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Modulation of Coordination Geometry of NCN and NCNC Rh Complexes for
Ambidextrous Chiral Catalysts

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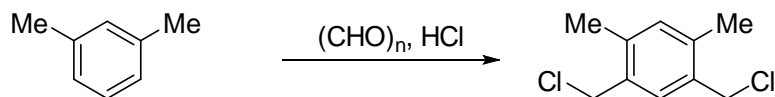
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1. General Procedure.

All air- and moisture-sensitive compounds were manipulated using standard Schlenk and vacuum line techniques under an argon atmosphere. ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR spectra was measured at room temperature on a Varian Mercury 300 spectrometer. ^1H NMR chemical shifts are reported in δ units, in ppm relative to the singlet at 7.26 for CDCl_3 and 7.16 ppm for C_6D_6 and ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts are reported relative to the triplet at 77.0 ppm for CDCl_3 and 128.0 ppm for C_6D_6 . ^{19}F NMR spectra are reported in terms of chemical shifts relative to the external signal of CF_3COOH at $\delta -78.5$ ppm. Infrared spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-230 spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS-700. Elemental analyses were recorded on a YANACO MT-6 and a PerkinElmer 2400II.

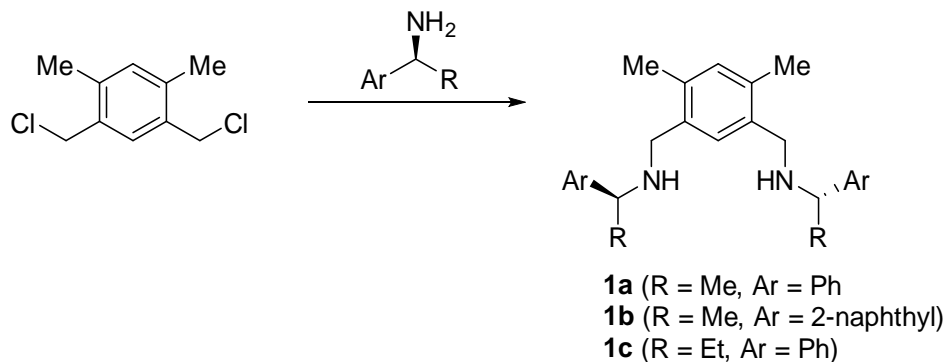
2. Preparation of ligand precursors and Rh complexes.

Preparation of 1,5-bis(chloromethyl)-2,4-dimethylbenzene.^[S1]



A mixture of m-xylene (20 mL, 163 mmol) and para-formaldehyde (11.6 g, 400 mmol) in acetic acid (40 mL) and HCl (160 mL) was stirred at 70 °C for 2 days. The resulting suspension was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL x 5) and the extract was washed with saturated NaHCO_3 solution (50 mL x 4), water (50 mL x 2) and brine (50 mL) and dried over MgSO_4 . After filtration, the solvent was removed and the residue was crystallized from hexane to give 1,5-bis(chloromethyl)-2,4-dimethylbenzene (21.8 g, 110 mmol, 67%) as colorless crystals. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 4H), 2.03 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 138.2, 134.1, 133.6, 131.9, 44.7, 18.5.

Preparation of 1.



To a mixture 1,5-bis(chloromethyl)-2,4-dimethylbenzene (2.01 g, 9.9 mmol), (*S*)-1-phenylethylamine (2.66 g, 22.0 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (5.52 g, 40 mmol) was added DMF (20 ml). The reaction mixture was heated at 100 °C for 2.5 h. Then, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (100 ml) and the solution was washed with 5% of potassium carbonate and brine. The organic layer was dried with sodium sulfate and was concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent; hexane:ethyl acetate = 4:2 with 2% of NEt₃) to give **1a** (2.41 g, 6.5 mmol, 65 % yield). The use of (*S*)-1-(naphthalene-1-yl)ethylamine (1.02 g, 6.0 mmol) and (*S*)-1-phenylpropan-1-amine (1.02 g, 5.0 mmol) afforded **1b** (877 mg, 1.97 mmol, 66%) and **1c** (1.71 g, 4.27 mmol, 85%), respectively.

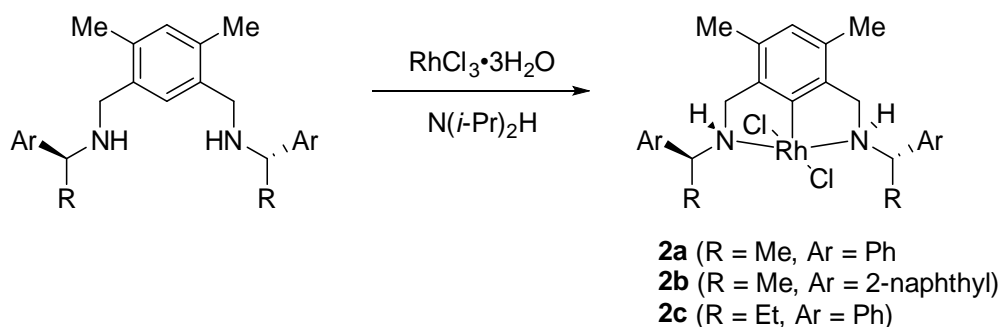
1a: Colorless solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, rt): δ 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 2.22 (s, 6H), 3.56 (s, 4H), 3.84 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.40 (m, 10H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, rt): δ 18.6, 24.8, 49.5, 58.2, 126.5, 126.7, 128.2, 129.0, 132.1, 134.6, 135.6, 145.5. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3231, 3027, 2964, 2923, 2860, 2802, 1490, 1454, 1377, 1110, 1018, 841. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₃₂N₂: C, 83.82; H, 8.66; N, 7.52, found: C, 83.63; H, 8.67; N, 7.15. HRMS (FAB, *m/z*) calcd for C₂₆H₃₂N₂ 372.2644[M+H⁺], found 372.2651. [α]_D¹⁸ = -44.2 (c 0.99, CHCl₃).

1b: Colorless solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, rt): δ 1.58 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 2.32 (s, 6H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.58 (m, 6H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4 H), 7.92-7.95 (m, 2H), 8.21-8.24 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, rt): δ 18.5, 23.7, 49.4, 53.3, 122.5, 122.5, 122.6, 124.8, 125.2, 125.3, 126.7, 128.5, 129.0, 130.8, 131.9, 133.5, 134.5, 135.4, 140.6. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3426, 3046, 2965, 2921, 2863, 1735, 1594, 1509, 1450, 1369, 1237, 1172, 1113. Anal. Calcd for C₃₄H₃₆N₂: C, 86.40; H, 7.68; N, 5.93, found: C, 86.30; H, 7.72; N, 5.94. HRMS (FAB, *m/z*) calcd for C₃₄H₃₈N₂ 473.2957 [M+H⁺], found 473.2963.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -39.2$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

1c: colorless oil. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): 0.88 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 6 H), 1.52 (br, 2H), 1.64-1.88 (m, 4H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 3.52-3.63 (m, 6H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.40 (m, 10H). ^{13}C NMR (75 Hz, CDCl_3 , rt): 11.1, 18.6, 31.3, 49.5, 65.0, 126.7, 127.2, 128.0, 129.2, 132.1, 134.7, 135.7, 144.0. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3322, 3060, 2024, 2961, 2926, 2872, 1601, 1454, 1357, 1117, 759, 701. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_2$: C, 83.95; H, 9.06; N, 6.99, found: C, 83.66; H, 9.45; N, 6.87. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -47.3$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

Preparation of 2.



To a mixture of **1a** (373 mg, 1.0 mmol) and $\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (263 mg, 1.0 mmol) was added diisopropylamine (5 ml) and then the reaction mixture was refluxed for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent; chloroform) to give **2a** (355 mg, 0.65 mmol, 65% yield). **1b** (444 mg, 1.0 mmol)/ $\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (263 mg, 1.0 mmol) and **1c** (409 mg, 1.0 mmol)/ $\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (296 mg, 1.1 mmol) gave **2b** (447 mg, 0.69 mmol, 69%) and **2c** (228 mg, 0.40 mmol, 40%), respectively.

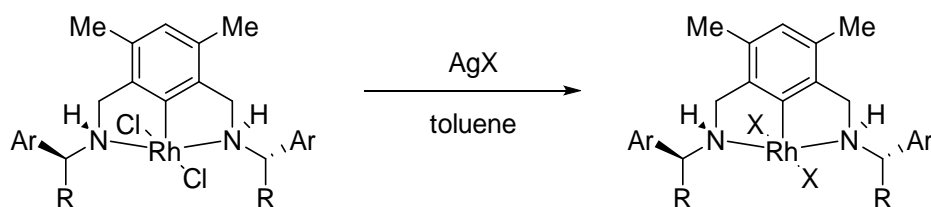
2a: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 1.97 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H), 1.99 (s, 6H), 3.60 (dd, $J = 5.6, 14.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.84 (dd, $J = 11.1, 14.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.39 (dq, $J = 11.1, 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.75 (br, 2H, N-H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 7.34-7.49 (m, 10H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 18.9, 23.5, 55.7, 62.2, 126.3, 127.2, 128.4, 129.1, 131.0, 136.4, 139.9, 145.7 (d, $J_{\text{RhC}} = 30.8$ Hz). IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3226 (ν_{NH}), 3000, 2952, 2911, 1604, 1550, 1495, 1455, 1379, 1202, 1078, 1028. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{Rh}$: C, 57.26; H, 5.73; N, 5.14, found: C, 57.13; H, 5.73; N, 4.86. HRMS (FAB, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{Rh}$ [M^+] 544.0919, found 544.0925. $[\alpha]_D^{18} = 27.1$ (c 0.3, CHCl_3).

2b: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 1.89 (s, 6H), 2.10 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H), 3.71 (dd, $J = 4.2, 15.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.88 (dd, $J = 9.6, 15.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.10 (br, 2H, N-H), 5.52 (dq, $J = 11.1, 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.37 (s,

1H), 7.56-7.67 (m, 8H), 7.90-7.97 (m, 4H), 8.24 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): d 19.0, 24.4, 55.6, 55.8, 121.9, 122.1, 125.5, 125.8, 126.1, 126.8, 127.3, 128.5, 128.9, 131.0, 133.7, 136.5, 136.6, 146.0 (d, $J_{\text{RhC}} = 30.8$ Hz). IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3228 (ν_{NH}), 2916, 2855, 1598, 1557, 1511, 1452, 1377, 1172, 1106, 1065. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{35}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{Rh}$: C, 63.27; H, 5.47; N, 4.34, found: C, 63.40; H, 5.47; N, 4.30. HRMS (FAB, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{35}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{Rh}$ 644.1232 [M^+], found 644.1234. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = 39.1$ (c 0.66, CHCl_3).

2c: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): 1.05 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H), 1.96 (s, 6H), 2.01-2.14 (m, 2H), 2.61-2.74 (m, 2H), 3.55 (ddd, $J = 2.3, 4.3, 14.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.82 (dd, $J = 10.2, 14.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.15 (dt, $J = 5.1, 10.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.78 (br, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.45 (m, 10H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): 11.7, 18.9, 30.7, 55.8, 68.4, 127.0, 127.2, 128.3, 129.0, 131.0, 136.8, 138.3, 147.2 (d, $J = 30.8$ Hz). IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3228 (ν_{NH}), 3024, 2965, 2935, 2876, 1606, 1559, 1454, 1178, 1086, 1034, 971, 852, 702. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{35}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{Rh}$: C, 58.65; H, 6.15; N, 4.89, found: C, 58.71; H, 6.22; N, 4.87. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = 0.6$ (c 0.33, CHCl_3).

Preparation of 3.



- 3a**: Ar = Ph, R = Me, X = OAc (88%)
3a': Ar = Ph, R = Me, X = OCOtBu (90%)
3b: Ar = 1-naphthyl, R = Me, X = OAc (75%)
3c: Ar = Ph, R = Et, X = OAc (83%)

To a mixture of **2a** (160 mg, 0.292 mmol) and silver acetate (249 mg, 1.49 mmol) was added toluene and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 37 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane:ethyl acetate = 2:1) to give **3a** (152 mg, 0.256 mmol, 88% yield). Reaction of **2b** (194 mg, 0.30 mmol) and AgOAc (251 mg, 1.5 mmol) at room temperature for 36 h gave **3b** (156 mg, 0.23 mmol, 75%). Reaction of **2c** (114.7 mg, 0.20 mmol) and AgOAc (166.9 mg, 1.0 mmol) at room temperature for 46 h gave **3c** (103.6 mg, 0.17 mmol, 83%). Reaction of **2a** (133 mg, 0.24 mmol) and AgOCOtBu (255 mg, 1.23 mmol) gave **3a'** (143 mg, 0.22

mol, 90%).

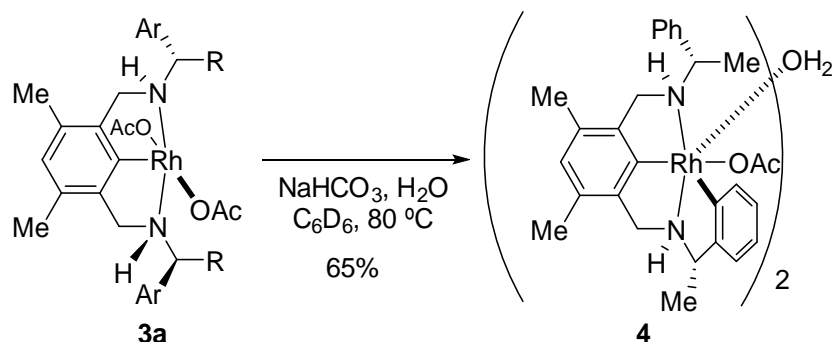
3a: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 1.97 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 6H), 3.44-3.65 (m, 4H), 3.96 (dq, $J = 10.1, 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.45 (m, 10H), 7.78 (m, 2H, N-H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 19.0, 23.5, 24.1, 55.1, 61.2, 126.126.6, 127.0, 127.8, 128.9, 130.1, 138.0, 141.0, 154.2 ($J_{\text{RhC}} = 31.9$ Hz), 183.2. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3030, 2924, 1588 (ν_{CO}), 1495, 1455, 1375, 1321, 1087, 1027. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Rh}$: C, 60.81; H, 6.29; N, 4.73, found: C, 60.24; H, 6.38; N, 4.21. HRMS (FAB, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Rh}$ 592.1808 [M^+], found 592.1808. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{18} = -210.1$ (c 0.35, CHCl_3).

3a': ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): 1.17 (s, 18H), 1.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H), 1.97 (s, 6H), 3.47-3.61 (m, 4H), 3.96 (dq, $J = 6.9, 11.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.44 (m, 10H), 7.64 (br, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): 19.0, 23.3, 28.2, 39.6 ($J_{\text{RhC}} = 1.1$ Hz), 55.3, 60.9, 126.5, 126.6, 127.8, 128.9, 129.8, 138.1, 141.0, 156.2 ($J_{\text{RhC}} = 31.4$ Hz), 190.9 ($J_{\text{RhC}} = 1.1$ Hz). IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3592, 3063, 2953, 1596, 1479, 1394, 1332, 1214, 1109, 1026, 764, 702. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{49}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Rh}$: C, 63.90; H, 7.30; N, 4.14, found: C, 64.07; H, 7.54; N, 4.02. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = -187.9$ (c 0.76, CHCl_3).

3b: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 1.60 (s, 6H), 2.13 (s, 6H), 2.28 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H), 3.68 (dd, $J = 3.5, 14.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.93 (dd, $J = 10.4, 14.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.39 (dq, $J = 10.4, 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.72 (m, 10H), 9.01 (br, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): 19.0, 23.5, 24.1, 55.2, 61.4, 123.6, 126.0, 126.1, 126.3, 127.0, 127.58, 127.63, 129.1, 130.2, 132.9, 133.1, 138.0, 138.3, 154.4 ($J_{\text{RhC}} = 32.0$ Hz), 183.4. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3053, 2927, 1581, 1376, 1324, 1174, 1129, 1082, 858, 749. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Rh}$: C, 65.89; H, 5.97; N, 4.04, found: C, 65.83; H, 5.90; N, 4.01. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = -112.4$ (c 0.34, CHCl_3).

3c: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): 0.97 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H), 1.89-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.95 (s, 6H), 1.95 (s, 6H), 2.85-2.99 (m, 2H), 3.45-3.57 (m, 4H), 3.71 (dt, $J = 4.8, 10.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.44 (m, 10H), 8.43 (br, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 Hz, CDCl_3 , rt): 11.8, 19.0, 24.2 ($J_{\text{RhC}} = 1.2$ Hz), 30.0, 54.6, 126.9, 127.4, 127.7, 128.7, 130.0, 138.3, 139.1, 153.8 ($J_{\text{RhC}} = 32.6$ Hz), 183.1. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3064, 2965, 2931, 2877, 1584, 1454, 1375, 1322, 1169, 1016, 854, 773, 702. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Rh}$: C, 61.93; H, 6.66; N, 4.51, found: C, 61.45; H, 6.64; N, 4.51. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = -214.9$ (c 0.38, CHCl_3).

Preparation of **4**.



To a mixture of **3a** (59.5 mg, 0.10 mmol) and NaHCO₃ (84.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) was added benzene-*d*₆ (0.7 mL). The solution was heated at 80 °C for 70 h. After centrifugation of the mixture, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was crystallization with hexane and CH₂Cl₂ to give yellow crystals of **4** (35.2 mg, 0.033 mmol, 65% yield).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆, rt): δ 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.75 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.53-3.69 (m, 2H), 3.93 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 15.0 Hz, 1H), 4.04-4.19 (m, 2H), 4.60-4.72 (br, 2H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 6.78-6.83 (m, 3H), 6.95-7.08 (m, 5H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, rt): δ 1.66 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 3.68-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.83-3.99 (m, 3H), 4.47 (br, 1H), 4.06-4.24 (m, 2H), 4.63 (dq, *J* = 8.3, 16.4 Hz, 2H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 6.86-6.94 (m, 3H), 7.13 (br, 1H), 7.34-7.48 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆, rt): δ 19.48, 19.51, 24.6, 25.6, 26.1, 60.1, 63.8, 64.2, 72.8, 122.0, 122.9, 125.3, 125.5, 126.7, 128.8, 129.0, 129.1, 135.2, 138.4, 141.6, 142.0, 152.9 (d, *J*_{RhC} = 37.7 Hz), 154.9, 163.0 (d, *J*_{RhC} = 32.5 Hz), 183.9. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3253, 3222, 2971, 2920, 1588 (ν_{CO}), 1495, 1455, 1375, 1321, 1087, 1027. Anal. Calcd for C₅₆H₆₈N₄O₅Rh₂: C, 62.11; H, 6.33; N, 5.17, found: C, 62.05; H, 6.86; N, 5.08.

The heating reaction of **3a** in benzene-*d*₆ at 80 °C was monitored by ¹H NMR spectroscopy (Figure S1). In the absence of K₂CO₃, equilibrium mixtures of **3a** and **4** were obtained. In contrast, reaction in the presence of K₂CO₃ resulted in the full conversion of **3a**.

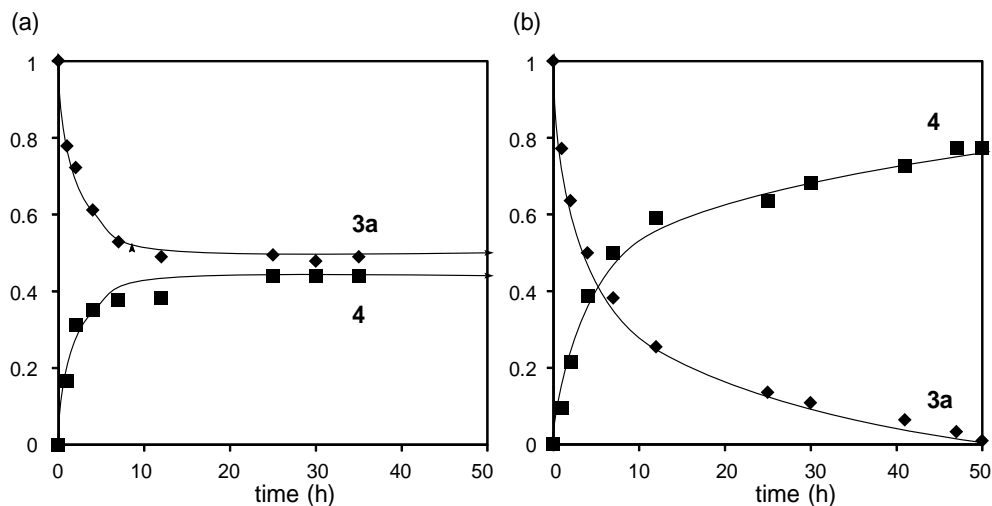
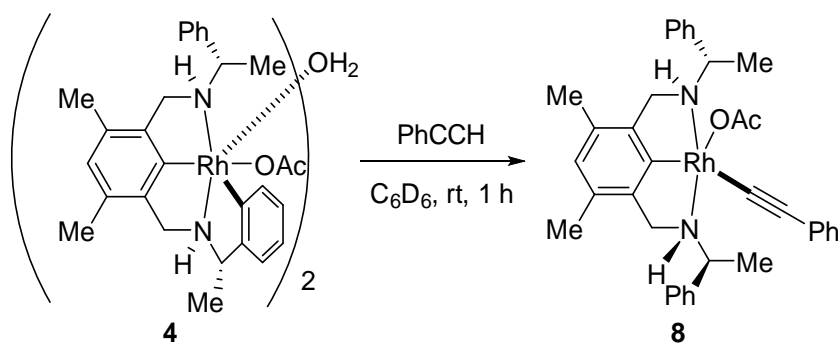


Figure S1. Time conversion curves. Heating of **3a** in benzene- d_6 at 80 °C (a) in the absence of K_2CO_3 and (b) in the presence of K_2CO_3 .

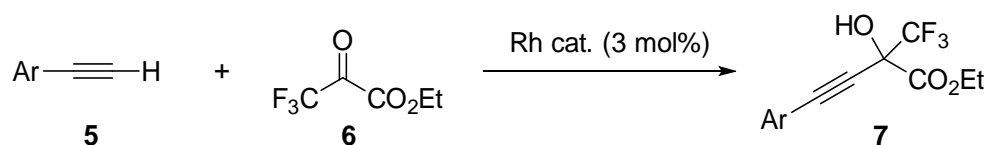
Preparation of **8**.



To a solution of **4** (23.6 mg, 0.022 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added PhCCH (24 μ L, 0.22 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h and was concentrated in reduced pressure. The residue was washed with hexane to give **8** as a yellow solid (23.7 mg, 0.037 mmol, 86% yield).

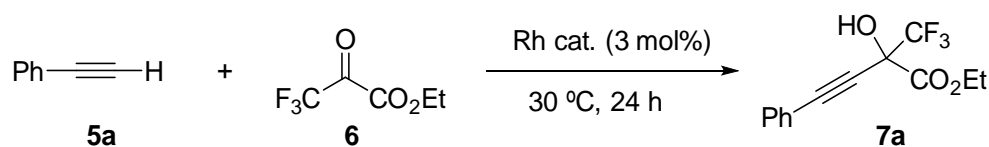
1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6 , rt): δ 1.20 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.61 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 3.69-3.99 (m, 4H), 4.29-4.51 (m, 2H), 6.00 (brs, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 6.90-7.34 (m, 11H), 7.55-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.40 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6 , rt): 19.0, 19.3, 19.5, 23.7, 25.8, 57.3, 57.4, 63.4, 64.3, 98.9 (d, $J_{RhC} = 58.1$ Hz), 105.2 (d, $J_{RhC} = 11.4$ Hz), 125.2, 126.5, 127.2, 128.6, 129.2, 129.3, 129.8, 130.4, 131.8, 136.9, 138.4, 141.8, 142.3, 154.6 (d, $J_{RhC} = 35.3$ Hz), 181.2; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3225, 3031, 2930, 2859, 2104 (ν_{CC}), 1571, 1387, 1085, 1027, 757, 701; Anal. Calcd for $C_{36}H_{39}N_2O_2Rh$: C, 68.13; H, 6.19; N, 4.41, found: C, 68.06; H, 6.30; N, 4.18.

3. Asymmetric alkynylation of ethyl trifluoropyruvate with alkynes



A mixture of alkyne (0.3 mmol) and ketone (0.2 mmol) in the presence of Rh catalysts (3 mol%) was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After removal of the solvent, a crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/ethyl acetate to give **7**.

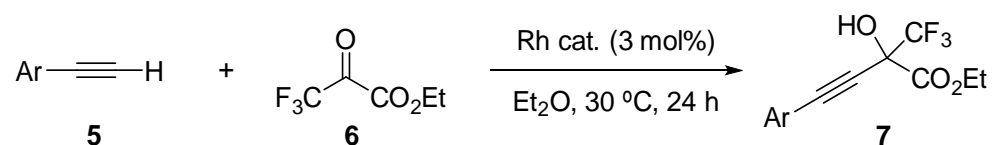
Table S1. Asymmetric alkynylation of ethyl trifluoropyruvate with phenylacetylene.^a



entry	cat	solvent	temp	yield (%)	ee (%) ^b
1	3a	Et ₂ O	30	72	63 (<i>R</i>)
2	3a	toluene	30	45	67 (<i>R</i>)
3	3a	THF	30	3	53 (<i>R</i>)
4	3a	Et ₂ O	0	<1	–
5	3b	Et ₂ O	30	75	69 (<i>R</i>)
6	3c	Et ₂ O	30	3	40 (<i>R</i>)
7	3a'	Et ₂ O	30	<1	–
8	4	Et ₂ O	30	81	36 (<i>S</i>)
9	4	Et ₂ O	15	71	42 (<i>S</i>)
10	4	Et ₂ O	0	57	66 (<i>S</i>)
11	4	toluene	0	8	57 (<i>S</i>)

^a Reaction condition: **5a** (0.3 mmol), **6** (0.2 mmol), catalysts (3 mol%), solvent (2 mL), 30 °C, 24 h. ^b

Determined by HPLC.

Table S2. Asymmetric alkylation of ethyl trifluoropyruvate **6** with alkynes **5**.^a

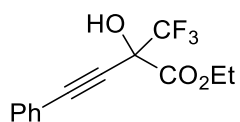
Entry	RCCH	cat	Temp, time	yield (%)	ee (%) ^b
1	4-CF ₃ C ₆ H ₄ (5b)	3a	30, 24	58	85 (+)
2	4-CF ₃ C ₆ H ₄ (5b)	4	-20, 48	22	46 (-)
3	4-BrC ₆ H ₄ (5c)	3a	30, 24	72	79 (+)
4	4-BrC ₆ H ₄ (5c)	4	-20, 48	8	79 (-)
5	4-BrC ₆ H ₄ (5c)	4	0, 24	62	9 (-)
6	9-phenanthrene (5d)	3a	30, 24	67	68 (+)
7	9-phenanthrene (5d)	4	-20, 48	31	21 (-)
8	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄ (5e)	3a	30, 24	0	N.D. ^d
9 ^c	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄ (5e)	4	0, 24	54	66 (+)
10	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄ (5e)	4	0, 45	50	69 (-)
11	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄ (5f)	3a	30, 24	0	N.D. ^d
12 ^c	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄ (5f)	4	0, 24 h	64	75 (+)
13	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄ (5f)	4	0, 24 h	23	57 (-)

^a Reaction condition: **5** (0.3 mmol), **6** (0.3 mmol), catalysts (3 mol%), Et₂O (2 mL), 30 °C, 24 h. ^b

Determined by HPLC. ^c Pretreatment of **4** with **5e**, **f** at room temperature for 12 h before addition of

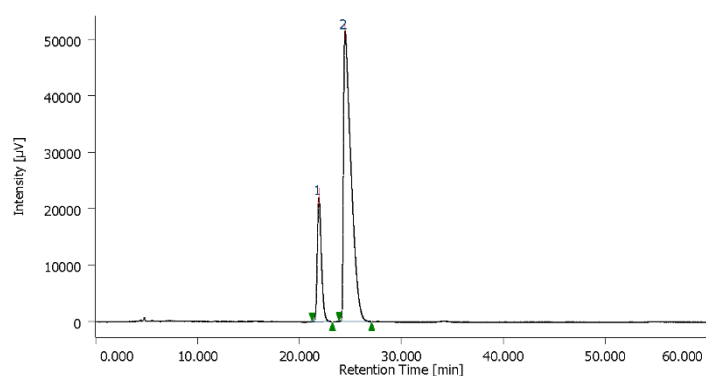
6. ^d Not determined.

Ethyl 2-hydroxy-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-ynoate (**7a**)^[S2]



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, rt): δ 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.31 (bs, 1H), 4.38-4.55 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.53 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, rt): δ 13.8, 65.1, 71.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 34 Hz), 79.7, 87.2, 120.6, 121.7 (*J*_{CF} = 284 Hz), 128.4, 129.6, 132.2, 166.5. ¹⁹F NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, rt): δ -79.1. HRMS (FAB, *m/z*) calcd for C₁₃H₁₁F₃O₃ 273.0739 [M+H⁺], found 273.0736.

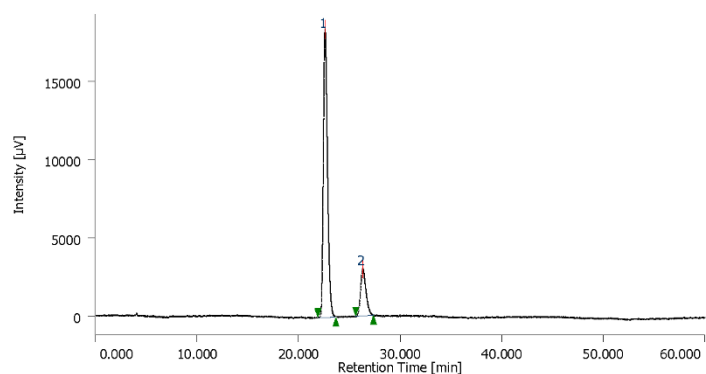
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Figure S2. HPLC chart (Daicel CHIRLPAK AD-H, hexane:*i*PrOH = 99:1, 1.0 mL/min, 271 nm) of **7a** (Table 1, entry 1). $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -32.1$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃). (lit.^[S2] $[\alpha]_D^{29} = -44.6$ (c = 1.01, CHCl₃, 99 % ee (*R*)).

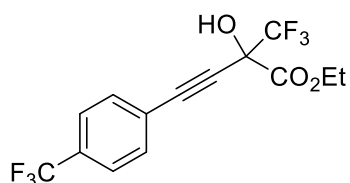
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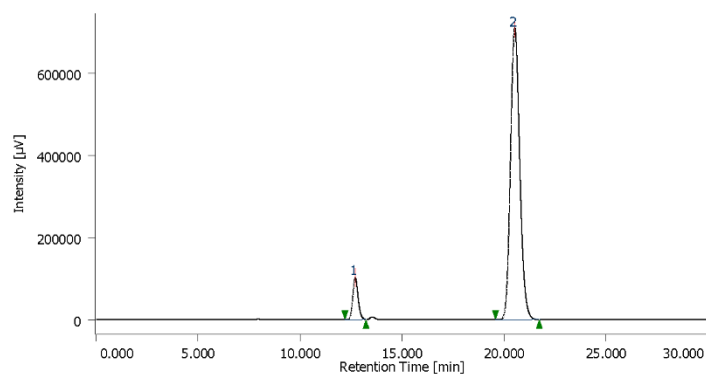
Figure S3. HPLC chart of **7a** (Table 1, entry 5). $[\alpha]_D^{28} = +33.3$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃).

Ethyl 2-hydroxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoate (**7b**)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 1.41 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 4.36 (s, 1H), 4.40-4.57 (m, 2H), 7.61 (s, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 14.1, 65.3, 71.7 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 34$ Hz), 81.9, 85.5, 121.4 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 284$ Hz), 123.5 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 270$ Hz), 124.2, 125.2 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 4$ Hz), 131.2 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 33$ Hz), 132.3, 165.8. ^{19}F NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ -63.9, -78.9. HRMS (FAB, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_6\text{O}_3$ 341.0612 [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$], found 341.0618.

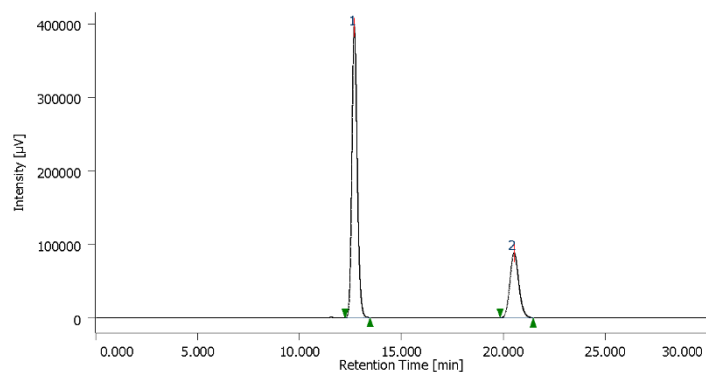
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Figure S4. HPLC chart (Daicel CHIRLPAK AD-H, hexane:*i*PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) of **7b** (Table 2, entry 1), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = -38.0$ (c 0.23, CHCl_3).

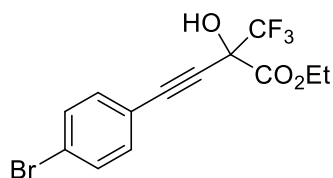
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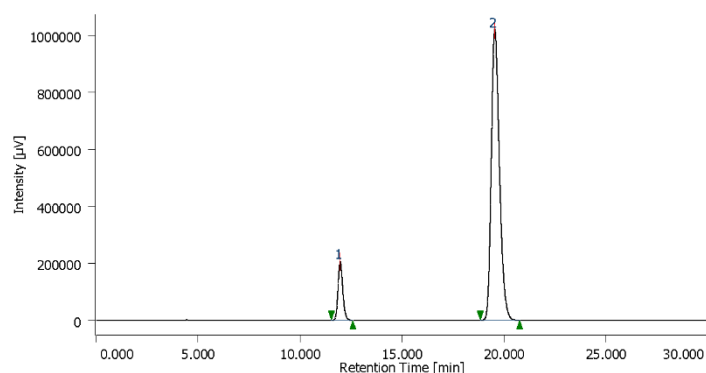
Figure S5. HPLC chart of **7b** (Table 2, entry 2), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = +22.8$ (c 1.1, CHCl_3).

Ethyl 4-(4-bromophenyl)-2-hydroxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-ynoate (7c) [S2]



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 1.40 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 4.33 (bs, 1H), 4.39-4.56 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 14.0, 65.2, 71.7 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 34$ Hz), 80.7, 86.0, 115.8, 119.3, 121.4 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 284$ Hz), 124.0 131.5, 133.3, 165.9. ^{19}F NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ -78.9. HRMS (FAB, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrF}_3\text{O}_3$ 350.9844 [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$], found 350.9847.

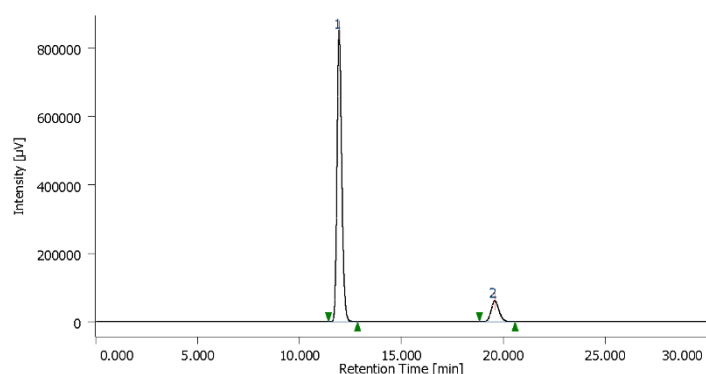
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Figure S6. HPLC chart (Daicel CHIRLPAK AD-H, hexane:*i*PrOH = 99:1, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) of **7c** (Table 2, entry 3), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = -34.4$ (c 1.1, CHCl_3).

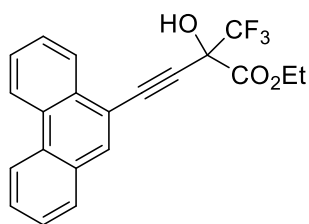
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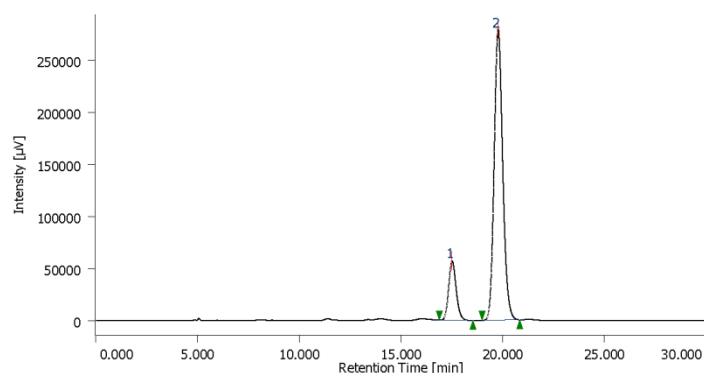
Figure S7. HPLC chart of **7c** (Table 2, entry 4), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{17} = +37.2$ (c 0.51, CHCl_3).

Ethyl 2-hydroxy-4-(phenanthren-9-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-ynoate (7d)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 1.48 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 4.50-4.59 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.73 (m, 4H), 7.83-7.86 (m, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.34-8.37 (m, 1H), 8.61-8.68 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 14.1, 65.2, 72.0 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 34$ Hz), 83.9, 85.8, 116.8, 121.7 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 284$ Hz), 122.4, 122.6, 126.2, 126.9, 127.06, 127.08, 128.0, 128.6, 129.7, 130.4, 130.48, 130.52, 133.3, 166.2. ^{19}F NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ -78.7. HRMS (FAB, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3$ 372.0973 [M^+], found 372.0963.

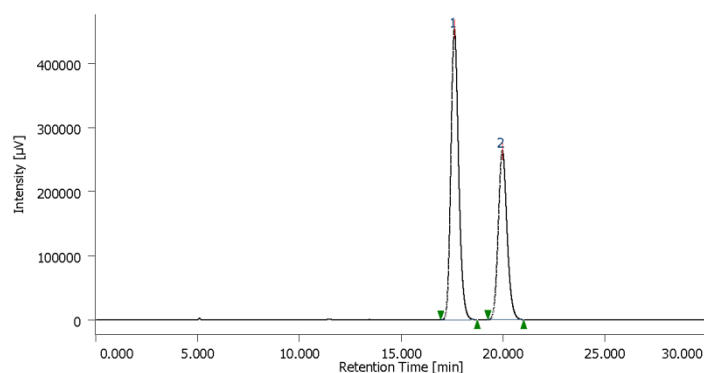
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Figure S8. HPLC chart (Daicel CHIRLPAK AD-H, hexane:*i*PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) of **7d** (Table 2, entry 5), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = -35.9$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

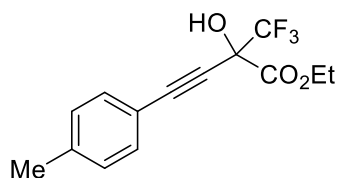
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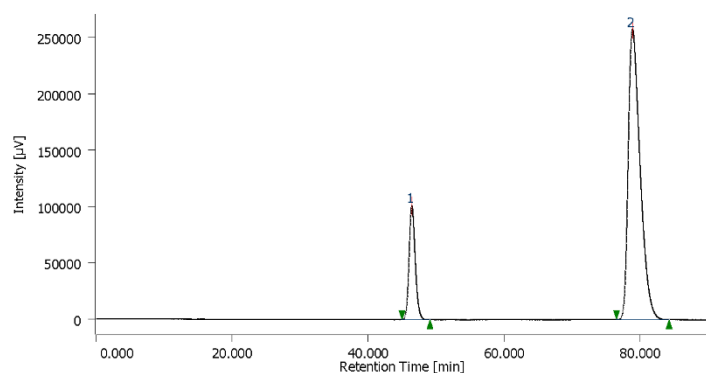
Figure S9. HPLC chart of **7d** (Table 2, entry 6), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = +13.1$ (c 1.4, CHCl_3).

Ethyl 2-hydroxy-4-(p-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-ynoate (7e) ^[S2]



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, rt): δ 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 4.39-4.55 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, rt): δ 14.1, 21.8, 65.0, 71.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 34 Hz), 79.0, 87.3, 117.4, 121.6 (*J*_{CF} = 283 Hz), 128.9, 131.9, 139.8, 166.2. ¹⁹F NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, rt): δ -79.0. HRMS (FAB, *m/z*) calcd for C₁₄H₁₃F₃O₃ 286.0717 [M⁺], found 287.0906.

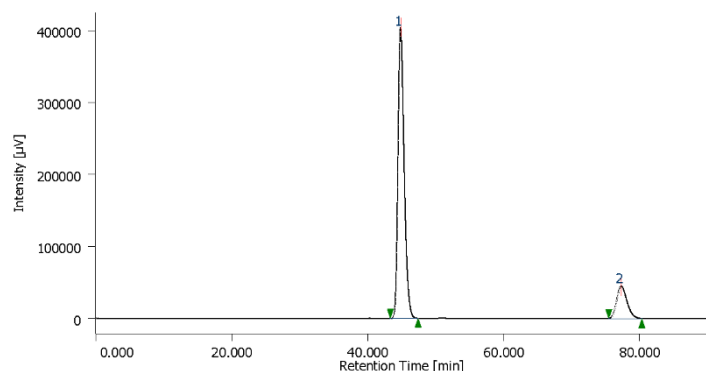
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Figure S10. HPLC chart (Daicel CHIRLPAK AD-H, hexane:*i*PrOH = 99:1, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) of **7e** (Table 2, entry 7), $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -34.2$ (c 1.1, CHCl₃).

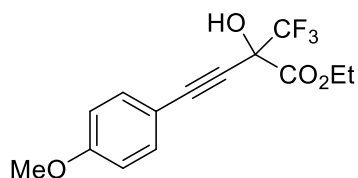
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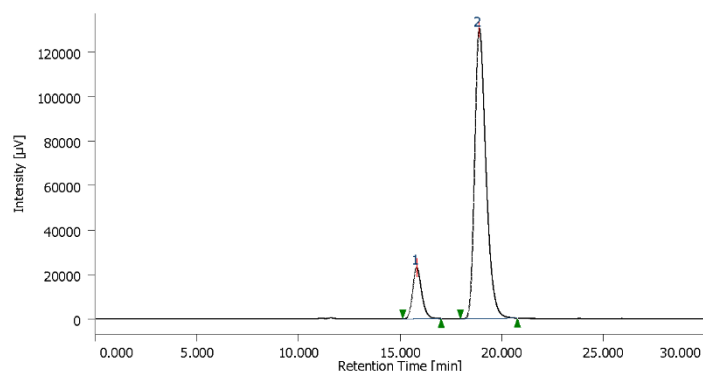
Figure S11. HPLC chart of **7e** (Table 2, entry 8), $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +39.5$ (c 0.89, CHCl₃).

Ethyl 2-hydroxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-ynoate (**7f**) [S2]



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 1.39 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.32 (br, 1H), 4.37-4.54 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.87 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ 13.8, 55.3, 64.9, 71.7 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 34$ Hz), 78.4, 87.3, 112.6, 114.0, 121.8 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 284$ Hz), 133.7, 160.5, 166.6. ^{19}F NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3 , rt): δ -79.1. HRMS (FAB, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{O}_4$ 302.0766 [M^+], found 302.0768.

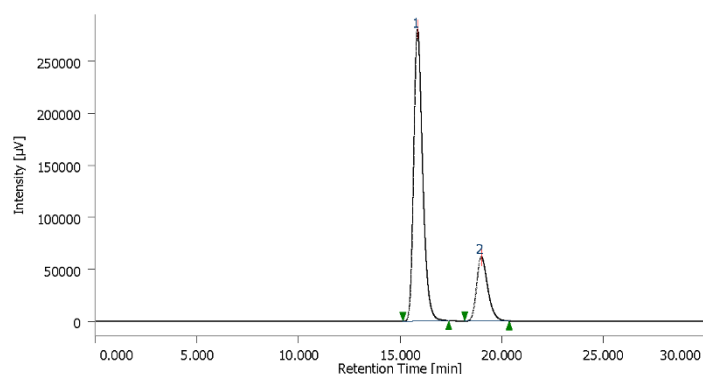
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2	18.902	5016151	87.767

Figure S12. HPLC chart of **7f** (Table 2, entry 9), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} = -37.5$ (c 1.1, CHCl_3).

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1	15.858	8589660	78.668
2	19.002	2329206	21.332

Figure S13. HPLC chart of **7f** (Table 2, entry 10), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} = +29.9$ (c 1.2, CHCl_3).

4. X-ray analysis of 2a, 2b, 3a, and 4.

The diffraction data of **2b** and **3a** were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo $\text{K}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$) and the diffraction data of **2a** and **4** were collected on a Bruker D8 QUEST CCD diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo $\text{K}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). An empirical absorption correction was applied by using SADABS. The structure was solved by direct method and refined by full-matrix least-square on F^2 using SHELXTL. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. All hydrogen atom were located on calculated positions and refined as rigid groups. CCDC 1507453 (**2a**), CCDC 1507454 (**2b**), CCDC 1507455 (**3a**) and CCDC 1507456 (**4**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper.

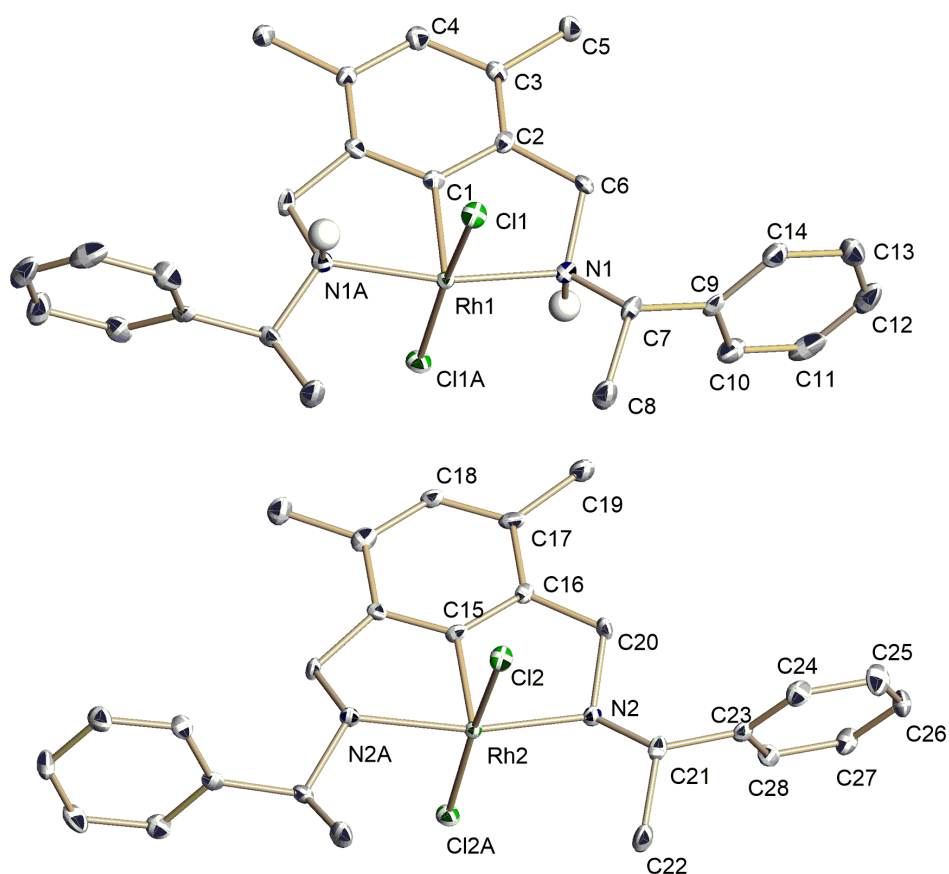


Figure S15. ORTEP diagram of **2a** with 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (\AA) and angles ($^\circ$). Rh1-C1 1.909(8), Rh1-N1 2.076(4), Rh1-Cl1 2.3117(10), Rh2-C15 1.919(8), Rh2-N2 2.086(4), Rh2-Cl2 2.3092(10), N1-Rh1-N1 166.2(2), Cl1-Rh1-Cl1 172.37(7), C1-Rh1-N1 83.09(11), C1-Rh1-Cl1 93.82(4), N2-Rh2-N2 165.5(2), Cl2-Rh2-Cl2 173.05(8), C15-Rh2-N2 82.74(10), C15-Rh2-Cl2 93.47(4).

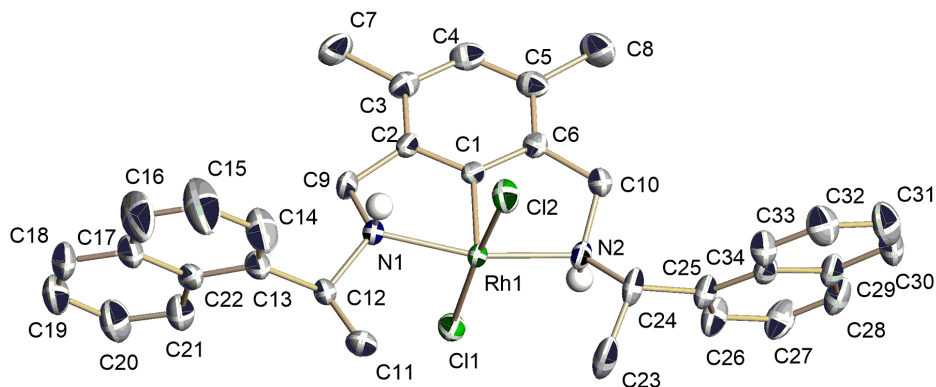


Figure S16. ORTEP diagram of **2b** with 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°). Rh1-C1 1.902(2), Rh1-N1 2.080(2), Rh1-N2 2.0841(17), Rh1-C11 2.3254(7), Rh1-Cl2 2.3152(7), N1-Rh1-N2 165.69(8), Cl1-Rh1-Cl2 173.27(3), C1-Rh1-N1 82.89(9), C1-Rh1-N2 82.86(9), C1-Rh1-C11 93.09(8), C1-Rh1-Cl2 93.58(8).

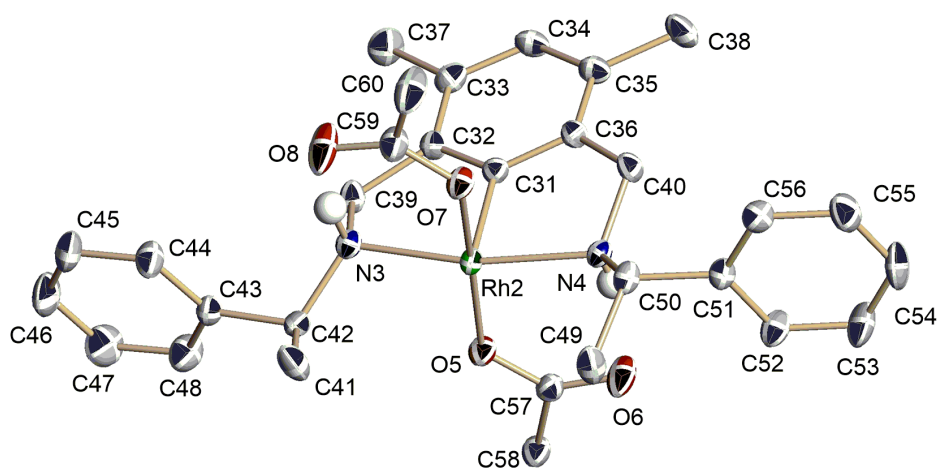
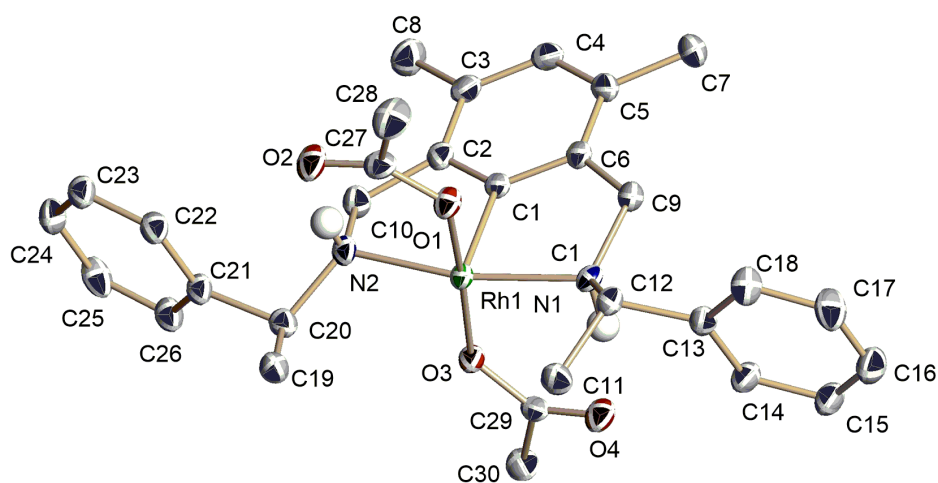


Figure S17. ORTEP diagram of **3a** with 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°). Rh1-C1 1.904(3), Rh1-N1 2.085(3), Rh1-N2 2.072(3), Rh1-O1 2.037(2), Rh1-O3 2.030(2), Rh2-C31 1.901(3), Rh2-N3 2.090(3), Rh2-N4 2.073(3), Rh2-O5 2.037(2), Rh2-O7 2.026(2), N1-Rh1-N2 166.05(11), O1-Rh1-O3 174.80(9), C1-Rh1-N1 82.86(13), C1-Rh1-N2 83.19(13), C1-Rh1-O1 94.71(12), C1-Rh1-O3 90.48(12), N3-Rh2-N4 165.57(12), O5-Rh2-O7 174.06(10), C31-Rh2-N3 82.30(14), C31-Rh2-N4 83.28(13), C31-Rh2-O5 93.49(12), C31-Rh2-O7 92.32(12).

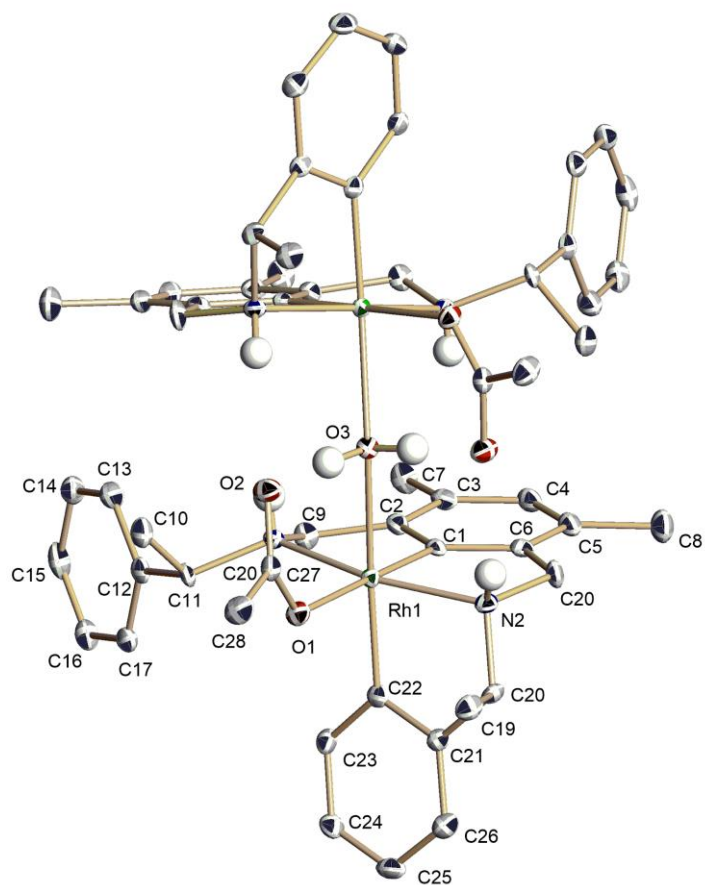


Figure S18. ORTEP diagram of **4** with 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°). Rh1-C1 1.919(3), Rh1-C22 1.985(3), Rh1-N1 2.138(3), Rh1-N2 2.104(3), Rh1-O1 2.234(2), Rh1-O3 2.2807(6), N1-Rh1-N2 163.94(10), C1-Rh1-O1 178.12(10), C22-Rh1-O3 172.26(12), Rh1-O3-Rh1 159.76(15).

Table S3. Crystallographic Data for complexes **2a**, **2b**, **3a** and **4**.

	2a	2b
Empirical formula	C ₂₆ H ₃₁ Cl ₂ N ₂ Rh	C ₃₄ H ₃₅ Cl ₂ N ₂ Rh
Formula weight	545.34	645.45
Temperature, K	93	153
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	C2	C2
a, Å	16.4067(10)	20.2556(16)
b, Å	17.1103(11)	12.2123(10)
c, Å	10.8096(7)	13.0390(11)
α, deg		
β, deg	127.0881(14)	111.6700(10)
γ, deg		
V, Å ³	2420.7(3)	2997.5(4)
Z	4	4
D _{calcd} , g cm ⁻³	1.496	1.430
μ(MoKα), mm ⁻¹	0.942	0.774
Reflections collected	8335	11188
Independent reflections	4104 [R(int) = 0.0253]	7310 [R(int) = 0.0238]
parameters	292	364
GOF	1.290	1.045
R1 [<i>I</i> >2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0253	0.0280
wR2 [<i>I</i> >2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0761	0.0669
R1 (all data)	0.0255	0.0295
wR2 (all data)	0.0766	0.0677
Largest diff. peak and hole, eÅ ⁻³	0.991 and -0.856	1.029 and -0.267

Table S3. Continued.

	3a	4
Empirical formula	C ₃₂ H ₄₂ N ₂ O _{4.50} Rh	C ₂₈ H ₃₄ N ₂ O _{2.50} Rh
Formula weight	629.59	541.48
Temperature, K	123	123
Crystal system	Triclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> 1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2
a, Å	8.797(4)	12.3574(6)
b, Å	12.138(5)	17.1055(8)
c, Å	15.509(6)	11.4148(6)
α, deg	89.798(7)	
β, deg	86.468(7)	
γ, deg	70.434(7)	
V, Å ³	1557.2(11)	2412.9(2)
Z	2	2
D _{calcd} , g cm ⁻³	1.343	1.488
μ(MoKα), mm ⁻¹	0.587	0.738
Reflections collected	11142	16600
Independent reflections	8980 [R(int) = 0.0361]	4265 [R(int) = 0.0366]
parameters	735	319
GOF	1.042	1.370
R1 [<i>I</i> >2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0348	0.0210
wR2 [<i>I</i> >2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0900	0.0549
R1 (all data)	0.0352	0.0214
wR2 (all data)	0.0905	0.0551
Largest diff. peak and hole, eÅ ⁻³	1.259 and -0.470	0.472 and -0.295

5. DFT calculation.

DFT Calculations of **2a**, **3a** and model complexes $[\text{Me}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{NRR}')\text{RhCl}_2]$ (**2d**: $\text{R}=\text{R}'=\text{H}$; **2e**: $\text{R}=\text{Me}$, $\text{R}'=\text{H}$; **2f**: $\text{R}=\text{R}'=\text{Me}$) were performed with the Gaussian 09 program package.^[S3] Geometries of the ground state were calculated by using density functional theory (DFT) with B3PW91 functional in gas phase. In all geometry optimizations, the 6-311G(d) basis set was used for C, H, N, O and Cl atoms and the SDD basis set was used for the Rh atom. We confirmed that the optimized structure of **2a** reproduced the experimental values in the solid state (Tables S4).

In the case of model complexes **2d-f**, H_2O adducts **2d-f-H₂O** with six-coordinated geometry were more stable than those of H_2O free complex **2d-f** by about 4.5-5.3 kcal/mol (Figures S20-22). In contrast, H_2O adduct **2a-H₂O** was unfavorable than H_2O free complex **2a** by about 4.5 kcal/mol (Figure S19). LUMO level of **2a** was higher than those of other model complexes **2d-f** (Figure S23).

Table S4. Comparison of geometric data of **2a** between the optimized and X-ray structures.

	Optimized structure	XRD Analysis
Rh-C1	1.910	1.909(8)
Rh-N1	2.107	2.076(4)
Rh-N2	2.107	2.076(4)
Rh-C11	2.347	2.3117(10)
Rh-C12	2.347	2.3117(10)
N1-Rh-N2	164.7	166.2(2)
C11-Rh-C12	171.4	172.37(7)

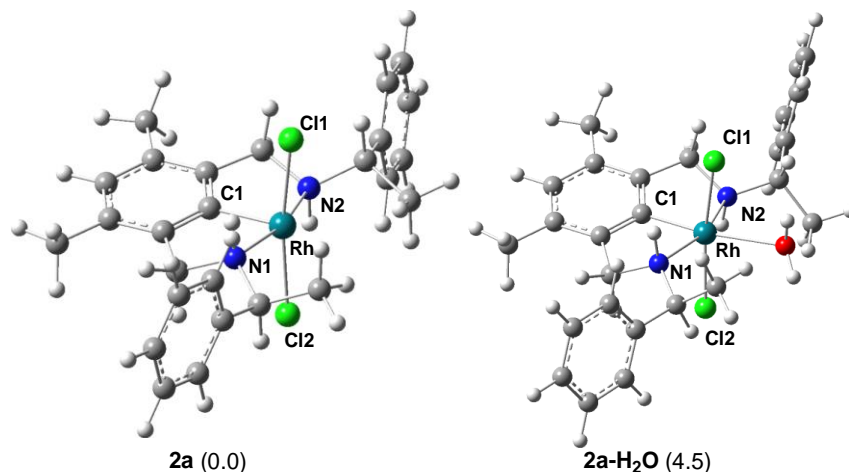


Figure S19. Optimized structure of **2a** and **2a-H₂O** with the Gibbs energies ΔG^0 (kcal/mol) in parentheses.

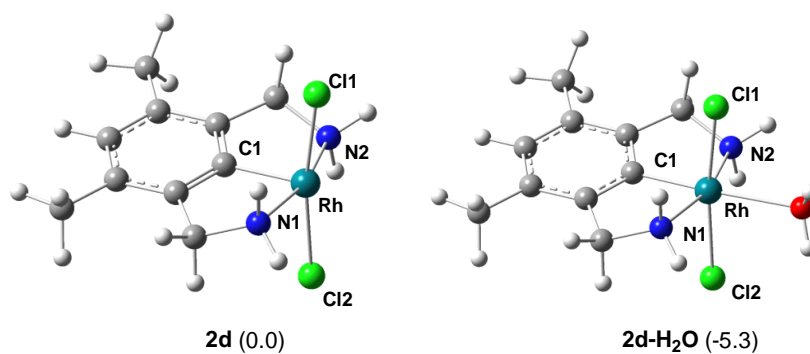


Figure S20. Optimized structure of **2d** and **2d-H₂O** with the Gibbs energies ΔG^0 (kcal/mol) in parentheses.

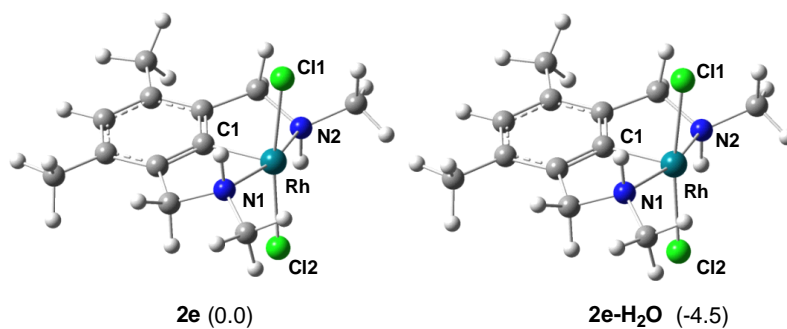


Figure S21. Optimized structure of **2e** and **2e-H₂O** with the Gibbs energies ΔG^0 (kcal/mol) in parentheses.

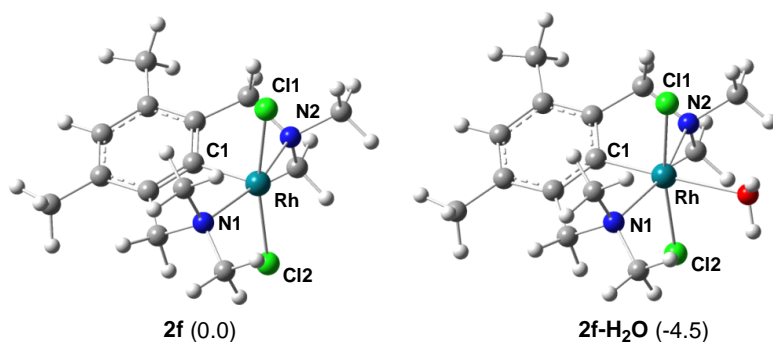


Figure S22. Optimized structure of **2e** and **2e-H₂O** with the Gibbs energies ΔG^0 (kcal/mol) in parentheses.

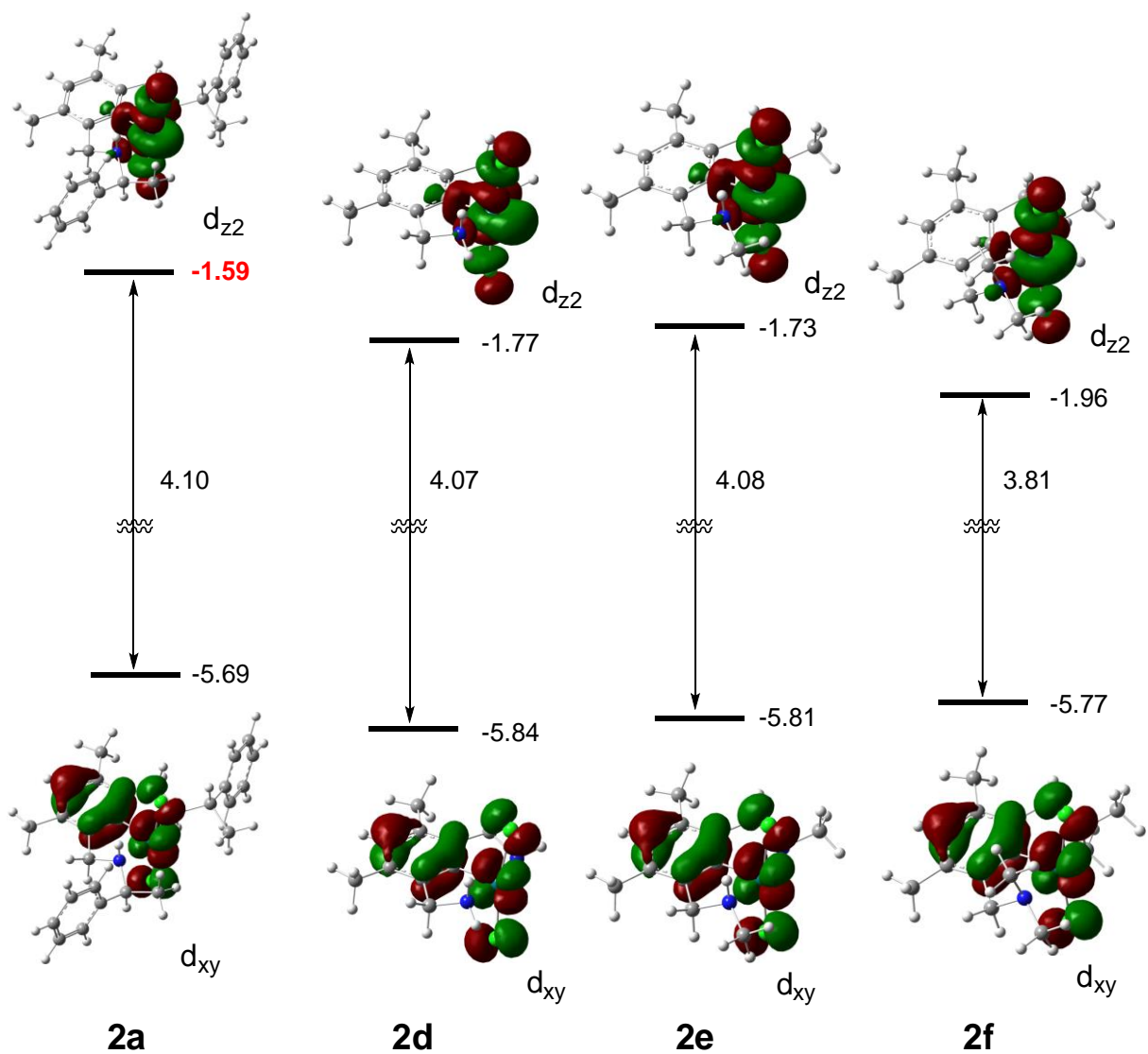


Figure S23. Molecular orbitals of HOMO and LUMO of **3a**, **3d**, **3e** and **3f**. In all complexes, HOMO and LUMO consisted of d_{xy} and d_{z^2} orbitals, respectively.

Cartesian coordinates of optimized structures

2a

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Rh  4.9508  13.5032  4.3147
Cl  7.2780  13.3329  4.0731
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N   5.2441  13.7844  6.3903
C   4.8788  16.0556  5.5362
C   4.7338  15.1522  6.7292
H   5.2434  15.5440  7.6153
H   3.6730  15.0338  6.9730
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H   3.6674  12.7413  7.2257
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2a-H₂O

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2d

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2e

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2e-H₂O

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2f-H₂O

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3a

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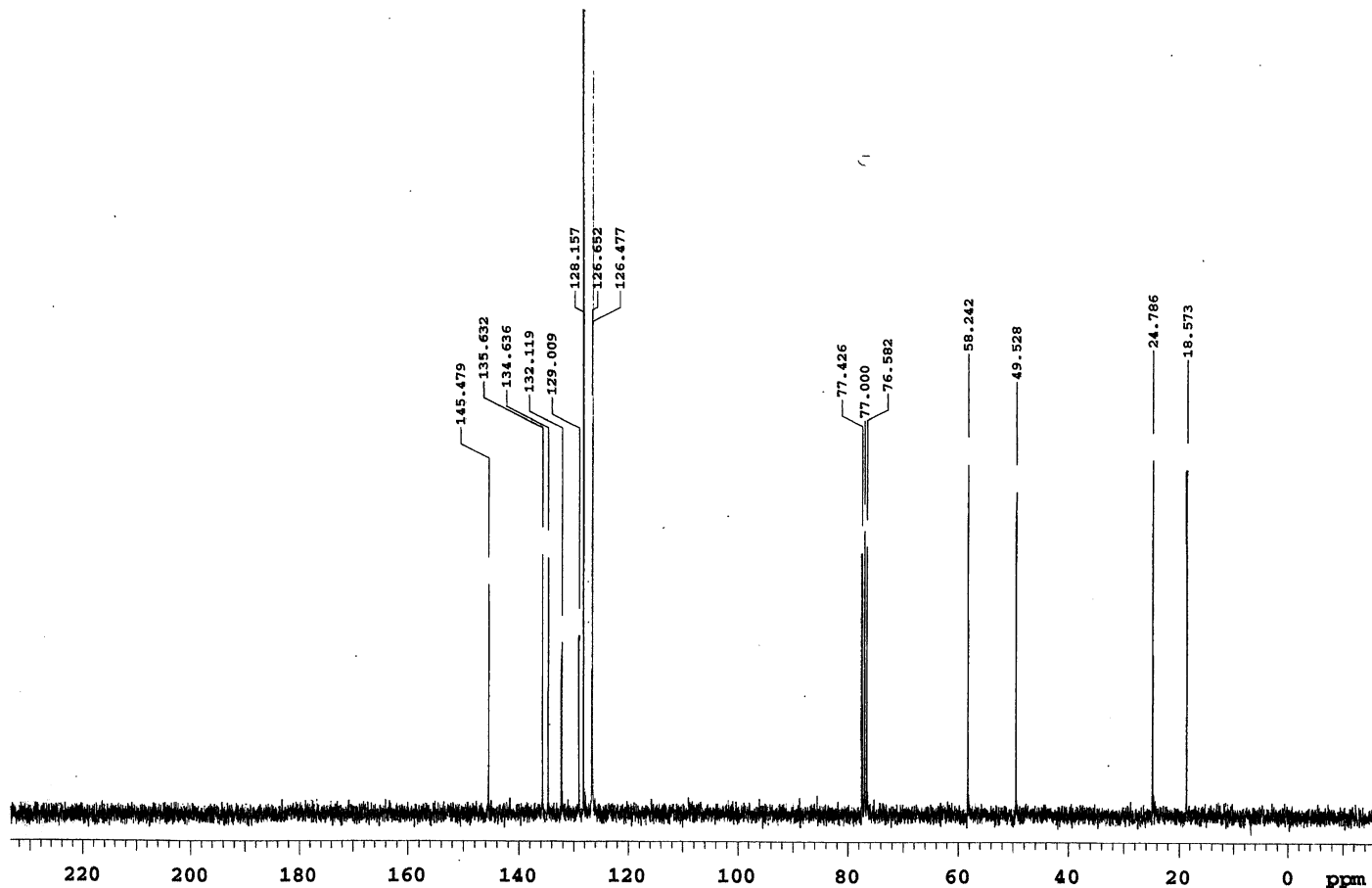
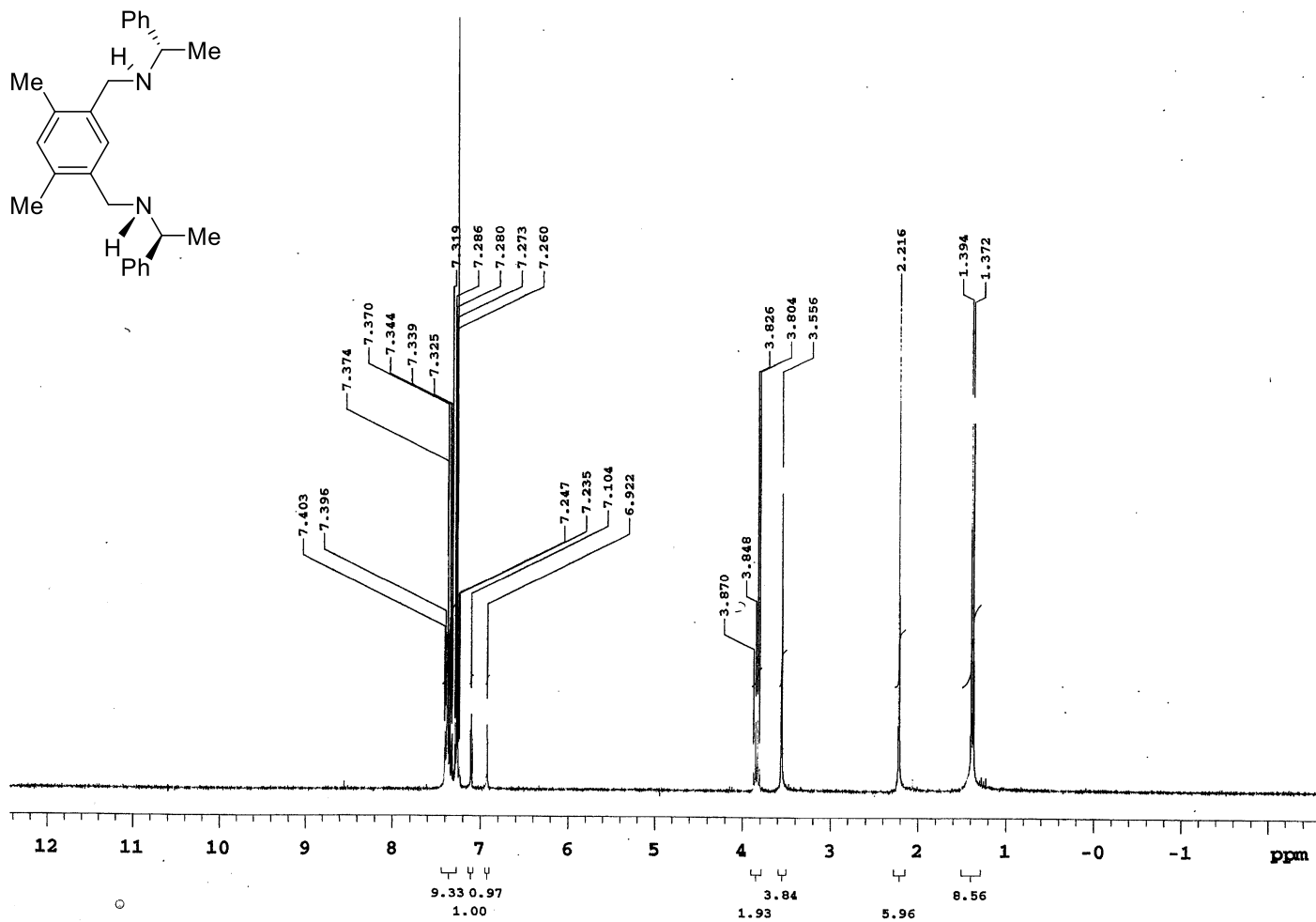


Fig S 24. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 2a.

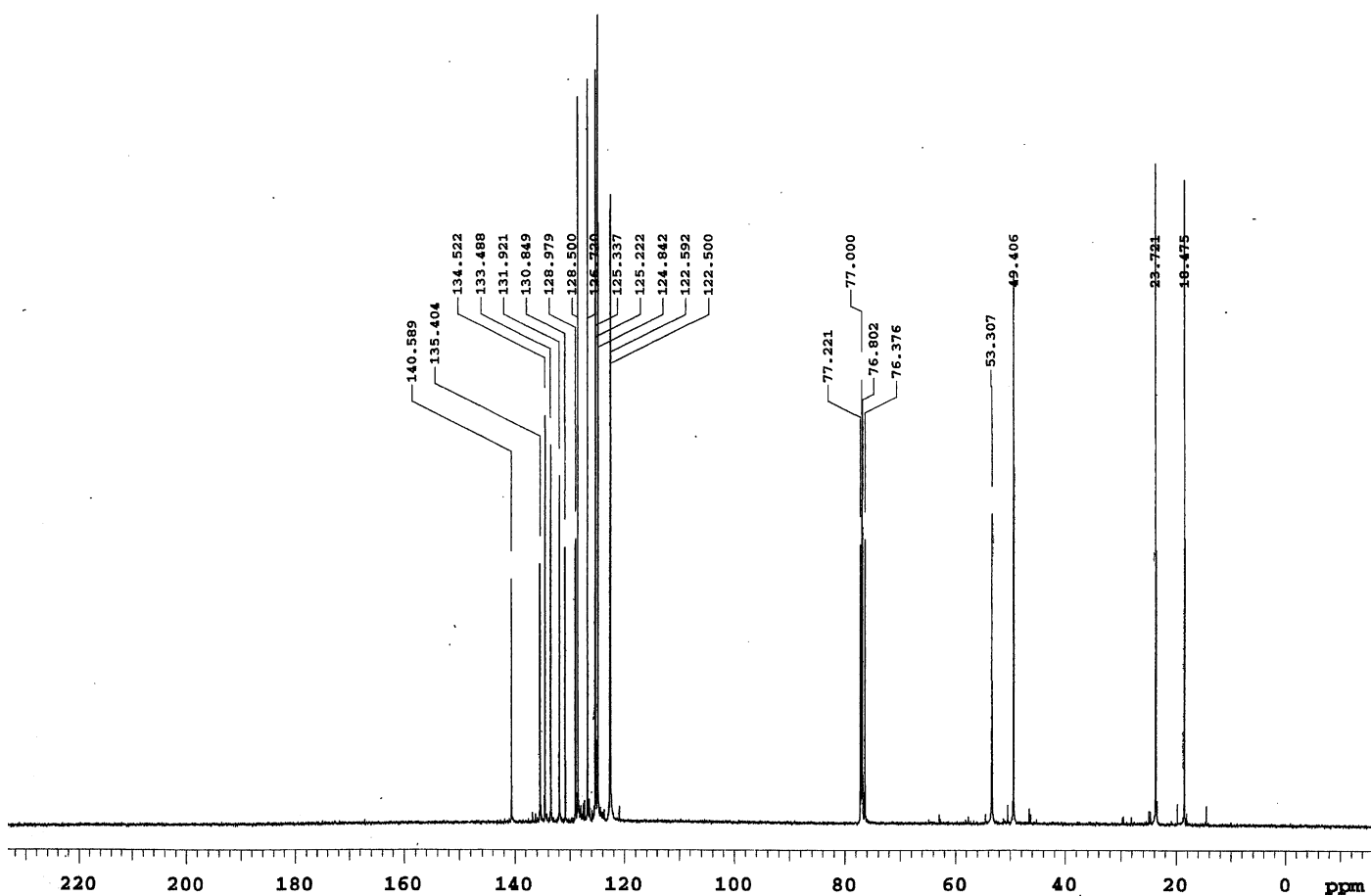
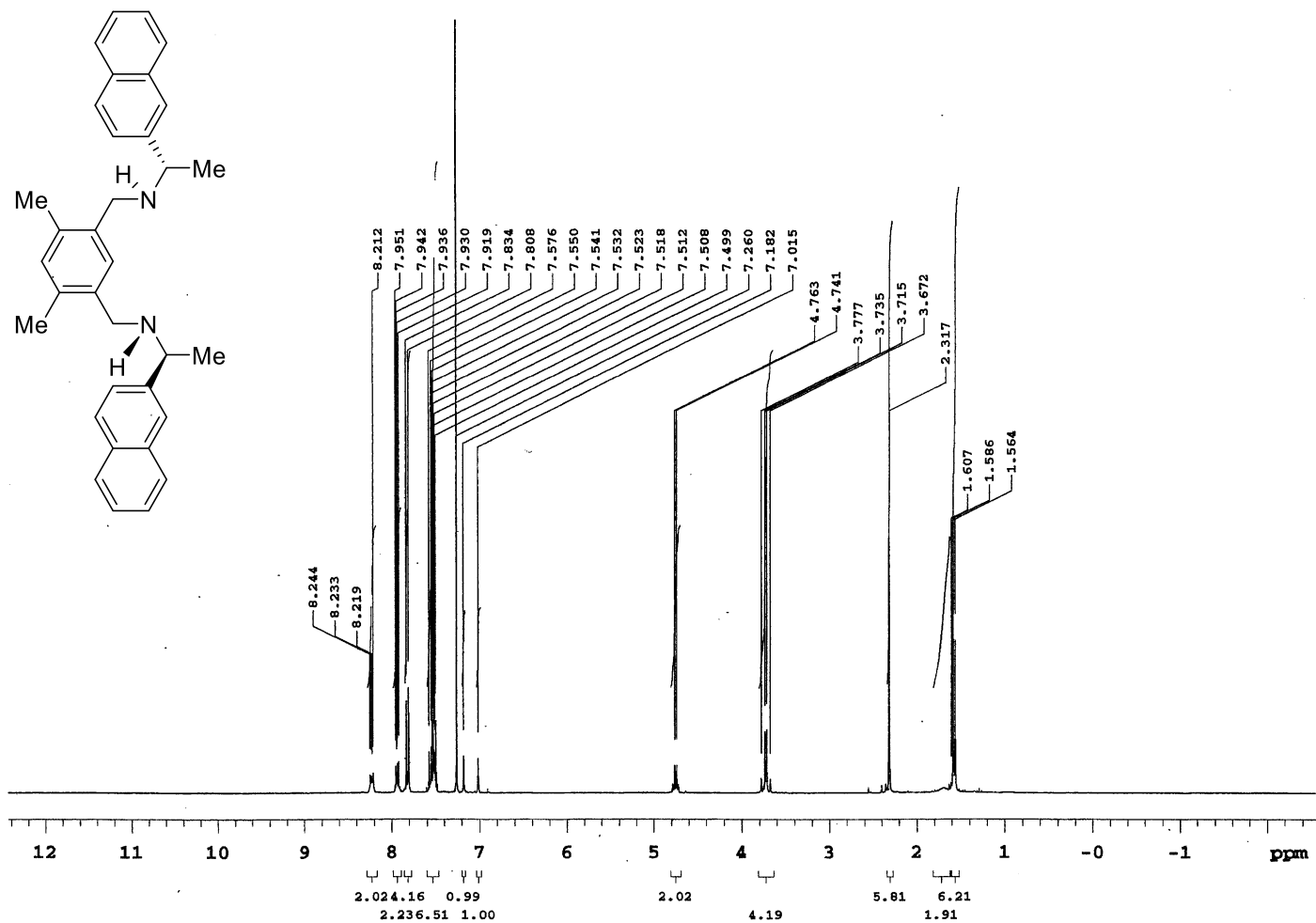


Fig S 25. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of **2b**.

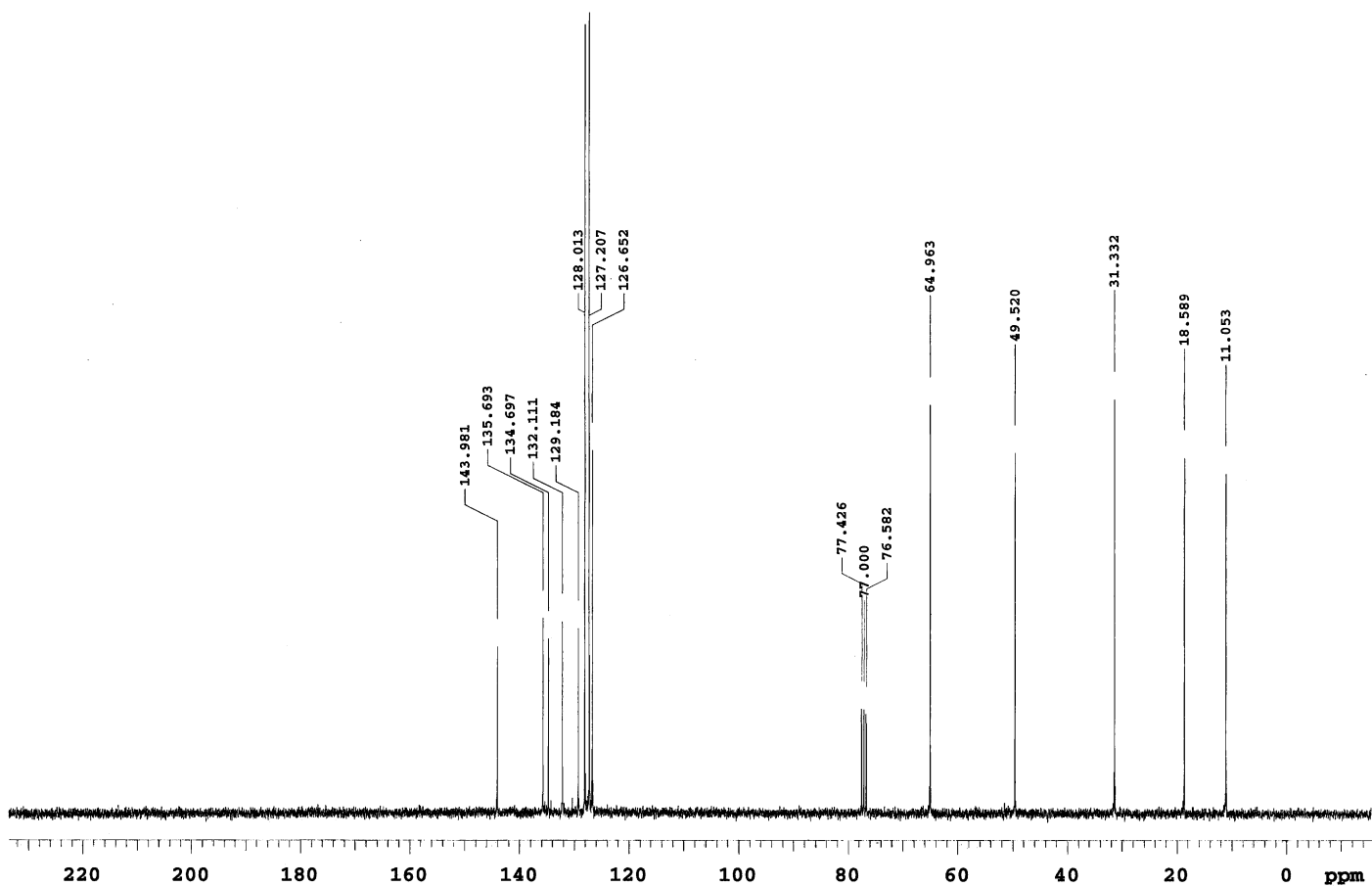
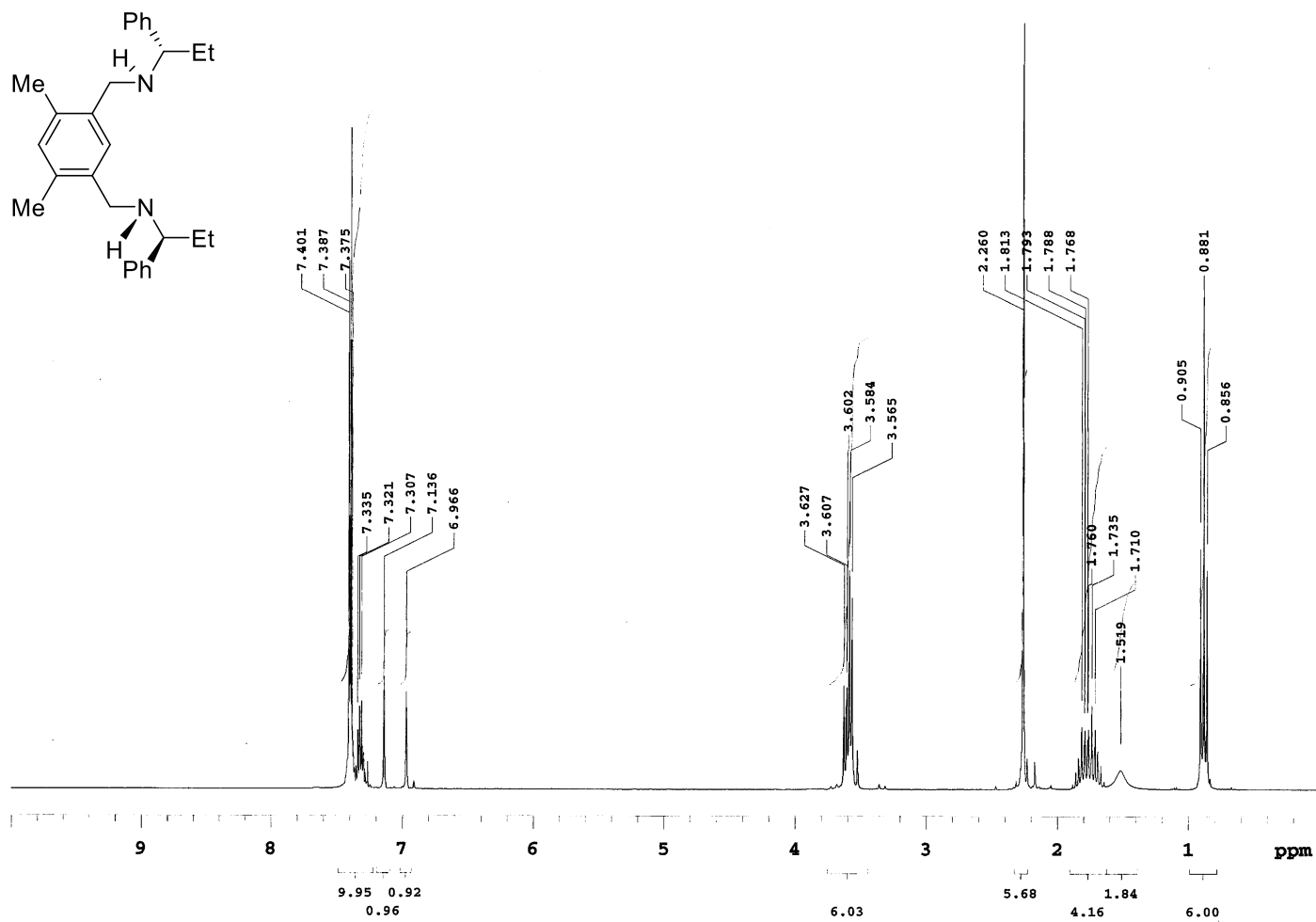


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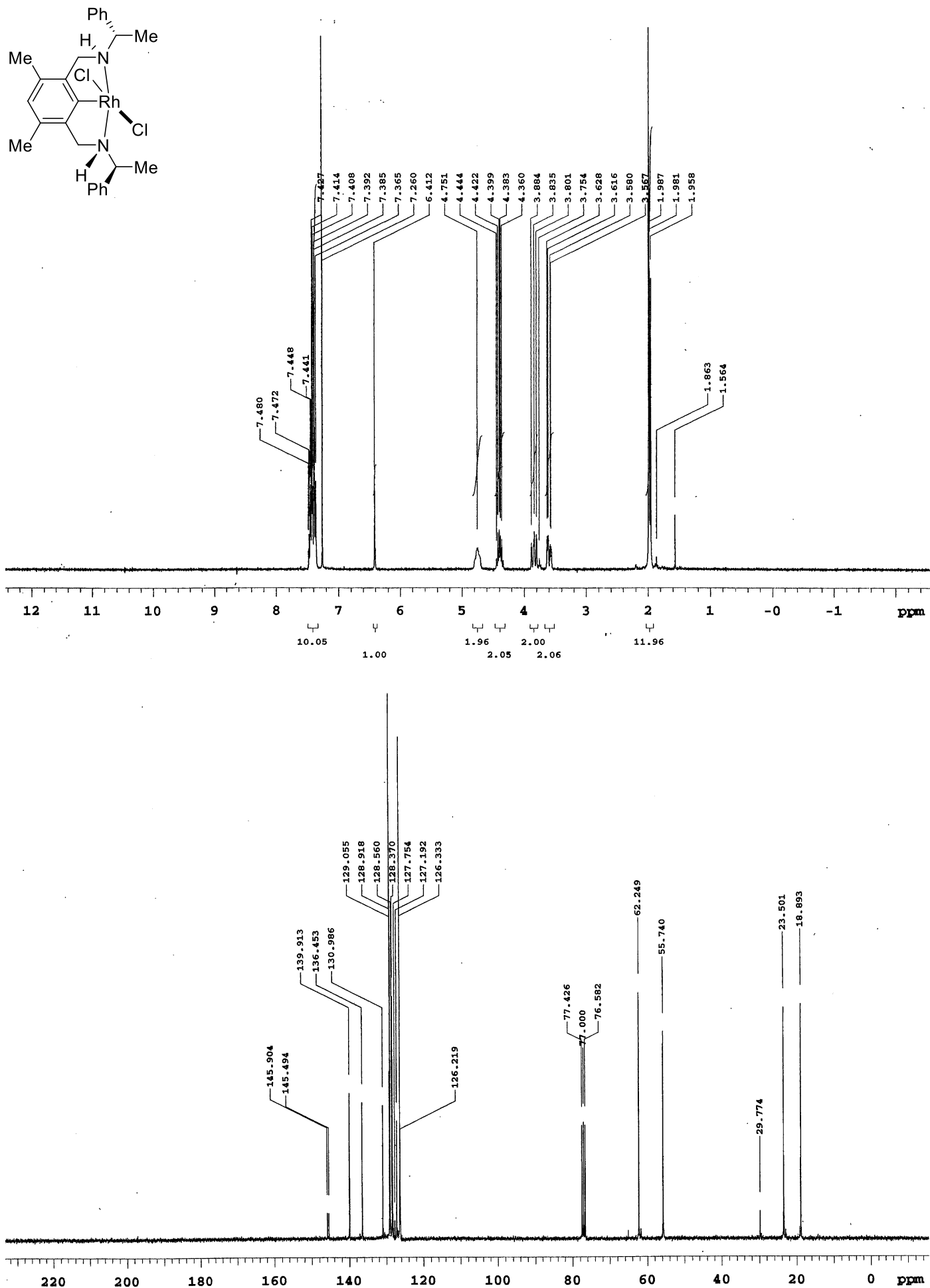


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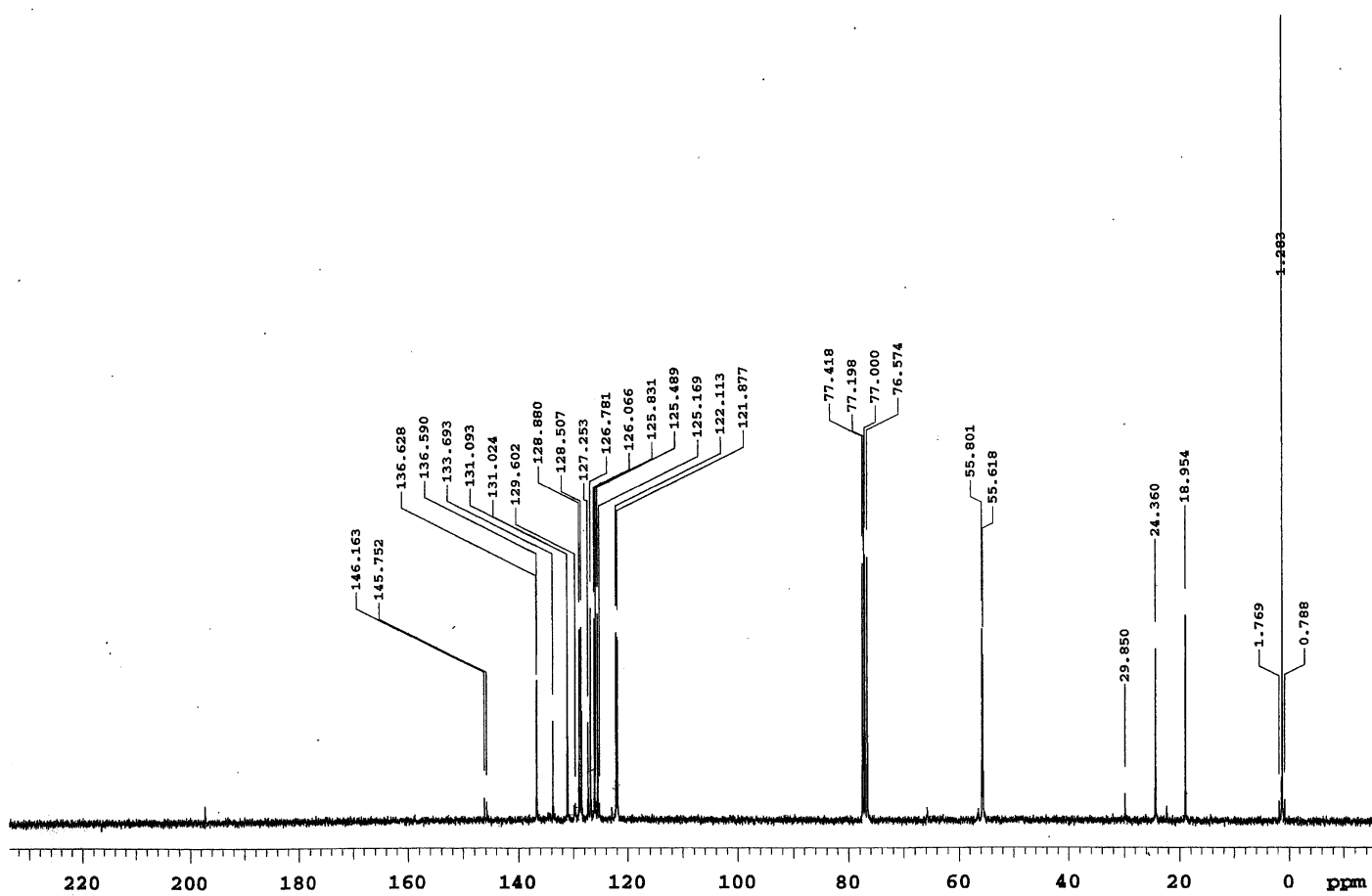
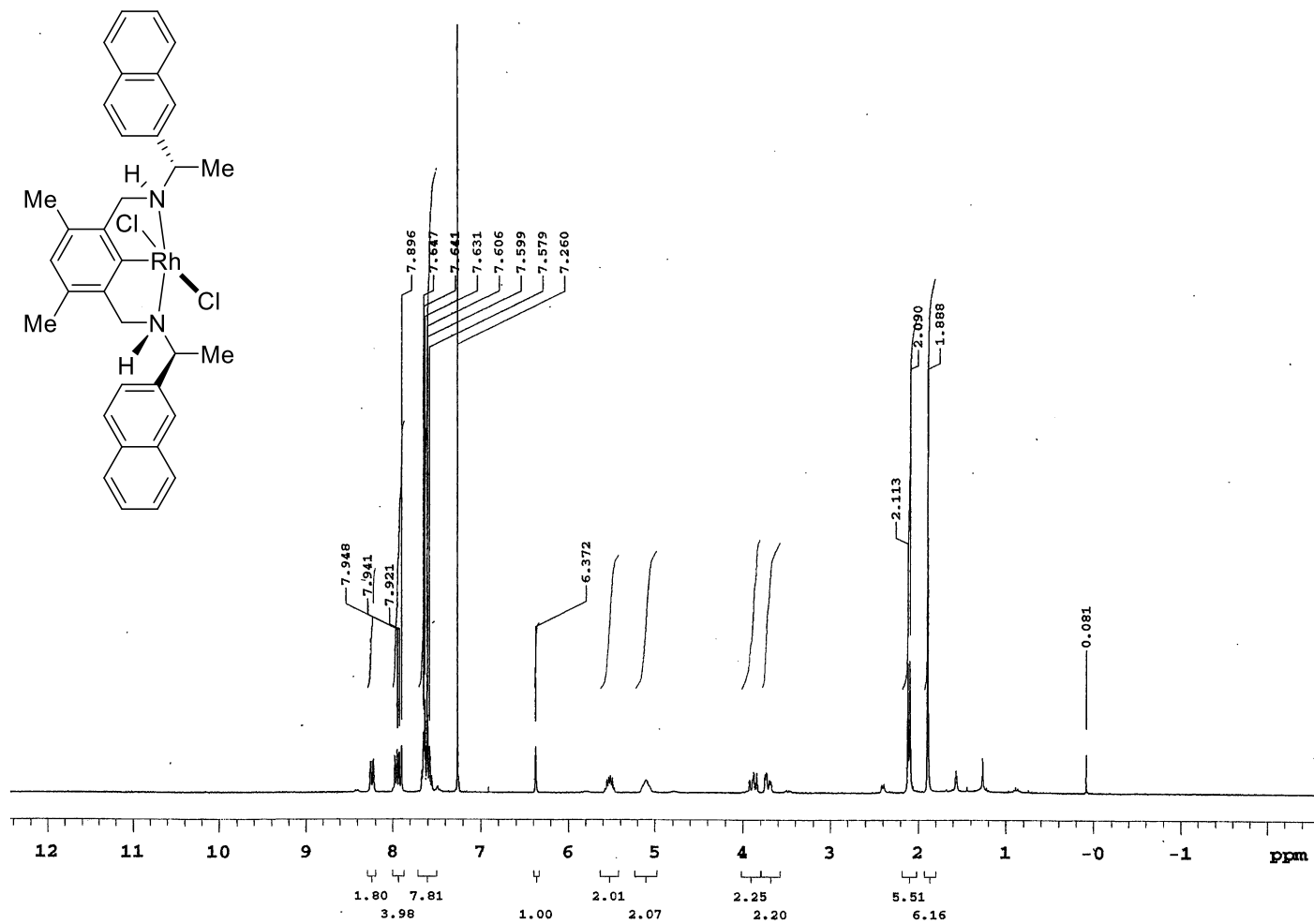


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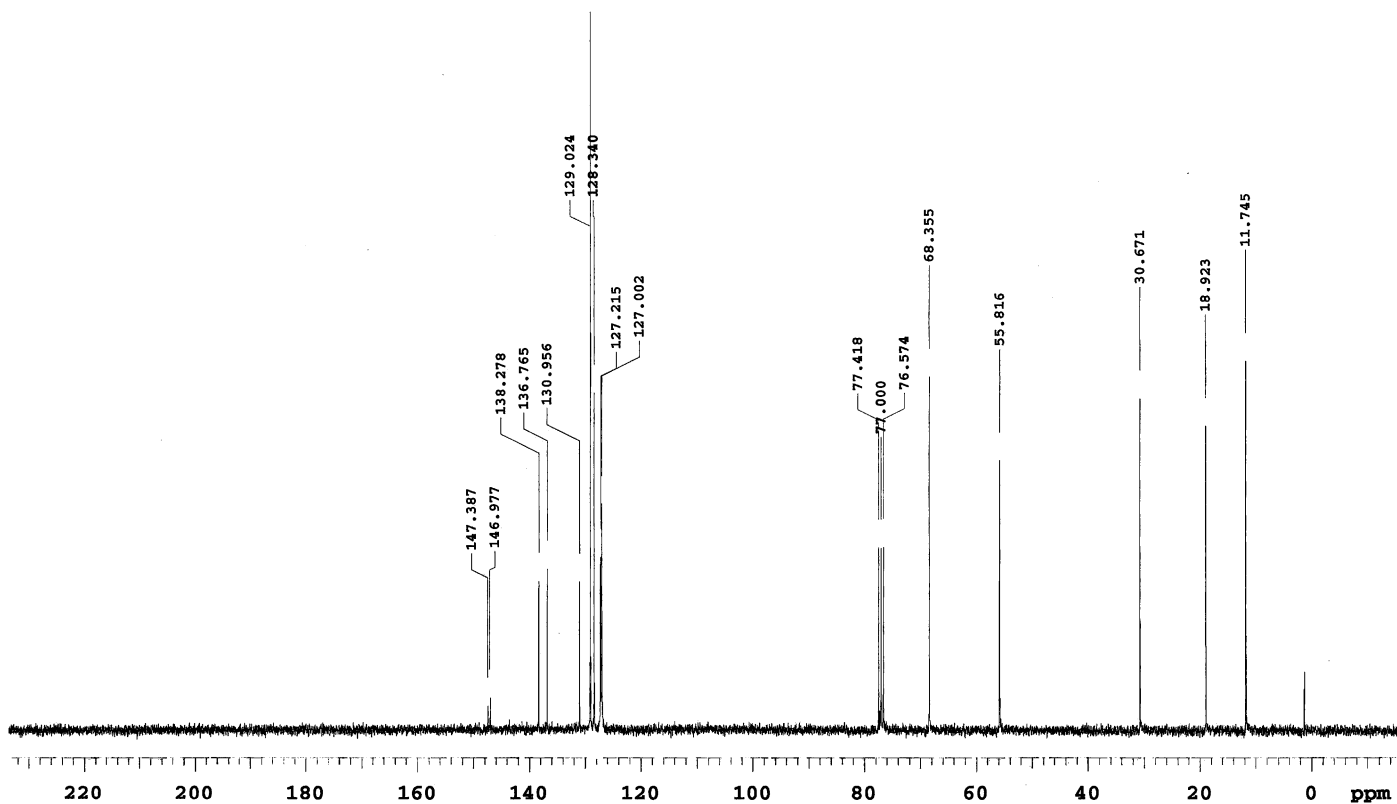
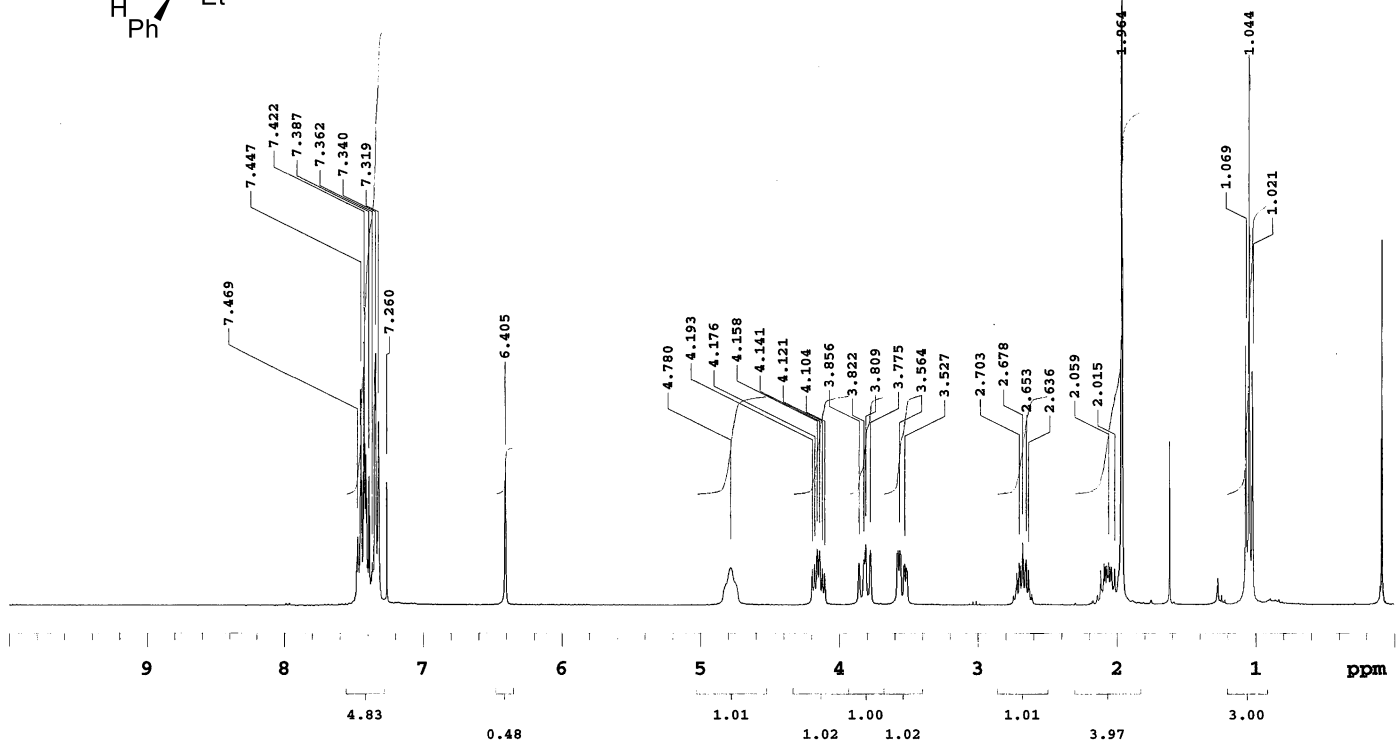
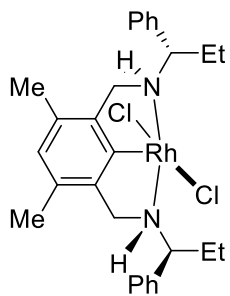


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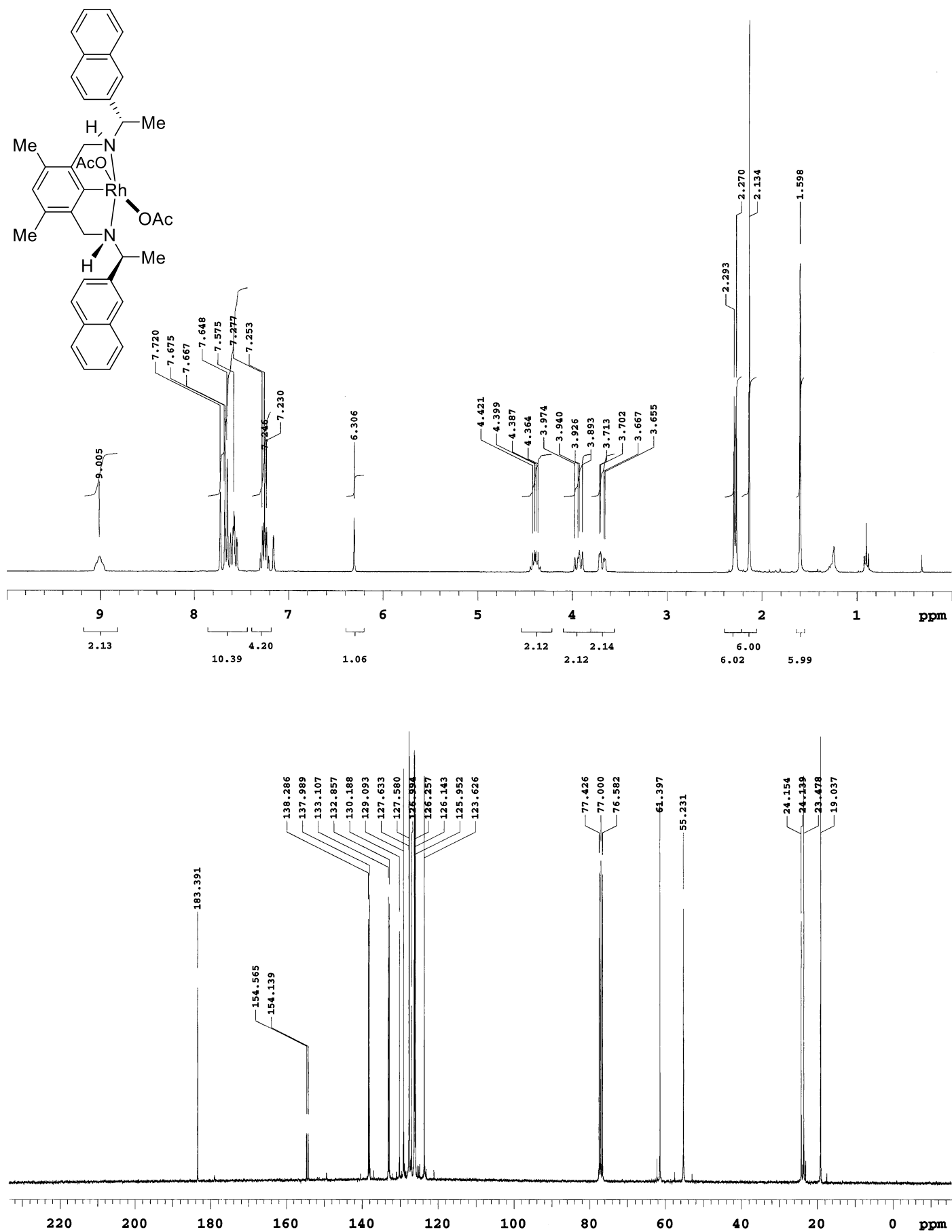


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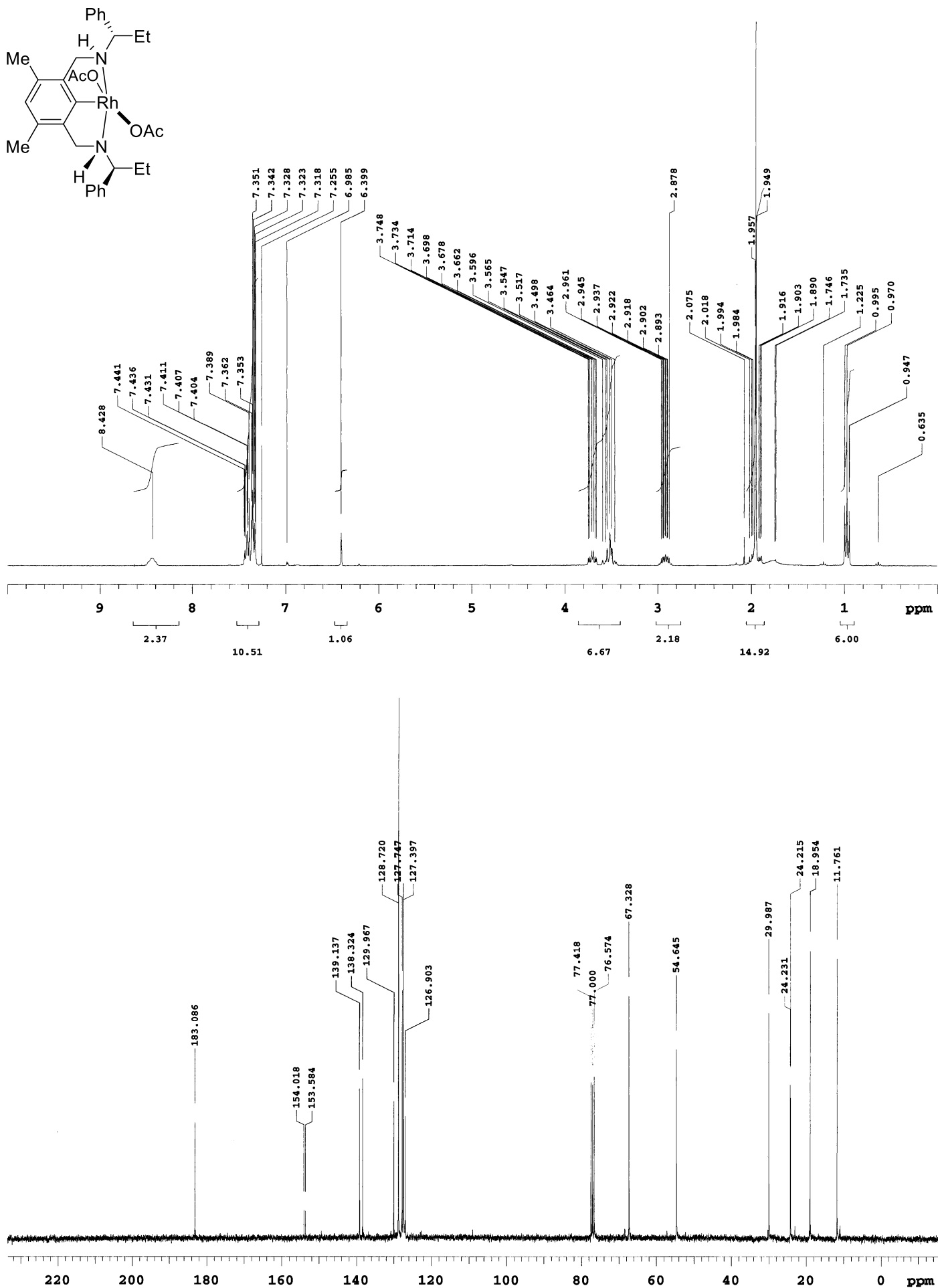


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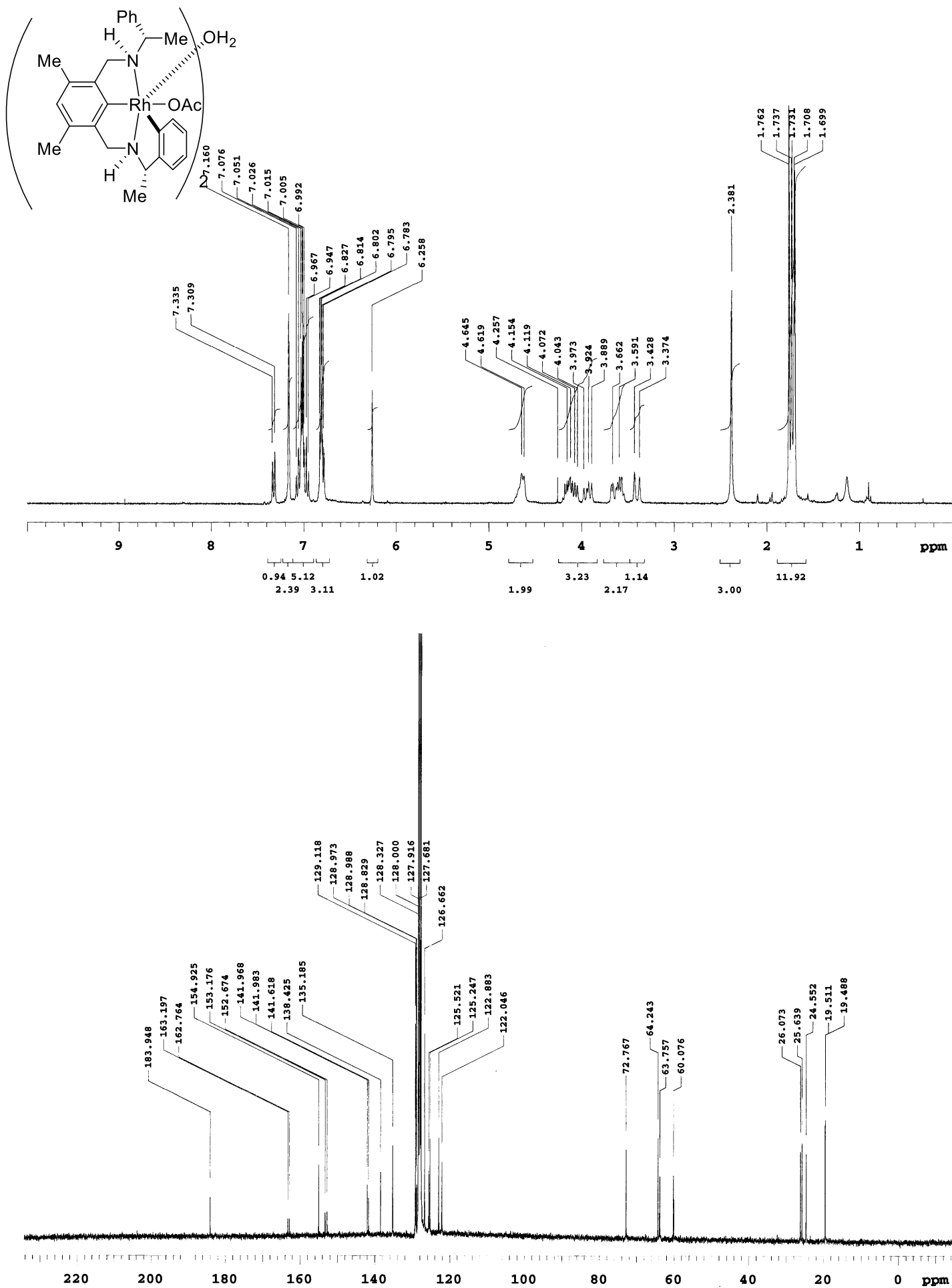


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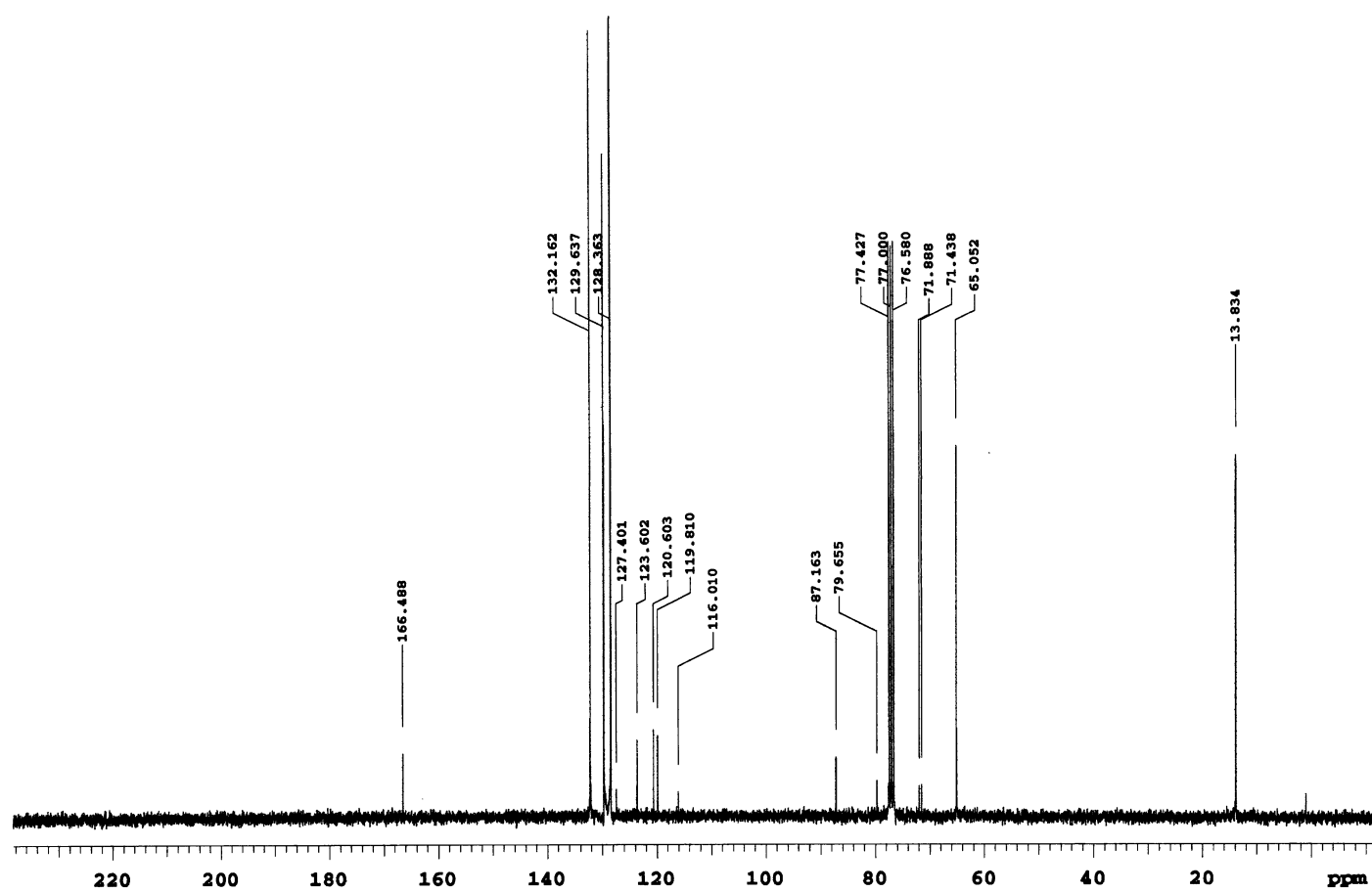
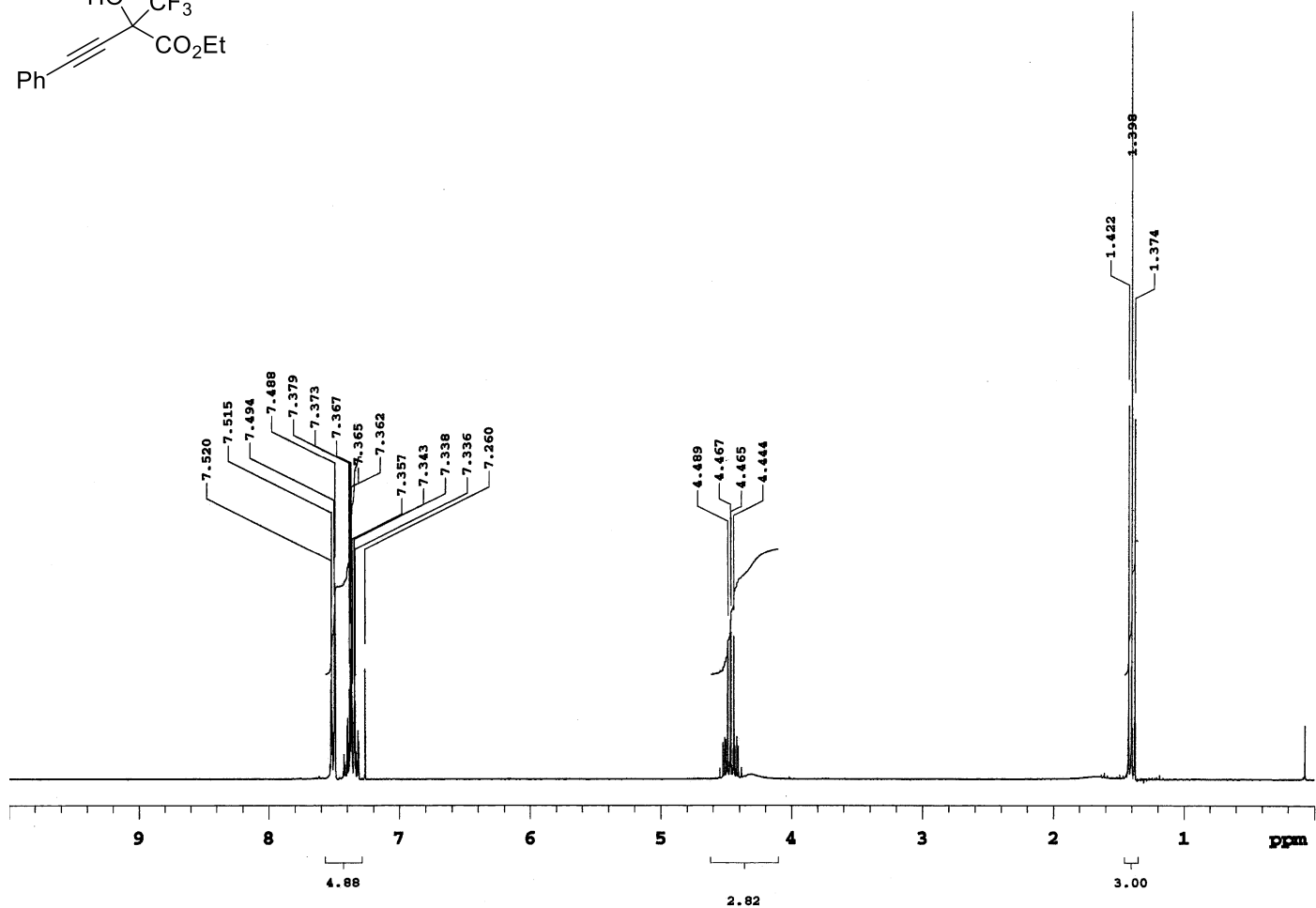
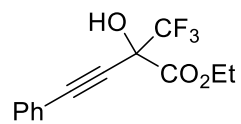


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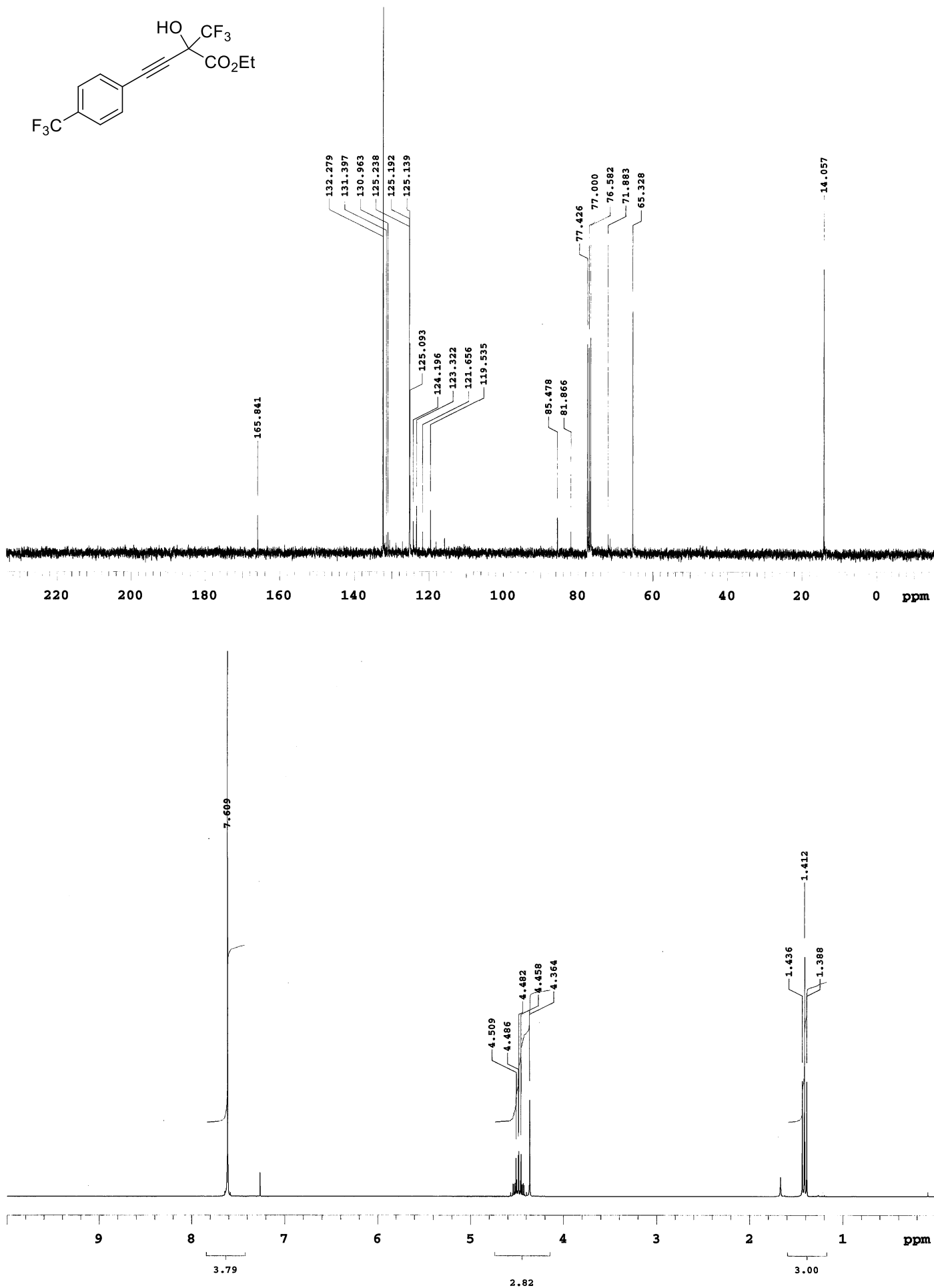


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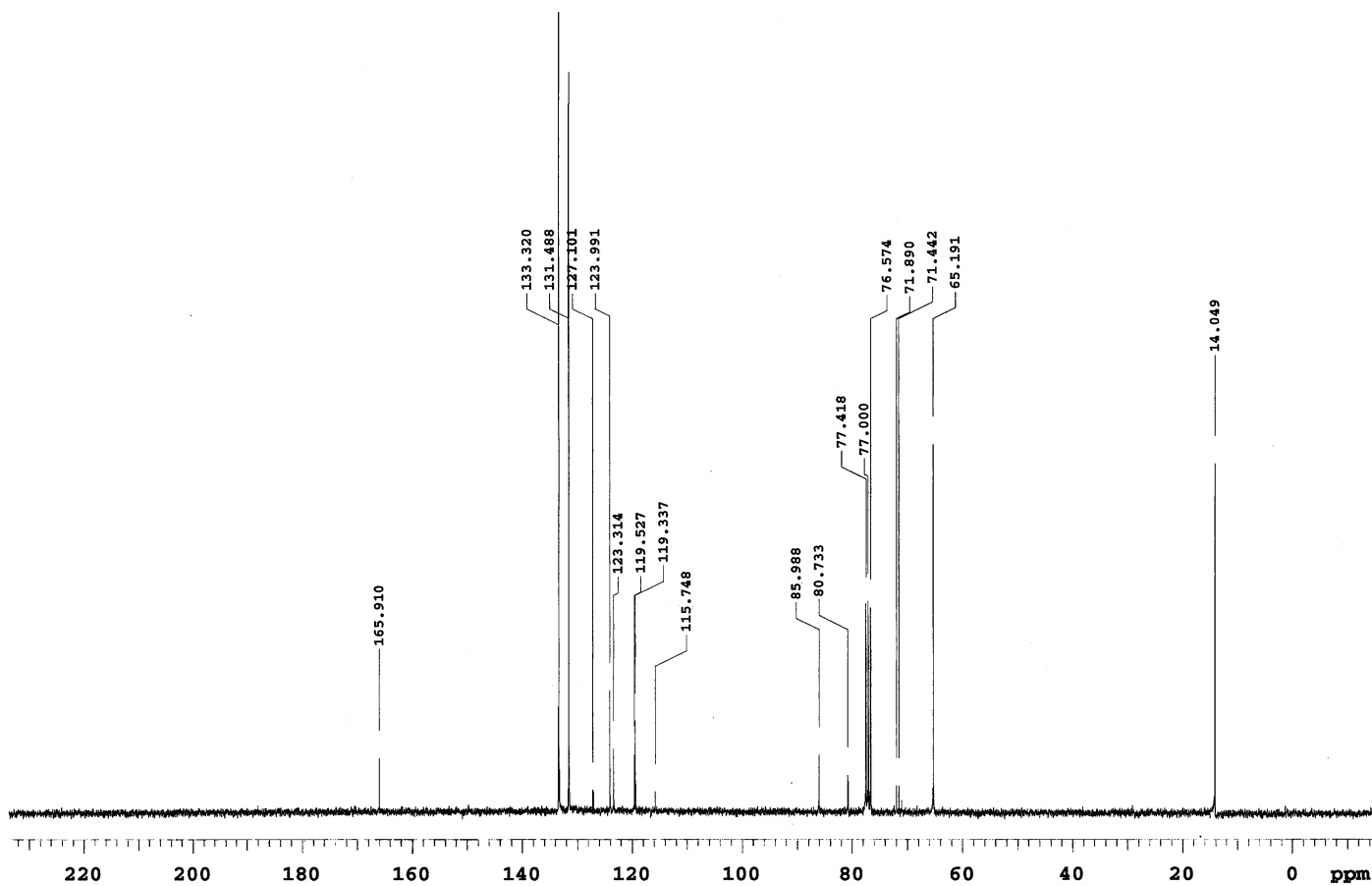
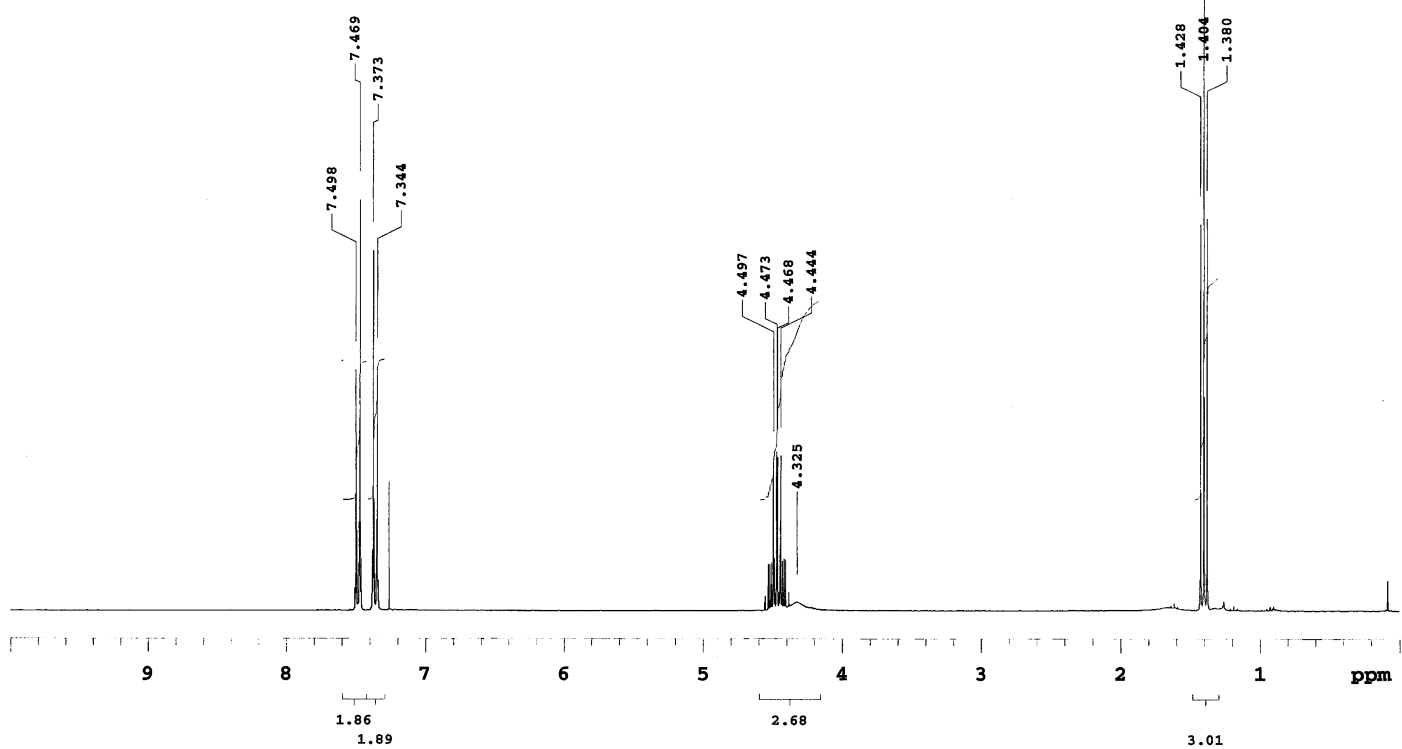
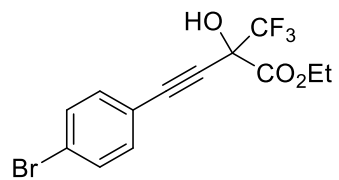


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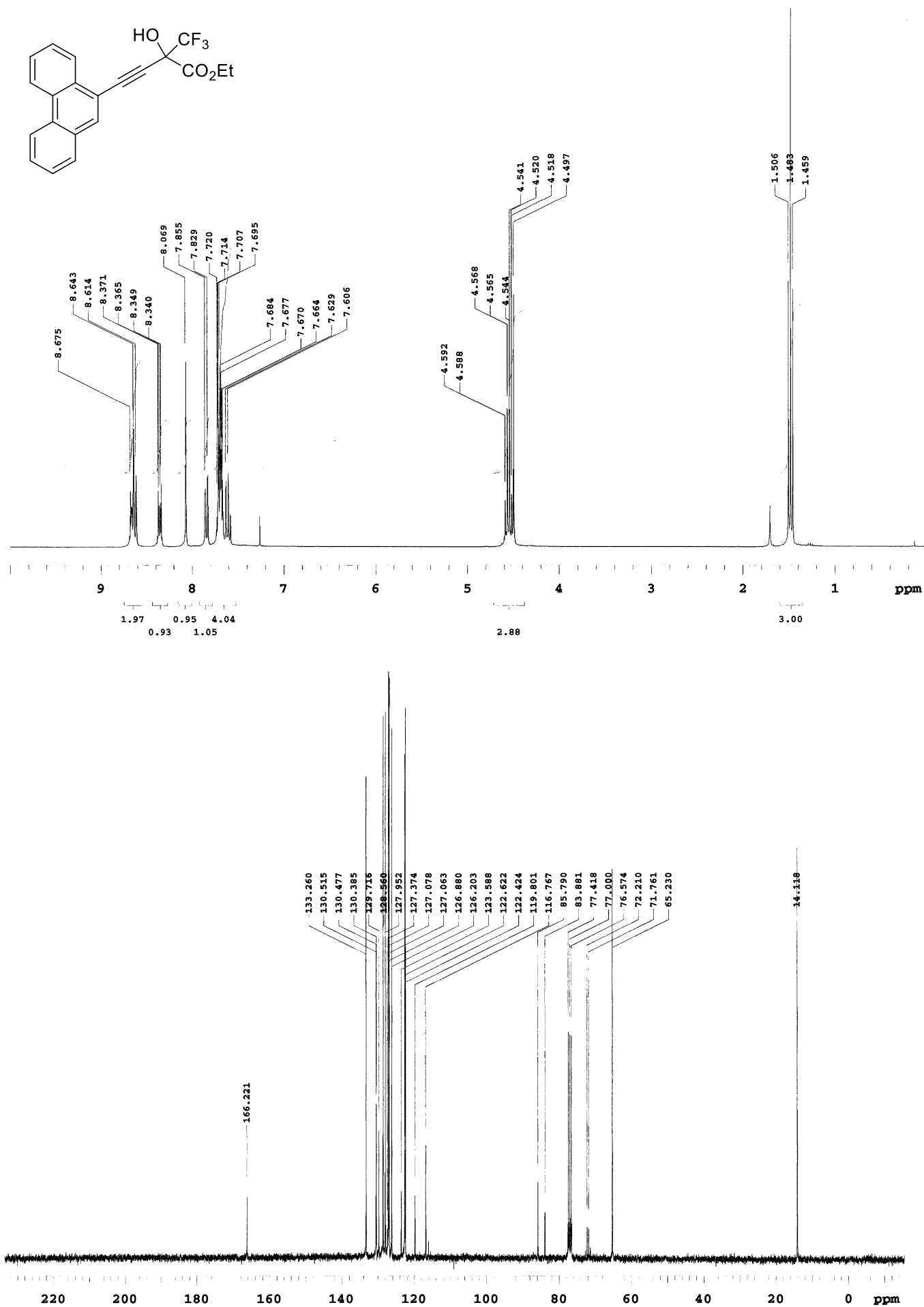


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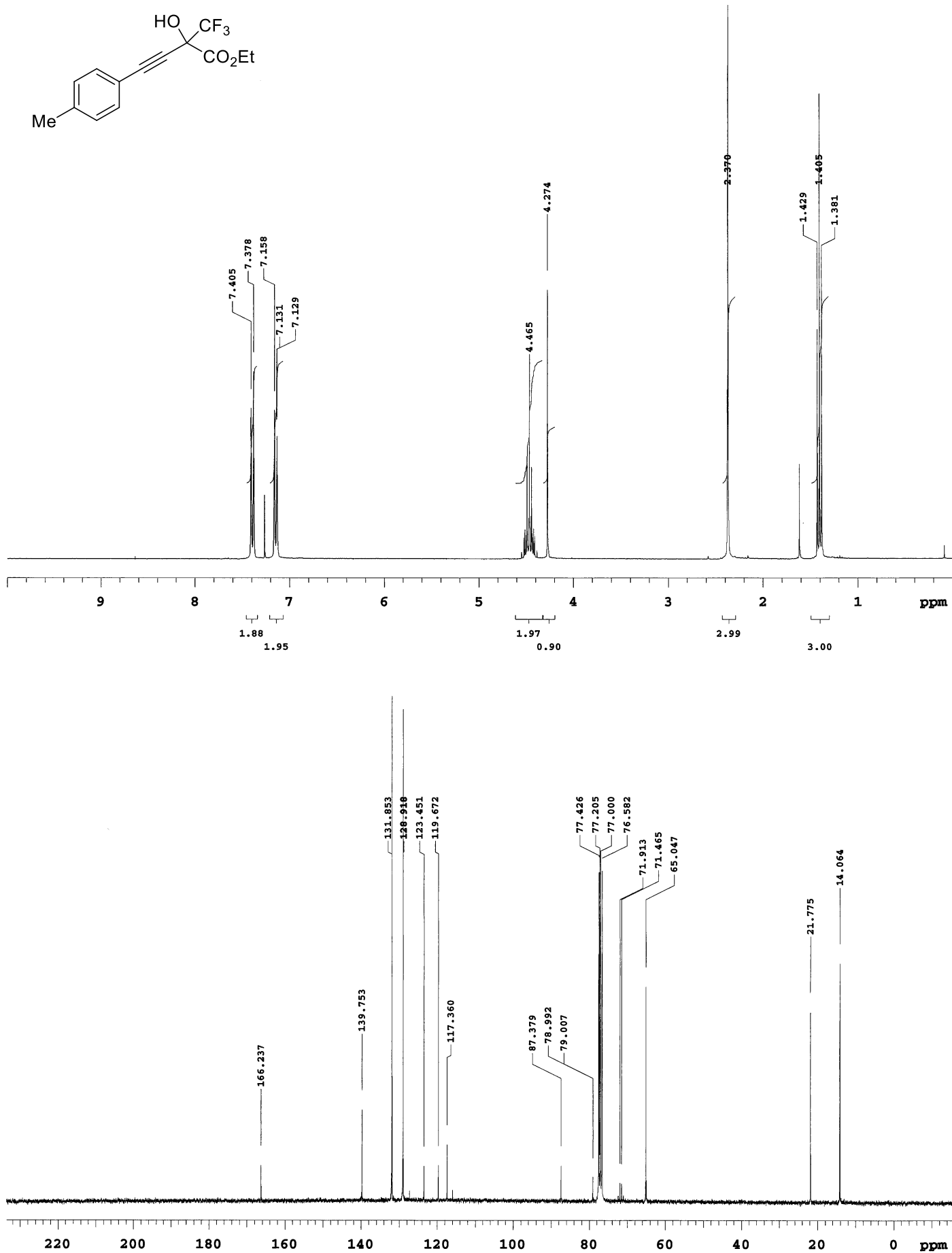


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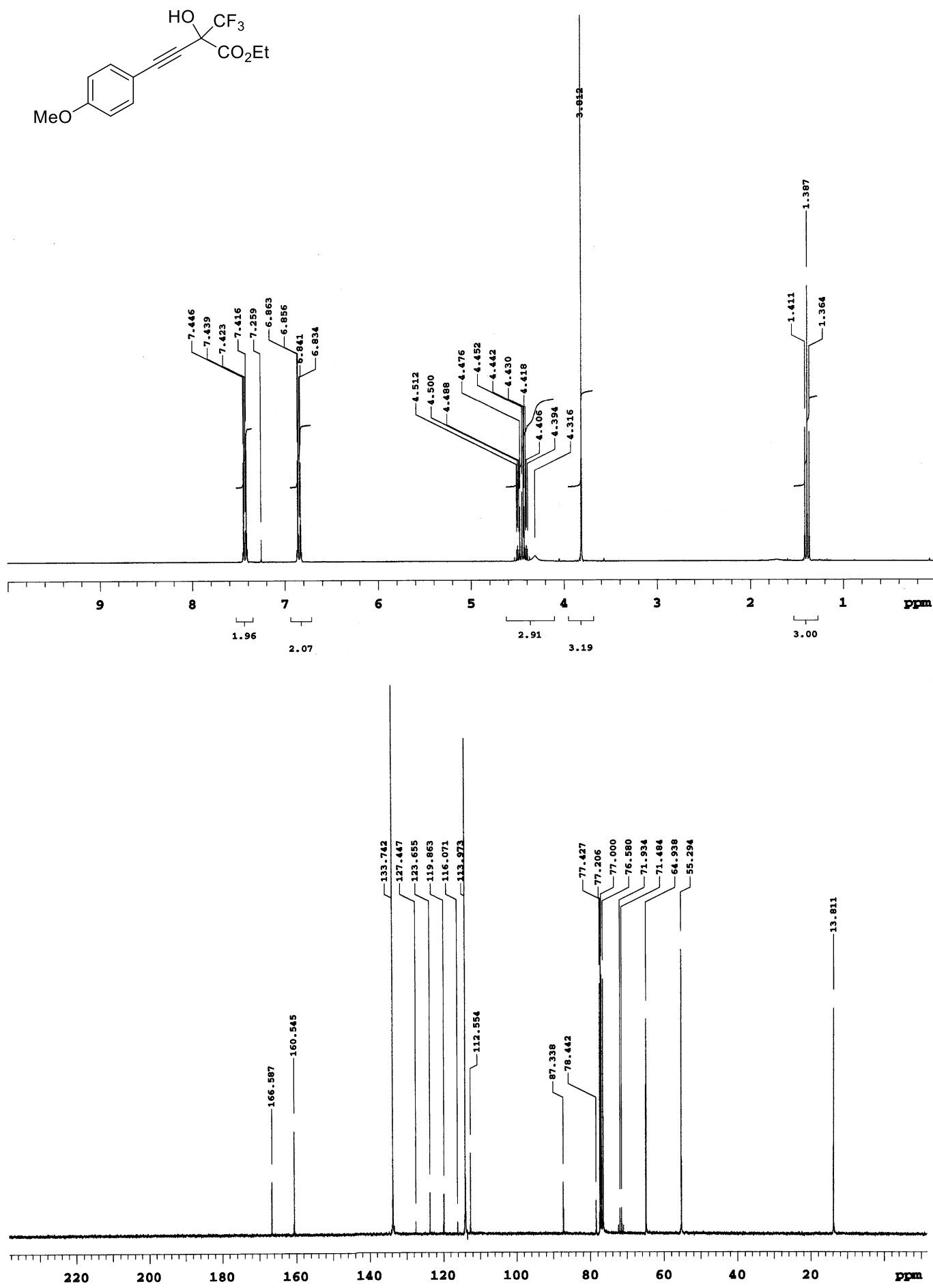


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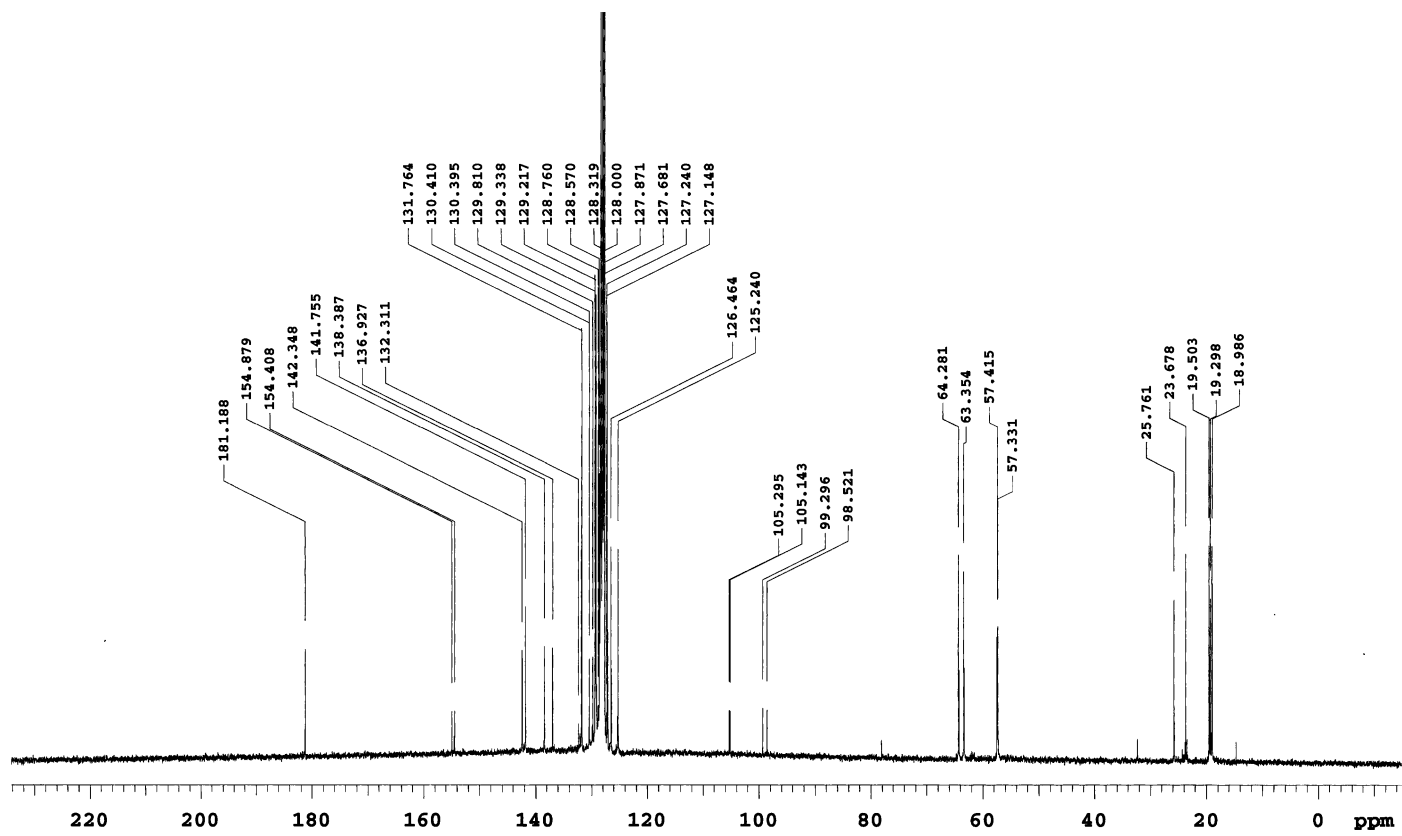
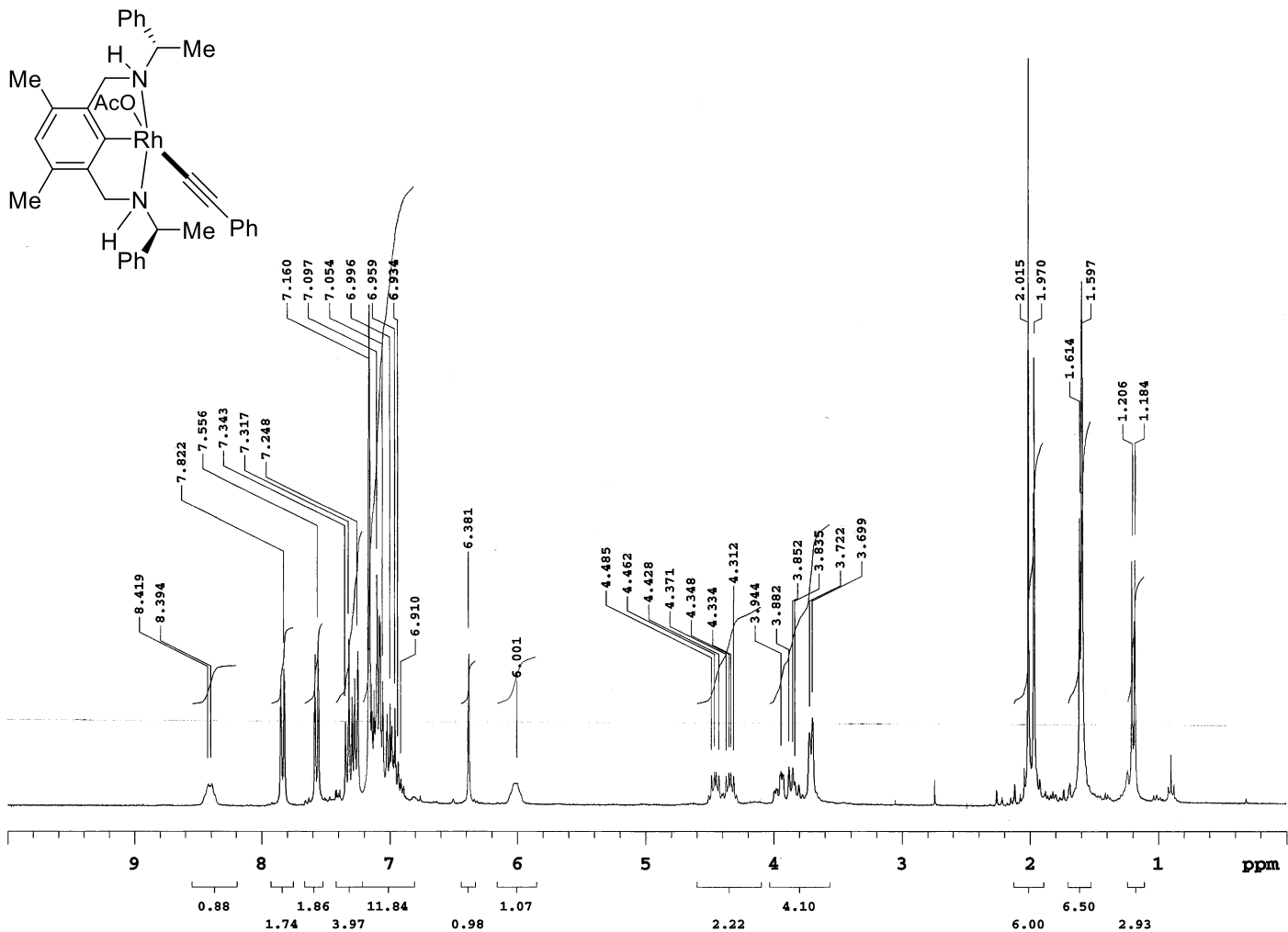


Fig S 40. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of **8**.