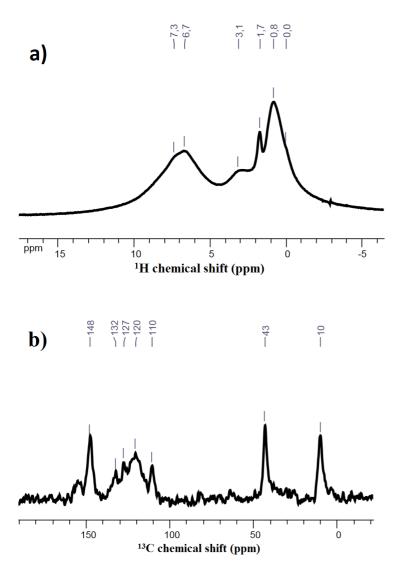
## Supporting information

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**Figure S1.** (a) One-dimensional proton single pulse solid-state spectrum recorded under MAS frequency of 10 kHz: 8 scans were recorded at a recycle rate of 4 s. (b)  $^{13}$ C CP MAS solid state NMR spectra (right) of **[DEAS-bipy/SiO<sub>2</sub>]** recorded under MAS frequency of 10 kHz. 14500 scans were recorded at a recycle rate of 2 s and a CP time of 2 ms.

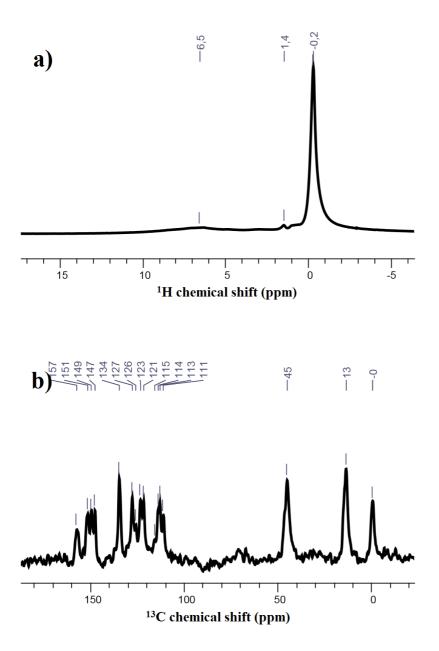


Figure S2. (a) One-dimensional proton single pulse solid-state spectrum of [DEASbipy/Passivated\_SiO<sub>2</sub>] recorded under MAS frequency of 10 kHz: 8 scans were recorded at a recycle rate of 4 s. (b) <sup>13</sup>C CP MAS solid-state NMR spectrum of [DEASbipy/Passivated\_SiO<sub>2</sub>] recorded under MAS frequency of 10 kHz, 6500 scans were recorded at a recycle rate of 2 s and a CP time of 2 ms.