

**Syntheses, Structural Characterizations and Reactivity Studies of
Half-Sandwich Cobalt, Rhodium and Iridium
Metallatricarbadecaboranyl Complexes**

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Supporting Information

Table S1. Crystallographic data.

	4: 1,1-dppe-2- Ph- <i>closo</i> - 1,2,3,4- CoC ₃ B ₇ H ₉	5: 1,1-dppe-2- Ph- <i>closo</i> - 1,2,3,4- RhC ₃ B ₇ H ₉	6: 8-CO-8,8-dppe-9- Ph- <i>nido</i> -8,7,9,10- IrC ₃ B ₇ H ₉
empirical formula	C ₃₅ B ₇ H ₃₈ P ₂ Co	C ₃₅ B ₇ H ₃₈ P ₂ Rh	C ₇₃ B ₁₄ H ₇₈ P ₄ O ₂ Cl ₂ Ir ₂
formula weight	655.19	699.17	1717.87
crystal class	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>PT</i>
<i>Z</i>	4	4	1
<i>a</i> , Å	11.5192(6)	11.6572(9)	9.7645(7)
<i>b</i> , Å	17.6108(8)	18.1448(13)	9.7920(7)
<i>c</i> , Å	16.6383(10)	15.8603(12)	18.9940(15)
α , deg			101.746(4)
β , deg	102.849(3)	92.054(4)	93.362(5)
γ , deg			96.229(3)
<i>V</i> , Å ³	3290.8(3)	3352.6(4)	1761.5(2)
<i>D</i> _{calc} , g/cm ³	1.322	1.385	1.619
μ , mm ⁻¹	0.645	0.630	3.988
λ , Å (Mo-K α)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
crystal size, mm	0.35x0.15x0.02	0.32x0.14x0.02	0.22x0.18x0.04
<i>F</i> (000)	1360	1432	850

2θ angle, deg	3.42–55.04	3.42–55.2	4.22–55.04
temperature, K	143(1)	143(1)	143(1)
hkl collected	$-14 \leq h \leq 14$ $-22 \leq k \leq 22$ $-21 \leq l \leq 21$	$-15 \leq h \leq 15$ $-23 \leq k \leq 23$ $-20 \leq l \leq 20$	$-12 \leq h \leq 12$ $-12 \leq k \leq 12$ $-24 \leq l \leq 24$
no. meas reflns	56996	85331	34960
no. of unique reflns	7513 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0566$]	7755 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0259$]	8005 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0506$]
no. parameters	443	437	479
R^a indices ($F > 2\sigma$)	$R_1 = 0.0346$, $wR_2 = 0.0719$	$R_1 = 0.0291$, $wR_2 = 0.0661$	$R_1 = 0.0542$, $wR_2 = 0.1489$
R^a indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0580$, $wR_2 = 0.0801$	$R_1 = 0.0365$, $wR_2 = 0.0722$	$R_1 = 0.0587$, $wR_2 = 0.1527$
GOF ^b	1.012	1.077	1.200
final difference peaks, e/Å ³	0.343, –0.268	0.619, –0.519	5.069, –2.907

Table S1 (cont). Crystallographic data.

	7: 1,1-COD-2-Ph- <i>closo</i> -1,2,3,4- RhC ₃ B ₇ H ₉	8: 1,1-COD-2-Ph- <i>closo</i> -1,2,3,4- IrC ₃ B ₇ H ₉	9: 8,8,8-(CN ^t Bu) ₃ - 9-Ph- <i>nido</i> - 8,7,9,10- CoC ₃ B ₇ H ₉
empirical formula	C ₁₇ B ₇ H ₂₆ Rh	C ₁₇ B ₇ H ₂₆ Ir	C ₂₄ B ₇ H ₄₁ N ₃ Co
formula weight	408.96	498.25	506.20
crystal class	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>Cc</i>
<i>Z</i>	8	2	4
<i>a</i> , Å	16.5192(19)	6.6522(10)	10.1503(3)
<i>b</i> , Å	12.4153(15)	12.267(2)	17.9661(5)
<i>c</i> , Å	19.305(2)	13.771(2)	16.5896(5)
α , deg		115.260(6)	
β , deg	111.525(6)	93.055(7)	102.937(2)
γ , deg		93.212(7)	
<i>V</i> , Å ³	3683.1(7)	1011.0(3)	2948.51(15)
<i>D</i> _{calc} , g/cm ³	1.475	1.637	1.140
μ , mm ⁻¹	0.923	6.599	0.599
λ , Å (Mo–K α)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
crystal size, mm	0.22x0.10x0.04	0.28x0.20x0.18	0.40x0.07x0.03
<i>F</i> (000)	1664	480	1072
2 θ angle, deg	2.78–55.10	3.68–55.24	4.54–55.02
temperature, K	143(1)	143(1)	100(1)

<i>hkl</i> collected	$-21 \leq h \leq 19$ $0 \leq k \leq 16$ $0 \leq l \leq 25$	$-8 \leq h \leq 8$ $-15 \leq k \leq 15$ $-17 \leq l \leq 17$	$-13 \leq h \leq 13$ $-23 \leq k \leq 23$ $-21 \leq l \leq 21$
no. meas reflns	191449	32785	48878
no. of unique reflns	8465 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0565$]	4640 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0214$]	6688 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0319$]
no. parameters	660	331	481
R^a indices ($F > 2\sigma$)	$R_1 = 0.0291$, $wR_2 = 0.0692$	$R_1 = 0.0158$, $wR_2 = 0.0386$	$R_1 = 0.0244$, $wR_2 = 0.0538$
R^a indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0380$, $wR_2 = 0.0725$	$R_1 = 0.0165$, $wR_2 = 0.0392$	$R_1 = 0.0286$, $wR_2 = 0.0559$
GOF ^b	0.999	1.246	0.907
final difference peaks, e/Å ³	0.719, −0.370	1.176, −1.478	0.338, −0.153

Table S1 (cont). Crystallographic data.

	10: 8,8,8-(CN ^t Bu) ₃ -9-Ph- <i>nido</i> -8,7,9,10-IrC ₃ B ₇ H ₉	11: 8,8-COD-8-CN ^t Bu-9-Ph- <i>nido</i> -8,7,9,10-IrC ₃ B ₇ H ₉	13: 1-(η^4 -C ₄ Me ₄)-2-Ph- <i>closo</i> -1,2,3,4-CoC ₃ B ₇ H ₉
empirical formula	C ₂₄ B ₇ H ₄₁ N ₃ Ir	C ₂₂ B ₇ H ₃₅ NIr	C ₁₇ B ₇ H ₂₆ Co
formula weight	639.47	581.38	364.98
crystal class	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4
<i>a</i> , Å	10.8239(2)	10.5125(5)	7.0025(8)
<i>b</i> , Å	19.4299(4)	20.7768(9)	33.184(4)
<i>c</i> , Å	14.8809(3)	10.5997(5)	8.5261(9)
α , deg			
β , deg	92.9850(10)	90.414(2)	107.089(5)
γ , deg			
<i>V</i> , Å ³	3125.32(11)	2315.08(18)	1893.7(4)
<i>D</i> _{calc} , g/cm ³	1.359	1.668	1.280
μ , mm ⁻¹	4.288	5.778	0.901
λ , Å (Mo-K α)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
crystal size, mm	0.38x0.38x0.10	0.48x0.15x0.04	0.25x0.18x0.10
<i>F</i> (000)	1272	1144	760
2 θ angle, deg	4.20–55.06	3.84–55.12	4.92–55.16
temperature, K	100(1)	100(1)	143(1)

<i>hkl</i> collected	$-14 \leq h \leq 14$ $-25 \leq k \leq 25$ $-19 \leq l \leq 19$	$-13 \leq h \leq 13$ $-27 \leq k \leq 27$ $-13 \leq l \leq 13$	$-9 \leq h \leq 9$ $-43 \leq k \leq 43$ $-11 \leq l \leq 11$
no. meas reflns	47509	72534	41040
no. of unique reflns	7183 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0243$]	5345 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0384$]	4374 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0273$]
no. parameters	481	285	331
R^a indices ($F > 2\sigma$)	$R_1 = 0.0174$, $wR_2 = 0.0414$	$R_1 = 0.0453$, $wR_2 = 0.0970$	$R_1 = 0.0402$ $wR_2 = 0.0900$
R^a indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0192$, $wR_2 = 0.0423$	$R_1 = 0.0461$, $wR_2 = 0.0974$	$R_1 = 0.0417$ $wR_2 = 0.0906$
GOF ^b	1.119	1.128	1.332
final difference peaks, e/Å ³	0.923, -0.832	6.432, -1.806	0.057, -0.592

Table S1 (cont). Crystallographic data.

	14: 2,2-COD-10- Ph- <i>closo</i> -2,1,6,10- IrC ₃ B ₆ H ₈	15: 8,8-COD-8- CN ^t Bu-9-Ph-11-I- <i>nido</i> -8,7,9,10- IrC ₃ B ₇ H ₈
empirical formula	C ₁₇ B ₆ H ₂₅ Ir	C ₂₂ B ₇ H ₃₄ NIr
formula weight	486.43	707.27
crystal class	triclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>Pn</i>
<i>Z</i>	8	4
<i>a</i> , Å	9.9269(7)	9.7484(5)
<i>b</i> , Å	14.9468(11)	17.0714(9)
<i>c</i> , Å	25.482(2)	15.9074(8)
α , deg	107.029(4)	
β , deg	95.462(6)	104.075(2)
γ , deg	91.425(4)	
<i>V</i> , Å ³	3593.2(5)	2567.8(2)
<i>D</i> _{calc} , g/cm ³	1.798	1.829
μ , mm ⁻¹	7.425	6.413
λ , Å (Mo–K α)	0.71073	0.71073
crystal size, mm	0.35x0.05x0.02	0.40x0.25x0.04
<i>F</i> (000)	1872	1352
2 θ angle, deg	2.86–55.12	3.56–55.20
temperature, K	143(1)	100(1)

<i>hkl</i> collected	$-12 \leq h \leq 12$ $-19 \leq k \leq 19$ $-33 \leq l \leq 33$	$-12 \leq h \leq 12$ $-22 \leq k \leq 22$ $-20 \leq l \leq 20$
no. meas reflns	82455	62161
no. of unique reflns	16204 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0466$]	10581 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0325$]
no. parameters	901	585
R^a indices ($F > 2\sigma$)	$R_1 = 0.0560$, $wR_2 = 0.1114$	$R_1 = 0.0238$, $wR_2 = 0.0622$
R^a indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0749$, $wR_2 = 0.1203$	$R_1 = 0.0245$, $wR_2 = 0.0629$
GOF ^b	1.052	1.048
final difference peaks, e/Å ³	7.438, -6.040	2.574, -1.037

$$^a R_1 = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|; wR_2 = \{\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma w(F_o^2)^2\}^{1/2}$$

$$^b \text{GOF} = \{\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n-p)\}^{1/2} \text{ where } n = \text{no. of reflns}; p = \text{no. of params refined}$$

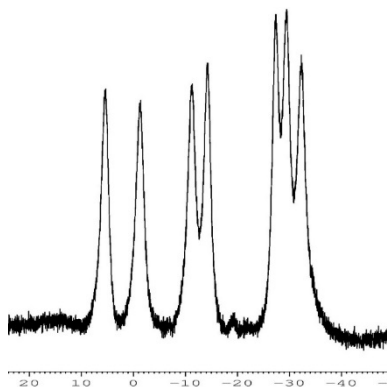


Figure S1. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 1,1-(CO)₂-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4-CoC₃B₇H₉ (**1**).

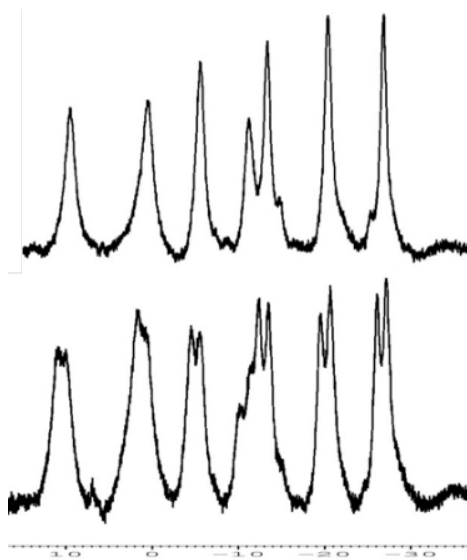


Figure S2. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (top) and ^{11}B (bottom) NMR spectra of 1,1-(CO)₂-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4-RhC₃B₇H₉ (**2**).

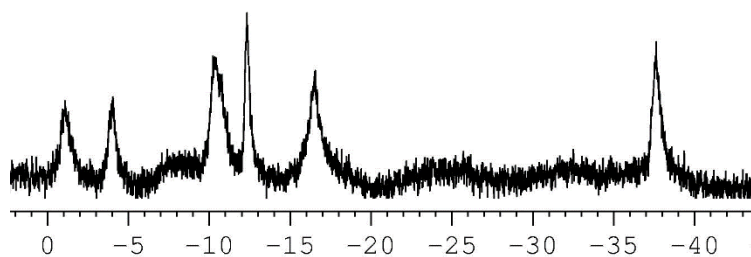


Figure S3. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 8,8,8-(CO)₃-9-Ph-*nido*-8,7,9,10-IrC₃B₇H₉ (**3**).

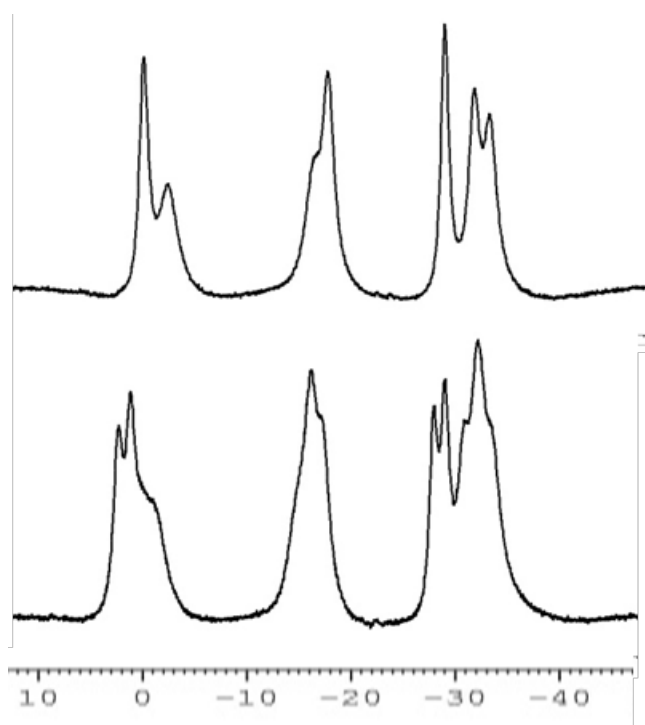


Figure S4. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (top) and ^{11}B (bottom) NMR spectra of 1,1-dppe-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4-CoC₃B₇H₉ (**4**).

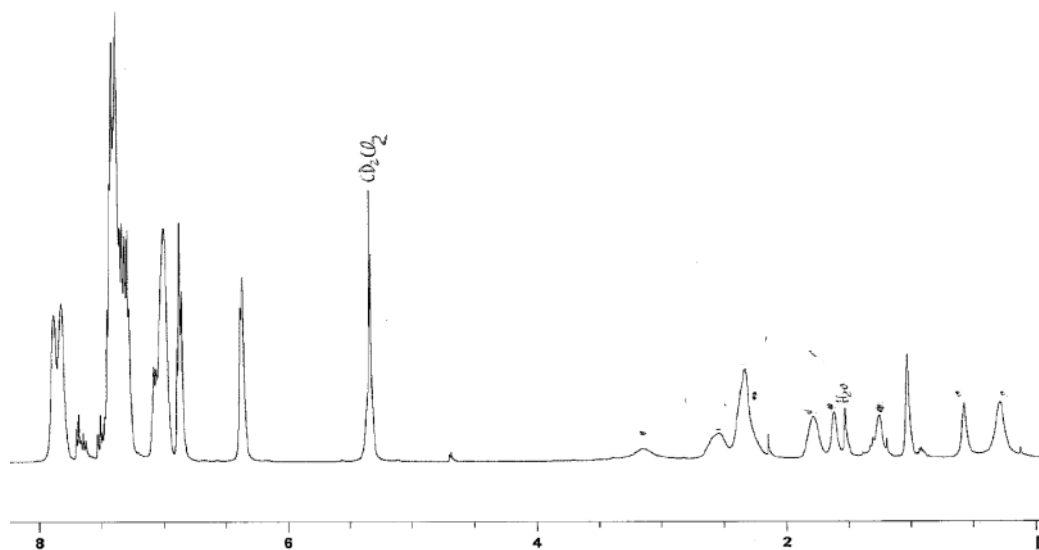


Figure S5. $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$ NMR spectrum of 1,1-dppe-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4- $\text{CoC}_3\text{B}_7\text{H}_9$ (**4**).

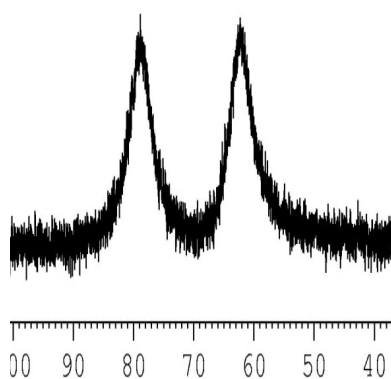


Figure S6. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 1,1-dppe-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4- $\text{CoC}_3\text{B}_7\text{H}_9$ (**4**).

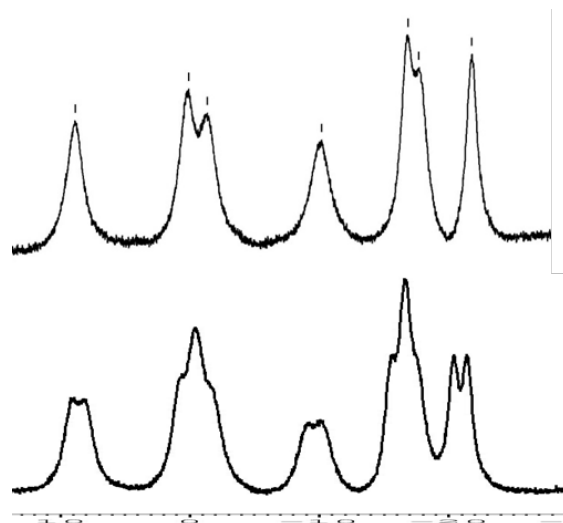


Figure S7. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (top) and ^{11}B (bottom) NMR spectra of 1,1-dppe-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4- $\text{RhC}_3\text{B}_7\text{H}_9$ (**5**).

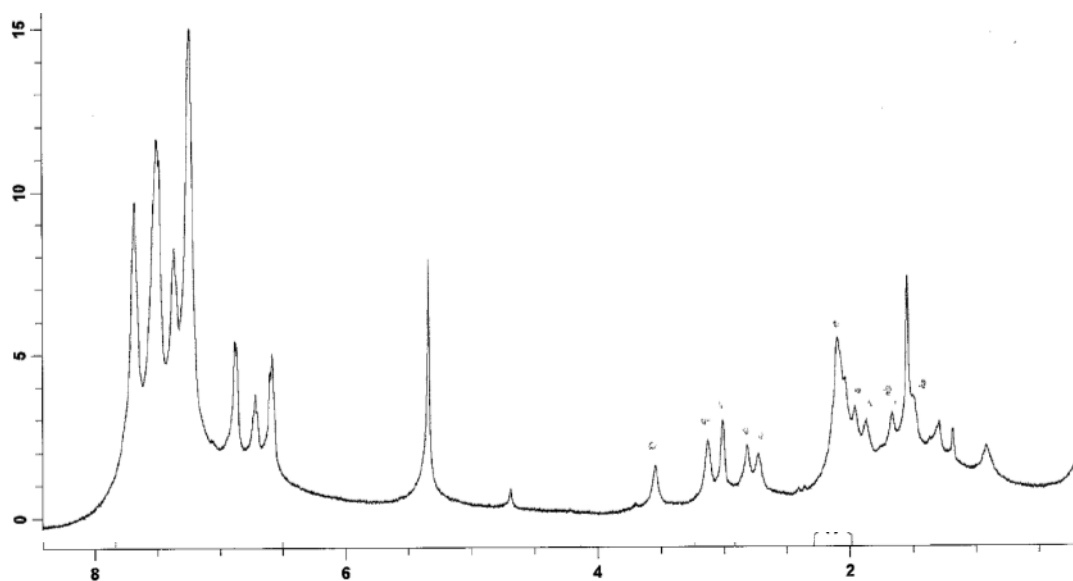


Figure S8. $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$ NMR spectrum of 1,1-dppe-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4- $\text{RhC}_3\text{B}_7\text{H}_9$ (**5**).

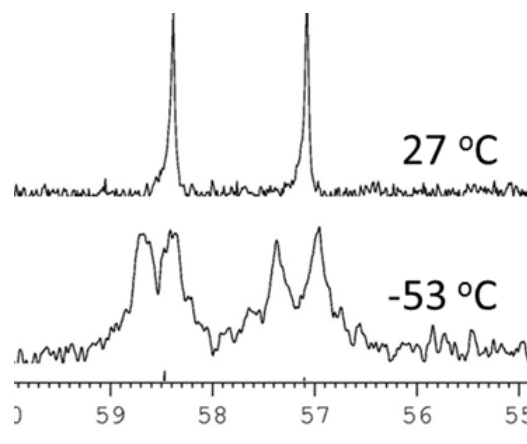


Figure S9. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 1,1-dppe-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4- $\text{RhC}_3\text{B}_7\text{H}_9$ (**5**) at 27 °C (top, $J_{\text{Rh-P}} = 165$ Hz), at -53 °C (bottom, $J_{\text{Rh-P}} = \sim 160$ Hz and $J_{\text{Rh-P}} = \sim 174$ Hz).

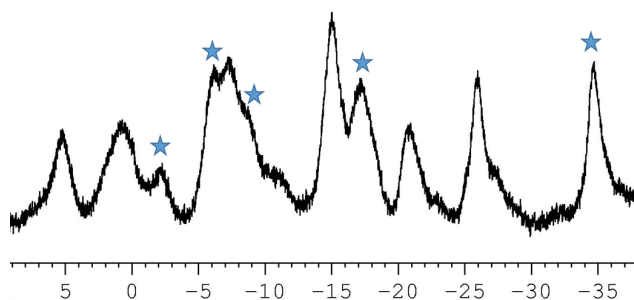


Figure S10. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of reaction mixture during 1,1-dppe-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4- $\text{RhC}_3\text{B}_7\text{H}_9$ (**5**) synthesis. Starred peaks not present in isolated product $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum.

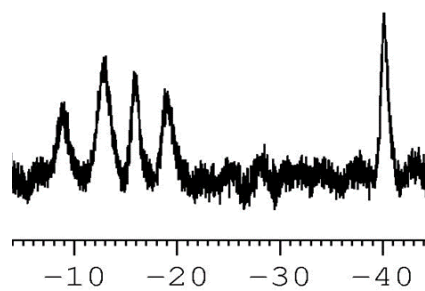


Figure S11. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 8-CO-8,8-dppe-9-Ph-*nido*-8,7,9,10-IrC₃B₇H₉ (**6**).

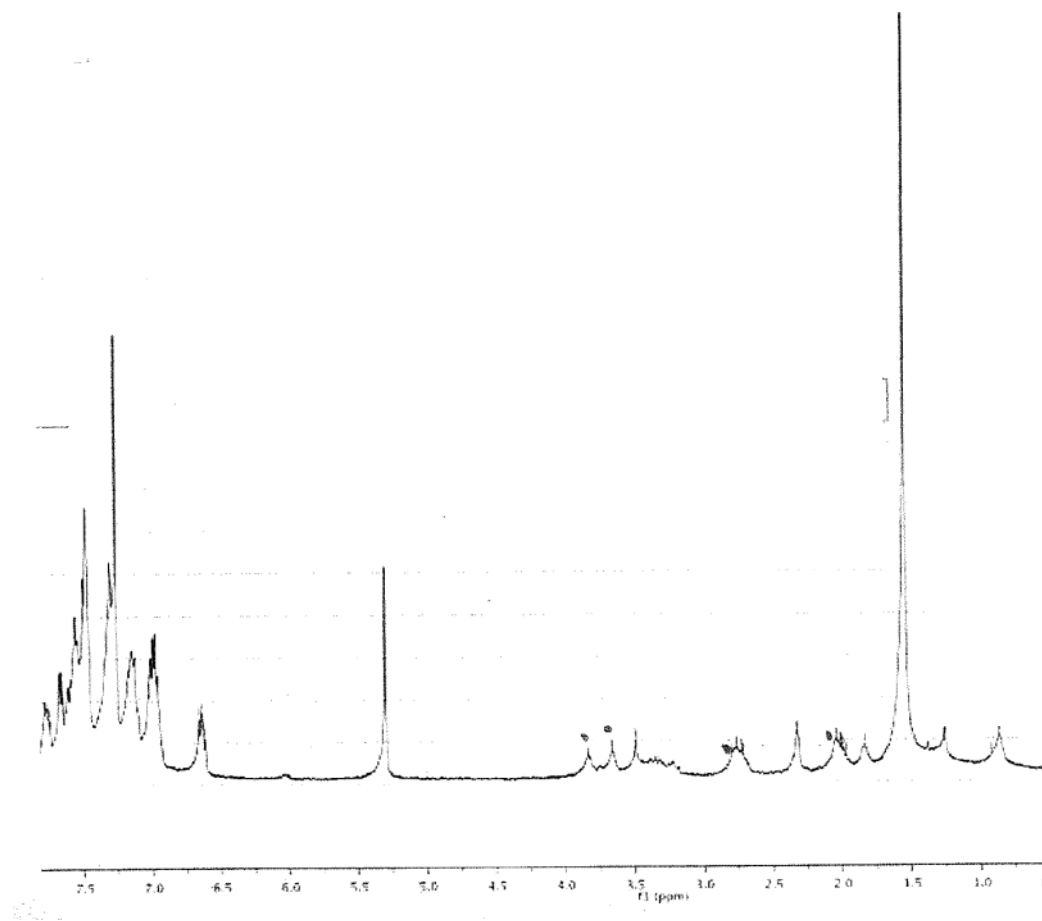


Figure S12. $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$ NMR spectrum of 8-CO-8,8-dppe-9-Ph-*nido*-8,7,9,10-IrC₃B₇H₉ (**6**).

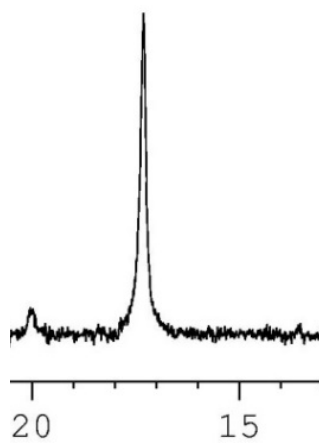


Figure S13. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 8-CO-8,8-dppe-9-Ph-*nido*-8,7,9,10-IrC₃B₇H₉ (**6**).

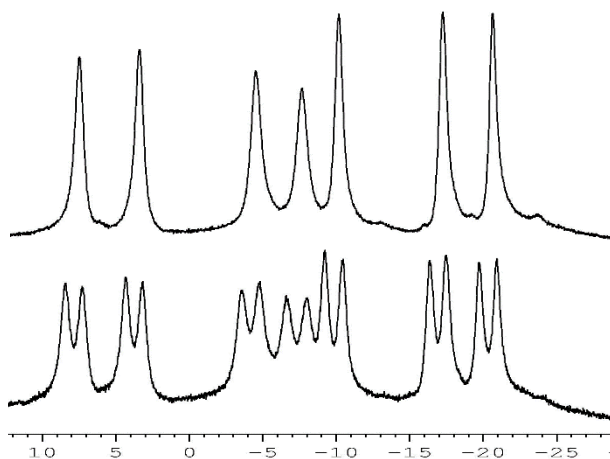


Figure S14. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (top) and ^{11}B (bottom) NMR spectra of 1,1-COD-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4-RhC₃B₇H₉ (**7**).

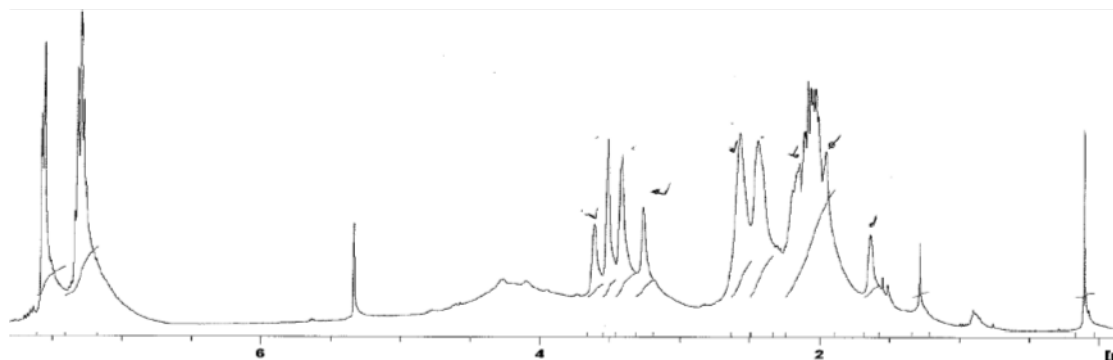


Figure S15. $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$ NMR spectrum of 1,1-COD-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4-RhC₃B₇H₉ (**7**).

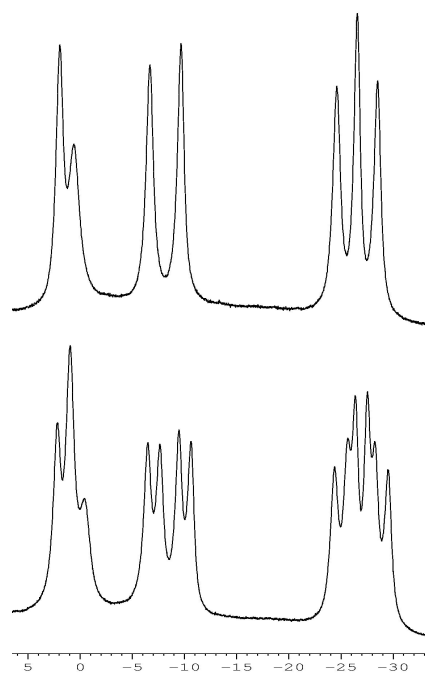
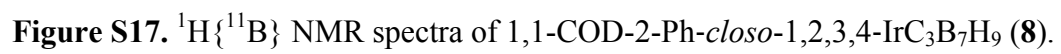


Figure S16. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (top) and ^{11}B (bottom) NMR spectra of 1,1-COD-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4-IrC₃B₇H₉ (**8**).



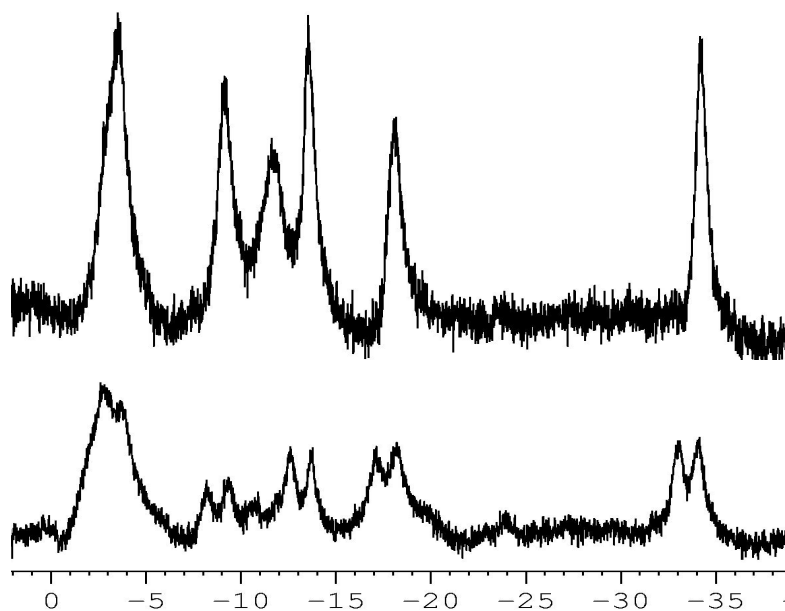


Figure S18. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (top) and ^{11}B (bottom) NMR spectra of 8,8,8-(CN^tBu) $_3$ -9-Ph-*nido*-8,7,9,10- $\text{CoC}_3\text{B}_7\text{H}_9$ (**9**).

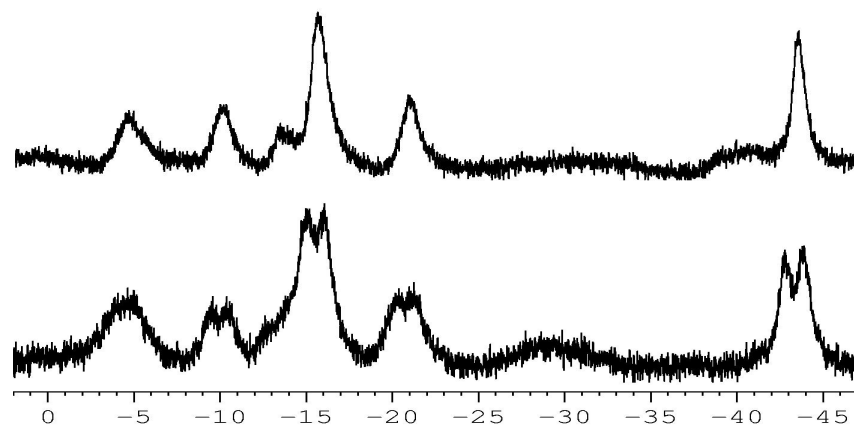


Figure S19. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (top) and ^{11}B (bottom) NMR spectra of 8,8,8-(CN^tBu)₃-9-Ph-*nido*-8,7,9,10- $\text{IrC}_3\text{B}_7\text{H}_9$ (**10**).

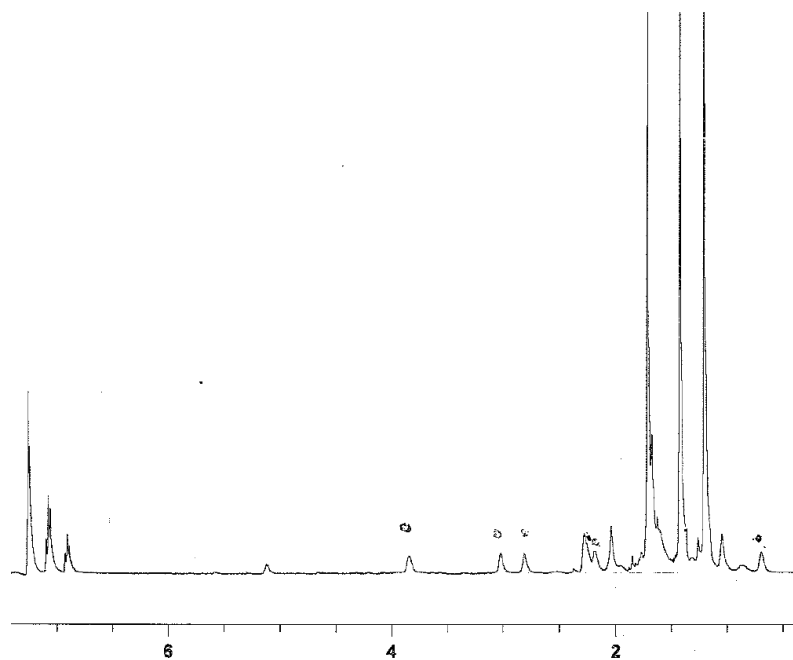


Figure S20. $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$ NMR spectrum of 8,8,8-(CN^tBu)₃-9-Ph-*nido*-8,7,9,10- $\text{IrC}_3\text{B}_7\text{H}_9$ (**10**).

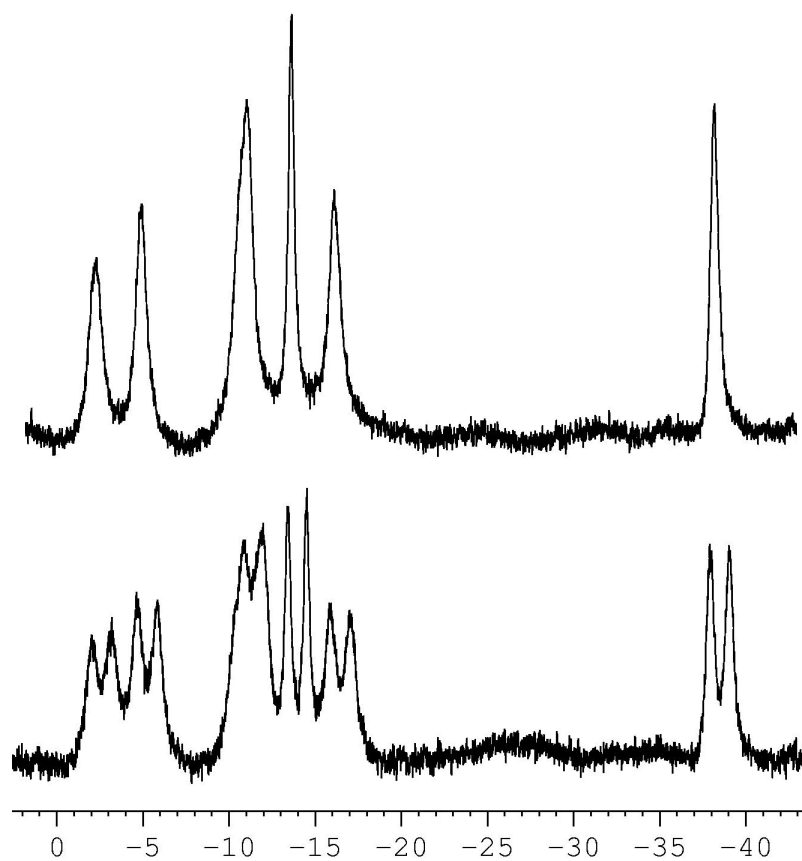


Figure S21. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (top) and ^{11}B (bottom) NMR spectra of 8,8-COD-8-CN^{*t*}Bu-9-Ph-*nido*-8,7,9,10-IrC₃B₇H₉ (**11**).

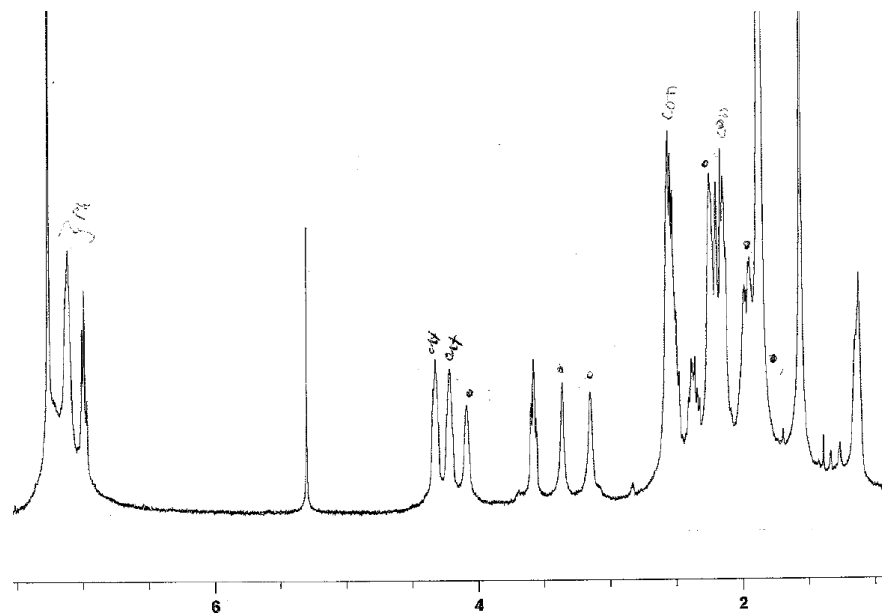


Figure S22. $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$ NMR spectrum of 8,8-COD-8-CN^{*t*}Bu-9-Ph-*nido*-8,7,9,10-IrC₃B₇H₉ (**11**).

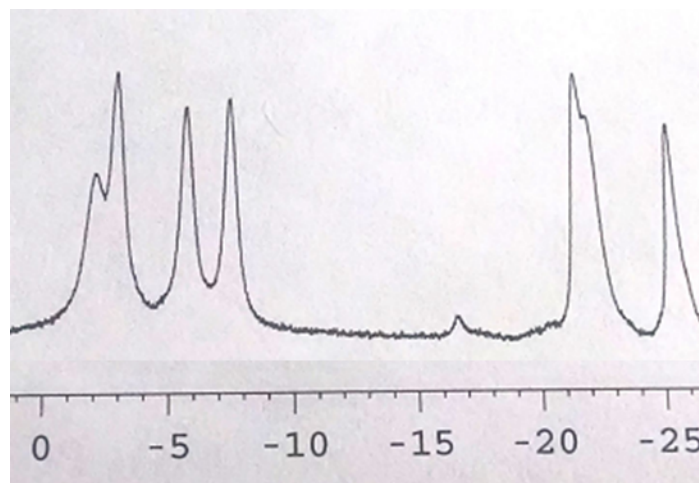


Figure S23. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 1-(η^4 -C₄(CH₃)₄)-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4-CoC₃B₇H₉ (**13**).

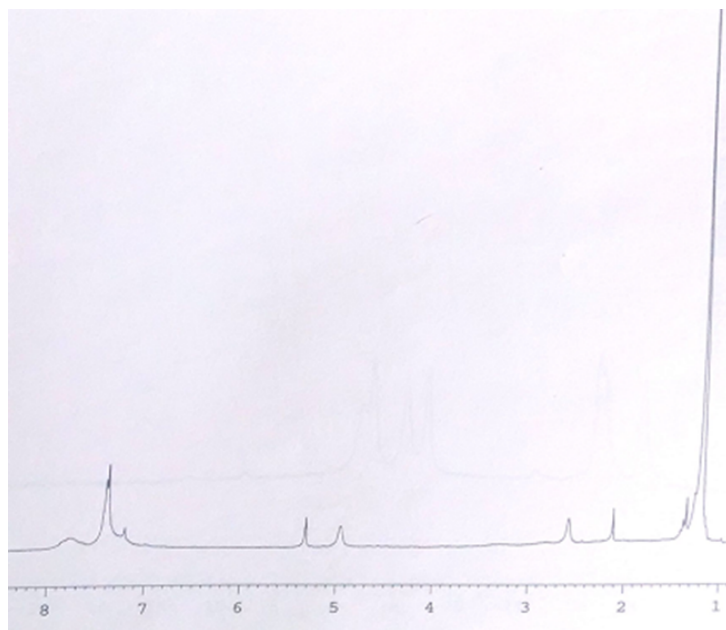


Figure S24. $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$ NMR spectrum of 1-(η^4 -C₄Me₄)-2-Ph-*closo*-1,2,3,4-CoC₃B₇H₉ (**13**).

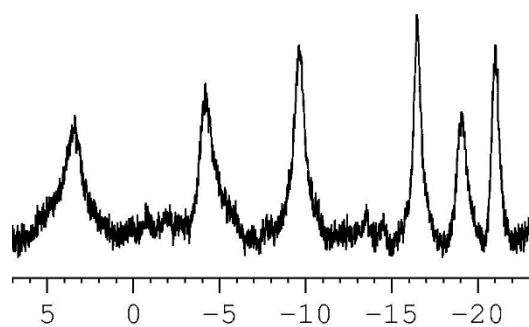


Figure S25. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 2,2-COD-10-Ph-*closo*-2,1,6,10-IrC₃B₆H₈ (**14**).

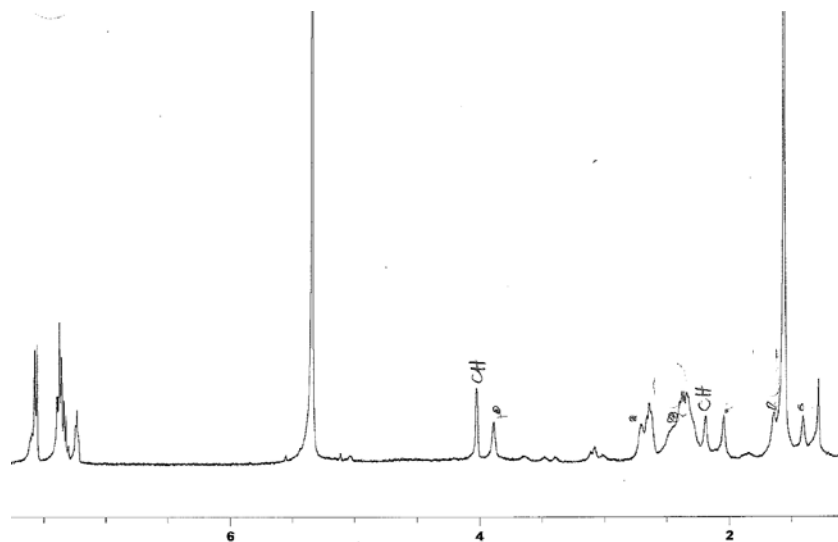


Figure S26. $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$ NMR spectrum of 2,2-COD-10-Ph-*closo*-2,1,6,10- $\text{IrC}_3\text{B}_6\text{H}_8$ (**14**).

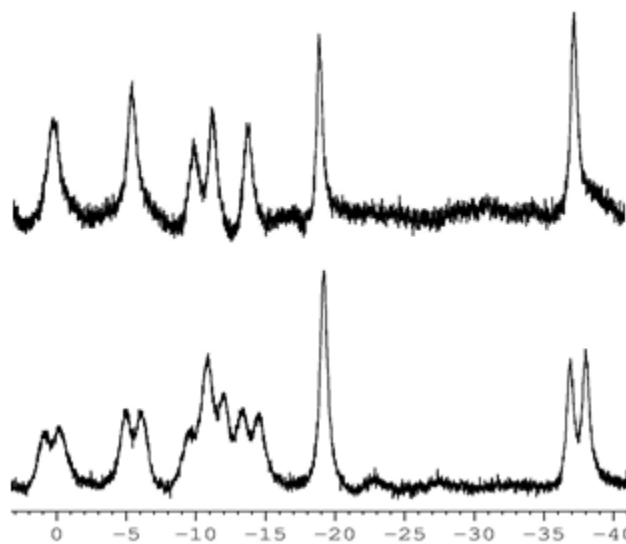


Figure S27. $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (top) and ^{11}B (bottom) NMR spectra of 8,8-COD-8-CN'Bu-9-Ph-11-I-*nido*-8,7,9,10- $\text{IrC}_3\text{B}_7\text{H}_8$ (**15**).

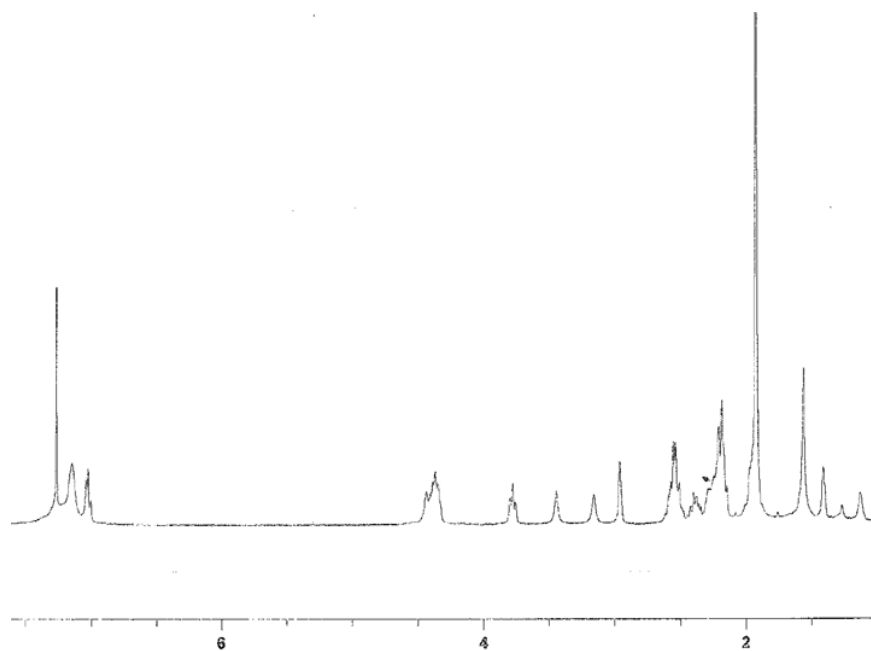


Figure S28. $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$ NMR spectrum of 8,8-COD-8- CN^tBu -9-Ph-11-I-*nido*-8,7,9,10- $\text{IrC}_3\text{B}_7\text{H}_8$ (15).