

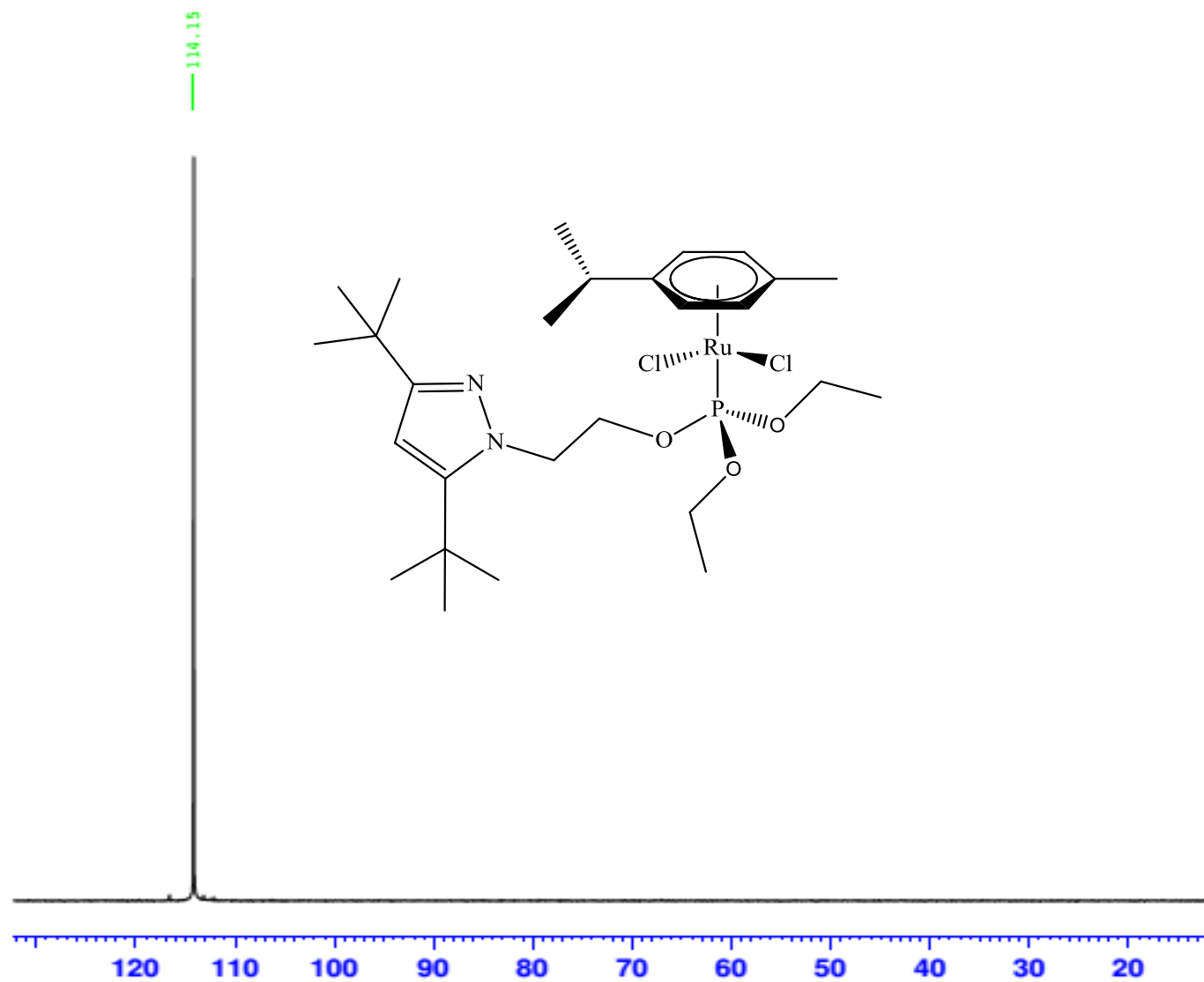
## Supporting Information

### **Novel pyrazolylphosphite- and pyrazolylphosphinite-ruthenium(II) complexes as catalysts for hydrogenation of acetophenone**

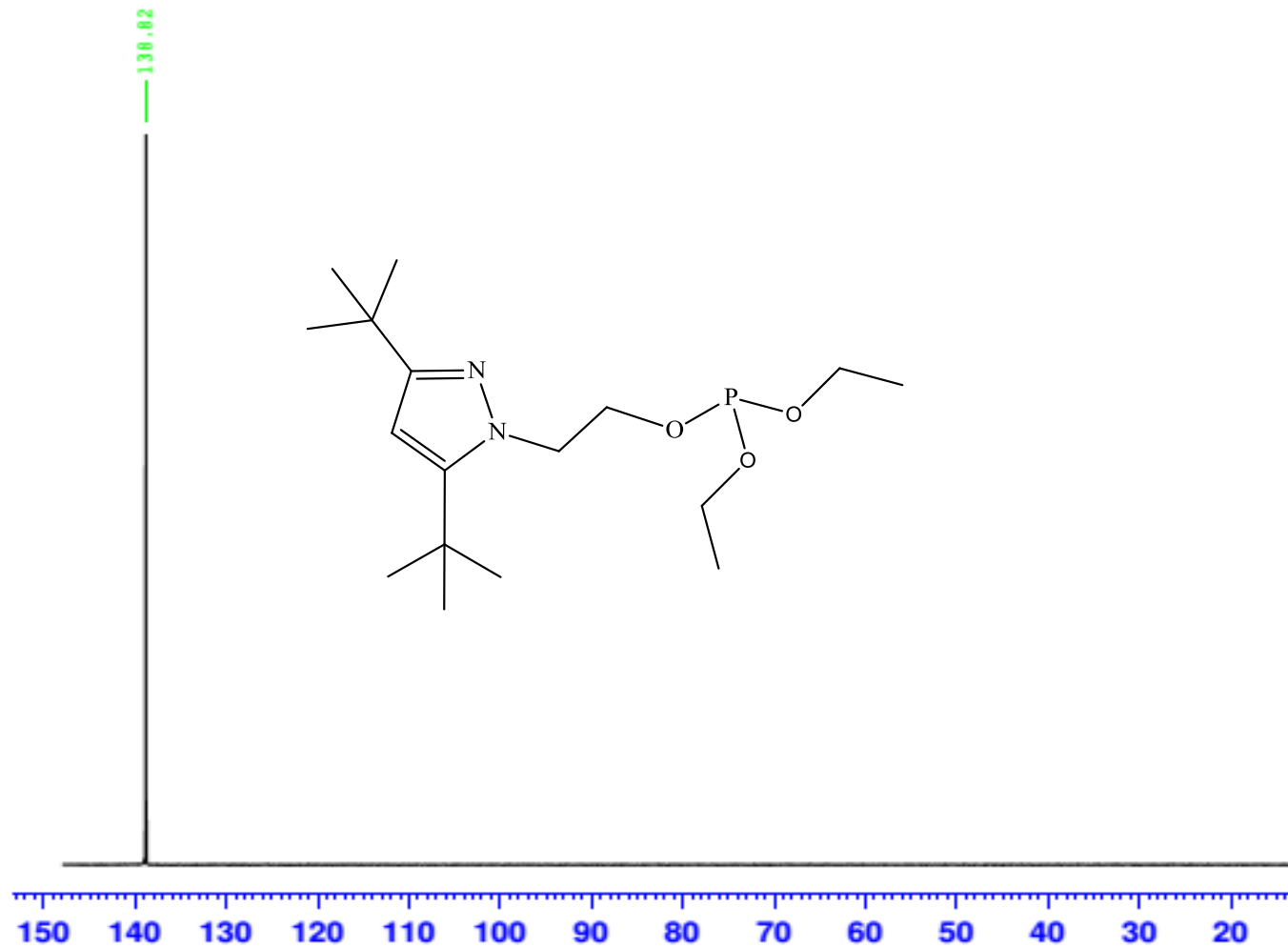
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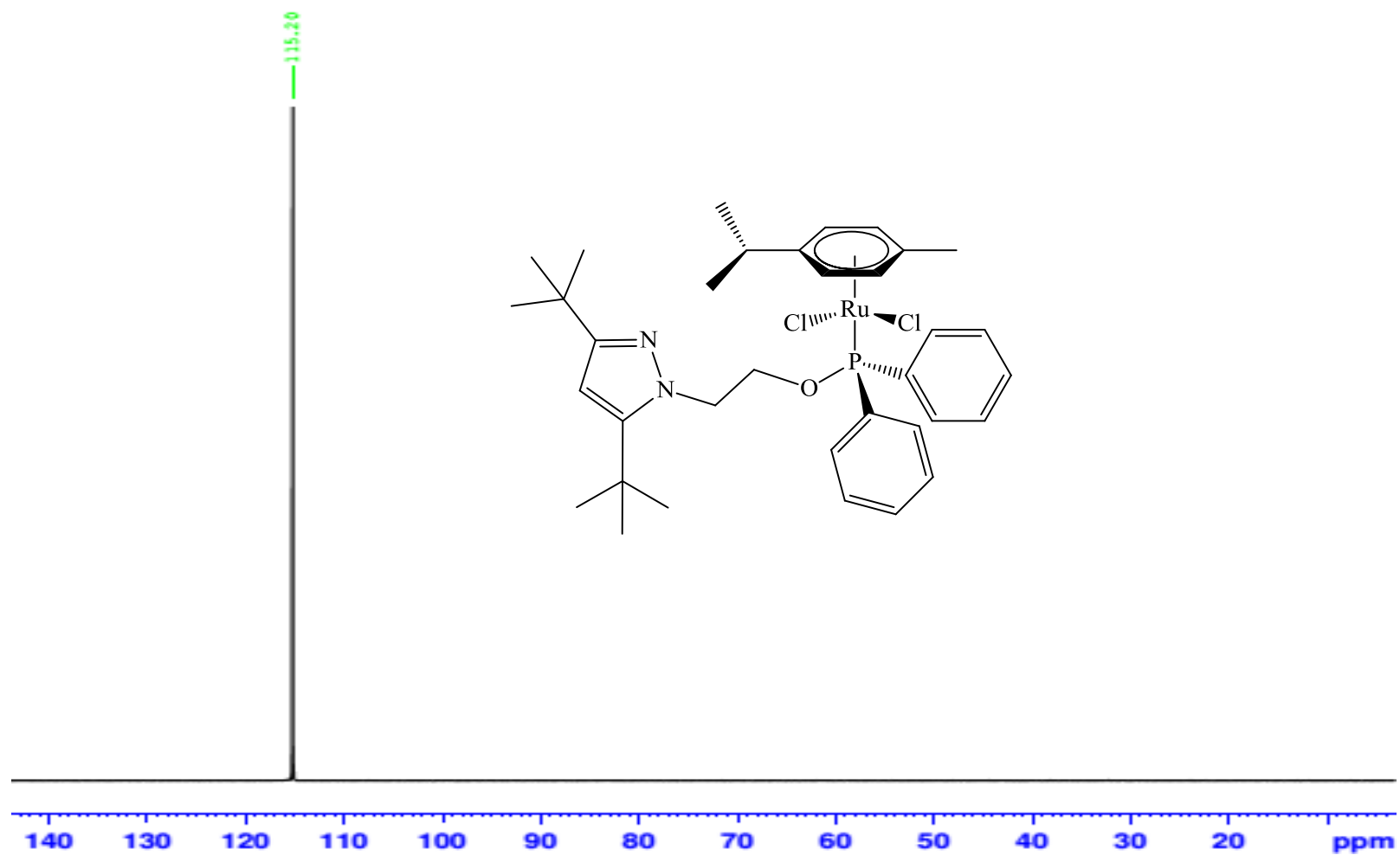
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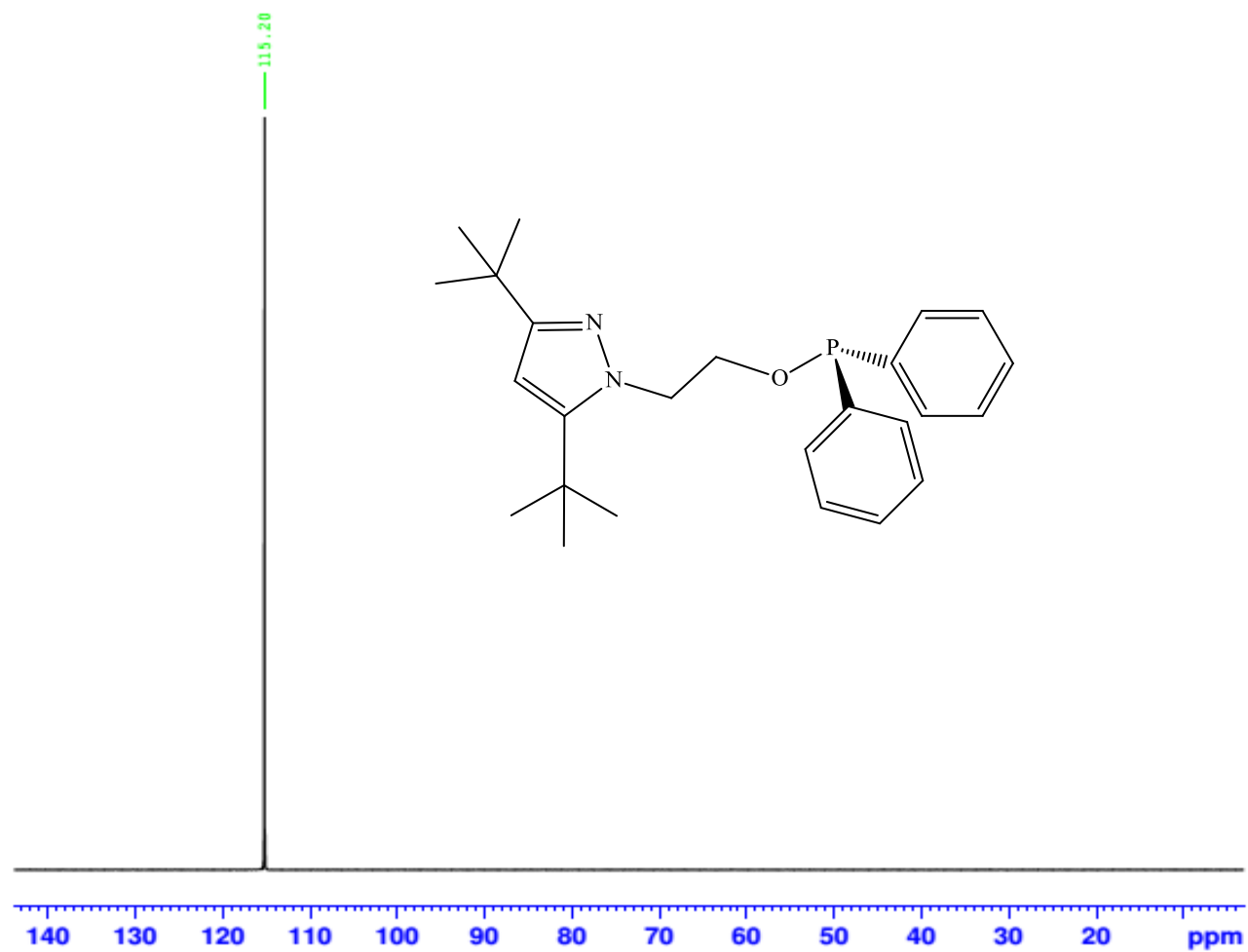
**Figure S1:**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **3**. Analysis was carried out in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature.



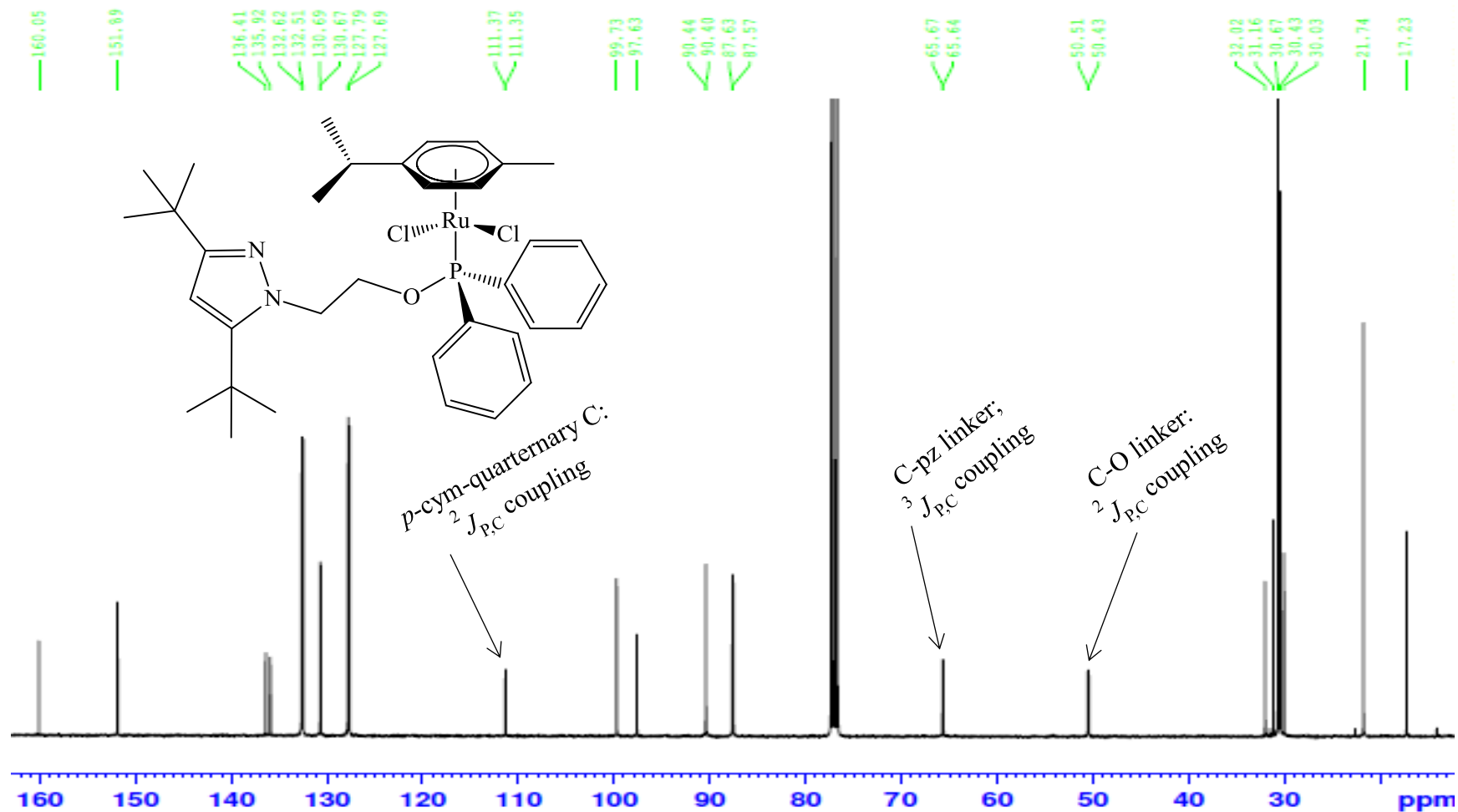
**Figure S2:**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **L3**. Analysis was carried out in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature.



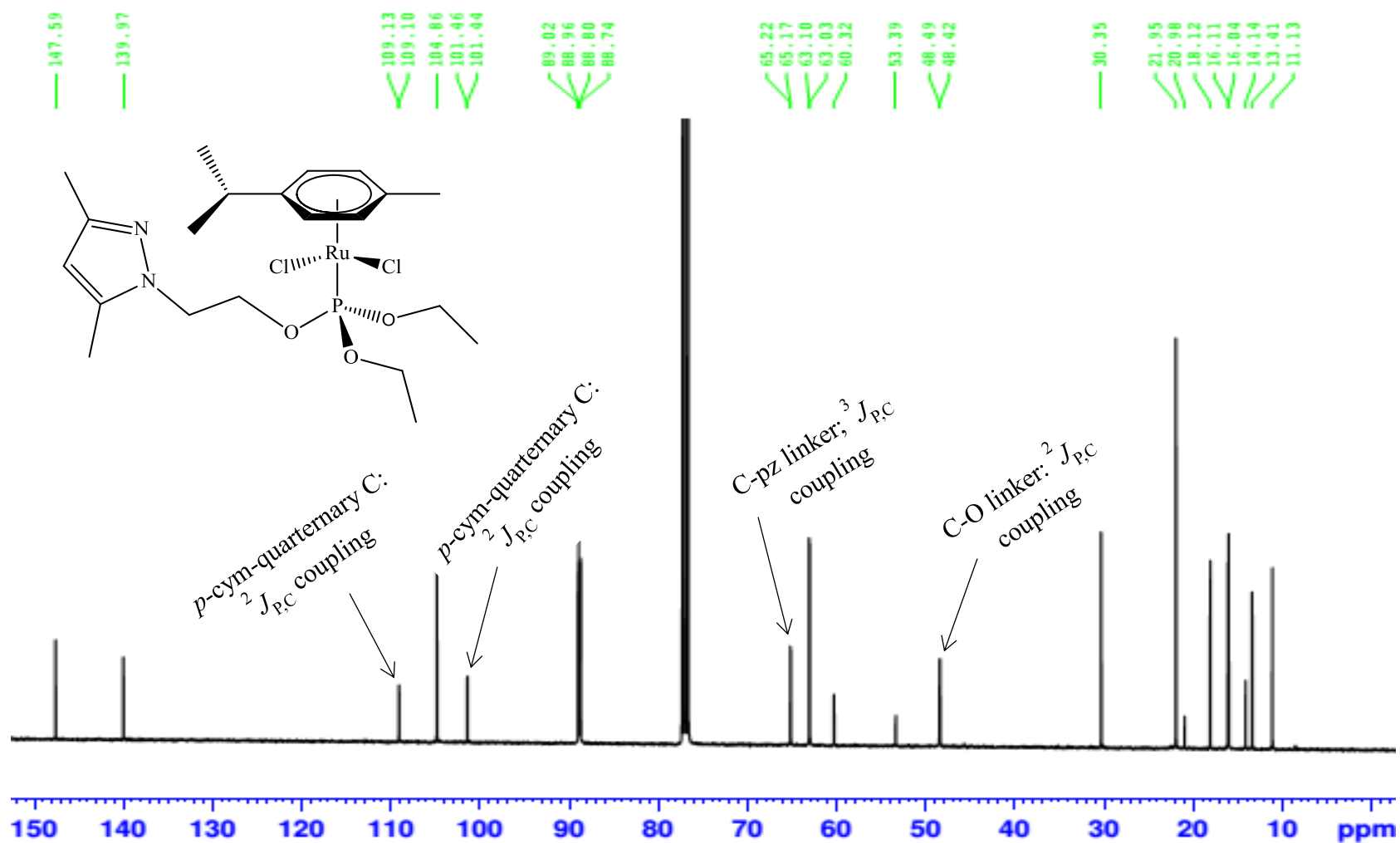
**Figure S3:**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **1**. Analysis was carried out in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature.



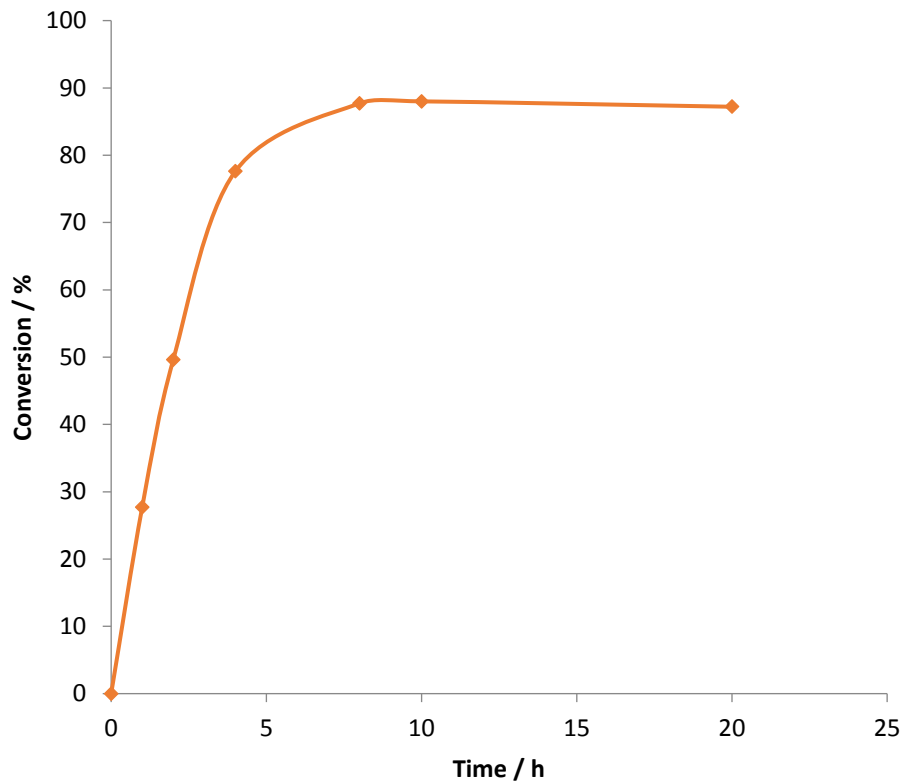
**Figure S4:**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **L1**. Analysis was carried out in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature.



**Figure S5:**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **1**. Analysis was carried out in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature.



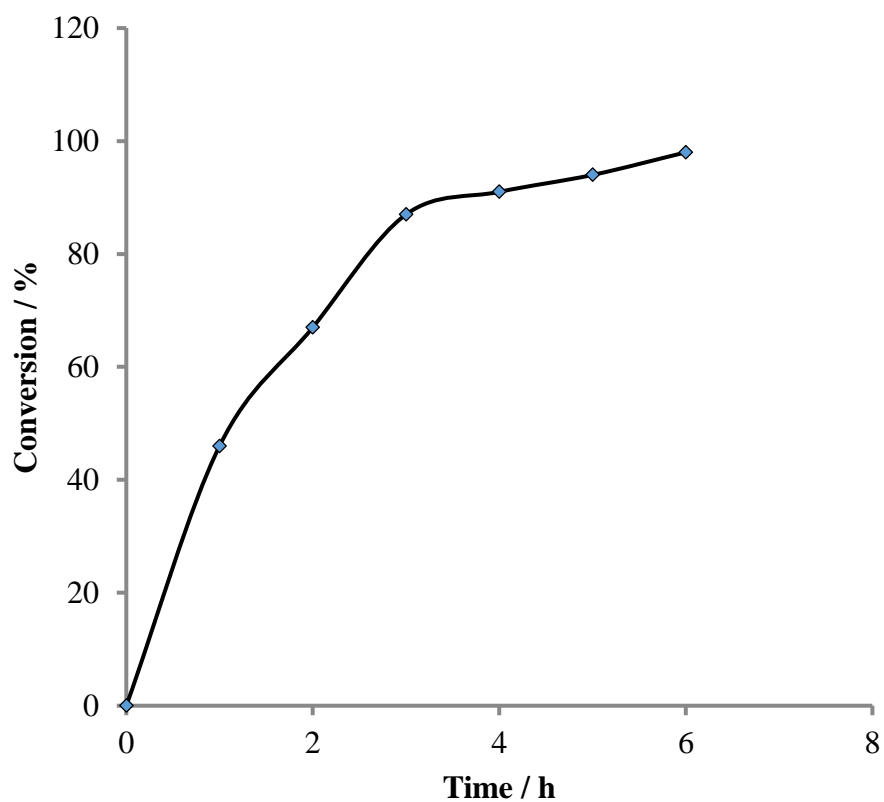
**Figure S6:**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2**. Analysis was carried out in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature.



Conditions: acetophenone = 2 mmol, ruthenium(II) catalyst = 0.02 mmol, (1 mol%) KOH = 1 mmol, 2-propanol (10 mL), 80 °C. Conversions were determined by GC.

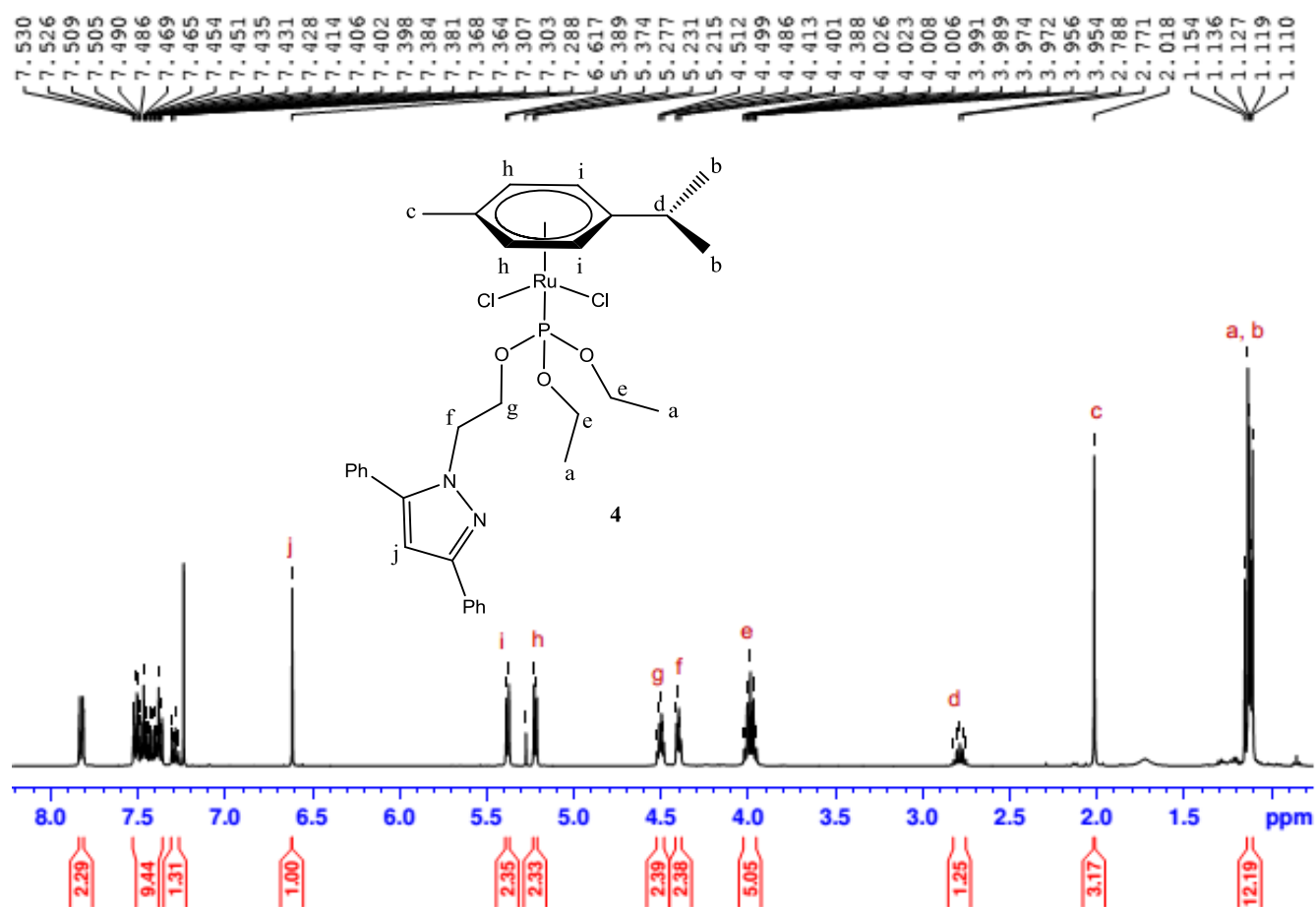
**Figure S7:** %Conversion vs time for transfer hydrogenation of acetophenone to 1-phenylethanol using complex **6** as catalyst.



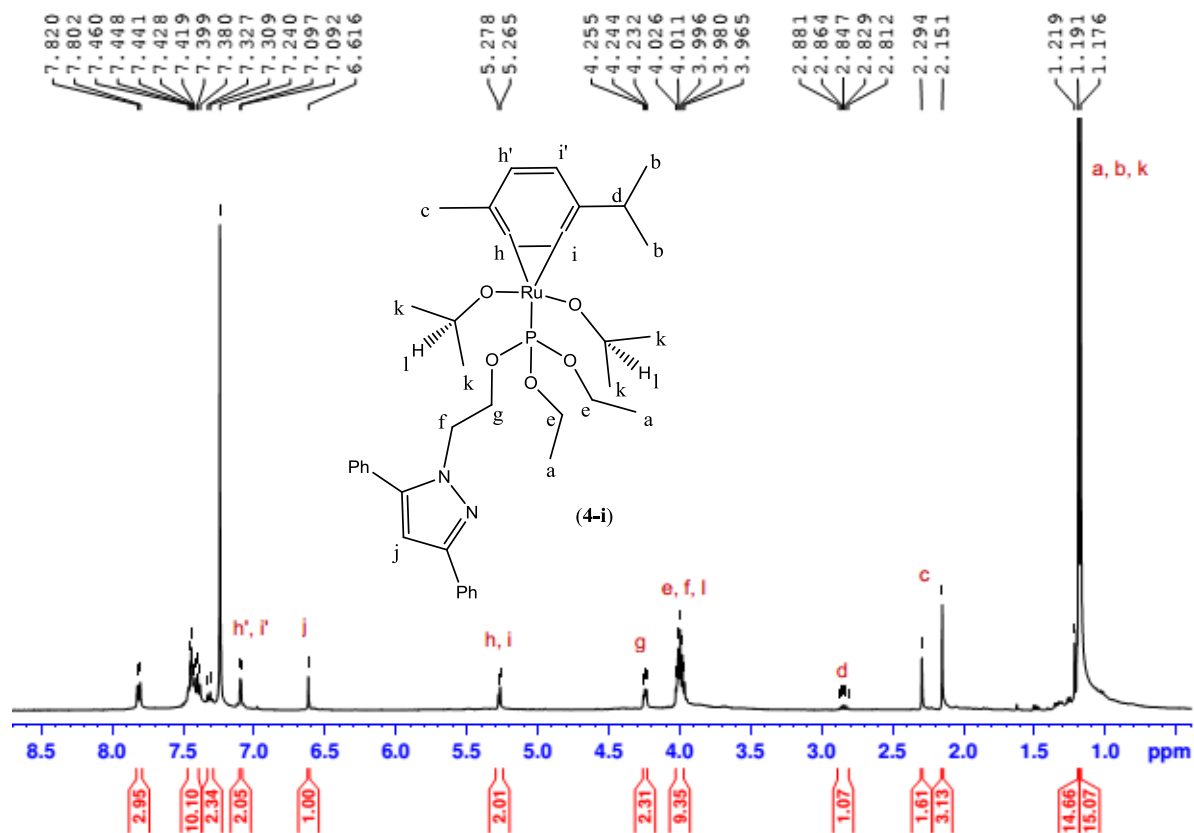


Conditions: acetophenone = 2 mmol, catalyst = 0.02 mmol (1 mol%),  $\text{H}_2$  = 20 bar, KOH = 1 mmol, 70 °C, 6 h, ethanol = 5 mL

**Figure S8:** Time study of molecular hydrogenation of acetophenone to 1-phenylethanol using complex **3**.



**Figure S9a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4**. Analysis was carried out in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



**Figure S9b:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of (4-i). Analysis was carried out in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature. (4-i) was isolated from a reaction mixture of 2-propanol, **4** and KOH.