

# Electronic Supplementary Information

## Insertion Reactions of NH<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O with the Ferriogermylenes ArGeFeCp(CO)<sub>2</sub> (Ar = Ar<sup>Me<sup>6</sup></sup> (-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>-2,4,6-Me<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) or Ar<sup>iPr<sup>4</sup></sup> (-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-2,6-<sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); Cp = η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>): Structural Isomerism and Polymorphism in a Metallogermylene

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## X-ray Crystallography

Crystals of **1a**, **2ab**, and **3** were removed from a Schlenk flask under a stream of nitrogen and immediately covered with a layer of hydrocarbon oil. A suitable crystal was selected, attached to a glass fiber on a copper pin and quickly placed in the cold N<sub>2</sub> stream on the diffractometer. Data was collected at 100 K on a Bruker APEX DUO diffractometer with Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). Absorption corrections were applied using SADABS.<sup>S1</sup> The crystal structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full matrix least-squares procedures in SHELXTL.<sup>S2</sup> All non-H atoms were refined anisotropically.

**Table S1.** Selected X-ray Crystallographic data for **1a**: green, red, and dichroic polymorphs

1a polymorph	green	red	dichroic
formula		C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>30</sub> FeGeO <sub>2</sub>	
fw		562.99	
color, habit	green, block	red, block	green & red, plate
space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P-1
<i>a</i> , Å	15.7808(7)	16.2036(3)	8.915(3)
<i>b</i> , Å	9.6448(4)	8.8948(2)	16.229(6)
<i>c</i> , Å	16.9149(8)	37.0650(8)	18.739(7)
$\alpha$ , °	90	90	76.499(10)
$\beta$ , °	90.657(2)	101.5790(10)	86.019(10)
$\gamma$ , °	90	90	89.859(11)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	2574.3(2)	5233.38(19)	2629.7(16)
<i>Z</i>	4	8	4
crystal size, mm	0.149 × 0.113 × 0.039	0.383 × 0.192 × 0.183	0.233 × 0.203 × 0.075
d <sub>calc</sub> , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.453	1.429	1.442
abs. μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.757	1.729	1.721
2θ, °	4.816 to 55.064	2.566 to 57.542	3.794 to 55.634
R(int)	0.0419	0.0497	0.2672
obs. reflns. [I>2σ(I)]	5928	13458	155382
data/restraints/parameters	5928/0/322	13458/0/644	12237/0/643
R <sub>1</sub> , obsd. reflns.	0.0400	0.0503	0.1063

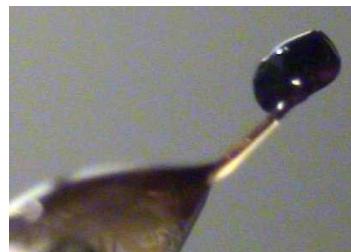
**Table S2.** Selected X-ray Crystallographic data for 2-3.

compound	2a	2b	3
<b>formula</b>	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>33</sub> FeGeNO <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>37</sub> H <sub>45</sub> FeGeNO <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>32</sub> FeGeO <sub>3</sub>
<b>fw</b>	580.02	664.18	581.00
<b>color, habit</b>	colorless, block	colorless, block	colorless, block
<b>space group</b>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> , Å	11.2499(2)	8.1224(4)	15.7736(14)
<i>b</i> , Å	14.6309(2)	18.5737(9)	9.8287(9)
<i>c</i> , Å	16.4228(3)	22.0779(11)	17.272(2)
$\alpha$ , °	90	90	90
$\beta$ , °	96.4474(6)	90	90.304(10)
$\gamma$ , °	90	90	90
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	2686.03(8)	3330.7(3)	2677.7(5)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4
<b>crystal size, mm</b>	0.357 × 0.257 × 0.168	0.365 × 0.269 × 0.241	0.558 × 0.48 × 0.408
<b>d<sub>calc</sub>, g cm<sup>-3</sup></b>	1.434	1.325	1.441
<b>abs. μ, mm<sup>-1</sup></b>	5.924	1.370	1.695
<b>2θ, °</b>	8.116 to 137.16	4.292 to 61.262	4.768 to 59.998
<b>R(int)</b>	0.0277	0.0378	0.0149
<b>obs. reflns. [I&gt;2σ(I)]</b>	4902	10275	7798
<b>data/restraints/parameters</b>	4902/0/457	10275/58/463	7798/8/350
<b>R<sub>1</sub>, obsd. reflns.</b>	0.0277	0.0378	0.0328

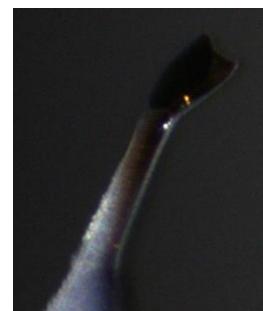
**Figure S1.** Photograph of **1a**, green polymorph



**Figure S2.** Photograph of **1a**, red polymorph.

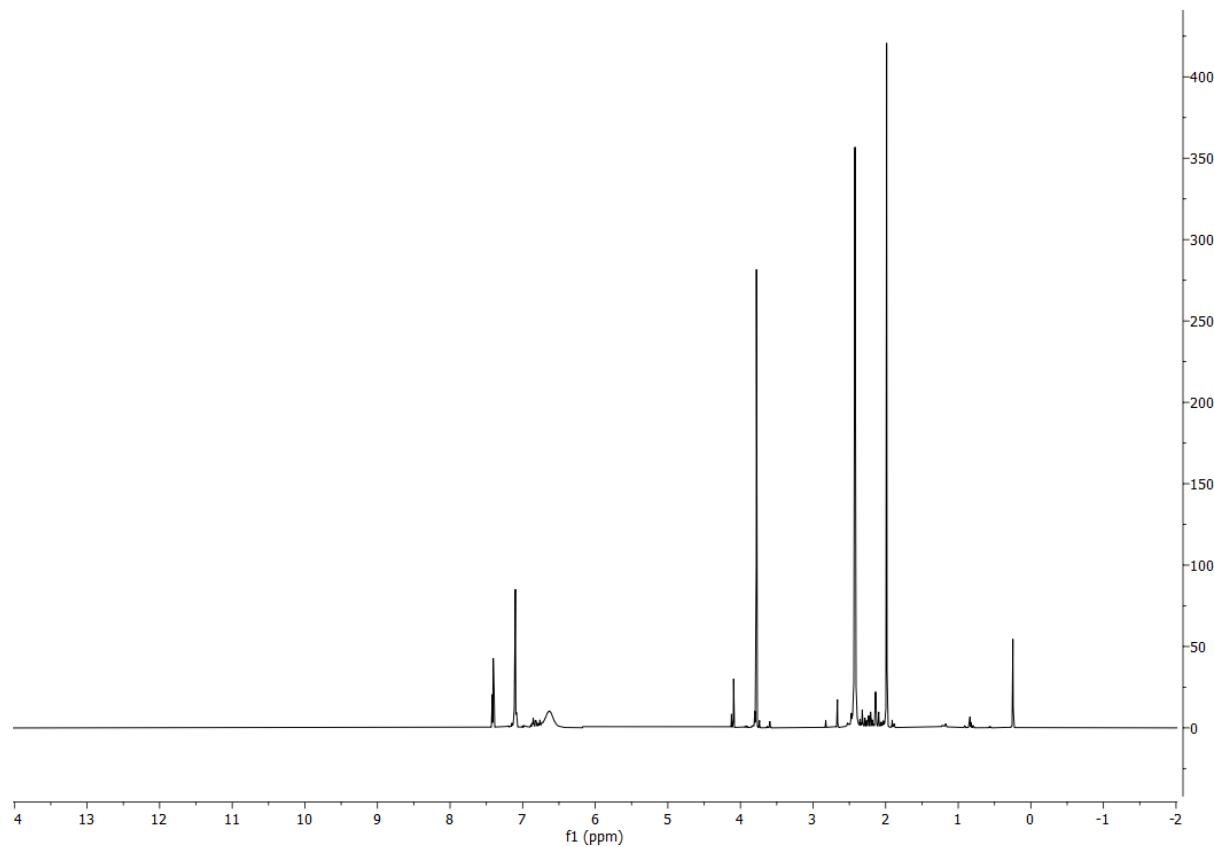


**Figure S3.** Photograph of **1a**, red-green dichroic polymorph.



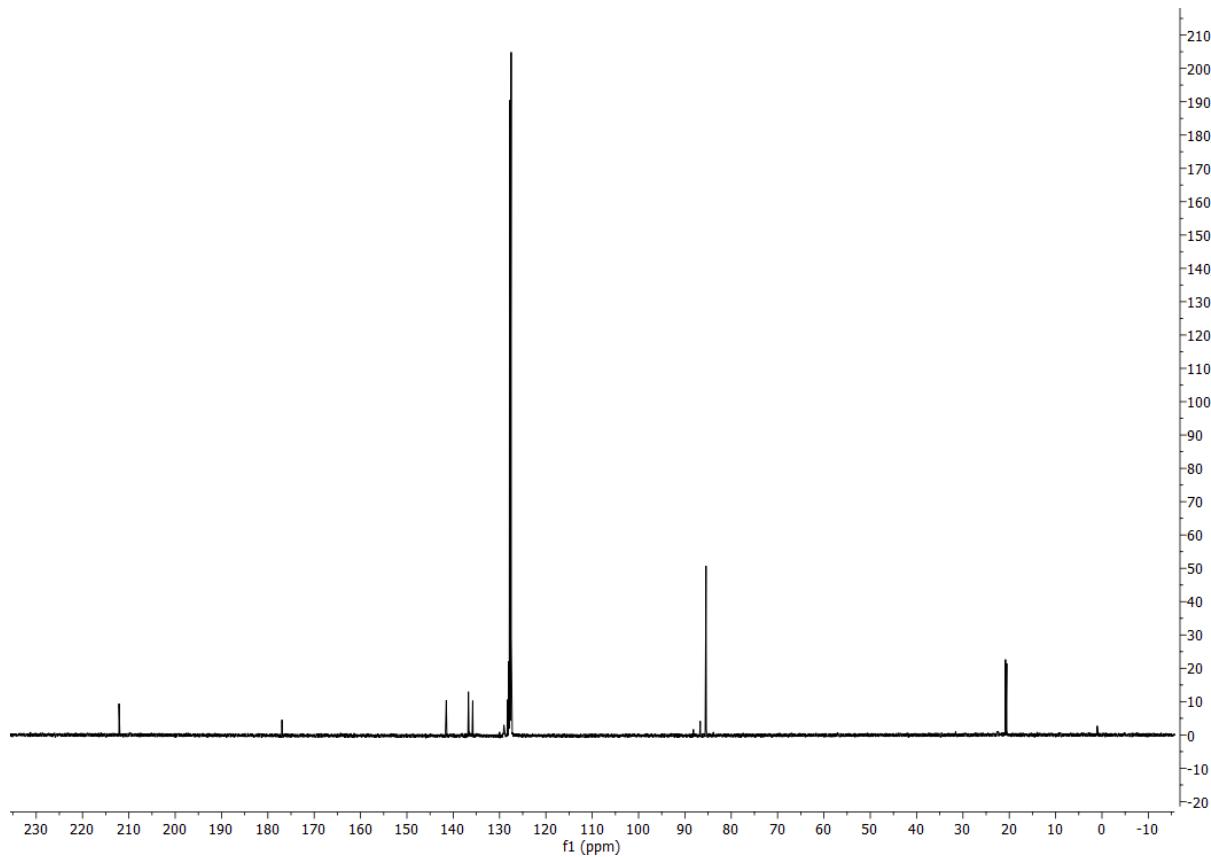
## NMR Spectra

**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1a** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 298K.



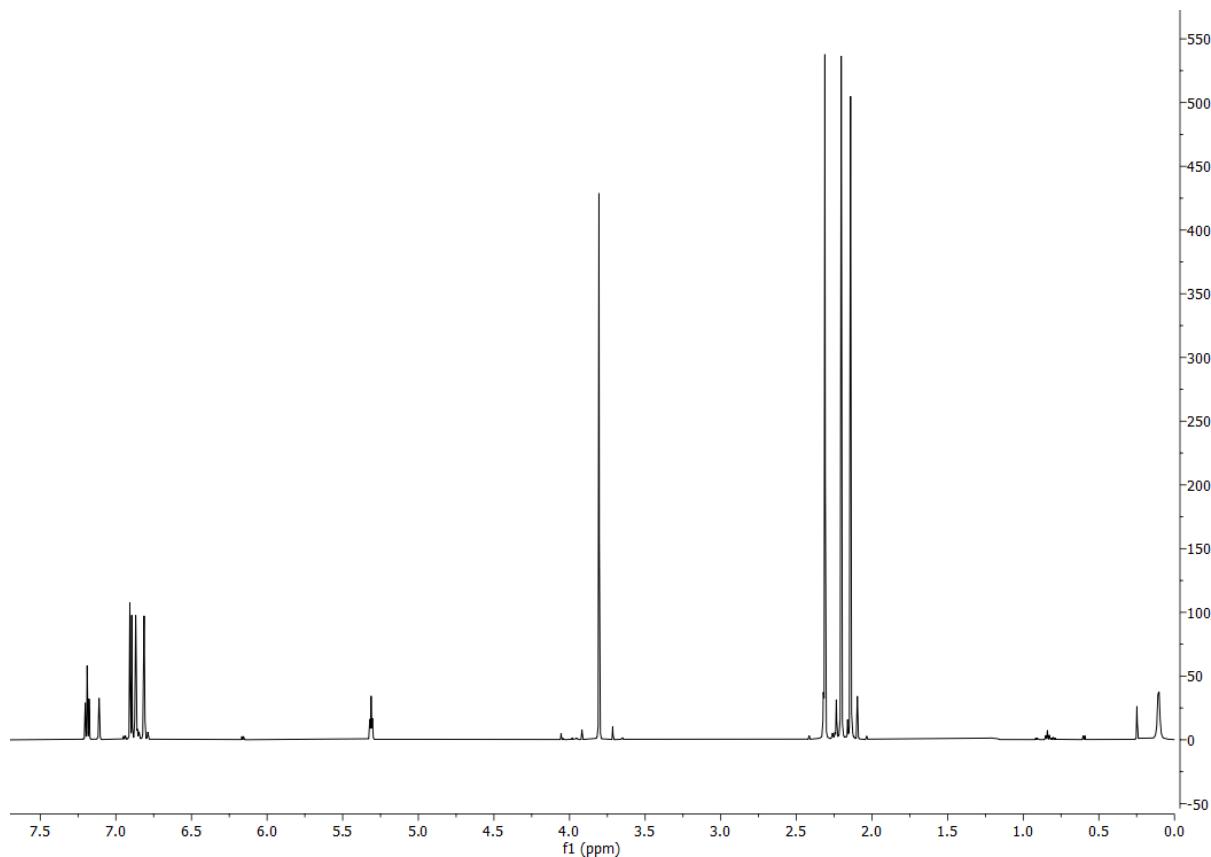
## NMR Spectra

**Figure S5.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **1a** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 298K.



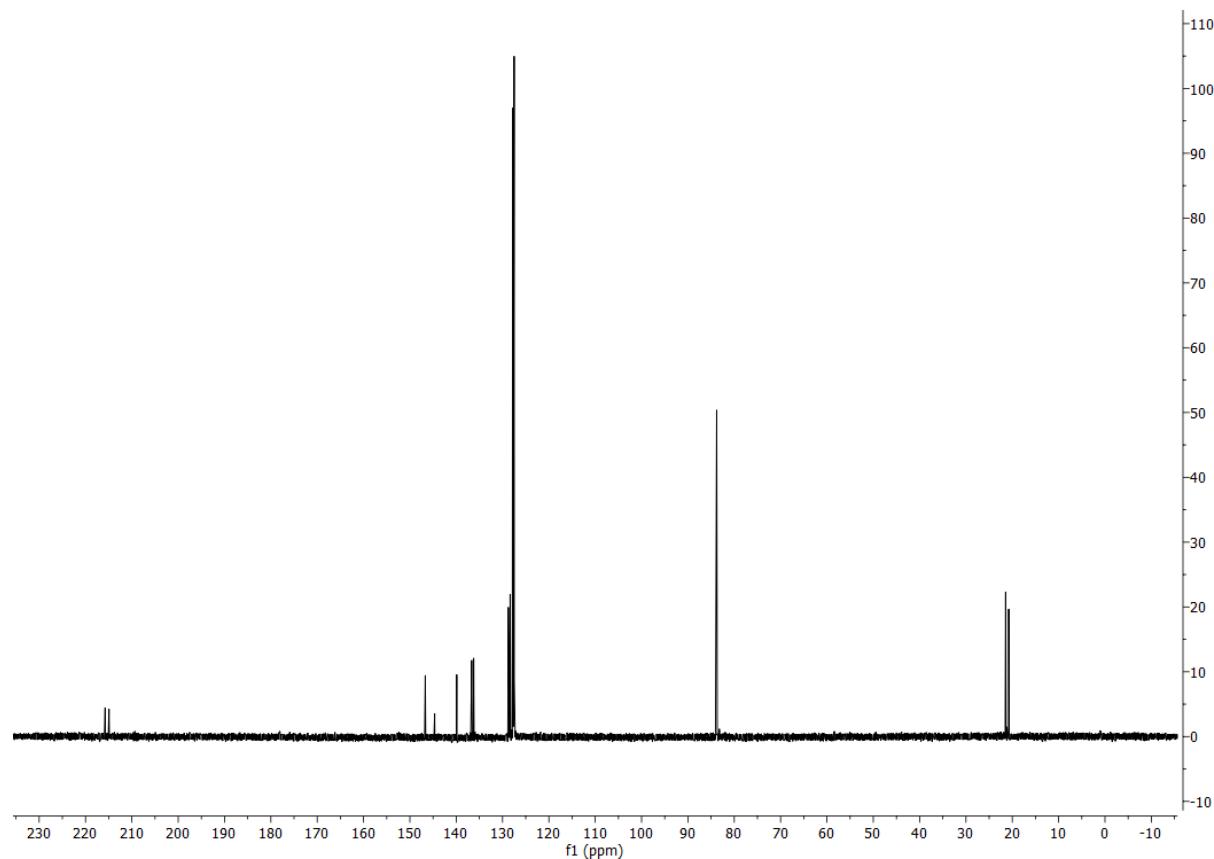
## NMR Spectra

**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 298K.



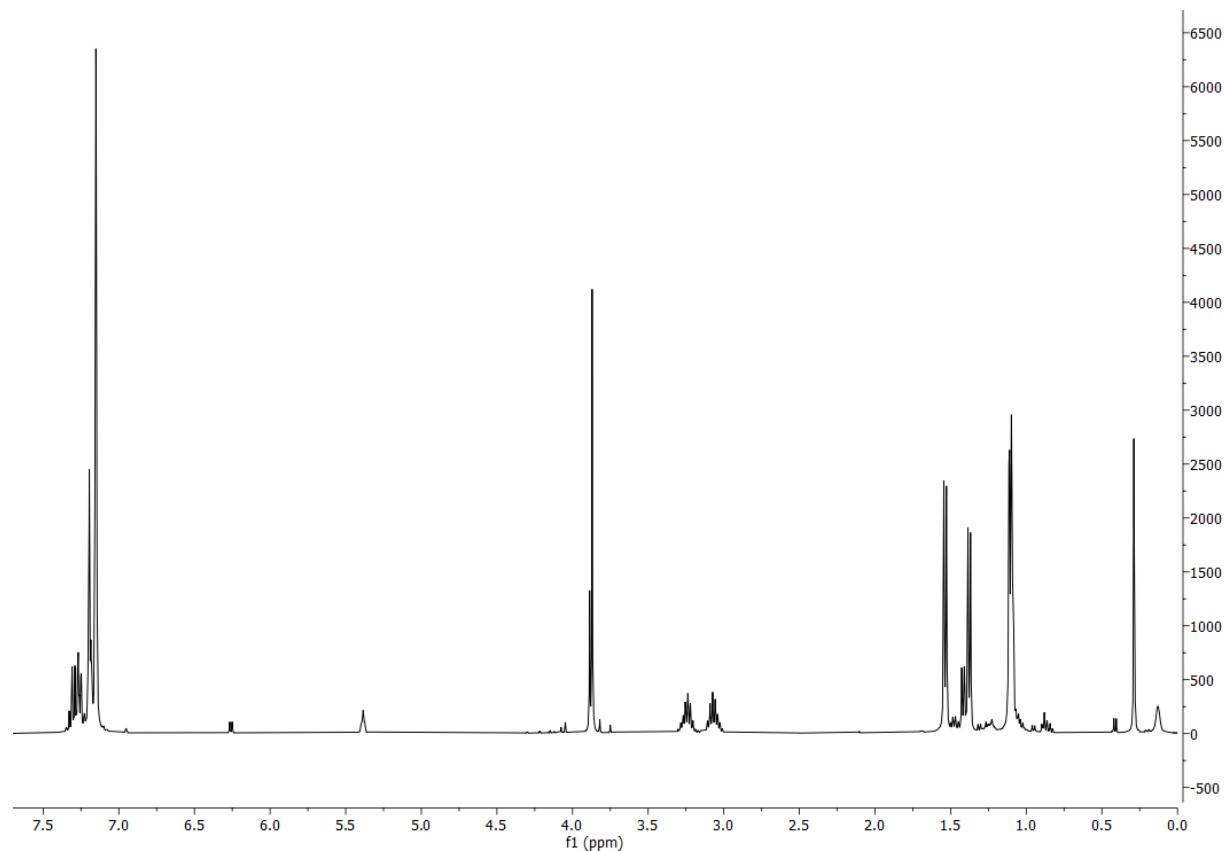
## NMR Spectra

**Figure S7.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 298K.



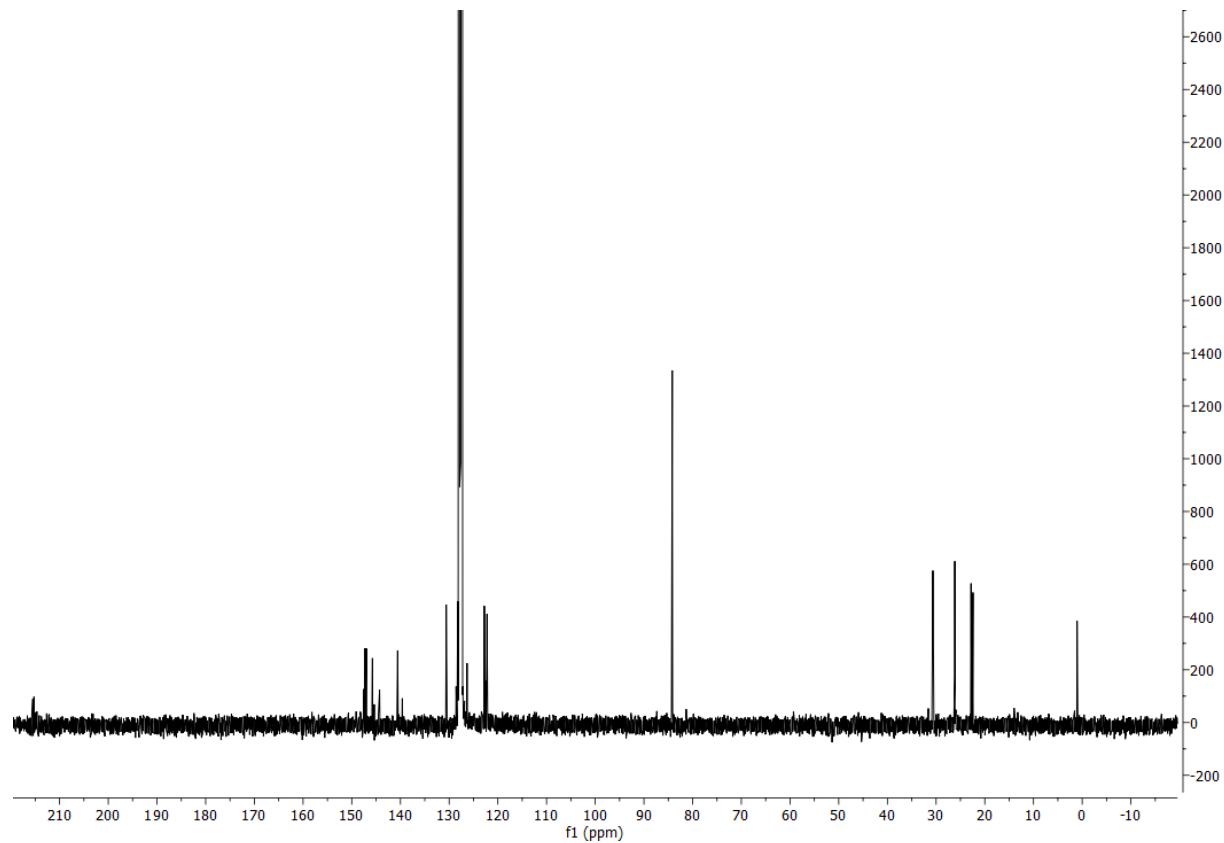
## NMR Spectra

**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2b** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 298K.



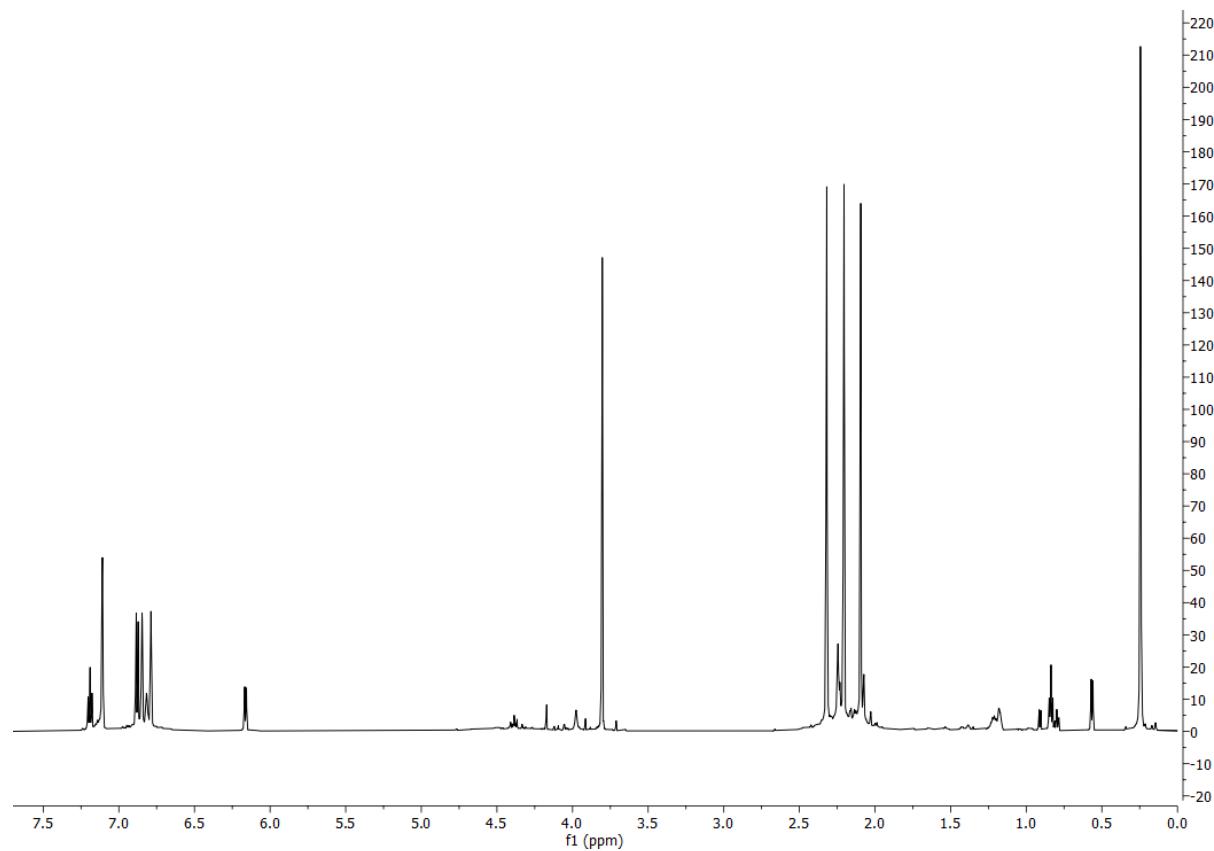
## NMR Spectra

**Figure S9.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2b** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 298K.



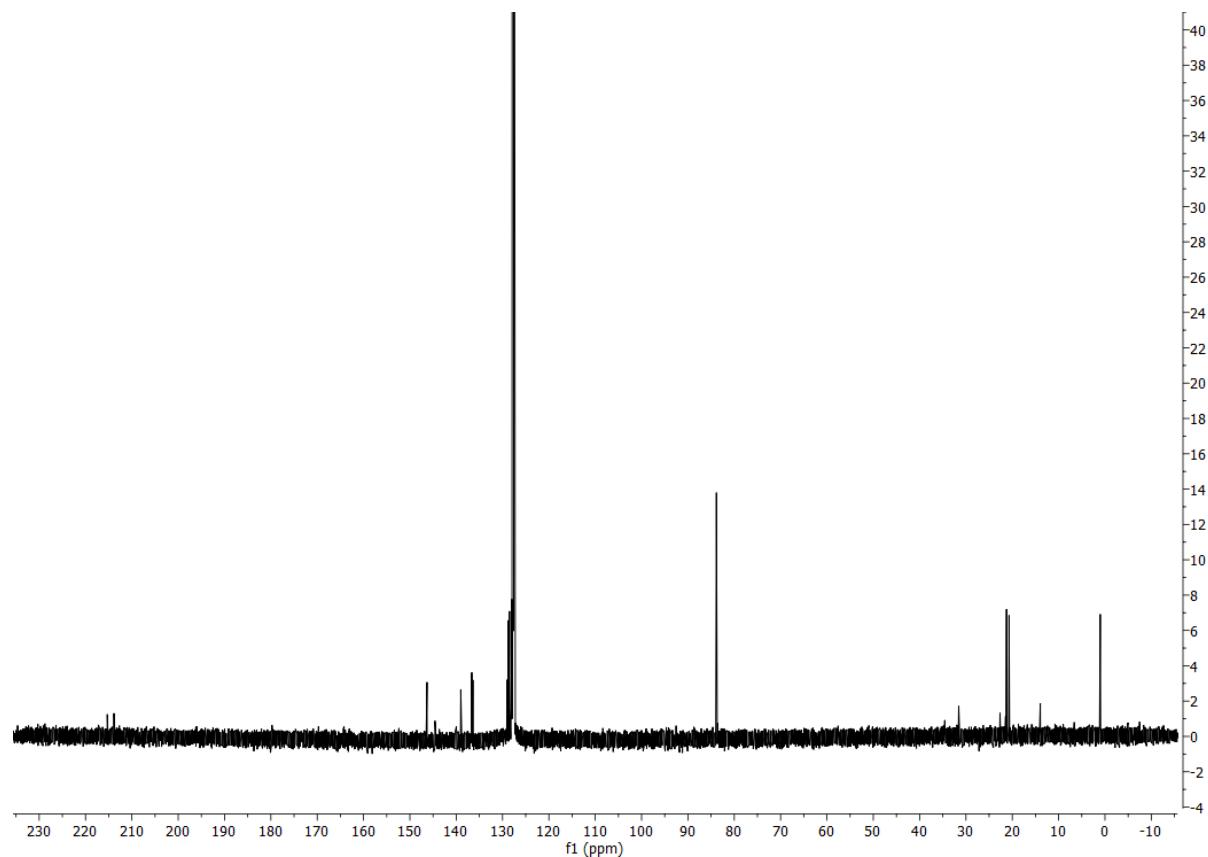
## NMR Spectra

**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 298K.



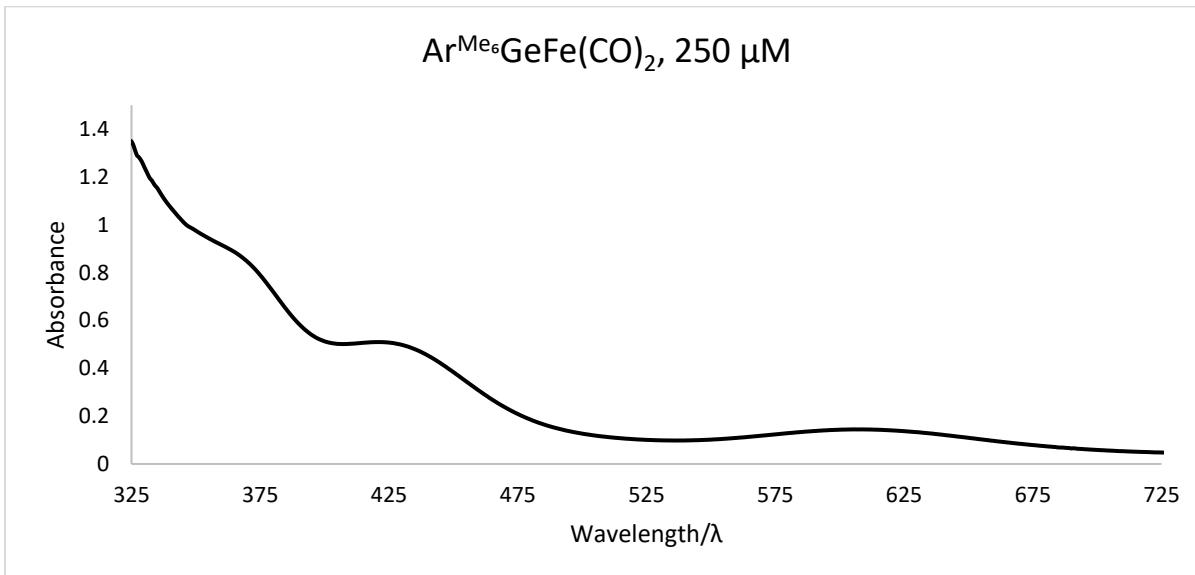
## NMR Spectra

**Figure S11.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 298K.



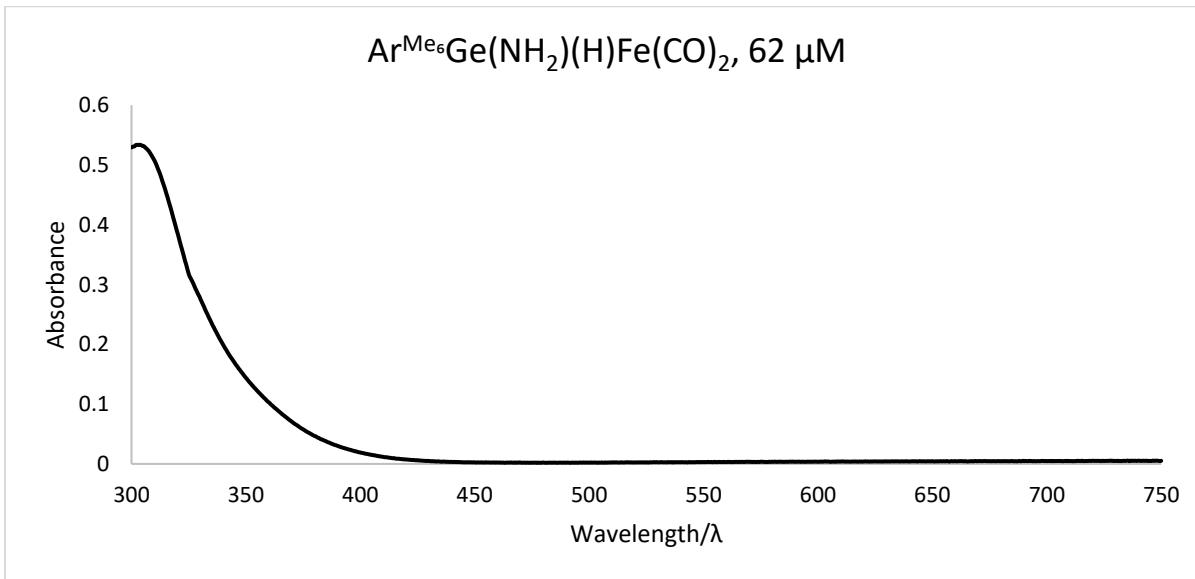
## UV-vis Spectra

**Figure S12.** UV-vis spectrum of **1a** in hexanes at 298K.



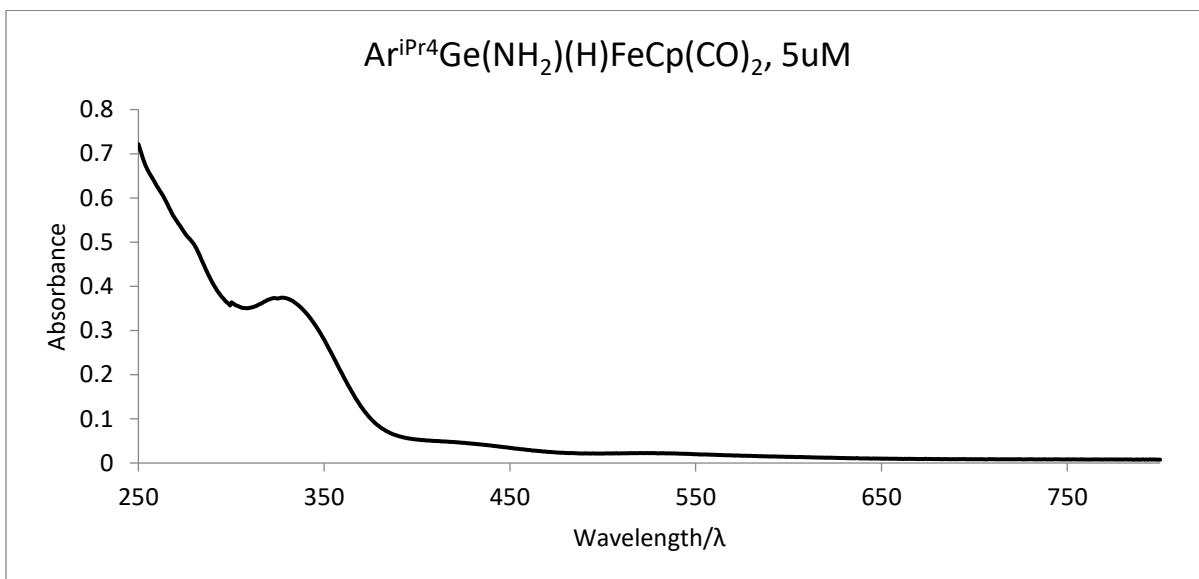
## UV-vis Spectra

**Figure S13.** UV-vis spectrum of **2a** in hexanes at 298K.



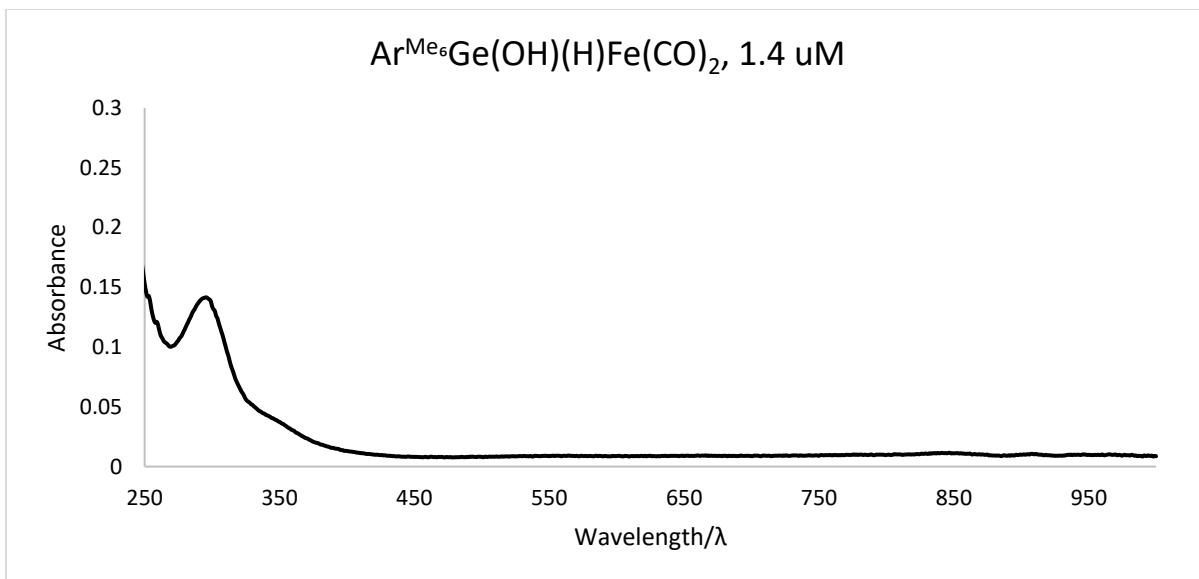
## UV-vis Spectra

**Figure S14.** UV-vis spectrum of **2b** in hexanes at 298K.



## UV-vis Spectra

**Figure S15.** UV-vis spectrum of **3** in hexanes at 298K.



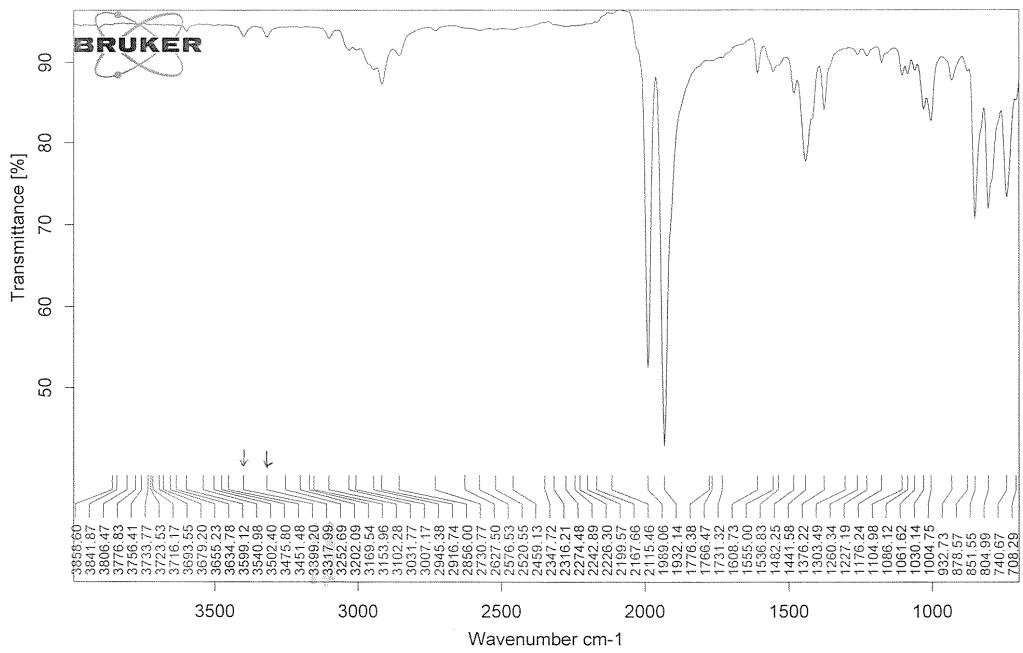
## IR spectra

**Figure S16.** Infrared spectrum of **1a**



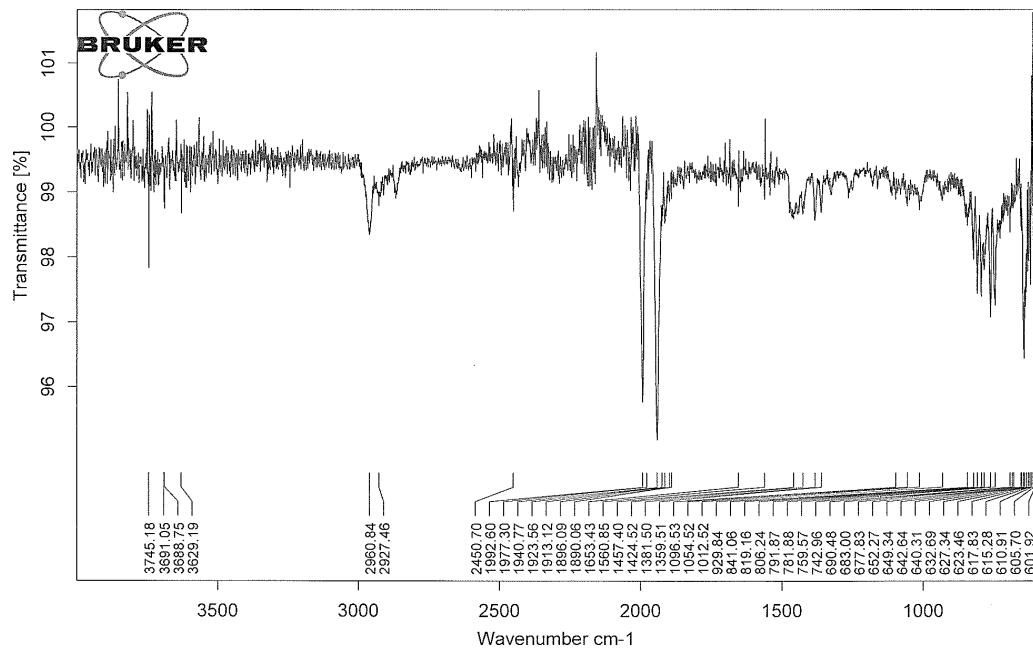
## IR spectra

**Figure S17.** Infrared spectrum of **2a**



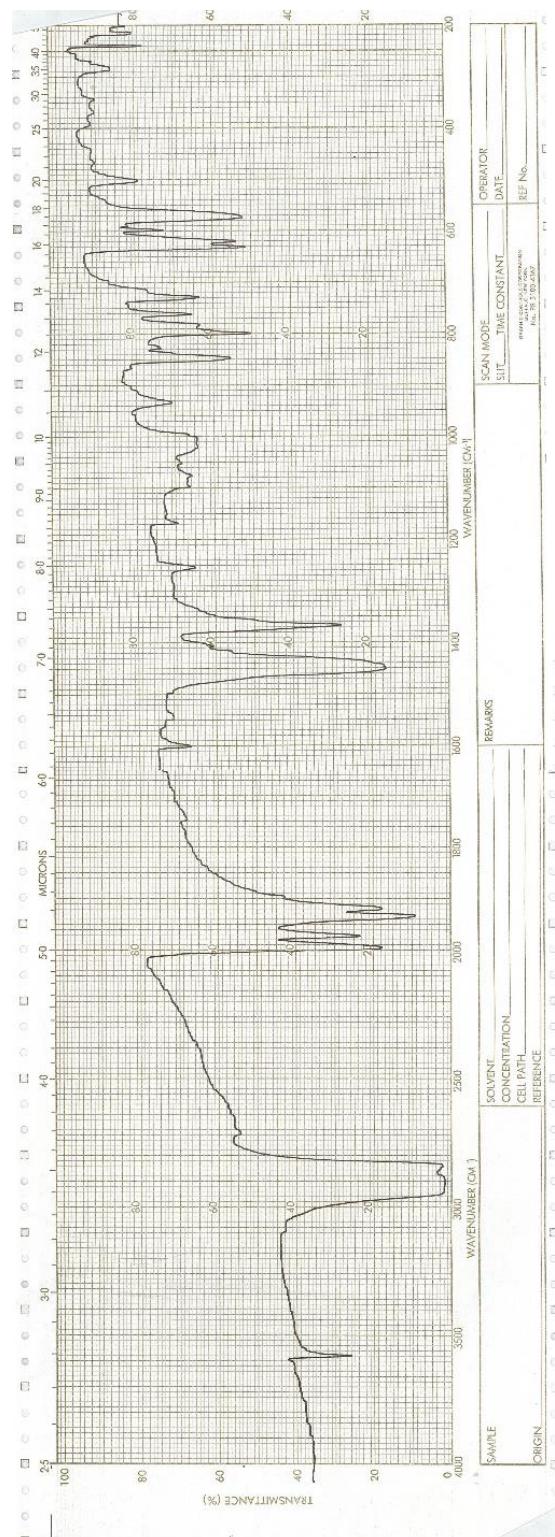
## IR spectra

**Figure S18.** Infrared spectrum of **2b**



## IR spectra

**Figure S19.** Infrared spectrum of **3**.



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