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## **A Pentacoordinated Norbornenyl-Acyl-Rhodium(III) Complex as a Likely Intermediate in the Catalytic Hydroacylation of Norbornadiene**

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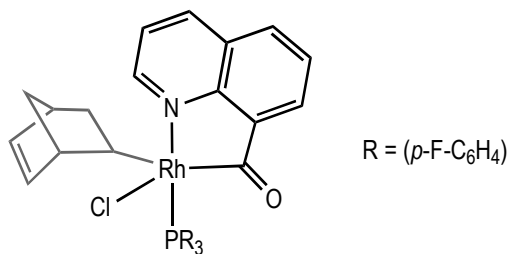
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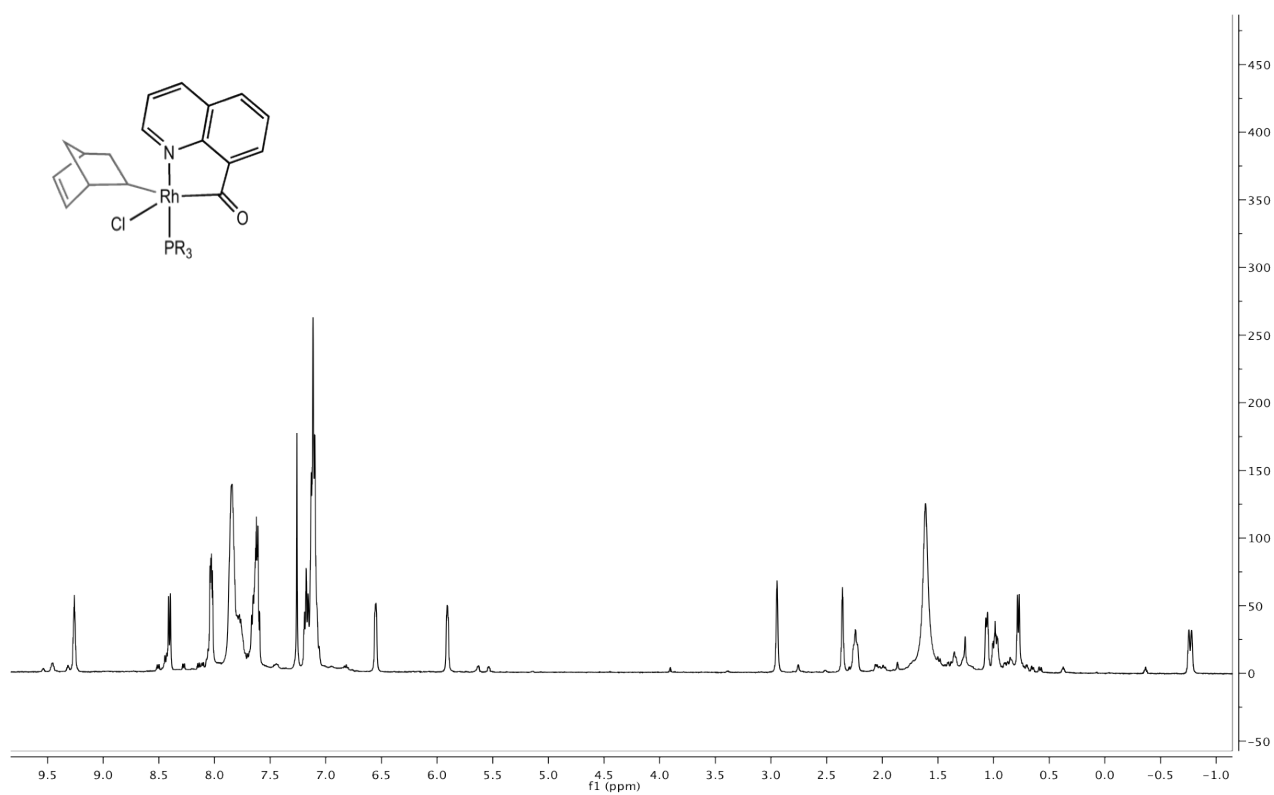
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## Characterization of New Compounds

### Compound 1

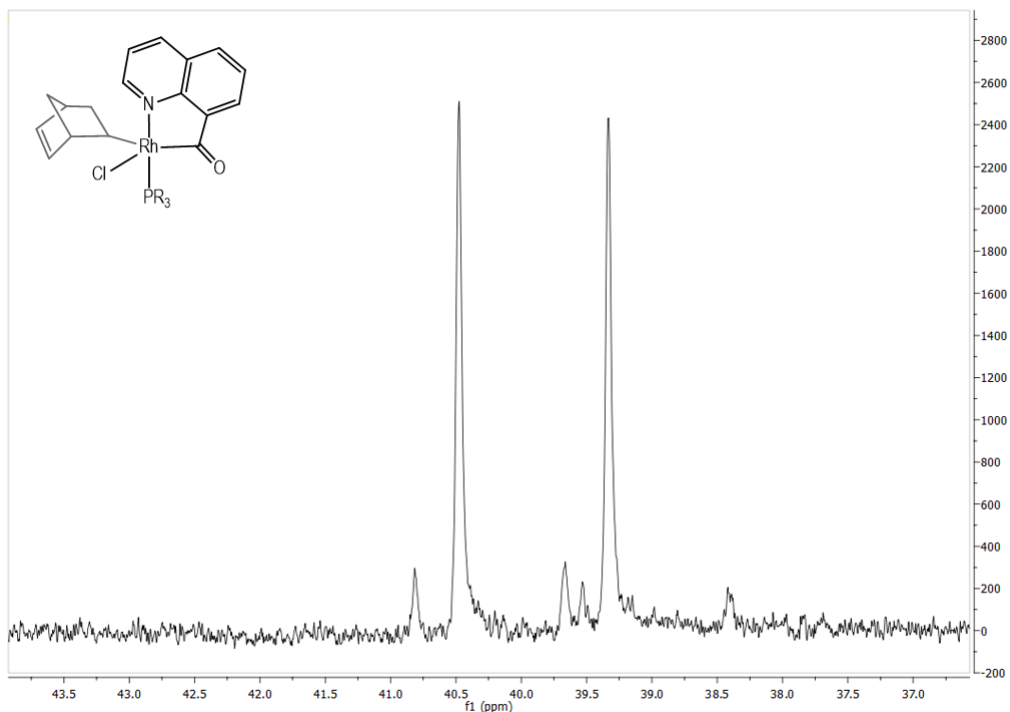


### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



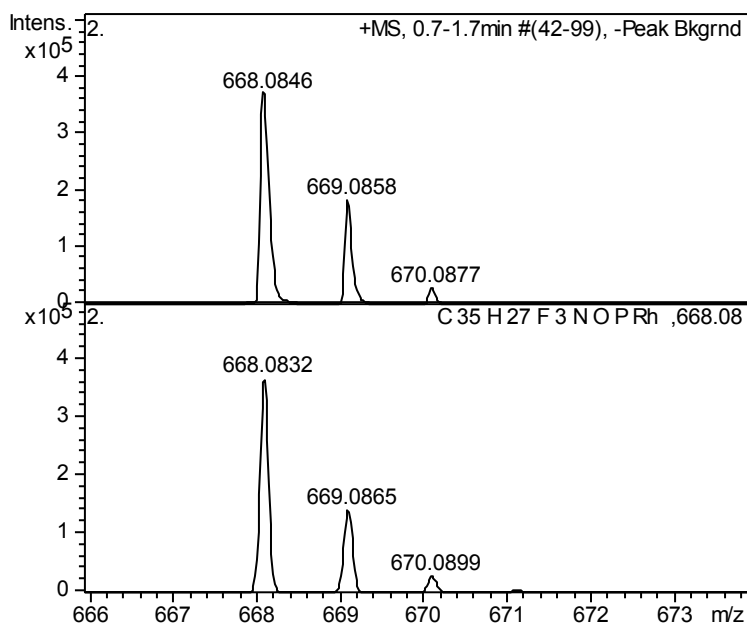
**Figure S.1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **1**.

**$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**



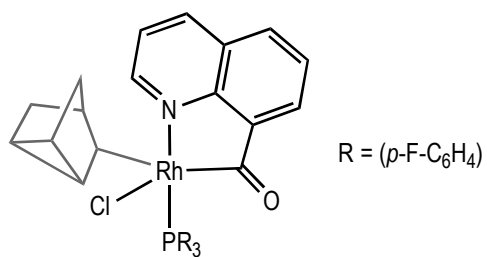
**Figure S.2.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra of **1**.

**ESI-MS ( $\text{MeOH}$ ) :  $[\text{M}-\text{Cl}]^+$**

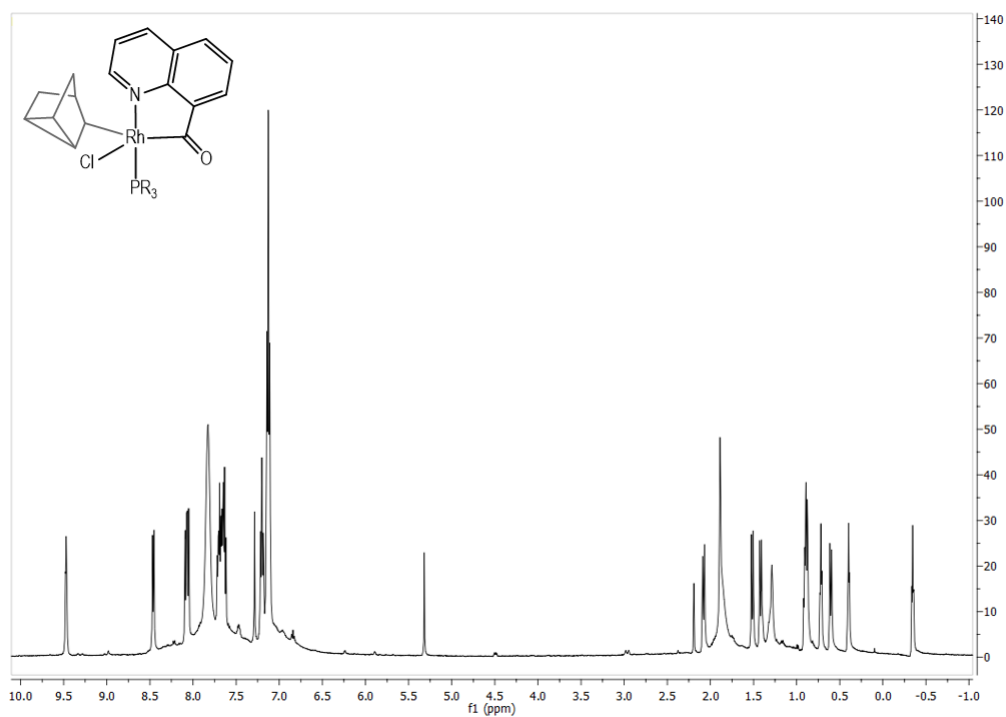


**Figure S.3.** ESI-MS of **1**. Found (top). Simulated (bottom).

## Compound 2

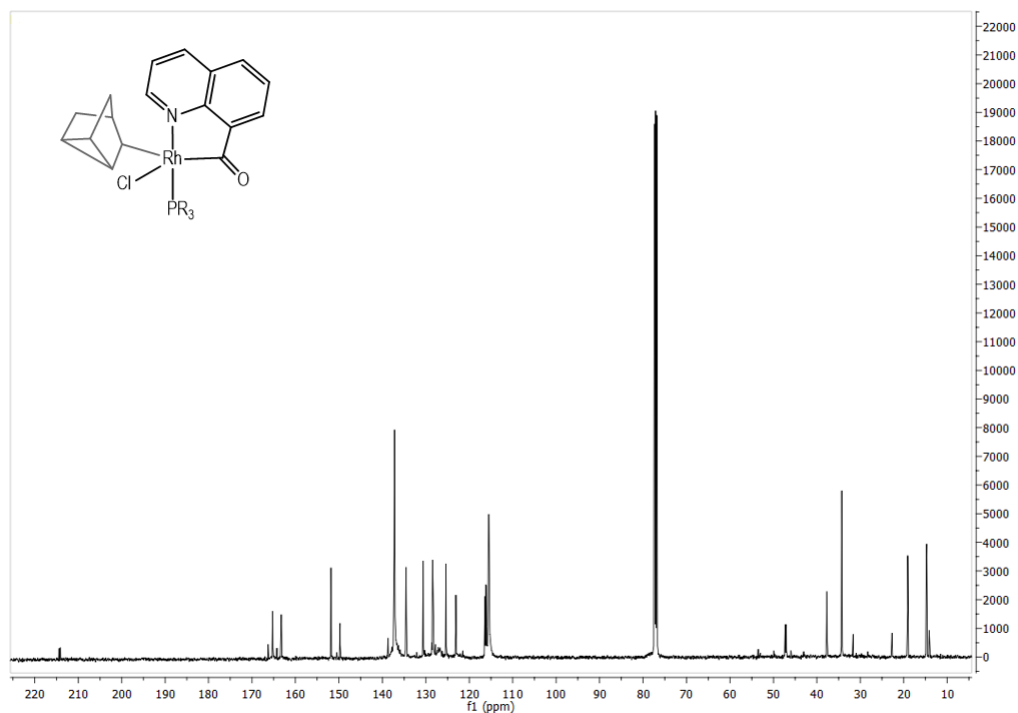


## <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)



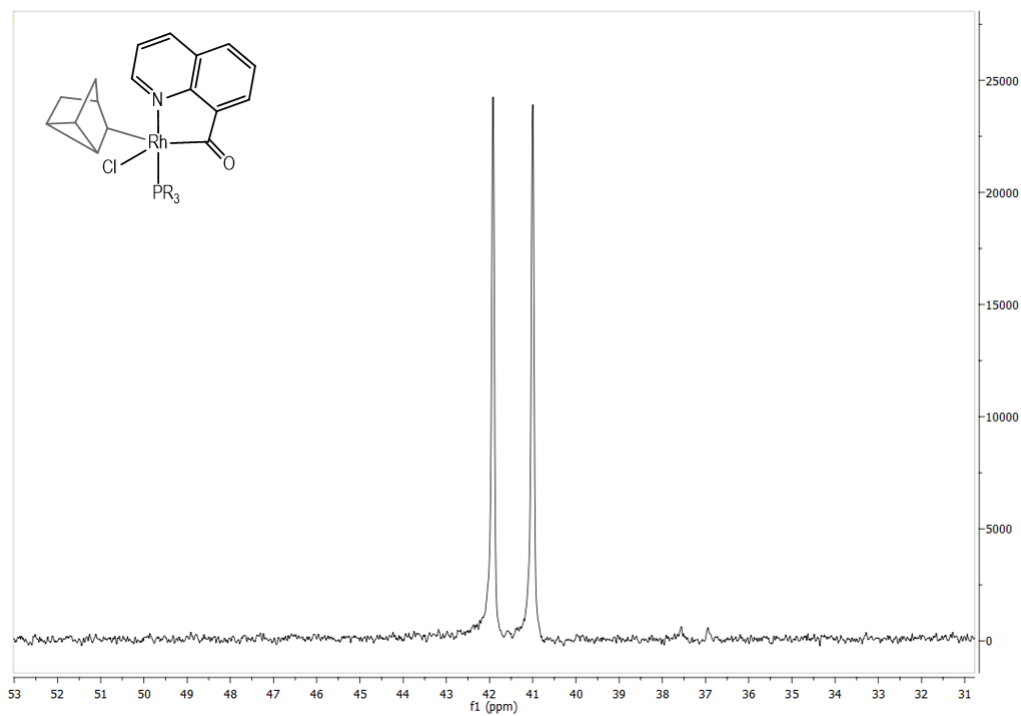
**Figure S.4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **2**.

**$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**



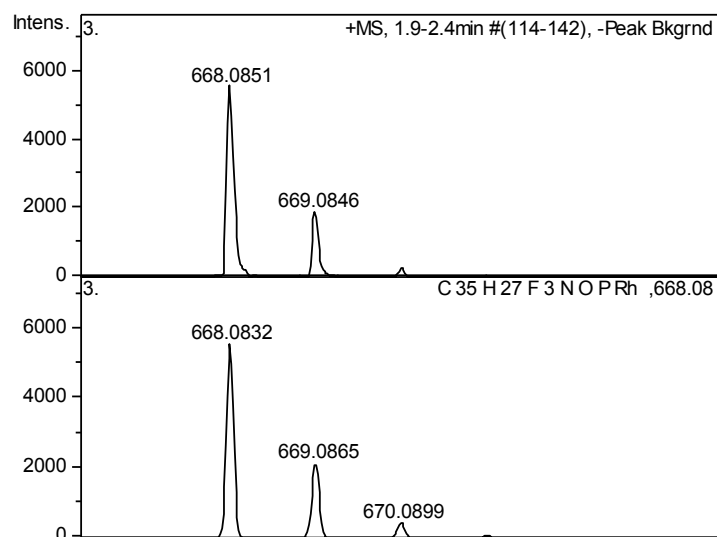
**Figure S.5.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra of **2**.

**$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )**



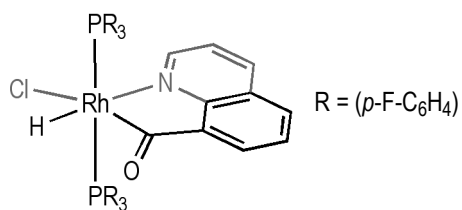
**Figure S.6.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra of **2**.

**ESI-MS (MeOH) : [M-Cl]<sup>+</sup>**

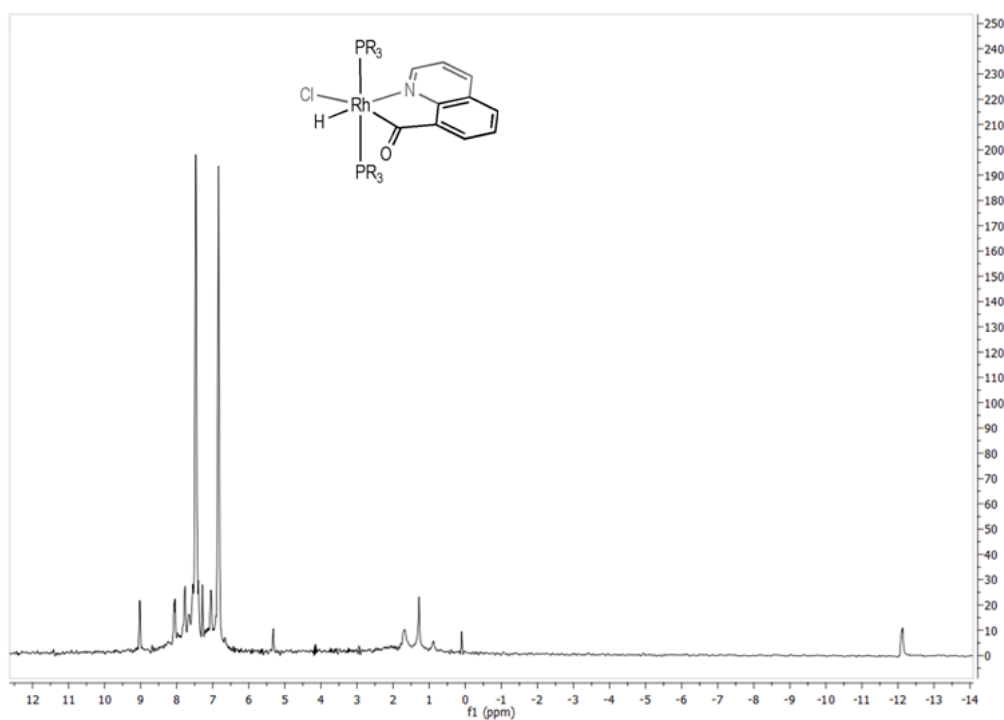


**Figure S.7.** ESI-MS of **2**. Found (top). Simulated (bottom).

**Compound 3**

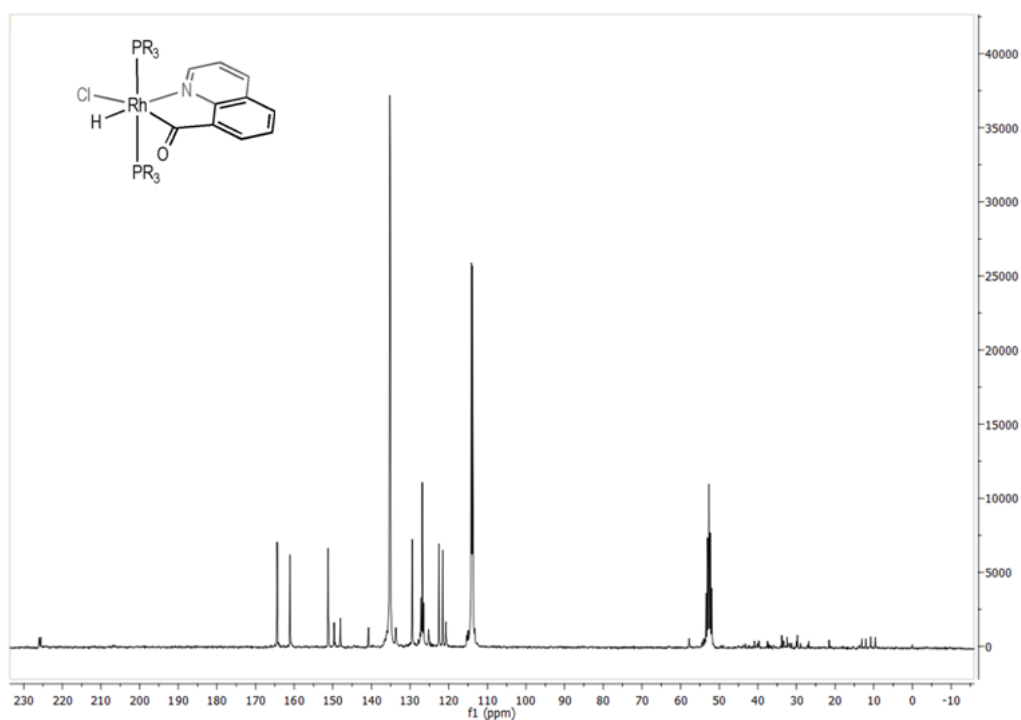


**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)**



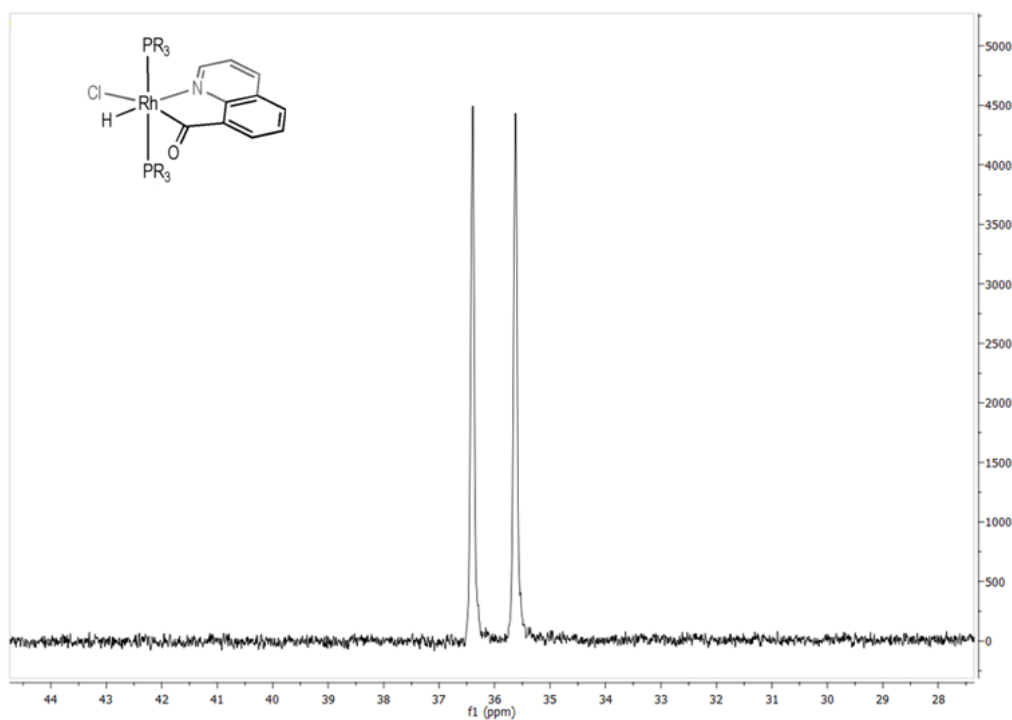
**Figure S.8.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **3**.

**$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )**



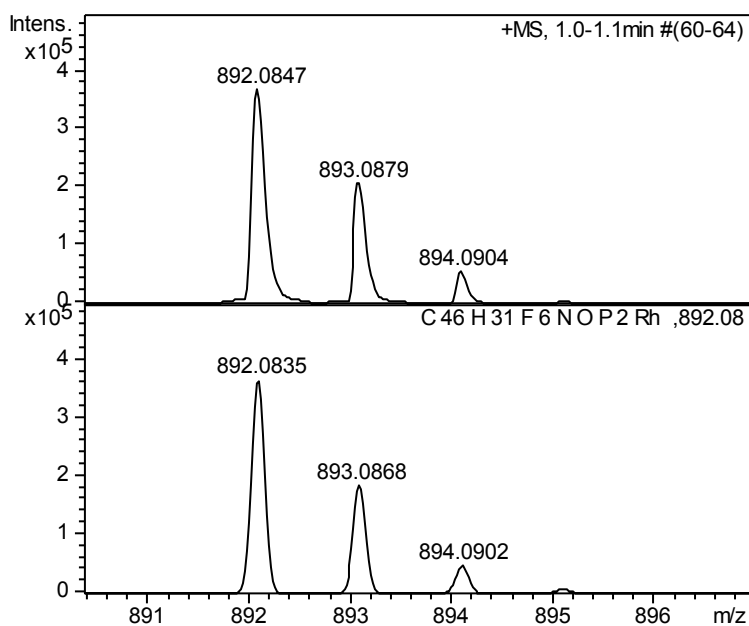
**Figure S.9.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra of **3**.

**$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )**



**Figure S.10.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra of **3**.

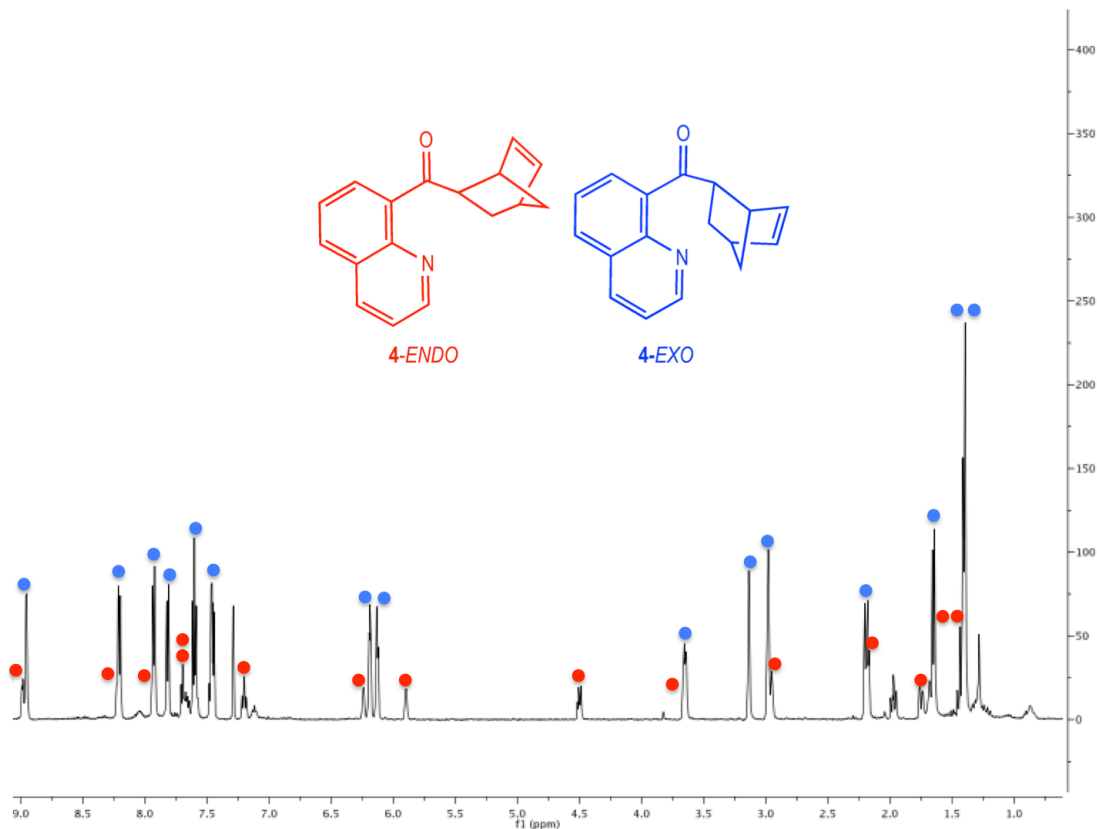
**ESI-MS (MeOH) : [M-Cl]<sup>+</sup>**



**Figure S.11.** ESI-MS of **3**. Found (top). Simulated (bottom).

**4-ENDO:4-EXO**

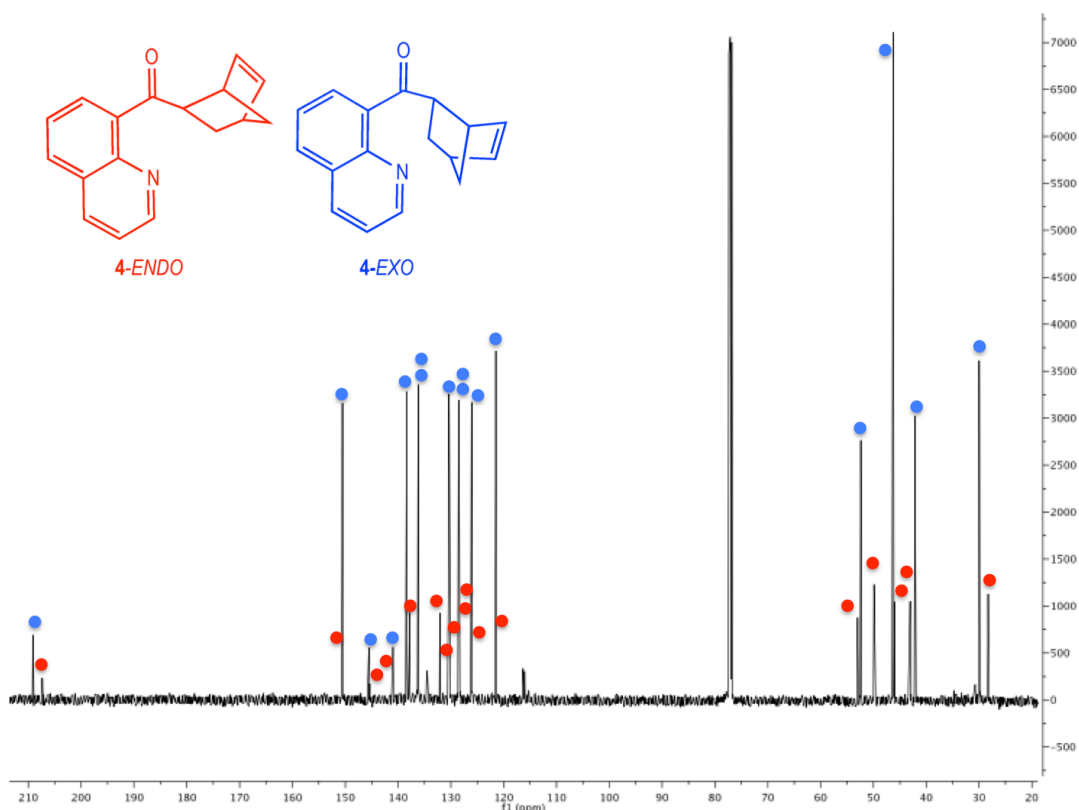
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**



**Figure S.12.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of isomers mixture **4-ENDO** and **4-EXO**.



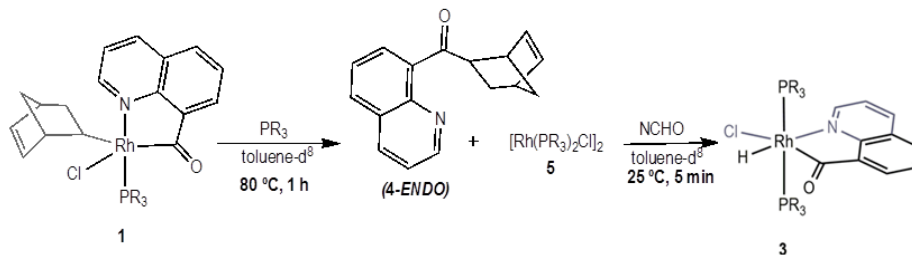
**$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**



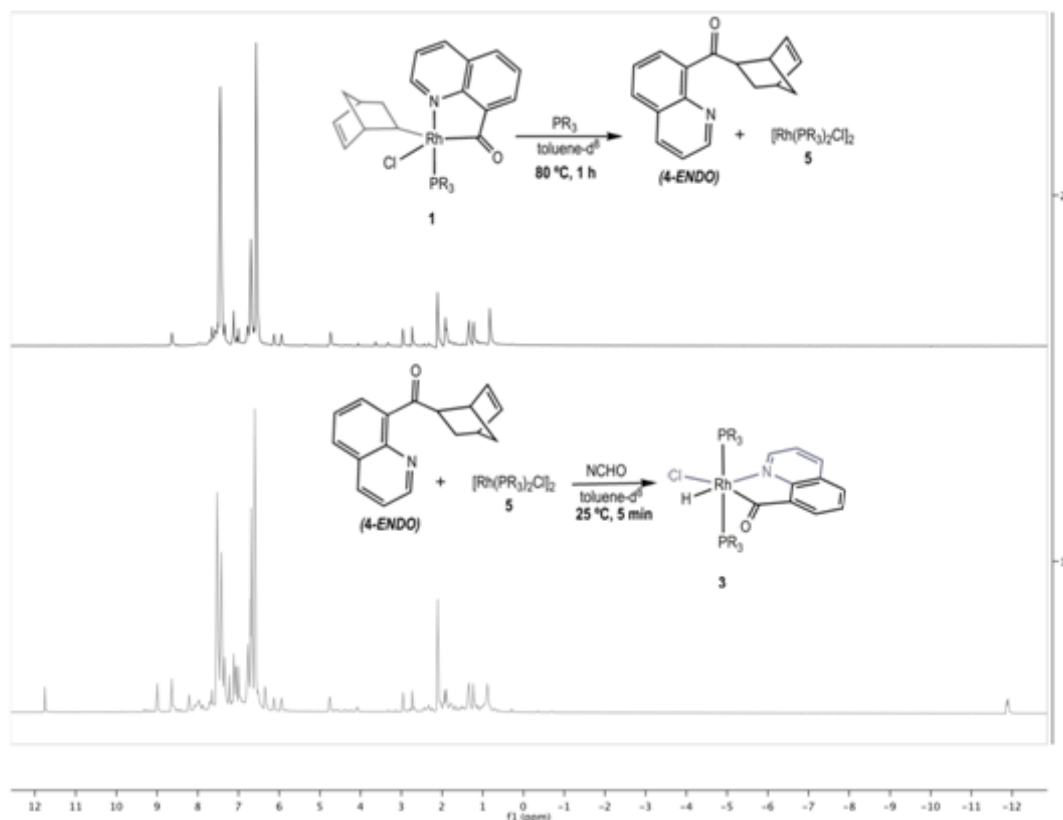
**Figure S.13.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra of isomers mixture 4-ENDO and 4-EXO.

**Reaction of 1 with  $\text{PR}_3$  ( $\text{R} = p\text{-F-C}_6\text{H}_4$ )**

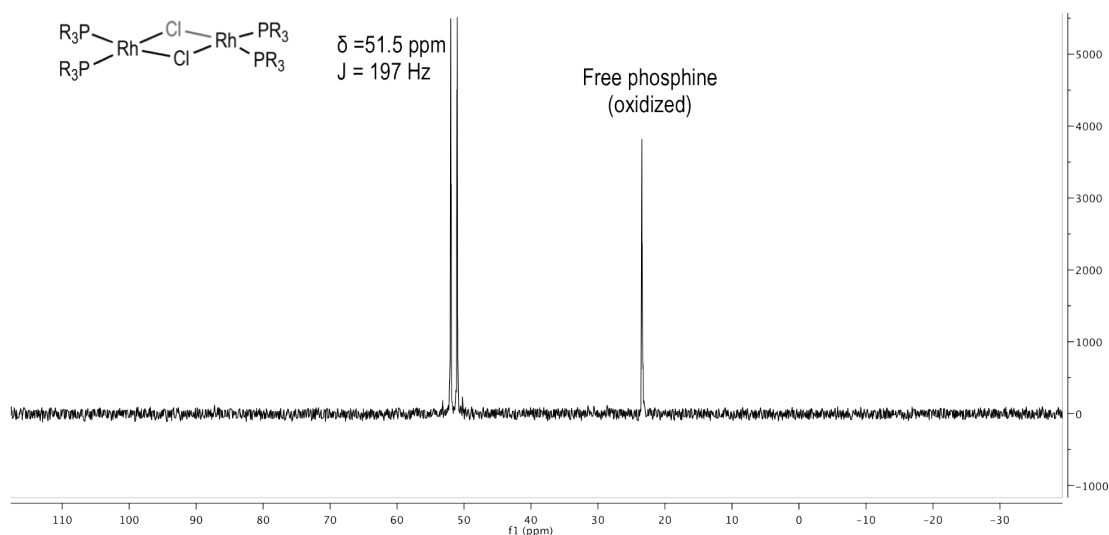
Stoichiometric reaction of compound **1** with the equimolar amount of  $\text{PR}_3$  ( $\text{R} = p\text{-F-C}_6\text{H}_4$ ) in toluene- $\text{d}_8$  at 80 °C in a sealed Young NMR tube yields in 1 hour the hydroacylation product 4-ENDO and  $[\text{Rh}(\text{PR}_3)_2\text{Cl}]_2$  ( $\text{R} = p\text{-F-C}_6\text{H}_4$ ) (**5**). This reaction was monitored by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (Figure S.14. top). In the same Young NMR tube an equivalent of NCHO (quinoline-8-carbaldehyde) was added and a  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra was collected after 25 minutes at room temperature.



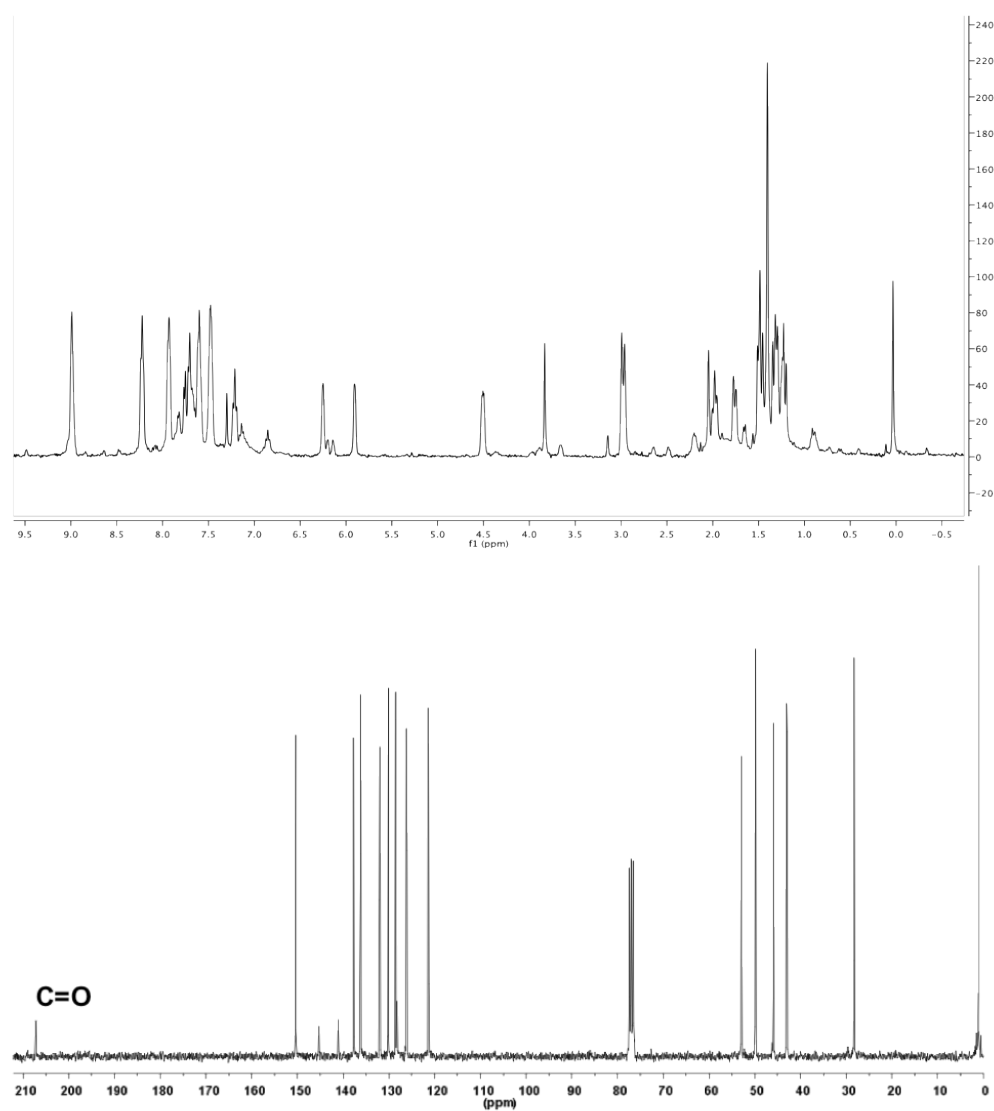
**Scheme S.1.** Reaction of **1** with  $\text{PR}_3$  ( $\text{R} = p\text{-F-C}_6\text{H}_4$ ) and consecutive addition of NCHO to the reaction mixture.



**Figure S.14.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the reaction of **1** and  $\text{PR}_3$  ( $\text{R} = p\text{-F-C}_6\text{H}_4$ ) (top).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the reaction of **5** and  $\text{NCHO}$  (bottom).

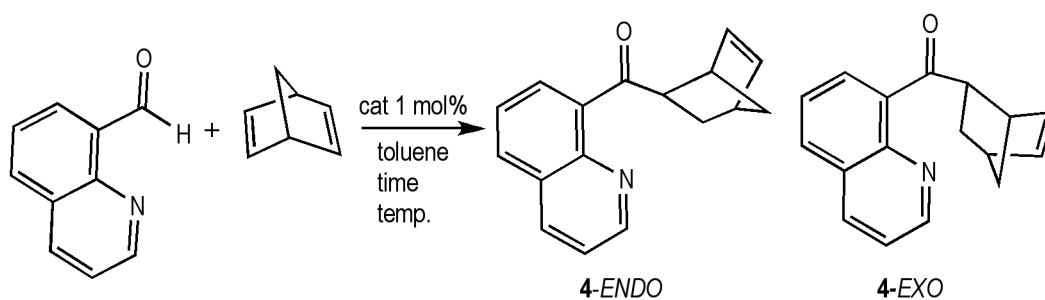


**Figure S.15.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR of the reaction of **1** and  $\text{PR}_3$  ( $\text{R} = p\text{-F-C}_6\text{H}_4$ ) to give **5**.



**Figure S.16.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (top) and  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (bottom) of **4-ENDO**.

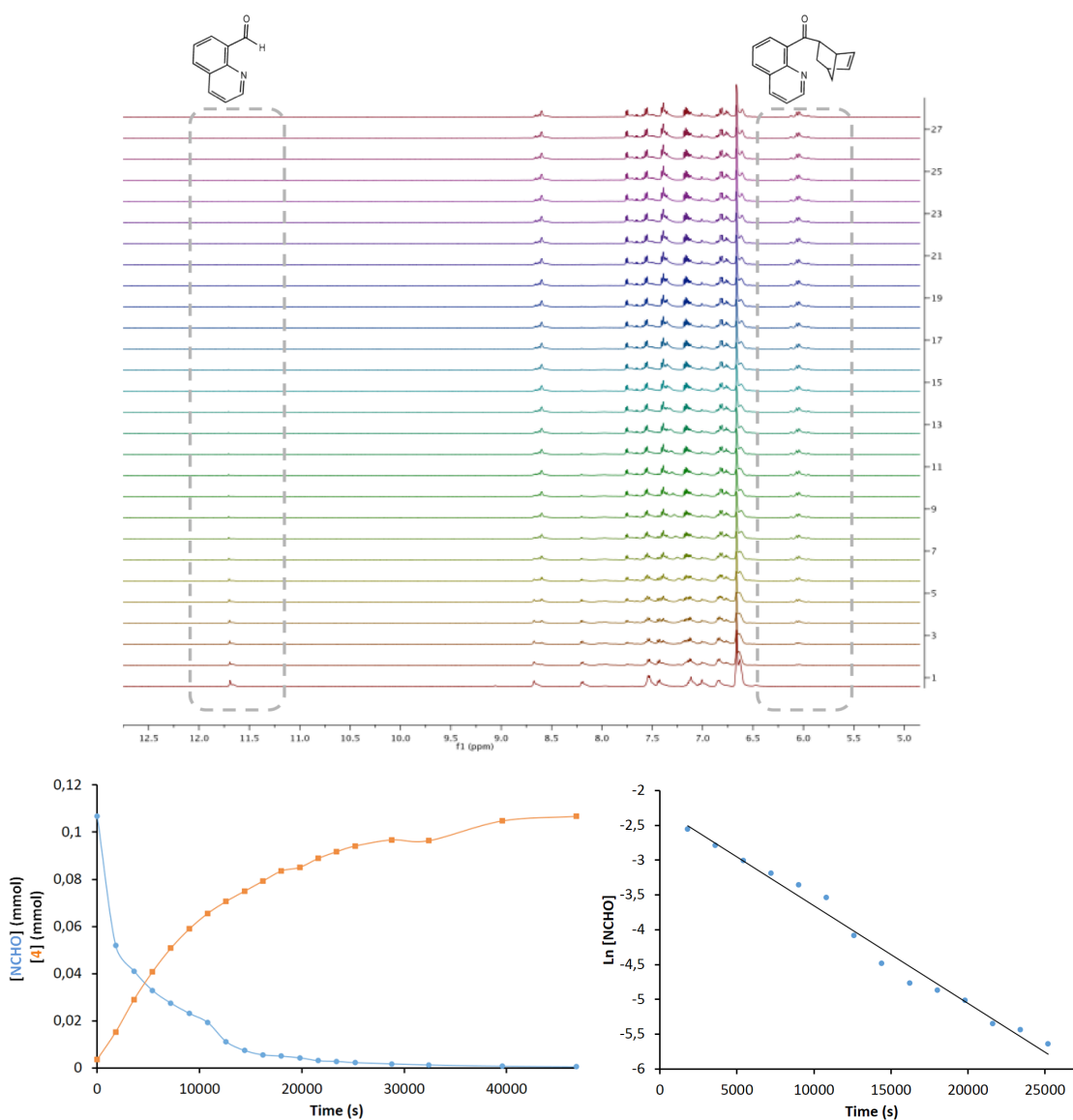
## Catalytic Studies



**Scheme S.2.** Catalytic hydroacylation of norbornadiene with quinoline-8-carbaldehyde.

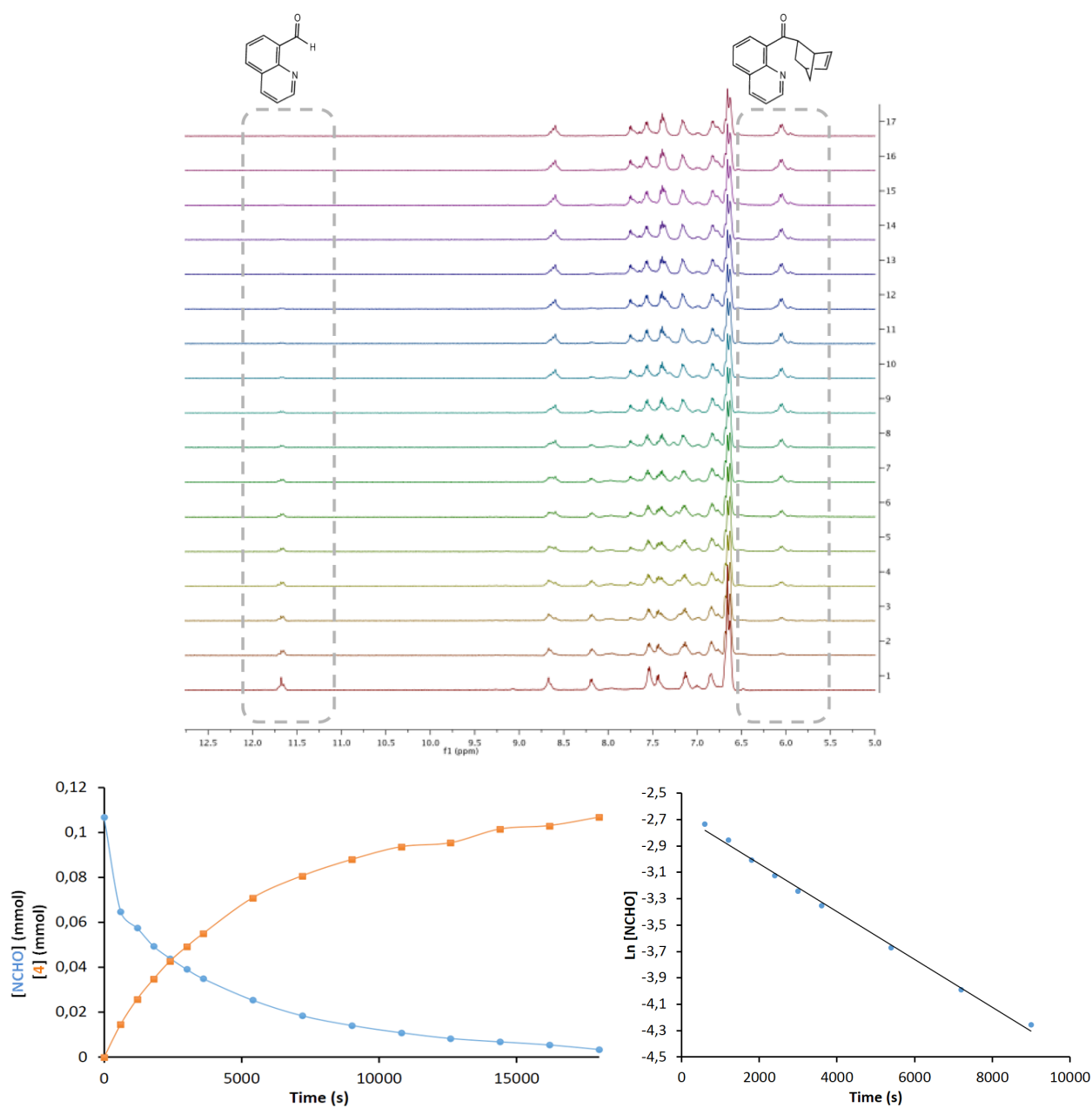
Catalyst: Compound **3**

50 °C



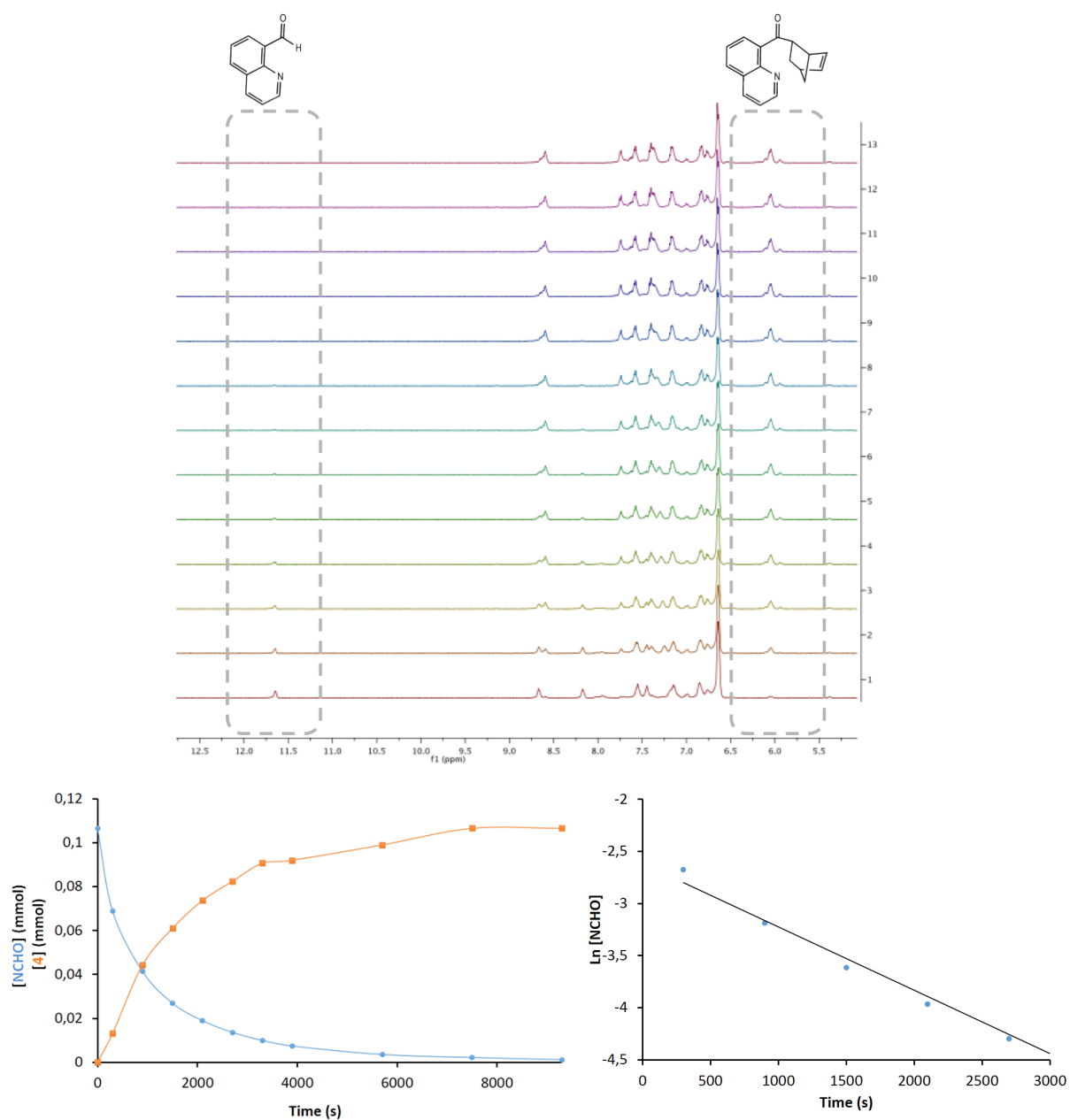
**Figure S.17.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR array of the catalytic hydroacylation of norbornadiene with NCHO (top). mmol of NCHO vs. time plot and  $\text{Ln} [\text{NCHO}]$  vs. time plot (bottom).  $k = 1.40 \pm 0.02 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $t_{1/2} = 1926 \text{ s}$ ).

60 °C



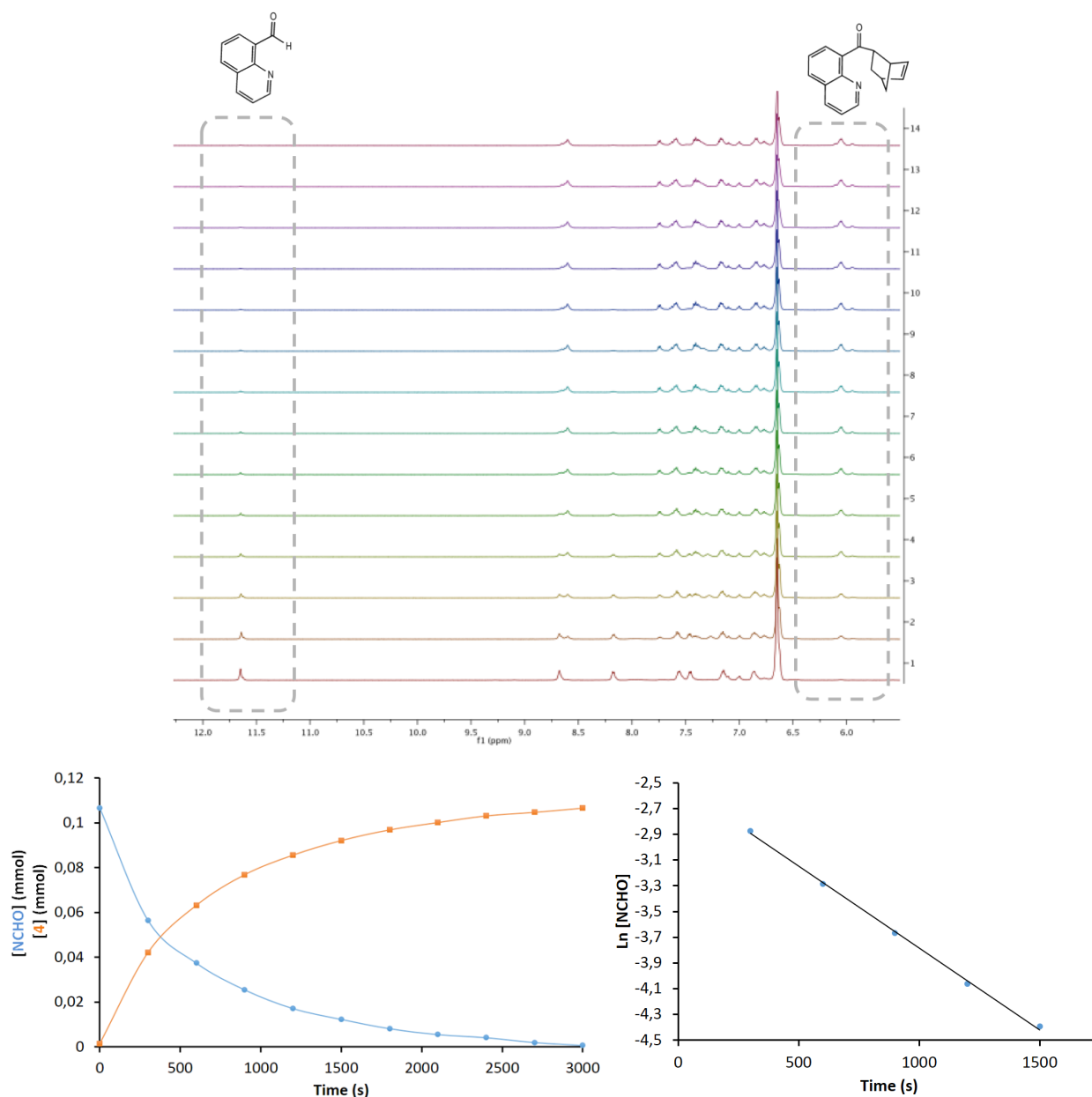
**Figure S.18.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR array of the catalytic hydroacylation of norbornadiene with NCHO (top). mmol of NCHO vs. time plot and  $\ln$  [NCHO] vs. time plot (bottom).  $k = 1.81 \pm 0.04 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $t_{1/2} = 1431 \text{ s}$ )

70 °C



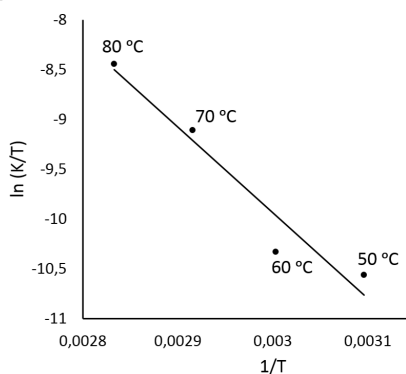
**Figure S.19.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR array of the catalytic hydroacylation of norbornadiene with NCHO (top). mmol of NCHO vs. time plot and Ln [NCHO] vs. time plot (bottom).  $k = 6.08 \pm 0.27 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $t_{1/2} = 518 \text{ s}$ )

80 °C



**Figure S.20.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR array of the catalytic hydroacylation of norbornadiene with NCHO (top). mmol of NCHO vs. time plot and  $\ln$  [NCHO] vs. time plot (bottom).  $k = 12.72 \pm 0.26 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $t_{1/2} = 330 \text{ s}$ )

Eyring Plot



$$\Delta H^\ddagger = 71.1 \pm 12.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

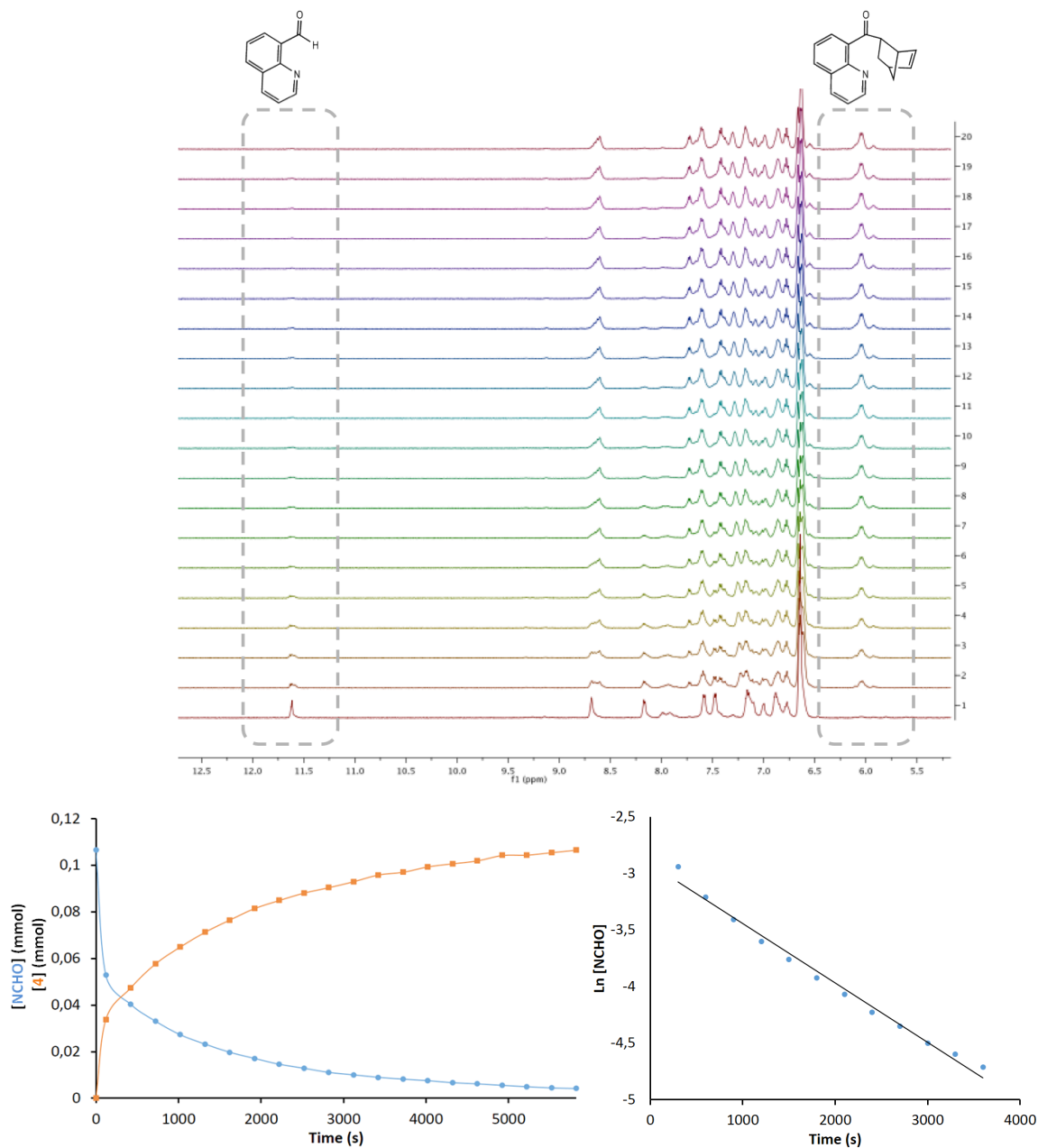
$$\Delta S^\ddagger = -100.9 \pm 38.1 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta G^\ddagger (298 \text{ K}) = 101.2 \pm 24.2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

**Figure S.20.** Eyring plot.

Catalyst: Compound 1

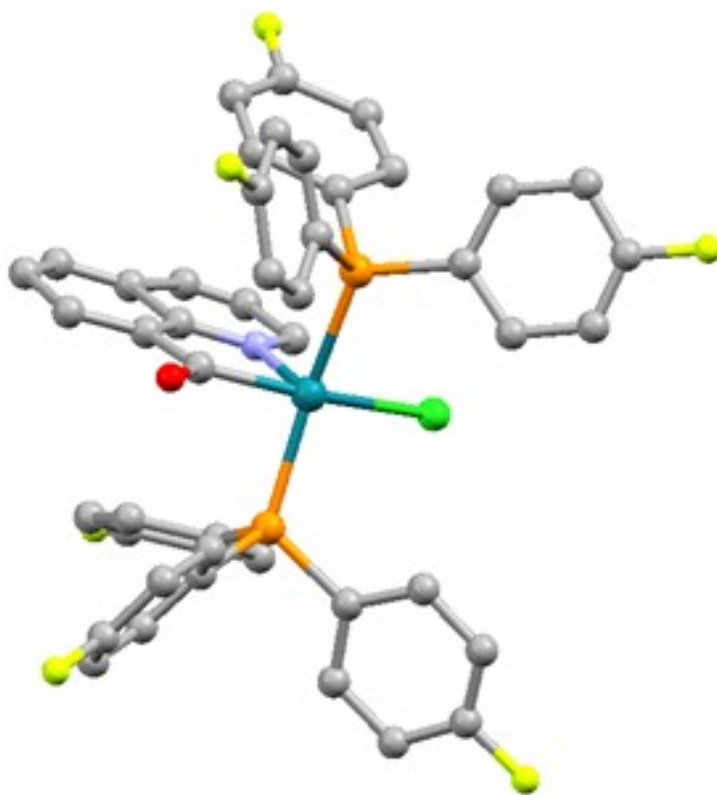
70 °C



**Figure S.21.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR array of the catalytic hydroacylation of norbornadiene with NCHO (top). mmol of NCHO vs. time plot and  $\ln [NCHO]$  vs. time plot (bottom).  $k = 5.99 \pm 0.46 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $t_{1/2} = 333 \text{ s}$ )



### X-Ray Structure of 3



**Figure S.22.** Perspective view of molecular structure of **3**.

## Crystallographic Tables

**Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds 1 - 3**

|                                                    | <b>1</b>                                                             | <b>2</b>                                                             | <b>3</b>                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CCDC number                                        | 1505499                                                              | 1505500                                                              | 1505501                                                                            |
| Formula                                            | C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>29</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> F <sub>3</sub> NOPRh | C <sub>37</sub> H <sub>31</sub> Cl <sub>5</sub> F <sub>3</sub> NOPRh | C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>34</sub> Cl <sub>5</sub> F <sub>6</sub> NOP <sub>2</sub> Rh |
| <i>M</i>                                           | 788.83                                                               | 873.76                                                               | 1096.86                                                                            |
| Crystal System                                     | Triclinic                                                            | Triclinic                                                            | Orthorhombic                                                                       |
| Space group                                        | <i>P</i> -1                                                          | <i>P</i> -1                                                          | <i>Cmc</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>                                                          |
| <i>T</i> [K]                                       | 100                                                                  | 100                                                                  | 100                                                                                |
| <i>a</i> [Å]                                       | 12.3494(6)                                                           | 10.2512(11)                                                          | 48.335(4)                                                                          |
| <i>b</i> [Å]                                       | 14.4492(7)                                                           | 12.494(2)                                                            | 10.4309(8)                                                                         |
| <i>c</i> [Å]                                       | 20.1293(9)                                                           | 13.7147(17)                                                          | 15.6534(11)                                                                        |
| <i>α</i> [deg]                                     | 69.671(2)                                                            | 70.085(5)                                                            | 90                                                                                 |
| <i>β</i> [deg]                                     | 79.770(2)                                                            | 76.102(6)                                                            | 90                                                                                 |
| <i>γ</i> [deg]                                     | 76.835(2)                                                            | 76.715(6)                                                            | 90                                                                                 |
| <i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]                         | 3260.5(3)                                                            | 1582.0(4)                                                            | 7892.1(10)                                                                         |
| <i>Z</i>                                           | 4                                                                    | 2                                                                    | 4                                                                                  |
| Density [gcm <sup>-3</sup> ]                       | 1.607                                                                | 1.834                                                                | 0.923                                                                              |
| <i>μ</i> [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]                       | 0.868                                                                | 1.067                                                                | 0.463                                                                              |
| Observed reflections                               | 163285                                                               | 27007                                                                | 49832                                                                              |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>                            | 0.046                                                                | 0.062                                                                | 0.154                                                                              |
| <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] | 0.048                                                                | 0.046                                                                | 0.093                                                                              |
| <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [all data]                  | 0.119                                                                | 0.095                                                                | 0.233                                                                              |
| <i>GoF</i>                                         | 1.081                                                                | 1.028                                                                | 1.055                                                                              |
| Largest diff. pk and hole [eÅ <sup>-3</sup> ]      | 1.970 and -2.021                                                     | 0.836 and -0.641                                                     | 1.655 and -4.627                                                                   |

$$^a \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o| \quad ^b \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2] \}^{1/2}$$

**Table S2. Bond distances (Å) for compounds 1 - 3**

| 1                   | 2                 | 3                |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| N1B Rh1B 2.111(3)   | Rh1 C8 1.940(3)   | Rh1 C1 1.973(18) |
| N1A Rh1A 2.100(3)   | Rh1 C1 2.091(3)   | Rh1 N1 2.164(15) |
| P1B Rh1B 2.2966(9)  | Rh1 N1 2.100(2)   | Rh1 P1 2.319(3)  |
| P1A Rh1A 2.3006(8)  | Rh1 P1 2.2891(8)  | Rh1 P1 2.319(3)  |
| Cl1B Rh1B 2.4186(9) | Rh1 Cl1 2.4296(8) | Rh1 Cl1 2.495(5) |
| Cl1A Rh1A 2.4372(8) |                   |                  |

**Table S3. Bond angles (°) for compounds 1 - 3**

| 1                        | 2                    | 3                    |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| C8B Rh1B C1B 81.27(14)   | C8 Rh1 C1 81.89(12)  | C1 Rh1 N1 80.6(7)    |
| C8B Rh1B N1B 83.73(12)   | C8 Rh1 N1 84.30(11)  | C1 Rh1 P1 89.79(10)  |
| C1B Rh1B N1B 95.37(12)   | C1 Rh1 N1 93.81(11)  | N1 Rh1 P1 96.58(7)   |
| C8B Rh1B P1B 94.30(10)   | C8 Rh1 P1 94.60(9)   | C1 Rh1 P1 89.79(10)  |
| C1B Rh1B P1B 91.02(10)   | C1 Rh1 P1 91.19(9)   | N1 Rh1 P1 96.58(8)   |
| N1B Rh1B P1B 172.93(8)   | N1 Rh1 P1 174.68(7)  | P1 Rh1 P1 166.57(15) |
| C8B Rh1B Cl1B 127.60(11) | C8 Rh1 Cl1 124.75(9) | C1 Rh1 Cl1 165.6(6)  |
| C1B Rh1B Cl1B 151.08(9)  | C1 Rh1 Cl1 153.15(9) | N1 Rh1 Cl1 85.0(5)   |
| N1B Rh1B Cl1B 87.24(8)   | N1 Rh1 Cl1 86.51(7)  | P1 Rh1 Cl1 91.87(8)  |
| P1B Rh1B Cl1B 88.61(3)   | P1 Rh1 Cl1 89.87(3)  | P1 Rh1 Cl1 91.87(8)  |
| C8A Rh1A C1A 82.96(13)   |                      |                      |
| C8A Rh1A N1A 83.73(12)   |                      |                      |
| C1A Rh1A N1A 94.40(12)   |                      |                      |
| C8A Rh1A P1A 94.12(10)   |                      |                      |
| C1A Rh1A P1A 90.98(9)    |                      |                      |
| N1A Rh1A P1A 173.91(8)   |                      |                      |
| C8A Rh1A Cl1A 126.04(10) |                      |                      |
| C1A Rh1A Cl1A 150.85(9)  |                      |                      |
| N1A Rh1A Cl1A 86.94(8)   |                      |                      |
| P1A Rh1A Cl1A 89.76(3)   |                      |                      |