# **Supporting Information for**

# Synthesis and catalytic activity of well-defined Co(I) complexes based on NHC-phosphane pincer ligands

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# 1. NMR Spectra of 1







Figure S2. APT  $\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectra of 1.



Figure S3.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectra of 1.



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY NMR spectra of 1.



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HSQC NMR spectra of 1.



## 1. NMR Spectra of 2



Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 2.



Figure S8. APT $\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectra of 2.





Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY NMR spectra of 2.



Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HSQC NMR spectra of 2.





Figure S13.  ${}^{19}F{}^{1}H$  NMR spectra of 2.





Figure S14. FT-IR spectra of 1.



Figure S15. FT-IR spectra of 2.

# 3. NMR Spectra of Table 1



Figure S16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: Table 1, Entry 1.





Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: Table 1, Entry 3.





Figure S20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: Table 1, Entry 5.



Figure S21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: Table 1, Entry 6.



Figure S22. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: Table 1, Entry 7.



Figure S23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: Table 1, Entry 8.



Figure S24. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: Table 1, Entry 9.

## 4. NMR Spectra of Table 2



Figure S25. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: Table 2, Entry 1.







Figure S27. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: Table 2, Entry 3.





Figure S29. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: Table 2, Entry 5.



Figure S30. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: Table 2, Entry 6.



#### 5. NMR spectra of stoichiometric experiments



Figure S32. <sup>31</sup>P NMR of 1 with 2 equivalents of PhSiH<sub>3</sub> at 60 °C after 24 h in THF-d<sub>8</sub>.



Figure S33. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1 with 2 equivalents of PhSiH<sub>3</sub> at 60 °C after 24 h in THF-d<sub>8</sub>.



Figure S34. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1 with 2 equivalents of PhSiH<sub>3</sub> at 80 °C after 24 h in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



Figure S35. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1 with 2 equivalents of PhSiH<sub>3</sub> at 80 °C after 14 d in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

6. NMR spectra of the dehydrocoupling products



**Figure S36.** <sup>19</sup>Si-<sup>1</sup>H HMBC spectrum of the reductive amination of levulinic acid with *p*-toluidine (Table 2, Entry 3).



**Figure S37.**<sup>29</sup>Si DEPT of the reductive amination of levulinic acid with *p*-touidine (Table 2, Entry 3).