

## Supporting Information

# Controlling Helical Chirality of Cobalt Complexes by Chirality Transfer with Vicinal Diamines

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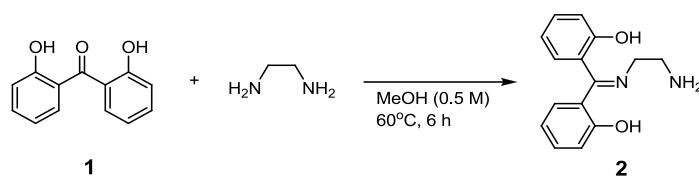
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## I. General Information

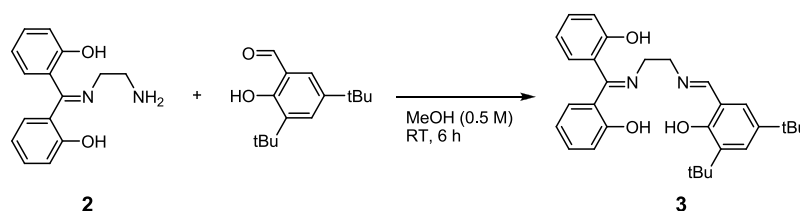
Commercially available compounds were used without further purification or drying. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Ascend 400 spectrometer (400 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$  and 100 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) and are reported in ppm, relative to residual protonated solvent peak (DMSO- $d_6$ ). The high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a Jeol JMS700 spectrometer at the Korea Basic Science Center, Daegu, Korea. Circular dichroism (CD) and UV-vis spectra were performed on a JASCO J-815 spectrometer at the KAIST Research Analyst Center. All calculations were performed using Gaussian 09. *Rac*-, (*R,R*)-, and (*S,S*)-1,2-diphenylethylenediamines were purchased and 1,2-bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)ethylenediamine was prepared from hpen (mother diamine) by the diaza-Cope rearrangement.<sup>[1]</sup>

## II. Experimental Procedures



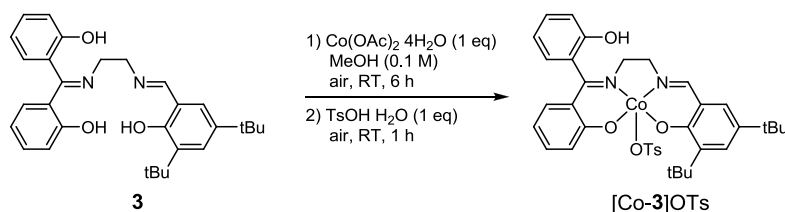
To a stirred solution of 2,2'-dihydroxybenzophenone (**1**, 10.0 g, 46.7 mmol)<sup>[2]</sup> in methanol (93 mL) was added 2 equiv of ethylenediamine (6.24 mL, 93.4 mmol) at 25 °C. Heating the reaction mixture at 60 °C for 6 h afforded the product as a yellow precipitate. After allowed to ambient temperature, the mixture was mixed with diethyl ether (93 mL), and stirred for additional 1 h. The resulting cloudy solution was then filtered and washed with diethyl ether to give the product **2** as a yellow solid (10.2 g, 85% yield).

Yellow solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.31 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.3, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.1, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.64 (ddd,  $J = 8.1, 7.2, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.49 (br, 3H), 3.32 (td,  $J = 6.4, 0.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.81 (td,  $J = 6.4, 2.5$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  173.0, 163.0, 154.5, 132.1, 130.7, 130.5, 128.5, 120.7, 119.4, 118.7, 117.5, 117.0, 116.6, 54.2, 41.8; HRMS (EI)  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 256.1212, found : 256.1214.



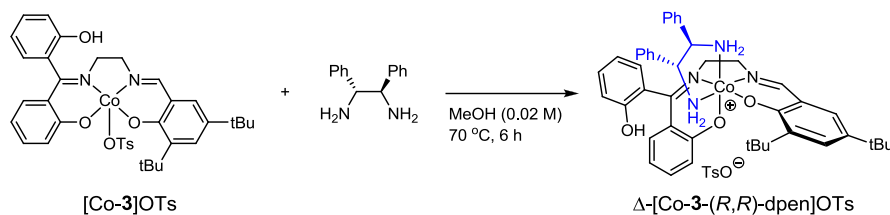
To a stirred suspension of **2** (5.08g, 19.8 mmol) in methanol (40 mL) was added 1.2 equiv of 3,5-di-tert-butyl-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (5.57 g, 23.8 mmol) and the resulting mixture was stirred for 6 h at 25 °C. After adding diethyl ether (40 mL), the mixture was stirred for additional 1 h. The resulting solution was then filtered and washed with diethyl ether to give the product **3** as a yellow solid (7.84 g, 84%).

Yellow solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 15.34 (s, 1H), 13.88 (br, 1H), 9.96 (br, 1H), 8.59 (s, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.01(m, 2H), 6.91 (td, *J* = 7.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (m, 1H), 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.62 (m, 2H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.26 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 173.0, 168.1, 162.2, 157.5, 153.8, 139.5, 135.6, 132.2, 130.7, 130.7, 128.4, 126.4, 126.2, 120.3, 119.5, 119.1, 117.7, 117.4, 117.3, 115.9, 58.8, 51.8, 34.6, 33.8, 31.3, 29.2; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 472.2726, found : 472.2722.



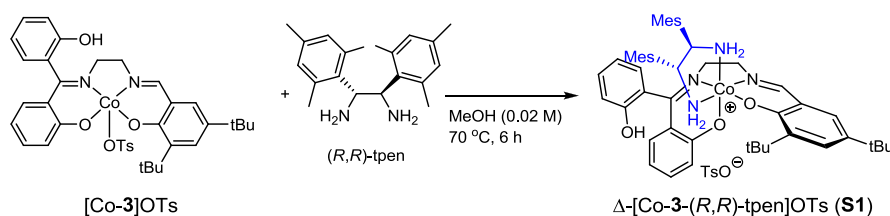
To a stirred suspension of **3** (2.36 g, 5 mmol) in methanol (50 mL) was added Co(OAc)<sub>2</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (1.25 g, 5 mmol). After stirring at 25 °C for 6 h, p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (TsOH•H<sub>2</sub>O) (951 mg, 5 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at the atmospheric environment. All volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and further dried in a vacuum oven overnight at 60 °C to give the product [Co-**3**]OTs as a dark green solid (3.33 g, 95%).

Dark green solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.08 (s, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 - 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 - 7.01 (m, 5H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (m, 1H), 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.73 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 9H), 1.28 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 173.9, 167.6, 166.1, 161.8, 153.6, 141.7, 137.3, 135.4, 133.3, 132.9, 130.8, 128.3, 127.8, 125.2, 123.6, 121.8, 120.1, 119.2, 117.7, 116.0, 114.7, 57.6, 55.1, 35.3, 33.2, 31.2, 30.0, 20.5; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Co<sup>+</sup> : 529.1901, found : 529.1900.



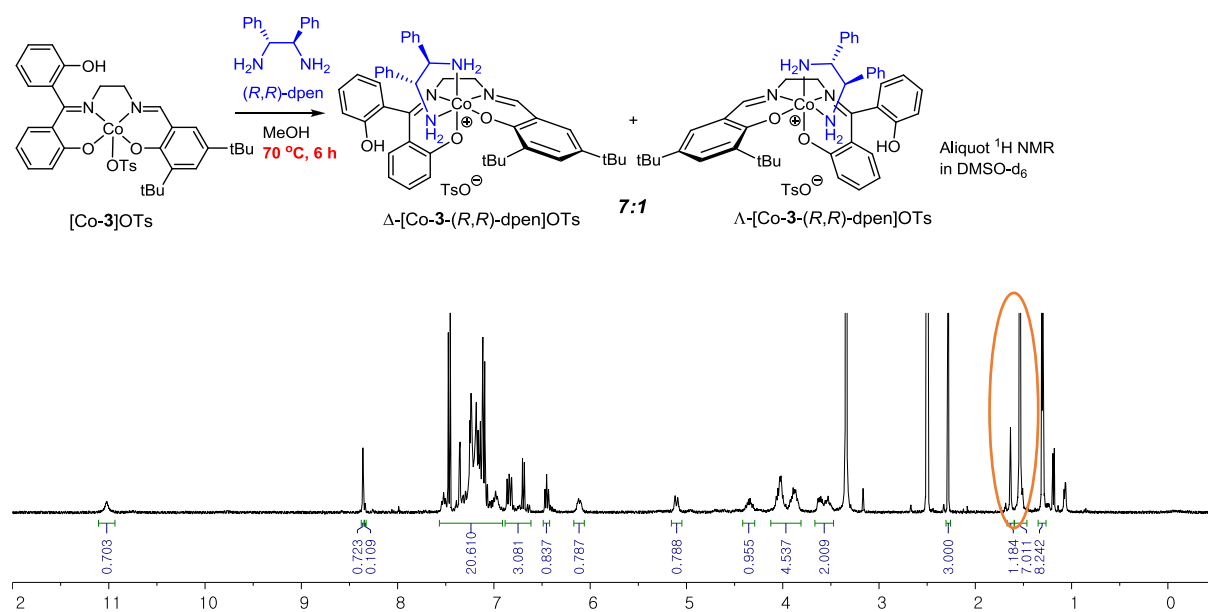
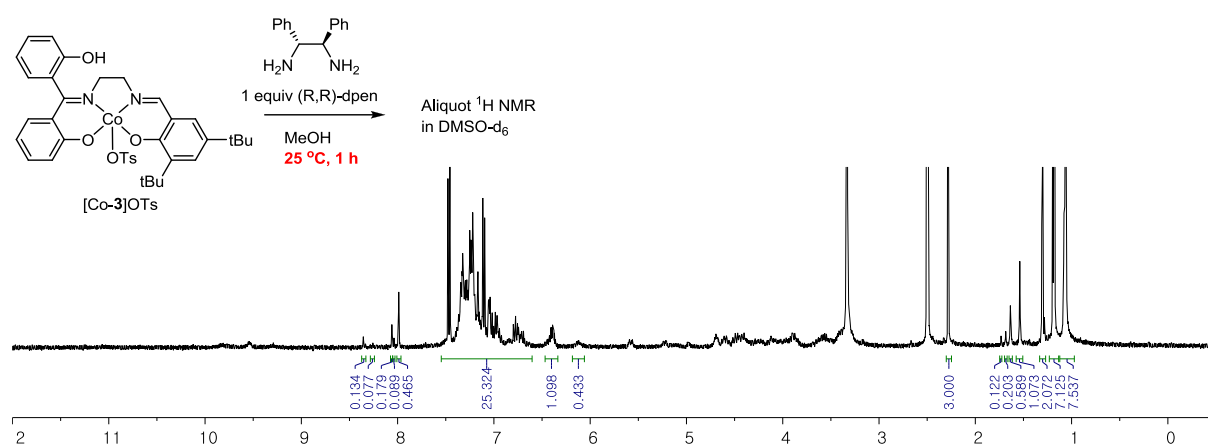
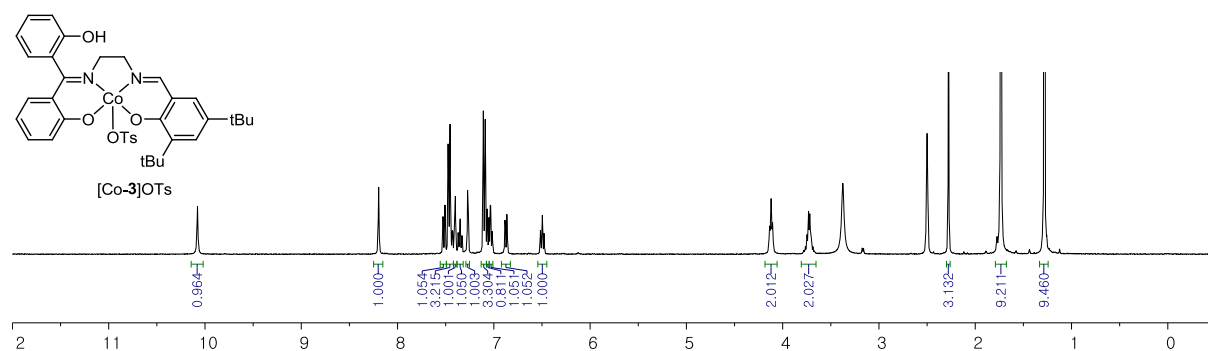
To a stirred solution of [Co-3]OTs (210 mg, 0.3 mmol) in methanol (3 mL) was added (*R,R*)-1,2-diphenylethylenediamine (dpen) (64 mg, 0.3 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 6 h at 70 °C. Aliquot <sup>1</sup>H NMR indicated full conversion and the product ratio of 7:1. The pure major Δ-[Co-3-(*R,R*)-dpen]OTs was obtained by slow addition of pentane (36 mL) to a crude mixture (274 mg) dissolved in EtOH (4 mL). After stored in a refrigerator at 5 °C for 3 h, the solution were filtrated to give the pure Δ-[Co-3-(*R,R*)-dpen]OTs as a brown solid.

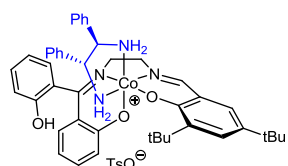
Brown solid (55 mg, 20%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.01 (br, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 - 7.06 (m, 15H), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 0.8, 1H), 6.45 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (m, 1H), 5.10 (m, 1H), 4.35 (m, 1H), 4.02 (m, 3H), 3.88 (m, 2H), 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.52 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H), 1.30 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 171.3, 168.8, 168.7, 161.7, 155.8, 145.8, 141.0, 138.3, 137.5, 136.7, 134.8, 134.3, 132.7, 132.6, 131.2, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 125.7, 125.5, 122.8, 121.2, 119.5, 118.3, 116.1, 115.0, 64.9, 63.4, 59.9, 57.3, 35.3, 33.5, 31.4, 30.2, 20.8; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>50</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Co<sup>+</sup> : 741.3209, found : 741.3218.



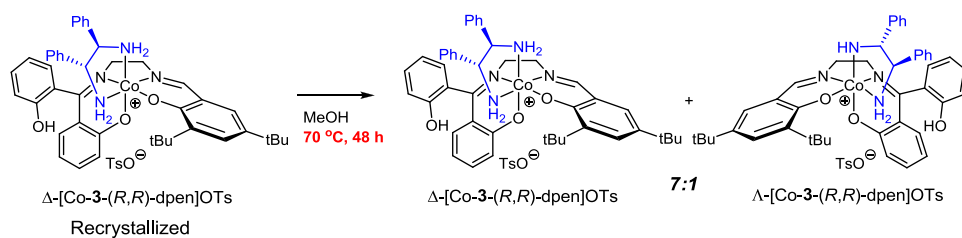
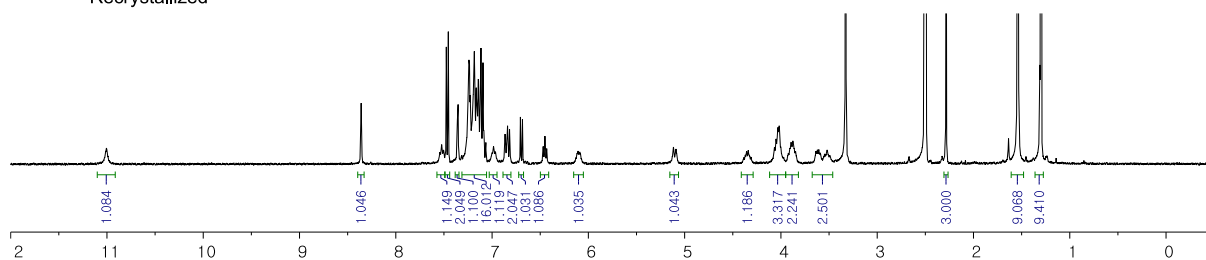
Brown solid (84 mg, 28%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.82 (br, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.50 - 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 - 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.77 - 6.70 (m, 4H), 6.65 - 6.60 (m, 2H), 6.54 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (m, 1H), 5.43 (m, 1H), 4.85 (m, 1H), 4.64 (m, 1H), 4.43 (m, 2H), 3.98 (m, 1H), 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 6H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 171.7, 169.5, 169.0, 161.2, 145.7, 141.1, 138.0, 137.5, 137.5, 137.2, 137.1, 135.5, 134.9, 134.6, 133.9, 133.1, 132.9, 132.0, 131.1, 130.7, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 126.6, 125.5, 122.7, 120.4, 119.2, 116.2, 115.2, 59.1, 58.8, 57.6, 56.4, 35.4, 33.6, 31.3, 30.4, 20.9, 20.9, 20.8, 20.8, 20.4, 20.2, 20.1; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>62</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Co<sup>+</sup> : 825.4148, found : 825.4150.

### III. Reactions between [Co-3]OTs and Chiral Diamines

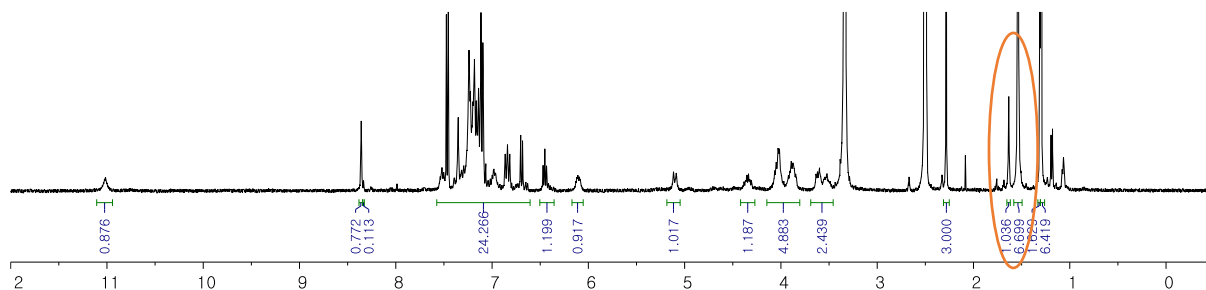


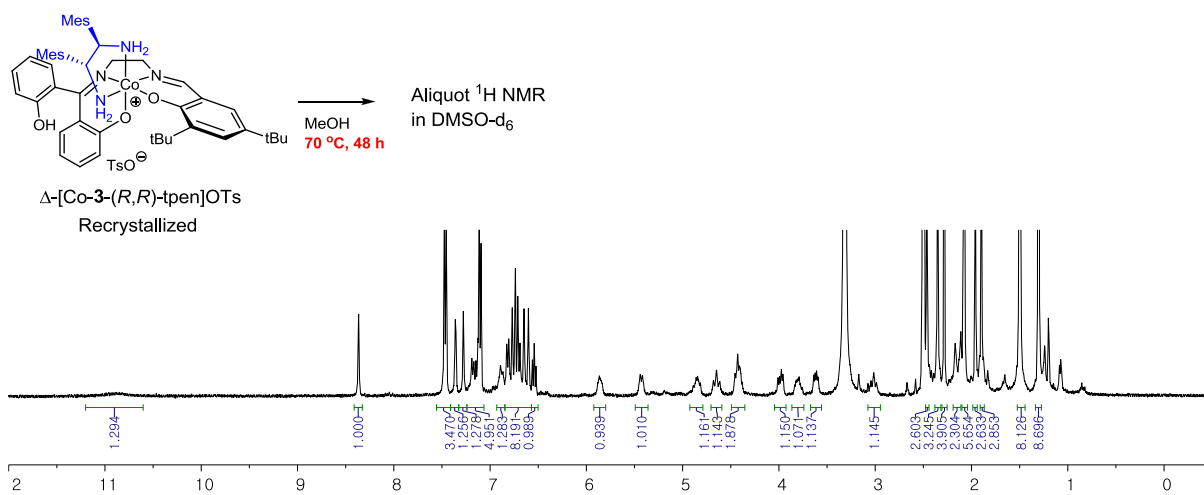
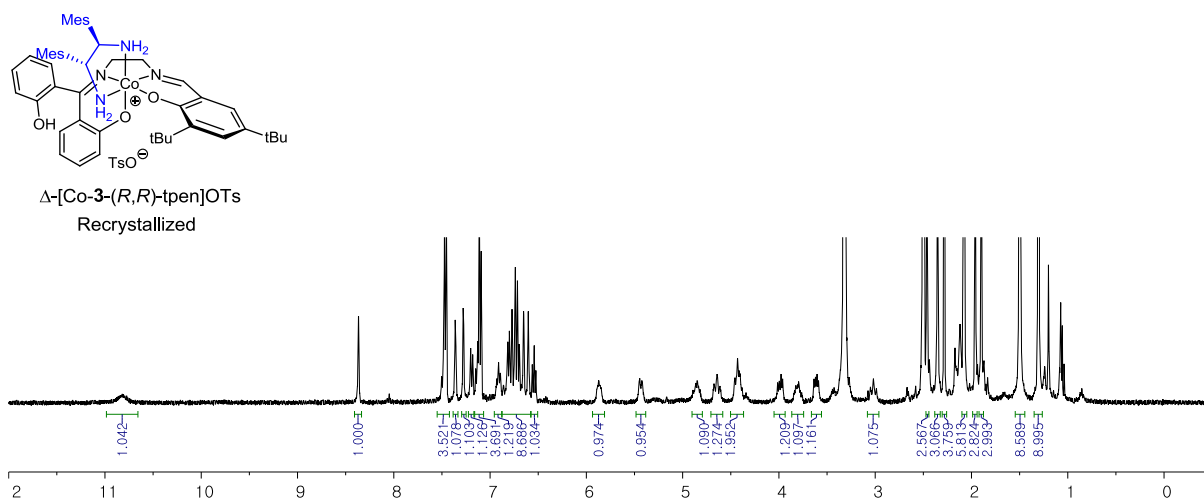
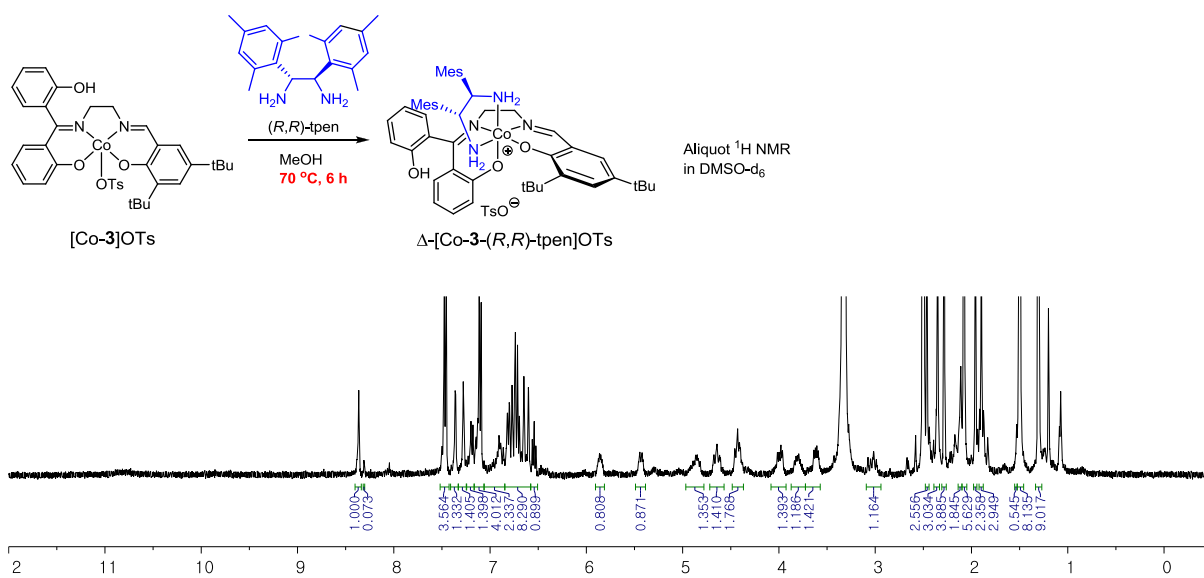


$\Delta$ -[Co-3-(R,R)-dpen]OTs  
Recrystallized

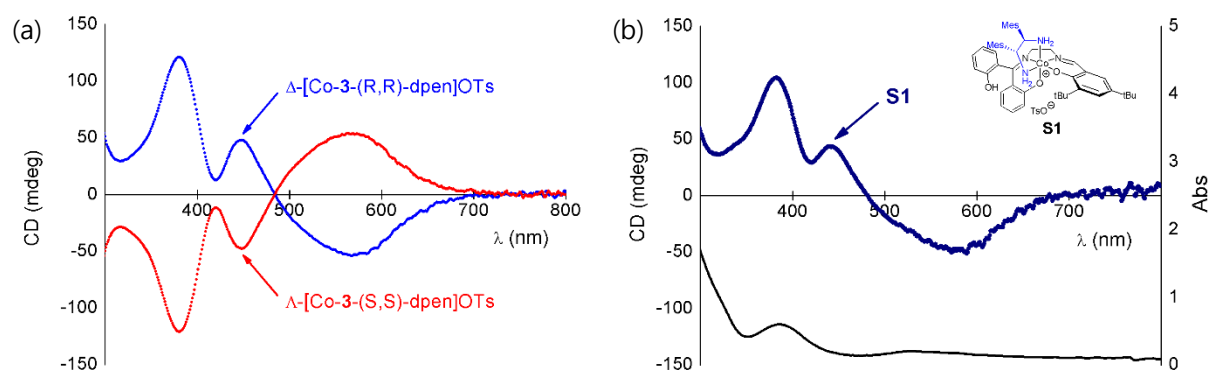


Aliquot  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  
in DMSO- $d_6$

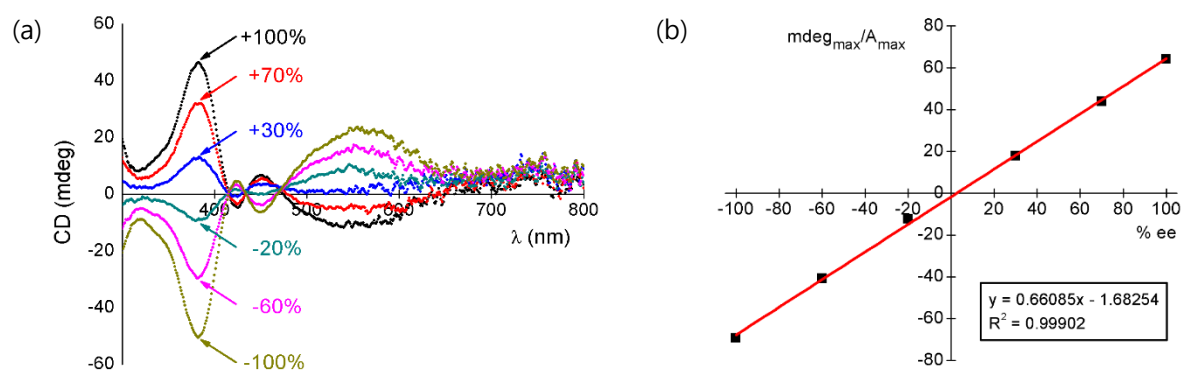




## IV. CD Spectra



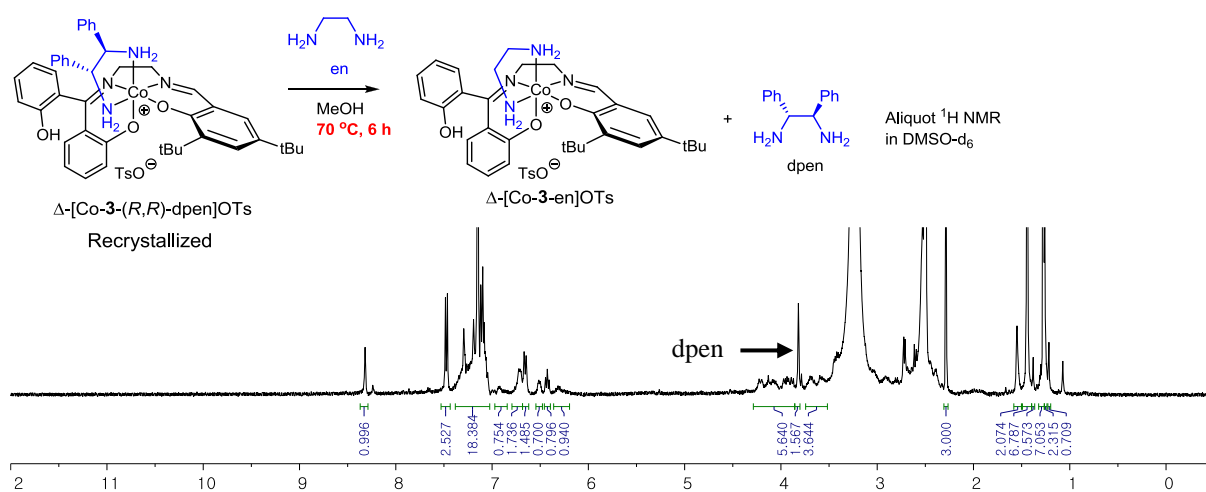
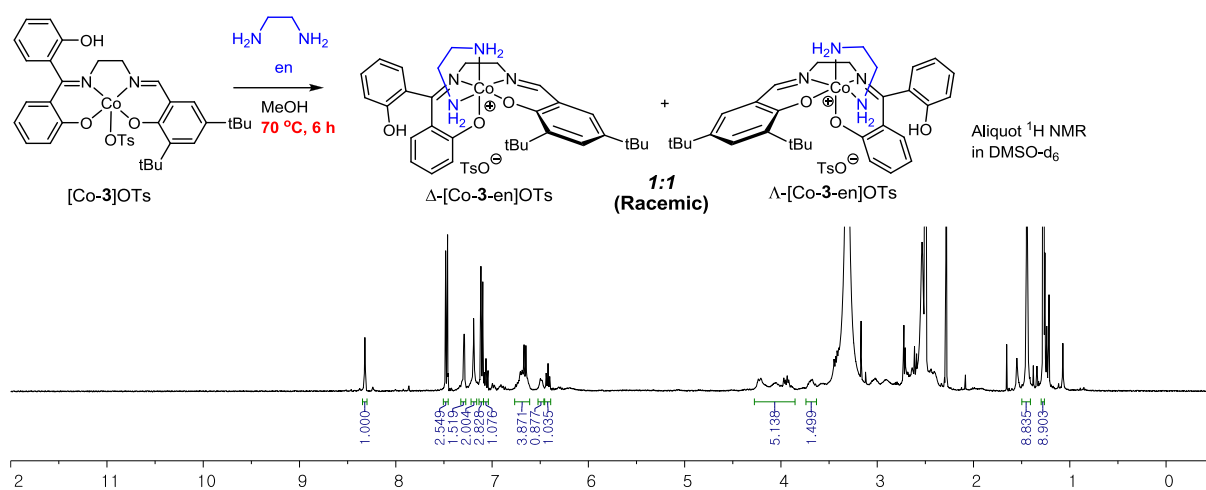
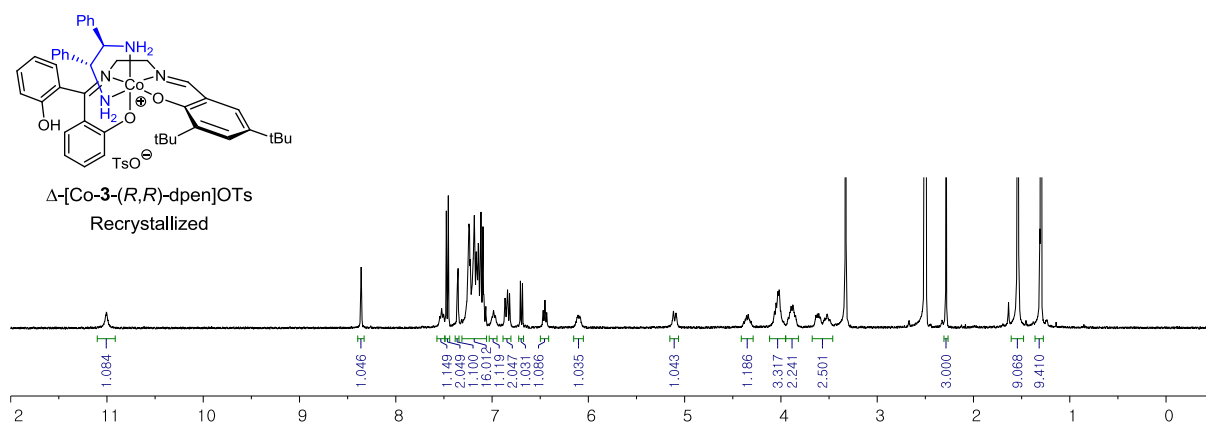
**Figure S1.** Circular dichroism spectra of recrystallized (a)  $\Delta$ -[Co-3-(R,R)-dpen]OTs and  $\Lambda$ -[Co-3-(S,S)-dpen]OTs and (b)  $\Delta$ -[Co-3-(R,R)-tpen]OTs (S1) (100  $\mu$ M in acetonitrile, 10 mm cell, at 20 °C).

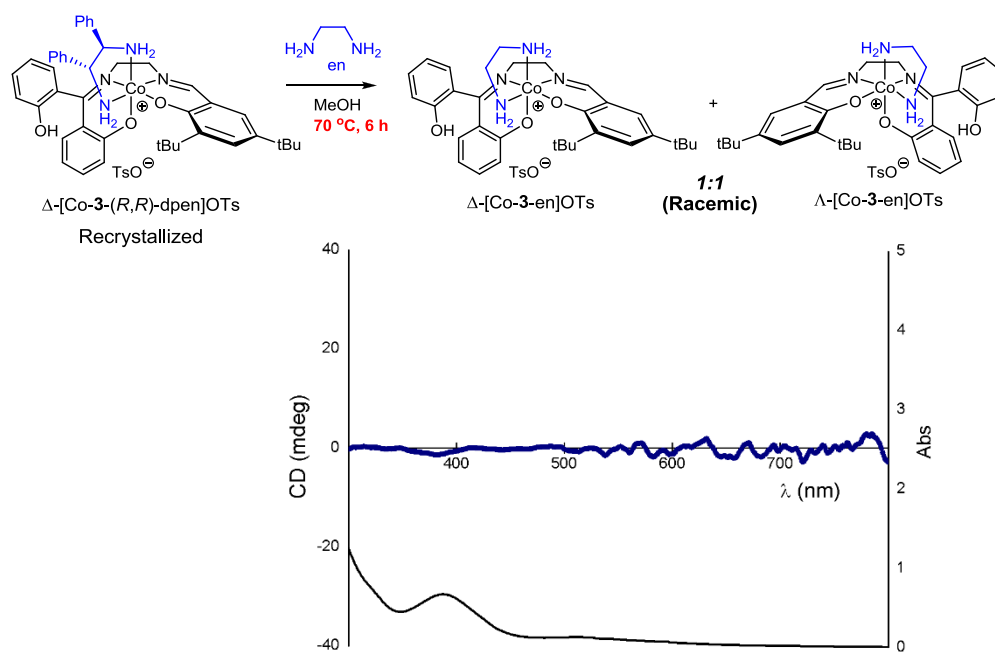


**Figure S2.** (a) Circular dichroism spectra of [Co-3-dpen]OTs with varied enantiopurities of dpen and (b) a linear plot between CD/UV-vis ratios and enantiopurities of dpen. (100  $\mu$ M in acetonitrile, 10 mm cell, at 20 °C).

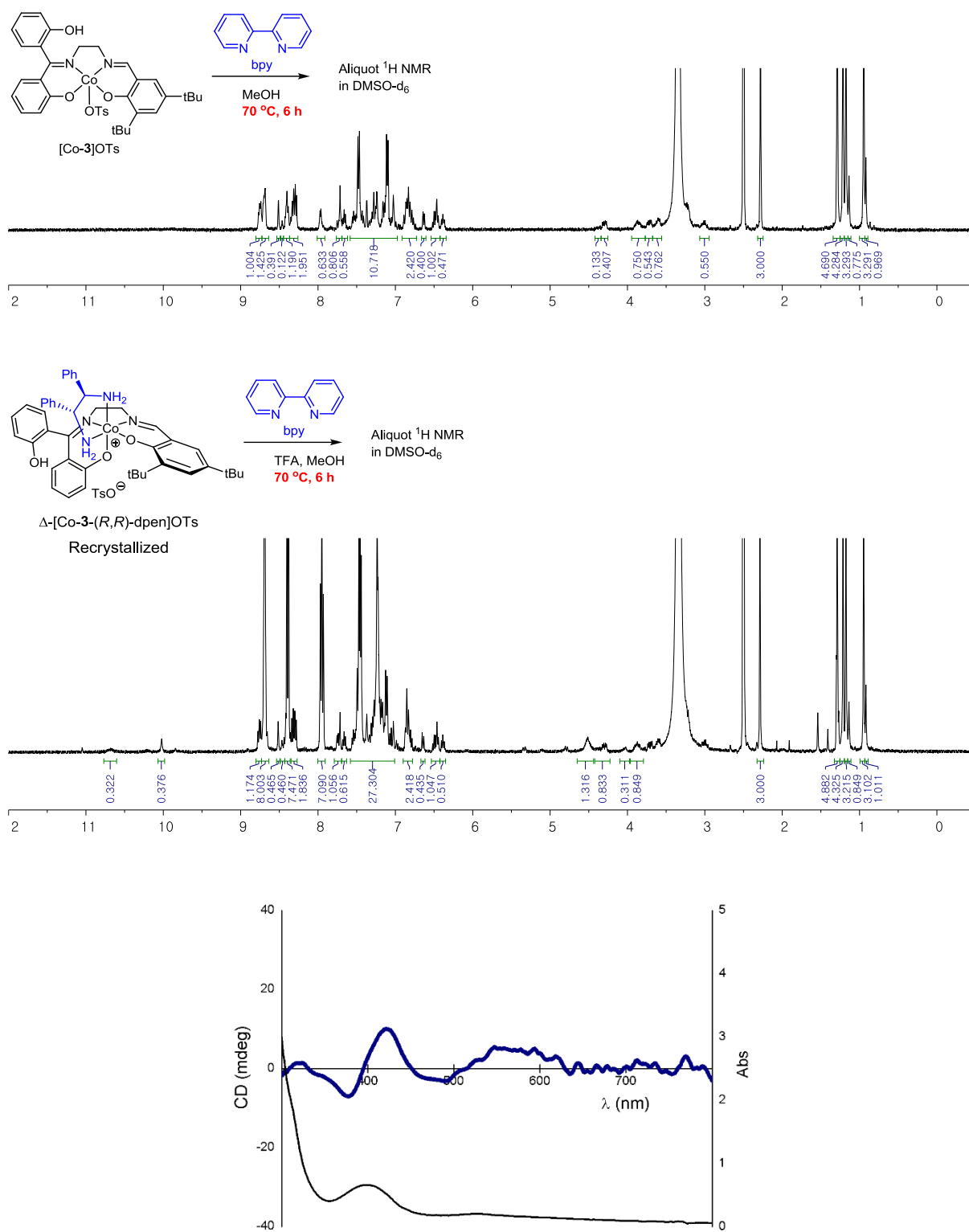


## V. Asymmetric Coordination Chemistry





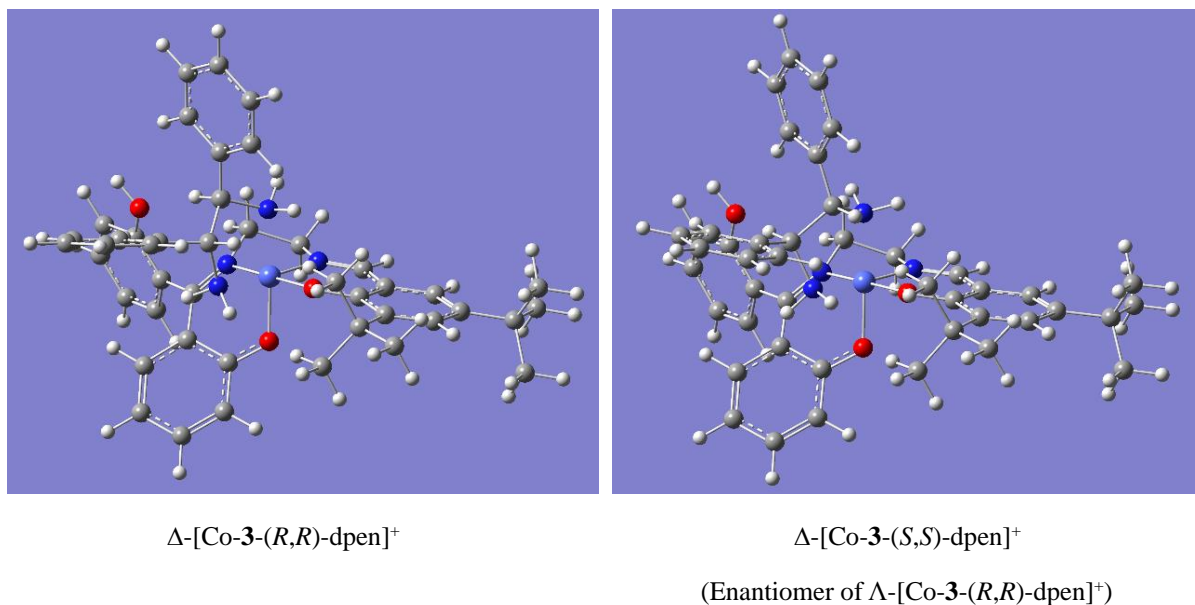
**Figure S3.** Circular dichroism spectrum of [Co-3-en]OTs prepared from  $\Delta$ -[Co-3-(*R,R*)-dpen]OTs (100  $\mu$ M in acetonitrile, 10 mm cell, at 20 °C) and its UV-vis spectrum.



**Figure S4.** Circular dichroism spectrum of [Co-3-bpy]OTs prepared from Δ-[Co-3-(R,R)-dpen]OTs (100 μM in acetonitrile, 10 mm cell, at 20 °C) and its UV-vis spectrum.

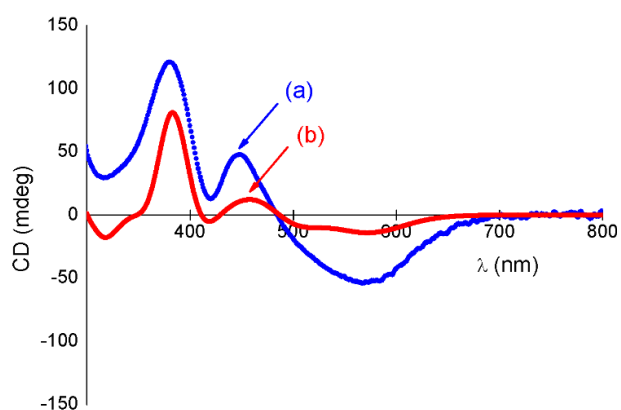
## VI. Calculation Results

The Gaussian 09 was used for all calculations. We used B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p) basis for C, H, N and O and LANL2DZ for Co.



Molecule	E (hartree)	E + ZPVE (hartree)	$G_{298K}$ (hartree)	Imaginary Frequency (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
$\Delta$ -[Co-3-( <i>R,R</i> )-dpen] <sup>+</sup>	-2296.53567290	-2295.673060	-2295.755018	-
$\Delta$ -[Co-3-( <i>S,S</i> )-dpen] <sup>+</sup>	-2296.53437244	-2295.671454	-2295.753156	-

### Simulated CD Spectra



**Figure S5.** (a) Circular dichroism spectrum of recrystallized  $\Delta$ -[Co-3-(*R,R*)-dpen]OTs and (b) simulated circular dichroism spectrum of  $\Delta$ -[Co-3-(*R,R*)-dpen]<sup>+</sup> by TD-DFT calculation (Gaussian 09 TD-SCF, B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p) basis for C, H, N and O and LANL2DZ for Co and CD spectra were generated using the program SpecDis v. 1.61).

### Cartesian Coordinates of Calculated Compounds

$\Delta$ -[Co-3-(*R,R*)-dpen]<sup>+</sup>

Coordinates (Angstroms)									
ATOM	X	Y	Z						
1	Co	0.055	-0.569	-0.238	39	C	3.989	0.473	0.809
2	N	0.907	-1.548	-1.631	40	H	4.714	-2.085	-2.069
3	N	-1.544	-1.473	-0.859	41	H	6.099	0.525	1.003
4	O	0.277	-1.951	1.021	42	O	1.66	0.274	0.351
5	C	-2.39	-2.12	-0.093	43	N	-0.886	0.581	1.106
6	C	-2.109	-2.31	1.318	44	H	-1.751	0.136	1.412
7	C	-1.502	-3.121	3.938	45	H	-0.268	0.613	1.916
8	C	-0.739	-2.313	1.766	46	N	-0.182	1.048	-1.41
9	C	-3.137	-2.673	2.231	47	H	-0.263	0.881	-2.411
10	C	-2.849	-3.055	3.525	48	H	0.709	1.525	-1.261
11	C	-0.475	-2.767	3.085	49	C	-1.319	1.888	-0.925
12	H	-4.167	-2.644	1.893	50	H	-2.226	1.319	-1.15
13	H	-3.647	-3.314	4.212	51	C	-1.159	1.97	0.61
14	H	0.563	-2.805	3.401	52	H	-0.257	2.55	0.822
15	H	-1.266	-3.443	4.949	53	C	3.746	1.466	1.967
16	C	-3.618	-2.737	-0.676	54	C	5.061	1.944	2.617
17	C	-5.943	-3.908	-1.733	55	H	4.827	2.634	3.434
18	C	-3.886	-4.105	-0.495	56	H	5.701	2.481	1.91
19	C	-4.55	-1.96	-1.394	57	H	5.635	1.117	3.045
20	C	-5.708	-2.546	-1.912	58	C	3.016	2.729	1.448
21	C	-5.029	-4.695	-1.027	59	H	2.848	3.434	2.27
22	H	-3.177	-4.703	0.067	60	H	2.052	2.473	1.006
23	H	-6.424	-1.935	-2.455	61	H	3.62	3.239	0.689
24	H	-5.21	-5.755	-0.887	62	C	2.911	0.78	3.077
25	H	-6.844	-4.352	-2.144	63	H	2.691	1.493	3.88
26	C	-1.425	-1.729	-2.296	64	H	3.467	-0.055	3.514
27	H	-2.181	-2.43	-2.656	65	H	1.971	0.386	2.687
28	H	-1.544	-0.796	-2.857	66	C	7.079	-1.153	-0.874
29	C	-0.015	-2.315	-2.479	67	C	7.224	-2.186	-2.007
30	H	0.295	-2.289	-3.531	68	H	6.743	-3.137	-1.756
31	H	-0.024	-3.361	-2.149	69	H	8.283	-2.392	-2.186
32	C	2.193	-1.665	-1.758	70	H	6.799	-1.822	-2.949
33	H	2.557	-2.315	-2.559	71	C	7.745	-1.734	0.396
34	C	3.2	-1.036	-0.964	72	H	7.245	-2.654	0.715
35	C	5.276	0.092	0.45	73	H	7.718	-1.031	1.234
36	C	2.893	-0.1	0.076	74	H	8.796	-1.97	0.199
37	C	4.546	-1.371	-1.27	75	C	7.82	0.138	-1.298
38	C	5.605	-0.824	-0.581	76	H	7.783	0.905	-0.518
					77	H	7.381	0.563	-2.207
					78	H	8.875	-0.077	-1.499

79	O	-4.292	-0.621	-1.554	15	H	-1.319	-3.099	5.2
80	H	-5.043	-0.211	-2.003	16	C	-3.756	-2.721	-0.415
81	C	-2.336	2.614	1.318	17	C	-6.134	-3.901	-1.336
82	C	-4.491	3.79	2.678	18	C	-4.076	-4.052	-0.097
83	C	-3.628	2.078	1.201	19	C	-4.663	-1.984	-1.205
84	C	-2.139	3.742	2.122	20	C	-5.848	-2.575	-1.653
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98	H	-3.376	2.902	-2.382	34	C	3.11	-1.158	-0.993
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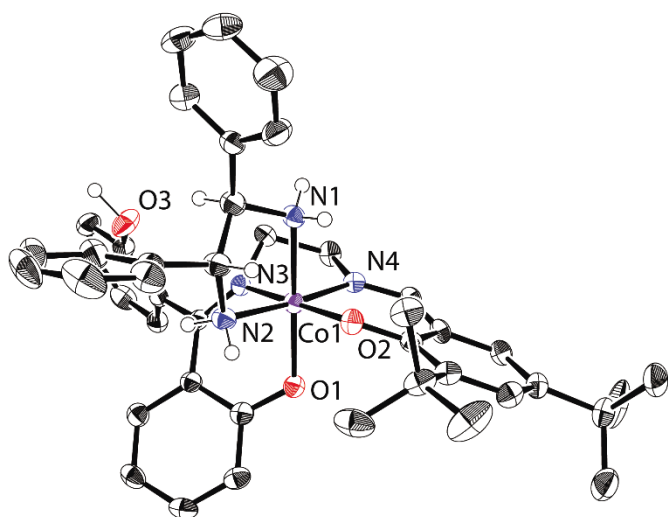
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		Coordinates (Anstroms)							
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2	N	0.797	-1.729	-1.53	40	H	4.587	-2.236	-2.124
3	N	-1.645	-1.549	-0.73	41	H	6.075	0.464	0.819
4	O	0.189	-1.941	1.147	42	O	1.616	0.199	0.324
5	C	-2.501	-2.098	0.099	43	N	-0.89	0.636	1.062
6	C	-2.201	-2.188	1.517	44	H	-1.513	0.182	1.729
7	C	-1.565	-2.839	4.174	45	H	-0.098	1.01	1.588
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11	C	-0.544	-2.59	3.277	49	C	3.758	1.408	1.86
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14	H	0.498	-2.647	3.573	52	H	5.717	2.412	1.738
					53	H	5.677	1.054	2.883
					54	C	3.026	2.671	1.346
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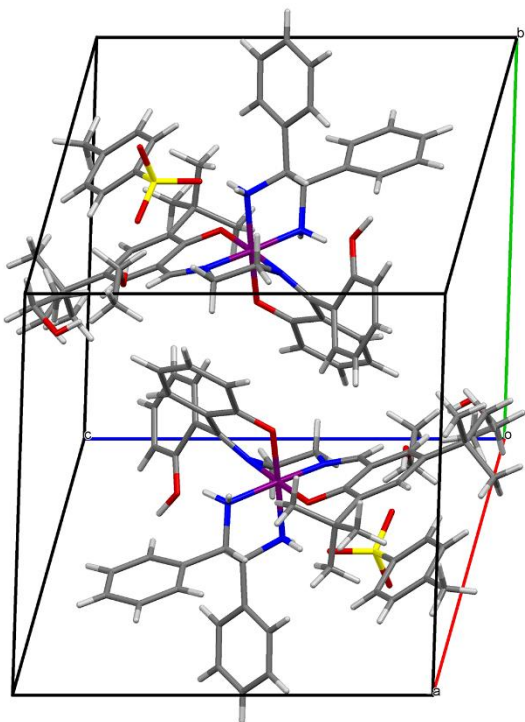
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73	H	7.234	0.445	-2.43					
74	H	8.756	-0.175	-1.768					
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76	H	-5.108	-0.287	-1.971					
77	C	-0.691	2.15	-0.823					
78	H	0.208	2.598	-0.393					
79	C	-1.615	1.72	0.335					
80	H	-2.506	1.247	-0.089					
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84	C	-1.104	3.627	1.942					
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87	H	-4.146	2.55	0.869					
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89	H	-0.782	5.245	3.322					
90	H	-4.883	4.38	2.363					
91	H	-3.203	5.734	3.596					
92	C	-1.319	3.131	-1.794					
93	C	-2.446	4.942	-3.619					
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95	C	-0.735	4.385	-2.003					
96	C	-1.296	5.288	-2.908					
97	C	-3.035	3.691	-3.419					
98	H	-2.955	1.825	-2.358					
99	H	0.16	4.661	-1.452					

## VII. Crystal Structure of [Co-3-(*rac*)-dpen]OTs

X-ray quality crystals for [Co-3-(*rac*)-dpen]OTs were obtained by slow diffusion of hexane to its solution in EtOH at 5 °C.



**Figure S6.** ORTEP representation (50% probability) of the crystal structure of  $\Delta$ -[Co-3-(*R,R*)-dpen]OTs. Its enantiomer  $\Lambda$ -[Co-3-(*S,S*)-dpen]OTs, tosylate, and solvent ethanol are not shown. All hydrogens except for those in dpen and phenols are omitted for clarity.

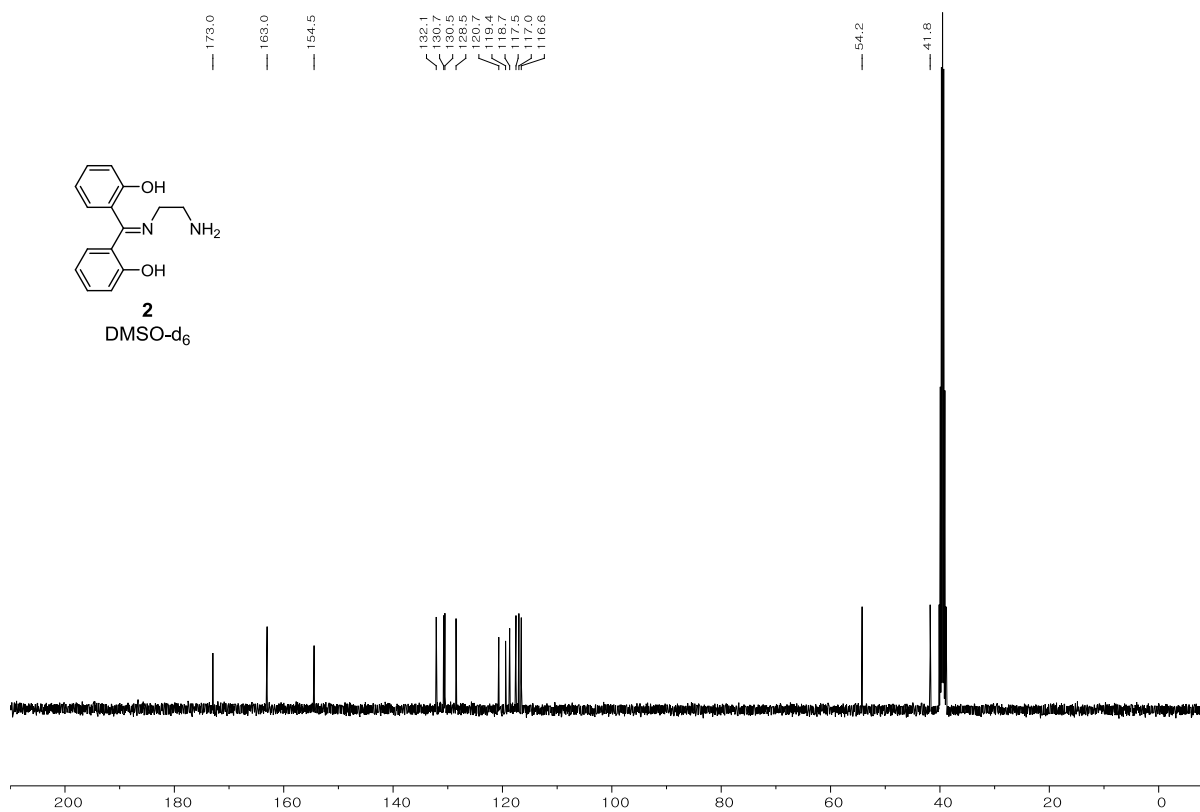
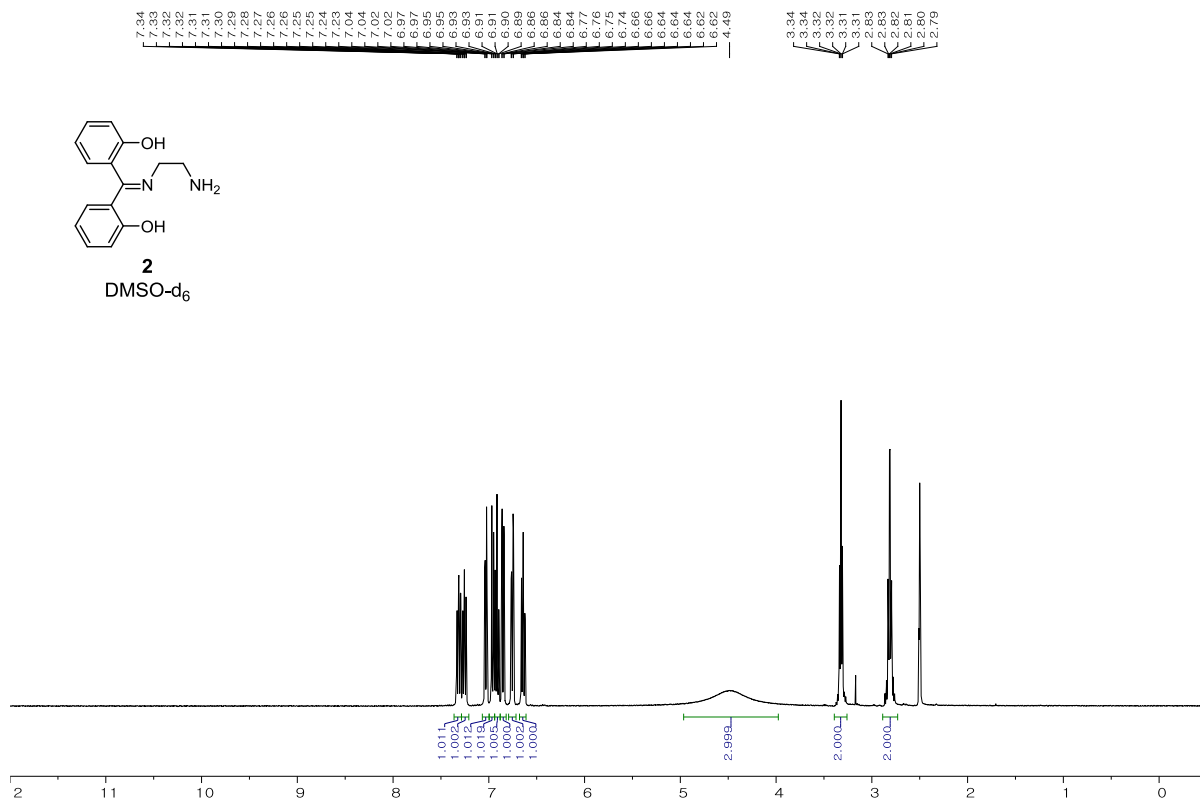


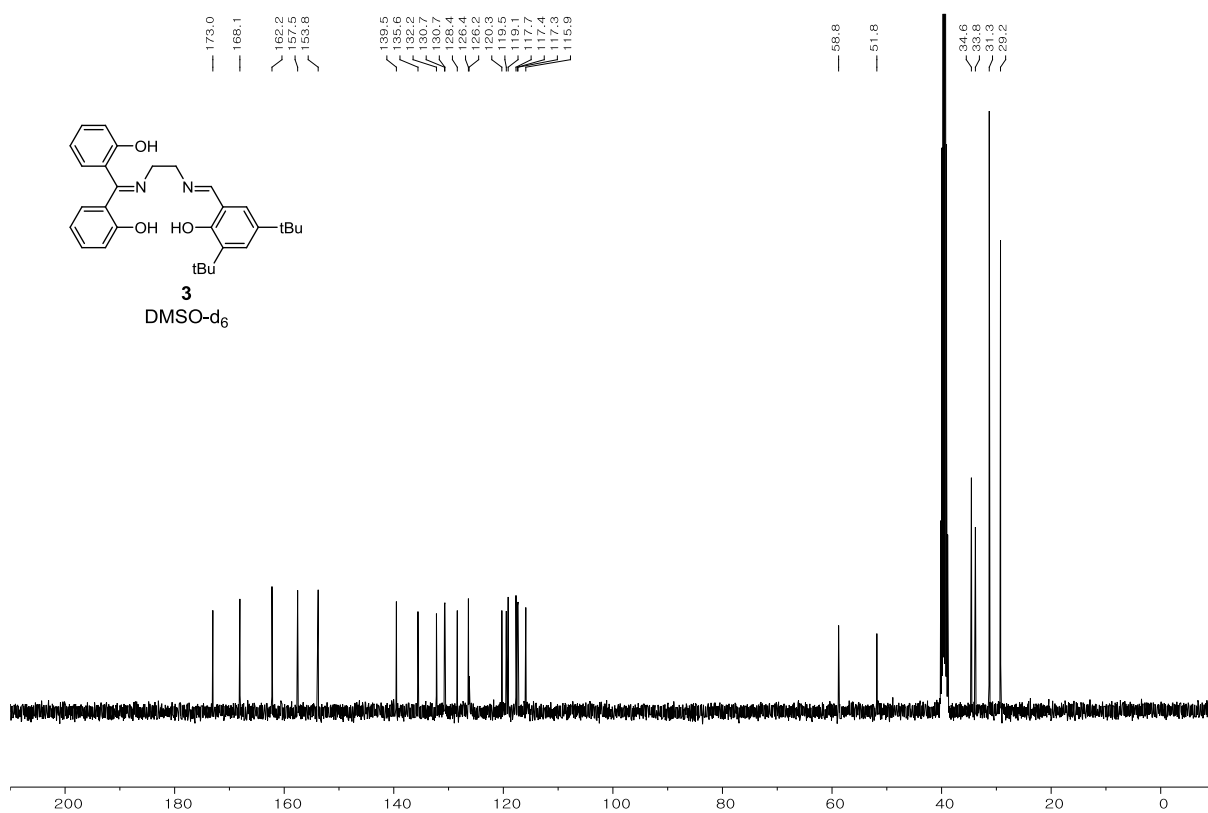
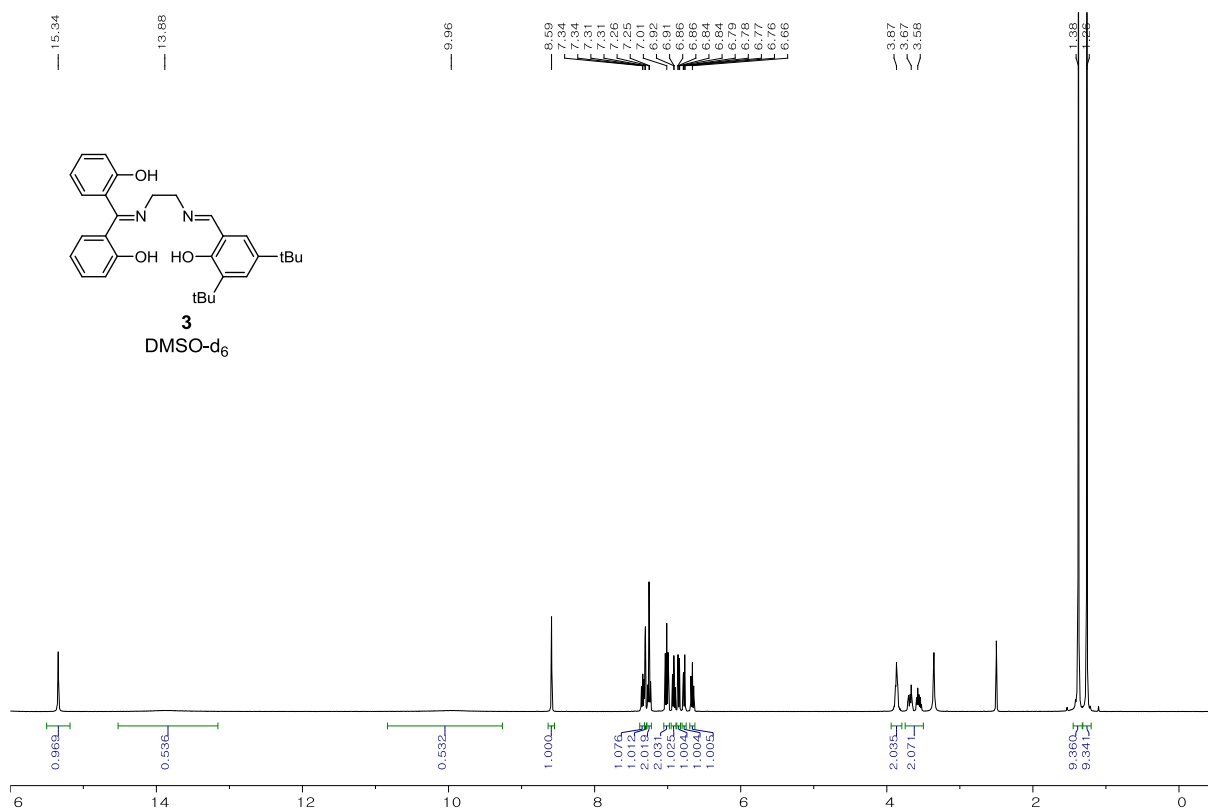
**Figure S7.** The unit-cell structure of [Co-3-(*rac*)-dpen]OTs.

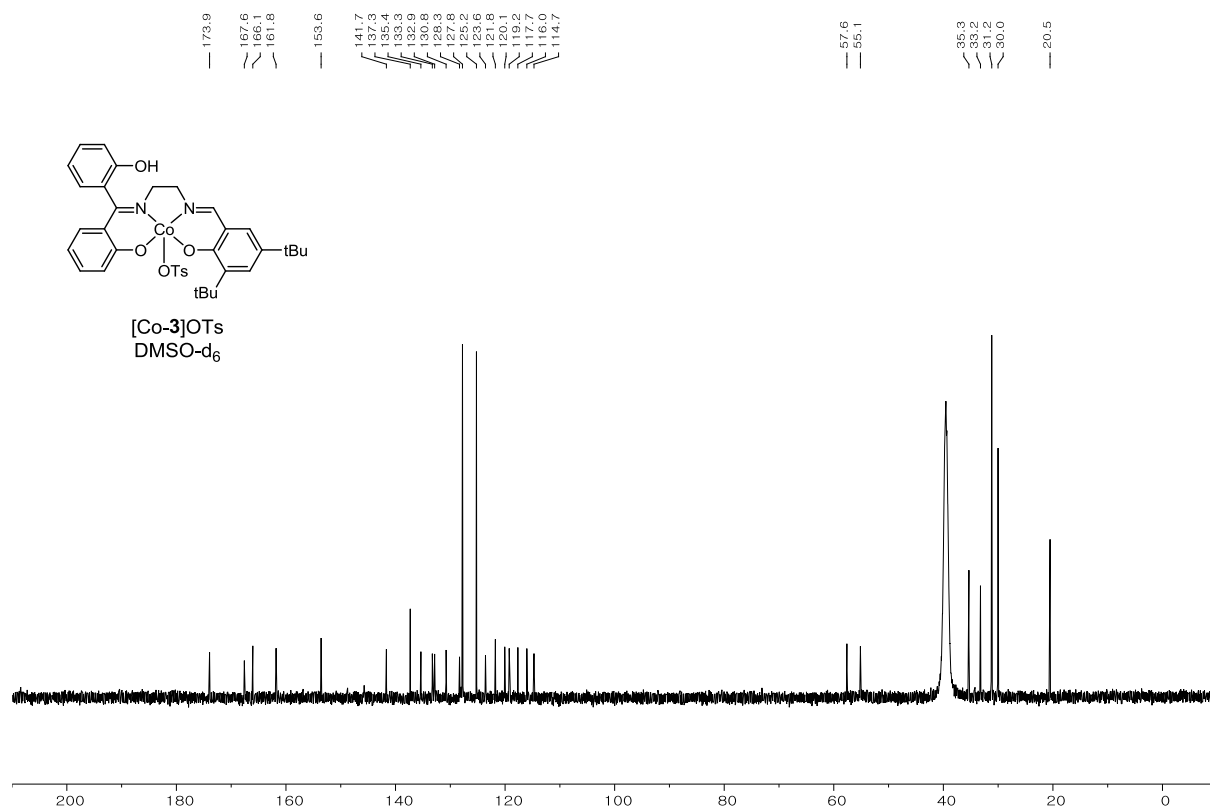
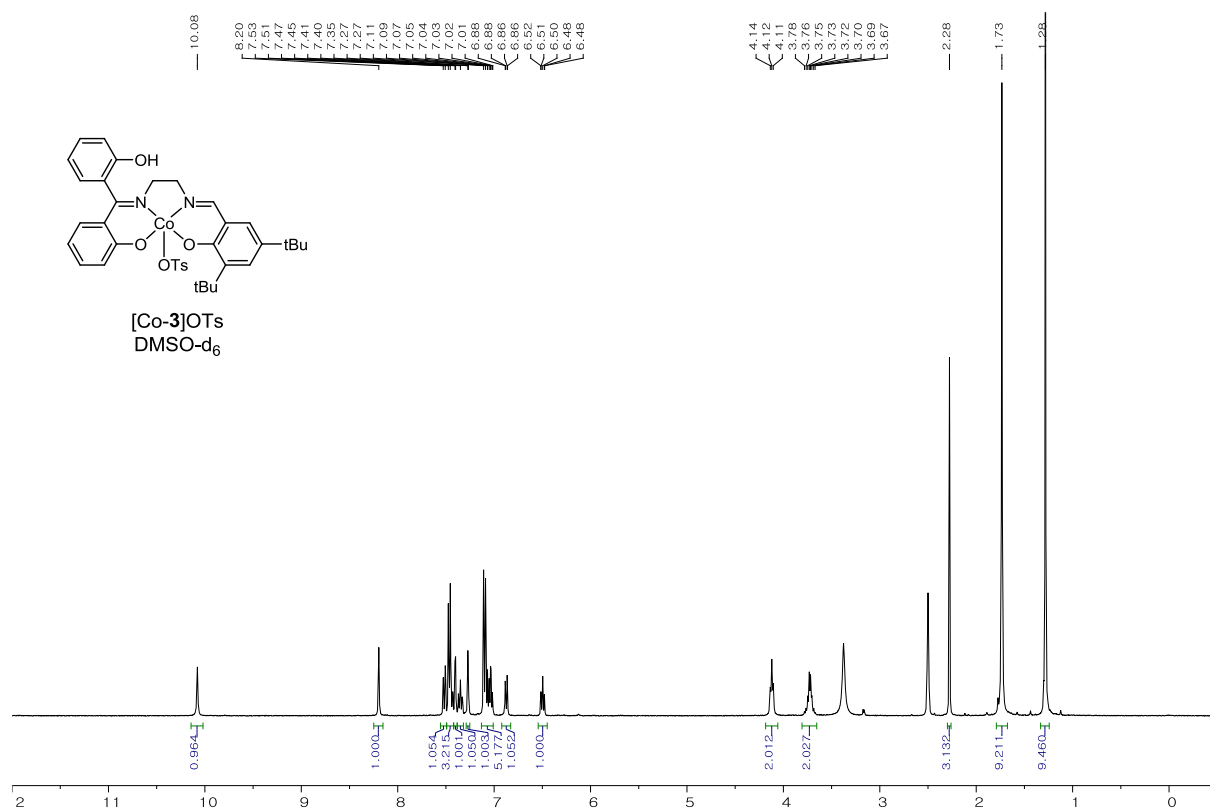


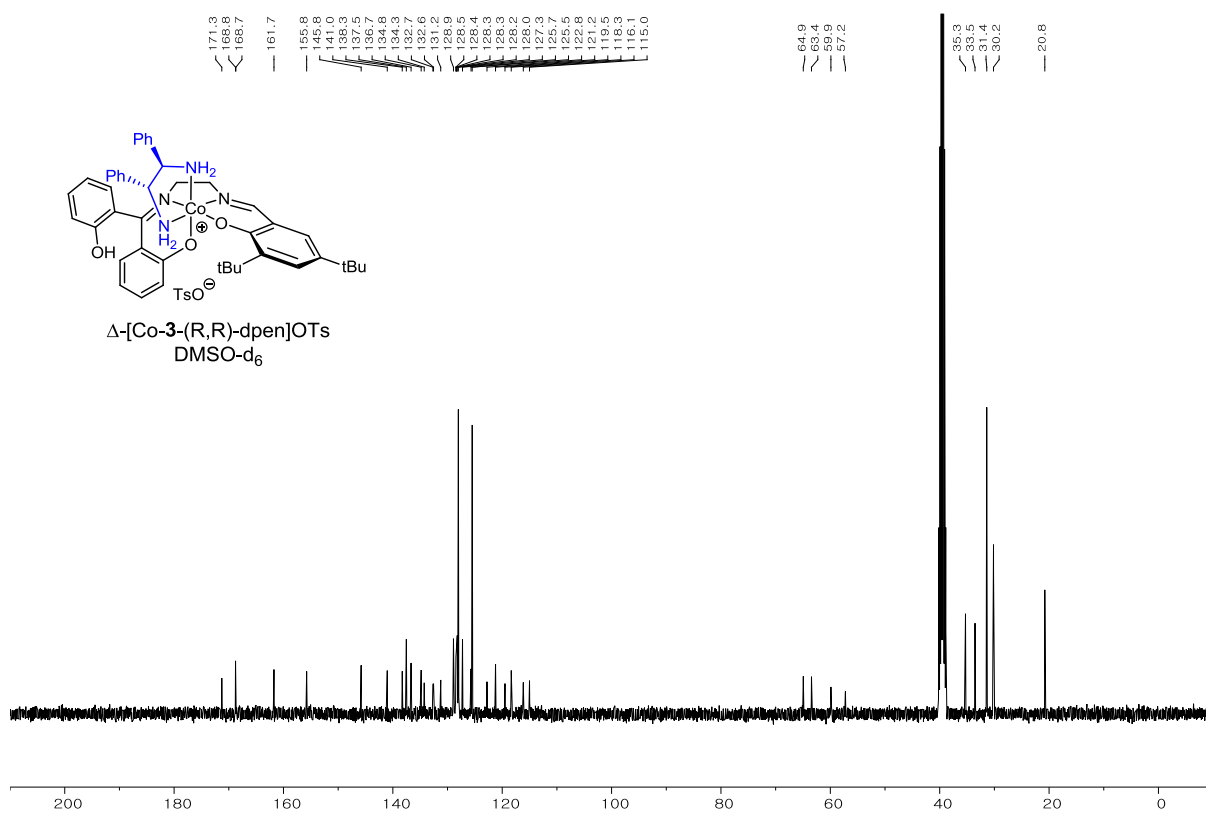
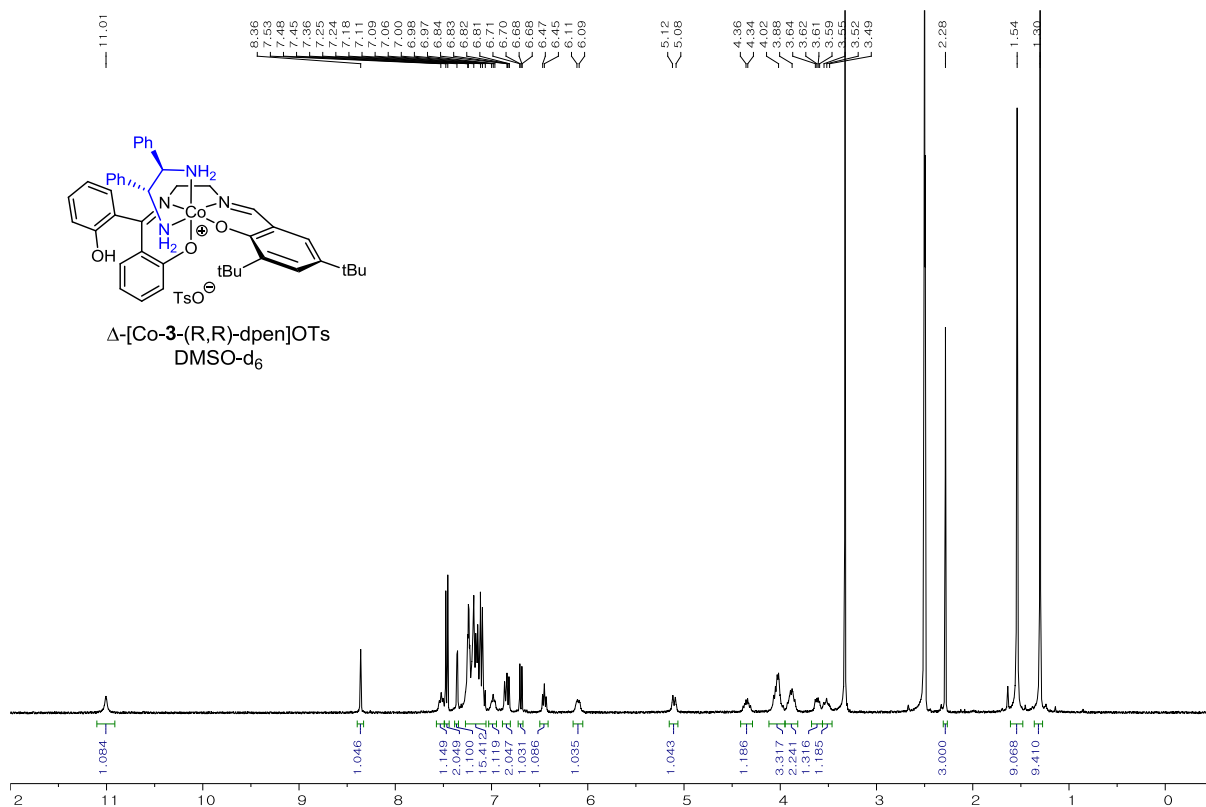
Empirical formula	C <sub>55</sub> H <sub>69</sub> Co N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> S	
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Temperature	147(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P -1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 13.631(3) Å	$\alpha=98.858(5)^\circ$
	b = 14.137(3) Å	$\beta=95.100(5)^\circ$
	c = 14.402(3) Å	$\gamma=105.071(5)^\circ$
Volume	2623.6(10) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.272 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.424 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1068	
Crystal size	0.22 x 0.22 x 0.12 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	1.52 to 27.55°.	
Index ranges	-17<=h<=17, -18<=k<=12, -18<=l<=18	
Reflections collected	45043	
Independent reflections	11987 [R(int) = 0.0749]	
Completeness to theta = 27.55°	98.90%	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.6243	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	11987 / 1 / 651	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.016	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0570, wR2 = 0.1228	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1071, wR2 = 0.1430	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.968 and -0.536 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

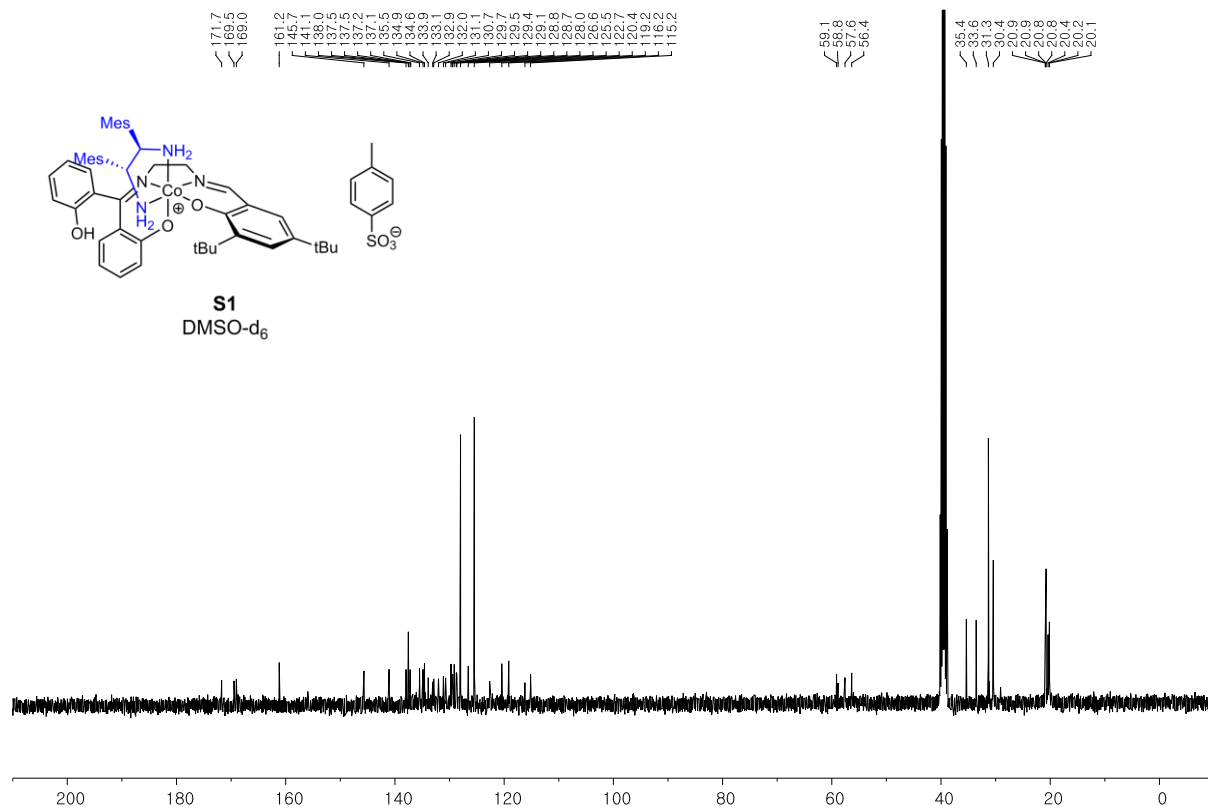
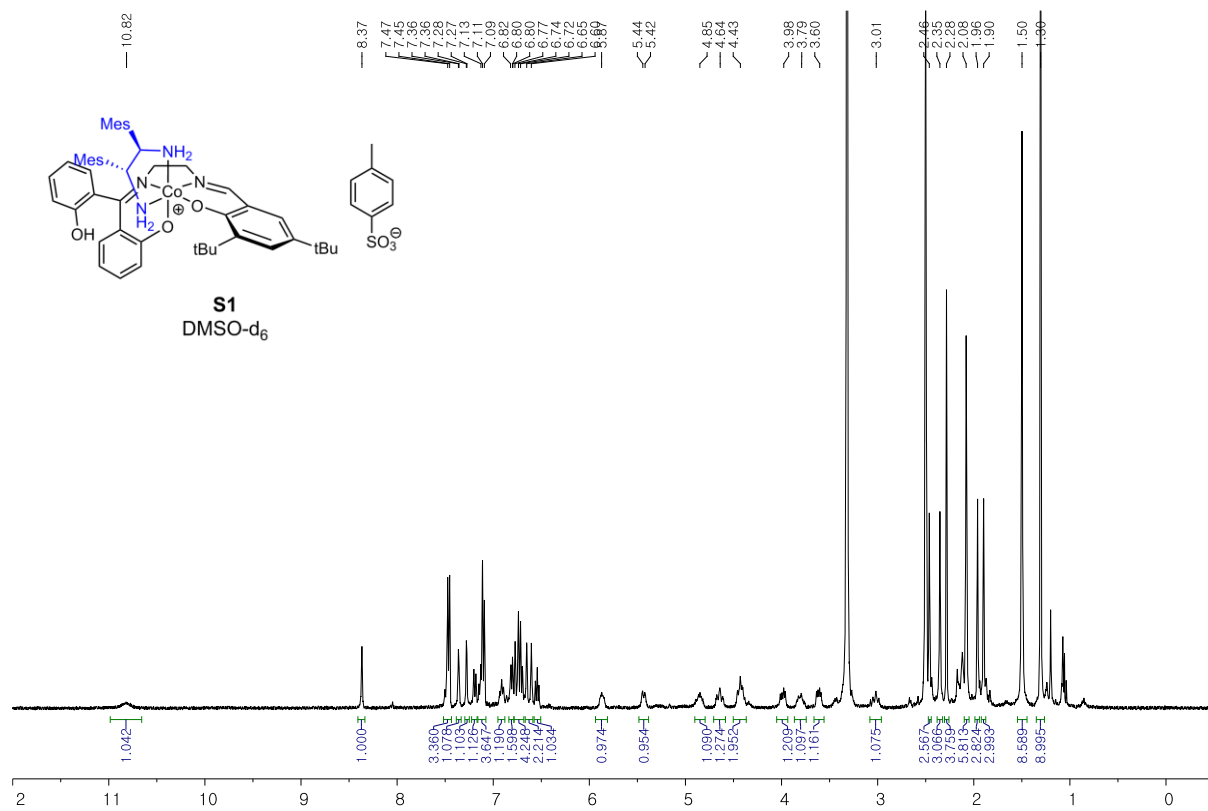
## VIII. NMR Spectra











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