

## Supporting Information

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**Figure S4.** A) <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of solution after electrolysis of *ct*-[RuCl(CO)(dppb)(bipy)]PF<sub>6</sub> isomer in CH<sub>3</sub>CN and B) cyclic voltammogram of the *ct*-[RuCl(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)(dppb)(bipy)]PF<sub>6</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

**Figure S5.** A) <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} spectrum of solution after electrolysis of *tc*-[RuCl(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)(dppb)(bipy)]PF<sub>6</sub> carried out for 3 h; B) cyclic voltammogram of *tc*-[RuCl(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)(dppb)(bipy)]PF<sub>6</sub>, C) <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra of solution after electrolysis of *cc*-[RuCl(CO)(dppb)(bipy)]PF<sub>6</sub> for 4 h and D) cyclic voltammogram of *cc*-[RuCl(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)(dppb)(bipy)]PF<sub>6</sub>. Conditions: Pt electrode vs Ag/AgCl, TBAP 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

**Figure S6.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of electrolysis products. A) *ct*-[RuCl(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)(dppb)(bipy)]PF<sub>6</sub>, B) *tc*-[RuCl(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)(dppb)(bipy)]PF<sub>6</sub> and C) *cc*-[RuCl(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)(dppb)(bipy)]PF<sub>6</sub> in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

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Data	Complex (1)	Complex (6)
Empirical formula	C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>36</sub> ClF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OP <sub>3</sub> Ru	C <sub>41</sub> H <sub>36</sub> ClF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OP <sub>3</sub> Ru
Molecular weight	892.13	916.15
Color	Yellow	Yellow
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P21/c	P21/c
Unit cell dimensions (Å; °)	a = 14.6581(2) b = 16.2338(2); c = 16.5500(2) β = 92.759(1)	a = 12.4950(4) Å b = 16.3401(6); c = 19.2663(6) β = 101.08
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3933.62(9)	3860.2(2)
Unit cell, Z	4	4
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.22 x 0.22 x 0.19	0.05 x 0.09 x 0.40
Density (calculated; Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.506	1.576
Temperature (K)	293(2)	293(2)
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.651	0.666
F(000)	1808	1856
Wavelength (Mo-Kα) (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Theta range for data collection (°)	3.10 to 32.03	2.963 to 26.374
Index ranges	-18 ≤ h ≤ 18; -20 ≤ k ≤ 20; -21 ≤ l ≤ 24	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15; -20 ≤ k ≤ 20; -24 ≤ l ≤ 24
Completeness to theta	79.6 %	99.4 %
Reflections collected	10900	28914
Data / restraints / parameters	10900 / 478	7863 / 0 / 496
R1; wR2 [I > 2σ (I)]	R1 = 0.0533, wR2 = 0.1388	R1 = 0.0589; wR2 = 0.1338
R1; wR2 (Total)	R1 = 0.0783, wR2 = 0.1659	R = 0.0589; R <sup>w</sup> = 0.1338
S	1.074	1.201
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.803 and -1.178	0.453 and -0.931

**Table S2.** Selected angles for for *ct*-[RuCl(CO)(dppb)(bipy)]PF<sub>6</sub> and *cc*-[RuCl(CO)(dppb)(phen)]PF<sub>6</sub>.

<i>ct</i> -[RuCl(CO)(dppb)(bipy)]PF <sub>6</sub>		<i>cc</i> -[RuCl(CO)(dppb)(phen)]PF <sub>6</sub>	
Angles [°]		Angles [°]	
C(1)-Ru-N(1)	89.11(12)	C(1)-Ru-N(1)	169.54(14)
C(1)-Ru-N(2)	86.98(13)	C(1)-Ru-N(2)	91.79(14)
N(1)-Ru-N(2)	77.11(12)	N(2)-Ru-N(1)	77.93(11)
C(1)-Ru-P(1)	88.54(11)	C(1)-Ru-P(1)	94.87(12)
N(1)-Ru-P(1)	105.90(8)	N(2)-Ru-P(1)	89.79(9)
N(2)-Ru-P(1)	174.57(8)	N(1)-Ru-P(1)	87.14(8)
C(1)-Ru-Cl	94.91(11)	C(1)-Ru-P(2)	89.32(12)
N(1)-Ru-Cl	168.63(8)	N(2)-Ru-P(2)	170.33(9)
N(2)-Ru-Cl	92.46(9)	N(1)-Ru-P(2)	100.48(8)
P(1)-Ru-Cl	84.87(3)	P(1)-Ru-P(2)	99.68(3)
C(1)-Ru-P(2)	173.00(12)	C(1)-Ru-Cl	92.28(12)
N(1)-Ru-P(2)	92.54(7)	N(2)-Ru-Cl	83.27(9)
N(2)-Ru-P(2)	86.76(8)	N(1)-Ru-Cl	84.64(8)
P(1)-Ru-P(2)	97.53(3)	P(1)-Ru-Cl	170.19(3)
Cl-Ru-P(2)	82.24(3)	P(2)-Ru-Cl	87.09(3)
C(1)-Ru-P(2)	173.00(12)	C(1)-Ru-N(2)	91.79(14)
N(1)-Ru-P(2)	92.54(7)	C(1)-Ru-N(1)	169.54(14)

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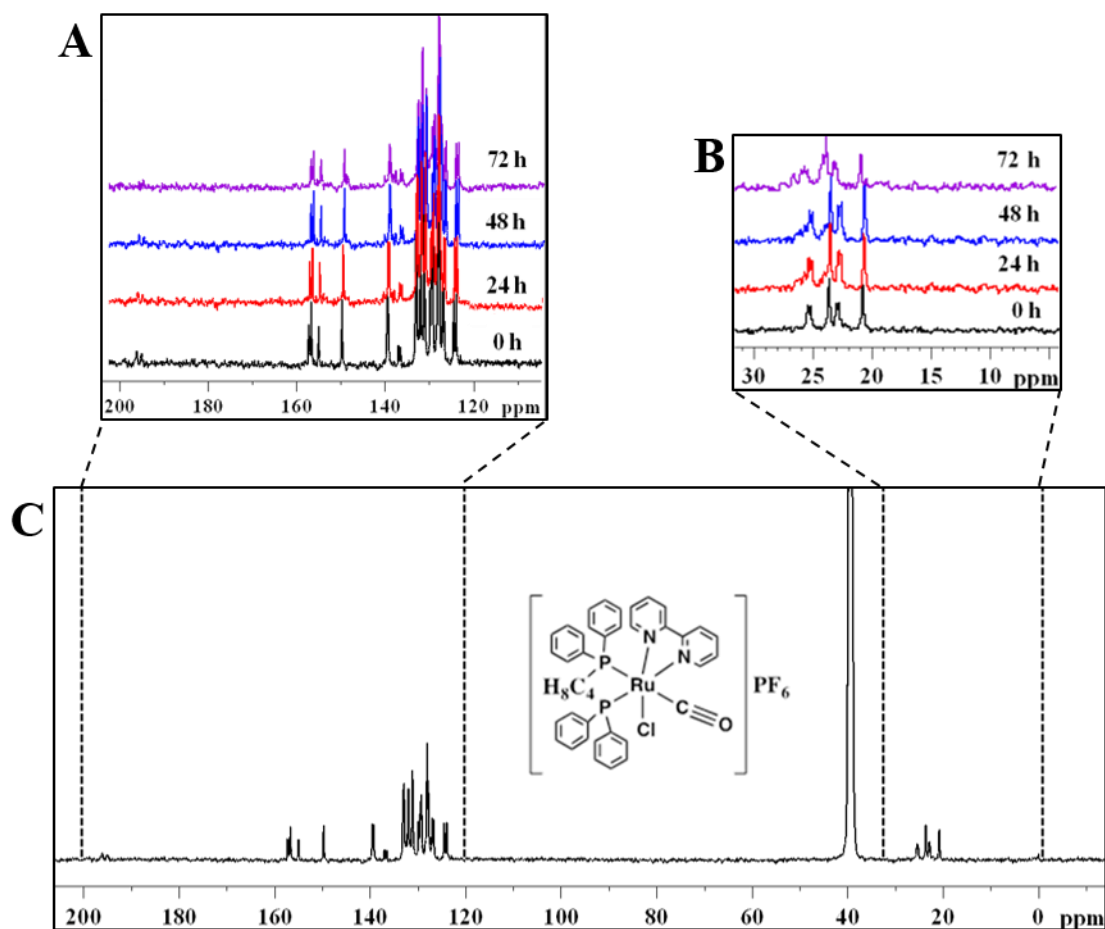
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<b>(3)</b> opt.	(C+H) 87	(C=O) 27; (C+H) 56
<b>(5)</b> opt.	(C+H) 93	(C=O) 11; (C+H) 82
<b>(1)</b> opt.	Ru: 54; Cl: 34; (C+H) 10	N: 20; (C+H) 77
<b>(1)</b> X-ray*	Ru: 58; Cl: 33	N: 17; (C+H) 80

\**ct*-[RuCl(CO)(dppb)(bipy)]PF<sub>6</sub> complex calculated using X-ray coordinates.

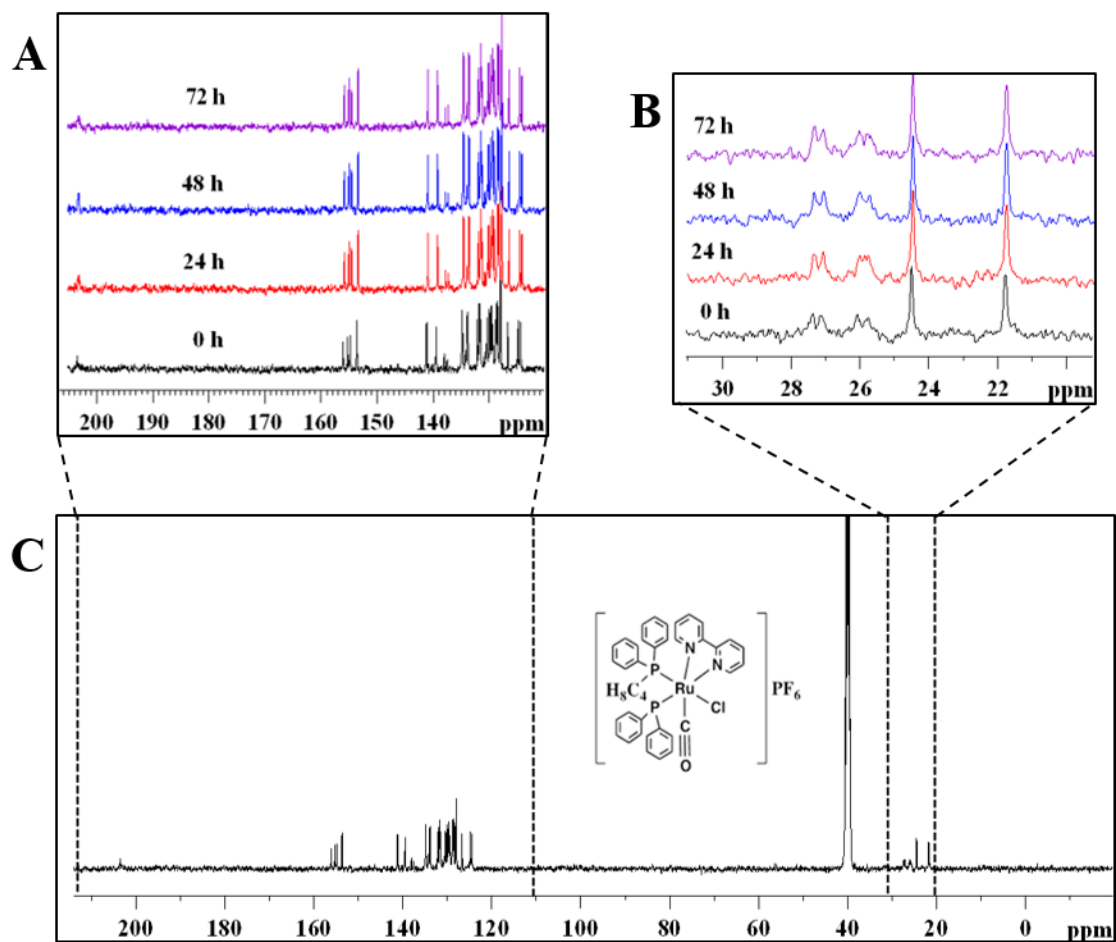
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atoms	complex 3 (opt.)	complex 5 (opt.)	complex 1 (opt.)	complex 1 (X-Ray)*
Ru	-1.38	-1.28	-0.66	-0.87
N1	-0.40	-0.69	-0.36	-0.36
N2	-0.35	-0.30	-0.37	-0.37
P1	2.79	1.01	1.20	1.30
P2	1.02	0.62	1.09	1.17
Cl	-0.27	-0.26	-0.40	-0.35
C(CO)	0.62	0.60	0.77	0.77
O	-0.50	-0.63	-0.44	-0.42

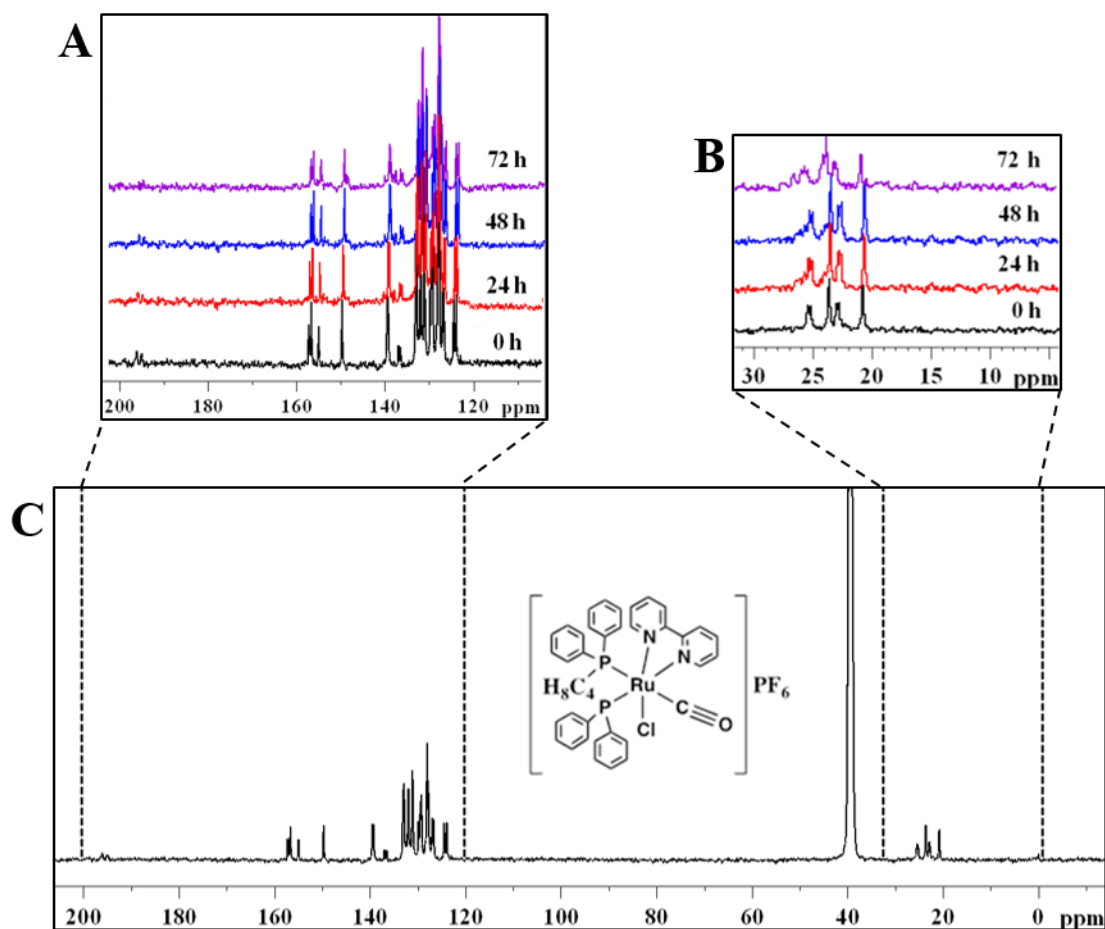
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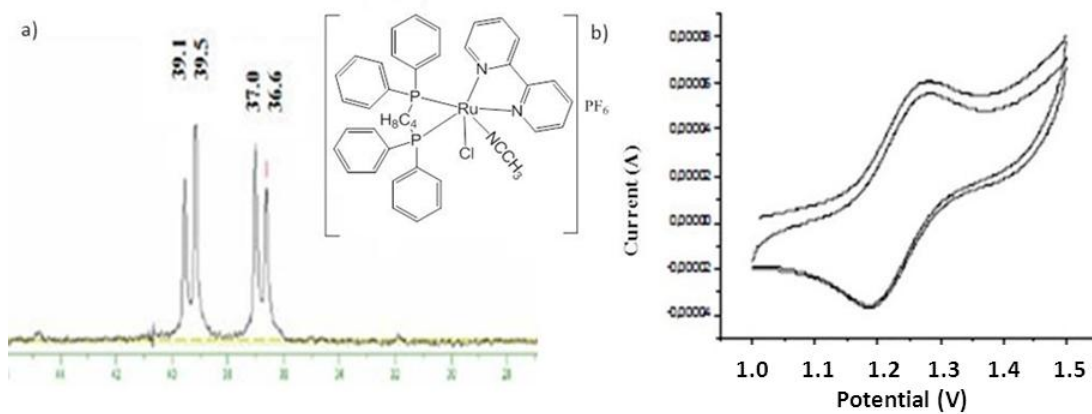


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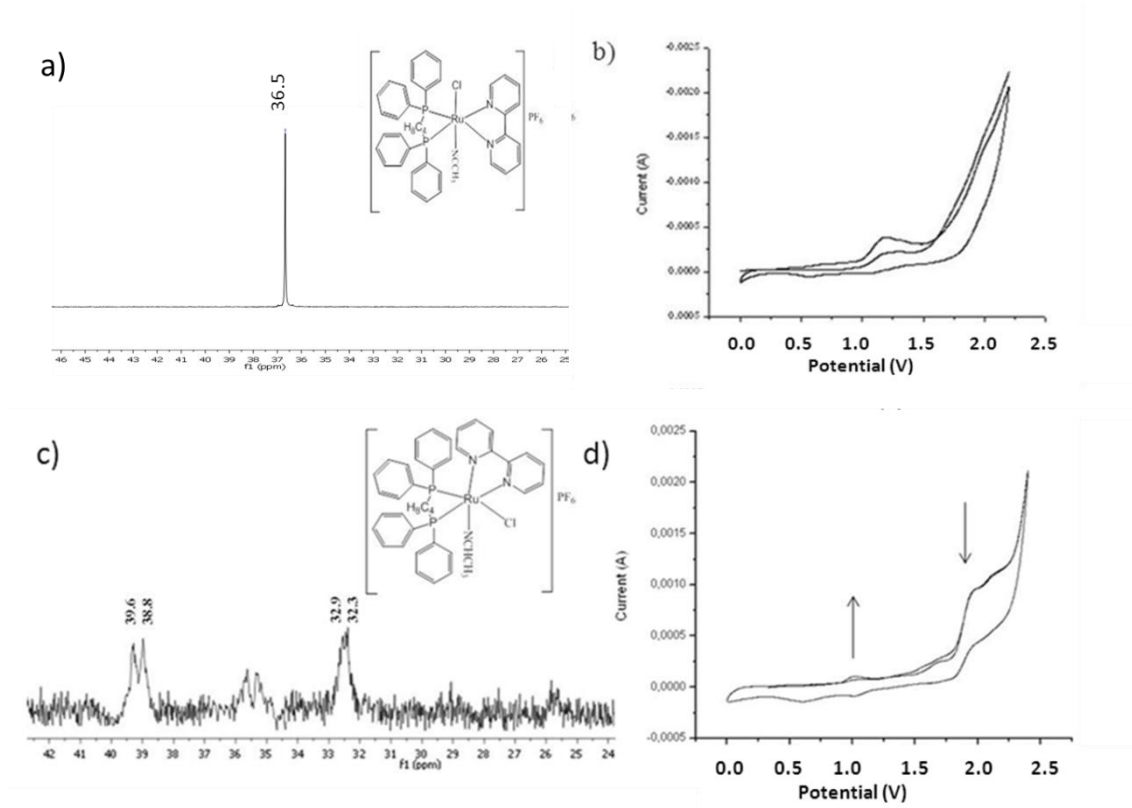


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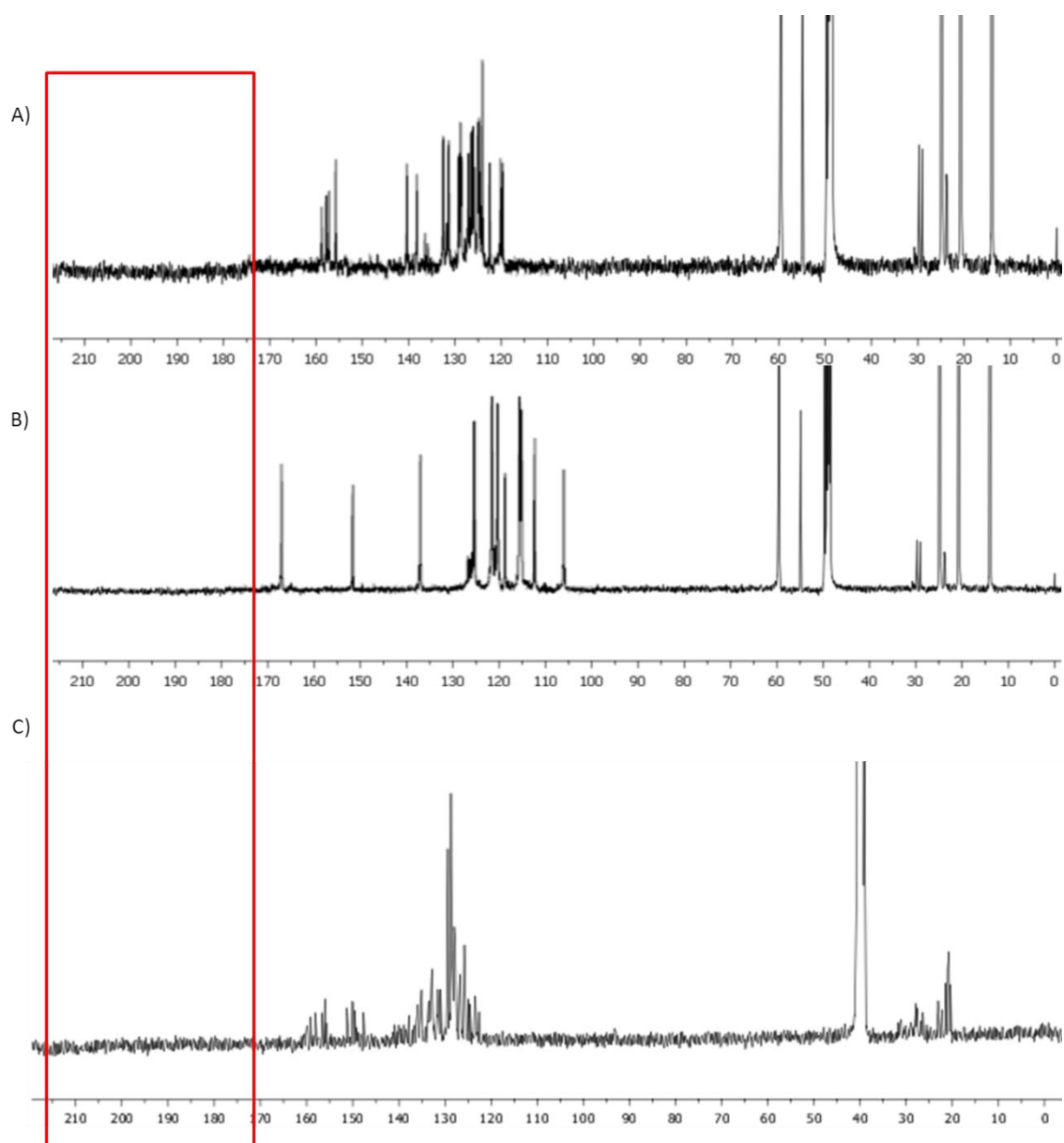




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