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New sp^3 diphosphine-based rhodium catalysts for the asymmetric conjugate addition of aryl boronic acids to 3-azaarylpropenones

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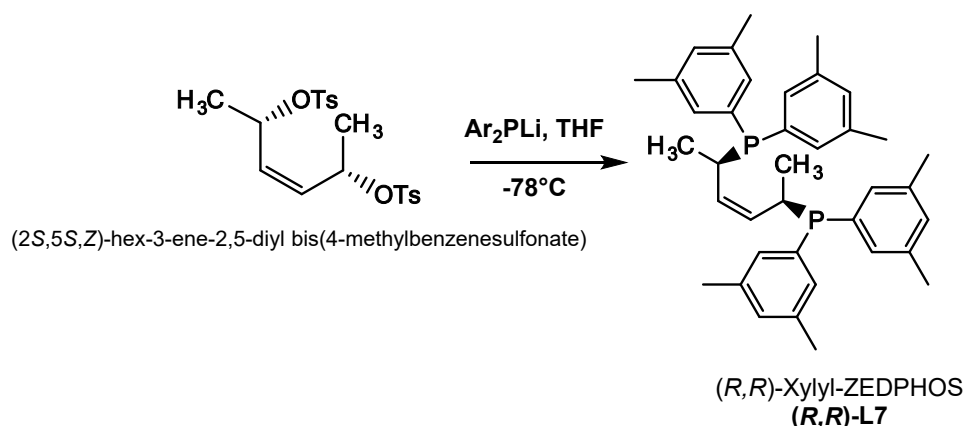
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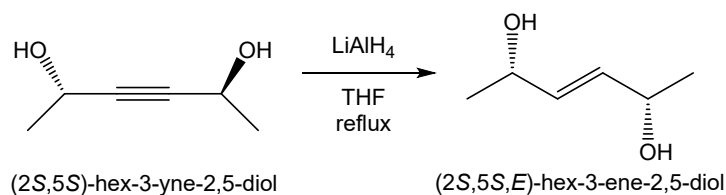
1. Synthesis of Ligand L7-L9

1.1 Preparation of (*R,R*)-Xylyl-ZEDPHOS, L7



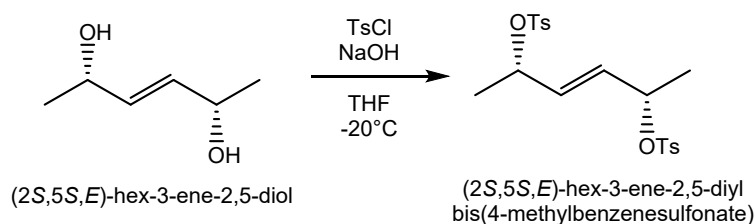
A solution of Ar_2PLi (7.6 ml; 0.26 M in THF; MW=214.13g/mol; 1.98 mmol) was slowly dropped into a solution of (*2S,5S,Z*)-hex-3-ene-2,5-diyl bis(4-methylbenzenesulfonate)¹ (0.40 g; 0.94 mmol; MW=424.53 g/mol) in 10 ml of dry THF at -78°C , under argon. After the addition the temperature was allowed to rise to room temperature and stirred for an additional 30 min. The excess of Ar_2PLi was neutralized by $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and the mixture was filtered under argon. Evaporation of the solvent followed by trituration with dry methanol afforded the chiral diphosphine **L7**-(*R,R*)-Xylyl-ZEDPHOS enantiomerically and chemically pure. %Yield=95%; ^{31}P NMR (C_6D_6 , 300 MHz) δ : -2.9 (s) ppm; ^1H NMR ($\text{C}_3\text{D}_6\text{O}$, 300 MHz) δ : 7.76-7.81 (m, 1H); 7.42-7.45 (m, 7H); 6.69 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 4H); 5.48 (2H, m); 3.41 (2H, m); 2.28-2.32 (m, 24H); 0.46-0.53 (m, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (C_6D_6 , 101 MHz) δ 138.11, 137.96, 137.90, 137.80, 137.74, 137.63, 137.61, 137.57, 137.26, 137.13, 137.09, 137.04, 132.91, 132.14, 132.05, 131.82, 131.73, 131.62, 130.57, 130.38, 129.18, 129.01, 128.93, 128.01, 32.24, 32.20, 32.15, 32.11, 20.98, 20.97, 20.91, 20.86, 20.82, 17.87, 17.77, 17.70, 17.67, 13.55. MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{46}\text{P}_2]$: 564.31; found: m/z 565.47 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

1.2 Synthesis of *trans*-(*2S,5S,E*)-hex-3-ene-2,5-diol



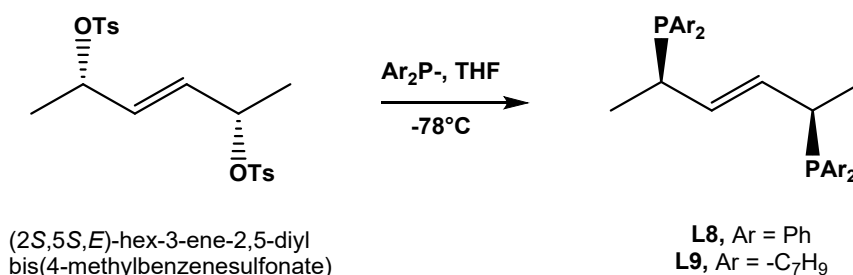
To a solution of (*2S,5S*)-3-hex3-yne-2,5-diol (20 mmol) in THF dry (20 mL) was added dropwise to a suspension of LiAlH_4 in THF anhydrous (200 mL) at 0°C . After addition, the mixture was refluxed overnight. Then, EtOAc and $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ were added cautiously. The reaction mixture was filtered and the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography affording (*2S,5S,E*)-hex-3-ene-2,5-diol as a Colorless oil. %Yield: 70%; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 5.73-5.75 (m, 2H); 4.31-3.35 (m, 2H); 1.73 (s, 2H); 1.28-1.30 (d, 6H) ppm; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +6.21$ ($c = 1.1$ in CHCl_3); GC equipped with a capillary column with a chiral stationary phase MEGA DAcTButSiBETA (25 m, internal diameter 0.35 mm); analytical method: $T_1 = 120^{\circ}\text{C} \times 20'$, $\text{Rt}_{(E-(S,S)-7)} = 8.7$ min.²

1.3 Synthesis of *trans*-(*2S,5S,E*)-hex-3-ene-2,5-diyl bis(4-methylbenzenesulfonate)



A 10% solution of 7.59 g (39.71 mmol) tosyl chloride in either THF or diethyl ether was added to a solution of 1.85 g (15.88 mmol) (2S,5S,E)-hex-3-ene-2,5-diol in THF, and the reaction mixture cooled to -20°C . Thereafter a large excess of finely powdered sodium hydroxide was added in small portions to the vigorously stirred solution. The temperature was kept below -20°C during the sodium hydroxide addition. To complete the reaction, the solution was stirred for another 3 h at -20°C and then poured into ice water. The aqueous phase was extracted several times with dichloromethane. After the collected organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , the solvent was removed in vacuo and the crude product crystallized from diethyl ether. The colourless crystals had to be stored at -18°C to prevent thermal decomposition. % Yield = 52%. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 ; 300 MHz): δ 7.74–7.77(d, 4H); 7.33–7.36(d, 4H); 5.50–5.60(m, 2H); 4.92–4.49 (m, 2H); 2.46(s, 6H); 1.23 (d, 6H) ppm; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -40$ ($c = 0.63$ in CH_2Cl_2); Elemental analysis for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$: calculated C, 56.59; H, 5.70; found C, 55.52; H, 5.61;

1.4 Synthesis of L8-(R,R)-EPHOS and L9-(R,R)-Xylyl-EPHOS

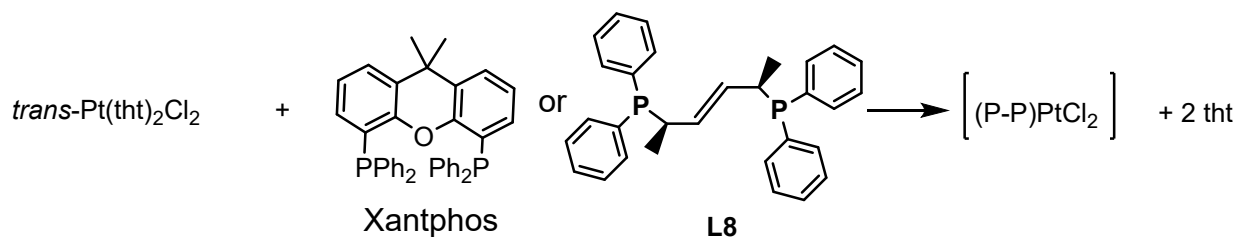


L8-(R,R)-EPHOS and **L9-(R,R)-Xylyl-EPHOS** were synthesized following the same synthetic methodology used for the preparation of **L7-(R,R)-Xylyl-ZEDPHOS**, starting from (2S,5S,E)-hex-3-ene-2,5-diyl bis(4-methylbenzenesulfonate).

L8-(R,R)-EPHOS: % yield= 65%; $^{31}\text{P NMR}$ ($300\text{ MHz; C}_3\text{D}_6\text{O}$): (ppm) δ -1.85 (s); $^1\text{H NMR}$ ($\text{C}_3\text{D}_6\text{O}$, 300 MHz): δ 7.32–7.49 (m, 20H); 5.37–5.38 (m, 2H); 3.05–3.08 (m, 2H); 1.02 (m, 6H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ ($\text{C}_3\text{D}_6\text{O}$, 300 MHz): δ 137.49, 137.39, 137.25, 137.07, 133.78, 133.58, 133.38, 131.84, 131.25, 130.94, 128.67, 128.52, 128.33, 128.04, 128.01, 34.36, 34.23, 16.88, 16.68 ppm; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +96.9$ ($c = 0.13$ in CH_2Cl_2); MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{P}_2]$: 452.18; found: m/z 453.43 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

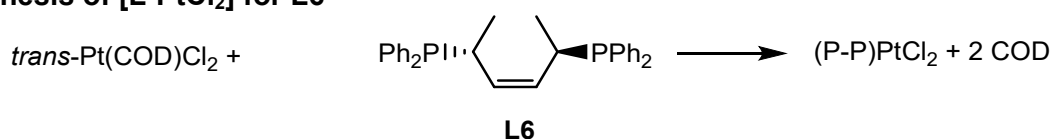
L9-(R,R)-Xylyl-EPHOS: % yield= 65%; $^{31}\text{P NMR}$ (C_6D_6 , 300 MHz): δ -1.62 (s) ppm; $^1\text{H NMR}$ ($\text{C}_3\text{D}_6\text{O}$, 300 MHz): δ 7.30 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 8H); 6.72 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 4H); 5.67–5.70 (m, 2H); 3.06–3.11 (m, 2H); 2.08 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 24H); 1.00 (q, $J = 6.86$ Hz, 6H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (C_6D_6 , 101 MHz) δ 138.06, 138.04, 137.86, 137.84, 137.68, 137.66, 137.55, 137.50, 137.46, 137.43, 137.39, 137.09, 137.05, 137.02, 132.21, 132.11, 132.01, 131.74, 131.72, 131.67, 131.65, 131.62, 131.56, 131.53, 131.51, 131.46, 131.44, 130.39, 130.17, 34.77, 34.73, 34.67, 34.63, 21.00, 20.93, 17.36, 17.17 ppm; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +63$ ($c = 0.06$ in CH_2Cl_2); MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{46}\text{P}_2]$: 564.31; found: m/z 565.37 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

1.5 Synthesis of [L-PtCl₂] for Xantphos and L8



A mixture of ligand (1 eq.) and $trans\text{-Pd}(\text{tht})_2\text{Cl}_2$ (MW = 442.32 g/mol; 1 eq.) in argon-degassed CH_2Cl_2 (5 ml) was stirred at rt for 30 min, under an argon atmosphere; the solvent was reduced in vacuo and the Pt complex was precipitated by addition of hexane. The solvent was removed by filtration to give the corresponding complex. For **[L8PtCl₂]**: Elemental analysis for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{P}_2\text{PtCl}_2$: calculated C, 50.20; H, 4.22; found C, 50.57; H, 4.20. ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 23.56 (s, $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 2554$ Hz) ppm; FAB⁺ ($\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{P}_2\text{PtCl}$)⁺ 683 m/z, 100%. For **[XantphosPtCl₂]**: Elemental analysis for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{32}\text{Cl}_2\text{OP}_2\text{Pt}$: calculated C, 55.46; H, 3.82; found C, 54.51; H, 4.08; MS-FAB⁺ ($\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{32}\text{ClOP}_2\text{Pt}$)⁺ 809 m/z, 100%, ($\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{32}\text{OP}_2\text{Pt}$)⁺, 773 m/z, 60%. ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 7.37 (s, $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3692$ Hz) ppm.

1.6 Synthesis of [L-PtCl₂] for L6



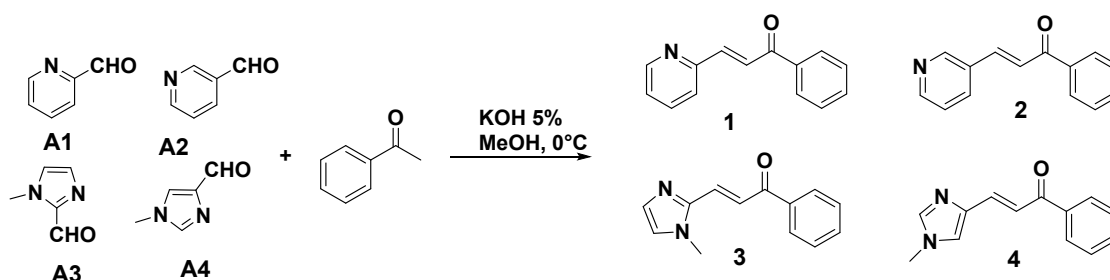
A mixture of **L6** (MW = 452.2 g/mol; 0.21 mmol) and $\text{Pt}(\text{COD})\text{Cl}_2$ (MW = 373 g/mol; 0.21 mmol) in argon-degassed acetone (5 ml) was stirred at rt for 30 min, under an argon atmosphere; the solvent was reduced in vacuo and the Pt complex was precipitated by addition of hexane. The solvent was removed by filtration to give a **[L6PtCl₂]** complex as a white solid. Recrystallization of the product by slow diffusion of ether into a CH_2Cl_2 -saturated solution afforded crystals suitable for X-ray structure analysis. Elemental analysis for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{P}_2\text{PtCl}_2$: calculated C, 50.20; H, 4.22; found C, 51.26; H, 4.66. ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 6.75 (s, $J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3610$ Hz) ppm.

1.7 Synthesis of rhodium(I) complexes

Ligand **Xantphos**, **L6** or **L8** (2.2 eq) was dissolved in 1 mL of THF-*d*8. The dimer $[\text{Rh}(\text{coe})_2\text{Cl}]_2$ (1 eq) was added, and the suspension was stirred for 30 minutes. The solution was analyzed by NMR spectroscopy without further purification.

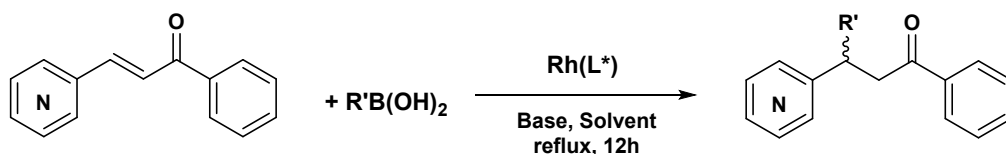
2. General Procedure for the synthesis of 3-azaarylpropenone substrates

The azaarene substrates, used in the asymmetric reaction addition, were synthesized by adding 30 mL of methanol and 5 mmol of acetophenone at 0 °C in a round-bottom flask under magnetic stirring. Then, KOH 5% (25 mL) and 6 mmol of aldehyde (A1, A2, A3, A4) were slowly added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. The solvent was removed, and ethyl acetate was added. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, concentrated and, eventually, purified. Generally, a light-yellow solid is obtained.

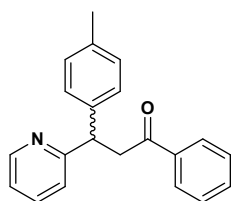


The analyses on products 1, 2, 3 and 4 resulted in accordance with those reported in literature.³

3. General procedure for the enantioselective rhodium catalysed addition of organoboronic acids to 3-azaarylpropenones

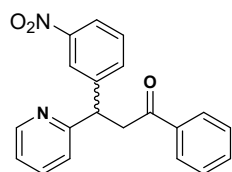


In a Schelk tube, under nitrogen atmosphere, were added in the following order: 0.001 mmol of rhodium complex, 0.003 mmol of ligand (L^*) and 0.6 mL of anhydrous solvent. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes, then the 3-azaarylpropenone substrate (0.1 mmol), the boronic acid (0.15 mmol), 0.05 mL of base and 0.4 mL of anhydrous solvent were added. The mixture was stirred at reflux for 12 hours. Afterwards, the mixture was quenched by dropping H_2O and ethyl acetate was added. The organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure and the product was isolated by flash column chromatography.



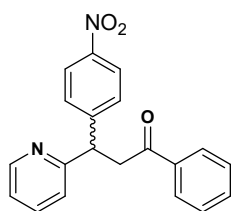
1g: 1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.15 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.23 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz, 3H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 3.48 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 4H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 199.05, 162.61, 148.49, 140.25, 137.32, 136.28, 132.77, 129.28, 128.39, 128.08, 127.96, 123.76, 121.23, 47.15, 43.84, 21.31 ppm. MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[C_{21}H_{19}NO]$: 301,15; found: m/z 302.34

$[M+H]^+$. HPLC analysis: 9.2 min (*maj*); 11.2 min (*min*); column: Chiralpak OJ-H, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=20/80, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ =240 nm.



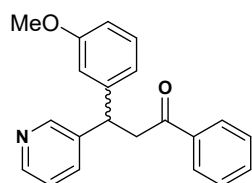
1i: 3-(3-nitrophenyl)-1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-1-one. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.54 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.13 – 7.91 (m, 3H), 7.79 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.28 (dd, $J = 10.2, 4.2$ Hz, 3H), 7.21 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 5.06 – 4.85 (m, 1H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 17.8, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, $J = 17.7, 5.8$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 197.86, 160.84, 160.36, 149.71, 148.85, 137.63, 137.19, 134.71, 133.51, 129.66, 128.54, 128.37, 124.49, 123.12, 122.59, 121.99, 47.64, 44.01, 30.18 ppm. MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[C_{20}H_{16}N_2O_3]$: 332,12; found: m/z 333.39

$[M+H]^+$. HPLC analysis: 35.5 min (*min*); 39.5 min (*maj*); column: Chiralpak OJ-H, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=20/80, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ =240 nm.



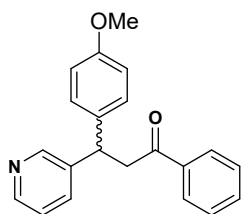
1l: 3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-1-one. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.54 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 – 7.37 (m, 7H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 5.02 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dt, $J = 63.8, 31.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 – 3.57 (m, 2H), 3.49 (s, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 204.80, 169.44, 145.96, 139.97, 138.47, 133.04, 129.71, 129.05, 128.58, 128.10, 125.24, 123.86, 121.58, 116.25, 47.79, 43.54 ppm. MS (ESI):

m/z calcd for $[C_{20}H_{16}N_2O_3]$: 332,12; found: m/z 333.27 $[M+H]^+$. HPLC analysis: 24.9 min (*maj*); 30.4 min (*min*); column: Chiralpak OJ-H, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=20/80, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ =240 nm.



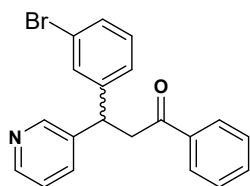
2b: 3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-3-yl)propan-1-one. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.63 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.46 (dd, $J = 4.9, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 – 7.84 (m, 3H), 7.79 – 7.38 (m, 6H), 7.30 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 6.95 – 6.53 (m, 4H), 4.83 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.72 (m, 5H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 198.27, 159.59, 147.85, 146.84, 143.67, 139.42, 132.88, 129.64, 127.98, 123.66, 120.12, 114.06, 111.87, 54.80, 44.39, 44.07 ppm. MS (ESI): m/z calcd

for [C₂₁H₁₉NO₂]:317,14; found: *m/z* 318.24 [M+H]⁺. HPLC analysis: 11.9 min (*maj*); 16.2 min (*min*); column: Chiralpak AD, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=20/80, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ=240 nm.



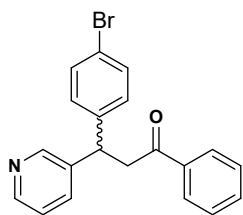
2c: 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-3-yl)propan-1-one. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ:8.62 (s, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 8.11 – 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.74 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 7.03 – 6.68 (m, 3H), 4.81 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 197.45, 158.93, 148.41, 146.43, 136.95, 135.20, 134.74, 133.61, 128.70, 128.04, 123.75, 114.17, 113.23, 55.07, 44.80, 42.57 ppm. MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for [C₂₁H₁₉NO₂]: 317,14; found: *m/z* 318.32 [M+H]⁺. HPLC analysis: 36.1 min (*maj*); 40.9 min (*min*);

column: Chiralpak AD, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=10/90, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ=240 nm.



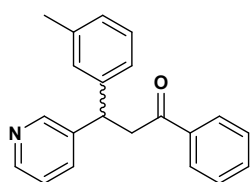
2d: 3-(3-bromophenyl)-1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-3-yl)propan-1-one. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ:8.52 (d, *J* = 25.4 Hz, 1H), 8.50 – 8.26 (m, 1H), 8.11 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 6.88 (m, 10H), 4.83 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 – 3.52 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 189.92, 150.70, 149.56, 144.82, 137.97, 134.29, 133.26, 132.91, 130.33, 128.97, 127.99, 126.84, 126.01, 124.25, 122.88, 44.12 ppm. MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for [C₂₀H₁₆BrNO]: 365,04; found: *m/z* 366.31 [M+H]⁺.

HPLC analysis: 16.0 min (*maj*); 23.3 min (*min*); column: Chiralpak AD, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=20/80, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ=240 nm.



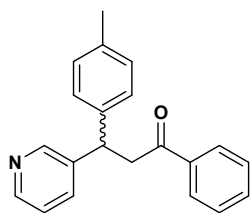
2e: 3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-3-yl)propan-1-one. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, cdcl₃) δ: 8.55 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.35 (m, 7H), 7.24 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 4.81 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 196.62, 149.30, 148.04, 141.85, 138.95, 136.67, 135.23, 133.37, 132.02, 129.49, 128.69, 127.96, 123.63, 120.75, 44.05, 43.07 ppm. MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for [C₂₀H₁₆BrNO]: 365,04; found: *m/z* 366.32 [M+H]⁺. HPLC analysis: 32.2 (*maj*); 39.1 min (*min*); column:

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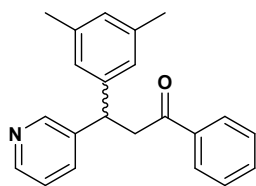
2f: 1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-3-yl)-3-(m-tolyl)propan-1-one. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ:8.56 (s, 1H), 8.51 – 8.36 (m, 1H), 8.00 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.10 (m, 9H), 4.83 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.18, 153.21, 149.91, 148.72, 145.65, 140.81, 140.29, 136.60, 133.98, 131.26, 129.17, 128.23, 127.35, 125.88, 124.93, 123.41, 44.11, 42.95 ppm. MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for

[C₂₁H₁₉NO]: 301,15; found: *m/z* 302.34 [M+H]⁺. HPLC analysis: 15.6 min (*min*); 20.4 min (*maj*); column: Chiralpak OJ-H, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=20/80, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ=240 nm.

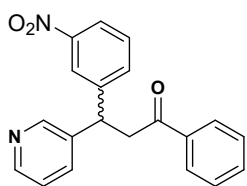


2g: 1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-3-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ:8.57 (s, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 6.96 (m, 5H), 4.82 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ :197.14, 148.68, 147.09, 139.39, 136.63, 136.02, 133.01, 132.77, 130.34, 129.41, 128.48, 127.87, 127.57, 123.96, 44.21, 43.49, 21.31 ppm. MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for

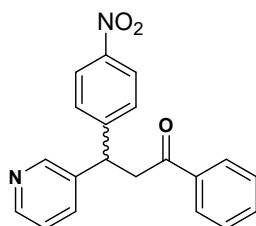
[C₂₁H₁₉NO]: 301,15; found: *m/z* 302.27 [M+H]⁺. HPLC analysis: 13.6 min (*maj*); 14.8 min (*min*); column: Chiralpak OD-H, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=20/80, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ=240 nm.



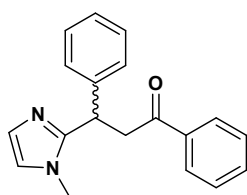
2h: 3-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-3-yl)propan-1-one. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.57 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.42 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45 (ddd, $J = 8.2, 2.3, 0.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (ddd, $J = 7.9, 4.8, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 4.76 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 – 3.68 (m, 2H), 2.26 (t, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 7H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 197.02, 149.58, 147.46, 142.66, 139.64, 137.85, 136.67, 135.53, 132.48, 128.61, 127.99, 125.22, 123.39, 44.15, 42.96, 21.29 ppm. MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}]$: 315,16; found: m/z 316.35 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. HPLC analysis: 7.6 min (*min*); 10.8 min (*maj*); column: Chiralpak OJ-H, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=10/90, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ =240 nm.



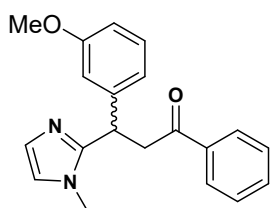
2i: 3-(3-nitrophenyl)-1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-3-yl)propan-1-one. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.52 – 8.40 (m, 1H), 8.00 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 4.98 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 193.70, 150.78, 149.90, 149.28, 140.82, 136.98, 136.06, 134.83, 134.31, 133.01, 128.86, 128.22, 127.90, 126.18, 125.56, 124.36, 43.84, 43.18 ppm. MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3]$: 332,12; found: m/z 333.41 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. HPLC analysis: 27.9 min (*maj*); 35.3 min (*min*); column: Chiralpak OJ-H, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=20/80, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ =240 nm.



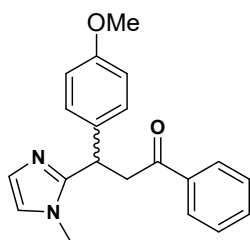
2l: 3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-3-yl)propan-1-one. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.55 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.45 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.34 (m, 7H), 7.23 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 4.98 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 – 3.68 (m, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 193.50, 144.51, 140.64, 137.84, 133.63, 132.97, 132.38, 129.54, 128.37, 127.94, 123.92, 123.08, 122.49, 118.47, 44.01, 43.01 ppm. MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3]$: 332,12; found: m/z 333.35 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. HPLC analysis: 26.6 min (*maj*); 33.8 min (*min*); column: Chiralpak OJ-H, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=20/80, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ =240 nm.



3a: 3-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.98 (dt, $J = 8.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 6.91 (t, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.82 (dd, $J = 8.3, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 18.0, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 197.78, 149.19, 141.71, 136.39, 133.21, 128.78, 128.43, 128.17, 127.88, 126.88, 126.72, 120.90, 45.34, 37.99, 32.43 ppm. MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}]$: 290,14; found: m/z 291.24 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. HPLC analysis: 13.8 min (*maj*); 20.3 min (*min*); column: Chiralpak AD, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=10/90, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ =240 nm.

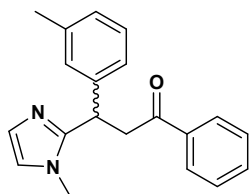


3b: 3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one
 ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.85 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 54.8, 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.55 (dd, $J = 18.0, 6.6$ Hz, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 197.36, 160.39, 158.92, 148.72, 136.66, 133.03, 130.39, 128.53, 126.19, 121.04, 119.58, 113.80, 112.62, 54.94, 43.84, 37.56, 32.72 ppm. MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2]$: 320,15; found: m/z 321.28 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. HPLC analysis: 11.4 min (*min*); 13.4 min (*maj*); column: Chiralpak OJ-H, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=20/80, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ =240 nm.



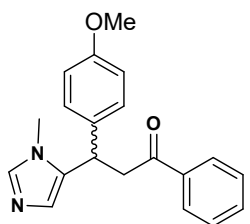
3c: 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.08 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 10.3, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 9.2, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.61 (m, 2H), 4.88 – 4.61 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 18.0, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 1H), 3.54 (dd, $J = 17.5, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.37 (m, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 197.72, 158.74, 149.29, 136.89, 132.63, 129.50, 129.01, 128.18, 127.42, 126.30, 121.16, 114.11, 113.30, 55.21, 44.56, 37.31, 32.84 ppm. MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2]$: 320,15; found: m/z 321.35 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. HPLC analysis: 16.8

min (*maj*); 29.2 min (*min*); column: Chiralpak AD, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=10/90, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ =240 nm.



3d: 3-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-1-phenyl-3-(m-tolyl)propan-1-one. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.11 – 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42 (tt, $J = 8.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 6.74 (t, $J = 17.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.82 (dd, $J = 8.4, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 198.51, 148.95, 139.34, 136.98, 133.02, 129.17, 128.86, 128.21, 127.94, 127.37, 124.67, 120.74, 44.15, 38.41, 32.41, 21.32 ppm. MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}]$: 304,16; found: m/z 305.32 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. HPLC analysis: 6.2 min (*maj*); 7.1 min (*min*);

column: Chiralpak OJ-H, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=20/80, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ =240 nm.



4c: 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.33 (m, 3H), 4.67 (t, $J = 4.8$, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.96 (dd, $J = 8.3, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, $J = 6.7, 3.8$ Hz, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 198.56, 143.62, 142.03, 139.28, 137.42, 136.53, 135.25, 133.66, 133.01, 129.09, 128.43, 127.53, 125.38, 121.32, 114.23, 113.01, 56.43, 46.56, 36.11, 31.46

ppm. MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}]$: 304,16; found: m/z 305.32 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. HPLC analysis: 22.0 min (*min*); 26.4 min (*maj*); column: Chiralpak OJ-H, eluent: 2-propanol/hexane=20/80, flow=1.0 mL/min, λ =240 nm.

4. NMR Spectra of ligands L7-L9

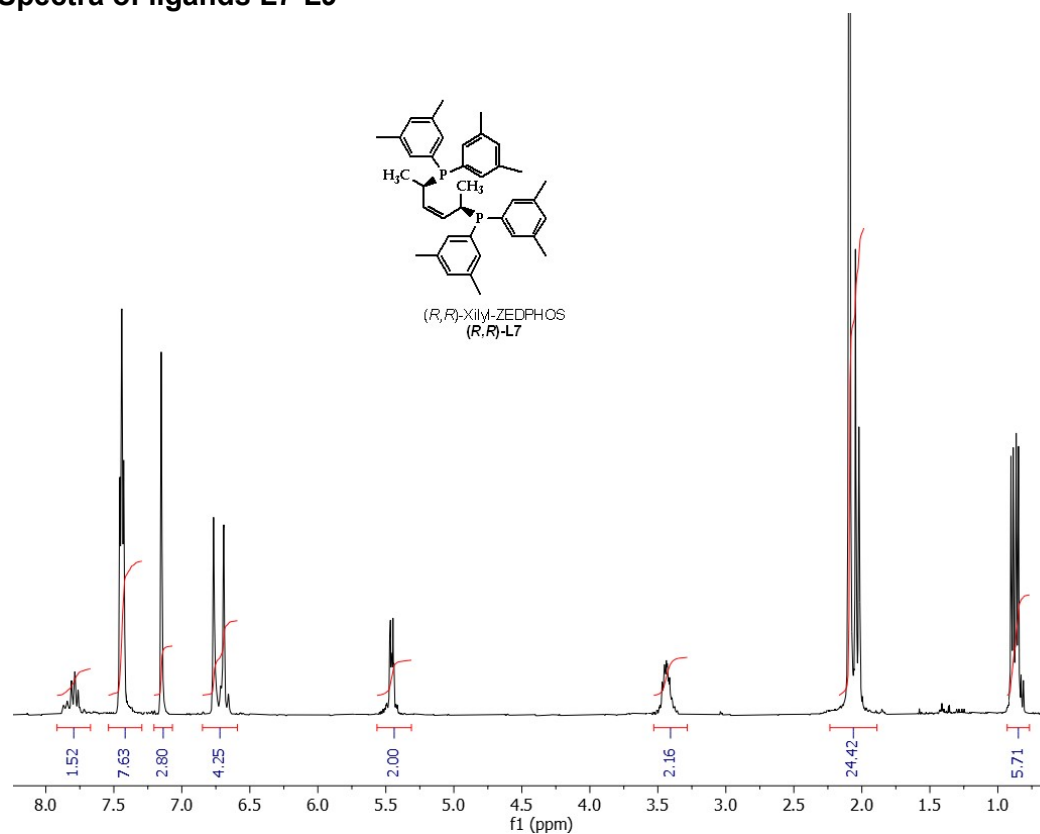


Figure S1. ¹H-NMR spectrum of ligand L7.

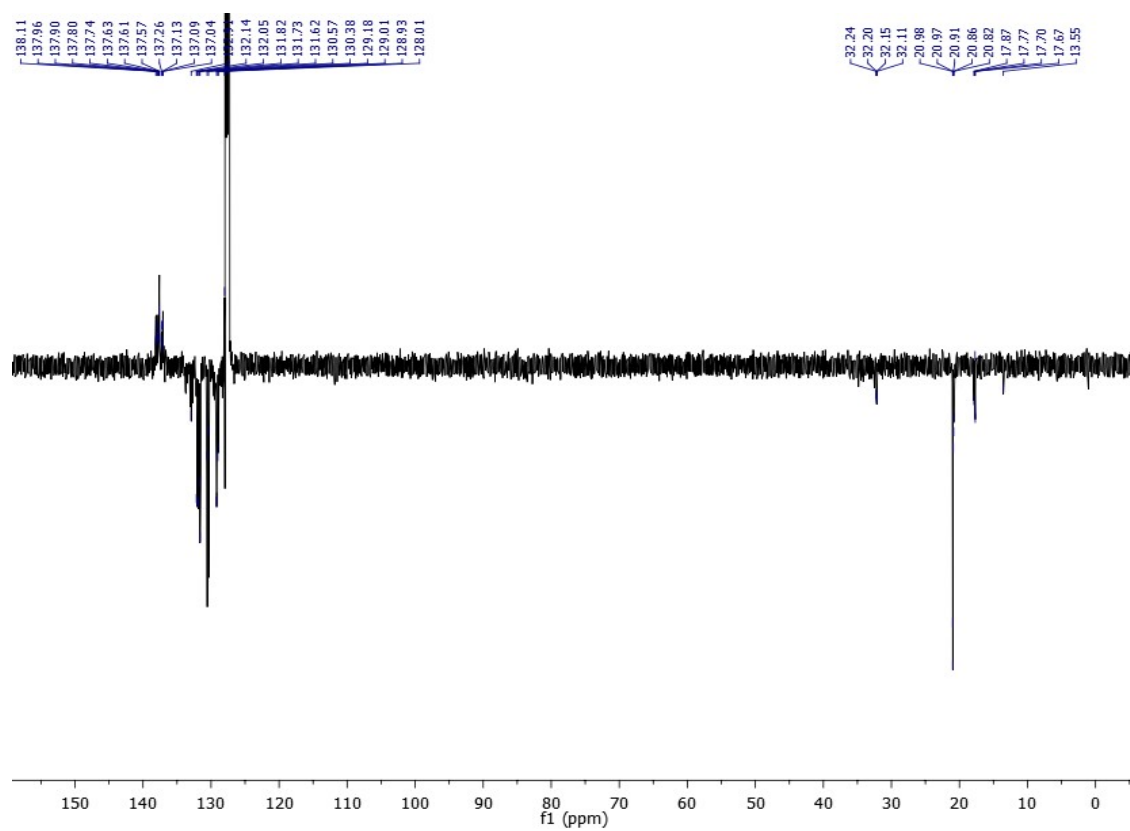


Figure S2. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of ligand L7.

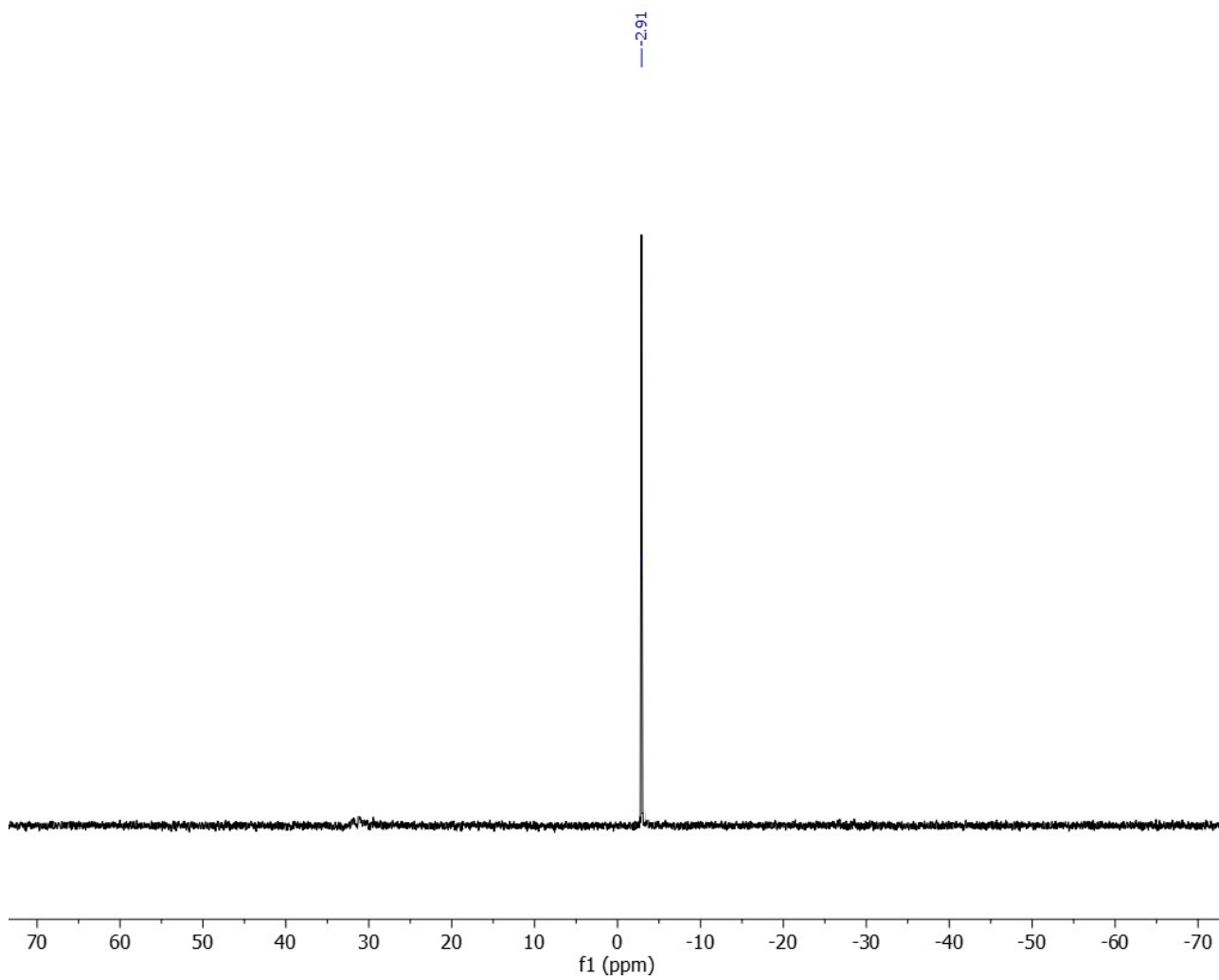


Figure S3. ^{31}P -NMR spectrum of ligand L7.

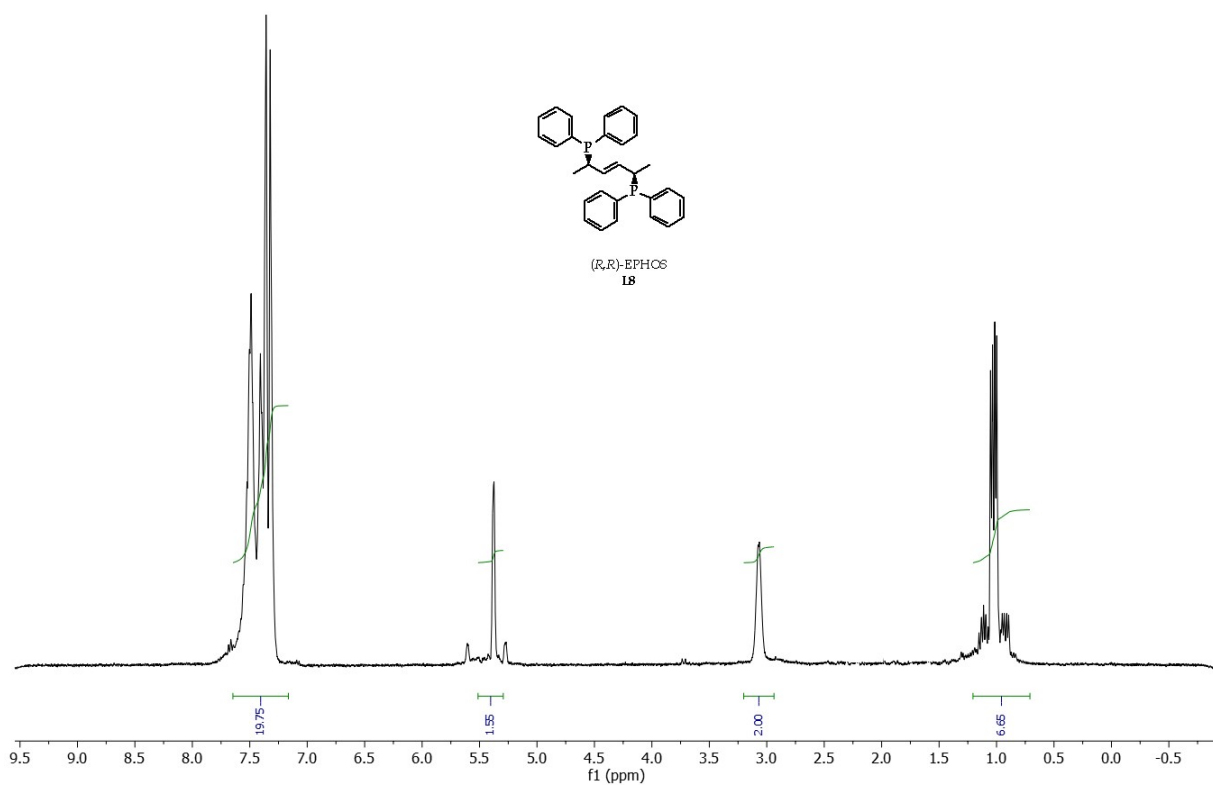


Figure S4. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of ligand **L8**.

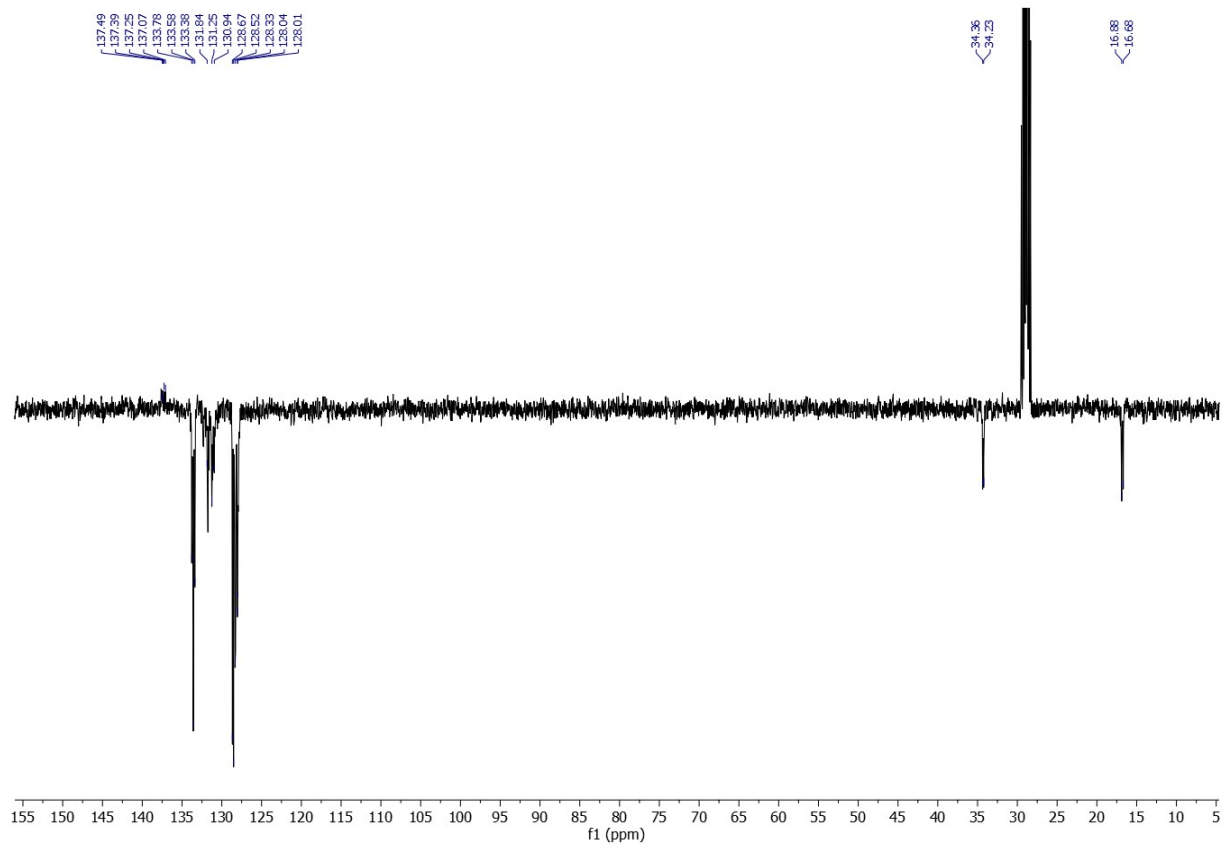


Figure S5. $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectrum of ligand **L8**.

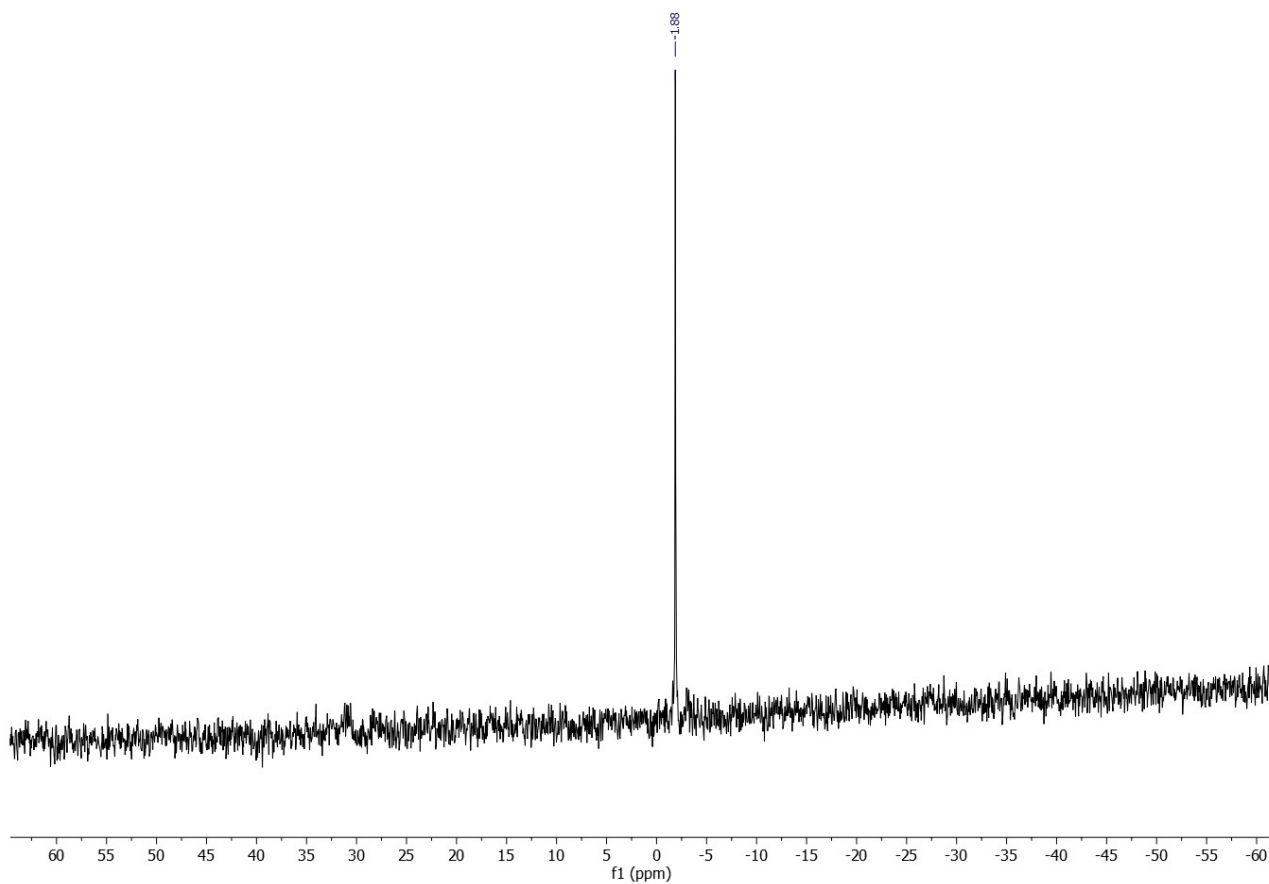


Figure S6. ^{31}P -NMR spectrum of ligand L8.

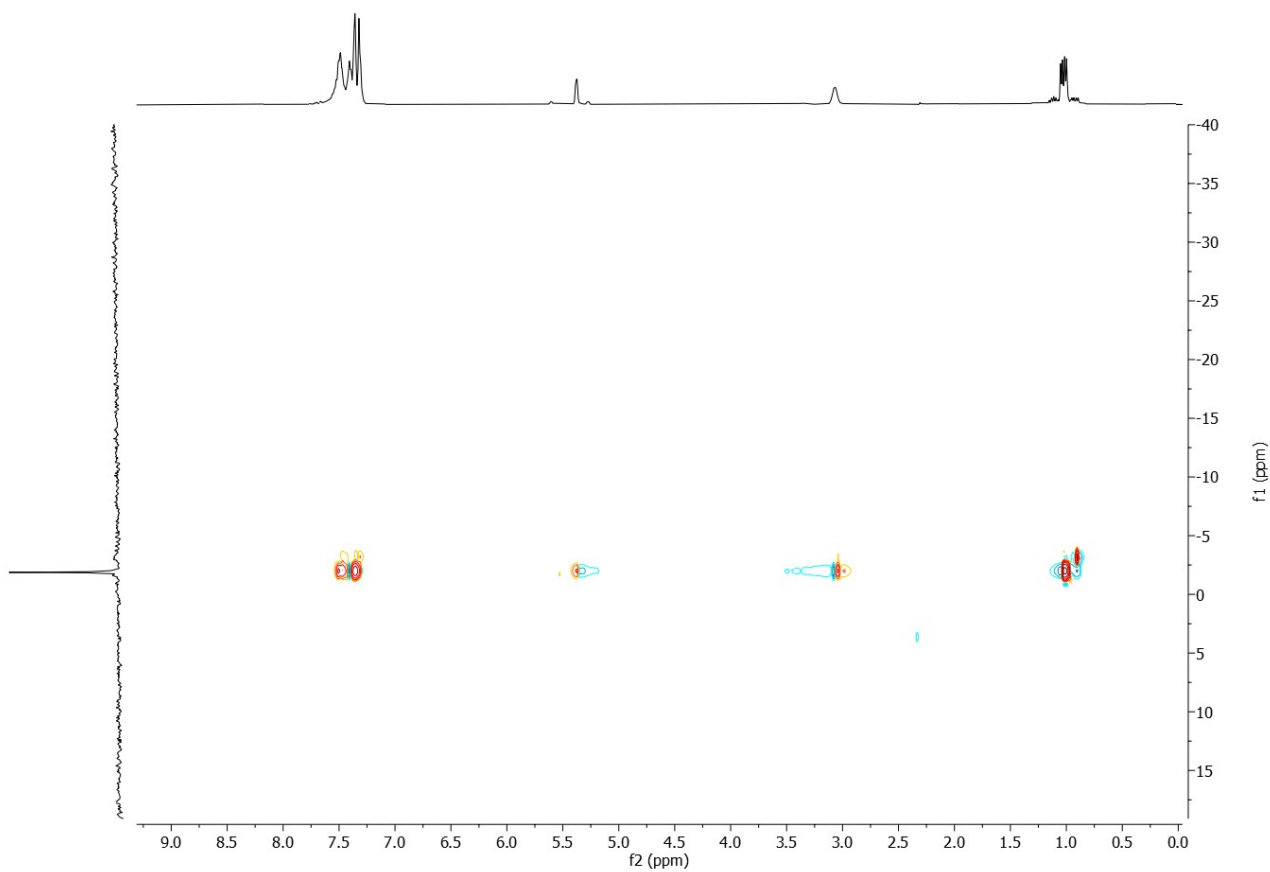


Figure S7. Inverse correlation ^{31}P - ^1H NMR with gradient of ligand L8.

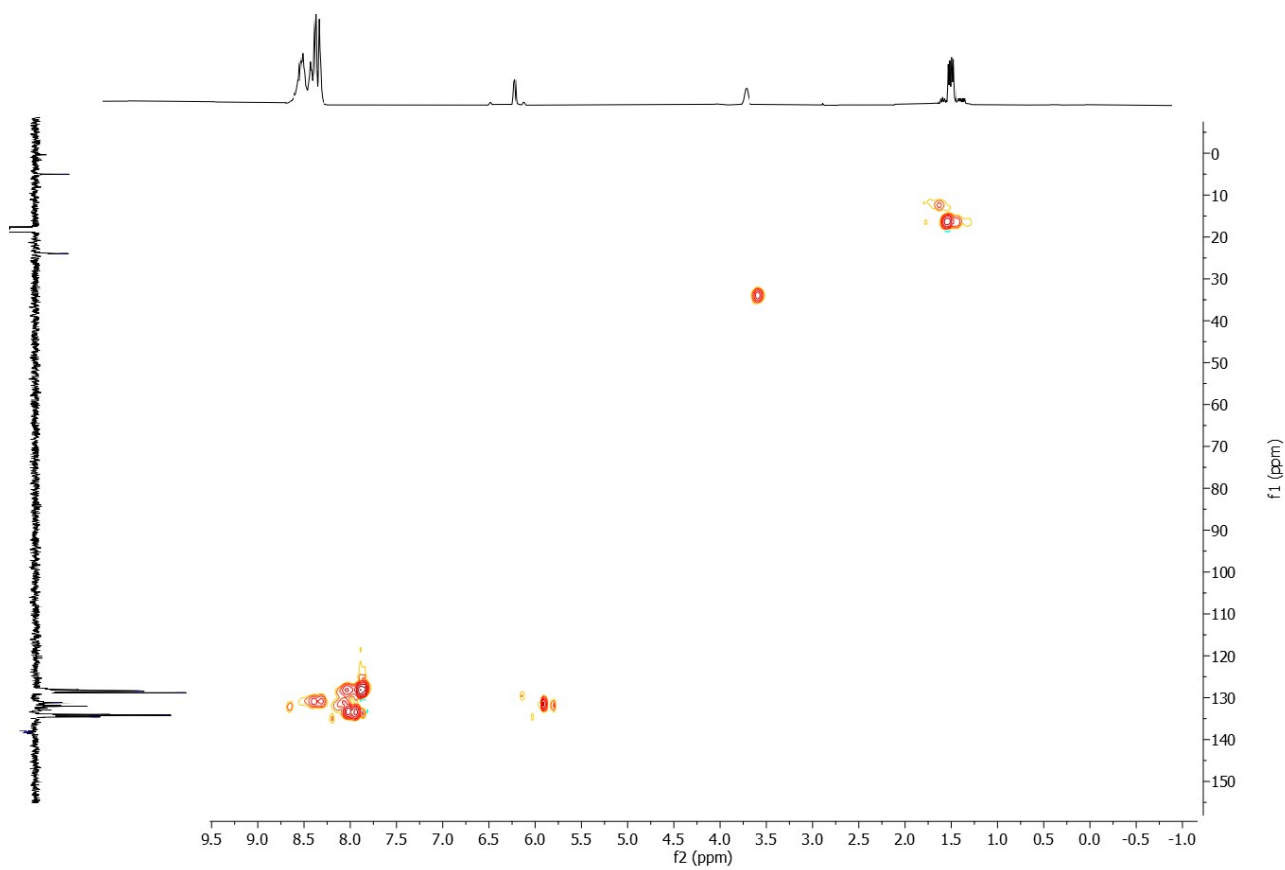


Figure S8: HSQC spectrum of ligand L8.

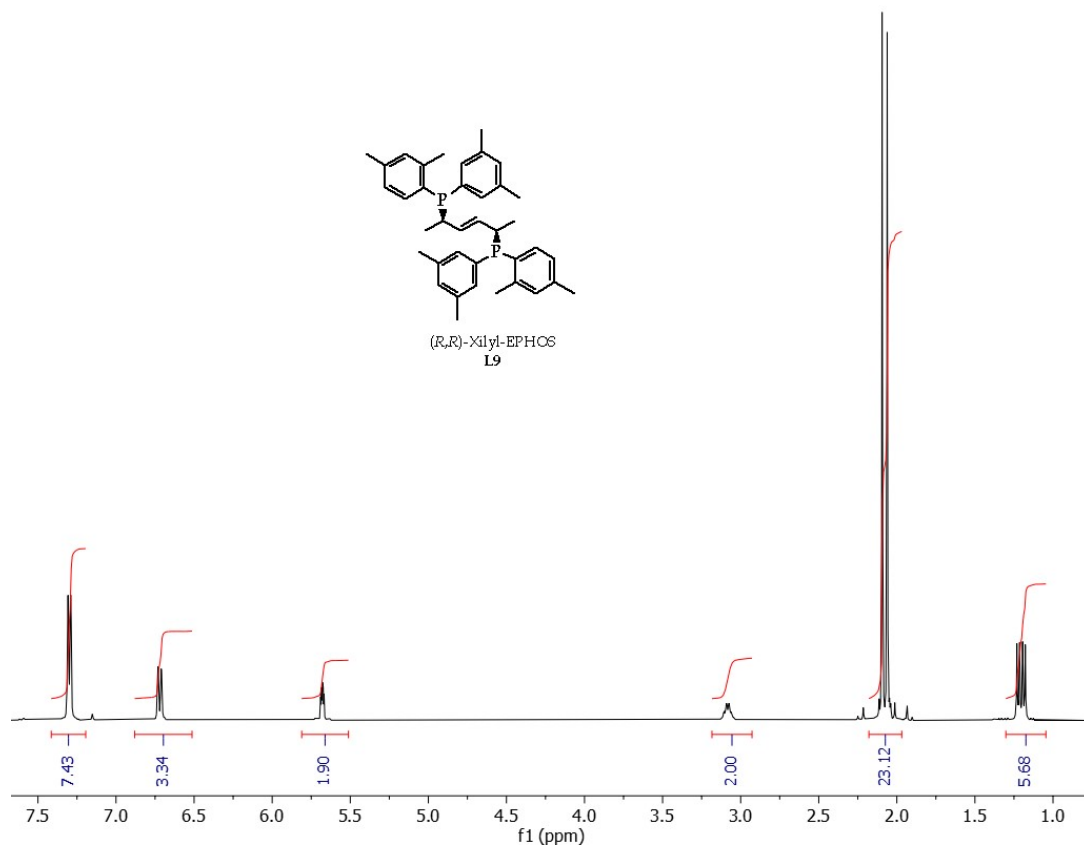


Figure S9. ¹H-NMR spectrum of ligand L9.

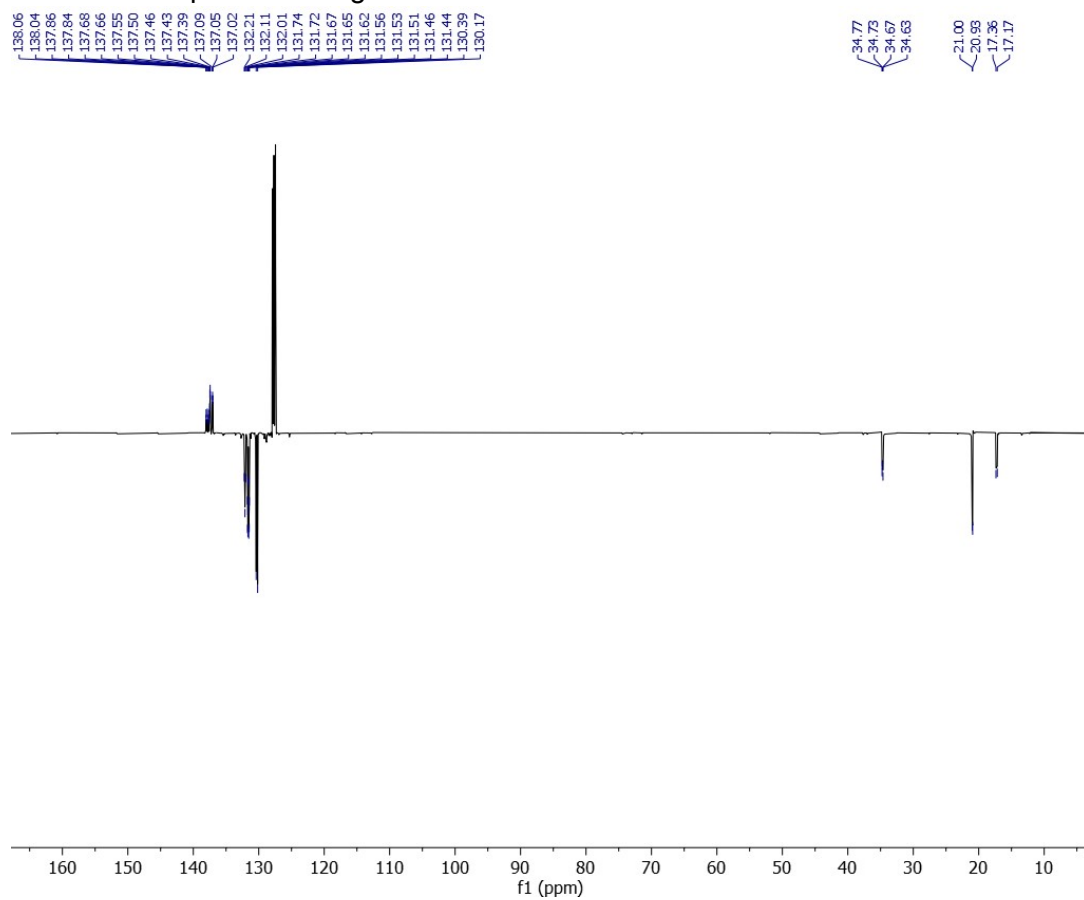


Figure S10. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of ligand L9.

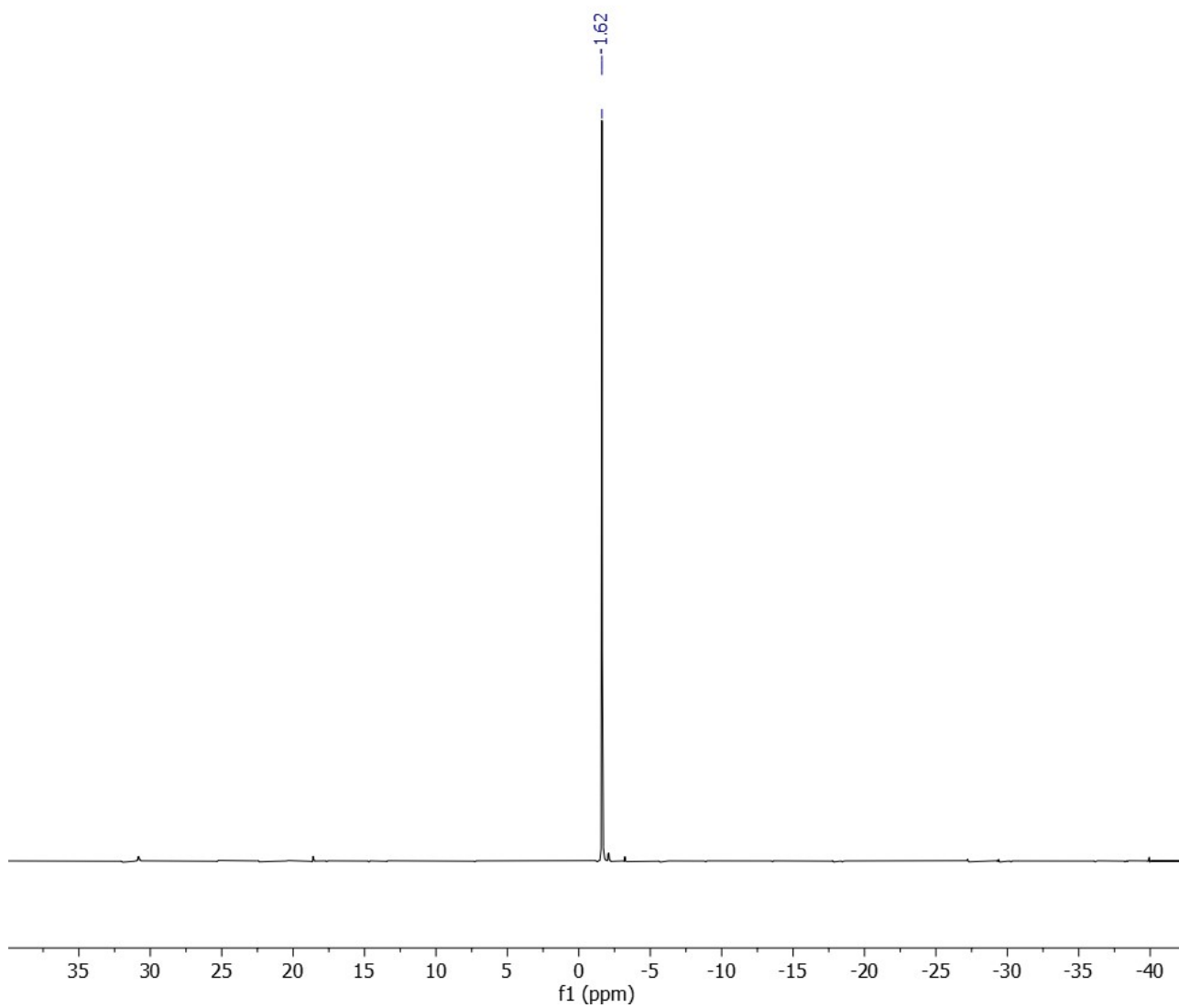


Figure S11. ^{31}P -NMR spectrum of ligand **L9**.

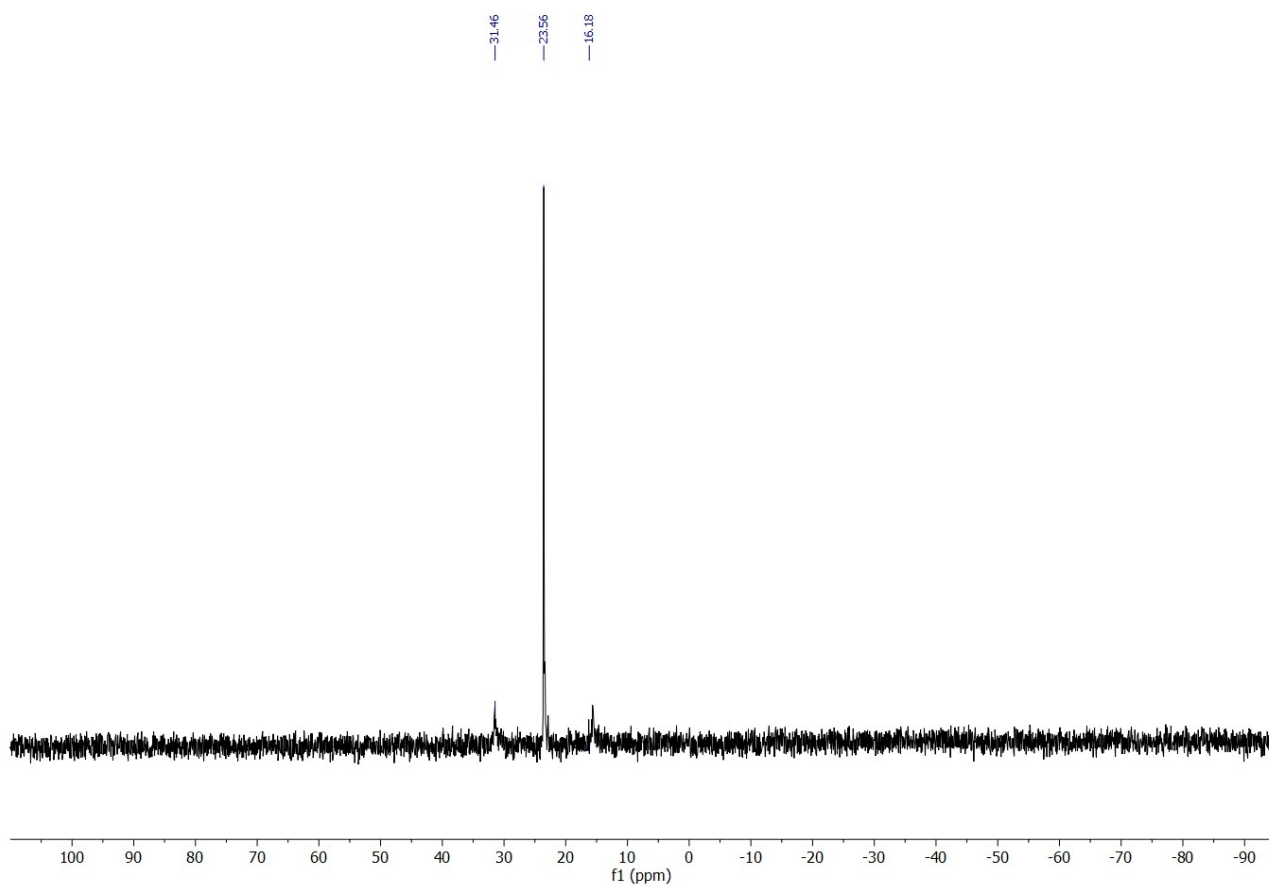


Figure S12. ^{31}P -NMR spectrum of $[\text{L8PtCl}_2]$.

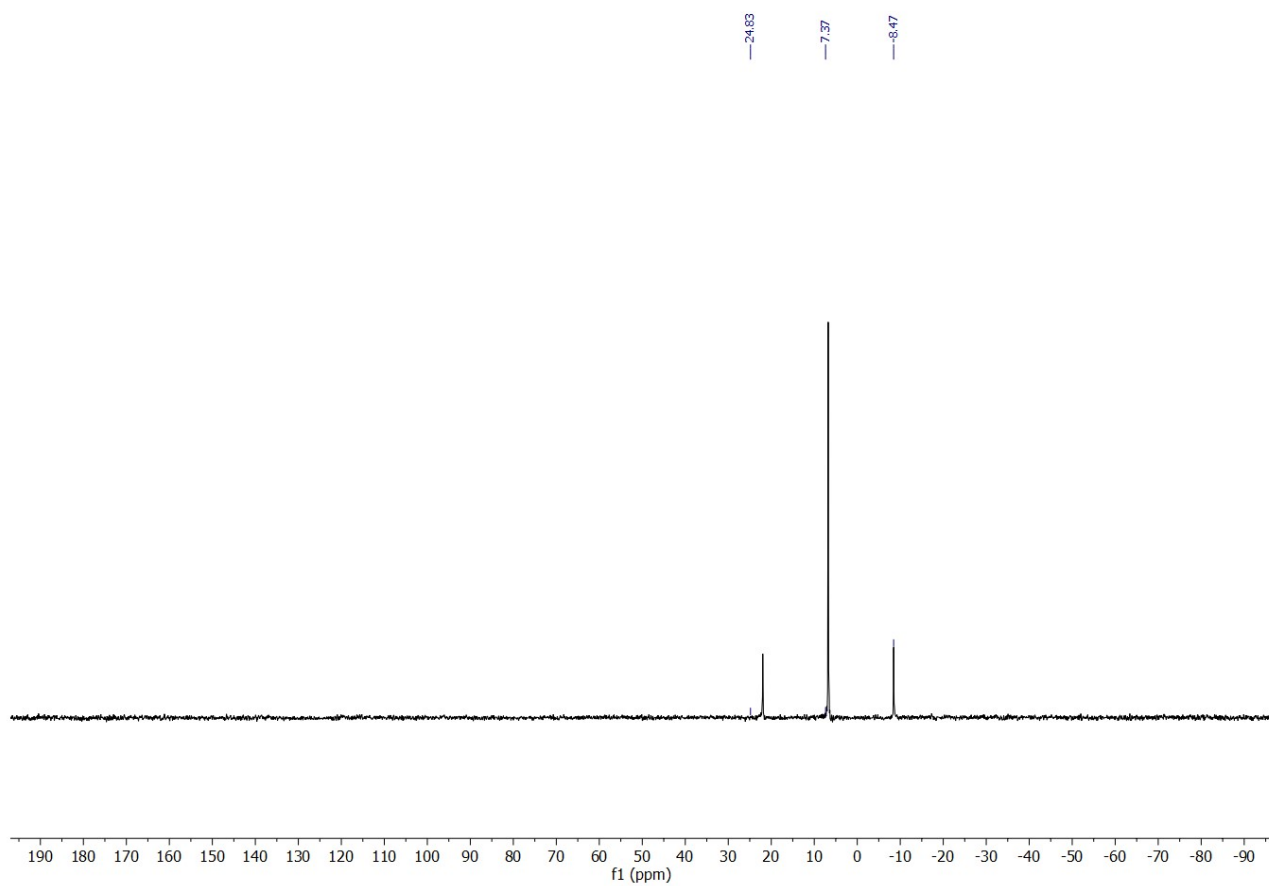


Figure S13. ^{31}P -NMR spectrum of $[\text{XantphosPtCl}_2]$.

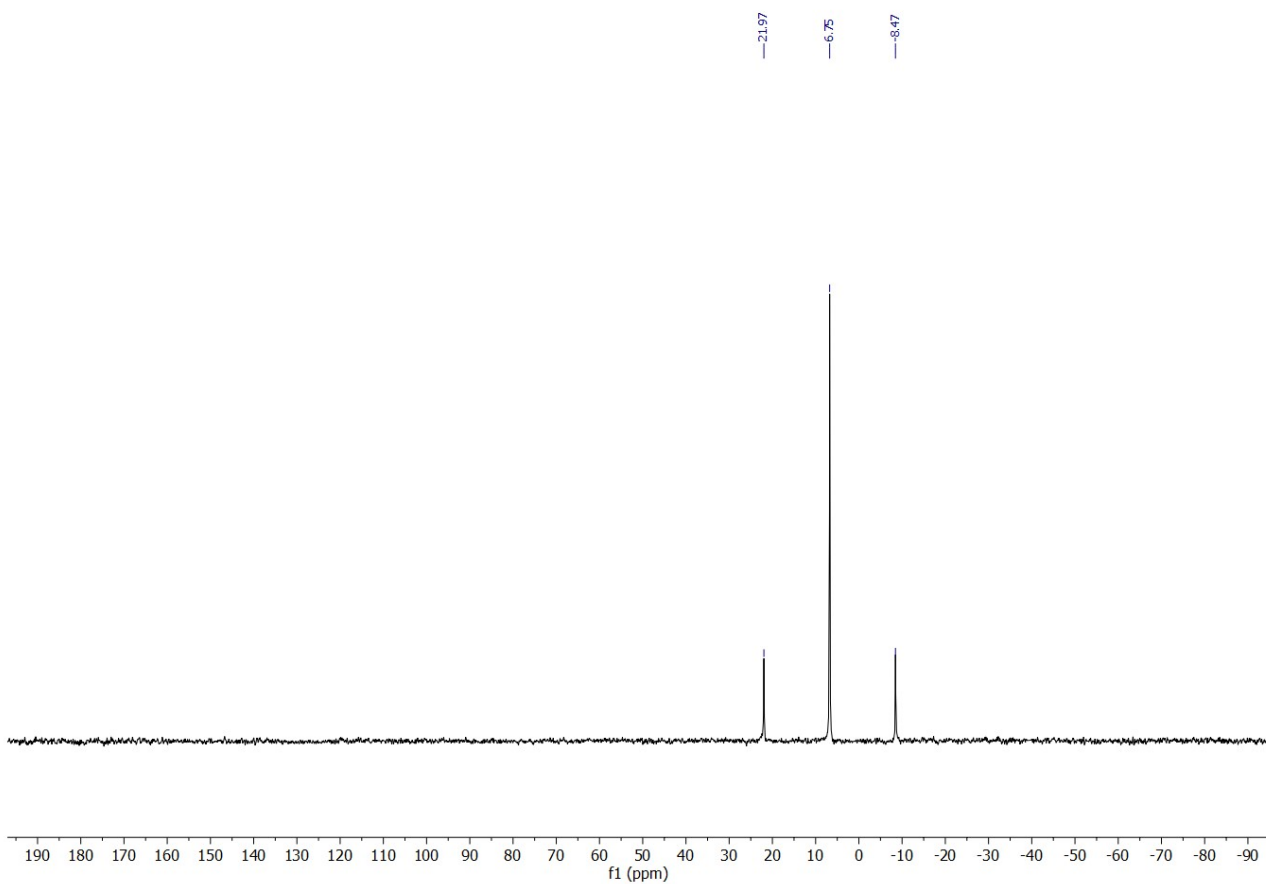


Figure S14. ^{31}P -NMR spectrum of $[\text{L6PtCl}_2]$.

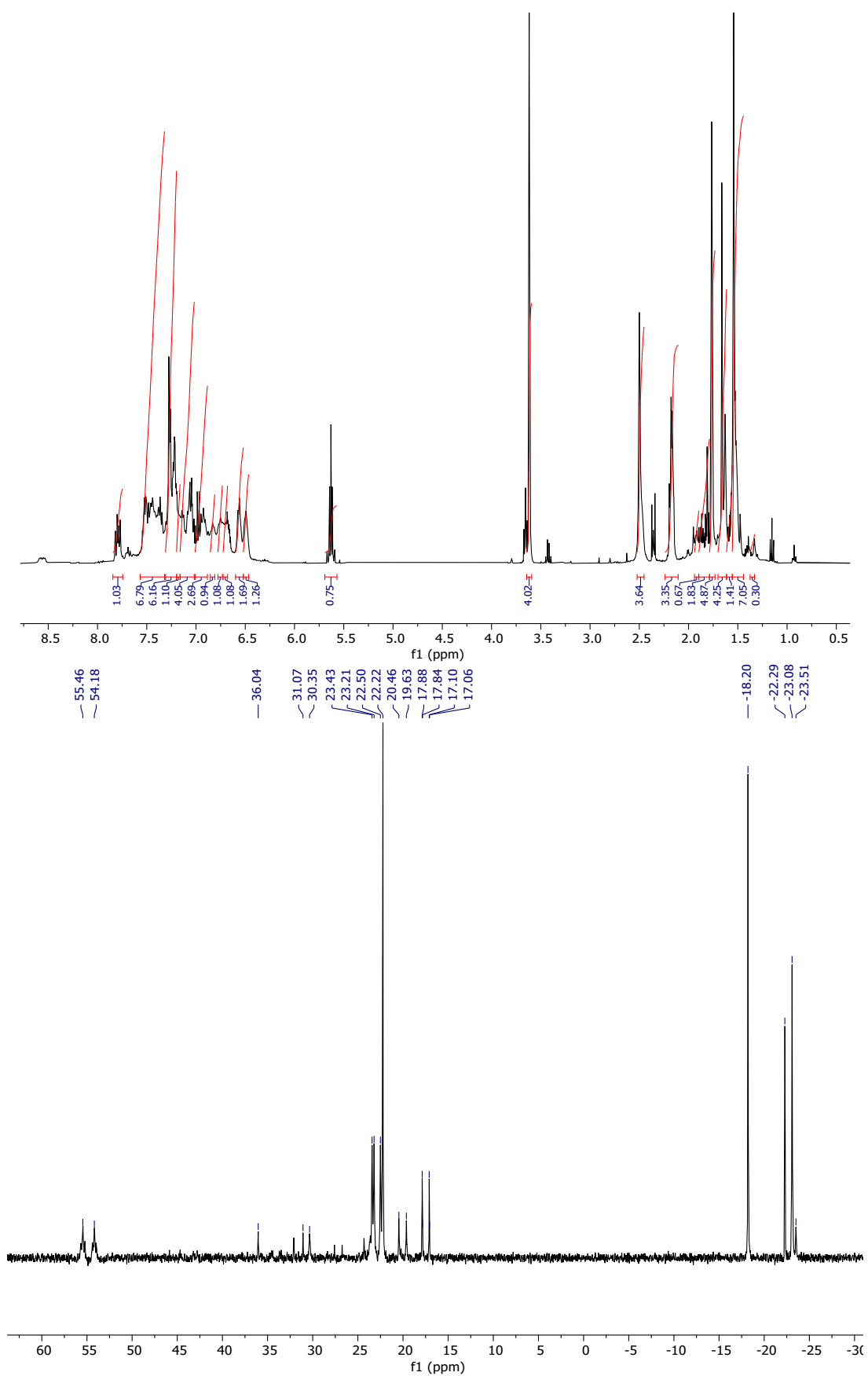


Figure S15. ^1H -NMR and ^{31}P -NMR spectrum of rhodium complex with Xantphos.

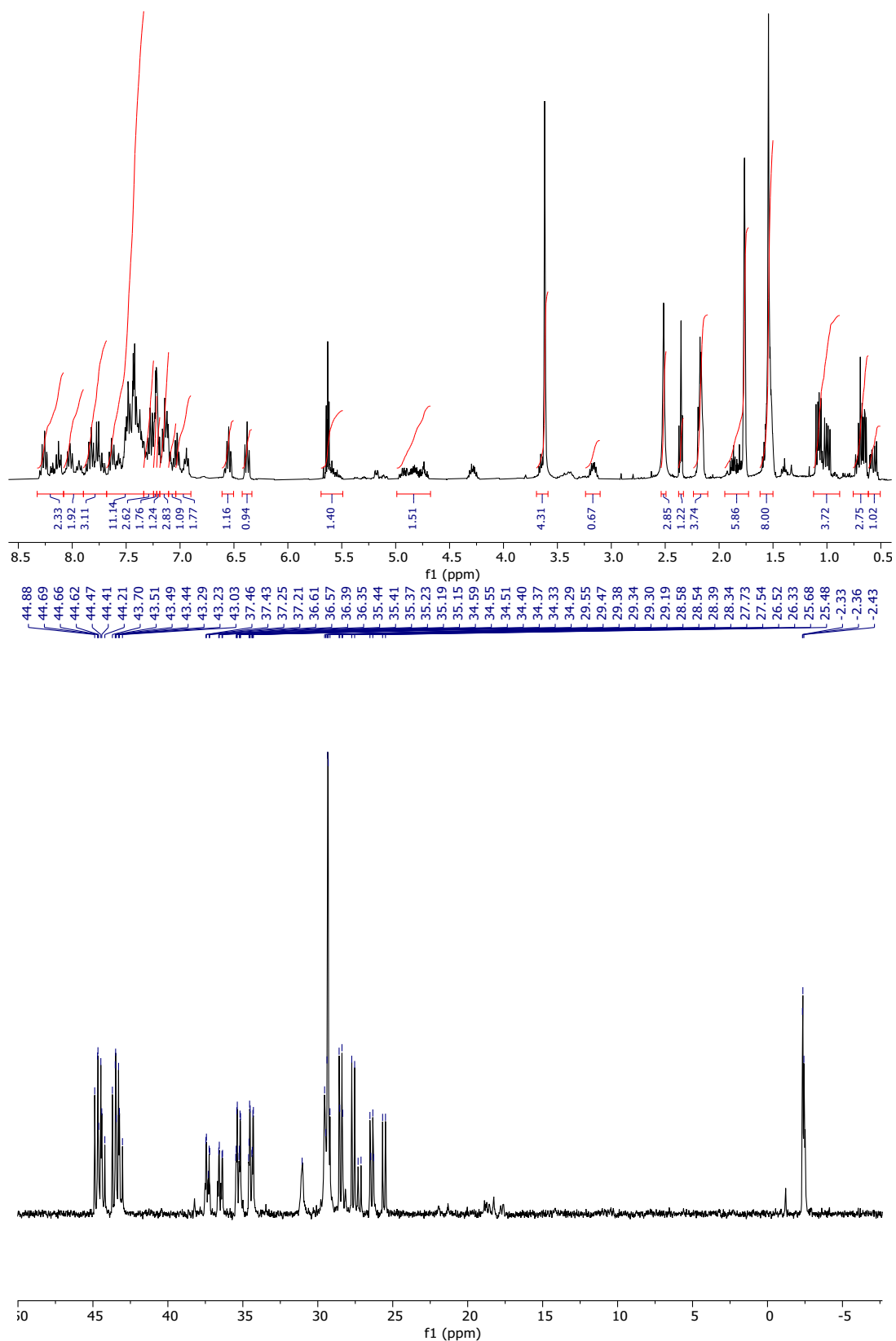


Figure S16. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ and $^{31}\text{P-NMR}$ spectrum of rhodium complex with L6.

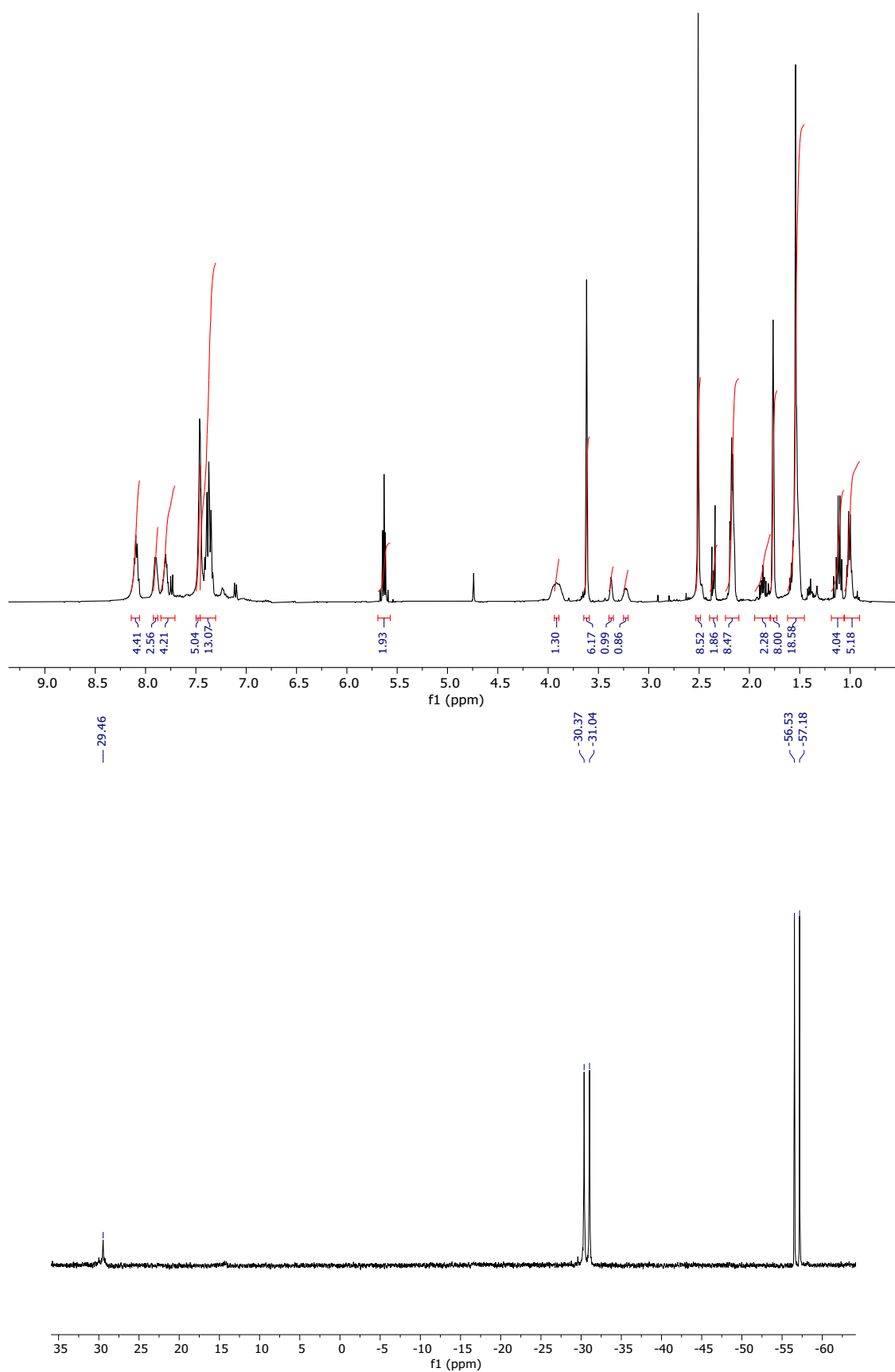


Figure S17. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ and $^{31}\text{P-NMR}$ spectrum of rhodium complex with L8.

5. NMR spectra of products not reported in literature

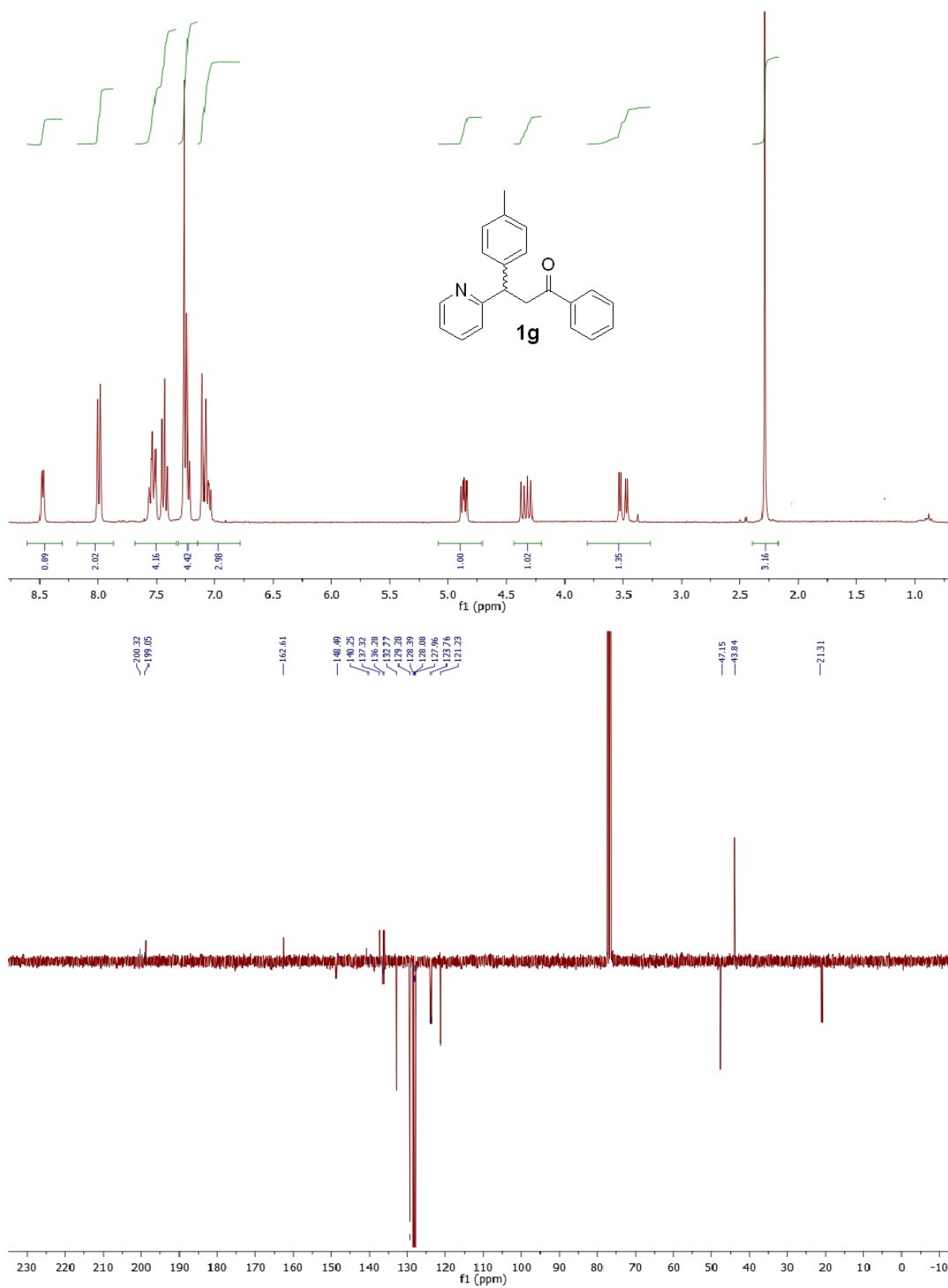


Figure S18: ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of **1g**.

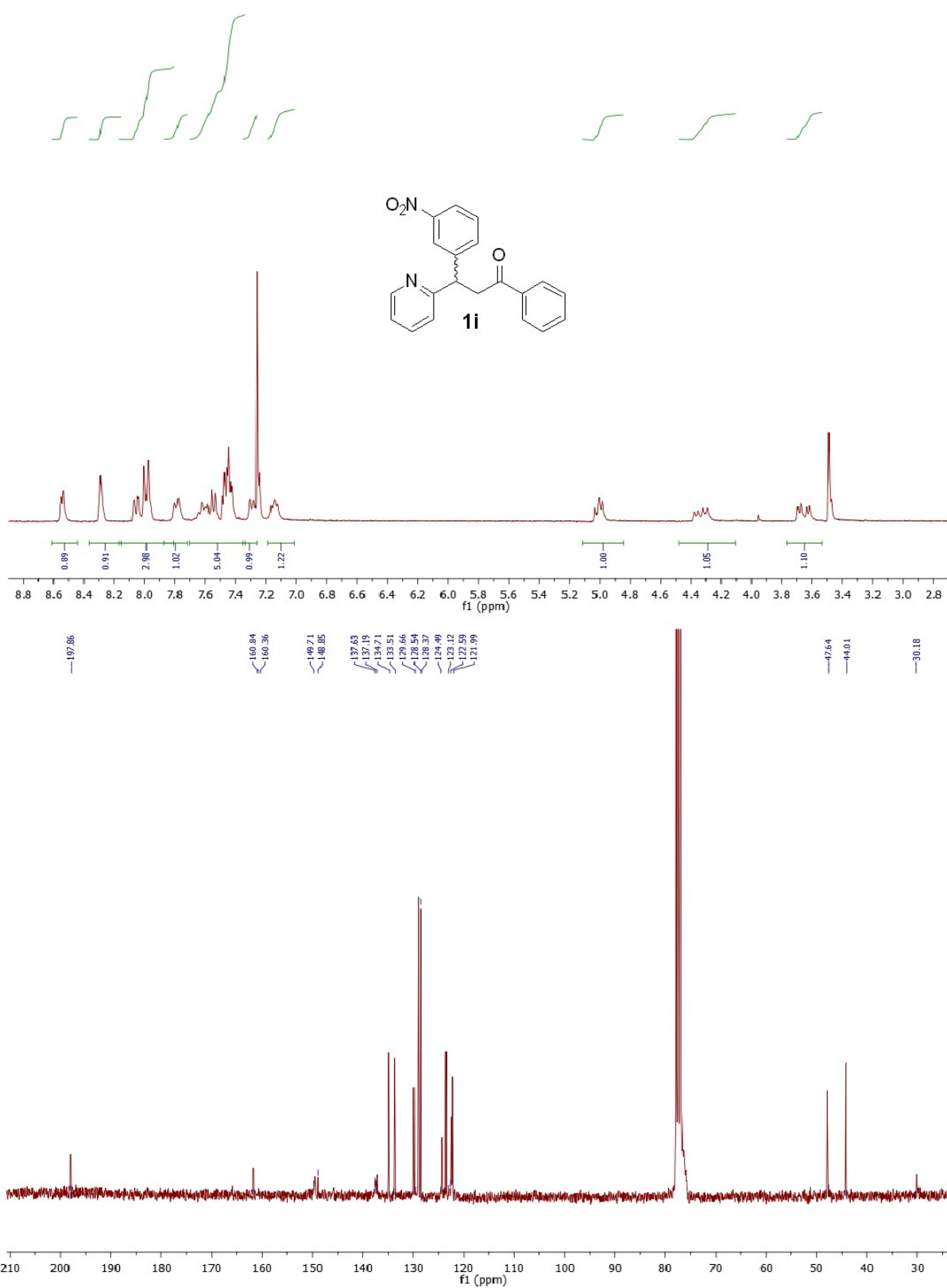


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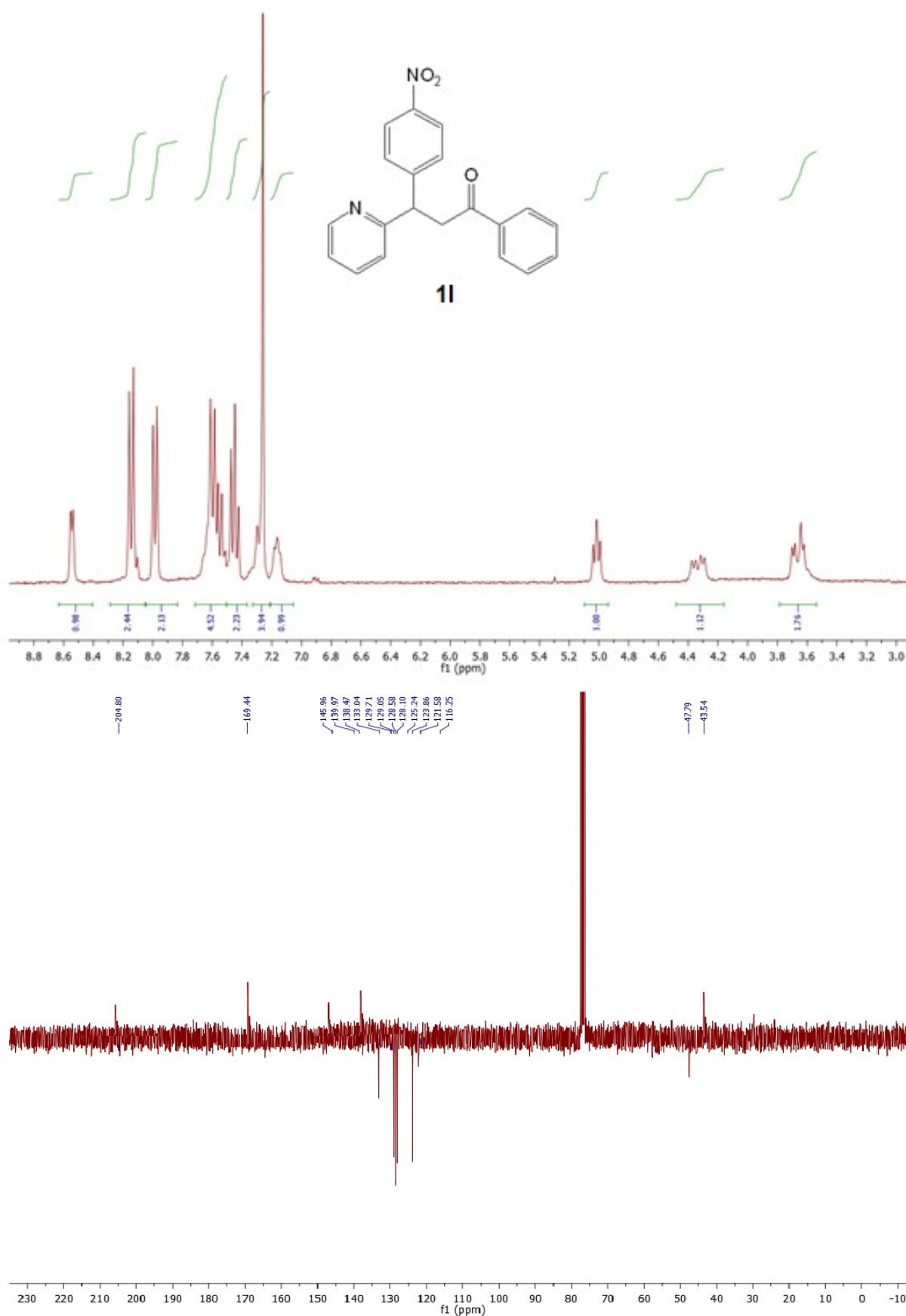


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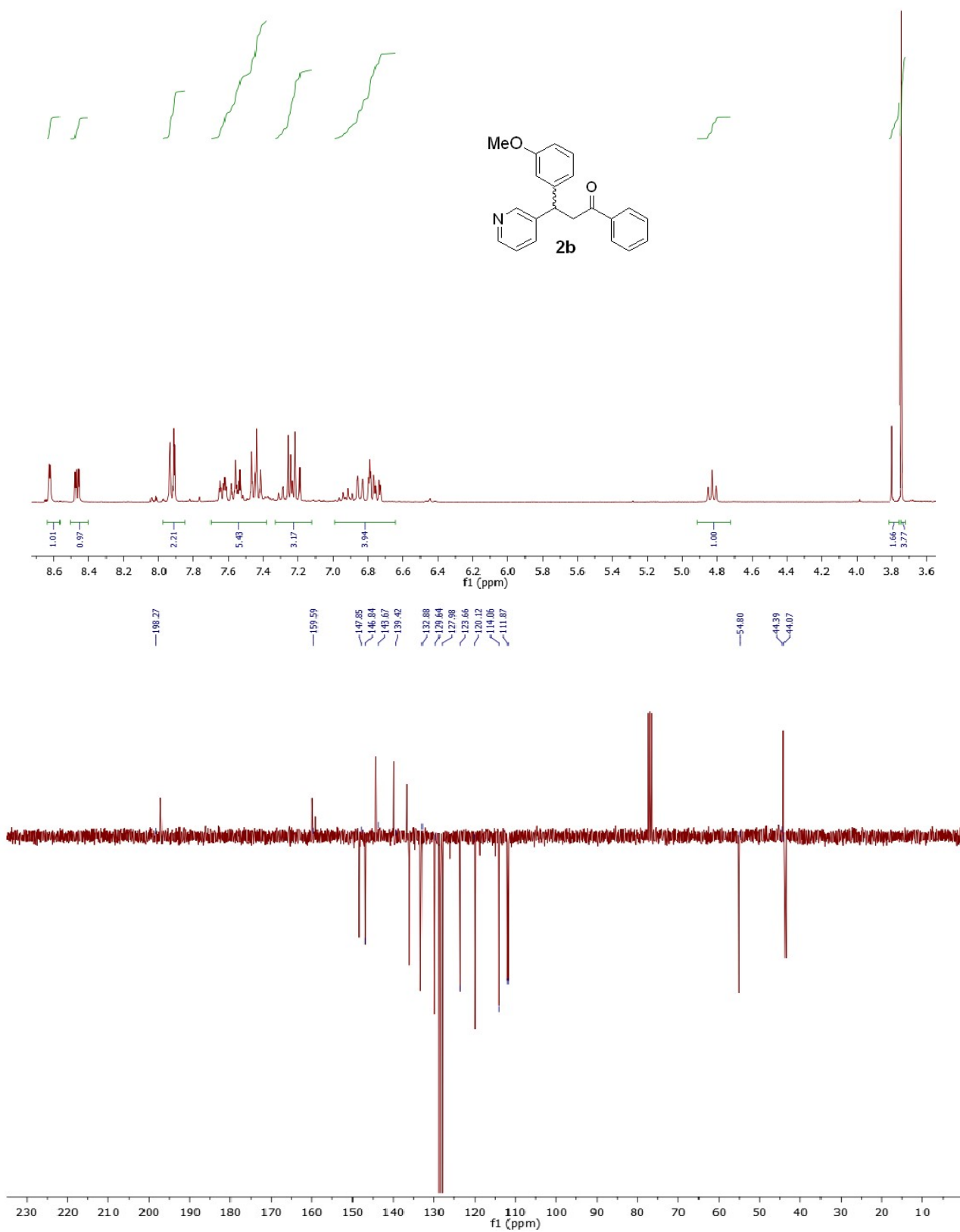


Figure S21: ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of **2b**.

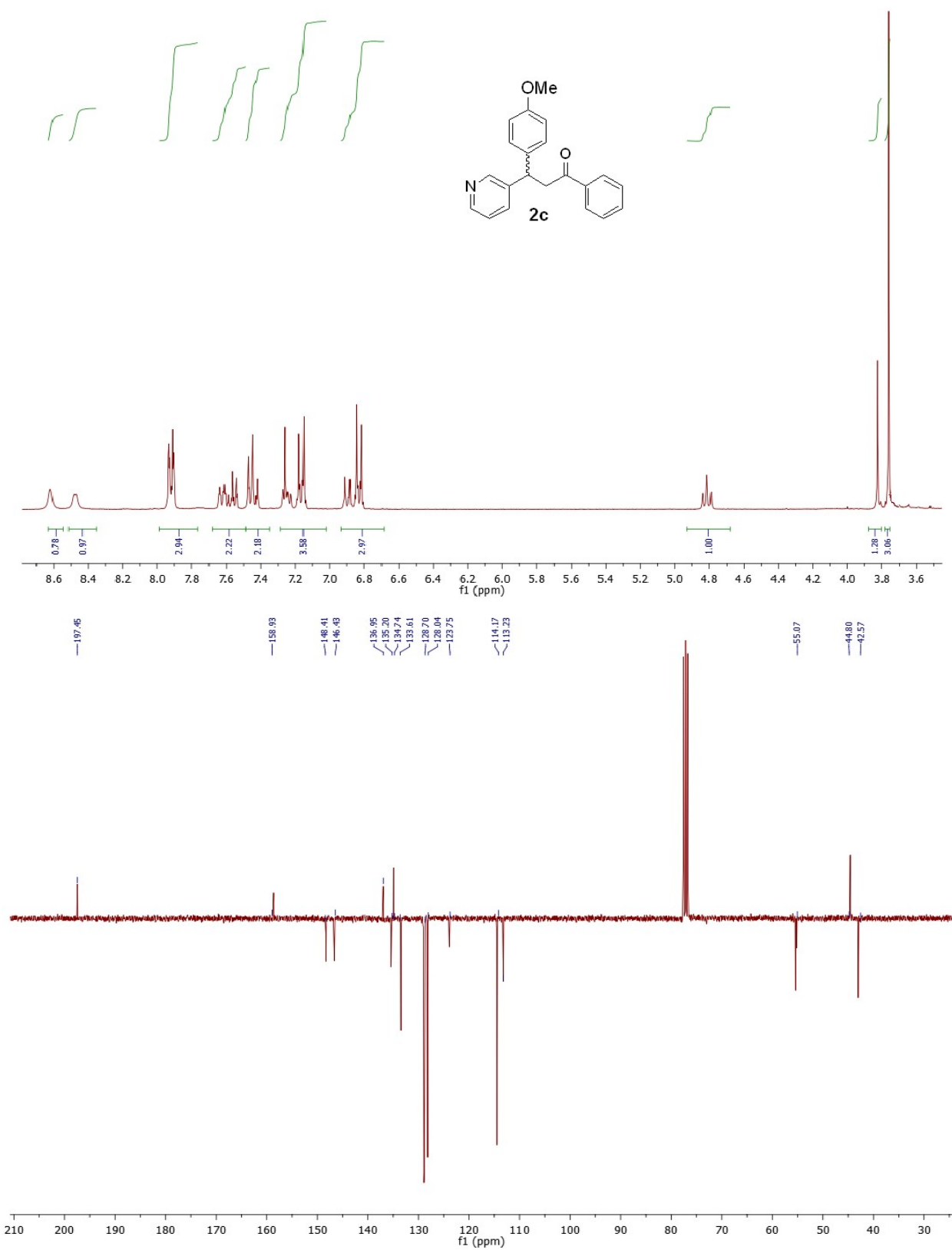


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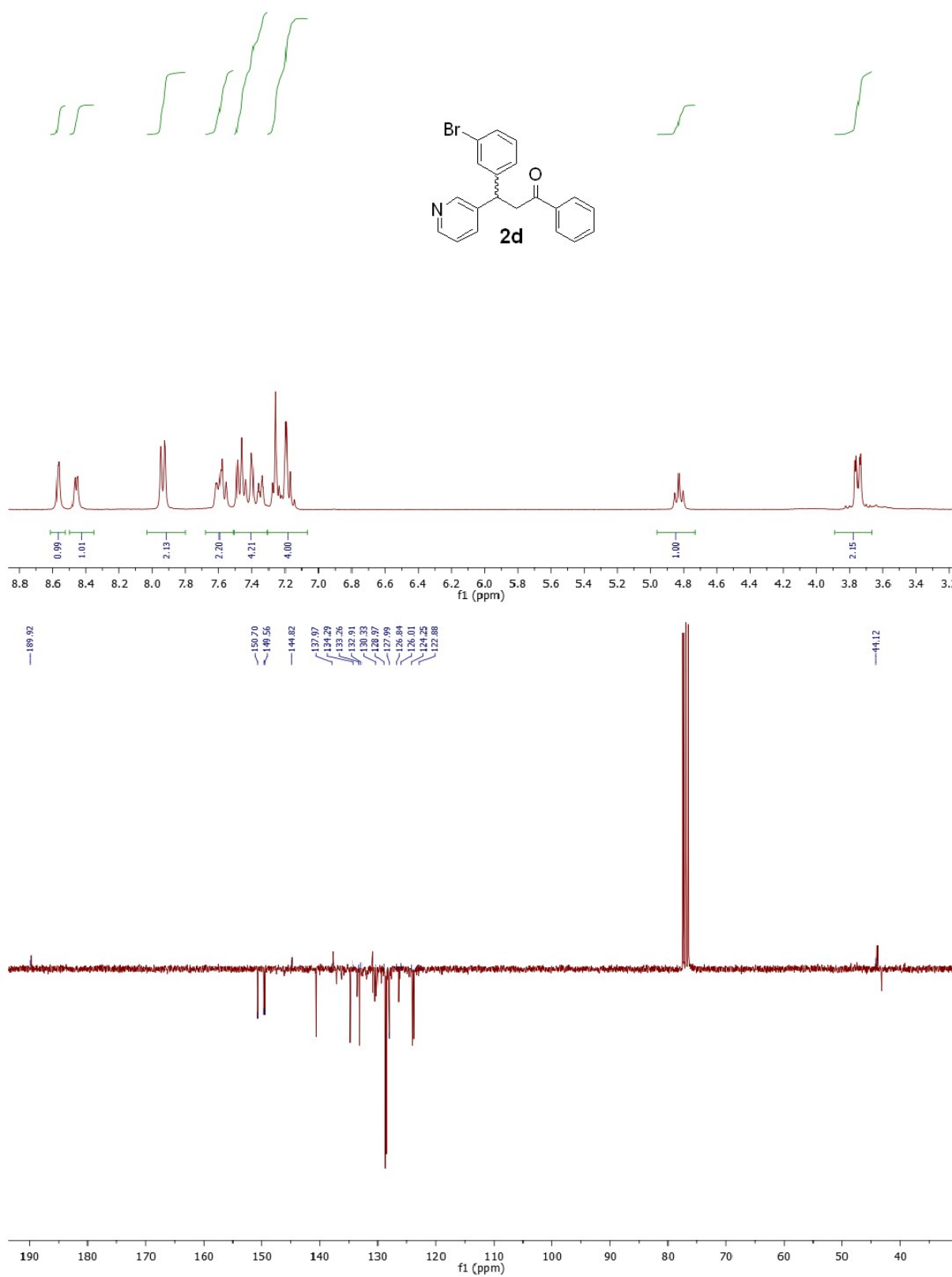


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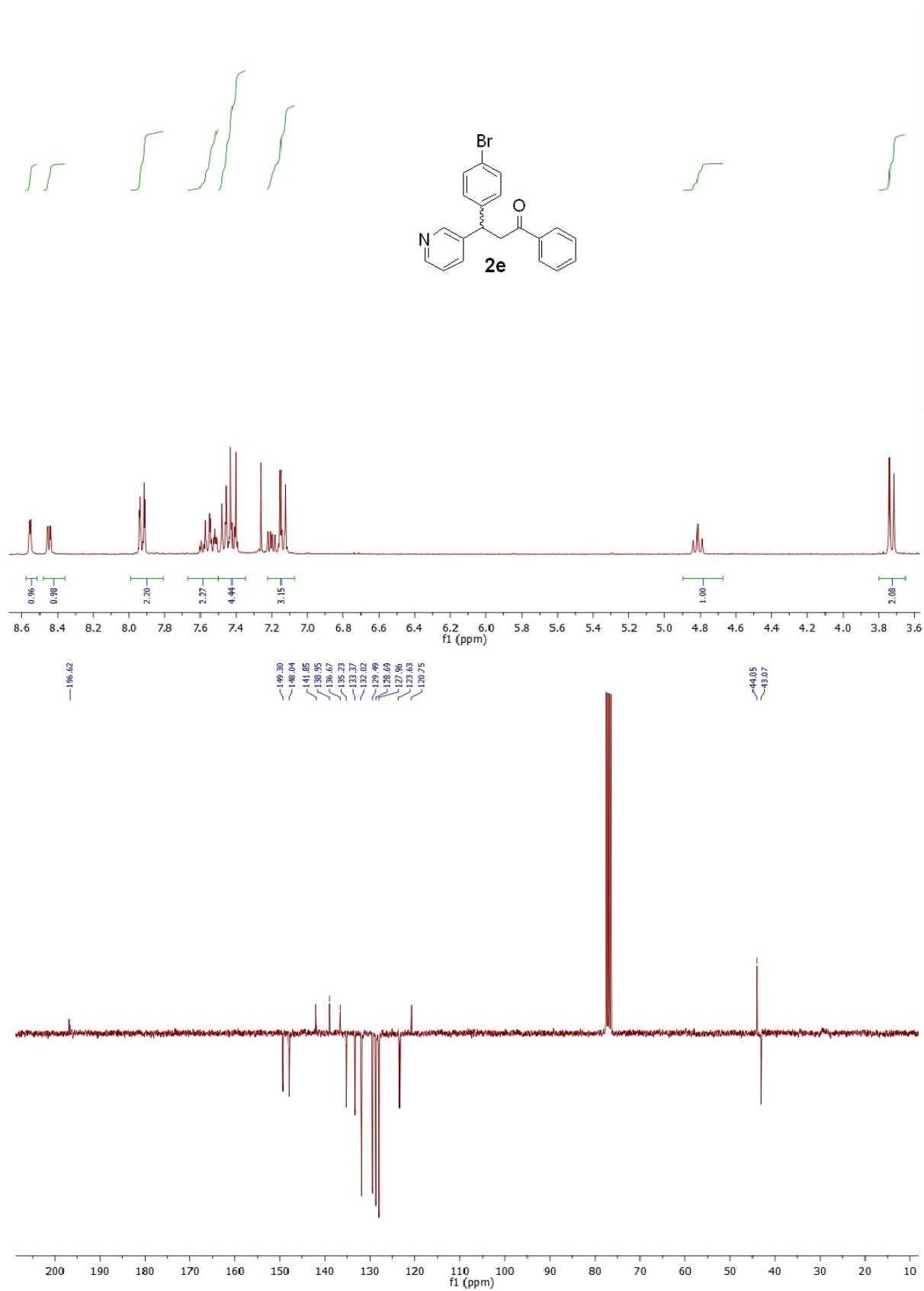


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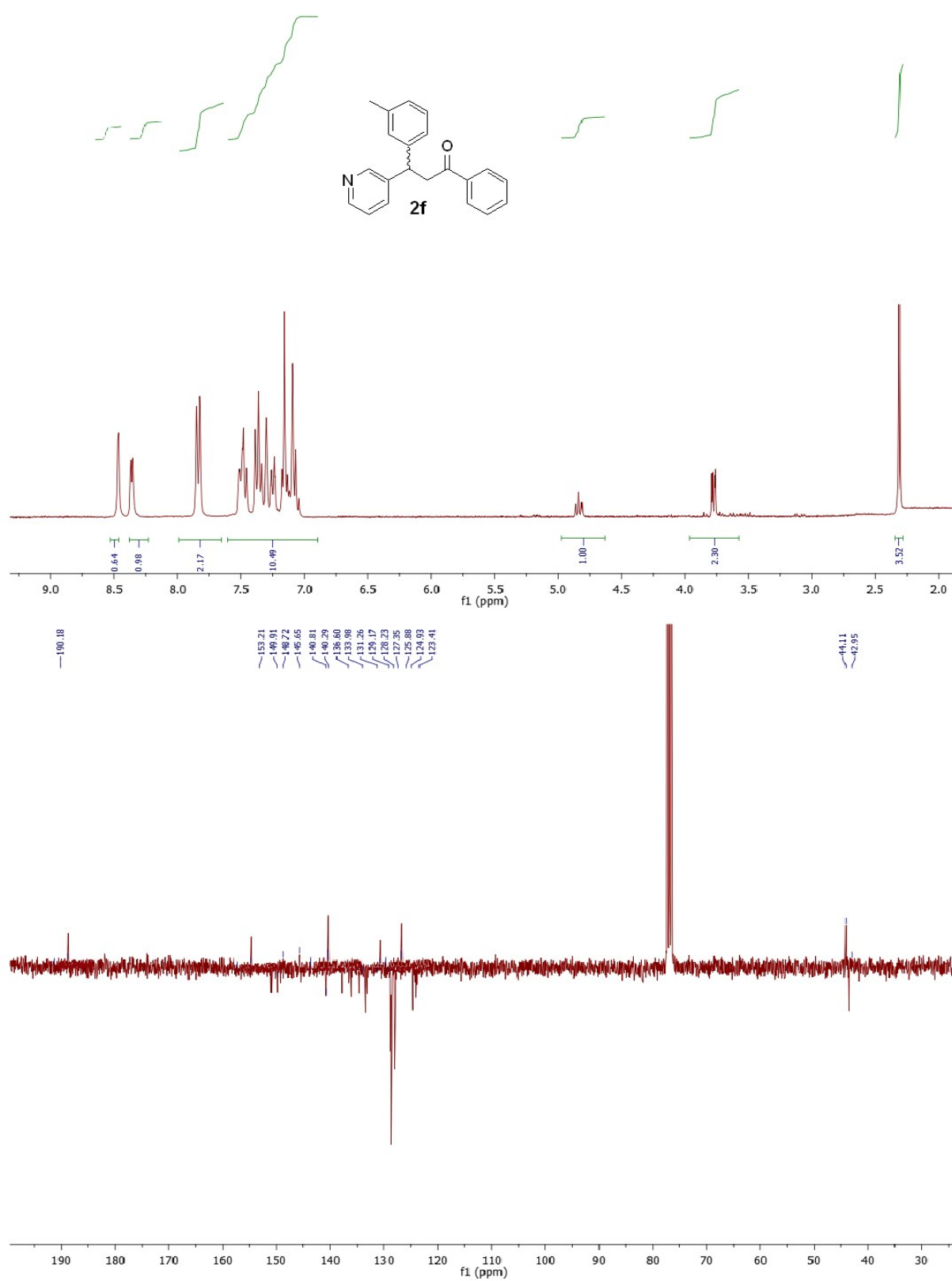


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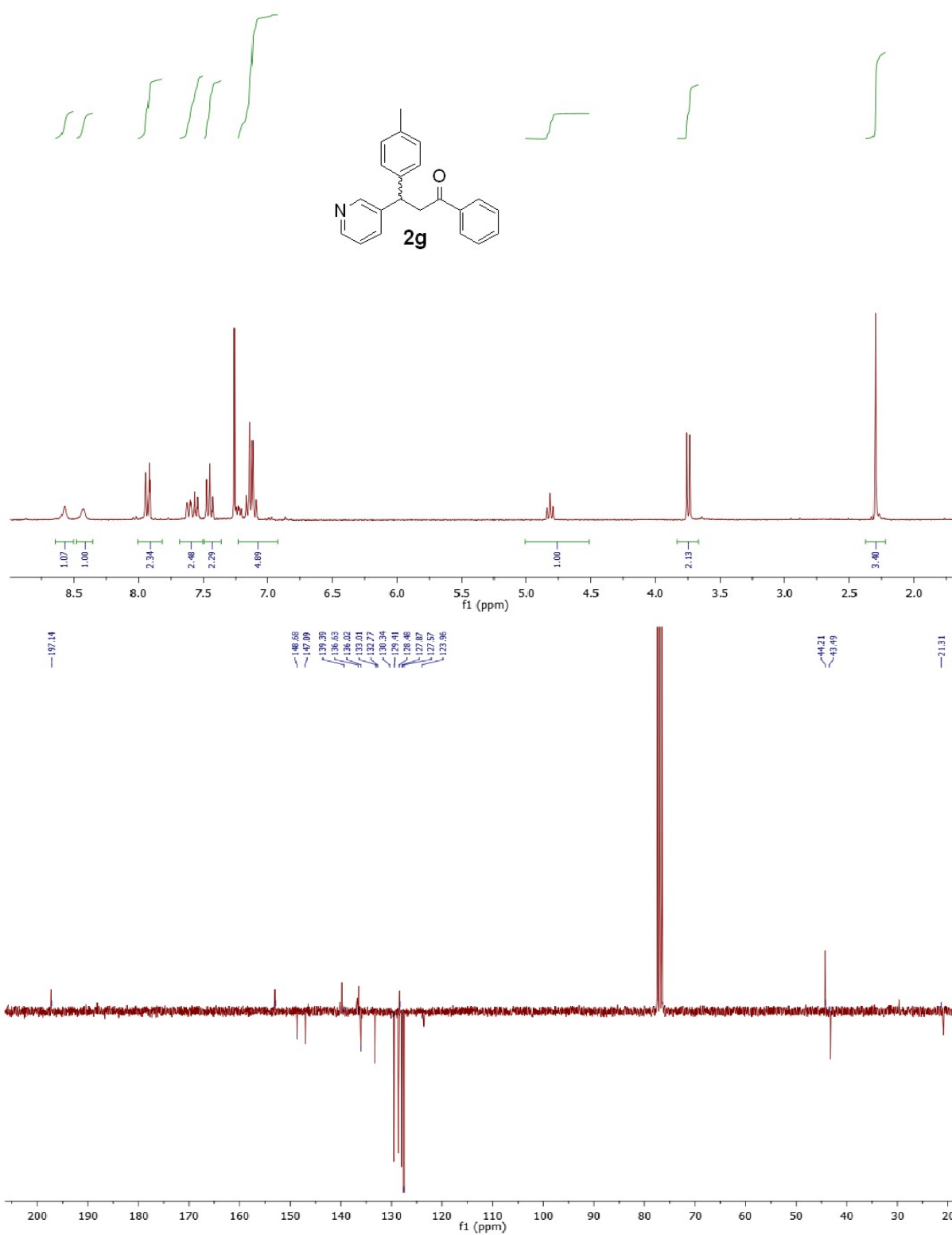


Figure S26: ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of **2g**.

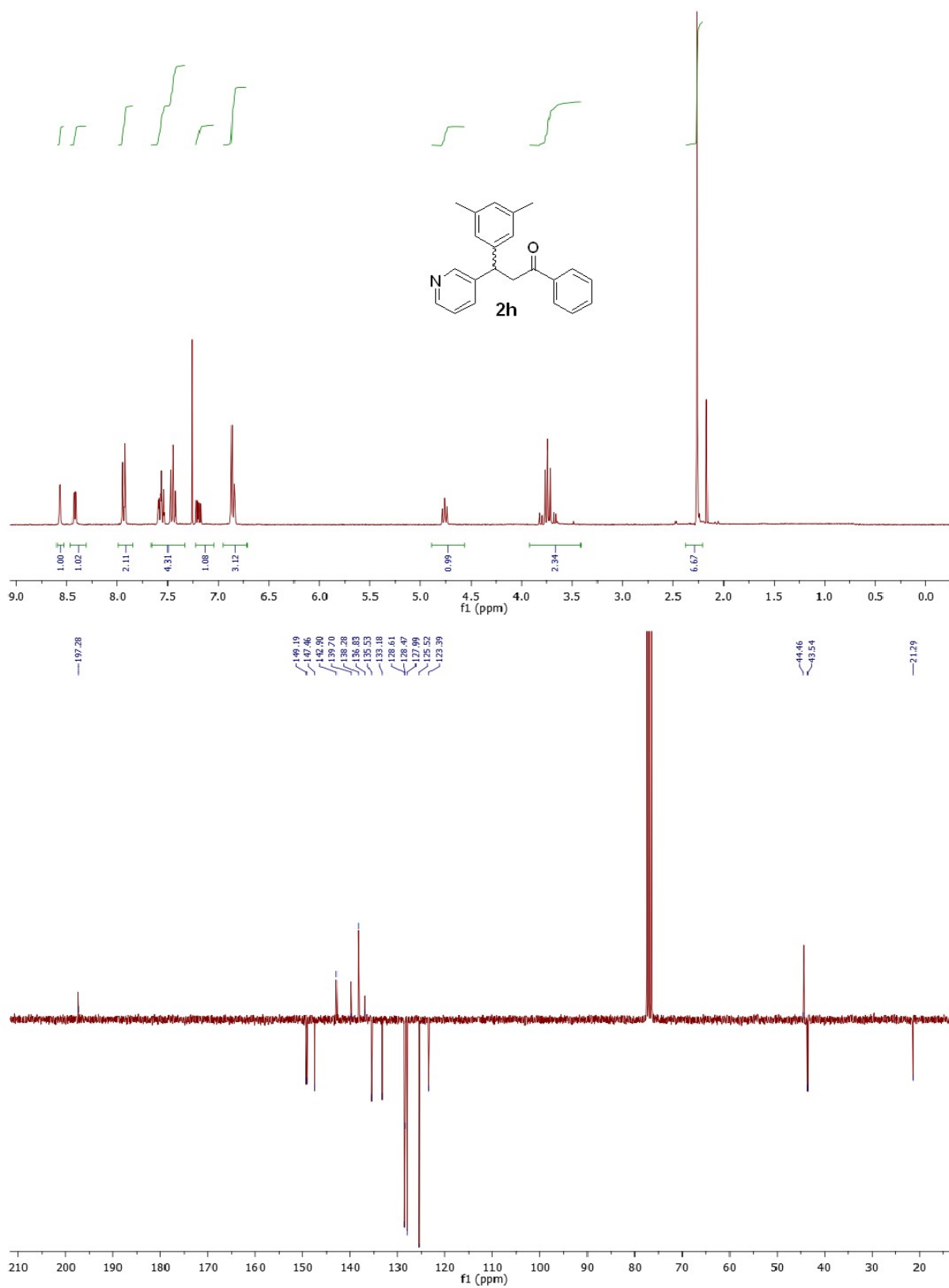


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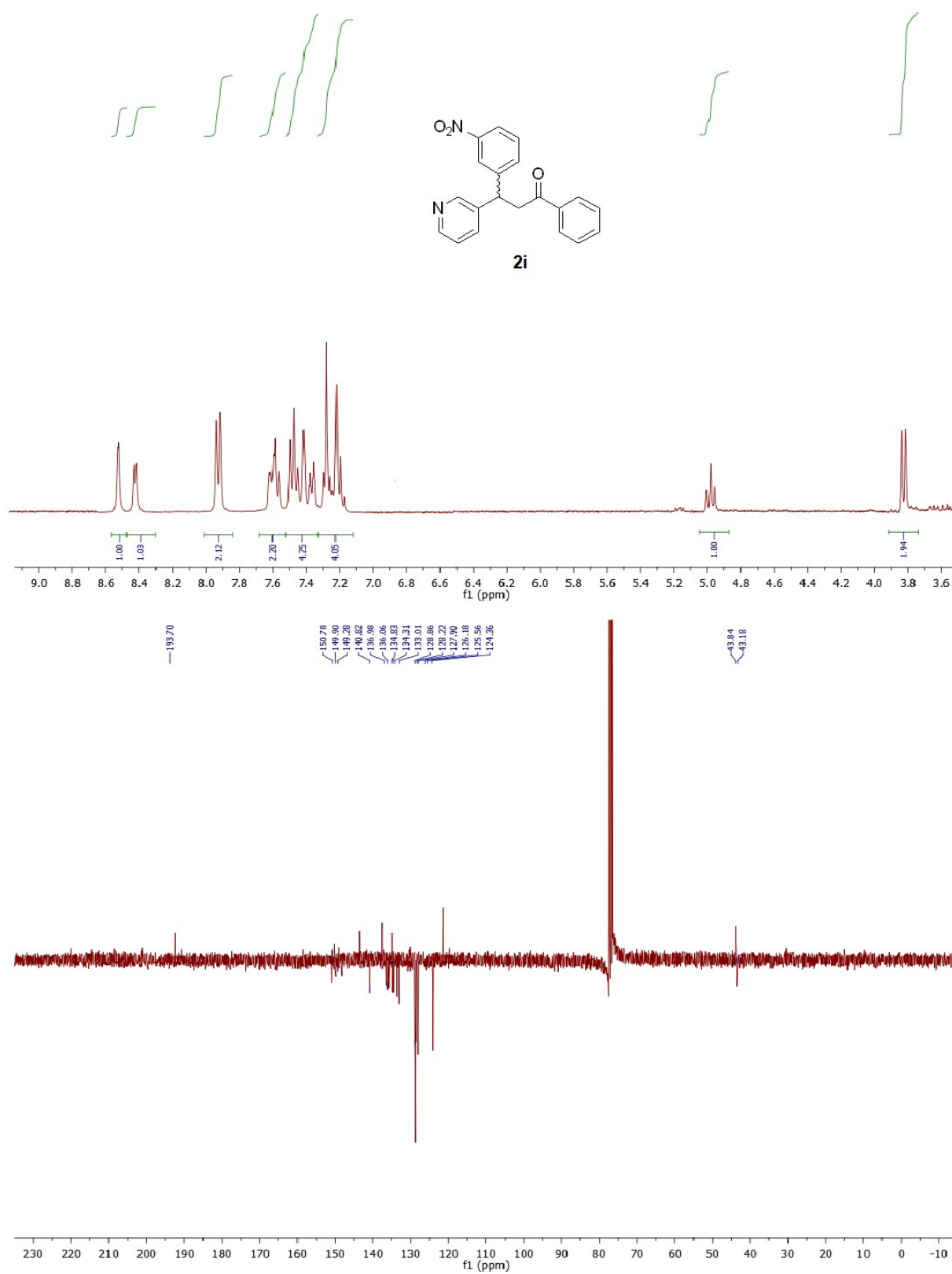


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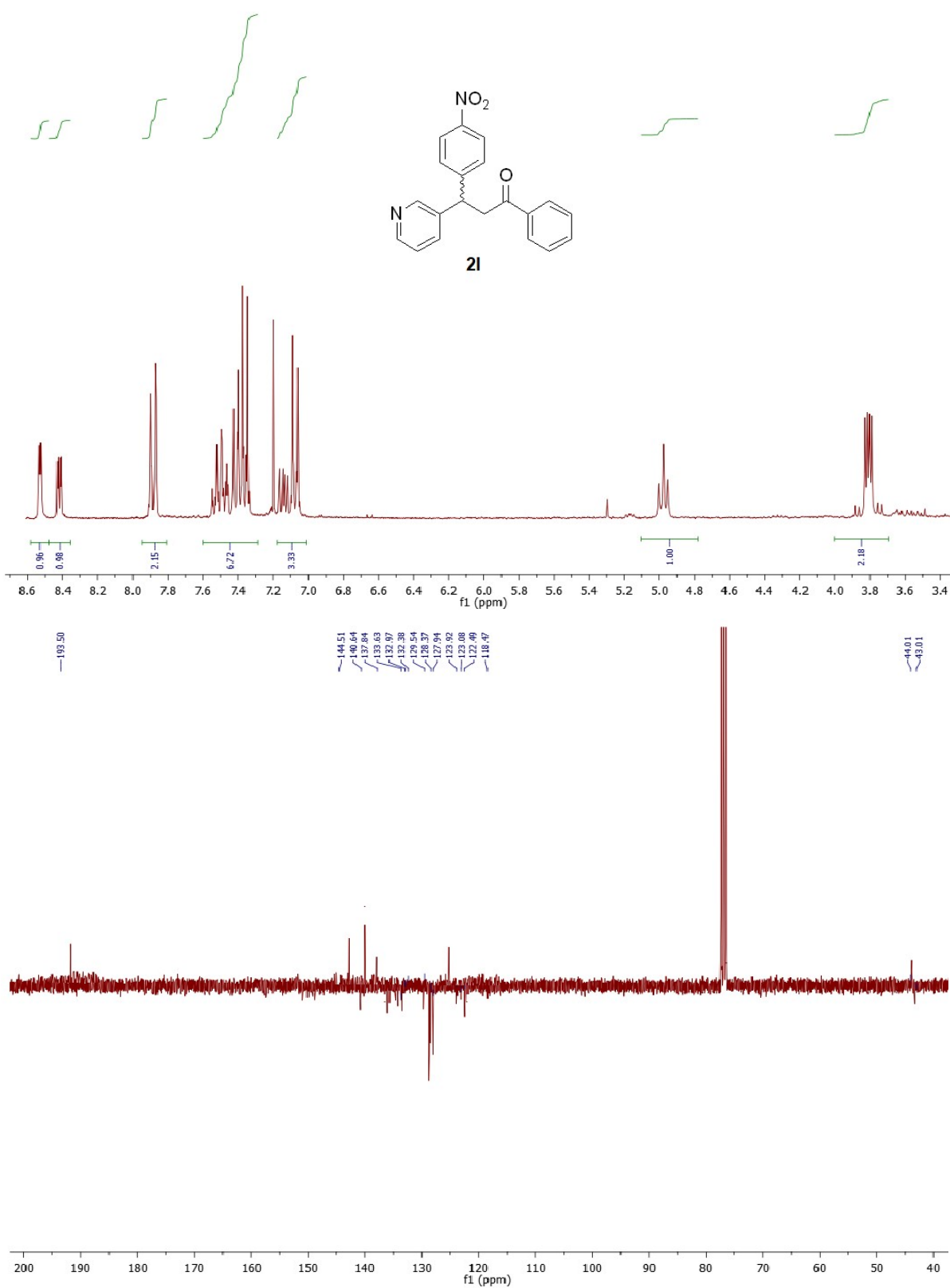


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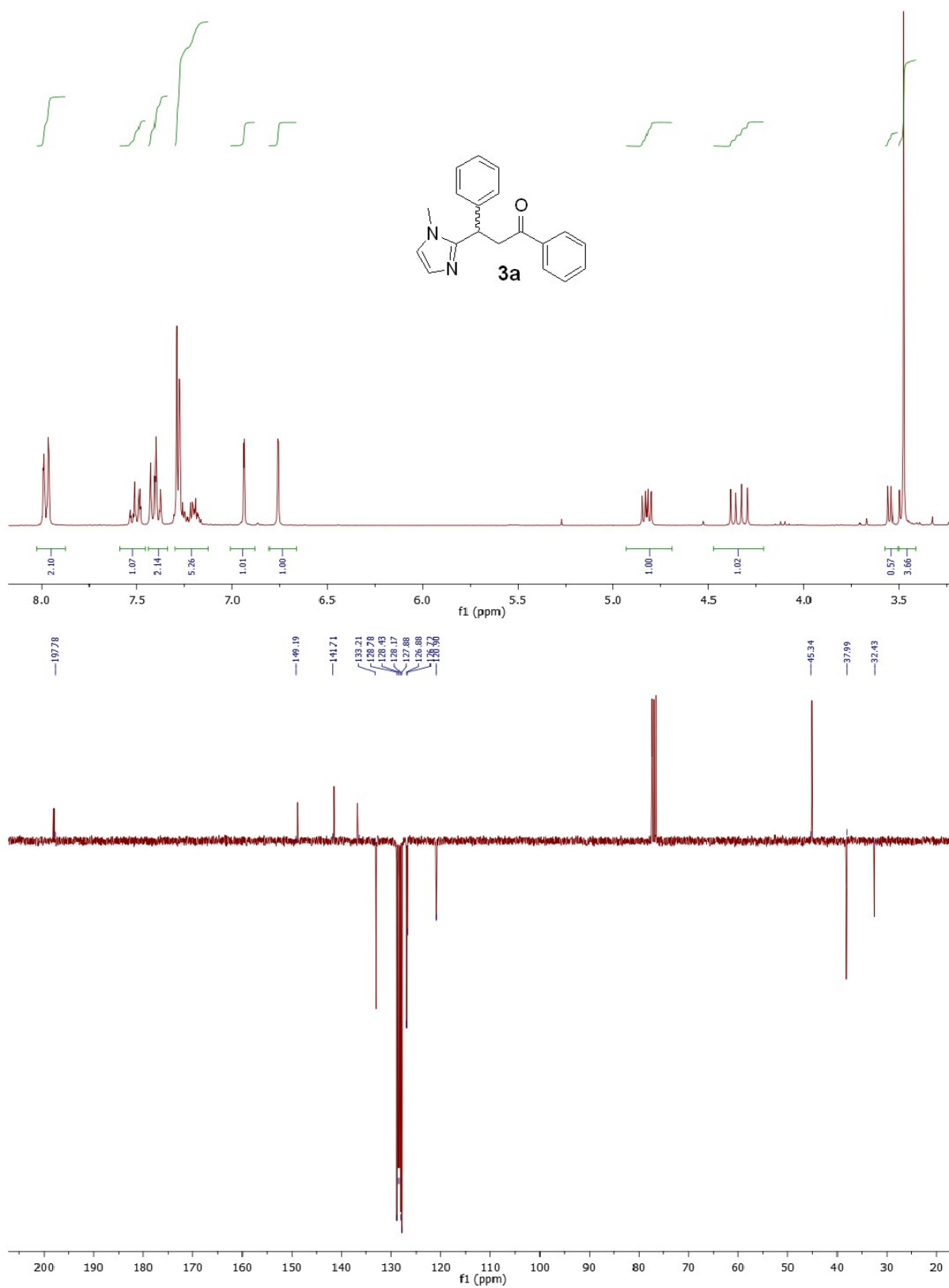


Figure S30: ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra of **3a**.

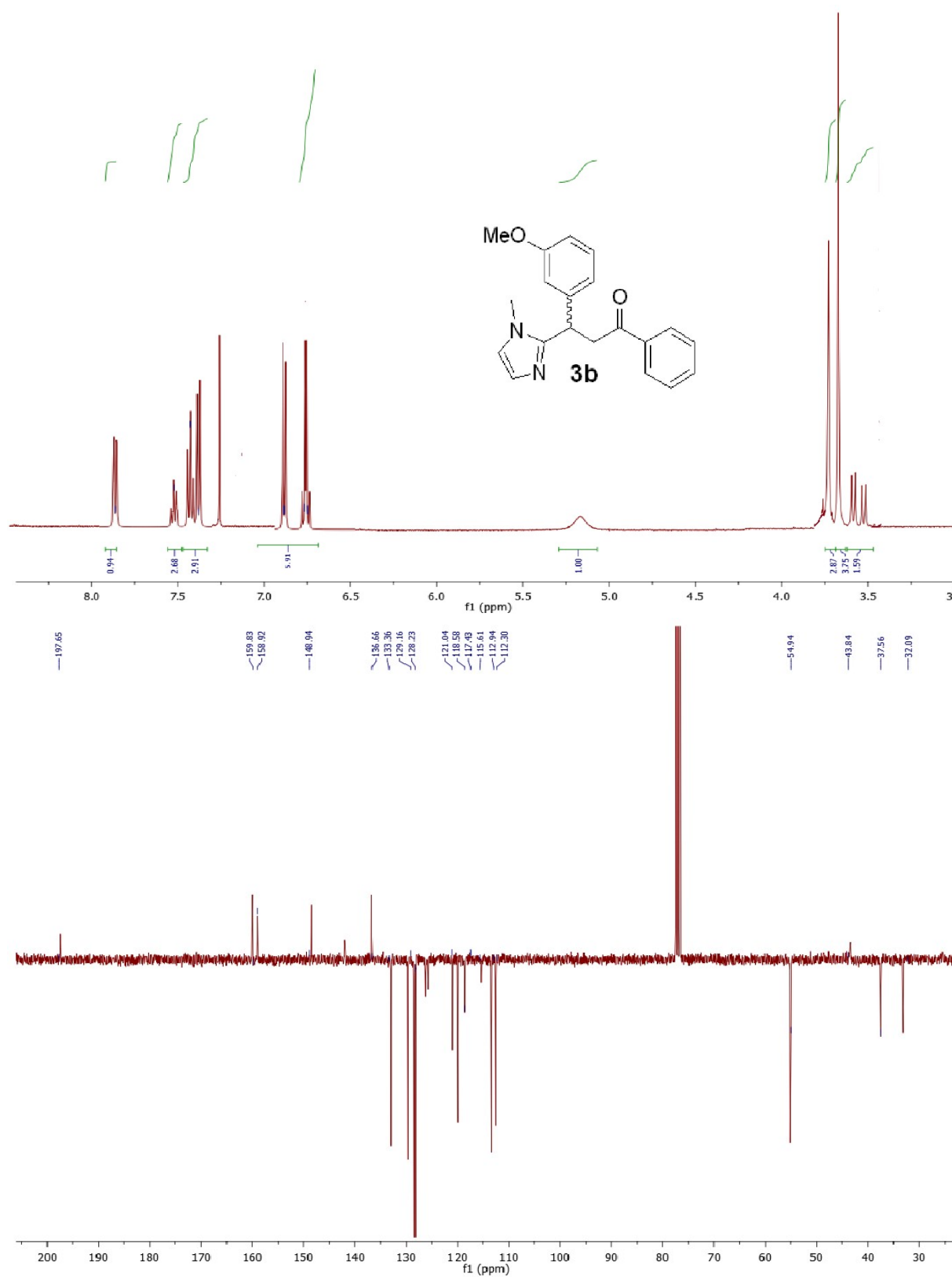


Figure S31: ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of **3b**.

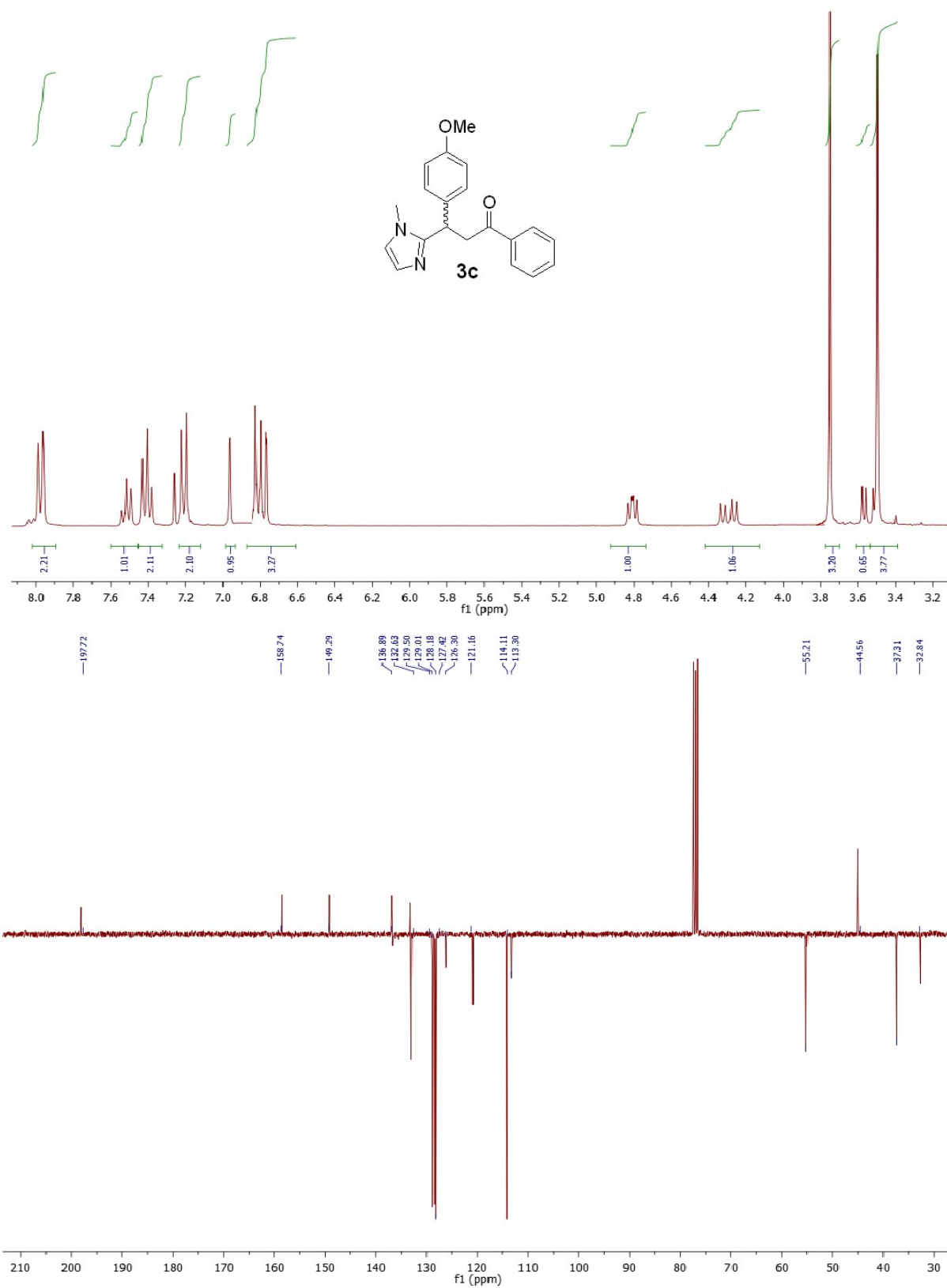


Figure S32: ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of **3c**.

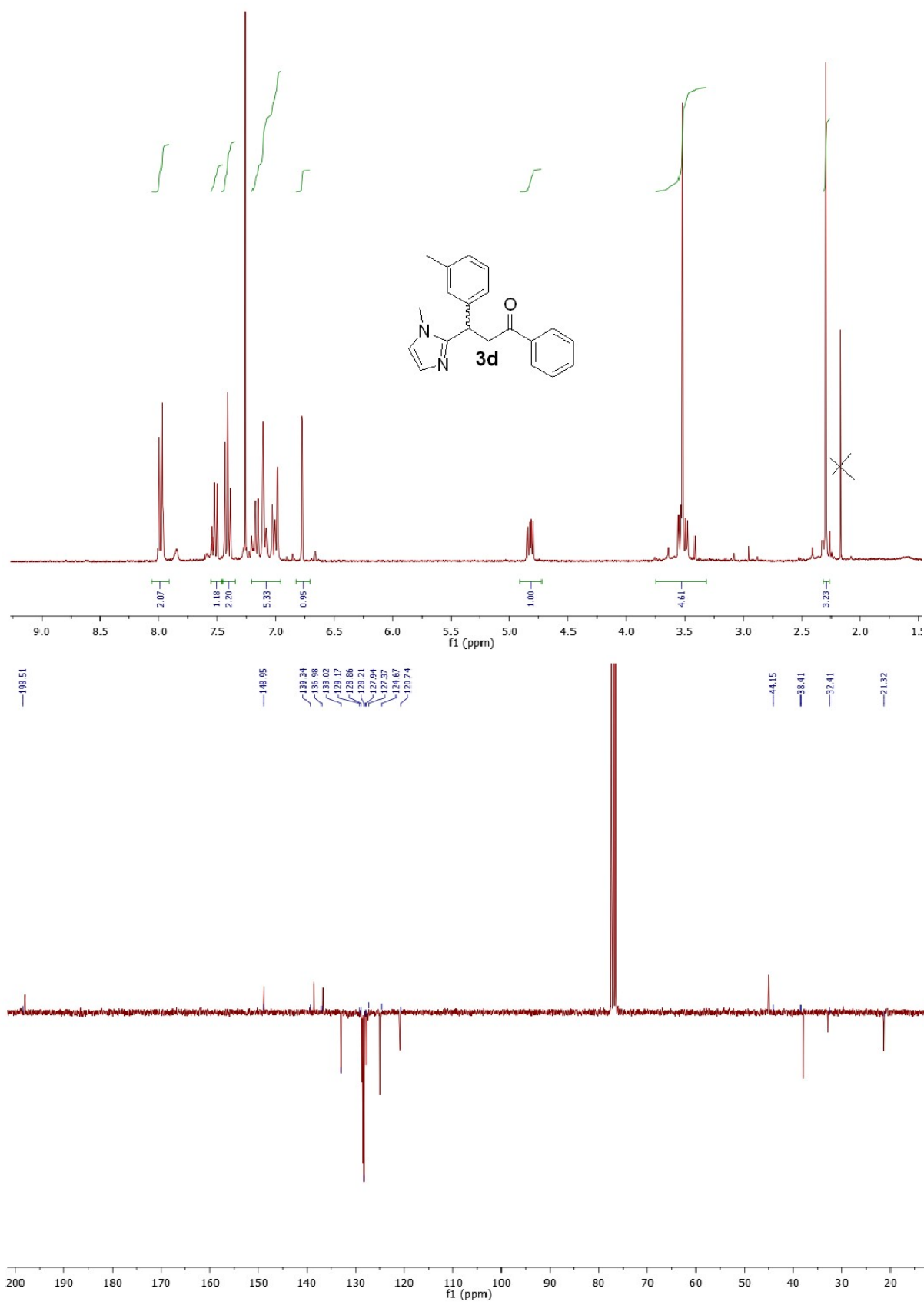


Figure S33: ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of **3d**.

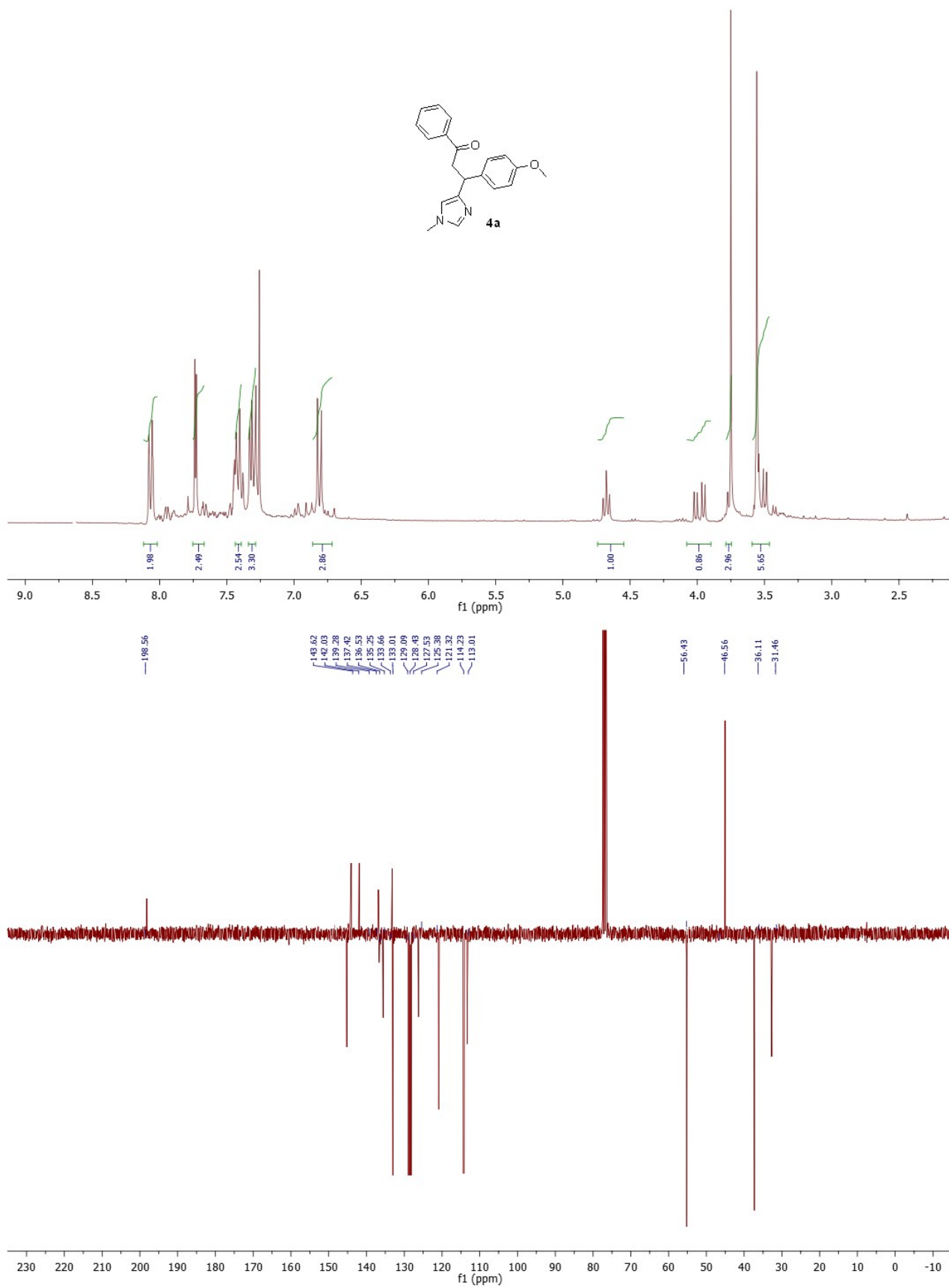
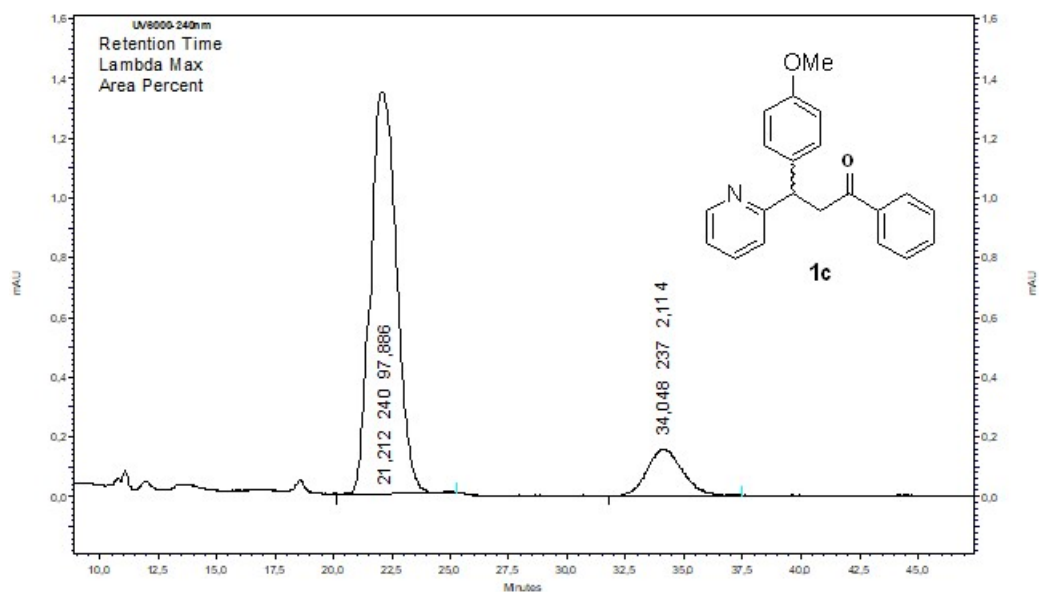
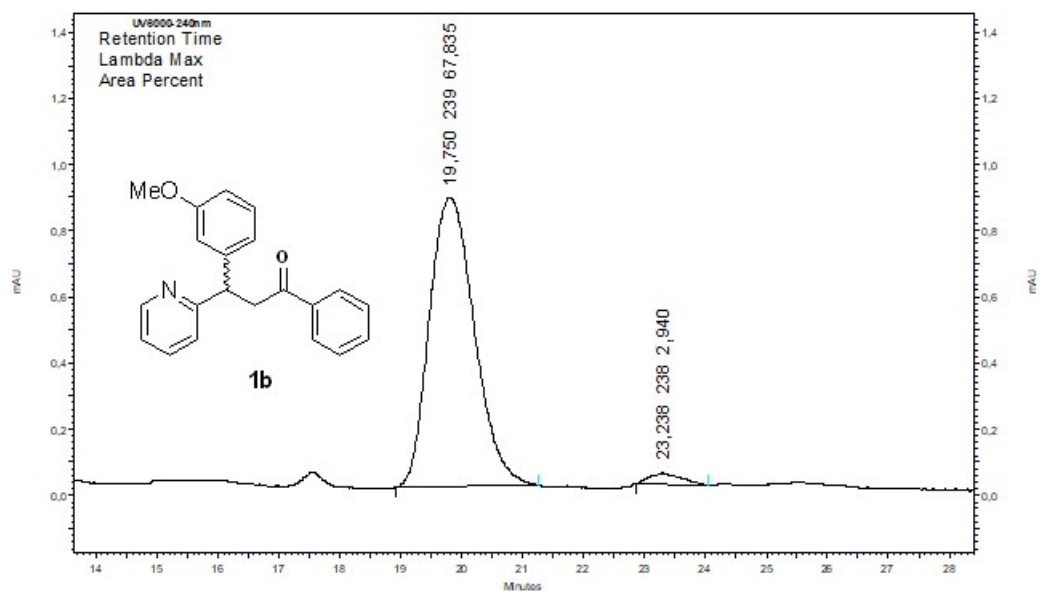
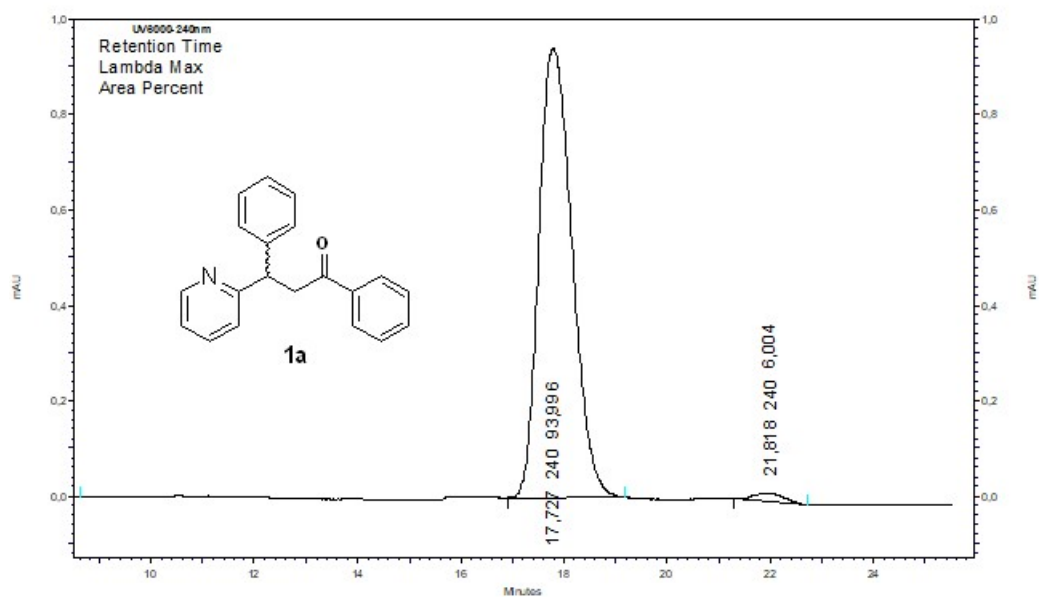
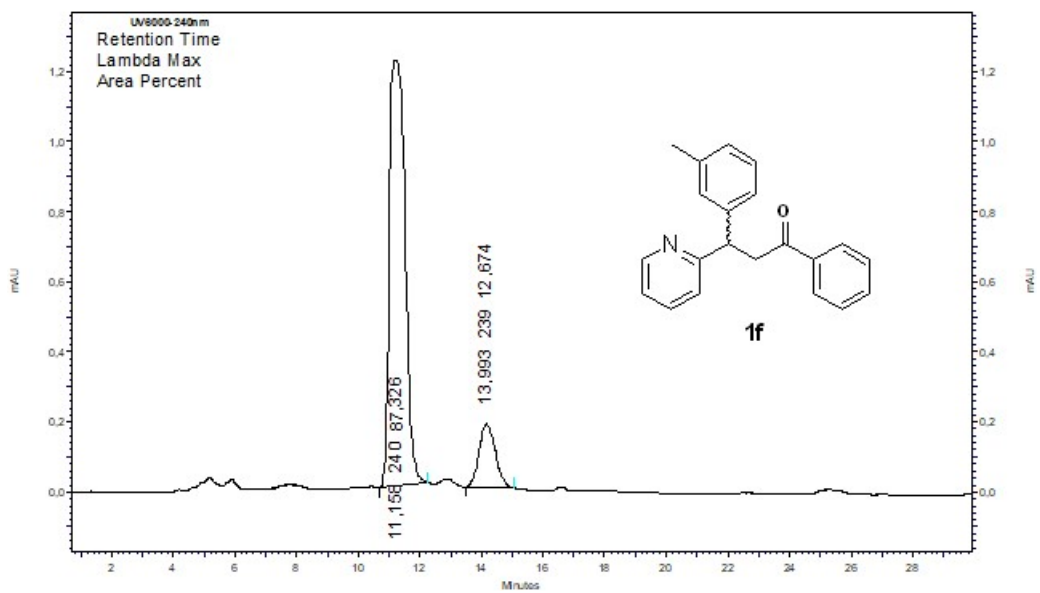
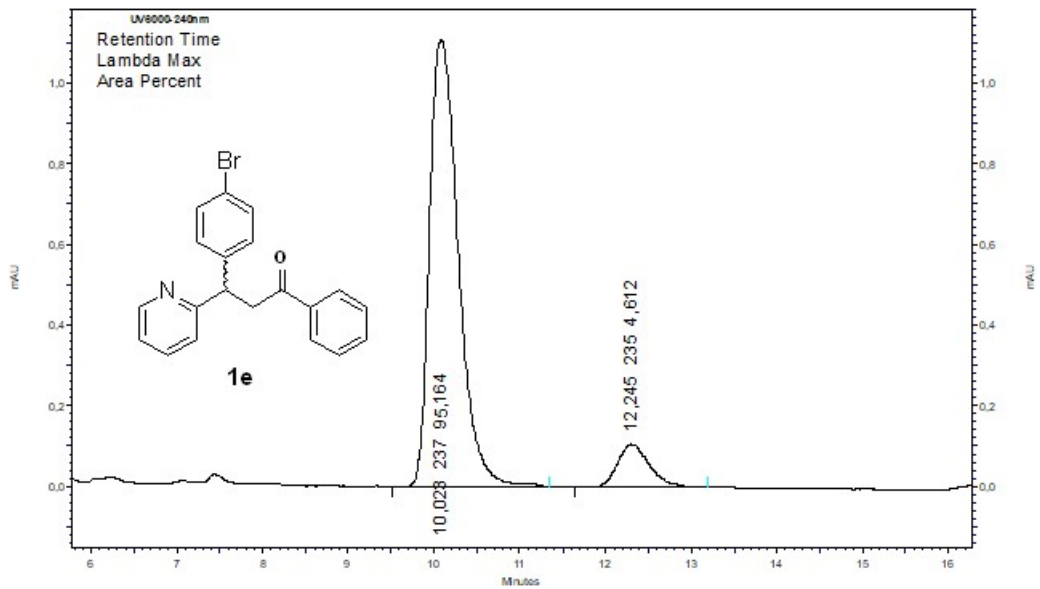
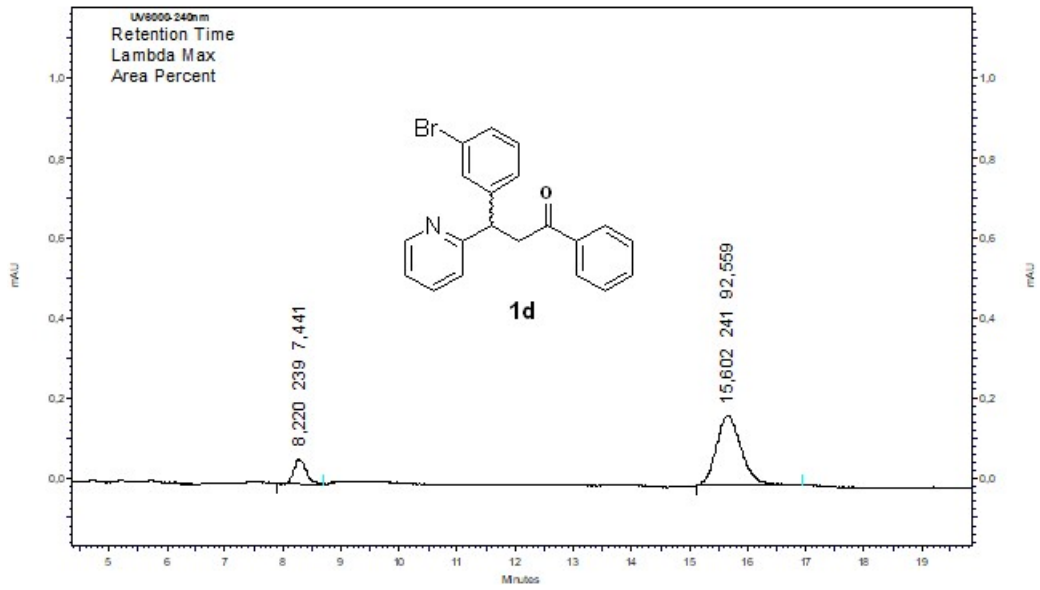
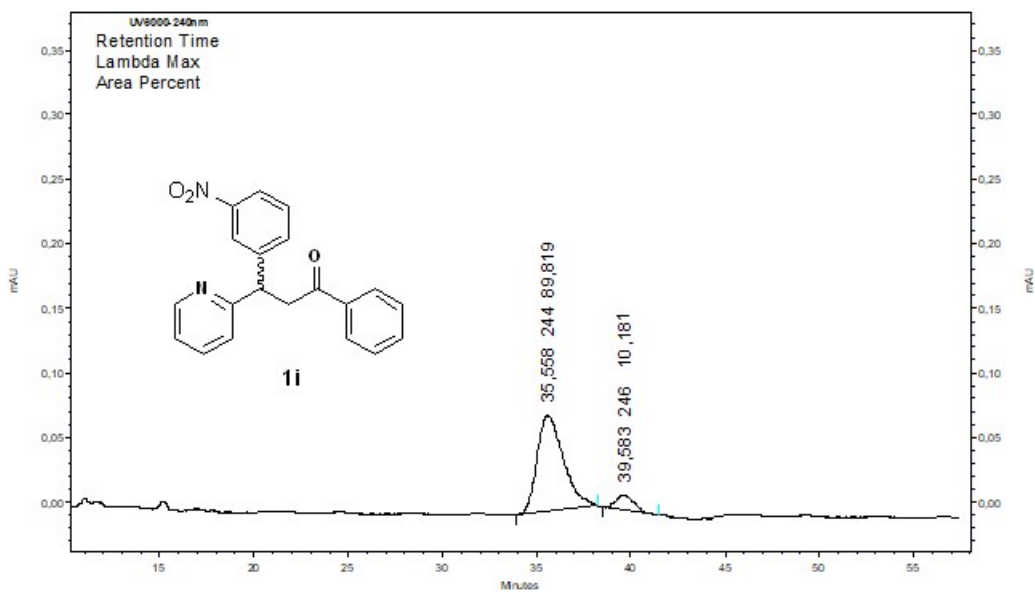
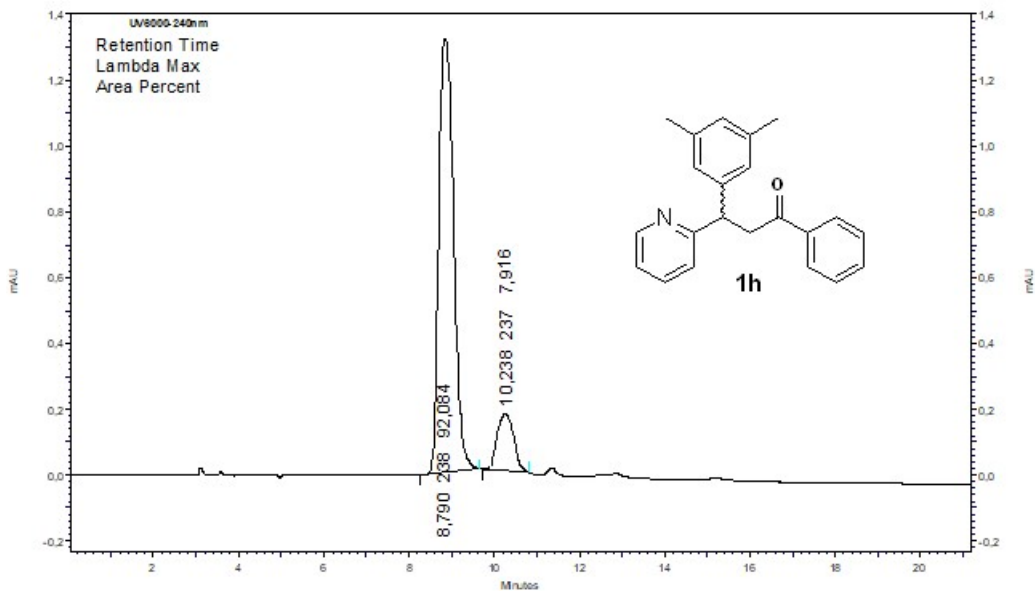
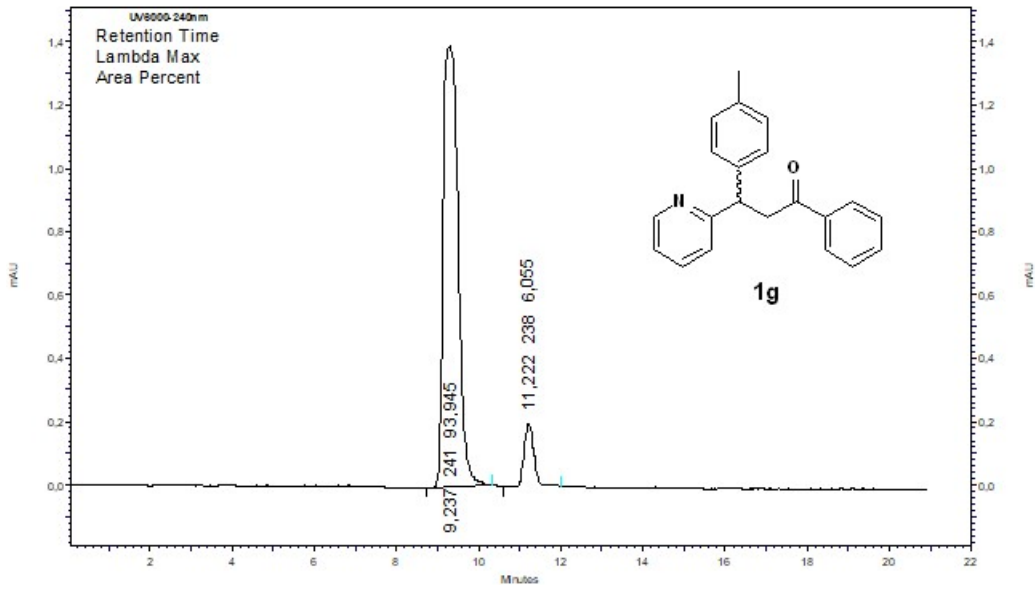


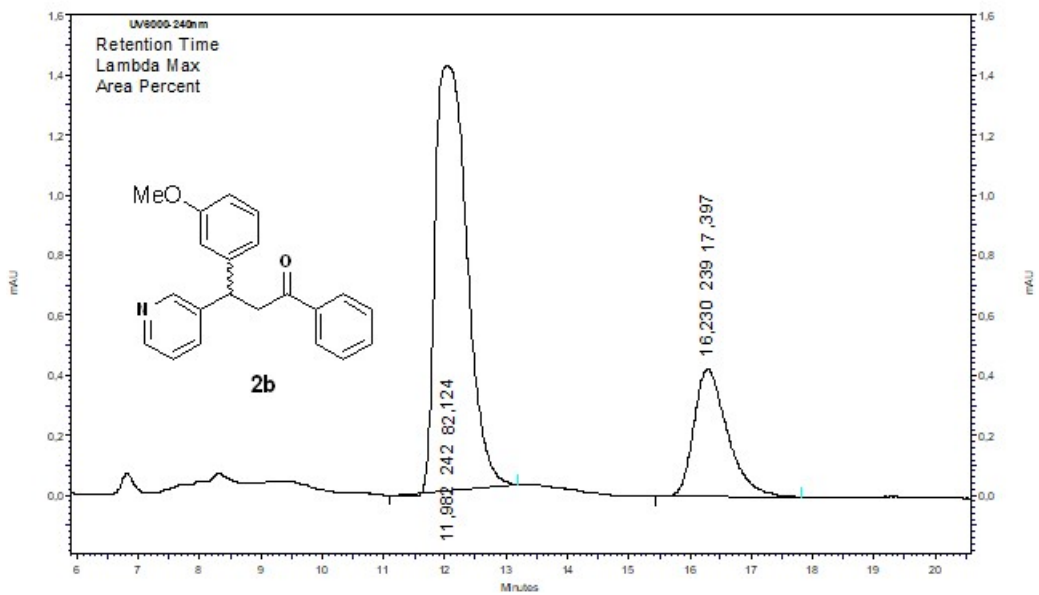
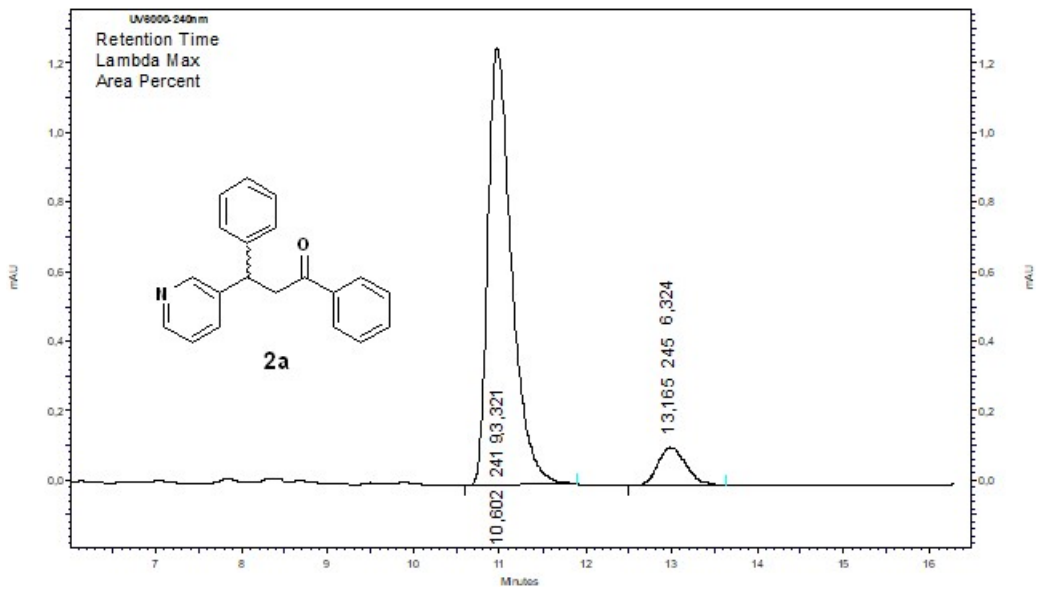
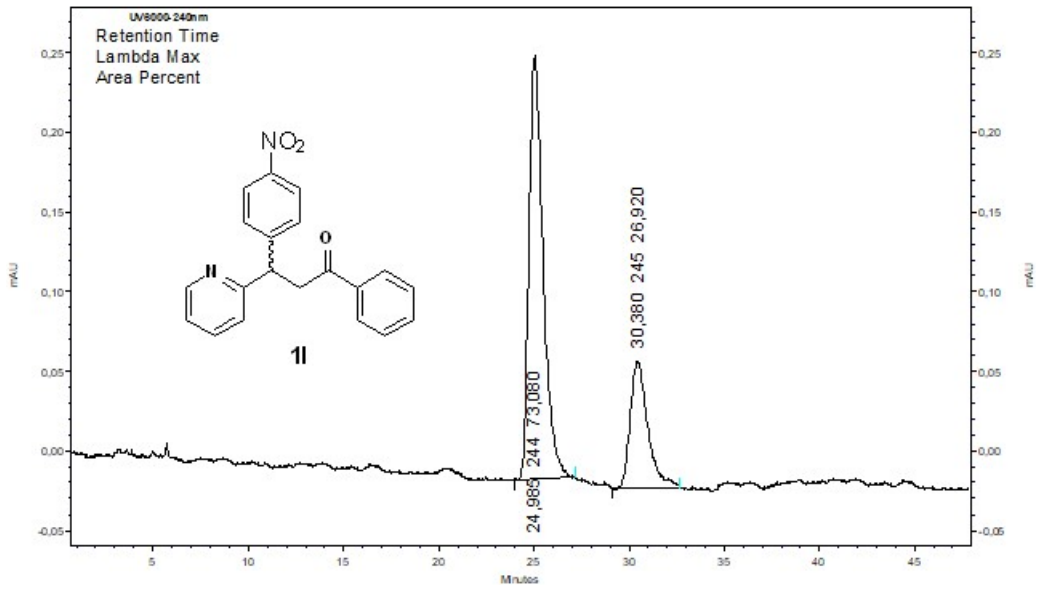
Figure S34: ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra of **4a**.

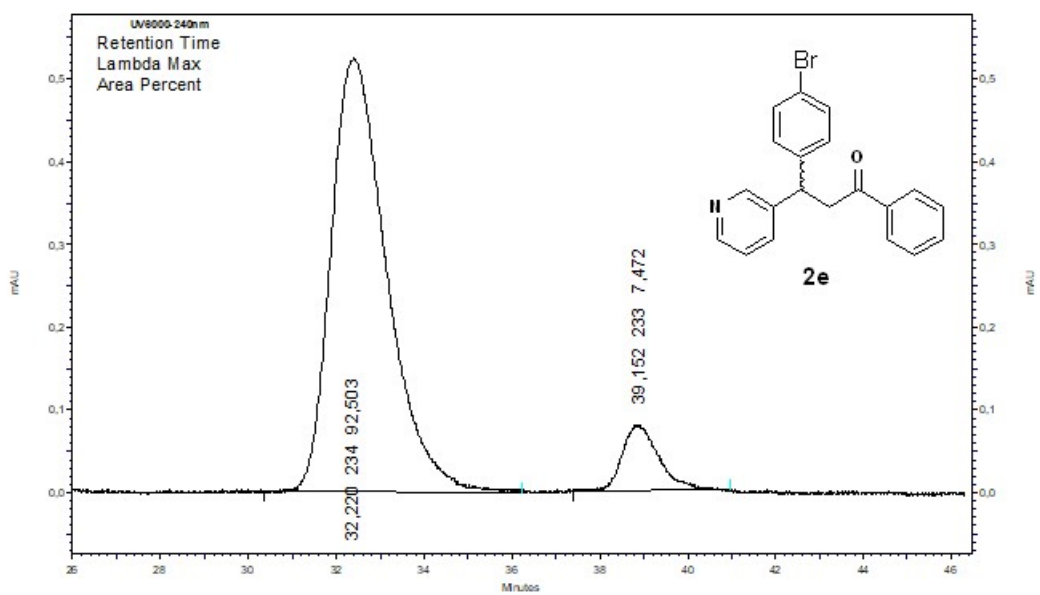
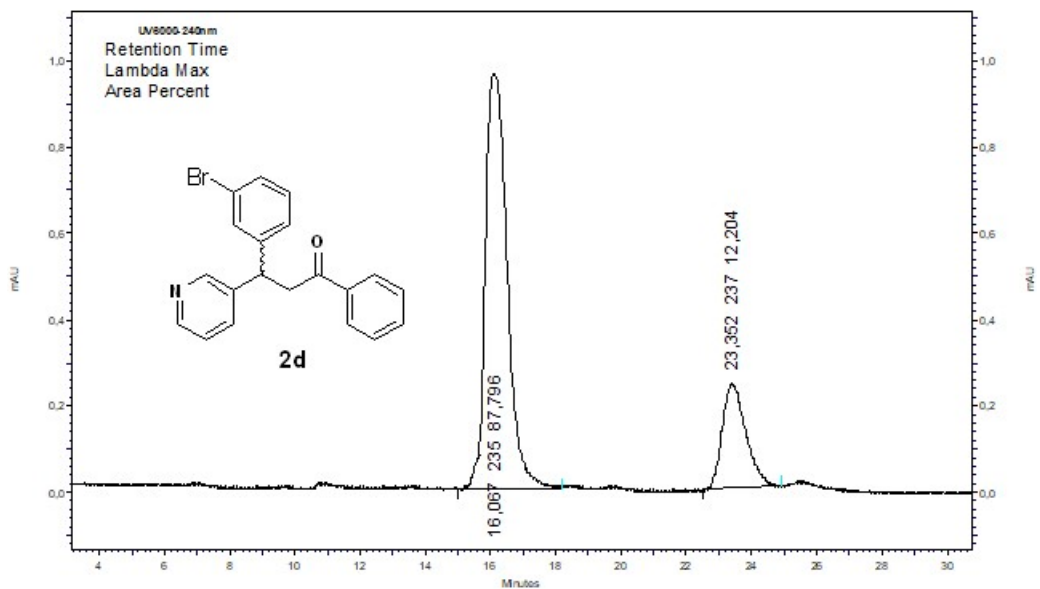
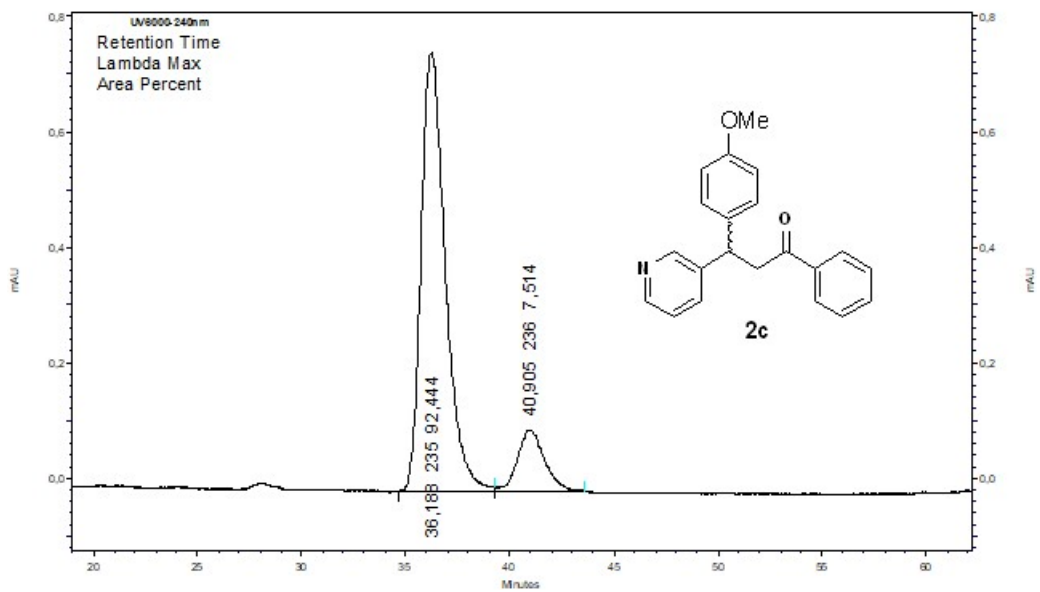
6. HPLC spectra of products

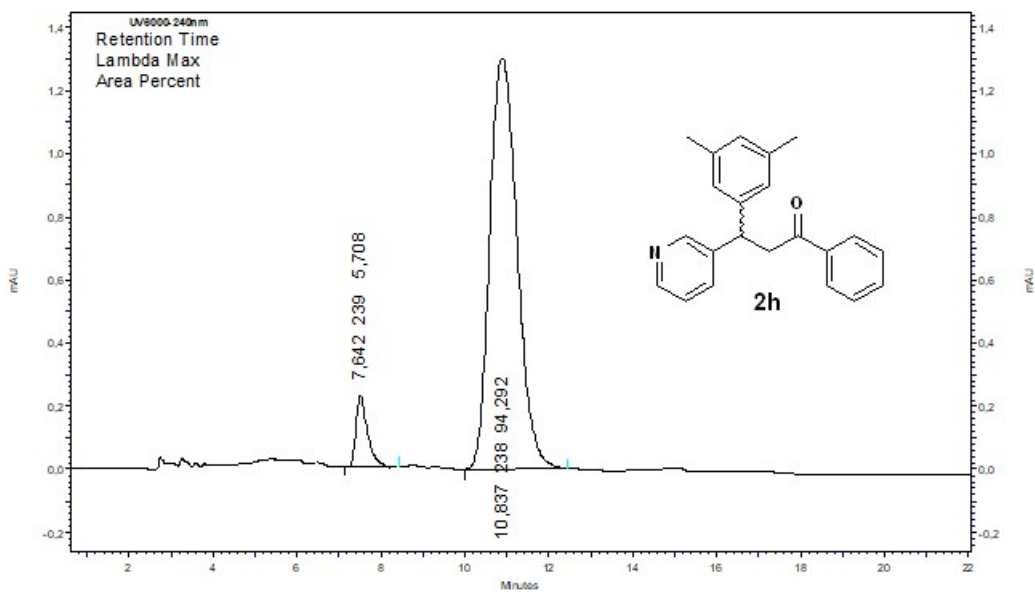
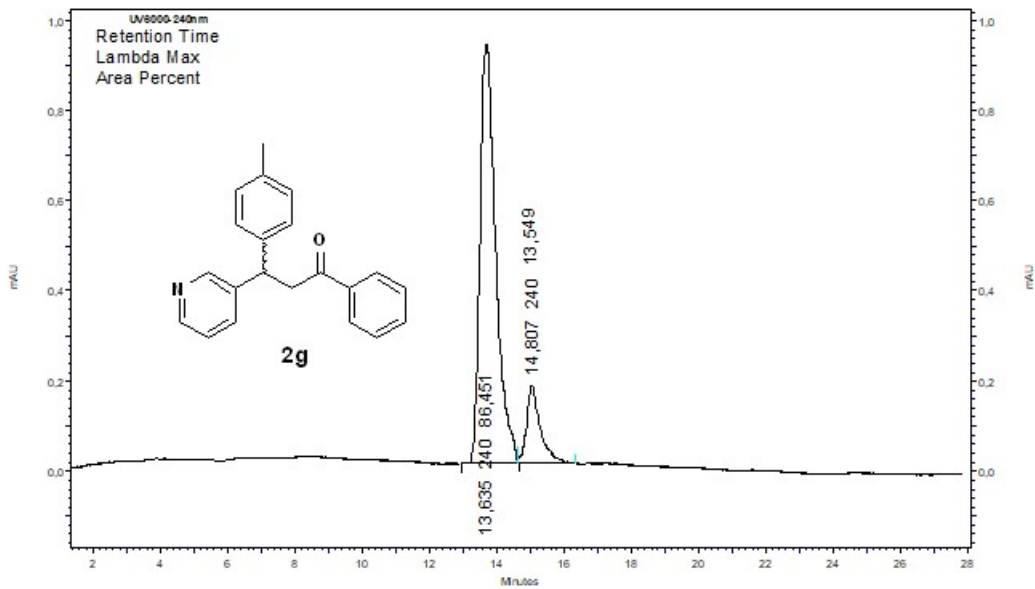
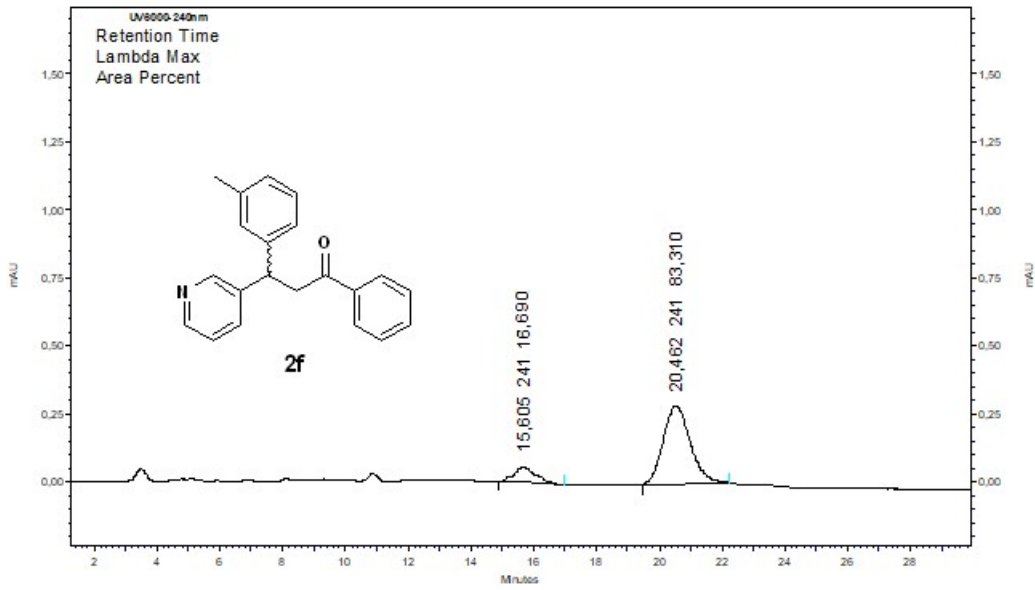


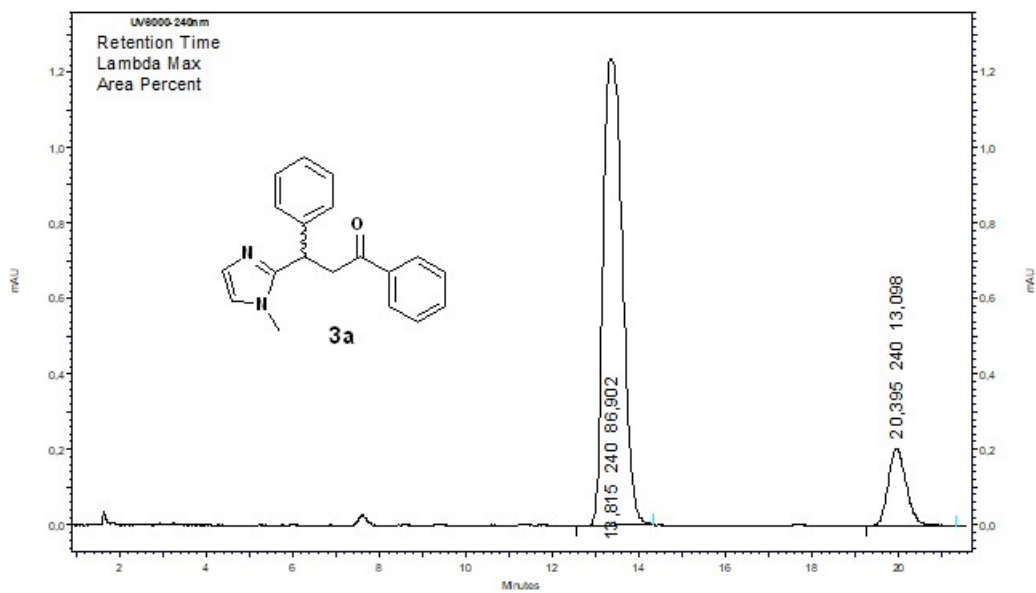
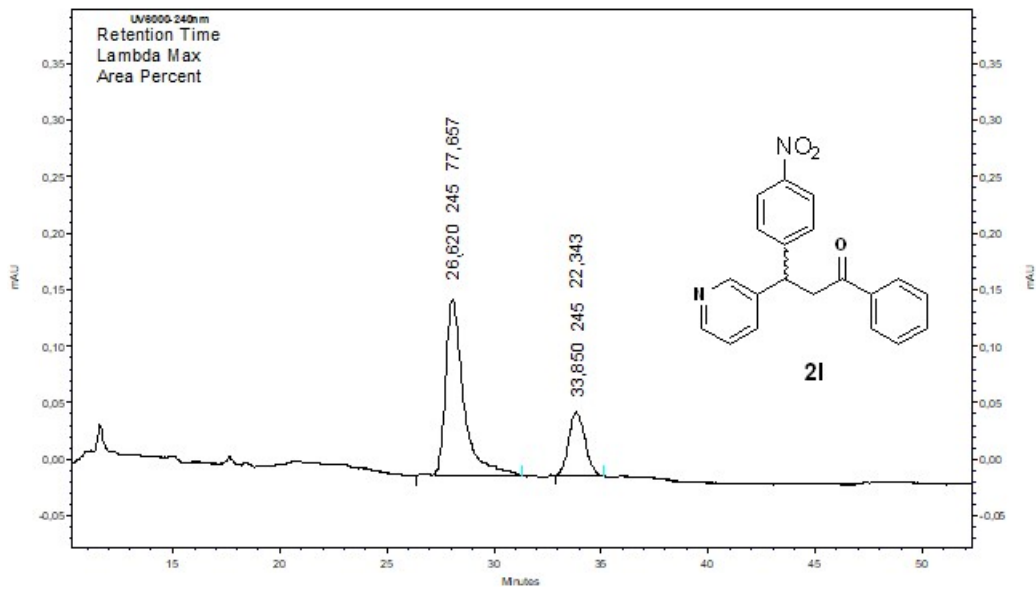
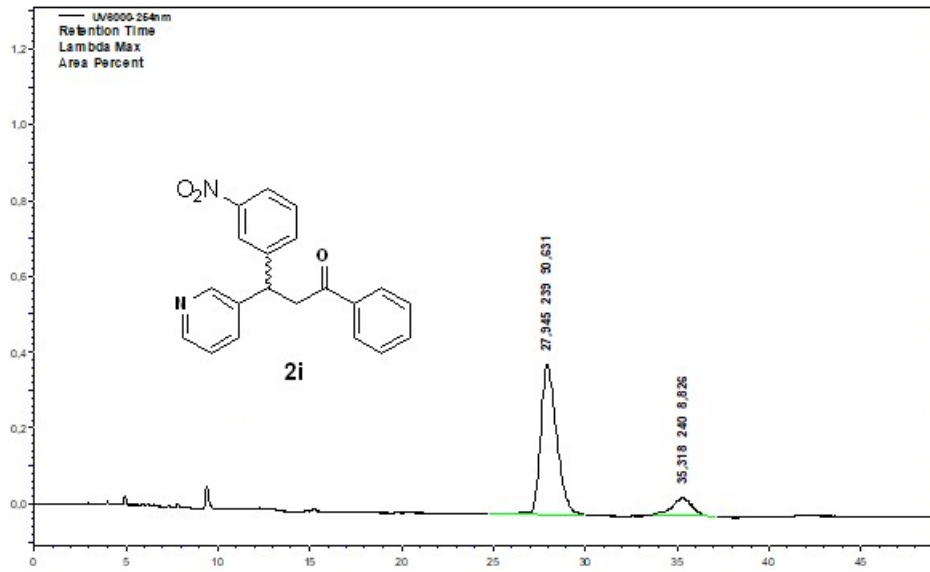


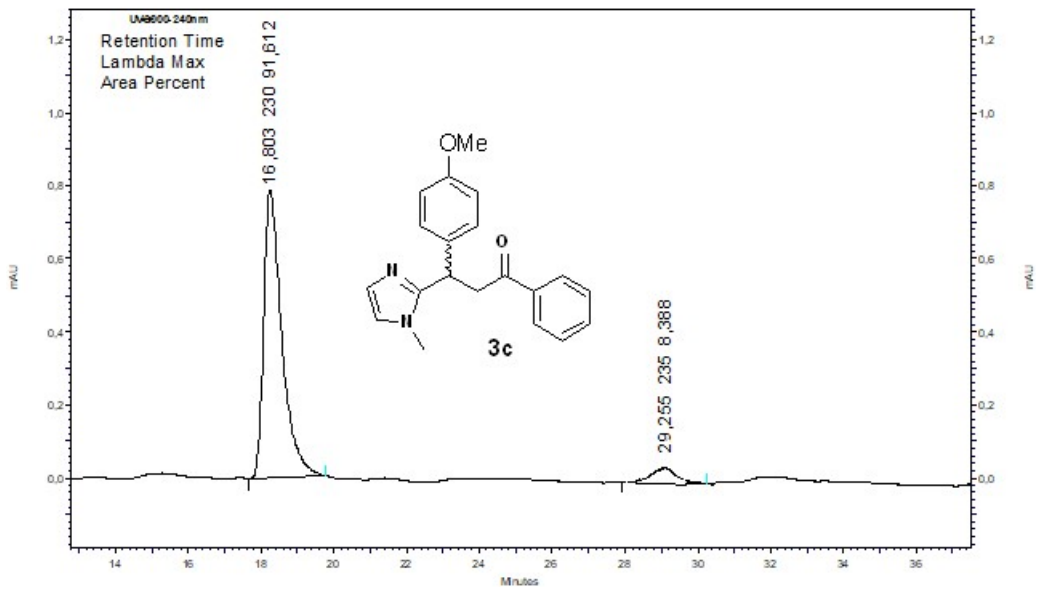
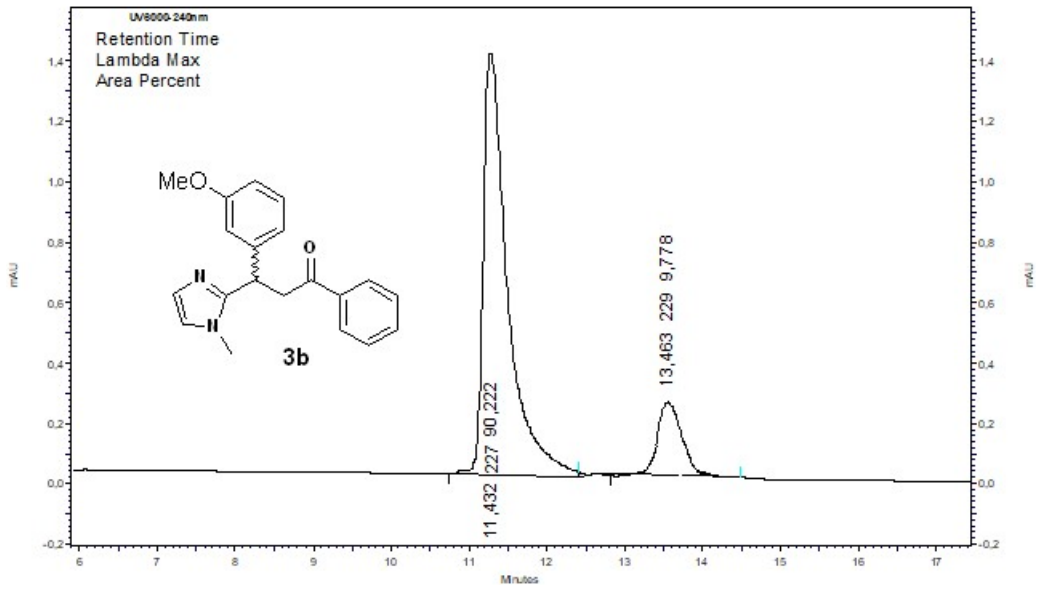


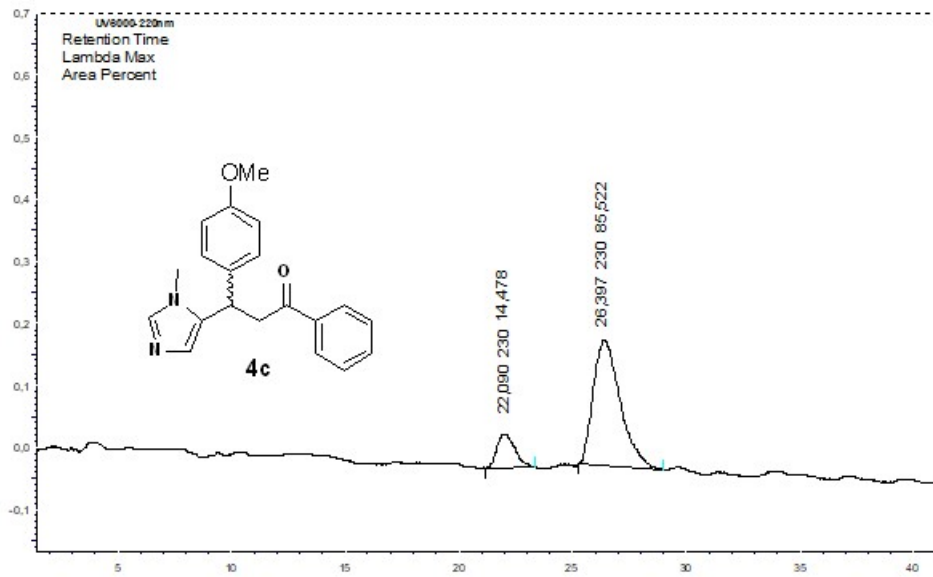
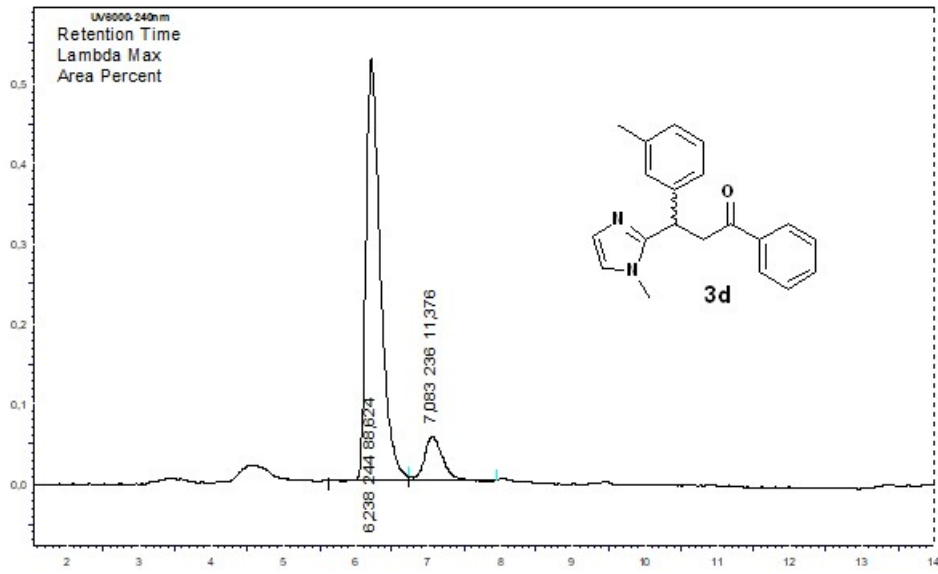












7. Computational Details

Molecular models were realized using the Jmol software [Jmol: an open-source Java viewer for chemical structures in 3D].⁴ starting from the X-ray crystal structure reported in literature. The systems were then optimized employing the GFN2-xTB method⁵ including implicit solvation model (GBSA) as implemented in the xTB standalone programs.⁶

The molecular systems were then reoptimized and the ³¹P chemical shifts were computed at the B3LYP^{7, 8} level of theory, also including empirical dispersion D3BJ,⁹ in conjunction with 6-31G(d) basis set and LANL2DZ pseudo potential on Pt atoms. Bulk solvent effects were again accounted for using CPCM.¹⁰ To compute the ³¹P chemical shifts, PH₃ spectra was simulated at the same level of theory and then used as the reference (-266.1 ppm). DFT computations were performed using the G16.C01 version of the Gaussian suite of programs.¹¹

Molecular representations and computing of hydrogen bonds were performed with the UCSF-Chimera package.¹²

Table 1. Experimental Simulated chemical shifts (δ in ppm) in CDCl₃ of the [(PP)Pt(II)Cl₂] complexes. The mean values of the two phosphorus atoms are reported.

| Complex | Simulated | Experimental |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| <i>cis</i> -[(Xanthpos)PtCl ₂] | 5.9 | 7 |
| <i>trans</i> -[(Xanthpos)PtCl ₂] | -5.1 | |
| <i>cis</i> -[(EPHOS)PtCl ₂] | 30 | 23 |
| <i>trans</i> -[(EPHOS)PtCl ₂] | 6 | |
| <i>cis</i> -[(ZEDPHOS)PtCl ₂] | 5.9 | 7 |

Cartesian coordinates in XYZ format

In the following the electronic energy in Hartree at B3LYP-D3(BJ) /6-31G(d) level of theory are reported in the comment line of xyz format (Angstrom).

cis-[(ZEDPHOS)PtCl₂]

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