

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### A diazene-bridged diruthenium complex with structural restraint defined by single *meta*-diphosphinobenzene

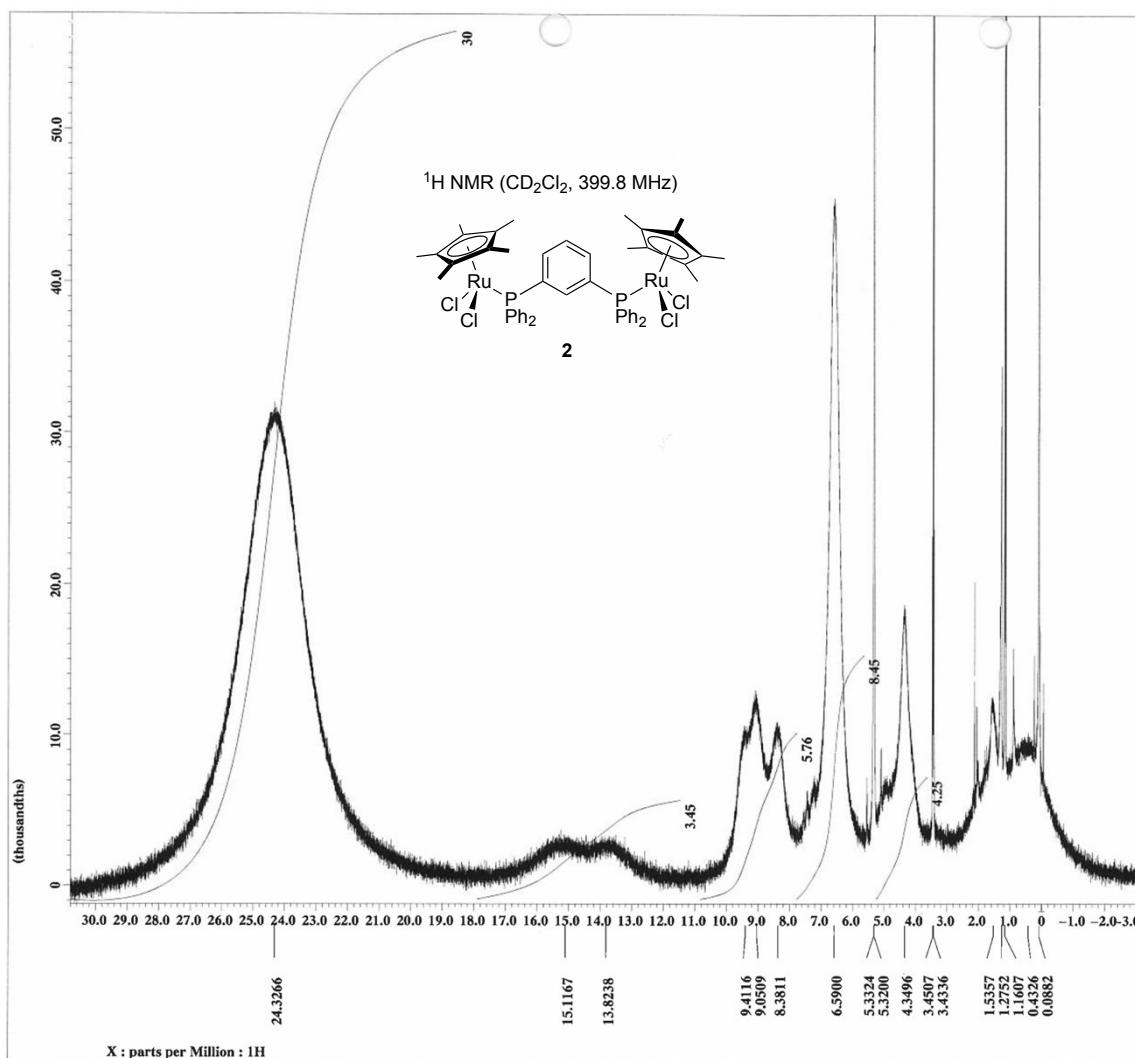
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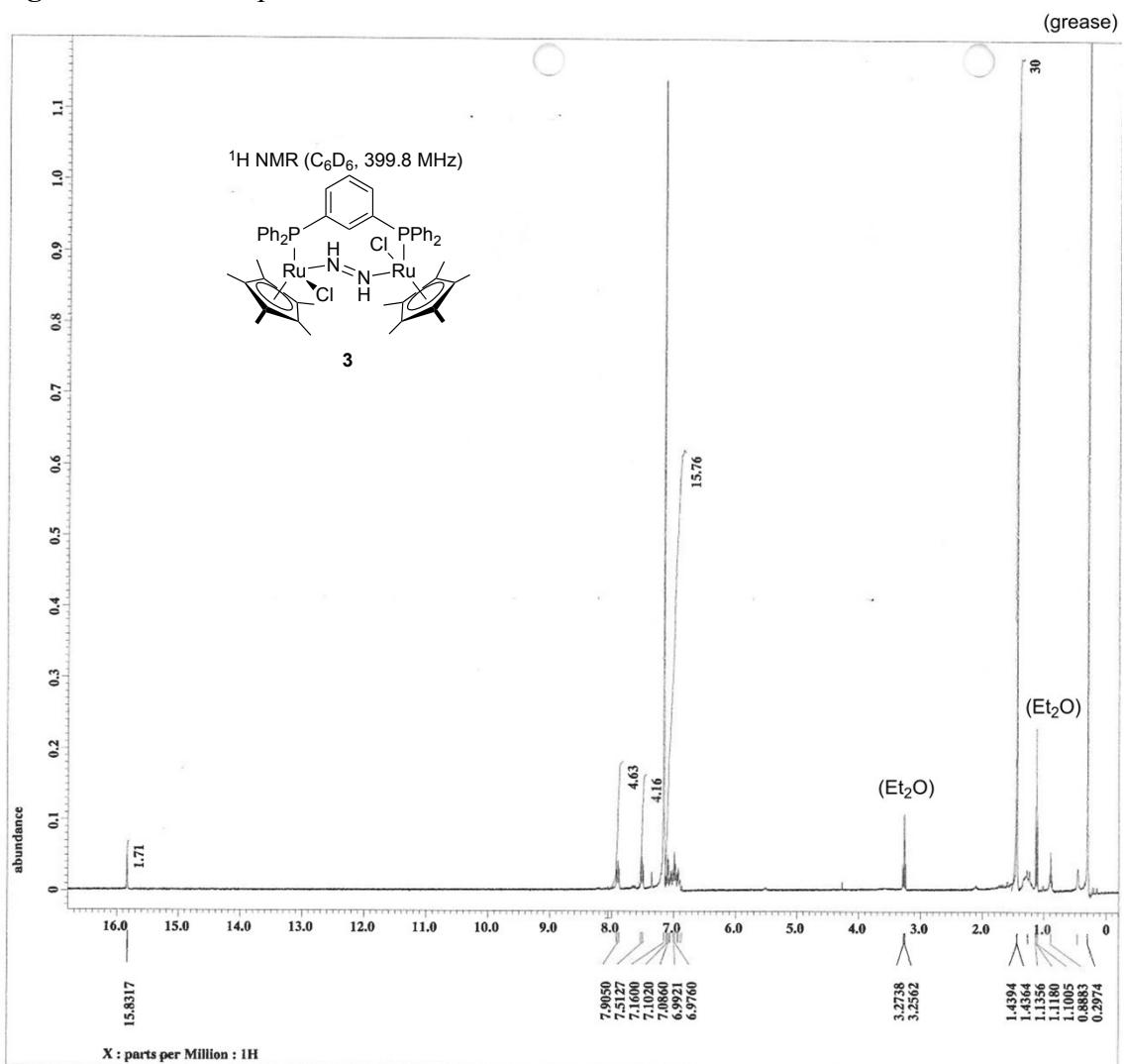
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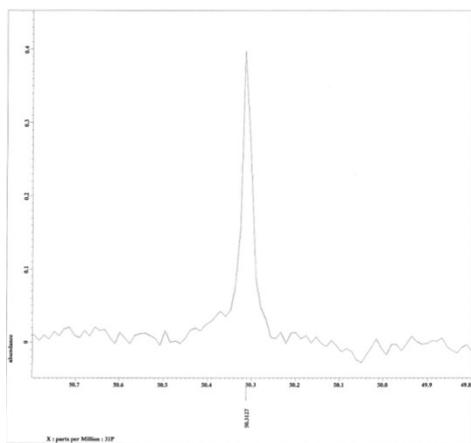
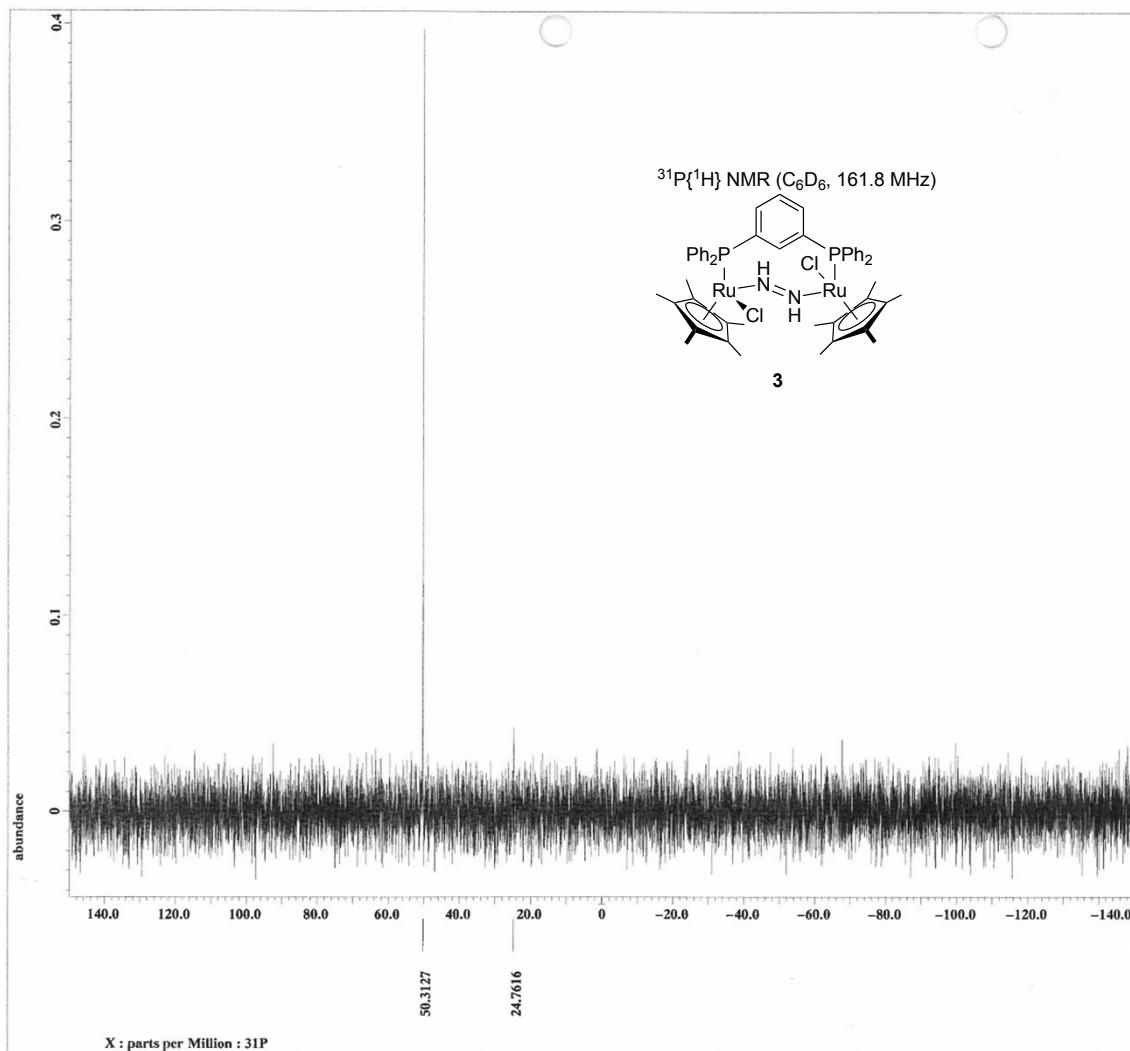
**Fig. S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2**.



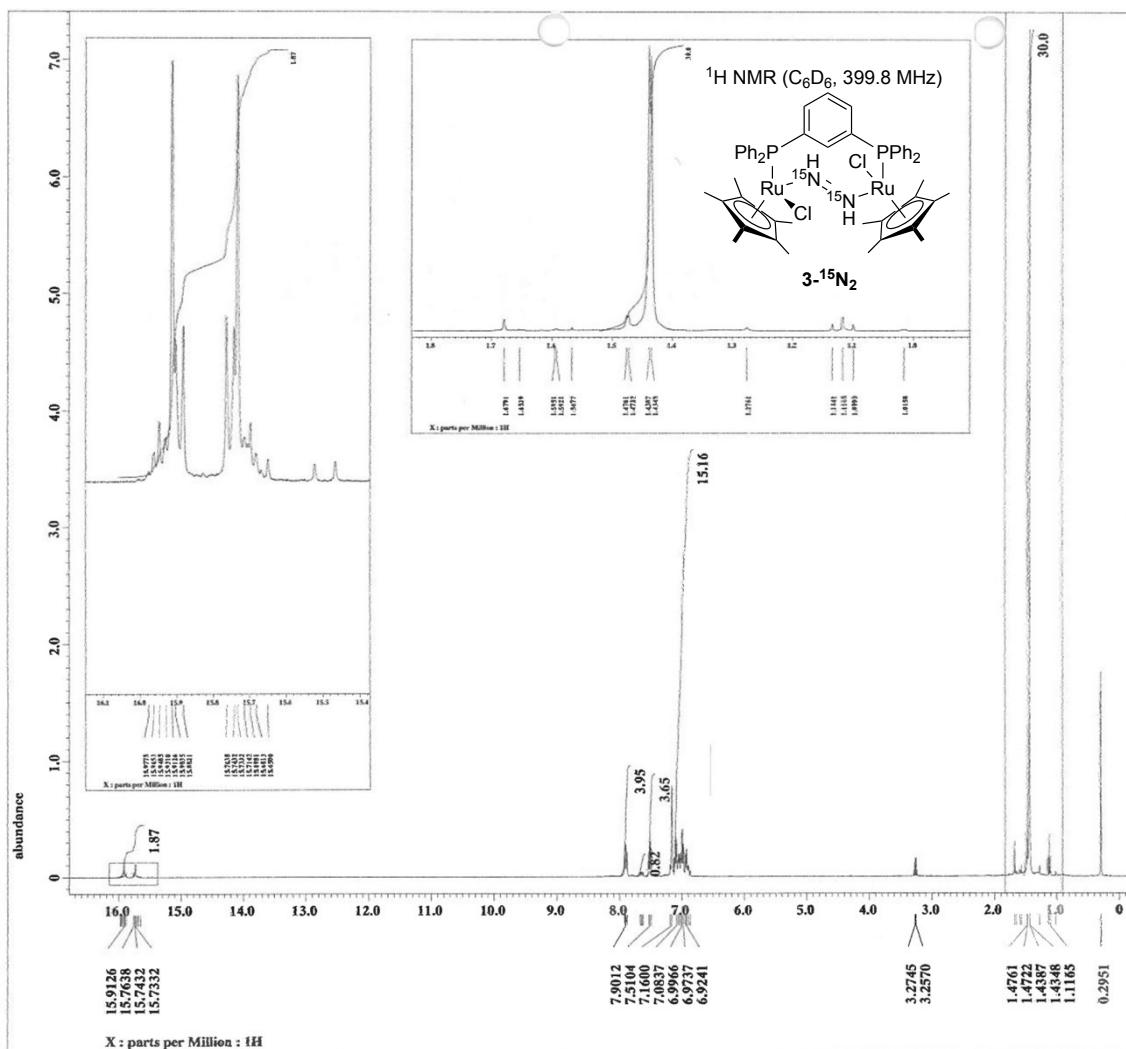
**Fig. S2**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3**



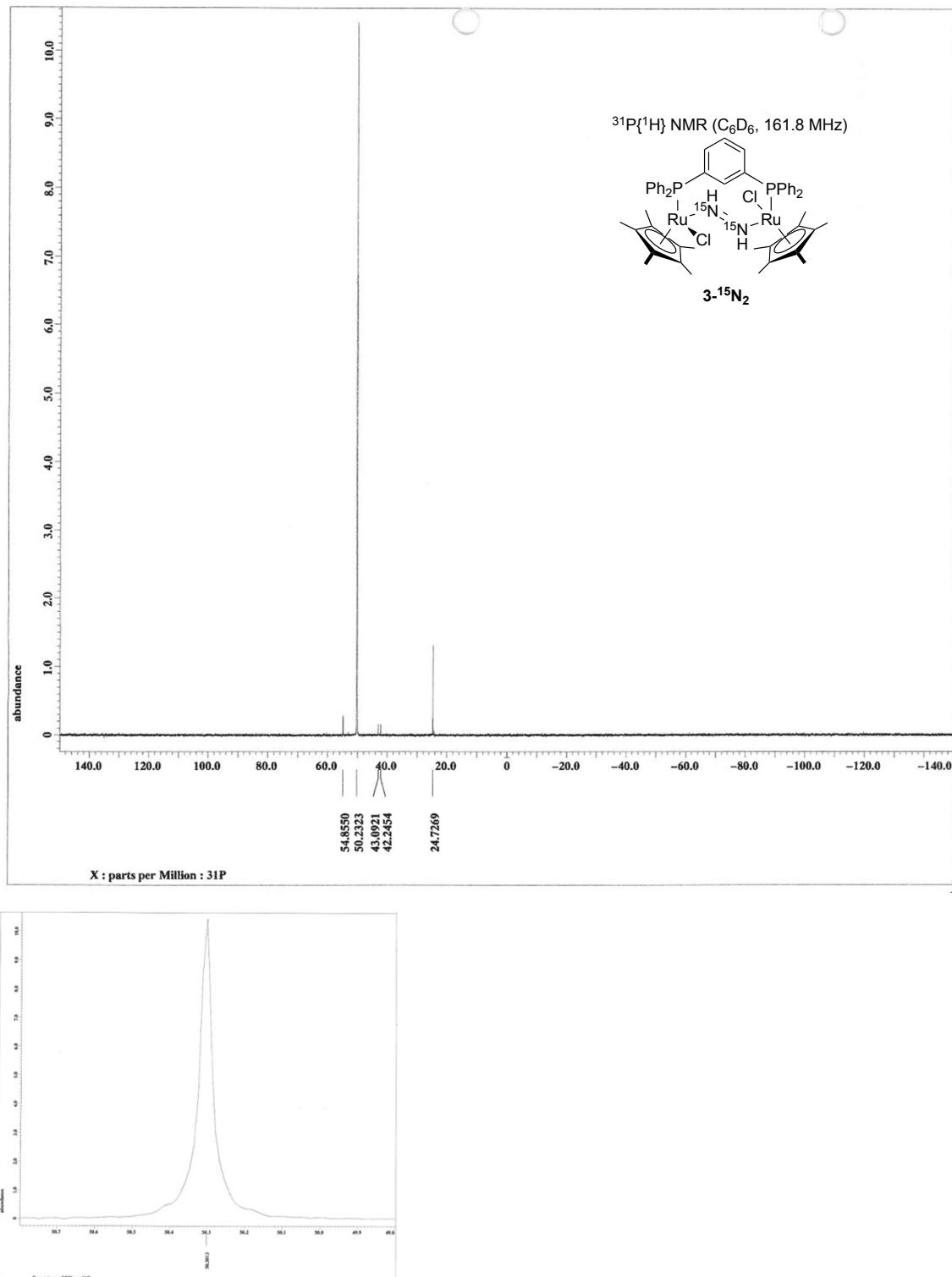
**Fig. S3**  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **3**



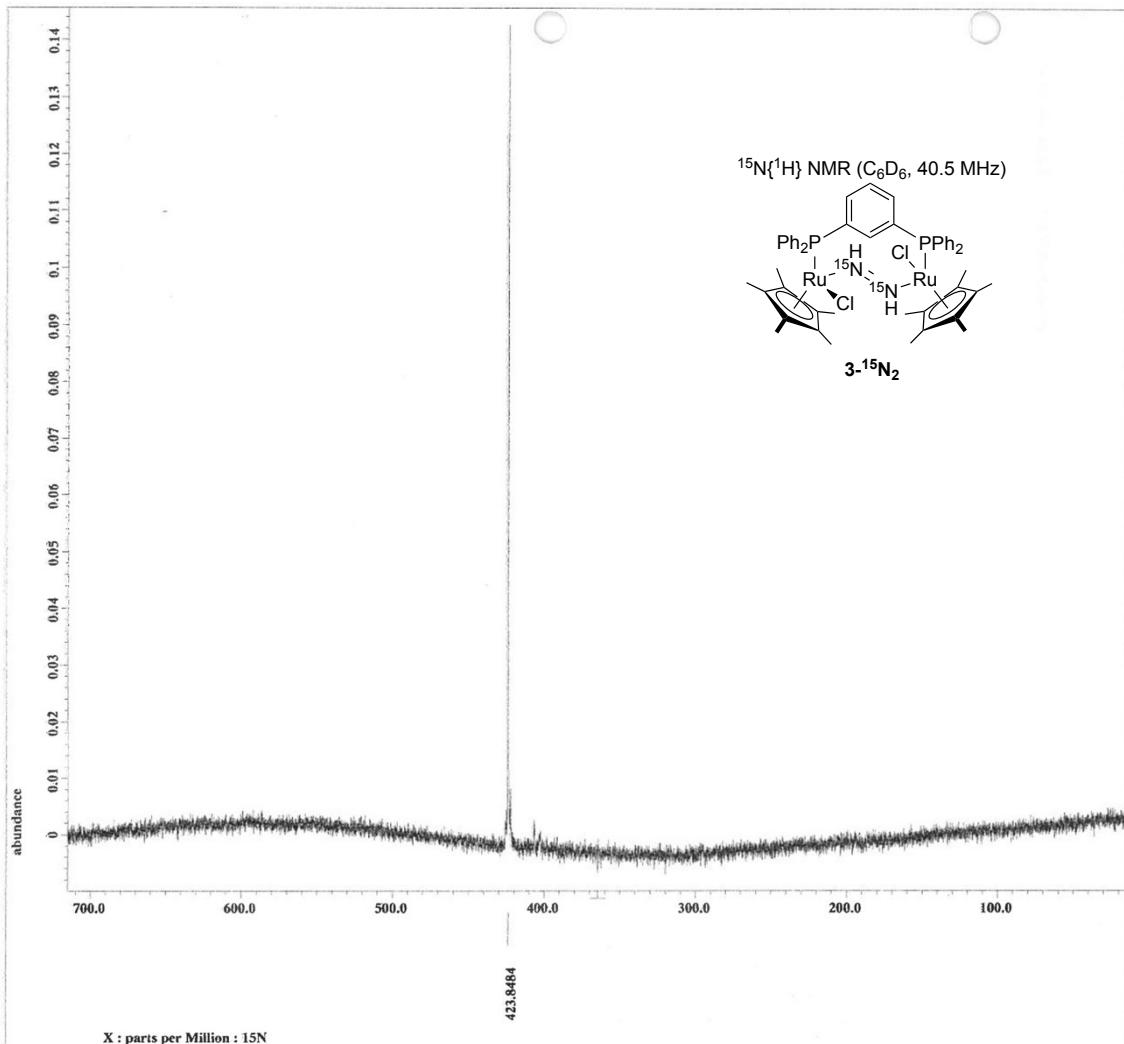
**Fig. S4**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $\mathbf{3}-^{15}\text{N}_2$



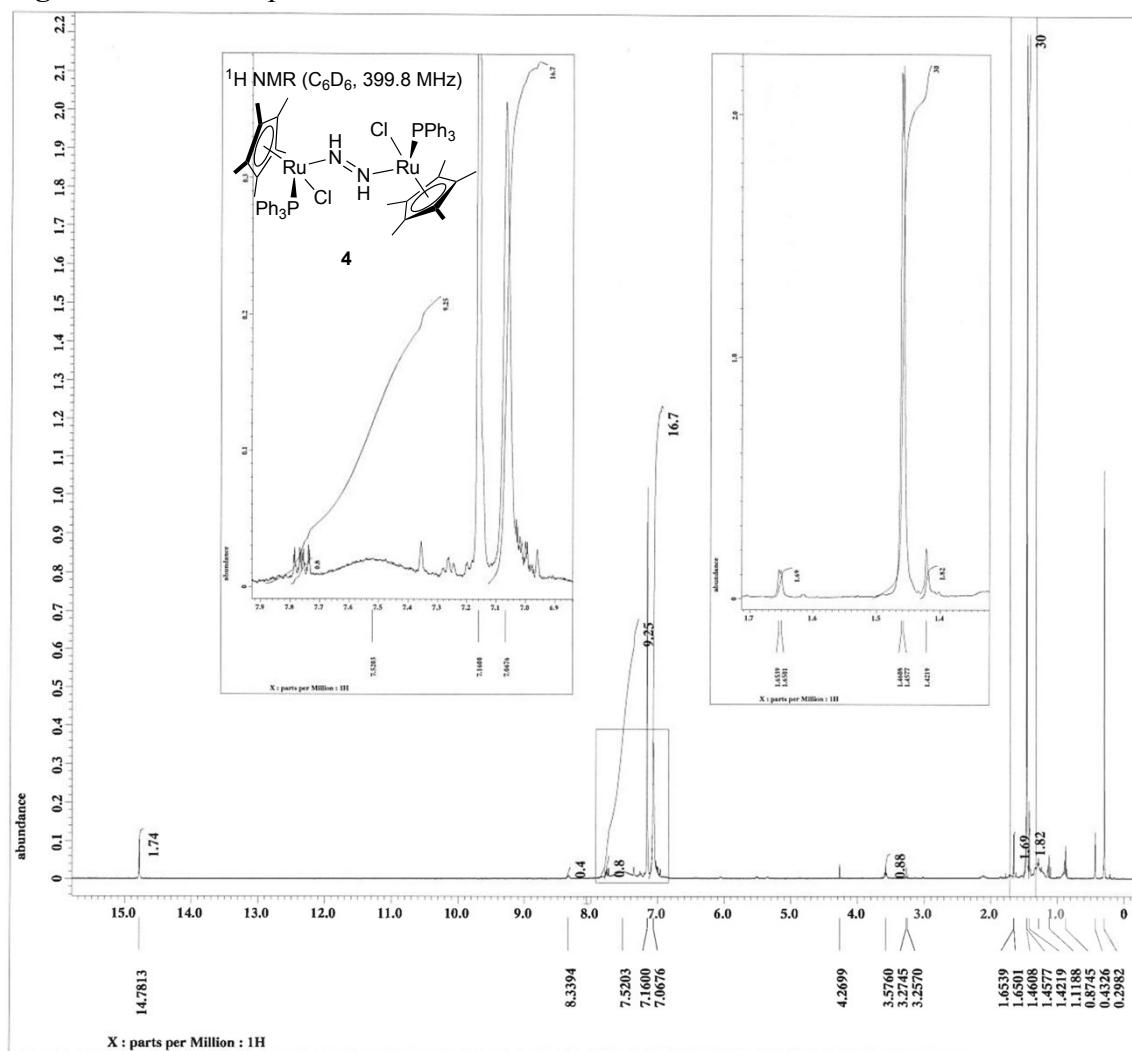
**Fig. S5**  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **3- $^{15}\text{N}_2$**



**Fig. S6**  $^{15}\text{N}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **3- $^{15}\text{N}_2$**



**Fig. S7**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4**



**Fig. S8**  $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **4**

