

Synthesis, characterization, catalytic and biological application of half-sandwich ruthenium complexes bearing hemilabile ($\kappa^2\text{-C,S}$)-thioether-functionalised NHC ligands.

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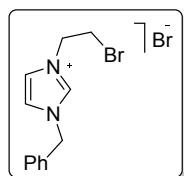
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1 GENERAL REMARKS

All manipulations were carried out under an inert atmosphere of argon using standard Schlenk techniques unless stated otherwise. Reagents were purchased from commercial chemical suppliers (mainly Acros, Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, TCI Europe and Strem) and used without further purification. Solvents were dried and degassed according to standard procedures. 1,2-Dichlorobenzene (ODCB) solvent was either distilled under argon in presence of CaCl_2 and store under activated 4 Å molecular sieves or purchase dry from Aldrich. Benzylamine was distilled from CaH_2 under a nitrogen atmosphere, and then stored over 3 Å molecular sieves for 2 days. 3-aminobenzylamine was sublimed under vacuum at room temperature for 12 h. ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 300 spectrometer and a Bruker Avance III HD - 500 MHz, VT NMR experiments were conducted with a Bruker Avance III – 600 MHz. ^{13}C assignments were confirmed when necessary with the use of DEPT 135 experiments. ^1H and ^{13}C -NMR spectra were referenced using the residual solvent peak (CDCl_3 : δ H = 7.26 ppm; δ C = 77.16 ppm) at 295K. Chemical shifts δ are given in ppm whereas coupling constants J are stated in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations are used to classify the multiplicity of the observed signals: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintuplet, dd = doublet from doublet, dt = doublet from triplet, m = complex multiplet or broad signal. Positive mode electrospray ionization mass spectra (ESI-MS) were recorded on microTOF, Bruker Daltonics. All manipulations were conducted under an argon atmosphere unless otherwise stated. GC-MS analyses were performed using a GC-MS Agilent 7890A-5975C with EI detector; the GC contains Agilent HP-5ms (dimethylsiloxane, 5%phenyl), #19091S-433, 30x0.25x0.32 I.D column. GC measurements were conducted using the following method: 45 °C hold for the first 2.25 min, ramp to 300 °C at 40 °C/min and hold for 8 min.

2 SYNTHESIS OF IMIDAZOLIUM SALTS

1-benzyl-3-(2-bromoethyl)-1H-imidazol-3-ium bromide (Precursor):



Precursor was synthesized according to the procedure reported in literature and all data correspond to previously reported material.² A mixture of 1-

benzylimidazole (3 g, 0.037 mmol) and 1,2-dibromobutane (40 mL, excess) was heated overnight at 85 °C. After this time a white solid is formed in the solution. Then the excess of 1,2-dibromobutane was distilled off under reduced pressure, and the solid residue was taken in 40 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The resulting suspension was filtered over Celite and the solvent was removed *under vaccuo* to give off-white solid. Yield: 98%. ¹H NMR (300MHz, DMSO) : δ 9.4 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.87 (m, 2H, CH_{imid}), 7.4 (m, 5H, CH_{benz}), 5.48 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.64 (t, *J*=6 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.96 (t, *J*=6 Hz, 2H, CH₂Br) ppm.

S-functionalized imidazolium (a-l)

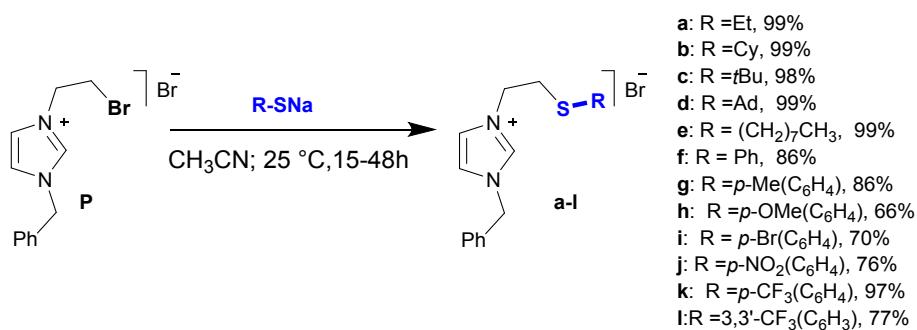


Figure S1. Imidazolium synthesis

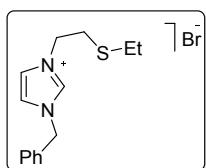
Procedure A:

1-benzyl-3-(2-bromoethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (1 equiv) was dissolved in dry acetonitrile. Then a slight excess of the appropriate thiolate salts (1.5 equiv) was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 15-48 hours at ambient temperature under argon. After this time, the solvent is removed *under vaccuo*. The solid residue was suspended in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) and filtered over celite. Finally the resulting solution is concentrated to 1-2 mL and pass through a silica plug. First elution is conducted with DCM (to eradicate the remaining trace of unreacted thiol) and the resulting filtrate is removed, then the second elution use a mixture of DCM/MeOH (90/10), then the resulting filtrate is concentrate under reduce pressure to afford the resulting compound in orange sticky oil.

Procedure B:

Appropriate thiol (1.50 equiv) was dissolved in dry acetonitrile. Sodium hydroxide (1.50 equiv) in water was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at ambient temperature. Then, the bromine precursor (1 equiv) was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15-48 h. After this time, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The solid residue was suspended in dichloromethane and filtered over celite. Finally the resulting solution is concentrated to 1-2 mL and pass through a silica plug. First elution is conducted with DCM (to eradicate the remaining trace of unreacted thiol) and the resulting filtrate is removed, then the second elution use a mixture of DCM/MeOH (90/10), then the resulting filtrate is concentrate under reduce pressure to afford the resulting compound in orange sticky oil.

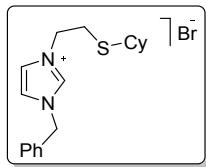
1-benzyl-3-(2-(ethylthio)ethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (a)



This imidazolium was synthesized according to the procedure reported in literature and all data correspond to previously reported material.³

Procedure A 1-benzyl-3-(2-bromoethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (2 g, 5.8 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved into a solution of sodium ethanethiolate (0.5 g, 5.8 mmol, 1 equiv) and dry acetonitrile (70 mL). Yield: 99%. ¹H NMR (300MHz, DMSO) : δ 9.34 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.84 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.83 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.42 (m, 5H, CH_{benz}), 5.46 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.37 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 2.98 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H, CH₂S), 2.5 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm.

1-benzyl-3-(2-(cyclohexylthio)ethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (b)

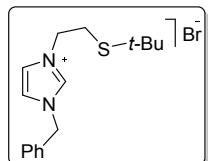


This imidazolium was synthesized according to the procedure reported in

literature and all data correspond to previously reported material.³

Procedure B cyclohexanethiol (0.1 g, 0.86 mmol, 1.5 equiv), dry acetonitrile (7 mL), sodium hydroxide (37 mg, 0.9 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 1-benzyl-3-(2-bromoethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (0.2g, 0.58 mmol, 1 equiv). Yield: 99%. ¹H NMR (300MHz, DMSO) : δ 9.34 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.84 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.83 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.45 (s, 2H, PhCH₂), 4.35 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 2.99 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H, CH₂S), 2.64 (m, 1H, SCH), 1.86-1.1 (m, 10H, CH₂) ppm.

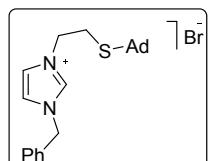
1-benzyl-3-(2-(tert-butylthio)ethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (c)



This imidazolium was synthesized according to the procedure reported in literature and all data correspond to previously reported material.³

1-benzyl-3-(2-bromoethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (2 g, 5.8 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved into a solution of sodium 2-methylpropane-2-thiolate (0.972 g, 8.66 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and dry acetonitrile (60 mL). Yield: 98%. ¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 10.79 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.45-7.39 (m, 6H, CH_{imid}, CH_{benz}), 7.2 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.56 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.57 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.09 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H, CH₂S), 1.28 (s, 9H, CH₃) ppm.

3-((2-(((1*R*,3*s*)-adamantan-1-yl)thio)ethyl)-1-benzyl-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (d)

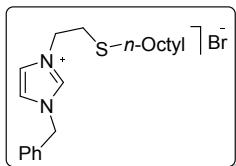


This imidazolium was synthesized according to the procedure reported in literature and all data correspond to previously reported material.³

(3*s*,5*s*,7*s*)-Adamantane-1-thiol (0.73 g, 4.34 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was dissolved into

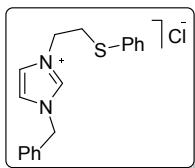
a solution of sodium hydroxide (0.17g, 4.34 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and dry acetonitrile (30 mL) was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at ambient temperature under argon. Then 1-benzyl-3-(2-bromoethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (1 g, 2.9 mmol, 1 equiv) was added, and stirring was continued for 48 hours at ambient temperature under argon. After this time, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The solid residue was suspended in CH₂Cl₂ (15 ml) and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Yield: 99%. ¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 10.75 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.45-7.39 (m, 6H, CH_{benz}, CH_{imid}), 7.11 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.56 (s, 2H, PhCH₂), 4.56 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.07 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H, CH₂S), 2-1.6 (m, 15H, H_{Ad}) ppm.

1-benzyl-3-(2-(octylthio)ethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (e)



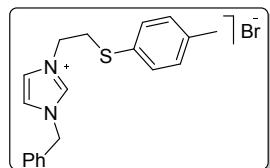
Procedure B: octane-1-thiol (0.32 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.4 equiv), sodium hydroxide (87 mg, 2.2 mmol, 1.4 equiv), dry acetonitrile (7 mL) and 1-benzyl-3-(2-bromoethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (0.5 g, 1.4 mmol, 1 equiv). Yield: 99%. ¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 10.74 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.47-7.38 (m, 6H, CH_{imid}, CH_{benz}), 7.16 (m, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.54 (s, 2H, PhCH₂), 4.60 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.04 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H, CH₂S), 2.55 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H, SCH₂), 1.53 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.35-1.17 (m, 10H, CH₂), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 137.6 (CH_{imid}), 133 (C_{benz}), 129.6 (CH_{benz}), 129.57 (2xCH_{benz}), 129 (2xCH_{benz}), 122.9 (CH_{imid}), 121.5 (CH_{imid}), 53.6 (PhCH₂), 49.6 (NCH₂), 32.5 (CH₂S), 32.4 (SCH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.3 (2xCH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.2 (CH₃). FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 2918s, 2850m, 1554s, 1464s, 1365w, 1175m, 1143vs, 1085w, 745s, 716vs, 640vs, 475m. MS (ESI): m/z, calcd for [C₂₀H₃₁N₂S]⁺ calculated 331.22, found 331.22.

1-benzyl-3-(2-(phenylthio)ethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium chloride (f)



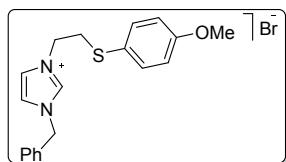
This imidazolium was synthesized according to the procedure reported in literature and all data correspond to previously reported material.⁴ Benzylimidazole (1.43 g, 9.06 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloroethyl phenyl sulfide (1.34 ml, 9.06 mmol, 1 equiv). Yield: 99% ¹H NMR (300MHz, DMSO) : δ 9.32 (m, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.81 (m, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.77 (m, 1H, H_{imid}), 7.43-7.23 (m, 10H, CH_{benz}), 5.4 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.39 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.5 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H, SCH₂) ppm.

1-benzyl-3-(2-(*p*-tolylthio)ethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (g)



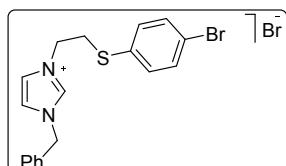
Procedure B: 4-methylbenzenethiol (0.27 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.4 equiv), sodium hydroxide (87 mg, 2.2 mmol, 1.4 equiv), dried acetonitrile (7 mL) and 1-benzyl-3-(2-bromoethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (0.5 g, 1.4 mmol, 1 equiv). Yield: 86%. ¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 10.92 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.43 (m, 5H, CH_{benz}), 7.25 (m, 2H, CH_{aro}), 7.22 (m, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.11 (m, 2H, CH_{aro}), 6.99 (m, 2H, CH_{imid}), 5.49 (s, 2H, PhCH₂), 4.53 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.47 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H, CH₂S) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 137.8 (CH_{imid}), 137.4 (C_{benz}), 132.9 (C_{Ar}), 131.2 (2xCH_{benz}), 130.4 (2xCH_{benz}), 129.7 (C_{Ar}), 129.6 (2xCH_{Ar}), 129.5 (CH_{benz}), 129.2 (2xCH_{Ar}), 123 (CH_{imid}), 121.5 (CH_{imid}), 53.6 (PhCH₂), 49.3 (NCH₂), 35.1 (SCH₂), 21.2 (PhCH₃) ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 2950m, 1552m, 1493m, 1452m, 1404m, 1173m, 1148s, 842w, 815s, 747s, 718vs, 635s, 502s, 475m. MS (ESI): m/z, calcd for [C₁₉H₂₁N₂S]⁺ calculated 309.14, found 309.14.

1-benzyl-3-(2-((4-bromophenyl)thio)ethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (h)



Procedure B: 4-bromobzenethiol (0.41 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.6 equiv), sodium hydroxide (87 mg, 2.2 mmol, 1.6 equiv), dried acetonitrile (7 mL) and 1-benzyl-3-(2-bromoethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (0.5 g, 1.4 mmol, 1 equiv). Yield: 70%. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.75 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.47-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.08 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.53 (s, 2H, PhCH_2), 4.49 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H, NCH_2), 3.79 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.38 (m, 2H, t, $J = 5.9$ Hz, SCH_2) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.82 ($C\text{-OMe}$), 137.54 (CH_{imid}), 134.09 (2x CH_{Ar}), 132.82 (C_{Benz}), 129.73 (CH_{benz}), 129.63 (2x CH_{benz}), 129.19 (2x CH_{benz}), 123.31 (C-S), 122.84 (CH_{imid}), 121.46 (CH_{imid}), 115.30 (2x CH_{Ar}), 55.57 (OMe), 53.58 (PhCH_2), 49.32 (NCH_2), 36.23 ($\text{CH}_2\text{-S}$) ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm $^{-1}$: 1589m, 1552m, 1493s, 1246s, 1176s, 1147s, 1029s, 824s, 720s, 638s, 529m, 474m. MS (ESI): m/z, [M] $^+$ 325.14 (81), 139.0 (100).

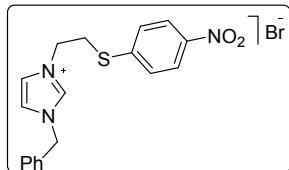
1-benzyl-3-(2-((4-bromophenyl)thio)ethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (i)



Procedure B: 4-bromobzenethiol (0.41 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.6 equiv), sodium hydroxide (87 mg, 2.2 mmol, 1.6 equiv), dried acetonitrile (7 mL) and 1-benzyl-3-(2-bromoethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (0.5 g, 1.4 mmol, 1 equiv). Yield: 70%. ^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 10.97 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.42 (m, 5H, CH_{benz}), 7.39 (m, 2H, CH_{aro}), 7.25 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.22 (m, 1H, CH_{imid}), 6.98 (m, 2H, CH_{imid}), 5.49 (s, 2H, PhCH_2), 4.62 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H, NCH_2), 3.57 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H, CH_2S) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 138.1 (CH_{imid}), 132.8 (S-C_{Ar}), 132.6 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 131.9 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 129.8 (CH_{benz}), 129.7 (2 x CH_{benz}), 129.2 (2 x CH_{benz}), 123 (CH_{imid}), 121.4 (Br-C_{Ar}), 121.2 (CH_{imid}), 53.7 (PhCH_2),

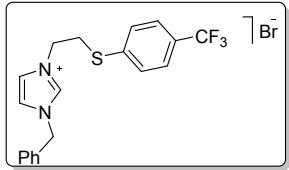
49.6 (NCH₂), 34.5 (SCH₂) ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 3000br, 1552s, 1457s, 1148s, 1088m, 818vs, 750s, 718vs, 635vs, 506s, 485m. MS (ESI): m/z, calcd for [C₁₈H₁₈N₂SBr]⁺ calculated 373.04, found 373.04.

1-benzyl-3-(2-((4-nitrophenyl)thio)ethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (j)



Procedure B: 4-nitrobenzenethiol (0.33g, 2 mmol, 1.4 equiv), sodium hydroxide (85 mg, 2 mmol, 1.4 equiv), dried acetonitrile (7 mL) and 1-benzyl-3-(2-bromoethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (0.5 g, 1.4 mmol, 1 equiv). Yield: 76%. ¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 10.99 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 8.11 (m, 2H, CH_{aro}), 7.47 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.4 (m, 5H, CH_{benz}), 7.32 (m, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7 (m, 2H, CH_{imid}), 5.44 (s, 2H, PhCH₂), 4.71 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.78 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H, CH₂S) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 153.05 (CH_{imid}) 145.88 (NO₂-CH_{Ar}), 145.53 (S-C_{Ar}), 136.74 (C_{Ar}), 131.5 (C_{benz}), 128.94 (2 x CH_{benz}), 128.05 (CH_{benz}), 128.00 (2 x CH_{benz}), 126.7 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 124.2 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 110.99 (CH_{imid}), 110.45 (CH_{imid}), 47.3 (PhCH₂), 43.5 (NCH₂), 31.0 (SCH₂). FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 2980br, 1596m, 1554m, 1515vs, 1450m, 1340vs, 1170m, 1105m, 852s, 837s, 718vs, 635vs, 523m. MS (ESI): m/z, calcd for [C₁₈H₁₈N₃O₂S]⁺ calculated 340.11, found 340.11.

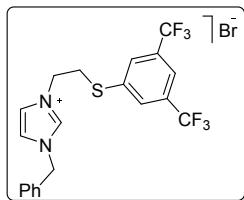
1-benzyl-3-(2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)ethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (k)



Procedure B: 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenethiol (0.154 g, 0.86 mmol, 1.5 equiv), sodium hydroxide (35 mg, 0.86 mmol, 1.5 equiv), dried acetonitrile (8 mL) and 1-benzyl-3-(2-bromoethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (0.2 g, 0.577 mmol, 1 equiv). Yield: 97%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.06 (s, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.36 (m, 7H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 6.93 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.43 (s, 2H, PhCH₂), 4.66 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.70

(m, 2H, t, J = 6. Hz, SCH₂) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.05 (C-S), 137.72 (CH_{imid}), 132.54 (C_{benz}), 129.85(CH_{benz}), 129.69 (2xCH_{Ar}), 129.13 (2xCH_{benz}), 128.85 (2xCH_{benz}), 128.80 (q, $^2J_{CF}$ = 32.7 Hz, C_{Ar}), 126.27 (q, $^3J_{CF}$ = 3.7 Hz, 2xCH_{Ar}), 123.98 (d, $^1J_{CF}$ = 272.0 Hz, CF₃), 123.16 (CH_{imid}), 121.23 (CH_{imid}), 53.74 (PhCH₂), 49.50 (NCH₂), 33.23 (SCH₂) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.57 ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 1604m, 1557m, 1497w, 1401w, 1326s, 11154s, 1120s, 1107s, 1091s, 1060s, 1011m, 833m, 711s, 646ms, 591w, 472wm. MS (ESI): m/z, [M]⁺ 363.11 (100), 205.03 (18).

1-benzyl-3-((3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)ethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (I)



Procedure B: 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl) benzene thiol (0.213 g, 0.86 mmol, 1.5 equiv), sodium hydroxide (35 mg, 086 mmol, 1.5 equiv), dried acetonitrile (8 mL) and 1-benzyl-3-(2-bromoethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium bromide (0.2 g, 0.577 mmol, 1 equiv)Yield:77%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.86 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 3H), 7.41 (s, J = 13.7 Hz, 5H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 2H), 4.75 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.75 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H, SCH₂) ppm. . ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.06 (C-S), 138.03 (CH_{imid}), 132.75 (q, $^2J_{CF}$ = 33.6 Hz, C_{Ar}), 132.39 (C_{benz}), 129.92 (s), 129.73 (CH_{benz}), 129.12 (2xCH_{benz}), 128.91 (2xCH_{benz}), 128.78 (m, 2xCH_{Ar}), 122.97 (CH_{imid}), 122.90 (q, $^1J_{CF}$ = 272.0 Hz, 2 x CF₃), 121.34 (CH_{imid}), 53.92 (PhCH₂), 49.17 (NCH₂), 33.98 (SCH₂). ppm ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.94 ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 1551w, 1349m, 1276s, 1168m, 1119s, 879m, 843m, 819m, 711s, 696ms, 679, 472wm. MS (ESI): m/z, [M]⁺ 431.10 (100).

3 SYNTHESIS OF [(NHC)Ru(*p*-cym)Cl][PF₆] COMPLEXES

General procedure

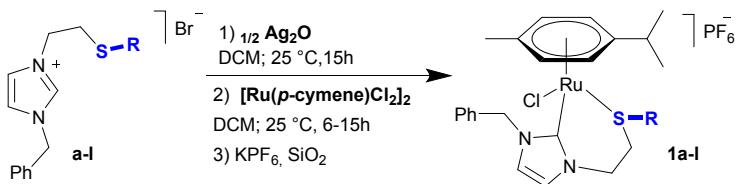
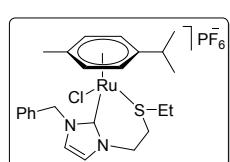


Figure S2. Ruthenium NHCs complexes synthesis

A solution of appropriate imidazolium (2 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ was treated with a slight excess of Ag₂O (1.3 equiv). The resulting suspension was stirred in the dark (flask wrapped with aluminum foil) for 15 h under argon to generate the silver carbene intermediate. After this time, the solution was filtered over a pad of celite to remove residual solids and concentrated to 2-4 mL. This silver solution is then added to a solution of [RuCl₂(*η*⁶-*p*-cymene)]₂ (1 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂. A precipitate is directly formed and the resulting red mixture is stirred for 5 h in the dark, at room temperature, under argon. After this time, the solution is filtered through celite and concentrate to 2-4mL, and then excess of KPF₆ was added and the solution stirred for 15 min. Finally, the solution is deposited on a silica column for chromatographic separation using a DCM/Acetone (1/1). Filtrate containing the complex is evaporated to dryness and retaken in DCM. The resulting suspension was filtered over Celite and the solvent was removed *under vaccuo* to give desired compound as red to orange solids.

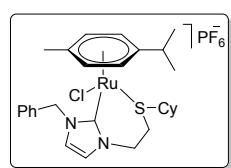
Complex **1a** :



The general procedure was used with imidazolium **a** (0.1 g, 2 equiv), Ag₂O (0.035 g, 1.3 equiv) and [Ru(*p*-cym)Cl₂]₂ (0.089 g, 1 equiv). Yield: 90% (135mg). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 7.30-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 6.90 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.77 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.68 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 5.59 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.52 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.38-5.46 (m, 2H, NCH₂ + CH_{cym}), 4.47-4.55 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 3.75 (t, *J* = 13 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 3.26 (br, 1H, SCH₂), 2.90 (br, 1H, SCH₂CH₃), 2.70-2.82 (m, 1H, CHMe₂), 2.46 (br, 1H, SCH₂CH₃), 2.09 (br, 1H, SCH₂), 2.04 (s, 3H, CH₃cym),

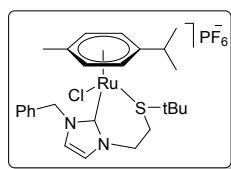
1.20-1.34 (m, 6H, 2 x CH_3) and 1.14 (d, $J = 7$ Hz, 3H, CH_{3cym}) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.8 (Ru-C), 136.2 (C_{Ar}), 129.3 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 128.67 (CH_{Ar}), 128.08 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 124.3 (CH_{imid}), 123.1 (CH_{imid}), 113.5 (C_{cym}), C_{cym} around 100 ppm not observed, 89.62 and 88.57 (4 x CH_{cym}), 54.4 (NCH_2), 48.5 (NCH_2CH_2), 32.1 (SCH_2), 30.81 ($CHMe_2$), 30.17 (SCH_2CH_3), 23.8 (CH_{3cym}), 20.9 (CH_{3cym}), 18.2 (CH_{3cym}) and 12.4 (CH_3CH_2S) ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/ cm^{-1} : 1456w, 1418w, 1238w, 1160w, 1052w, 1032w, 831s, 724m, 692m, 555s. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[C_{24}H_{32}ClN_2RuS]^{+}$ calculated 517.0994, found 517.1015.

Complex 1b :



The general procedure was used with imidazolium **b** (0.1 g, 2 equiv), Ag_2O (0.037 g, 1.3 equiv) and $[Ru(p\text{-}cym)Cl_2]_2$ (0.080 g, 1 equiv). Yield: 60% (112 mg). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.47-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 6.89 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.77-5.58 (m, 3H, $PhCH_2$, CH_{cym}), 5.58-5.35 (m, 3H, $PhCH_2$, CH_{cym}), 4.60-4.47 (m, 1H, NCH_2), 3.81-3.60 (m, 1H, NCH_2), 3.32-3.11 (m, 2H, $CH_2S + CH_{cym}$), 2.68 (m, 1H, CH_{3cym}), 2.21-2.18 (m, 1H, CH_2S) 2.12 (s, 3H, CH_{3cym}), 1.79 (m, 3H, CH_2Cy), 1.50-1.23 (m, 7H, CH_2Cy), 1.21 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.09 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (400MHz, $CDCl_3$) : 168.3 (Ru-C), 136.1 (C_{benz}), 129.4 (2x CH_{benz}), 128.7 (CH_{benz}), 128 (2x CH_{benz}), 124.3 (CH_{imid}), 123.1 (CH_{imid}), 111.8 (C_{cym}), 104.3 (C_{cym}), 90 (CH_{cym}), 89.4 (CH_{cym}), 88.7 (CH_{cym}), 87.5 (CH_{cym}), 54.5 ($PhCH_2$), 48.3 (NCH_2), 44.6 (CH_2S), 44.3 (CH_{Cy}), 31.5 (CH_2Cy), 30.7 ($CH(CH_3)_2$), 30.3 (CH_2Cy), 29.4 (CH_2Cy), 25.7 (CH_2Cy), 25.6(CH_2Cy), 23.9 ($CH(CH_3)_2$), 21.3 ($CH(CH_3)_2$), 18.1 (CH_3) ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/ cm^{-1} : 3000br, 1447m, 1406m, 1236m, 1053m, 912m, 832vs, 723vs, 643w. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[C_{28}H_{39}ClN_2RuS\text{-}H]^{+}$ calculated 571.1566, found 571.1514.

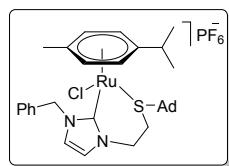
Complex 1c :



The general procedure was used with imidazolium **c** (0.1g, 2 equiv), Ag_2O (0.033 g, 1 equiv) and $[Ru(p\text{-}cym)Cl_2]_2$ (0.086 g, 1 equiv). Yield: 82% (159 mg). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.43-7.14 (m, CH_{benz} , 5H) overlap with $CDCl_3$ pick, 6.90 (d,

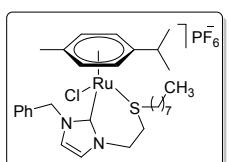
J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.77-5.59 (m, 3H, PhCH₂, CH_{cym}), 5.44- 5.32 (m, 3H, PhCH₂, CH_{cym}), 4.59 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 3.78-3.57 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H, CH₂S), 2.71 (dt, *J* = 13.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}(CH₂)₂), 2.39 (t, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂S), 2.09 (s, 3H, CH_{3cym}), 1.46 (s, 9H, St-Bu), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH_{3cym}), 1.09 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH_{3cym}) ppm. ¹³C NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): 168.1 (Ru-C), 136.4 (C_{benz}), 129.3 (2xCH_{benz}), 128.56 (CH_{benz}), 127.9 (2xCH_{benz}), 124.5 (CH_{imid}), 123.4 (CH_{imid}), 113.5 (C_{cym}), 104 (C_{cym}), 90 (CH_{cym}), 89.7 (CH_{cym}), 89 (CH_{cym}), 87.7 (CH_{cym}), 54.3 (PhCH₂), 52.2 (S-C(CH₃)₃), 48.3 (NCH₂), 30.7 (CH(CH₃)₂), 29.6 (3xCH₃), 27.6 (CH₂S), 23.6 (CH(CH₃)₂), 21.2 (CH(CH₃)₂), 18.0 (CH₃) ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 1456m, 1406m, 1366w, 1236m, 1161m, 1057w, 1032w, 728s, 694s. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₃₀H₄₄ClN₂RuS]⁺ calculated 545.1331, found 545.1329.

Complex 1d :



The general procedure was used with imidazolium **d** (0.1g, 2 equiv), Ag₂O (0.027 g, 1 equiv) and [Ru(*p*-cym)Cl₂]₂ (0.071 g, 1 equiv). Yield: 45% (115 mg). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46-7.27 (m, 5H, CH_{benz}), 7.24 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, CH_{imid}), 6.95 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.71-5.59 (m, 3H, CH_{cym} + PhCH₂), 5.48-5.30 (m, 3H, CH_{cym} + PhCH₂), 4.63-4.60 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 3.83-3.72 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H, CH₂S), 2.76 (m, 1H, C_{cym}H(CH₂)₂), 2.45 (m, 1H, CH₂S), 2.11 (m, 12H, CH_{3cym} + CH_{2Ad}), 1.76-1.62 (m, 6H, CH₃, CH_{Ad}), 1.22 (d, *J* = 7Hz, 3H, C_{cym}H(CH₂)₂), 1.14 (d, *J*= 7Hz, 3H, C_{cym}H(CH₂)₂) ppm. ¹³C NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): 165 (Ru-C), 136.3 (C_{benz}), 129.3 (2xCH_{benz}), 128.5 (CH_{benz}), 127.7 (2xCH_{benz}), 124.4 (CH_{imid}), 123.2 (CH_{imid}), 113.4 (C_{cym}), undetected (C_{cym}), 96 (CH_{cym}), 89.7 (CH_{cym}), 88.8 (CH_{cym}), 87.2 (CH_{cym}), 54.9 (PhCH₂), 48.2 (SC_{Ad}), 41.4 (NCH₂), 35.9 (CH_{2Ad}), 30.4 (CH_{2CAd}), 30.3 (CH_{2CAd}), 24.8 (CH(CH₃)₂), 23.4 (CH₂S), 21.2 (CH(CH₃)₂), 17.9 (CH₃) ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 2908m, 2852m, 1455m 1408m, 1231m, 1034s, 832vs, 694vs, 575w. MS (ESI): m/z, calcd for [C₃₂H₄₃ClN₂RuS]⁺ calculated 624.21, found 623.18.

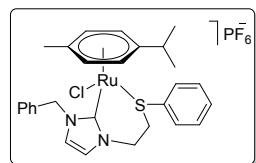
Complex 1e :



The general procedure was used with imidazolium **e** (0.1g, 2 equiv), Ag₂O (0.028 g, 1 equiv) and [Ru(*p*-cym)Cl₂]₂ (0.074 g, 1 equiv). Yield: 64% (116 mg). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ

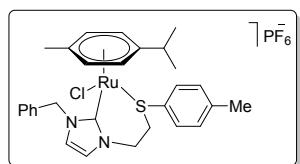
7.43-7.31 (m, 5H, CH_{benz}), 7.20 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 6.92 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.77 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.67 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.52 (s, 2H, PhCH₂), 5.48-5.40 (m, 2H, CH_{cym}), 4.52 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 3.79 (t (br), *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 3.28 (br, 1H, CH₂S), 2.96- 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.36 (br, 1H, CH₂S), 2.04 (s, 3H, CH_{3cym}), 1.71 (br, 1H, CH₂), 1.48- 1.19 (m, 14H, CH_{3cym} + CH₂), 1.24 (d, *J* = 7Hz, 3H, C_{cym}H(CH₂)₂), 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH_{3cym}), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm. ¹³C NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) : 168.9 (Ru-C), 136.2 (C_{benz}), 129.4 (2xCH_{benz}), 128.7 (CH_{benz}), 128.0 (2xCH_{benz}), 124.3 (CH_{imid}), 123.1 (CH_{imid}), 113.9 (C_{cym}), 104.9 (C_{cym}), 90.3 (CH_{cym}), 89.4 (CH_{cym}), 88.8 (CH_{cym}), 87.1 (CH_{cym}), 54.5 (PhCH₂), 48.7 (NCH₂), 32.6 (CH₂S), 31.9 (CH₂), 30.81 (CH), 29.22 (CH₂), 29.19 (CH₂), 28.7 (CH₂ x 2) 27.4 (CH₂S), 23.8 (CH(CH₃)₂), 22.8 (CH₂CH₃), 21.1 (CH(CH₃)₂), 18.2 (CH₃), 14.2 (CH₂CH₃) ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 2950m, 2800m, 1457m, 1406m, 1231m, 1073m, 832vs, 720vs, 575w. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₃₀H₄₄ClN₂RuS]⁺ calculated 601.1957, found 601.1956.

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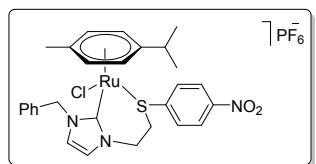
The general procedure was used with imidazolium **f** (0.1 g, 2 equiv), Ag₂O (0.038 g, 1.3 equiv) and [Ru(*p*-cym)Cl₂)₂] (0.078 g, 1 equiv). Yield: 73% (132 mg). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) : δ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.44-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.68 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 5.50 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 5.44 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.29 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.12 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.05 (br, 1H, CH_{cym}), 4.77 (dt, *J* = 15, 3 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 4.28 (t, *J* = 13 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 3.53 (d, *J* = 14 Hz, 1H, SCH₂), 2.93-2.73 (m, 2H, SCH₂ + CHMe₂), 1.97 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.19 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H, CH₃) and 1.03 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4 (Ru-C), 136.2 (C_{Bn}), not observed (S-C_{Ar}), 130.8 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 130.3 (CH_{Ar}), 130.2 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 129.4 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 128.8 (CH_{Ar}), 127.96 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 124.1 (CH_{imid}), 123.7 (CH_{imid}), 115.7 (C_{cym}), 101.4 (C_{cym}), 90.9, 89.9, 87.7 and 84.3 (4 x CH_{cym}), 54.6 (N-CH₂), 50.6 (N-CH₂CH₂), 35.5 (S-CH₂), 30.7 (CHMe₂), 23.9 (CH₃), 20.4 (CH₃), and 18.2 (CH₃) ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 3000w, 1456m, 1237m, 1152m, 1082m, 832s, 721s, 686m, 555s. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₂₈H₃₂ClN₂RuS]⁺ calculated 565.1035, found 565.1016.

Complex 1g :



The general procedure was used with imidazolium **g** (0.1 g, 2 equiv), Ag₂O (0.037 g, 1.3 equiv) and [Ru(*p*-cym)2)₂] (0.074 g, 1 equiv). Yield: 95% (167 mg). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) : δ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26-7.47 (m, 11H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.69 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 5.48 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 5.42 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.24 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.16 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.04 (br, 1H, CH_{cym}), 4.74 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 4.24 (t, *J* = 14 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 3.44 (d, *J* = 14 Hz, 1H, SCH₂), 2.71-2.90 (m, 2H, SCH₂ + CHMe₂), 2.38 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.95 (s, 3H, CH_{3cym}), 1.19 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H, CH_{3cym}) and 1.03 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H, CH_{3cym}) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3 (Ru-C), 141.3 (C_{Ar-Me}), 136.2 (C_{Bn}), 130.87 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 130.21 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 129.30 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 128.71 (CH_{Ar}), 128.08 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 124.1 (CH_{imid}), 123.6 (CH_{imid}), 115.5 (C_{cym}), 101.2 (C_{cym}), 90.9, 89.9, 87.8 and 84.4 (4 x CH_{cym}), 54.6 (N-CH₂), 50.5 (N-CH₂CH₂), 35.7 (S-CH₂), 30.7 (CHMe₂), 23.9 (CH_{3cym}), 21.5 (CH₃), 20.3 (CH_{3cym}) and 18.2 (CH_{3cym}) ppm; not observed (S-C_{Ar}). FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 1456m, 1419m, 1236m, 1151w, 1050w, 832s, 727m, 693m, 555s. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₂₉H₃₄ClN₂RuS]⁺ calculated 579.1205, found 579.1173.

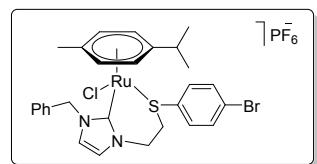
Complex 1h :



The general procedure was used with imidazolium **h** (0.1 g, 2 equiv), Ag₂O (0.034 g, 1.3 equiv) and [Ru(*p*-cym)2)₂] (0.069 g, 1 equiv). Yield: 96% (165 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.28-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.69 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 5.60-5.57 (m, 2H, CH_{cym}), 5.42 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.38 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.33 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 4.70 (dt, *J* = 15, 3 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 4.10-4.00 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 3.66 (dt, *J* = 13, 2 Hz, 1H, SCH₂), 2.89-2.72 (m, 2H, SCH₂ + CHMe₂), 2.03 (s, 3H, CH_{3cym}), 1.22 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H, CH_{3cym}) and 1.08 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H, CH_{3cym}) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ = 169.4 (Ru-C), 149.1 (C_{Ar-NO₂}), 136.6 (C_{Bn}), 132.6 (2 x CH_{Ar-NO₂}), 129.8 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 129.3 (CH_{Ar}), 128.4 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 124.7 (CH_{imid}), 124.5 (2 x CH_{Ar-NO₂}), 124.3 (CH_{imid}), 116.0 (C_{cym}), 103.7 (C_{cym}), 91.21,

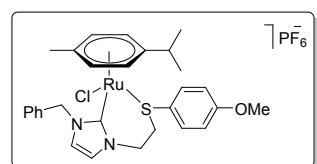
89.6, 89.2 and 86.3 (4 x CH_{cym}), 55.0 (N- CH_2), 49.5 (N- CH_2CH_2), 35.5(S- CH_2), 31.5 ($CHMe_2$), 23.8 (CH_3cym), 21.2 (CH_3cym) and 18.7 (CH_3cym) ppm; not observed (S- C_{Ar}). FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 1517m, 1454w, 1416w, 1344m, 1229w, 1214w, 1153w, 1055w, 831s, 721s, 690m, 555s. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₂₈H₃₁ClN₂RuS]⁺ calculated 610.0810, found 610.0867.

Complex 1i :



The general procedure was used with imidazolium **i** (0.1 g, 2 equiv), Ag₂O (0.025 g, 1.3 equiv) and [Ru(*p*-cym)Cl₂)₂] (0.064 g, 1 equiv). Yield: 97% (160 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 3H, CH_{Ar} + CH_{imid}), 7.22 (br, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.73 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 5.52 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.39 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 5.28 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), other CH_{cym} signals are overlap by solvent peak, 4.69 (dt, *J* = 15, 3 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 4.08 (t, *J* = 14 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 3.54 (dt, *J* = 14, 3 Hz, 1H, SCH₂), 2.83-2.75 (m, 2H, SCH₂ + CHMe₂), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH_{3cym}), 1.23 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H) and 1.07 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H, CH_{3cym}) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ = 169.8 (Ru-C), 136.7 (C_{Ar}), 133.2 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 132.9 (S-C_{Ar}), 129.7 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 129.2 (CH_{Ar}), 128.4 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 125.5 (2 x CH_{Ar} ou C-Br), 124.6 (CH_{imid}), 124.1 (CH_{imid}), 115.8 (C_{cym}), 103.0 (C_{cym}), 91.1, 90.1, 88.9 and 85.8 (4 x CH_{cym}), 55.0 (N- CH_2), other N- CH_2 signal overlap by solvent peak, 36.0 (S- CH_2), 31.4 (CH_{3cym}), 23.9 (CH_{cym}), 20.9 (CH_{3cym}), 18.7 (CH_{3cym}) ppm; signal (Br-C_{Ar} ou CH_{Ar}) not observed. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 1455w, 1419w, 1405w, 1419w, 1234w, 1151w, 1070w, 1007m, 834s, 728m, 693m, 555s. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₂₈H₃₁BrClN₂RuS]⁺ calculated 645.0069, found 645.0108.

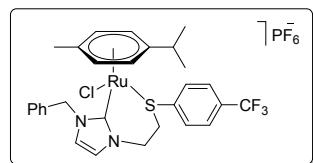
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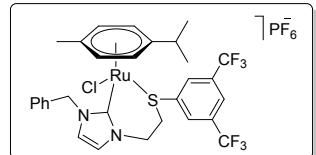
δ = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 6.99 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.67 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 5.52 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 5.44 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.31 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.19-4.98 (m broad, 2H, CH_{cym}), 4.77-4.68 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 4.29 (t, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 3.85 (s, 2H, OCH₃), 3.46 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H, SCH₂), 2.86-2.75 (m, 2H, NCH₂ + CHMe₂), 1.97 (s, 3H, CH_{3cym}), 1.20 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH_{3cym}), 1.04 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH_{3cym}) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.84 (Ru-C), 161.52 (O-C_{Ar}), 136.25 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 132.17 (C_{Bn}), 129.40 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 128.80 (CH_{Ar}), 127.87 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 124.01(CH_{imid}), 123.65 (CH_{imid}), 115.67 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 115.47 (C_{cym}), 101.18 (C_{cym}), 91.09, 90.21, 87.58 and 84.10 (4 x CH_{cym}), 55.76 (OCH₃), 54.66 (N-CH₂), 50.64 (N-CH₂CH₂), 36.40 (S-CH₂), 30.76 (CHMe₂), 23.96 (CH_{3cym}), 20.3 (CH_{3cym}), and 18.2 (CH_{3cym}) ppm; not observed (S-C_{Ar}). FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 1495m, 1456m, 1417w, 1251m, 1177w, 1025w, 829s, 725m, 693m, 555s. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₂₉H₃₄ClN₂ORuS]⁺ calculated 595.1122, found 595.1119.

Complex 1k :



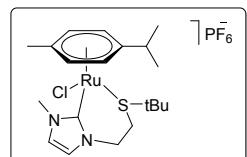
The general procedure was used with imidazolium **k** (0.05 g, 2 equiv), Ag₂O (0.016 g, 1.3 equiv) and [Ru(*p*-cym)Cl₂)₂] (0.033 g, 1 equiv). Yield: 88% (73 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.303-7.58 (m, 5H, CH_{Ar}), 7.27 aromatic proton overlap with CDCl₃ pick, 7.32 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.03 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.67 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 5.53 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.48 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 5.45 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.34 (br, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.17 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 4.77 (dt, J = 15.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 4.24 (t, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 3.66 (dt, J = 13.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H, SCH₂), 2.73-2.92 (m, 2H, SCH₂ + CHMe₂), 2.02 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.22 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.07 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.35 (C-Ru), 136.08 (C_{Bn}), 132.54 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.9 Hz, C_{Ar}) 131.42 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 129.46 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 128.95 (CH_{Ar}), 127.78 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 126.71 (d, ³J_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz, 2 x CH_{Ar}), 124.21 (CH_{imid}), 123.85 (CH_{imid}), 123.49 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 271.0 Hz, CF₃), 115.87 (C_{cym}), 102.40 (C_{cym}), 90.59 (CH_{cym}), 90.07 (CH_{cym}), 87.80 (CH_{cym}), 84.73 (CH_{cym}), 54.60 (N-CH₂), 50.03 (N-CH₂CH₂), 35.53 (CHMe₂), 30.85 (S-CH₂), 23.68 (CH₃), 20.78 (CH₃), 18.29 (CH₃) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.06 (CF₃), -72.32 (d, ²J_{P-F} = 713 Hz, PF₆) ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 142w, 1324m, 1235m, 1167m, 1127m, 1062m, 827s, 730s, 692m, 555s. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₂₉H₃₁ClF₃N₂RuS]⁺ calculated 633.0891, found 633.0873.

Complex 11 :



The general procedure was used with imidazolium **I** (0.028 g, 2 equiv), Ag₂O (0.008 g, 1.3 equiv) and [Ru(*p*-cym)2)₂] (0.016 g, 1 equiv). Yield: 90% (40 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.32 (s, 2H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 2H, CH_{imid} + CH_{Ar}), 7.01 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.93 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.73-5.63 (m, 3H, 2 x CH_{cym} + CH_{2Bn}), 5.45 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.33 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{2Bn}), 4.75 (dt, *J* = 15.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 4.08 (ddd, *J* = 15.3, 12.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 3.86 (dt, *J* = 13.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H, SCH₂), 2.86 (dt, *J* = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 2.72 (td, *J* = 12.9, 3.3 Hz, 1H, SCH₂), 2.06 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.25 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.15 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.02 (Ru-C), 135.82 (S-C_{Ar}), 132.55 (C_{Ar}), 132.14 (q, ²*J*_{CF} = 34.0 Hz, 2 x C-CF₃), 132.09 (CH_{Ar}), 129.37 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 128.88 (CH_{Ar}), 128.02 (2 x CH_{Ar}), 124.43 (CH_{imid}), 123.96 (CH_{imid}), 122.62 (q, ¹*J*_{CF} = 274.3 Hz, 2 x CF₃), 115.99 (C_{cym}), 103.87 (C_{cym}), 92.36 (CH_{cym}), 89.57 (CH_{cym}), 87.81 (CH_{cym}), 85.24 (CH_{cym}), 54.44 (N-CH₂), 48.75 (N-CH₂CH₂), 36.34 (S-CH₂), 30.97 (CH_{cym}), 23.21 (CH₃), 21.43 (CH₃), 18.47 (CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.98 (CF₃), -72.34 (d, *J*_{P-F} = 713 Hz, PF₆) ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 1406w, 1351m, 1276s, 1236w, 1182m, 1133s, 1096m, 829s, 726m, 695m, 680m, 556s. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₃₀H₃₀ClF₆N₂RuS]⁺ calculated 701.0765, found 701.0717.

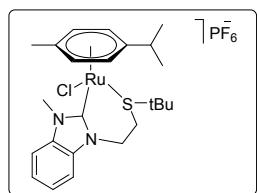
Complex 4 :



The general procedure was used with appropriate imidazolium (0.1 g, 2 equiv), Ag₂O (0.051 g, 1.3 equiv) and [Ru(*p*-cym)2)₂] (0.104 g, 1 equiv). Yield: 82% (180 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 7.12 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{imid}), 5.80-5.72 (m, 2H, CH_{cym}), 5.50 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.42 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 4.57 (ddd, *J* = 15.2, 4.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 3.95 (s, 1H, NCH₃), 3.70 (ddd, *J* = 15.0, 12.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 3.08 (ddd, *J* = 11.9, 4.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H, SCH₂), 2.79 – 2.69 (m, 1H, CH_{cym}), 2.36 (td, *J* = 12.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H, NCH₂), 2.14 (s, 1H, CH_{3cym}), 1.43 (s, 9H, S-tBu), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH_{3cym}), 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH_{3cym}) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.16 (Ru-C), 124.50 (CH_{imid}), 124.19 (CH_{imid}), 113.23 (C_{cym}), 104.87 (C_{cym}), 90.54 (CH_{cym}), 89.67

(CH_{cym}), 88.88 (CH_{cym}), 87.21 (CH_{cym}), 52.21 (C_{tBu}), 48.24 (N-CH₂), 38.82 (N-CH₃), 30.67 (CH_{cym}), 29.63 (CH_{3tBu}), 27.57 (S-CH₂), 23.60 (CH_{3cym}), 21.19 (CH_{3cym}), 18.16 (CH_{3cym}) ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 2961w, 1462m, 1240m, 1161m, 1083m, 872s, 732s, 687m, 567s. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₂₀H₃₂ClN₂RuS]⁺ calculated 469.1018, found 469.1000.

Complex 5 :



The general procedure was used with appropriate benzimidazolium (0.1 g, 2 equiv), Ag₂O (0.051 g, 1.3 equiv) and [Ru(*p*-cym)Cl₂]₂ (0.104 g, 1 equiv). Yield: 82% (180 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H, CH_{Benzimid}), 7.51-7.46 (m, 1H, CH_{Benzimid}), 7.43-7.36 (m, 2H, CH_{Benzimid}), 5.86 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.81 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.66 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.55 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{cym}), 5.01-5.04 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 4.15 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 3.87-3.77 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H, SCH₂), 2.88-2.77 (m, 1H, CH_{cym}), 2.33 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 10.1 Hz, 1H, SCH₂), 2.13 (s, 3H, CH_{3cym}), 1.41 (s, 9H, S-tBu), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH_{3cym}), 1.08 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH_{3cym}) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.12 (Ru-C), 135.64 (C_{Ar}), 134.16 (C_{Ar}), 124.38 (CH_{Ar}), 124.27 (CH_{Ar}), 114.76 (C_{cym}), 110.65 (CH_{Ar}), 110.10 (CH_{Ar}), 105.46 (C_{cym}), 90.99 (CH_{cym}), 90.02 (CH_{cym}), 89.85 (CH_{cym}), 88.17 (CH_{cym}), 52.50 (C_{tBu}), 44.03 (N-CH₂), 35.79 (N-CH₃), 30.69 (CH_{cym}), 29.56 (CH_{3tBu}), 27.49 (S-CH₂), 23.40 (CH_{3cym}), 21.42 (CH_{3cym}), 18.27(CH_{3cym}) ppm. FTIR: ν max(pure, diamond orbit)/cm⁻¹: 2930w, 1456m, 1396m, 1203m, 1162m, 1092w, 830s, 745s, 556s. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for [C₂₄H₃₄ClN₂RuS]⁺ calculated 519.1172, found 519.1154.

4 VARIABLE TEMPERATURE ^1H -NMR EXPERIMENTS

Procedure:

In a NMR tube 5 mg of complex **1c** were dissolved in the desired deuterated solvent. Then variable temperature NMR experiments were conducted on a Spectromètre Bruker Avance III – 600 MHz. Then one ^1H NMR spectra were recorded every ± 10 °C.

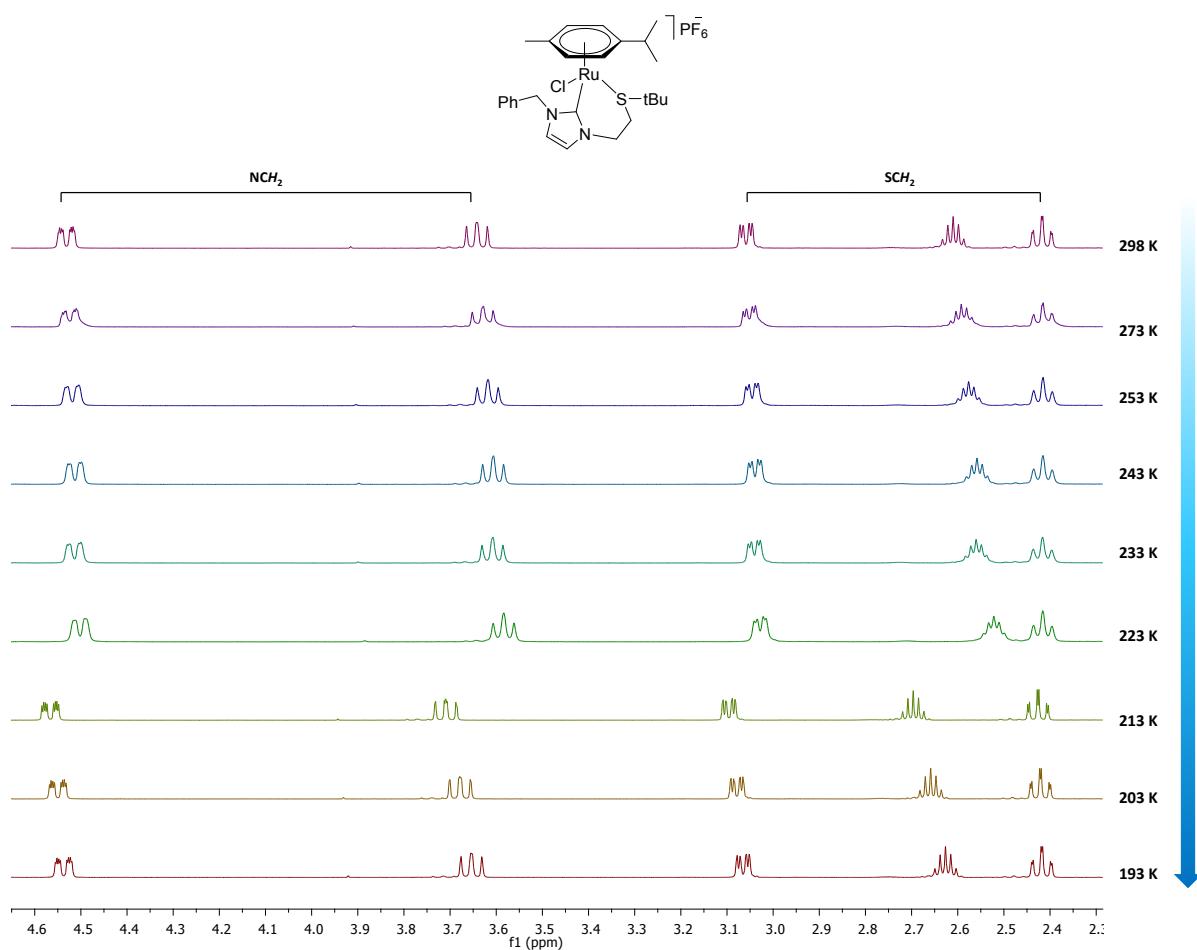


Figure S3. Variable temperature (VT) ^1H -NMR spectra of complex **1c** in Dichloromethane- d_2 , expanded spectra in between 2.2-4.8 ppm (with lowering the temperature)

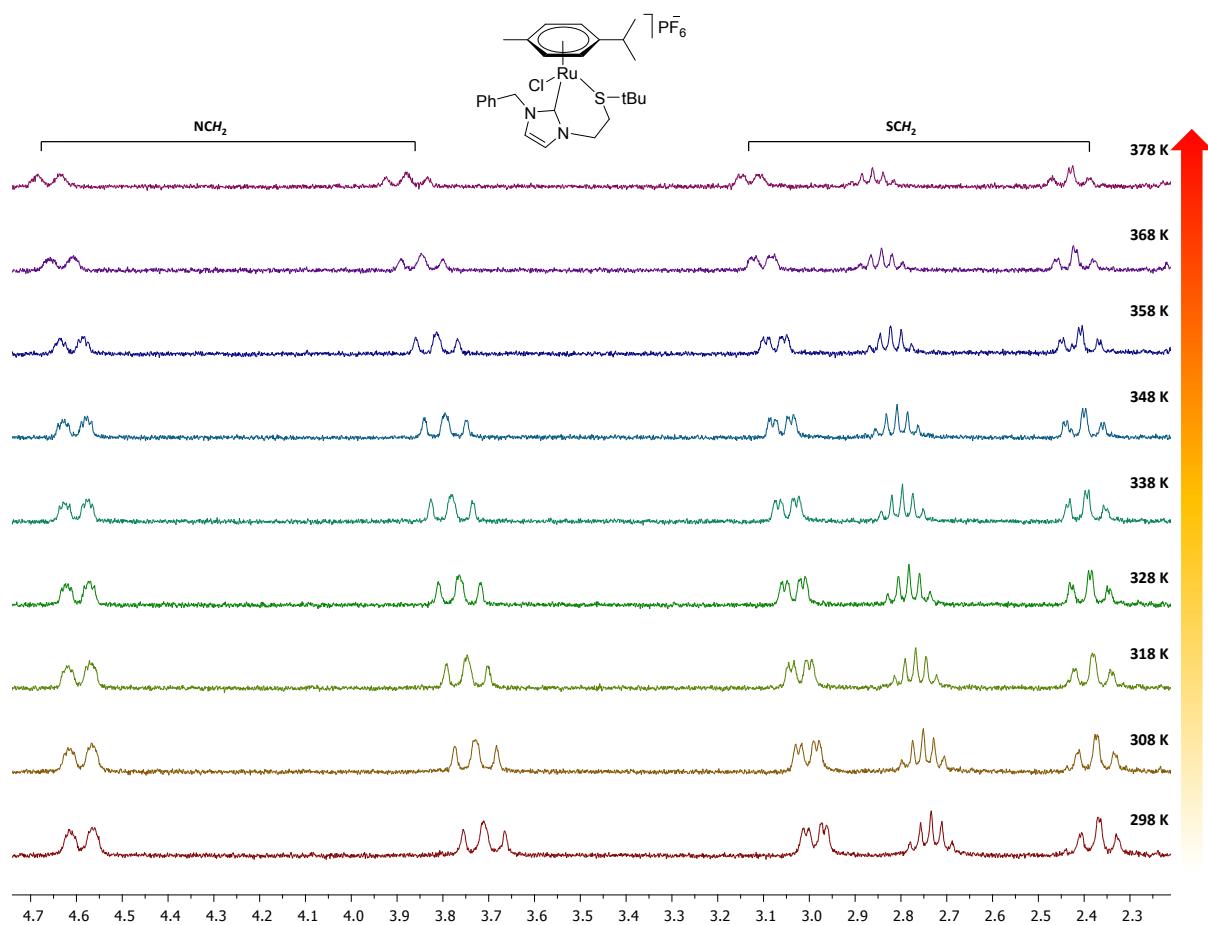


Figure S4. Variable temperature (VT) ¹H-NMR spectra of complex **1c** in 1,2-Dichlorobenzene-*d*₄, expanded spectra in between 2.2-4.8 ppm (with rising the temperature).

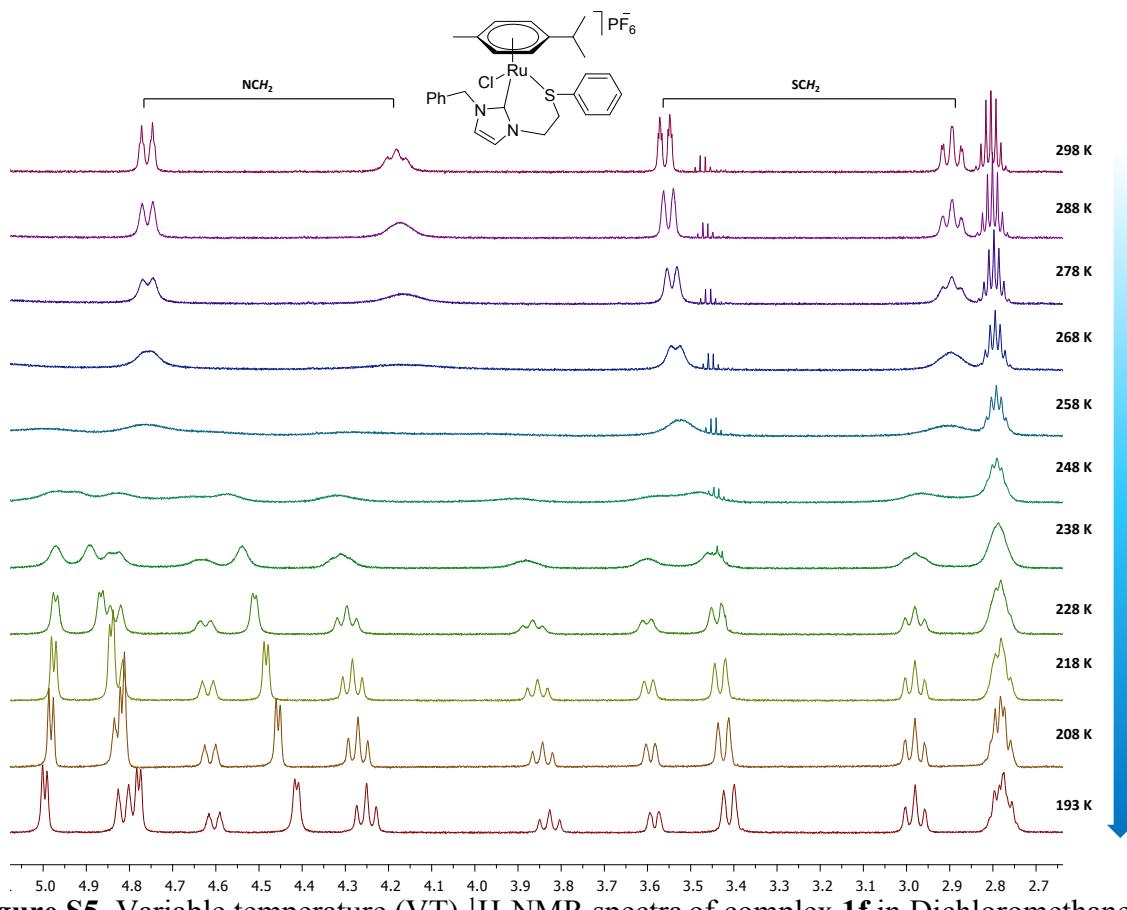


Figure S5. Variable temperature (VT) ¹H-NMR spectra of complex **1f** in Dichloromethane-*d*₂, expanded spectra in between 2.6-5.2 ppm (with lowering the temperature).

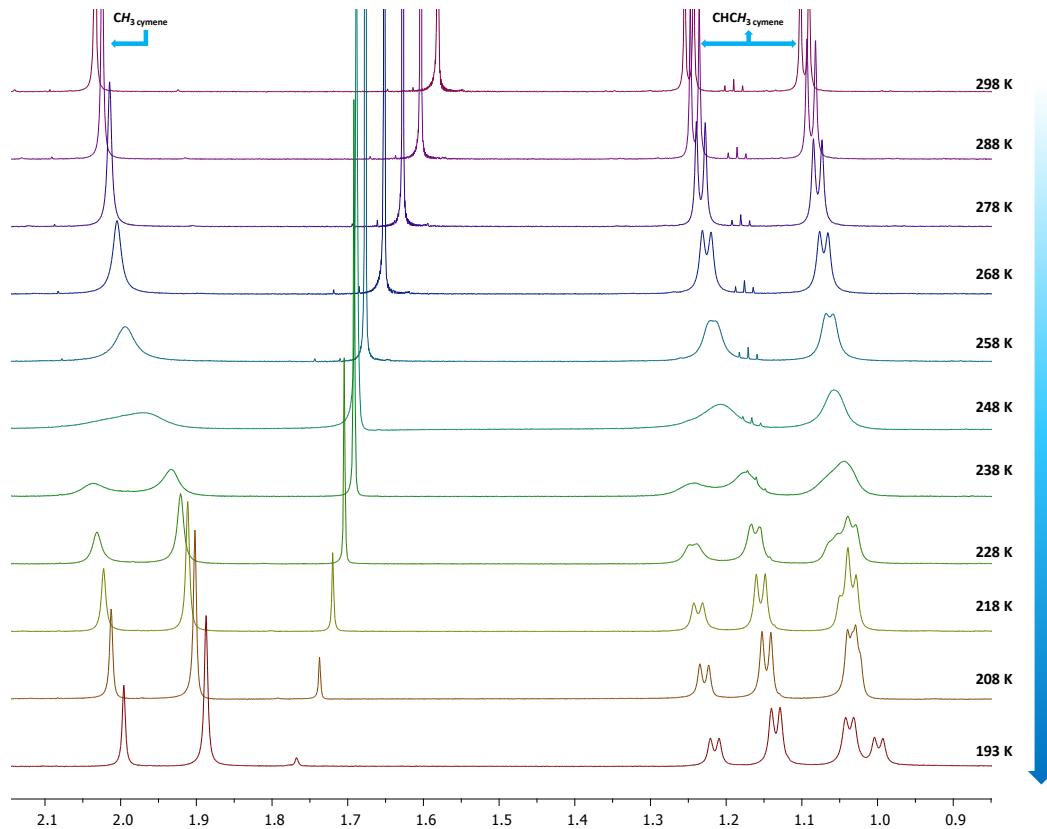


Figure S6. Variable temperature (VT) ¹H-NMR spectra of complex **1f** in Dichloromethane-*d*₂, expanded spectra in between 0.9 -2.2 ppm (with lowering the temperature).

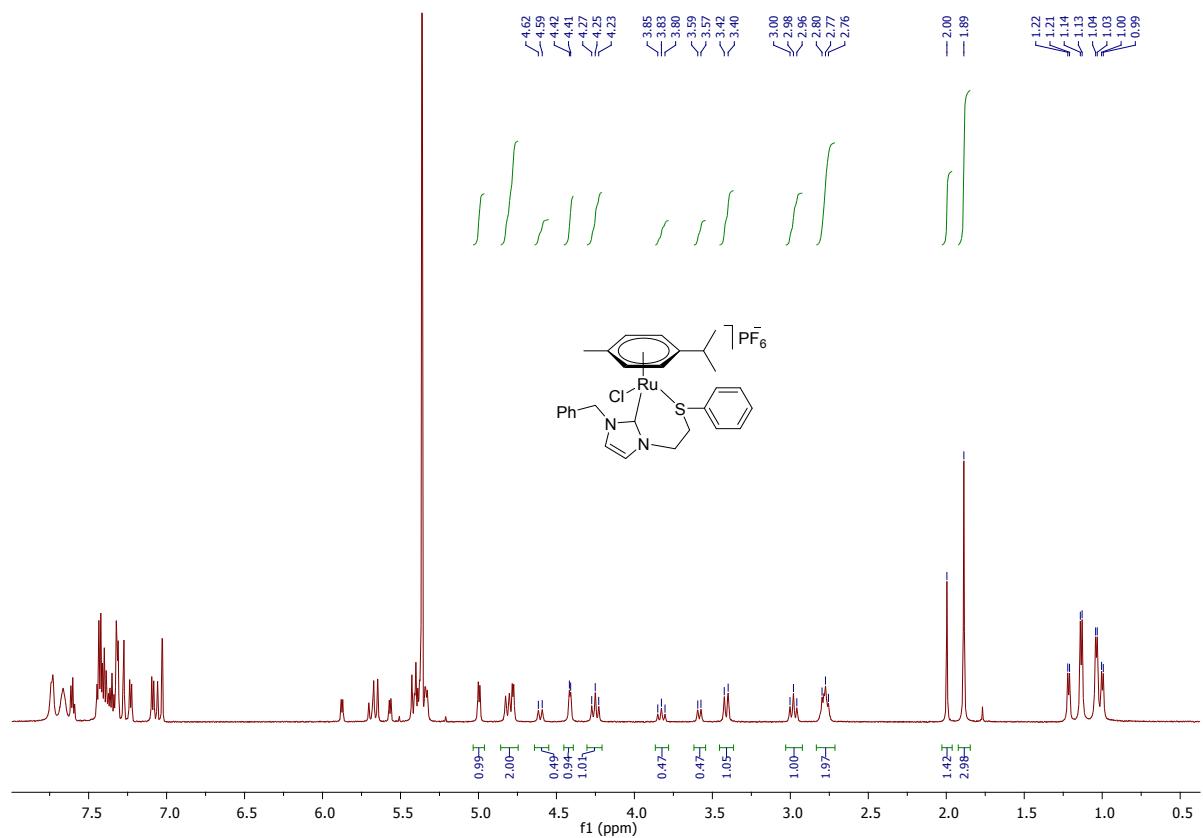


Figure S7. ^1H -NMR spectra of complex **1f** in Dichloromethane- d_2 , recorded at 193 K.

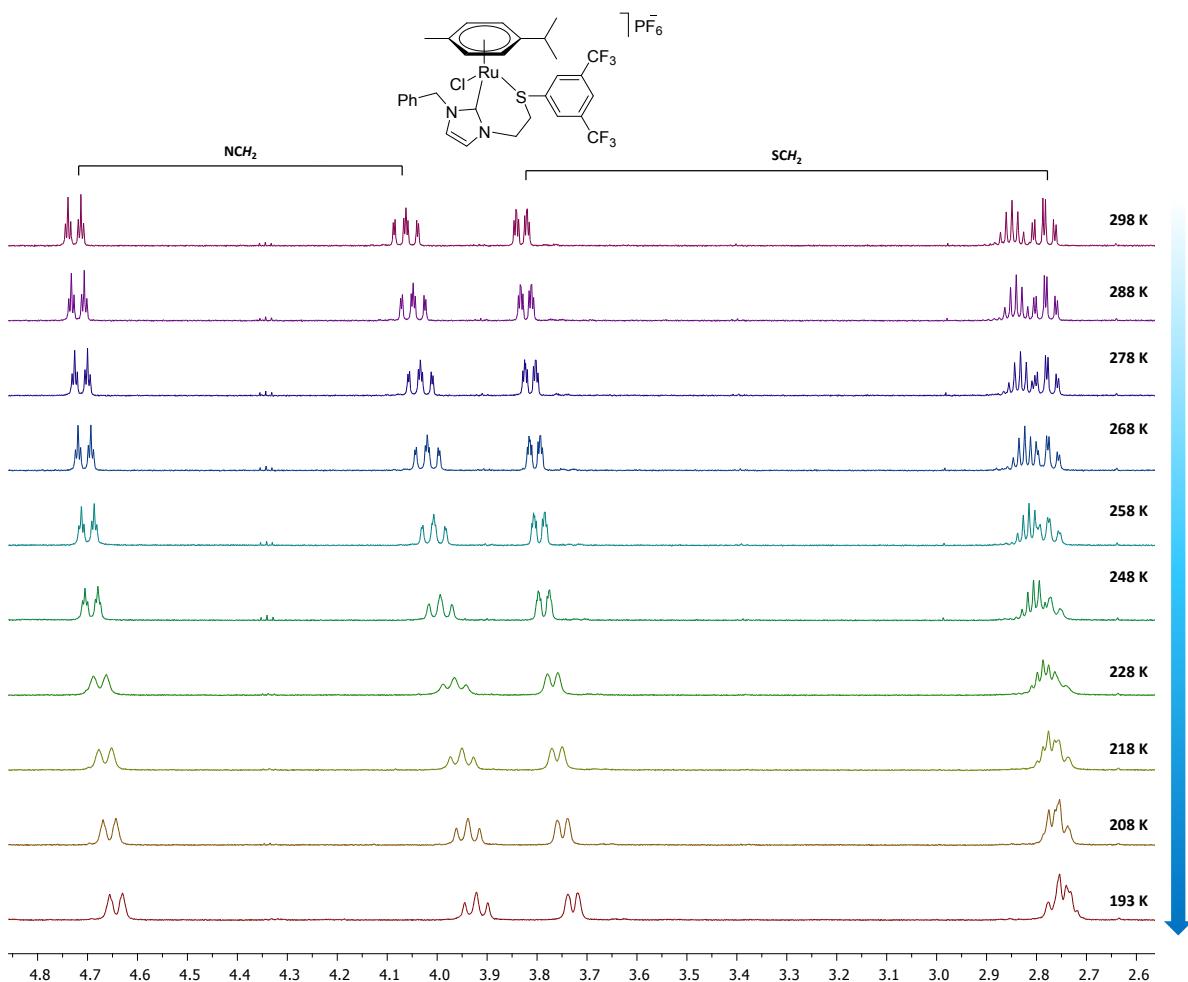


Figure S8. Variable temperature (VT) ^1H -NMR spectra of complex **11** in Dichloromethane- d_2 , expanded spectra in between 2.5 -4.9 ppm (with lowering the temperature).

5 GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR AMINE DEHYDROGENATION CATALYSED BY [Ru(NHC)Cl][PF₆]

The amine (0.2 mmol) was added into an 10 mL oven-dried schlenck tube under argon containing a solution of complex **1c** (2.5 mol%, 0.0025 mmol) in dry 1,2-dichlorobenzene (0.2 mL). The schlenck tube was then capped with a Rotilabo®-stoppers made of natural rubber, and the schlenck valve is opened to the Schlenk line, and then heated to 110 °C.

After 24-48 h, a 0.005 mL aliquot was diluted with 1 mL Toluene, and the product(s) ratio was determined by GC-MS analysis. After cooling to ambient temperature, the product is purified by silica gel chromatography (h : 10 cm; Ø : 1 cm) using first 60 mL of pentane (to remove the 1,2-dichlorobenzene) followed by either a pentane:diethyl ether (80:20) or (90:10) mixture to afford the corresponding nitrile as the isolated product in 30-80% yield. The identity of the nitrile product was confirmed by comparison to the reported NMR spectra of known compounds and by GC-MS analysis. Benzylamine derivatives always generated a mixture of nitrile and imine. The latter is hydrolysed into benzaldehyde derivatives during the purification on column chromatography. Unfortunately, those by-products are difficult to separate from the desired products (very close retention value), which lower the isolated yields.

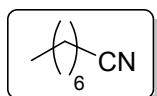
Most of the present prepared nitriles are commercially available and they are identified with authentic nitrile compounds.

6 DATAS OF NITRILES COMPOUNDS

Hexanenitrile(6):

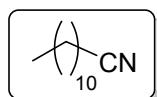
Any attempts to purify the product by chromatography gave the compound with a significant amount of ODCB solvent.

Octanenitrile (7): Colorless oil : 80% (20 mg)



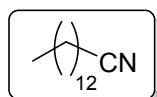
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.59-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.20-1.37 (m, 6H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H) ppm. Spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in the literature.⁵

Dodecanenitrile (8): Yellowish oil : 65% (23 mg)



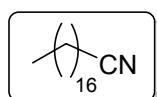
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.57-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.20-1.37 (s, 14H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H) ppm. Spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in the literature.⁶

Tetradecanenitrile (9): Colorless oil : 71% (30 mg)



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.57-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 18H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm. Spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in the literature.⁵

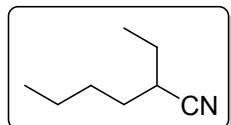
Stearonitrile (10): soft white solid 50% (26 mg)



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.57-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.23-1.30 (br, 32H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm. Spectroscopic

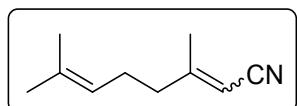
data are consistent with those reported in the literature.⁷

2-ethylhexanenitrile (11): colorless oil (7.5 mg, 30 %), as a purification on SiO₂ (Et₂O : pentane = 30:70).



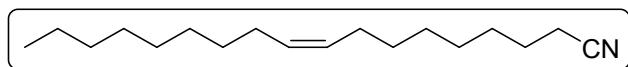
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.53-2.38 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.19 (m, 8H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H). Spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in the literature.⁸

Geranyl nitrile (12): colorless oil (17 mg, 56 %), *E/Z*= 6/1, as a purification on SiO₂ (Et₂O : pentane = 20:80).



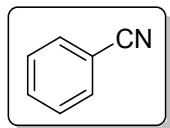
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.10 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, CH minor + Major , 1.12 H), 5.00-5.04 (m, CH minor + Major 1,13 H), 2.39-2.47 (m, CH₂ minor, 0.39 H), 2.09-2.25 (m, 4H, CH₂ Major), 2.05 (s, CH₃ Major, 3H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, CH₃ minor, 0.39H), 1.69 (s, CH₃ minor + Major, 3.55 H), 1.60 (s, CH₃ minor + Major, 3.32 H) ppm. Spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in the literature.⁹

Oleonitrile/9-Octadecenenitrile (13). Yellowish oil (32 mg, 60%)



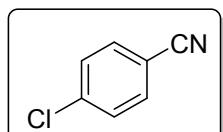
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.24-5.46 (m, 2H), 2.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.92-2.06 (m, 4H), 1.61-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.23-1.37 (m, 20 H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm. Spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in the literature.⁵

Benzonitrile (2): colorless oil 50% (10 mg)



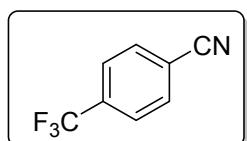
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.52 (m, 2H). Spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in the literature.^{9a}

p-Chlorobenzonitrile (14): White solid 37% (10 mg);



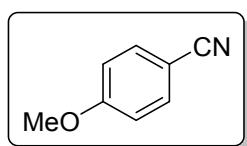
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. Spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in the literature.⁵

4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile (15): Colorless oil 30% (10 mg)



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃) δ -63.53 ppm. Spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in the literature.¹⁰

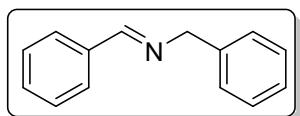
p-Methoxybenzonitrile (16): White solid 45% (12 mg);



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). Spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in the

literature.⁵

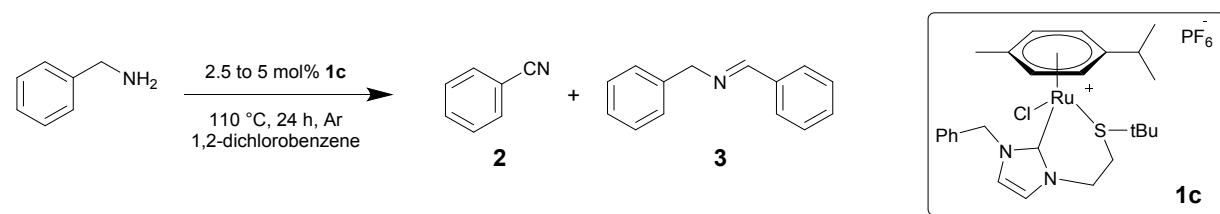
N-(Phenylmethylene)benzenemethanamine (3): light yellow oil (4 mg, 15%)



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 4.85 (s, 2H) ppm. Spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in the literature.¹¹

7 OPTIMISATION CONDITIONS

Table S1 Evaluation of benzylamine oxidation under varying conditions.^a



Entry	Additive (10%)	Solvent	Volum e mL	T (C °)	Conv. (%) ^[b]	Selectivity (%) ^[b]	
						2	3
1		Neat	-	110	65%	22	78
2		ODCB	0.2	110	5%< ^c		
3		ODCB	1	110	70	44	56
4		tol ^d	0.2	110	80	35	65
5		CH ₃ CN	0.2	110	5		
6		<i>i</i> -PrOH	0.2	110	0	-	-
7		Anisole	0.2	110	100 ^e	54	46
8		Anisole ^g	0.2	110	72 ^e	50	50
9		ODCB ^g	0.2	110	90	58	42
10		ODCB ^g	0.2	130	100	55	45
11	KOH	ODCB ^g	0.2	110	90	50	50
12	<i>t</i> BuOK	ODCB ^g	0.2	110	100	56	44
13	Cs ₂ CO ₃	ODCB ^g	0.2	110	100	68	32
14	K ₂ CO ₃	ODCB ^g	0.2	110	95	63	37
15	CsCl	ODCB ^g	0.2	110	95	56	44
16	CsOAc	ODCB ^g	0.2	110	84	37	63

17	HMTA (5%)	ODCB	0.2	110	100 ^h	70	30
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[a] Reaction conditions: benzylamine (0.2 mmol), 5 mol% [Ru], 24h, open vessel under argon atmosphere; [b] Conversion and selectivity were determined by ¹H RMN, internal reference hexadecane; [c] Closed system under argon atmosphere; [d] catalyst is not soluble; [e] presence of aldehyde, imine/aldehyde ratio 1/1.5, [g] 2.5mol% [Ru]; [h] presence of aldehyde (5%), amide (5%) and new imine (4%).

8 REPRESENTATIVE ^1H NMR SPECTRA OF CRUDE REACTION MIXTURES:

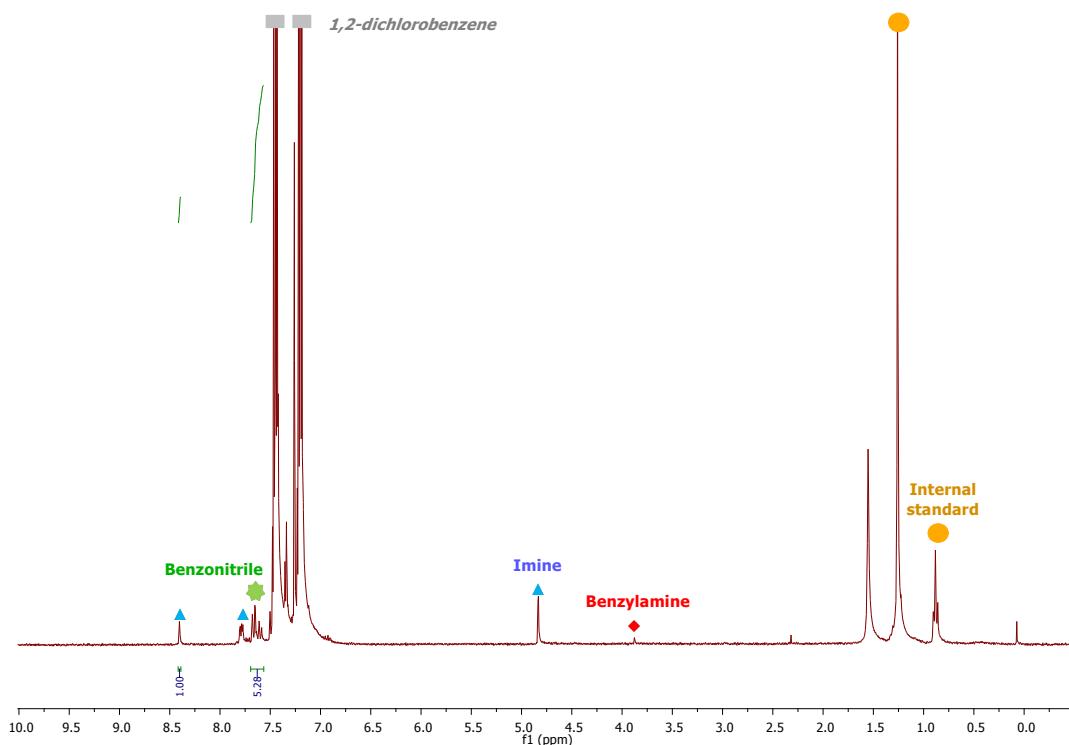


Figure S9. ^1H -NMR spectra of the crude reaction mixture after 26h for benzylamine substrate, (2.5 mol% of **1c**, conv 98%)

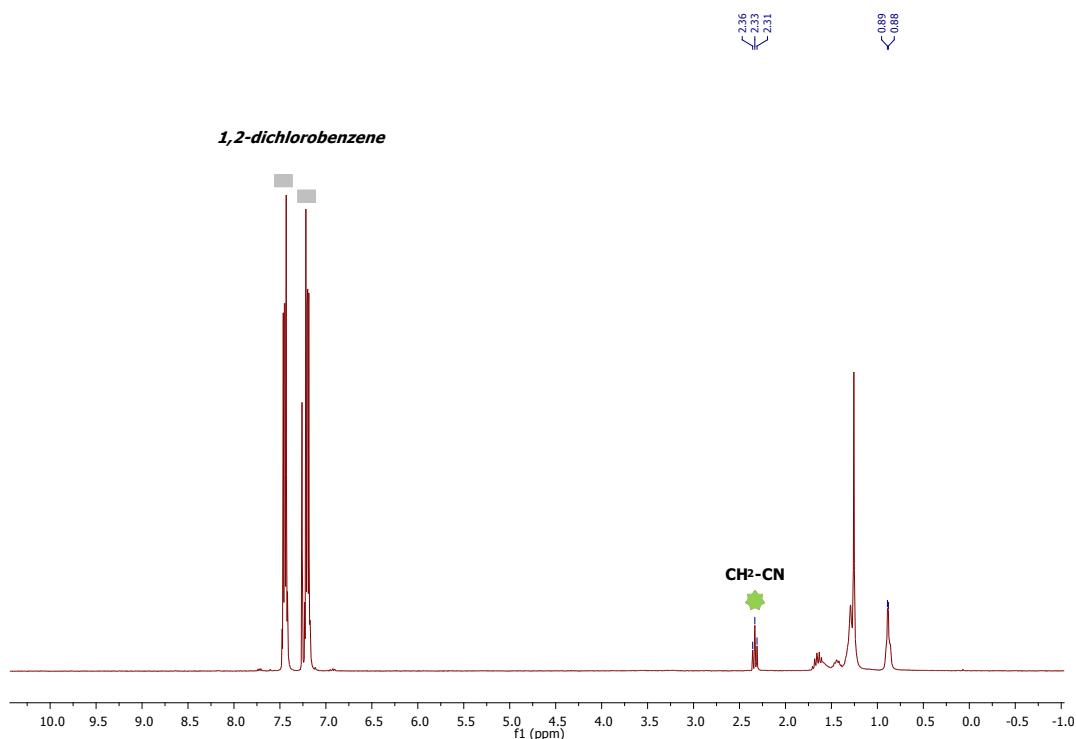


Figure S10. ^1H -NMR spectra of the crude reaction mixture after 30h for *n*-octylamine substrate (2.5 mol% of complex **1c**, 100%conv).

9 REPRESENTATIVE GC CHROMATOGRAM OF BENZYLAMINE DEHYDROGENATION

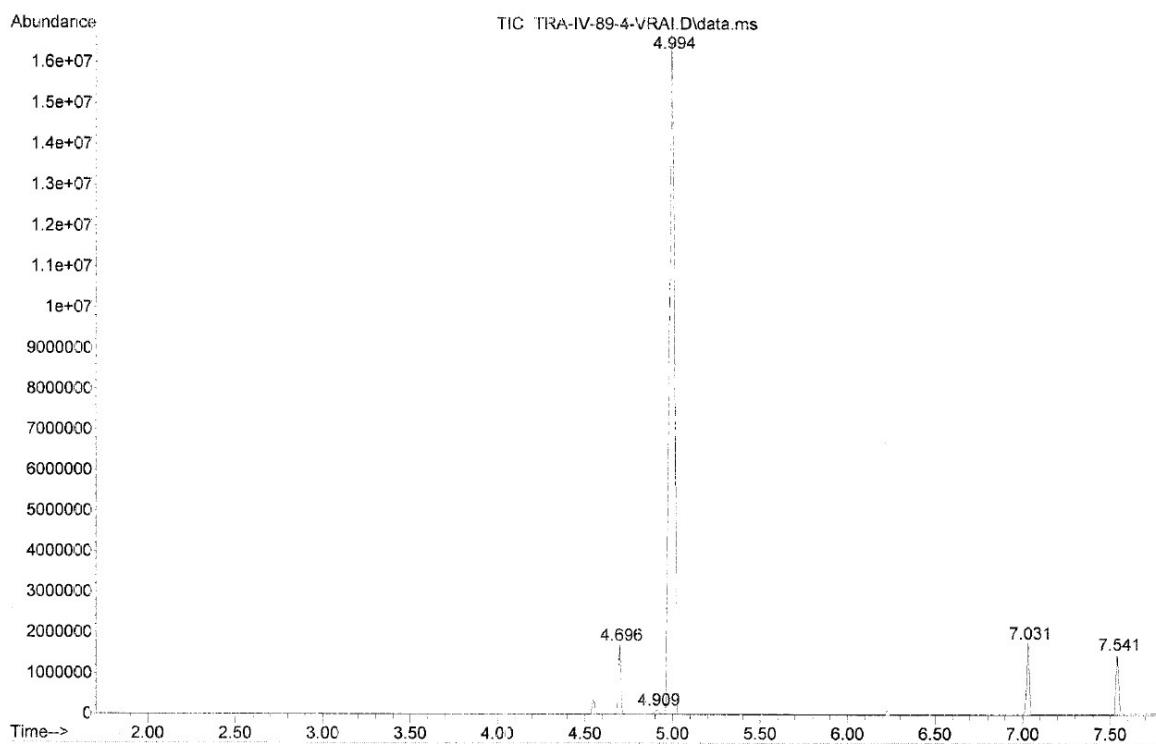


Figure S11. Representative GC chromatogram of benzylamine dehydrogenation catalysed by $[\text{Ru}(p\text{-cym})\text{Cl}_2]_2$. : benzonitrile (4.69 min), benzylamine (4.90 min), 1,2-dichlorobenzene (4.94 min) and hexadecane (Std, 7.0 min) and benzylidenebenzylamine (7.5 min).

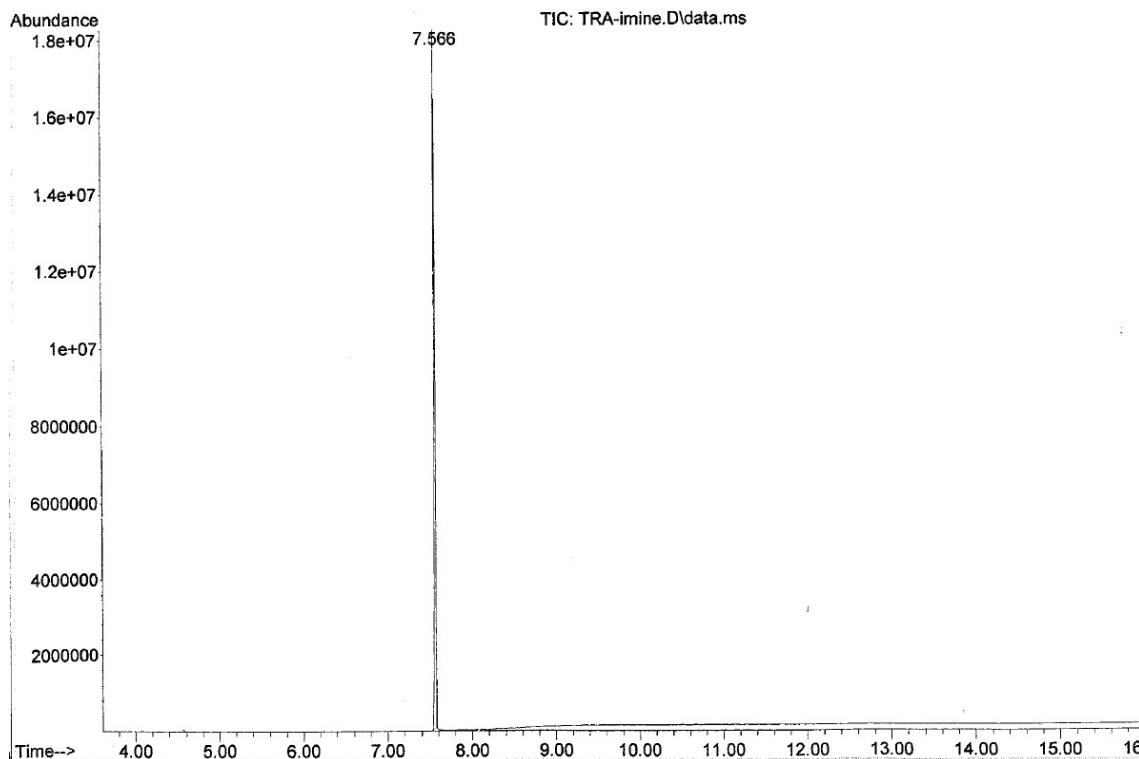


Figure S12. GC chromatogram of pure benzylidenebenzylamine product (7.5 min).

10 EVALUATION OF THE LABILITY OF THE THIOETHER MOIETY AND THE ROBUSTNESS OF THE COMPLEX 1C

Procedure:

Benzylamine (2.0 equiv, 28.4 mmol) was added dropwise to a Schleck tube containing a solution of complex **1c** (1 equiv 14.49 mmol) in dry 1,2-dichlorobenzene (ODCB, 0.1 mL) under argon. The solution was heated at 110 °C and ¹H NMR spectra of aliquots were recorded over time. Addition of extra benzylamine (8.0 equiv, 115.92 mmol) to the ODCB solution was done after 18 hours, the system was again put at 110 °C and ¹H NMR spectra of aliquots were recorded over time at room temperature.

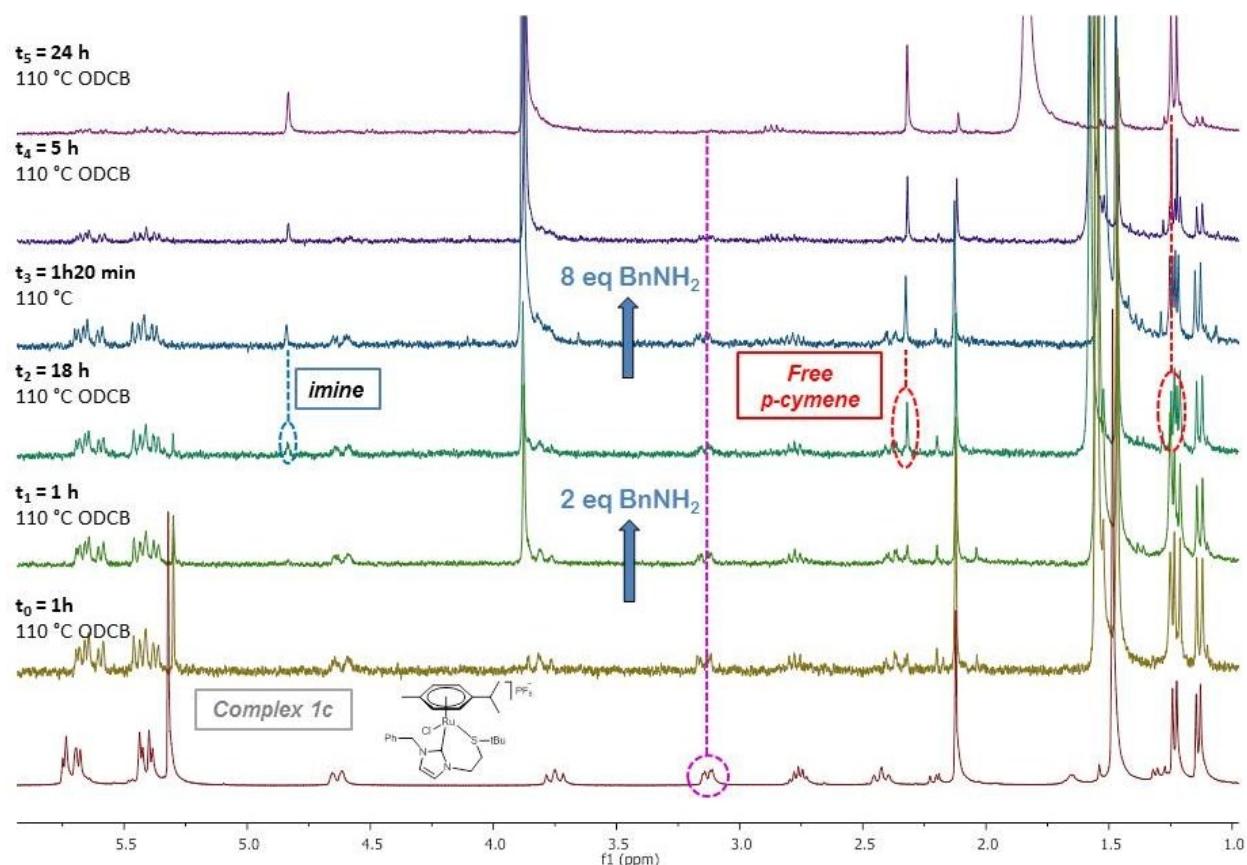


Figure S13. ¹H-NMR spectra of lability experiment between the benzylamine and complex **1c**

Procedure:

Complex **1c** (5 mg) was put into a NMR tube and dissolves in a 1/1 mixture of dmso- d_6 /D₂O (0.5 mL in total). ¹H NMR spectra were recorded over time at room temperature

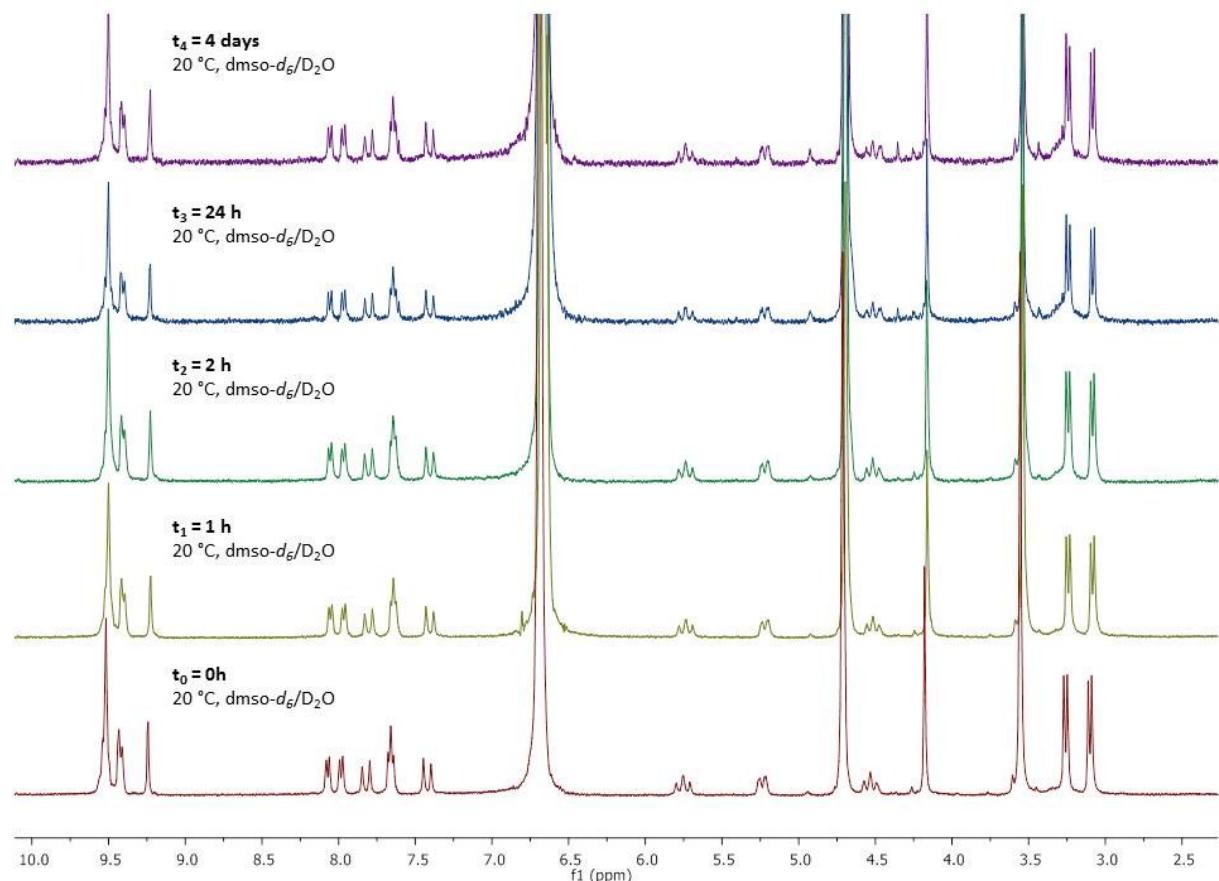


Figure S14. ¹H-NMR spectra of complex **1c** stability in a 1/1 mixture of dmso- d_6 /D₂O

11 GAS PHASE CALCULATIONS WITH SOLVENT

DFT calculations were run with Gaussian 09.¹² Ru, S and Cl centers were described with the Stuttgart RECPs¹³ and associated basis sets with additional *f*-polarization function for Ru ($\zeta = 1.235$) and *d*-polarization functions for S ($\zeta = 0.503$) and Cl ($\zeta = 0.640$),¹⁴ and 6-31G** basis sets¹⁵ were used for all other atoms. Initial B3PW91¹⁶ optimizations were performed with all stationary points being fully characterized via analytical frequency calculations as either minima (all positive eigenvalues) or transition states (one negative eigenvalue). IRC calculations and subsequent geometry optimizations were used to confirm the minima linked by each transition state. Single point solvent calculations at the SCRF method¹⁷ (dicholomethane) were run at the M06L/def2TZVP level of theory.¹⁸

All energies are ΔH solvent corrected energies in kcal·mol⁻¹. In all figures hydrogens atoms have been removed for clarity except for CH(CH₃)₂ and CH₃ on the *p*-cymene substituent, the substituent in the sulphur atom and the aryl moiety of the carbene.

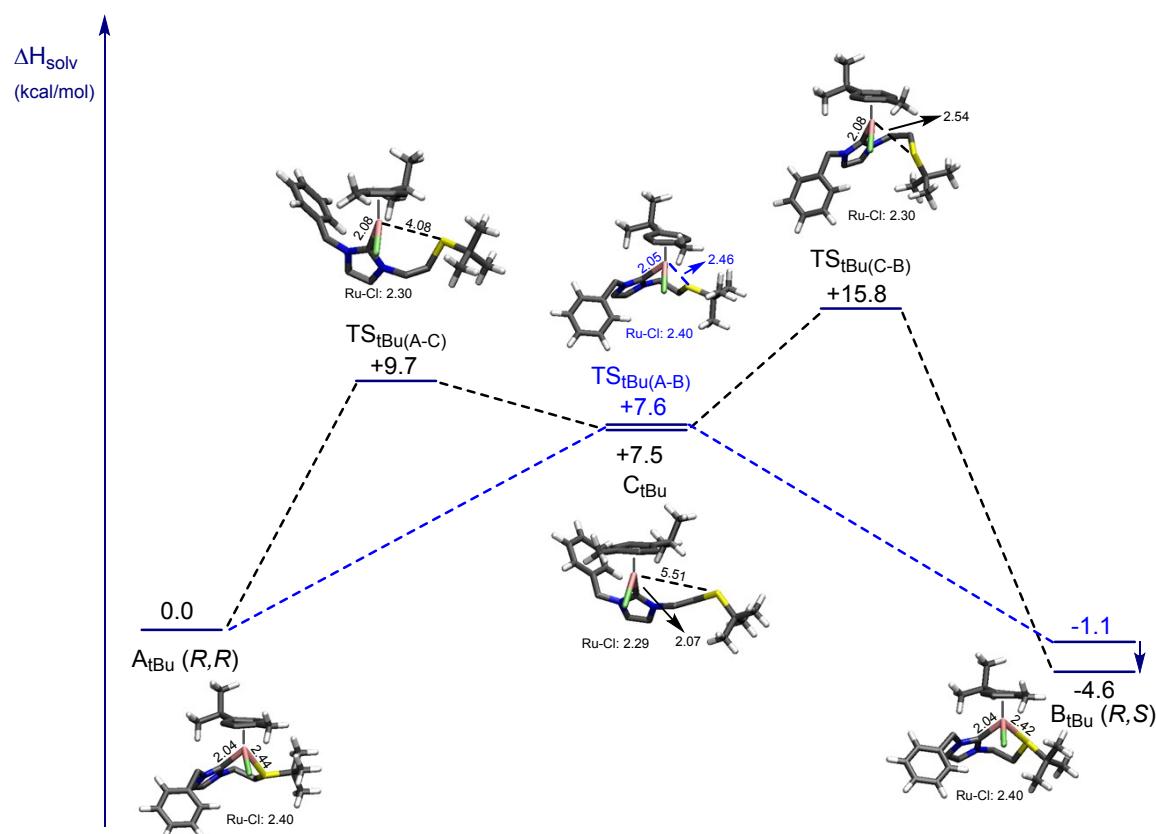


Figure S15. Reaction energy profiles computed for direct inversion of the sulphur atom (in blue) and for the coordination-discoordination of the Ru–S bond (in black) of complex 1c. The ΔH solvent corrected energies are given in kcal·mol⁻¹.

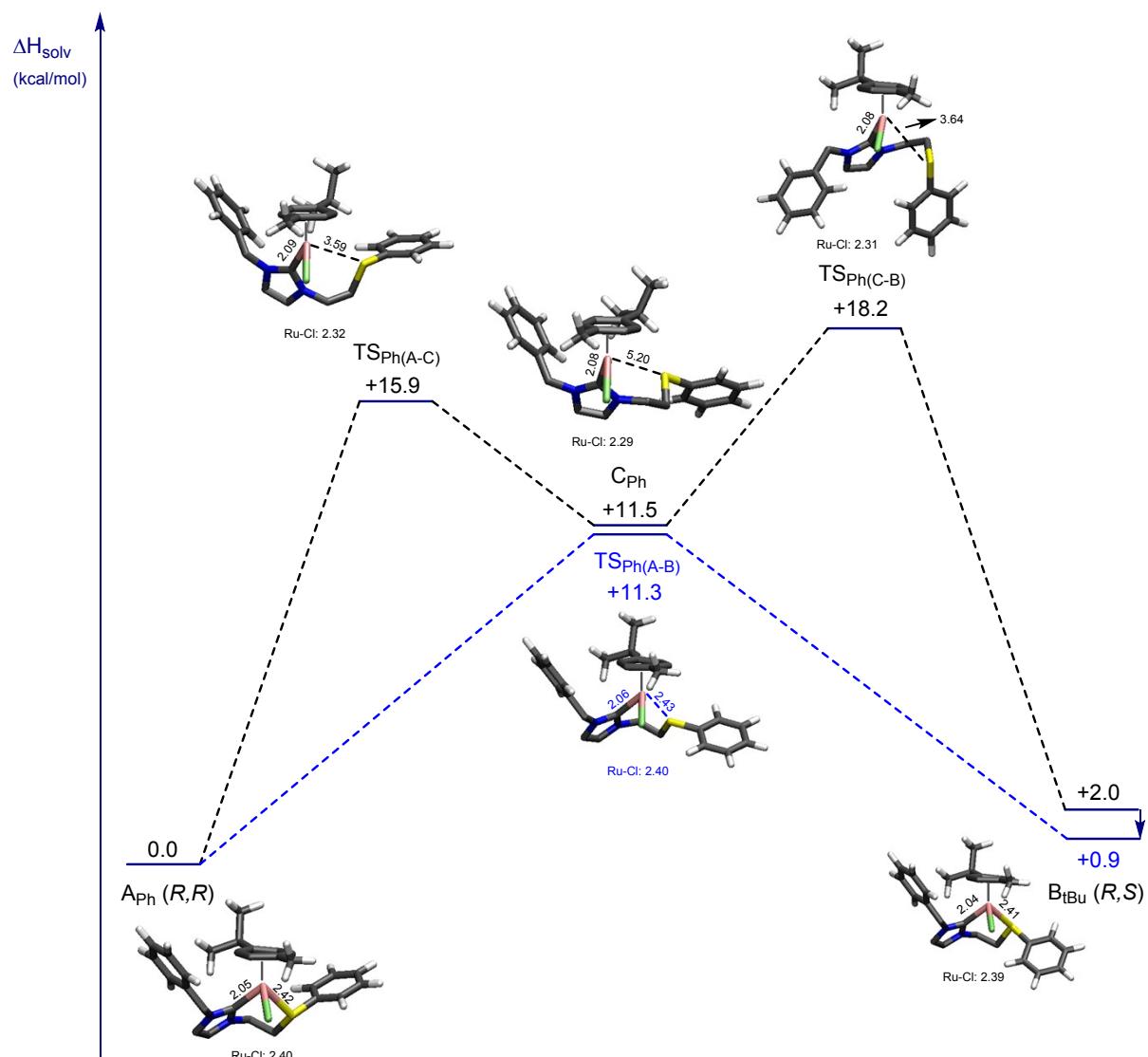


Figure S16. Reaction energy profiles computed for direct inversion of the sulphur atom (in blue) and for the coordination-discoordination of the Ru–S bond (in black) of complex **11**. The ΔH solvent corrected energies are given in $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$.

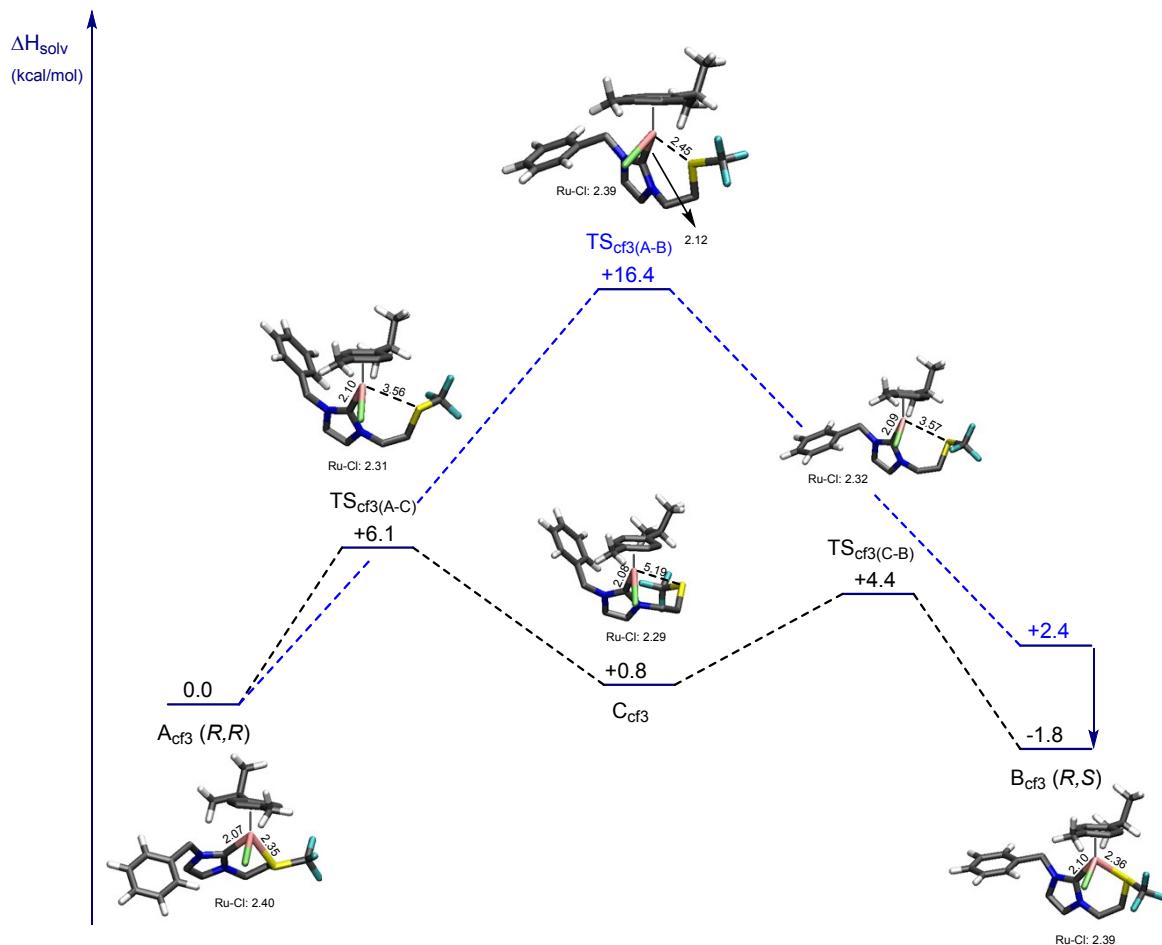


Figure S17. Reaction energy profiles computed for direct inversion of the sulphur atom (in blue) and for the coordination-discoordination of the Ru—S bond (in black) with S-CF₃ thioether group. The ΔH solvent corrected energies are given in kcal·mol⁻¹.

Atomic coordinates of the optimized species

Table S2. Atomic coordinates of the optimized species derived from complex **1c**.^a

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Table S3. Atomic coordinates of the optimized species derived from complex **1f**^a

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H	5.238181	2.136080	-0.790579	H	3.753474	-0.910576	-2.177850

1f - TS1-decoordination	1f - TS2-coordination
<p>E (SCF) = -1315.42492 E (SCF; solvent = DCM) = -2149.37406906 Zero-point correction = 0.537011 Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.568657 Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.47480</p>	<p>E (SCF) = -1315.41893 E (SCF; solvent = DCM) = -2149.37277779 Zero-point correction = 0.538107 Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.570941 Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.47408</p>
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Table S4. Atomic coordinates of the optimized species derived from complex $\mathbf{1}_{\text{CF}_3} \cdot ^{\text{a}}$

$\mathbf{1}_{\text{CF}_3} - \mathbf{R}_{\text{Ru}}/\mathbf{R}_{\text{S}}$	$\mathbf{1}_{\text{CF}_3} - \mathbf{R}_{\text{Ru}}/\mathbf{S}_{\text{S}}$
<p>E (SCF) = -1421.38935 E (SCF; solvent = DCM) = -2255.41977218 Zero-point correction = 0.461518 Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.492176 Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.40310</p>	<p>E (SCF) = -1421.38714 E (SCF; solvent = DCM) = -2255.41815166 Zero-point correction = 0.463165 Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.494394 Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.40361</p>
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H	0.344195	4.493107	-1.746412	H	0.911781	2.972736	-3.788816
H	-0.468115	4.242762	-0.210192	H	-0.355993	3.361376	-2.636063
N	-1.986472	0.468932	-0.833963	N	-2.032271	-0.585894	-0.917733
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Ru	0.720317	-0.029345	0.520003	Ru	0.722384	0.290276	0.416143
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1_{CF3} - intermediate	1_{CF3} - TS-inversion
E (SCF) = -1421.36889 E (SCF; solvent = DCM) = -2255.41125092 Zero-point correction = 0.461426 Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.491555 Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.40175	E (SCF) = -1421.36134 E (SCF; solvent = DCM) = -2255.39418834 Zero-point correction = 0.461739 Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.492795 Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.40102
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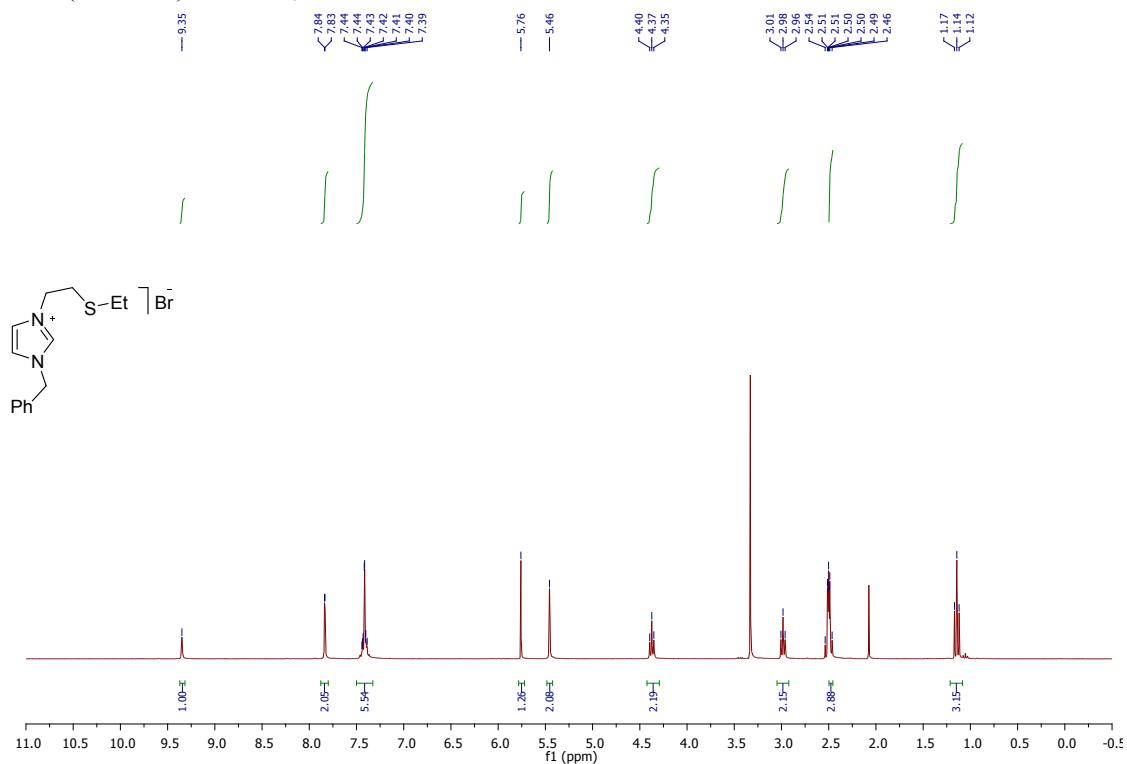
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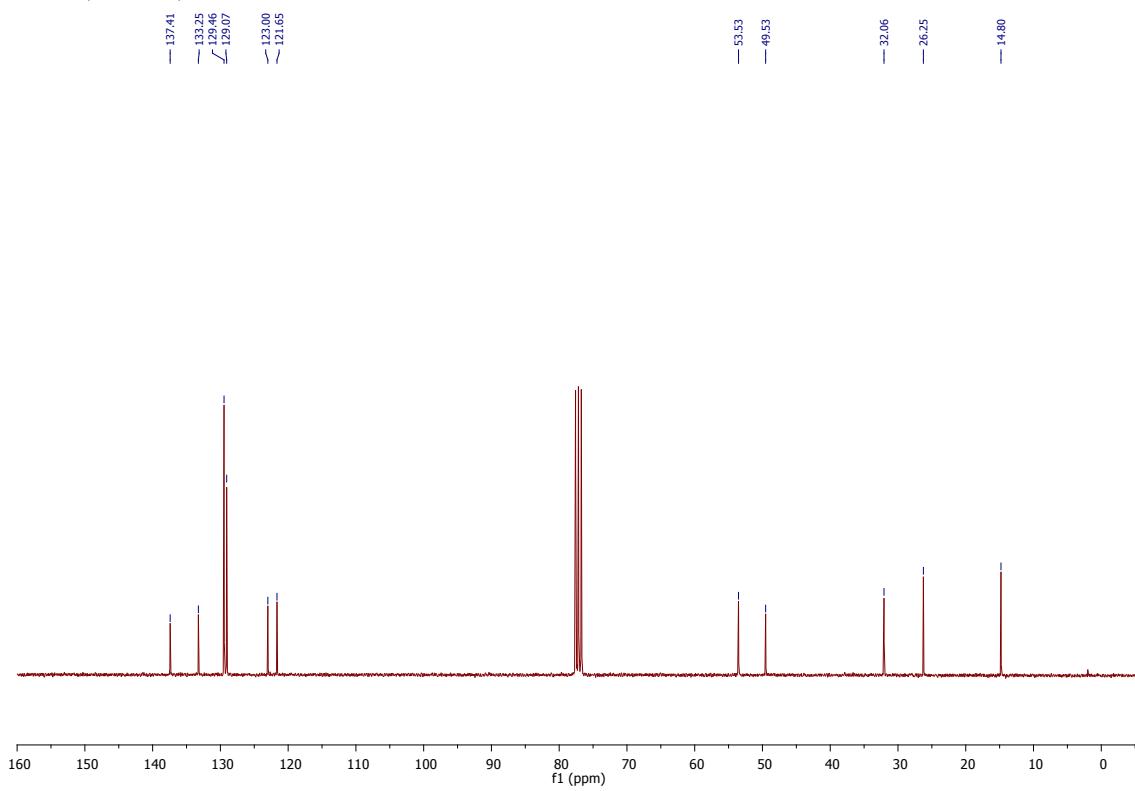
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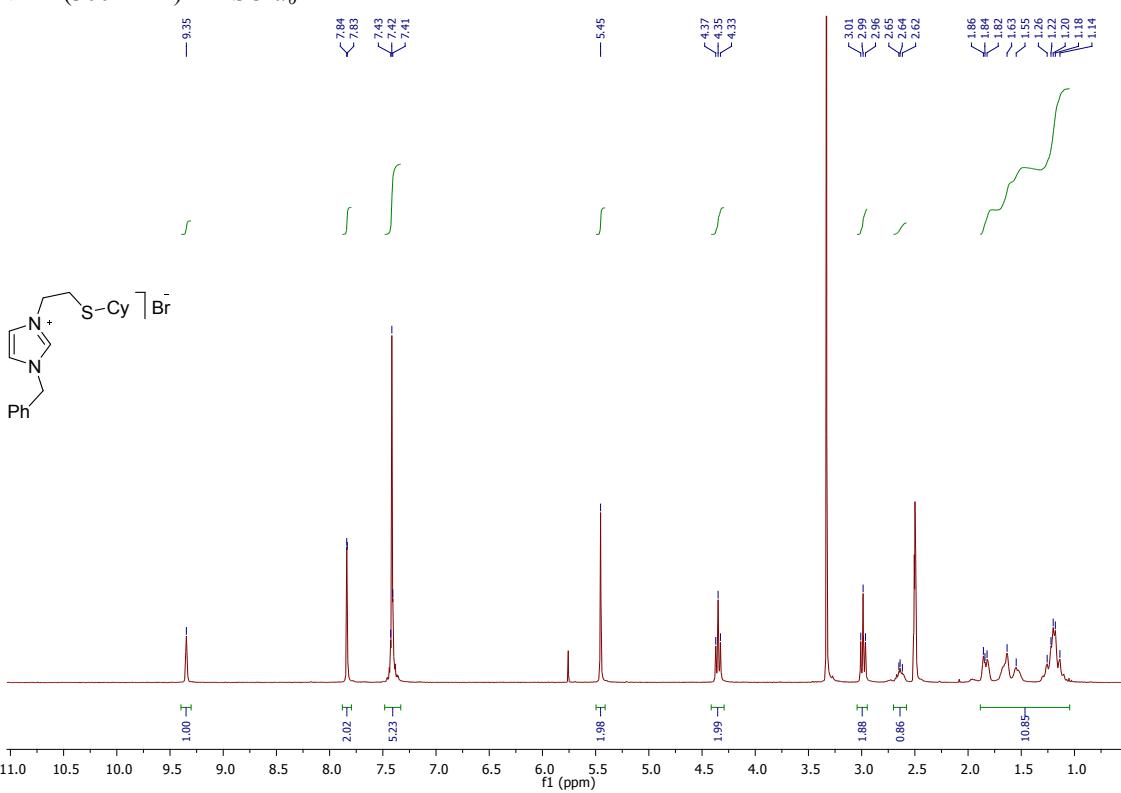
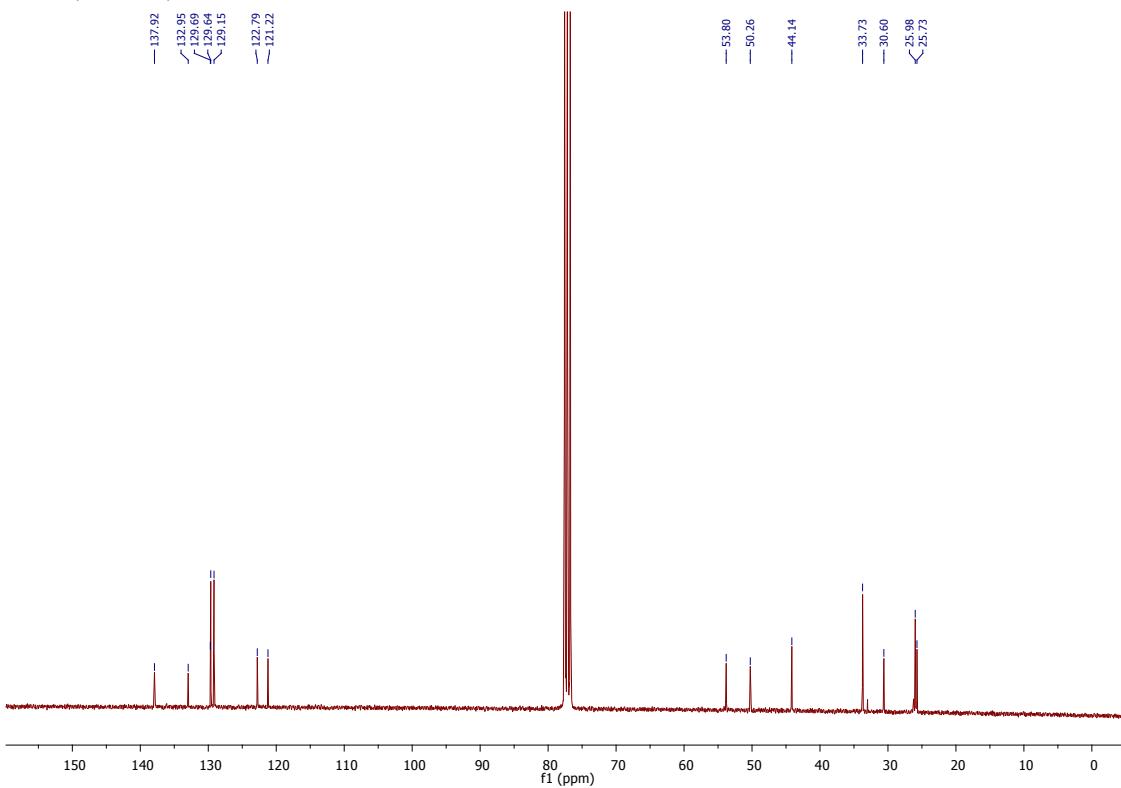
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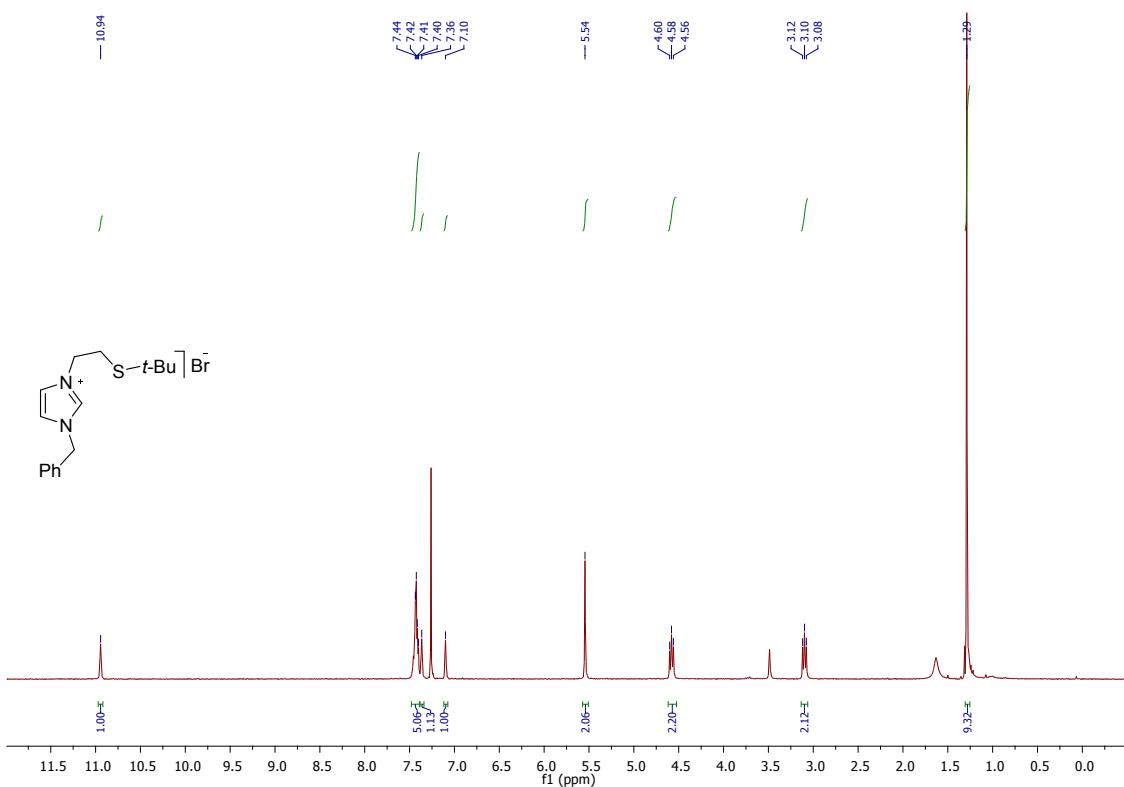
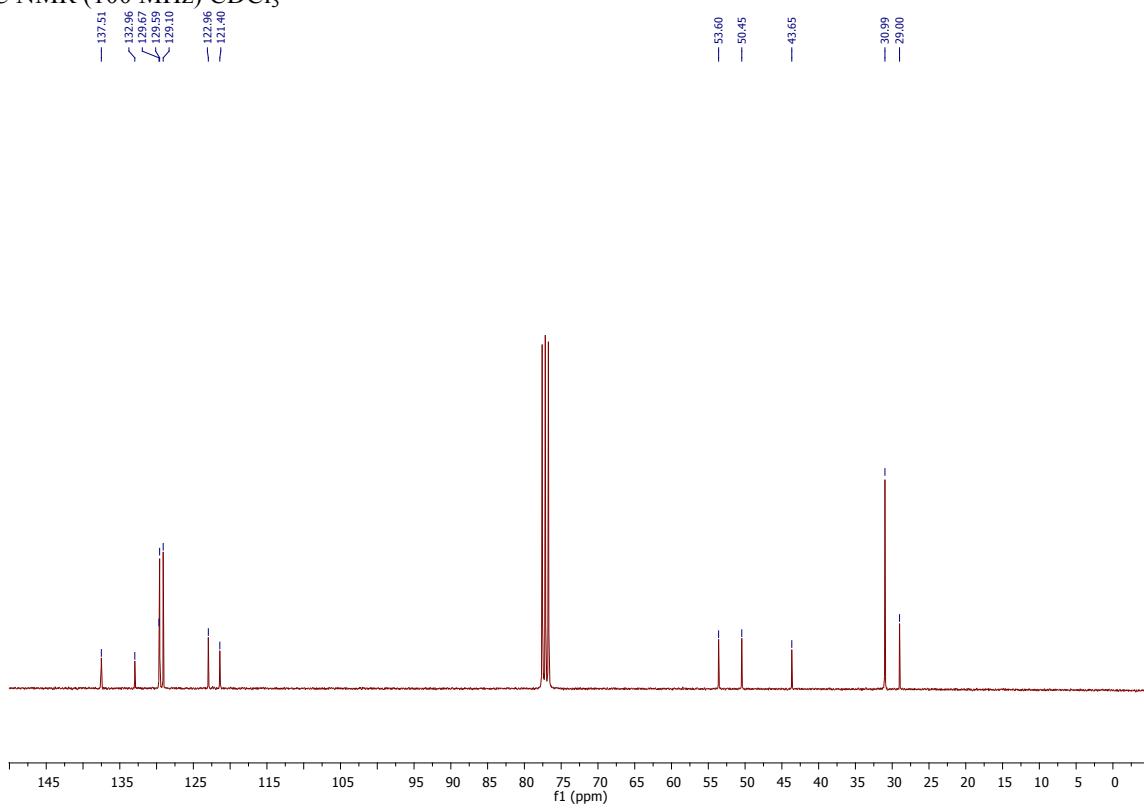
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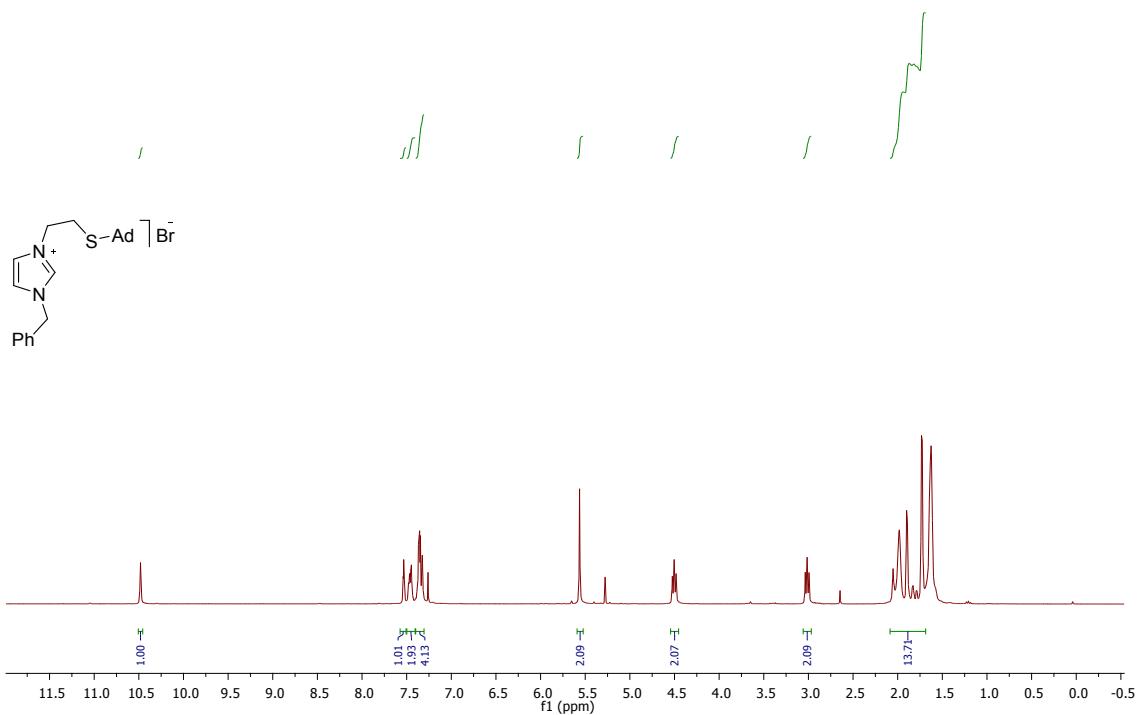
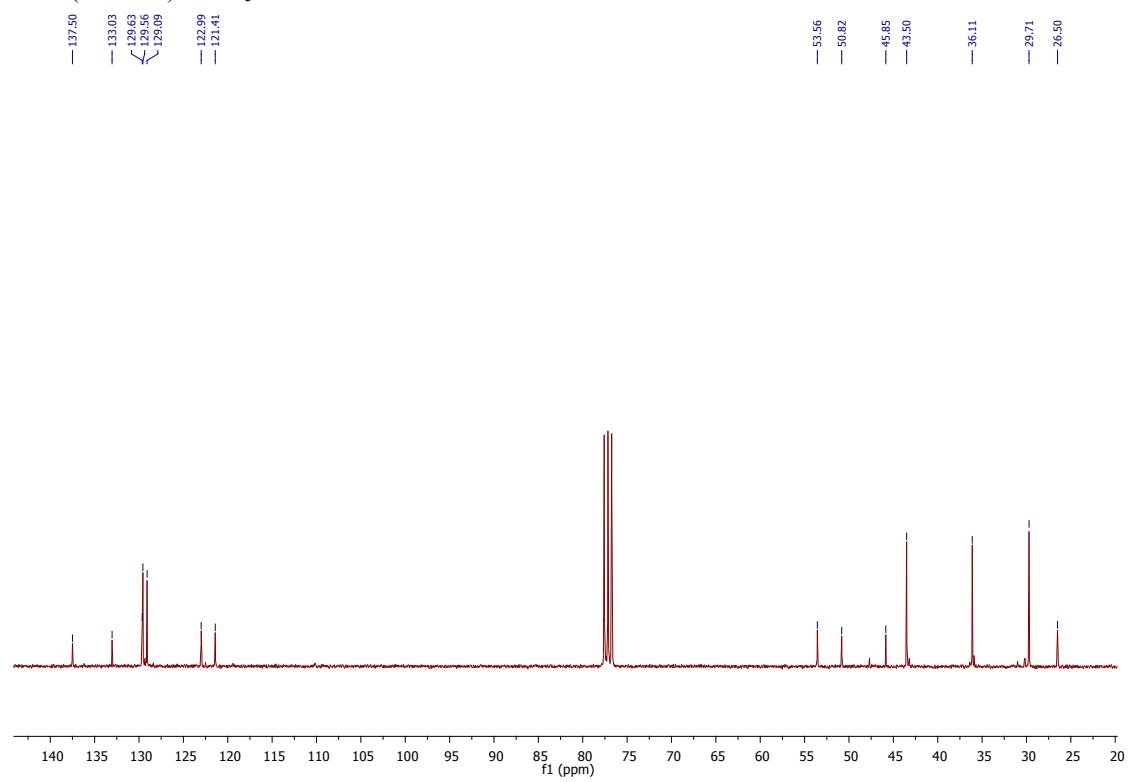


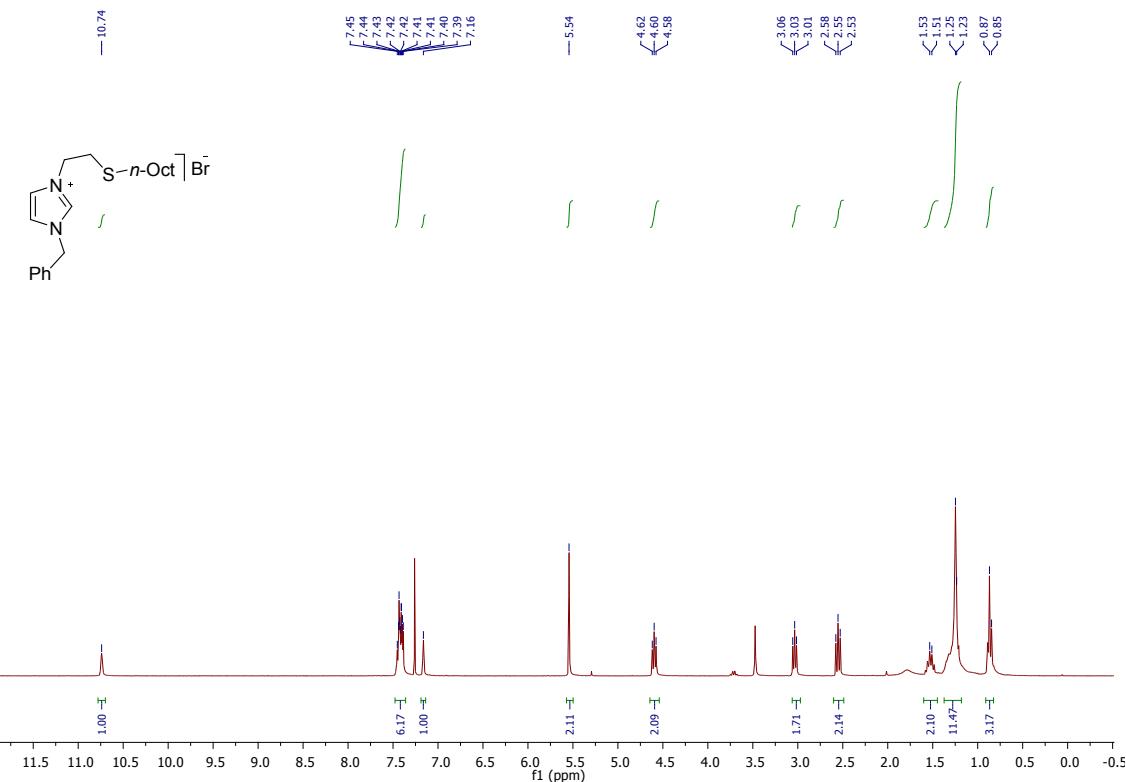
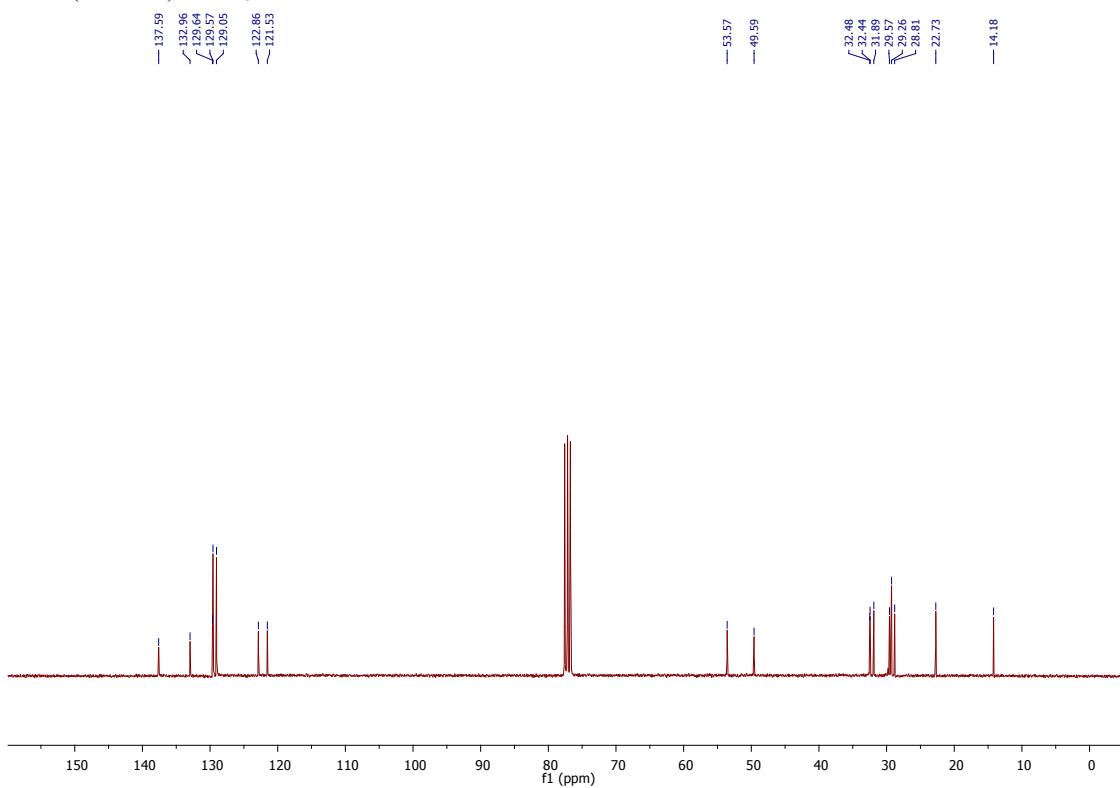
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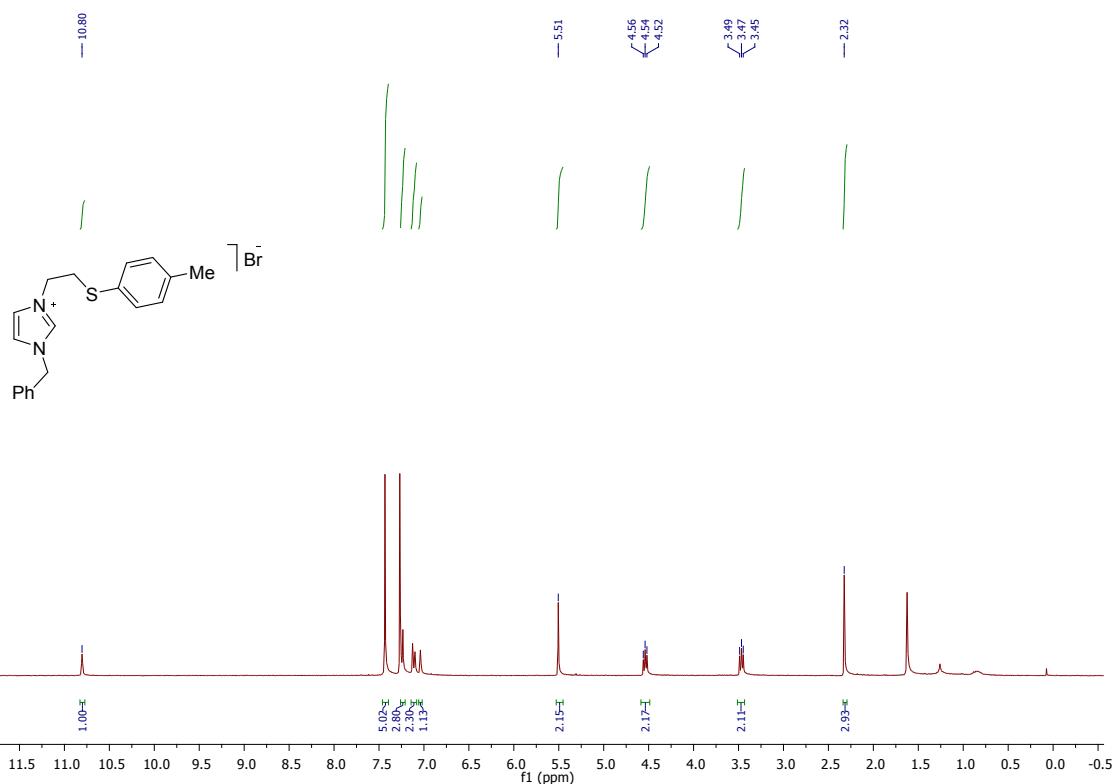
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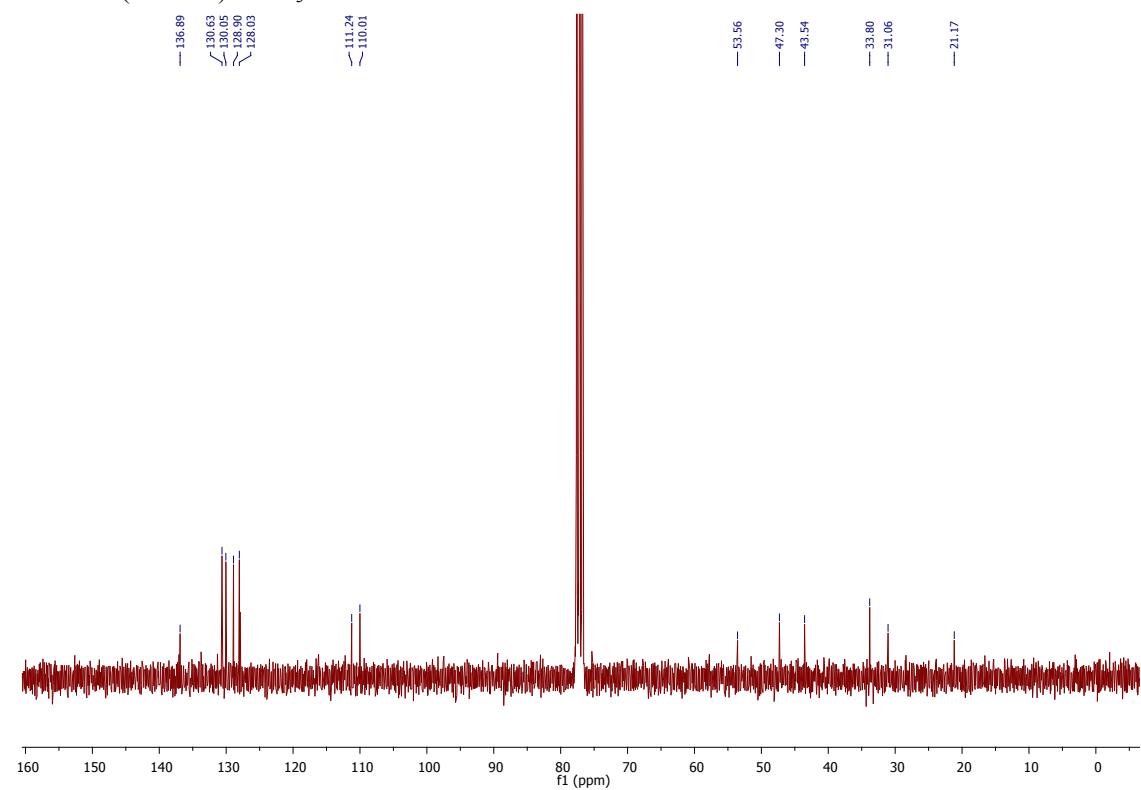
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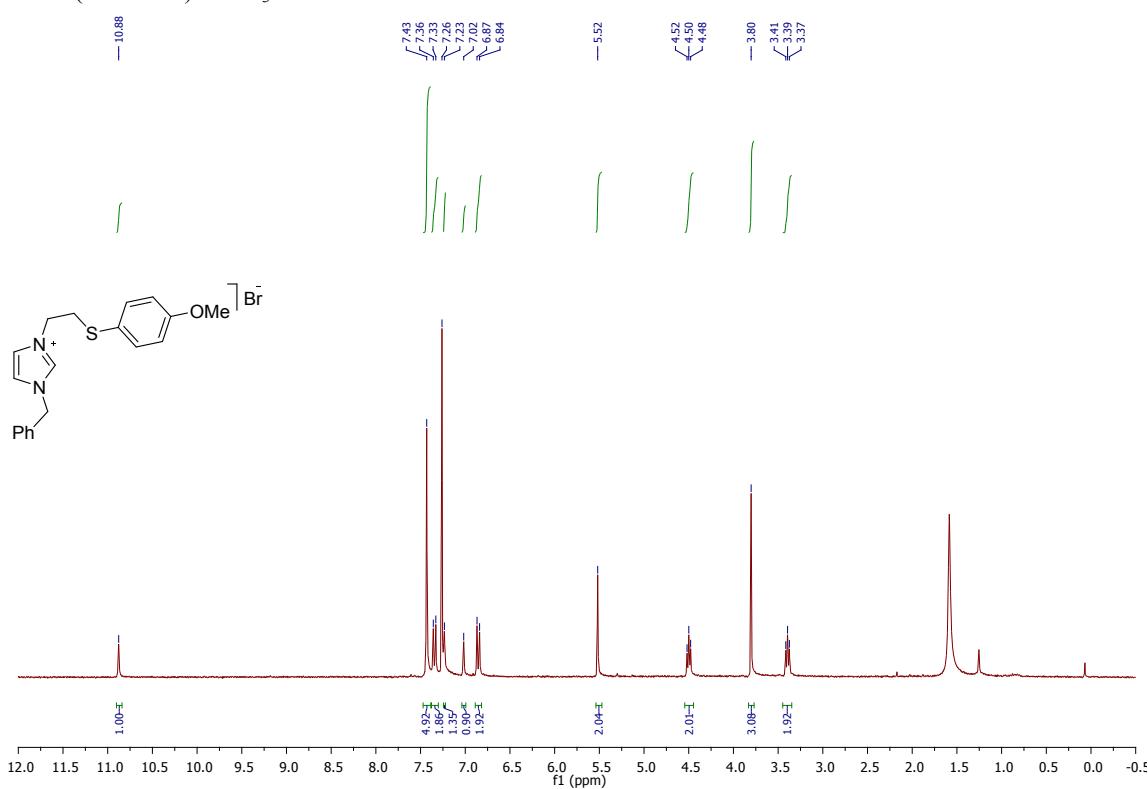
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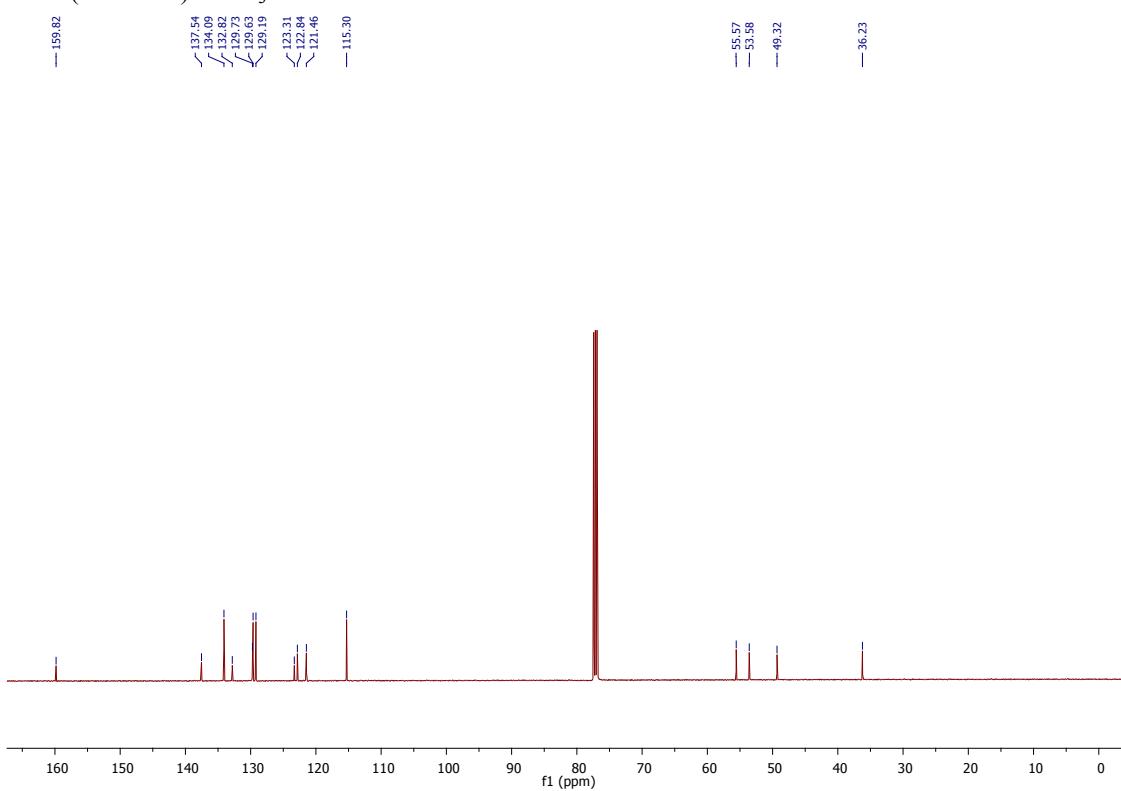
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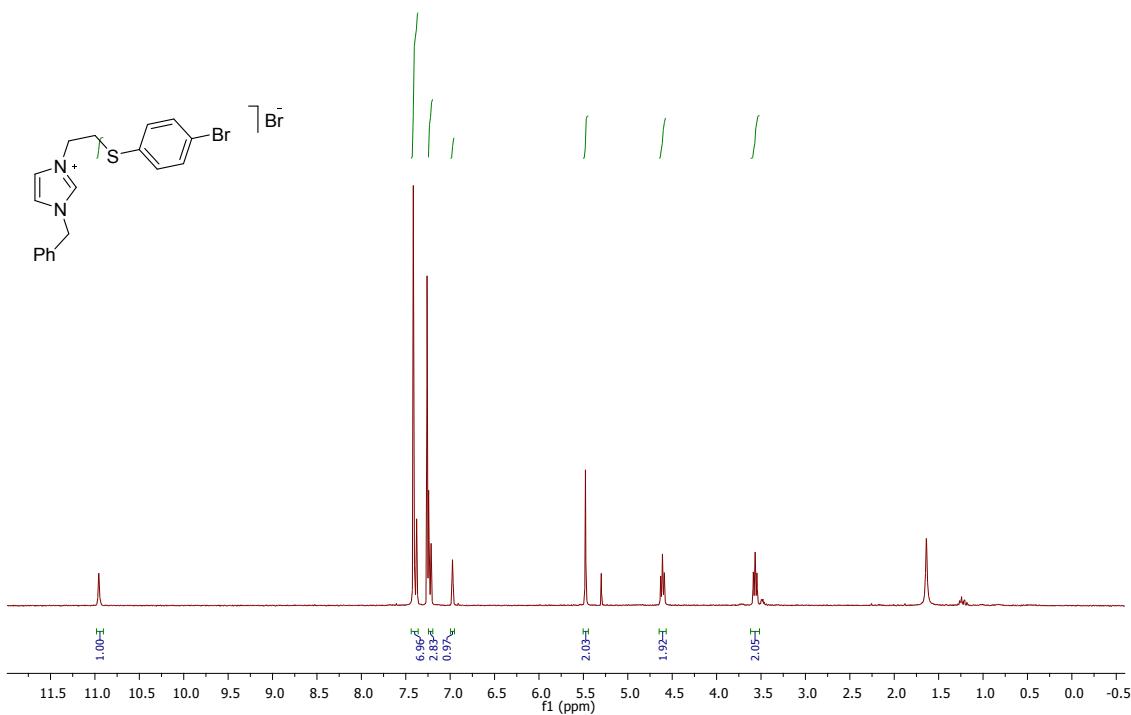


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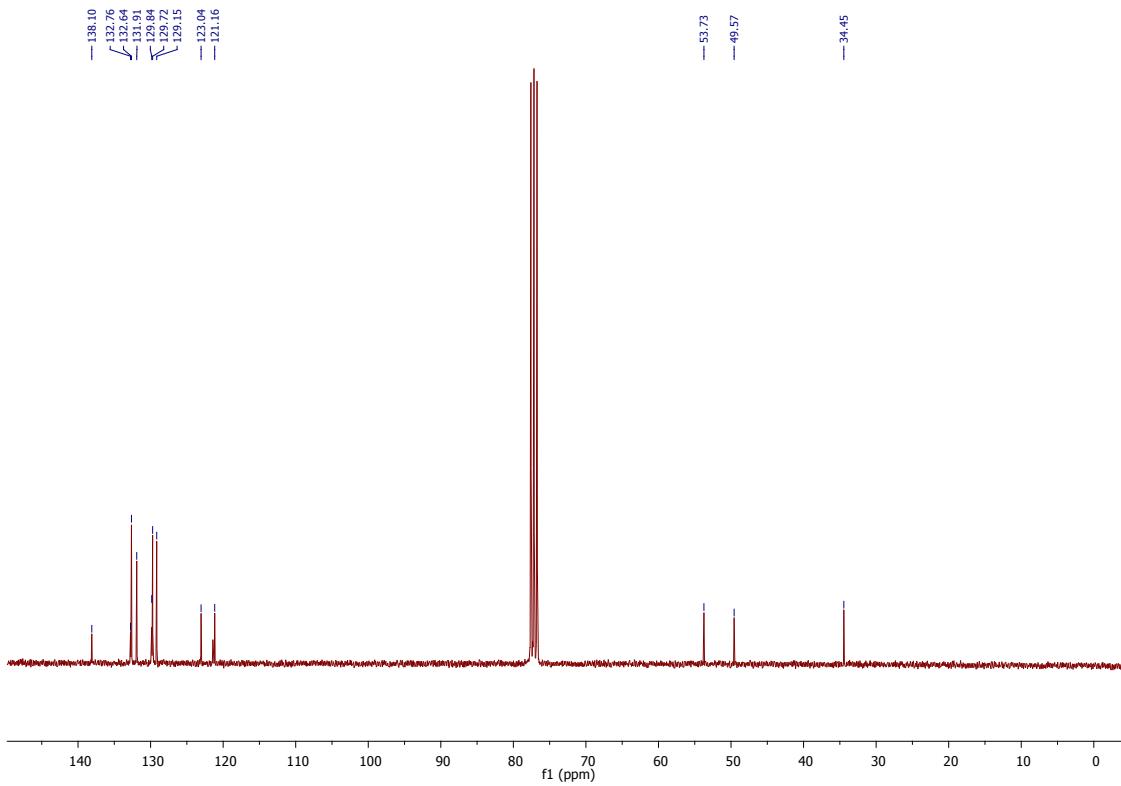


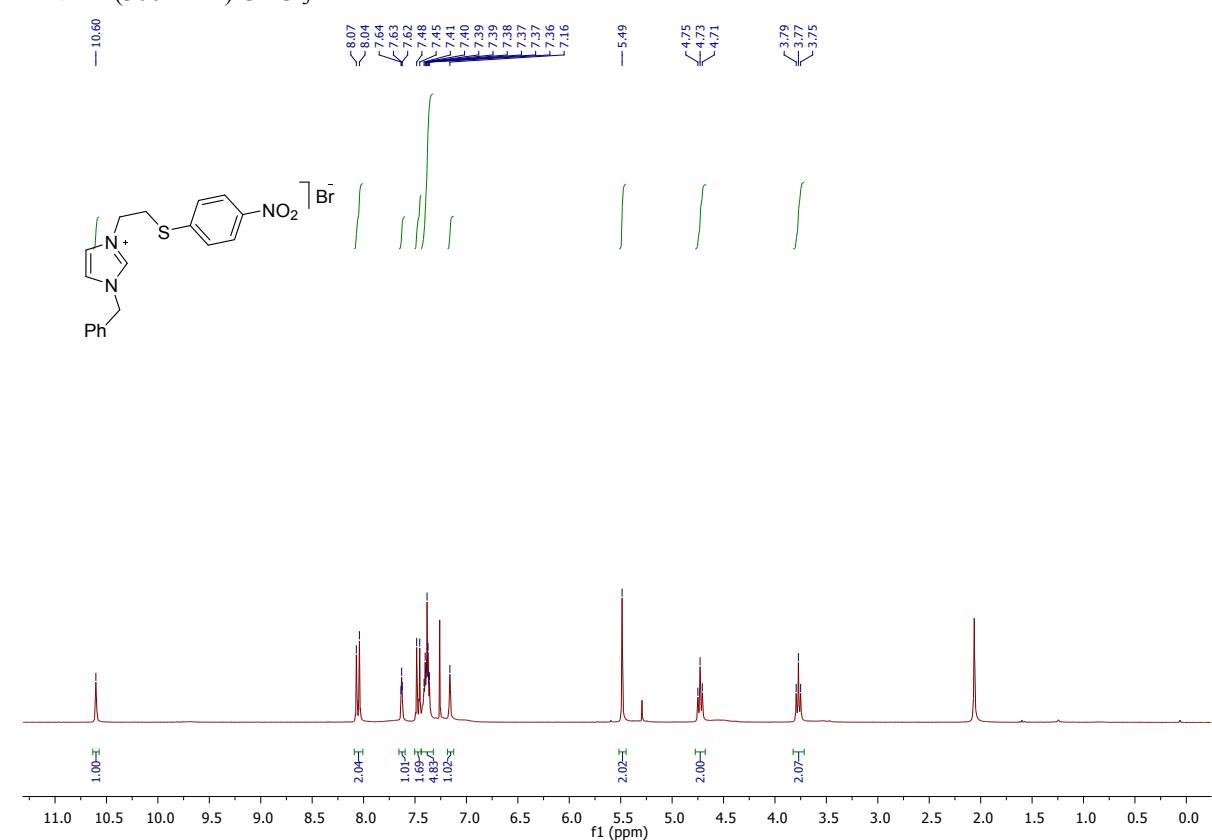
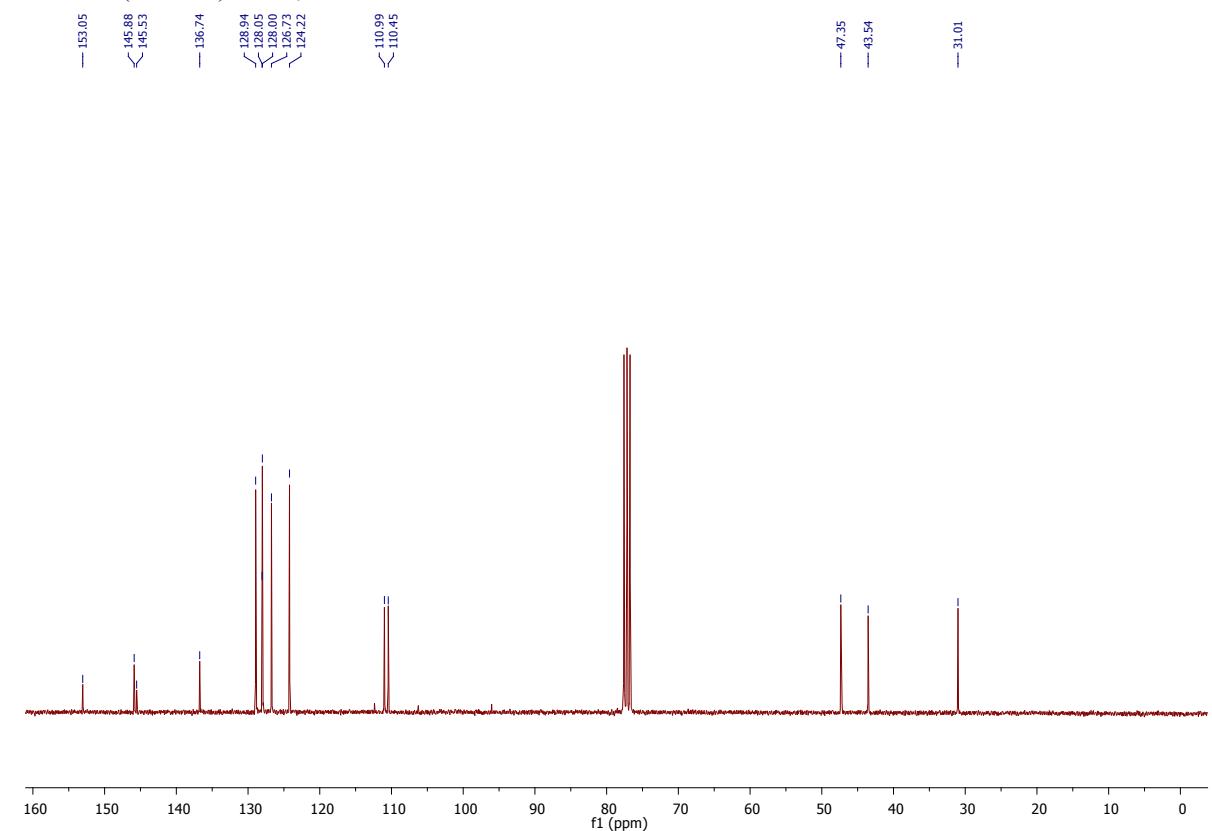
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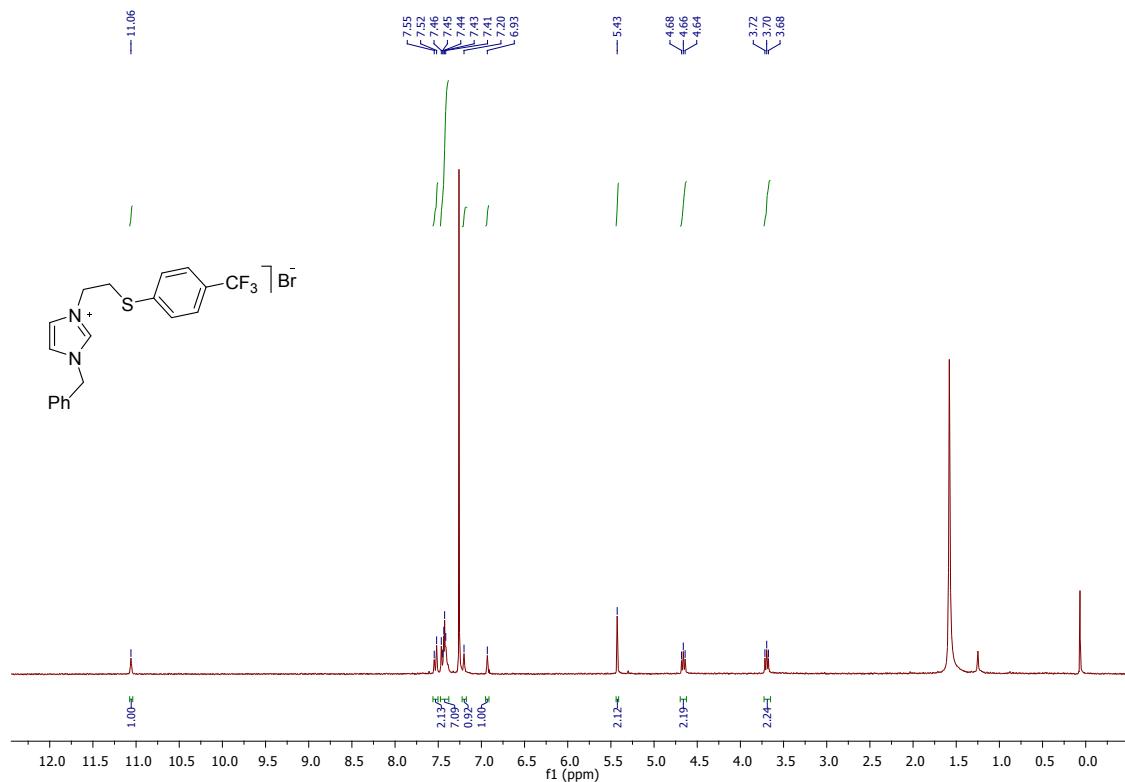


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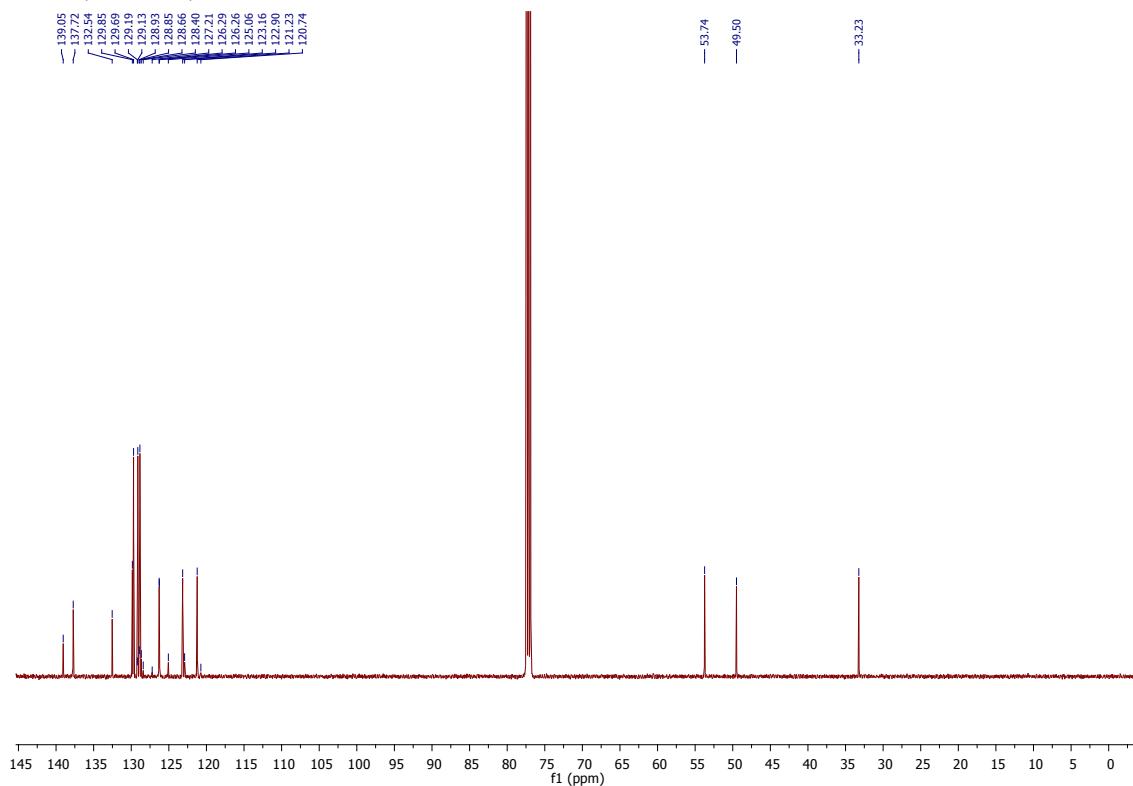


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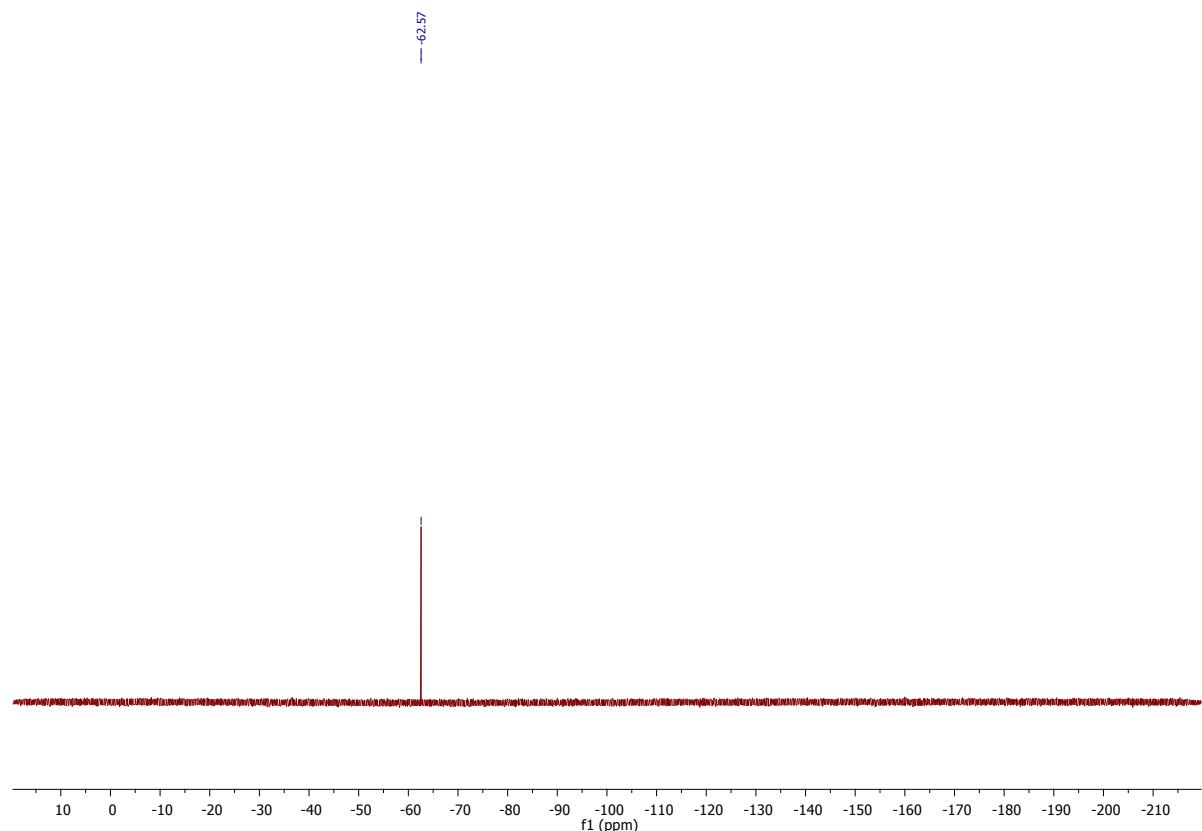
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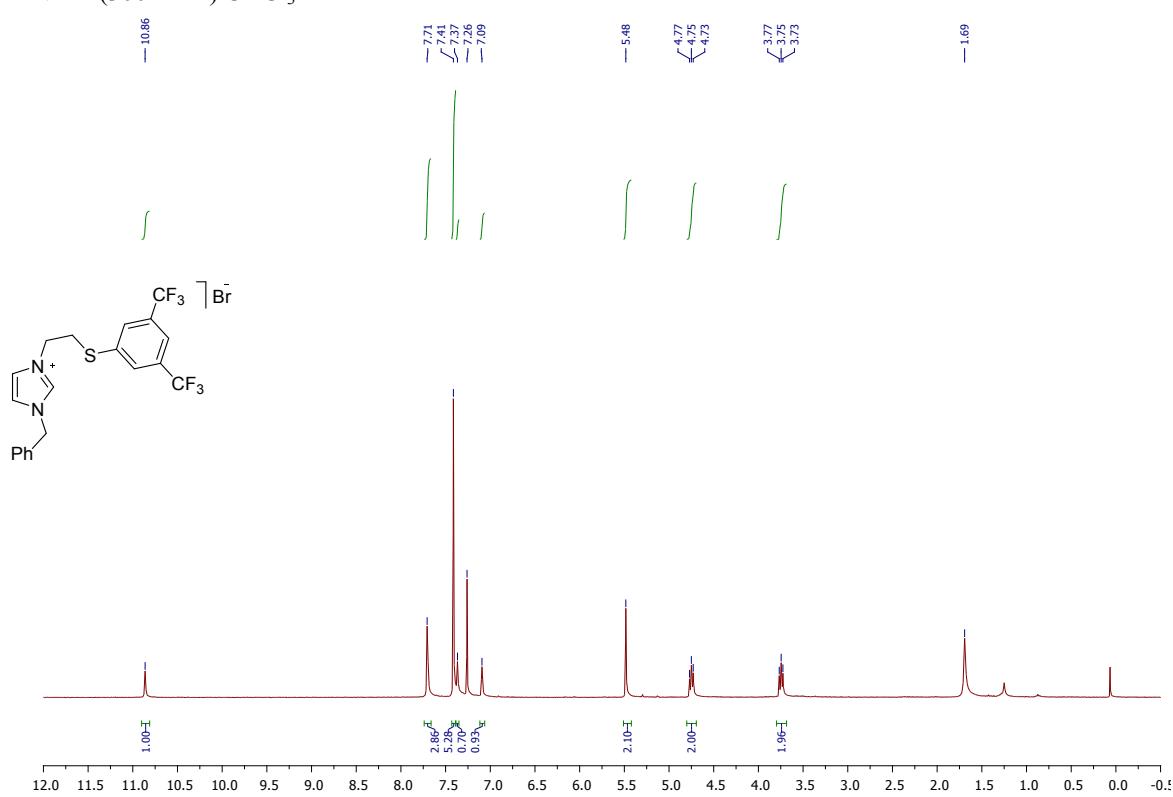


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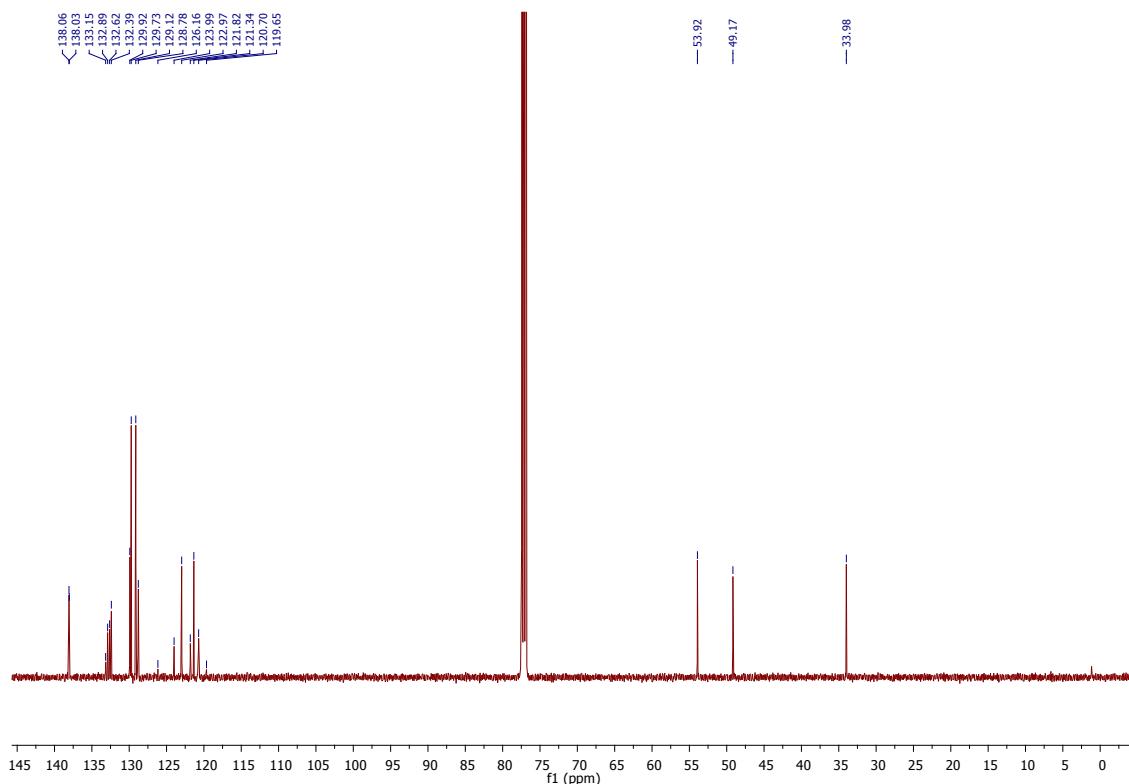


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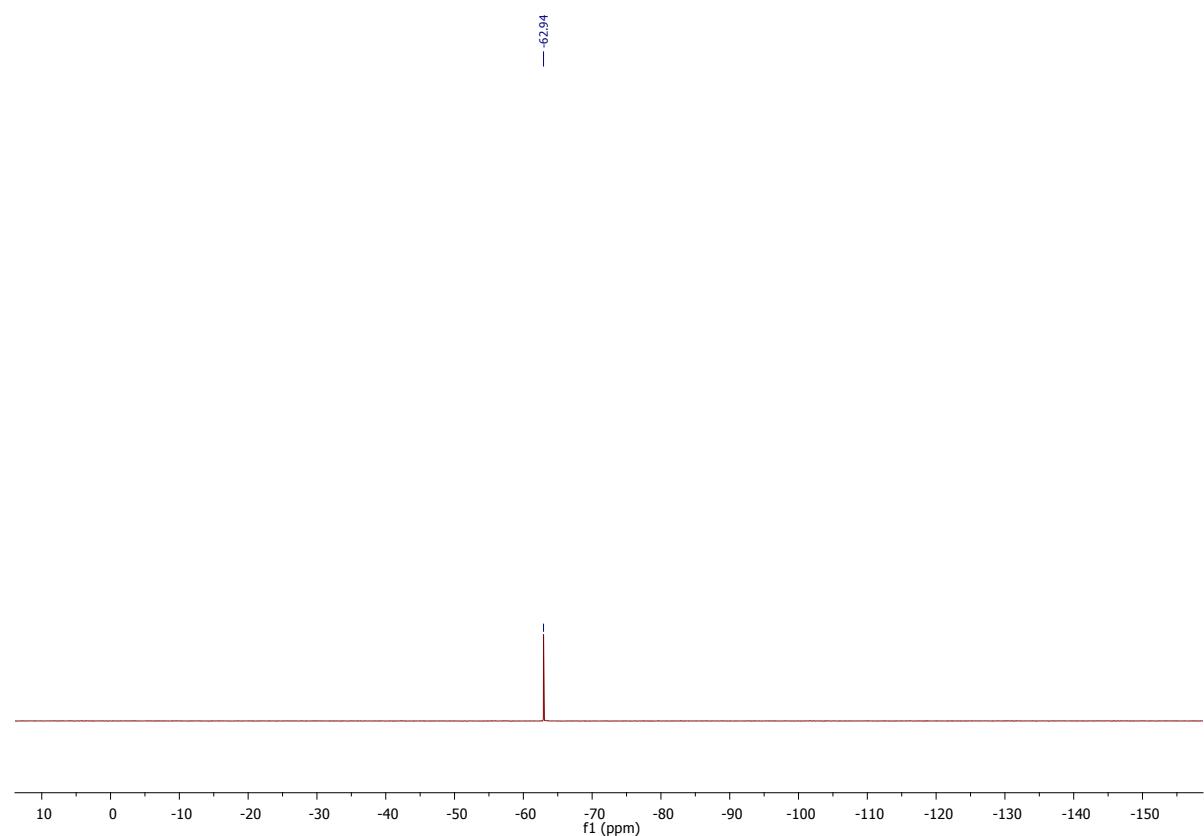
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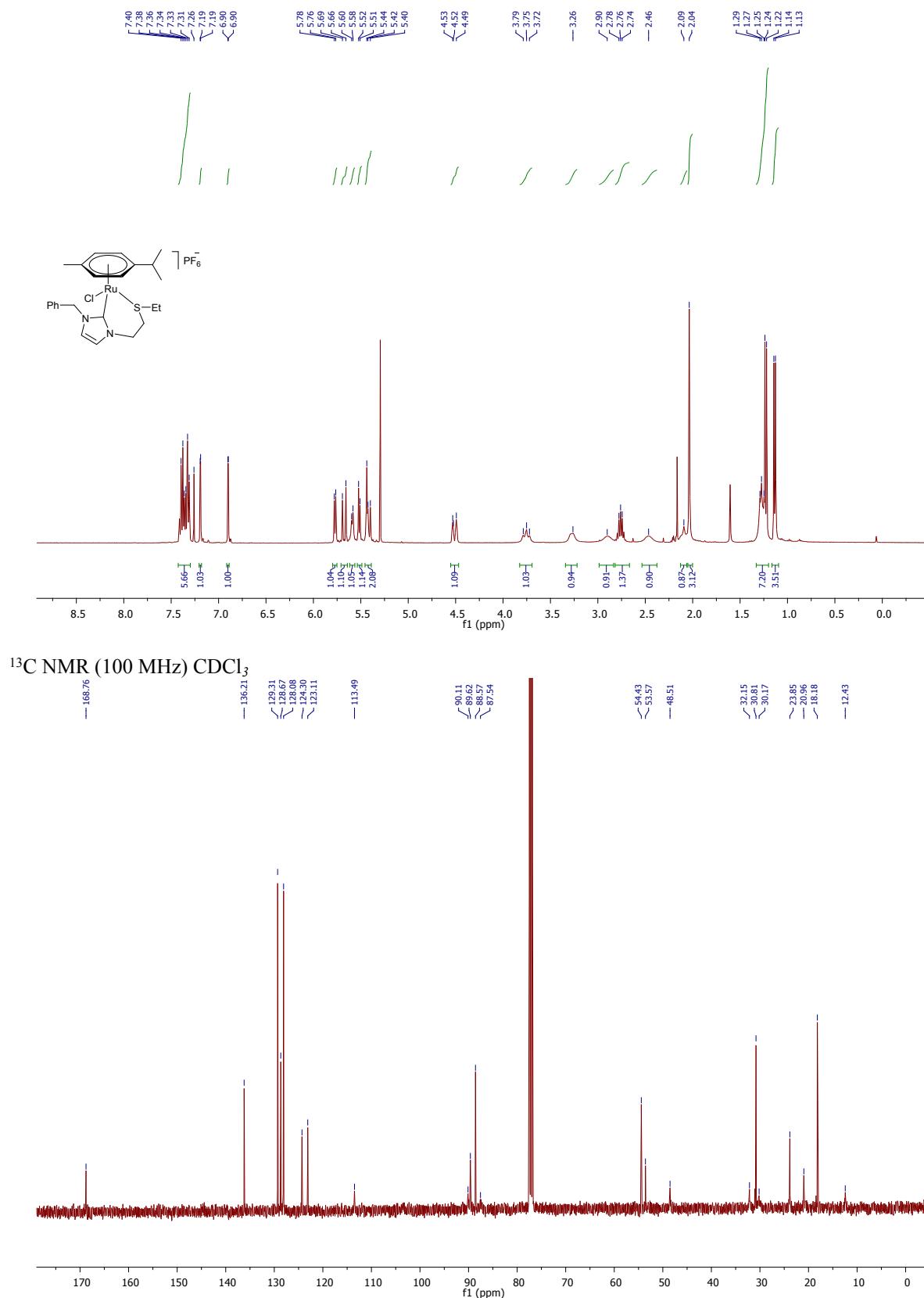


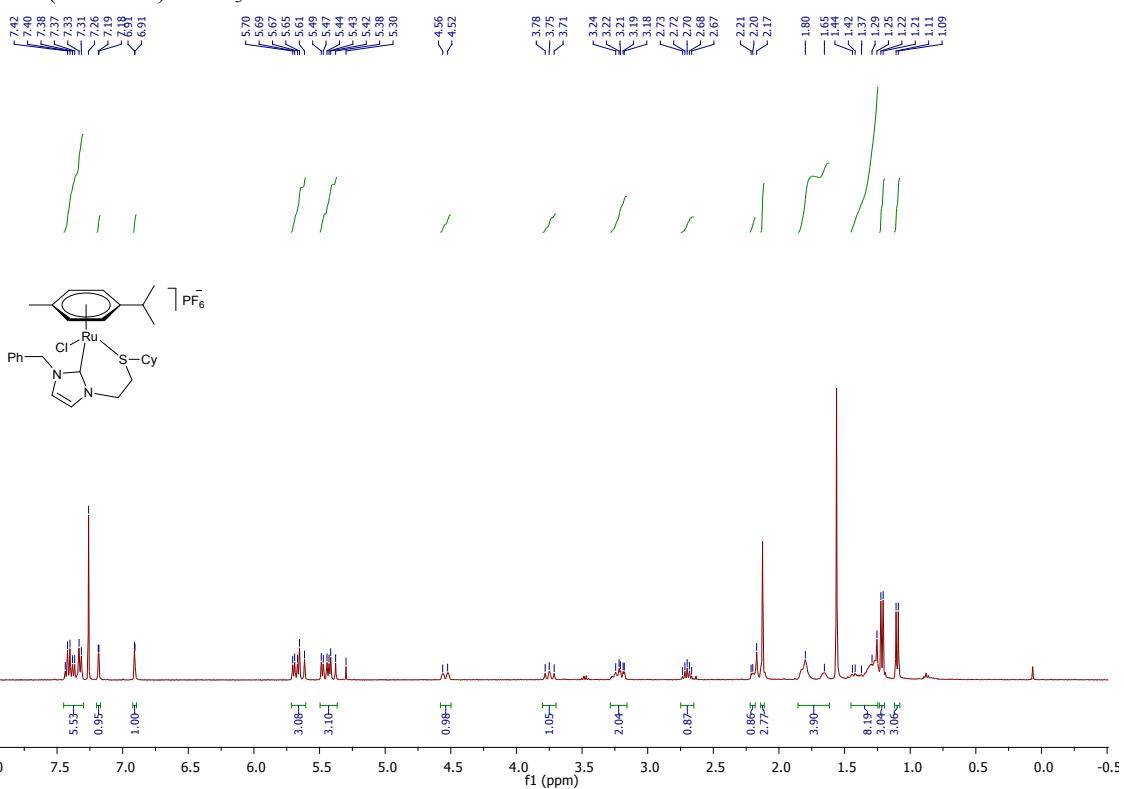
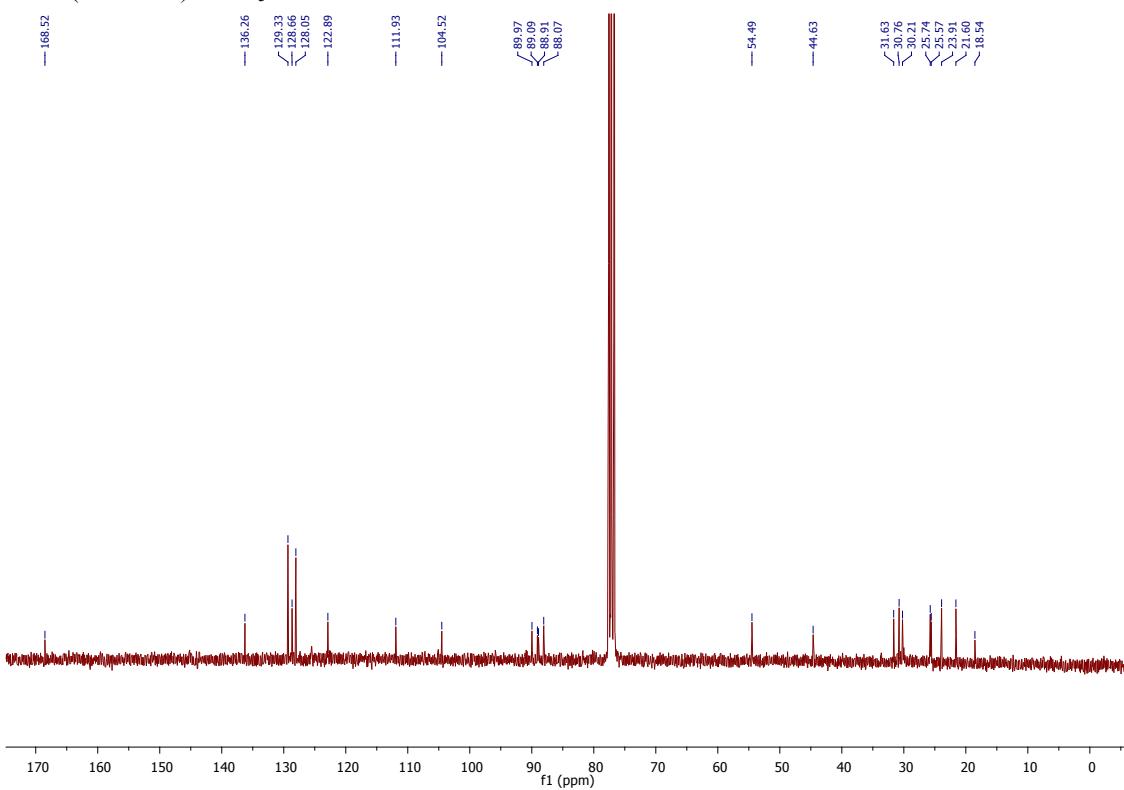
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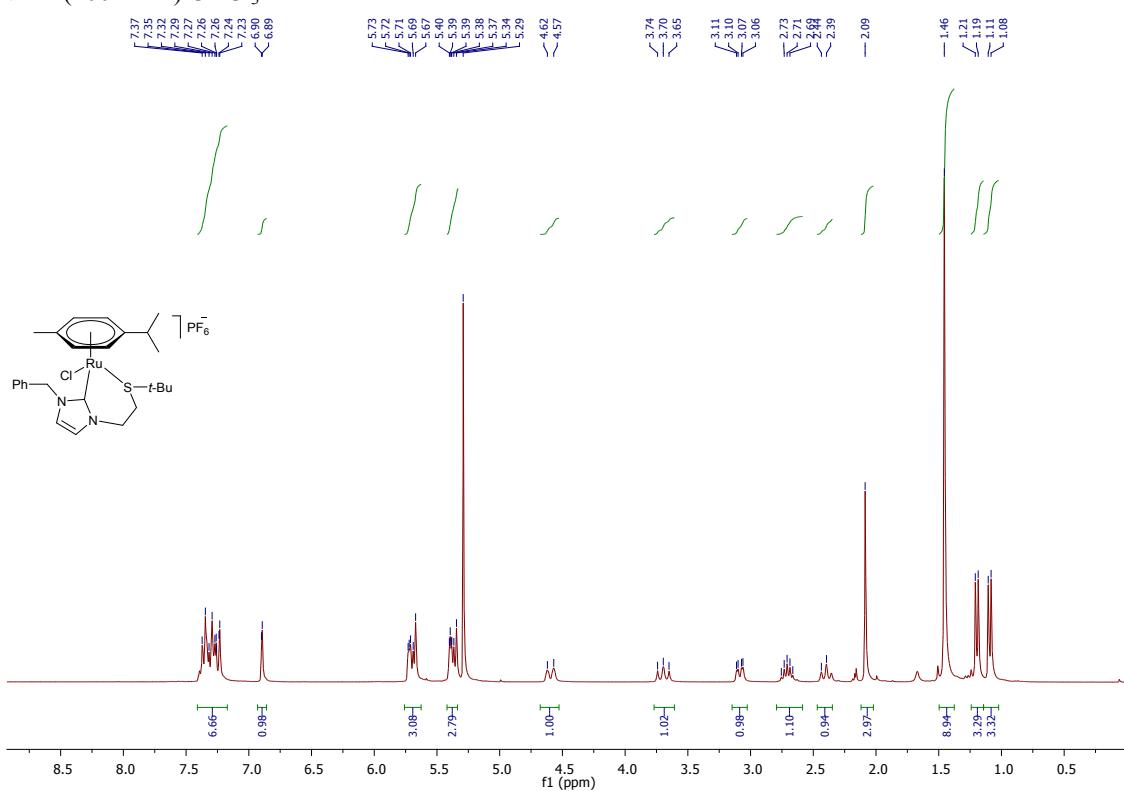
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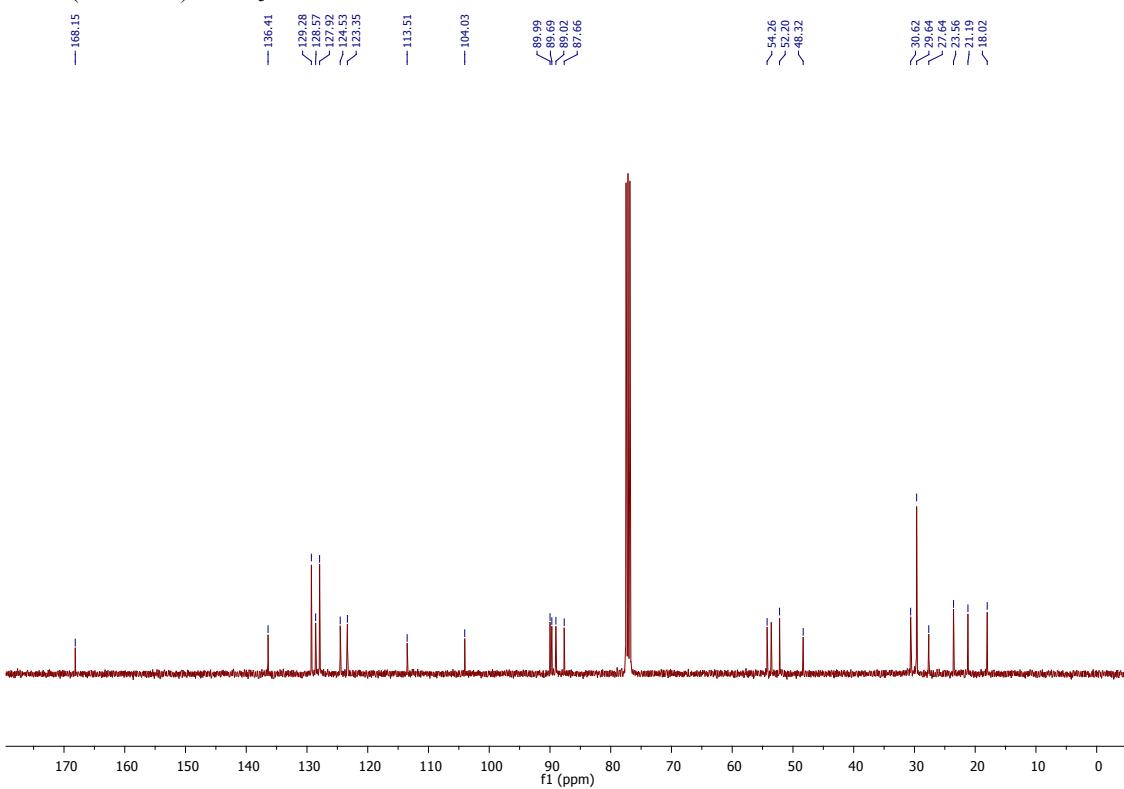
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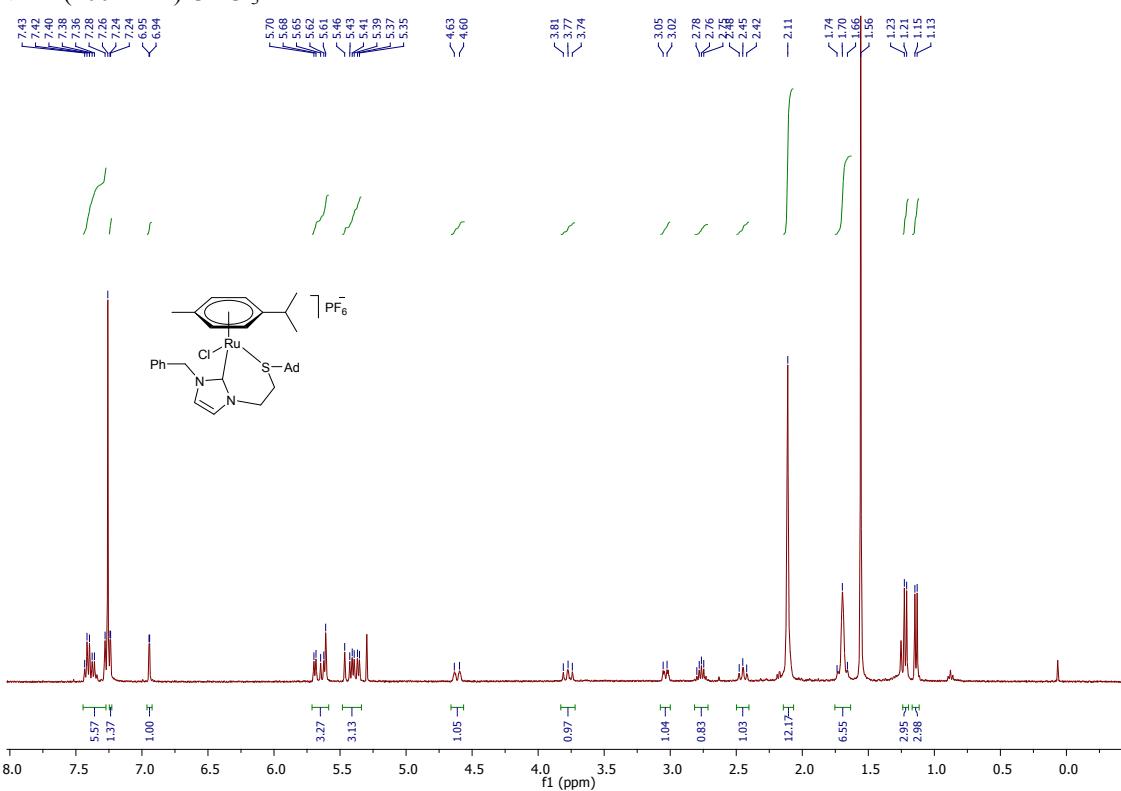


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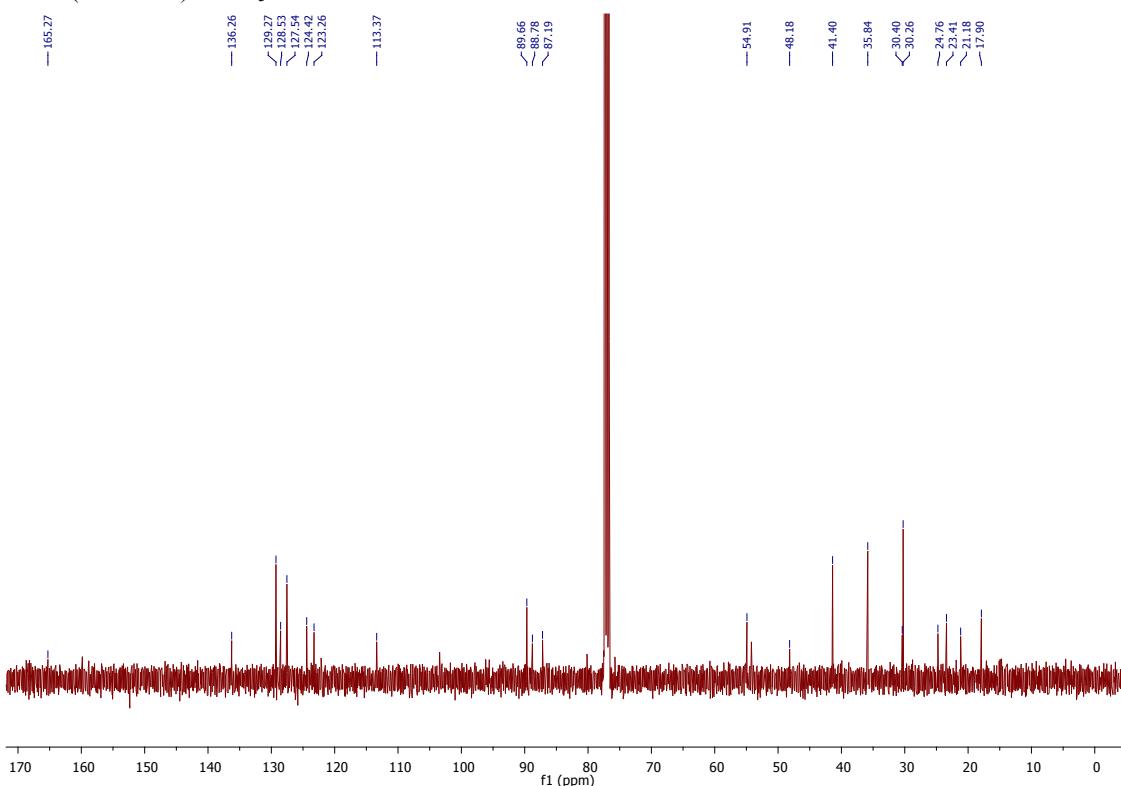


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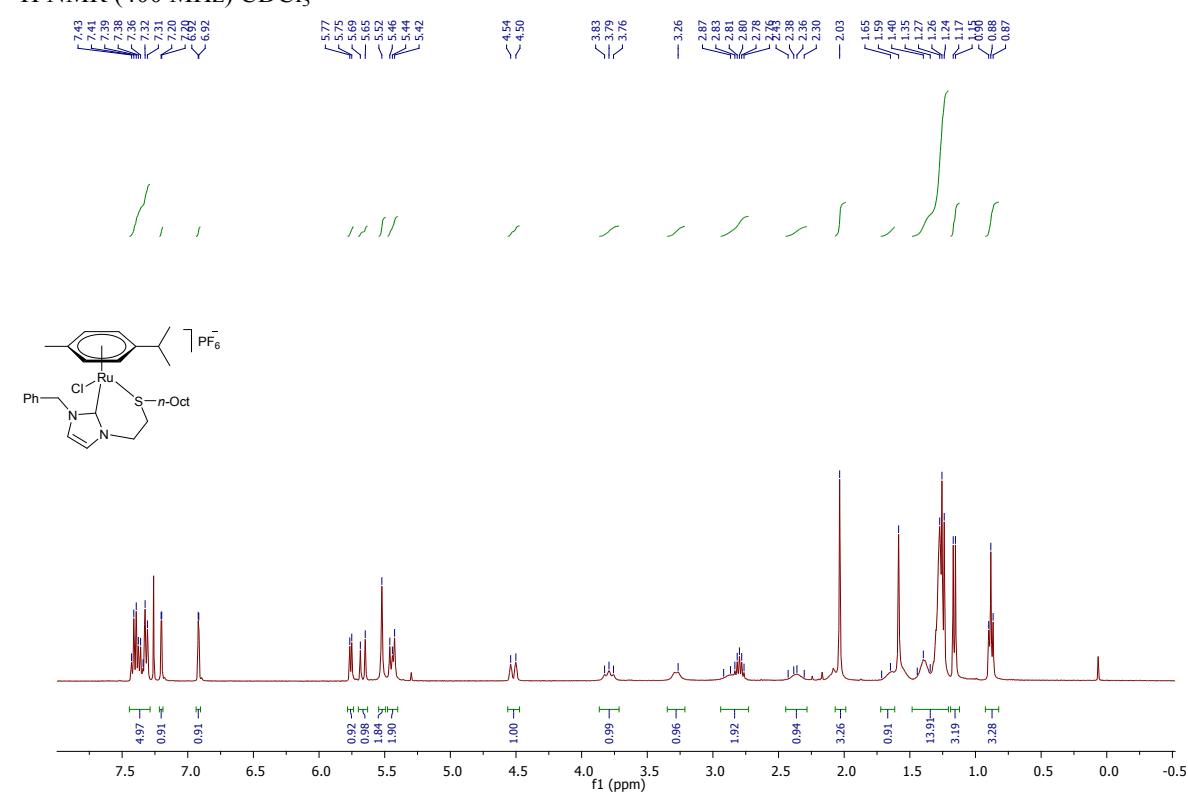


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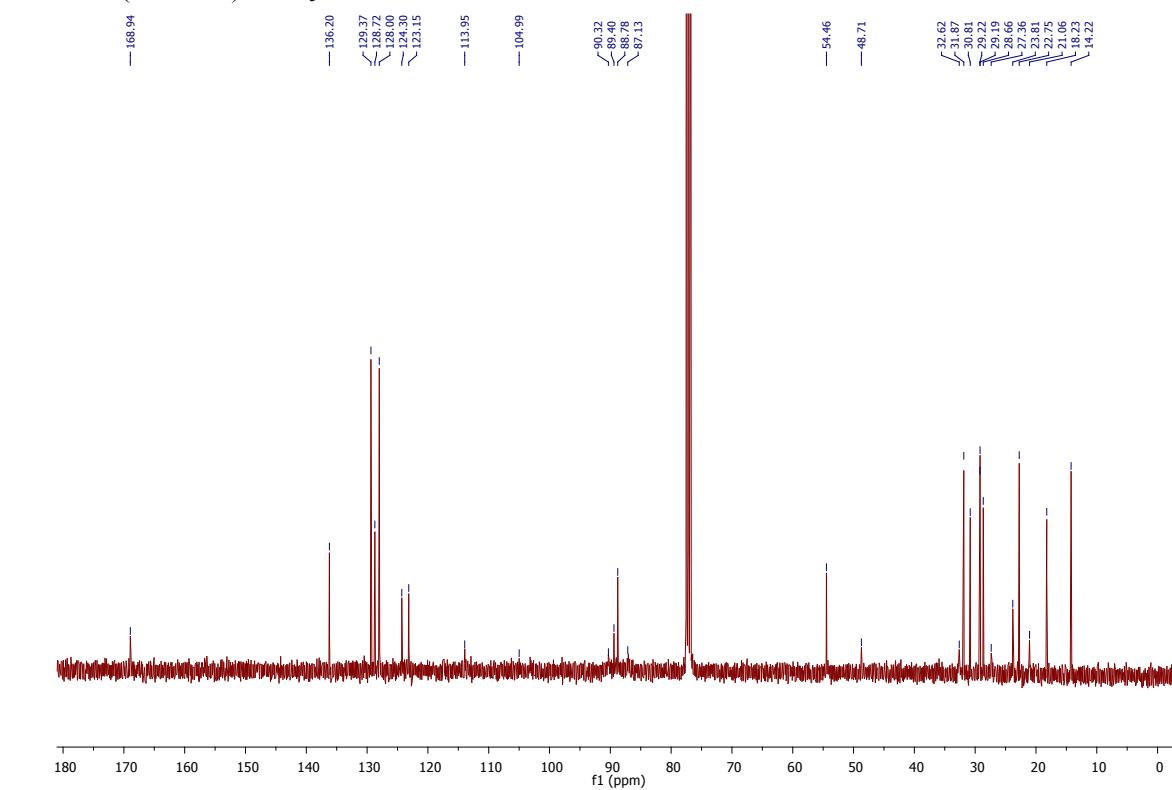


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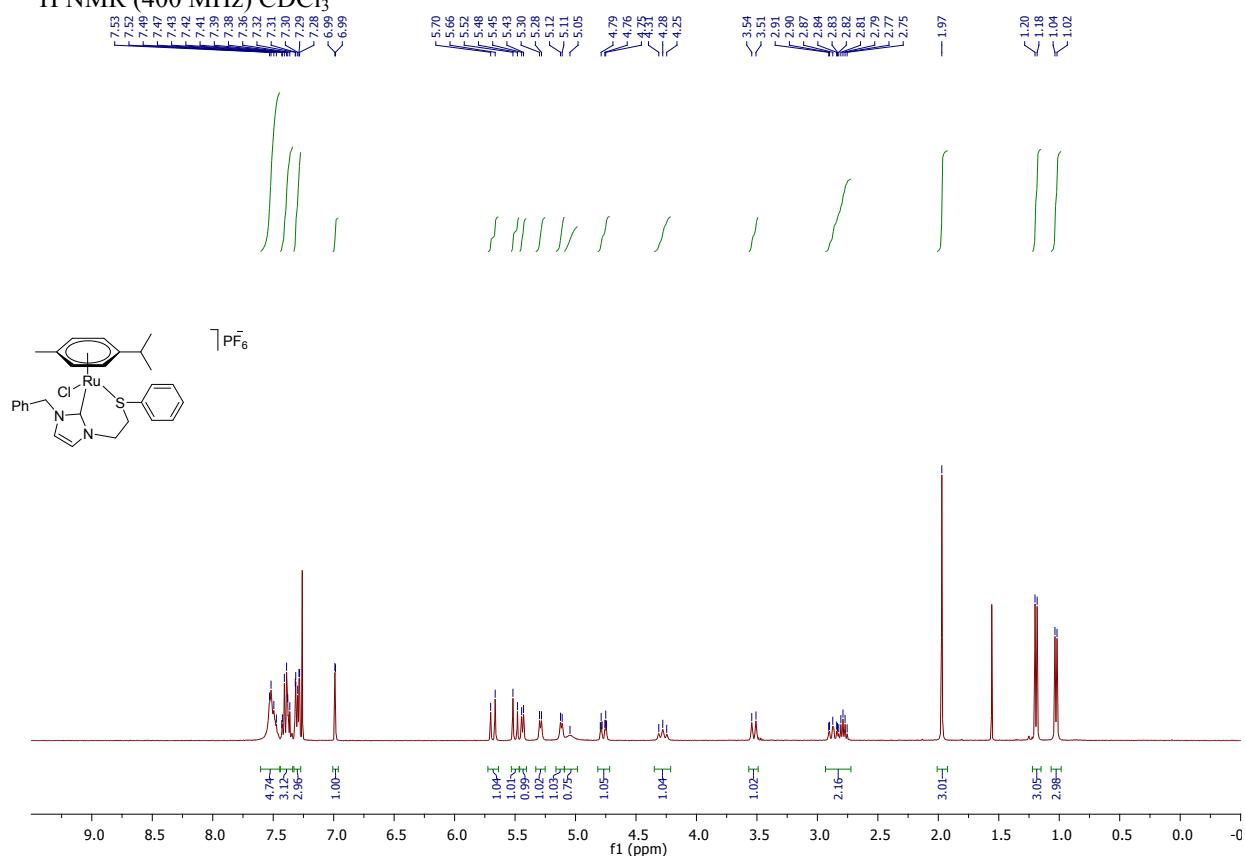


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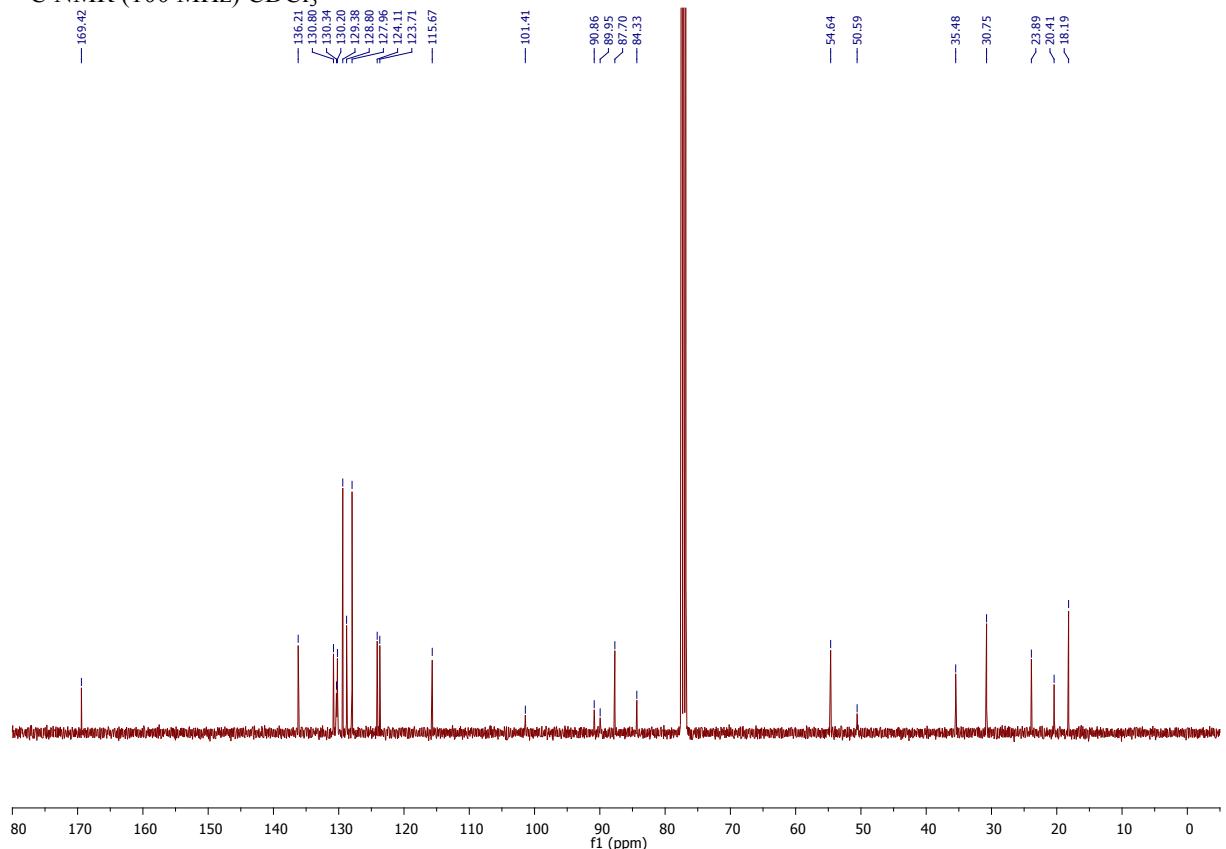


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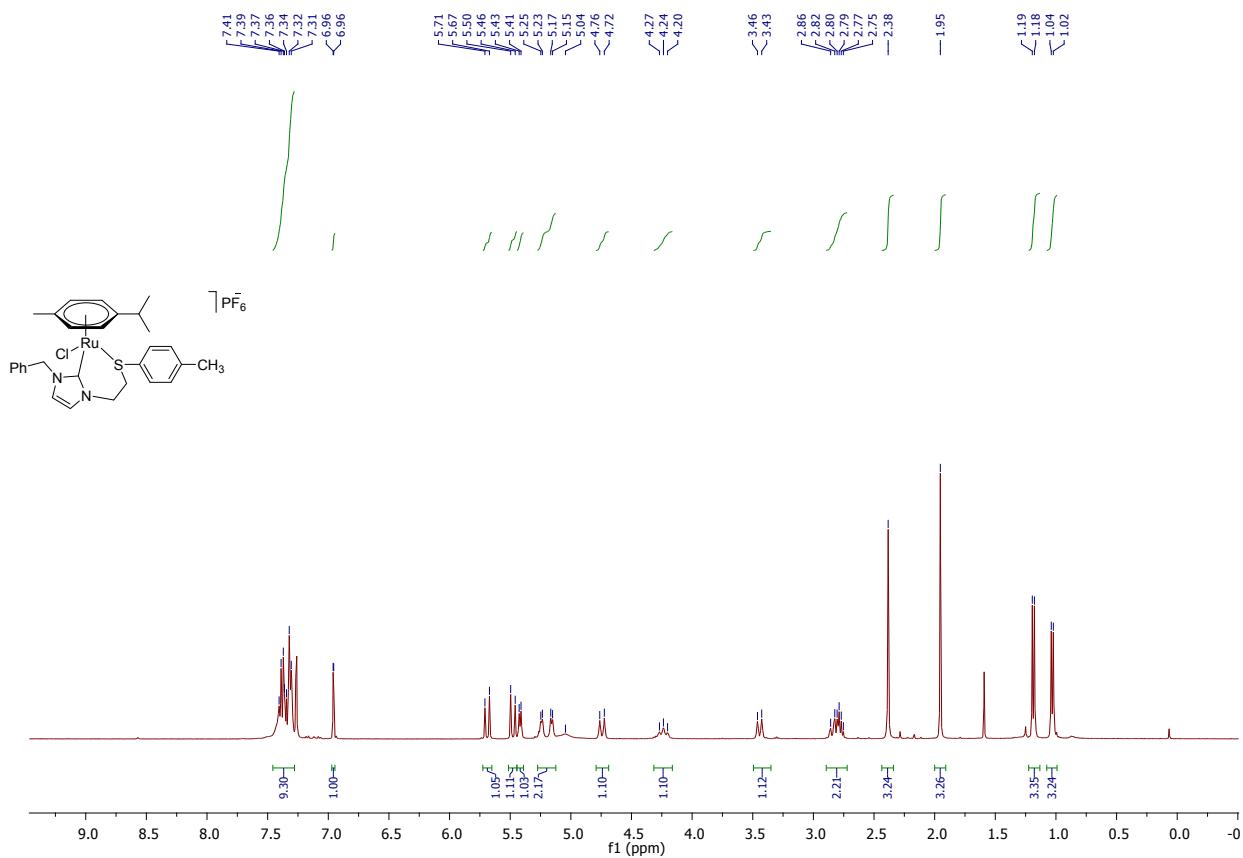


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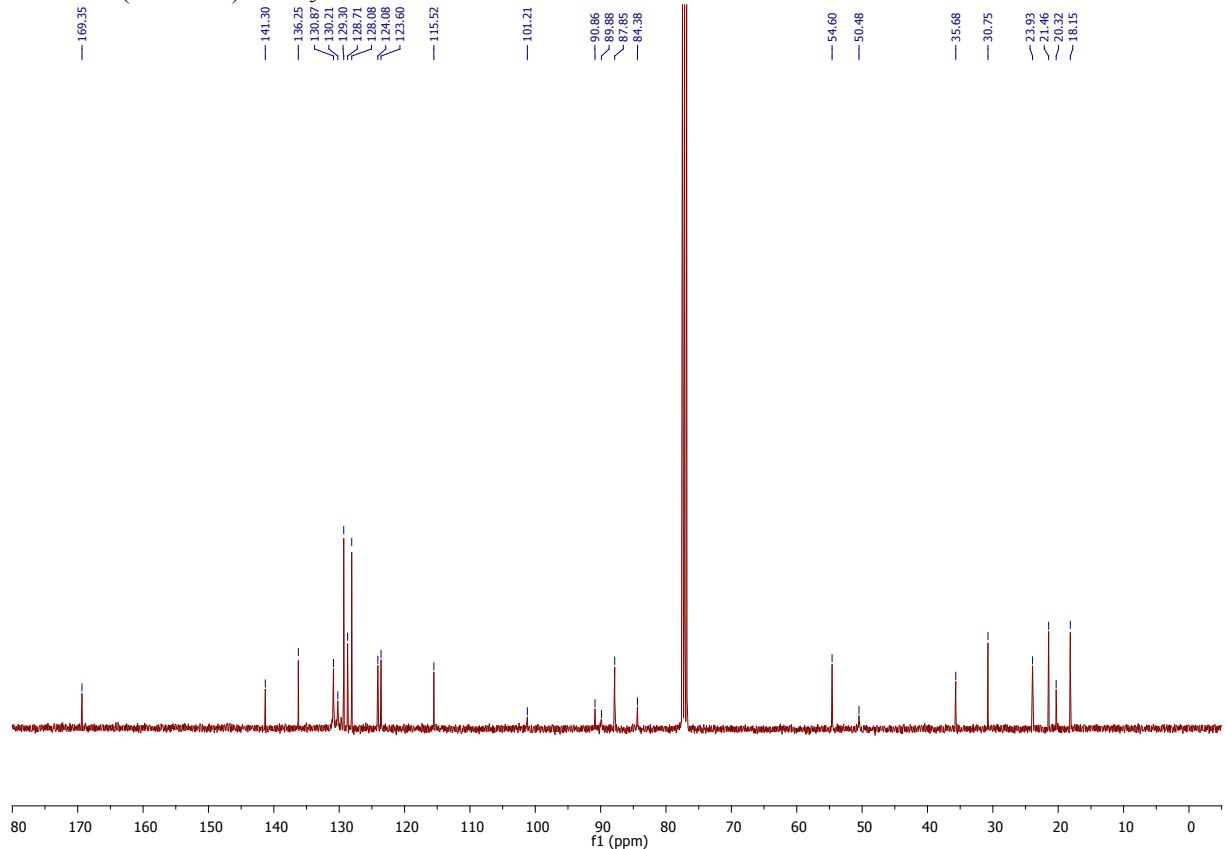


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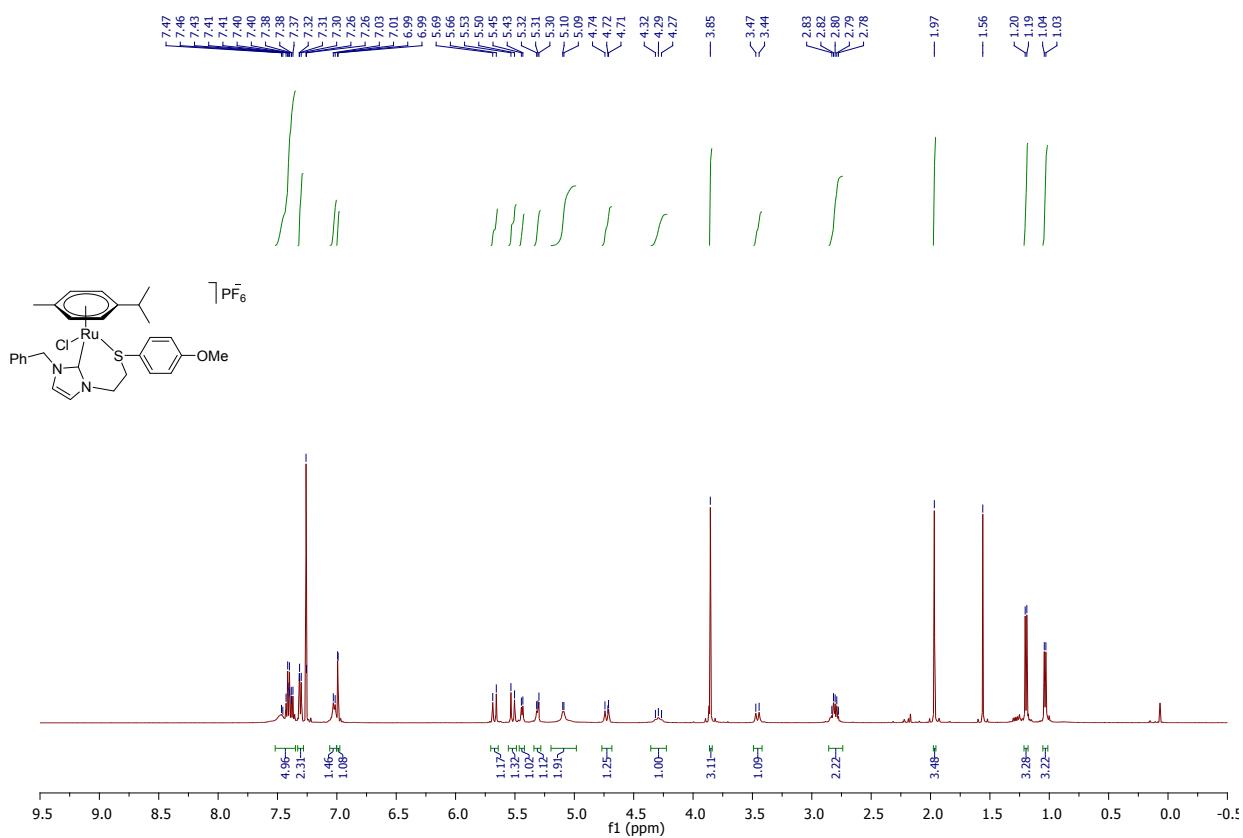


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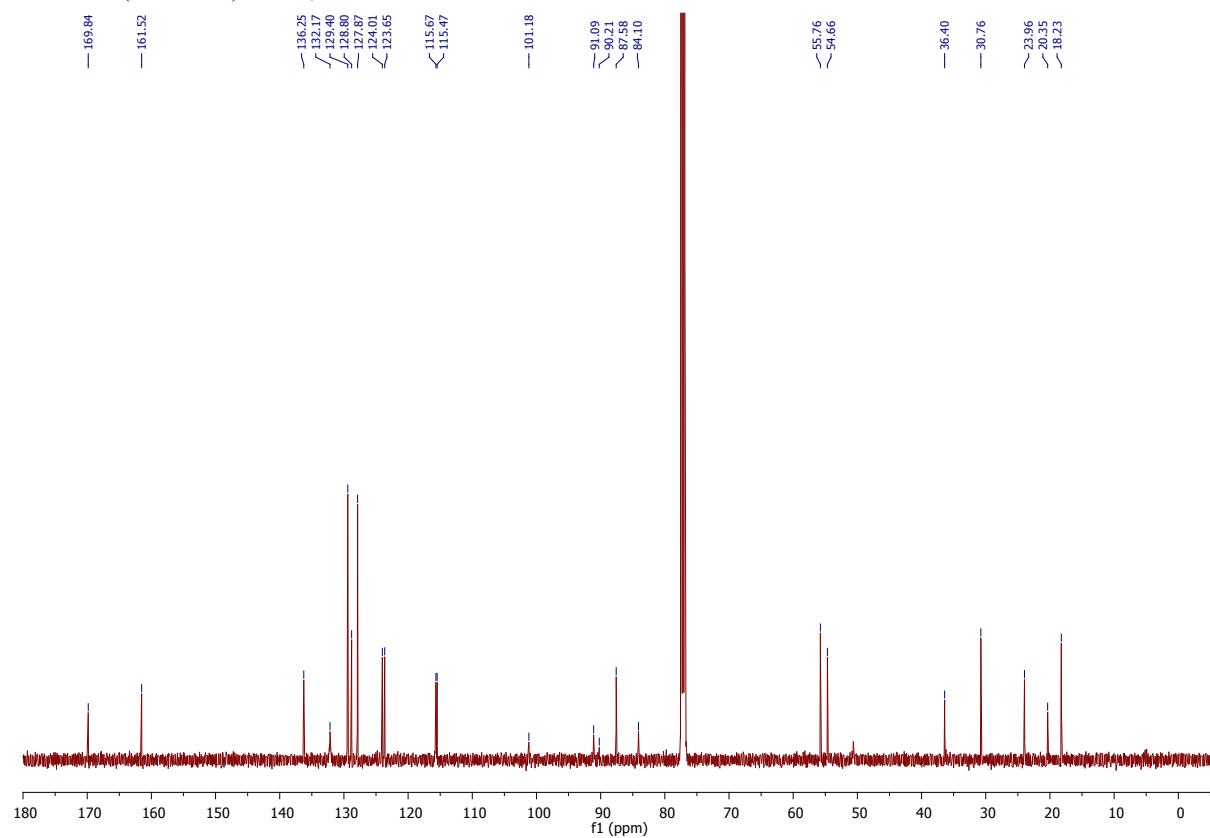


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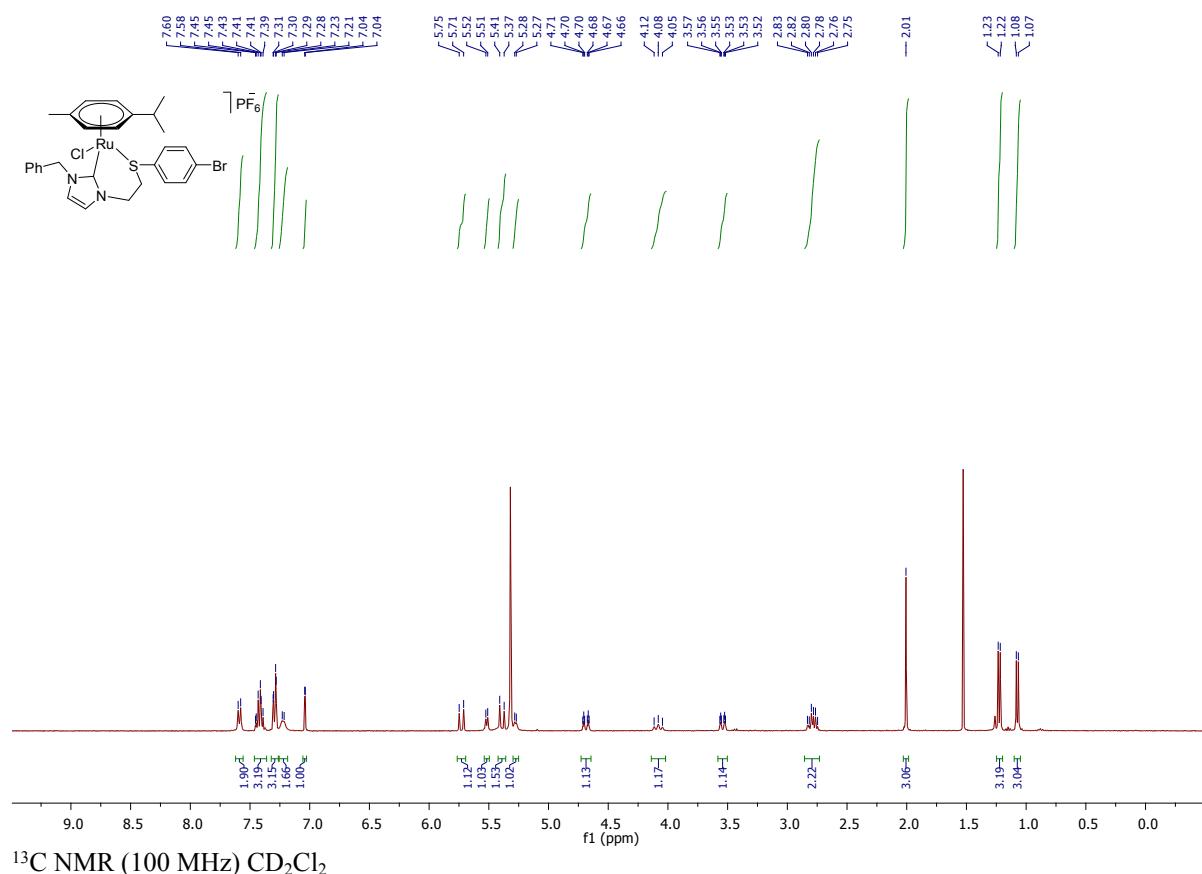


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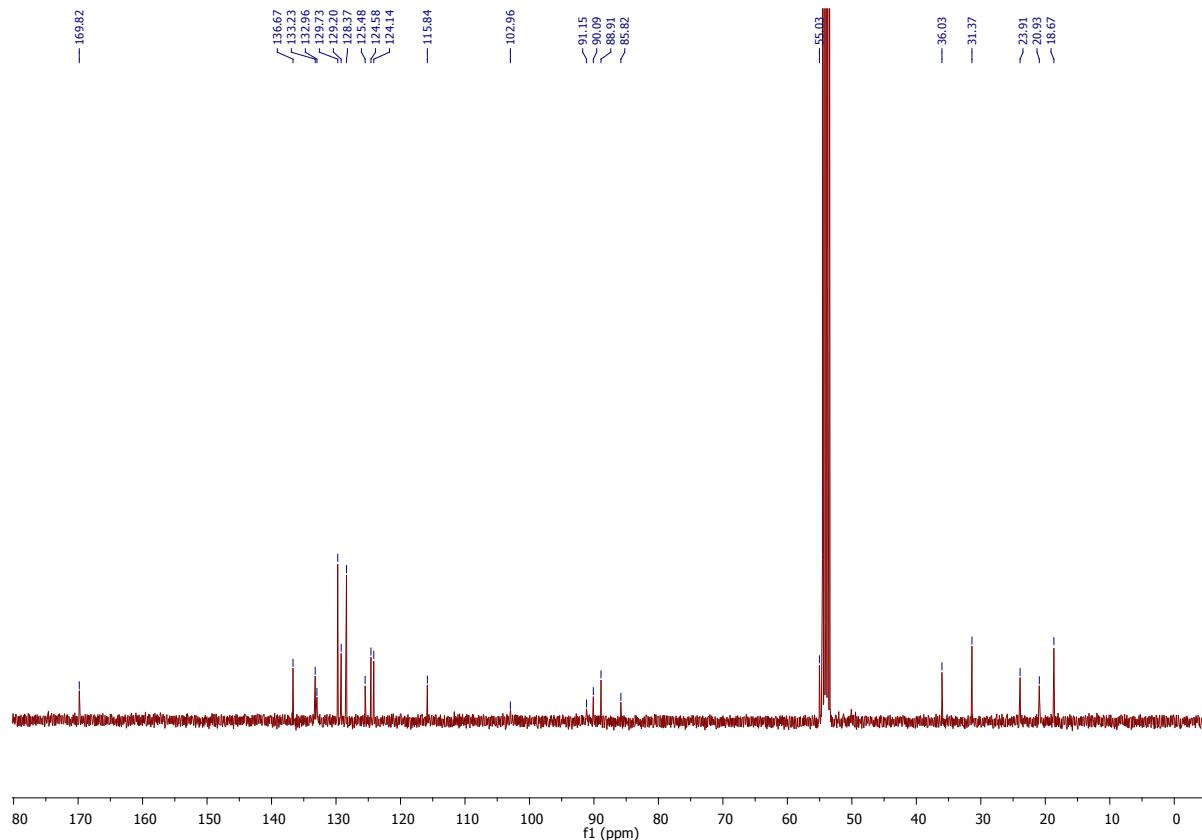


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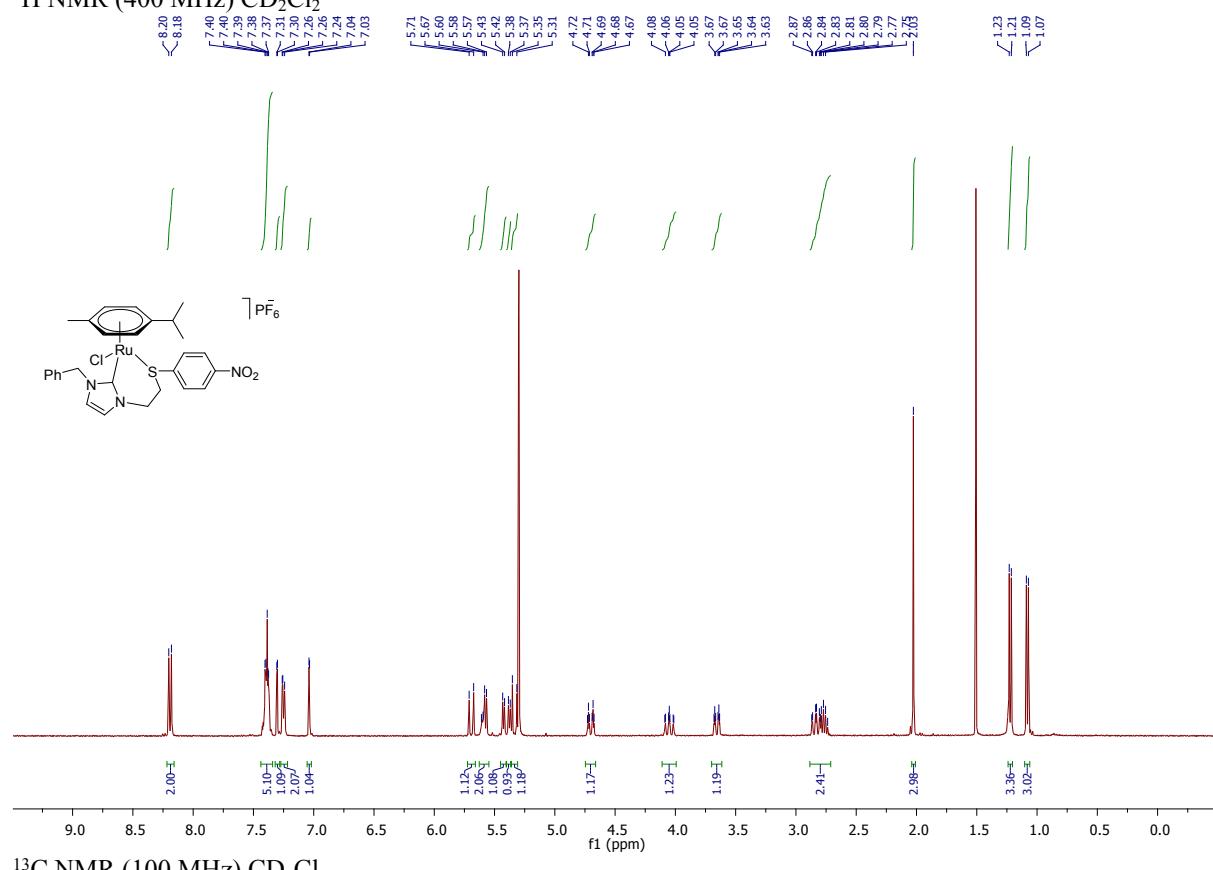


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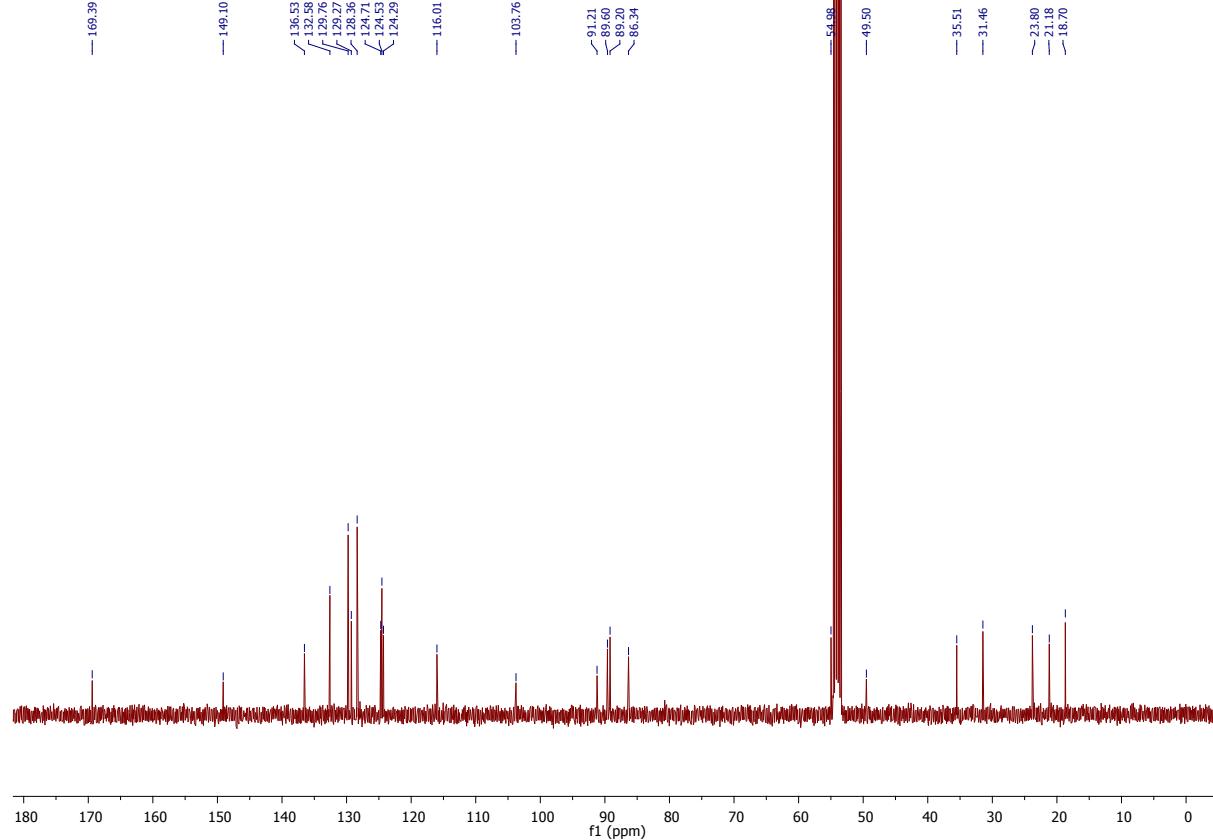


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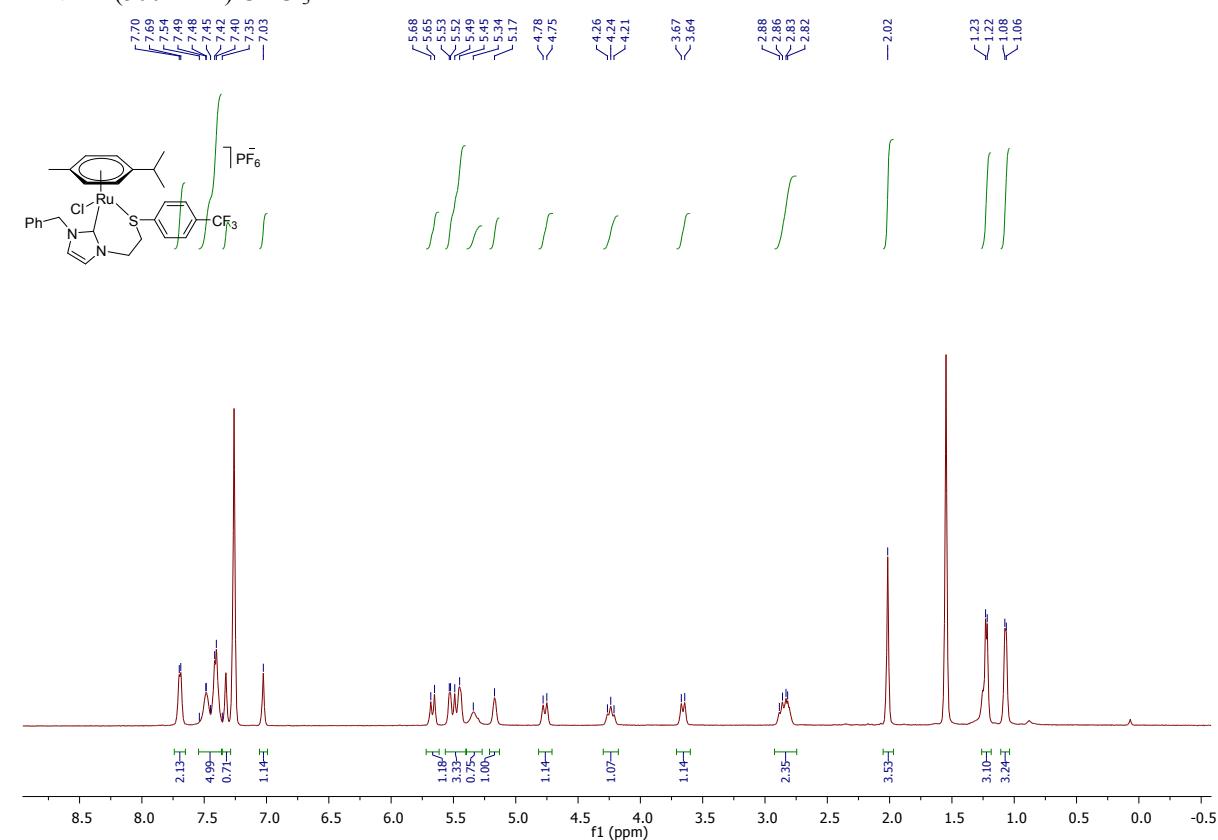


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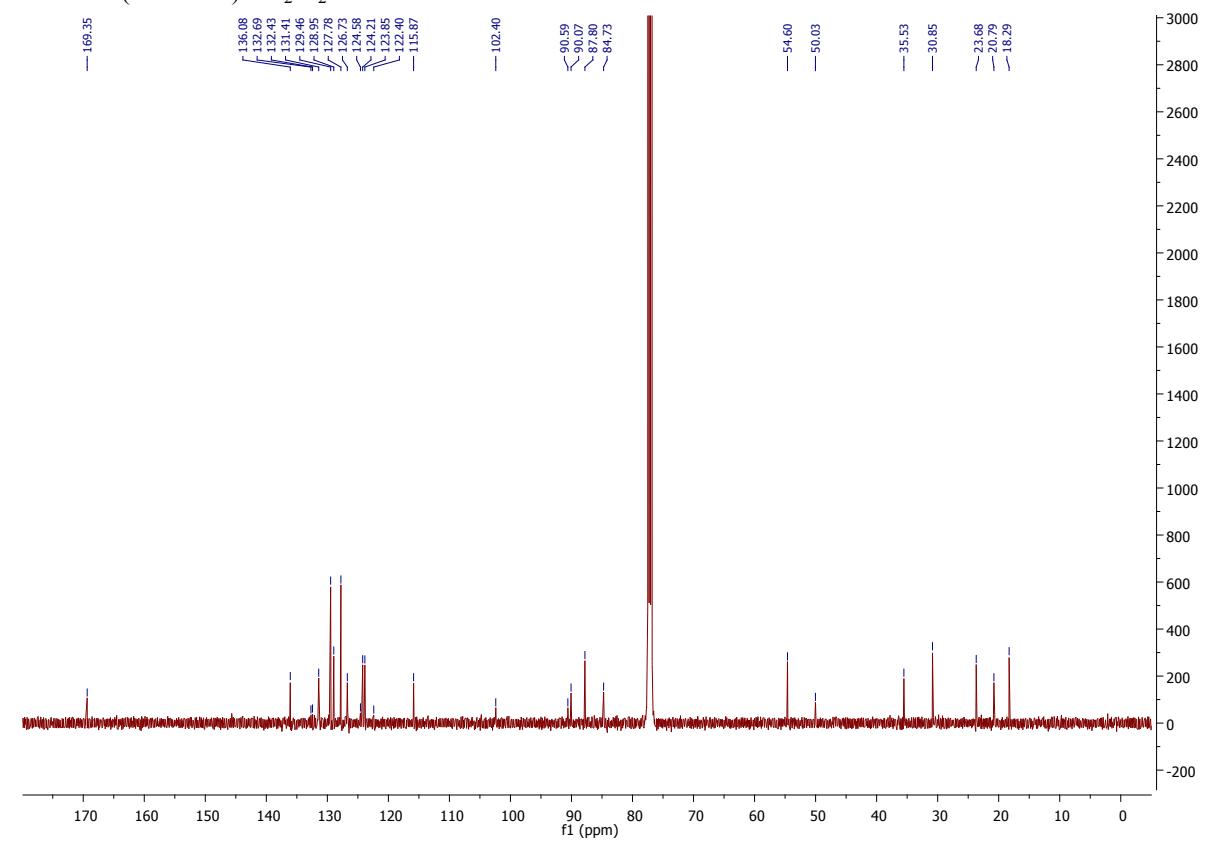


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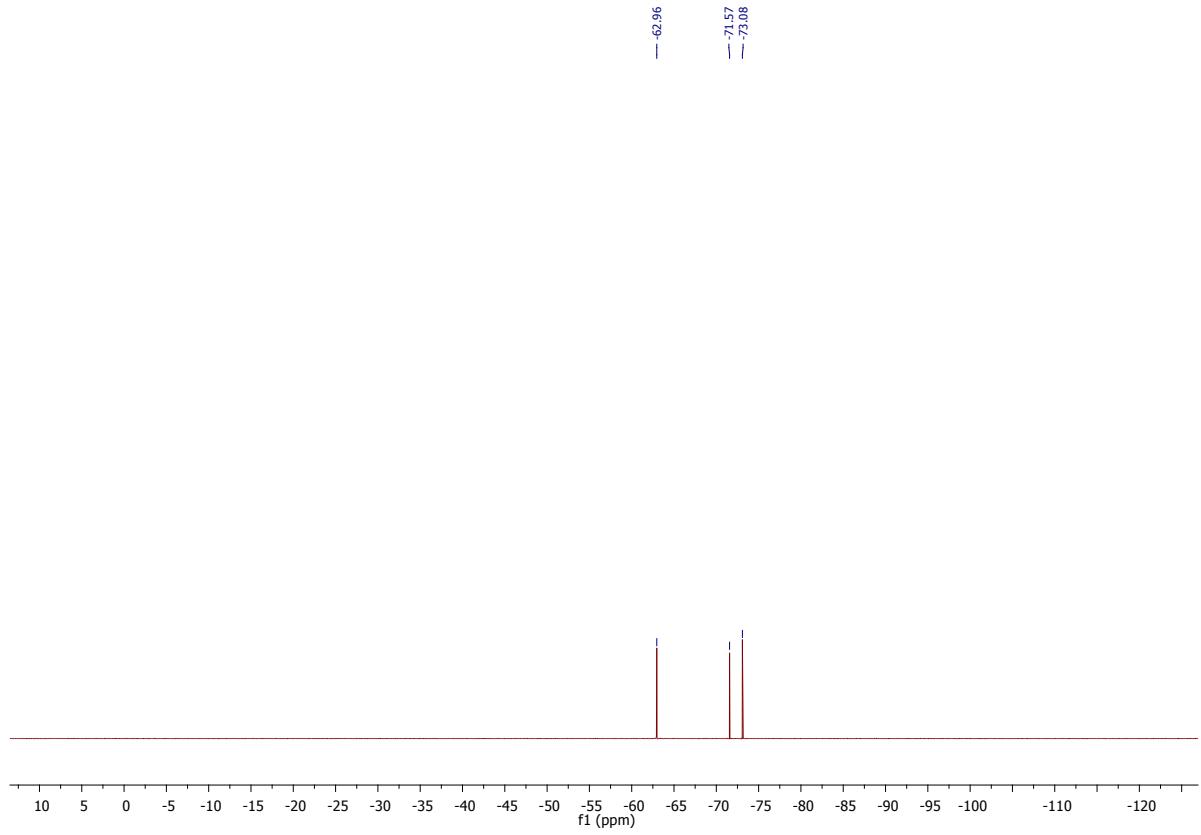
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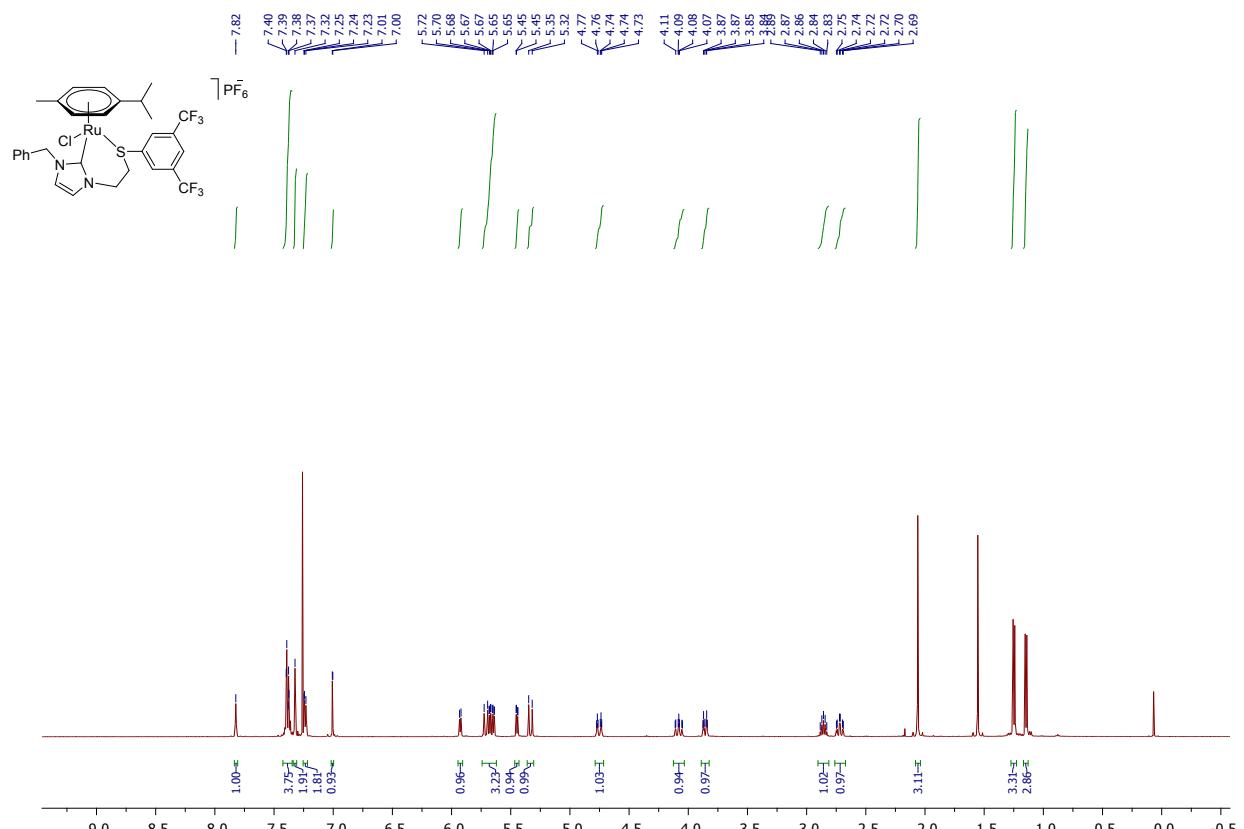


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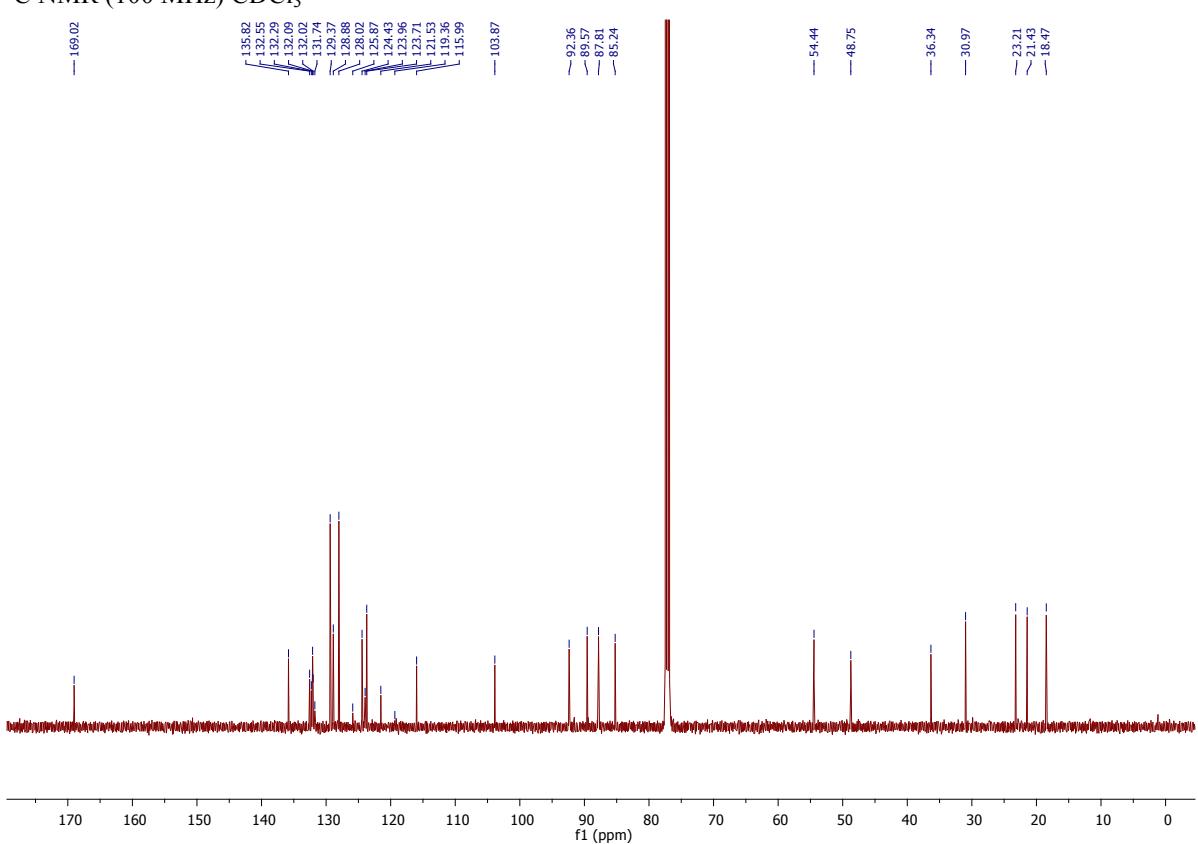


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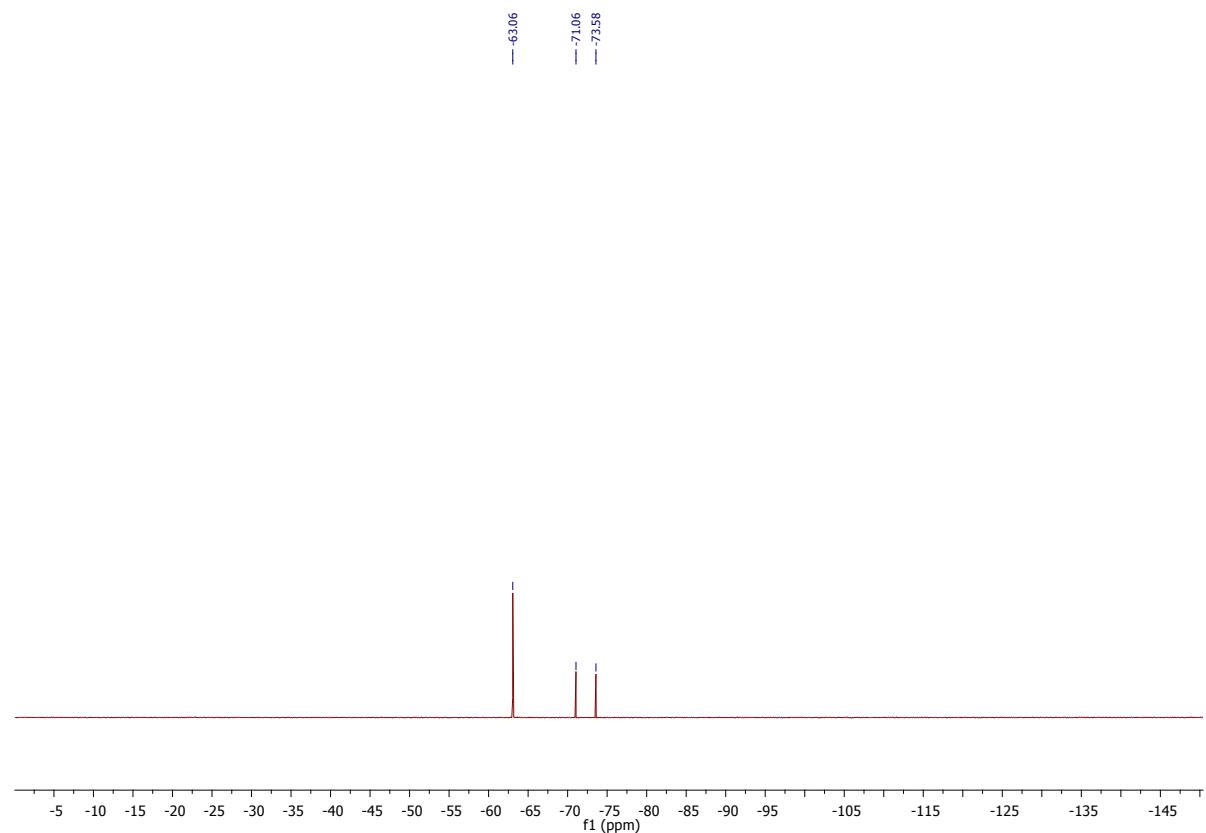
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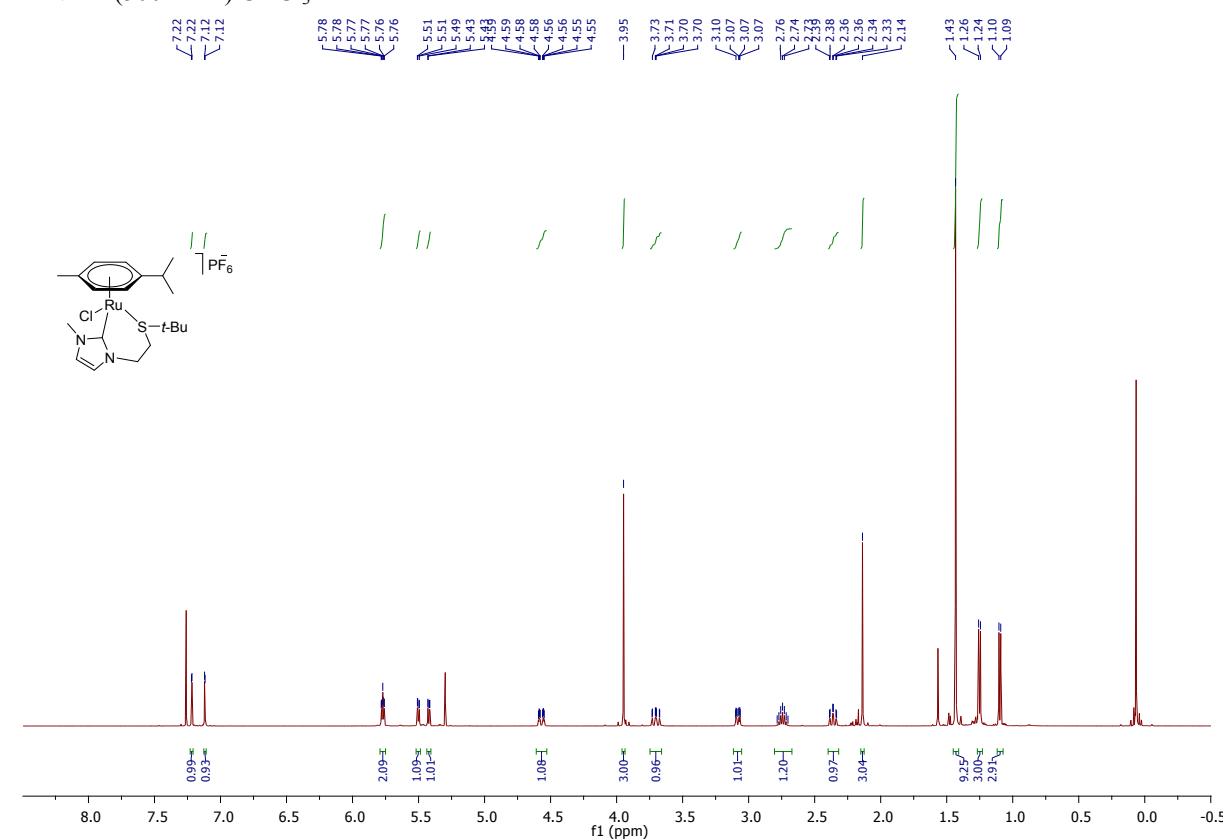


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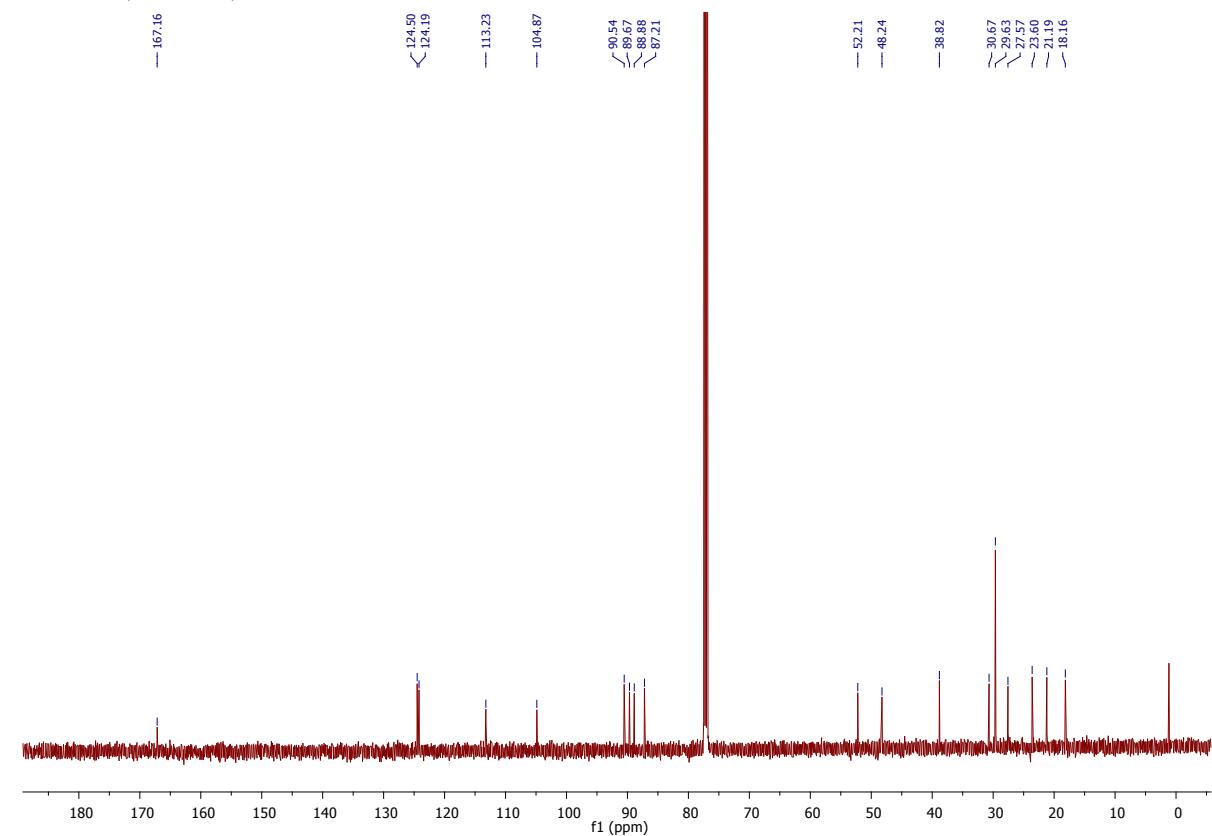


Ru Benzimidazole (4)

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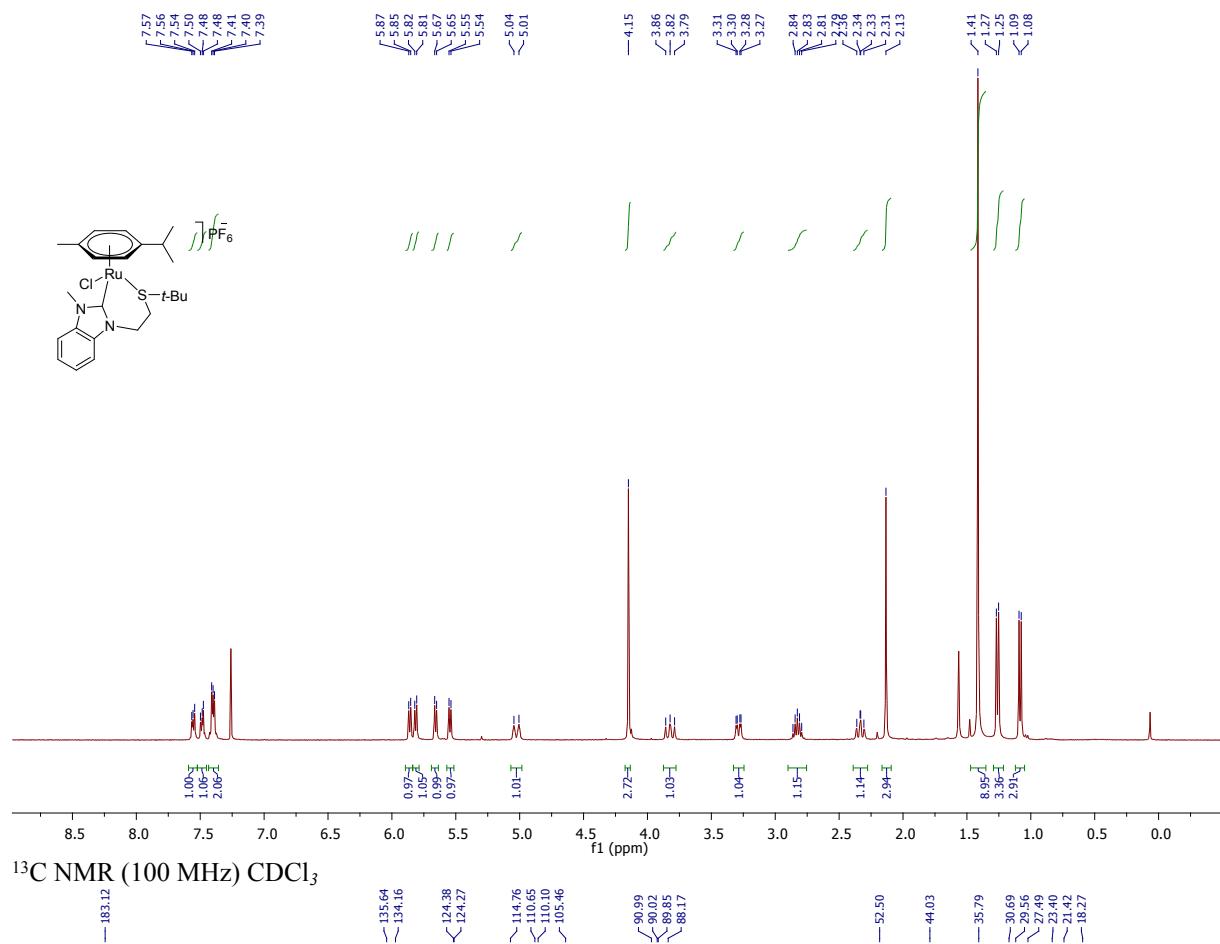


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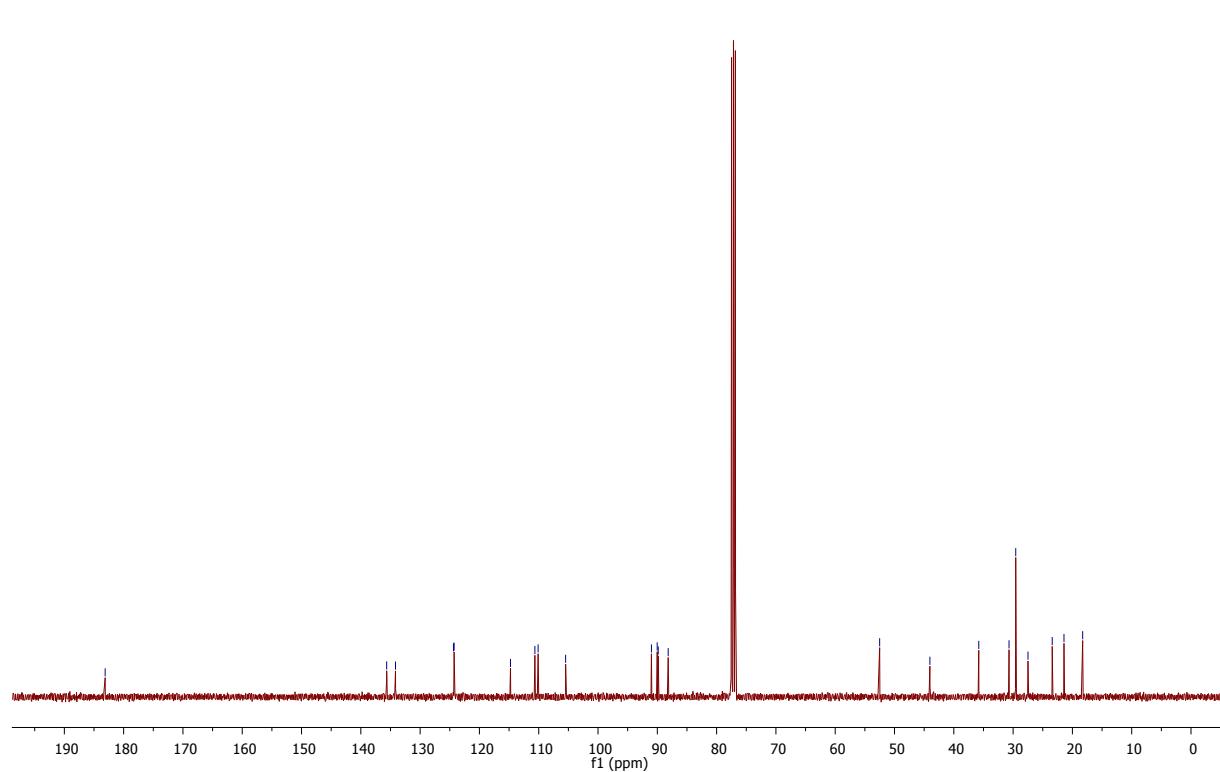


Ru Benzimidazole (5)

^1H NMR (400 MHz) CDCl_3

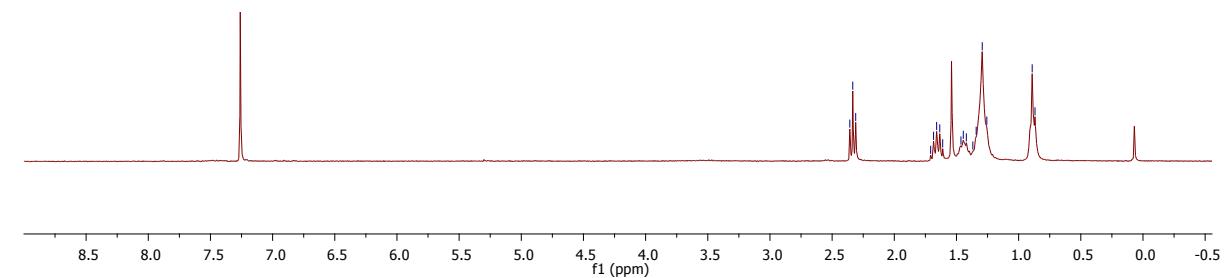
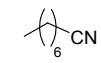


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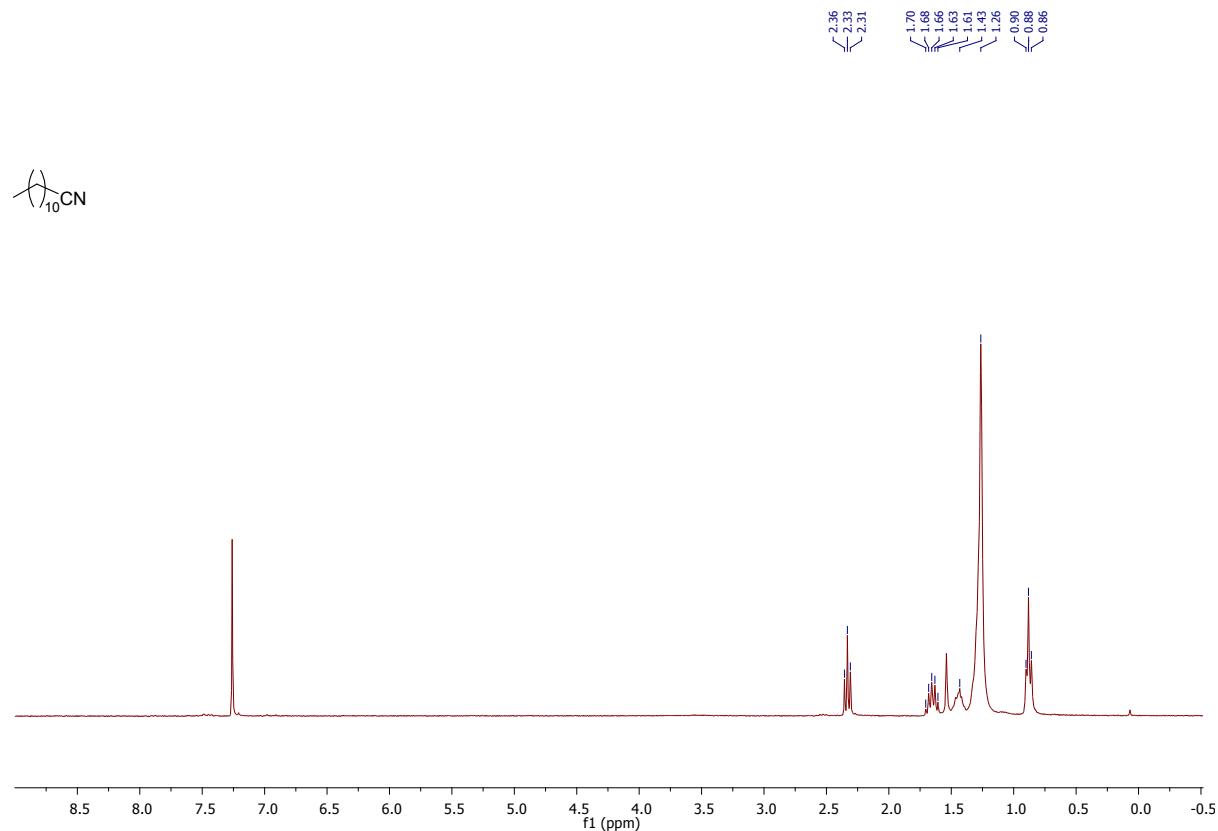
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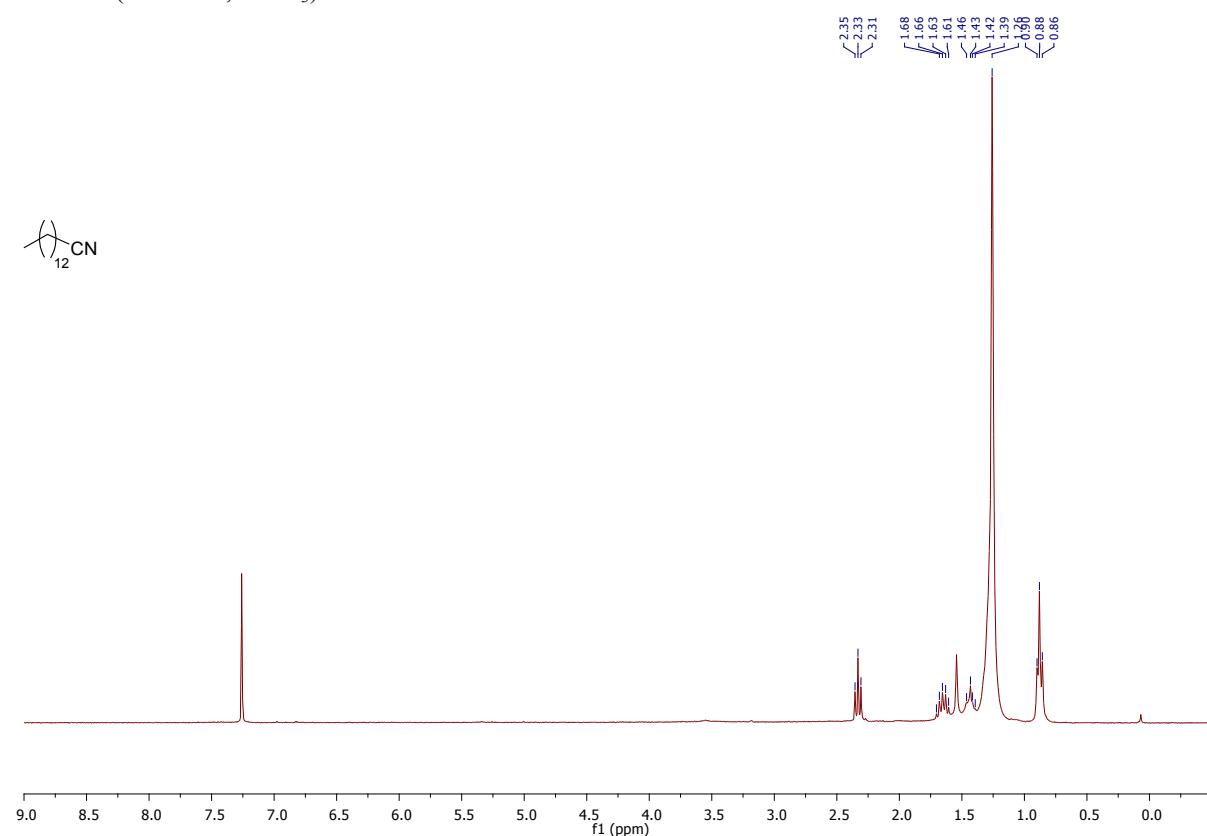
Dodecanenitrile (8).

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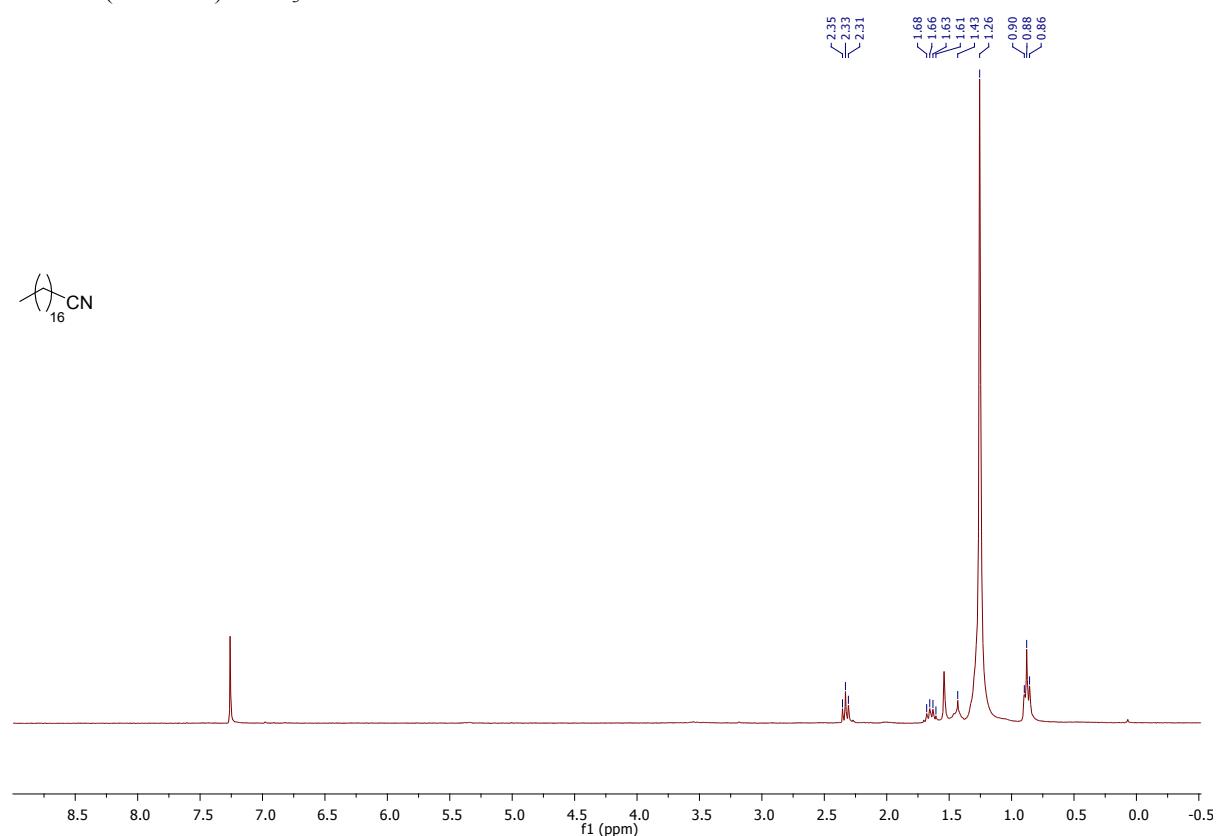
Tetradecanenitrile (9**)**

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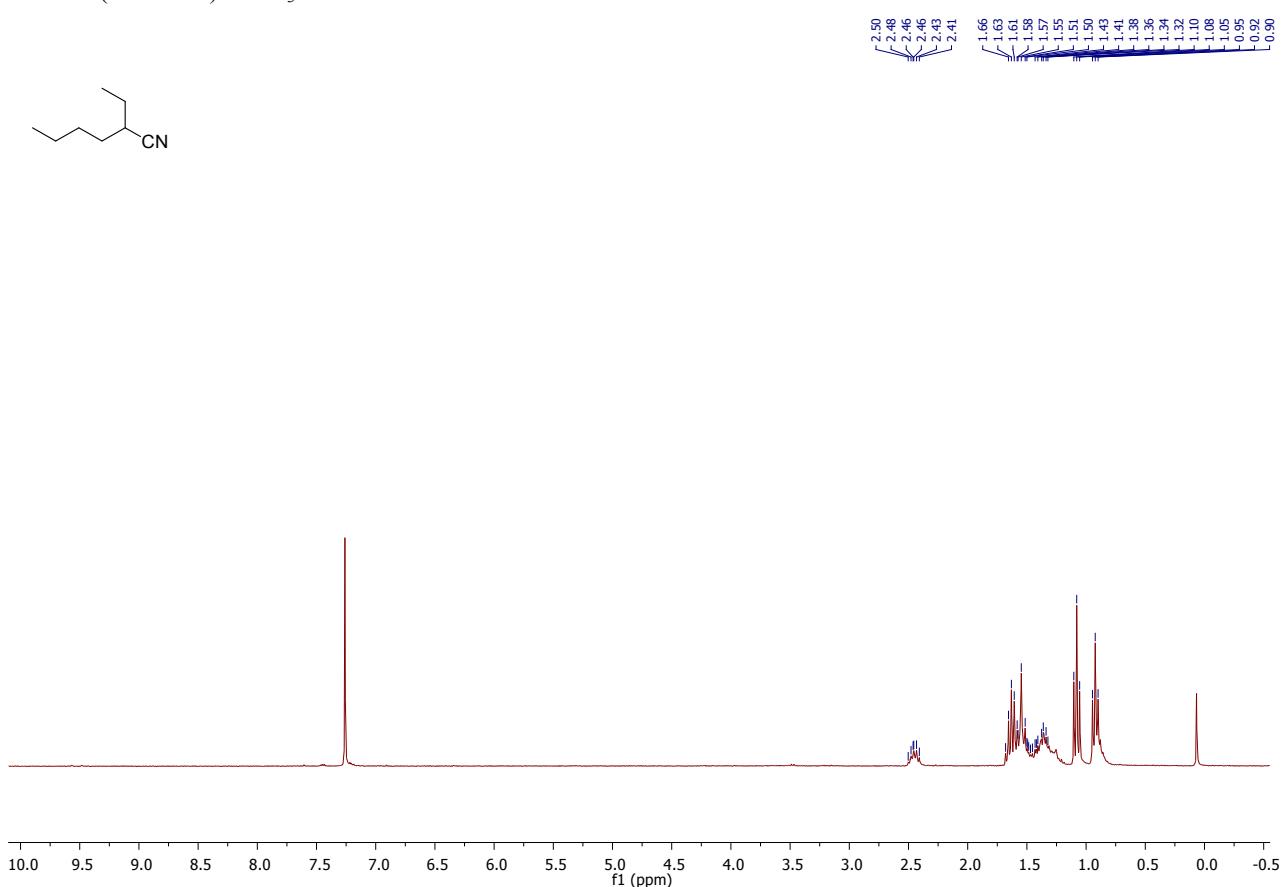
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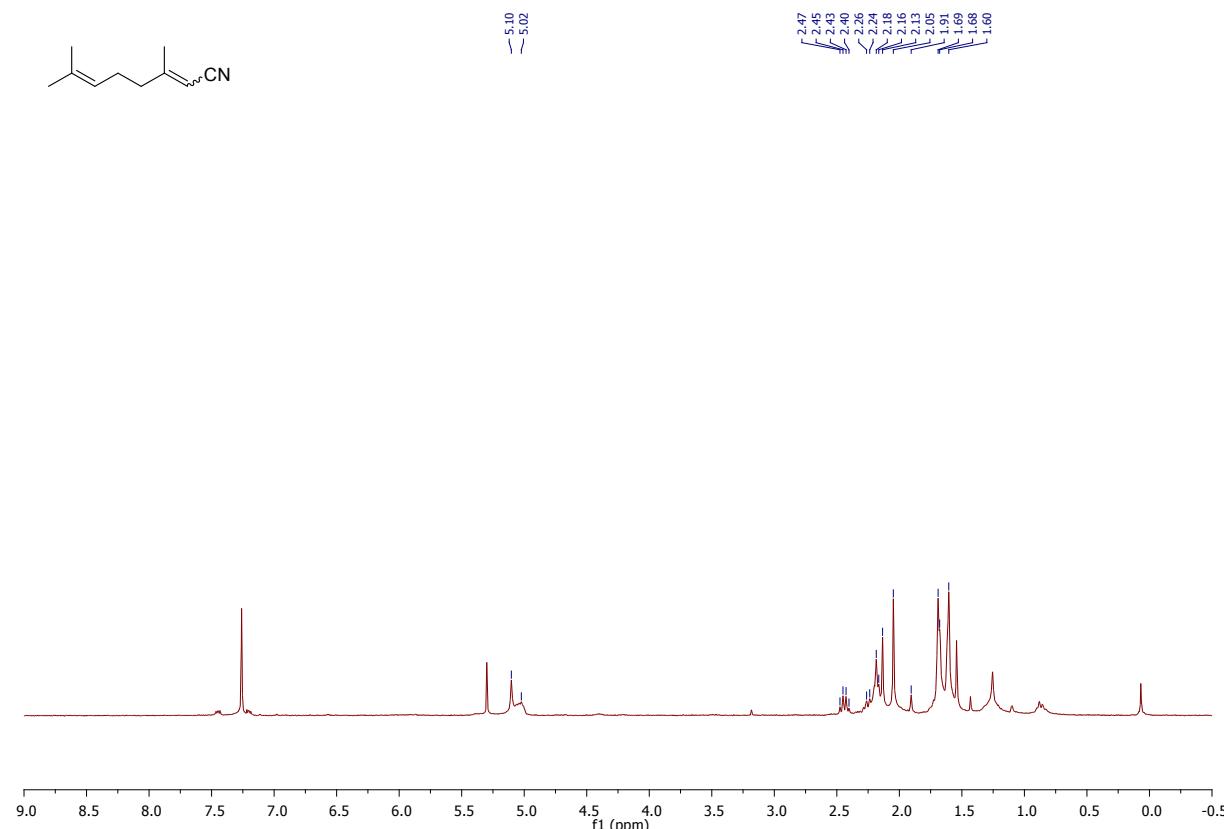
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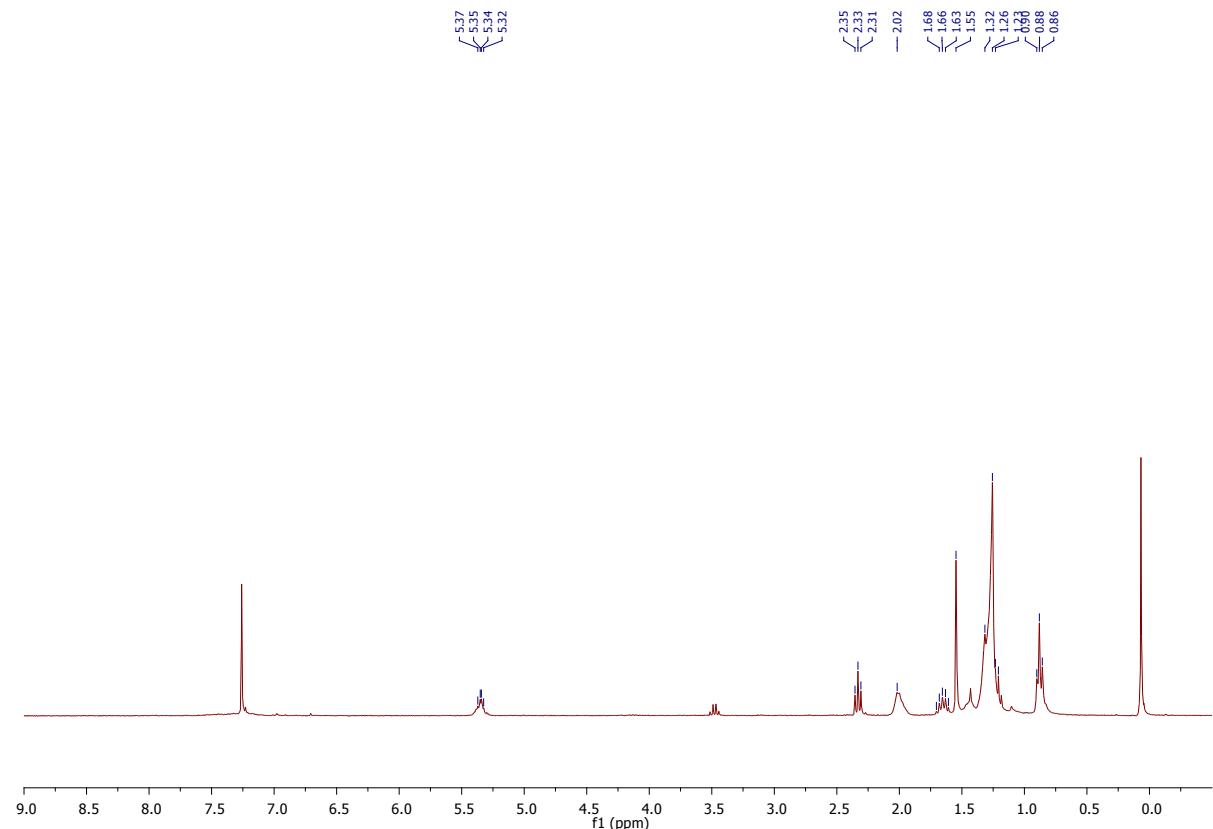
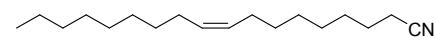
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^1H NMR (300 MHz) CDCl_3



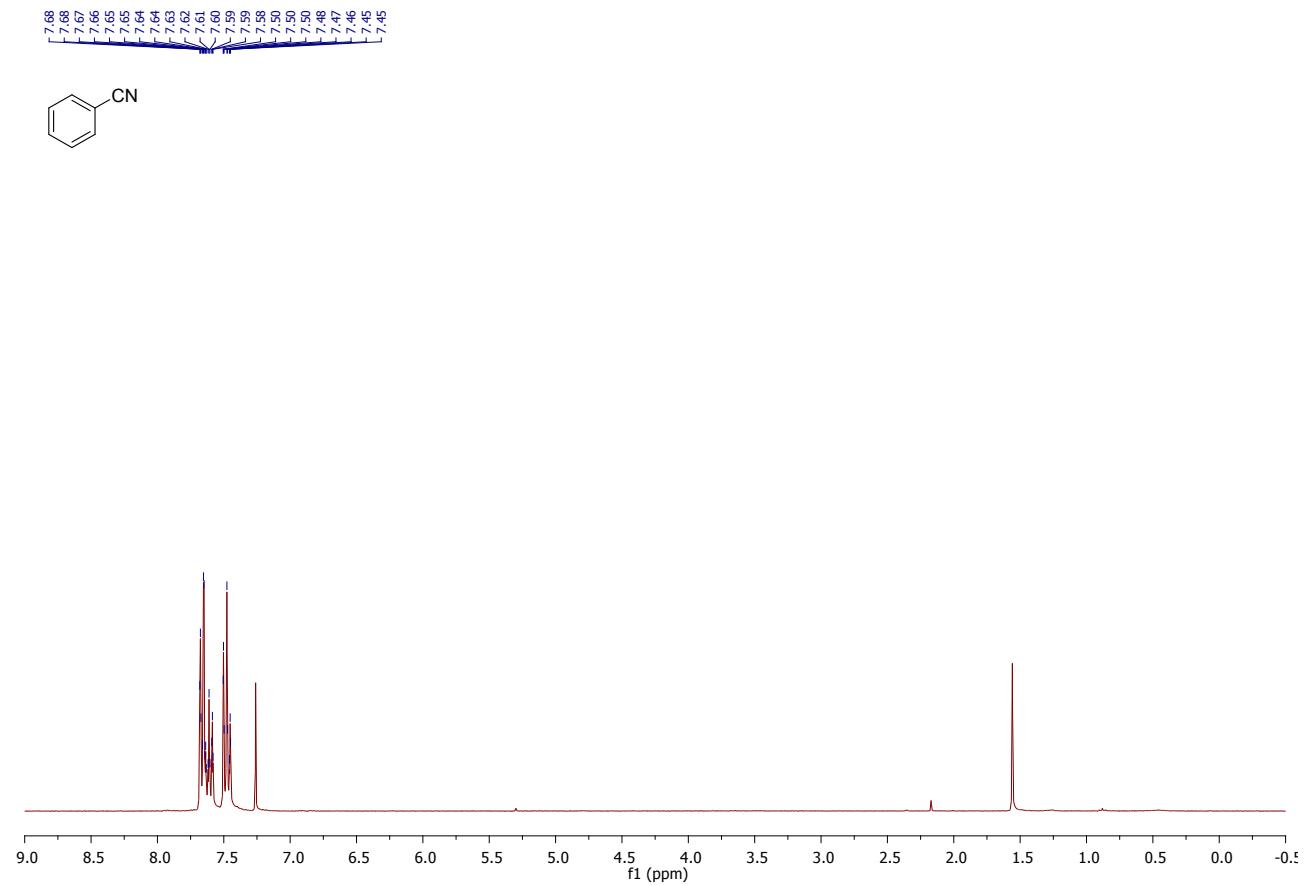
Oleonitrile (13)

¹H NMR (400 MHz) CDCl₃



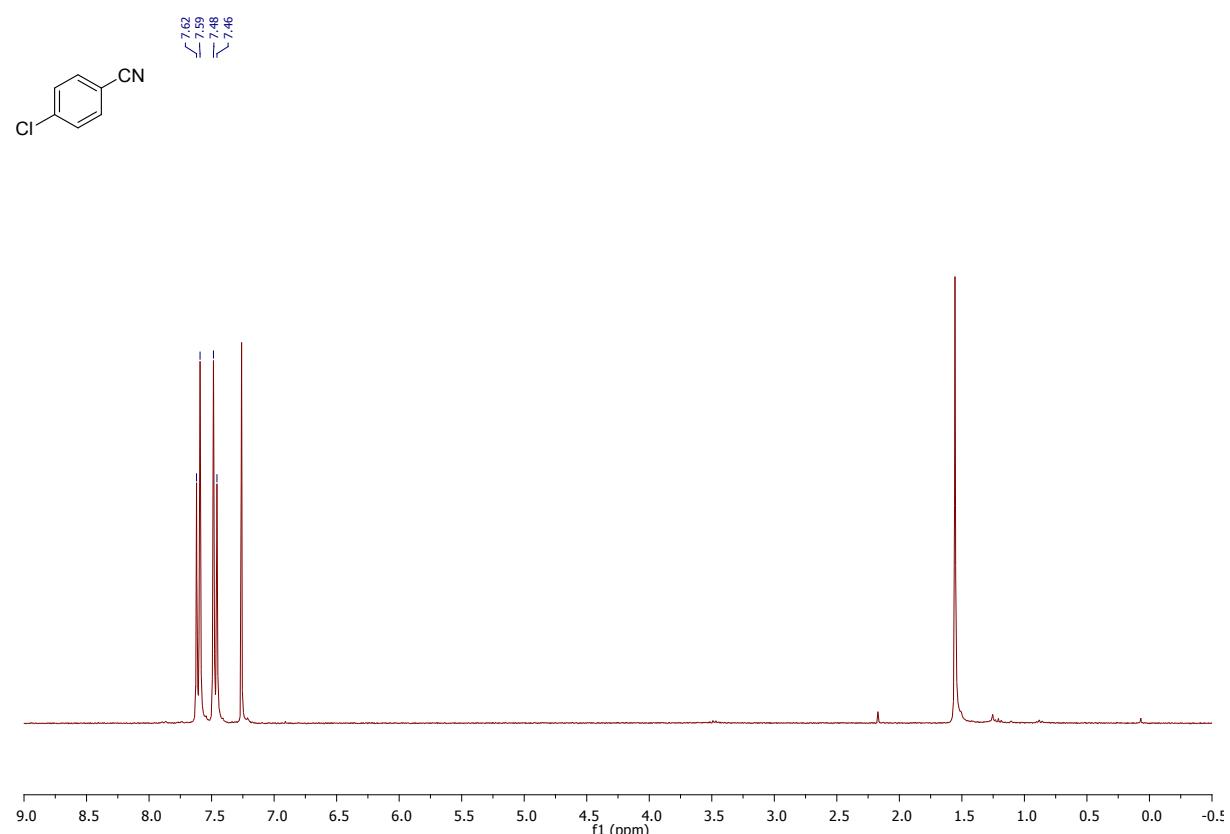
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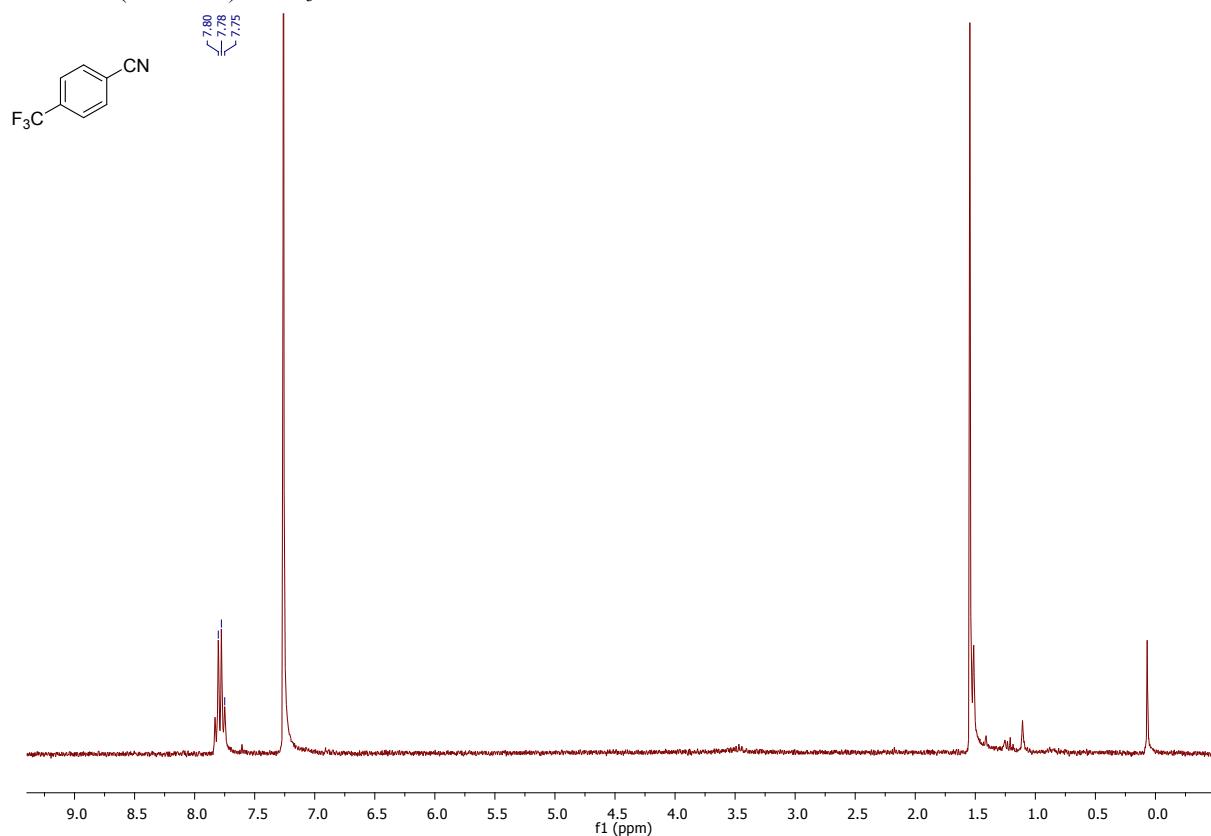
4-Chlorobenzonitrile (14)

^1H NMR (300 MHz) CDCl_3

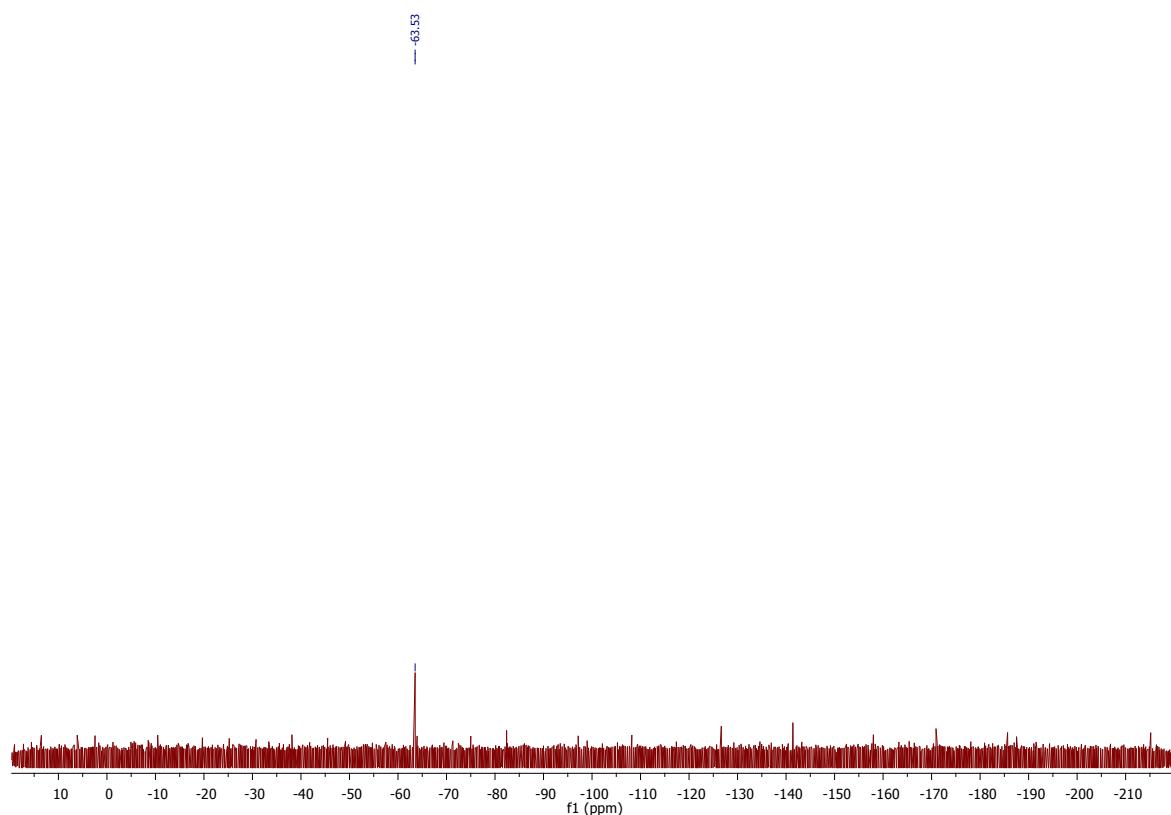


4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile (15)

^1H NMR (300 MHz) CDCl_3

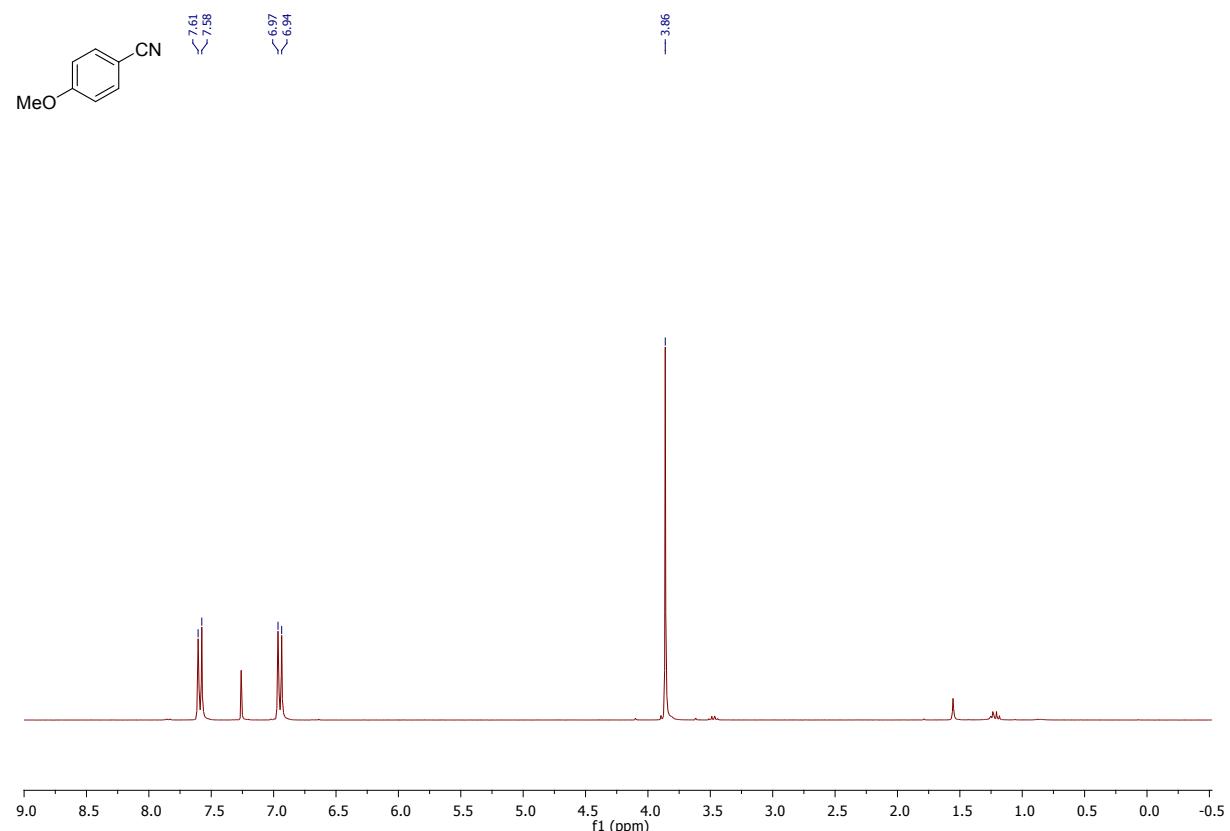


^{19}F NMR (300 MHz) CDCl_3



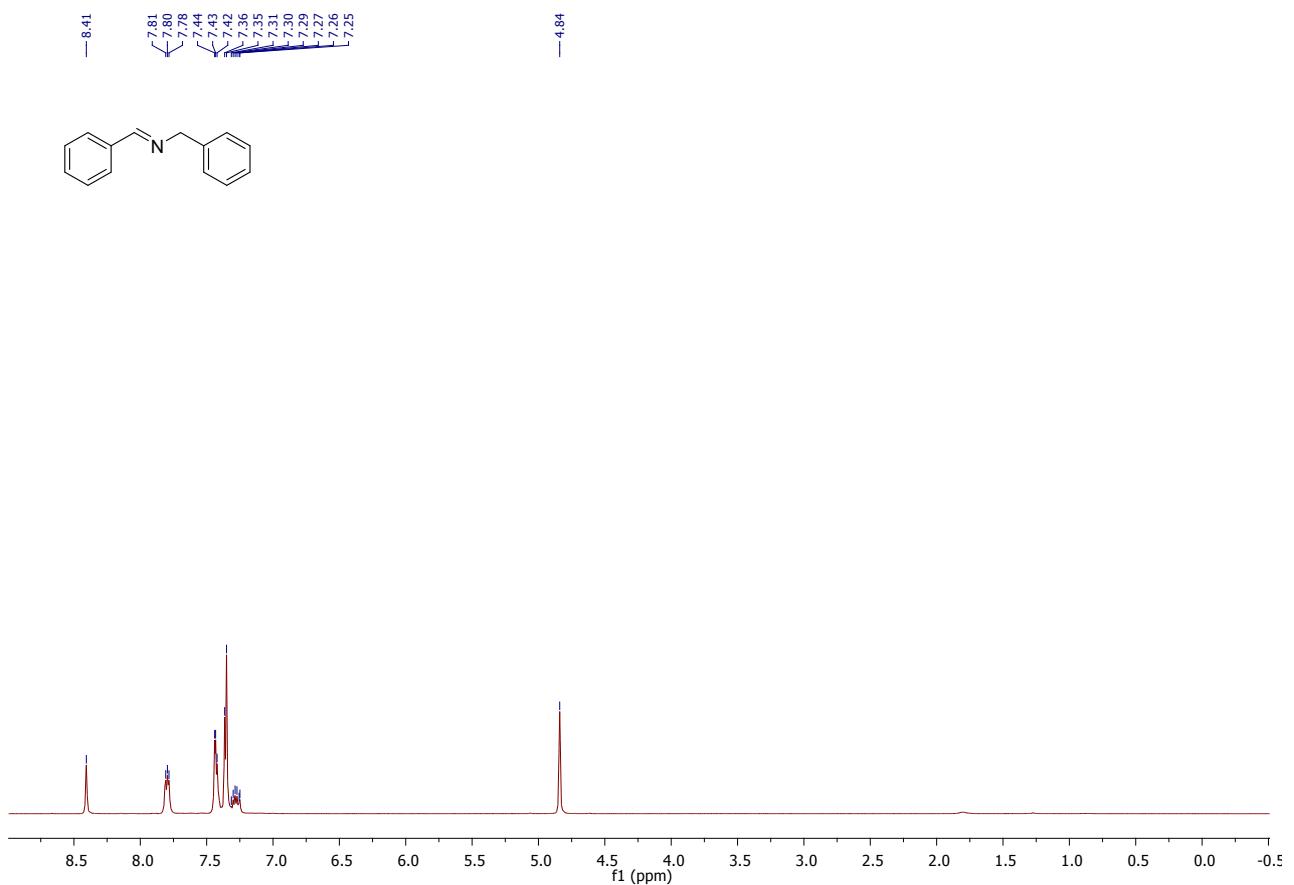
4-Methoxybenzonitrile (16)

^1H NMR (300 MHz) CDCl_3



N-Benzylidenebenzylamine (3)

^1H NMR (300 MHz) CDCl_3



13 INHIBITION OF CELL PROLIFERATION

Samples were prepared by dissolution of the compounds in DMSO (except for Cisplatin that was dissolved in water since it rapidly decomposes in DMSO) at stock concentrations of 10 mM. MCF7, CT116 and PC3 cell lines were maintained as monolayers in RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum, in the presence of penicilline, streptomycine and fungizone in 75cm² flask under 5%CO₂, while MRC5 were grown in complete D-MEM medium. Cells were plated in 96-well tissue culture plates in 200µl complete medium at a density of 1000-2500 cells per well and treated 24h later with 2µl of compounds using a Biomek 3000 automation workstation (Beckman-Coulter). Controls received the same volume of the appropriate vehicle (DMSO, EtOH or water, 1% final volume). After 72h exposure, MTS reagent (CellTiter 96® Aqueous One, Promega) was added and incubated for 3h at 37°C: the absorbance was monitored at 90nm and results expressed as the inhibition of cell proliferation calculated as the ratio [(1-(OD490 treated/OD490 control))×100] in triplicate experiments after subtraction of the blank without cells. Positive controls (cells incubated with a reference drug at its IC₅₀ concentration) were routinely added to check the responsiveness of cells. For IC₅₀ determination [50% inhibition of cell proliferation], cells were incubated for 72 h following the same protocol with compound concentrations ranged 5nM to 100µM in separate duplicate experiments. At these concentrations, no interference with Pt complexes was noticed at 490nm. Values are given as means ± SD from at least three independent experiments performed in triplicate.

14 X-RAY DATA AND TABLES

Complex 1c

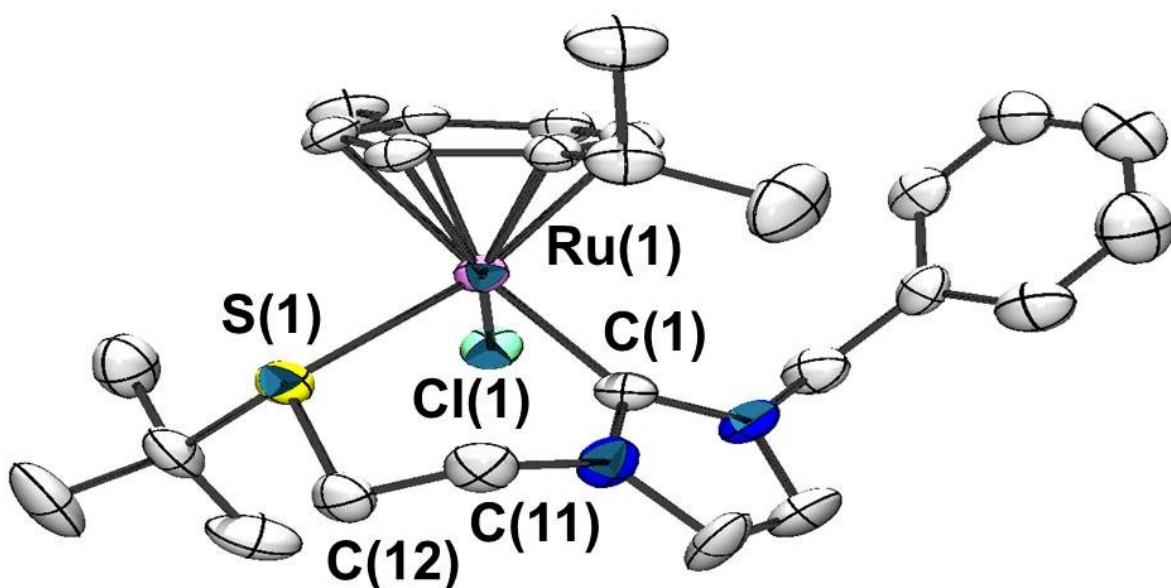


Table S5. Crystal data and structure refinement for sblta150414, **complex 1c**.

Identification code	sblta150414
Empirical formula	C ₂₆ H ₃₆ ClF ₆ N ₂ P Ru S
Formula weight	690.12
Temperature	173(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P 2/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 18.3465(10) Å alpha = 90 deg. b = 9.5046(3) Å beta = 115.491(2) deg. c = 18.6302(12) Å gamma = 90 deg.

Volume 2932.4(3) Å³
 Z, Calculated density 4, 1.563 Mg/m³
 Absorption coefficient 0.809 mm⁻¹
 F(000) 1408
 Crystal size 0.36 x 0.10 x 0.06 mm
 Theta range for data collection 1.230 to 27.456 deg.
 Limiting indices -23<=h<=22, -9<=k<=12, -24<=l<=24
 Reflections collected / unique 26064 / 6703 [R(int) = 0.1396]
 Completeness to theta = 25.242 99.9 %
 Absorption correction Semi-empirical from equivalents
 Max. and min. transmission 0.90401 and 0.81264
 Refinement method Full-matrix least-squares on F²
 Data / restraints / parameters 6703 / 0 / 351
 Goodness-of-fit on F² 1.059
 Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R1 = 0.0646, wR2 = 0.1395
 R indices (all data) R1 = 0.1620, wR2 = 0.2089
 Extinction coefficient n/a
 Largest diff. peak and hole 0.928 and -1.970 e.Å⁻³

Table S6. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg] for sblta150414, **complex 1c**

C(1)-N(1)	1.360(9)
C(1)-N(2)	1.373(9)
C(1)-Ru(1)	2.075(7)
C(2)-C(3)	1.334(11)
C(2)-N(1)	1.389(9)
C(2)-H(2)	0.9500
C(3)-N(2)	1.393(9)

C(3)-H(3)	0.9500
C(4)-N(1)	1.460(9)
C(4)-C(5)	1.497(10)
C(4)-H(4A)	0.9900
C(4)-H(4B)	0.9900
C(5)-C(6)	1.400(10)
C(5)-C(10)	1.408(11)
C(6)-C(7)	1.373(11)
C(6)-H(6)	0.9500
C(7)-C(8)	1.365(12)
C(7)-H(7)	0.9500
C(8)-C(9)	1.374(13)
C(8)-H(8)	0.9500
C(9)-C(10)	1.372(12)
C(9)-H(9)	0.9500
C(10)-H(10)	0.9500
C(11)-N(2)	1.455(9)
C(11)-C(12)	1.508(10)
C(11)-H(11A)	0.9900
C(11)-H(11B)	0.9900
C(12)-S(1)	1.810(7)
C(12)-H(12A)	0.9900
C(12)-H(12B)	0.9900
C(13)-C(14)	1.510(11)
C(13)-C(15)	1.517(11)
C(13)-C(16)	1.520(10)
C(13)-S(1)	1.875(8)
C(14)-H(14A)	0.9800
C(14)-H(14B)	0.9800
C(14)-H(14C)	0.9800
C(15)-H(15A)	0.9800
C(15)-H(15B)	0.9800
C(15)-H(15C)	0.9800
C(16)-H(16A)	0.9800
C(16)-H(16B)	0.9800
C(16)-H(16C)	0.9800
C(17)-C(18)	1.407(9)
C(17)-C(22)	1.416(10)
C(17)-C(23)	1.506(10)
C(17)-Ru(1)	2.283(7)
C(18)-C(19)	1.425(9)
C(18)-Ru(1)	2.244(6)
C(18)-H(18)	0.9500
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C(19)-Ru(1)	2.183(6)
C(19)-H(19)	0.9500

C(20)-C(21)	1.433(9)
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C(21)-Ru(1)	2.224(7)
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C(22)-H(22)	0.9500
C(23)-H(23A)	0.9800
C(23)-H(23B)	0.9800
C(23)-H(23C)	0.9800
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C(25)-H(25A)	0.9800
C(25)-H(25B)	0.9800
C(25)-H(25C)	0.9800
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C(26)-H(26B)	0.9800
C(26)-H(26C)	0.9800
F(1)-P(1)	1.594(5)
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F(3)-P(1)	1.580(5)
F(4)-P(2)	1.578(5)
F(5)-P(2)	1.541(7)
F(6)-P(2)	1.525(9)
F(7)-P(2)	1.501(9)
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P(2)-F(5)#2	1.541(7)
P(2)-F(4)#2	1.578(5)
S(1)-Ru(1)	2.3982(18)
Cl(1)-Ru(1)	2.4068(18)
N(1)-C(1)-N(2)	105.0(6)
N(1)-C(1)-Ru(1)	131.0(5)
N(2)-C(1)-Ru(1)	124.0(5)
C(3)-C(2)-N(1)	109.3(7)
C(3)-C(2)-H(2)	125.4
N(1)-C(2)-H(2)	125.4
C(2)-C(3)-N(2)	105.6(6)
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N(2)-C(3)-H(3)	127.2
N(1)-C(4)-C(5)	114.3(6)
N(1)-C(4)-H(4A)	108.7

C(5)-C(4)-H(4A)	108.7
N(1)-C(4)-H(4B)	108.7
C(5)-C(4)-H(4B)	108.7
H(4A)-C(4)-H(4B)	107.6
C(6)-C(5)-C(10)	116.4(7)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	120.4(7)
C(10)-C(5)-C(4)	123.3(7)
C(7)-C(6)-C(5)	120.8(8)
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C(8)-C(7)-H(7)	118.9
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C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	118.2(9)
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C(9)-C(10)-C(5)	121.3(8)
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N(2)-C(11)-H(11A)	109.4
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N(2)-C(11)-H(11B)	109.4
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H(11A)-C(11)-H(11B)	108.0
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H(14A)-C(14)-H(14C)	109.5
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C(18)-C(17)-Ru(1)	70.4(4)
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C(22)-C(21)-H(21)	119.5
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Ru(1)-C(21)-H(21)	130.5
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H(23A)-C(23)-H(23B)	109.5
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H(23B)-C(23)-H(23C)	109.5
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C(24)-C(25)-H(25B)	109.5
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H(25A)-C(25)-H(25C)	109.5
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C(24)-C(26)-H(26B)	109.5
H(26A)-C(26)-H(26B)	109.5
C(24)-C(26)-H(26C)	109.5
H(26A)-C(26)-H(26C)	109.5
H(26B)-C(26)-H(26C)	109.5
C(1)-N(1)-C(2)	109.2(6)
C(1)-N(1)-C(4)	127.1(6)
C(2)-N(1)-C(4)	123.7(6)
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C(1)-Ru(1)-C(19)	121.5(3)
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C(19)-Ru(1)-C(22)	78.9(3)
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C(20)-Ru(1)-C(17)	79.6(3)
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C(1)-Ru(1)-S(1)	90.3(2)
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C(22)-Ru(1)-S(1)	150.50(19)
C(21)-Ru(1)-S(1)	149.39(18)
C(20)-Ru(1)-S(1)	112.07(17)
C(18)-Ru(1)-S(1)	86.26(18)

C(17)-Ru(1)-S(1)	113.96(19)
C(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	86.8(2)
C(19)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	151.65(19)
C(22)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	88.0(2)
C(21)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	115.13(18)
C(20)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	152.59(17)
C(18)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	114.13(19)
C(17)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	87.82(19)
S(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	95.27(7)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x+1,y,-z+3/2 #2 -x+2,y,-z+1/2

Table S7. Torsion angles [deg] for sblta150414.; **complex 1c**

N(1)-C(2)-C(3)-N(2)	-1.5(11)
N(1)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	-131.8(7)
N(1)-C(4)-C(5)-C(10)	49.3(9)
C(10)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	-2.1(10)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	178.9(6)
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	1.4(11)
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	-0.2(12)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	-0.3(13)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-C(5)	-0.4(13)
C(6)-C(5)-C(10)-C(9)	1.6(11)
C(4)-C(5)-C(10)-C(9)	-179.5(7)
N(2)-C(11)-C(12)-S(1)	-75.2(7)
C(22)-C(17)-C(18)-C(19)	1.3(10)
C(23)-C(17)-C(18)-C(19)	176.1(6)
Ru(1)-C(17)-C(18)-C(19)	52.6(6)
C(22)-C(17)-C(18)-Ru(1)	-51.3(6)
C(23)-C(17)-C(18)-Ru(1)	123.5(6)
C(17)-C(18)-C(19)-C(20)	2.7(10)
Ru(1)-C(18)-C(19)-C(20)	57.3(6)
C(17)-C(18)-C(19)-Ru(1)	-54.6(6)
C(18)-C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	-3.1(10)
Ru(1)-C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	54.4(5)
C(18)-C(19)-C(20)-C(24)	173.3(6)
Ru(1)-C(19)-C(20)-C(24)	-129.3(6)
C(18)-C(19)-C(20)-Ru(1)	-57.5(6)
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)-C(22)	-0.4(10)
C(24)-C(20)-C(21)-C(22)	-176.6(6)
Ru(1)-C(20)-C(21)-C(22)	53.1(6)
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)-Ru(1)	-53.6(5)

C(24)-C(20)-C(21)-Ru(1)	130.3(6)
C(20)-C(21)-C(22)-C(17)	4.4(11)
Ru(1)-C(21)-C(22)-C(17)	57.9(6)
C(20)-C(21)-C(22)-Ru(1)	-53.5(6)
C(18)-C(17)-C(22)-C(21)	-4.8(10)
C(23)-C(17)-C(22)-C(21)	-179.6(7)
Ru(1)-C(17)-C(22)-C(21)	-56.9(6)
C(18)-C(17)-C(22)-Ru(1)	52.0(6)
C(23)-C(17)-C(22)-Ru(1)	-122.7(6)
C(19)-C(20)-C(24)-C(25)	-77.9(8)
C(21)-C(20)-C(24)-C(25)	98.2(8)
Ru(1)-C(20)-C(24)-C(25)	-166.2(6)
C(19)-C(20)-C(24)-C(26)	158.6(7)
C(21)-C(20)-C(24)-C(26)	-25.4(10)
Ru(1)-C(20)-C(24)-C(26)	70.3(9)
N(2)-C(1)-N(1)-C(2)	2.8(9)
Ru(1)-C(1)-N(1)-C(2)	-174.9(6)
N(2)-C(1)-N(1)-C(4)	-176.2(7)
Ru(1)-C(1)-N(1)-C(4)	6.0(12)
C(3)-C(2)-N(1)-C(1)	-0.9(11)
C(3)-C(2)-N(1)-C(4)	178.2(8)
C(5)-C(4)-N(1)-C(1)	91.7(9)
C(5)-C(4)-N(1)-C(2)	-87.2(9)
N(1)-C(1)-N(2)-C(3)	-3.8(9)
Ru(1)-C(1)-N(2)-C(3)	174.1(6)
N(1)-C(1)-N(2)-C(11)	-177.4(7)
Ru(1)-C(1)-N(2)-C(11)	0.6(10)
C(2)-C(3)-N(2)-C(1)	3.4(11)
C(2)-C(3)-N(2)-C(11)	177.2(8)
C(12)-C(11)-N(2)-C(1)	65.2(10)
C(12)-C(11)-N(2)-C(3)	-107.6(8)
C(11)-C(12)-S(1)-C(13)	160.6(5)
C(11)-C(12)-S(1)-Ru(1)	30.6(6)
C(14)-C(13)-S(1)-C(12)	-56.3(6)
C(15)-C(13)-S(1)-C(12)	64.8(6)
C(16)-C(13)-S(1)-C(12)	-178.9(5)
C(14)-C(13)-S(1)-Ru(1)	67.2(6)
C(15)-C(13)-S(1)-Ru(1)	-171.7(5)
C(16)-C(13)-S(1)-Ru(1)	-55.4(6)

Complex 1i

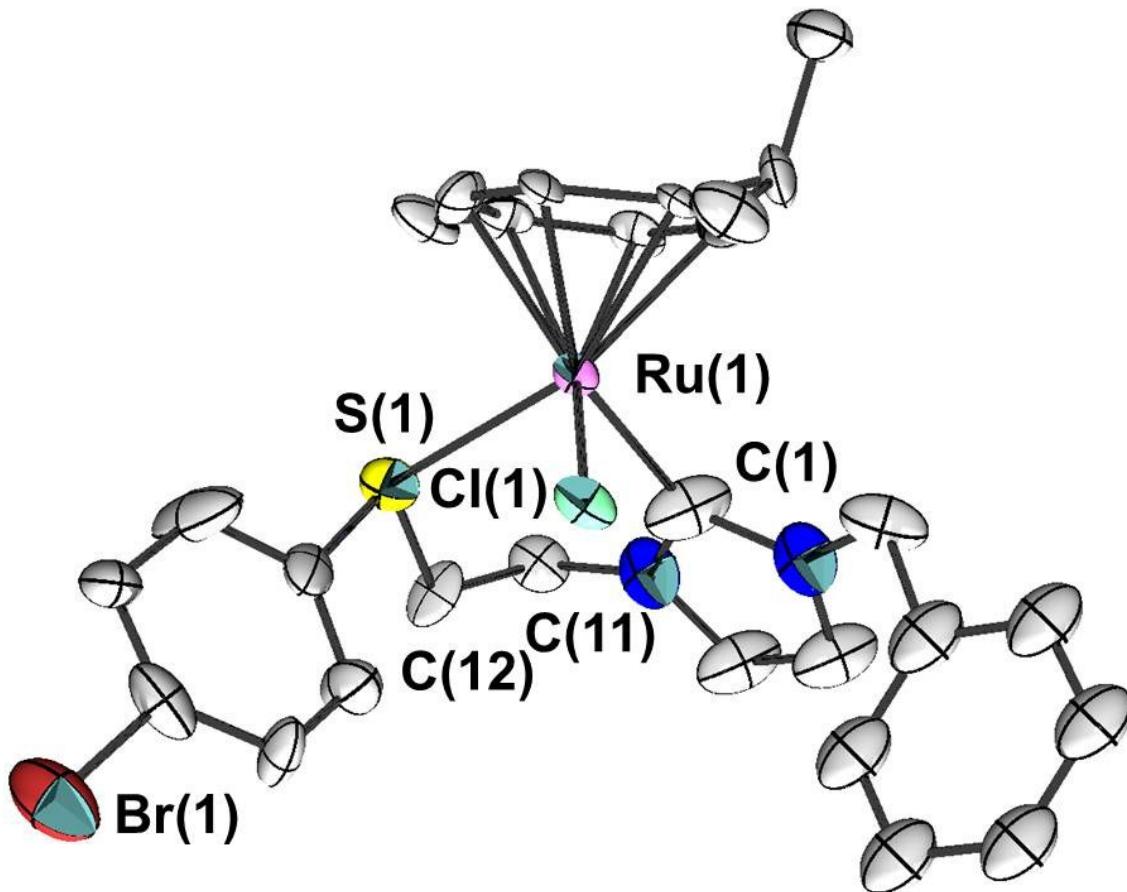


Table S8. Crystal data and structure refinement for sblta151104, **complex 1i**

Identification code	sblta151104
Empirical formula	C ₂₈ H ₃₁ BrClF ₆ N ₂ P Ru S
Formula weight	789.01
Temperature	173(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.3883(10) Å alpha = 90 deg. b = 19.6463(19) Å beta = 95.526(2) deg. c = 14.7966(14) Å gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	3005.8(5) Å ³

Z, Calculated density 4, 1.744 Mg/m³
 Absorption coefficient 2.122 mm⁻¹
 F(000) 1576
 Crystal size 0.250 x 0.120 x 0.100 mm
 Theta range for data collection 1.728 to 28.040 deg.
 Limiting indices -13<=h<=13, -25<=k<=25, -19<=l<=19
 Reflections collected / unique 35513 / 13689 [R(int) = 0.0593]
 Completeness to theta = 25.242 99.9 %
 Absorption correction Semi-empirical from equivalents
 Max. and min. transmission 0.7456 and 0.6500
 Refinement method Full-matrix least-squares on F²
 Data / restraints / parameters 13689 / 2 / 664
 Goodness-of-fit on F² 1.013
 Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R1 = 0.0734, wR2 = 0.1693
 R indices (all data) R1 = 0.1122, wR2 = 0.1906
 Absolute structure parameter 0.55(2)
 Extinction coefficient n/a
 Largest diff. peak and hole 4.796 and -1.394 e.A⁻³

Table S9. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg] for sblta151104, **complex 1i**

C(1)-N(1)	1.315(19)
C(1)-N(2)	1.354(17)
C(1)-Ru(1)	2.050(15)
C(2)-C(3)	1.35(2)
C(2)-N(1)	1.411(18)
C(2)-H(2)	0.9500

C(3)-N(2)	1.361(19)
C(3)-H(3)	0.9500
C(4)-N(1)	1.473(17)
C(4)-C(5)	1.511(19)
C(4)-H(4A)	0.9900
C(4)-H(4B)	0.9900
C(5)-C(6)	1.393(19)
C(5)-C(10)	1.41(2)
C(6)-C(7)	1.41(2)
C(6)-H(6)	0.9500
C(7)-C(8)	1.38(3)
C(7)-H(7)	0.9500
C(8)-C(9)	1.36(3)
C(8)-H(8)	0.9500
C(9)-C(10)	1.37(2)
C(9)-H(9)	0.9500
C(10)-H(10)	0.9500
C(11)-N(2)	1.491(19)
C(11)-C(12)	1.52(2)
C(11)-H(11A)	0.9900
C(11)-H(11B)	0.9900
C(12)-S(1)	1.809(15)
C(12)-H(12A)	0.9900
C(12)-H(12B)	0.9900
C(13)-C(18)	1.37(2)
C(13)-C(14)	1.402(18)
C(13)-S(1)	1.775(14)
C(14)-C(15)	1.385(19)
C(14)-H(14)	0.9500
C(15)-C(16)	1.35(2)
C(15)-H(15)	0.9500
C(16)-C(17)	1.40(2)
C(16)-Br(1)	1.893(14)
C(17)-C(18)	1.40(2)
C(17)-H(17)	0.9500
C(18)-H(18)	0.9500
C(19)-C(24)	1.41(2)
C(19)-C(20)	1.46(2)
C(19)-C(25)	1.50(2)
C(19)-Ru(1)	2.274(16)
C(20)-C(21)	1.37(2)
C(20)-Ru(1)	2.225(18)
C(20)-H(20)	0.9500
C(21)-C(22)	1.43(2)
C(21)-Ru(1)	2.215(16)
C(21)-H(21)	0.9500

C(22)-C(23)	1.43(2)
C(22)-C(26)	1.510(19)
C(22)-Ru(1)	2.236(13)
C(23)-C(24)	1.40(2)
C(23)-Ru(1)	2.184(13)
C(23)-H(23)	0.9500
C(24)-Ru(1)	2.236(15)
C(24)-H(24)	0.9500
C(25)-H(25A)	0.9800
C(25)-H(25B)	0.9800
C(25)-H(25C)	0.9800
C(26)-C(27)	1.48(2)
C(26)-C(28)	1.515(17)
C(26)-H(26)	1.0000
C(27)-H(27A)	0.9800
C(27)-H(27B)	0.9800
C(27)-H(27C)	0.9800
C(28)-H(28A)	0.9800
C(28)-H(28B)	0.9800
C(28)-H(28C)	0.9800
C(29)-N(3)	1.4200
C(29)-N(4)	1.4200
C(29)-Ru(2)	2.054(8)
N(3)-C(30)	1.4200
N(3)-C(32)	1.45(2)
C(30)-C(31)	1.4200
C(30)-H(30)	0.9500
C(31)-N(4)	1.4200
C(31)-H(31)	0.9500
N(4)-C(39)	1.40(2)
C(32)-C(33)	1.52(2)
C(32)-H(32A)	0.9900
C(32)-H(32B)	0.9900
C(33)-C(34)	1.3900
C(33)-C(38)	1.3900
C(34)-C(35)	1.3900
C(34)-H(34)	0.9500
C(35)-C(36)	1.3900
C(35)-H(35)	0.9500
C(36)-C(37)	1.3900
C(36)-H(36)	0.9500
C(37)-C(38)	1.3900
C(37)-H(37)	0.9500
C(38)-H(38)	0.9500
C(39)-C(40)	1.44(2)
C(39)-H(39A)	0.9900

C(39)-H(39B)	0.9900
C(40)-S(2)	1.758(16)
C(40)-H(40A)	0.9900
C(40)-H(40B)	0.9900
C(41)-C(46)	1.38(3)
C(41)-C(42)	1.41(3)
C(41)-S(2)	1.72(2)
C(42)-C(43)	1.38(2)
C(42)-H(42)	0.9500
C(43)-C(44)	1.35(3)
C(43)-H(43)	0.9500
C(44)-C(45)	1.37(3)
C(44)-Br(2)	1.893(19)
C(45)-C(46)	1.49(3)
C(45)-H(45)	0.9500
C(46)-H(46)	0.9500
C(47)-C(52)	1.39(3)
C(47)-C(48)	1.45(2)
C(47)-C(53)	1.50(2)
C(47)-Ru(2)	2.265(15)
C(48)-C(49)	1.40(2)
C(48)-Ru(2)	2.198(14)
C(48)-H(48)	0.9500
C(49)-C(50)	1.40(2)
C(49)-Ru(2)	2.216(16)
C(49)-H(49)	0.9500
C(50)-C(51)	1.43(2)
C(50)-C(54)	1.52(2)
C(50)-Ru(2)	2.283(15)
C(51)-C(52)	1.39(2)
C(51)-Ru(2)	2.243(15)
C(51)-H(51)	0.9500
C(52)-Ru(2)	2.222(18)
C(52)-H(52)	0.9500
C(53)-H(53A)	0.9800
C(53)-H(53B)	0.9800
C(53)-H(53C)	0.9800
C(54)-C(55)	1.48(2)
C(54)-C(56)	1.54(2)
C(54)-H(54)	1.0000
C(55)-H(55A)	0.9800
C(55)-H(55B)	0.9800
C(55)-H(55C)	0.9800
C(56)-H(56A)	0.9800
C(56)-H(56B)	0.9800
C(56)-H(56C)	0.9800

F(1)-P(1)	1.596(11)
F(2)-P(1)	1.575(11)
F(3)-P(1)	1.609(10)
F(4)-P(1)	1.567(12)
F(5)-P(1)	1.588(12)
F(6)-P(1)	1.599(11)
F(7)-P(2)	1.570(13)
F(8)-P(2)	1.513(13)
F(9)-P(2)	1.591(11)
F(10)-P(2)	1.566(13)
F(11)-P(2)	1.589(13)
F(12)-P(2)	1.597(10)
S(1)-Ru(1)	2.384(3)
S(2)-Ru(2)	2.401(5)
Cl(1)-Ru(1)	2.395(3)
Cl(2)-Ru(2)	2.392(4)

N(1)-C(1)-N(2)	103.9(12)
N(1)-C(1)-Ru(1)	130.3(10)
N(2)-C(1)-Ru(1)	125.1(11)
C(3)-C(2)-N(1)	104.5(12)
C(3)-C(2)-H(2)	127.7
N(1)-C(2)-H(2)	127.7
C(2)-C(3)-N(2)	106.9(12)
C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	126.5
N(2)-C(3)-H(3)	126.5
N(1)-C(4)-C(5)	113.0(12)
N(1)-C(4)-H(4A)	109.0
C(5)-C(4)-H(4A)	109.0
N(1)-C(4)-H(4B)	109.0
C(5)-C(4)-H(4B)	109.0
H(4A)-C(4)-H(4B)	107.8
C(6)-C(5)-C(10)	118.6(13)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	120.4(13)
C(10)-C(5)-C(4)	120.8(13)
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	120.0(14)
C(5)-C(6)-H(6)	120.0
C(7)-C(6)-H(6)	120.0
C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	120.2(16)
C(8)-C(7)-H(7)	119.9
C(6)-C(7)-H(7)	119.9
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	118.9(16)
C(9)-C(8)-H(8)	120.5
C(7)-C(8)-H(8)	120.5
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	122.3(17)
C(8)-C(9)-H(9)	118.8

C(10)-C(9)-H(9)	118.8
C(9)-C(10)-C(5)	119.3(15)
C(9)-C(10)-H(10)	120.3
C(5)-C(10)-H(10)	120.3
N(2)-C(11)-C(12)	110.2(11)
N(2)-C(11)-H(11A)	109.6
C(12)-C(11)-H(11A)	109.6
N(2)-C(11)-H(11B)	109.6
C(12)-C(11)-H(11B)	109.6
H(11A)-C(11)-H(11B)	108.1
C(11)-C(12)-S(1)	108.0(11)
C(11)-C(12)-H(12A)	110.1
S(1)-C(12)-H(12A)	110.1
C(11)-C(12)-H(12B)	110.1
S(1)-C(12)-H(12B)	110.1
H(12A)-C(12)-H(12B)	108.4
C(18)-C(13)-C(14)	120.4(13)
C(18)-C(13)-S(1)	116.3(10)
C(14)-C(13)-S(1)	123.2(11)
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	118.9(13)
C(15)-C(14)-H(14)	120.5
C(13)-C(14)-H(14)	120.5
C(16)-C(15)-C(14)	120.3(13)
C(16)-C(15)-H(15)	119.9
C(14)-C(15)-H(15)	119.9
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	122.3(13)
C(15)-C(16)-Br(1)	119.3(11)
C(17)-C(16)-Br(1)	118.2(12)
C(18)-C(17)-C(16)	117.4(14)
C(18)-C(17)-H(17)	121.3
C(16)-C(17)-H(17)	121.3
C(13)-C(18)-C(17)	120.6(14)
C(13)-C(18)-H(18)	119.7
C(17)-C(18)-H(18)	119.7
C(24)-C(19)-C(20)	115.5(14)
C(24)-C(19)-C(25)	123.5(16)
C(20)-C(19)-C(25)	121.0(15)
C(24)-C(19)-Ru(1)	70.4(9)
C(20)-C(19)-Ru(1)	69.3(9)
C(25)-C(19)-Ru(1)	129.2(11)
C(21)-C(20)-C(19)	121.2(14)
C(21)-C(20)-Ru(1)	71.6(10)
C(19)-C(20)-Ru(1)	72.8(9)
C(21)-C(20)-H(20)	119.4
C(19)-C(20)-H(20)	119.4
Ru(1)-C(20)-H(20)	128.5

C(20)-C(21)-C(22)	123.3(15)
C(20)-C(21)-Ru(1)	72.4(10)
C(22)-C(21)-Ru(1)	72.1(8)
C(20)-C(21)-H(21)	118.4
C(22)-C(21)-H(21)	118.4
Ru(1)-C(21)-H(21)	129.9
C(21)-C(22)-C(23)	115.5(13)
C(21)-C(22)-C(26)	124.4(14)
C(23)-C(22)-C(26)	119.9(13)
C(21)-C(22)-Ru(1)	70.5(8)
C(23)-C(22)-Ru(1)	69.2(8)
C(26)-C(22)-Ru(1)	133.2(10)
C(24)-C(23)-C(22)	121.6(13)
C(24)-C(23)-Ru(1)	73.5(8)
C(22)-C(23)-Ru(1)	73.1(8)
C(24)-C(23)-H(23)	119.2
C(22)-C(23)-H(23)	119.2
Ru(1)-C(23)-H(23)	126.0
C(23)-C(24)-C(19)	122.7(14)
C(23)-C(24)-Ru(1)	69.5(8)
C(19)-C(24)-Ru(1)	73.3(9)
C(23)-C(24)-H(24)	118.6
C(19)-C(24)-H(24)	118.6
Ru(1)-C(24)-H(24)	131.7
C(19)-C(25)-H(25A)	109.5
C(19)-C(25)-H(25B)	109.5
H(25A)-C(25)-H(25B)	109.5
C(19)-C(25)-H(25C)	109.5
H(25A)-C(25)-H(25C)	109.5
H(25B)-C(25)-H(25C)	109.5
C(27)-C(26)-C(22)	114.2(12)
C(27)-C(26)-C(28)	109.5(12)
C(22)-C(26)-C(28)	107.1(11)
C(27)-C(26)-H(26)	108.6
C(22)-C(26)-H(26)	108.6
C(28)-C(26)-H(26)	108.6
C(26)-C(27)-H(27A)	109.5
C(26)-C(27)-H(27B)	109.5
H(27A)-C(27)-H(27B)	109.5
C(26)-C(27)-H(27C)	109.5
H(27A)-C(27)-H(27C)	109.5
H(27B)-C(27)-H(27C)	109.5
C(26)-C(28)-H(28A)	109.5
C(26)-C(28)-H(28B)	109.5
H(28A)-C(28)-H(28B)	109.5
C(26)-C(28)-H(28C)	109.5

H(28A)-C(28)-H(28C)	109.5
H(28B)-C(28)-H(28C)	109.5
N(3)-C(29)-N(4)	108.0
N(3)-C(29)-Ru(2)	129.0(2)
N(4)-C(29)-Ru(2)	122.6(2)
C(30)-N(3)-C(29)	108.0
C(30)-N(3)-C(32)	124.7(10)
C(29)-N(3)-C(32)	127.3(10)
N(3)-C(30)-C(31)	108.0
N(3)-C(30)-H(30)	126.0
C(31)-C(30)-H(30)	126.0
N(4)-C(31)-C(30)	108.0
N(4)-C(31)-H(31)	126.0
C(30)-C(31)-H(31)	126.0
C(39)-N(4)-C(31)	123.7(8)
C(39)-N(4)-C(29)	127.9(8)
C(31)-N(4)-C(29)	108.0
N(3)-C(32)-C(33)	113.0(14)
N(3)-C(32)-H(32A)	109.0
C(33)-C(32)-H(32A)	109.0
N(3)-C(32)-H(32B)	109.0
C(33)-C(32)-H(32B)	109.0
H(32A)-C(32)-H(32B)	107.8
C(34)-C(33)-C(38)	120.0
C(34)-C(33)-C(32)	115.0(11)
C(38)-C(33)-C(32)	124.9(11)
C(35)-C(34)-C(33)	120.0
C(35)-C(34)-H(34)	120.0
C(33)-C(34)-H(34)	120.0
C(34)-C(35)-C(36)	120.0
C(34)-C(35)-H(35)	120.0
C(36)-C(35)-H(35)	120.0
C(35)-C(36)-C(37)	120.0
C(35)-C(36)-H(36)	120.0
C(37)-C(36)-H(36)	120.0
C(38)-C(37)-C(36)	120.0
C(38)-C(37)-H(37)	120.0
C(36)-C(37)-H(37)	120.0
C(37)-C(38)-C(33)	120.0
C(37)-C(38)-H(38)	120.0
C(33)-C(38)-H(38)	120.0
N(4)-C(39)-C(40)	112.0(13)
N(4)-C(39)-H(39A)	109.2
C(40)-C(39)-H(39A)	109.2
N(4)-C(39)-H(39B)	109.2
C(40)-C(39)-H(39B)	109.2

H(39A)-C(39)-H(39B)	107.9
C(39)-C(40)-S(2)	116.9(15)
C(39)-C(40)-H(40A)	108.1
S(2)-C(40)-H(40A)	108.1
C(39)-C(40)-H(40B)	108.1
S(2)-C(40)-H(40B)	108.1
H(40A)-C(40)-H(40B)	107.3
C(46)-C(41)-C(42)	116.0(19)
C(46)-C(41)-S(2)	117.7(16)
C(42)-C(41)-S(2)	125.7(15)
C(43)-C(42)-C(41)	121.7(18)
C(43)-C(42)-H(42)	119.2
C(41)-C(42)-H(42)	119.2
C(44)-C(43)-C(42)	120.6(17)
C(44)-C(43)-H(43)	119.7
C(42)-C(43)-H(43)	119.7
C(43)-C(44)-C(45)	123.8(18)
C(43)-C(44)-Br(2)	119.7(16)
C(45)-C(44)-Br(2)	116.4(16)
C(44)-C(45)-C(46)	114.2(18)
C(44)-C(45)-H(45)	122.9
C(46)-C(45)-H(45)	122.9
C(41)-C(46)-C(45)	123.1(19)
C(41)-C(46)-H(46)	118.5
C(45)-C(46)-H(46)	118.5
C(52)-C(47)-C(48)	115.7(15)
C(52)-C(47)-C(53)	124.5(17)
C(48)-C(47)-C(53)	119.8(16)
C(52)-C(47)-Ru(2)	70.3(10)
C(48)-C(47)-Ru(2)	68.6(8)
C(53)-C(47)-Ru(2)	131.7(13)
C(49)-C(48)-C(47)	121.5(15)
C(49)-C(48)-Ru(2)	72.2(9)
C(47)-C(48)-Ru(2)	73.6(8)
C(49)-C(48)-H(48)	119.3
C(47)-C(48)-H(48)	119.3
Ru(2)-C(48)-H(48)	127.0
C(50)-C(49)-C(48)	121.7(15)
C(50)-C(49)-Ru(2)	74.6(9)
C(48)-C(49)-Ru(2)	70.8(9)
C(50)-C(49)-H(49)	119.2
C(48)-C(49)-H(49)	119.2
Ru(2)-C(49)-H(49)	127.6
C(49)-C(50)-C(51)	116.8(14)
C(49)-C(50)-C(54)	120.6(14)
C(51)-C(50)-C(54)	122.4(14)

C(49)-C(50)-Ru(2)	69.3(9)
C(51)-C(50)-Ru(2)	70.1(8)
C(54)-C(50)-Ru(2)	135.6(11)
C(52)-C(51)-C(50)	121.5(16)
C(52)-C(51)-Ru(2)	71.0(10)
C(50)-C(51)-Ru(2)	73.2(9)
C(52)-C(51)-H(51)	119.3
C(50)-C(51)-H(51)	119.3
Ru(2)-C(51)-H(51)	129.0
C(51)-C(52)-C(47)	122.8(17)
C(51)-C(52)-Ru(2)	72.7(10)
C(47)-C(52)-Ru(2)	73.6(10)
C(51)-C(52)-H(52)	118.6
C(47)-C(52)-H(52)	118.6
Ru(2)-C(52)-H(52)	127.3
C(47)-C(53)-H(53A)	109.5
C(47)-C(53)-H(53B)	109.5
H(53A)-C(53)-H(53B)	109.5
C(47)-C(53)-H(53C)	109.5
H(53A)-C(53)-H(53C)	109.5
H(53B)-C(53)-H(53C)	109.5
C(55)-C(54)-C(50)	108.0(15)
C(55)-C(54)-C(56)	110.6(15)
C(50)-C(54)-C(56)	115.3(13)
C(55)-C(54)-H(54)	107.6
C(50)-C(54)-H(54)	107.6
C(56)-C(54)-H(54)	107.6
C(54)-C(55)-H(55A)	109.5
C(54)-C(55)-H(55B)	109.5
H(55A)-C(55)-H(55B)	109.5
C(54)-C(55)-H(55C)	109.5
H(55A)-C(55)-H(55C)	109.5
H(55B)-C(55)-H(55C)	109.5
C(54)-C(56)-H(56A)	109.5
C(54)-C(56)-H(56B)	109.5
H(56A)-C(56)-H(56B)	109.5
C(54)-C(56)-H(56C)	109.5
H(56A)-C(56)-H(56C)	109.5
H(56B)-C(56)-H(56C)	109.5
C(1)-N(1)-C(2)	112.4(12)
C(1)-N(1)-C(4)	126.8(12)
C(2)-N(1)-C(4)	120.7(12)
C(1)-N(2)-C(3)	112.2(12)
C(1)-N(2)-C(11)	123.4(13)
C(3)-N(2)-C(11)	124.2(12)
F(4)-P(1)-F(2)	90.9(8)

F(4)-P(1)-F(5)	89.8(8)
F(2)-P(1)-F(5)	179.0(8)
F(4)-P(1)-F(1)	177.1(8)
F(2)-P(1)-F(1)	91.7(8)
F(5)-P(1)-F(1)	87.6(7)
F(4)-P(1)-F(6)	89.9(7)
F(2)-P(1)-F(6)	91.4(7)
F(5)-P(1)-F(6)	89.3(7)
F(1)-P(1)-F(6)	91.3(7)
F(4)-P(1)-F(3)	88.8(7)
F(2)-P(1)-F(3)	90.2(6)
F(5)-P(1)-F(3)	89.2(6)
F(1)-P(1)-F(3)	89.9(6)
F(6)-P(1)-F(3)	178.0(7)
F(8)-P(2)-F(10)	91.7(10)
F(8)-P(2)-F(7)	92.2(10)
F(10)-P(2)-F(7)	175.8(10)
F(8)-P(2)-F(11)	179.4(11)
F(10)-P(2)-F(11)	88.0(9)
F(7)-P(2)-F(11)	88.1(9)
F(8)-P(2)-F(9)	87.6(9)
F(10)-P(2)-F(9)	87.9(7)
F(7)-P(2)-F(9)	90.6(7)
F(11)-P(2)-F(9)	92.9(9)
F(8)-P(2)-F(12)	92.3(8)
F(10)-P(2)-F(12)	91.9(8)
F(7)-P(2)-F(12)	89.5(7)
F(11)-P(2)-F(12)	87.2(8)
F(9)-P(2)-F(12)	179.8(8)
C(13)-S(1)-C(12)	102.8(7)
C(13)-S(1)-Ru(1)	112.0(4)
C(12)-S(1)-Ru(1)	111.1(5)
C(41)-S(2)-C(40)	104.8(9)
C(41)-S(2)-Ru(2)	115.2(6)
C(40)-S(2)-Ru(2)	108.5(7)
C(1)-Ru(1)-C(23)	114.5(5)
C(1)-Ru(1)-C(21)	98.0(6)
C(23)-Ru(1)-C(21)	66.6(6)
C(1)-Ru(1)-C(20)	125.4(6)
C(23)-Ru(1)-C(20)	78.8(6)
C(21)-Ru(1)-C(20)	36.0(6)
C(1)-Ru(1)-C(24)	150.8(5)
C(23)-Ru(1)-C(24)	37.0(5)
C(21)-Ru(1)-C(24)	77.4(6)
C(20)-Ru(1)-C(24)	65.9(6)
C(1)-Ru(1)-C(22)	91.5(6)

C(23)-Ru(1)-C(22)	37.7(6)
C(21)-Ru(1)-C(22)	37.4(5)
C(20)-Ru(1)-C(22)	67.1(5)
C(24)-Ru(1)-C(22)	67.2(6)
C(1)-Ru(1)-C(19)	163.3(6)
C(23)-Ru(1)-C(19)	67.2(6)
C(21)-Ru(1)-C(19)	66.8(6)
C(20)-Ru(1)-C(19)	37.9(6)
C(24)-Ru(1)-C(19)	36.3(6)
C(22)-Ru(1)-C(19)	80.5(5)
C(1)-Ru(1)-S(1)	89.1(4)
C(23)-Ru(1)-S(1)	90.3(4)
C(21)-Ru(1)-S(1)	156.8(4)
C(20)-Ru(1)-S(1)	145.4(4)
C(24)-Ru(1)-S(1)	85.7(4)
C(22)-Ru(1)-S(1)	120.9(4)
C(19)-Ru(1)-S(1)	107.6(4)
C(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	87.6(4)
C(23)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	157.9(4)
C(21)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	111.0(4)
C(20)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	87.5(4)
C(24)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	121.2(4)
C(22)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	147.8(4)
C(19)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	91.4(4)
S(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	91.23(12)
C(29)-Ru(2)-C(48)	91.7(5)
C(29)-Ru(2)-C(49)	91.3(5)
C(48)-Ru(2)-C(49)	37.0(6)
C(29)-Ru(2)-C(52)	154.8(5)
C(48)-Ru(2)-C(52)	65.9(7)
C(49)-Ru(2)-C(52)	77.7(7)
C(29)-Ru(2)-C(51)	153.3(5)
C(48)-Ru(2)-C(51)	77.4(6)
C(49)-Ru(2)-C(51)	65.3(6)
C(52)-Ru(2)-C(51)	36.3(6)
C(29)-Ru(2)-C(47)	118.7(5)
C(48)-Ru(2)-C(47)	37.8(6)
C(49)-Ru(2)-C(47)	67.3(6)
C(52)-Ru(2)-C(47)	36.2(6)
C(51)-Ru(2)-C(47)	65.7(6)
C(29)-Ru(2)-C(50)	116.6(5)
C(48)-Ru(2)-C(50)	66.1(6)
C(49)-Ru(2)-C(50)	36.2(5)
C(52)-Ru(2)-C(50)	66.1(6)
C(51)-Ru(2)-C(50)	36.7(6)
C(47)-Ru(2)-C(50)	78.9(6)

C(29)-Ru(2)-Cl(2)	87.1(2)
C(48)-Ru(2)-Cl(2)	156.4(5)
C(49)-Ru(2)-Cl(2)	119.5(4)
C(52)-Ru(2)-Cl(2)	118.0(5)
C(51)-Ru(2)-Cl(2)	93.3(4)
C(47)-Ru(2)-Cl(2)	153.9(5)
C(50)-Ru(2)-Cl(2)	93.5(4)
C(29)-Ru(2)-S(2)	91.5(3)
C(48)-Ru(2)-S(2)	113.5(5)
C(49)-Ru(2)-S(2)	150.5(4)
C(52)-Ru(2)-S(2)	87.6(5)
C(51)-Ru(2)-S(2)	115.2(4)
C(47)-Ru(2)-S(2)	85.7(5)
C(50)-Ru(2)-S(2)	151.8(4)
Cl(2)-Ru(2)-S(2)	90.04(15)

Table S10. Torsion angles [deg] for sbalta151104, **complex 1i**

N(1)-C(2)-C(3)-N(2)	-0.3(16)
N(1)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	-136.2(13)
N(1)-C(4)-C(5)-C(10)	48.1(17)
C(10)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	-2(2)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	-177.5(13)
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	4(2)
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	-8(2)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	9(3)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-C(5)	-7(2)
C(6)-C(5)-C(10)-C(9)	3(2)
C(4)-C(5)-C(10)-C(9)	178.6(13)
N(2)-C(11)-C(12)-S(1)	-78.3(14)
C(18)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	2(2)
S(1)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	-178.6(11)
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	-1(2)
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	1(3)
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-Br(1)	176.5(11)
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-C(18)	-2(3)
Br(1)-C(16)-C(17)-C(18)	-177.3(12)
C(14)-C(13)-C(18)-C(17)	-2(2)
S(1)-C(13)-C(18)-C(17)	177.7(12)
C(16)-C(17)-C(18)-C(13)	3(2)
C(24)-C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	0(2)
C(25)-C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	-179.0(16)
Ru(1)-C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	-55.0(15)
C(24)-C(19)-C(20)-Ru(1)	54.6(12)

C(25)-C(19)-C(20)-Ru(1)	-124.1(15)
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)-C(22)	2(3)
Ru(1)-C(20)-C(21)-C(22)	-53.6(14)
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)-Ru(1)	55.5(15)
C(20)-C(21)-C(22)-C(23)	0(2)
Ru(1)-C(21)-C(22)-C(23)	-54.0(11)
C(20)-C(21)-C(22)-C(26)	-176.7(15)
Ru(1)-C(21)-C(22)-C(26)	129.6(14)
C(20)-C(21)-C(22)-Ru(1)	53.7(15)
C(21)-C(22)-C(23)-C(24)	-3(2)
C(26)-C(22)-C(23)-C(24)	173.6(14)
Ru(1)-C(22)-C(23)-C(24)	-57.7(13)
C(21)-C(22)-C(23)-Ru(1)	54.7(11)
C(26)-C(22)-C(23)-Ru(1)	-128.8(13)
C(22)-C(23)-C(24)-C(19)	5(2)
Ru(1)-C(23)-C(24)-C(19)	-52.7(14)
C(22)-C(23)-C(24)-Ru(1)	57.5(12)
C(20)-C(19)-C(24)-C(23)	-3(2)
C(25)-C(19)-C(24)-C(23)	175.7(16)
Ru(1)-C(19)-C(24)-C(23)	51.1(14)
C(20)-C(19)-C(24)-Ru(1)	-54.1(13)
C(25)-C(19)-C(24)-Ru(1)	124.6(16)
C(21)-C(22)-C(26)-C(27)	-32(2)
C(23)-C(22)-C(26)-C(27)	151.3(14)
Ru(1)-C(22)-C(26)-C(27)	63(2)
C(21)-C(22)-C(26)-C(28)	88.9(16)
C(23)-C(22)-C(26)-C(28)	-87.3(15)
Ru(1)-C(22)-C(26)-C(28)	-176.0(10)
N(4)-C(29)-N(3)-C(30)	0.0
Ru(2)-C(29)-N(3)-C(30)	173.1(3)
N(4)-C(29)-N(3)-C(32)	-178.4(10)
Ru(2)-C(29)-N(3)-C(32)	-5.3(9)
C(29)-N(3)-C(30)-C(31)	0.0
C(32)-N(3)-C(30)-C(31)	178.4(10)
N(3)-C(30)-C(31)-N(4)	0.0
C(30)-C(31)-N(4)-C(39)	-172.8(9)
C(30)-C(31)-N(4)-C(29)	0.0
N(3)-C(29)-N(4)-C(39)	172.5(10)
Ru(2)-C(29)-N(4)-C(39)	-1.2(9)
N(3)-C(29)-N(4)-C(31)	0.0
Ru(2)-C(29)-N(4)-C(31)	-173.6(3)
C(30)-N(3)-C(32)-C(33)	-49.8(18)
C(29)-N(3)-C(32)-C(33)	128.3(12)
N(3)-C(32)-C(33)-C(34)	154.9(12)
N(3)-C(32)-C(33)-C(38)	-29(2)
C(38)-C(33)-C(34)-C(35)	0.0

C(32)-C(33)-C(34)-C(35)	176.6(14)
C(33)-C(34)-C(35)-C(36)	0.0
C(34)-C(35)-C(36)-C(37)	0.0
C(35)-C(36)-C(37)-C(38)	0.0
C(36)-C(37)-C(38)-C(33)	0.0
C(34)-C(33)-C(38)-C(37)	0.0
C(32)-C(33)-C(38)-C(37)	-176.3(15)
C(31)-N(4)-C(39)-C(40)	112.3(13)
C(29)-N(4)-C(39)-C(40)	-59.0(18)
N(4)-C(39)-C(40)-S(2)	72.7(18)
C(46)-C(41)-C(42)-C(43)	4(3)
S(2)-C(41)-C(42)-C(43)	174.5(16)
C(41)-C(42)-C(43)-C(44)	2(3)
C(42)-C(43)-C(44)-C(45)	-2(3)
C(42)-C(43)-C(44)-Br(2)	176.9(16)
C(43)-C(44)-C(45)-C(46)	-3(3)
Br(2)-C(44)-C(45)-C(46)	178.1(17)
C(42)-C(41)-C(46)-C(45)	-9(3)
S(2)-C(41)-C(46)-C(45)	179.3(19)
C(44)-C(45)-C(46)-C(41)	9(4)
C(52)-C(47)-C(48)-C(49)	-3(2)
C(53)-C(47)-C(48)-C(49)	176.8(16)
Ru(2)-C(47)-C(48)-C(49)	-56.4(14)
C(52)-C(47)-C(48)-Ru(2)	53.7(14)
C(53)-C(47)-C(48)-Ru(2)	-126.8(16)
C(47)-C(48)-C(49)-C(50)	0(2)
Ru(2)-C(48)-C(49)-C(50)	-56.9(14)
C(47)-C(48)-C(49)-Ru(2)	57.0(14)
C(48)-C(49)-C(50)-C(51)	2(2)
Ru(2)-C(49)-C(50)-C(51)	-53.3(12)
C(48)-C(49)-C(50)-C(54)	-173.3(15)
Ru(2)-C(49)-C(50)-C(54)	131.6(14)
C(48)-C(49)-C(50)-Ru(2)	55.2(14)
C(49)-C(50)-C(51)-C(52)	-1(2)
C(54)-C(50)-C(51)-C(52)	173.6(16)
Ru(2)-C(50)-C(51)-C(52)	-54.3(14)
C(49)-C(50)-C(51)-Ru(2)	52.8(12)
C(54)-C(50)-C(51)-Ru(2)	-132.1(14)
C(50)-C(51)-C(52)-C(47)	-1(3)
Ru(2)-C(51)-C(52)-C(47)	-56.4(16)
C(50)-C(51)-C(52)-Ru(2)	55.3(14)
C(48)-C(47)-C(52)-C(51)	3(3)
C(53)-C(47)-C(52)-C(51)	-176.3(16)
Ru(2)-C(47)-C(52)-C(51)	56.0(16)
C(48)-C(47)-C(52)-Ru(2)	-52.9(13)
C(53)-C(47)-C(52)-Ru(2)	127.7(17)

C(49)-C(50)-C(54)-C(55)	83.1(19)
C(51)-C(50)-C(54)-C(55)	-91.8(18)
Ru(2)-C(50)-C(54)-C(55)	174.0(13)
C(49)-C(50)-C(54)-C(56)	-152.7(16)
C(51)-C(50)-C(54)-C(56)	32(2)
Ru(2)-C(50)-C(54)-C(56)	-62(2)
N(2)-C(1)-N(1)-C(2)	3.0(16)
Ru(1)-C(1)-N(1)-C(2)	173.2(11)
N(2)-C(1)-N(1)-C(4)	-173.6(13)
Ru(1)-C(1)-N(1)-C(4)	-3(2)
C(3)-C(2)-N(1)-C(1)	-1.8(17)
C(3)-C(2)-N(1)-C(4)	175.0(13)
C(5)-C(4)-N(1)-C(1)	-136.3(14)
C(5)-C(4)-N(1)-C(2)	47.3(17)
N(1)-C(1)-N(2)-C(3)	-3.2(16)
Ru(1)-C(1)-N(2)-C(3)	-174.1(10)
N(1)-C(1)-N(2)-C(11)	-177.6(12)
Ru(1)-C(1)-N(2)-C(11)	11.5(19)
C(2)-C(3)-N(2)-C(1)	2.2(17)
C(2)-C(3)-N(2)-C(11)	176.5(12)
C(12)-C(11)-N(2)-C(1)	60.8(18)
C(12)-C(11)-N(2)-C(3)	-112.9(15)
C(18)-C(13)-S(1)-C(12)	139.8(11)
C(14)-C(13)-S(1)-C(12)	-40.0(13)
C(18)-C(13)-S(1)-Ru(1)	-100.7(10)
C(14)-C(13)-S(1)-Ru(1)	79.4(12)
C(11)-C(12)-S(1)-C(13)	153.4(10)
C(11)-C(12)-S(1)-Ru(1)	33.4(11)
C(46)-C(41)-S(2)-C(40)	-141.2(18)
C(42)-C(41)-S(2)-C(40)	48.3(18)
C(46)-C(41)-S(2)-Ru(2)	99.7(18)
C(42)-C(41)-S(2)-Ru(2)	-70.8(17)
C(39)-C(40)-S(2)-C(41)	-154.4(14)
C(39)-C(40)-S(2)-Ru(2)	-30.9(15)

Complex 1j

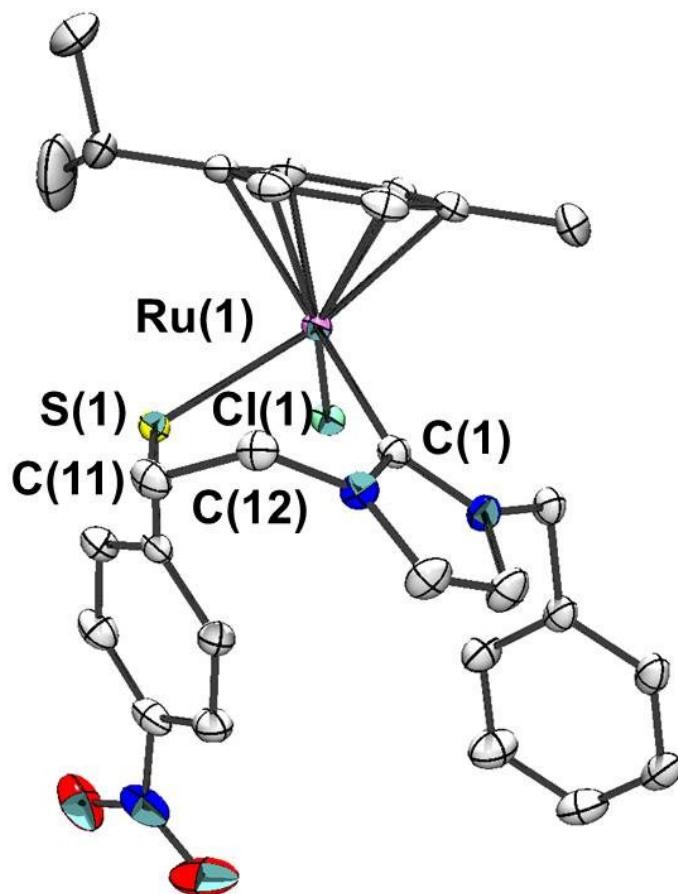


Table S11. Crystal data and structure refinement for sblta151118, **complex 1j**

Identification code	sblta151118
Empirical formula	C ₂₈ H ₃₁ ClF ₆ N ₃ O ₂ P Ru S
Formula weight	755.11
Temperature	173(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, P -1
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.9199(7) Å alpha = 81.652(2) deg. b = 11.3270(9) Å beta = 84.987(2) deg. c = 15.5712(13) Å gamma = 73.995(2) deg.
Volume	1494.4(2) Å ³

Z, Calculated density 2, 1.678 Mg/m³
 Absorption coefficient 0.808 mm⁻¹
 F(000) 764
 Crystal size 0.350 x 0.300 x 0.250 mm
 Theta range for data collection 1.323 to 30.977 deg.
 Limiting indices -12<=h<=12, -16<=k<=16, -22<=l<=22
 Reflections collected / unique 35892 / 9480 [R(int) = 0.0183]
 Completeness to theta = 25.242 100.0 %
 Absorption correction Semi-empirical from equivalents
 Max. and min. transmission 0.7462 and 0.7149
 Refinement method Full-matrix least-squares on F²
 Data / restraints / parameters 9480 / 0 / 391
 Goodness-of-fit on F² 1.046
 Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R1 = 0.0247, wR2 = 0.0599
 R indices (all data) R1 = 0.0288, wR2 = 0.0625
 Extinction coefficient n/a
 Largest diff. peak and hole 0.694 and -0.631 e.A⁻³

Table S12. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg] for sblta151118, **complex 1j**

C(1)-N(1)	1.3573(17)
C(1)-N(2)	1.3636(18)
C(1)-Ru(1)	2.0592(14)
C(2)-C(3)	1.349(2)
C(2)-N(1)	1.3906(19)
C(2)-H(2)	0.9500
C(3)-N(2)	1.3837(19)
C(3)-H(3)	0.9500

C(4)-N(1)	1.4795(19)
C(4)-C(5)	1.517(2)
C(4)-H(4A)	0.9900
C(4)-H(4B)	0.9900
C(5)-C(6)	1.391(2)
C(5)-C(10)	1.396(2)
C(6)-C(7)	1.394(2)
C(6)-H(6)	0.9500
C(7)-C(8)	1.394(3)
C(7)-H(7)	0.9500
C(8)-C(9)	1.379(3)
C(8)-H(8)	0.9500
C(9)-C(10)	1.395(2)
C(9)-H(9)	0.9500
C(10)-H(10)	0.9500
C(11)-N(2)	1.4643(18)
C(11)-C(12)	1.518(2)
C(11)-H(11A)	0.9900
C(11)-H(11B)	0.9900
C(12)-S(1)	1.8280(16)
C(12)-H(12A)	0.9900
C(12)-H(12B)	0.9900
C(13)-C(14)	1.390(2)
C(13)-C(18)	1.393(2)
C(13)-S(1)	1.7863(14)
C(14)-C(15)	1.391(2)
C(14)-H(14)	0.9500
C(15)-C(16)	1.379(2)
C(15)-H(15)	0.9500
C(16)-C(17)	1.383(3)
C(16)-N(3)	1.473(2)
C(17)-C(18)	1.392(2)
C(17)-H(17)	0.9500
C(18)-H(18)	0.9500
C(19)-C(20)	1.400(2)
C(19)-C(24)	1.429(2)
C(19)-C(25)	1.505(2)
C(19)-Ru(1)	2.2322(14)
C(20)-C(21)	1.429(2)
C(20)-Ru(1)	2.2149(14)
C(20)-H(20)	0.9500
C(21)-C(22)	1.396(2)
C(21)-Ru(1)	2.2611(14)
C(21)-H(21)	0.9500
C(22)-C(23)	1.438(2)
C(22)-C(26)	1.514(2)

C(22)-Ru(1)	2.2808(14)
C(23)-C(24)	1.403(2)
C(23)-Ru(1)	2.2056(14)
C(23)-H(23)	0.9500
C(24)-Ru(1)	2.1884(15)
C(24)-H(24)	0.9500
C(25)-H(25A)	0.9800
C(25)-H(25B)	0.9800
C(25)-H(25C)	0.9800
C(26)-C(27)	1.523(4)
C(26)-C(28)	1.524(3)
C(26)-H(26)	1.0000
C(27)-H(27A)	0.9800
C(27)-H(27B)	0.9800
C(27)-H(27C)	0.9800
C(28)-H(28A)	0.9800
C(28)-H(28B)	0.9800
C(28)-H(28C)	0.9800
N(3)-O(2)	1.222(2)
N(3)-O(1)	1.226(2)
F(1)-P(1)	1.5912(15)
F(2)-P(1)	1.6009(13)
F(3)-P(1)	1.5708(13)
F(4)-P(1)	1.5910(15)
F(5)-P(1)	1.5908(14)
F(6)-P(1)	1.6029(12)
S(1)-Ru(1)	2.3891(4)
Cl(1)-Ru(1)	2.4061(4)
N(1)-C(1)-N(2)	104.07(11)
N(1)-C(1)-Ru(1)	133.84(10)
N(2)-C(1)-Ru(1)	122.06(10)
C(3)-C(2)-N(1)	106.93(13)
C(3)-C(2)-H(2)	126.5
N(1)-C(2)-H(2)	126.5
C(2)-C(3)-N(2)	106.43(13)
C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	126.8
N(2)-C(3)-H(3)	126.8
N(1)-C(4)-C(5)	111.07(12)
N(1)-C(4)-H(4A)	109.4
C(5)-C(4)-H(4A)	109.4
N(1)-C(4)-H(4B)	109.4
C(5)-C(4)-H(4B)	109.4
H(4A)-C(4)-H(4B)	108.0
C(6)-C(5)-C(10)	119.13(15)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	121.14(13)

C(10)-C(5)-C(4)	119.73(14)
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	120.33(15)
C(5)-C(6)-H(6)	119.8
C(7)-C(6)-H(6)	119.8
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	120.04(18)
C(6)-C(7)-H(7)	120.0
C(8)-C(7)-H(7)	120.0
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	119.92(16)
C(9)-C(8)-H(8)	120.0
C(7)-C(8)-H(8)	120.0
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	120.11(15)
C(8)-C(9)-H(9)	119.9
C(10)-C(9)-H(9)	119.9
C(9)-C(10)-C(5)	120.47(16)
C(9)-C(10)-H(10)	119.8
C(5)-C(10)-H(10)	119.8
N(2)-C(11)-C(12)	112.19(12)
N(2)-C(11)-H(11A)	109.2
C(12)-C(11)-H(11A)	109.2
N(2)-C(11)-H(11B)	109.2
C(12)-C(11)-H(11B)	109.2
H(11A)-C(11)-H(11B)	107.9
C(11)-C(12)-S(1)	113.42(10)
C(11)-C(12)-H(12A)	108.9
S(1)-C(12)-H(12A)	108.9
C(11)-C(12)-H(12B)	108.9
S(1)-C(12)-H(12B)	108.9
H(12A)-C(12)-H(12B)	107.7
C(14)-C(13)-C(18)	121.08(13)
C(14)-C(13)-S(1)	115.46(11)
C(18)-C(13)-S(1)	123.43(12)
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	119.59(15)
C(13)-C(14)-H(14)	120.2
C(15)-C(14)-H(14)	120.2
C(16)-C(15)-C(14)	118.52(15)
C(16)-C(15)-H(15)	120.7
C(14)-C(15)-H(15)	120.7
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	122.91(14)
C(15)-C(16)-N(3)	118.33(16)
C(17)-C(16)-N(3)	118.76(16)
C(16)-C(17)-C(18)	118.42(15)
C(16)-C(17)-H(17)	120.8
C(18)-C(17)-H(17)	120.8
C(17)-C(18)-C(13)	119.42(15)
C(17)-C(18)-H(18)	120.3
C(13)-C(18)-H(18)	120.3

C(20)-C(19)-C(24)	117.15(14)
C(20)-C(19)-C(25)	121.36(15)
C(24)-C(19)-C(25)	121.49(16)
C(20)-C(19)-Ru(1)	70.98(8)
C(24)-C(19)-Ru(1)	69.49(8)
C(25)-C(19)-Ru(1)	129.70(11)
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	122.18(14)
C(19)-C(20)-Ru(1)	72.32(8)
C(21)-C(20)-Ru(1)	73.15(8)
C(19)-C(20)-H(20)	118.9
C(21)-C(20)-H(20)	118.9
Ru(1)-C(20)-H(20)	127.9
C(22)-C(21)-C(20)	120.67(14)
C(22)-C(21)-Ru(1)	72.87(8)
C(20)-C(21)-Ru(1)	69.64(8)
C(22)-C(21)-H(21)	119.7
C(20)-C(21)-H(21)	119.7
Ru(1)-C(21)-H(21)	130.5
C(21)-C(22)-C(23)	117.61(14)
C(21)-C(22)-C(26)	123.84(16)
C(23)-C(22)-C(26)	118.53(15)
C(21)-C(22)-Ru(1)	71.33(8)
C(23)-C(22)-Ru(1)	68.49(8)
C(26)-C(22)-Ru(1)	129.93(10)
C(24)-C(23)-C(22)	121.32(14)
C(24)-C(23)-Ru(1)	70.72(8)
C(22)-C(23)-Ru(1)	74.17(8)
C(24)-C(23)-H(23)	119.3
C(22)-C(23)-H(23)	119.3
Ru(1)-C(23)-H(23)	128.0
C(23)-C(24)-C(19)	121.02(14)
C(23)-C(24)-Ru(1)	72.05(9)
C(19)-C(24)-Ru(1)	72.81(8)
C(23)-C(24)-H(24)	119.5
C(19)-C(24)-H(24)	119.5
Ru(1)-C(24)-H(24)	127.8
C(19)-C(25)-H(25A)	109.5
C(19)-C(25)-H(25B)	109.5
H(25A)-C(25)-H(25B)	109.5
C(19)-C(25)-H(25C)	109.5
H(25A)-C(25)-H(25C)	109.5
H(25B)-C(25)-H(25C)	109.5
C(22)-C(26)-C(27)	113.77(18)
C(22)-C(26)-C(28)	107.95(18)
C(27)-C(26)-C(28)	113.4(3)
C(22)-C(26)-H(26)	107.1

C(27)-C(26)-H(26)	107.1
C(28)-C(26)-H(26)	107.1
C(26)-C(27)-H(27A)	109.5
C(26)-C(27)-H(27B)	109.5
H(27A)-C(27)-H(27B)	109.5
C(26)-C(27)-H(27C)	109.5
H(27A)-C(27)-H(27C)	109.5
H(27B)-C(27)-H(27C)	109.5
C(26)-C(28)-H(28A)	109.5
C(26)-C(28)-H(28B)	109.5
H(28A)-C(28)-H(28B)	109.5
C(26)-C(28)-H(28C)	109.5
H(28A)-C(28)-H(28C)	109.5
H(28B)-C(28)-H(28C)	109.5
C(1)-N(1)-C(2)	111.05(12)
C(1)-N(1)-C(4)	127.37(12)
C(2)-N(1)-C(4)	121.58(12)
C(1)-N(2)-C(3)	111.51(12)
C(1)-N(2)-C(11)	124.93(12)
C(3)-N(2)-C(11)	123.52(12)
O(2)-N(3)-O(1)	123.88(16)
O(2)-N(3)-C(16)	118.41(17)
O(1)-N(3)-C(16)	117.71(17)
F(3)-P(1)-F(5)	90.47(9)
F(3)-P(1)-F(4)	91.05(9)
F(5)-P(1)-F(4)	178.32(10)
F(3)-P(1)-F(1)	91.88(9)
F(5)-P(1)-F(1)	88.08(10)
F(4)-P(1)-F(1)	92.57(11)
F(3)-P(1)-F(2)	89.69(8)
F(5)-P(1)-F(2)	89.49(8)
F(4)-P(1)-F(2)	89.82(10)
F(1)-P(1)-F(2)	177.13(10)
F(3)-P(1)-F(6)	179.05(8)
F(5)-P(1)-F(6)	90.23(8)
F(4)-P(1)-F(6)	88.23(9)
F(1)-P(1)-F(6)	88.79(8)
F(2)-P(1)-F(6)	89.68(7)
C(13)-S(1)-C(12)	101.75(7)
C(13)-S(1)-Ru(1)	110.25(5)
C(12)-S(1)-Ru(1)	109.47(5)
C(1)-Ru(1)-C(24)	90.24(6)
C(1)-Ru(1)-C(23)	112.89(6)
C(24)-Ru(1)-C(23)	37.23(6)
C(1)-Ru(1)-C(20)	124.88(5)
C(24)-Ru(1)-C(20)	66.50(6)

C(23)-Ru(1)-C(20)	78.32(5)
C(1)-Ru(1)-C(19)	95.41(5)
C(24)-Ru(1)-C(19)	37.70(6)
C(23)-Ru(1)-C(19)	67.48(6)
C(20)-Ru(1)-C(19)	36.70(6)
C(1)-Ru(1)-C(21)	161.74(5)
C(24)-Ru(1)-C(21)	78.45(6)
C(23)-Ru(1)-C(21)	65.72(6)
C(20)-Ru(1)-C(21)	37.21(5)
C(19)-Ru(1)-C(21)	66.89(5)
C(1)-Ru(1)-C(22)	149.45(6)
C(24)-Ru(1)-C(22)	67.26(6)
C(23)-Ru(1)-C(22)	37.34(6)
C(20)-Ru(1)-C(22)	66.16(5)
C(19)-Ru(1)-C(22)	79.52(5)
C(21)-Ru(1)-C(22)	35.79(5)
C(1)-Ru(1)-S(1)	84.62(4)
C(24)-Ru(1)-S(1)	122.08(4)
C(23)-Ru(1)-S(1)	93.74(4)
C(20)-Ru(1)-S(1)	150.33(4)
C(19)-Ru(1)-S(1)	159.70(4)
C(21)-Ru(1)-S(1)	113.52(4)
C(22)-Ru(1)-S(1)	90.13(4)
C(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	92.16(4)
C(24)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	150.14(4)
C(23)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	154.94(5)
C(20)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	88.05(4)
C(19)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	112.48(4)
C(21)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	90.75(4)
C(22)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	117.74(4)
S(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	87.773(12)

Table S13. Torsion angles [deg] for sblta151118, **complex 1j**

N(1)-C(2)-C(3)-N(2)	0.87(19)
N(1)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	-81.74(18)
N(1)-C(4)-C(5)-C(10)	97.56(16)
C(10)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	-0.4(2)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	178.95(16)
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	0.5(3)
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	-0.4(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	0.1(3)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-C(5)	0.0(2)
C(6)-C(5)-C(10)-C(9)	0.1(2)
C(4)-C(5)-C(10)-C(9)	-179.22(14)

N(2)-C(11)-C(12)-S(1)	56.38(15)
C(18)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	-1.8(2)
S(1)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	-179.94(12)
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	-0.3(2)
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	2.1(2)
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-N(3)	-176.68(14)
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-C(18)	-1.8(2)
N(3)-C(16)-C(17)-C(18)	176.94(14)
C(16)-C(17)-C(18)-C(13)	-0.3(2)
C(14)-C(13)-C(18)-C(17)	2.1(2)
S(1)-C(13)-C(18)-C(17)	-179.94(12)
C(24)-C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	-2.3(2)
C(25)-C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	178.52(14)
Ru(1)-C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	-55.95(12)
C(24)-C(19)-C(20)-Ru(1)	53.60(11)
C(25)-C(19)-C(20)-Ru(1)	-125.53(14)
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)-C(22)	1.4(2)
Ru(1)-C(20)-C(21)-C(22)	-54.17(12)
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)-Ru(1)	55.57(12)
C(20)-C(21)-C(22)-C(23)	0.5(2)
Ru(1)-C(21)-C(22)-C(23)	-52.17(11)
C(20)-C(21)-C(22)-C(26)	178.79(14)
Ru(1)-C(21)-C(22)-C(26)	126.10(14)
C(20)-C(21)-C(22)-Ru(1)	52.69(12)
C(21)-C(22)-C(23)-C(24)	-1.4(2)
C(26)-C(22)-C(23)-C(24)	-179.77(14)
Ru(1)-C(22)-C(23)-C(24)	-54.95(12)
C(21)-C(22)-C(23)-Ru(1)	53.54(12)
C(26)-C(22)-C(23)-Ru(1)	-124.82(13)
C(22)-C(23)-C(24)-C(19)	0.4(2)
Ru(1)-C(23)-C(24)-C(19)	-56.13(12)
C(22)-C(23)-C(24)-Ru(1)	56.55(13)
C(20)-C(19)-C(24)-C(23)	1.4(2)
C(25)-C(19)-C(24)-C(23)	-179.43(14)
Ru(1)-C(19)-C(24)-C(23)	55.77(12)
C(20)-C(19)-C(24)-Ru(1)	-54.34(11)
C(25)-C(19)-C(24)-Ru(1)	124.80(14)
C(21)-C(22)-C(26)-C(27)	-18.8(2)
C(23)-C(22)-C(26)-C(27)	159.44(18)
Ru(1)-C(22)-C(26)-C(27)	74.6(2)
C(21)-C(22)-C(26)-C(28)	108.0(3)
C(23)-C(22)-C(26)-C(28)	-73.7(3)
Ru(1)-C(22)-C(26)-C(28)	-158.6(2)
N(2)-C(1)-N(1)-C(2)	0.24(16)
Ru(1)-C(1)-N(1)-C(2)	-177.67(12)
N(2)-C(1)-N(1)-C(4)	-179.17(13)

Ru(1)-C(1)-N(1)-C(4)	2.9(2)
C(3)-C(2)-N(1)-C(1)	-0.72(19)
C(3)-C(2)-N(1)-C(4)	178.73(14)
C(5)-C(4)-N(1)-C(1)	128.12(15)
C(5)-C(4)-N(1)-C(2)	-51.24(19)
N(1)-C(1)-N(2)-C(3)	0.33(16)
Ru(1)-C(1)-N(2)-C(3)	178.54(11)
N(1)-C(1)-N(2)-C(11)	178.21(13)
Ru(1)-C(1)-N(2)-C(11)	-3.57(19)
C(2)-C(3)-N(2)-C(1)	-0.77(19)
C(2)-C(3)-N(2)-C(11)	-178.70(14)
C(12)-C(11)-N(2)-C(1)	-66.04(18)
C(12)-C(11)-N(2)-C(3)	111.60(16)
C(15)-C(16)-N(3)-O(2)	-168.58(16)
C(17)-C(16)-N(3)-O(2)	12.6(2)
C(15)-C(16)-N(3)-O(1)	11.4(2)
C(17)-C(16)-N(3)-O(1)	-167.44(15)
C(14)-C(13)-S(1)-C(12)	-142.68(12)
C(18)-C(13)-S(1)-C(12)	39.22(14)
C(14)-C(13)-S(1)-Ru(1)	101.24(11)
C(18)-C(13)-S(1)-Ru(1)	-76.86(13)
C(11)-C(12)-S(1)-C(13)	-114.55(11)
C(11)-C(12)-S(1)-Ru(1)	2.10(12)

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