Supporting Information

[RuCl₂(η^6 -p-cymene)] complexes bearing phosphinous acid ligands: preparation, application in C-H bond functionalization and mechanistic investigations

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I. General considerations

All reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used as received. Secondary phosphine oxides **4c** and **4e-g** were obtained from chemical suppliers. Other SPOs were prepared according to literature procedures: **4b**¹, **4d**¹, **4h**, ² **4i**, ³ **4k**⁴ and **4l**. ² Solvents (THF, DCM, toluene and Et₂O) were purified and dried over Braun solvent purification system (MB-SPS-800) or dried by standard procedures prior to use.⁵ Analytical Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) was carried out on Merck silica gel60 F₂₅₄. Products were revealed by ultraviolet light (254 or 366 nm) and stained with dyeing reagents solutions as 5% phosphomolybdic acid solution, potassium permanganate solution or *p*anisaldehyde solution in ethanol followed by gentle heating. Flash chromatography was performed on Combiflash® Companion or with Merck silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh). ¹H, ¹³C, ³¹P and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ at ambient temperature on Bruker Avance III 300 or 400 spectrometers operating at 300 and 400 MHz respectively for ¹H. ¹³C, ³¹P and ¹⁹F nuclei were observed with ¹H decoupling. Solvent residual signals were used as internal standard.⁶ Chemical shifts (δ) and coupling constants (*J*) are given in ppm and Hz respectively. The peaks patterns are indicated as the following format multiplicity (s: singlet; d: doublet; t: triplet; q: quartet; sept: septuplet; m: multiplet; dd: doublet of doublet; dt: doublet of triplet; dm: doublet of multiplet, etc.). The prefix br. indicates a broadened signal. HRMS were recorded on SYNAPT G2 HDMS (Waters) or on QStar Elite (Applied Biosystems SGIEX) equipped with an Atmospheric Pressure Ionization (API) source. Mass spectra were obtained a Time Of Flight (TOF) analyser. Xray Diffraction: Intensity data were collected on a Brucker-Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer using MoK α radiation (0.71073 Å) at 293(2) K. Data reduction was performed using the HKL-2000 software package. The structure was resolved using the software SIR92⁷ by the direct methods and refined using SHELXL-97.⁸ For compound **5d**, intensity data were collected on a Agilent SuperNova AtlasS2 diffractometer using MoK α radiation (0.71073 Å) at 293(2) K. Data reduction was performed using the CrysAlisPro software package (version 1.171.37.31). The structure was resolved using the software SHELXS-97 by the direct methods and refined using SHELXL-2013-4. The CIF files of compounds have been deposited with CCDC numbers:

Compound **5b**: 1434226 Compound **5c**: 1434227 Compound **5d**: 1434228 Compound **5h**: 1434229 Compound **5i**: 1434230 Compound **5k**: 1434231 Compound **5l**: 1434232

II. Preparation of Complexes [RuCl₂(η^6 -*p*-cymene)(PR₃)]

 $[RuCl_2(\eta^6-p-cymene)(PPh_3)]^9$

According to the general procedure, the compound was prepared from PPh₃. The complex was obtained as a deep-red solid (106 mg, 94%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 7.90-7.75 (m, 6H, *H*^{Ar}), 7.40-7.25 (m, 9H, *H*^{Ar}), 5.18 (d, *J*(H,H) = 5.9 Hz, 2H, *H*^{Ar}), 4.99 (d, *J*(H,H) = 5.9 Hz, 2H, *H*^{Ar}), 2.82 (sept, *J*(H,H) = 7.0 Hz, 1H, C*H*(CH₃)₂), 1.85 (s, 3H, C-C*H*₃), 1.08 (d, *J*(H,H) = 7.0 Hz, 6H, CH(C*H*₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 134.3 (C^{Ar}-H), 133.7 (C^{Ar}-P), 130.2 (C^{Ar}-H), 127.9 (C^{Ar}-H), 111.2 (C^{Ar}), 96.0 (C^{Ar}), 89.1 (C^{Ar}-H), 87.2 (C^{Ar}-H), 30.2 (CH), 22.0 (CH₃), 17.8 (CH₃). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 24.2 (s).

Complex [RuCl₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)(PCy₃)]



According to the general procedure, the compound was prepared from PCy₃. The complex was obtained as a deep-red solid (108 mg, 84%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 5.56 (m, 4H, *H*^{Ar}), 2.84 (sept, *J*(H,H) = 6.9 Hz, 1H, C*H*(CH₃)₂), 2.41 (m, 3H, C*H*), 2.20-1.10 (m, 30H, C*H*₂), 2.09 (s, 3H, C-C*H*₃), 1.29 (d, *J*(H,H) = 6.9 Hz, 6H, CH(C*H*₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 106.7 (C^{Ar}), 94.2 (C^{Ar}), 88.2 (C^{Ar}-H), 83.6 (C^{Ar}-H), 35.7 (CH), 30.4 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 27.4 (CH₂), 26.3 (CH), 22.3 (CH₃), 17.7 (CH₃). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 25.3 (s).

Complex [RuCl₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)(P{OPh}₃)]¹⁰



According to the general procedure, the compound was prepared from P(OPh)₃. The complex was obtained as a deep-red solid (109 mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 7.35-7.20 (m, 12H, *H*^{Ar}), 7.20-7.10 (m, 3H, *H*^{Ar}), 5.41 (d, *J*(H,H) = 6.0 Hz, 2H, *H*^{Ar}), 5.09 (d, *J*(H,H) = 6.0 Hz, 2H, *H*^{Ar}), 2.70 (sept, *J*(H,H) = 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.81 (s, 3H, C-CH₃), 1.18 (d, *J*(H,H) = 6.9 Hz, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 151.5 (C^{Ar}), 129.4 (C^{Ar}-H), 125.1 (C^{Ar}-H), 121.7 (C^{Ar}-H), 109.4 (C^{Ar}), 103.1 (C^{Ar}), 88.9 (C^{Ar}-H), 88.6 (C^{Ar}-H), 30.6 (CH), 22.1 (CH₃), 18.0 (CH₃). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 105.0 (s).

III. Discussion on ¹H NMR of complexes [RuCl₂(η^6 -*p*-cymene)(PA)] 5

In ¹H NMR, it is worthwhile to note the effect of the ligand PA bound to the ruthenium on the aromatic and the methyl- and isopropyl-protons of the *p*-cymene moiety. With symmetrical phosphinous acids (**4b-4e**), the protons pairs H^2 , H^6 and H^3 , H^5 were isochronous and showed two doublets, the equivalent methyl group Me⁸, Me⁹ appeared as un singlet. With a dissymmetrical PA ligand, presenting a stereogenic phosphorus atom in the coordination sphere, the four CH aromatic carbons were anisochronous appeared as four doublets and the two methyl groups of the isopropyl substituent of the *p*-cymene showed two doublets (Fig. 1).



Fig 1. Representation of [RuCl₂(η^6 -*p*-cymene)(PA)] complexes

A NOESY (Nuclear Overhauser Effect Spectroscopy) study realized on complexes **5k** and **5l** revealed a correlation between the two methyl groups of the *p*-cymene isopropyl substituents with the *ortho* protons H^2 and H^6 and the *p*-cymene methyl with H^3 and H^5 . Besides, the substituent R (*tert*-butyl or cyclohexyl) of the phosphinous acid was correlated with one of the *ortho* hydrogen H^3 or H^5 .



Fig. 2 Ruthenium complexes 5k (R = Cy) and 5l (R = tBu): NOESY study

IV. Percent of buried volumes of various ligands L and $\eta^6 p$ -cymene in [RuCl₂($\eta^6 p$ -cymene)(L)]



Entry	L	d(Ru-L) (Å)	%V _{bur} (L)	d(Ru-C _{avg}) (Å)	%V _{bur} (η ⁶ -p- cymene)	Reference
1	Me ₂ POH	2.3078(10)	21.9	2.212(3)	48.0	11
2	Cy ₂ POH	2.3376(9)	24.4	2.215(4)	47.3	This work
3	Ph ₂ POH	2.3120(8)	24.6	2.216(3)	47.0	This work
4	(<i>p</i> -F-C ₆ H ₄) ₂ POH	2.3009(8	24.6	2.212(3)	47.5	This work
5	MePhPOH	2.3130(6)	22.7	2.210(3)	47.3	This work
6	nBuPhPOH	2.3017(10)	22.7	2.209(4)	48.4	This work
7	CyPhPOH	2.3342(8)	24.1	2.212(3)	47.5	This work
8	tBuPhPOH	2.3680(7)	24.4	2.214(3)	47.9	This work
9	Ph ₂ PH	2.313(2)	23.2	2.209(7)	47.4	12
10	Ph ₂ PCH ₂ OH	2.3516(8)	25.1	2.217(3)	47.6	13
11	Ph₂P <i>n</i> Bu	2.352(2)	25.6	2.211(8)	47.4	14
12	PPh ₃	2.3438(6)	26.8	2.218(2)	47.6	15
13	P(OPh) ₃	2.2642(8)	24.7	2.214(3)	48.0	16
14	$P(m-Tol)_3$	2.374(2)	26.9	2.214(6)	47.5	17
15	PBn ₃	2.359(1)	24.5	2.216(2)	47.4	18
16	PCyp ₃	2.3878(10)	26.2	2.204(4)	47.4	19
17	PCy ₃	2.387(2)	27.0	2.204(2)	47.0	17
18	$P(NC_4H_4)_3$	2.282(2)	27.4	2.227(2)	47.2	18
19	PhP(<i>i</i> Pr)biphenyl	2.4258(19)	27.8	2.214(8)	46.9	20
20	<i>i</i> BuPhoban	2.3895(7)	26.0	2.213(3)	47.5	19
21	IMes	2.142(4)	27.9	2.219(5)	47.0	21
22	ICy	2.093(3)	24.7	2.210(3)	47.6	22
23	IiPr	2.0828(14)	24.9	2.2177(15)	47.7	23
24	SICH ₂ -o-Tol	2.021(13)	25.8	2.186(14)	47.7	24

Parameters used for SambVca calculations: 3.50 Å was selected as the value for the sphere radius, exact distances between the ligand and the metal were considered, usually irrelevant in crystallography hydrogen atoms were omitted and Bondi radii scaled by 1.17 were used as recommended by Cavallo.



V. Percent of buried volumes of phosphinous acid tBu₂POH



Percent of buried volumes of phosphinous acids calculated from phosphinito-phosphinous acid complexes led to an overestimation of the value.



VI. Percent of buried volumes of phosphinous acid Ad₂POH



Percent of buried volumes of phosphinous acids calculated from phosphinito-phosphinous acid complexes led to an overestimation of the value.



VII. C-H activation of 2-phenylpyridine³¹



General procedure: 2-phenylpyridine **1** (155.2 mg, 142 μ L, 1 mmol), chlorobenzene (2.2 mmol, 2.2 equiv.), K₂CO₃ (415 mg, 3 mmol, 3 equiv.) and ruthenium(II) complex (5 mol %) were solubilized in dry NMP (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled and dissolved in water (75 mL). Aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (50 mL). Organic phase was washed with water (2x50 mL). The combined aqueous phases were back extracted with EtOAc (50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE/AcOEt 9:1) to afford a mixture of 2-biphenyl-2'-pyridine **2** and 2-terphenyl-2'-pyridine **3**.

2-biphenyl-2'-pyridine 2



The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectrum of **2** were obtained from a mixture 9:1 of **2** and **3**. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 8.68 (ddd, *J*(H,H) = 4.8, 1.7 and 1.0 Hz, 1H, N-CH^{Ar}), 7.80-7.70 (m, 1H, *H*^{Ar}), 7.55-7.45 (m, 3H, *H*^{Ar}), 7.41 (td, *J*(H,H) = 7.7 Hz and 1.8 Hz, 1H, *H*^{Ar}), 7.30-7.10 (m, 6H, *H*^{Ar}), 6.93 (td, *J*(H,H) = 7.7 and 1.8 Hz, 1H, H^{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 159.2 (C^{Ar}-N), 149.4 (N-*C*^{Ar}-H), 141.3 (C^{Ar}), 140.6 (C^{Ar}-H), 139.5 (C^{Ar}), 135.1 (C^{Ar}), 130.4 (C^{Ar}-H), 129.7 (C^{Ar}-H), 128.5 (C^{Ar}-H), 128.0 (C^{Ar}-H), 127.6 (C^{Ar}-H), 126.6 (C^{Ar}-H), 125.3 (C^{Ar}-H), 121.2 (C^{Ar}-H).

2-terphenyl-2'-pyridine 3



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 8.31 (ddd, *J*(H,H) = 4.8, 1.7 and 0.9 Hz, 1H, N-CH^{Ar}), 7.55-7.40 (m, 3H, *H*^{Ar}), 7.30 (td, *J*(H,H) = 7.7 and 1.8 Hz, 1H, *H*^{Ar}), 7.20-7.05 (m, 10H, *H*^{Ar}), 6.95-6.85 (m, 2H, *H*^{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 158.9 (C^{Ar}-N), 148.5 (N-*C*^{Ar}-H), 141.9 (C^{Ar}), 141.6 (C^{Ar}-H), 138.5 (C^{Ar}), 134.9 (C^{Ar}), 129.5 (C^{Ar}-H), 129.5 (C^{Ar}-H), 128.2 (C^{Ar}-H), 127.7 (C^{Ar}-H), 126.8 (C^{Ar}-H), 126.3 (C^{Ar}-H), 120.9 (C^{Ar}-H).

VIII. Additional results in catalysis

	N Ph-Cl Ru Catalyst (5 mol%) K2CO3, NMP, 100 °C, 24 h 1 1	Ph N + Ph 2 2	Ph B	
Entry	Catalyst	Additive	Yield (%)	
Entry	Catalyst	/ wuitive	2	3
1	[RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂		8	2
2	[RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂	Ad ₂ P(0)H 4f (5 mol%)	0	80
3	[RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂	Ad ₂ P(0)H 4f (10 mol%)	0	83
4	[RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂	PhCyP(O)H 4k (5 mol%)	0	82
5	[RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂	PhCyP(O)H 4k (10 mol%)	36	54
6	[RuCl ₂ (η^{6} - <i>p</i> -cymene)(CyPhPOH)] 5 k		0	84
7	[RuCl ₂ (η^{6} - <i>p</i> -cymene)(CyPhPOH)] 5 k	PhCyP(O)H 4k (5 mol%)	6	81

^{*a*} Reaction conditions: 2-phenylpyridine **1** (142 μL, 1 mmol), chlorobenzene (243 μL, 2.2 mmol, 2.2 equiv), K_2CO_3 (415 mg, 3 mmol, 3 equiv.), 5 mol% of Ru complex (2.5 mol% for [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)]₂), NMP (2 mL), 100 °C, 24 h.

IX. Preparation of $[RuX_2(\eta^6-p-cymene)]_2^{32}$



General Procedure: To a red suspension of $[RuCl_2(\eta^6-p-cymene)]_2$ (100 mg, 0.16 mmol) in water (20 mL), silver nitrate (102 mg, 0.33 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. After filtration, NaBr (168 mg, 1.63 mmol) or NaI (245 mg, 1.63 mmol) was added to the yellow solution. The red precipitate was filtered and washed with water (3 x 5mL). The deep-red solid was solubilized in DCM, dried over MgSO₄, filtered off and dried under vacuum. Recrystallization from CHCl₃/toluene gave crystals of desired product.

Complex [RuBr₂(η^6 -p-cymene)]₂



According to general procedure, the expected complex was obtained as brown crystals (56 mg, 44 %). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 5.48 (d, *J*(H,H) = 6.0 Hz, 2H, *H*^{Ar}), 5.36 (d, *J*(H,H) = 6.0 Hz, 2H, *H*^{Ar}), 2.94 (sept, *J*(H,H) = 7.0 Hz, 1H, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.20 (s, 3H, C-CH₃), 1.26

(d, J(H,H) = 6.9 Hz, 6H, $CH(CH_3)_2$). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCI_3$): δ (ppm) = 102.3 (C), 96.9 (C), 81.5 (C^{Ar}-H), 81.3 (C^{Ar}-H), 31.0 (CH), 22.4 (2 CH₃), 19.5 (CH₃).

Complex [Rul₂(η^6 -p-cymene)]₂



According to general procedure, the expected complex was obtained as dark-red crystals (149 mg, 95 %). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 5.54 (d, *J*(H,H) = 5.9 Hz, 2H, *H*^{Ar}), 5.43 (d, *J*(H,H) = 5.9 Hz, 2H, *H*^{Ar}), 3.02 (sept, *J*(H,H) = 7.0 Hz, 1H, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.36 (s, 3H, C-CH₃), 1.25 (d, *J*(H,H) = 6.9 Hz, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 104.5 (C), 97.7 (C), 82.7 (C^{Ar}-H), 82.2 (C^{Ar}-H), 31.6 (CH), 22.9 (2 CH₃), 20.4 (CH₃).

X. Synthesis of intermediate 8³³



In a Schlenk flask, dinuclear complex $[RuCl_2(p-cymene)]_2$ (306 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2 equiv. in ruthenium), 2-phenylpyridine **1**(155 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1 equiv.) and KOAc (196.2 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2 equiv.) were solubilized in dry methanol (25 mL) and stirred 24h at room temperature. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE/AcOEt 3:7) to afford the compound **8** (259 mg, 61%) as a green solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 9.23 (d, *J*(H,H) = 5.9 Hz, 1H, *H*^{Ar}), 8.15 (d, *J*(H,H) = 7.5 Hz, 1H, *H*^{Ar}), 7.75-7.55 (m, 3H, *H*^{Ar}), 7.18 (td, *J*(H,H) = 7.3 and 1.3 Hz, 1H, *H*^{Ar}), 7.10-6.95 (m, 2H, *H*^{Ar}), 5.57 (m, 2H, *H*^{Ar}), 5.17 (d, *J*(H,H) = 6.0 Hz, 1H, *H*^{Ar}), 4.98 (d, *J*(H,H) = 5.9 Hz, 1H, *H*^{Ar}), 2.43 (sept, *J*(H,H) = 6.9 Hz, 1H, *CH*(CH₃)₂), 2.04 (s, 3H, C-CH₃), 0.98 (d, *J*(H,H) = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.88 (d, *J*(H,H) = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH(CH₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 181.5 (C-Ru), 165.4 (C^{Ar}), 154.7 (C^{Ar}-H), 143.5 (C^{Ar}), 139.7 (C^{Ar}-H), 136.7 (C^{Ar}-H), 129.5 (C^{Ar}-H), 124.0 (C^{Ar}-H), 122.6 (C^{Ar}-H), 121.5 (C^{Ar}-H), 118.9 (C^{Ar}-H), 104.5 (C^{Ar}), 100.6 (C^{Ar}), 90.9 (C^{Ar}-H), 89.7 (C^{Ar}-H), 84.3 (C^{Ar}-H), 82.3 (C^{Ar}-H), 30.9 (CH), 22.6 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃), 18.9 (CH₃).

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XII. NMR spectra of new products



Figure 1.¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(Cy₂POH)] 5b



Figure 2. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(Cy₂POH)] 5b



Figure 3. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(Cy₂POH)] 5b



Figure 4.¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(Ph₂POH)] 5c



Figure 5. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(Ph₂POH)] 5c



Figure 6. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(Ph₂POH)] 5c



Figure 7.¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)({4-fluorophenyl}₂POH)] **5d**



Figure 8. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)({4-fluorophenyl}₂POH)] **5d**



Figure 9.³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)({4-fluorophenyl}₂POH)] **5d**



Figure 10. ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR spectrum (377 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)({4-fluorophenyl}₂POH)] **5d**



Figure 11. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)({3,5-dimethylphenyl}₂POH)] **5e**



Figure 12.¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)({3,5-dimethylphenyl}₂POH)] **5e**



Figure 13. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (121 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)({3,5-dimethylphenyl}₂POH)] **5e**



Figure 14. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(MePhPOH)] 5h



Figure 15. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(MePhPOH)] 5h



Figure 16. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(MePhPOH)] **5h**



Figure 17.¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(*n*-BuPhPOH)] 5i



Figure 18. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(*n*-BuPhPOH)] 5i



Figure 19.³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(*n*-BuPhPOH)] 5i



Figure 20. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(BnPhPOH)] 5j



Figure 21. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(BnPhPOH)] 5j



Figure 22. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (121 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(BnPhPOH)] 5j



Figure 23.¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(CyPhPOH)] 5k



Figure 24. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (121 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(CyPhPOH)] 5k



Figure 25. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)(CyPhPOH)] 5k



Figure 26. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)(*t*-BuPhPOH)] **5**I



Figure 27. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)(*t*-BuPhPOH)] 51



Figure 28. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuCl₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)(*t*-BuPhPOH)] **5**



Figure 29. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuBr₂(η⁶-p-cymene)(t-BuPhPOH)] **6**



Figure 30.¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuBr₂(η⁶-p-cymene)(t-BuPhPOH)] **6**



Figure 31. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (121 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuBr₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)(*t*-BuPhPOH)] **6**



Figure 32. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuI₂(η⁶-p-cymene)(t-BuPhPOH)] **7**I



Figure 33.¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuI₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)(*t*-BuPhPOH)] **7**I



Figure 34. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (121 MHz, CDCl₃) of [RuI₂(η^{6} -*p*-cymene)(*t*-BuPhPOH)] **7**I



Figure 35. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of $[Ru(\eta^6-p-cymene)(Ph_2POH)(2-phenylpyridine-\kappa^2-NC)BF_4]$ **9c**



Figure 36.¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of [Ru(η^6 -*p*-cymene)(Ph₂POH)(2-phenylpyridine- κ^2 -NC)BF₄] **9c**



Figure 37. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of $[Ru(\eta^6-p-cymene)(Ph_2POH)(2-phenylpyridine-\kappa^2-NC)BF_4]$ **9c**



Figure 38.³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl₃) of [Ru(η^6 -*p*-cymene)(Ph₂POH)(2-phenylpyridine- κ^2 -NC)BF₄] **9c**