

Ligand Binding Constants to Lithium Hexamethyldisilazide (LiHMDS) Determined by Diffusion-ordered NMR Spectroscopy (DOSY)

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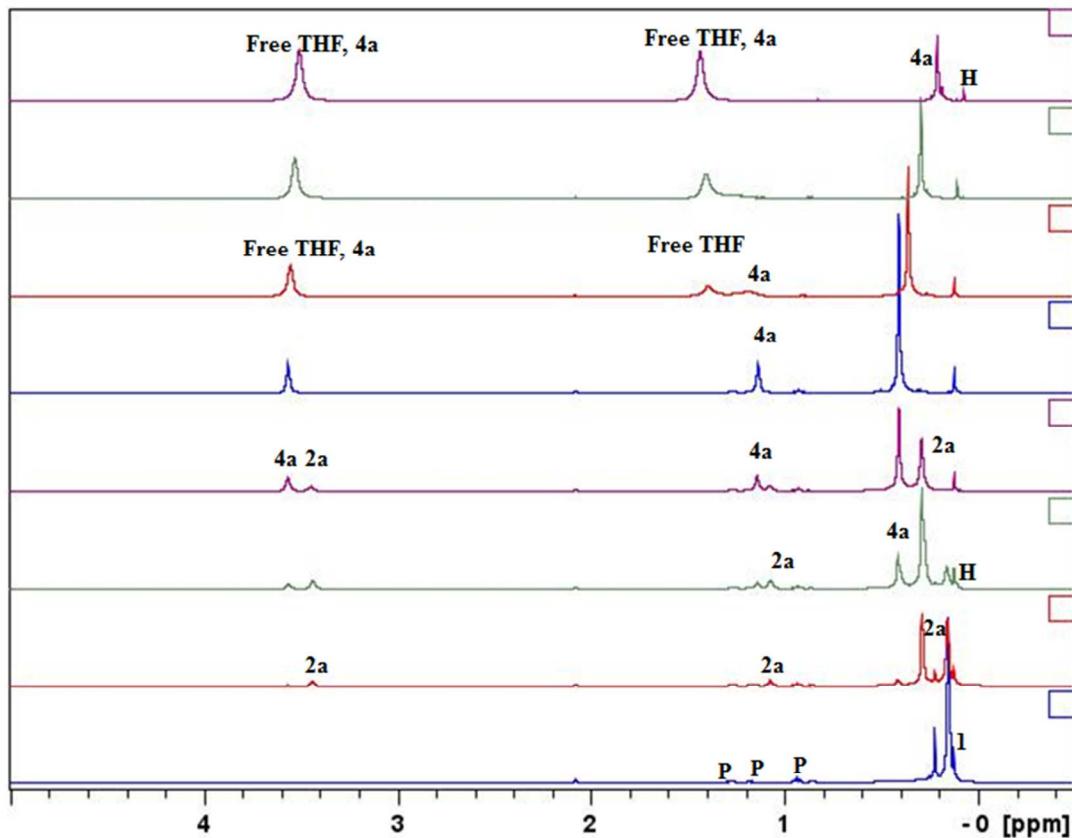


Figure S1. ^1H NMR titration of THF into a solution of un-solvated LiHMDS in tol-d_8 at -60°C . From bottom to top, ^1H NMR of addition of 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 2.5, 4.5 and 10 eq. of THF into 1 eq. **I** in tol-d_8 . P and H denotes pentane and HMDS, respectively.

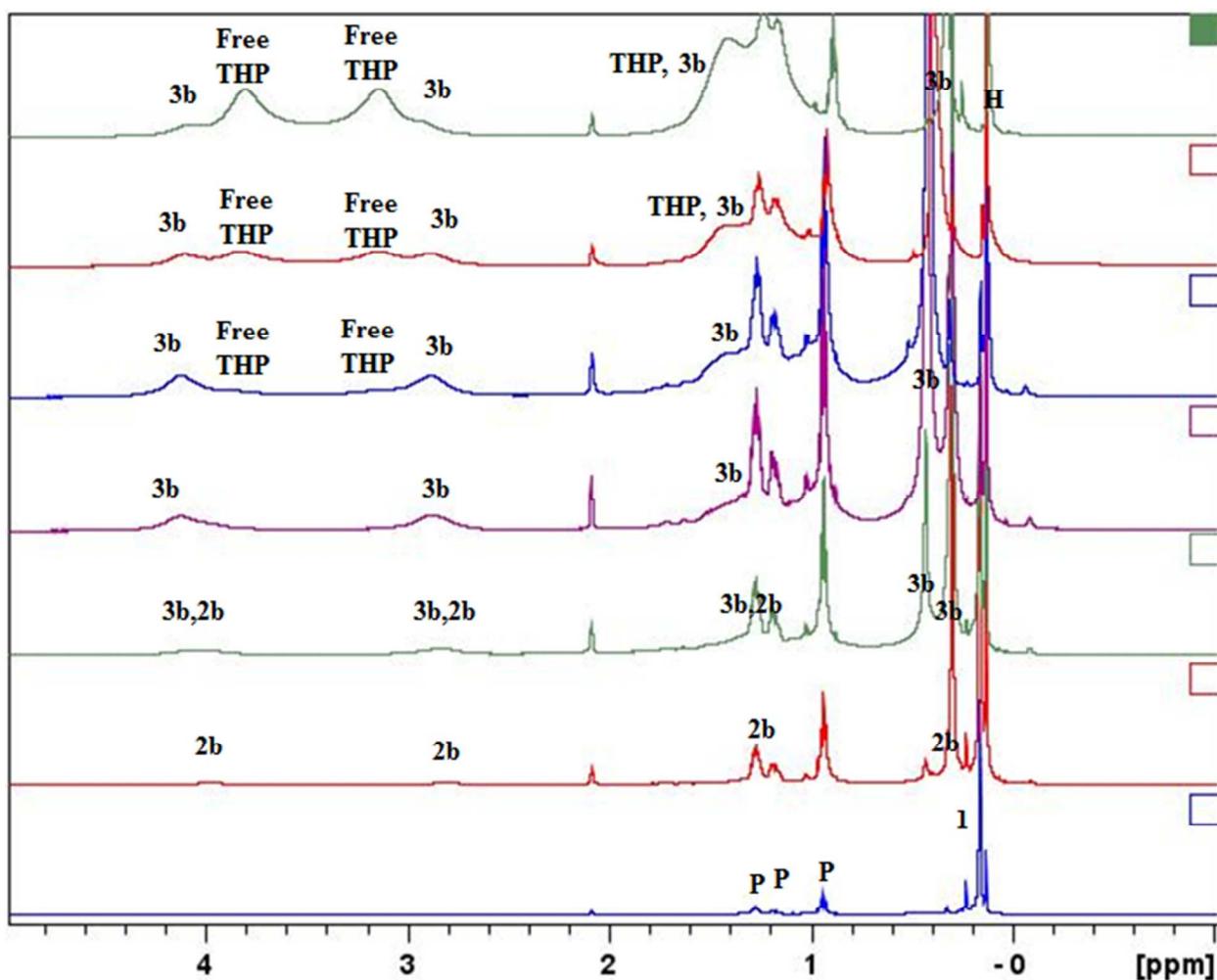


Figure S2. ^1H NMR titration of THP into a solution of un-solvated LiHMDS 1 in tol-d_8 at -60°C . From bottom to top, ^1H NMR of addition of 0, 0.34, 0.45, 0.76, 1.25, 3, and 5 eq. of THP into 1 eq. 1 in tol-d_8 . P and H denotes pentane and HMDS, respectively.

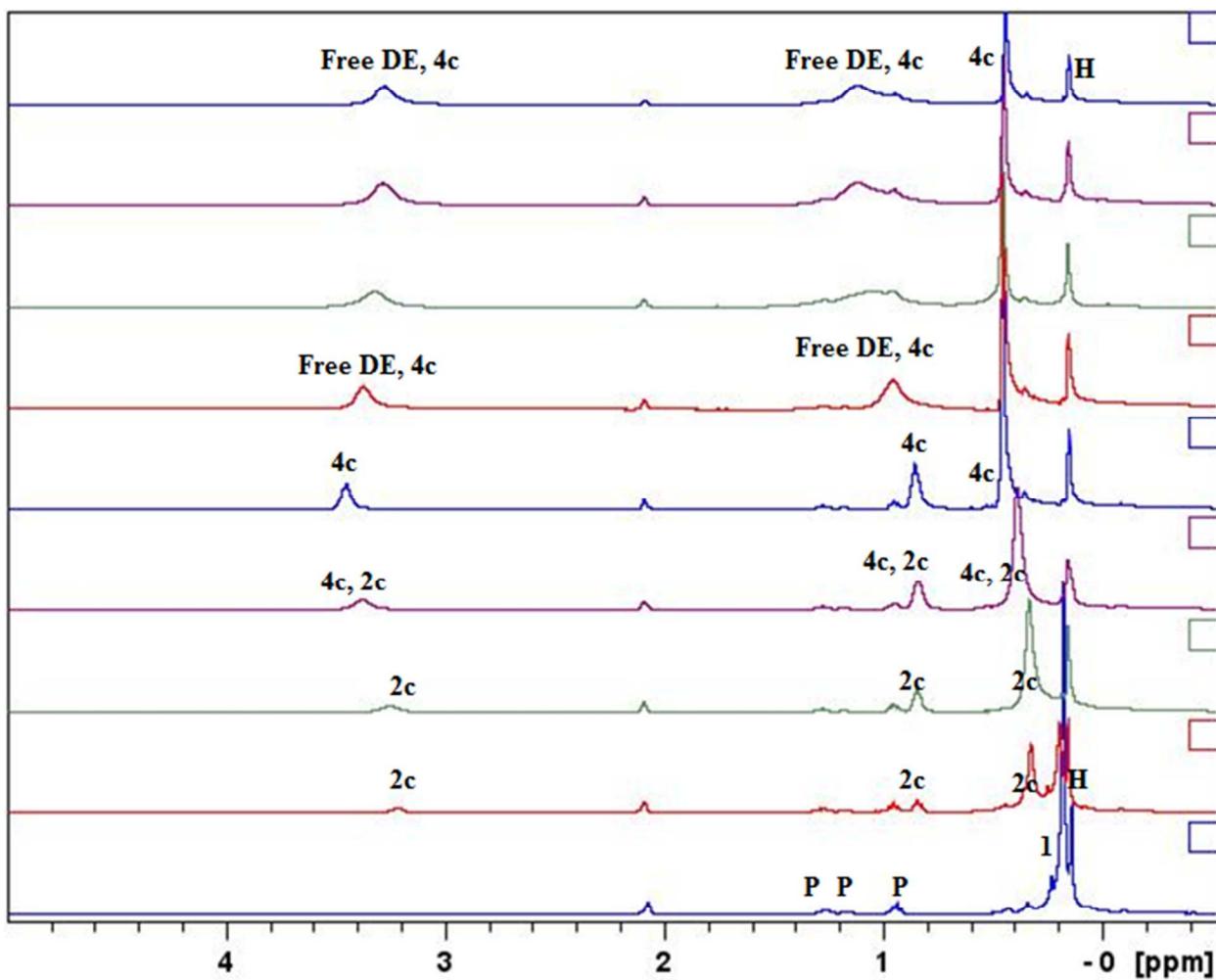


Figure S3. ^1H NMR titration of diethyl ether into a solution of unsolvated LiHMDS in tol-d_8 at -60°C . From bottom to top, ^1H NMR of addition of 0, 0.16, 0.42, 0.57, 0.93, 1.7, 2.5 and 2.7 eq. of diethyl ether into 1 eq. 1 in tol-d_8 . P and H denotes pentane and HMDS, respectively.

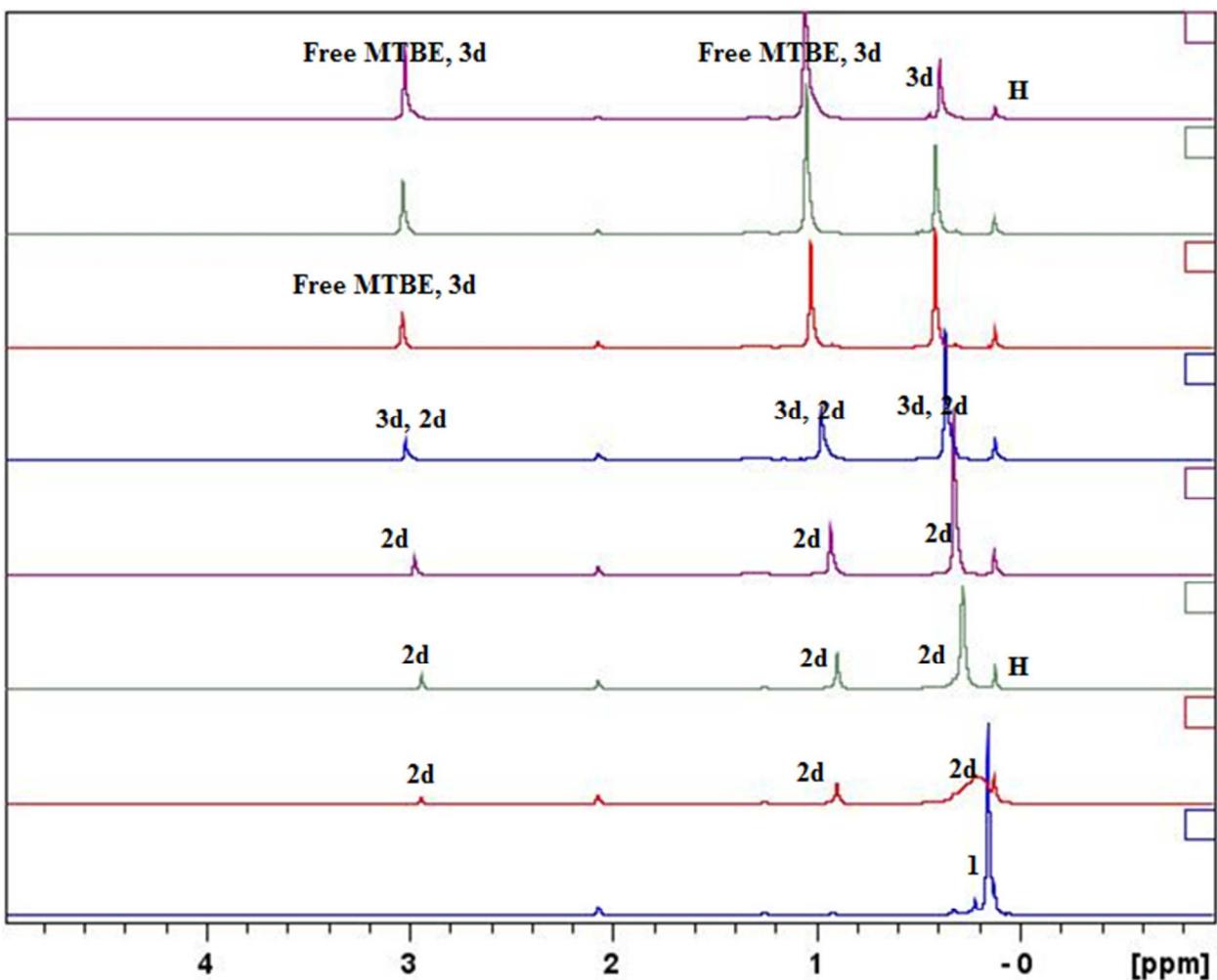


Figure S4. ^1H NMR titration of MTBE into a solution of unsolvated LiHMDS in tol-d_8 at -60°C . From bottom to top, ^1H NMR of addition of 0, 0.19, 0.57, 0.78, 1.8, 3.5, and 7.7 eq. of MTBE into 1 eq. **1** in tol-d_8 . P and H denotes pentane and HMDS, respectively.

LHMDS THF X-60

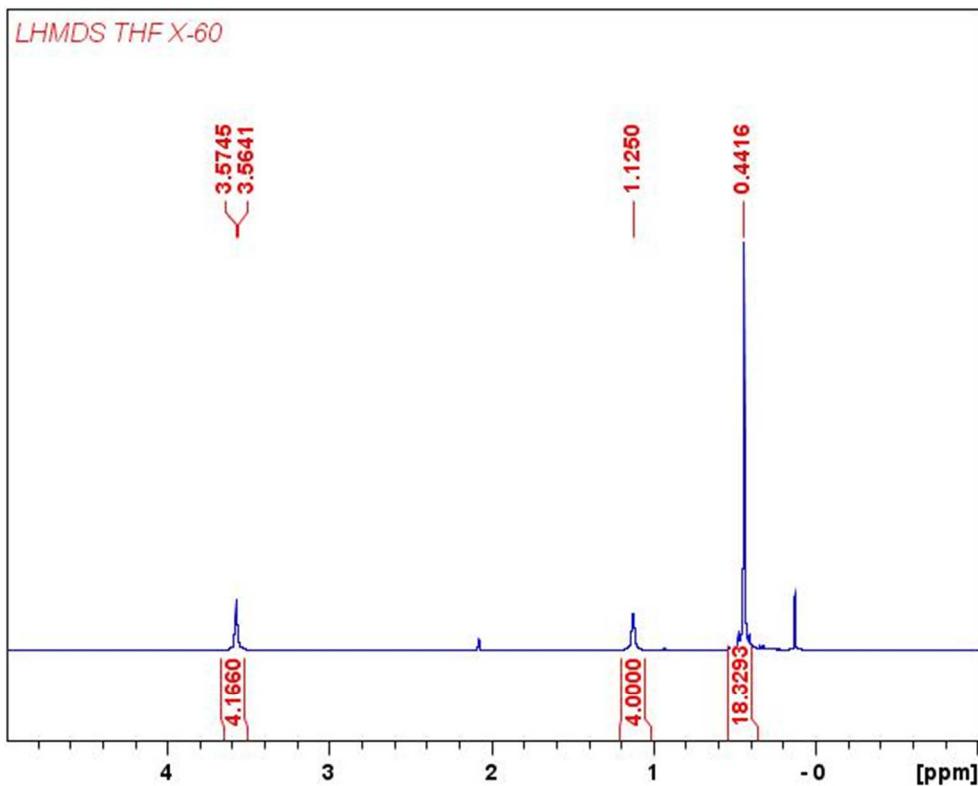


Figure S5. ¹H NMR of [(LiHMDS)·THF]2 complex 3a crystals dissolved in tol-d8 at -60°C.

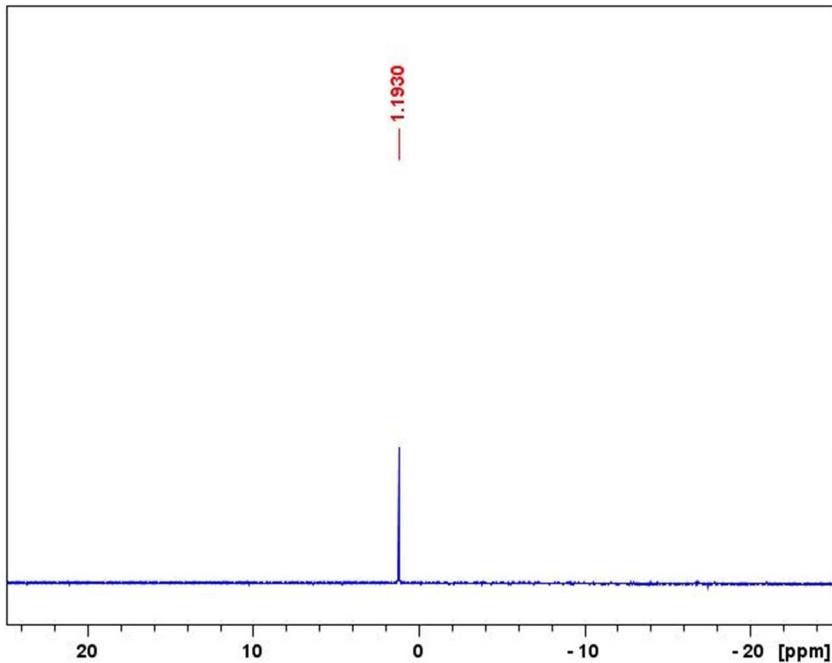


Figure S6. ⁶Li NMR of [(LiHMDS)·THF]2 complex 3a crystals dissolved in tol-d8 at -60°C.

LHMDS-THP Xtals -60

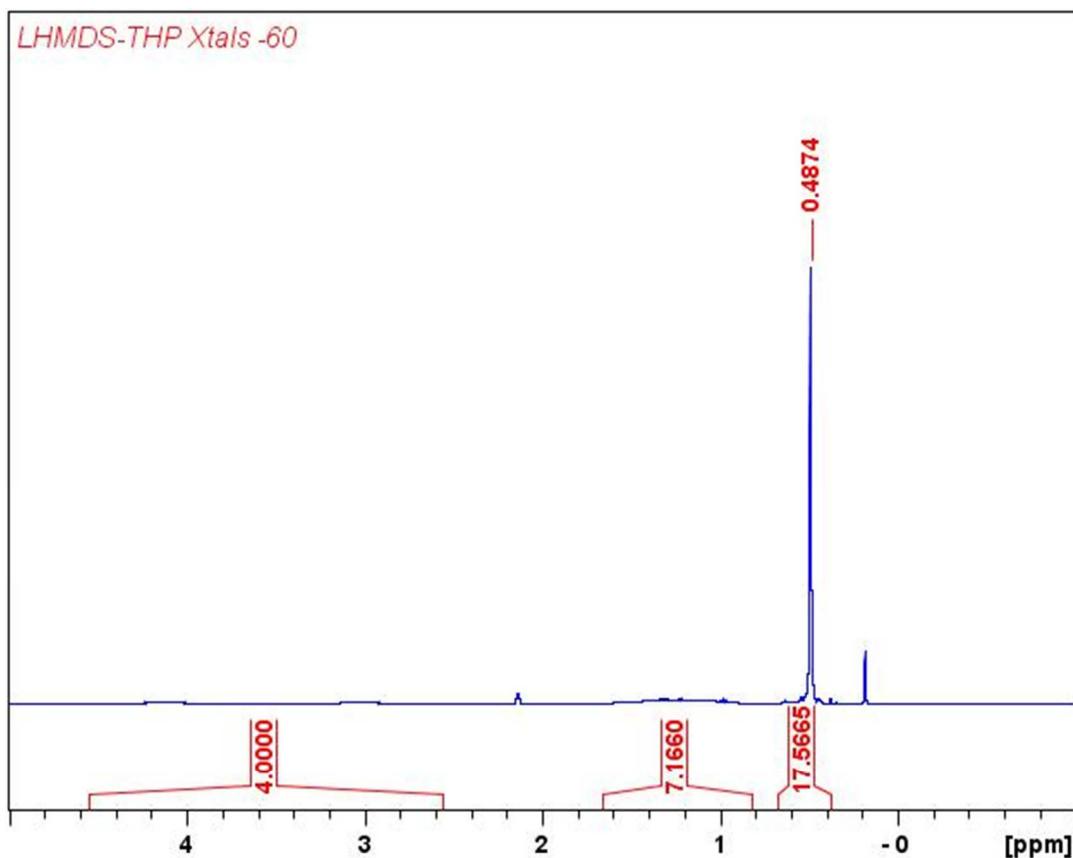


Figure S7. ¹H NMR (500 MHz) of [(LiHMDS)·THP]₂ complex **3b** crystals dissolved in tol-d8 at -60°C .

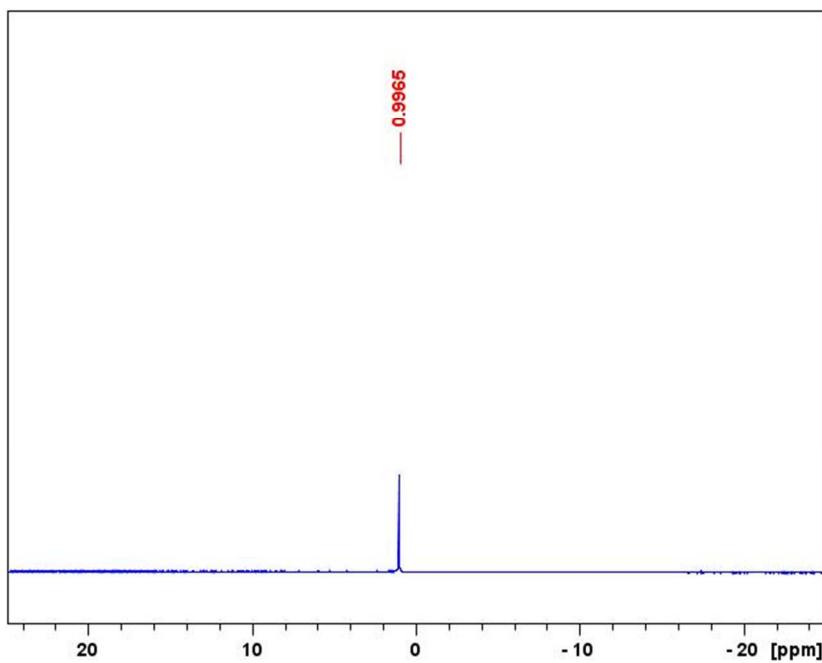


Figure S8. ⁶Li NMR of [(LiHMDS)·THP]₂ complex **3b** crystals dissolved in tol-d8 at -60°C.

LHMDS MTB Xtals -60

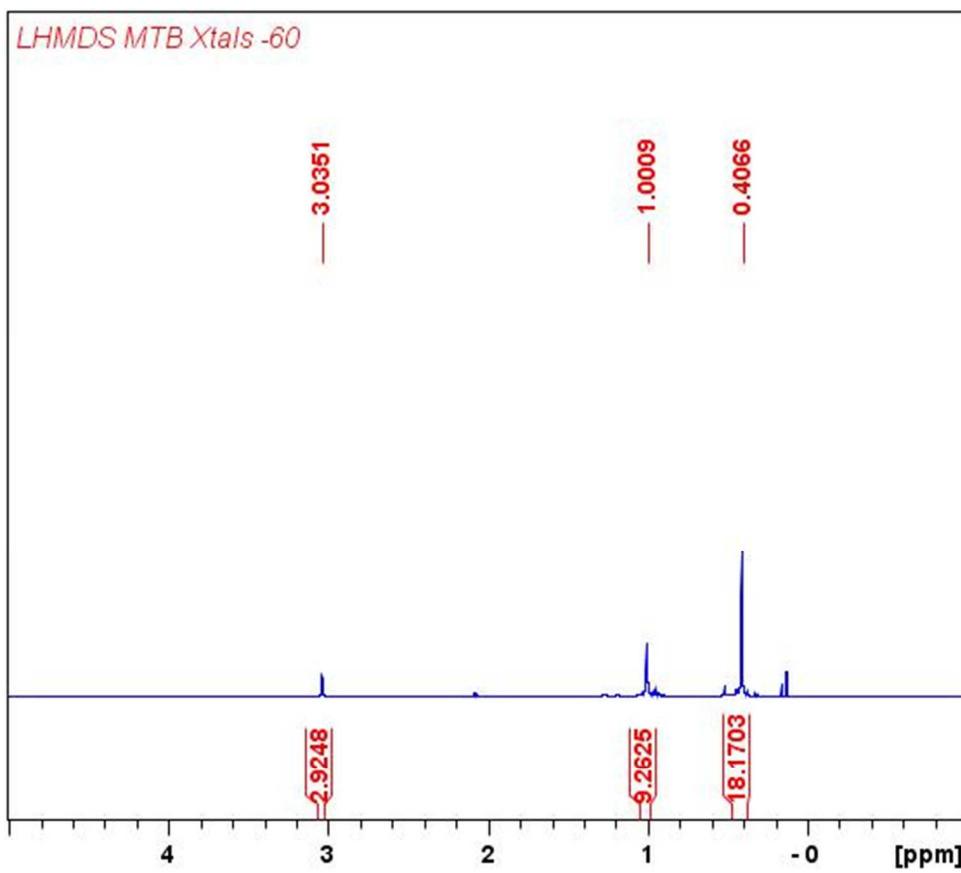


Figure S9. ¹H NMR of [(LiHMDs)·MTBE]2 complex 3d crystals dissolved in tol-d8 at -60°C .

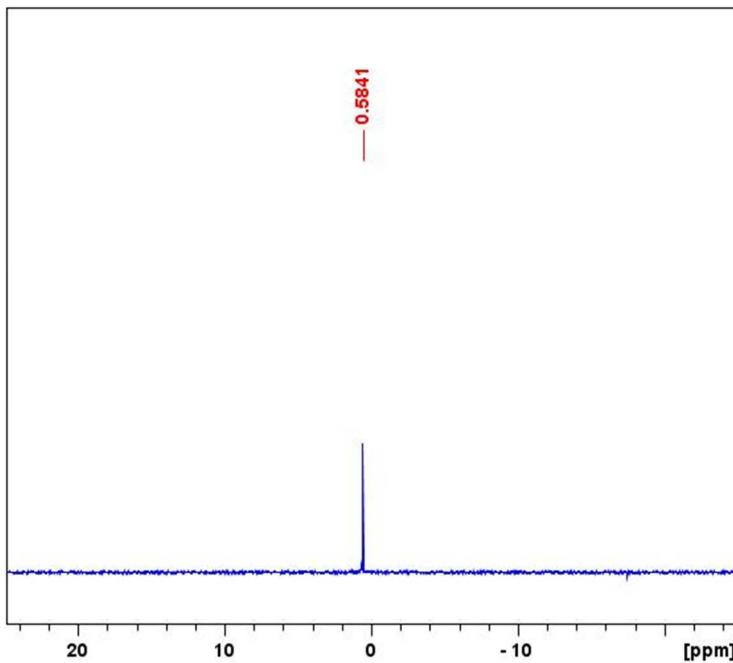


Figure S10. ⁶Li NMR of [(LiHMDs)·MTBE]2 complex 3d crystals dissolved in tol-d8 at -60°C.

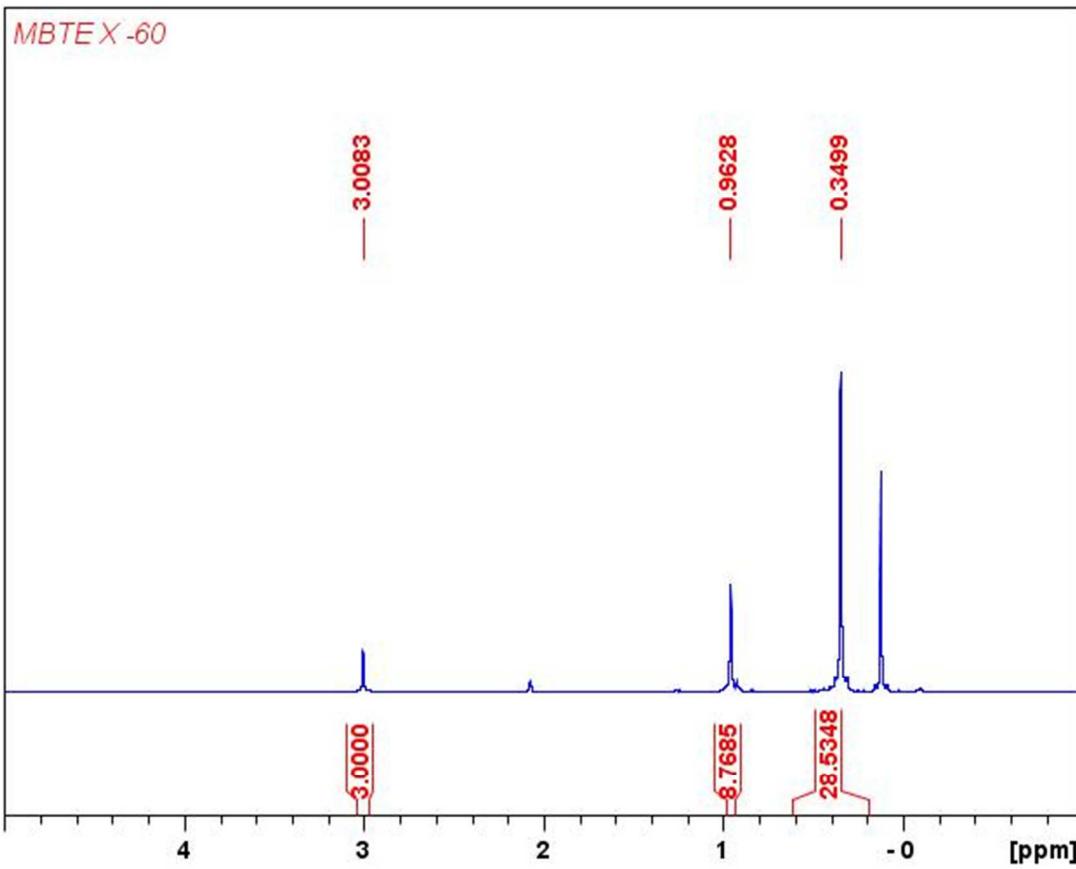


Figure S11. ^1H NMR of (LiHMDS_2) \cdot (MTBE) complex **2d** crystals (containing slight excess MTBE) dissolved in tol-d_8 at -60°C .

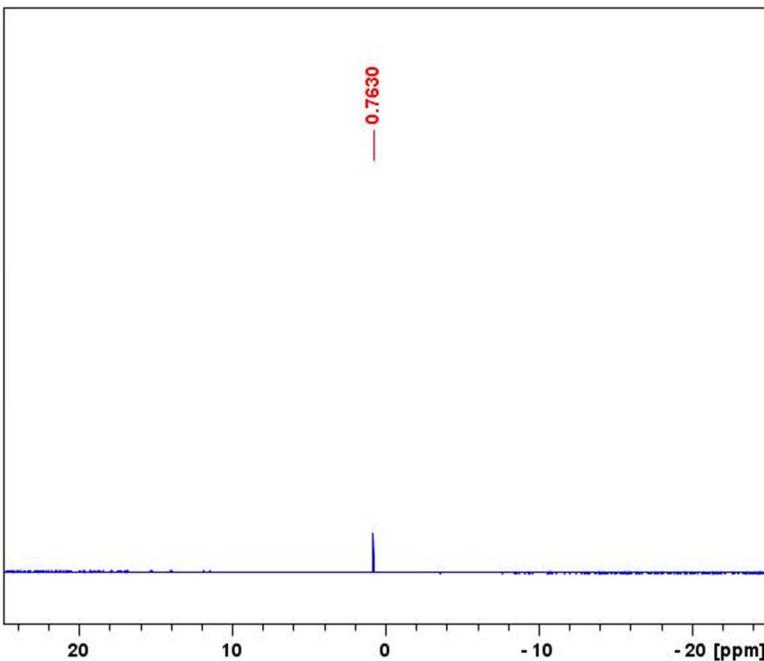


Figure S12. ^6Li NMR of (LiHMDS_2) \cdot (MTBE) complex **2d** crystals dissolved in tol-d_8 at -60°C .

Figure S13. ^1H DOSY spectra of LiHMDS solution with 0.4 eq. THF in Tol-d8 at -60 °C.

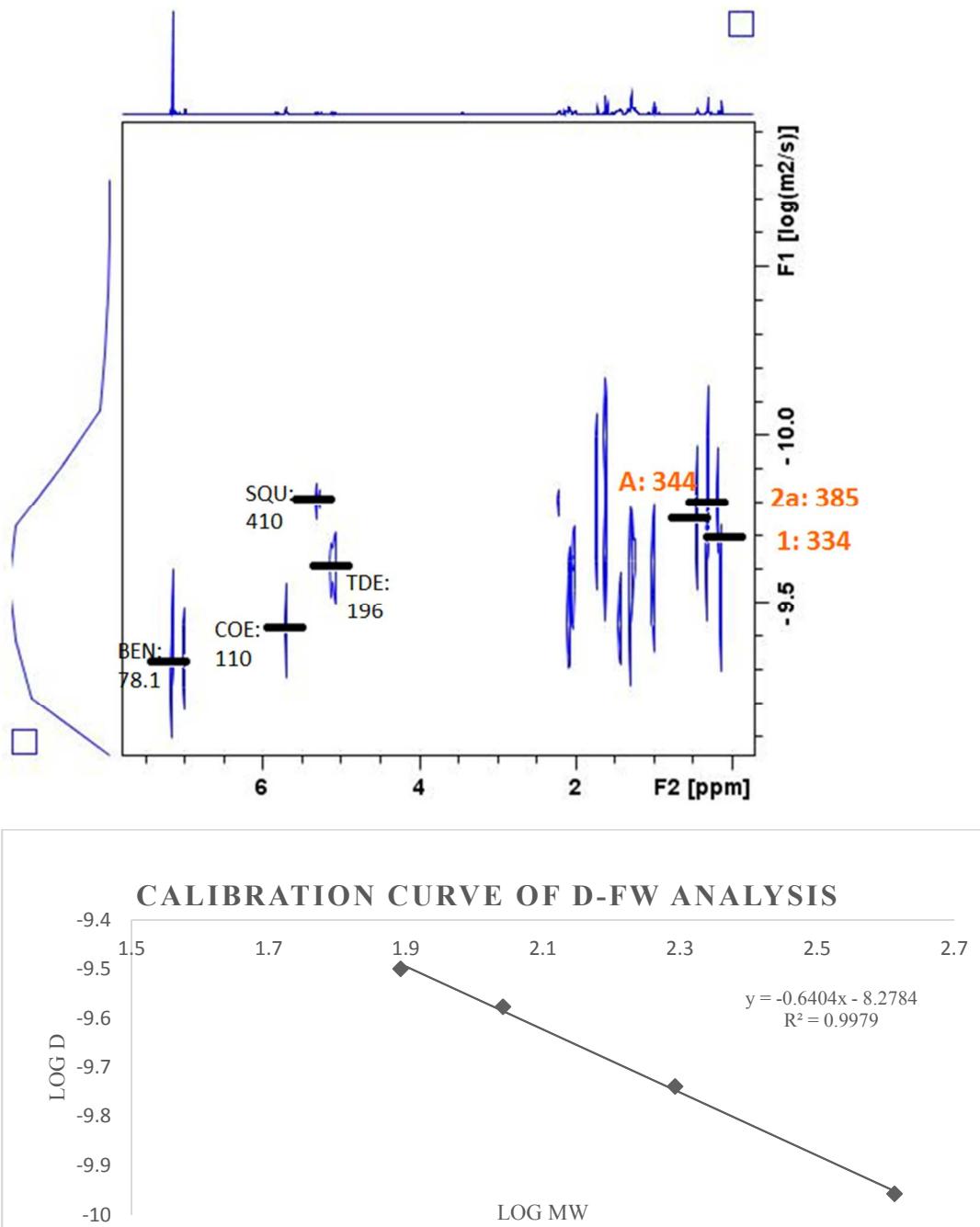


Figure S14. Calibration curve of D-FW Analysis of Table 1.

Figure S15. ^1H DOSY spectra of of LiHMDS solution with 1 eq. THF in Tol-d8 at -60 °C.

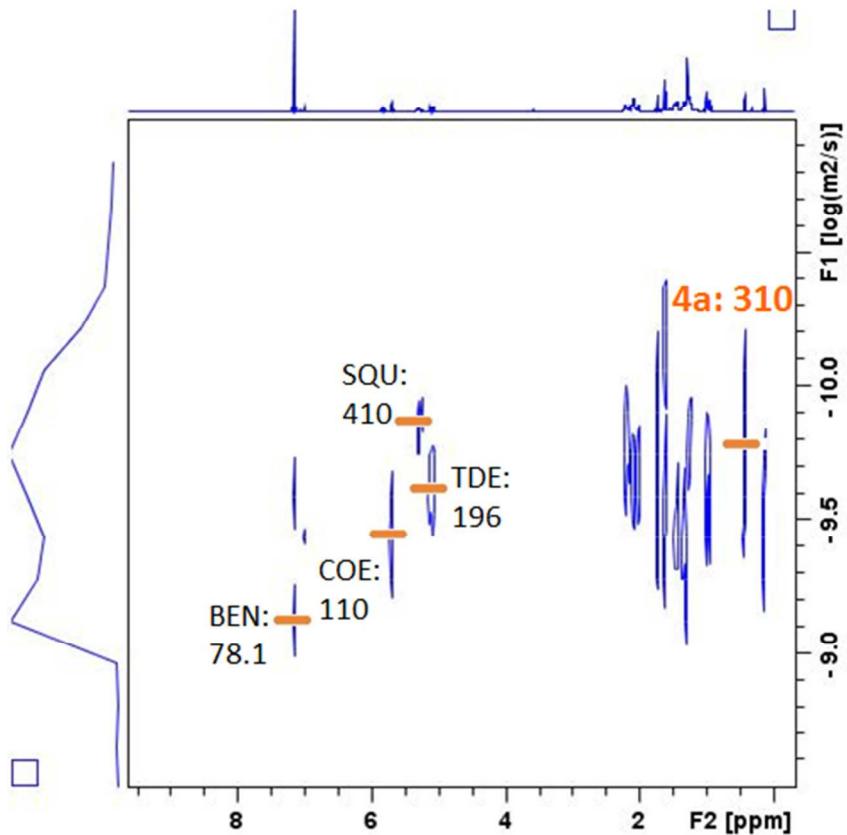


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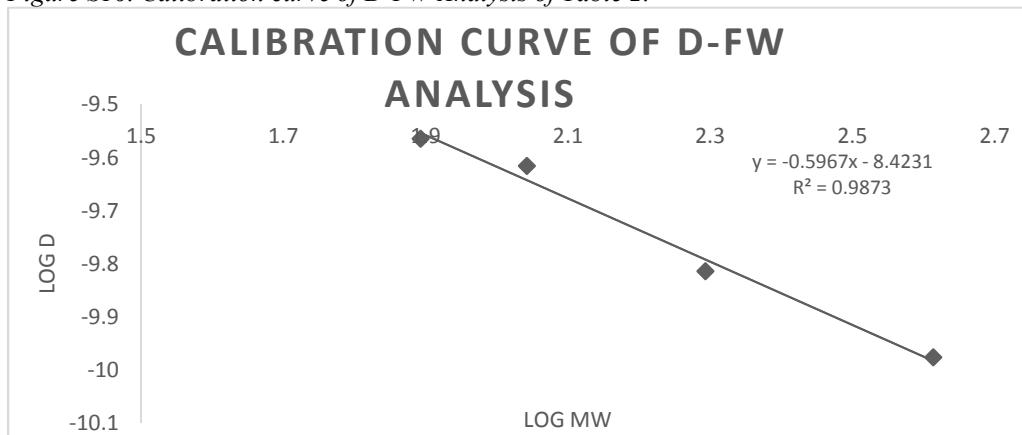


Table S1. D-FW Analysis of 1H DOSY of **3a** crystals dissolved in toluene- d_8 at -60 °C.

Entry	Compound	FW g/mol	D m ₂ /s	Predicted FW g/mol	% Error
1	BEN	78.1	2.73E-10	80	3
2	COE	110	2.36E-10	104	-4
3	SQU	410.	9.83E-11	408	-0.4
4	TDE	196	1.67E-10	201	3
5	THF	472	1.04E-10	352	
6	3a	472	9.02E-11	446	5

CALIBRATION CURVE OF D-FW ANALYSIS

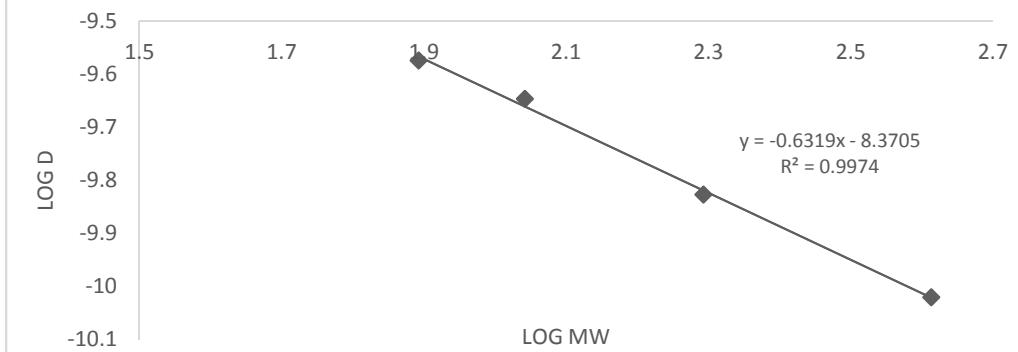
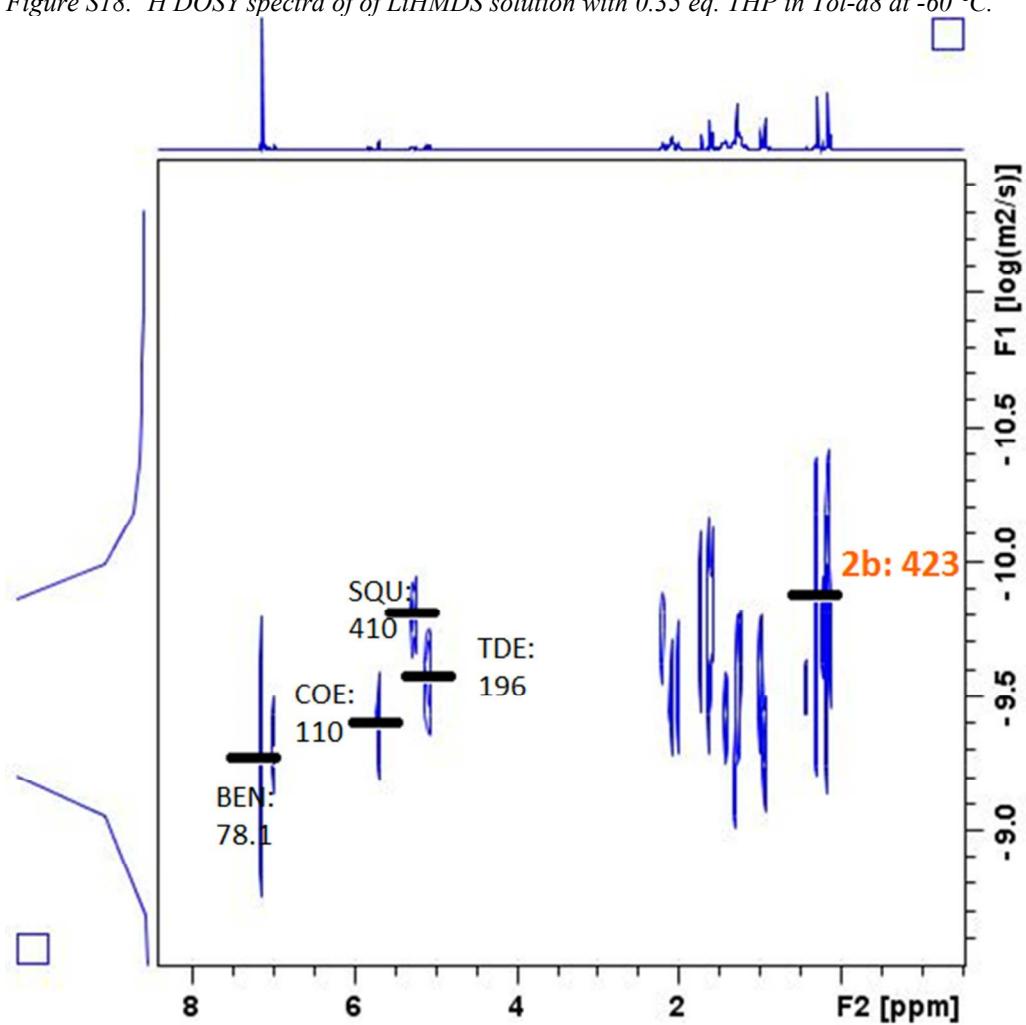


Figure S17. Calibration curve of D-FW Analysis of Table S1.

Figure S18. ^1H DOSY spectra of LiHMDS solution with 0.35 eq. THP in Tol-d8 at -60 °C.



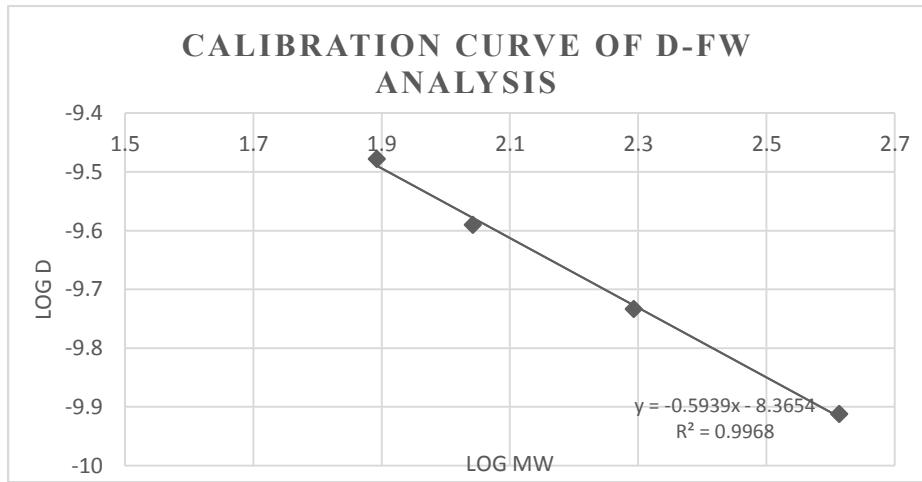
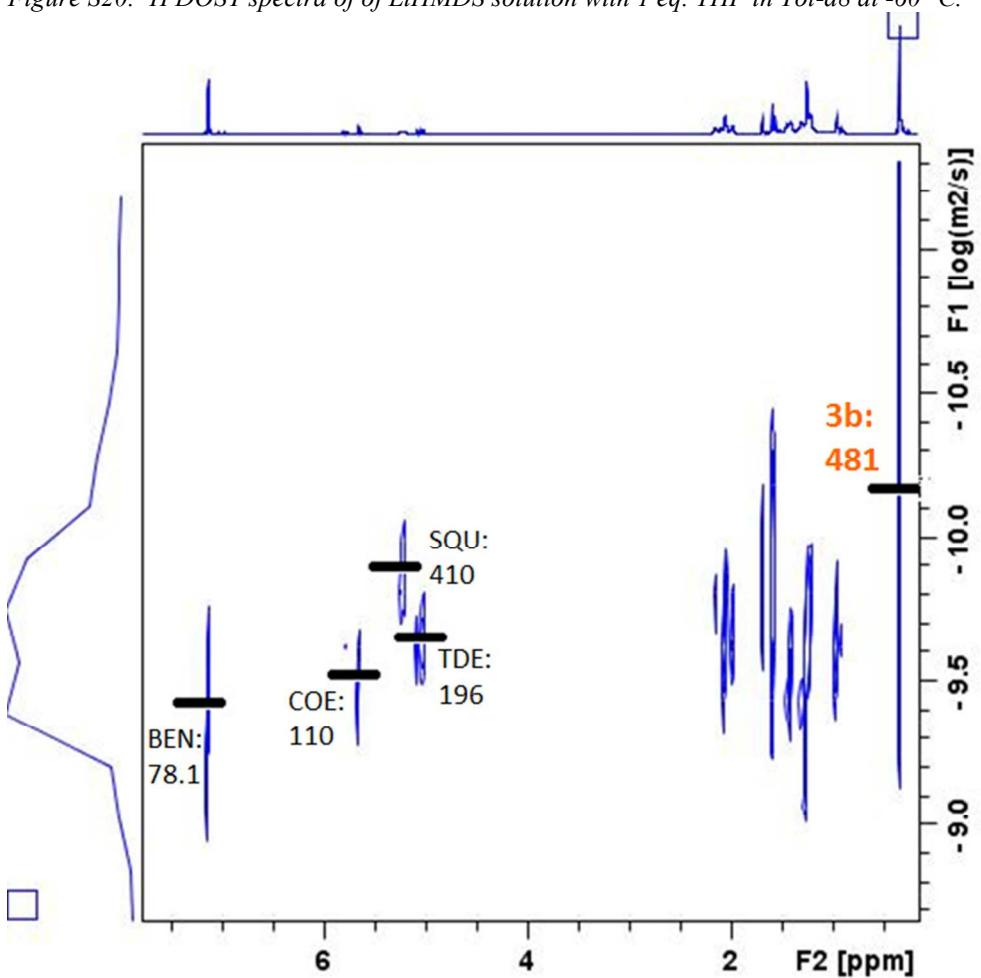


Figure S19. Calibration curve of D-FW Analysis of Table 3.

Figure S20. ^1H DOSY spectra of LiHMDS solution with 1 eq. THP in Tol-d8 at -60 °C.



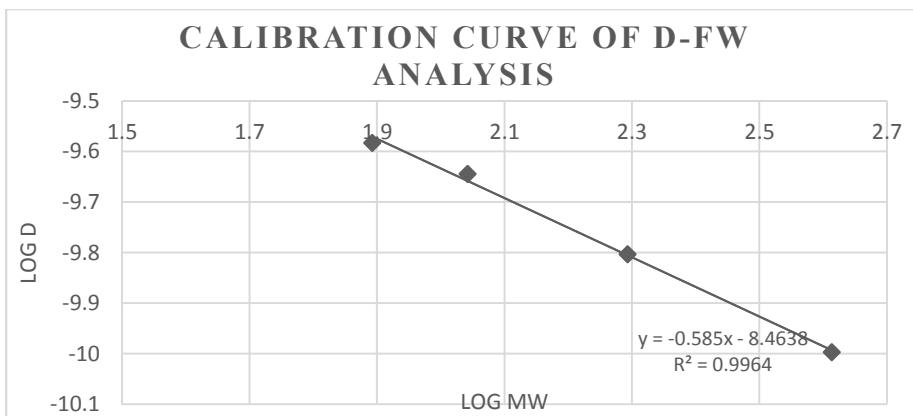


Figure S21. Calibration curve of D-FW Analysis of Table 4

Figure S22. 1H DOSY of **3b** crystals dissolved in toluene- d_8 at $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

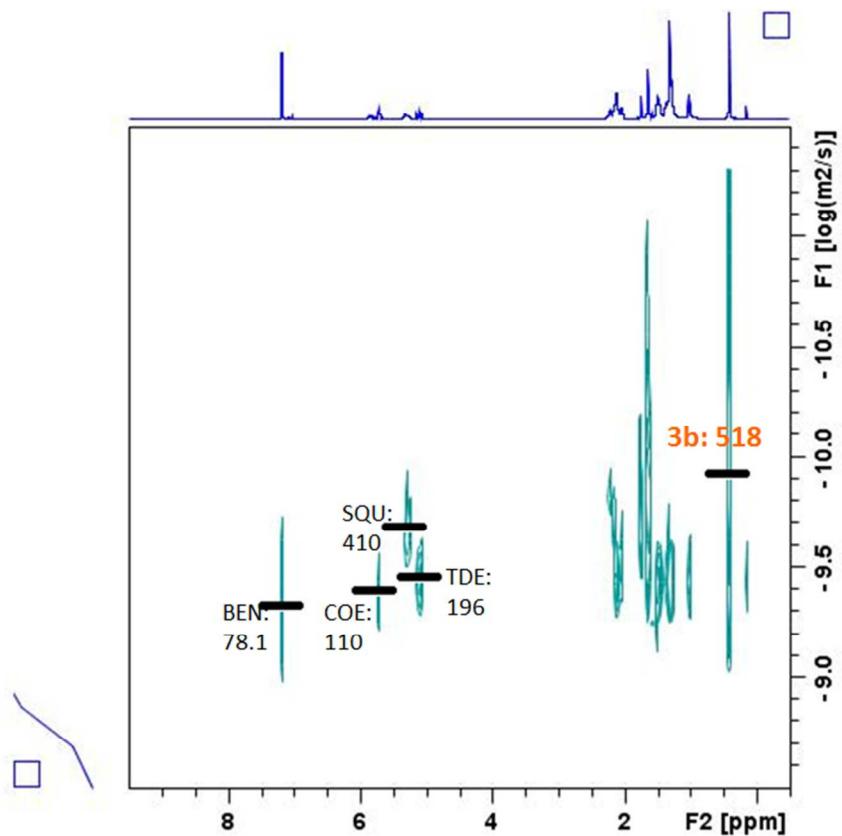


Table S2. D-FW Analysis of ^1H DOSY of **3b** crystals dissolved in toluene- d_8 at -60°C .

Entry	Compound	FW g/mol	D m_2/s	Predicted FW g/mol	% Error
1	BEN	78.1	3.53E-10	79	2
2	COE	110	2.99E-10	108	-1
3	SQU	410.	1.43E-10	416	1
4	TDE	196	2.18E-10	192	1
5	3b	506	1.27E-10	518	2

Figure S23. Calibration curve of D-FW Analysis of Table S2.

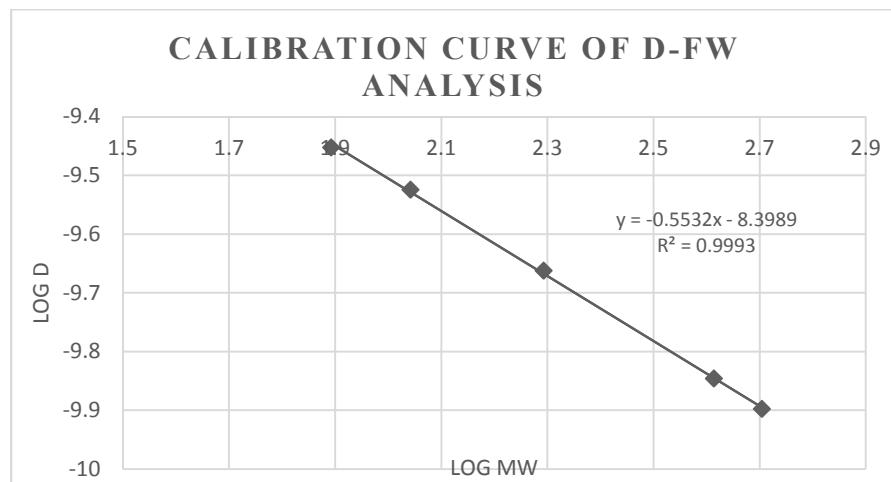


Figure S24. ^1H DOSY spectra of LiHMDS solution with 0.5 eq. DE in Tol-d8 at -60 °C.

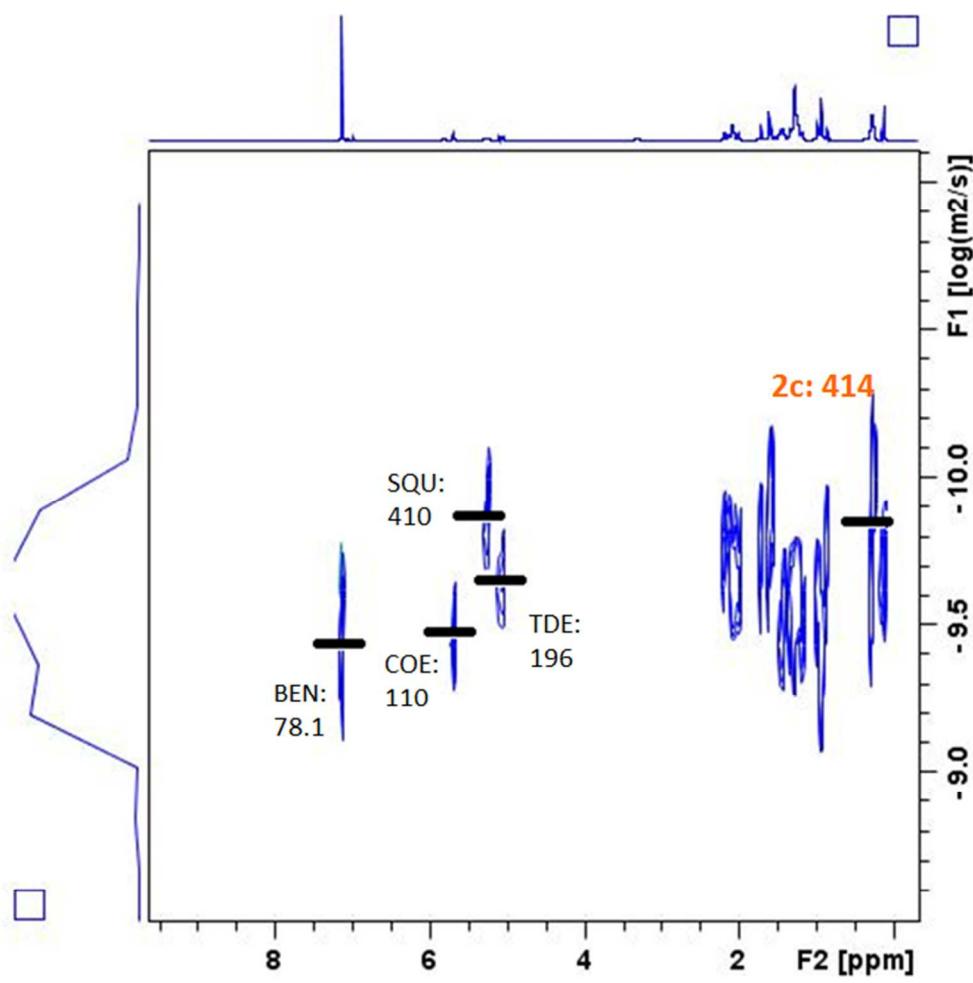


Table S3. D-FW Analysis of ^1H DOSY of LiHMDS solution with 0.5 eq. DE in toluene- d_8 at -60°C .

Entry	Compound	FW g/mol	D m_2/s	Predicted FW g/mol	% Error
1	BEN	78.1	2.4850E-10	79	2
2	COE	110	2.0390E-10	109	-0.3
3	SQU	410.	8.8900E-11	420	2
4	TDE	196	1.4610E-10	188	-4
5	2c	409	8.9730E-11	414	1

Figure S25. Calibration curve of D-FW Analysis of Table S3.

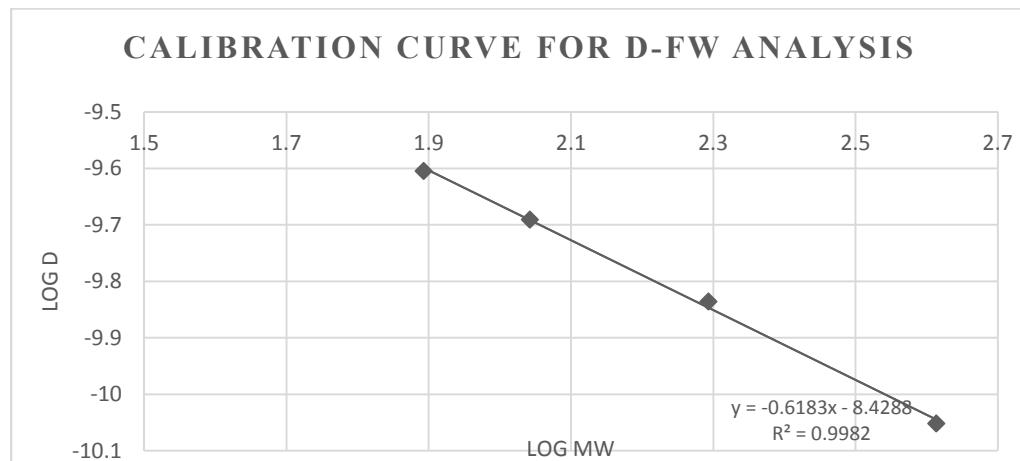


Figure S26. ^1H DOSY spectra of LiHMDS solution with 1 eq. DE in Tol-d8 at -60 °C.

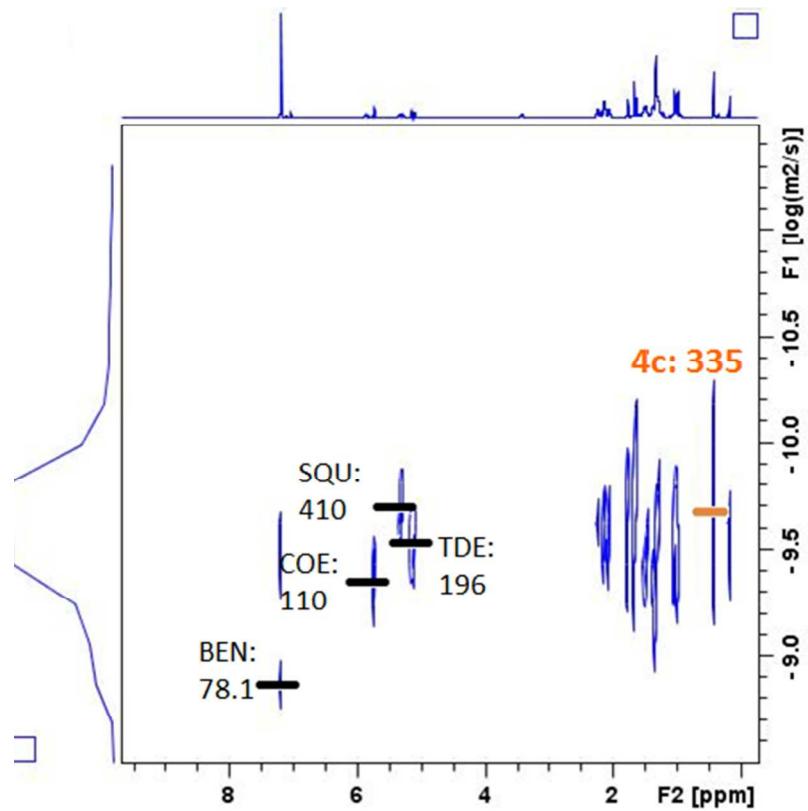


Table S4. D-FW Analysis of ^1H DOSY of LiHMDS solution with 1 eq. DE in Tol-d8 at -60 °C.

Entry	Compound	FW g/mol	D m_2/s	Predicted FW g/mol	% Error
1	BEN	78.1	3.10E-10	80	2
2	COE	110	2.67E-10	105	-4
3	SQU	410.	1.27E-10	410	-0.1
4	TDE	196	1.88E-10	200	1
5	4c	315	1.42E-10	335	6

Figure S27. Calibration curve of D-FW Analysis of Table S4.

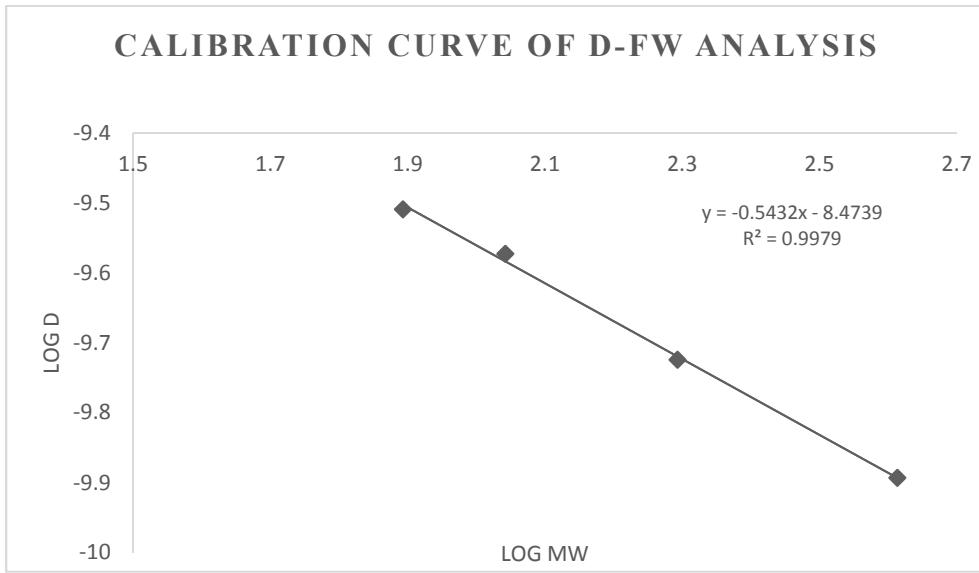


Figure S28. ^1H DOSY spectra of LiHMDS solution with 1 eq. MTBE in Tol-d₈ at -60 °C.

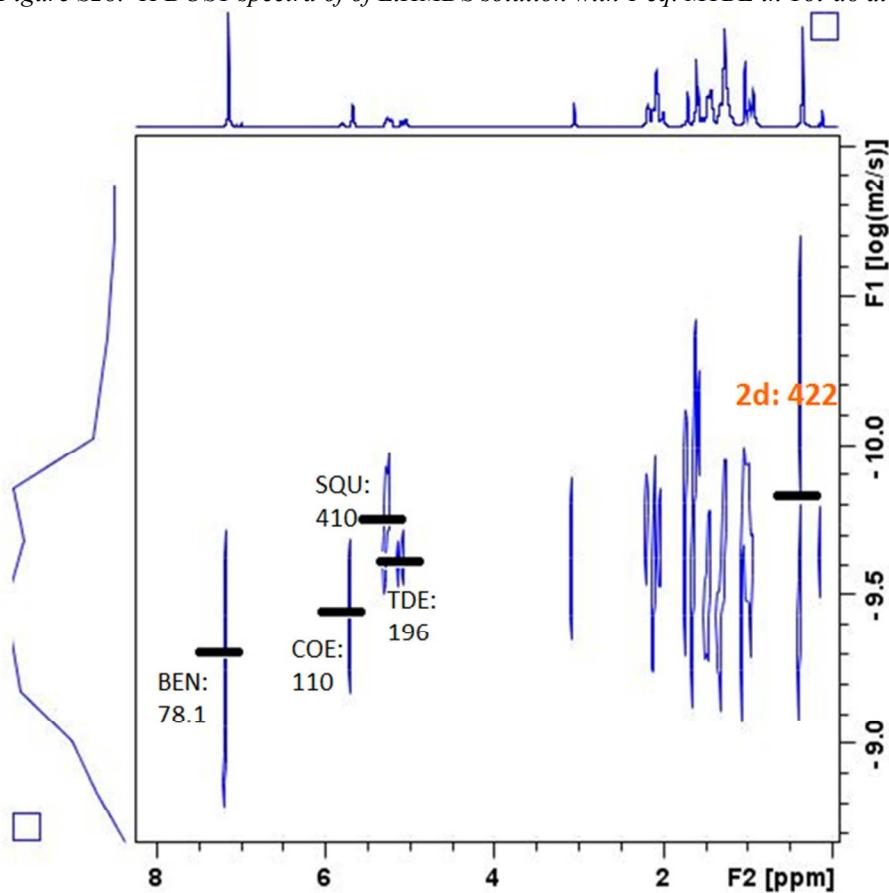


Table S5. D-FW Analysis of ^1H DOSY of LiHMDS solution with 1 eq. MTBE in toluene-d₈ at -60 °C.

Entry	Compound	FW g/mol	D m_2/s	Predicted FW g/mol	% Error
1	BEN	78.1	2.96E-10	71	-8
2	COE	110	2.34E-10	108	-1
3	SQU	410.	1.18E-10	360	-12
4	TDE	196	1.46E-10	250	27
5	2d	422	1.08E-10	422	0.1

Figure S29. Calibration curve of D-FW Analysis of Table S5.

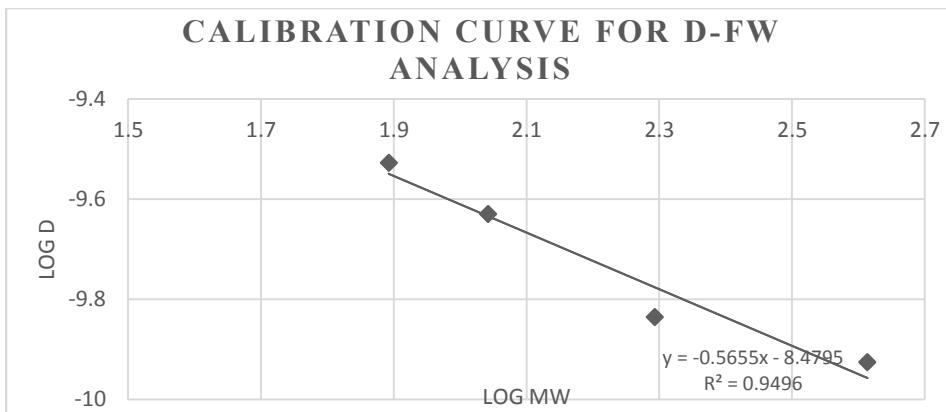


Figure S30. ^1H DOSY spectra of LiHMDS solution with 2 eq. MTBE in Tol-d_8 at -60 °C.

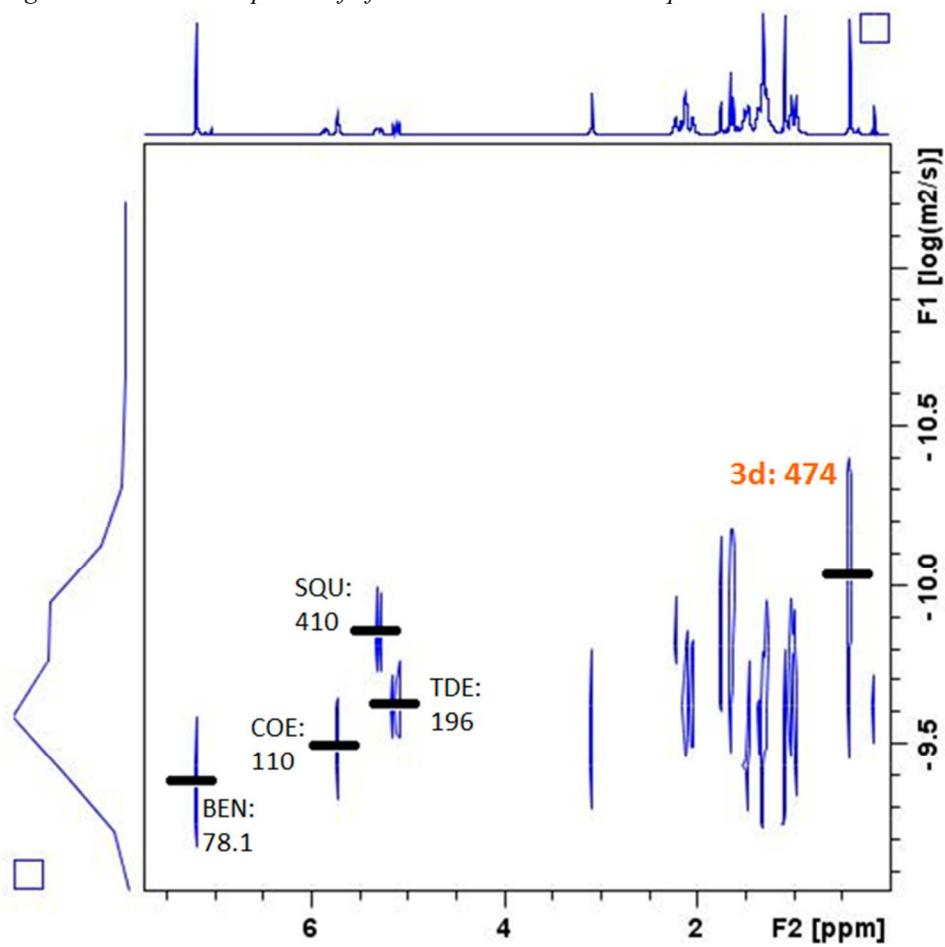


Table S6. D-FW Analysis of ^1H DOSY of LiHMDS solution with 2 eq. MTBE in toluene- d_8 at -60°C .

Entry	Compound	FW g/mol	D m_2/s	Predicted FW g/mol	% Error
1	BEN	78.1	2.96E-10	80	2
2	COE	110	2.34E-10	104	-5
3	SQU	410.	1.18E-10	408	-0.5
4	TDE	196	1.46E-10	202	3
5	3d	494	1.08E-10	474	-4

Figure S31. Calibration curve of D-FW Analysis of Table S6.

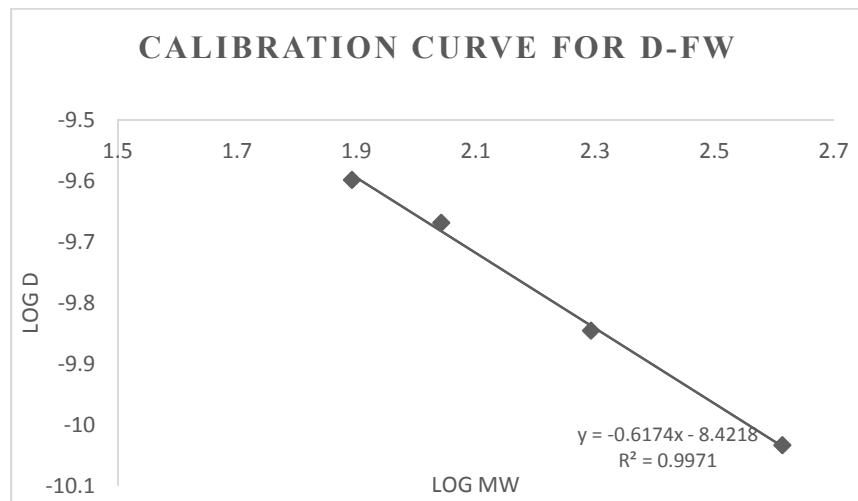


Figure S32. ^1H DOSY of **2d** crystals dissolved in toluene- d_8 at -60°C .

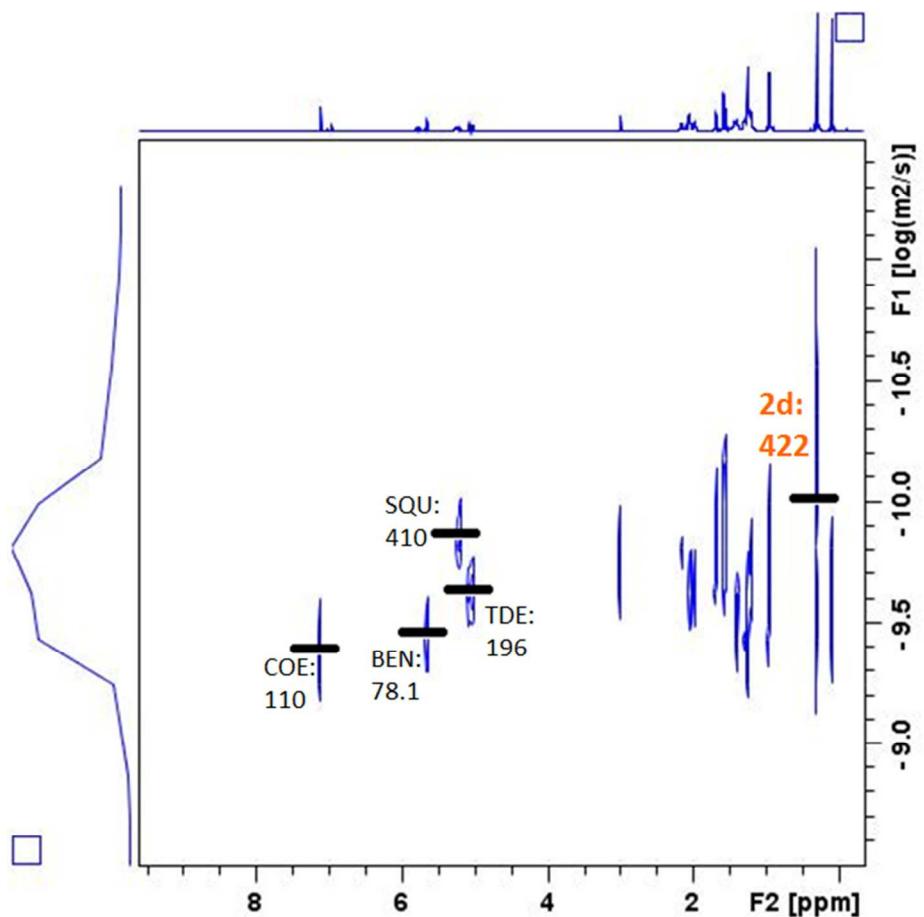


Table S7. D-FW Analysis of ^1H DOSY of **2d** crystals dissolved in toluene- d_8 at -60°C .

Entry	Compound	FW g/mol	D m_2/s	Predicted FW g/mol	% Error
1	BEN	78.1	2.52E-10	80	3
2	COE	110	2.20E-10	106	-6
3	SQU	410.	1.04E-10	406	-1
4	TDE	196	1.53E-10	205	4.6
5	2d	422	1.00E-10	422	0.1

Figure S33. Calibration curve of D-FW Analysis of Table S7.

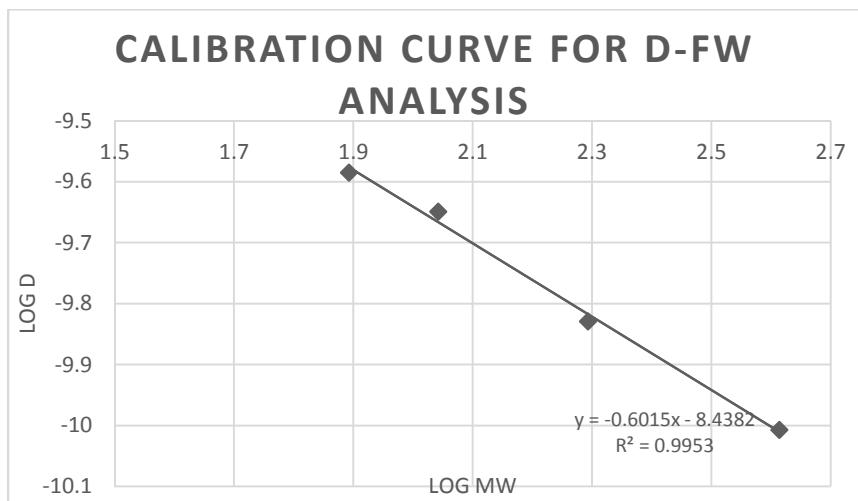


Figure S34. ^1H DOSY of **3d** crystals dissolved in toluene- d_8 at -60°C .

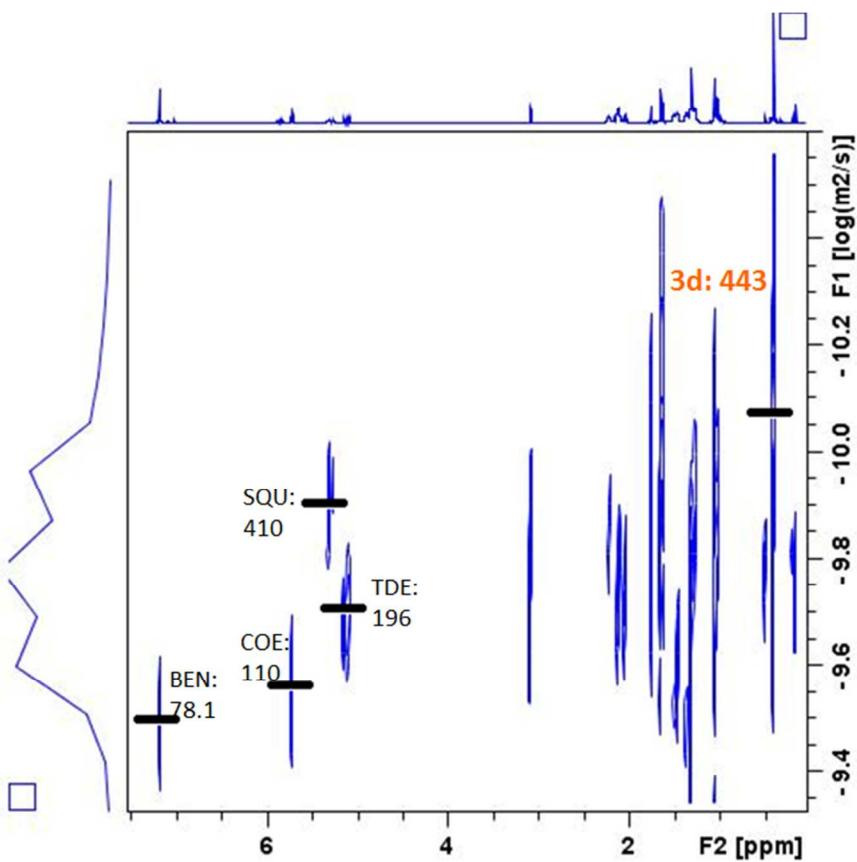


Table S8. D-FW Analysis of ^1H DOSY of **3d** crystals dissolved in toluene- d_8 at -60°C . *A lower molecular weight predicted, most likely due to a slight amount of mono-solvated dimer crystals **2d**.

Entry	Compound	FW g/mol	D m _s ⁻¹	Predicted FW g/mol	% Error
1	BEN	78.1	2.52E-10	80	3
2	COE	110	2.20E-10	104	-6
3	SQU	410.	1.04E-10	408	-0.3
4	TDE	196	1.53E-10	202	3
5	3d	494	1.00E-10	443	-10*

Figure S35. Calibration curve of D-FW Analysis of Table S8.

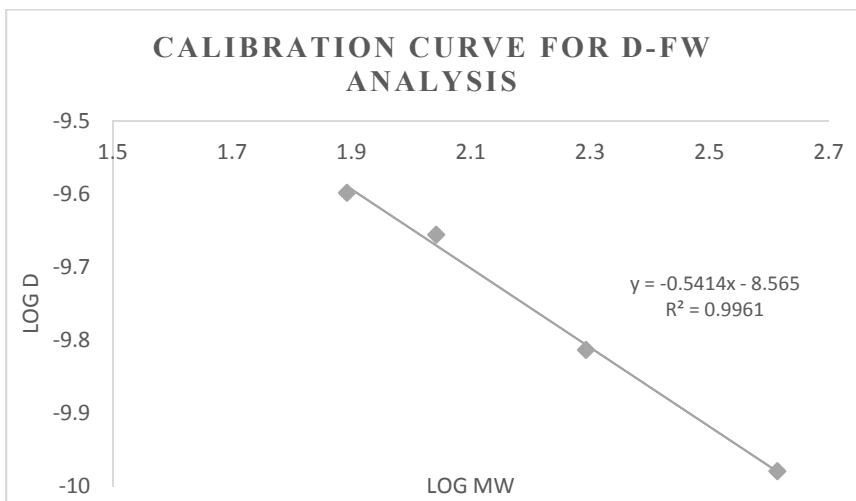


Figure S36. ^1H DOSY spectra of LiHMDS solution with 0.35 eq. *t*-butyl acetate in tol-d8 at -60 °C.

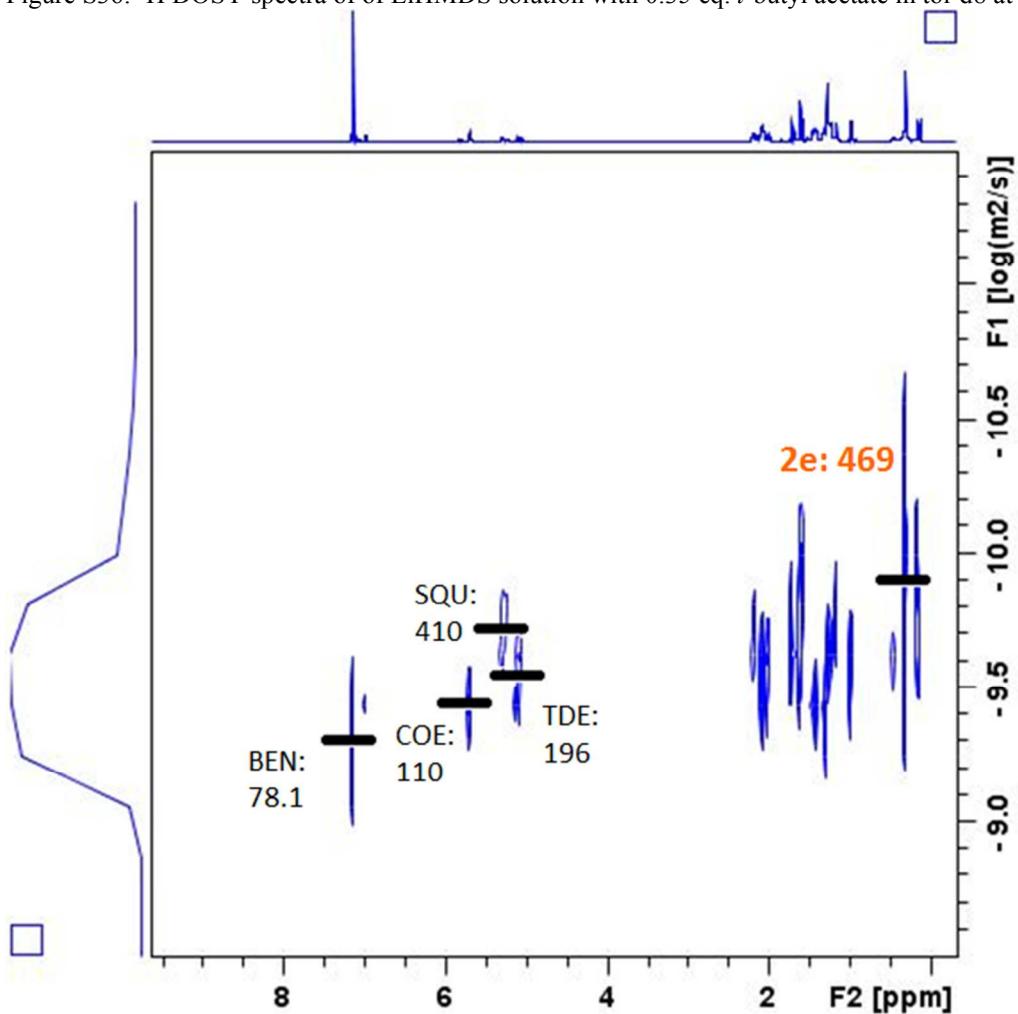


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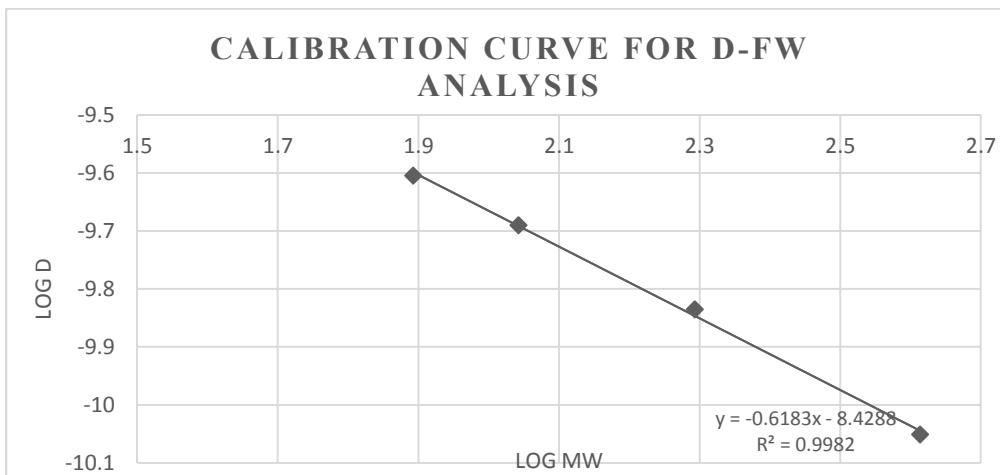


Figure S38. ^1H DOSY spectra of LiHMDS solution with 1 eq. *t*-butyl acetate in tol-d8 at -60 °C.

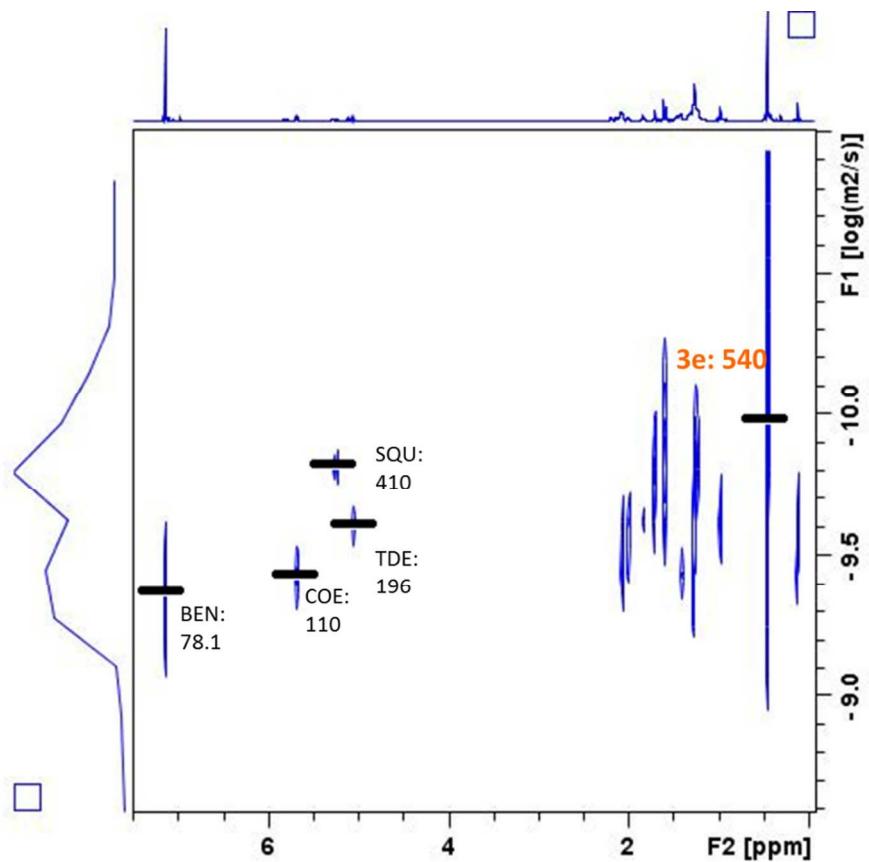
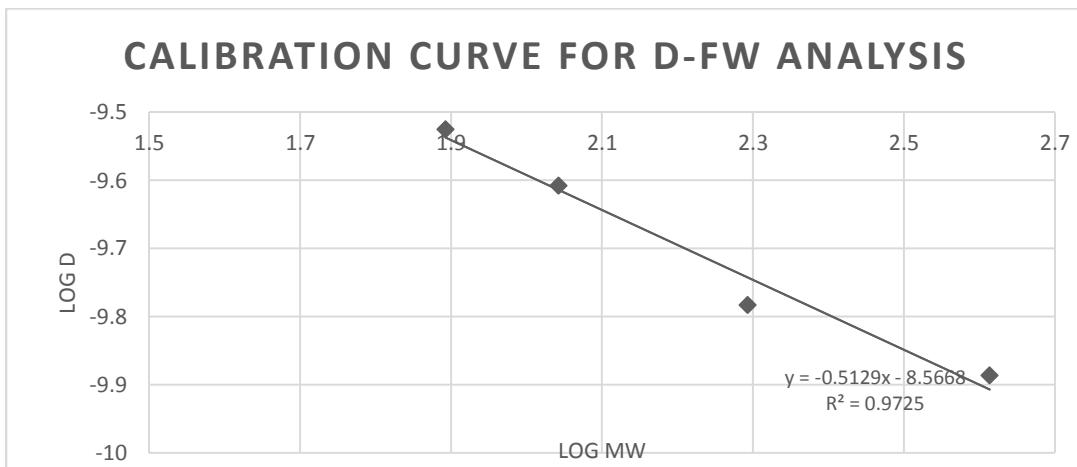
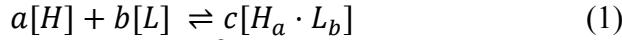


Figure S39. Calibration curve of D-FW Analysis of Table 6.



Determination of Binding Constants

The general equilibrium binding constants between a LiHMDS molecule and ligand is expressed by:



$$K_a = \frac{[H_a \cdot L_b]^c}{[H]^a [L]^b} \quad (2)$$

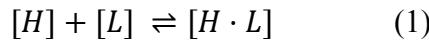
Diffusion coefficient is the weighted average of bound and unbound ligands, where ρ represents fraction of bound ligands

The fraction of bound ligands can be calculated using D_{obs} , the observed weighted average diffusion coefficient of the ligand, D_{free} , the diffusion coefficient of the free ligand, and $D_{complex}$, the diffusion coefficient of the complex.

$$D_{obs} = \rho D_{complex} + (1 - \rho) D_{free}$$

$$\rho = \frac{D_{obs} - D_{free}}{D_{complex} - D_{free}}$$

For 1:1 binding model, a=b=c=1



$$K_a = \frac{[H \cdot L]}{[H][L]} \quad (2)$$

Since ρ represents fraction of bound ligands

$$\rho = \frac{[H \cdot L]}{[H] + [H \cdot L]} \quad (7)$$

Eq. 2 and Eq. 3 can be combined and a non-linear regression of titration data using equation 6 will give binding constant K_a (M^{-1}):

$$\rho = \frac{K_a[H]}{1 + K_a[H]} \quad (5)$$

For 2:1 binding model, a= c=1, b=2



$$K_a = \frac{[H \cdot L_2]}{[H][L]^2} \quad (2)$$

Since ρ represents fraction of bound ligands

$$\rho = \frac{[H \cdot L_2]}{[H] + [H \cdot L_2]} \quad (8)$$

Eq. 2 and Eq. 3 can be combined and a non-linear regression of titration data using Eq. 8 will give overall binding constant K_a (M^{-2}):

$$\rho = \frac{2K_a[H][L]}{1 + 2K_a[H][L]} \quad (6)$$

H-DOSY/Titration Experiments

The stock solutions of **1** for titration experiment were prepared in tol-d₈ and kept at -70°C. The LiHMDS-ether systems for NMR measurements were prepared by titrating the appropriate volumes of stock solutions of **1** into 0.1-0.2 M of ligand in tol-d₈ at -70°C and allowed to equilibrate for 10 minutes before NMR measurement at -60°C. The volume of each addition and the total concentration of complex [H_t] at each titration point was estimated via NMR integrations using TMS and benzene as internal reference. [H] and [L] were estimated via experimentally determined fraction of bound ligands from diffusion experiments/NMR integrations and non-linear regression fitting of measured values using Excel/Matlab. Regression analyses use data points $0.2 \leq \rho \leq 0.8$ to minimize errors. Replication of titration experiments within 0.1-0.2M were conducted to obtain errors.

Figure S40. Fraction of Bound THP vs. $[LiHMDS]$ estimated using NMR Integration at $-60^{\circ}C$ in a titration of LiHMDS into 0.1M of THP.

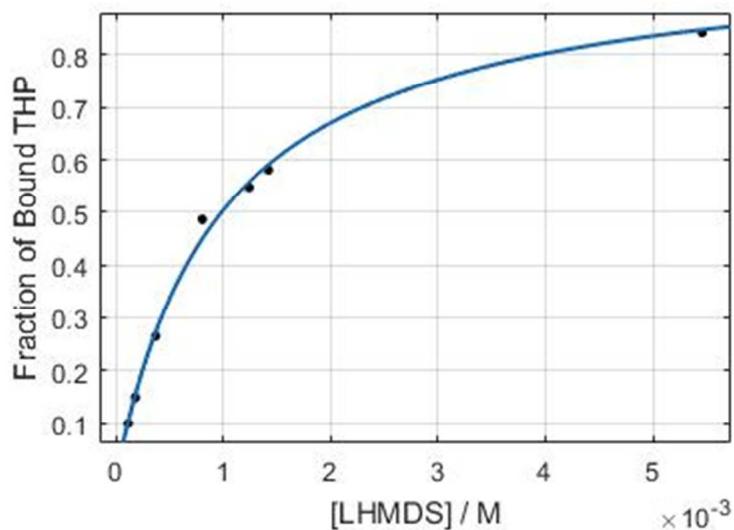


Figure S41. Fraction of Bound Acetate vs. $[LiHMDS]$ estimated using NMR Integration at $-60^{\circ}C$ in a titration of LiHMDS into 0.1M of tert-butyl Acetate.

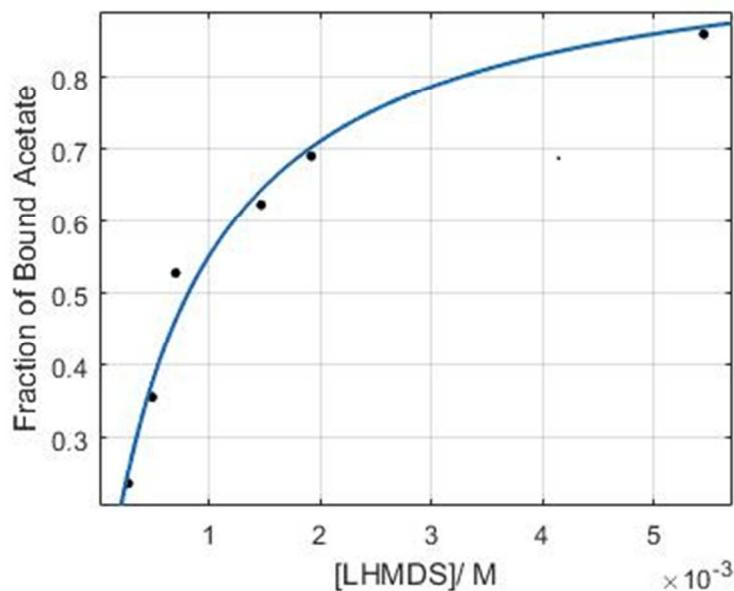


Figure S42. Diffusion Coefficients of THF vs. estimated $[THF]/[LiHMDS]$ at $-60^{\circ}C$ in a titration of LiHMDS into 0.1M of THF. Measured D_{complex} 4a is $9.72 \pm 0.8 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ and D_{free} is $3.42 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$.

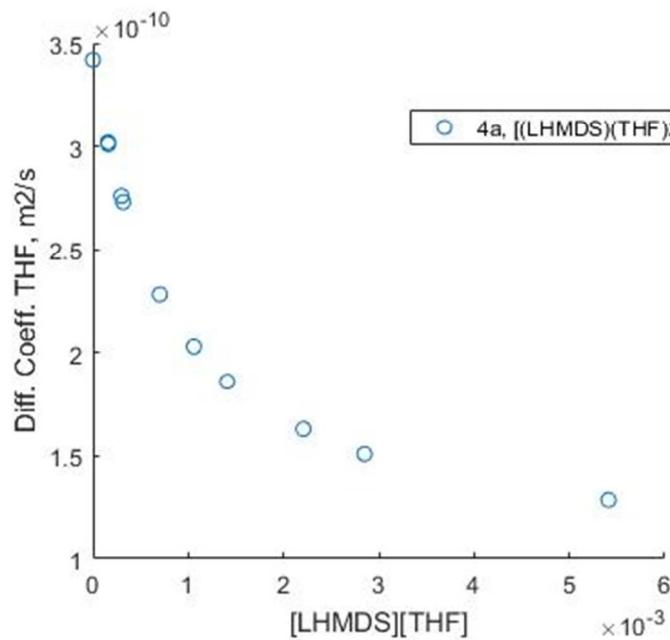


Figure S43. Estimated fraction of Bound THF vs. $[THF]/[LiHMDS]$ at $-60^{\circ}C$ in a titration of LiHMDS into 0.1M of THF.

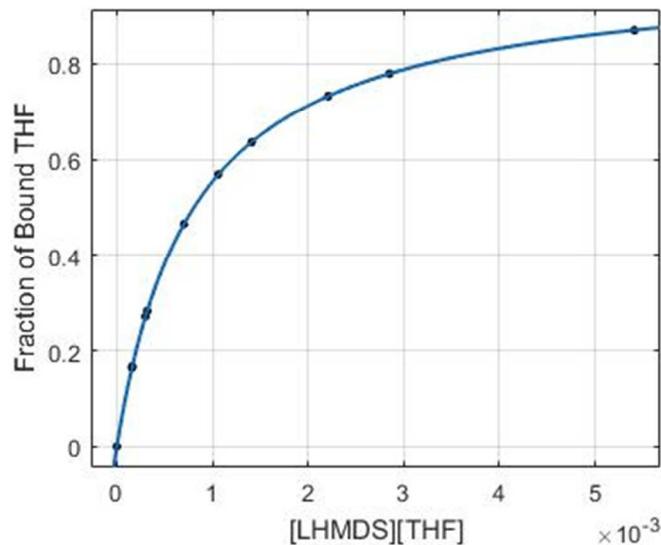


Figure S44. Diffusion Coefficients of DE vs. estimated $[DE]/[LiHMDS]$ at -60°C in a titration of LiHMDS into 0.1M of DE. Measured $D_{complex}$ 4c is $1.07 \pm 0.04 \times 10^{-10} m^2/s$ and D_{free} is $3.96 \times 10^{-10} m^2/s$.

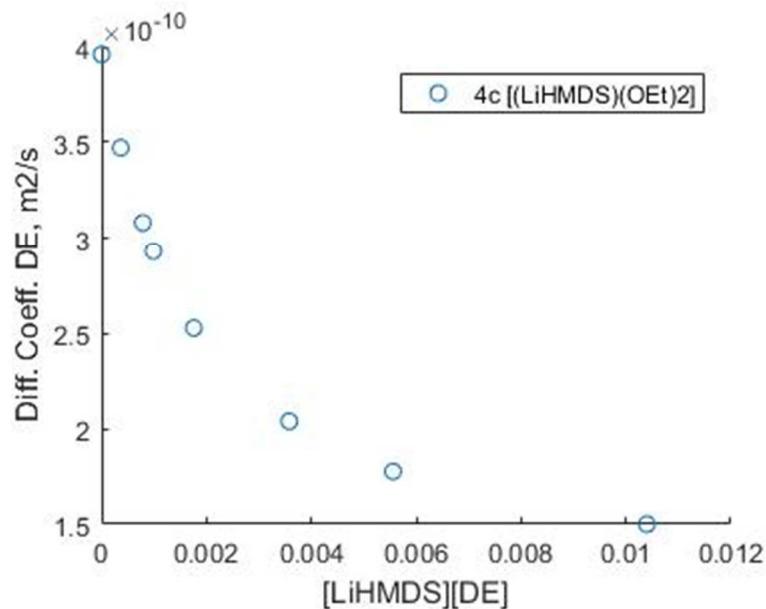
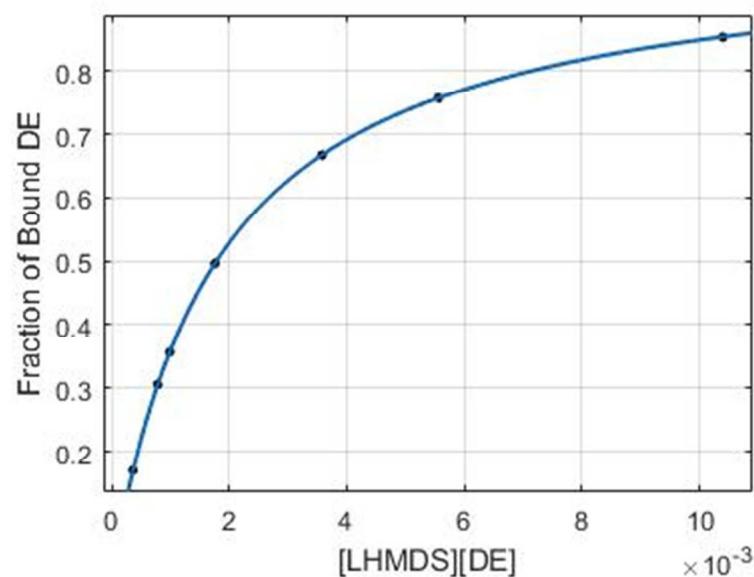
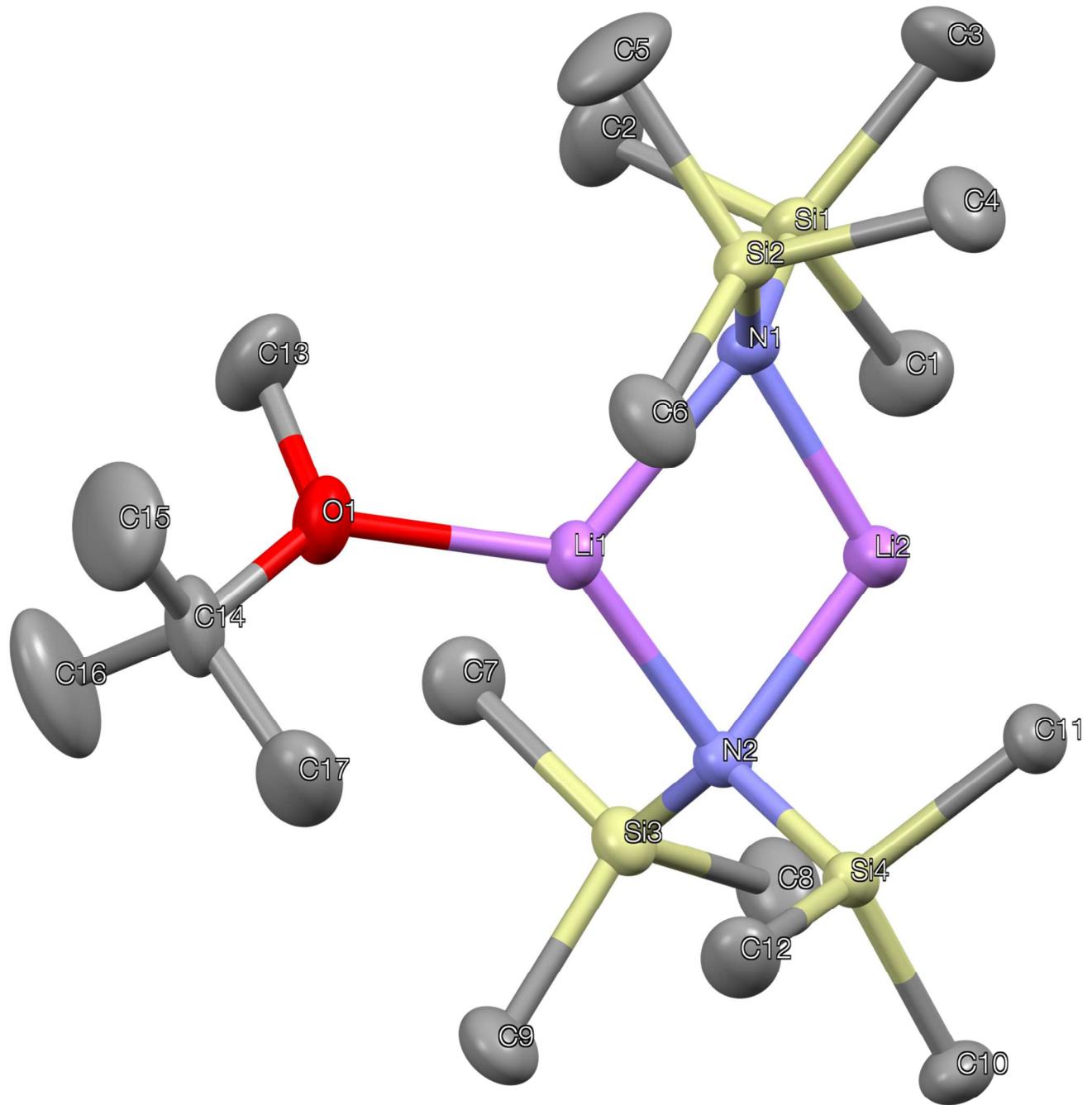


Figure S45. Estimated fraction of Bound DE vs. $[DE]/[LiHMDS]$ at -60°C in a titration of LiHMDS into 0.1M of DE.



Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 2d, [LiHMDS]₂ • t-Bu-O-Me

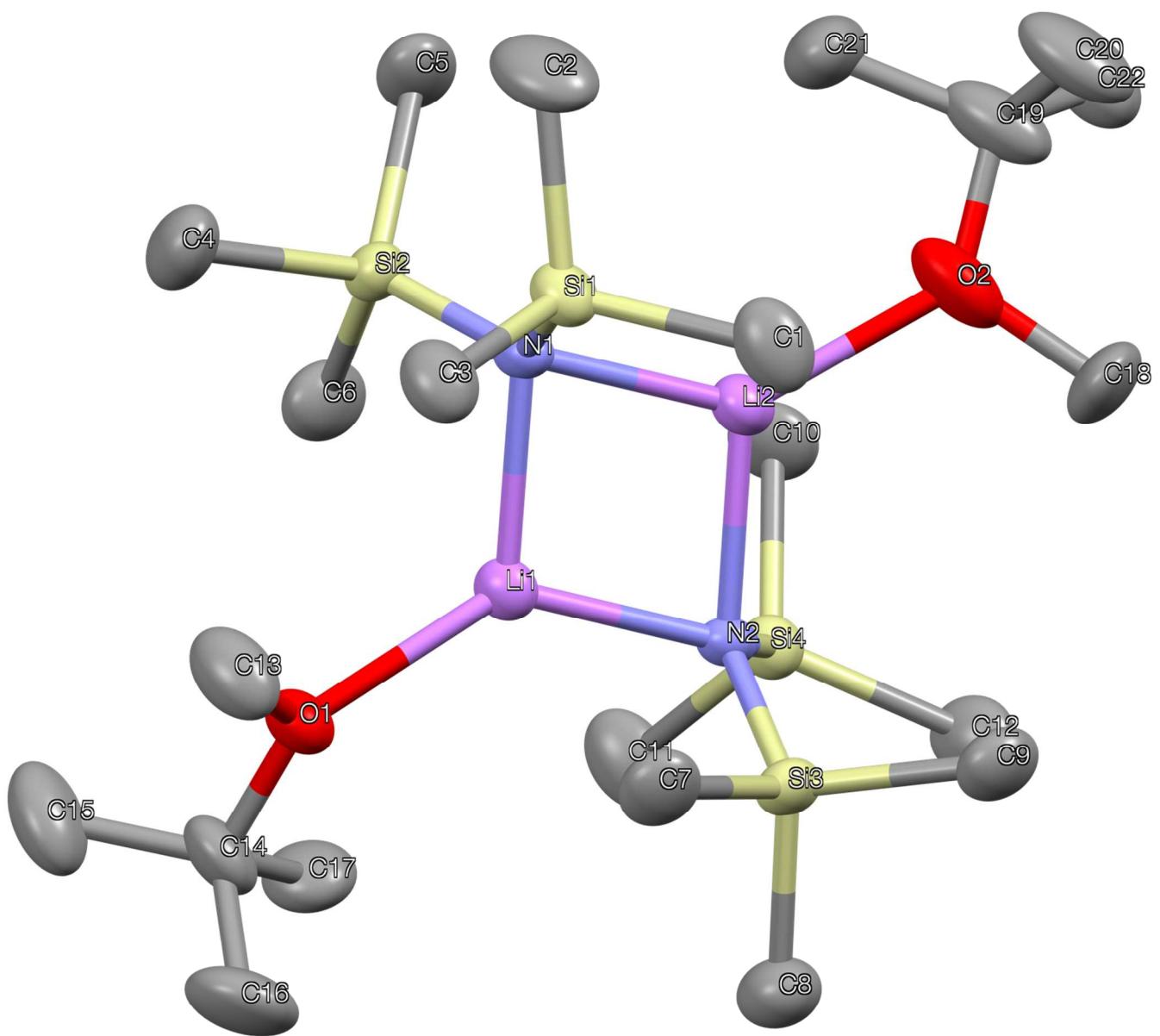
Identification code	ot29jun16_0m
Empirical formula	C ₁₇ H ₄₈ Li ₂ N ₂ OSi ₄
Formula weight	422.81
Temperature/K	173.21
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	10.3402(9)
b/Å	12.5483(10)
c/Å	22.5384(19)
α/°	90
β/°	100.789(3)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2872.7(4)
Z	4
ρ _{calcg} /cm ³	0.9775
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.215
F(000)	937.5
Crystal size/mm ³	0.34 × 0.3 × 0.28
Radiation	Mo Kα ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	4.9 to 49.5
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -14 ≤ k ≤ 14, -26 ≤ l ≤ 26
Reflections collected	29411
Independent reflections	4893 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0236$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0152$]
Data/restraints/parameters	4893/0/250
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.024
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0339$, $wR_2 = 0.0924$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0383$, $wR_2 = 0.1020$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.53/-0.30



Thermal ellipsoid plot (50% probability) for compound 2d, $[\text{LiHMDS}]_2 \bullet \text{t-Bu-O-Me}$

Crystal data and structure refinement for 3d, [LiHMDS • t-Bu-O-Me]₂

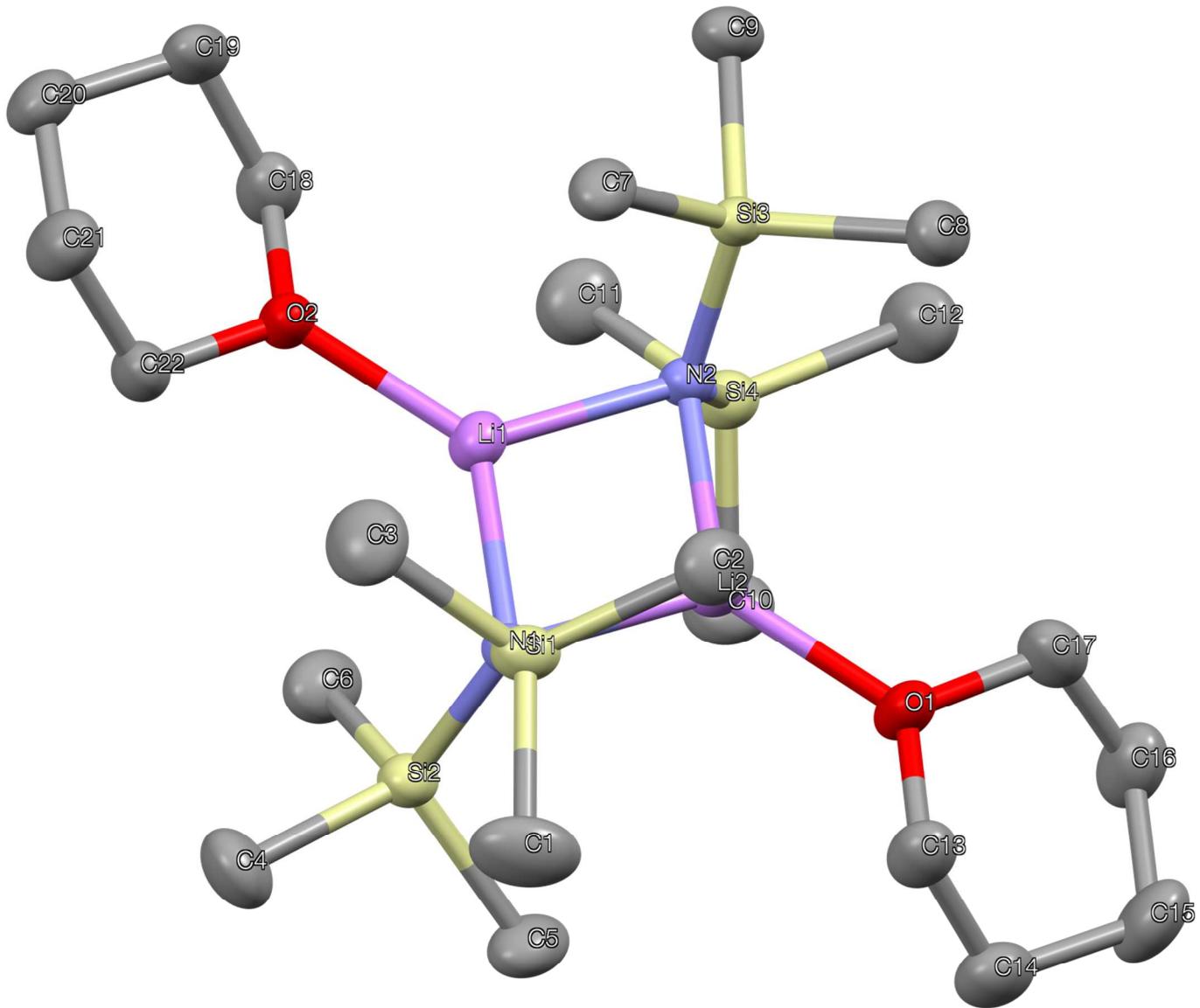
Identification code	ot06jul16_0ma_a
Empirical formula	C ₁₁ H ₃₀ LiNOSi ₂
Formula weight	255.48
Temperature/K	173.21
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	20.3799(19)
b/Å	9.2500(9)
c/Å	19.8691(19)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	112.675(2)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/Å ³	3456.1(6)
Z	8
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g/cm}^3$	0.9819
μ/mm^{-1}	0.190
F(000)	1137.6
Crystal size/mm ³	0.24 × 0.22 × 0.18
Radiation	Mo Kα ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2θ range for data collection/°	4.12 to 44.5
Index ranges	-21 ≤ h ≤ 21, -9 ≤ k ≤ 9, -21 ≤ l ≤ 21
Reflections collected	20884
Independent reflections	4346 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0603$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0505$]
Data/restraints/parameters	4346/0/308
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.063
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0922$, $wR_2 = 0.2288$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1155$, $wR_2 = 0.2414$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.96/-0.62



Thermal ellipsoid plot (50% probability) for compound 3d, $[\text{LiHMDS} \bullet \text{t-Bu-O-Me}]_2$

Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 3b, [LiHMDS • DHP]₂

Identification code	ot08jul16_0m_a
Empirical formula	C ₁₁ H ₂₈ LiNOSi ₂
Formula weight	253.46
Temperature/K	173.2
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	9.2754(5)
b/Å	20.029(1)
c/Å	17.8817(9)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	99.343(2)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/Å ³	3277.9(3)
Z	8
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g/cm}^3$	1.0271
μ/mm^{-1}	0.200
F(000)	1121.6
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 × 0.19 × 0.18
Radiation	Mo Kα ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2 Θ range for data collection/°	4.46 to 49.18
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 10, -22 ≤ k ≤ 23, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20
Reflections collected	22793
Independent reflections	5445 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0454$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0490$]
Data/restraints/parameters	5445/0/300
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.060
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0473$, $wR_2 = 0.0963$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0794$, $wR_2 = 0.1091$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.51/-0.37



Thermal ellipsoid plot (50% probability) for compound 3b, $[LiHMDS \bullet DHP]_2$