

## Supplementary Information for

# **Synthesis, structure and reactivity of iridium(III) complexes containing a bis-cyclometalated tridentate C<sup>N</sup>C ligand**

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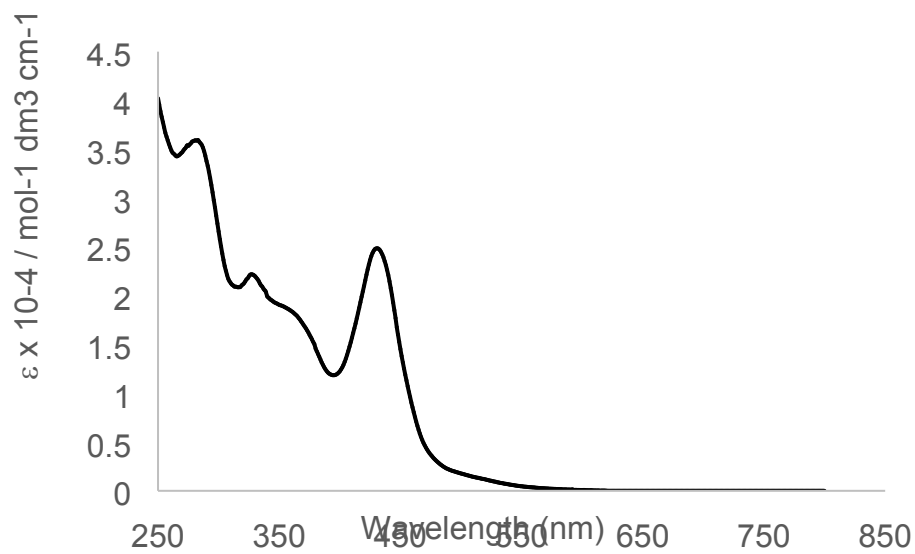
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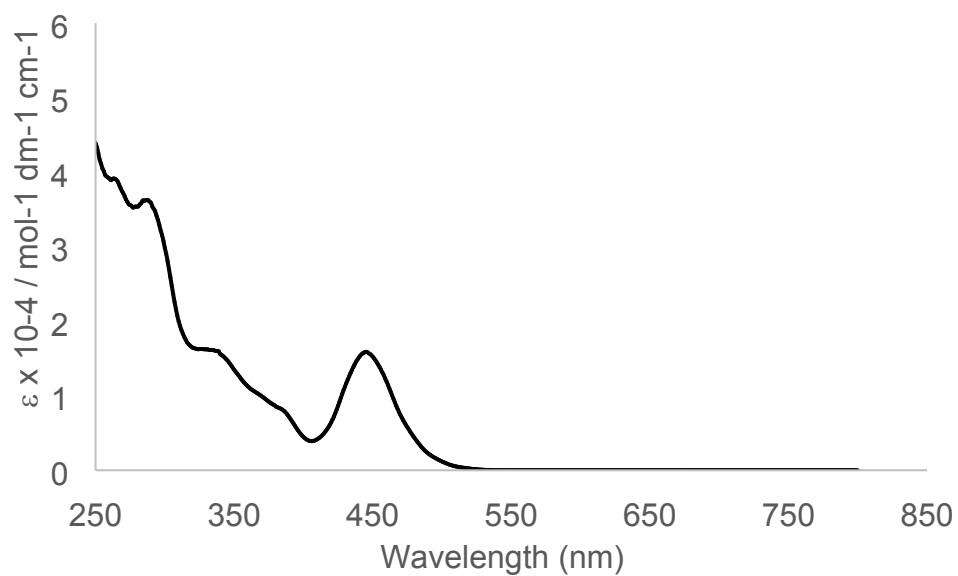
**Table S1.** Crystallographic data and experimental details for **2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 8', 9** and **10**.

	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8'</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Formula	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>54</sub> Cl <sub>5</sub> HgIr <sub>2</sub> N ·CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>41</sub> H <sub>51</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> HgIr <sub>2</sub> N	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>39</sub> ClHgIrN ·(CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>1.375</sub>	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>39</sub> ClIrN·CH <sub>3</sub> OH	C <sub>51</sub> H <sub>55</sub> IrN <sub>2</sub> O	C <sub>51</sub> H <sub>55</sub> IrN <sub>2</sub> O·C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>58</sub> H <sub>63</sub> IrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	C <sub>54</sub> H <sub>43</sub> ClIrP <sub>3</sub> ·(C H <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>0.5</sub>
Formula weight	1335.10	1213.71	1026.98	709.34	904.17	990.34	1076.36	1054.90
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P-1	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P-1	P-1
<i>a</i> , Å	11.4169(5)	10.6104(4)	21.7337(2)	12.0649(4)	11.78531(10)	14.19411(12)	10.3452(4)	10.7955(5)
<i>b</i> , Å	11.6904(5)	12.0252(5)	11.72515(11)	12.2041(5)	12.98197(13)	13.27153(11)	15.7451(6)	12.1139(4)
<i>c</i> , Å	16.8087(7)	16.6227(8)	29.5201(3)	12.5489(6)	28.0763(2)	26.6663(2)	16.1341(6)	18.5808(6)
<i>α</i> , deg	70.906(4)	69.278(4)	90	118.782(5)	90	90	94.912(3)	76.851(3)
<i>β</i> , deg	79.811(3)	72.867(4)	104.7030(11)	105.993(4)	91.5588(8)	92.5650(8)	99.262(3)	88.011(3)
<i>γ</i> , deg	88.663(3)	83.902(3)	90	100.339(3)	90	90	105.162(3)	69.189(4)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	2085.12(16)	1895.69(15)	7276.30(13)	1445.99(12)	4293.99(7)	5018.30(7)	2480.87(17)	2208.99(15)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	8	2	4	4	2	2
<i>ρ</i> <sub>calc</sub> , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.126	2.126	1.875	1.629	1.399	1.311	1.441	1.586
<i>T</i> , K	100.01(10)	173.00(10)	100.00(10)	100.00(10)	173.00(10)	173.00(10)	173.00(10)	118(20)
<i>μ</i> , mm <sup>-1</sup>	21.753	21.942	17.162	9.986	6.304	5.438	5.981	8.280
<i>F</i> (000)	1264.0	1144.0	3956.0	712.0	1840.0	2040.0	1100.0	1054.0
Total reflections	11532	10545	39147	8101	16314	31708	16355	12789
Independent reflections	7357	7056	13080	5132	8191	10304	10011	8465
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0255	0.0245	0.0326	0.0220	0.0250	0.0229	0.0287	0.0274
GoF <sup>a</sup>	1.046	1.011	1.039	1.011	1.020	1.035	1.035	1.026
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <sup>b</sup> <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>c</sup> [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0340, 0.0860	0.0245, 0.0625	0.0334, 0.0805	0.0207, 0.0521	0.0233, 0.0546	0.0210, 0.0514	0.0257, 0.0620	0.0299, 0.0758
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0361, 0.0876	0.0262, 0.0637	0.0394, 0.0830	0.0216, 0.0526	0.0267, 0.0565	0.0233, 0.0530	0.0280, 0.0638	0.0325, 0.0775

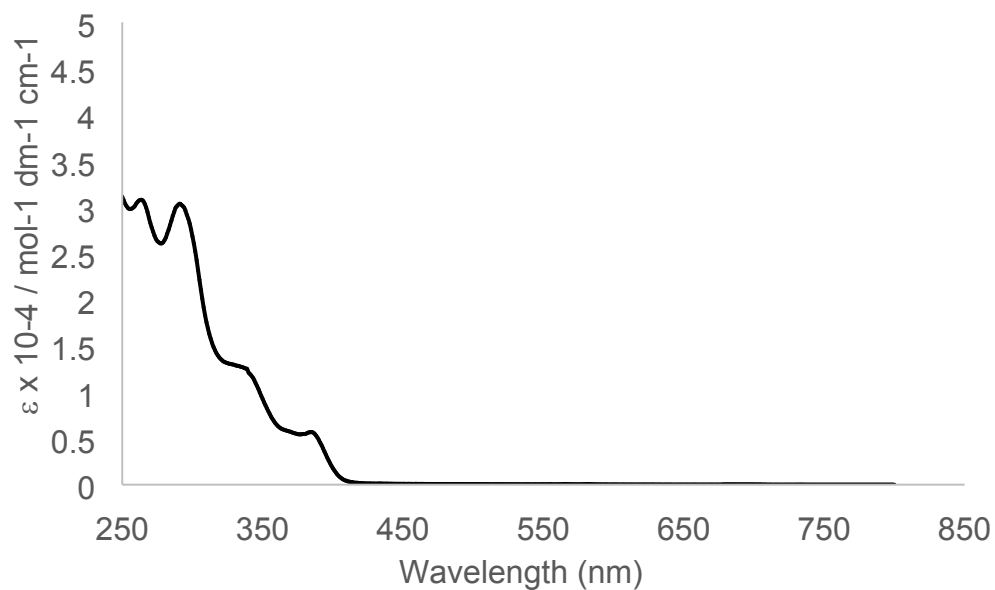
$$^a \text{GoF} = [\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / (N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{param}})]^{1/2}. \quad ^b R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|. \quad ^c wR_2 = [(\sum w|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w^2 |F|$$



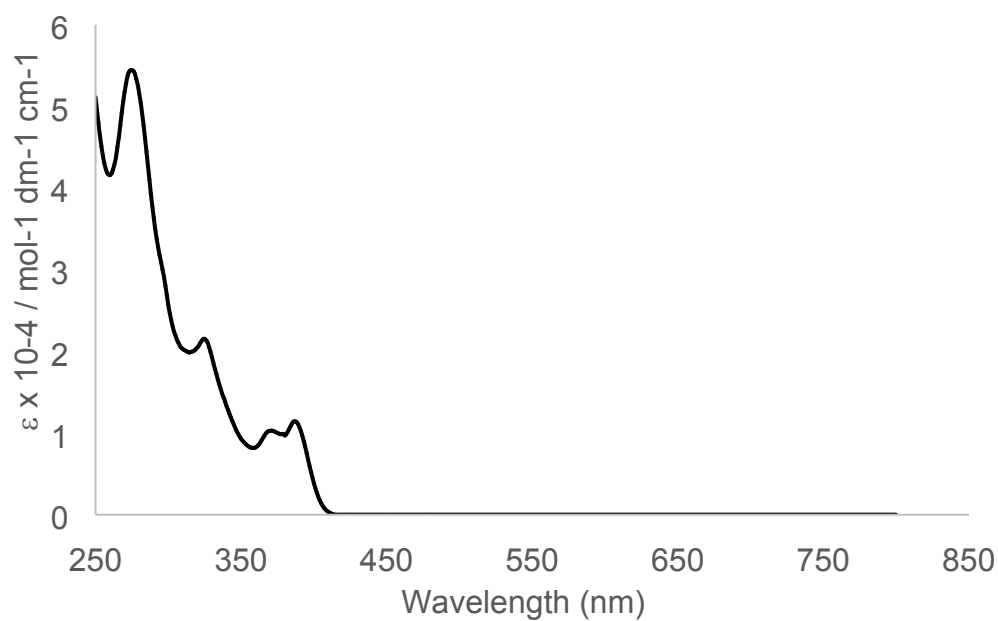
**Figure S1.** UV-visible spectrum of  $[\text{Cl}(\kappa^2\text{-HC}^{\text{N}}\text{C})(\text{cod})\text{IrHgIr}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}_2]_2$  (**2**) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature.



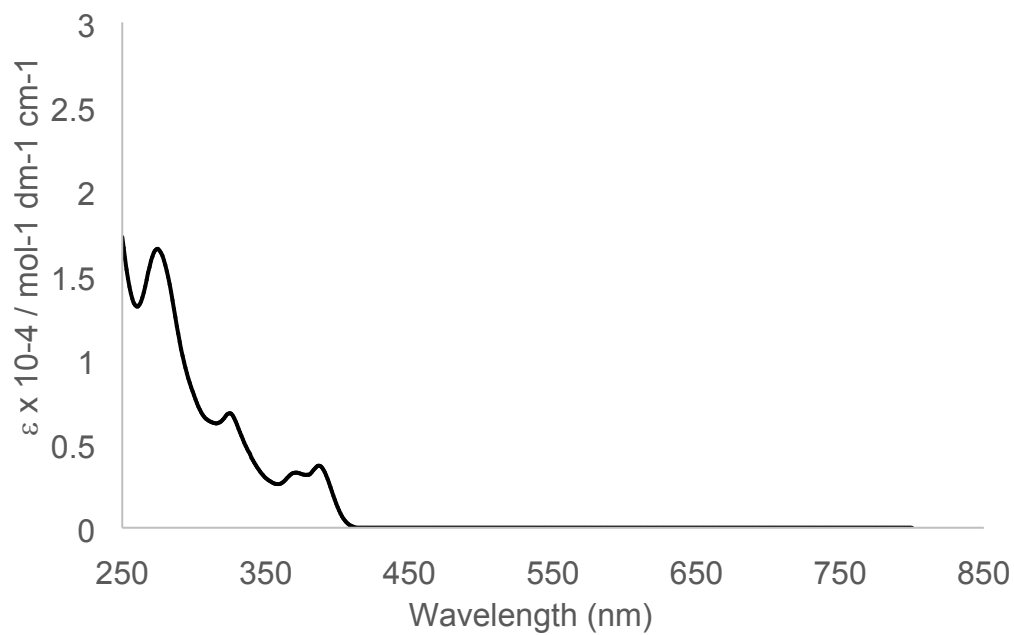
**Figure S2.** UV-visible spectrum of  $[(\text{C}^{\text{N}}\text{C})(\text{cod})\text{IrHgIr}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}_2]$  (**3**) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature.



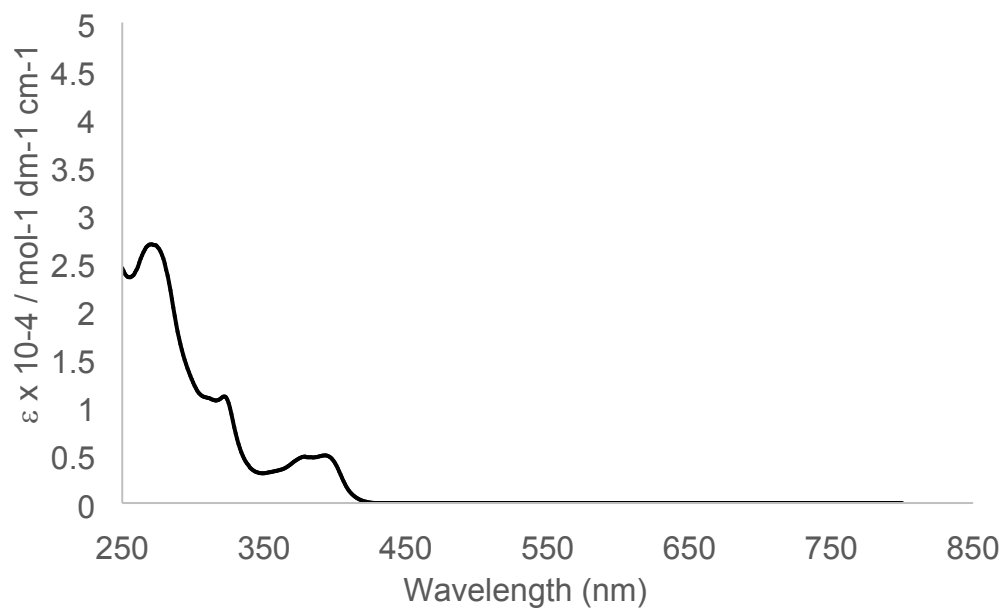
**Figure S3.** UV-visible spectrum of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{cod})(\text{HgCl})]$  (**4**) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature.



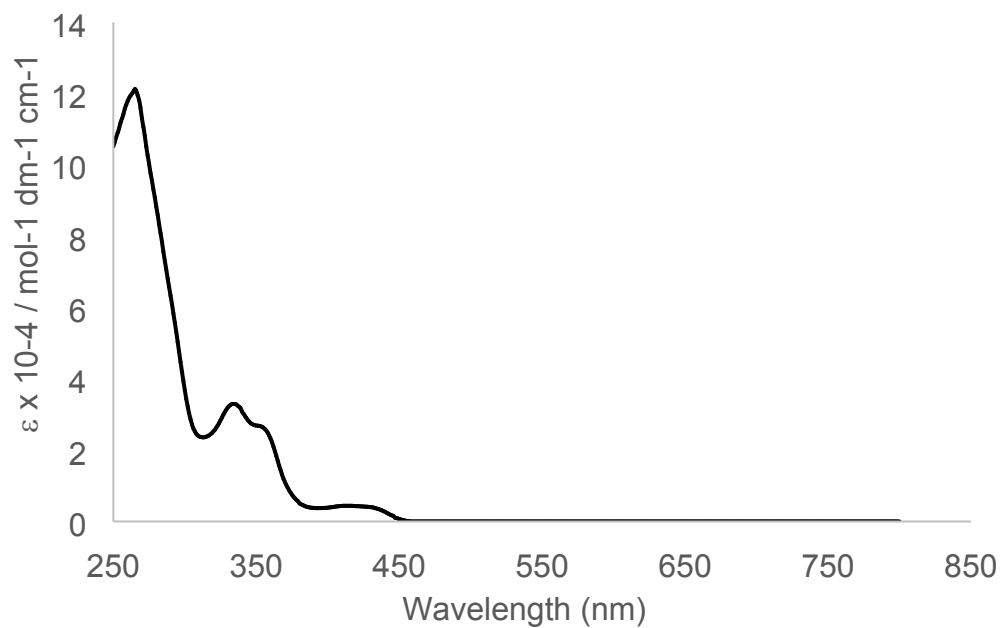
**Figure S4.** UV-visible spectrum of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{cod})\text{Cl}\cdot\text{HgCl}_2]$  (**5**·**HgCl<sub>2</sub>**) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature.



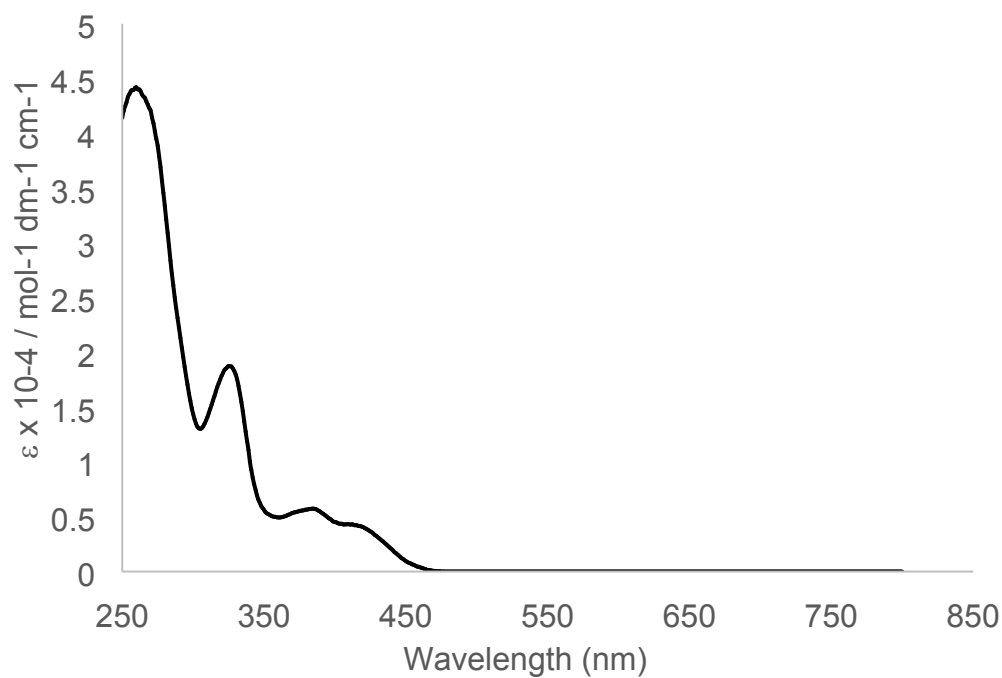
**Figure S5.** UV-visible spectrum of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]$  (**5**) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature.



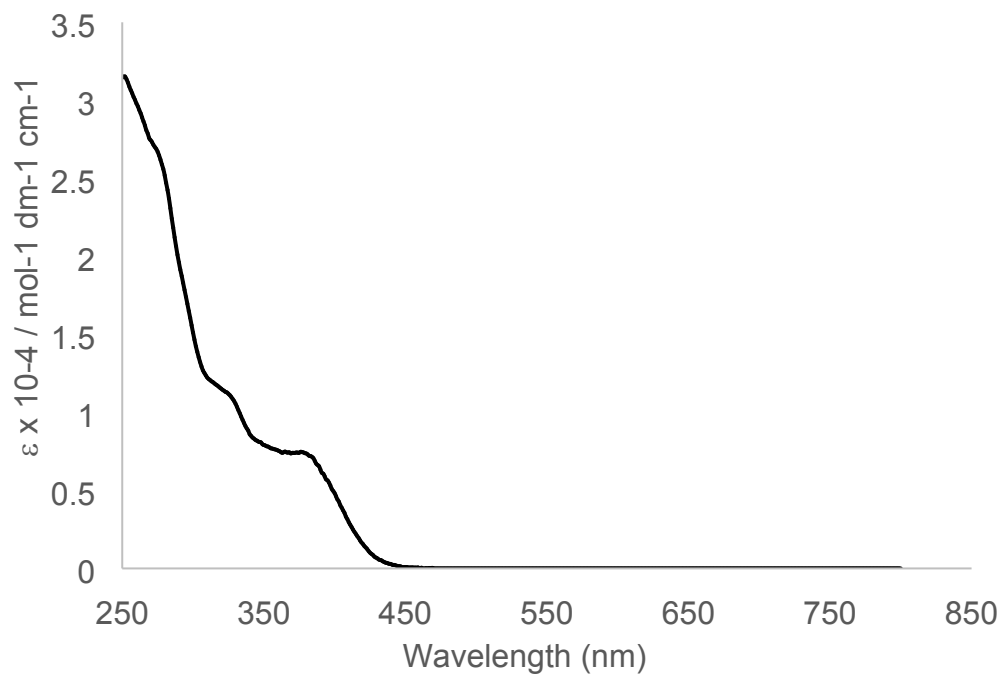
**Figure S6.** UV-visible spectrum of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{cod})(\text{H}_2\text{O})][\text{OTf}]$  (**6**) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature.



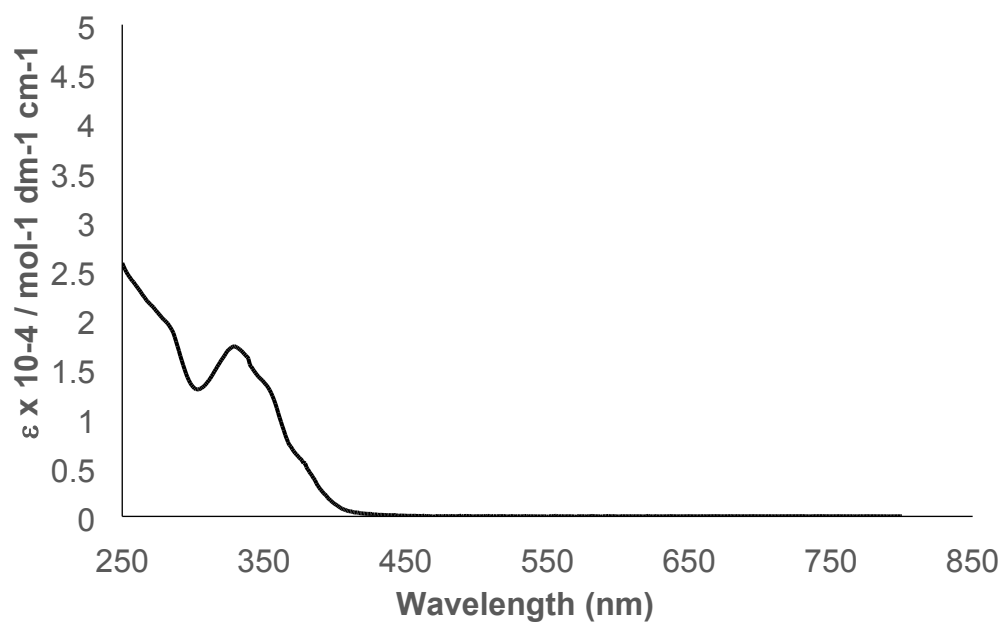
**Figure S7.** UV-visible spectrum of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{HgCl})(\text{CO})(\text{py})]$  (**7**) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature.



**Figure S8.** UV-visible spectrum of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\kappa^2\text{-HC}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{CO})]$  (**8**) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature.

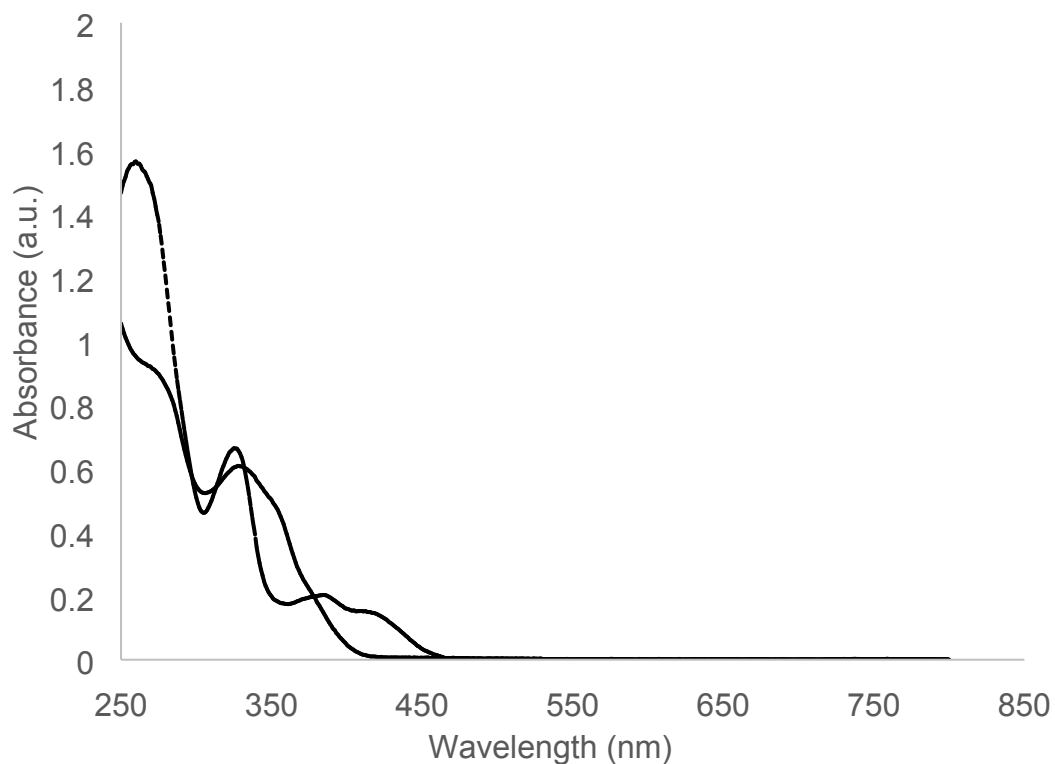


**Figure S9.** UV-visible spectrum of **8'** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature.

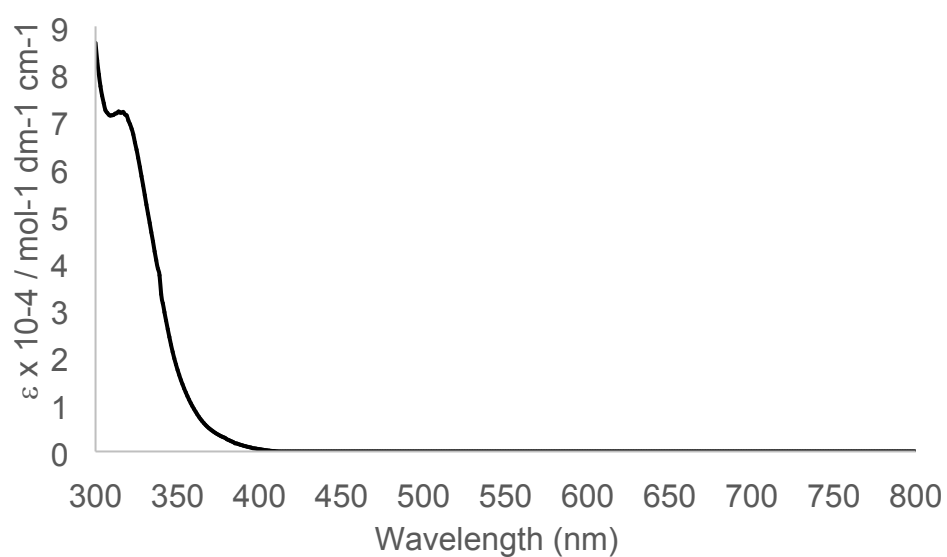


**Figure S10.** UV-visible spectrum of  $[\text{Ir}(\kappa^2\text{-HC}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})_2(\text{OTs})(\text{CO})]$  (**9**) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature.



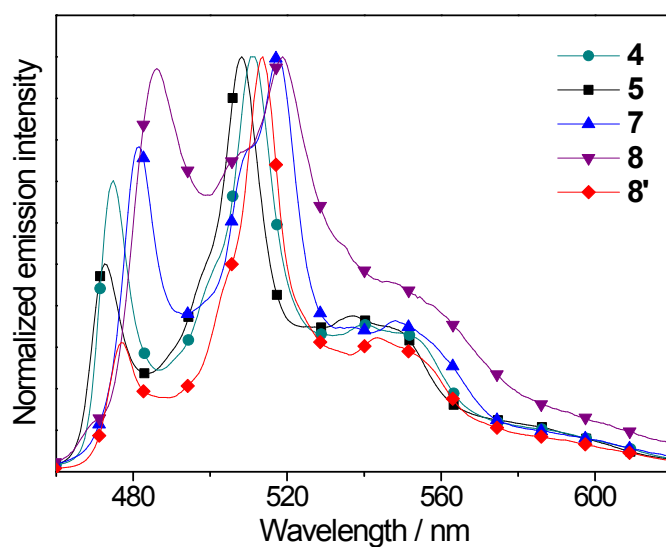


**Figure S11.** UV-visible spectra of **8** (dashed line) and the product of oxidation of **8** with (4-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NSbCl<sub>6</sub> (solid line) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

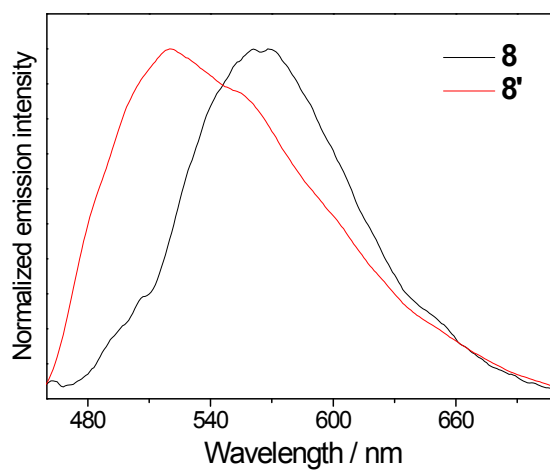


**Figure S12.** UV-visible spectrum of [Ir(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(κ<sup>2</sup>-P,C-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl] (**10**) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

## Emission Spectra

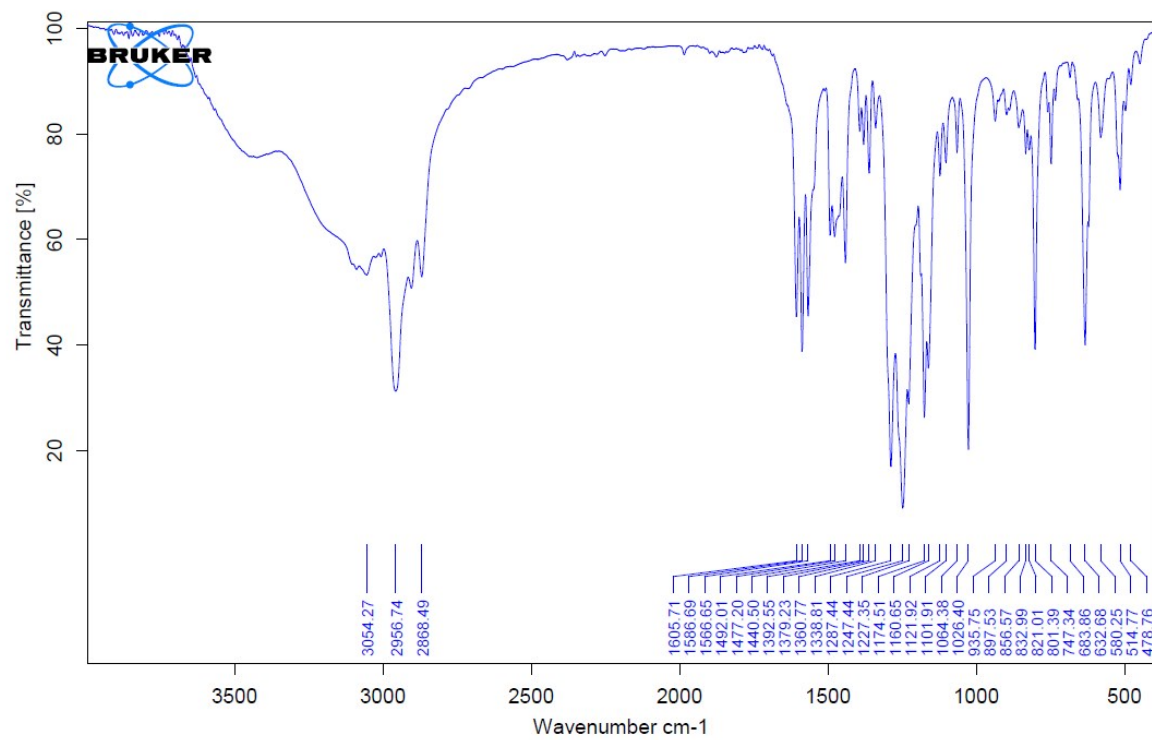


**Figure S13.** Overlaid normalized emission spectra of **4**, **5**, **7**, **8** and **8'** in 77 K EtOH-MeOH (4:1, v/v) glassy medium.

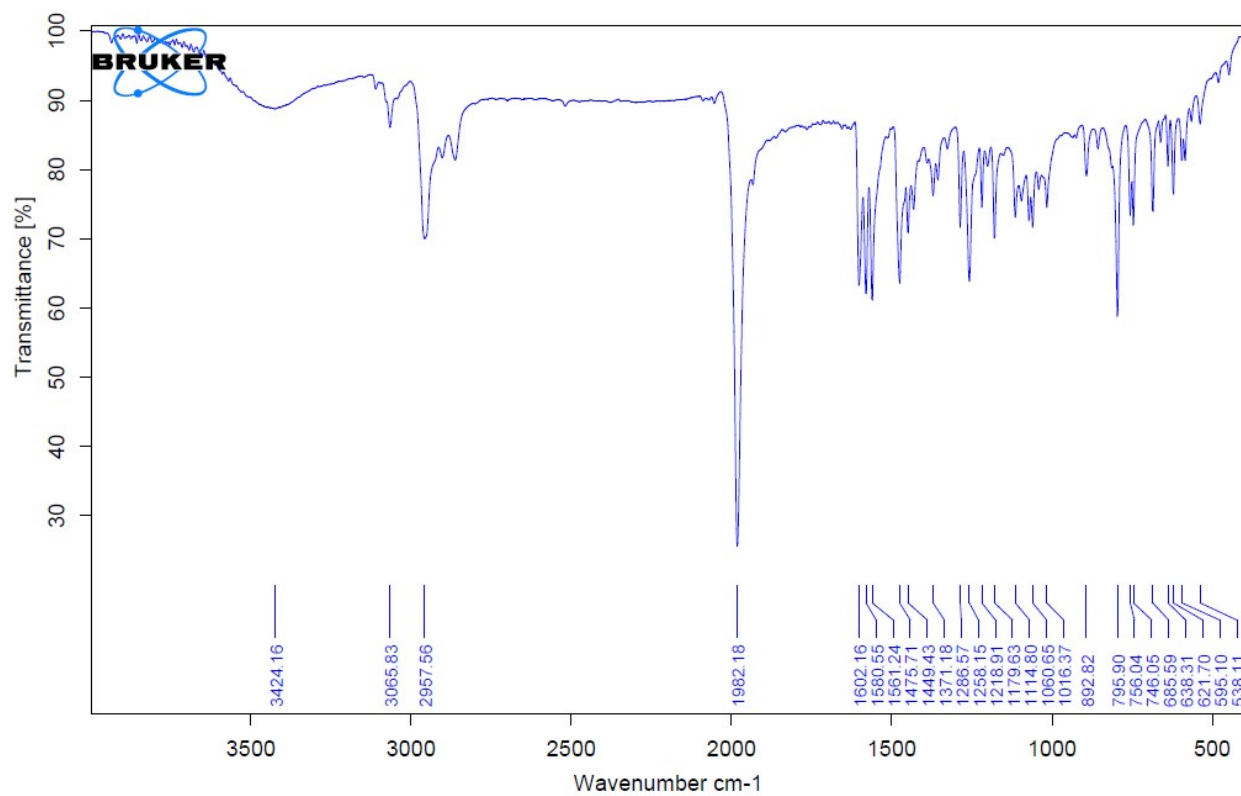


**Figure S14.** Overlaid emission spectra of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\kappa^2\text{-HC}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{CO})]$  (**8**) and its isomer (**8'**) in 298 K  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution.

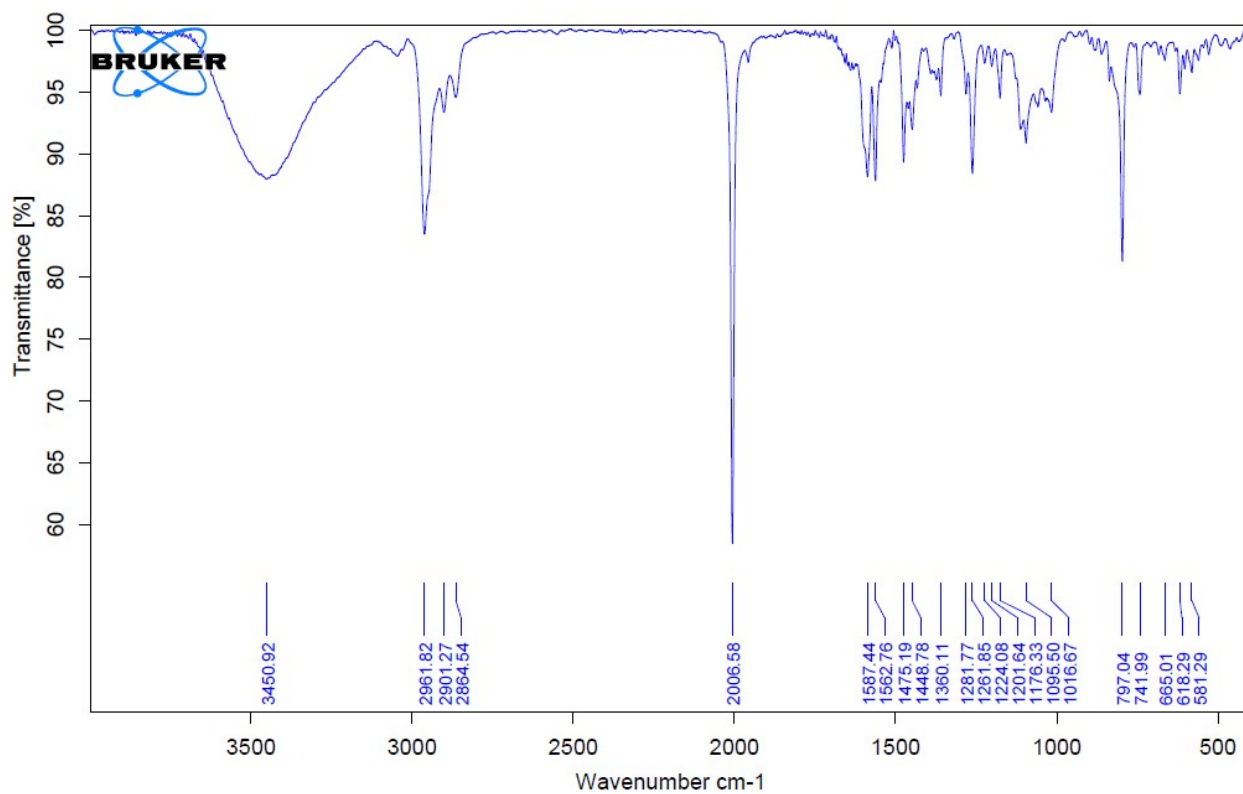
## FT-IR spectra



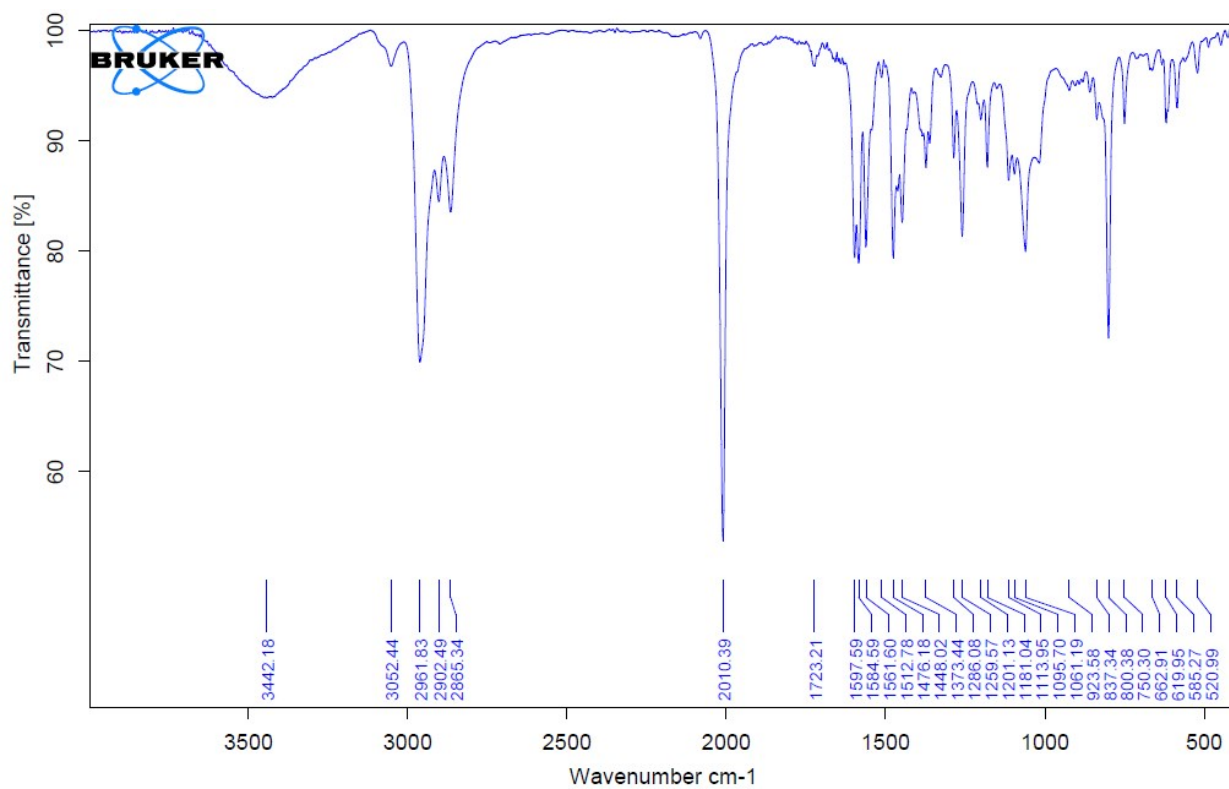
**Figure S15.** FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of [Ir(C<sup>N</sup>C)(cod)(H<sub>2</sub>O)](OTf) (6).



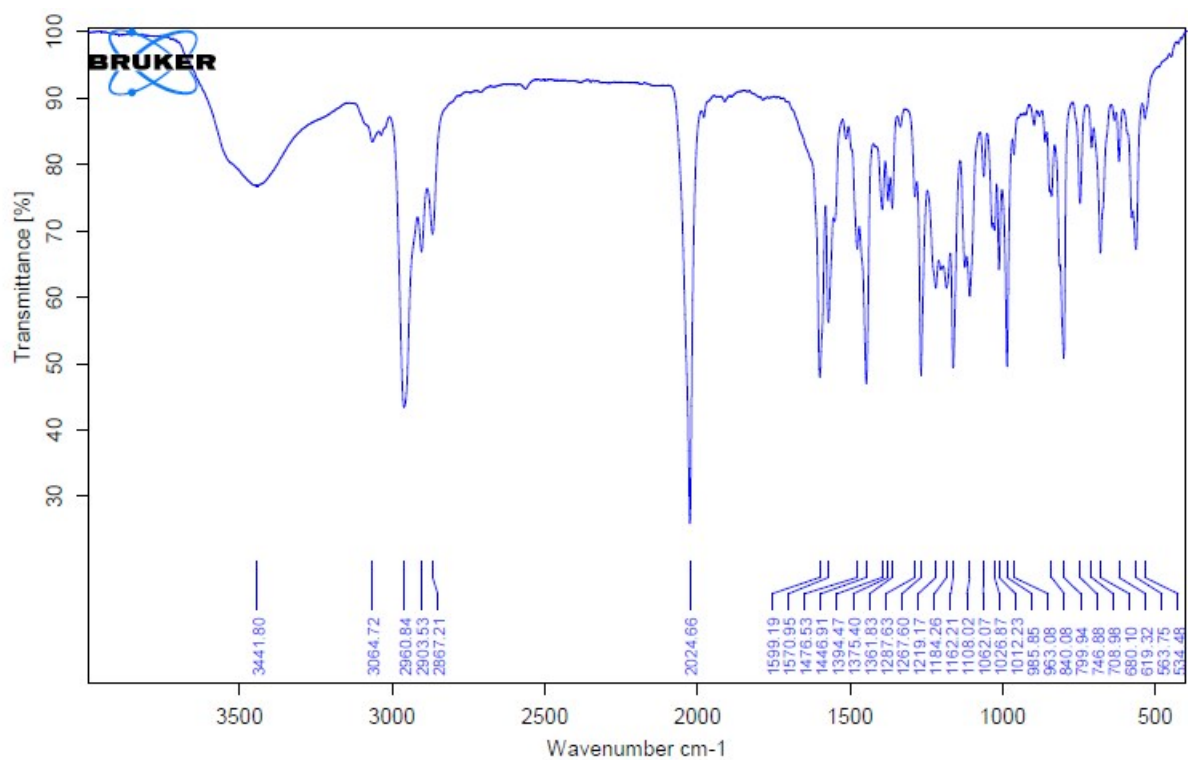
**Figure S16.** FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{HgCl})(\text{CO})(\text{py})]$  (**7**).



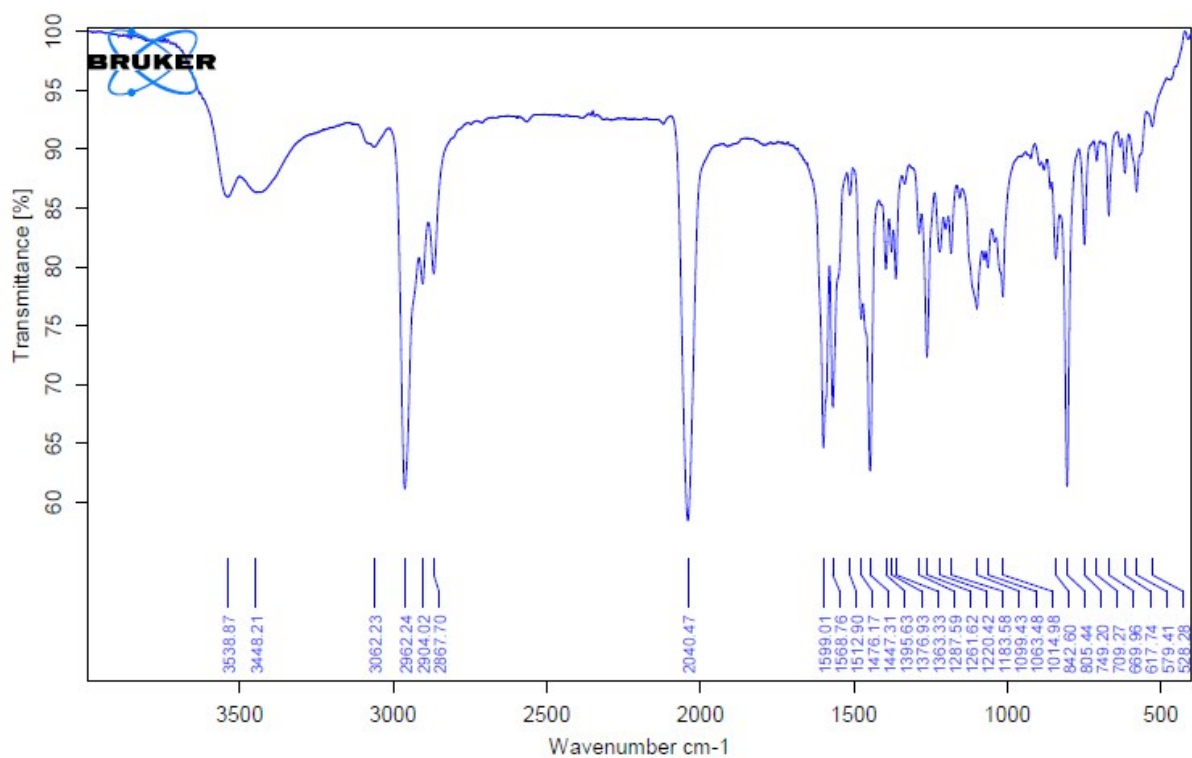
**Figure S17.** FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{CNC})(\kappa^2\text{-HC}^{\text{N}}\text{C})(\text{CO})]$  (**8**).



**Figure S18.** FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of **8'**.

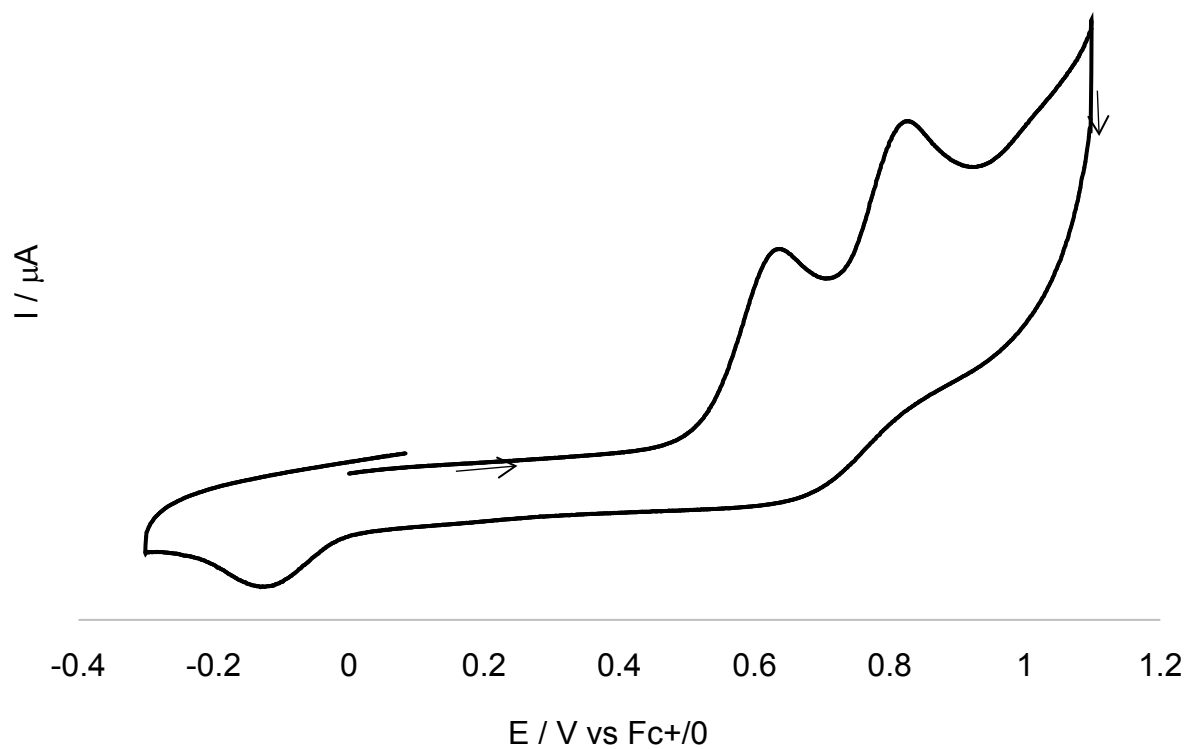


**Figure S19.** FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of **9**.

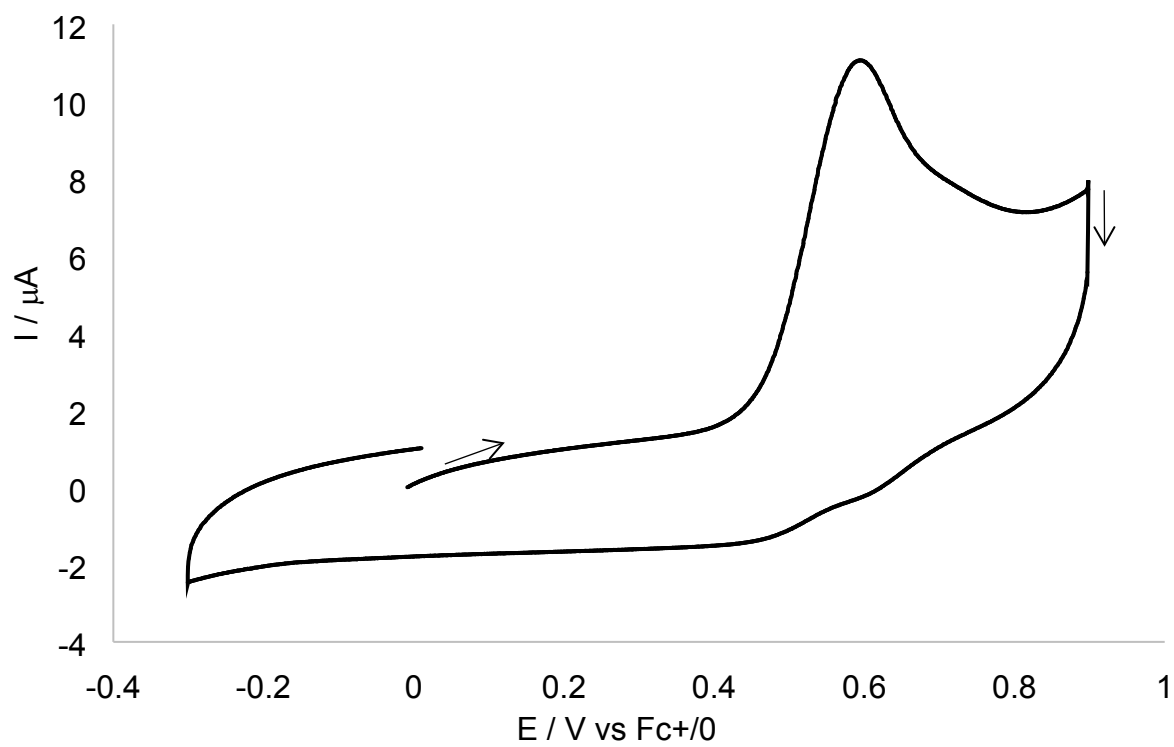


**Figure S20.** FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of the product of oxidation **8** by  $(\text{Br-C}_6\text{H}_4)_3\text{NSbCl}_6$

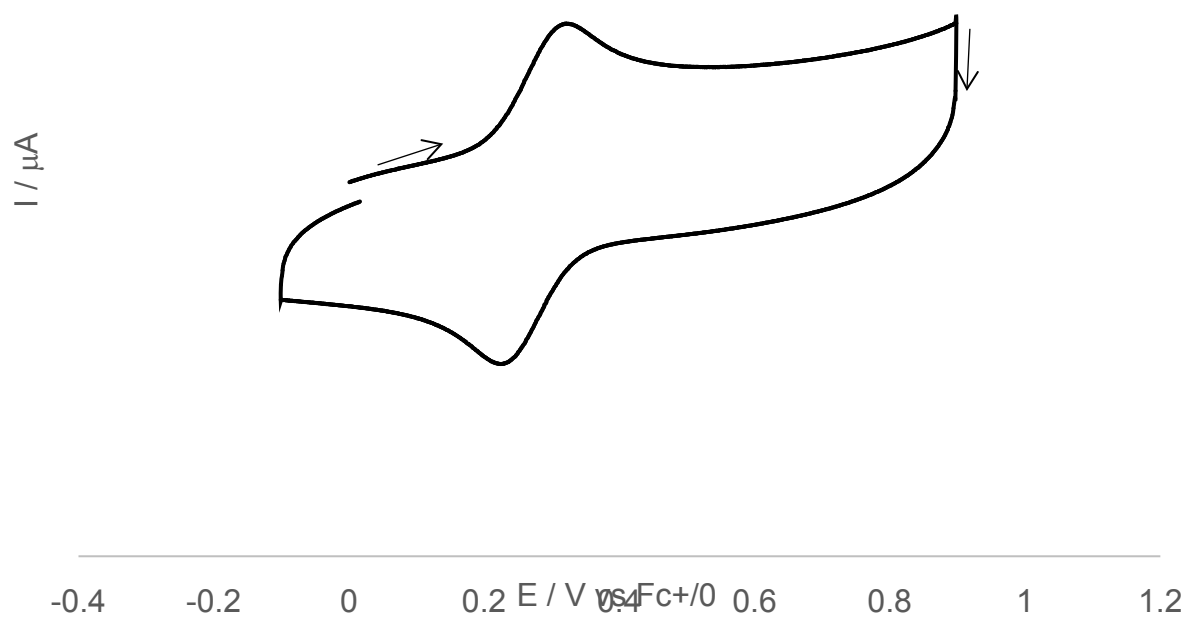




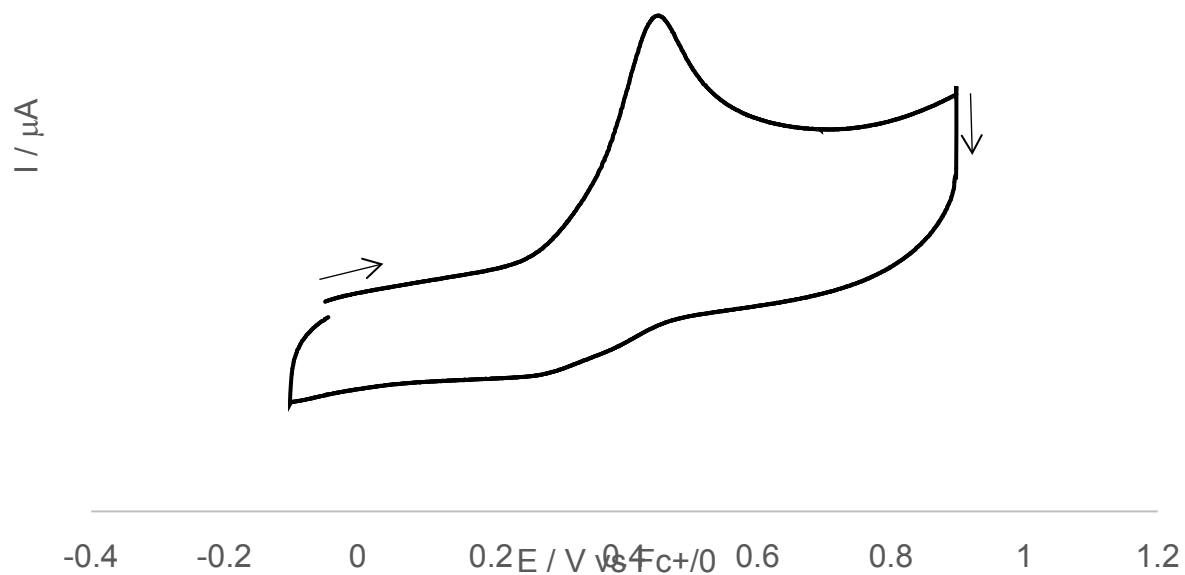
**Figure S21.** Cyclic voltammogram of **5** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  with 0.2 M  $[\text{nBu}_4\text{N}]\text{PF}_6$  as supporting electrolyte (working electrode: glassy carbon, scan rate =  $100 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ).



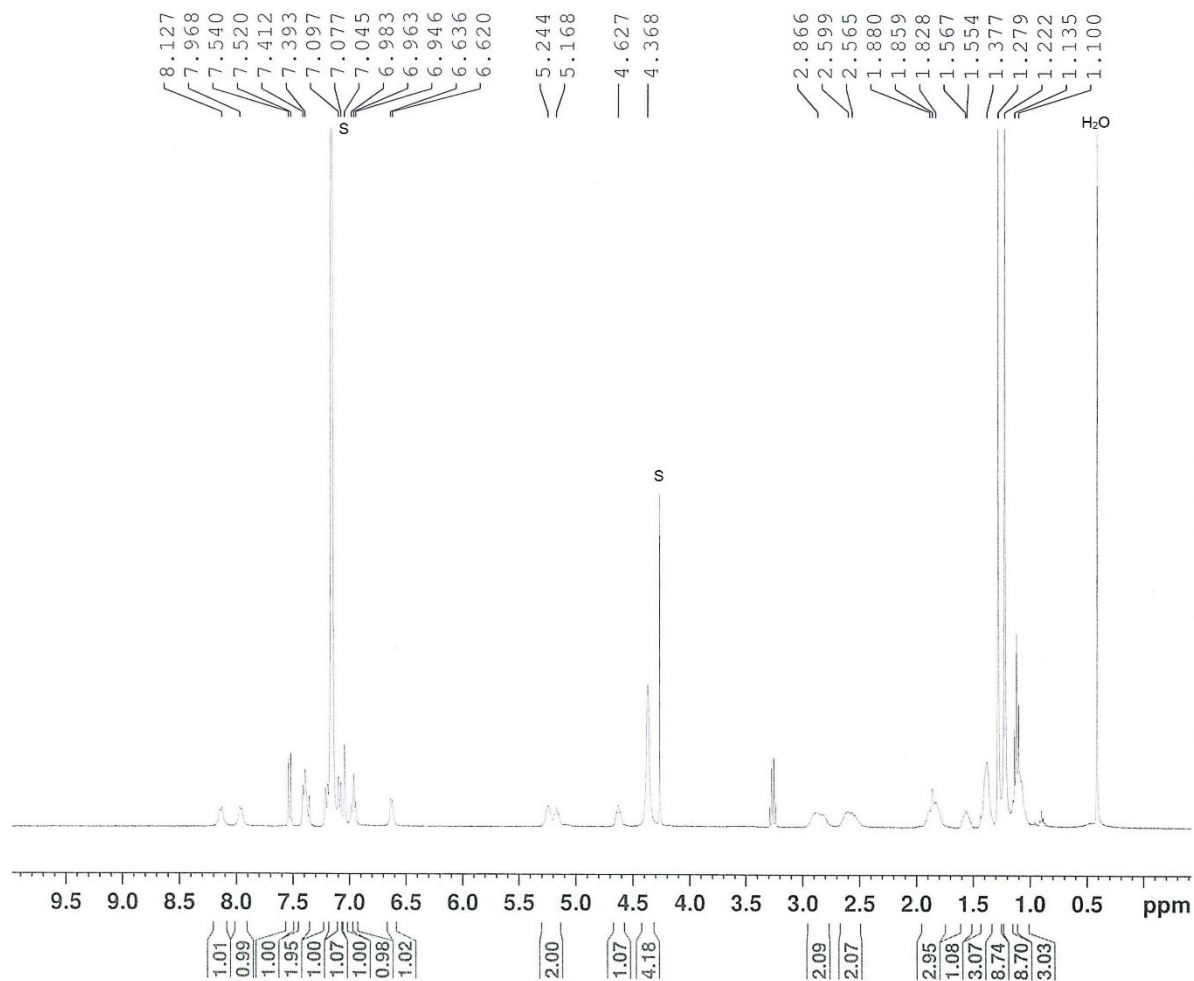
**Figure S22.** Cyclic voltammogram of **7** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  with 0.2 M  $[\text{nBu}_4\text{N}]\text{PF}_6$  as supporting electrolyte (working electrode: glassy carbon, scan rate =  $100 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ).



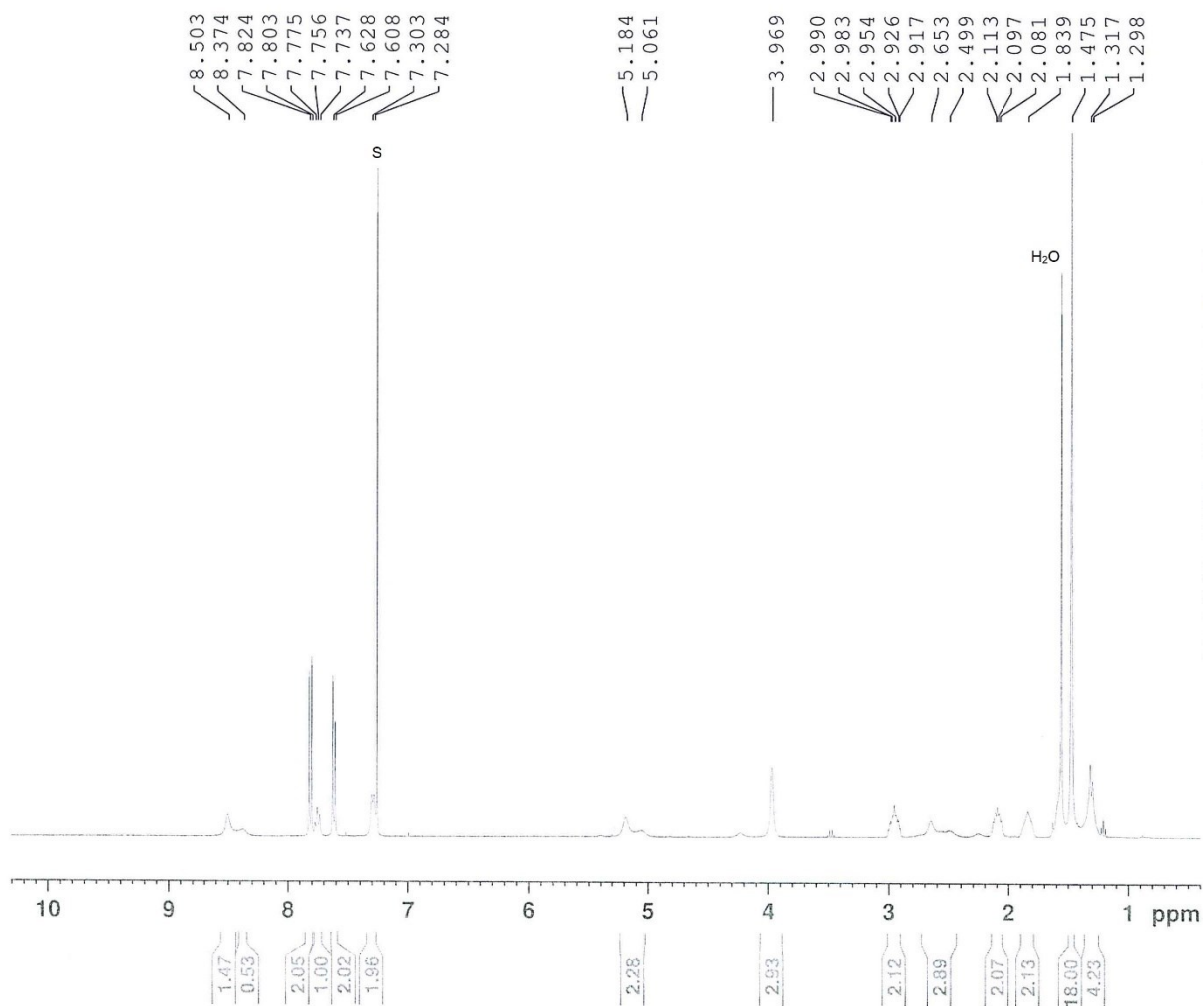
**Figure S23.** Cyclic voltammogram of **8** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  with 0.2 M  $[\text{nBu}_4\text{N}]\text{PF}_6$  as supporting electrolyte (working electrode: glassy carbon, scan rate =  $100 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ).



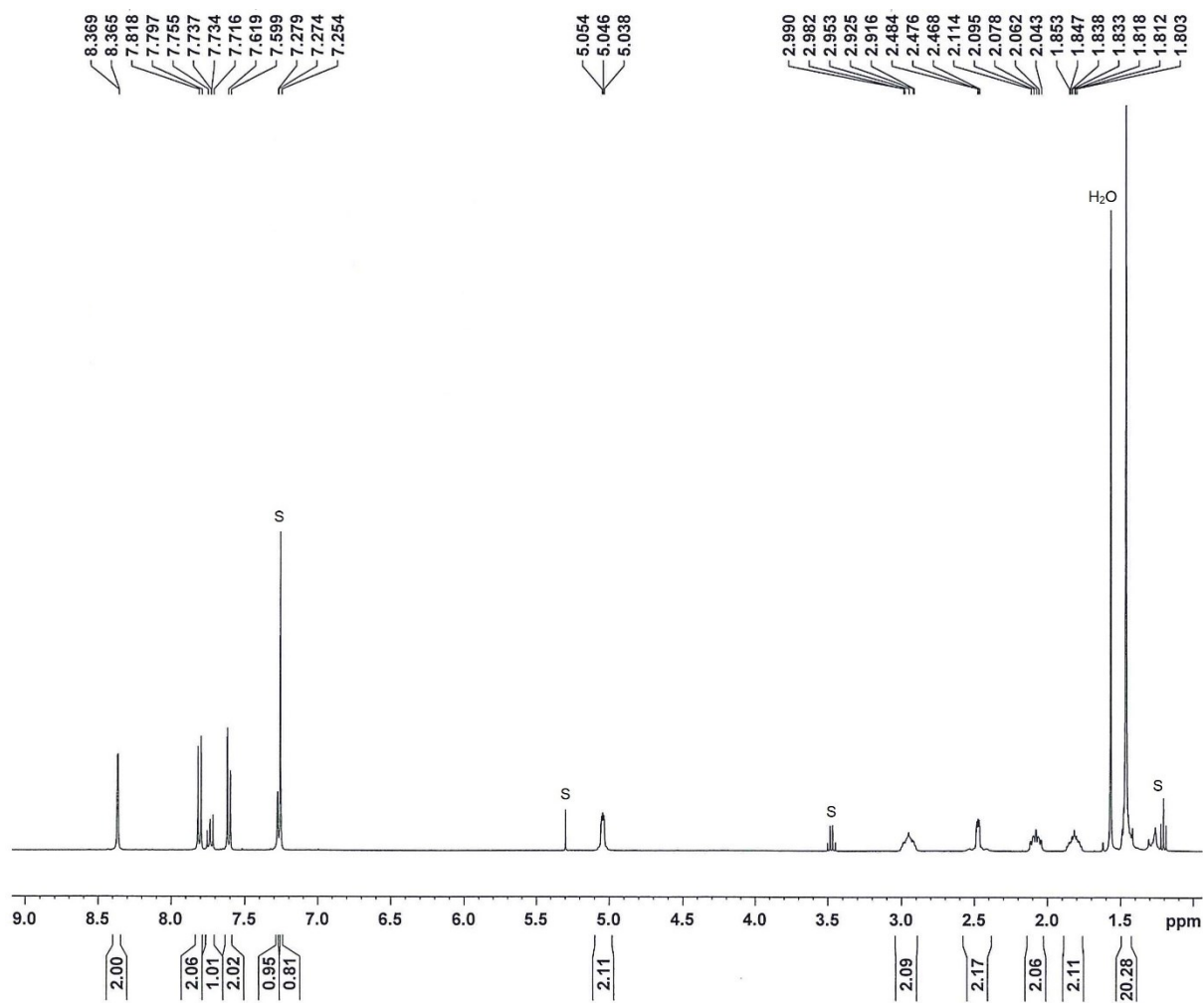
**Figure S24.** Cyclic voltammogram of **8'** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  with 0.2 M  $[\text{nBu}_4\text{N}]\text{PF}_6$  as supporting electrolyte (working electrode: glassy carbon, scan rate =  $100 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ).



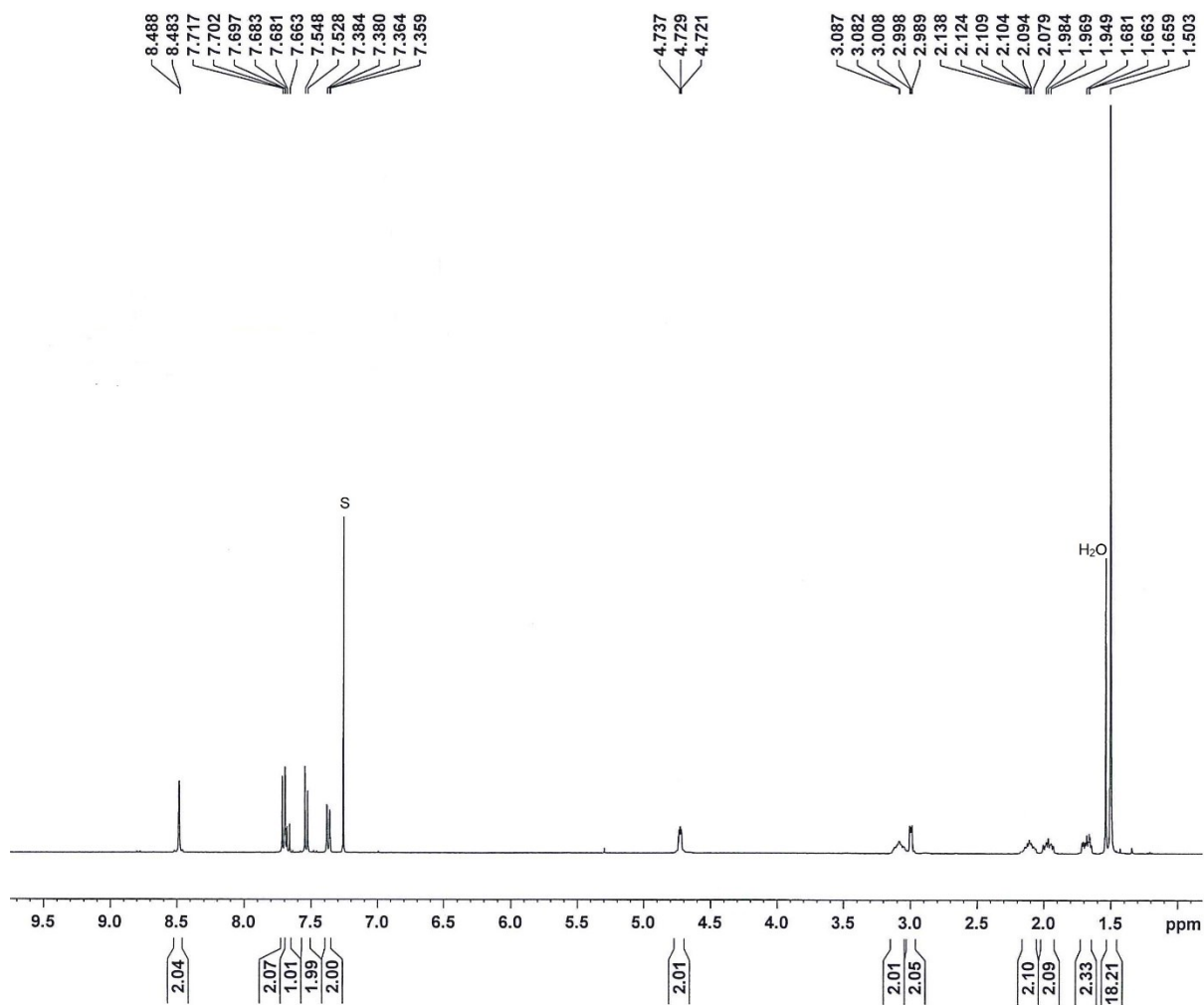
**Figure S25.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, 298 K,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) spectrum of **2** (S = residual solvent).



**Figure S26.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, 298 K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **3** (S = residual solvent).

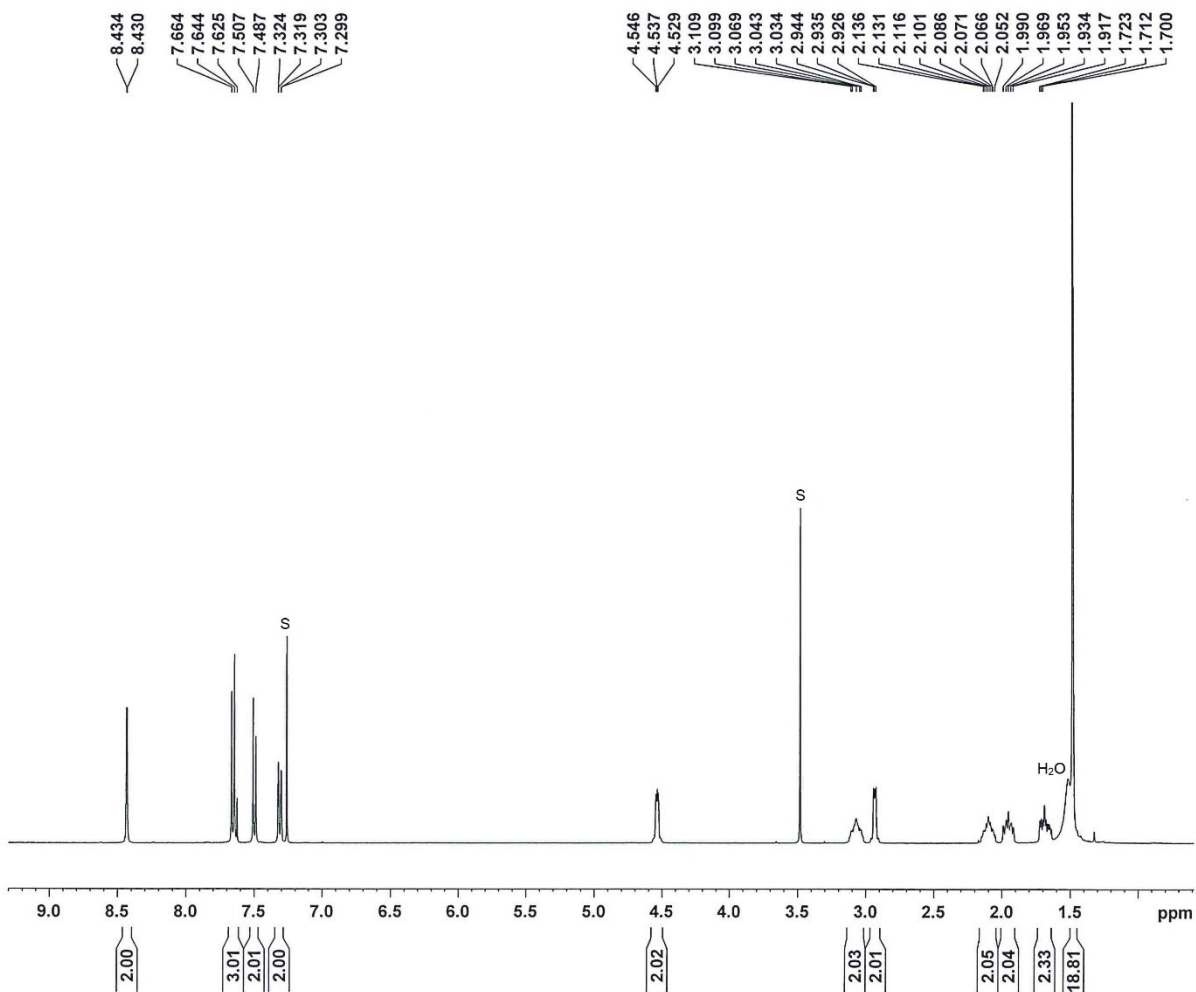


**Figure S27.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, 298 K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **4** (S = residual solvent).

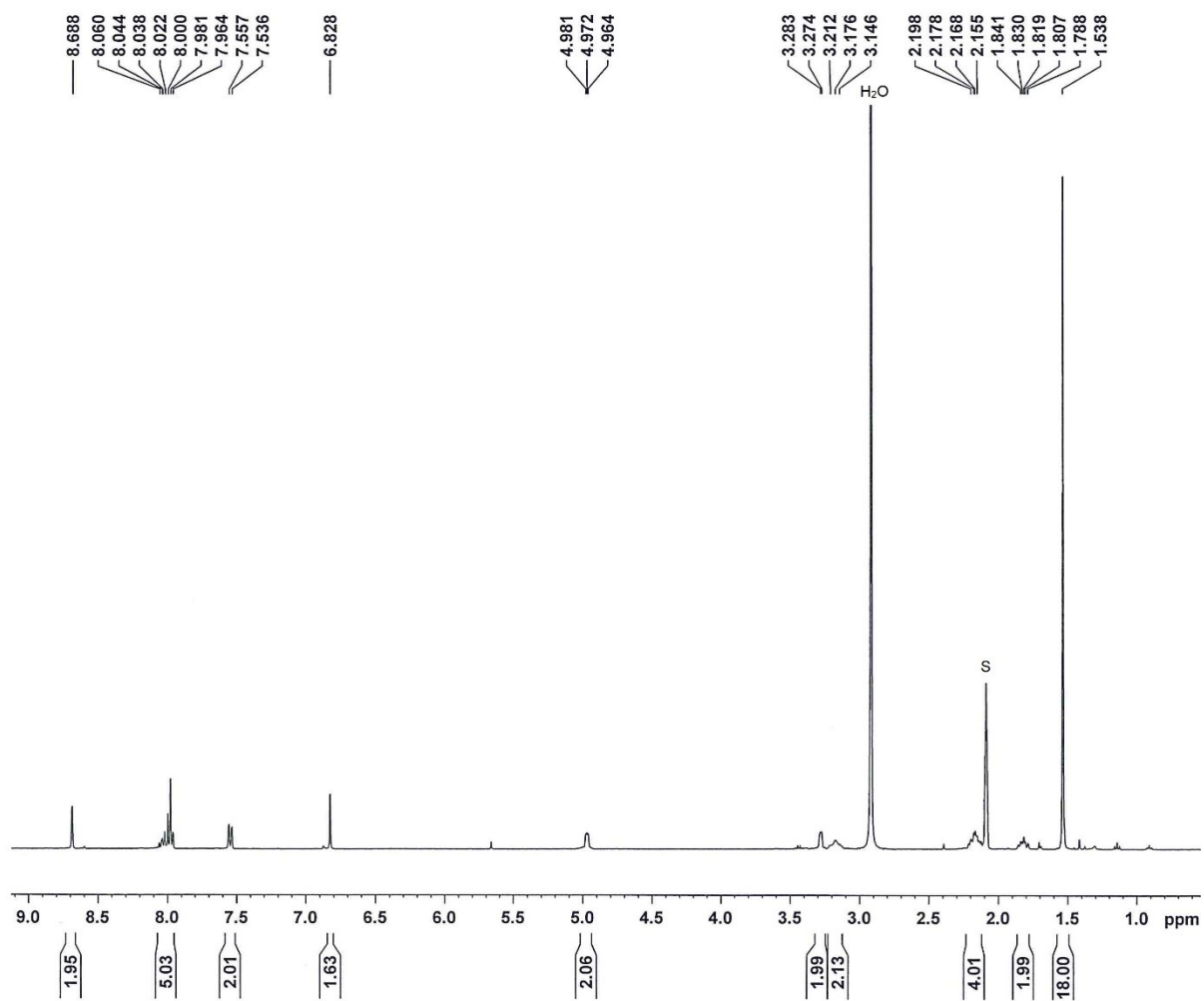


**Figure S28.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, 298 K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of  $5 \cdot \text{HgCl}_2$  (S = residual solvent).

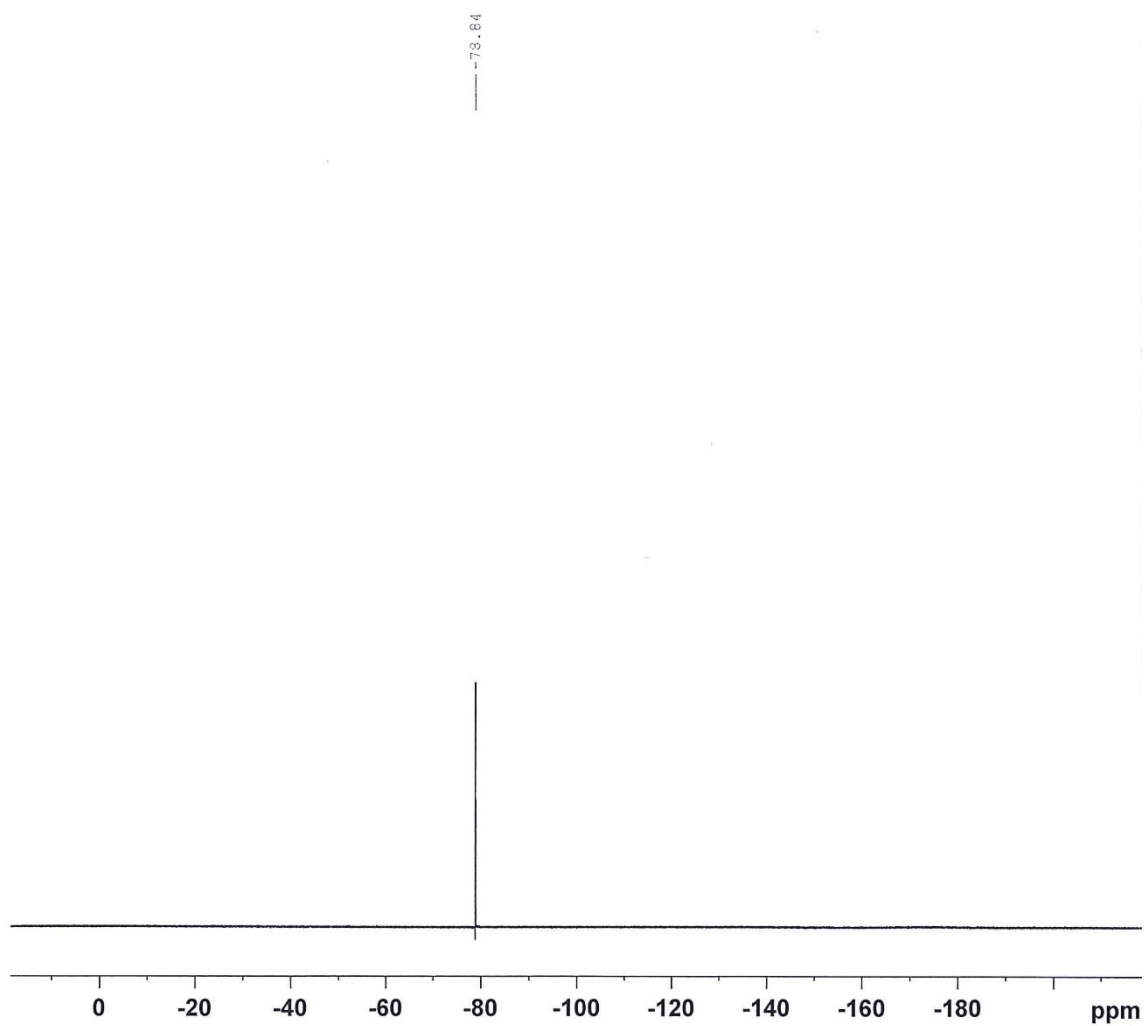




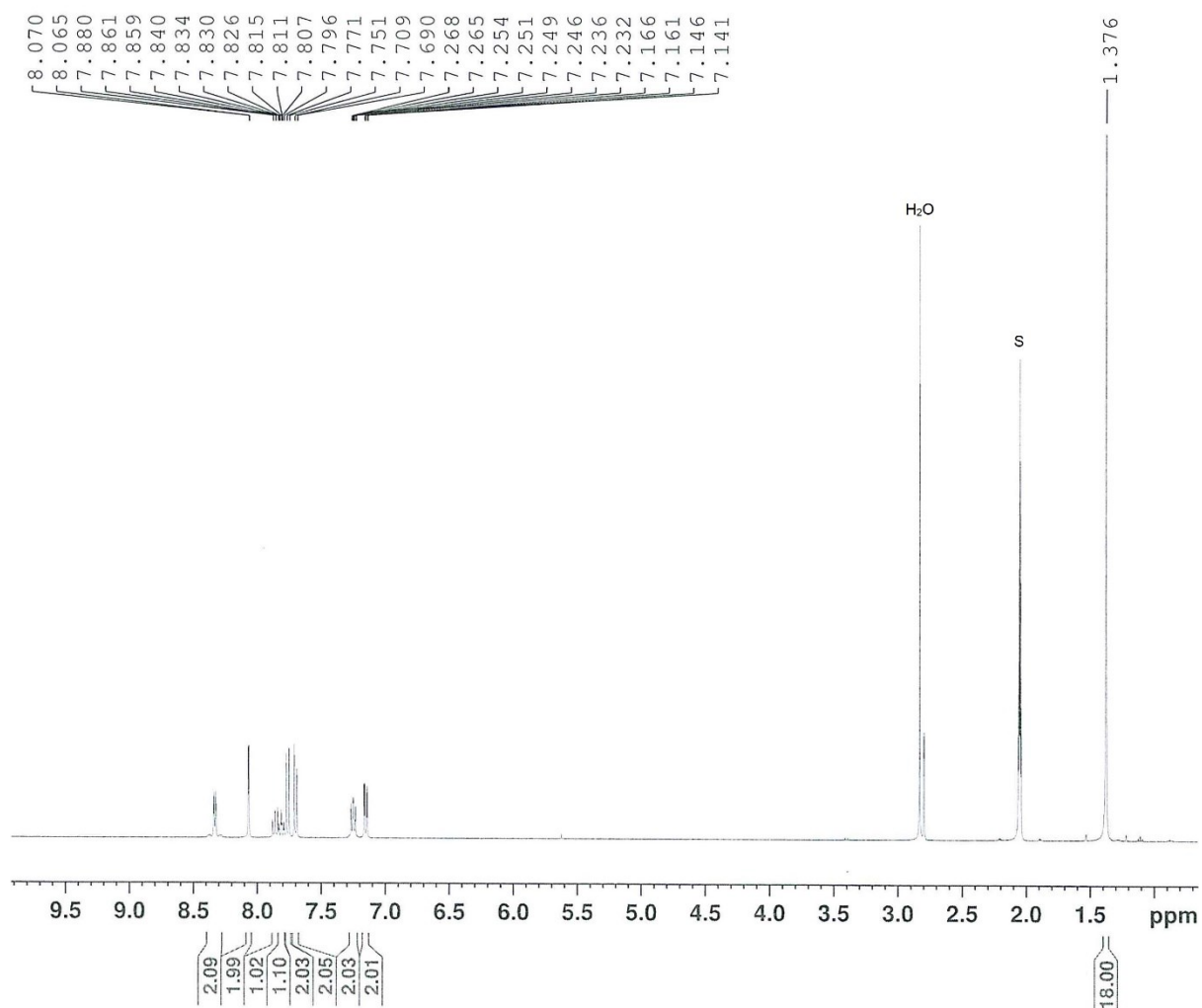
**Figure S29.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, 298 K, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **5** (S = residual solvent).



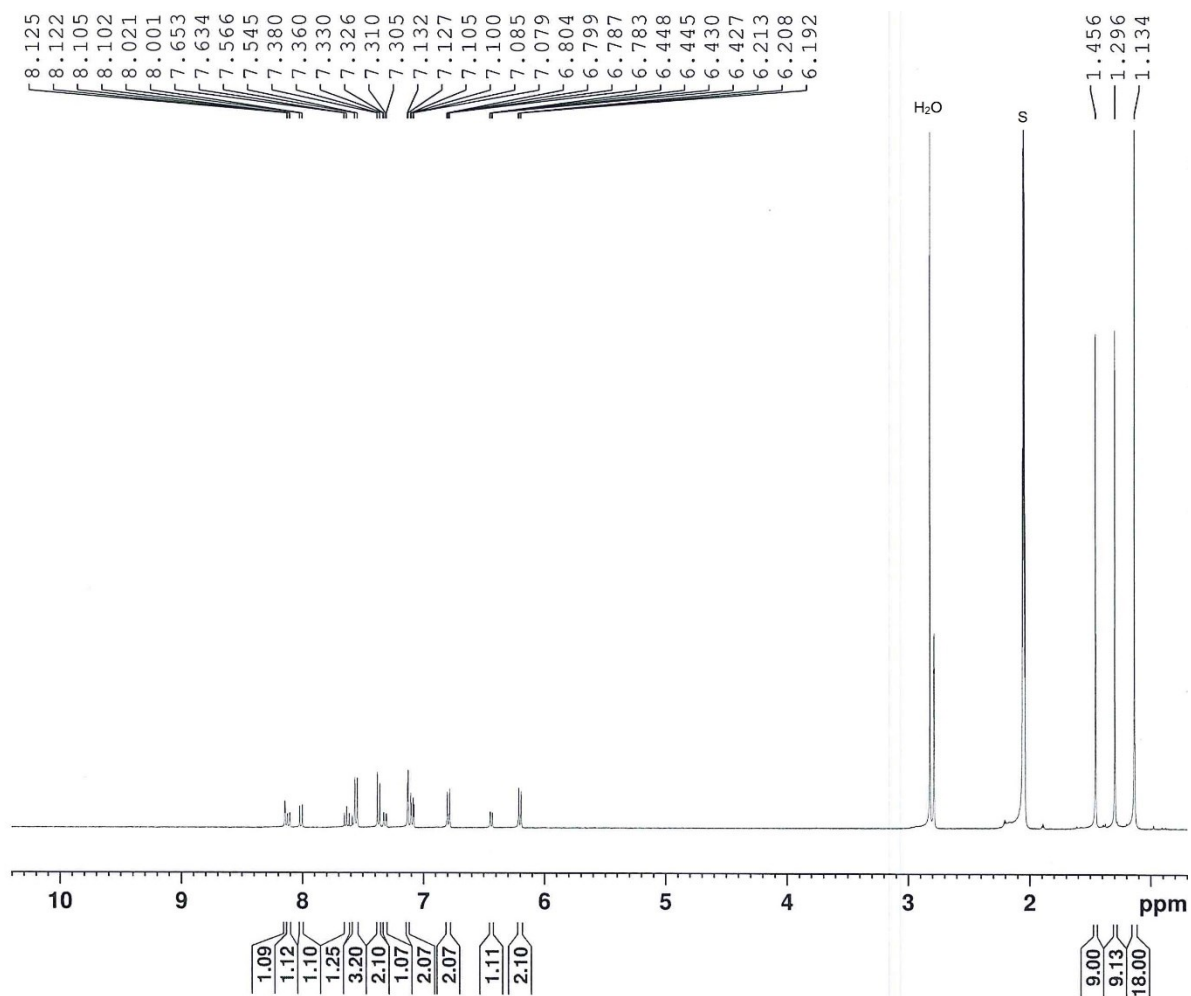
**Figure S30.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, 298 K, acetone- $d_6$ ) spectrum of **6** (S = residual solvent).



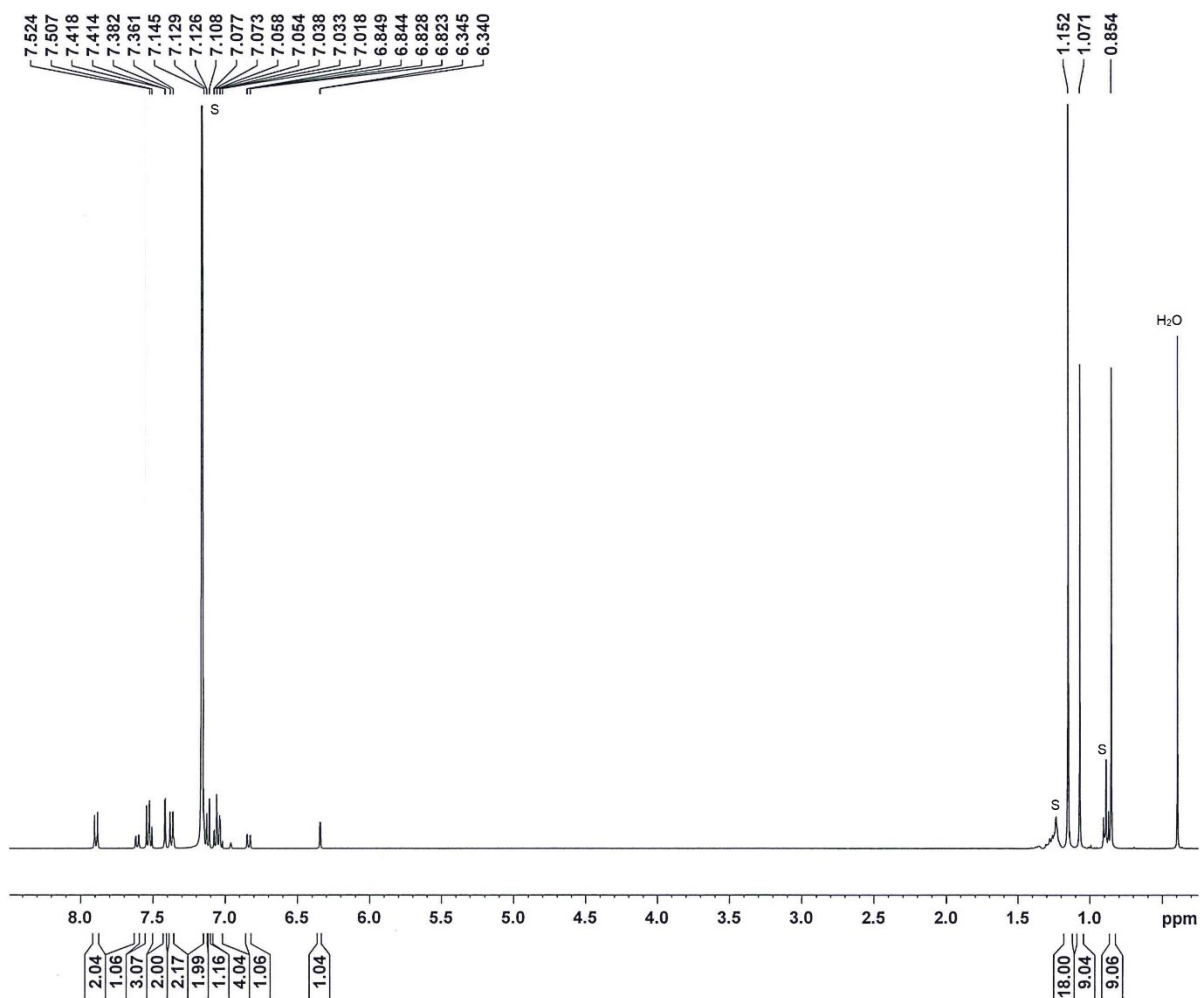
**Figure S31.**  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (376.5 MHz, 298 K, acetone- $d_6$ ) spectrum of **6**.



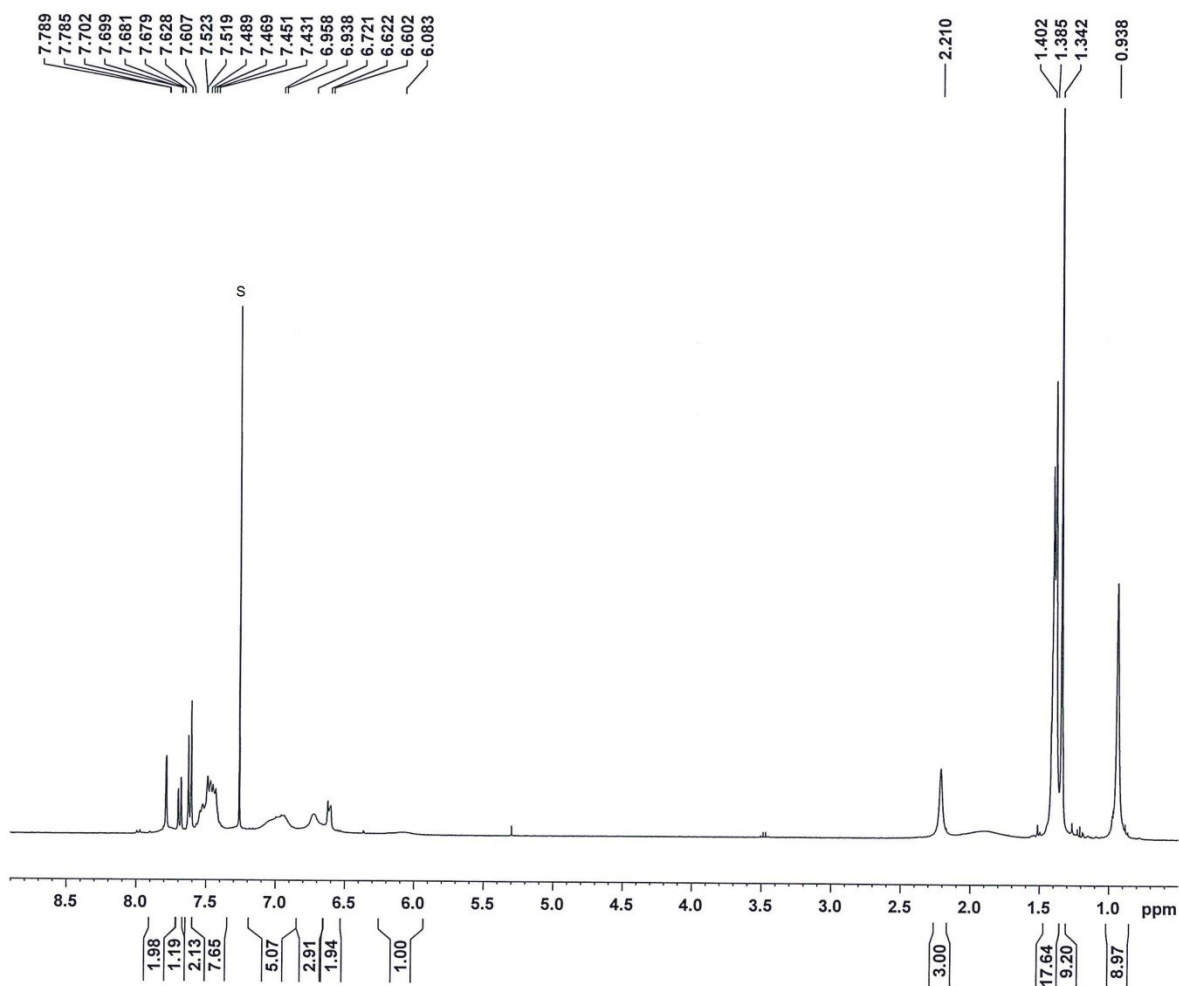
**Figure S32.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, 298 K, acetone- $d_6$ ) spectrum of **7** (S = residual solvent).



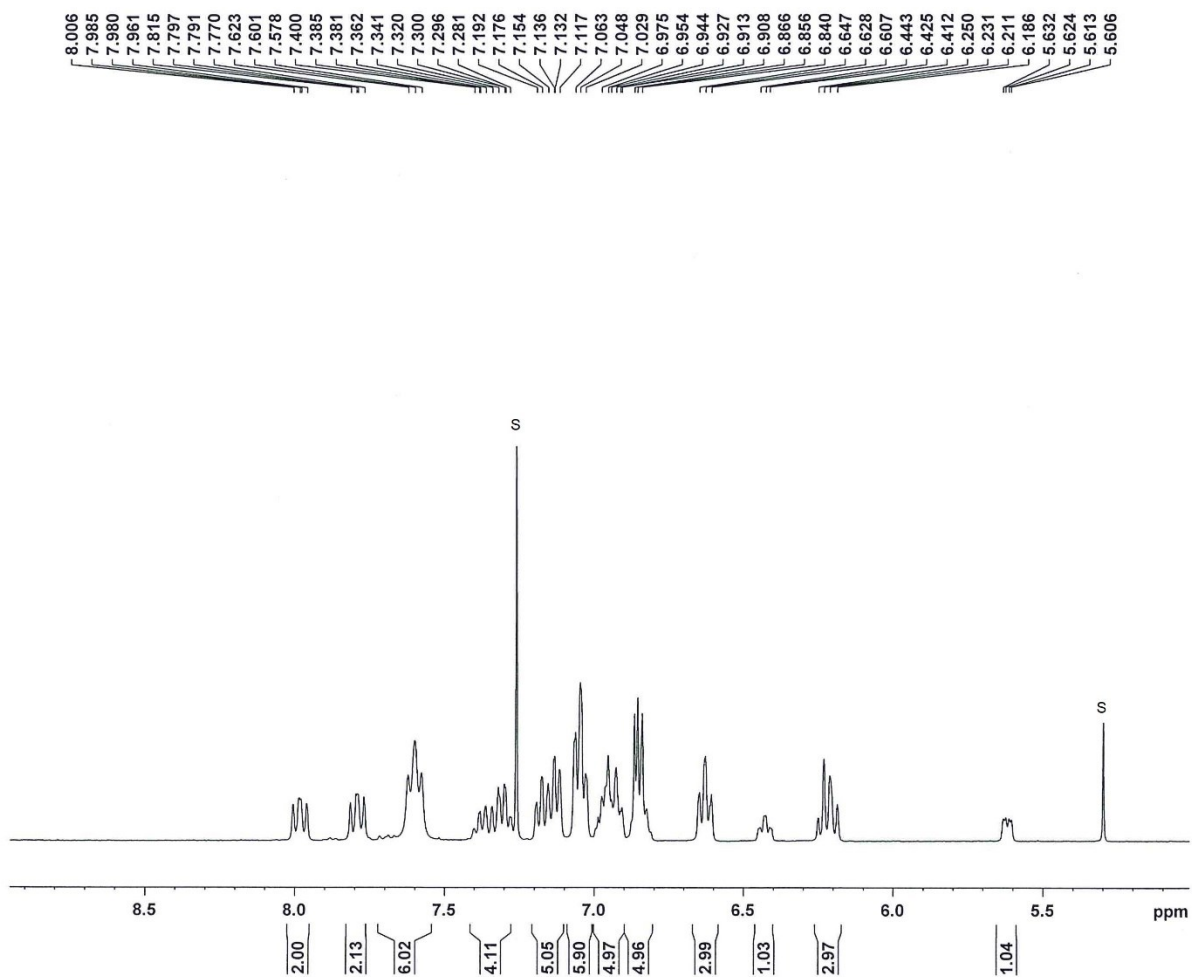
**Figure S33.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, 298 K, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of **8** (S = residual solvent).



**Figure S34.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, 298 K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **8'** (S = residual solvent).

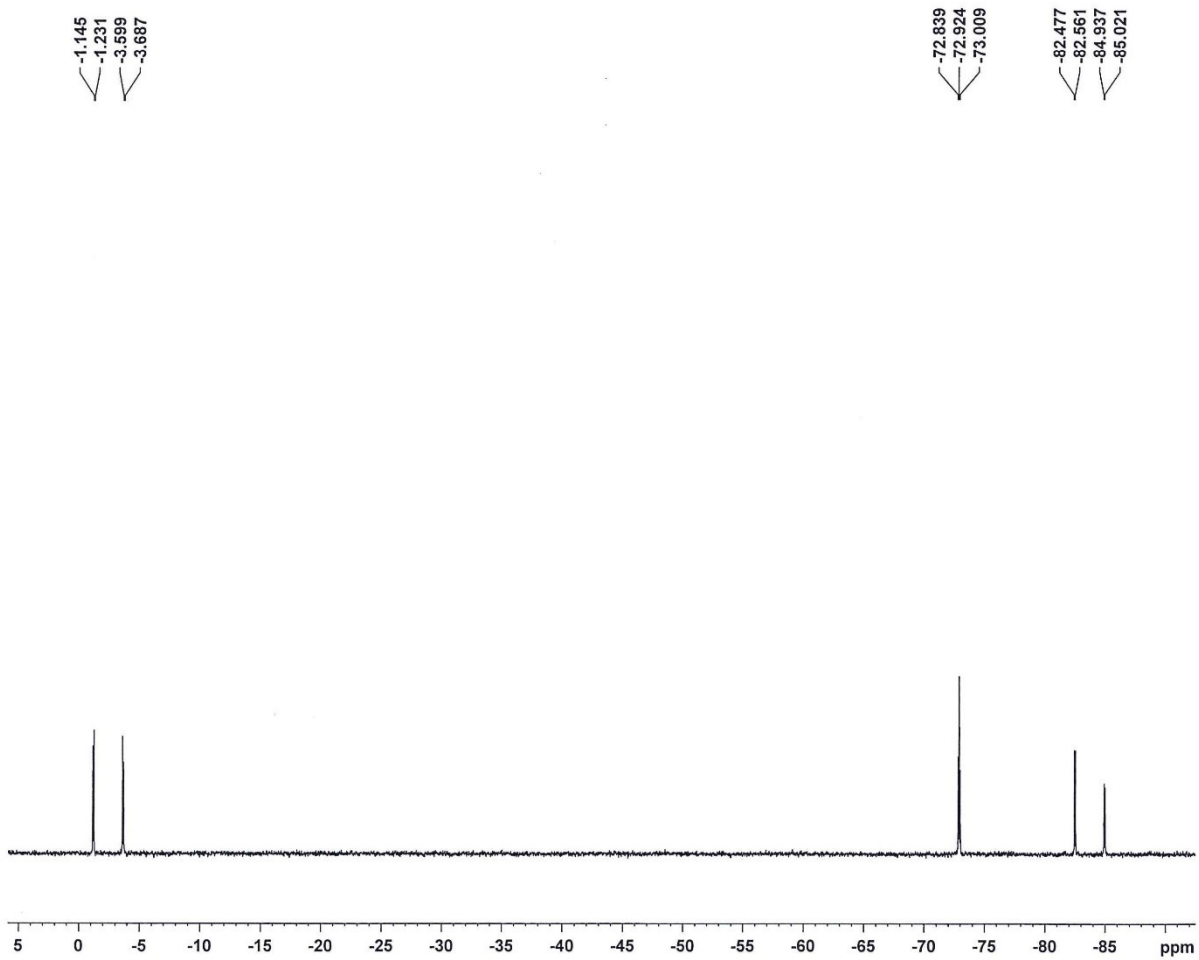


**Figure S35.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, 298 K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **9** (S = residual solvent).

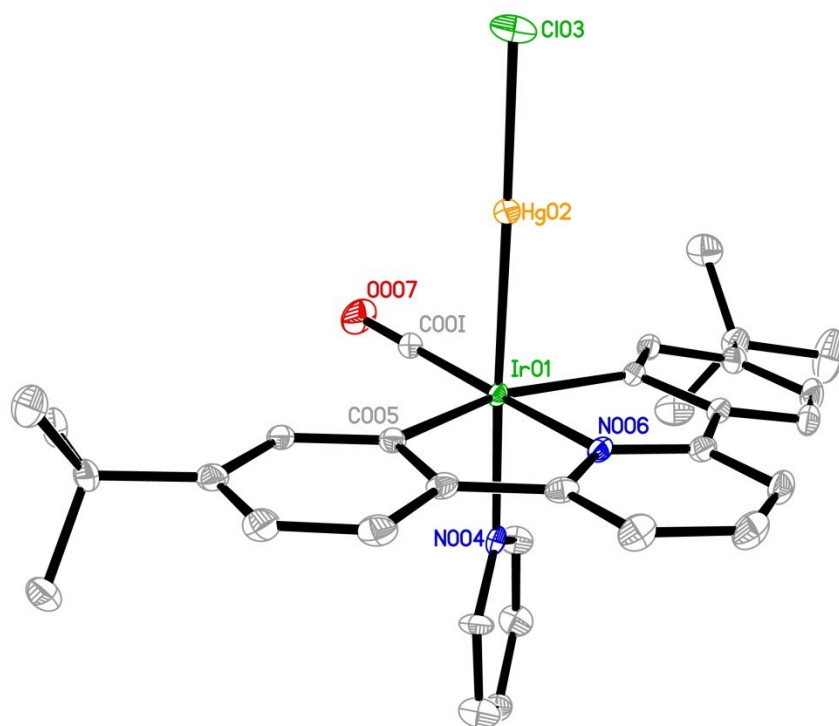


**Figure S36.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, 298 K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **10** (S = residual solvent).



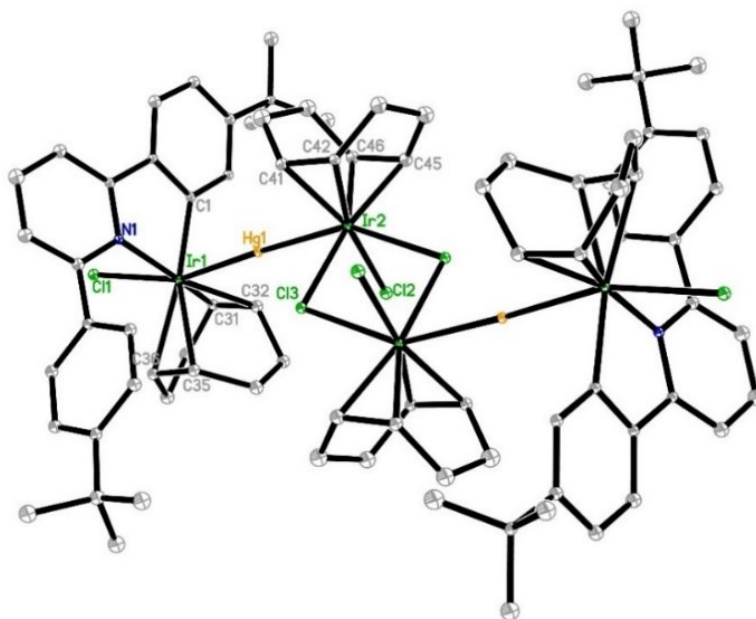


**Figure S37.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (162 MHz, 298 K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **10**.



**Figure S38.** Preliminary x-ray structure of [Ir(C<sup>N</sup>C)(HgCl)(CO)(py)] (7).

**Figure S39.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{Cl}(\kappa^2\text{C},N\text{-HC}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{cod})\text{IrHgIr}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}_2]_2$  (**2**). The ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.

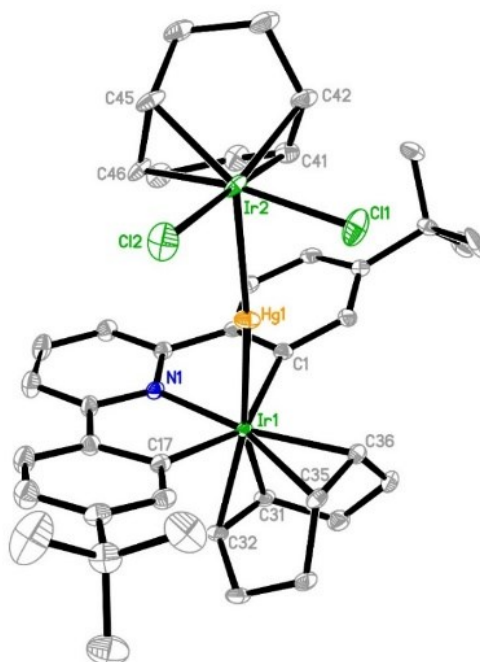


**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths and angles of  $[\text{Cl}(\kappa^2\text{C},N\text{-HC}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{cod})\text{IrHgIr}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}_2]_2$  (**2**).

Ir1-Hg1	2.5829(3)	Ir2-Hg1	2.6314(3)
Ir1-C1	2.047(6)	Ir1-N1	2.182(4)
Ir1-C31	2.161(6)	Ir1-C32	2.207(6)
Ir1-C35	2.349(6)	Ir1-C36	2.310(6)
Ir1-Cl1	2.4694(13)	Ir2-Cl2	2.3950(13)
Ir2-Cl3	2.4126(12)	Ir2-C41	2.162(6)
Ir2-C42	2.159(5)	Ir2-C45	2.127(6)
Ir2-C46	2.156(6)	C31-C32	1.400(9)
C35-C36	1.374(9)	C41-C42	1.399(8)
C45-C46	1.411(9)		
C1-Ir1-N1	79.4(2)	C1-Ir1-Cl1	86.91(16)
C1-Ir1-C31	91.7(2)	C1-Ir1-C32	94.0(2)
C1-Ir1-C35	159.8(2)	C1-Ir1-C36	164.9(2)
C1-Ir1-Hg1	79.14(15)	N1-Ir1-Cl1	78.75(13)
N1-Ir1-C31	159.2(2)	N1-Ir1-C32	160.6(2)
N1-Ir1-C35	102.65(19)	N1-Ir1-C36	105.16(19)
N1-Ir1-Hg1	84.78(12)	Cl1-Ir1-C31	81.99(16)
Cl1-Ir1-C32	119.36(16)	Cl1-Ir1-C35	113.27(15)
Cl1-Ir1-C36	80.07(16)	Cl1-Ir1-Hg1	79.14(15)
C31-Ir1-C32	37.4(2)	C31-Ir1-C35	92.2(2)
C31-Ir1-C36	79.0(2)	C31-Ir1-Hg1	112.27(16)
C32-Ir1-C35	77.4(2)	C32-Ir1-C36	85.9(2)
C32-Ir1-Hg1	76.07(16)	C35-Ir1-C36	34.3(2)
C35-Ir1-Hg1	81.03(15)	C36-Ir1-Hg1	115.31(15)
Ir1-Hg1-Ir2	176.587(11)	Cl2-Ir2-Cl3	91.66(5)
Cl2-Ir2-Cl3 <sup>1</sup>	85.44(4)	Cl2-Ir2-C41	155.93(16)
Cl2-Ir2-C42	165.74(16)	Cl2-Ir2-C45	89.64(17)

Cl2-Ir2-C46	89.64(17)	Cl2-Ir2-Hg1	76.14(3)
Cl3-Ir2-Cl3 <sup>1</sup>	80.68(4)	Cl3-Ir2-C41	88.87(17)
Cl3-Ir2-C42	92.91(16)	Cl3-Ir2-C45	164.70(17)
Cl3-Ir2-C46	156.75(17)	Cl3-Ir2-Hg1	78.67(3)
Cl3 <sup>1</sup> -Ir2-C41	118.34(16)	Cl3 <sup>1</sup> -Ir2-C42	81.99(16)
Cl3 <sup>1</sup> -Ir2-C45	84.23(17)	Cl3 <sup>1</sup> -Ir2-C46	122.55(17)
Cl3 <sup>1</sup> -Ir2-Hg	151.75(3)	C41-Ir2-C42	37.8(2)
C41-Ir2-C45	96.1(2)	C41-Ir2-C46	80.7(2)
C41-Ir2-Hg1	80.39(16)	C45-Ir2-C46	38.5(2)
C45-Ir2-Hg1	116.39(17)	C46-Ir2-Hg1	79.12(17)

**Figure S40.** Molecular structure of [(C<sup>^N^C</sup>)(cod)IrHgIr(cod)Cl<sub>2</sub>] (**3**). The ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.

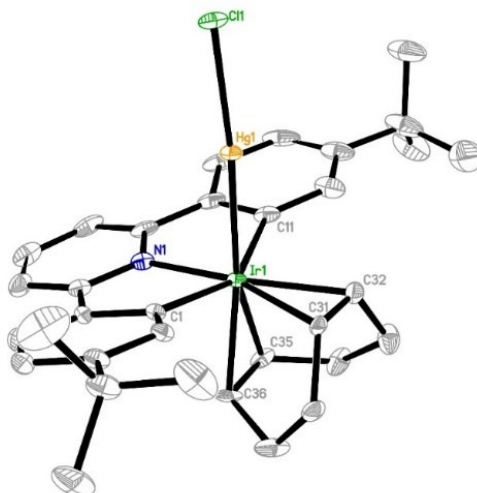


**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths and angles of [(C<sup>^N^C</sup>)(cod)IrHgIr(cod)Cl<sub>2</sub>] (**3**).

Ir1-N1	2.045(3)	Ir1-C1	2.126(4)
Ir1-C17	2.131(4)	Ir1-C31	2.211(4)
Ir1-C32	2.187(4)	Ir1-C35	2.180(4)
Ir1-C36	2.170(4)	Ir1-Hg1	2.5841(3)
Ir2-Cl1	2.3335(12)	Ir2-Cl2	2.256(3)
Ir2-C41	2.133(5)	Ir2-C42	2.191(11)
Ir2-C45	2.146(10)	Ir2-C46	2.101(11)
Ir2-Hg1	2.6656(3)	C31-C32	1.426(6)
C35-C36	1.417(7)	C41-C42	1.294(11)
C45-C46	1.422(15)		
N1-Ir1-C1	77.30(15)	N1-Ir1-C17	77.99(15)
N1-Ir1-C31	92.65(15)	N1-Ir1-C32	88.86(15)
N1-Ir1-C35	160.94(16)	N1-Ir1-C36	160.32(17)
N1-Ir1-Hg1	90.67(10)	C1-Ir1-C17	148.08(16)
C1-Ir1-C31	83.44(16)	C1-Ir1-C32	119.22(16)
C1-Ir1-C35	121.70(17)	C1-Ir1-C36	83.89(17)
C1-Ir1-Hg1	81.20(11)	C17-Ir1-C31	117.65(16)
C17-Ir1-C32	80.04(16)	C17-Ir1-C35	84.61(17)
C17-Ir1-C36	121.66(17)	C17-Ir1-Hg1	79.19(11)
C31-Ir1-C32	37.84(16)	C31-Ir1-C35	88.54(18)
C31-Ir1-C36	79.34(18)	C31-Ir1-Hg1	163.16(11)
C32-Ir1-C35	80.45(17)	C32-Ir1-C36	95.36(17)
C32-Ir1-Hg1	158.85(12)	C35-Ir1-C36	38.03(17)
C35-Ir1-Hg1	93.67(13)	C36-Ir1-Hg1	92.16(13)
Ir1-Hg1-Ir2	169.439(9)	Cl1-Ir2-Cl2	93.44(10)

Cl1-Ir2-C41	91.67(14)	Cl1-Ir2-C42	84.1(3)
Cl1-Ir2-C45	153.1(3)	Cl1-Ir2-C46	165.9(3)
Cl1-Ir2-Hg1	79.68(4)	Cl2-Ir2-C41	168.61(17)
Cl2-Ir2-C42	156.1(3)	Cl2-Ir2-C45	93.7(3)
Cl2-Ir2-C46	91.6(3)	Cl2-Ir2-Hg1	89.05(12)
C41-Ir2-C42	34.8(3)	C41-Ir2-C45	86.3(3)
C41-Ir2-C46	81.1(3)	C41-Ir2-Hg1	81.85(12)
C42-Ir2-C45	79.0(4)	C42-Ir2-C46	96.5(4)
C42-Ir2-Hg1	113.7(3)	C45-Ir2-C46	39.1(4)
C45-Ir2-Hg1	126.3(3)	C46-Ir2-Hg1	87.3(3)

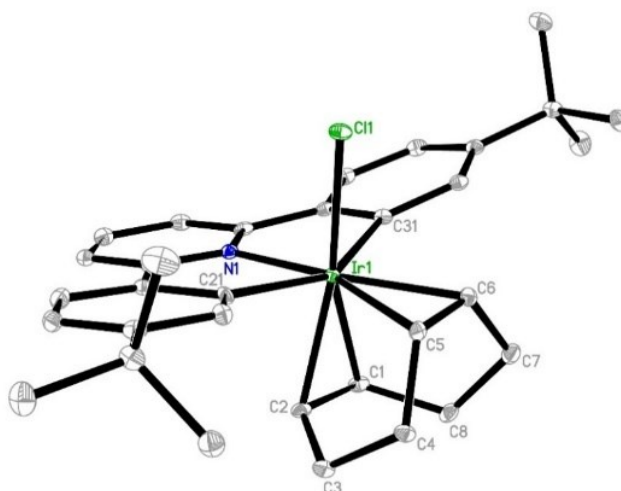
**Figure S41.** Molecular structure of [Ir(C<sup>^</sup>N<sup>^</sup>C)(cod)(HgCl)] (**4**). The ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



**Table S4.** Selected bond lengths and angles of [Ir(C<sup>^</sup>N<sup>^</sup>C)(cod)(HgCl)] (**4**).

Ir1-N1	2.040(5)	Ir1-C1	2.147(6)
Ir1-C11	2.148(6)	Ir1-C31	2.180(6)
Ir1-C32	2.194(6)	Ir1-C35	2.202(6)
Ir1-C36	2.216(6)	Ir1-Hg1	2.5705(3)
Hg1-Cl1	2.4255(13)	C31-C32	1.398(9)
C35-C36	1.395(9)		
N1-Ir1-C1	77.2(2)	N1-Ir1-C11	78.1(2)
N1-Ir1-C31	159.9(2)	N1-Ir1-C32	161.7(2)
N1-Ir1-C35	90.2(2)	N1-Ir1-C36	90.7(2)
N1-Ir1-Hg1	91.68(13)	C1-Ir1-C11	150.3(2)
C1-Ir1-C31	83.7(2)	C1-Ir1-C32	120.8(2)
C1-Ir1-C35	117.0(2)	C1-Ir1-C36	81.2(2)
C1-Ir1-Hg1	82.71(14)	C11-Ir1-C31	122.0(3)
C11-Ir1-C32	85.2(3)	C11-Ir1-C35	79.3(2)
C11-Ir1-C36	115.4(2)	C11-Ir1-Hg1	81.74(17)
C31-Ir1-C32	37.3(2)	C31-Ir1-C35	92.6(2)
C31-Ir1-C36	79.8(2)	C31-Ir1-Hg1	92.35(15)
C32-Ir1-C35	79.2(2)	C32-Ir1-C36	89.6(3)
C32-Ir1-Hg1	93.33(17)	C35-Ir1-C35	36.8(2)
C35-Ir1-Hg1	160.14(18)	C36-Ir1-Hg1	162.79(18)
Ir1-Hg1-Cl1	171.64(4)		

**Figure S42.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]$  (**5**). The ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.

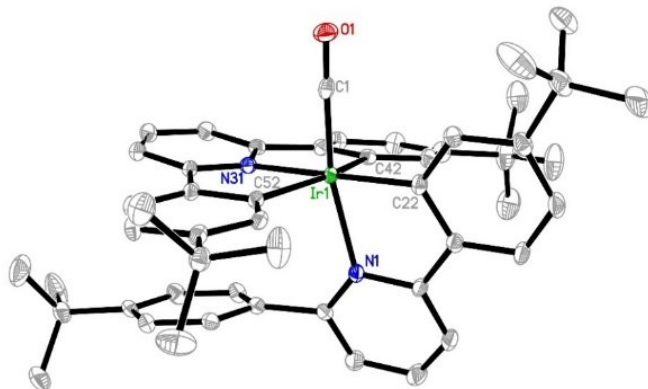


**Table S5.** Selected bond lengths and angles of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]$  (**5**).

Ir1-N1	2.052(2)	Ir1-C21	2.140(3)
Ir1-C31	2.139(3)	Ir1-C1	2.177(3)
Ir1-C2	2.168(3)	Ir1-C5	2.178(3)
Ir1-C6	2.181(3)	Ir1-Cl1	2.3993(6)
C1-C2	1.402(4)	C5-C6	1.405(4)
N1-Ir1-C21	77.92(10)	N1-Ir1-C31	77.45(10)
N1-Ir1-C1	90.01(10)	N1-Ir1-C2	87.10(10)
N1-Ir1-C5	160.61(10)	N1-Ir1-C6	160.15(10)
N1-Ir1-Cl1	96.06(6)	C21-Ir1-C31	151.35(10)
C21-Ir1-C1	113.74(10)	C21-Ir1-C2	76.45(10)
C21-Ir1-C5	84.68(10)	C21-Ir1-C6	121.81(11)
C21-Ir1-Cl1	83.26(7)	C31-Ir1-C1	80.68(10)
C31-Ir1-C2	116.53(10)	C31-Ir1-C5	121.47(10)
C31-Ir1-C6	83.92(11)	C31-Ir1-Cl1	85.01(7)
C1-Ir1-C2	37.65(11)	C1-Ir1-C5	89.20(10)
C1-Ir1-C6	80.18(11)	C1-Ir1-Cl1	162.86(8)
C2-Ir1-C5	80.49(10)	C2-Ir1-C6	95.25(10)
C2-Ir1-Cl1	158.34(8)	C5-Ir1-C6	37.61(10)
C5-Ir1-Cl1	90.27(7)	C6-Ir1-Cl1	89.01(8)



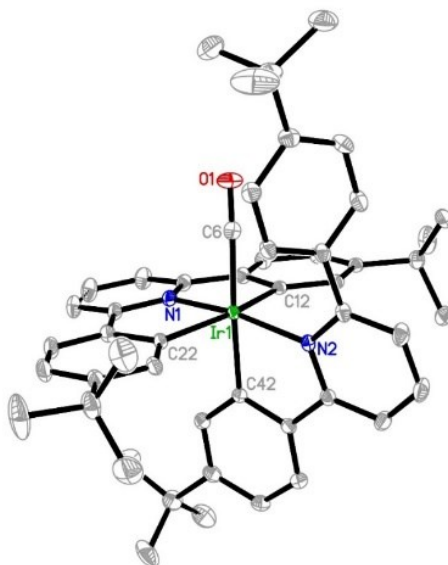
**Figure S43.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\kappa^2\text{C},\text{N}\text{-HC}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{CO})]$  (**8**). The ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



**Table S6.** Selected bond lengths and angles of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\kappa^2\text{C},\text{N}\text{-HC}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})(\text{CO})]$  (**8**).

Ir1-N1	2.163(2)	Ir1-N31	2.083(2)
Ir1-C1	1.821(3)	Ir1-C22	2.028(3)
Ir1-C42	2.101(3)	Ir1-C52	2.113(3)
C1-O1	1.153(3)		
N1-Ir1-N31	99.57(8)	N1-Ir1-C1	168.35(10)
N1-Ir1-C22	79.57(10)	N1-Ir1-C42	81.98(9)
N1-Ir1-C52	97.15(9)	N31-Ir1-C1	91.02(10)
N31-Ir1-C22	176.42(10)	N31-Ir1-C42	78.94(10)
N31-Ir1-C52	79.14(9)	C1-Ir1-C22	89.56(11)
C1-Ir1-C42	95.41(11)	C1-Ir1-C52	89.57(11)
C22-Ir1-C42	97.49(10)	C22-Ir1-C52	104.40(10)
C42-Ir1-C52	157.59(10)	Ir1-C1-O1	176.8(2)

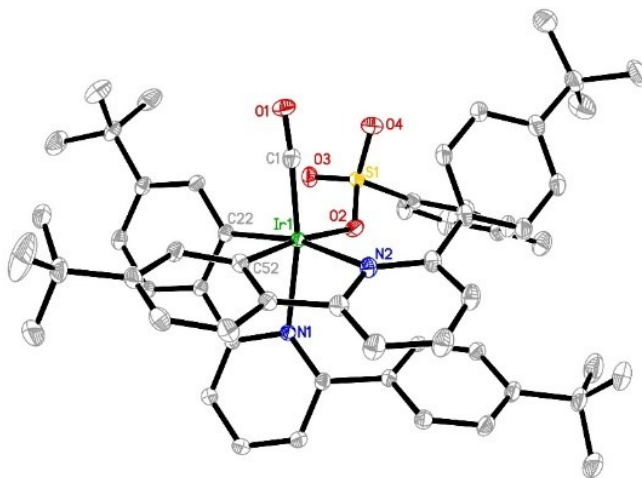
**Figure S44.** Molecular structure of the isomer **8'**. The ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



**Table S7.** Selected bond lengths and angles of the isomer **8'**.

Ir1-N1	2.0122(17)	Ir1-N2	2.0998(16)
Ir1-C6	1.933(2)	Ir1-C12	2.096(2)
Ir1-C22	2.114(2)	Ir1-C42	2.060(2)
C6-O1	1.135(3)		
N1-Ir1-N2	168.31(7)	N1-Ir1-C6	90.16(8)
N1-Ir1-C12	80.17(8)	N1-Ir1-C22	80.02(8)
N1-Ir1-C42	89.19(8)	N2-Ir1-C6	100.56(8)
N2-Ir1-C12	95.48(7)	N2-Ir1-C22	103.07(7)
N2-Ir1-C42	79.73(7)	C6-Ir1-C12	87.71(8)
C6-Ir1-C22	96.91(8)	C6-Ir1-C42	174.97(8)
C12-Ir1-C22	159.66(8)	C12-Ir1-C42	87.27(8)
C22-Ir1-C42	87.89(8)	Ir1-C6-O1	170.77(19)

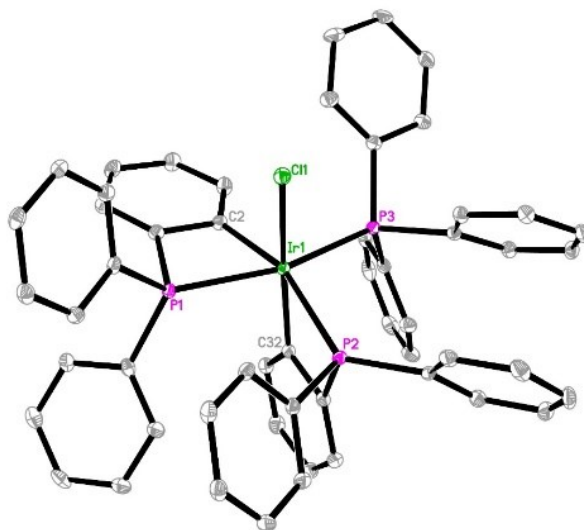
**Figure S45.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{Ir}(\kappa^2\text{C},\text{N-HC}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})_2(\text{OTs})(\text{CO})]$  (**9**). The ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



**Table S8.** Selected bond lengths and angles of  $[\text{Ir}(\kappa^2\text{C},\text{N-HC}^{\wedge}\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{C})_2(\text{OTs})(\text{CO})]$  (**9**).

Ir1-N1	2.172(2)	Ir1-N2	2.274(2)
Ir1-C1	1.844(3)	Ir1-C22	2.032(3)
Ir1-C52	2.022(3)	Ir1-O2	2.1914(19)
C1-O1	1.138(4)		
N1-Ir1-N2	90.59(8)	N1-Ir1-C1	169.77(10)
N1-Ir1-C22	80.35(9)	N1-Ir1-C52	84.62(9)
N1-Ir1-O2	88.17(8)	N2-Ir1-C1	96.44(10)
N2-Ir1-C22	164.67(9)	N2-Ir1-C52	78.28(10)
N2-Ir1-O2	101.50(8)	C1-Ir1-C22	91.14(11)
C1-Ir1-C52	89.52(12)	C1-Ir1-O2	97.67(10)
C22-Ir1-C52	88.51(10)	C22-Ir1-O2	90.63(9)
C52-Ir1-O2	172.78(9)		

**Figure S46.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{PPh}_3)(\kappa^2\text{P},\text{C}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{PPh}_2)_2\text{Cl}]$  (**10**). The ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.

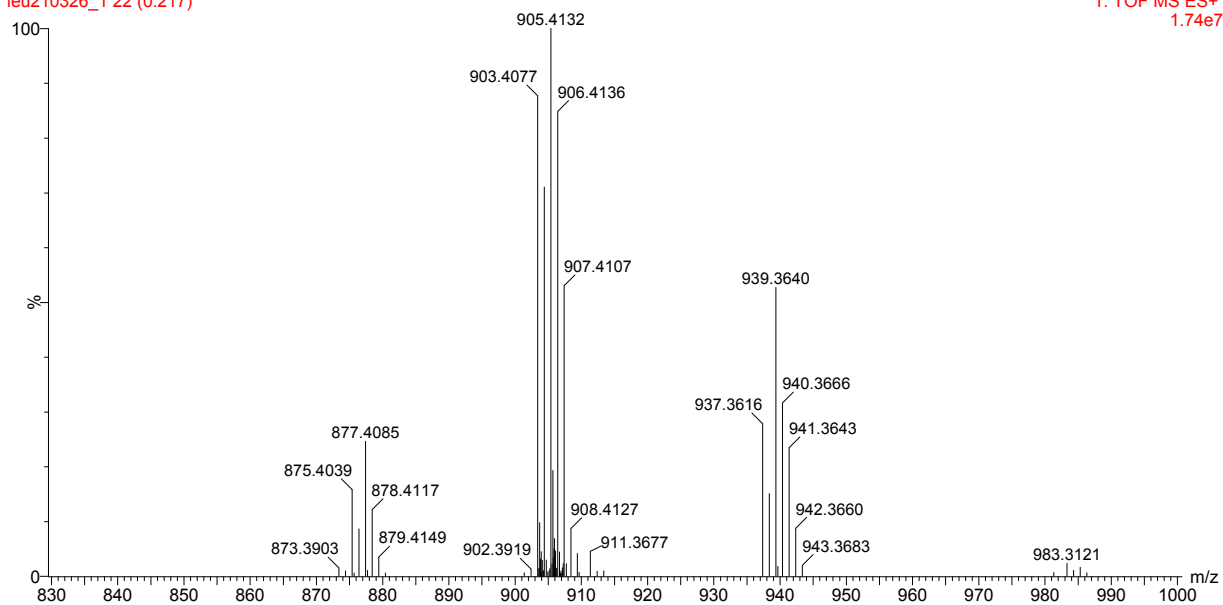


**Table S9.** Selected bond lengths and angles of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{PPh}_3)(\kappa^2\text{P},\text{C}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{PPh}_2)_2\text{Cl}]$  (**10**).

Ir1-Cl1	2.4921(8)	Ir1-C2	2.079(3)
Ir1-C32	2.044(4)	Ir1-P1	2.3935(8)
Ir1-P2	2.3937(8)	Ir1-P3	2.3300(8)
Cl1-Ir1-C2	95.18(10)	Cl1-Ir1-C32	167.47(10)
Cl1-Ir1-P1	87.73(3)	Cl1-Ir1-P2	100.01(3)
Cl1-Ir1-P3	94.51(3)	C2-Ir1-C32	95.77(13)
C2-Ir1-P1	67.28(9)	C2-Ir1-P2	160.24(10)
C2-Ir1-P3	93.58(9)	C32-Ir1-P1	90.88(9)
C32-Ir1-P2	68.01(10)	C32-Ir1-P3	90.88(9)
P1-Ir1-P2	100.61(3)	P1-Ir1-P3	160.86(3)
P2-Ir1-P3	97.72(3)		

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**Figure S47.** Mass spectrum (ESI) of the product of oxidation of **8** by (4-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NSbCl<sub>6</sub>.