

**Ti and Zr complexes bearing guanidine–phenolate ligands:
coordination chemistry and polymerization studies**

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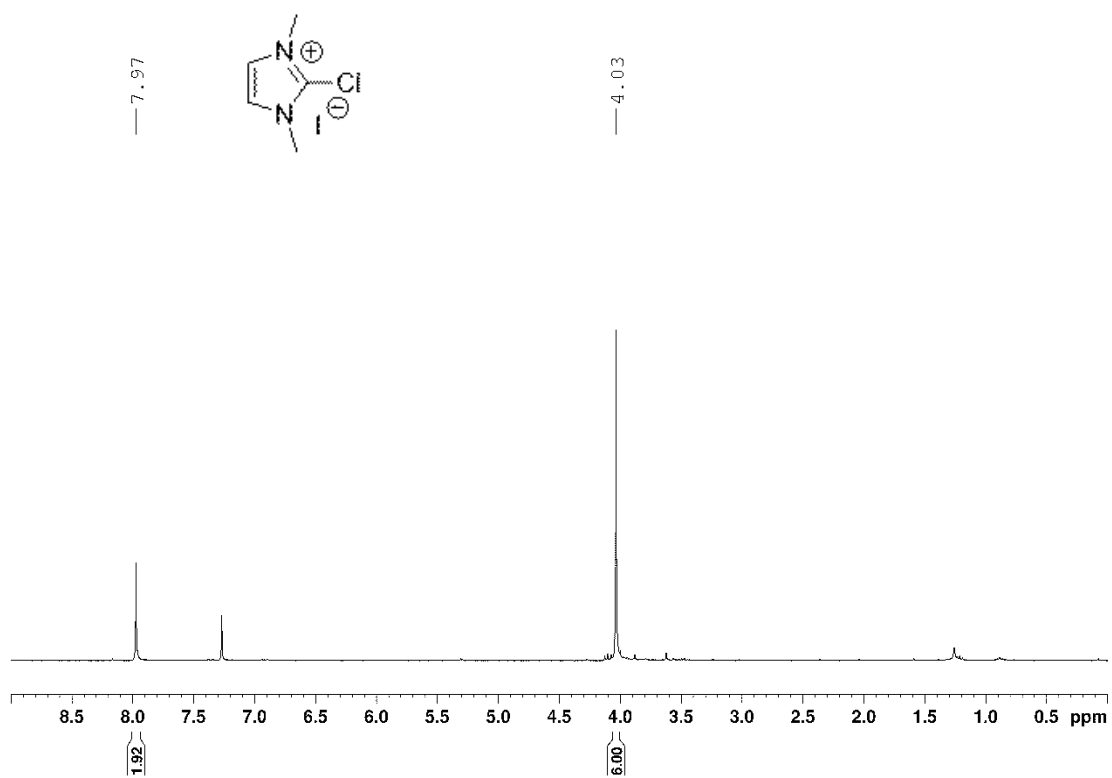


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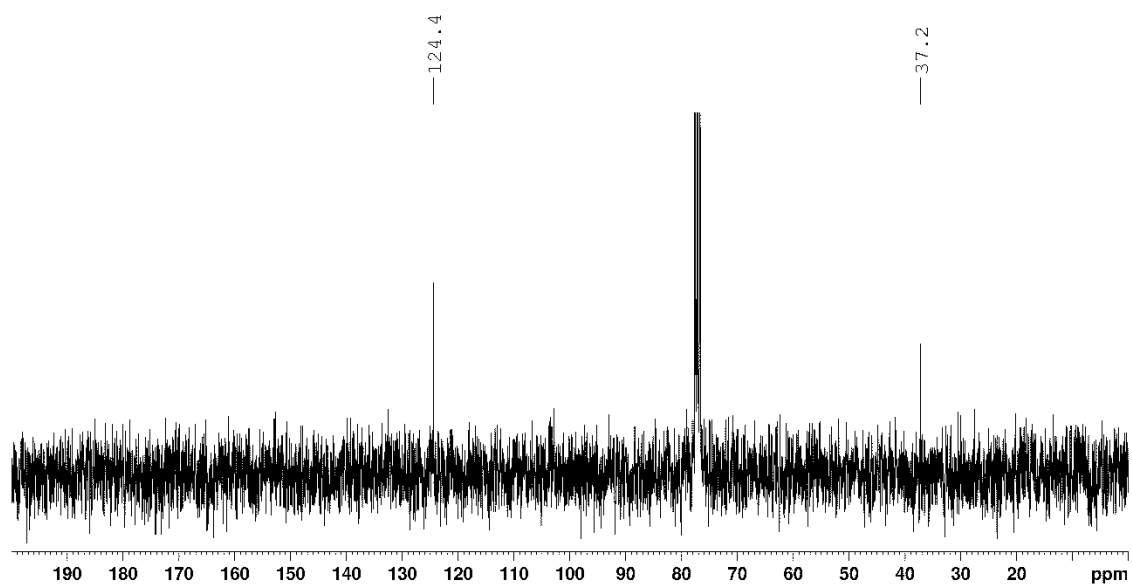


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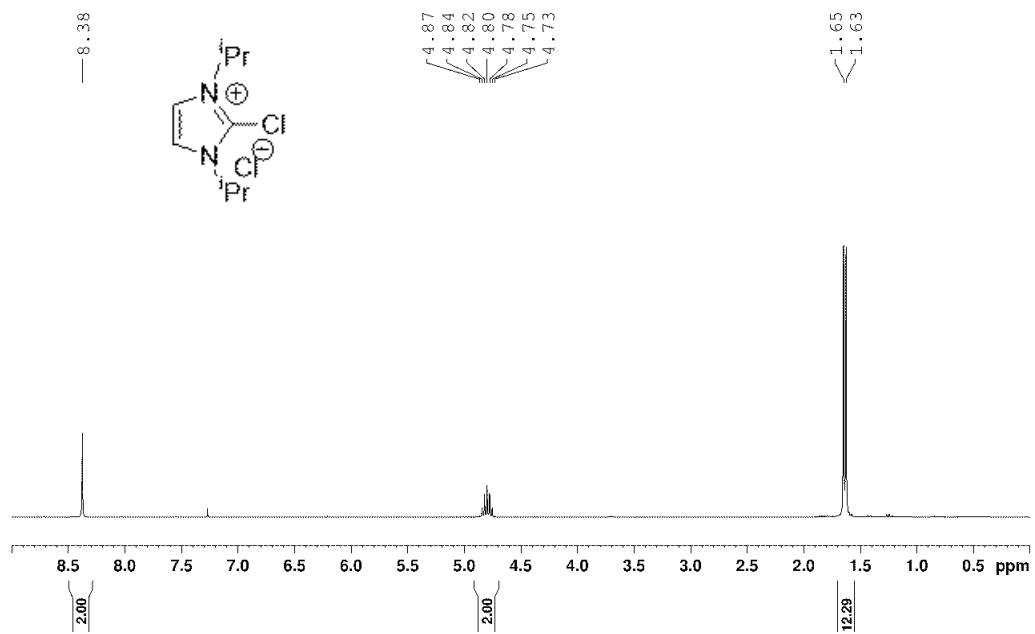


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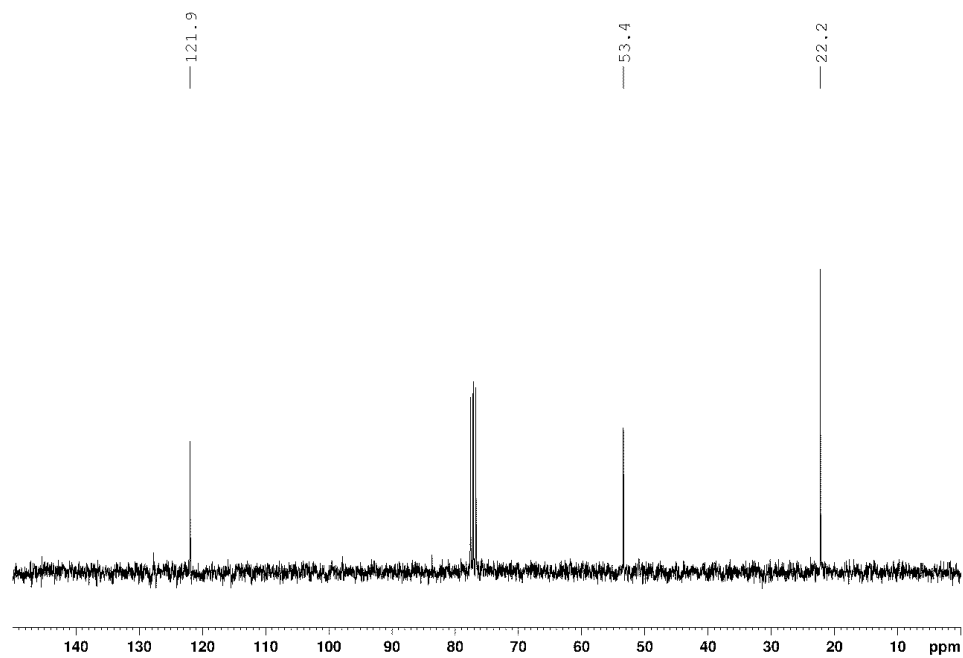


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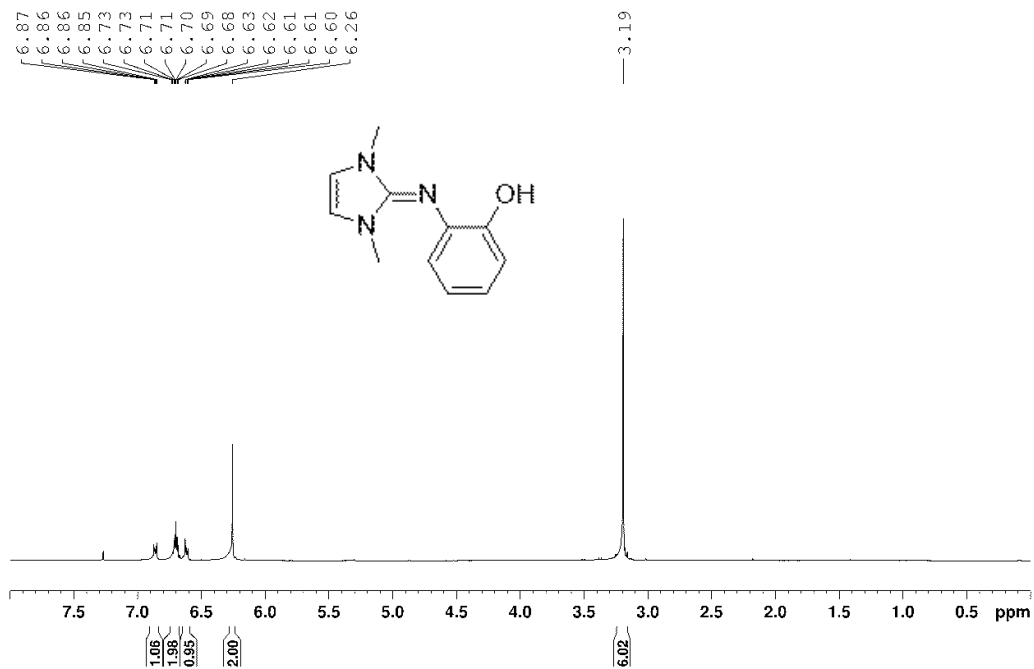


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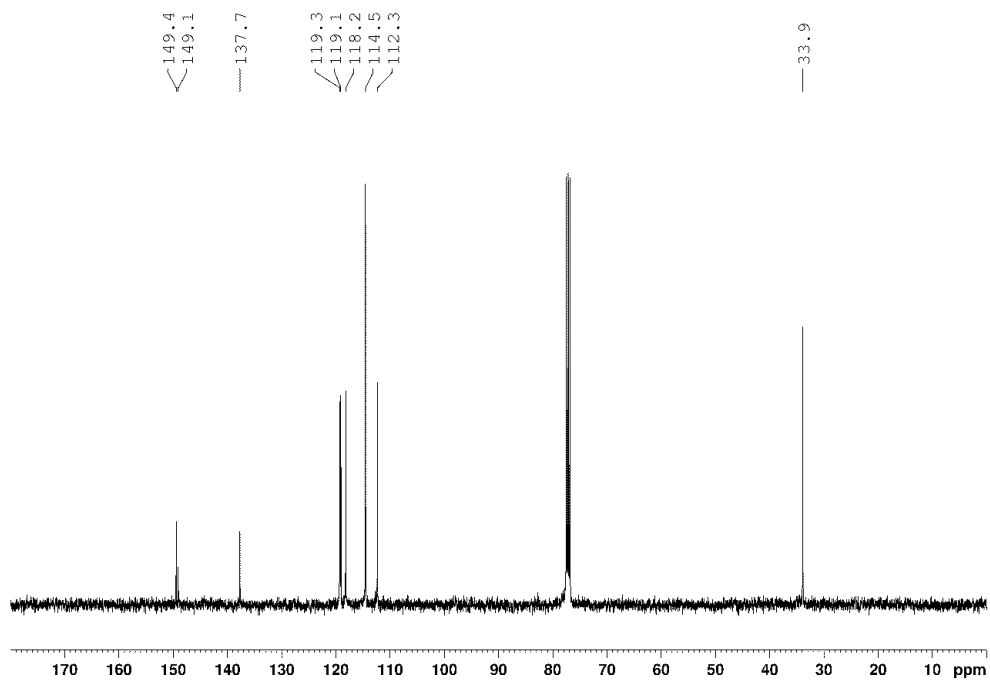


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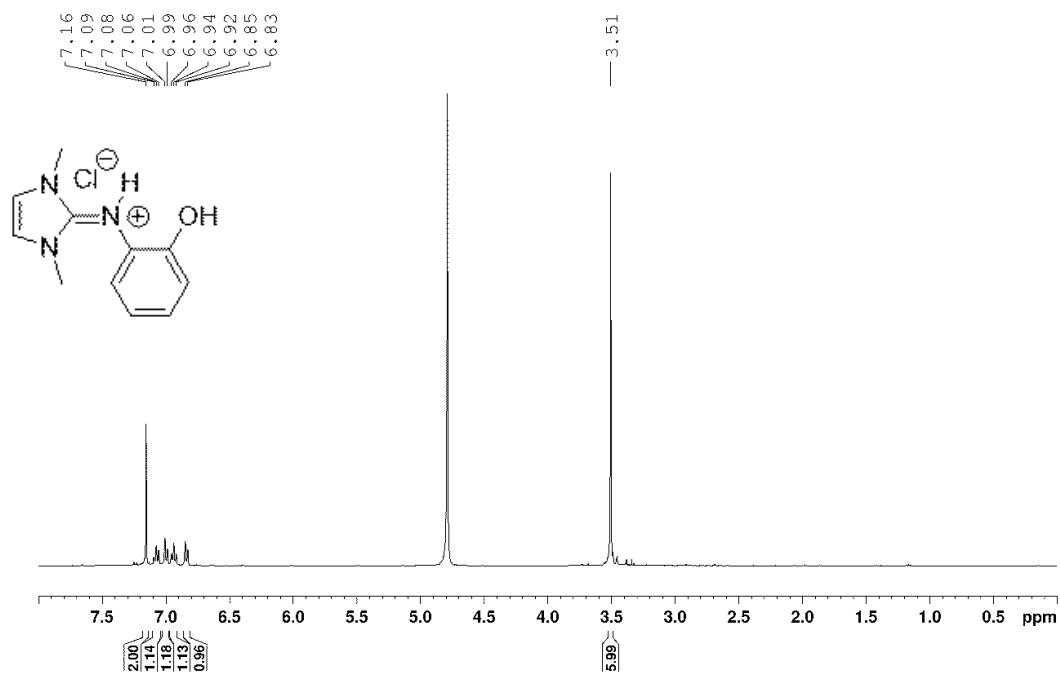


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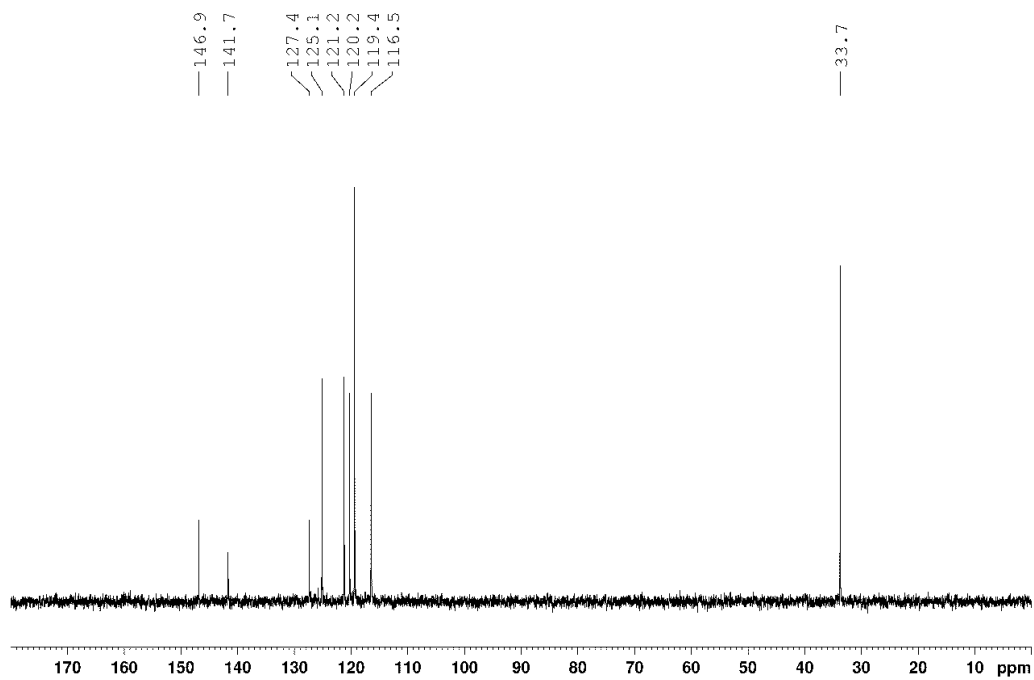


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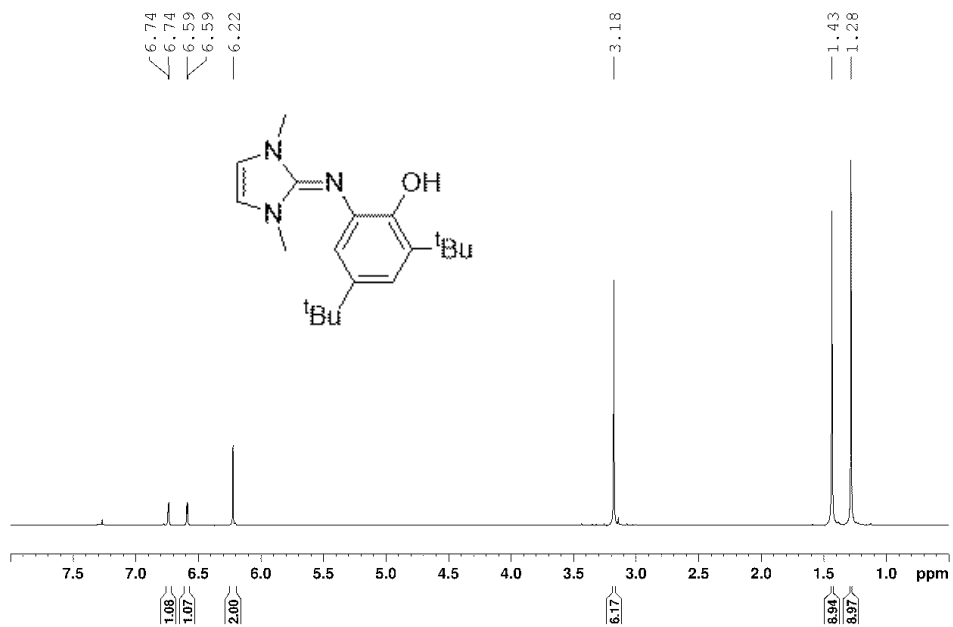


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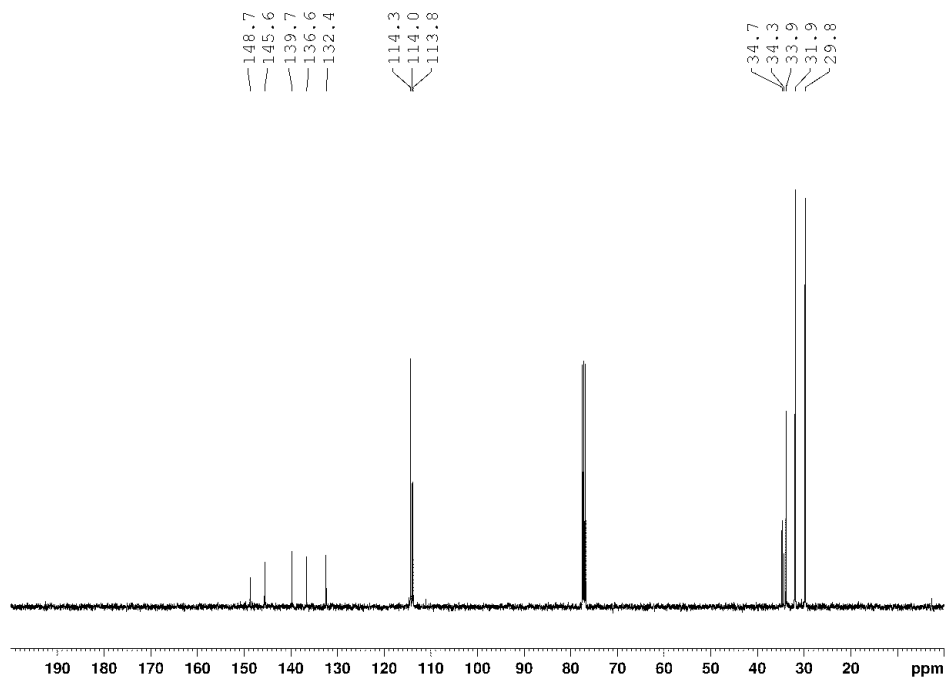


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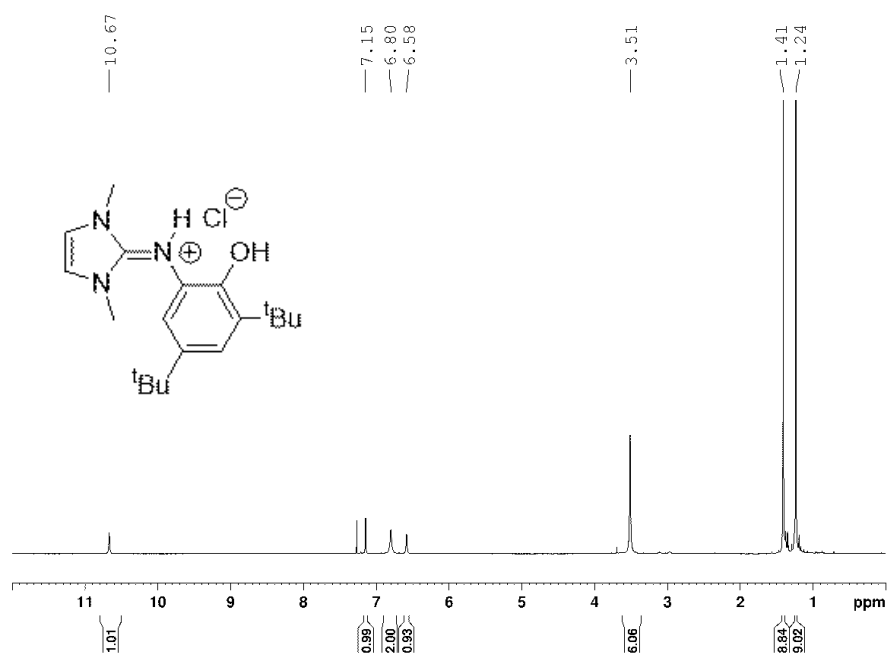


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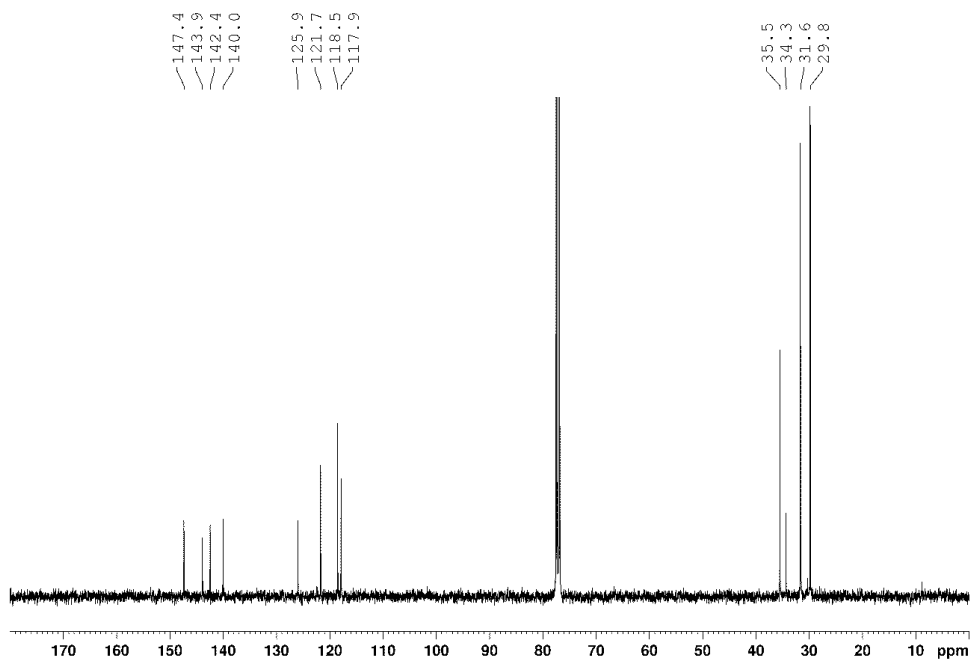


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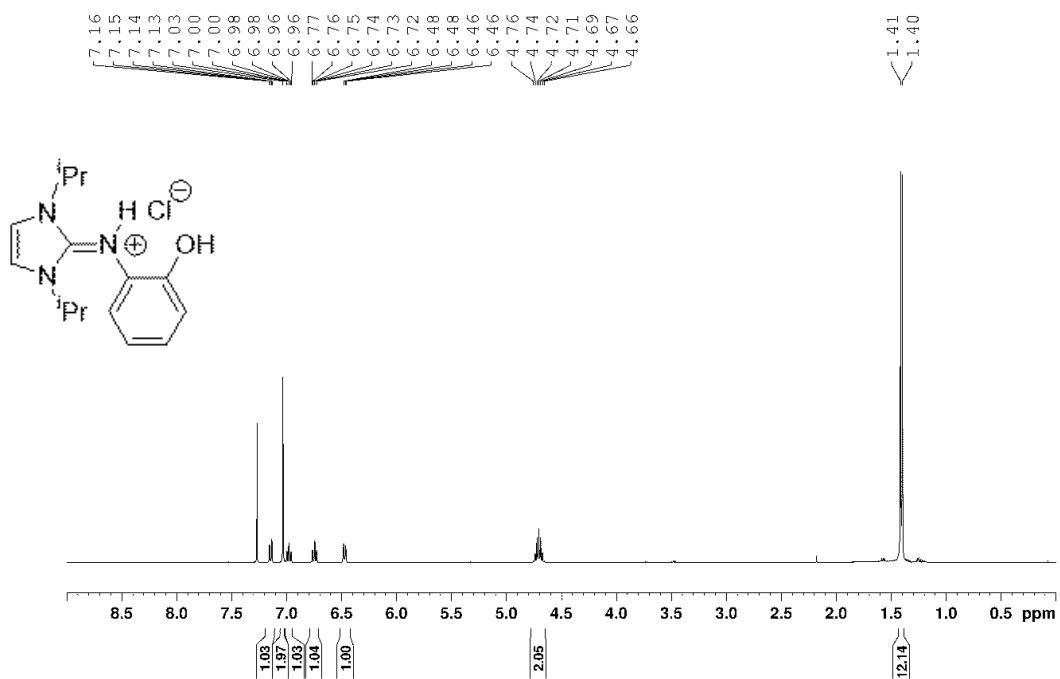


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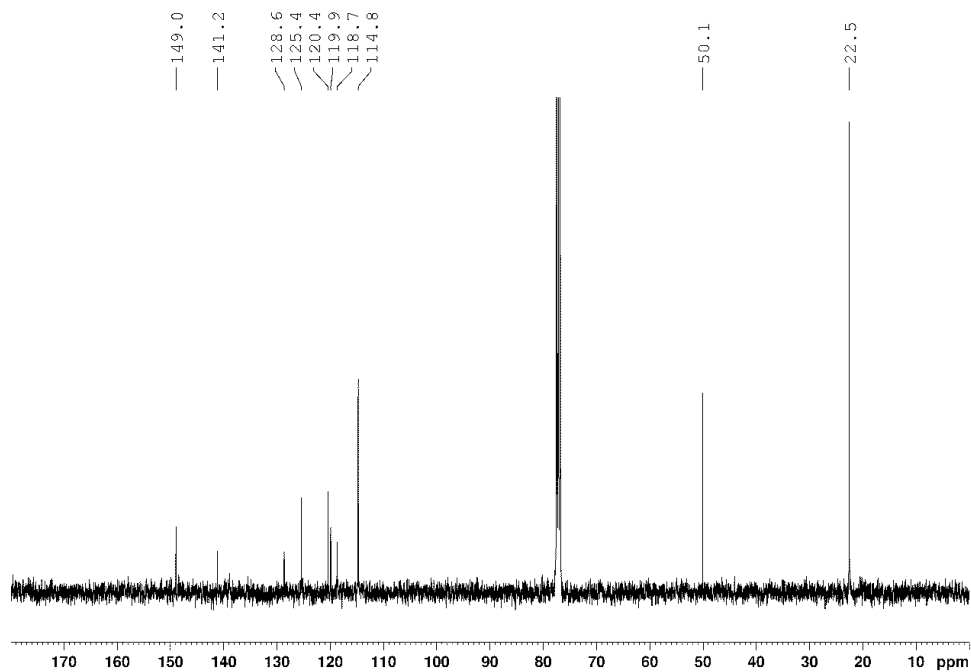


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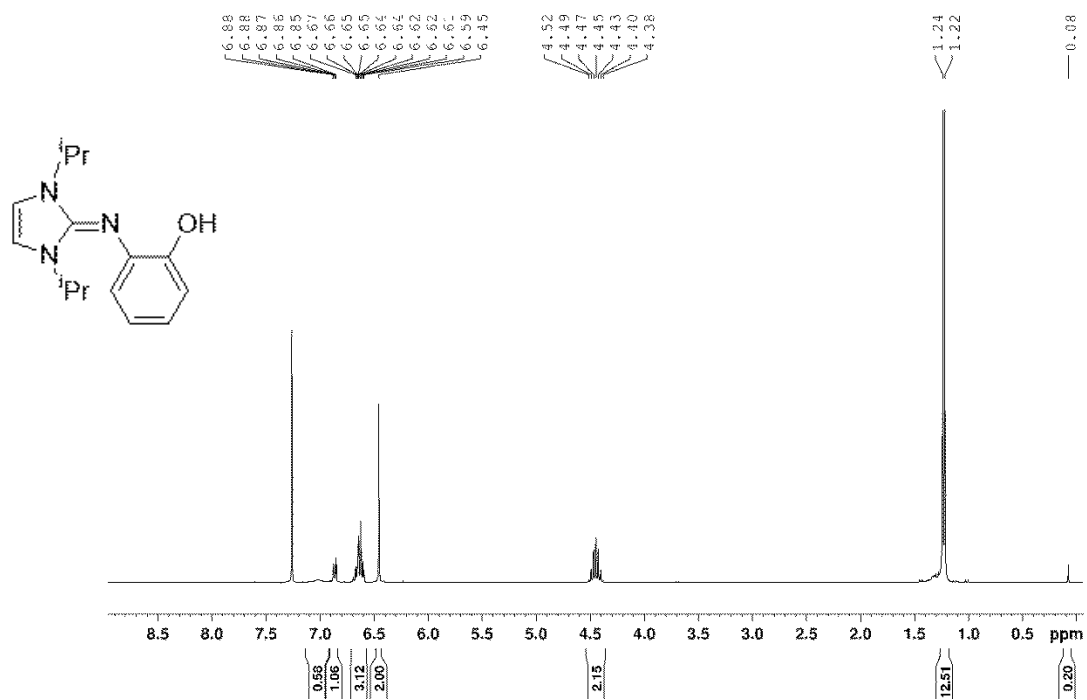


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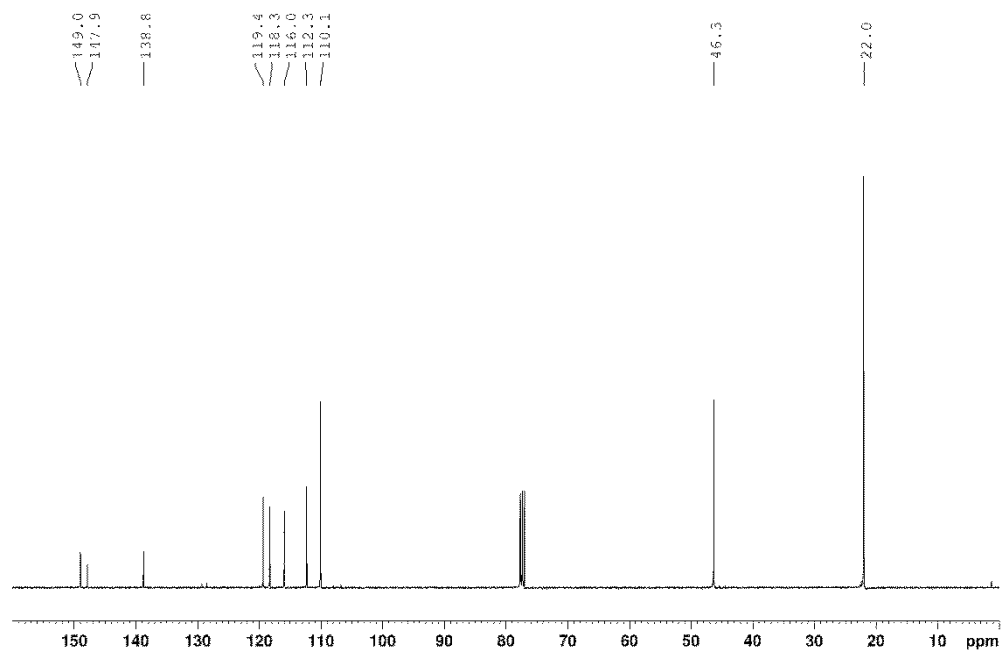


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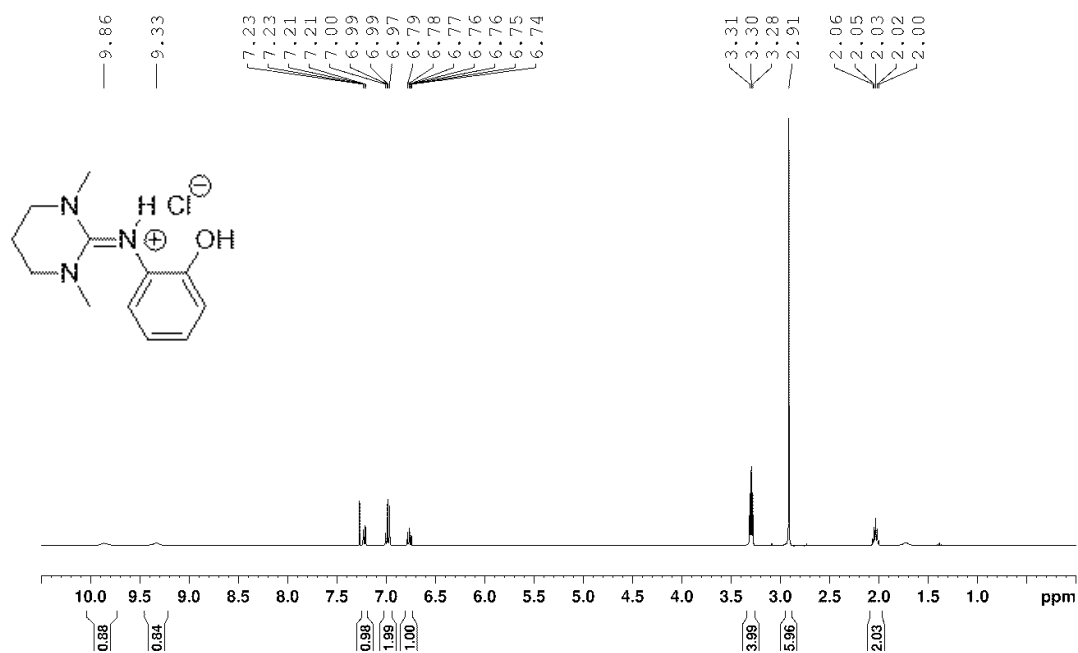


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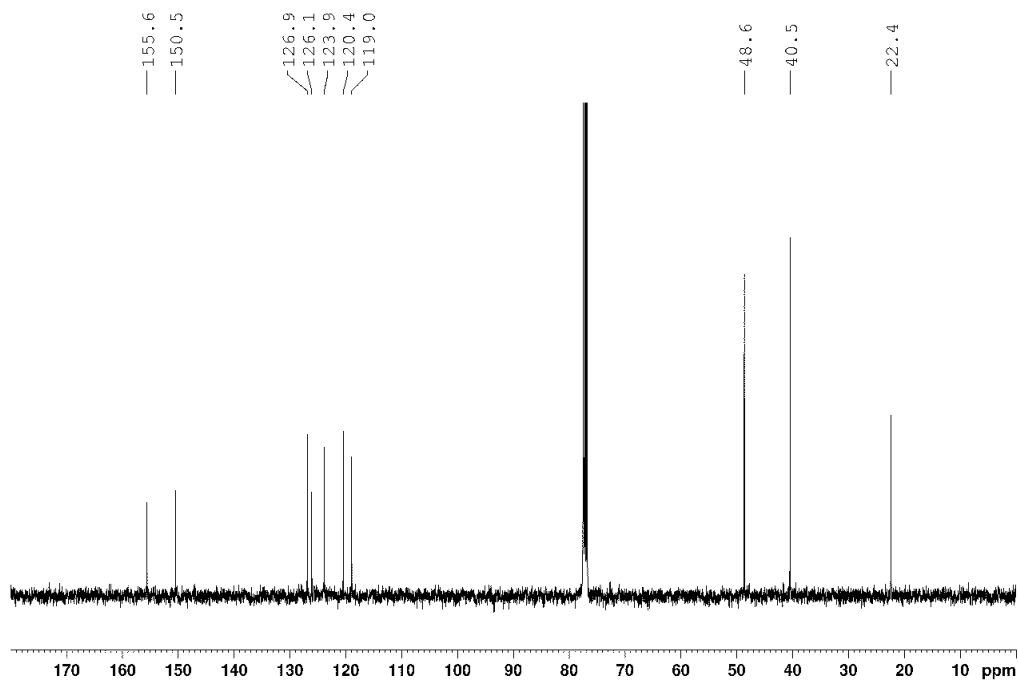


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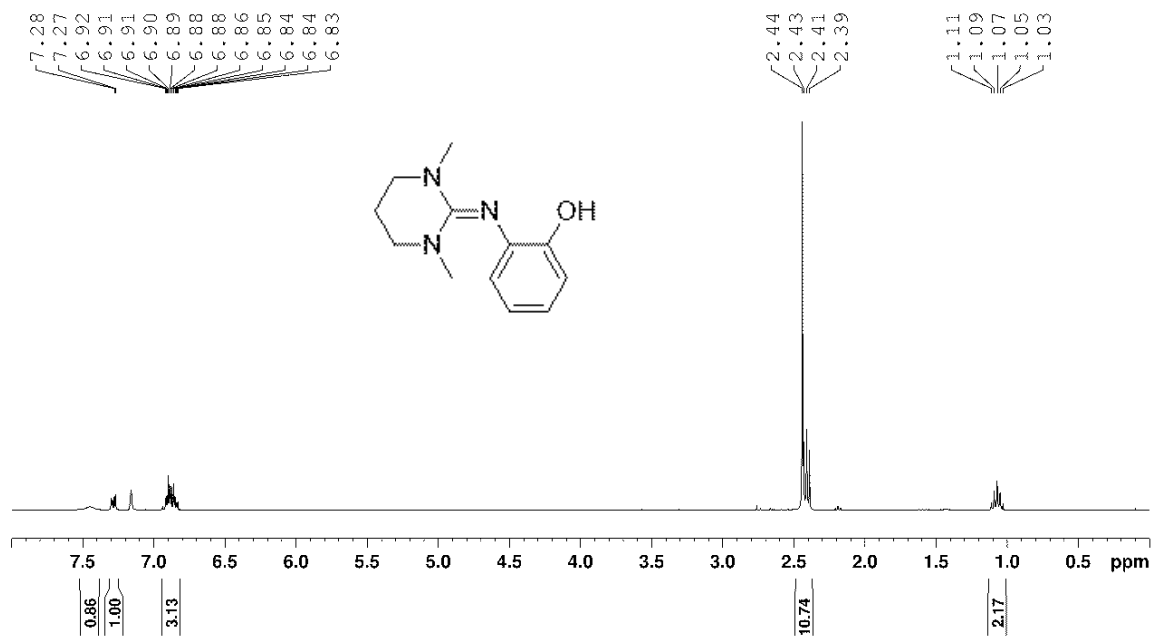


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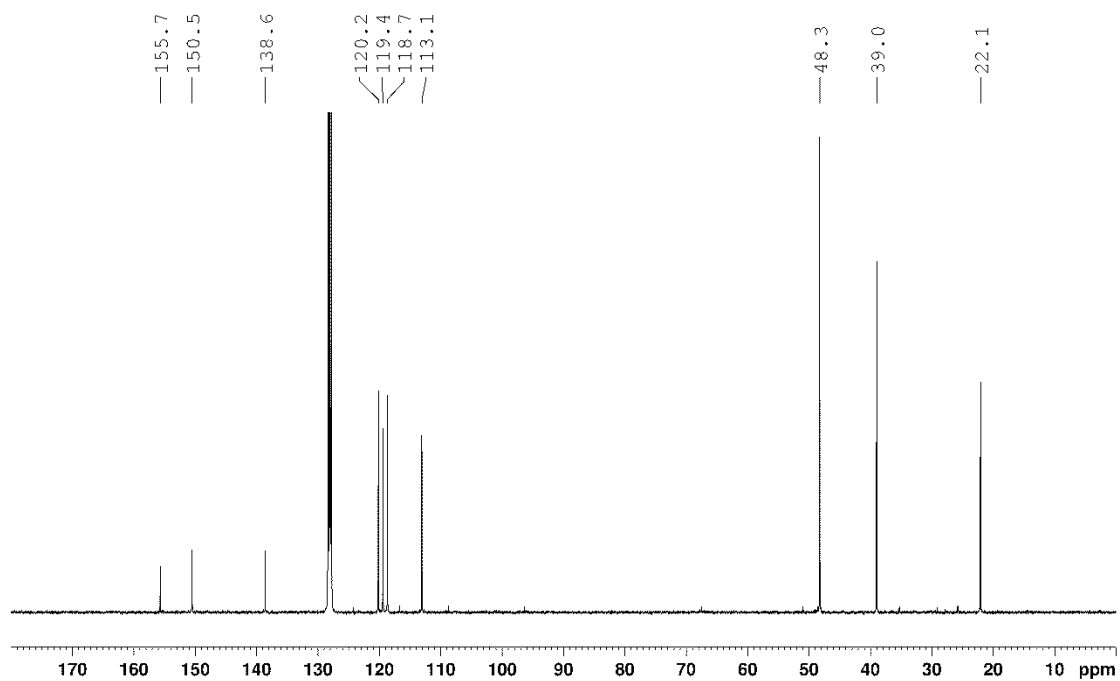


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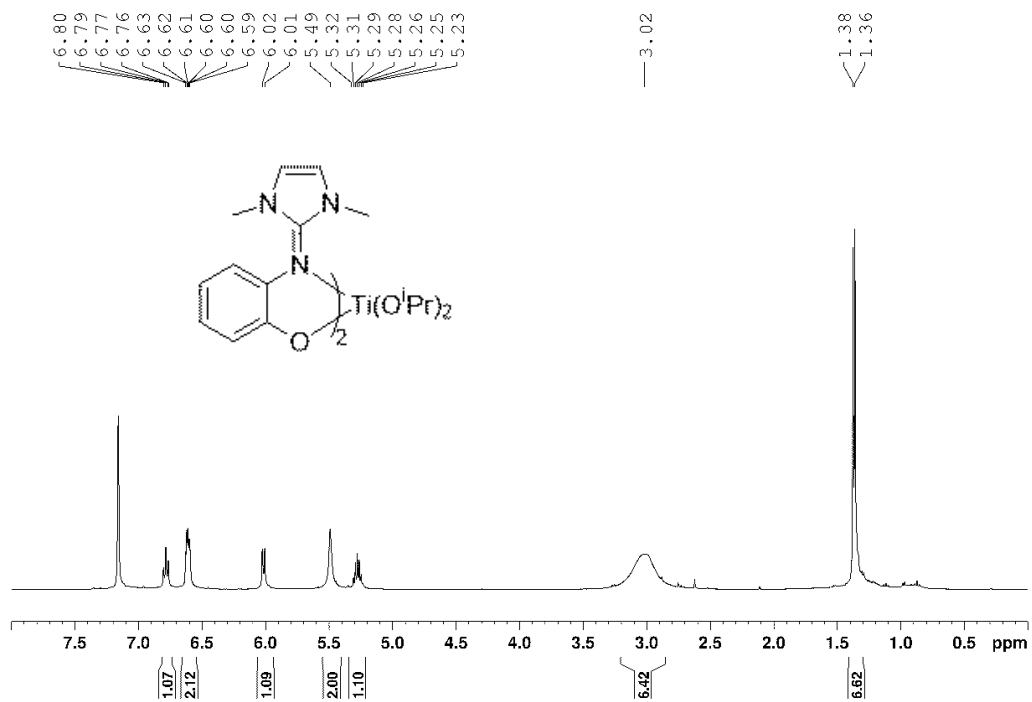


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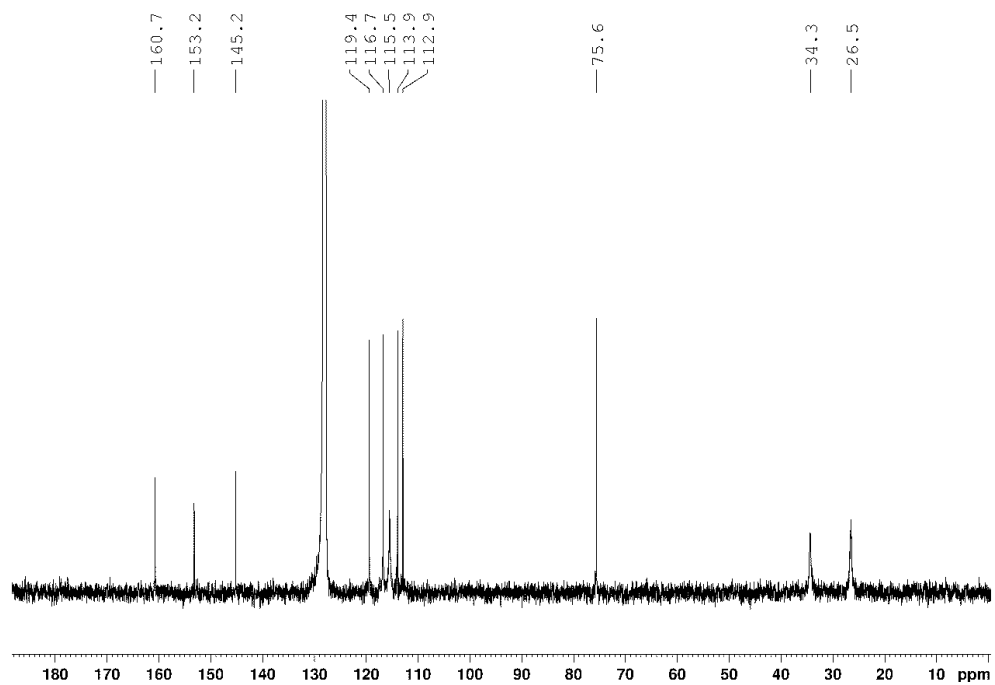


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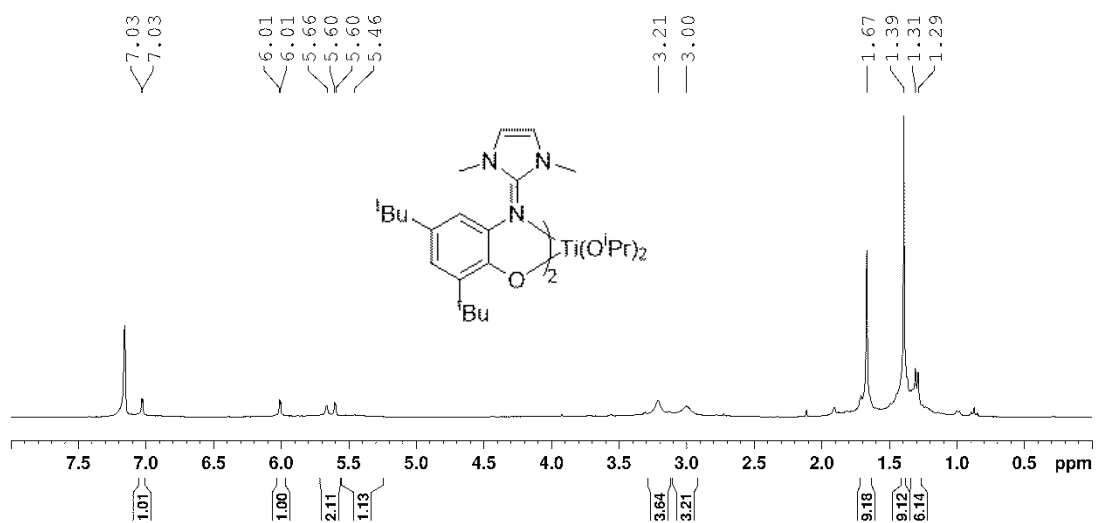


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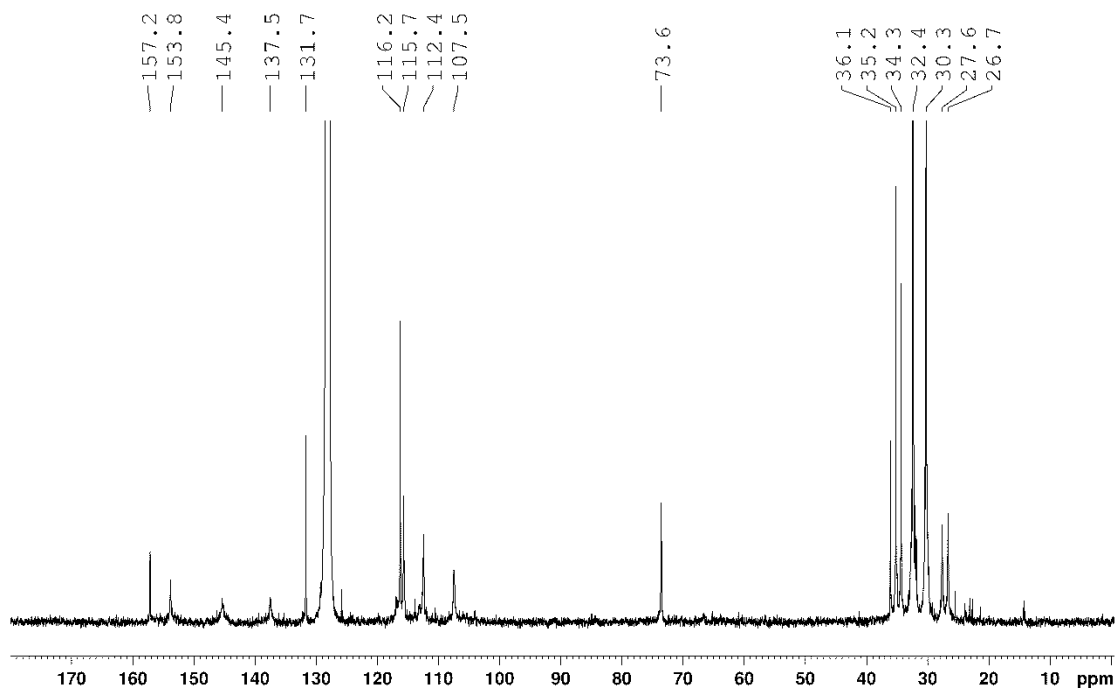


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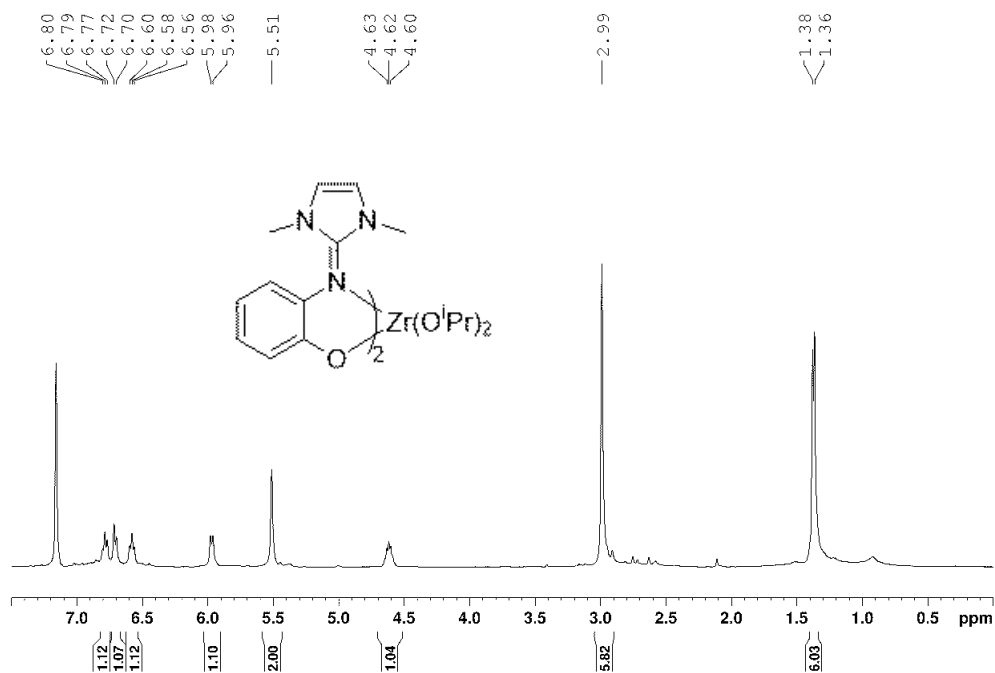


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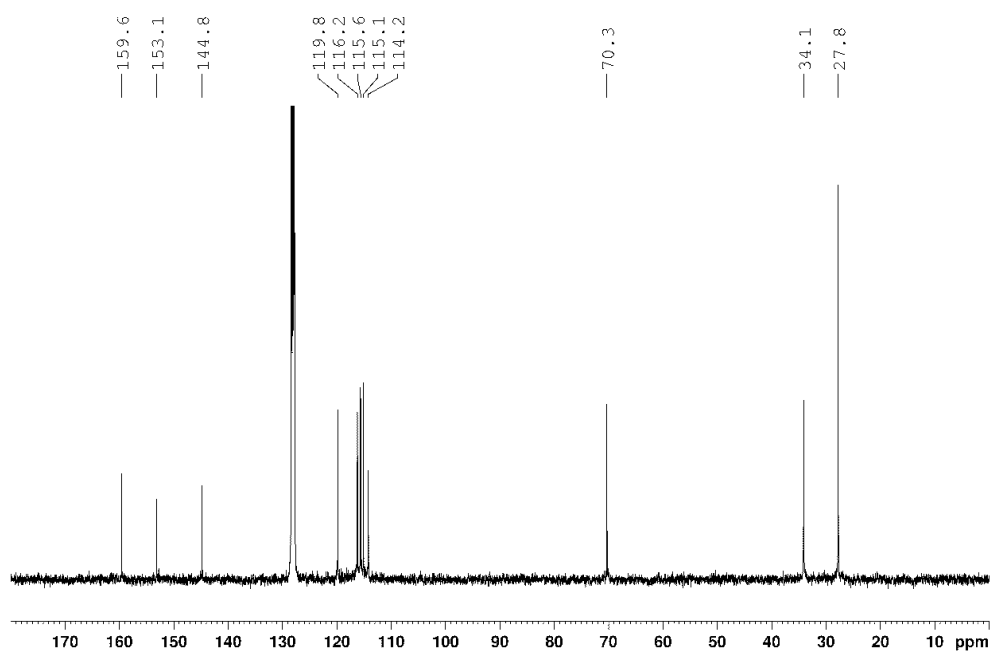


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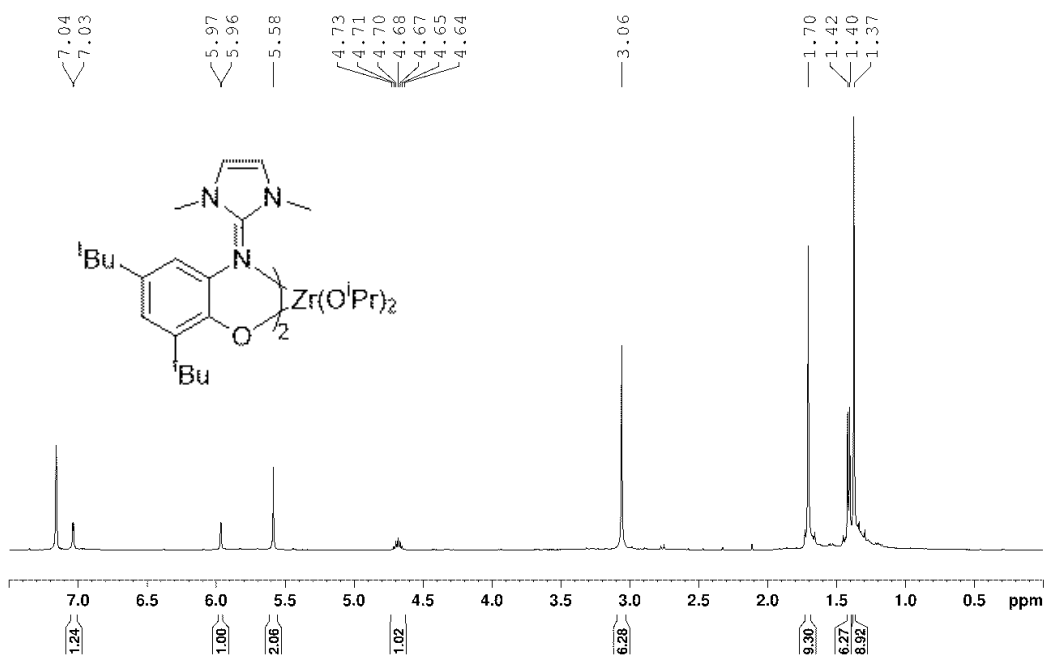


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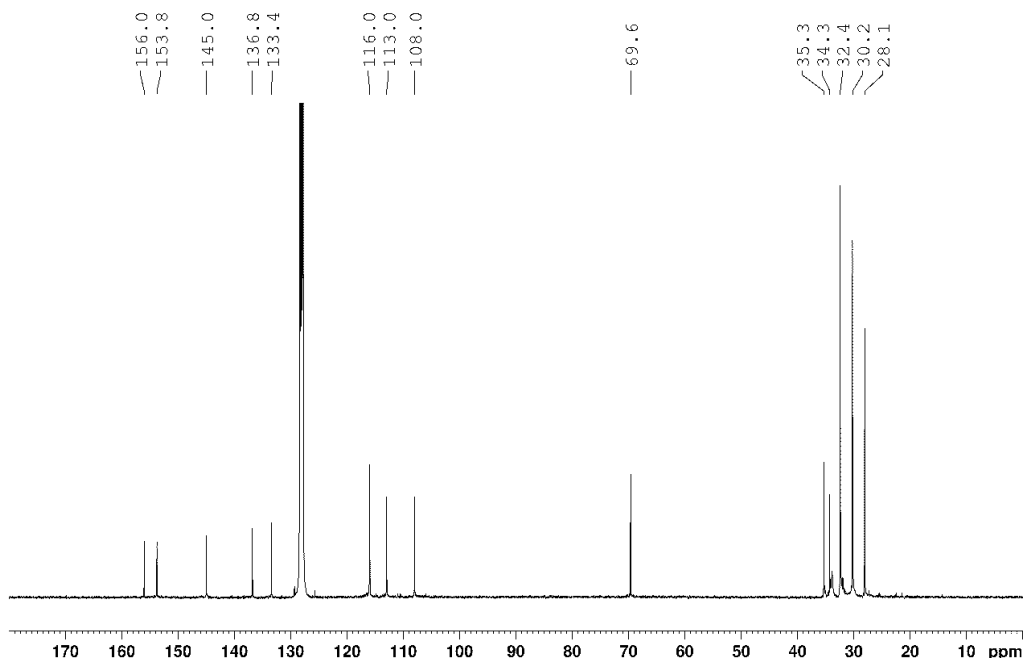


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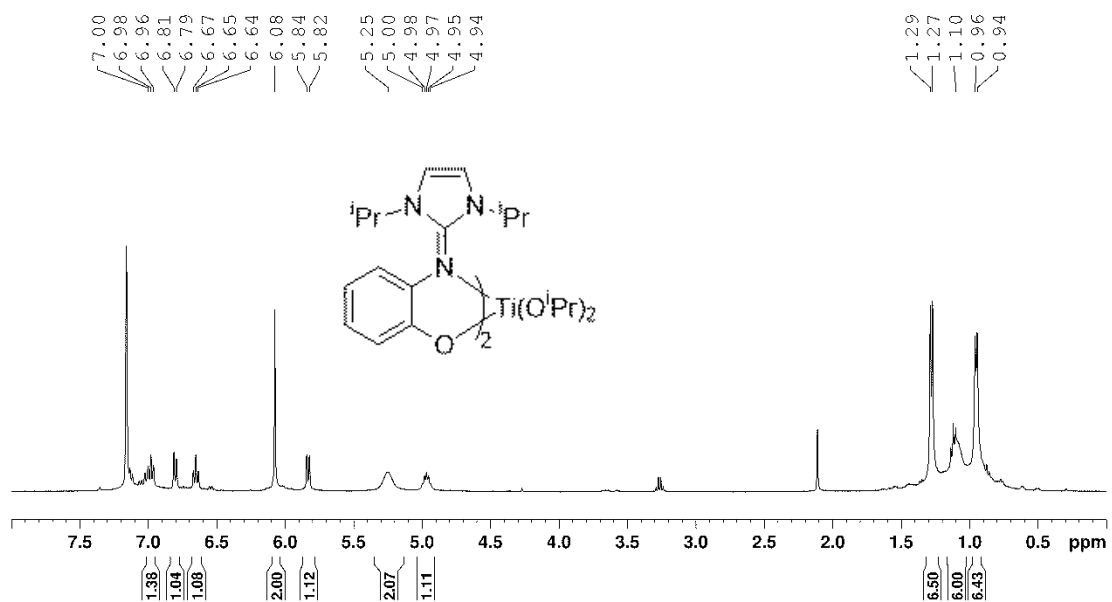


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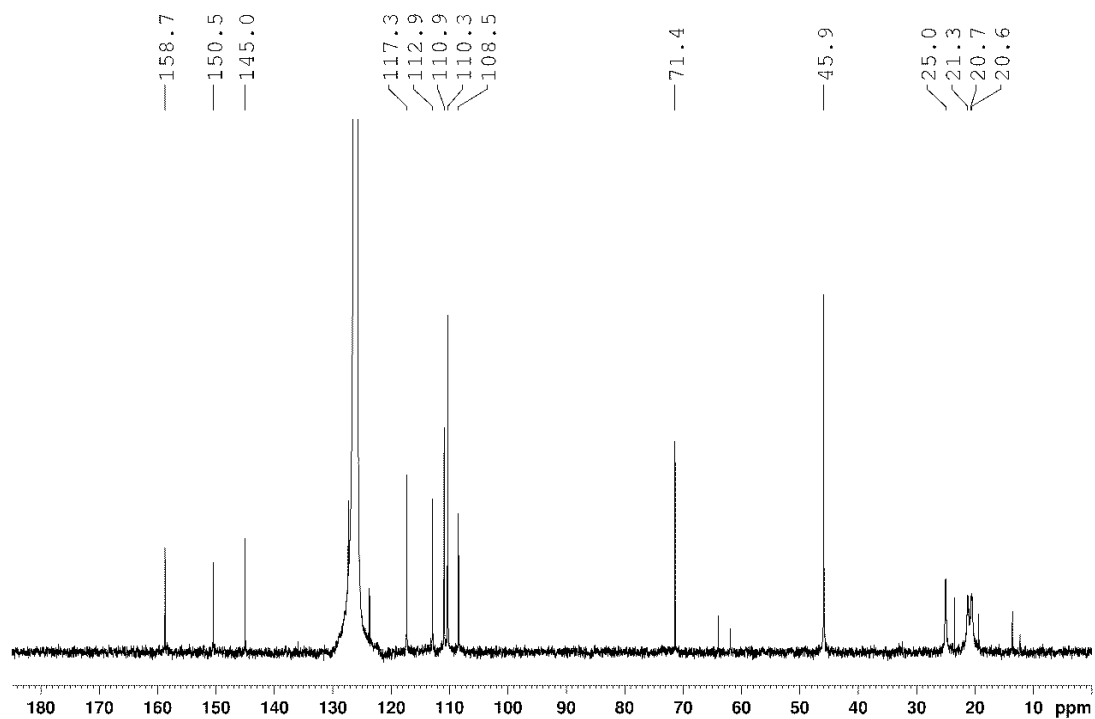


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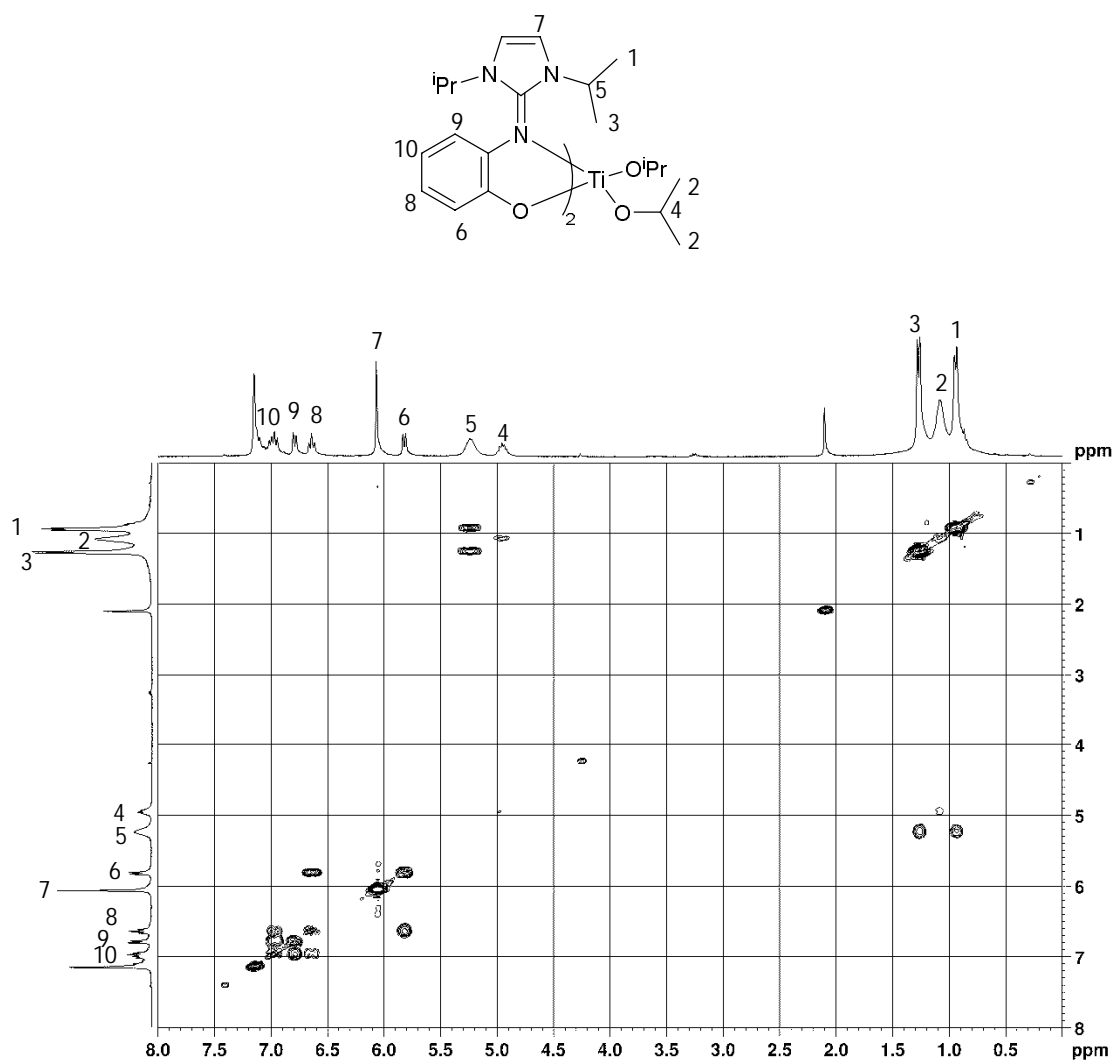


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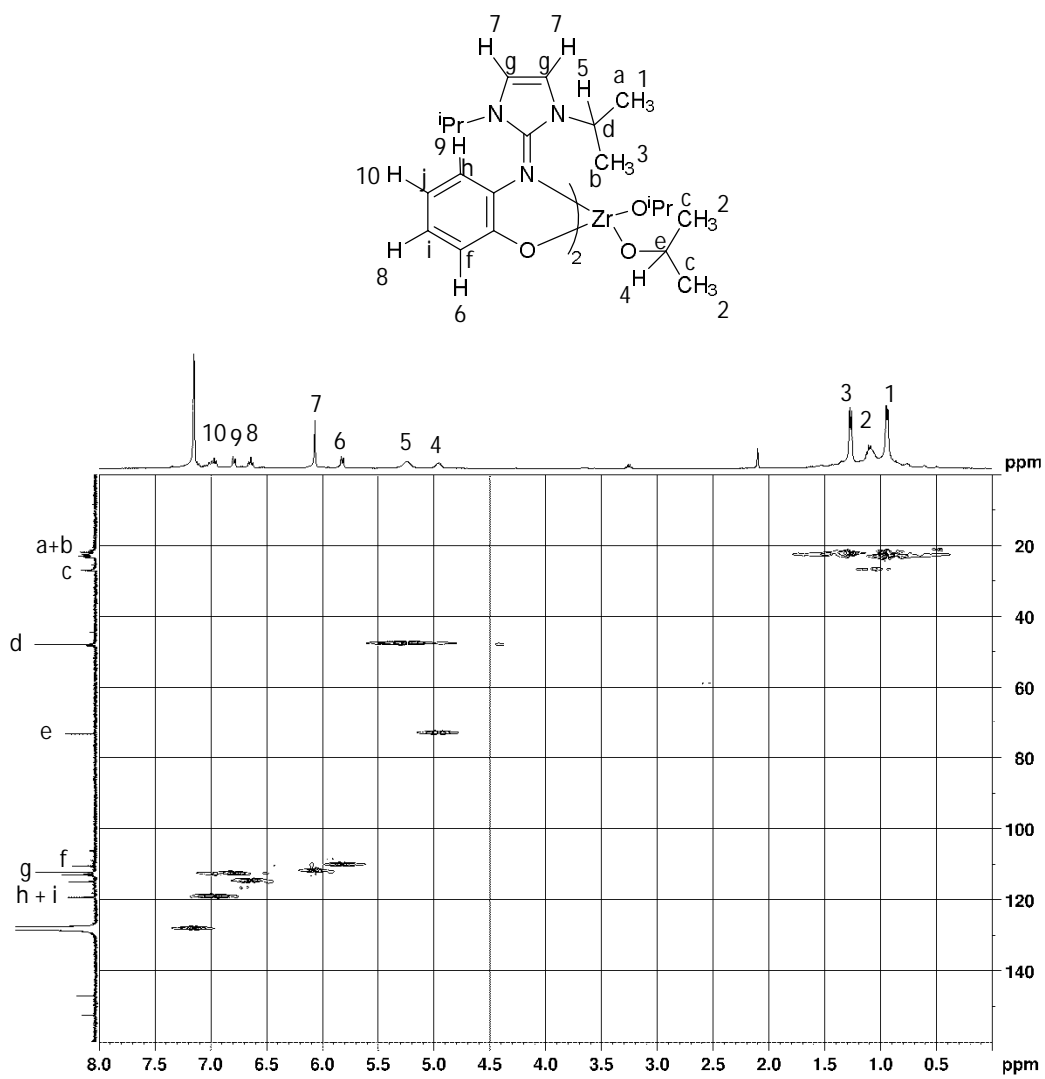


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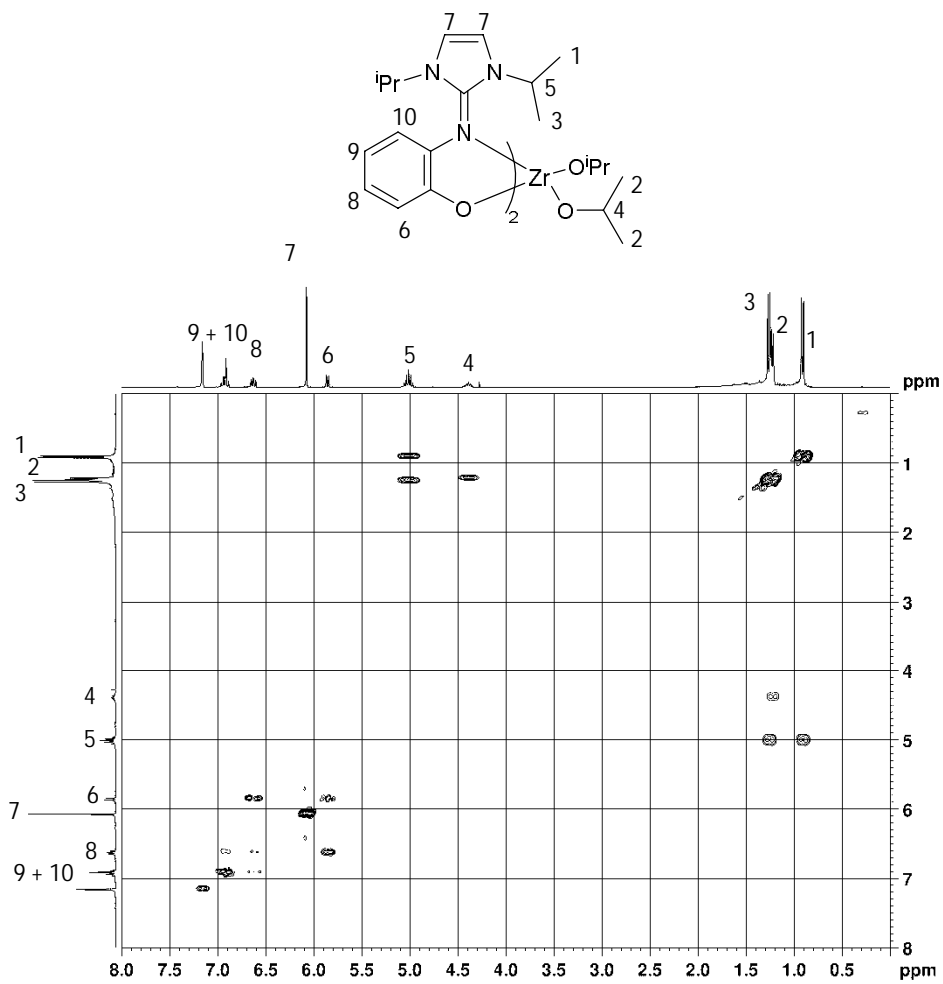


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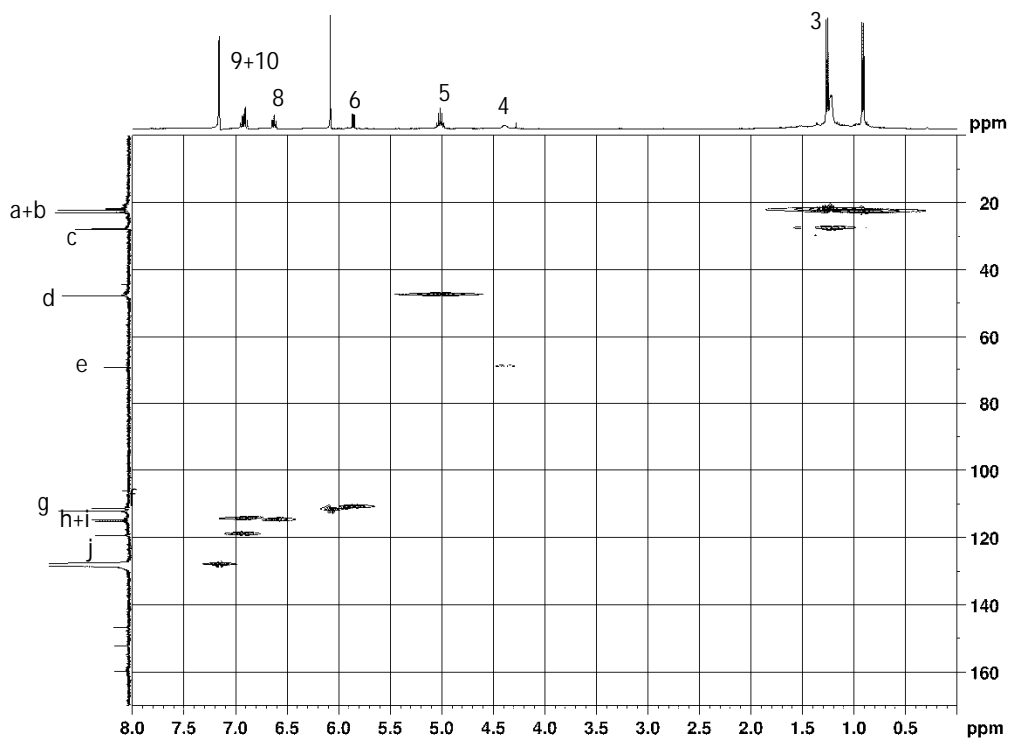
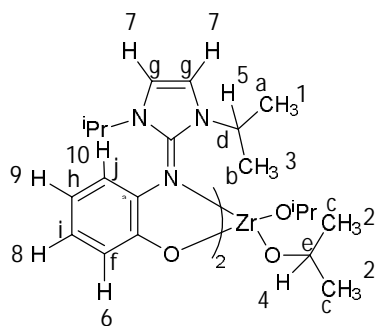


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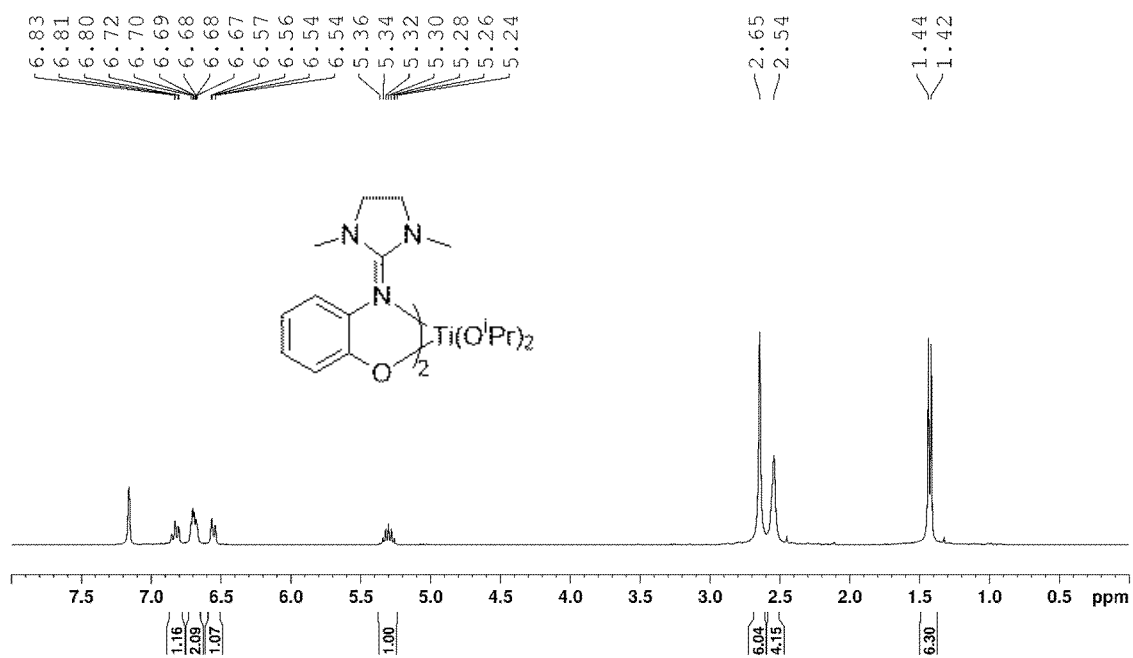


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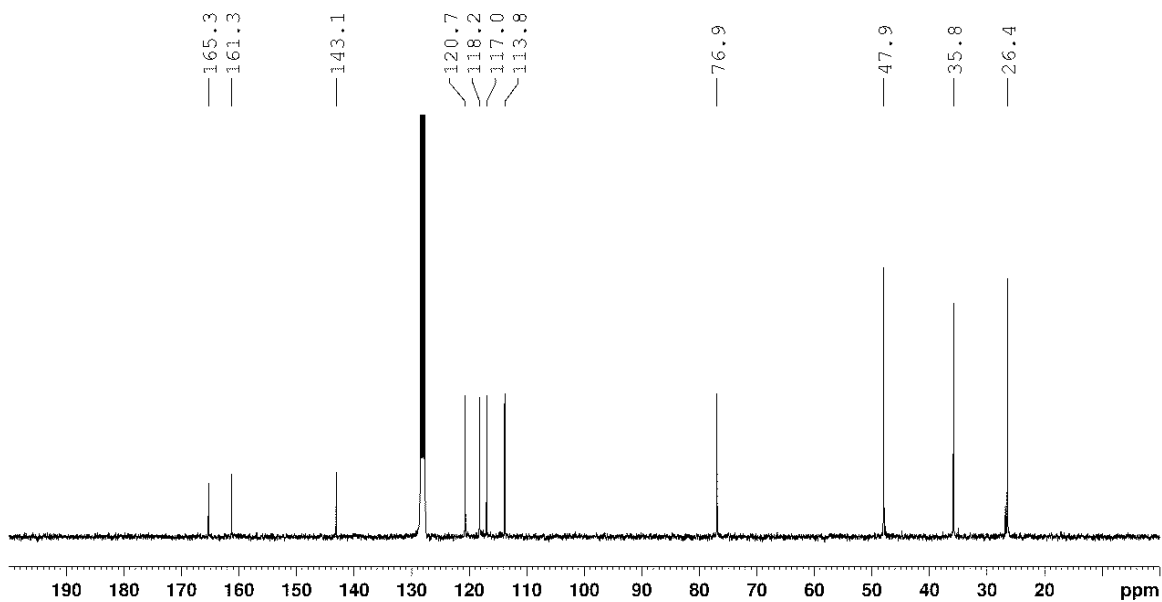


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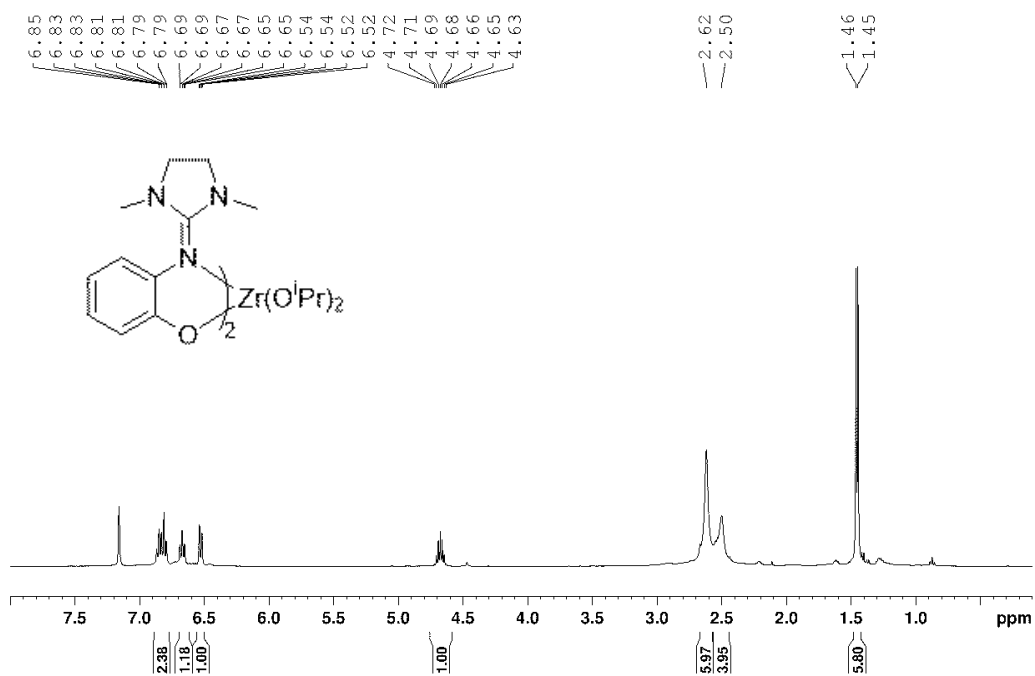


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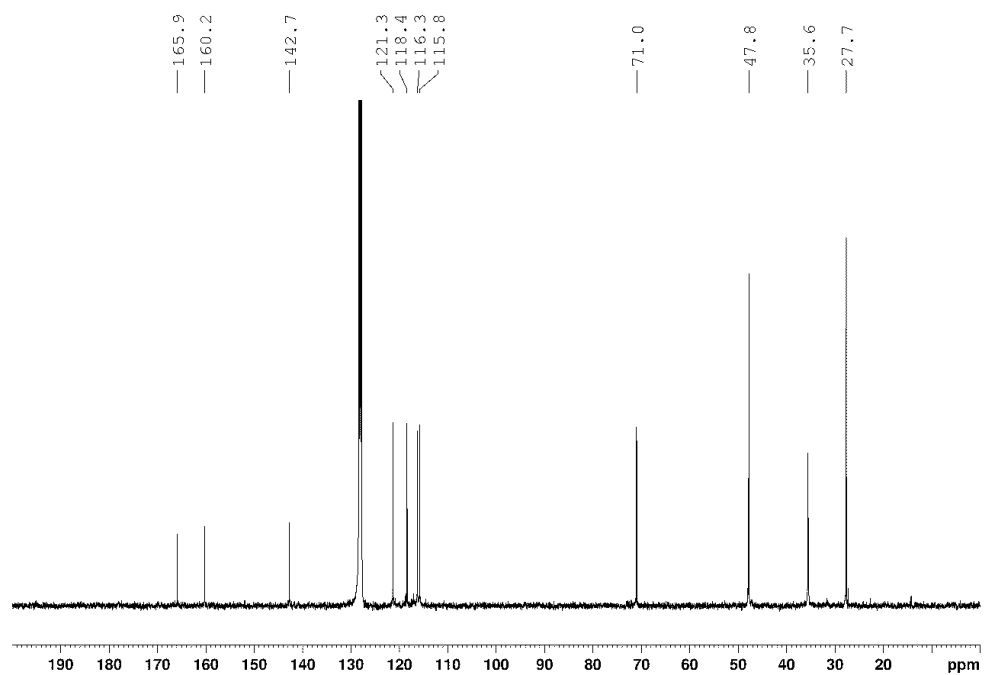


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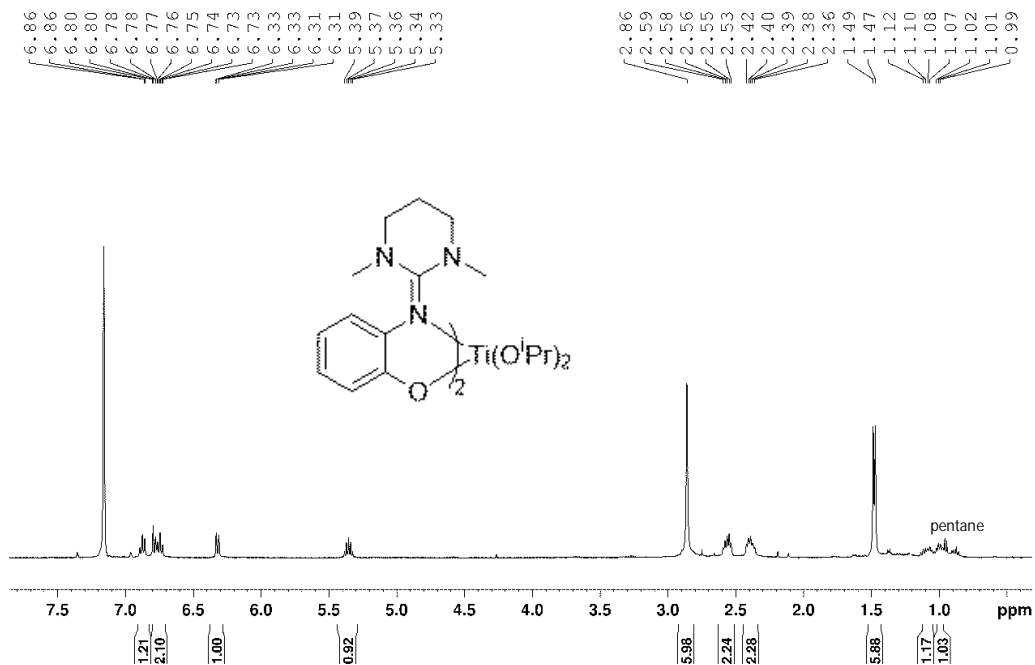


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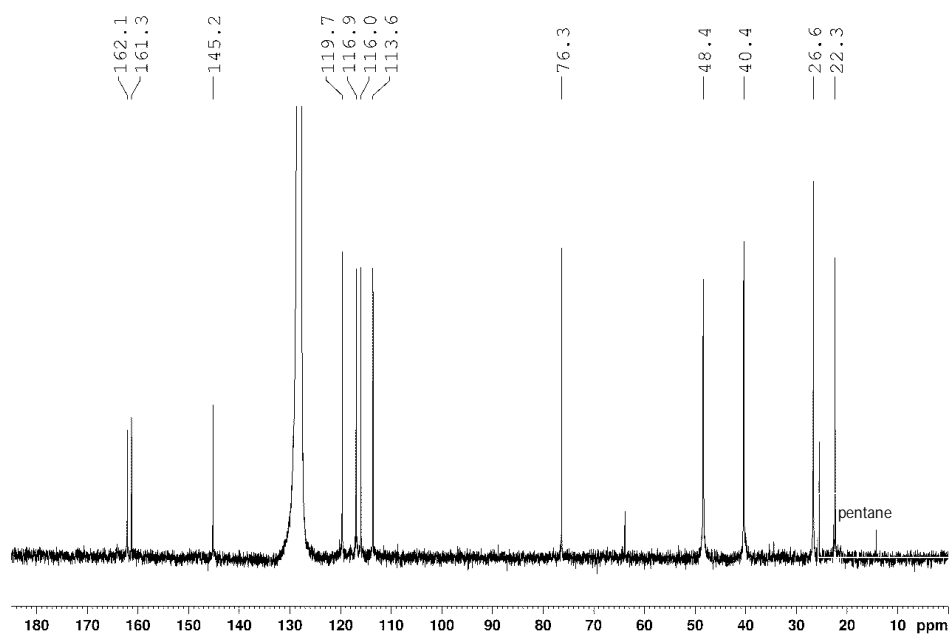


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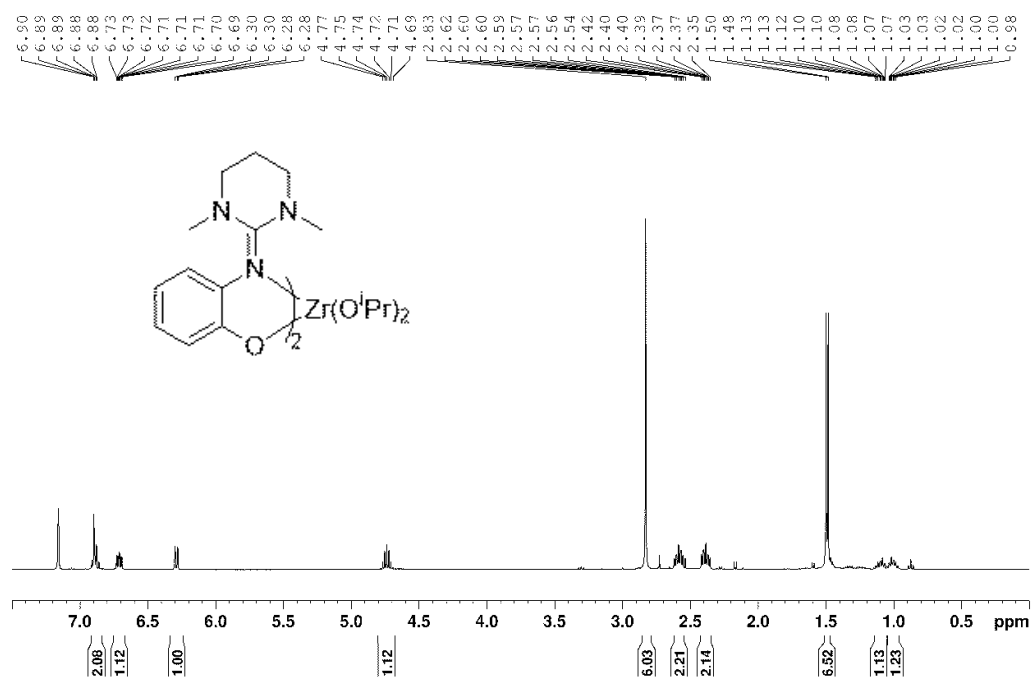


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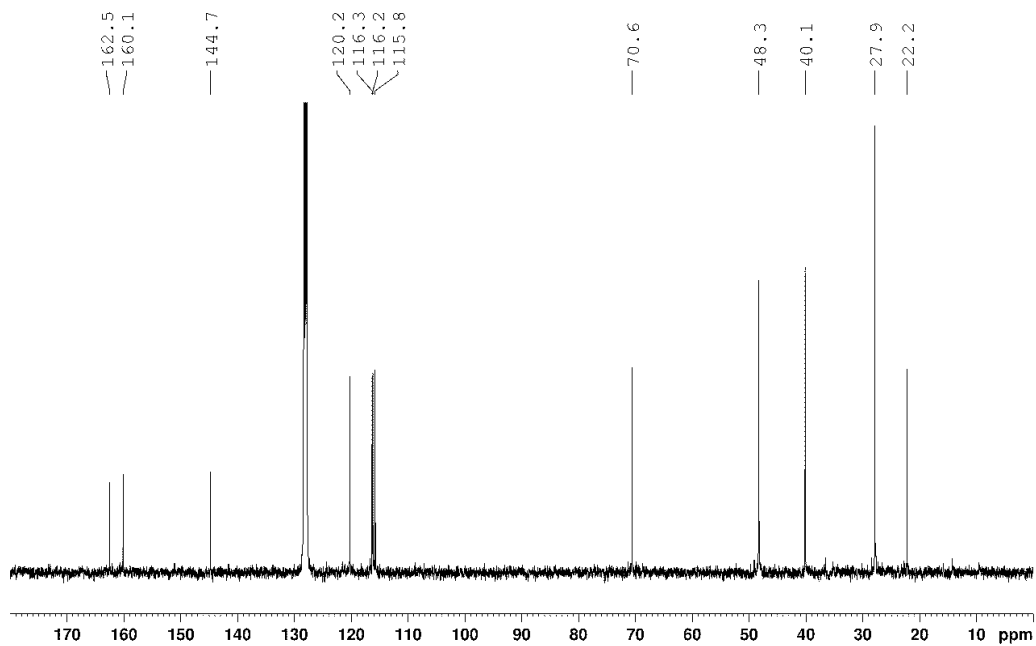


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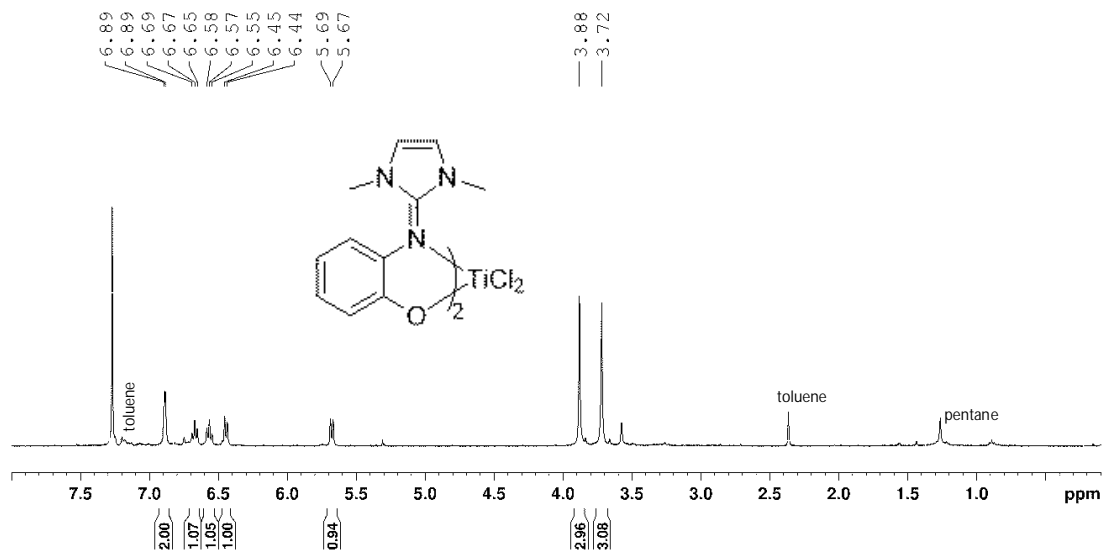


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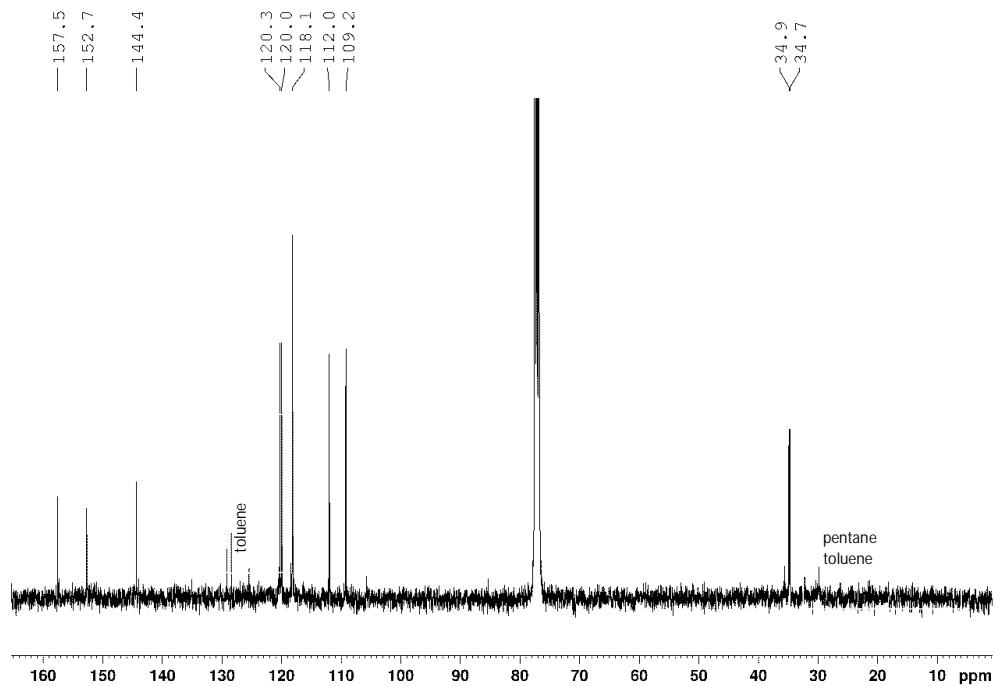


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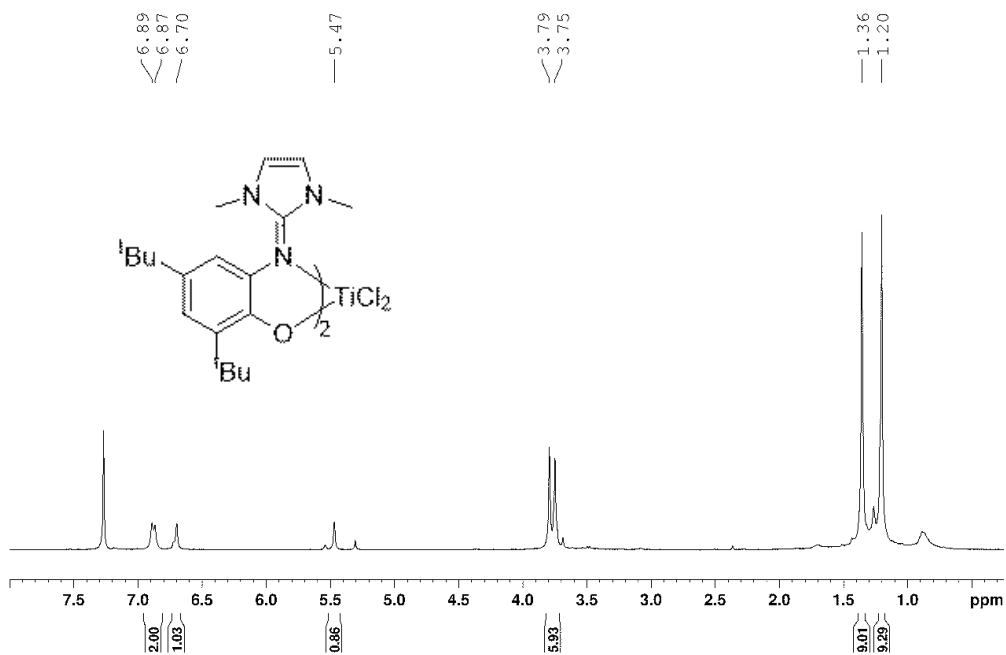


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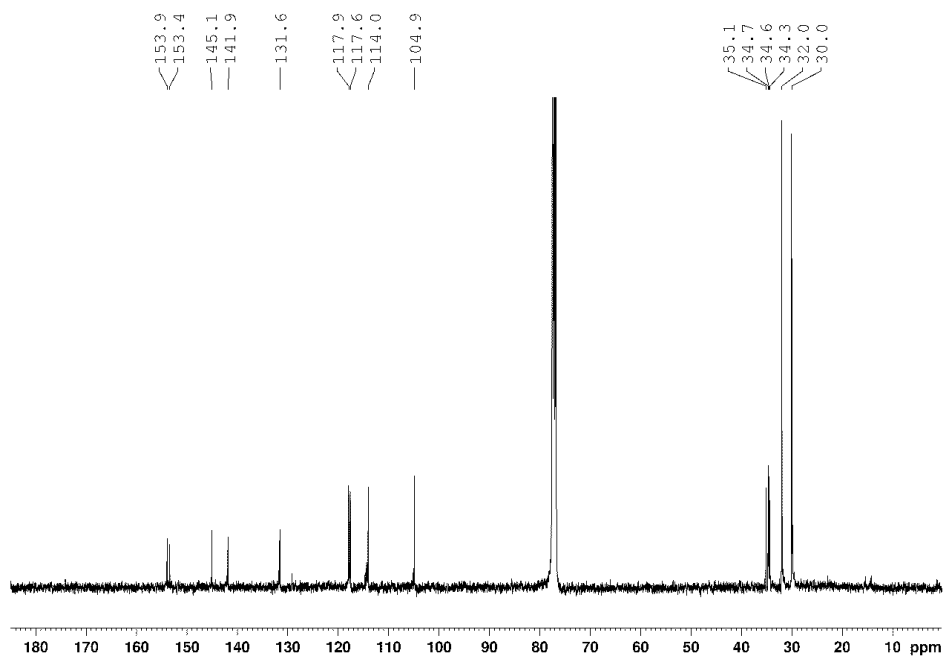


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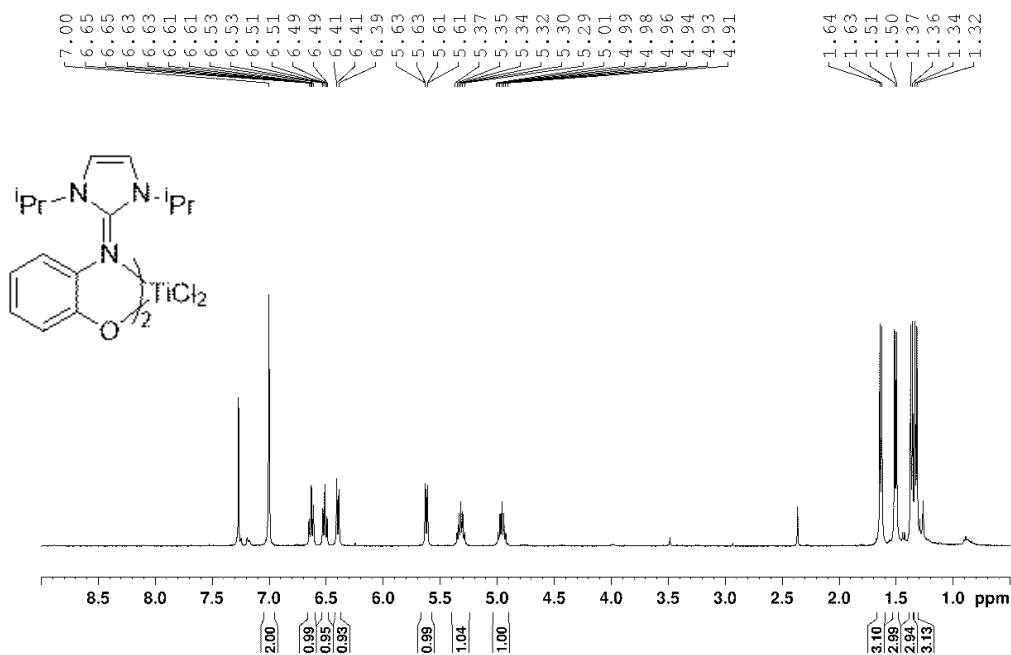


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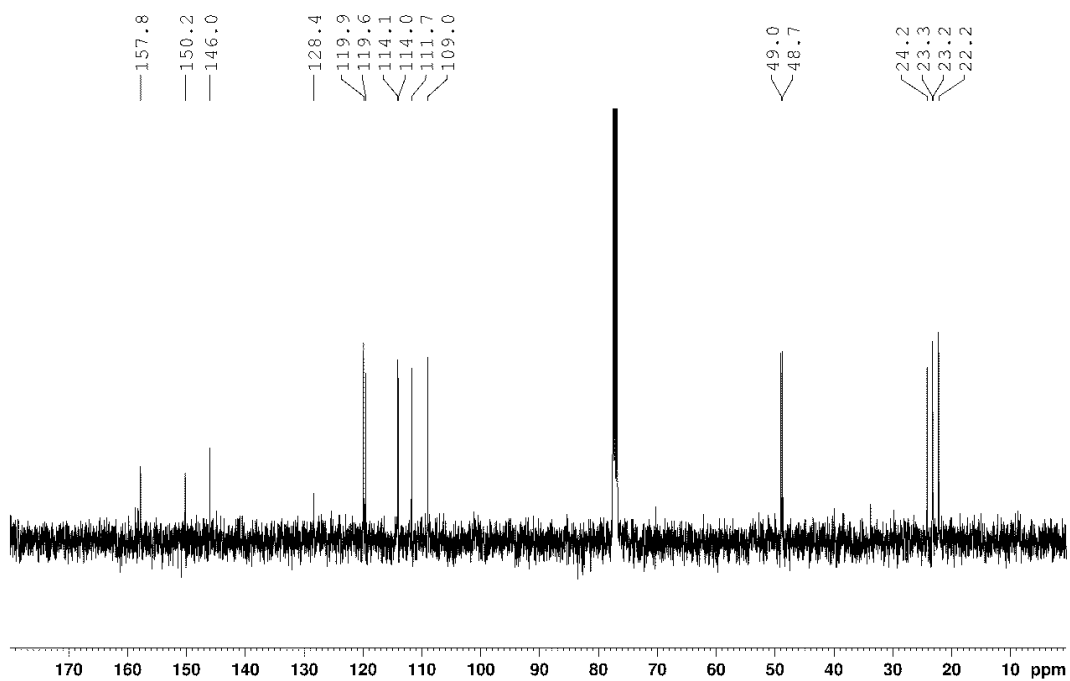


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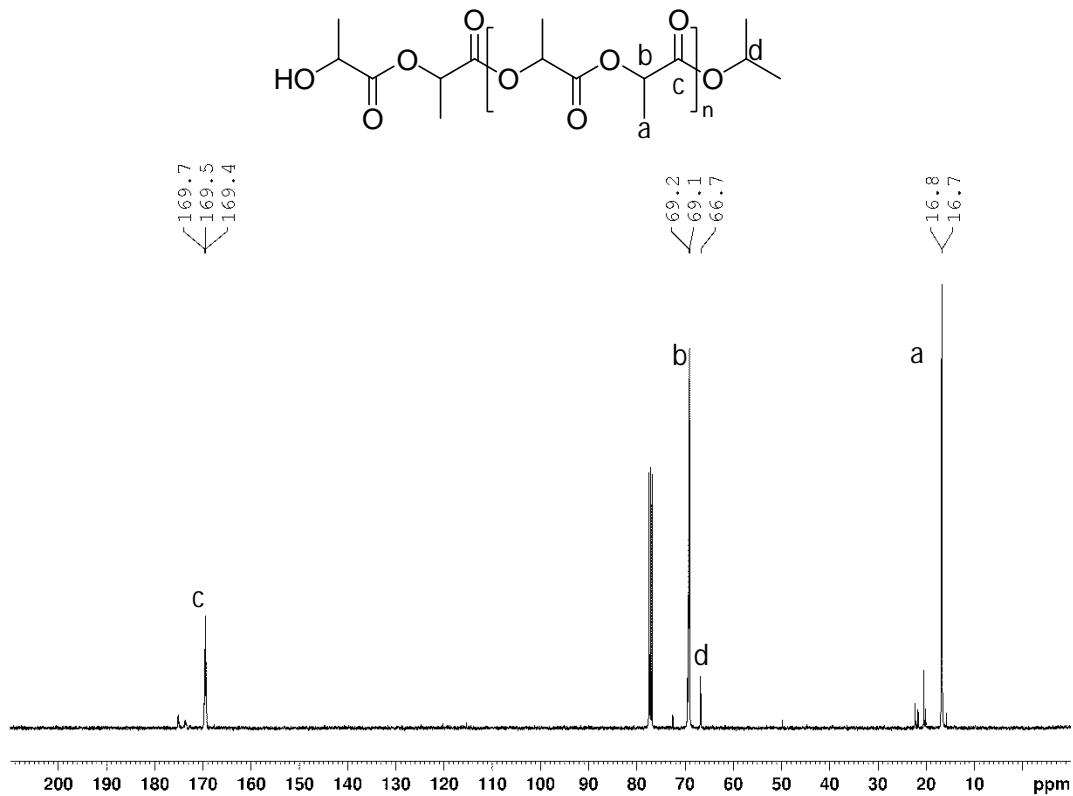


Figure S53. ^{13}C $\{^1\text{H}\}$ spectrum of the polymer produced with Zr2a (100 MHz, CDCl_3)

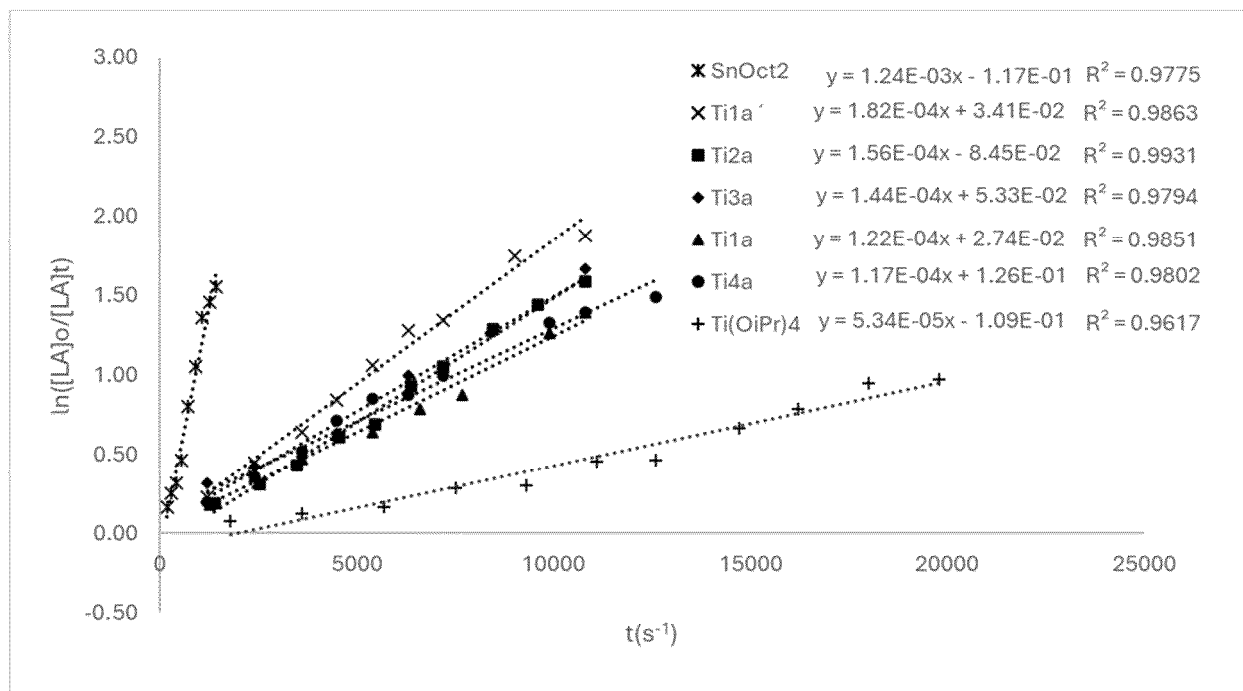


Figure S54. Kinetic plot for the polymerization of rac-lactide by $\text{Sn}(\text{Oct})_2$, $\text{Ti}(\text{OiPr})_4$, Ti1a, Ti1'a, Ti2a, Ti3a, and Ti4a.

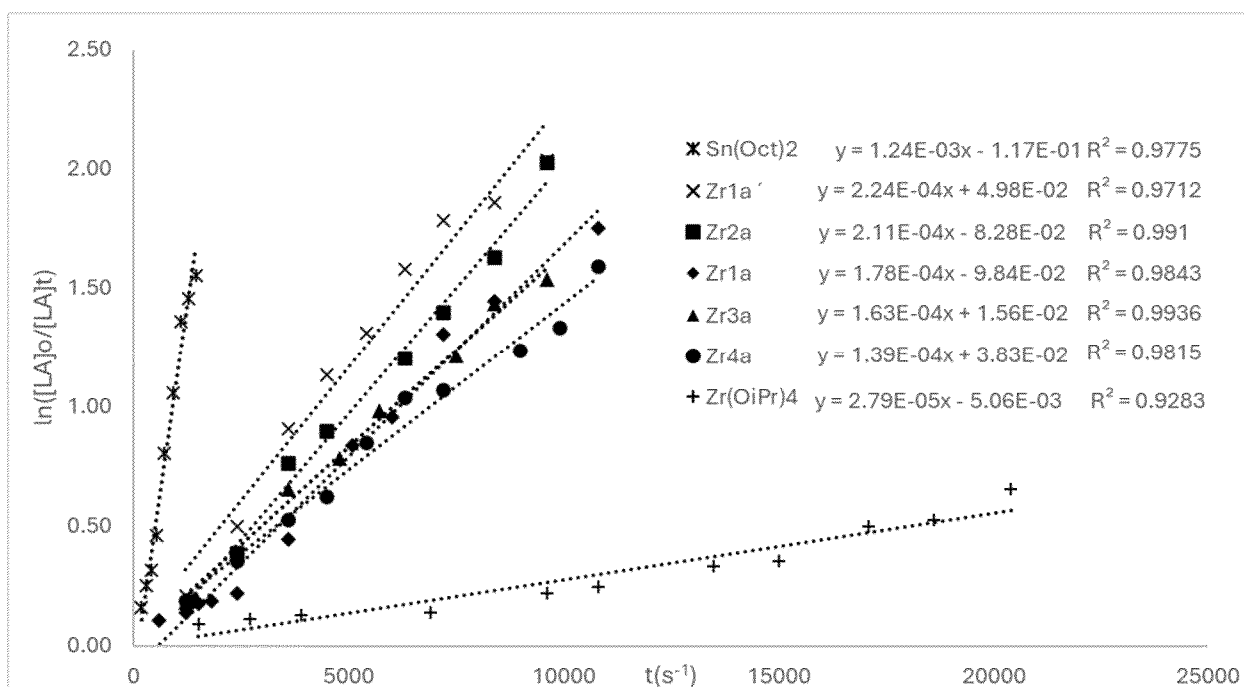


Figure S55. Kinetic plot for the polymerization of *rac*-lactide by Sn(Oct)₂, Zr(OiPr)₄, ⁱPrOH, Zr1a, Zr1'a, Zr2a, Zr3a, and Zr4a.

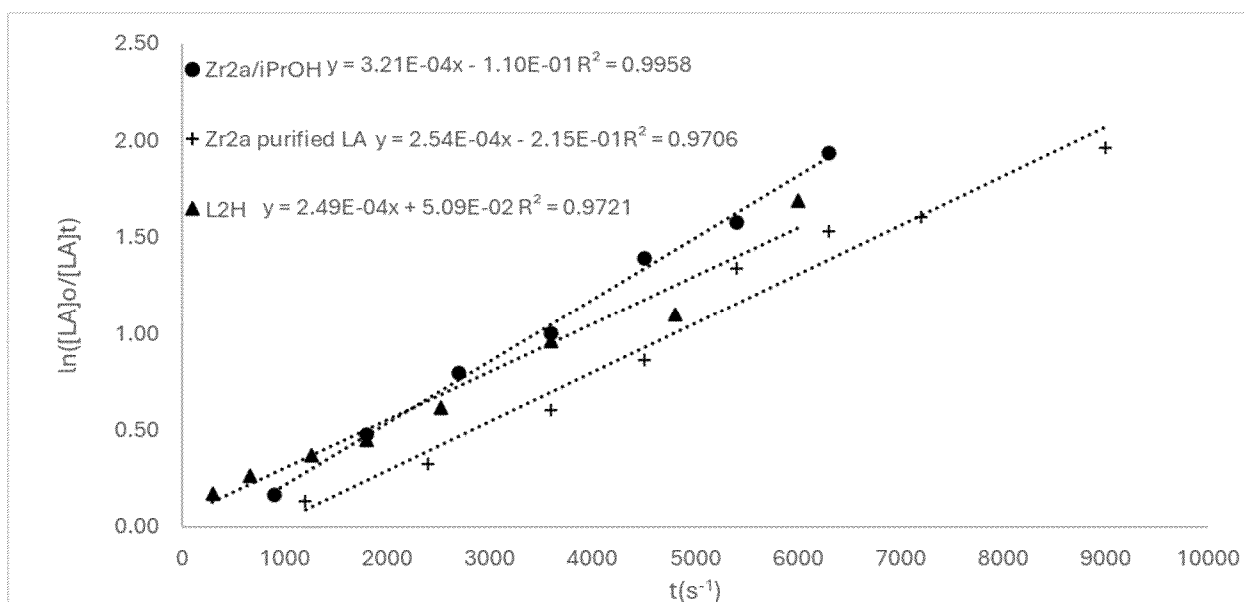


Figure S56. Kinetic plot for the polymerization of *rac*-lactide by L2H, Zr2a with purified monomer and Zr2a + ⁱPrOH.

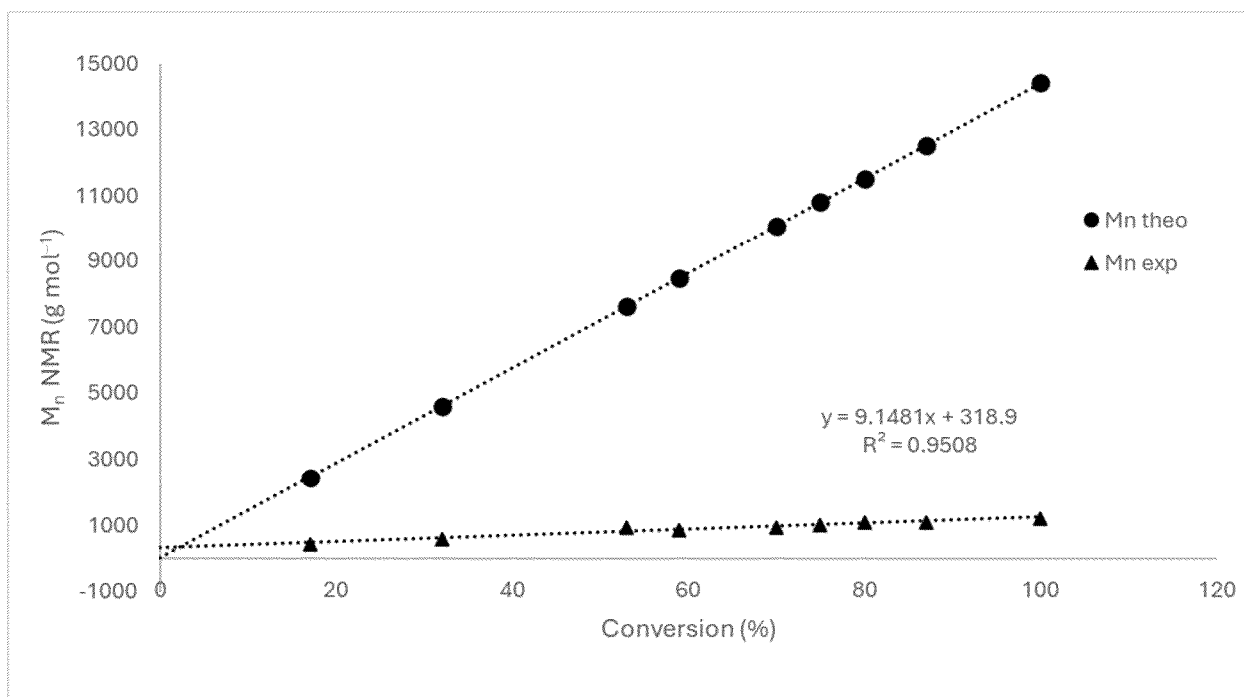


Figure S57. Number-average molecular weight of PLA produced by Zr2a as a function of conversion. The triangles (▲) represent the M_n measured by NMR end-group analysis. The circles (●) represent the theoretical M_n based on the initial LA:Zr ratio, assuming a living system.

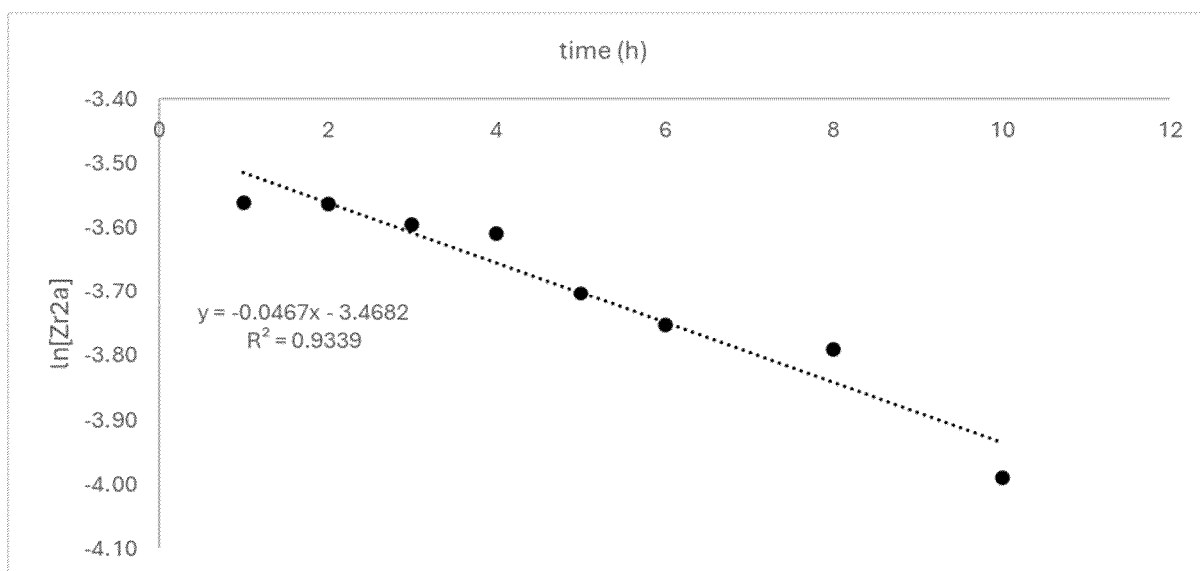


Figure S58. Decay Zr2a as a function of time when dissolved in toluene and heated to 120 °C.

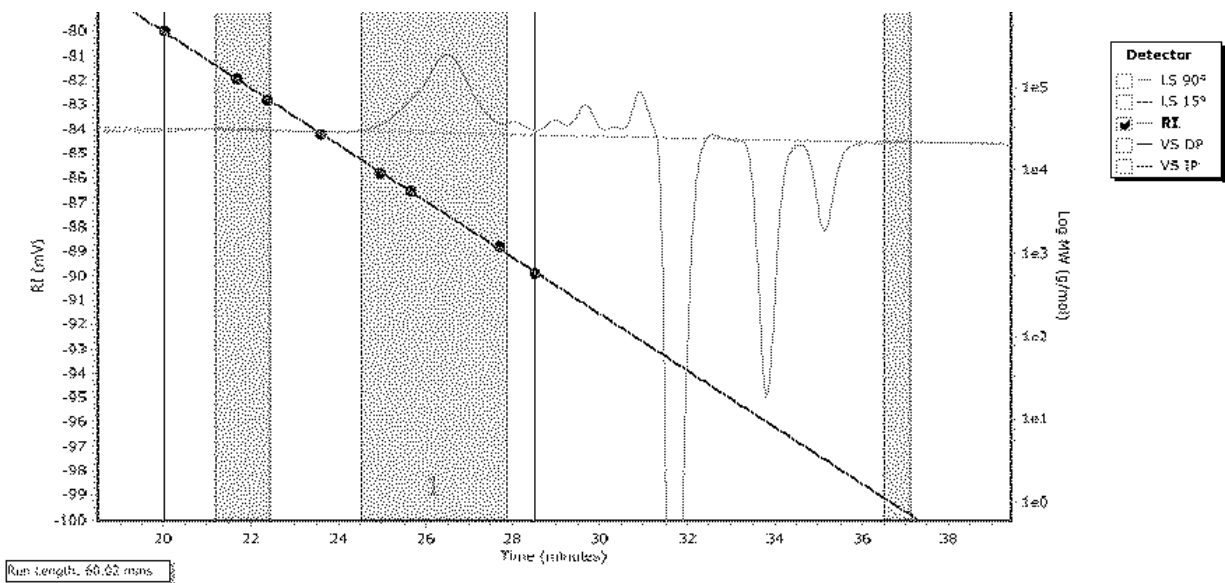


Figure S59. Representative GPC chromatogram plot of a polymer sample, herein obtained using complex Zr1a (entry 6).

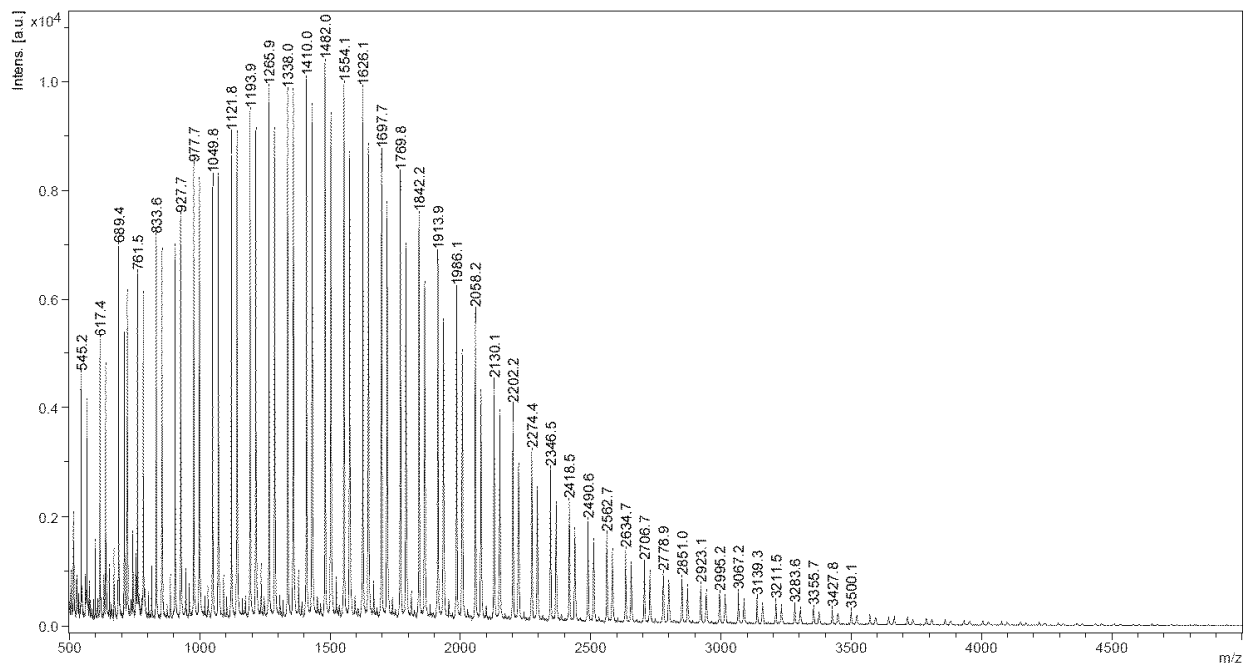


Figure S60. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of the polymer obtained using complex Ti2a.

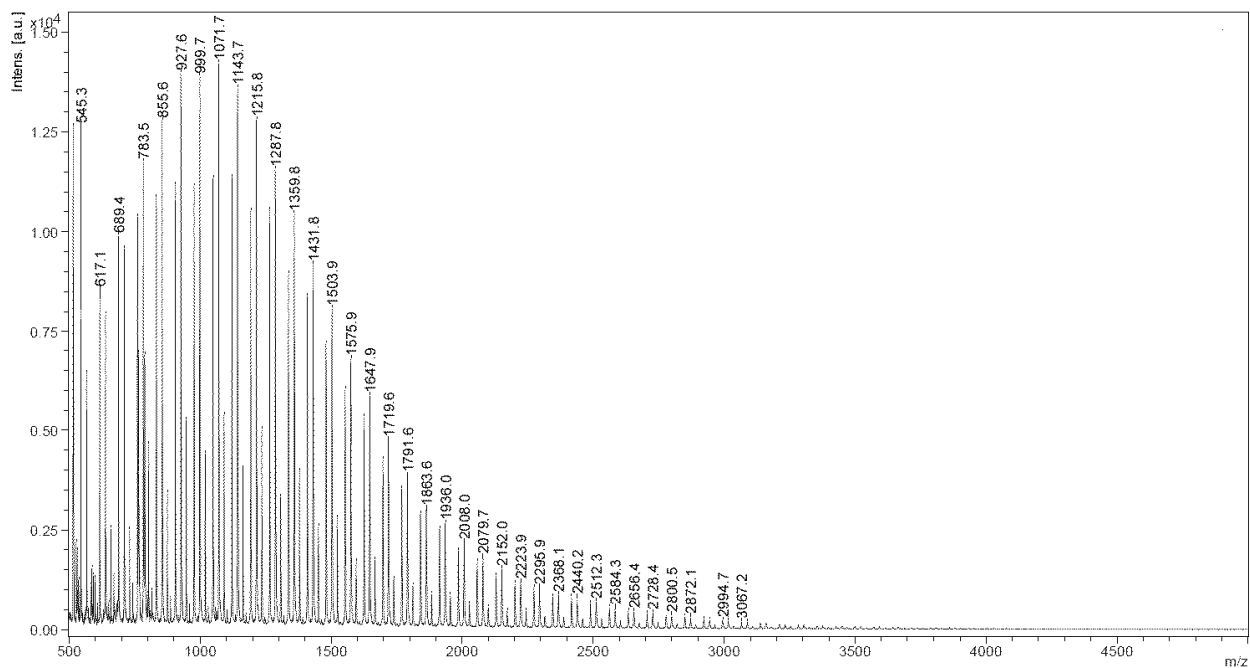


Figure S61. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of the polymer obtained using complex Zr2a.

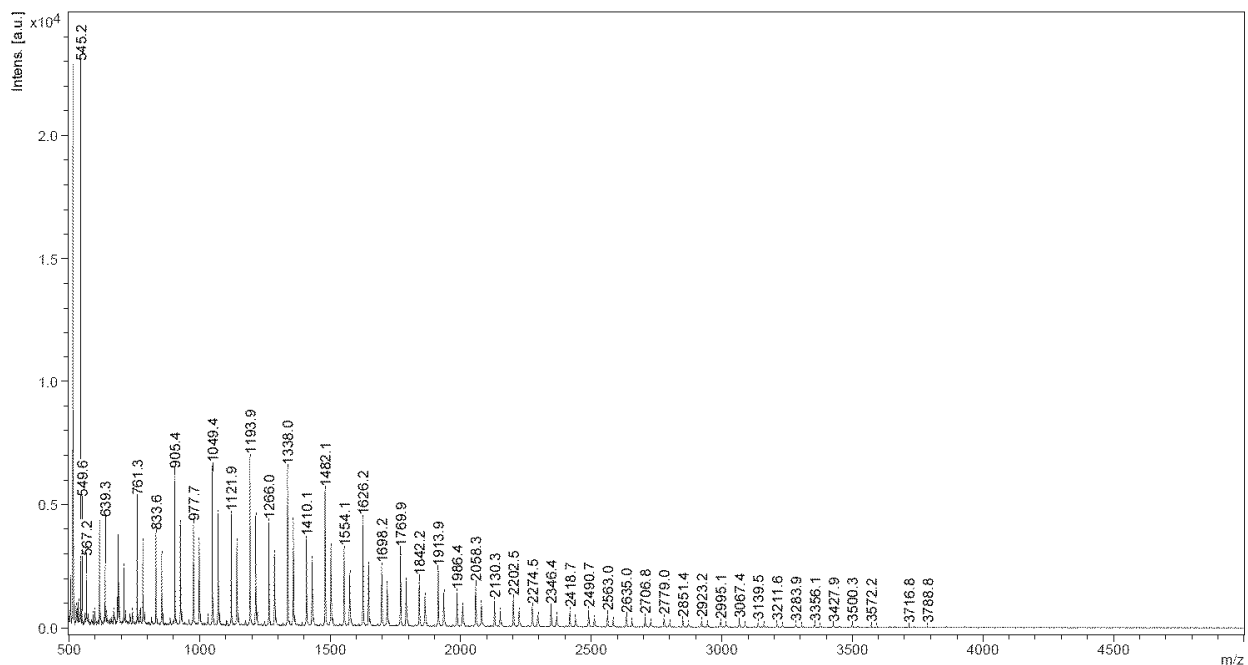


Figure S62. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of the polymer obtained using complex L2H.

Table S1. Relative energies (kJ mol⁻¹) of the five diastereoisomers for the bis(alkoxide) complexes Ti3a , Zr3a, and Ti4a

Complex	<i>cis</i> -O ⁱ Pr			<i>trans</i> - O ⁱ Pr	
	<i>cis</i> -N,N- <i>trans</i> -O,O	<i>cis</i> -N,N- <i>cis</i> -O,O	<i>trans</i> -N,N- <i>cis</i> -O,O	<i>cis</i> -N,N- <i>cis</i> -O,O	<i>trans</i> -N,N- <i>trans</i> -O,O
Ti3a	0.0	5	15	46	50
Zr3a	0.0	1	15	44	35
Ti4a	0.0	28	27	70	62

Table S2. Rate constant of the polymerization of *rac*-lactide

entry ^a	Catalyst	k_{app} (10 ⁻⁵ s ⁻¹)	M_n^b (Da)	M_w^b (Da)	\mathcal{D}^c
1	Ti2a	1.42	2600	3600	1.4
2	Zr2a	2.03	2100	2900	1.4
3	L2H^d	0.92	2800	3900	1.4

^aAll polymerization were carried out at 130 °C to full conversion and a lactide-to-catalyst stoichiometric ratio of 1000:1. ^bDetermined by GPC in THF ^c $\mathcal{D} = M_w \div M_n$ as determined by GPC ^dLactide:catalyst stoichiometric ratio of 500:1.

Table S3. Crystal data for Ti3a

Empirical formula	C ₂₈ H ₄₂ N ₆ O ₄ Ti
Formula weight	574.57
Temperature/ K	173.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P21/n
a/Å	23.2014(7)
b/Å	10.7004(3)
c/Å	24.3975(7)
α/°	90
β/°	95.7949(12)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	6026.1(3)
Z	8
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.267
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.326
F(000)	2448.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.1 × 0.1 × 0.1
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	5.076 to 60.066
Index ranges	-29 ≤ h ≤ 32, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -34 ≤ l ≤ 34
Reflections collected	157194
Independent reflections	17589 [R _{int} = 0.0771, R _{sigma} = 0.0307]
Data/restraints/parameters	17589/0/779
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.131
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0532, wR ₂ = 0.1254
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0643, wR ₂ = 0.1316
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.43/-0.60

Table S4. Crystal data for Zr3a

Empirical formula	C ₂₈ H ₄₂ N ₆ O ₄ Zr
Formula weight	617.89
Temperature/K	173.00
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	9.6548(4)
b/Å	15.7838(6)
c/Å	19.7193(7)
α/°	90
β/°	90.246(2)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	3005.0(2)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.366
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.408
F(000)	1296.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.4 × 0.4 × 0.1
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	4.218 to 55.134
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -25 ≤ l ≤ 25
Reflections collected	94441
Independent reflections	6938 [R _{int} = 0.1255, R _{sigma} = 0.0549]
Data/restraints/parameters	6938/0/371
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.049
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0579, wR ₂ = 0.0989
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0975, wR ₂ = 0.1138
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.10/-0.79

Table S5. Crystal data for Ti4a

Empirical formula	C ₃₀ H ₄₆ N ₆ O ₄ Ti
Formula weight	602.63
Temperature/K	173.00
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pca2 ₁
a/Å	14.5172(8)
b/Å	11.5840(6)
c/Å	19.1268(10)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	3216.5(3)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.244
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.309
F(000)	1288.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 × 0.2 × 0.1
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	4.498 to 55.106
Index ranges	-18 ≤ h ≤ 18, -14 ≤ k ≤ 15, -24 ≤ l ≤ 24
Reflections collected	39189
Independent reflections	7358 [R _{int} = 0.0835, R _{sigma} = 0.0610]
Data/restraints/parameters	7358/1/378
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.053
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0481, wR ₂ = 0.1066
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0924, wR ₂ = 0.1296
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.44/-0.35

Table S6. Crystal data for Ti2b

Empirical formula	C ₃₇ H ₄₈ Cl ₂ N ₆ O ₂ Ti
Formula weight	727.61
Temperature/K	173.00
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	10.6343(7)
b/Å	30.9675(18)
c/Å	12.5823(8)
α/°	90
β/°	110.817(2)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	3873.1(4)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.248
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.398
F(000)	1536.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.1 × 0.025 × 0.025
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	4.304 to 61.016
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -44 ≤ k ≤ 44, -17 ≤ l ≤ 17
Reflections collected	150839
Independent reflections	11792 [R _{int} = 0.0482, R _{sigma} = 0.0239]
Data/restraints/parameters	11792/6/507
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.191
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0600, wR ₂ = 0.1306
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0700, wR ₂ = 0.1352
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.52/-0.53