{S15} using geometries obtained from SVP basis set. All calculations are carried out with Gaussian 16 suite of program.^{S16}

Synthesis of [(BICAAC)(μ -Cl)ZnCl]₂ (1). Toluene (20 mL) was cooled to -78 °C and added to a 1:1 mixture of BICAAC (0.516 g, 1.66 mmol) and ZnCl₂ (0.225 g, 1.65). The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred for 12 h. The color of the reaction mixture changed to yellow from colorless, which was then filtered over a frit using celite and then solvent was reduced to 10 mL to afford colorless block shaped crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray analysis of **1** at 25 °C. Yield: 0.545 g, 71%. Mp: 185-186 °C dec. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 7.27 (1H, t, ArH), 7.19-7.11 (2H, m, ArH), 2.77-2.70 (1H, m, CHMe₂), 2.52-2.45 (1H, m, CHMe₂), 1.87-1.84 (4H, m), 1.74-1.59 (4H, m), 1.51-1.47 (1H, m), 1.25 (6H, q, CHMeMe), 1.16 (6H, q, CHMeMe), 0.99 (3H, d, CH₃), 0.96 (3H, s, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 144.1, 143.9, 139.5, 129.8, 129.1, 128.3, 125.3, 125.1, 65.1, 49.9, 44.0, 37.5, 32.9, 31.4, 28.9, 28.2, 25.8, 25.7, 25.0, 24.4, 24.0, 23.4, 21.5, 20.7. Elemental analysis, found (calcd) for C₄₄H₆₆Cl₄N₂Zn₂: C, 58.85 (59.01); H, 7.16 (7.43); N, 2.95 (3.13).

Synthesis of [(BICAAC)₂Zn] (2). Toluene (20 mL) was cooled to -78 °C and added to a 1:3 mixture of [(BICAAC)(μ -Cl)ZnCl]₂ (0.500 g, 1.66 mmol) and KC₈ (0.440 g, 3.26 mmol). The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred for 3 h resulting in a deep blue solution. The reaction mixture was filtered over a frit using celite and filtrate was dried under vacuum for several hours to obtain a black colored solid. The crude material was recrystallized from hexane at 25 °C to obtain red colored crystals. Yield: 0.14 g, 52%. UV/vis λ_{ab} = 636 nm. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 7.21 (1H, s, ArH), 7.10-7.08 (2H, d, ArH), 3.53-3.51 (1H, m, CHMe₂), 3.35-3.32 (1H, m, CHMe₂), 1.96 (1H, br), 1.78-1.74 (4H, m), 1.64-1.60 (6H, m), 1.51 (1H, br), 1.30-1.25 (6H, m), 1.18-1.16 (3H, m), 0.8 (1H, br), 0.67 (3H, d, CH₃), 0.21 (3H, s, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 149.9, 149.5, 143.8, 126.0, 125.7, 125.4, 55.7, 46.6, 43.5, 38.9, 37.4, 35.5, 28.7, 28.4, 28.1, 28.0, 25.3, 24.5, 24.4, 22.9, 19.8. Elemental analysis, found (calcd) for C₄₄H₆₆N₂Zn: C, 76.15 (76.77); H, 10.09 (9.66); N, 4.31 (4.07).

Synthesis of [(BICAAC)CO₂] (3). To a Schlenk tube containing (BICAAC)₂Zn (**2**) (0.250 g, 1.52 mmol) in toluene (10 mL), purified CO₂ gas was condensed at -78 °C and the solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h, whereupon a precipitate was obtained by slow

evaporation of CO₂, which was filtered using a frit, dried under vacuum. Single crystals for X-ray diffraction analysis were grown from a hexane-THF solution at -20 °C. Yield: 0.230 g, 91%. ¹H NMR (THF *d*₈ + C₂D₂Cl₂, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 7.37 (1H, t, ArH), 7.19-7.11 (2H, m, ArH), 2.77-2.75 (1H, m, CHMe₂), 2.56-2.53 (1H, m, CHMe₂), 2.26-2.22 (1H, m), 2.07-2.05 (1H, m), 1.93-1.89 (2H, m), 1.80-1.79 (1H, m), 1.55-1.52 (1H, m), 1.34 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.28-1.26 (6H, m, CHMeMe), 1.19-1.15 (6H, m, CHMeMe), 1.09 (3H, d, CH₃), 0.96 (3H, s, CH₃). NMR (THF *d*₈ + C₂D₂Cl₂, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 194.4, 159.7, 145.6, 145.3, 134.6, 130.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.4, 125.5, 64.9, 43.7, 43.4, 37.6, 34.6, 33.1, 30.1, 29.9, 29.6, 22.4, 19.3, 19.2. Elemental analysis, found (calcd) for C₂₃H₃₄NO₂: C, 77.18 (77.48); H, 9.35 (9.61); N, 4.05 (3.93).

Reaction of [(BICAAC)₂Zn] with Ph₃CCl. A 1:2 molar mixture of (BICAAC)₂Zn (0.05 g, 0.07 mmol) and Ph₃CCl (0.04 g, 0.14 mmol) was placed in a Schlenk flask and benzene (10 mL) was added at room temperature. The color of the solution immediately changed to the orange and resultant mixture was stirred for 1 h. It was filtered over a frit using celite and filtrate was dried under vacuum. Yield (filtrate): 0.03 g (crude), 88%. EPR measurement of the Ph₃C[•] in toluene at 25 °C shows a sharp resonance at 3315 G. NMR measurement of precipitate (**4**): ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 9.41 (1H, s, imine-H) 7.53-7.50 (1H, m, ArH), 7.34-7.31 (2H, m, ArH), 2.68-2.65 (1H, m, CHMe₂), 2.60-2.55 (1H, m, CHMe₂), 2.37-2.34 (2H, m), 2.24-2.18 (2H, m), 1.95-1.90 (1H, m), 1.84-1.79 (1H, m), 1.70-1.66 (5H, m), 1.34(3H, d), 1.30-1.25 (6H, m), 1.21-1.20 (6H, m), 1.08 (3H, d). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 194.4, 143.8, 143.2, 135.2, 131.7, 125.7, 125.3, 69.4, 45.5, 43.7, 38.6, 33.5, 33.2, 29.7, 29.1, 25.6, 25.5, 23.8, 22.8, 22.0, 20.8, 19.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - Cl]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₃₄ClN 312.2686, found 312.2646.

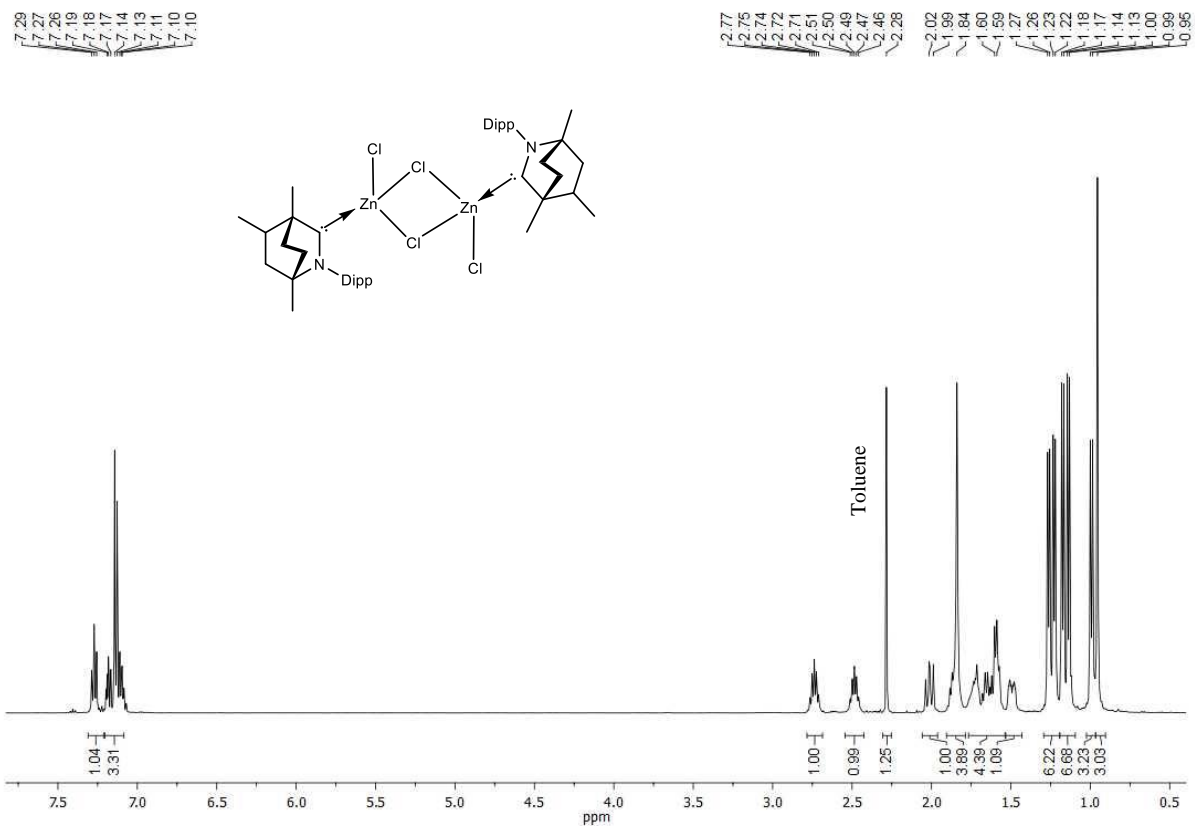


Fig. S1 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **1** in CDCl₃

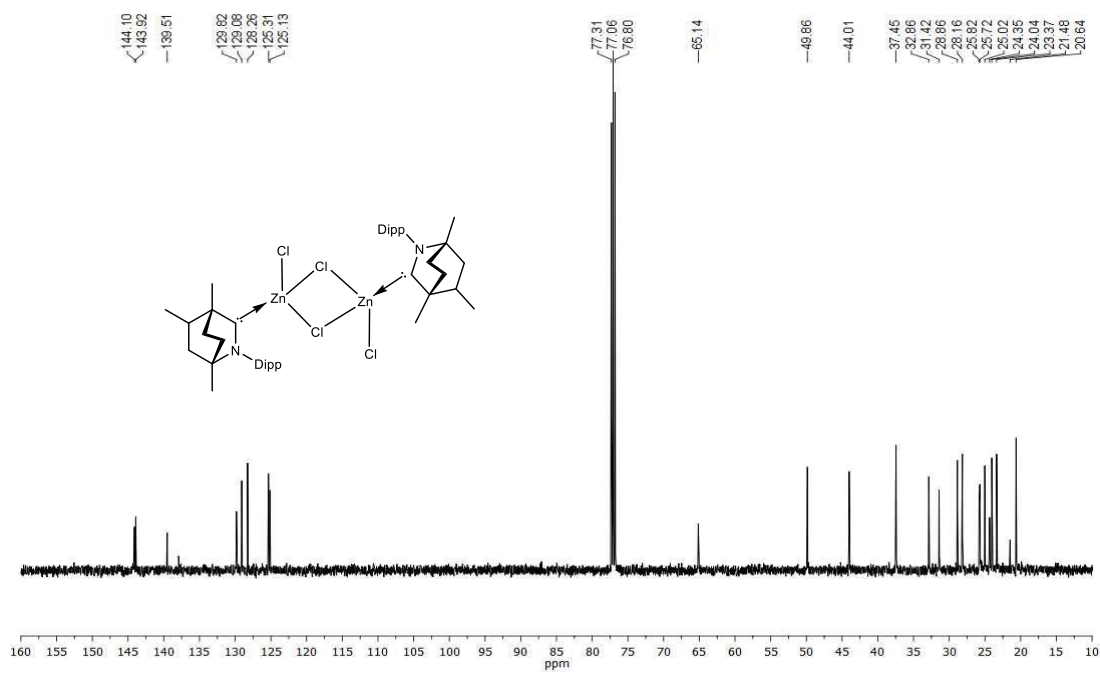


Fig. S2 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **1** in CDCl₃

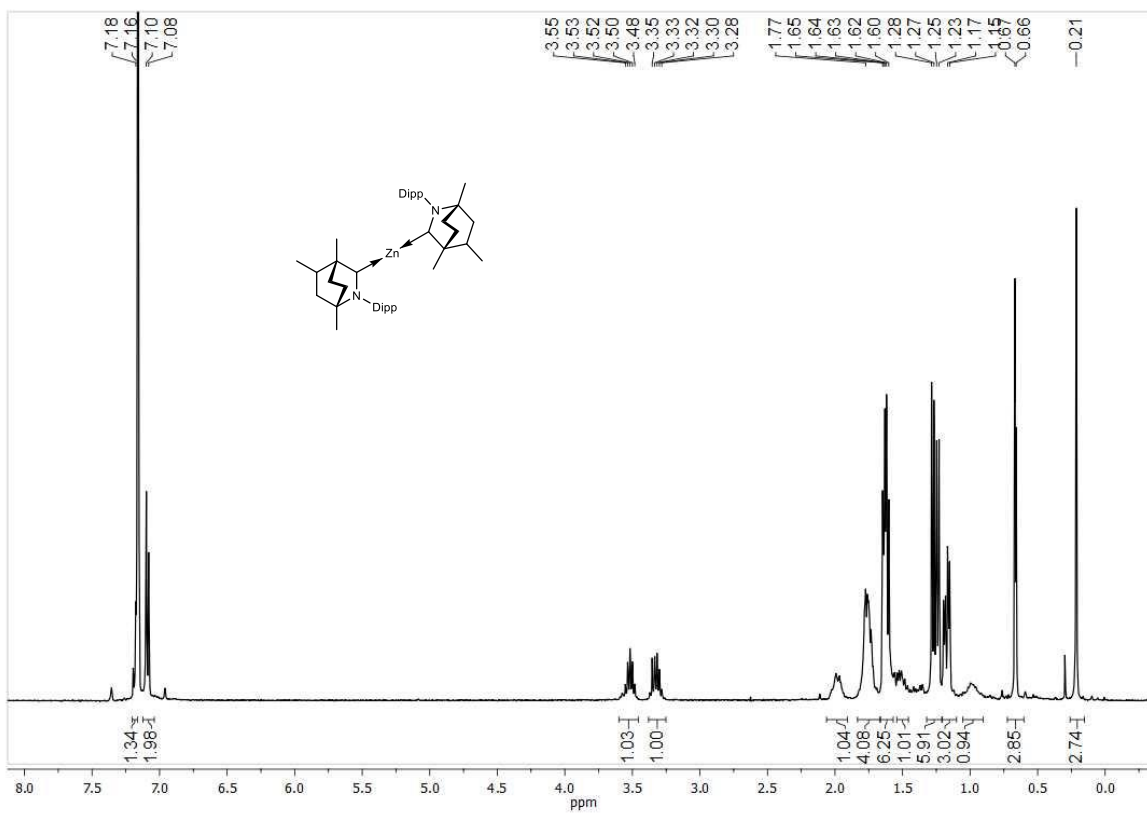


Fig. S3 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **2** in C_6D_6

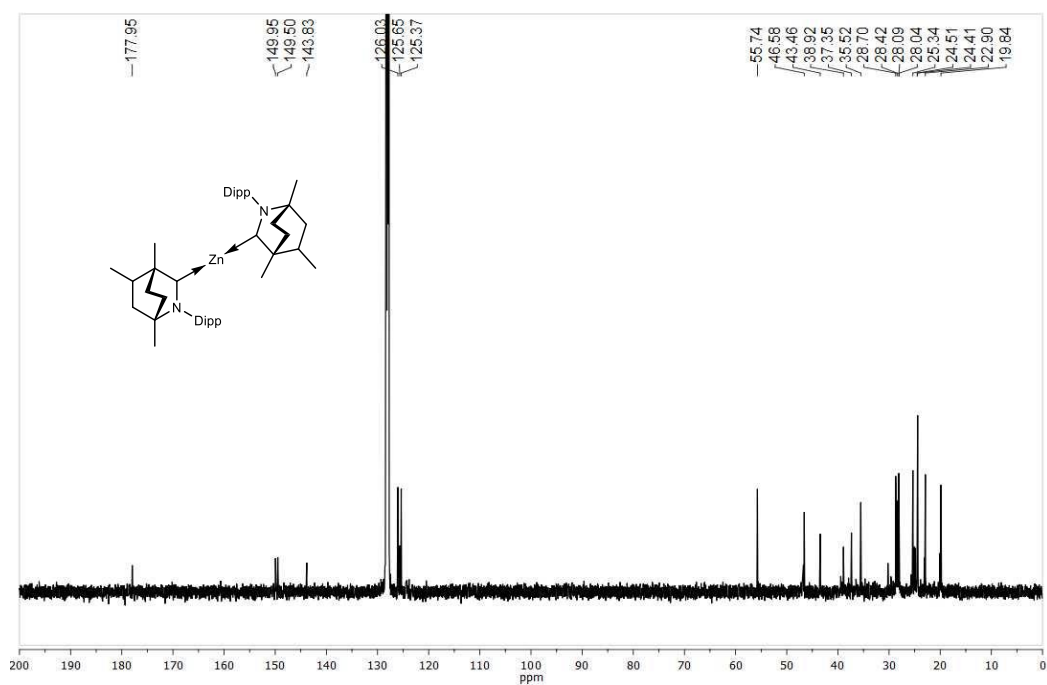


Fig. S4 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **2** in C_6D_6

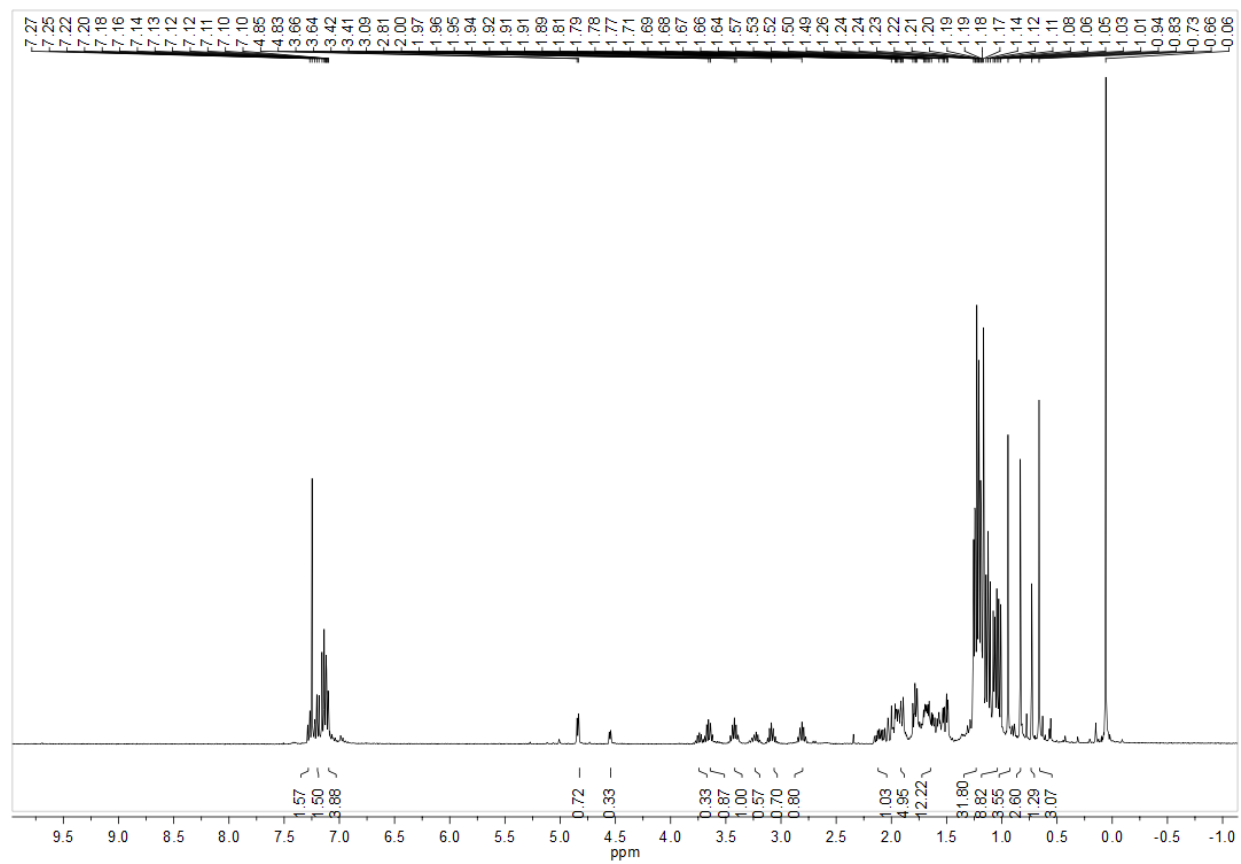


Fig. S5 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **2** after exposed with oxygen in CDCl_3



Fig. S6 Photograph of $(\text{BICAAC})_2\text{Zn}$ compound with degassed water.

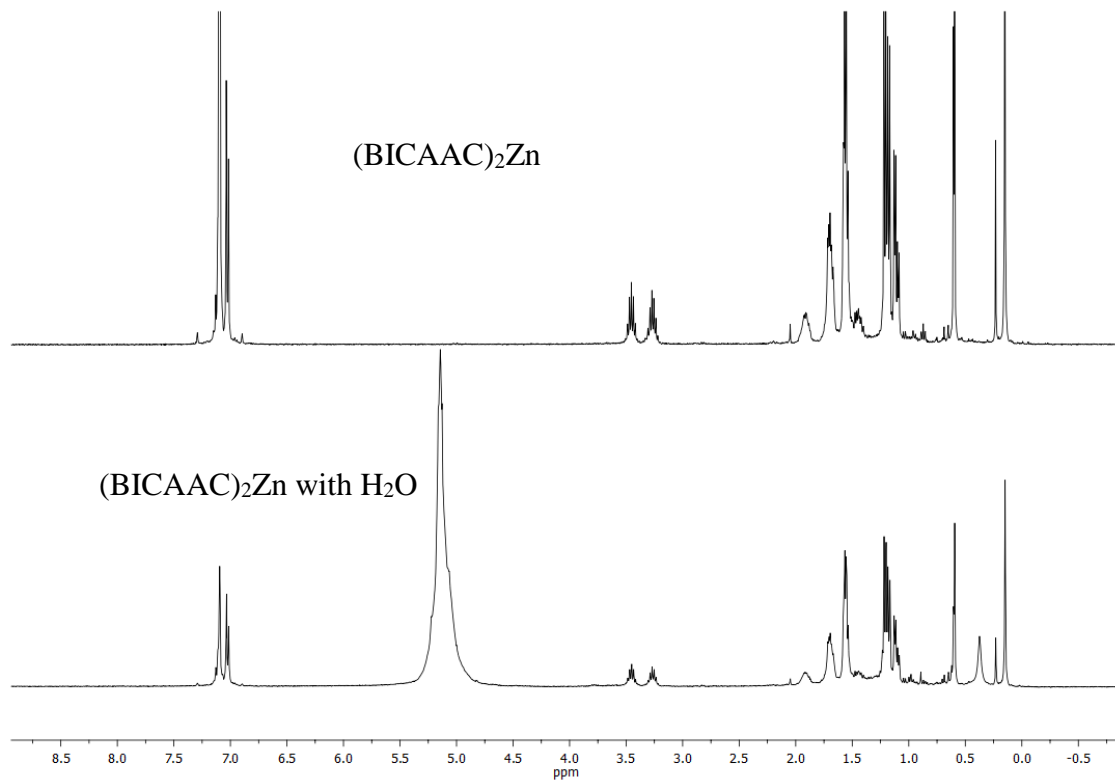


Fig. S7 NMR tube reaction of (BICAAC)₂Zn compound with degassed water, recorded in C₆D₆. The top spectrum represents the ¹H NMR spectrum of **2** without H₂O treatment.

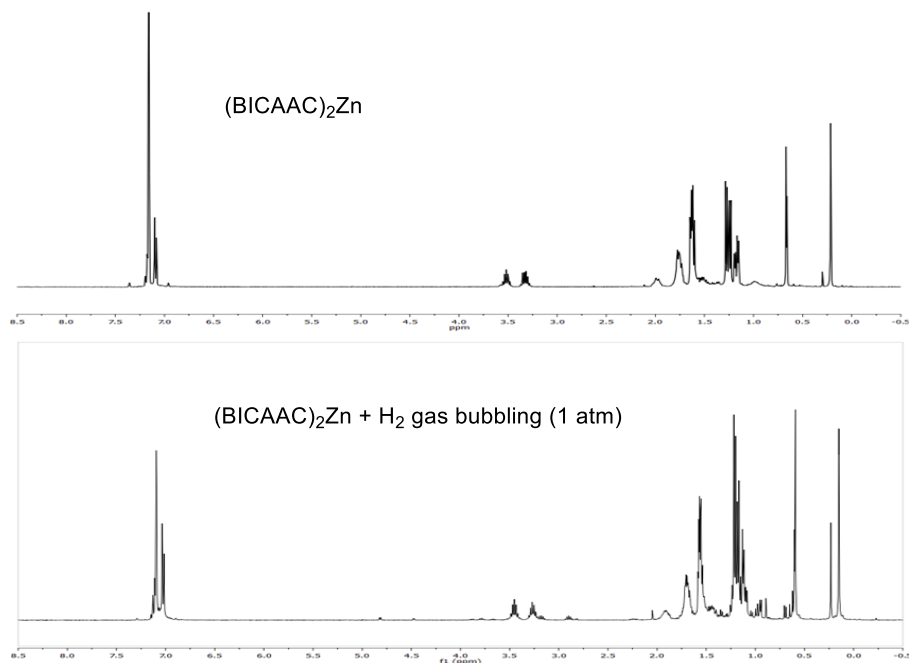


Fig. S8 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **2** (without exposure to H_2 shown in the top part) and bottom spectrum shown after exposure with H_2 gas (bubbling), recorded in C_6D_6

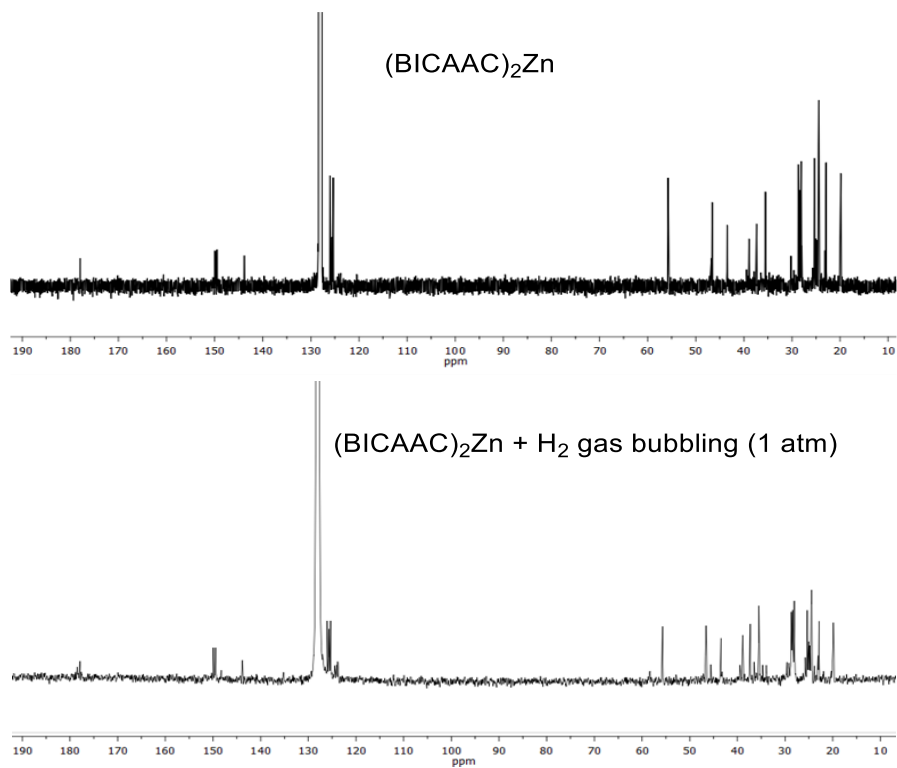


Fig. S9 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **2** (without exposure to H_2 shown in the top part) and bottom spectrum shown after exposure with H_2 gas (bubbling), recorded in C_6D_6 .

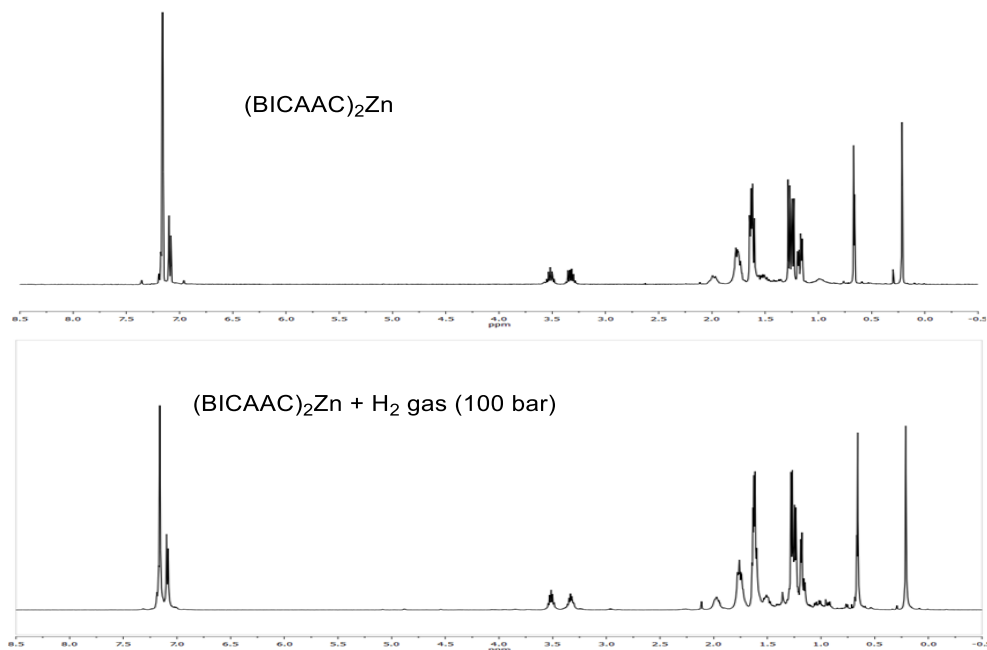


Fig. S10 ^1H NMR spectrum of reaction of compound **2** with H_2 gas (100 bar) in C_6D_6 . The top part shows the ^1H NMR spectrum of **2** without exposure to H_2 gas.

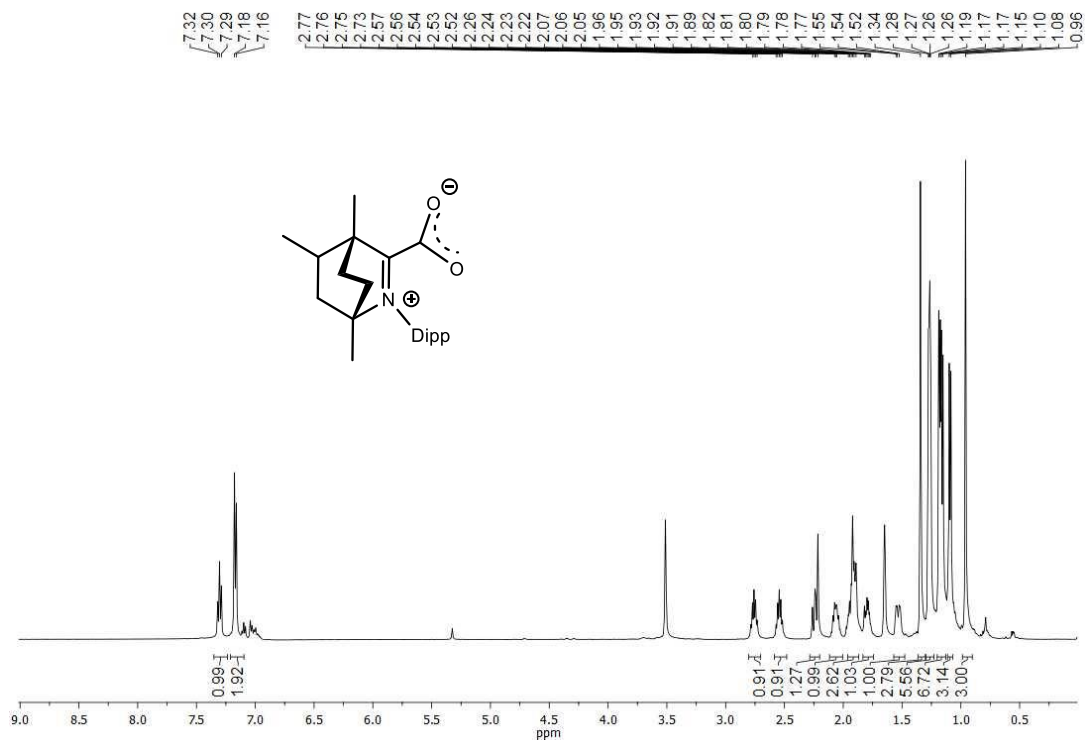


Fig. S11 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **3** in $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2 + \text{THF-}d_8$

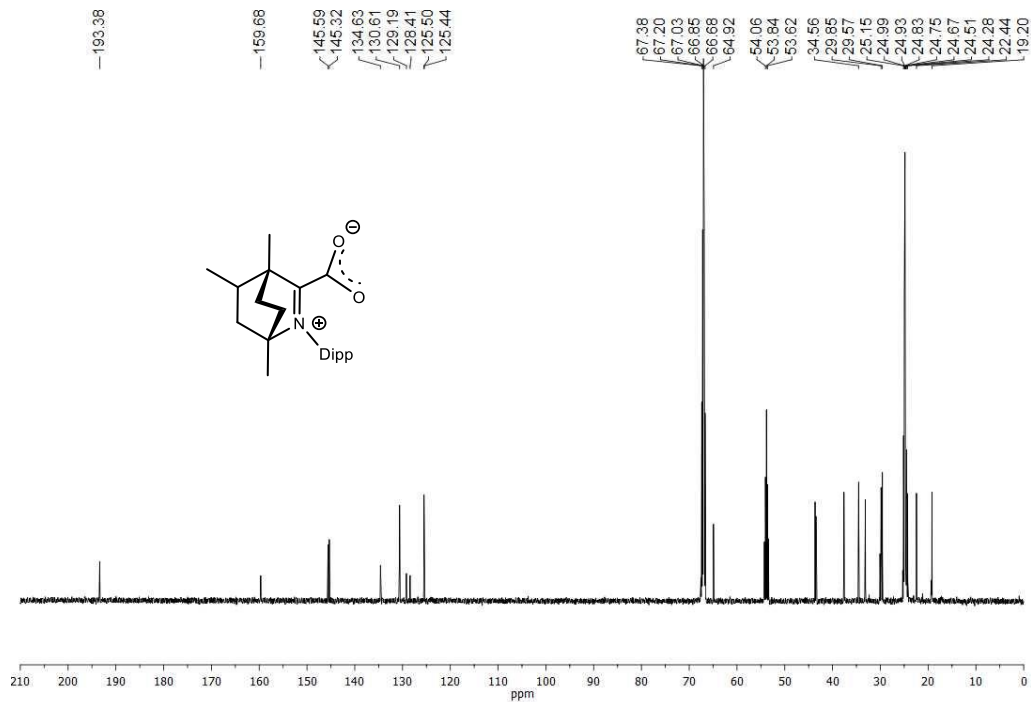


Fig. S12 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 3 in CD₂Cl₂ + THF-*d*₈

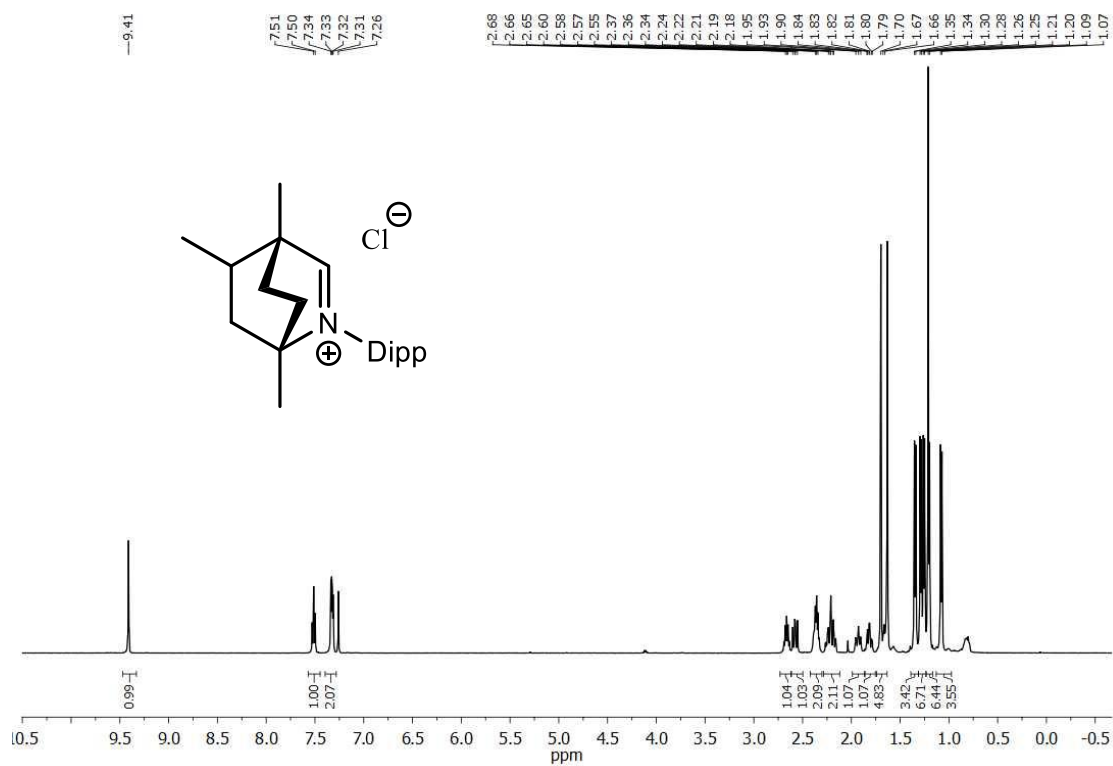


Fig. S13 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 4 in CDCl₃

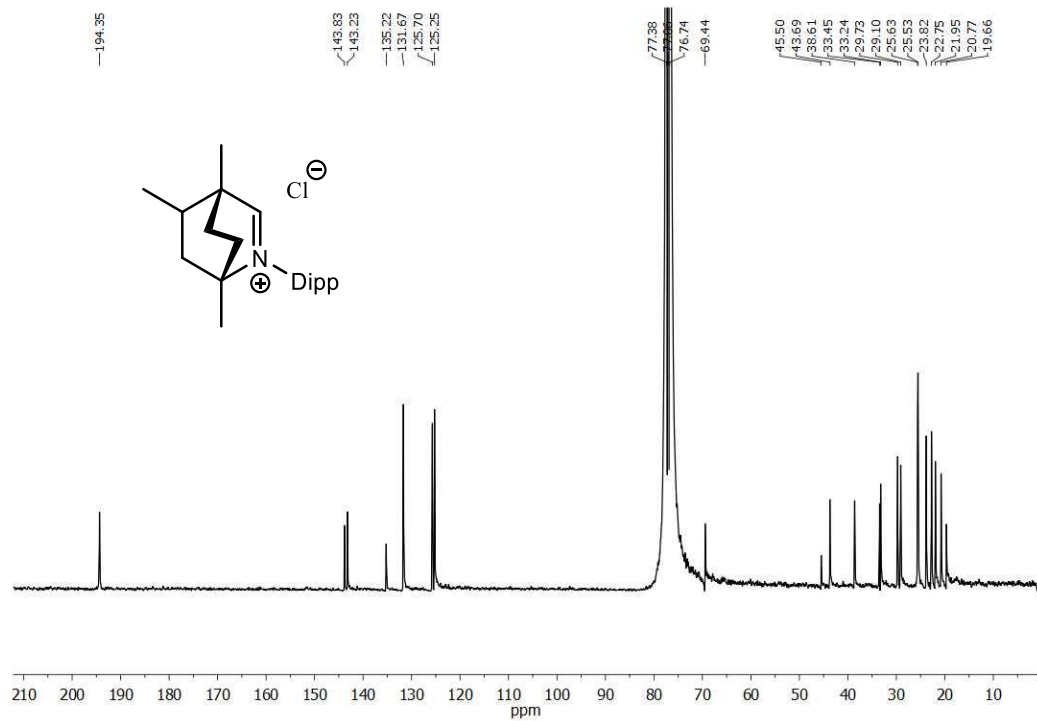


Fig. S14 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 4 in CDCl_3

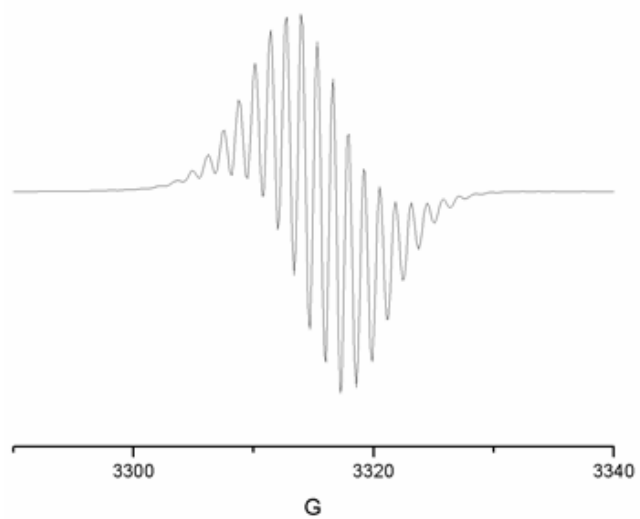


Fig. S15 EPR spectrum of $\text{Ph}_3\text{C}\cdot$ at 25 °C

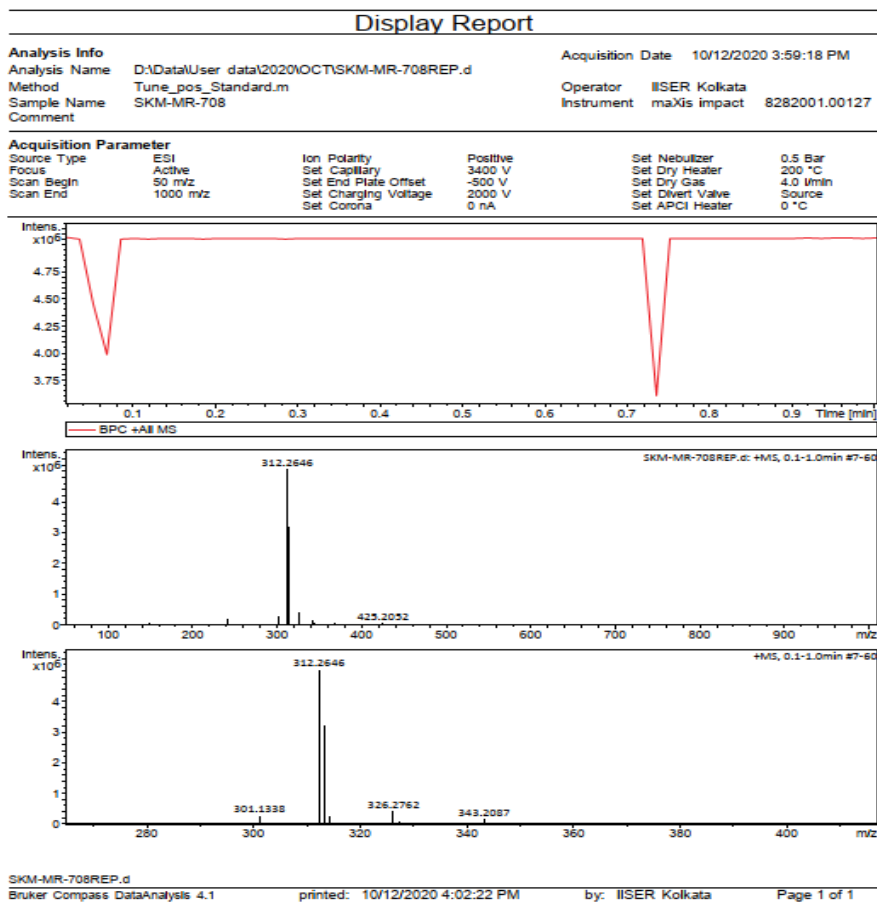


Fig. S16 HRMS spectrum of compound **4**, $[M-Cl]^+$ peak

Table S1. Crystallographic data for compounds **1** and **2**

Compound	1	2
Empirical formula	$C_{54.5}H_{78}Cl_4N_2Zn_2$	$C_{88}H_{132}N_4Zn_2$
Formula weight	1033.72	1376.71
Temperature (K)	293(2)	100.0
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$	P-1
a (Å)	9.6552(7)	9.8500(4)
b (Å)	17.3124(13)	12.5419(5)
c (Å)	15.8733(13)	16.7728(6)
α (°)	90	79.912(3)
β (°)	99.979(7)	85.521(3)

γ (°)	90	70.669(4)
V(Å ³)	2613.2(4)	1924.58(14)
Z	2	1
ρ_{calc} (g/cm ³)	1.314	1.188
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.159	1.105
<i>F</i> (000)	1094.0	748.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.4 × 0.3 × 0.2	0.2 × 0.15 × 0.1
Radiation	MoK α (λ = 0.71073)	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)
Chemical_formula_sum	'C54.50 H78 Cl4 N2 Zn2'	'C88 H132 N4 Zn2'
Cell_measurement_reflns_used	3654	6719
Cell_measurement_temperature	293.0	100.00 K
Cell_measurement_theta_max	25.0730	66.1570
Cell_measurement_theta_min	2.0940	2.6460
Shelx_estimated_absorpt_T_max	0.801	0.898
Shelx_estimated_absorpt_T_min	0.654	0.809
Exptl_absorpt_coefficient_mu	1.159	1.105
Exptl_absorpt_correction_T_max	1.00000	1.00000
Exptl_absorpt_correction_T_min	0.48418	0.75632
Exptl_absorpt_correction_type	multi-scan	multi-scan
2 Θ range for data collection/°	3.51 to 50.046	5.352 to 132.468
Index ranges	-11 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 11, -20 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 20, -17 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 18	-11 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 11, -14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14, -19 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 19
Reflections collected	14705	18938
Independent reflections	4614 [<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0745, <i>R</i> _{sigma} = 0.0636]	6704 [<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0420, <i>R</i> _{sigma} = 0.0473]
Data/restraints/parameters	4614/274/291	6704/634/602
Goodness-of-fit	1.034	1.142
Final <i>R</i> indexes [<i>I</i> ≥ 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0497, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1288	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0472, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1041
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0647, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1447	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0572, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1085
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.58/-0.56	0.38/-0.45

^a $R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$. $wR2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{0.5}$.

Coordinates and energies of (BICAAC)₂Zn at different spin-state

Singlet

Zn	-0.00017900	-0.00627600	-0.02016700
N	2.82676500	0.51278300	-0.22742900
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H	4.31141500	-3.01502700	-2.98000000

C	1.61385600	-0.33601000	3.52850200
H	1.71756800	-1.28400100	4.08012900
H	1.48315500	0.47098200	4.26578800
H	0.70522000	-0.38357100	2.90848200
C	4.09834400	0.10171600	3.50383000
H	3.96731300	0.91700300	4.23104700
H	4.31400100	-0.81876300	4.06798000
H	4.98146900	0.33128700	2.89033700
C	-1.69098700	0.35701700	-3.53834200
H	-1.77505700	1.31934900	-4.06816100
H	-0.77232000	0.36499400	-2.93194400
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C	-4.18515300	-0.01236700	-3.48767300
H	-4.08774400	-0.82150900	-4.22687600
H	-5.06813600	-0.22219600	-2.86704800
H	-4.37858900	0.92137300	-4.03782600
C	-3.99805400	1.90043600	3.10168500
H	-3.83045200	1.64377800	4.15850400
H	-4.23508500	2.97436800	3.05109900
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C	-1.52861200	2.32388200	2.79467700
H	-1.66530300	3.41562200	2.74278800
H	-1.33710900	2.05709900	3.84529300
H	-0.64229300	2.05105800	2.20246000

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Singlet-biradical

Zn	0.00001600	-0.00007700	-0.00015500
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C	4.01087500	1.33805800	-0.53593500
C	3.16385800	-2.55538000	1.91394600
H	3.22390600	-2.82075000	2.97221200
C	3.01149000	-1.21252600	1.55231700
C	1.59354200	1.04779200	-0.34599700
C	2.95537700	-0.88224600	0.18022100
C	3.23210000	-3.55550800	0.94988600
H	3.36119000	-4.59690700	1.24928600
C	3.87142900	1.80774000	-1.99845800
H	4.06608700	0.96373900	-2.67665000
H	4.65520400	2.55639700	-2.19242900
C	3.10699800	-3.22634200	-0.39596200
H	3.12316300	-4.01783300	-1.14903200
C	5.32377600	0.60948100	-0.30439200
H	5.42713800	0.30357100	0.74628400
H	6.16073800	1.27489800	-0.55909700
H	5.39341600	-0.29383200	-0.92644900

C	2.88070600	-0.15687000	2.63714000
H	2.77311000	0.81116900	2.13283900
C	2.94685100	-1.89733300	-0.80209500
C	3.90496300	2.59726400	0.34327500
H	4.76053400	3.25492400	0.12441100
H	3.99677600	2.29964000	1.39987500
C	2.72763800	-1.58874400	-2.27374000
H	2.58000300	-0.50469100	-2.36194900
C	2.56103800	3.32760500	0.09665100
H	2.76194200	4.27459400	-0.43488600
C	1.69279100	2.46357600	-0.87002500
C	2.46294400	2.39907100	-2.21353900
H	2.51950700	3.40953800	-2.65036100
H	1.87777300	1.77716900	-2.90896900
C	0.31115400	3.06492200	-1.08912700
H	-0.20929200	2.54165500	-1.90653200
H	0.37181500	4.13282800	-1.35461400
H	-0.31594300	2.97402400	-0.18704700
C	1.86838700	3.66817100	1.41214800
H	1.58911700	2.74706300	1.94772000
H	0.95535200	4.26084000	1.25766500
H	2.54103300	4.24958100	2.06076600
N	-2.84912200	-0.48235500	0.21569100
C	-4.01087000	-1.33797800	0.53603000
C	-3.16367400	2.55555300	-1.91373700
H	-3.22368400	2.82099200	-2.97198900
C	-3.01134700	1.21266900	-1.55219400
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C	-2.95532200	0.88230700	-0.18011600
C	-3.23196600	3.55562100	-0.94961800
H	-3.36102900	4.59703900	-1.24896500
C	-3.87129200	-1.80791100	1.99846200
H	-4.06608400	-0.96410200	2.67685600
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C	-3.10695900	3.22637000	0.39621900
H	-3.12314800	4.01781200	1.14934000
C	-5.32375600	-0.60928800	0.30476200
H	-5.42727000	-0.30326700	-0.74586600
H	-6.16072100	-1.27467000	0.55954700
H	-5.39322800	0.29397100	0.92691700
C	-2.88065000	0.15707700	-2.63709300
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C	-2.94685000	1.89733200	0.80226600
C	-3.90509800	-2.59704300	-0.34339800
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H	-3.99672000	-2.29916600	-1.39994300

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H	-2.58008900	0.50455100	2.36200300
C	-2.56131800	-3.32764200	-0.09677100
H	-2.76239300	-4.27451100	0.43492100
C	-1.69281200	-2.46367000	0.86972600
C	-2.46271200	-2.39906000	2.21337800
H	-2.51909200	-3.40945700	2.65038200
H	-1.87746800	-1.77697400	2.90858500
C	-0.31117900	-3.06510800	1.08857500
H	0.20946300	-2.54186600	1.90587400
H	-0.37185600	-4.13300800	1.35408600
H	0.31573600	-2.97426300	0.18636500
C	-1.86886200	-3.66855000	-1.41228100
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H	-0.95598100	-4.26145900	-1.25781000
H	-2.54172300	-4.24983600	-2.06078700
C	1.44258500	-2.25695700	-2.77456600
H	1.51216000	-3.35528100	-2.72578000
H	0.58133800	-1.94311200	-2.16457300
H	1.24253900	-1.97663900	-3.81996700
C	3.92883700	-1.99013900	-3.13398000
H	3.75870600	-1.71484100	-4.18563300
H	4.85180700	-1.49607300	-2.79683800
H	4.09855200	-3.07726000	-3.09581300
C	1.60977700	-0.37879600	3.46545600
H	1.64096200	-1.34288300	3.99803400
H	1.49533600	0.41878200	4.21547000
H	0.71575100	-0.37210100	2.82202300
C	4.11687700	-0.09806500	3.53869700
H	4.01542600	0.71116100	4.27722700
H	4.25219900	-1.04013000	4.09202000
H	5.03290000	0.08279700	2.95780900
C	-1.60987200	0.37910800	-3.46560800
H	-1.64112200	1.34326200	-3.99805900
H	-0.71573300	0.37229400	-2.82233100
H	-1.49559200	-0.41837000	-4.21575100
C	-4.11698100	0.09826600	-3.53843300
H	-4.01558400	-0.71084100	-4.27710100
H	-5.03287100	-0.08278600	-2.95739500
H	-4.25250900	1.04040700	-4.09157800
C	-3.92874000	1.99004900	3.13422800
H	-3.75855700	1.71465300	4.18584700
H	-4.09837100	3.07718700	3.09617300
H	-4.85177700	1.49608600	2.79711500
C	-1.44250000	2.25671300	2.77468300
H	-1.51206400	3.35504600	2.72606400

H	-1.24233700	1.97622900	3.82001900
H	-0.58132900	1.94295200	2.16454300

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Triplet

Zn	-0.00000200	-0.00001400	-0.00001000
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C	4.03080200	1.28285400	-0.55047600
C	3.12273300	-2.59469100	1.90344500
H	3.18389100	-2.86375700	2.96072800
C	2.99263500	-1.24869000	1.54531000
C	1.60910900	1.05654200	-0.32368100
C	2.93419900	-0.91353800	0.17438100
C	3.16640800	-3.59384100	0.93675800
H	3.27861400	-4.63806200	1.23308400
C	3.88692700	1.75751300	-2.01112200
H	4.06049100	0.91168100	-2.69291400
H	4.68254100	2.49221600	-2.21076300
C	3.03538800	-3.25969100	-0.40728600
H	3.02830600	-4.05004200	-1.16175400
C	5.33003700	0.52598600	-0.33243100
H	5.43780700	0.21870400	0.71758600
H	6.17888000	1.17231700	-0.59679700
H	5.37309400	-0.37920300	-0.95433800
C	2.87810800	-0.19241900	2.63107800
H	2.79743000	0.77888800	2.12800500
C	2.89663100	-1.92703100	-0.80910900
C	3.96213400	2.54391500	0.33058000
H	4.83518500	3.17809500	0.11118600
H	4.04790000	2.24152300	1.38643400
C	2.66241300	-1.60984600	-2.27652700
H	2.54610500	-0.52161400	-2.36037400
C	2.63879300	3.31282100	0.08944900
H	2.86378100	4.24888000	-0.45205900
C	1.73661200	2.46455200	-0.86023600
C	2.48773400	2.37562100	-2.21325500
H	2.56000400	3.38090500	-2.65997500
H	1.88116700	1.76003400	-2.89615100
C	0.36725900	3.09782800	-1.06455200
H	-0.17971500	2.57720500	-1.86662600
H	0.44957900	4.16049200	-1.34502700
H	-0.24640800	3.03321000	-0.15139000
C	1.96995800	3.68545500	1.40854300
H	1.66216400	2.77720800	1.95063900
H	1.07803200	4.31052600	1.25828600

H	2.66841000	4.24518000	2.04895300
N	-2.85474300	-0.45317000	0.21779700
C	-4.03080800	-1.28293500	0.55032400
C	-3.12291100	2.59504600	-1.90291300
H	-3.18422000	2.86429900	-2.96014000
C	-2.99282000	1.24897400	-1.54503700
C	-1.60911600	-1.05660100	0.32353500
C	-2.93419200	0.91357600	-0.17417300
C	-3.16638400	3.59402800	-0.93604600
H	-3.27857400	4.63830800	-1.23217200
C	-3.88690900	-1.75785800	2.01088200
H	-4.06042400	-0.91213900	2.69282500
H	-4.68254200	-2.49256800	2.21041900
C	-3.03516400	3.25963600	0.40791800
H	-3.02790800	4.04985400	1.16252400
C	-5.33003800	-0.52601300	0.33243800
H	-5.43782400	-0.21854200	-0.71752200
H	-6.17888500	-1.17237900	0.59670500
H	-5.37306900	0.37906500	0.95450800
C	-2.87855200	0.19289400	-2.63101700
H	-2.79780900	-0.77850600	-2.12813800
C	-2.89641900	1.92689800	0.80948700
C	-3.96218400	-2.54384900	-0.33094700
H	-4.83521600	-3.17806900	-0.11158800
H	-4.04803400	-2.24129800	-1.38674800
C	-2.66192300	1.60945300	2.27680300
H	-2.54562600	0.52120300	2.36043700
C	-2.63882000	-3.31278700	-0.09003000
H	-2.86377700	-4.24897500	0.45126700
C	-1.73662600	-2.46471600	0.85981500
C	-2.48773000	-2.37604700	2.21286300
H	-2.56001900	-3.38142600	2.65936600
H	-1.88113700	-1.76062300	2.89588200
C	-0.36728200	-3.09805500	1.06399800
H	0.17973500	-2.57755700	1.86612500
H	-0.44962200	-4.16075500	1.34433100
H	0.24636100	-3.03333500	0.15082700
C	-1.97001000	-3.68511300	-1.40922600
H	-1.66220200	-2.77674400	-1.95111100
H	-1.07809200	-4.31023700	-1.25913000
H	-2.66847700	-4.24467700	-2.04976100
C	1.34993900	-2.23992200	-2.75607500
H	1.38779100	-3.33974600	-2.70527600
H	0.50356600	-1.90451000	-2.13623700
H	1.14245600	-1.95621900	-3.79909600
C	3.83608900	-2.04438900	-3.15808800

H	3.65720900	-1.75977400	-4.20578200
H	4.77866900	-1.57942100	-2.83408300
H	3.97359100	-3.13627000	-3.12675500
C	1.59339600	-0.38848200	3.44463000
H	1.59902000	-1.35364600	3.97614400
H	1.48604600	0.41061200	4.19405700
H	0.70420900	-0.36607800	2.79448600
C	4.10587600	-0.16358400	3.54493100
H	4.01604400	0.64699300	4.28345800
H	4.21489700	-1.10889100	4.09851500
H	5.03075300	-0.00272000	2.97215400
C	-1.59400800	0.38905000	-3.44481100
H	-1.59970900	1.35431100	-3.97614900
H	-0.70467700	0.36649200	-2.79487000
H	-1.48685600	-0.40991100	-4.19440800
C	-4.10651300	0.16427000	-3.54461700
H	-4.01688600	-0.64620200	-4.28328500
H	-5.03127900	0.00337900	-2.97166900
H	-4.21559200	1.10966700	-4.09803900
C	-3.83541100	2.04388100	3.15867200
H	-3.65632700	1.75909000	4.20628300
H	-3.97289200	3.13577100	3.12754600
H	-4.77806900	1.57899100	2.83478200
C	-1.34933400	2.23940800	2.75619000
H	-1.38717200	3.33924300	2.70561300
H	-1.14163300	1.95549600	3.79911100
H	-0.50310900	1.90409400	2.13609800

Total energy= -3602.86411255

Coordinates and energies of (CAAC)₂Zn at different spin-state

Singlet-biradicaloid

Zn	0.00005000	0.00013900	-0.00024300
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C	-1.45742200	-2.76620600	-0.46543200
C	-1.14254600	-3.52318300	0.83764700
C	-0.42725000	-3.18521500	-1.51768500
C	-2.90597900	-3.01814500	-0.95141700
C	-3.77894000	-1.87241200	-0.39680000
C	-4.49316300	-2.25985900	0.90451600
C	-4.84214800	-1.42801400	-1.40179900
C	-3.01714600	0.55399600	0.05372600
C	-3.13453100	1.04325000	1.37663800
C	-3.39324100	2.40464700	1.57116400
C	-3.48766300	3.28074400	0.49607600

C	-3.29358400	2.80617900	-0.79659100
C	-3.04647200	1.45099500	-1.04243900
C	-2.78265300	1.00613800	-2.47333200
C	-1.50337200	1.64991100	-3.02101800
C	-3.96492600	1.32179200	-3.39628400
C	-2.91091900	0.16197400	2.59523400
C	-4.11066300	0.16502100	3.54724100
C	-1.64344400	0.59618900	3.34213700
H	-0.09646800	-3.34132400	1.12782800
H	-1.77917500	-3.18895100	1.66921000
H	-1.27838600	-4.60950100	0.70603700
H	-0.63238500	-2.69762700	-2.48232900
H	0.58711900	-2.89157200	-1.19681900
H	-0.42965300	-4.27733400	-1.66666200
H	-2.92234200	-2.97235100	-2.05177200
H	-5.01958400	-1.38971500	1.32286600
H	-5.23887600	-3.04262300	0.70153800
H	-3.79513300	-2.64221200	1.66002400
H	-5.36010600	-0.52196400	-1.05007600
H	-4.40392300	-1.22320200	-2.38662900
H	-5.59239900	-2.22314300	-1.52229500
H	-3.49936000	2.78739400	2.58872800
H	-3.68742500	4.33975100	0.66725900
H	-3.32942200	3.50317700	-1.63697100
H	-2.61761600	-0.07990700	-2.45693400
H	-3.29144200	-4.00527600	-0.65403300
H	-1.60496700	2.74503400	-3.08438100
H	-0.63716400	1.42701400	-2.38007400
H	-1.28693300	1.27196900	-4.03176800
H	-4.09182800	2.40894100	-3.51319400
H	-3.79285800	0.90011200	-4.39799700
H	-4.90822900	0.91568300	-3.00695300
H	-2.74292100	-0.86074500	2.23581300
H	-5.04450900	-0.10361700	3.03461200
H	-3.95036200	-0.55022600	4.36768900
H	-4.25305600	1.15867800	3.99901700
H	-1.75003600	1.61636300	3.74403300
H	-1.44211600	-0.08284400	4.18466100
H	-0.76632600	0.58698000	2.67750800
N	2.75315400	0.82689600	0.17677200
C	1.44241800	1.26605000	0.23922300
C	1.45776600	2.76654200	0.46416400
C	1.14427200	3.52288000	-0.83963200
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C	4.49462300	2.25895900	-0.90318300
C	4.84135900	1.42783400	1.40368800
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C	3.04559800	-1.45120500	1.04268500
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C	3.96337600	-1.32226400	3.39678900
C	2.91200800	-0.16171500	-2.59488300
C	4.11202700	-0.16511900	-3.54653300
C	1.64454900	-0.59528800	-3.34218500
H	0.09836500	3.34129800	-1.13058000
H	1.78144600	3.18787600	-1.67046400
H	1.28047500	4.60921900	-0.70857200
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H	2.92150100	2.97288600	2.05156200
H	5.02095000	1.38842800	-1.32085600
H	5.24057400	3.04138000	-0.69975900
H	3.79746600	2.64150200	-1.65939900
H	5.35949300	0.52163200	1.05261500
H	4.40222500	1.22330900	2.38817300
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Triplet

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