

Tetrylenes based on polydentate sulfur-containing ligands

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Experimental Section

Experimental Details. All operations were conducted in a dry argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. NMR spectra, ^1H NMR (400.130 MHz), ^{13}C NMR (100.613 MHz) and ^{119}Sn NMR (149.211 MHz) spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 or Agilent 400 spectrometers at 295 K. Chemical shifts in the spectra are given in ppm relative to internal Me_4Si (for ^1H , ^{13}C NMR) or Me_4Sn (for ^{119}Sn NMR). Elemental analyses were carried out using PerkinElmer® 2400 Series II CHN Elemental Analyzer in N. D. Zelinsky IOC RAS (Moscow, Russia) or Heraeus Vario Elementar EL apparatus in Graz University of Technology (Graz, Austria). Mass spectra (EI-MS, 70 eV) were recorded on a quadrupole mass spectrometer FINNIGAN MAT INCOS 50 with direct insertion; all assignments were made with reference to the most abundant isotopes. Matrix-assisted laser-desorption-ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF-MS) analyses were performed on a Microflex (Bruker Daltonics) time-of-flight mass spectrometers; spectra were recorded in positive linear mode. Flash chromatography was performed on SiO_2 (0.015-0.040 mm).

Solvents were dried using standard procedures. Tetrahydrofuran and diethyl ether were stored over solid KOH and then distilled over sodium/benzophenone. Toluene and *n*-hexane were refluxed and distilled over sodium. Acetone was refluxed and distilled over P_4O_{10} , then over K_2CO_3 , after over KMnO_4 . Ethanol was refluxed and distilled over CaH_2 and stored over molecular sieves 3 Å. Dichloromethane was distilled from CaH_2 ; C_6D_6 was distilled over sodium under argon; CDCl_3 was distilled over CaH_2 under argon; DMSO- d_6 was refluxed and distilled over CaH_2 under argon, and stored over molecular sieves 3 Å.

Commercial *n*-BuLi (“Aldrich”) was used as received. 2,6-Lutidine (“Aldrich”) was distilled from KOH before using.

Compounds 2,6-MePy($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{SH}$),^{S1} ligands 2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$)₂ (**1a**),^{S1} 2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$)₂ (**1b**),^{S1} O[2-C₆H₄SH]₂ (**5**)^{S2} were obtained using literature procedures.

Ligand synthesis

Synthesis of SNO-ligands

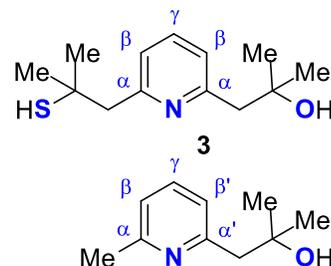
2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{SH}$) $\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{OH}$ (**3**)

a) Stage 1; synthesis of 2-(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-6-methylpyridine, 2,6-MePy($\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{OH}$). At -40 °C, a solution of BuLi (2.5 M solution in hexane, 38.00 mL, 95.00 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 2,6-lutidine (10.00 g, 93.30 mmol) in ether (200 mL). The mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature for 1 h, then cooled to -40 °C, and acetone (5.52 g, 95.00 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and was stirred overnight. Saturated aq. solution of NH_4Cl (100 mL) was added, the aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x50 mL), the organic phase was dried over MgSO_4 , then the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. After distillation 2,6-MePy($\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{OH}$) (29.40 g, 95 %) was obtained as colorless oil, b.p. 96-98 °C (7 Torr).

^1H NMR (δ , ppm, CDCl_3): 1.16 (s, 6H, CMe_2); 2.46 (s, 3H, MePy); 2.82 (s, 2H, CH_2); 6.14 (br s, 1H, OH); 6.87, 6.97 (2d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.6$ Hz, each 1H, β, β' -Py_H); 7.46 (pt, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, γ -Py_H).

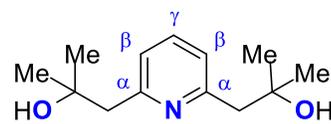
^{13}C NMR (δ , ppm, CDCl_3): 24.2 (MePy); 29.4 (CMe_2); 48.2 (CH_2); 70.5 (CMe_2); 120.9, 121.2 (β, β' -Py_C); 136.9 (γ -Py_C); 157.1, 159.1 (α, α' -Py_C).

Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$ (M_w 165.2322): C 72.69, H 9.15, N 8.48. Found: C 72.76, H 9.07, N 8.56.



b) Stage 2; synthesis of 2,6-bis(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)pyridine,

2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂OH)₂. Compound was obtained analogously to 2,6-Py(CH₂CH₂CH₂SH)₂ (**1a**) in ether (150 mL) from MePyCH₂CMe₂OH (11.11 g, 67.20 mmol), *n*-BuLi (2.5 M solution in hexane, 54.00 mL, 134.40 mmol) and acetone (4.68 g, 80.60 mmol). To terminate the reaction, 2 M aq. solution of HCl (100 mL) was added, the mixture was stirred for 30 min and then neutralized with 2 M aq. solution of NaOH. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x50 mL), the combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, and the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was distilled collecting fraction with b.p. 110-160 °C (1 Torr), then it was treated with *n*-hexane (20 mL) and stored at -20 °C. The crystals formed were washed with *n*-hexane (5 mL) to afford 2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂OH)₂ (2.10 g, 14 %) as white powder.

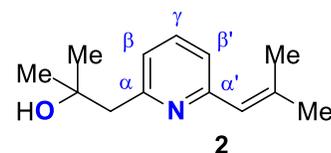


¹H NMR (δ, ppm, CDCl₃): 1.19 (s, 12H, 4CH₃); 2.88 (s, 4H, 2CH₂); 4.25 (br s, 2H, 2OH); 7.04 (d, ³J_{H-H} = 7.6 Hz, 2H, 2β-Py_H); 7.56 (t, ³J_{H-H} = 7.6 Hz, 1H, γ-Py_H). ¹H NMR spectrum parameters correspond to those given in the literature.^{S3}

¹³C NMR (δ, ppm, CDCl₃): 29.5 (Me); 49.7 (PyCH₂); 70.7 (CMe₂); 122.4 (β,β'-Pyc); 137.1 (γ-Pyc); 158.3 (α-Pyc).

c) Stage 3; synthesis of 2-(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-6-(2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)pyridine, 2,6-Py(CH=CMe₂)CH₂CMe₂OH (2).

A mixture of 2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂OH)₂ (2.10 g, 9.40 mmol) and concentrated orthophosphoric acid (85 %, 45 mL) was heated at 130 °C for 12 h. Then it was neutralized with 2 M aq. solution of NaOH, extracted with CHCl₃ (3x20 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to column chromatography to afford two compounds, 2,6-Py(CH=CMe₂)CH₂CMe₂OH (**2**) and 2,6-Py[CH=CMe₂]₂.



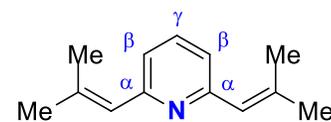
Compound **2,6-Py(CH=CMe₂)CH₂CMe₂OH (2)** (0.63 g, 36 %) (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc 9:1; R_f 0.2) was isolated as yellowish oil.

¹H NMR (δ, ppm, CDCl₃): 1.19 (s, 6H, Me₂C(OH)); 1.91, 2.04 (2s, each 3H, Me₂C=); 2.87 (s, 2H, CH₂); 6.15 (br s, 1H, OH); 6.26 (s, 1H, =CH); 6.87, 7.02 (2d, ³J_{H-H} = 7.7 Hz, each 1H, β,β'-Py_H); 7.53 (pt, ³J_{H-H} = 7.7 Hz, 1H, γ-Py_H).

¹³C NMR (δ, ppm, CDCl₃): 20.0, 27.6 (Me₂C=); 29.5 (Me₂C(OH)); 48.4 (PyCH₂); 70.6 (Me₂C(OH)); 121.1, 121.6 (β,β'-Pyc); 124.3 (C=); 136.8 (γ-Pyc); 155.9, 158.9 (α,α'-Pyc). Signal HC= not found due to overlapping with other signals.

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₉NO (M_w 205.2961): C 76.06, H 9.33, N 6.82. Found: C 75.86, H 9.14, N 6.72.

2,6-Bis(2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)pyridine, 2,6-Py[CH=CMe₂]₂ (0.21 g, 12%) (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc 200:3; R_f 0.2) was isolated as yellow oil.



¹H NMR (δ, ppm, CDCl₃): 1.92, 2.05 (2s, each 12H, 4Me); 6.33 (br s, 2H, 2CH=); 6.95 (d, ³J_{H-H} = 7.8 Hz, 2H, 2β-Py_H); 7.52 (t, ³J_{H-H} = 7.8 Hz, 1H, γ-Py_H). ¹H NMR spectrum parameters correspond to those given in the literature.^{S3}

¹³C NMR (δ, ppm, CDCl₃): 19.8, 27.3 (Me₂C=); 120.5 (β-Pyc); 125.4 (Me₂C=); 135.7 (γ-Pyc); 139.8 (=CH); 156.5 (α-Pyc).

d) Stage 4; synthesis of 2-(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-6-[2-methyl-2-(S-ethanethioato)propyl]pyridine,

2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂OH)CH₂CMe₂SC(O)Me.

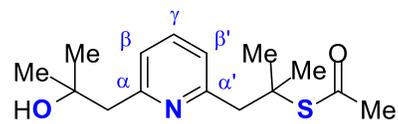
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Py(CH=CM₂)CH₂CMe₂OH **2** (2.22 g, 10.80 mmol) and thioacetic acid (1.95 mL, 27.00 mmol, 2.5 eq.) were dissolved in toluene (10 mL), and this was refluxed for 5 h. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure giving 2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂OH)CH₂CMe₂SC(O)Me (2.92 g, 96 %) as viscous yellow oil.

¹H NMR (δ, ppm, CDCl₃): 1.20 (s, 6H, Me₂C(OH)); 1.45 (s, 6H, Me₂C(SAc)); 2.24 (s, 3H, MeC(O)); 2.87 (s, 2H, CH₂C(OH)); 3.25 (s, 2H, CH₂CS); 6.28 (br s, 1H, OH); 6.95-7.03 (m, 2H, β,β'-Py_H); 7.52-7.56 (m, 1H, γ-Py_H).

MALDI TOF MS, *m/z* (rel. %): 281 ([M]⁺, 100).

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₅H₂₃NO₂S (M_w 281.4136): C 64.02, H 8.24, N 4.98. Found: C 64.17, H 8.38, N 5.12.



e) Stage 5; synthesis of 2-(2-mercapto-2-methylpropyl)-6-(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)pyridine, 2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂SH)CH₂CMe₂OH

(3). Compound 2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂OH)CH₂CMe₂SC(O)Me (2.33 g, 8.28

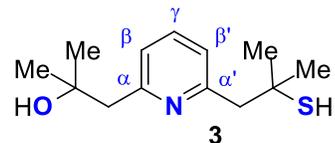
mmol) and KOH (2.78 g, 49.68 mmol, 6.0 eq.) were dissolved in ethanol (30 mL). After 1 h, the mixture was carefully neutralized with glacial AcOH (2.90 mL, 52.16 mmol, 6.3 eq.). The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and then evaporated giving 2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂SH)CH₂CMe₂OH (**3**) (1.74 g, 88 %) as viscous brown oil with typical mercaptane smell.

¹H NMR (δ, ppm, CDCl₃): 1.20 (s, 6H, Me₂C(OH)); 1.41 (s, 6H, Me₂C(SH)); 2.88 (s, 2H, CH₂C(Me₂)OH); 3.02 (s, 2H, CH₂C(Me₂)SH); 6.98, 7.13 (2d, ³J_{H-H} = 7.7 Hz, each 1H, β,β'-Py_H); 7.56 (pt, ³J_{H-H} = 7.7 Hz, 1H, γ-Py_H). The signals OH and SH were not found.

¹³C NMR (δ, ppm, CDCl₃): 29.5 (Me₂COH); 32.9 (2Me₂CSH); 44.5, 53.9 (CH₂C(Me₂)); 48.2 (Me₂C(SH)); 70.8 (Me₂C(OH)); 122.3, 123.0 (β,β'-Pyc); 136.7 (γ-Pyc); 157.0, 159.3 (α,α'-Pyc).

MS (EI, %): 206 ([M-SH]⁺, 42), 188 ([M-SH-H₂O]⁺, 74), 165 ([M-Me₂CS]⁺, 55), ([M-H₂O-Me₂CS]⁺, 100).

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃H₂₁NOS (M_w 239.3769): C 65.23, H 8.84, N 5.85. Found: C 65.11, H 8.92, N 5.77.

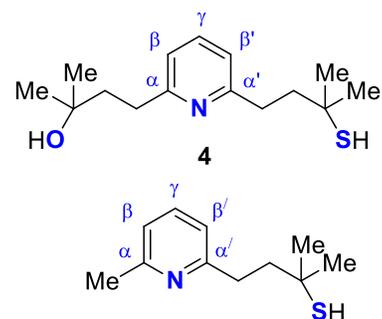


2,6-Py(CH₂CH₂CMe₂OH)CH₂CH₂CMe₂SH (4)

a) Stage 1; synthesis of 2-methyl-6-(3-mercapto-3-methylbutyl)pyridine, 2,6-MePy(CH₂CH₂CMe₂SH). Compound was obtained using our original procedure comprising ring-opening of 2,2-dimethylthiirane with lutidynyllithium.^{S1}

b) Stage 2; synthesis of 2-(3-mercapto-3-methylbutyl)-6-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbutyl)pyridine, 2,6-Py(CH₂CH₂CMe₂OH)CH₂CH₂CMe₂SH (4).

At -40 °C, a solution of *n*-BuLi (2.5 M solution in hexane, 3.29 mL, 8.23 mmol, 2.1 eq.) was added dropwise to a solution of 2,6-MePy(CH₂CH₂CMe₂SH) (0.75 g, 3.84 mmol) in ether (50 mL). The mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature within 1 h. Then it was cooled to -40 °C, and 2,2-dimethyloxirane (0.28 g, 3.90 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and was stirred overnight. Saturated aq. solution of NH₄Cl (50 mL) was added, the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x20 mL), the organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, then the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to column



chromatography to afford product **4** (1.23 g, 56 %) as viscous colorless oil (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc 3:1, R_f 0.2).

^1H NMR (δ , ppm, CDCl_3): 1.26 (s, 6H, $2\text{Me}_2\text{COH}$); 1.41 (s, 6H, $2\text{Me}_2\text{CSH}$); 1.74 (s, 1H, SH); 1.89 (t, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 6.9$ Hz, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{OH})$); 1.94-1.98, 2.87-2.91 (2m, each 2H, 2PyCH_2); 2.93 (t, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 6.9$ Hz, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{SH})$); 4.63 (br s, 1H, OH); 6.97 (pd, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, β,β' - Py_H); 7.48 (pt, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, γ - Py_H).

^{13}C NMR (δ , ppm, CDCl_3): 29.8 (Me_2COH); 32.6 (Me_2CSH); 32.8, 34.1, 41.9, 46.3 (4CH_2); 44.6 ($\text{Me}_2\text{C}(\text{SH})$); 69.7 ($\text{Me}_2\text{C}(\text{OH})$); 119.8, 120.3 (β,β' - Py_C); 137.0 (γ - Py_C); 160.9, 161.5 (α,α' - Py_C).

Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{NOS}$ (M_w 267.4301): C 67.37, H 9.42. Found: C 67.23, H 9.69.

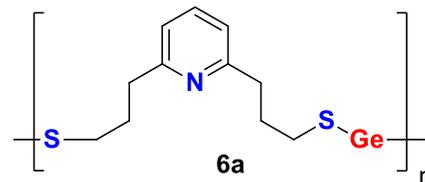
Tetrylene synthesis

General procedure. At -40 °C, a solution of polydentate SNS- or SNO- ligand (1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in toluene (20 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of Lappert's tetrylene, $\text{E}[\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2]_2$ (E = Ge, Sn), (1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in toluene (5 mL). The mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight.

Poly[(2,6-bis(3-sulfidopropyl)pyridine)germylene],

*[(2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S}$) $_2$)]Ge $_n$ (**6a**)*

Germylene **6a** was obtained using general procedure from $\text{Ge}[\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2]_2$ (0.1967 g, 0.50 mmol) and ligand 2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$) $_2$ (**1**) (0.1137 g, 0.50 mmol). The precipitate formed was filtered off, washed with toluene (2x5 mL) giving $[(2,6\text{-Py}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S})_2)\text{Ge}]_n$ (**6a**) (0.1405 g, 94 %) as yellowish powder.



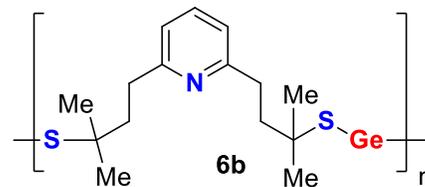
Due to low solubility in common organic solvents (CDCl_3 , THF-d_8 , DMSO-d_6) NMR spectra of material **6a** could not be registered.

Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{GeNS}_2$ (M_w 298.0135): C 44.33, H 5.07, N 4.70. Found: C 43.84, H 5.19, N 4.78.

Poly[(2,6-bis(3-sulfido-3-methylbutyl)pyridine)germylene],

*[(2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{S}$) $_2$)]Ge $_n$ (**6b**)*

Germylene **6b** was obtained using general procedure from $\text{Ge}[\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2]_2$ (0.1652 g, 0.42 mmol) and ligand 2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{SH}$) $_2$ (**1b**) (0.1191 g, 0.42 mmol). The precipitate formed was filtered off, washed with toluene (2x5 mL) giving $[(2,6\text{-Py}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{S})_2)\text{Ge}]_n$ (**6b**) (0.1353 g, 91 %) as yellowish powder.

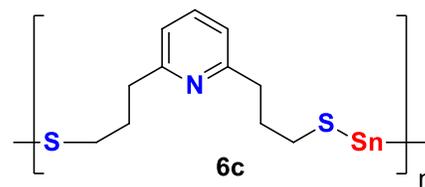


Due to low solubility in common organic solvents (CDCl_3 , THF-d_8 , DMSO-d_6) NMR spectra of material **6b** could not be registered.

Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{GeNS}_2$ (M_w 354.1198): C 50.88, H 6.55, N 3.96. Found: C 50.43, H 6.38, N 4.12.

Poly[(2,6-bis(3-sulfidopropyl)pyridine)stannylene], $[(2,6\text{-Py}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S})_2)\text{Sn}]_n$ (**6c**)

Stannylene **6c** was obtained using general procedure from $\text{Sn}[\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2]_2$ (0.2461 g, 0.56 mmol) and ligand 2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$) $_2$ (**1a**) (0.1273 g, 0.56 mmol). The



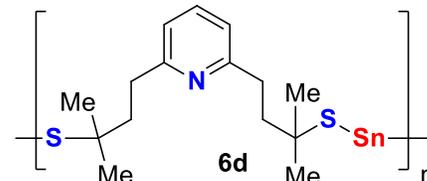
precipitate formed was filtered off, washed with toluene (2x5 mL) giving ([2,6-Py(CH₂CH₂CH₂S)₂]Sn)_n (**6c**) (0.1851 g, 96 %) as white powder.

Due to low solubility in common organic solvents (CDCl₃, THF-d₈, DMSO-d₆) NMR spectra of material **6c** were not registered.

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₅NS₂Sn (M_w 344.0835): C 38.40, H 4.39, N 4.07. Found: C 38.23, H 4.24, N 3.89.

Poly[(2,6-bis(3-sulfido-3-methylbutyl)pyridine)stannylene],
([2,6-Py(CH₂CH₂CMe₂S)₂]Sn)_n (6d**)**

Stannylene **6d** was obtained using general procedure from Sn[N(SiMe₃)₂]₂ (0.5889 g, 1.34 mmol) and ligand 2,6-Py(CH₂CH₂CMe₂SH)₂ (**1b**) (0.3799 g, 1.34 mmol). The precipitate formed was filtered off, washed with toluene (2x5 mL) giving ([2,6-Py(CH₂CH₂CMe₂S)₂]Sn)_n (**6d**) (0.4934 g, 92 %) as yellowish powder.

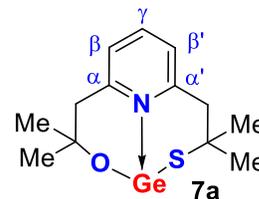


Due to low solubility in common organic solvents (CDCl₃, THF-d₈, DMSO-d₆) NMR spectra of material **6d** were not registered.

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₅H₂₃NS₂Sn (M_w 400.1898): C 45.02 H 5.79, N 3.50. Found: C 44.63, H 5.64, N 3.43.

[2-(2-Sulfido-2-methylpropyl)-6-(2-oxido-2-methylpropyl)pyridine]germylene,
[2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂S)CH₂CMe₂O]Ge (7a**)**

Germylene **7a** was obtained using general procedure from Ge[N(SiMe₃)₂]₂ (0.3952 g, 1.00 mmol) and ligand 2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂SH)CH₂CMe₂OH (**3**) (0.2403 g, 1.00 mmol). The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure giving germylene [2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂S)CH₂CMe₂O]Ge (**7a**) (0.2982 g, 96 %) as yellow powder.



¹H NMR (δ, ppm, C₆D₆): 1.05, 1.16, 1.50, 1.74 (4s, each 3H, 4Me); 2.32, 2.40 (2d, ²J_{H-H} = 14.1 Hz, each 1H, CH₂C(Me₂)O); 2.74, 3.14 (2d, ²J_{H-H} = 13.9 Hz, each 1H, CH₂C(Me₂)S); 6.25, 6.35 (2d, ³J_{H-H} = 7.7 Hz, each 1H, β,β'-Py_H); 6.84 (br s, 1H, γ-Py_H).

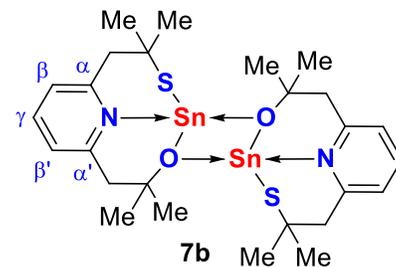
¹³C NMR (δ, ppm, C₆D₆): 28.3, 34.1, 35.0, 37.3 (2Me₂C); 44.5 (Me₂C(S)); 47.2, 49.0 (2CH₂); 69.7 (Me₂C(O)); 123.5, 124.9 (β,β'-Py_C); 138.4 (γ-Py_C); 157.4, 157.9 (α,α'-Py_C).

MALDI TOF MS, *m/z* (rel. %): 309 ([M-1]⁺, 100).

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₉GeNOS (M_w 310.0011): C 50.37, H 6.18, N 4.52. Found: C 49.84, H 5.93, N 4.24.

[2-(2-Sulfido-2-methylpropyl)-6-(2-oxido-2-methylpropyl)pyridine]stannylene,
([2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂S)CH₂CMe₂O]Sn)₂ (7b**)**

Stannylene **7b** was obtained using general procedure from Sn[N(SiMe₃)₂]₂ (0.3682 g, 0.84 mmol) and ligand 2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂SH)CH₂CMe₂OH (**3**) (0.2002 g, 0.84 mmol). The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure giving stannylene ([2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂S)CH₂CMe₂O]Sn)₂ (**7b**) (0.2852 g, 95 %) as white powder.



¹H NMR (δ, ppm, C₆D₆): 1.21, 1.40, 1.82, 2.08 (4s, each 6H, 8Me); 2.42-2.47 (m, 4H, 2CH₂); 3.30 (d, ²J_{H-H} = 12.5 Hz, 2H, 2CH(H)); 3.40-3.43 (m, 2H, 2CH(H)); 6.36, 6.44 (2d, ³J_{H-H} = 7.8 Hz, each 2H, 2β,β'-Py_H); 6.95 (t, ³J_{H-H} = 7.8 Hz, 2H, 2γ-Py_H).

^{13}C NMR (δ , ppm, C_6D_6): 29.6, 34.9, 35.0, 39.6 ($2\text{Me}_2\text{C}$); 45.8 ($\text{Me}_2\text{C}(\text{S})$); 49.8, 52.2 (2CH_2); 75.6 ($\text{Me}_2\text{C}(\text{O})$); 122.5, 123.7 (β, β' -Pyc); 137.0 (γ -Pyc); 158.4, 158.6 (α, α' -Pyc).

^{119}Sn NMR (δ , ppm, C_6D_6): -228.0 (br s).

MALDI TOF MS, m/z (rel. %): 711 ($[\text{M}-1]^+$, 100).

Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2\text{Sn}_2$ (M_w 712.1399): C 43.85, H 5.38, N 3.93. Found: C 43.56, H 5.22, N 3.78.

[2-(3-Sulfido-3-methylbutyl)-6-(3-oxido-3-methylbutyl)pyridine]stannylene, [2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{O}$) $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{S}$]Sn (7c**)**

Stannylene **7c** was obtained using general procedure from $\text{Sn}[\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2]_2$ (0.2032 g, 0.46 mmol) and ligand 2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{OH}$) $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{SH}$ (**4**) (0.1232 g, 0.46 mmol). The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure giving stannylene [2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{O}$) $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{S}$]Sn (**7c**) (0.1691 g, 96 %) as white powder.

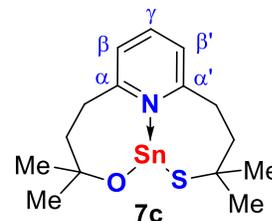
^1H NMR (δ , ppm, CDCl_3): 1.26, 1.65 (2s, each 6H, Me_2C); 1.80-1.84, 2.12-2.17, 2.78-2.82, 2.92-2.96 (4m, each 2H, 4 CH_2); 6.91, 7.00 (2d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.4$ Hz, each 1H, β, β' -Py_H); 7.42 (pt, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.4$ Hz, 1H, γ -Py_H).

^{13}C NMR (δ , ppm, CDCl_3): 29.9, 33.4 ($2\text{Me}_2\text{C}$); 34.0, 34.6, 44.6, 53.2 (4 CH_2); 47.1 ($\text{Me}_2\text{C}(\text{S})$); 73.7 ($\text{Me}_2\text{C}(\text{O})$); 119.6, 128.2 (β, β' -Pyc); 136.4 (γ -Pyc); 161.2, 162.0 (α, α' -Pyc).

^{119}Sn NMR (δ , ppm, CDCl_3): 26.3.

MALDI TOF MS, m/z (rel. %): 383 ($[\text{M}-1]^+$, 100).

Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{NOSSn}$ (M_w 384.1242): C 46.90, H 6.04, N 3.65. Found: C 46.52, H 6.12, N 3.48.



[2,2'-Oxybis(benzenethiolato)]stannylene, (O[2-C₆H₄S]₂Sn)₂ (8**)**

Stannylene **8** was obtained using general procedure from $\text{Sn}[\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2]_2$ (0.5712 g, 0.84 mmol) and ligand O[2-C₆H₄SH]₂ (**5**) (0.1242 g, 0.84 mmol). The precipitate formed was filtered off, washed with toluene (2x5 mL) giving stannylene (O[2-C₆H₄S]₂Sn)₂ (**8**) (0.2813 g, 95 %) as white powder.

Stannylene **8** is almost insoluble in common organic solvents (PhMe, CHCl_3), sparingly soluble in DMSO.

^1H NMR (δ , ppm, DMSO-d_6): 6.94-7.03 (m, 12H, Ar_H); 7.37-7.41 (m, 4H, Ar_H).

^{13}C NMR (δ , ppm, DMSO-d_6): 119.8, 123.9, 124.7, 134.0, 155.1 (Ar_C). Signal of one quaternary Ar_C was not found.

^{119}Sn NMR (δ , ppm, DMSO-d_6): 51.3.

MALDI TOF MS, m/z (rel. %): 701 ($[\text{M}-1]^+$, 100).

Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{S}_4\text{Sn}_2$ (M_w 702.0604): C 41.06, H 2.30. Found: C 41.22, H 2.11.



Bromination of germylene ([2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S}$)₂]Ge)_n (6a**)**

At 0 °C, bromine (0.06 g, 20 μL , 0.37 mmol) was added to a suspension of ([2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S}$)₂]Ge)_n (**6a**) (0.1012 g, 0.34 mmol) in ether (20 mL). The mixture was discolored. After stirring for 2 days, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure giving ([2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S}$)₂]GeBr₂)_n as grey powder.

Due to low solubility in common organic solvents (CDCl_3 , THF- d_8 , DMSO-d_6) NMR spectra of dibromide ([2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S}$)₂]GeBr₂)_n could not be registered.

Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{Br}_2\text{GeNS}_2$ (M_w 457.8215): C 28.86, H 3.30, N 3.06. Found: C 27.44, H 3.02, N 2.74.

NMR spectra of the compounds obtained

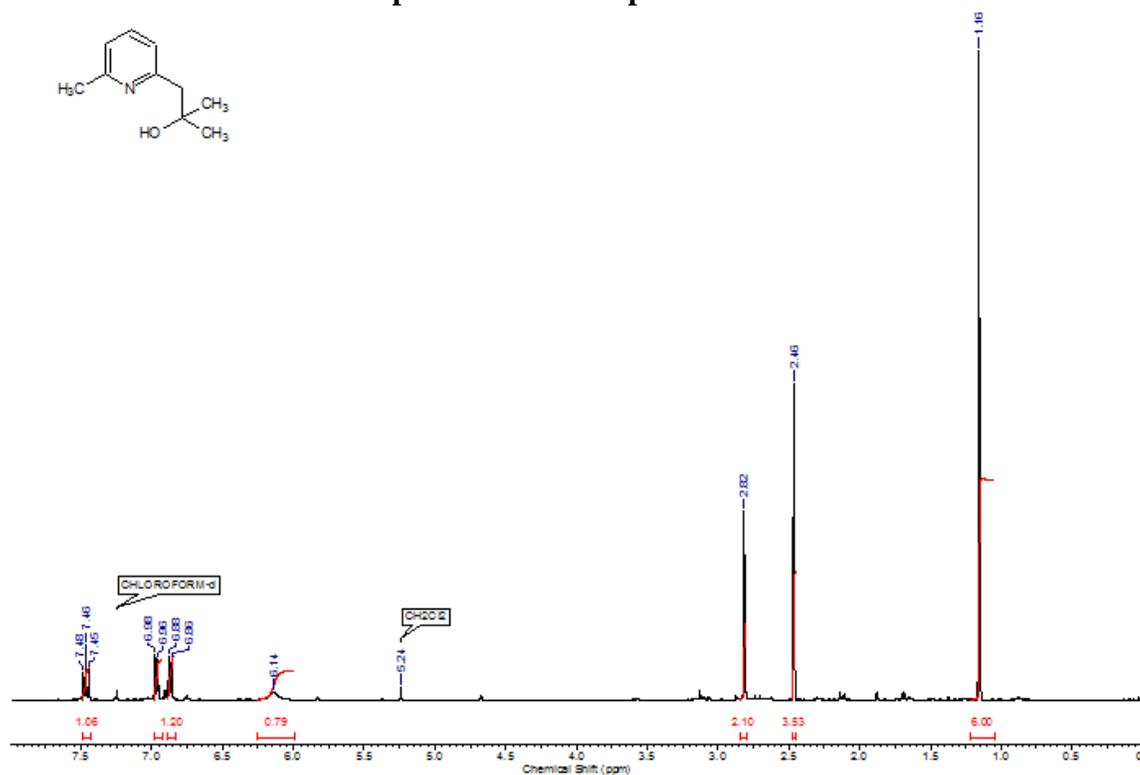


Fig. S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, RT) of 2,6-MePy(CH₂CMe₂OH).

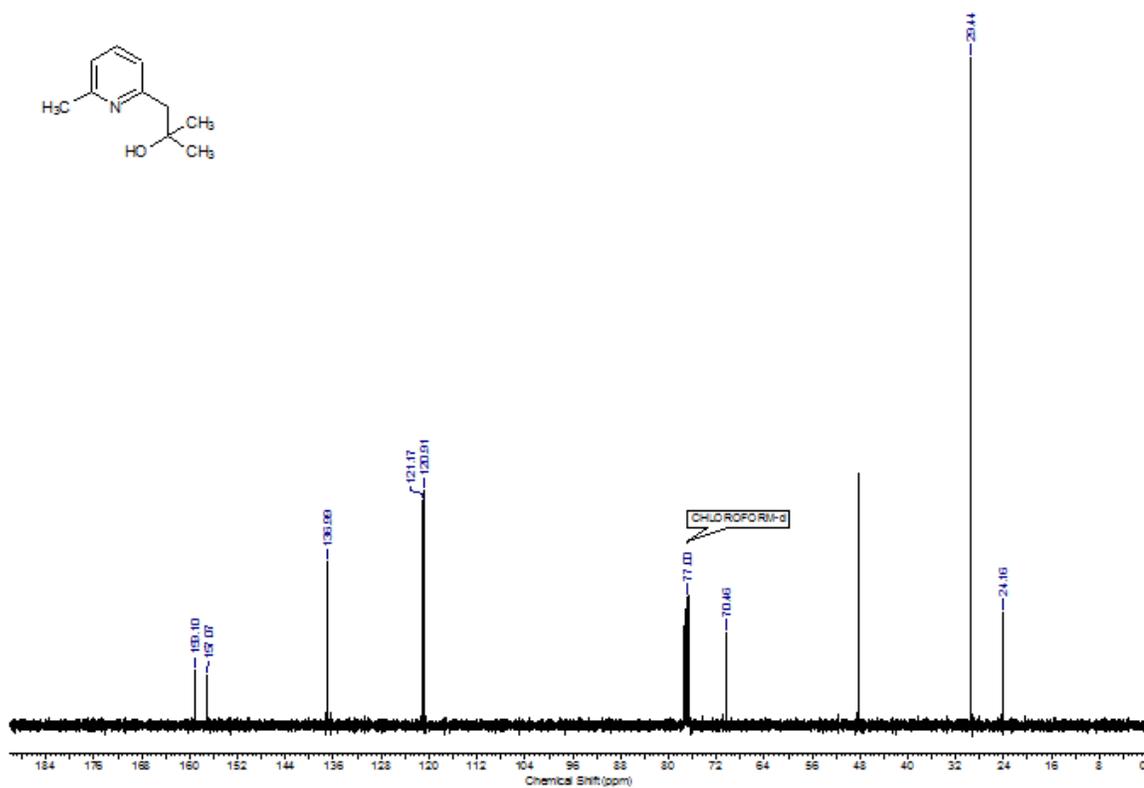


Fig. S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, RT) of 2,6-MePy(CH₂CMe₂OH).

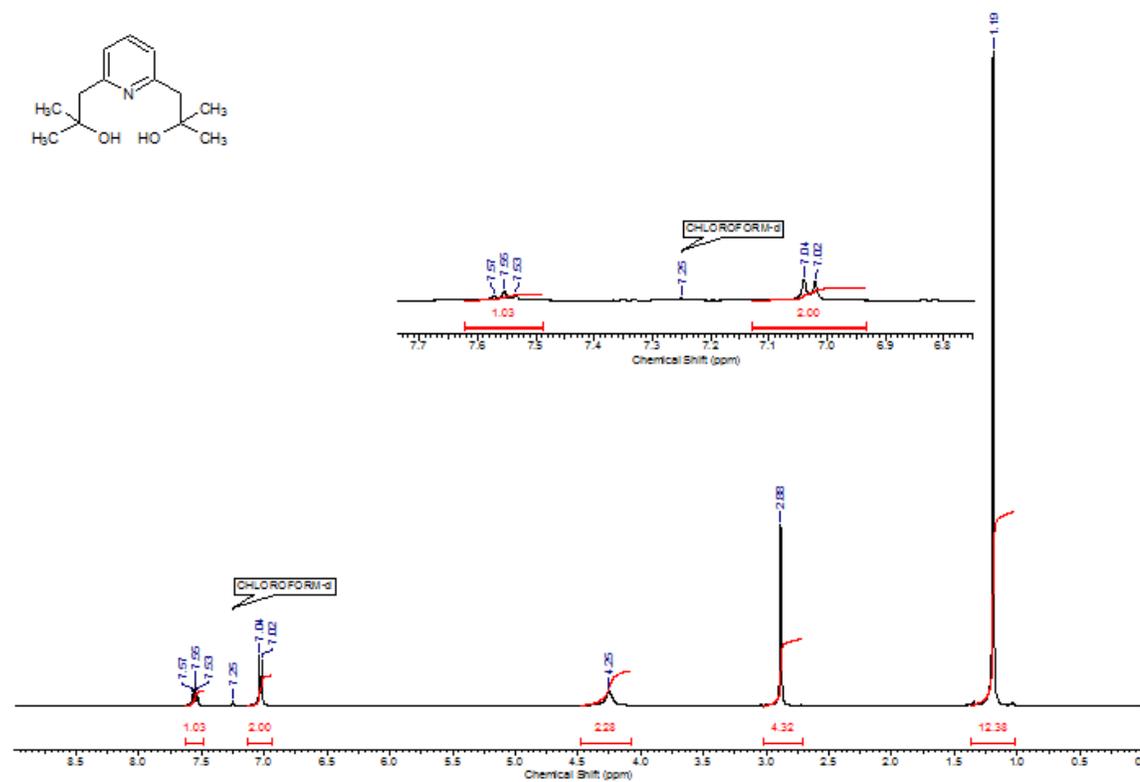


Fig. S3. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, RT) of 2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂OH)₂.

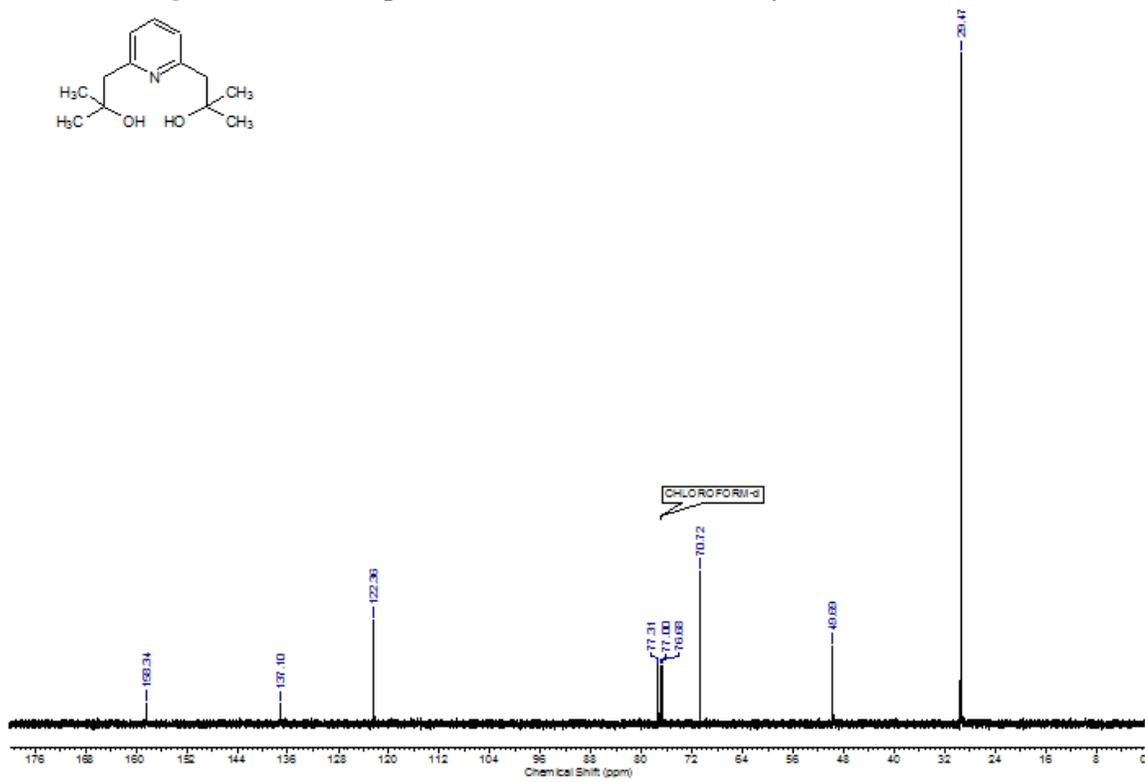


Fig. S4. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, RT) of 2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂OH)₂.

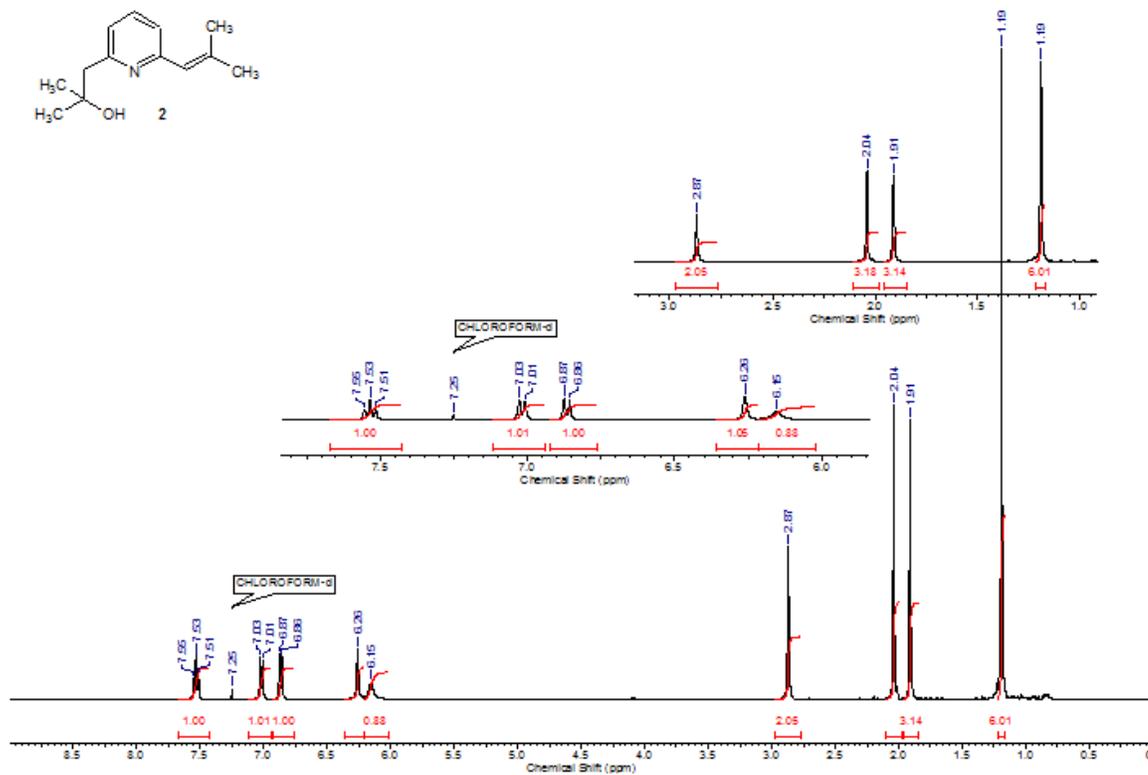


Fig. S5. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, RT) of 2,6-Py(CH=CMe₂)CH₂CMe₂OH (2).

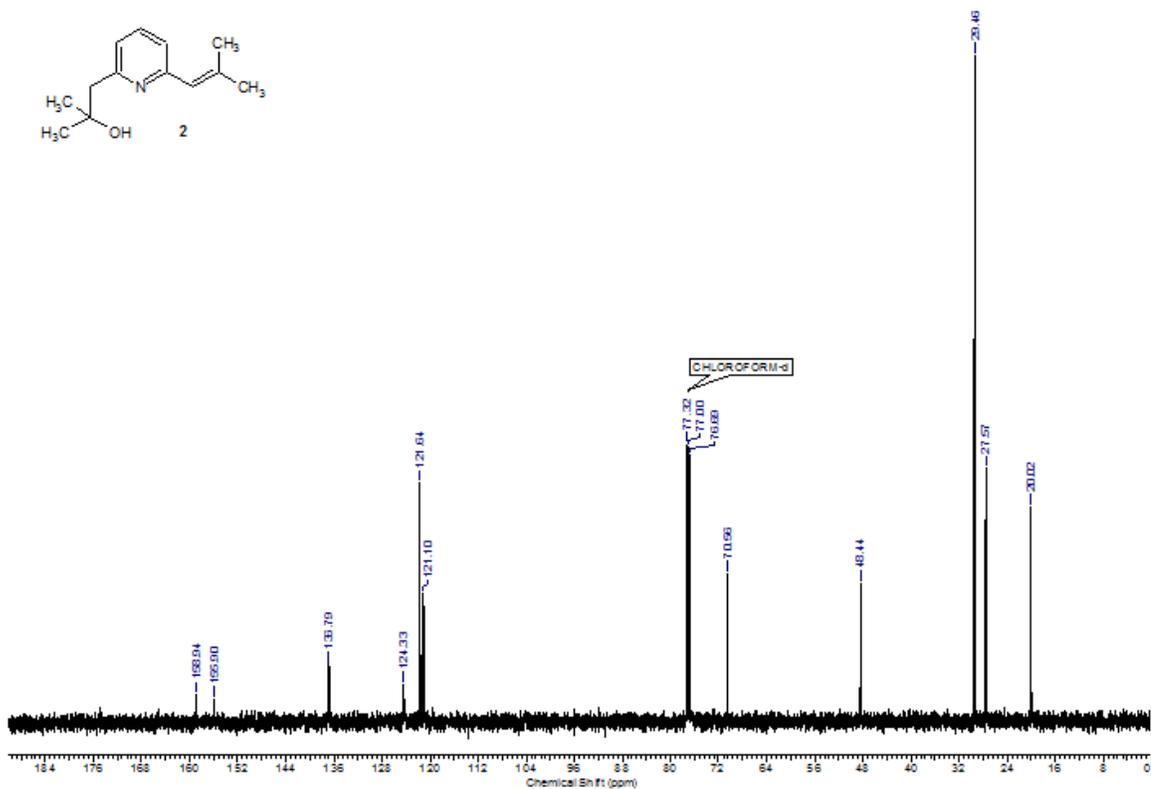


Fig. S6. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, RT) of 2,6-Py(CH=CMe₂)CH₂CMe₂OH (2).

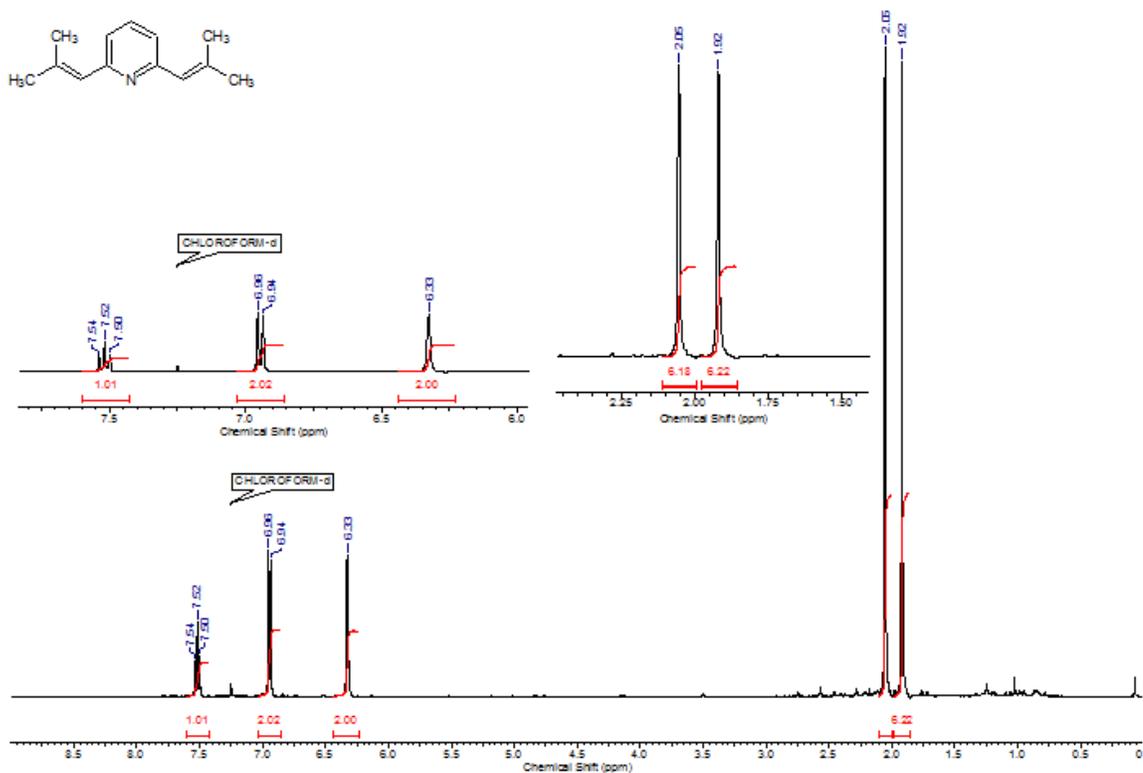


Fig. S7. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, RT) of 2,6-Py[CH=CMe₂]₂.

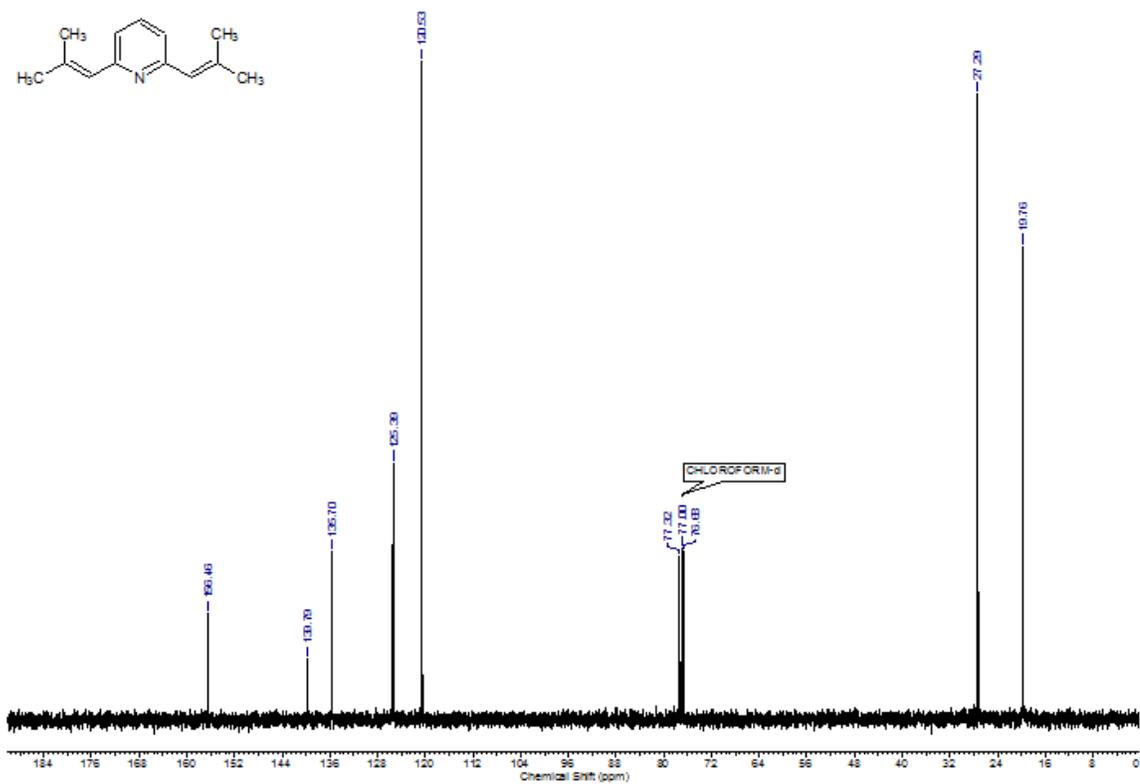


Fig. S8. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, RT) of 2,6-Py[CH=CMe₂]₂.

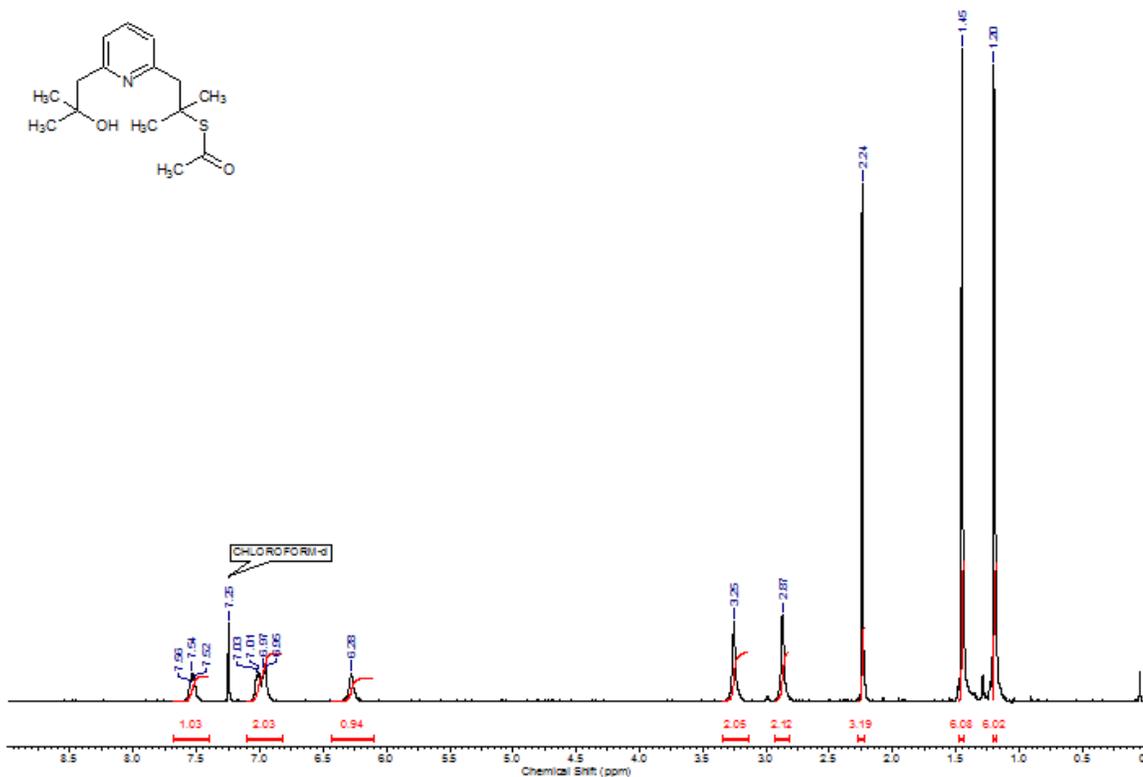


Fig. S9. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, RT) of 2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂OH)CH₂CMe₂SC(O)Me.

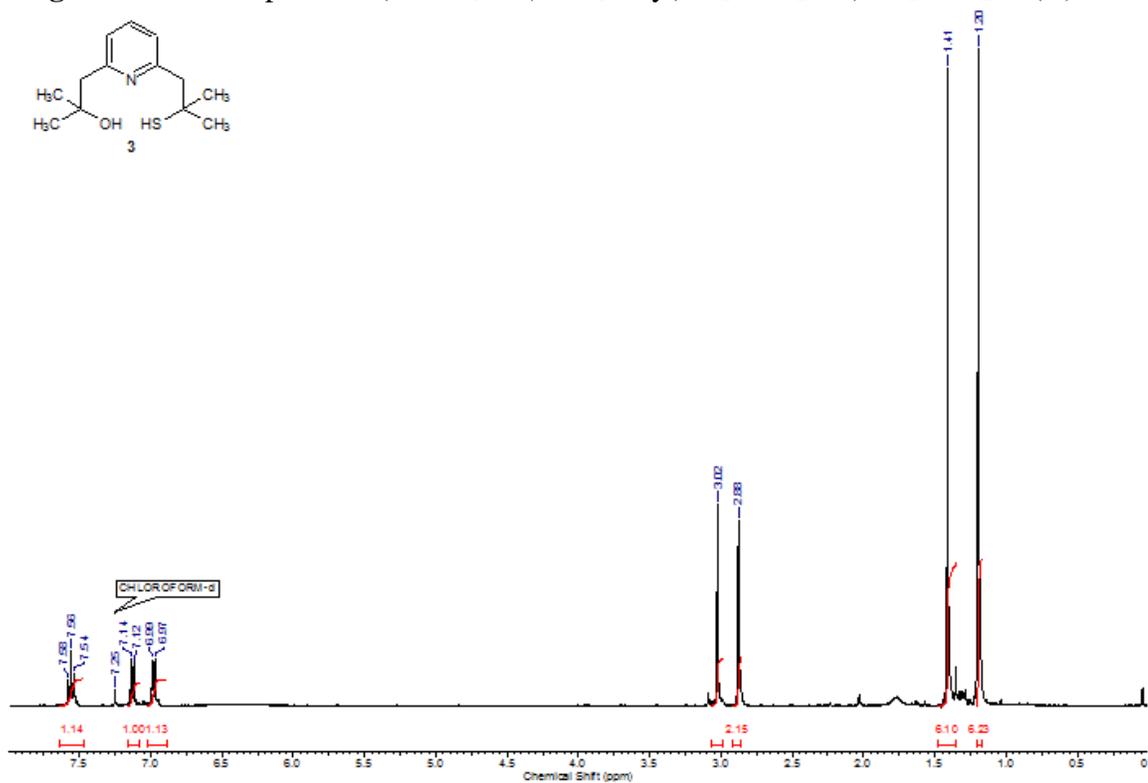


Fig. S10. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, RT) of 2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂OH)CH₂CMe₂SH (**3**).

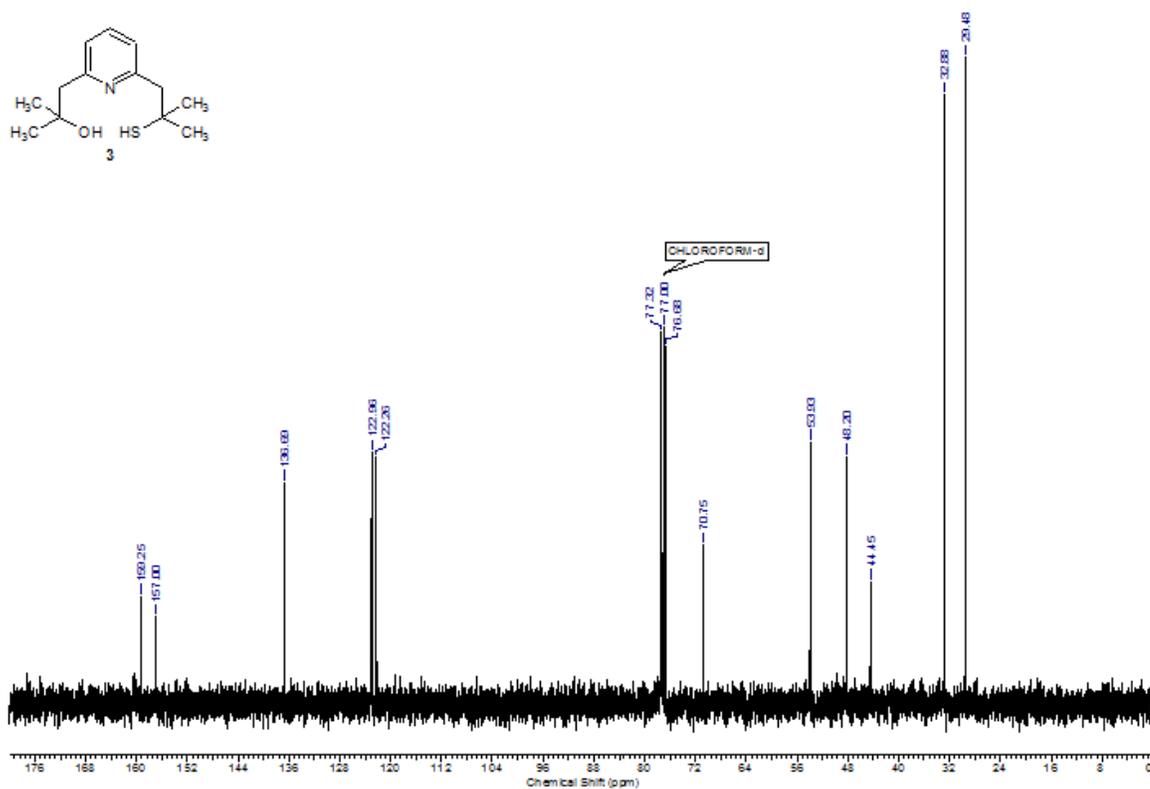


Fig. S11. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, RT) of 2,6-Py(CH₂CMe₂OH)CH₂CMe₂SH (3).

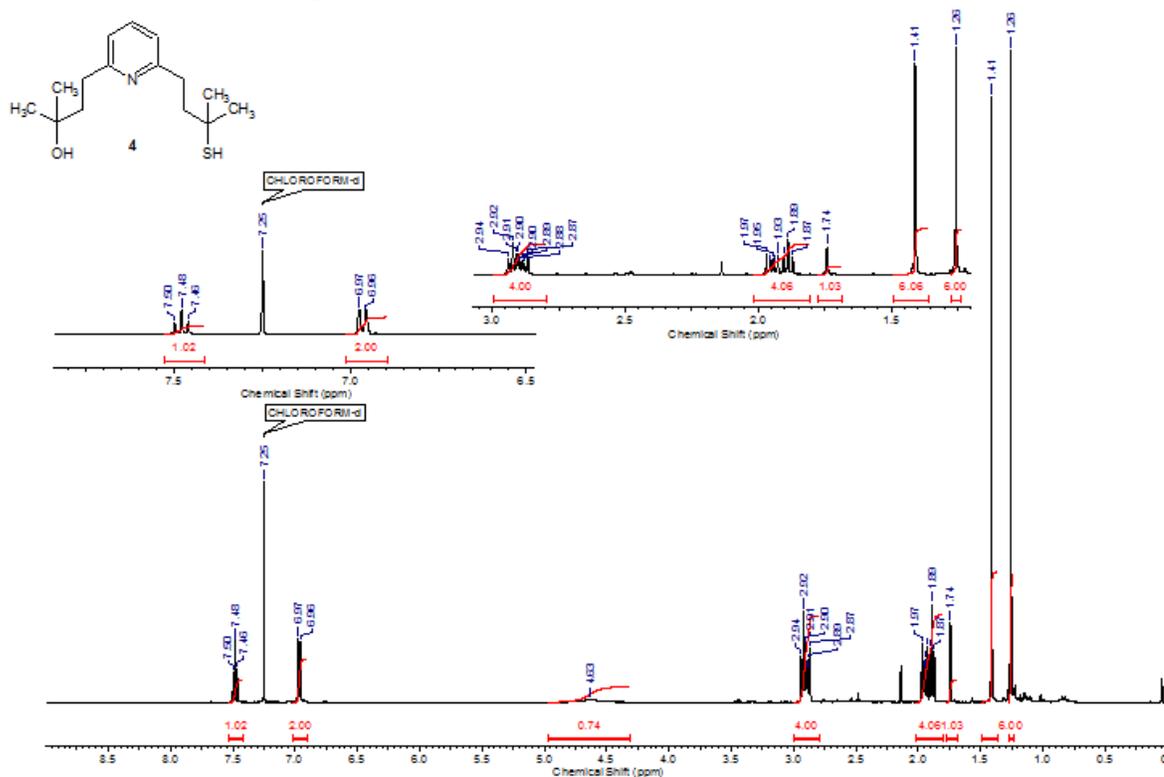


Fig. S12. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, RT) of 2,6-Py(CH₂CH₂CMe₂OH)CH₂CH₂CMe₂SH (4).

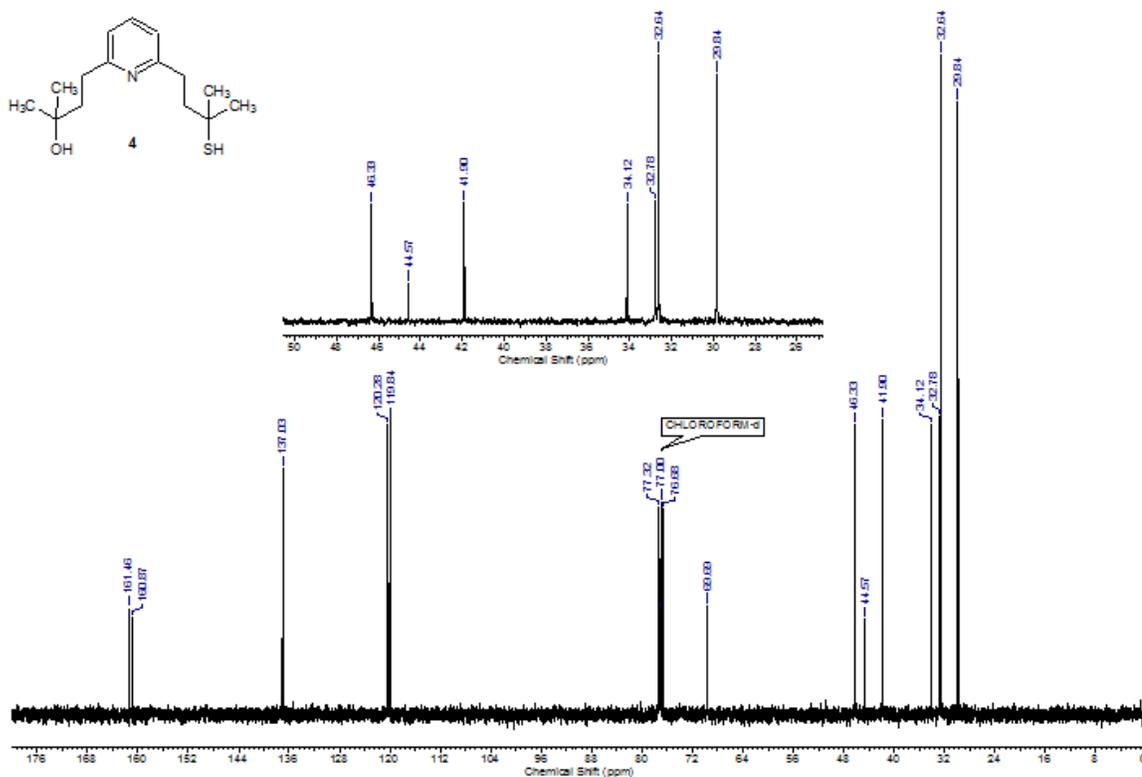


Fig. S13. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , RT) of 2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{OH}$) $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{SH}$ (**4**).

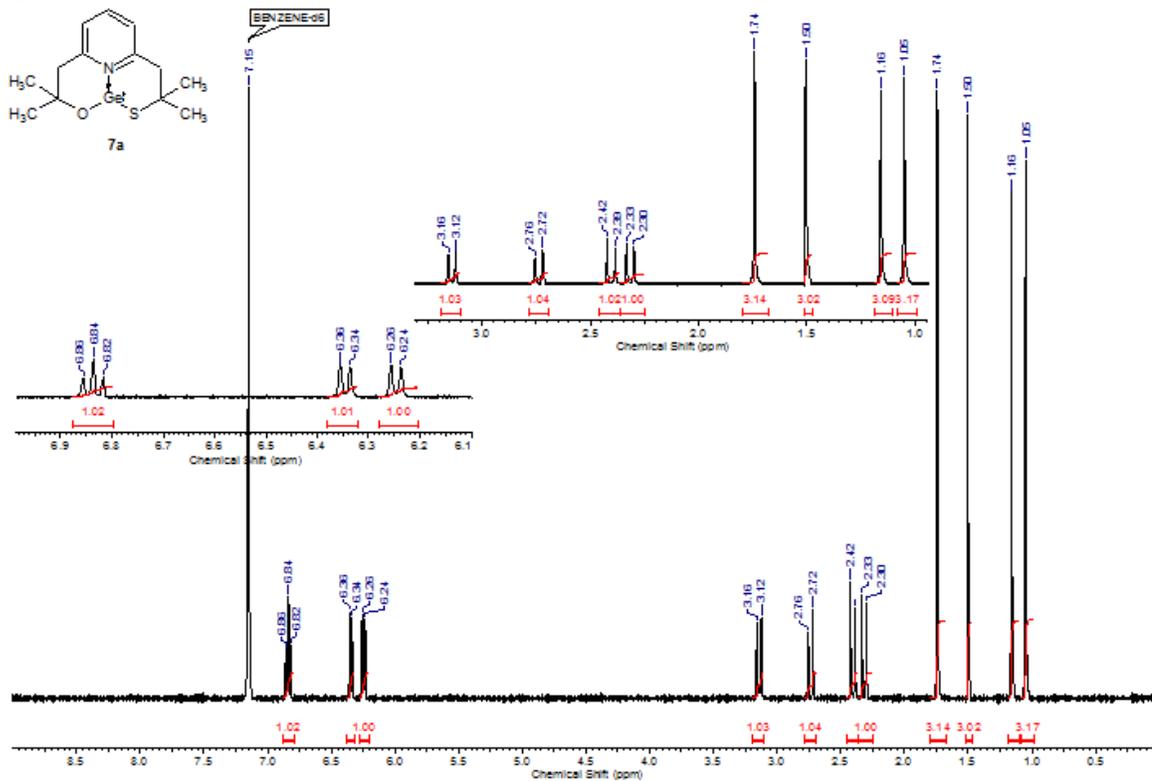


Fig. S14. ^1H NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , RT) of [2,6-Py($\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{S}$) $\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{O}$]Ge (**7a**).

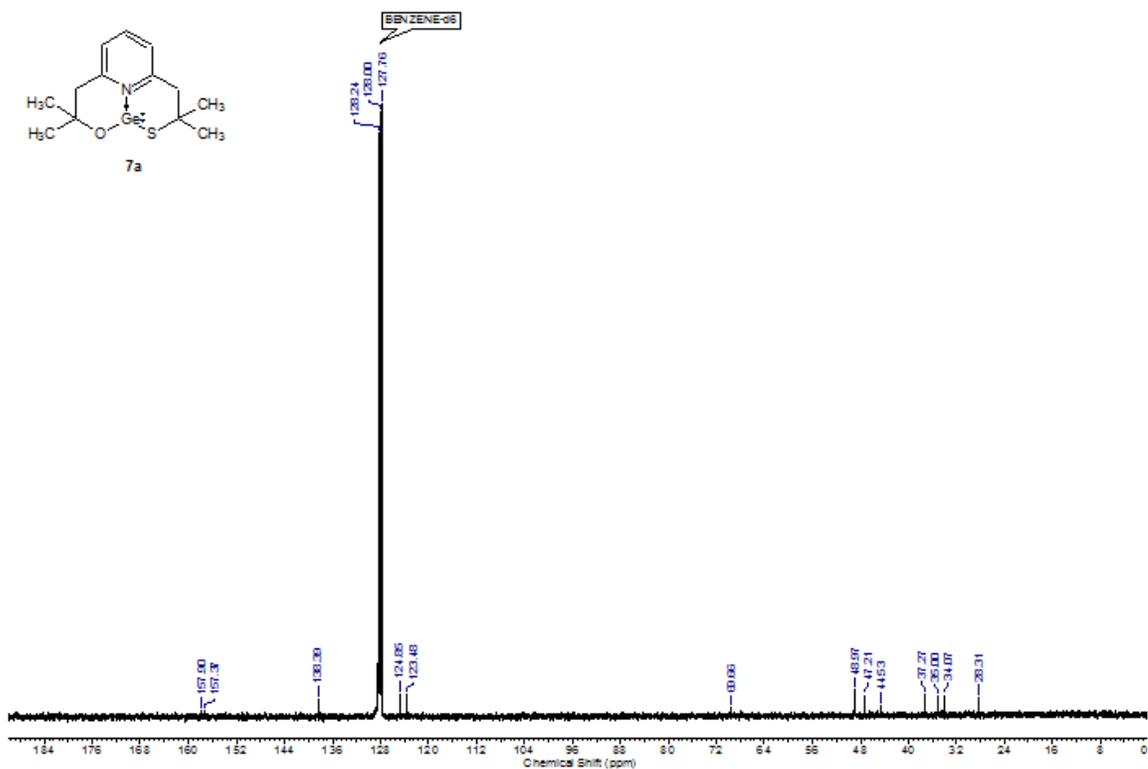


Fig. S15. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , RT) of $[\text{2,6-Py}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{S})\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{O}]\text{Ge}$ (**7a**).

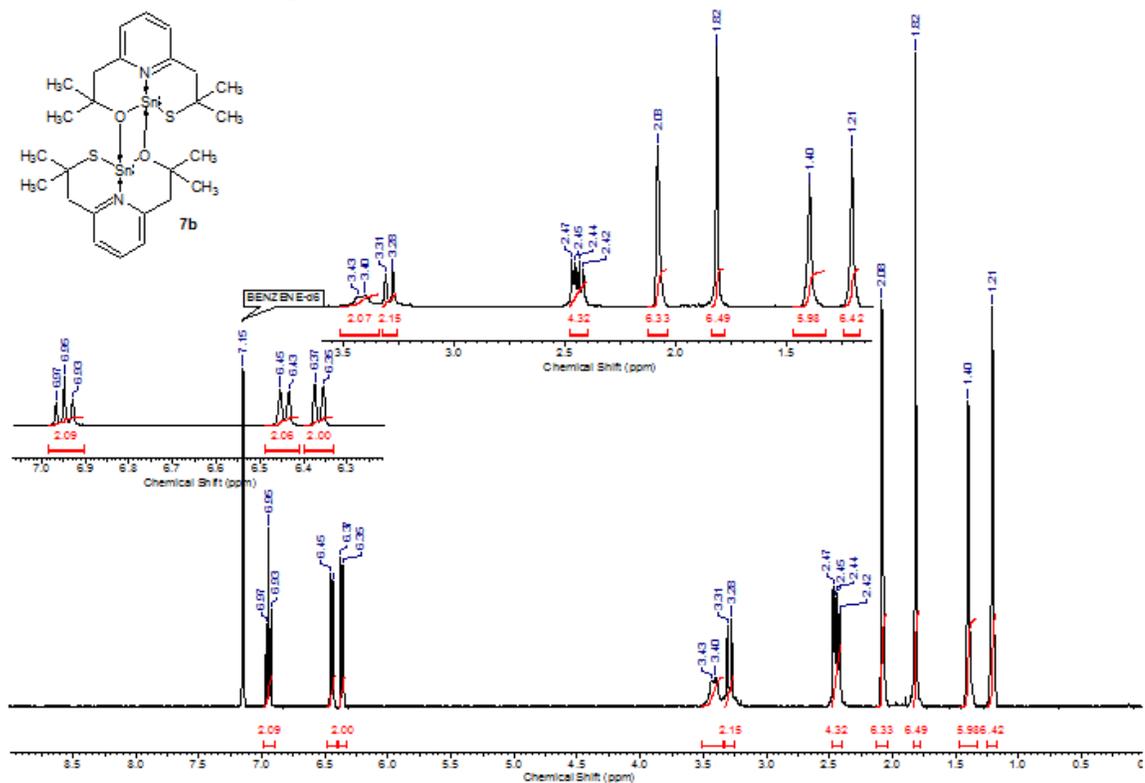


Fig. S16. ^1H NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , RT) of $[\text{2,6-Py}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{S})\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{O}]\text{Sn}_2$ (**7b**).

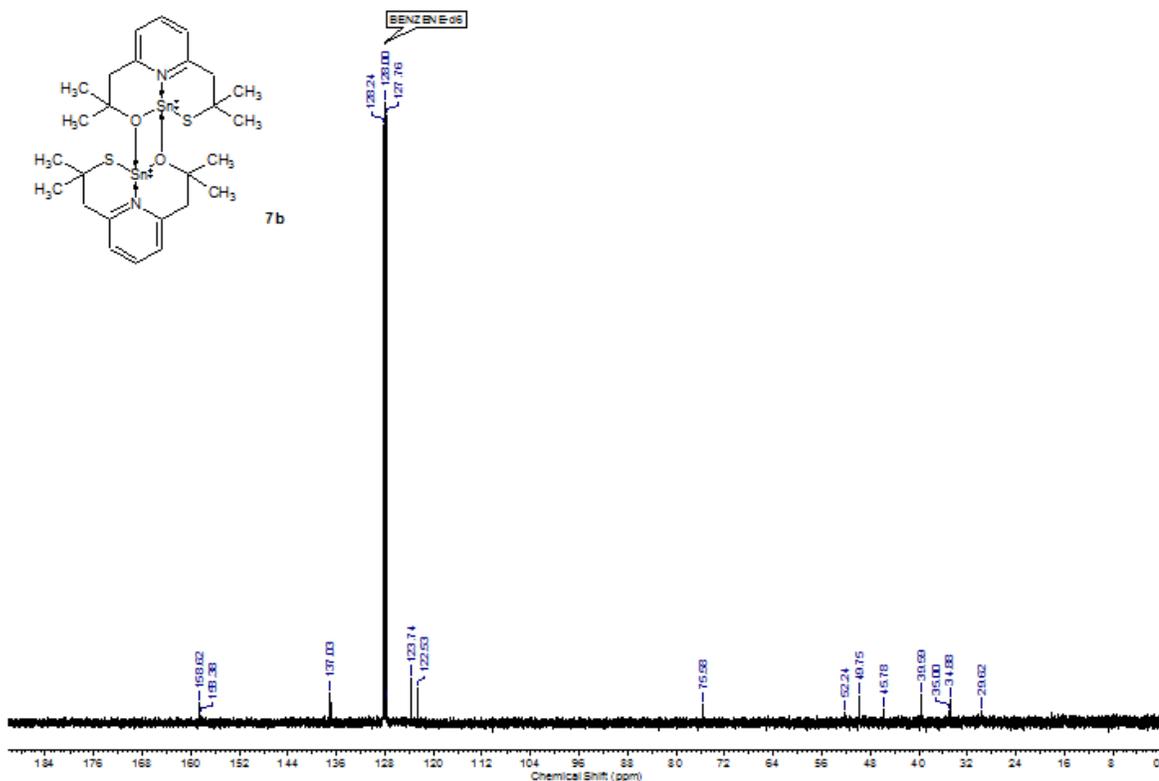


Fig. S17. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , RT) of $[(2,6\text{-Py}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{S})\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{O})\text{Sn}]_2$ (**7b**).

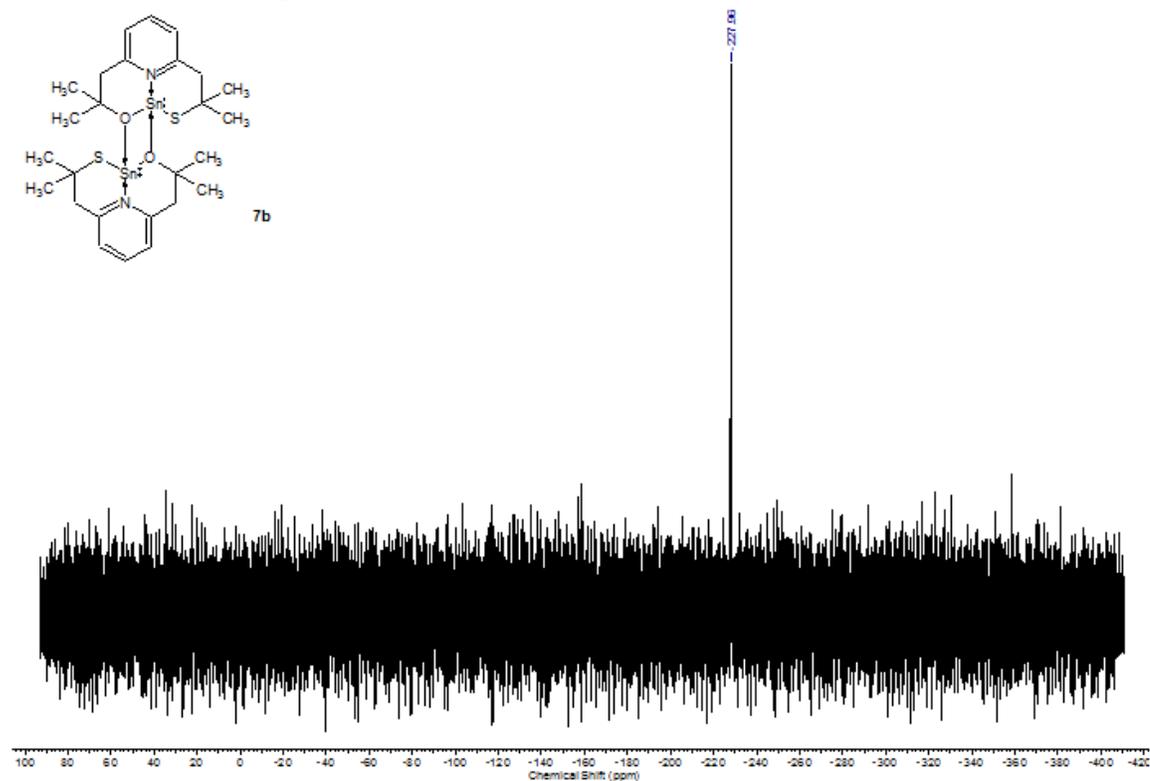
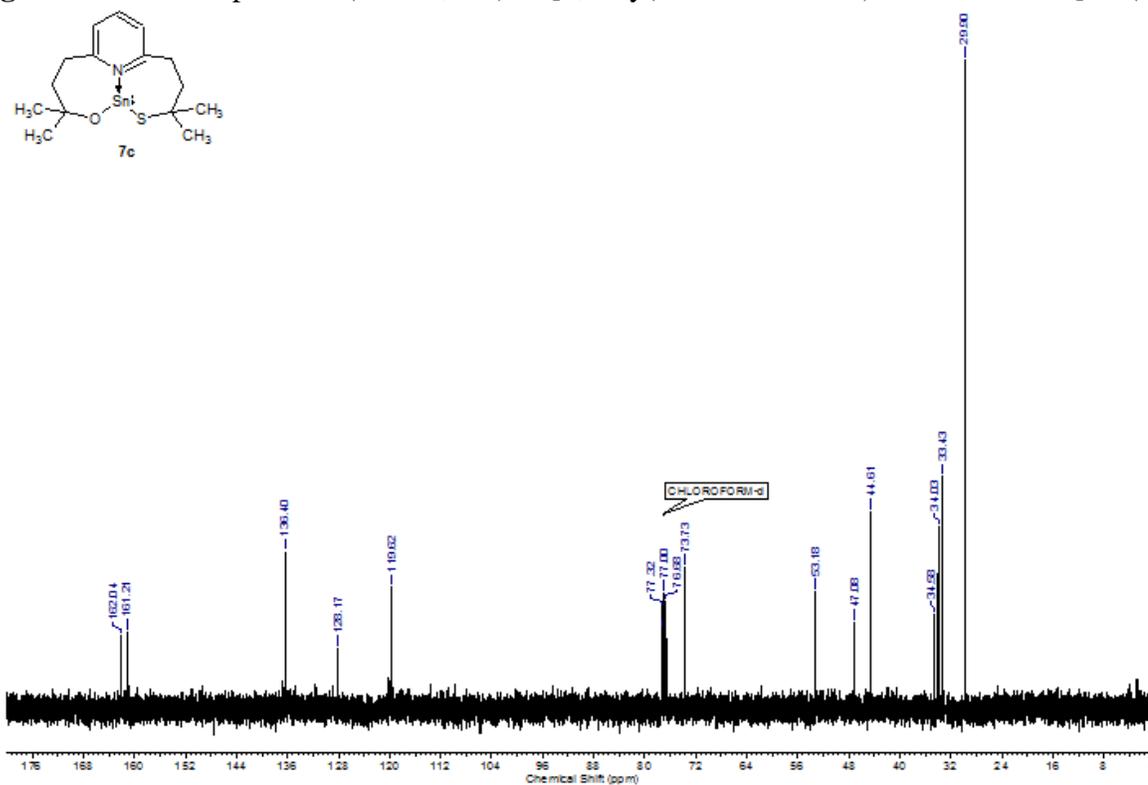
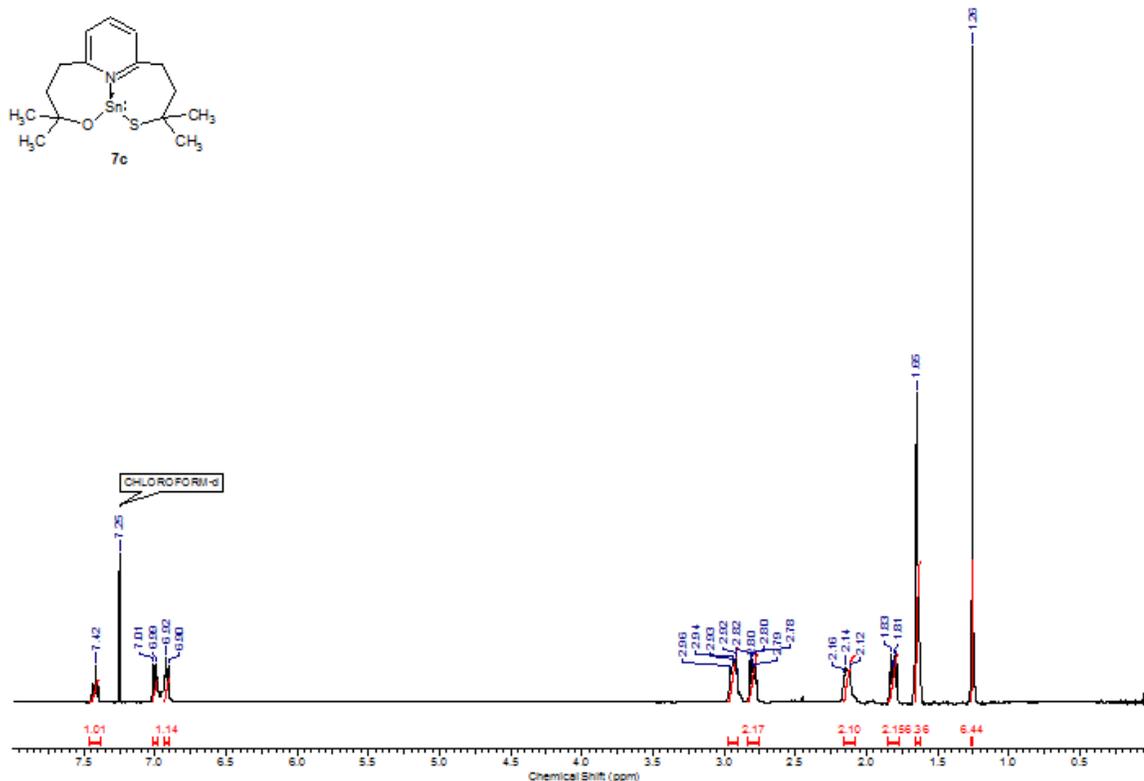
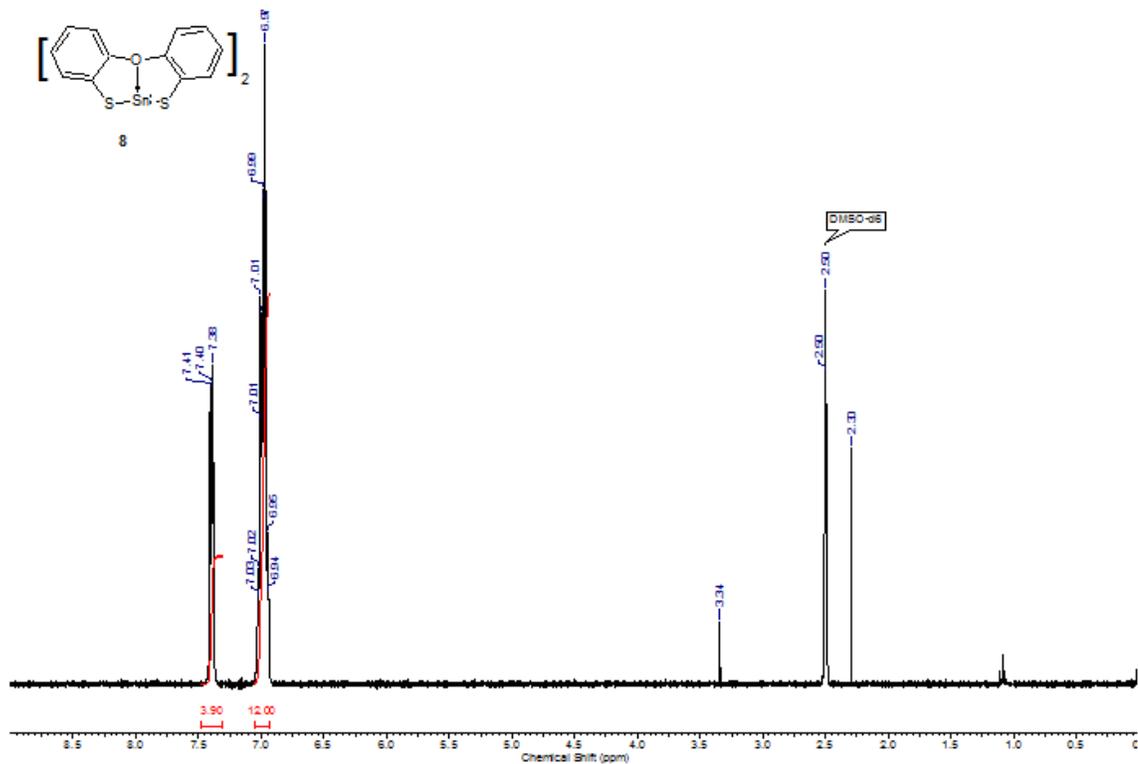
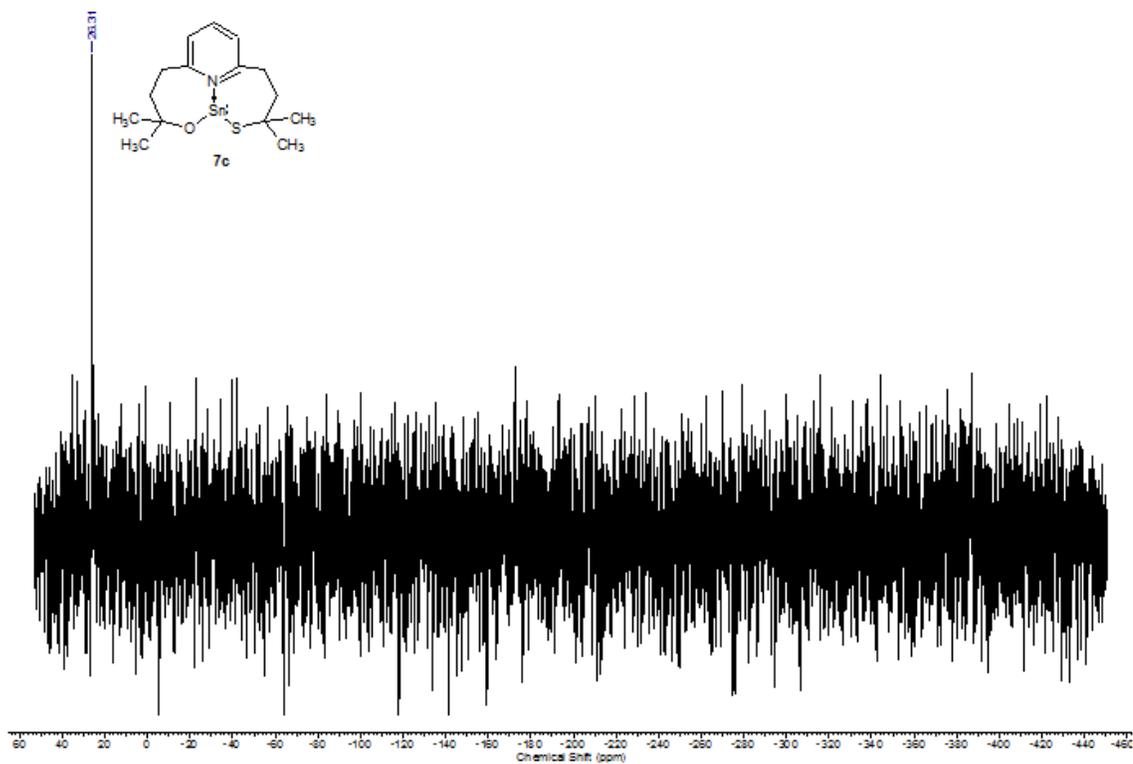


Fig. S18. ^{119}Sn NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , RT) of $[(2,6\text{-Py}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{S})\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{O})\text{Sn}]_2$ (**7b**).





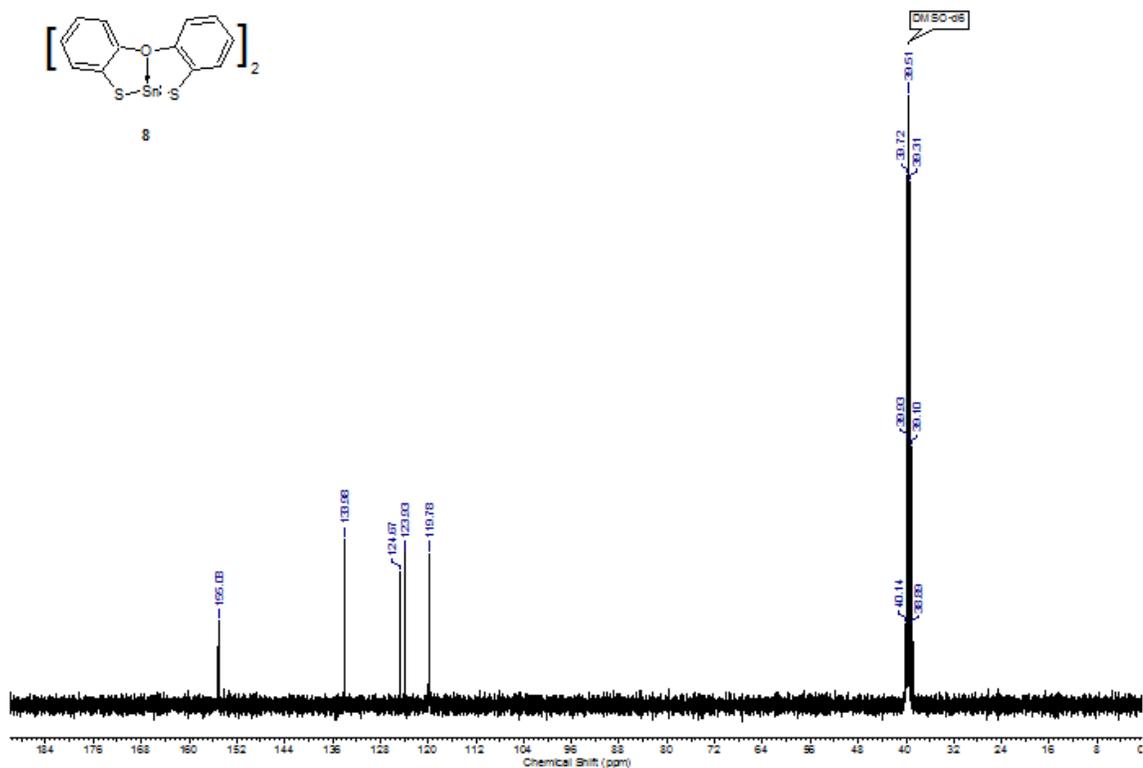


Fig. S23. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6 , RT) of $(O[2-C_6H_4S]_2Sn)_2$ (**8**).

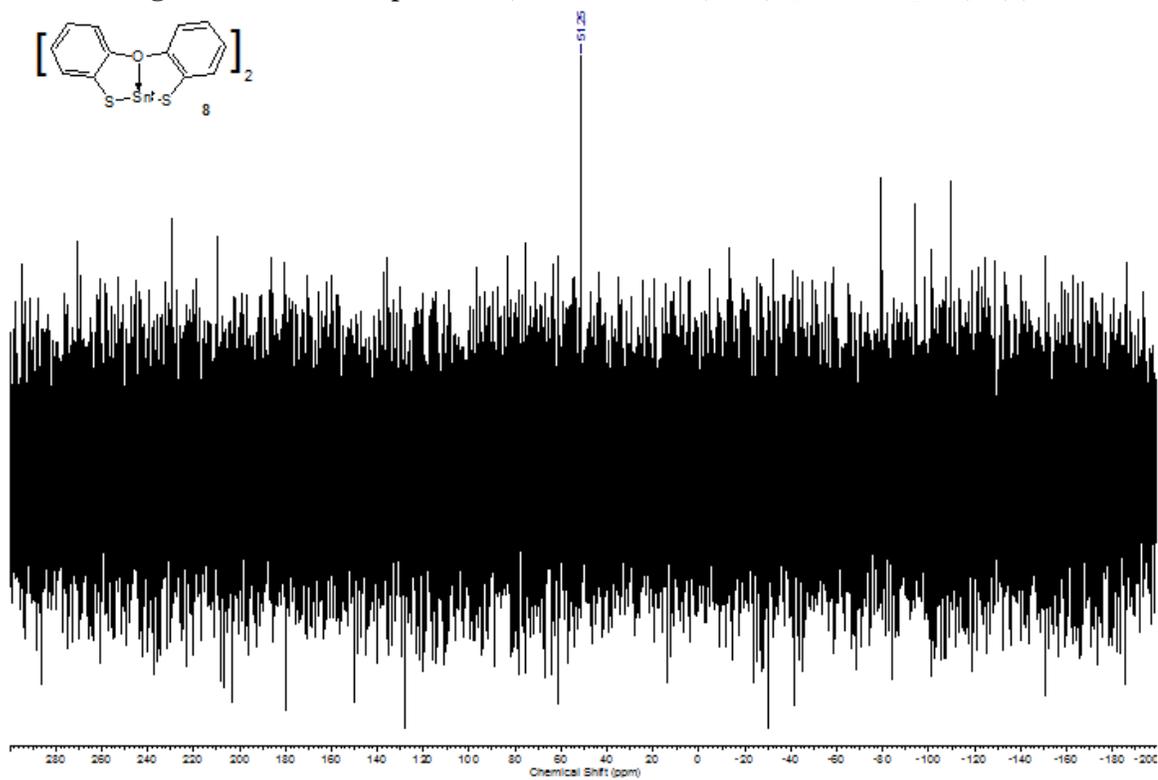
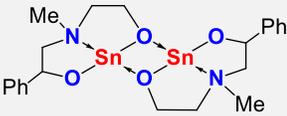
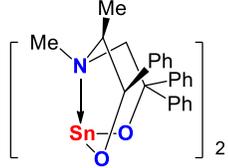
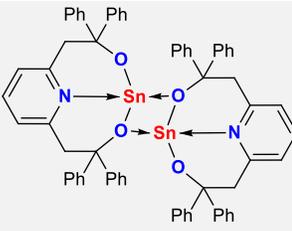
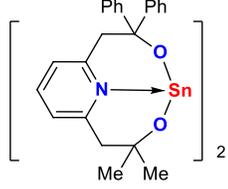
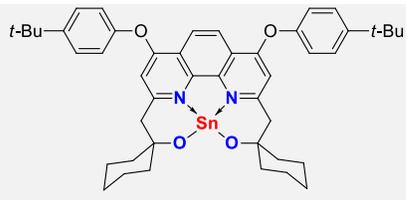
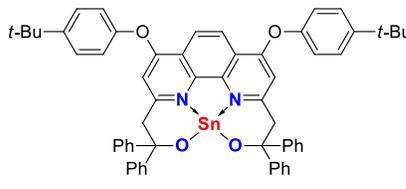
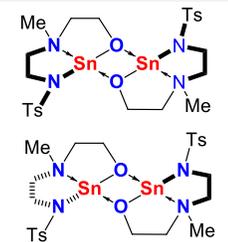
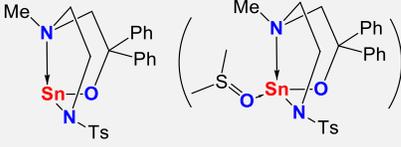
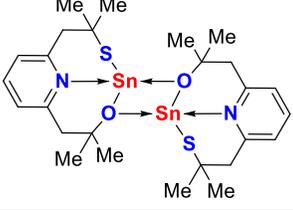
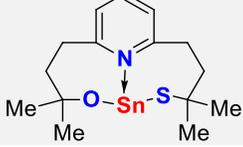
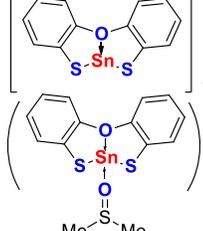


Fig. S24. 1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6 , RT) of $(O[2-C_6H_4S]_2Sn)_2$ (**8**).

Table S1. Selected stannylenes studied by ^{119}Sn NMR spectroscopy.

stannylene ^a	coordination type ^b	structure in solid state (XRD), reference	chemical shift ^{119}Sn NMR, δ , ppm	conditions (solvent, temperature)	reference (NMR)
		\underline{SNSS} , dimer ^{S4}	198.7	C_6D_6 , 301 K	
$t\text{-BuN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S})_2\text{Sn}$	\underline{SNS} , monomer		140.1 188.3 55.1, -30.3	Py-d5, 301 K CD_2Cl_2 , 301 K CD_2Cl_2 , 193 K	S5
$\text{MeN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S})_2\text{Sn}$	\underline{SNS} , monomer		91.2 45.4 -20.5	Py-d5, 301 K CD_2Cl_2 , 301 K CD_2Cl_2 , 193 K	S5
$\text{O}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S})_2\text{Sn}$	\underline{SQS} , monomer		82.2	Py-d5, 301 K	S5
$\text{S}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S})_2\text{Sn}$	\underline{SSS} , monomer		65.8	Py-d5, 301 K	S5
$t\text{-BuP}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S})_2\text{Sn}$	\underline{SPS} , monomer		-238	C_6D_6	S6
$\text{PhP}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S})_2\text{Sn}$	\underline{SPS} , monomer	\underline{SPS} , monomer ^{S7}	-113.6	Py-d5, 30 °C	S7
$\text{MeN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S})_2\text{Sn}$	\underline{SNS} , monomer		216.0	C_6D_6	S8
	\underline{SNNS} , monomer ^c		111.0 ^c	Py-d5	
$(\text{Me}_2\text{NCHCMe}_2)_2\text{Sn}$	\underline{SNS} , monomer ^d	\underline{SNNS} , monomer ^{S9}	177.6	C_6D_6	S9
$[t\text{-BuN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{Sn}]_2$	\underline{ONQO} , dimer		-271	CDCl_3	S10
$[\text{MeN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{Sn}]_2$	\underline{ONQO} , dimer	\underline{ONQO} , dimer ^{S11; S12}	-303	CD_2Cl_2	S10
$(\text{Me}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{Sn}$	\underline{ONNO} , monomer	\underline{ONNO} , monomer ^{S22}	-309.9	$\text{C}_6\text{D}_5\text{CD}_3$	S13
	\underline{ONQO} , dimer		-304.9 (br)	C_6D_6	S12

	<i>ONQO</i> , dimer	-254.3 (br)	C ₆ D ₆	S12	
	<i>ONQO</i> , dimer	<i>ONQO</i> , dimer ^{S23}	-485.9 (br)	C ₆ D ₆	S14
	<i>ONQO</i> , dimer	-443.6 (br)	THF-d8	S14	
	<i>ONNO</i> , monomer	-320.1	CDCl ₃	S15	
	<i>ONNO</i> , monomer	-448.0	C ₆ D ₆	S15	
S(CH₂CH₂NBu-<i>t</i>)₂Sn	<i>NSN</i> , monomer	77.6	C ₆ D ₅ CD ₃	S16	
	<i>NNQO</i> , dimer	-363.0, -379.0	CDCl ₃	S17	

	<i>NNQO</i> , monomer ^c	-310.0	DMSO-d6	S17
	<i>SNQO</i> , dimer	-228.0	C ₆ D ₆	this work
	<i>SNO</i> , monomer	26.3	CDCl ₃	this work
	<i>SQOS</i> , monomer ^c	51.3	DMSO-d6	this work

^a NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature (RT, 298 K), unless otherwise stated;

^b donor coordinated atom is underlined;

^c coordination with a solvent;

^d Sn←N coordination bond cleavage and recoordination is observed

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