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Dipyrromethene and β -Diketimate Zinc Hydride Complexes: Resemblances and Differences

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1) Crystal structure data

Crystal structure of ^{DIPP}DPM-H (3) – hasj180227c

A yellow crystal of ^{DIPP}DPM-H (3) was embedded in inert perfluoropolyalkylether (viscosity 1800 cSt; ABCR GmbH) and mounted using a Hampton Research CryoLoop. The crystal was then flash cooled to 100 K in a nitrogen gas stream and kept at this temperature during the experiment. The crystal structure was measured on a SuperNova diffractometer with Atlas S2 detector using a CuK α microfocus source. The measured data was processed with the CrysAlisPro software package.¹ Using Olex2², the structure was solved with the ShelXT³ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL⁴ refinement package using Least Squares minimization. All hydrogen atoms were placed in ideal positions and refined as riding atoms with relative isotropic displacement parameters.

Disorder of two *iso*-propyl-groups of the molecule was observed. The relative contributions of the two orientations of each group were refined to ~ 0.50/0.50 and 0.54/0.46, respectively.

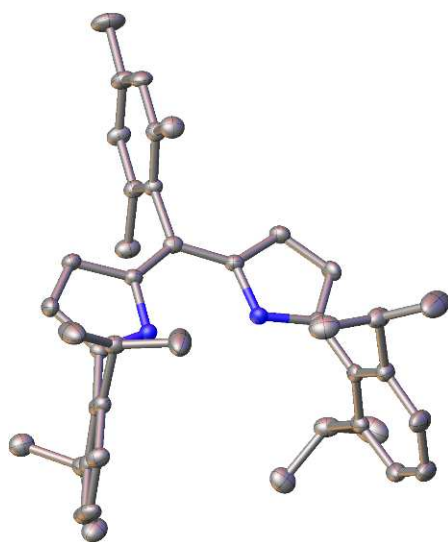


Figure S1. ORTEP plot of ^{DIPP}DPM-H (3) (50% probability)

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for ^{DIPP} DPM-H	
Identification code	hasj180227c
Empirical formula	C ₄₂ H ₅₀ N ₂
Formula weight	582.84
Temperature/K	100
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	20.8415(7)
b/Å	16.59310(10)
c/Å	37.3538(12)
α/°	90
β/°	146.605(8)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	7110.1(9)
Z	8
ρ _{calc} /g/cm ³	1.089
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.467
F(000)	2528.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.448 × 0.293 × 0.265
Crystal color	Yellow
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	6.846 to 136.224
Index ranges	-25 ≤ h ≤ 25, -19 ≤ k ≤ 19, -44 ≤ l ≤ 44
Reflections collected	144252
Independent reflections	12926 [R _{int} = 0.0399, R _{sigma} = 0.0145]
Data/restraints/parameters	12926/0/857
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.247
Final R indexes [I >= 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0714, wR ₂ = 0.1529
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0720, wR ₂ = 0.1530
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.47/-0.46

Crystal structure of (^{DIPP}DPM)ZnEt (**4**) – hasj171130a

An orange crystal of (^{DIPP}DPM)ZnEt (**4**) was embedded in inert perfluoropolyalkylether (viscosity 1800 cSt; ABCR GmbH) and mounted using a Hampton Research CryoLoop. The crystal was then flash cooled to 100 K in a nitrogen gas stream and kept at this temperature during the experiment. The crystal structure was measured on a SuperNova diffractometer with Atlas S2 detector using a CuK α microfocus source. The measured data was processed with the CrysAlisPro software package.¹ Using Olex2², the structure was solved with the ShelXT³ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL⁴ refinement package using Least Squares minimization. All hydrogen atoms were placed in ideal positions and refined as riding atoms with relative isotropic displacement parameters.

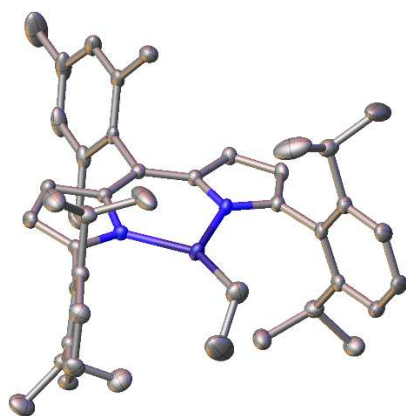


Figure S2. ORTEP plot of (^{DIPP}DPM)ZnEt (**4**) (50% probability)

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for (D ^{IPP} DPM)ZnEt	
Identification code	hasj171130a
Empirical formula	C ₄₄ H ₅₄ N ₂ Zn
Formula weight	676.26
Temperature/K	100
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	10.99150(10)
b/Å	18.6458(2)
c/Å	18.5626(2)
α/°	90
β/°	93.2860(10)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	3798.06(7)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /g/cm ³	1.183
μ/mm ⁻¹	1.119
F(000)	1448.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.662 × 0.499 × 0.345
Crystal color	Orange
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	6.724 to 136.194
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 13, -22 ≤ k ≤ 22, -22 ≤ l ≤ 22
Reflections collected	25241
Independent reflections	6918 [R _{int} = 0.0208, R _{sigma} = 0.0170]
Data/restraints/parameters	6918/0/436
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.096
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0422, wR ₂ = 0.1078
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0434, wR ₂ = 0.1086
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.85/-0.71

Crystal structure of (^{DIPP}DPM)ZnI (5) – hasj180109b

An orange crystal of (^{DIPP}DPM)ZnEt (5) was embedded in inert perfluoropolyalkylether (viscosity 1800 cSt; ABCR GmbH) and mounted using a Hampton Research CryoLoop. The crystal was then flash cooled to 100 K in a nitrogen gas stream and kept at this temperature during the experiment. The crystal structure was measured on a SuperNova diffractometer with Atlas S2 detector using a CuK α microfocus source. The measured data was processed with the CrysAlisPro software package.¹ Using Olex2², the structure was solved with the ShelXT³ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL⁴ refinement package using Least Squares minimization. All hydrogen atoms were placed in ideal positions and refined as riding atoms with relative isotropic displacement parameters.

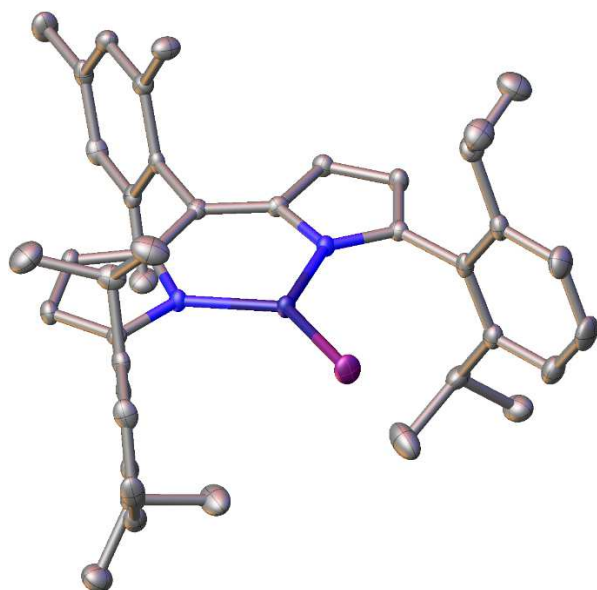


Figure S3. ORTEP plot of (^{DIPP}DPM)ZnI (5) (50% probability)

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for (^{DIPP} DPM)ZnI	
Identification code	hasj180109b
Empirical formula	C ₄₂ H ₄₉ IN ₂ Zn
Formula weight	774.10
Temperature/K	100
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	11.2471(5)
b/Å	23.0104(10)
c/Å	15.5386(6)
α/°	90
β/°	108.881(5)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	3805.0(3)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /g/cm ³	1.351
μ/mm ⁻¹	1.487
F(000)	1592.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.616 × 0.498 × 0.347
Crystal color	Orange
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	5.99 to 56.122
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -27 ≤ k ≤ 30, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20
Reflections collected	33121
Independent reflections	8955 [R _{int} = 0.0480, R _{sigma} = 0.0446]
Data/restraints/parameters	8955/0/426
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.077
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0391, wR ₂ = 0.0903
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0482, wR ₂ = 0.0969
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.22/-0.84

Crystal structure of (^{DIPP}DPM)ZnH (**6**) – hasj160209a

An orange crystal of (^{DIPP}DPM)ZnH (**6**) was embedded in inert perfluoropolyalkylether (viscosity 1800 cSt; ABCR GmbH) and mounted using a Hampton Research CryoLoop. The crystal was then flash cooled to 100 K in a nitrogen gas stream and kept at this temperature during the experiment. The crystal structure was measured on a SuperNova diffractometer with Atlas S2 detector using a CuK α microfocus source. The measured data was processed with the CrysAlisPro software package.¹ Using Olex2², the structure was solved with the ShelXT³ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL⁴ refinement package using Least Squares minimization. Except of the Zn-H hydrogen atom, all hydrogen atoms were placed in ideal positions and refined as riding atoms with relative isotropic displacement parameters. The position of the Zn-H hydrogen atom was observed from difference Fourier maps and refined.

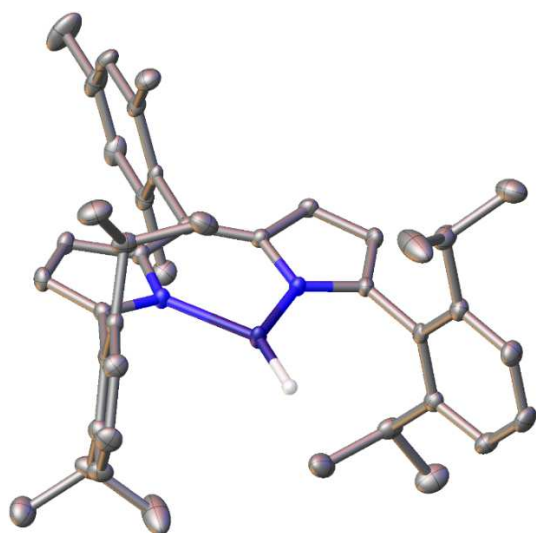


Figure S4. ORTEP plot of (^{DIPP}DPM)ZnH (**6**) (50% probability)

Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement for (^{DIPP} DPM)ZnH	
Identification code	hasj160209a
Empirical formula	C ₄₂ H ₅₀ N ₂ Zn
Formula weight	648.21
Temperature/K	100
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a/Å	18.87443(19)
b/Å	18.08080(19)
c/Å	10.80881(11)
α/°	90
β/°	94.9310(9)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	3675.01(6)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.172
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.098
F(000)	1384.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.431 × 0.2423 × 0.1438
Crystal color	Orange
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	6.782 to 136.216
Index ranges	-22 ≤ h ≤ 22, -21 ≤ k ≤ 21, -13 ≤ l ≤ 12
Reflections collected	19764
Independent reflections	3355 [R _{int} = 0.0337, R _{sigma} = 0.0165]
Data/restraints/parameters	3355/0/214
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.056
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0301, wR ₂ = 0.0781
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0305, wR ₂ = 0.0784
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.33/-0.35

Crystal structure of (^{DIPP}DPM)ZnO₂CH (7) – hasj170920a

An orange crystal of (^{DIPP}DPM)ZnO₂CH (7) was embedded in inert perfluoropolyalkylether (viscosity 1800 cSt; ABCR GmbH) and mounted using a Hampton Research CryoLoop. The crystal was then flash cooled to 100 K in a nitrogen gas stream and kept at this temperature during the experiment. The crystal structure was measured on a SuperNova diffractometer with Atlas S2 detector using a CuK α microfocus source. The measured data was processed with the CrysAlisPro software package.¹ Using Olex2², the structure was solved with the ShelXT³ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL⁴ refinement package using Least Squares minimization. All hydrogen atoms were placed in ideal positions and refined as riding atoms with relative isotropic displacement parameters.

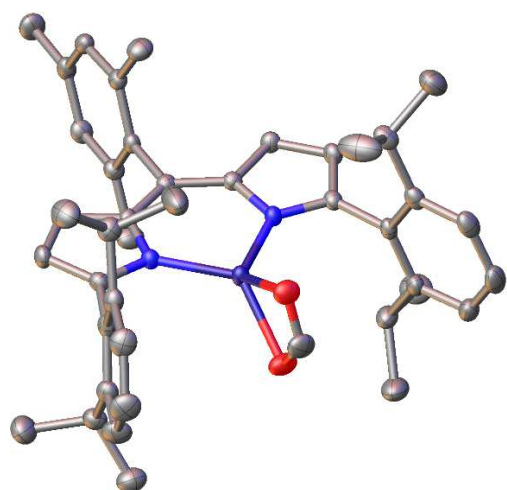


Figure S5. ORTEP plot of (^{DIPP}DPM)ZnO₂CH (7) (50% probability)

Table S5. Crystal data and structure refinement for (^{DIPP} DPM)ZnO ₂ CH	
Identification code	hasj170920a
Empirical formula	C ₄₃ H ₅₀ N ₂ O ₂ Zn
Formula weight	692.22
Temperature/K	100
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	11.43330(10)
b/Å	22.9394(3)
c/Å	15.4127(2)
α/°	90
β/°	108.0040(10)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	3844.40(8)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /g/cm ³	1.196
μ/mm ⁻¹	1.159
F(000)	1472.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.57 × 0.487 × 0.132
Crystal color	Orange
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	7.156 to 136.232
Index ranges	-13 ≤ h ≤ 13, -19 ≤ k ≤ 27, -18 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflections collected	21531
Independent reflections	7024 [R _{int} = 0.0282, R _{sigma} = 0.0270]
Data/restraints/parameters	7024/0/448
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.024
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0325, wR ₂ = 0.0833
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0367, wR ₂ = 0.0867
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.33/-0.41

2) Selected ^1H , ^{13}C , COSY, HSQC, HMBC, DOSY and temperature-dependant NMR spectra

Figure S6. ^1H and ^{13}C spectra of 2-(2,6-di-*iso*-propylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole (**1**) in CDCl_3 (*).

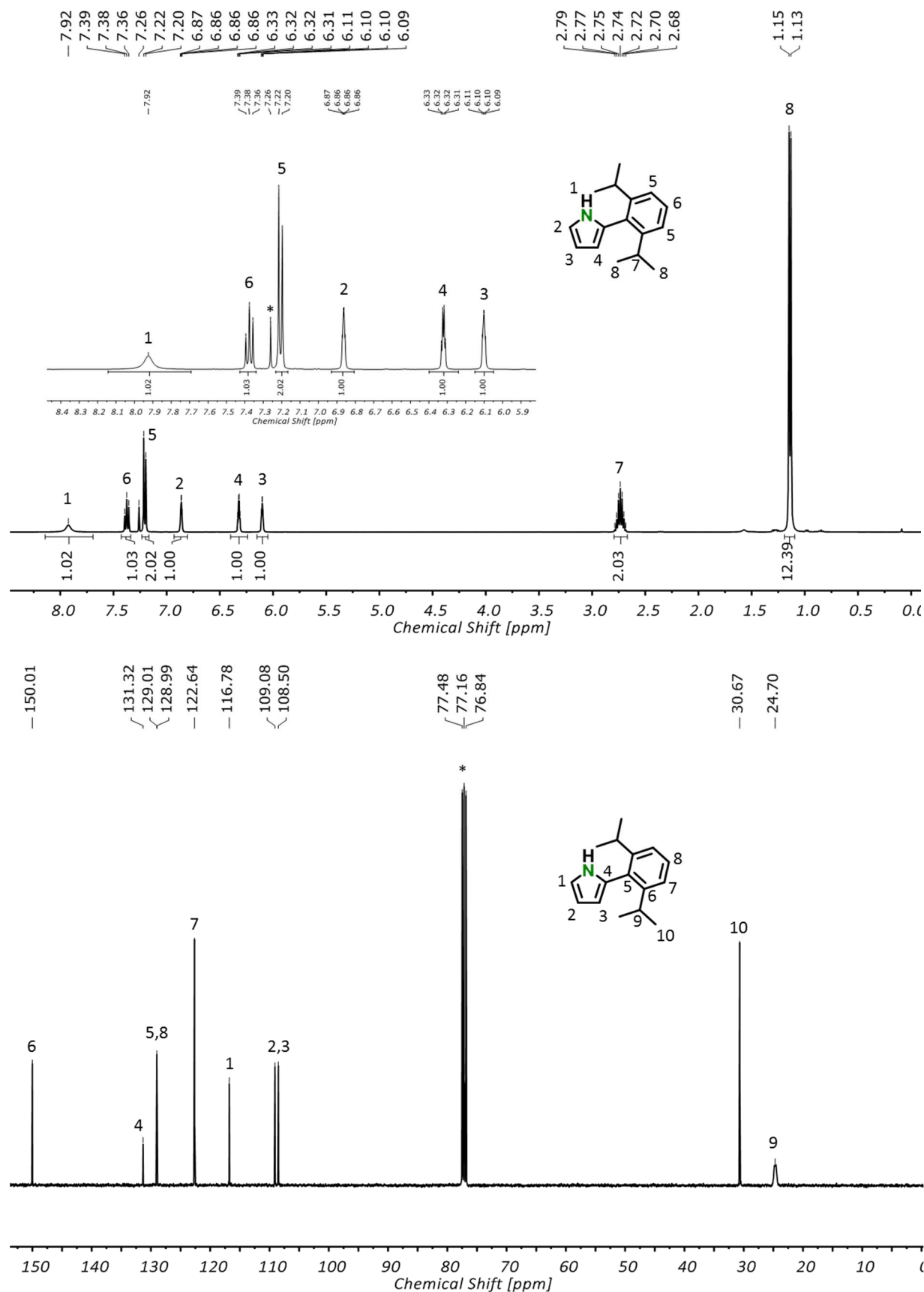


Figure S7. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of 1,9-di-*iso*-propylphenyl-5-mesityldipyrromethane (**2**) in CDCl_3 (*).

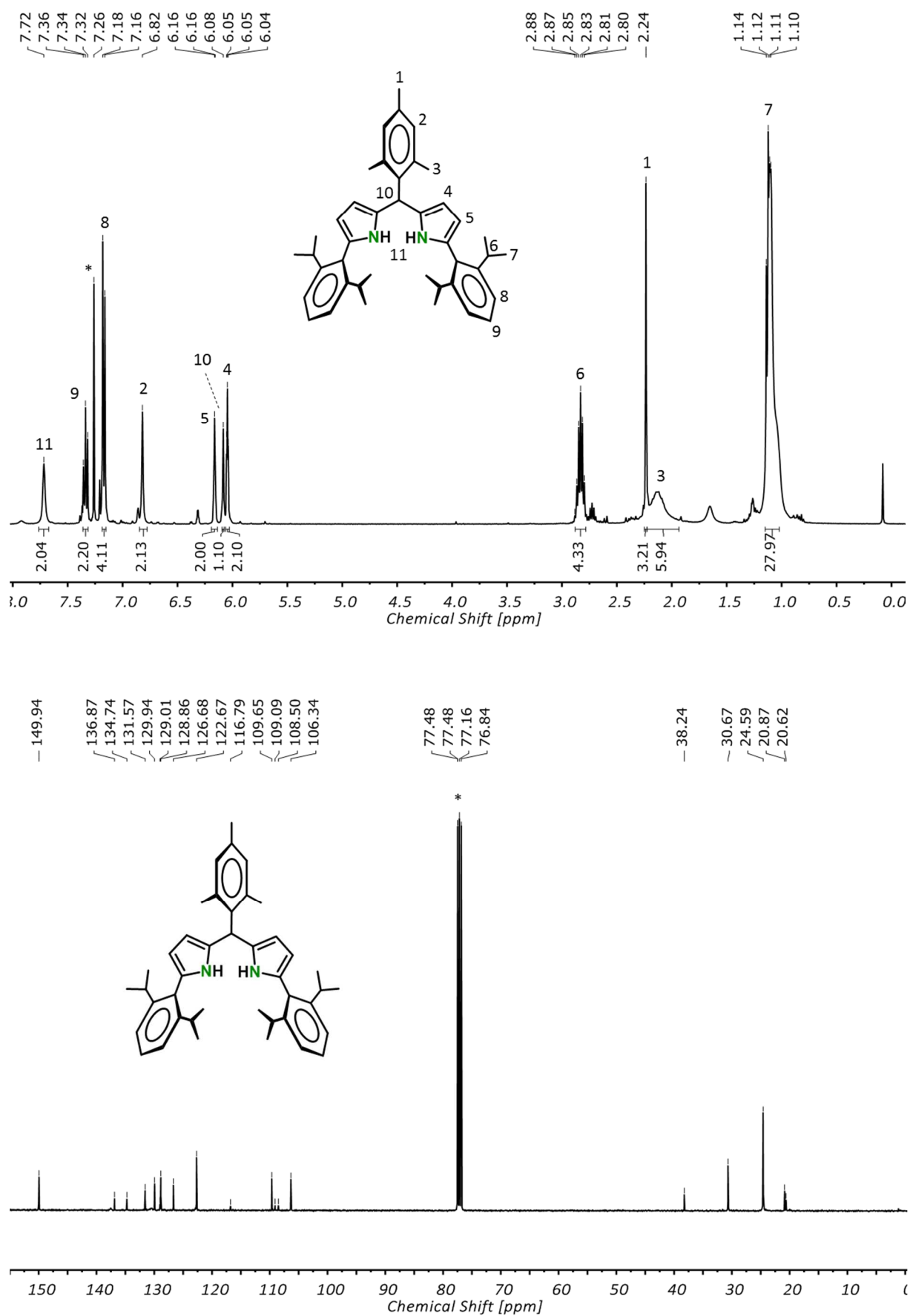


Figure S8. ^1H and ^{13}C spectra of DIP^{P} DPM-H (**3**) in benzene- d_6 (*).

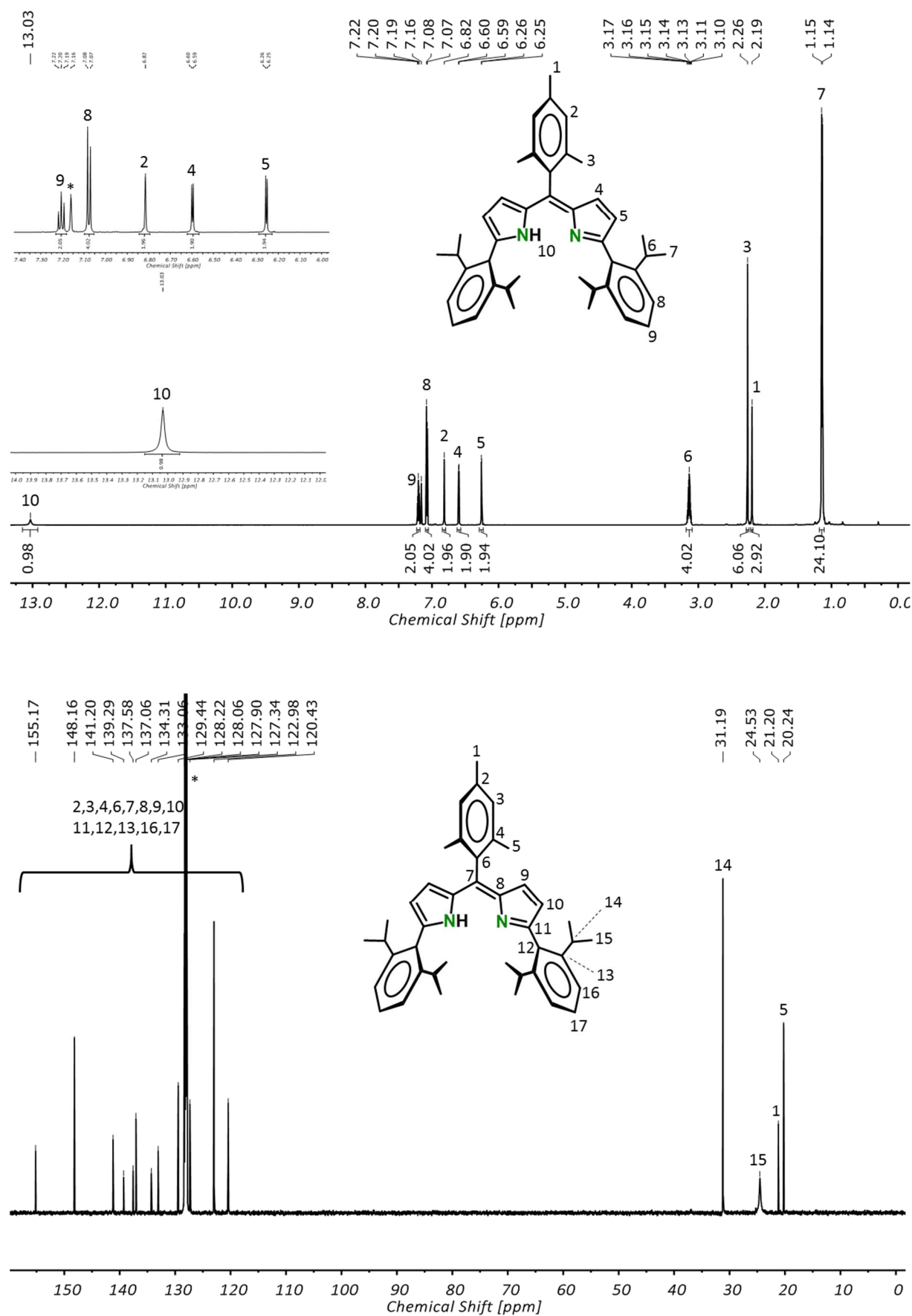
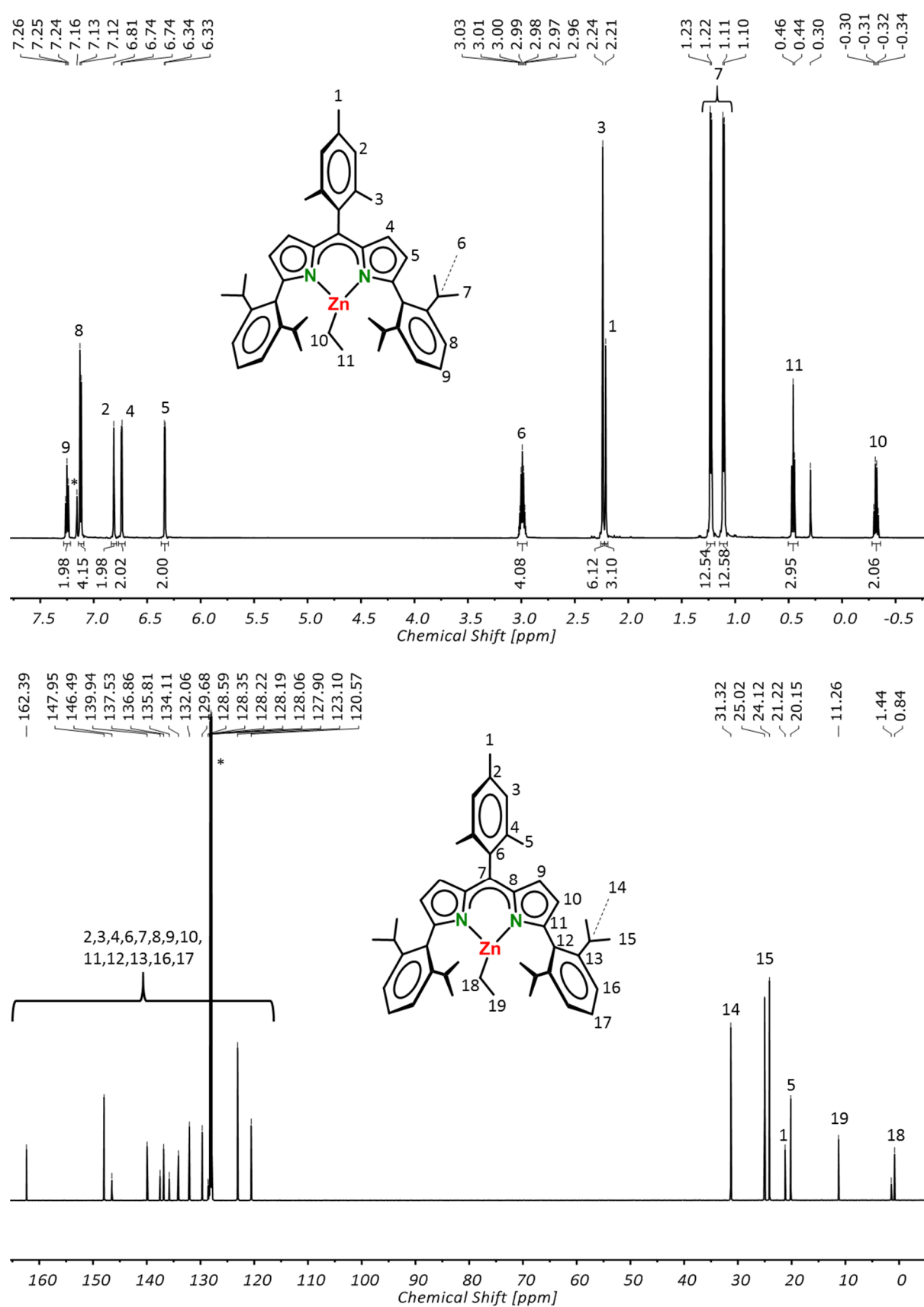
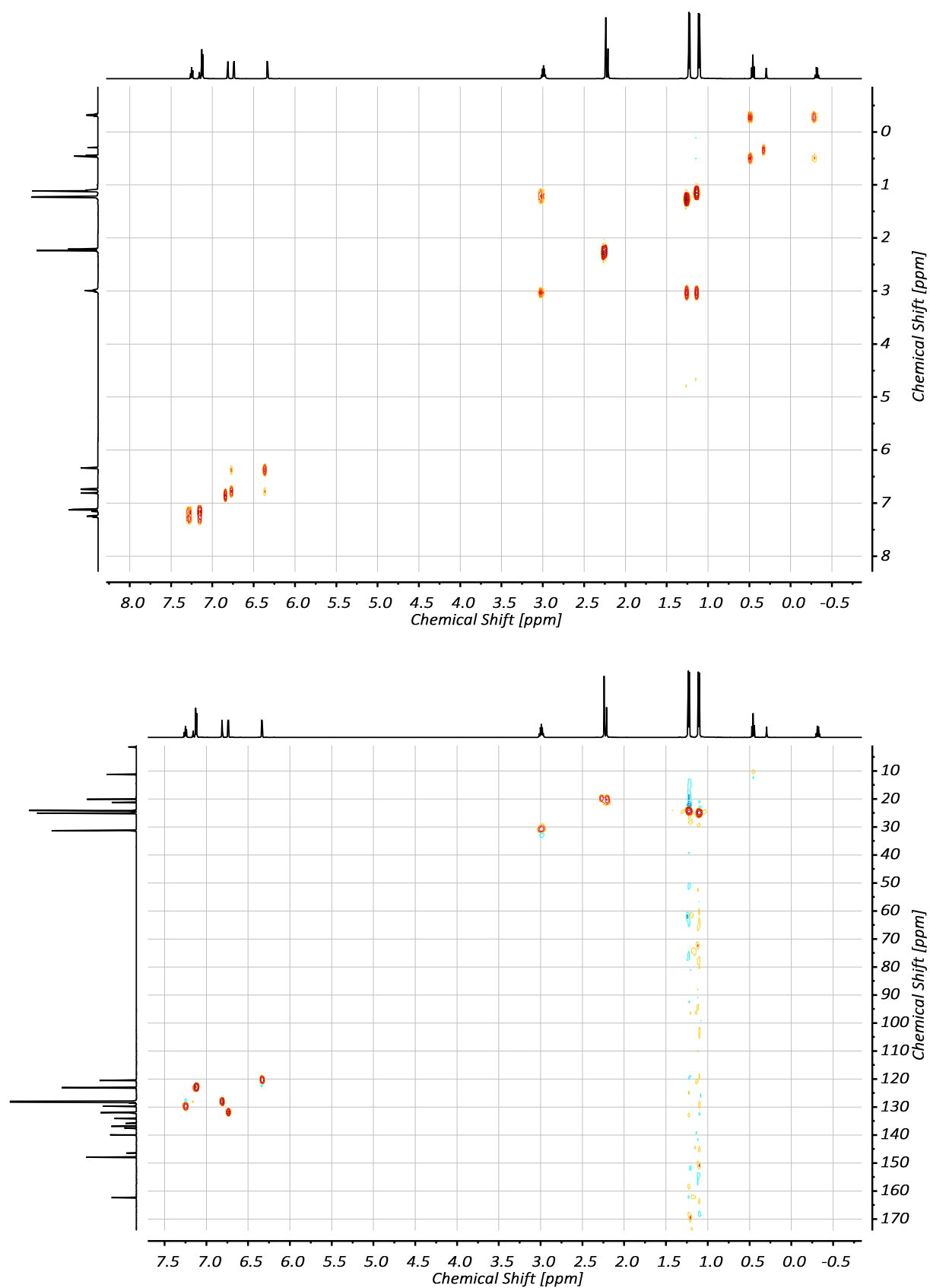


Figure S9. ^1H , ^{13}C , COSY, HSQC and HMBC spectra of ($^{\text{DIPP}}$ DPM)ZnEt (**4**) in benzene- d_6 (*).





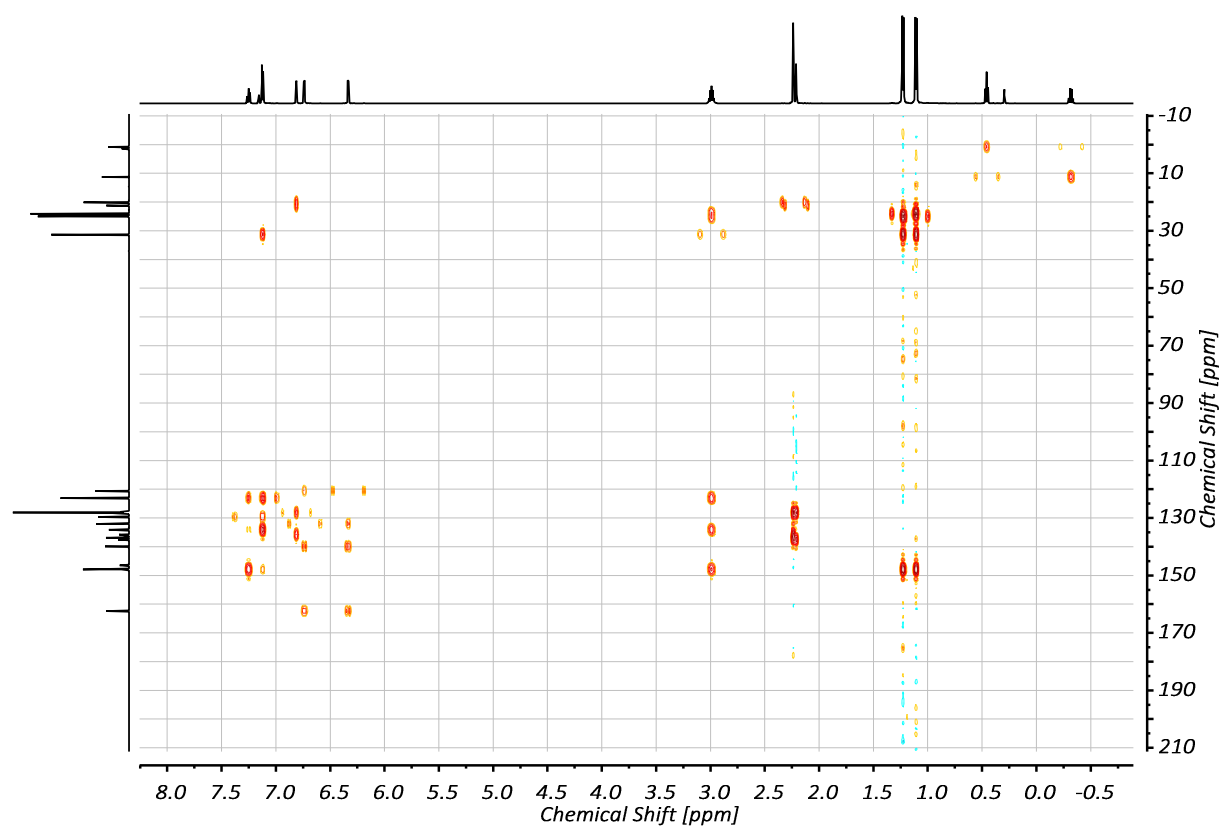
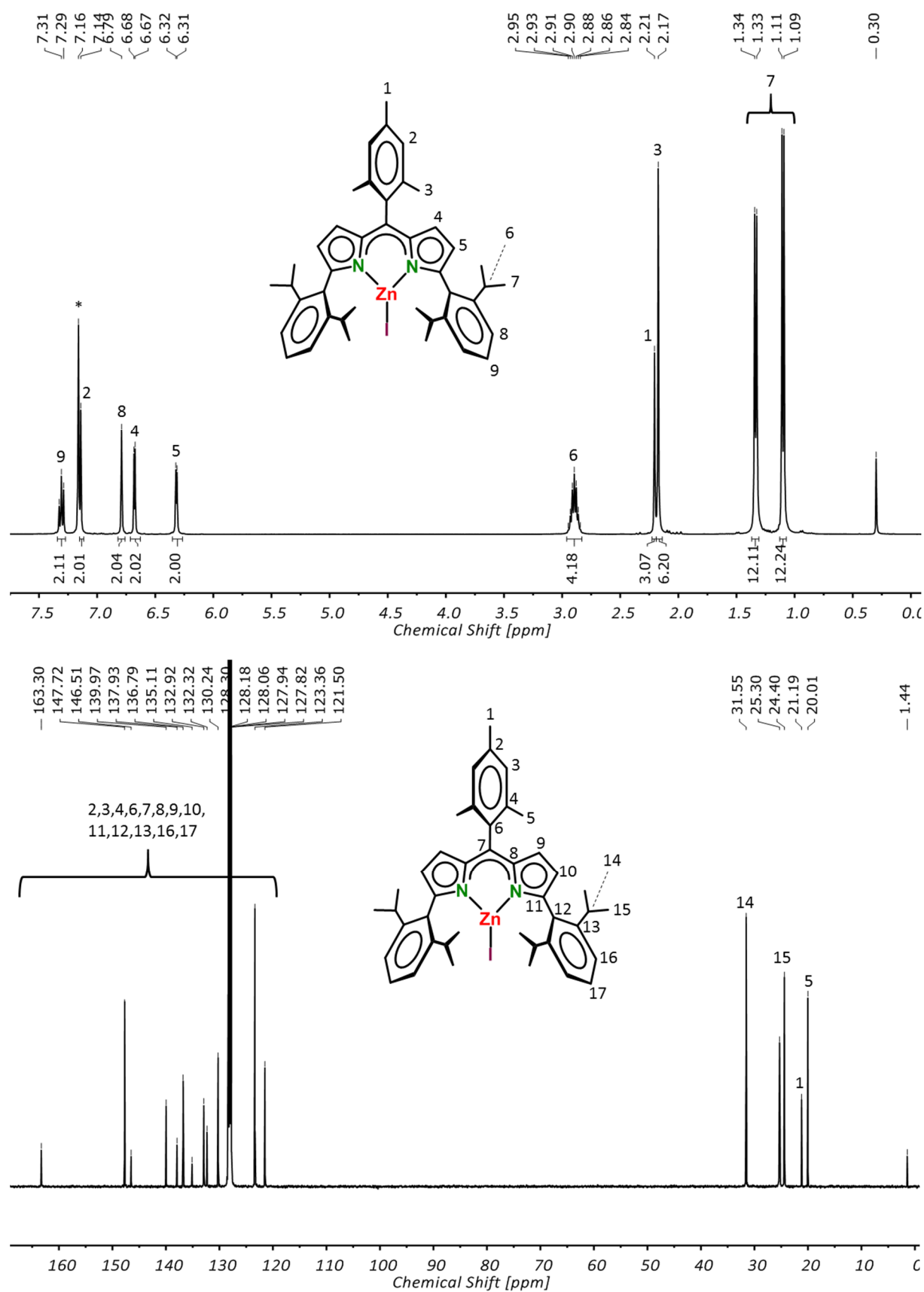
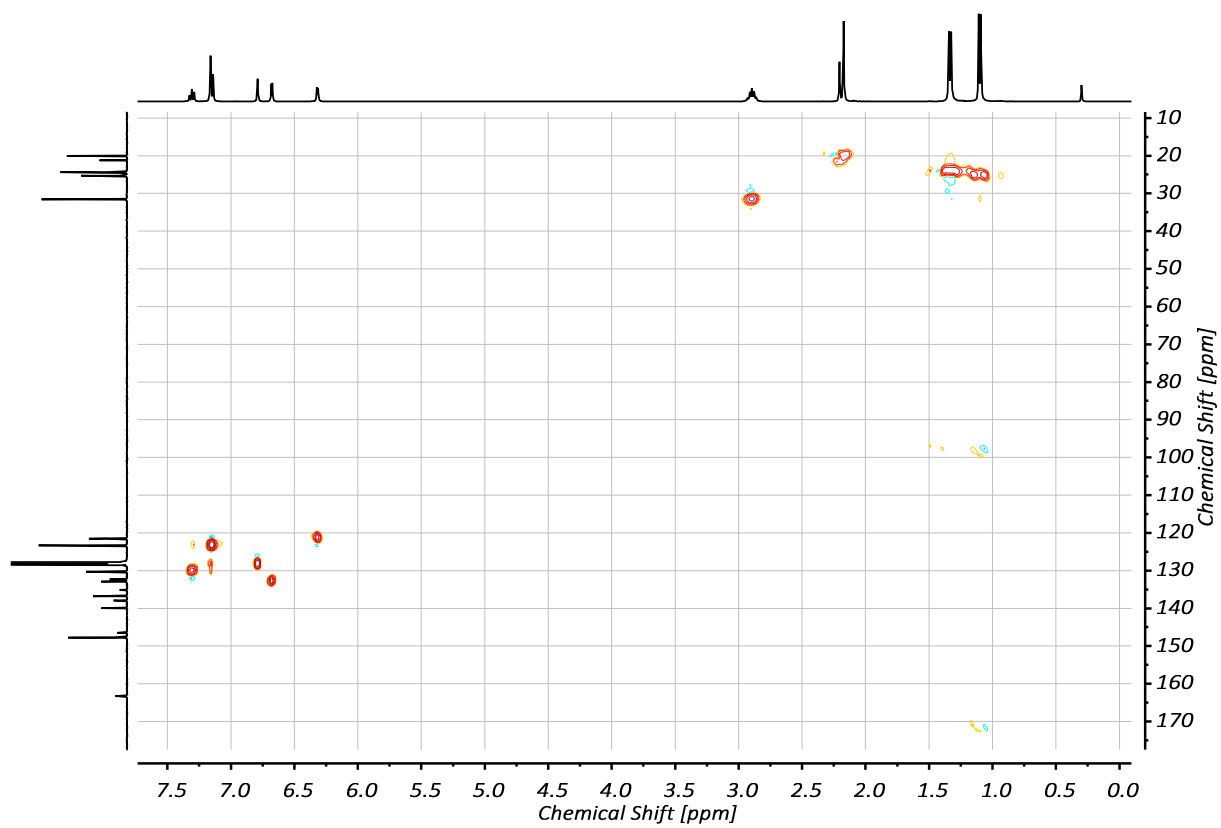
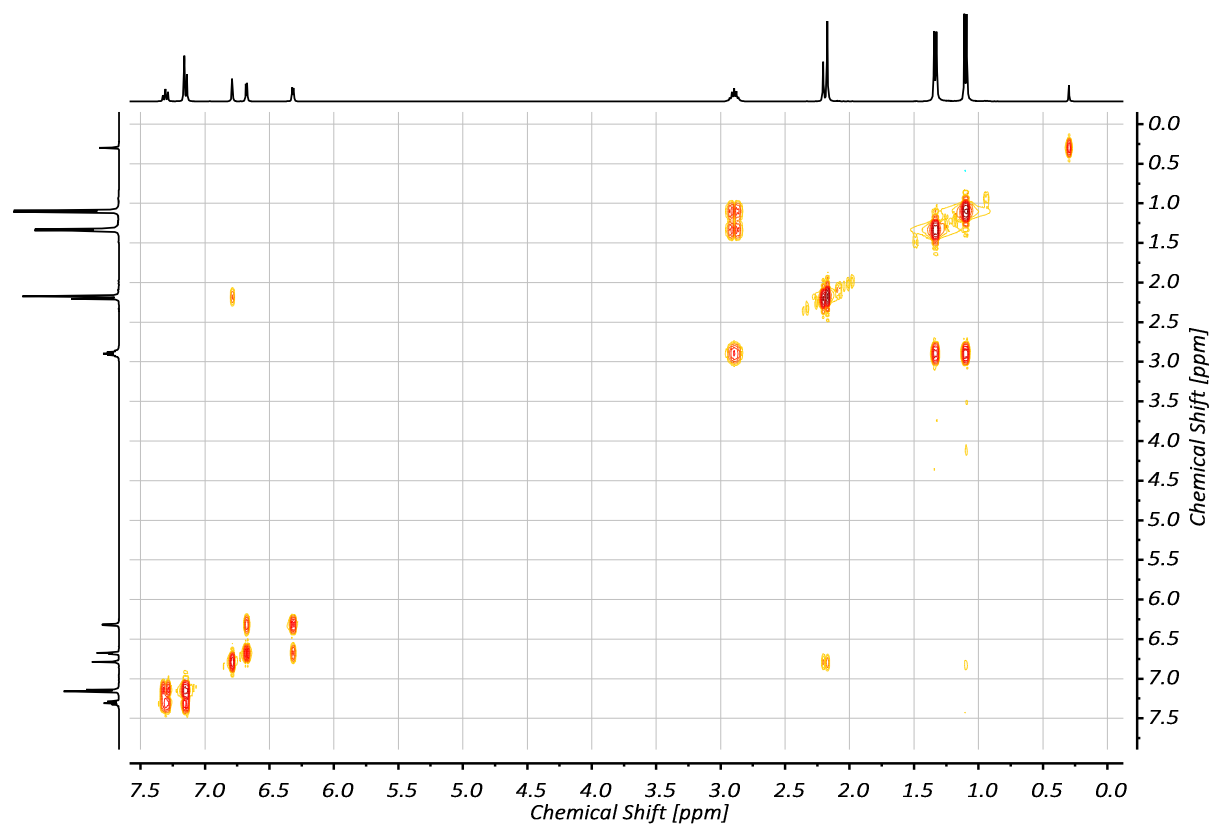


Figure S10. ^1H , ^{13}C , COSY, HSQC and HMBC spectra of $(^{\text{DIPP}}\text{DPM})\text{ZnI}$ (**5**) in benzene- d_6 (*).





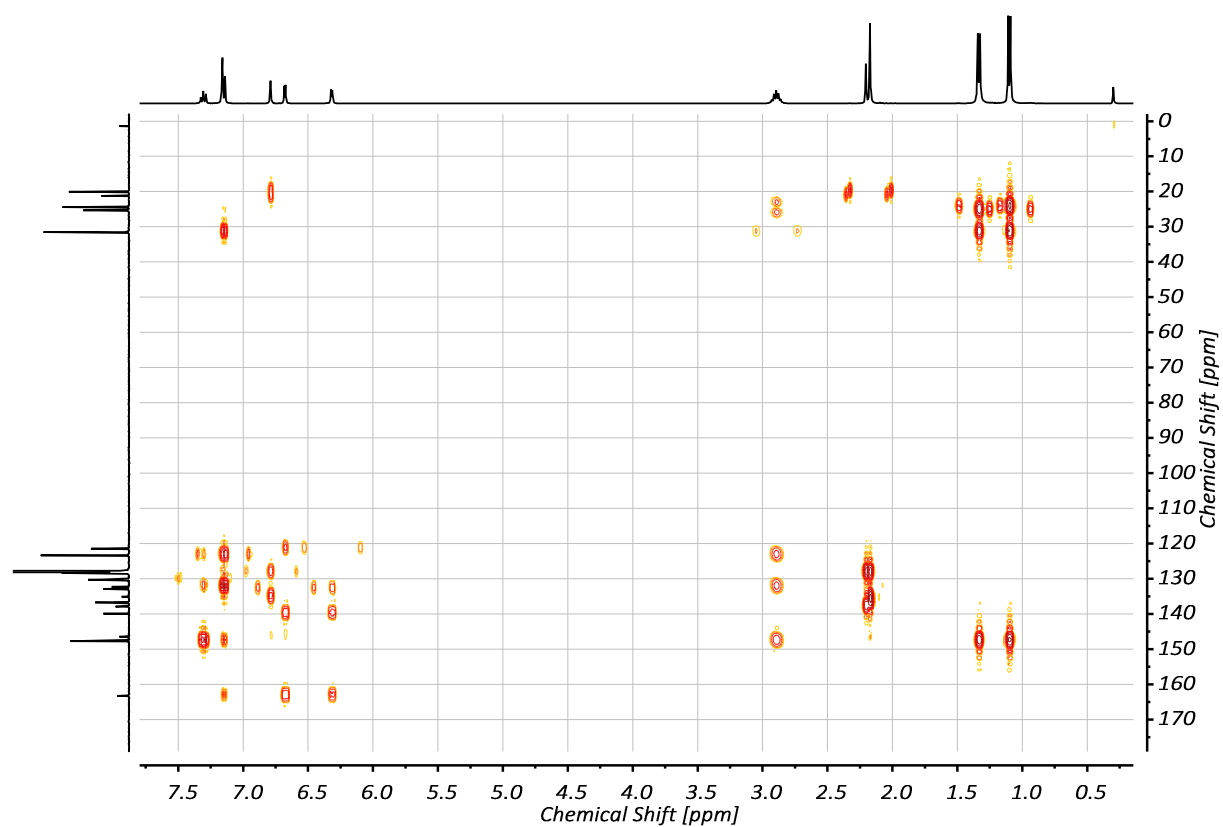
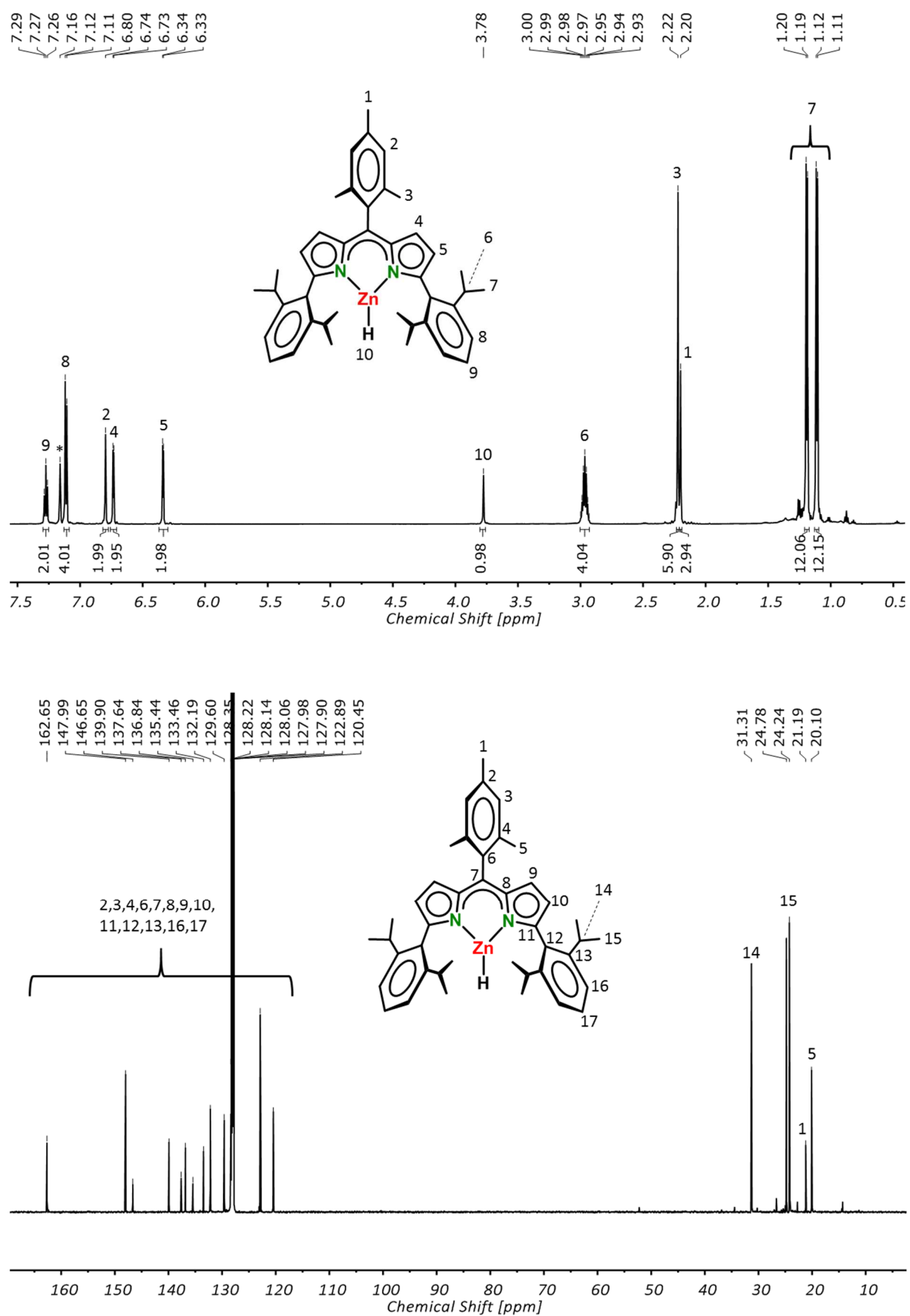
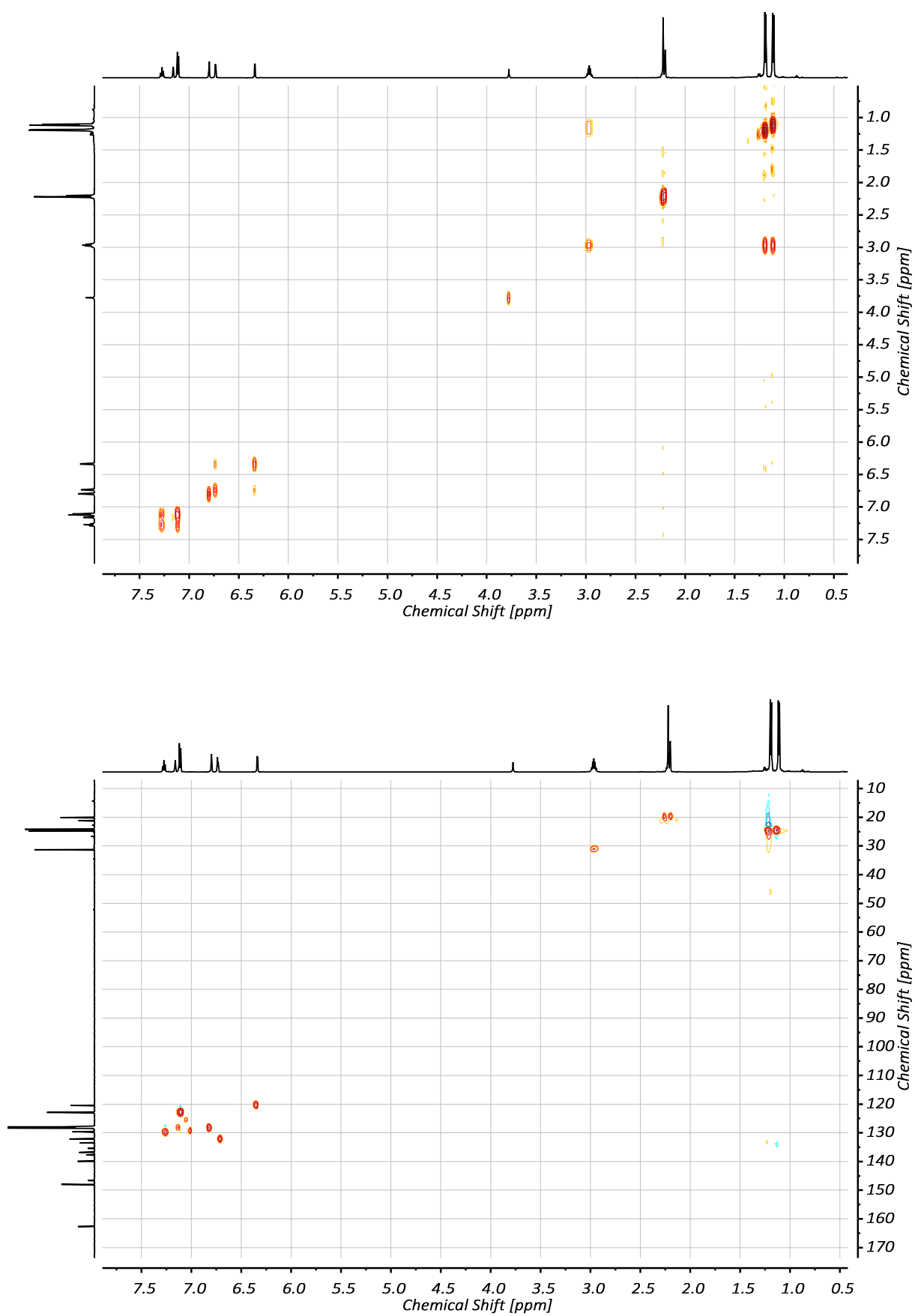


Figure S11. ^1H , ^{13}C , COSY, HSQC and HMBC spectra of ($^{\text{DIP}}\text{DPM}$)ZnH (**6**) in benzene- d_6 (*).





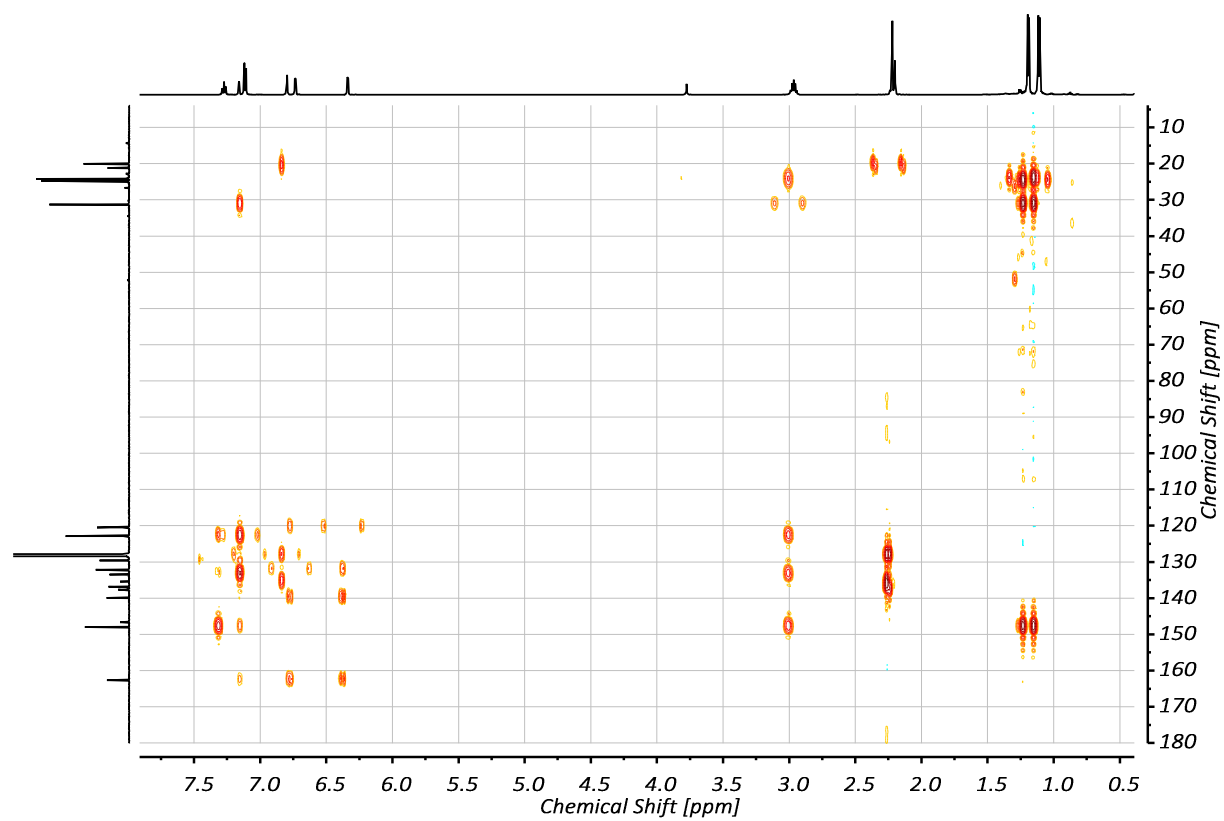
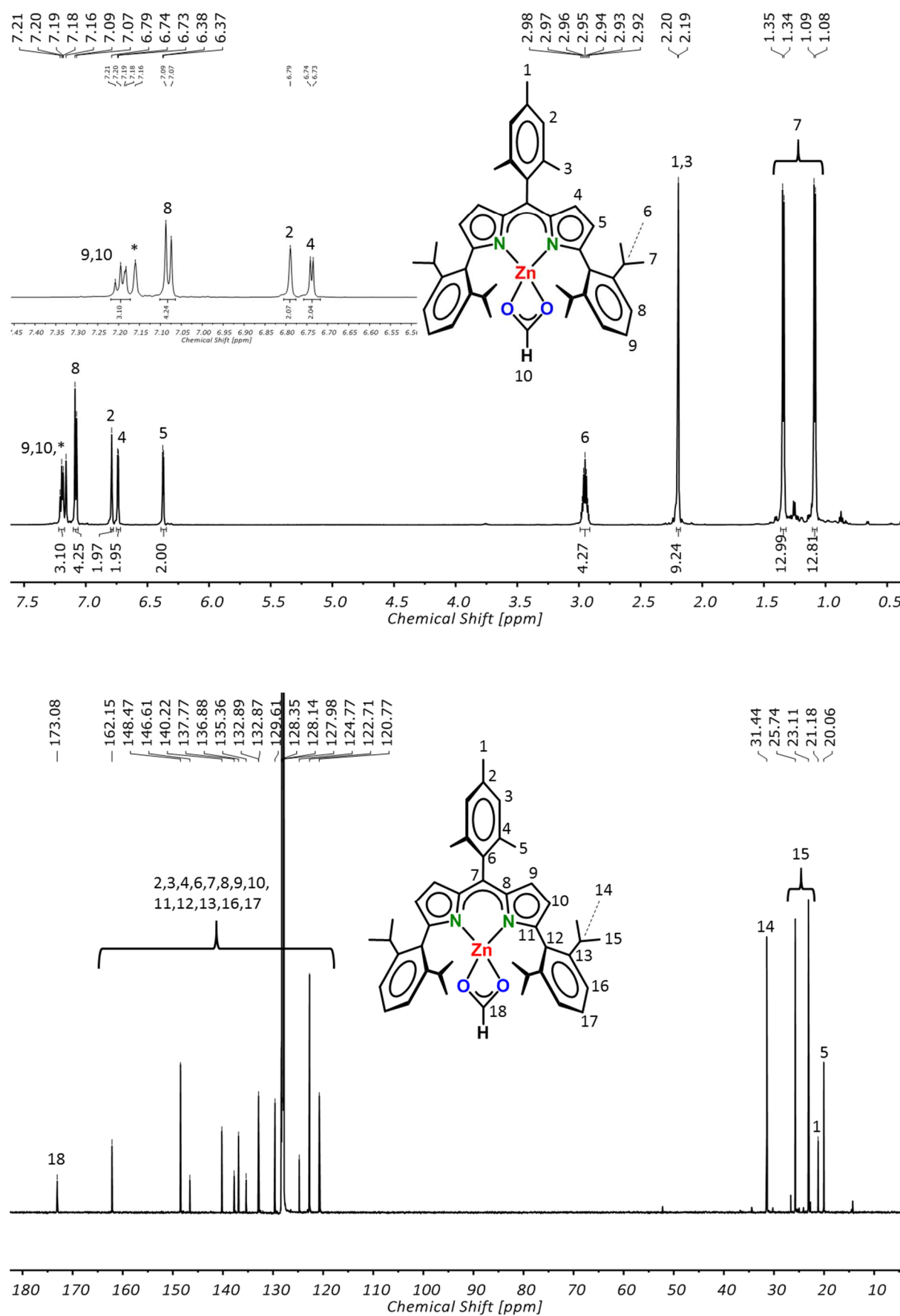
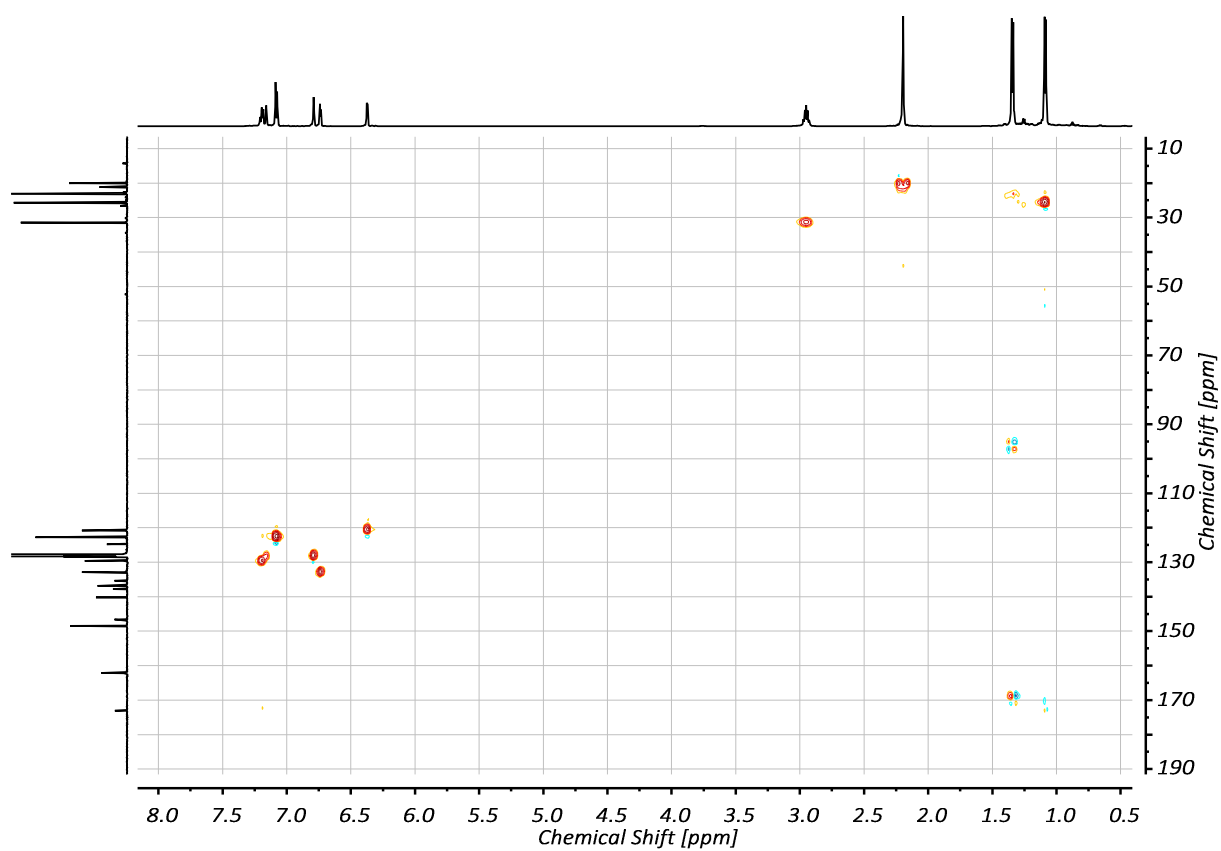
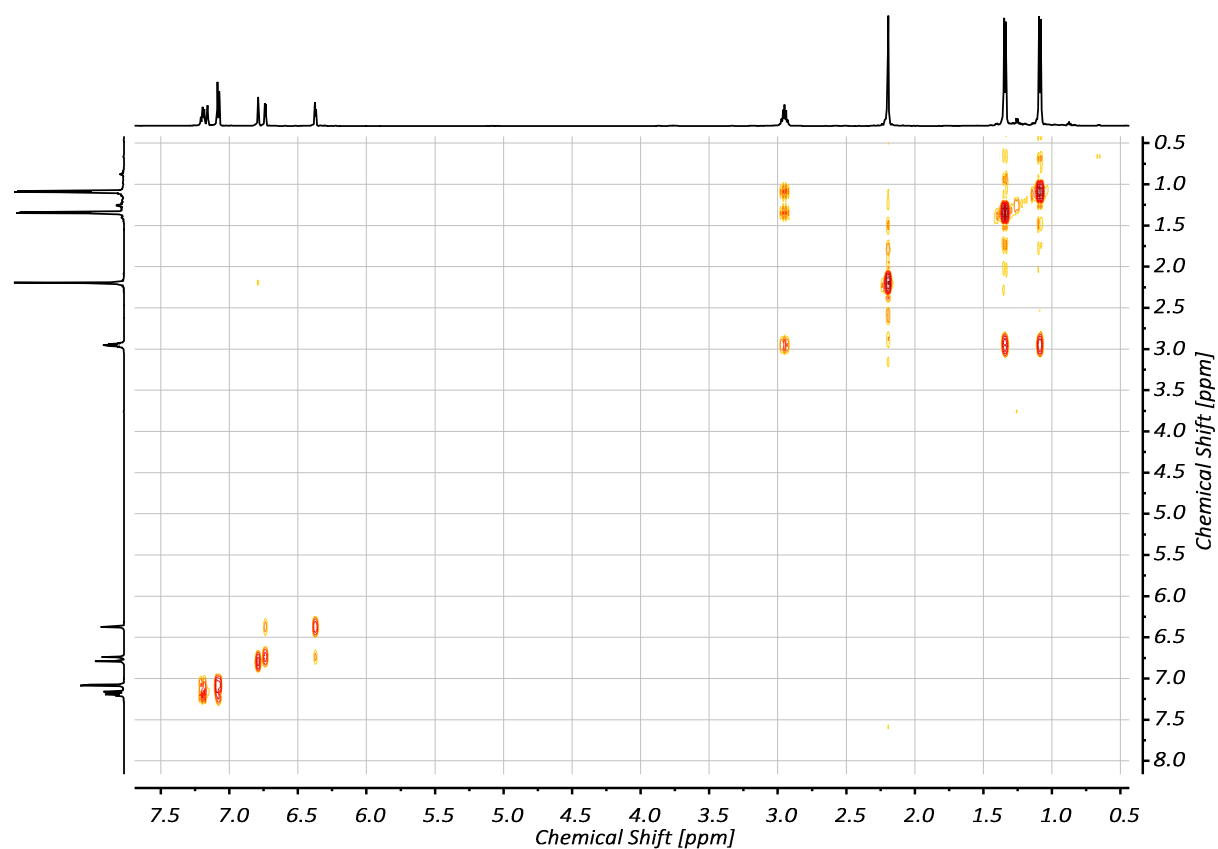


Figure S12. ^1H , ^{13}C , COSY, HSQC and HMBC spectra of ($^{\text{DIPP}}$ DPM)Zn(O₂CH) (**7**) in benzene-*d*₆ (*).





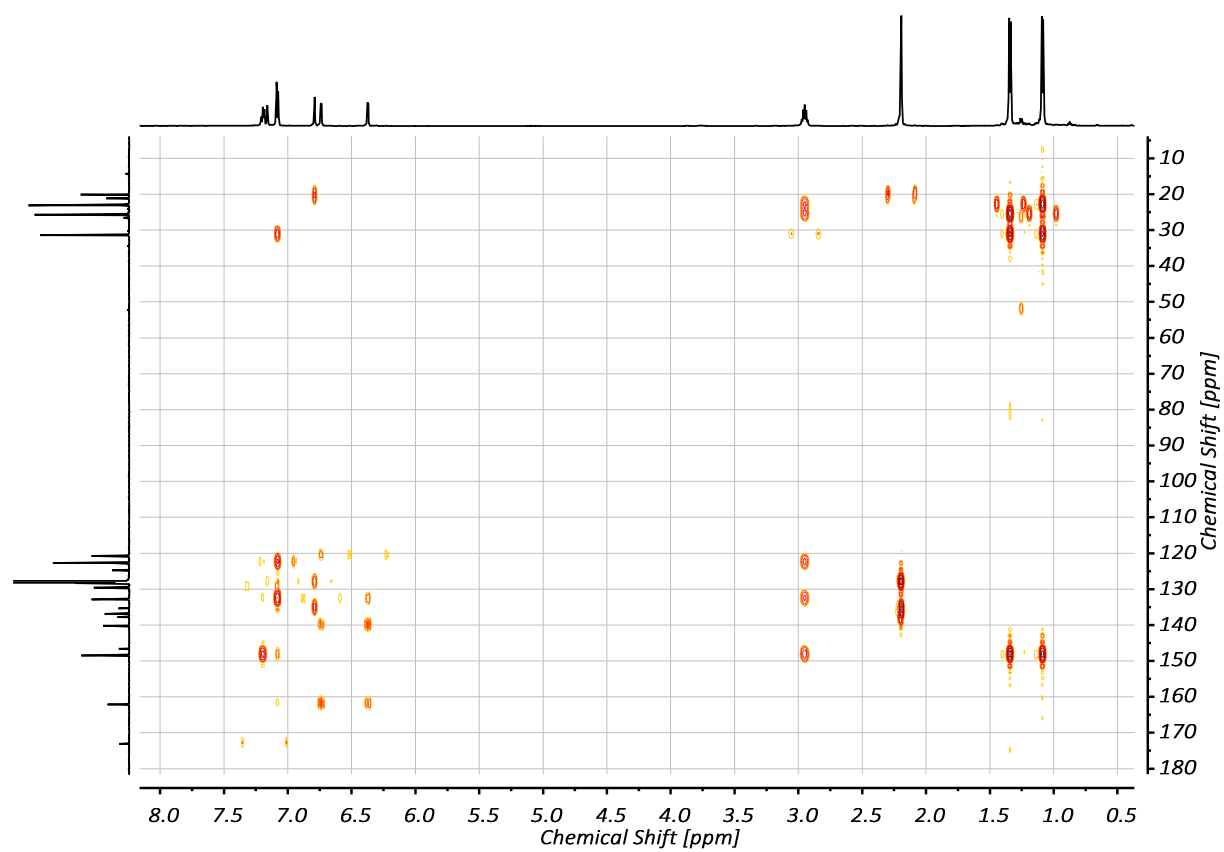


Figure S13. Temperature dependent ^1H -NMR spectra ($^{\text{DIPP}}$ DPM)ZnH (**6**) in toluene- d_8 .

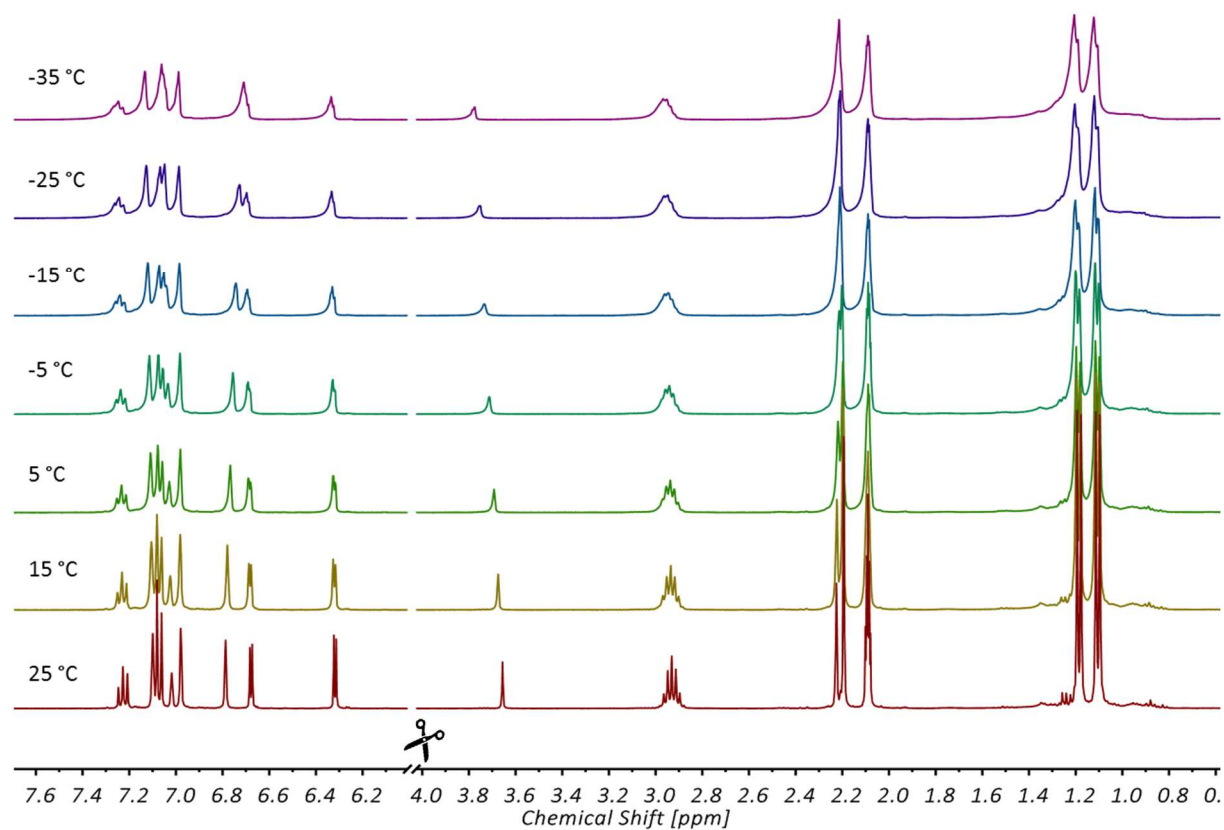
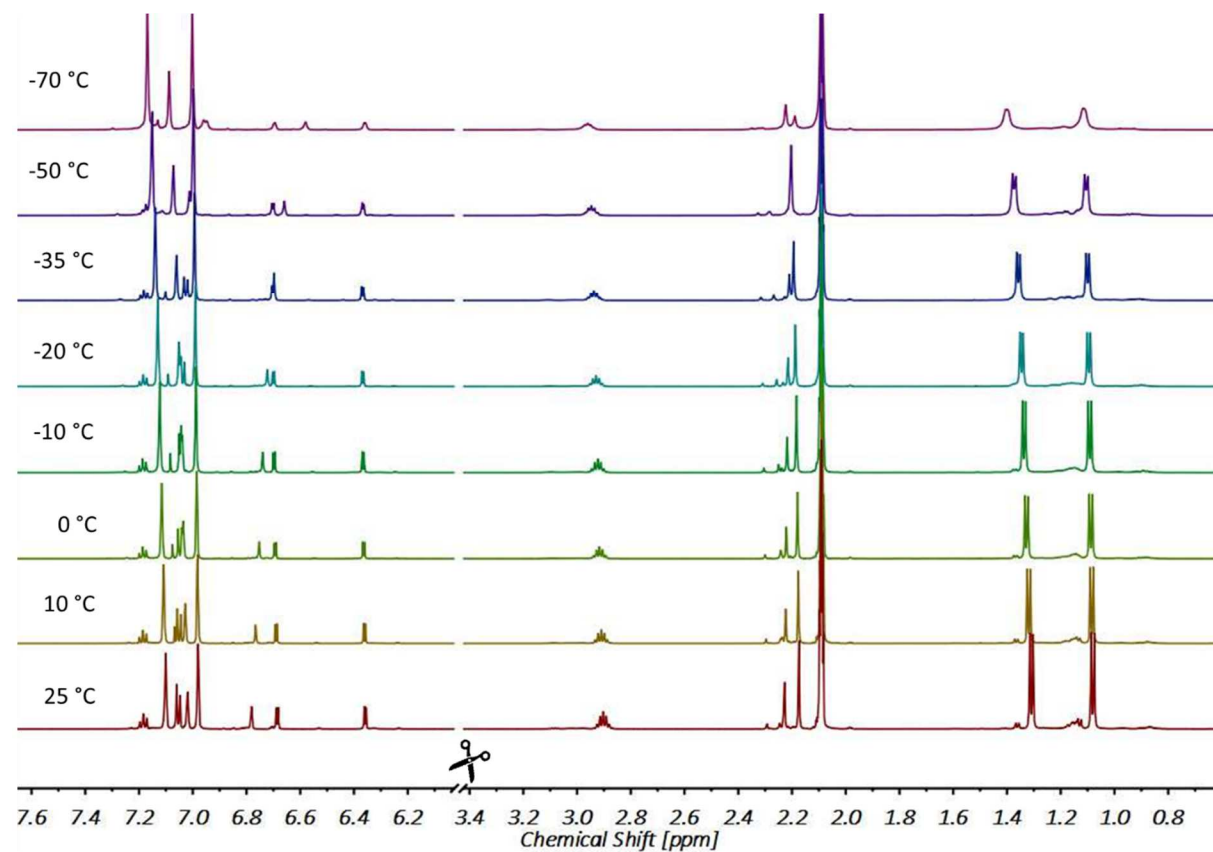


Figure S14. Temperature dependent ^1H -NMR spectra ($^{\text{DIPP}}$ DPM)ZnO₂CH (**7**) in toluene- d_8 .



Diffusion-Ordered-Spectroscopy (DOSY)

Table S6. DOSY parameter for (^{D15}PDP)ZnH (**6**) and (^{D15}PDP)ZnO₂CH (**7**) in benzene-*d*₆.

Compound	Formula	D [m ² /s]	MW ^{Exp.} Monomer [g/mol]	MW ^{Calc.} Monomer [g/mol]
(^{D15} PDP)ZnH	C ₄₂ H ₅₀ N ₂ Zn	5,738*10 ⁻¹⁰	631	648
(^{D15} PDP)ZnO ₂ CH	C ₄₃ H ₅₀ N ₂ O ₂ Zn	5,661*10 ⁻¹⁰	591	691

Diffusion measurements were conducted on a Bruker AVANCE NMR spectrometer operating at 600.13 MHz for proton resonance equipped with a 5 mm PABDO BB/19F-1H/D probe with Z-GRD and actively shielded gradient coil with a maximum gradient strength of 5.3500094 G/mm (at 10 A).

Parameter optimization was carried out empirically employing the pulse programme ledbpgp2s1D using stimulated echo and LED (D21 = 5 ms, longitudinal eddy current delay as a Z-filter) with bipolar gradient pulses (P30) and two spoiling gradients (P19 = 600 μs) leading to values for gradient pulse length (P30 = 1250 μs, in case of bipolar gradients *little DELTA**0.5) and diffusion time (D20 = 60 ms, *big DELTA*). Delay for gradient recovery was set to 200 μs.

The diffusion experiment was executed with variable gradients from 2% to 98% gradient strength with 32 increment values (difframp calculated with the AU-program *DOSY*). In this case the pulse program ledbpgp2s was applied for data acquiring of this pseudo-2D Experiment. Data processing was performed with the T1/T2 software package (SimFit) of TopSpin (version 3.2, Bruker Biospin) by fitting area data (integration of all peaks of interest of the same molecule) of diffusion decays. From these Stejskal-Tanner fitting curves calculated diffusion constants were obtained and assimilated statistically.

For molecular weight estimation Stalke's method was applied (external calibration curves **ECC**'s under assumption of DSE-shaped molecules (dissipated spheres and ellipsoides) with residual signal of deuterated benzene as internal reference with normalized diffusion coefficients.^{5,6}

4) Selected infrared spectra

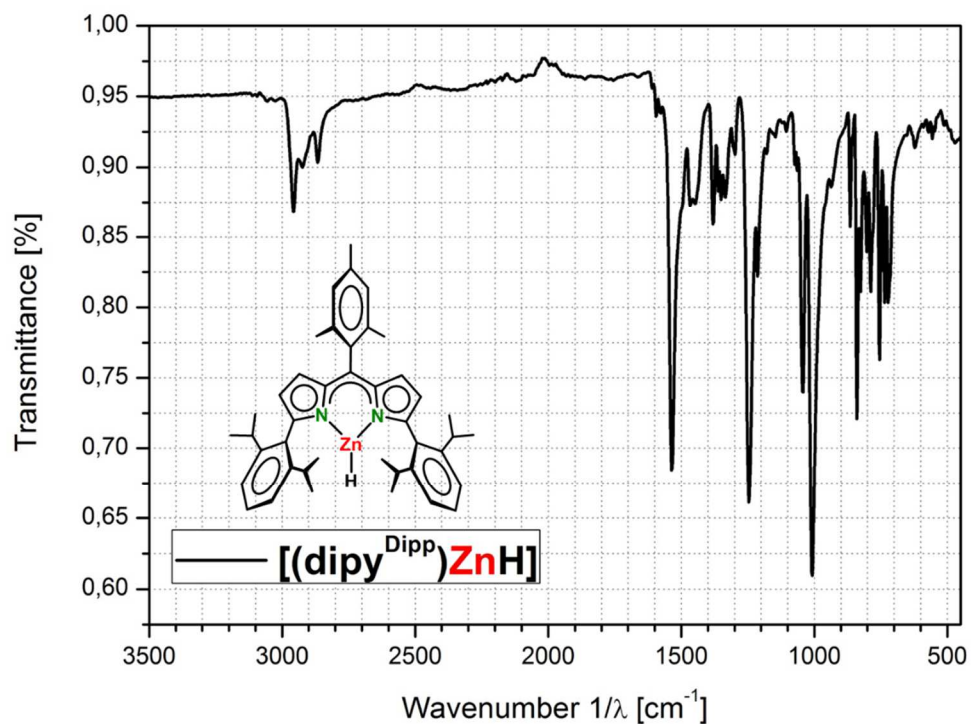


Figure S15. Infrared spectrum of $(^{\text{DIPP}}\text{DPM})\text{ZnH}$ (**6**).

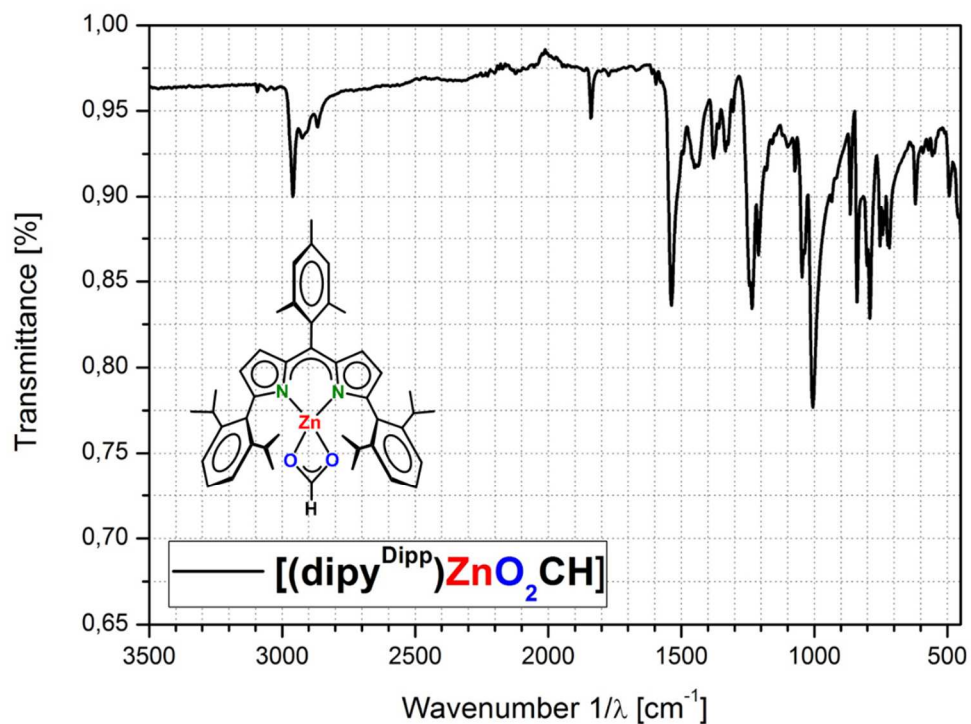


Figure S16. Infrared spectrum of $(^{\text{DIPP}}\text{DPM})\text{ZnO}_2\text{CH}$ (**7**).

4) Catalytic experiments

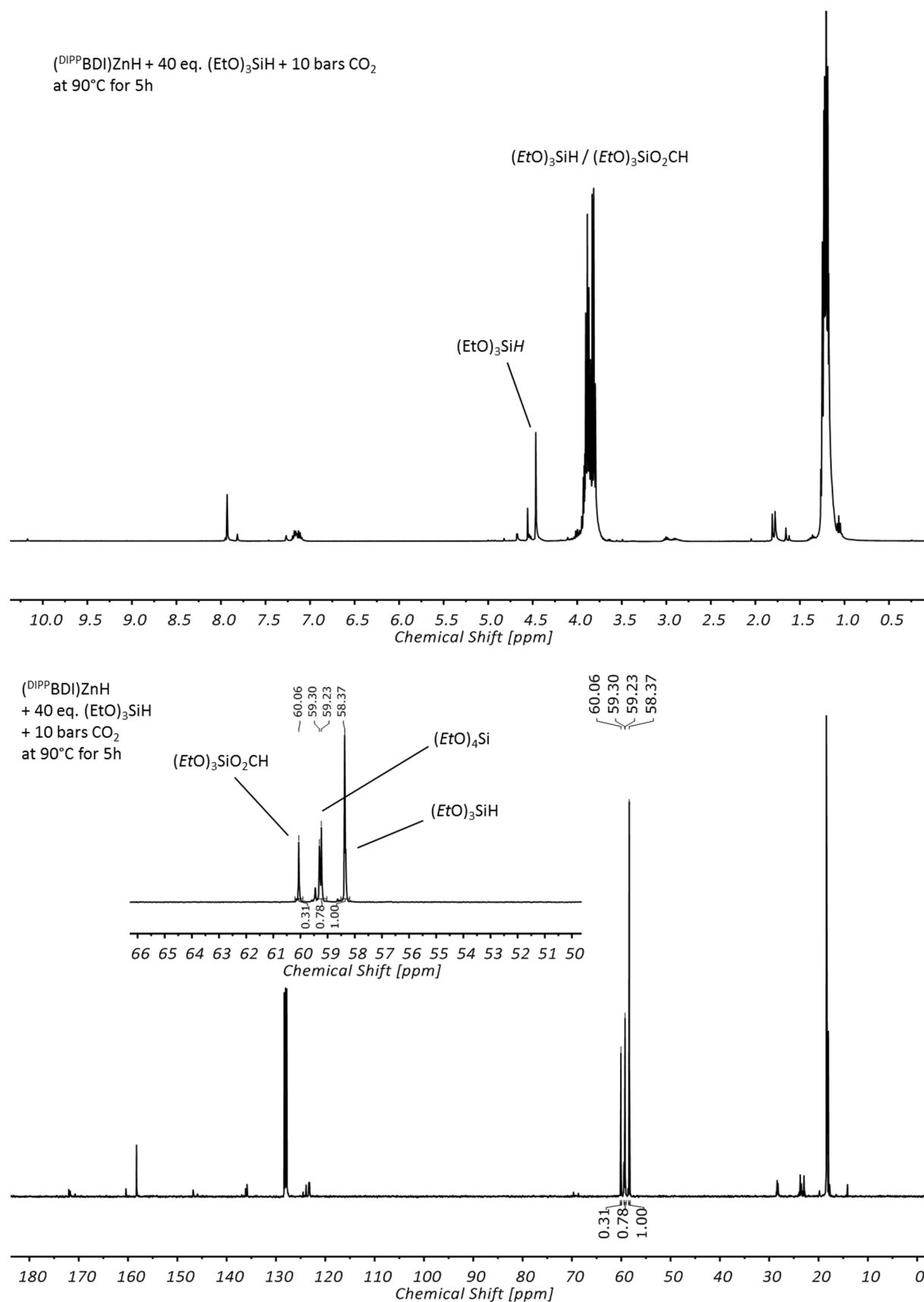
Experimental procedure

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, a 10 mL high-pressure reactor was charged with (^{DIPP}DPM)ZnH (37 mg, 0.057 mmol, 1.0 eq) and (EtO)₃SiH (0.38 g, 2.3 mmol, 40 eq.). The reactor was taken out of the glovebox, pressurized with 10 bars of CO₂ and sealed. The reaction mixture in the reactor was stirred vigorously at 90 °C for 5h. The reactor was placed in cold water to cool down and excess CO₂ was released. The reaction mixture was analyzed by NMR and GC-MS. Under the given reaction conditions, HSi(OEt)₃ partially disproportionated into SiH₄ and Si(OEt)₄. The conversion of (EtO)₃SiH and the yields of H₃COSi(OEt)₃, HCO₂Si(OEt)₃ and Si(OEt)₄ (or that of its disproportionation products) were determined by quantitative ¹³C NMR.⁷

Figure S17. ^1H and quantitative ^{13}C NMR spectra of the products of CO_2 hydrosilylation with $(^{\text{DIP}}\text{DPM})\text{ZnH}$ (**6**) in benzene- d_6 .



Figure S18. ^1H and quantitative ^{13}C NMR spectra of the products of CO_2 hydrosilylation with $(^{\text{DIP}}\text{BDI})\text{ZnH}$ (II) in benzene- d_6 .



GC-MS measurements

GC-MS measurements were performed on a Thermo Scientific™ Trace™ 1310 gas chromatography system (carrier gas Helium) with detection by a Thermo Scientific™ ISQ™ LT Single Quadrupole mass spectrometer. A Phenomenex® ZebronTMZB-5 GC column of the dimensions 0.25mm x 30m with a film thickness of 0.25 µm was used. The samples (1 µL) were injected with an Instant Connect-SSL Module in the split mode (injector temperature: 280 °C). Temperature programs were started at 40 °C followed by heating ramps, optimized for the separation problem, until 280°. Baseline separation of each analyte was achieved by choosing the different temperature programs.

The molecular formulas were assigned by comparison with entries in the NIST/EPA/NIH mass spectral library (version 2.2, built June 10 2014). Retention time and mass spectra of redistilled (EtO)₃SiH (received from Alpha Aesar in 96% purity) were verified by GC-MS measurements.

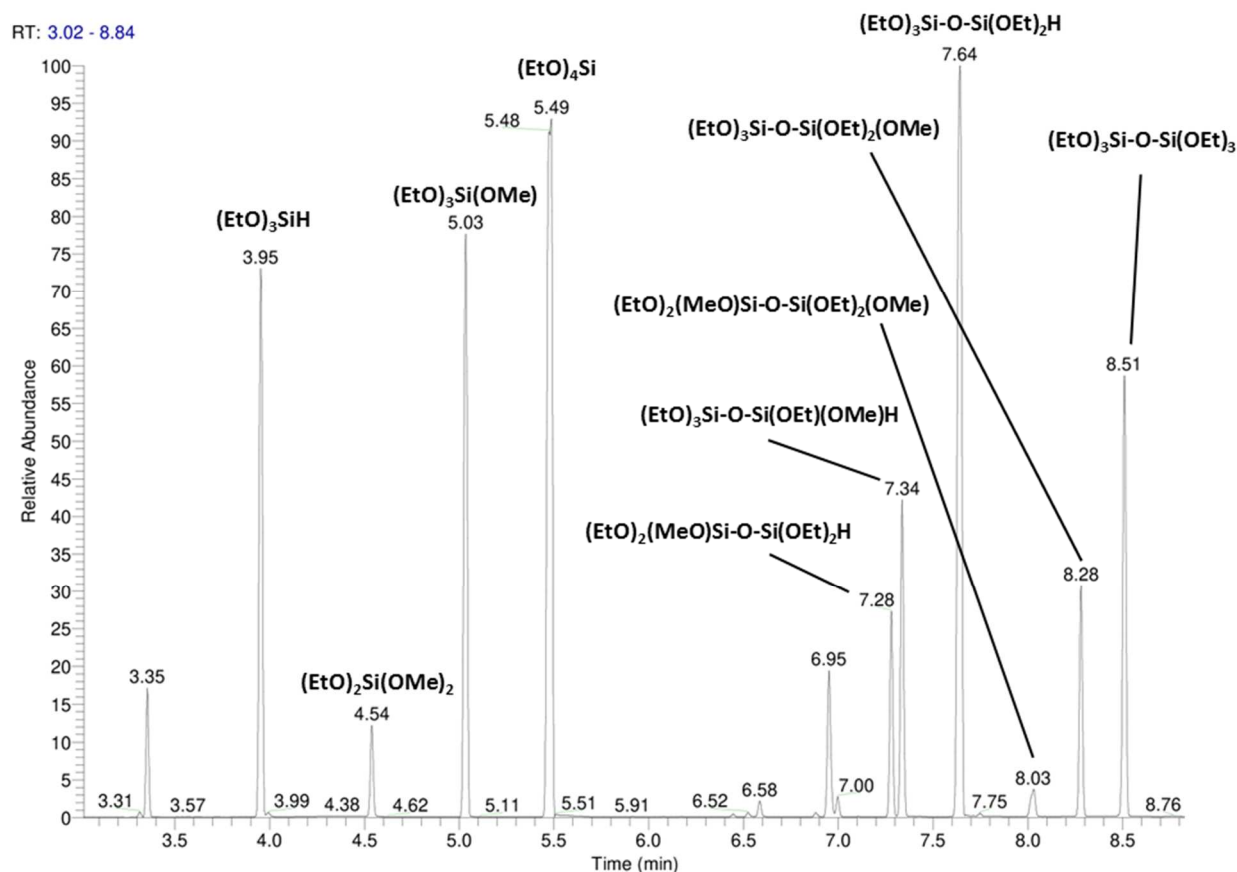


Figure S19. Chromatogram of products formed by catalytic conversions with $(^{\text{DIPP}}\text{DPM})\text{ZnH}$ (**6**). Depicted retention times correspond to a highly concentrated sample. All spectrometric data given below derive from diluted samples to ensure prevention of incorrect data from saturated peaks.

GC-MS (EI-MS, 70 eV): m/z (%): RT: 3.95 min $(\text{EtO})_3\text{SiH}$: 163.08 (78) $[\text{M}]^+$, 149.07 (100), 119.07 (95), 91.03 (47).

GC-MS (EI-MS, 70 eV): m/z (%): RT: 5.03 min $(\text{EtO})_3\text{Si}(\text{OMe})$: 193.09 (5) $[\text{M}]^+$, 179.06 (100), 149.07 (58), 135.06 (82), 105.05 (34).

GC-MS (EI-MS, 70 eV): m/z (%): RT: 5.48 min $(\text{EtO})_4\text{Si}$: 207.10 (5) $[\text{M}]^+$, 193.07 (87), 179.07 (31), 163.07 (51), 149.07 (100), 135.07 (7), 119.06 (41).

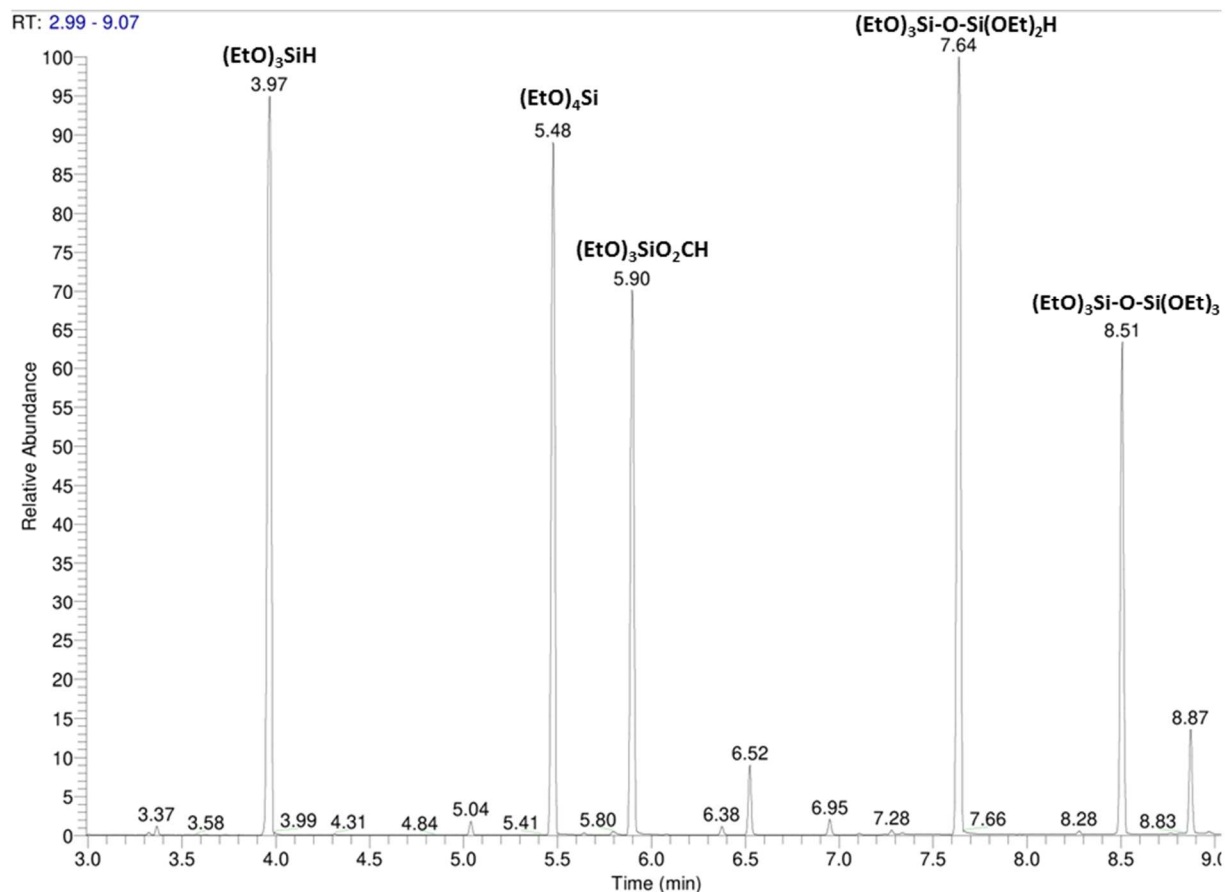


Figure S20. Chromatogram of products formed by catalytic conversions with $(^{\text{DIPP}}\text{BDI})\text{ZnH}$ (**II**). Depicted retention times correspond to a highly concentrated sample. All spectrometric data given below derive from diluted samples to ensure prevention of incorrect data from saturated peaks.

GC-MS (EI-MS, 70 eV): m/z (%): RT: 3.97 min $(\text{EtO})_3\text{SiH}$: 163.08 (87) $[\text{M}]^+$, 149.05 (100), 119.06 (97), 105.04 (78), 91.04 (46).

GC-MS (EI-MS, 70 eV): m/z (%): RT: 5.48 min $(\text{EtO})_4\text{Si}$: 207.10 (6) $[\text{M}]^+$, 193.07 (100), 179.07 (36), 149.06 (97), 135.04 (22), 119.05 (40).

GC-MS (EI-MS, 70 eV): m/z (%): RT: 5.90 min $(\text{EtO})_3\text{SiO}_2\text{CH}$: 207.04 (2) $[\text{M}]^+$, 193.06 (7), 179.03 (13), 163.03 (100), 135.01 (53), 107.01 (26).

5) Theoretical calculations

All calculations were carried out using Gaussian 09 Rev. D.⁸ All methods were used as implemented. All structures were fully optimized as true minima on a B3PW91/6-311++G** level of theory and characterized as true minima (NIMAG=0) by frequency calculations on the same level of theory.⁹⁻¹² Charges were calculated by NBO analysis.¹³ Structures were drawn and evaluated using Molecule V2.3.¹⁴

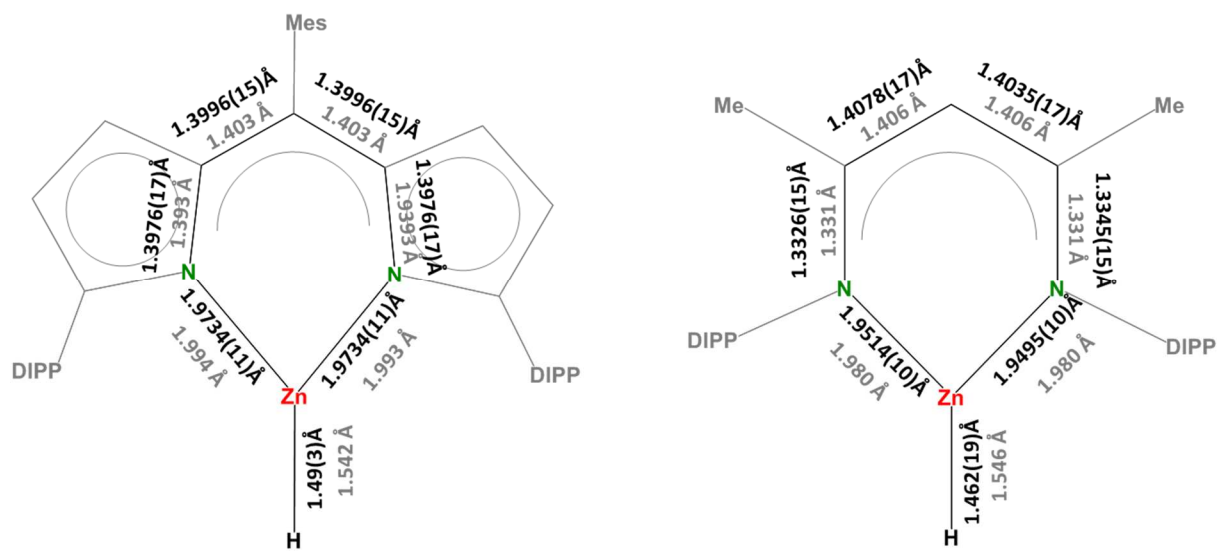


Figure S21. Comparison of calculated geometries (grey) with crystal structures (black): $(^{DIPP}DPM)ZnH$ (left) and $(^{DIPP}BDI)ZnH$ (right). The Zn-H distances in the crystal structure are substantially shorter than the calculated values. This is due to the fact that the maximum of the H electron density does not coincide with its nucleus.

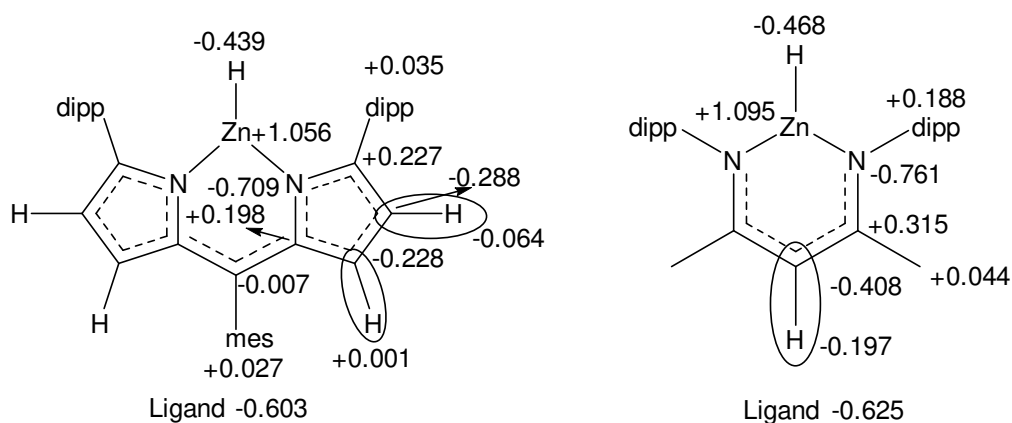


Figure S22. Distribution of NPA charges in $(^{DIPP}DPM)ZnH$ (left) and $(^{DIPP}BDI)ZnH$ (right).

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