

## Electronic Supplementary Material

### Not the usual suspect – an unexpected organometallic product during the synthesis of a cytotoxic platinum(II) complex

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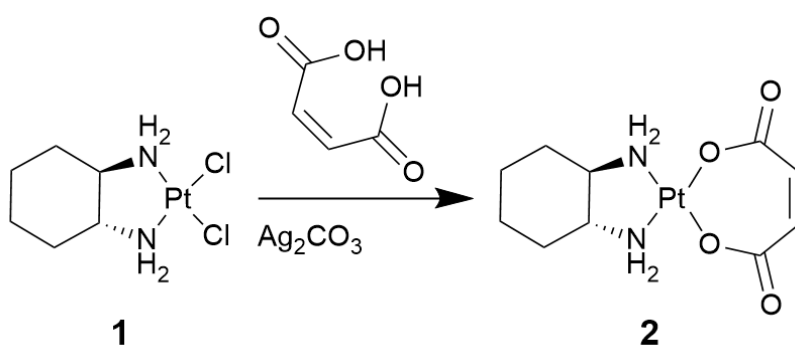
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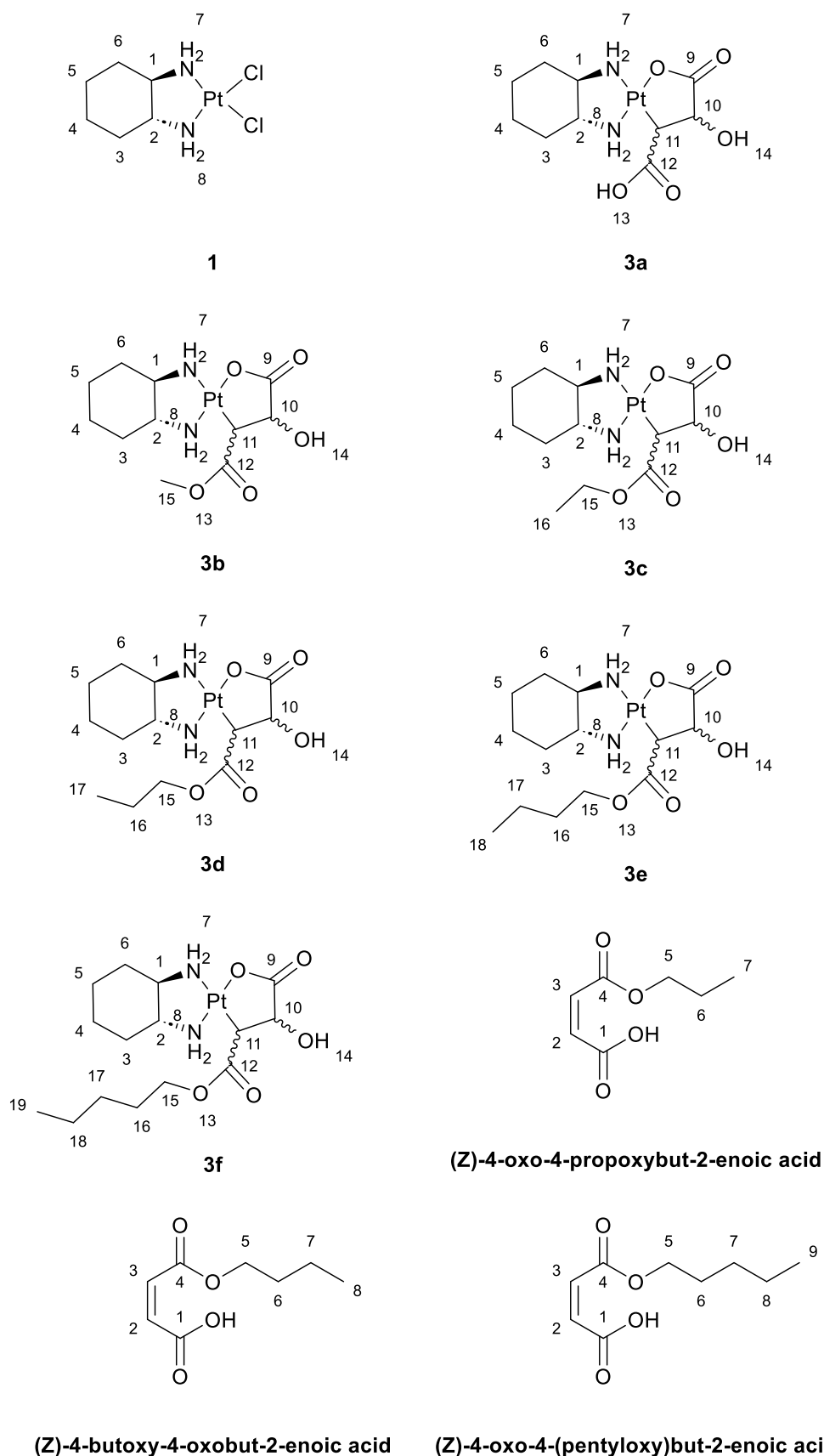
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Planned reaction



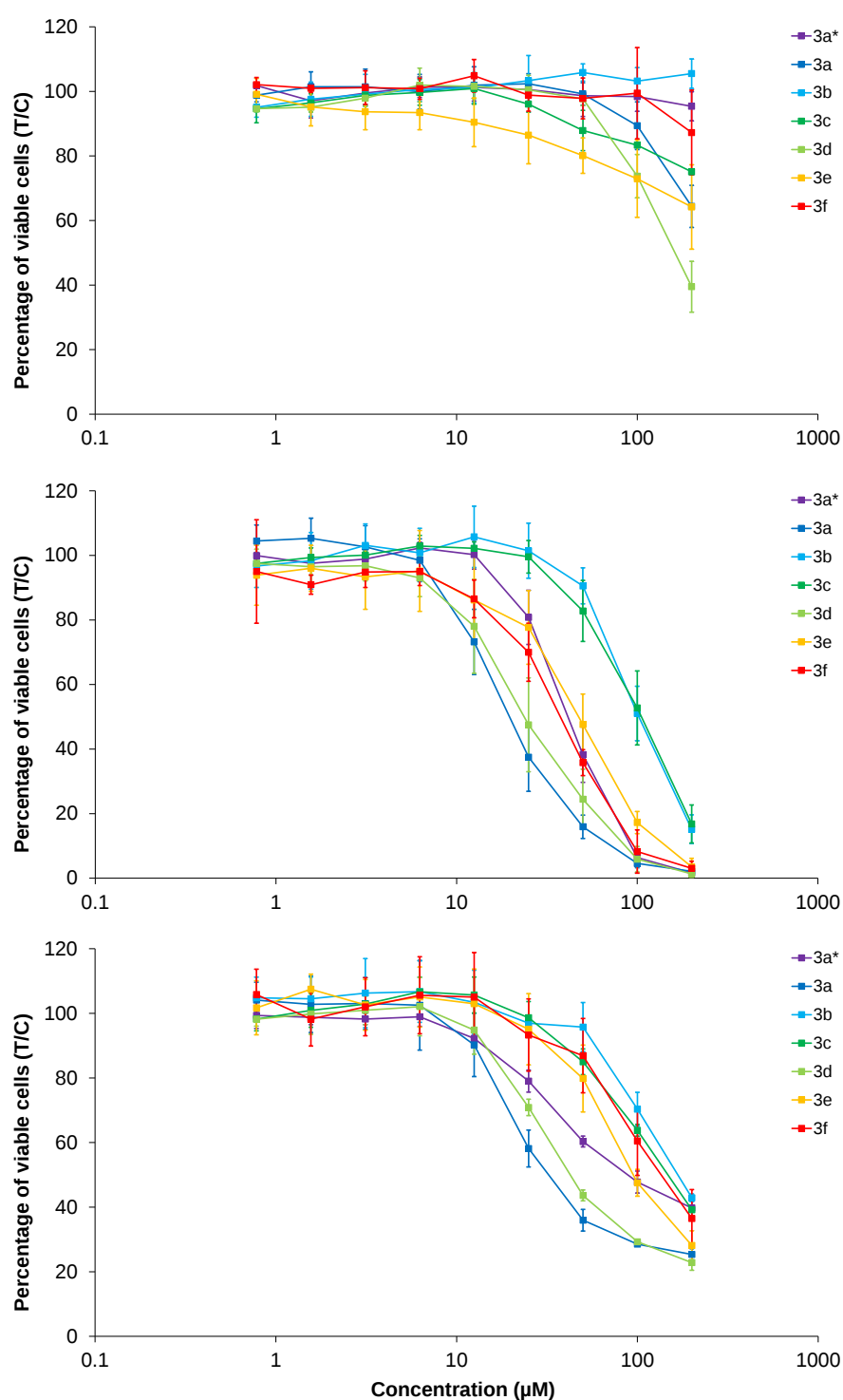
**Scheme S1** Planned reaction to the target complex **2**, featuring a chelating maleate complex.

# NMR Numbering Scheme



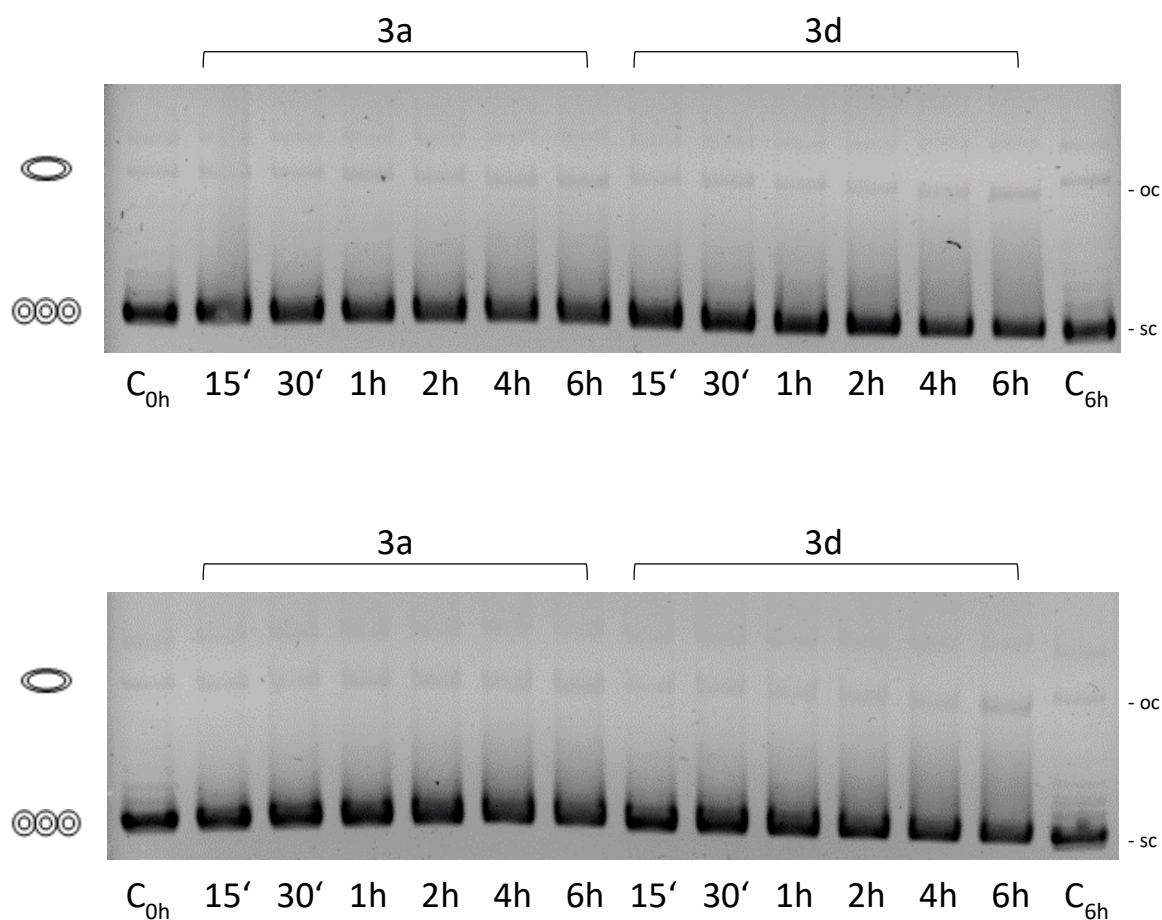
**Fig. S1** Atom labeling as used for all descriptions. Both diastereomers are numbered in the same fashion.

# Cytotoxicity data



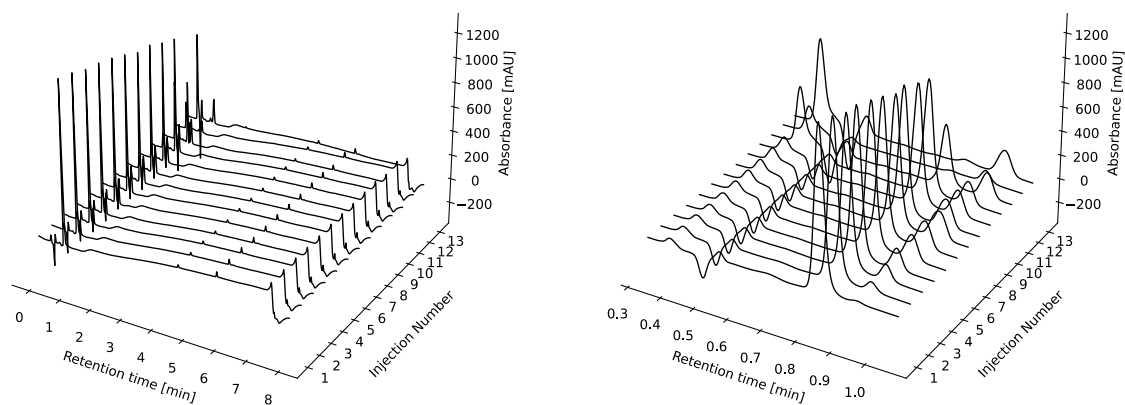
**Fig. S2** Concentration-effect curves of **3a\*–3f** in A549 (top), CH1/PA-1 (middle) and SW480 (bottom) cells, obtained by MTT assays with 96 h exposure time. Values are means  $\pm$  standard deviations from at least three independent experiments.

## DNA-interaction assay

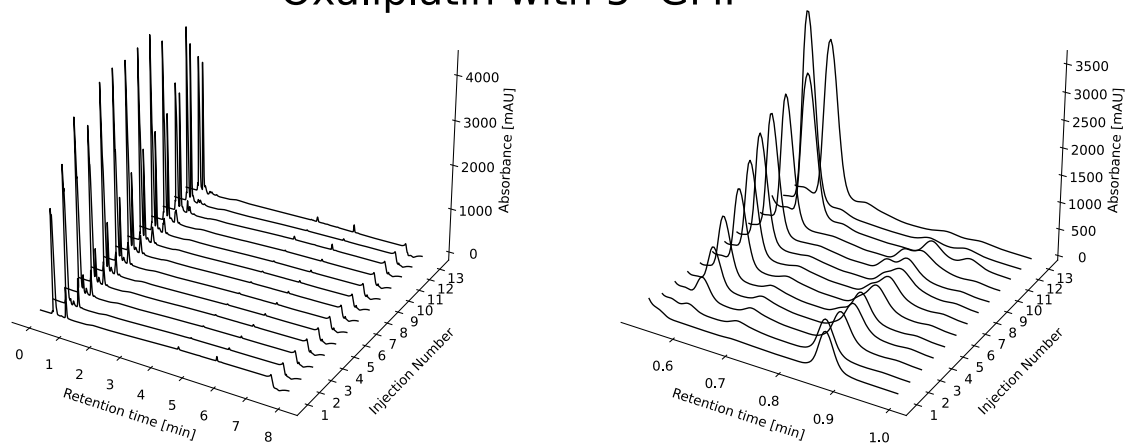


**Fig. S3** Electropherogram of plasmid dsDNA upon treatment with 50  $\mu$ M of compounds **3a** and **3d**. The pUC19 plasmid was incubated with the complexes for 6 different time periods (from 15 min to 6 h) at 37 °C and then subjected to agarose gel electrophoresis. ' $C_{0h}$ ' corresponds to an untreated, non-preincubated control at the time point of gel loading, while ' $C_{6h}$ ' corresponds to an untreated, 6 h incubated control; oc, open circular; sc, supercoiled. (As a reference for analyzing the bands of the gel, Figure S80 from ref. doi:10.1021/acs.inorgchem.1c01083 was used.)

## Oxaliplatin without 5'-GMP

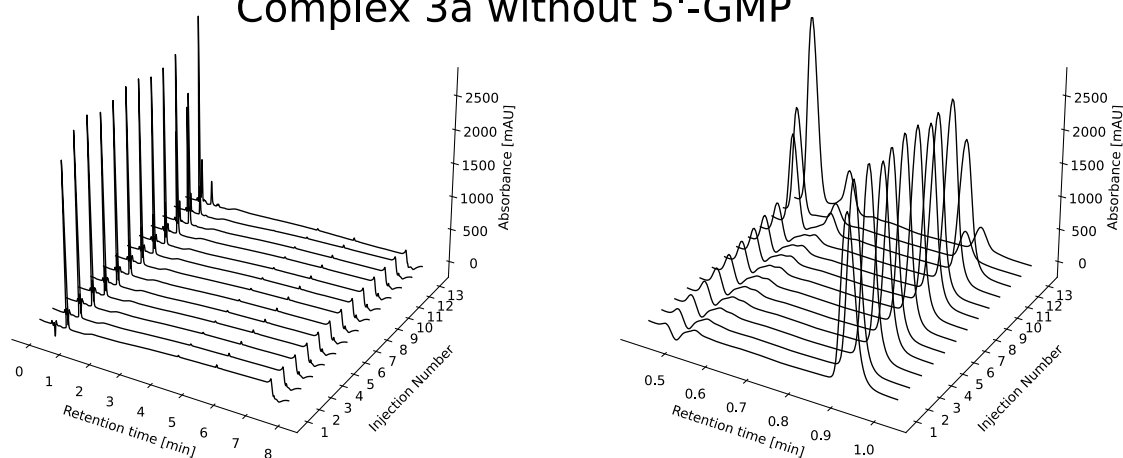


## Oxaliplatin with 5'-GMP

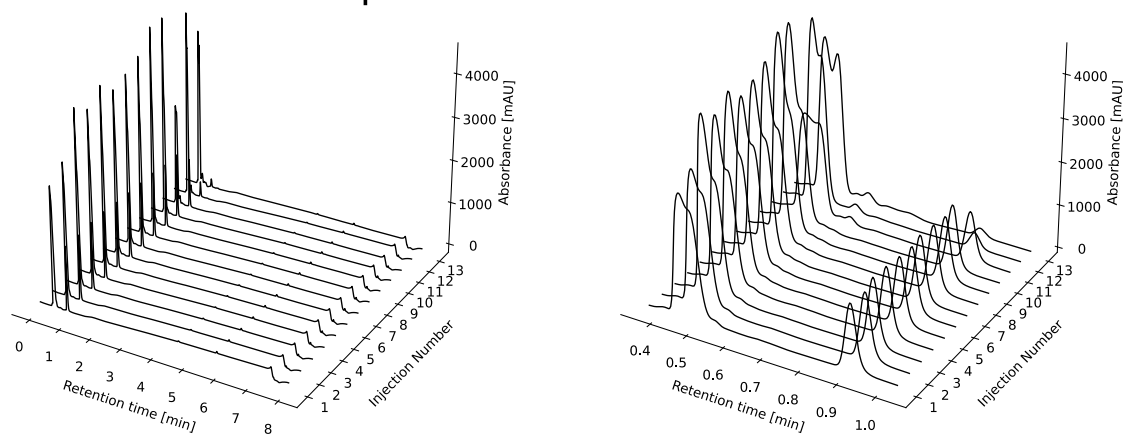


**Fig. S4** HPLC traces indicating the reactivity of oxaliplatin towards 5'-GMP under physiologically relevant conditions as described in the experimental section. The left image shows the complete HPLC run, whereas the right image is zoomed to the retention time window showing the relevant peaks. Retention time of oxaliplatin is 0.8 min and of GMP is 0.45 min respectively.

### Complex 3a without 5'-GMP

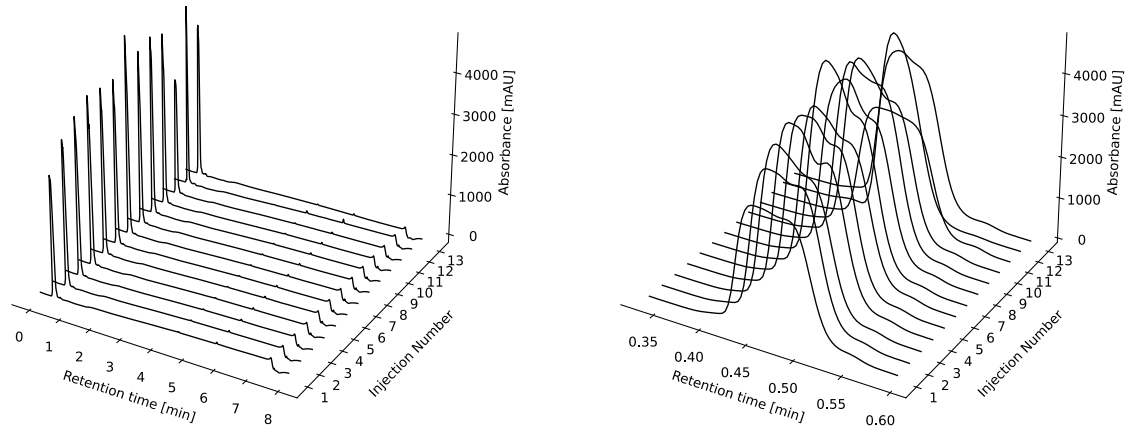


### Complex 3a with 5'-GMP



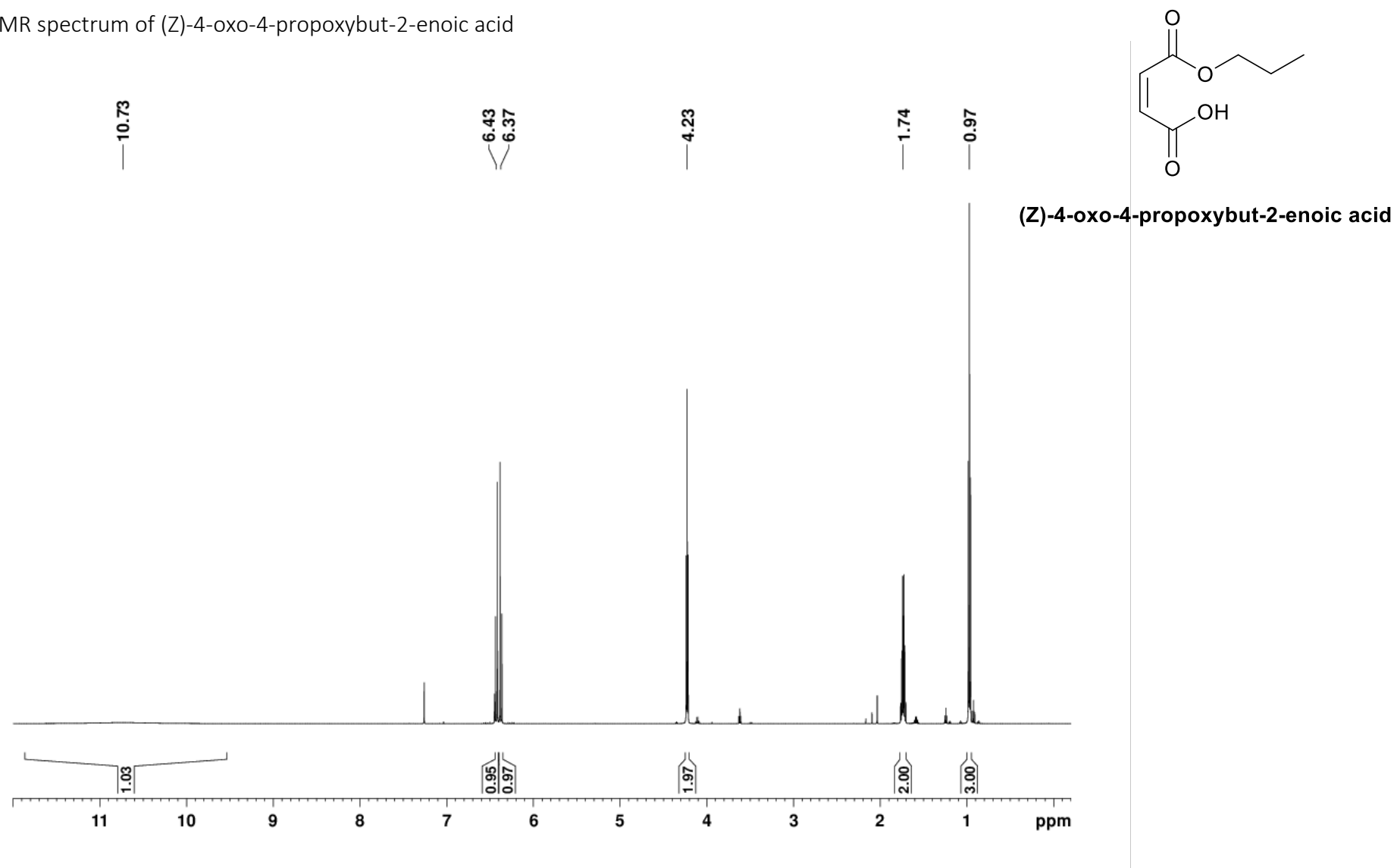
**Fig. S5** HPLC traces indicating the reactivity of complex **3a** towards 5'-GMP under physiologically relevant conditions as described in the experimental section. The left image shows the complete HPLC run, whereas the right image is zoomed to the retention time window showing the relevant peaks. Retention time of complex **3a** is 0.9 min and of GMP is 0.45 min, respectively.

## 5'-GMP



**Fig. S6** HPLC traces indicating the stability of 5'-GMP under physiologically relevant conditions as described in the experimental section. The left image shows the complete HPLC run, whereas the right image is zoomed to the retention time window showing the relevant peaks. Retention time of GMP is 0.45 min.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-oxo-4-propoxybut-2-enoic acid



**Fig. S4**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-oxo-4-propoxybut-2-enoic acid.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-oxo-4-propoxybut-2-enoic acid

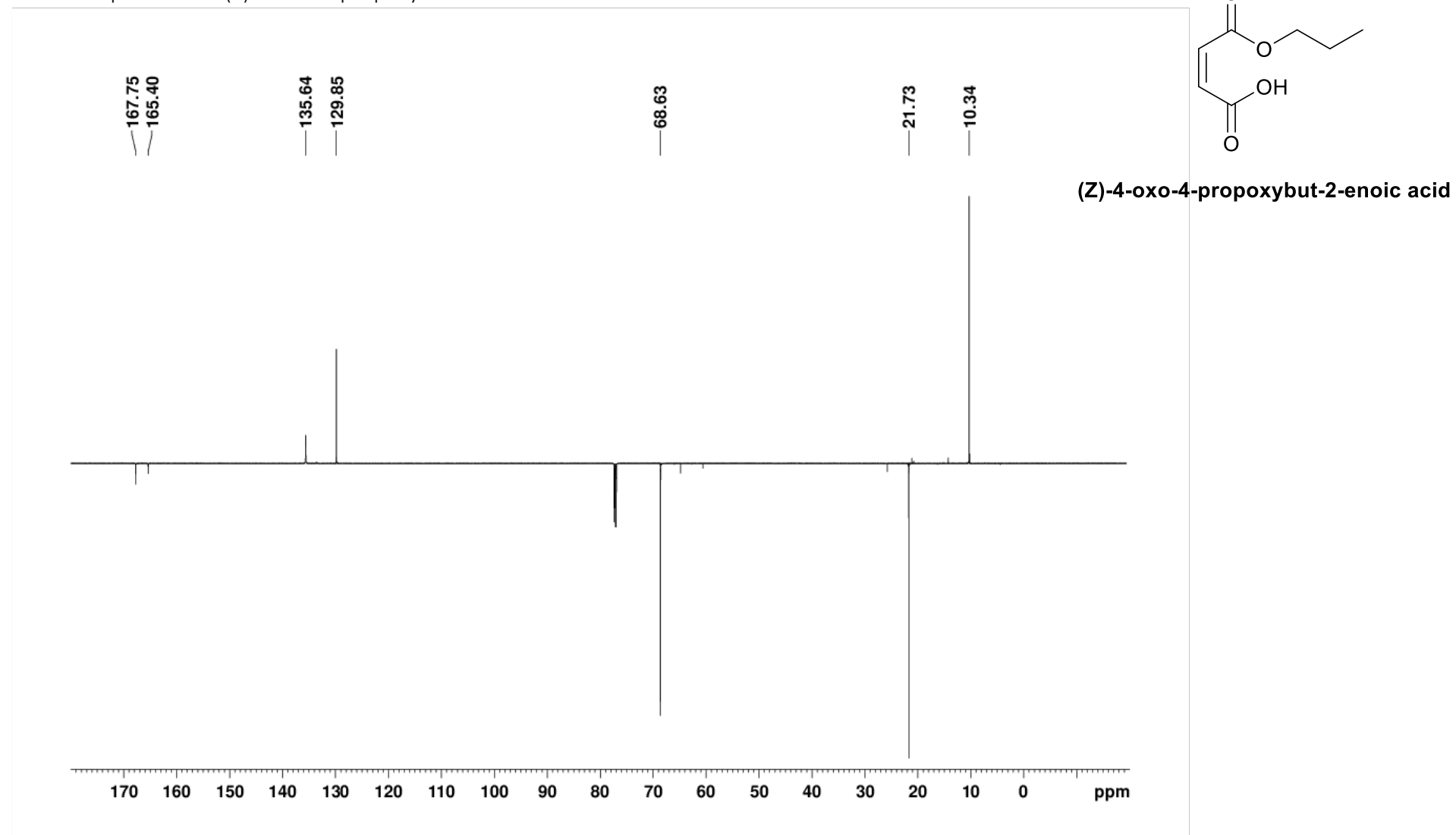
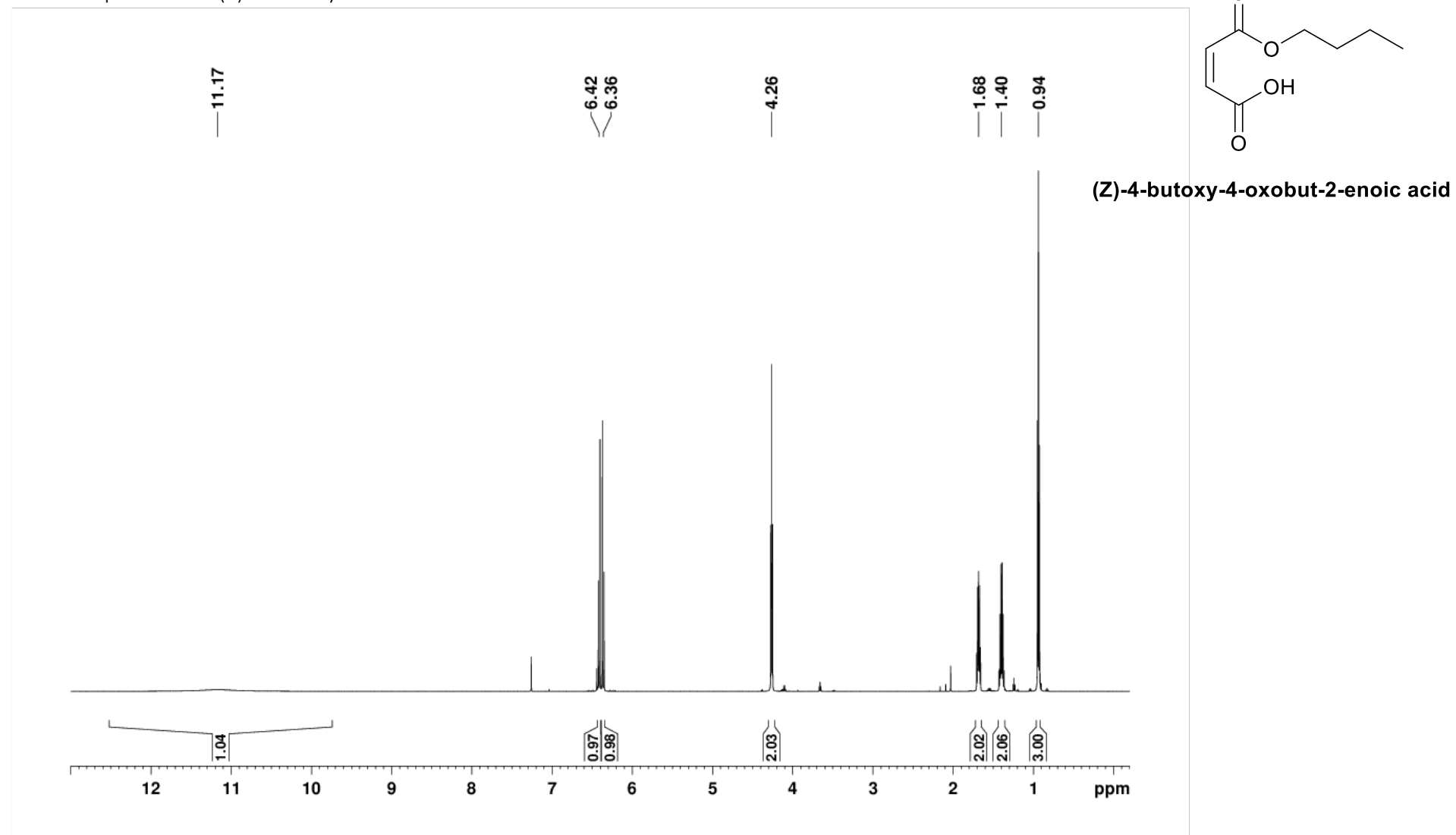


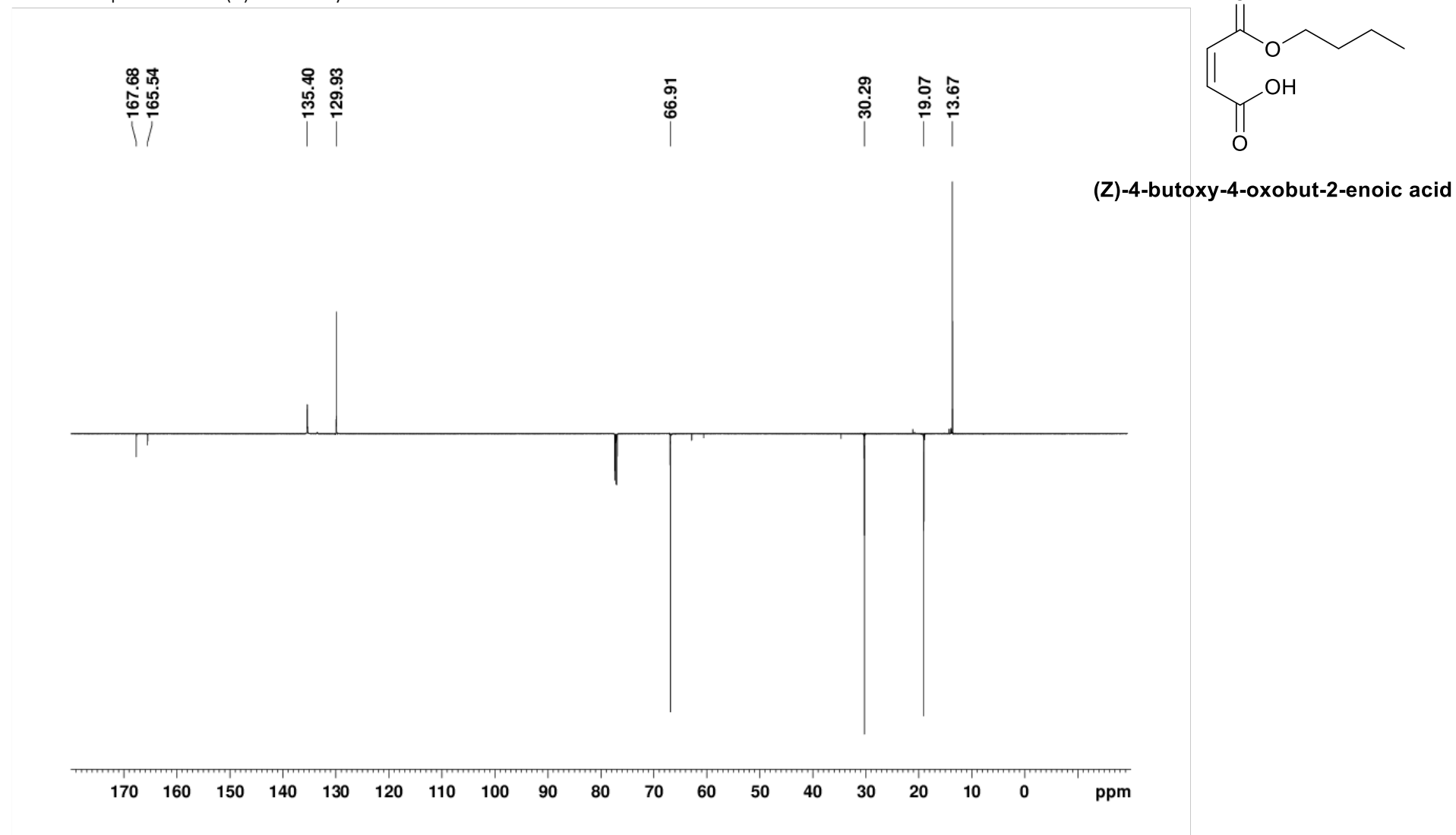
Fig. S5  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-oxo-4-propoxybut-2-enoic acid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-butoxy-4-oxobut-2-enoic acid



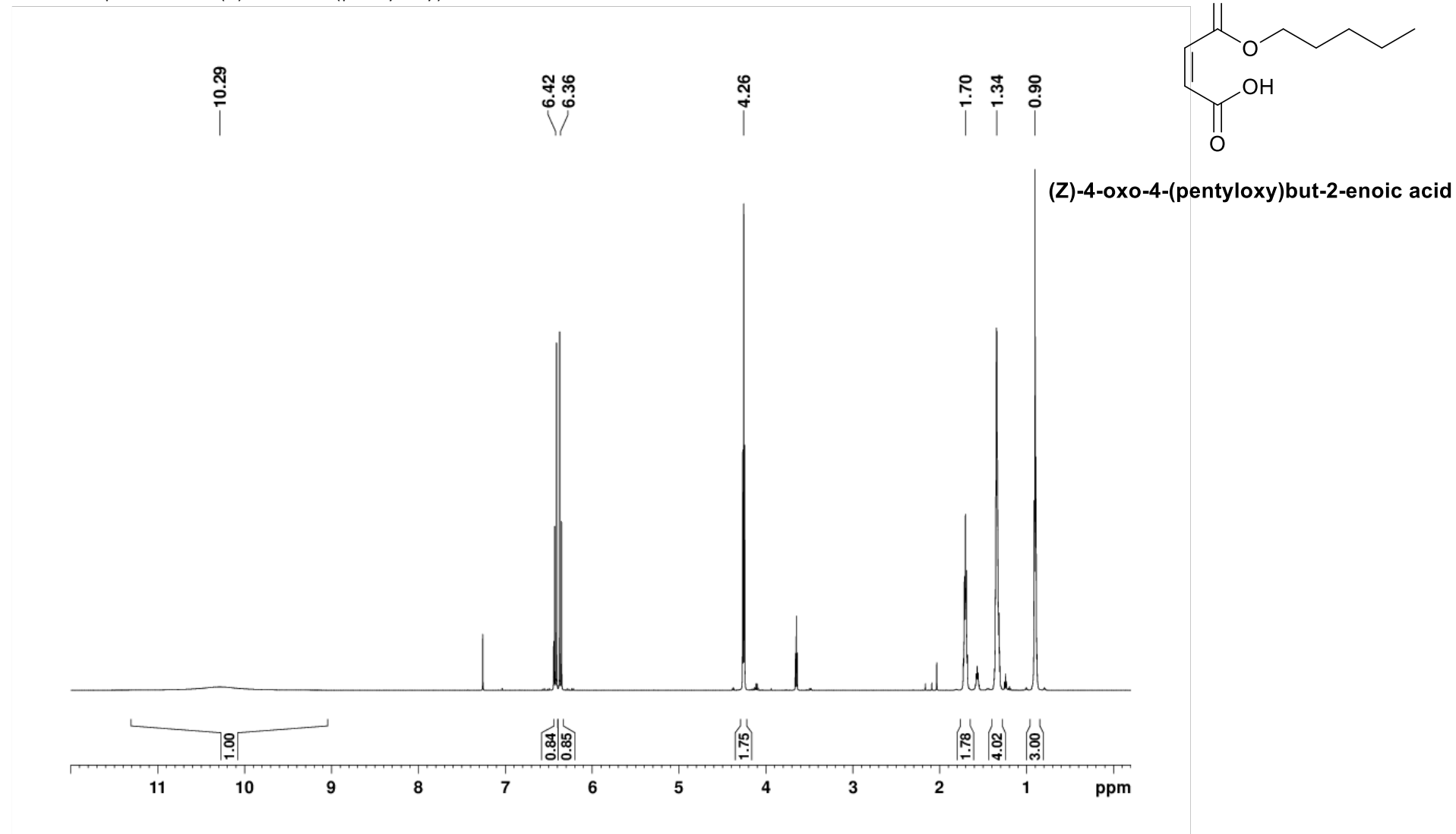
**Fig. S6**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-butoxy-4-oxobut-2-enoic acid.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-butoxy-4-oxobut-2-enoic acid



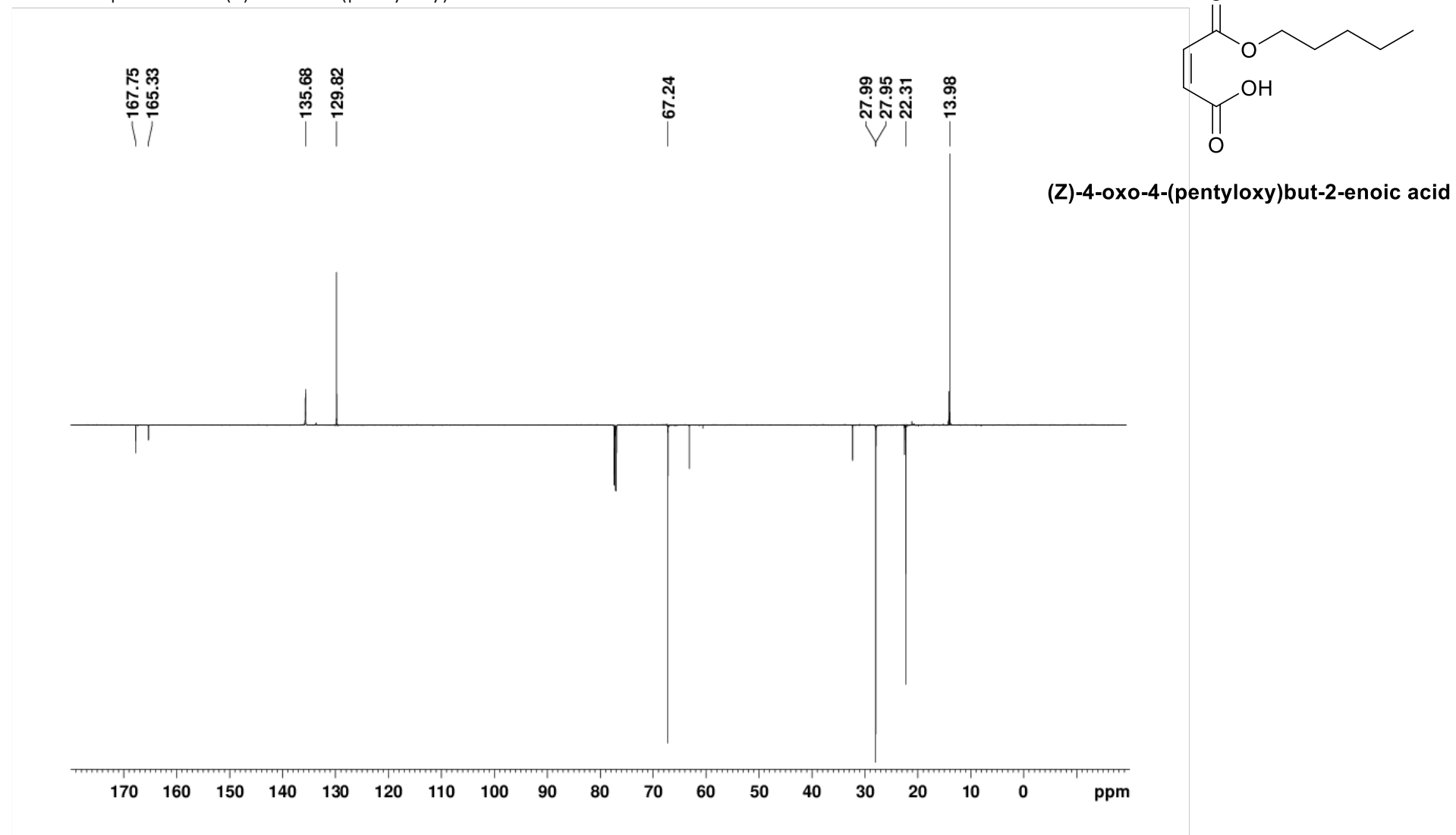
**Fig. S7**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-butoxy-4-oxobut-2-enoic acid

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-oxo-4-(pentyloxy)but-2-enoic acid



**Fig. S8**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-oxo-4-(pentyloxy)but-2-enoic acid.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-oxo-4-(pentyloxy)but-2-enoic acid



**Fig. S9**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of (Z)-4-oxo-4-(pentyloxy)but-2-enoic acid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3a**

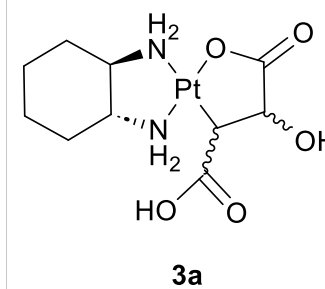
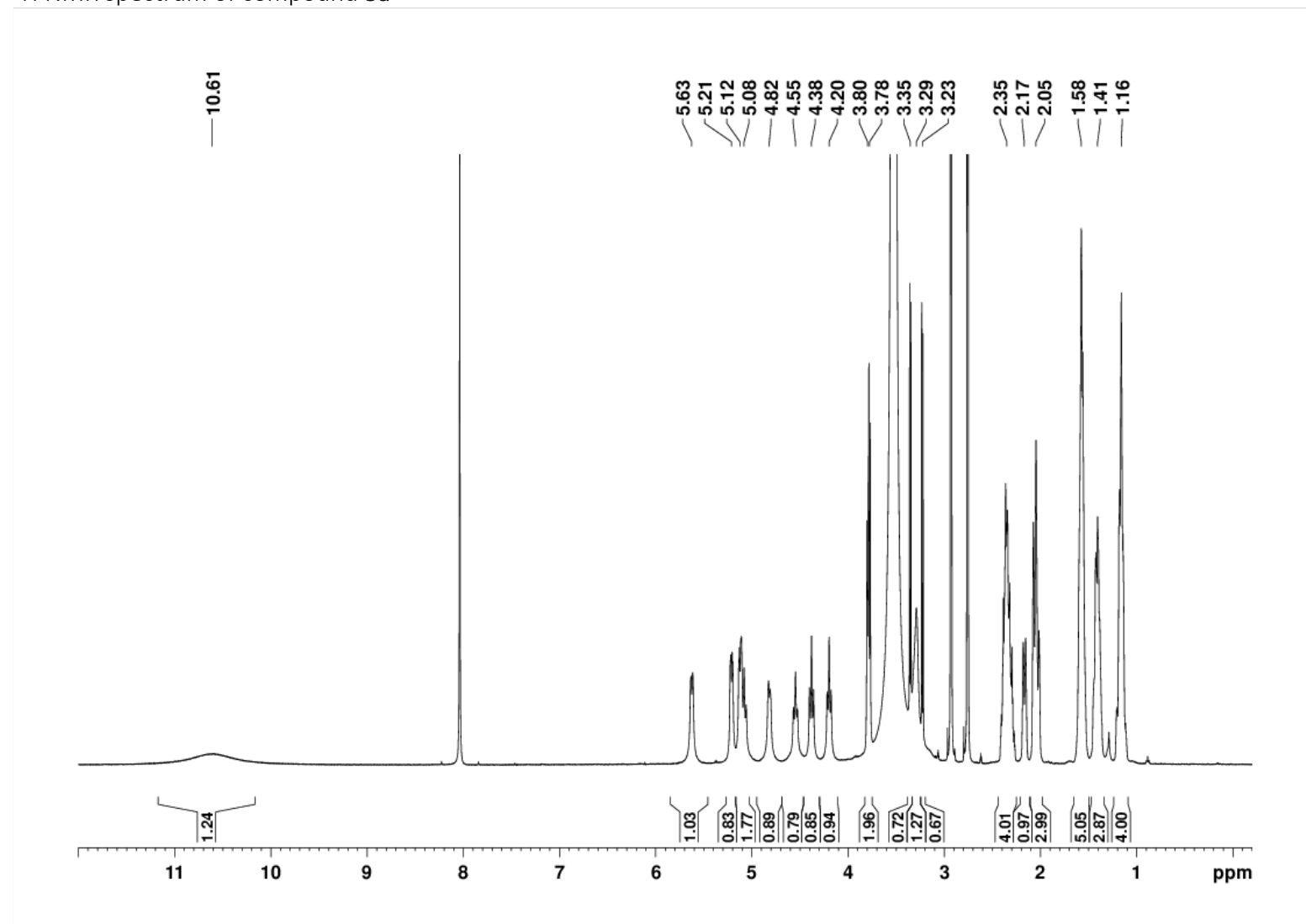
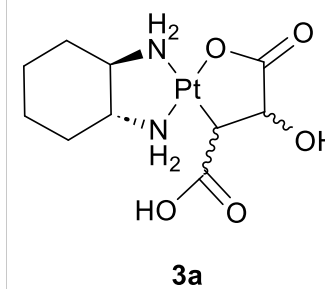
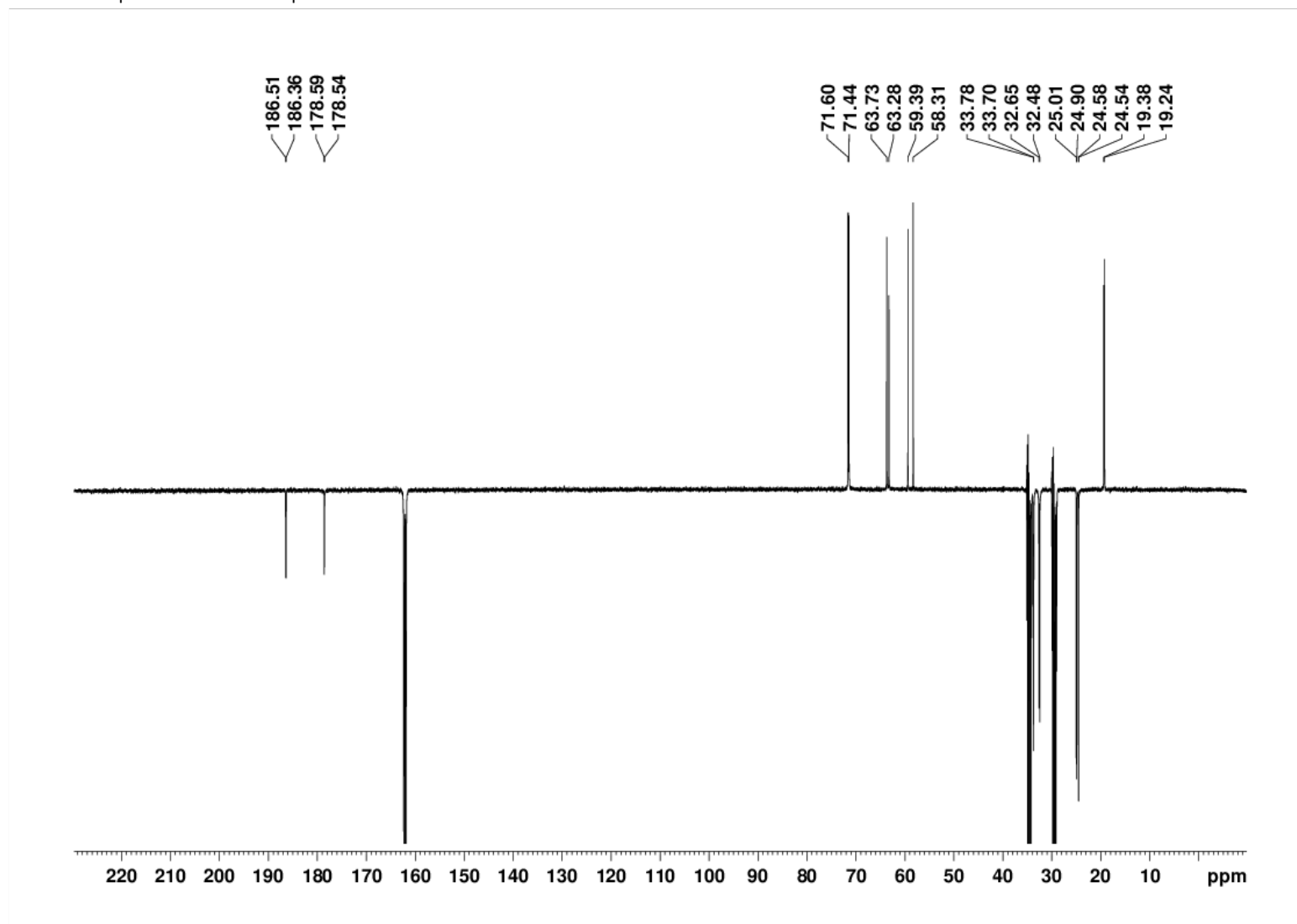


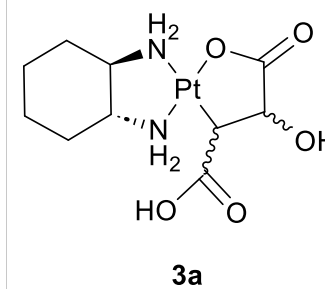
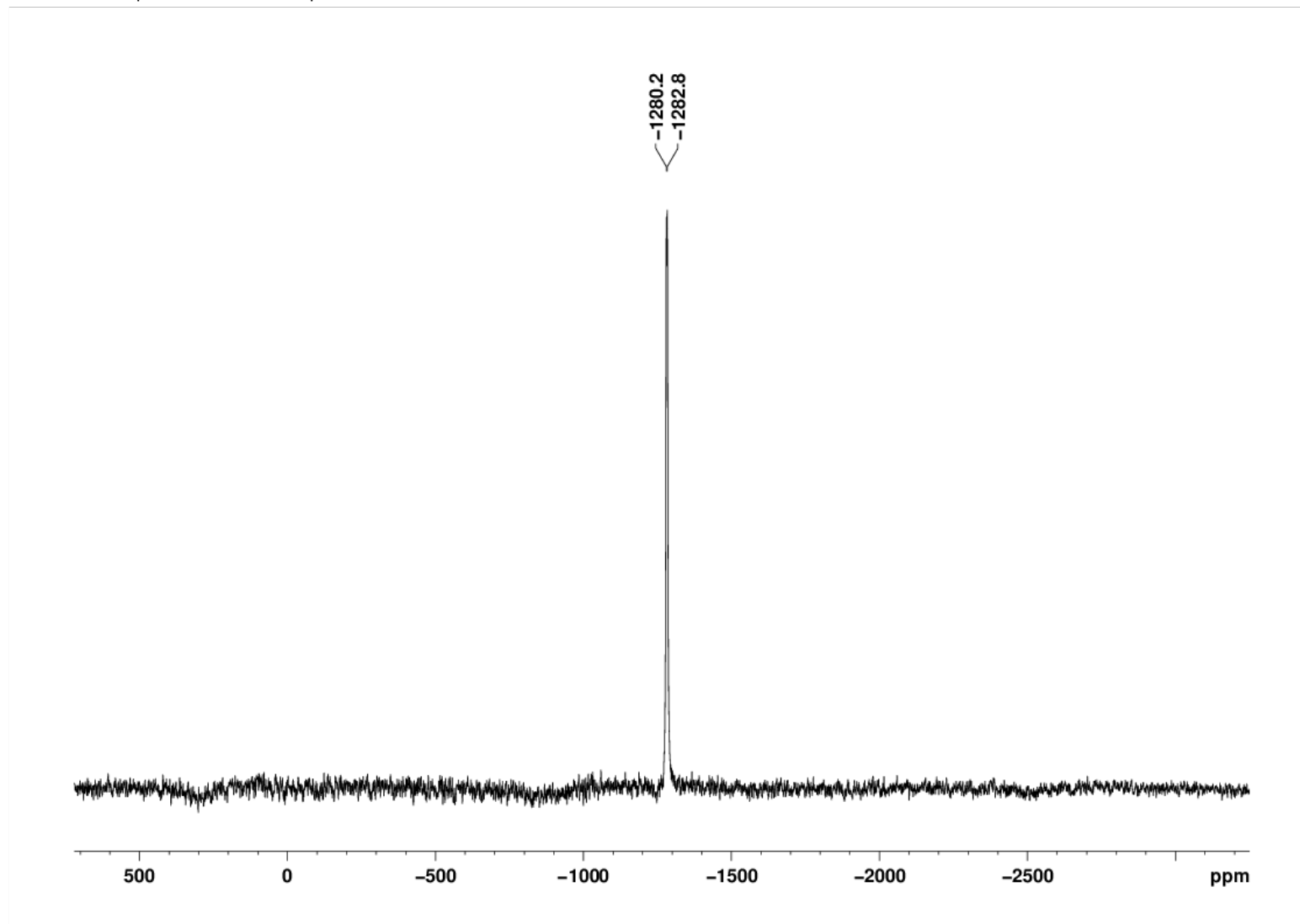
Fig. S10  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3a**.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3a**



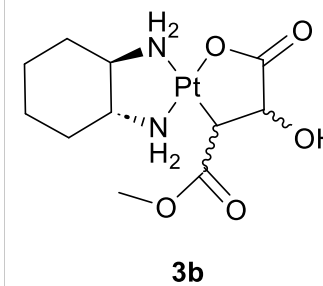
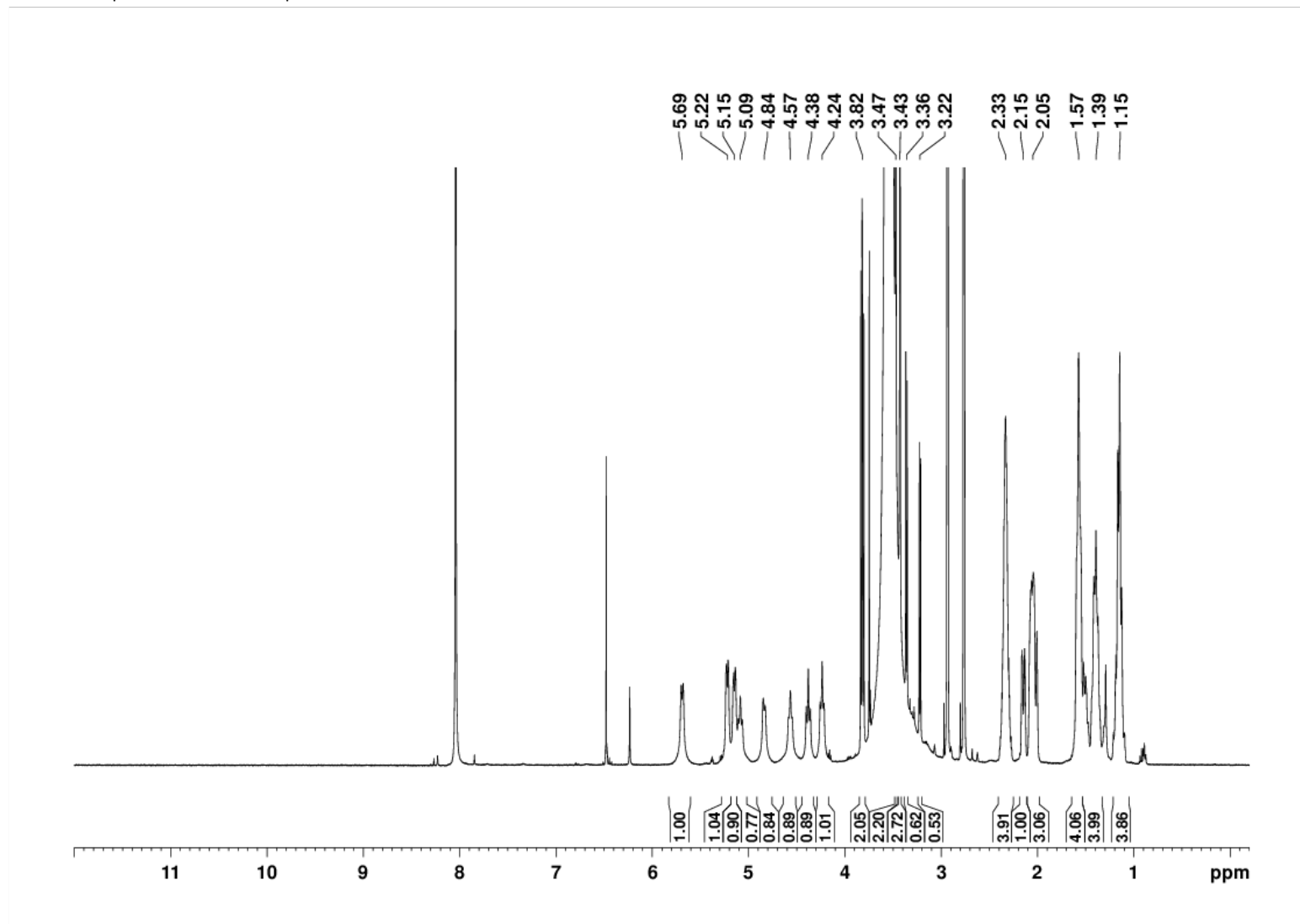
**Fig. S11**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3a**.

$^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3a**



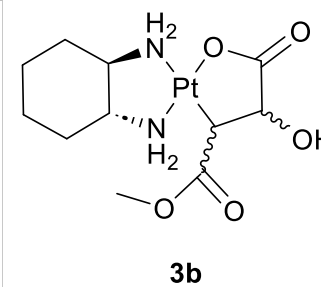
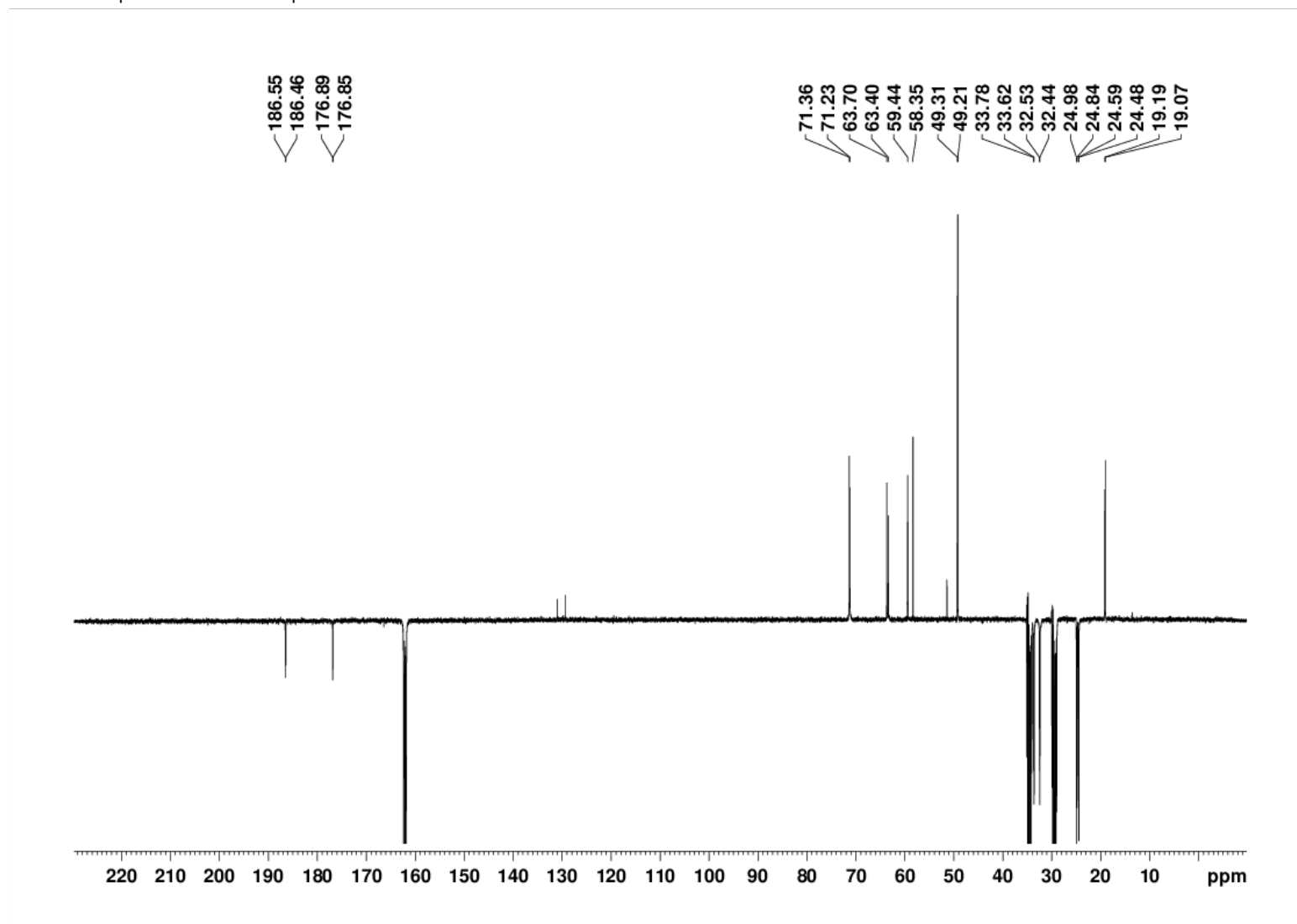
**Fig. S12**  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3a**.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3b**



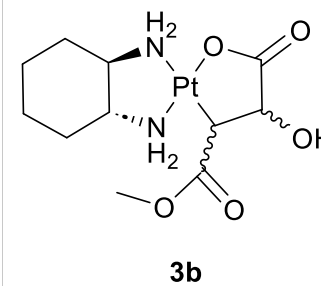
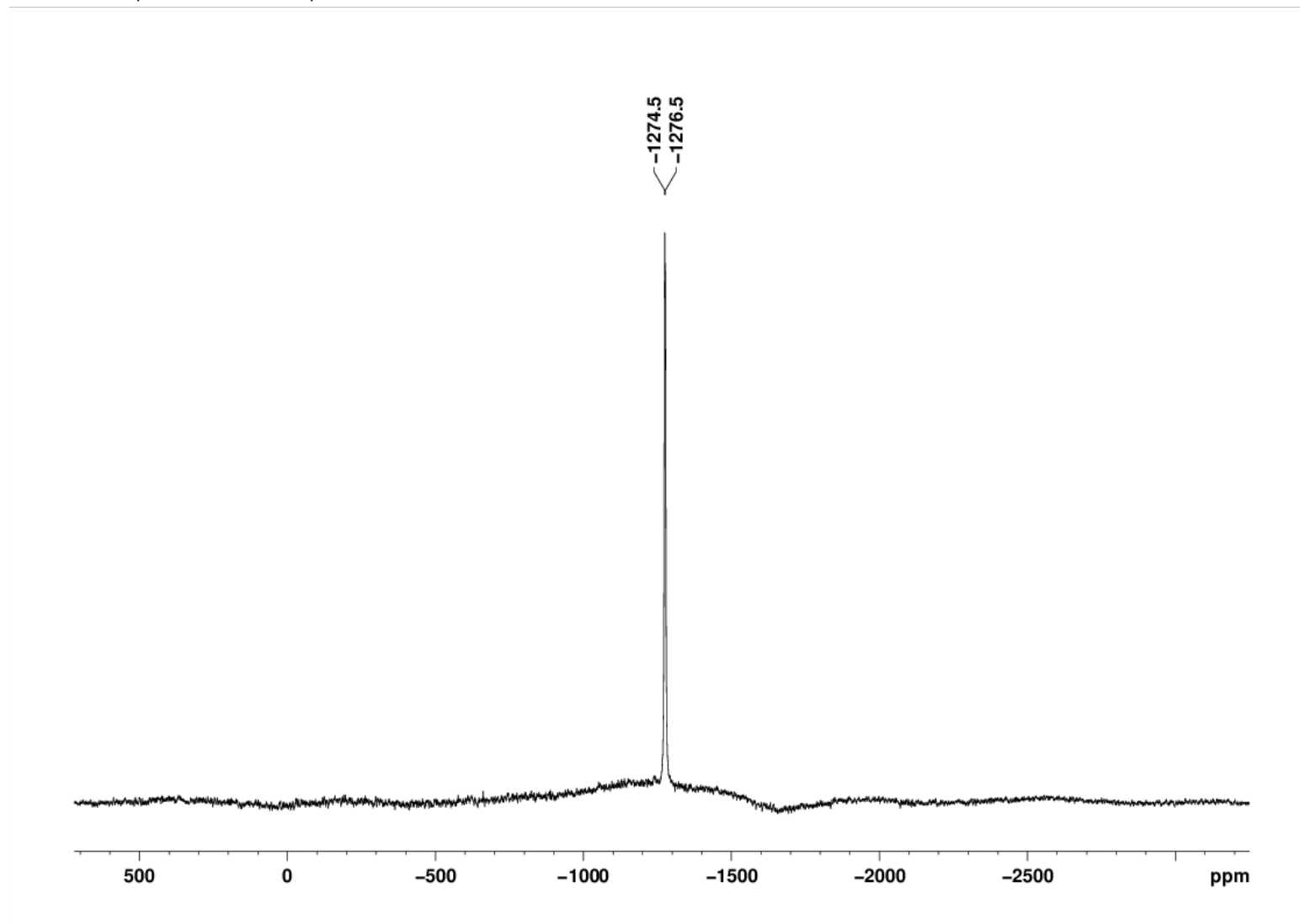
**Fig. S13**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3b**.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3b**



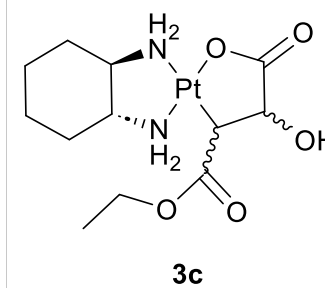
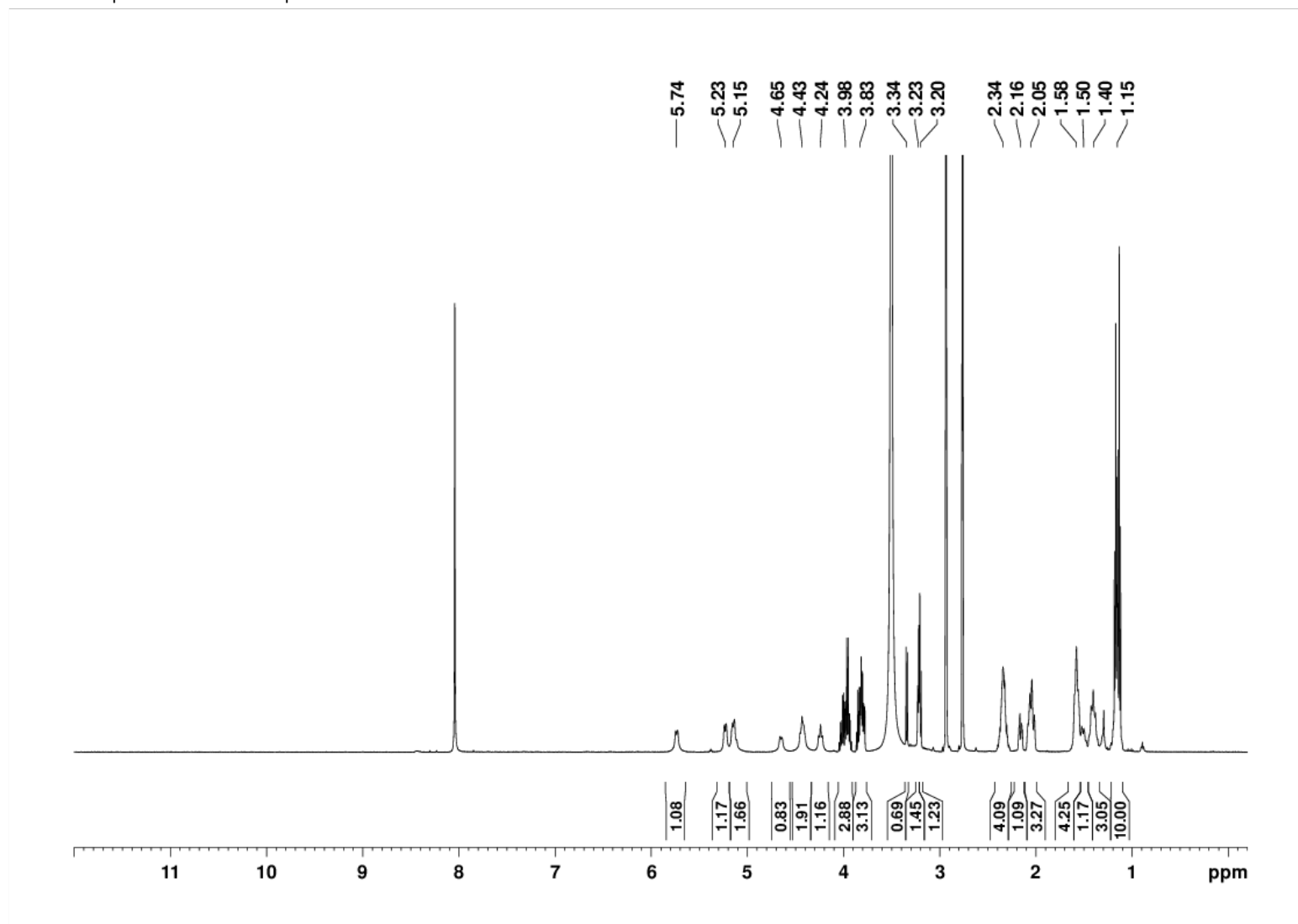
**Fig. S14**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3b**.

$^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3b**



**Fig. S15**  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3b**.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3c**



**Fig. S16**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3c**.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3c**

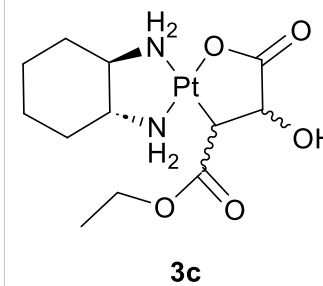
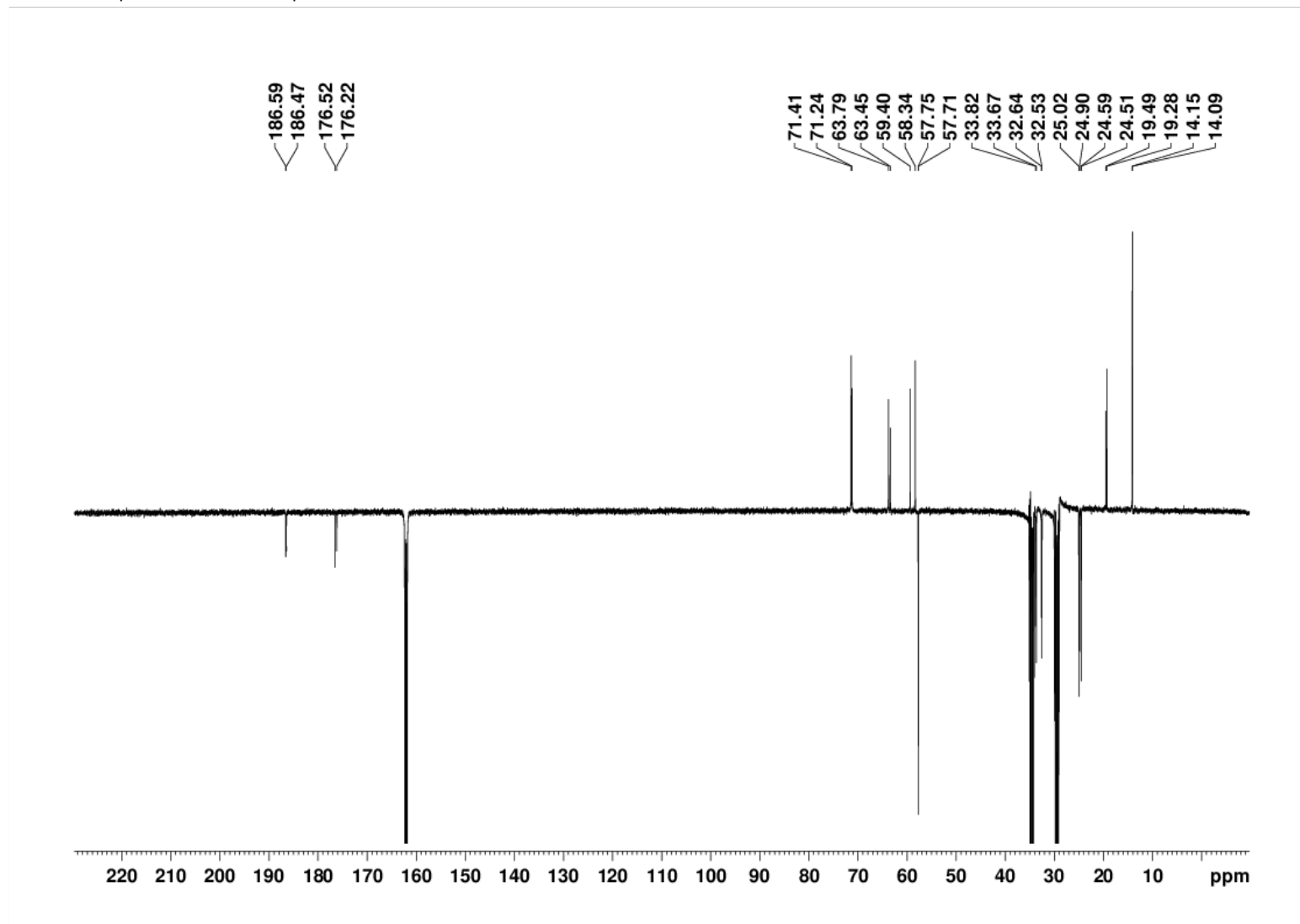
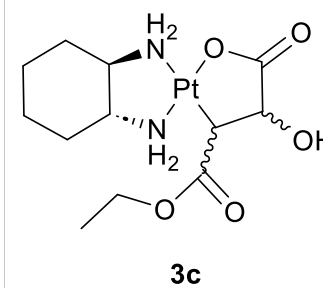
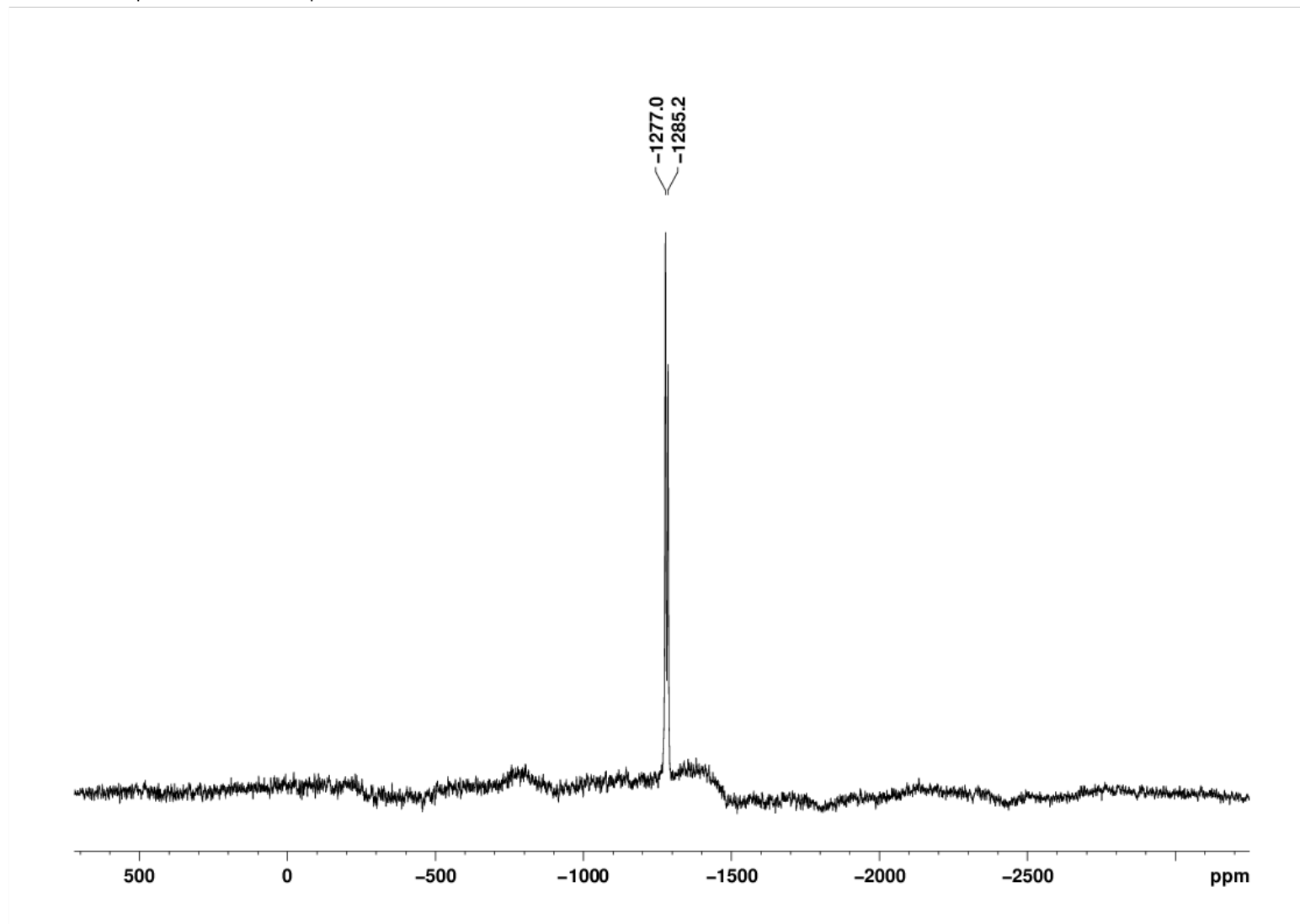


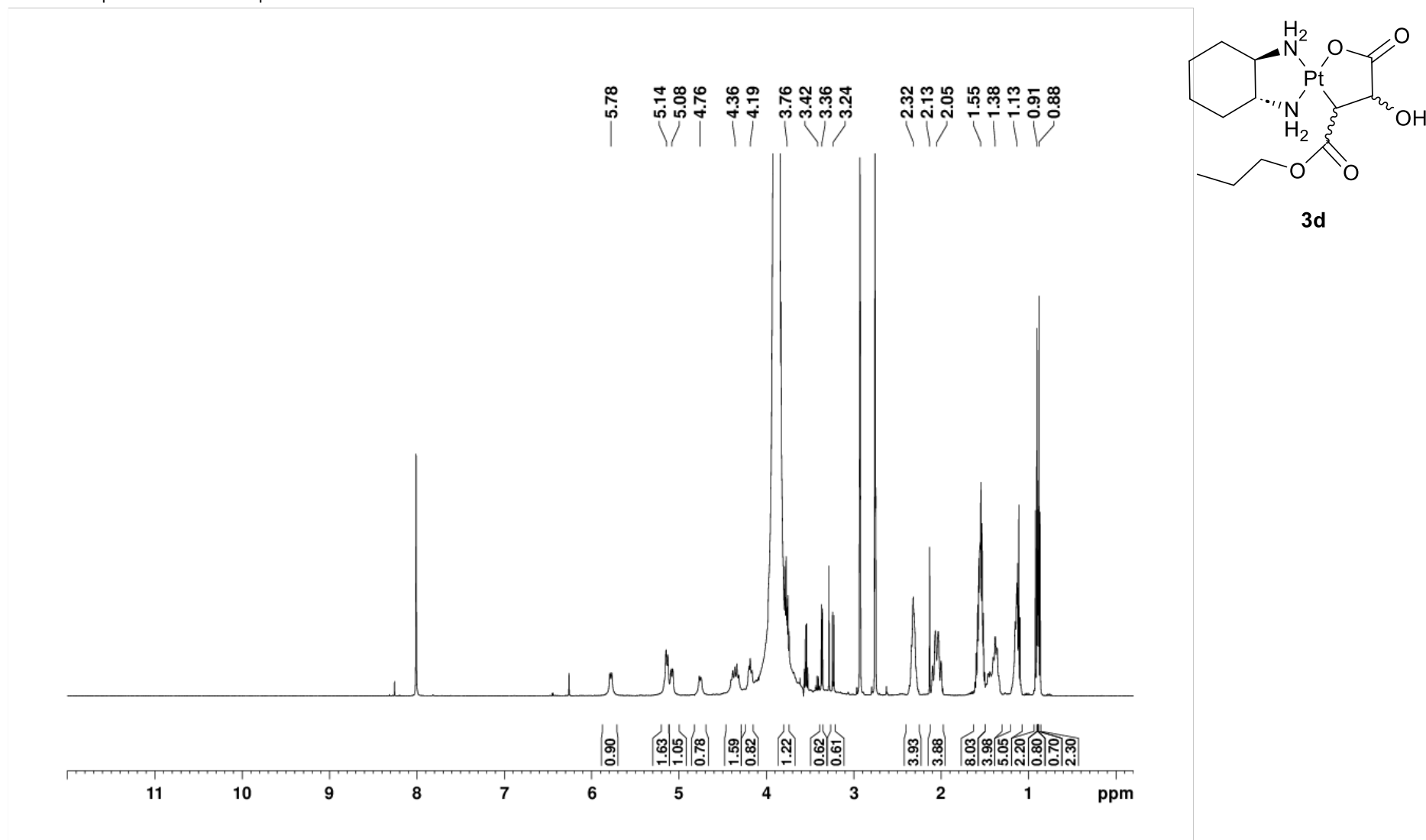
Fig. S17  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3c**.

$^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3c**



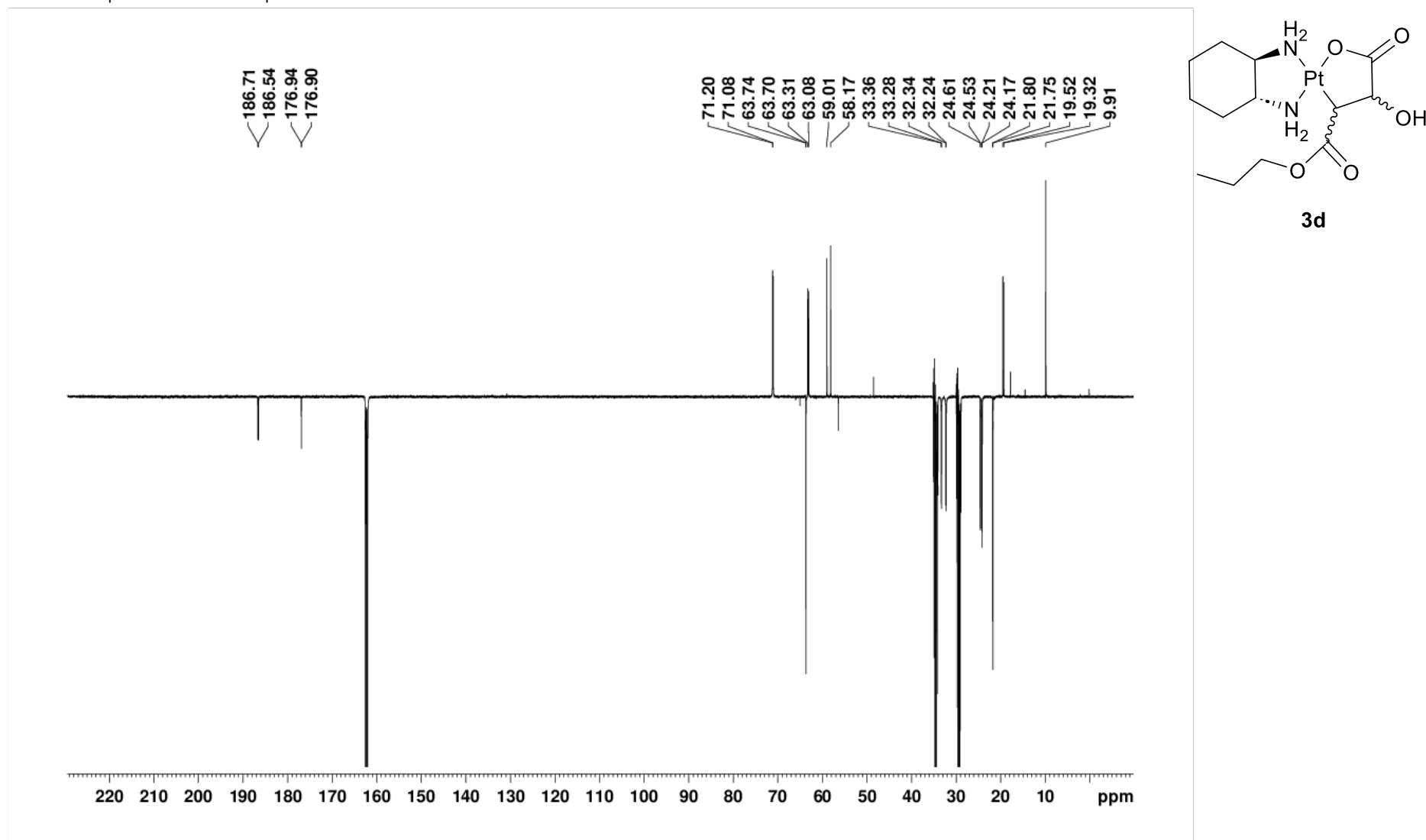
**Fig. S18**  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3c**.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3d**



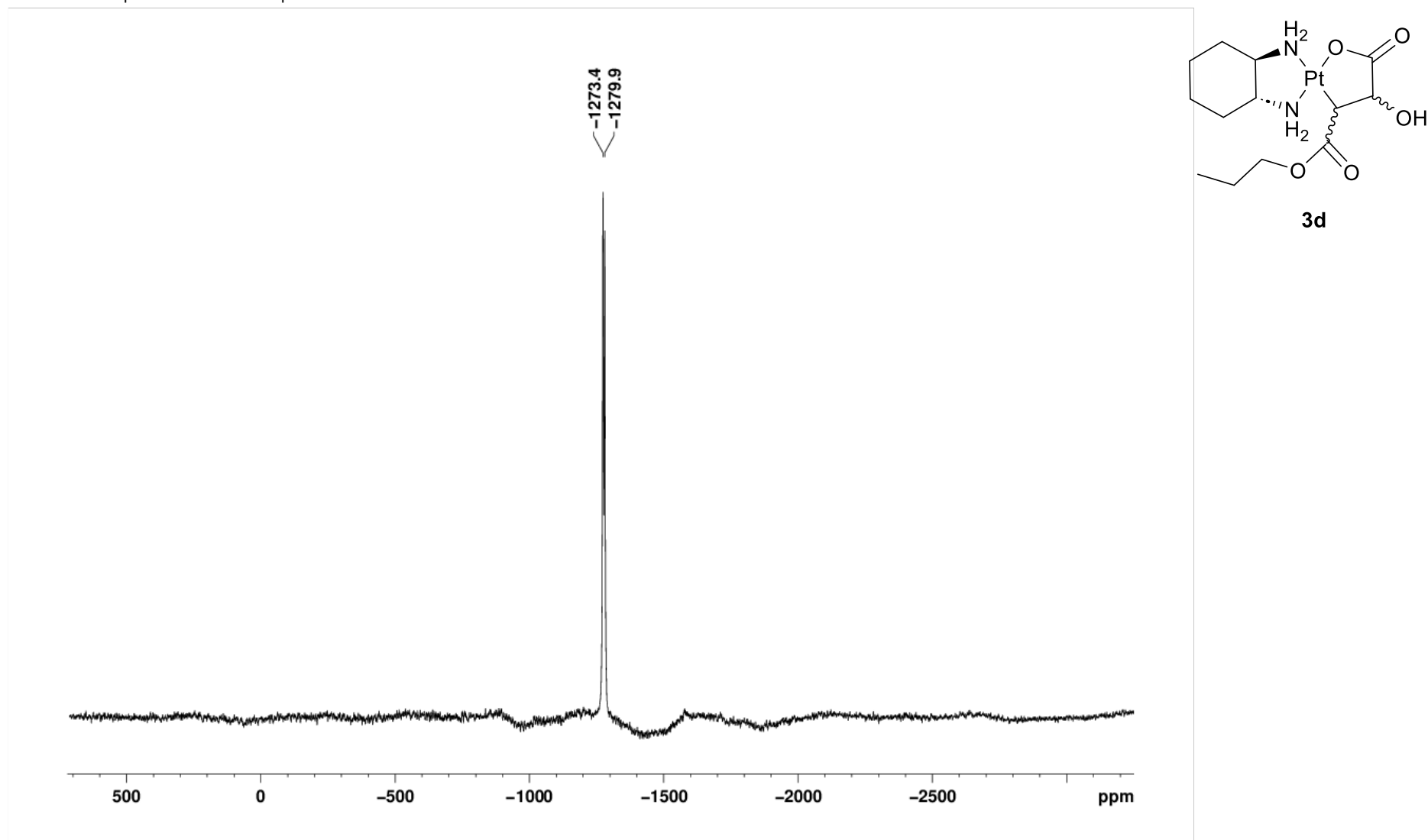
**Fig. S19**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3d**.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3d**



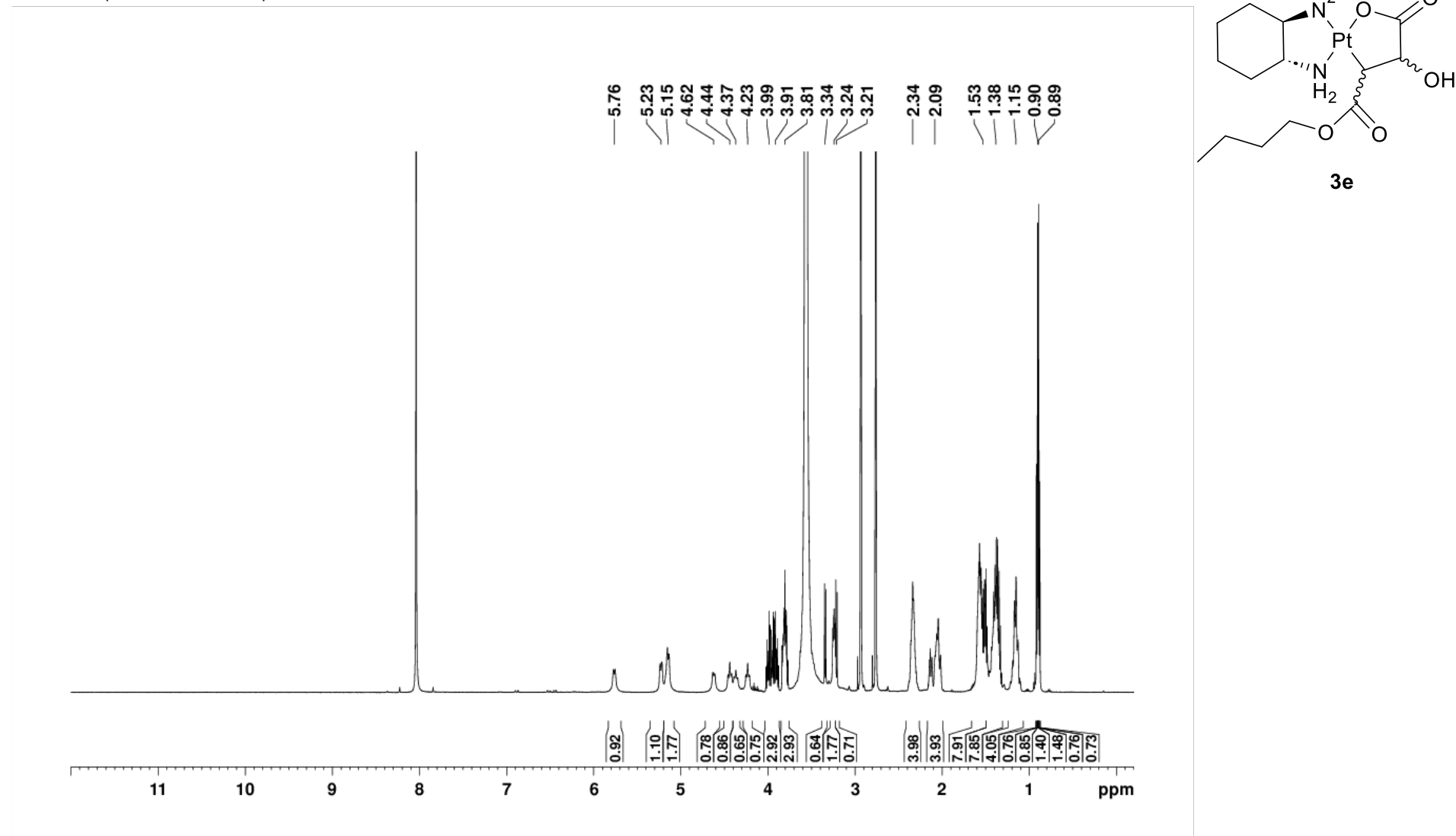
**Fig. S20**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3d**.

$^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3d**



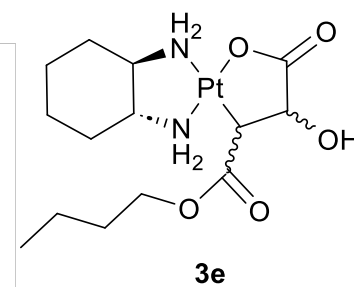
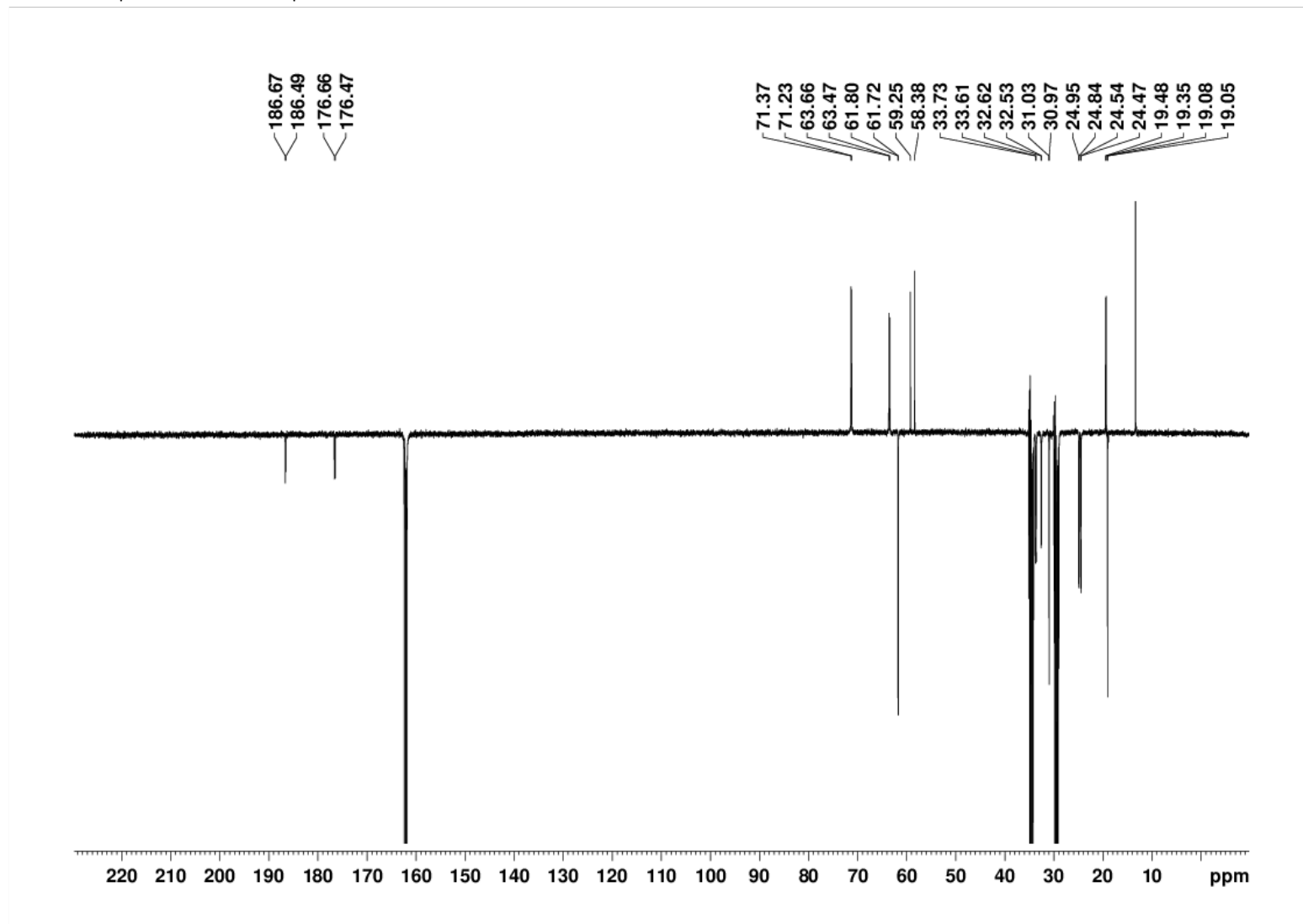
**Fig. S21**  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3d**.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3e**



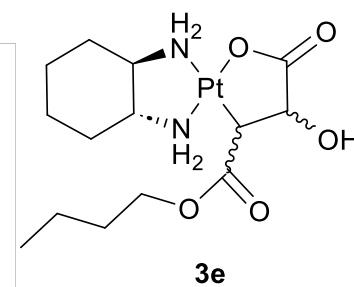
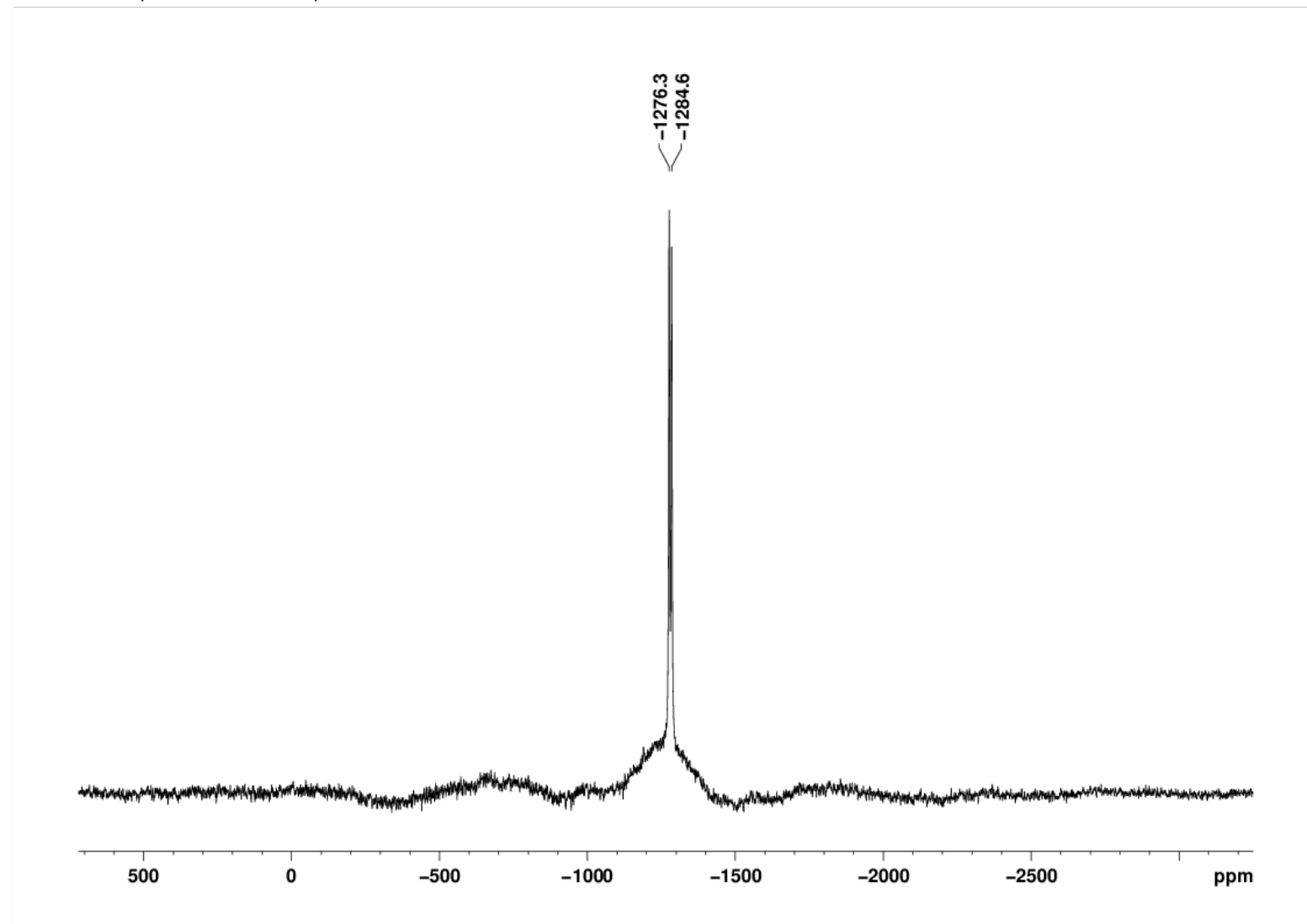
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$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3e**



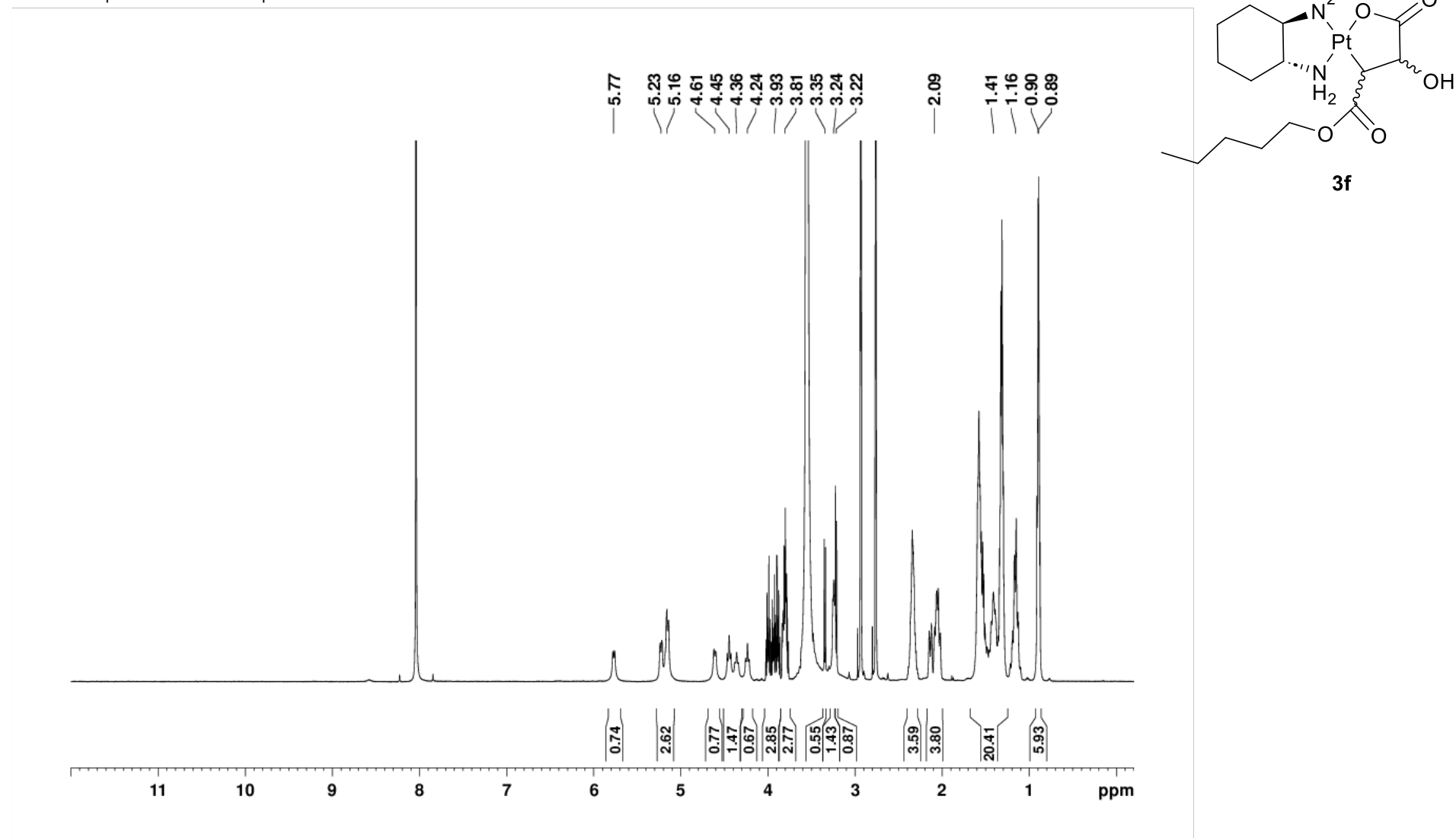
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$^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3e**



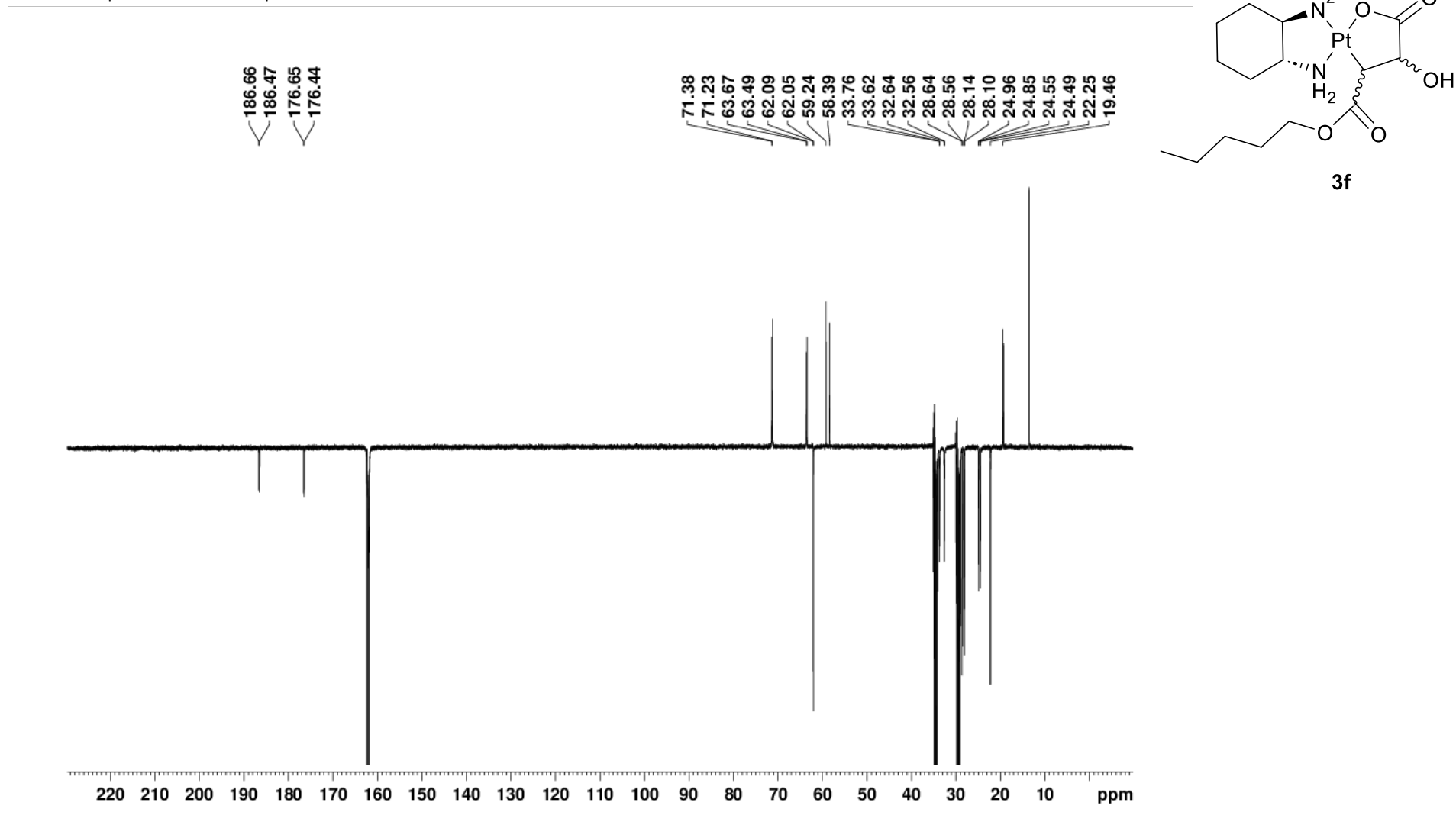
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$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3f**



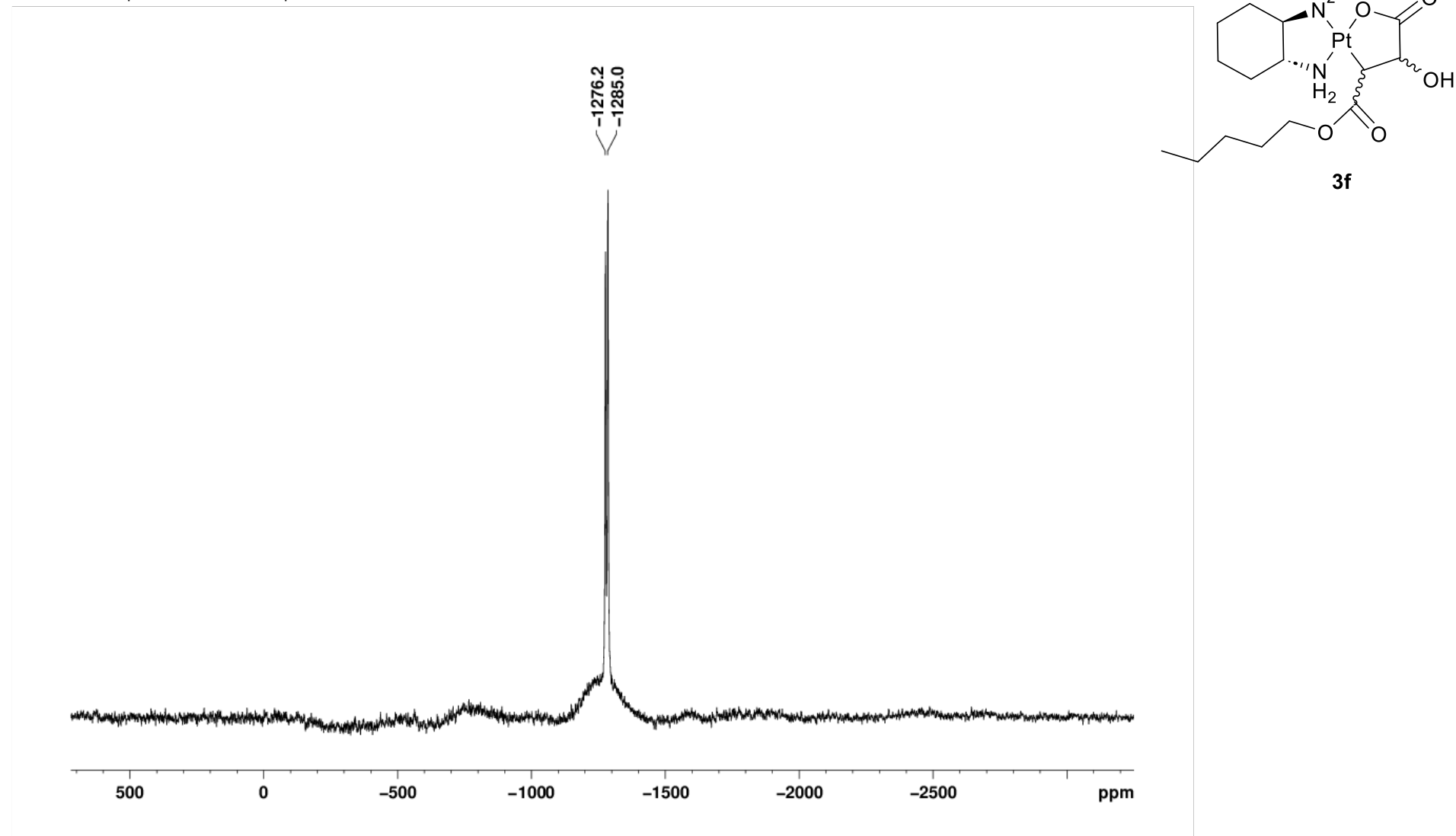
**Fig. S25**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3f**.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3f**



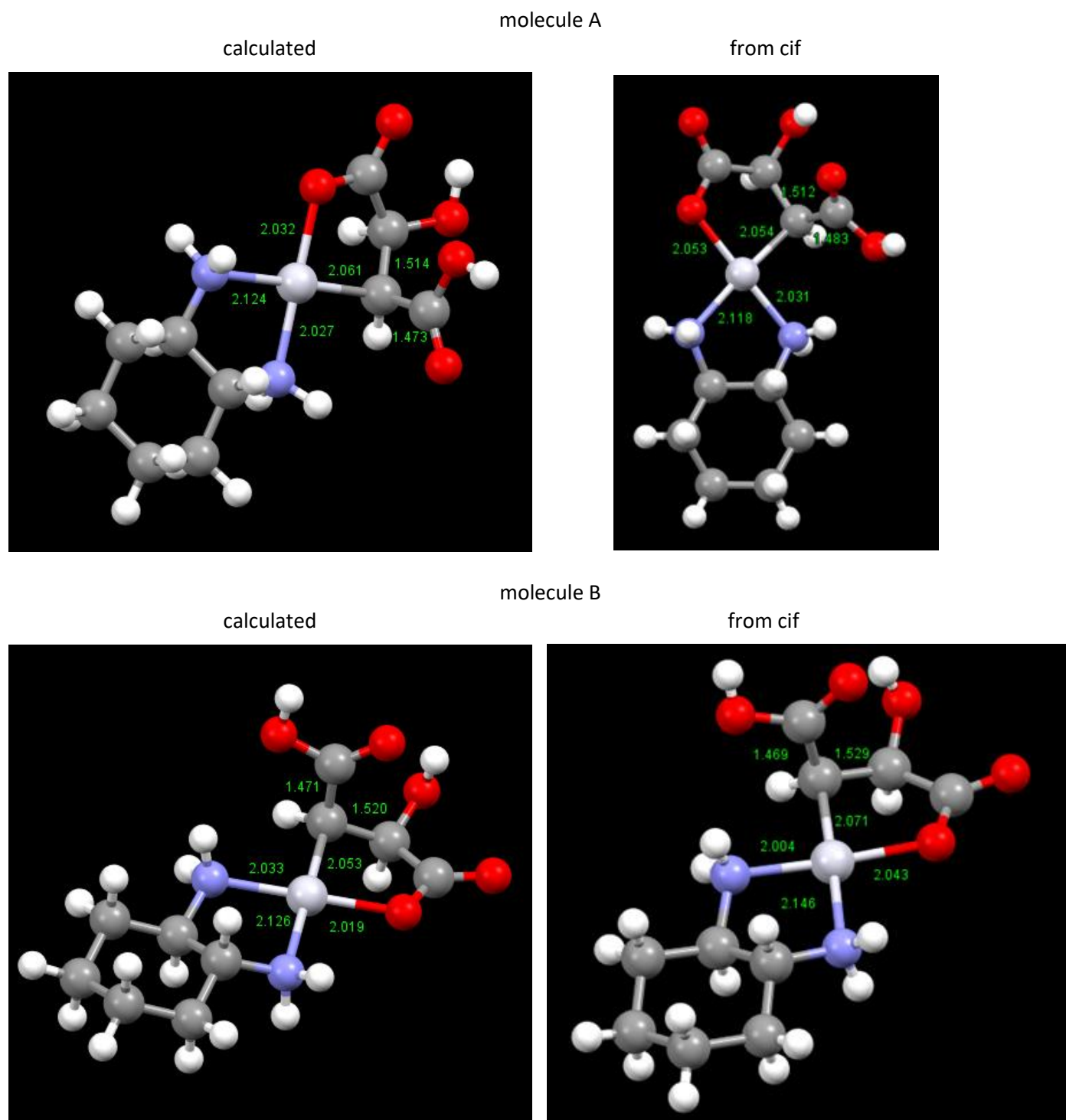
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$^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3f**



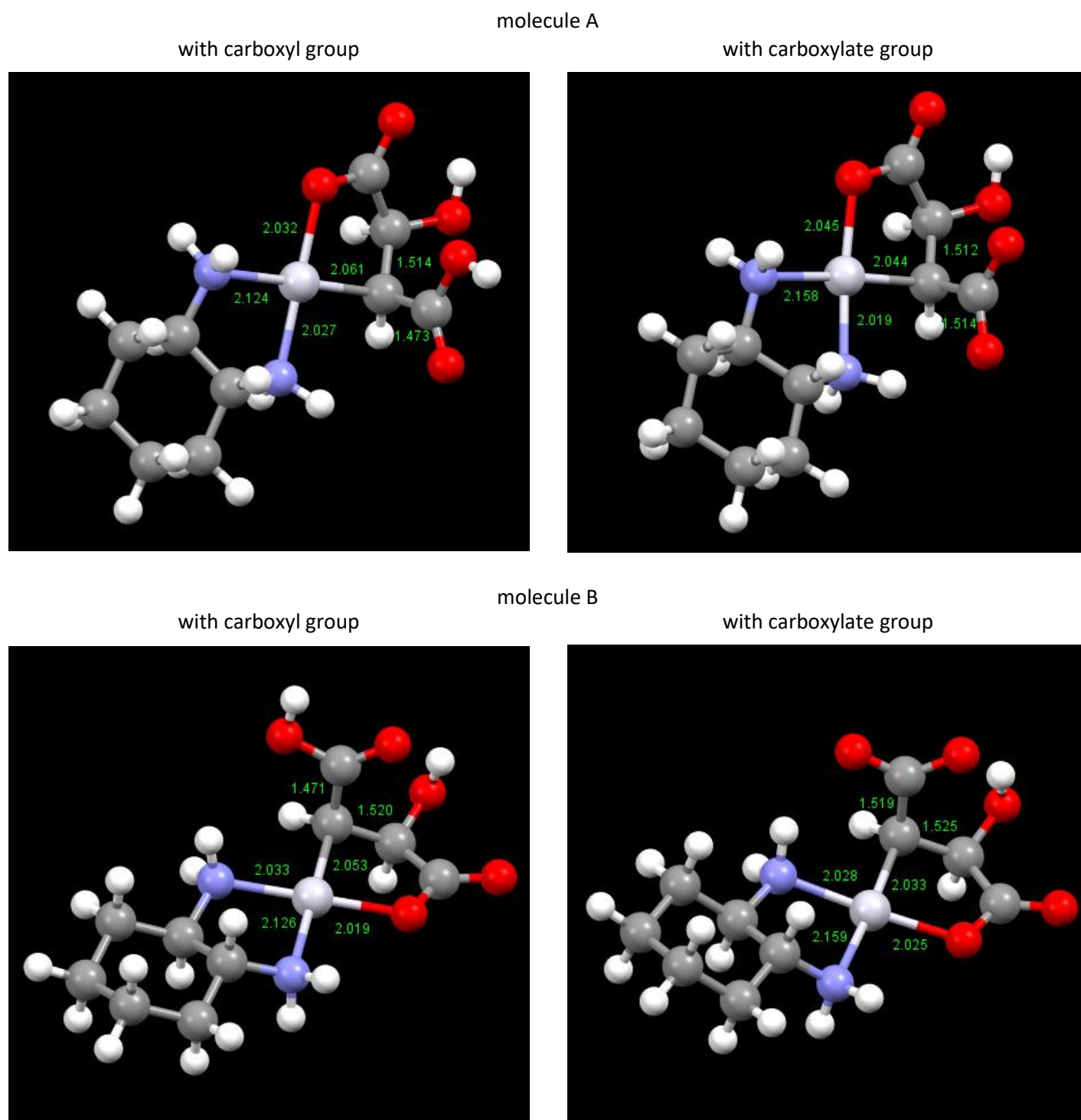
**Fig. S27**  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3f**.

Comparison of calculated geometries of diastereoisomers A and B of complex **3a** with experimental geometries



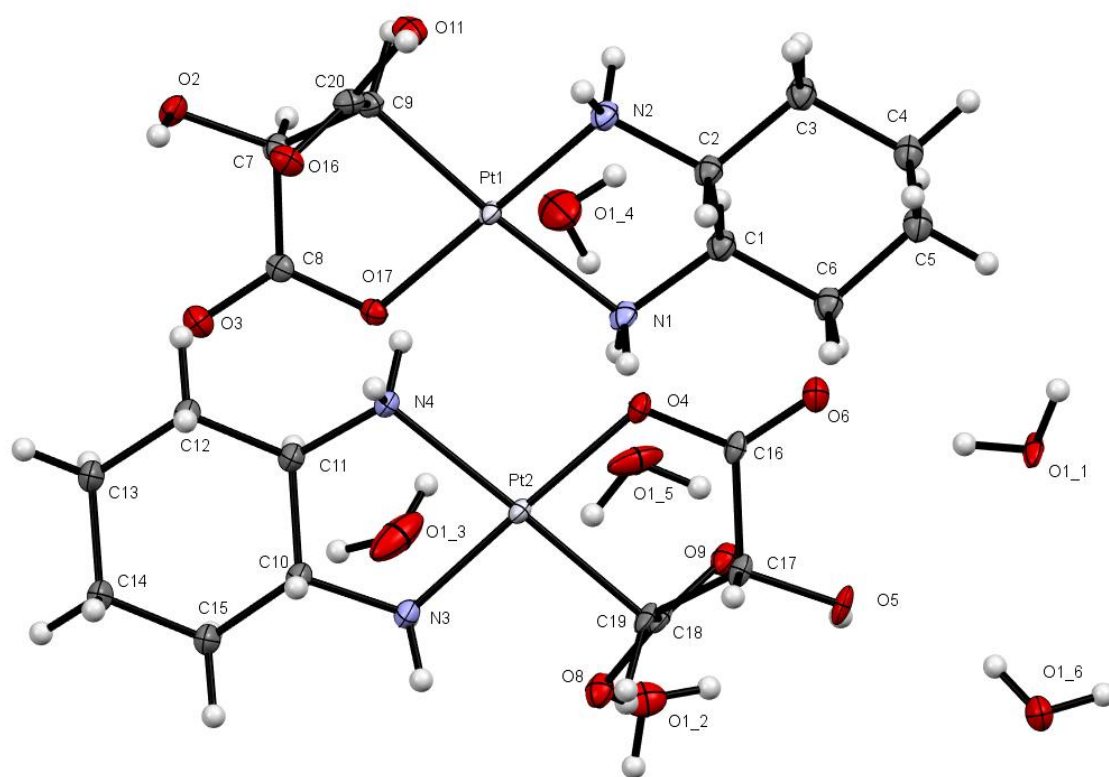
**Fig. S28** Comparison of calculated geometries of diastereoisomers A and B of complex **3a** with experimental geometries.

Comparison of calculated geometries of diastereoisomers A and B of complex **3a** with either carboxyl or carboxylate group



**Fig. S29** Comparison of calculated geometries of diastereoisomers A and B of complex **3a** with either carboxyl or carboxylate group.

X-Ray Diffraction Analysis of complex **3a**



**Fig. S30** ORTEP view of complex **3a** drawn with 50% displacement ellipsoids.

**Table S1.** Overview of the sample and crystal data, data collection and structure refinement for complex 3a.

|                                   |                                                                  |               |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Identification code               | mawa001_b                                                        |               |
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Pt |               |
| Formula weight                    | 495.40 g/mol                                                     |               |
| Temperature                       | 100 K                                                            |               |
| Wavelength                        | 1.54186 Å                                                        |               |
| Crystal system                    | Triclinic                                                        |               |
| Space group                       | P1                                                               |               |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 8.2831(17) Å                                                 | α = 73.15(3)° |
|                                   | b = 9.6777(19) Å                                                 | β = 76.80(3)° |
|                                   | c = 10.192(2) Å                                                  | γ = 80.70(3)° |
| Volume                            | 757.23(4) Å <sup>3</sup>                                         |               |
| Z                                 | 2                                                                |               |
| Density (calculated)              | 2.173 g/cm <sup>3</sup>                                          |               |
| Absorption coefficient            | 17.721 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                          |               |
| F(000)                            | 480                                                              |               |
| Crystal size                      | 0.130 x 0.070 x 0.050 mm <sup>3</sup>                            |               |
| Theta range for data collection   | 5.515° to 70.870°                                                |               |
| Index ranges                      | -6 ≤ h ≤ 10, -11 ≤ k ≤ 10, -10 ≤ l ≤ 12                          |               |
| Reflections collected             | 15268                                                            |               |
| Independent reflections           | 3380 [R(int) = 0.0164]                                           |               |
| Completeness to theta = 67.679°   | 94.9 %                                                           |               |
| Absorption correction             | Sphere                                                           |               |
| Max. and min. transmission        | 0.4261 and 0.1088                                                |               |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>                      |               |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 3380 / 501 / 420                                                 |               |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 1.048                                                            |               |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]       | R1 = 0.0178, wR2 = 0.0459                                        |               |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.0185, wR2 = 0.0462                                        |               |
| Absolute structure parameter      | 0.087(15)                                                        |               |
| Extinction coefficient            | 0.00154(9)                                                       |               |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 0.960 and -1.462 e·Å <sup>3</sup>                                |               |

**Table S2.** Overview of bond lengths [Å] for complex **3a**.

|             |           |  |             |           |
|-------------|-----------|--|-------------|-----------|
| Pt(1)-N(2)  | 2.032(12) |  | N(3)-C(10)  | 1.506(13) |
| Pt(1)-O(17) | 2.053(10) |  | N(4)-C(11)  | 1.492(14) |
| Pt(1)-C(9)  | 2.054(14) |  | C(1)-C(6)   | 1.527(14) |
| Pt(1)-N(1)  | 2.118(13) |  | C(1)-C(2)   | 1.535(10) |
| Pt(2)-N(3)  | 2.005(12) |  | C(2)-C(3)   | 1.517(13) |
| Pt(2)-O(4)  | 2.044(10) |  | C(3)-C(4)   | 1.534(13) |
| Pt(2)-C(19) | 2.071(13) |  | C(4)-C(5)   | 1.518(10) |
| Pt(2)-N(4)  | 2.145(13) |  | C(5)-C(6)   | 1.500(15) |
| O(2)-C(7)   | 1.428(15) |  | C(7)-C(9)   | 1.512(14) |
| O(3)-C(8)   | 1.237(14) |  | C(7)-C(8)   | 1.518(13) |
| O(4)-C(16)  | 1.302(15) |  | C(9)-C(20)  | 1.483(19) |
| O(5)-C(17)  | 1.419(14) |  | C(10)-C(11) | 1.525(10) |
| O(6)-C(16)  | 1.220(15) |  | C(10)-C(15) | 1.529(13) |
| O(8)-C(18)  | 1.344(15) |  | C(11)-C(12) | 1.505(14) |
| O(9)-C(18)  | 1.247(16) |  | C(12)-C(13) | 1.560(15) |
| O(11)-C(20) | 1.324(15) |  | C(13)-C(14) | 1.523(10) |
| O(16)-C(20) | 1.212(16) |  | C(14)-C(15) | 1.529(14) |
| O(17)-C(8)  | 1.298(15) |  | C(16)-C(17) | 1.547(14) |
| N(1)-C(1)   | 1.510(15) |  | C(17)-C(19) | 1.529(14) |
| N(2)-C(2)   | 1.481(13) |  | C(18)-C(19) | 1.469(19) |

**Table S3.** Overview of angles [°] for complex **3a**.

|                  |           |  |                   |           |
|------------------|-----------|--|-------------------|-----------|
| N(2)-Pt(1)-O(17) | 178.5(5)  |  | O(3)-C(8)-O(17)   | 120.7(10) |
| N(2)-Pt(1)-C(9)  | 94.1(5)   |  | O(3)-C(8)-C(7)    | 122.2(11) |
| O(17)-Pt(1)-C(9) | 85.5(4)   |  | O(17)-C(8)-C(7)   | 116.9(10) |
| N(2)-Pt(1)-N(1)  | 82.1(5)   |  | C(20)-C(9)-C(7)   | 113.4(13) |
| O(17)-Pt(1)-N(1) | 98.4(4)   |  | C(20)-C(9)-Pt(1)  | 105.5(9)  |
| C(9)-Pt(1)-N(1)  | 175.9(6)  |  | C(7)-C(9)-Pt(1)   | 105.2(8)  |
| N(3)-Pt(2)-O(4)  | 176.5(5)  |  | N(3)-C(10)-C(11)  | 107.2(7)  |
| N(3)-Pt(2)-C(19) | 95.2(5)   |  | N(3)-C(10)-C(15)  | 112.5(8)  |
| O(4)-Pt(2)-C(19) | 83.0(5)   |  | C(11)-C(10)-C(15) | 112.2(7)  |
| N(3)-Pt(2)-N(4)  | 83.2(5)   |  | N(4)-C(11)-C(12)  | 113.0(8)  |
| O(4)-Pt(2)-N(4)  | 98.6(4)   |  | N(4)-C(11)-C(10)  | 108.4(7)  |
| C(19)-Pt(2)-N(4) | 178.4(6)  |  | C(12)-C(11)-C(10) | 110.1(7)  |
| C(16)-O(4)-Pt(2) | 117.1(8)  |  | C(11)-C(12)-C(13) | 110.4(9)  |
| C(8)-O(17)-Pt(1) | 112.1(7)  |  | C(14)-C(13)-C(12) | 111.6(7)  |
| C(1)-N(1)-Pt(1)  | 106.5(7)  |  | C(13)-C(14)-C(15) | 111.2(7)  |
| C(2)-N(2)-Pt(1)  | 112.0(7)  |  | C(10)-C(15)-C(14) | 109.8(8)  |
| C(10)-N(3)-Pt(2) | 109.5(7)  |  | O(6)-C(16)-O(4)   | 124.6(10) |
| C(11)-N(4)-Pt(2) | 107.7(7)  |  | O(6)-C(16)-C(17)  | 120.9(11) |
| N(1)-C(1)-C(6)   | 115.5(8)  |  | O(4)-C(16)-C(17)  | 114.4(10) |
| N(1)-C(1)-C(2)   | 105.2(7)  |  | O(5)-C(17)-C(19)  | 115.2(10) |
| C(6)-C(1)-C(2)   | 111.3(7)  |  | O(5)-C(17)-C(16)  | 110.8(10) |
| N(2)-C(2)-C(3)   | 112.3(8)  |  | C(19)-C(17)-C(16) | 112.1(10) |
| N(2)-C(2)-C(1)   | 107.1(7)  |  | O(9)-C(18)-O(8)   | 122.0(11) |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(1)   | 111.7(7)  |  | O(9)-C(18)-C(19)  | 123.5(11) |
| C(2)-C(3)-C(4)   | 111.0(8)  |  | O(8)-C(18)-C(19)  | 114.4(12) |
| C(5)-C(4)-C(3)   | 109.5(7)  |  | C(18)-C(19)-C(17) | 113.7(13) |
| C(6)-C(5)-C(4)   | 112.9(7)  |  | C(18)-C(19)-Pt(2) | 101.4(8)  |
| C(5)-C(6)-C(1)   | 109.6(8)  |  | C(17)-C(19)-Pt(2) | 106.9(8)  |
| O(2)-C(7)-C(9)   | 115.6(10) |  | O(16)-C(20)-O(11) | 123.9(12) |
| O(2)-C(7)-C(8)   | 112.1(9)  |  | O(16)-C(20)-C(9)  | 123.8(11) |
| C(9)-C(7)-C(8)   | 113.0(10) |  | O(11)-C(20)-C(9)  | 112.3(12) |