

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Ligand exchange processes between molybdenum and zinc additives in lubricants: evidence from NMR ( $^1\text{H}$ , $^{13}\text{C}$ , $^{31}\text{P}$ ) and HPLC-MS analysis

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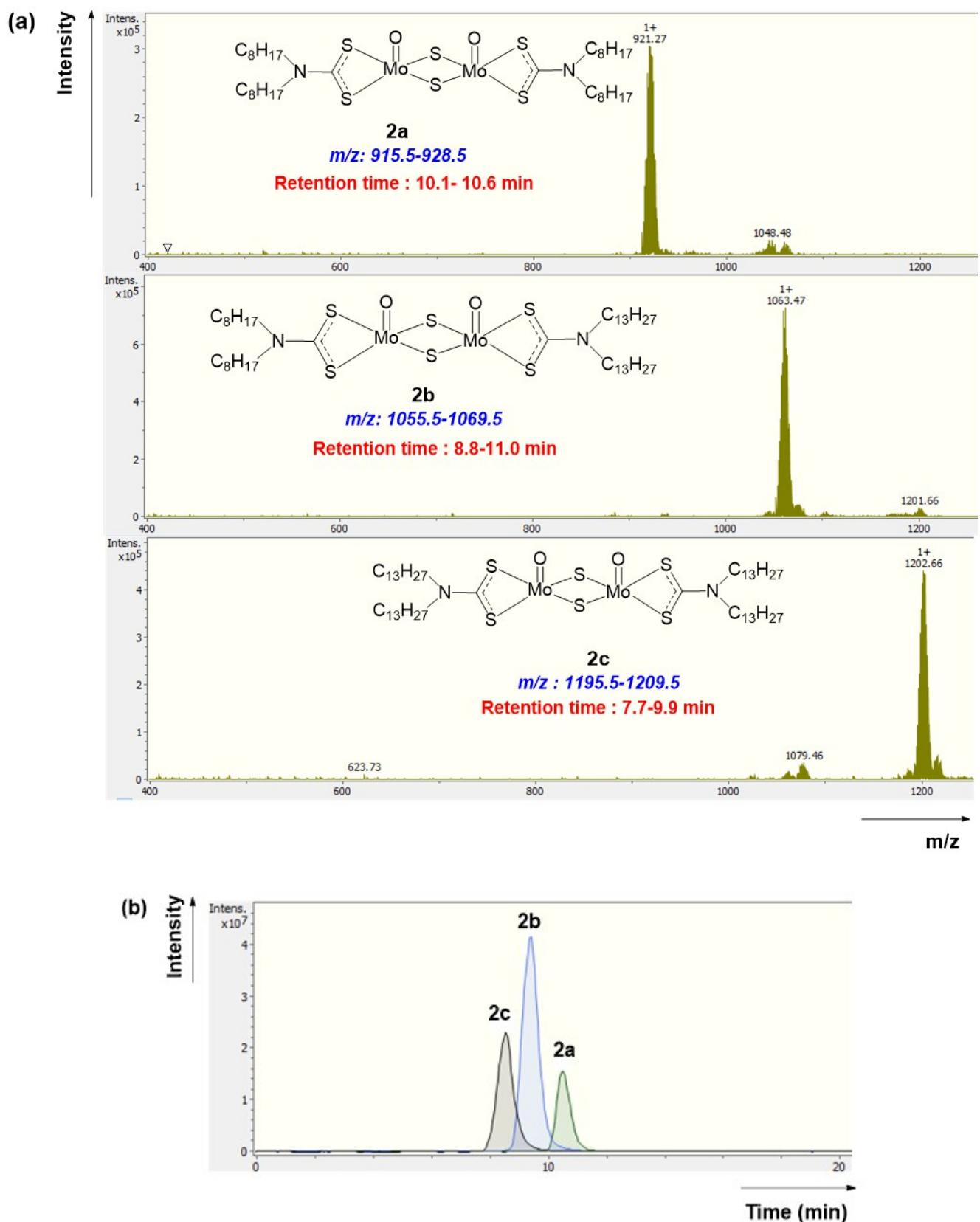
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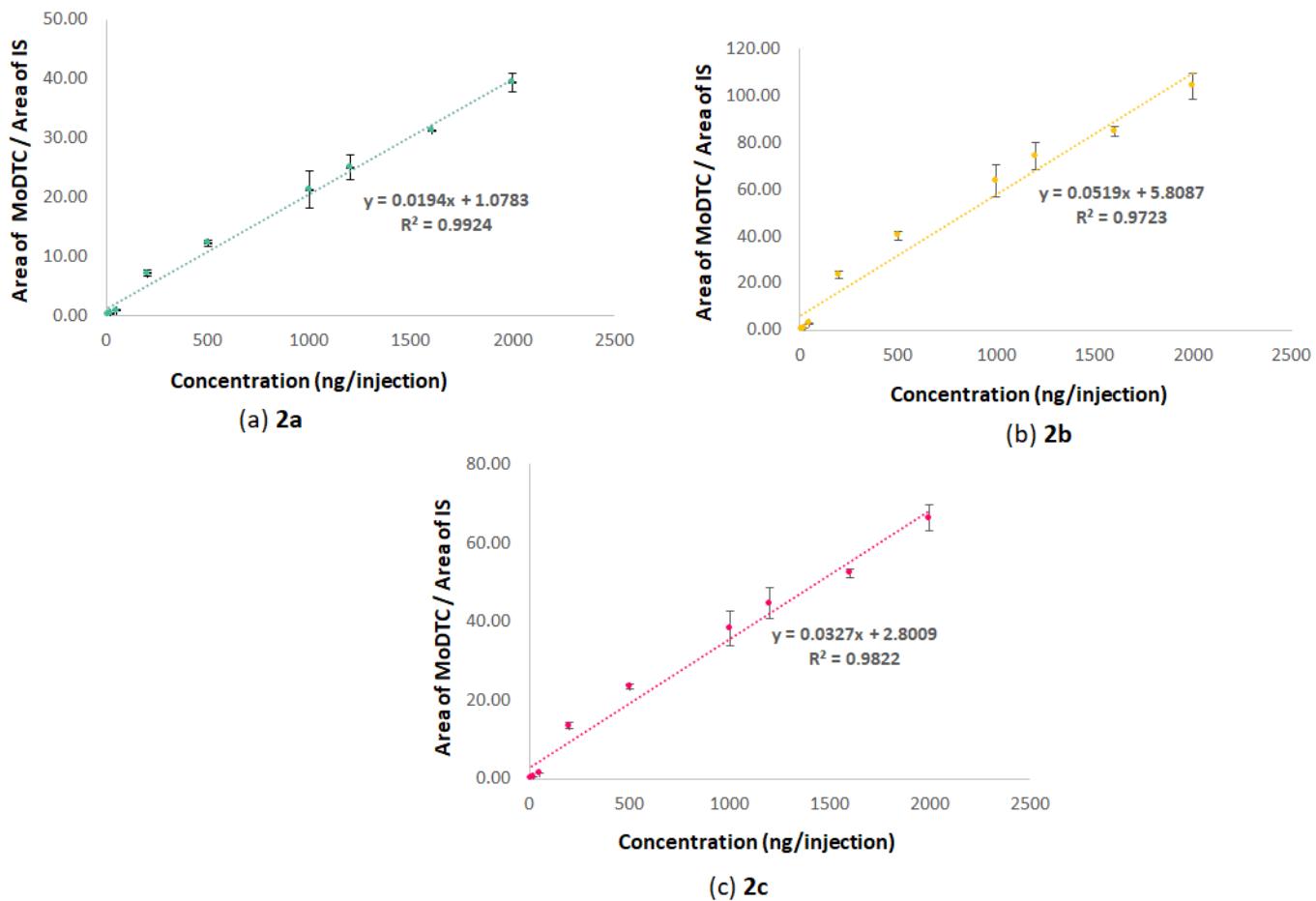
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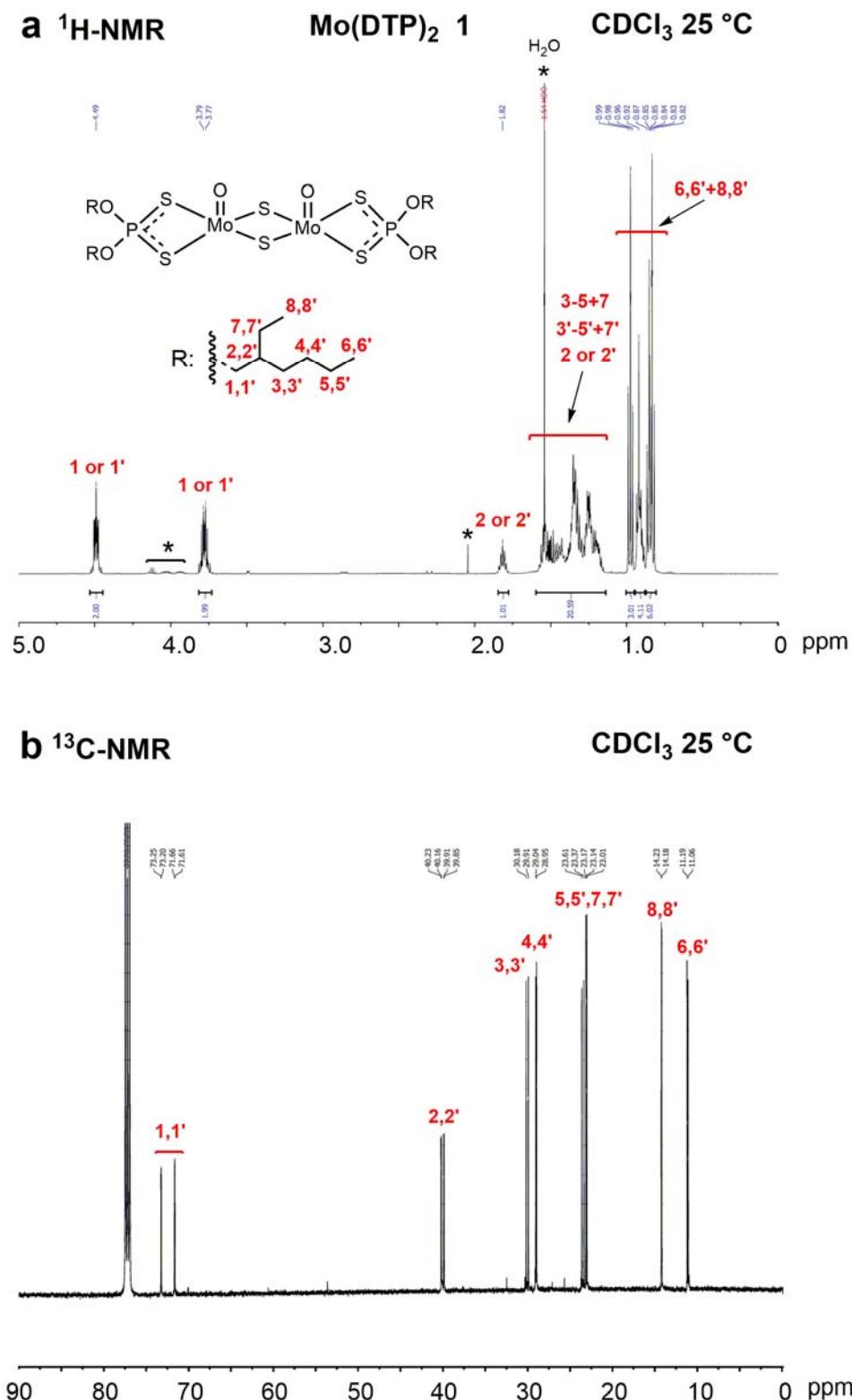
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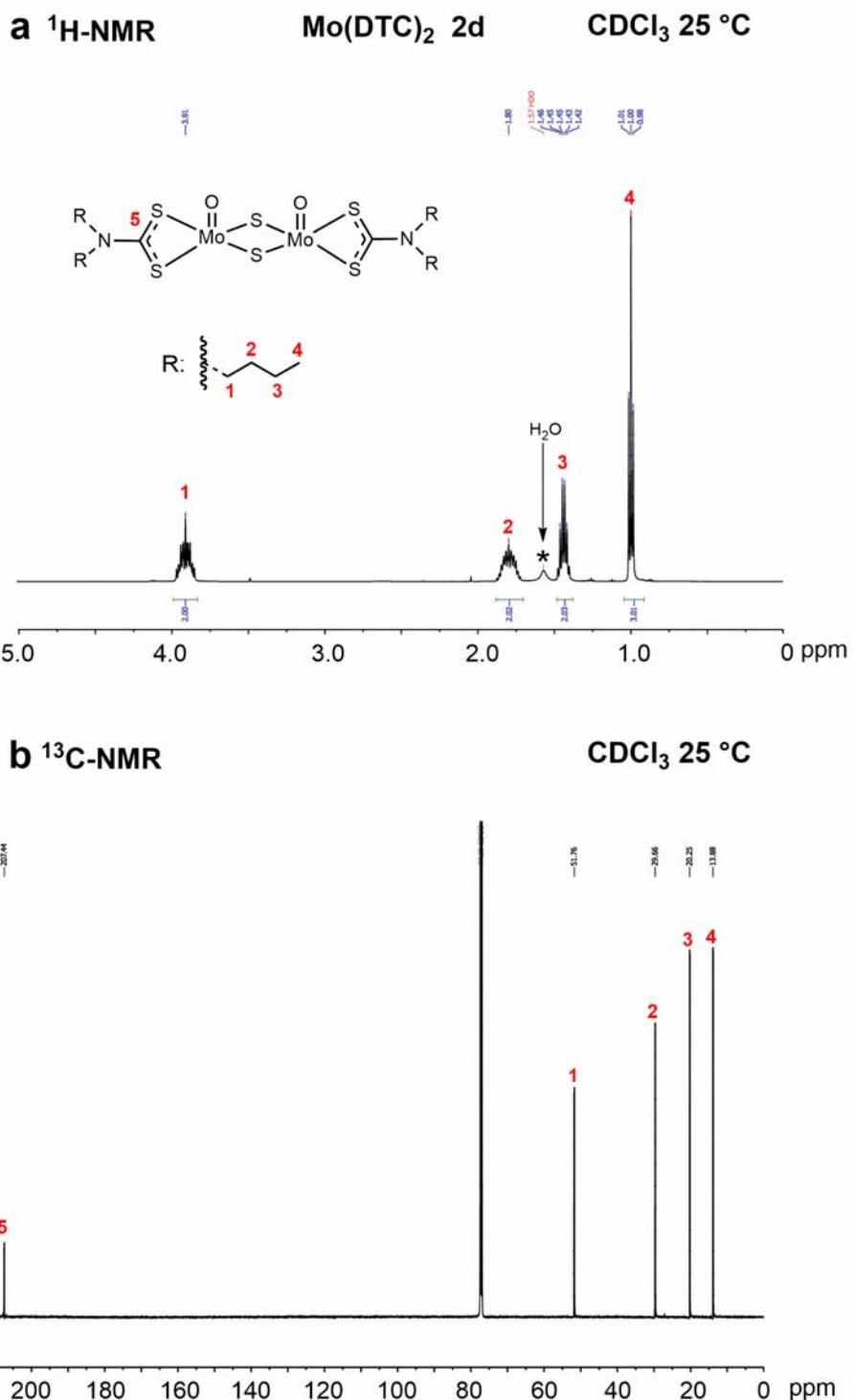
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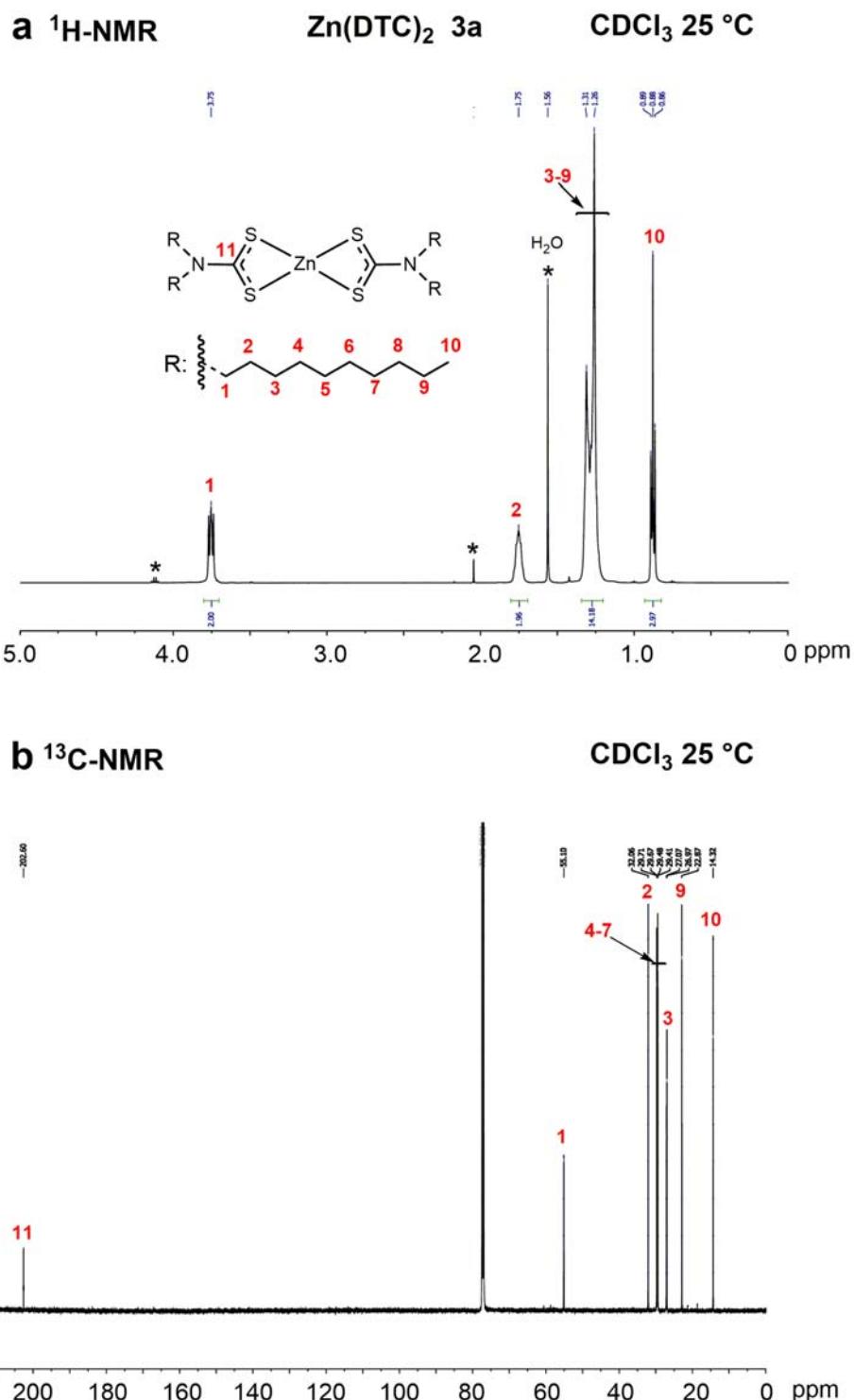
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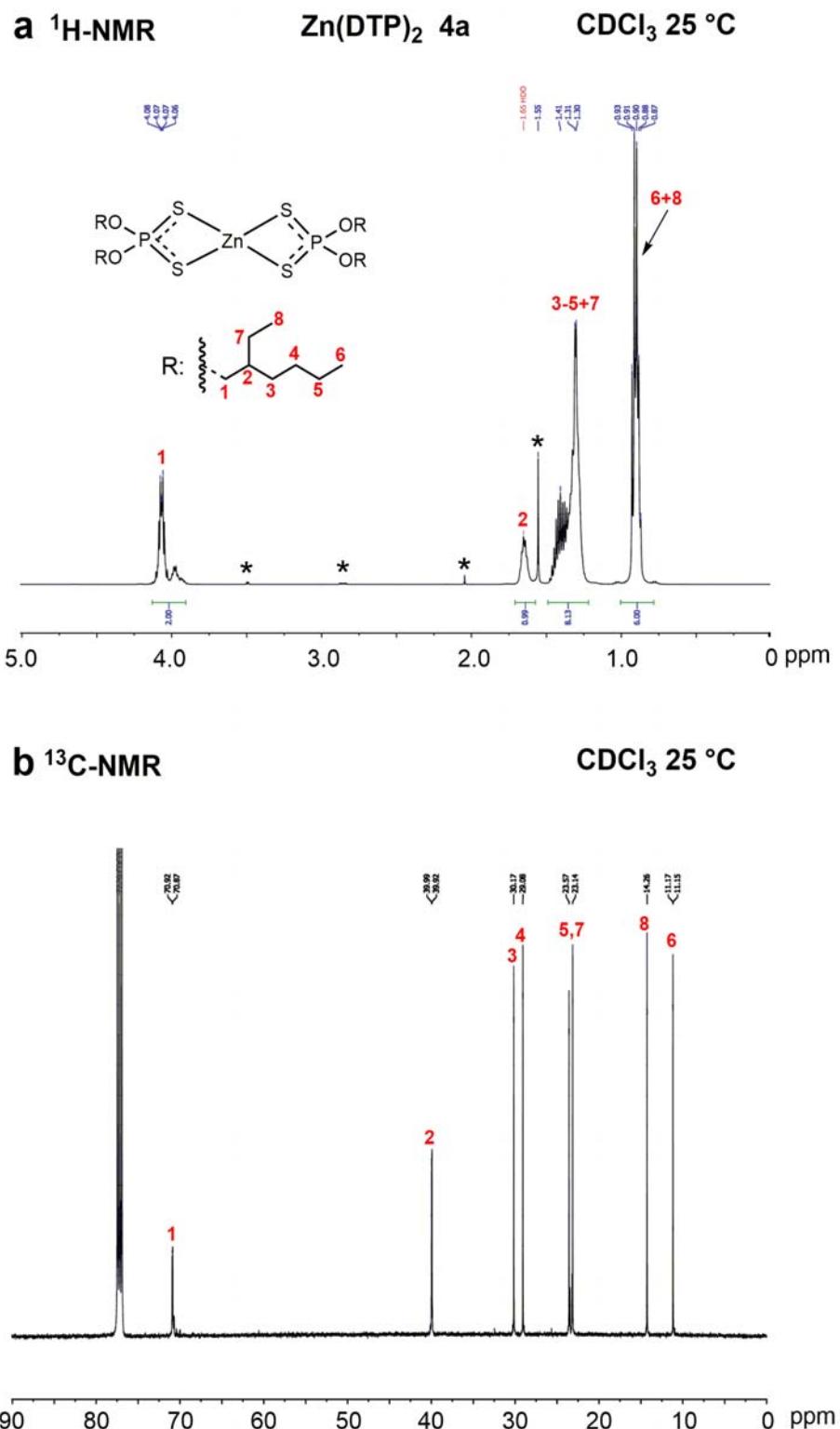
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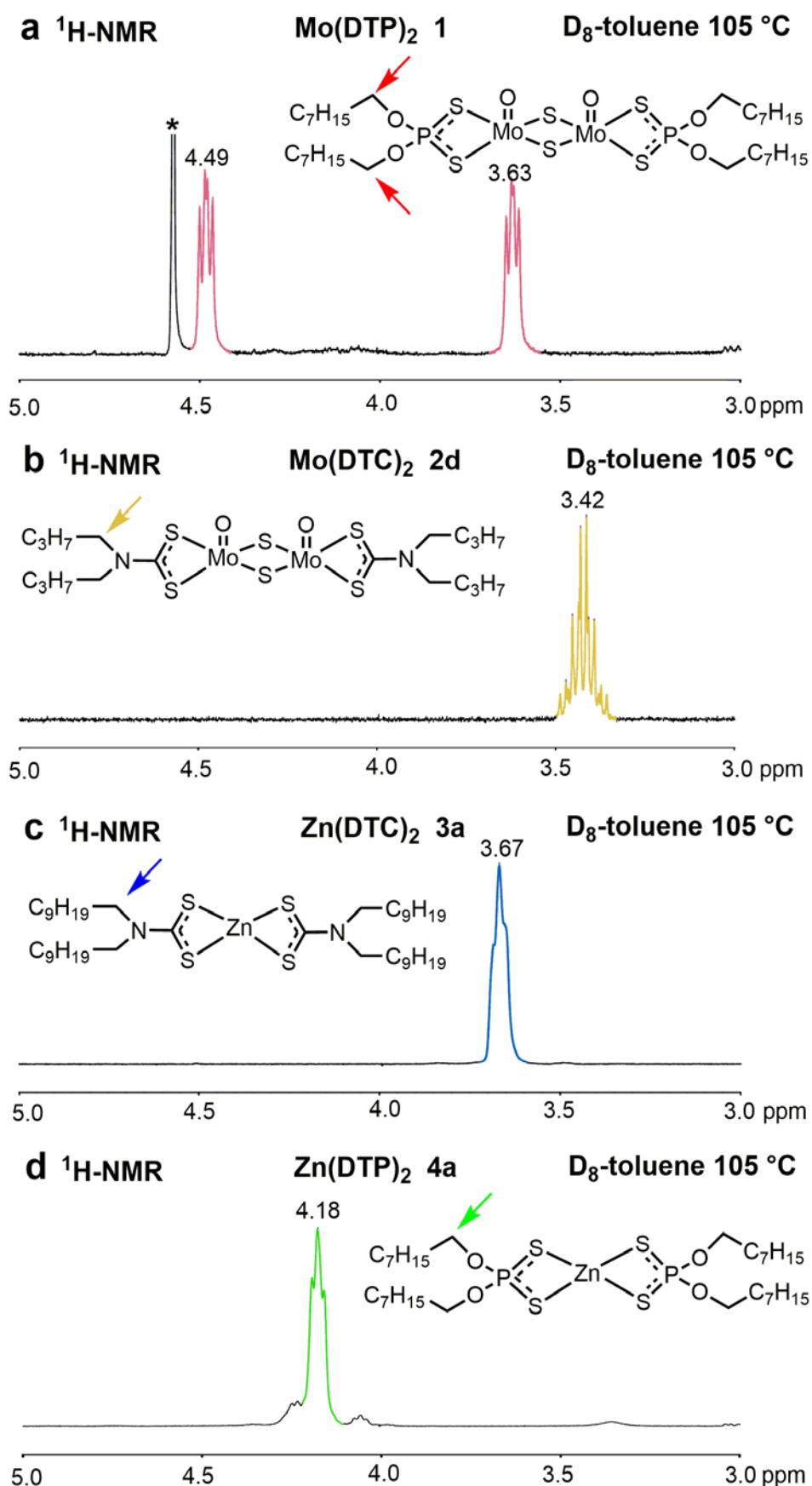
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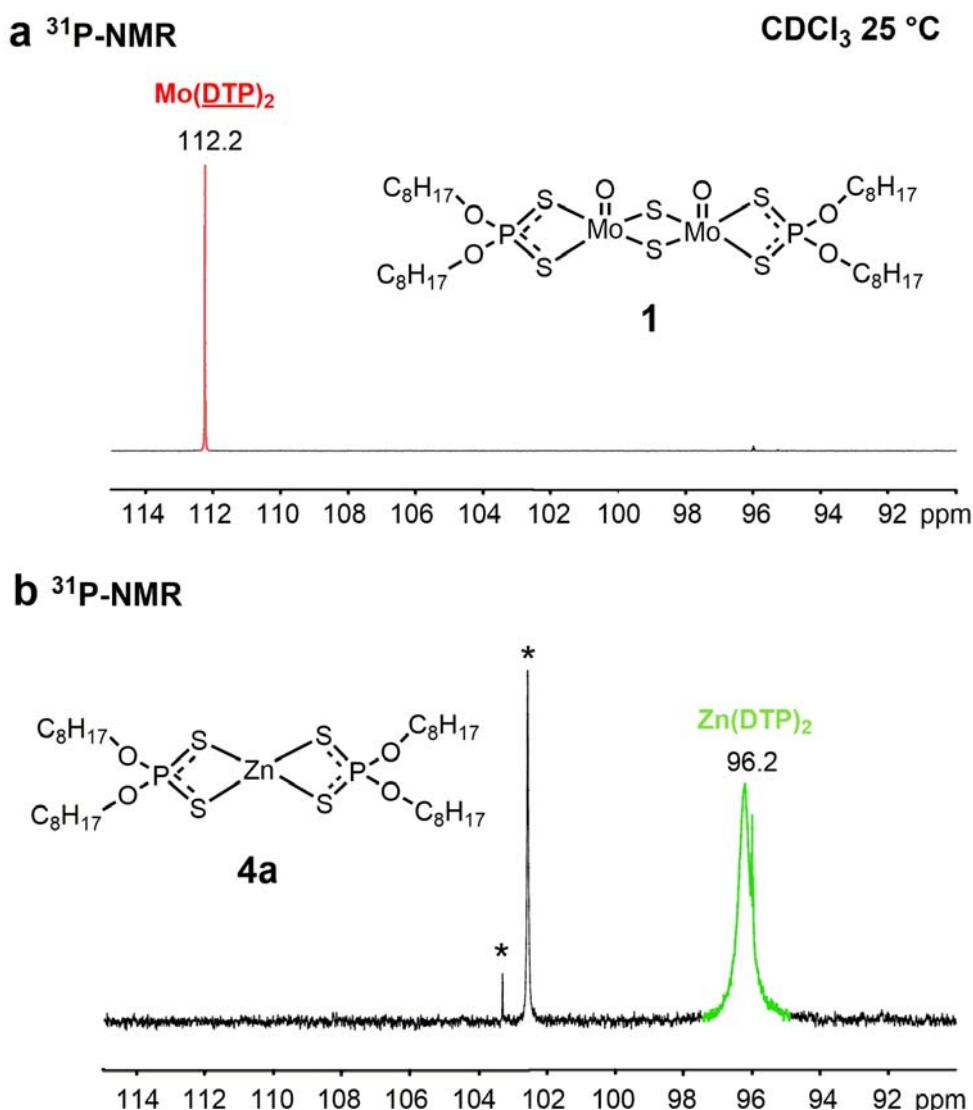
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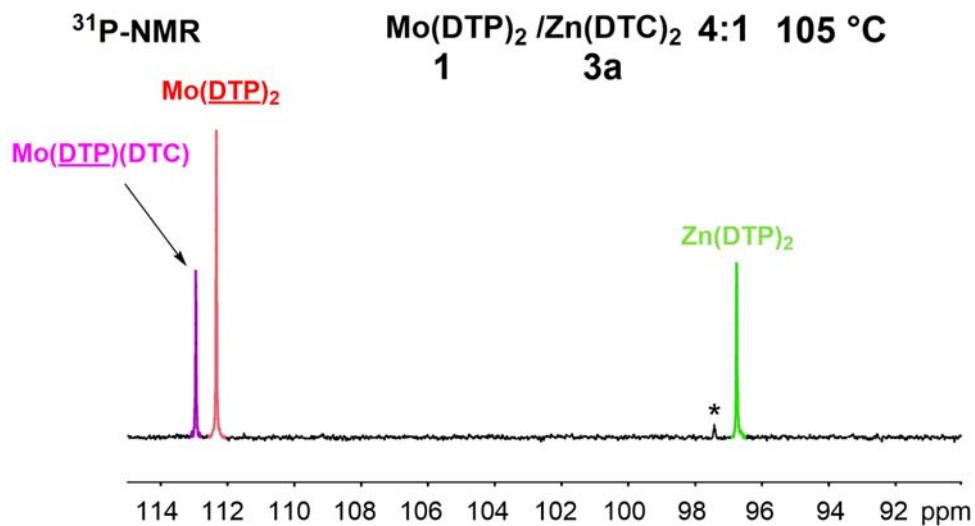
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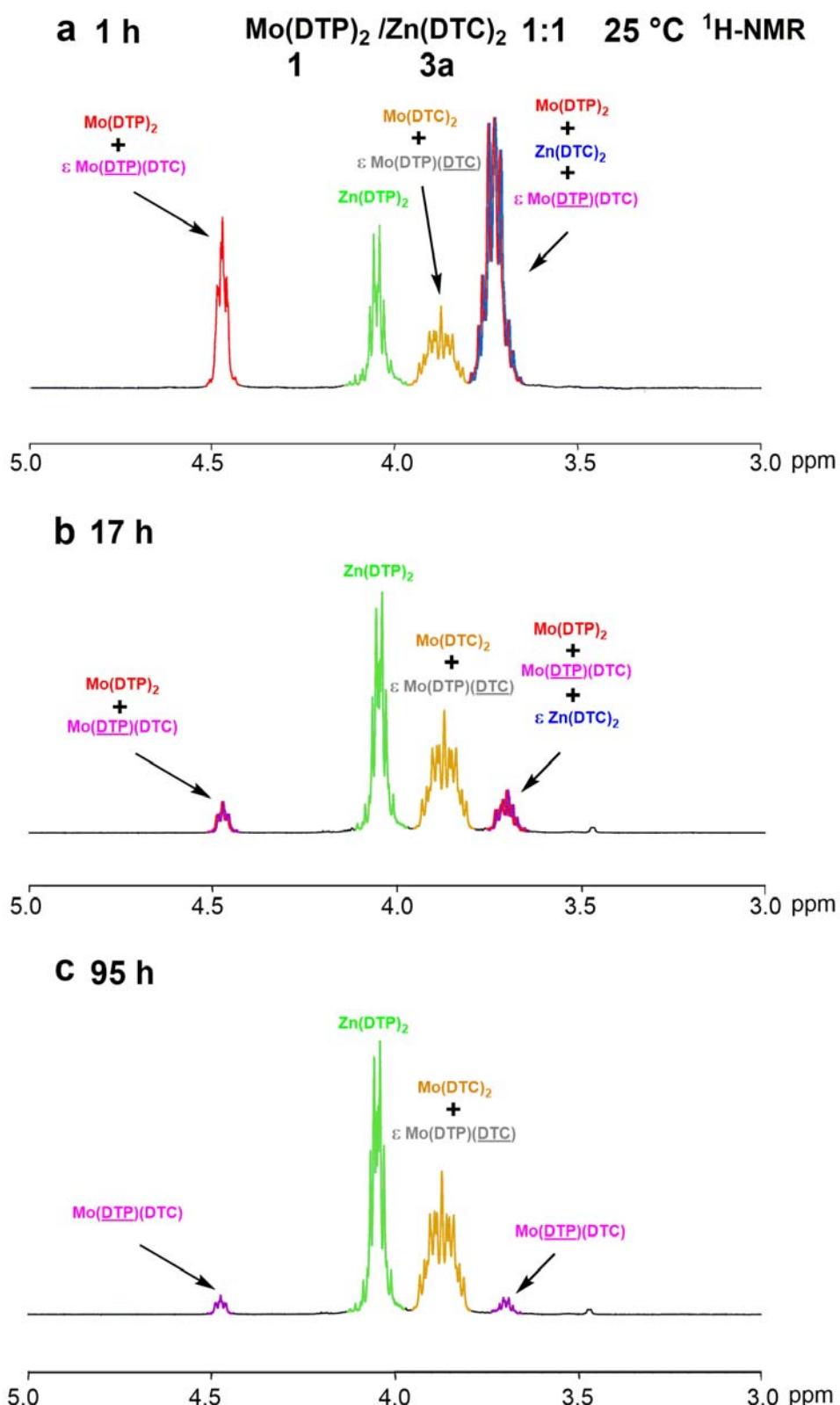
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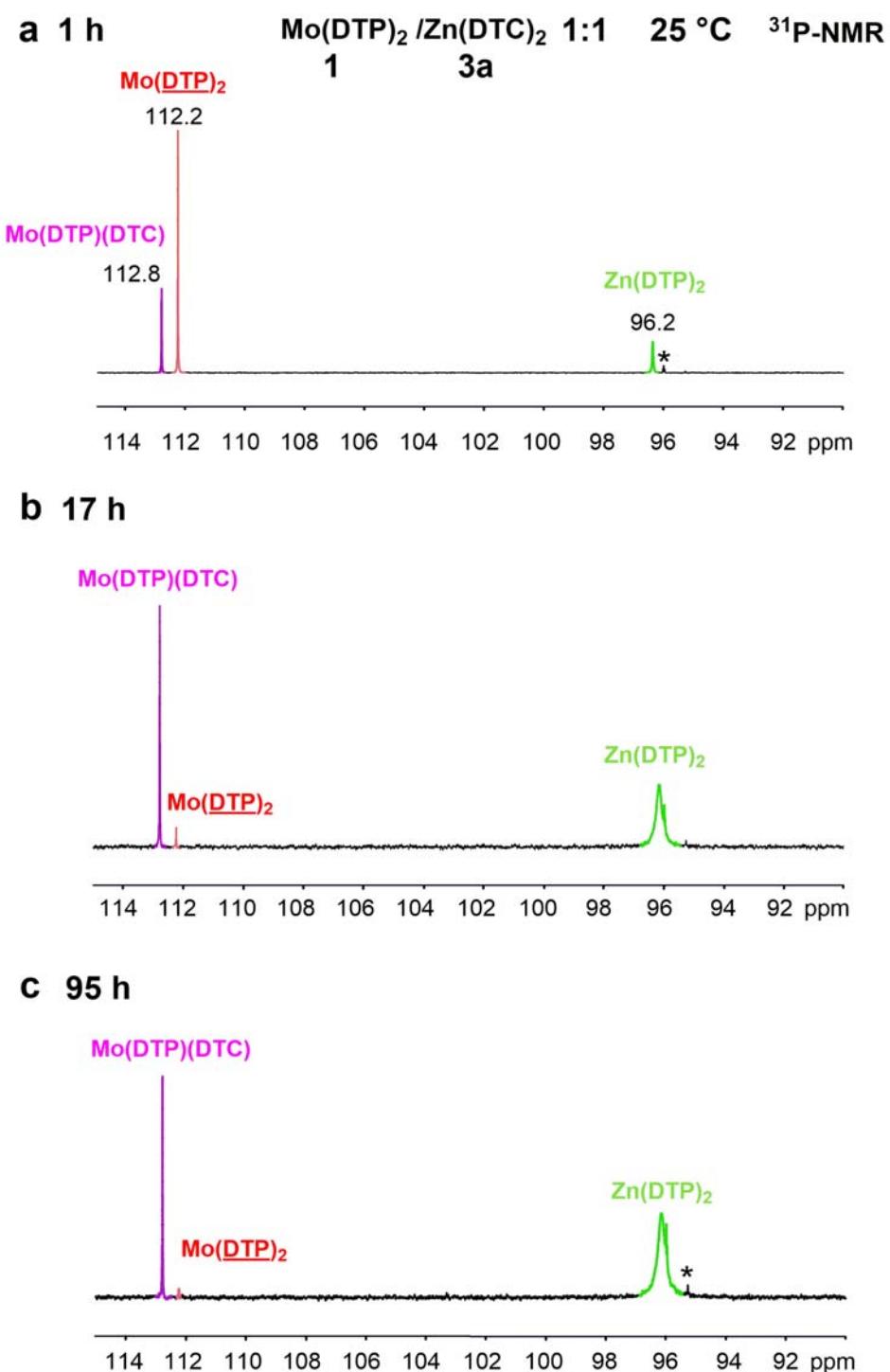
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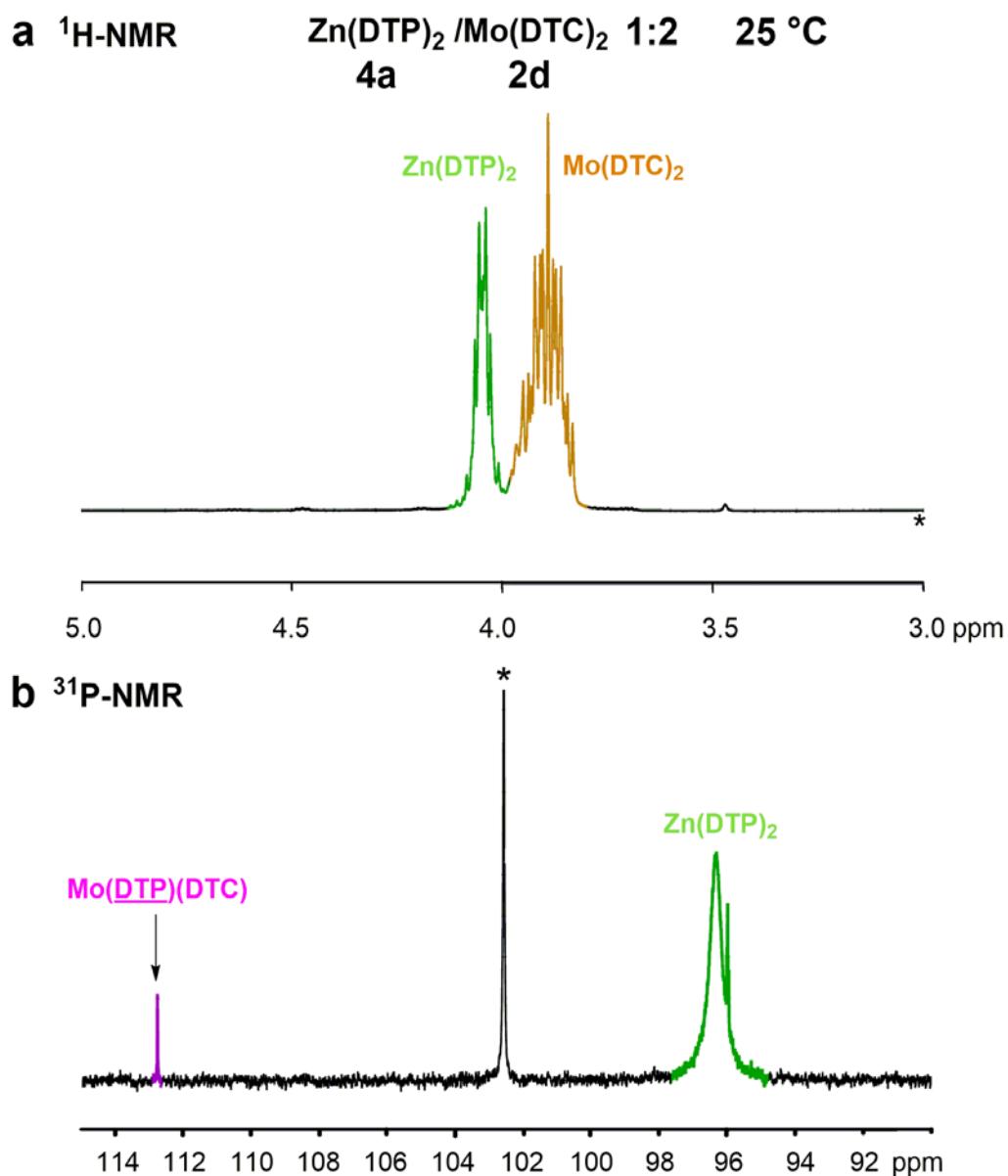
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