

## Stereoselective coordination: a six-membered P,N-chelate tailored for asymmetric allylic alkylation

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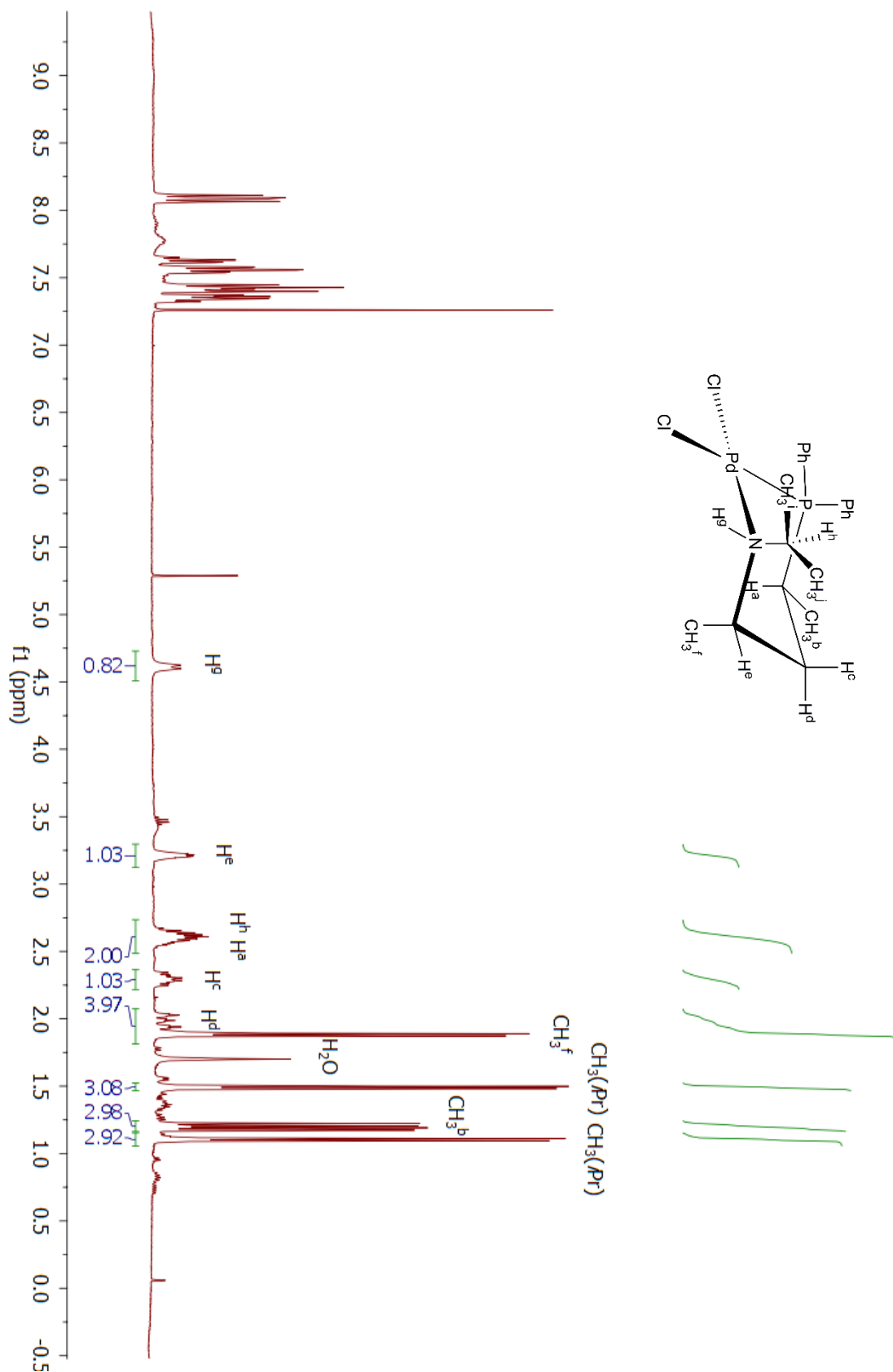
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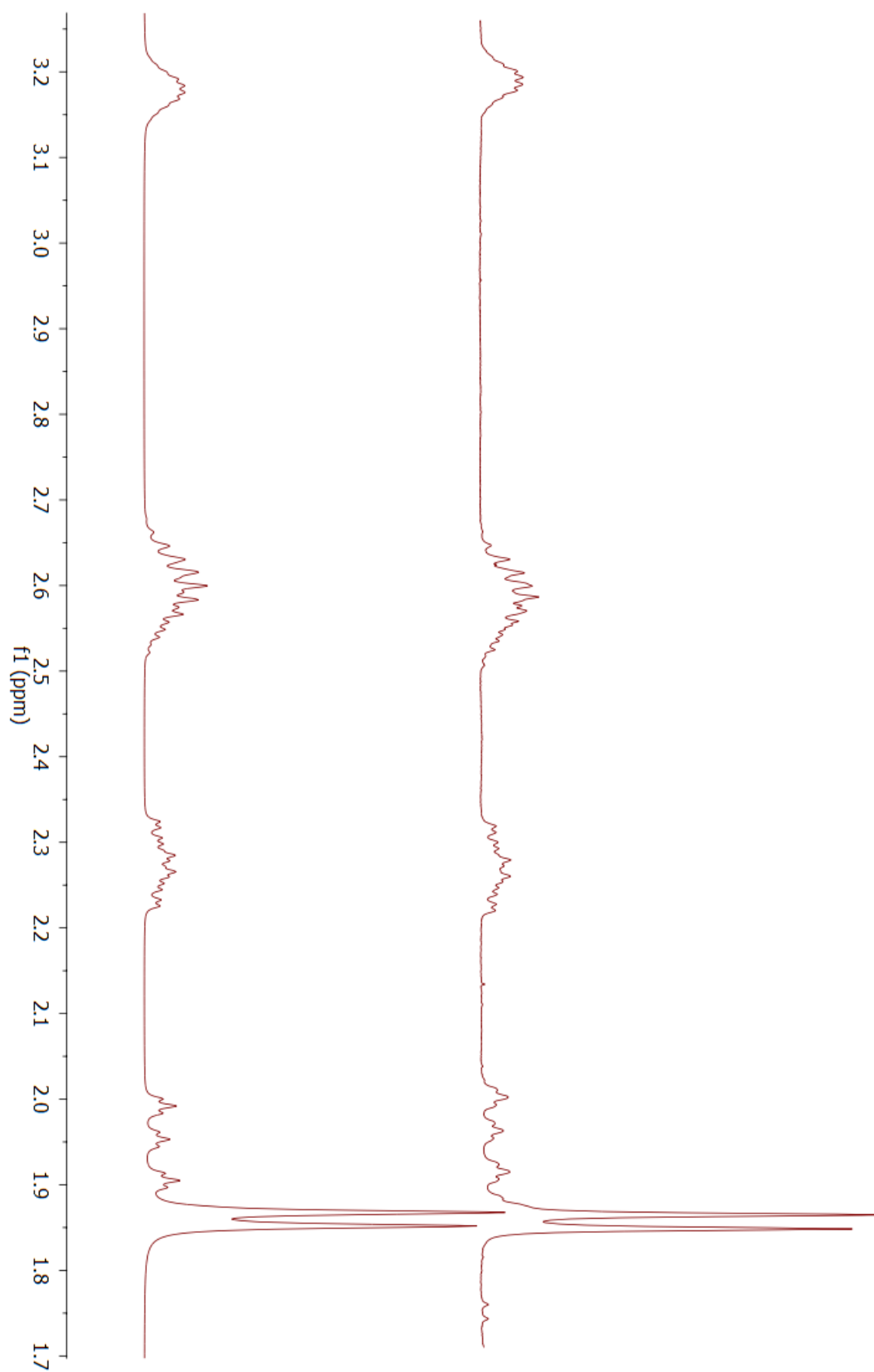
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# 1. Characterization of 2a

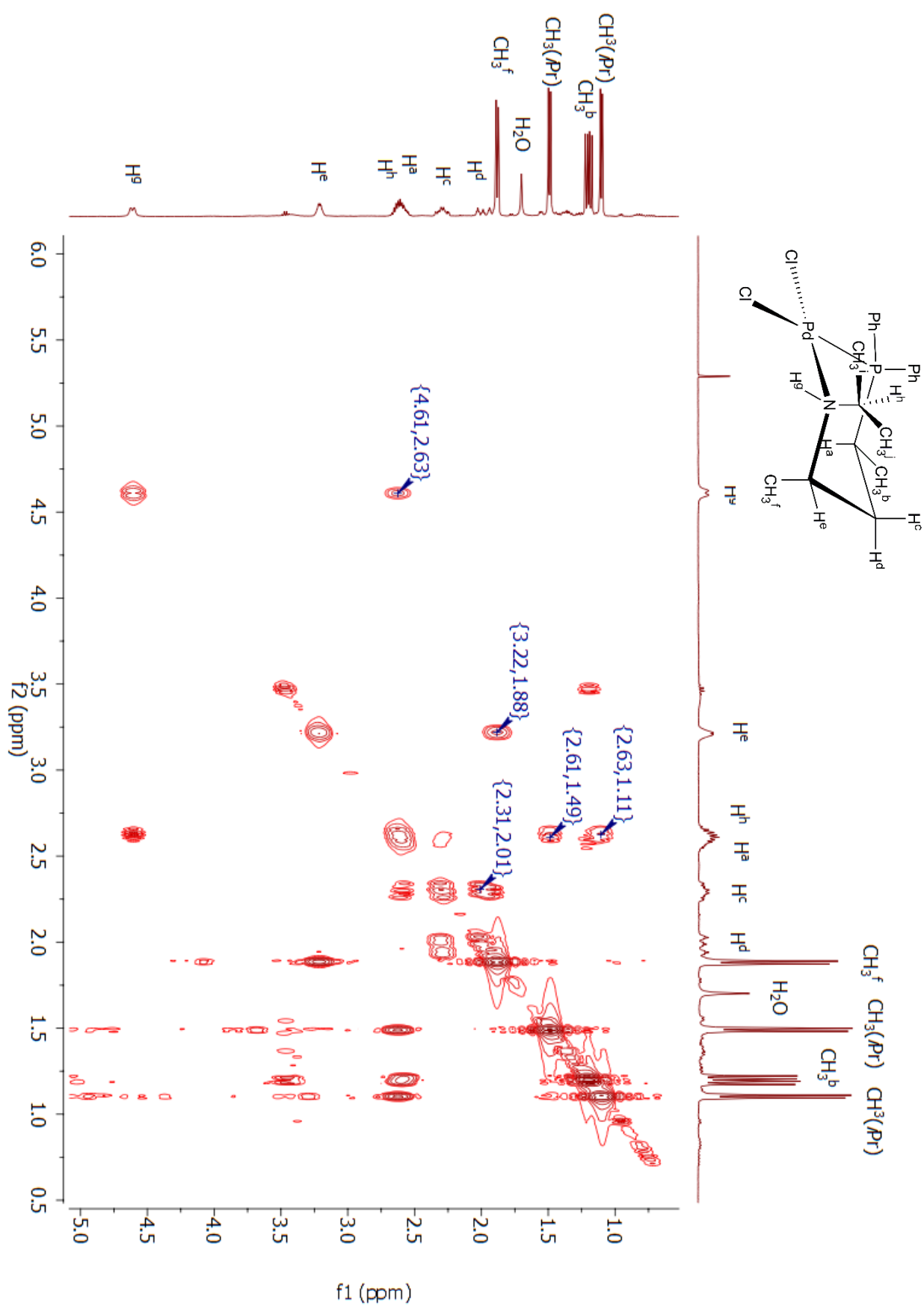
## 1.1. NMR analysis



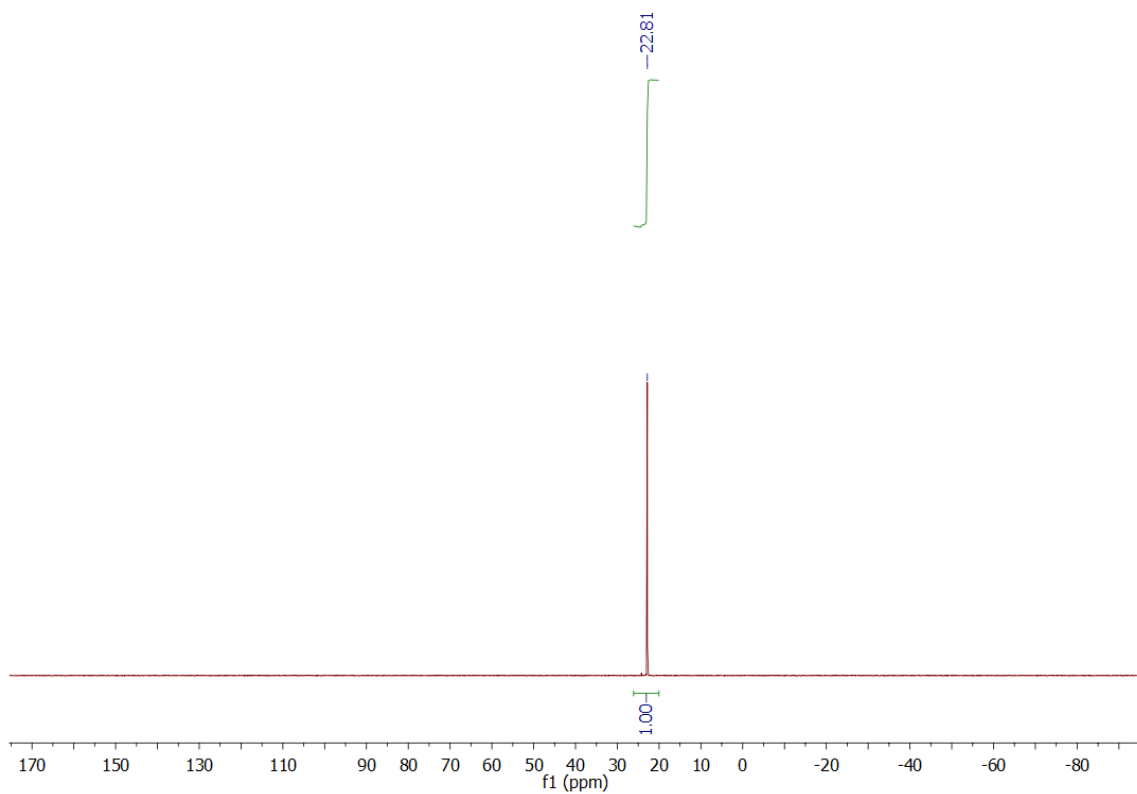
**Figure S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )



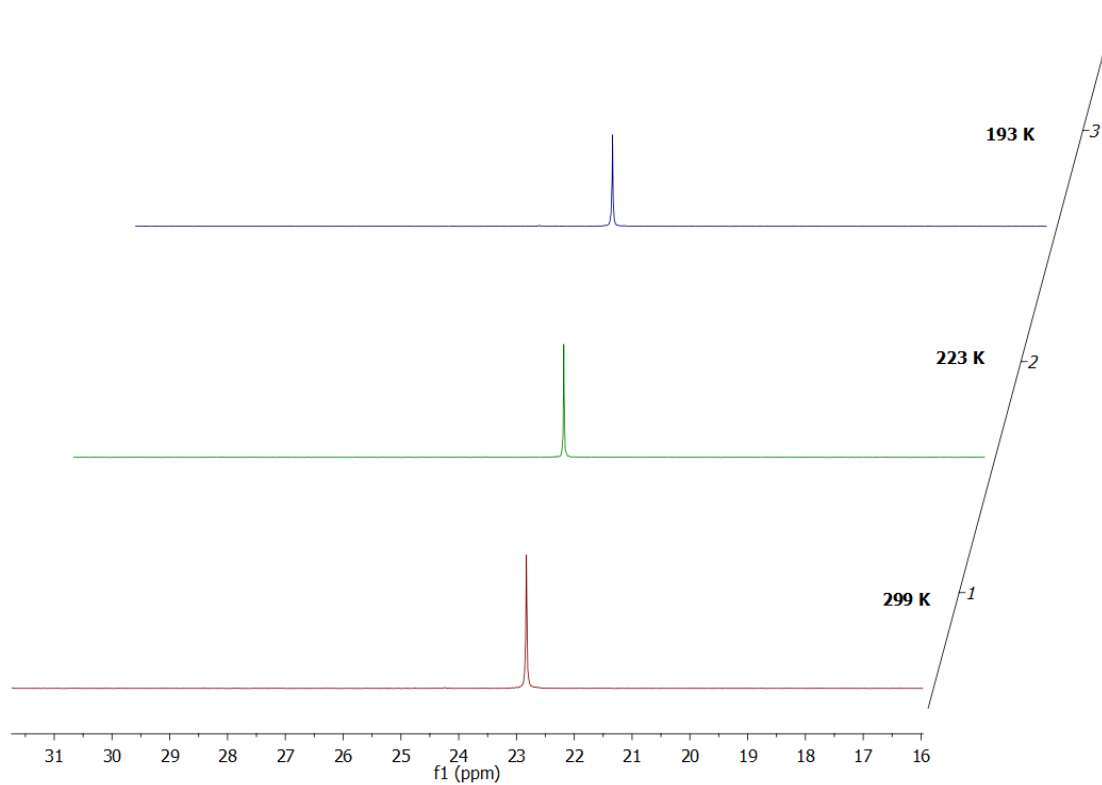
**Figure S2** Selected range of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (experimental and simulated spectra)



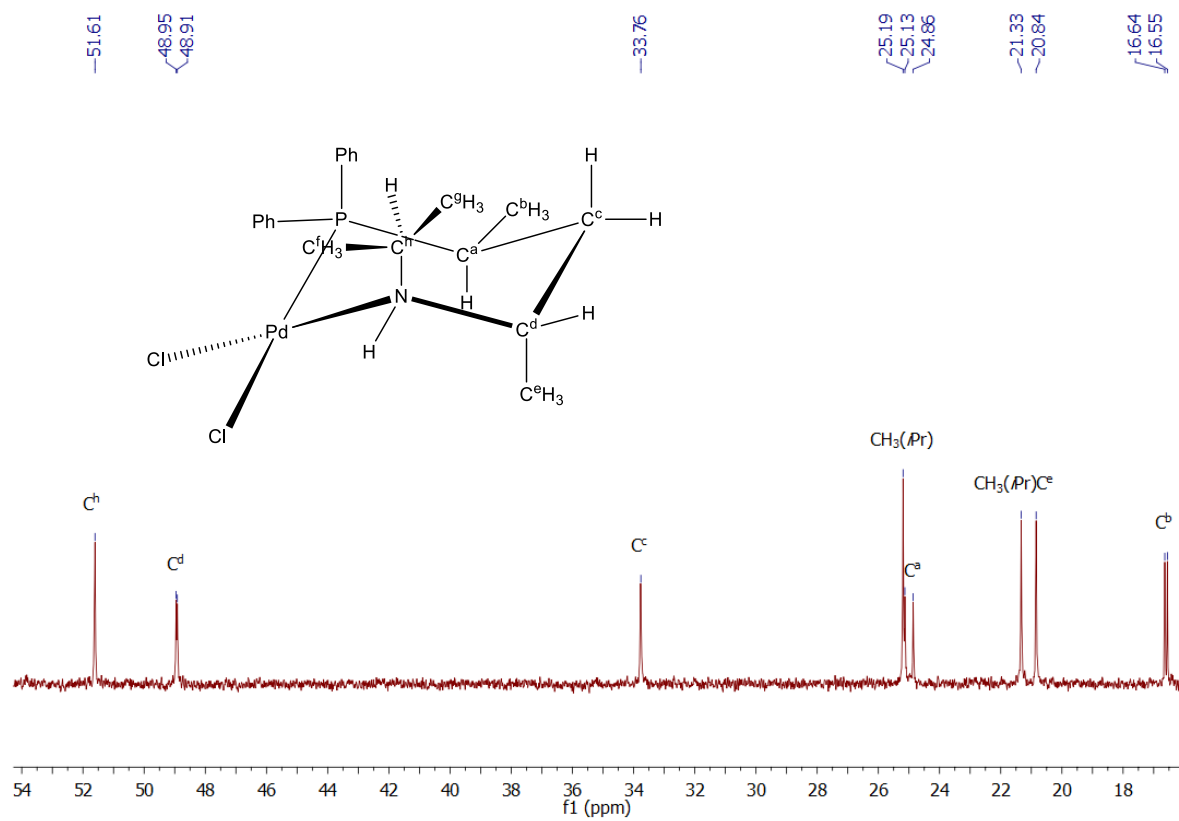
**Figure S3** Selected area of <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum of **2a** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



**Figure S4**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** (162 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )



**Figure S5**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** at 299 K, 223 K and 193 K (162 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )



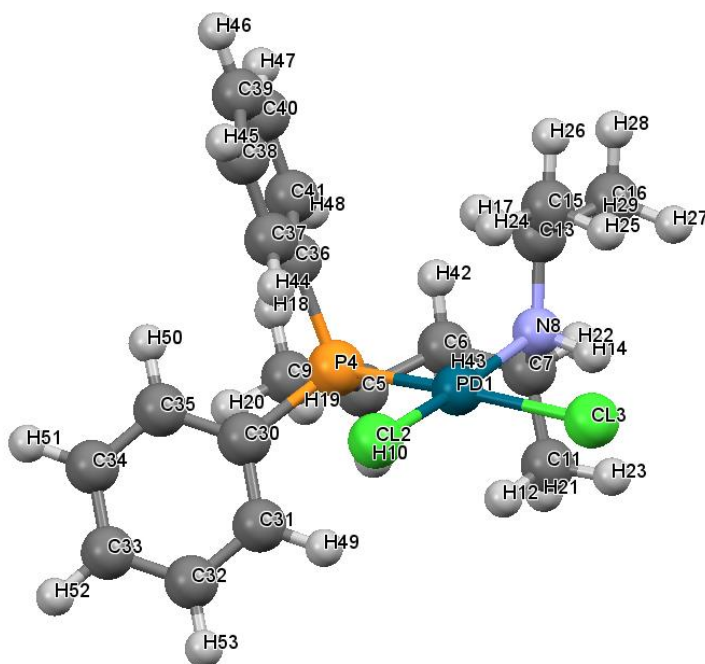
**Figure S6** Selected area of  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )





## 1.2. Theoretical calculations

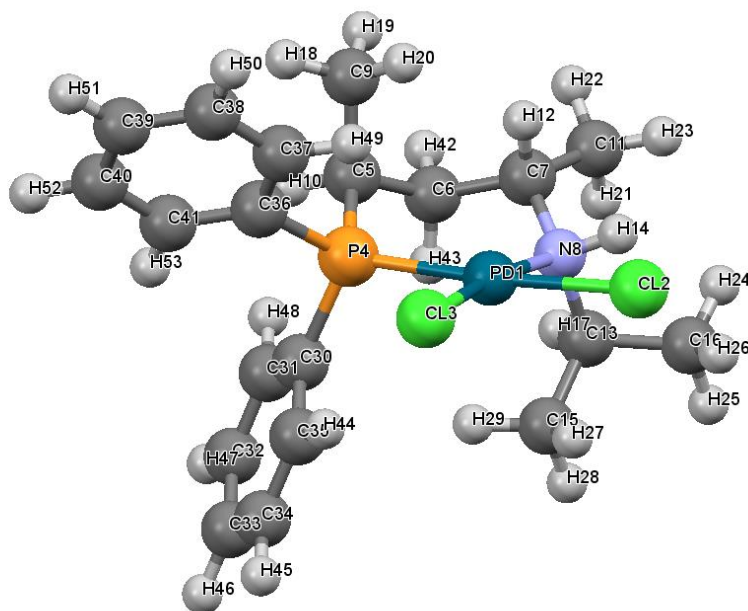
Cartesian coordinates of *eea* conformation of complex **2a** (rel. enthalpy: 0 kJ/mol)



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Cartesian coordinates of *aea* conformation of complex **2a** (rel. enthalpy: 8 kJ/mol)

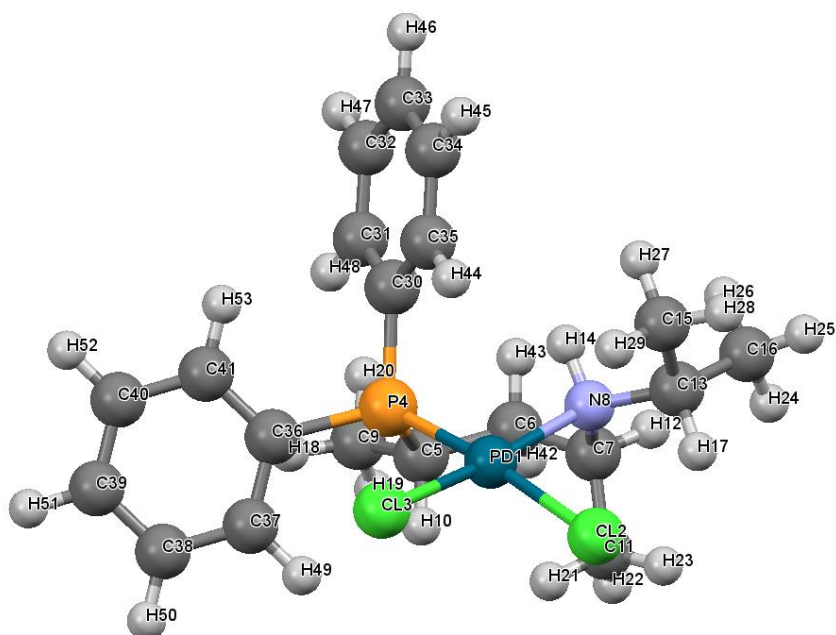


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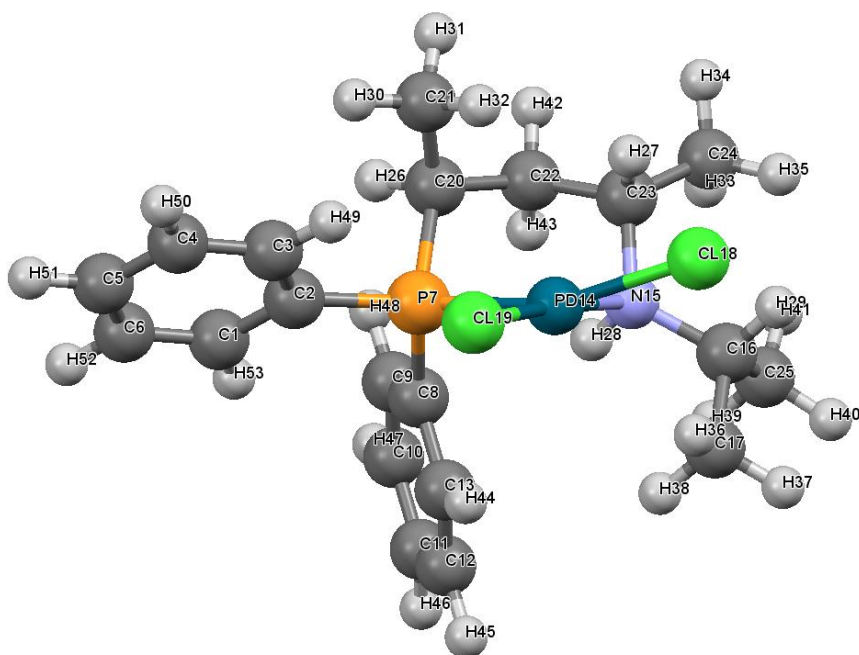
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Cartesian coordinates of *ae* conformation of complex **2a** (rel. enthalpy: 47 kJ/mol)

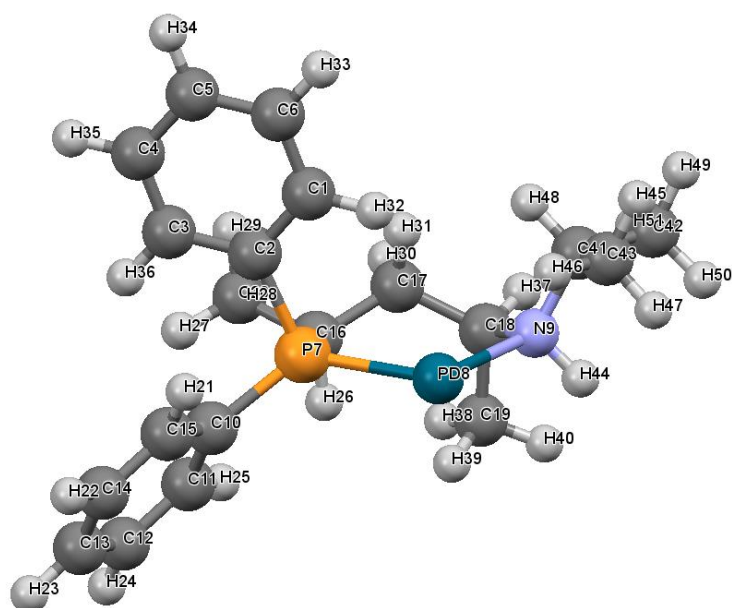


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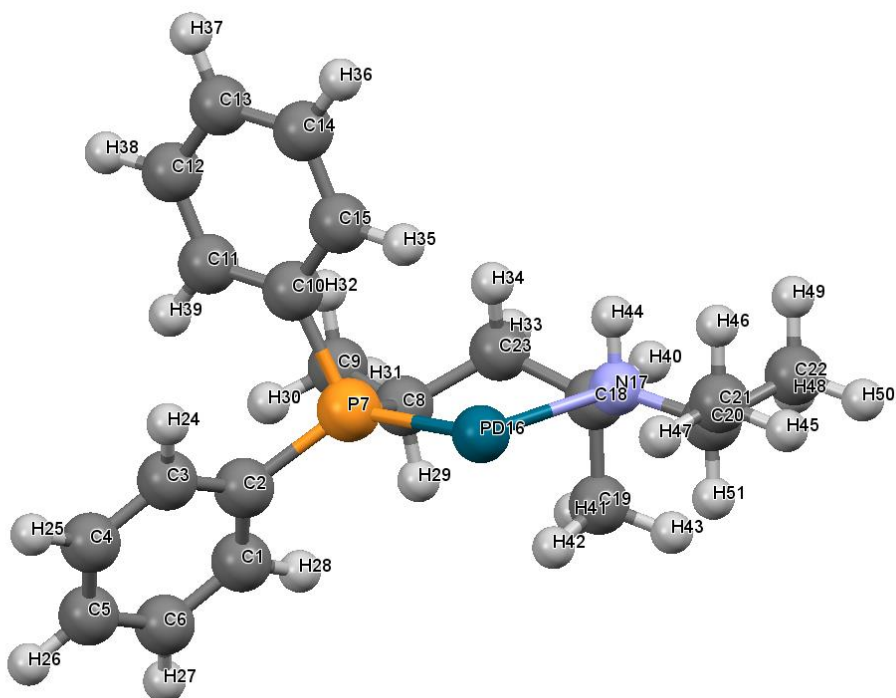
Cartesian coordinates of *eea* conformation of [Pd(**1a**)] (rel. enthalpy: 0 kJ/mol)



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| 19               | 6                | 0              | -2.187944               | -2.556821 | 1.511742  |
| 20               | 6                | 0              | 1.034583                | -0.062613 | 2.776547  |
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Cartesian coordinates of *eae* conformation of [Pd(**1a**)] (rel. enthalpy: 2 kJ/mol)

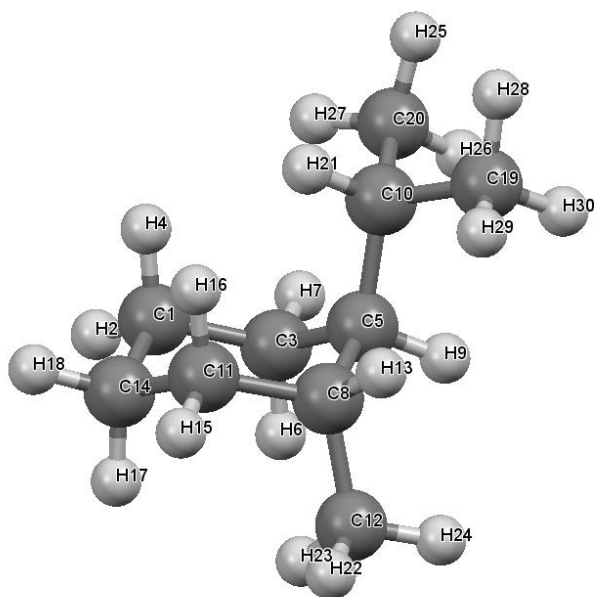


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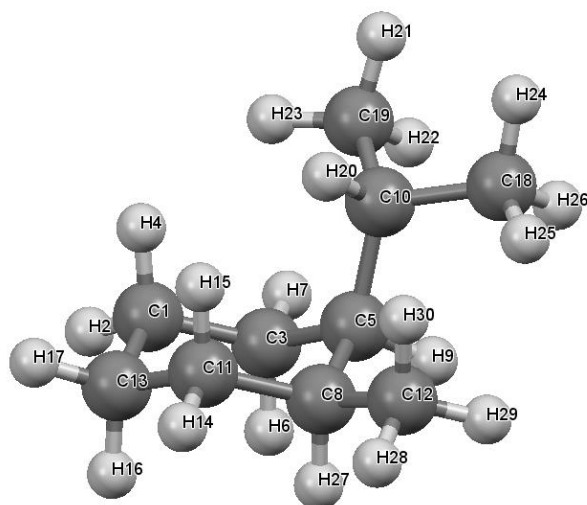
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Cartesian coordinates of *aa* conformation of 1-isopropyl-2-methylcyclohexane (rel. enthalpy: 0 kJ/mol)



| Center<br>Number | Atomic<br>Number | Atomic<br>Type | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                  |                  |                | X                       | Y         | Z         |
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| 6                | 1                | 0              | -1.009158               | -0.815509 | 1.858837  |
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| 13               | 1                | 0              | -0.174845               | 1.970562  | -0.578058 |
| 14               | 6                | 0              | -2.091202               | -0.924474 | -0.677045 |
| 15               | 1                | 0              | -2.263891               | 1.044880  | -1.567455 |
| 16               | 1                | 0              | -0.814456               | 0.169534  | -2.013777 |
| 17               | 1                | 0              | -2.876089               | -0.717484 | 0.060776  |
| 18               | 1                | 0              | -2.581104               | -1.442695 | -1.508292 |
| 19               | 6                | 0              | 2.414453                | 1.282080  | -0.529097 |
| 20               | 6                | 0              | 2.536244                | -1.102858 | 0.177462  |
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| 22               | 1                | 0              | -2.328578               | 2.459604  | 0.472822  |
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| 29               | 1                | 0              | 1.824644                | 2.099062  | -0.949910 |
| 30               | 1                | 0              | 2.818279                | 1.623561  | 0.430720  |

Cartesian coordinates of *ae* conformation of 1-isopropyl-2-methylcyclohexane (rel. enthalpy: 7.5 kJ/mol)



| Center<br>Number | Atomic<br>Number | Atomic<br>Type | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
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| 2                | 1                | 0              | -2.180842               | -2.422251 | 0.222872  |
| 3                | 6                | 0              | -0.573885               | -1.222412 | 1.035092  |
| 4                | 1                | 0              | -1.026906               | -1.876430 | -0.981153 |
| 5                | 6                | 0              | 0.325202                | -0.012150 | 0.709206  |
| 6                | 1                | 0              | -1.145307               | -0.980030 | 1.940549  |
| 7                | 1                | 0              | 0.032309                | -2.095327 | 1.289563  |
| 8                | 6                | 0              | -0.610513               | 1.189217  | 0.397059  |
| 9                | 1                | 0              | 0.862655                | 0.233456  | 1.636296  |
| 10               | 6                | 0              | 1.419568                | -0.286054 | -0.366139 |
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| 12               | 6                | 0              | 0.083517                | 2.522659  | 0.125548  |
| 13               | 6                | 0              | -2.451145               | -0.367907 | -0.412505 |
| 14               | 1                | 0              | -2.250040               | 1.731432  | -0.899455 |
| 15               | 1                | 0              | -1.057445               | 0.702197  | -1.666838 |
| 16               | 1                | 0              | -3.098577               | -0.146971 | 0.446368  |
| 17               | 1                | 0              | -3.115081               | -0.601133 | -1.251743 |
| 18               | 6                | 0              | 2.674983                | 0.562789  | -0.120304 |
| 19               | 6                | 0              | 1.867488                | -1.750581 | -0.444772 |
| 20               | 1                | 0              | 1.016819                | -0.016483 | -1.351040 |
| 21               | 1                | 0              | 2.664768                | -1.856361 | -1.186388 |
| 22               | 1                | 0              | 2.270949                | -2.090763 | 0.515217  |
| 23               | 1                | 0              | 1.063542                | -2.431418 | -0.729403 |
| 24               | 1                | 0              | 3.410712                | 0.403874  | -0.914657 |
| 25               | 1                | 0              | 2.468842                | 1.630872  | -0.069399 |
| 26               | 1                | 0              | 3.145828                | 0.271950  | 0.825465  |
| 27               | 1                | 0              | -1.209708               | 1.327916  | 1.308982  |
| 28               | 1                | 0              | -0.658846               | 3.324487  | 0.065265  |
| 29               | 1                | 0              | 0.789285                | 2.784472  | 0.919010  |
| 30               | 1                | 0              | 0.626638                | 2.515020  | -0.823887 |

### 1.3. Crystal structure analysis of **2a**

Diffraction intensity data collection was carried out at 293(2) K on a Bruker-Nonius MACH3 diffractometer equipped with a point detector using graphite-monochromated Mo- $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). The structure was solved by SIR-92 program<sup>1</sup> and refined by full-matrix least-squares method on  $F^2$ , with all non-hydrogen atoms refined with anisotropic thermal parameters using the SHELXL-97 package.<sup>2</sup> Publication material was prepared with the WINGX- suite.<sup>3</sup> Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were treated with a mixture of independent and constrained refinement. C-H hydrogen atoms were placed into geometric position and methyl protons were refined using a riding model. The hydrogen atom attached to the nitrogen atom was found at the difference electron density map and the N-H distance was constrained during the refinement. Crystallographic experimental and refinement details are summarized in Table S1. There is a hydrogen bond types interaction between the NH proton and one of the coordinated chloride ions. Weak C-H $\cdots$ Cl interactions can also stabilize the structure (Table S2). ORTEP view of the asymmetric unit is shown at Figure S9, while Figure S10 shows the packing. Selected geometric data are shown in Table S3. There is a short H-H distance among H10A and H32 atoms of 1.78 Å (Figure S11).

**Table S1** Crystallographic data of **2a**.

|                             |                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Crystal data                |                                                                                                         |
| Chemical formula            | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>28</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NPPd                                                    |
| $M_r$                       | 490.7                                                                                                   |
| Crystal system, space group | Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$                                                                              |
| Temperature (K)             | 293                                                                                                     |
| $a, b, c$ (Å)               | 10.8906 (3), 11.9745 (3), 16.6810 (8)                                                                   |
| $V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )       | 2175.36 (13)                                                                                            |
| $Z$                         | 4                                                                                                       |
| Radiation type              | Mo $K\alpha$                                                                                            |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )   | 1.18                                                                                                    |
| Crystal size (mm)           | 0.35 × 0.3 × 0.2                                                                                        |
| Data collection             |                                                                                                         |
| Diffractometer              | Enraf Nonius MACH3 diffractometer                                                                       |
| Absorption correction       | $\psi$ scan<br>North A.C.T., Phillips D.C. & Mathews F.S. (1968) Acta. Cryst. A24, 351 Number of $\psi$ |

|                                                                            |                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                            | scan sets used was 4 Theta correction was applied. Averaged transmission function was used. Fourier smoothing - Window value 5 |
| $T_{\min}, T_{\max}$                                                       | 0.678, 0.788                                                                                                                   |
| No. of measured, independent and observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections | 2344, 2294, 2073                                                                                                               |
| $R_{\text{int}}$                                                           | 0.008                                                                                                                          |
| $(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\max}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )                       | 0.605                                                                                                                          |
| Refinement                                                                 |                                                                                                                                |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$                                        | 0.048, 0.112, 1.2                                                                                                              |
| No. of reflections                                                         | 2294                                                                                                                           |
| No. of parameters                                                          | 233                                                                                                                            |
| No. of restraints                                                          | 1                                                                                                                              |
| H-atom treatment                                                           | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement                                                         |
| $\Delta_{\max}, \Delta_{\min}$ ( $\text{e \AA}^{-3}$ )                     | 0.50, -0.79                                                                                                                    |
| Absolute structure                                                         | Classical Flack method preferred over Parsons because only 1 suitable Friedel pairs available.                                 |
| Absolute structure parameter                                               | 0.08 (9)                                                                                                                       |

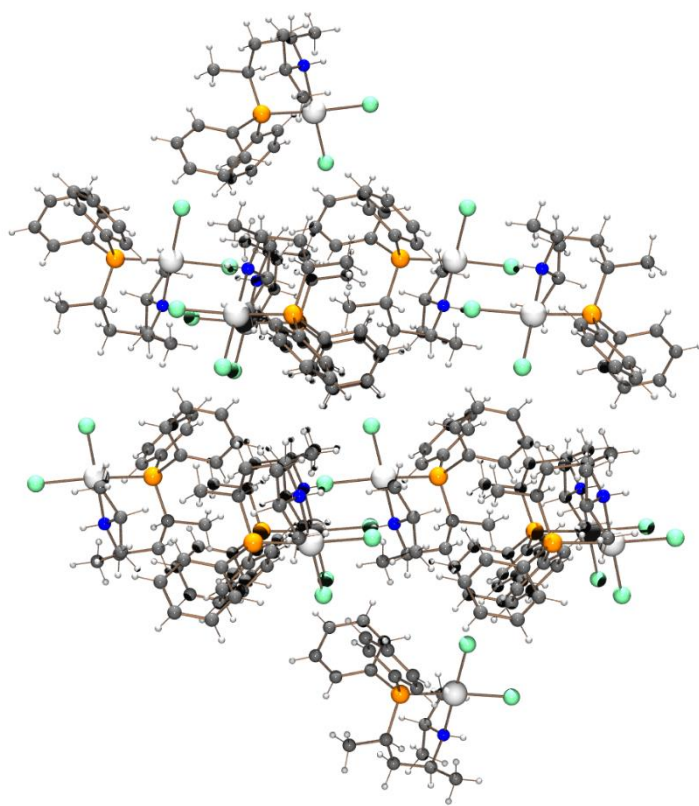
**Table S2.** Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) for **2a**

| $D-H\cdots A$            | $D-H$    | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| $C2-H2A\cdots Cl2^i$     | 0.97     | 2.89        | 3.834 (10)  | 165           |
| $C13-H13A\cdots Cl1$     | 0.96     | 2.93        | 3.542 (14)  | 122           |
| $C26-H26\cdots Cl1^{ii}$ | 0.93     | 2.97        | 3.655 (13)  | 131           |
| $N1-H1\cdots Cl1$        | 0.85 (2) | 2.57 (10)   | 3.038 (9)   | 116 (8)       |

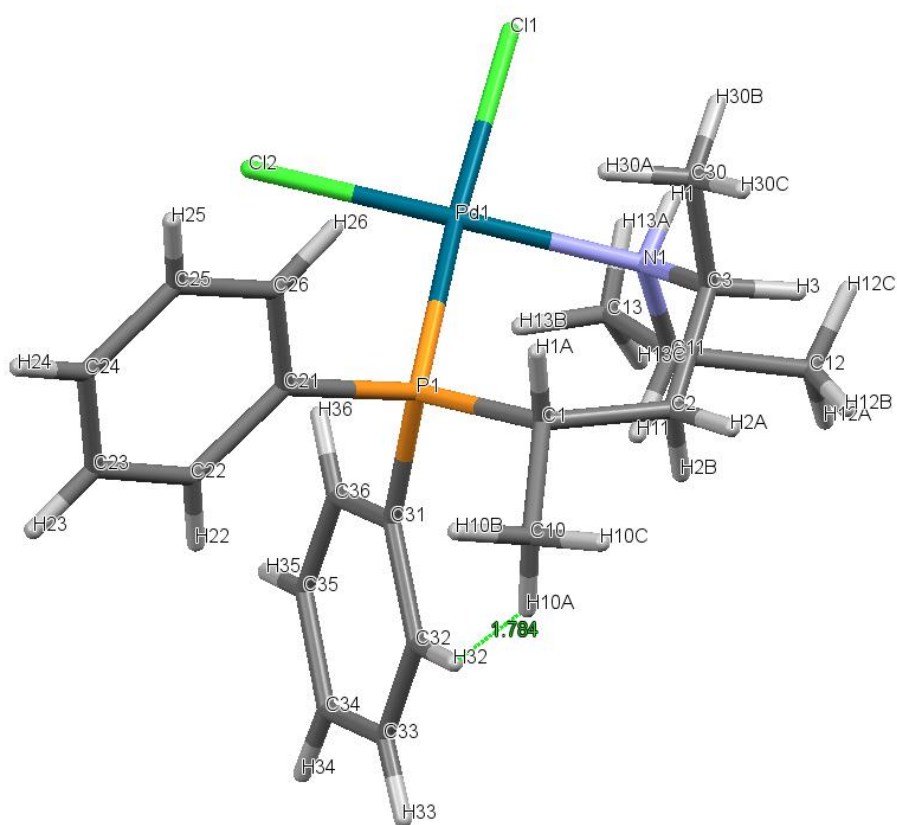
Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+1/2, -y, z+1/2$ ; (ii)  $-x, y-1/2, -z+3/2$ .



|               |             |                |            |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
|               |             |                |            |
| C10—C1—C2—C3  | -166.4 (10) | C2—C3—N1—Pd1   | 73.5 (10)  |
| P1—C1—C2—C3   | 58.5 (13)   | C13—C11—N1—Pd1 | 47.7 (11)  |
| C1—C2—C3—N1   | -71.8 (13)  | C12—C11—N1—Pd1 | 172.2 (8)  |
| C30—C3—N1—C11 | 169.4 (9)   | C2—C1—P1—C31   | 77.0 (9)   |
| C2—C3—N1—C11  | -63.1 (11)  | C10—C1—P1—Pd1  | -179.9 (9) |
| C30—C3—N1—Pd1 | -53.9 (10)  | C2—C1—P1—Pd1   | -47.3 (10) |



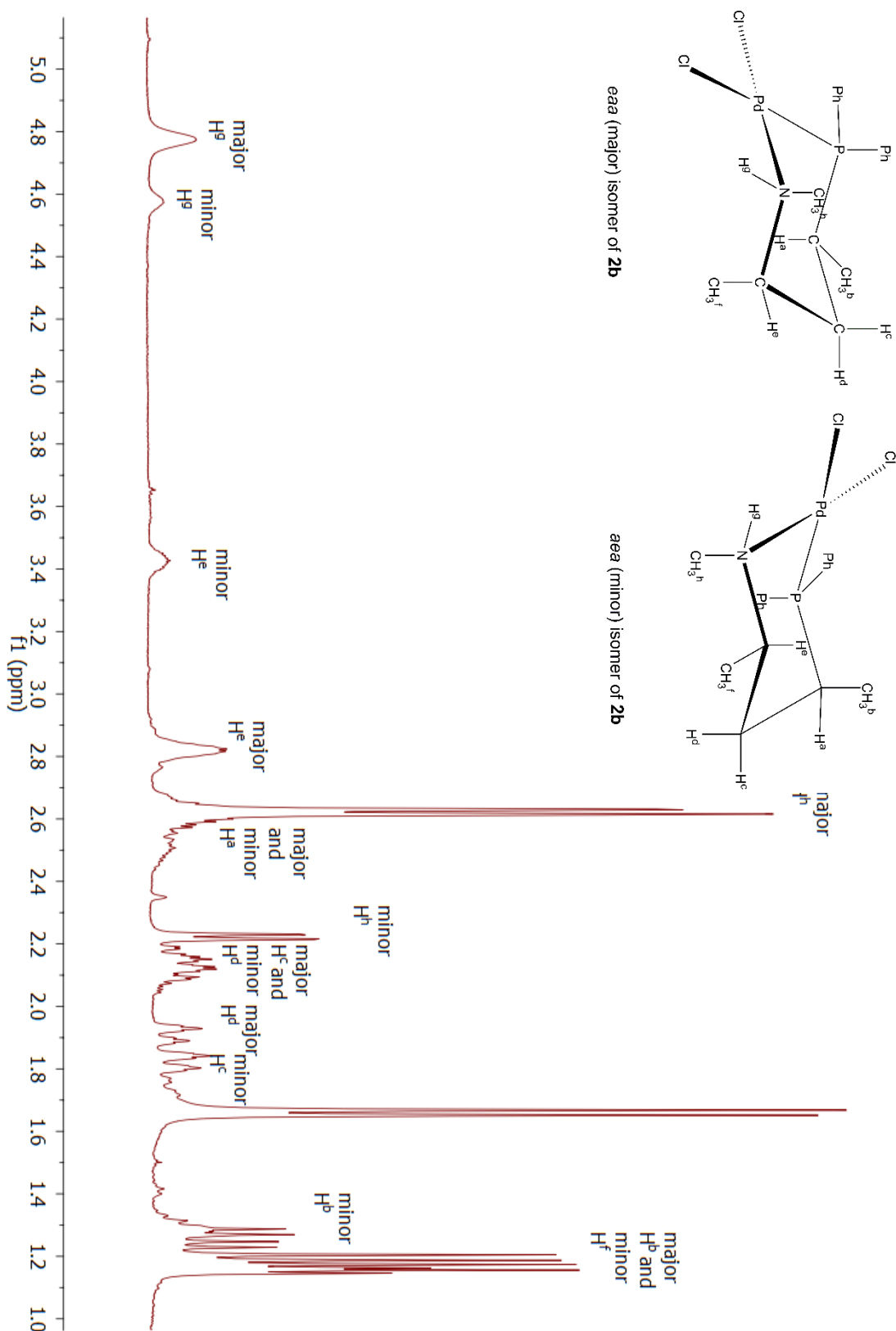
**Figure S10** Packing diagram of **2a**, view normal to (010)



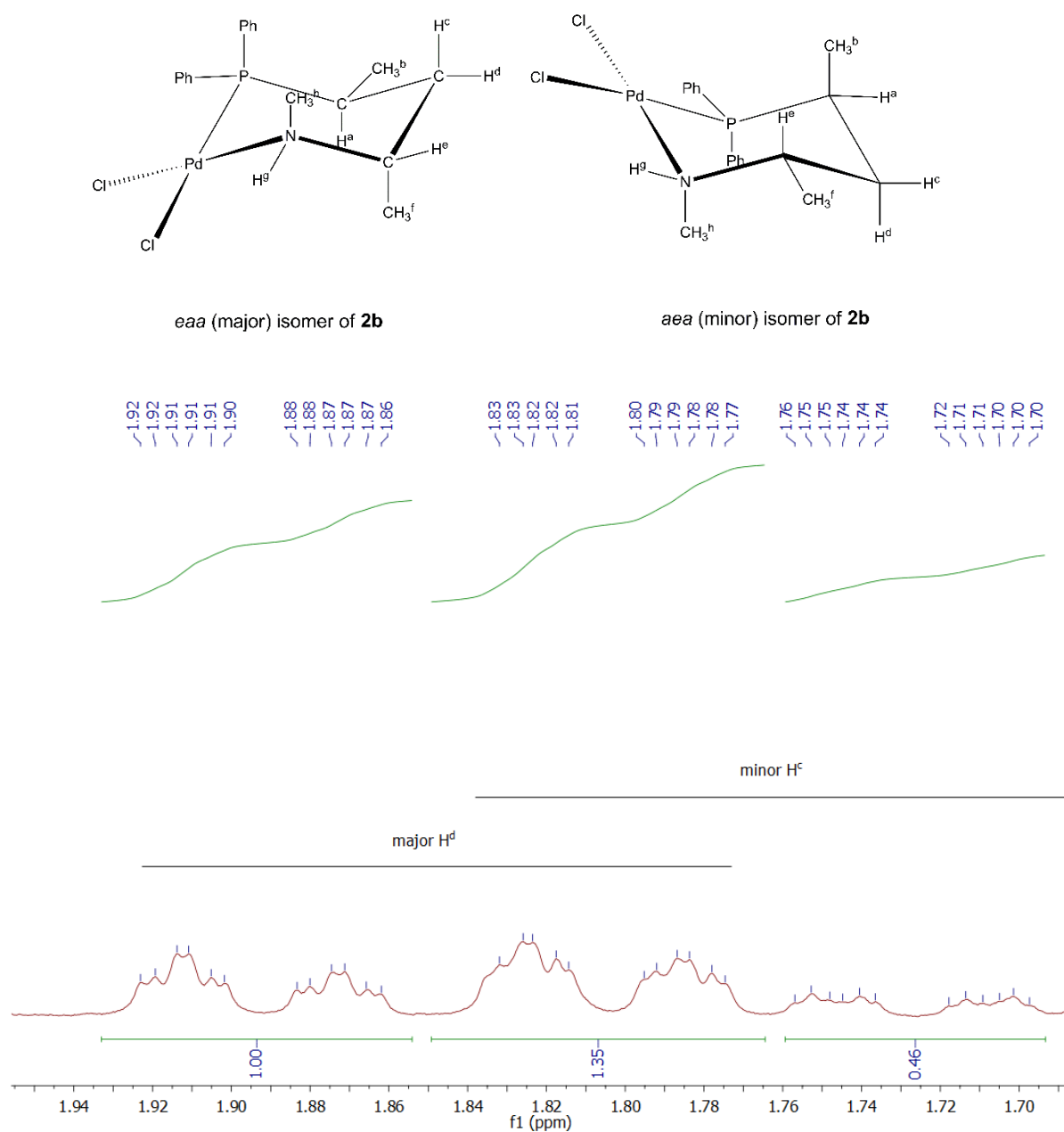
**Figure S11** Short H-H distance in the structure between H32 and H10A

## 2. Characterization of **2b**

### 2.1. NMR analysis



**Figure S12.** Selected range of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2b** (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )

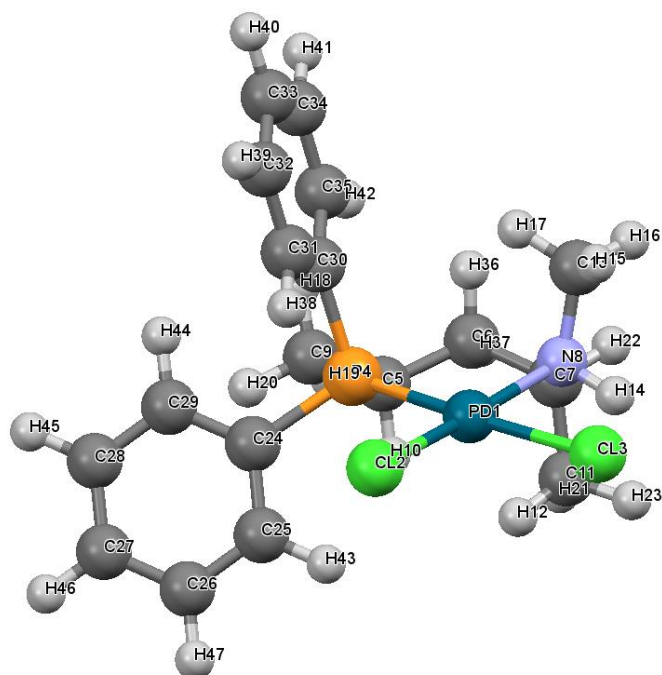


**Figure S13** Signals of equatorial methylene protons in the isomers of **2b** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); the signals of the equatorial protons of major and minor isomers partly overlap that is indicated by the difference in the corresponding integrals, the coupling constant  $^3J(\text{P}, \text{H}^c)$  is an approximated value.



## 2.2. Theoretical Calculations

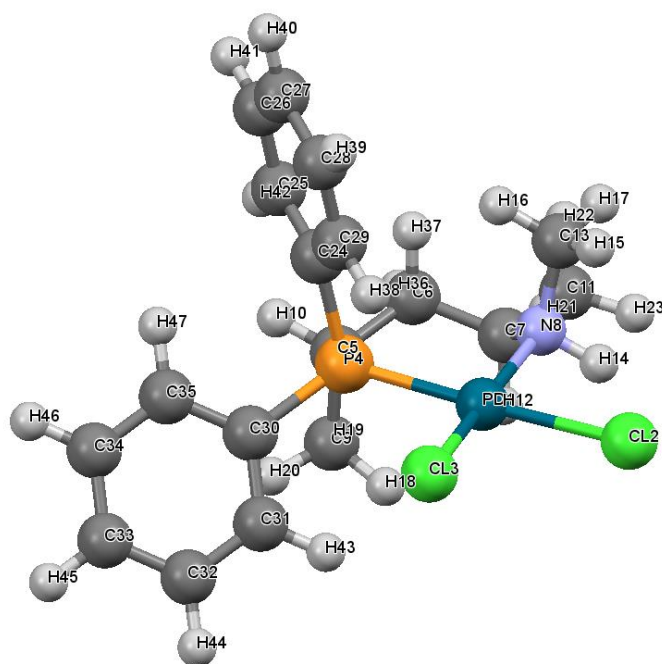
Cartesian coordinates of *eea* conformation of complex **2b** (rel. enthalpy: 0 kJ/mol)



| Center<br>Number | Atomic<br>Number | Atomic<br>Type | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
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| 4                | 15               | 0              | 0.590574                | 0.076224  | 0.386515  |
| 5                | 6                | 0              | 0.363921                | 0.224130  | 2.230098  |
| 6                | 6                | 0              | -0.874821               | 1.033139  | 2.650806  |
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| 8                | 7                | 0              | -2.526491               | 0.594194  | 0.803658  |
| 9                | 6                | 0              | 1.605829                | 0.651281  | 3.022834  |
| 10               | 1                | 0              | 0.176440                | -0.825457 | 2.488626  |
| 11               | 6                | 0              | -2.500341               | -0.946456 | 2.712646  |
| 12               | 1                | 0              | -1.890204               | -1.659852 | 2.152271  |
| 13               | 6                | 0              | -2.693538               | 1.980404  | 0.321955  |
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| 19               | 1                | 0              | 1.431539                | 0.476784  | 4.089792  |
| 20               | 1                | 0              | 2.485562                | 0.074735  | 2.729673  |
| 21               | 1                | 0              | -2.277275               | -1.051356 | 3.778605  |
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| 24               | 6                | 0              | 1.995693                | -1.079066 | 0.270161  |
| 25               | 6                | 0              | 1.746124                | -2.451789 | 0.343278  |
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|    |   |   |           |           |           |
|----|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
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| 45 | 1 | 0 | 5.387291  | -1.170268 | 0.096630  |
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Cartesian coordinates of *aea* conformation of complex **2b** (rel. enthalpy: -2 kJ/mol)

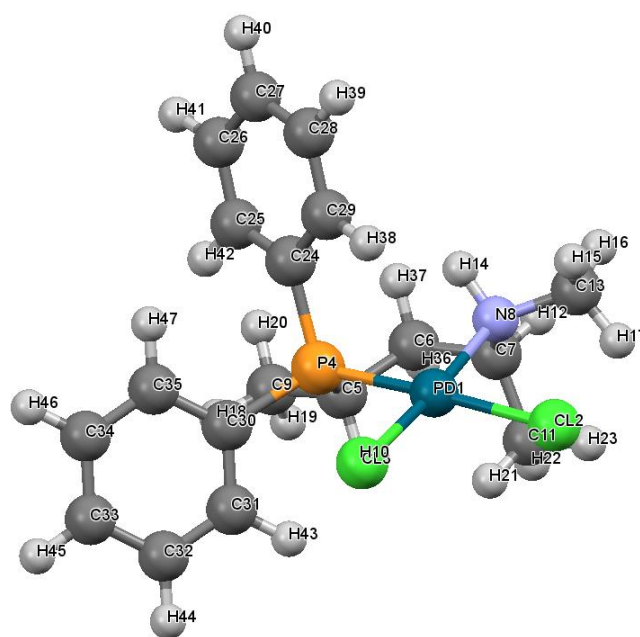


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| 3             | 17            | 0           | 0.144355                | -2.004235 | -2.043902 |
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| 7             | 6             | 0           | -2.319456               | 0.487382  | 2.042588  |
| 8             | 7             | 0           | -2.540447               | 0.306121  | 0.582870  |
| 9             | 6             | 0           | 0.403197                | -0.690056 | 3.031878  |

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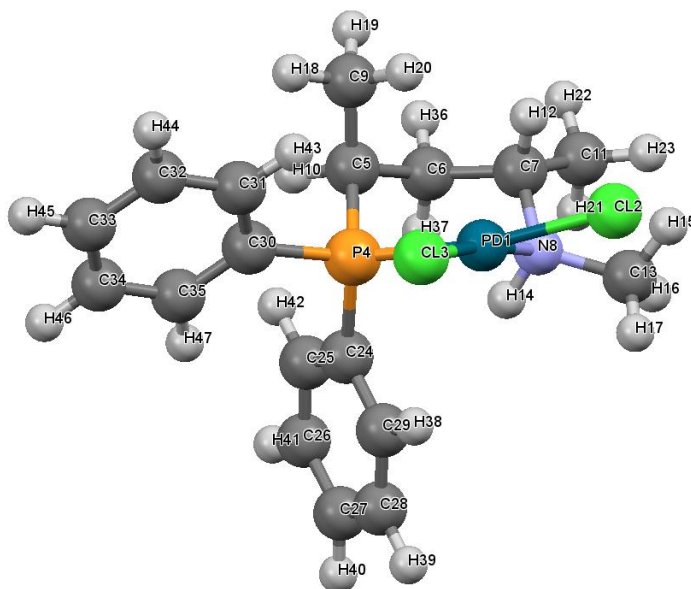
Cartesian coordinates of *eae* conformation of complex **2b** (rel. enthalpy: 30 kJ/mol)



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| 18               | 1                | 0              | 2.586300                | 0.073133  | 2.624238  |
| 19               | 1                | 0              | 1.548476                | 0.487714  | 3.993685  |
| 20               | 1                | 0              | 1.984522                | 1.731135  | 2.827317  |
| 21               | 1                | 0              | -2.068691               | -1.173385 | 2.195906  |
| 22               | 1                | 0              | -2.596035               | -0.313668 | 3.664286  |
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| 25               | 6                | 0              | 2.133655                | 2.540017  | 0.068035  |
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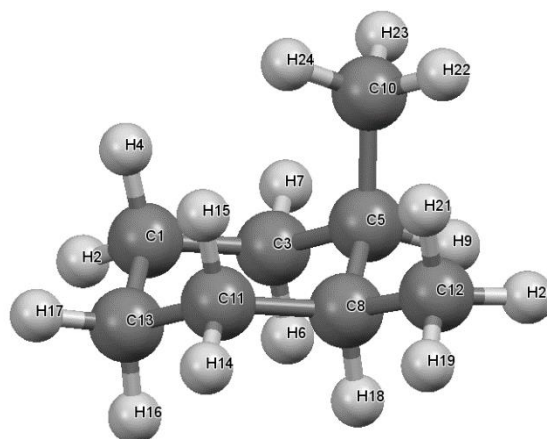
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| 8                | 7                | 0              | 2.259543                | 0.786871  | 0.273609  |
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| 11               | 6                | 0              | 3.382967                | 1.710738  | 2.351175  |
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| 16               | 1                | 0              | 4.017744                | 1.917843  | -0.139057 |
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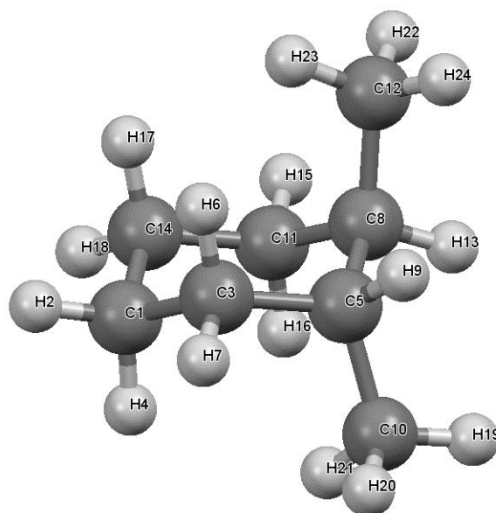
Cartesian coordinates of *ea* conformation of 1,2-dimethylcyclohexane (rel. enthalpy: 0 kJ/mol)



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| 22 | 1 | 0 | 1.798112  | 1.749615  | 1.028020  |
| 23 | 1 | 0 | 0.335791  | 2.714444  | 0.837007  |
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Cartesian coordinates of *aa* conformation of 1,2-dimethylcyclohexane (rel. enthalpy: 5 kJ/mol)

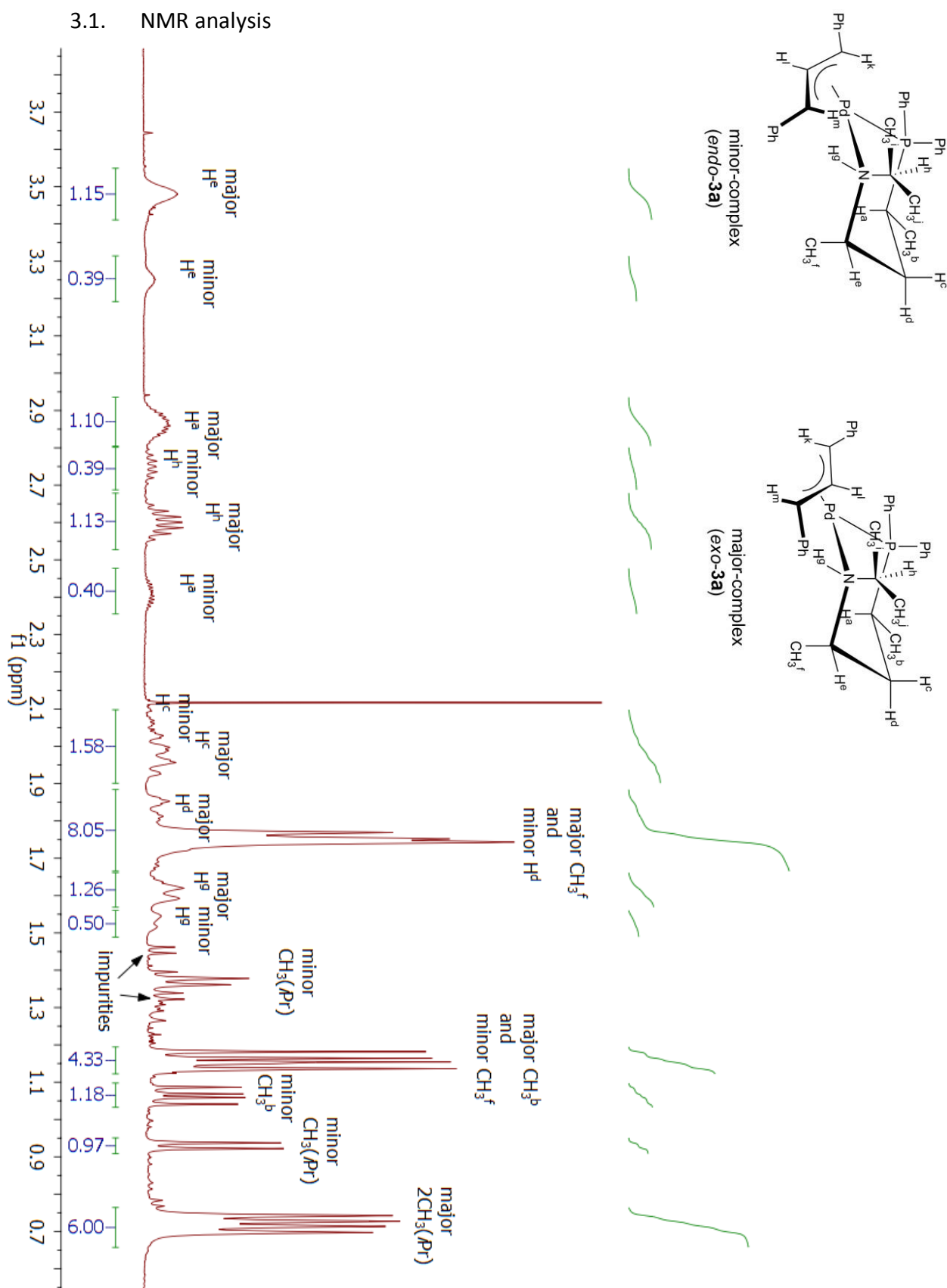


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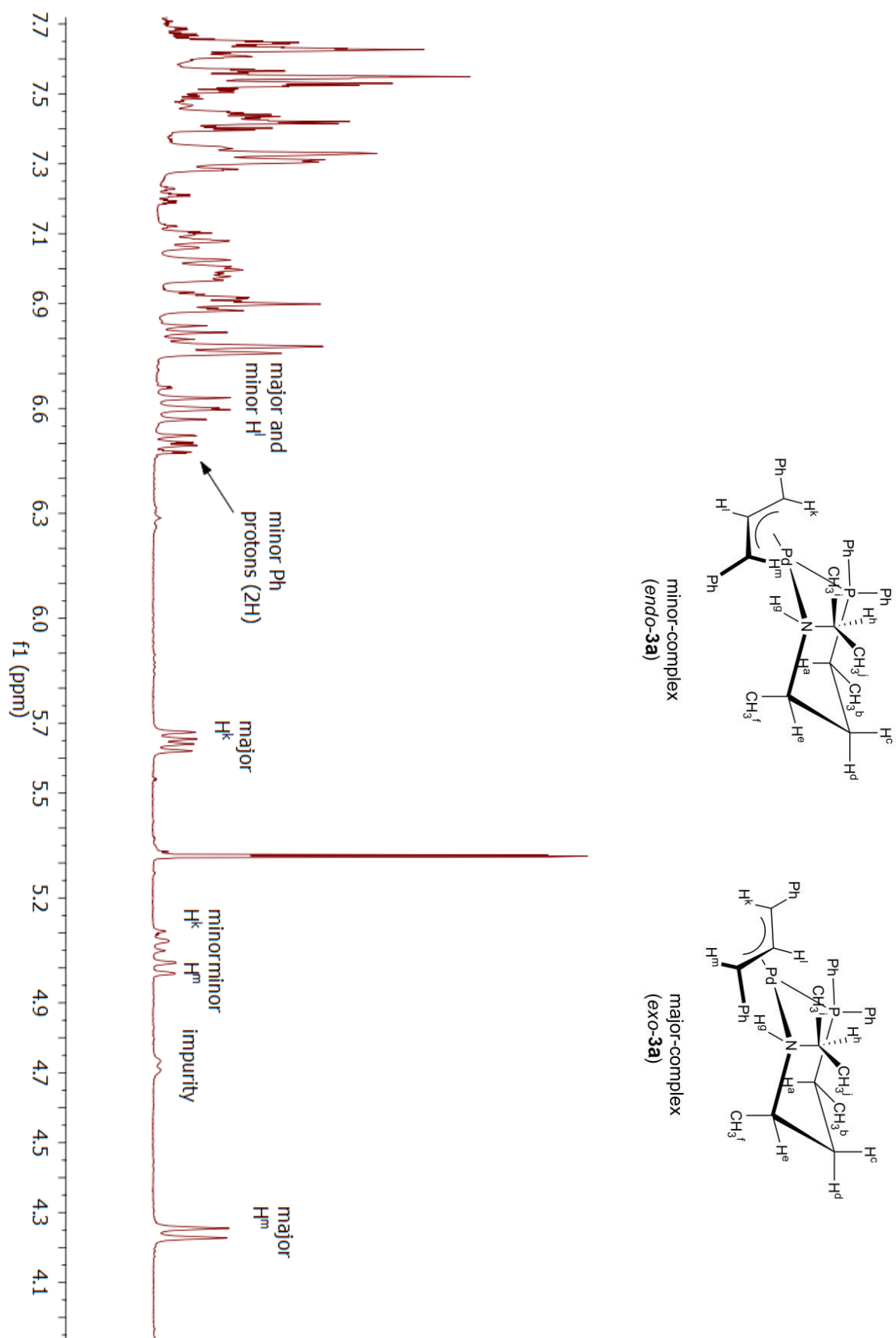
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### 3. Characterization of complex 3a

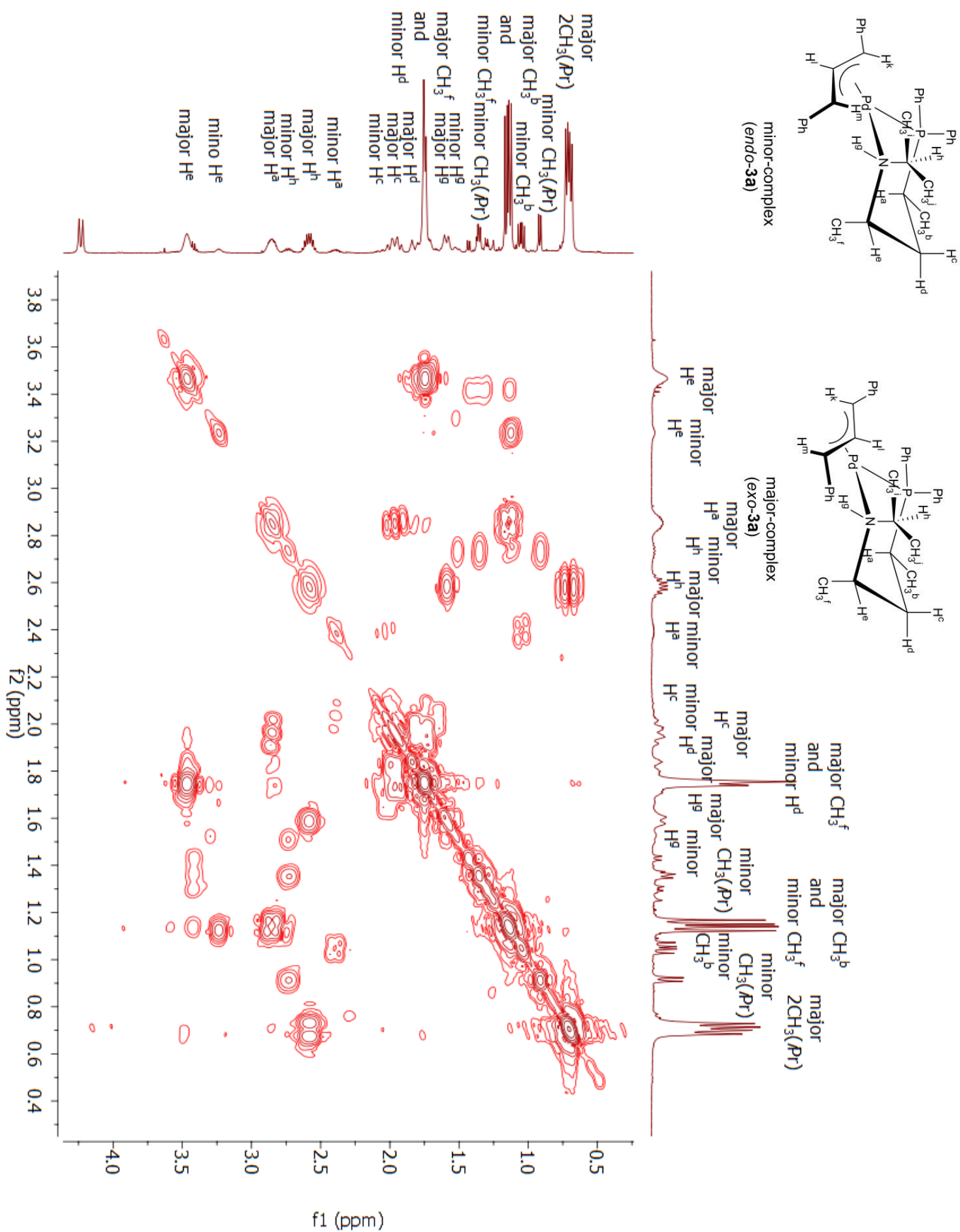
#### 3.1. NMR analysis



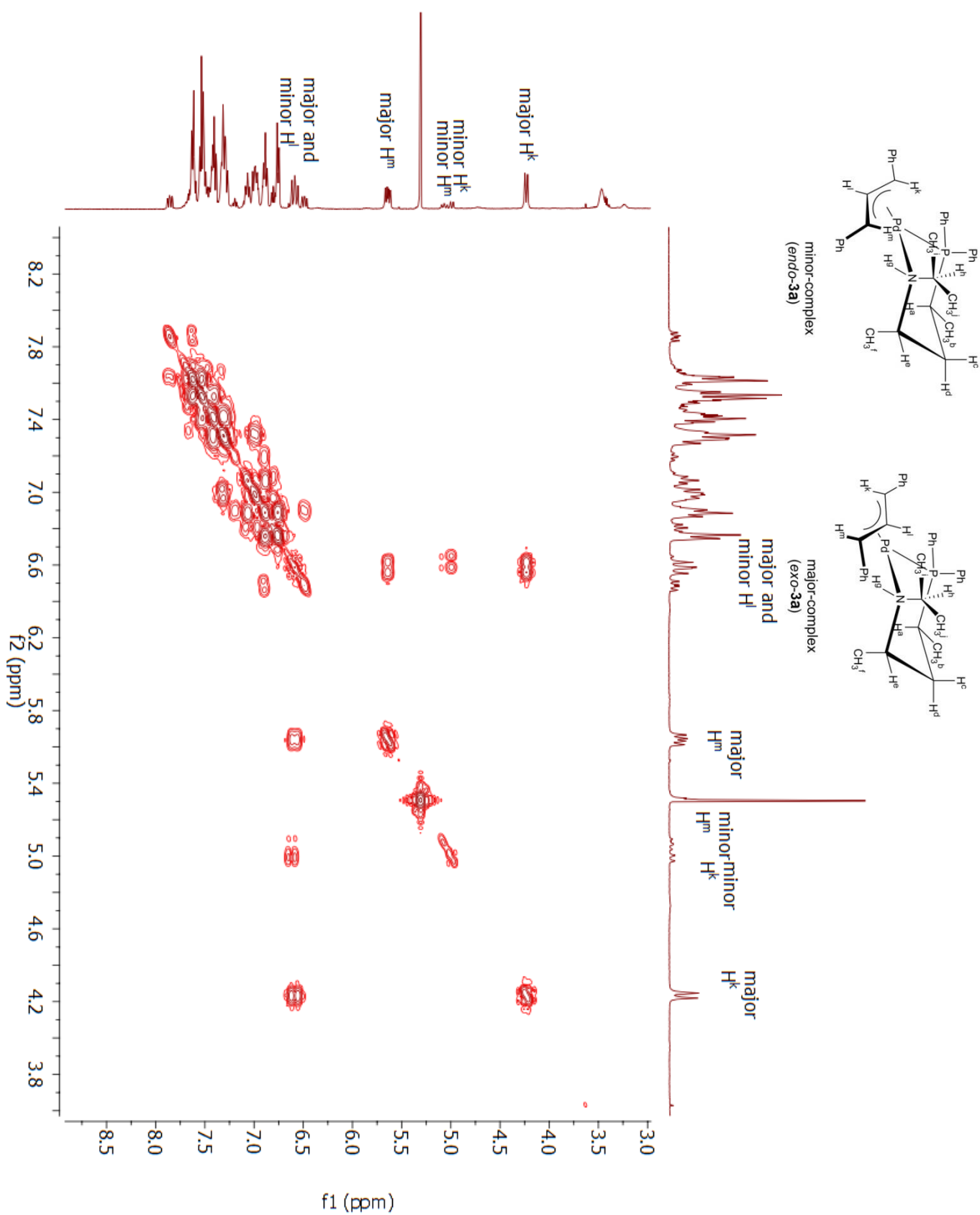
**Figure S15** Selected area of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3a** (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )



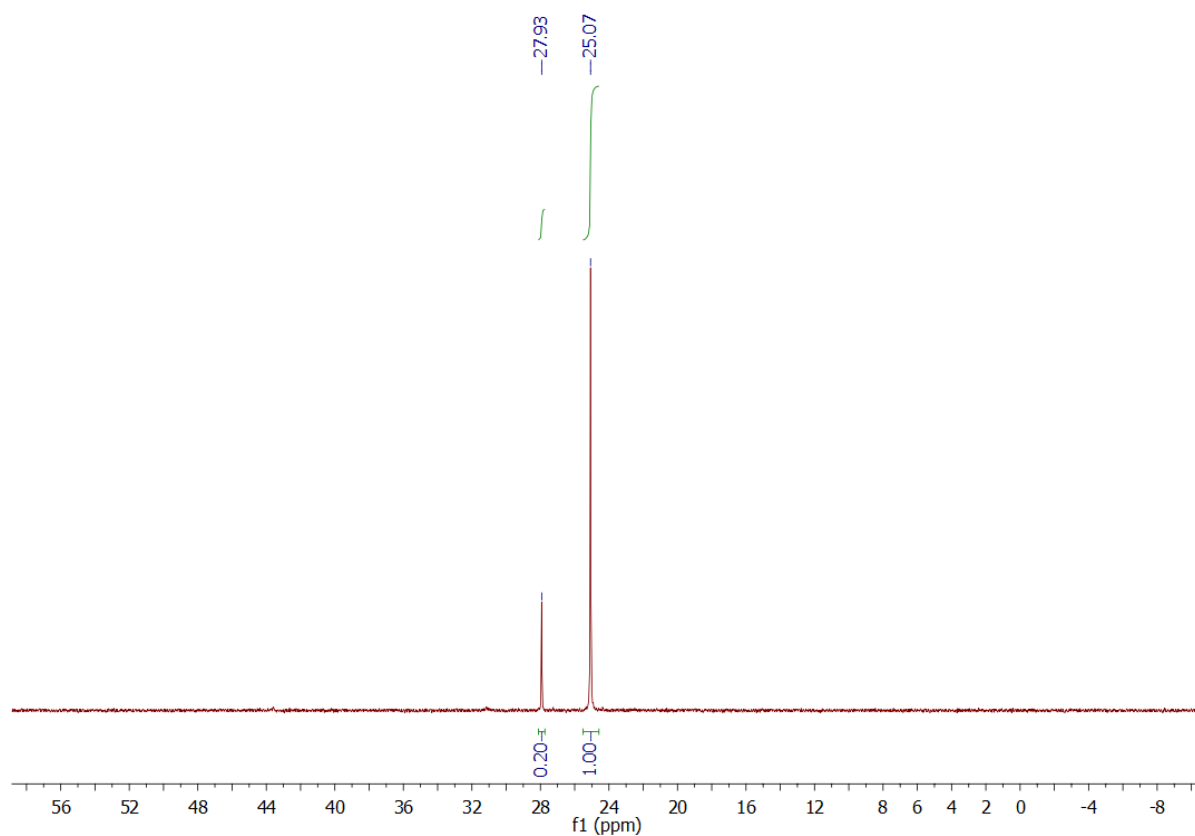
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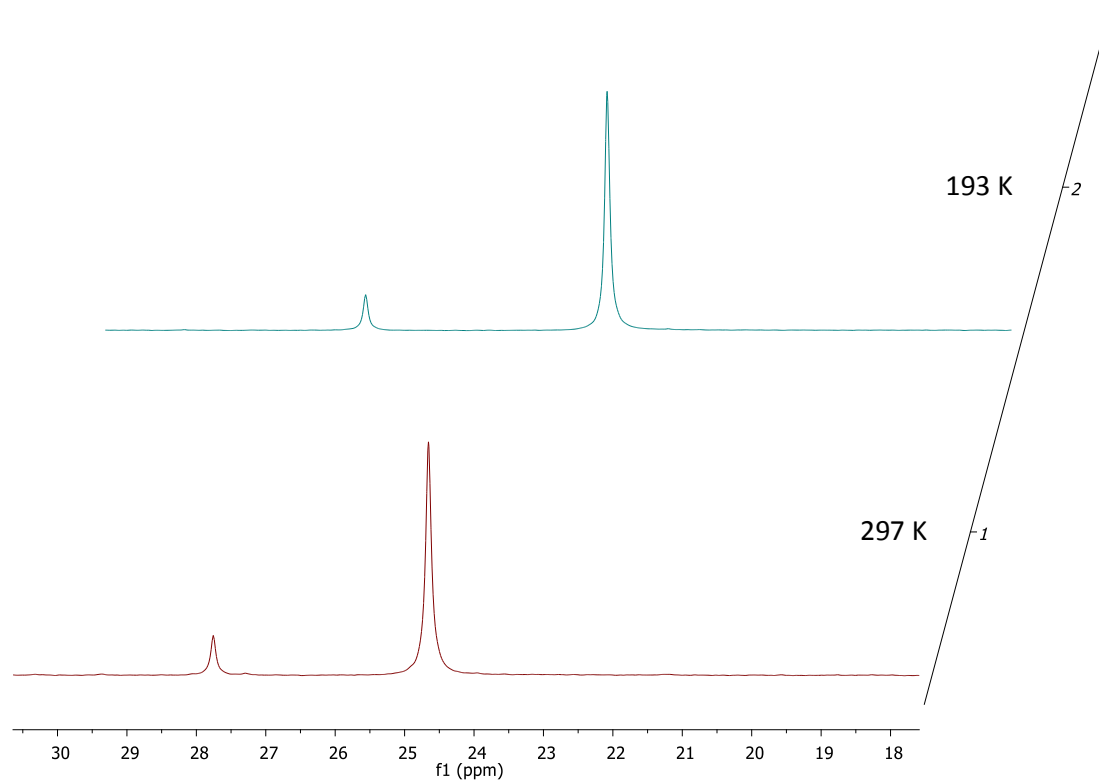
**Figure S17** Selected area of <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY NMR spectrum of **3a** (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)



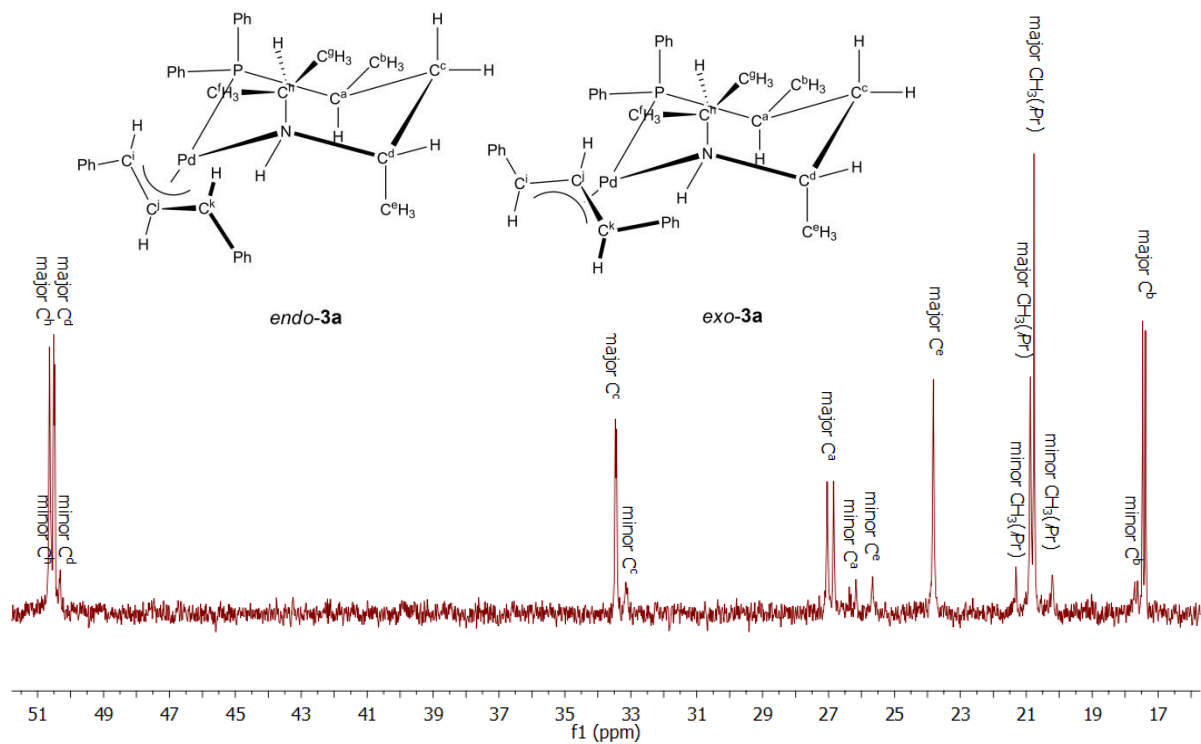
**Figure S18** Selected area of  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY NMR spectrum of **3a** (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )



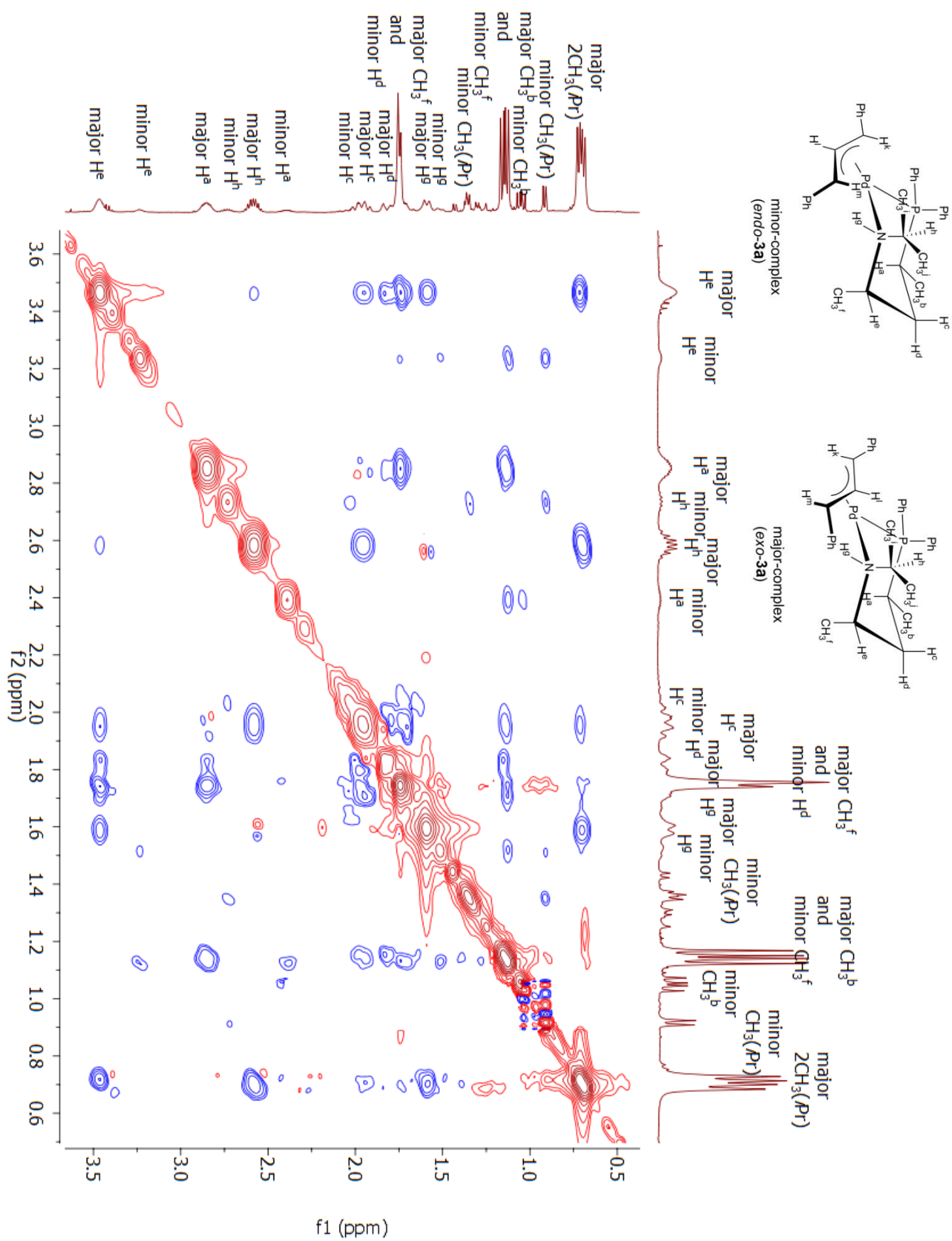
**Figure S19.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **3a** (162 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )



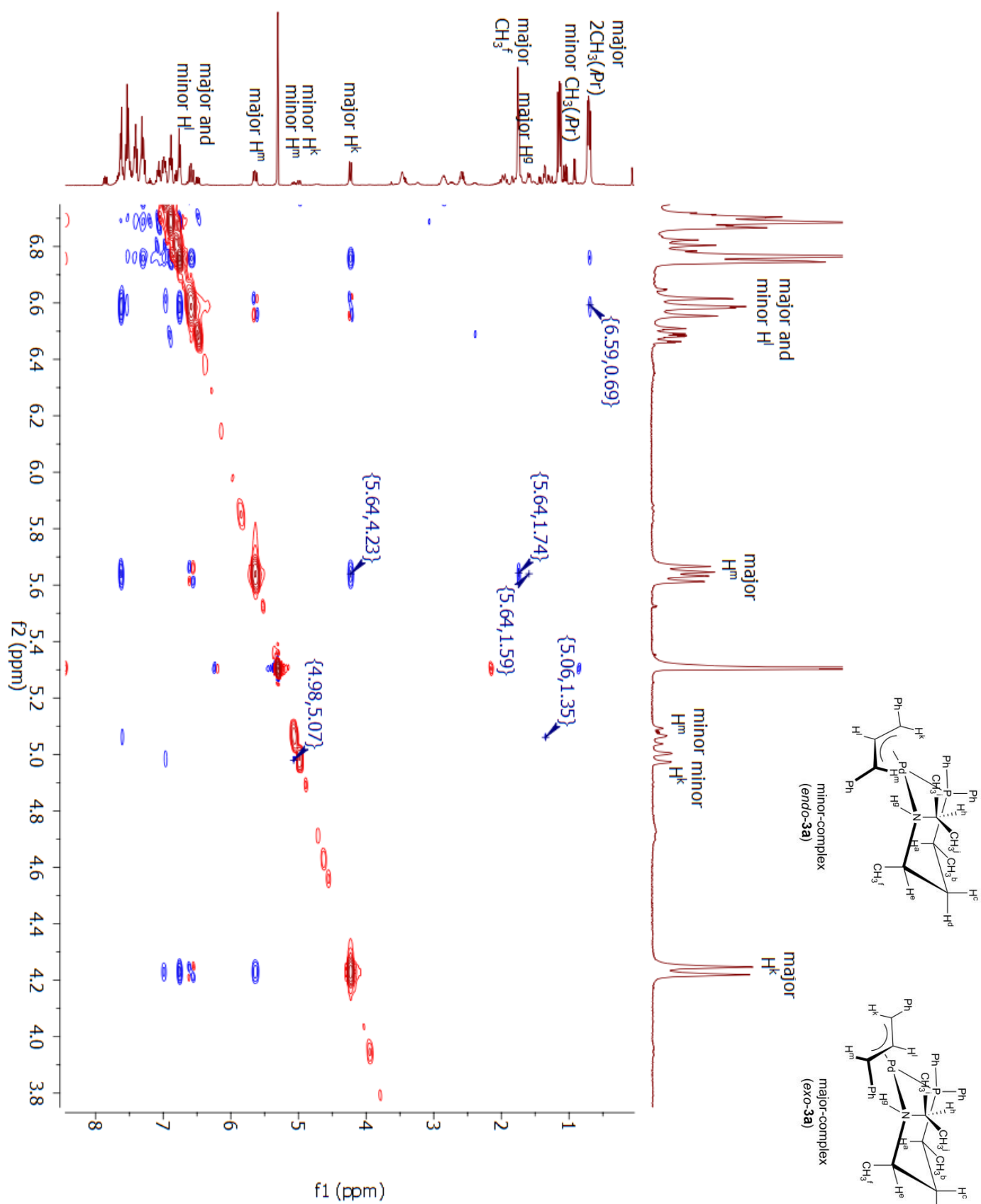
**Figure S20.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **3a** (162 MHz,  $d_6$ -acetone) at 193 and 297 K. The ratio of the minor and major isomers is approximately 1 to 7 at both temperatures.



**Figure S21** Selected region of  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **3a** (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )



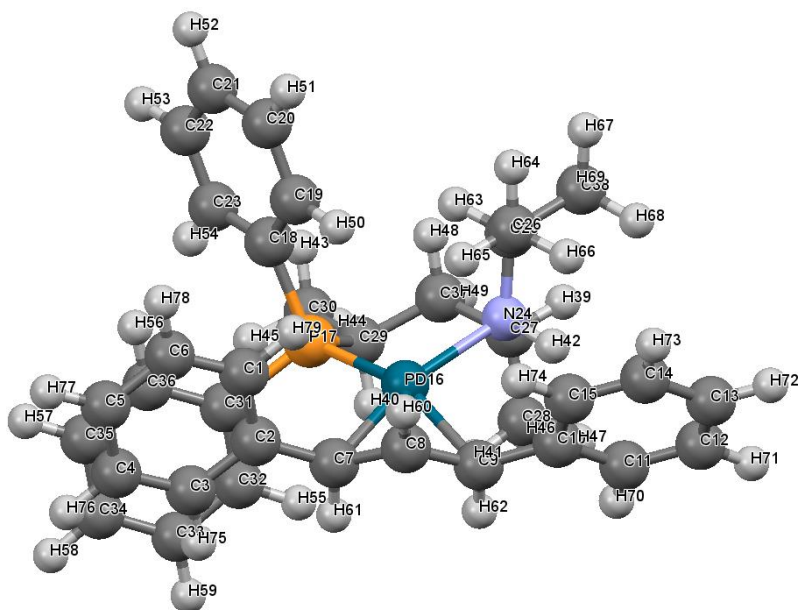
**Figure S22** Selected area of  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  NOESY NMR spectrum of **3a** (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )



**Figure S23** Selected area of  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  NOESY NMR spectrum of **3a** (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )

### 3.2. Theoretical calculations

Cartesian coordinates of *exo-3a* (rel. enthalpy: 0 kJ/mol)

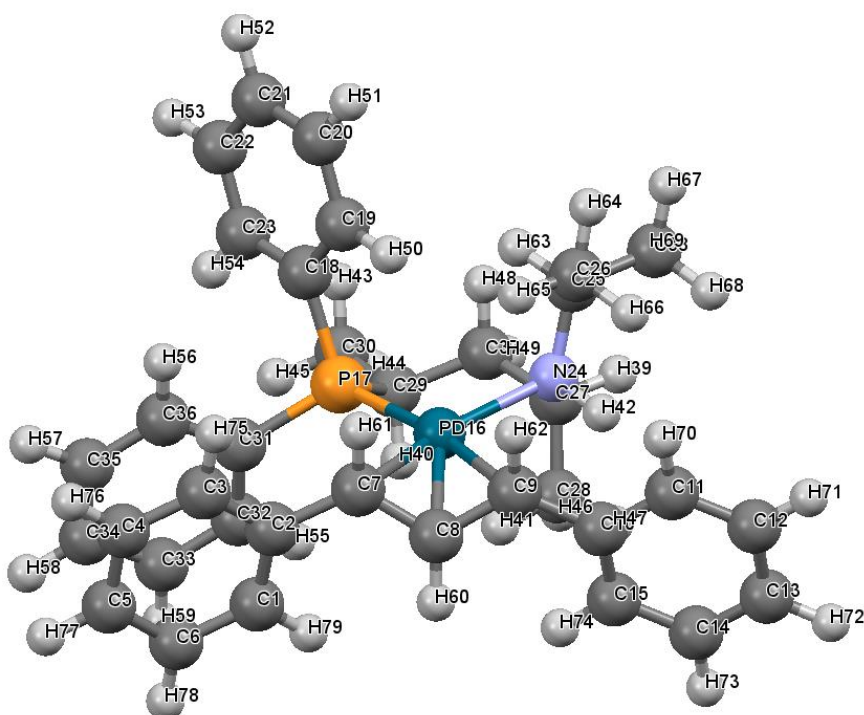


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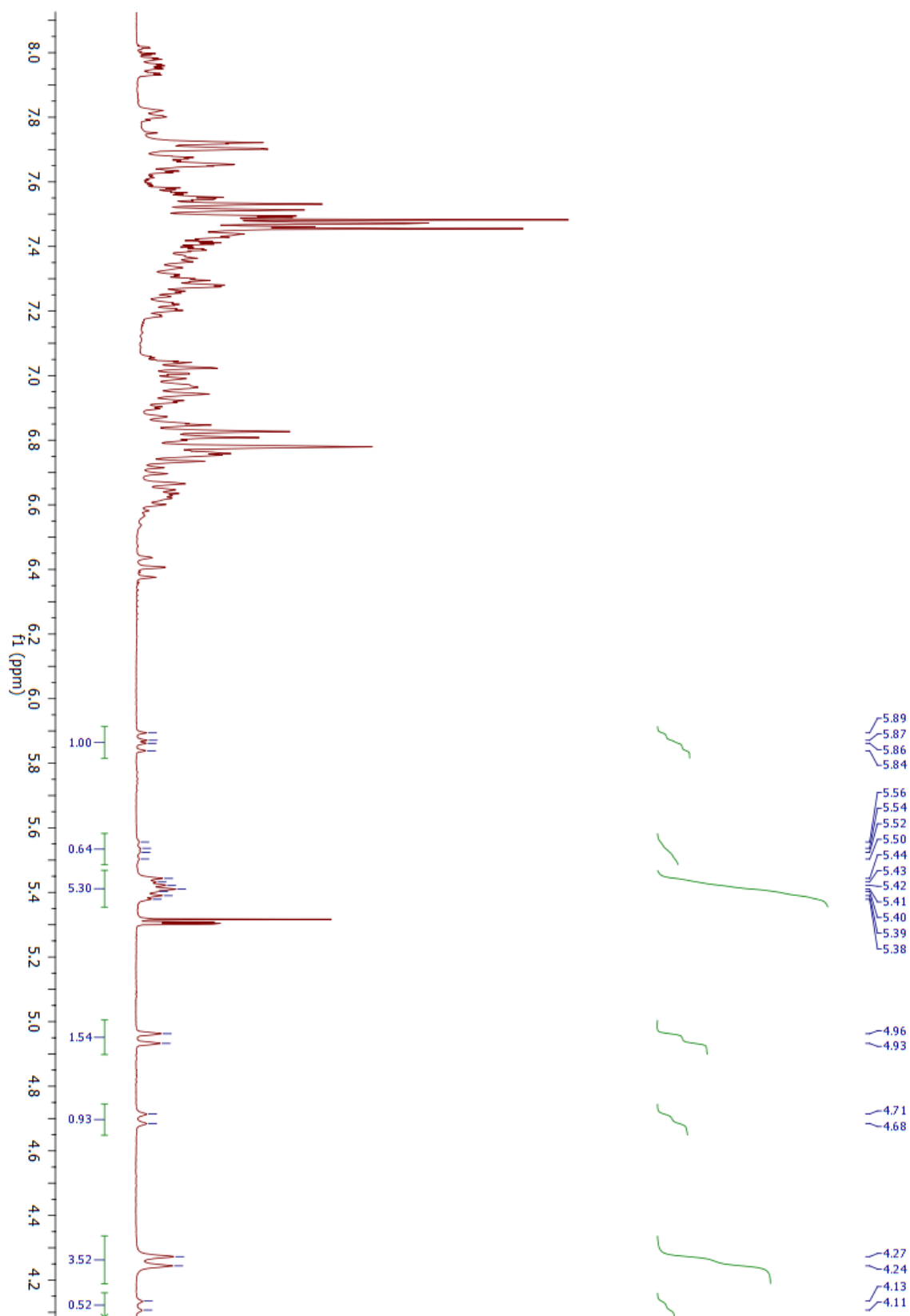
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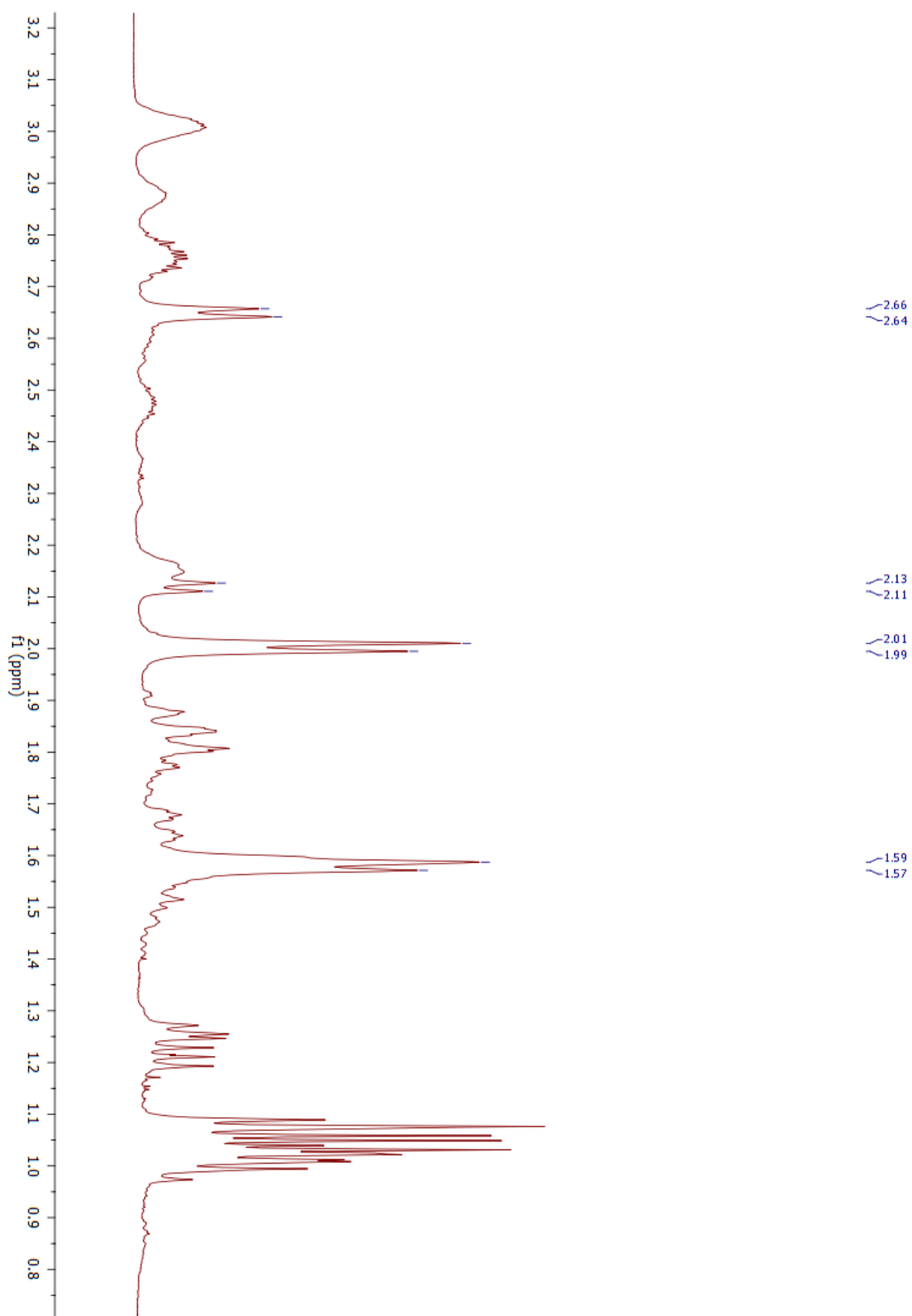
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## 4. Characterization of complex **3b**

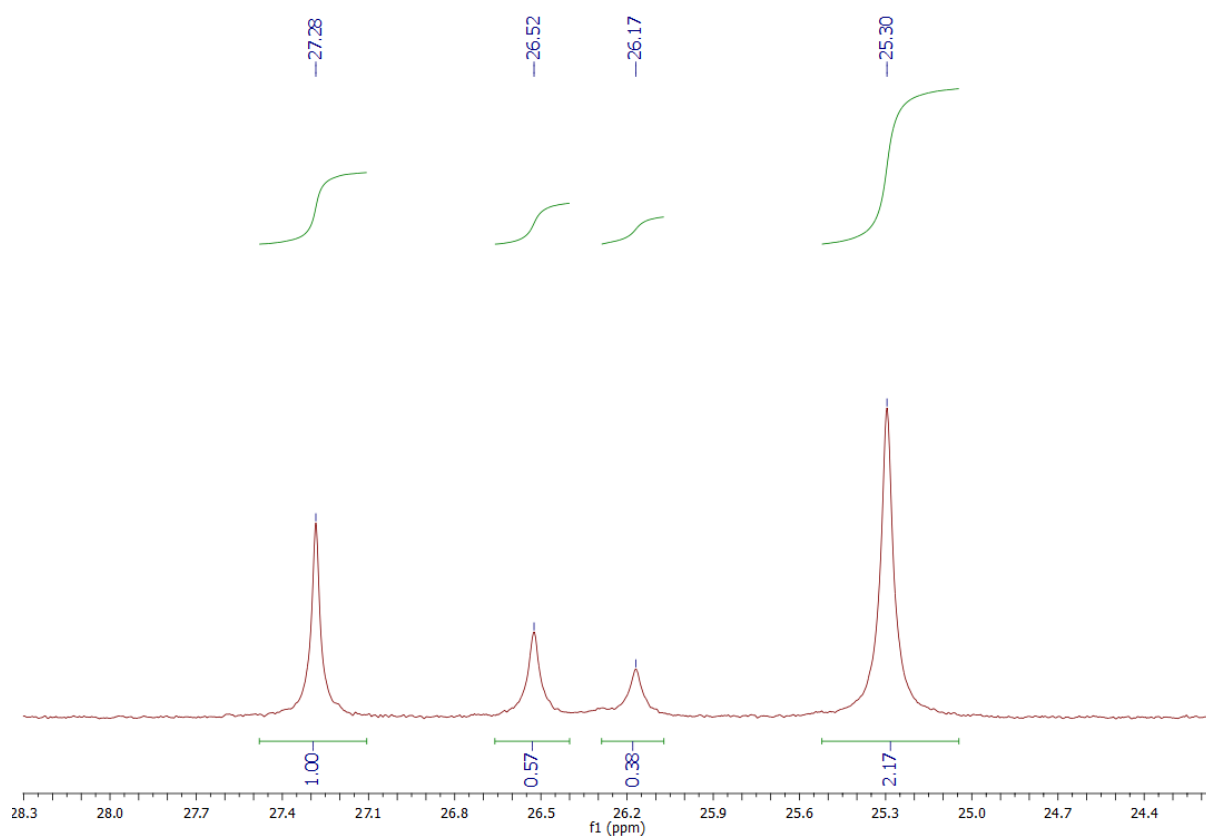
### 4.1. NMR analysis



**Figure S24** Selected range of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3b** (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )



**Figure S25** Selected range of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3b** (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )



**Figure S26** Selected range of  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **3b** (162 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )

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