

Supporting Information

**N<sub>3</sub>-ligated Nickel(II) Diketonate Complexes: Synthesis, Characterization and Evaluation of O<sub>2</sub> Reactivity**

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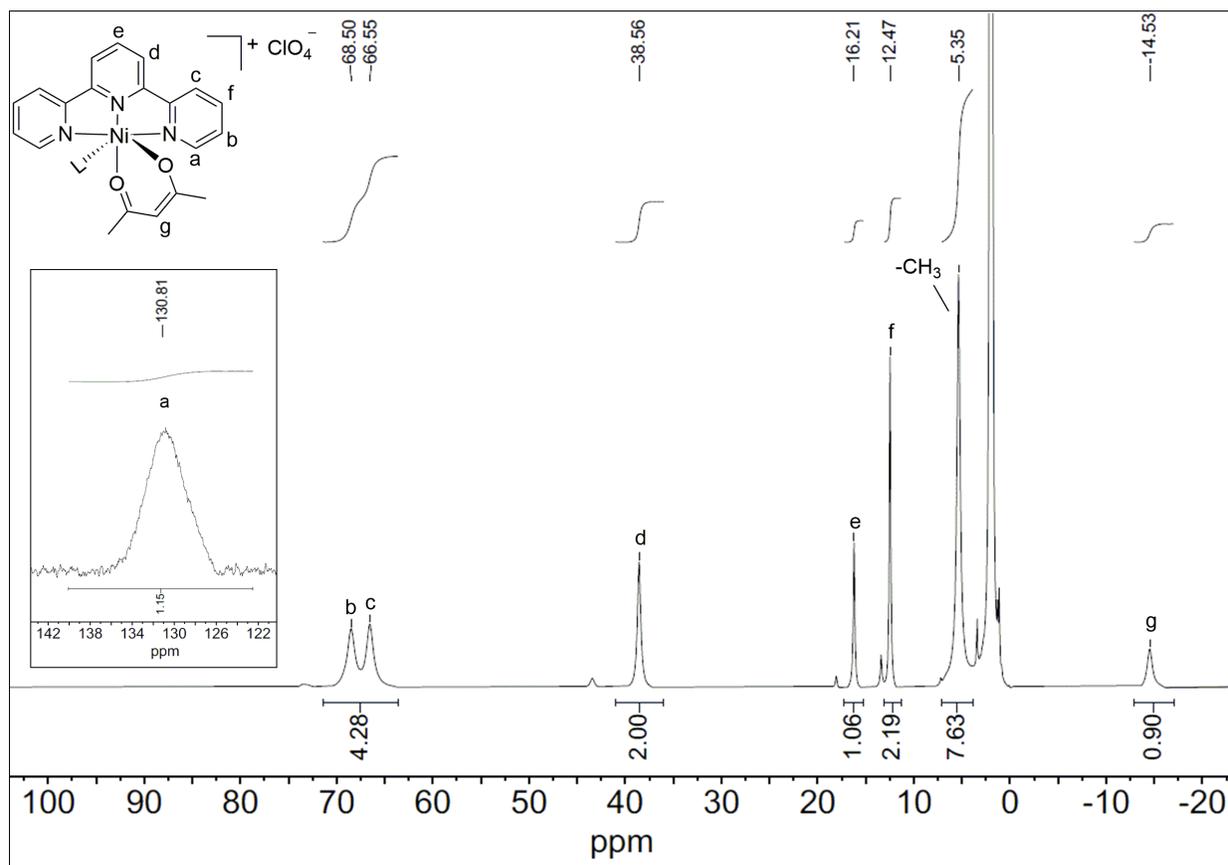
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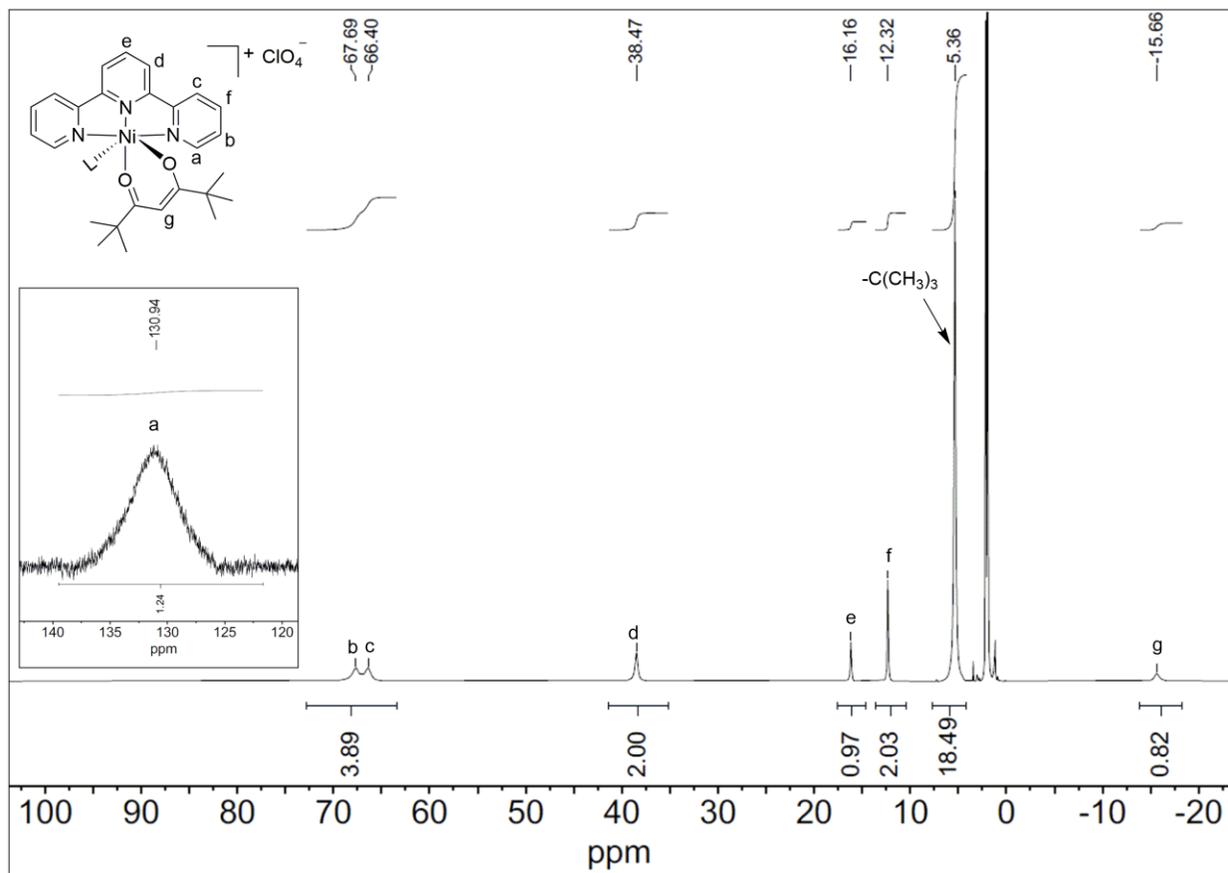
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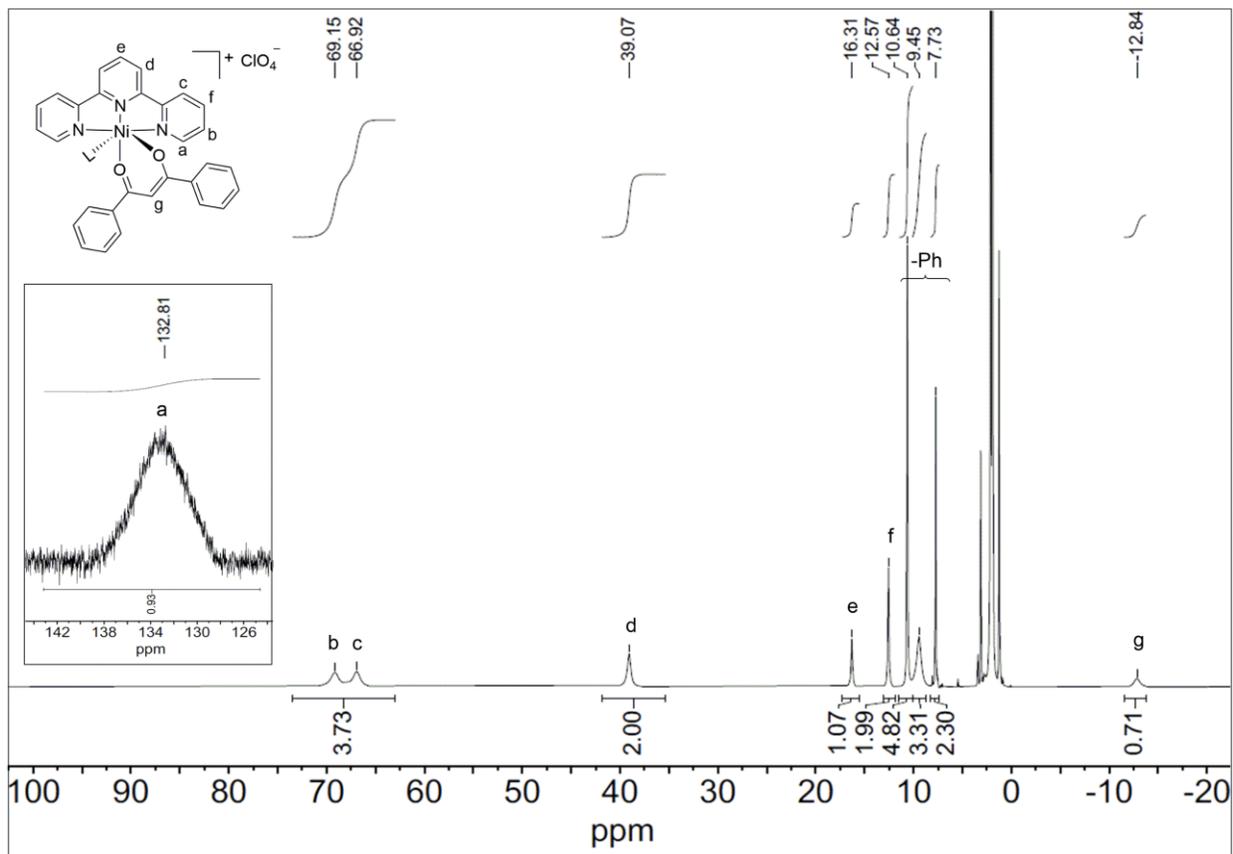
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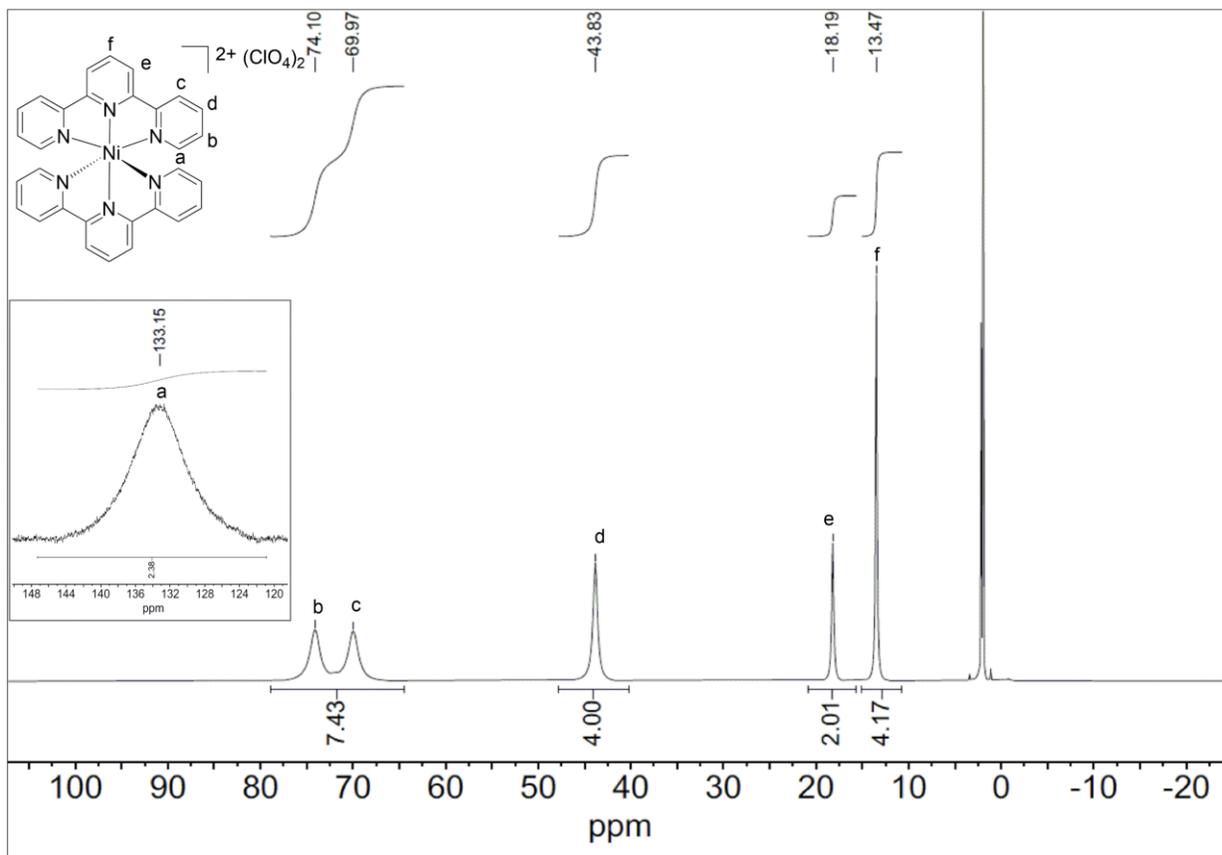
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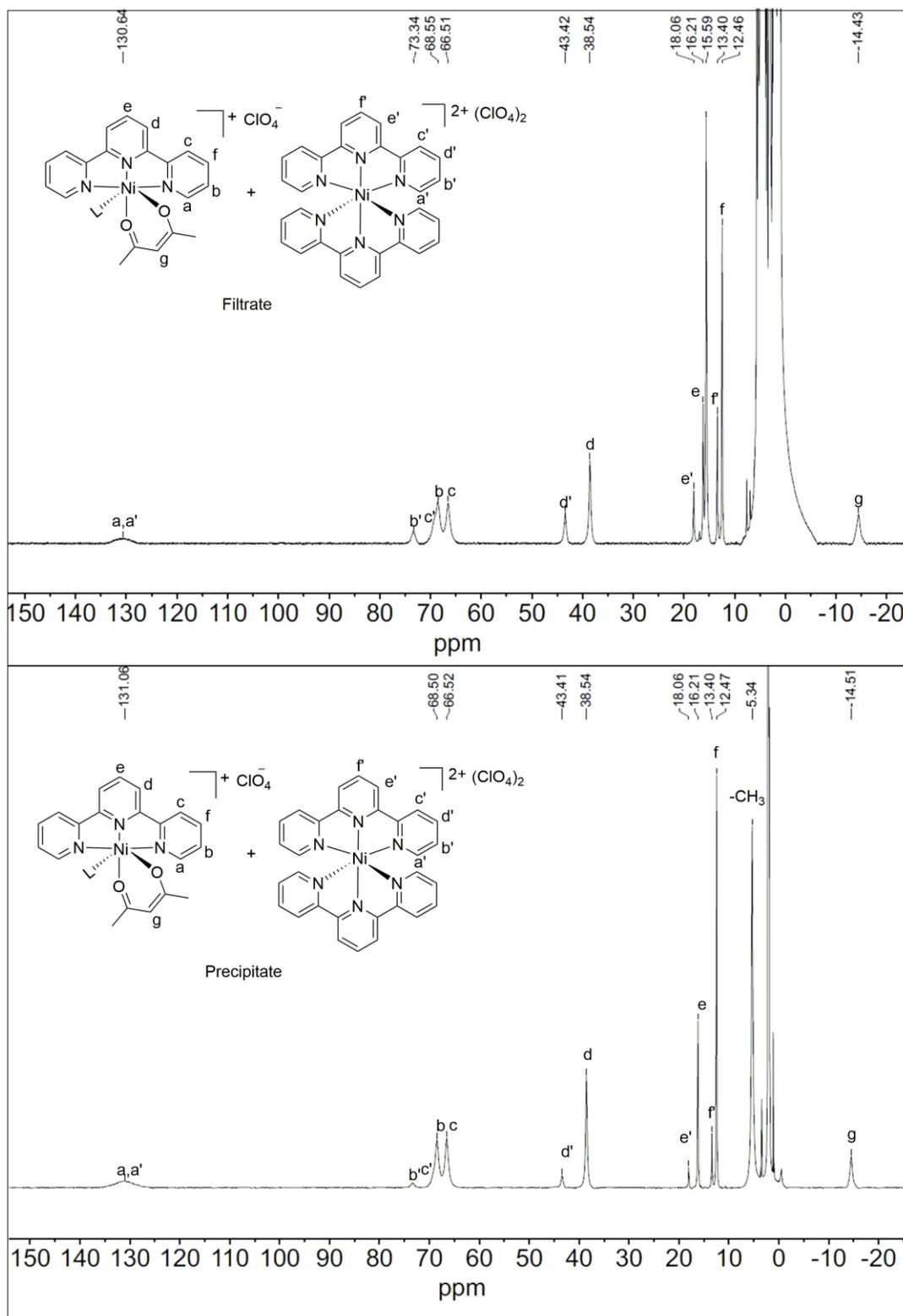
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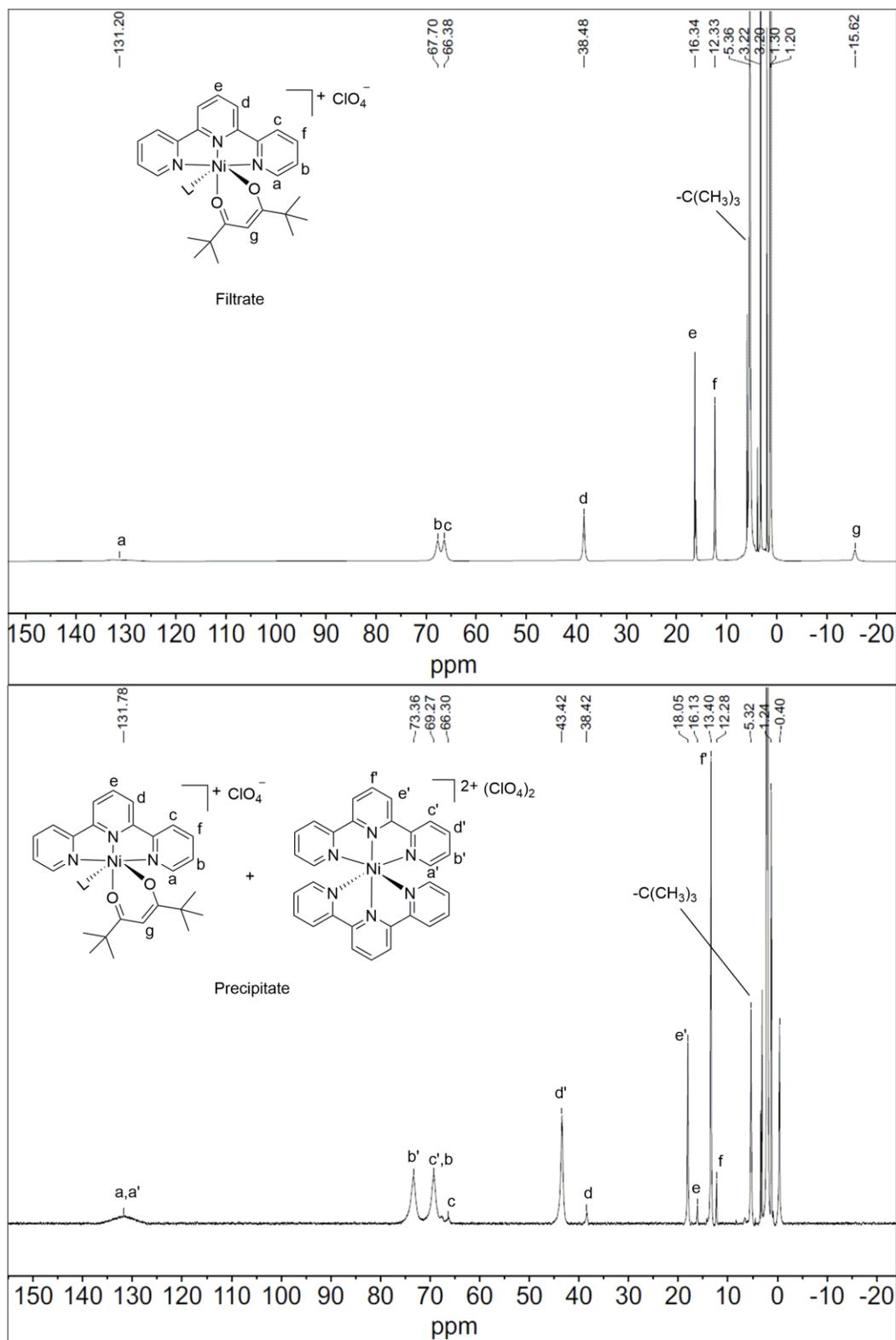
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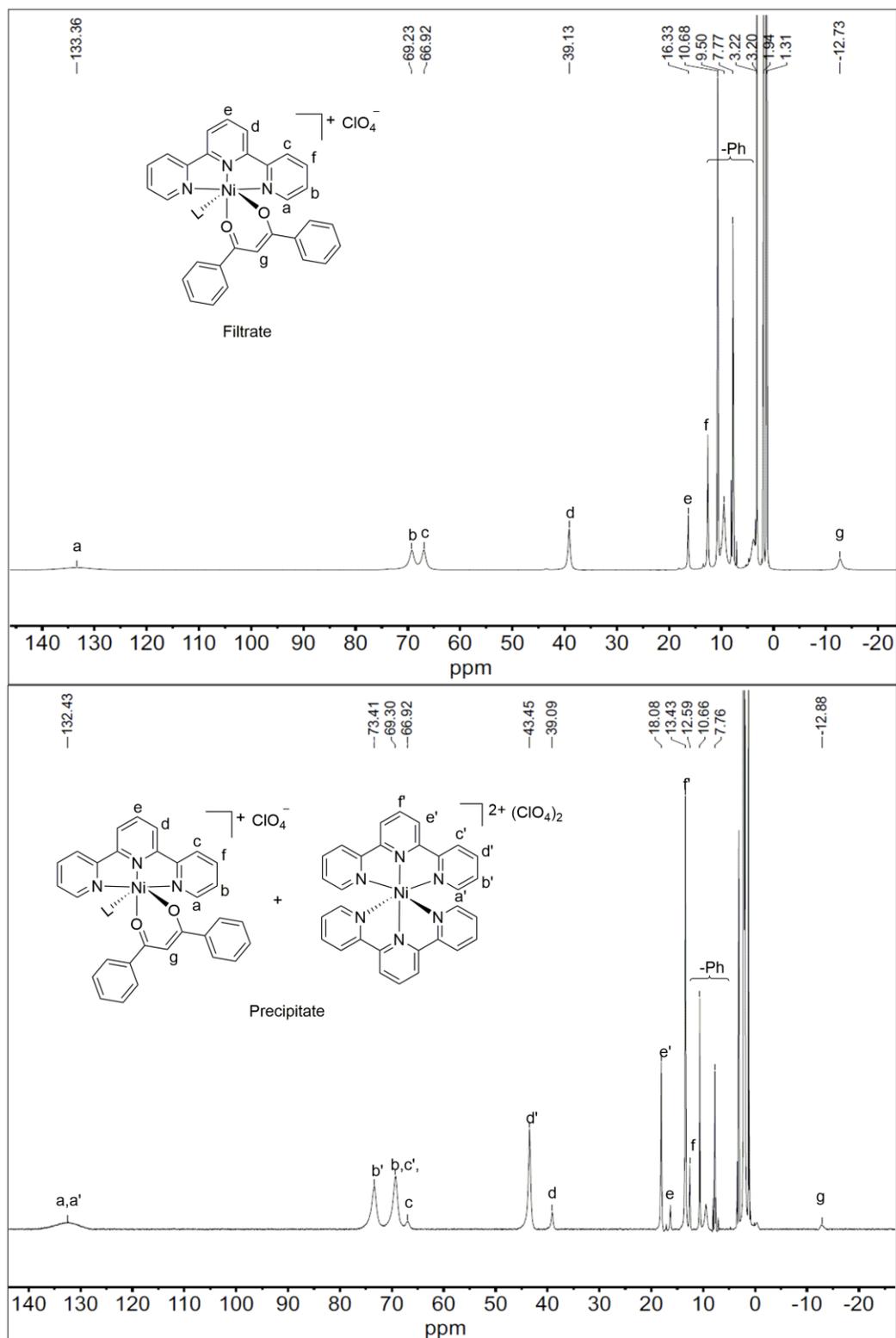
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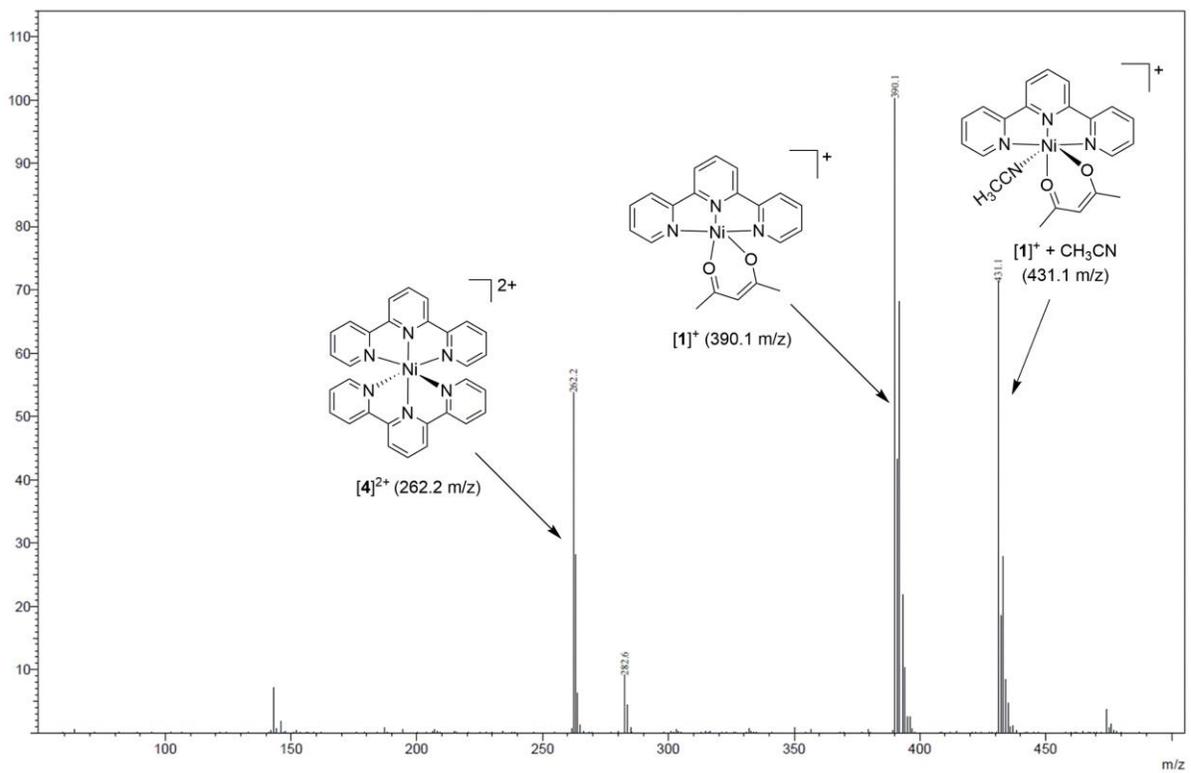
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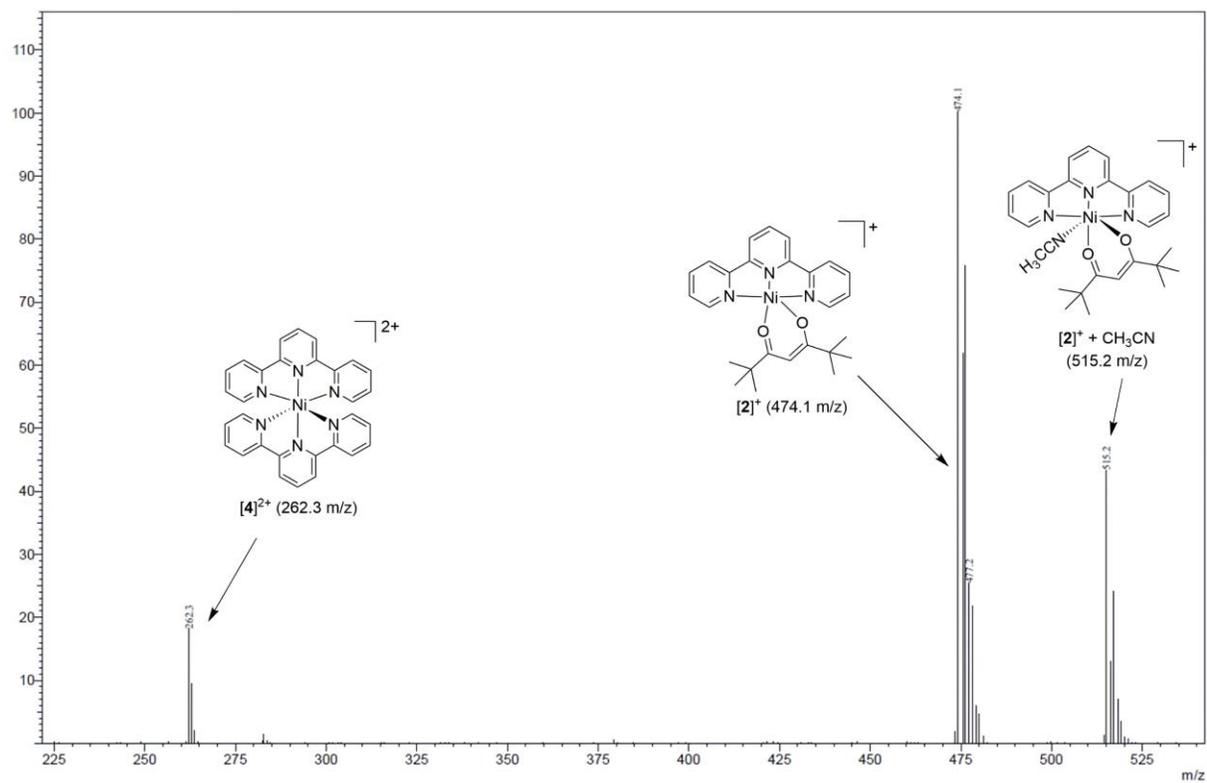
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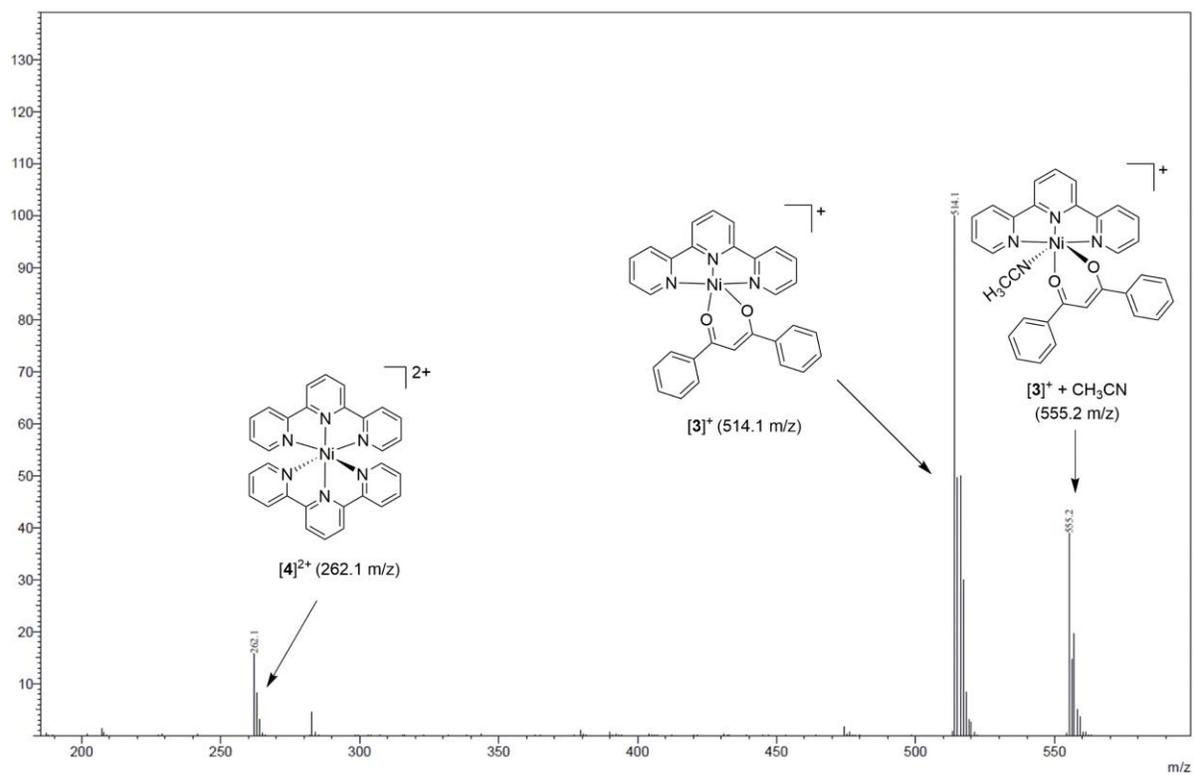
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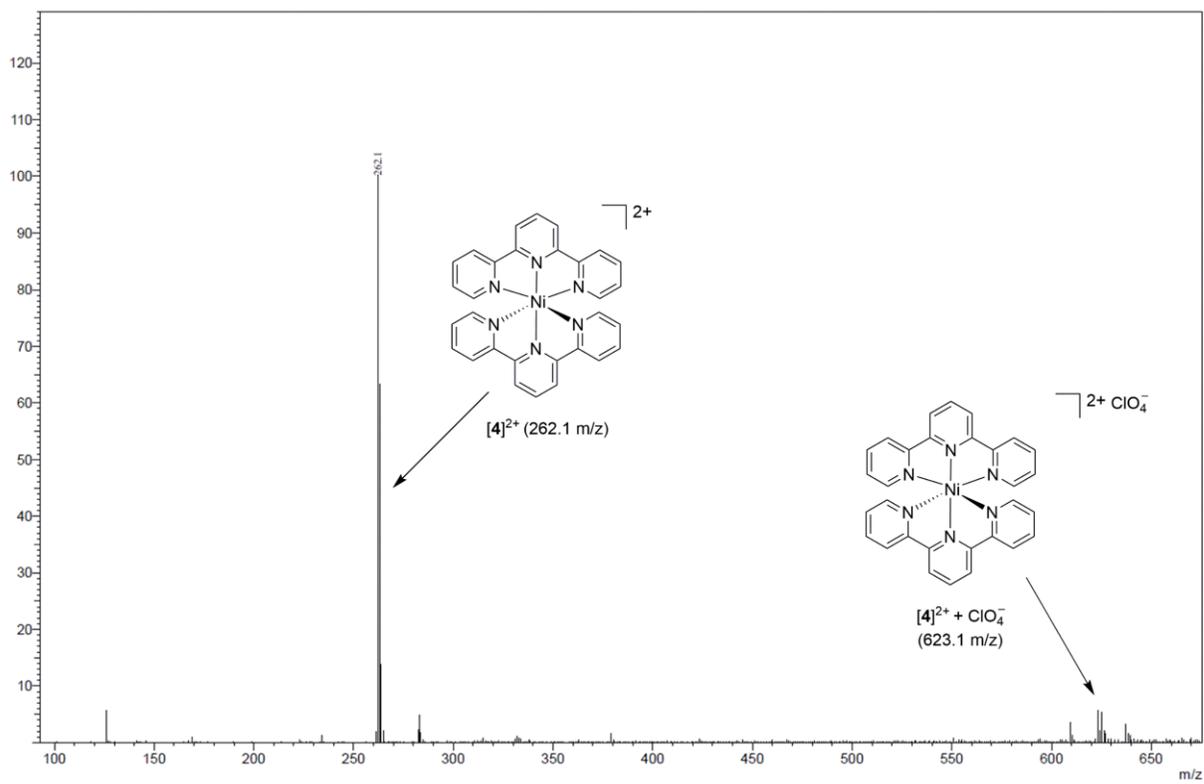
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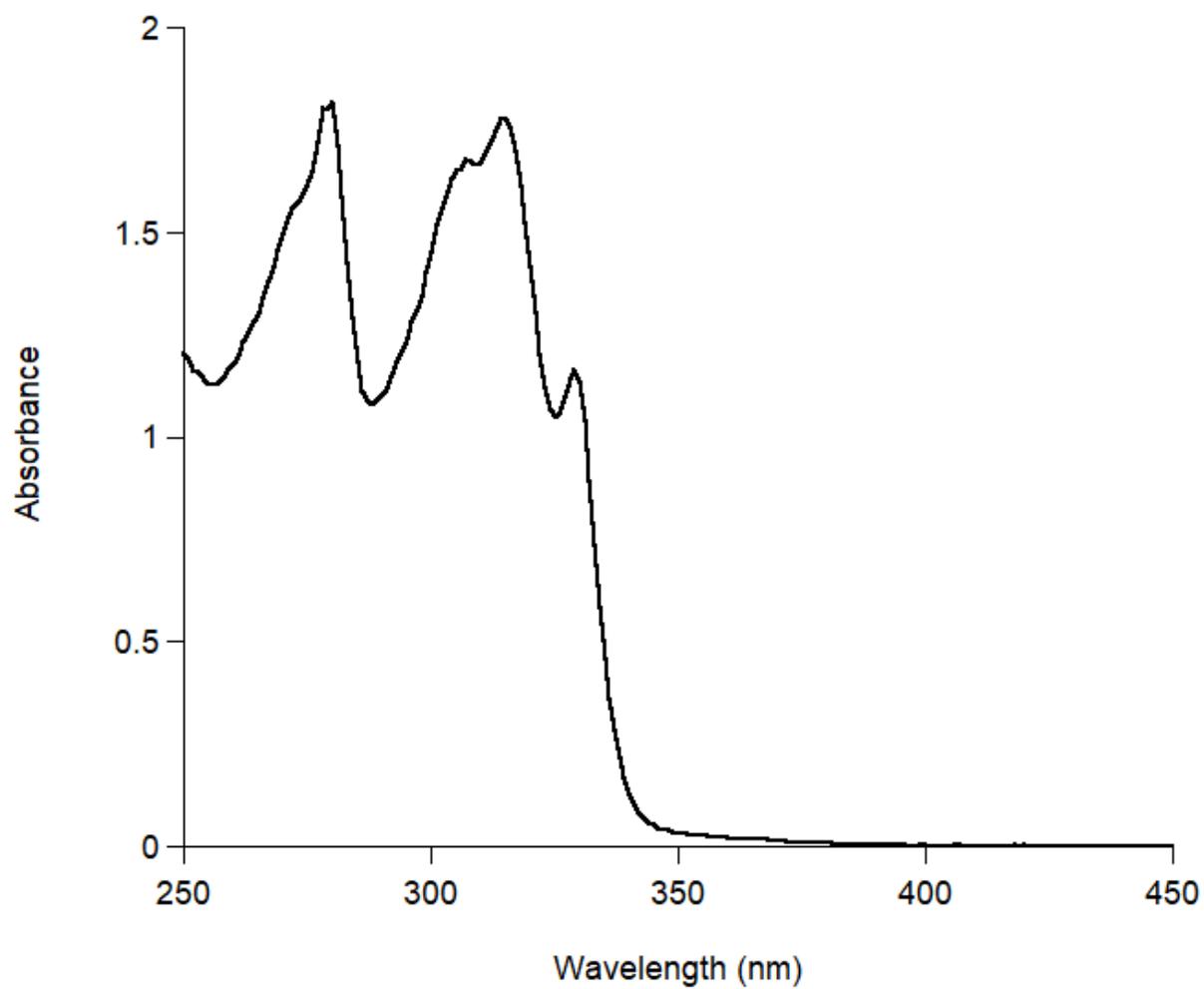
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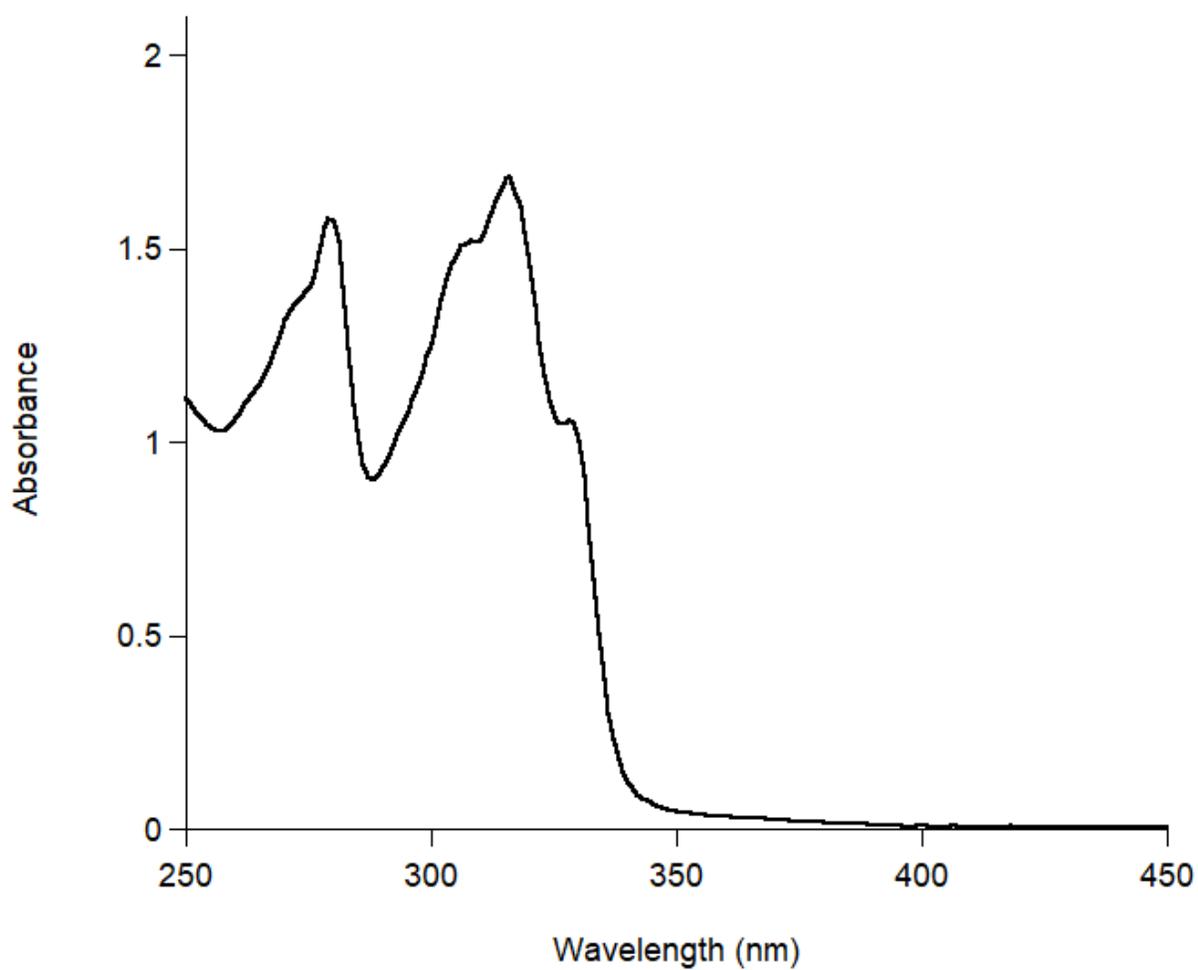
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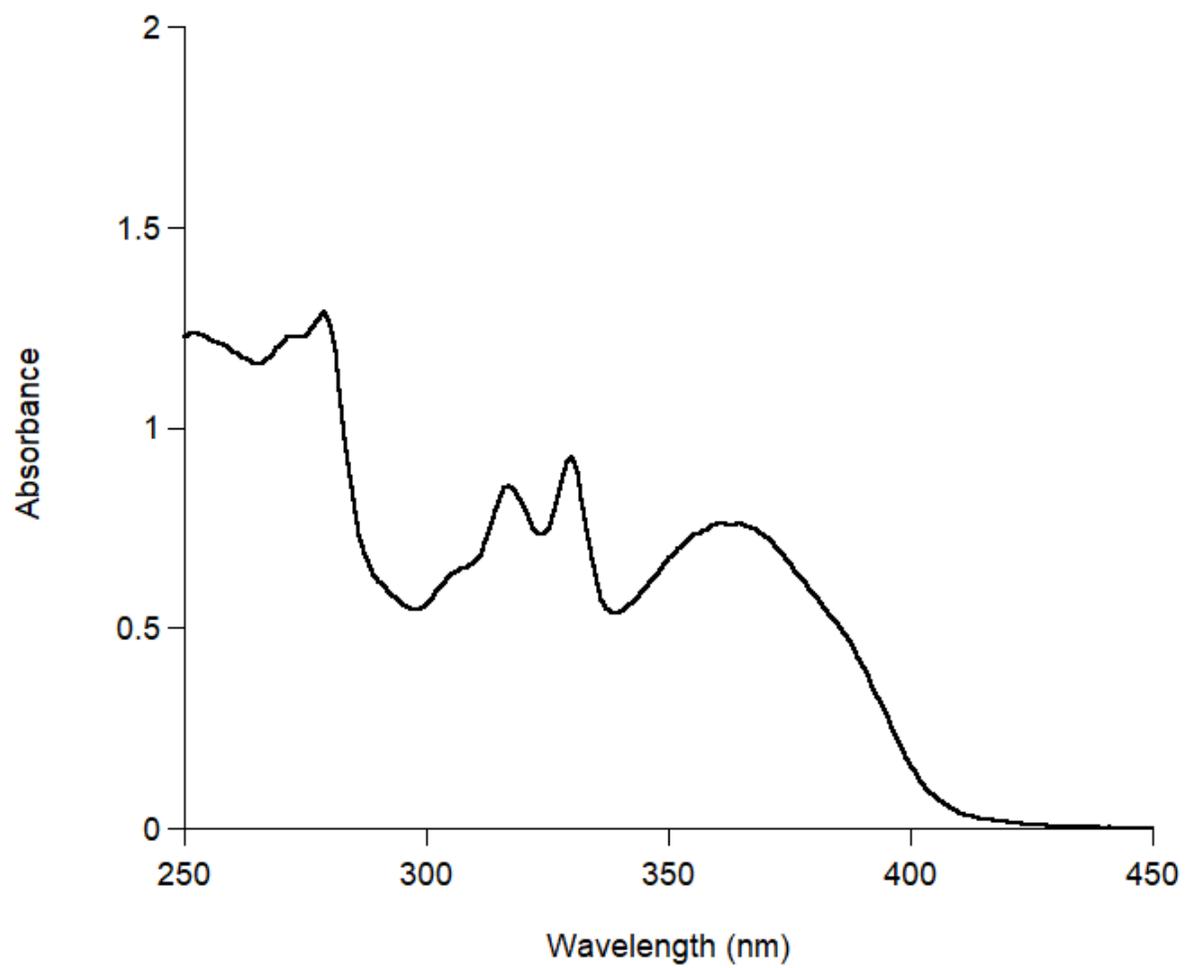
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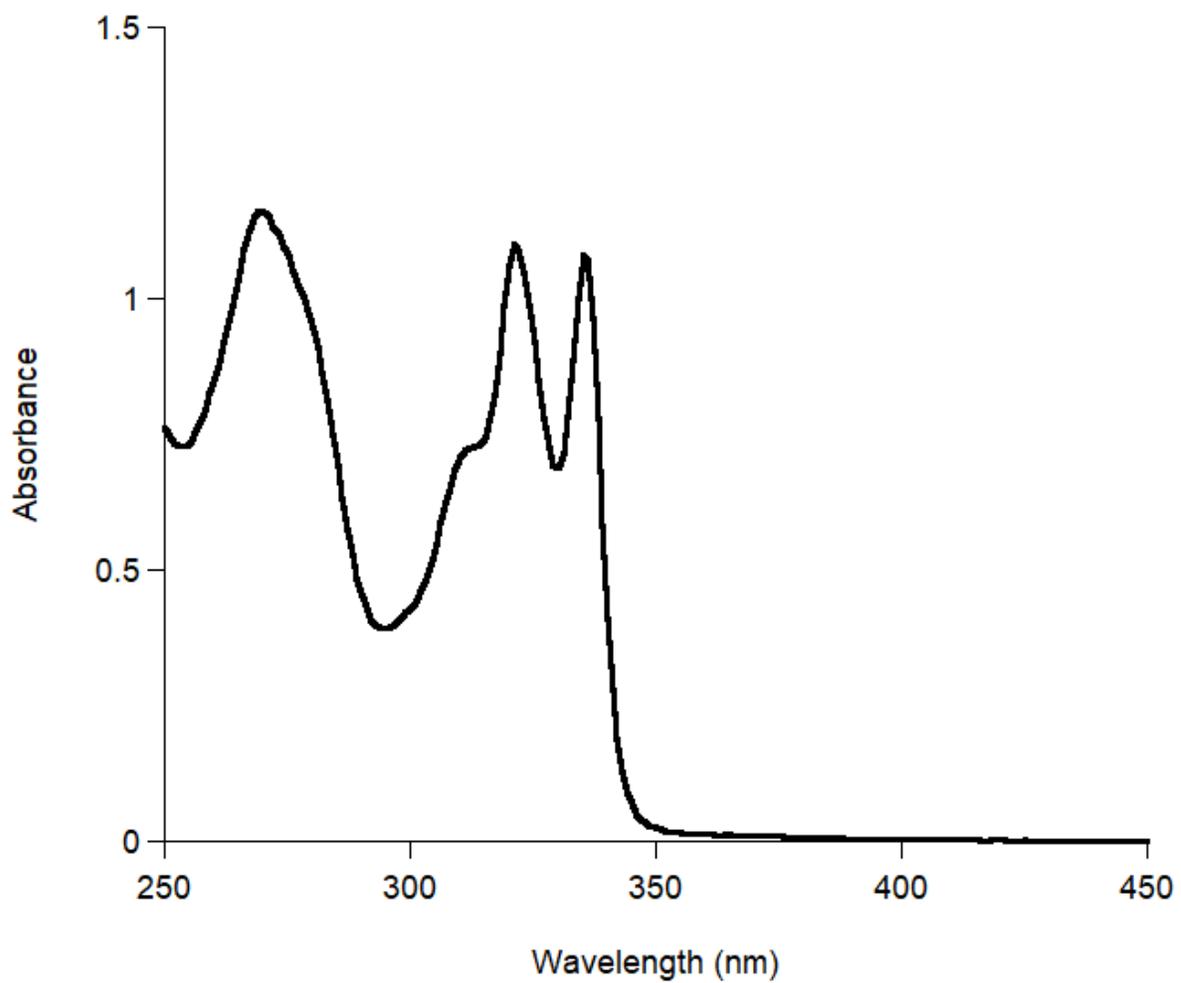
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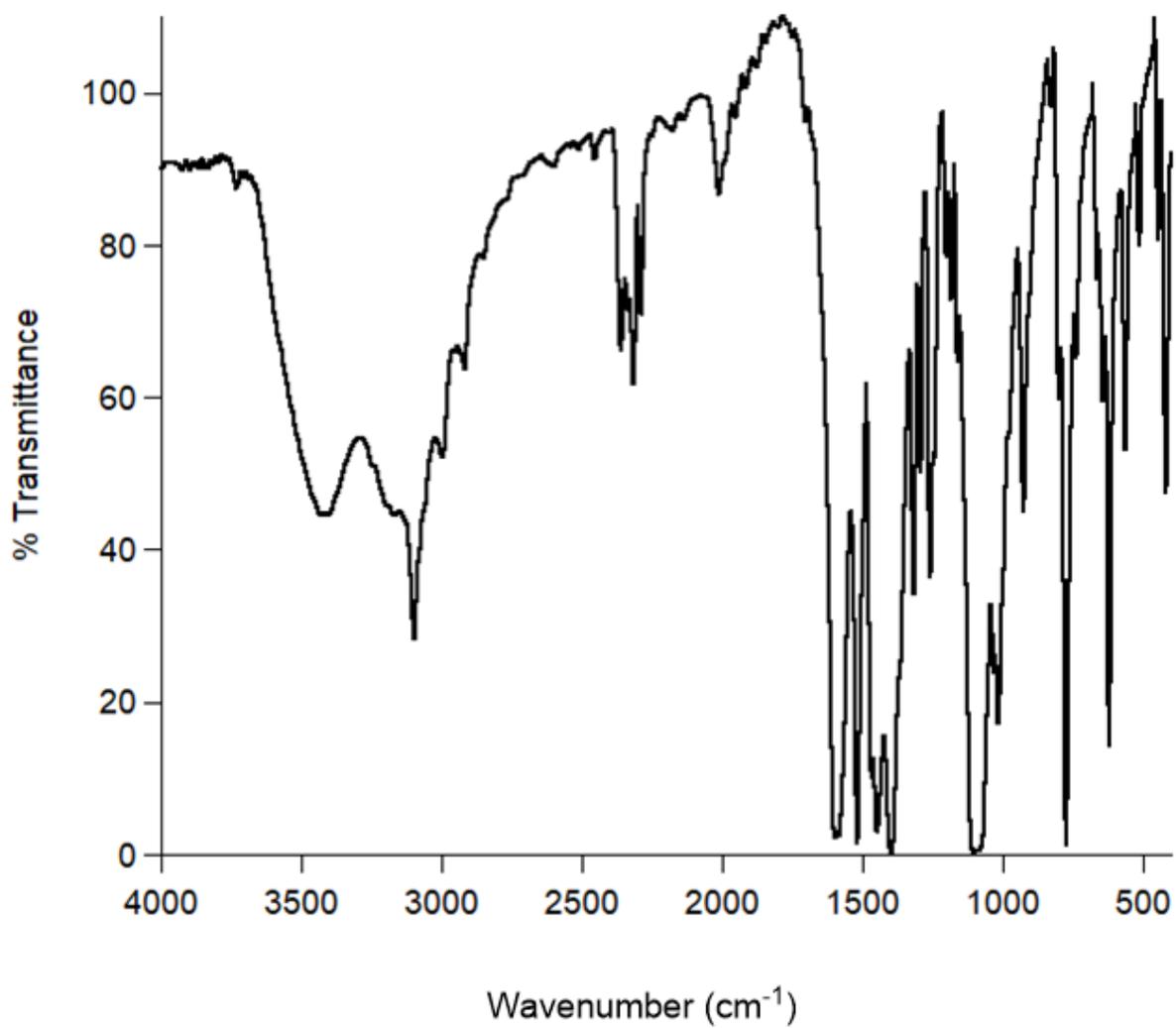
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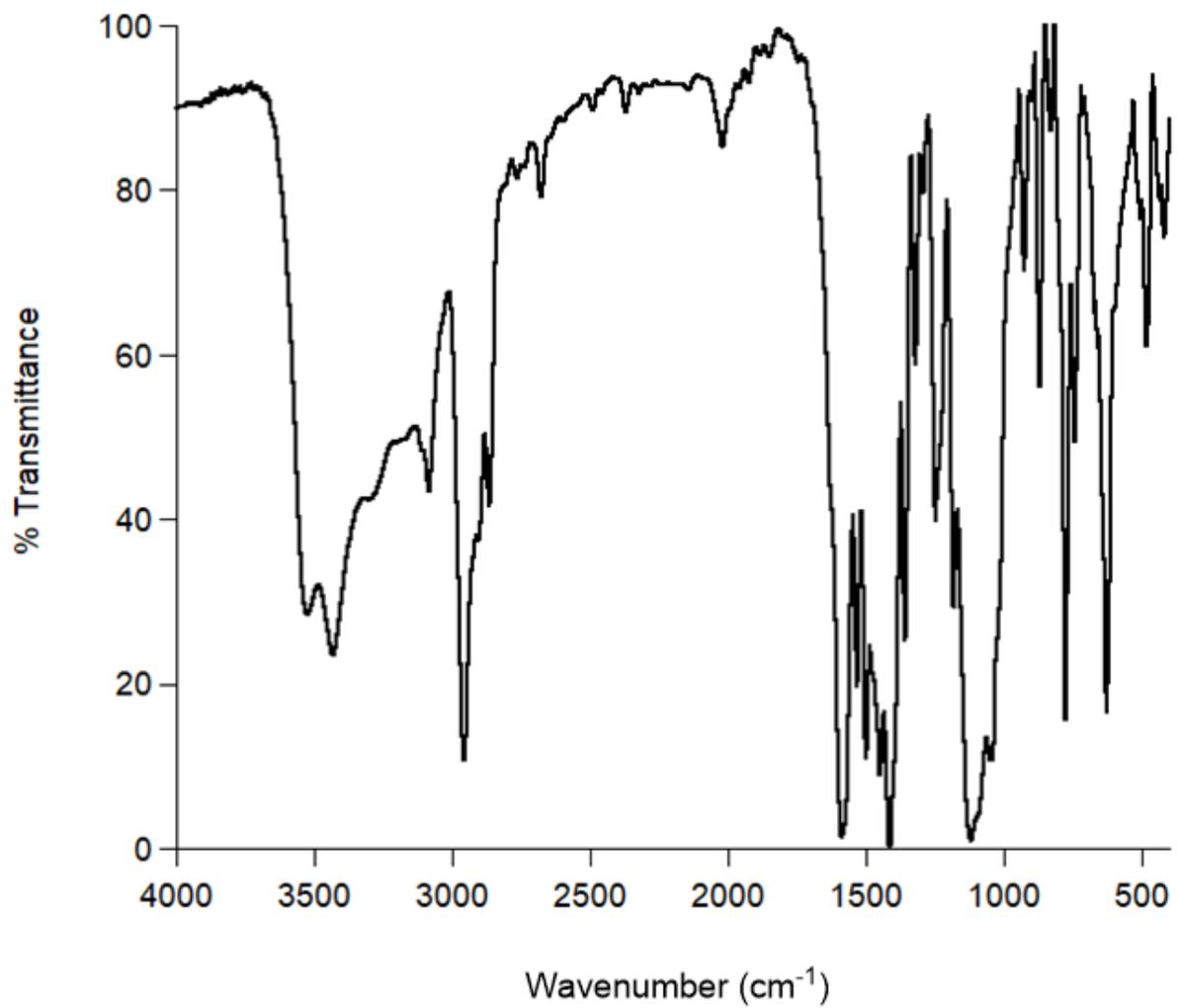
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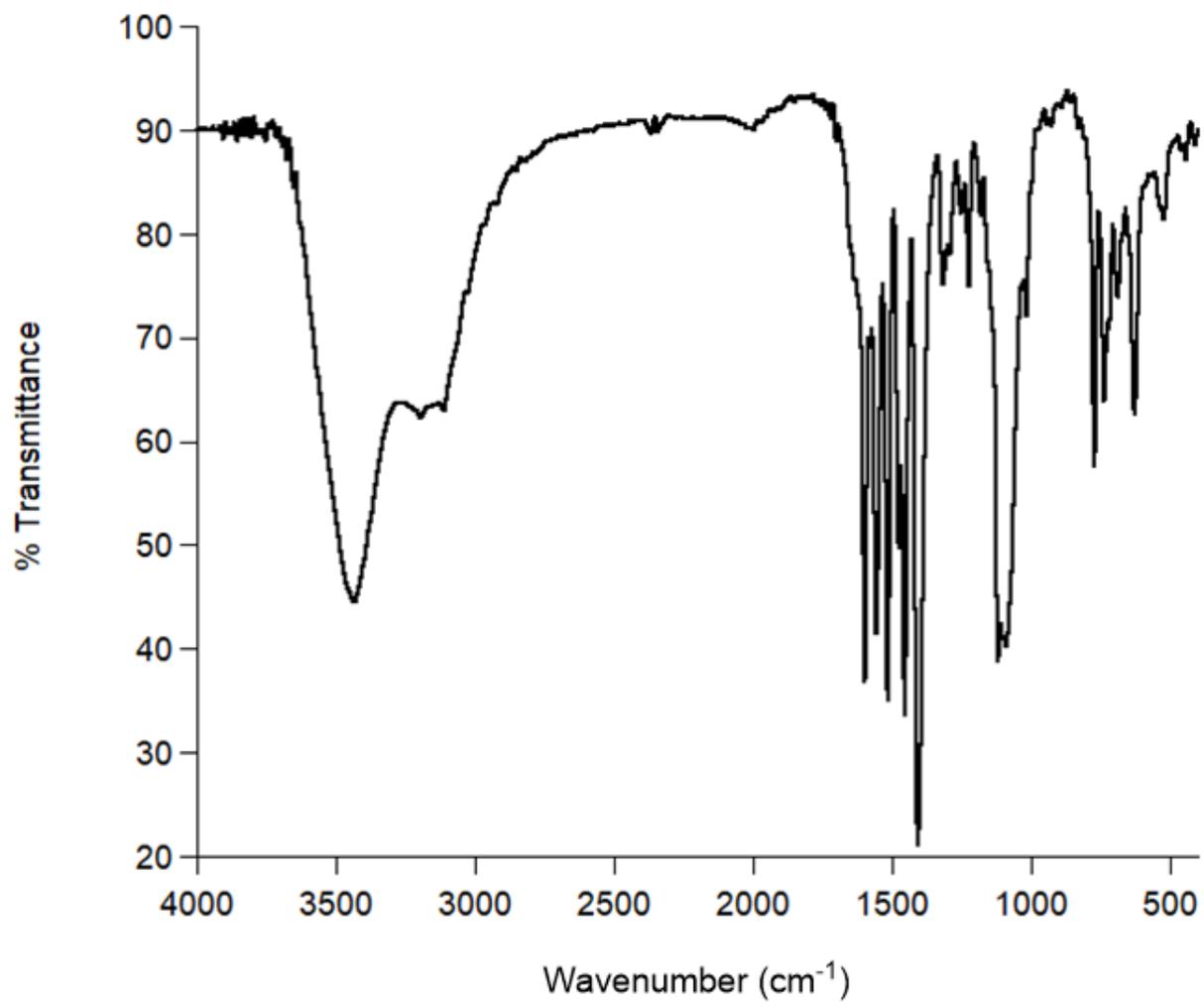
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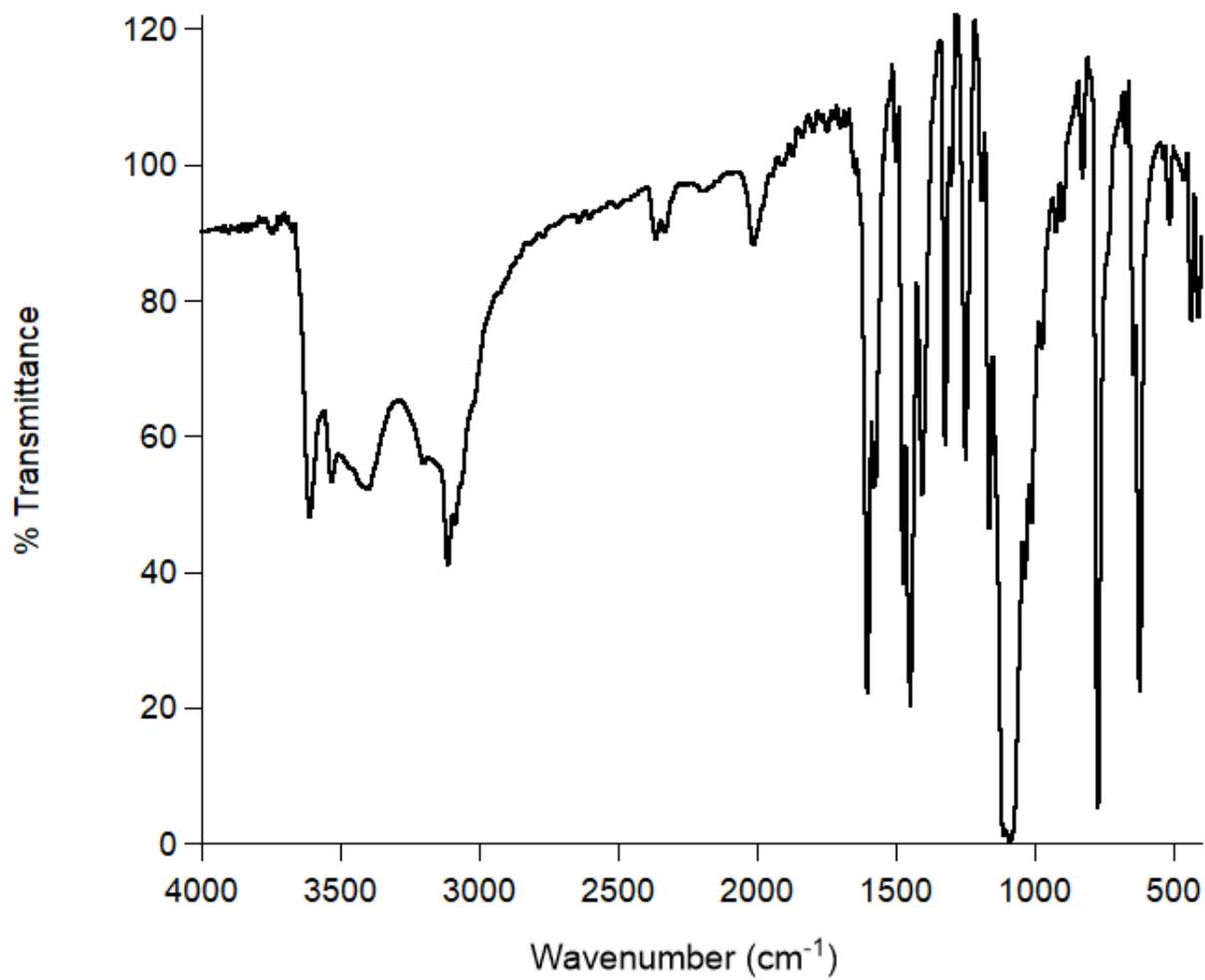
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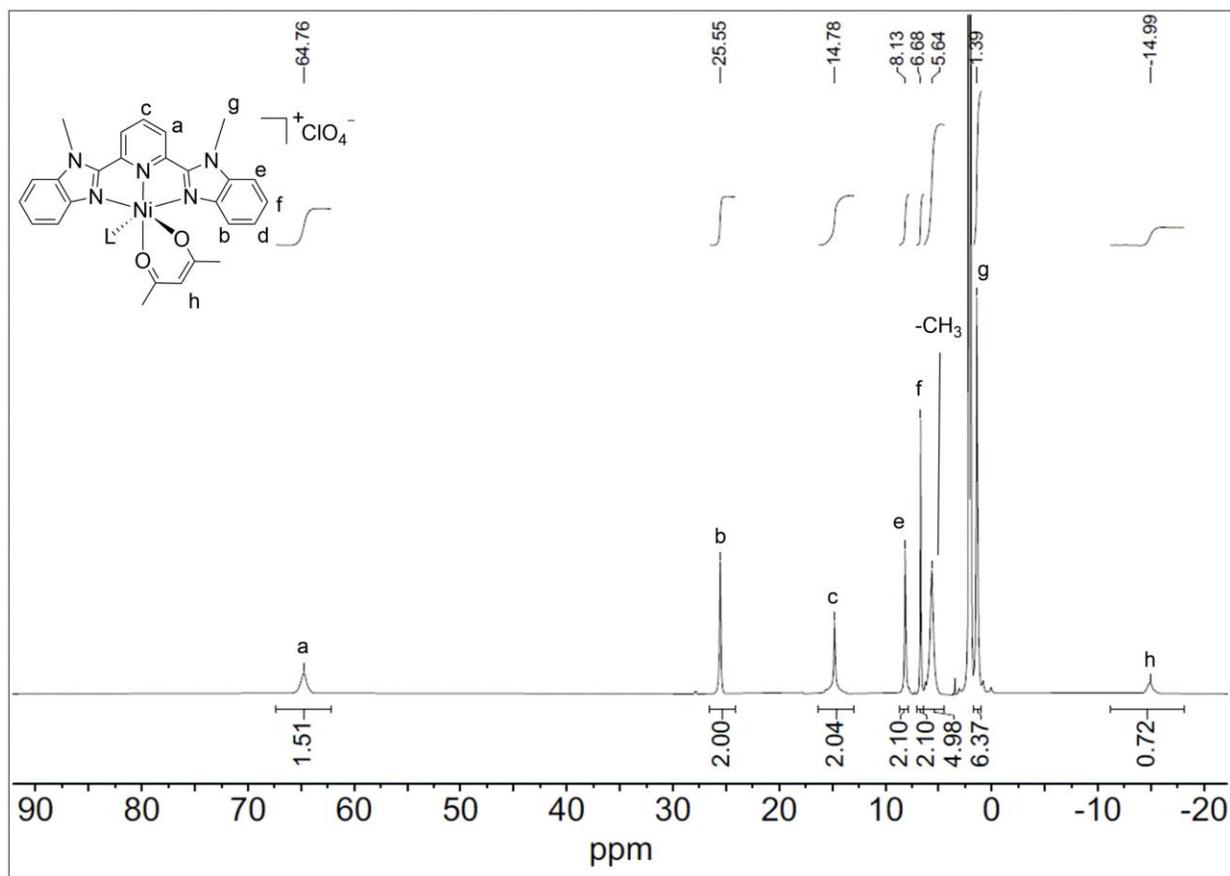
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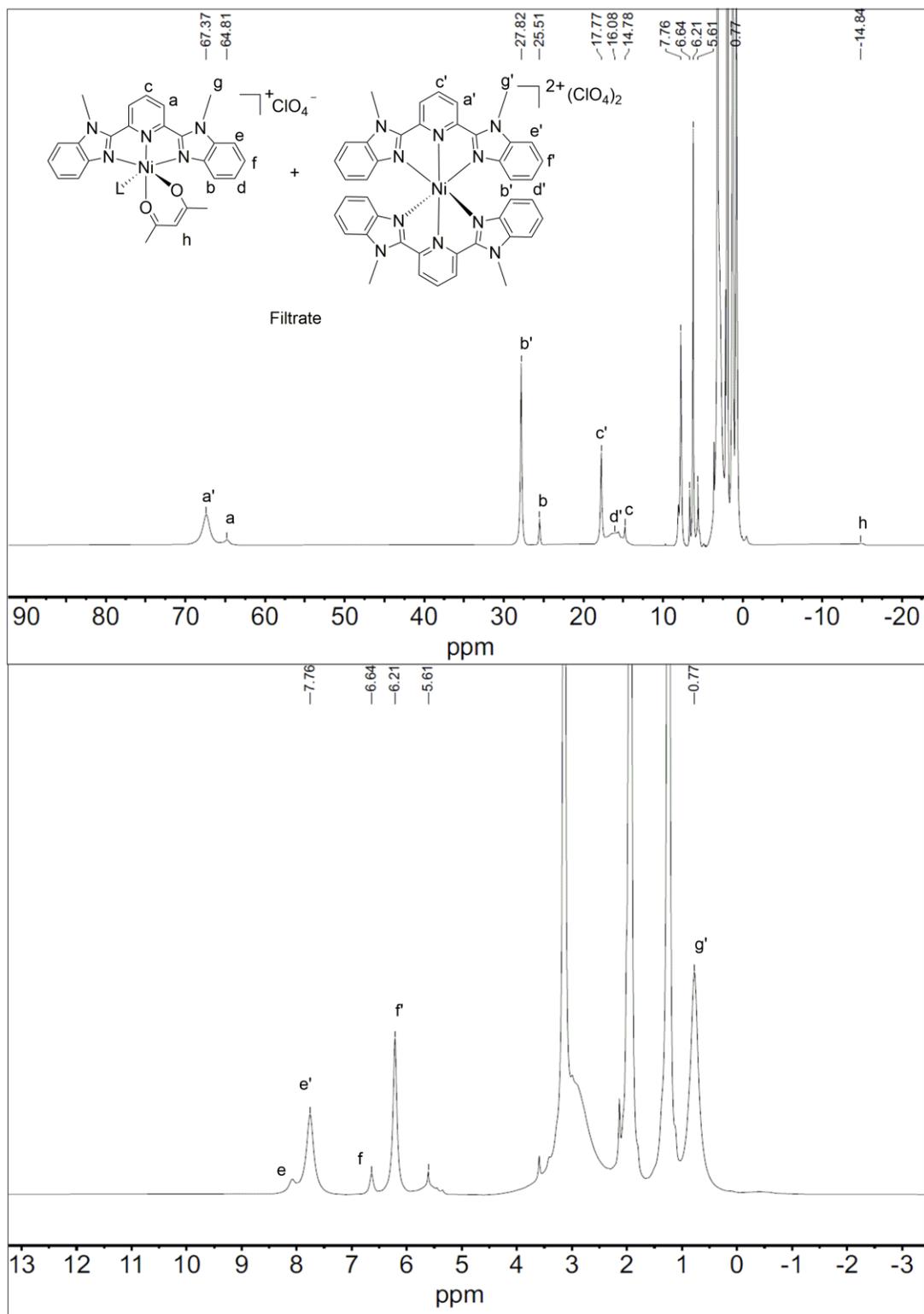
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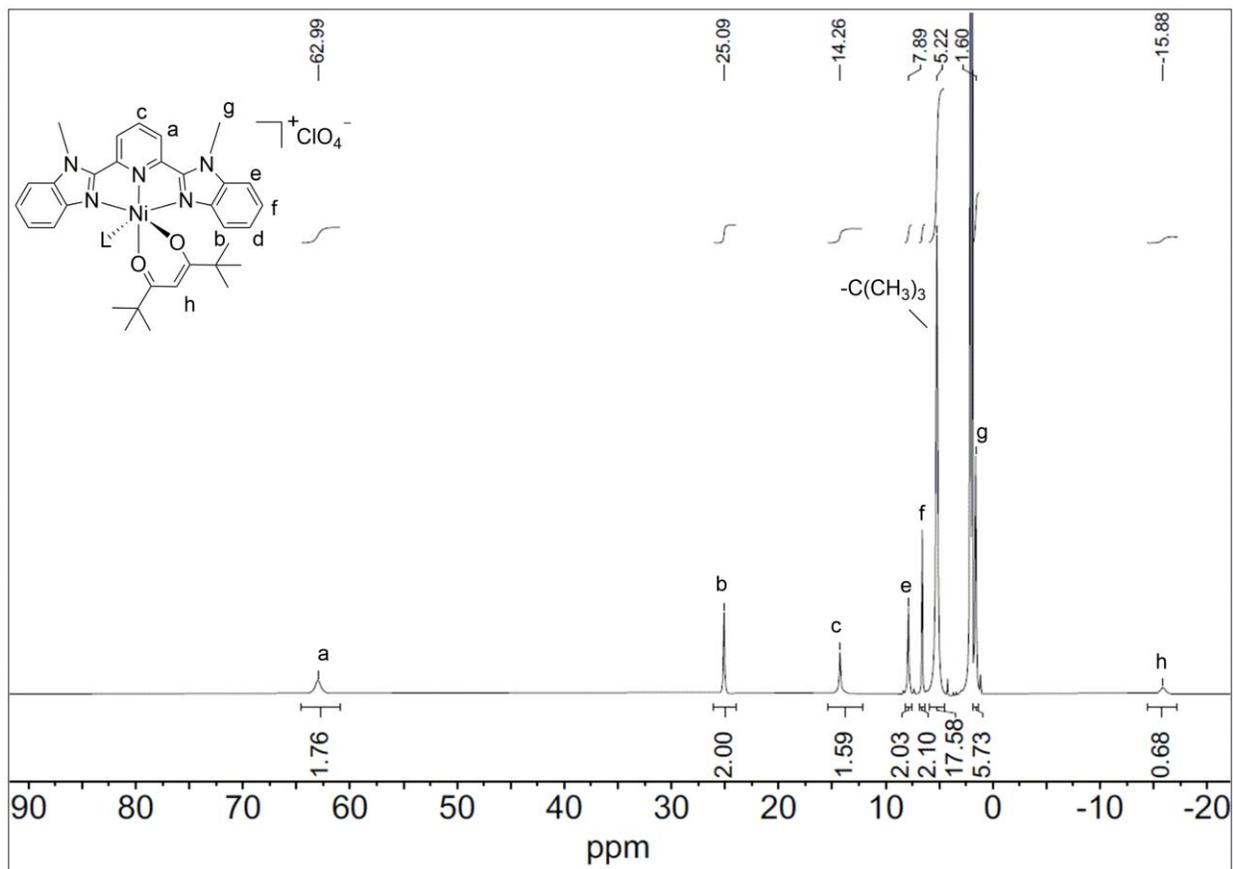
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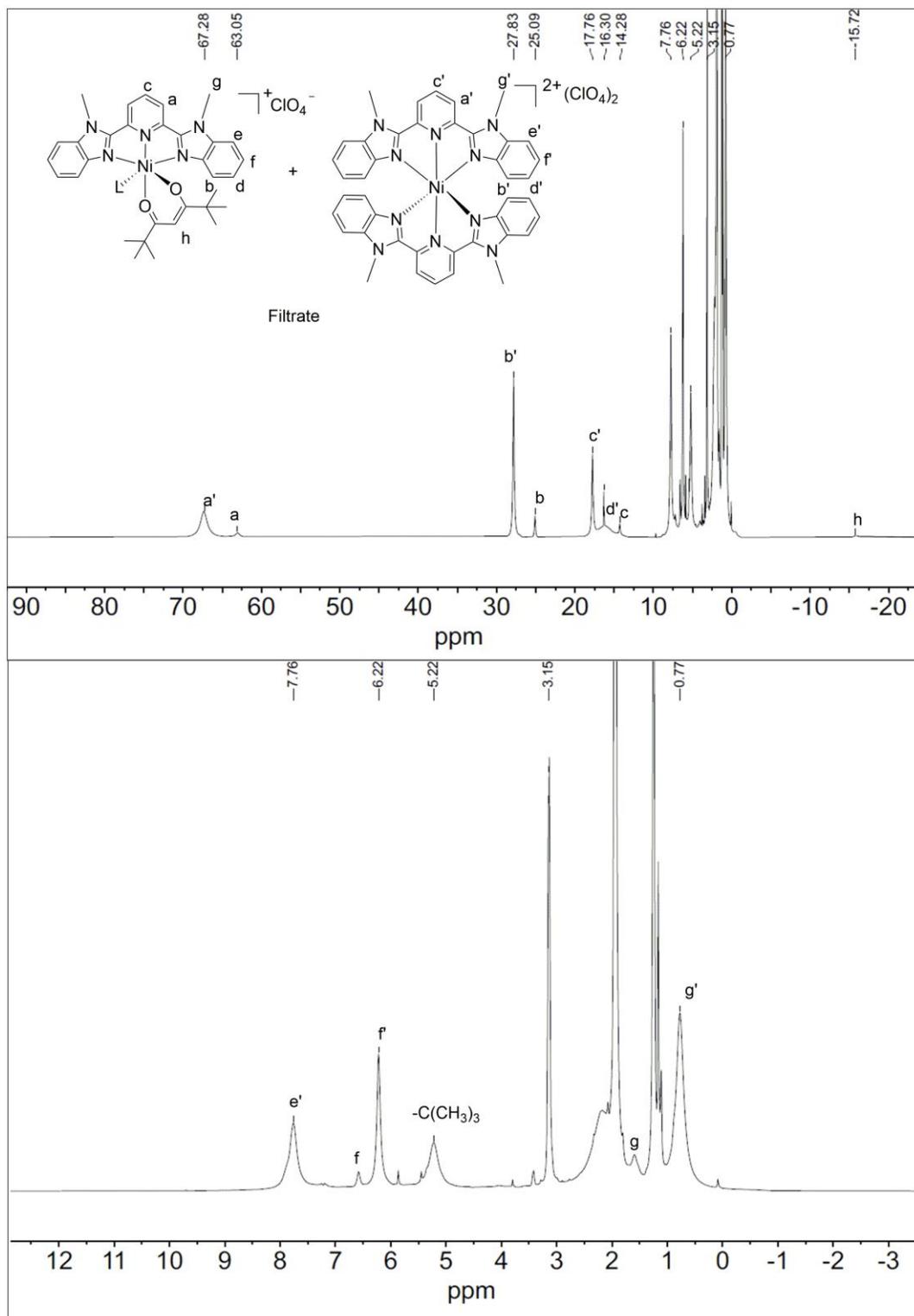
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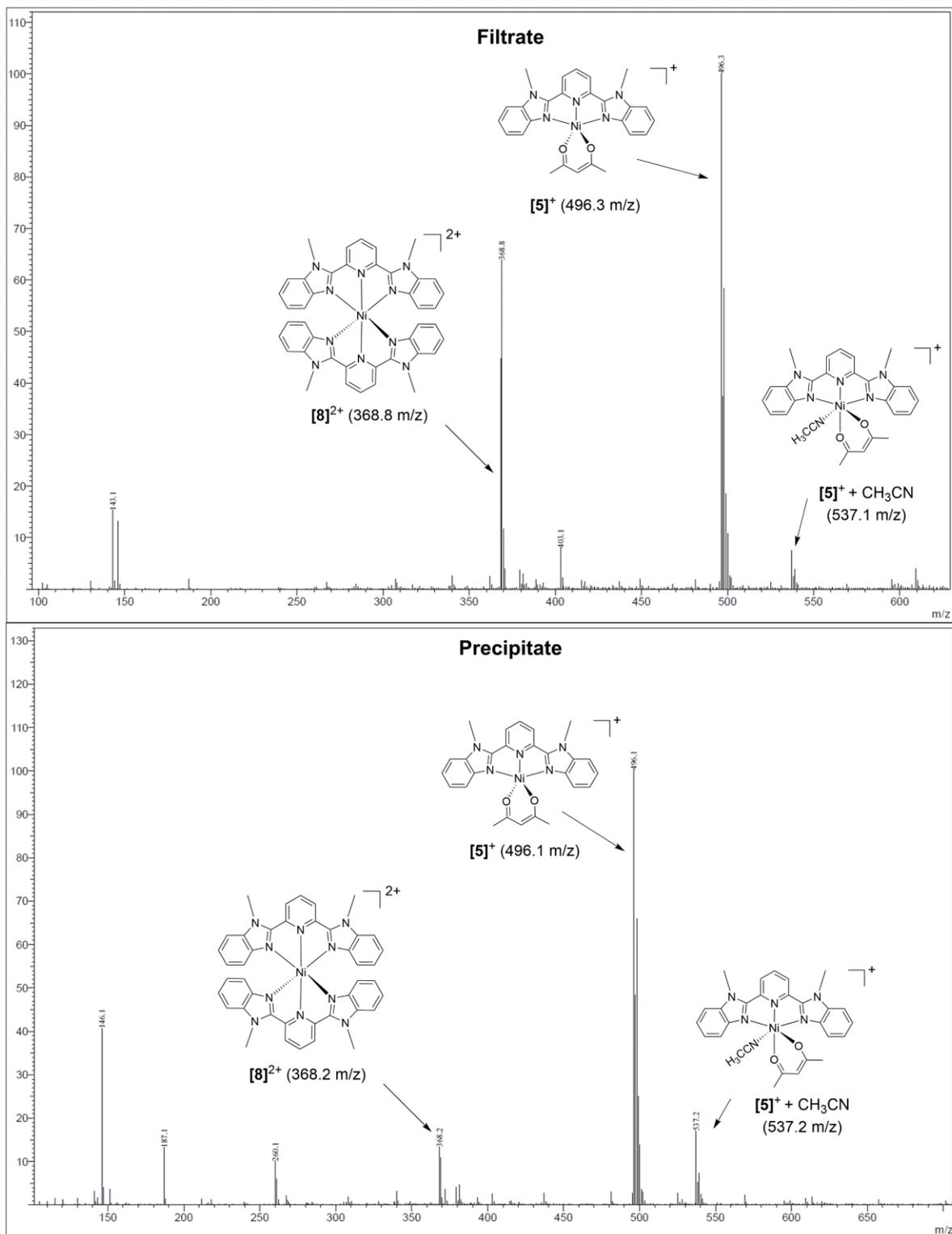
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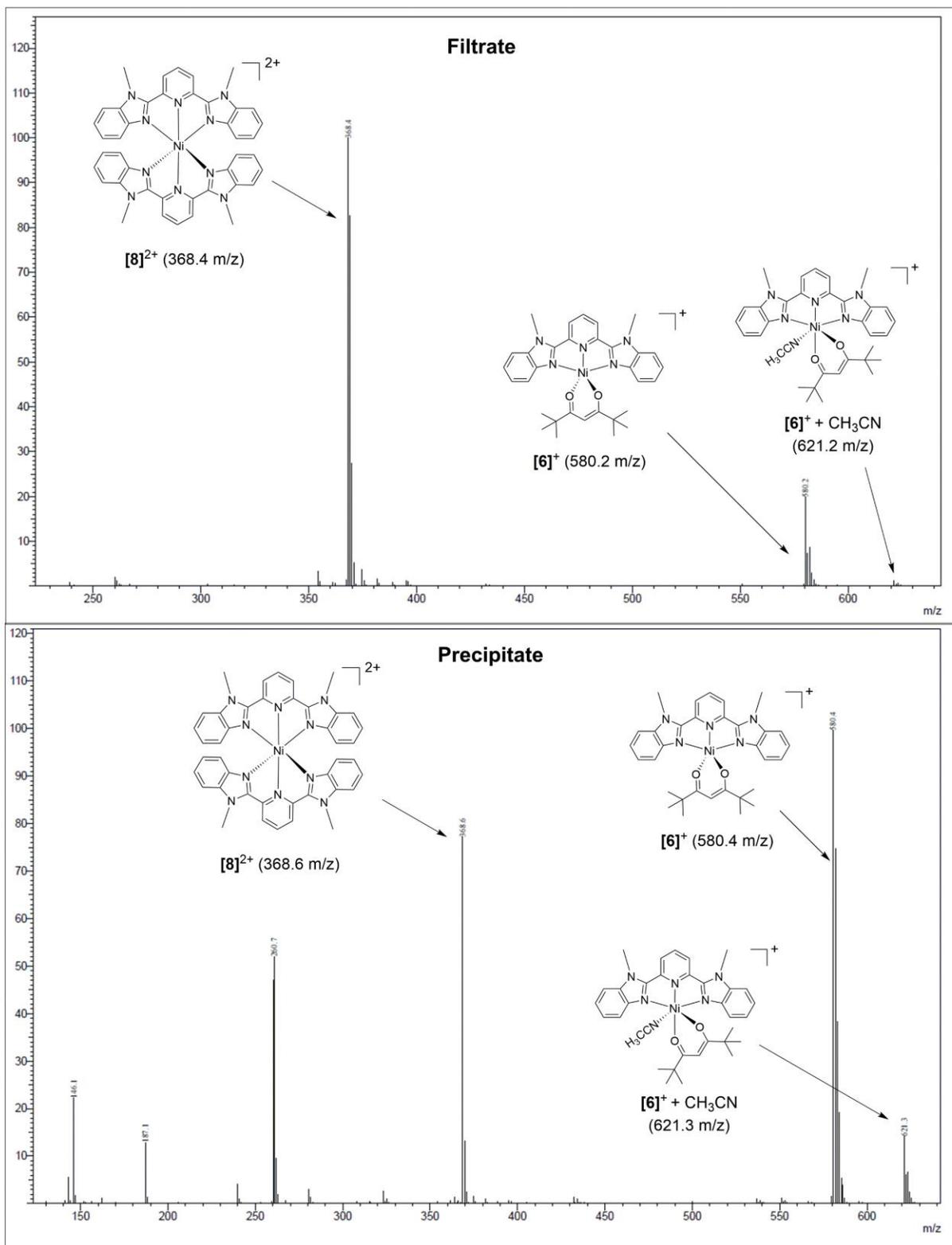
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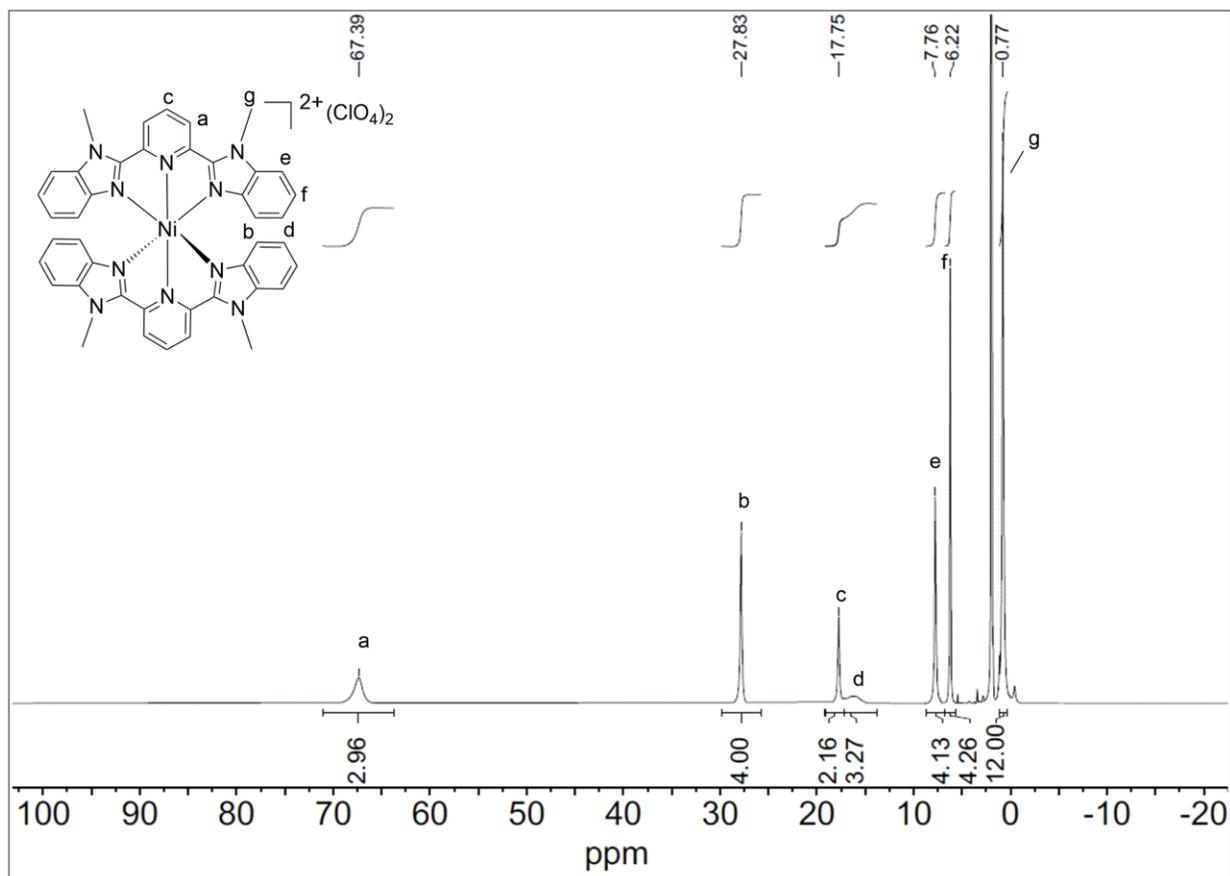
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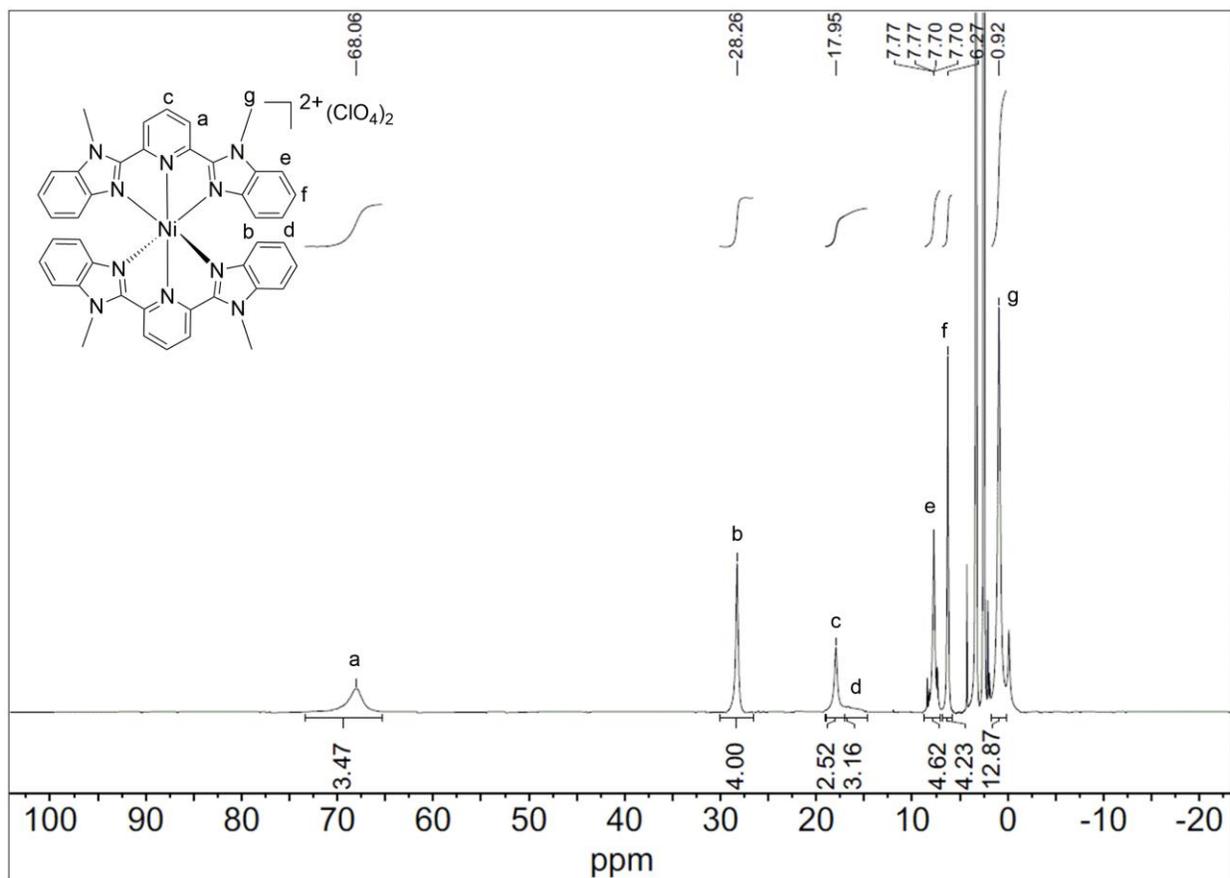
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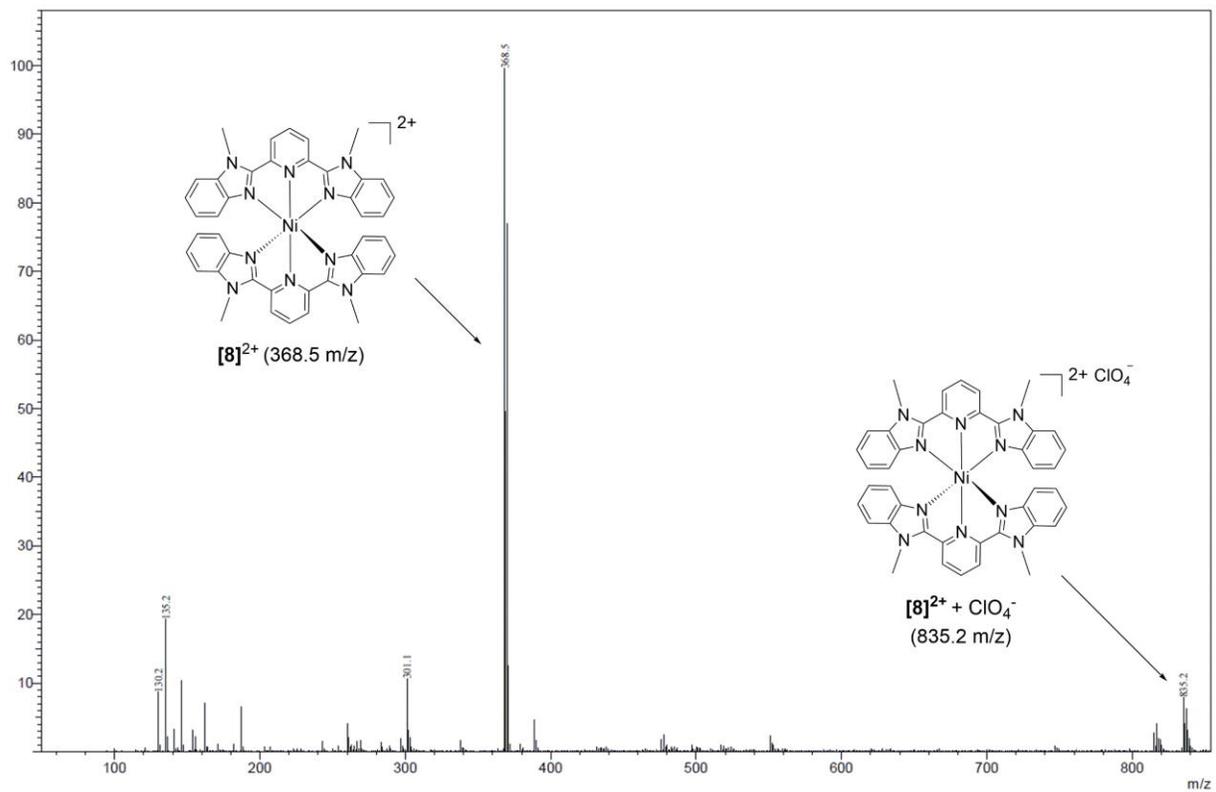
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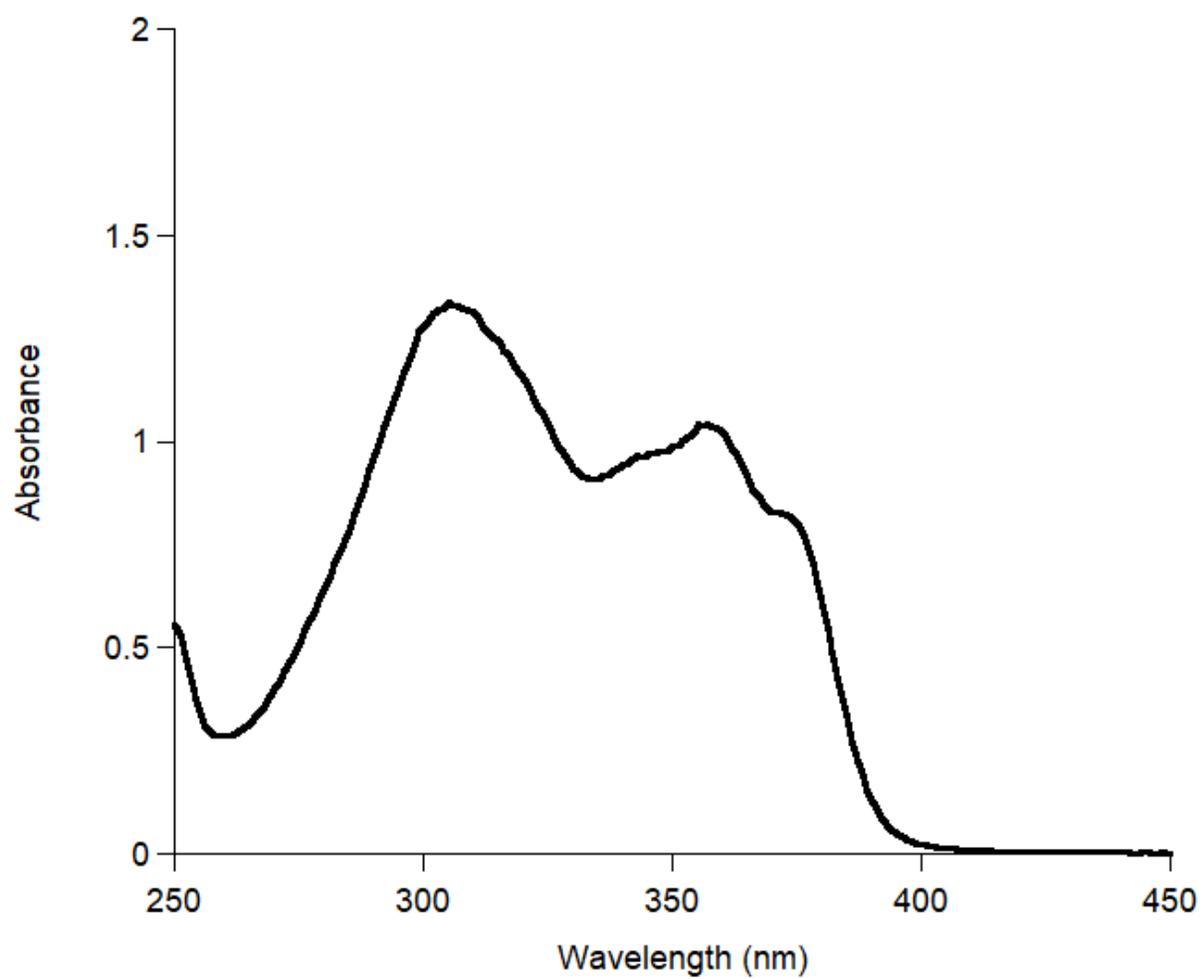
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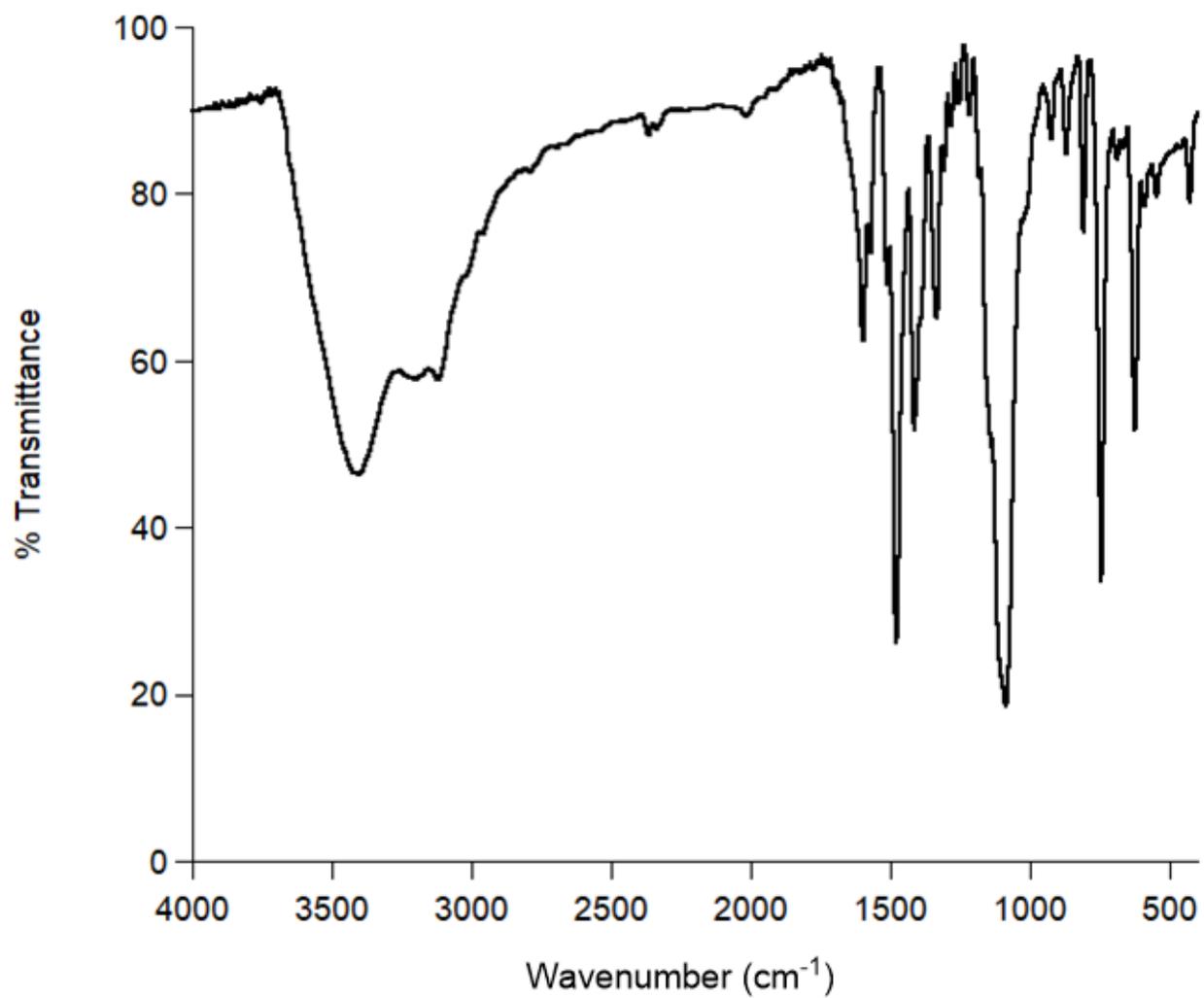
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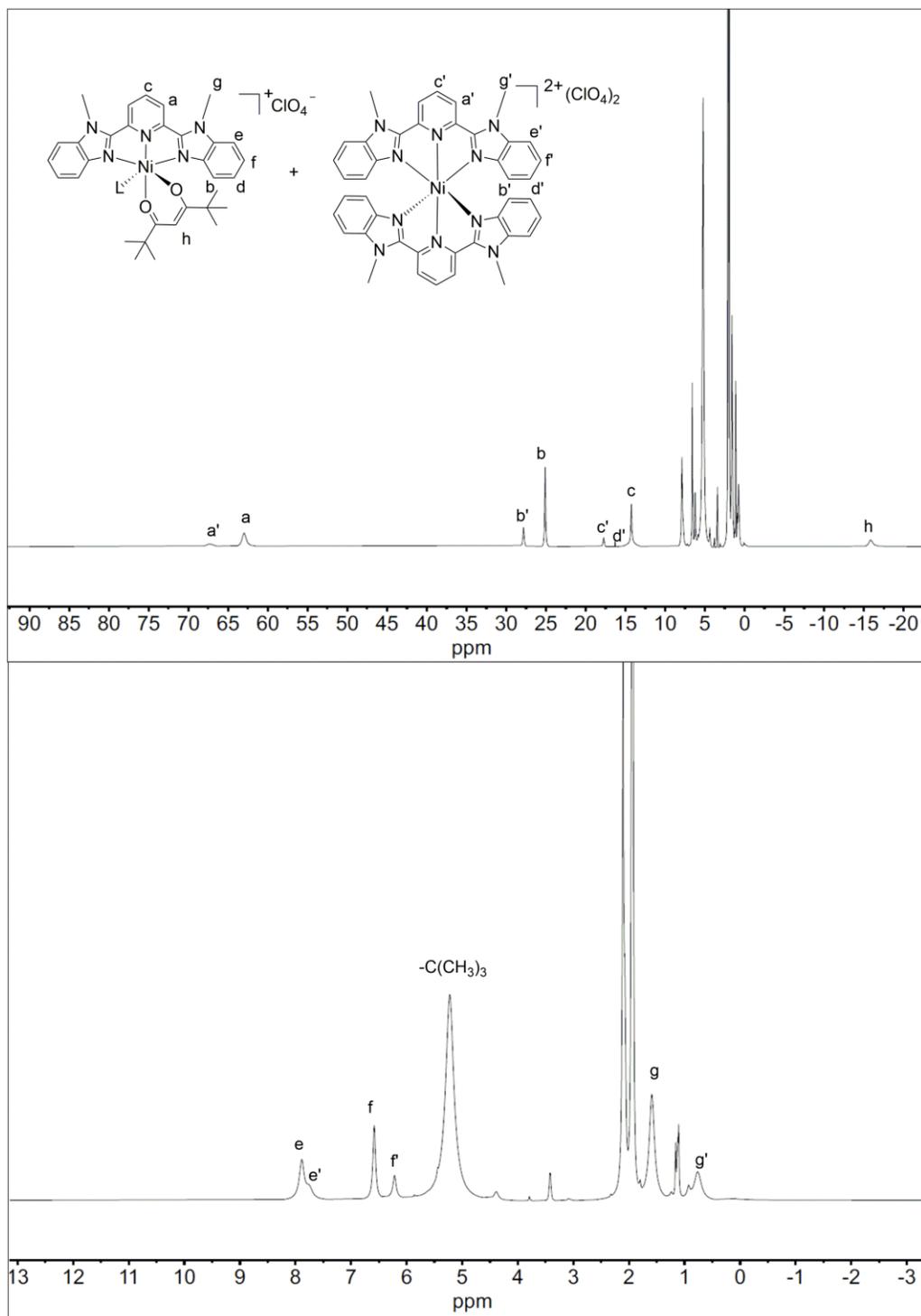
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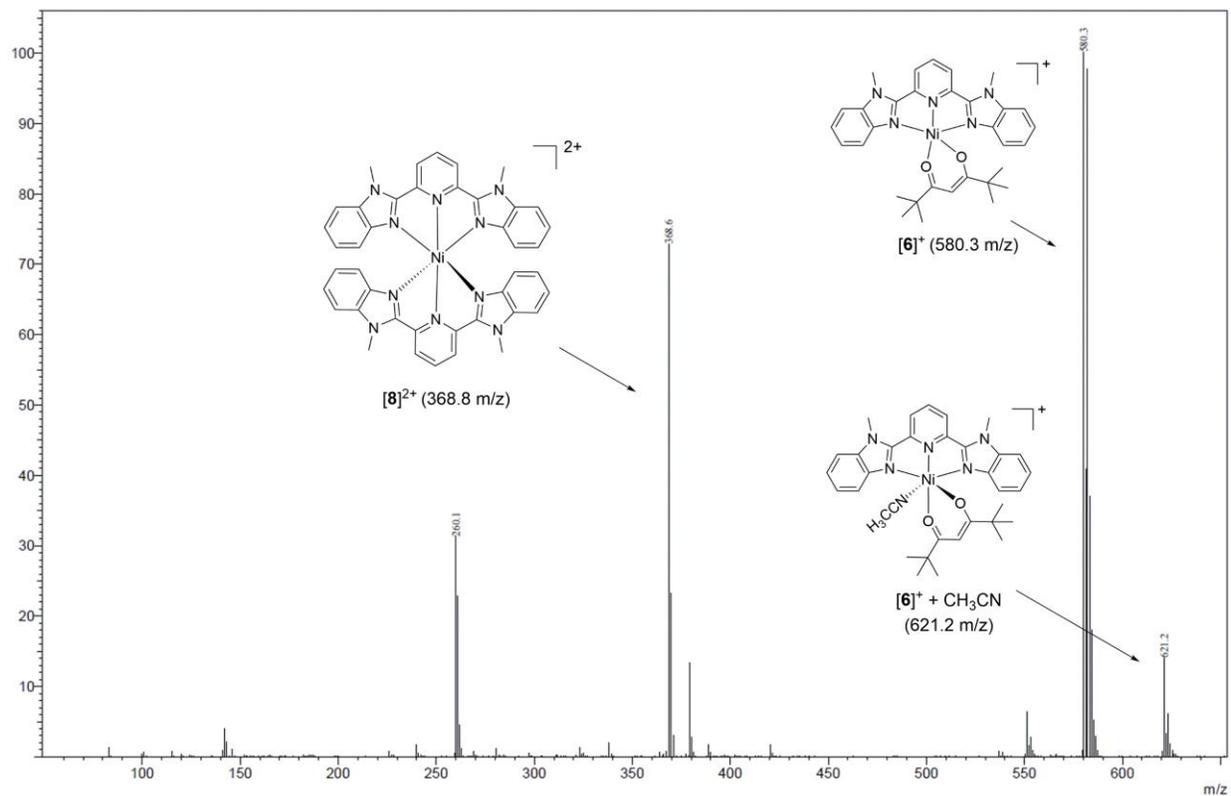
**Figure S29:** UV-Vis spectrum of **8** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN ( $5.35 \times 10^{-5}$  M)



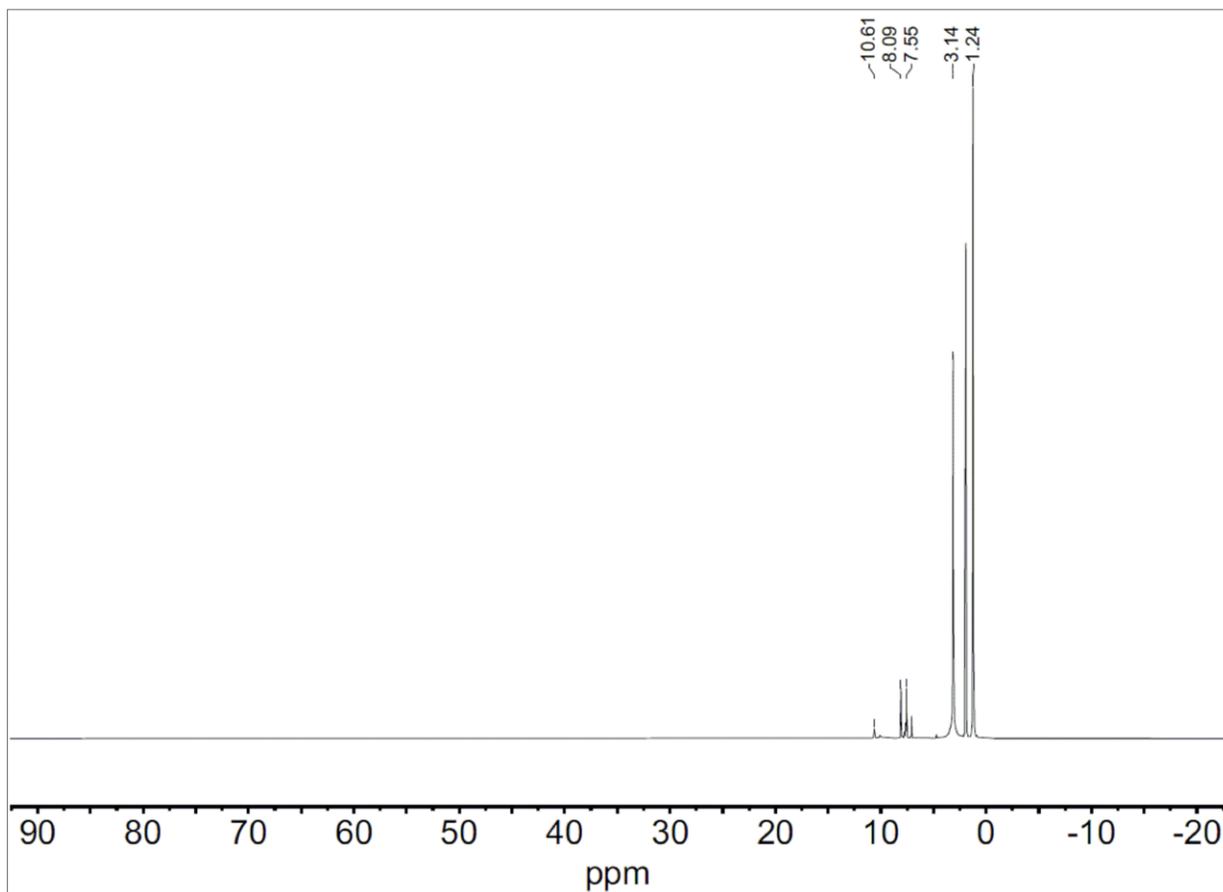
**Figure S30:** IR spectrum of **8**



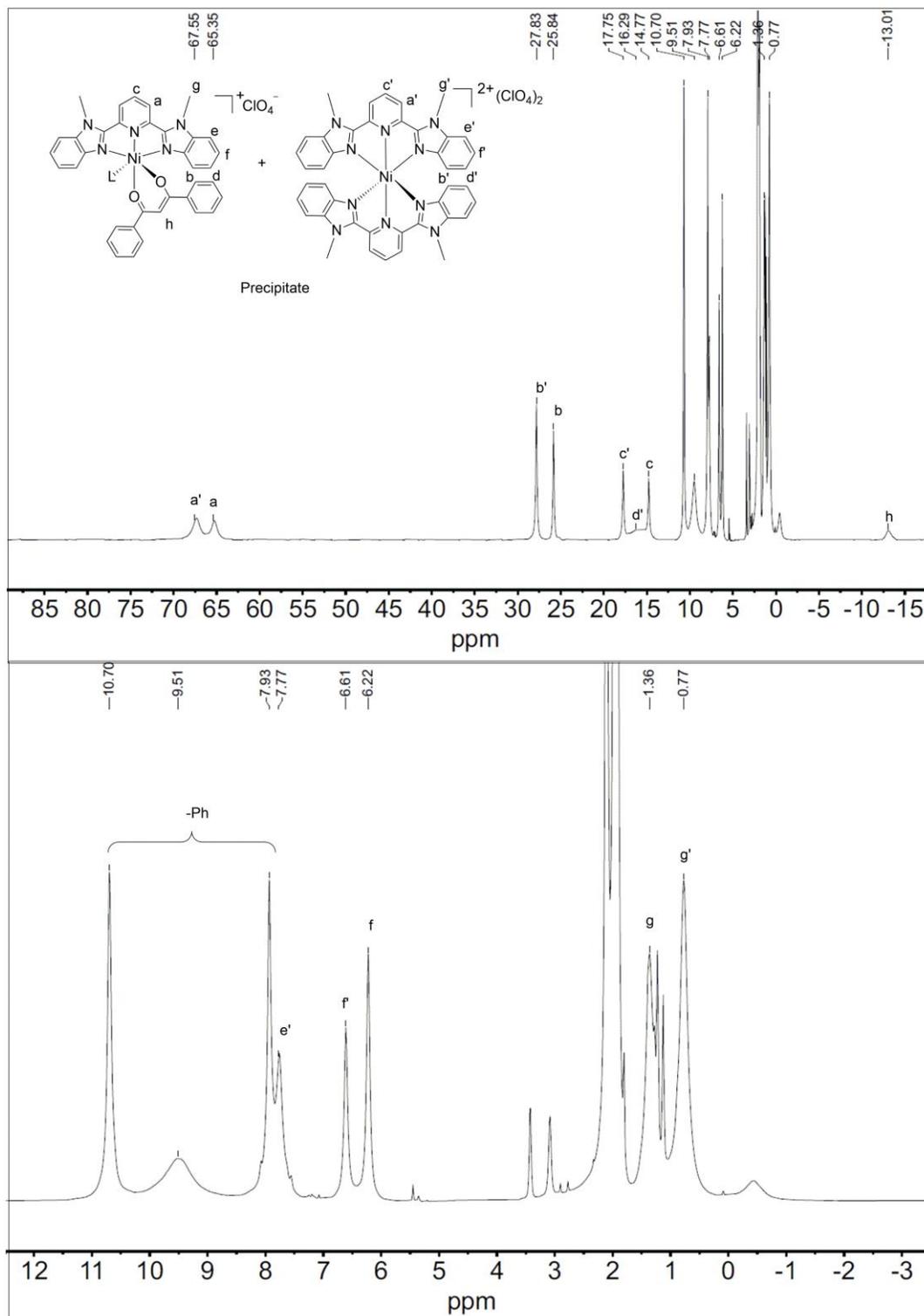
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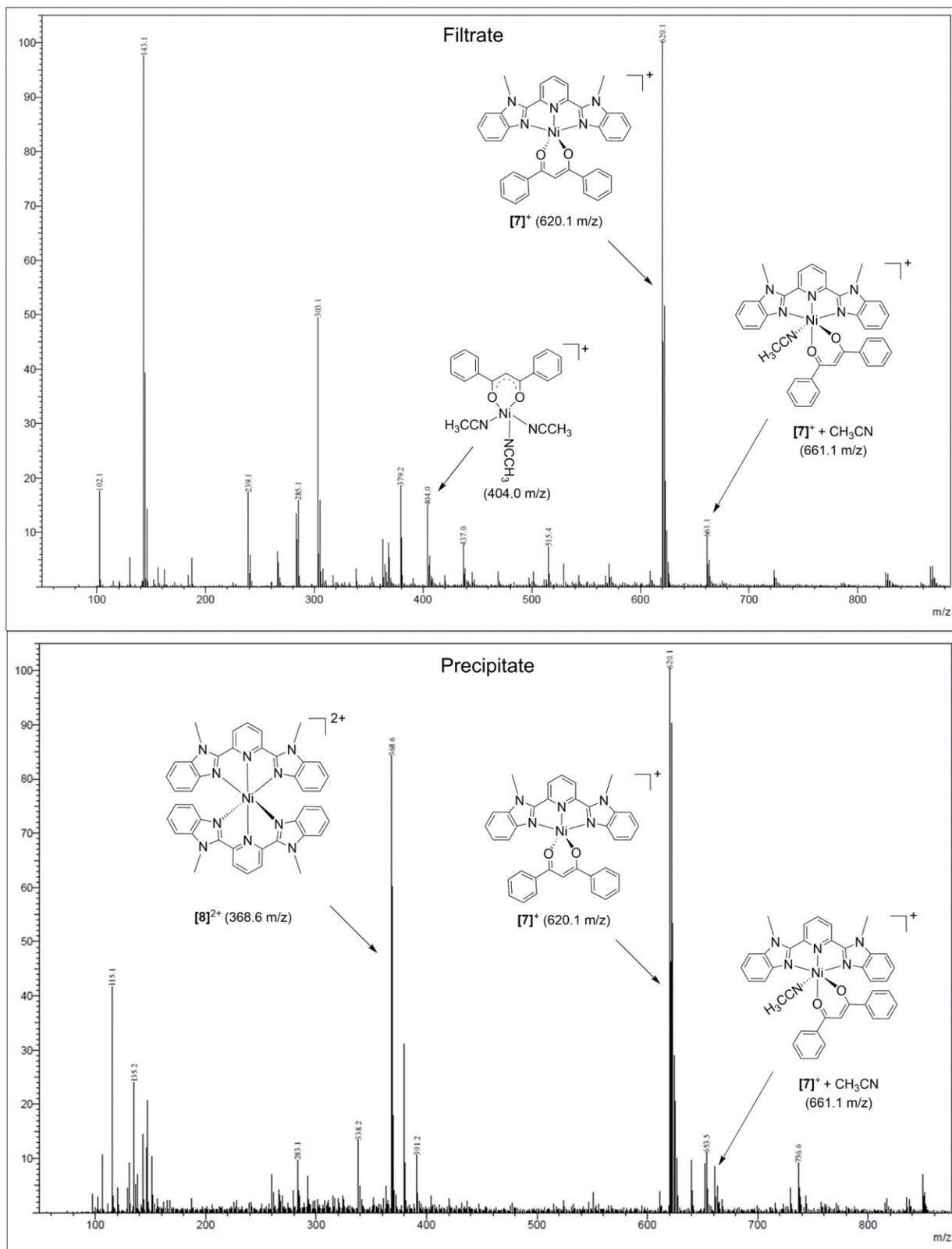
**Figure S32:** ESI-MS of the isolated precipitate found during synthesis of **6** following previously published procedures (i.e. in glovebox with degassed solvents) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.



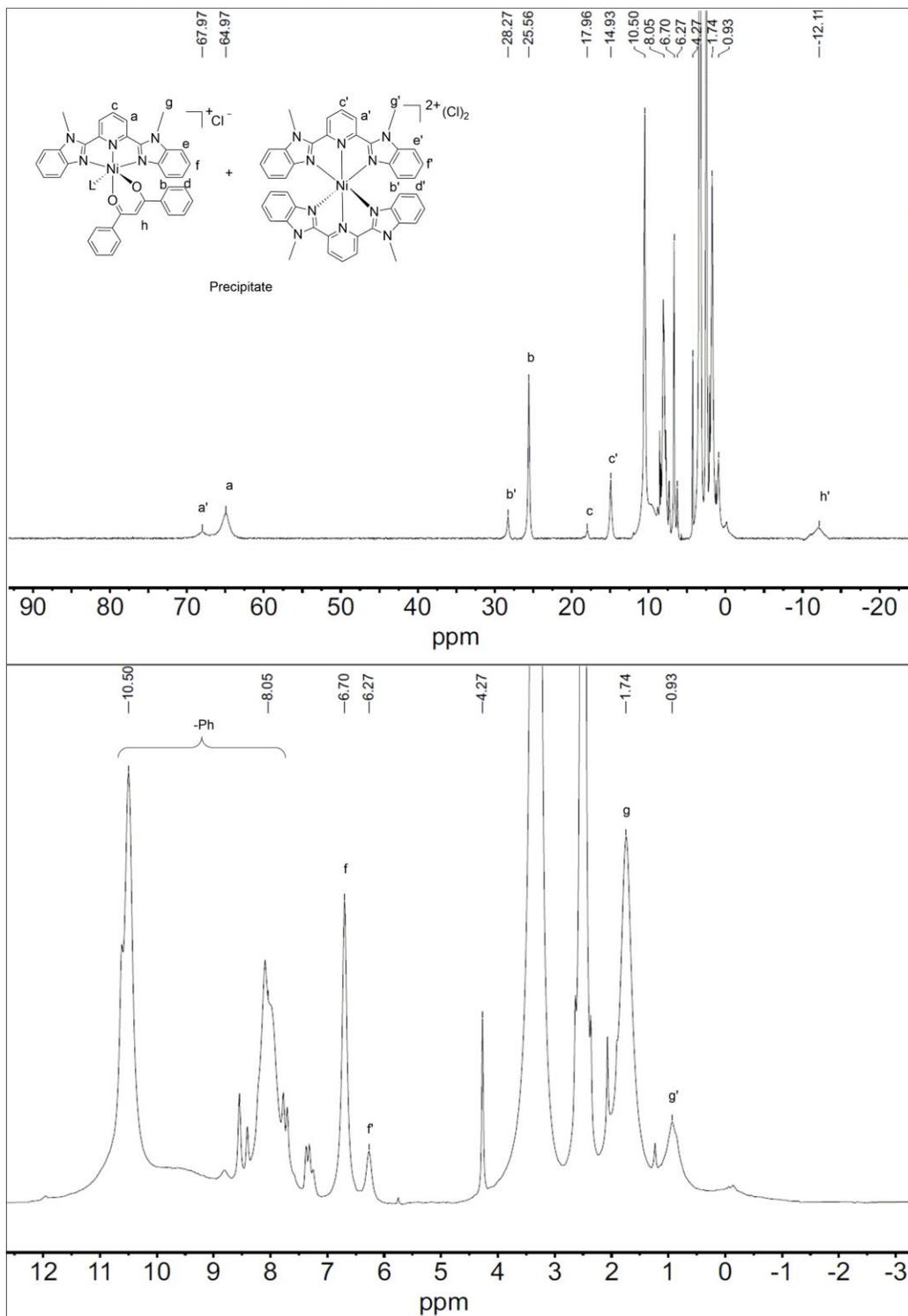
**Figure S33:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of the filtrate from the reaction mixture of **7-ClO<sub>4</sub>** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN. Neither **7-ClO<sub>4</sub>** or **8** were observed.



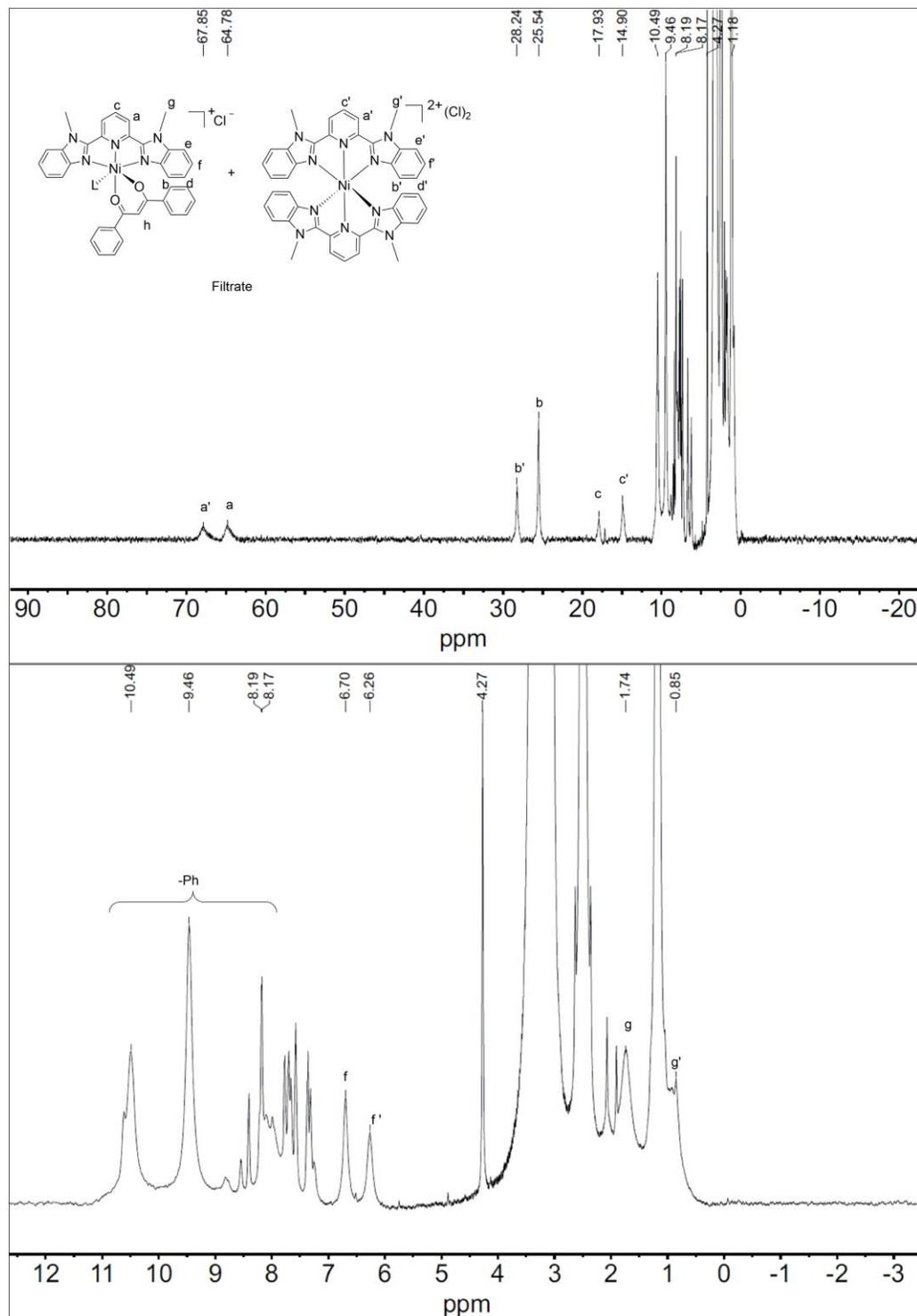
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**Figure S35:** ESI-MS of the filtrate (top) and precipitate (bottom) from the reaction mixture of 7- $ClO_4$  in  $CH_3CN$ .



**Figure S36:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of the precipitate of **7-Cl** in DMSO (Top, L= H<sub>2</sub>O or DMSO) and a zoomed in figure of the diamagnetic region (bottom). This was taken after attempting to separate through a filter a second time. The hydrogens labelled “d” and “e” could not be labelled because the peak could not be found (d) or due to overlap (e).



**Figure S37:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of the filtrate of **7-Cl** in DMSO (Top, L= H<sub>2</sub>O or DMSO) and a zoomed in figure of the diamagnetic region (bottom). This was taken after attempting to separate through a filter a second time. The hydrogens labelled “d” and “e” could not be labelled because the peak could not be found (d) or due to overlap (e). Magnified by 375x (relative to intensity of DMSO peak).



**Table S1.** Summary of X-ray data collection and refinement for **1-3** and **8**

|   | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>8</b>   |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| empirical formula                         | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>21</sub> ClNiN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> | C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>32</sub> ClNiN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> ClNiN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7</sub> | C <sub>45</sub> H <sub>38.5</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>11.5</sub> NiO <sub>8</sub> |
| formula weight                            | 531.59  | 592.70  | 632.68  | 997.98   |
| crystal system                            | Monoclinic  | Triclinic   | Monoclinic  | Triclinic  |
| space group                               | <i>C 1 2/c 1</i>  | <i>P -1</i>   | <i>P 1 21/c 1</i>   | <i>P 1</i>   |
| <i>a</i> (Å)                              | 15.6762(12)   | 9.9556(2)   | 18.6814(19)   | 12.2882(13)  |
| <i>b</i> (Å)                              | 13.2879(9)  | 11.6346(4)  | 10.5353(9)  | 19.219(2)  |
| <i>c</i> (Å)                              | 21.9128(18)   | 14.2457(4)  | 14.8709(14)   | 19.786(2)  |
| $\alpha$ (deg)                            | 90  | 110.337(3)  | 90  | 87.747(3)  |
| $\beta$ (deg)                             | 91.405(3)   | 91.439(2)   | 109.241(3)  | 77.340(3)  |
| $\gamma$ (deg)                            | 90  | 113.304(3)  | 90  | 77.490(3)  |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                | 4563.1(6)   | 1395.42(8)  | 2763.3(5)   | 4450.7(8)  |
| <i>Z</i>                                  | 8   | 2   | 4   | 4  |
| density (calcd), Mg m <sup>-3</sup>       | 1.548   | 1.411   | 1.521   | 1.489  |
| temp (K)                                  | 100(1)  | 102(3)  | 100   | 105  |
| crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )           | 0.12 x 0.2 x 0.4  | 0.37 x 0.23 x 0.18  | 0.02 x 0.09 x 0.38  | 0.2 x 0.18 x 0.15  |
| diffractometer                            | Bruker D8 Venture   | Rigaku  | Bruker D8 Venture   | Bruker D8 Venture  |
| Abs. coeff. (mm <sup>-1</sup> )           | 1.015   | 0.839   | 0.983   | 0.622  |
| 2 $\theta$ max (deg)                      | 62.78   | 60.72   | 50.02   | 49.98  |
| Reflections collected                     | 9996  | 10275   | 9888  | 9194   |
| Indep. reflections                        | 7634  | 8096  | 4911  | 31034  |
| variable parameters                       | 310   | 355   | 387   | 2487   |
| <i>R1</i> / <i>wR2</i> <sup>b</sup>       | 0.0319/0.0722   | 0.0329/0.0774   | 0.0693/0.1995   | 0.0371/0.0769  |
| goodness-of-fit ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ) | 1.031   | 1.053   | 1.191   | 1.029  |
| largest diff. (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )        | 0.519/-0.508  | 0.413/-0.536  | 1.56/-0.99  | 0.651/-0.431   |

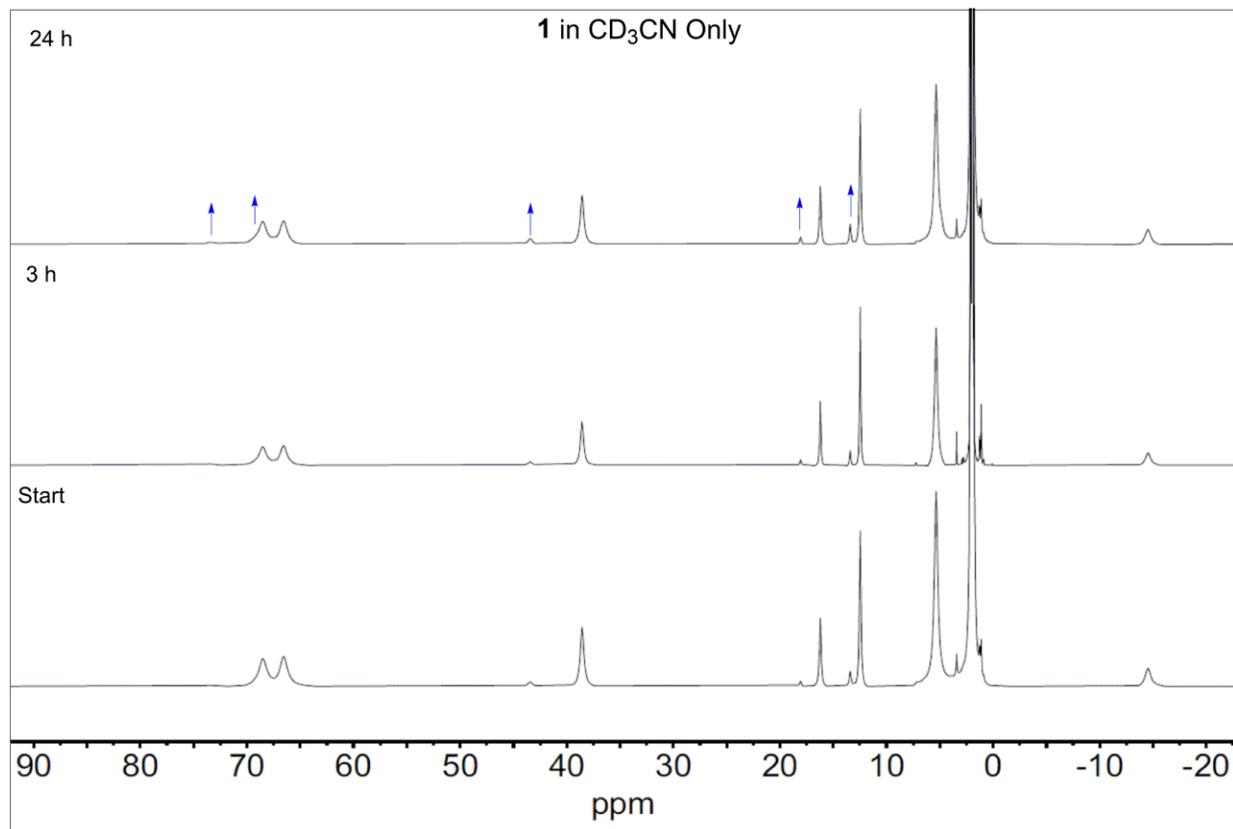
<sup>a</sup>Radiation used: Mo K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). <sup>b</sup> $R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ ;  
 $wR2 = [\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum (F_o^2)]^{1/2}$  where  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP]$ .

**Table S2.** Selected bond Distances (Å) and angles (deg) for **1-3**

|                  | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>   |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Ni(1)-O(1)       | 2.0477(9)  | 2.0023(10) | 1.982(4)   |
| Ni(1)-O(2)       | 1.9947(10) | 1.9772(10) | 2.018(4)   |
| Ni(1)-O(7)       | -          | 2.1416(11) | 2.094(4)   |
| Ni(1)-N(1)       | 2.0004(11) | 1.9982(12) | 1.997(5)   |
| Ni(1)-N(2)       | 2.1078(11) | 2.0966(12) | 2.107(5)   |
| Ni(1)-N(3)       | 2.1035(12) | 2.1012(12) | 2.135(5)   |
| Ni(1)-N(4)       | 2.4945(17) | -          | -          |
| O(1)-C(16)       | 1.2707(16) | 1.2626(17) | 1.264(7)   |
| O(2)-C(19)       | 1.2688(16) | -          | -          |
| O(2)-C(22)       | -          | 1.2752(16) | -          |
| O(2)-C(24)       | -          | -          | 1.268(7)   |
| Ni(1)-O(7)       | -          | 2.1416(11) | 2.094(4)   |
| O(2)- Ni(1)-O(1) | 90.59(4)   | 91.33(4)   | 89.96(16)  |
| O(2)- Ni(1)-N(1) | 178.16(4)  | 176.30(5)  | 94.95(17)  |
| O(2)- Ni(1)-N(2) | 100.46(4)  | 105.13(5)  | 94.55(18)  |
| O(2)- Ni(1)-N(3) | 103.46(4)  | 98.43(5)   | 88.39(18)  |
| O(2)- Ni(1)-N(4) | 86.89(4)   | -          | -          |
| O(2)- Ni(1)-O(7) | -          | 85.19(4)   | 171.59(16) |
| O(1)- Ni(1)-N(1) | 88.92(4)   | 90.31(4)   | 173.43(18) |
| O(1)- Ni(1)-N(2) | 94.41(4)   | 90.88(5)   | 96.52(18)  |
| O(1)- Ni(1)-N(3) | 89.46(4)   | 91.52(5)   | 106.90(18) |
| O(1)- Ni(1)-N(4) | 176.56(4)  | -          | -          |
| O(1)- Ni(1)-O(7) | -          | 174.93(4)  | 83.14(17)  |
| N(1)- Ni(1)-N(2) | 77.81(4)   | 78.16(5)   | 78.76(18)  |
| N(1)- Ni(1)-N(3) | 78.31(4)   | 78.21(5)   | 77.67(18)  |
| N(1)- Ni(1)-N(4) | 93.68(4)   | -          | -          |
| N(3)- Ni(1)-N(2) | 155.72(4)  | 156.26(5)  | 156.41(18) |
| N(4)- Ni(1)-N(2) | 88.36(4)   | 97.37(15)  | -          |
| N(4)- Ni(1)-N(3) | 88.85(4)   | -          | -          |
| N(1)- Ni(1)-O(7) | -          | 93.38(4)   | 92.31(18)  |
| N(2)- Ni(1)-O(7) | -          | 86.49(4)   | 91.01(17)  |
| N(3)- Ni(1)-O(7) | -          | 92.63(5)   | 89.02(18)  |

**Table S3.** Selected bond Distances (Å) and angles (deg) for **8**

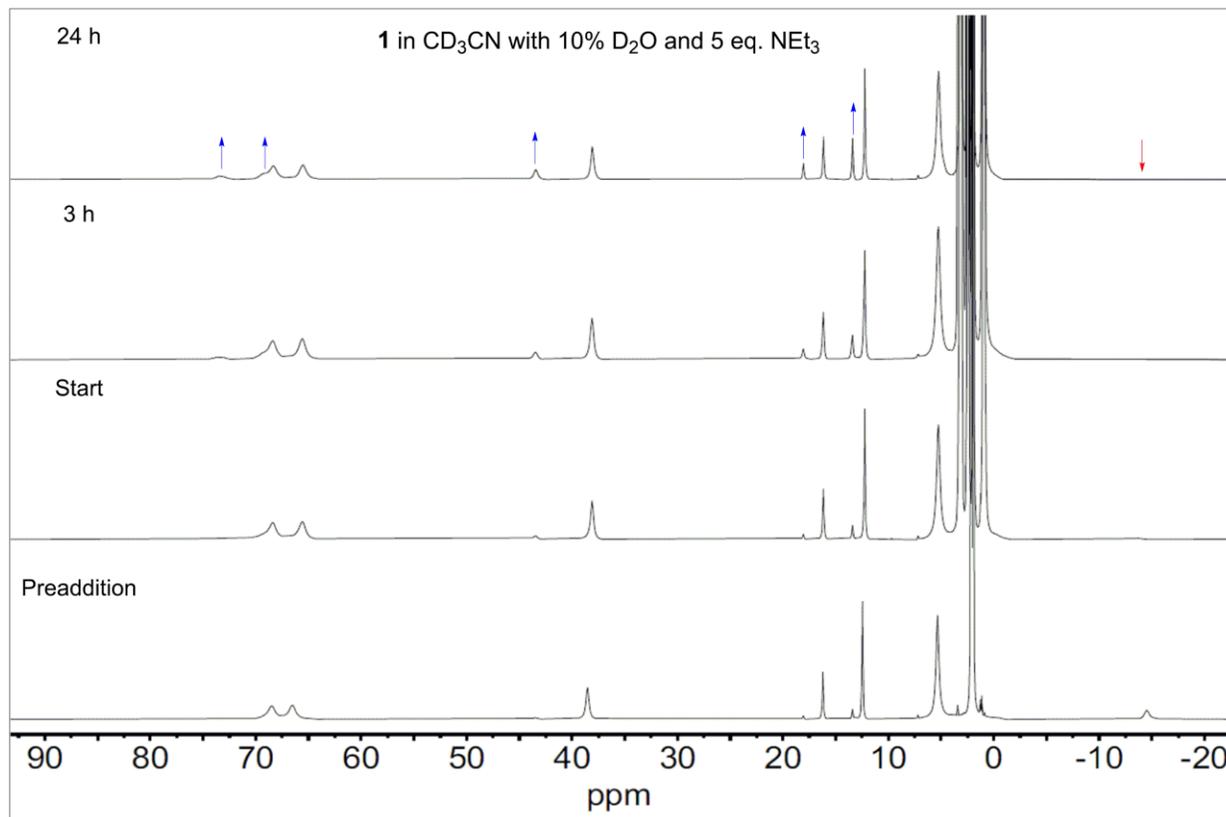
| <b>8</b>           |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Ni(1B)-N(1B)       | 2.027(4)   |
| Ni(1B)-N(2B)       | 2.114(4)   |
| Ni(1B)-N(4B)       | 2.106(4)   |
| Ni(1B)-N(6B)       | 2.025(4)   |
| Ni(1B)-N(7B)       | 2.082(4)   |
| Ni(1B)-N(8B)       | 2.094(4)   |
| N(1B)-Ni(1B)-N(2B) | 78.28(15)  |
| N(1B)-Ni(1B)-N(4B) | 77.73(15)  |
| N(1B)-Ni(1B)-N(7B) | 99.95(15)  |
| N(1B)-Ni(1B)-N(6B) | 174.90(16) |
| N(1B)-Ni(1B)-N(8B) | 104.84(15) |
| N(2B)-Ni(1B)-N(4B) | 155.74(15) |
| N(2B)-Ni(1B)-N(6B) | 97.21(15)  |
| N(2B)-Ni(1B)-N(7B) | 94.31(15)  |
| N(2B)-Ni(1B)-N(8B) | 92.58(14)  |
| N(4B)-Ni(1B)-N(6B) | 106.91(15) |
| N(4B)-Ni(1B)-N(7B) | 93.30(15)  |
| N(4B)-Ni(1B)-N(8B) | 90.10(15)  |
| N(6B)-Ni(1B)-N(7B) | 77.89(15)  |
| N(6B)-Ni(1B)-N(8B) | 77.56(15)  |
| N(7B)-Ni(1B)-N(8B) | 155.14(15) |



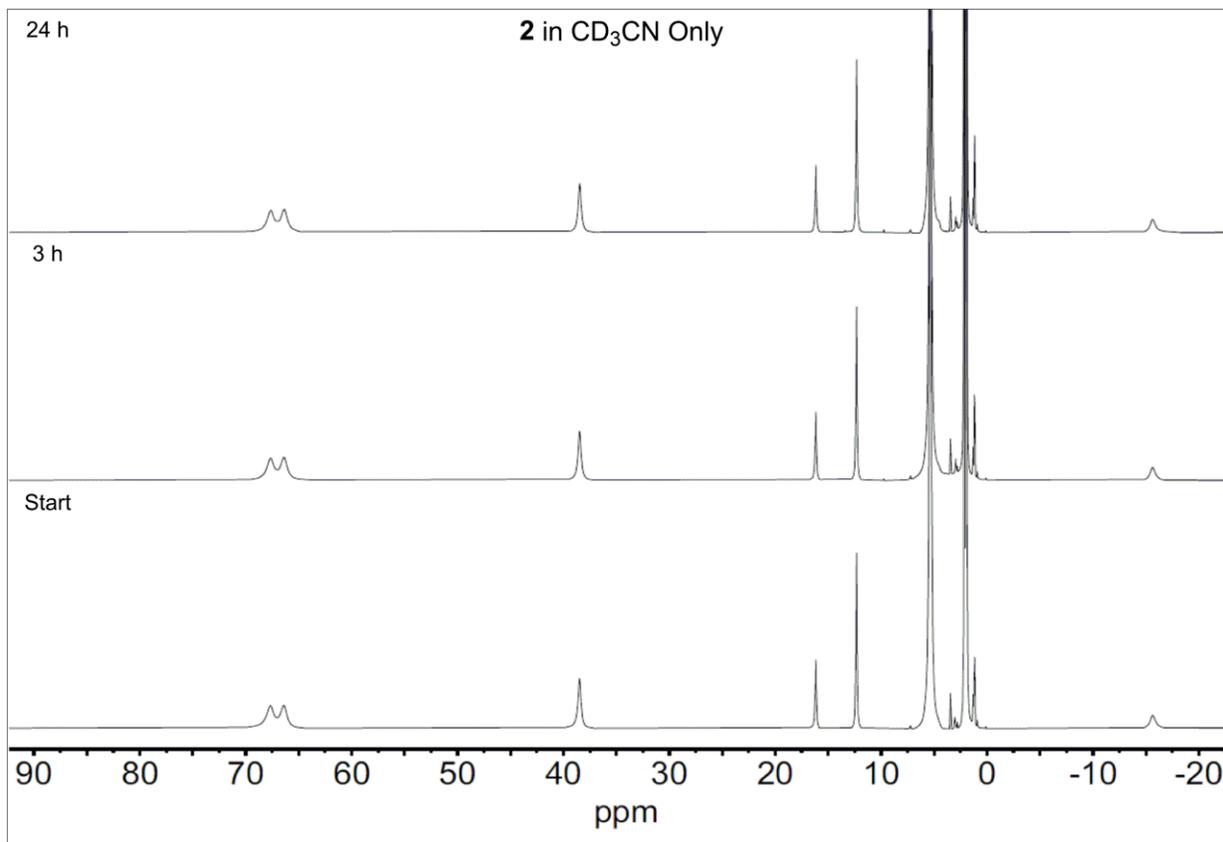
**Figure S39:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **1** over time in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN only.





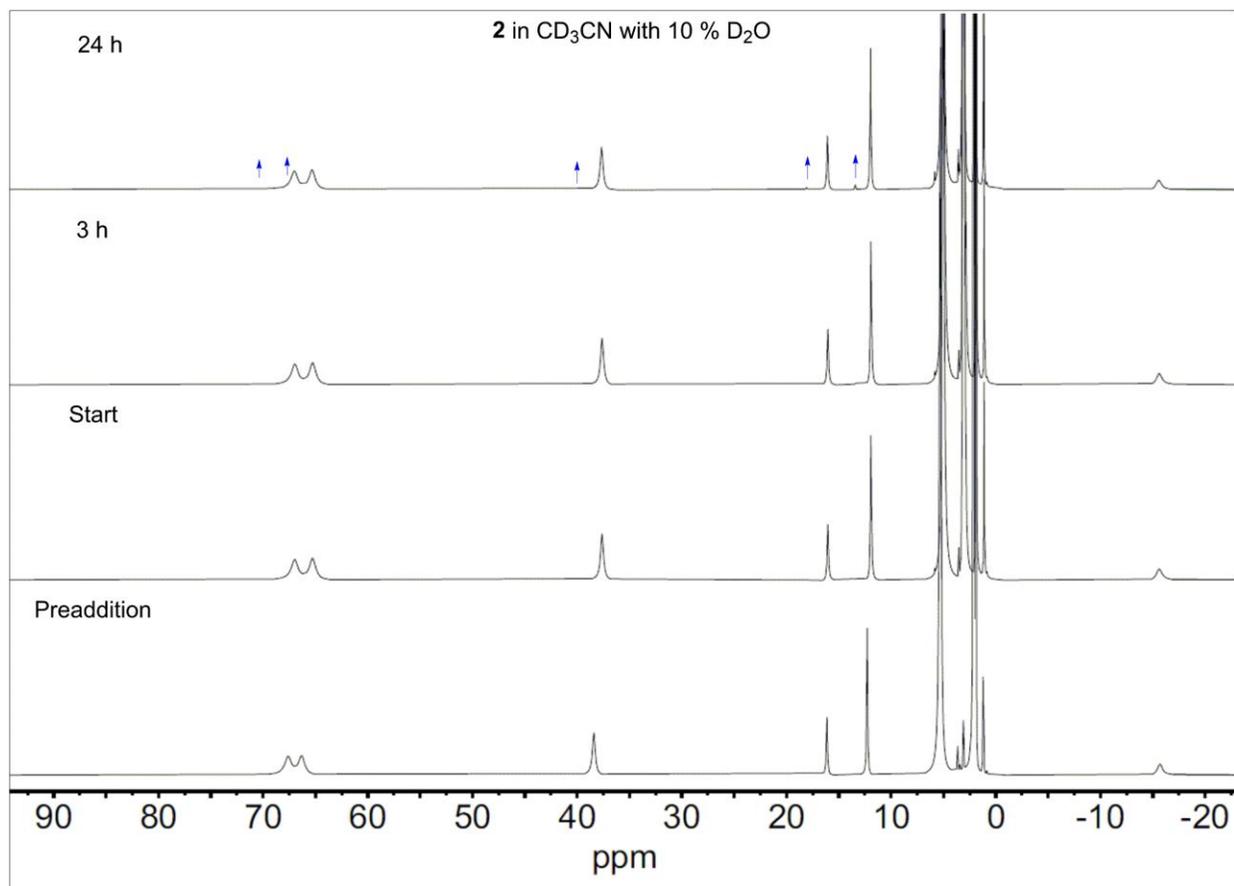


**Figure S42:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **1** over time in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN with 5 equivalents of NEt<sub>3</sub> and 10% D<sub>2</sub>O (v:v).



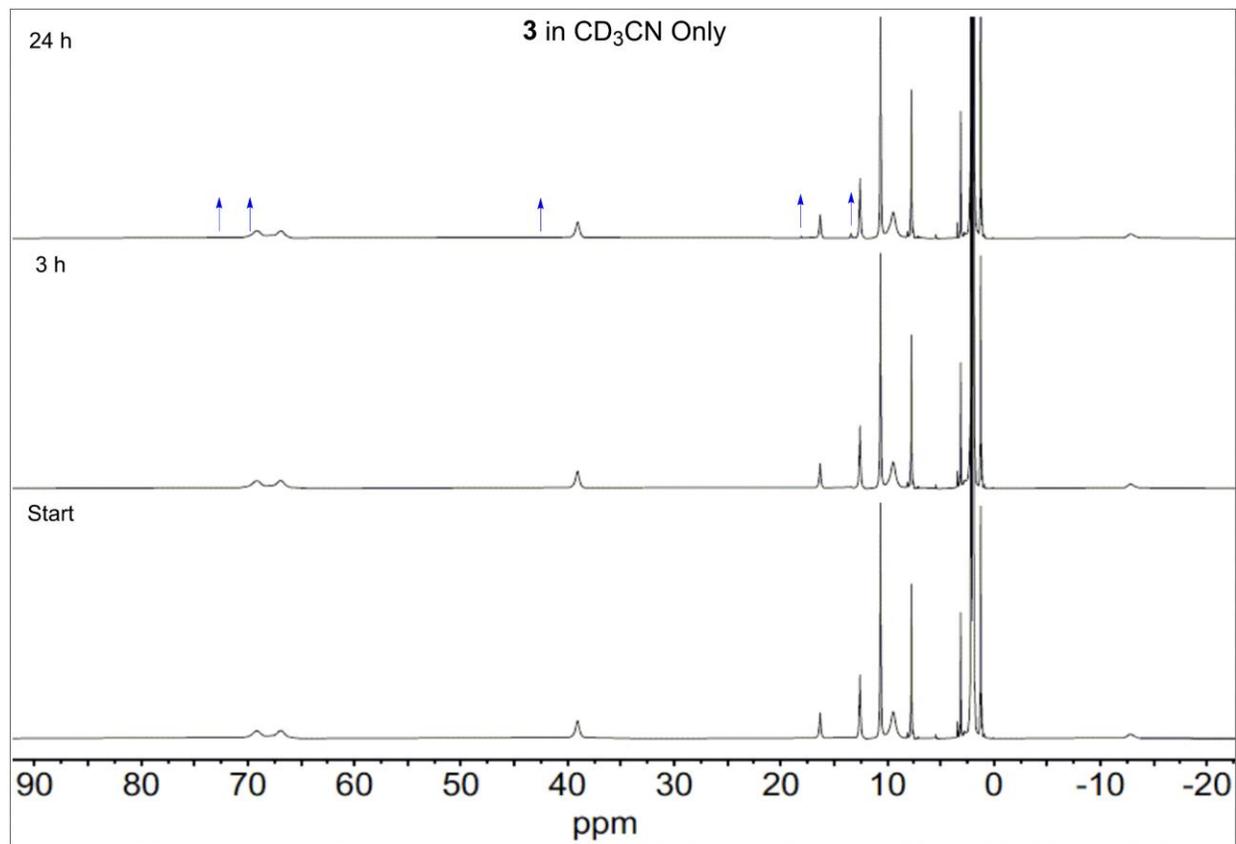
**Figure S43:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **2** over time in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN only.



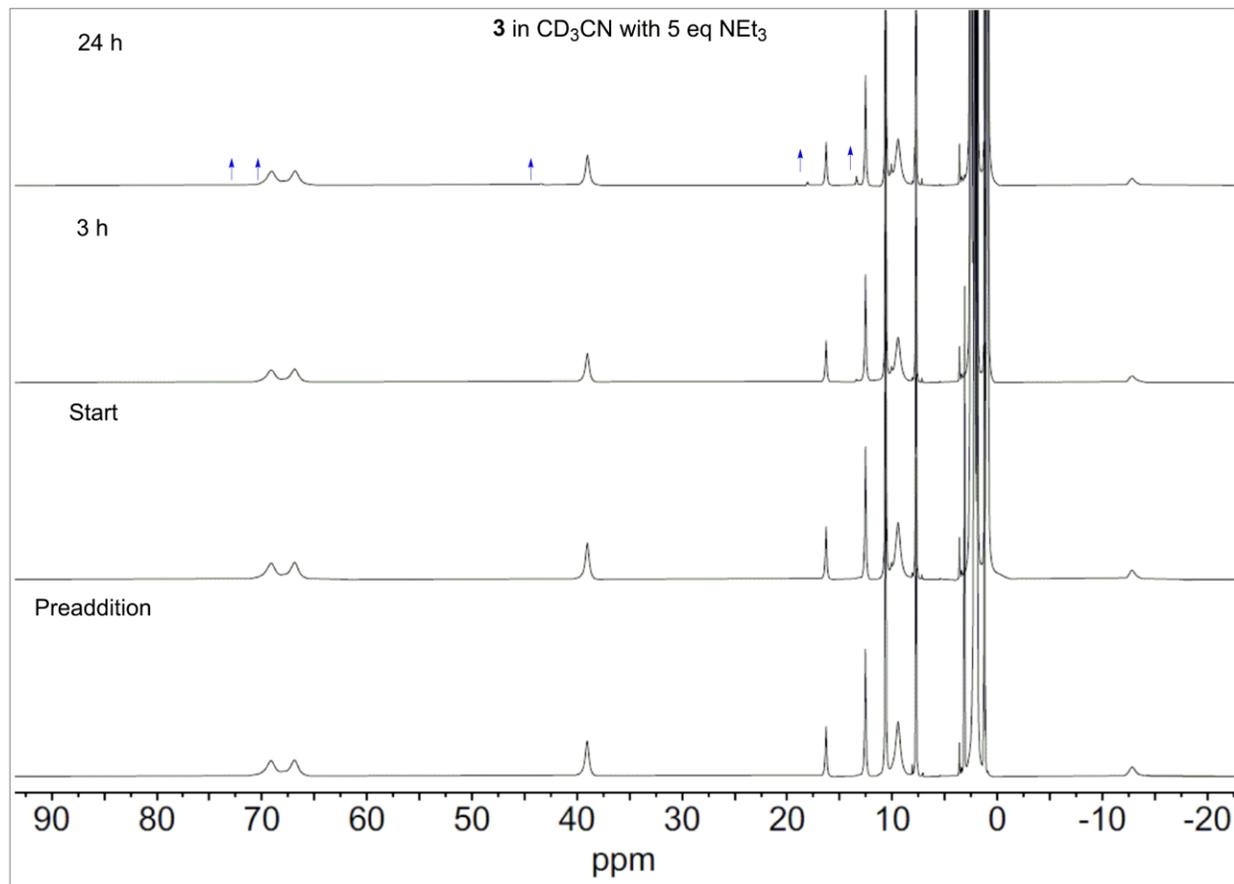


**Figure S45:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **2** over time in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN with 10% D<sub>2</sub>O (v:v).

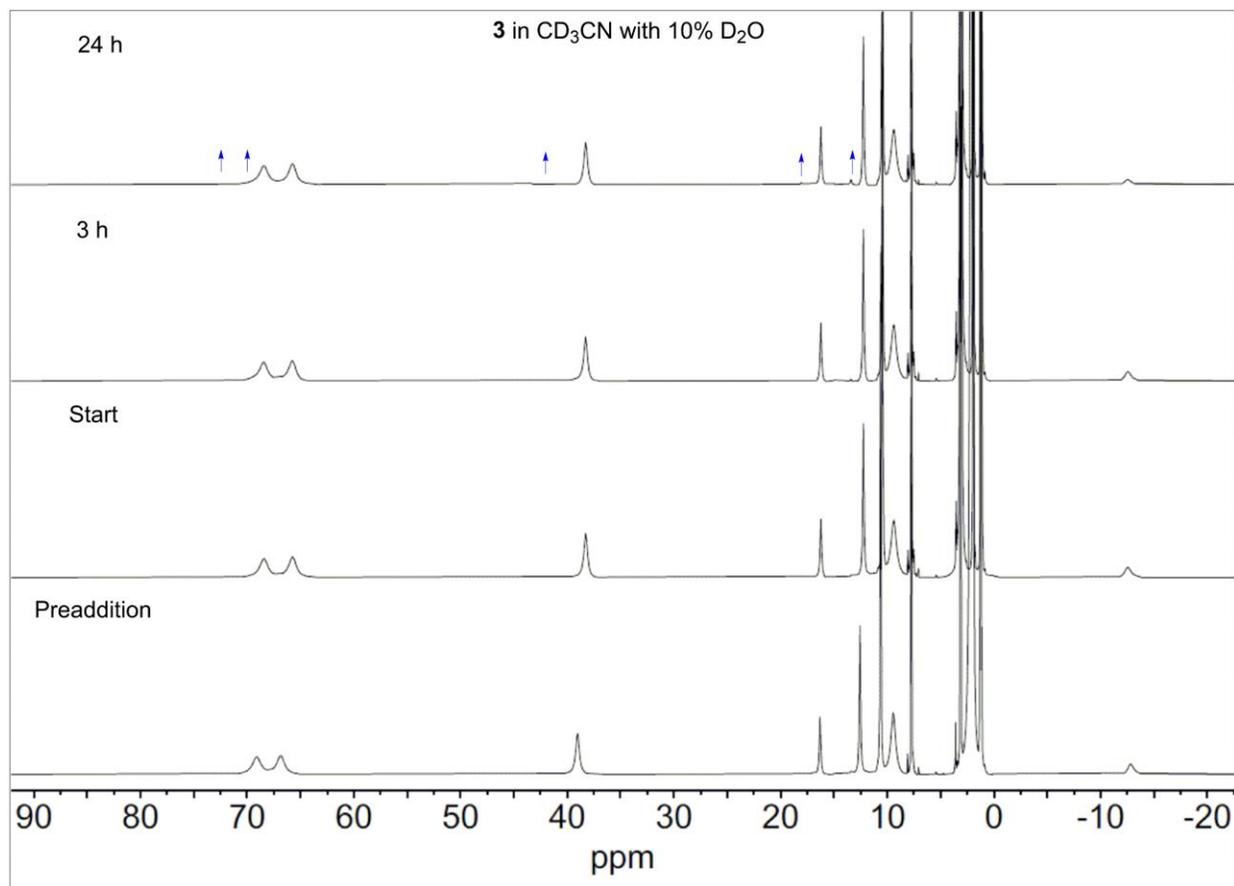




**Figure S47:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **3** over time in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN only.

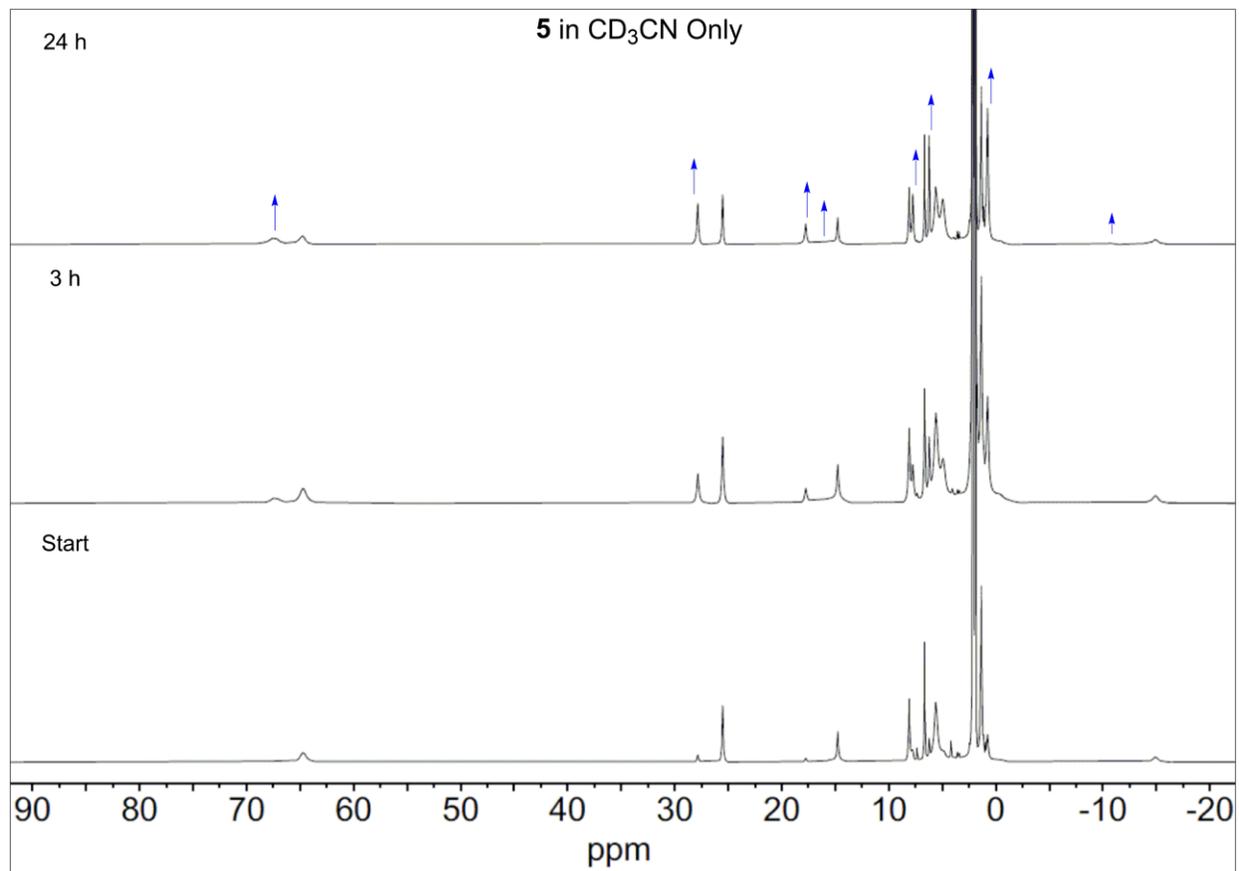


**Figure S48:**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  under paramagnetic conditions for **3** over time in dry  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  with 5 equivalents of  $\text{NEt}_3$ .



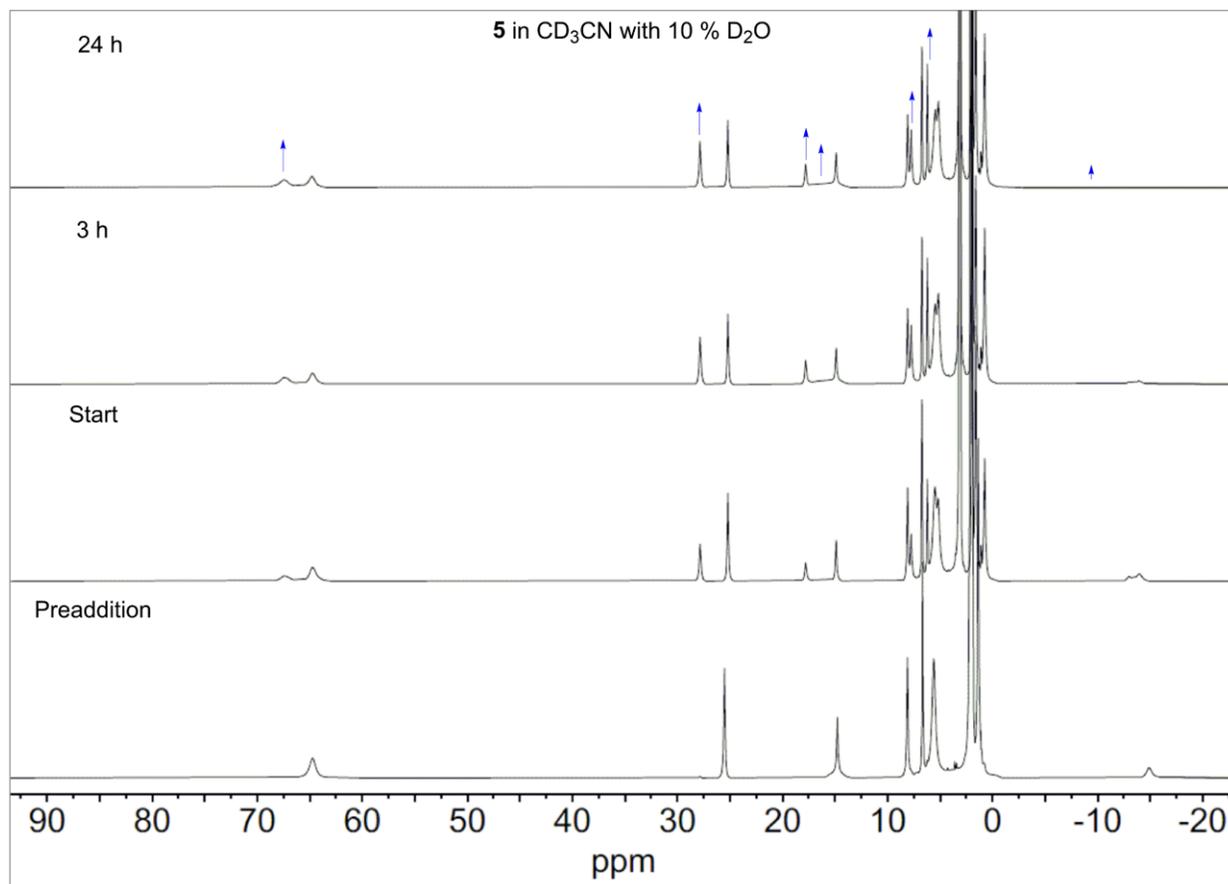
**Figure S49:**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  under paramagnetic conditions for **3** over time in dry  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  with 10%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (v:v).



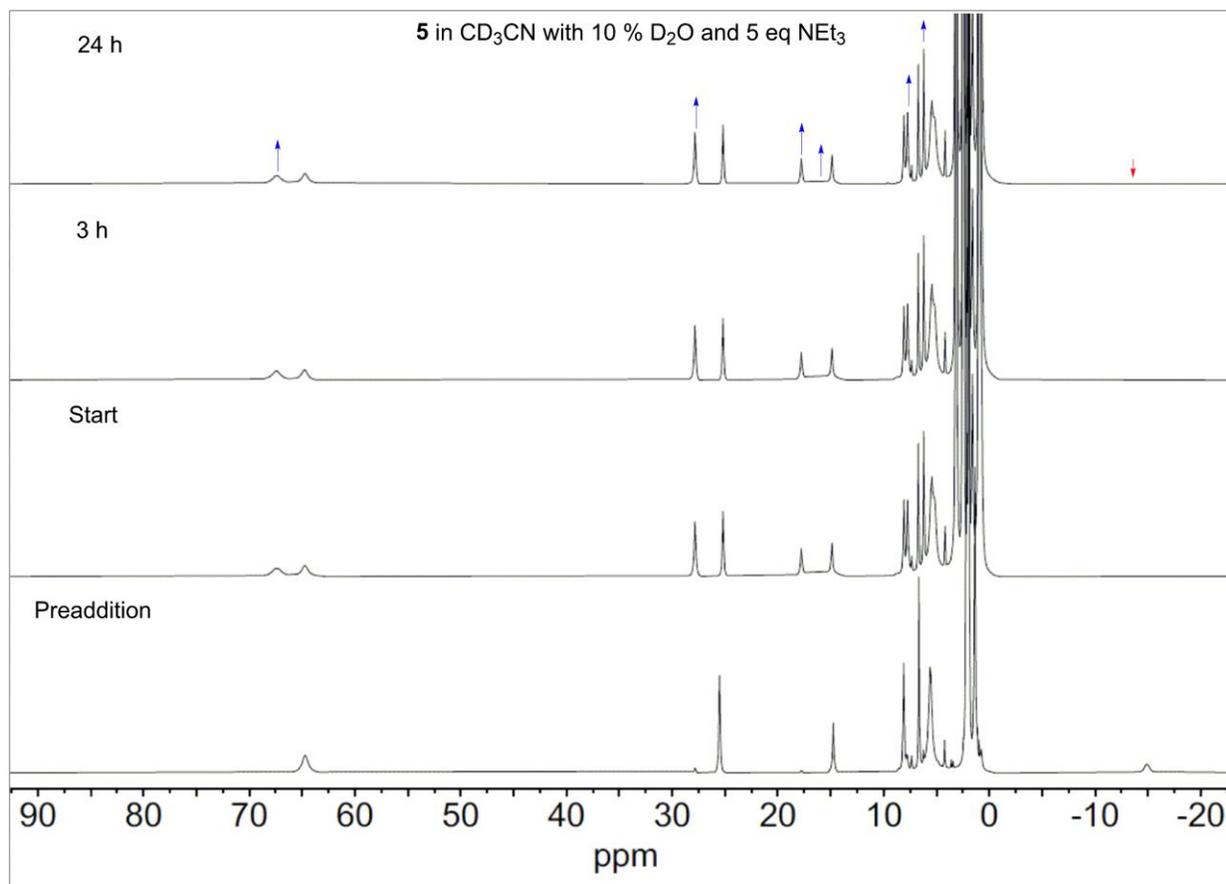


**Figure S51:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **5** over time in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN only.

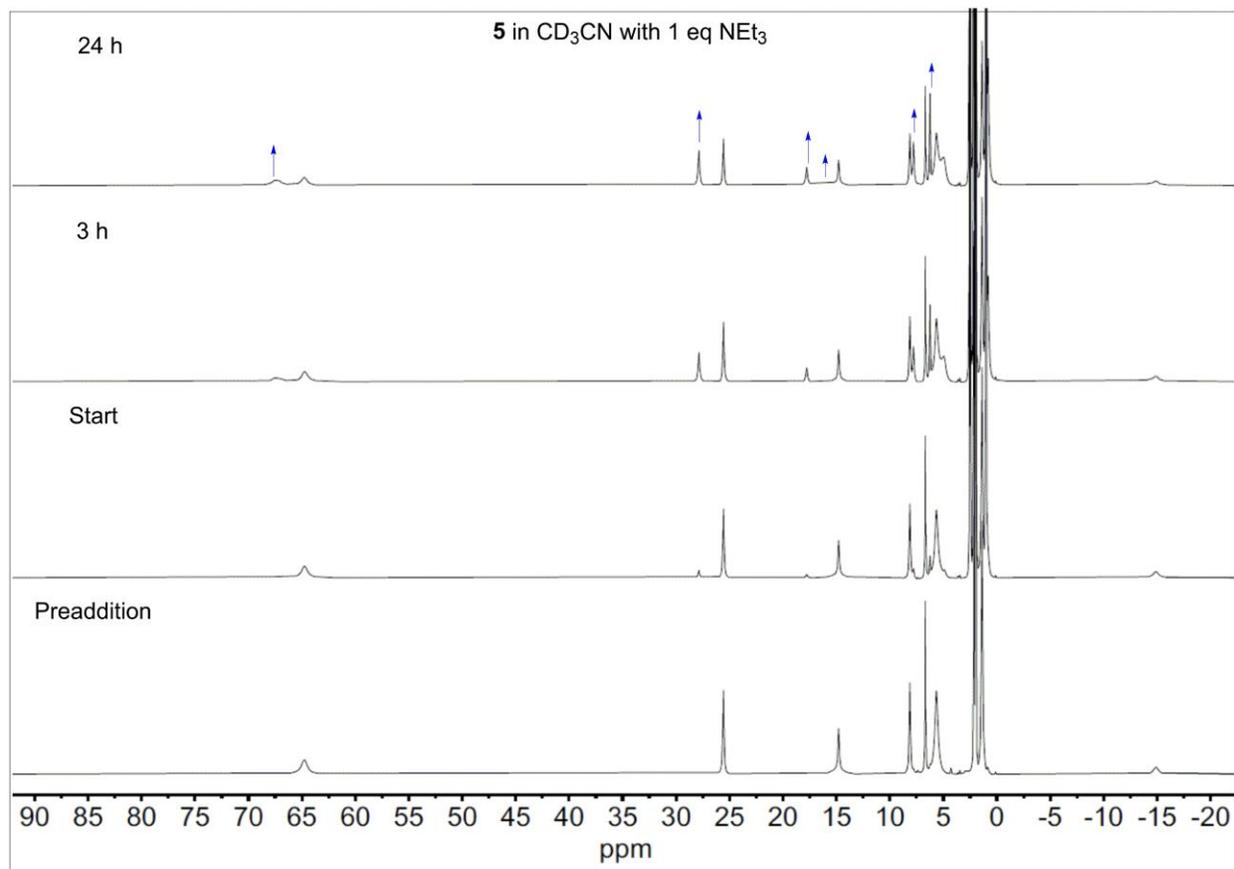




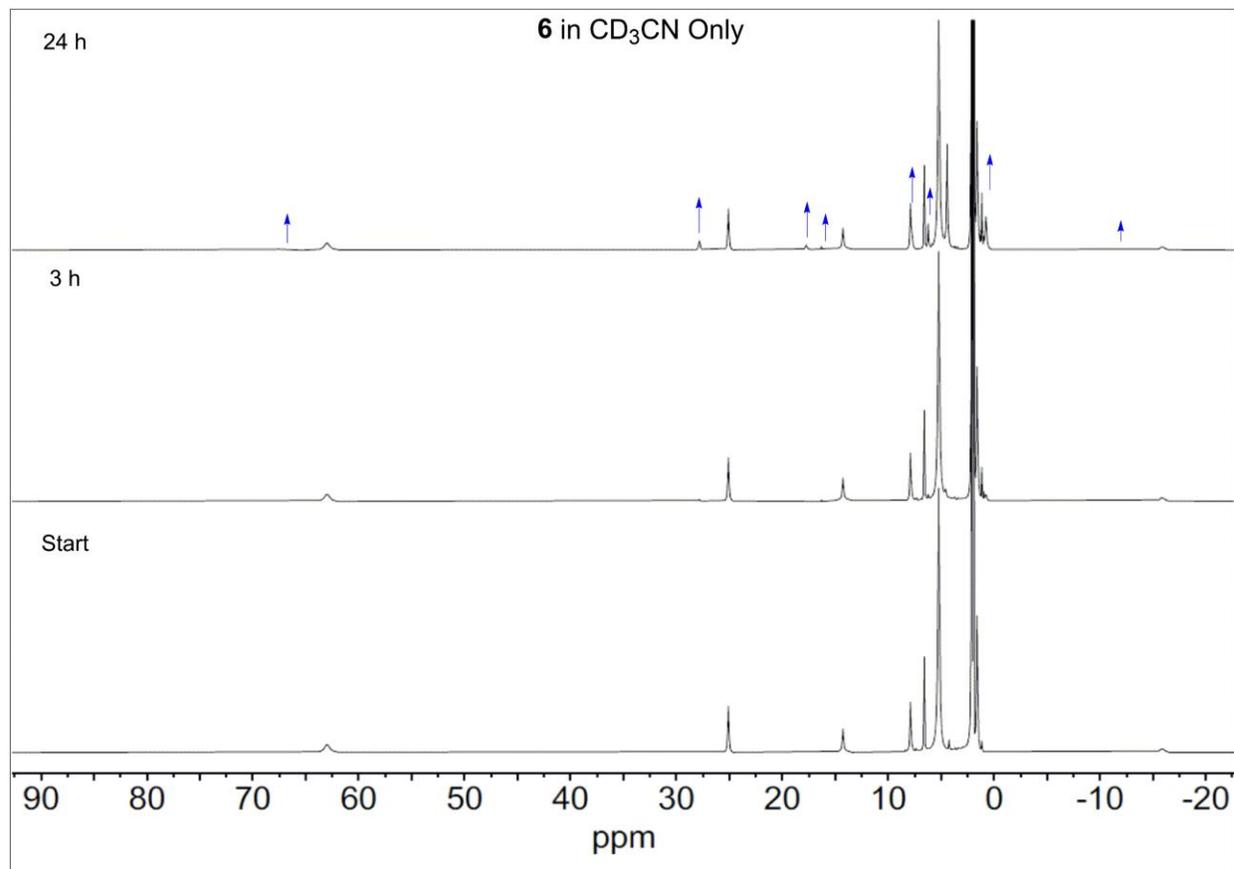
**Figure S53:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **5** over time in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN with 10% D<sub>2</sub>O (v:v).



**Figure S54:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **5** over time in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN with 5 equivalents of NEt<sub>3</sub> and 10% D<sub>2</sub>O (v:v).

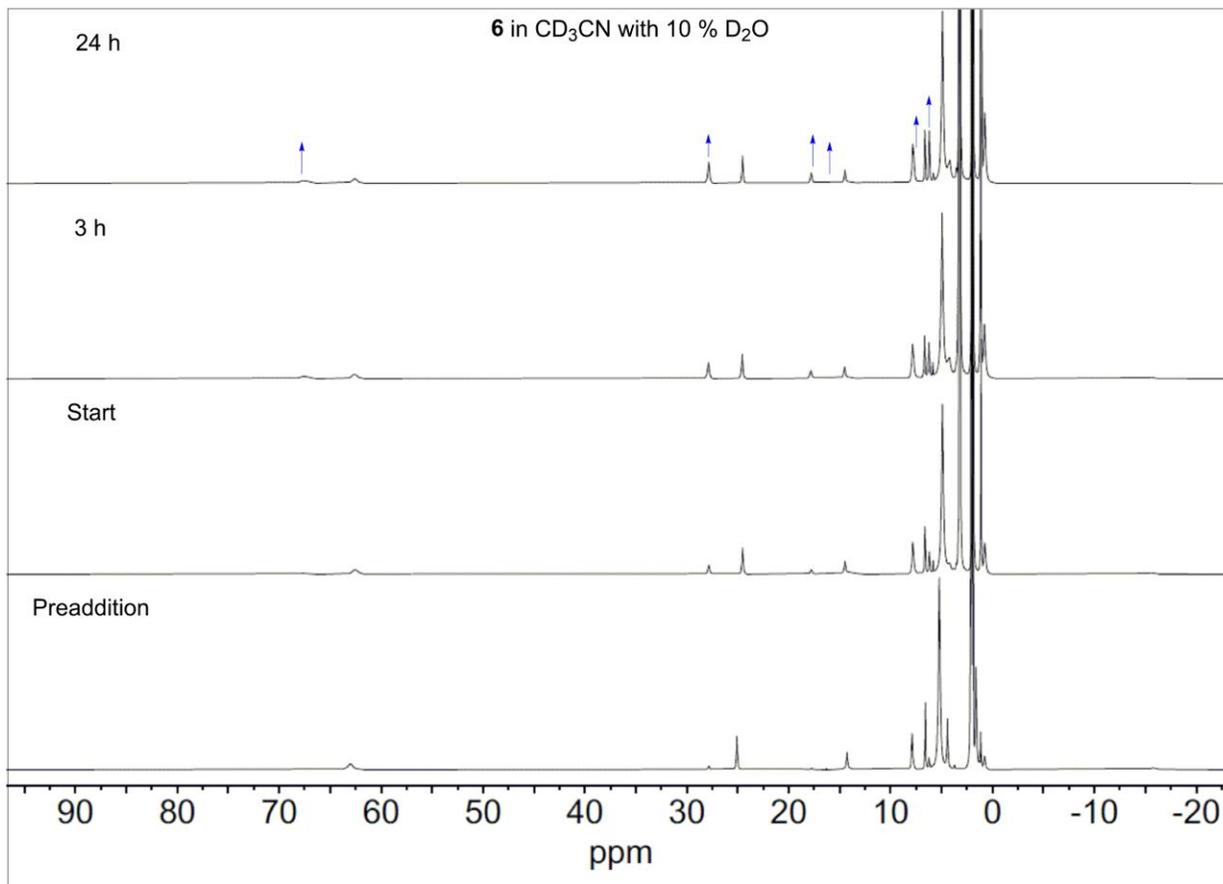


**Figure S55:**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  under paramagnetic conditions for **5** over time in dry  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  with 1 equivalent of  $\text{NEt}_3$ .

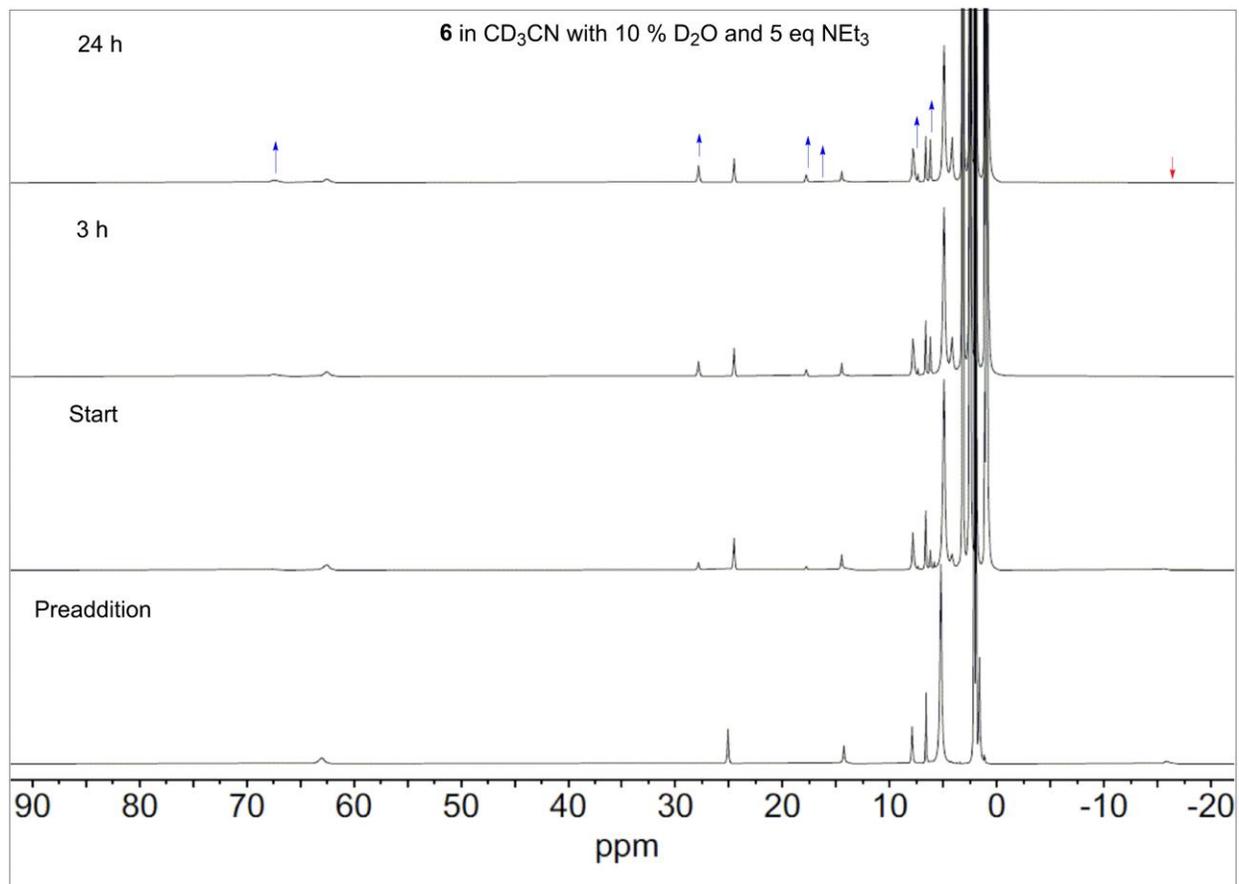


**Figure S56:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **6** over time in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN only.



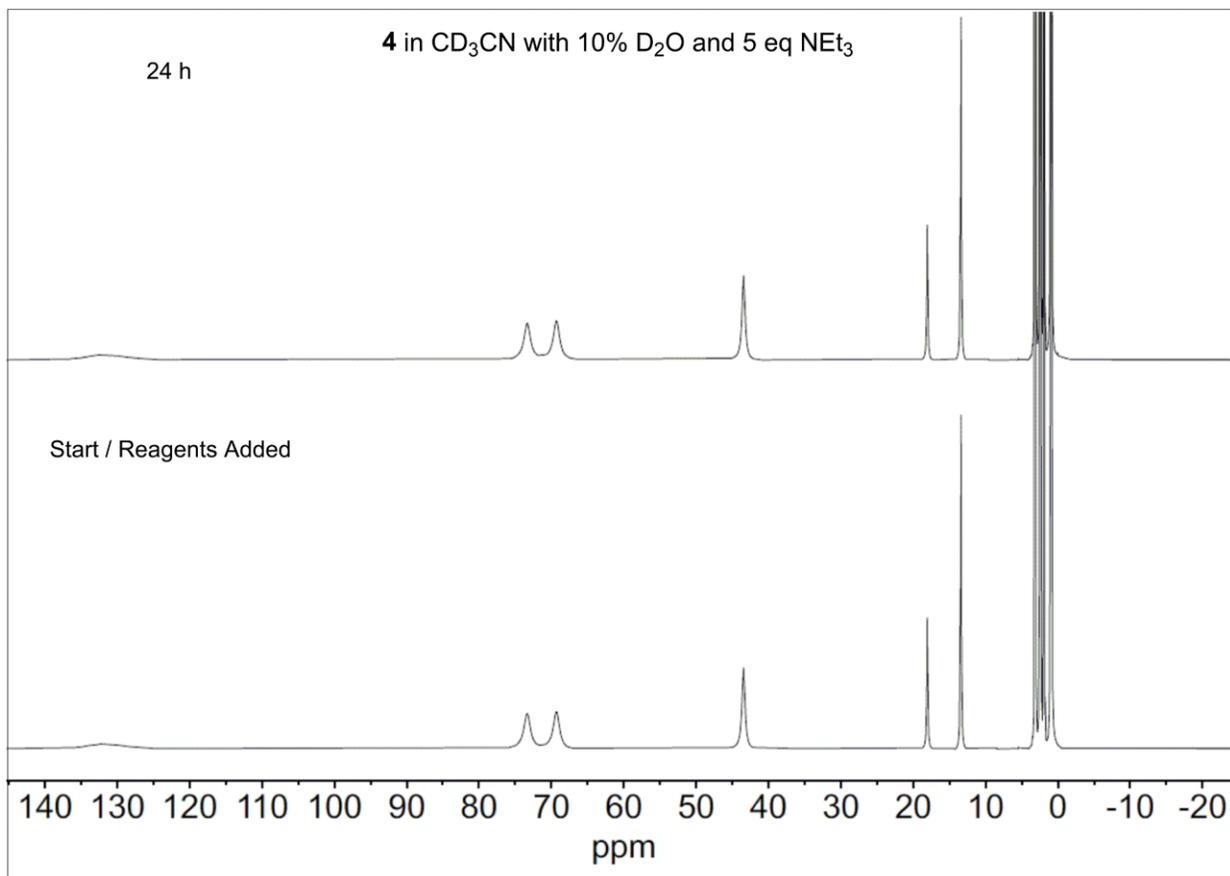


**Figure S58:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **6** over time in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN with 10% D<sub>2</sub>O (v:v).

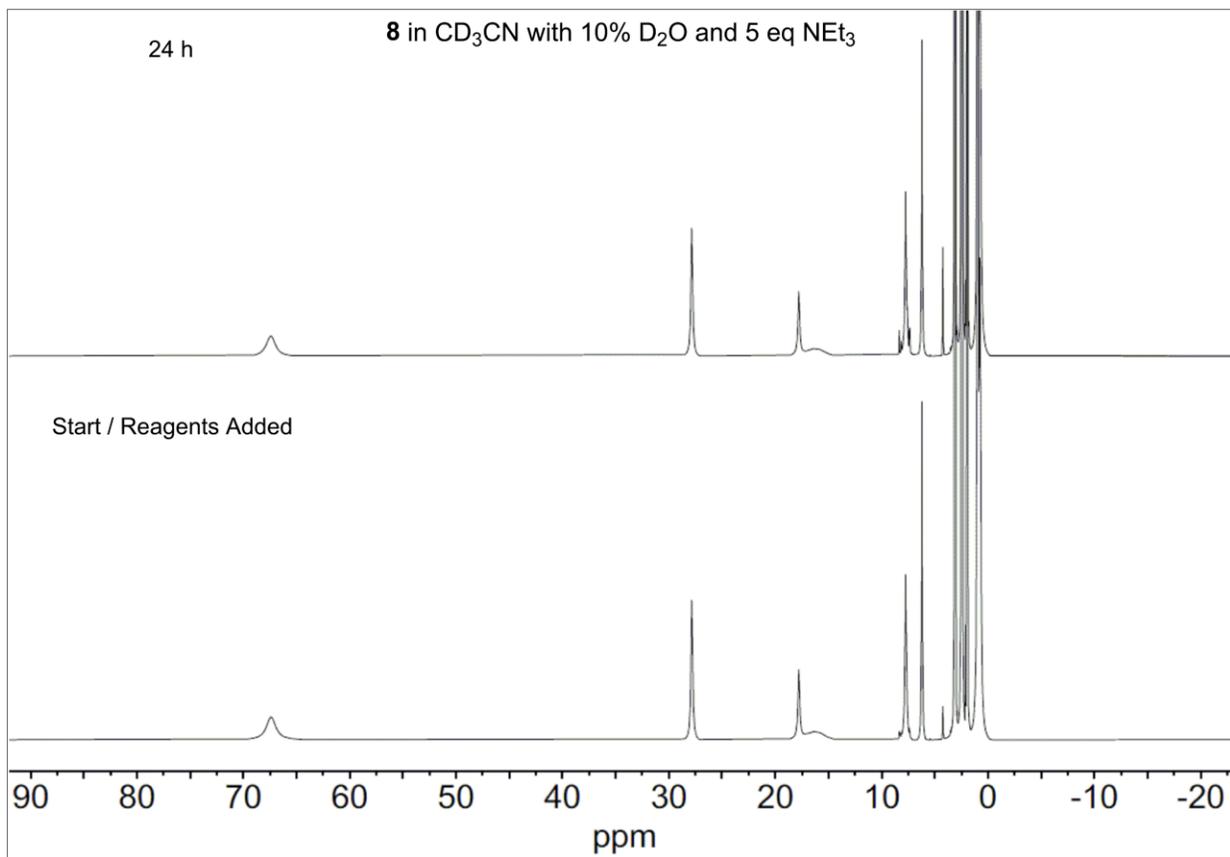


**Figure S59:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **6** over time in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN with 5 equivalents of NEt<sub>3</sub> and 10% D<sub>2</sub>O (v:v).

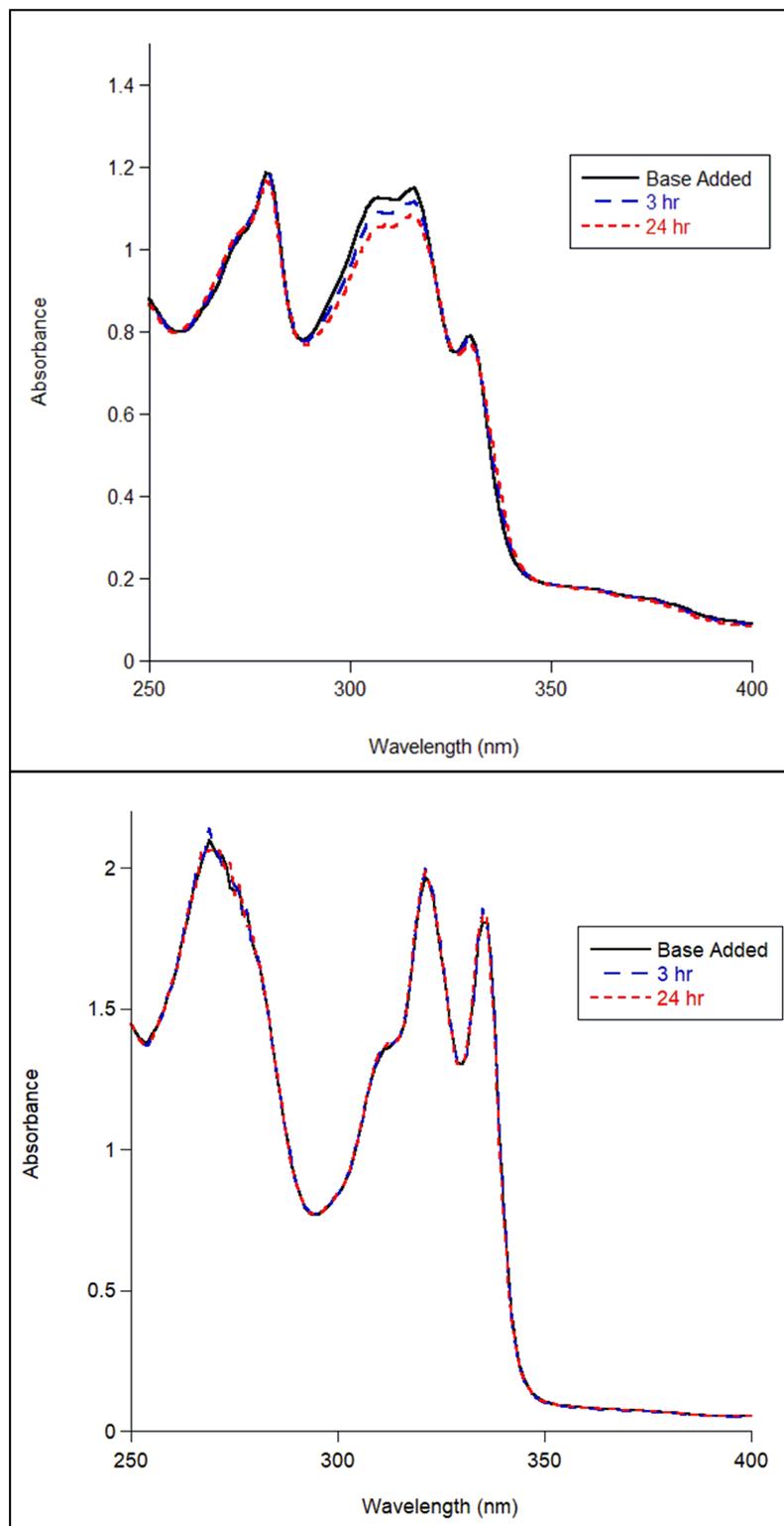




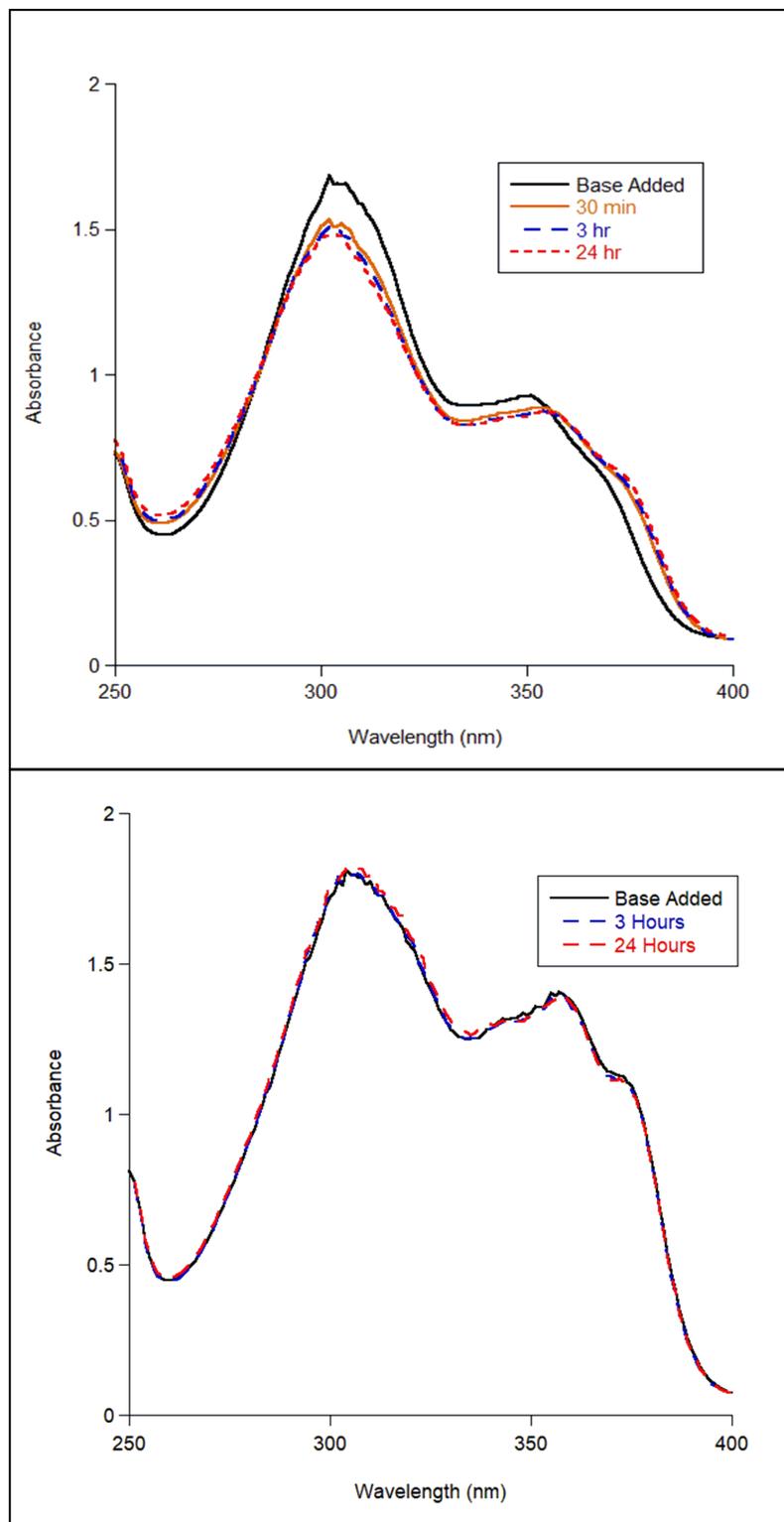
**Figure S61:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **4** at the start and 24 hours later in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN with 5 equivalents of NEt<sub>3</sub> and 10% D<sub>2</sub>O (v:v).



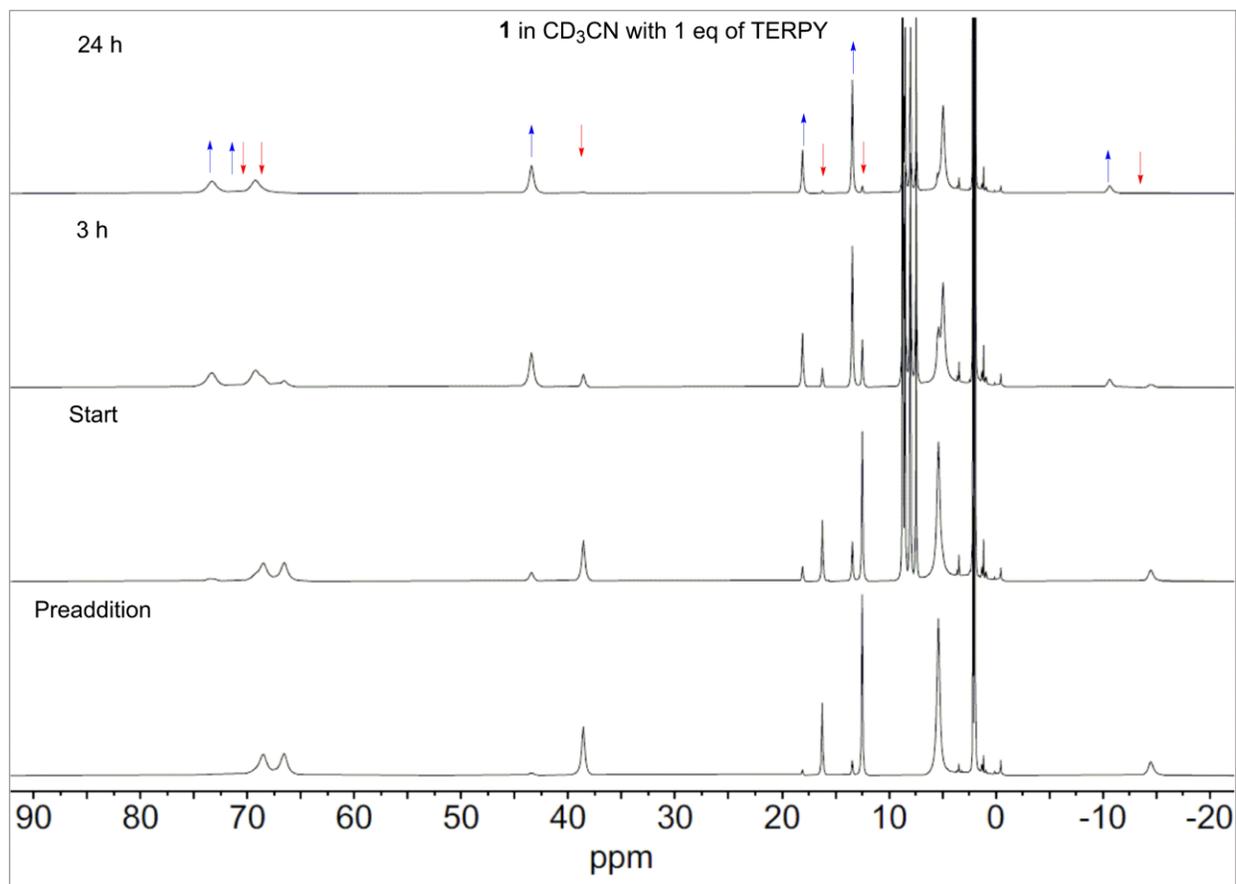
**Figure S62:**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  under paramagnetic conditions for **8** at the start and 24 hours later in dry  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  with 5 equivalents of  $\text{NEt}_3$  and 10%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (v:v).



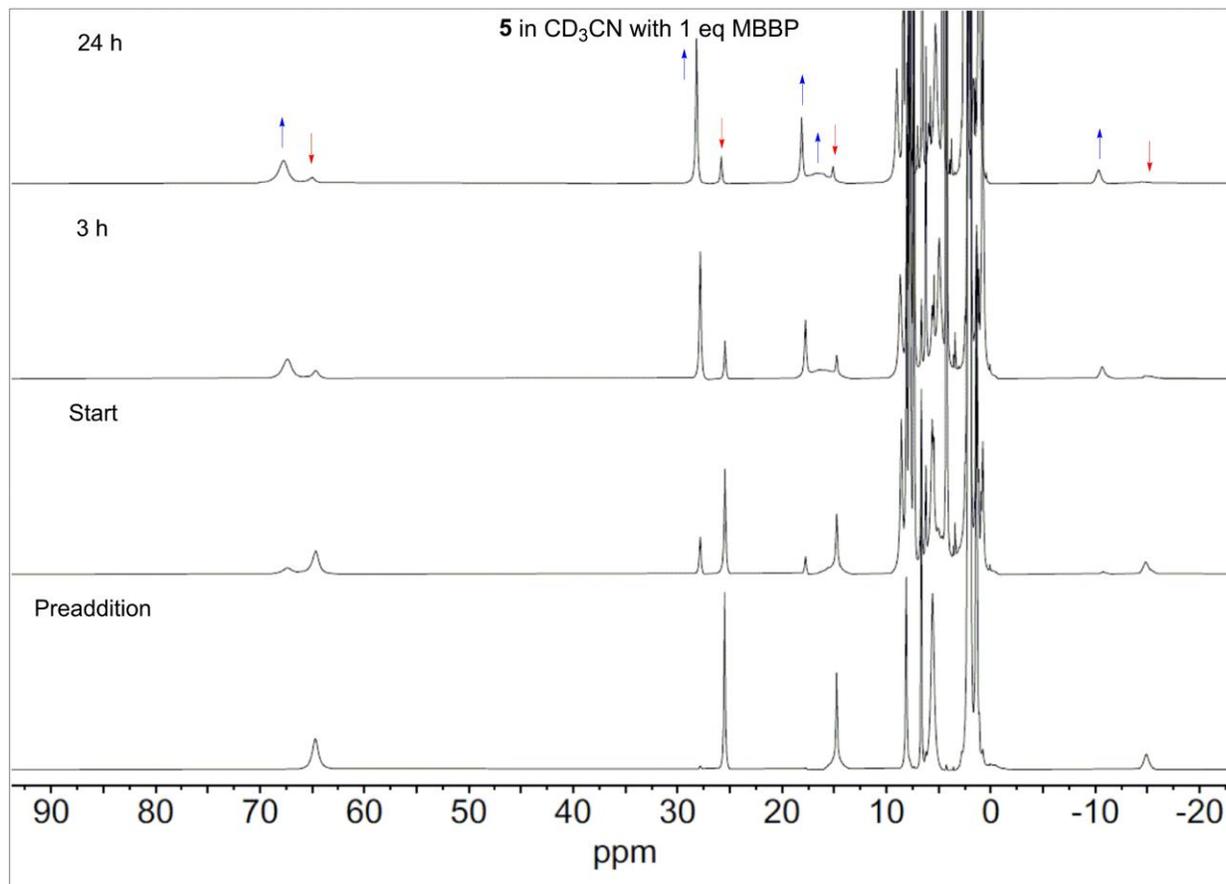
**Figure S63:** UV-Vis absorption spectra of **1** (top) and **4** (bottom) over time. Concentration:  $5.00 \times 10^{-4}$  M. Conditions:  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , 10%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (v:v), 5 eq  $\text{NEt}_3$ , RT.



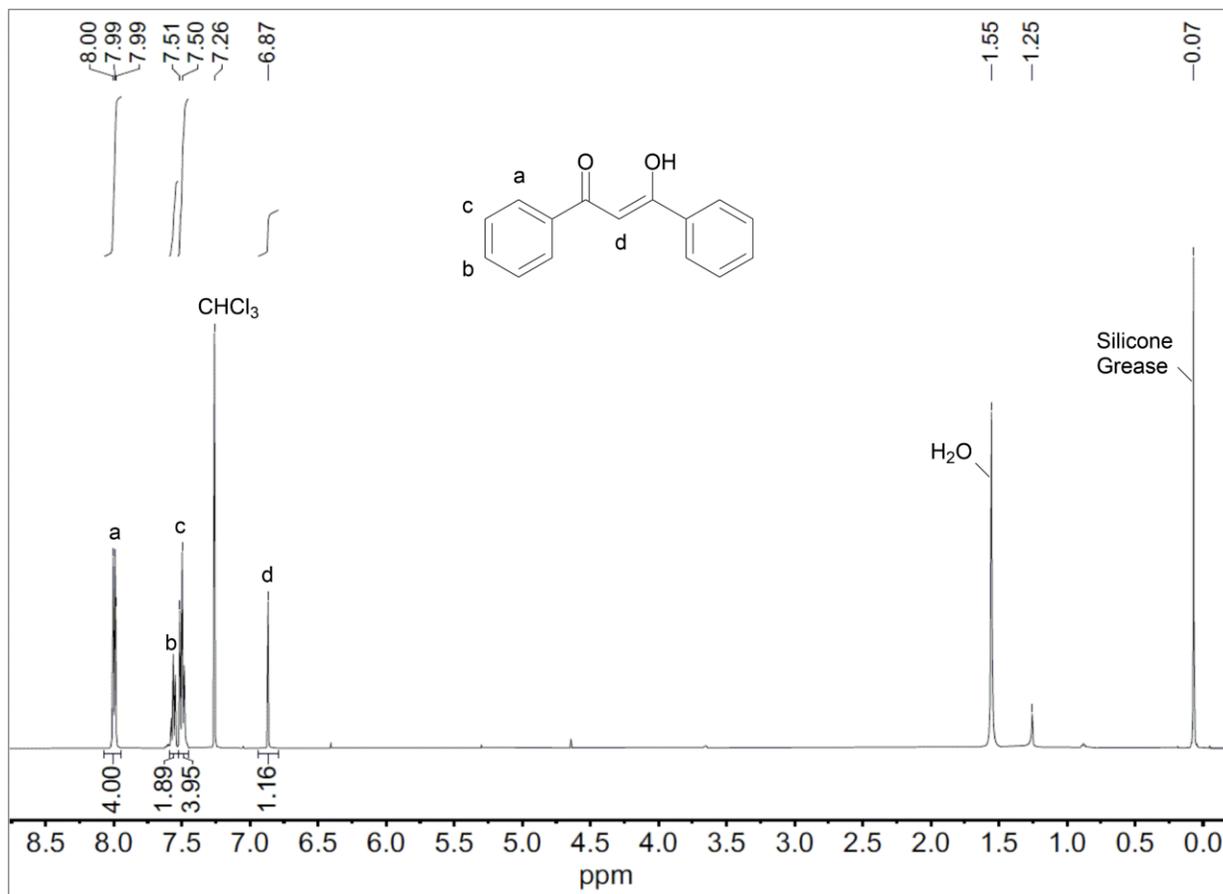
**Figure S64:** UV-Vis absorption spectra of **5** (top) and **8** (bottom) over time. Concentration:  $5.00 \times 10^{-4}$  M. Conditions:  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , 10%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (v:v), 5 eq  $\text{NEt}_3$ , RT.



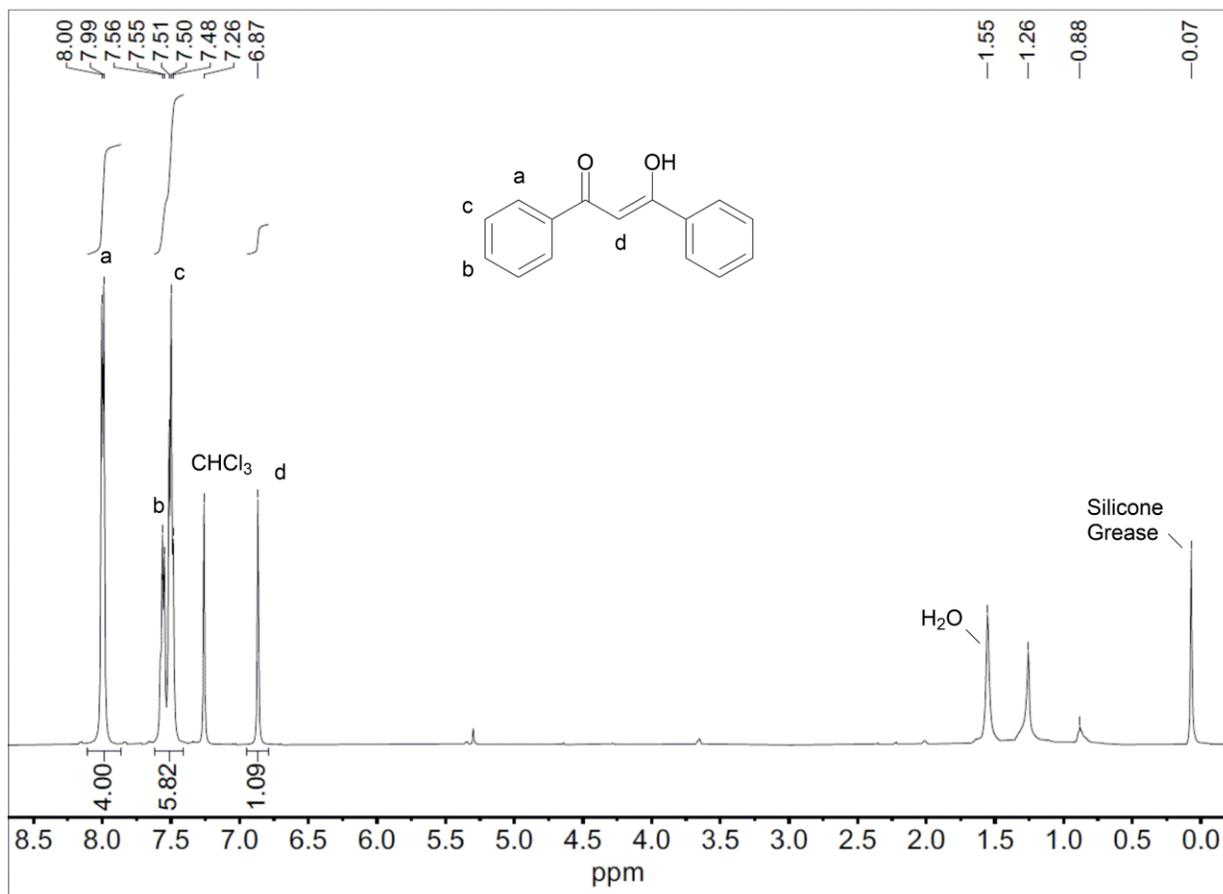
**Figure S65:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **1** over time in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN only with 1 equivalent of TERPY.



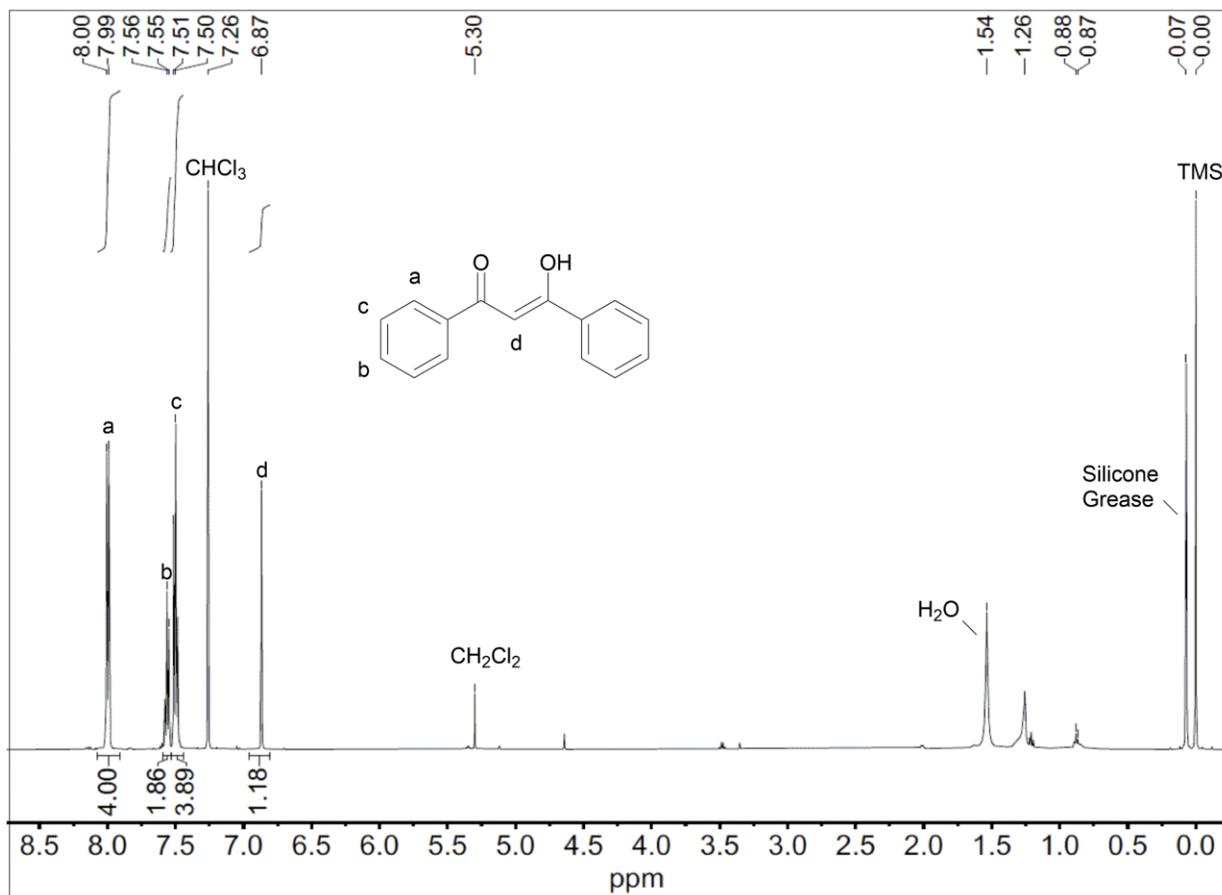
**Figure S66:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR under paramagnetic conditions for **5** over time in dry CD<sub>3</sub>CN only with 1 equivalent of MBBP.



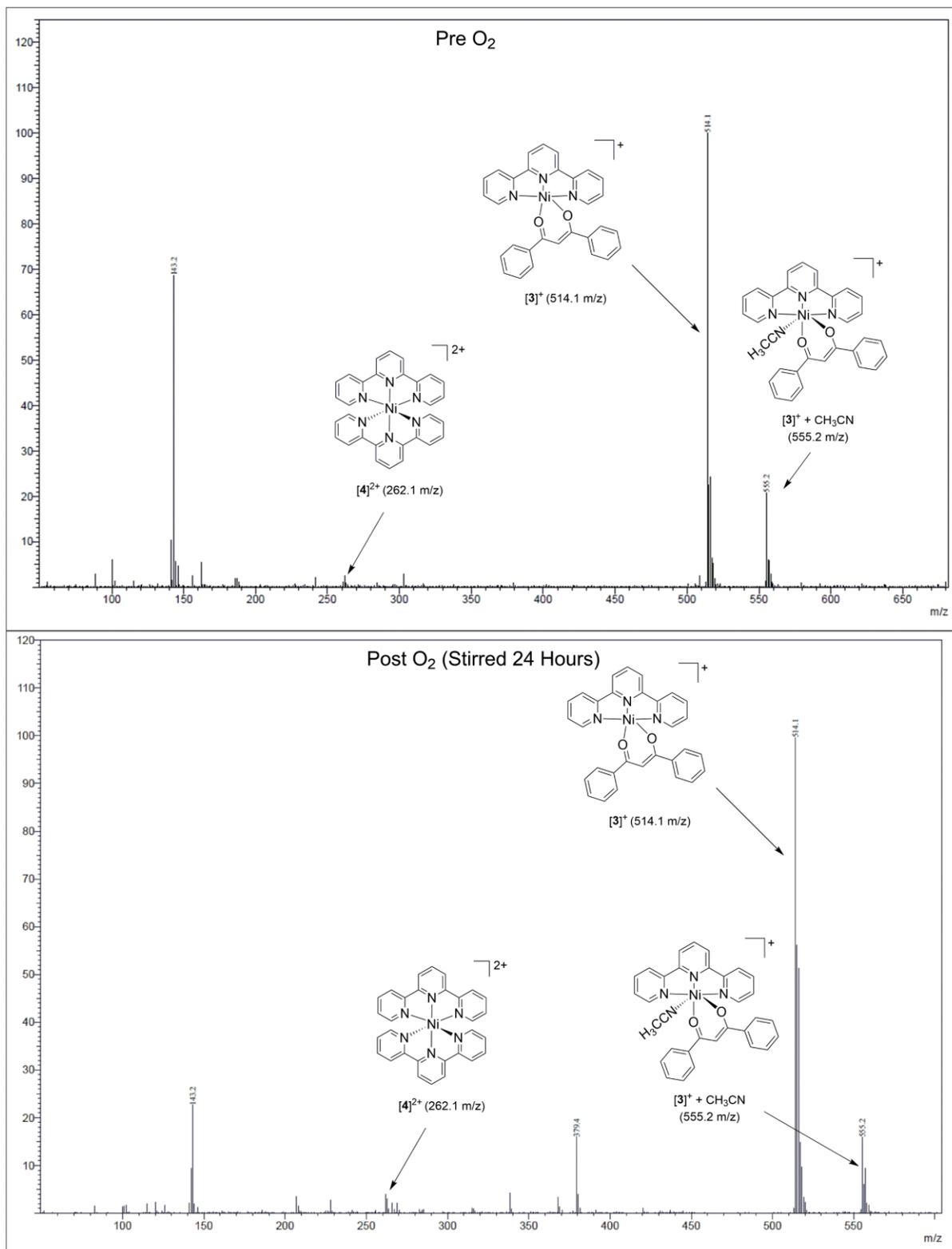
**Figure S67:** Organic recovery of a reaction mixture of **3** after 24 hours in CH<sub>3</sub>CN, 10% H<sub>2</sub>O (v:v) and 100 equivalents of NEt<sub>3</sub> with O<sub>2</sub> (Solvent: CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



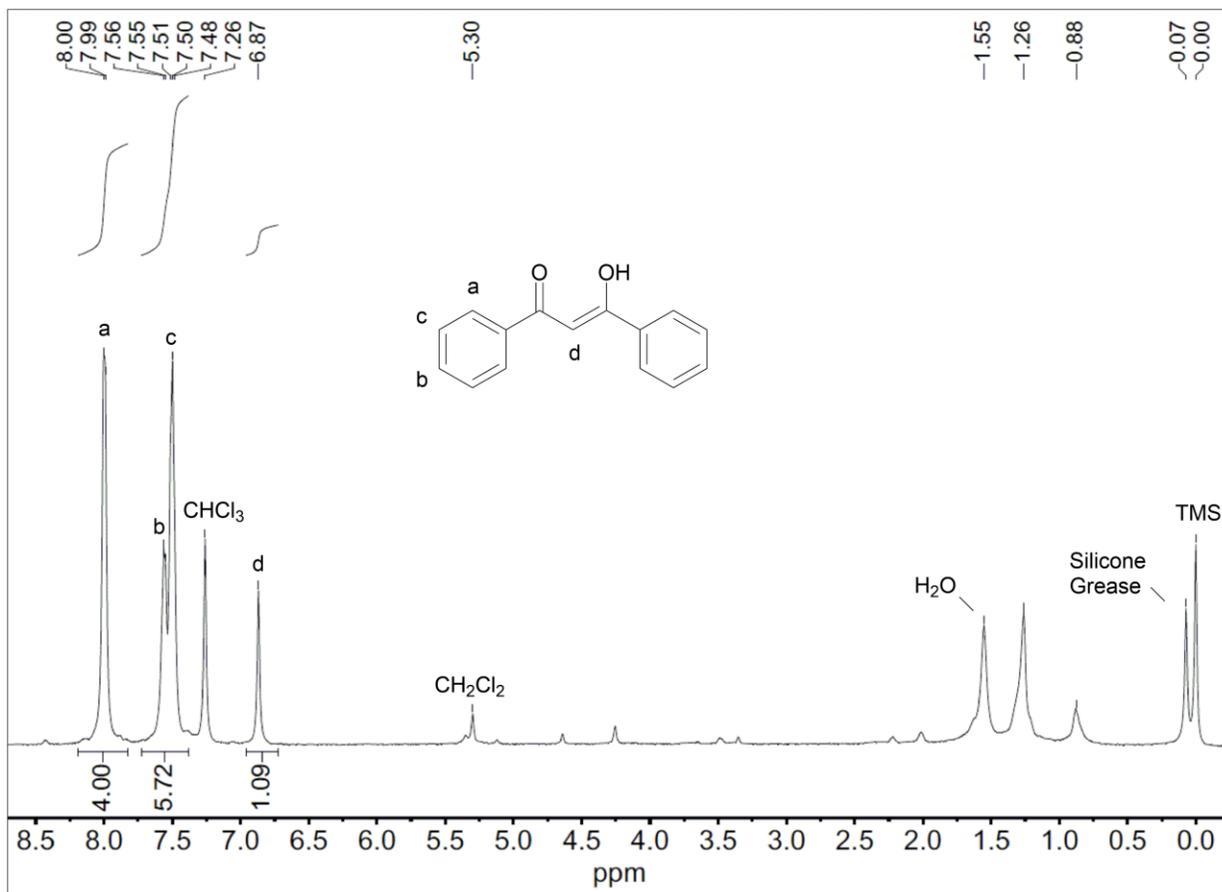
**Figure S68:** Organic recovery of a reaction mixture of **7** after 24 hours in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , 10%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (v:v) and 100 equivalents of  $\text{NEt}_3$  with  $\text{O}_2$  (Solvent:  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ). The reagents of **7** were mixed together first for 30 minutes prior to addition of the other reagents.



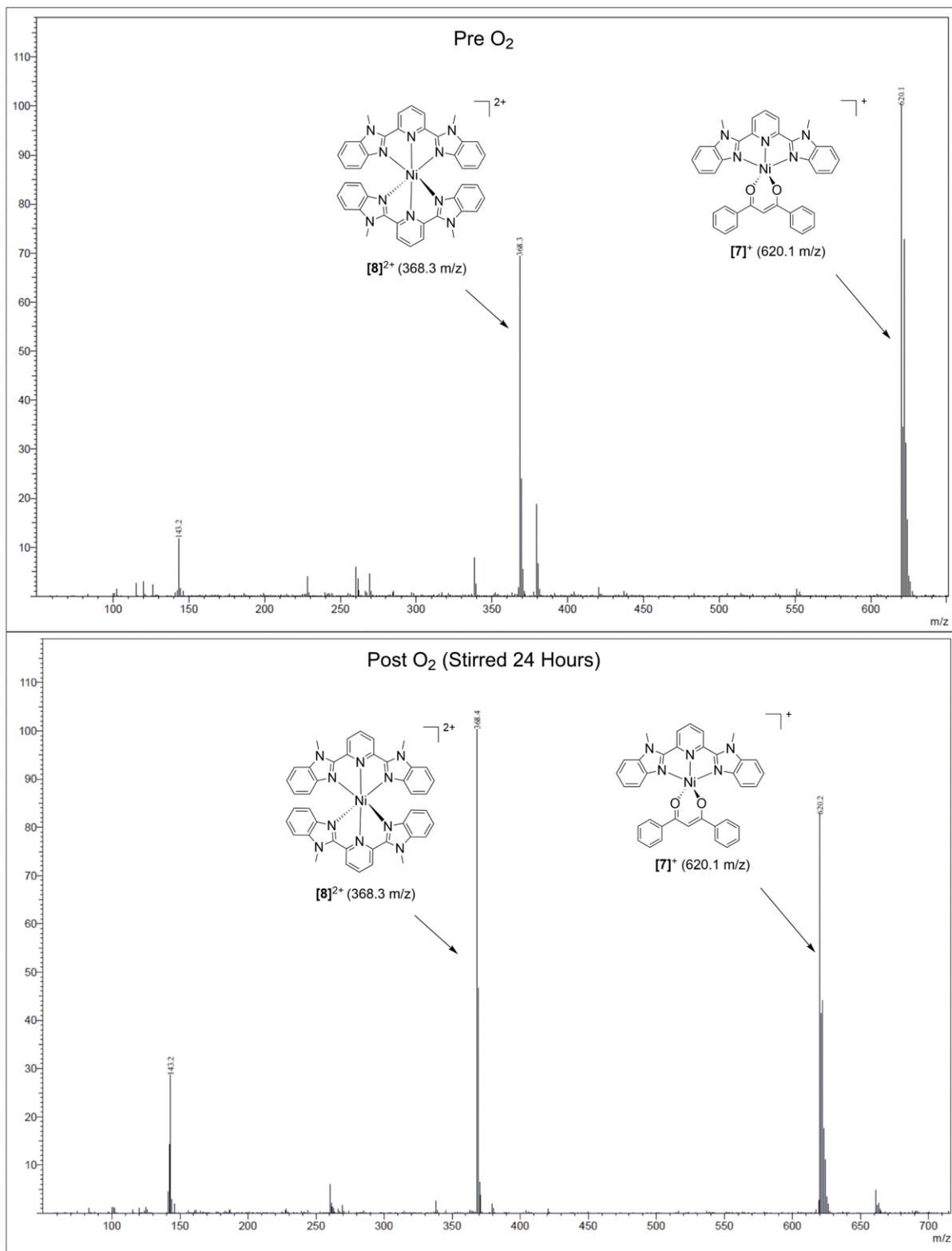
**Figure S69:** Organic recovery of a reaction mixture of **3** after 24 hours in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN and 1 equivalent of NEt<sub>3</sub> with O<sub>2</sub> (Solvent: CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



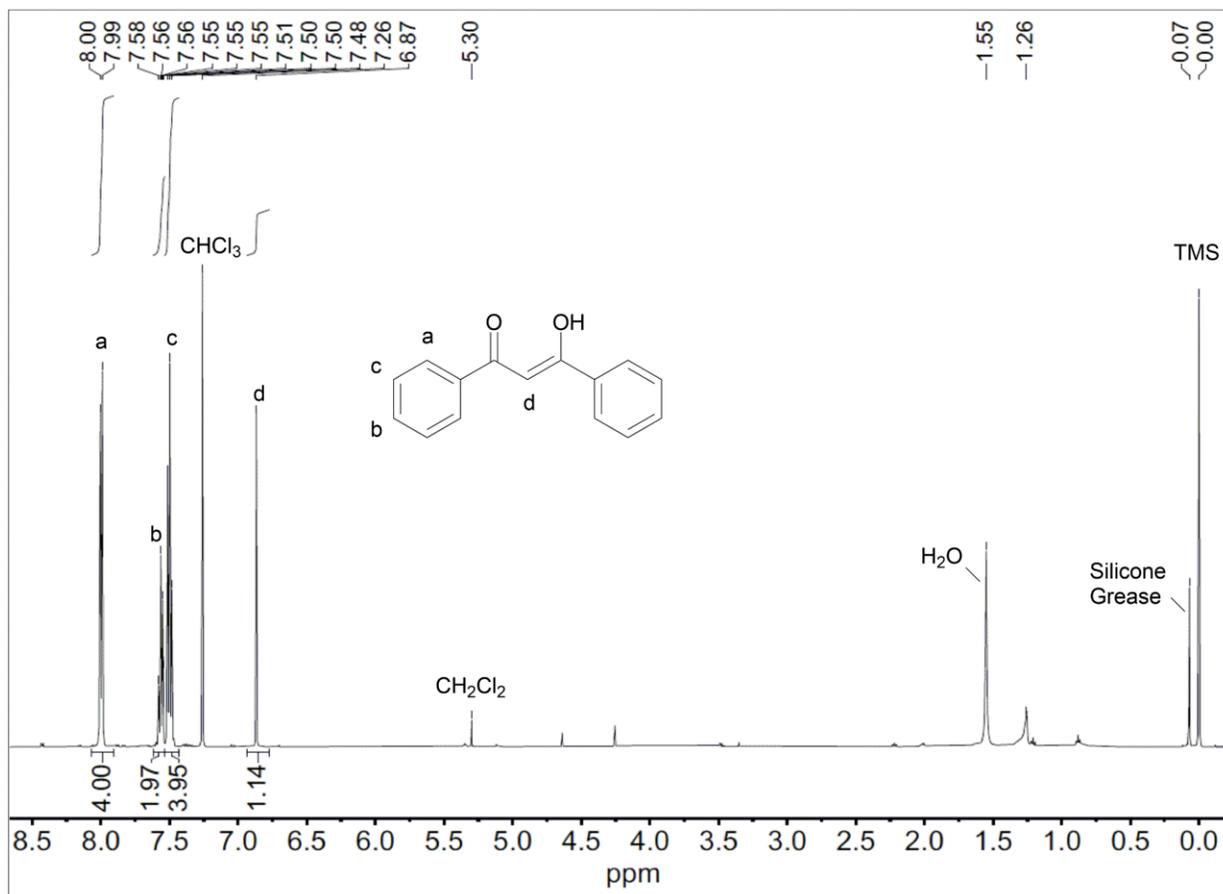
**Figure S70:** ESI-MS of a reaction mixture of **3** before O<sub>2</sub> purge (top) and O<sub>2</sub> purge and a 24 hour stir period (bottom) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN and 1 equivalent of NEt<sub>3</sub>.



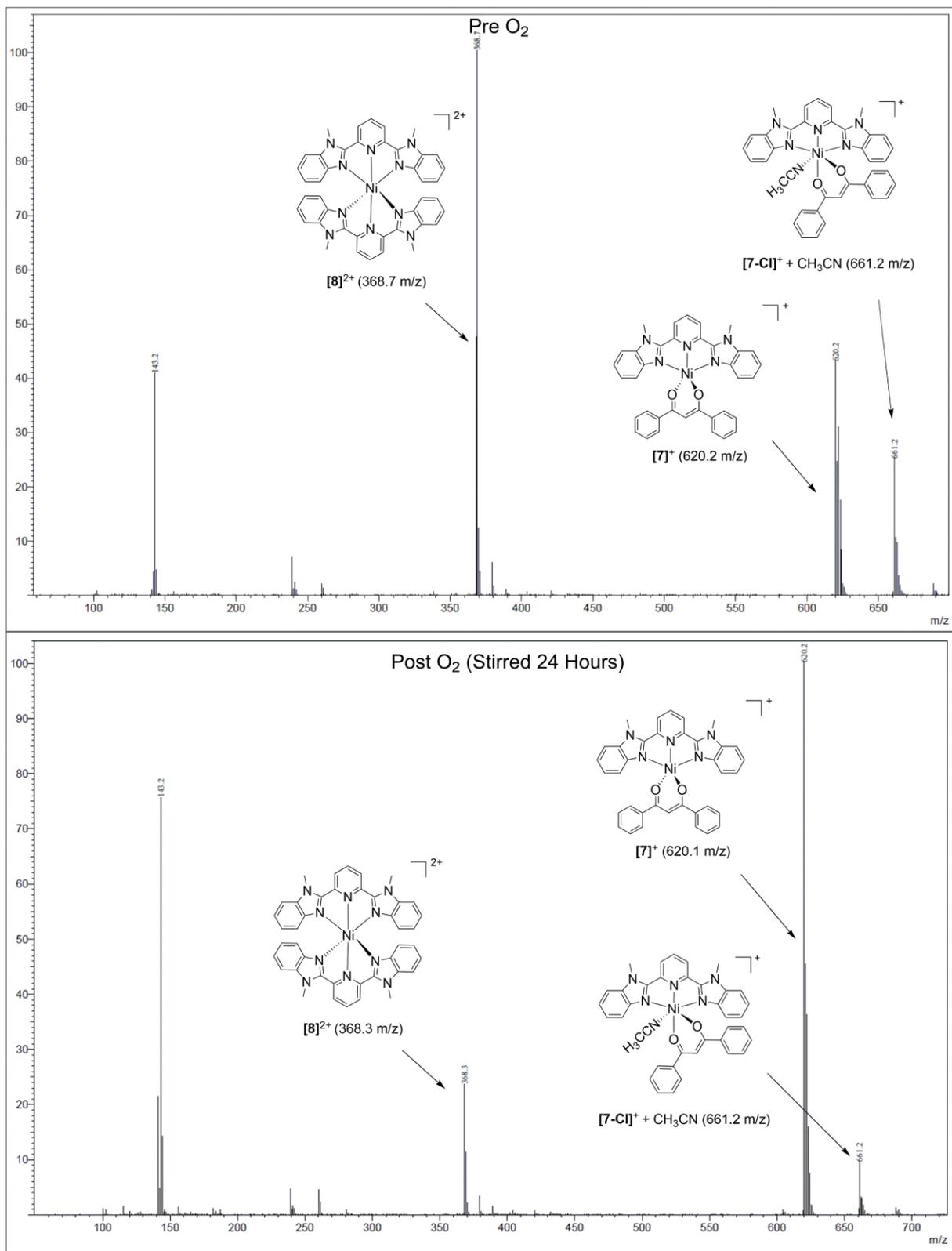
**Figure S71:** Organic recovery of a reaction mixture of **7-ClO<sub>4</sub>** after 24 hours in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN and 1 equivalent of NEt<sub>3</sub> with O<sub>2</sub> (Solvent: CDCl<sub>3</sub>). The reagents of **7-ClO<sub>4</sub>** were mixed together first for 30 minutes prior to addition of the other reagents.



**Figure S72:** ESI-MS of a reaction mixture of **7-ClO<sub>4</sub>** before O<sub>2</sub> purge (top) and O<sub>2</sub> purge and a 24 hour stir period (bottom) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN and 1 equivalent of NEt<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S73:** Organic recovery of a reaction mixture of **7-Cl** after 24 hours in dry  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  and 1 equivalent of  $\text{NEt}_3$  with  $\text{O}_2$  (Solvent:  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ). The reagents of **7-Cl** were mixed together first for 30 minutes prior to addition of the other reagents.



**Figure S74:** ESI-MS of a reaction mixture of **7-Cl** before O<sub>2</sub> purge (top) and O<sub>2</sub> purge and a 24 hour stir period (bottom) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN and 1 equivalent of NEt<sub>3</sub>.