

Dinuclear NHC-gold(I)-thiolato and -alkynyl complexes: synthesis, anticancer activity, and catalytic activity in lactonization reactions

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X-ray Crystallography

The crystal that was of suitable quality for single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow vapor diffusion of the antisolvent (pentane) into saturated solutions of the complexes (in dichloromethane) at 4 °C. CCDC 2341052 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures.

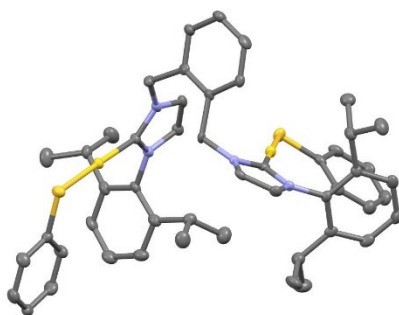


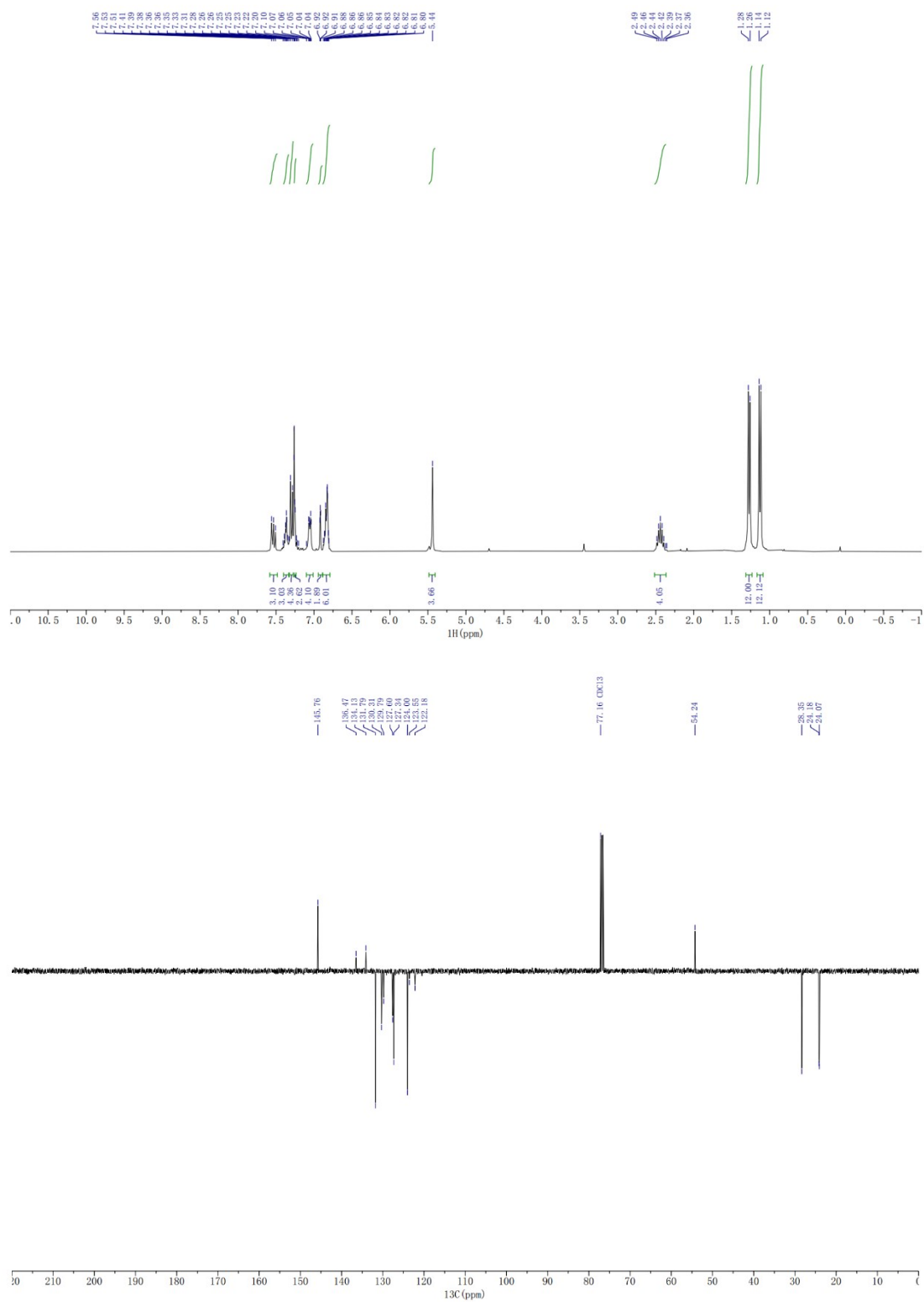
Figure S1 X-ray molecular structure of **2a**, showing thermal displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for **2a**

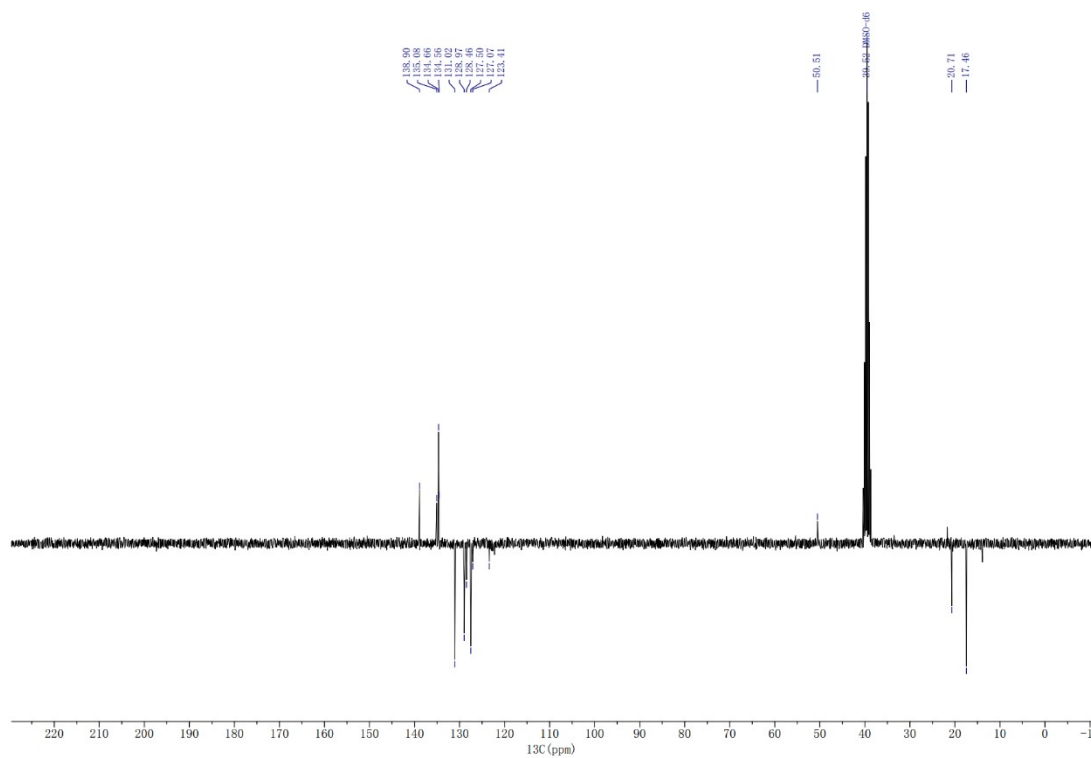
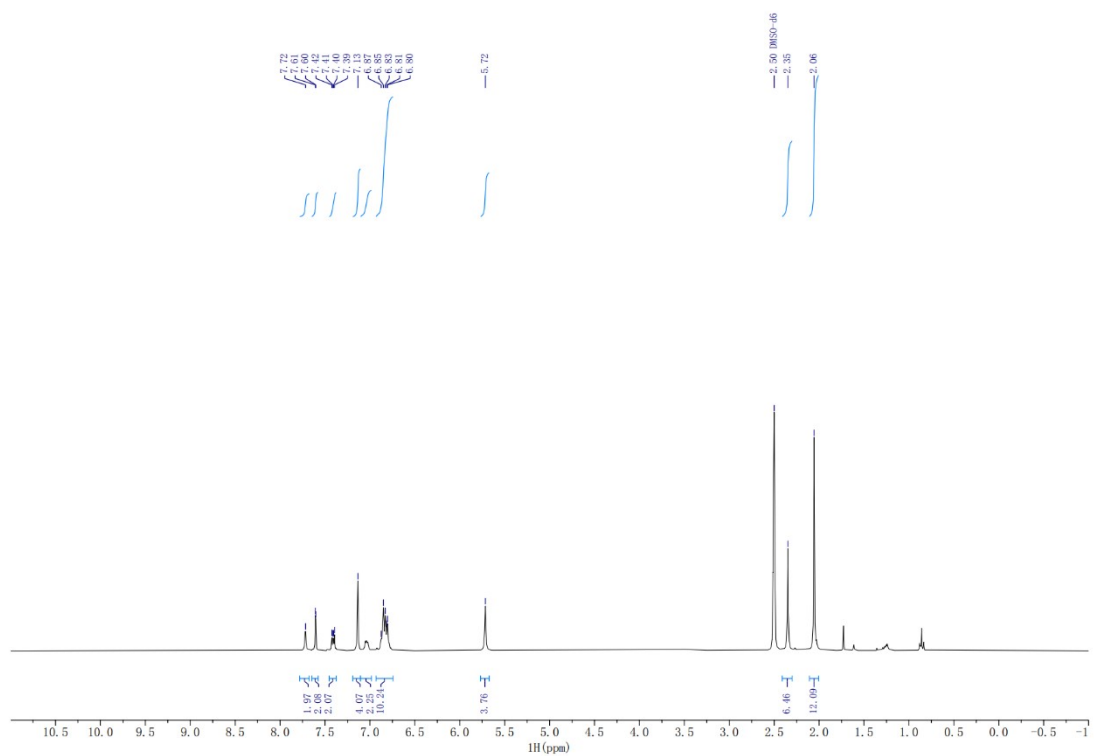
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Empirical formula	C ₅₀ H ₅₆ Au ₂ N ₄ S ₂
Formula weight	1171.04
Temperature/K	100(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	9.7037(2)
b/Å	14.9460(4)
c/Å	16.9881(5)
α /°	110.305(2)
β /°	101.236(2)
γ /°	92.613(2)
Volume/Å ³	3 2249.19(11)
Z	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.729
μ/mm^{-1}	6.647
F(000)	1148.0

Crystal size/mm ³	0.35 × 0.26 × 0.07
Radiation	Mo Kα(λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	5.148 to 57.522
Index ranges	-13 ≤ h ≤ 12, -19 ≤ k ≤ 20, -20 ≤ l ≤ 22
Reflections collected	44349
Independent reflections	10251 [Rint = 0.0727, Rsigma = 0.0691]
Data/restraints/parameters	10251/6/531
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.027
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0384, wR ₂ = 0.0683
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0592, wR ₂ = 0.0767
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ 2.00/-1.43	

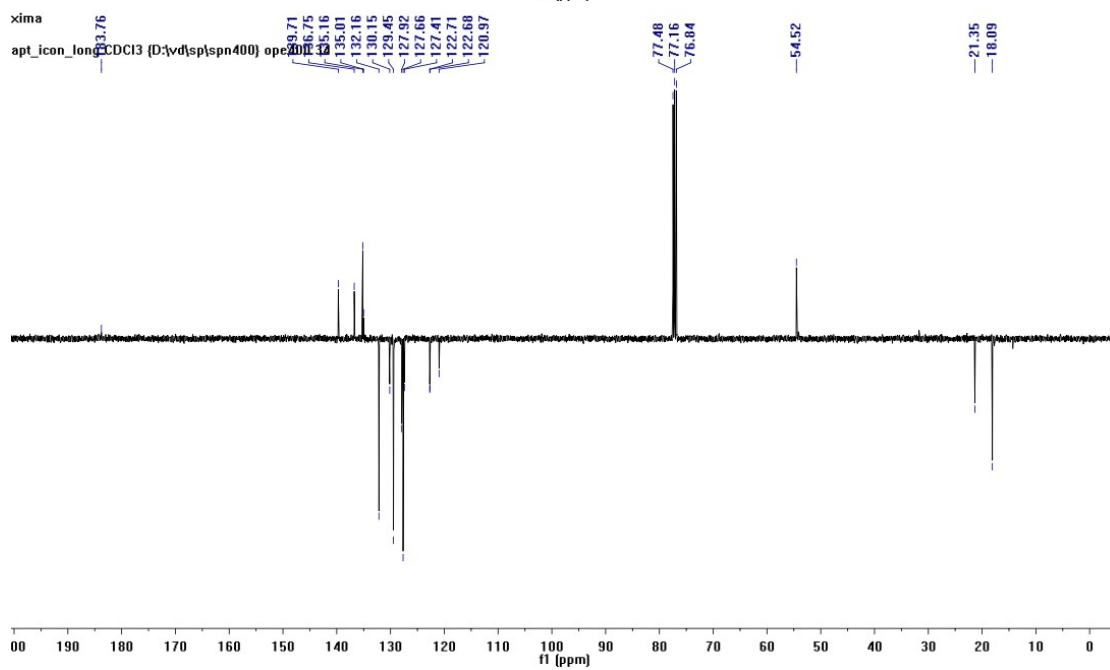
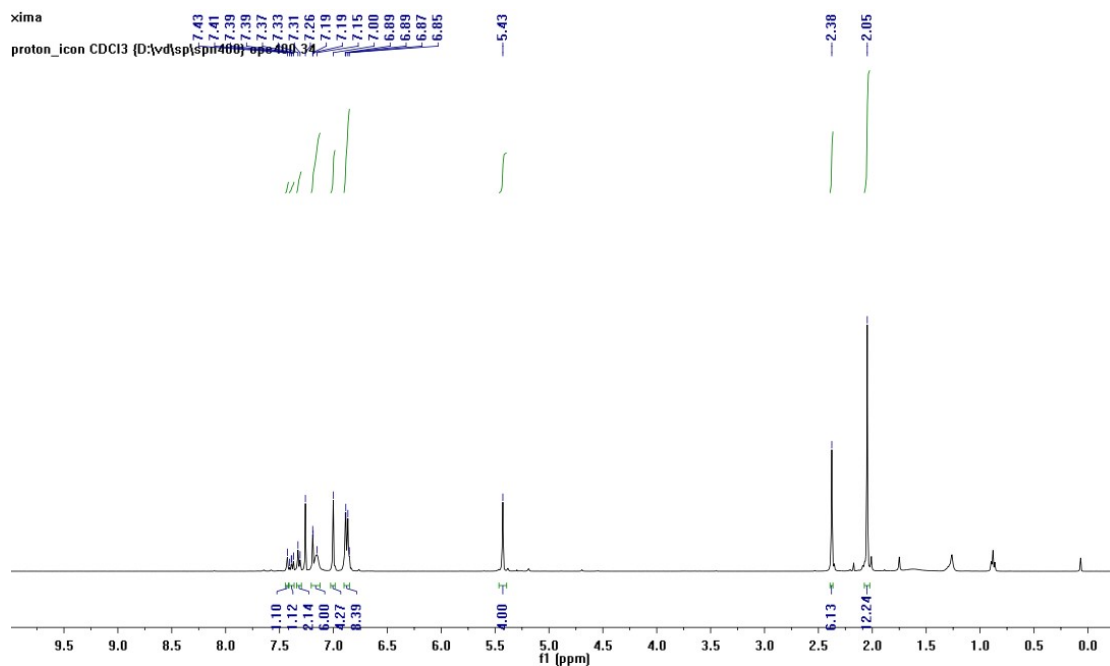
^1H , ^{13}C { ^1H } apt of $[(\text{IPr})^m\text{-xylene}(\text{AuSPh})_2]$ (**2b**)

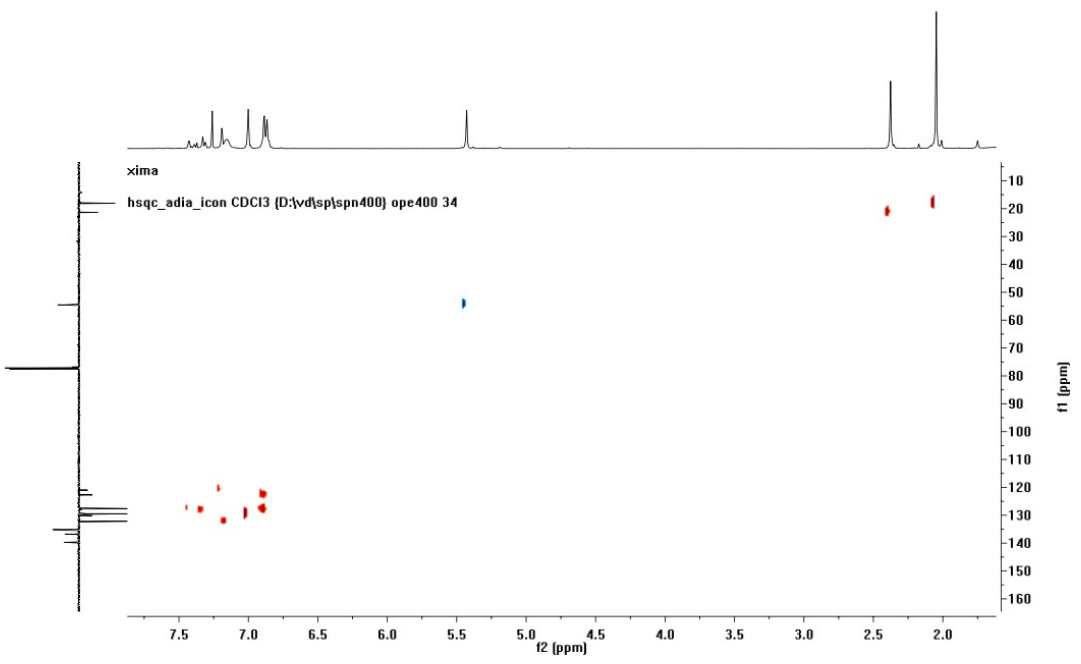
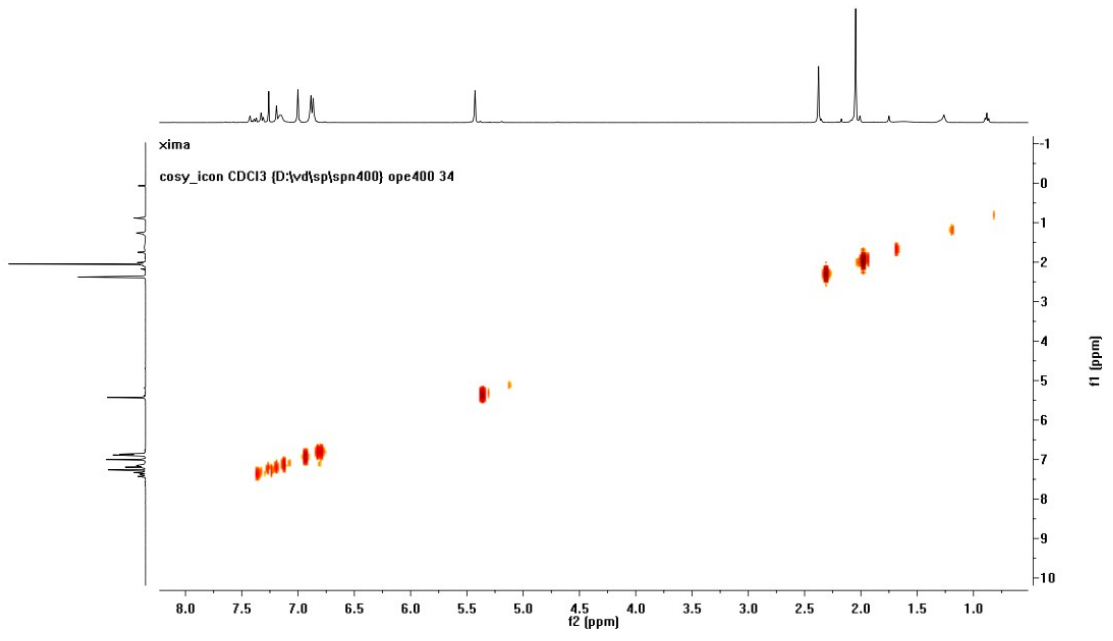


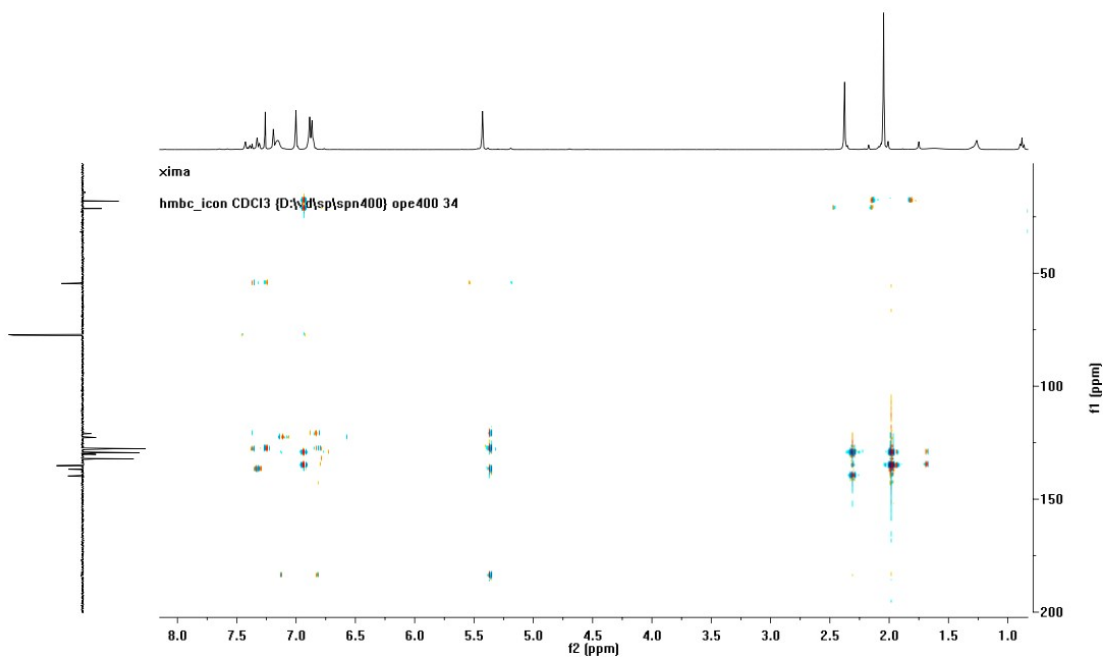
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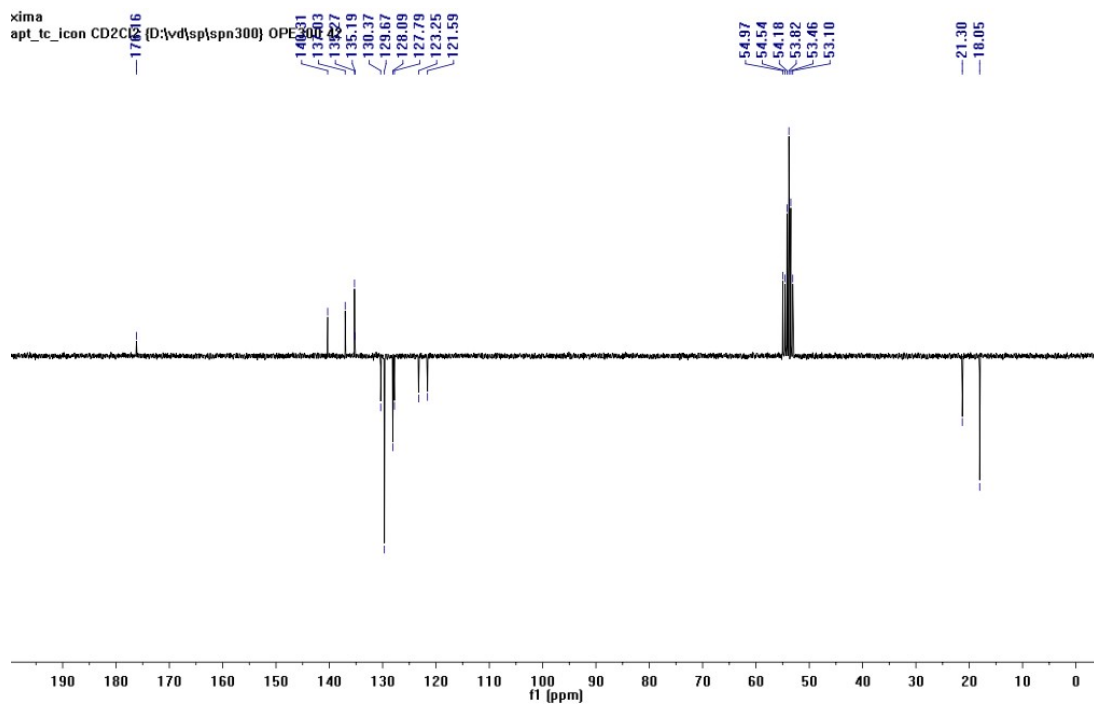
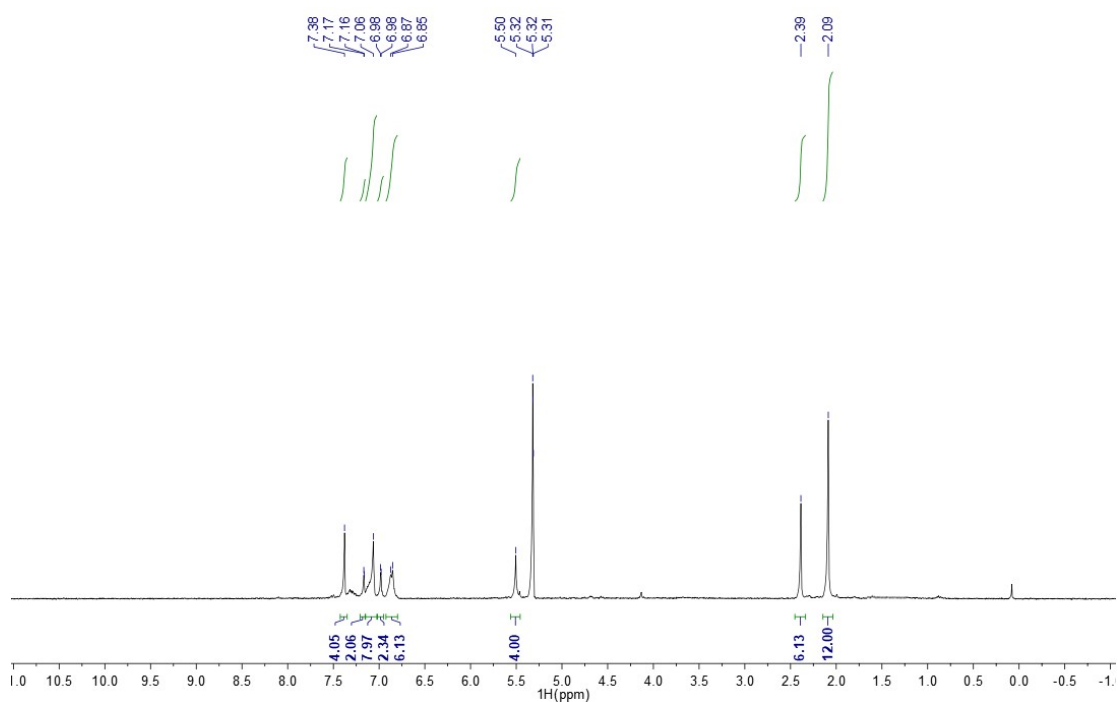
^1H , ^{13}C { ^1H } apt and 2D NMR of [(IMes) m -xylene(AuSPh) $_2$] (2d)



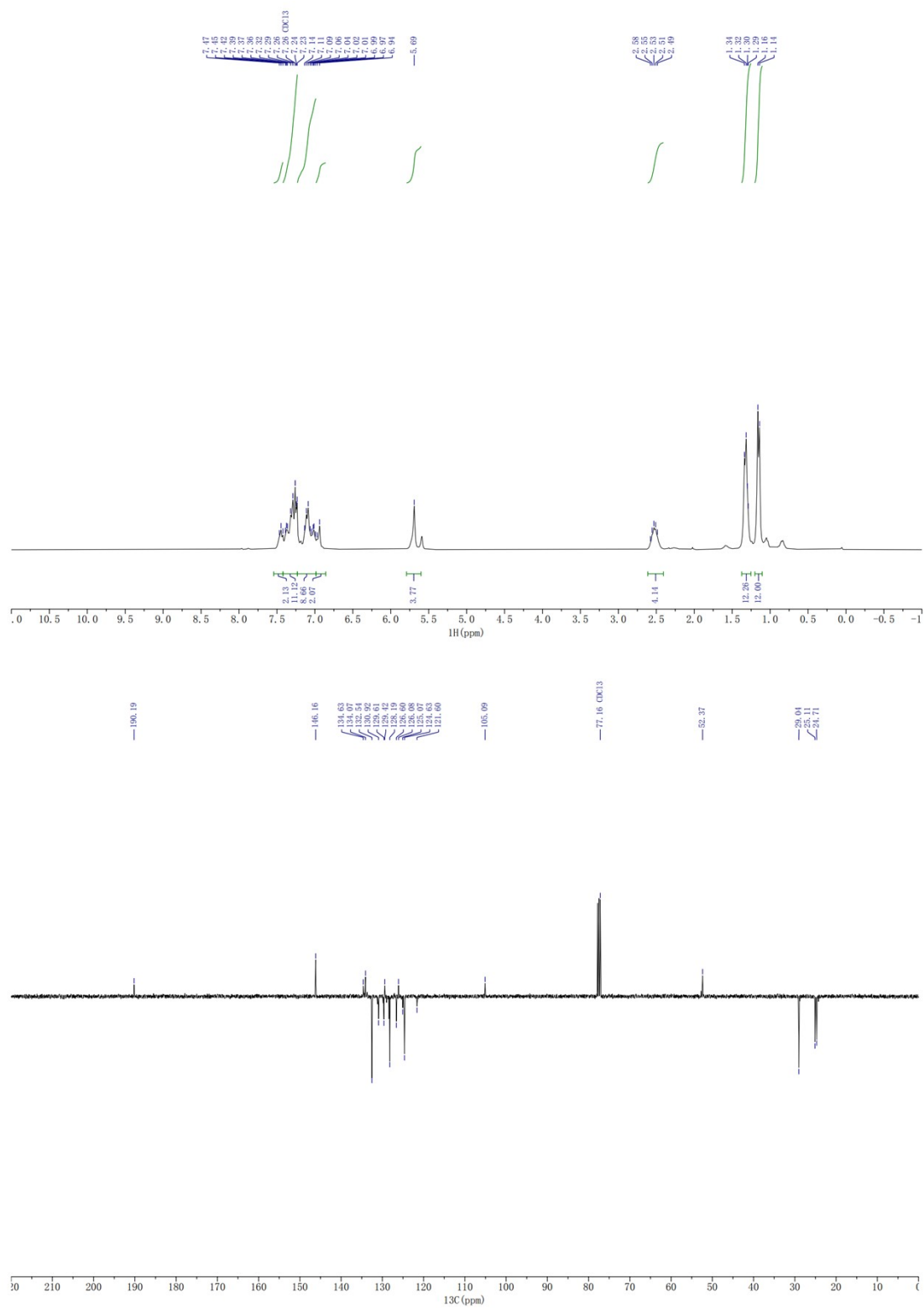




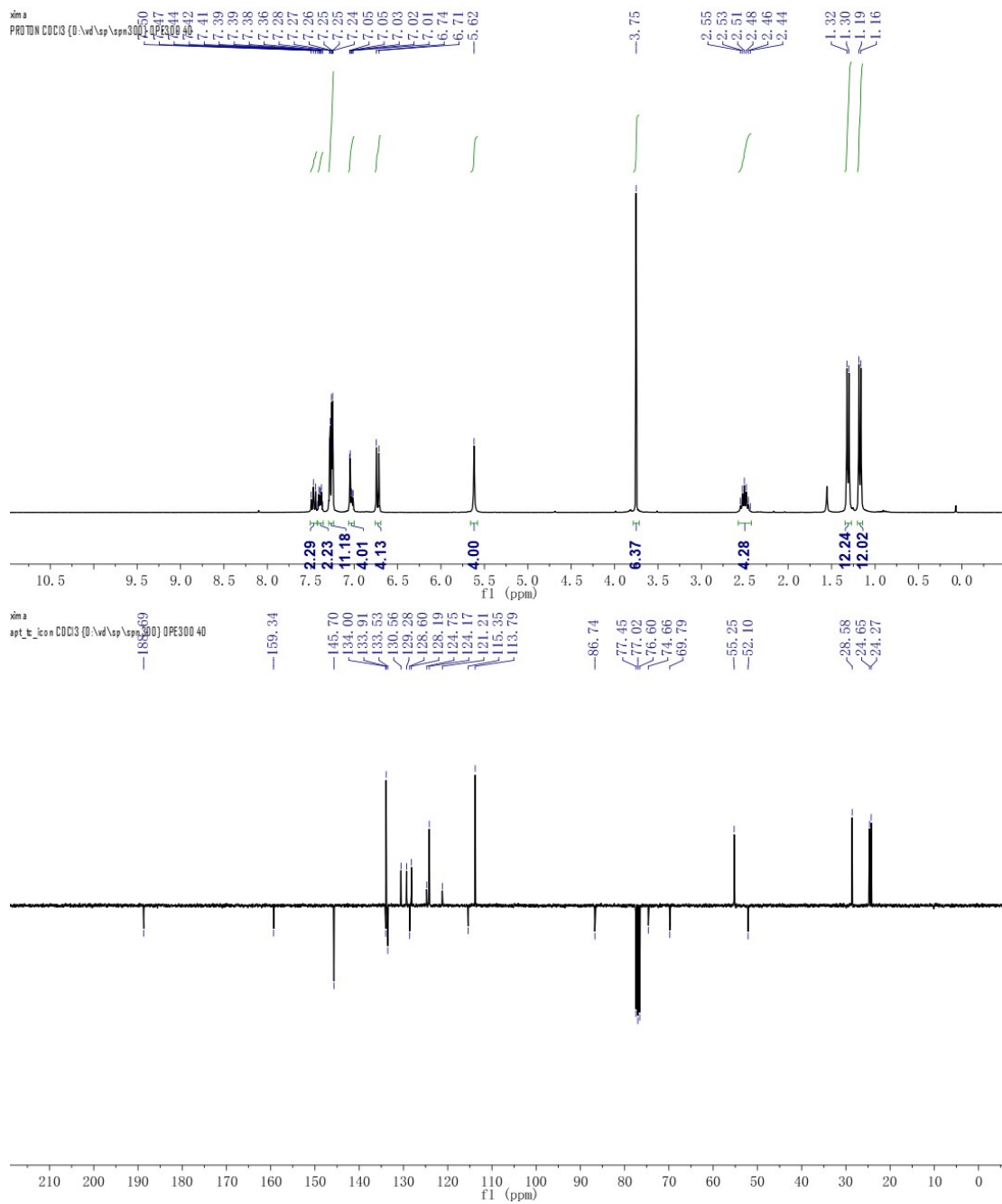
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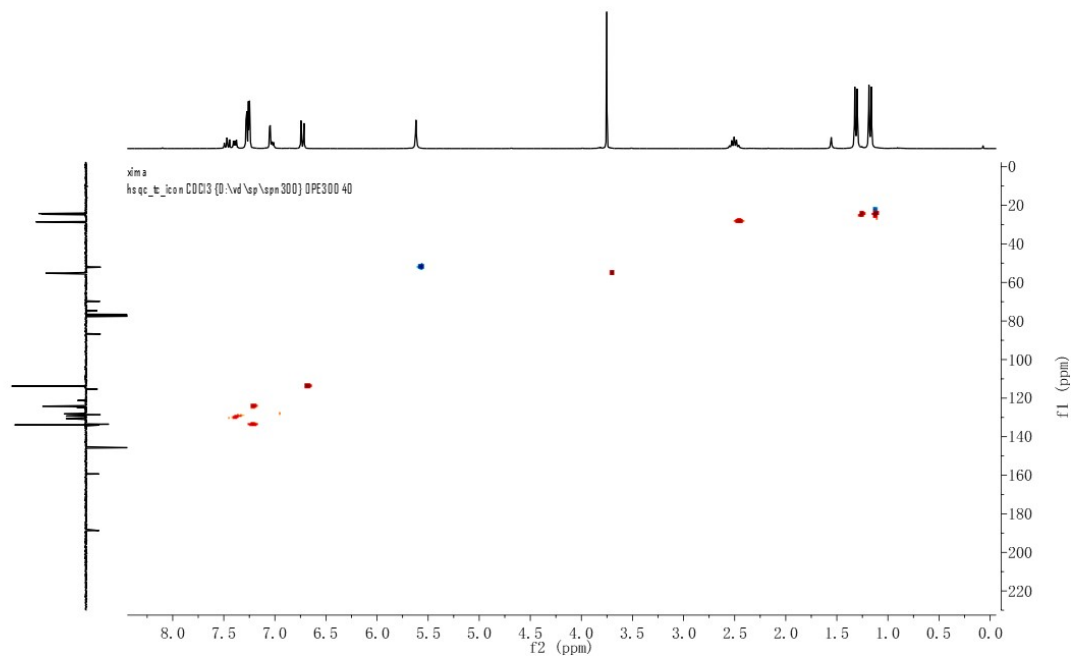
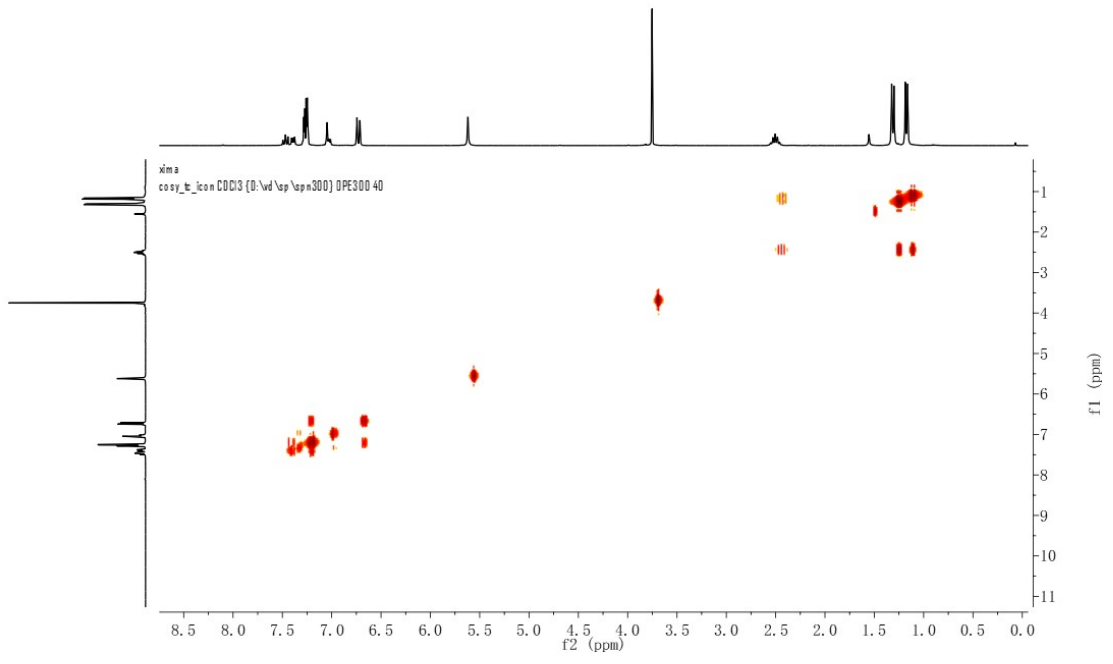


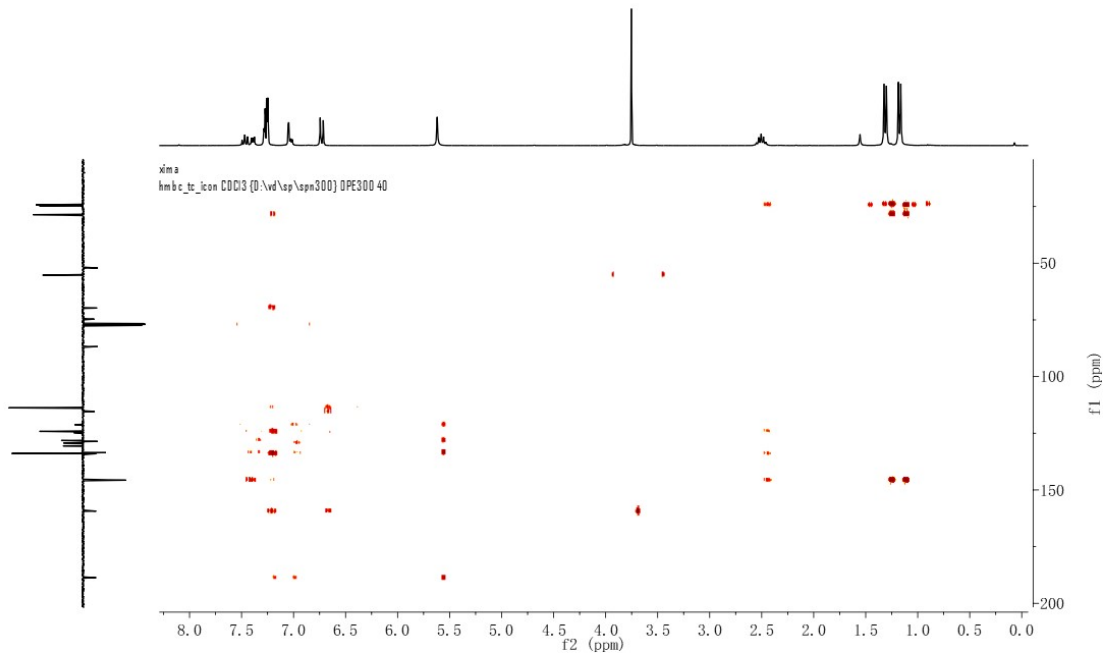
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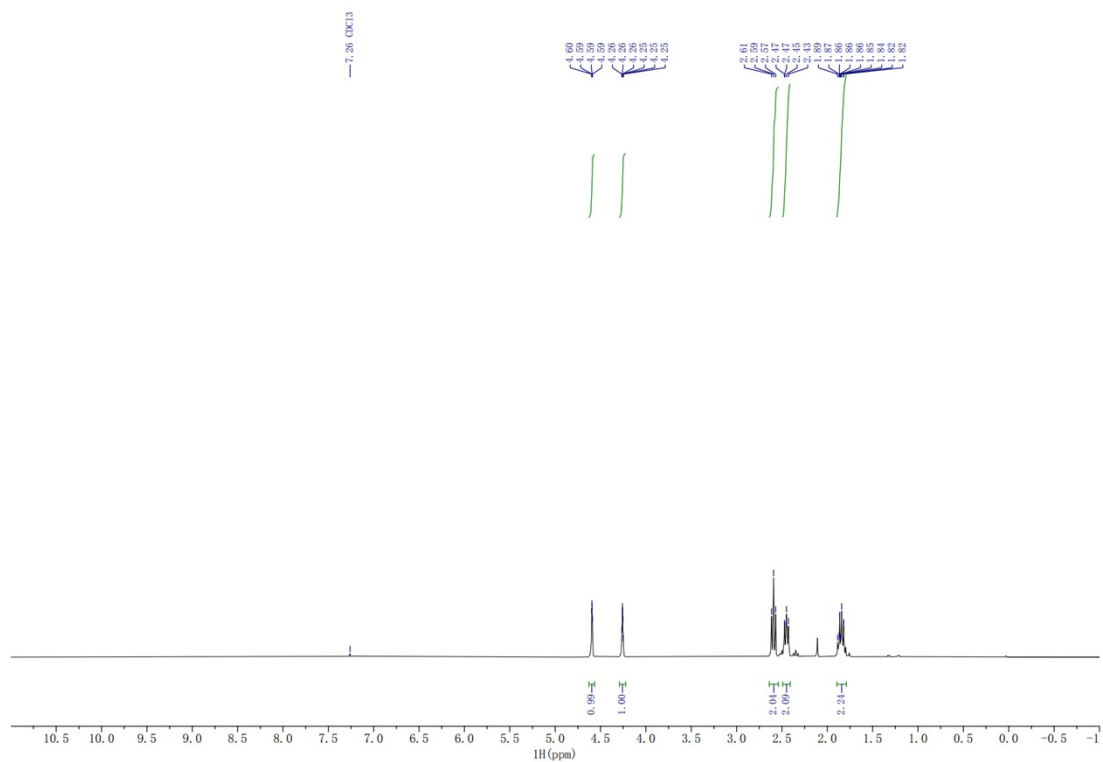
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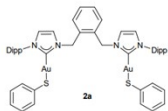


^1H NMR of alkynoic acid (4)¹

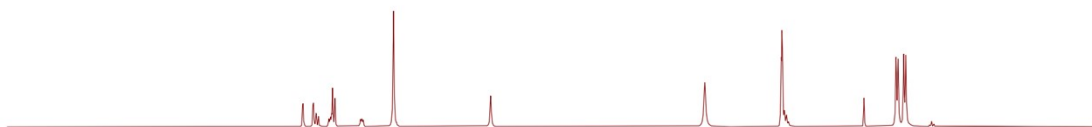


Stability studies of complexes 2a-e in DMSO-d₆

2a, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆)
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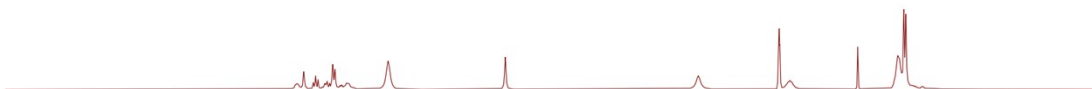
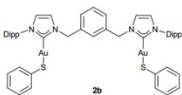


2a, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆)
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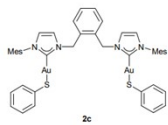


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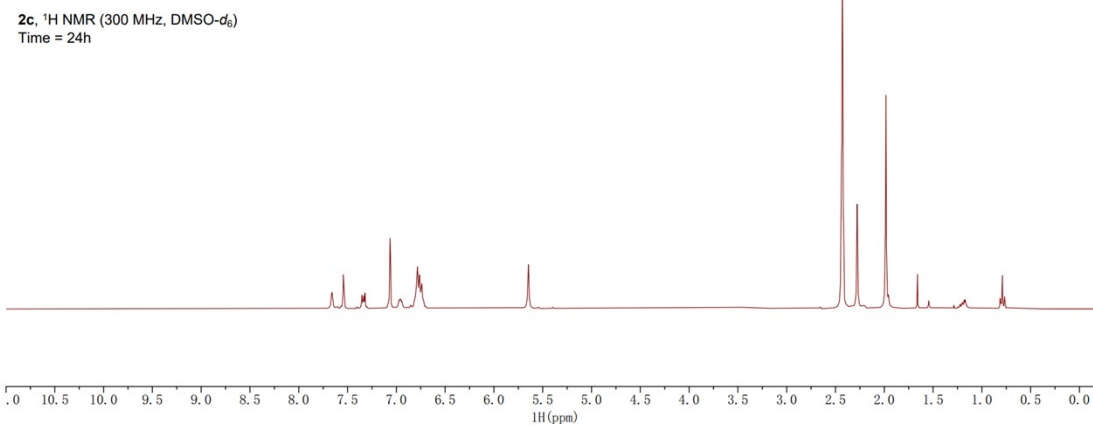


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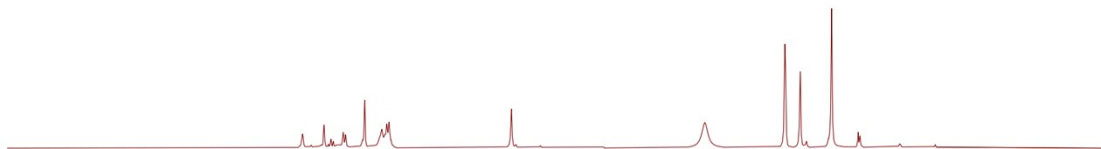
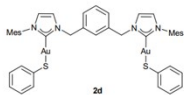
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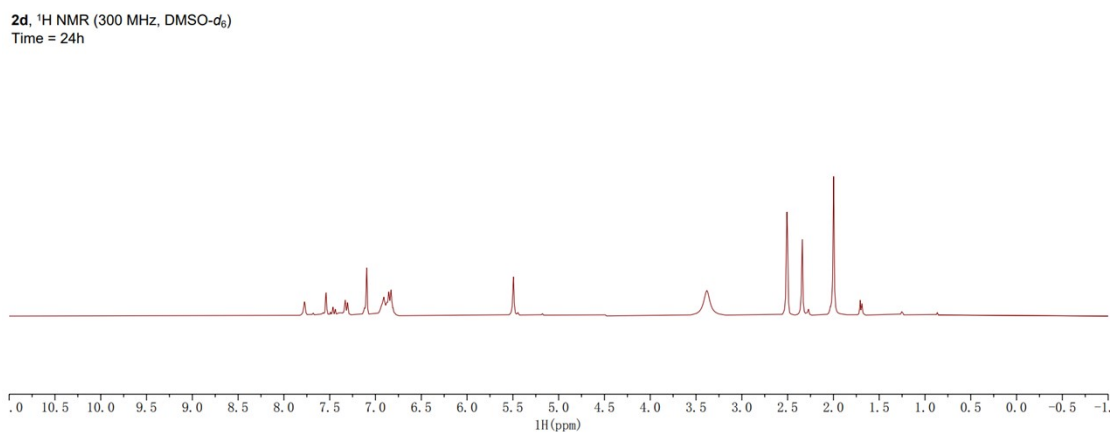
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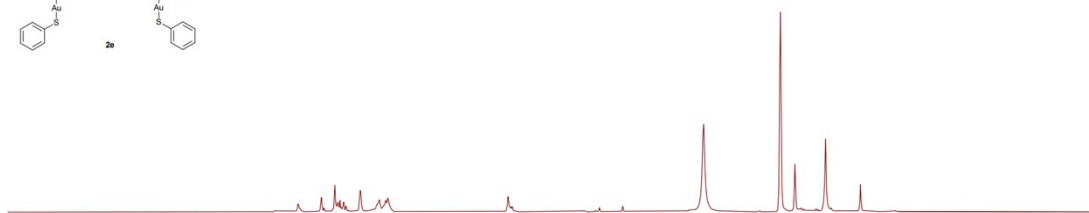
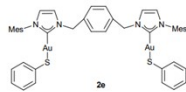
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2d, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)
Time = 24h



2e, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)
Time = 0h



2e, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)
Time = 24h



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¹H (ppm)

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