

*Supporting information for*

**Synthesis, characterization, and catalytic application in aldehyde hydrosilylation of half-sandwich nickel complexes bearing ( $\kappa^1$ -C)- and hemilabile ( $\kappa^2$ -C,S)-thioether-functionalised NHC ligands**

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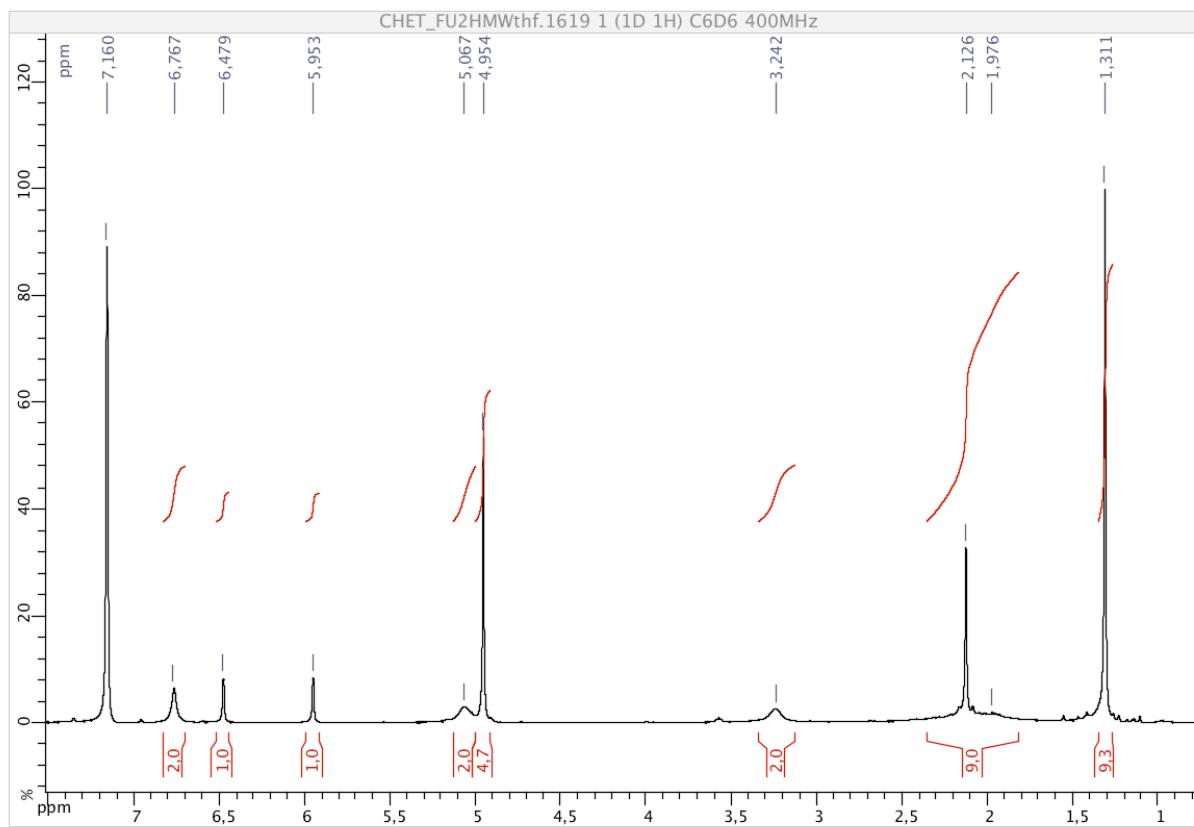
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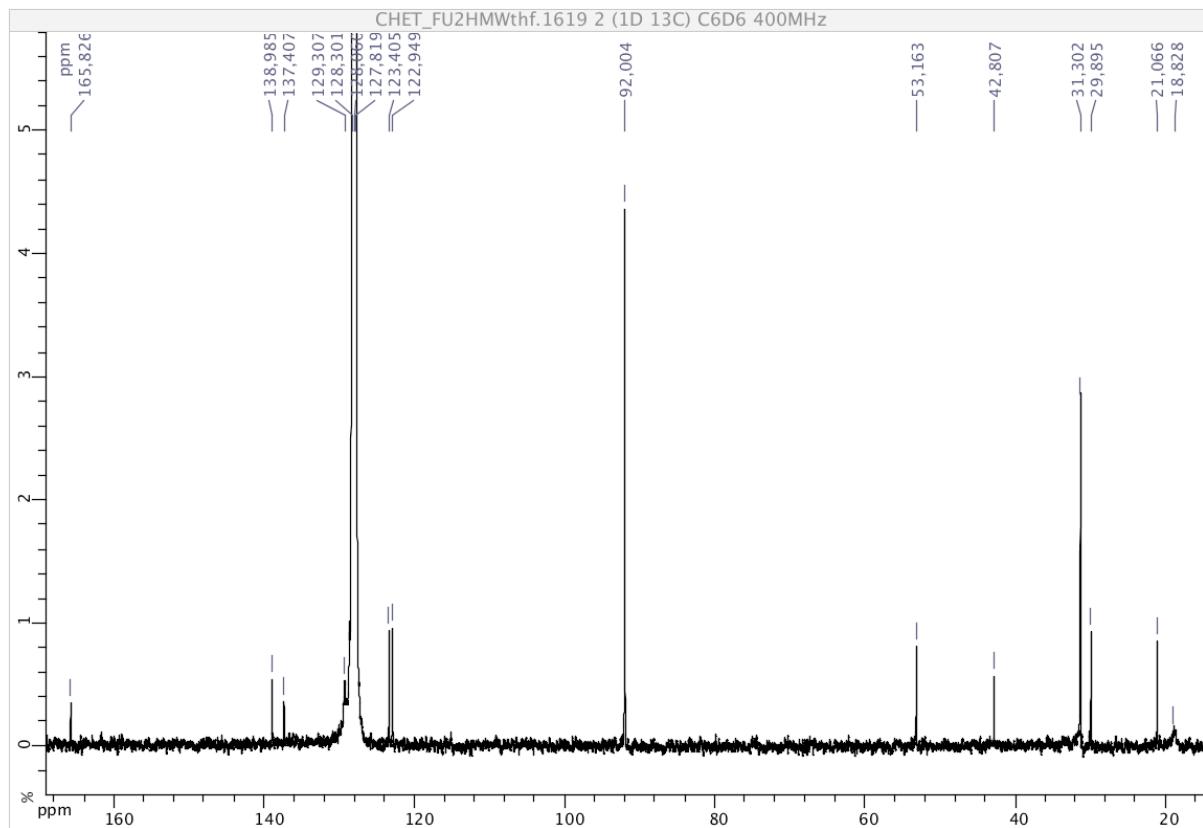
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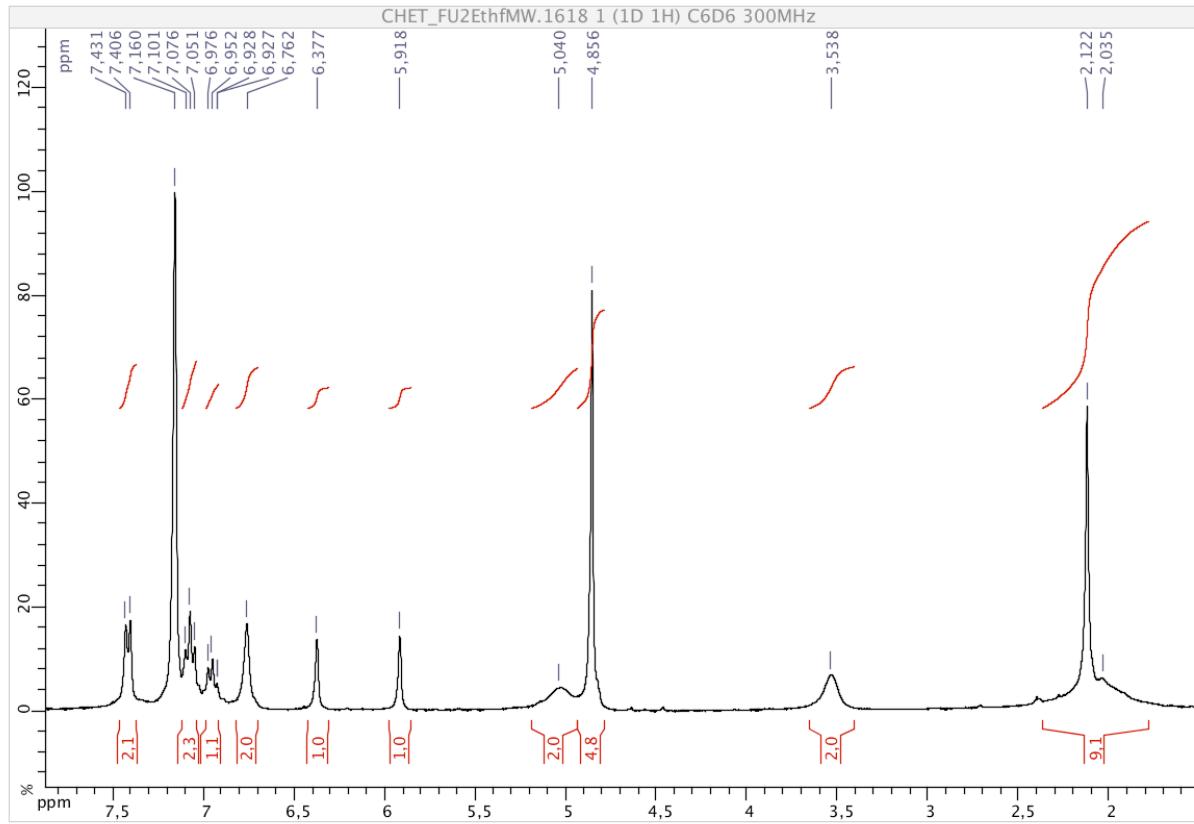
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{NiBrCp}\{\text{Mes-NHC-(CH}_2)_2\text{S}^t\text{Bu}\}]$  (**1a**)



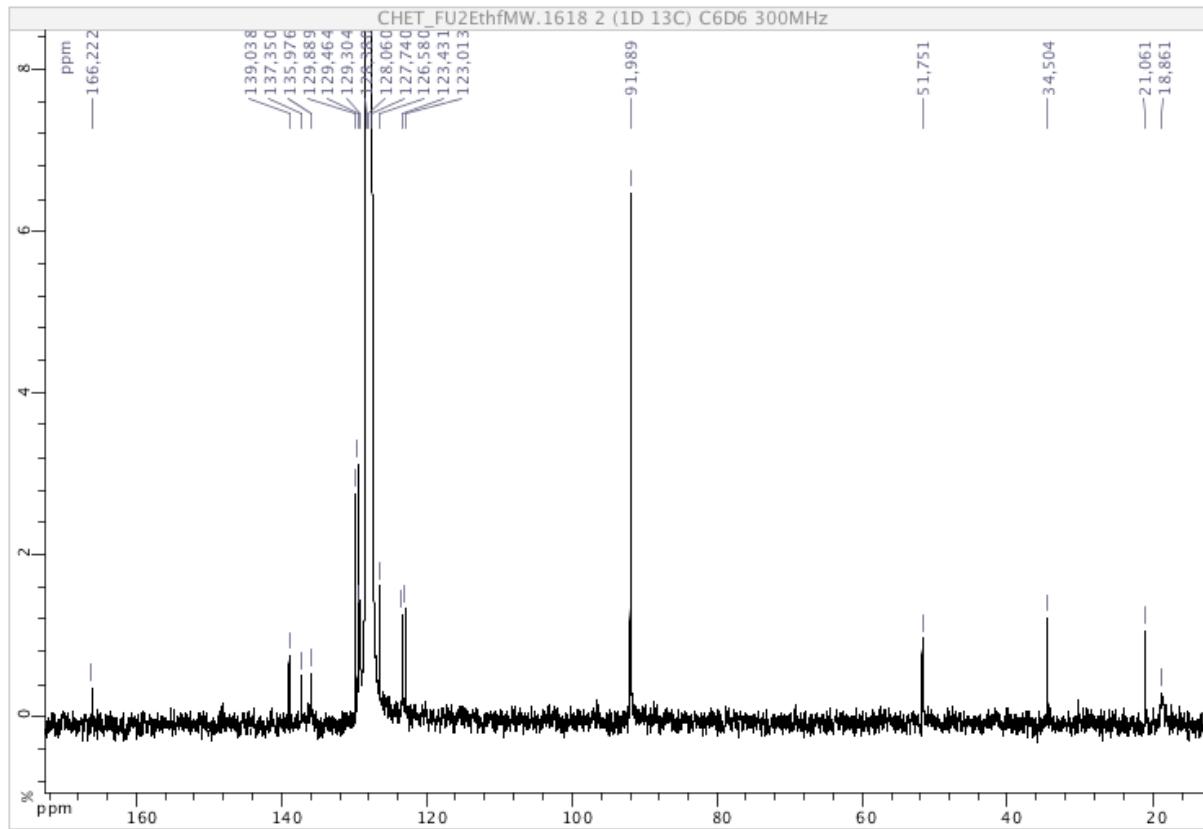
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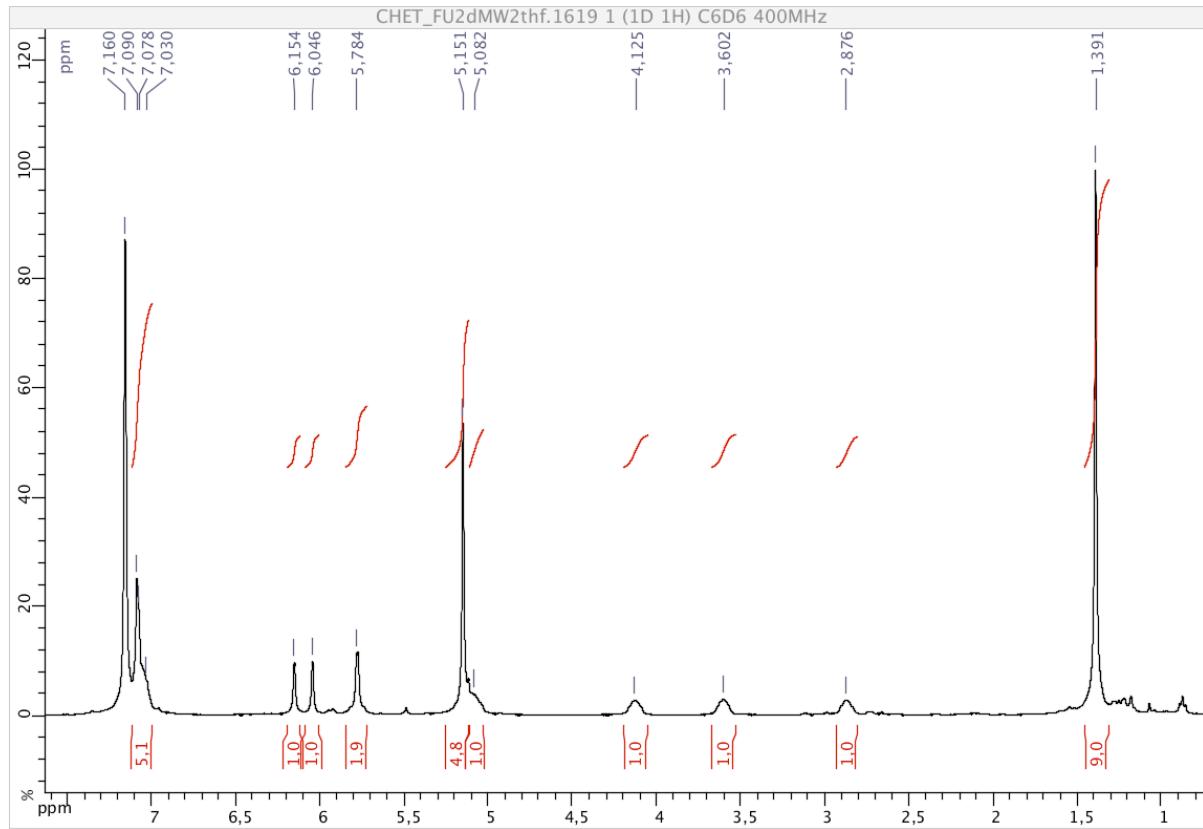
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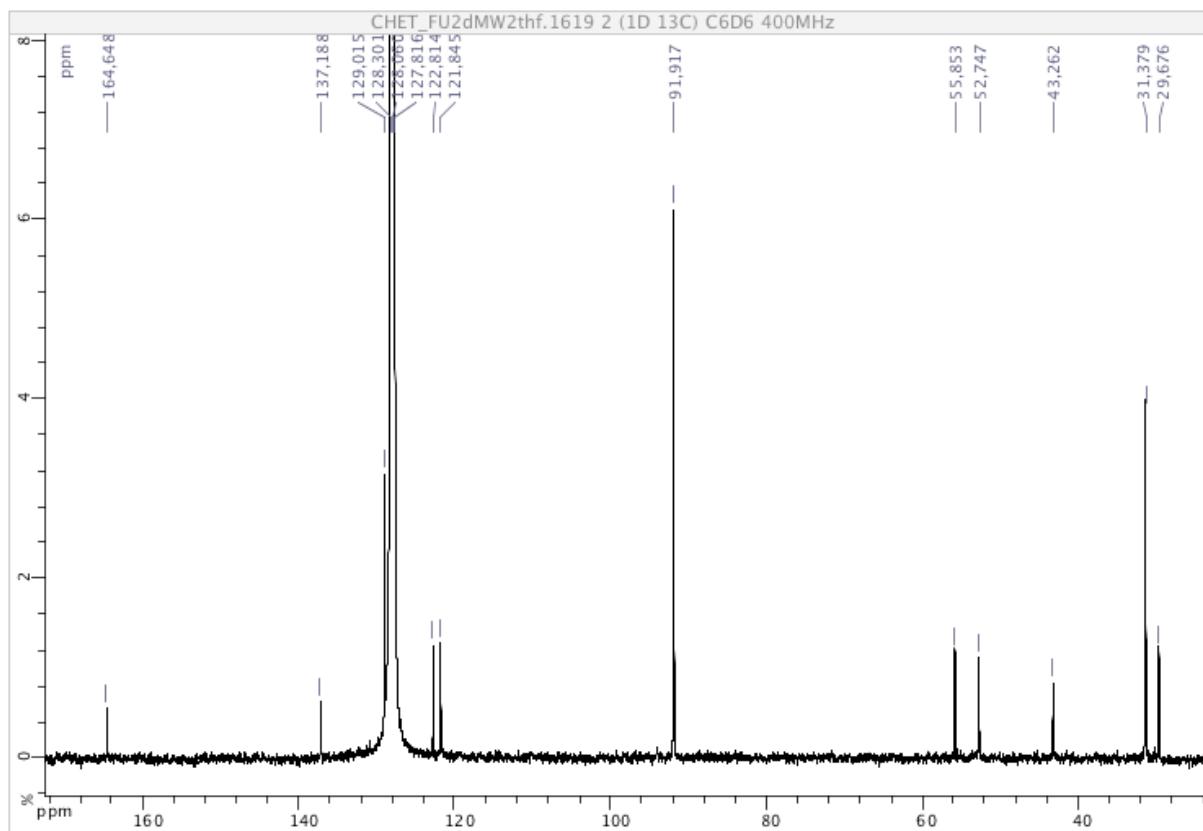
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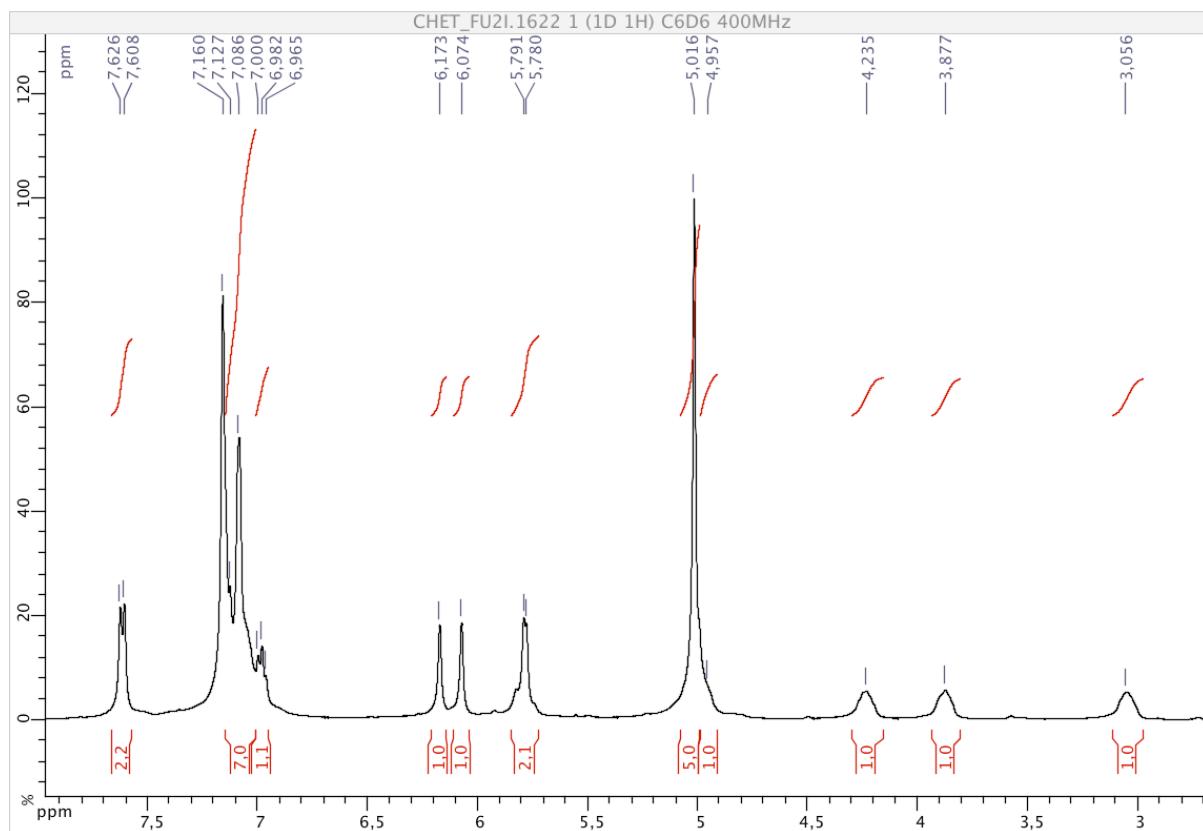
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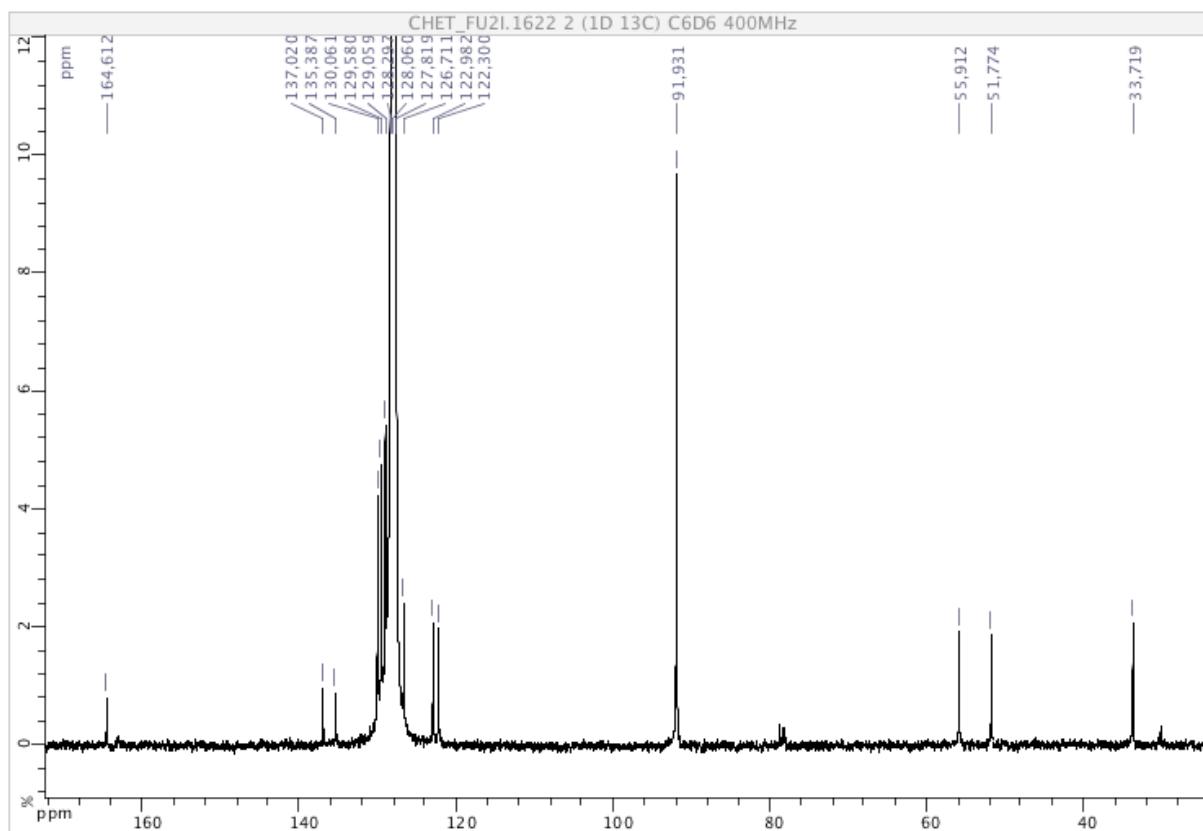
**Figure S6.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{NiBrCp}\{\text{Bn-NHC-(CH}_2)_2\text{S}^t\text{Bu}\}]$  (**1c**)



**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{NiBrCp}\{\text{Bn-NHC-(CH}_2)_2\text{SPh}\}]$  (**1d**)



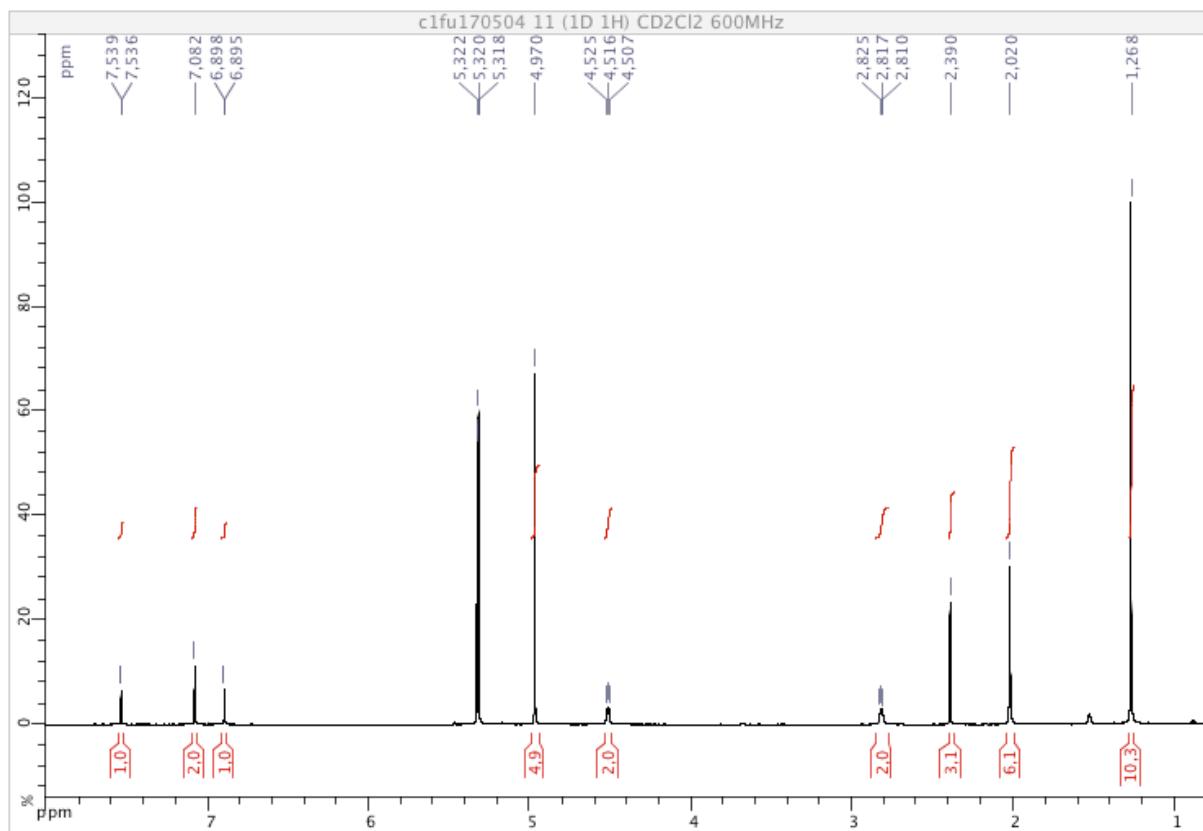
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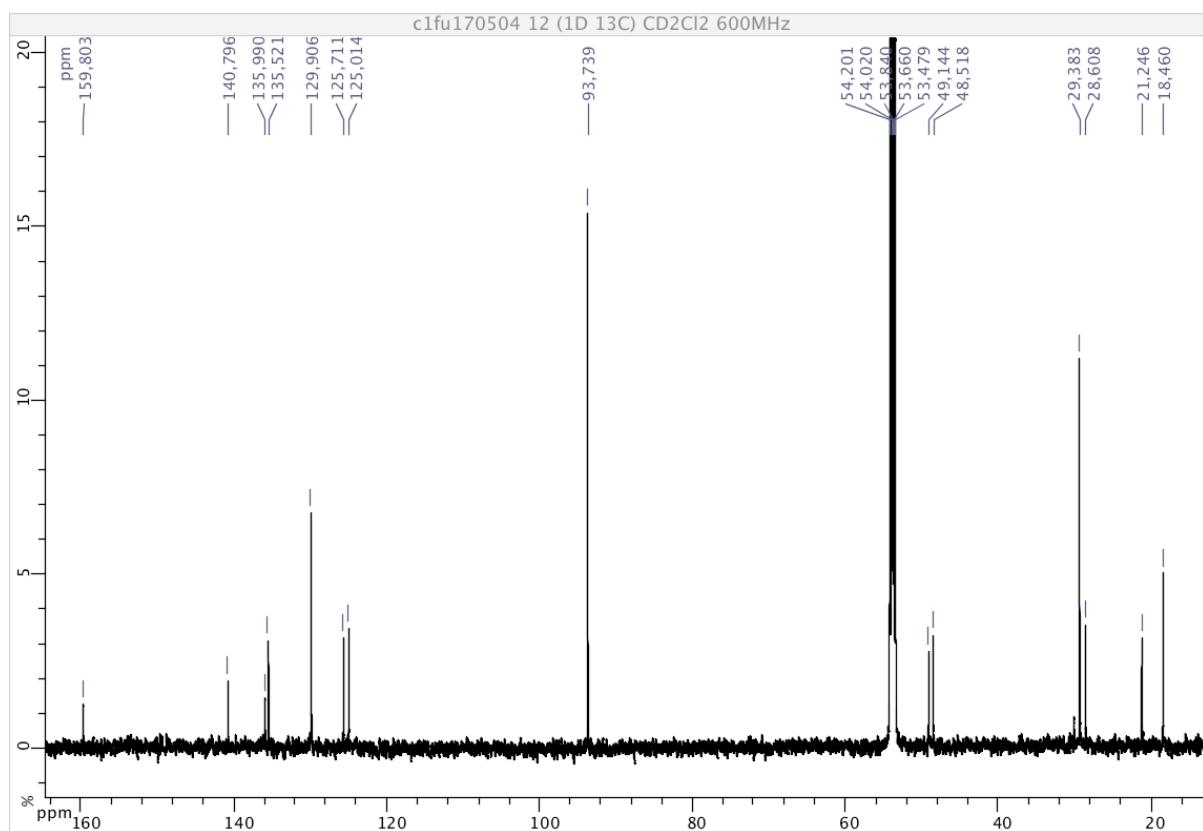
**Table S1.** X-ray crystallographic data and data collection parameters for **1a** and **1d**

| Complex   | <b>1a</b>  | <b>1d</b>  |
|---|--|--|
| Empirical formula   | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>31</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> NiS | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>23</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> NiS |
| Formula weight  | 506.18   | 498.11   |
| Crystal system  | Triclinic  | Monoclinic   |
| Space group   | P $\bar{1}$  | P2 $_1$ /c   |
| Temperature (K)   | 173(2)   | 173(2)   |
| <i>a</i> (Å)  | 9.5279(3)  | 9.561(4)   |
| <i>b</i> (Å)  | 12.2430(4)   | 15.486(6)  |
| <i>c</i> (Å)  | 12.4761(4)   | 16.237(5)  |
| $\alpha$ (°)  | 105.140(1)   | 90   |
| $\beta$ (°)   | 111.771(1)   | 113.976(17)  |
| $\gamma$ (°)  | 105.415(1)   | 90   |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                                      | 1193.08(7)   | 2196.6(13)   |
| <i>Z</i>  | 2  | 4  |
| <i>D</i> <sub>calcd</sub> (Mg.m <sup>-3</sup> )                 | 1.409  | 1.506  |
| Absorp coeff (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                                | 2.586  | 2.808  |
| Crystal form, colour  | Prism, red   | Prism, red   |
| Crystal size (mm)   | 0.40 × 0.35 × 0.30                                   | 0.45 × 0.30 × 0.20                                   |
| <i>h, k, l</i> <sub>max</sub>                                   | 14, 18, 18   | 13, 21, 19   |
| <i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> , <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub>               | 0.672, 0.746   | 0.573, 0.746   |
| Measured reflns   | 38832  | 30977  |
| Independent reflns, <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>                     | 8196, 0.0200   | 6301, 0.0245   |
| Reflns with <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )                           | 6747   | 4277   |
| <i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2σ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )] | 0.0350   | 0.0409   |
| <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )                             | 0.0937   | 0.1096   |
| GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>                                    | 1.026  | 1.020  |

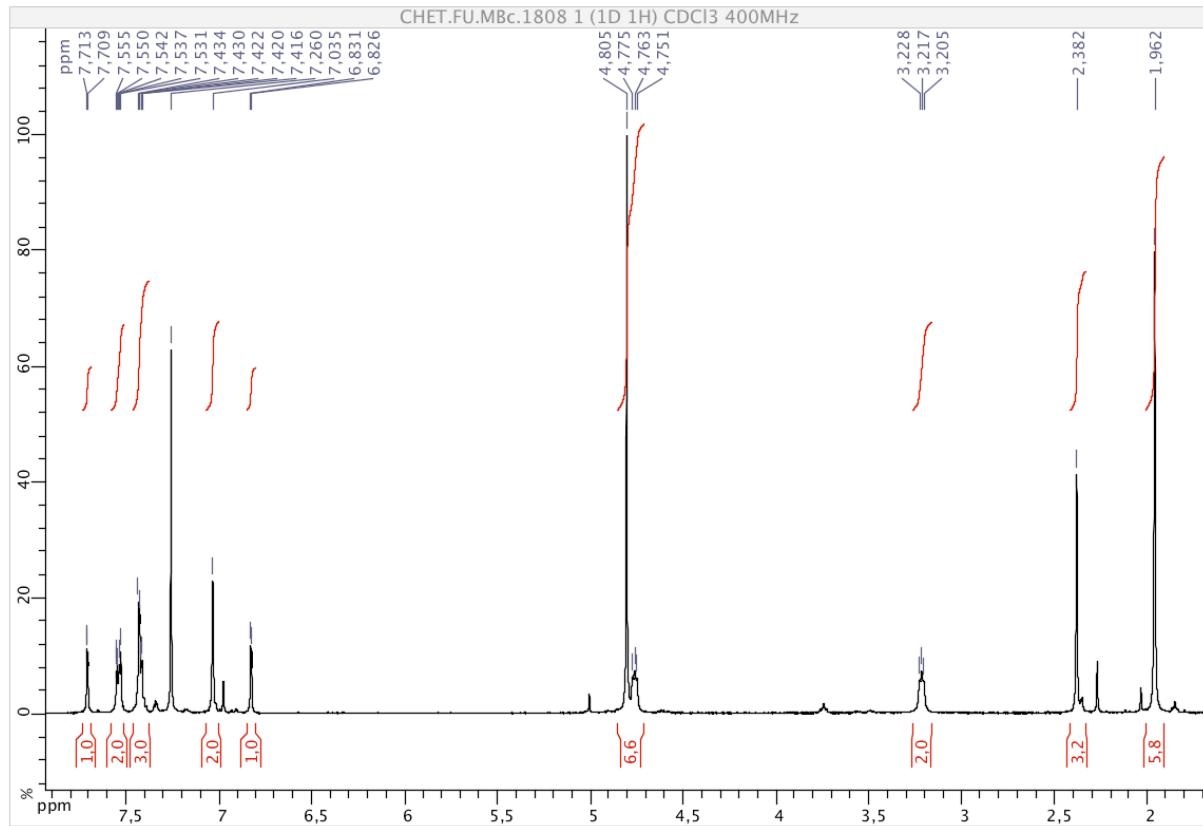
**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $[\text{NiCp}\{\text{Mes-NHC-(CH}_2)_2\text{S}^t\text{Bu}\}](\text{PF}_6)$  (**2a**)



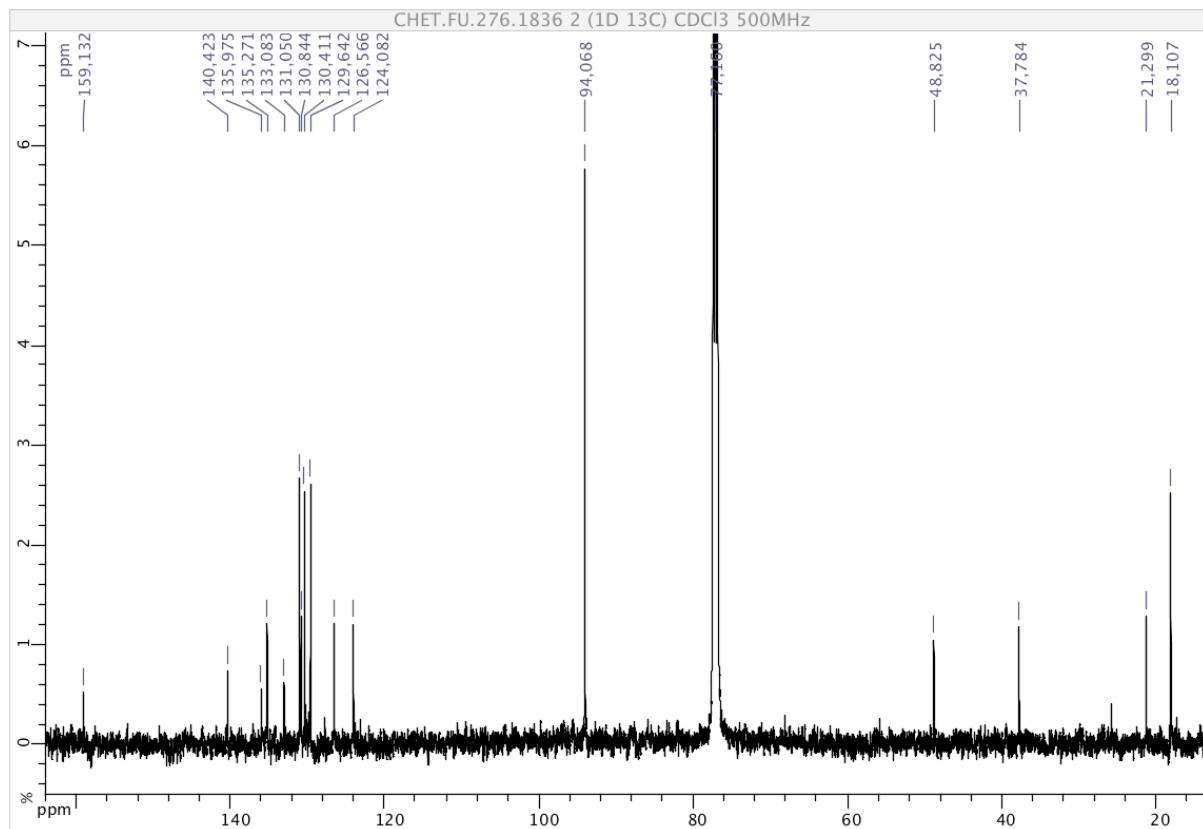
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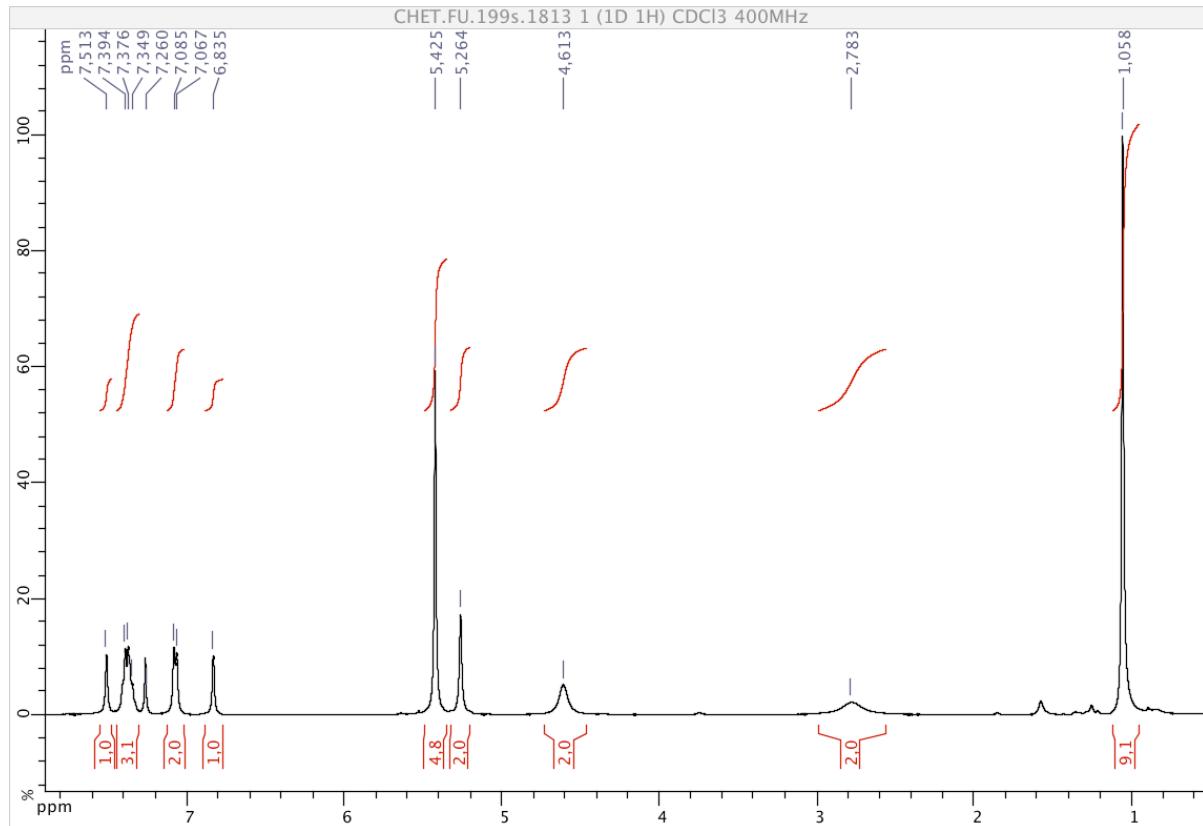
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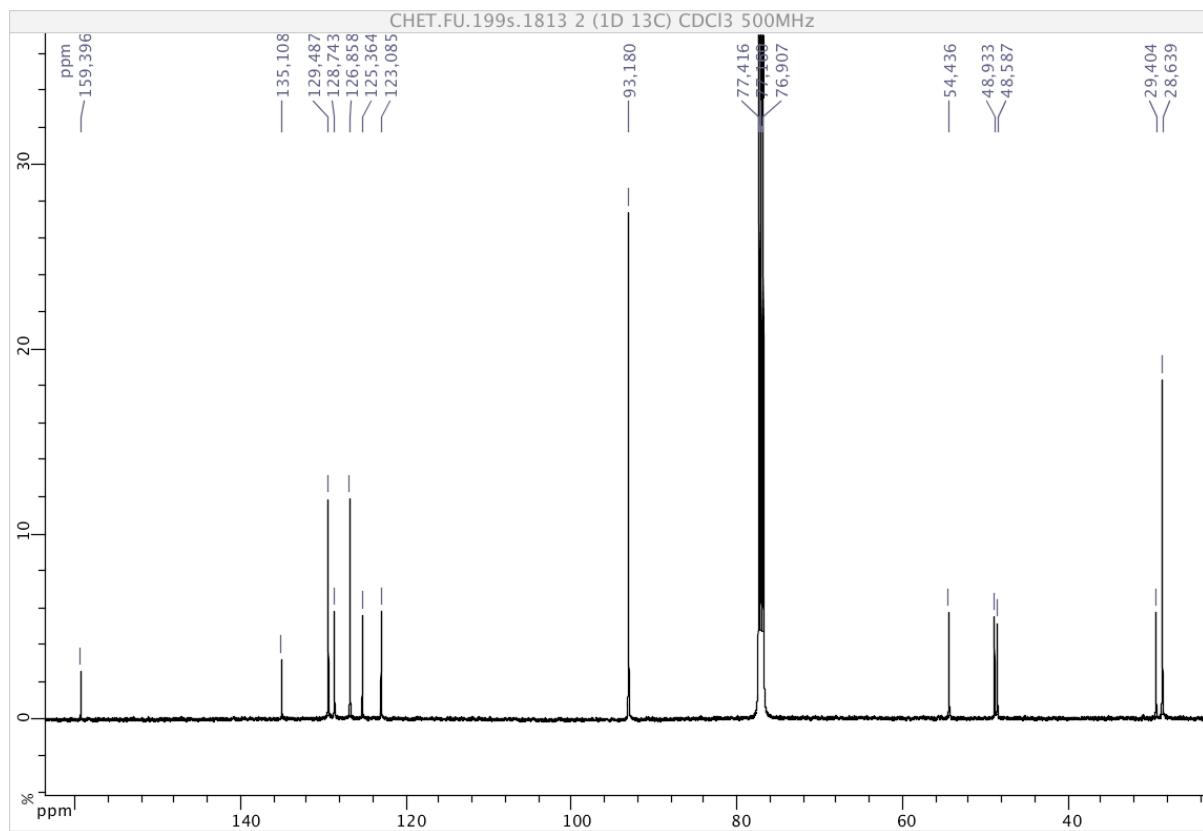
**Figure S12.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{NiCp}\{\text{Mes-NHC-(CH}_2)_2\text{SPh}\}](\text{PF}_6)$  (**2b**)



**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $[\text{NiCp}\{\text{Bn-NHC-(CH}_2)_2\text{S}^t\text{Bu}\}](\text{PF}_6)$  (**2c**)



**Figure S14.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{NiCp}\{\text{Bn-NHC-(CH}_2)_2\text{S}^t\text{Bu}\}](\text{PF}_6)$  (**2c**)



**Table S2.** X-ray crystallographic data and data collection parameters for **2a** and **2c**

| Complex   | <b>2a</b>   | <b>2c</b>   |
|---|---|---|
| Empirical formula   | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>31</sub> N <sub>2</sub> NiS·F <sub>6</sub> P | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>2</sub> NiS·F <sub>6</sub> P |
| Formula weight  | 571.24  | 543.18  |
| Crystal system  | Orthorhombic  | Monoclinic  |
| Space group   | <i>Pbca</i>   | <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>   |
| Temperature (K)   | 173(2)  | 173(2)  |
| <i>a</i> (Å)  | 12.2564(3)  | 9.2425(2)   |
| <i>b</i> (Å)  | 15.4610(4)  | 15.5464(4)  |
| <i>c</i> (Å)  | 27.1428(7)  | 16.5839(5)  |
| α (°)   | 90  | 90  |
| β (°)   | 90  | 95.409(1)   |
| γ (°)   | 90  | 90  |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                                      | 5143.5(2)   | 2372.29(11)   |
| <i>Z</i>  | 8   | 4   |
| <i>D</i> <sub>calcd</sub> (Mg.m <sup>-3</sup> )                 | 1.475   | 1.521   |
| Absorp coeff (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                                | 0.956   | 3.178   |
| Crystal form, colour  | Prism, green  | Block, green  |
| Crystal size (mm)   | 0.25 × 0.20 × 0.18  | 0.18 × 0.12 × 0.08  |
| <i>h, k, l</i> <sub>max</sub>                                   | 17, 21, 38  | 10, 16, 18  |
| <i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> , <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub>               | 0.651, 0.746  | 0.649, 0.753  |
| Measured reflns   | 50260   | 23312   |
| Independent reflns, <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>                     | 7498, 0.0370  | 4166, 0.0330  |
| Reflns with <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )                           | 5579  | 3634  |
| <i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2σ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )] | 0.0377  | 0.0563  |
| <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )                             | 0.0924  | 0.1510  |
| GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>                                    | 1.082   | 1.049   |

## Solvent vs. Gas Phase calculations

The addition of solvent effects is key for the discrimination of solvent coordination over sulfur inversion. This effect is highlighted when the combination of charged species and solvent coordination are present. Transition states are stabilized by at least 13 kcal/mol and the reaction becomes exothermic. Tables **S3**, **S4** and **S5** show the differences computed.

**Table S3.**  $\Delta G$  energies, in kcal/mol, in gas phase and single point solvent (benzene) for the monodentate to bidentate process of **1d**

|  | <b>1d</b> | TS- (Ni-S)-coord | <b>1d<sup>+</sup>Br<sup>-</sup></b> |
|--|-----------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b><math>\Delta G</math> (gas phase)</b> | 0.0       | +23.9            | +19.0                               |
| <b><math>\Delta G</math> (solvent )</b>  | 0.0       | +22.6            | +13.5                               |

**Table S4.**  $\Delta G$  energies, in kcal/mol, in gas phase and single point solvent for the sulphur inversion process of **(R)-2a** and **(R)-2c**

|  | <b>(R)-2a</b> | TS- inversion | <b>(S)-2a</b> |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b><math>\Delta G</math> (gas phase)</b>     | 0.0           | +7.8          | +0.5          |
| <b><math>\Delta G</math> (solvent = THF)</b> | 0.0           | +9.1          | +0.8          |
| <b><math>\Delta G</math> (solvent = DCM)</b> | 0.0           | +9.0          | +0.7          |
|  | <b>(R)-2c</b> | TS- inversion | <b>(S)-2c</b> |
| <b><math>\Delta G</math> (gas phase)</b>     | 0.0           | +11.3         | +4.1          |
| <b><math>\Delta G</math> (solvent = THF)</b> | 0.0           | +13.3         | +5.4          |
| <b><math>\Delta G</math> (solvent = DCM)</b> | 0.0           | +13.2         | +5.4          |

**Table S5.**  $\Delta G$  energies, in kcal/mol, in gas phase and single point solvent (THF) for the solvent coordination process of **2a** and **2c**

|  | <b>2a + THF</b> | TS- (2a-THF)-coord | <b>2a-THF</b> |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b><math>\Delta G</math> (gas phase)</b> | 0.0             | +24.0              | +11.7         |
| <b><math>\Delta G</math> (solvent)</b>   | 0.0             | +11.1              | -6.2          |
|  | <b>2c + THF</b> | TS- (2c-THF)-coord | <b>2c-THF</b> |
| <b><math>\Delta G</math> (gas phase)</b> | 0.0             | +27.4              | +10.7         |
| <b><math>\Delta G</math> (solvent)</b>   | 0.0             | +11.5              | -7.6          |

## Atomic coordinates of the optimized species

| 1d   |           |           | TS-(Ni-S)-coord  |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|
| E (SCF) = -1194.09914458<br>E (SCF; solvent = benzene) = -5480.6631<br>Zero-point correction = 0.407827<br>Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.435682<br>Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.344133 |           |           | E (SCF) = -1194.06428906<br>E (SCF; solvent = benzene) = -5480.63034<br>Zero-point correction = 0.407570<br>Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.434640<br>Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.34745 |           |           |
| C 0.631039   | 0.718591  | 0.243872  | C -0.112439  | 4.878496  | 9.063168  |
| C 2.662001   | 0.023252  | 0.953787  | C 2.101340   | 4.572143  | 9.460652  |
| H 3.511812   | -0.635285 | 1.038952  | H 3.036628   | 4.035157  | 9.475528  |
| C 2.448661   | 1.253935  | 1.478161  | C 1.798857   | 5.837681  | 9.827382  |
| H 3.070803   | 1.876831  | 2.100985  | H 2.414394   | 6.631930  | 10.218528 |
| C 1.384595   | -1.490364 | -0.601715 | C 0.878979   | 2.656104  | 8.438809  |
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| H 0.390924   | -1.421725 | -1.049418 | H 0.516087   | 2.748395  | 7.407487  |
| C 1.570088   | -2.782584 | 0.187737  | C 0.010449   | 1.713628  | 9.252316  |
| H 2.559123   | -2.815783 | 0.655449  | H 0.295992   | 1.723752  | 10.308939 |
| H 1.513512   | -3.639924 | -0.488219 | H 0.102402   | 0.691952  | 8.877018  |
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| C 0.597754   | 2.952114  | 1.354047  | C -0.213451  | 7.280618  | 9.828224  |
| C -2.376747  | 0.527579  | 0.756137  | C -3.385836  | 5.697077  | 9.632926  |
| H -2.118156  | 0.439674  | 1.804294  | H -3.210895  | 6.116155  | 10.617039 |
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| H -2.860027  | 2.713107  | 0.525057  | H -2.700826  | 7.359230  | 8.235913  |
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| H -3.210877  | 2.064467  | -2.064965 | H -3.417636  | 5.699463  | 6.273850  |
| C -2.848049  | -0.050820 | -1.400180 | C -3.957420  | 4.302838  | 7.940738  |
| H -2.942717  | -0.591009 | -2.332868 | H -4.312092  | 3.433102  | 7.401156  |
| C -2.510936  | -0.585259 | -0.155022 | C -4.000602  | 4.477921  | 9.362878  |
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| N 1.202273   | 1.659241  | 1.038320  | N 0.447009   | 6.003920  | 9.592289  |
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| Ni -0.965461   | 0.848009  | -0.726213 | Ni -1.868270   | 4.497173  | 8.442308  |
| Br 0.176449  | 1.386972  | -2.697724 | Br -0.725970   | 4.351392  | 5.902620  |
| C 1.473353   | 4.119229  | 0.964606  | C 0.123489   | 8.332496  | 8.793724  |
| H -0.350284  | 2.966459  | 0.807719  | H -1.282521  | 7.076339  | 9.848790  |
| H 0.373781   | 2.983827  | 2.426242  | H 0.072983   | 7.627801  | 10.826628 |
| C 1.937540   | 5.010650  | 1.934804  | C 0.404582   | 9.639296  | 9.202216  |
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| C 3.072086   | 6.298878  | 0.239022  | C 0.670323   | 10.322379 | 6.903178  |
| C 2.611754   | 5.410458  | -0.734751 | C 0.395273   | 9.018325  | 6.491010  |
| C 1.815120   | 4.326187  | -0.378083 | C 0.120108   | 8.024141  | 7.427836  |
| H 1.671070   | 4.857334  | 2.978805  | H 0.412842   | 9.883407  | 10.262930 |
| H 3.086137   | 6.787116  | 2.338102  | H 0.891492   | 11.644763 | 8.591720  |
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| H 2.870072   | 5.565067  | -1.778700 | H 0.392205   | 8.767130  | 5.434158  |
| H 1.454224   | 3.636138  | -1.138814 | H -0.091828  | 7.010563  | 7.089817  |
| H -2.315230  | -1.621568 | 0.083665  | H -4.302704  | 3.735873  | 10.089850 |
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| C -2.384043  | -5.976058 | 1.313148  | C -3.652463  | -1.093906 | 7.673910  |

|             |           |           |             |           |          |
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| 1d <sup>+</sup> Br <sup>-</sup>   |  |  | 2a   |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| E (SCF) = -1194.07556059<br>E (SCF; solvent = benzene) = -5480.64829<br>Zero-point correction = 0.409272<br>Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.436316<br>Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.350775   |  |  | E (SCF) = -1106.718457<br>E (SCF; solvent = THF) = -3143.767957<br>Zero-point correction = 0.440418<br>Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.466361<br>Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.384129 |  |  |
| C 1.014939 0.262670 1.232243<br>C 3.268833 0.013777 1.222311<br>H 4.202693 -0.504172 1.073105<br>C 3.007585 1.289663 1.583902<br>H 3.663910 2.113998 1.812294<br>C 1.915200 -1.957845 0.532629<br>H 2.922831 -2.376180 0.454978<br>H 1.498255 -1.898557 -0.483653<br>C 1.093982 -2.805679 1.483573<br>H 1.444940 -2.700352 2.515028<br>H 1.130441 -3.861115 1.204265<br>C -1.292001 -3.346204 0.132910<br>C 1.010037 2.703320 1.892843<br>C -2.252542 1.426369 1.583186<br>H -2.152863 2.105042 2.420385<br>C -1.647491 1.582819 0.267379<br>H -1.044821 2.419517 -0.059932<br>C -2.096428 0.534700 -0.574849<br>H -1.787185 0.377439 -1.599999<br>C -2.809571 -0.355044 0.255826<br>H -3.242546 -1.297697 -0.054067<br>C -2.954768 0.230520 1.576159<br>N 2.049292 -0.597513 1.025621<br>N 1.632243 1.422689 1.598140<br>S -0.686248 -2.346242 1.512166<br>Ni -0.825464 -0.191052 0.994515<br>Br 1.035905 -0.204802 -2.420212<br>C 1.234786 3.738159 0.808431<br>H -0.050516 2.508882 2.051928<br>H 1.412881 3.064875 2.845742<br>C 1.279916 5.091434 1.159787<br>C 1.438880 6.070467 0.181656<br>C 1.562821 5.703342 -1.158133<br>C 1.526659 4.355731 -1.511728<br>C 1.364068 3.371642 -0.536546<br>H 1.191881 5.382554 2.205049<br>H 1.473865 7.118318 0.467397            |  |  |  |  |  |
| C 0.013567 0.034963 0.008206<br>C 0.029159 0.039299 2.270209<br>H 0.461479 0.036477 3.258787<br>C -1.265324 0.065567 1.867307<br>H -2.182973 0.075631 2.433283<br>C 2.244395 -0.063930 1.057694<br>H 2.634017 0.036878 2.074429<br>H 2.626739 0.775239 0.468669<br>C 2.703293 -1.395183 0.473241<br>H 2.265279 -2.222704 1.034984<br>H 3.791918 -1.469954 0.532736<br>C 0.992571 0.199909 -3.831472<br>H 1.311663 -0.594294 -4.494124<br>C -0.337323 0.518501 -3.496080<br>H -1.232242 0.018001 -3.839229<br>C -0.265673 1.593039 -2.556683<br>H -1.110006 2.083186 -2.090199<br>C 1.104899 2.044183 -2.455600<br>H 1.453467 2.877296 -1.860475<br>C 1.877145 1.169966 -3.217190<br>H 2.954727 1.179519 -3.319011<br>N 0.794852 0.024272 1.118781<br>N -1.256479 0.056233 0.483910<br>S 2.248565 -1.572372 -1.304404<br>Ni 0.759486 0.019103 -1.715285<br>C 1.522593 -3.318370 -1.412037<br>C 1.185539 -3.490674 -2.894042<br>C 2.623979 -4.294725 -0.995602<br>C 0.274981 -3.460888 -0.549450<br>H 2.260024 -5.318113 -1.137398<br>H 3.524115 -4.170723 -1.604377<br>H 2.898957 -4.194542 0.058507<br>H 0.806367 -4.505282 -3.054323<br>H 0.412040 -2.787585 -3.216405<br>H 2.068317 -3.361373 -3.527701<br>H -0.126258 -4.473519 -0.669935<br>H 0.478481 -3.320349 0.516203 |  |  |  |  |  |

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| H | 1.625237  | 4.054197  | -2.550469 | C | -2.472229 | 0.115761  | -0.347440 |
| H | 1.341583  | 2.325175  | -0.842902 | H | -2.206145 | -0.335622 | -1.306370 |
| H | -3.473746 | -0.222121 | 2.411386  | C | -3.652697 | -0.578781 | 0.282765  |
| C | -1.996836 | -4.506883 | 0.467544  | H | -2.713359 | 1.168698  | -0.525845 |
| C | -2.472981 | -5.332940 | -0.549651 | C | -4.683151 | 0.171765  | 0.857558  |
| C | -2.240923 | -4.999326 | -1.883858 | C | -5.779117 | -0.462417 | 1.442007  |
| C | -1.538695 | -3.837278 | -2.203361 | C | -5.852032 | -1.853519 | 1.456169  |
| C | -1.062789 | -2.994412 | -1.199193 | C | -4.829758 | -2.610132 | 0.881473  |
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| H | -3.024405 | -6.234161 | -0.296818 | H | -4.634376 | 1.258391  | 0.840607  |
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| TS-(2a-THF)-coord  | 2a-THF  |
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| <p>E (SCF) = -1339.06456879<br/> E (SCF; solvent = THF) = -3143.755709<br/> Zero-point correction = 0.558638<br/> Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.590731<br/> Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.494113</p>  | <p>E (SCF) = -1339.08711648<br/> E (SCF; solvent = THF) = -3143.78042<br/> Zero-point correction = 0.558934<br/> Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.591920<br/> Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.489986</p>  |
| C -0.310682 -0.678296 -0.973858<br>C -0.673095 -2.494967 -2.290125<br>H -1.138536 -3.069499 -3.075829<br>C 0.326531 -2.808905 -1.437279<br>H 0.901470 -3.713621 -1.317143<br>C -2.071912 -0.509835 -2.791061<br>H -2.227186 -1.115695 -3.687553<br>H -1.676285 0.459049 -3.103718<br>C -3.400204 -0.343709 -2.064020<br>H -3.636949 -1.250363 -1.500465<br>H -4.190620 -0.172773 -2.799844<br>C -0.983966 1.663109 1.833901<br>H -1.862342 1.333247 2.368621<br>C 0.226212 0.949389 1.696827<br>H 0.457373 0.017656 2.196890<br>C 1.180963 1.791821 0.970840<br>H 2.221692 1.557756 0.786820<br>C 0.512942 2.936791 0.582278<br>H 0.910996 3.749634 -0.010131<br>C -0.859686 2.810800 1.021512<br>H -1.636242 3.546065 0.847549<br>N -1.047514 -1.194308 -2.004085<br>N 0.542377 -1.692851 -0.652076<br>S -3.309928 1.093493 -0.939552<br>Ni -0.596241 1.059811 -0.226845<br>C -4.691781 0.759129 0.287382<br>C -4.788069 2.044346 1.114056<br>C -5.998456 0.534490 -0.476297<br>C -4.355854 -0.440669 1.171350<br>H -6.820788 0.435588 0.241591 | C 0.381485 -0.159702 -0.691068<br>C -0.726324 -1.930856 -1.546914<br>H -1.522864 -2.451576 -2.054436<br>C 0.415623 -2.399056 -0.988333<br>H 0.803160 -3.401840 -0.900601<br>C -1.821292 0.317850 -1.773538<br>H -1.874542 0.306007 -2.868343<br>H -1.542376 1.325519 -1.455564<br>C -3.182227 -0.073765 -1.203161<br>H -3.460517 -1.079788 -1.532397<br>H -3.919302 0.626423 -1.607385<br>C -0.446827 2.603622 1.061600<br>H -1.524041 2.516960 1.015120<br>C 0.444565 1.632267 1.665247<br>H 0.122122 0.743415 2.191488<br>C 1.784907 2.136670 1.617206<br>H 2.662804 1.679910 2.053158<br>C 1.739523 3.289082 0.820228<br>H 2.590987 3.886747 0.517388<br>C 0.356114 3.597791 0.509940<br>H 0.019032 4.458242 -0.054231<br>N -0.734281 -0.561892 -1.351119<br>N 1.078582 -1.303415 -0.468402<br>S -3.165608 0.009391 0.624822<br>Ni 0.917124 1.620050 -0.308528<br>C -4.916946 -0.444155 1.102673<br>C -4.888247 -0.387691 2.633717<br>C -5.911178 0.577488 0.550848<br>C -5.253645 -1.858104 0.629768<br>H -6.919776 0.337499 0.907406 |

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| H -3.413819 | -0.293849 | 1.705050  | H -4.527610 | -2.585511 | 1.003761  |
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| 2c  | TS-(2c-THF)-coord   |
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| E (SCF) = -1185.333063<br>E (SCF; solvent = THF) = -3065.10851<br>Zero-point correction = 0.494422<br>Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.524308<br>Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.43503  | E (SCF) = -1417.683377<br>E (SCF; solvent = THF) = -3065.096269<br>Zero-point correction = 0.612064<br>Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.648291<br>Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.54360   |
| C 0.129145 -1.031380 -0.293900<br>C 0.201165 -2.648422 -1.888290<br>H -0.071282 -3.142155 -2.808151<br>C 1.100395 -2.979428 -0.932870<br>H 1.768186 -3.821553 -0.844693<br>C -1.397137 -0.753501 -2.242409<br>H -1.578625 -1.323580 -3.157097<br>H -1.018203 0.230952 -2.536869<br>C -2.696089 -0.632754 -1.460862<br>H -2.955710 -1.595944 -1.014222 | C -0.195405 -0.503549 -0.759140<br>C -0.486119 -2.431076 -1.932082<br>H -0.916719 -3.074791 -2.683364<br>C 0.483164 -2.659108 -1.019056<br>H 1.074239 -3.536085 -0.807672<br>C -1.934437 -0.536492 -2.606281<br>H -2.055448 -1.210926 -3.458102<br>H -1.584144 0.425964 -2.983907<br>C -3.274376 -0.380987 -1.895556<br>H -3.475208 -1.257620 -1.273433 |



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|  | H | 1.416945  | 3.339755 | -4.678819 |
|  | H | -0.953742 | 4.662316 | -4.443183 |
|  | H | 0.246353  | 4.853736 | -3.159234 |
|  | H | -2.231991 | 3.071385 | -3.155284 |
|  | H | -1.527611 | 3.975949 | -1.802094 |

| <b>2c-THF</b>  | <b>R-2a</b>  |
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| E (SCF) = -1417.70021881<br>E (SCF; solvent = THF) = -3065.122691<br>Zero-point correction = 0.612609<br>Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.649653<br>Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.54080  | E (SCF) = -1185.33304904<br>E (SCF; solvent = THF) = -2832.614903<br>E (SCF; solvent = DCM) = -2911.277611<br>Zero-point correction = 0.494694<br>Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.524452<br>Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.43595   |
| C 0.291340 -0.452091 -0.450909<br>C -0.662984 -2.336025 -1.268492<br>H -1.371410 -2.924472 -1.830220<br>C 0.398150 -2.712317 -0.516699<br>H 0.801725 -3.686957 -0.292188<br>C -1.785030 -0.164306 -1.819875<br>H -1.762482 -0.327276 -2.903645<br>H -1.544364 0.882549 -1.627718<br>C -3.176553 -0.507560 -1.295110<br>H -3.401243 -1.563903 -1.472531<br>H -3.894732 0.088626 -1.865785<br>C 2.069938 -1.582713 0.911537<br>C -0.397845 2.370174 1.425256<br>H -1.468547 2.306535 1.559332<br>C 0.567448 1.377165 1.820070<br>H 0.343190 0.482209 2.382847<br>C 1.895996 1.862528 1.527608<br>H 2.821248 1.354942 1.761417<br>C 1.733692 3.038681 0.798767<br>H 2.523414 3.634951 0.358503<br>C 0.313702 3.348838 0.731315<br>H -0.110603 4.217259 0.243087<br>N -0.717700 -0.955360 -1.211225<br>N 0.970262 -1.553236 -0.018591<br>S -3.315580 -0.121917 0.487990<br>Ni 0.658760 1.392385 -0.196697<br>C 3.371205 -1.318652 0.459466<br>C 4.410815 -1.391792 1.388429<br>C 4.188353 -1.722863 2.728387<br>C 2.879838 -2.001415 3.129548<br>C 1.803045 -1.949071 2.240873<br>C 3.658810 -0.961572 -0.972041<br>H 5.425974 -1.195866 1.050855<br>C 5.326001 -1.767473 3.711835<br>H 2.687823 -2.278220 4.163614<br>C 0.419240 -2.312925 2.713871<br>H 4.724390 -1.065021 -1.189102<br>H 3.107329 -1.597498 -1.671504 | C -0.238940 -0.910178 -0.825808<br>C -0.737829 -3.025680 -1.486549<br>H -1.289805 -3.795942 -2.002507<br>C 0.356453 -3.094678 -0.693482<br>H 0.951002 -3.935309 -0.372782<br>C -2.208676 -1.178558 -2.324693<br>H -2.672432 -2.028406 -2.831903<br>H -1.842758 -0.492604 -3.096034<br>C -3.238048 -0.502907 -1.432121<br>H -3.450629 -1.129032 -0.561951<br>H -4.162054 -0.338556 -1.991389<br>C -3.610126 1.465508 0.686907<br>C -5.089606 1.269588 0.349497<br>H -5.339985 0.224249 0.149667<br>H -5.395758 1.877274 -0.507375<br>H -5.687809 1.584421 1.211325<br>C -3.161510 0.555353 1.823186<br>H -3.766470 0.767710 2.711988<br>H -2.113530 0.731478 2.077605<br>H -3.292475 -0.505440 1.588893<br>C -3.334372 2.932676 1.017053<br>H -3.902441 3.205440 1.912560<br>H -3.647890 3.596598 0.206019<br>H -2.277161 3.107351 1.230542<br>C 1.802728 -1.503570 0.514336<br>C 0.446777 2.677919 0.395777<br>H 0.142812 3.035546 1.370186<br>C 1.433765 1.731519 0.126579<br>H 2.049597 1.211574 0.846125<br>C 1.502036 1.562059 -1.318904<br>H 2.193825 0.908983 -1.832232<br>C 0.604346 2.464574 -1.926809<br>H 0.435646 2.600840 -2.985874<br>C -0.122308 3.072522 -0.870351<br>H -0.930356 3.782775 -0.996811<br>N -1.081726 -1.687903 -1.558230<br>N 0.652618 -1.799766 -0.299022<br>S -2.622195 1.136962 -0.897361 |

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| H 0.093005 3.765903 -4.700085   |                                 |
| H 1.787862 3.754058 -4.205100   |                                 |
| H -0.652465 3.359872 -2.451229  |                                 |
| H 0.969336 3.944553 -2.005313   |                                 |

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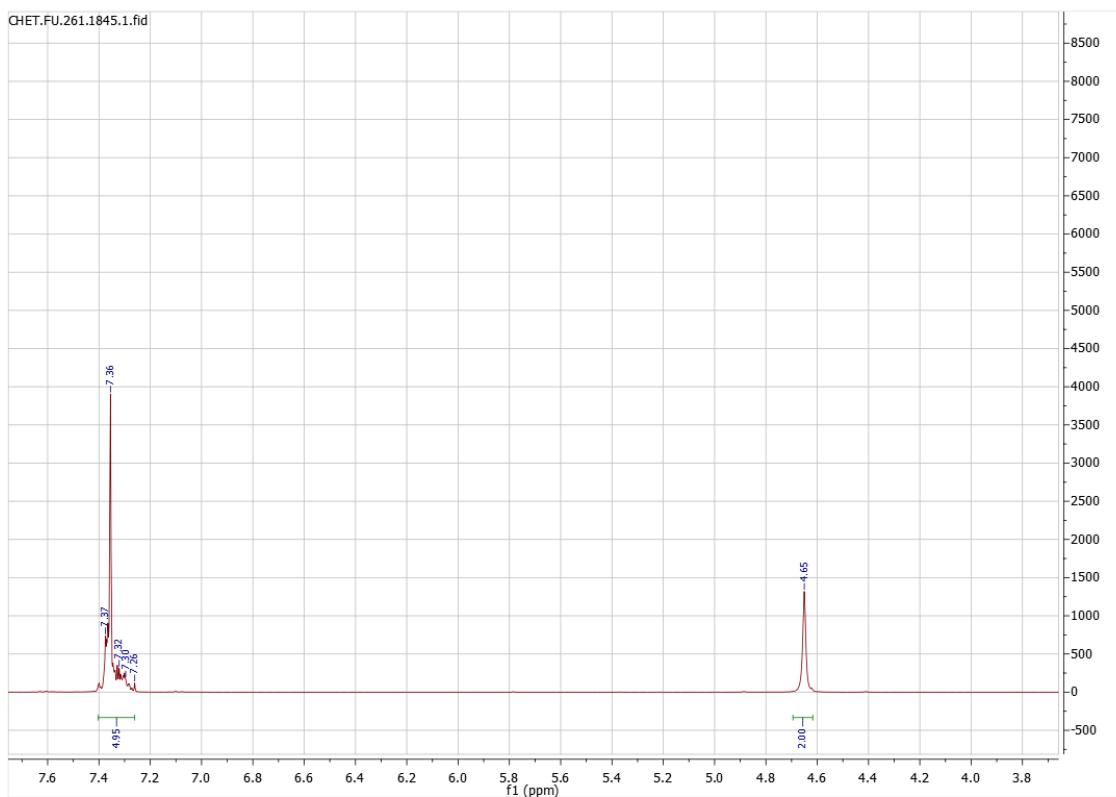
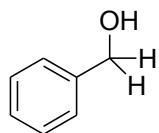
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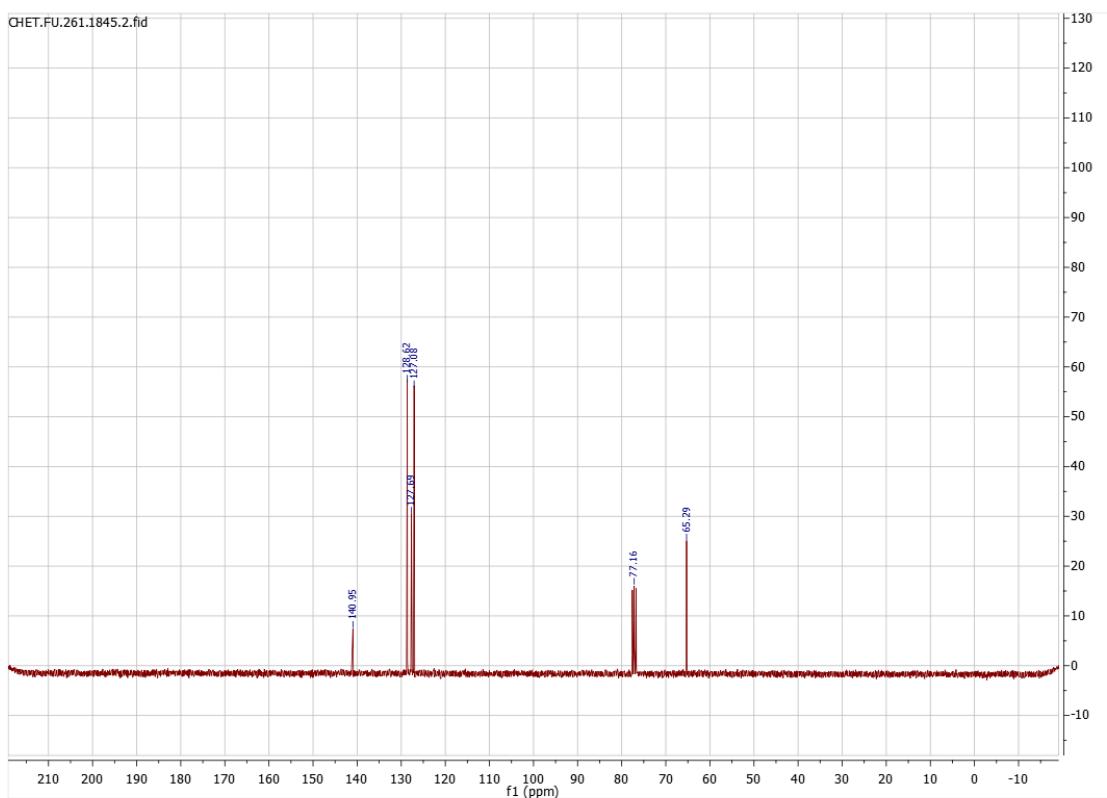
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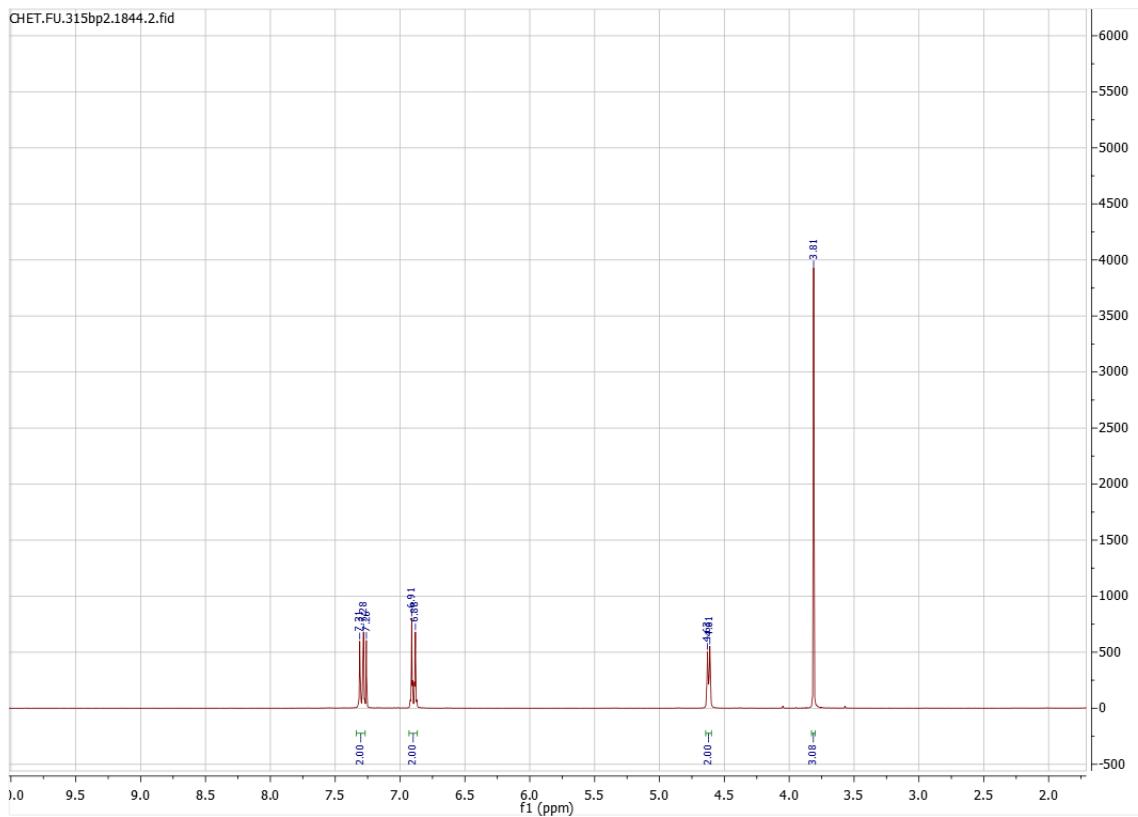
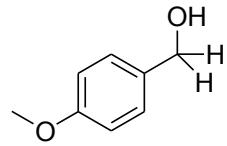
**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of benzyl alcohol



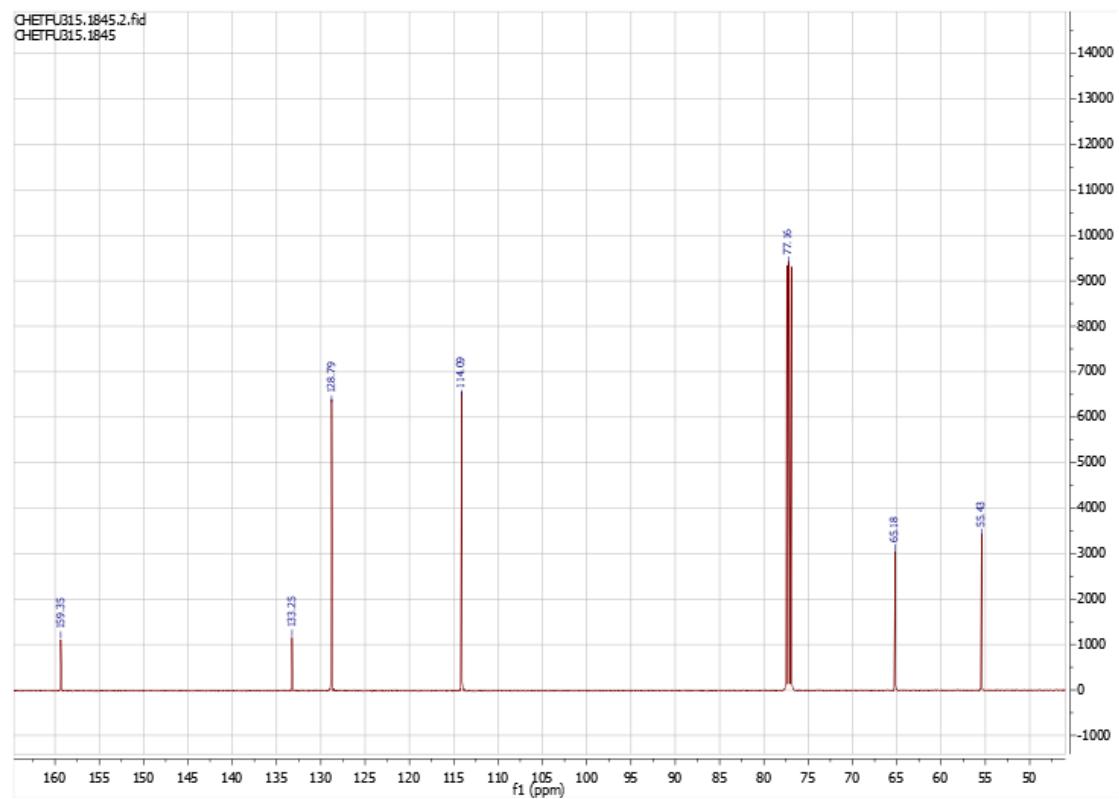
**Figure S16.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of benzyl alcohol



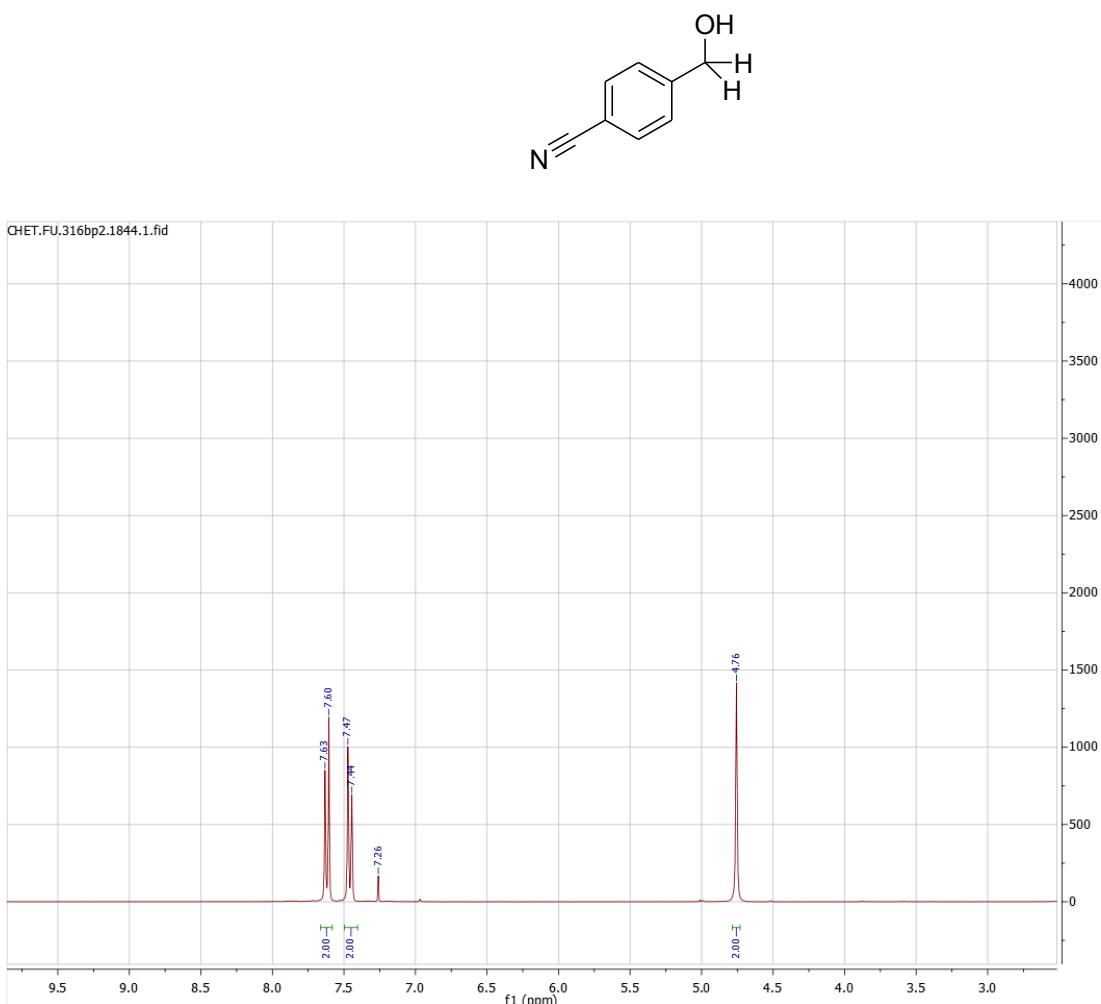
**Figure S17.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 4-methoxybenzyl alcohol



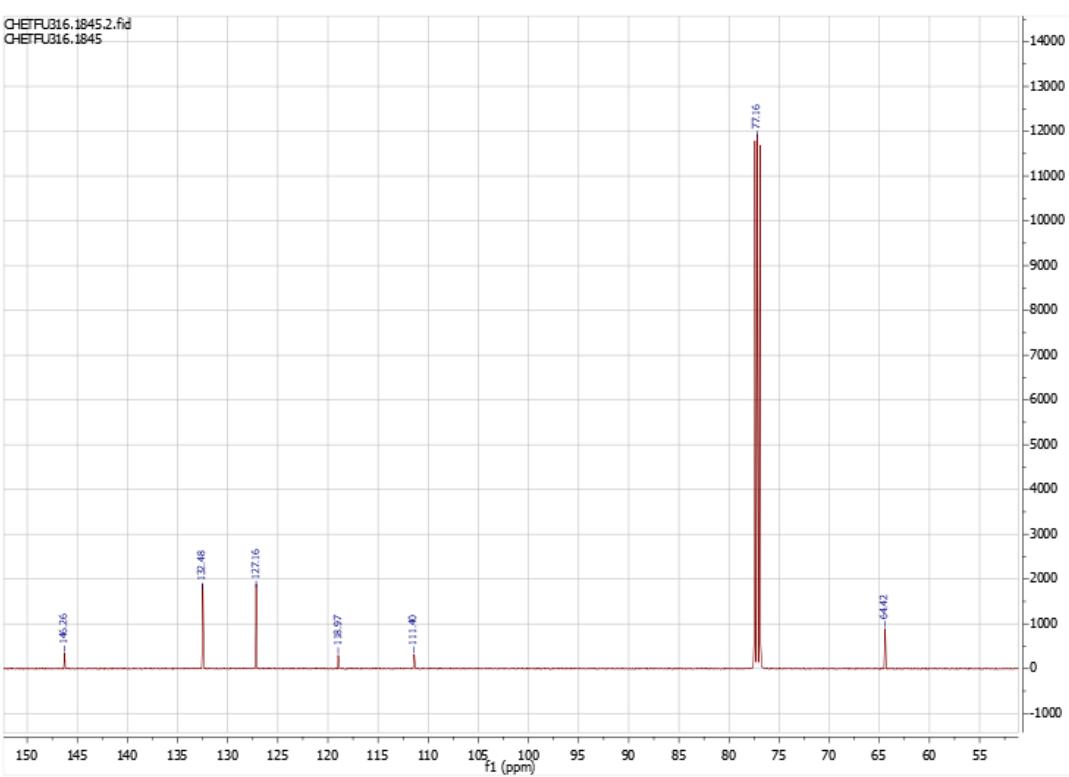
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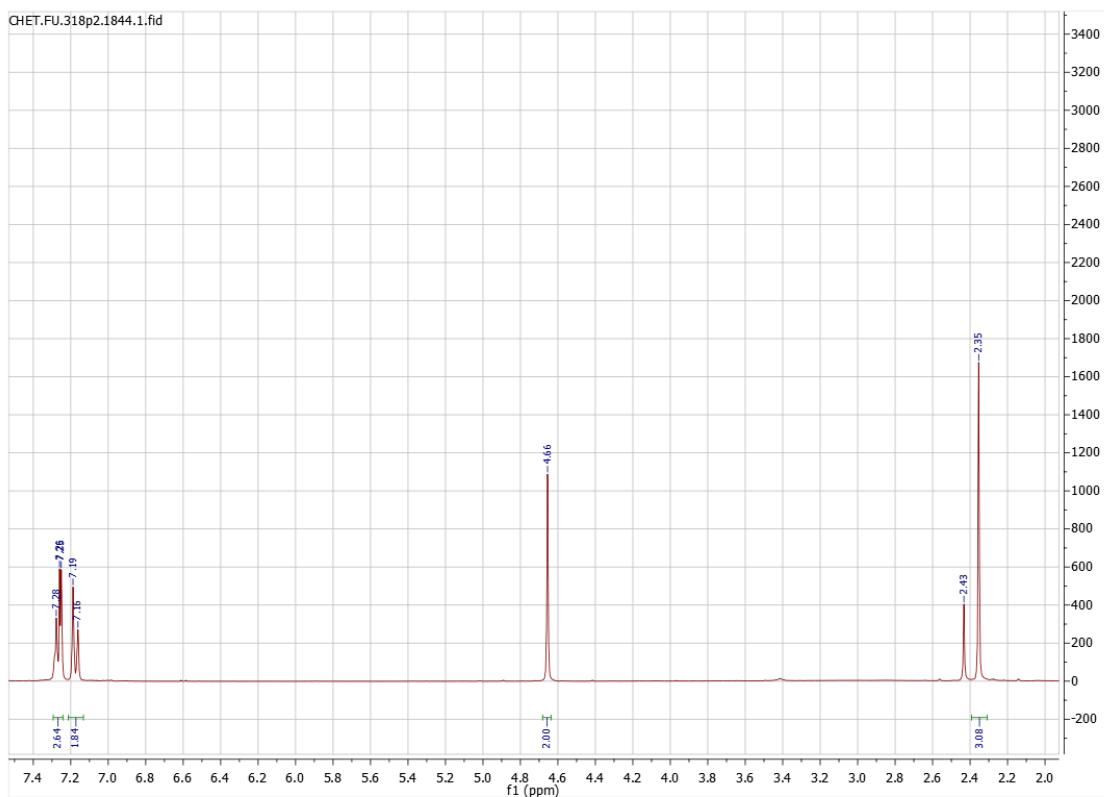
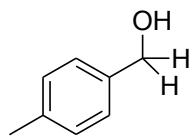
**Figure S19.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 4-cyanobenzyl alcohol



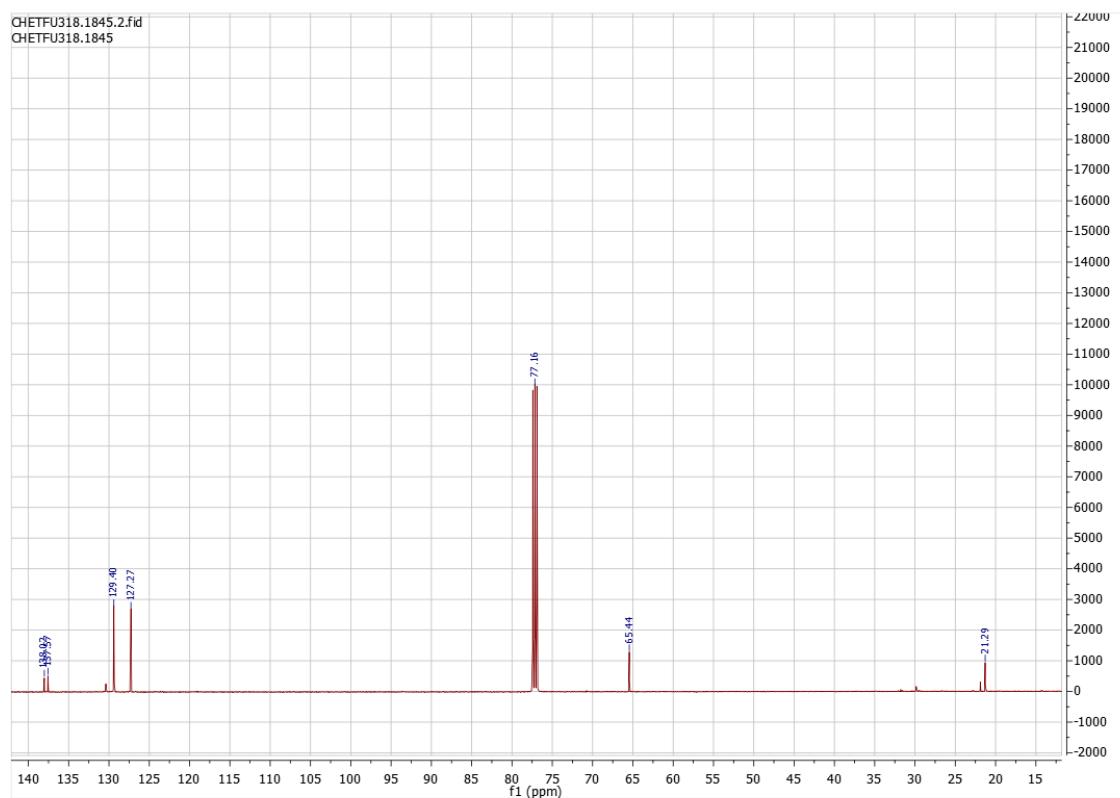
**Figure S20.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of 4-cyanobenzyl alcohol



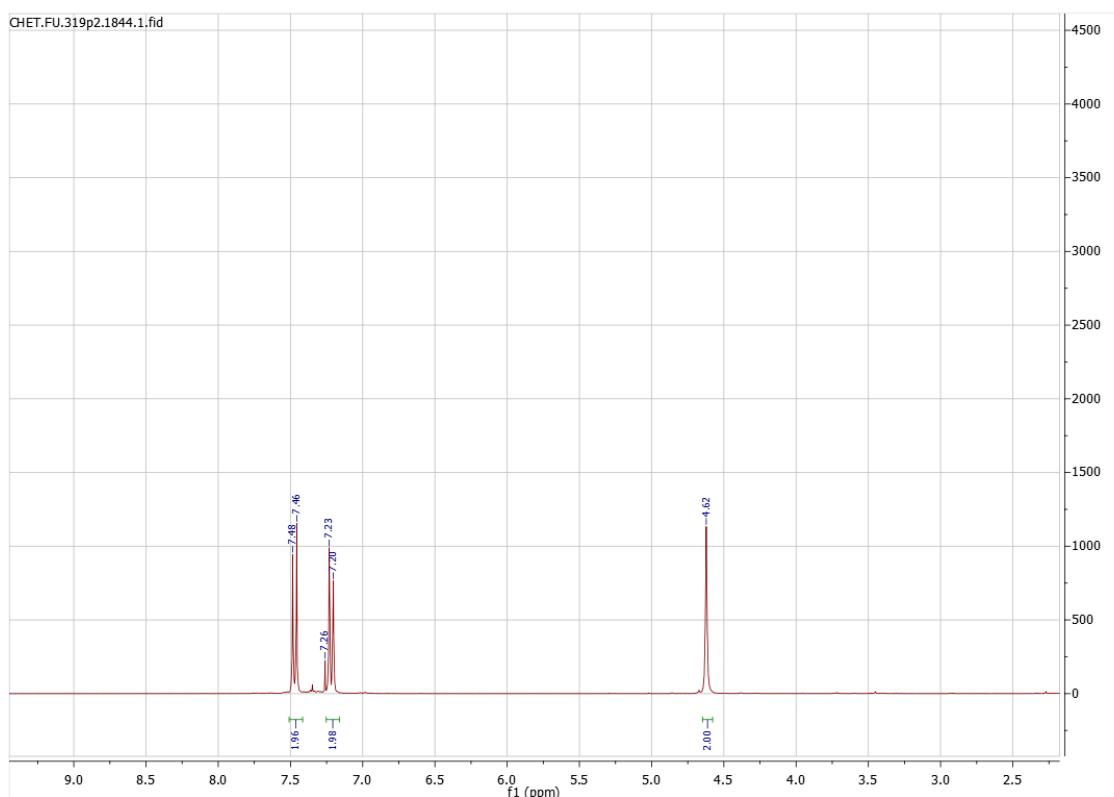
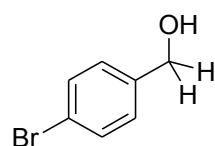
**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 4-methylbenzyl alcohol



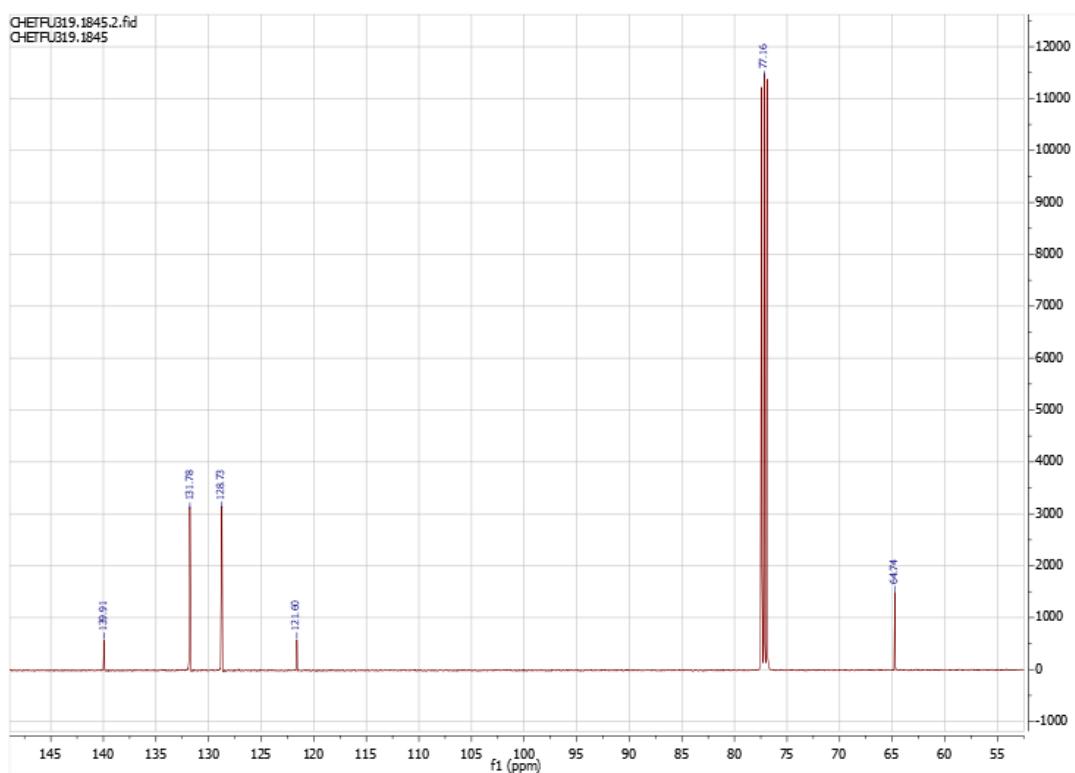
**Figure S22.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of 4-methylbenzyl alcohol



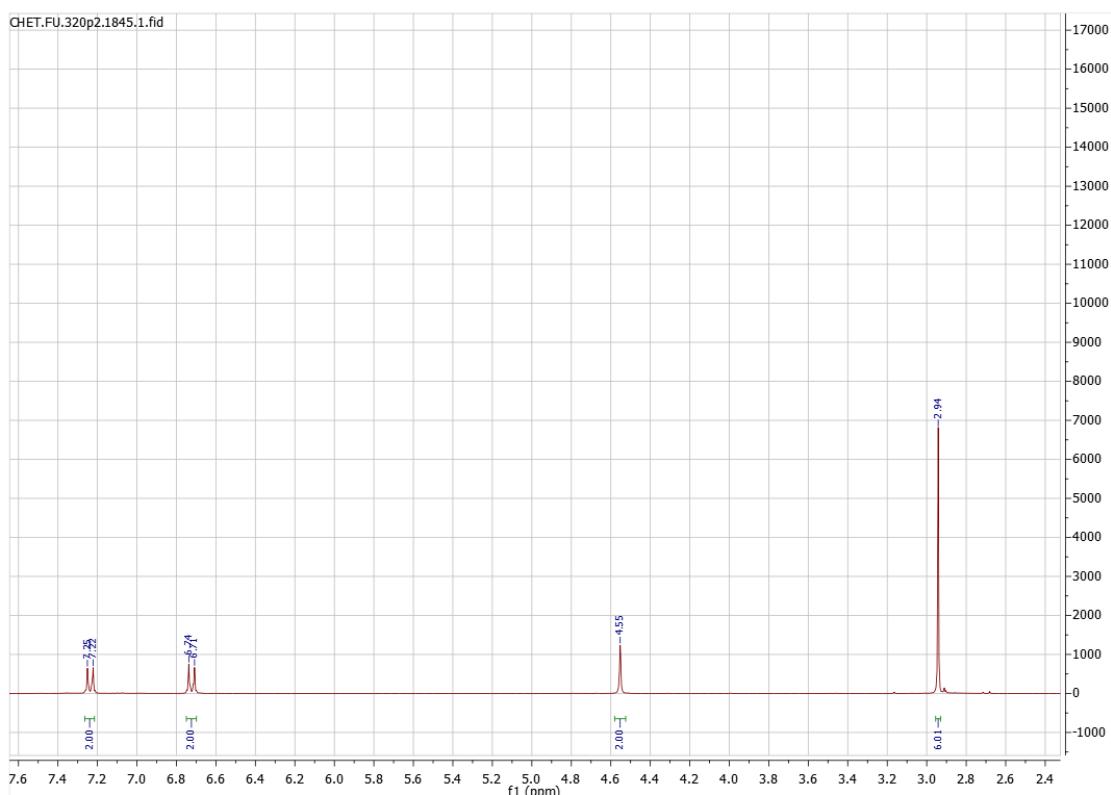
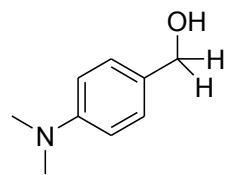
**Figure S23.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 4-bromobenzyl alcohol



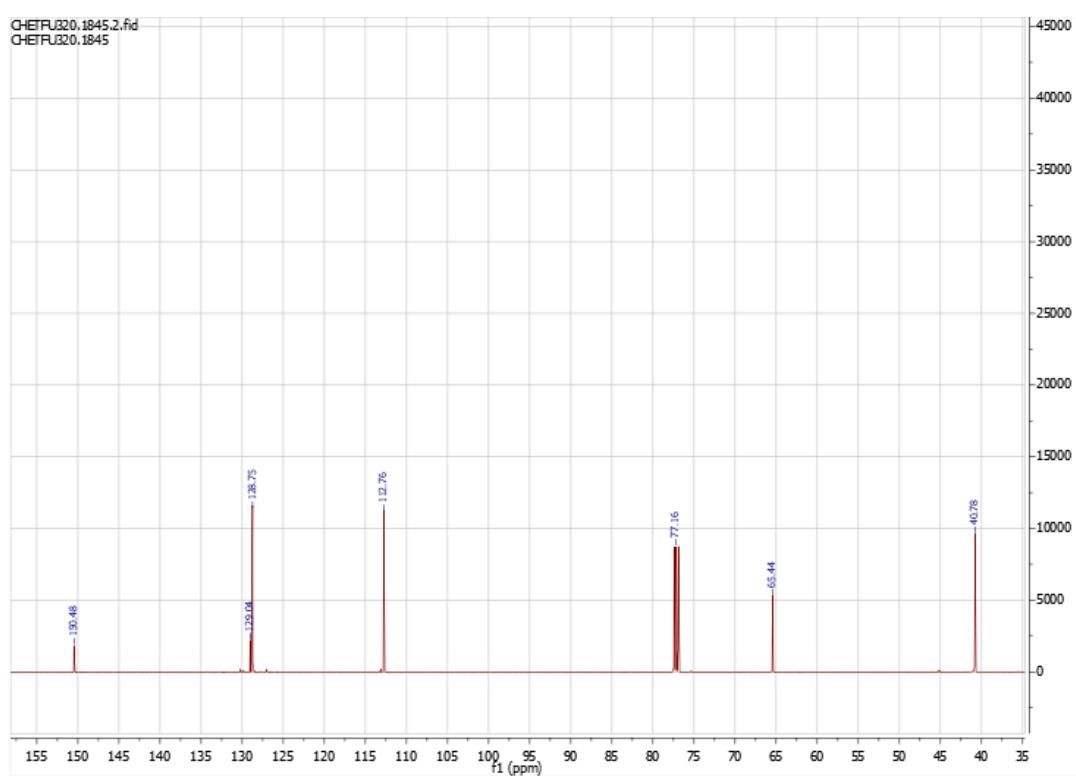
**Figure S24.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of 4-bromobenzyllic alcohol



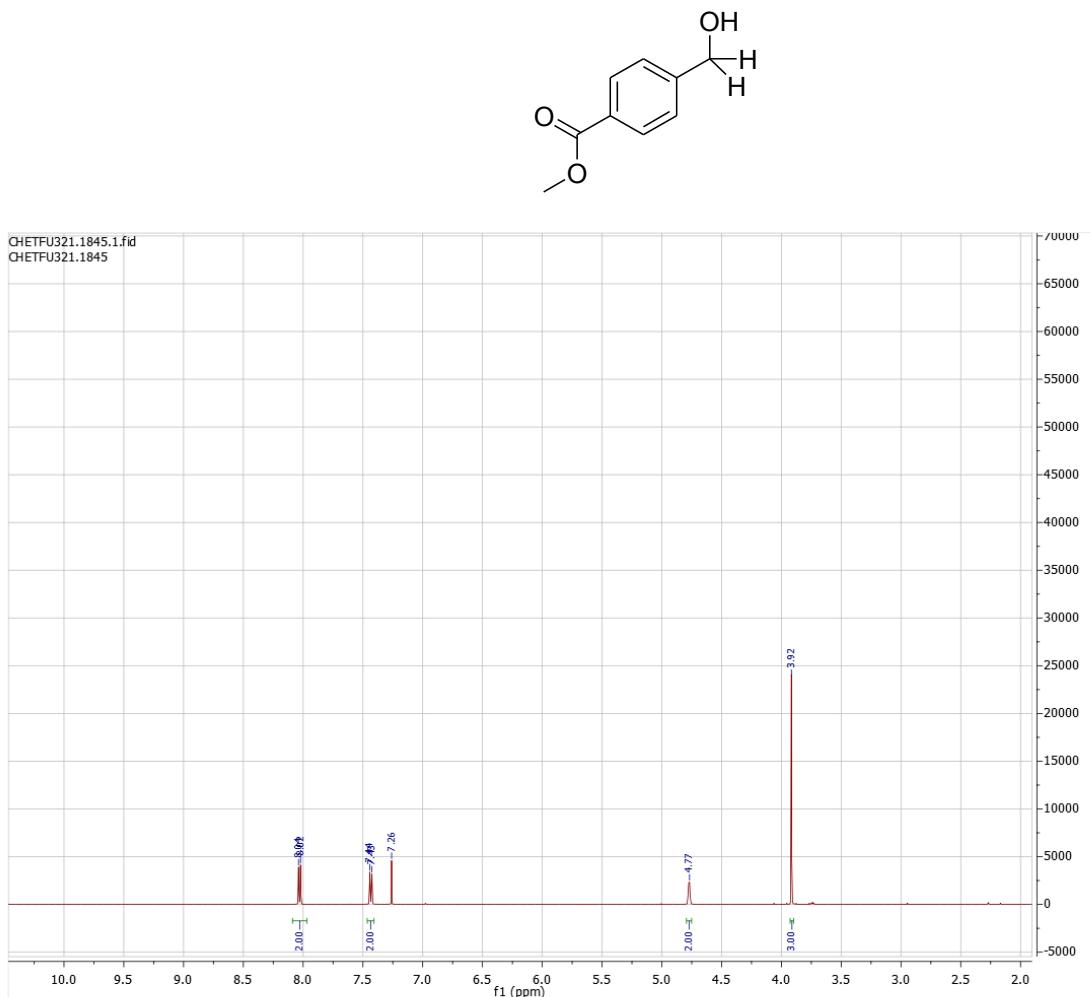
**Figure S25.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 4-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)benzyl alcohol



**Figure S26.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra of 4-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)benzyl alcohol



**Figure S27.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of methyl 4-(hydroxymethyl) benzoate



**Figure S28.**  $^{13}\text{C} \{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra of methyl 4-(hydroxymethyl) benzoate

