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## **Ferrocenyl-Triazole Complexes and their Use in Heavy Metal Cation Sensing**

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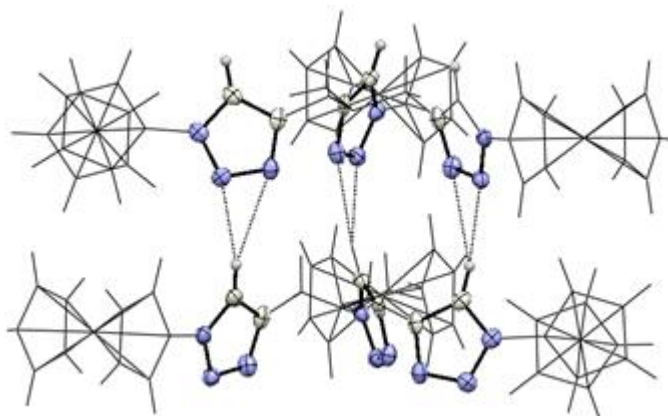
Selected bond distances (Å)					
<b>3</b>		<b>7</b>		<b>9</b>	
C(1)–C(2)	1.497(8)	C(1)–N(1)	1.45(2)	C(11)–C(12)	1.364(11)
C(1)–N(1)	1.477(6)	C(11)–C(12)	1.42(3)	C(11)–N(1)	1.352(9)
C(2)–C(3)	1.371(9)	C(11)–N(1)	1.38(3)	C(12)–C(13)	1.504(11)
C(2)–N(2)	1.358(8)	C(12)–C(13)	1.48(3)	C(12)–N(3)	1.378(11)
C(3)–N(4)	1.346(8)	C(12)–N(3)	1.44(3)	C(13)–N(4)	1.513(14)
C(4)–N(4)	1.427(8)	C(13)–O(1)	1.41(2)	C(31)–C(32)	1.361(12)
N(2)–N(3)	1.330(7)	C(21)–N(4)	1.48(2)	C(31)–N(5)	1.346(10)
N(3)–N(4)	1.343(7)	C(31)–C(32)	1.45(3)	C(32)–C(33)	1.492(12)
		C(31)–N(4)	1.37(2)	C(32)–N(7)	1.372(12)
		C(32)–C(33)	1.46(3)	C(33)–N(8)	1.440(13)
		C(32)–N(6)	1.41(3)	C(6)–N(1)	1.410(9)
		C(33)–O(1)	1.38(2)	N(1)–N(2)	1.350(9)
		N(1)–N(2)	1.43(2)	N(2)–N(3)	1.315(9)
		N(2)–N(3)	1.33(2)	N(5)–N(6)	1.351(9)
		N(4)–N(5)	1.37(3)	N(6)–N(7)	1.330(9)
		N(5)–N(6)	1.32(2)		
Selected bond angles (°)					
<b>3</b>		<b>7</b>		<b>9</b>	
C(1)#1–N(1)–C(1)	109.5(4)	C(11)–C(12)–C(13)	125(2)	C(11)–C(12)–C(13)	130.6(8)
C(1)#1–N(1)–C(1)#2	109.5(4)	C(11)–C(12)–N(3)	111.0(17)	C(11)–C(12)–N(3)	108.1(7)
C(1)#2–N(1)–C(1)	109.5(4)	C(11)–N(1)–C(1)	127.5(18)	C(11)–N(1)–C(6)	127.9(7)
C(3)–C(2)–C(1)	128.0(7)	C(11)–N(1)–N(2)	114.3(16)	C(12)–C(11)–N(1)	105.0(7)
C(3)–N(4)–C(4)	127.6(6)	C(31)–C(32)–C(33)	126(2)	C(31)–C(32)–C(33)	129.6(9)
N(1)–C(1)–C(2)	112.5(5)	C(31)–N(4)–C(21)	123.5(18)	C(31)–C(32)–N(7)	108.6(8)
N(2)–C(2)–C(1)	123.7(6)	C(31)–N(4)–N(5)	116.3(16)	C(31)–N(5)–C(26)	127.8(7)
N(2)–C(2)–C(3)	108.3(6)	C(33)–O(1)–C(13)	112.3(16)	N(2)–N(1)–C(11)	111.0(6)
N(2)–N(3)–N(4)	106.9(5)	N(1)–C(11)–C(12)	100.9(19)	N(2)–N(1)–C(6)	121.1(6)
N(3)–N(2)–C(2)	108.7(5)	N(2)–N(1)–C(1)	118.1(16)	N(2)–N(3)–C(12)	108.8(7)
N(3)–N(4)–C(3)	111.0(5)	N(2)–N(3)–C(12)	108.1(17)	N(3)–C(12)–C(13)	121.2(8)
N(3)–N(4)–C(4)	121.1(6)	N(3)–C(12)–C(13)	124.5(19)	N(3)–N(2)–N(1)	107.1(6)
N(4)–C(3)–C(2)	105.0(6)	N(3)–N(2)–N(1)	105.6(15)	N(4)–C(13)–C(12)	112.0(8)
		N(4)–C(31)–C(32)	99.4(18)	N(5)–C(31)–C(32)	104.6(8)
		N(5)–N(4)–C(21)	120.2(17)	N(6)–N(5)–C(26)	120.0(6)
		N(5)–N(6)–C(32)	108.8(19)	N(6)–N(5)–C(31)	112.1(7)
		N(6)–C(32)–C(31)	109.6(17)	N(6)–N(7)–C(32)	108.9(7)
		N(6)–C(32)–C(33)	124(2)	N(7)–C(32)–C(33)	121.7(9)
		N(6)–N(5)–N(4)	105.9(18)	N(7)–N(6)–N(5)	105.8(7)
		O(1)–C(13)–C(12)	109.7(17)		
		O(1)–C(33)–C(32)	112.8(18)		
				N(8)–C(33)–C(32)	117.0(8)

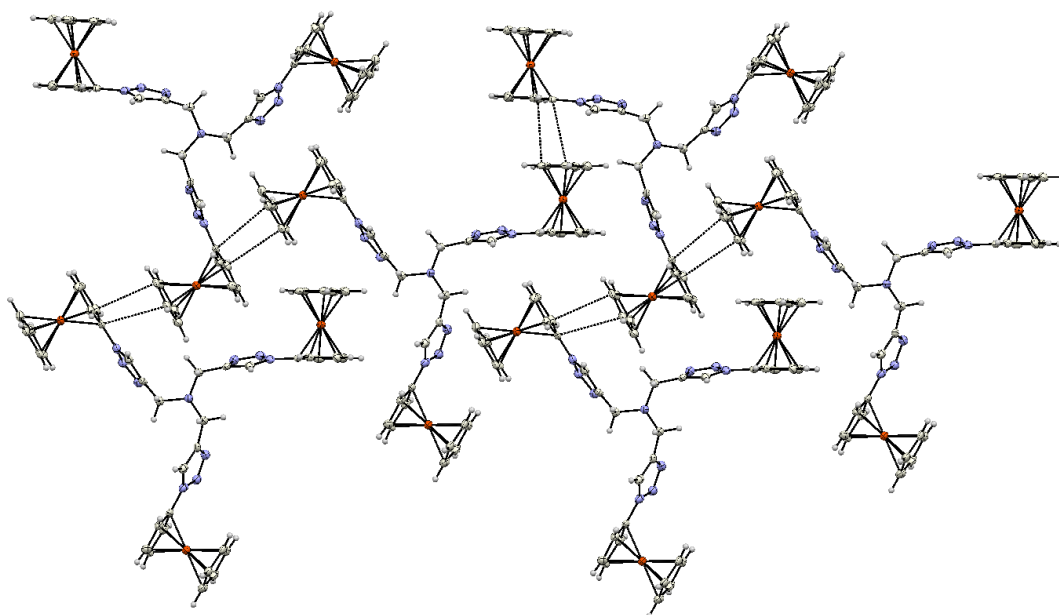
**Table S 2.** Percentage contributions to the Hirshfeld surface of **3**, **7** and **9**.

Contents	Included surface area		
	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
H...H	60.3	49.7	62.6
H...N/N...H	21.2	23.6	17.4
H...C/C...H	13.2	19.3	12.9
C...C	2.5	4.3	2.9
N...C/C...N	2.7	1.4	1.7
H...O/O...H		1.6	1.4
N...N			1.1

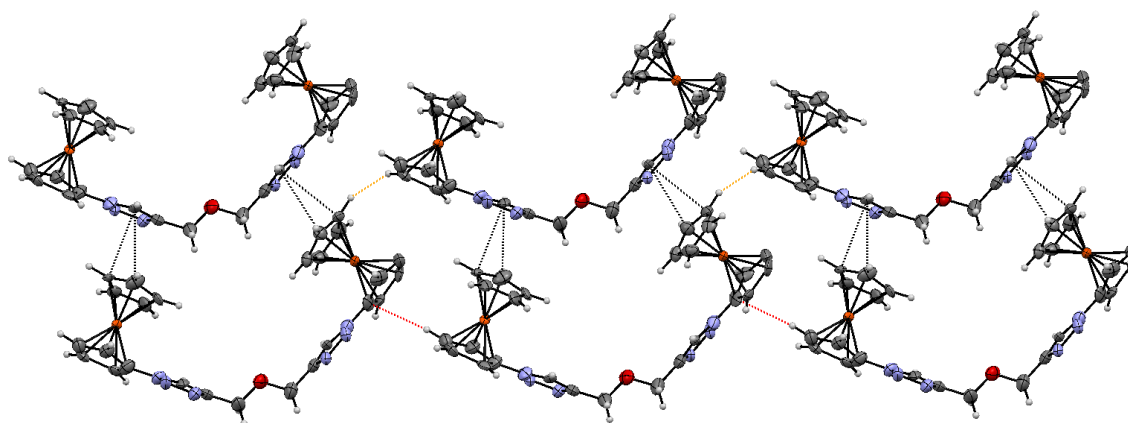
**Table S 3.** Comparison of LODs for different electrochemical sensor for Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup> and Cu<sup>2+</sup> determination.

Modified Electrode	LOD {Cd <sup>2+</sup> }	LOD {Pb <sup>2+</sup> }	LOD {Cu <sup>2+</sup> }	[Ref]
Ferrocenyl-Trizol 3@SPCE	9.2 nM	6.3 nM	20.1 nM	This work
Ferrocenyl-Trizol 6@SPCE	30.5 nM	8.7 nM	23.9 nM	This work
Ferrocenyl-Trizol 7@SPCE	4.3 nM	29.0 nM	7.1 nM	This work
Ferrocenyl-Trizol 3@SPCE	3.7 nM	32.0 nM	7.1 nM	This work
Fc-NH <sub>2</sub> -Ni-MOF	7.1 nM	0.2 nM	6.3 nM	1
trGNO/Fc-NH <sub>2</sub> -UiO-66.	8.5 nM	0.6 nM	0.8 nM	2
RGO-CS/PLL/GCE	10.0 nM	20.0 nM	20.0 nM	3
NMC	1500 nM	50 nM	–	4
ZJU-27/GCE	1.66 nM	1.1 nM	–	5
GAs-UiO-66-NH <sub>2</sub> /GCE	9.0 nM	1.0 nM	8.0 nM	6

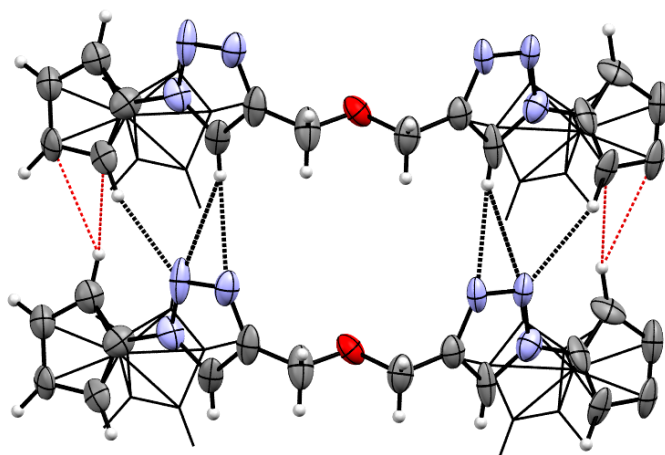
**Figure S 1.** Illustration of C–H...N (black) contacts in **3**.



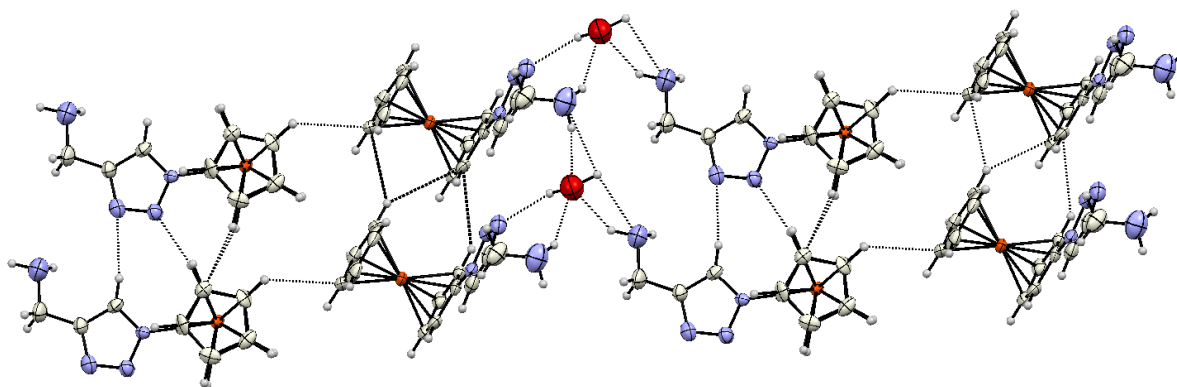
**Figure S 2.** Illustration of  $\pi$ ... $\pi$  stacking in **3**.



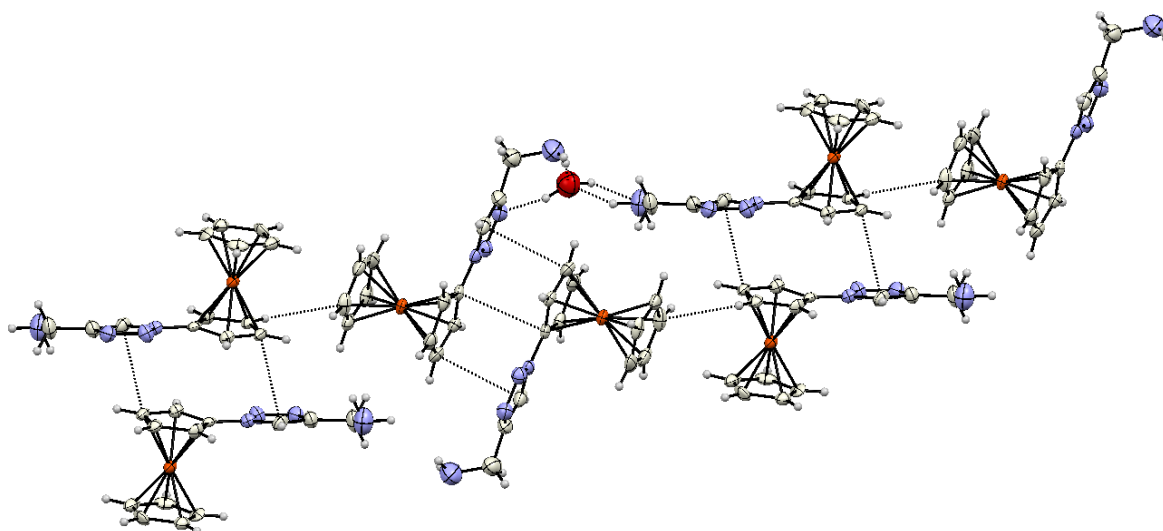
**Figure S 3.** Illustration of C-H... $\pi$  contacts (red), C-H...H-C stacking (orange) and  $\pi$ ... $\pi$  stacking (black) in **7**.



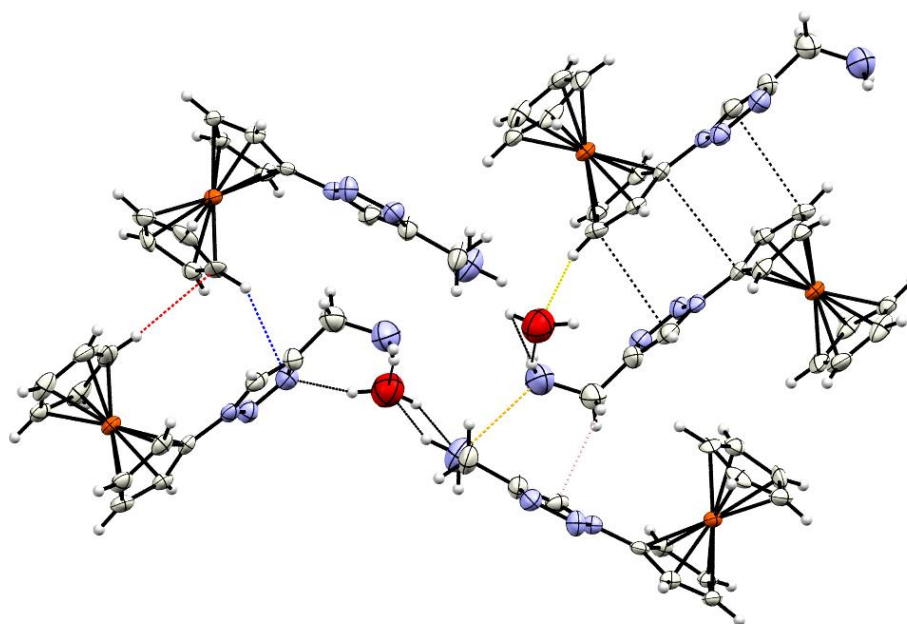
**Figure S 4.** Illustration of C–H... $\pi$  (red) and C–H...N (black) contacts in **7**.



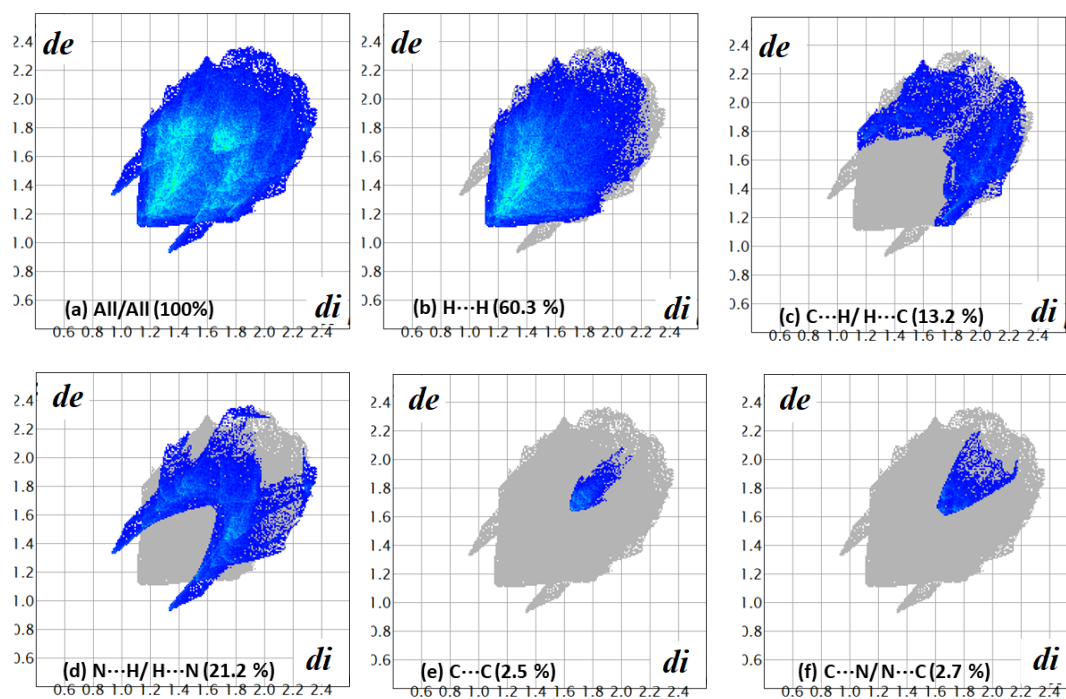
**Figure S 5.** Intermolecular interaction within the crystal packing of **9**.



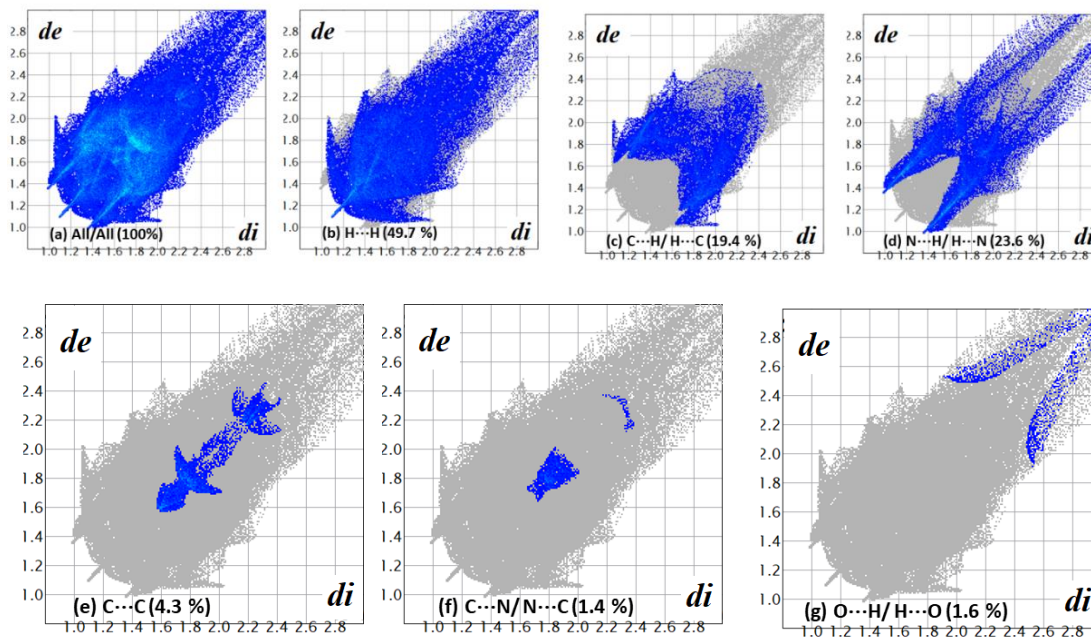
**Figure S 6.** Intermolecular interaction within the crystal packing of **9**.



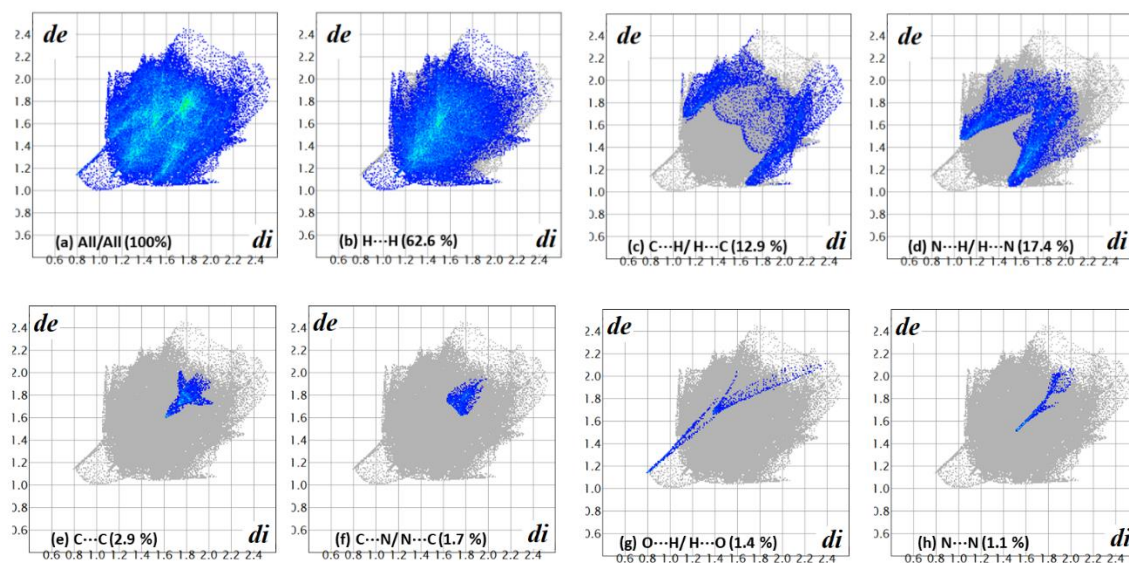
**Figure S 7.** Illustration of  $\pi$ ... $\pi$  stacking (black), C-H...O contacts (yellow), C-H...C contacts (blue), C-H...C contacts (red), N ... N contacts (orange) and CH<sub>2</sub>...C contacts (pink) in **9**.



**Figure S 8.** Full 2-D fingerprint plot for **3**. (a) and the decomposed contacts representing (b) H...H (60.3 %), (c) C...H/H...C (13.2 %), (d) N...H/ H...N (21.2 %), (e) C...C (2.5 %) and (f) C...N/N...C (2.1 %) intermolecular interactions.



**Figure S 9.** Full 2-D fingerprint plot for 7. (a) and the decomposed contacts representing (b) H...H (49.7 %), (c) C...H/H...C (19.4 %), (d) N...H/ H...N (23.6 %), (e) C...C (4.3 %), (f) C...N/N...C (2.1 %), (g) O...H/ H...O (1.6 %) intermolecular interactions.



**Figure S 10.** Full 2-D fingerprint plot for 9. (a) and the decomposed contacts representing (b) H...H (62.6 %), (c) C...H/H...C (12.9 %), (d) N...H/ H...N (17.4 %), (e) C...C (2.9 %), (f) C...N/N...C (1.7 %), (g) O...H/ H...O (1.4 %) and (h) N...N (1.1 %) intermolecular interactions.



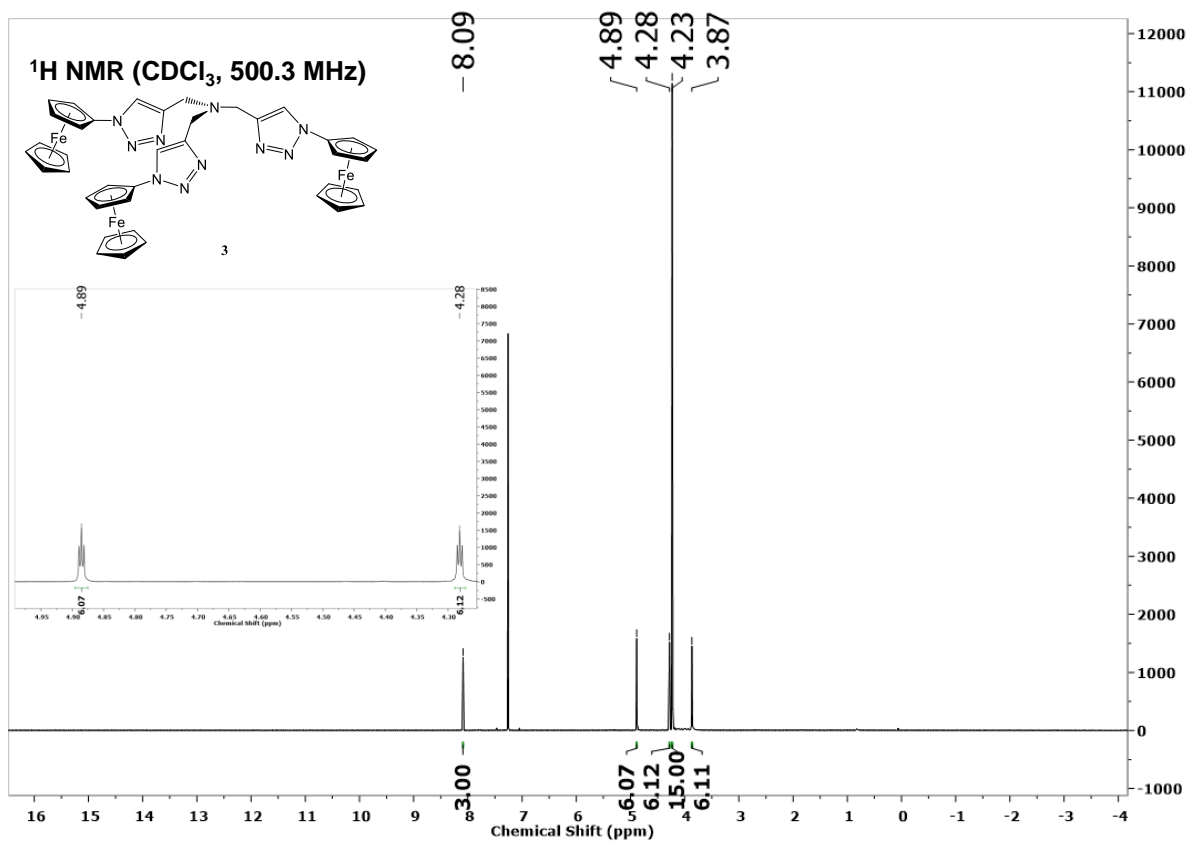


Figure S 11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

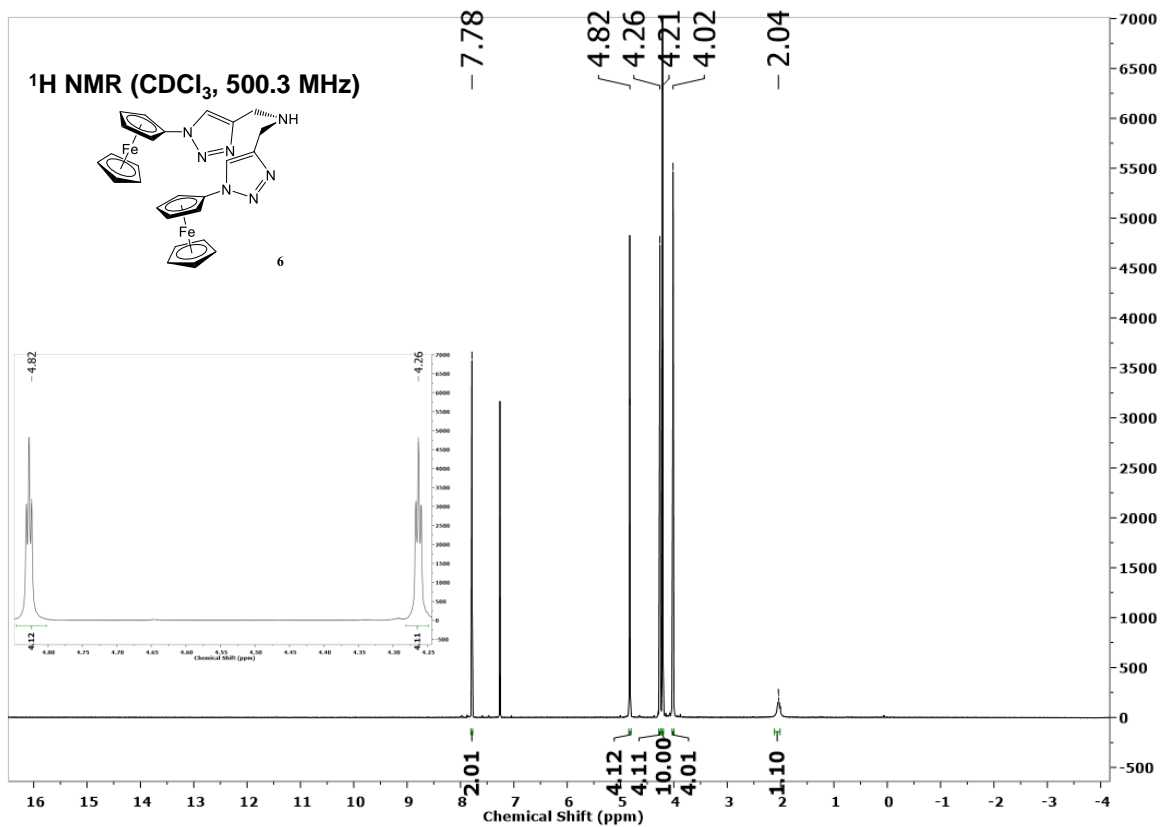
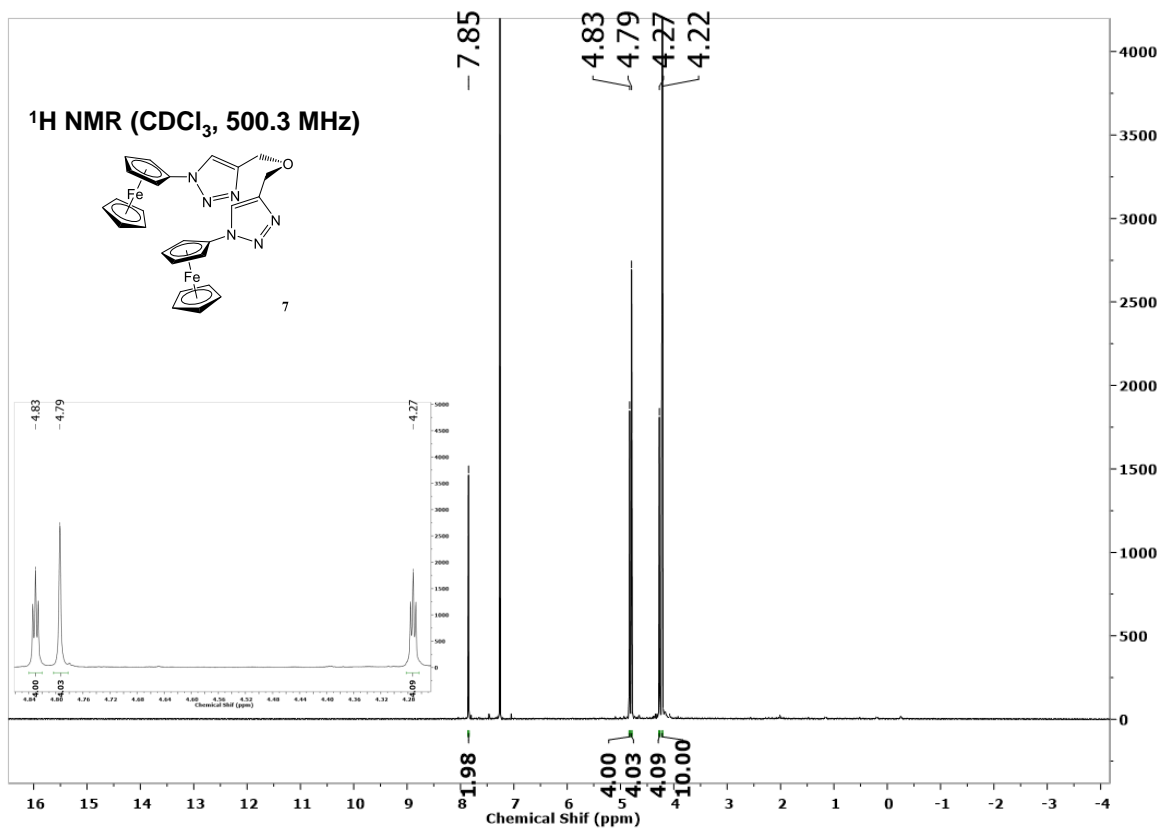
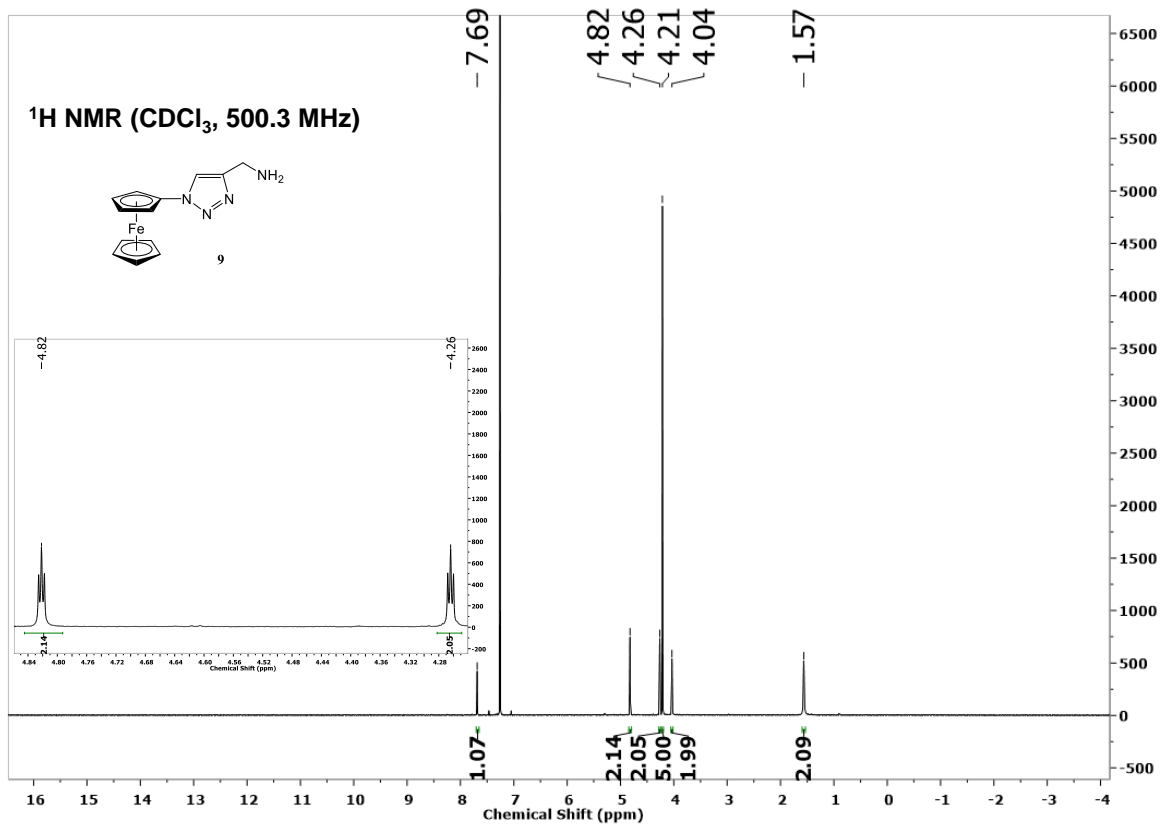


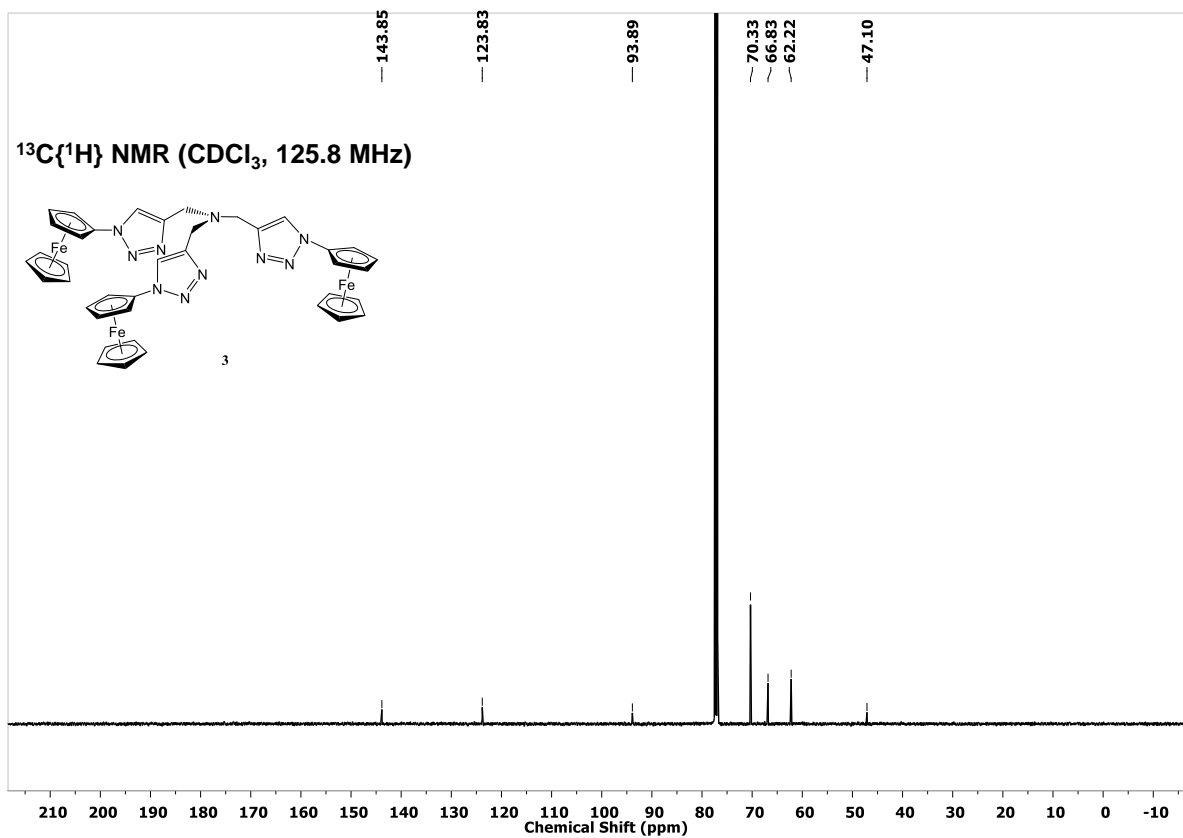
Figure S 12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **6** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



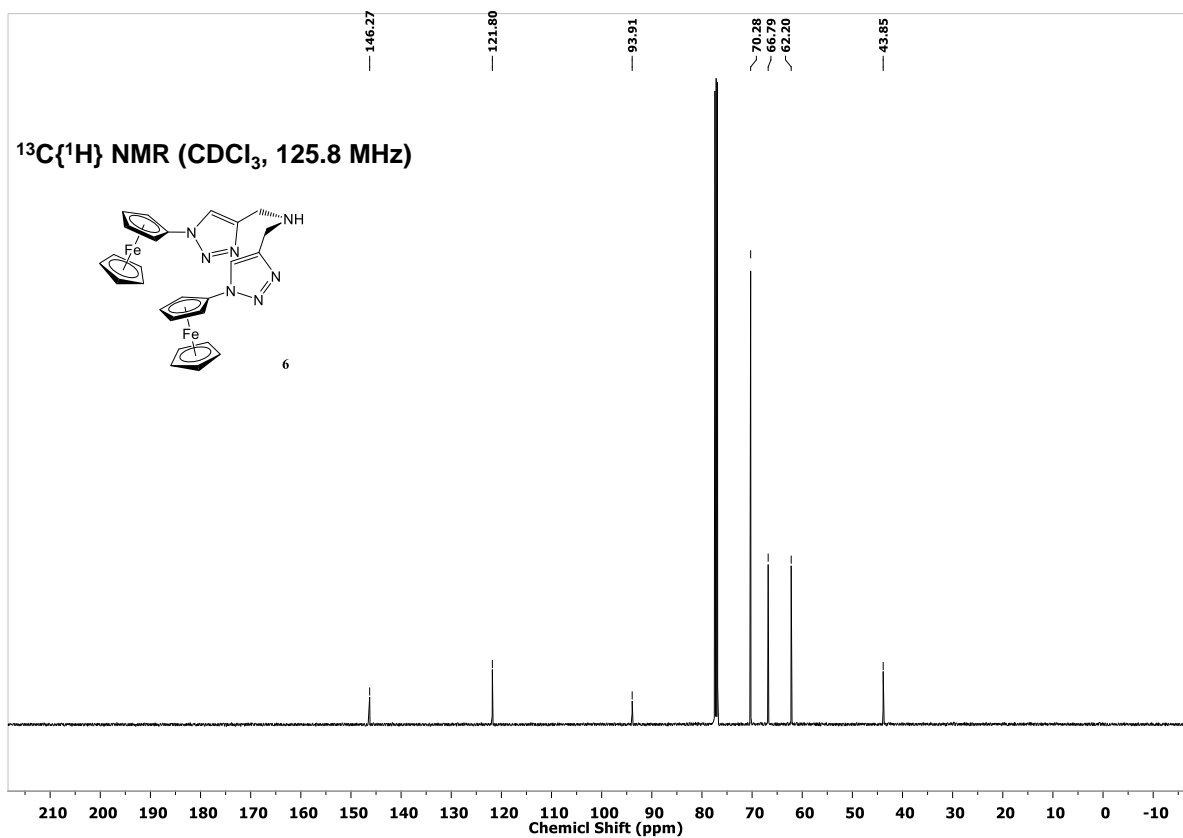
**Figure S 13.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **7** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



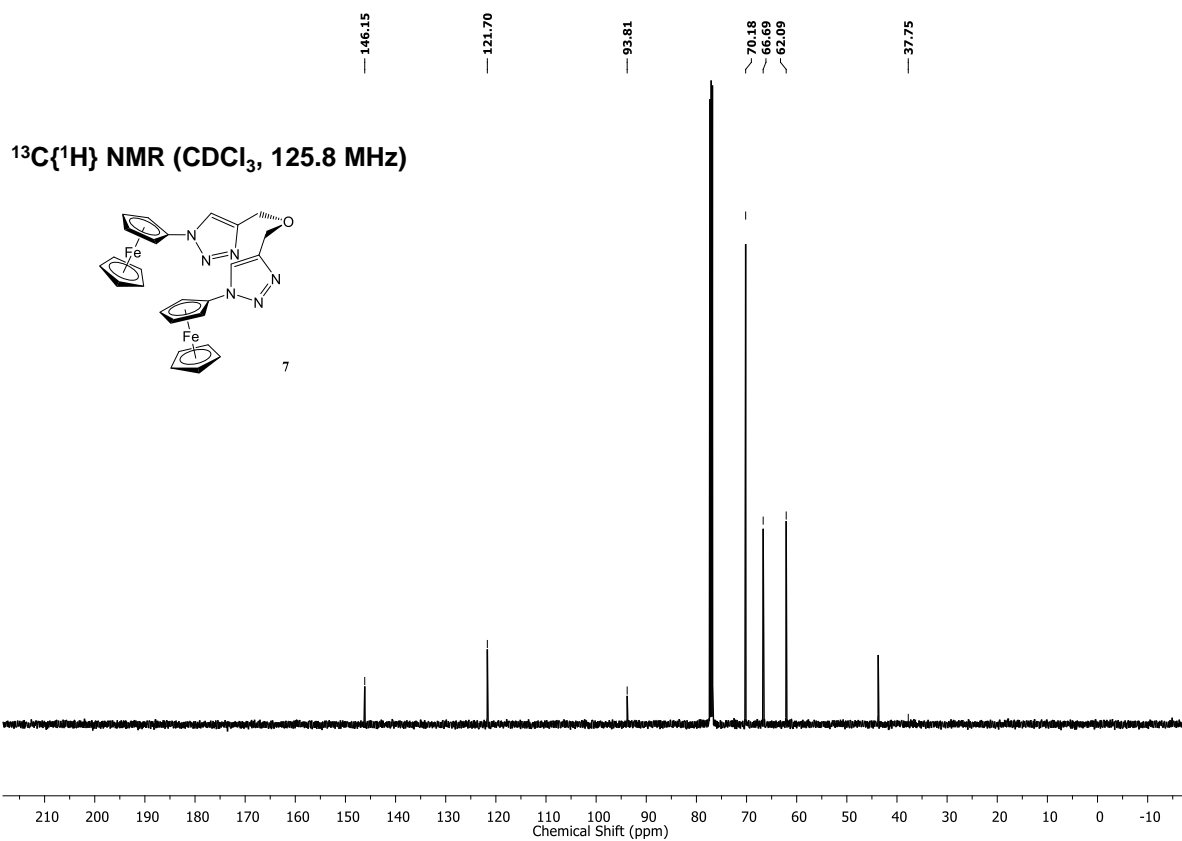
**Figure S 14.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **9** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



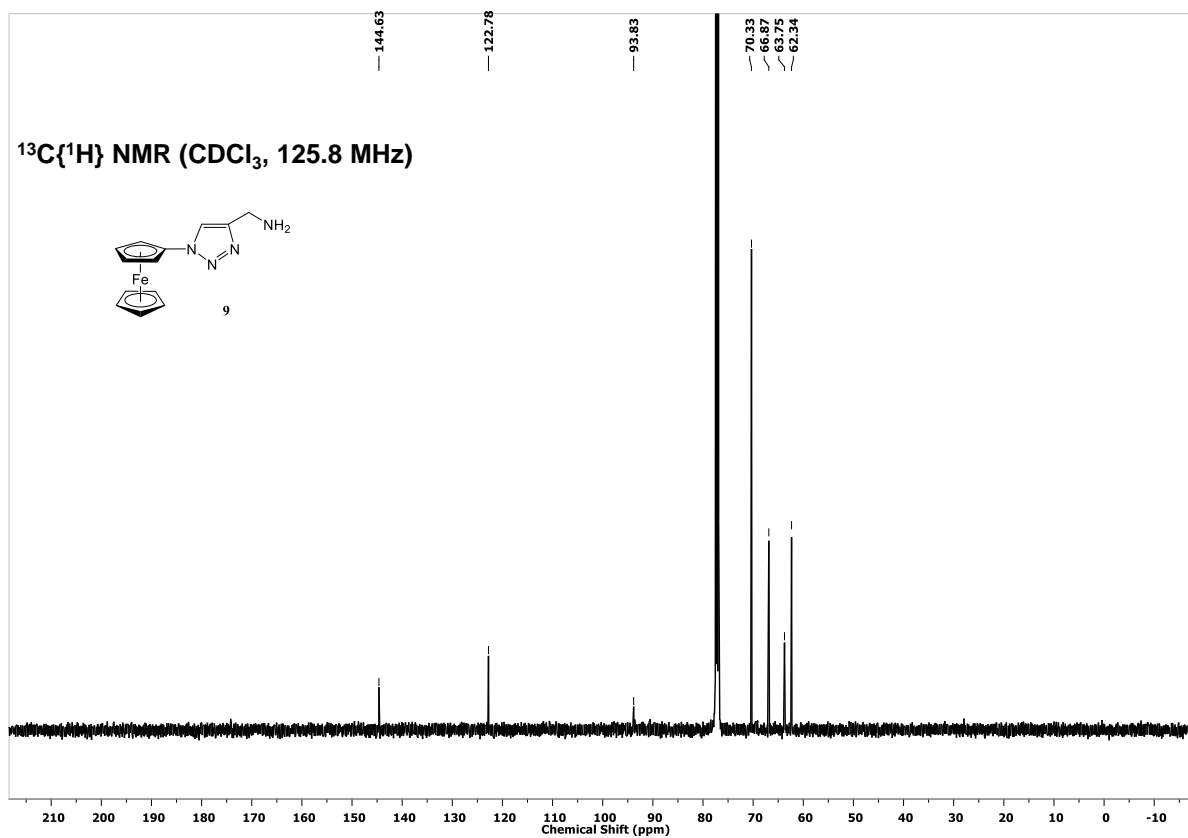
**Figure S 15.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S 16.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **6** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S 17.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **7** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S 18.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

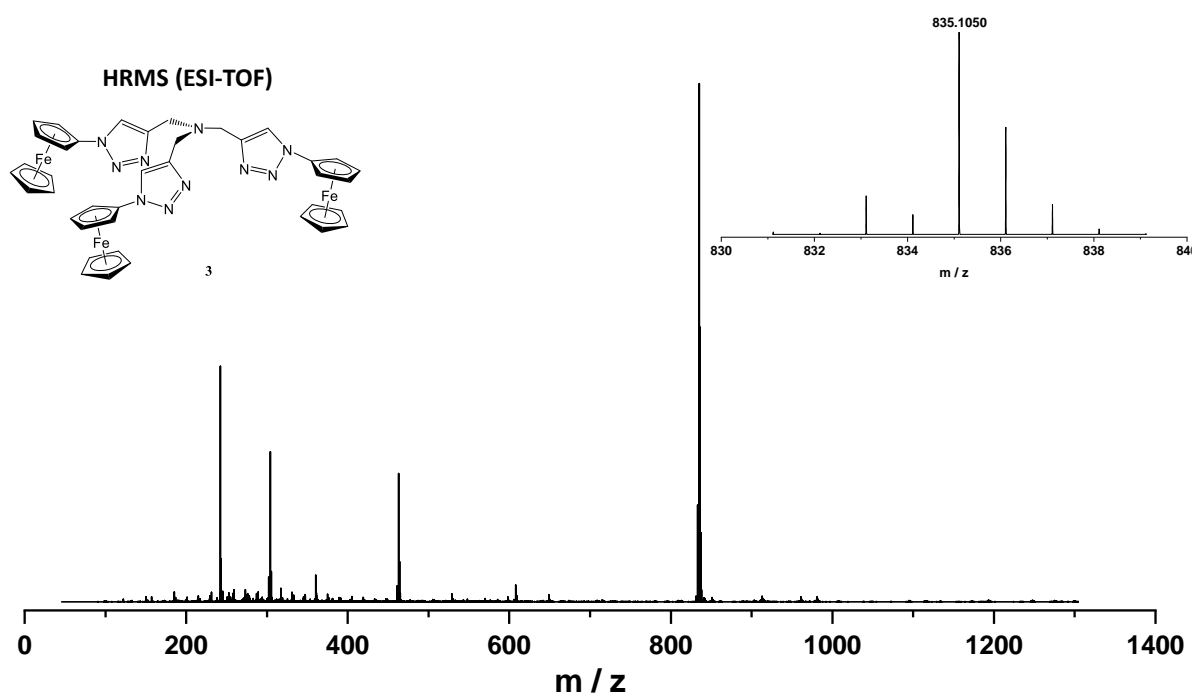


Figure S 19. ESI-TOF Mass spectrum of 3.

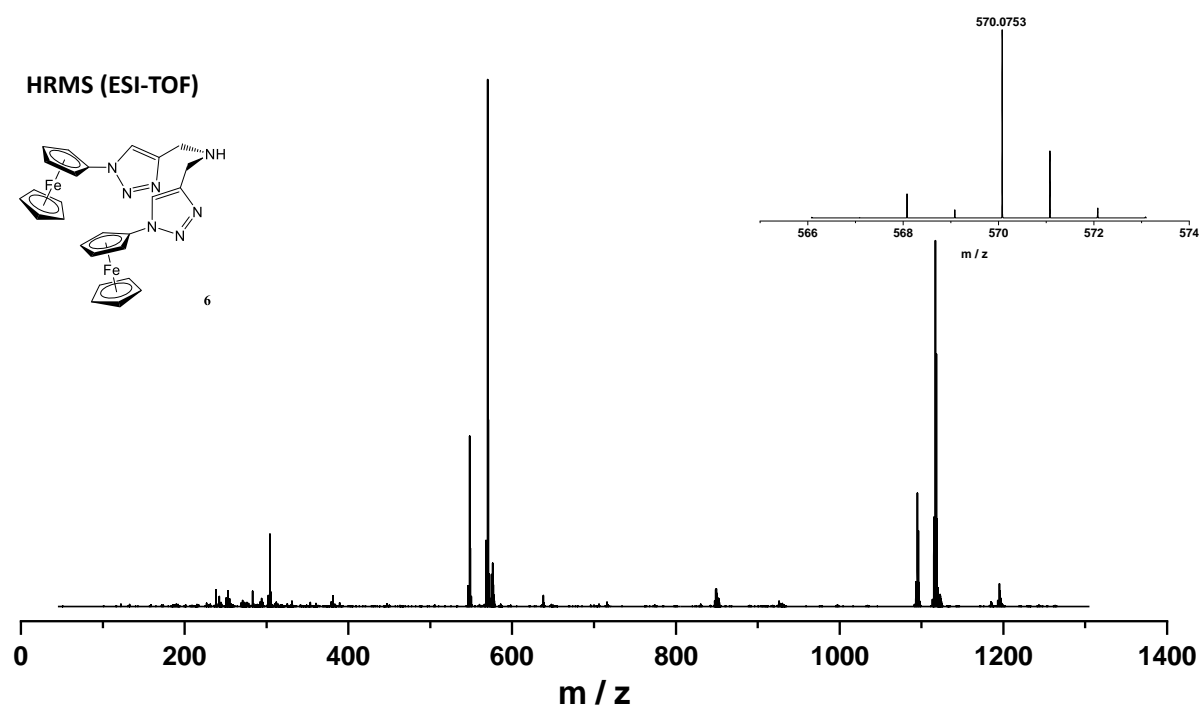
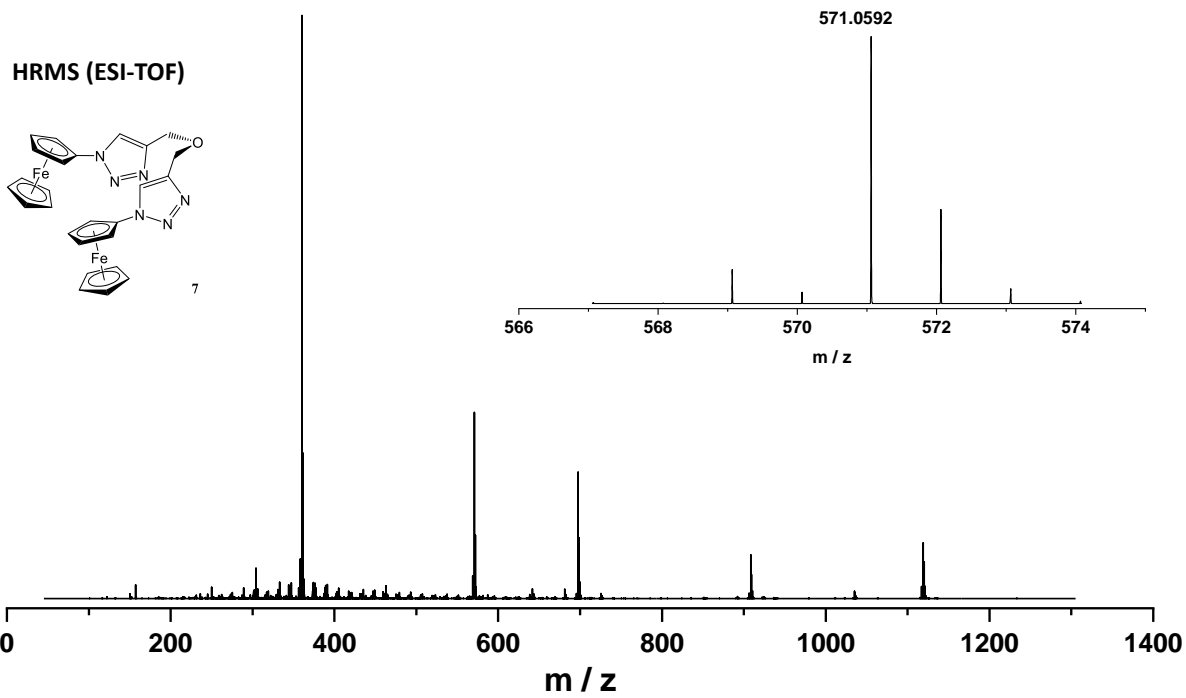
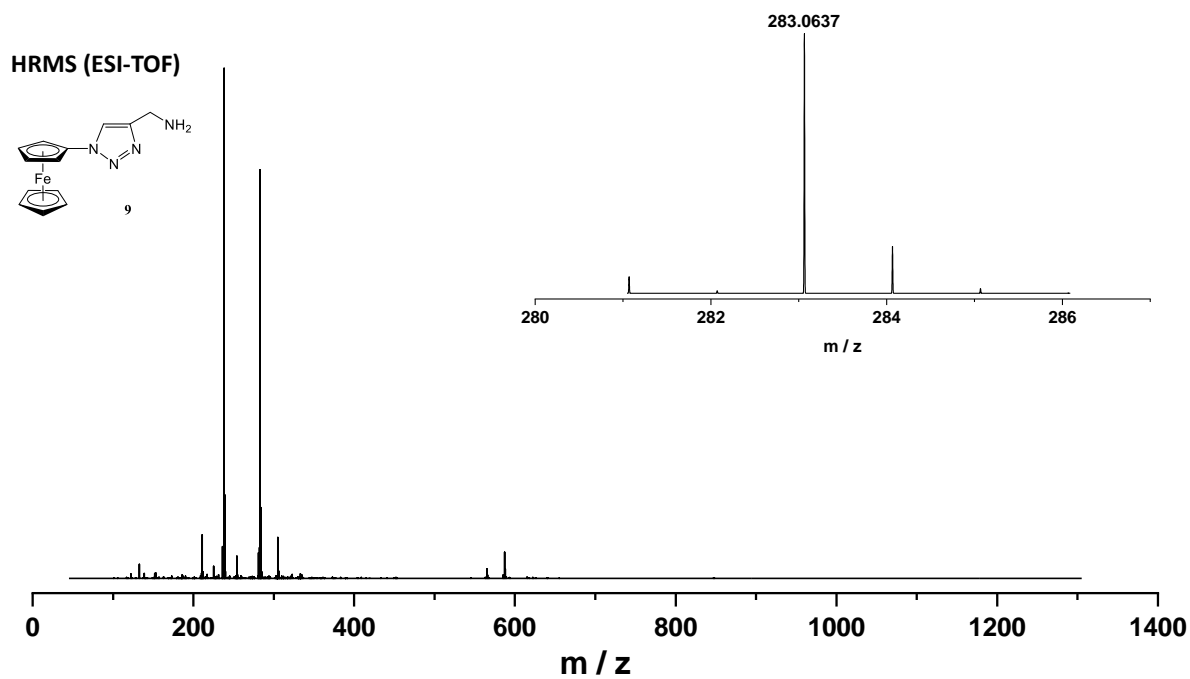


Figure S 20. ESI-TOF Mass spectrum of 6.



**Figure S 21.** ESI-TOF Mass spectrum of **7**.



**Figure S 22.** ESI-TOF Mass spectrum of **9**.

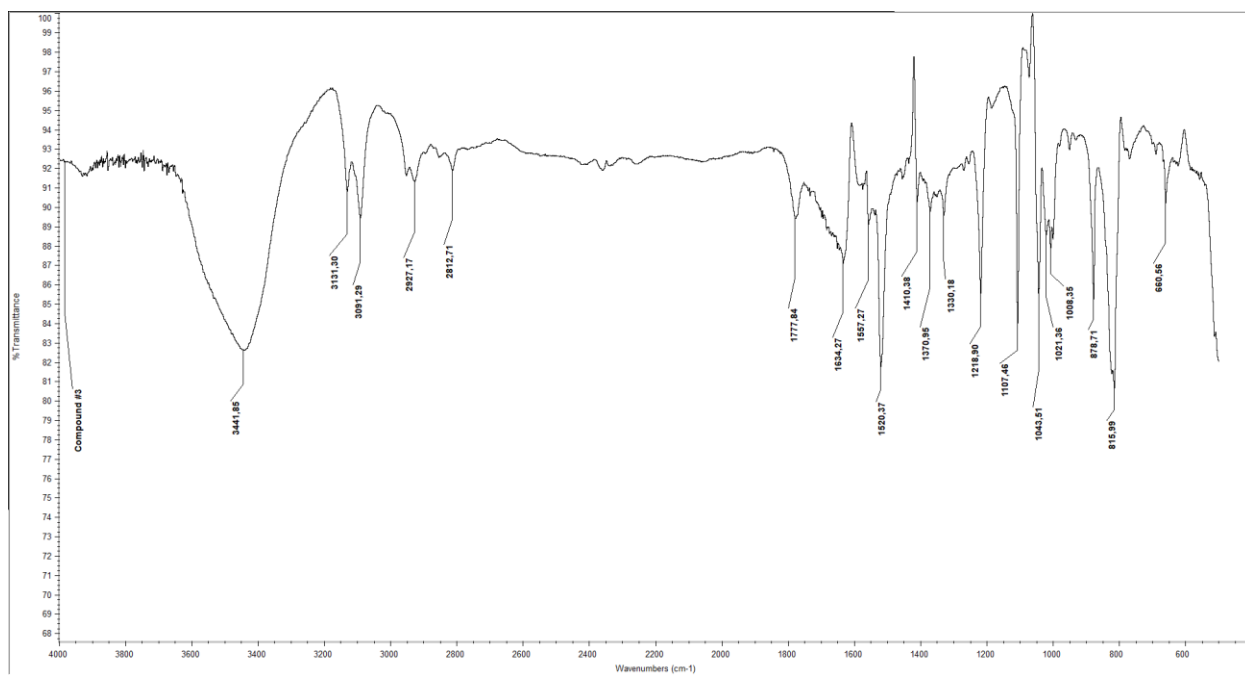


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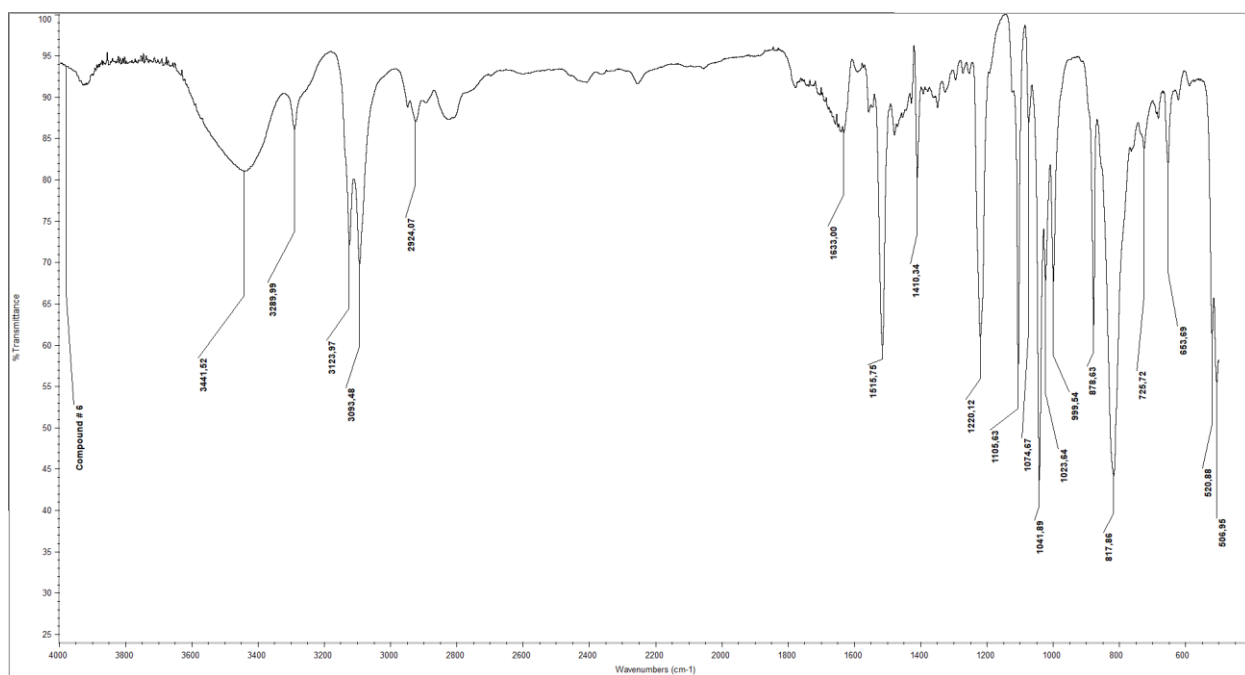


Figure S 24. IR spectrum of 6.

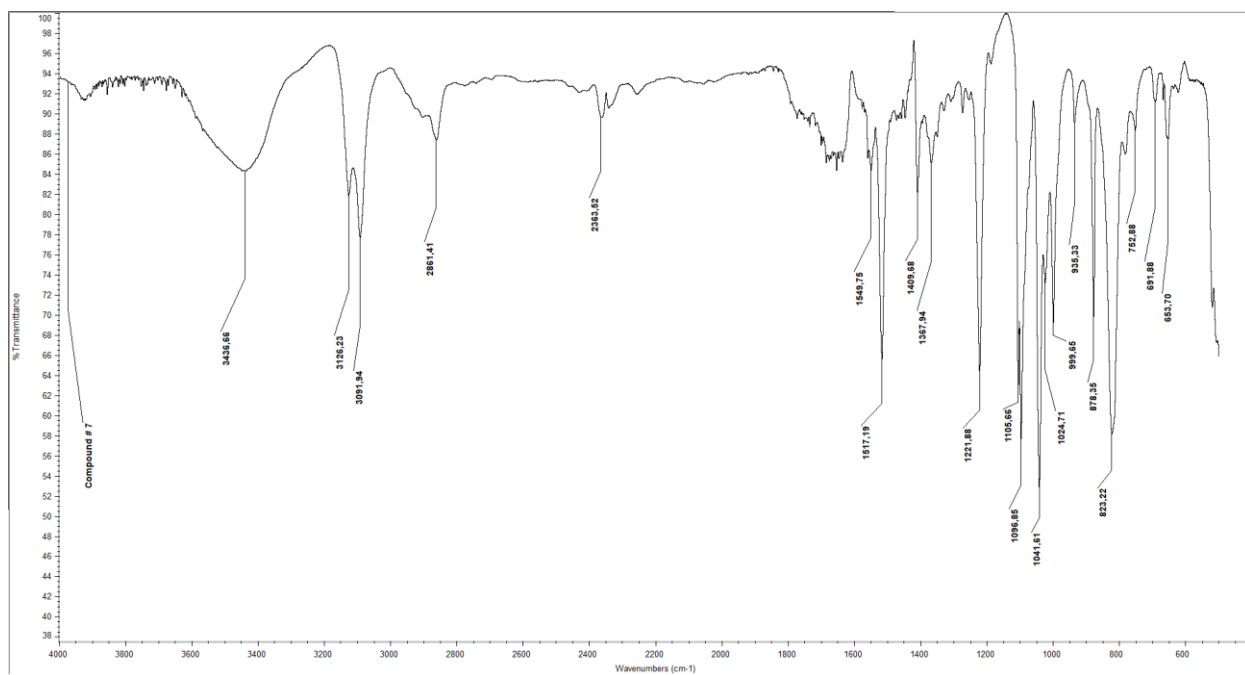


Figure S 25. IR spectrum of 7.

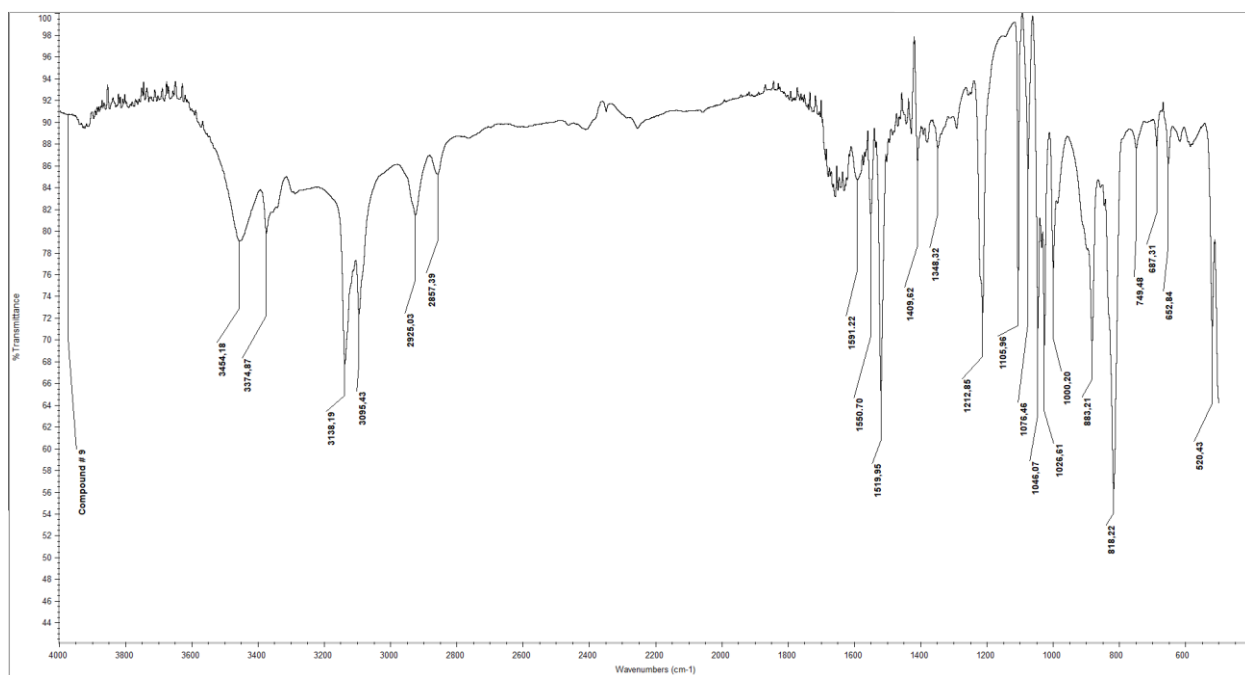


Figure S 26. IR spectrum of 9.



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