

# Amidine functionalized phosphines: tuneable ligands for transition metals

## Supplementary material.

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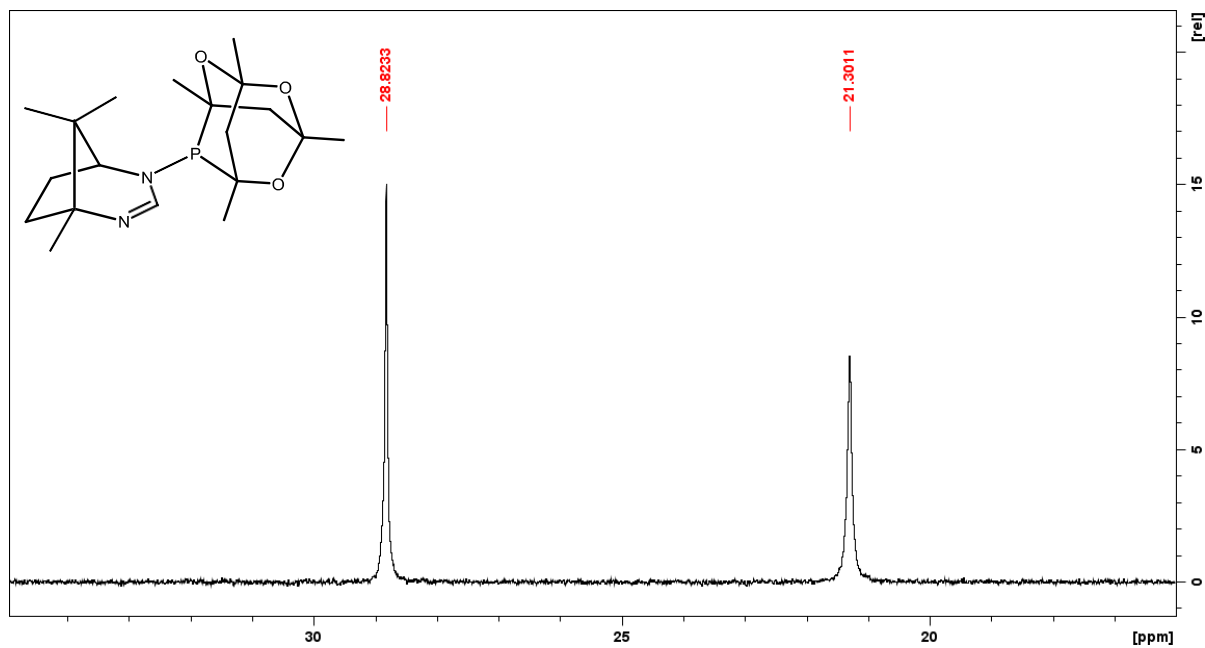
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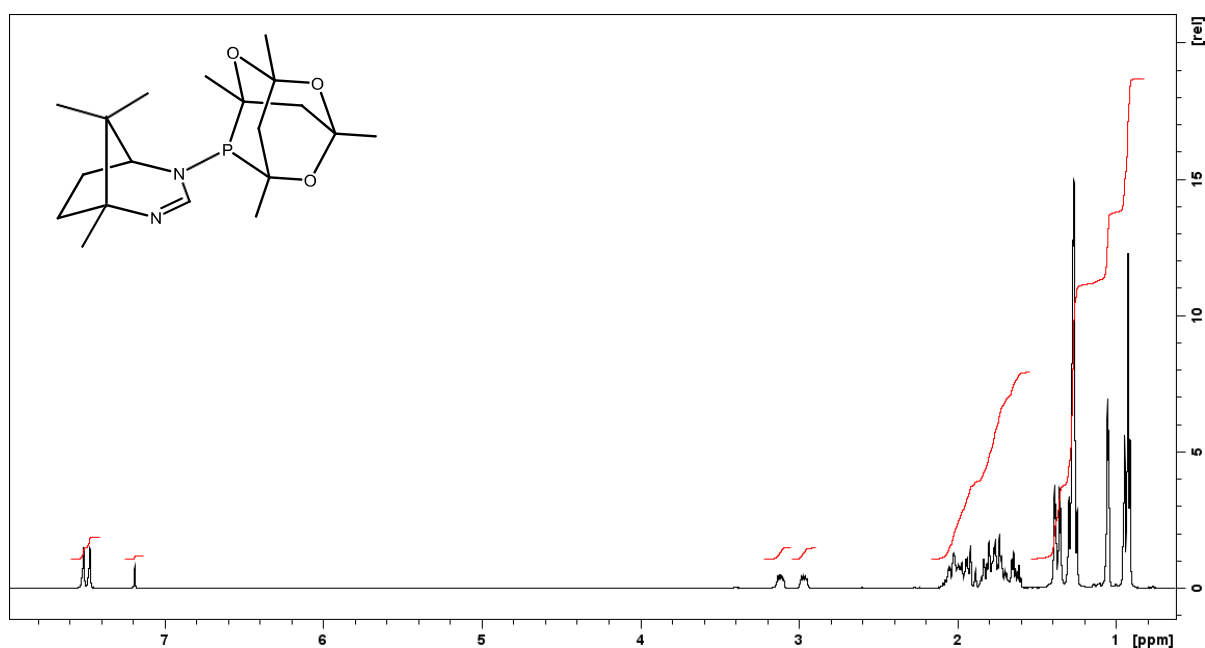
## 1. Spectral data of products.

### 1.1 NMR and mass spectra of $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAm.

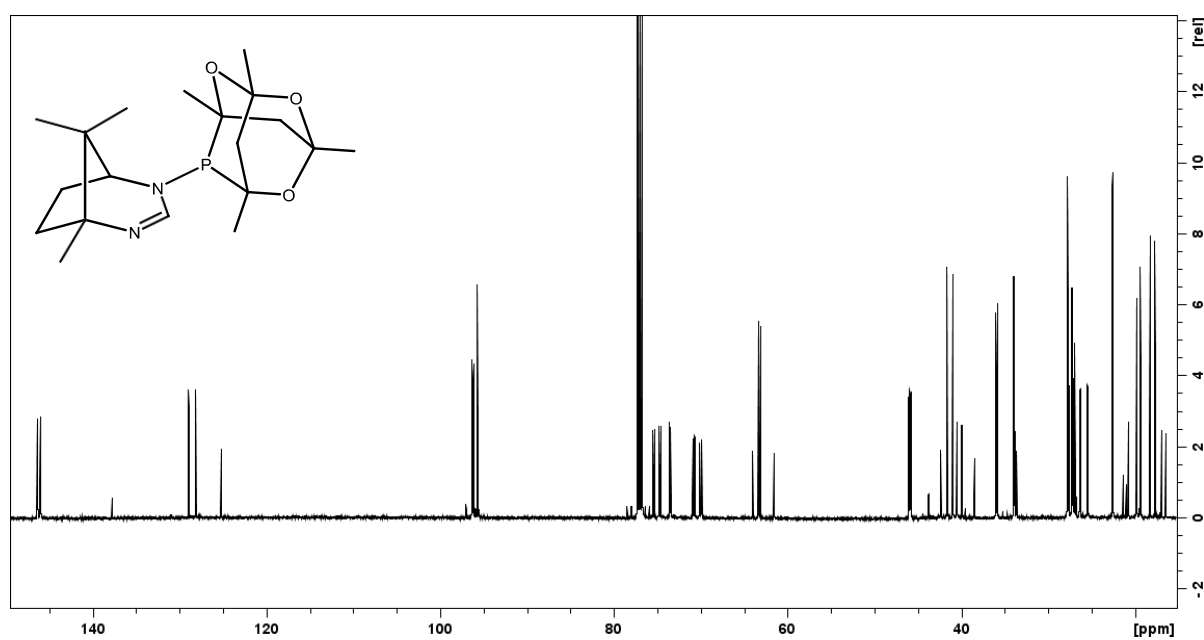
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$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAm recorded at 400 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAm recorded at 100 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



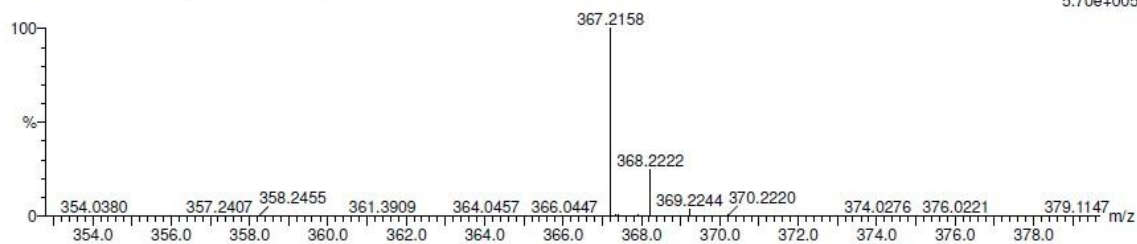
HRMS ( $\text{ES}^+$ ) spectrum of  $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAm.

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CgPAM

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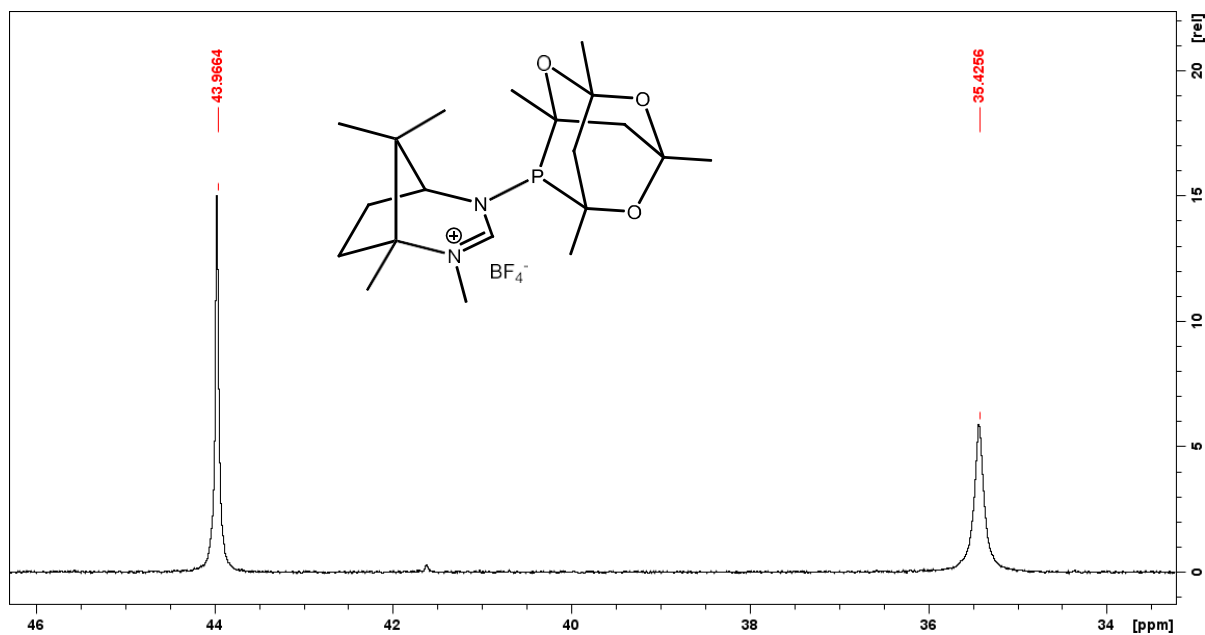


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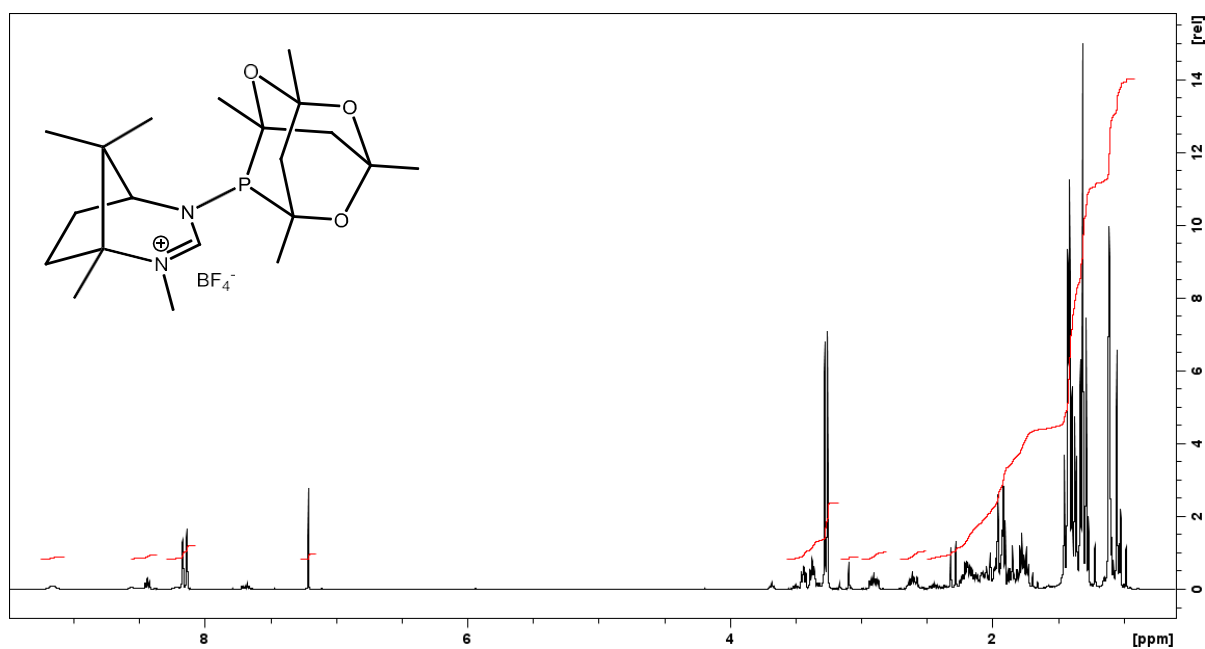
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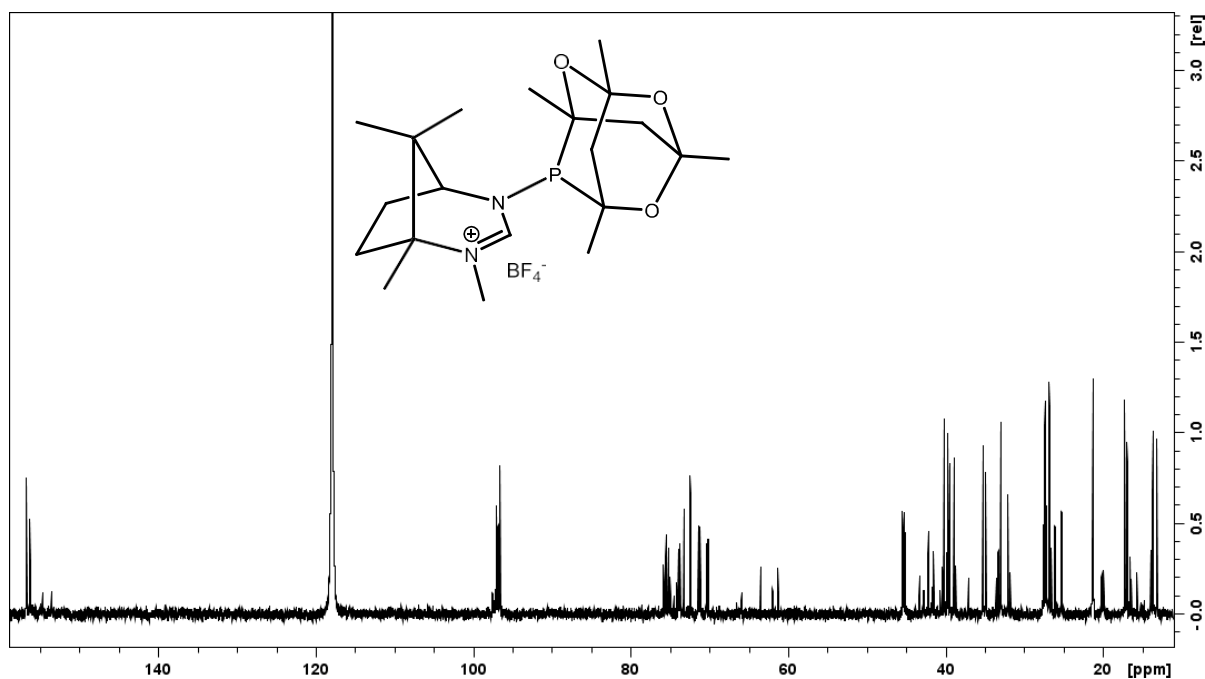
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$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmMe}]\text{BF}_4$  recorded at 100 MHz in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ .



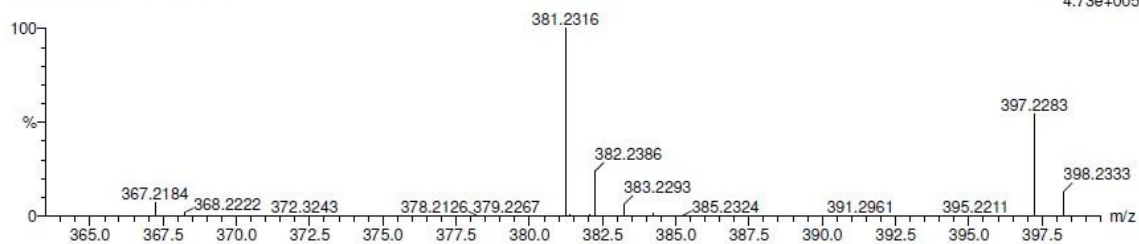
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Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions  
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 Elements Used:  
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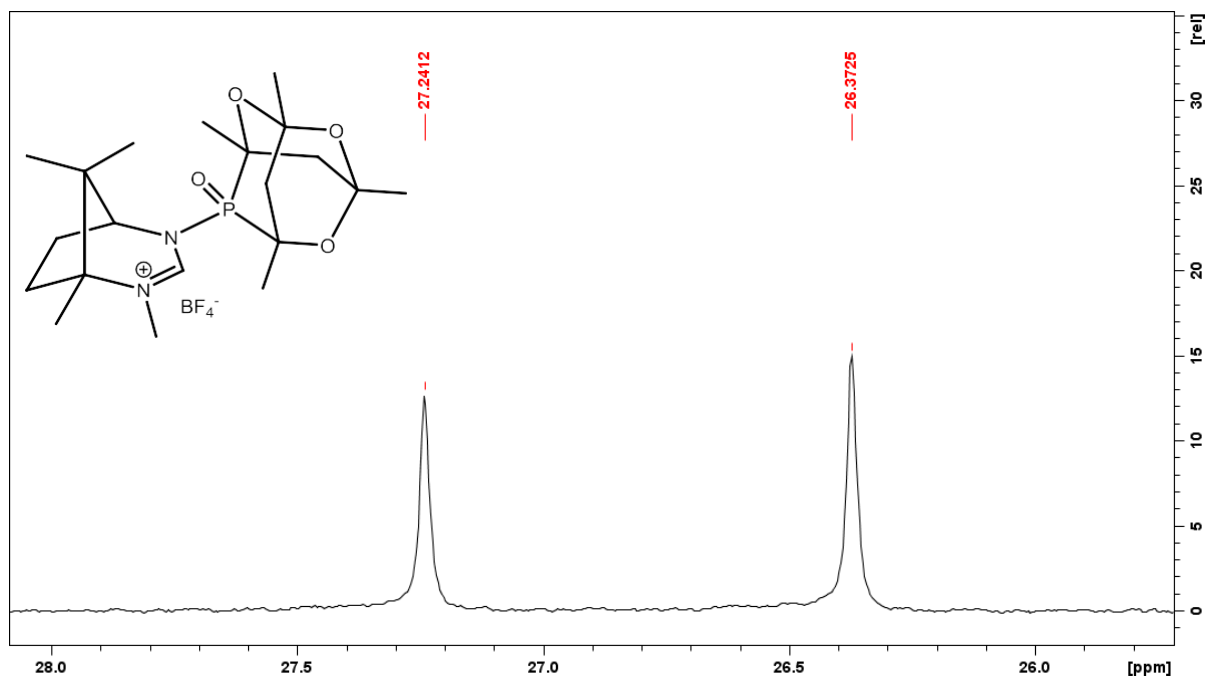


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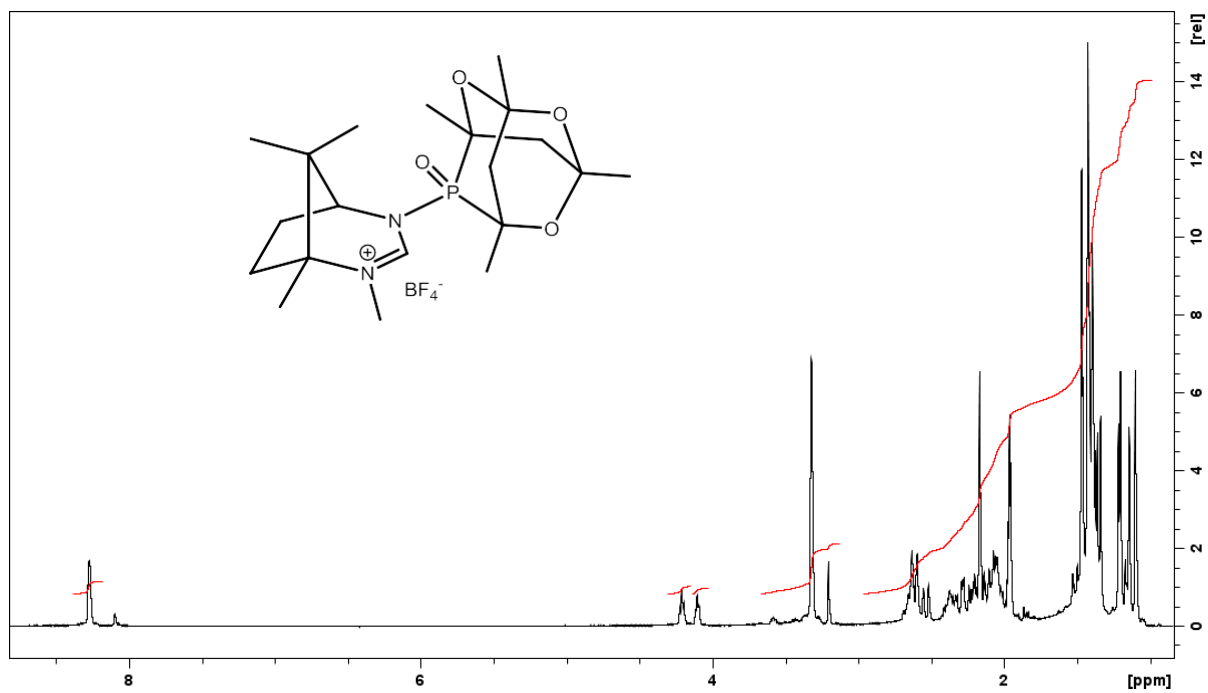
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### 1.3 NMR and mass spectra of $[\alpha,\beta\text{-CgP(O)AmMe}]\text{BF}_4$ .

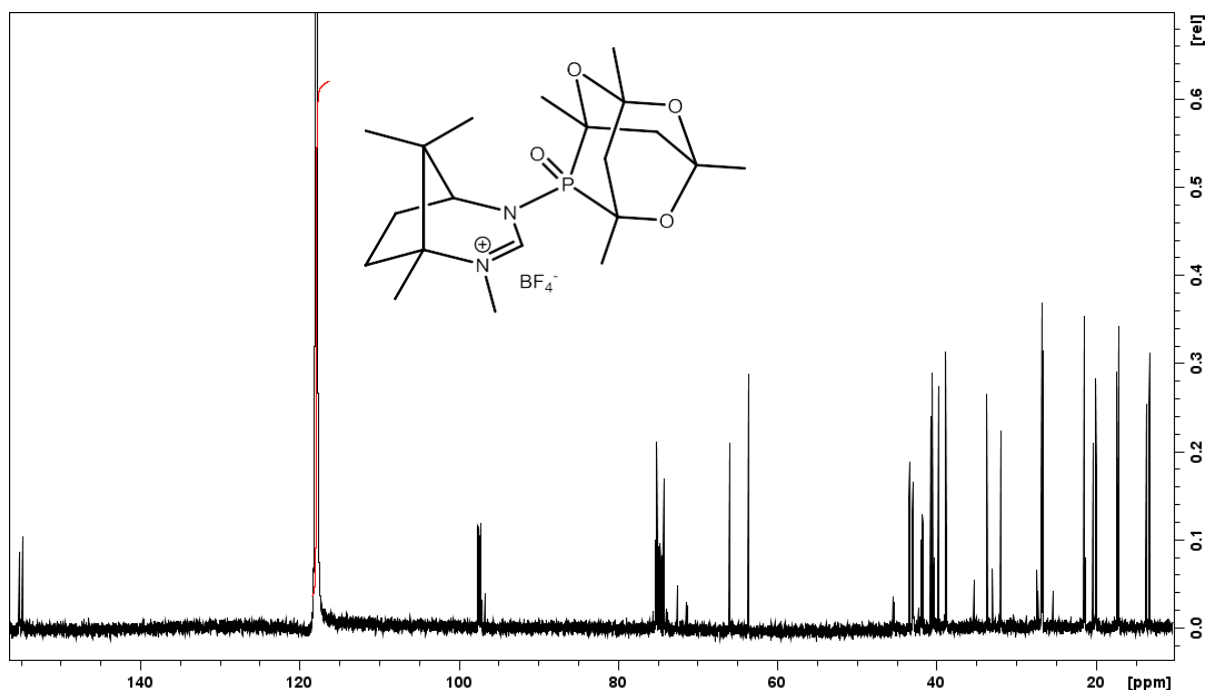
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$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\alpha,\beta\text{-CgP(O)AmMe}]\text{BF}_4$  recorded at 400 MHz in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ .



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\alpha,\beta\text{-CgP(O)AmMe}]\text{BF}_4$  recorded at 100 MHz in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ .



HRMS ( $\text{ES}^+$ ) spectrum of  $[\alpha,\beta\text{-CgP(O)AmMe}]\text{BF}_4$ .

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

28 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 best isotopic matches for each mass)

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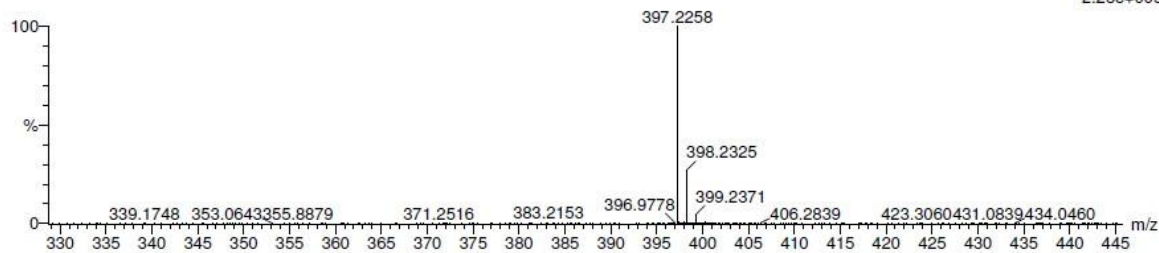
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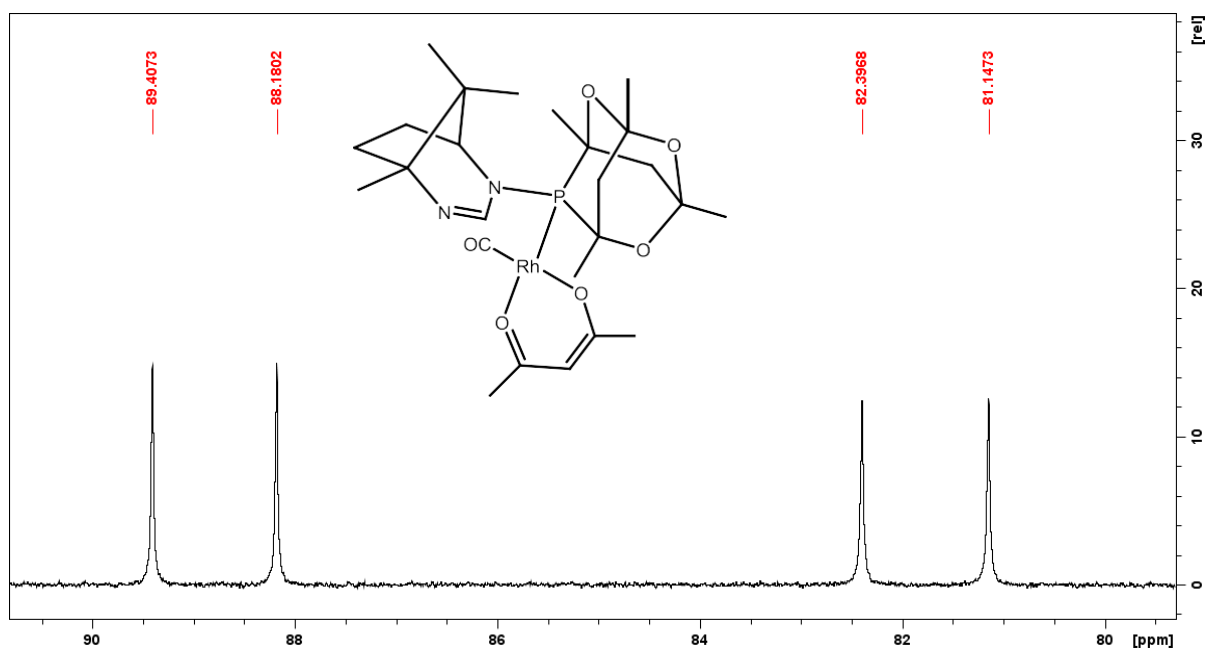
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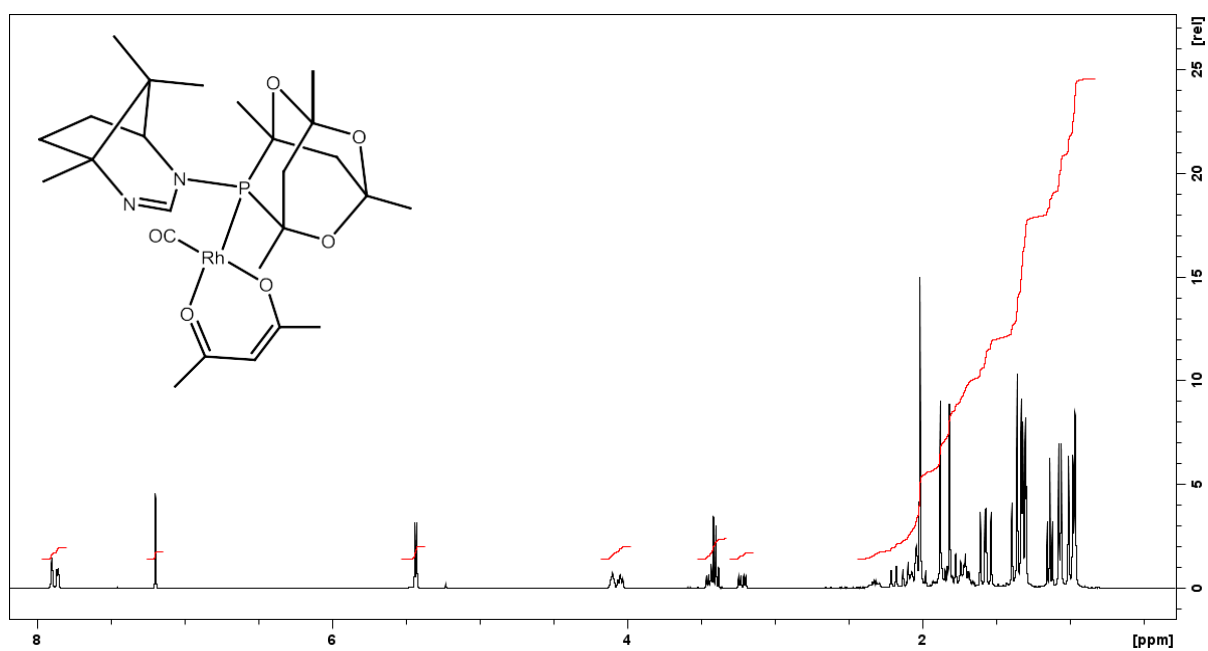
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#### 1.4 NMR, mass and IR spectra of [Rh( $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAm)(acac)CO].

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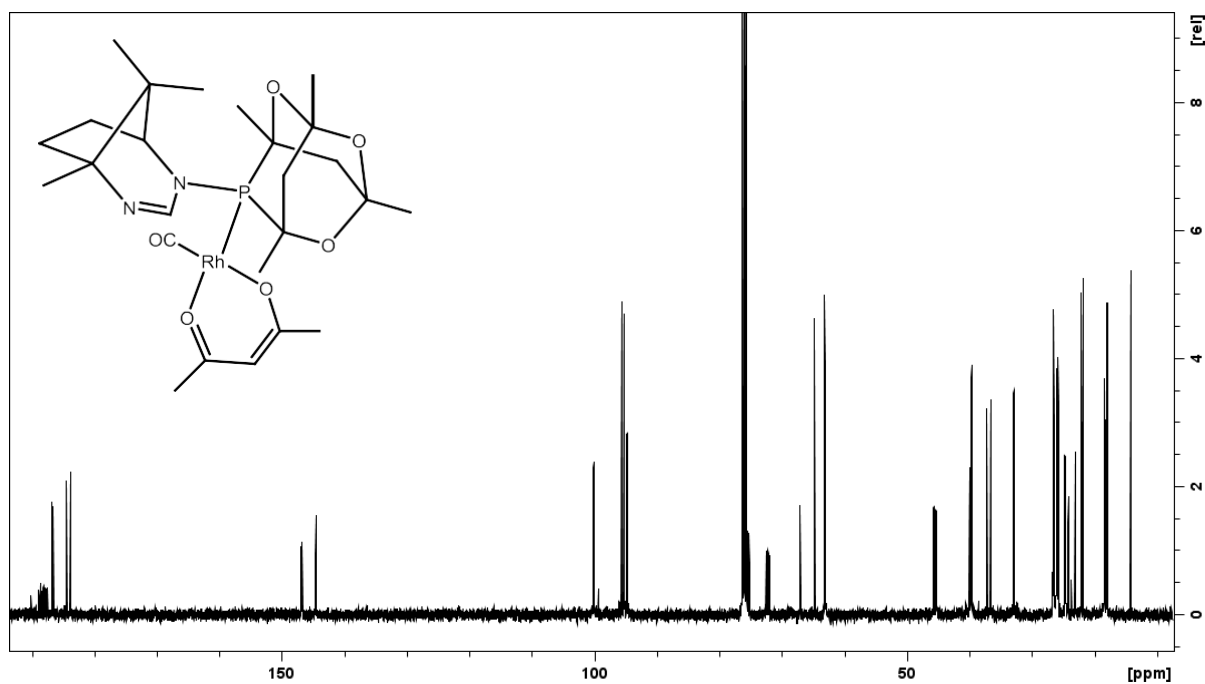


$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of [Rh( $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAm)(acac)CO] recorded at 400 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .





$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAm})(\text{acac})\text{CO}]$  recorded at 100 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



HRMS ( $\text{ES}^+$ ) spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAm})(\text{acac})\text{CO}]$ .

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

82 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 best isotopic matches for each mass)

Elements Used:

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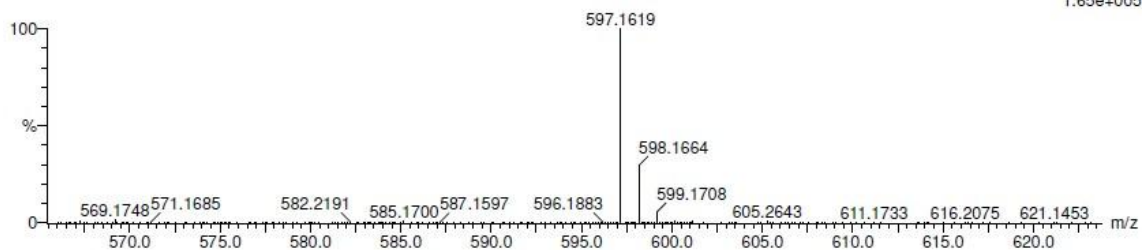
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CgPAmRh

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3: TOF MS ES+

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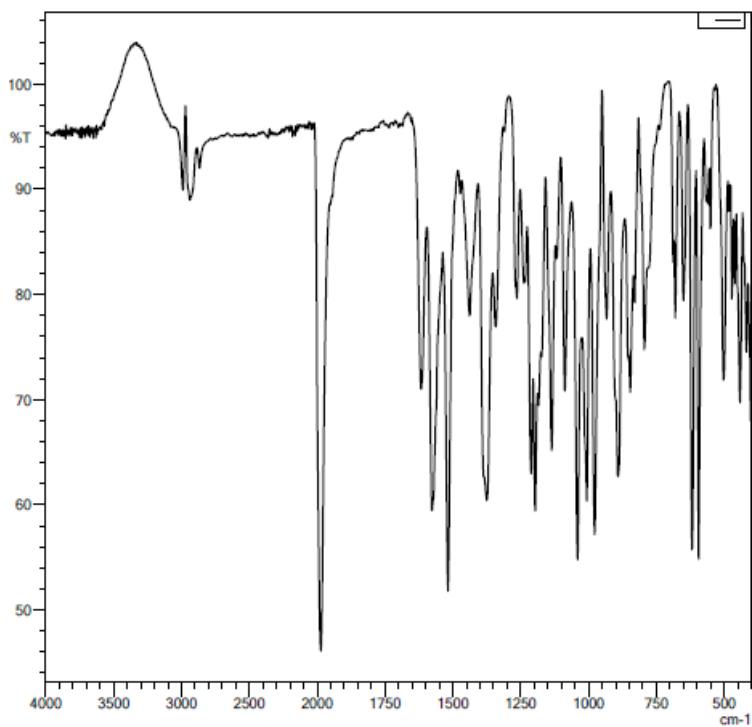


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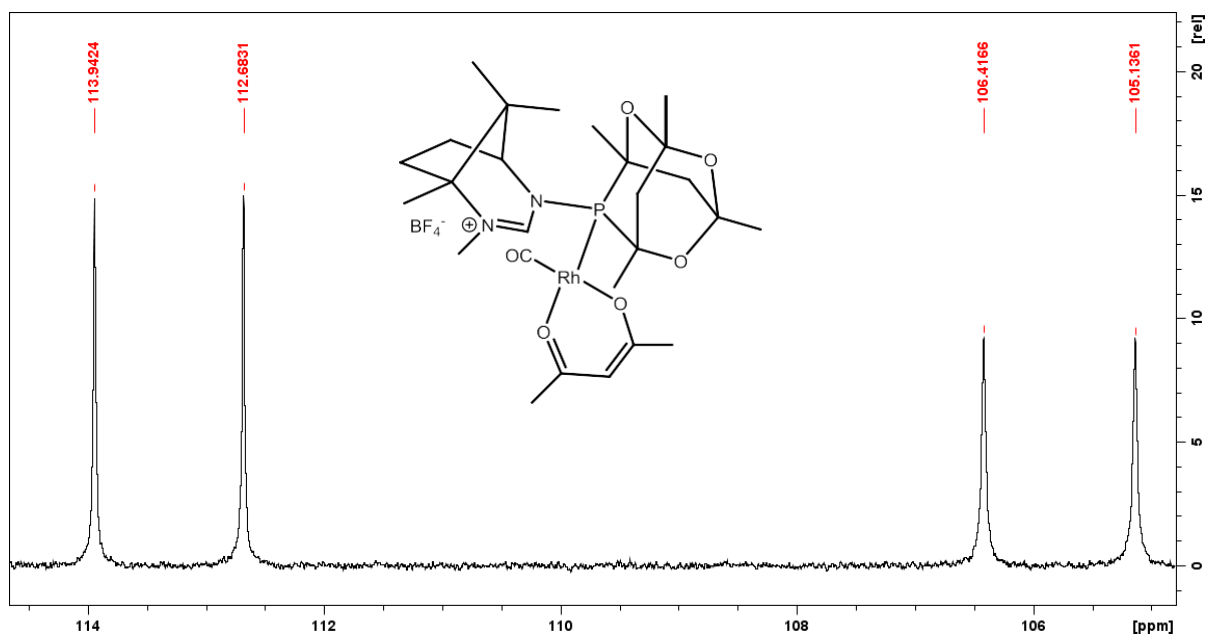
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IR spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAm})(\text{acac})\text{CO}]$ .

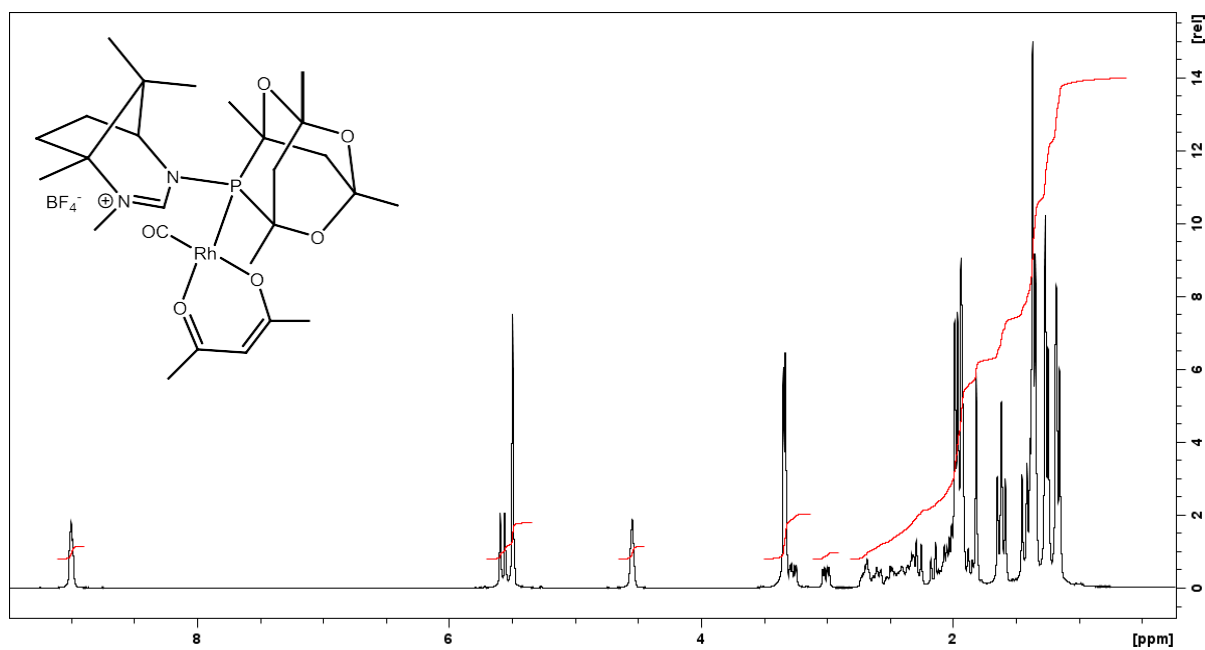


### 1.5 NMR, mass and IR spectra of $[\text{Rh}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmMe})(\text{acac})\text{CO}]\text{BF}_4$ .

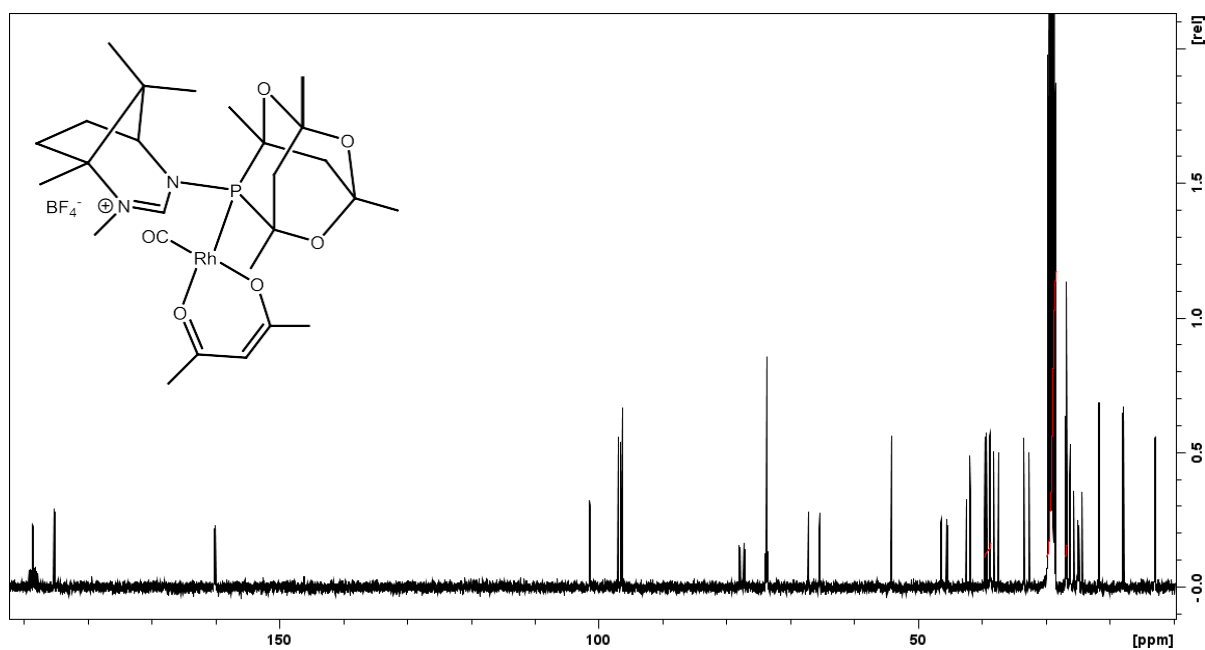
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$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmMe})(\text{acac})\text{CO}]\text{BF}_4$  recorded at 400 MHz in  $\text{d}_6$ -acetone.



$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmMe})(\text{acac})\text{CO}]\text{BF}_4$  recorded at 100 MHz in  $\text{d}_6$ -acetone.



### HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) spectrum of [Rh(α,β-CgPAmMe)(acac)CO]BF<sub>4</sub>.

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

82 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 best isotopic matches for each mass)

Elements Used:

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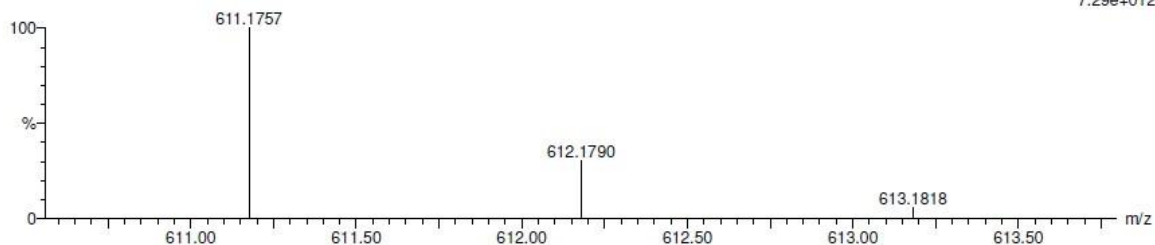
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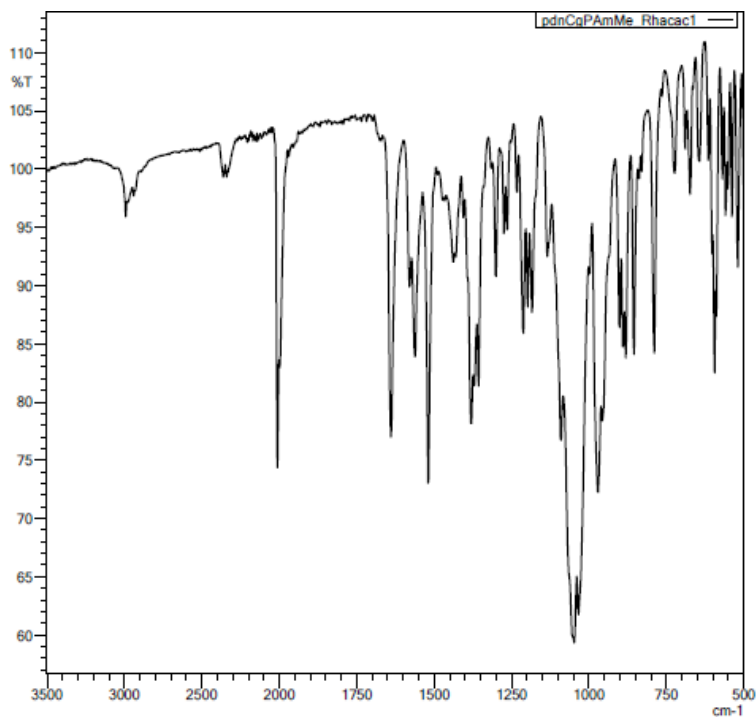
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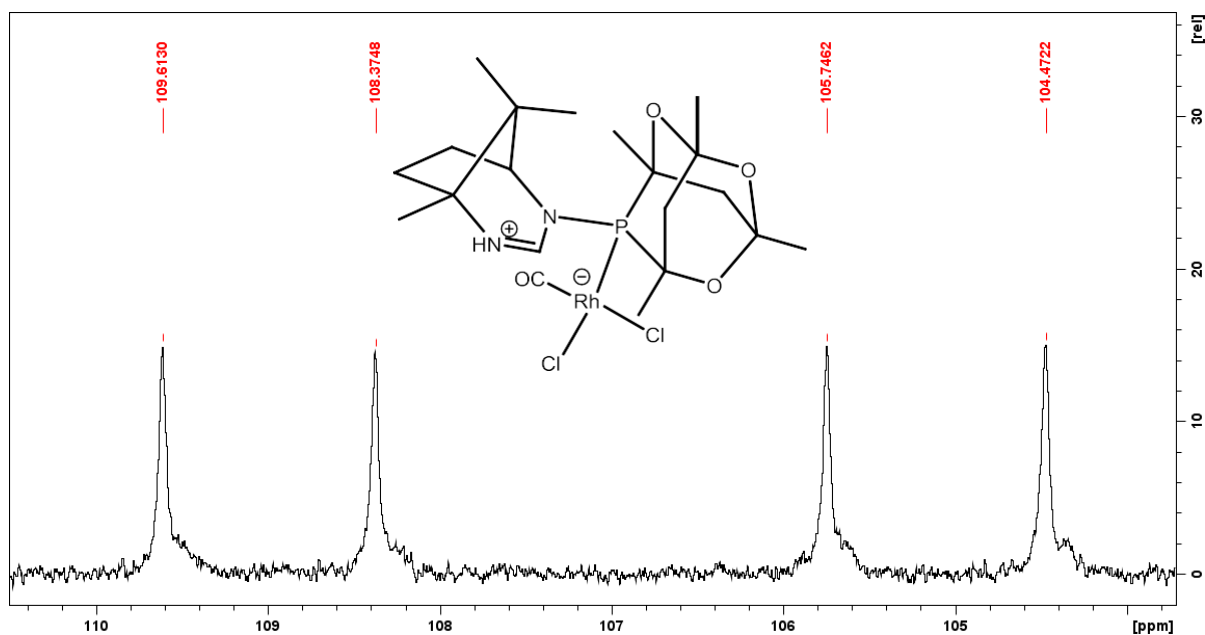
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### IR spectrum of [Rh(α,β-CgPAmMe)(acac)CO]BF<sub>4</sub>.

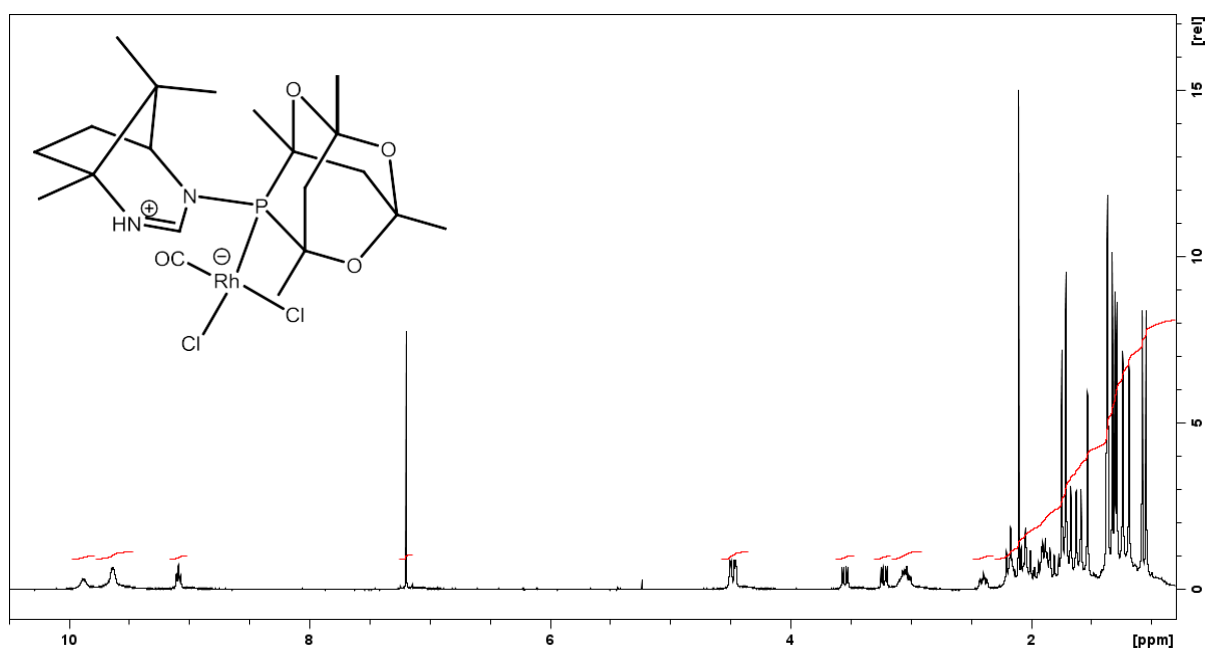


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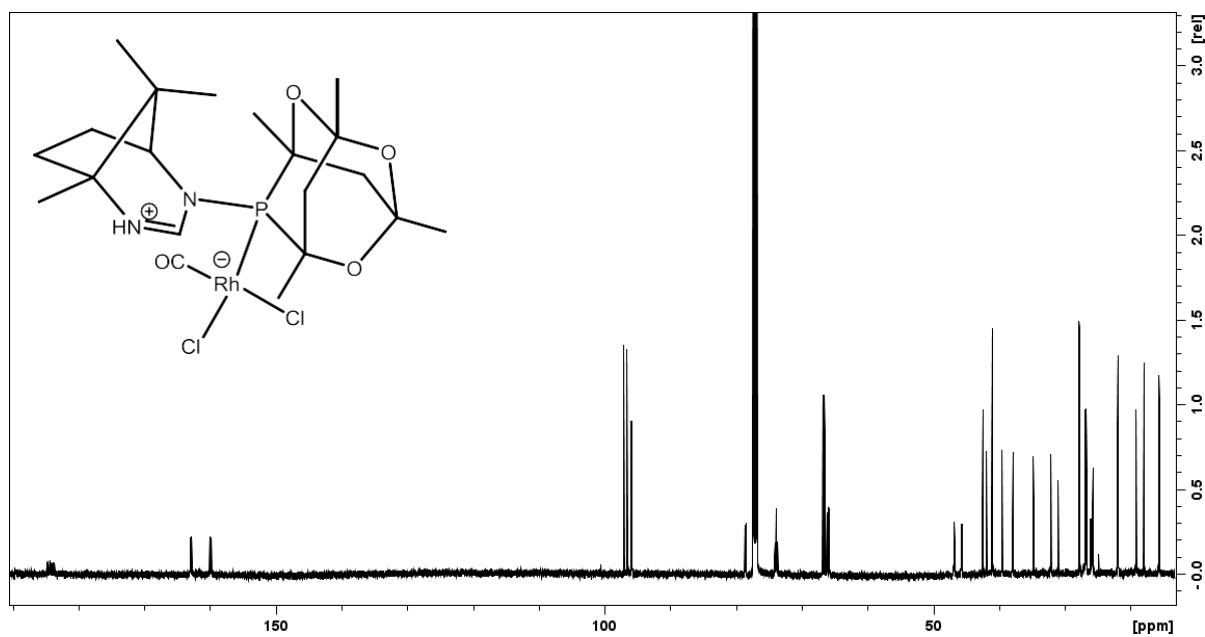
$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmH})(\text{CO})(\text{Cl})_2]$  recorded at 162 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmH})(\text{CO})(\text{Cl})_2]$  recorded at 400 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmH})(\text{CO})(\text{Cl})_2]$  recorded at 100 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



HRMS ( $\text{ES}^+$ ) spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmH})(\text{CO})(\text{Cl})_2]$ .

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

158 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 best isotopic matches for each mass)

Elements Used:

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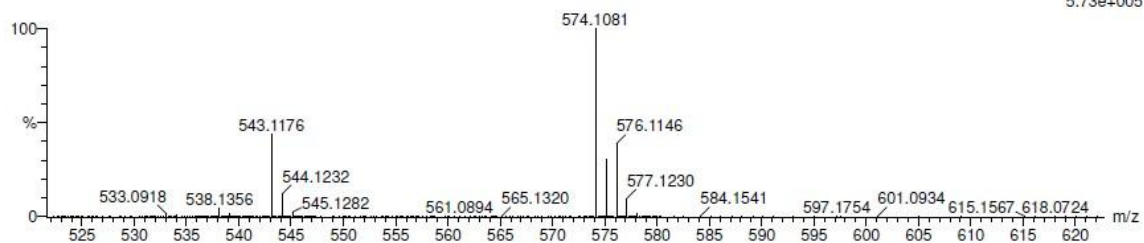
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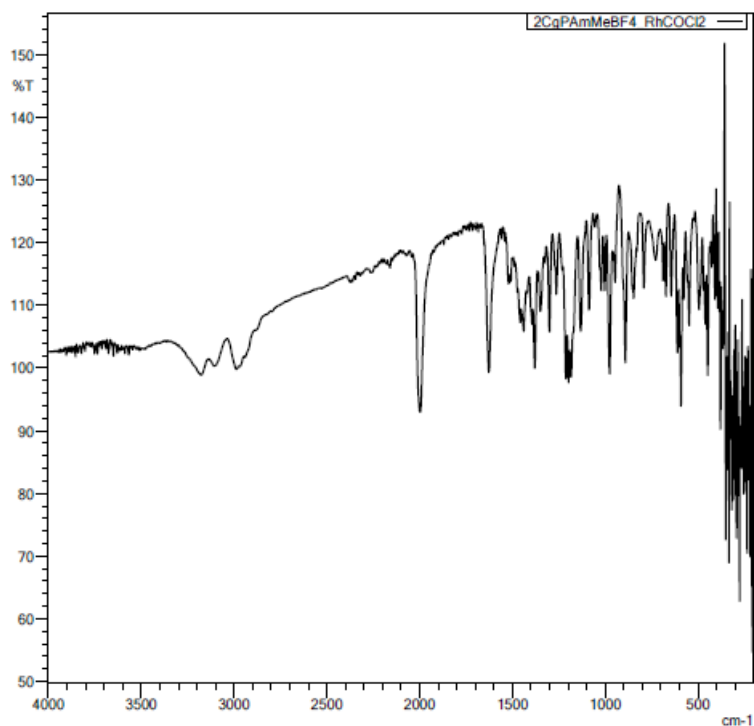
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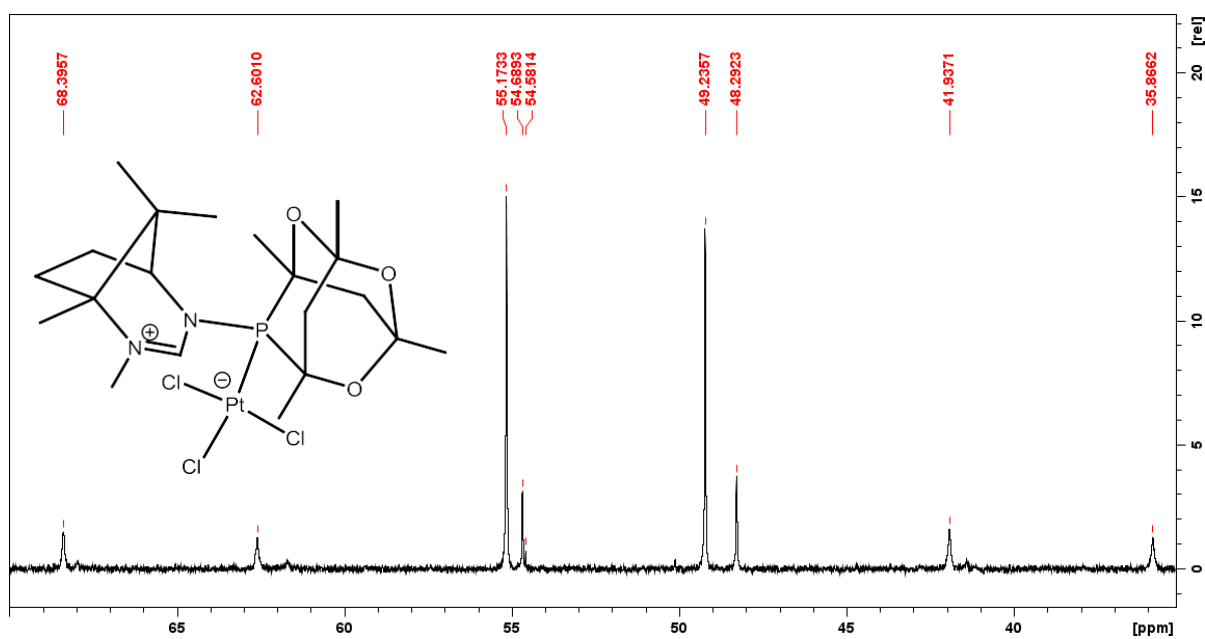
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IR spectrum of  $[\text{Rh}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmH})(\text{CO})(\text{Cl})_2]$ .

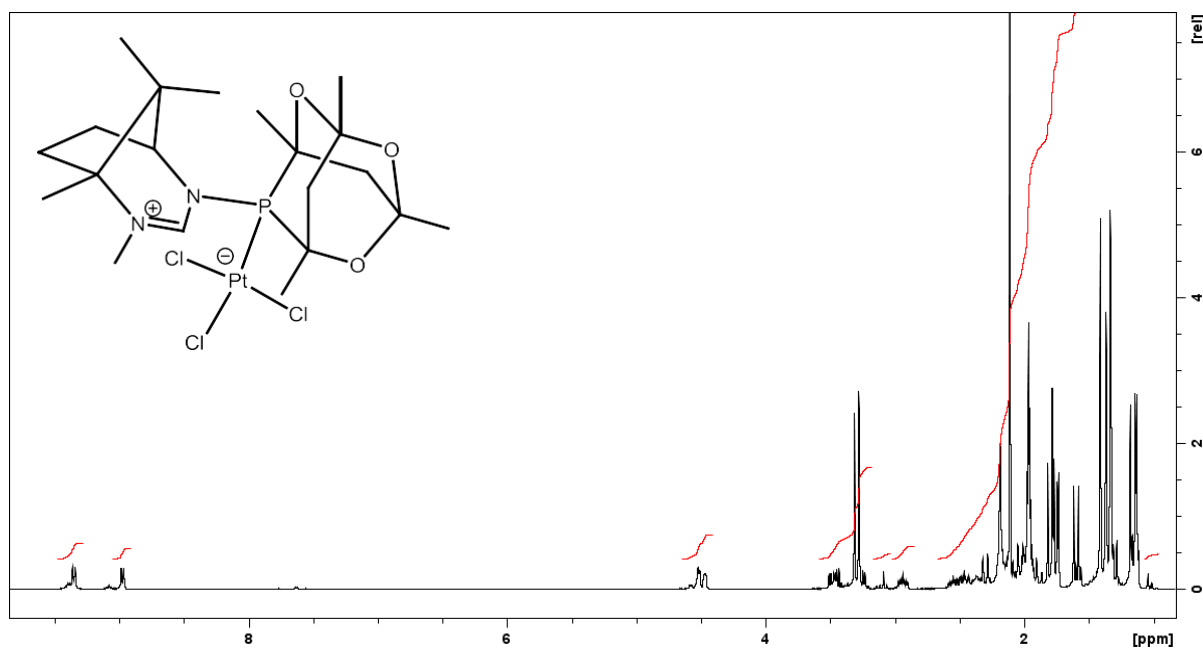


### 1.7 NMR, mass and IR spectra of $[\text{Pt}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmMe})\text{Cl}_3]$ .

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{CgPAmMe})\text{Cl}_3]$  recorded at 162 MHz in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ .



$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAMe})\text{Cl}_3]$  recorded at 400 MHz in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ .



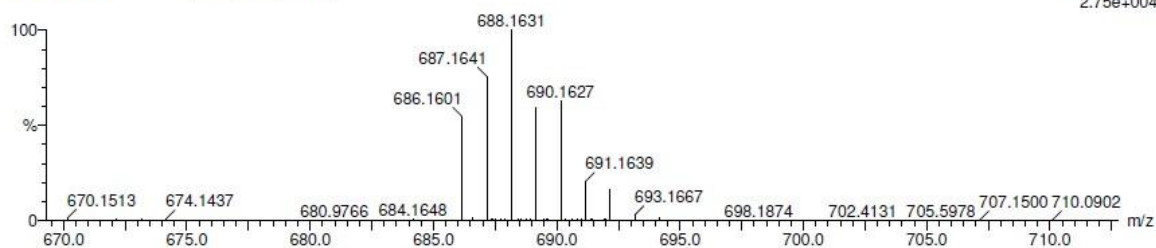
HRMS ( $\text{ES}^+$ ) spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAMe})\text{Cl}_3]$ .

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions  
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CgPAMePt

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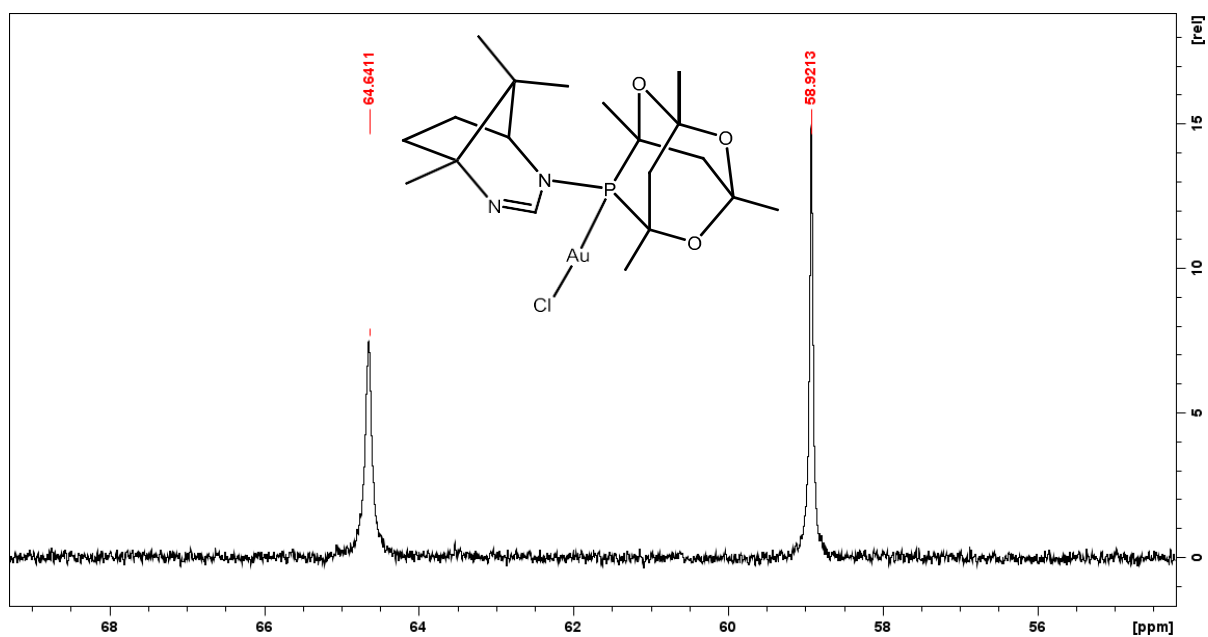
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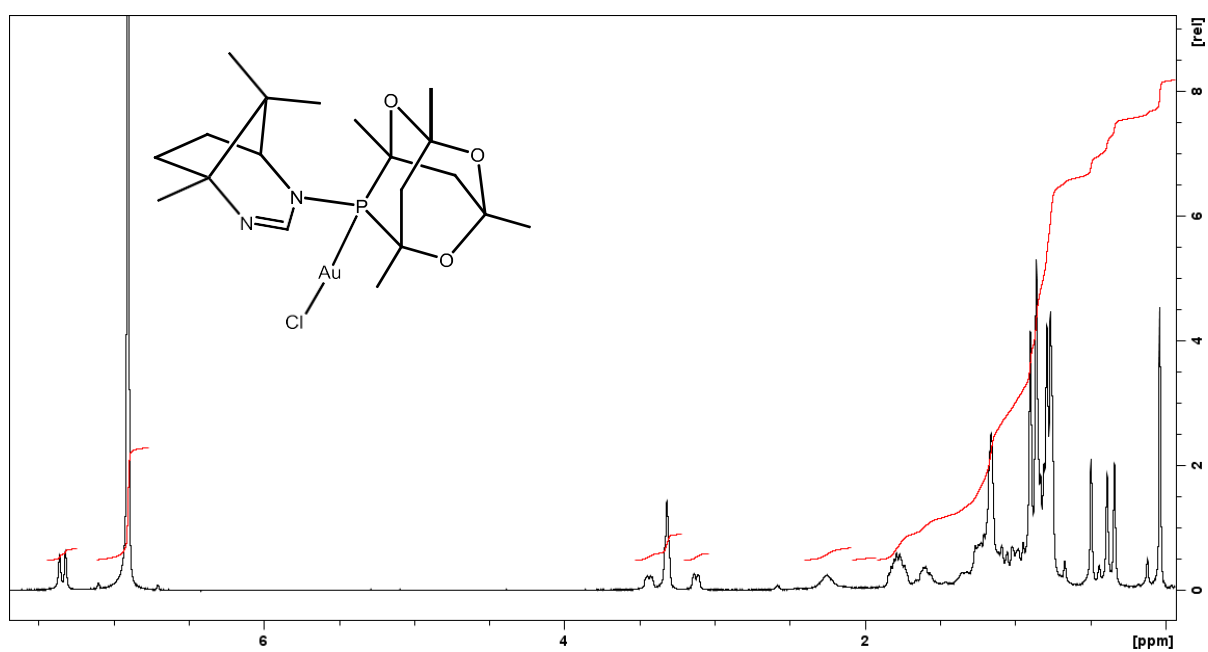


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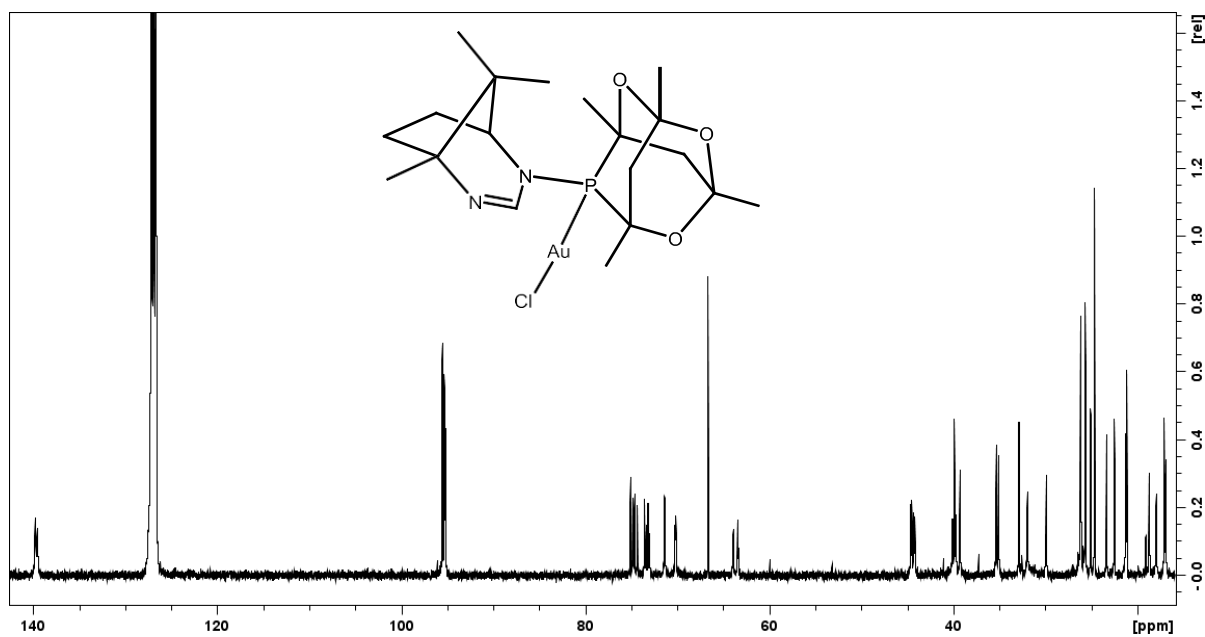
$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of [Au( $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAm)Cl] recorded at 162 MHz in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of [Au( $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAm)Cl] recorded at 400 MHz in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Au}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAm})\text{Cl}]$  recorded at 100 MHz in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



HRMS ( $\text{ES}^+$ ) spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmMe})\text{Cl}_3]$ .

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

94 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 best isotopic matches for each mass)

Elements Used:

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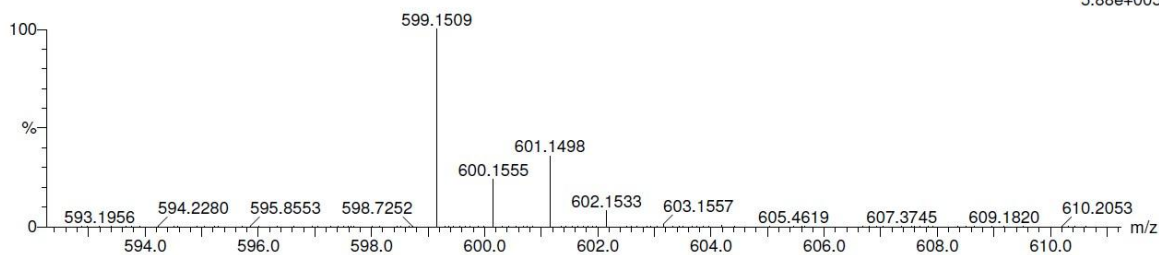
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5.88e+005



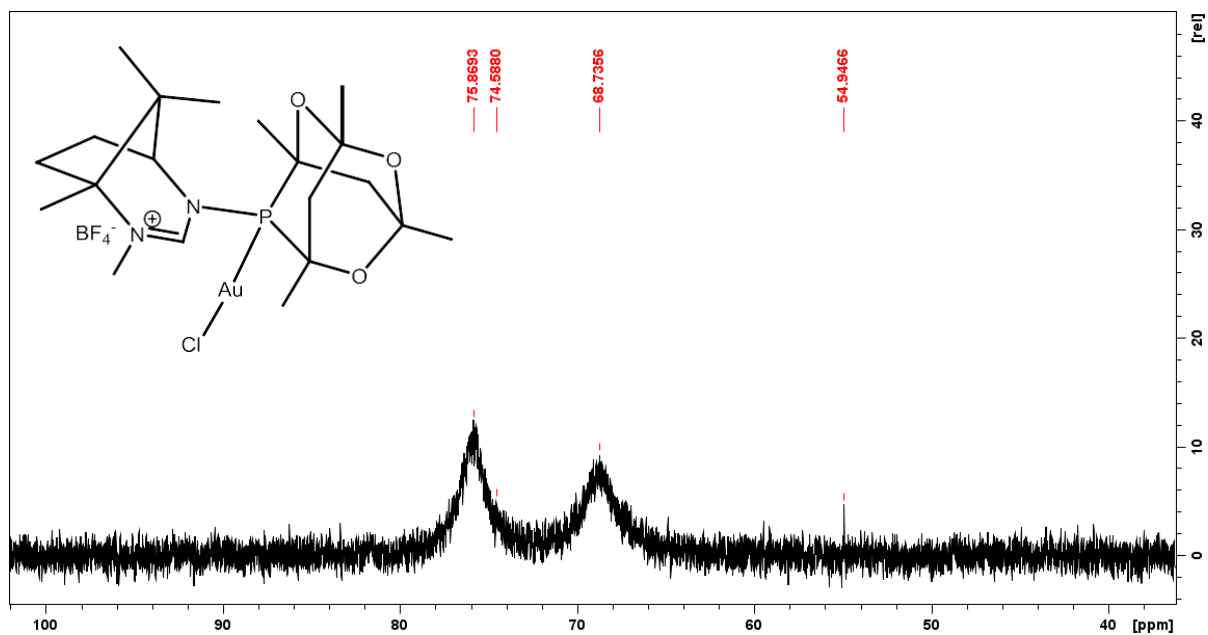
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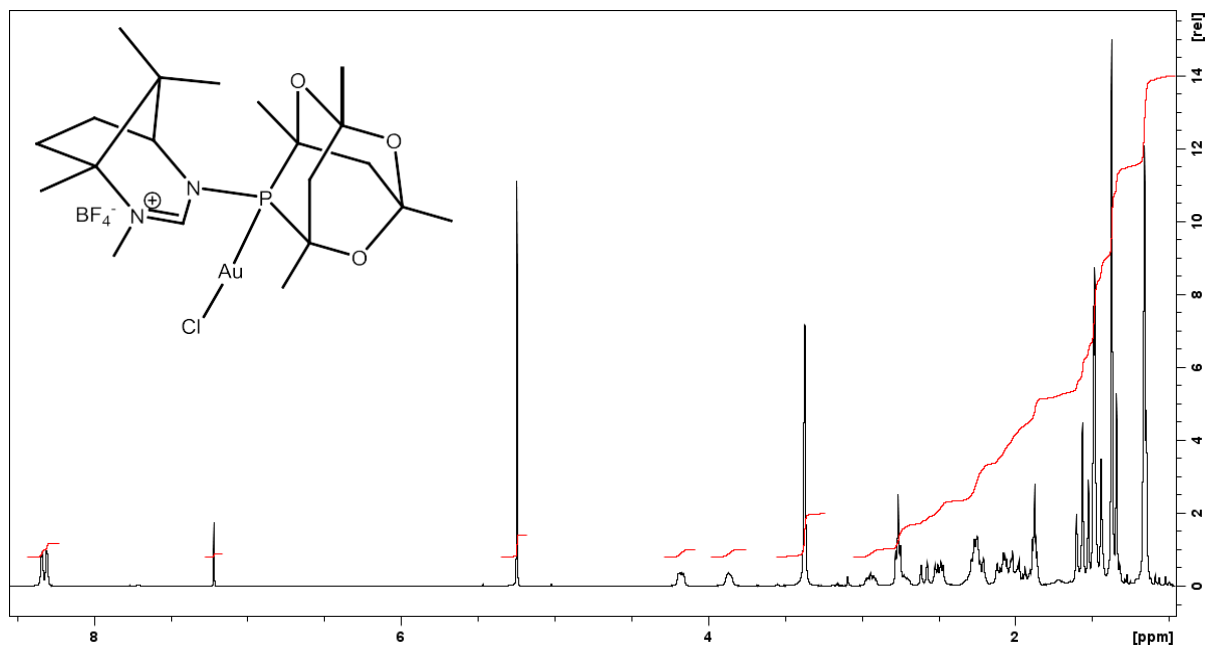
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### 1.9 NMR and mass spectra of [Au( $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAmMe)Cl]BF<sub>4</sub>.

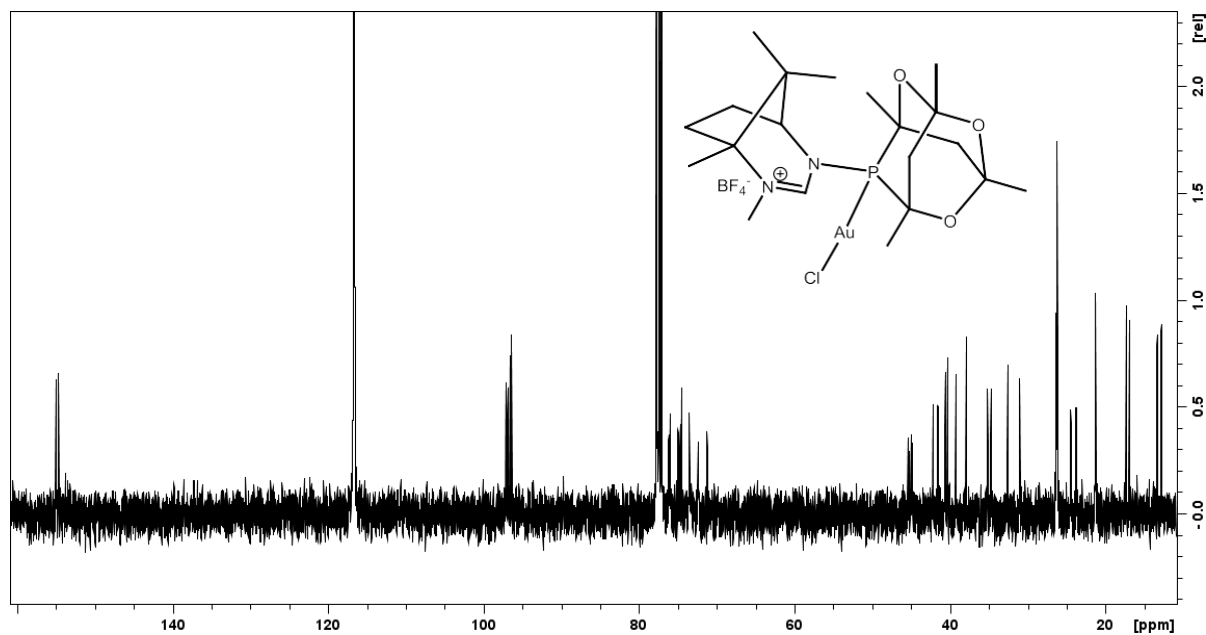
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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [Au( $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAmMe)Cl]BF<sub>4</sub> recorded at 400 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Au}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmMe})\text{Cl}]\text{BF}_4$  recorded at 100 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



HRMS ( $\text{ES}^+$ ) spectrum of  $[\text{Au}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmMe})\text{Cl}]$ .

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

94 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 best isotopic matches for each mass)

Elements Used:

C: 0-20 H: 0-34 N: 0-2 O: 0-3 P: 0-1 Cl: 0-1  $^{197}\text{Au}$ : 0-1

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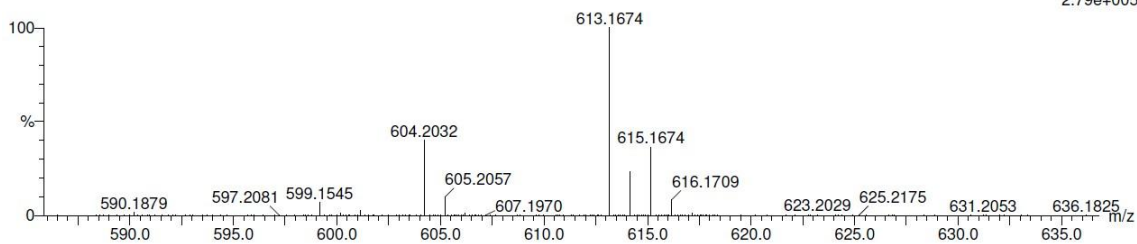
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## 2. Crystallographic studies.

Crystallographic studies were undertaken of a single crystal mounted in paratone and studied on an Agilent SuperNova Dual Atlas three-circle diffractometer using Mo-K $\alpha$  or Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation and a CCD detector. Measurements were carried out at 150(2) K with temperatures maintained using an Oxford cryostream unless otherwise stated. Data were collected and integrated and data corrected for absorption using a numerical absorption correction based on gaussian integration over a multifaceted crystal model within CrysAlisPro.<sup>1</sup> The structures were solved by direct methods and refined against  $F^2$  within SHELXL-2013.<sup>2</sup> A summary of crystallographic data are available as ESI and the structures deposited with the Cambridge Structural Database (CCDC deposition numbers 1550609–1550613). These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

In all cases, structures were solved in a monoclinic crystal system as a 2-component inversion twin with two crystallographically independent diastereomers in the asymmetric unit other than [CgP(O)AmMe]BF<sub>4</sub> where four molecules were present in the asymmetric unit. All structures were refined anisotropically with various disordered solvent molecules or BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> counterions being modelled over various positions. In the case of [Rh(CgPAmH)(CO)Cl<sub>2</sub>] SQUEEZE<sup>3</sup> protocols were utilized due to two severely disordered CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solvate molecules whereby a solvent accessible void of 332 Å<sup>3</sup> consisting of 80 e<sup>-</sup> was found per asymmetric unit consistent with the inclusion of two CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solvent molecules.

**2.1 Table 1. Crystallographic refinement data.**

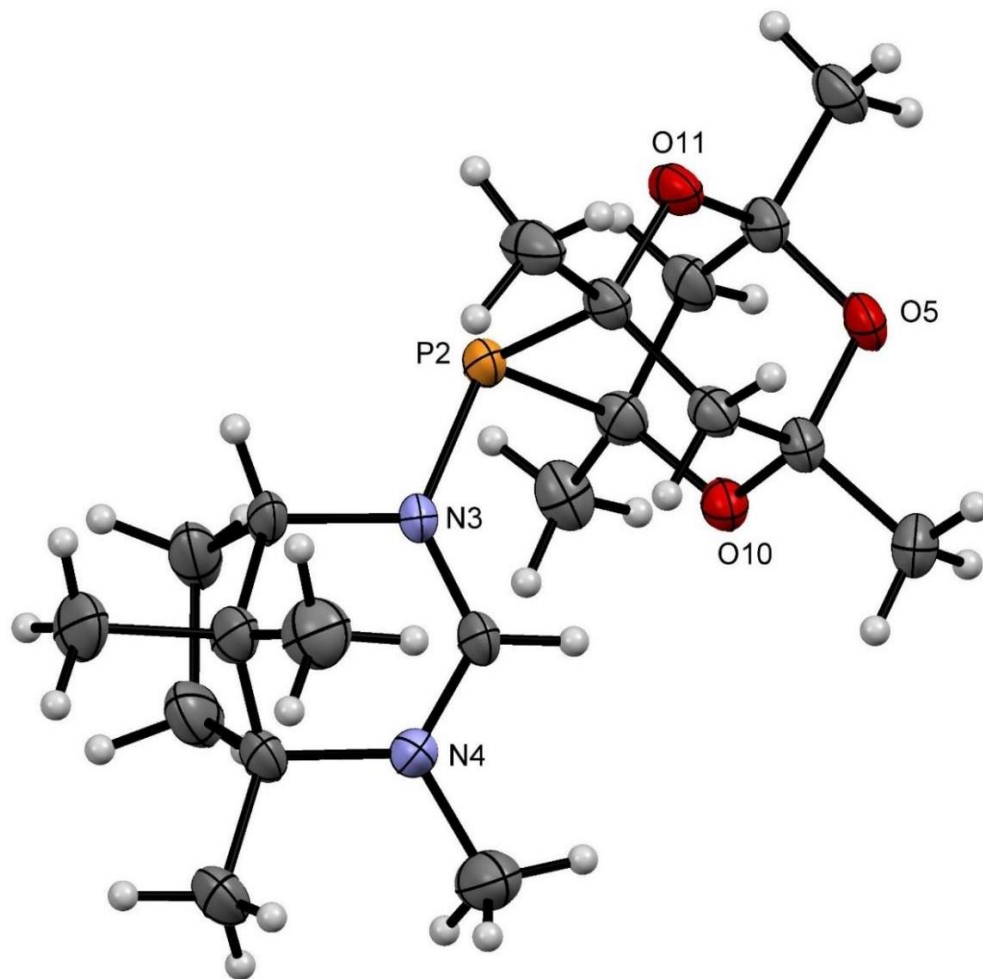
Compound	[ $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAmMe]BF <sub>4</sub>	[ $\alpha,\beta$ -CgP(O)AmMe]BF <sub>4</sub>	[Rh( $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAm)(acac)(CO)]BF <sub>4</sub>
Empirical Formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>34</sub> BF <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> P	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>34</sub> BF <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> P	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>43</sub> BCl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> PRh
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space Group	<i>P</i> 21	<i>P</i> 21	<i>P</i> 21
<i>a</i> /Å	19.4905(5)	14.2214(3)	8.4507(2)
<i>b</i> /Å	7.7502(2)	23.4406(4)	32.6387(6)
<i>c</i> /Å	15.2759(4)	14.2488(2)	12.2306(3)
$\alpha$ /°	90	90	90
$\beta$ /°	96.808(2)	93.0250(10)	97.379(2)
$\gamma$ /°	90	90	90
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	2291.25(11)	4743.34(14)	3345.50(13)
<i>Z</i>	4	8	4
<i>T</i> /K	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)
<i>D<sub>c</sub></i> /g.cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.357	1.356	1.555
Crystal size/mm	0.240 x 0.180 x 0.063	0.145 x 0.122 x 0.081	0.171 x 0.142 x 0.102
Total data	15730	15875	29150
Unique data	8248	10088	11751
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0605	0.0262	0.0368
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )]	0.0713	0.0527	0.0279
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.2058	0.1520	0.0594

GoF	1.036	1.041	1.048
$\rho_{\min}/\rho_{\max}/e\text{\AA}^{-3}$	-0.445/1.166	-0.888/0.902	-0.442/0.386
CCDC code	1550609	1550610	1550611

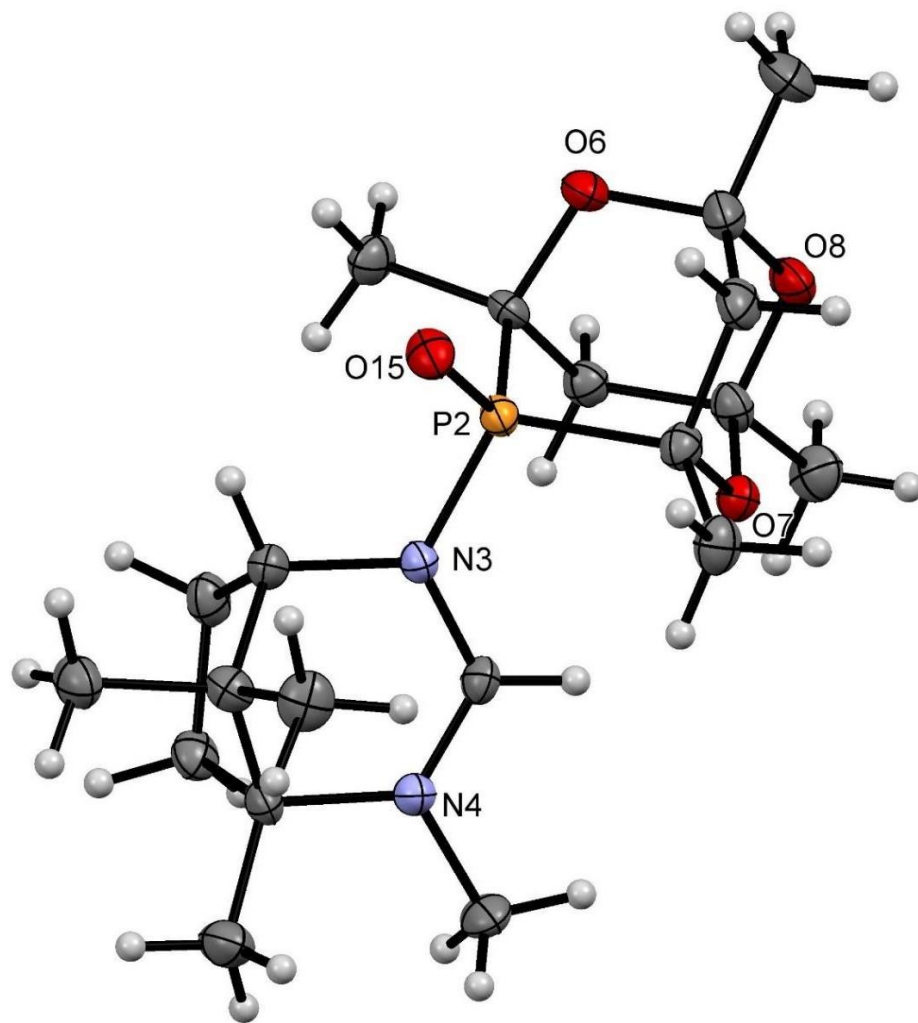
Compound	[Rh( $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAmH)(CO)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	[Pt( $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAmMe)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]
Empirical Formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>32</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> PRh	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>40</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> PPt
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space Group	<i>C2</i>	<i>P21</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	20.8539(5)	10.2699(4)
<i>b</i> /Å	12.8581(3)	18.0168(6)
<i>c</i> /Å	22.0217(6)	15.4569(5)
$\alpha$ /°	90	90
$\beta$ /°	103.783(3)	103.602(4)
$\gamma$ /°	90	90
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	5734.9(2)	2779.79(17)
<i>Z</i>	8	4
<i>T</i> /K	150(2)	150(2)
<i>D<sub>c</sub></i> /g.cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.319	1.771
Crystal size/mm	0.237 x 0.175 x 0.099	0.228 x 0.162 x 0.088
Total data	27505	28866
Unique data	12693	13257
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0312	0.0521
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> >2 $\sigma$ ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )]	0.0230	0.0392
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0547	0.0898
GoF	1.030	1.042
$\rho_{\min}/\rho_{\max}/e\text{\AA}^{-3}$	-0.370/0.325	-1.527/1.674
CCDC code	1550612	1550613

## 2.2 Thermal ellipsoid plots.

Thermal ellipsoid plot (ellipsoids drawn at 50% probability) of  $[\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmMe}]\text{BF}_4$ . One of two diastereomers in the asymmetric unit with  $\text{BF}_4^-$  counterion omitted for clarity.

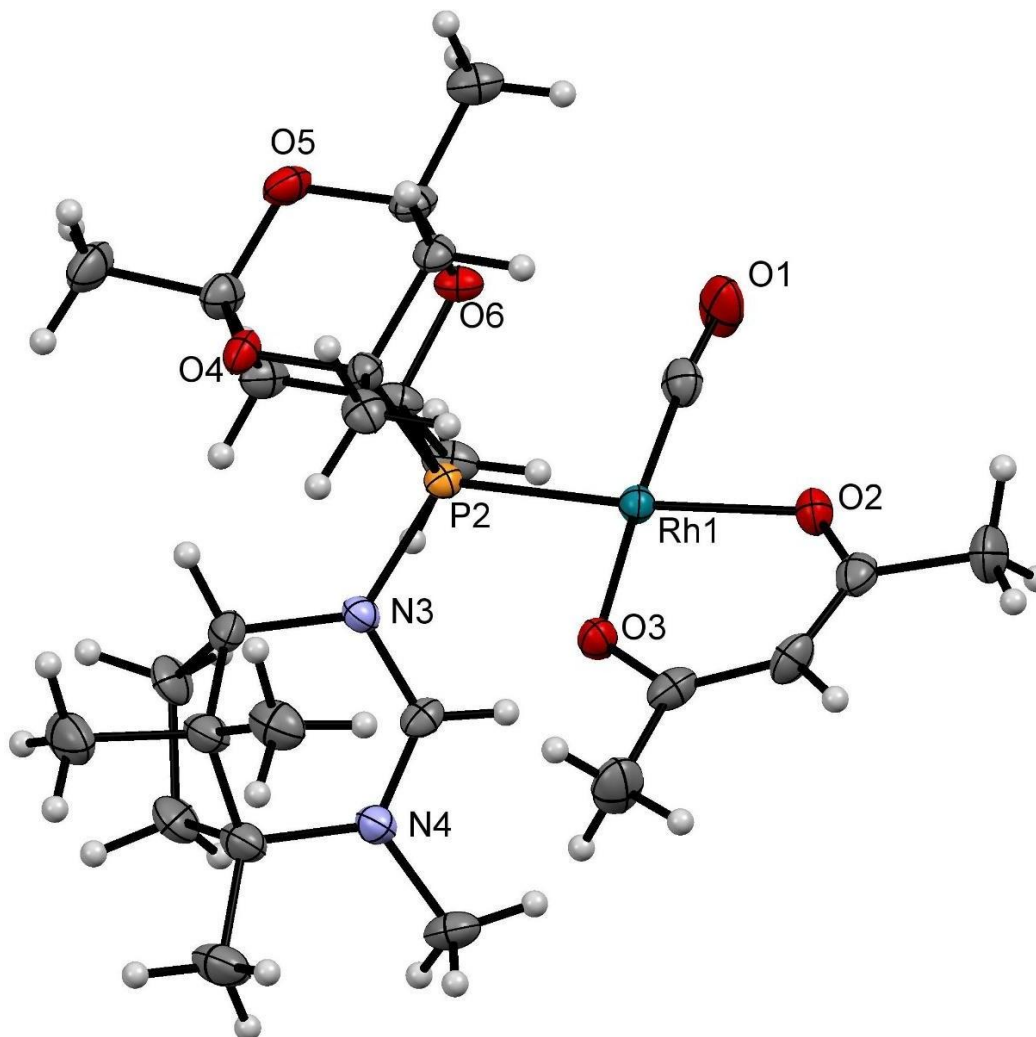


Thermal ellipsoid plot (ellipsoids drawn at 50% probability) of  $[\alpha,\beta\text{-CgP(O)AmMe}]\text{BF}_4$ . One of four molecules in the asymmetric unit with  $\text{BF}_4^-$  counterion omitted for clarity.

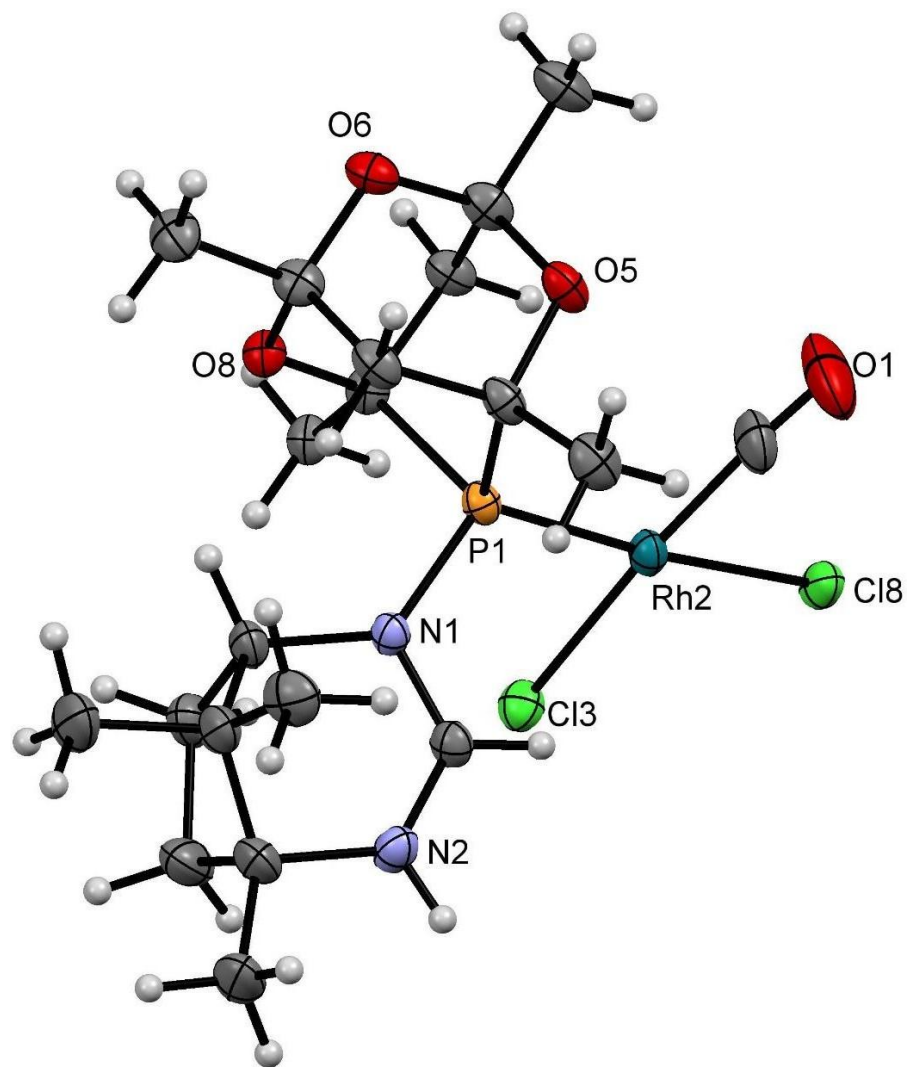




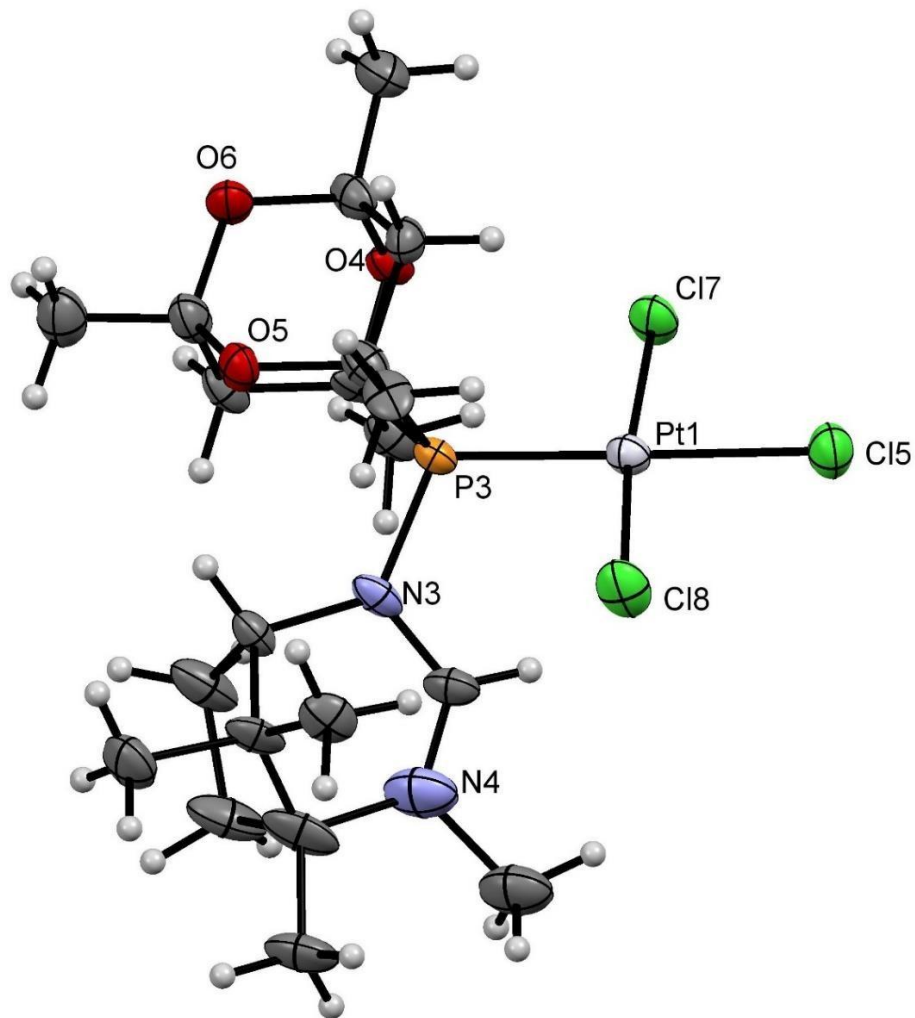
Thermal ellipsoid plot (ellipsoids drawn at 50% probability) of  $[\text{Rh}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAm})(\text{acac})(\text{CO})]\text{BF}_4\text{PAmMe}\text{BF}_4$ . One of two diastereomers in the asymmetric unit with  $\text{BF}_4^-$  counterion and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solvate molecule omitted for clarity.



Thermal ellipsoid plot (ellipsoids drawn at 50% probability) of  $[\text{Rh}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmH})(\text{CO})\text{Cl}_2]$ . One of two diastereomers in the asymmetric unit.



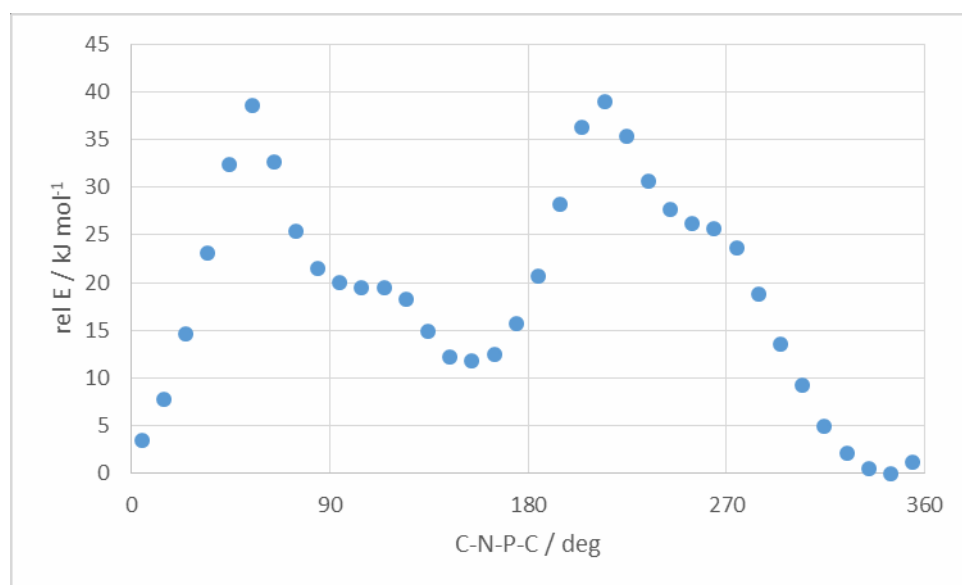
Thermal ellipsoid plot (ellipsoids drawn at 50% probability) of  $[\text{Pt}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmMe})\text{Cl}_3]$ . One of two diastereomers in the asymmetric unit. Acetone solvate molecules omitted for clarity.



### 3. DFT details.

All DFT calculations were performed using the Gaussian09 software,<sup>4</sup> with the B3LYP<sup>5</sup> functional and a basis set consisting of Stuttgart-Dresden ECP/basis on Pt<sup>6</sup> and 6-31G\* on all remaining atoms.<sup>7</sup> All structures were fully geometry optimised without symmetry constraint, and confirmed as minima *via* harmonic frequency calculation. Natural bond orbital (NBO) analysis<sup>8</sup> was also carried out in Gaussian.

#### 3.1 Potential energy surface for P—N rotation in $[\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmMe}]^+$



#### 3.2 NBO data for $[\text{Pt}(\alpha,\beta\text{-CgPAmMe})(\text{Cl})_3]$

NBO1: Occupancy 1.84 Bond Pt 1 - P 2:

25% Pt: 0.51 (6s), -0.36 (6px), 0.63 (6py), -0.30 (5dxy), 0.18 (5d xz), -0.21 (5d x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>), -0.20 (5dz<sup>2</sup>)

75% P: 0.60 (3s), 0.41 (3px), -0.68 (3py)

Donor NBO	Acceptor NBO	E(2) / kcal/mol	E(j)-E(i) / au	F(i,j) / au
LP (2) Pt	RY*(1) P	11.44	4.03	0.192
LP (2) Pt	RY*(2) P	10.09	2.89	0.153
LP (2) Pt	RY*(3) P	4.77	2.05	0.089
LP (2) Pt	RY*(4) P	3.65	1.67	0.070
LP (2) Pt	RY*(5) P	0.77	1.02	0.025

LP (2) Pt	RY*(6) P	1.40	1.31	0.038
LP (2) Pt	RY*(8) P	1.12	1.32	0.035
LP (2)Pt	RY*(9) P	1.36	1.56	0.041

NBO data for [Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(Cl)<sub>3</sub>]

NBO1: Occupancy 1.82 Bond ( 1)Pt 1 - P 2

26% Pt 0.51 (6s), 0.71 (6py), 0.46 (5dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>)

74% P 0.55 (3s), -0.82 (3px), -0.1142 (3py)

Donor NBO	Acceptor NBO	E(2) / kcal/mol	E(j)-E(i) /au	F(i,j) /au
LP (2) Pt	RY*(1) P	11.75	5.61	0.229
LP (2) Pt	RY*(2) P	5.84	1.98	0.096
LP (2) Pt	RY*(3) P	5.59	2.25	0.100
LP (2) Pt	RY*(8) P	0.57	1.20	0.024

Cartesian coordinates for  $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAm

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Cartesian coordinates for  $\alpha,\beta$ -CgPAmMe

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Cartesian coordinates for [Pt(CgPAmMe)(Cl)<sub>3</sub>]

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O	2.124864	2.170854	-1.052097
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Cartesian coordinates for [Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(Cl)<sub>3</sub>]

Pt	5.203767	12.335262	13.344627
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Cl	7.461459	12.719226	12.718488
Cl	2.955228	11.859969	14.041139
C	5.509842	14.413241	10.479971
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C	3.611443	15.301583	12.437777
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C	3.162838	15.334104	13.767452
C	2.907278	17.617297	12.175629
H	3.843954	16.461474	10.626496
C	2.589172	16.495749	14.288907
H	3.256062	14.444603	14.381569
C	2.458645	17.638183	13.497659
H	2.817480	18.504102	11.552331
H	2.248448	16.503946	15.321197
H	2.015635	18.542191	13.909514
C	3.020798	12.969670	10.753099
C	1.978458	13.706264	10.174365
C	3.084453	11.586201	10.526594
C	1.022811	13.074335	9.375804
H	1.901734	14.773972	10.354314
C	2.134294	10.958442	9.720321
H	3.867557	11.007165	11.007095
C	1.100962	11.700078	9.143647
H	0.214545	13.657391	8.940307
H	2.193301	9.885035	9.559379
H	0.354637	11.207820	8.524257

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