

Electronic supplementary information for:

**Ruthenium complexes featuring cooperative phosphine-pyridine-
iminophosphorane (PNN) ligands: synthesis, reactivity and catalytic
activity.**

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I. X-Ray Crystallography

Table S1 : Crystallographic Data for $[\mathbf{L}^{\text{Cy}}.\text{LiCl}]_2$, $[\mathbf{L}^{\text{Cy}}.\text{LiCl}.\text{THF}]$, $\mathbf{1}^{\text{Ph}}$

	$[\mathbf{L}^{\text{Cy}}.\text{LiCl}]_2$	$\mathbf{L}^{\text{Cy}}.\text{LiCl}.\text{THF}$	$\mathbf{1}^{\text{Ph}}$
Formula	$\text{C}_{74}\text{H}_{100}\text{Cl}_2\text{Li}_2\text{N}_4\text{P}_4$	$\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{58}\text{ClLiN}_2\text{OP}_2$	$\text{C}_{61}\text{H}_{53}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{P}_3\text{Ru}$
Mw	1254.23	699.22	1078.93
Space group	P 2 ₁ /c	P -1	P2 ₁ /c
V (Å ³)	3484.4(4)	3914.3(5)	5180.4(6)
a (Å)	10.437(1)	11.582(1)	18.448(1)
b (Å)	16.826(1)	15.915(1)	10.888(1)
c (Å)	19.843(1)	22.595(1)	26.346(1)
α (deg)	90	109.675(1)	90.00
β (deg)	90.720(1)	92.224(1)	101.784(1)
γ (deg)	90	91.818(1)	90.00
Z	2	4	4
d (g.cm ⁻³)	1.195	1.186	1.383
F(000)	1344	1504	2544
θ _{max}	25.024	25.026	25.5615
Rflns measd	13874	44515	42635
Unique data	6090	13690	14755
R _{int}	0.0937	0.0662	0.0589
wR2 ^[b]	0.1912	0.1729	0.1077
R1 ^[c]	0.0982	0.0680	0.0544
GoF ^[a]	1.135	1.060	1.101
CCDC number	1864092	1864093	1864094

For $I > 2\sigma(I)$: ^[a] $R_1 = \sum |F_o| - |F_c| / \sum F_o$. ^[b] $wR_2 = [\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2}$. ^[c] Goodness-of-fit $[\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{params}})]^{1/2}$.

Table S2 : Crystallographic Data for **1^{Cy}**, **2^{Cy}**, **4**

	1^{Cy}	2^{Cy}	4
Formula	C ₅₅ H ₆₅ Cl ₂ N ₂ P ₃ Ru	C ₅₅ H ₆₄ ClN ₂ P ₃ Ru	C ₅₅ H ₄₆ ClN ₂ P ₃ Ru, 1.5(C ₆ H ₆)
Mw	1018.97	982.51	1081.53
Space group	P -1	P 2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /c
V (Å ³)	2968.5(4)	6018.9(2)	5299.4(5)
a (Å)	11.854(1)	12.164(1)	15.919(1)
b (Å)	14.926(1)	30.321(1)	14.857(1)
c (Å)	19.142(1)	16.583(1)	23.059(1)
α (deg)	69.988(1)	90	90
β (deg)	82.727(1)	100.227(1)	103.659(1)
γ (deg)	68.875(1)	90	90
Z	2	4	4
d (g.cm ⁻³)	1.140	1.084	1.356
F(000)	1064	2056	2236
θ _{max}	27.482	25.025	27.483
Rflns measd	41532	60406	38001
Unique data	13490	10375	12040
R _{int}	0.0595	0.0343	0.0550
wR2 ^[b]	0.1009	0.1222	0.0927
R1 ^[c]	0.0505	0.0619	0.0488
GoF ^[a]	1.080	1.136	1.056
CCDC number	1864095	1864096	1864097

For $I > 2\sigma(I)$: ^[a] $R_1 = \sum |F_o| - |F_c| / \sum F_o$, ^[b] $wR_2 = [\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2}$, ^[c] Goodness-of-fit $[\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (N_{obs} - N_{params})]^{1/2}$.

Table S3 : Crystallographic Data for **3^{Cy}**.

3^{Cy}	
Formula	C ₅₅ H ₆₆ ClN ₂ P ₃ Ru
Mw	984.52
Space group	P 2 ₁ /n
V (Å ³)	10195.6(3)
a (Å)	25.7223(5)
b (Å)	12.2413(2)
c (Å)	32.4835(6)
α (deg)	90
β (deg)	94.5770(5)
γ (deg)	90
Z	8
d (g.cm ⁻³)	1.283
F(000)	4128
θ _{max}	27.482
RfIns measd	62437
Unique data	22790
wR2 ^[b]	0.0427
R1 ^[c]	0.1587
GoF ^[a]	0.0656
GoF	1.183
CCDC number	1864098

For $I > 2\sigma(I)$: ^[a] $R_1 = \sum |F_o| - |F_c| / \sum F_o$, ^[b] $wR_2 = [\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2}$, ^[c] Goodness-of-fit $[\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (N_{obs} - N_{params})]^{1/2}$.

II. NMR spectra

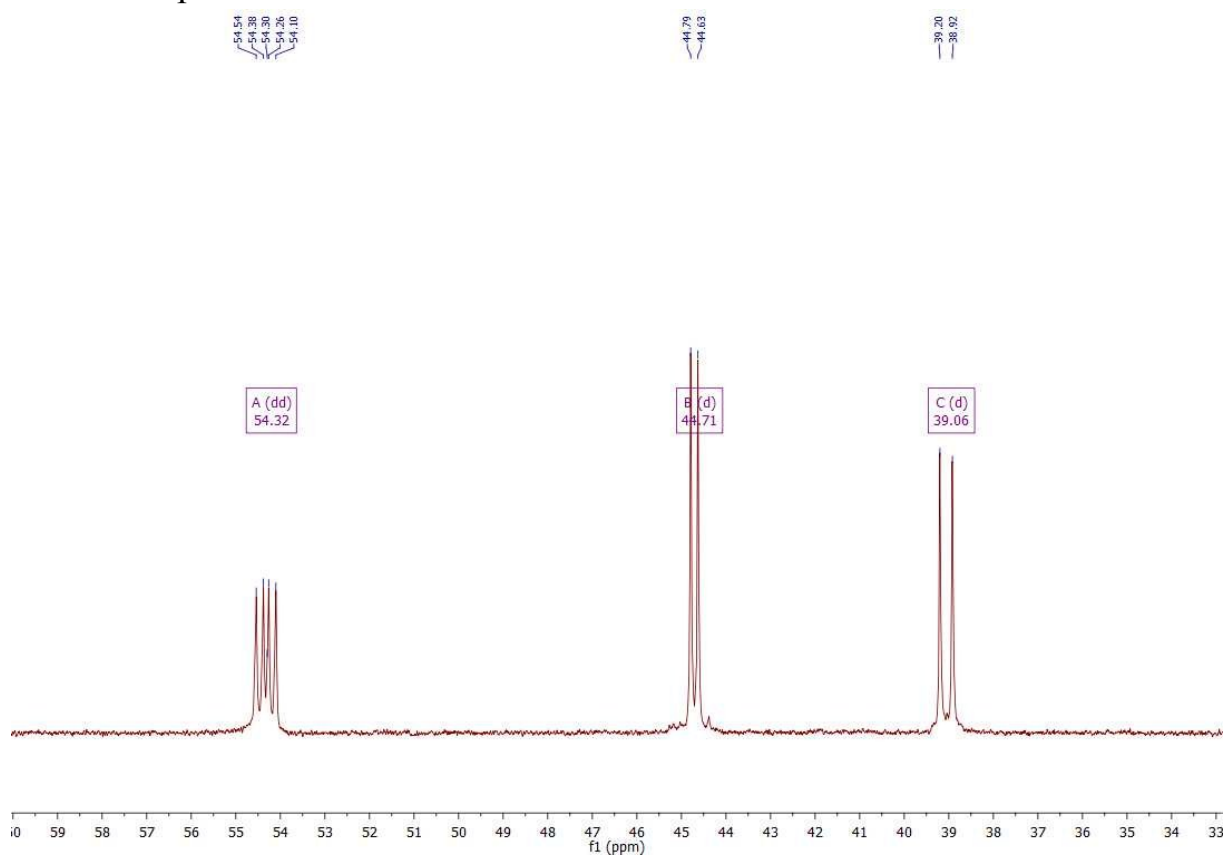


Figure S1: $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 1^{Ph} in benzene.

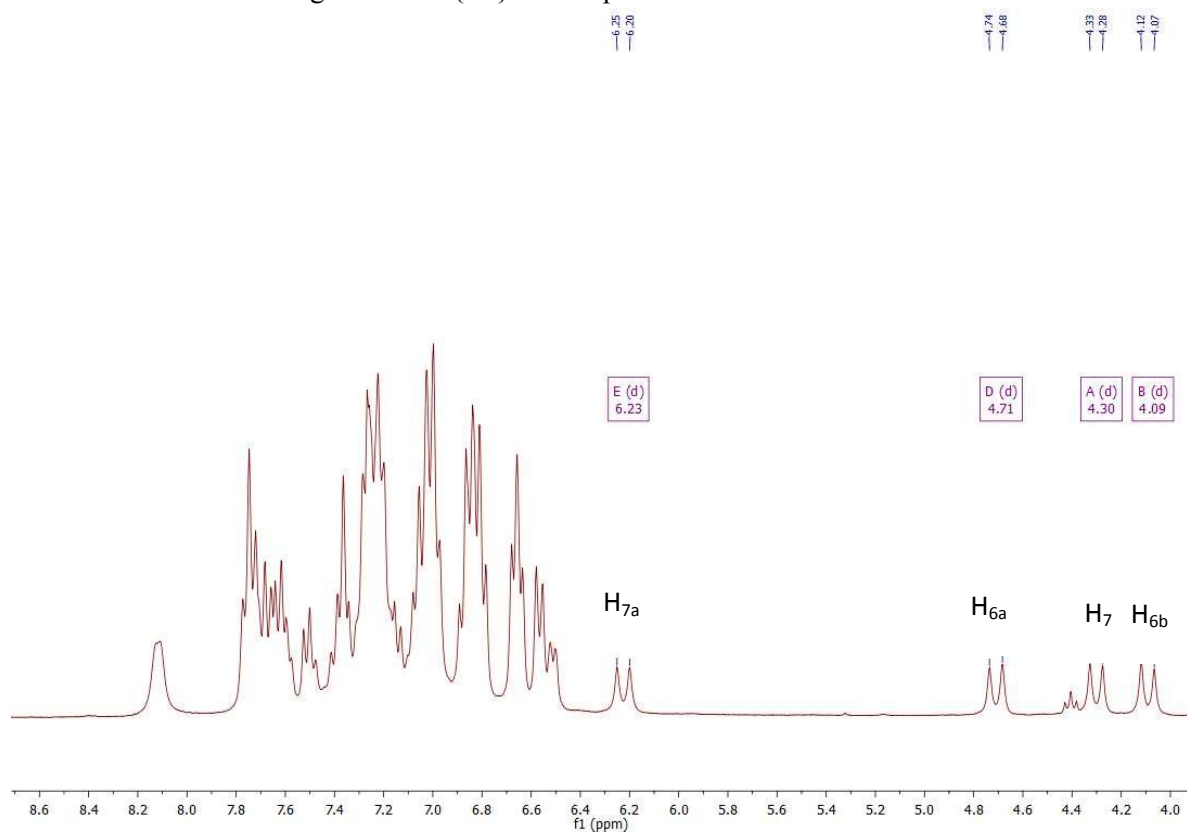
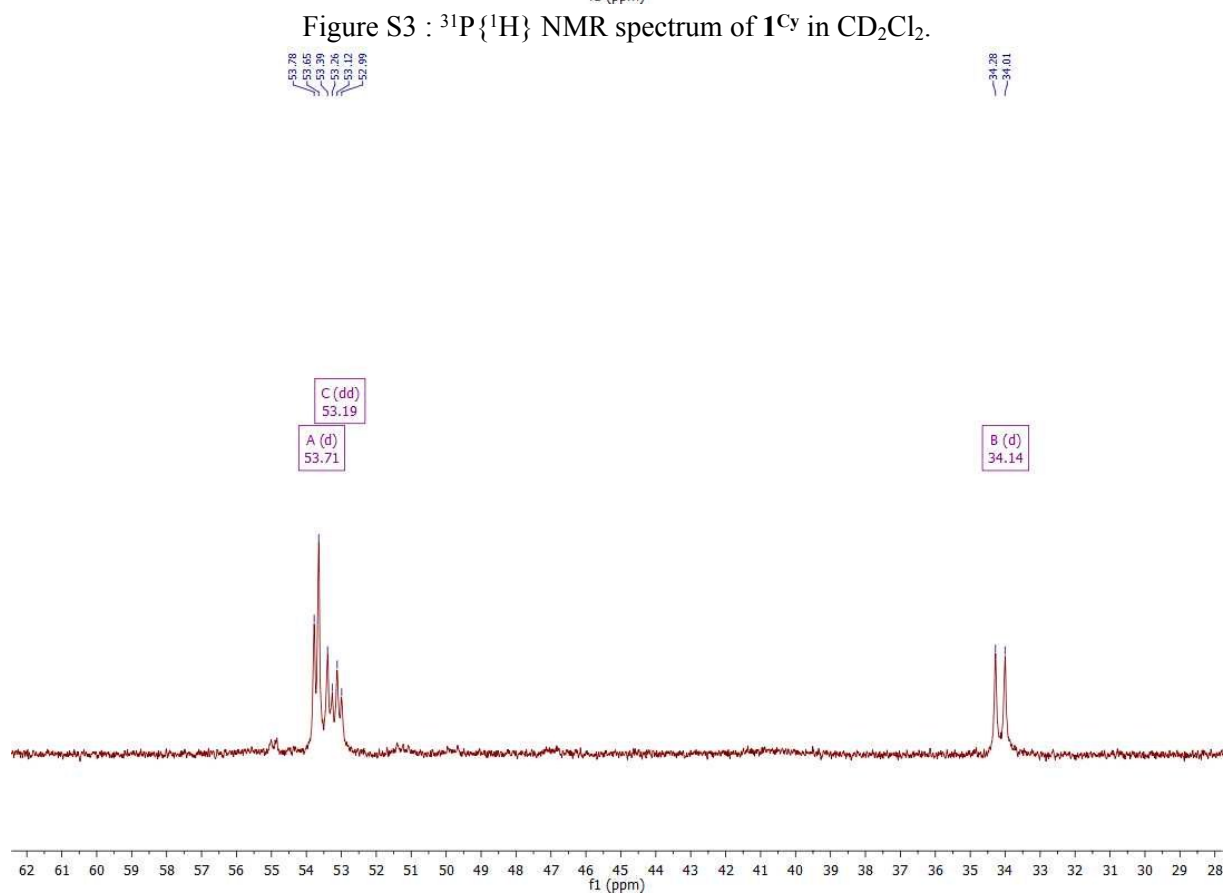
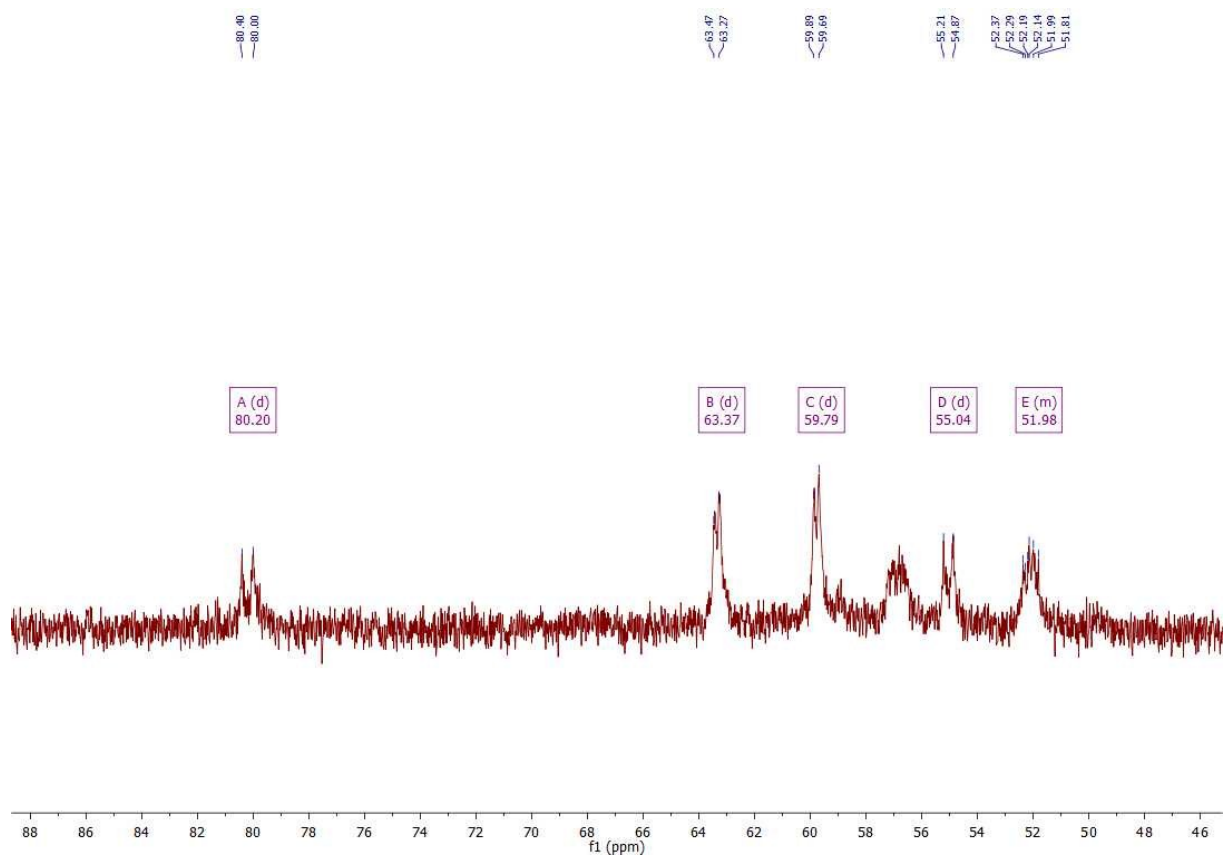


Figure S2: $^1\text{H}\{^{31}\text{P}\}$ NMR spectrum of 1^{Ph} in CDCl_3 at -60°C .



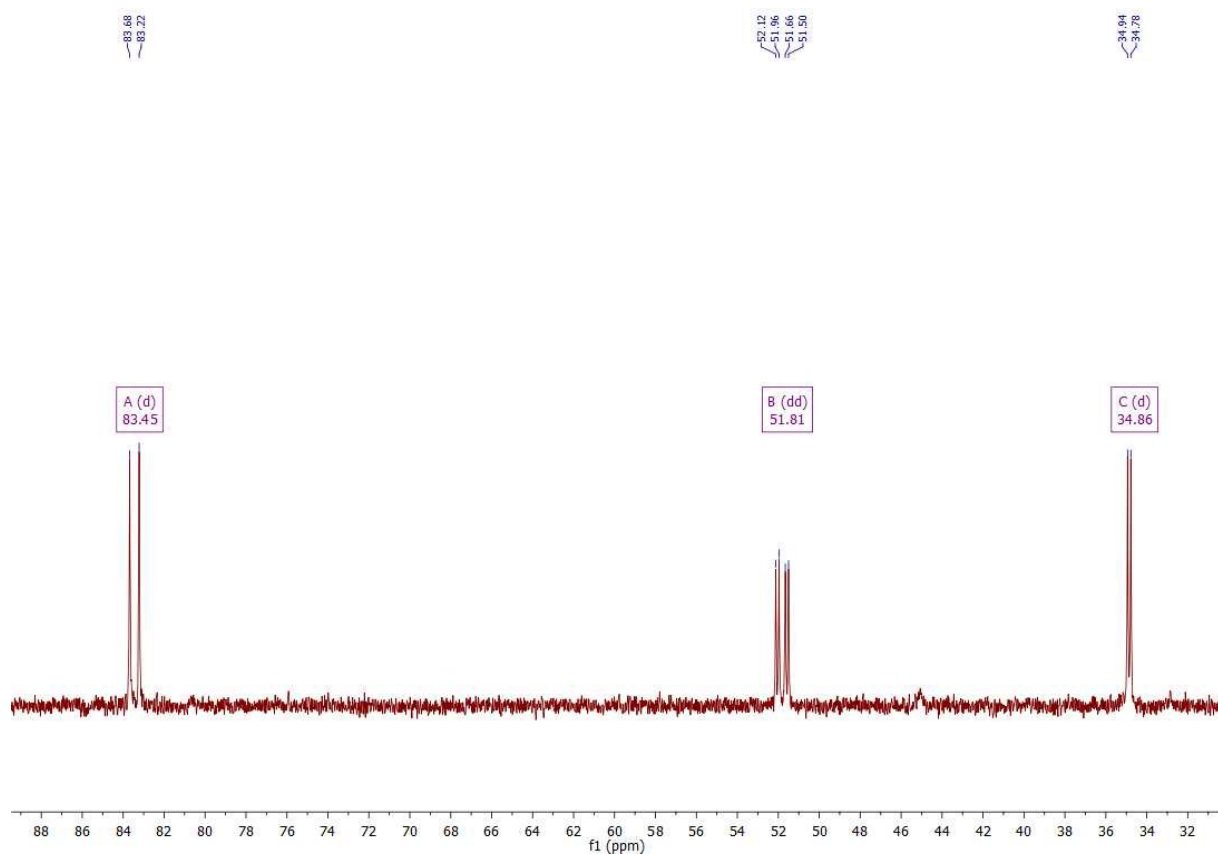


Figure S5: $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 2^{Ph} in benzene.

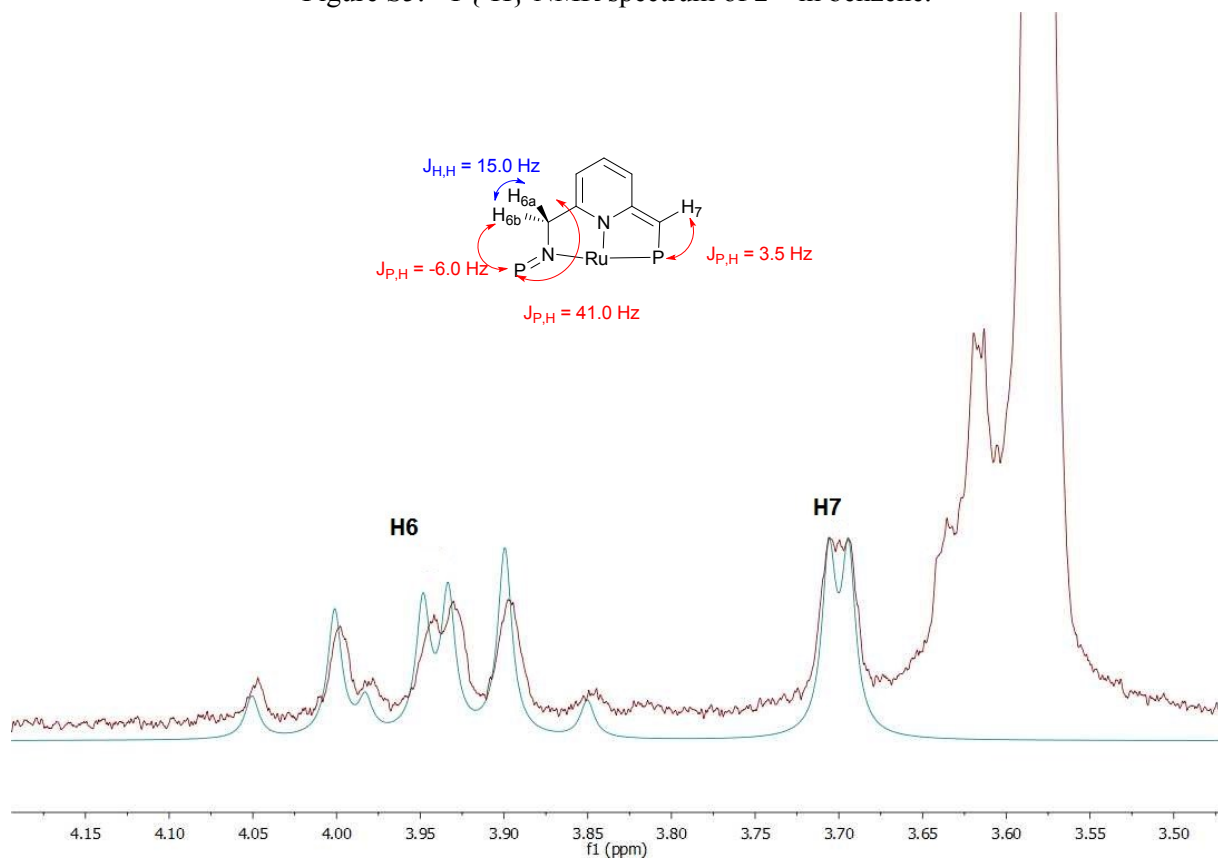


Figure S6: Overlay of experimental (brown) and simulated (teal) ^1H NMR spectrum of 2^{Ph} in $\text{THF-}d_8$ (centered on the benzylic proton region). Coupling constants used to simulate the ABX pattern of H6 are indicated in the inset, $\delta_{\text{H6a}} = 3.94$ and $\delta_{\text{H6a}} = 3.95$ ppm.

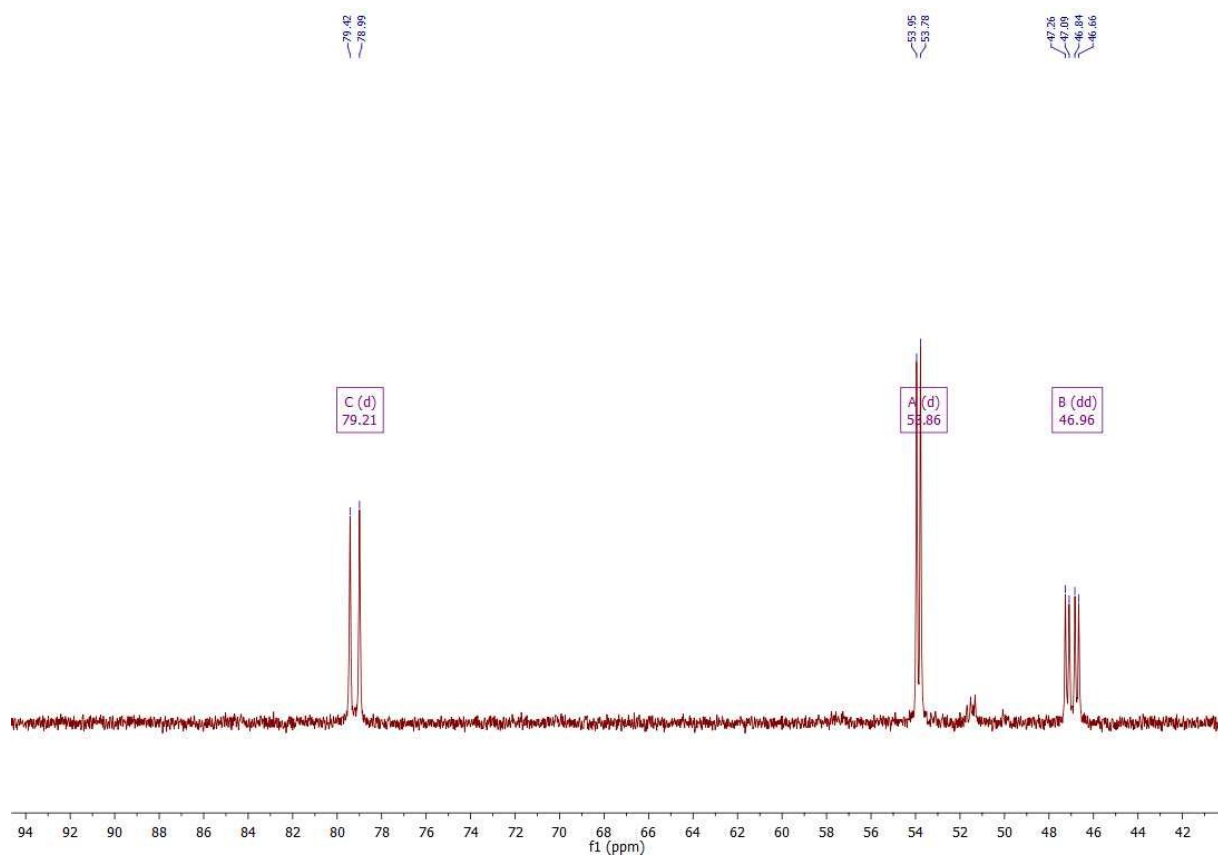


Figure S7: $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 2^{Cy} in benzene

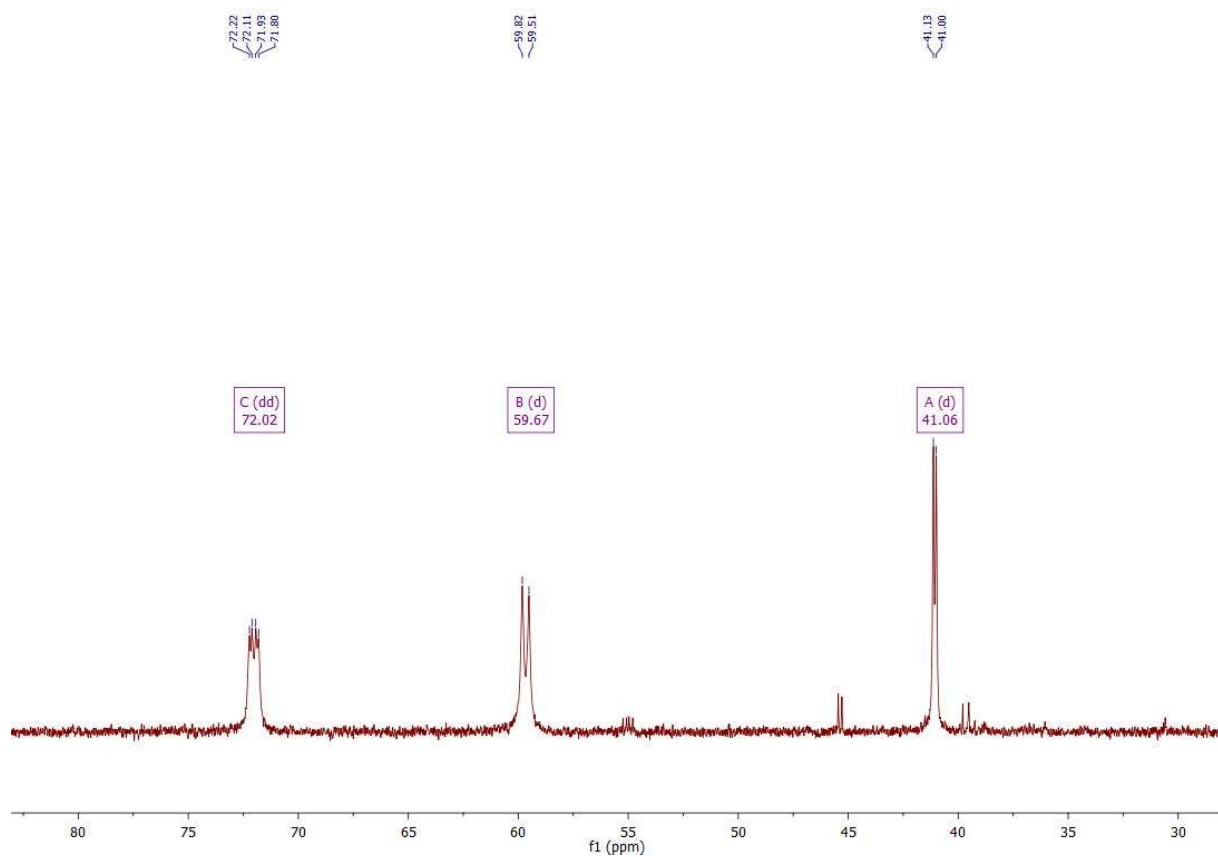


Figure S8: In-situ $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 3^{Ph} in benzene.

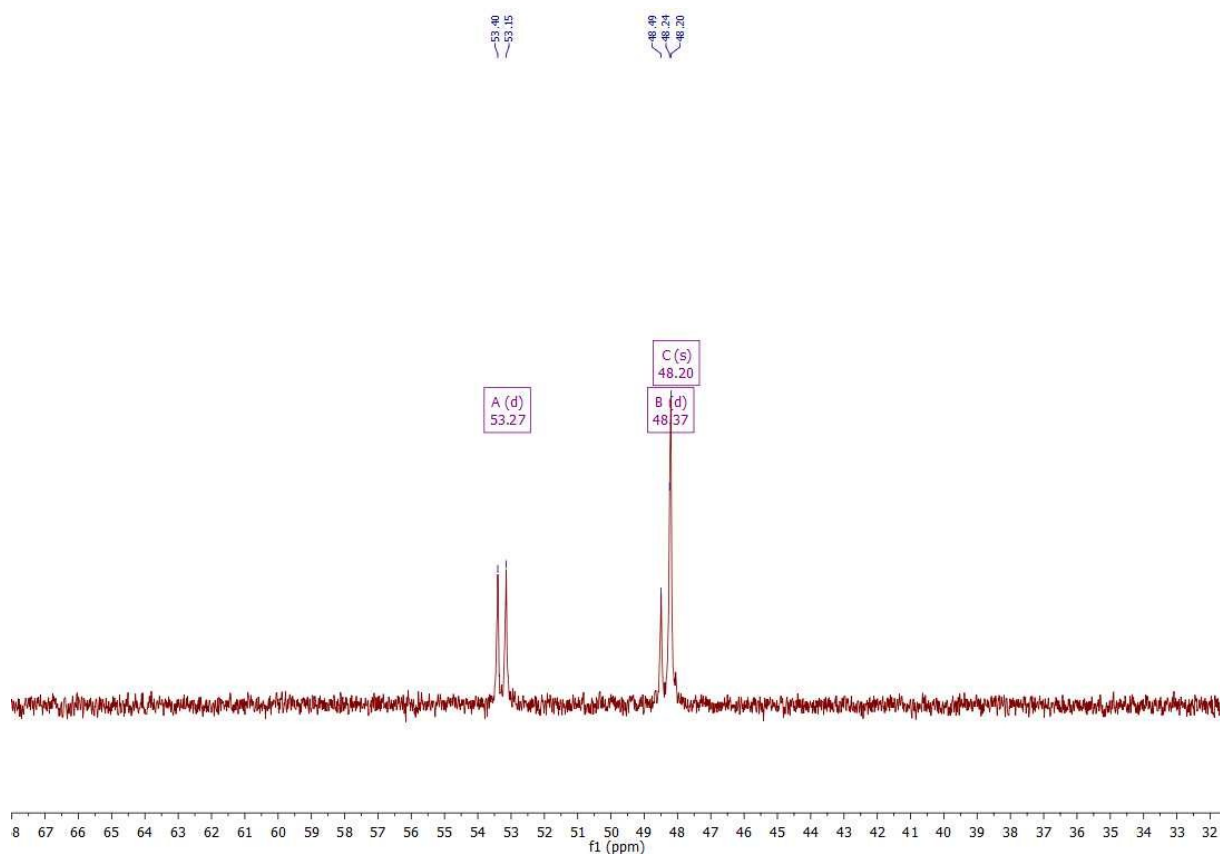


Figure S9: $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **4** in toluene- d_8 .

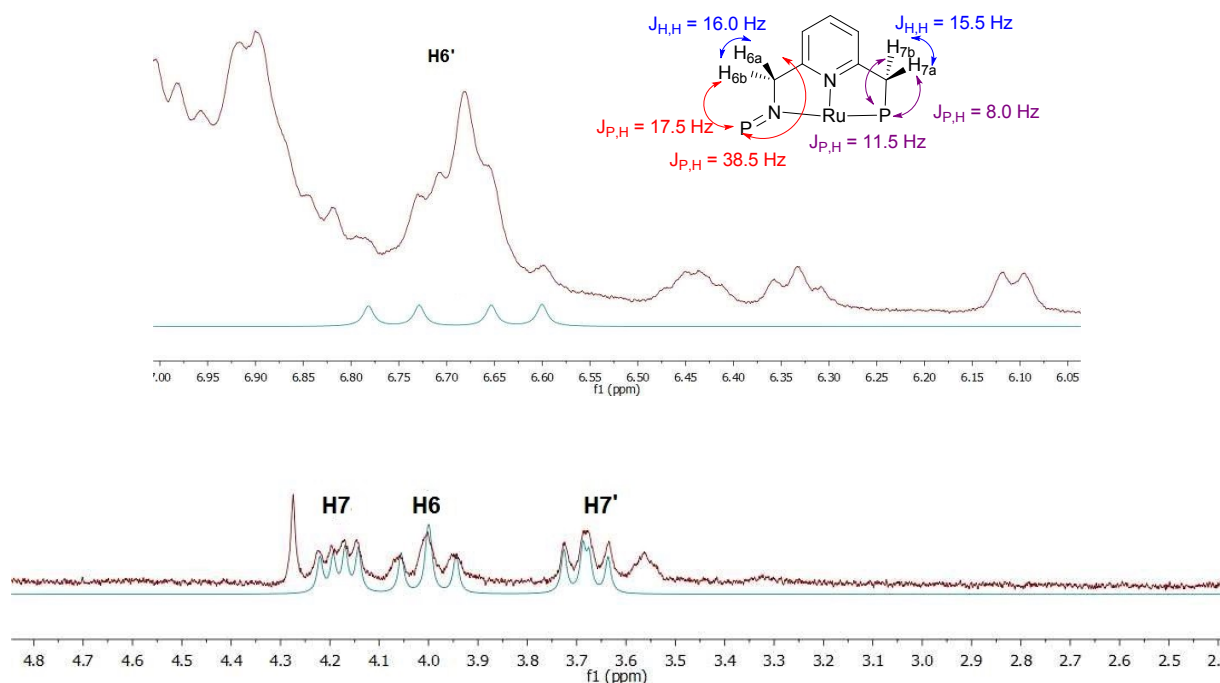


Figure S10: Overlay of experimental (brown) and simulated (teal) ^1H NMR spectrum of **4** in C_6D_6 . Coupling constants used to simulate the AMX patterns of H_6 and H_7 are indicated in the inset.

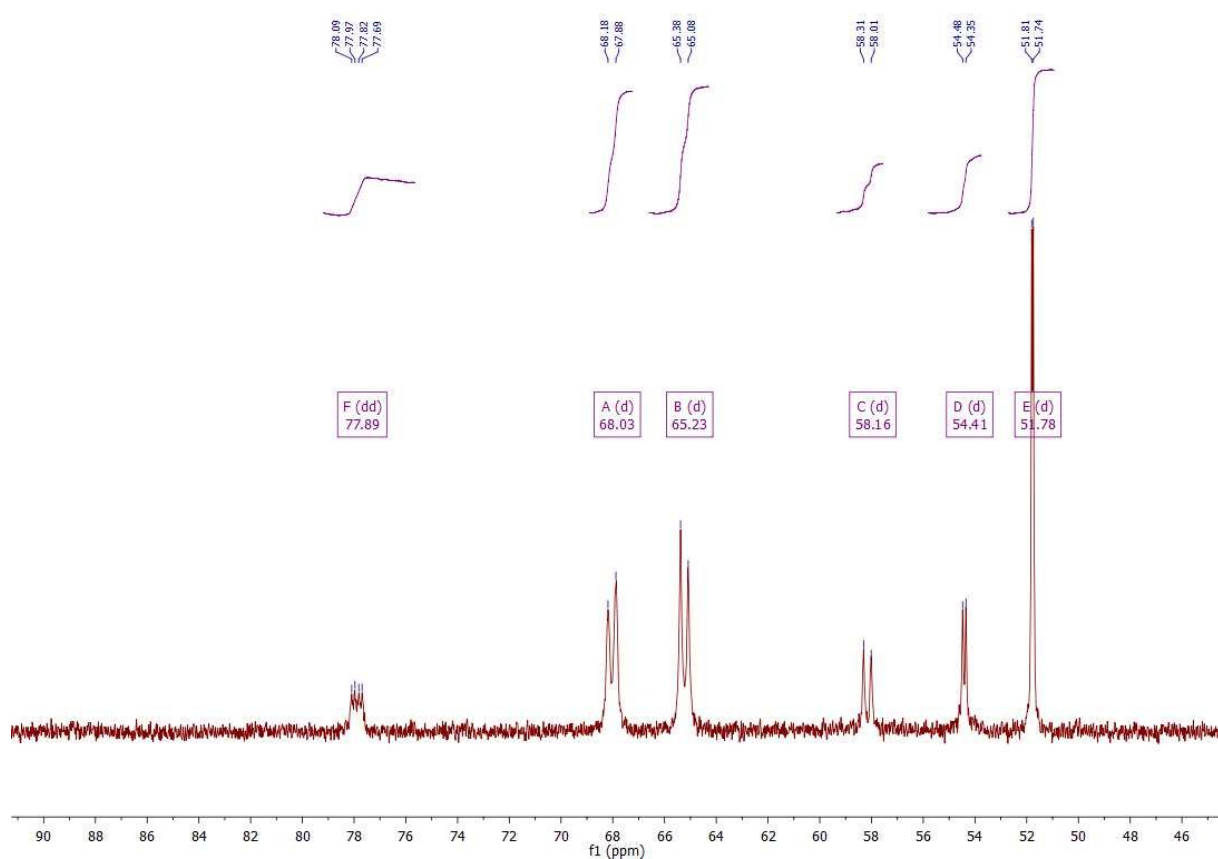


Figure S11: $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 3^{Cy} in $\text{THF-}d_8$.

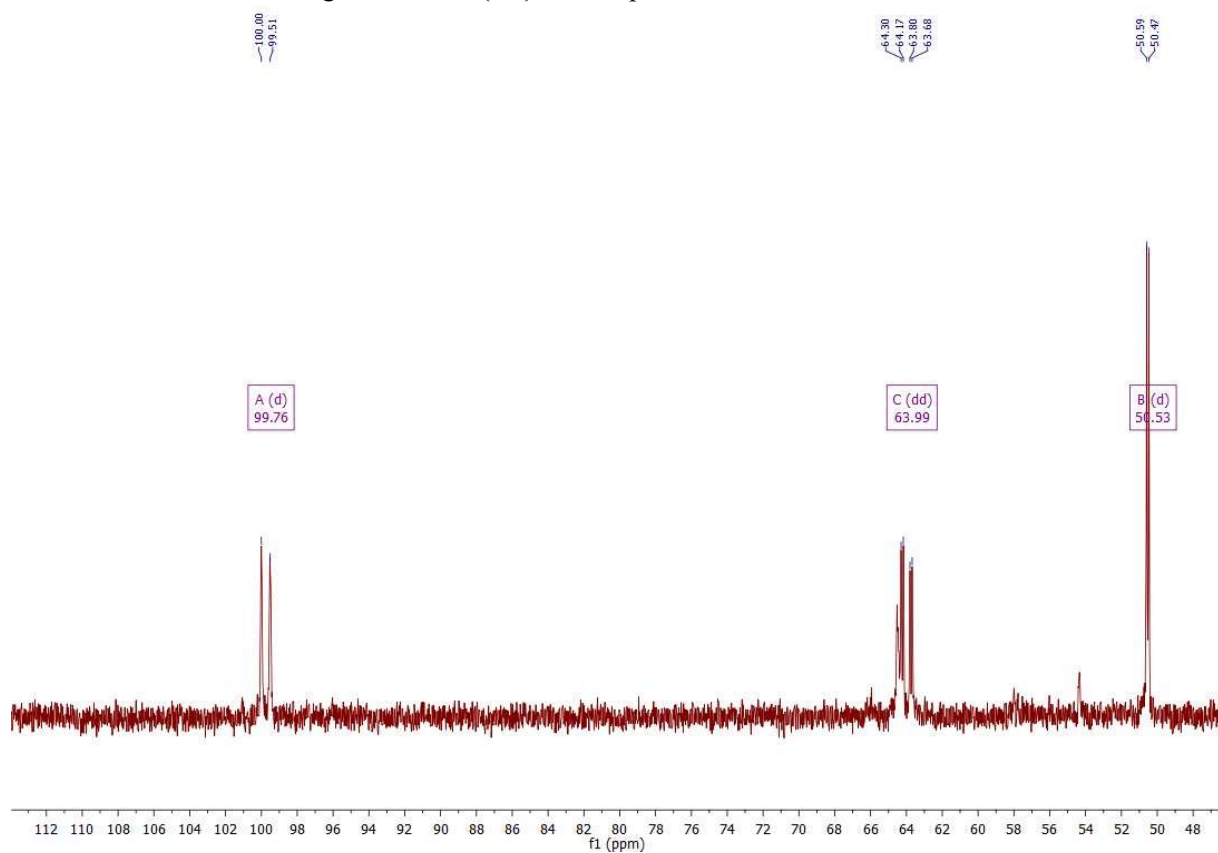


Figure S12: $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 5 in $\text{THF-}d_8$.

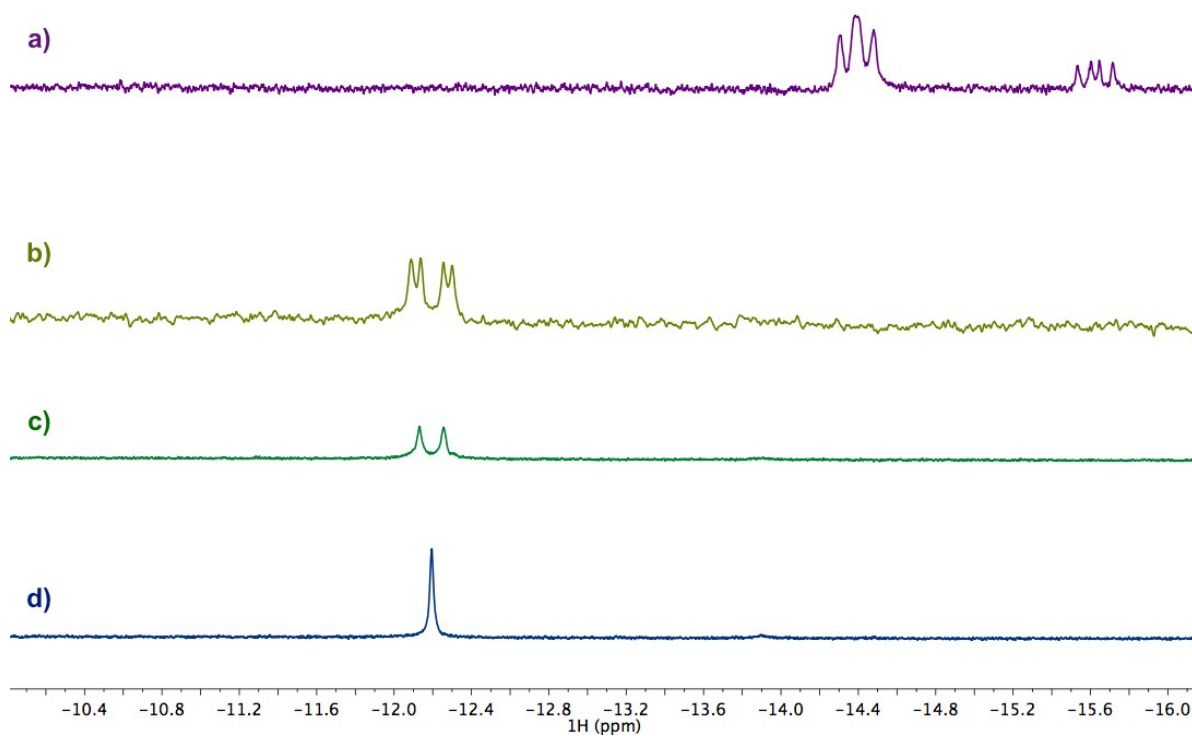


Figure S13: ¹H NMR (in THF-*d*₈) hydride resonances of: a) **3**^{Cy} (2 isomers); b) **5** (no ³¹P decoupling); c) **5** (with ³¹P decoupling at 100 ppm); d) **5** (full ³¹P decoupling).