

## Cp\*Co<sup>III</sup>-catalyzed formal [4 + 2] cycloaddition of 2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazoles to afford imidazo[1,2-*c*]quinazoline derivatives

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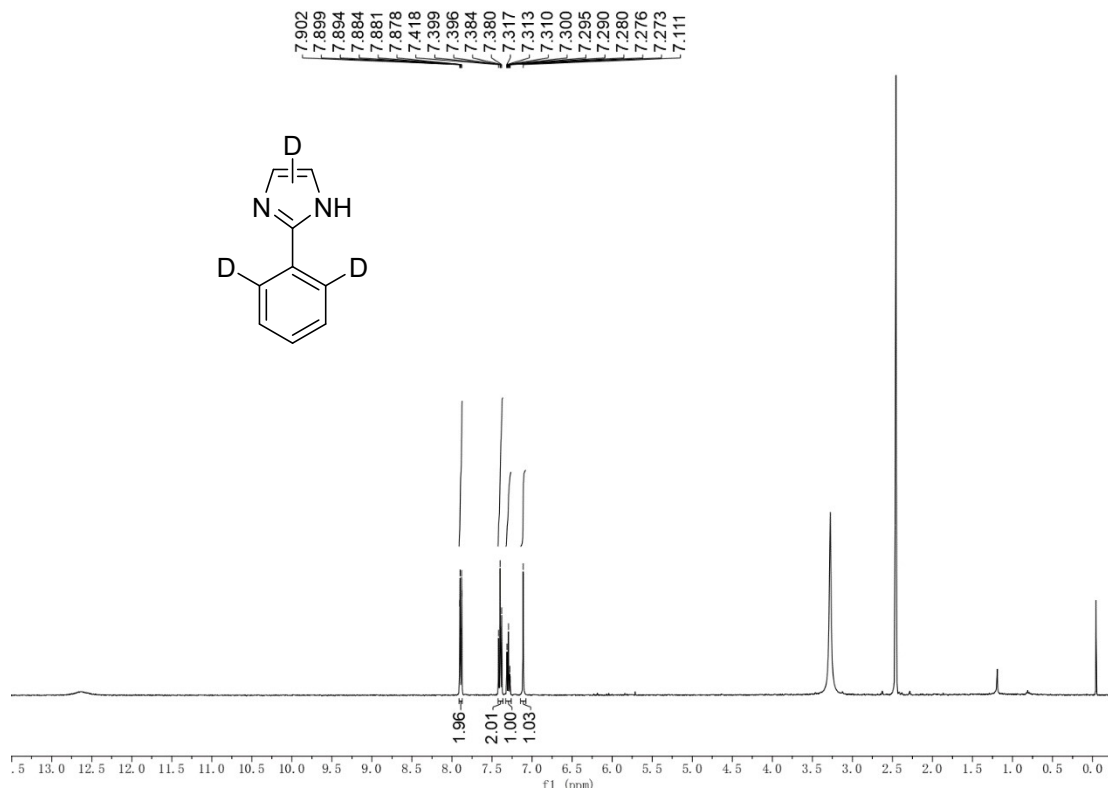
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## H/D exchange experiment

A mixture of [CoCp\*(CO)<sub>2</sub>] (15.0 mol%), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (30 mol%) and 2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazole **1a** (0.2 mmol) in 2.0 mL DCE and 0.5 mL [D<sub>4</sub>]-MeOD was heated at 120°C, and stirred overnight. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered, the filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified with preparative TLC to afford **1a**/[D]-**1a** (24 mg).



## KIE experiment

A mixture of [CoCp\*(CO)<sub>2</sub>] (15.0 mol%), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (30 mol%) and 2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazole **1a** (0.2 mmol) or deuterated [D]-**1a** (0.2 mmol) and 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one **2a** (0.3 mmol) in 2.0 mL DCE was heated at 120°C for 45 min. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered, the filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified with preparative TLC to afford the desired product **3** (6.5 mg) or [D]-**3** (5 mg). KIE ≈ 1.3

