

## Supporting Information

### Direct Synthesis of 2,4,5- Trisubstituted Imidazoles From Primary Alcohols

#### By Diruthenium(II) Catalysts under aerobic conditions

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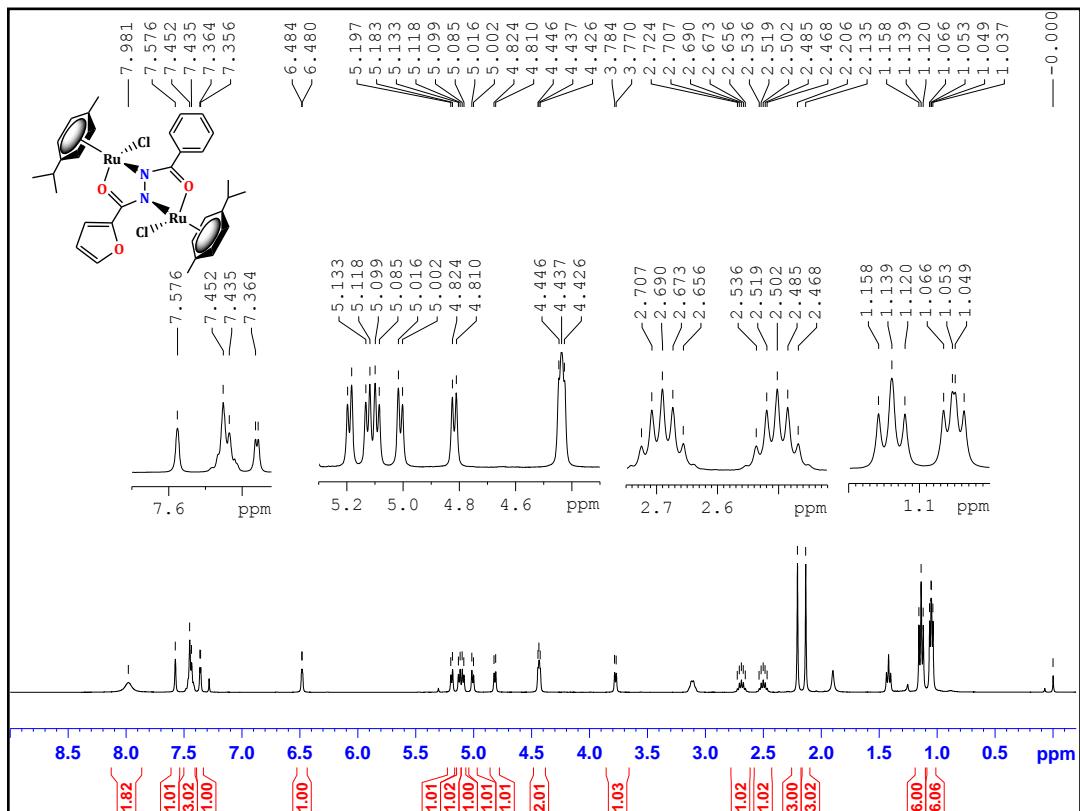
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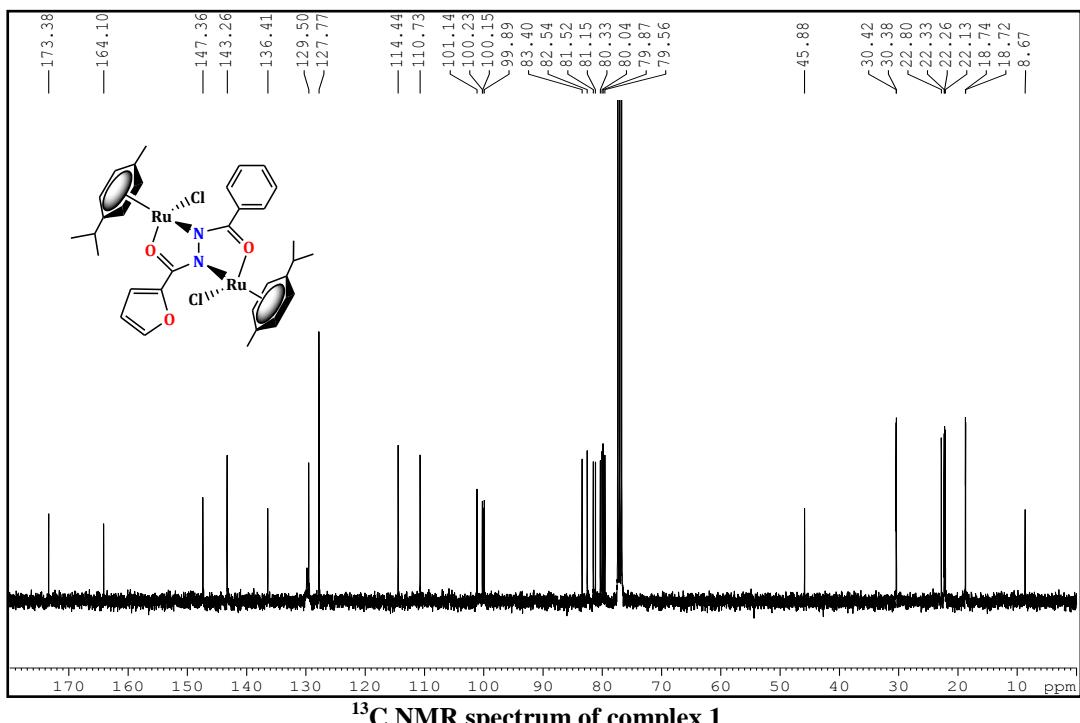
## **1. General Information**

N'-benzoylfuran-2-carbohydrazide ligand was prepared according to the literature procedure. Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed under an atmosphere of air. All solvents were reagent grade or better. Deuterated solvents were used as received. C, H, N and S analyses were carried out with a Vario EL III CHNS elemental analyser. IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO 400 plus spectrometer. Electronic spectra in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution were recorded with a CARY 300 Bio UV-visible Varian spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively, using Bruker Avance-400 NMR spectrometers with  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  as solvents and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. Chemical shifts were reported in units (ppm) by assigning TMS resonance as 0.00 ppm. Abbreviations used in the NMR follow-up experiments: br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet. High Resolution Mass spectra were recorded on a Thermo Exactive Orbitrap mass spectrometer using electrospray ionization (ESI) technique.

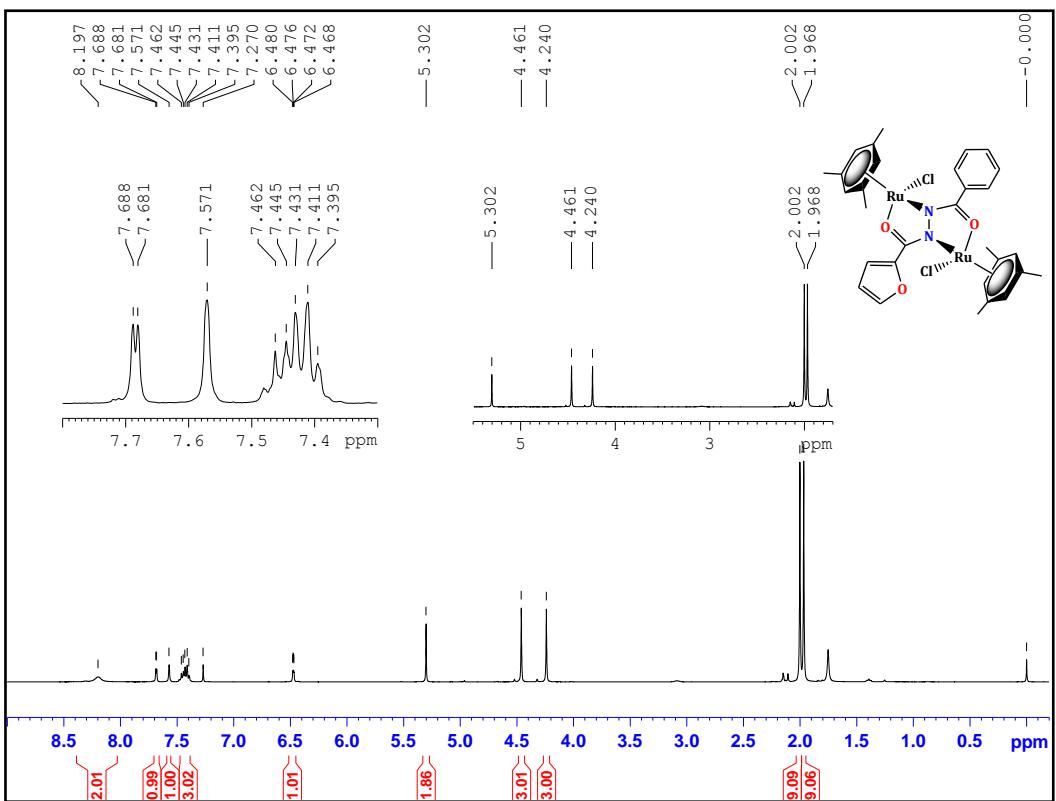
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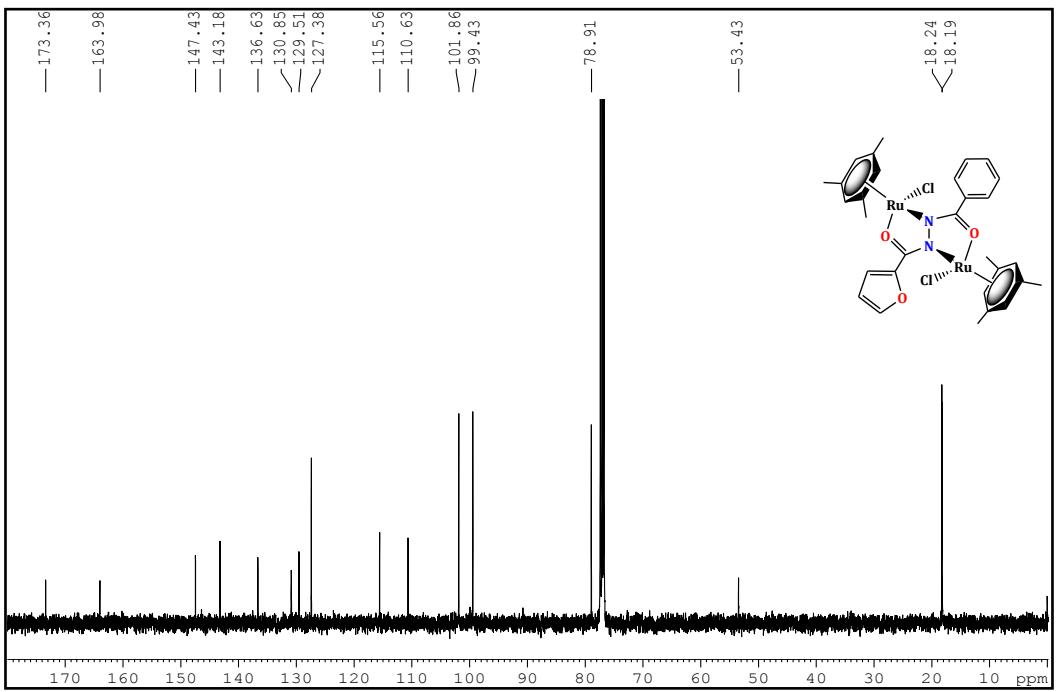
$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex 1



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex 1

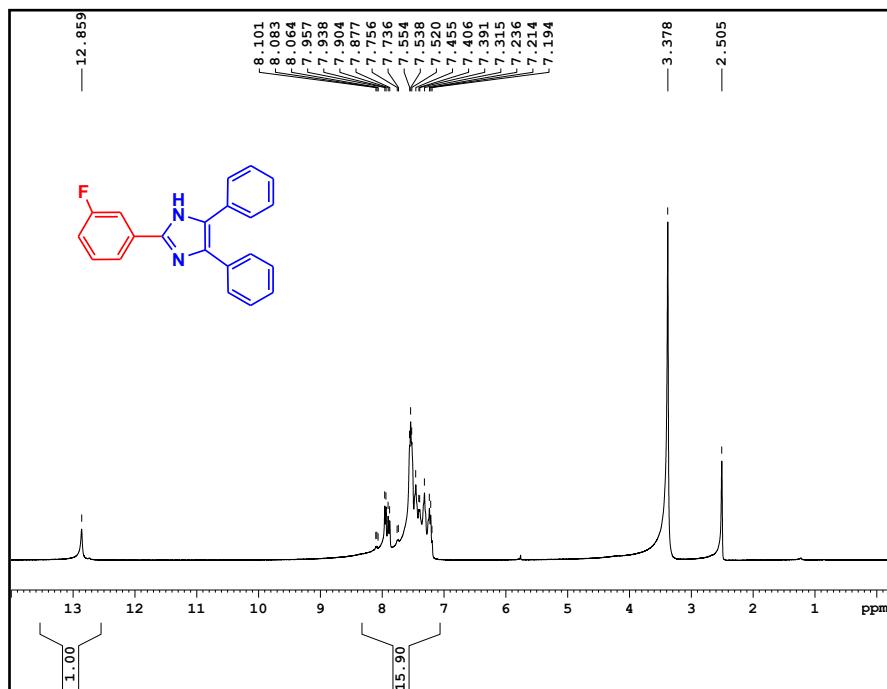


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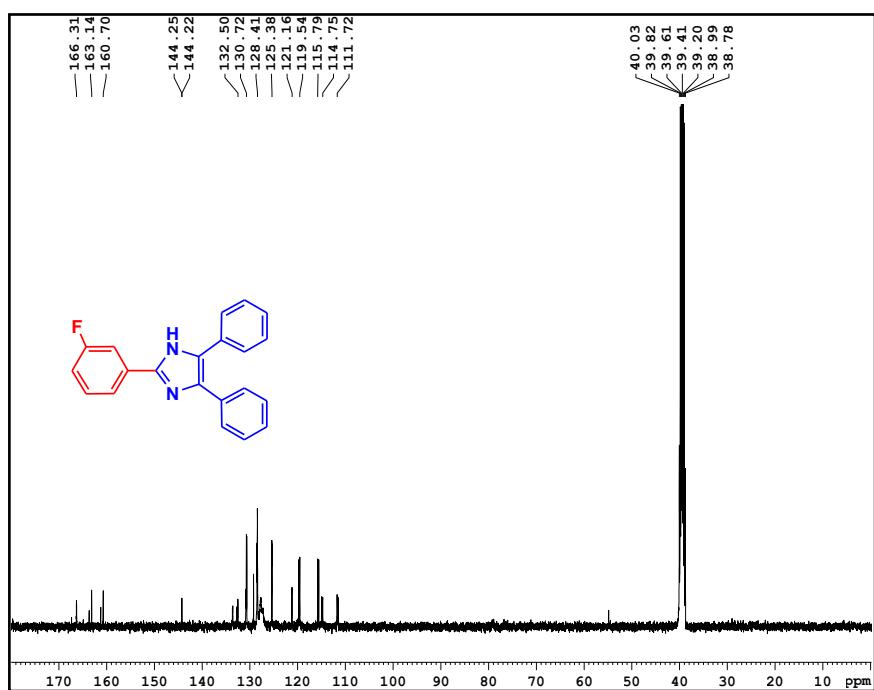


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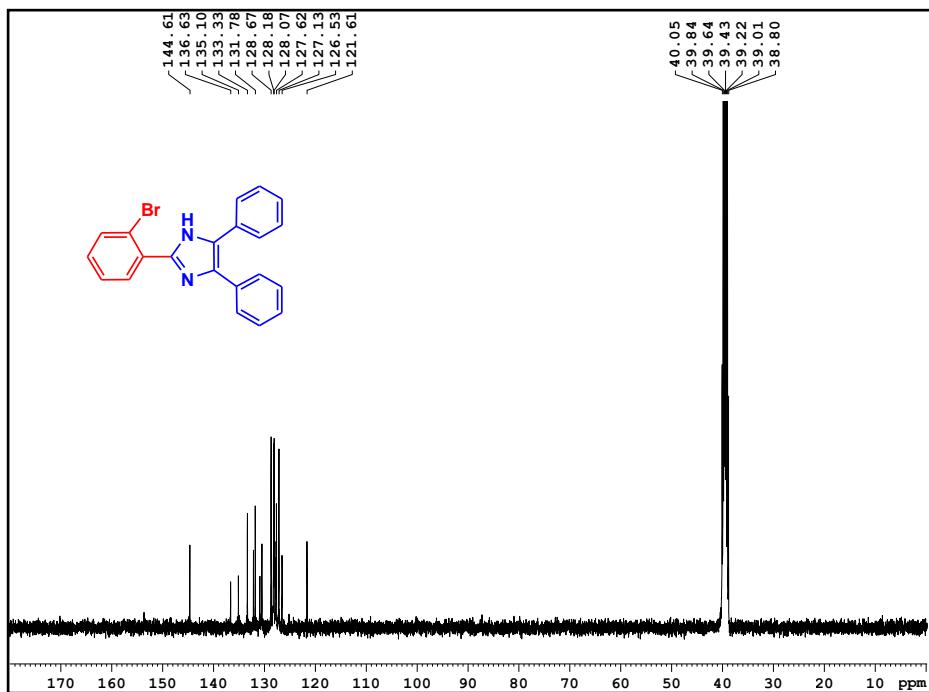
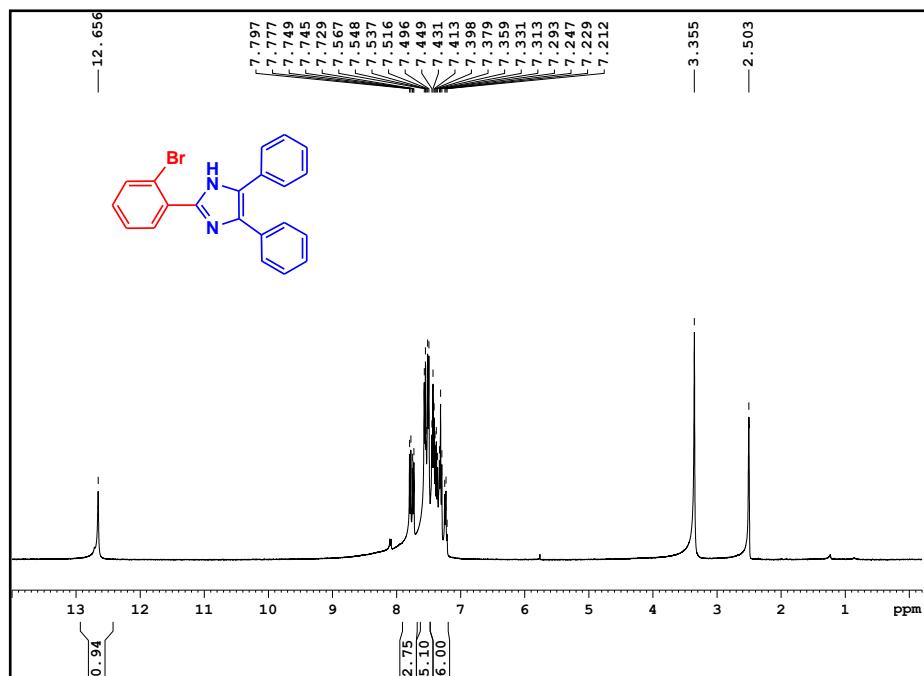
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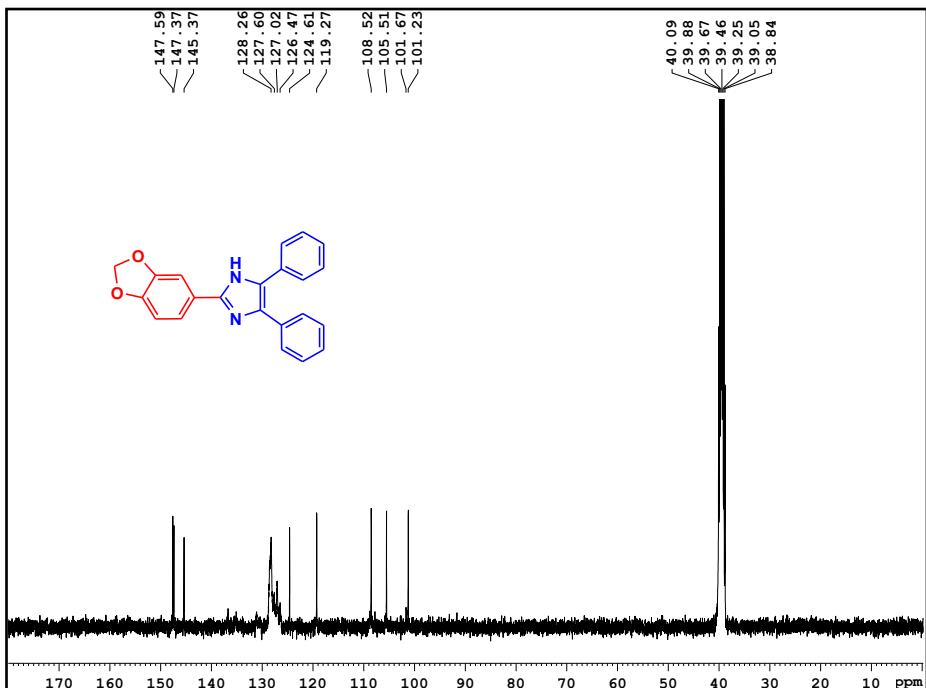
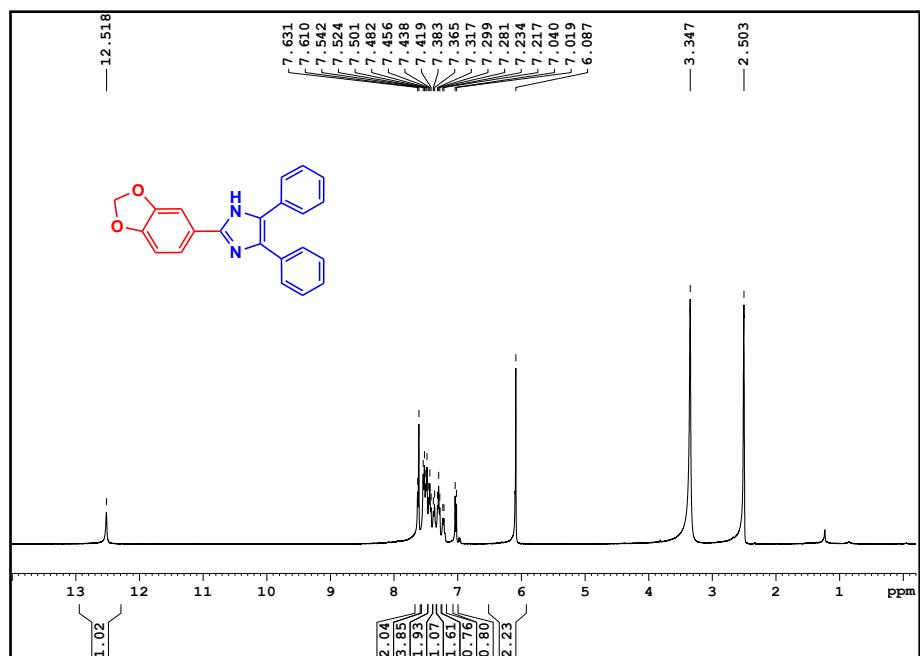


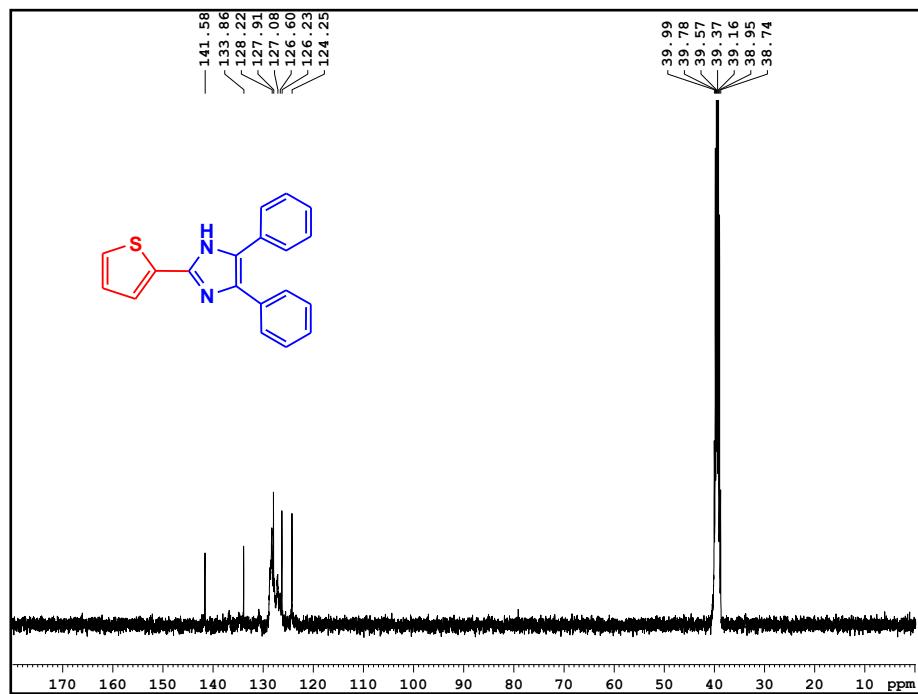
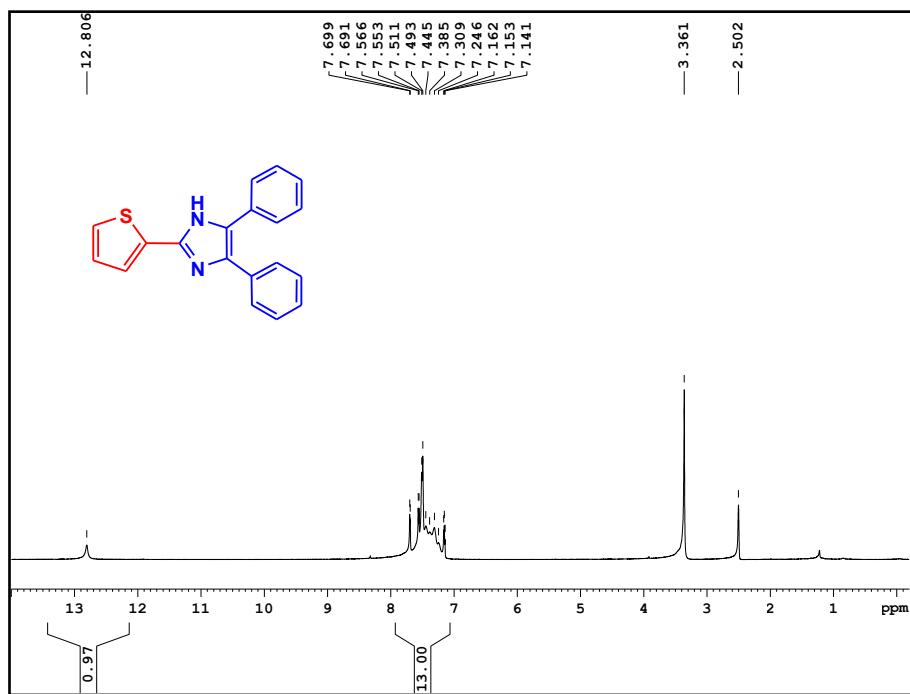
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) spectrum of 5g(peaks at 3.3 and 2.5 ppm are solvent and water peaks)

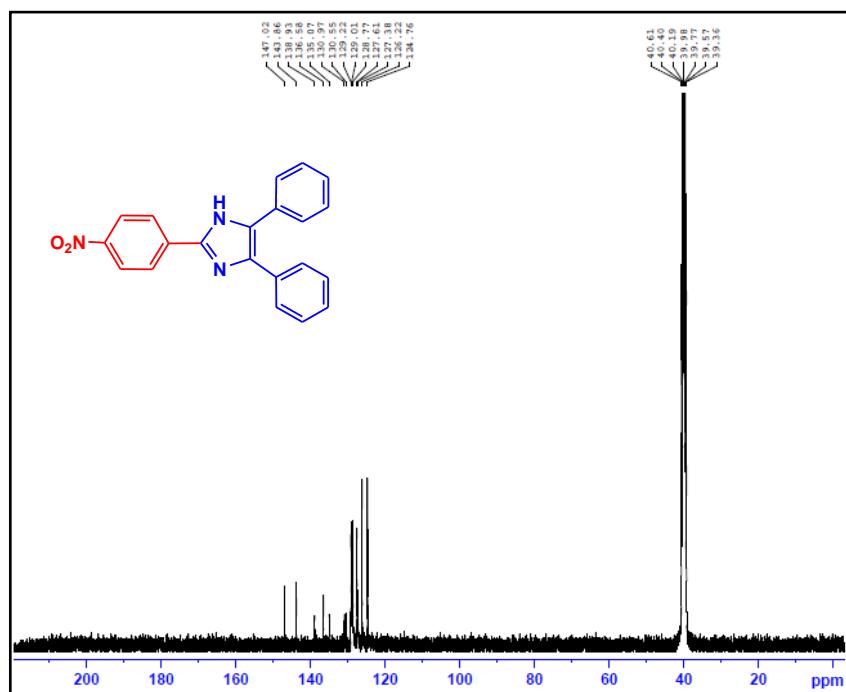
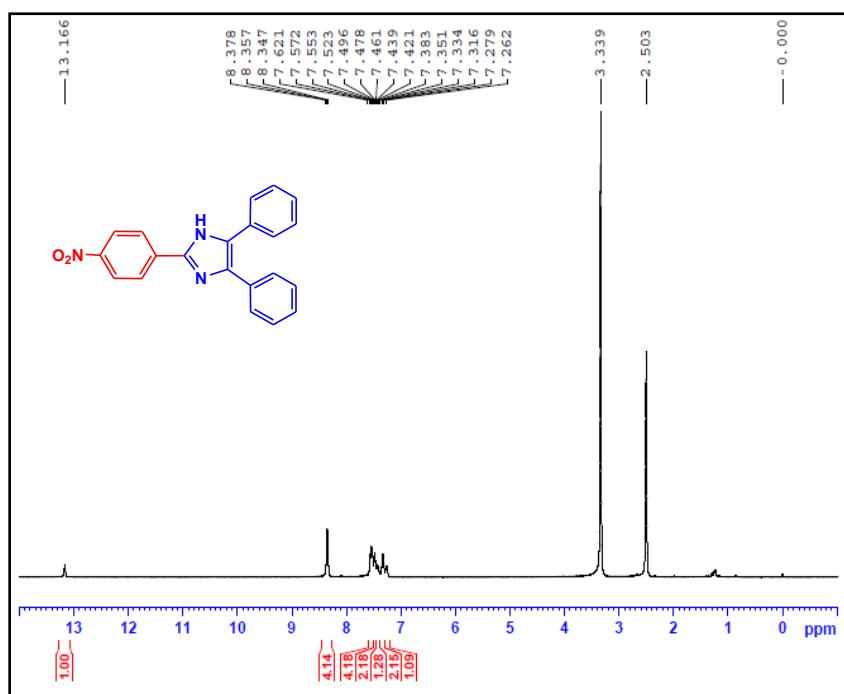


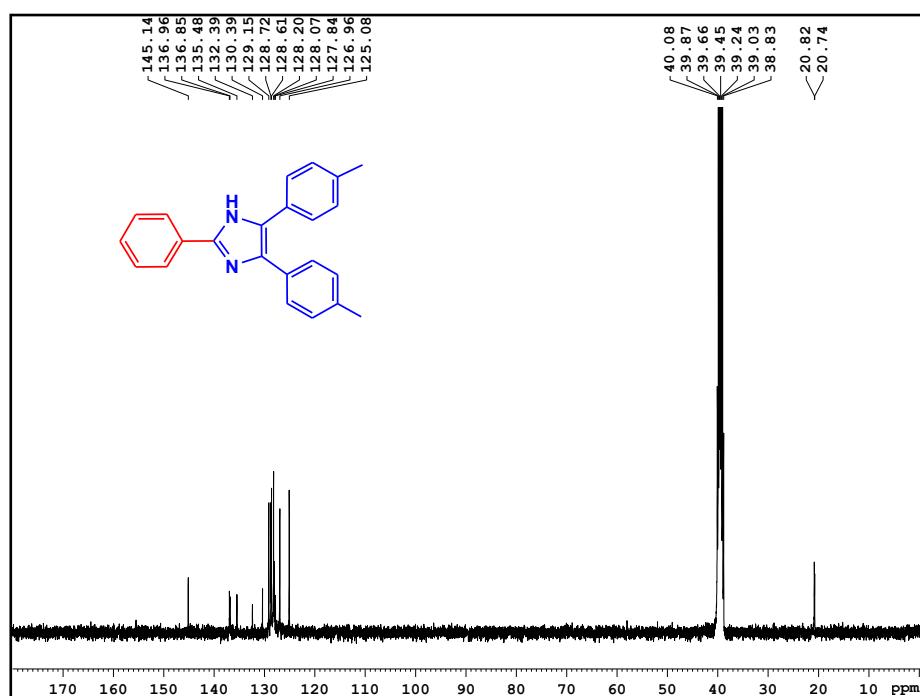
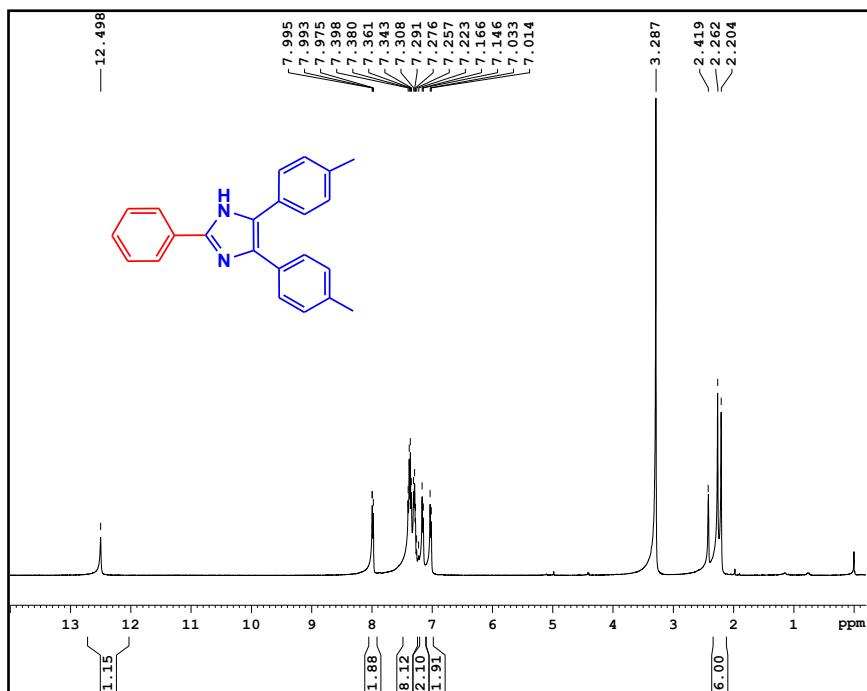
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) spectrum of 5g

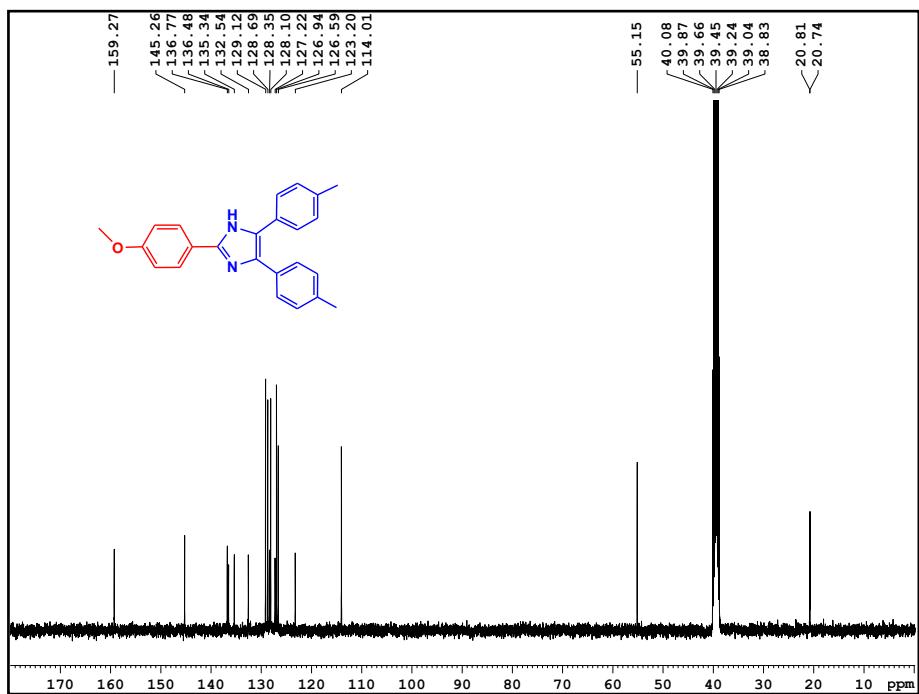
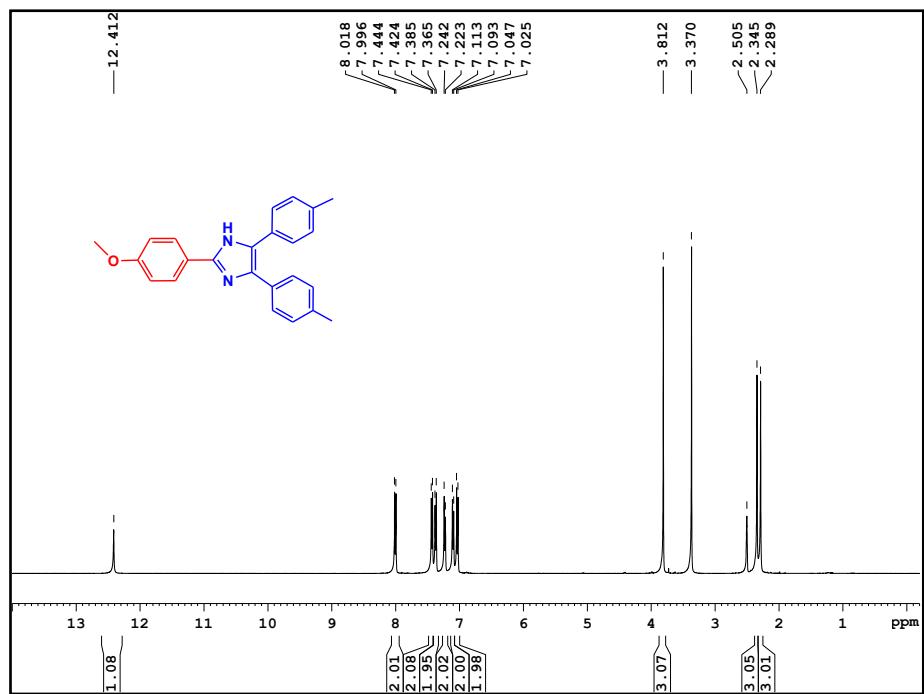




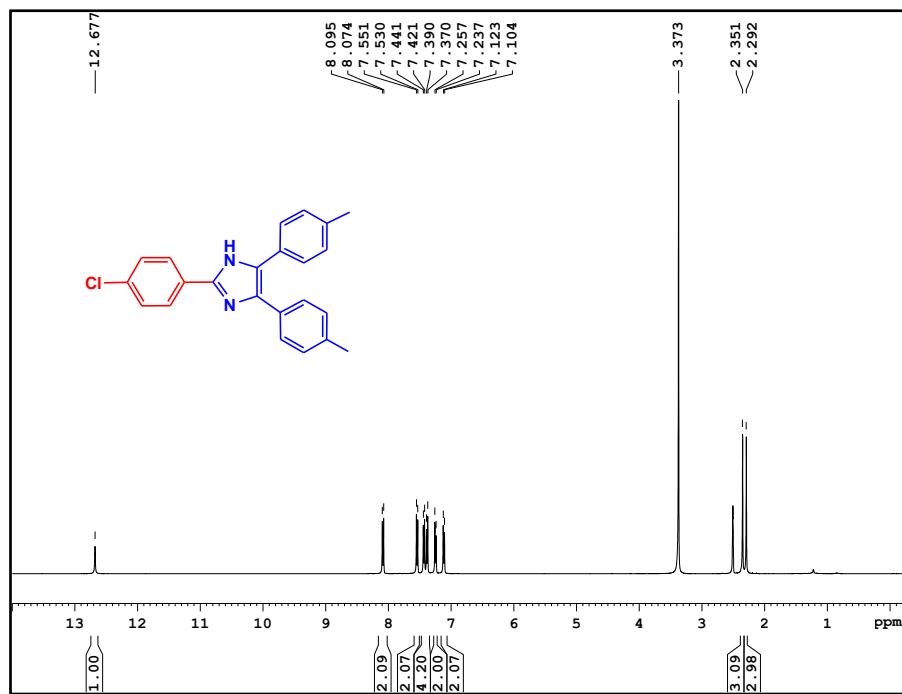




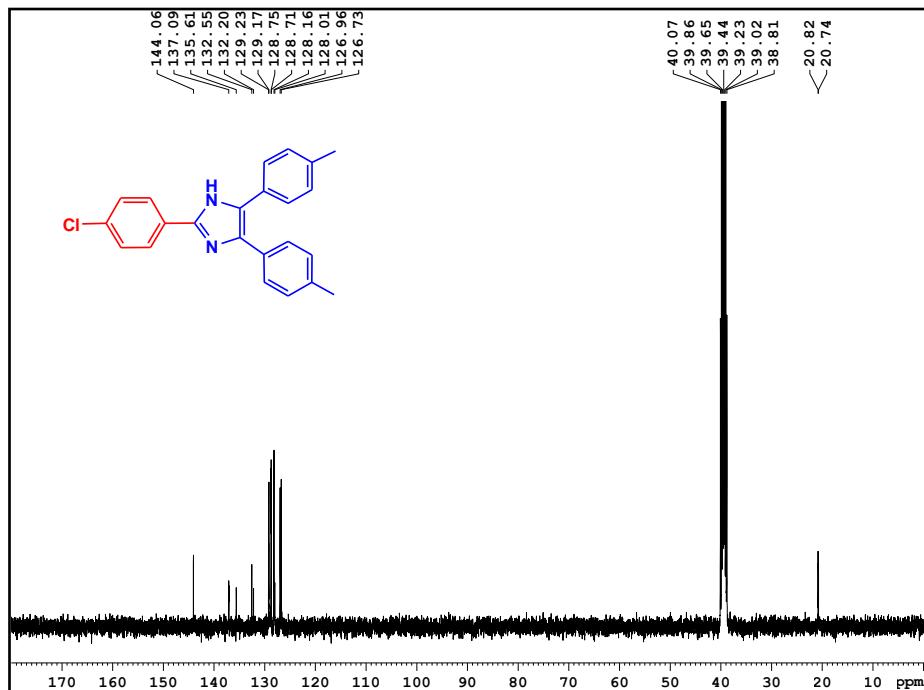




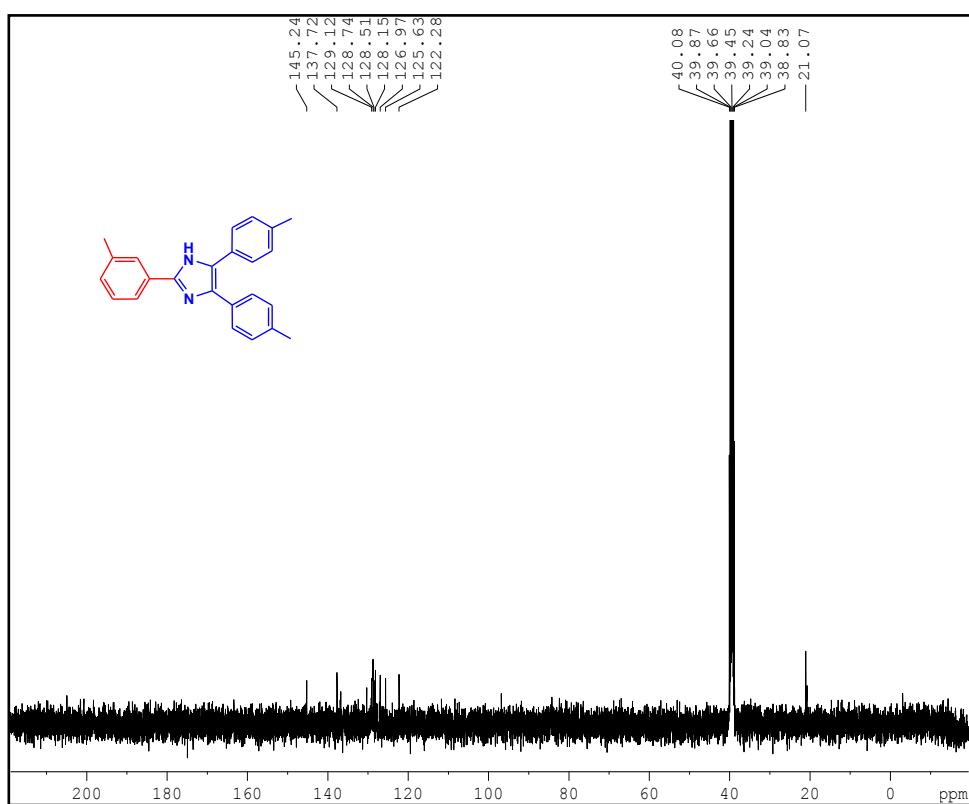
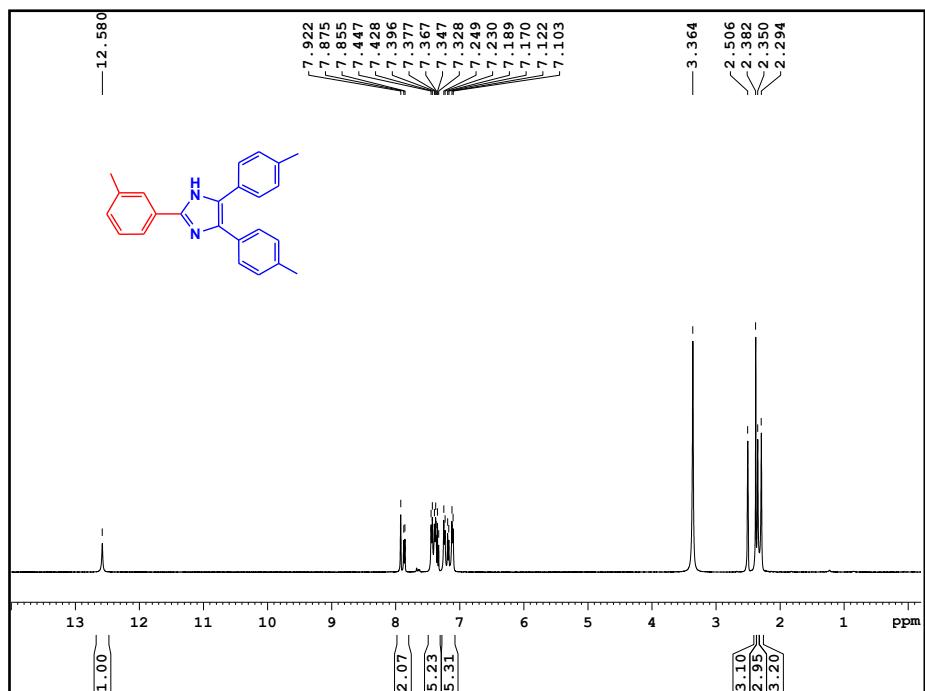
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) spectrum of 5n

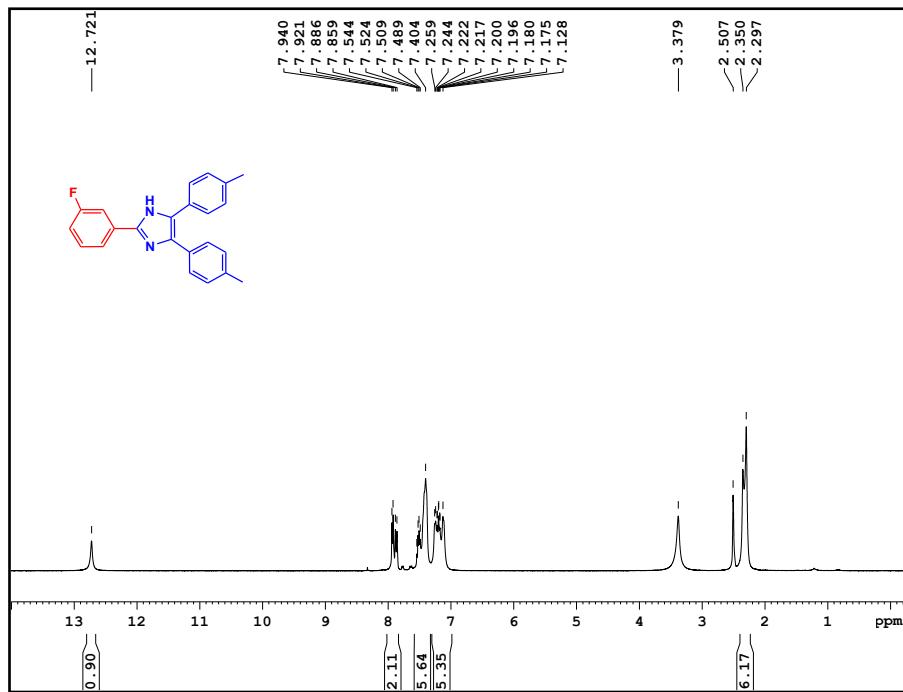


**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) spectrum of 5o(peaks at 3.3 and 2.5 ppm are solvent and water peaks)**

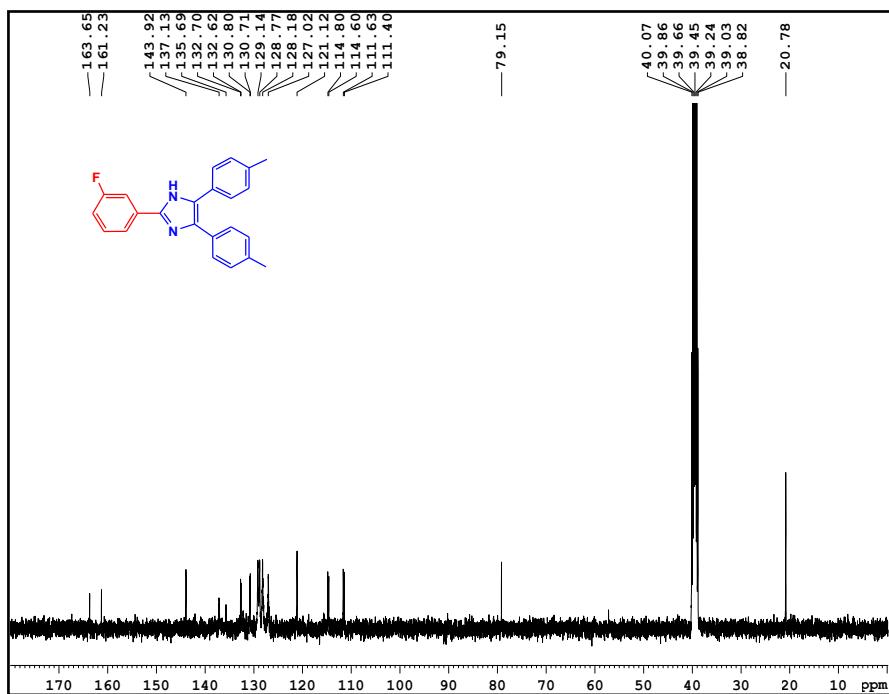


**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) spectrum of 5o**

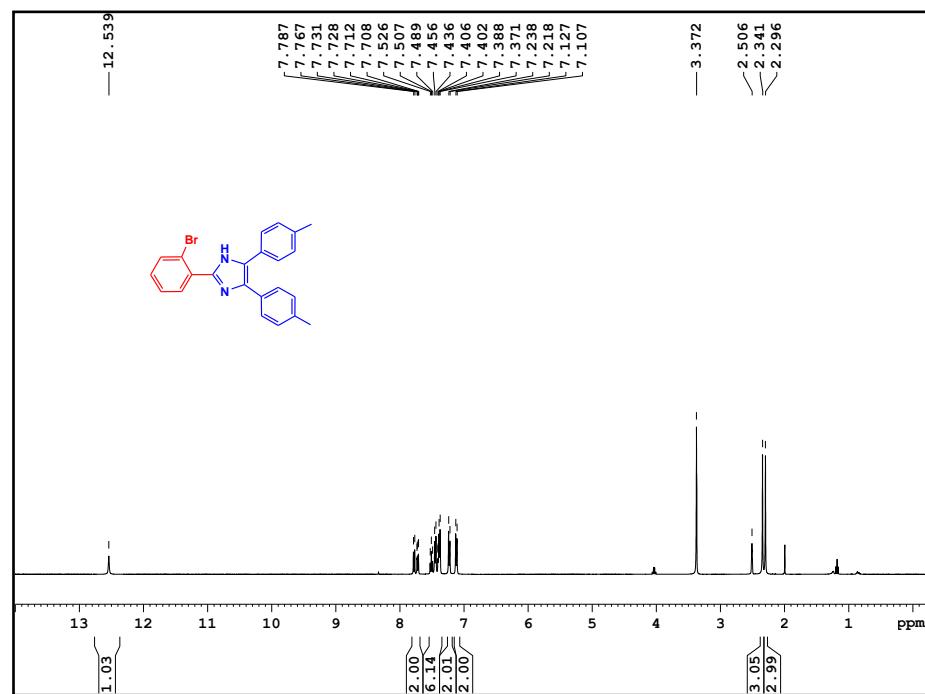




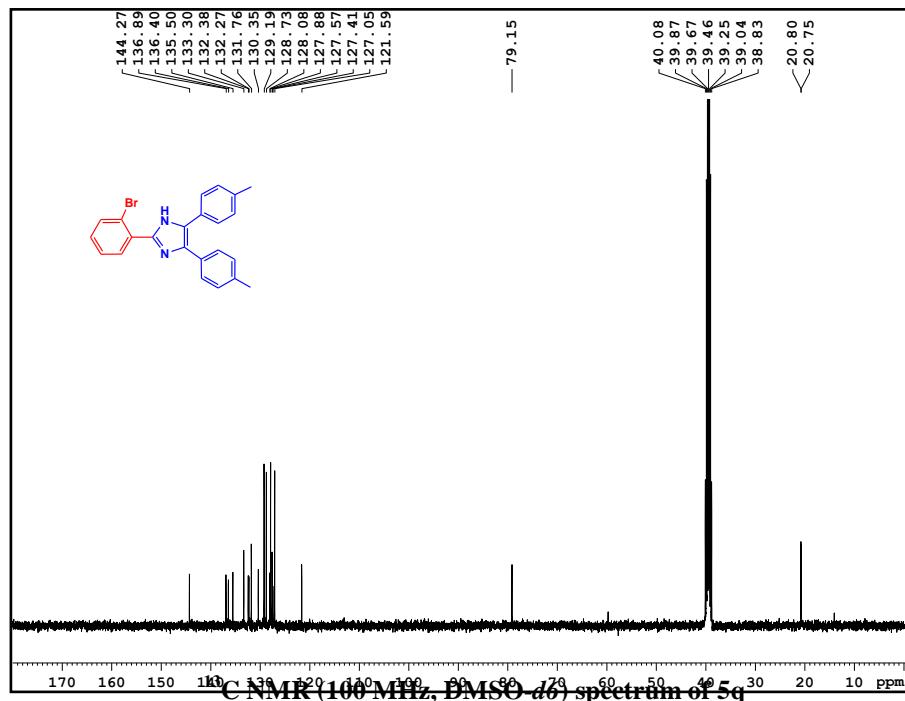
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) spectrum of 5q(peaks at 3.3 and 2.5 ppm are solvent and water peaks)



**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) spectrum of 5q**

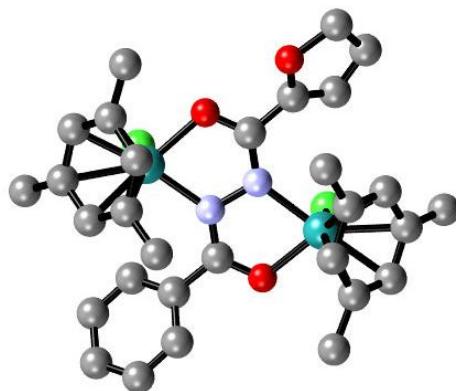


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) spectrum of 5r(peaks at 3.3 and 2.5 ppm are solvent and water peaks)



**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) spectrum of 5r**

#### 4. X-ray crystal data and structural determination of complex 2



**Figure S1.** X-ray crystal structure of complex 2

**Table S1:**

CCDC	1849212
Chemical formula	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>32</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Ru <sub>2</sub> ·CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
M <sub>r</sub>	826.54
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
Temperature (K)	296
a, b, c (Å)	16.6576 (8), 13.2575 (6), 15.4394 (7)
β (°)	109.200 (2)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3220.0 (3)
Z	4
Radiation type	Mo Kα
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.31
Crystal size (mm)	0.19 × 0.11 × 0.07
Diffractometer	Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer
Absorption correction	Multi-scanSADABS(Sheldrick, 1996)
T <sub>min</sub> , T <sub>max</sub>	0.677, 1.000
No. of measured, independent and observed [I > 2σ(I)] reflections	29702, 7766, 6446
R <sub>int</sub>	0.024
(sin θ/λ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.662

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$ , $wR(F^2)$ , $S$	0.041, 0.121, 1.05
No. of reflections	7766
No. of parameters	373
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{\max}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	1.83, -1.10