

Supplementary Information

# Effect of Substituents of Cerium Pyrazolates on Carbon Dioxide Activation

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1) <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (solvent signals are marked with \*)

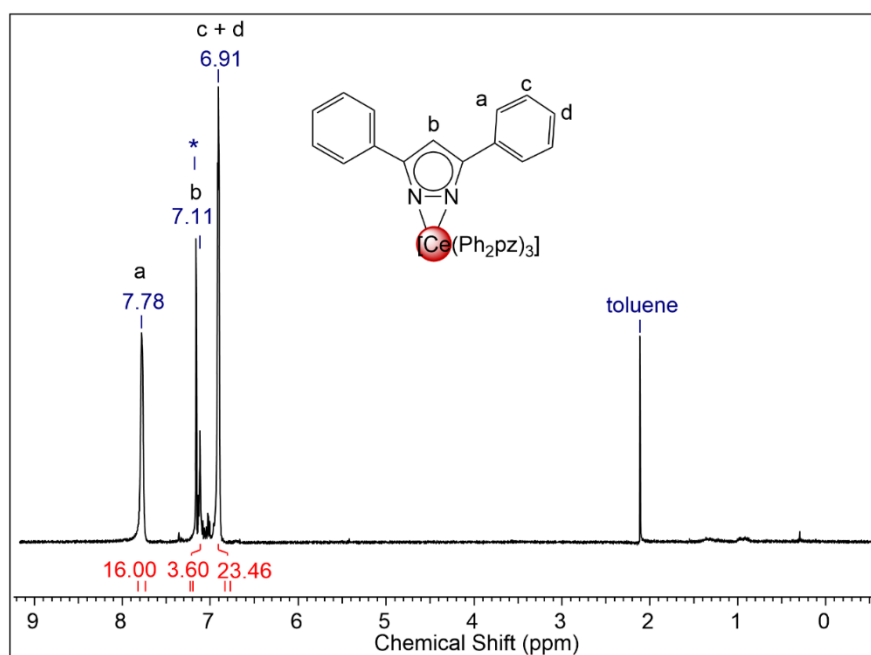


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400.13 MHz, 26 °C) of 2.

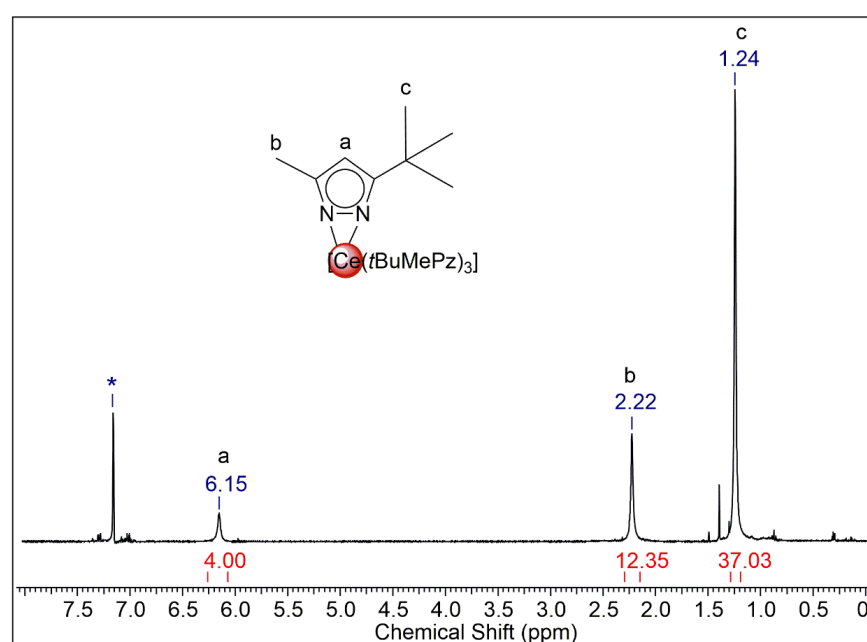


Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400.13 MHz, 26 °C) of 3.

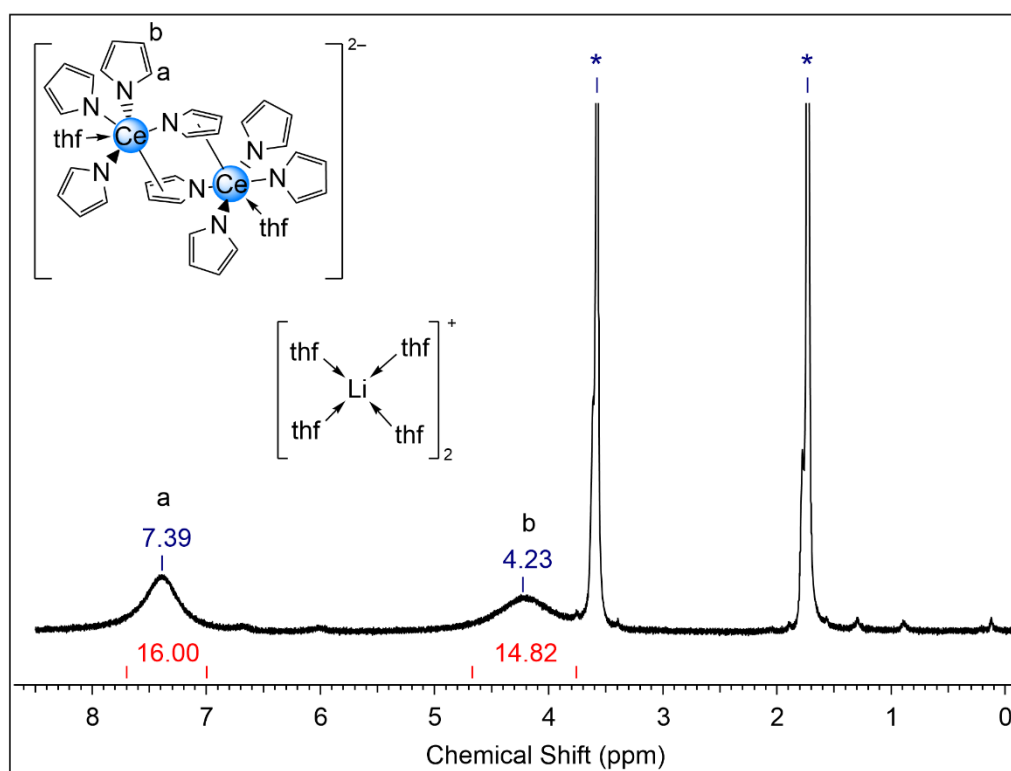


Figure S3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (THF- $d_8$ , 400.13 MHz, 26 °C) of 4.

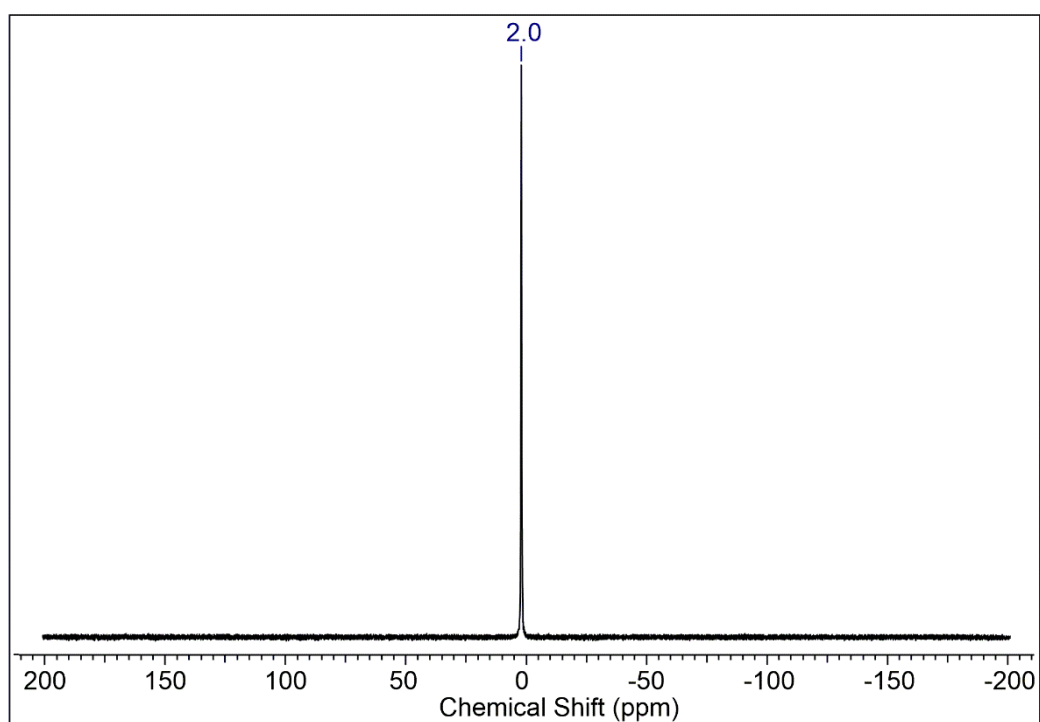


Figure S4.  $^7\text{Li}$  NMR spectrum (THF- $d_8$ , 116.64 MHz, 26 °C) of 4.

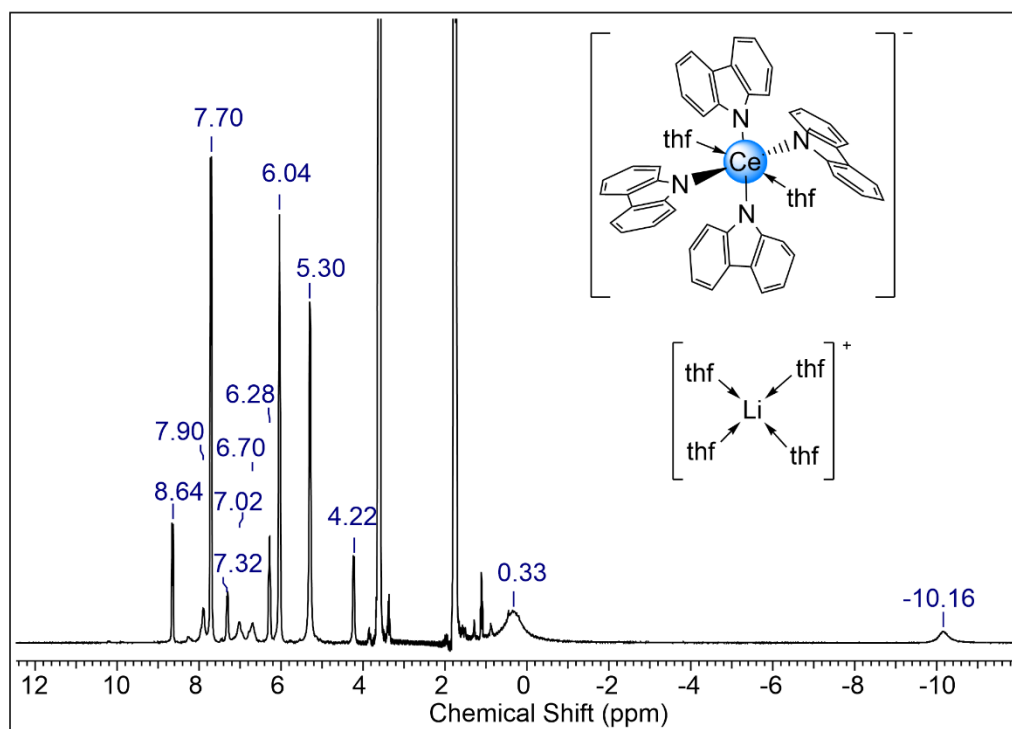


Figure S5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{THF-}d_8$ , 400.13 MHz, 26 °C) of 5.

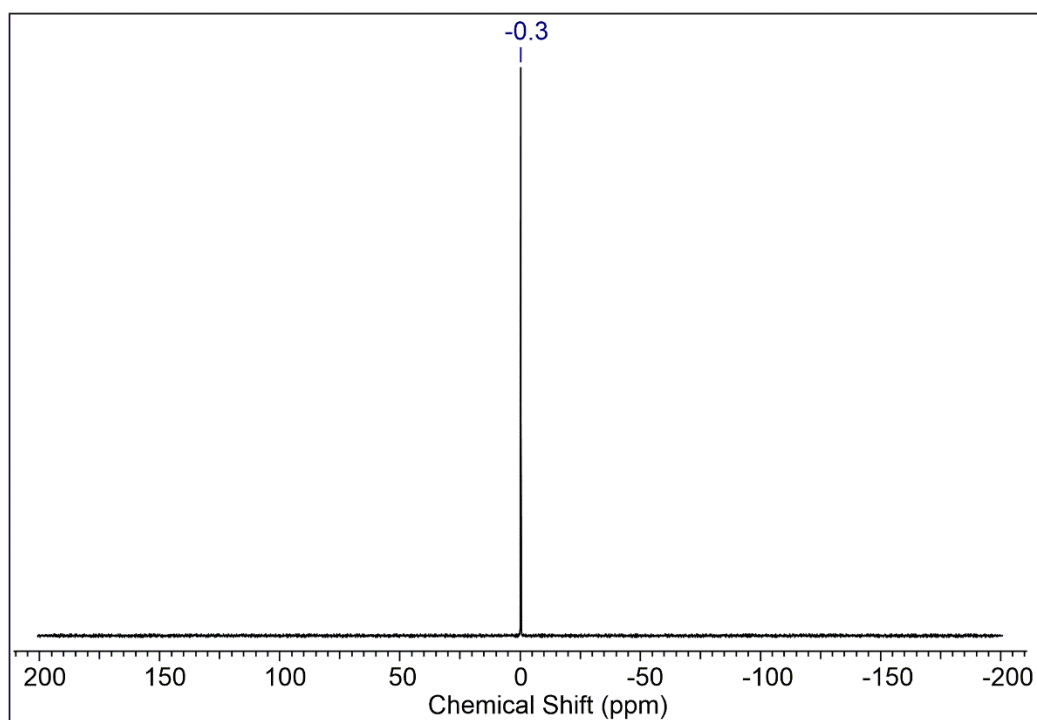
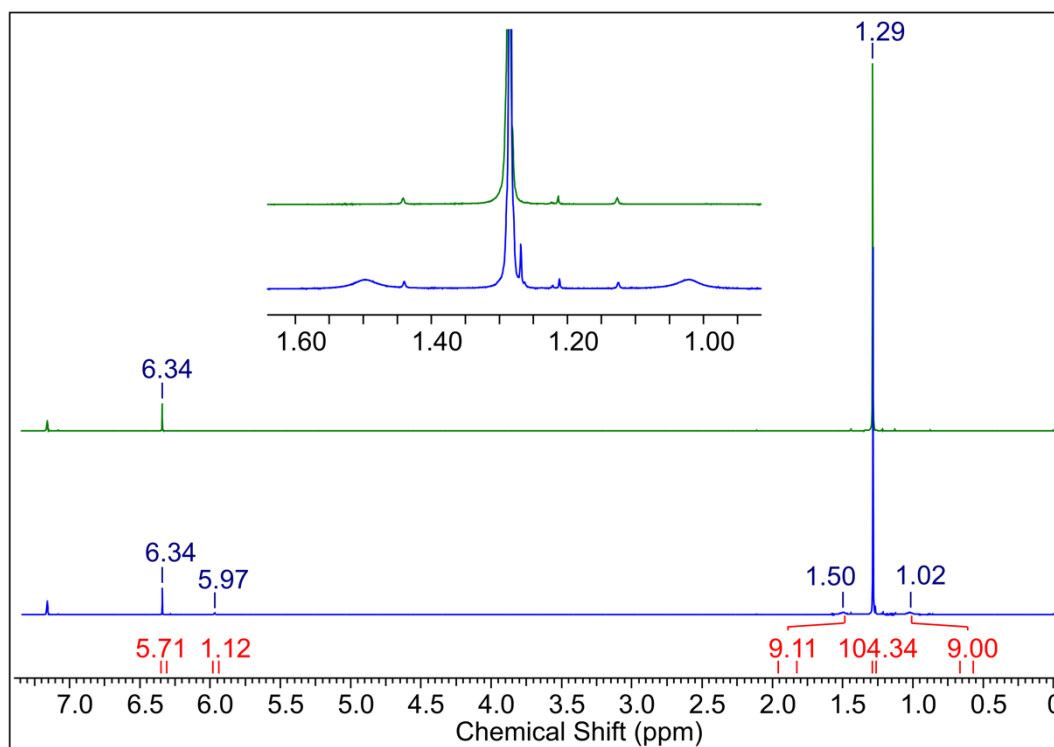
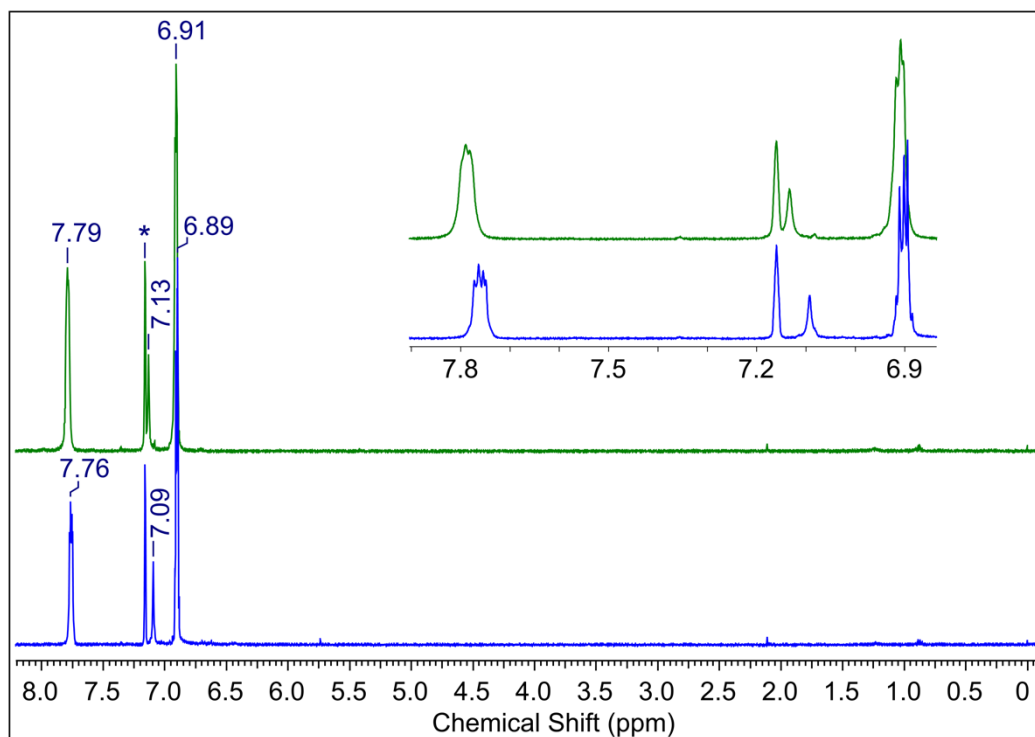


Figure S6.  $^7\text{Li}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{THF-}d_8$ , 116.64 MHz, 26 °C) of 5.



**Figure S7.** Stacked  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 400.13 MHz,  $26^\circ\text{C}$ ) of **1** (green trace, top) and **1** +  $\text{CO}_2$  (blue trace, bottom).



**Figure S8.** Stacked  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 400.13 MHz,  $26^\circ\text{C}$ ) of **2** (green trace, top) and **2** +  $\text{CO}_2$  (blue trace, bottom).

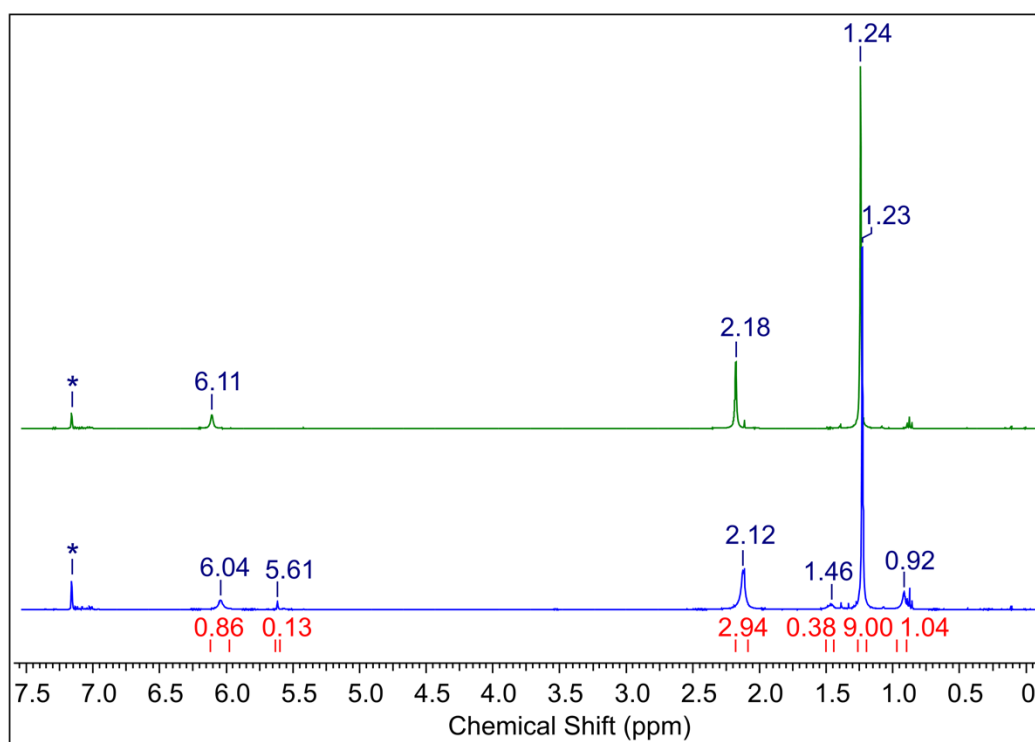


Figure S9. Stacked  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 400.13 MHz,  $26^\circ\text{C}$ ) of **3** (green trace, top) and **3** +  $\text{CO}_2$  (blue trace, bottom).

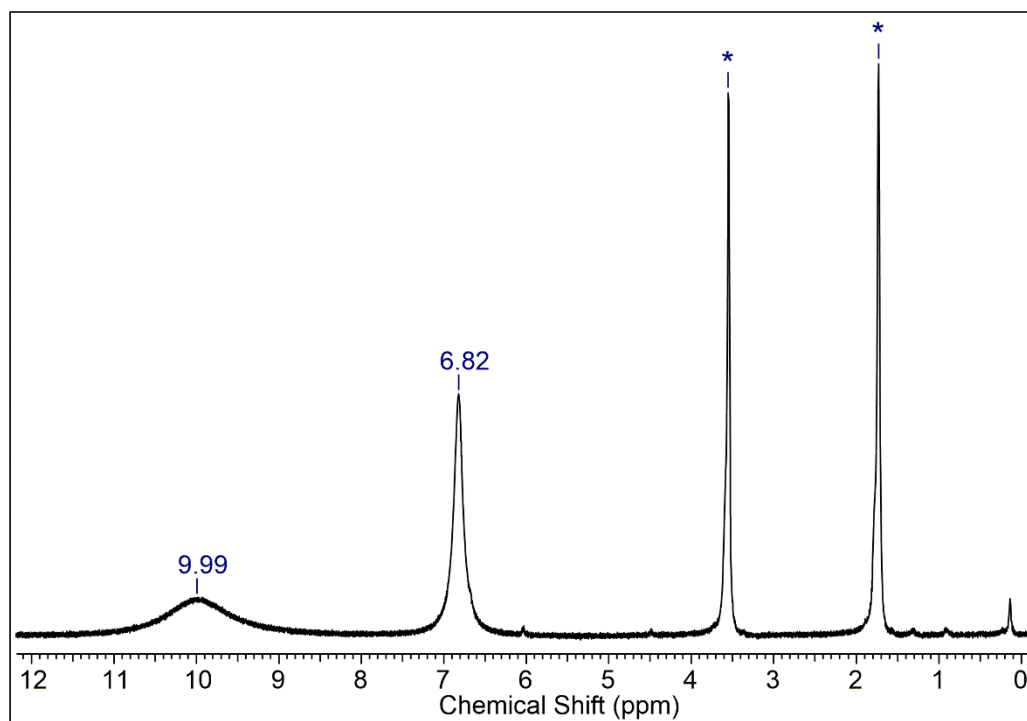
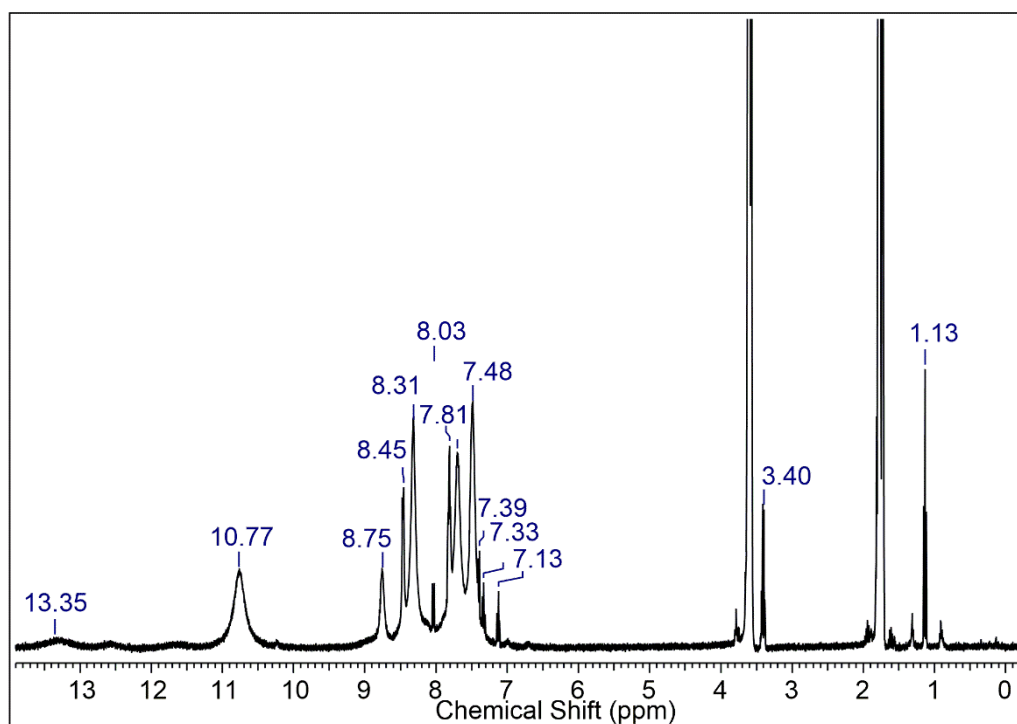


Figure S10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{THF}-d_8$ , 400.13 MHz,  $26^\circ\text{C}$ ) of **4** +  $\text{CO}_2$ .



**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{THF-}d_8$ , 400.13 MHz, 26 °C) of **5** +  $\text{CO}_2$ .

## 2) Crystallographic Data

Crystals for X-ray structure analysis were grown using saturated solutions of toluene/*n*-hexane (**2**), THF/ $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (**4**, **5**). Suitable crystals were handpicked in a glovebox, coated with Parabar 10312 and stored on microscope slides, and mounted rapidly outside the glovebox onto a micro loop. Data collection was done on a Bruker APEX II Duo diffractometer by using QUAZAR optics and  $\text{Mo K}\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). The data collection strategy was determined using COSMO [1] employing  $\omega$  scans. Raw data were processed by APEX 3 [2] and SAINT [3], corrections for absorption effects were applied using SADABS [4]. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined against all data by full-matrix least-squares methods on  $F^2$  using SHELXTL [5] and SHELXLE [6]. All atoms were refined anisotropically. Disorder models are calculated using DSR [7], a program included in ShelXle, for refining disorder. Plots were generated by using CCDC Mercury 3.19.1 [8]. Further details regarding the refinement and crystallographic data are listed in Table S1 and in the CIF files.

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for compounds **2**, **4**, and **5**

|                                                    | <b>2</b>                                         | <b>4</b>                                                                                        | <b>5</b>                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>formula</b>                                     | C <sub>74</sub> H <sub>60</sub> CeN <sub>8</sub> | C <sub>72</sub> H <sub>112</sub> Ce <sub>2</sub> Li <sub>2</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>10</sub> | C <sub>72</sub> H <sub>80</sub> CeLiN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> |
| <b>CCDC</b>                                        | 2069960                                          | 2069959                                                                                         | 2069961                                                           |
| <b>M [g·mol<sup>-1</sup>]</b>                      | 1201.42                                          | 1543.81                                                                                         | 1244.46                                                           |
| <b>λ [Å]</b>                                       | 0.71073                                          | 0.71073                                                                                         | 0.71073                                                           |
| <b>color</b>                                       | purple                                           | colorless                                                                                       | colorless                                                         |
| <b>crystal dimensions [mm]</b>                     | 0.500 × 0.095 × 0.092                            | 0.172 × 0.150 × 0.113                                                                           | 0.259 × 0.153 × 0.080                                             |
| <b>crystal system</b>                              | orthorhombic                                     | triclinic                                                                                       | triclinic                                                         |
| <b>space group</b>                                 | Pbcn                                             | P $\bar{1}$                                                                                     | P $\bar{1}$                                                       |
| <b>a [Å]</b>                                       | 23.7563(12)                                      | 11.6442(14)                                                                                     | 12.3890(10)                                                       |
| <b>b [Å]</b>                                       | 12.7848(7)                                       | 13.6044(16)                                                                                     | 13.5313(11)                                                       |
| <b>c [Å]</b>                                       | 19.3528(10)                                      | 14.1370(17)                                                                                     | 18.6323(15)                                                       |
| <b>α [°]</b>                                       | 90                                               | 61.905(3)                                                                                       | 88.927(2)                                                         |
| <b>β [°]</b>                                       | 90                                               | 71.159(3)                                                                                       | 88.581(2)                                                         |
| <b>γ [°]</b>                                       | 90                                               | 86.648(3)                                                                                       | 81.026(2)                                                         |
| <b>V [Å<sup>3</sup>]</b>                           | 5877.8(5)                                        | 1857.9(4)                                                                                       | 3084.0(4)                                                         |
| <b>Z</b>                                           | 4                                                | 1                                                                                               | 2                                                                 |
| <b>F(000)</b>                                      | 2472                                             | 802                                                                                             | 1298                                                              |
| <b>T [K]</b>                                       | 173(2)                                           | 100(2)                                                                                          | 100(2)                                                            |
| <b>ρ<sub>calcd</sub> [g·cm<sup>-3</sup>]</b>       | 1.358                                            | 1.380                                                                                           | 1.340                                                             |
| <b>μ [mm<sup>-1</sup>]</b>                         | 0.827                                            | 1.269                                                                                           | 0.795                                                             |
| <b>Data / restraints / parameters</b>              | 7918 / 123 / 442                                 | 10020 / 0 / 424                                                                                 | 14249 / 1585 / 997                                                |
| <b>Goodness of fit</b>                             | 1.017                                            | 1.022                                                                                           | 1.041                                                             |
| <b>R<sub>1</sub> (I &gt; 2σ (I))<sup>[a]</sup></b> | 0.0297                                           | 0.0353                                                                                          | 0.0657                                                            |
| <b>ωR<sub>2</sub> (all data)<sup>[b]</sup></b>     | 0.0811                                           | 0.0823                                                                                          | 0.1804                                                            |

<sup>[a]</sup>  $R_1 = \sum (|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_o|$ ,  $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$ . <sup>[b]</sup>  $\omega R_2 = \{\sum [w(F_o - F_c)^2] / \sum [w(F_o)^2]\}^{1/2}$

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