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# 1. General information

Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification, THF was distilled over sodium/benzophenone.

Isolation of products was performed using column chromatography (Acros Organics, silica gel 0.06-0.200 mm) or using preparative flash chromatograph InterChim PuriFlash; DCM-MeOH binary system was used as an eluent. All details about particular chromatographic parameters are provided with the description of each compound.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>19</sup>F spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on Bruker Avance 300, Bruker Avance 400, or Varian Inova 400 spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million relative to CHCl<sub>3</sub> (7.26 and 77.16 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C respectively). The following abbreviations were used to designate chemical shift multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of dublets, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint. = quintet, m = multiplet, br = broad, sept = septet; coupling constants are given in Hertz (Hz). NMR yields were determined with reference to an internal standard (dimethyl formamide).

High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were registered on a Bruker Daltonics micrOTOF-Q II hybrid quadrupole time-of-flight mass spectrometer using electrospray ionization (ESI); measurements were done in a positive ion mode. The voltage on the capillary was 4500 V; range of scanned masses, m/z 50-3000; external calibration (Electrospray Calibrant Solution; Fluka, Germany); nebulizer pressure: 0.4 bar; flow rate: 3 µl/min; nitrogen as dry gas (6 l/min); interface temperature: 180 °C.

Analytical gas chromatography (GC) was performed using a Chromatec Crystal 5000.2 gas chromatograph fitted with a flame ionization detector (He was used as the carrier gas, 37 mL/min) and a MS detector. Chromatec CR-5 and Chromatec CR-5MS (30 meters) capillary column were used.

GC settings for the yield determination using FID detector and CR5 column:

The injector temperature was 250 °C, split ratio of 50:1 at the moment of injection, the FID temperature was 250 °C. Column compartment temperature program: 100°C for 2 min, 100°C  $\rightarrow$  280°C at 30°C/min, 280°C for 3 min. Flow rate 2 mL/min, column CR-5. Retention time for 4-methoxy-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)aniline is 10.2 min; for N,1-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methanimine 10.4 min; for 4-methoxyaniline 5.5 min.

GC settings for the qualitative analysis using MS detector and CR5-ms column:

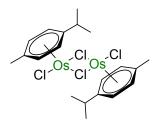
The injector temperature was 250 °C, split ratio of 75:1 at the moment of injection. Column compartment temperature program: 60°C for 4 min, 60°C  $\rightarrow$  250°C at 30°C/min, 250°C for 12 min. Flow rate 1 mL/min. MSD parameters: ion source temperature 200°C, transfer line temperature 230°C. Retention times (t<sub>R</sub>) and integrated ratios were obtained using Chromatec Analytic Software.

Reactions with pressure were carried out in autoclaves made from either stainless steel or titanium. The autoclave material had no effect on the reactions.

### 2. Synthesis of osmium complexes

Complexes **Os1** [(Cymene)OsCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub><sup>1</sup>, **Os7** (2,2'-bipyridine)OsCl<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup>, **Os9** (2,2'-bipyridine)<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>2</sub><sup>3</sup>, **Os10** [(2,2'-bipyridine)<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sup>3</sup> were prepared as described in the literature.

### $[(\eta^6\text{-cymene})OsCl_2]_2(Os1)$

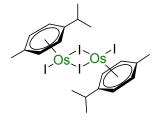


A mixture of Na<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>6</sub> (300 mg, 0.67 mmol), 1.5 ml of  $\gamma$ -terpinene (9.2 mmol) in EtOH (4 ml) was heated in a sealed tube at 100 °C for 4 hours under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and evaporated to dryness *in vacuo*. The orange product was crushed in hexane, filtered off, washed with water and dried. Yield:209 mg (79 %).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.20 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.05 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 2.80 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H, C<u>H</u>(Me)<sub>2</sub>), 2.22 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C), 1.31 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H, CH(<u>CH<sub>3</sub></u>)<sub>2</sub>).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report.<sup>1</sup>

### $[(\eta^6\text{-cymene})OsI_2]_2(Os2)$



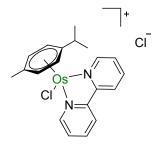
A mixture of  $[(\eta^6\text{-cymene})OsCl_2]_2$  (100 mg, 0.126 mmol) and NaI\*2H<sub>2</sub>O (300 mg, 1.61 mmol) was stirred in acetone (5 ml) at 100 °C in a sealed tube for 24 hours. The solvent was removed from the resulting dark-brown reaction mixture *in vacuo* and the residue was washed with water and dried. The product was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, precipitated by adding Et<sub>2</sub>O, filtered off and air-dried to afford 128 mg (88%) of red-brown crystals.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.06 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.95 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 2.84 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H, C**H**(Me)<sub>2</sub>), 2.32 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C), 1.25 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H, CH(**CH**<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  96.1 (<u>C<sub>Ar</sub>-C</u>), 90.4 (<u>C<sub>Ar</sub>-C</u>), 75.3 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-H), 75.2 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-H), 31.7 (C<u>H</u>(Me)<sub>2</sub>), 22.8 (CH(<u>CH<sub>3</sub></u>)<sub>2</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>Ar).

HRMS (ESI-MS): calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{17}NOsI^+$ , [( $\eta^6$ -cymene)Os(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)I]<sup>+</sup> 494.0015, found 494.0013

### [(η<sup>6</sup>-cymene)Os(2,2'-bipyridine)Cl]Cl (Os3)



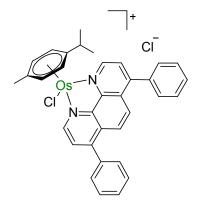
A solution of 2,2'-bipyridine (21 mg, 0.14 mmol) and  $[(\eta^6\text{-cymene})\text{OsCl}_2]_2$  (51 mg, 0.07 mmol) in methanol (3 ml) was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The solvent volume was reduced *in vacuo* to ~0.5 ml and product crystallization was induced by the addition of Et<sub>2</sub>O. A formed yellow precipitate was recovered by filtration, washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O and air-dried. Yield 61 mg (86%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-H (Bipy)), 7.03 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H (Bipy)), 6.64 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H (Bipy)), 6.14 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H (Bipy)), 4.75 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H, Ar-H (cymene)), 4.43 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H, Ar-H (cymene)), 0.90 (sept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H, C<u>H</u>(Me)<sub>2</sub>), 0.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C), -0.61 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H, CH(<u>CH<sub>3</sub></u>)<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  157.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub> (Bipy)), 156.8 (C<sub>Ar</sub> (Bipy)), 141.2 (C<sub>Ar</sub> (Bipy)), 129.6 (C<sub>Ar</sub> (Bipy)), 125.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub> (Bipy)), 99.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C (cymene)), 96.8 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C (cymene)), 79.7 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-H (cymene)), 75.4 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-H (cymene)), 32.6 (C<u>H</u>(Me)<sub>2</sub>), 22.6 (CH(<u>CH</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 18.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>Ar).

HRMS (ESI-MS): calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{22}N_2OsCl^+$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 517.1071, found 517.1068.

### [(n<sup>6</sup>-cymene)Os(Bphen)Cl]Cl (Os4)



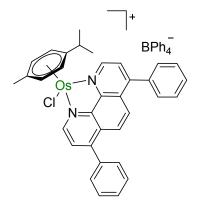
A mixture of  $[(\eta^6\text{-cymene})OsCl_2]_2$  (29 mg, 0.037 mmol) and bathophenanthroline (27 mg, 0.081 mmol) was stirred in acetone (3 ml) for 1 hour at room temperature. The reaction mixture was evaporated *in vacuo* to dryness and the product was recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> – Et<sub>2</sub>O. A formed yellow precipitate fwas recovered by filtration, washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O and air-dried. Yield 61 mg (72%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  8.25 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H, CH=N), 6.59 (s, 2H, CH in the central ring), 6.43 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H, CHCH=N), 6.17 – 5.97 (m, 10H, Ph-rings), 4.93 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H, Ar-H (cymene)), 4.64 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H, Ar-H (cymene)), 1.09 – 0.88 (m, 1H, CH(Me)<sub>2</sub>), 0.76 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C), -0.58 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  156.5, 152.8, 148.6, 136.5, 131.2, 131.1, 130.4, 130.1, 128.2, 127.1, 79.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-H (cymene)), 76.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-H (cymene)), 32.5 (C<u>H</u>(Me)<sub>2</sub>), 22.7 (CH(<u>CH<sub>3</sub></u>)<sub>2</sub>), 18.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>Ar (cymene)).

HRMS (ESI-MS): calcd. for  $C_{34}H_{30}N_2OsCl^+$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 693.1698, found 693.1701.

### [(η<sup>6</sup>-cymene)Os(Bphen)Cl]BPh<sub>4</sub>(Os5)



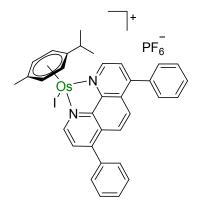
A mixture of  $[(\eta^6\text{-cymene})OsCl_2]_2$  (29 mg, 0.037 mmol) and bathophenanthroline (27 mg, 0.081 mmol) was stirred in acetone (3 ml) for 1 hour at room temperature. Solution of NaBPh<sub>4</sub> (40 mg, 0.117 mmol) in water (10 ml) was added and acetone was removed *in vacuo*. The yellow product was filtered off, washed with water and air-dried. Subsequent recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-Et<sub>2</sub>O gave 64 mg of the product (86%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.87 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H, CH=N), 8.04 (s, 2H, CH in the central ring), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 6H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 14H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 8H), 6.83 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 5.59 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H (cymene)), 5.31 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H (cymene)), 2.38 – 2.31 (m, 1H, C<u>H</u>(Me)<sub>2</sub>), 2.02 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C), 0.93 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H, CH(<u>CH<sub>3</sub></u>)<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.2 (m appears as 4 peaks with equel intensity – <u>C</u>(Ph)-B), 154.4, 151.3, 147.3, 136.5, 134.7, 130.3, 130.0, 129.4, 128.7, 127.4, 126.0, 125.9, 122.2, 96.4 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C (cymene)), 94.9 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C (cymene)), 77.4 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-H (cymene)), 75.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-H (cymene)), 31.3 (<u>C</u>H(Me)<sub>2</sub>), 22.5 (CH(<u>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 18.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>Ar (cymene)).</u>

HRMS (ESI-MS): calcd. for  $C_{34}H_{30}N_2OsCl^+$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 693.1698, found 693.1699.

### [(n<sup>6</sup>-cymene)Os(Bphen)I]PF<sub>6</sub>(Os6)



A mixture of  $[(\eta^6\text{-cymene})\text{OsI}_2]_2(31 \text{ mg}, 0.027 \text{ mmol})$  and bathophenanthroline (19 mg, 0.057 mmol) was stirred in acetone (3 ml) for 1 hour at 50 °C. Then a solution on KPF<sub>6</sub> (25 mg, 0.136 mmol) in

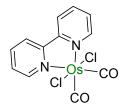
water (10 ml) was added and acetone was removed *in vacuo*. The red-orange product was filtered off, washed with water and air-dried. Subsequent recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-Et<sub>2</sub>O gave 46 mg of the iodide (92%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.63 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H, CH=N), 8.09 (s, 2H, CH in the central ring), 7.92 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H, C**H**CH=N), 7.58 (m, appears as br s, 10H, Ph rings), 6.23 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H(cymene)), 6.07 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H(cymene)), 2.81 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H, C**H**(Me)<sub>2</sub>), 2.40 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C), 1.08 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H, CH(**CH**<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.7, 150.7, 147.0, 134.6, 129.8, 129.0, 128.5, 126.9, 125.7, 98.3 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C (cymene)), 93.66 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C (cymene)), 76.52 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-H (cymene)), 76.48 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-H (cymene)), 31.6 ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><u>CH</u>Ar (Cymene)), 22.1 ((<u>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHAr (Cymene)), 19.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>Ar (cymene)).</u>

HRMS (ESI-MS): calcd. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OsI<sup>+</sup> [M]<sup>+</sup> 785.1065, found 785.1064.

### (2,2'-bipyridine)OsCl<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub> (Os7)



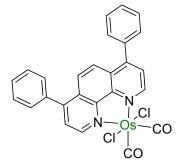
A 10 ml stainless steel autoclave was charged with Na<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>6</sub> (61 mg, 0.136 mmol), 2,2'-bipyridine (22 mg, 0.138 mmol), formic acid (1.5 ml) and 37% formaldehyde in water (0.3 ml). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 atm of CO, and then pressurized with 30 atm of CO. The reactor was placed into a preheated to 120°C oil bath. After 20h, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The solvent was removed from the reaction mixture *in vacuo* and the crude product was extracted by  $CH_2Cl_2$ . Organic extracts were concentrated and the residue was purified using column chromatography (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was used as stationary phase), eluent:  $CH_2Cl_2$ . After concentrating the mixture *in vacuo* to ~1 ml, the complex was crystallized by addition of hexane. The formed yellow solid was filtered off and air-dried. Yield 14 mg (22%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.14 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.17 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.79 – 7.53 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.4, 155.6, 153.1, 139.9, 128.1, 123.5.

HRMS (ESI-MS): calcd. for  $C_{12}H_8N_2ClOsO_2^+$  [M – Cl]<sup>+</sup> 438.9873, found 438.9863.

### (Bphen)OsCl<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub> (Os8)



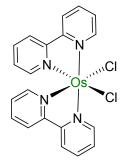
A 10 ml stainless steel autoclave was charged with Na<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>6</sub> (61 mg, 0.136 mmol), bathophenanthroline (46 mg, 0.138 mmol), formic acid (1.5 ml) and 37% formaldehyde in water (0.3 ml). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 atm of CO, and then pressurized with 30 atm of CO. The reactor was placed into a preheated to 120°C oil bath. After 20h, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The solvent was removed from the reaction mixture *in vacuo* and the crude product was extracted by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Organic extracts were concentrated and the residue was purified using column chromatography (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was used as stationary phase), eluent: CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. After concentrating the mixture *in vacuo* to ~1 ml, the complex was crystallized by addition of hexane. The formed yellow solid was filtered off and air-dried. Yield 38 mg (43%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.48 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H, CH=N), 8.10 (s, 2H, CH in the central ring), 7.90 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H, C<u>H</u>CH=N), 7.65 – 7.61 (m, 6H, Ph ring), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 4H, Ph ring).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.6 (C<sub>q</sub>=N), 152.2 (CH=N), 147.4 (C<sub>q</sub>Ph), 135.2 (<u>C<sub>q</sub></u>C<sub>q</sub>Ph), 130.2, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 126.6, 126.1.

HRMS (ESI-MS): calcd. for  $C_{26}H_{16}N_2OsCl_2O_2Na^+$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 672.9964, found 672.9985.

(2,2'-bipyridine)<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>2</sub> (Os9)

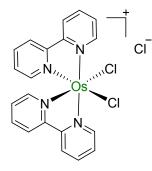


To a stirred solution of  $[(bipy)_2OsCl_2]Cl$  (20 mg, 0.033 mmol) in methanol (4 ml) a solution of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (50 mg, 0.29 mmol) in water (1 ml) was added in one portion at room temperature. The color of a solution immediately changed from brown to mulberry-red. The mixture was stirred for 30 min. 3 ml of water was then added and the reaction mixture was stored at 6°C for an hour to complete crystallization of a product. Almost black solid precipitate of (bipy)<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>2</sub> was filtered off, washed with water, methanol, dried and recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> – hexane mixture. Yield 16 mg (85%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  8.71 (s, 2H), 8.26 (s, 2H), 8.16 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.11 (s, 2H), 6.88 (s, 2H), 6.78 (s, 2H), 6.12 (s, 2H).

HRMS (ESI-MS) of both  $(bipy)_2OsCl_2$  and  $[(bipy)_2OsCl_2]Cl$  exhibits the only peak cluster corresponding to  $[(bipy)_2OsCl_2]^+$ . This could be assigned to the oxidation of  $(bipy)_2OsCl_2$  during the analysis: calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{16}N_4Cl_2Os^+$  574.0342, found 574.0364.

### (2,2'-bipyridine)<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>3</sub> (Os10)

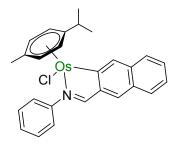


A mixture of Na<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>6</sub> (147 mg, 0.33 mmol) and 2,2'-bipyridine (103 mg, 0.66 mmol) was refluxed in DMF (4 ml) under argon for 1 hour. The solution was cooled down and the formed NaCl was filtered off. The DMF was removed *in vacuo*, the product was extracted with methanol from the residue and diethyl ether was added to the extract. The crystallized brown [(bipy)<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>2</sub>]Cl was filtered off and recrystallized from methanol – diethyl ether once again. After filtration, washing with diethyl ether and drying 134 mg (67%) of [(bipy)<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>2</sub>]Cl was obtained.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD *all signals appear as broad singlets*) δ 21.98, 17.97, 11.98, 7.72, -7.28, -11.39, -44.00, -51.67.

HRMS (ESI-MS) of both  $(bipy)_2OsCl_2$  and  $[(bipy)_2OsCl_2]Cl$  exhibits the only peak cluster corresponding to  $[(bipy)_2OsCl_2]^+$ . calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{16}N_4Cl_2Os^+$  574.0342, found 574.0364.

### [(η<sup>6</sup>-cymene)Os(N,C-napht)Cl] (Os11)



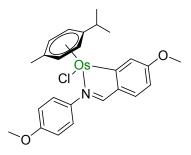
A mixture of  $[(\eta^6\text{-cymene})\text{OsCl}_2]_2(31.7 \text{ mg}, 0.040 \text{ mmol})$ , TIOAc (21.1 mg, 0.080 mmol) and Schiff base (0.084 mmol) was stirred in methanol (2 ml) at 100 °C in a sealed tube and under argon atmosphere for 4 hours. The solvent was removed from the reaction mixture *in vacuo*, the residue was separated on SiO<sub>2</sub> with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as eluent. After removing of the solvents *in vacuo* the product was obtained as orange-red crystals. Yield 21 mg (44%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.44 (br s, 1H, CH in *ortho*-position to Os), 8.35 (br s, 1H, CH in *ortho*-position to C=N group), 8.13 (br s, 1H, CH=N), 7.74 – 7.67 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.42 – 7.25 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 5.63 (br s, 1H, Ar-H(cymene)), 5.09 – 5.01 (m, 3H, Ar-H(cymene)), 2.23 (m, 1H, C<u>H</u>(Me)<sub>2</sub>), 2.20 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>Ar), 0.95 (br s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C), 0.75 (br s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.7, 163.9, 155.5, 147.4, 136.2, 130.8, 129.1, 127.9, 126.7, 123.8, 123.0, 96.6, 90.9, 83.9, 80.6, 72.9, 71.3, 31.2 ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHAr (Cymene)), 23.6 ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHAr (Cymene)), 21.7 ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHAr (Cymene)), 18.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>Ar (cymene)).

HRMS (ESI-MS): calcd. for  $C_{27}H_{26}NOsCl^+$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 591.1353, found 591.1349.

### [(n<sup>6</sup>-cymene)Os(N,C-anis)Cl] (Os12)



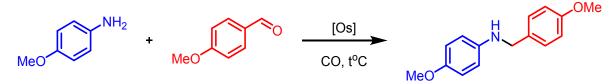
A mixture of  $[(\eta^6\text{-cymene})\text{OsCl}_2]_2(31.7 \text{ mg}, 0.040 \text{ mmol})$ , TIOAc (21.1 mg, 0.080 mmol) and Schiff base (0.084 mmol) was stirred in methanol (2 ml) at 100 °C in a sealed tube and under argon atmosphere for 4 hours. The solvent was removed from the reaction mixture *in vacuo*, the residue was separated on SiO<sub>2</sub> with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as eluent. After removing of the solvents *in vacuo* the product was obtained as orange-red crystals. Yield 41 mg (86%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.12 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.73 – 7.41 (m, 4H, Ar-H in *ortho*-position to N=C group + Ar-H in ortho position to OMe in the anisaldehyde moiety), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H in *ortho*-position to OMe group in anisidine moiety), 6.55 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H in *ortho*-position to C=N group), 5.50 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H, Ar-H(cymene)), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 3H, Ar-H(cymene)), 3.90 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.86 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 2.29 (sept, 6.9 Hz, 1H, C<u>H</u>(Me)<sub>2</sub>), 2.17 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>Ar), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C), 0.81 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.4, 172.0, 161.7, 158.6, 149.1, 140.9, 131.1, 124.0, 122.9, 113.8, 109.2, 95.9, 90.7, 83.2, 79.9, 73.9, 71.9, 55.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>O), 55.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>O), 31.3 ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHAr (Cymene)), 23.5 ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHAr (Cymene)), 21.7 ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHAr (Cymene)), 18.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>Ar (Cymene)).

HRMS (ESI-MS): calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sup>+</sup> [M]<sup>+</sup> 601.1415, found 601.1419.

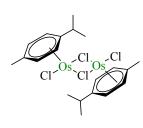
## **3.** Catalyst Screening and Conditions Optimization: Reaction of 4methoxybenzaldehyde with 4-methoxyaniline

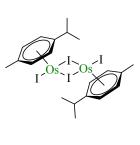


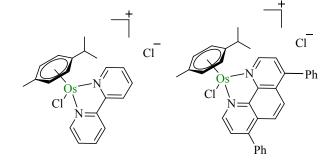
*General procedure*: A glass vial in a 10 mL stainless steel or titanium autoclave was charged with the prescribed quantity of the catalyst, co-catalyst, 4-methoxyaniline (24.7 - 98.8 mg, 50-200 mol %, 0.1 - 0.4 mmol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (48.8 µL, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol) and 0.4 mL of the corresponding solvent if mentioned. The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, then charged with the indicated pressure of CO. The reactor was placed into a preheated oil bath. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled down to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, and then a sample of the resulting solution was analyzed by GC. Unless otherwise mentioned, the yields were determined by GC.

All experiments were reproduced at least two times.

### Table S1 Comparison of catalytic activity of different complexes.





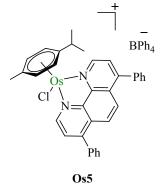


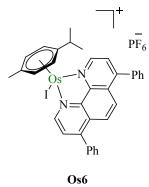
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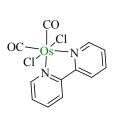


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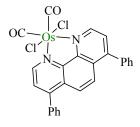




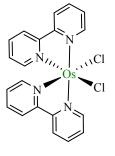




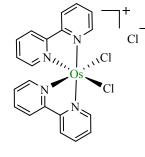
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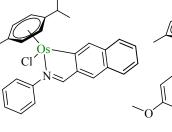


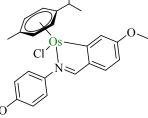


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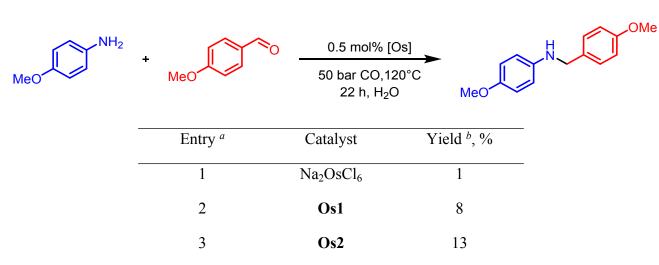
**Os10** 





Os11

Os12



4	Os3	94
5	Os4	84
6	Os5	98
7	Os6	80
8	Os7	81
9	Os8	99
10	Os9	Traces
11	<b>Os10</b>	2
12	<b>Os11</b>	10
13	<b>Os12</b>	Traces

<sup>*a*</sup>Osmium catalyst (0.5 mol% [Os]), 98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8  $\mu$ L (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 400  $\mu$ L H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 bar CO, 120 °C, 22 h.

<sup>b</sup> Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

#### .OMe $NH_2$ X mol% [Os] MeO 50 bar CO,120°C MeC MeO 22 h, H<sub>2</sub>O [Os] $Os1 + Bphen^{a}$ , **Os4**<sup>b</sup>, **Os6** <sup>b</sup>, % Loading, Entry % % mol% Cl Cl I, $PF_6$ Anions -1 0.5 98 84 80 2 0.25 99 79 2 3 0.125 2 85 53

#### Table S2. Investigation of the effects of ancillary anions.

<sup>*a*</sup>98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8 $\mu$ L (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 0.25-0.0625 mol% of catalyst, 1.5-0.375 mol% of bathophenanthroline **L3** 2-0,5 mg (6.0-1.5  $\mu$ mol), 400  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 bar CO, 120°C, 22 h. Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

<sup>*b*</sup>98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8 $\mu$ L (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 0.5-0.0625 mol% of catalyst, 400  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 bar CO, 120°C, 22 h.Yields of the experiments were determined by GC

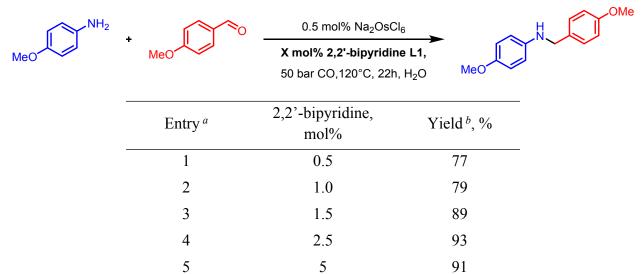
MeO + MeO	x mol <sup>o</sup>	0.5 mol% [Os]	MeO
Entry	Catalyst	2,2'-bipyridine L1, mol%	Yield <sup>c</sup> , %
1ª	Na <sub>2</sub> OsCl <sub>6</sub>	-	1
$2^b$	Na <sub>2</sub> OsCl <sub>6</sub>	1.5	89
3 <sup><i>a</i></sup>	Os1	-	8
$4^b$	Os1	1.5	89
5 <sup><i>a</i></sup>	Os2	-	13
$6^b$	Os2	1.5	99
7 <sup>a</sup>	Os9	-	Traces
$8^b$	Os9	1.5	5
9 <sup>a</sup>	<b>Os10</b>	-	2
$10^{b}$	<b>Os10</b>	1.5	2
$11^{a}$	Os11	-	10
$12^{b}$	Os11	1.5	71
13 <sup>a</sup>	Os12	-	Traces
$14^b$	Os12	1.5	15

### Table S3. Investigation of the effects of ancillary ligands.

<sup>*a*</sup>Osmium catalyst (0.5 mol% [Os]), 98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8  $\mu$ L (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 400  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 bar CO, 120°C, 22 h.

<sup>*b*</sup>Osmium catalyst (0.5 mol% [Os]), **2,2'-bipyridine L1 0.96 mg (6.0 \mumol)**, 98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8  $\mu$ L (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 400  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 bar CO, 120°C, 22 h.

<sup>c</sup> Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.



#### Table S4. Investigation of the effect of 2,2'-bipyridine amount

<sup>*a*</sup>Na<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>6</sub> 0.9 mg (2.0  $\mu$ mol), 2,2'-bipyridine L1 0.32-3.2 mg (2.0–20  $\mu$ mol), 98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8 $\mu$ L (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 400  $\mu$ L H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 bar CO, 120°C, 22 h. <sup>*b*</sup>Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

#### OMe NH<sub>2</sub> 0.5 mol% Na<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>6</sub> 1.5 mol% ligand. MeO Me 50 bar CO,120°C, 22h, MeO $H_2O$ Yield<sup>b</sup>, % Entry a Ligand 1 2,2'-bipyridine L1 89 2 7,8-benzoquinoline L2 4 3 Bathophenanthroline L3 99 4 2,2'-biquinoline L4 5 5 Neocuproine L5 4 2,3-Bis(2-pyridyl)-pyrazine L6 6 11 1,10-phenanthroline L7 99 7

### Table S5. Screening of ancillary ligands (Na<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>6</sub>).

<sup>*a*</sup>Na<sub>2</sub>OsCl<sub>6</sub> 0.9 mg (2.0  $\mu$ mol), 1.5 mol% of ligand, 98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8 $\mu$ L (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 400  $\mu$ L H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 bar CO, 120°C, 22 h. <sup>*b*</sup>Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

NH <sub>2</sub>		0.25 mol% [(Cymene)OsCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> Os1	OMe
MeO	+ MeO	0.5 mol% ligand,	
		50 bar CO,120°C, 22h, H <sub>2</sub> O:EtOH=80:20	MeO
	Entry <sup>a</sup>	Ligand	Yield <sup>b</sup> ,%
	1	2,2'-bipyridine L1	96
	2	7,8-benzoquinoline L2	7
	3	Bathophenanthroline L3	74
	4	2,2'-biquinoline L4	3
	5	Neocuproine L5	8
	6	2,3-Bis(2-pyridyl)-pyrazine L6	41
	7	1,10-phenanthroline L7	71

### Table S6. Screening of ancillary ligands ([(p-cymene)OsCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, Os1).

<sup>*a*</sup>Osmium catalyst **Os1** 0.8 mg (1.0  $\mu$ mol), 0.5 mol% of ligand, 98.8 mg (0.8 mmol), 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8  $\mu$ L (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 320  $\mu$ L H<sub>2</sub>O + 80  $\mu$ L EtOH, 50 bar CO, 120°C, 22 h. <sup>*b*</sup> Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

### Table S7. Investigation of the temperature effect.

NH <sub>2</sub>		0.25 mol% [(Cymene)OsCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> <b>Os1</b>	<b>.</b>	.H. J.
	MeO	0.5 mol% 2,2'-bipyridine <b>L1</b> , 50 bar CO, <b>t°C,</b> H <sub>2</sub> O	MeO	
	Entry <sup>a</sup>	temperature, °C	Yield <sup>b</sup> , %	
	1	60	Traces	
	2	80	Traces	
	3	100	27	
	4	120	81	
	5	140	88	
	6	160	74	
	7	180	41	
	8	200	15	

<sup>*a*</sup>Osmium catalyst **Os1** 0.8 mg (1.0  $\mu$ mol),2,2'-bipyridine **L1** 0.32 mg (2.0  $\mu$ mol), 98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8  $\mu$ L (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 400  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 bar CO, corresponding temperature, 22 h. <sup>*b*</sup> Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

#### Table S8. Screening of solvents.

NH <sub>2</sub>	0.25 mol% [(Cymene)OsCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> <b>Os1</b>	
MeO	0.5 mol% 2,2'-bipyridine <b>L1</b> , 50 bar CO, 140°C,22 h, <b>solvent</b>	MeO
Entry <sup>a</sup>	Solvent	Yield <sup>c</sup> , %
1	THF (20 ppm $H_2O$ )	12
2	$Et_2O$ (20 ppm $H_2O$ )	11
3	MeCN (20 ppm H <sub>2</sub> O)	10
4	Dioxane (20 ppm H <sub>2</sub> O)	7
5	EtOAc (0.1% H <sub>2</sub> O)	25
6	t-BuOMe (0.5% H <sub>2</sub> O)	10
7	$H_2O$	88
8	PhCH <sub>3</sub> (0.03% H <sub>2</sub> O)	15
9 <sup>b</sup>	MeOH (0.0096% H <sub>2</sub> O)	65
10 <sup>b</sup>	MeOH (0.014% H <sub>2</sub> O)	62
11 <sup>b</sup>	EtOH (1.4% H <sub>2</sub> O)	67
12 <sup>b</sup>	EtOH (4.86% H <sub>2</sub> O)	62
13 <sup>b</sup>	i-PrOH (0.0092% H <sub>2</sub> O)	41
14 <sup>b</sup>	i-PrOH (0.1% H <sub>2</sub> O)	31
15	t-BuOH (0.1% H <sub>2</sub> O)	16

<sup>a</sup>Osmium catalyst Os1 0.8 mg (1.0 μmol), 2,2'-bipyridine L1 0.32 mg (2.0 μmol), 98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8 μL (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 400 μL of corresponding solvent, 50 bar CO, 140°C, 22 h.
<sup>b</sup>The proportion of water was measured by Fischer titration.

<sup>c</sup> Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

MeO

### Table S9. Assessment of ethanol as a cosolvent

NH <sub>2</sub>		0.25 mol% [(Cymene)OsCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> <b>Os1</b>		OMe
MeO MeO		0.5 mol% 2,2'-bipyridine <b>L1</b> , 50 bar CO,120°C 22 h, <b>H<sub>2</sub>O:EtOH</b>	MeO	
	Entry <sup>a</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O:EtOH	Yield <sup>b</sup> , %	
	1	80:20	96	
	2	20:80	94	
	3	50:50	86	
	4	100:0	81	

<sup>*a*</sup>Osmium catalyst **Os1** 0.8 mg (1.0 μmol), 2,2'-bipyridine **L1** 0.32 mg (2.0 μmol), 98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8 μL (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 400 μL of H<sub>2</sub>O-EtOH mixtures, 50 bar CO, 140°C, 22 h. <sup>*b*</sup> Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

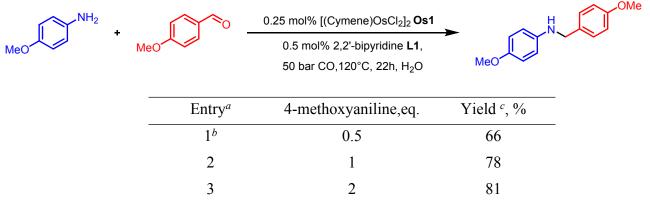
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NH <sub>2</sub>		0.25 mol% [(Cymene)OsCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	Os1	H OMe
MeO +	MeO	0.5 mol% 2,2'-bipyridine L <b>X bar CO</b> ,120°C, 22h, H <sub>2</sub>		
	Entry <sup>a</sup>	Pressure, bar	Yield <sup>b</sup> , %	-
	1	5	Traces	-
	2	10	13	
	3	30	36	
	4	50	81	

### Table S10. Investigation of pressure influence on the Os-catalyzed alkylation.

<sup>a</sup>Osmium catalyst Os1 0.8 mg (1.0 μmol),2,2'-bipyridine L1 0.32 mg (2.0 μmol), 98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8 μL (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 400 μL of H<sub>2</sub>O, corresponding preassure, 120°C, 22 h.
<sup>b</sup> Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

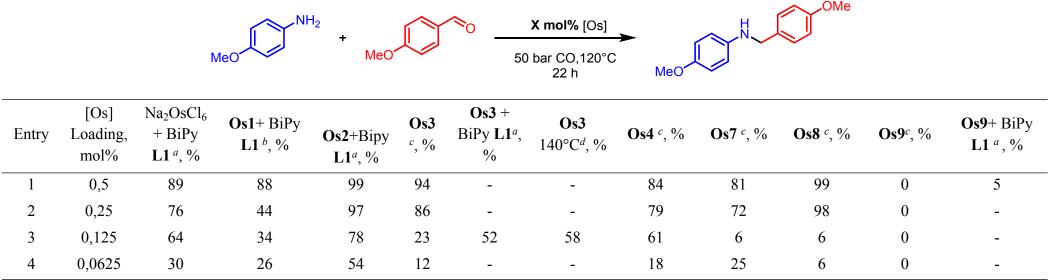
#### Table S11. Effect of the stoichiometric ratio of reagents.



<sup>*a*</sup>Osmium catalyst **Os1** 0.8 mg (1.0  $\mu$ mol), 2,2'-bipyridine **L1** 0.32 mg (2.0  $\mu$ mol), 24.7-98.8 mg (0.2-0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8  $\mu$ L (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 400  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 bar CO, 120°C, 22 h. <sup>*b*</sup>The yield was calculated relative to 4-methoxyaniline.

<sup>c</sup>Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

Table S12. Investigation of the catalysts' loading



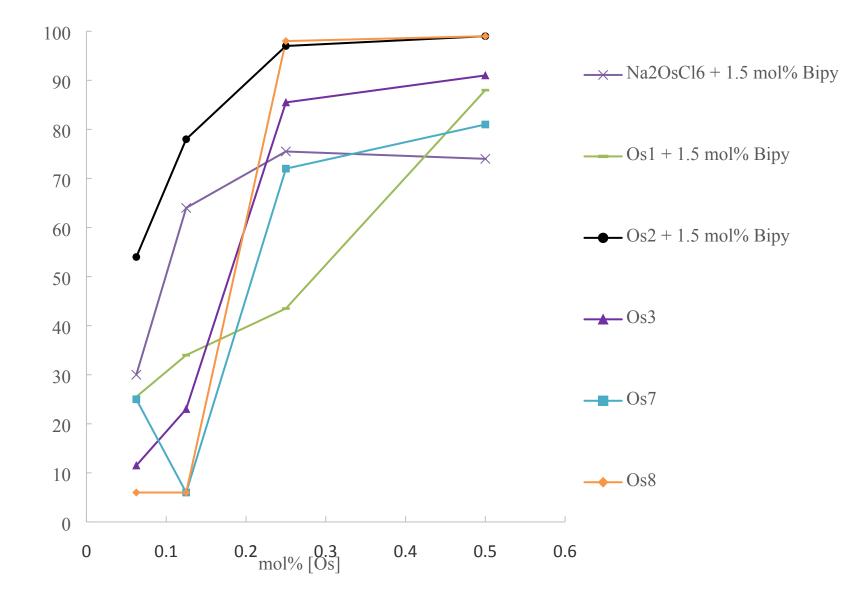
<sup>*a*</sup>98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8 $\mu$ L (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 0.5-0.0625 mol% of catalyst, 1.5 mol% of 2,2'-bipyridine 0.96 mg (6.0  $\mu$ mol), 400  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 bar CO, 120°C, 22 h . Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

<sup>b</sup>98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8μL (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, **320 μL H<sub>2</sub>O 80 μLEtOH**, 0.25-0.03125mol% % of catalyst, **1.5 mol% of 2,2'-bipyridine L1**,. Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

<sup>c98.8</sup> mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8μL (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 0.5-0.0625 mol% of catalyst, 400 μL of H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 bar CO, 120°C, 22 h.Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

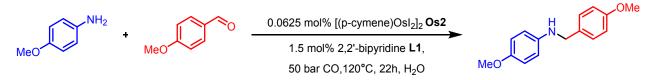
<sup>d</sup>98.8 mg (0.8 mmol) 4-methoxyaniline, 48.8µL (0.4 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 400 µL H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.5-0.0625 mol% of catalyst, **140°C**, Yields of the experiments were determined by GC.

«-» - Experiment was not conducted.



Yield, %

Finally, optimal conditions are:

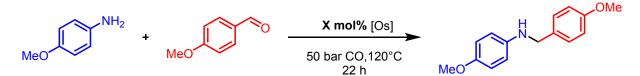


**Os2** (0.0625 – 0.25 mol%), 1.5 mol% 2,2'-bipyridine L1, 2 equiv. of amine, H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 bar CO, 120°C, 22 h.

**Os2** was selected as the benchmark catalyst due to its low cost and relative simplicity. Moreover, the reaction requires minimal loading of this catalyst. Thus, this catalyst represents the optimal combination of catalytic activity and cost.

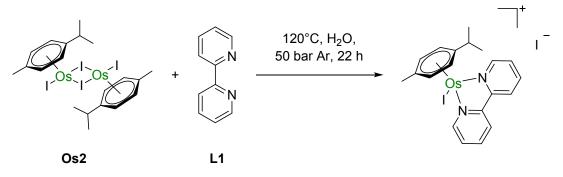
Other active catalytic systems are listed in the table below along with their price and optimal conditions for catalysis. The prices were calculated on the basis of Sigma Aldrich catalogue.

### Table S13. Comparison of the working catalytic systems.



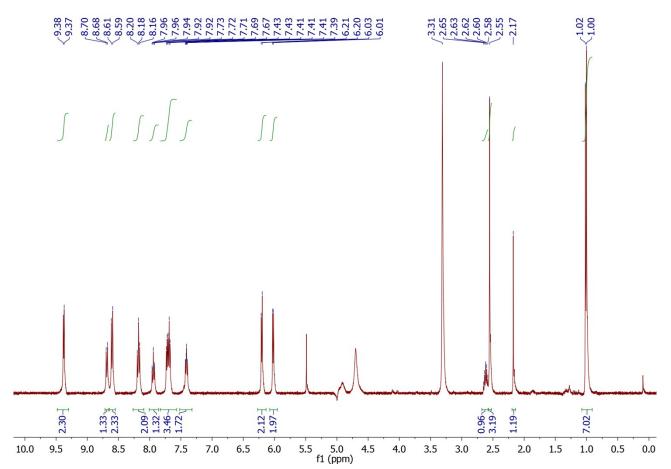
Entry	Osmium source	Additive	Minimal [Os] loading required for preparative yield	Number of steps for the osmium precursor preparation	Additive/Ligand cost, EUR for 1 g	Yield at the standard conditions using the mentioned catalytic osmium loading, %
1	Na <sub>2</sub> OsCl <sub>6</sub>	Bipy <b>L1</b> 1.5 mol%	0.125 mol%	0	11 EUR/g	64
2	Na <sub>2</sub> OsCl <sub>6</sub>	BPhen <b>L3</b> 1.5 mol%	0.5 mol%	0	549 EUR/g	99
3	Os1	Bipy <b>L1</b> 1.5 mol%	0.5 mol% (H <sub>2</sub> O:EtOH 4:1)	1	11 EUR/g	88
4	Os1	BPhen <b>L3</b> 1.5 mol%	0.125 mol% with 0.3725 mol% Bphen	1	549 EUR/g	85
5	Os2	Bipy L1 1.5 mol%	0.0625 mol%	2	11 EUR/g	54
6	Os7	-	0.25 mol%	1	11 EUR/g	72
7	Os8	-	0.25 mol%	1	549 EUR/g	98
8	Os3	1.5 mol% Bipy L1	0.125 mol%	2	11 EUR/g	52
9	Os3	-	0.125 mol%, 140°C	2	11 EUR/g	58
10	Os4	-	0.125	2	549 EUR/g	61
11	Os6	-	0.5	2	549 EUR/g	80

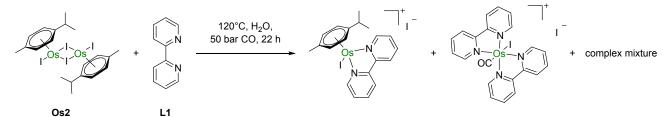
### 4. Mechanistic investigations



A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (5.2 mg, 4.5  $\mu$ mol, 50 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (1.4 mg, 9.0  $\mu$ mol, 100 mol%) and water (100  $\mu$ L). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of Ar, and then charged with Ar (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 120°C oil bath for 18 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was analyzed by NMR and LCMS. The main component is CymeneOsBiPyI<sub>2</sub>.

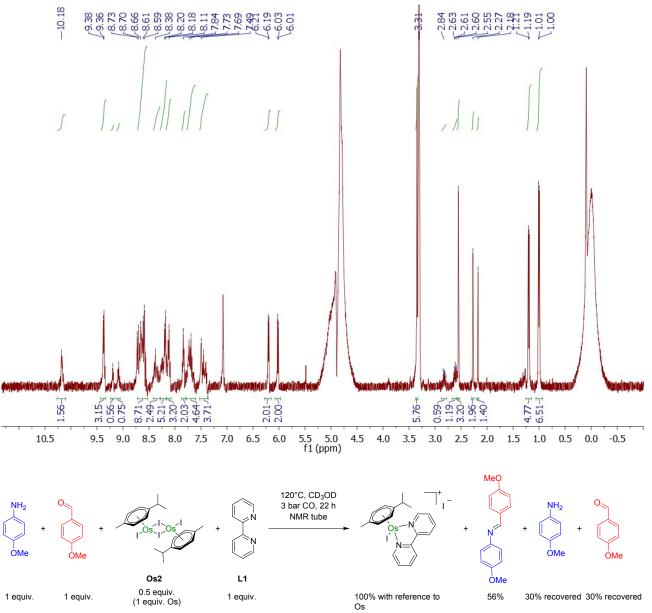
Reaction mixture <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, signal of water was supressed)





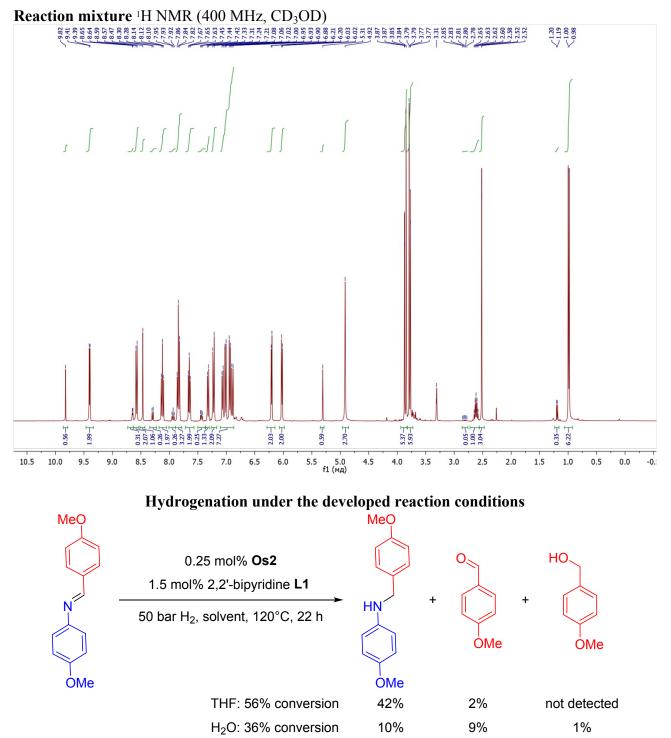
A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (5.2 mg, 4.5  $\mu$ mol, 50 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (1.4 mg, 9.0  $\mu$ mol, 100 mol%) and water (100  $\mu$ L). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 120°C oil bath for 18 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was analyzed by NMR and LCMS. The main component is CymeneOsBiPyI<sub>2</sub>, and (BiPy)<sub>2</sub>OsCOI<sub>2</sub> was identified by MS.

Reaction mixture <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, signal of water was supressed)



A high pressure NMR tube was charged with catalyst **Os2** (10 mg, 8.7  $\mu$ mol, 50 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (2.7 mg, 17  $\mu$ mol, 100 mol%), 4-methoxyaniline (2.1 mg, 100 mol %, 17  $\mu$ mol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (2.1  $\mu$ L, 100 mol%, 17  $\mu$ mol) and CD<sub>3</sub>OD (400  $\mu$ L). The tube was sealed,

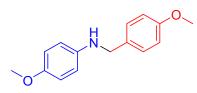
flushed three times with 3 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (3 bar). The tube was placed into a preheated to 120°C oil bath for 16 h. After the indicated time, the tube was cooled to room temperature and the reaction mixture was analyzed by NMR.



A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0  $\mu$ mol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), N,1-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methanimine (96.8 mg, 100 mol %, 0.4 mmol), water or THF (400  $\mu$ L). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of H<sub>2</sub>, and then charged with H<sub>2</sub> (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 120°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR.

### 5. Synthesis and characterization of the RA products

4-methoxy-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)aniline (1)



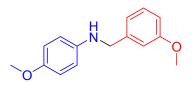
A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0  $\mu$ mol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), 4-methoxyaniline (98.8 mg, 200 mol %, 0.8 mmol), water (400  $\mu$ L) and 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (48.8  $\mu$ L, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 120°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 93% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified using column chromatography using InterChim PuriFlash chromatograph in hexane-ethyl acetate gradient system (Rf=0.5 hexane/ethyl acetate/trimethylamine = 4/1/0.05). Isolated as a white solid - 93% (90.9 mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.21 (s, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.9 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-O), 152.2 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-O), 142.6 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-N), 131.8 (<u>C<sub>Ar</sub></u>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 128.9 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 115.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 114.2 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 114.06 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 55.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.4 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 48.8 (NCH<sub>2</sub>).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report.<sup>4</sup>

### 4-methoxy-N-(3-methoxybenzyl)aniline (2)



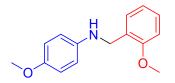
A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0 µmol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0 µmol, 1.5 mol%), 4-methoxyaniline (98.8 mg, 200 mol %, 0.8 mmol), water (400 µL) and 3-methoxybenzaldehyde (49 µL, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 120°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 86% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified using column chromatography, eluent hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine 10/1/0.1 (Rf = 0.11). Isolated as a yellow oil - 71% (69.6 mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.05 – 6.90 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.89 – 6.71 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.27 (s, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.76 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-O), 152.3 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-O), 142.5 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-N), 141.5 (<u>C<sub>Ar</sub></u>-C), 129.7 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 119.9 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 115.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 114.2 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 113.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 112.7 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 55.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 49.3 (NCH<sub>2</sub>).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report.<sup>4</sup>

#### 4-methoxy-N-(2-methoxybenzyl)aniline (3)



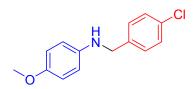
A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0  $\mu$ mol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), 4-methoxyaniline (98.8 mg, 200 mol %, 0.8 mmol) water (400  $\mu$ L) and 2-methoxybenzaldehyde (48.6  $\mu$ L, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 140°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 86% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified using column chromatography, eluent hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine 10/1/0.1 (Rf = 0.11). Isolated as a yellow oil - 80% (77.7 mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.26 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 – 6.95 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.30 (s, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.5 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-O), 152.2 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-O), 142.8 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-N), 129.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.4 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 127.7 (<u>C<sub>Ar</sub></u>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 120.6 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 114.9 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 114.54 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 110.3 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 55.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.4 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 44.6 (NCH<sub>2</sub>).

The obtained NMR data are in an agreement with literature data.<sup>4</sup>

### N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-methoxyaniline (4)



A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0  $\mu$ mol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), 4-methoxyaniline (98.8 mg, 200 mol %, 0.8 mmol) 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (56.4 mg, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol) and water (400  $\mu$ L). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 160°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled

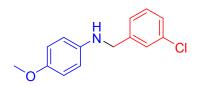
to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 80% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified using column chromatography, eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine 20/1/0.1 (Rf = 0.11) to hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine 10/1/0.1 (Rf = 0.2). Isolated as a yellow oil. Isolated as a yellow oil - 70% (69 mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31 (s, 4H, Cl-Ar**H**), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.27 (s, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.4 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-O), 142.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-N), 138.4 (<u>C<sub>Ar</sub></u>-C), 132.8 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-Cl), 128.83 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.78 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 115.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 114.2 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 55.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 48.6 (NCH<sub>2</sub>).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report.<sup>5</sup>

### N-(3-chlorobenzyl)-4-methoxyaniline (5)



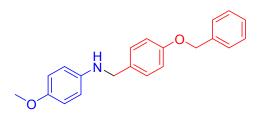
A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0  $\mu$ mol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), 4-methoxyaniline (98.8 mg, 200 mol %, 0.8 mmol), water (400  $\mu$ L) and 3-chlorobenzaldehyde (45.2  $\mu$ L, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 160°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 78% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified using column chromatography, eluent hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine 10/1/0.1 (Rf = 0.2). Isolated as a yellow oil - 73% (72.5 mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (s, 1H, Cl-Ar**H**), 7.26 (s, 3H, Cl-Ar**H**), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.59 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.28 (s, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.4 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-O), 142.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-N), 134.6 (<u>C<sub>Ar</sub></u>-C), 130.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 127.6 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 127.4 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.6 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 115.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 114.2 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 55.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 48.7 (NCH<sub>2</sub>).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report.<sup>6</sup>

### N-(4-(benzyloxy)benzyl)-4-methoxyaniline (6)



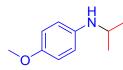
A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0  $\mu$ mol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), 4-methoxyaniline (98.8 mg, 200 mol %, 0.8 mmol), 4-(benzyloxy)benzaldehyde (84.9 mg, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol) and water (400  $\mu$ L). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 160°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 68% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified using column chromatography using InterChim PuriFlash chromatograph in hexane-DCM gradient system (Rf=0.16 DCM). Isolated as a yellowish solid - 56% (71.2 mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.56 – 7.21 (m, 7H, ArH), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H , ArH), 5.07 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.22 (s, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.76 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-O), 152.3 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-O), 142.6 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-N), 137.1 (<u>C<sub>Ar</sub></u>-C), 132.1 (<u>C<sub>Ar</sub></u>-C), 129.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.7 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 127.6 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 115.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 115.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 114.2 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 70.1 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 55.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 48.8 (NCH<sub>2</sub>).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report.<sup>4</sup>

### N-isopropyl-4-methoxyaniline (7)



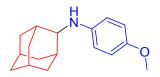
A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (2.32 mg, 2.0  $\mu$ mol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (1.92 mg, 12.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), 4-methoxyaniline (98.8 mg, 100 mol%, 0.8 mmol) water (800  $\mu$ L), and acetone (1164  $\mu$ L, 2000 mol%, 16 mmol). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 160°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 87% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified using column chromatography, eluent hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine 10/1/0.1 (Rf = 0.22). Isolated as a yellow oil - 67% (88 mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.79 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.58 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.55 (sept, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H, <u>CH</u>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.20 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H, C(<u>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub></u>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-O), 141.9 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-N), 115.0 (2C, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 55.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 45.3 (NCH), 23.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report<sup>7</sup>

### N-(4-methoxyphenyl)adamantan-2-amine (8)



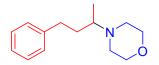
A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0  $\mu$ mol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), water (400  $\mu$ L), 4-methoxyaniline (98.8 mg, 200 mol %, 0.8 mmol) and 2-adamantanoe (60.5 mg, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 180°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 82% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified using column chromatography using InterChim PuriFlash chromatograph in DCM-MeOH gradient system (Rf=0.3 DCM). Isolated as a brown solid - 70% (72.5 mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.48 (s, 1H, NCH), 2.10 – 1.69 (m, 12H, Adamantyl), 1.59 (m appears as d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 2H, Adamantyl).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.8 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-O), 141.7 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-N), 115.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 114.7 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 57.9 (NCH), 56.0 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 37.9 (Adamantyl), 37.6 (Adamantyl), 31.7 (Adamantyl), 31.6 (Adamantyl), 27.6 (Adamantyl), 27.5 (Adamantyl).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report.<sup>4</sup>

### 4-(4-phenylbutan-2-yl)-morpholine (9)



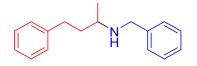
A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0 µmol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0 µmol, 1.5 mol%), water (400 µL), morpholine (70 µL, 200 mol %, 0.8 mmol) and 4-phenylbutan-2-one (60.1 µL, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 120°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 83% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent/hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine = 4/1/0.1, Rf = 0.19) to afford 62 mg (71 %) of the product as a yellowish oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.39 – 7.07 (m, 5H, ArH), 3.79 – 3.53 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 2.81 – 2.24 (m, 7H, Ph<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>, CH<sub>3</sub><u>CH</u>N, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 1.90 – 1.78 (m, 1H, CC<u>H</u>HC), 1.65 – 1.42 (m, 1H, CCH<u>H</u>C), 1.02 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH<u>CH<sub>3</sub></u>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.6 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C), 128.5 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.4 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.8 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 67.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 58.5 (CHN), 48.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 35.2 (C<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>C), 32.9 (Ph<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>), 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report.<sup>10</sup>

### N-benzyl-4-phenylbutan-2-amine (10)



A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0  $\mu$ mol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), water (400  $\mu$ L), phenylmethanamine (87.6  $\mu$ L, 200 mol%, 0.8 mmol) and 4-phenylbutan-2-one (60.1  $\mu$ L, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 140°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 84% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent/hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine = 4/1/0.1, Rf = 0.17) to afford 79.7 mg (83 %) of the product as a yellowish oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDC<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.47 – 7.00 (m, 10H, ArH), 3.79 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.80 – 2.58 (m, 3H, Ph<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>C, N<u>CH</u>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.51 (s, 1H, NH), 1.88 – 1.77 (m, 1H, CCH<u>H</u>C), 1.74 – 1.60 (m, 1H, CC<u>H</u>HC), 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H, CH<u>CH<sub>3</sub></u>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.6 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C), 140.9 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C), 128.5 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.46 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.45 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.3 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 127.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.8 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 52.1 (C-N), 51.4 (C-N), 38.8 (C<u>CH</u><sub>2</sub>C), 32.4 (Ph<u>CH</u><sub>2</sub>C), 20.5 (CH<u>CH</u><sub>3</sub>).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report.<sup>8</sup>

### N-benzylcyclopentanamine (11)

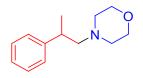
A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0  $\mu$ mol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), water (400  $\mu$ L), cyclopentanone (35.4  $\mu$ L, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol) and phenylmethanamine (87.6  $\mu$ L, 200 mol %, 0.8 mmol). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 140°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 72% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent/hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine = 20/1/1, Rf = 0.33) to afford 49.5 mg (65%) of the product as a yellowish oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38 – 7.30 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H, ArH), 3.79 (s, 2H, Ph<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>N), 3.14 (quint., *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H, NCH), 1.93 – 1.81 (m, 2H, Cyclopentyl), 1.78 – 1.65 (m, 2H, Cyclopentyl), 1.62 – 1.48 (m, 2H, Cyclopentyl), 1.46 – 1.34 (m, 3H, NH, Cyclopentyl).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.8 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C), 128.5 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.3 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 126.9 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 59.2 (NCH), 52.9 (Ph<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>N), 33.3 (Cyclopentyl), 24.2 (Cyclopentyl).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report.9

### 4-(2-phenylpropyl)morpholine (12)



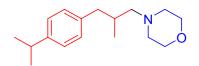
A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0  $\mu$ mol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), water (400  $\mu$ L), morpholine (70  $\mu$ L, 200 mol%, 0.8 mmol) and 2-phenylpropanal (48.9  $\mu$ L, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 120°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 71% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent/hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine = 10/1/0.1, Rf = 0.13) to afford 50.9 mg (63 %) of the product as a yellowish oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34 – 7.16 (m, 5H, ArH), 3.74 – 3.63 (m, 4H, O<u>CH</u><sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.03 – 2.87 (m, 1H, <u>CH</u>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.59 – 2.44 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub><u>CH</u><sub>2</sub>N), 2.44 – 2.32 (m, 2H, N<u>CH</u><sub>2</sub>CH), 1.29 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH<u>CH</u><sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C), 128.4 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 127.3 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 126.2 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 67.2 (O<u>CH</u><sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 66.7 (N<u>CH</u><sub>2</sub>CH), 54.1 (OCH<sub>2</sub><u>CH</u><sub>2</sub>N), 37.2 (<u>CH</u>CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.0 (CH<u>CH</u><sub>3</sub>).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report.<sup>10</sup>

### 4-(3-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2-methylpropyl)morpholine (13)



A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0  $\mu$ mol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), water (400  $\mu$ L), morpholine (70  $\mu$ L, 200 mol%, 0.8 mmol) and 3-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2-methylpropanal (80.1  $\mu$ L, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 120°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 71% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under

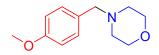
reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine = 4/1/0.1, Rf = 0.27), dissolved in diluted HCl and washed with diethyl ether (2 x 3 ml). The water solution was basified with KOH, the product extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 3 ml) and dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent *in vacuo* 69 mg (66 %) of the product was obtained as a yellowish oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.14 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.08 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 3.73 (t, J = 4.3 Hz, 4H, O<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 2.95 – 2.83 (m, 1H, <u>CH</u>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.82 - 2.74 (m, 1H, CH<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>), 2.43 (br. s, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub><u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>N), 2.35 – 2.19 (m, 2H, CH<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>), 2.18 – 2.10 (m, 1H, CH<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>), 2.05 – 1.88 (m, 1H, <u>CH</u>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.25 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H, CH(<u>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub></u>), 0.87 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H, CH<u>CH<sub>3</sub></u>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.3 (<u>C<sub>Ar</sub></u>-CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 138.3 (<u>C<sub>Ar</sub></u>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 129.3 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 126.2 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 67.2 (O<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 65.5 (N<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>CH), 54.1 (OCH<sub>2</sub><u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>N), 40.9 (Ph<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>), 33.8 (CH), 32.1 (CH), 24.2 (CH(<u>CH<sub>3</sub>)</u><sub>2</sub>), 18.2 (CH<u>CH<sub>3</sub></u>).

HRMS (TOF ESI+): for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calculated m/z 262.2165, found m/z 262.2165.

### 4-(4-methoxybenzyl)morpholine (14)



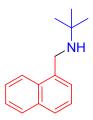
A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (0.29 mg, 0.25  $\mu$ mol, 0.0625 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), water (400  $\mu$ L), morpholine (70  $\mu$ L, 200 mol%, 0.8 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (48.8  $\mu$ L, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 120°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 80% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified using column chromatography, eluent hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine 4/1/0.05 (Rf = 0.13). Isolated as a yellow oil - 75% (65.5 mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.23 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.70 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H, O<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.43 (s, 2H, Ph<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>N), 2.45 – 2.39 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub><u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>N).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.9 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-O), 130.5 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C), 129.8 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 113.7 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 67.1 (O<u>CH</u><sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 63.0 (Ph<u>CH</u><sub>2</sub>N), 55.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 53.6 (OCH<sub>2</sub><u>CH</u><sub>2</sub>N).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report.<sup>11</sup>

### 2-methyl-N-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)propan-2-amine (15)



A glass vial in a 10 mL titanium autoclave was charged with catalyst **Os2** (1.16 mg, 1.0  $\mu$ mol, 0.25 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.96 mg, 6.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 mol%), water (400  $\mu$ L), 1-naphthaldehyde (54  $\mu$ L, 100 mol%, 0.4 mmol) and tert-butylamine (421.6  $\mu$ L, 500 mol%, 2 mmol). The autoclave was sealed, flushed three times with 10 bar of CO, and then charged with CO (50 bar). The reactor was placed into a preheated to 160°C oil bath for 22 h. After the indicated time, the reactor was cooled to room temperature and depressurized. The reaction mixture was transferred into a measuring flask and diluted with dichloromethane to 5 mL, 1 ml aliquot was analyzed by NMR. 63% NMR yield. Purification: DCM fraction was washed with water, after that solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent/hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine = 20/1/1, Rf = 0.41) to afford 43.8 mg (51 %) of the product as a yellowish oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.62 – 7.37 (m, 4H, ArH), 4.20 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 1.30 (s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 134.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C), 132.0 (C<sub>Ar</sub>-C), 128.8 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 127.7 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 126.4 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 126.1 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.7 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 125.6 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 123.9 (C<sub>Ar</sub>), 51.0 (<u>C</u>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 44.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 29.3 (C(<u>CH<sub>3</sub></u>)<sub>3</sub>).

The obtained NMR data are in agreement with the literature report.<sup>12</sup>

## 6. Details of DFT calculations

Geometry optimizations and frequency calculations for the decarboxylation stage of the WGSR catalyzed by osmium complexes were carried out using Gaussian 09 software (revision D.01)<sup>13</sup> applying the M06-L functional<sup>14</sup> with SDD basis set. Water solvation was included using SMD model.<sup>15</sup> The optimized geometries were verified to have no negative frequencies for all intermediates and only one negative frequency for the transition states.

#### Cartesian coordinates optimized at the M06-L/SDD level

[Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>(COOH)]<sup>-</sup> (the COOH group is opposite to the CO ligand)

76 17 17	-0.039379000 -1.961343000 -0.230623000	0.483018000 1.528528000 -1.607191000	0.509308000 1.853353000 1.938434000
6	0.138747000	2.121886000	-0.412878000
6	1.384612000	-0.328525000	-0.416960000
8	0.248253000	3.157063000	-0.970186000
8	2.277853000	-0.853790000	-0.980577000
6	1.348368000	1.141693000	1.998951000
8	2.582833000	0.905886000	2.016470000
6	-1.438457000	-0.249070000	-0.698049000
8	-2.294741000	-0.670181000	-1.378457000
8	0.870267000	1.869436000	3.098687000
1	-0.109252000	2.004692000	3.027172000

TS for decarboxylation of [Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>(COOH)]<sup>-</sup> (the COOH group is opposite to the CO ligand)

76 17 17 6	-0.153717000 -2.097293000 -0.357340000 -0.009043000	0.468903000 1.445752000 -1.655231000 2.131270000	0.512197000 1.853487000 1.858846000 -0.386945000
6	1.363605000	-0.256690000	-0.361020000
8	0.068853000	3.172354000	-0.932286000
8	2.309766000	-0.717526000	-0.883603000
6	1.428155000	1.146112000	2.118479000
8	2.461396000	0.441430000	2.190531000
6	-1.399091000	-0.290494000	-0.786483000
8	-2.167942000	-0.738916000	-1.547307000
8	1.152050000	2.250196000	2.850317000
1	0.121531000	1.553019000	2.146242000

### [Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>(COOH)]<sup>-</sup> (the COOH group is opposite to Cl<sup>-</sup>)

76 17 17 6	-0.059202000 -1.966647000 -0.337246000 0.126090000	0.502054000 1.560066000 -1.645307000 2.071888000	0.545961000 1.967406000 1.932046000 -0.448696000
6	1.480763000	-0.394373000	-0.551938000
8	0.234292000	3.074236000	-1.071118000
8	1.996423000	0.044332000	-1.607465000
6	1.257481000	1.079777000	1.895659000
8	2.035092000	1.396380000	2.711199000
6	-1.416797000	-0.203391000	-0.687981000
8	2.029197000	-1.591387000	-0.068146000
1	1.530910000	-1.906869000	0.729315000
8	-2.249517000	-0.637496000	-1.387397000

# TS for decarboxylation of $[Os(CO)_3Cl_2(COOH)]^-$ (the COOH group is opposite to Cl<sup>-</sup>)

76	0.015794000	0.431533000	0.642004000
17	-2.008767000	1.609772000	1.775251000
17	-0.578471000	-1.688431000	1.914368000
6	0.439670000	2.005238000	-0.319322000
8	1.356583000	-0.513658000	-0.881732000
8	0.699204000	2.987180000	-0.916845000
6	1.204633000	-0.298324000	-2.104912000
8	1.129450000	1.062656000	2.124872000
6	1.735257000	1.436677000	3.052848000
8	-1.359261000	-0.282160000	-0.639704000
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8	2.265112000	-1.278307000	-0.288900000
1	1.456027000	-0.565249000	0.782505000
8	-2.196147000	-0.713044000	-1.323907000

### [Os(bipy)(CO)Cl<sub>2</sub>(COOH)]<sup>-</sup>

76	1.286658000	5.599103000	13.014583000
17	2.631154000	6.185324000	15.065689000
17	0.043374000	5.229799000	10.831790000
8	3.811447000	3.990614000	12.660532000
8	-0.562230000	3.718585000	14.537181000
7	2.416905000	7.129628000	11.948940000
7	0.201301000	7.436694000	13.378228000
6	1.958013000	8.419924000	12.064845000
6	3.508294000	6.878289000	11.180471000
1	3.822375000	5.845229000	11.113258000
6	4.196262000	7.893257000	10.513476000
1	5.059098000	7.647104000	9.911732000
6	3.746358000	9.214563000	10.640844000
6	2.616914000	9.477033000	11.420138000
6	0.149001000	9.842027000	13.112614000
6	-1.014749000	9.915569000	13.882716000
6	-1.564441000	8.732291000	14.396789000
1	-2.463613000	8.743040000	14.996064000
6	-0.933306000	7.518137000	14.126427000
1	-1.329061000	6.585587000	14.504989000
6	0.745043000	8.595177000	12.871358000
6	2.552405000	4.072208000	12.529238000
6	0.187524000	4.451746000	13.931413000
1	2.250145000	10.488706000	11.519165000
1	4.259979000	10.022782000	10.137858000
1	0.588095000	10.743228000	12.707258000
1	-1.480585000	10.872513000	14.075105000
8	2.001820000	2.898330000	11.910165000
1	1.050282000	3.061176000	11.712958000

### TS for decarboxylation of $[Os(bipy)(CO)Cl_2(COOH)]^-$

76 17 17	1.230096000 2.491333000 -0.322130000	5.544666000 6.157784000 5.599919000	12.980380000 15.053170000 10.943510000
8	3.928798000	4.014807000	13.155565000
8	-0.502927000	3.587535000	14.545831000
7	2.376846000	7.061737000	11.922031000
7	0.161942000	7.423061000	13.377487000
6	1.936144000	8.358907000	12.042429000
6	3.465674000	6.797532000	11.153831000
1	3.765916000	5.761996000	11.074344000
6	4.167320000	7.803627000	10.489027000
1	5.027515000	7.546065000	9.888286000

6	3.735229000	9.129425000	10.618599000
6	2.608907000	9.406366000	11.398291000
6	0.167990000	9.818046000	13.110240000
6	-0.986325000	9.914228000	13.893326000
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8	2.365337000	3.201428000	11.682641000
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### $[Os(bipy)(CO)Cl_2(COOH...OH_2)]^-$

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17	0.424258000	5.457471000	10.565649000
8	4.170258000	4.330343000	12.390433000
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7	2.614992000	7.322007000	11.938665000
7	0.314477000	7.405751000	13.261149000
6	2.053040000	8.568967000	12.081248000
6	3.769301000	7.191397000	11.235968000
1	4.166066000	6.188109000	11.156268000
6	4.417979000	8.285549000	10.660370000
1	5.336396000	8.132971000	10.111691000
6	3.857769000	9.561215000	10.809341000
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# TS for decarboxylation of $[Os(bipy)(CO)Cl_2(COOH...OH_2)]^-$

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# TS for decarboxylation of $[Os(bipy)(CO)I_2(COOH)]^-$

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# 7. X-ray investigations

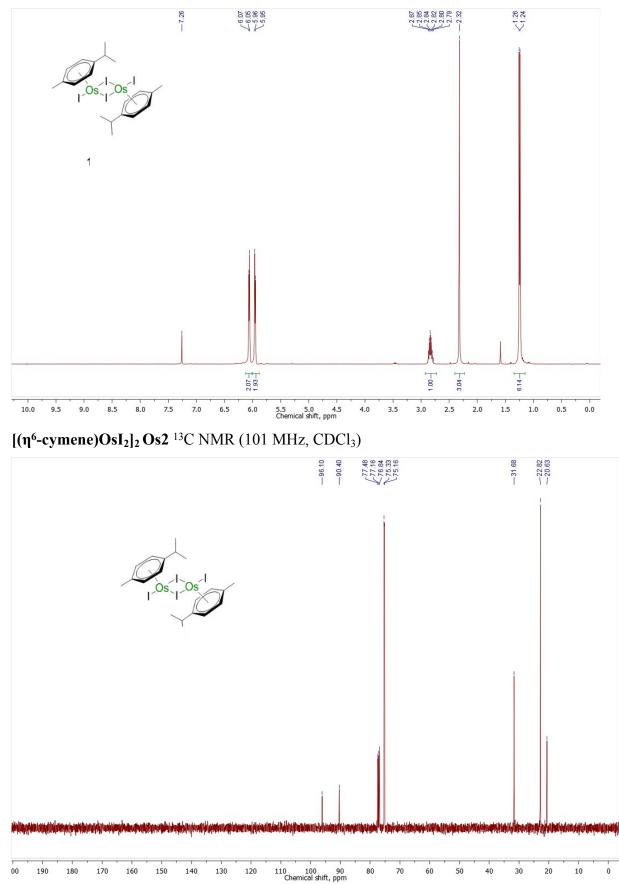
Crystals of complexes **Os8** and **Os12** were obtained by slow interdiffusion of a two-phase system comprising hexane and a solution of the complex in dichloromethane (for **Os8**) and acetone (for **Os12**). X-ray diffraction data were collected at 120 K with APEX2 DUO CCD diffractometer using graphite monochromic Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation (l $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å,  $\omega$ -scans). Using Olex2,<sup>16</sup> the structures were solved with the ShelXT structure solution program <sup>17</sup> using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the XL refinement package<sup>18</sup> using Least Squares minimization. Positions of hydrogen atoms were calculated, and they all were refined in the isotropic approximation within the riding model. Crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters are listed in Table S14. CCDC 2075332 and 2075331 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for **Os8** and **Os12**, respectively. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\_request/cif.

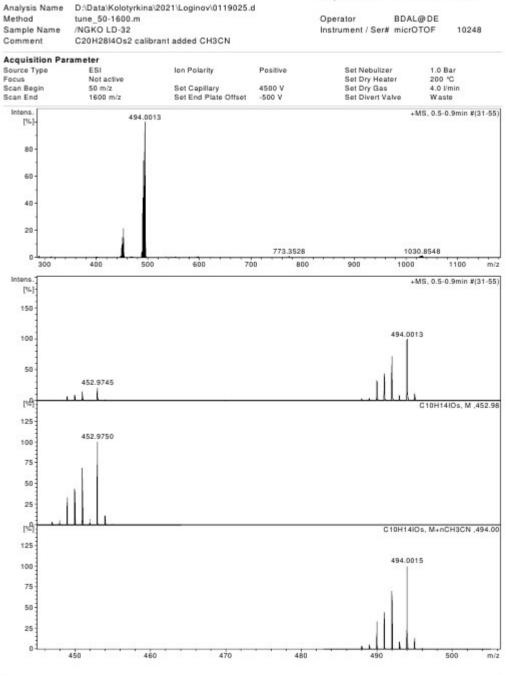
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Molecular weight	649.51	600.13
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$	$P2_{1}/c$
<i>a</i> (Å)	6.961(3)	9.4652(9)
<i>b</i> (Å)	19.454(7)	9.6082(9)
<i>c</i> (Å)	16.217(6)	24.647(3)
β(deg)	95.607(8)	90.999(3)
$V(Å^3)$	2185.4(14)	2241.1(4)
Z	4	4
$D_{\text{calcd}} (\text{g cm}^{-3})$	1.974	1.779
$2\theta_{\rm max}({\rm deg})$	58	54
$\mu$ (Mo- $K\alpha$ ) (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	61.08	58.31
Collected reflections	5808	12741

Independent reflections	5808 ( $R_{\rm int} = 0.0597$ )	4884 ( $R_{\rm int} = 0.0670$ )
Observed reflections $(I \ge 2\sigma(I))$	3768	3625
Parameters	299	276
$R_I$ (on $F$ for obs. refls)	0.0765	0.0404
$wR_2$ (on $F^2$ for all refls)	0.1486	0.0798
F(000)	1248	1176
GOF	1.072	0.969
Largest diff. peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	1.939 and -1.029	1.296 and -1.148

# 8. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra and HRMS of the obtained osmium complexes.

[(η<sup>6</sup>-cymene)OsI<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> Os2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





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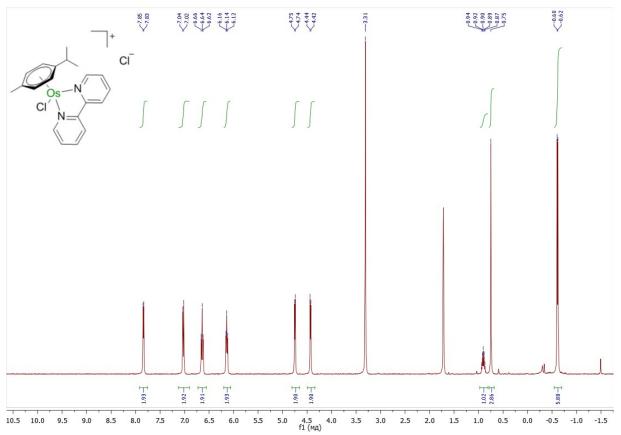
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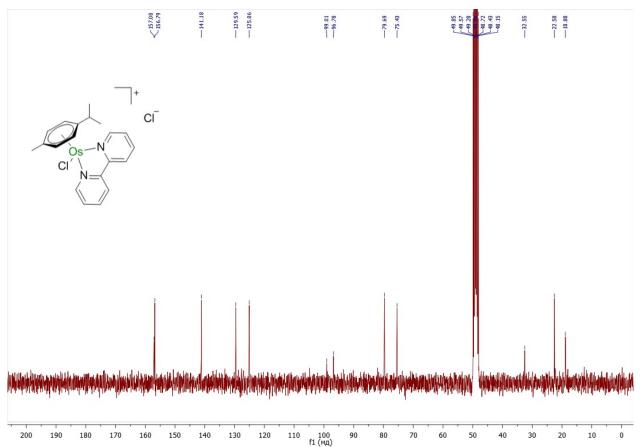
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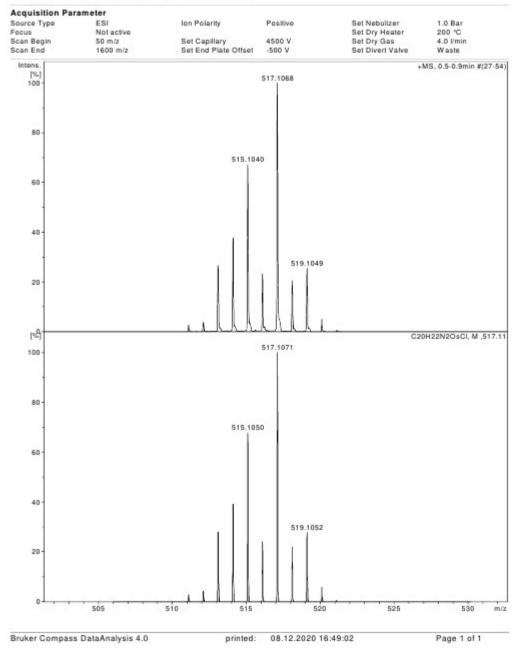


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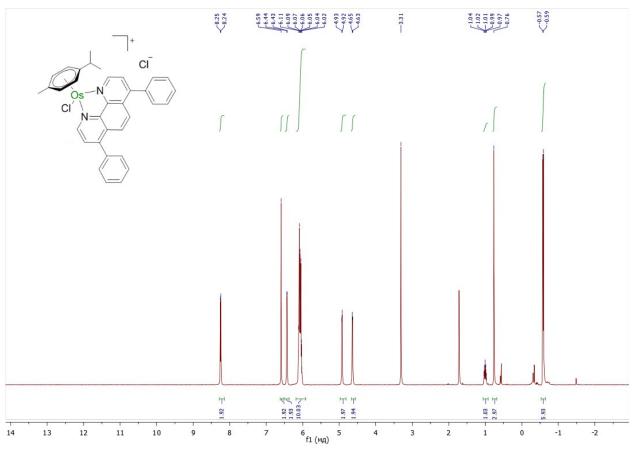
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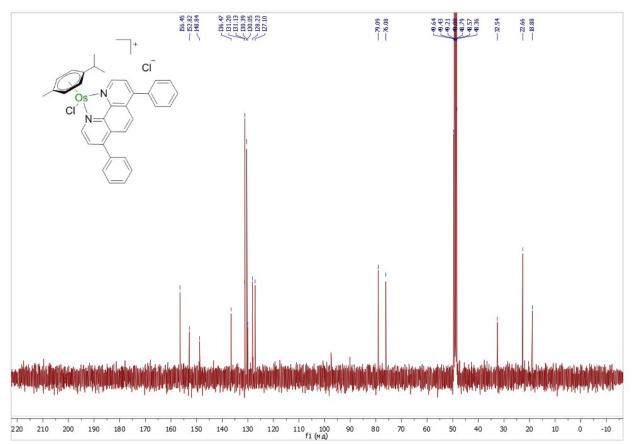
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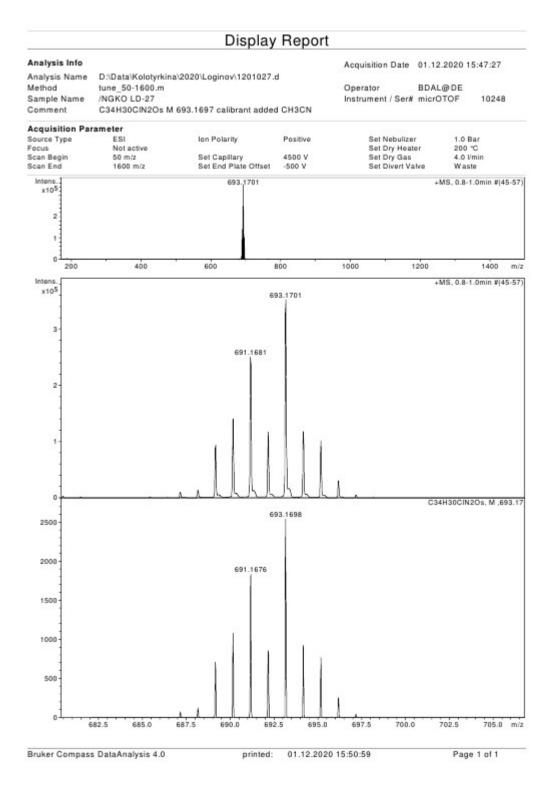


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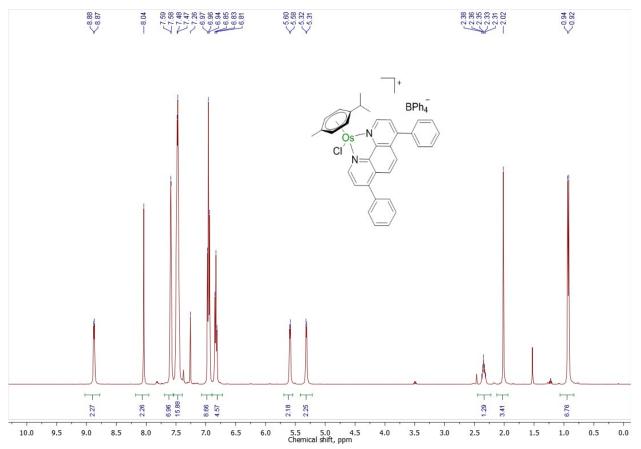


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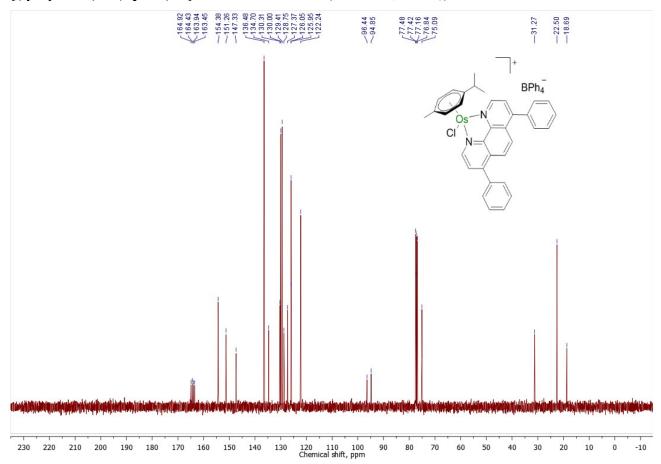


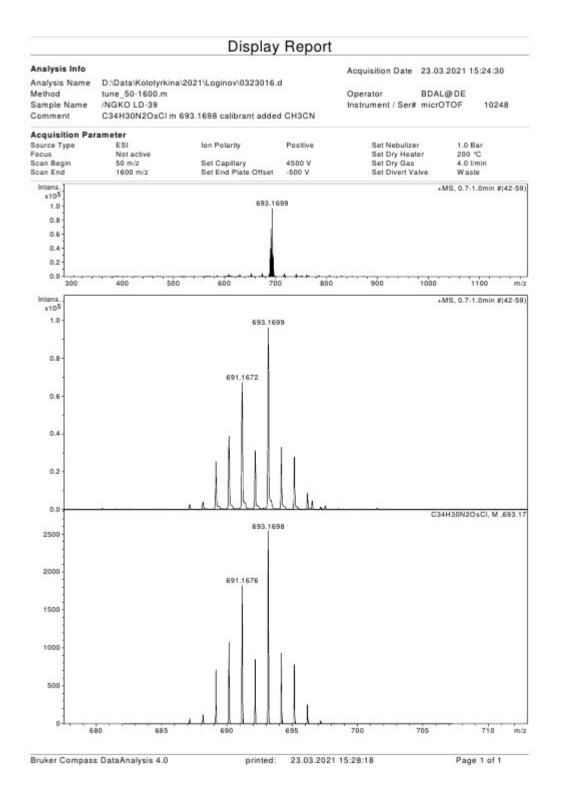


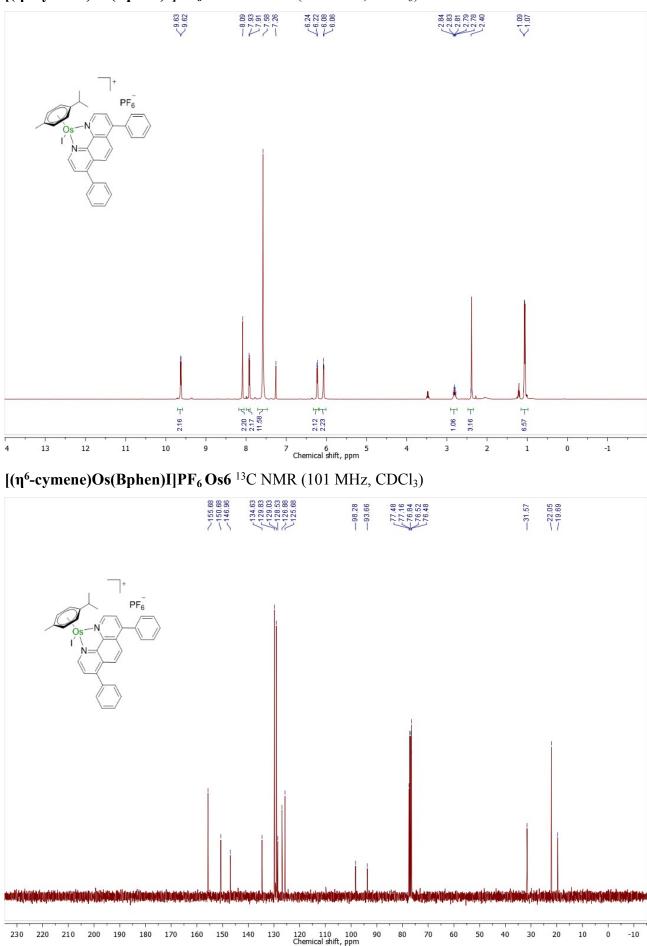
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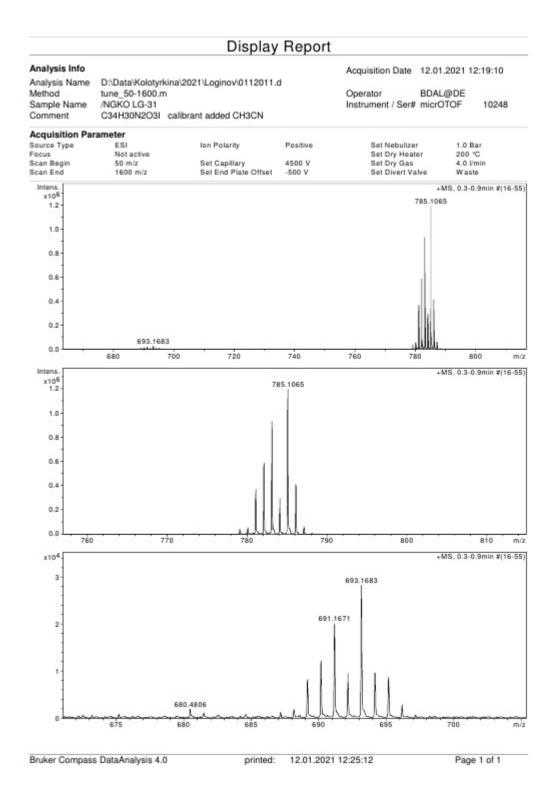
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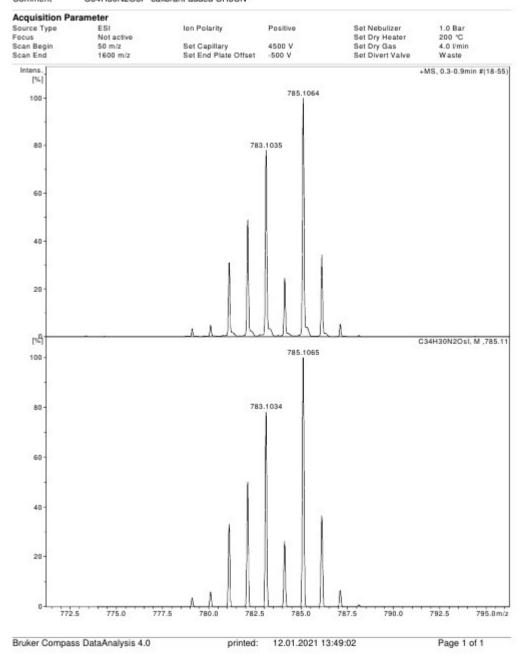


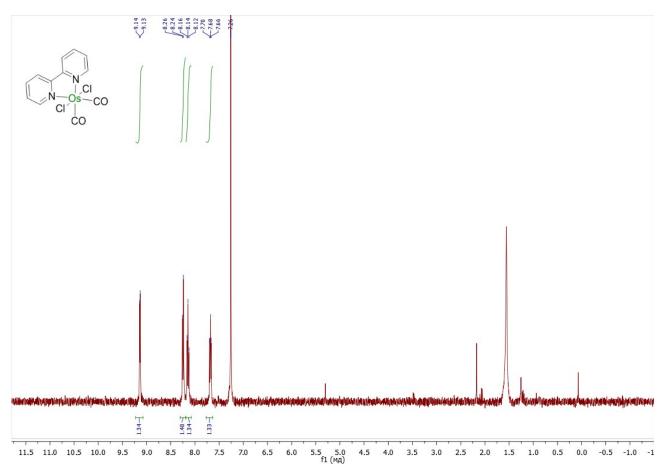


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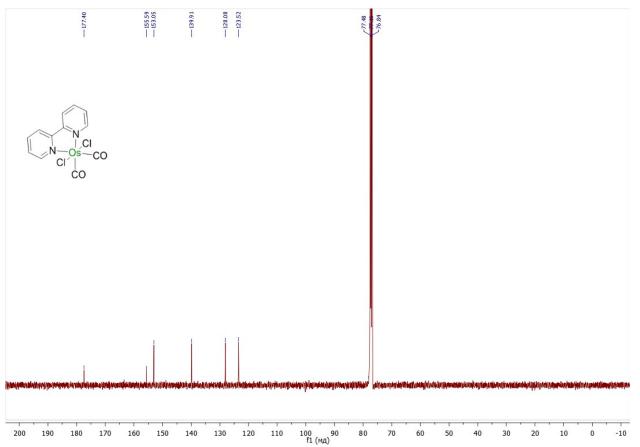
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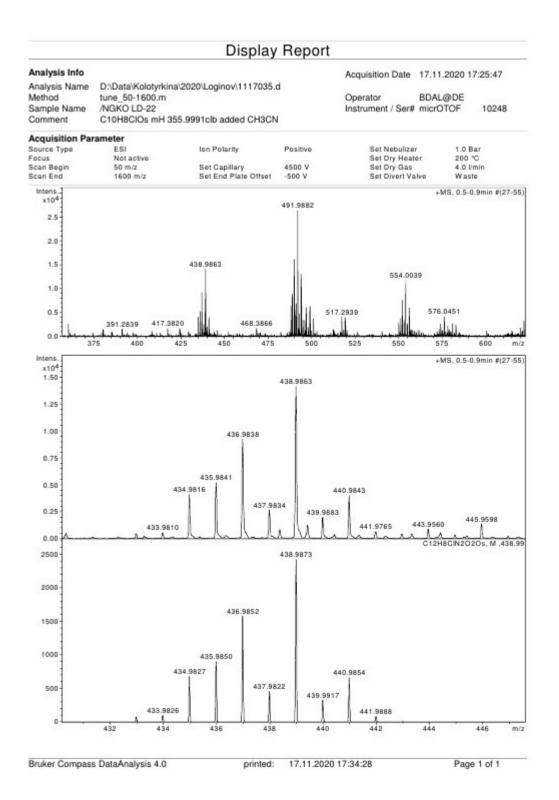
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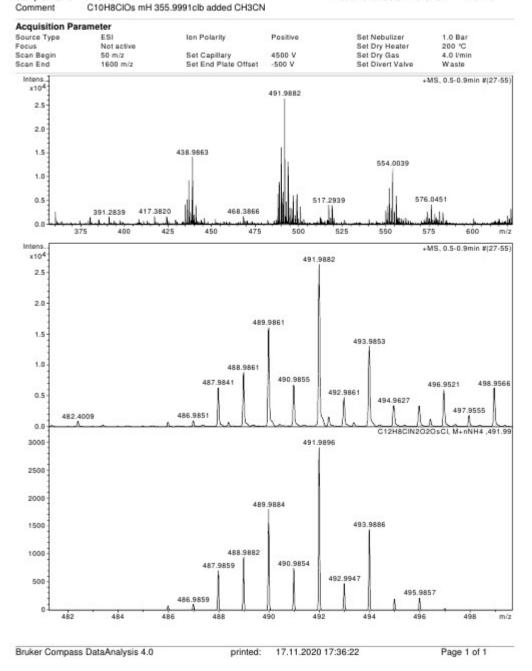


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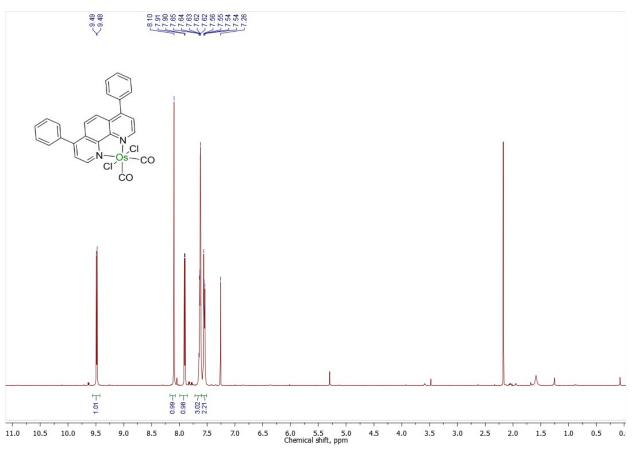
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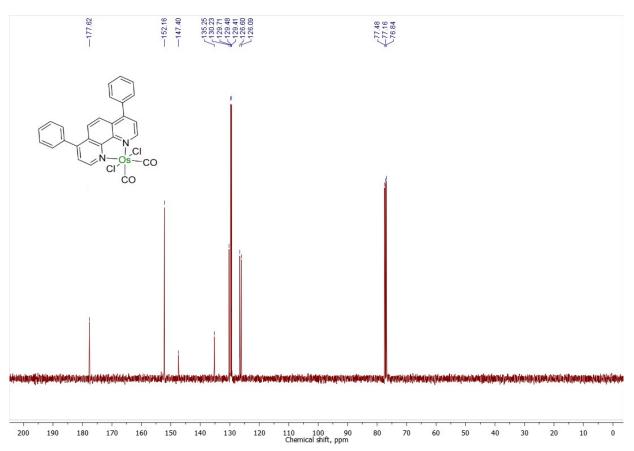
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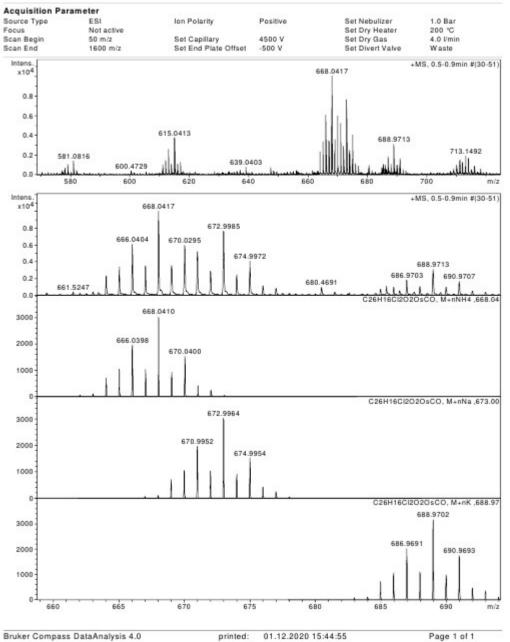
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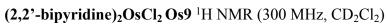


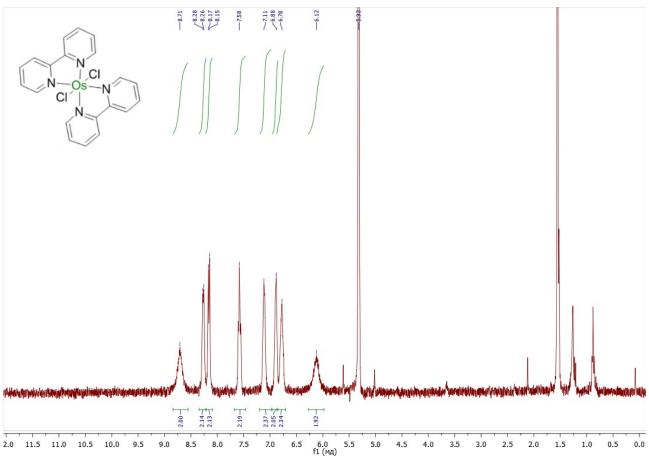
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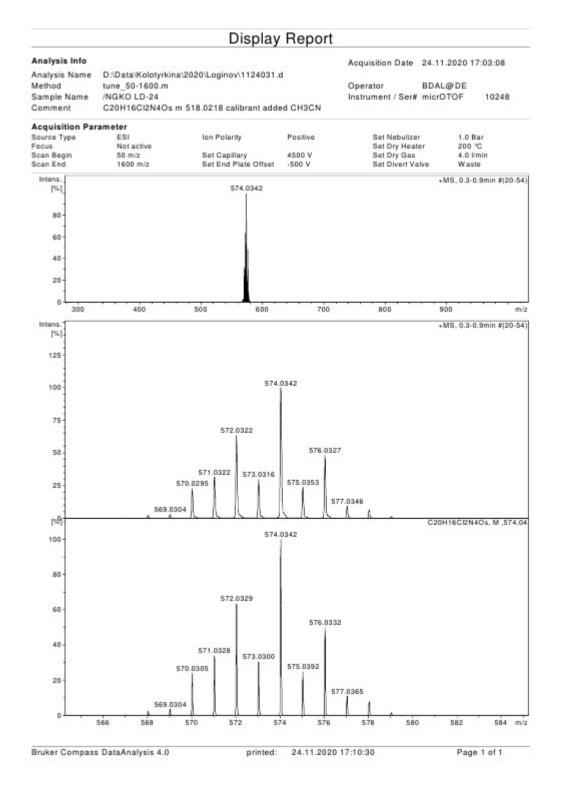
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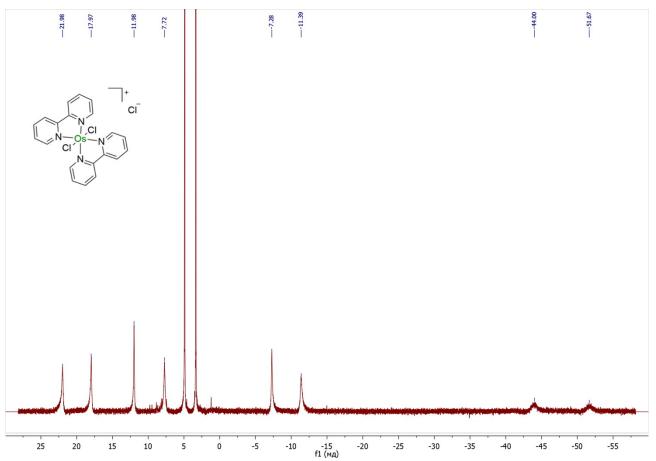








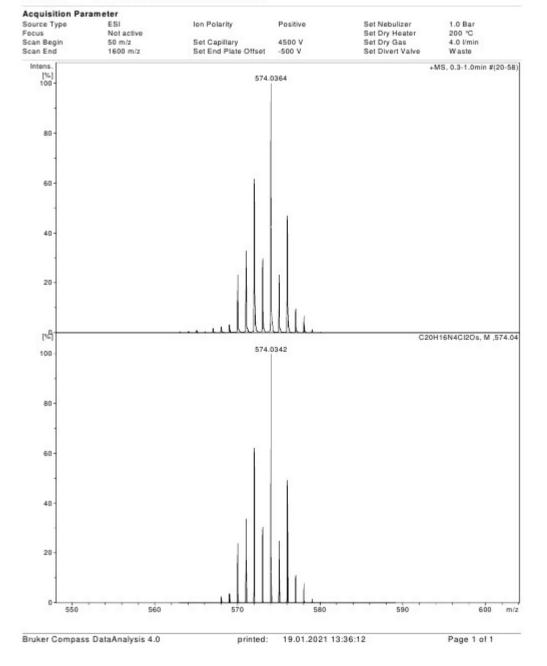
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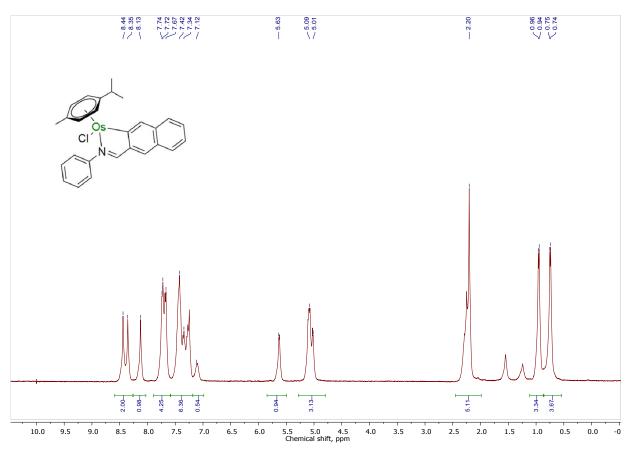
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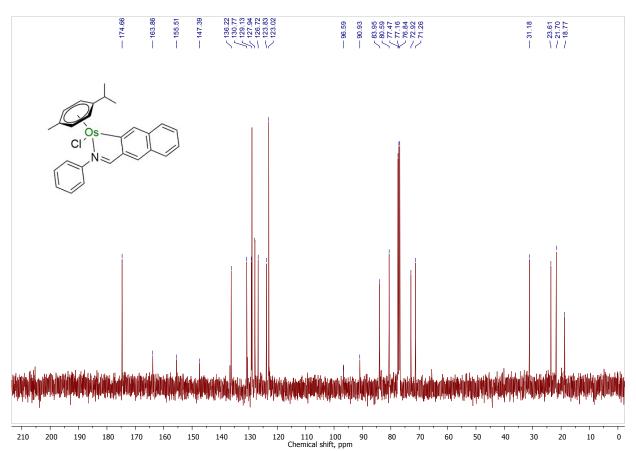
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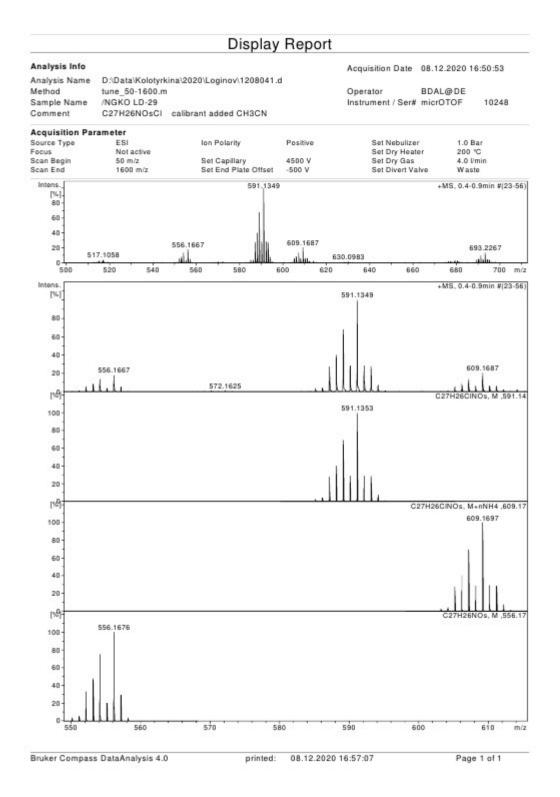


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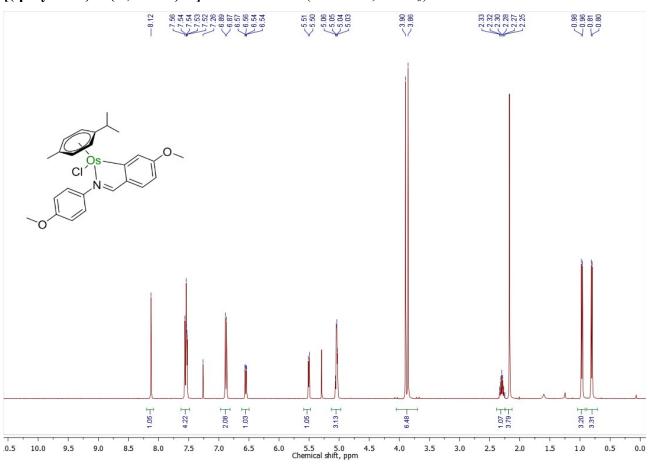


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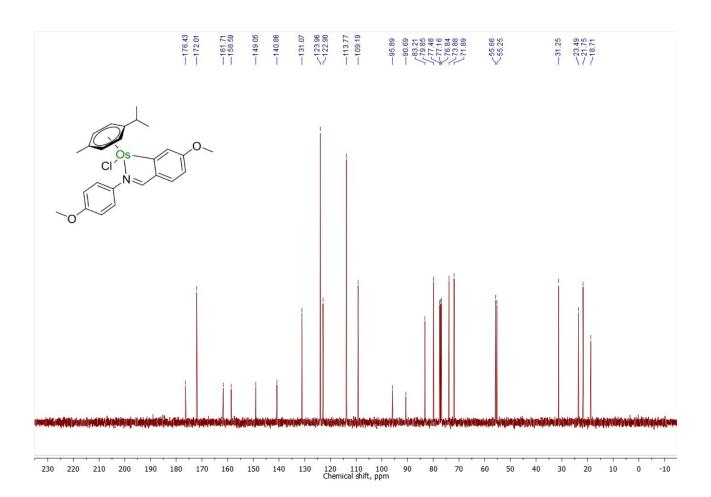


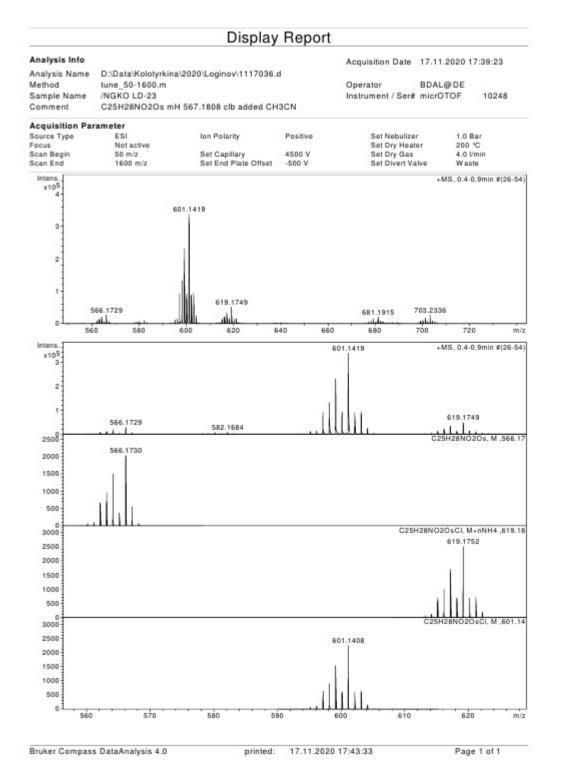
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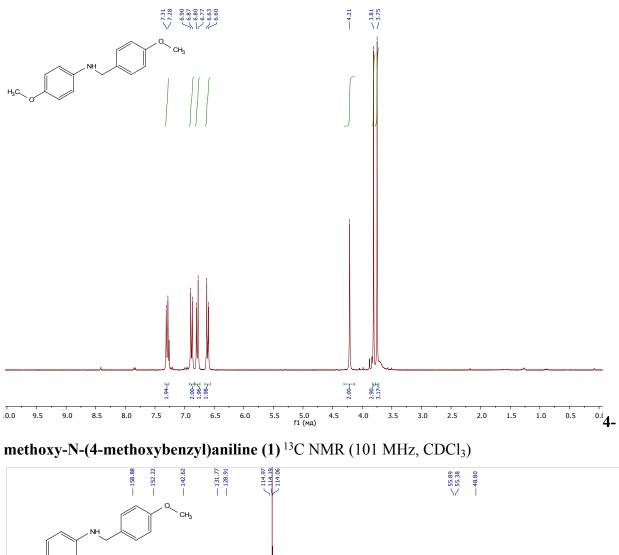
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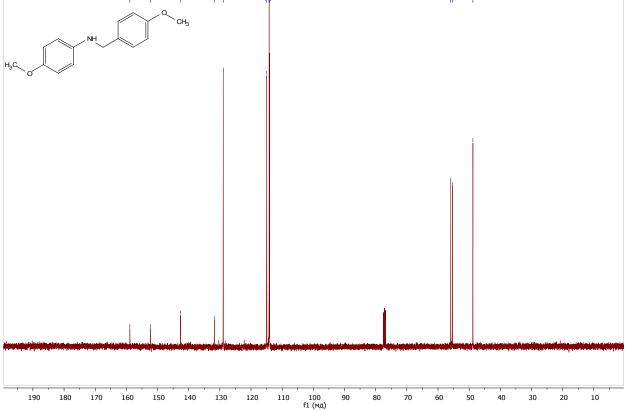


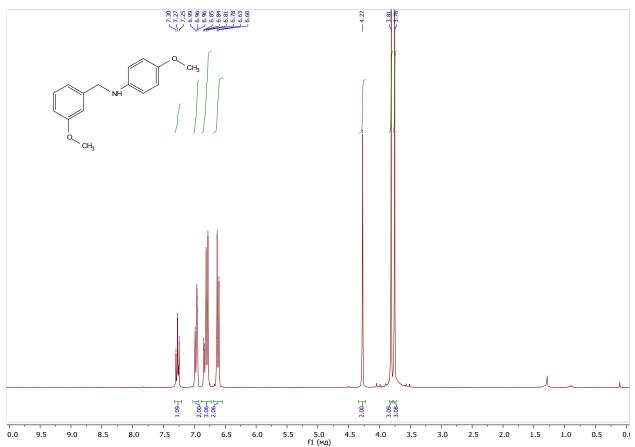


# 9. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the RA products.

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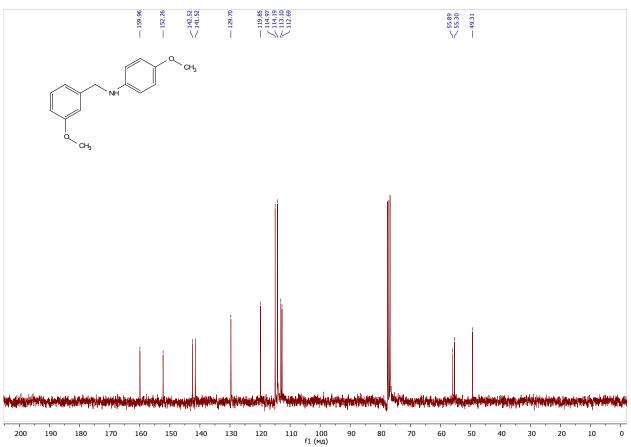


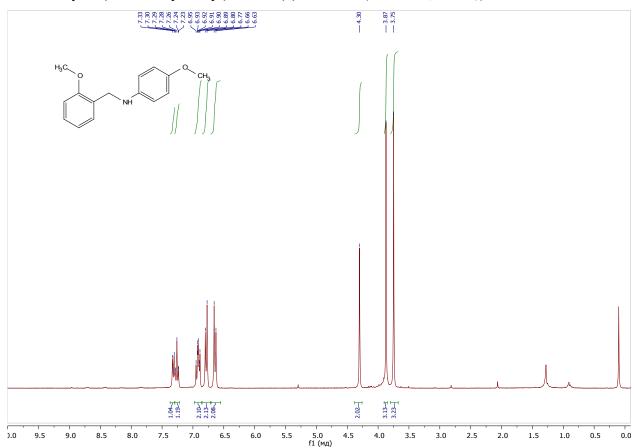




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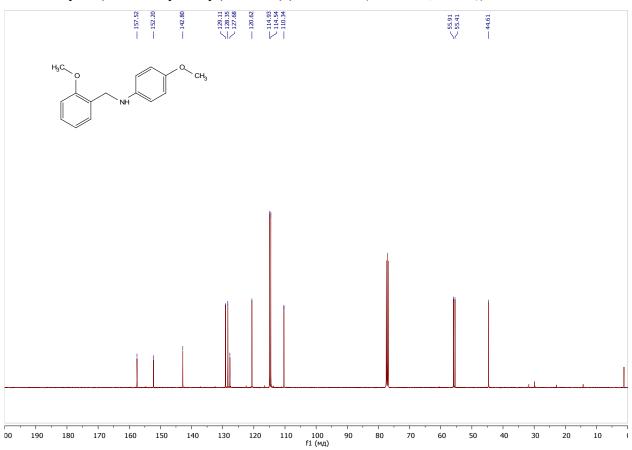
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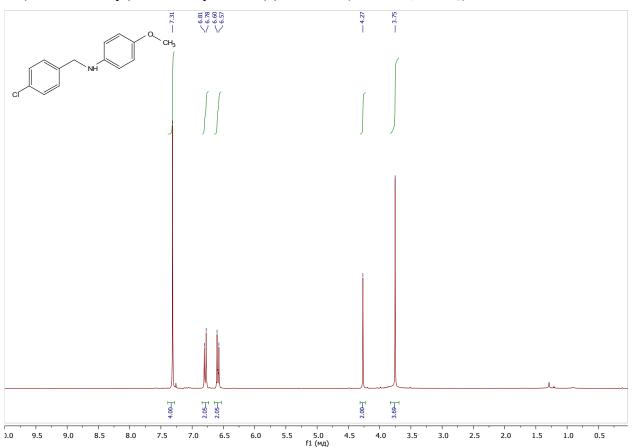


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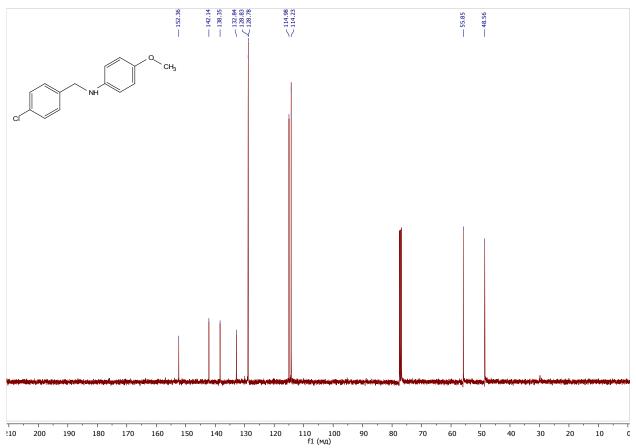
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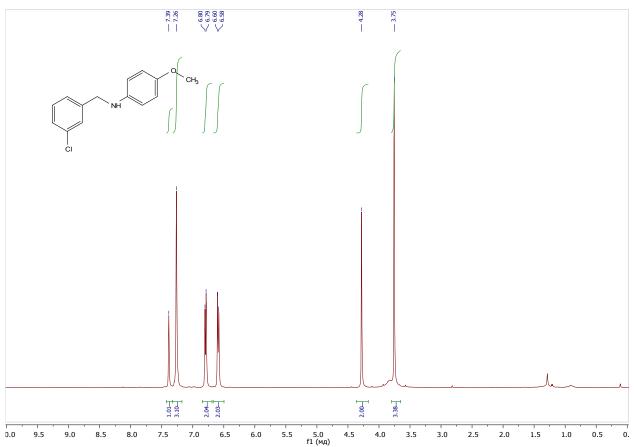
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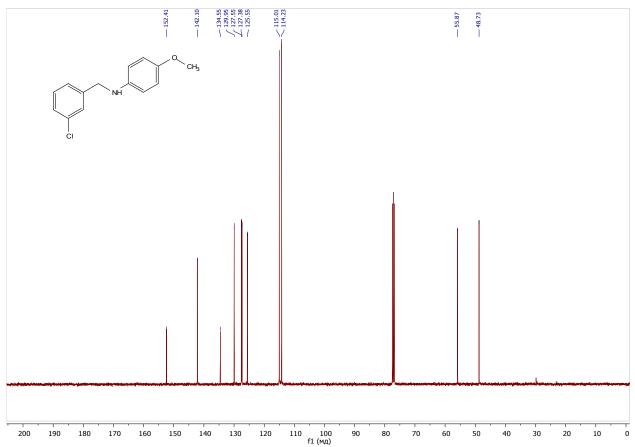
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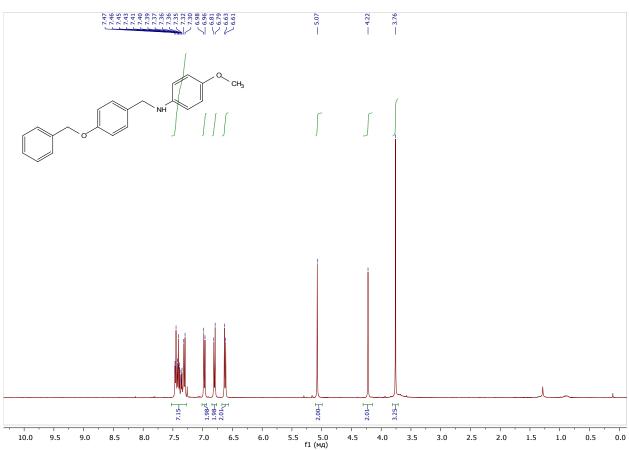


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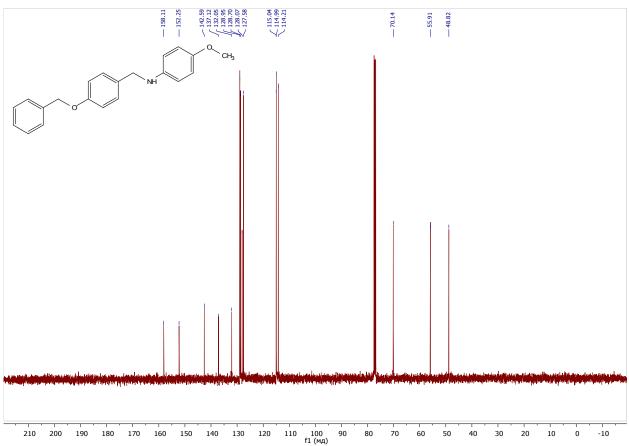
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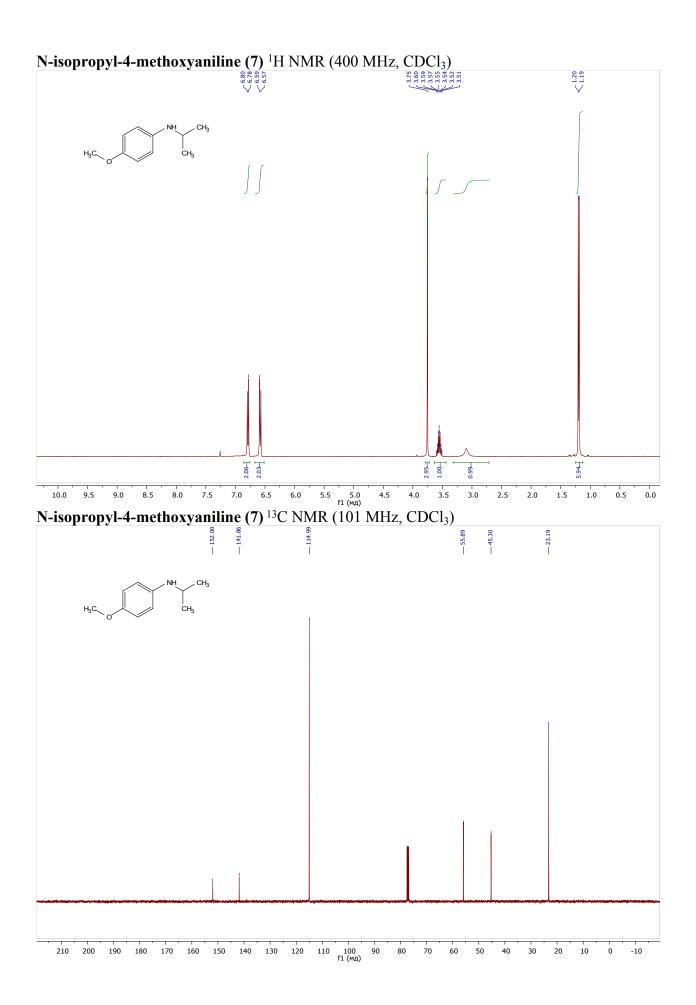




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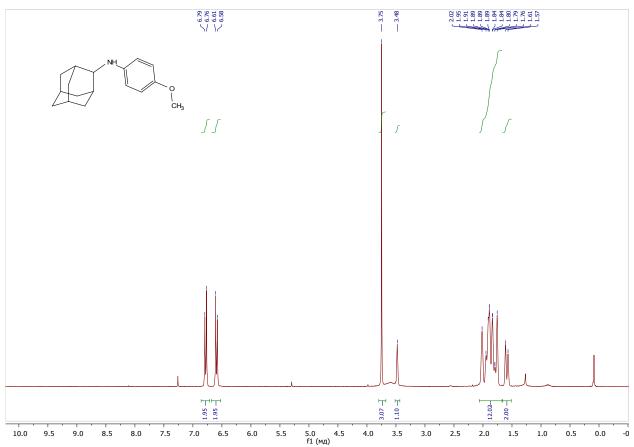
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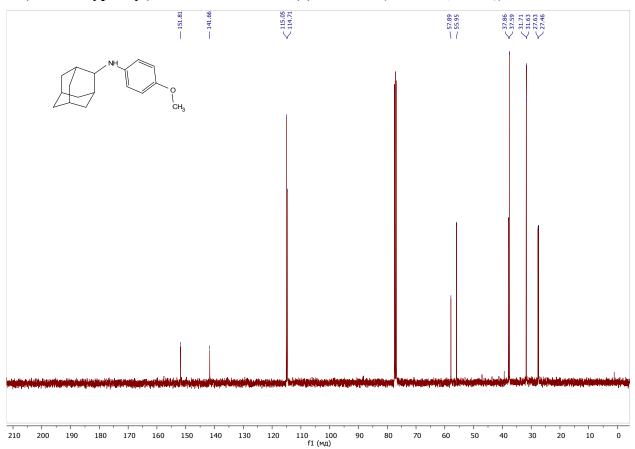


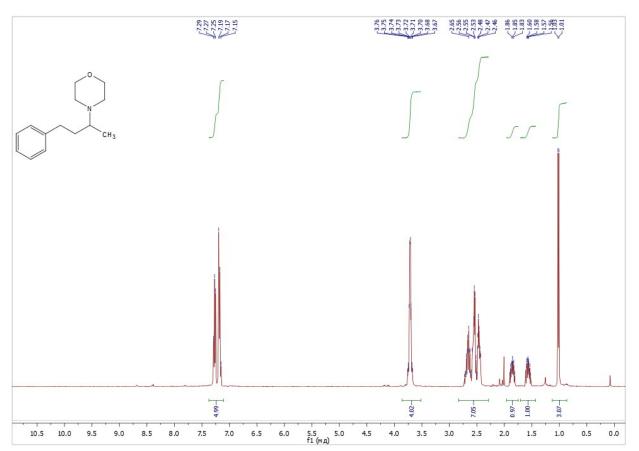
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## N-(4-methoxyphenyl)adamantan-2-amine (8) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



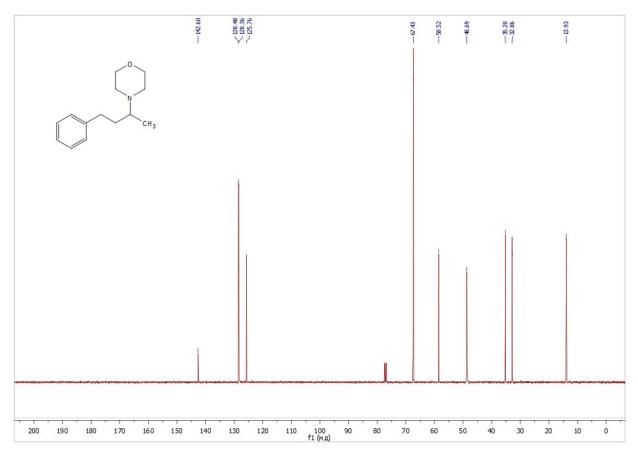
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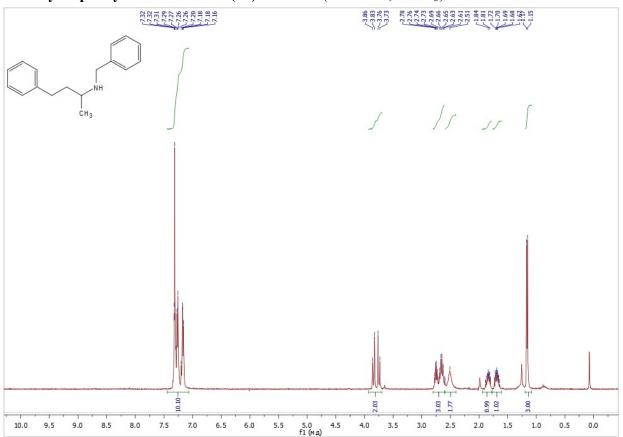




## 4-(4-phenylbutan-2-yl)-morpholine (9) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

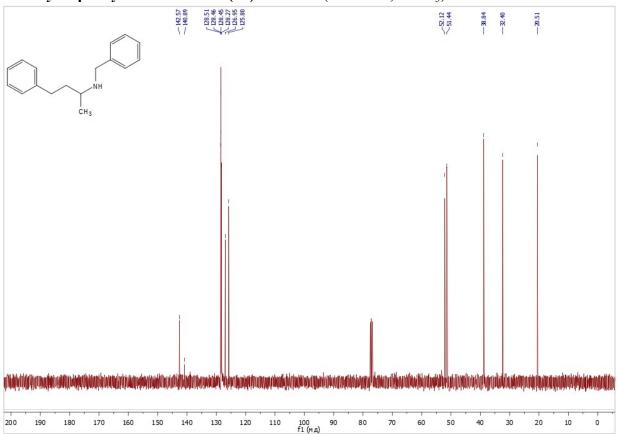
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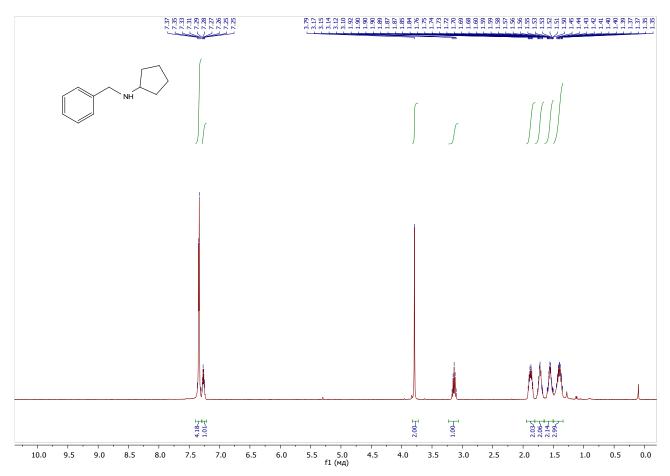


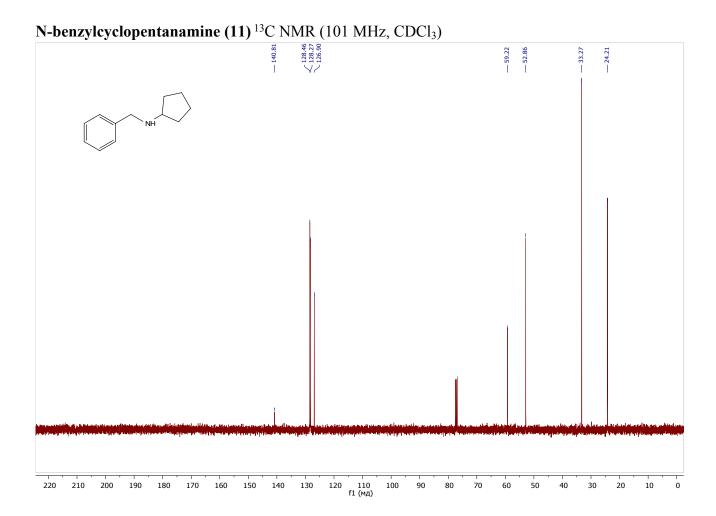
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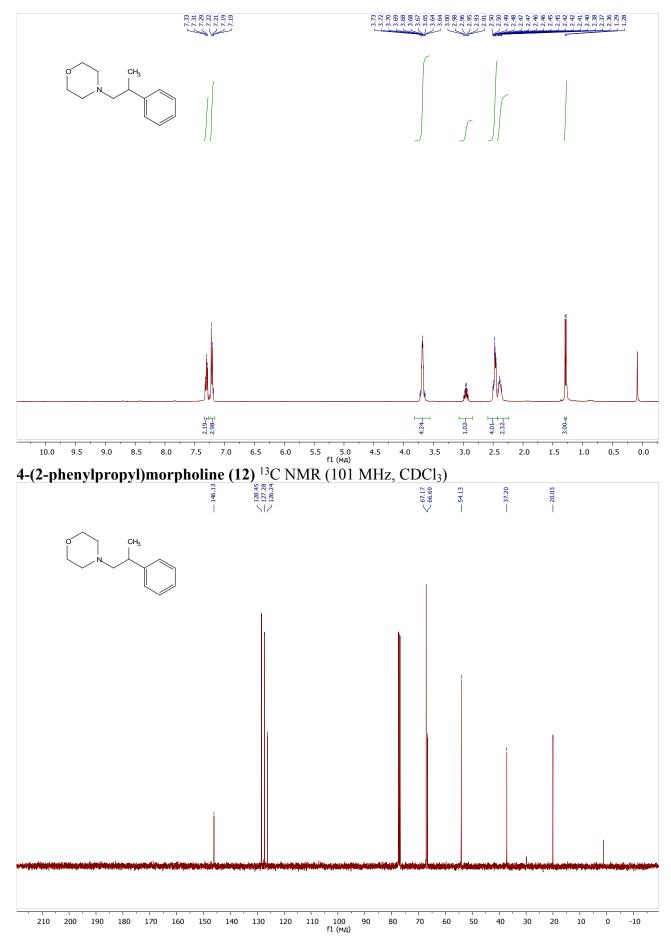
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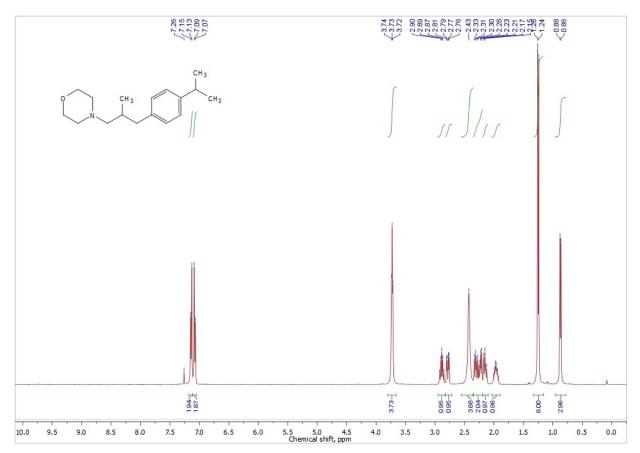
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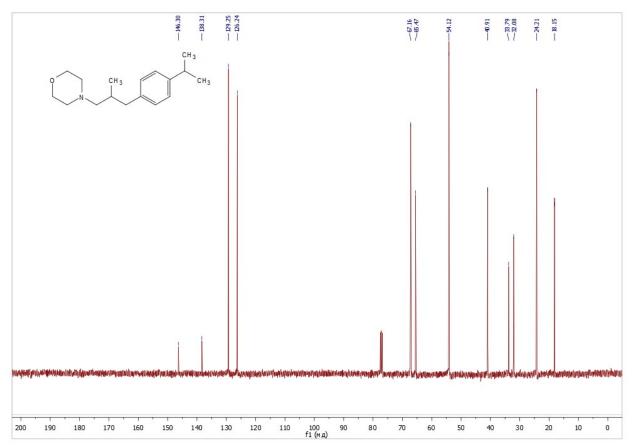


# 4-(2-phenylpropyl)morpholine (12) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



4-(3-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2-methylpropyl)morpholine (13) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

4-(3-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2-methylpropyl)morpholine (13) <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



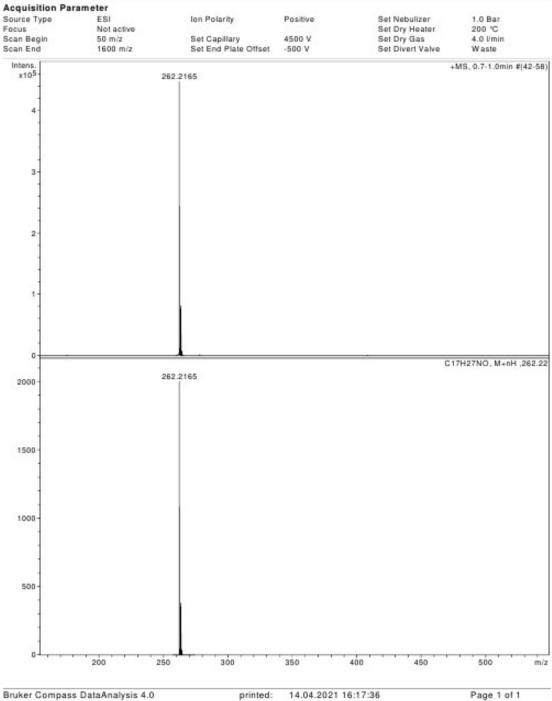
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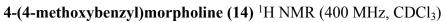
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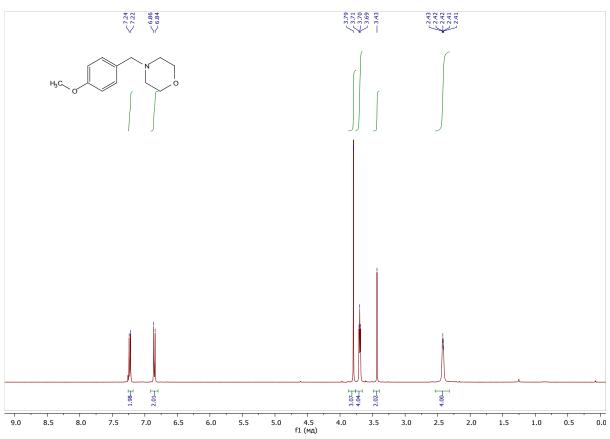
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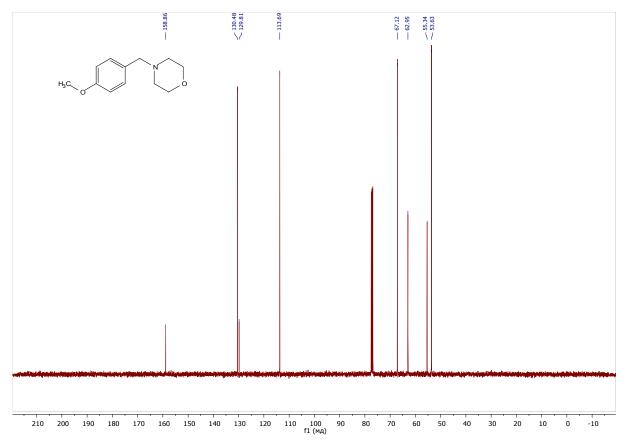
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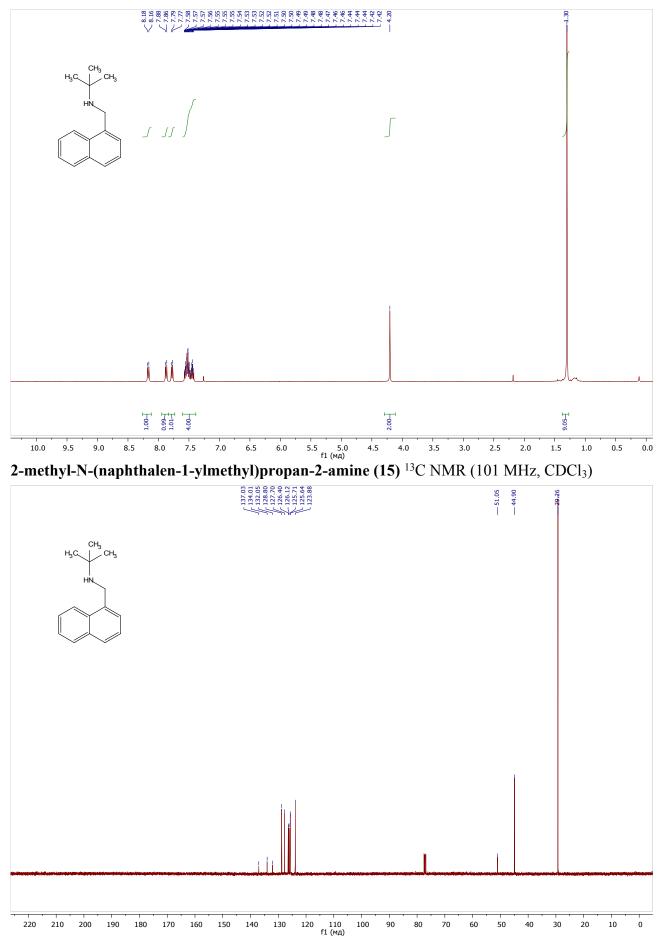






4-(4-methoxybenzyl)morpholine (14) <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





2-methyl-N-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)propan-2-amine (15) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

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