

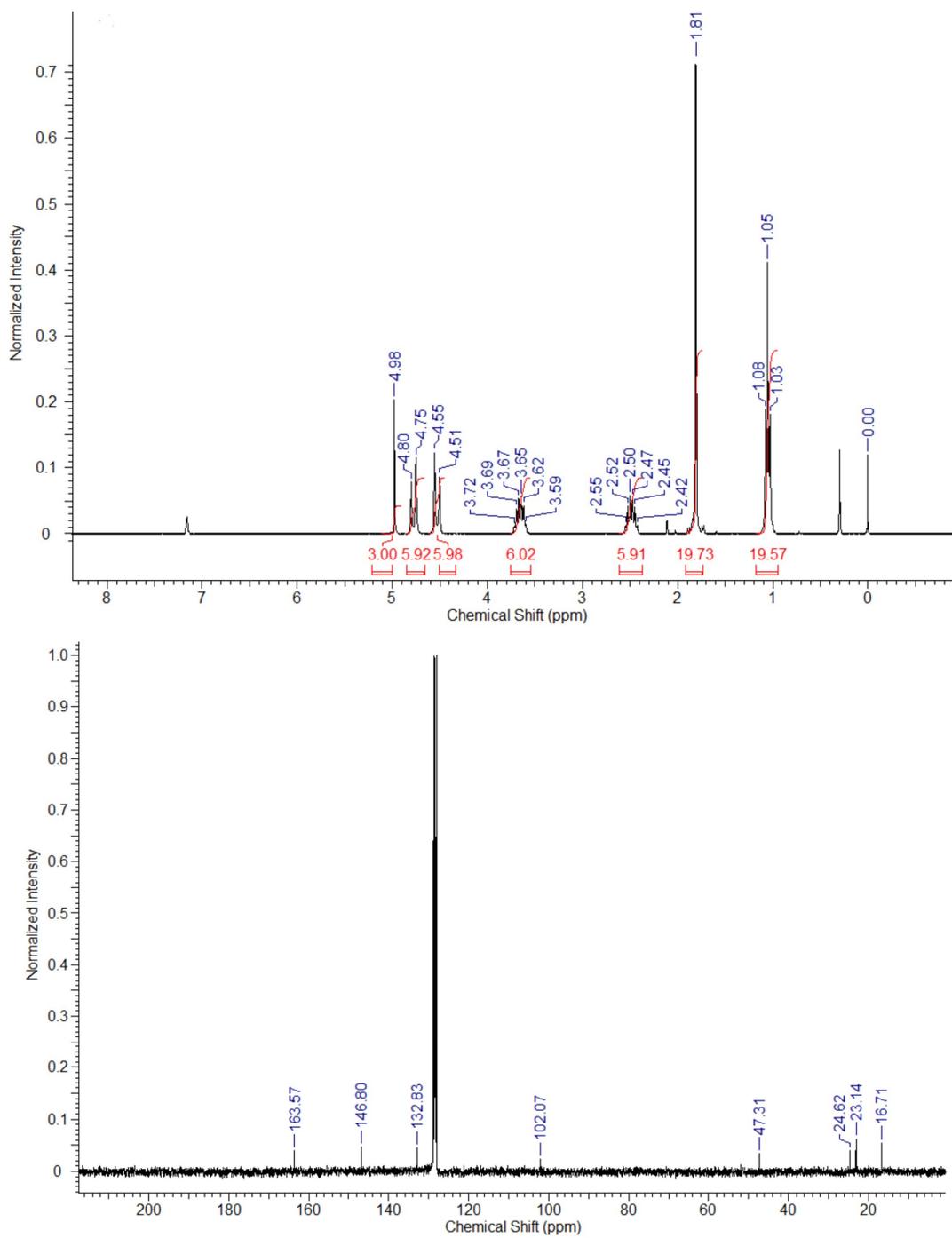
Supporting Information for  
**Synthesis of Trinuclear Tin(II), Germanium(II), and Aluminum(III)  
Cyclophane Complexes**

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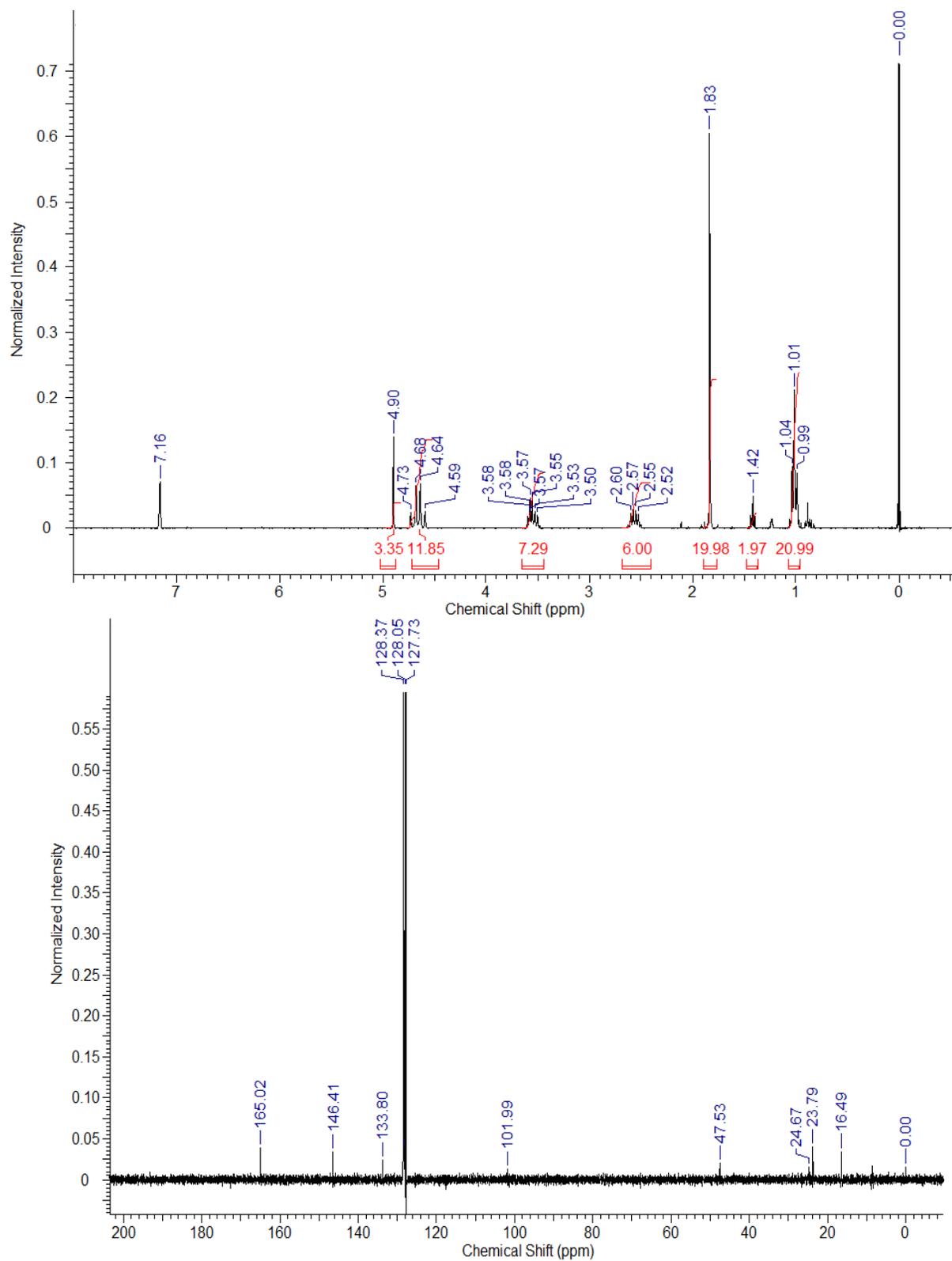
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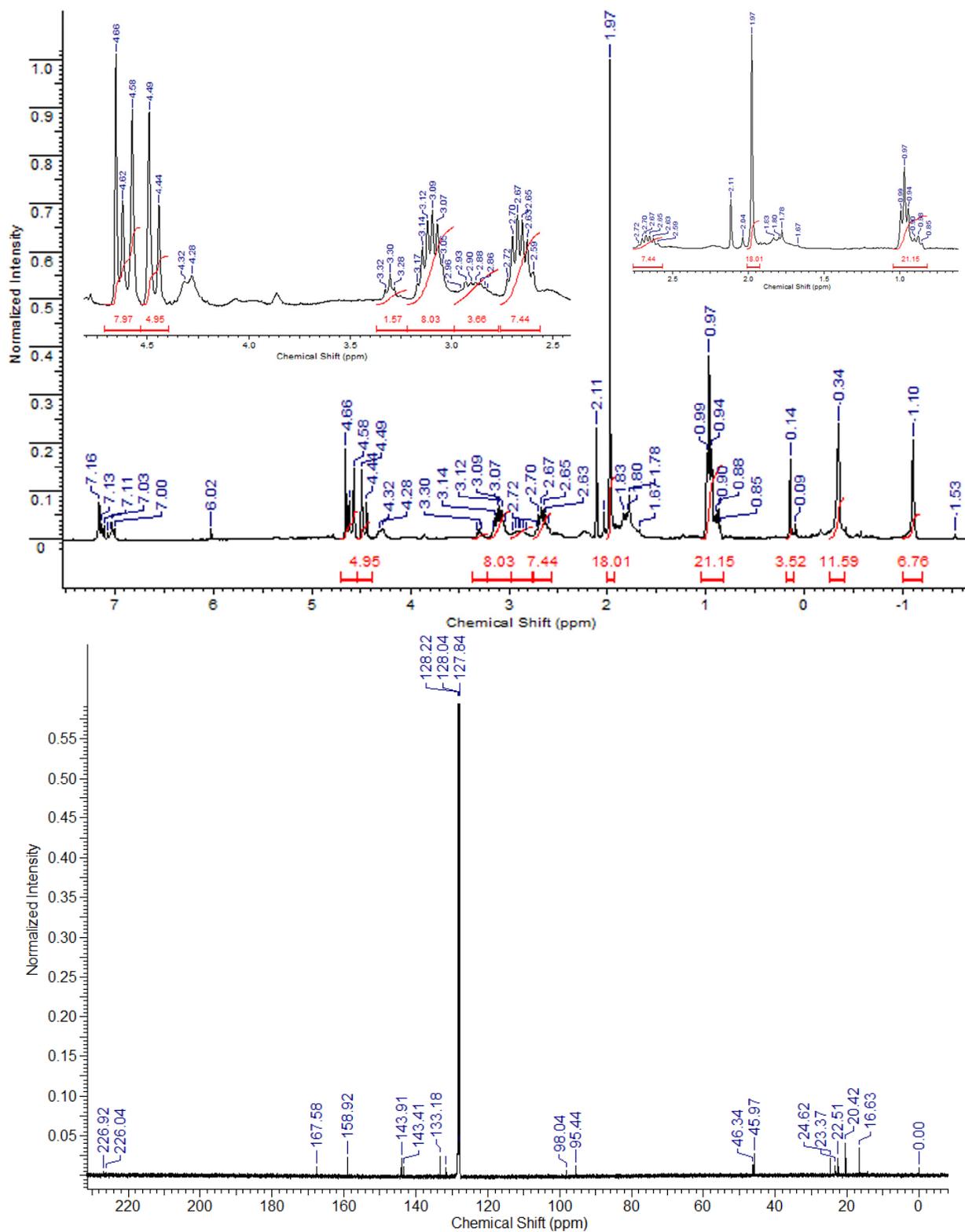
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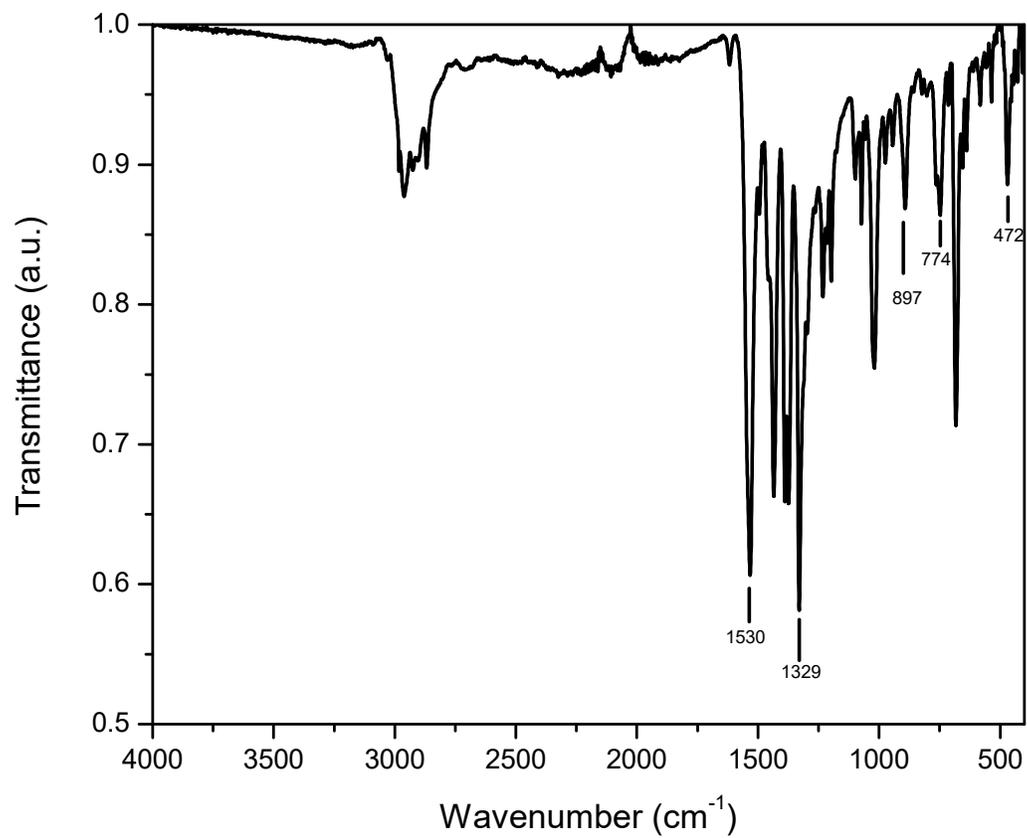
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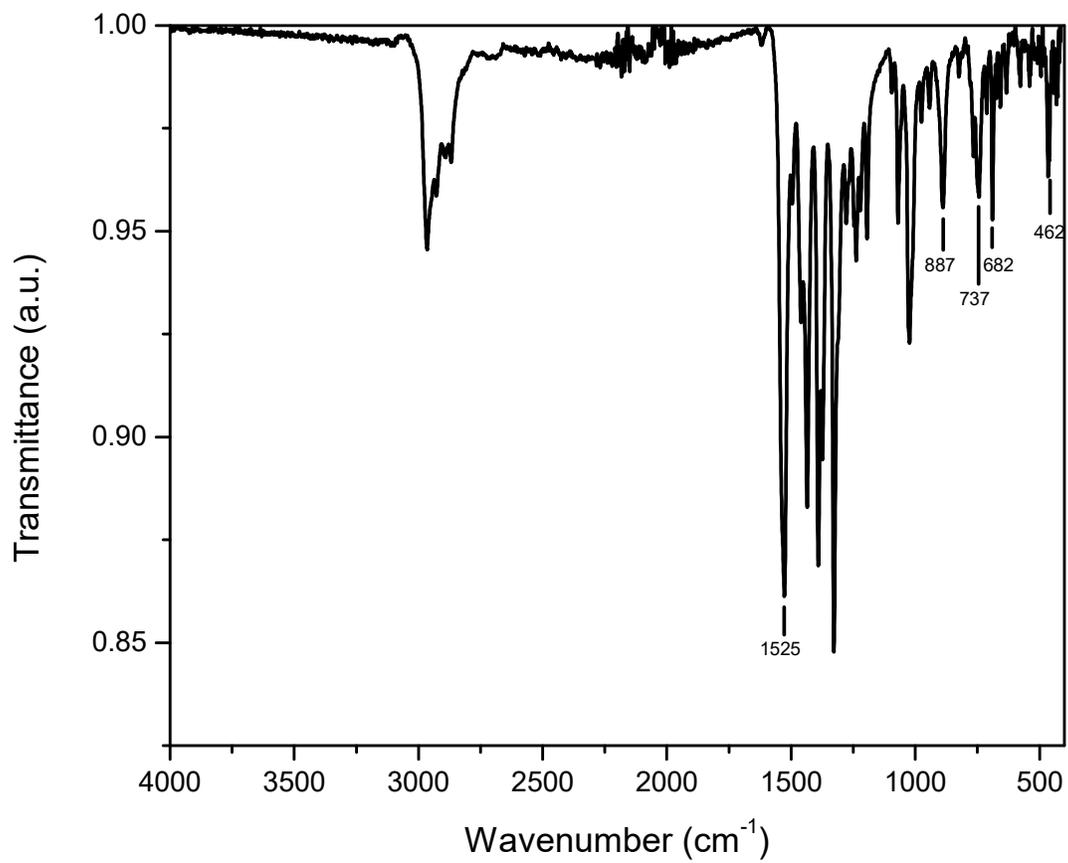
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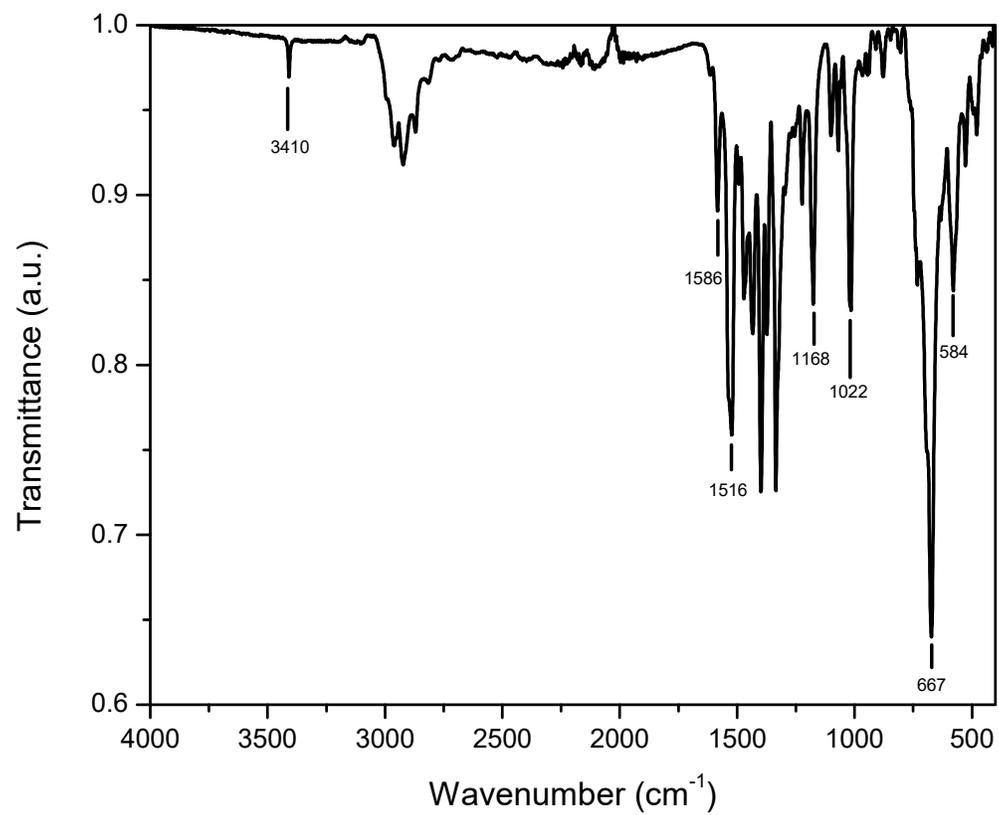
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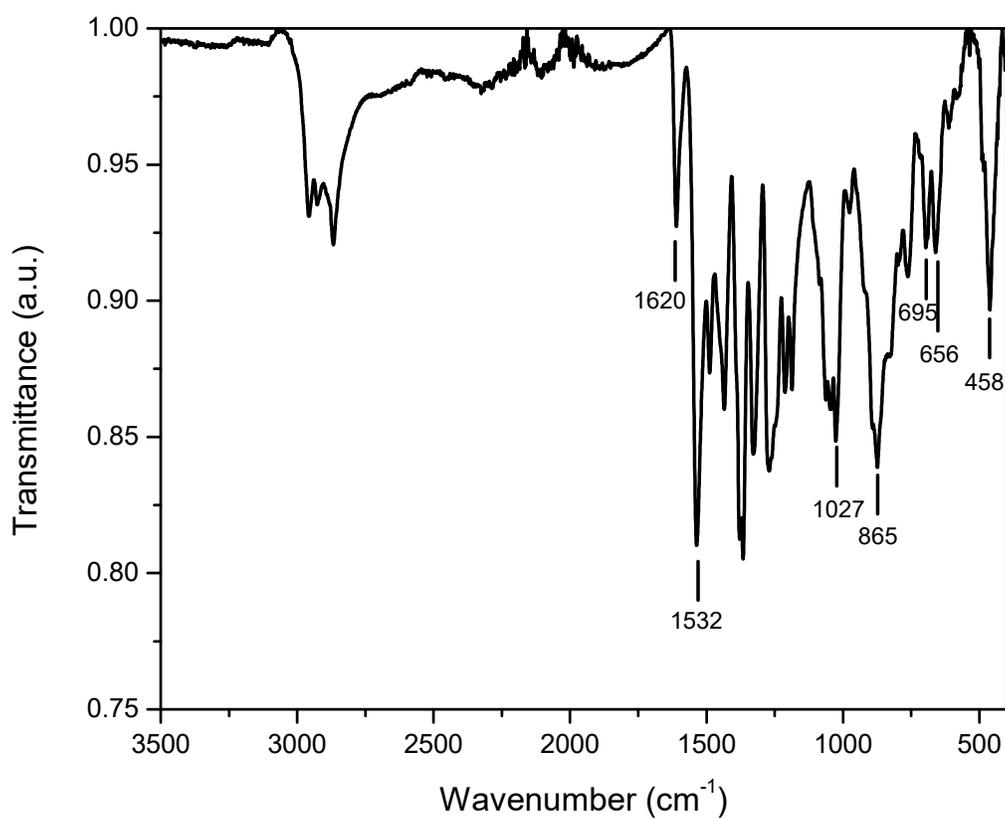
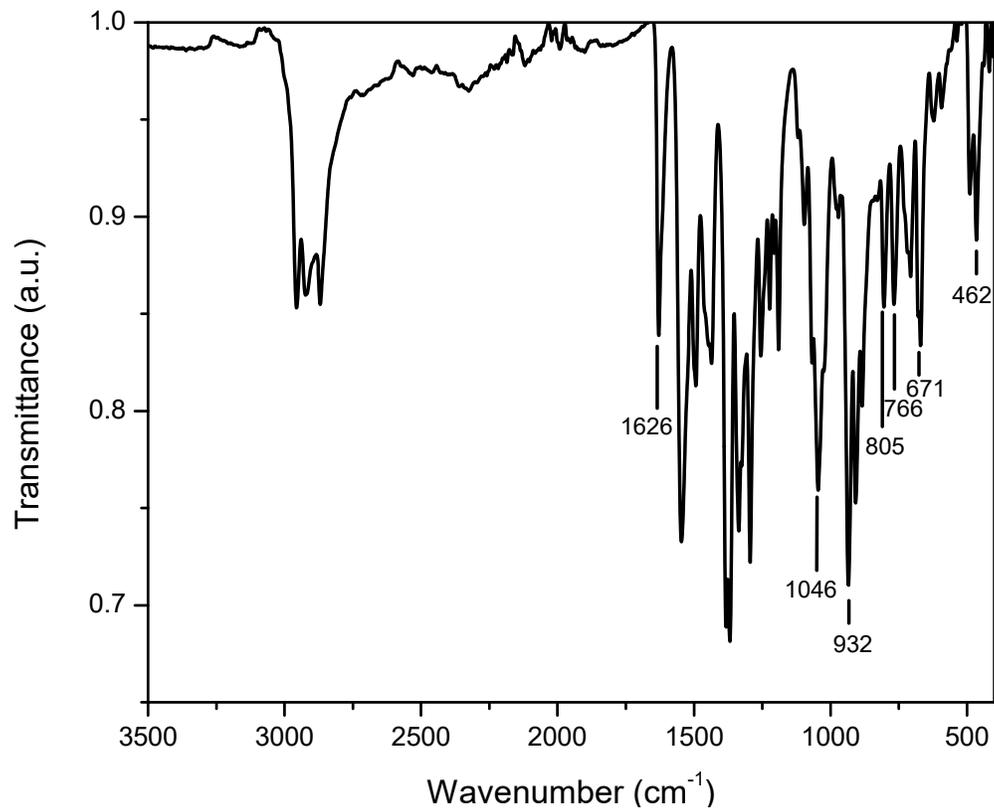
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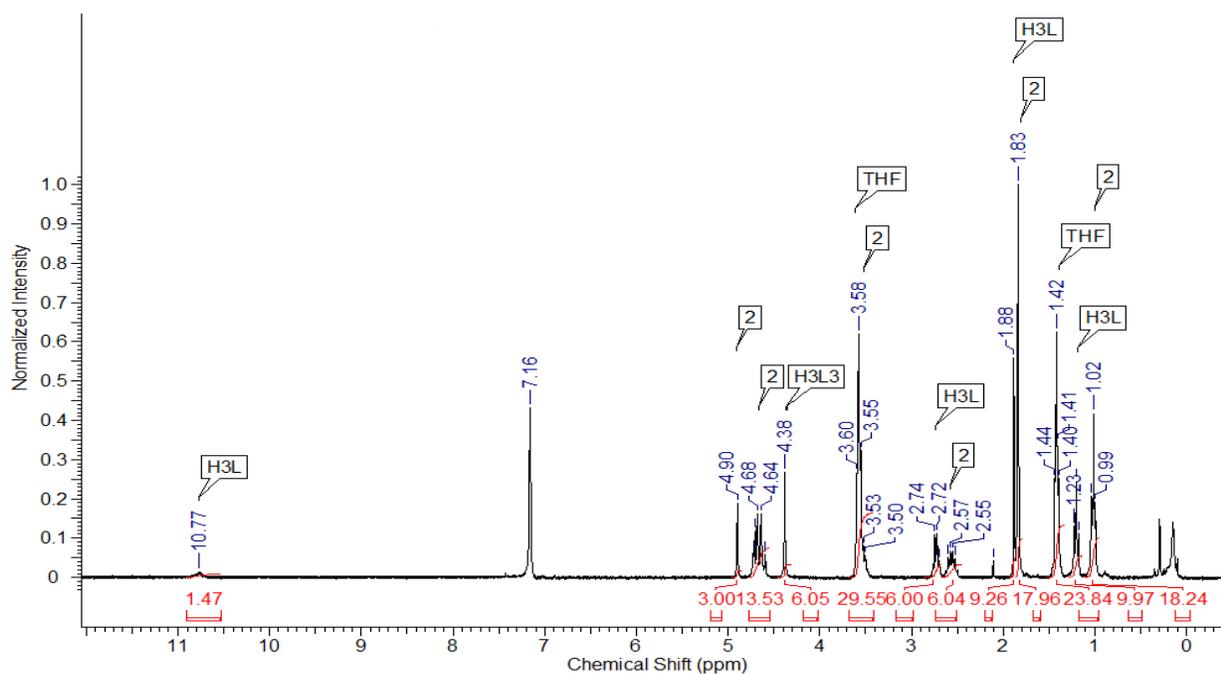
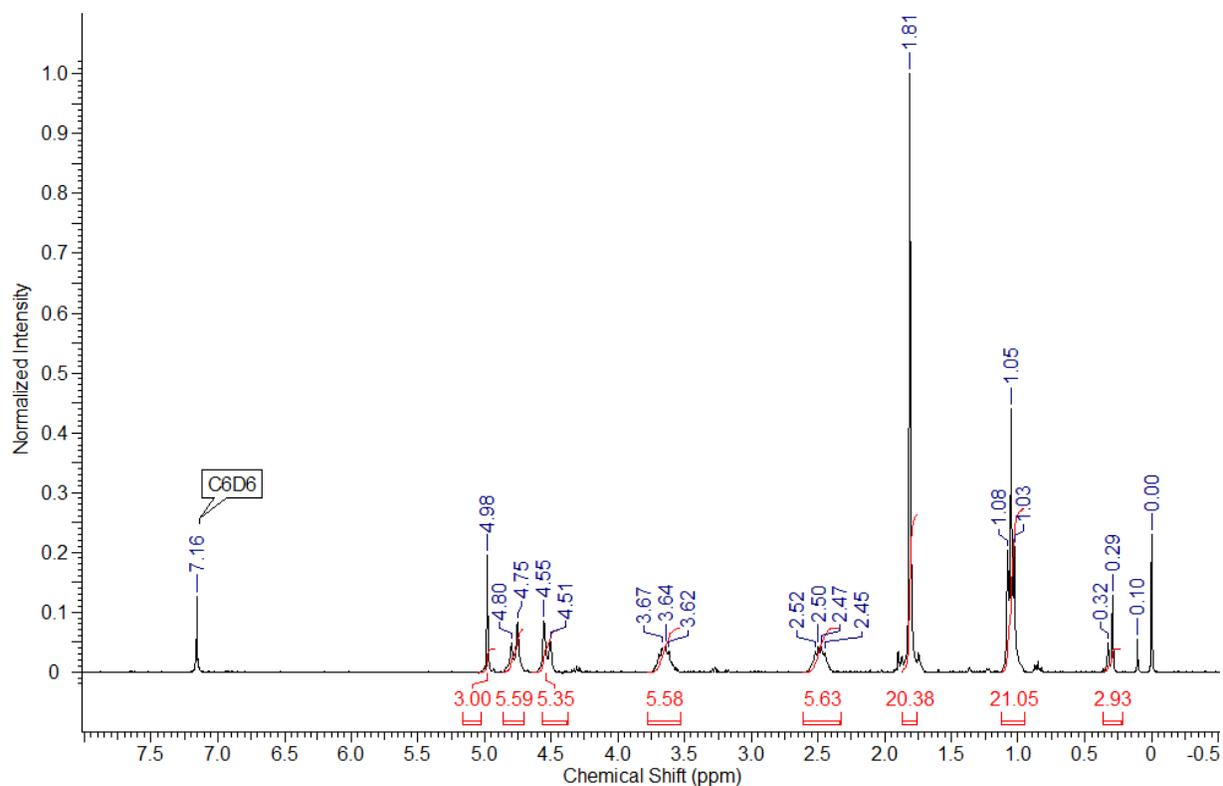
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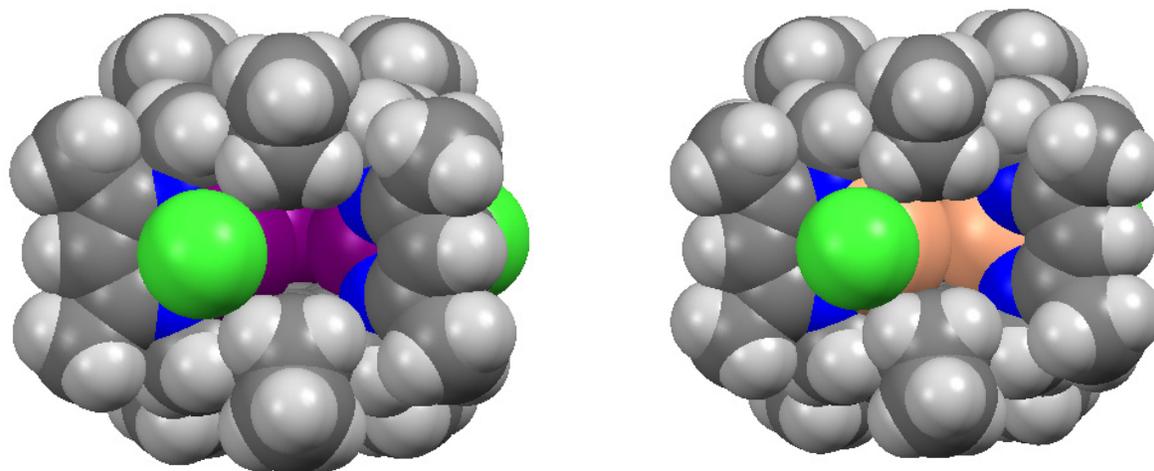
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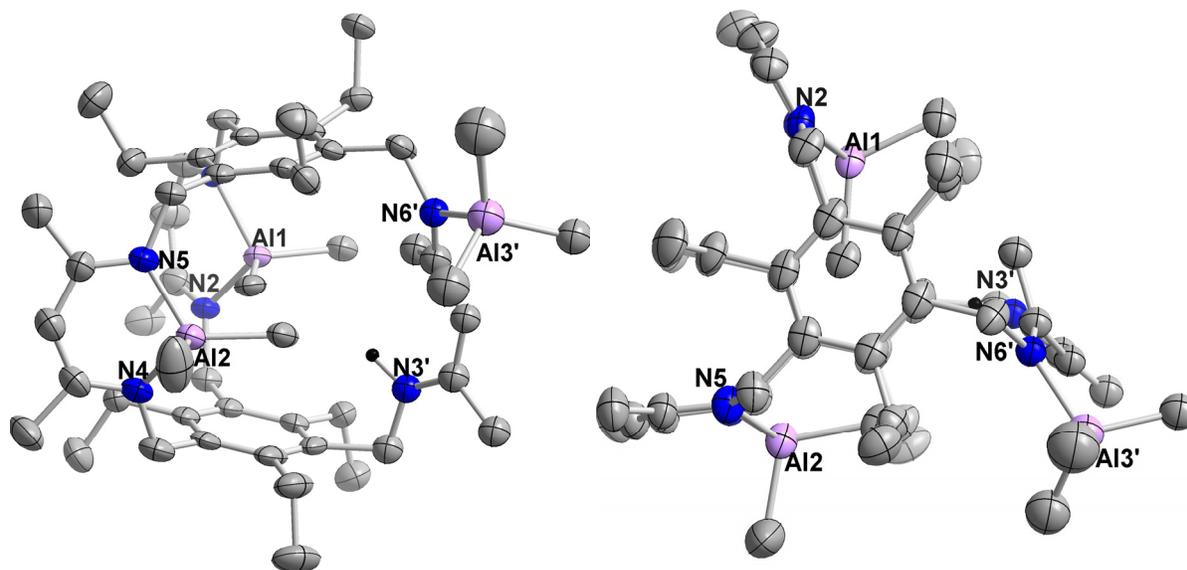
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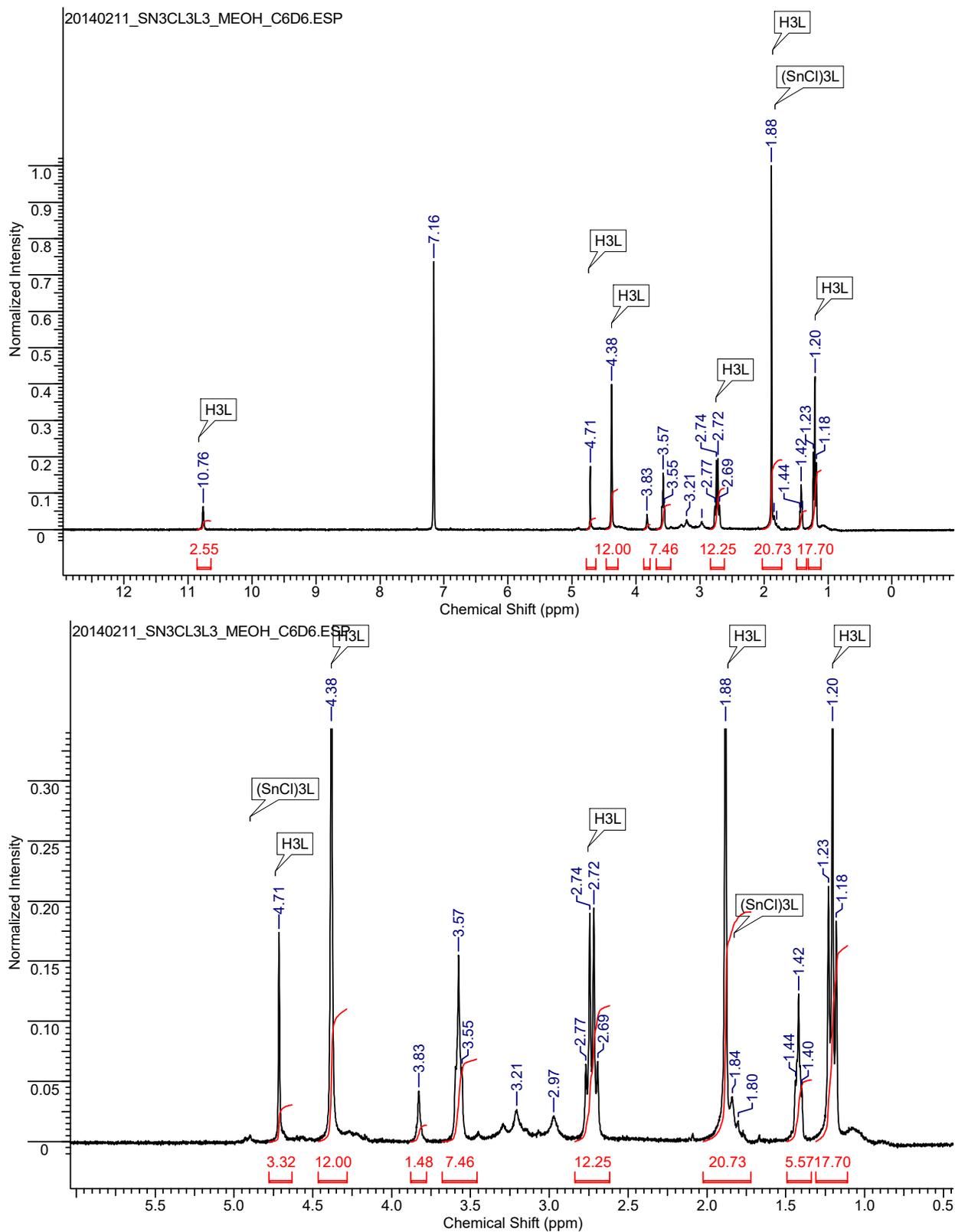
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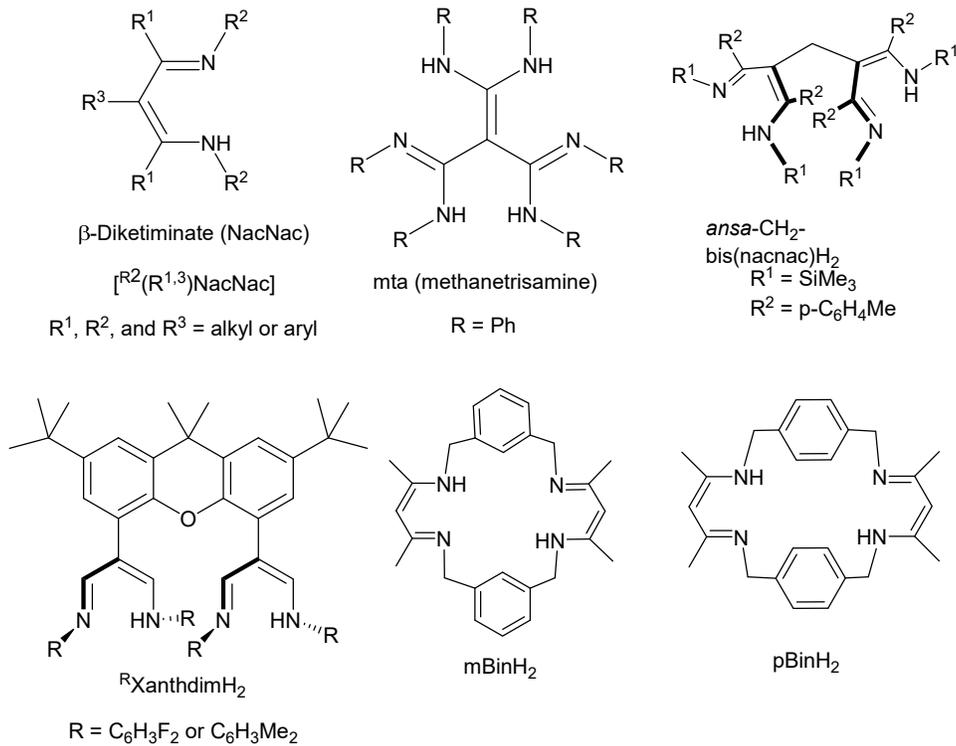


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**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  of product from addition of methanol to **2** recorded in  $d_6$ -benzene at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

Scheme S1. Examples of  $\beta$ -diketiminates used for synthesizing Group 13 and 14 complexes.



**Table S1.** Relevant Bond angles ( $^{\circ}$ ) and distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for divalent  $\beta$ -diketiminate Ge(II) and Sn(II) chloride complexes.

Compound	M-Cl ( $\text{\AA}$ )	M...M ( $\text{\AA}$ )	N-C <sub>nacnac</sub> ( $\text{\AA}$ )	M-N ( $\text{\AA}$ )	N-M-N ( $^{\circ}$ )	M...NCCCN	N-M-Cl ( $^{\circ}$ )	Reference
(Ge-Cl) <sub>2</sub> L (1)	2.3865(2)- 2.3956(2)	4.3227(2)- 4.4440(3)	1.3311(1)- 1.3355(1)	1.9685(1)- 1.9877(1)	90.864(4)- 91.777(4)	0.4421- 0.5182	90.541(4)- 92.308(4)	This work
(Sn-Cl) <sub>2</sub> L (2)	2.5293(2)- 2.5348(2)	3.8971(3)- 4.1911(4)	1.3203(1)- 1.3543(1)	2.1615(2)- 2.1844(1)	86.993(5)- 87.956(5)	0.4934(1)- 0.6465(1)	84.436(5)- 91.004(5)	This work
[ <sup>Mes</sup> (Me)NacNac](Ge-Cl)	2.328(1)		1.330(4)- 1.348(4)	1.958(2)- 1.980(2)	90.44(9)	0.5793(3)	93.39(7)- 96.19(7)	8
[ <sup>Mes</sup> (Me)NacNac](Sn-Cl)	2.468(1)		1.330(5)	2.162(3)	87.4(2)	0.6641(4)	90.52(9)	8
[ <sup>DIP</sup> (Me)NacNac](Ge-Cl)	2.30(1)		1.333(4)- 1.340(4)	1.988(2)- 1.997(3)	90.9(1)	0.558(1)	95.00(8)- 95.60(8)	9
[ <sup>DIP</sup> (Me)NacNac](Sn-Cl)	2.473(9)		1.329(3)- 1.344(3)	2.180(2)- 2.185(2)	85.21(8)	0.648(1)	90.97(6)- 93.47(6)	9
[ <sup>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub></sup> (Me)NacNac](Ge-Cl)	2.340(6)		1.337(2)- 1.338(2)	1.955(2)- 1.965(1)	90.28(6)	0.339(1)	93.55(5)- 94.95(4)	10
[ <sup>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub></sup> (Me)NacNac](Sn-Cl)	2.500(3)		1.34(1)- 1.38(2)	2.170(9)- 2.174(9)	84.9(3)	0.473(8)	90.6(3)- 93.4(2)	11
[ <sup>C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub></sup> (Me)NacNac](Ge-Cl)	2.299(1)		1.335(3)- 1.338(3)	1.998(2)- 2.000(2)	89.01(8)	0.5560(3)	94.50(6)- 98.78(6)	12
[ <sup>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe</sup> (H)NacNac](Ge-Cl)	2.3520(9)		1.317(5)- 1.328(5)	1.985(3)- 1.987(3)	90.3(1)	0.2437(3)	91.65(8)- 96.49(8)	13
[ <sup>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe</sup> (Me)NacNac](Sn-Cl)	2.5051(8)		1.323(3)- 1.334(3)	2.163(2)- 2.168(2)	85.26(7)	0.0809(2)	90.64(5)- 92.07(5)	13
[ <sup>DIP</sup> (t-Bu)NacNac](Ge-Cl)	2.2942(9)		1.328(3)- 1.373(3)	1.939(2)- 2.036(2)	91.99(8)	0.5897(3)	93.70(6)- 95.39(6)	14
[ <sup>DIP</sup> (t-Bu)NacNac](Sn-Cl)	2.443(1)		1.318(2)- 1.352(3)	2.142(2)- 2.224(2)	87.95(7)	0.6479(3)	92.14(6)- 92.74(5)	15
[ <sup>DIP</sup> (Ar)NacNac](Sn-Cl)	2.457(1)		1.317(4)- 1.324(4)	2.182(2)- 2.190(2)	84.50(9)	0.5246(2)	92.76(6)- 92.82(6)	16

Mes = 2,4,6-trimethylbenzene, DIP = 2,6-di-isopropylbenzene, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe = 2-methoxybenzene

**Table S2.** Select bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for  $\beta$ -diketiminato Aluminum complexes.

Compound	Al–Me (Å)	Al...Al (Å)	N–C <sub>nacnac</sub> (Å)	Al–N (Å)	N–Al–N (°)	Al...NCCCN	N–Al–Me (°)	Reference
<b>((AlMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(AlMe<sub>3</sub>H)L (3)</b>	1.953(3)– 1.990(8)	5.7611(2)– 7.8371(2)	1.332(4)– 1.341(4)	1.928(3)– 1.991(7)	97.191(1)– 98.581(1)	0.5503– 0.8611	110.406(1)– 118.960(1)	This work
[ <sup>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub></sup> (Me)NacNac](AlMe <sub>2</sub> )	1.951(2)– 1.961(2)		1.340(2)	1.921(1)	93.94(6)	0.0679(5)	108.56(7)– 111.55(7)	4724k
[ <sup>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>Me<sub>2</sub></sup> (Me)NacNac](AlMe <sub>2</sub> )	1.960(3)– 1.964(2)		1.330(3)– 1.337(3)	1.912(2)– 1.917(2)	95.25(8)	0.1027(6)	111.68(9)– 114.07(9)	4824f
[ <sup>p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Me</sup> (Me)NacNac](AlMe <sub>2</sub> )	1.954(4)– 1.961(4)		1.332(5)– 1.336(5)	1.908(3)– 1.905(3)	94.7(1)	0.310(1)	109.6(2)– 112.6(1)	4924g
[ <sup>p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl</sup> (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )NacNac](AlMe <sub>2</sub> )	1.951(2)– 1.961(2)		1.335(2)– 1.342(2)	1.917(2)– 1.927(1)	94.94(6)	0.4601(5)	108.63(8)– 111.73(8)	5024d
[ <sup>R,R</sup> -(CH)MePh(Me)NacNac](AlMe <sub>2</sub> )	1.952(2)– 1.967(3)		1.317(2)– 1.324(2)	1.916(2)– 1.922(2)	94.96(7)	0.8411(5)	107.2(1)– 116.2(1)	244i
[Me(Me)NacNac](AlMe <sub>2</sub> )	1.964(3)		1.318(3)	1.893(2)	95.79(8)	0	111.48(3)	224h
[ <sup>t</sup> -Bu(Me)NacNac](AlMe <sub>2</sub> )	1.985(3)		1.325(4)	1.933(2)	101.86(9)	0	108.0(1)– 109.5(1)	224h
[DIP(Me)NacNac](AlMe <sub>2</sub> )	1.963(3)– 1.971(3)		1.338(3)– 1.345(2)	1.919(2)– 1.942(2)	96.14(8)	0.728(2)	107.3(1)– 114.5(1)	234e
<b>pBin(AlMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub></b>	1.961(2)– 1.970(2)	7.555(1)	1.334(1)– 1.336(1)	1.334(1)– 1.336(1)	95.36(4)– 95.98(4)	0.6258(4)– 0.6503(4)	108.60(2)– 112.04(3)	24b
<b>mBin(AlMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub></b>	1.973(1)	5.7631(5)	1.333(2)– 1.334(2)	1.9019(9)– 1.902(1)	96.05(4)	0.2054(3)	110.21(5)– 112.99(6)	24b
[ <b>ansa-CH<sub>2</sub>-bis(nacnac)</b> ](AlMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.956(3)– 1.971(4)	6.010(2)	1.333(4)– 1.363(4)	1.333(4)– 1.363(4)	91.8(1)	1.1367(9)	106.1(1)– 123.6(1)	254c
[ <sup>Me<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub></sup> Xanthdim](AlMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.943(3)– 1.954(3)	6.935(1)	1.310(3)– 1.330(3)	1.917(2)– 1.936(2)	92.96(9)– 94.10(9)	0.2184(8)– 0.412(8)	106.5(1)– 118.2(1)	264i
[ <sup>F<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub></sup> Xanthdim](AlMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.950(5)– 1.9609(5)	6.327(2)	1.317(6)– 1.347(5)	1.933(4)– 1.955(4)	91.6(2)–92.1(2)	0.517(2)– 0.544(2)	104.4(2)– 117.8(2)	264i
[ <b>mta</b> ](AlMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.967(2)– 1.980(2)	5.740(1)	1.330(2)– 1.361(2)	1.896(1)– 1.927(1)	91.44(5)– 92.39(6)	0.6833(5)– 0.7958(5)	106.49(7)– 115.91(8)	24a7

C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>Me<sub>2</sub> = 2,6-dimethylbenzene, p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Me = 4-methylbenzene, p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl = 4-chlorobenzene, DIP = 2,6-diisopropylbenzene

**Table S3.** Summary of crystallographic details for (GeCl)<sub>3</sub>L (1).

Identification code	murr14	
Empirical formula	C <sub>66</sub> H <sub>84</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> Ge <sub>3</sub> N <sub>6</sub>	
Formula weight	1285.51	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	C 2/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 44.808(3) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 18.1308(13) Å	β = 100.8793(12)°.
	c = 15.9563(11) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	12730.0(15) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.341 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	1.578 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	5352	
Crystal size	0.235 x 0.183 x 0.070 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	0.925 to 27.499°.	
Index ranges	-57 ≤ h ≤ 58, -23 ≤ k ≤ 23, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20	
Reflections collected	120311	
Independent reflections	14650 [R(int) = 0.0335]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	100.0 %	
Absorption correction	Integration	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9062 and 0.7933	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	14650 / 0 / 682	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.041	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0304, wR2 = 0.0814	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0395, wR2 = 0.0853	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.828 and -0.879 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

$$R1 = \frac{\sum(|F_o| - |F_c|)}{\sum|F_o|}$$

$$wR2 = \left[ \frac{\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]}{\sum[w(F_o^2)^2]} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$S = \left[ \frac{\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]}{(n-p)} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (m^*p)^2 + n^*p], p = [\max(F_o^2, 0) + 2 * F_c^2]/3, m \text{ \& n are constants.}$$

**Table S4.** Summary of crystallographic details for (SnCl)<sub>3</sub>L (**2**).

Identification code	jess16	
Empirical formula	C <sub>61</sub> H <sub>95</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Sn <sub>3</sub>	
Formula weight	1438.84	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P -1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 16.0779(16) Å	α = 85.9477(17)°.
	b = 18.9798(19) Å	β = 82.3548(16)°.
	c = 22.291(2) Å	γ = 76.8208(16)°.
Volume	6558.4(11) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.457 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	1.304 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	2944	
Crystal size	? x ? x ? mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	0.922 to 27.499°.	
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 20, -24 ≤ k ≤ 23, -28 ≤ l ≤ 28	
Reflections collected	52355	
Independent reflections	29170 [R(int) = 0.0793]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	97.9 %	
Absorption correction	Analytical	
Max. and min. transmission	0.8491 and 0.7339	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	29170 / 0 / 1051	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.877	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0477, wR2 = 0.1065 [17287]	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0824, wR2 = 0.1159	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.681 and -1.487 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

$$R1 = \frac{\sum(|F_o| - |F_c|)}{\sum|F_o|}$$

$$wR2 = \left[ \frac{\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]}{\sum[w(F_o^2)^2]} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$S = \left[ \frac{\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]}{(n-p)} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (m^*p)^2 + n^*p], p = [\max(F_o^2, 0) + 2^* F_c^2]/3, m \text{ \& n are constants.}$$

**Table S5.** Summary of crystallographic details for (AlMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(AlMe<sub>3</sub>)HL (**3**).

Identification code	murr6	
Empirical formula	C <sub>66</sub> H <sub>100</sub> Al <sub>3</sub> N <sub>6</sub>	
Formula weight	1058.46	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2(1)/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 19.0700(5) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 14.1602(4) Å	β = 90.647(2)°.
	c = 24.3189(7) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	6566.5(3) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.071 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.834 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	2308	
Crystal size	? x ? x ? mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.61 to 66.48°.	
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 22, -16 ≤ k ≤ 16, -28 ≤ l ≤ 28	
Reflections collected	56828	
Independent reflections	11275 [R(int) = 0.0659]	
Completeness to theta = 66.48°	97.4 %	
Absorption correction	Integration	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9749 and 0.8895	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	11275 / 0 / 553	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.035	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0803, wR2 = 0.2110 [9197]	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0906, wR2 = 0.2167	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.908 and -0.566 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

$$R1 = \sum(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum|F_o|$$

$$wR2 = [\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum[w(F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2}$$

$$S = [\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (n-p)]^{1/2}$$

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (m^*p)^2 + n^*p], p = [\max(F_o^2, 0) + 2 * F_c^2] / 3, m \& n \text{ are constants.}$$

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