

Supplementary Information for Cobalt complexes with α -amino acid ligands catalyzes incorporation of CO₂ into cyclic carbonates.

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Table S1. Summary of crystal data and structural refinement parameters for **6**.

Parameter	6
Empirical formula	C ₂₀ H ₂₄ N ₄ O ₄ CoCl
Colour	Red block
Formula weight (g mol ⁻¹)	478.81
Crystal size (mm)	0.45 × 0.35 × 0.30
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	P 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
a (Å)	8.3459(6)
b (Å)	12.9372(9)
c (Å)	19.0279(14)
α (°)	
β (°)	
γ (°)	
Volume (Å ³)	2054.5(3)
Z	4
ρ _{calc.} (g/cm ³)	1.548
F(000)	992.0
μ K _α (mm ⁻¹)	1.001
Temperature (K)	296(2) K
Reflections collected/unique/ observed [I > 2σ(I)]	74894/8384/
Data/restraints/parameters	8384/0/279
Goodness of fit on F ²	1.042
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0279, wR ₂ = 0.0770
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0302, wR ₂ = 0.0796

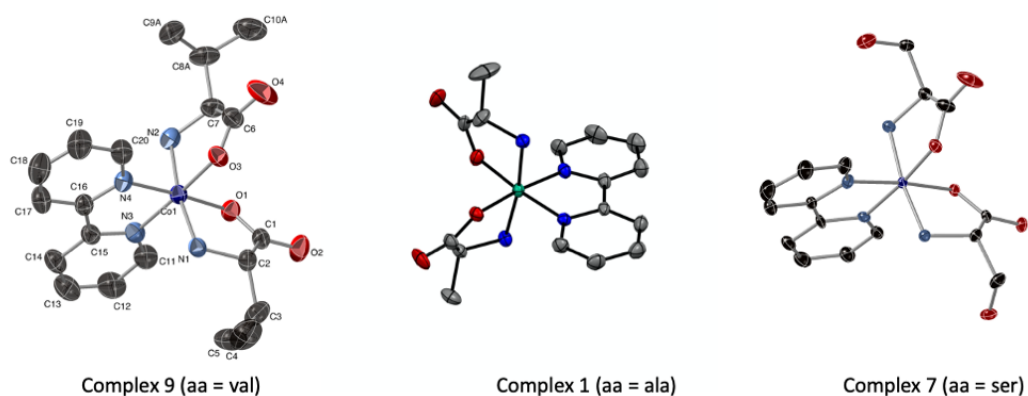


Figure S1A Structural connectivity of **1**, **7** and **9**. Figures obtained after partial refinement described in the main text.

SI Table 2. Unit cell parameters for **1**, **7** and **9**.

Parameter/compound	1	7	9
Empirical formula	C ₁₆ H ₂₄ N ₄ O ₆ CoCl	C ₁₇ H ₂₁ N ₄ O ₇ CoCl	C ₁₆ H ₂₄ N ₄ O ₆ CoCl
Colour	pink block	pink block	pink needle
Formula weight (g mol ⁻¹)	462.77	463.74	489.77
Crystal size (mm)	0.40 × 0.30 × 0.20	0.45 × 0.35 × 0.30	0.52 × 0.14 × 0.12
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Hexagonal
Space group	P 2 ₁	P 2 ₁	P 6 ₅
a (Å)	11.788(2)	11.7639(15)	16.5159(11)
b (Å)	10.3789(18)	12.3920(15)	16.5159(11)
c (Å)	19.083(3)	15.4726(19)	16.5811(11)
α (°)	90	90	90
β (°)	107.52(6)	111.65(4)	90
γ (°)	90	90	120
Volume (Å ³)	2226.4(7)	2096.4(5)	3917.0(5)
Z	4	4	6
ρ _{calc.} (g/cm ³)	1.396	1.497	1.291
Temperature (K)	296(2) K	150(2) K	296(2) K

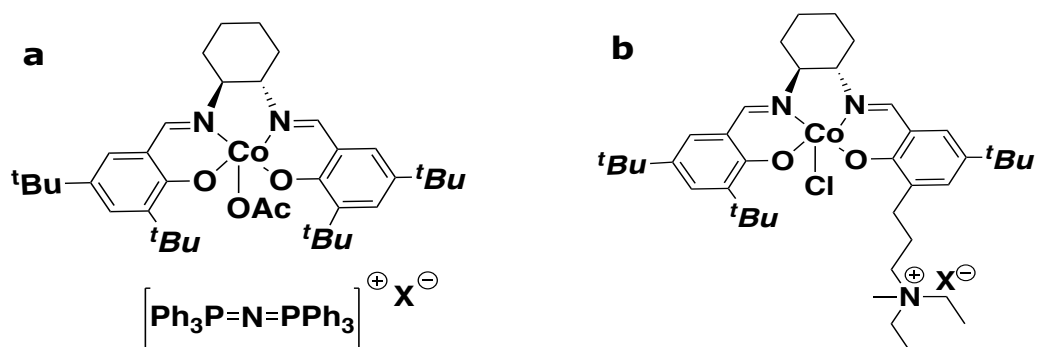


Figure S1. a) binary Co(III) salen/PPNCl catalyst. b) bifunctional Co(III) salen

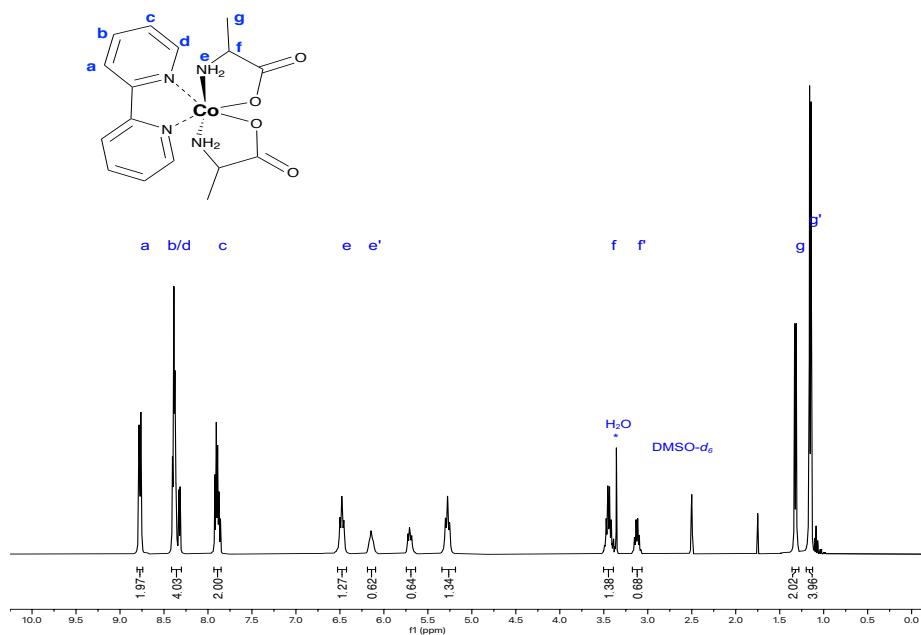


Figure S2. ^1H NMR of **1** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ mixture of diastereomers major product $\Delta\text{-}RR/\Lambda\text{-}SS$ and minor product $\Delta\text{-}SS/\Lambda\text{-}RR$ 2:1

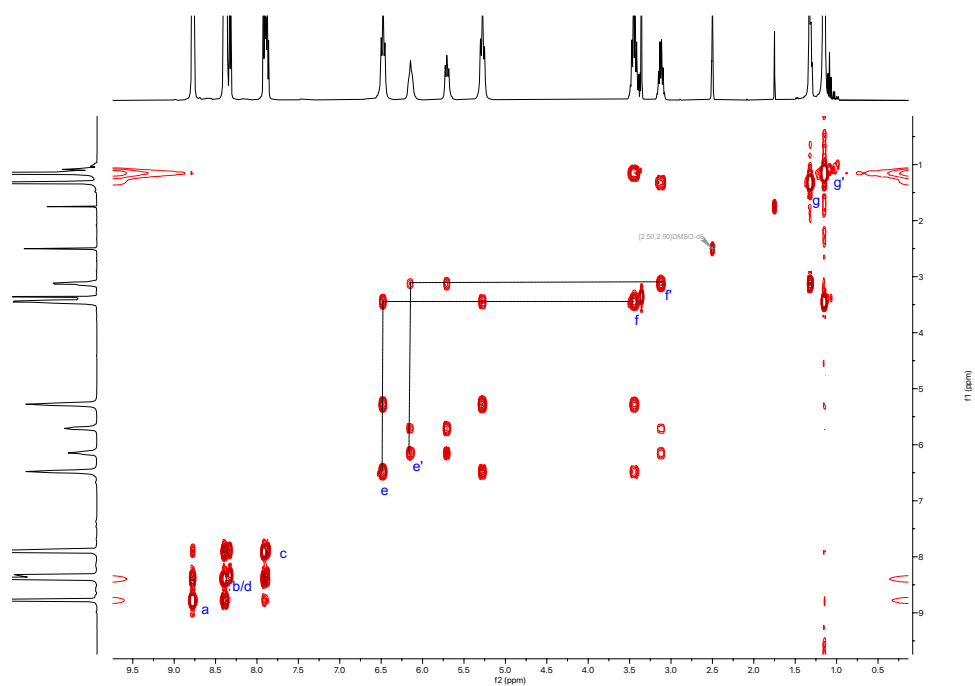


Figure S3. 2D COSY NMR of **1** ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 298 K)

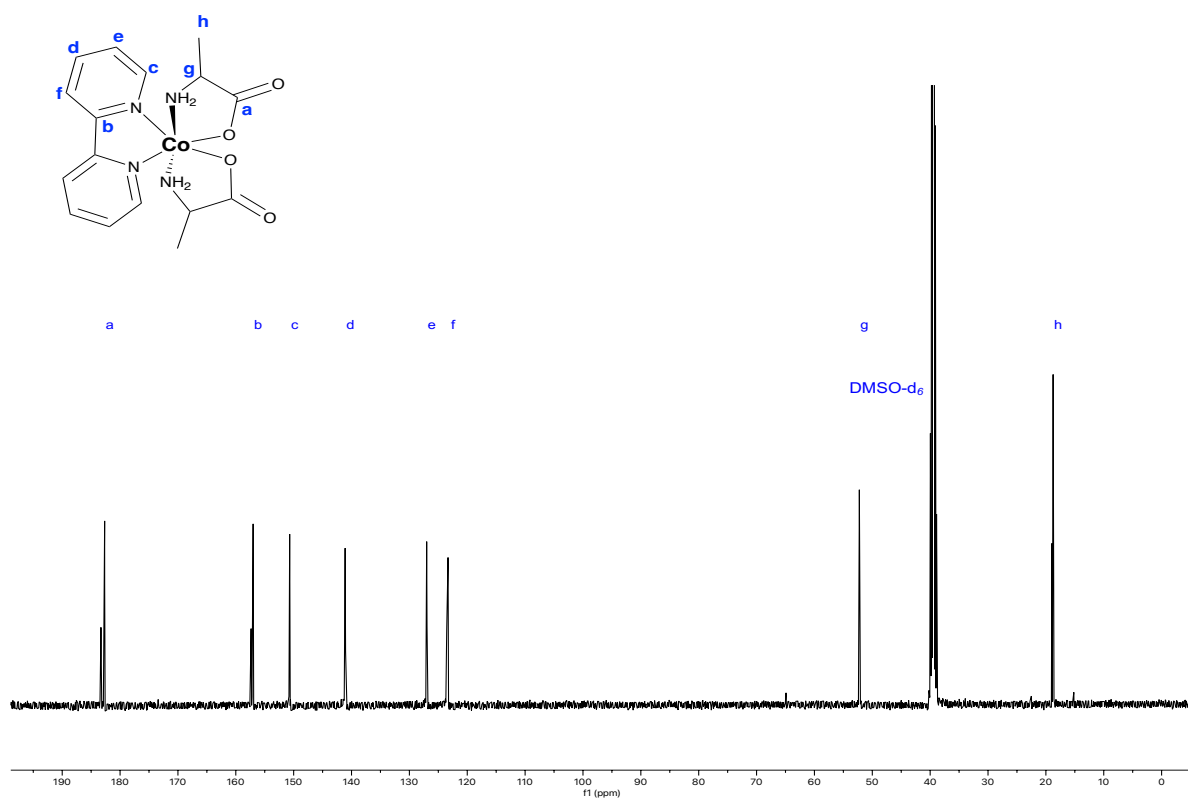


Figure S4. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR of **1** (DMSO- d_6 , 298 K)

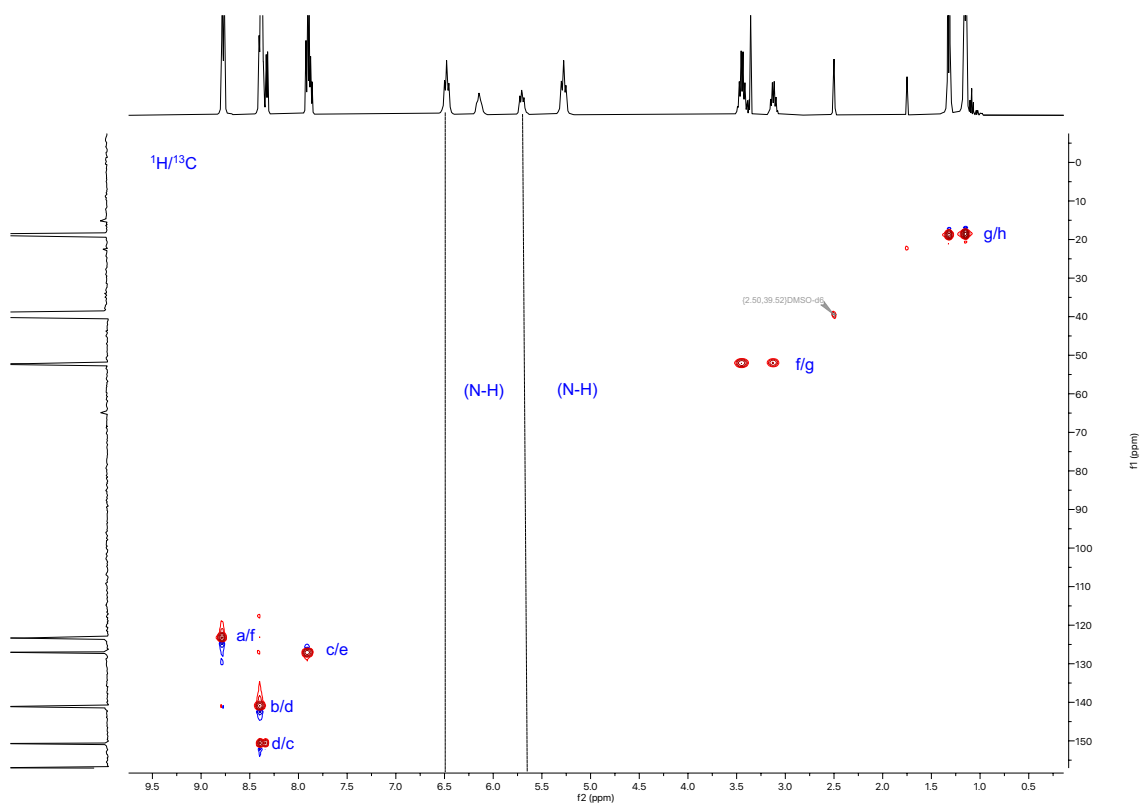


Figure S5. 2D HSQC NMR of **1** (DMSO- d_6 , 298 K)

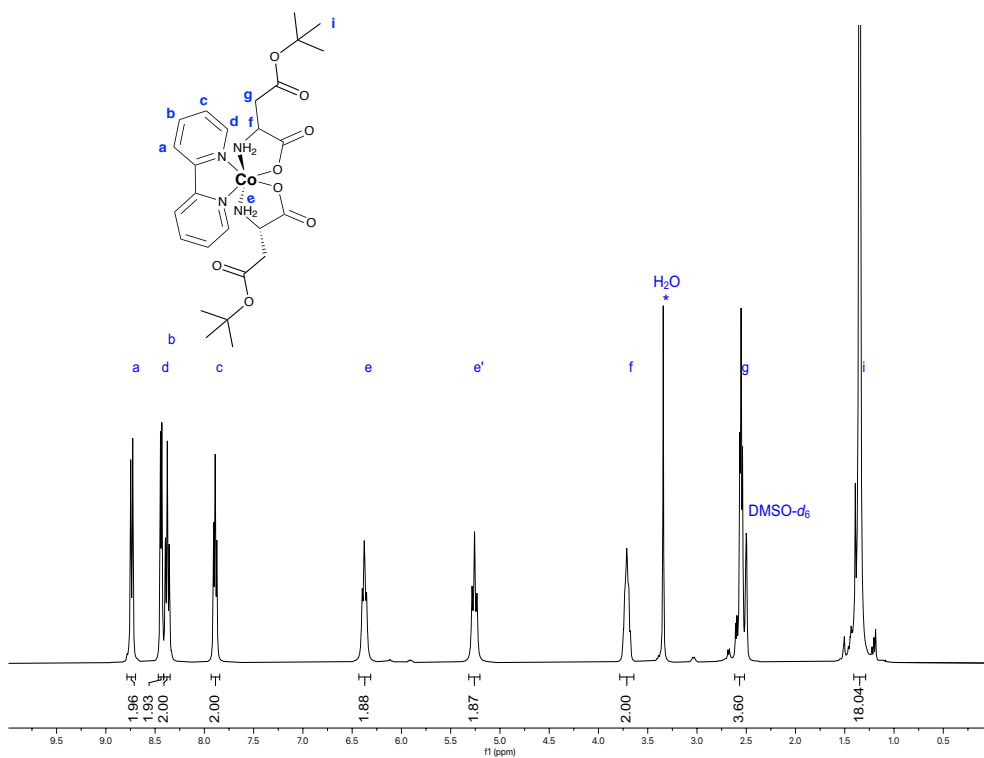


Figure S6. ^1H NMR of **2** in ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 298 K)

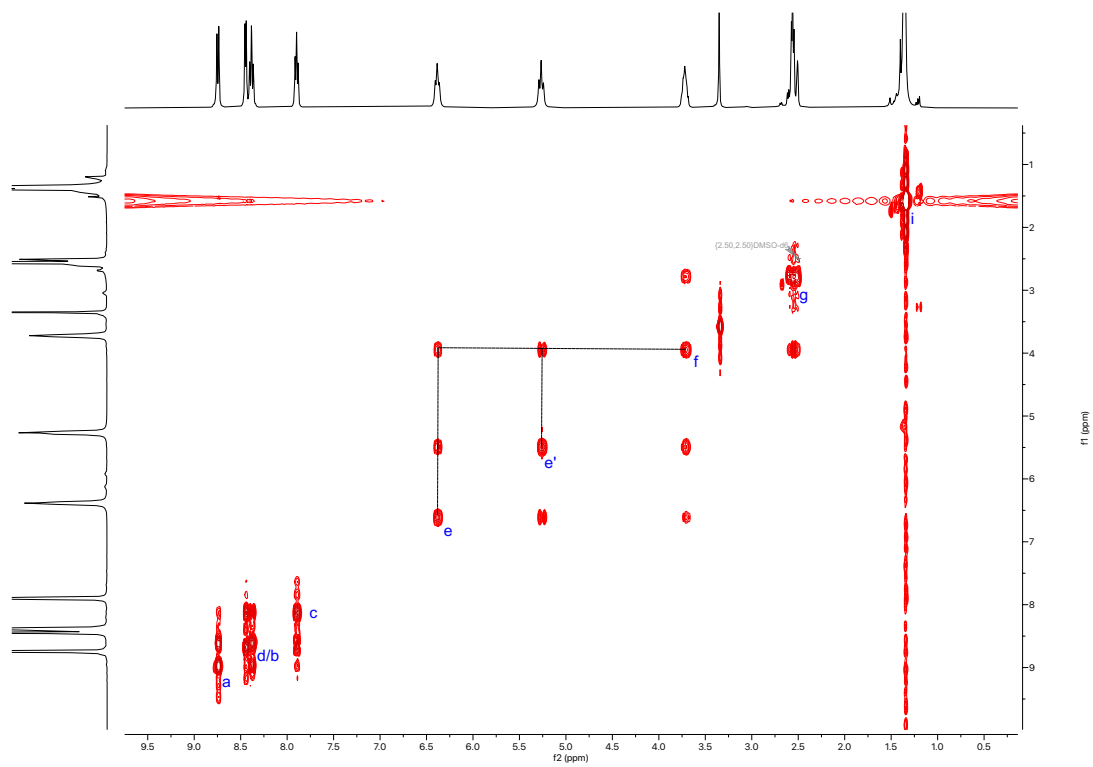


Figure S7. 2D COSY NMR of **2** ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 298 K)

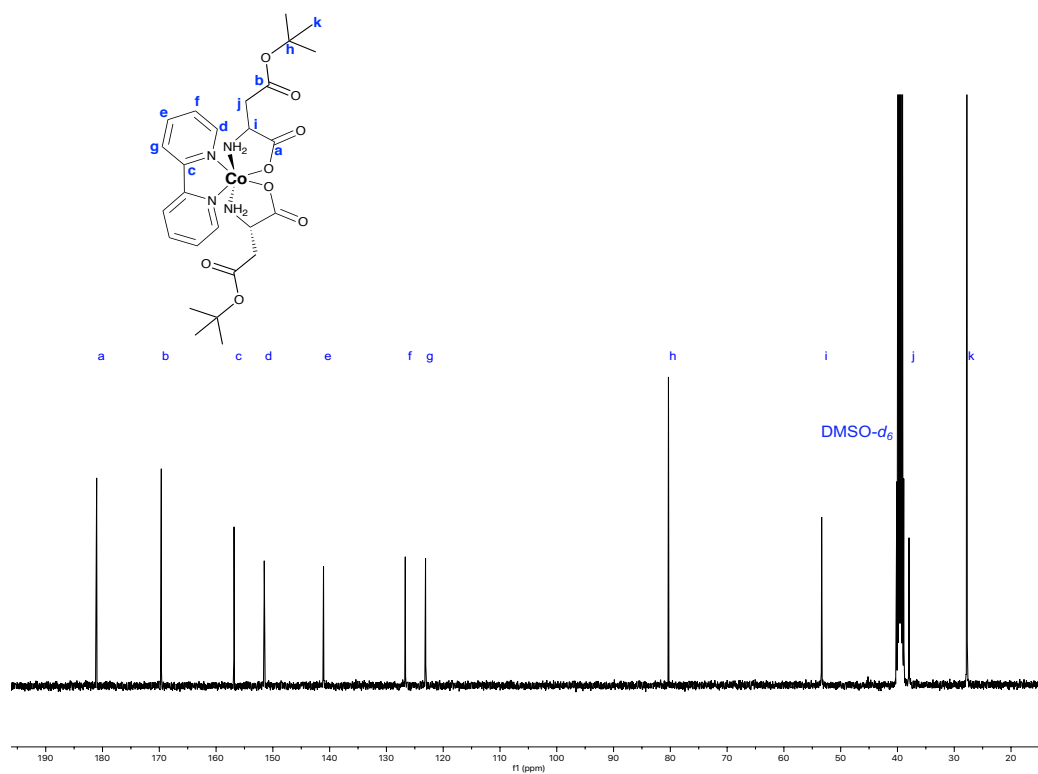


Figure S8. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR of **2** (DMSO- d_6 , 298 K)

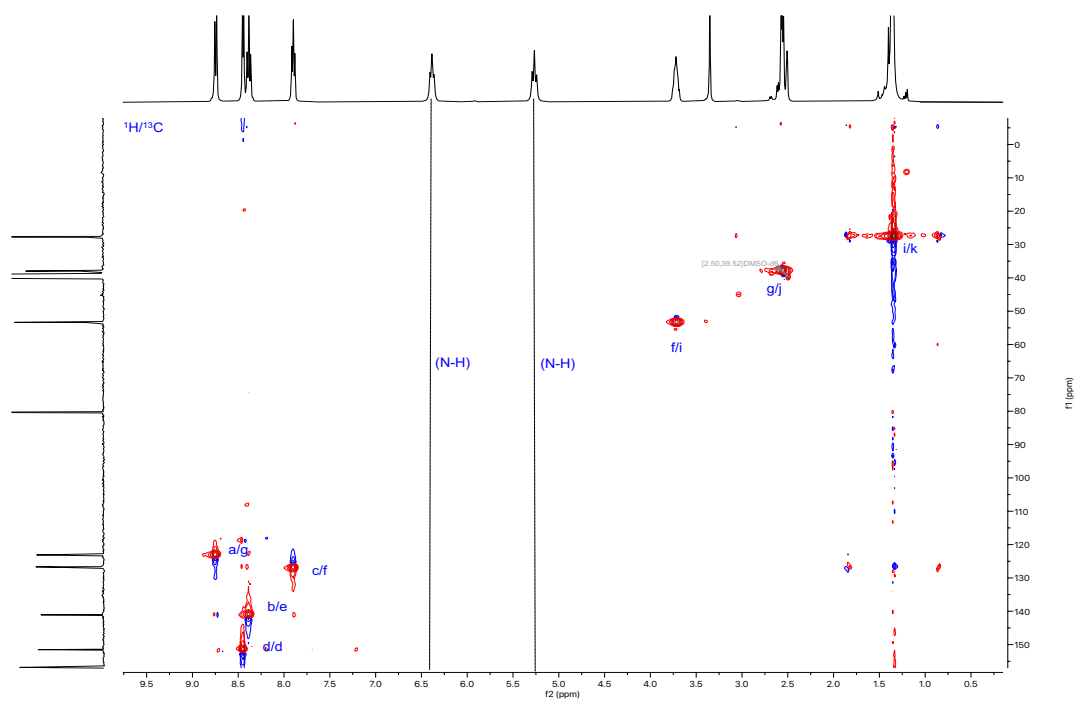


Figure S9. 2D HSQC NMR of **2** (DMSO- d_6 , 298 K)

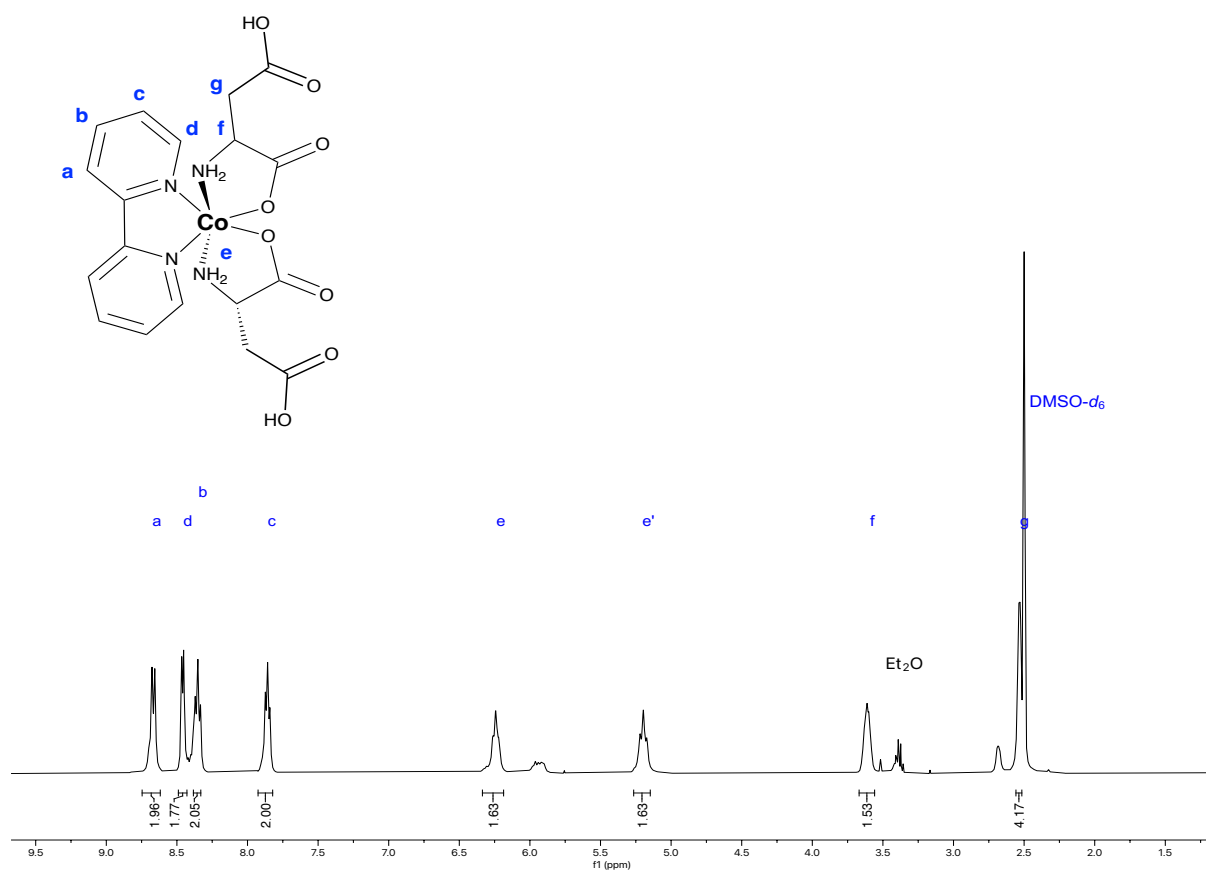


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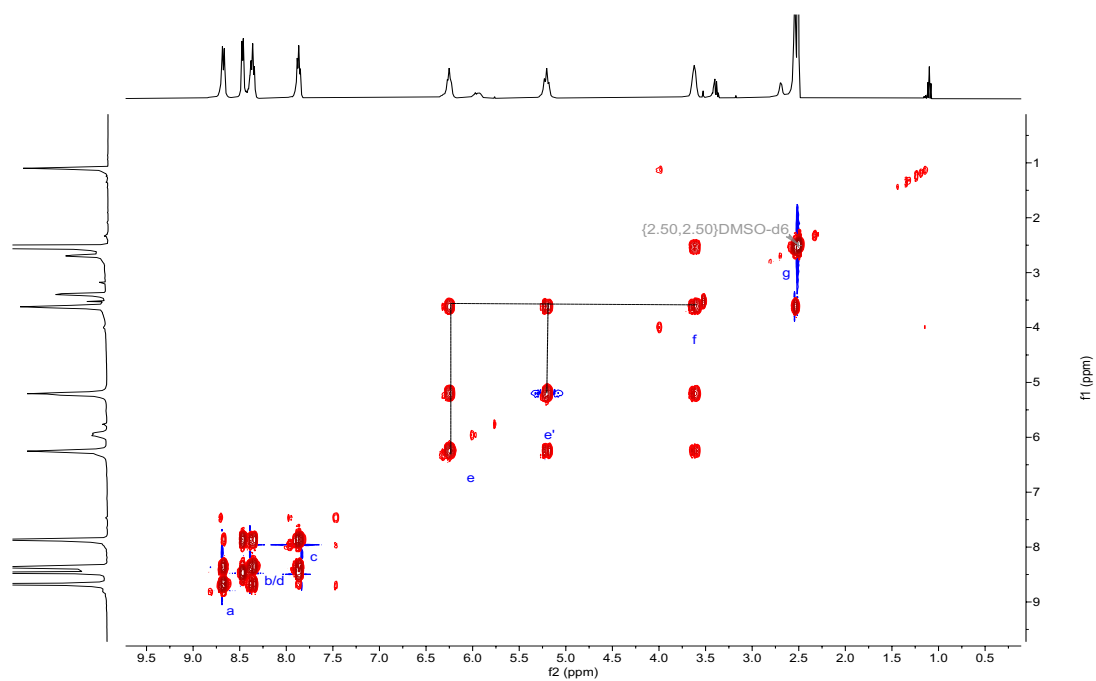


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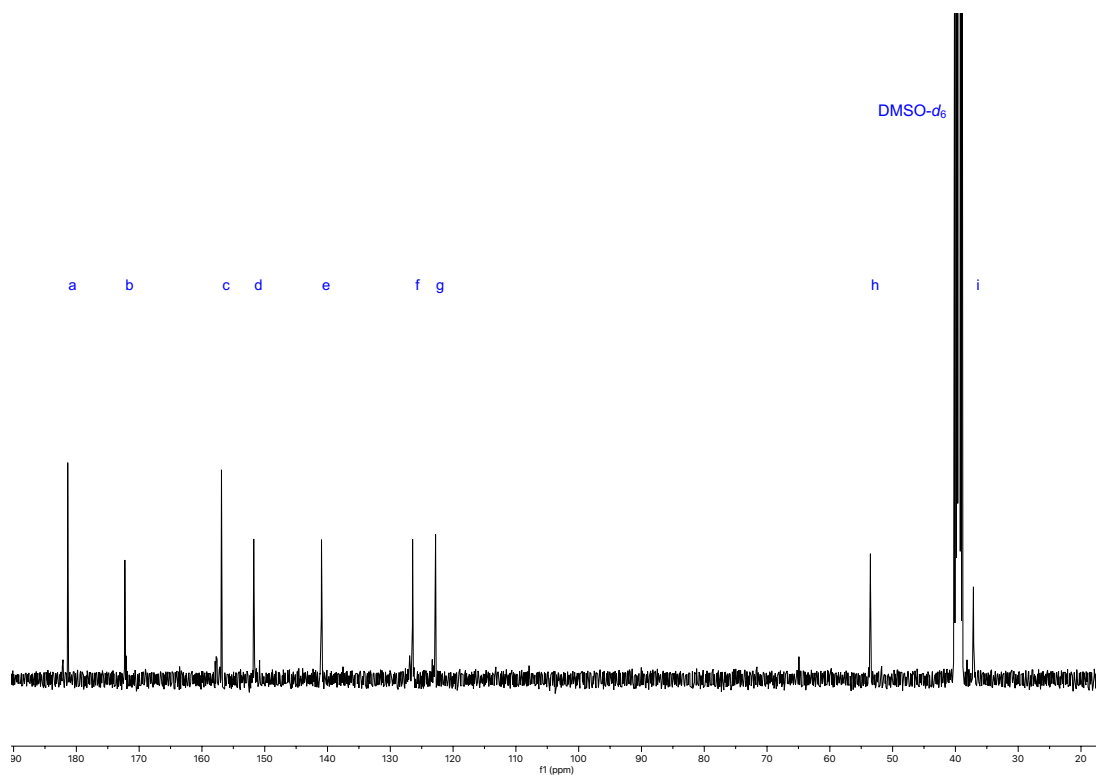


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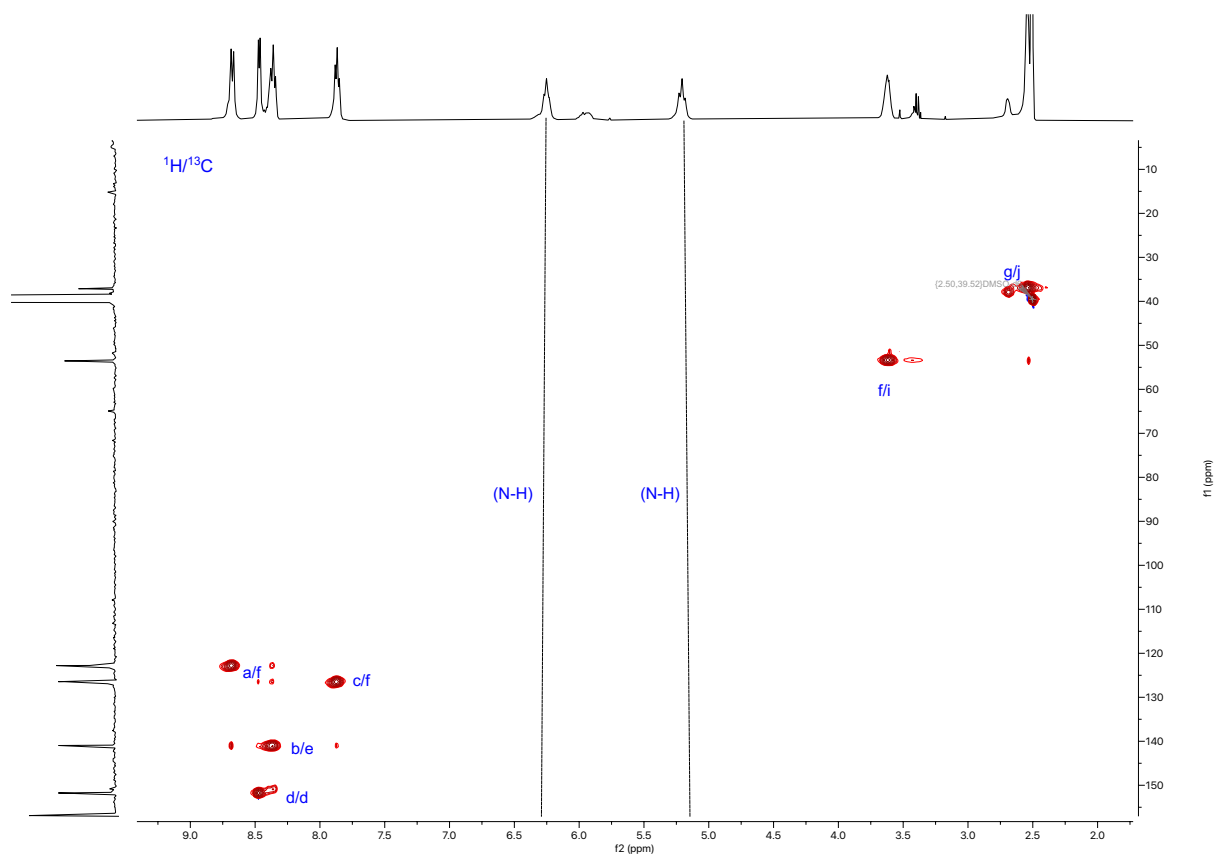


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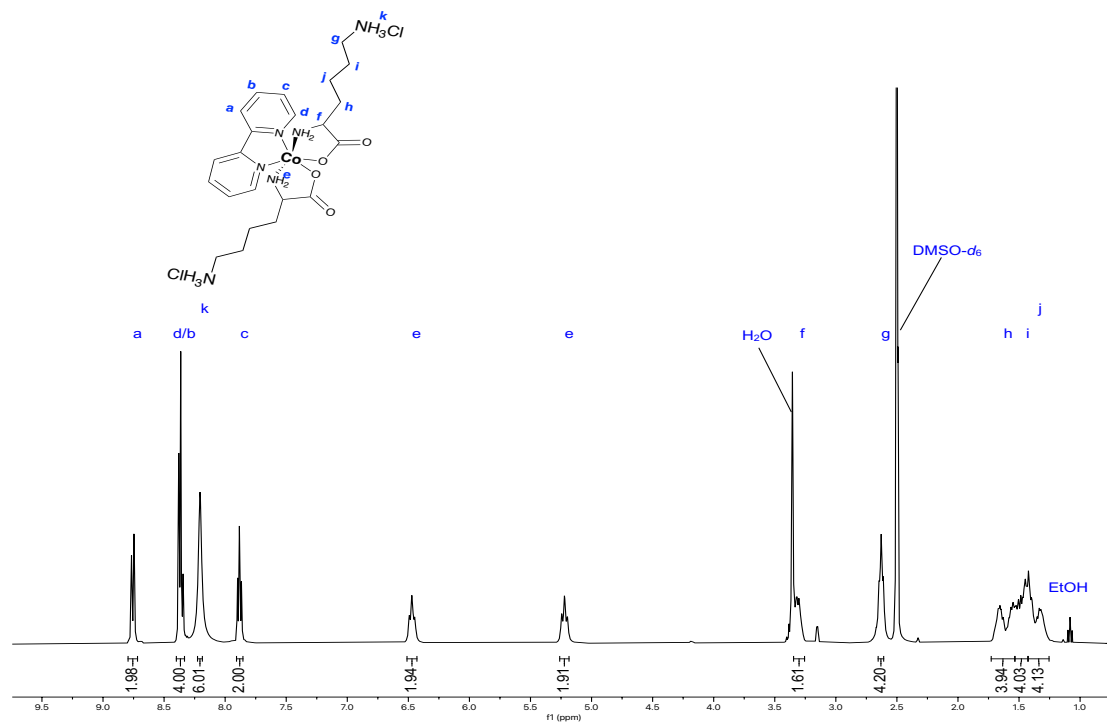


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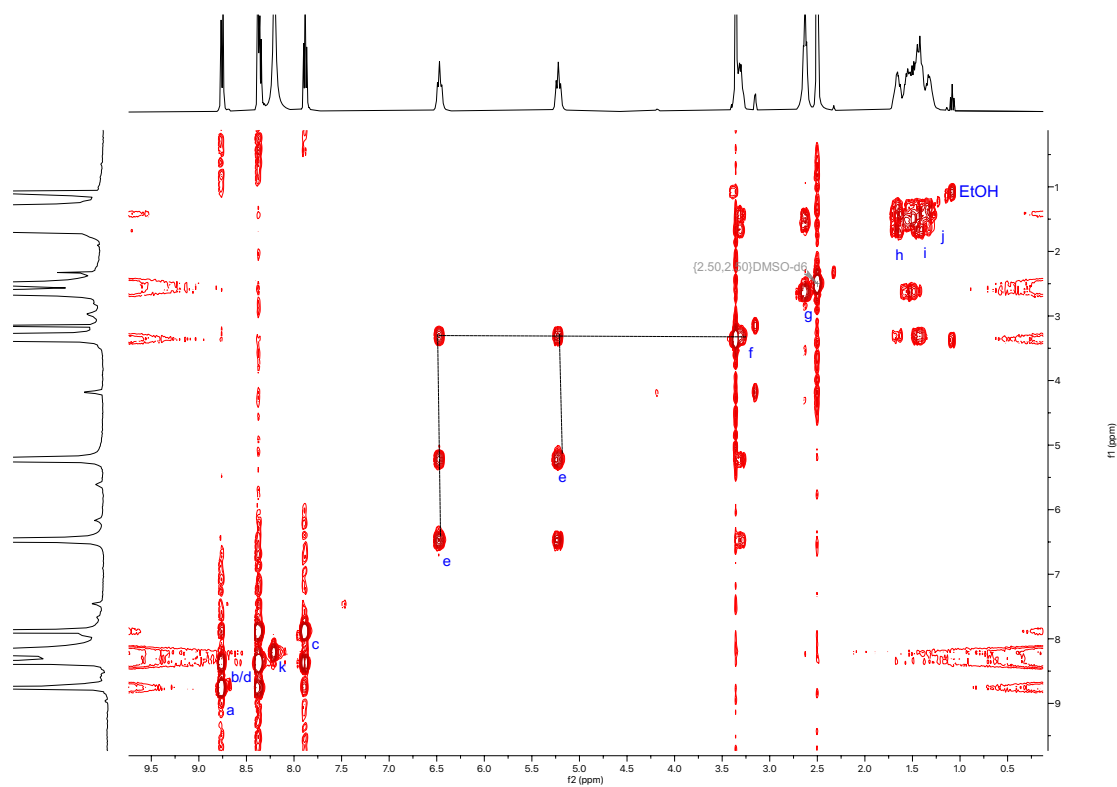


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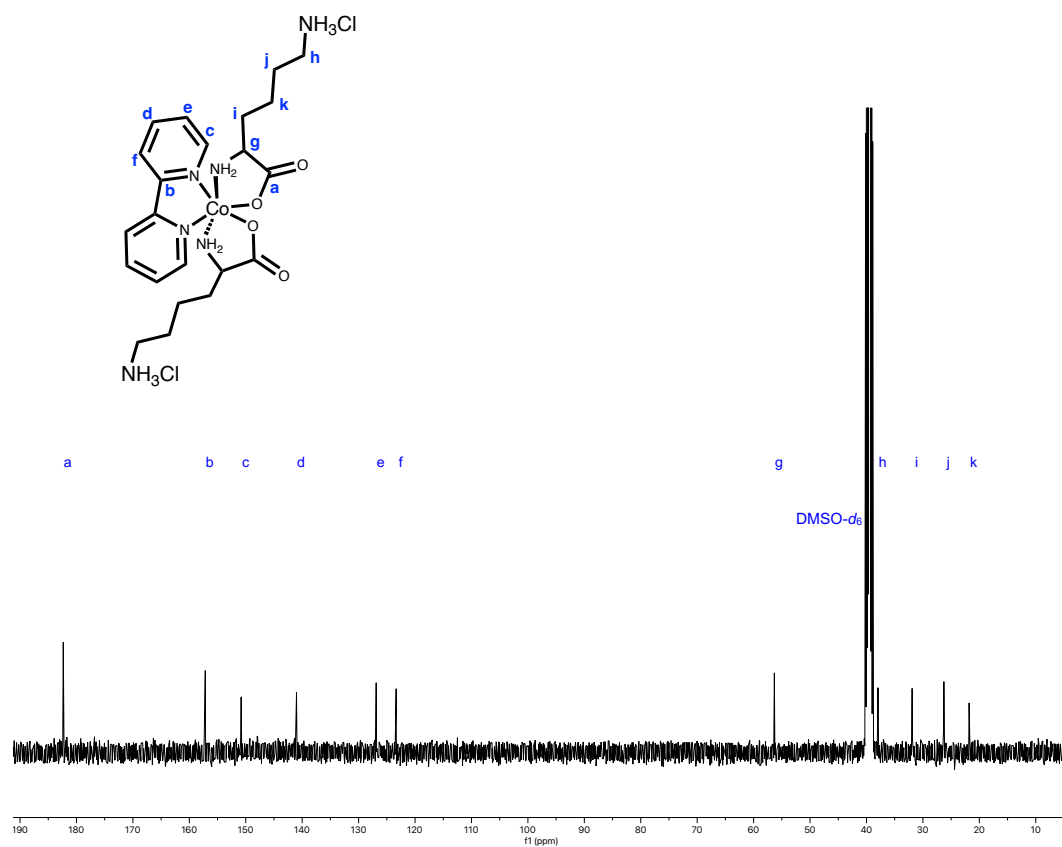


Figure S16. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR of **3** (DMSO- d_6 , 298 K)

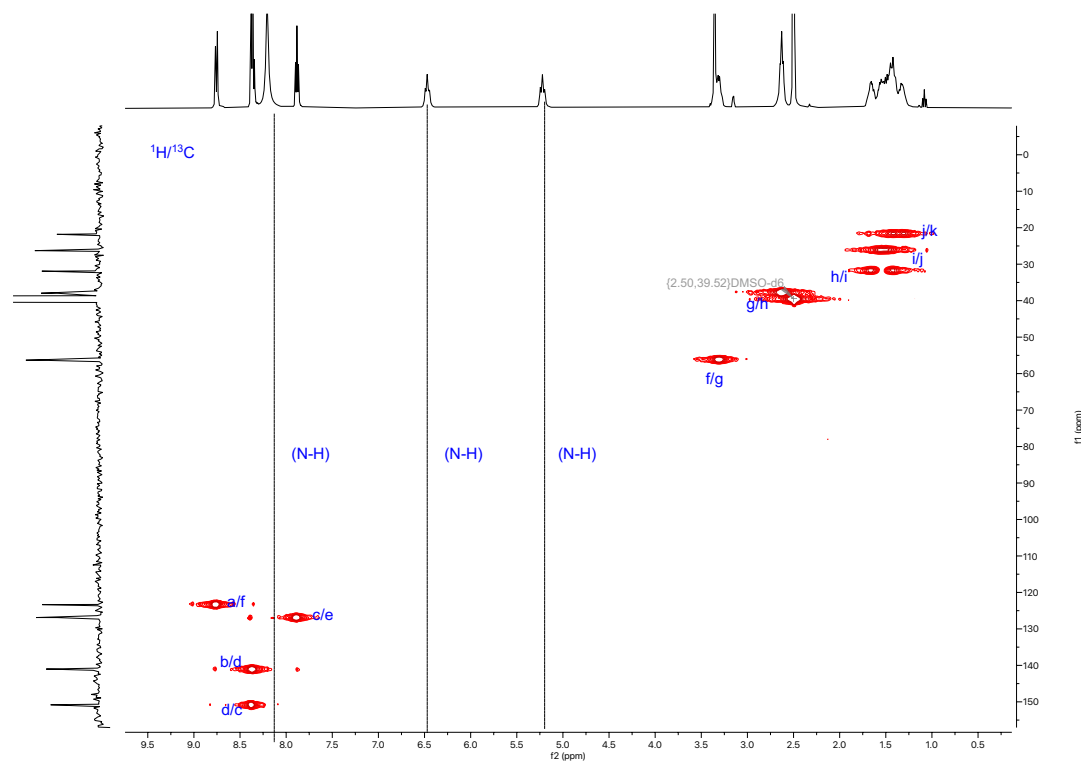


Figure S17. 2D HSQC NMR of **3** (DMSO- d_6 , 298 K)

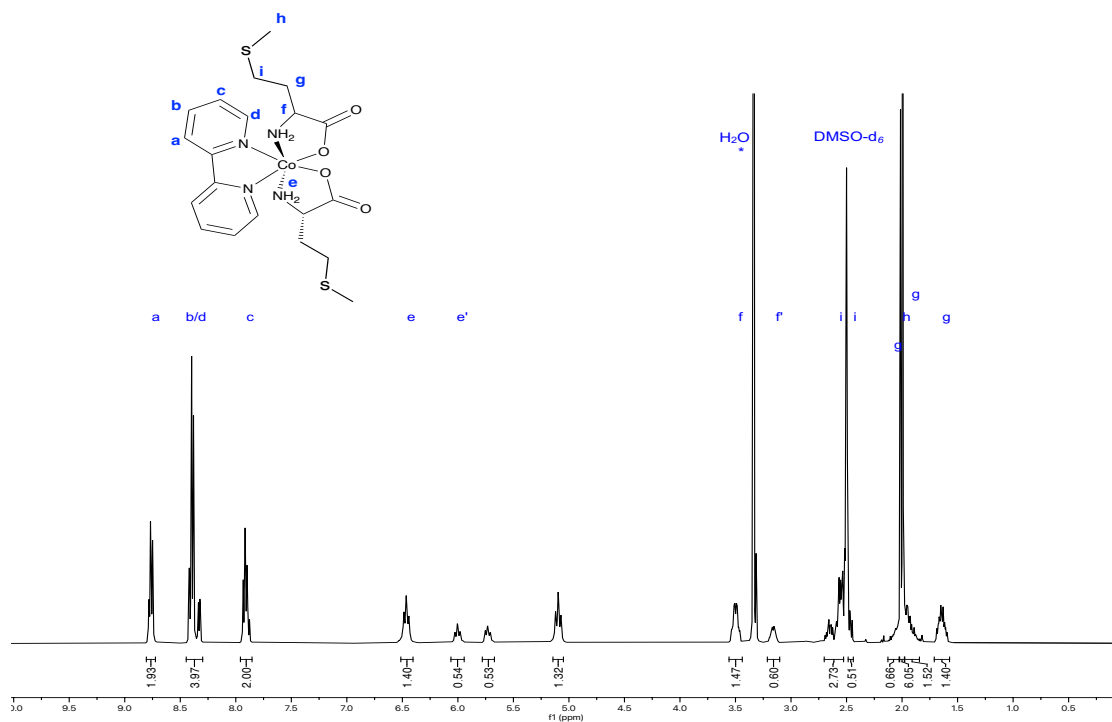


Figure S18. ^1H NMR of **4** in ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 298 K) mixture of diastereomers major product Δ -*RR/A-SS* and minor product Δ -*SS/A-RR* 2.4:1

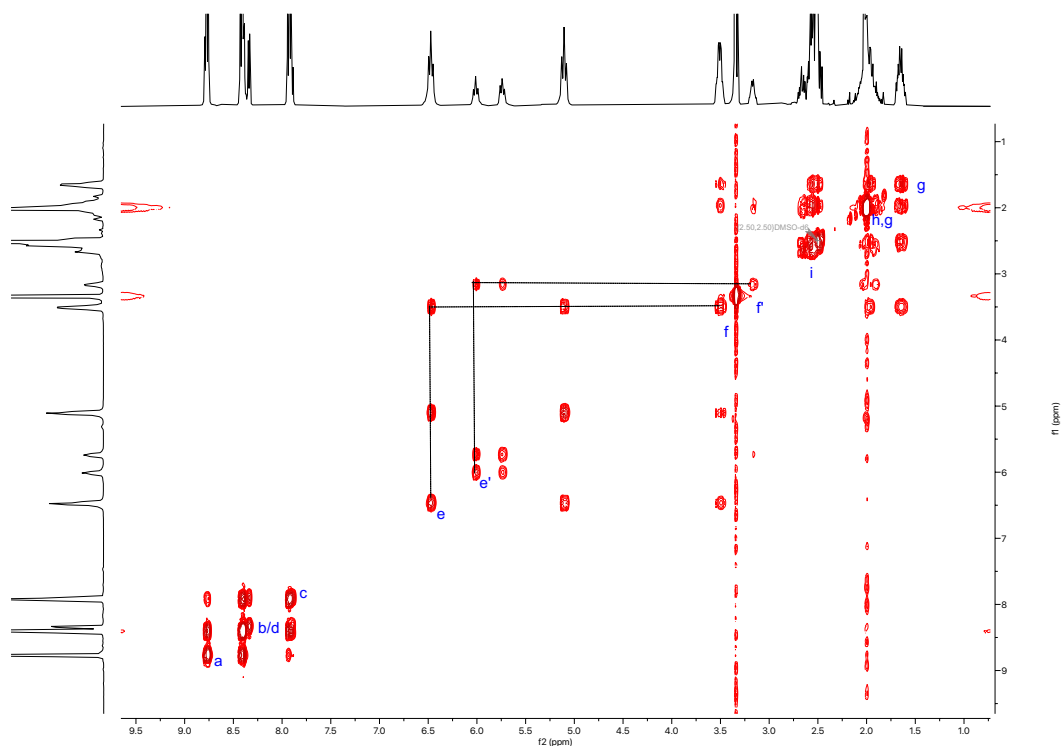


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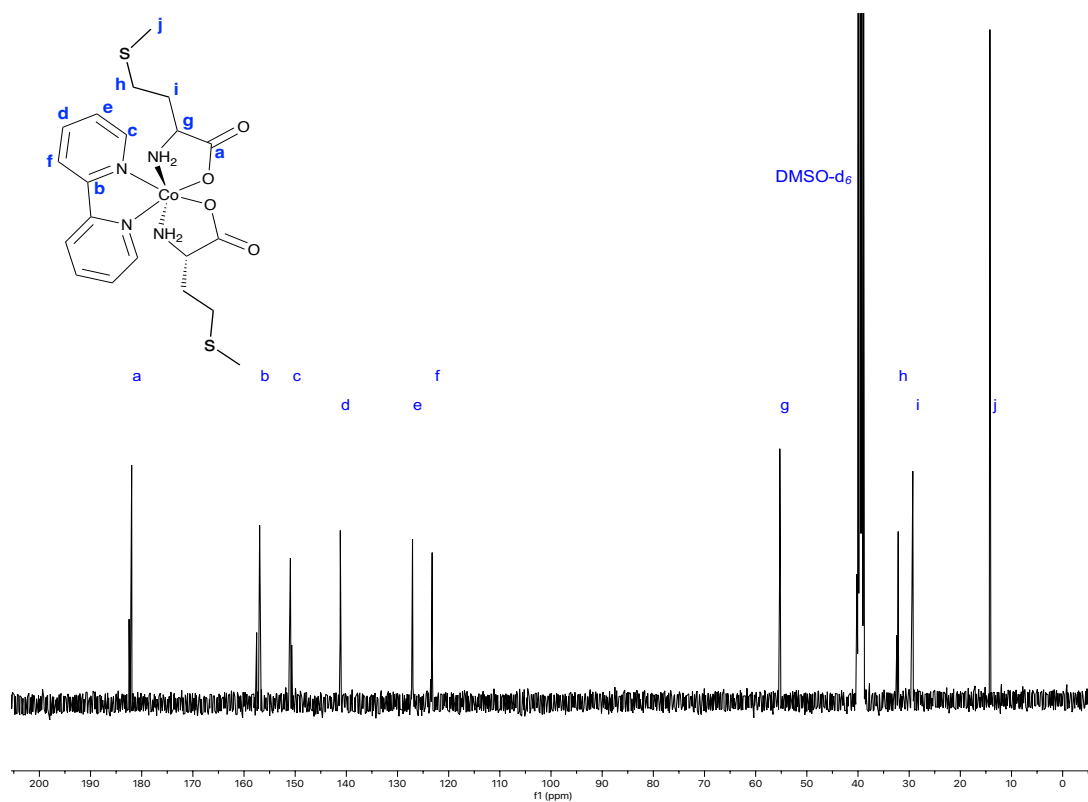


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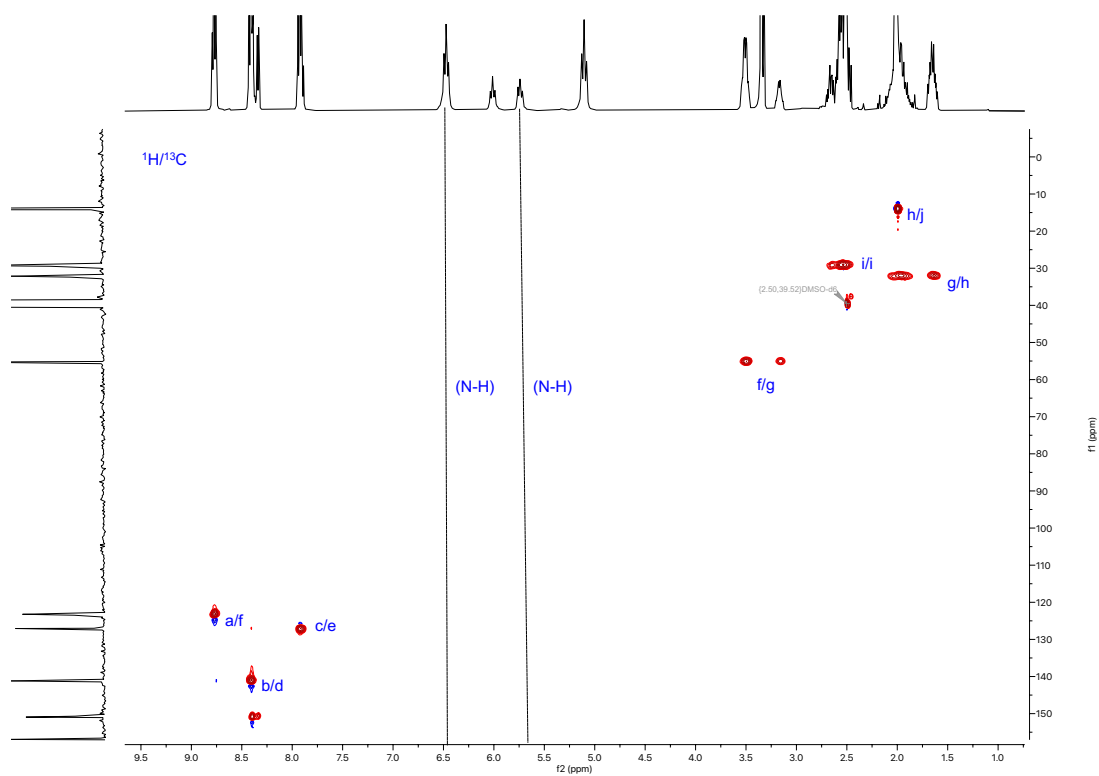


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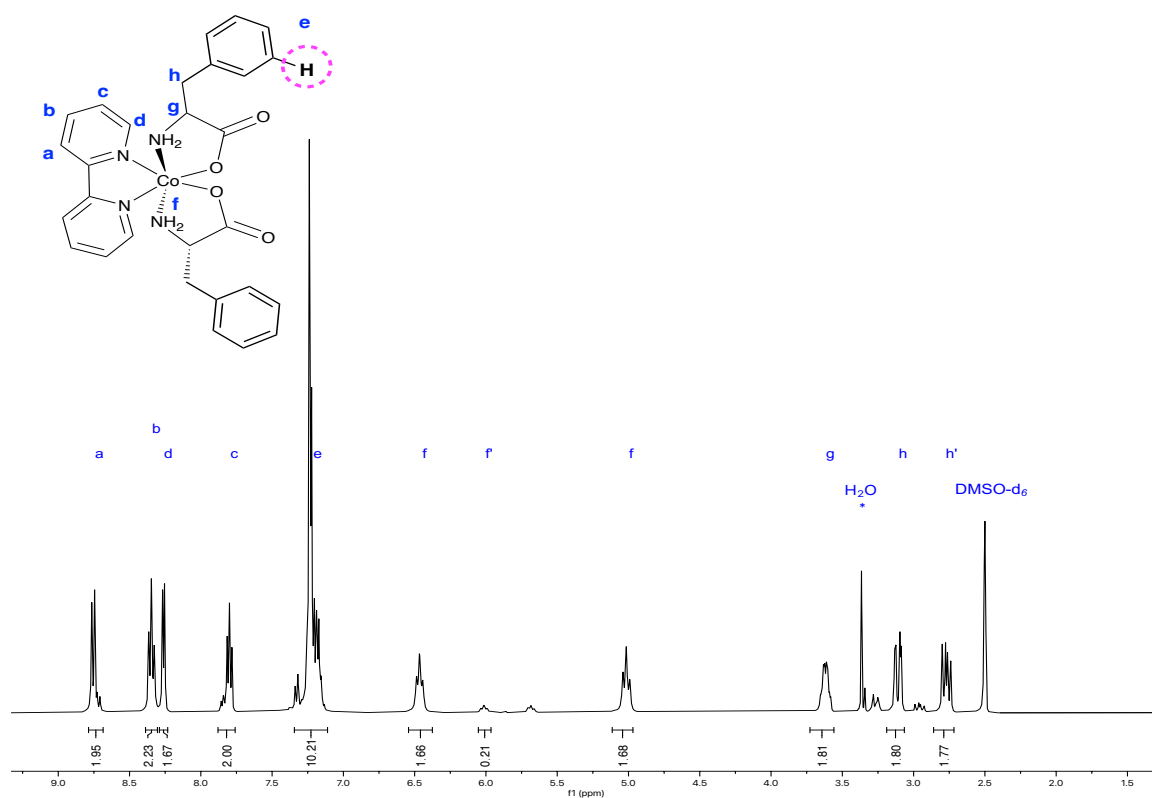


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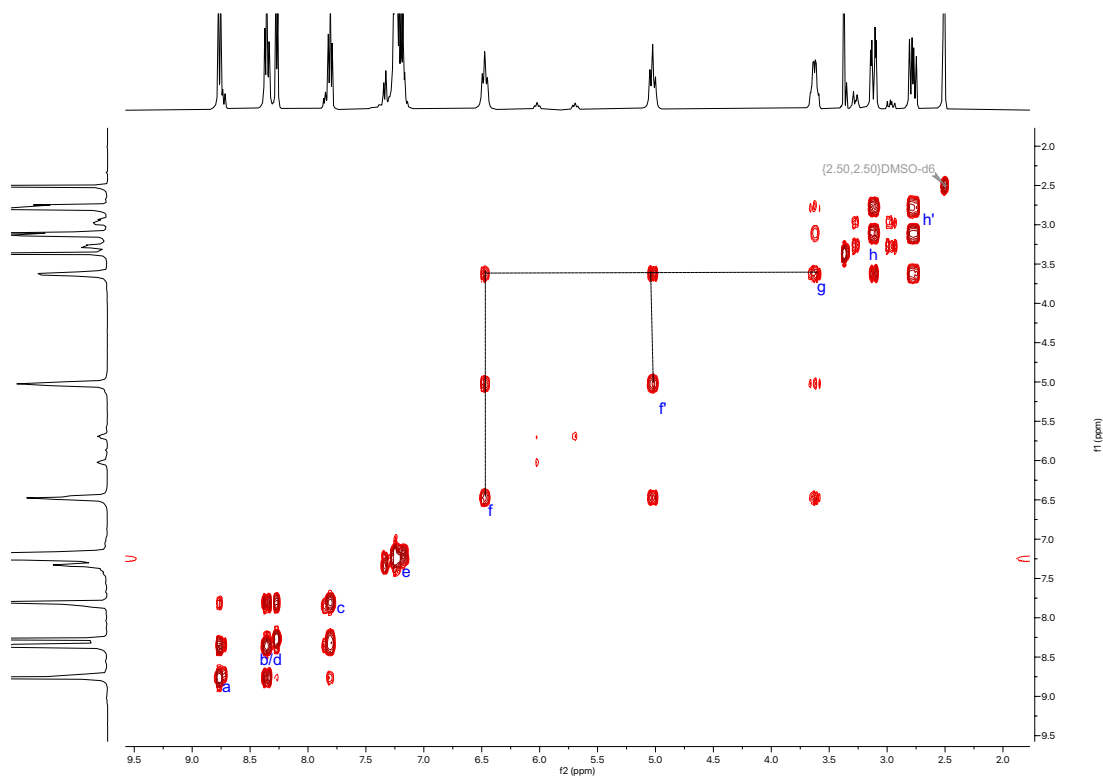


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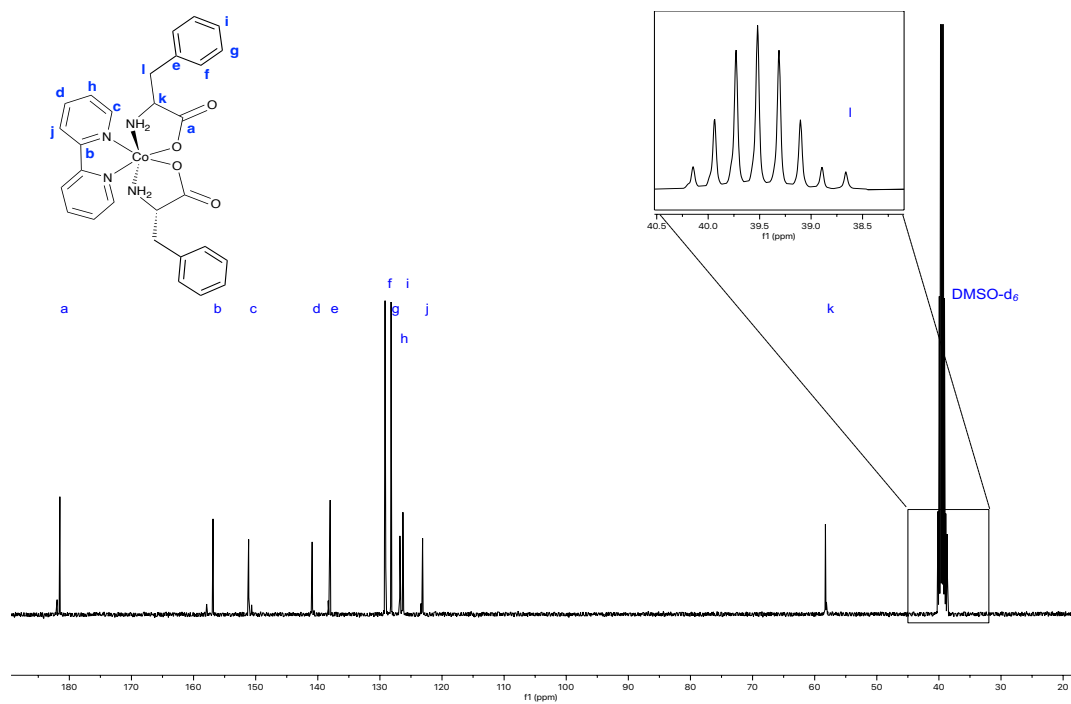


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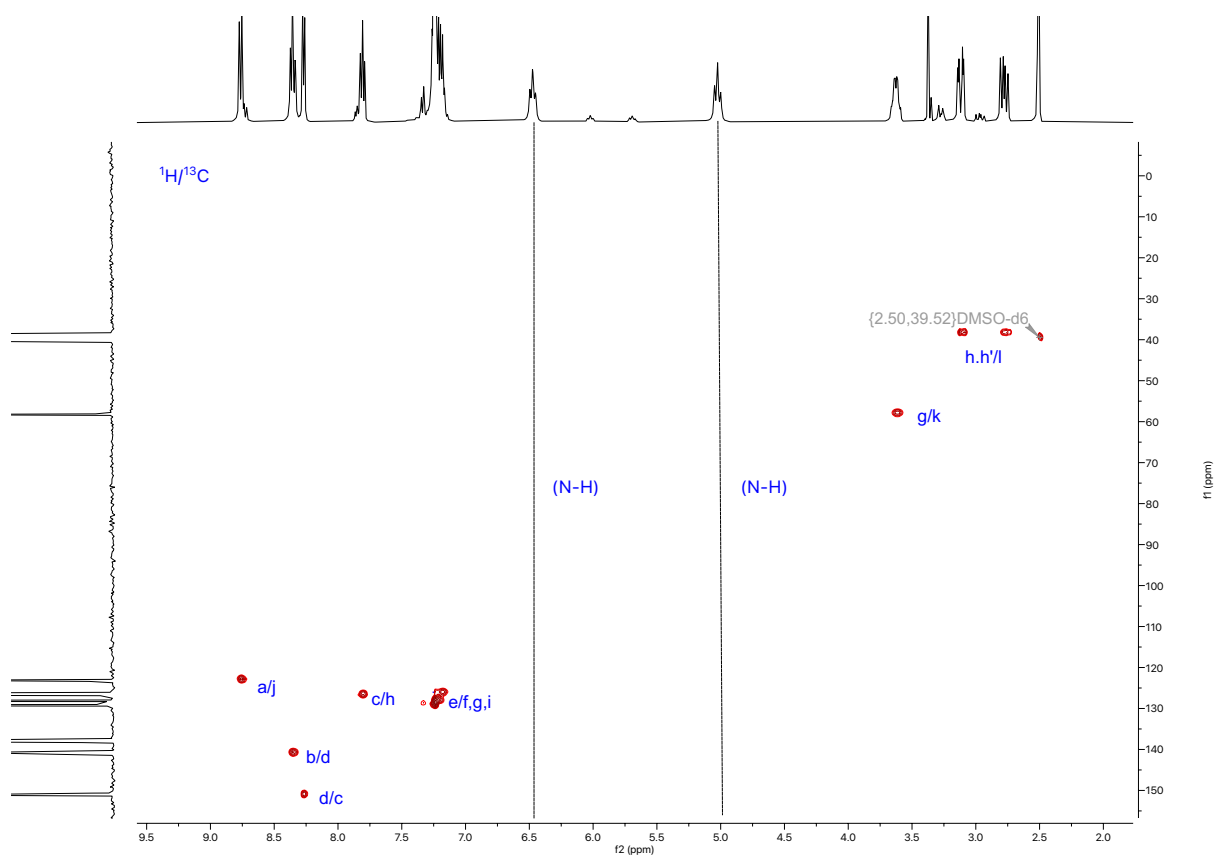


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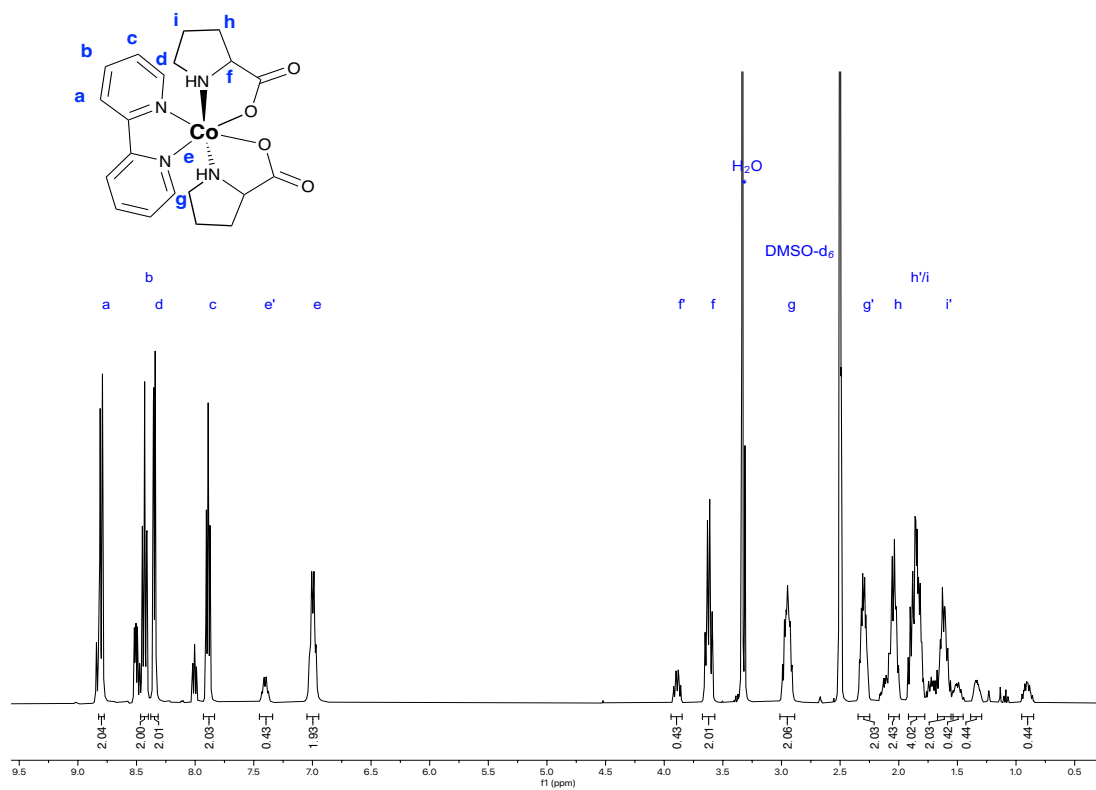


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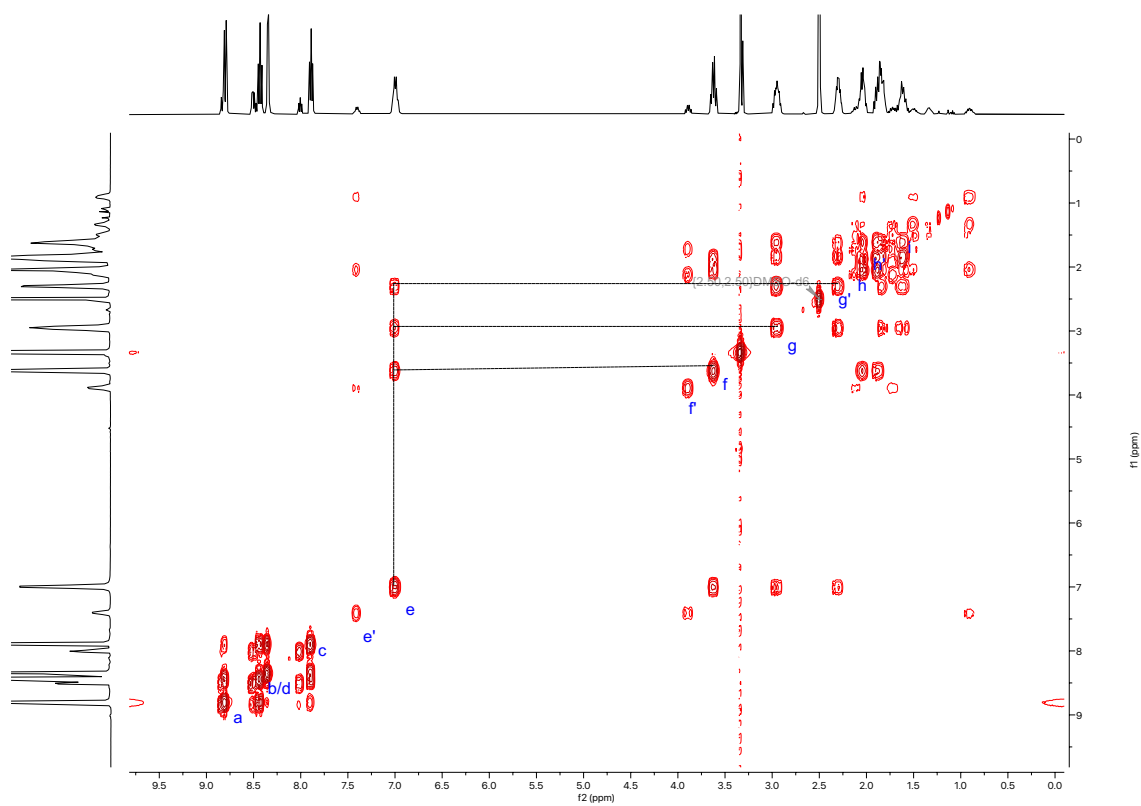


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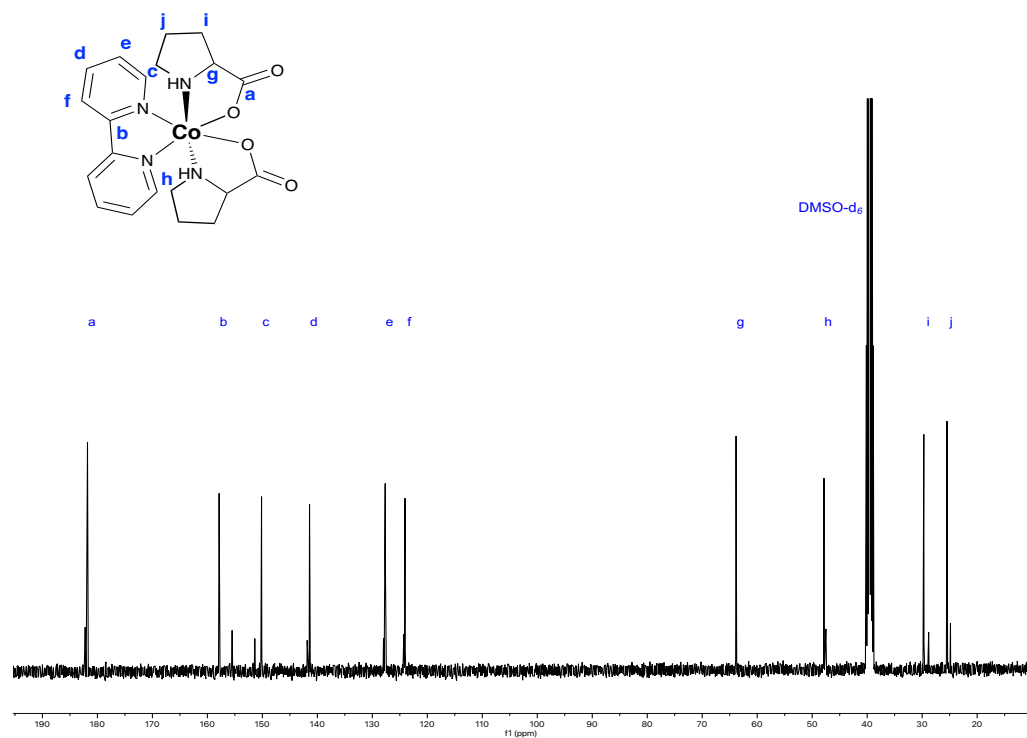


Figure S28. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR of **6** ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 298 K)

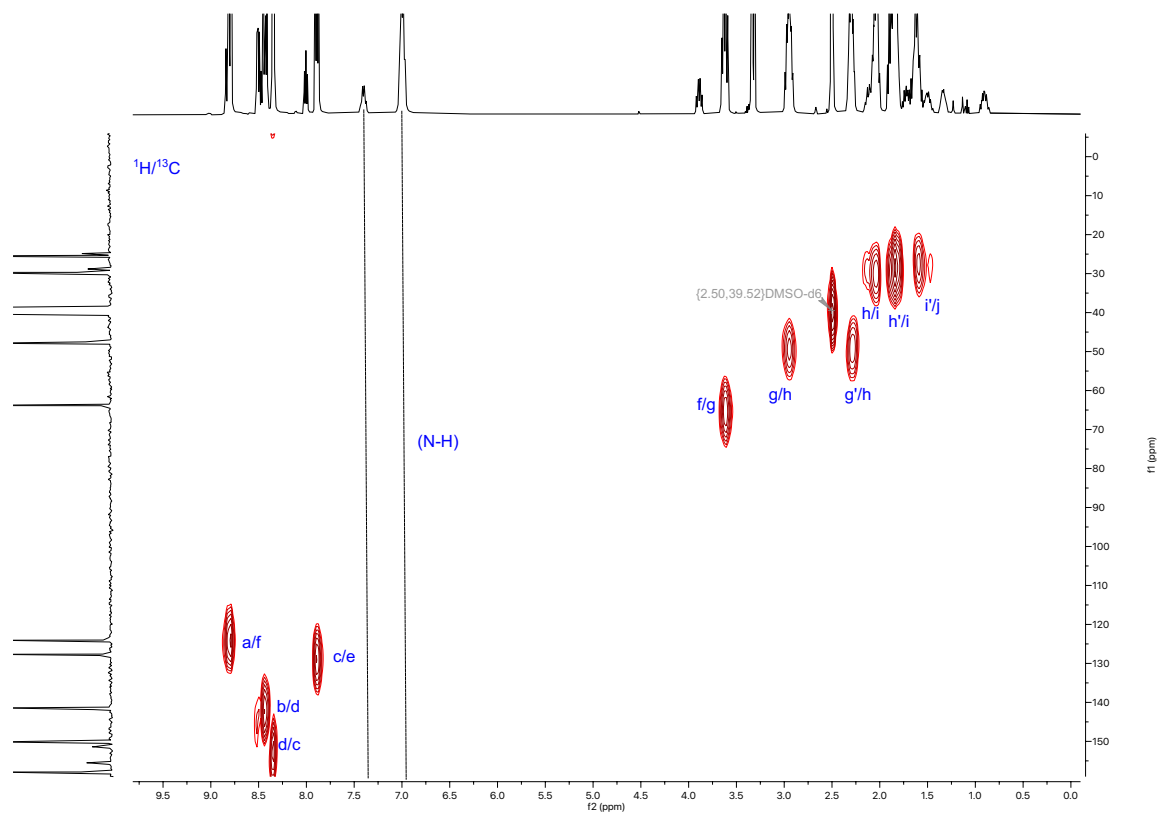


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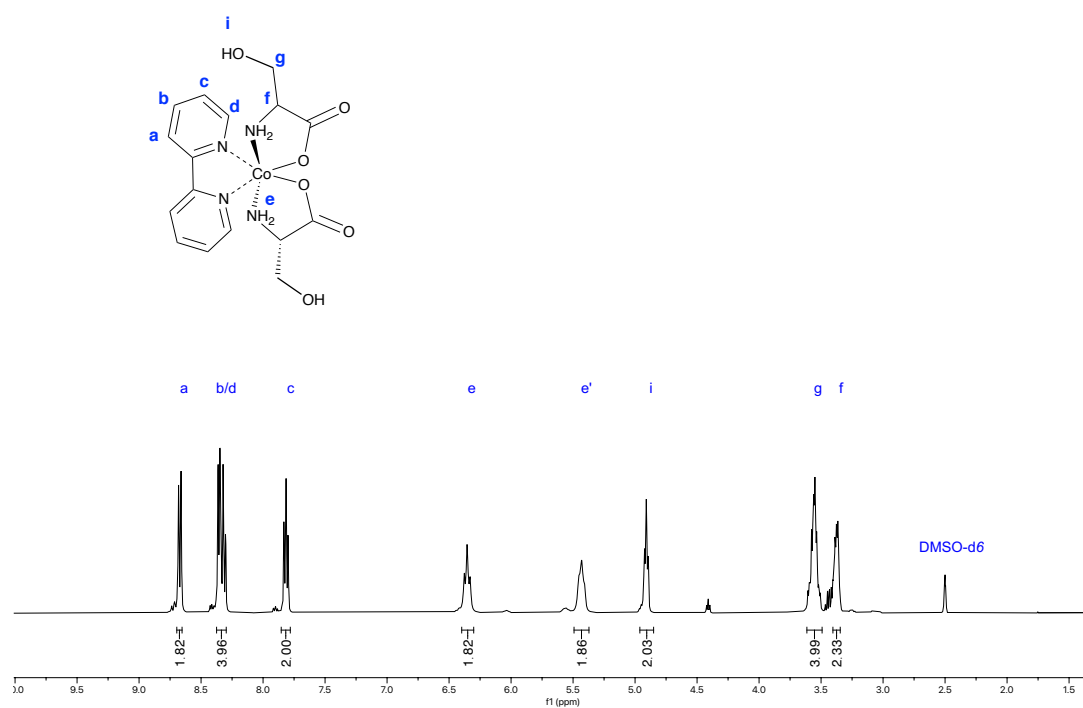


Figure S30. ^1H NMR of **7** in ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 298 K)

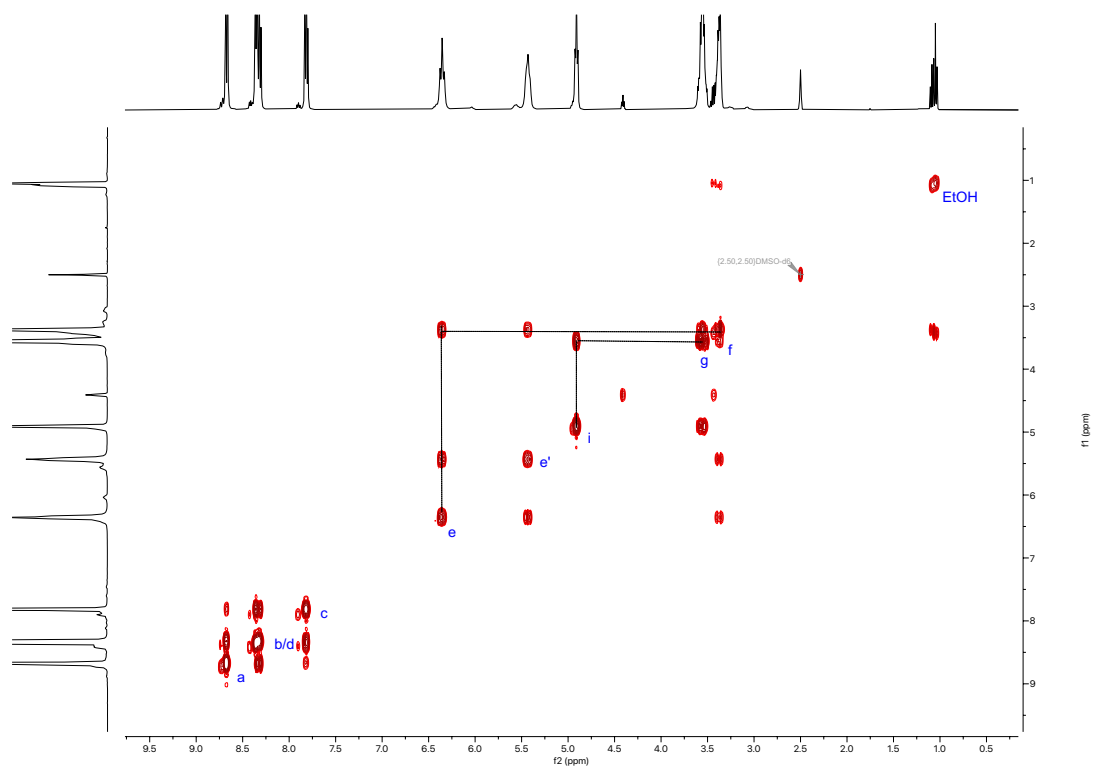


Figure S31. 2D COSY NMR of **7** ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 298 K)

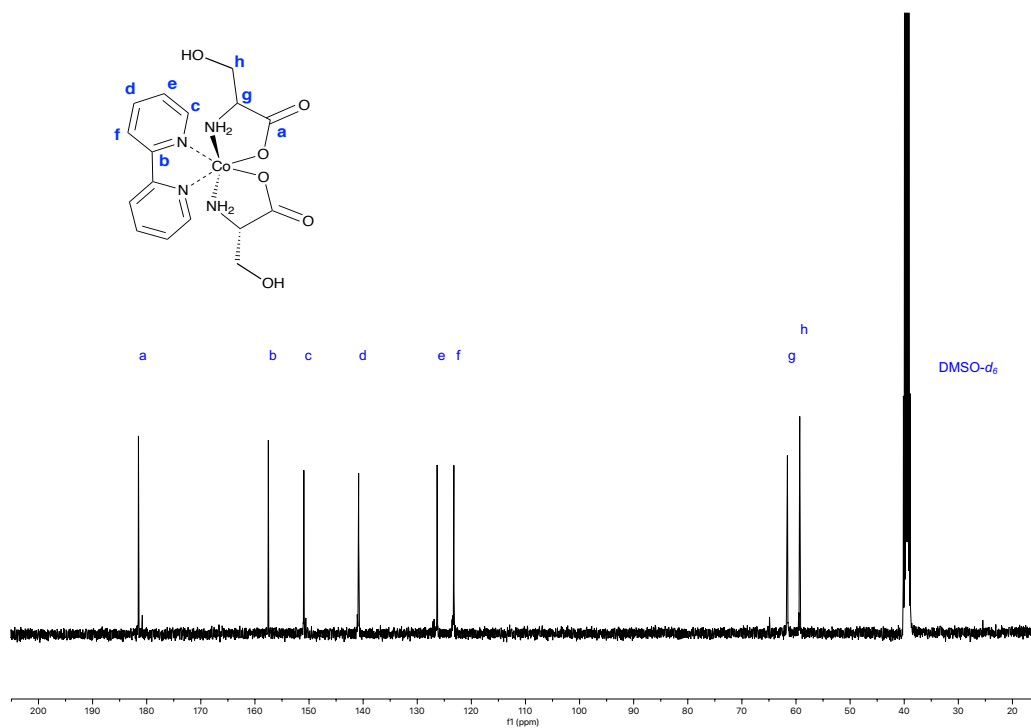


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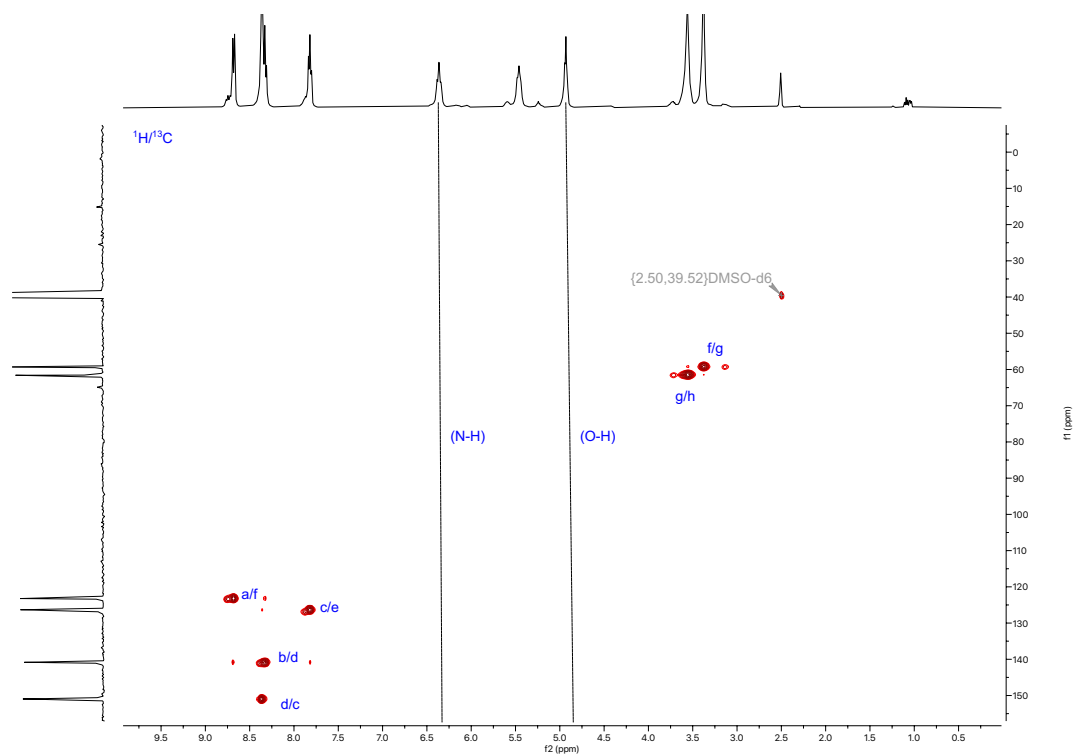


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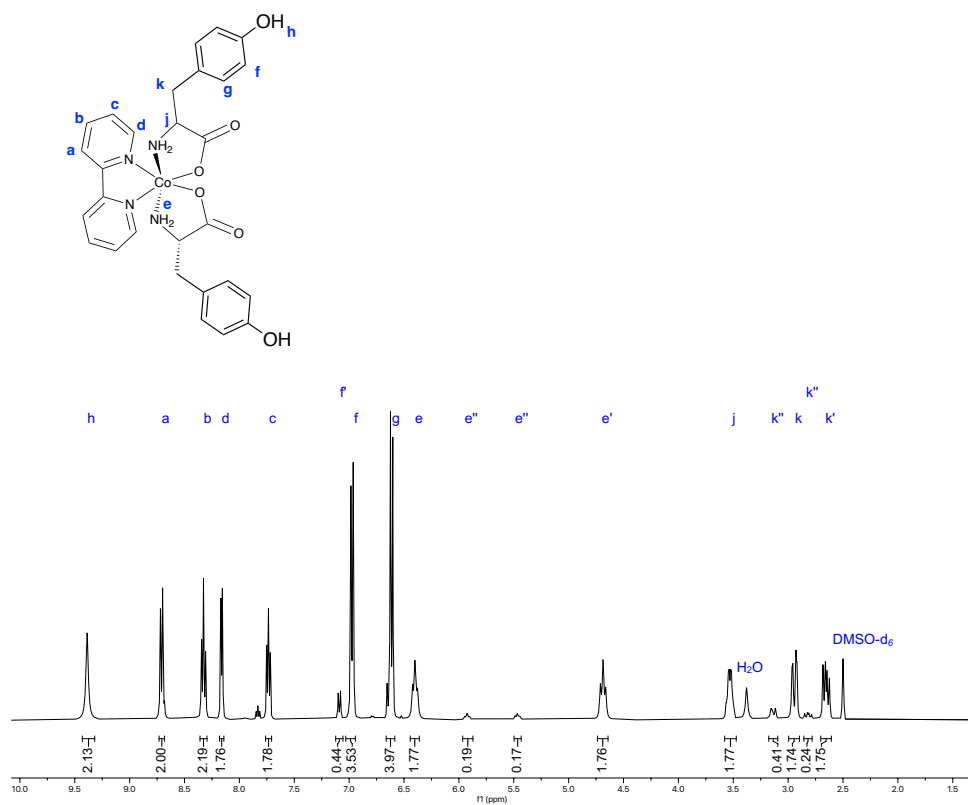


Figure S34. ^1H NMR of **8** in ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 298 K) mixture of diastereomers major product Δ -*RR/A-SS* and minor product Δ -*SS/A-RR* 8:1:1

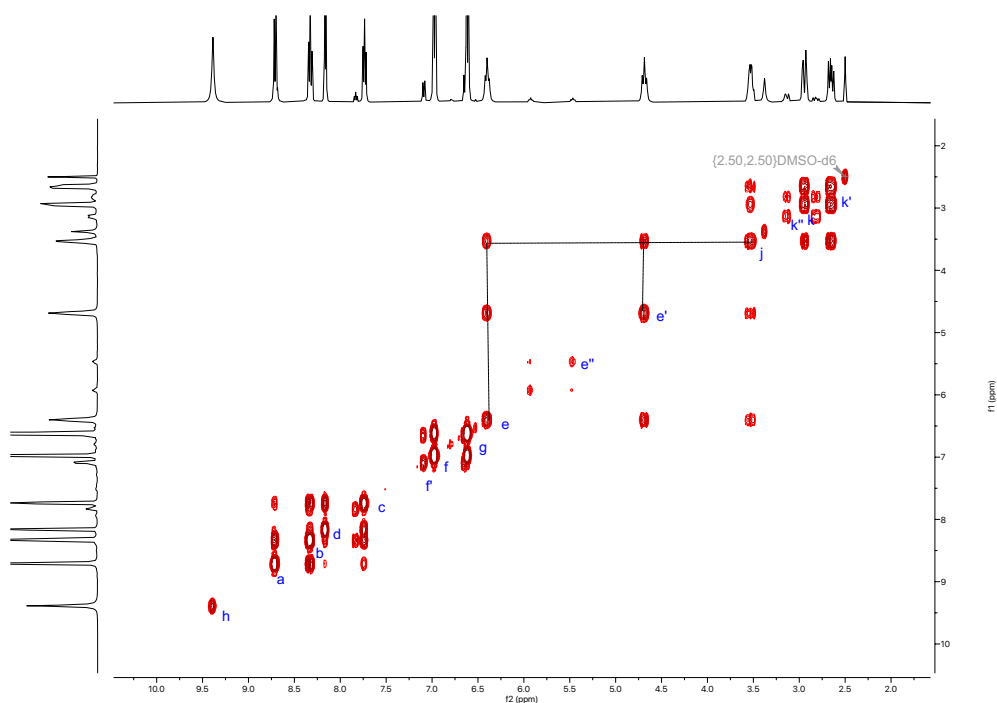


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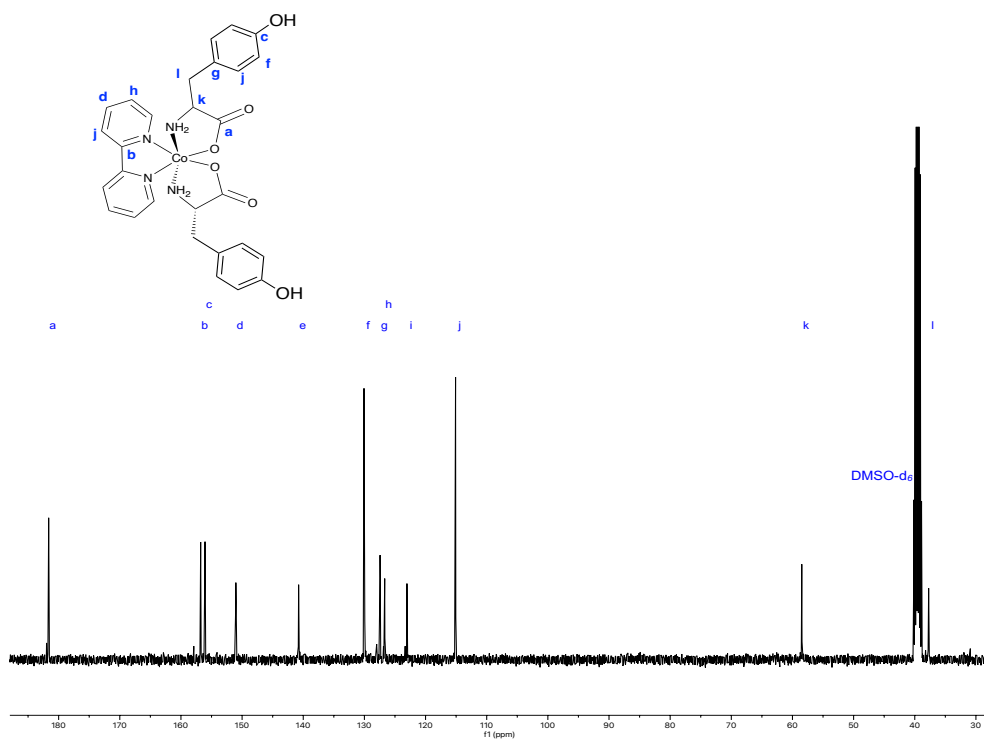


Figure S36. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR of **8** ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 298 K)

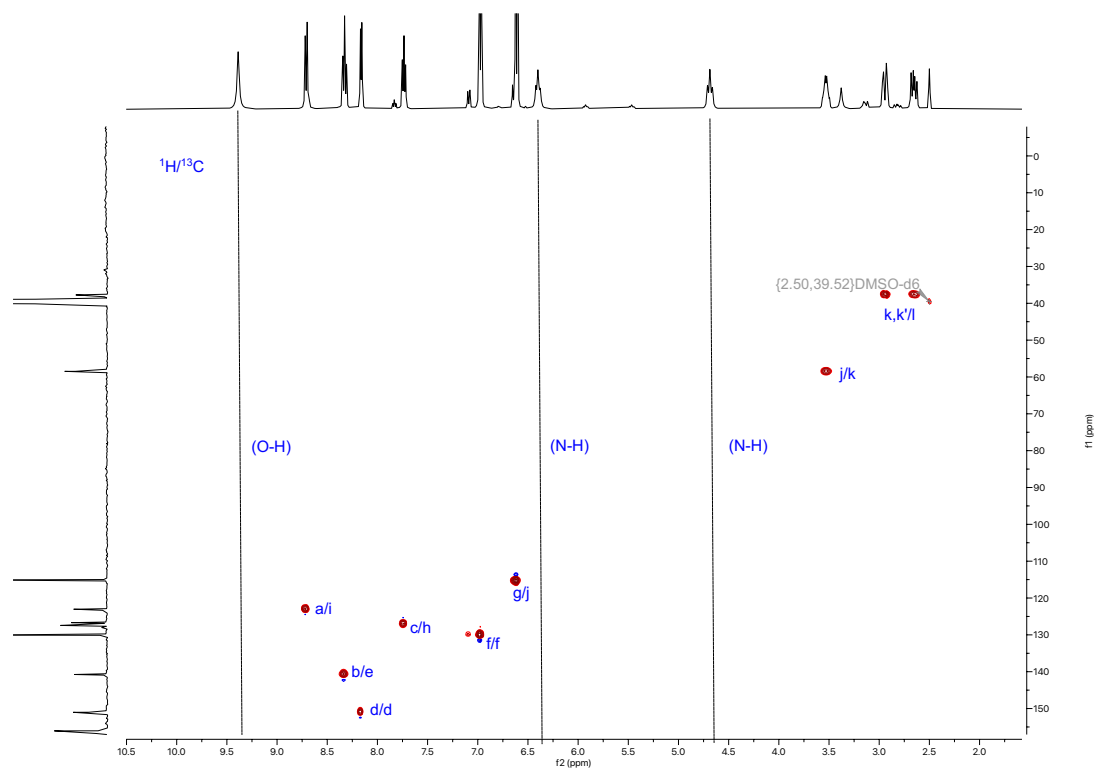
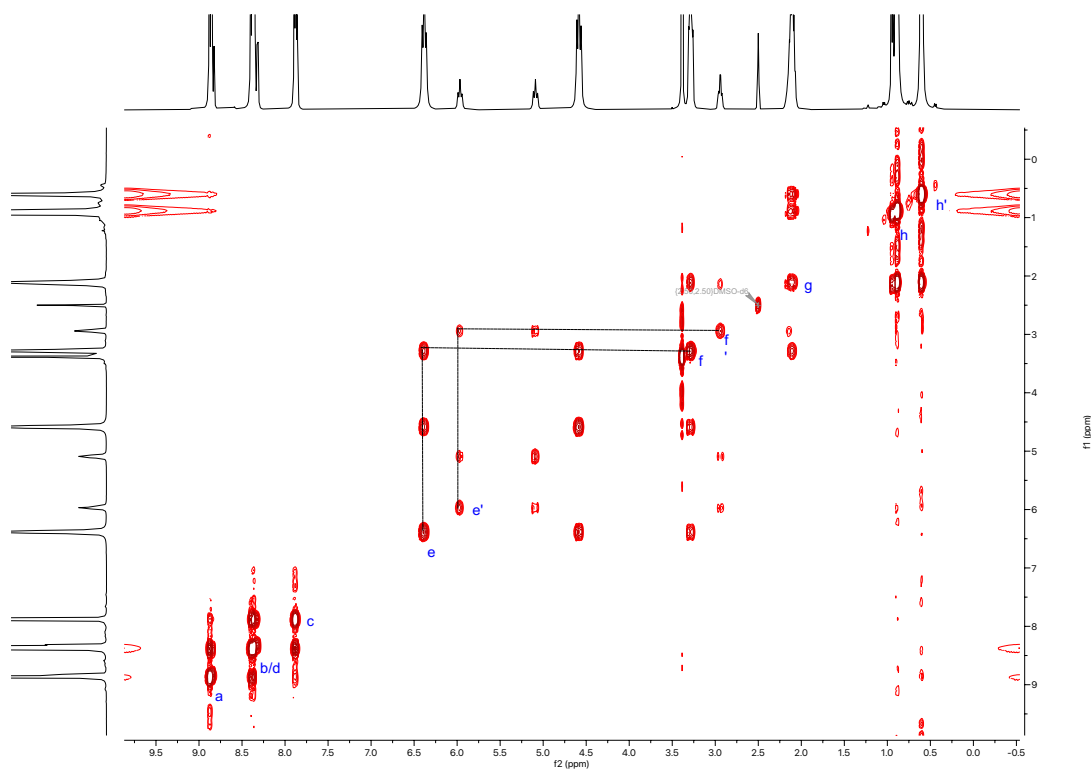
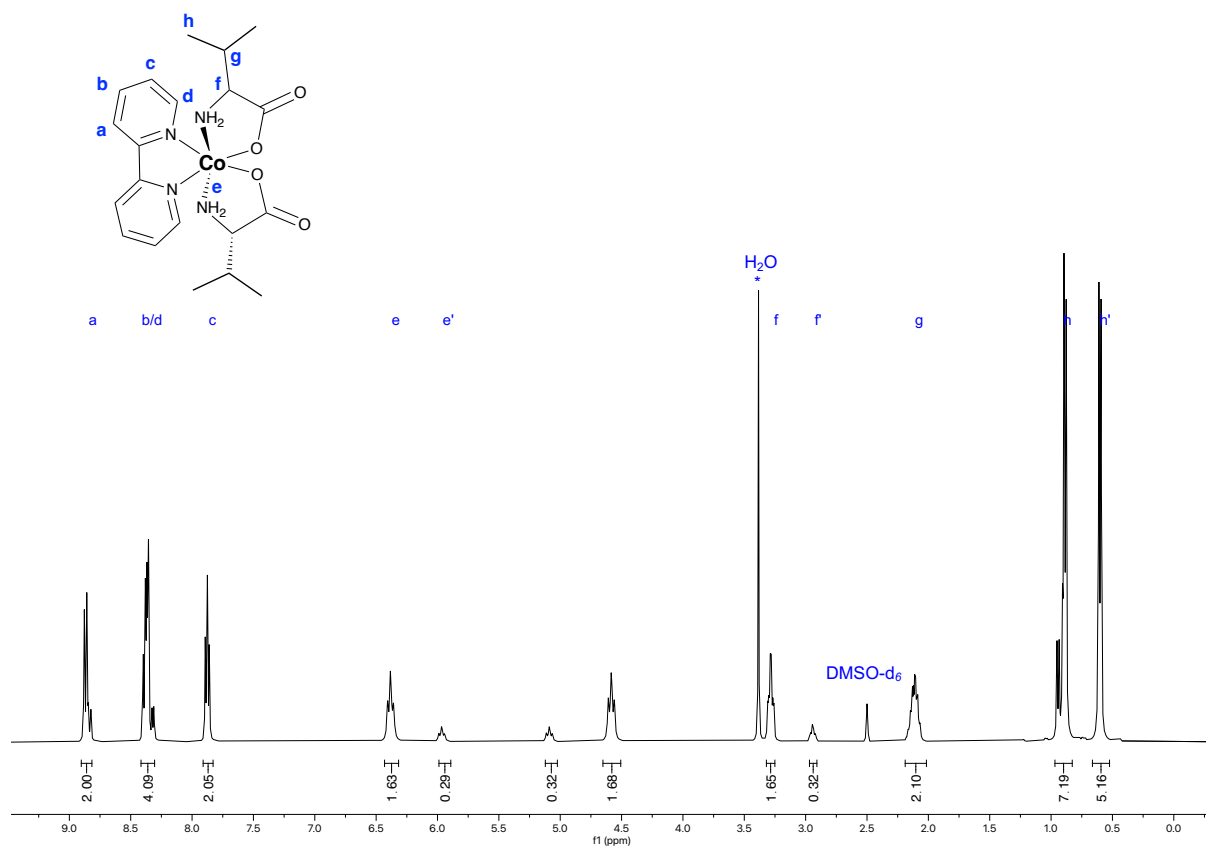


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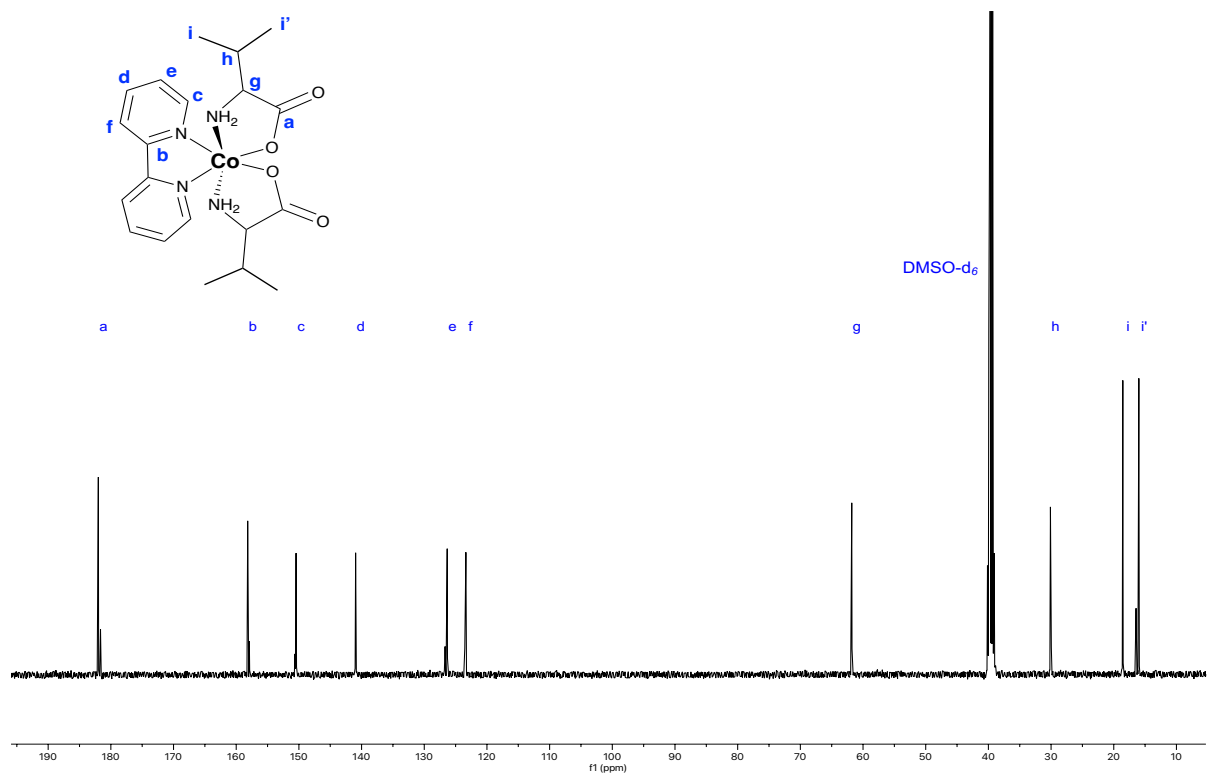


Figure S40. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR of **9** ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 298 K)

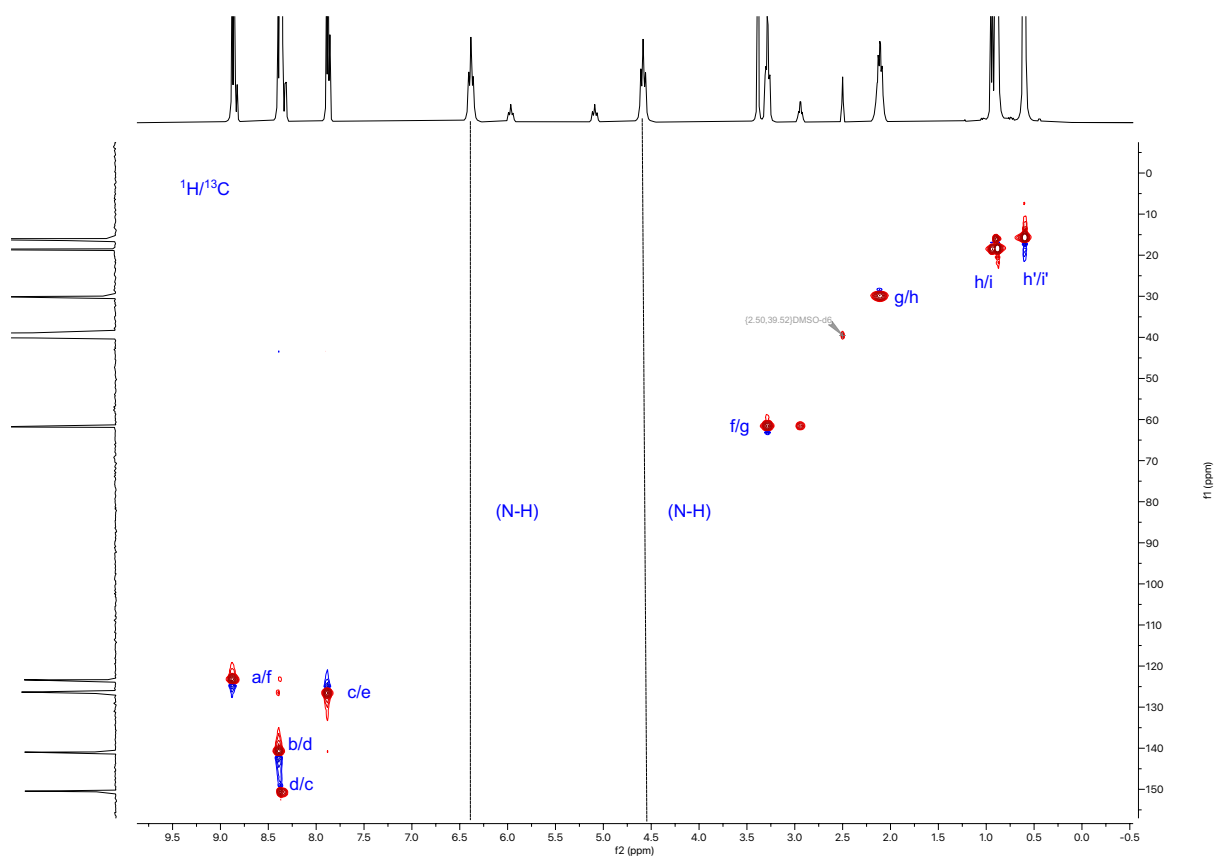


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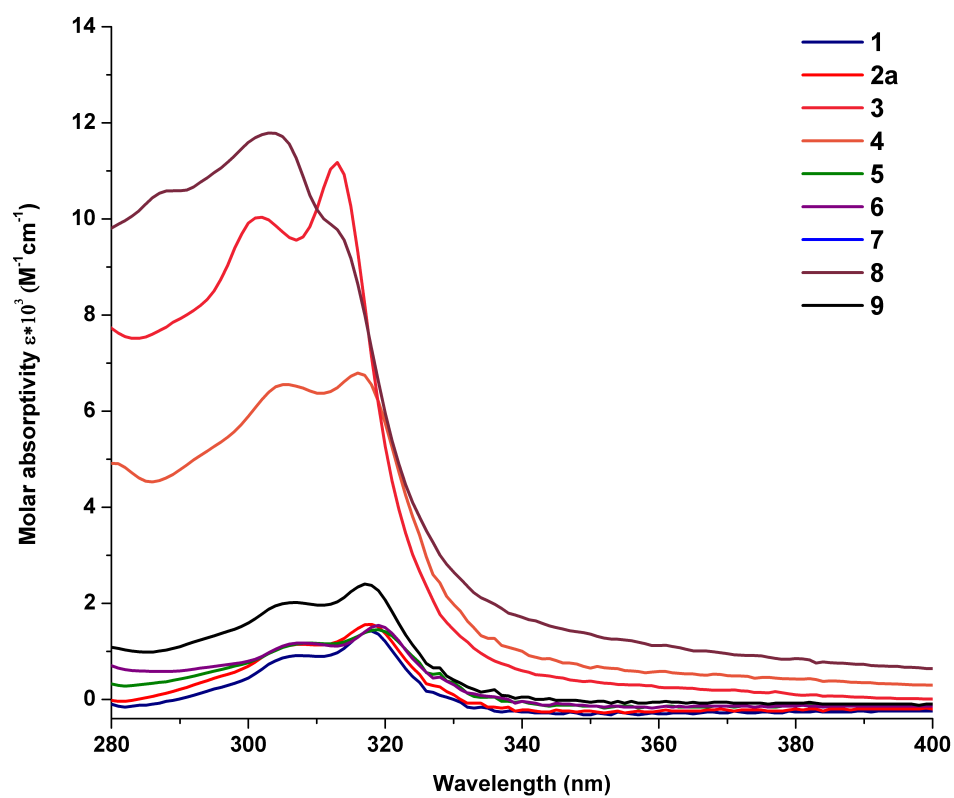


Figure S42. UV-vis absorption spectra of **1-9** in EtOH (1×10^{-5} M).

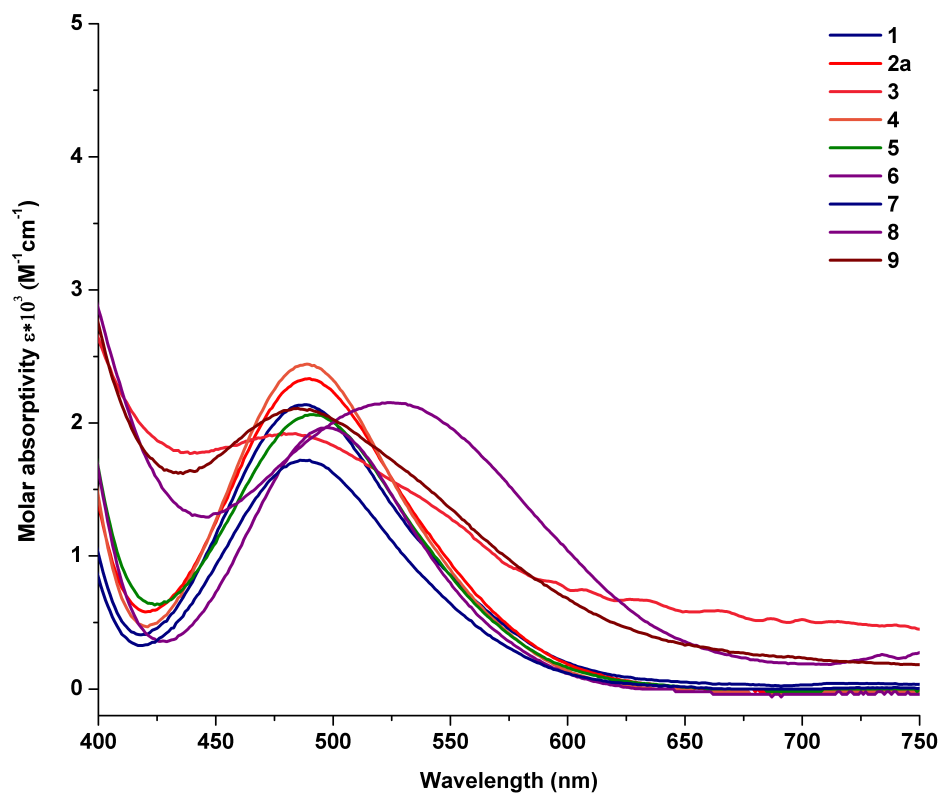


Figure S43. UV-vis absorption spectra of **1-9** in EtOH (1×10^{-3} M).

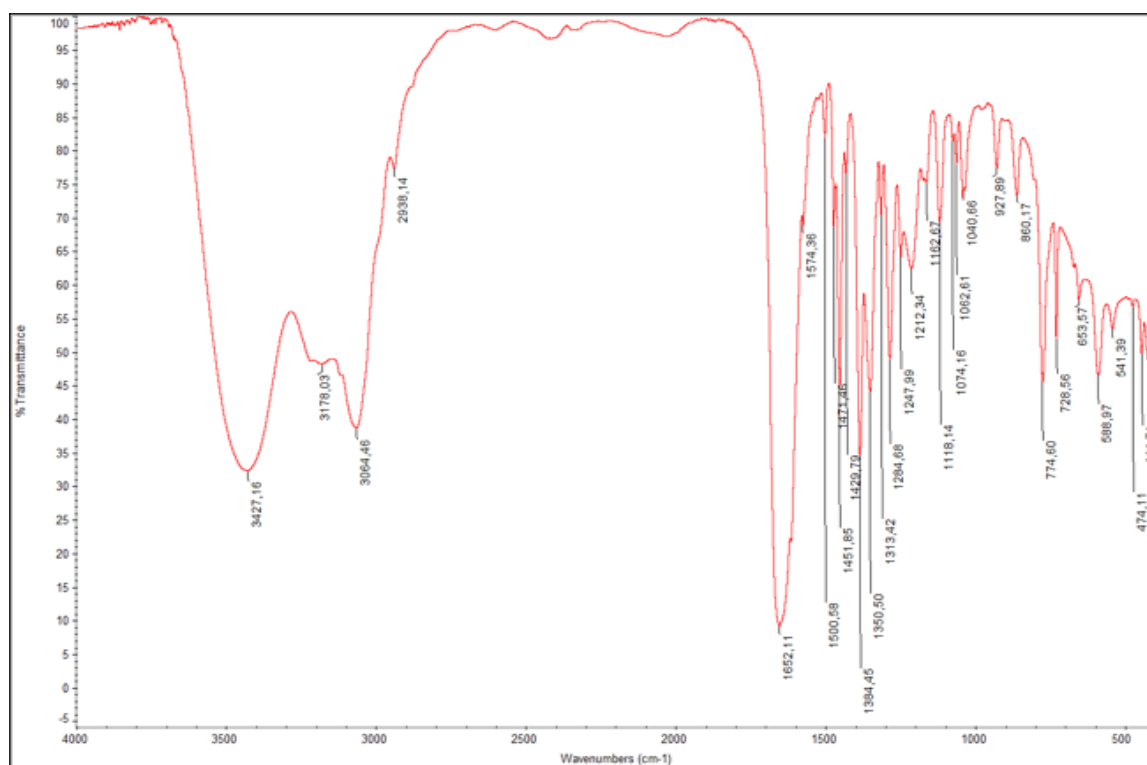


Figure S44. FT-IR of **1**

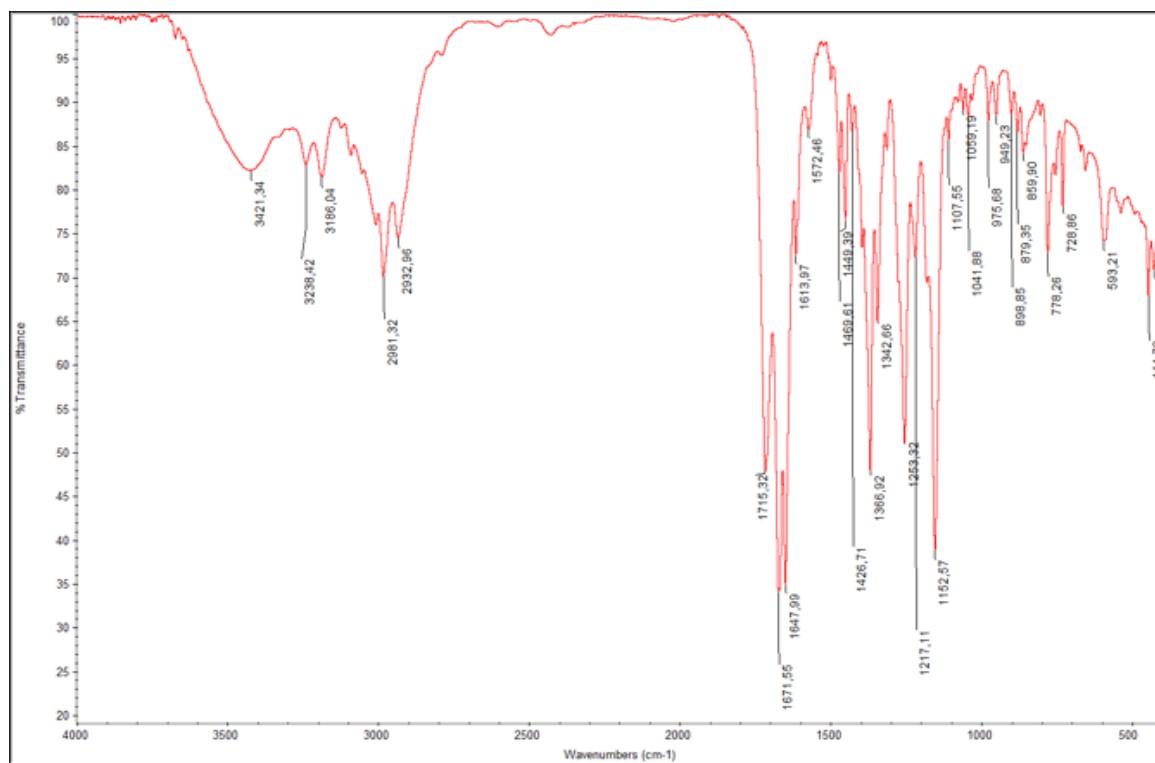


Figure S45. FT-IR of **2**

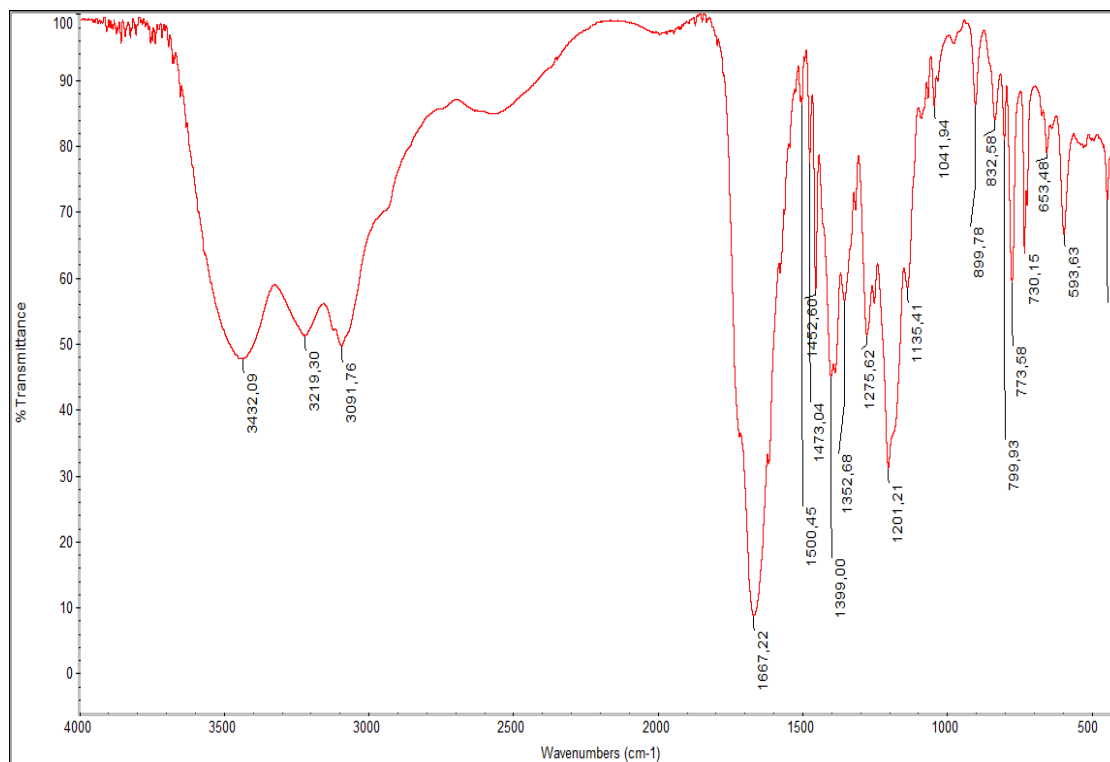


Figure S46. FT-IR of **2a**

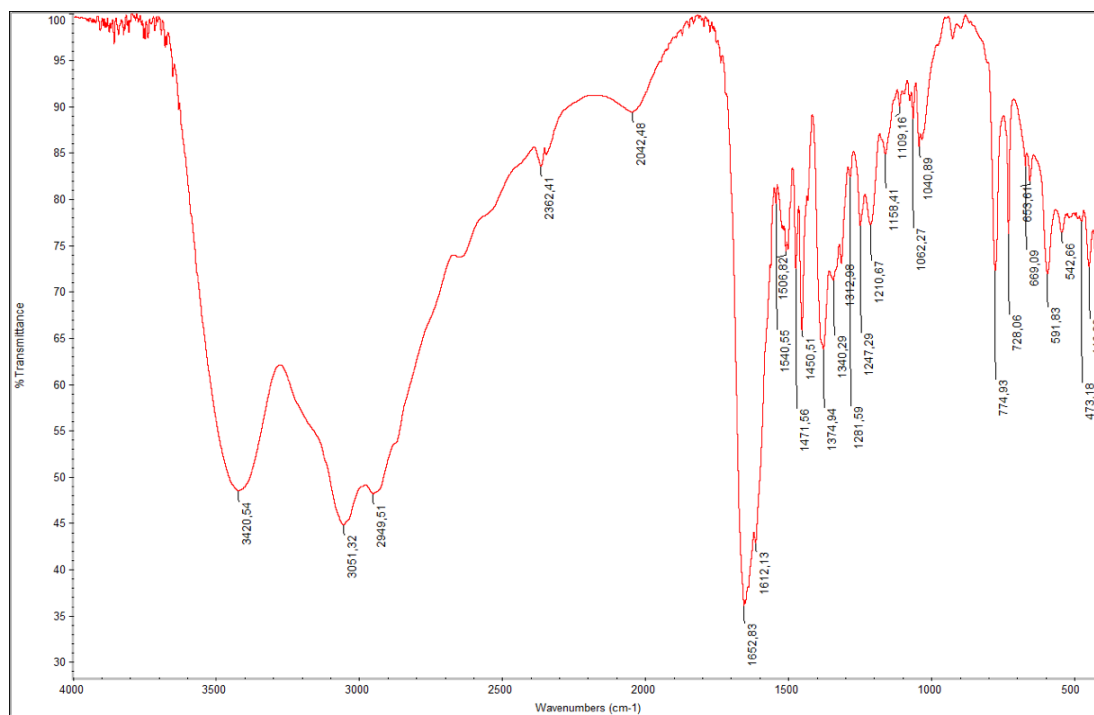


Figure S47. FT-IR of 3

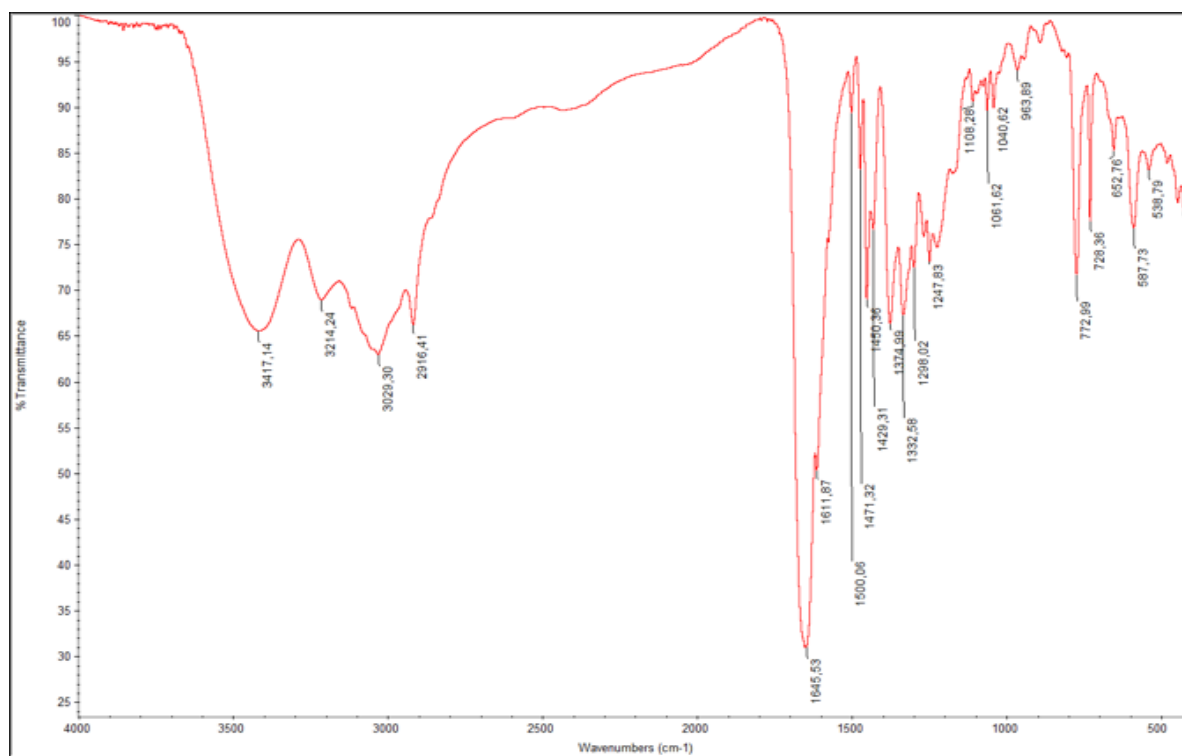


Figure S48. FT-IR of 4

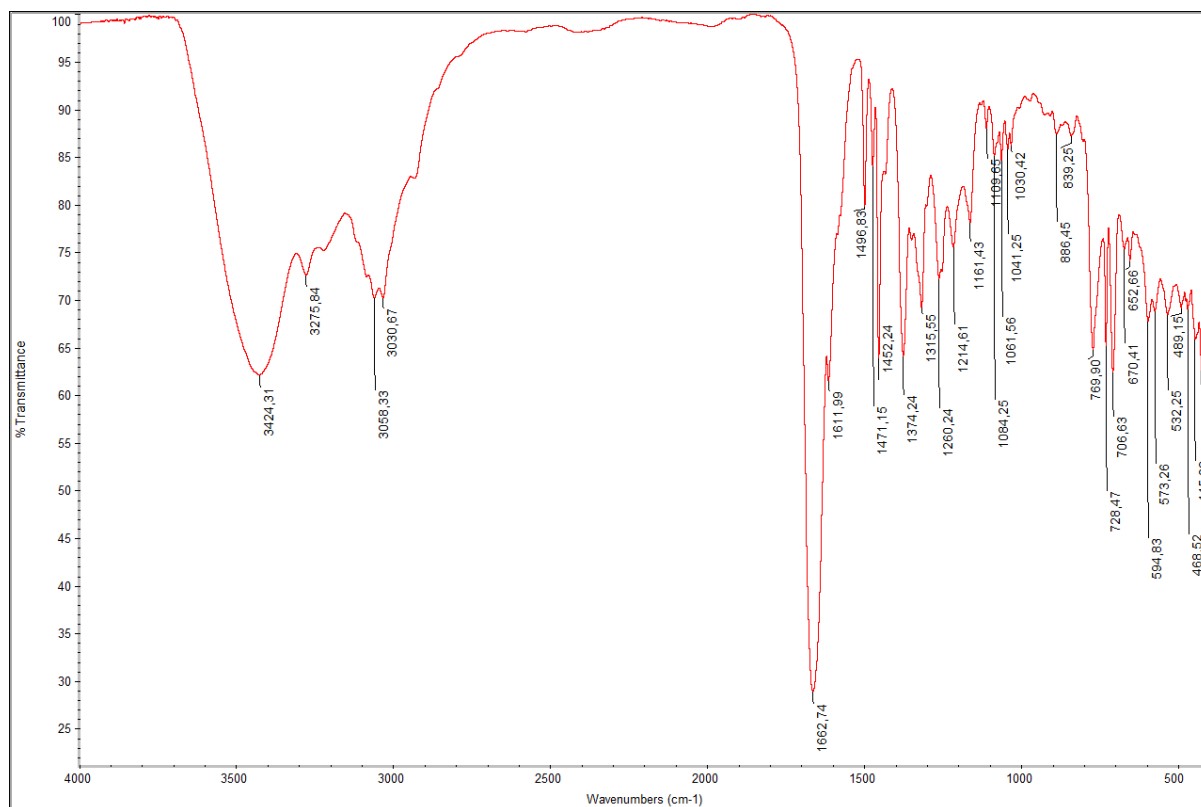


Figure S49. FT-IR of 5

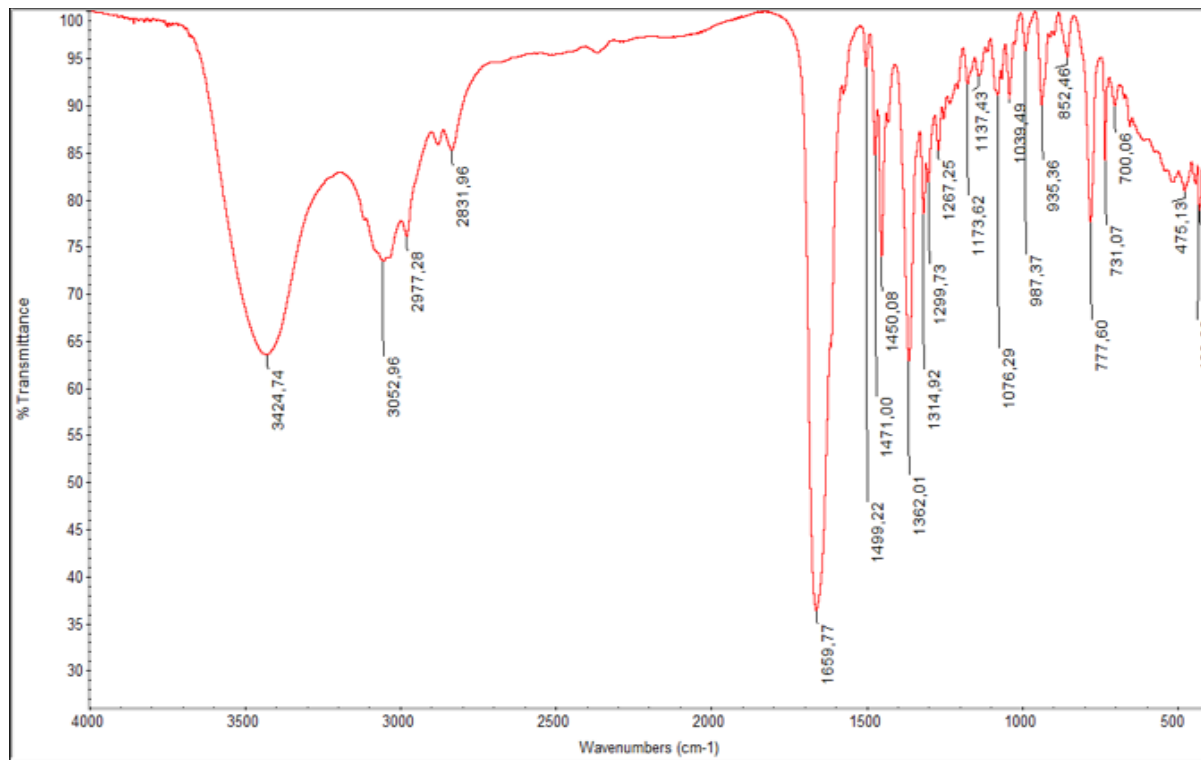


Figure S50. FT-IR of 6

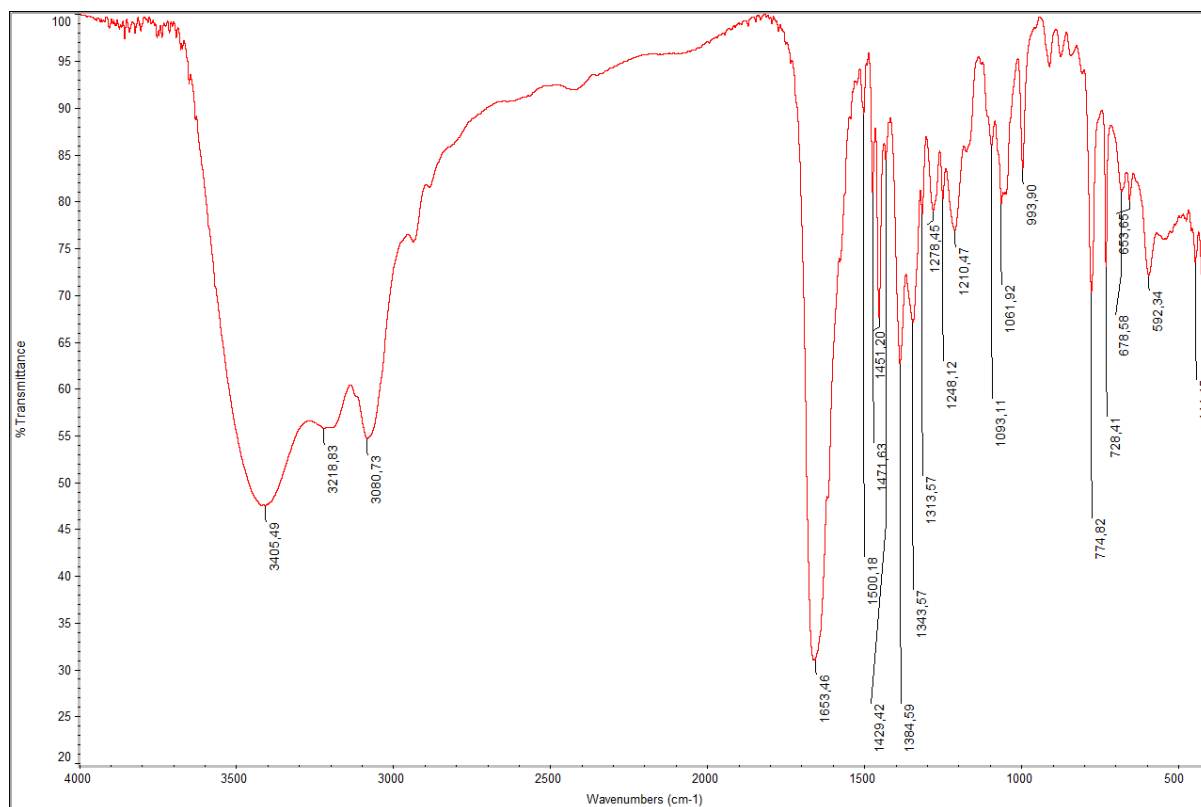


Figure S51. FT-IR of 7

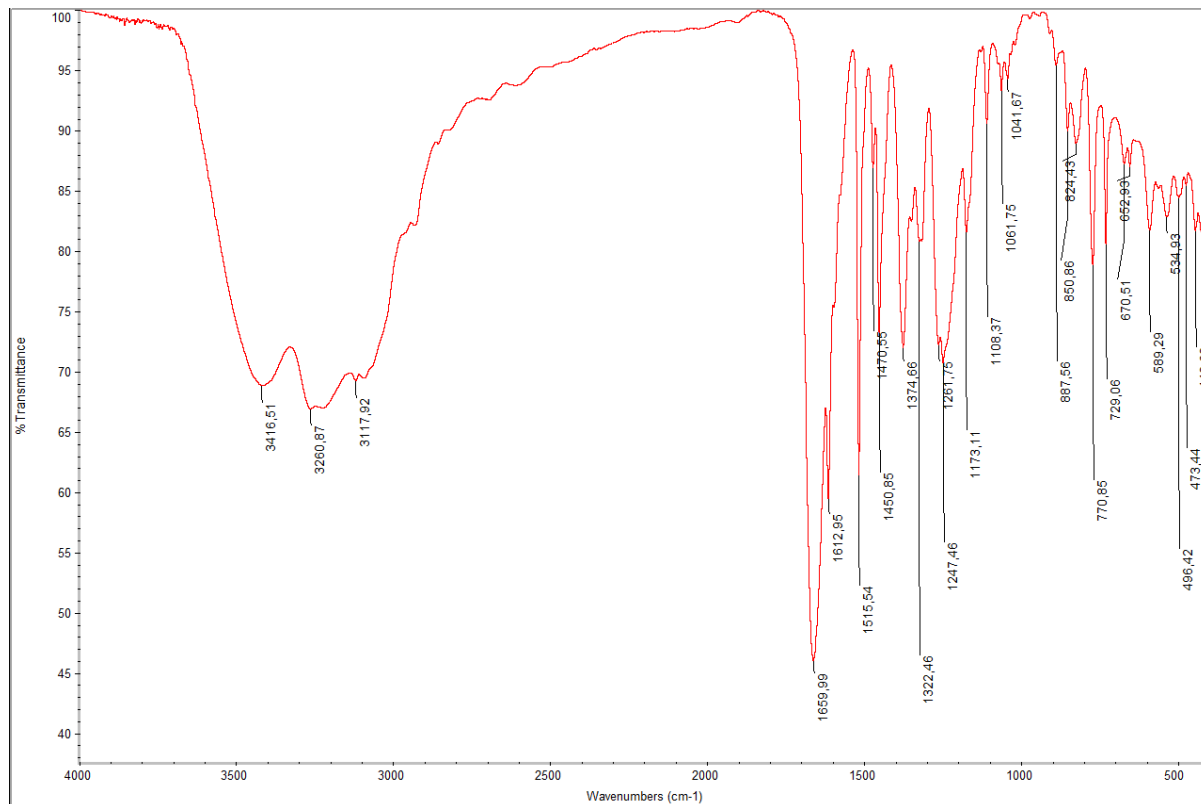


Figure S52. FT-IR of 8

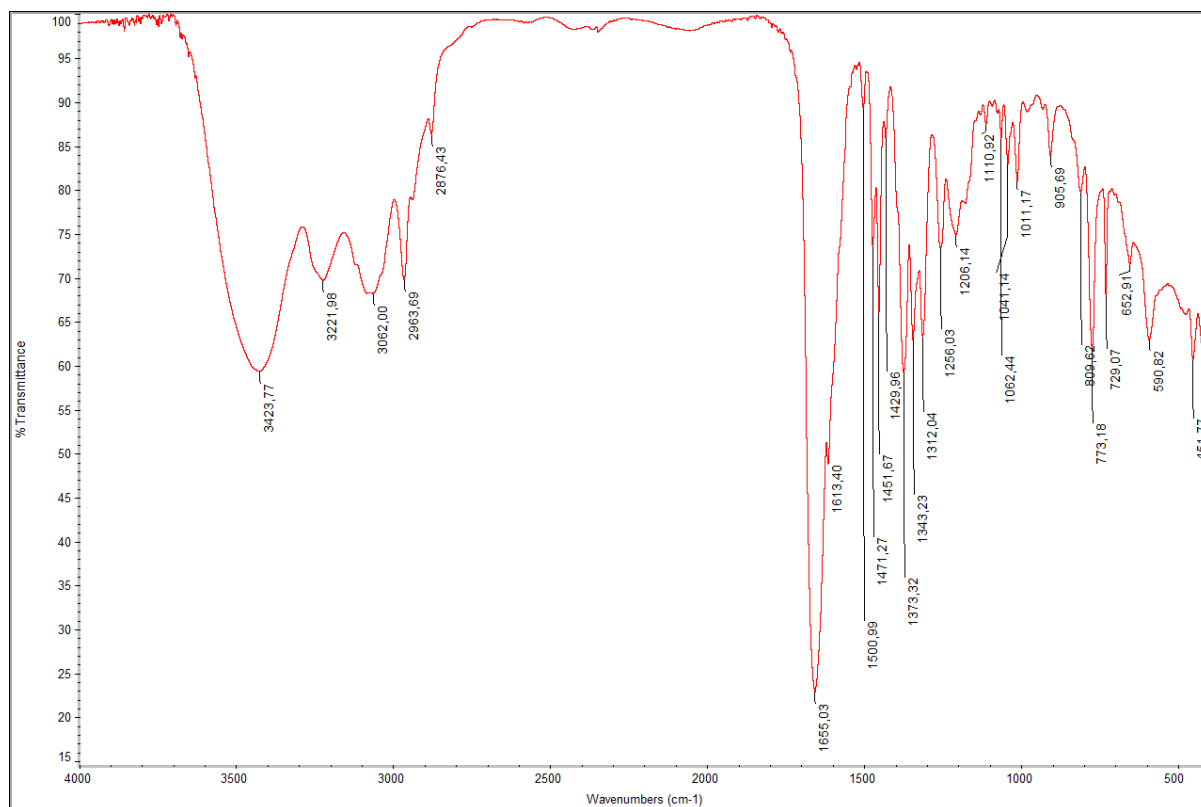


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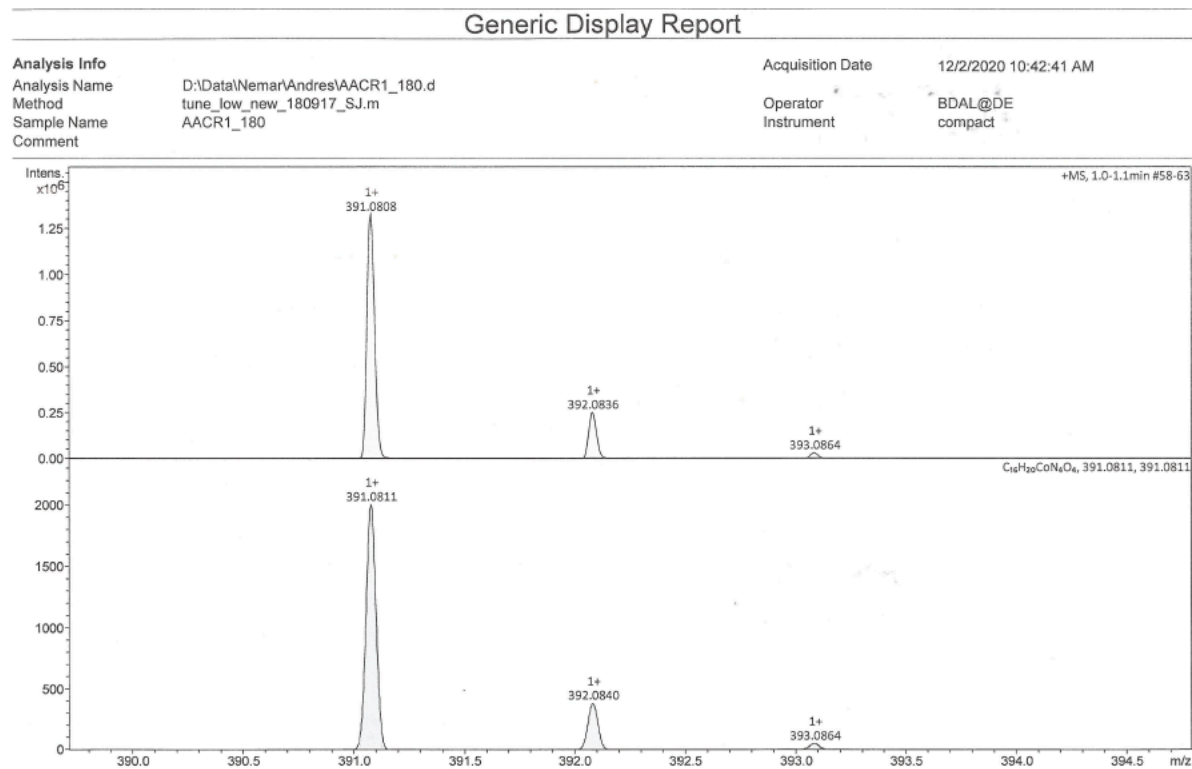


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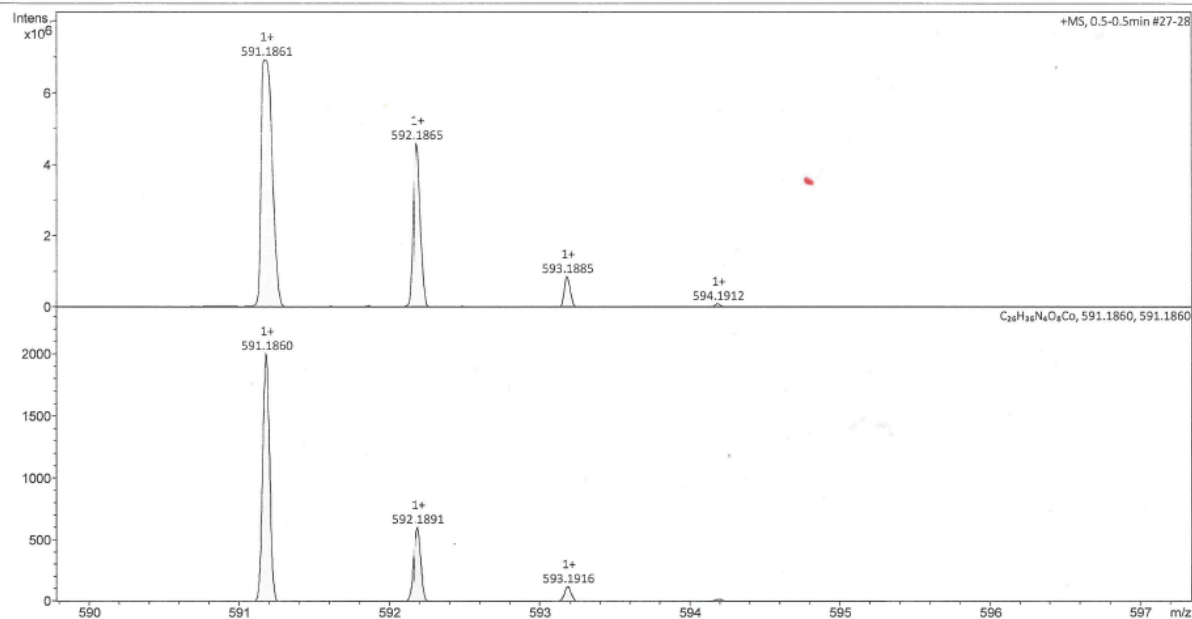


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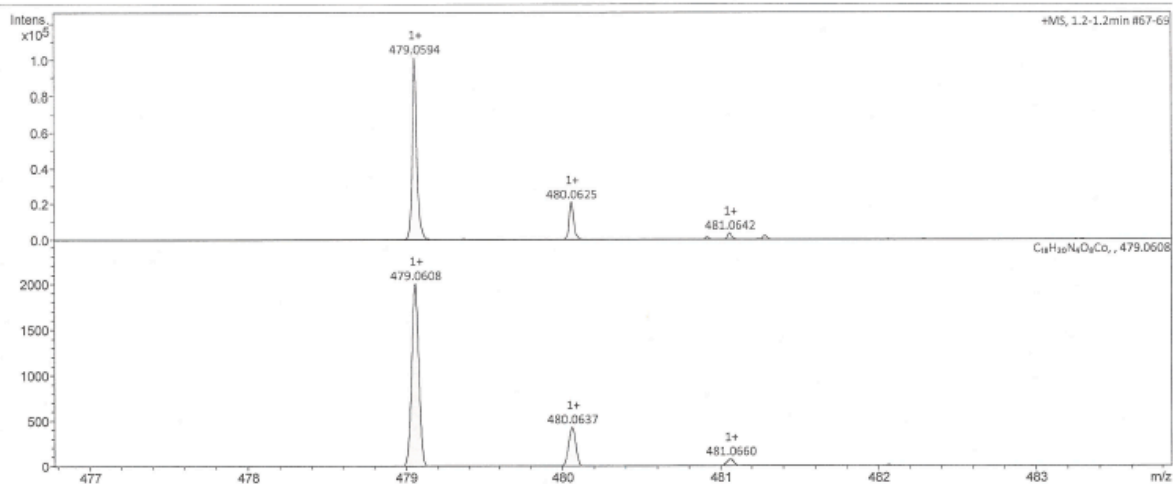


Figure S56. HRMS of 2a

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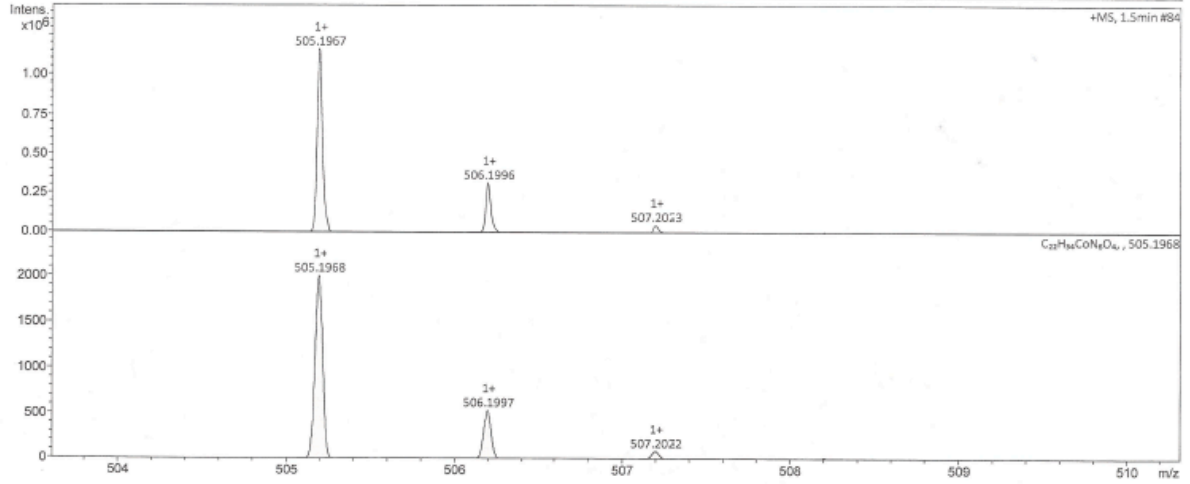


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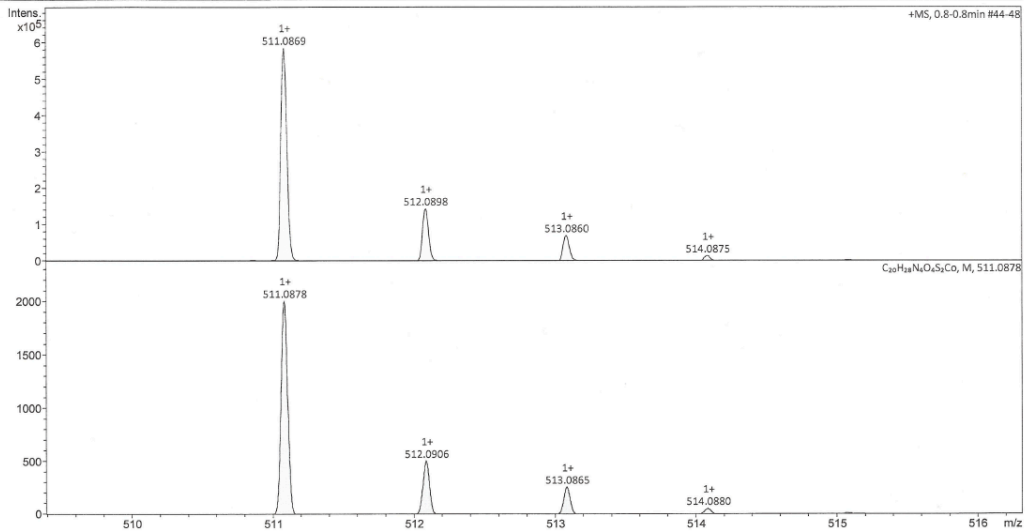


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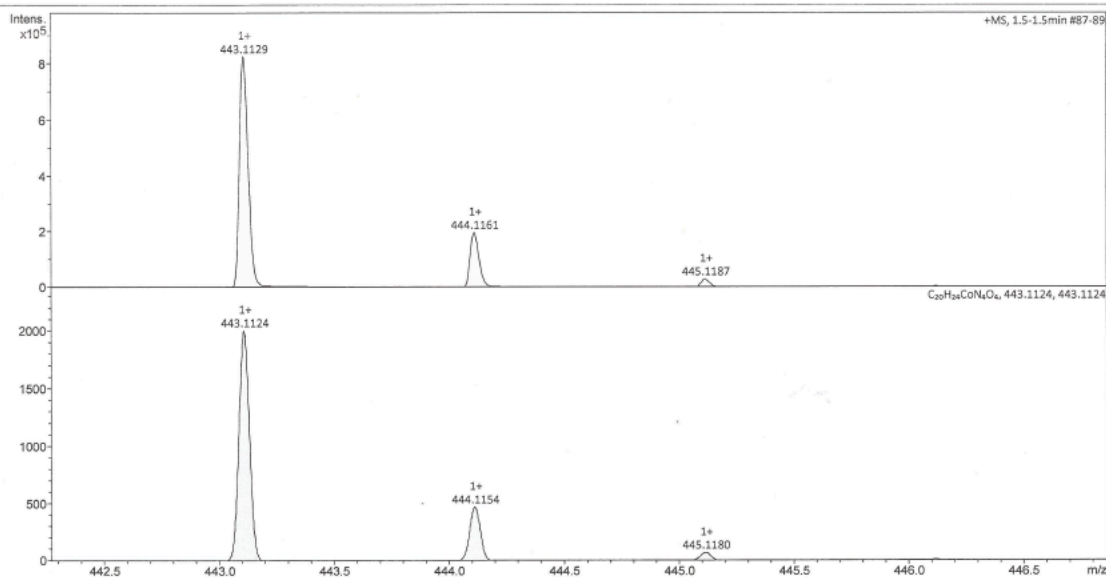
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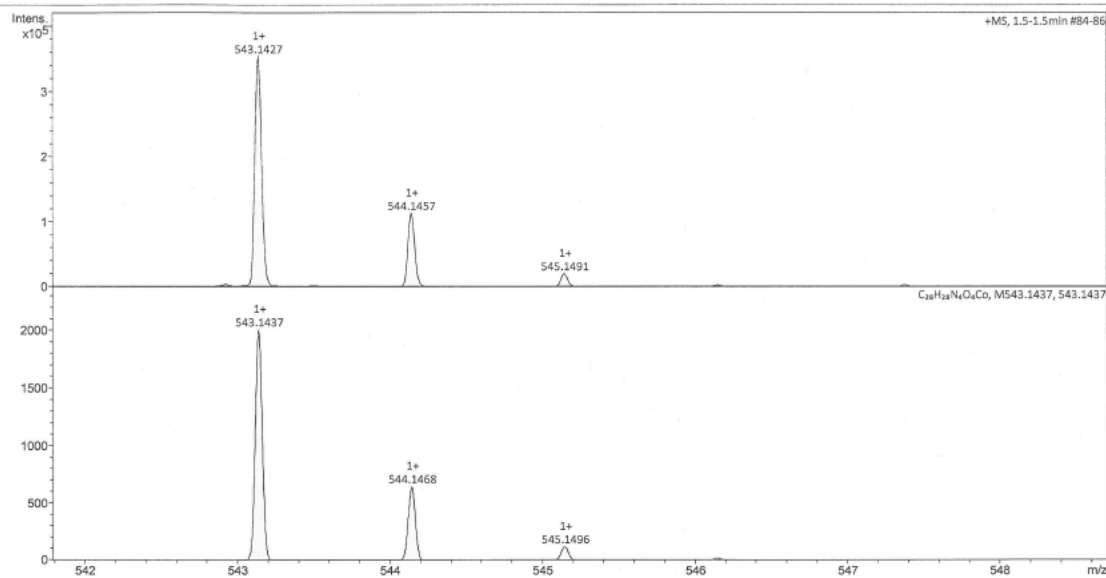
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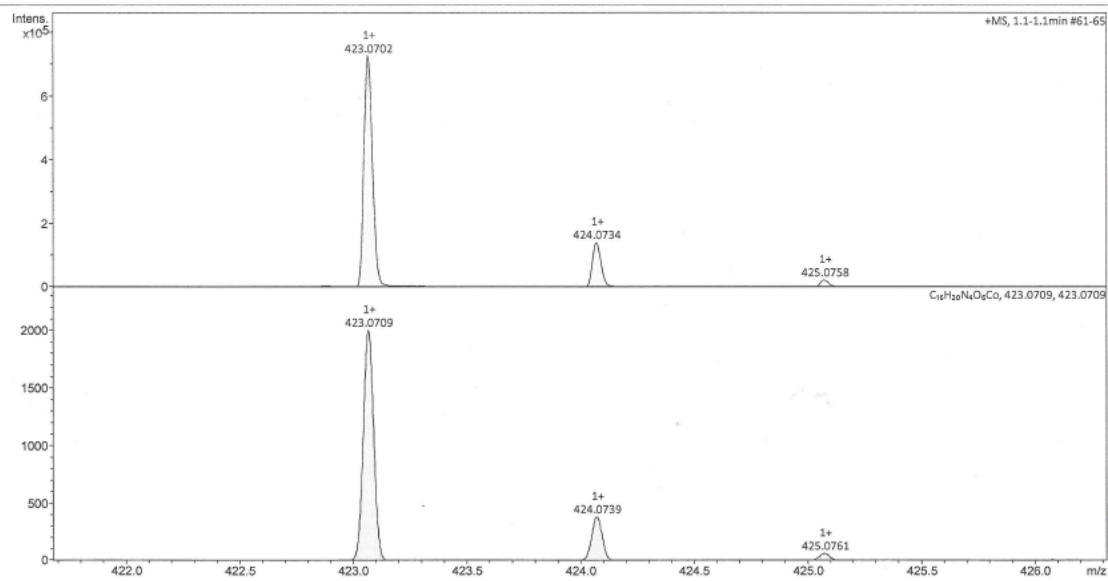
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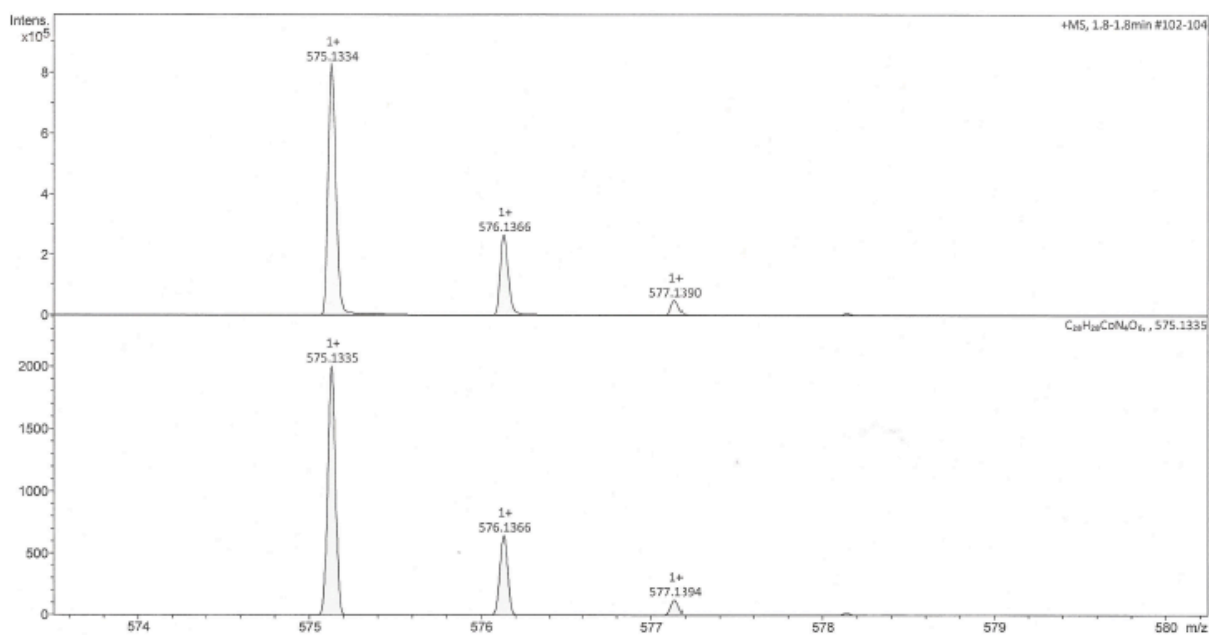
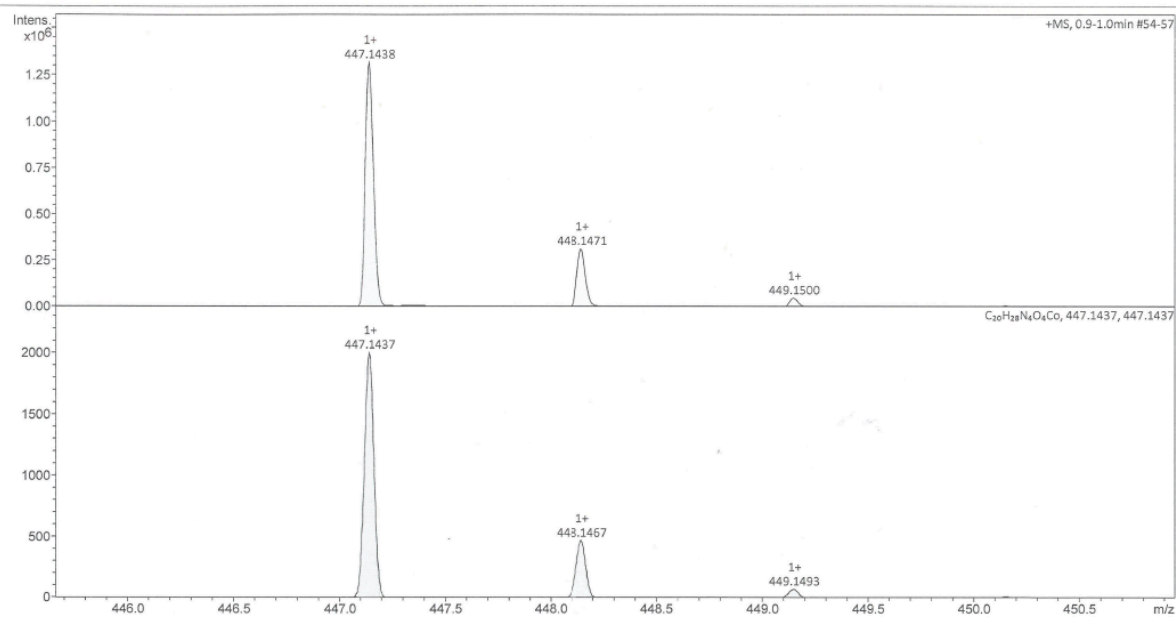


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Figure S63. HRMS of **9**

Table S3. Catalytic activity of **9** and Styrene Oxide

Entry	Catalyst (mol %)	Co-catalyst (mol %)	Conv. (%)	TON	TOF (h ⁻¹)	Time (h)
1	2a	PPNCl	34	675	338	2
2	4	PPNCl	32	649	324	2
3	7	PPNCl	29	582	291	2
4	3	PPNCl	36	720	360	2
5	2a	PPNCl	>99	1980	396	5
6^a	4	PPNCl	>99	1980	396	5

7	7	PPNCl	>98	1960	392	5
8	3	PPNCl	>99	1980	396	5

Reaction conditions: [cat]₀: [co-cat]₀: [PO]₀ ^a1:1:2000, (0.015 mmol, 0.015 mmol, 30 mmol) 120 °C, P_{CO2} = 20 bar, PO conversion determined from the relative integrals in the ¹H NMR spectrum using mesitylene as the internal standard, Turnover number (TON) = number of moles of PO consumed/number of moles of catalyst. Turnover frequency (TOF) = TON/ time (h).

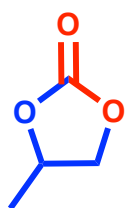
Table S4. Coupling of PO and CO₂ with catalysts 1-9

Entry	Catalyst (mol %)	Co-catalyst (mol %)	Conv. (%)	TON	TOF (h⁻¹)	Time (h)
1^a	9 (0.025)	KI (0.025)	98	3920	490	8
2^a	7 (0.025)	KI (0.025)	97	3876	485	8
3^a	4 (0.025)	KI (0.025)	71	2840	355	8
4^b	9 (0.016)	KI (0.016)	71	4235	529	8
5^b	9 (0.016)	PPNCl (0.016)	98	5880	735	8
6	9 (0.025)	-	18	720	36	20
7^b	3 (0.016)	PPNCl (0.016)	99	5940	742	4.5-5
8	3 (0.016)	-	63	2520	126	20
9	-	-	0	0	0	0
8	3 (0.016)	-	54	3180	162	20
9^b	8 (0.016)	PPNCl (0.016)	81	4878	243	20
10^b	7 (0.016)	PPNCl (0.016)	64	3840	768	5

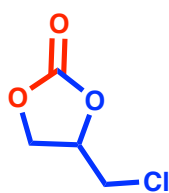
11^b	4 (0.016)	PPNCl (0.016)	63	3780	756	5
12^b	2a (0.016)	PPNCl (0.016)	72	4333	866	5
13	3 (0.016)	H ₂ O 100equiv:PPNCl (0.016)	30	1775	1775	1
14	3 (0.016)	H ₂ O 100equiv:PPNCl (0.016)	29	1774	1774	1
15	2a (0.016)	PPNCl (0.016)	35	2129	1064	2
16	3 deprotected (0.016)	PPNCl (0.016)	38	2250	1125	1
17^b	3 deprotected (0.016)	PPNCl (0.016)	80	4785	957	5
18	3 140 °C (0.016)	PPNCl (0.016)	70	4204	2102	2
19	3 (0.016) 1 atm	PPNCl (0.016)	29	1680	1680	1
20	3 (0.016) 10 bar	PPNCl (0.016)	38	2280	2280	1

Reaction conditions: [cat]₀: [co-cat]₀: [PO]₀ ^a1:1:6000 120 °C, P_{CO₂} = 20 bar, PO conversion determined from the relative integrals in the ¹H NMR spectrum using mesitylene as the internal standard, Turnover number (TON) = number of moles of PO consumed/number of moles of catalyst. Turnover frequency (TOF) = TON/ time (h).

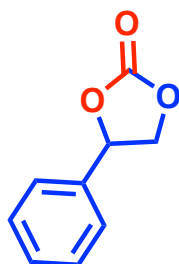
Table S5 NMR of cyclic carbonates



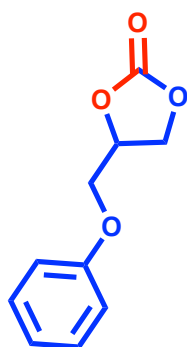
¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃: δ/ppm = 4.85–4.71(1H, m, OCH), 4.48 (1H, m, *J* = 8.4, 7.2 Hz OCH₂), 4.01 (1H, dd, OCH₂), 1.47 (3H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, CH₃);
¹³C {¹H} NMR, 100 MHz, CDCl₃: δ/ppm = 55.06, 73.62, 70.61, 19.14 (d, *J* = 3.4).



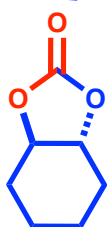
¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃: δ/ppm = 3.70-3.81 (m, 2H), 4.38-4.41 (dd, 1H, J=4 Hz, J=8 Hz), 4.56-4.60 (t, 1H, J=8 Hz), 4.95-5.04 (m, 1H)



¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃: δ/ppm = 4.33-4.37 (t, 1H, J=8Hz), 4.78-4.82 (t, 1H, J=8 Hz), 5.66- 5.70 (t, 1H, J=8Hz), 7.36-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.45(m, 3H)



¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃: δ/ppm = 7.34–7.28 (2H, m, 2 x ArH), 7.02 (1H, dt, J = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, ArH), 6.93–6.89(2H, m, 2 x ArH), 5.06–4.99 (1H, m, OCH), 4.61 (1H, t, J = 8.4 Hz, OCH₂), 4.53 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 5.9 Hz, OCH₂), 4.24 (1H, dd, J = 10.6, 4.3 Hz, CH₂OPh), 4.15 (1H, dd, J = 10.6, 3.6 Hz, CH₂OPh);



¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃: δ/ppm = 1.42-1.46(m,2H), 1.61-1.64(m, 2H), 1.90-1.91(m, 4H), 4.68(s, 2H)

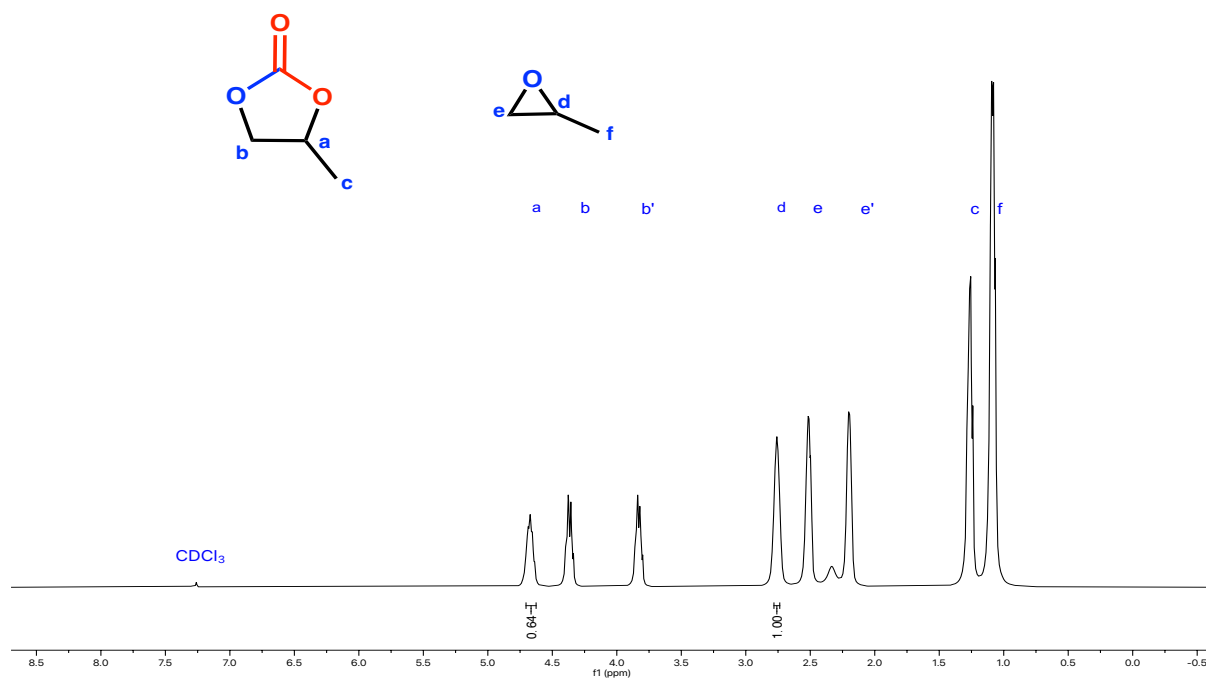


Figure S64. Crude ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K CDCl₃) of propylene carbonate showing 39 % conversion based on the integration of methine resonances of unreacted epoxide (2.64 ppm) and the carbonate product (4.59 ppm).

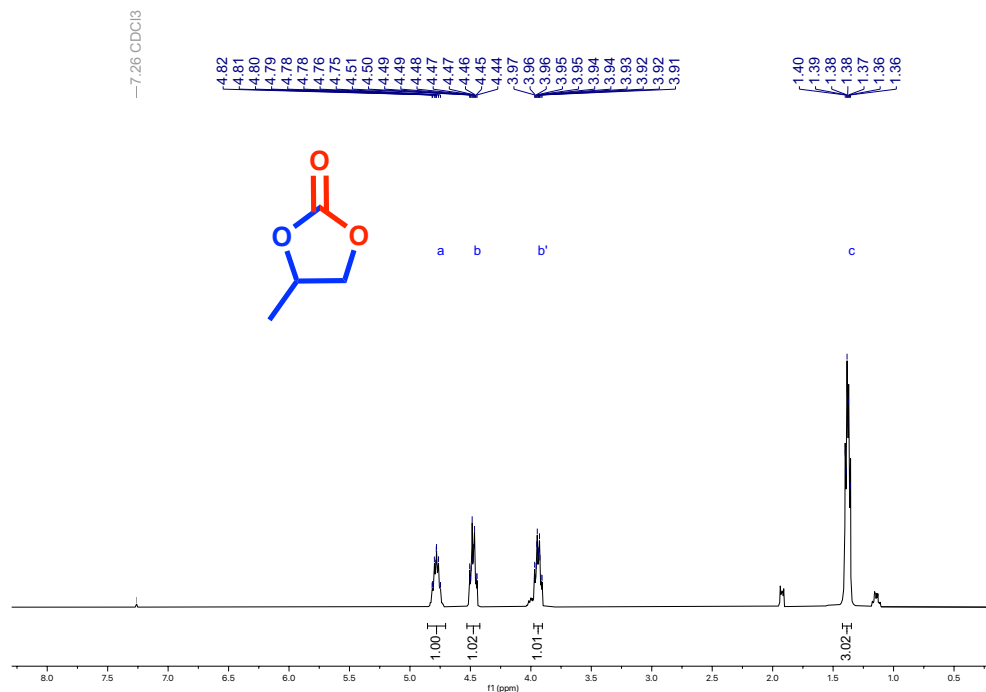


Figure S65. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K CDCl₃) of isolated propylene carbonate.

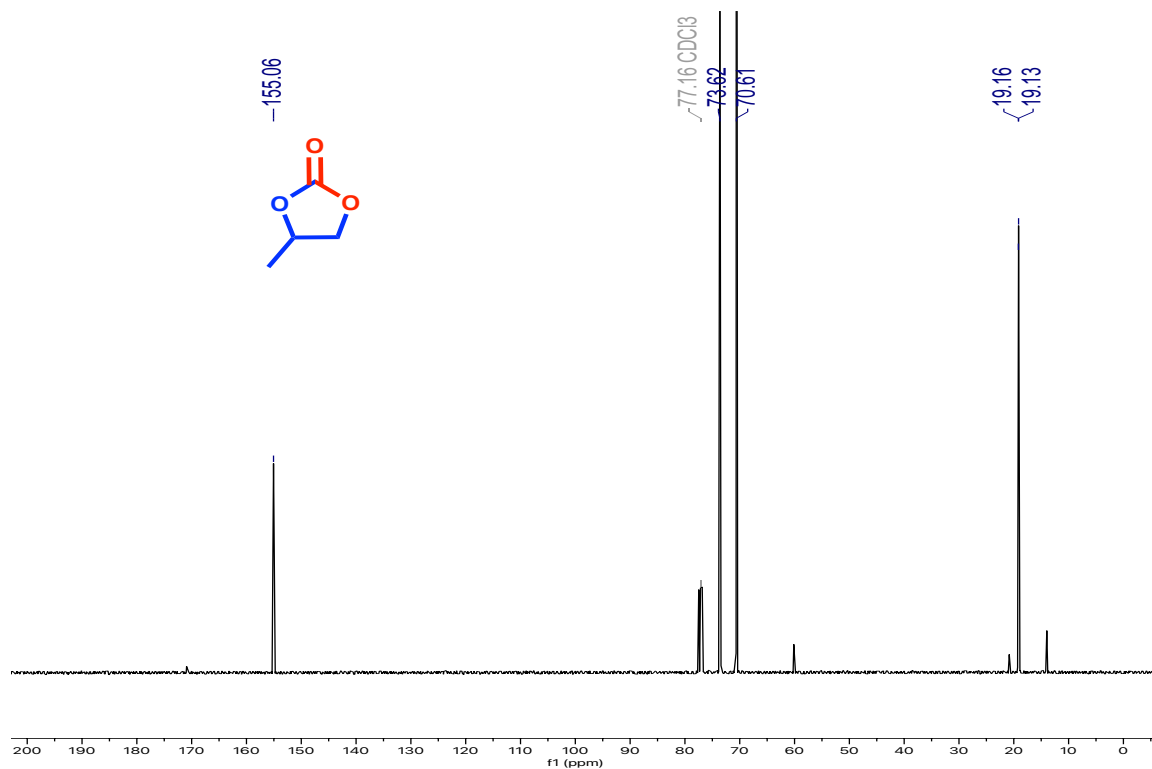


Figure S66. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (400 MHz, 298 K CDCl_3) of propylene carbonate

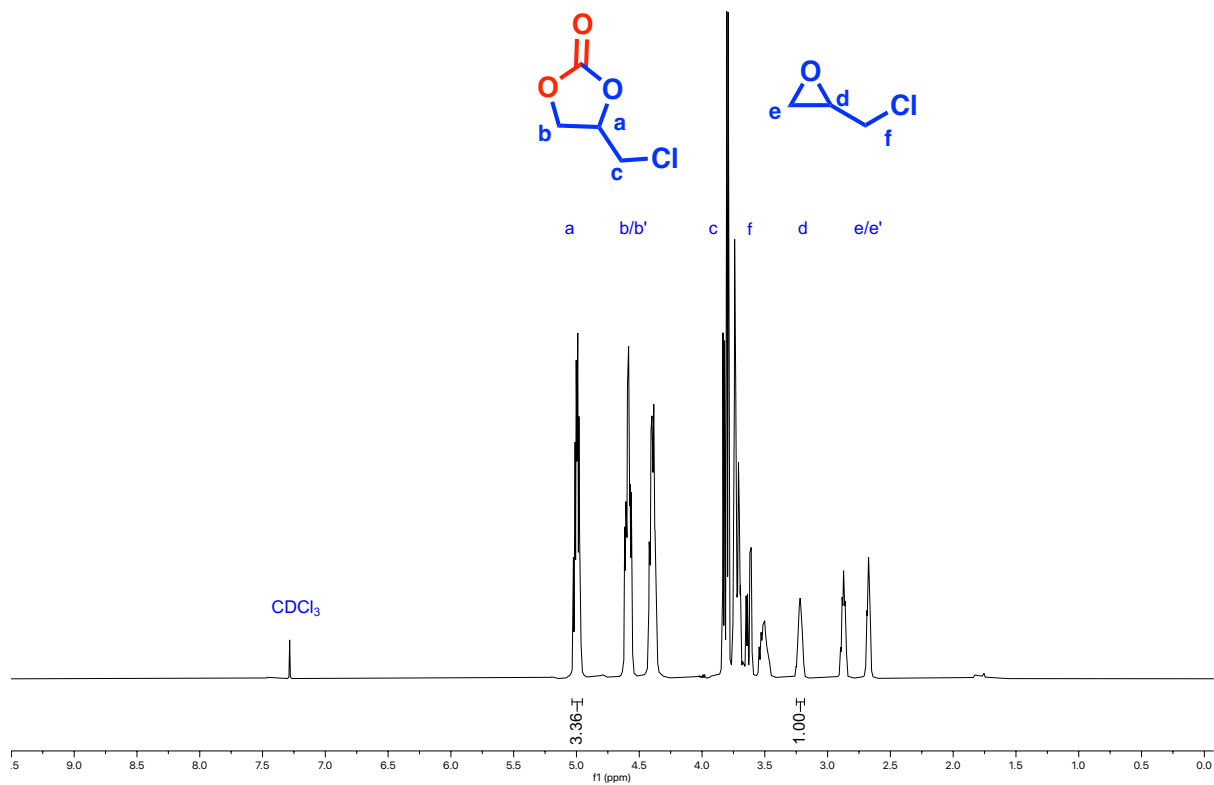


Figure S67. Crude ^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K CDCl_3) of 4-(chloromethyl)-1,3-dioxolan-2-one showing 77 % conversion based on the integration of resonances of unreacted epoxide at (3.22 ppm) and carbonate at (5.04-4.95 ppm).

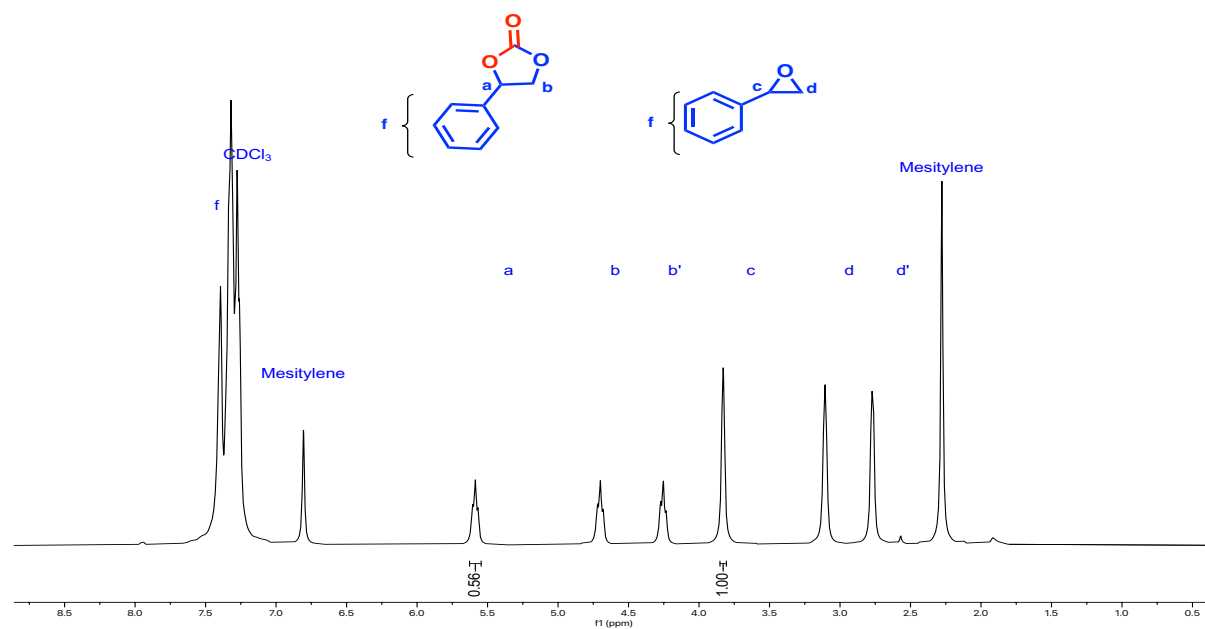


Figure S68. Crude ^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K CDCl_3) of styrene carbonate showing 36 % conversion based on the integration of resonances of unreacted epoxide at (3.83 ppm) and carbonate at (5.60 ppm).

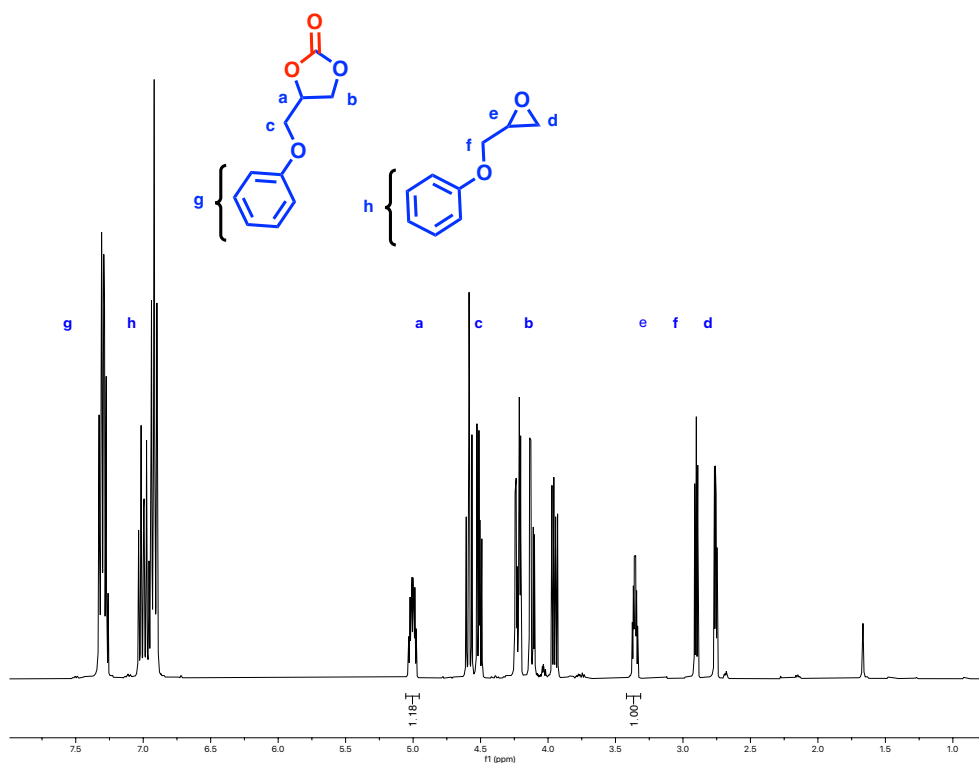


Figure S69. Crude ^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K CDCl_3) of phenyl glycidyl carbonate showing 54 % conversion based on the integration of resonances of unreacted epoxide at (3.38 ppm) and carbonate at (5.00 ppm).

Kinetic Procedure

Procedure:

The reaction profile was determined by fitting the data to plot the concentration ratios against peak area ratios.¹ The kinetic parameters were studied over a temperature range from 80 to 140 °C. The data were fitted to the following equations:

$$\text{Rate} = k [\text{epoxide}]^a [\text{CO}_2]^b [\text{cat}]^c [\text{PPNCl}]^d \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Rate} = K_{\text{obs}} [\text{epoxide}]^a \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{-d[\text{epoxide}]}{dt} \quad (3)$$

Where [epoxide], $[\text{CO}_2]$, [cat] and [PPNCl] are the propylene oxide, carbon dioxide, catalyst, and co-catalyst concentrations, respectively; a, b, c and d are the order of reactions with respect to propylene oxide, carbon dioxide, catalyst and PPNCl, respectively; t is time and k_{obs}

are the observed pseudo-first-order rate constant for propylene oxide conversion. To simplify the equation and solve for k , it can be assumed that the concentration of cat and PPnCl are constant during the reaction and carbon dioxide is in excess to give high dilution so that $a = 1$. Thus, the following pseudo-first-order kinetic rate law is used to simplify eqn. (2) to calculate the observed pseudo-first-order rate constant (k_{obs}) for propylene oxide conversion.¹ Combining and integrating Eqn (2) and (3) as a function of time gives the following conversion

$$-\ln[\text{epoxide}] = k_{\text{obs}}t \quad (4)$$

Using the Arrhenius equation Eqn (5), the activation energy for the reaction can be calculated from the relationship between the observed rate constant and temperature:

$$k_{\text{obs}} = A \exp\left(-\frac{E_a}{RT}\right) \quad (5)$$

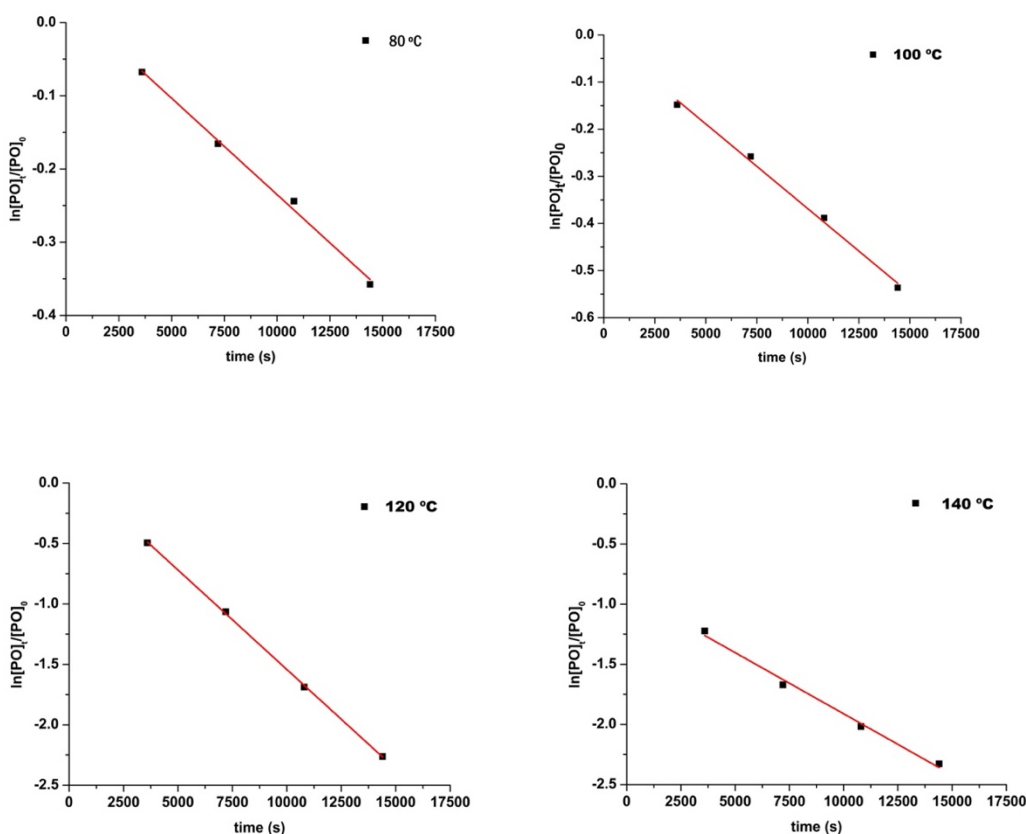


Figure S70. A semilogarithmic plot of $\ln[PO]_i/[PO]_0$ vs. time showing the initial reaction rates for PC at various temperatures with a 20 °C increment. a) 80 °C b) 100 °C c) 120 °C d) 140 °C

Table S6. Data obtained for Arrhenius analysis, linear fits, and calculated rate coefficients for CO₂/PO coupling at various temperatures.

Entry	T (K)	Y = mx + c	R ²	k _{obs} (s ⁻¹)
1	353	-2.63x10 ⁻⁵ + 0.03	0.9930	2.63x10 ⁻⁵ (±0.02x10 ⁻⁵)
2	373	-4.62x10 ⁻⁵ + 0.01	0.9934	4.62x10 ⁻⁵ (±0.01x10 ⁻⁵)
3	393	-1.01x10 ⁻⁴ + 0.89	0.9995	1.01x10 ⁻⁴ (± 0.02x10 ⁻⁴)
4	413	-1.64x10 ⁻⁴ + 0.10	0.9890	1.64x10 ⁻⁴ (±0.06x10 ⁻⁴)

k_{obs} = slope of linear fitting of the semilogarithmic plot of ln[PO]_t/[PO]₀ vs time.

Table S7. Data obtained for Eyring analysis, linear fits, and calculated apparent reaction rate k_p for CO₂/PO coupling at various temperatures.

Entry	T (K)	k _{obs} (s ⁻¹)	k _p (L mol ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	Ln(k/T)
1	353	2.63x10 ⁻⁵ (±0.02x10 ⁻⁵)	1.07x10 ⁻⁵ (±0.08x10 ⁻⁵)	-17.3106
2	373	4.62x10 ⁻⁵ (±0.01x10 ⁻⁵)	1.88x10 ⁻⁵ (±0.03x10 ⁻⁵)	-16.8025
3	393	1.01x10 ⁻⁴	4.13x10 ⁻⁵	-16.0679

		$(\pm 0.02 \times 10^{-4})$	$(\pm 0.01 \times 10^{-5})$	
4	413	1.64×10^{-4}	6.69×10^{-5}	-15.6352
		$(\pm 0.06 \times 10^{-4})$	$(\pm 0.06 \times 10^{-5})$	

$k_p = k_{obs}/[cat]$, $[cat] = 2.46 \text{ mM}$

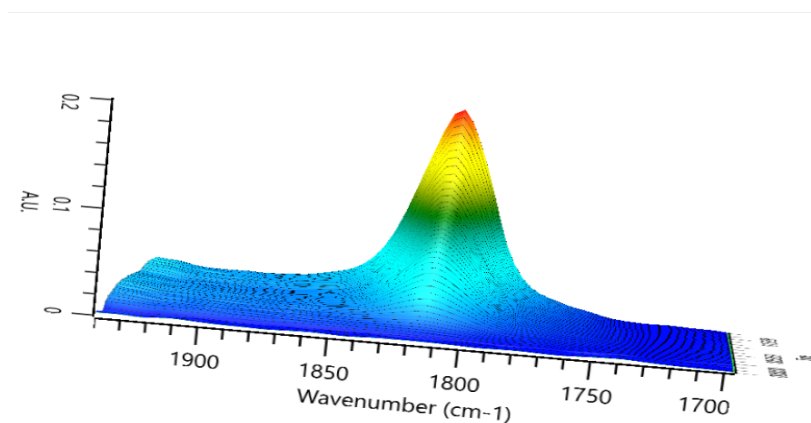


Figure S71. Three-dimensional stack plots of the IR spectra showing the variation of the intensity of the PC C=O stretching band at 1817 cm^{-1} vs time. Reaction conditions [cat]:[co-cat]:[PO] 1:1:6000, $PCO_2 = 20 \text{ bar}$.

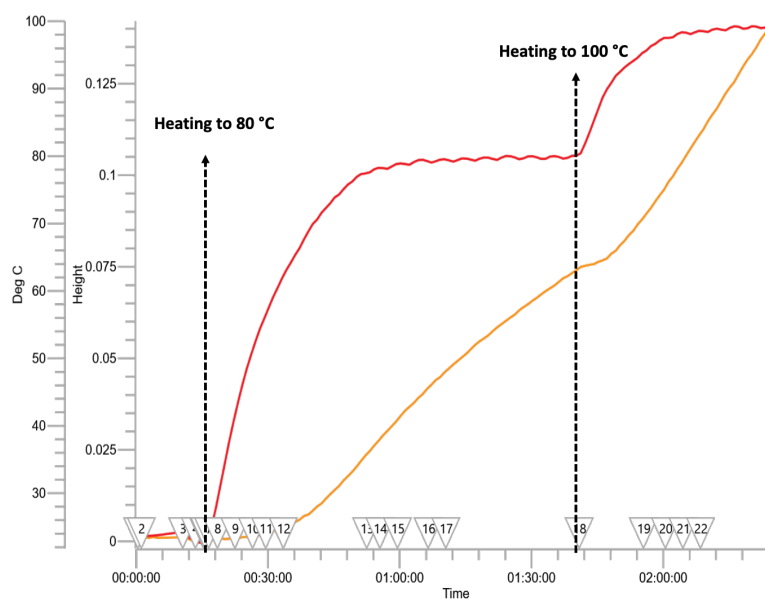


Figure S72. Growth trace of the PC at 1817 cm^{-1} (orange) and probe temperature (red).

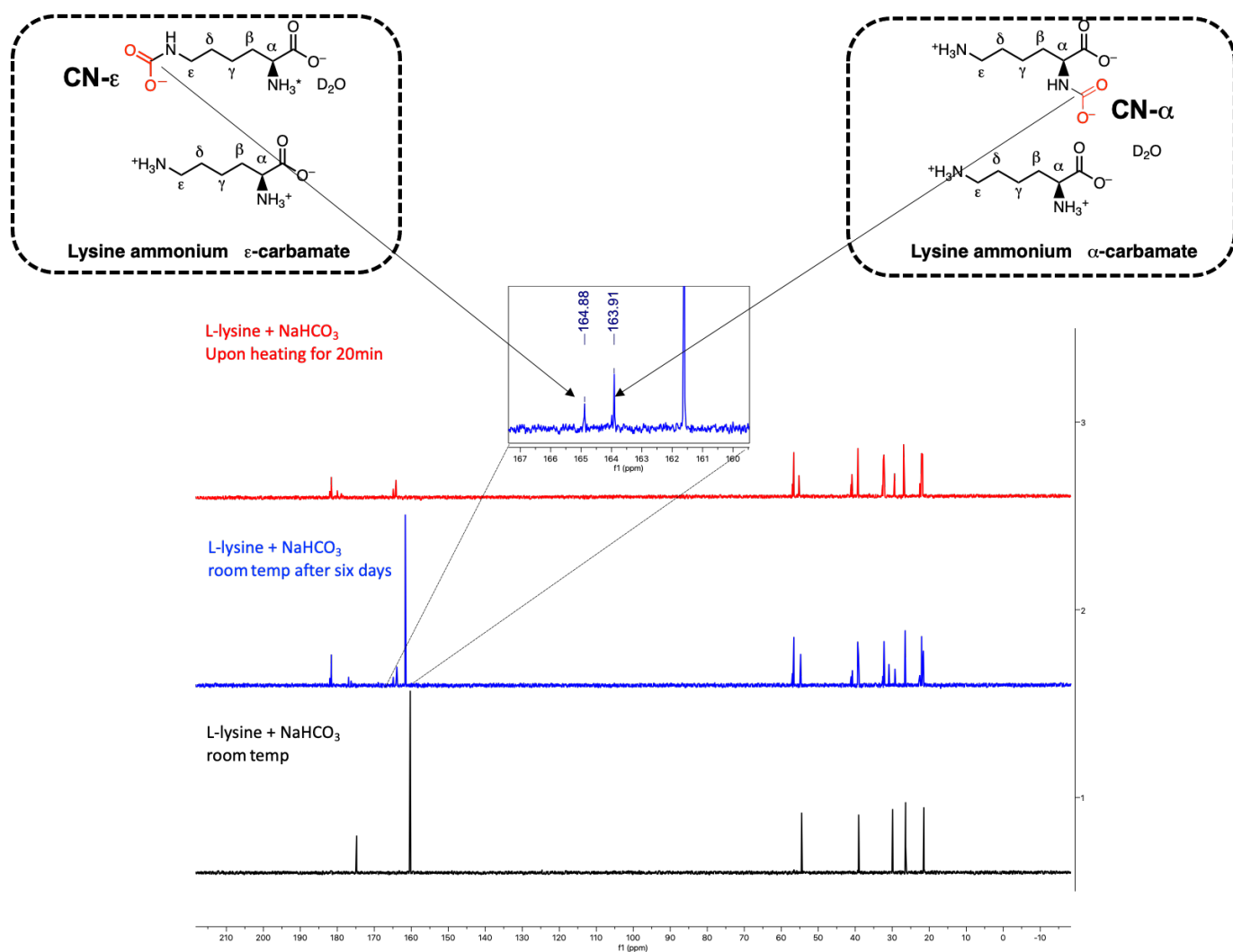


Figure S73. ^{13}C NMR spectra of L-lysine ammonium α - and ϵ -carbamate in D_2O . L-lysine dihydrochloride (black spectrum). After six days, the carbamate bond of L-lysine ammonium salt (blue spectrum). Upon gradually heating to $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ carbamates formed after 20min (red spectrum).

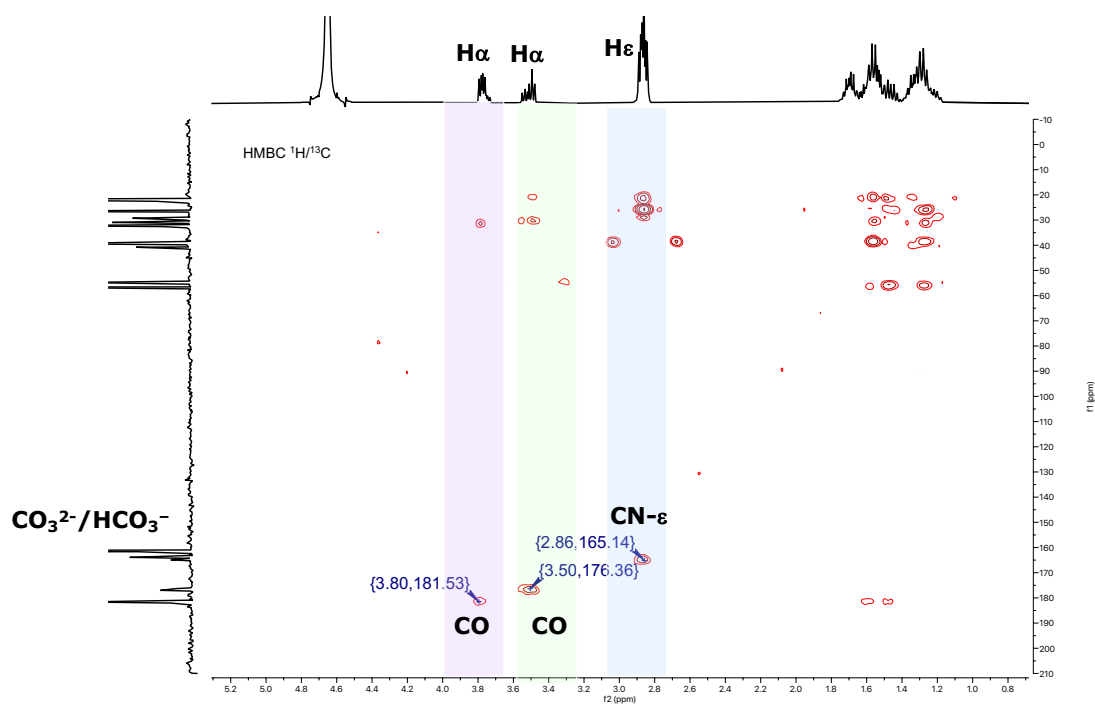


Figure S74. $^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$ HMBC spectrum of L-lysine ammonium ϵ -carbamate obtained by reacting L-lysine dihydrochloride in the presence of sodium bicarbonate *after six days at room temperature*. The cross-peak between $\text{H}\alpha$ ($\delta = 3.5$ ppm) and the carboxylate carbon CO ($\delta = 176$ ppm) is related to the formation of an α -ammonium ion. The presence of an ϵ -carbamate ion is confirmed by the cross-peak between $\text{H}\epsilon$ ($\delta = 2.86$ ppm) and the carbamyl signal at $\delta = 165$ ppm (CN- ϵ).^{2,3}

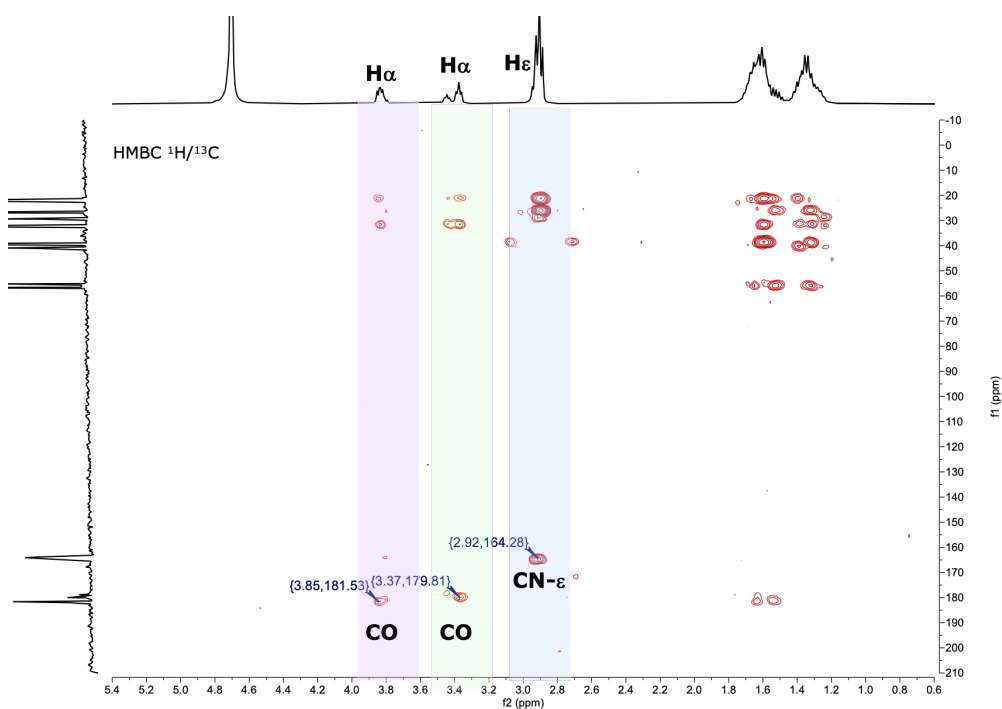


Figure S75. $^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$ HMBC spectrum of L-lysine ammonium ϵ - carbamate obtained by reacting L-lysine dihydrochloride in the presence of sodium bicarbonate *after gradually heating for 20 minutes*. The cross-peak between $\text{H}\alpha$ ($\delta = 3.37$ ppm) and the carboxylate carbon CO ($\delta = 179.81$ ppm) is related to the formation of an α -ammonium ion. The presence of an ϵ -carbamate ion is confirmed by the cross-peak between $\text{H}\epsilon$ ($\delta = 2.92$ ppm) and the carbamyl signal at $\delta = 164$ -165 ppm ($\text{CN-}\epsilon$).^{2,3}

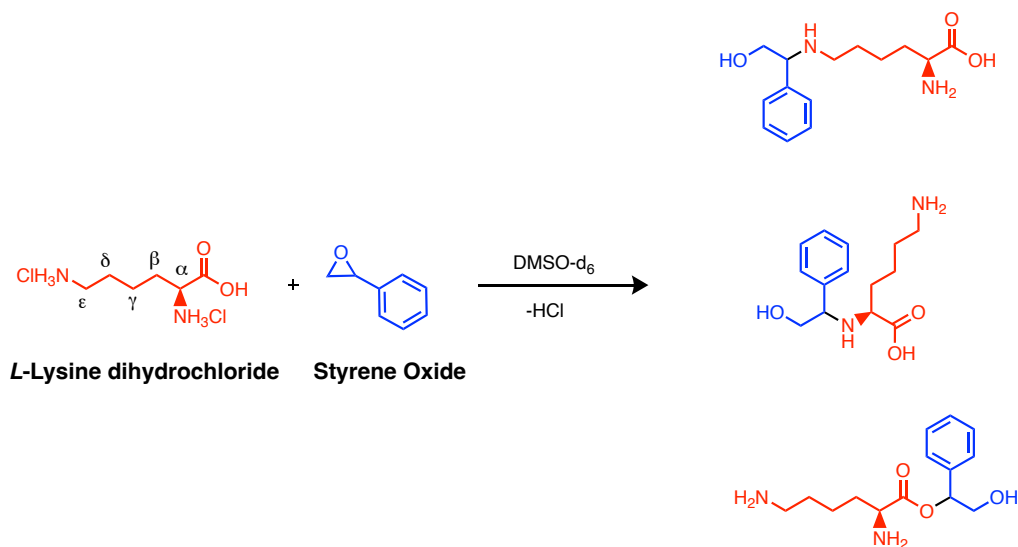


Figure S76. A possible mixture of products resulting from the reaction between L-lysine and styrene oxide at temperatures above 80 °C.⁴

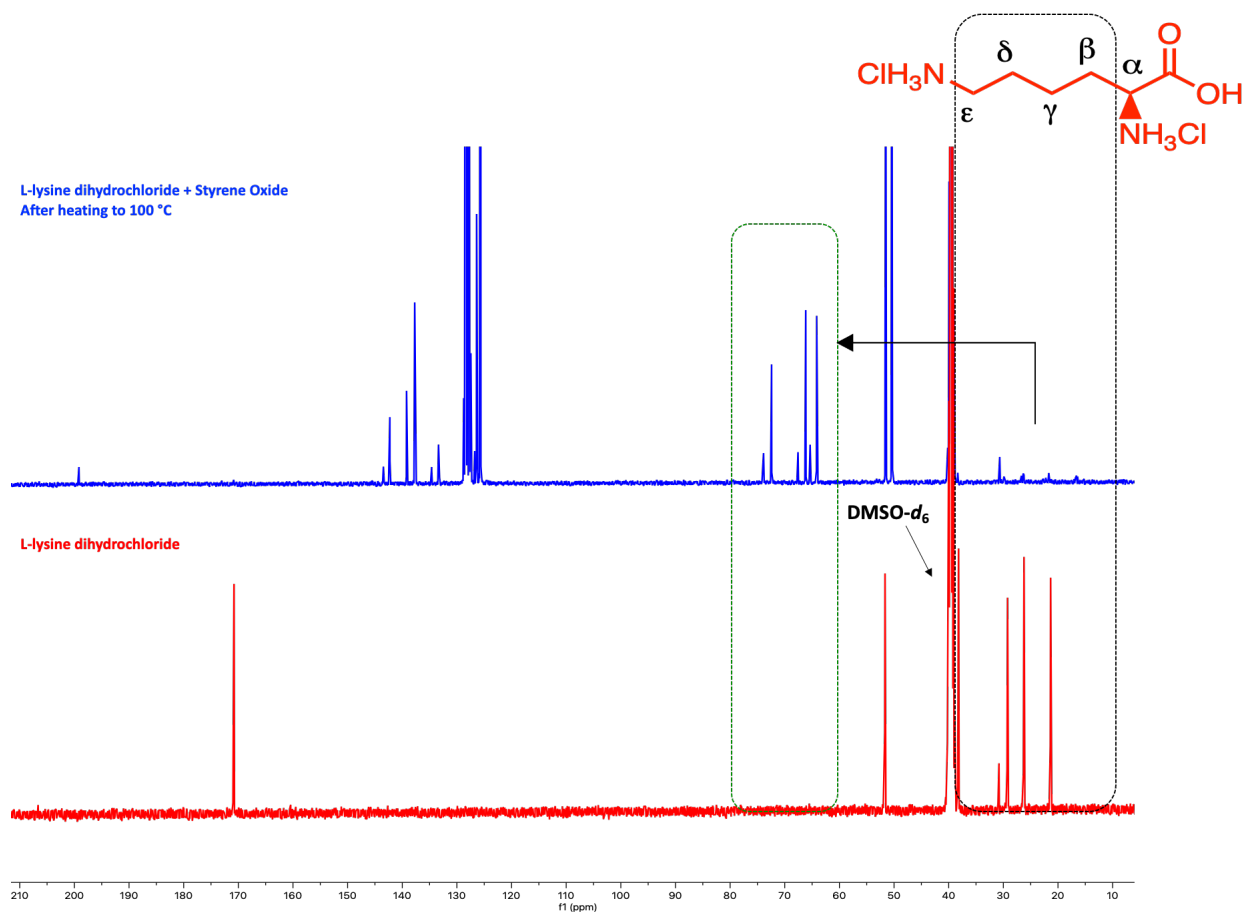


Figure S77. ^{13}C NMR spectra of L-lysine dihydrochloride in DMSO- d_6 (red spectrum) mixture of L-lysine dihydrochloride and styrene oxide (blue spectrum).

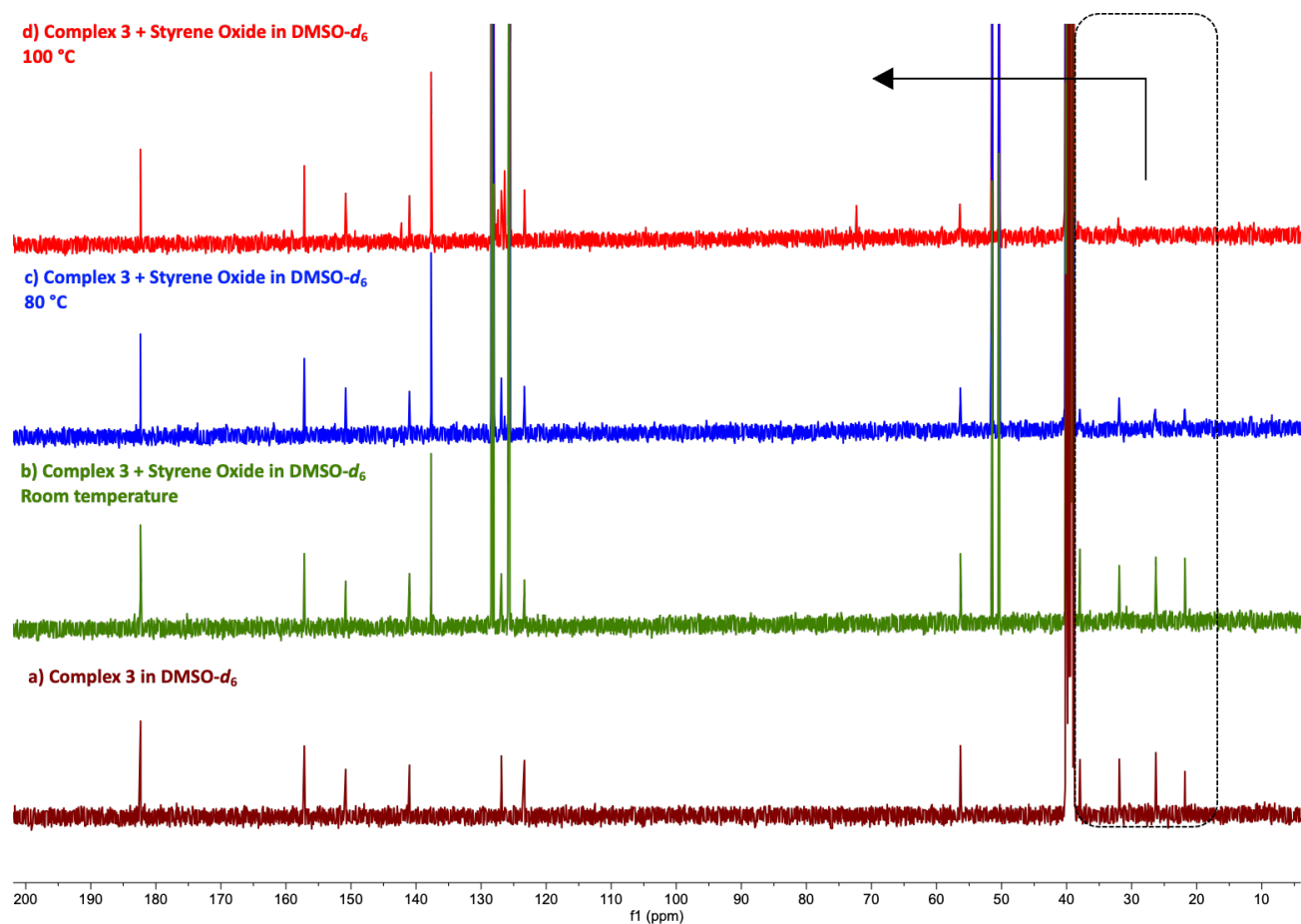


Figure S78. a) ^{13}C NMR spectra of complex 3 in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ (maroon spectrum) b) mixture of complex 3 and styrene oxide at room temperature (green spectrum) c) mixture of complex 3 and styrene oxide at $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (blue spectrum) mixture of complex 3 and styrene oxide at $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (red spectrum).

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