

## Possible synthetic approaches for heterobimetallic complexes by using *n*NHC/*tz*NHC heteroditopic carbene ligands

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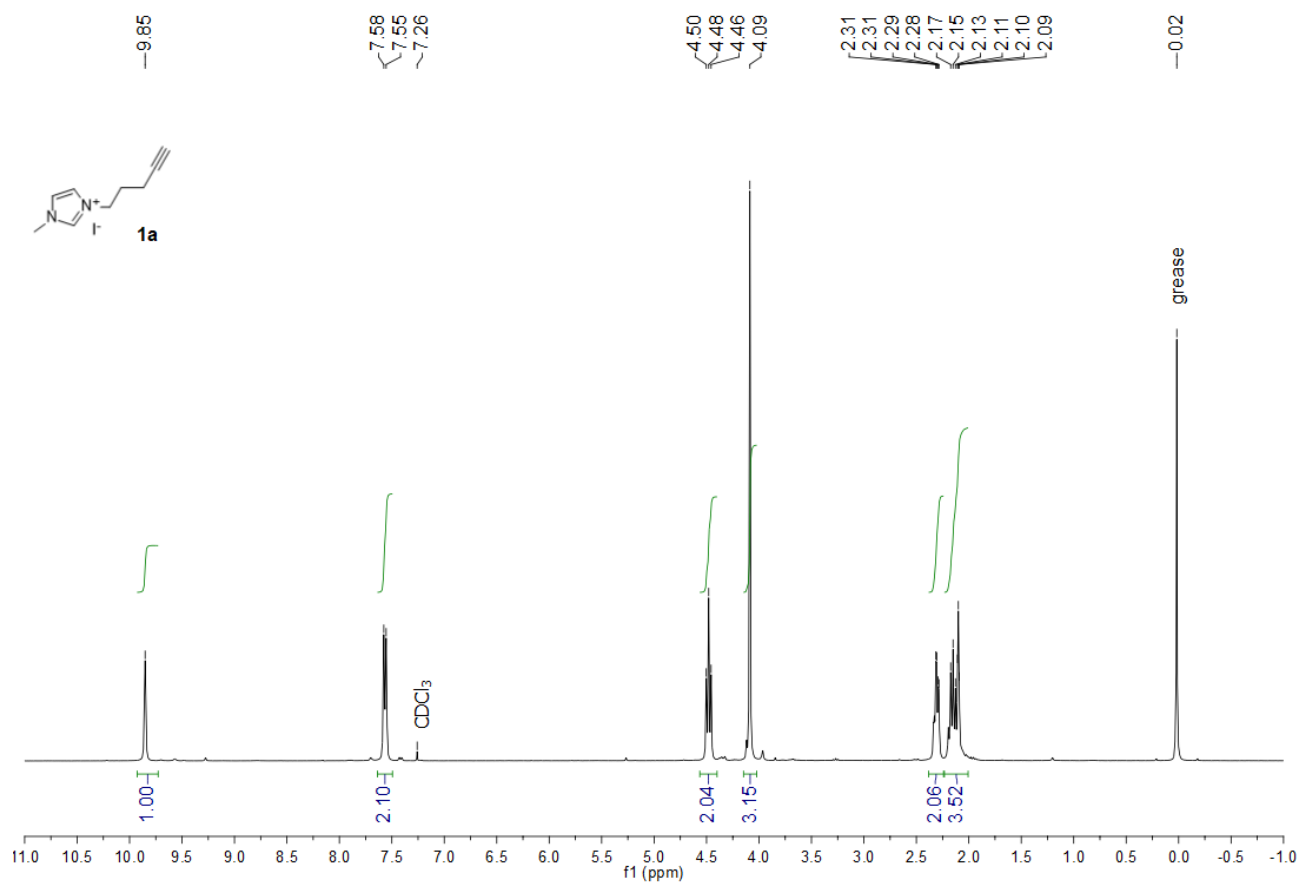


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound **1a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

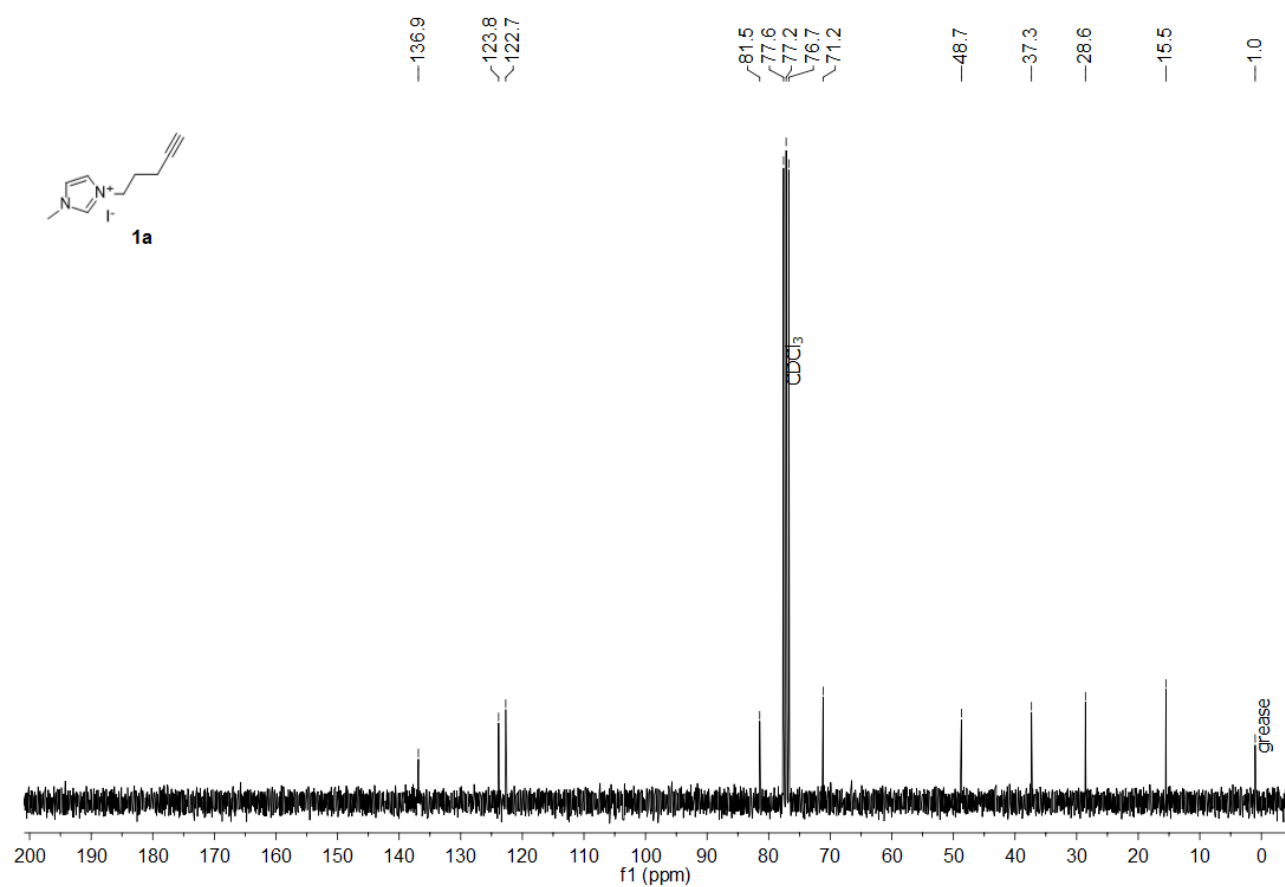


Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR of compound **1a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

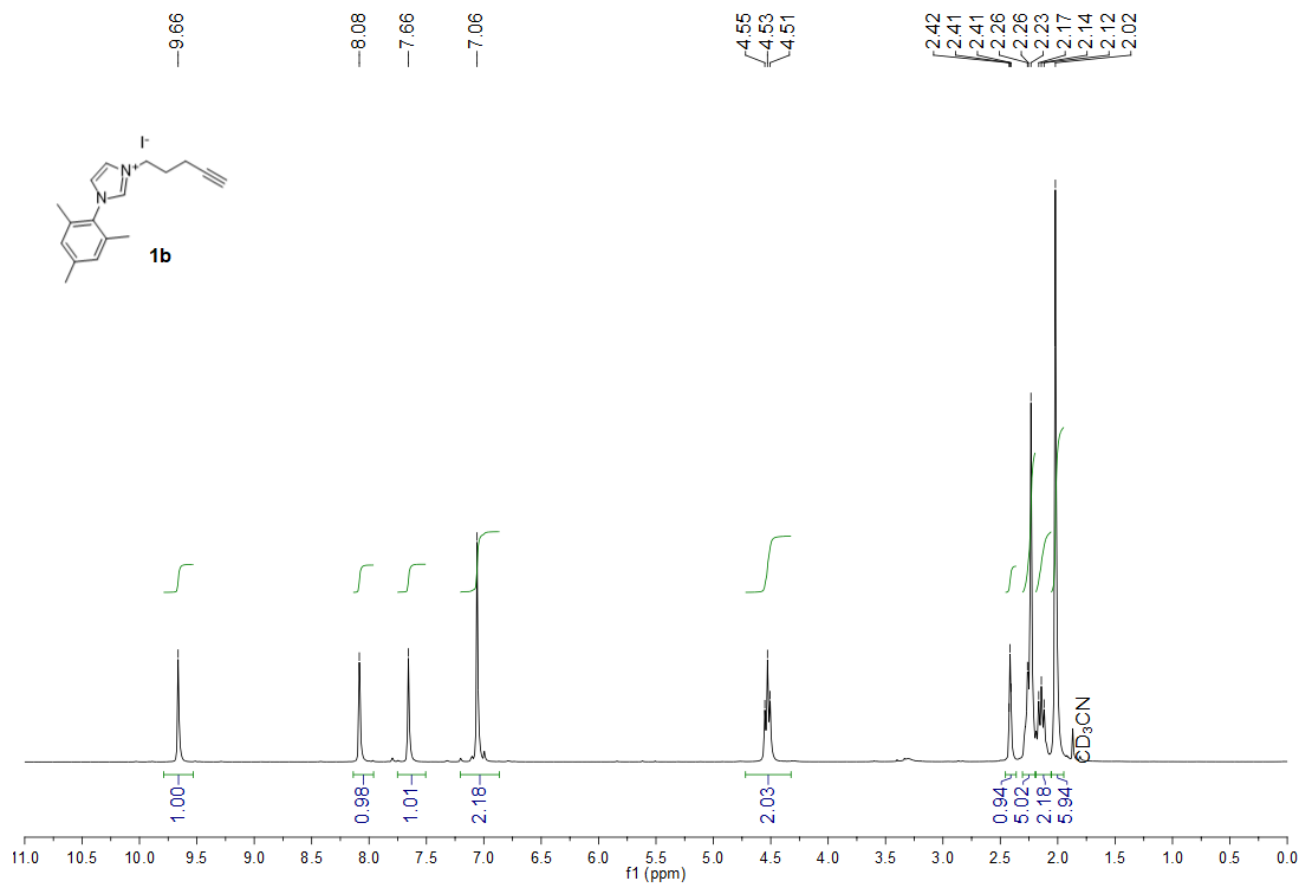


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound **1b** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

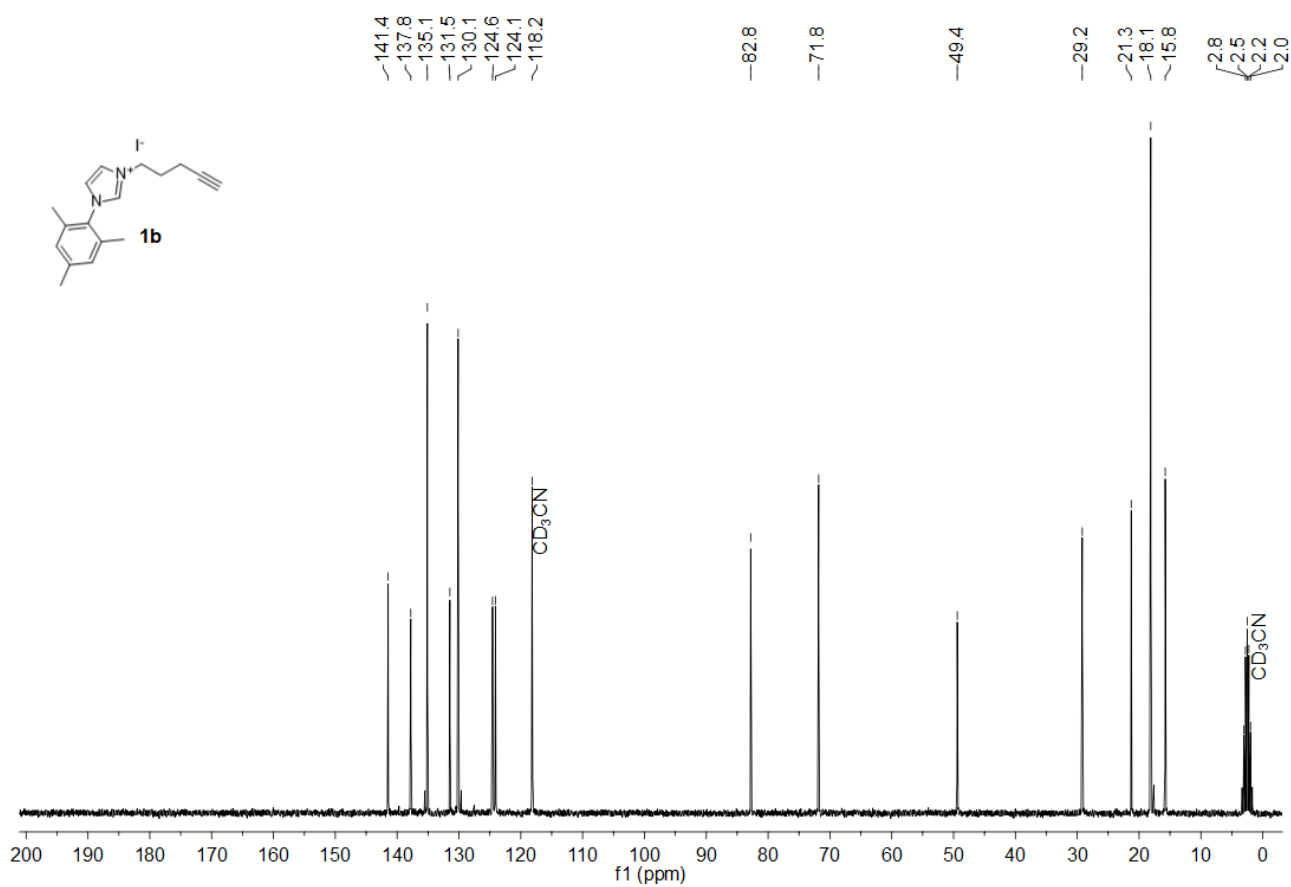


Figure S4. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR of compound **1b** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

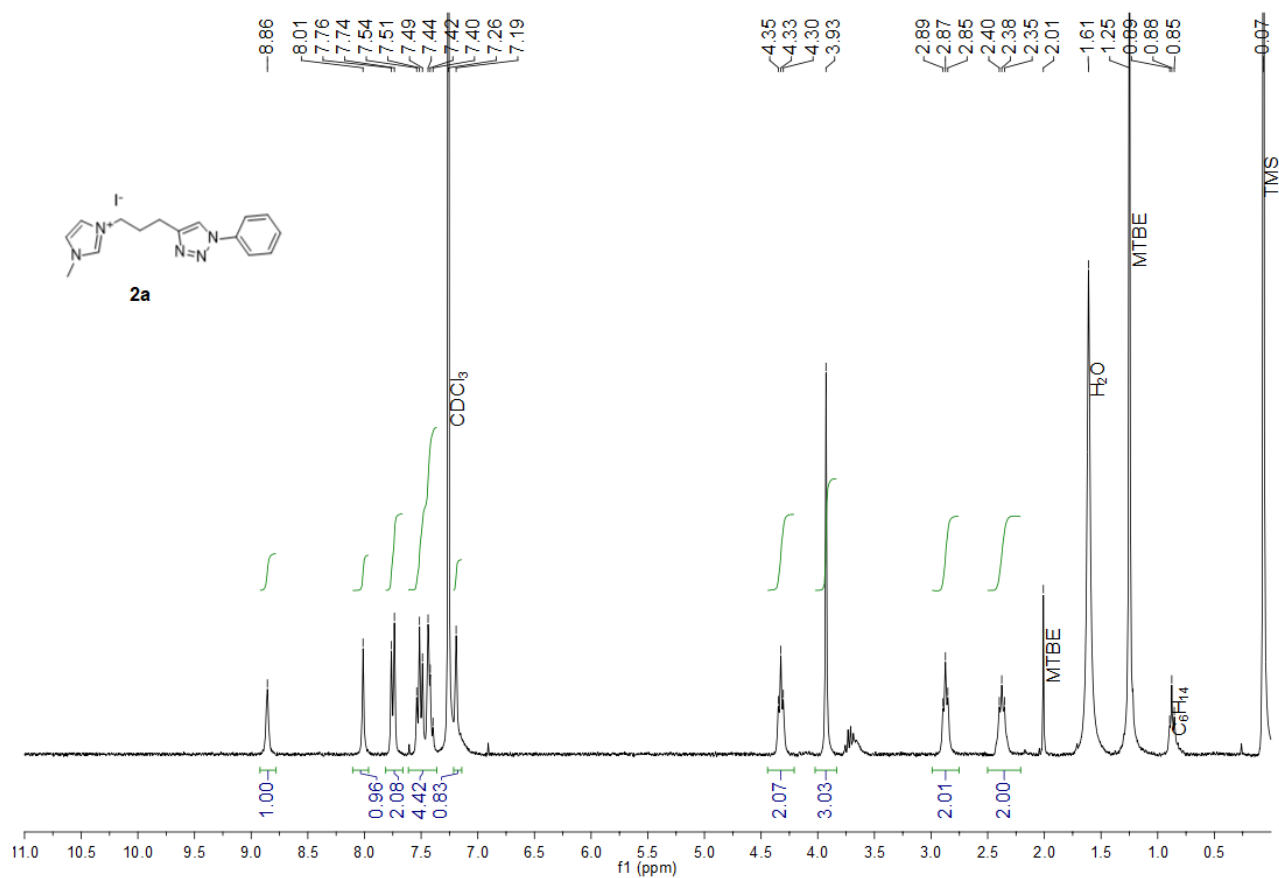


Figure S5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound **2a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

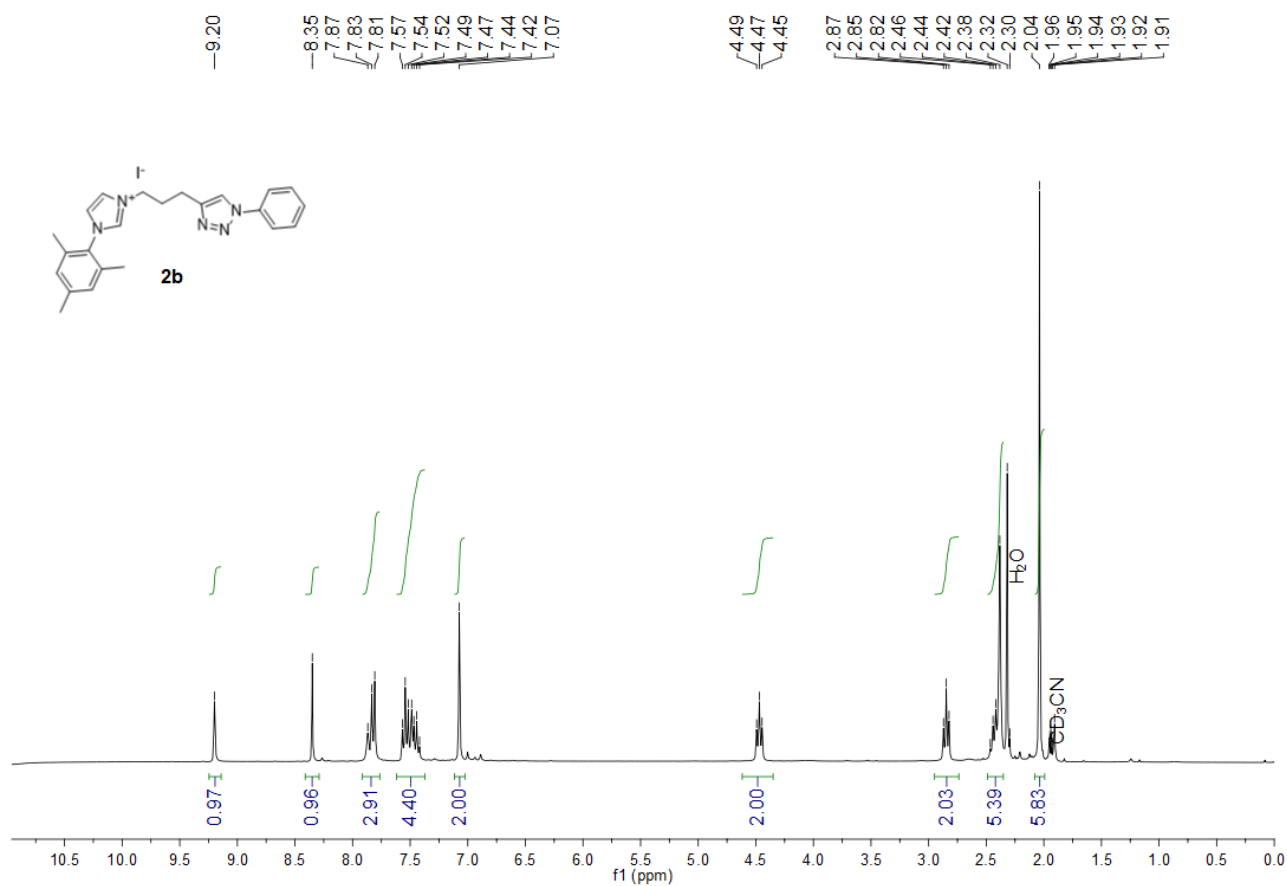


Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound **2b** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

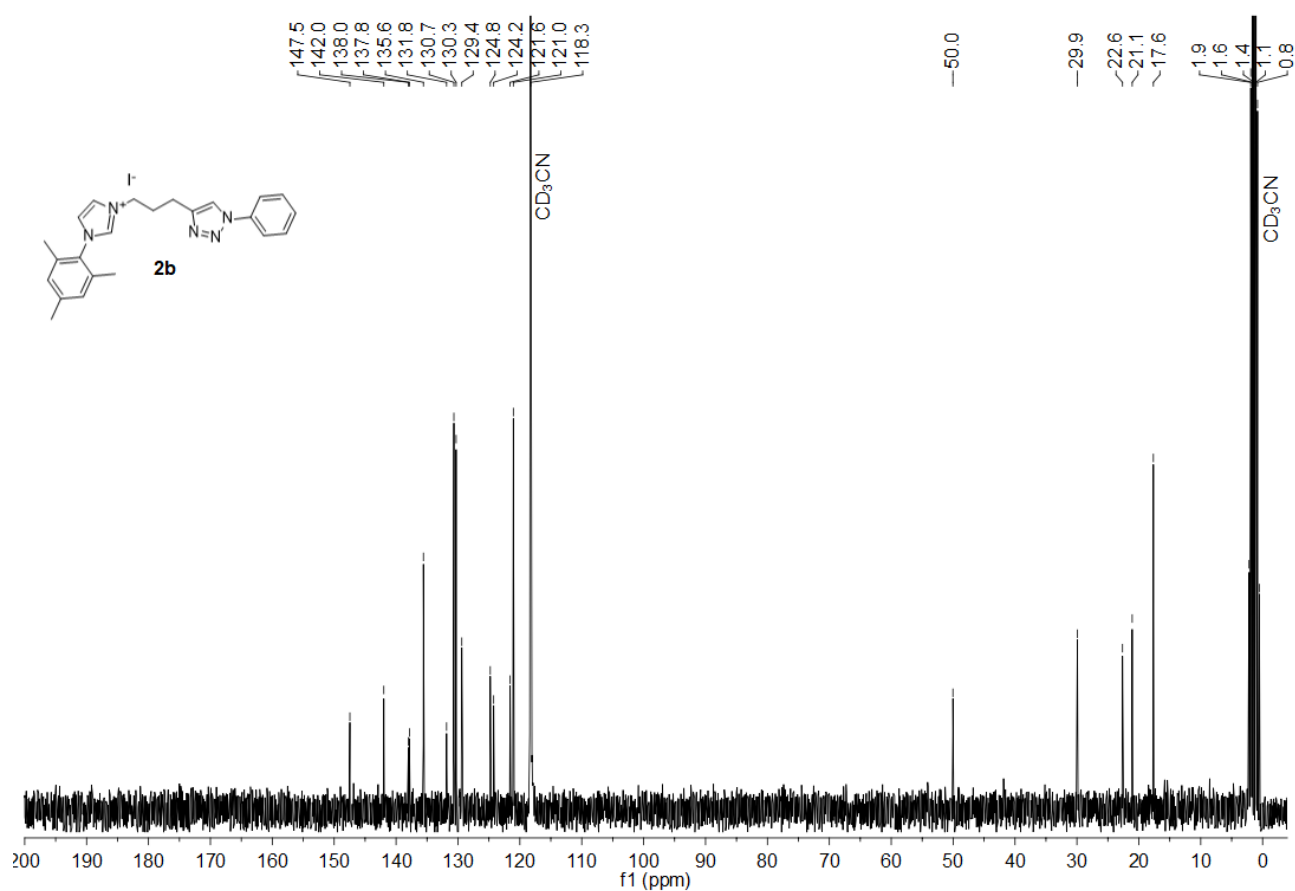


Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR of compound **2b** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

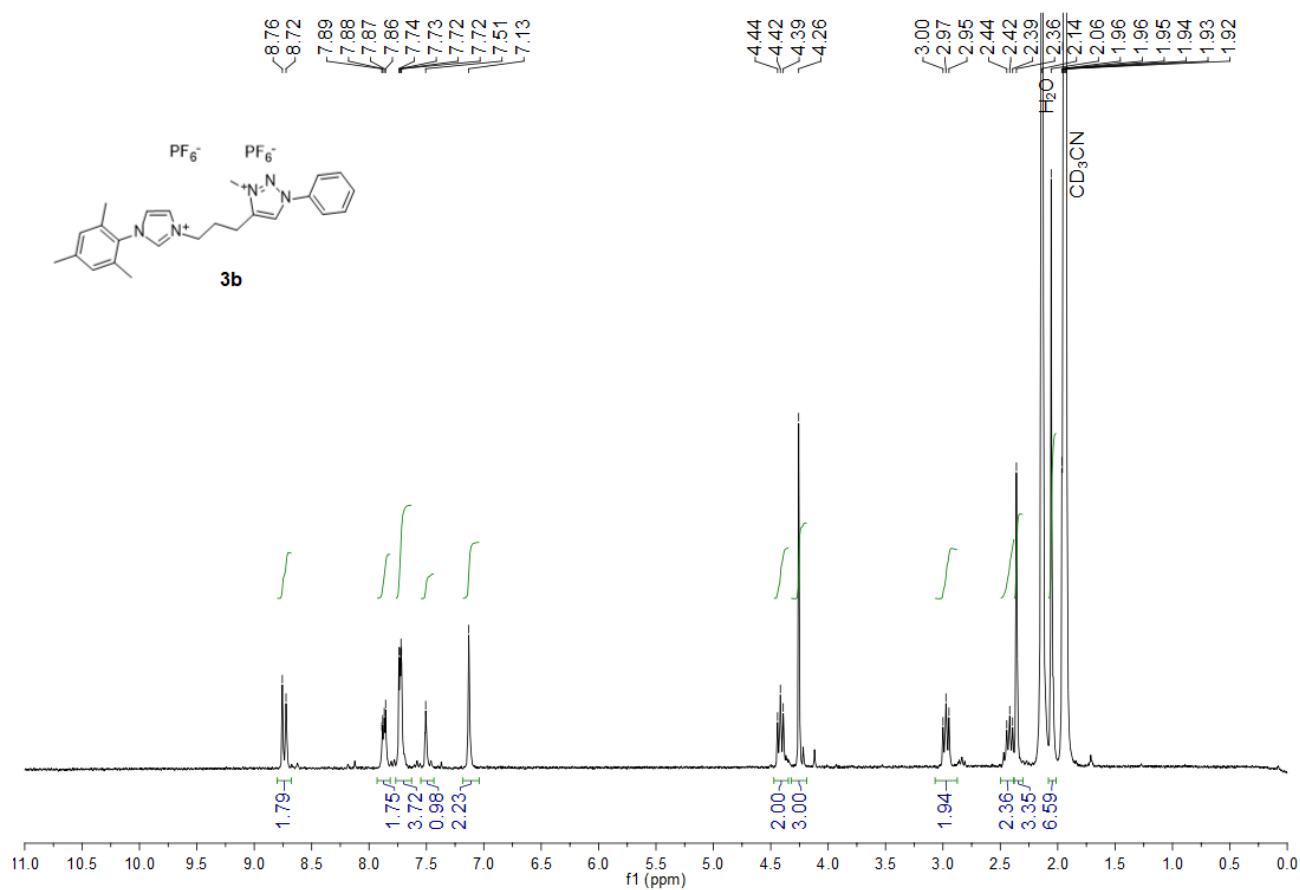


Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound **3b** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

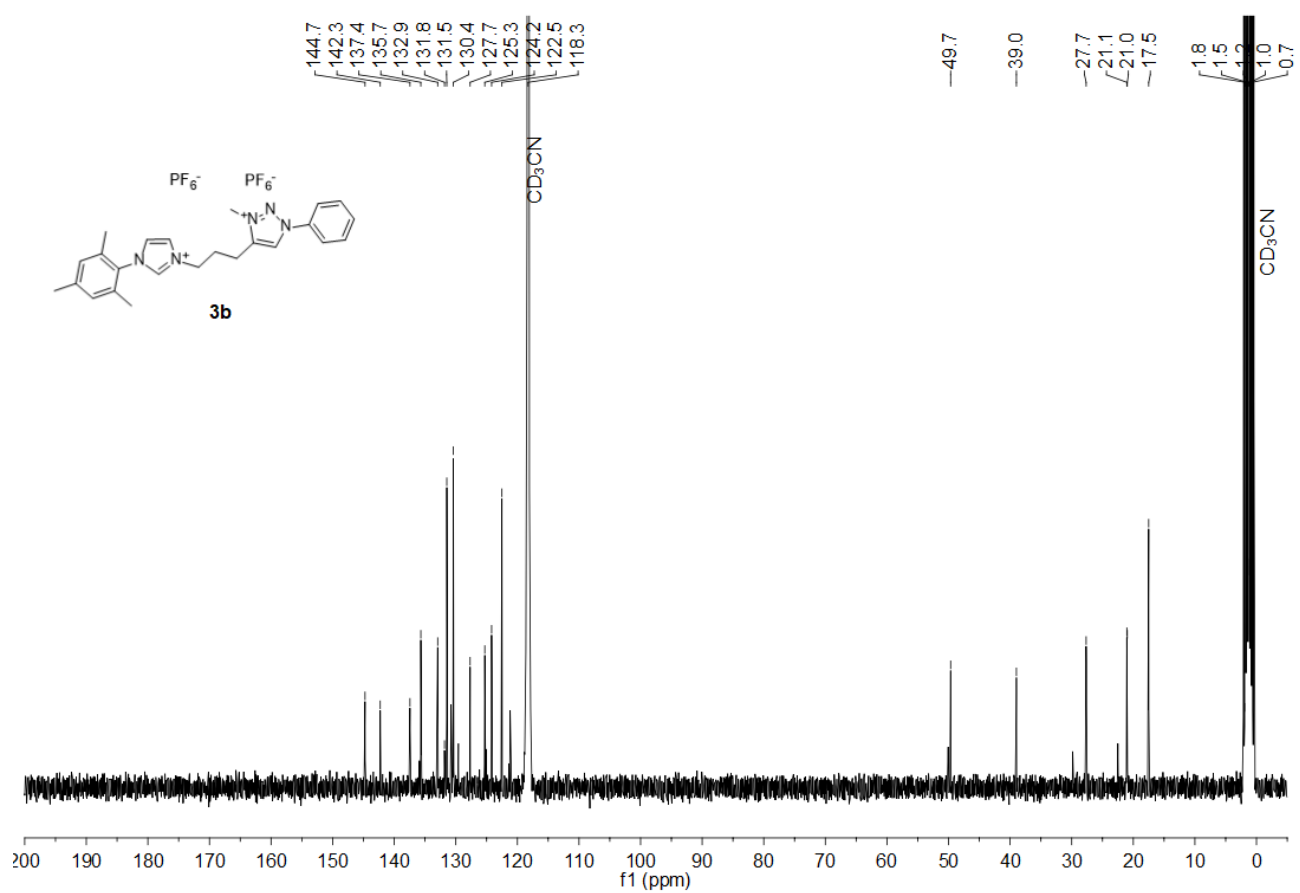
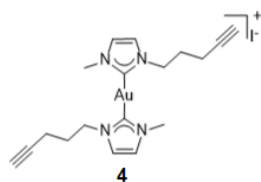


Figure S9. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR of compound **3b** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



Chemical structure of compound **4** is shown in the top left. The structure is a gold complex with two 1-ethynyl-4-methyl-5-(4-ethynylbutyl)imidazole ligands. The gold atom is coordinated to the two imidazole rings. The ligands are labeled with 'Au' and 'I<sup>+</sup>'.

**1H NMR spectrum (CD<sub>3</sub>CN):**

- Chemical Shifts (ppm):** 185.0, 124.0, 122.5, 118.3, 83.6, 71.0, 66.2, 55.3, 50.4, 38.5, 30.8, 15.9, 15.5, 1.8, 1.5, 1.3, 1.0.
- Solvent Peaks:** CD<sub>3</sub>CN (118.3, 1.3 ppm), (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O (3.3, 4.7 ppm).
- Assignment:** The peak at 185.0 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 124.0 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 122.5 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 118.3 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 83.6 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 71.0 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 66.2 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 55.3 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 50.4 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 38.5 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 30.8 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 15.9 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 15.5 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 1.8 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 1.5 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 1.3 ppm is assigned to the alkyne. The peak at 1.0 ppm is assigned to the alkyne.

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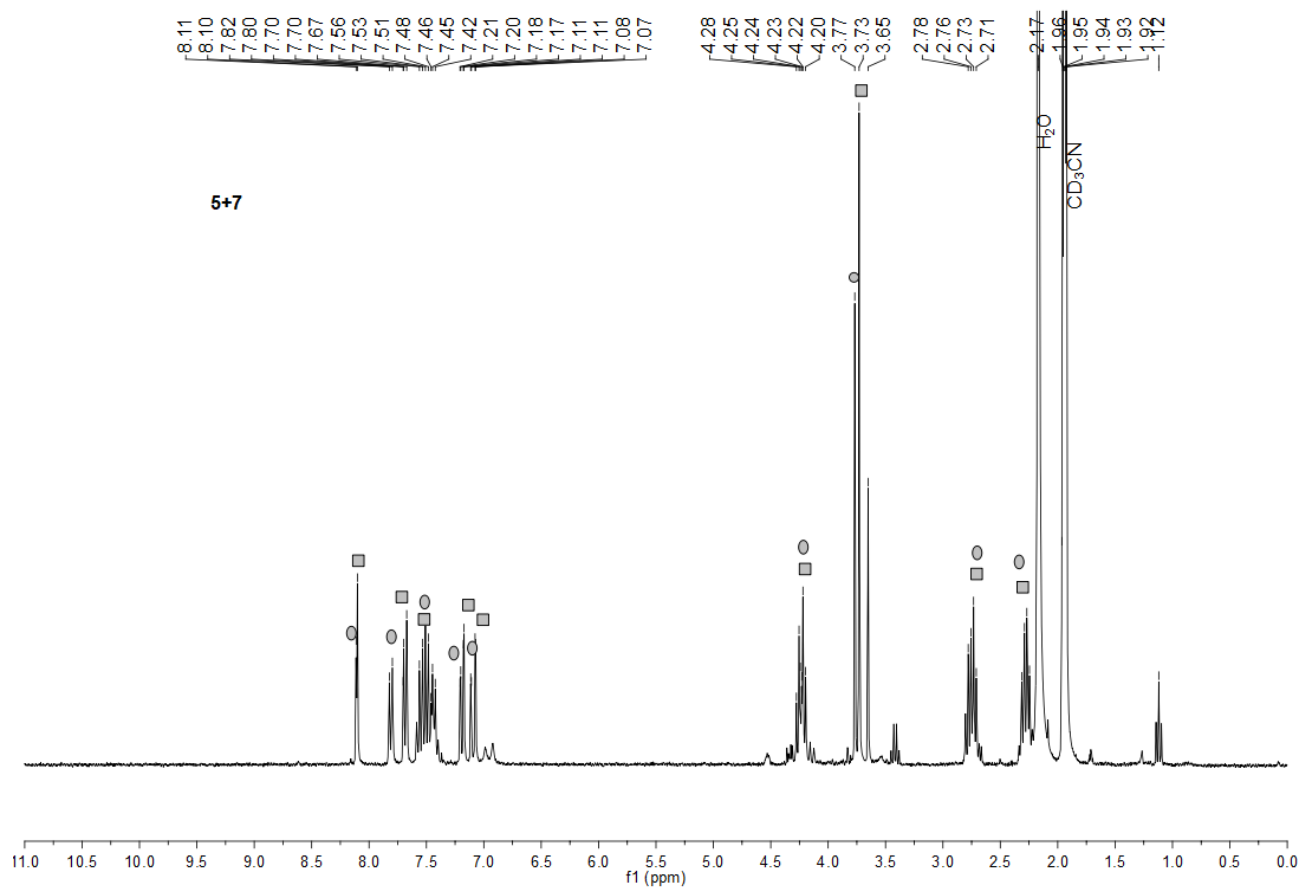


Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the mixture **5+7** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN; ■ identifies signals of complex **5**, ● those of complex **7**.

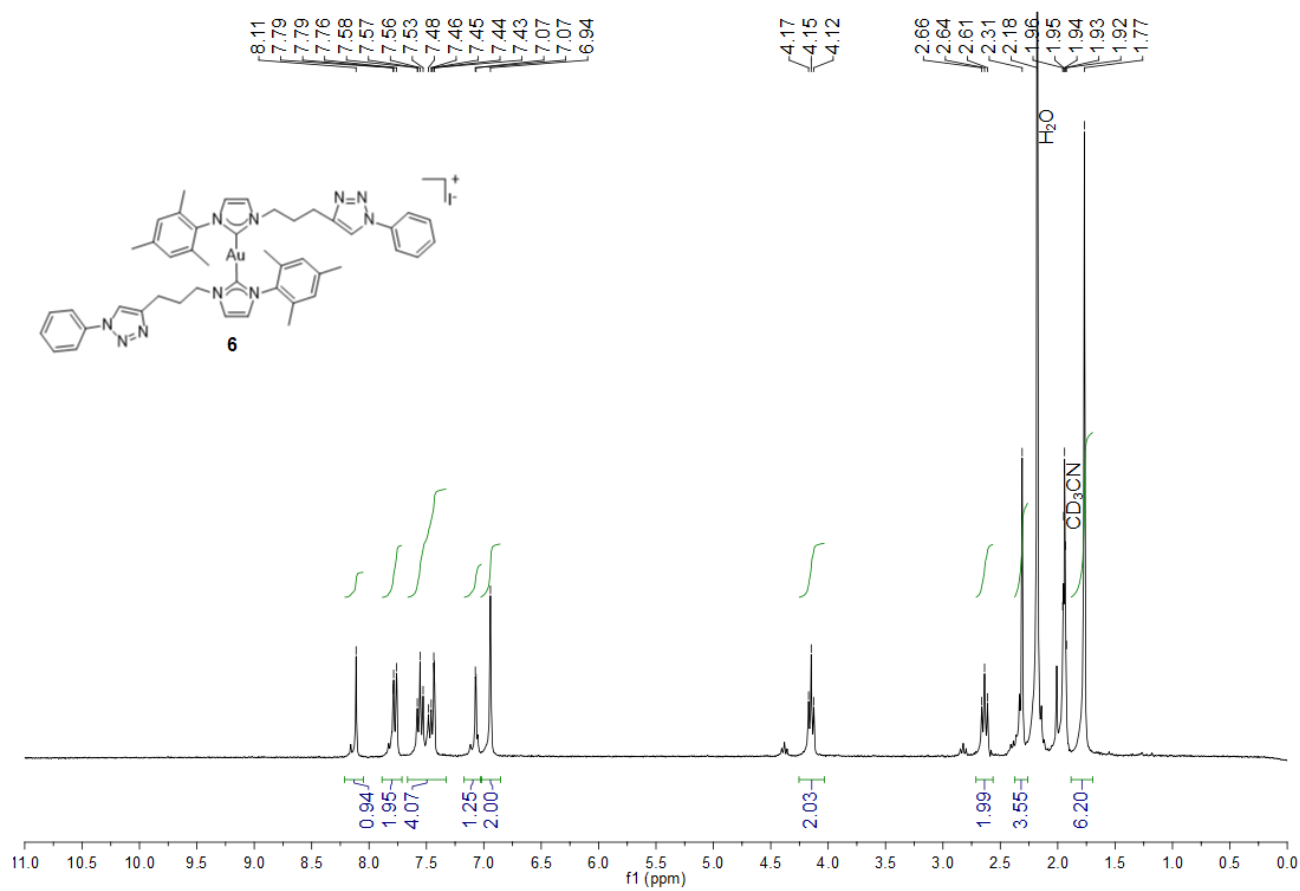
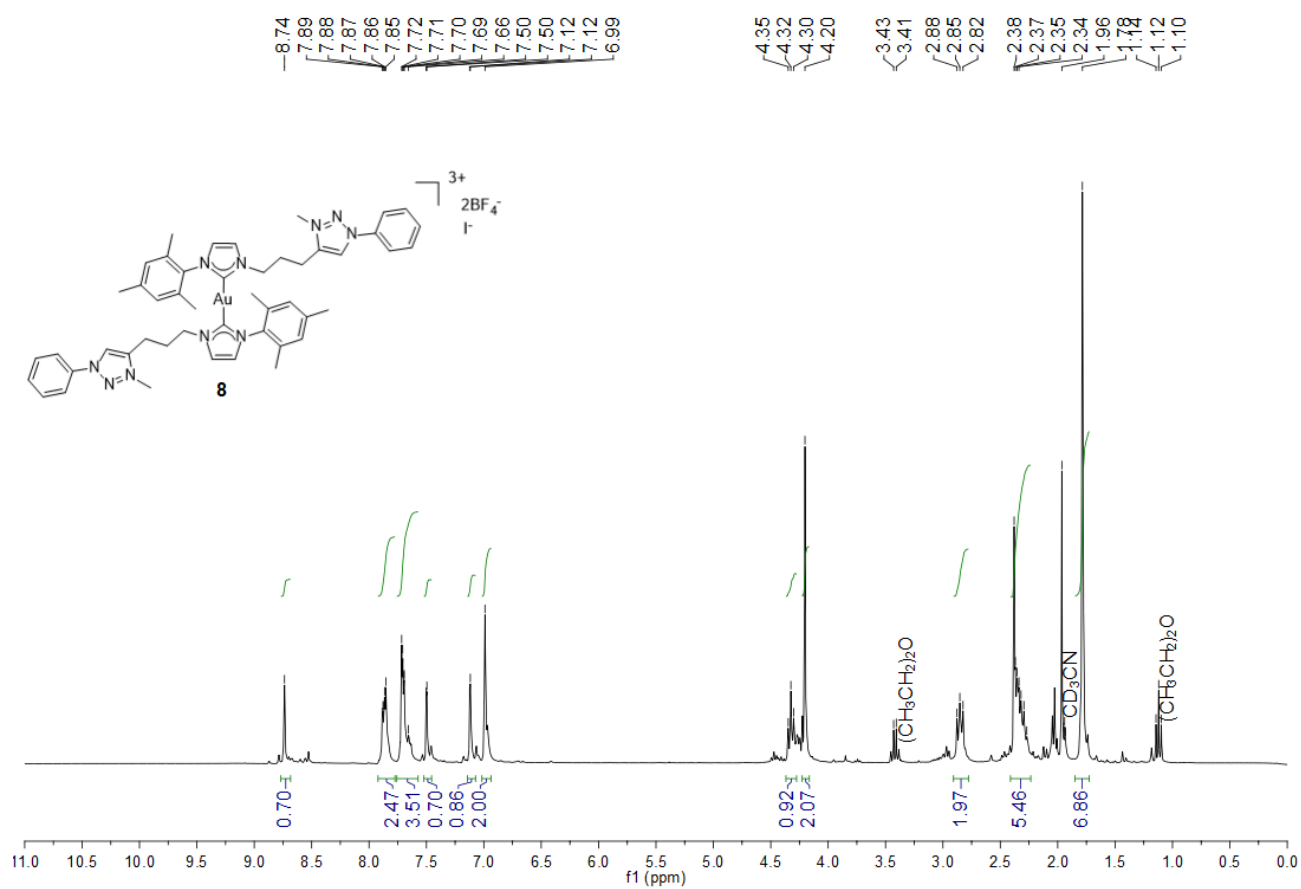
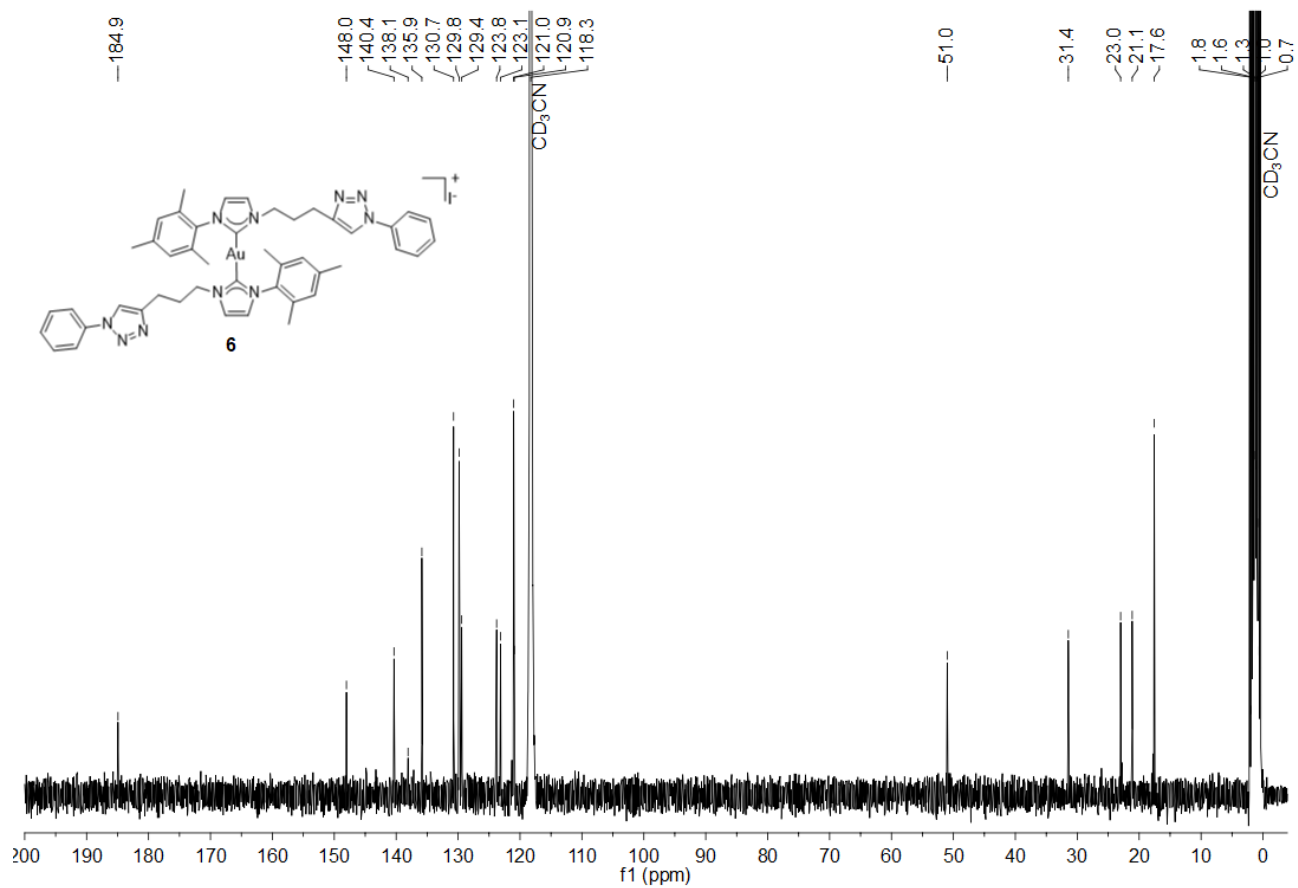


Figure S15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of complex **6** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



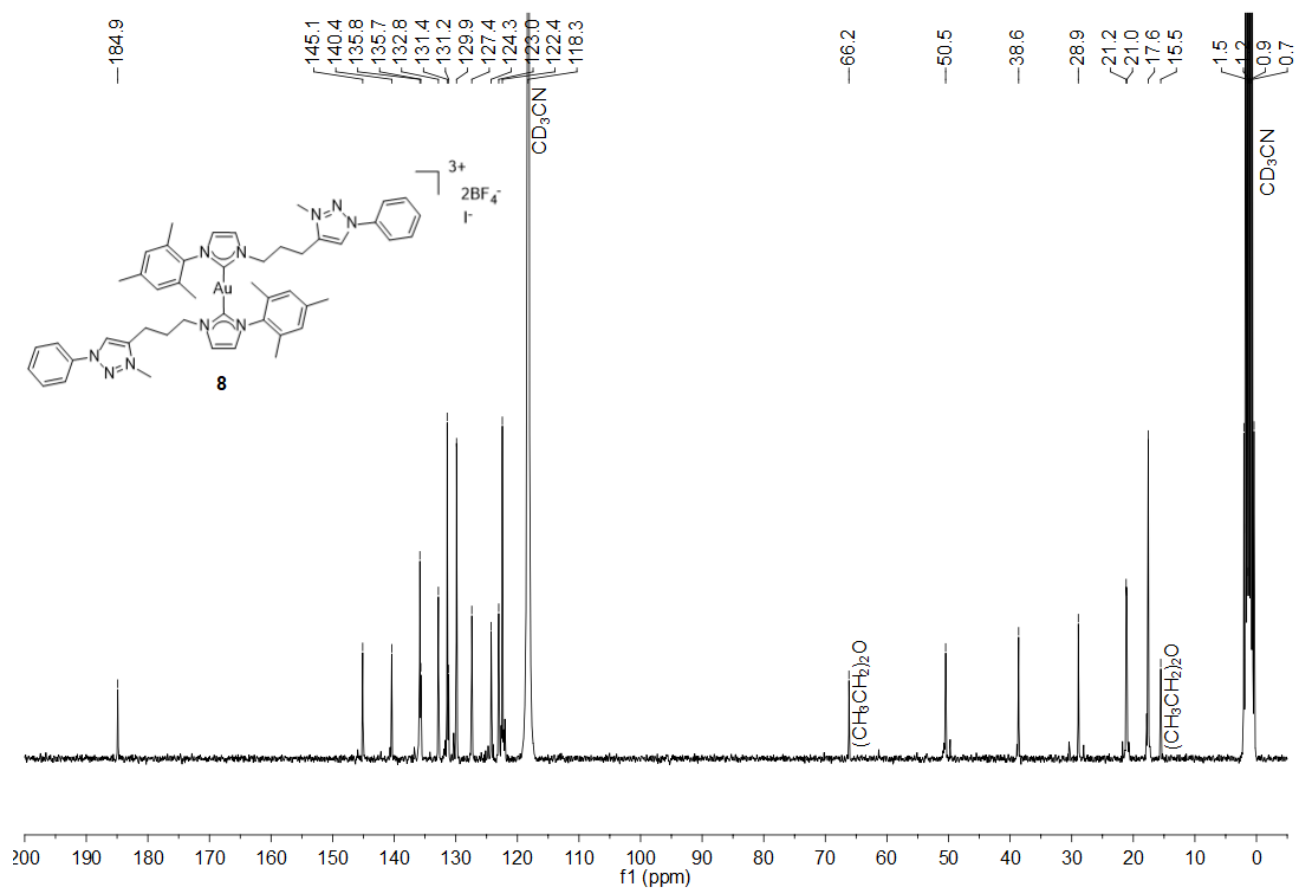


Figure S18.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR of complex **8** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

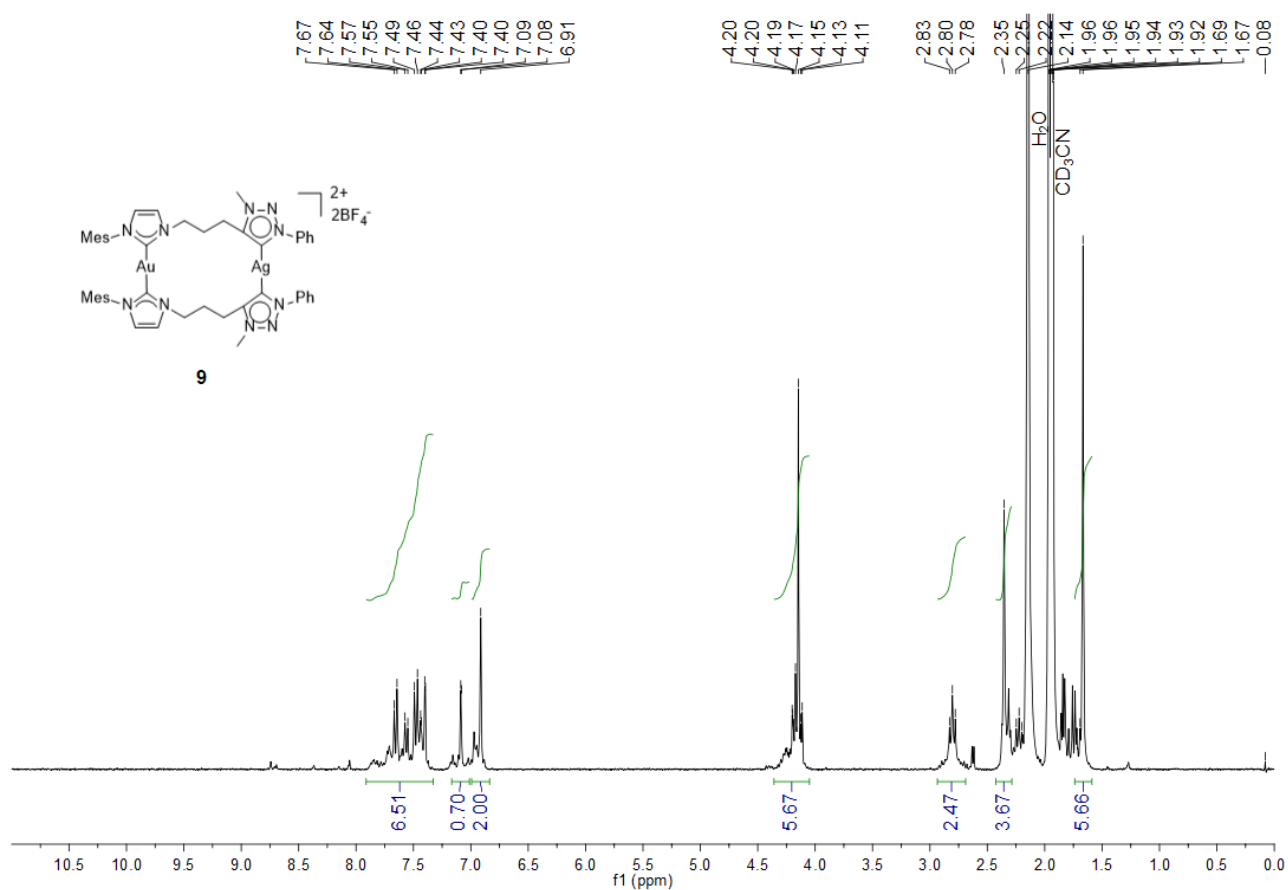


Figure S19.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of complex **9** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

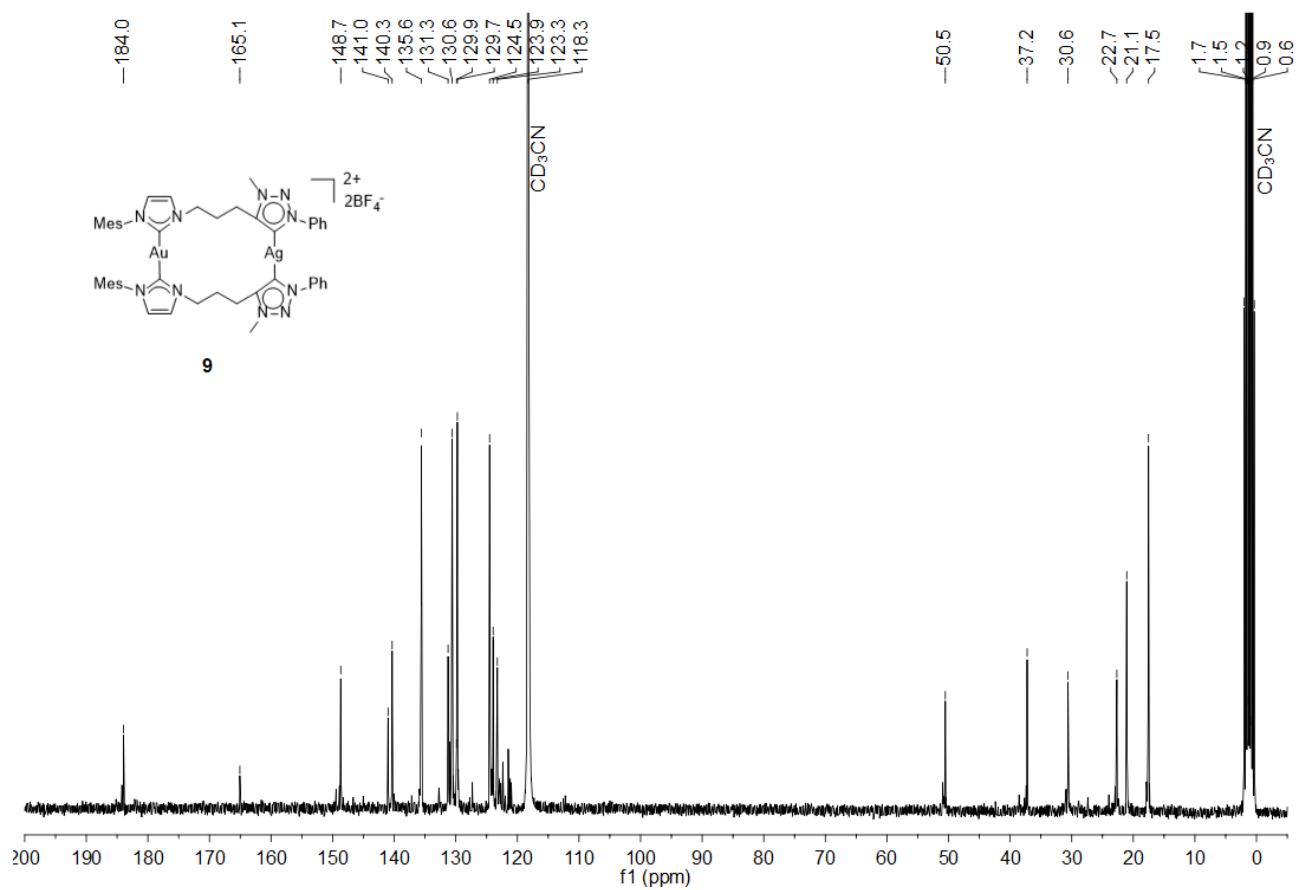


Figure S20.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR of complex **9** in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ .

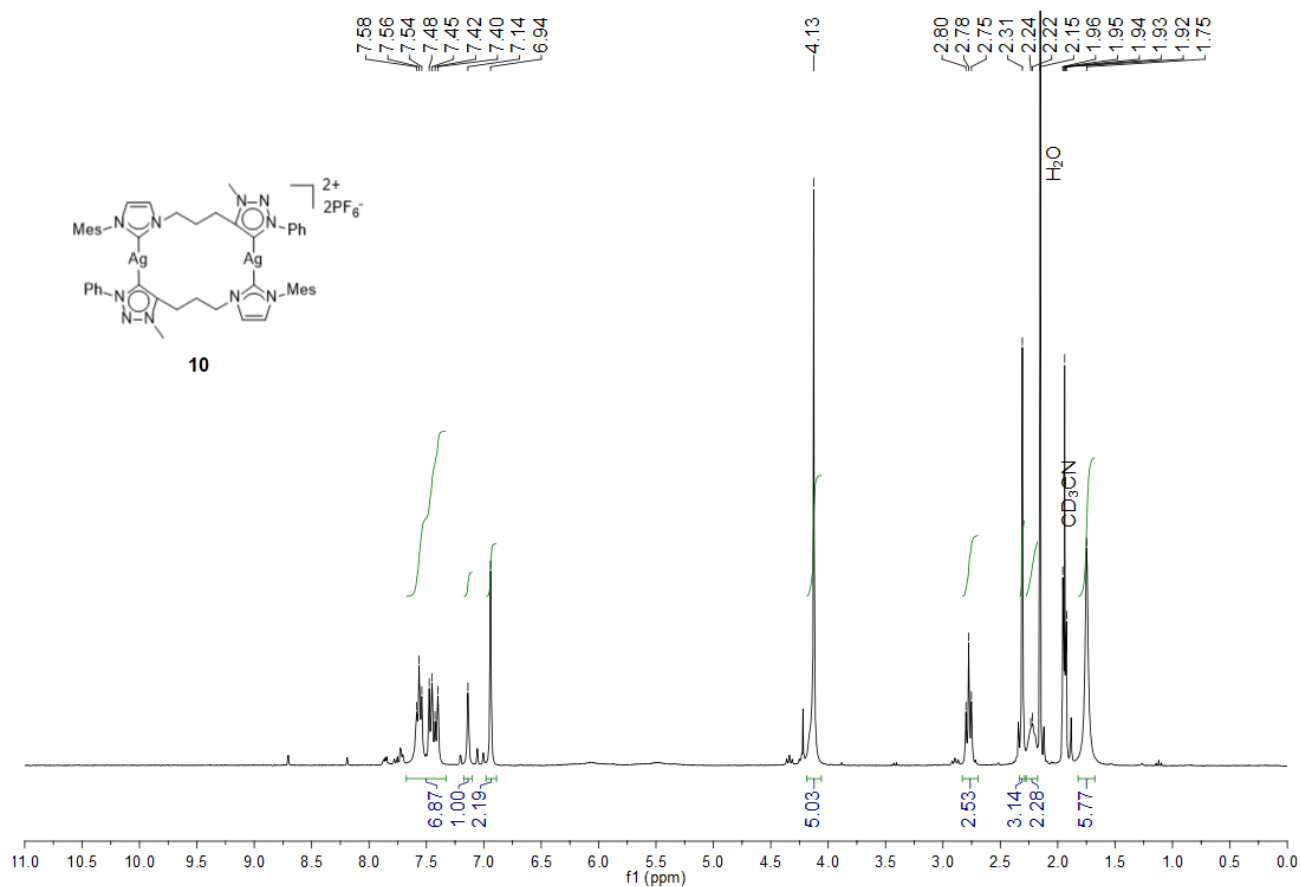


Figure S21.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of complex **10** in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ .

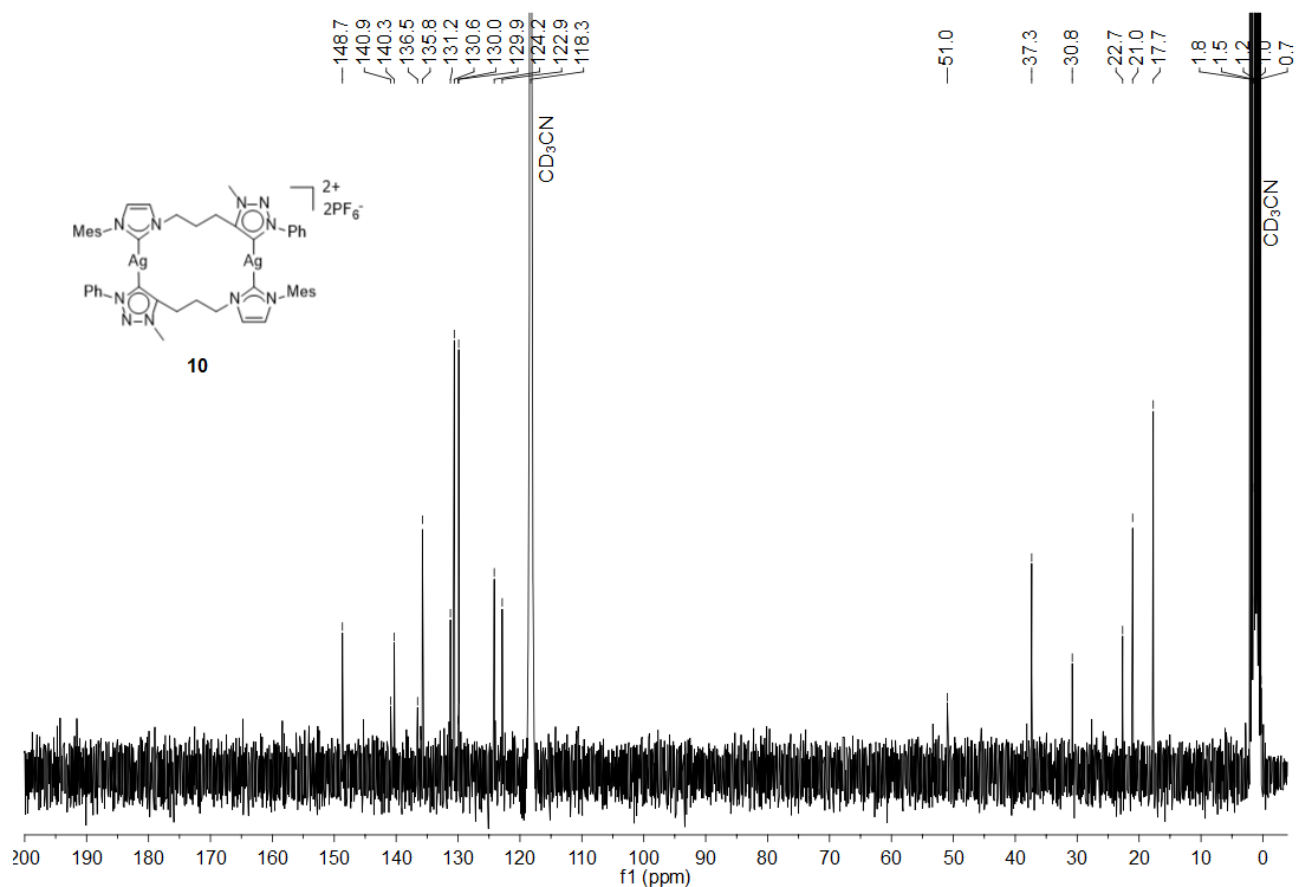


Figure S22 <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR of complex **10** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

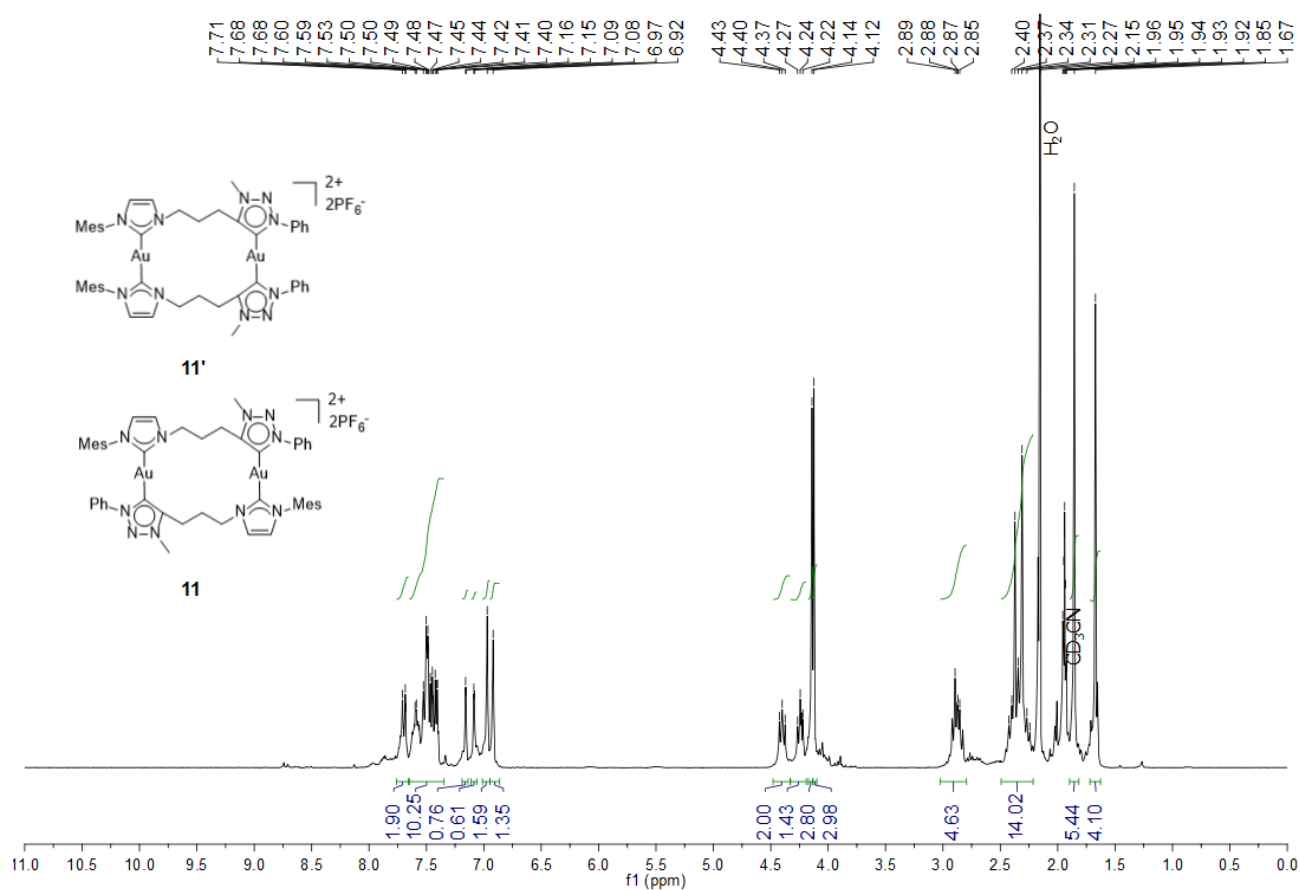


Figure S23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the mixture of complexes **11/11'** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

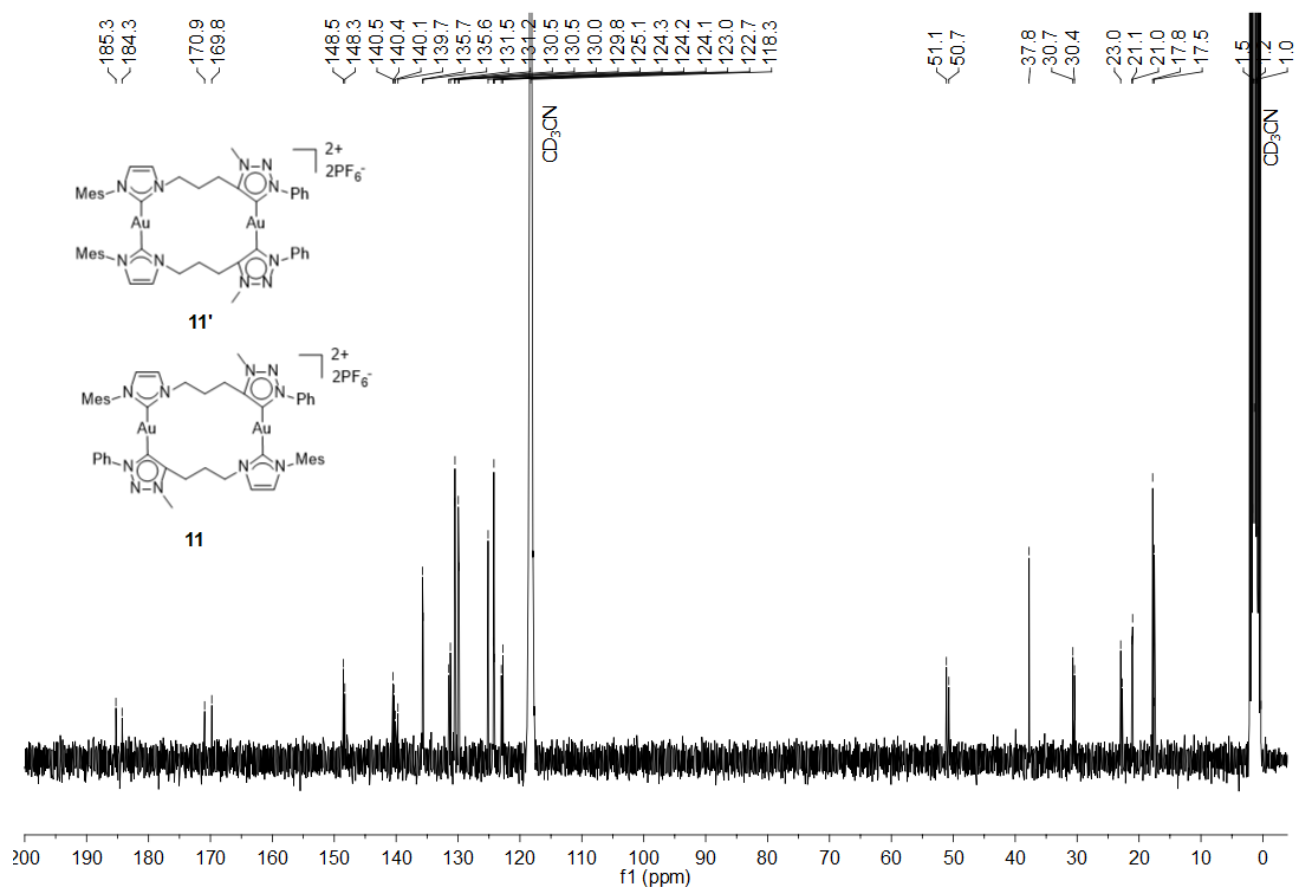


Figure S24.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR of the mixture of complexes **11/11'** in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ .

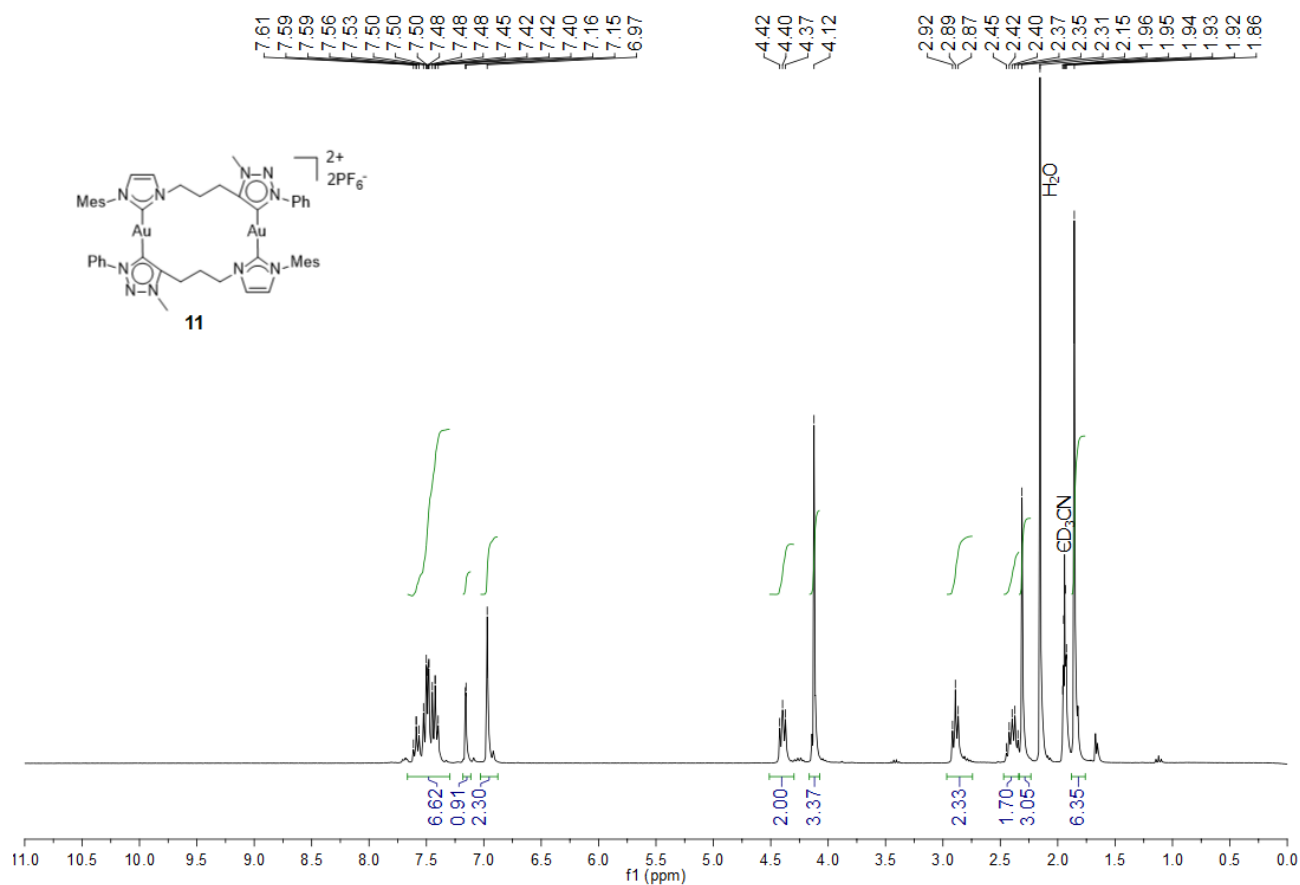


Figure S25.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of the complex **11** in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ .

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds **3b**, **4**, **6**, **7** and **11**

Compound	<b>3b</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>29</sub> F <sub>12</sub> N <sub>5</sub> P <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>24</sub> AuIN <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>46</sub> H <sub>50</sub> AuIN <sub>10</sub>	C <sub>94</sub> H <sub>108</sub> Au <sub>3</sub> I <sub>9</sub> N <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>54</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> F <sub>12</sub> N <sub>10</sub> P <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	677.46	620.28	1066.82	3419.12	1454.88
Temperature/K	294(7)	297.3(3)	298.9(6)	298(2)	297.3(4)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P-1	P-1	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
a/Å	7.3780(3)	6.5131(3)	10.1224(4)	9.3633(2)	12.7531(6)
b/Å	28.1830(15)	13.8875(5)	14.3562(5)	14.5000(4)	8.4120(4)
c/Å	14.5586(7)	11.8617(5)	15.8637(6)	23.1244(7)	25.2975(10)
$\alpha$ /°	90	90	96.879(3)	106.078(2)	90
$\beta$ /°	98.482(4)	103.920(4)	99.056(3)	91.868(2)	96.017(4)
$\gamma$ /°	90	90	93.241(3)	108.675(2)	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2994.1(2)	1041.39(8)	2253.48(15)	2832.44(14)	2698.9(2)
Z	4	2	2	1	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.503	1.978	1.572	2.004	1.790
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.244	24.952	3.993	26.869	5.574
F(000)	1384.0	584.0	1056.0	1610.0	1416.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.3 × 0.1 × 0.08	0.2 × 0.08 × 0.08	0.3 × 0.1 × 0.08	0.2 × 0.1 × 0.1	0.3 × 0.15 × 0.04
Radiation	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)	CuK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 1.54184)	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)	CuK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 1.54184)	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)
2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°	5.178 to 52.742	9.98 to 117.866	4.808 to 52.742	6.728 to 130.156	4.794 to 52.734
Reflections collected	12962	4470	17515	33736	29048
Independent reflections	6082	1492	9212	9336	5514
Data/restraints/parameters	6082/648/502	1492/0/113	9212/0/529	9336/520/629	5514/63/338
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.044	1.020	1.061	1.062	1.093
Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0572, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1491	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0496, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1407	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0337, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0877	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0594, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1488	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0330, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0785
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0744, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1628	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0557, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1532	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0379, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0908	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0686, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1553	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0392, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0818
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.40/-0.28	1.24/-1.66	2.61/-1.34	3.08/-1.87	2.28/-0.95
CCDC	1903106	1903104	1903103	1903105	1903107