

## Supporting Information

### Novel non-symmetric POCOP-Ni(II) pincer complexes derived from 2,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde

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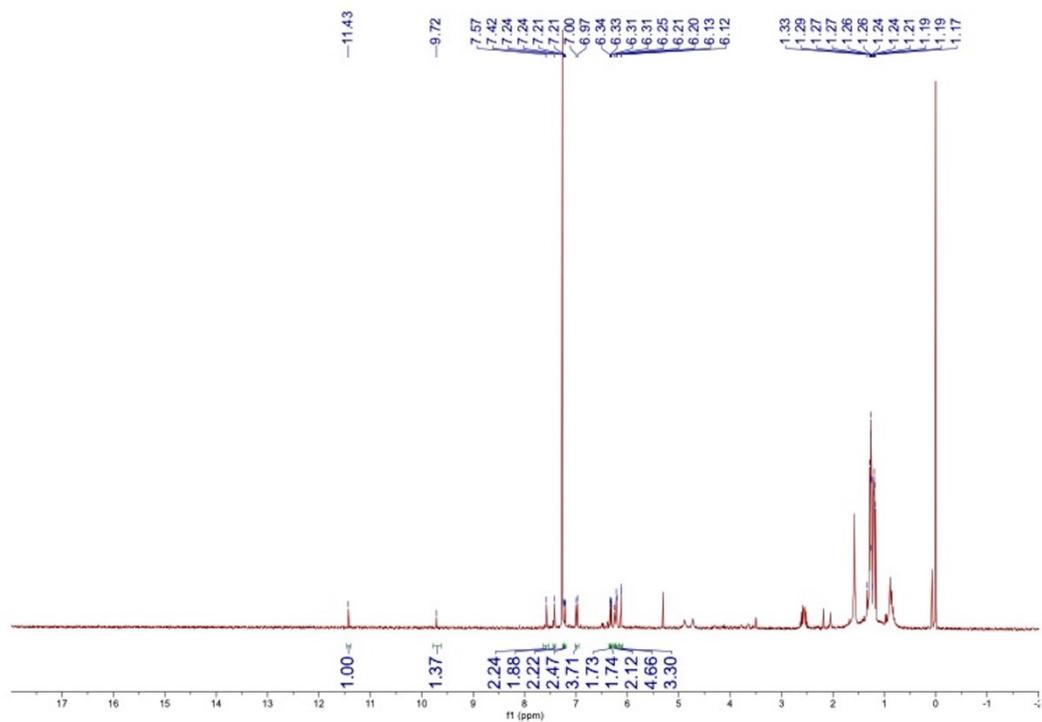
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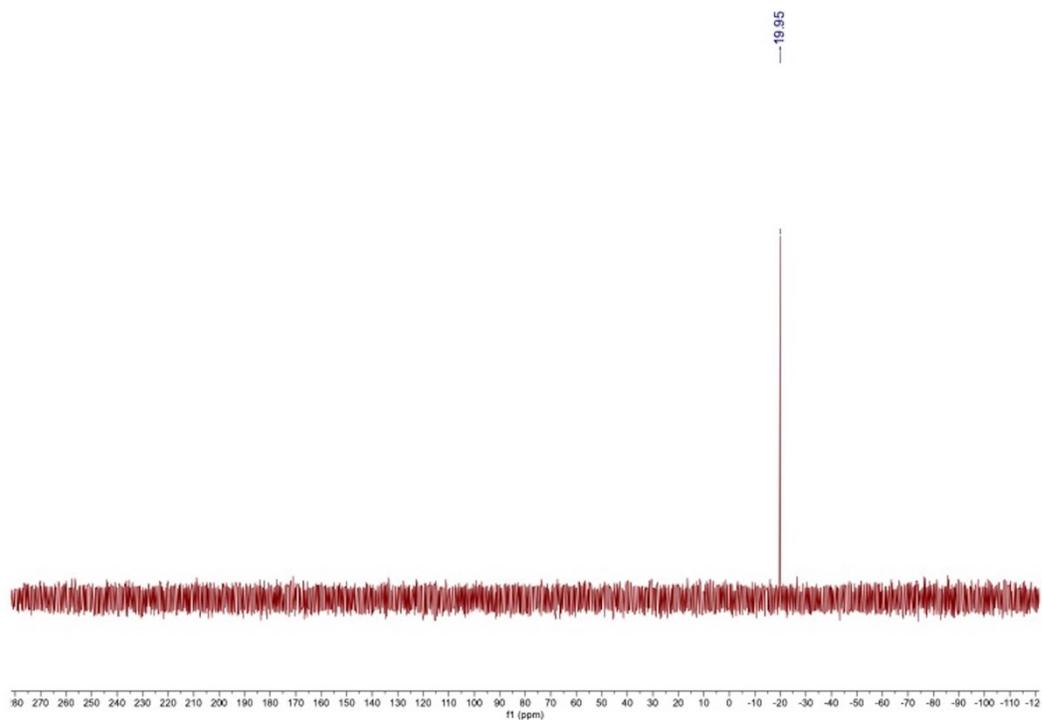
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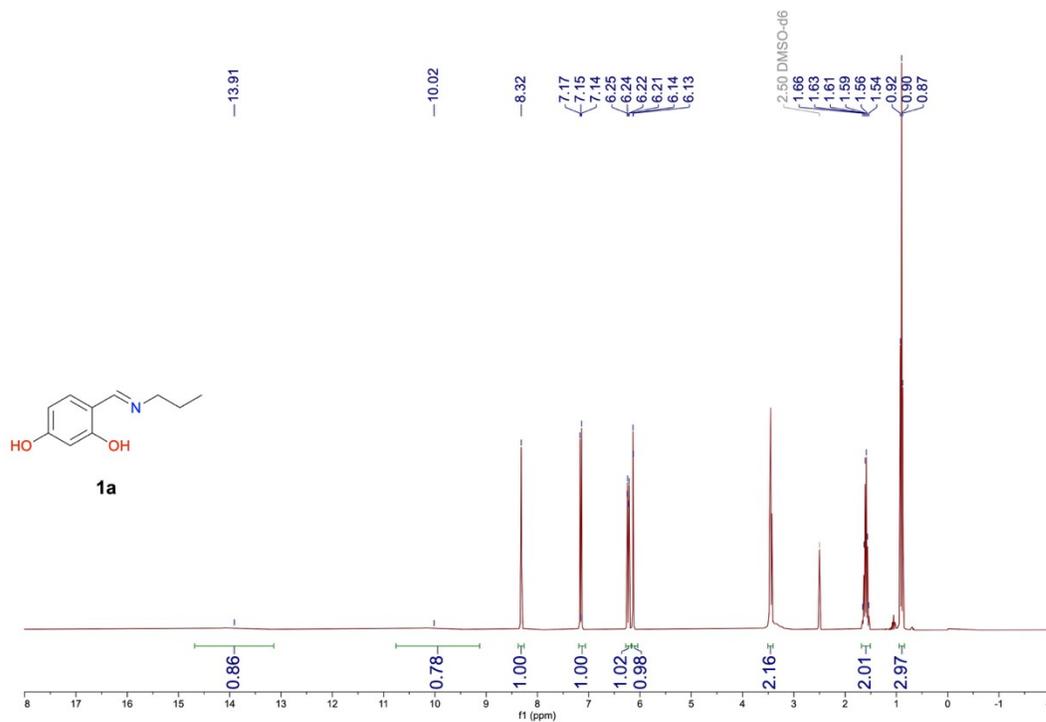
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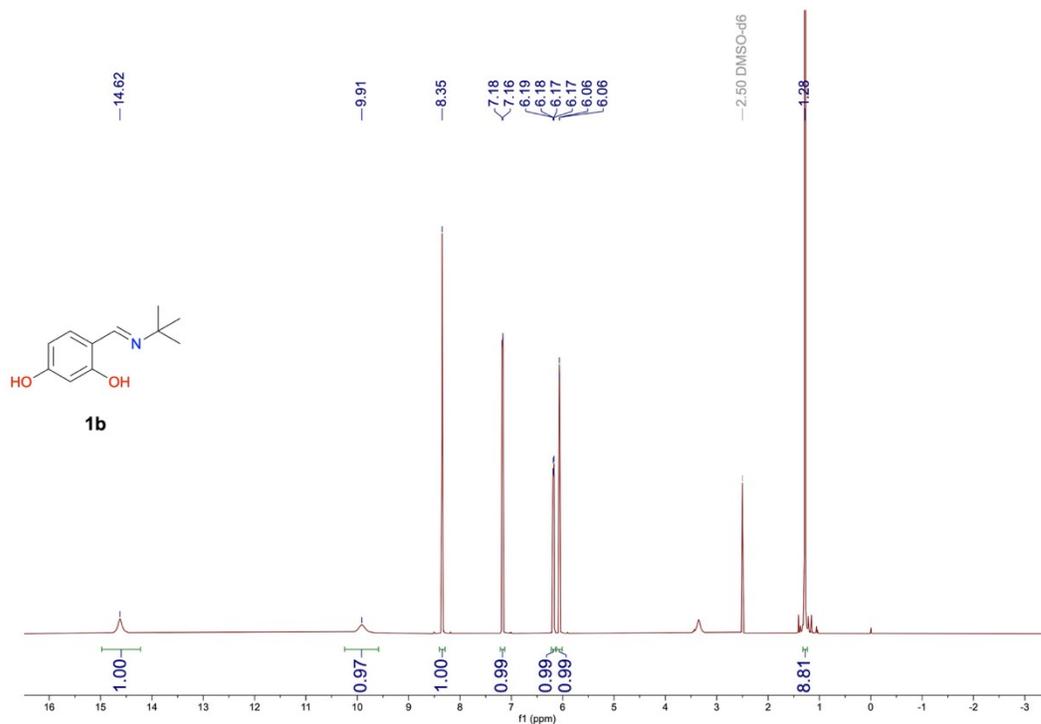
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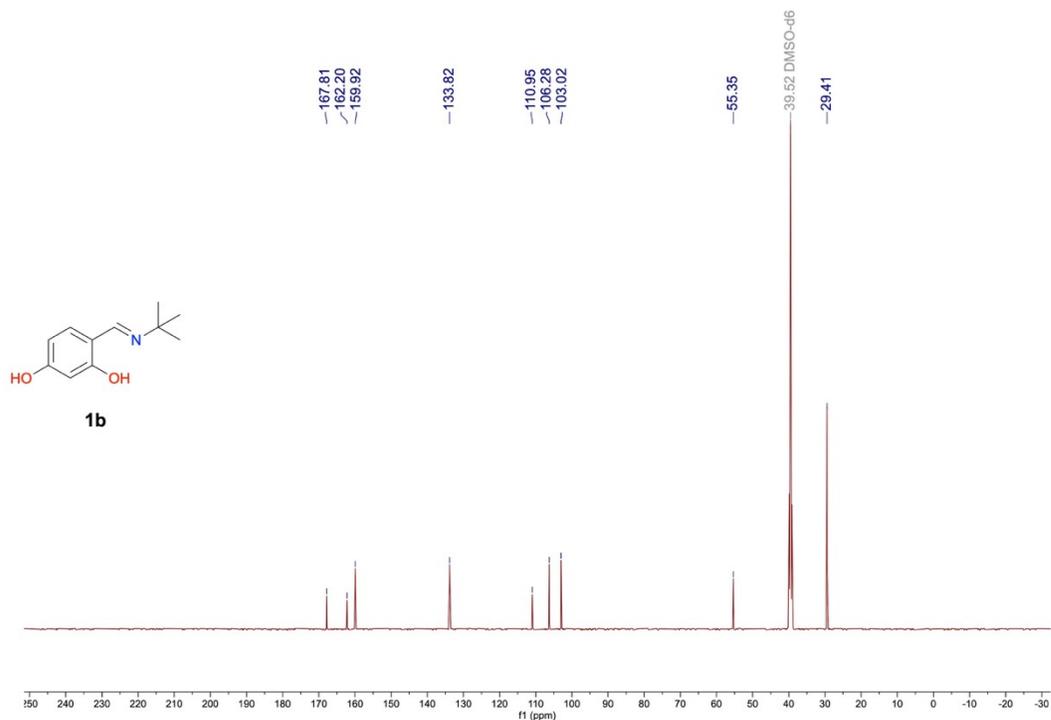
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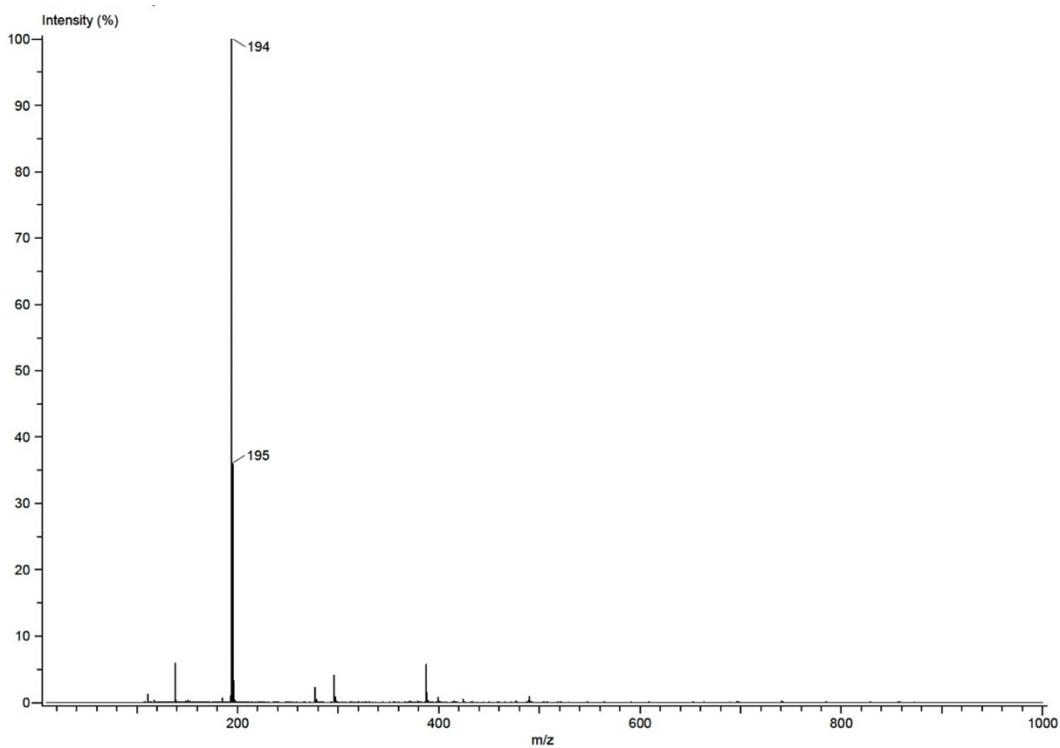
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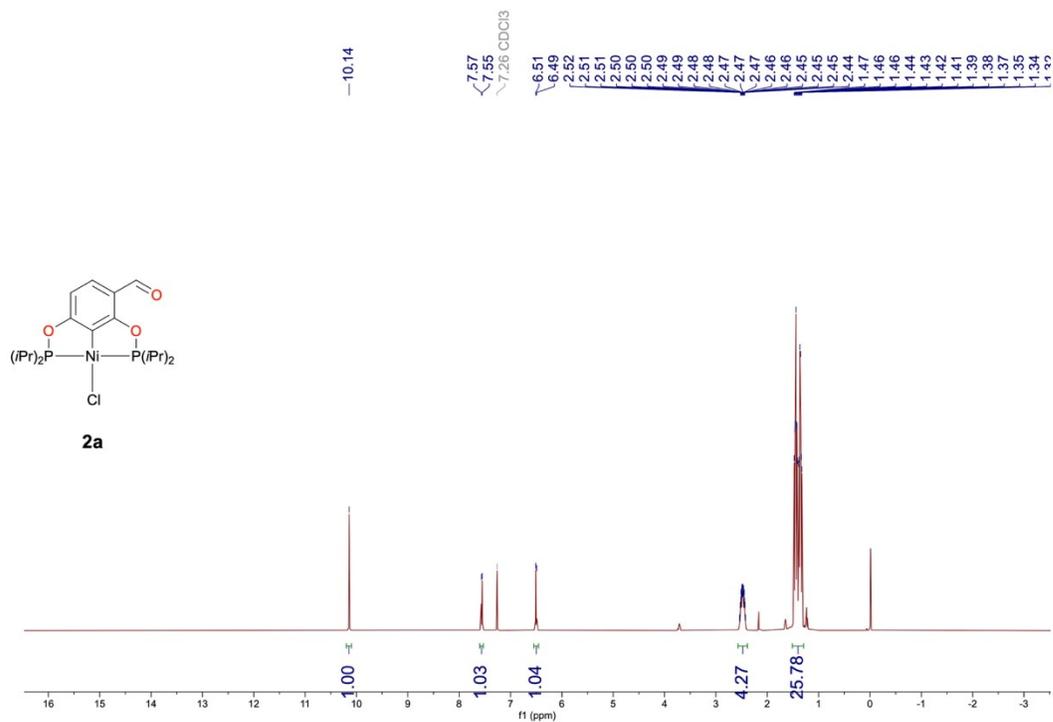


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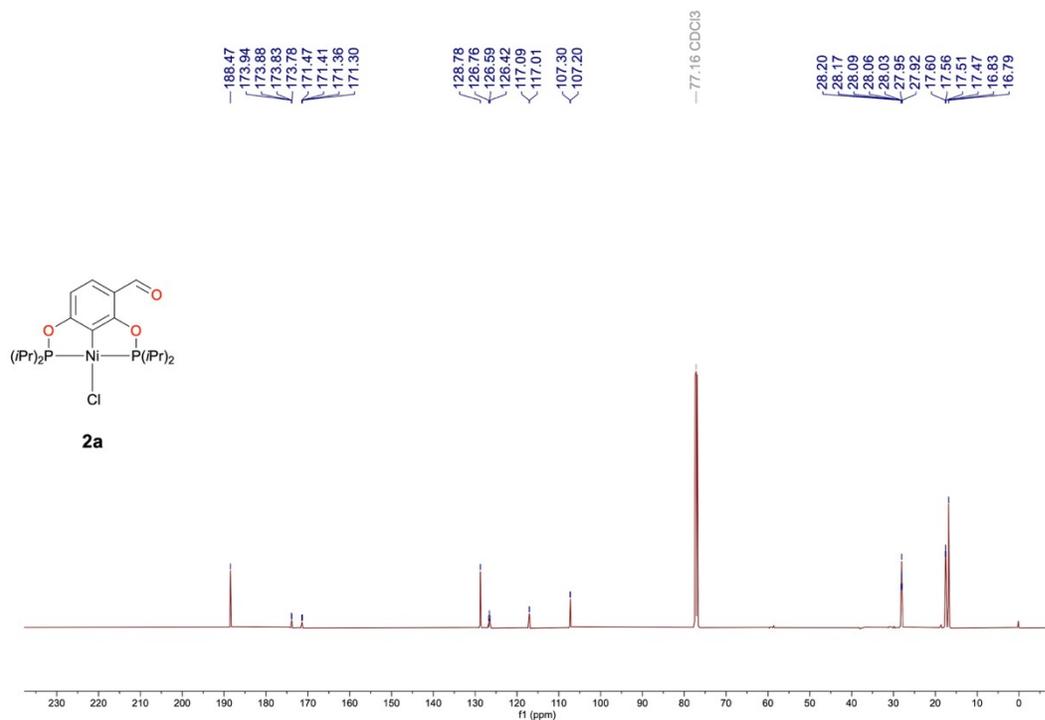


**Figure S6.** DART<sup>+</sup> mass spectrum of compound **1b**

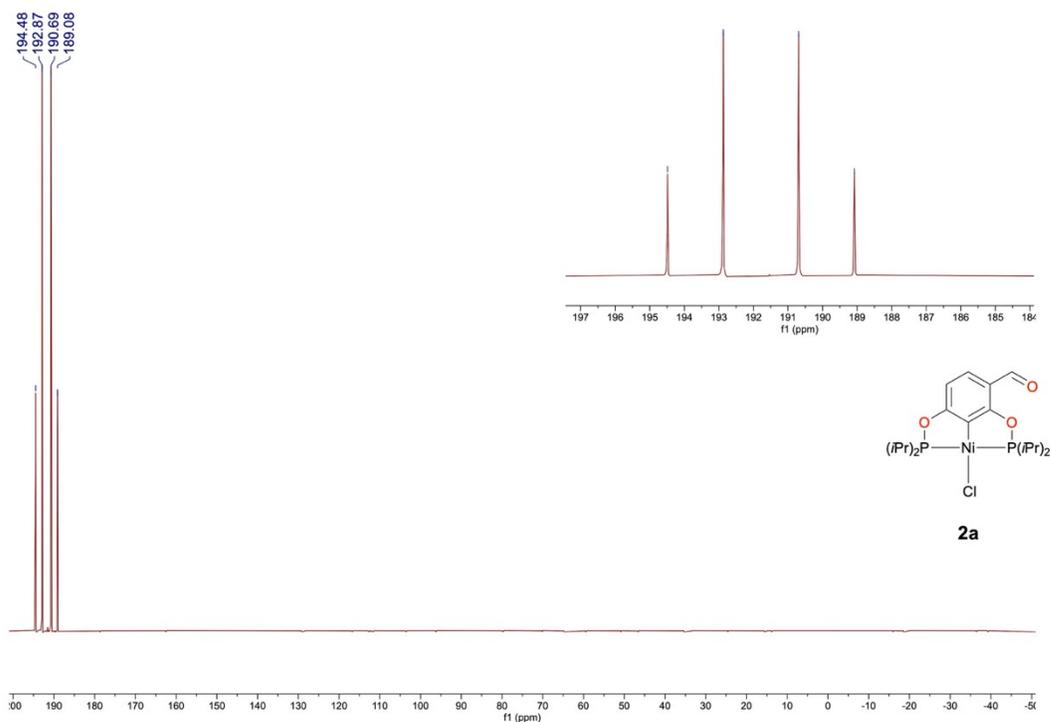
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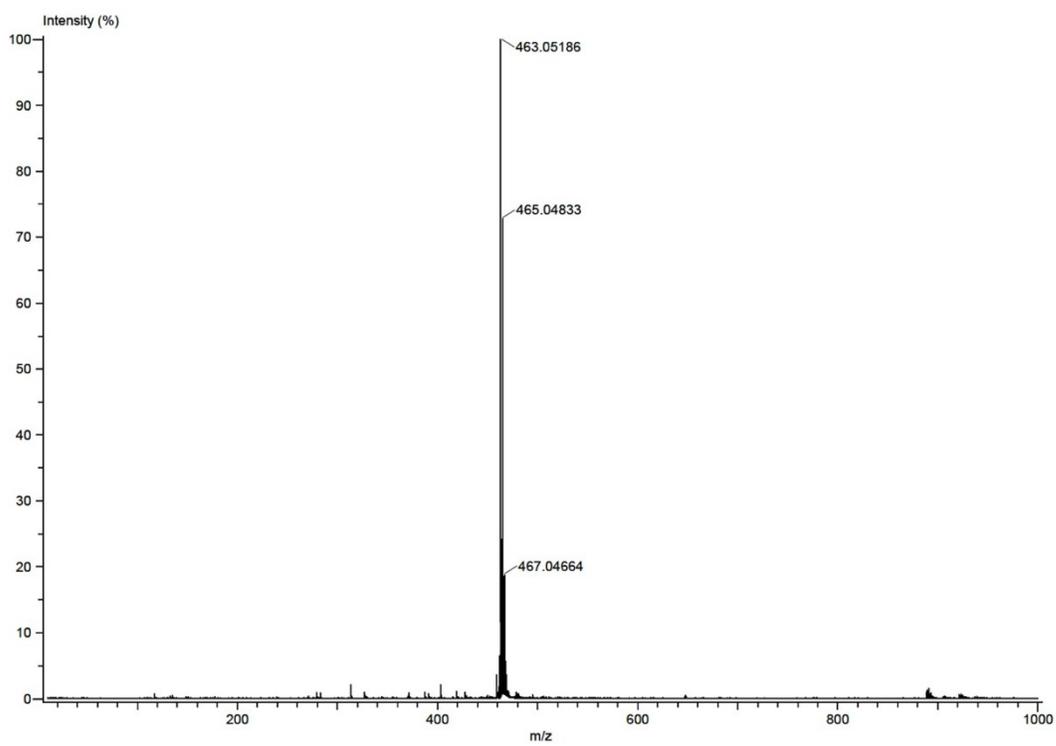
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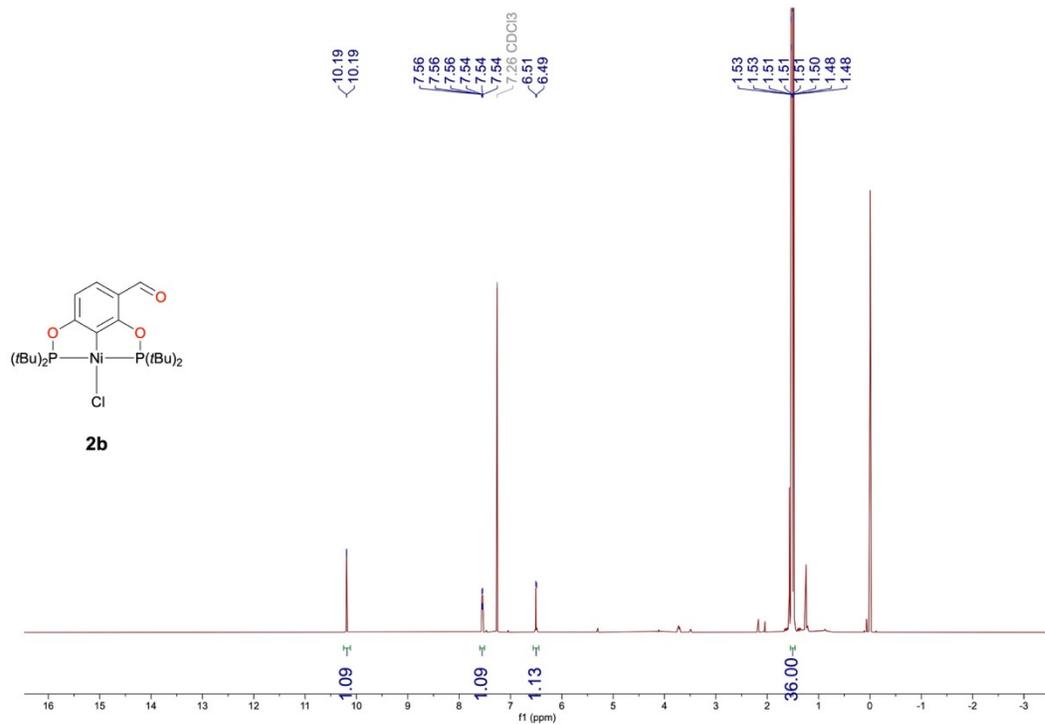
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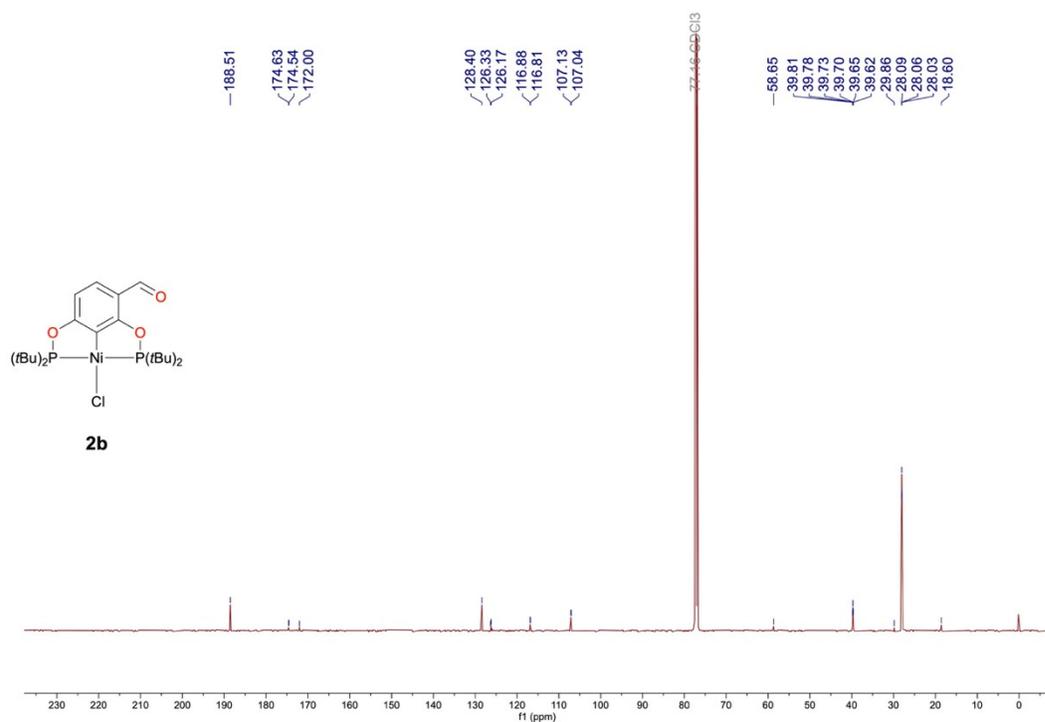
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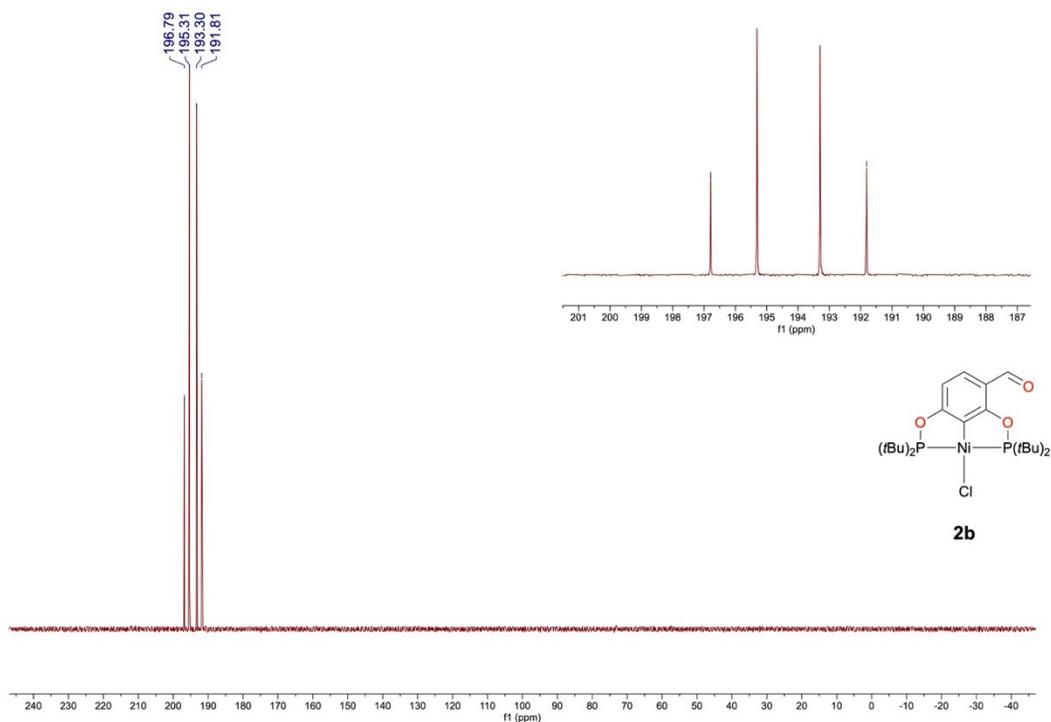
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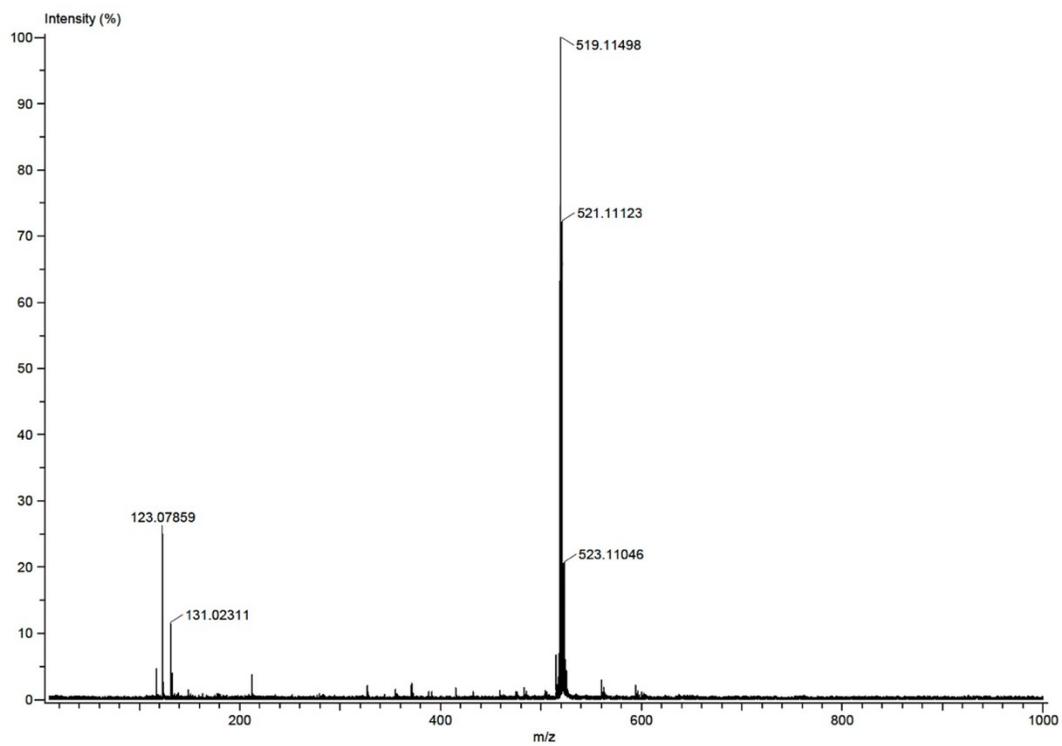
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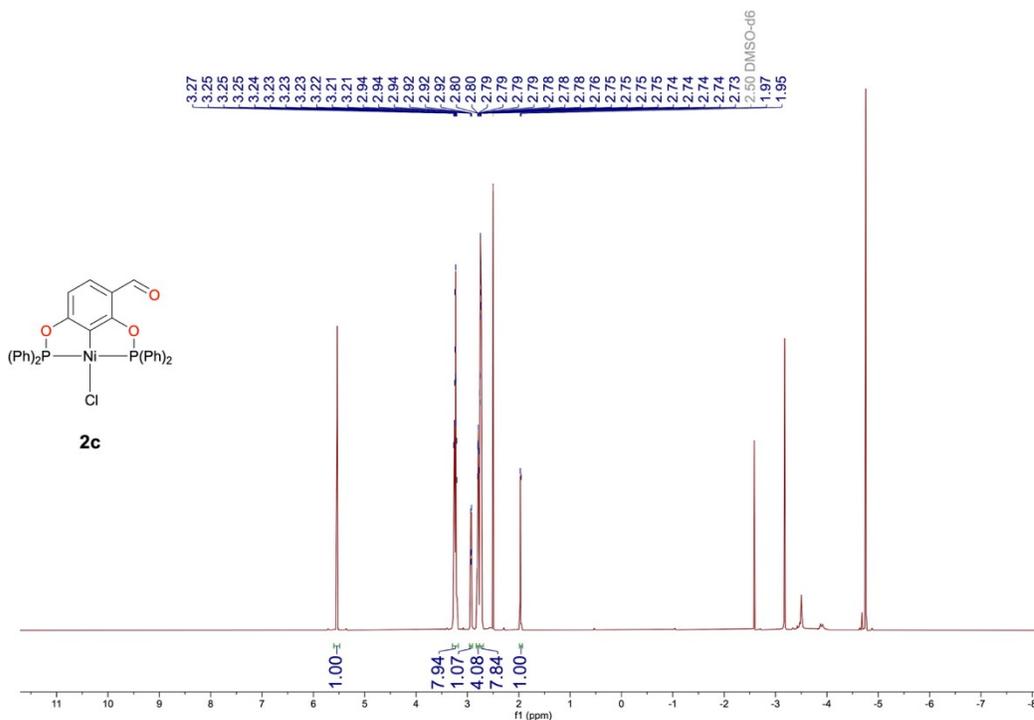
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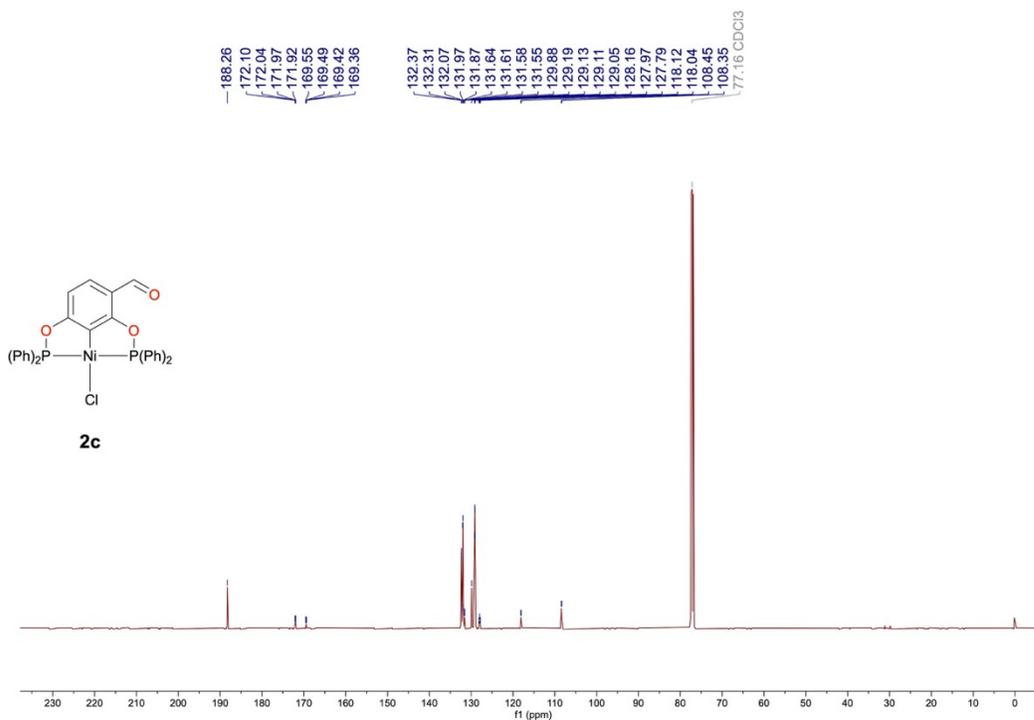
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**Figure S14.** DART $^+$  mass spectrum of compound **2b**



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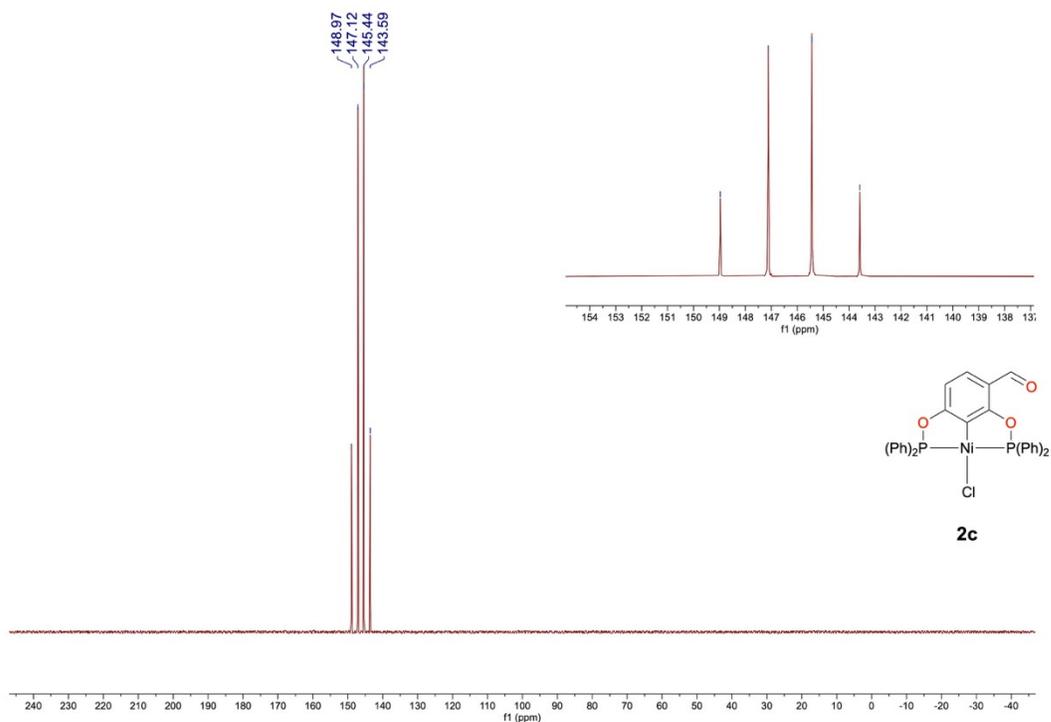


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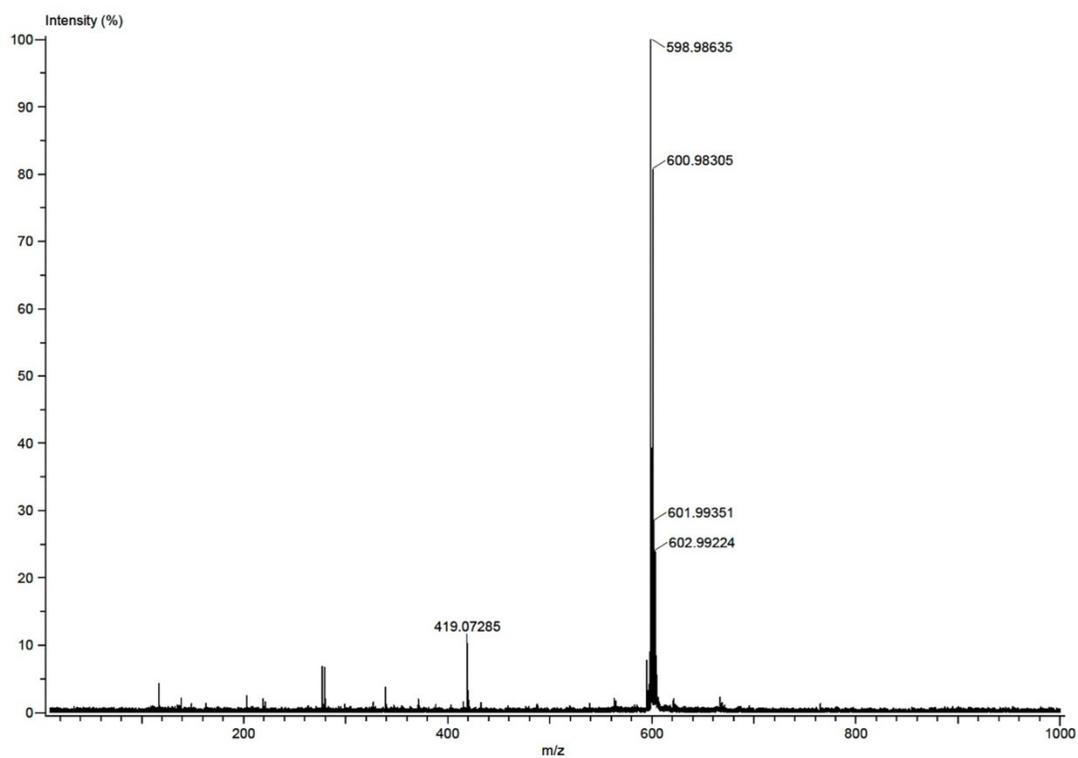


Figure S18. DART<sup>+</sup> mass spectrum of compound **2c**

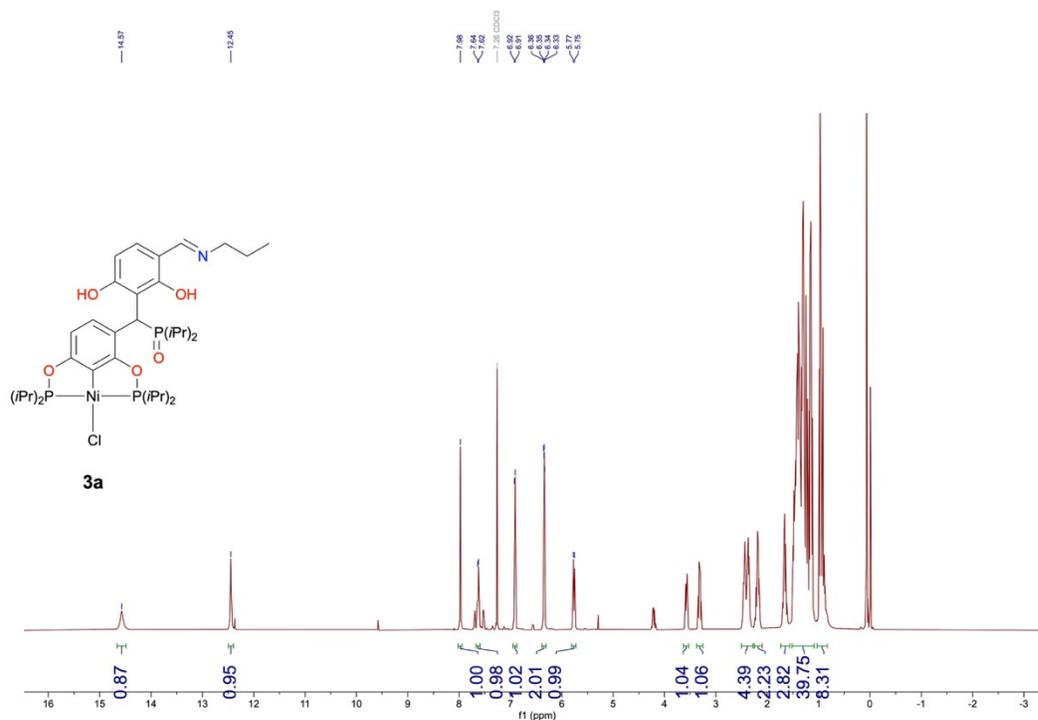


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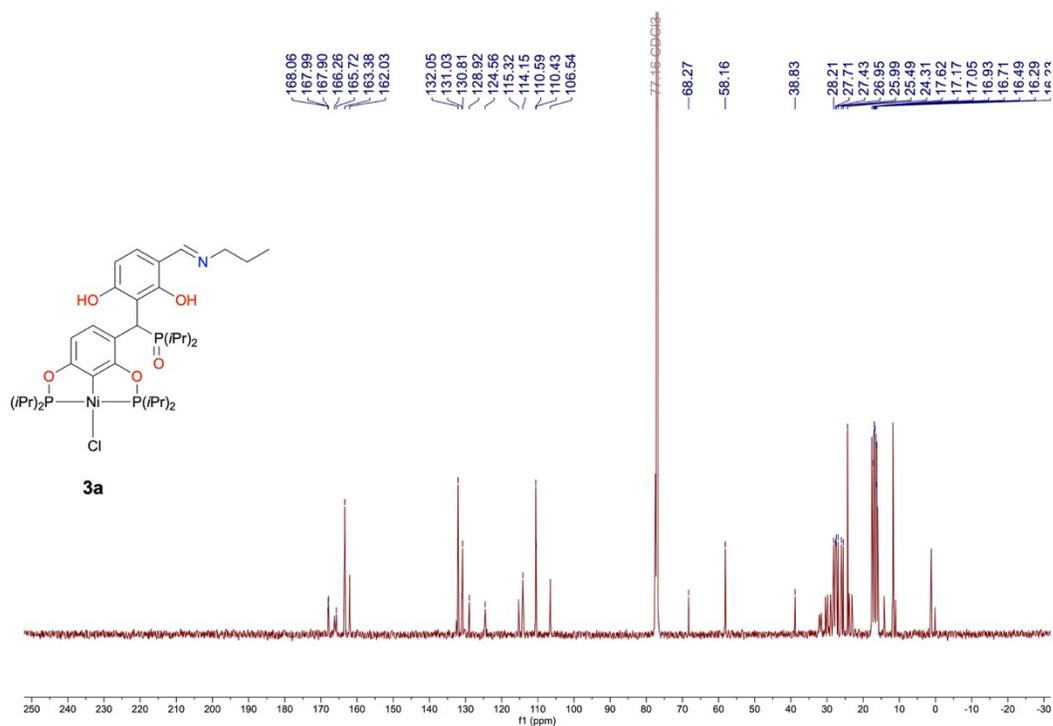
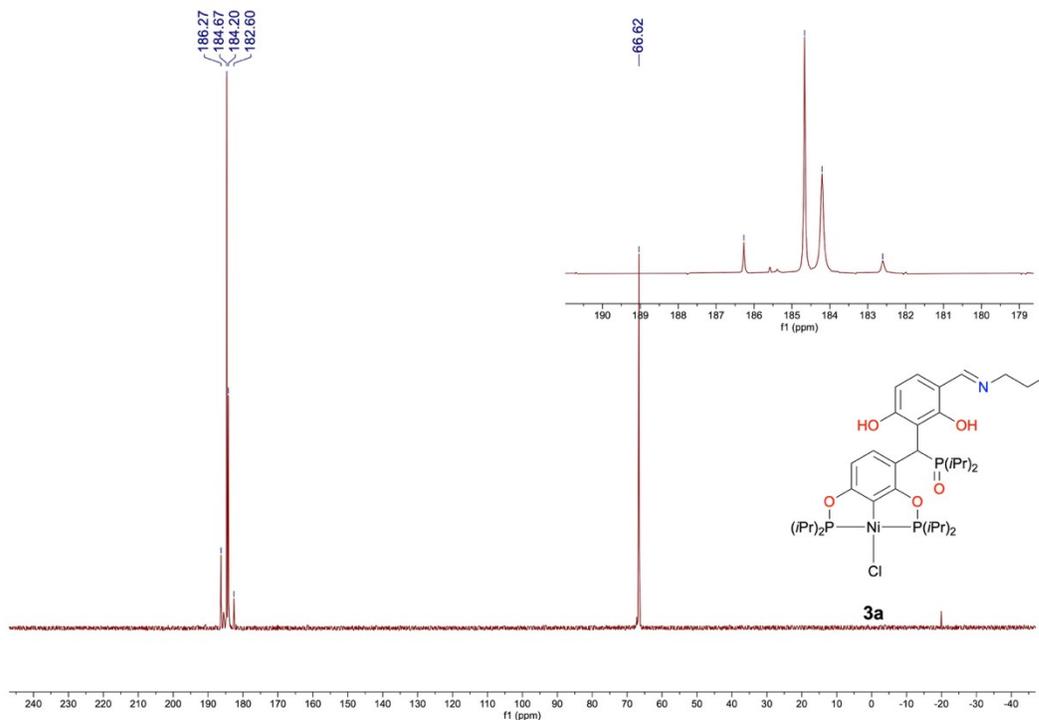
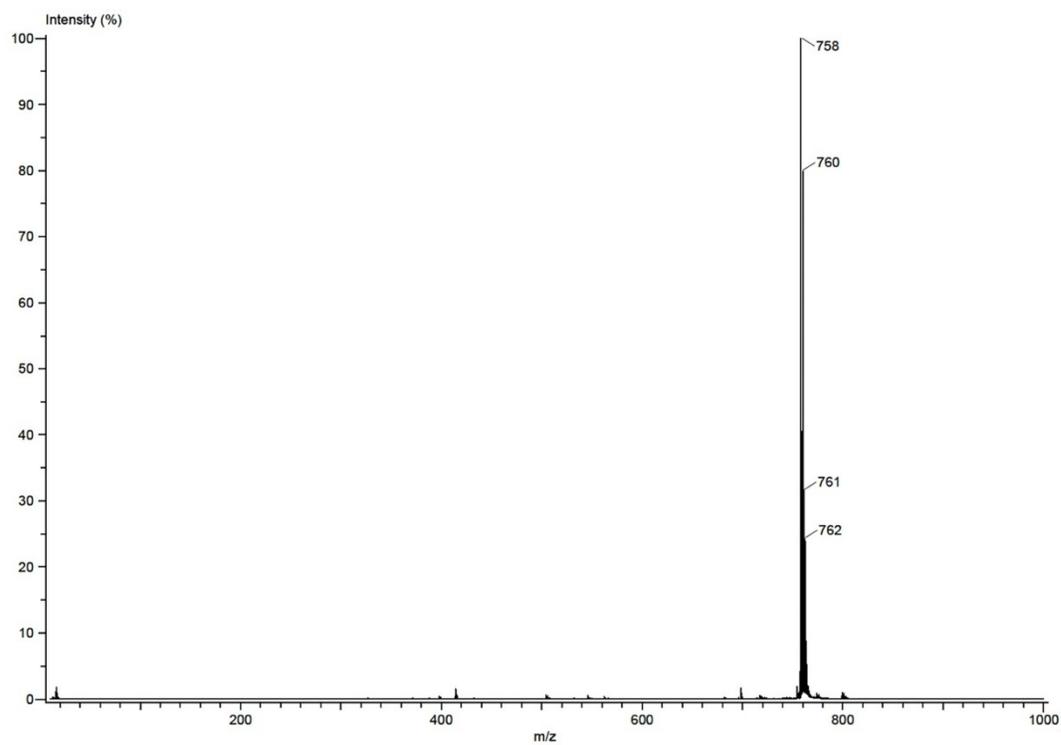


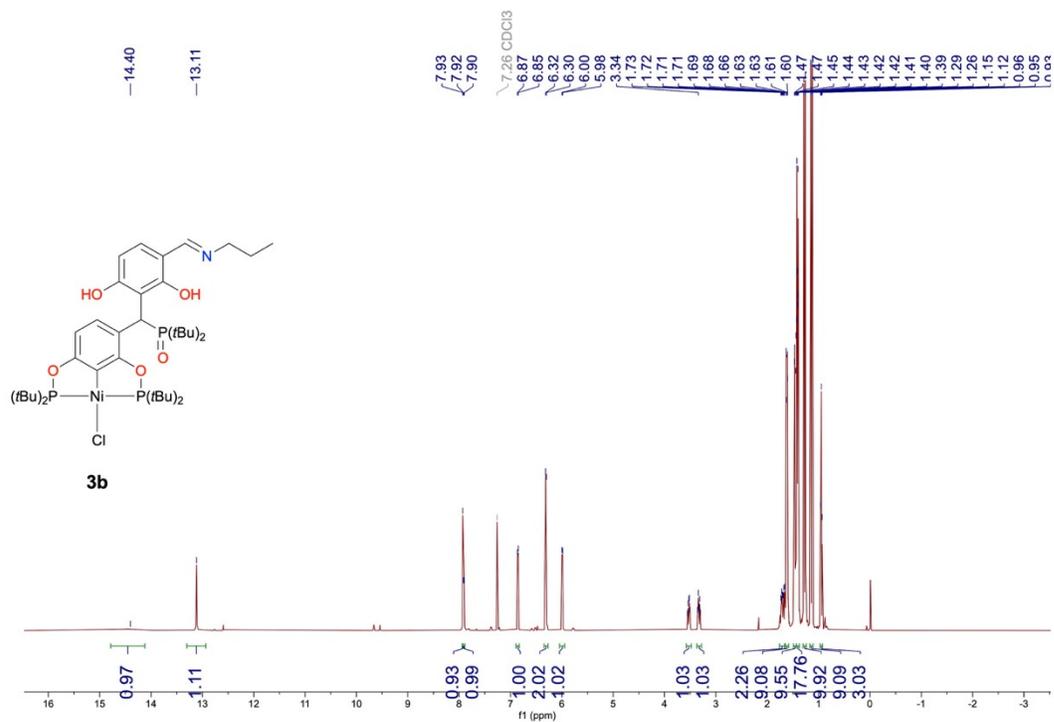
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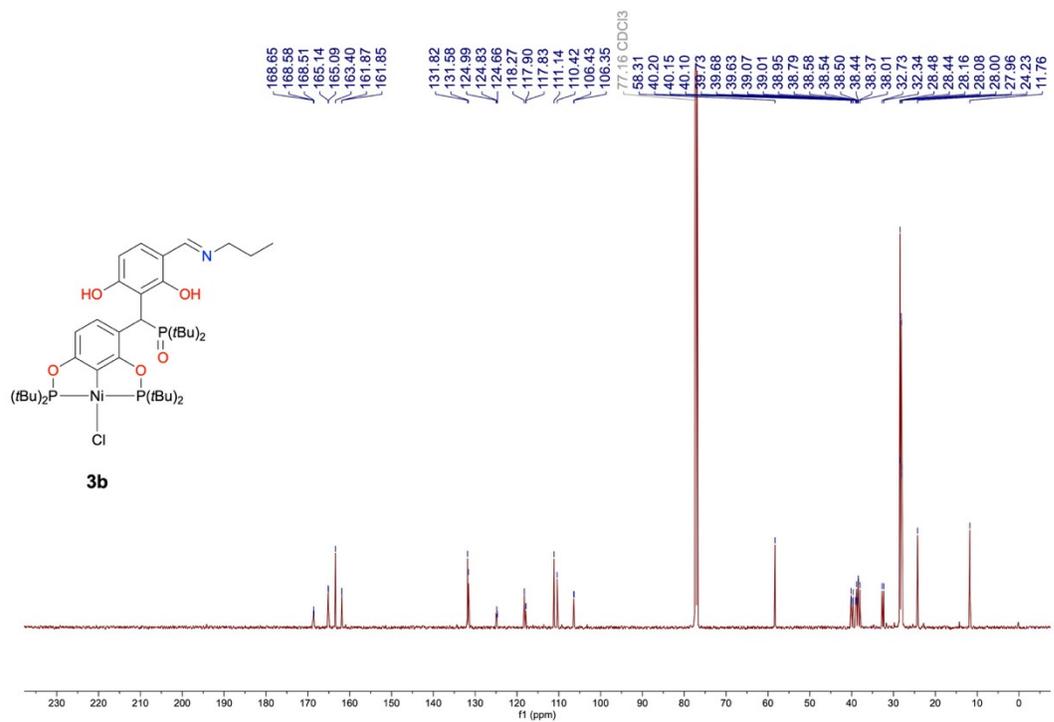
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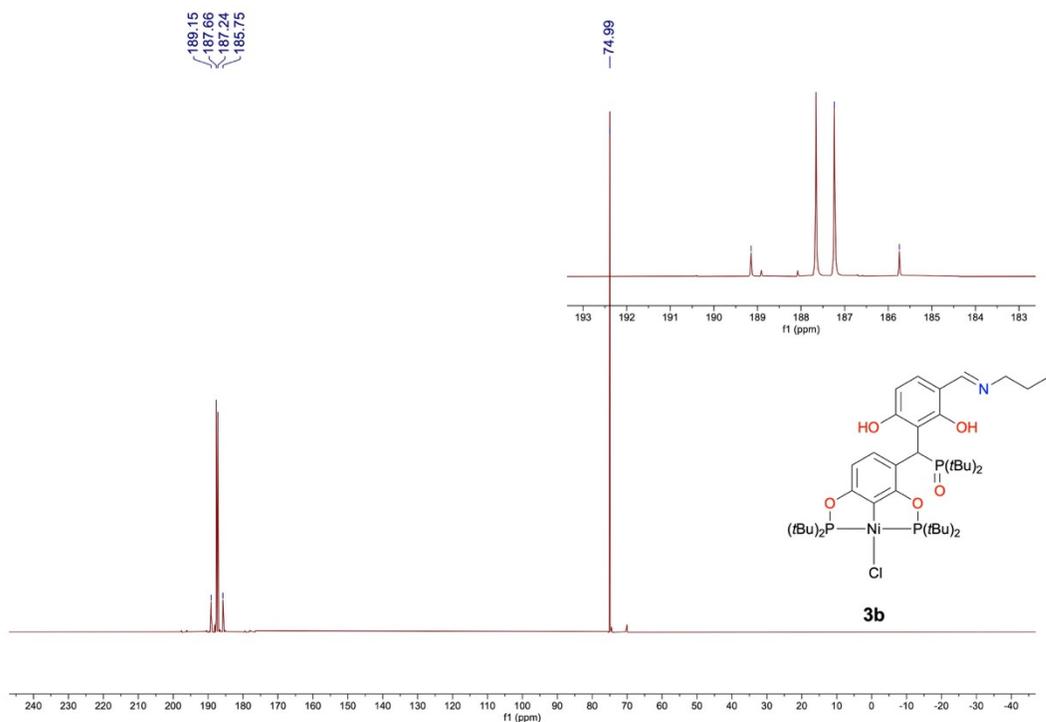
**Figure S 22.** DART $^+$  mass spectrum of compound **3a**



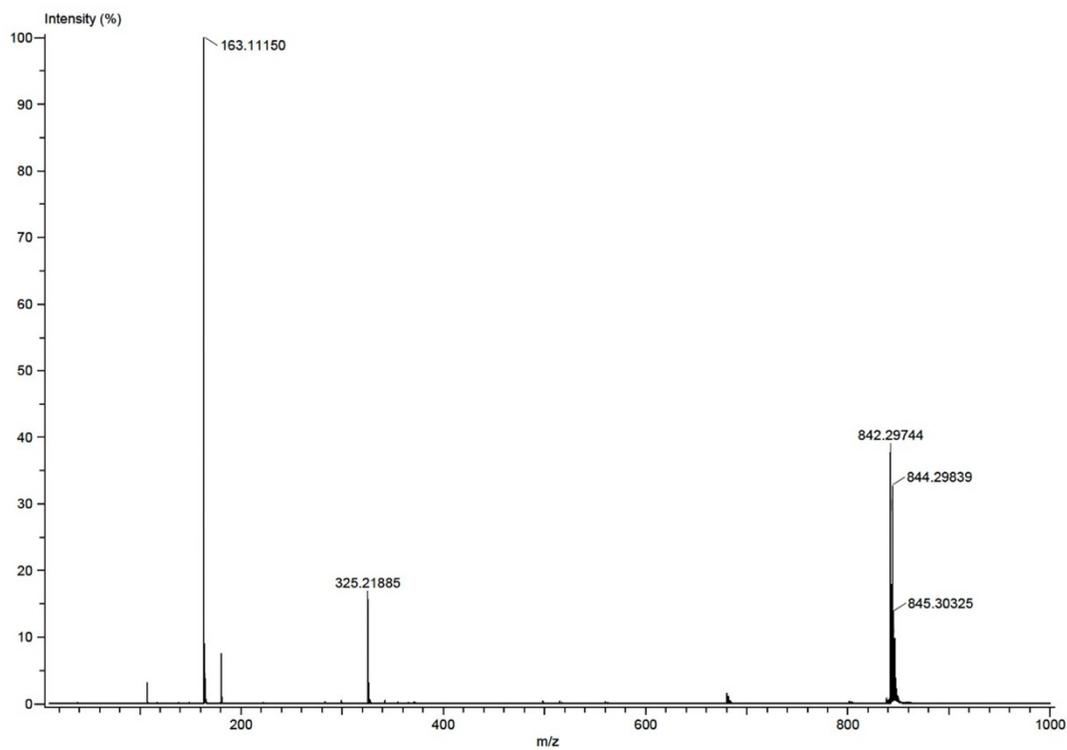
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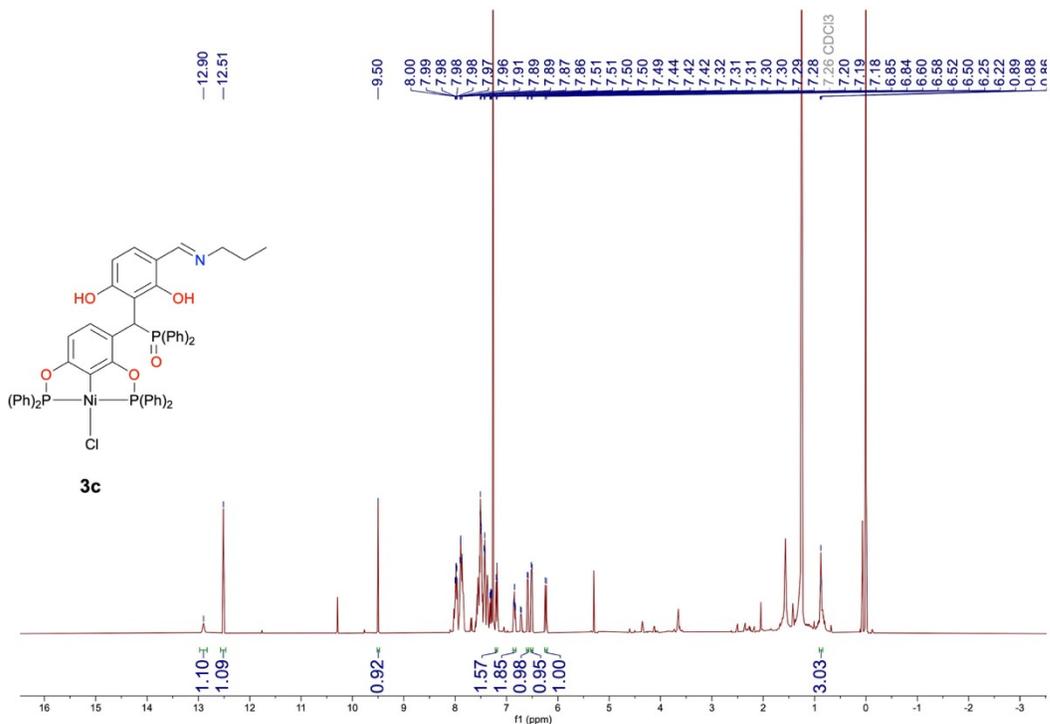
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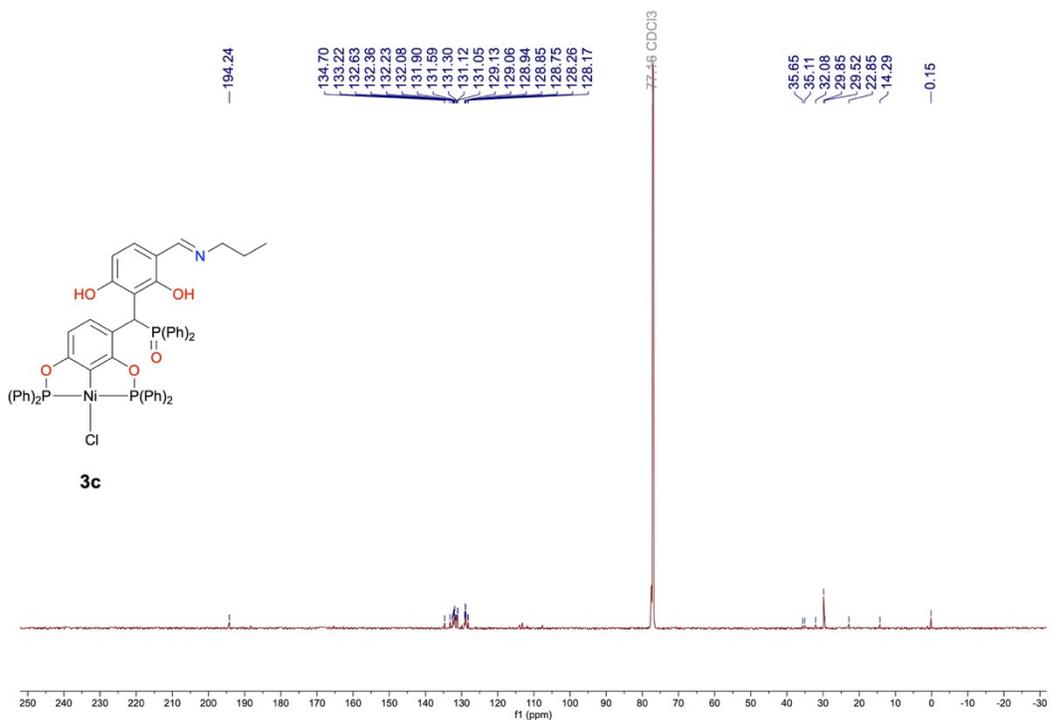
**Figure S25.**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum (202 MHz) of **3b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S26.** DART $^+$  mass spectrum of compound **3b**



**Figure S27.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of **3c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



**Figure S 28.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (125 MHz) of **3c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

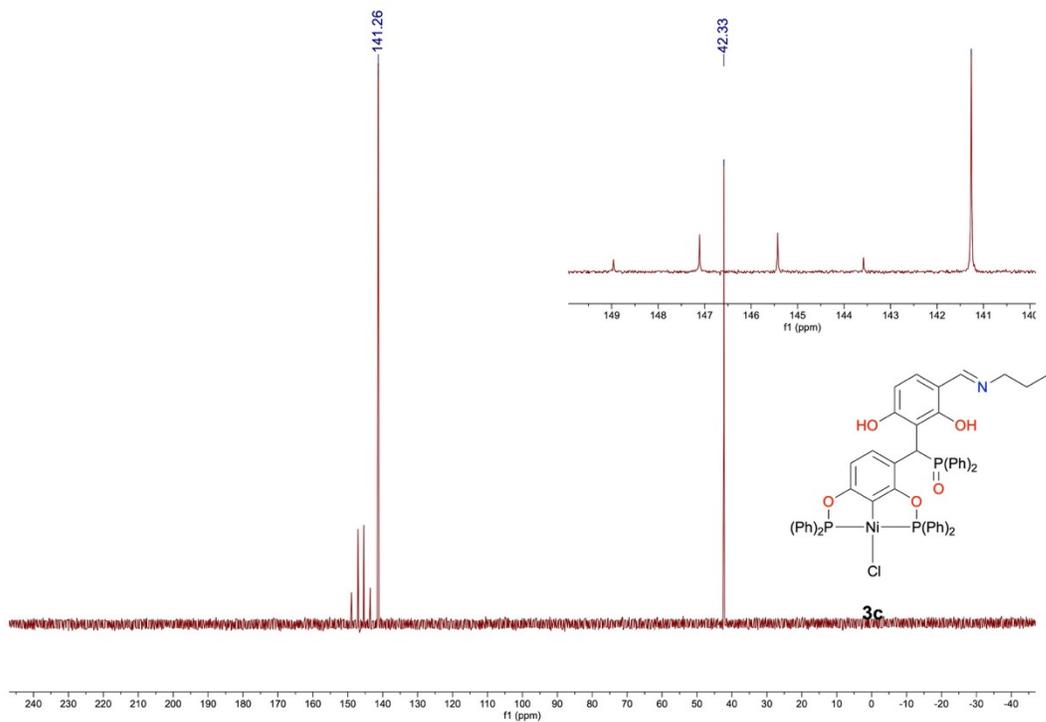


Figure S29.  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum (202 MHz) of **3c** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

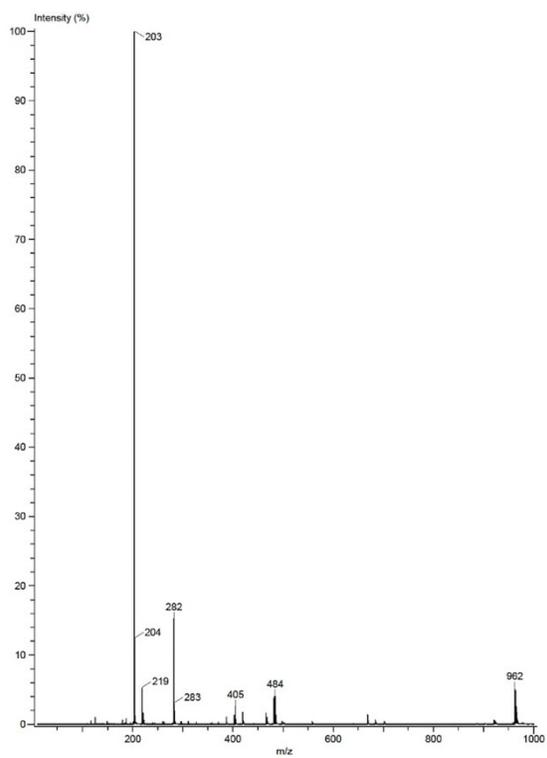
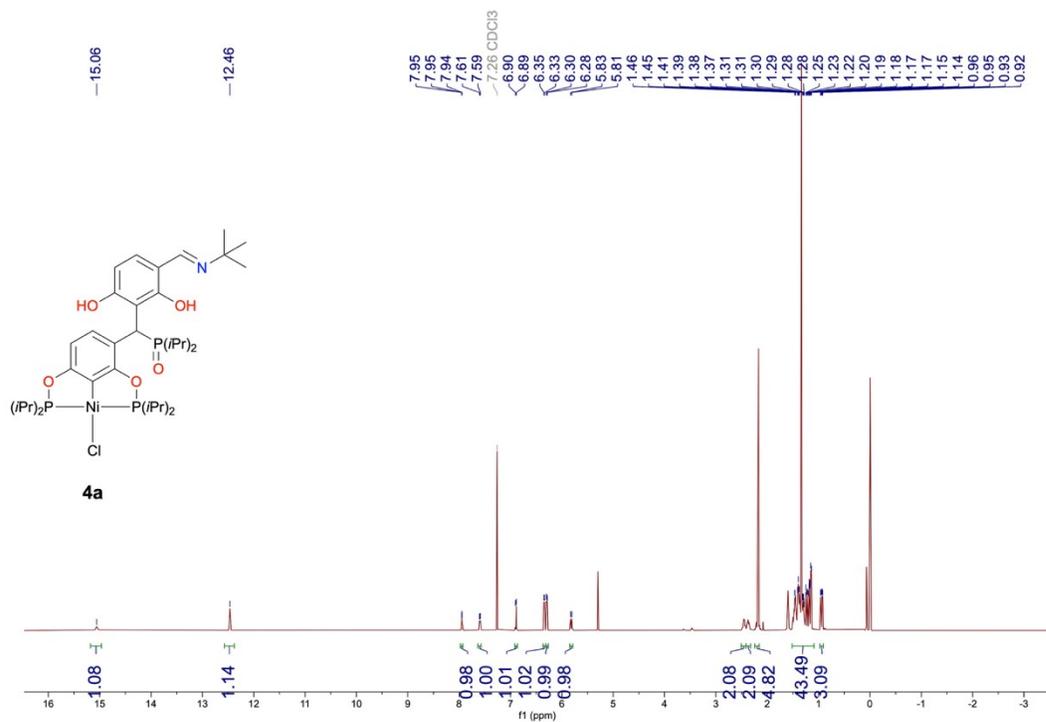
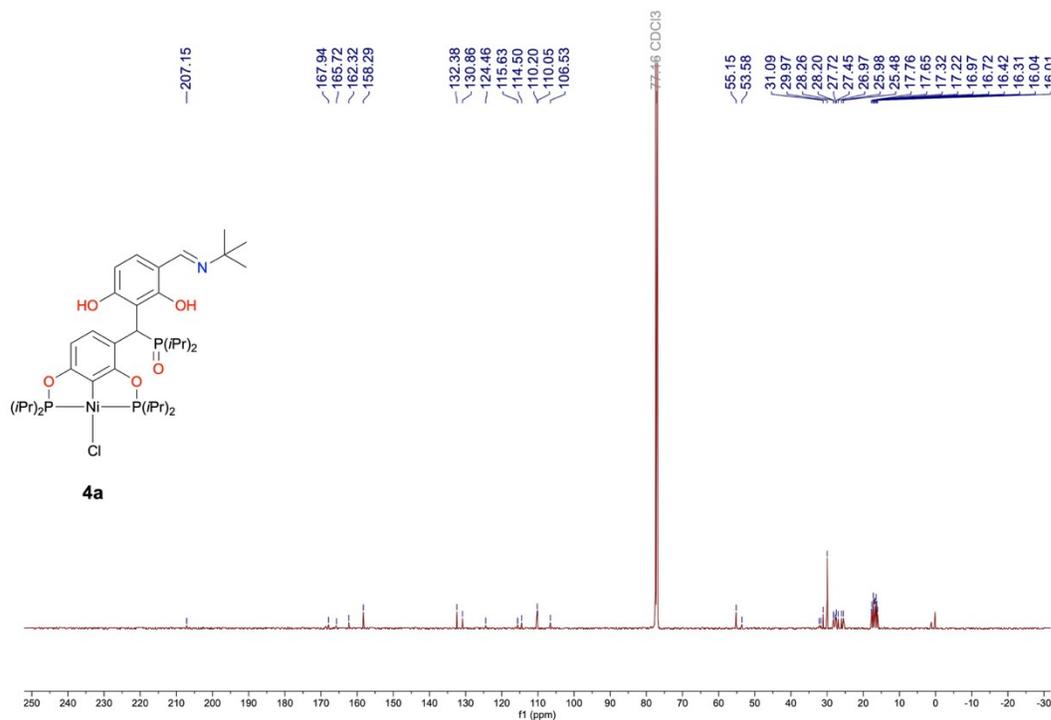


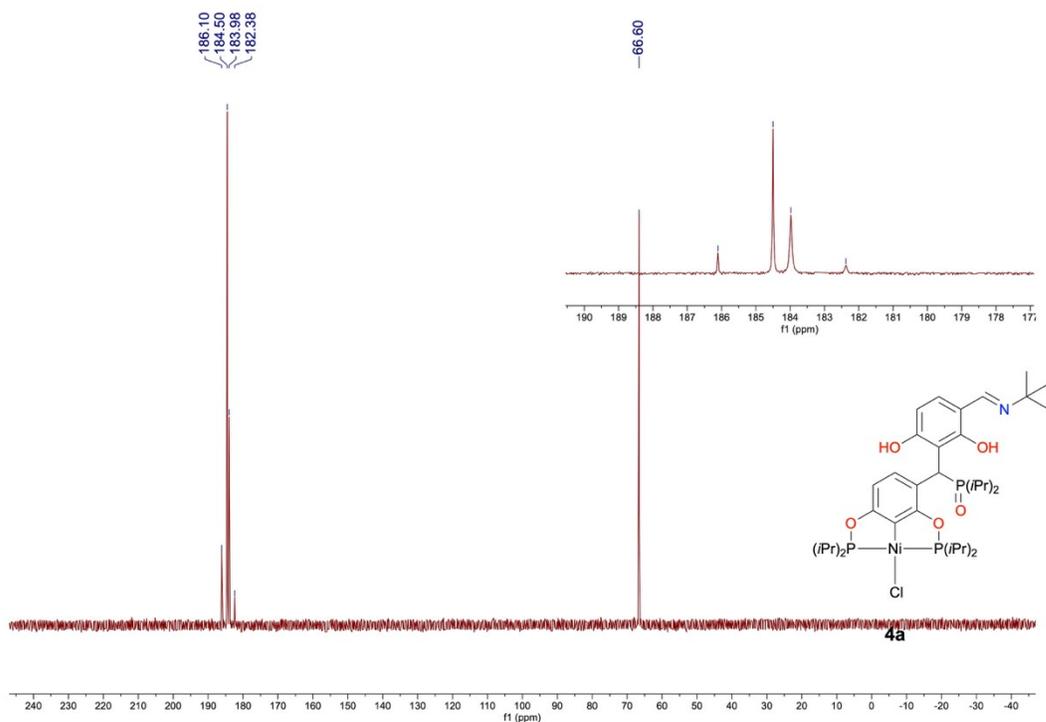
Figure S30. DART $^+$  mass spectrum of compound **3c**



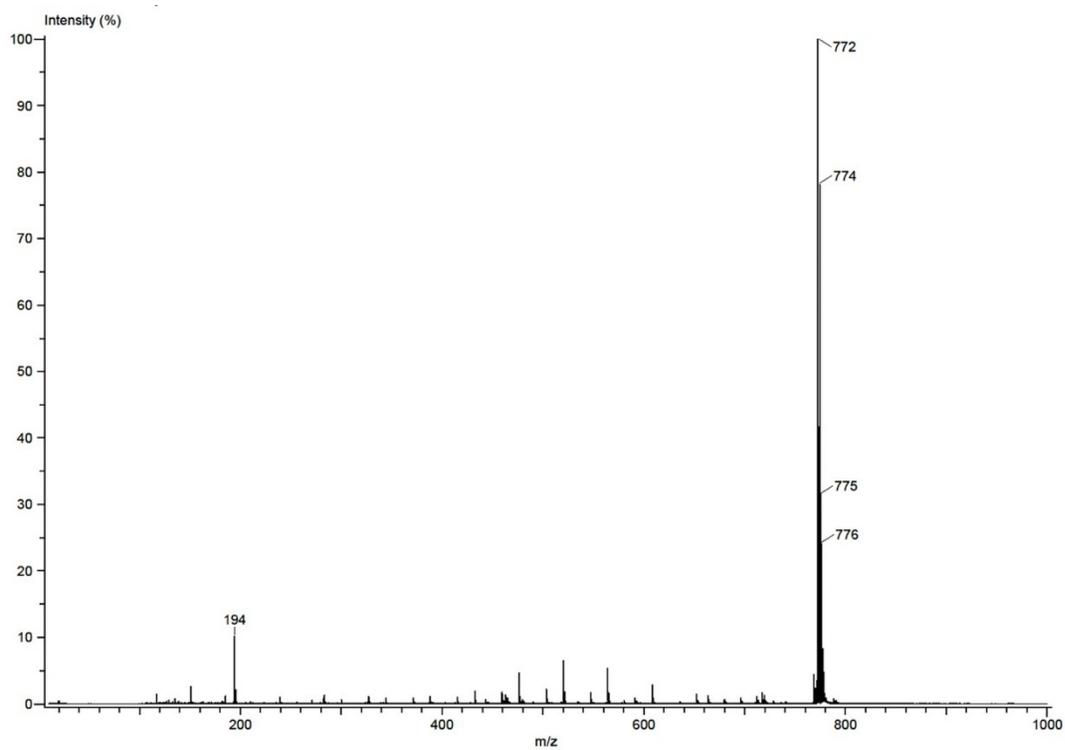
**Figure S31.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of **4a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S32.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz) of **4a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

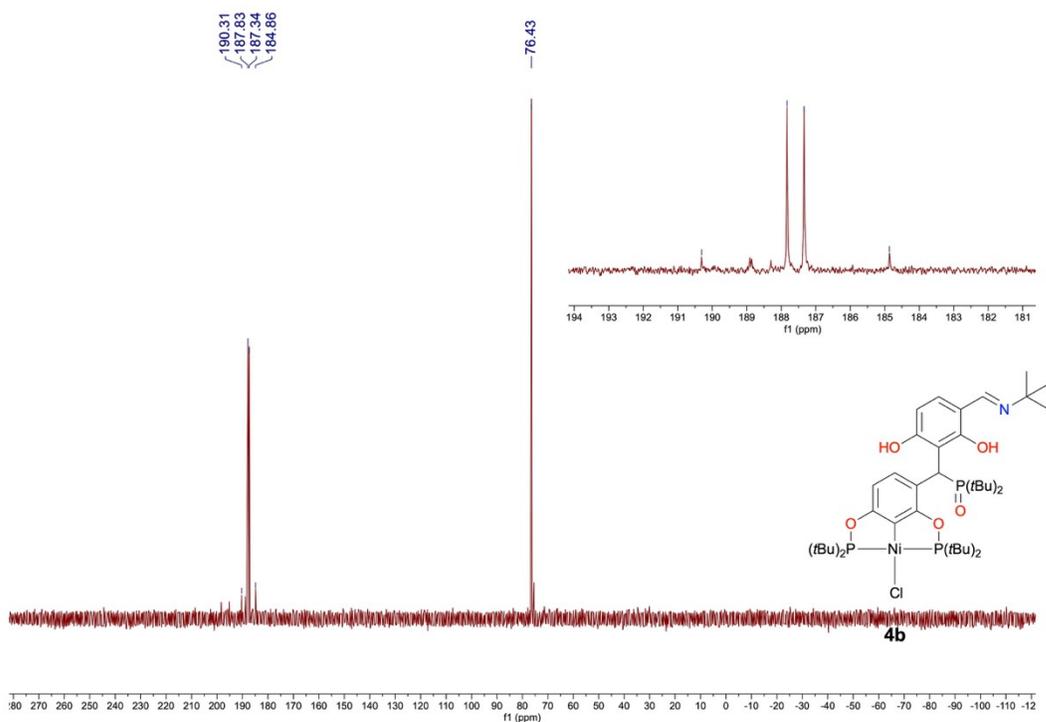


**Figure S33.**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum (202 MHz) of **4a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

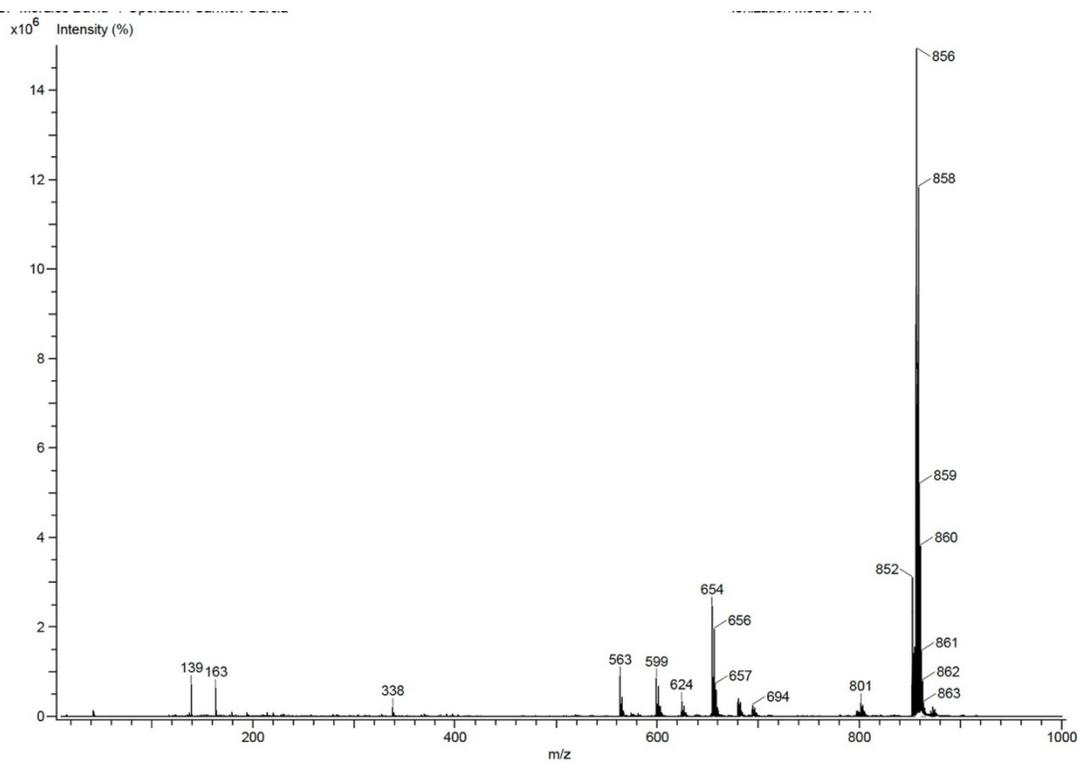


**Figure S34.** DART $^+$  mass spectrum of compound **4a**

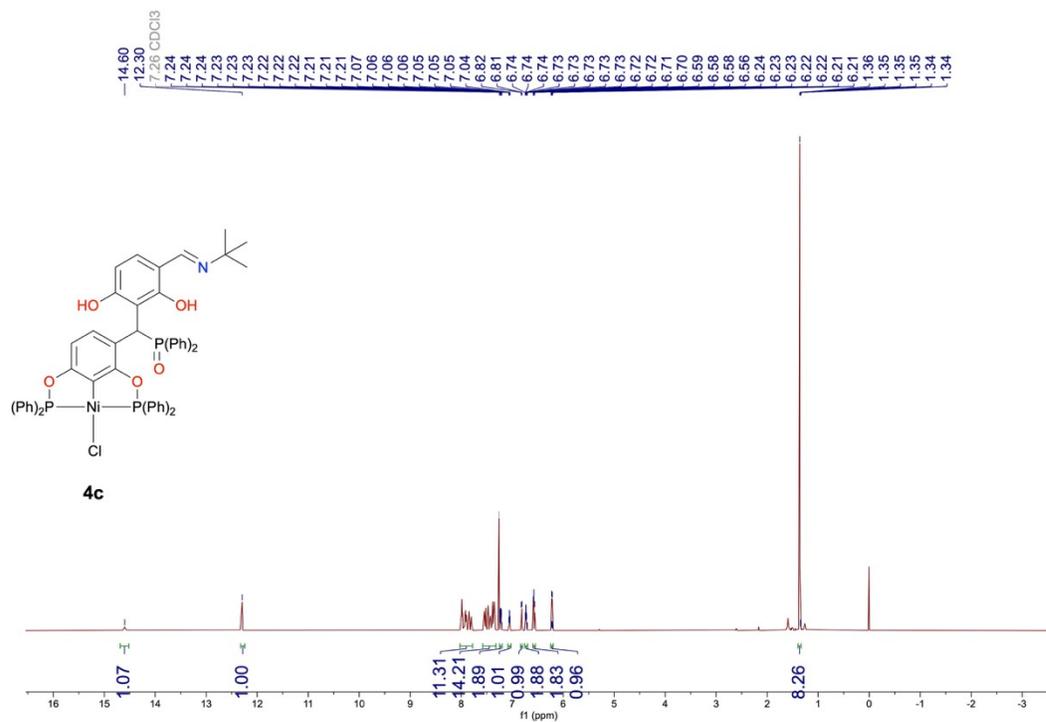




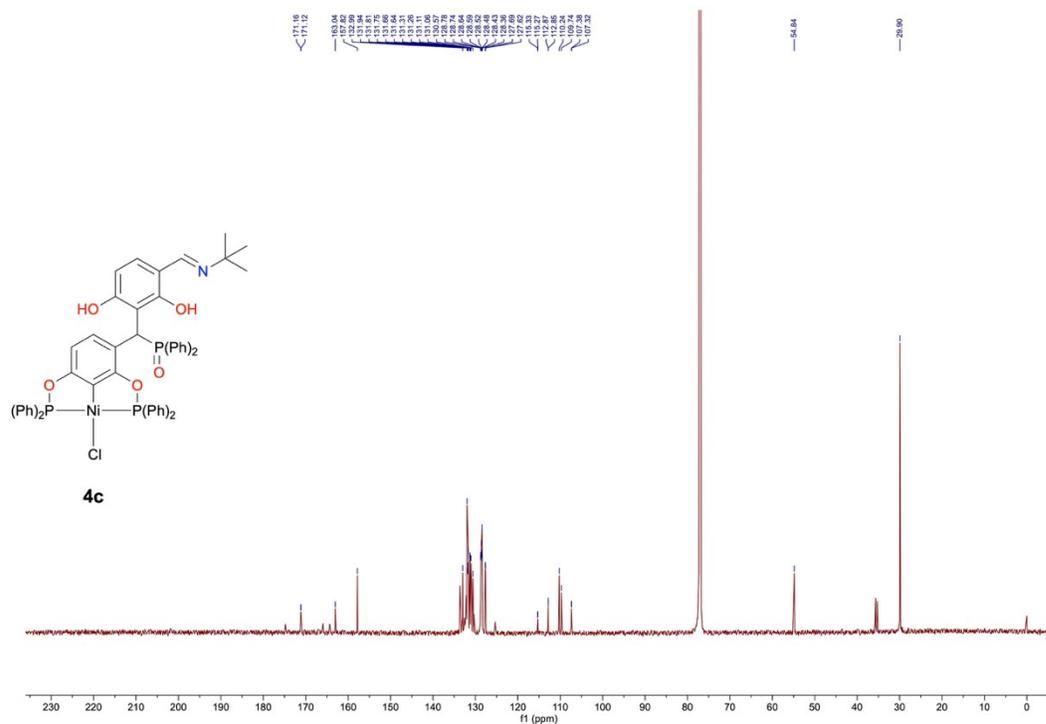
**Figure S37.**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum (202 MHz) of **4b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S38.** DART<sup>+</sup> mass spectrum of compound **4b**



**Figure S39.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of **4c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



**Figure S40.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (125 MHz) of **4c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

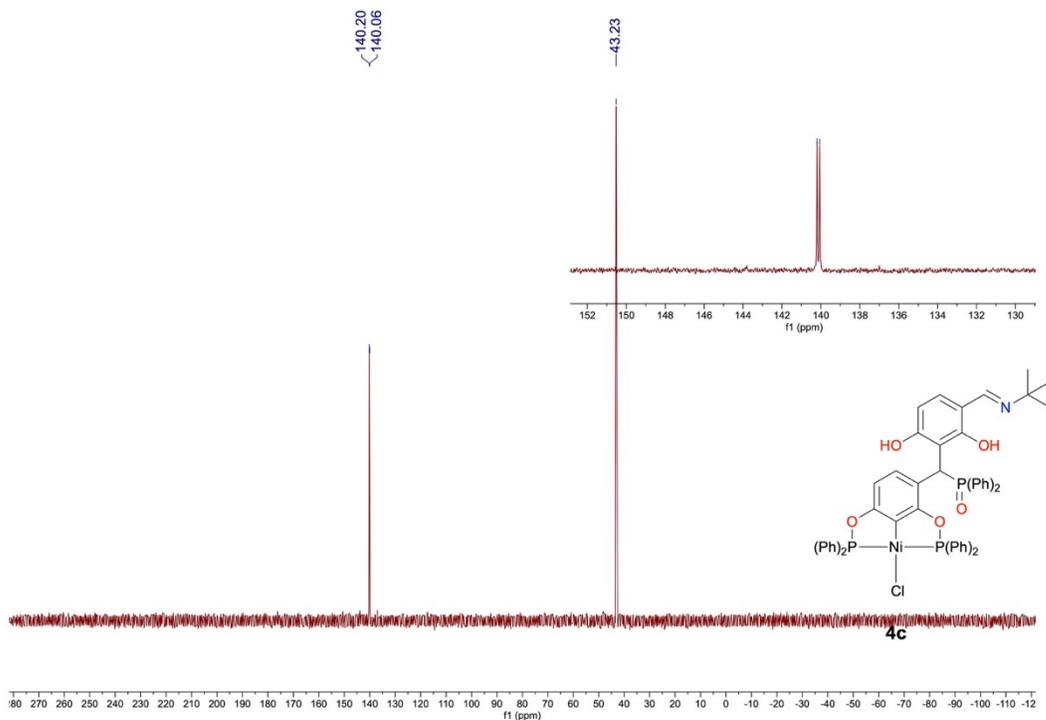


Figure S41.  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum (202 MHz) of **4c** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

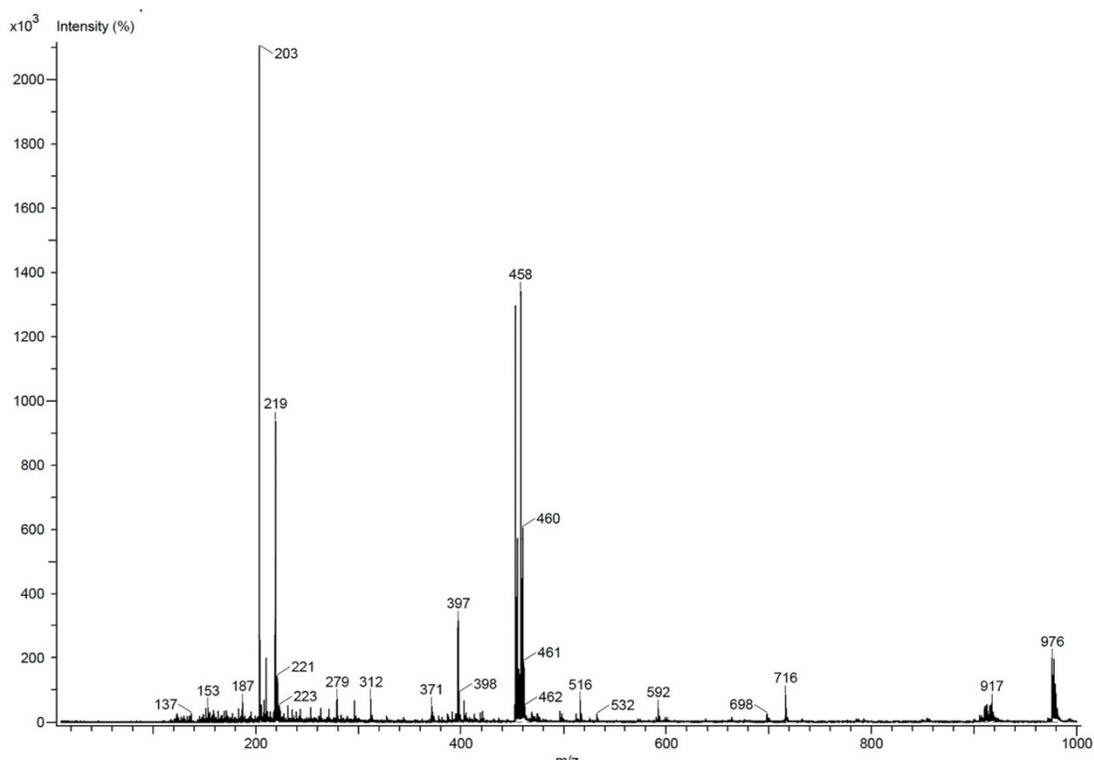
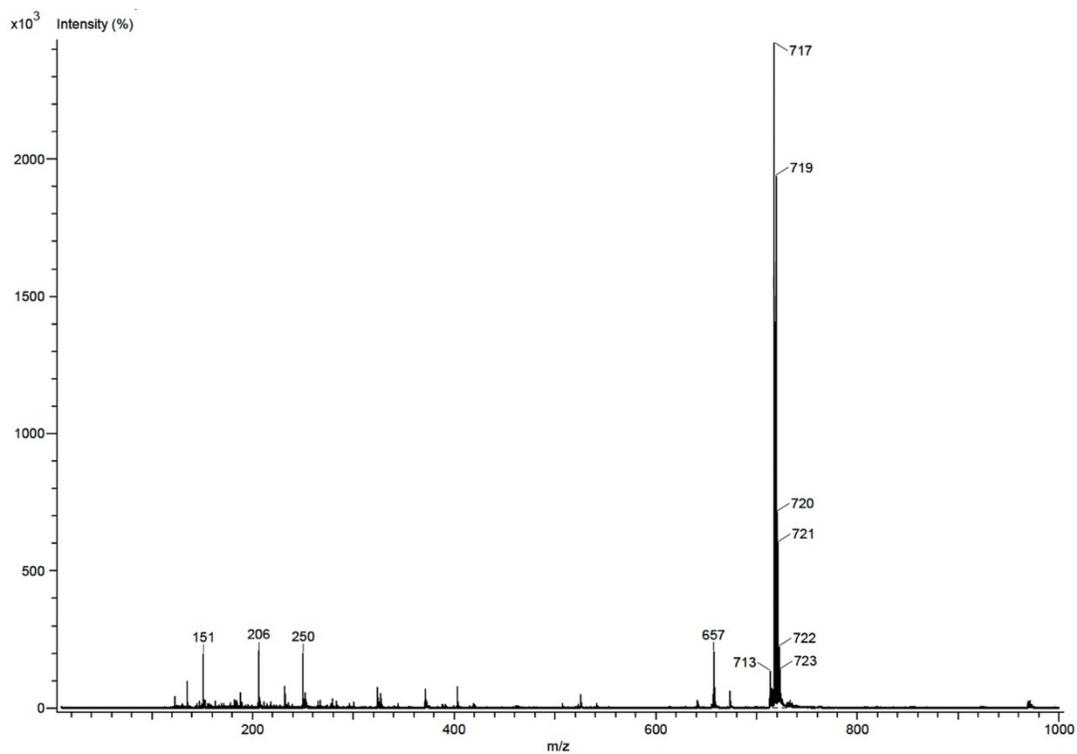
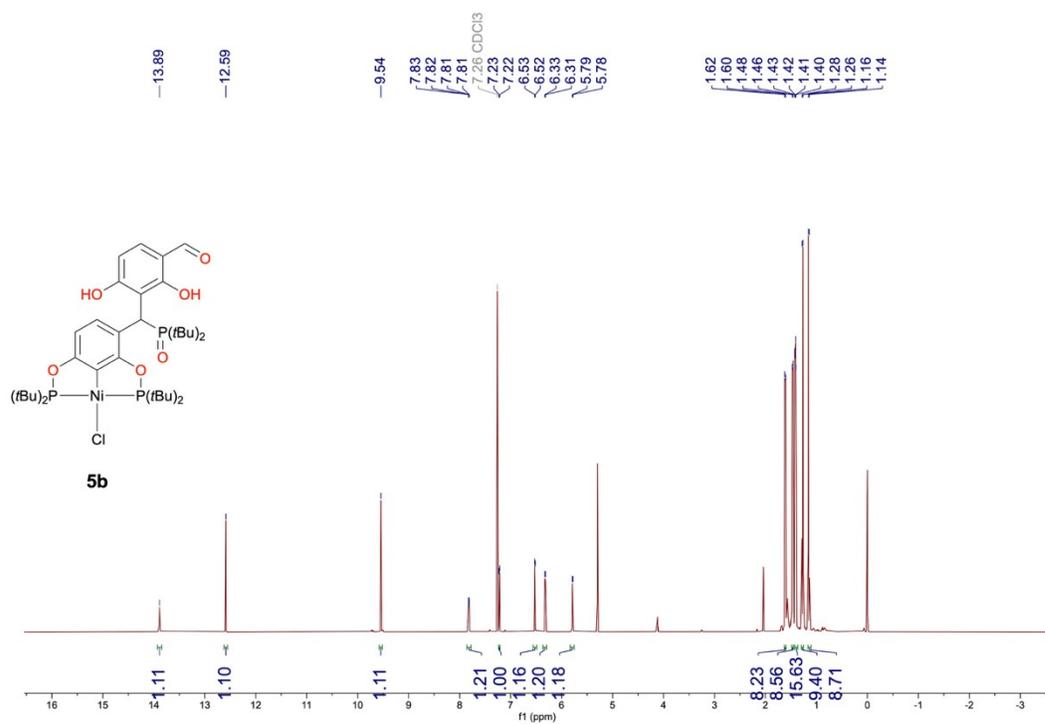


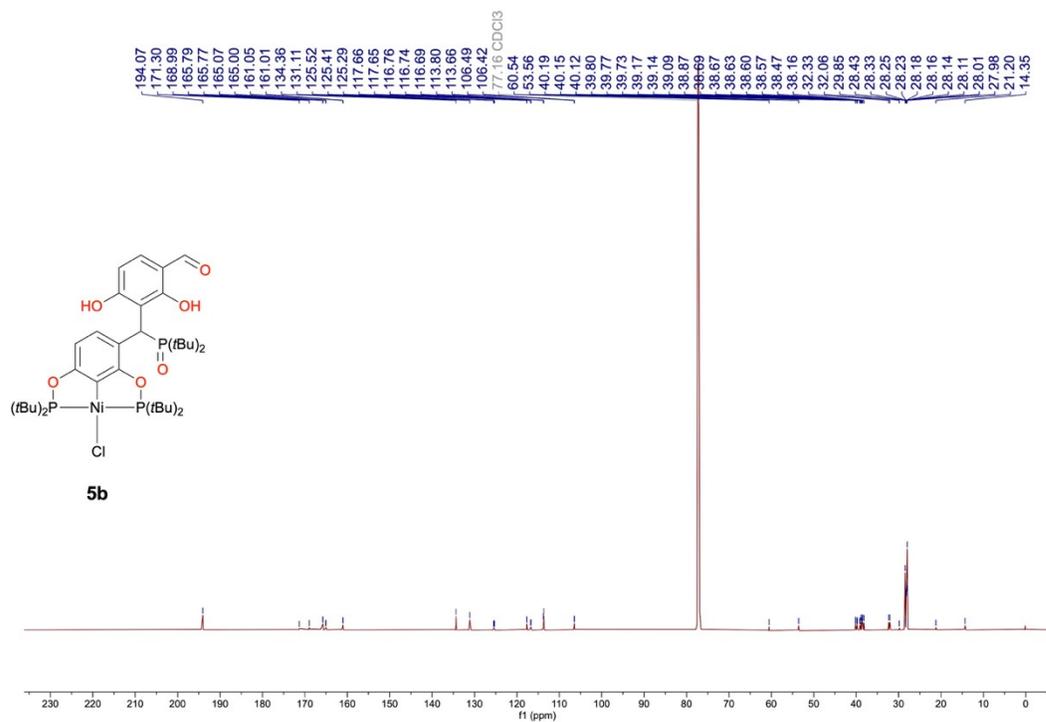
Figure S42. DART<sup>+</sup> mass spectrum of compound **4c**



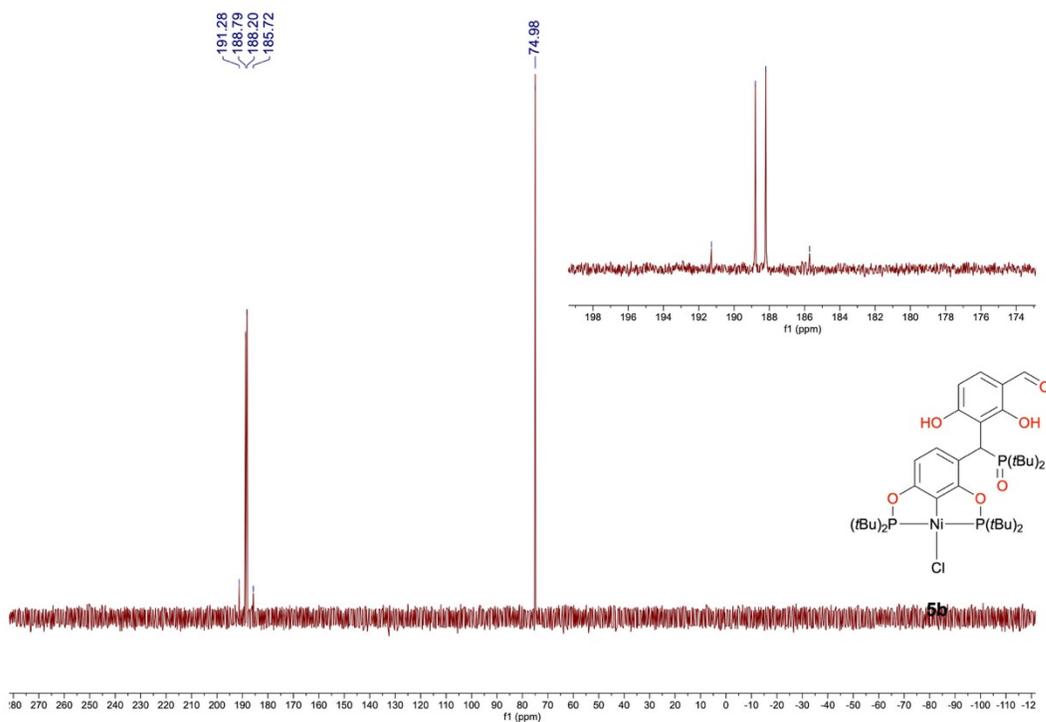
**Figure S43.** DART<sup>+</sup> mass spectrum of compound **5a**



**Figure S44.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of **5b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



**Figure S45.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (125 MHz) of **5b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



**Figure S46.** <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum (202 MHz) of **5b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

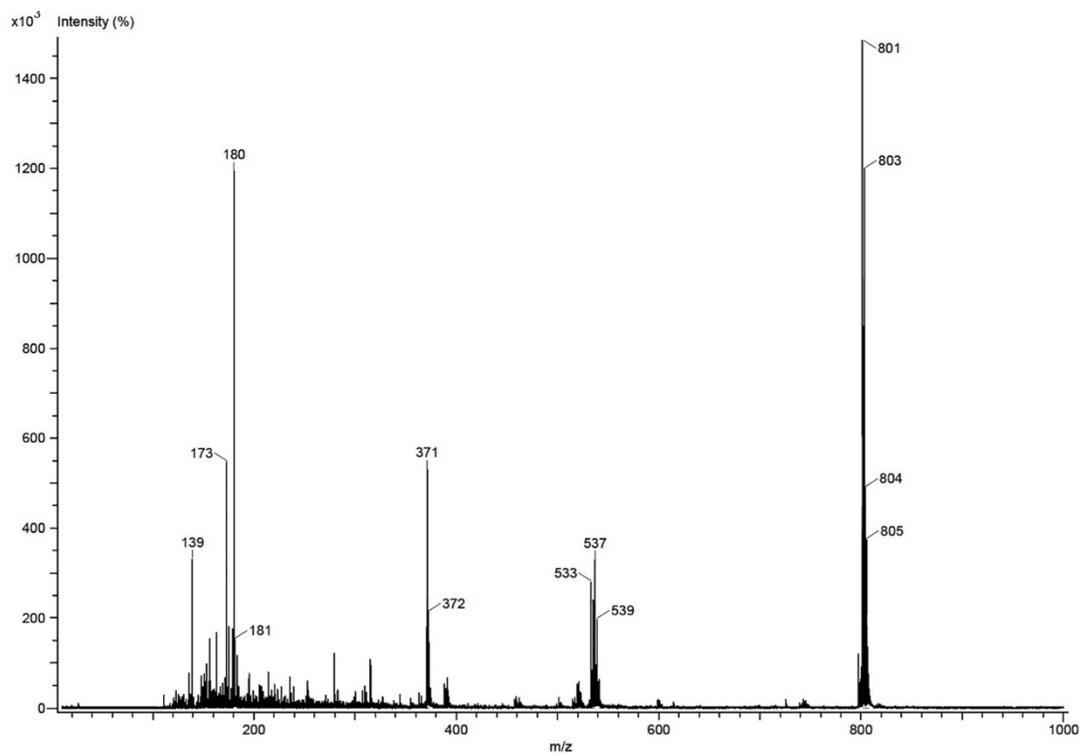


Figure S47. DART<sup>+</sup> mass spectrum of compound **5b**

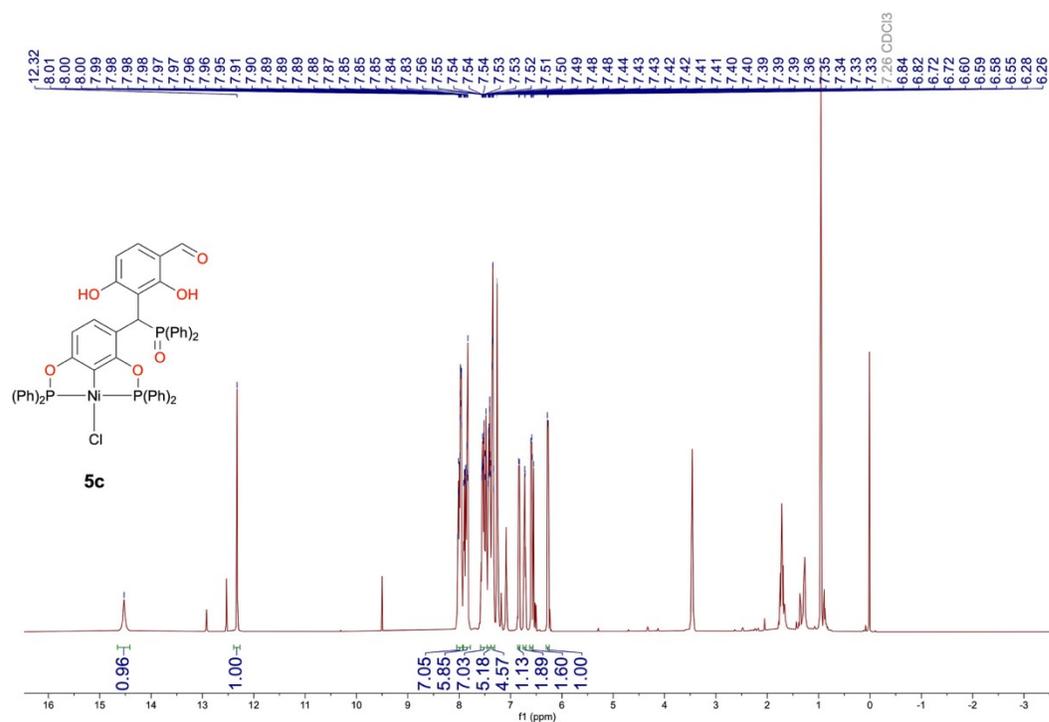
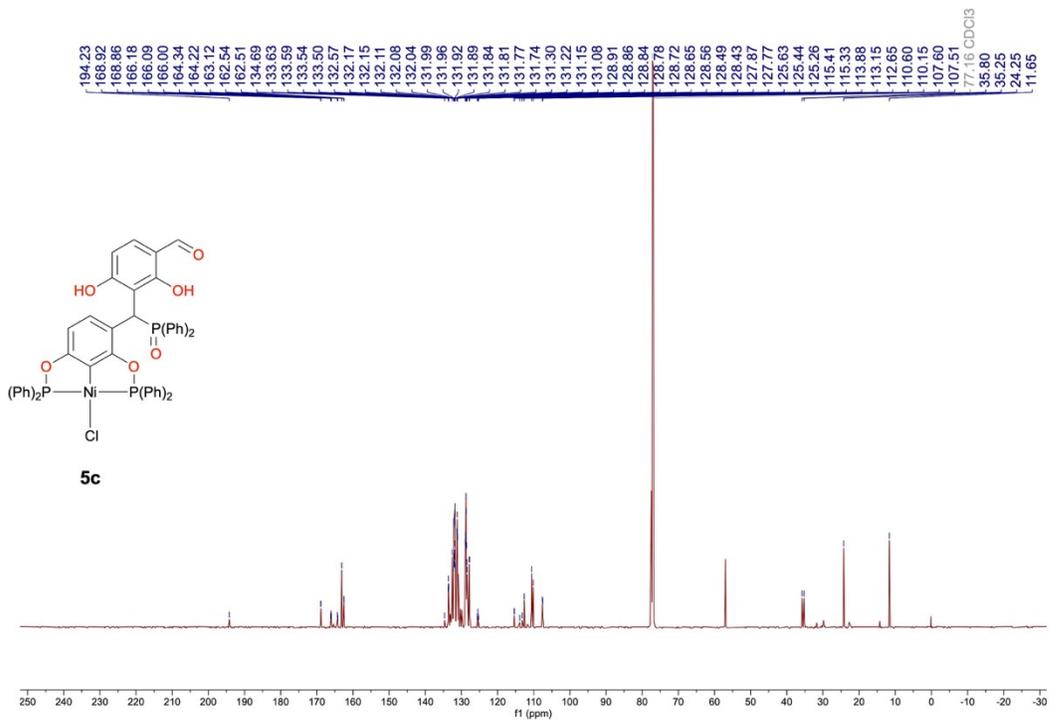
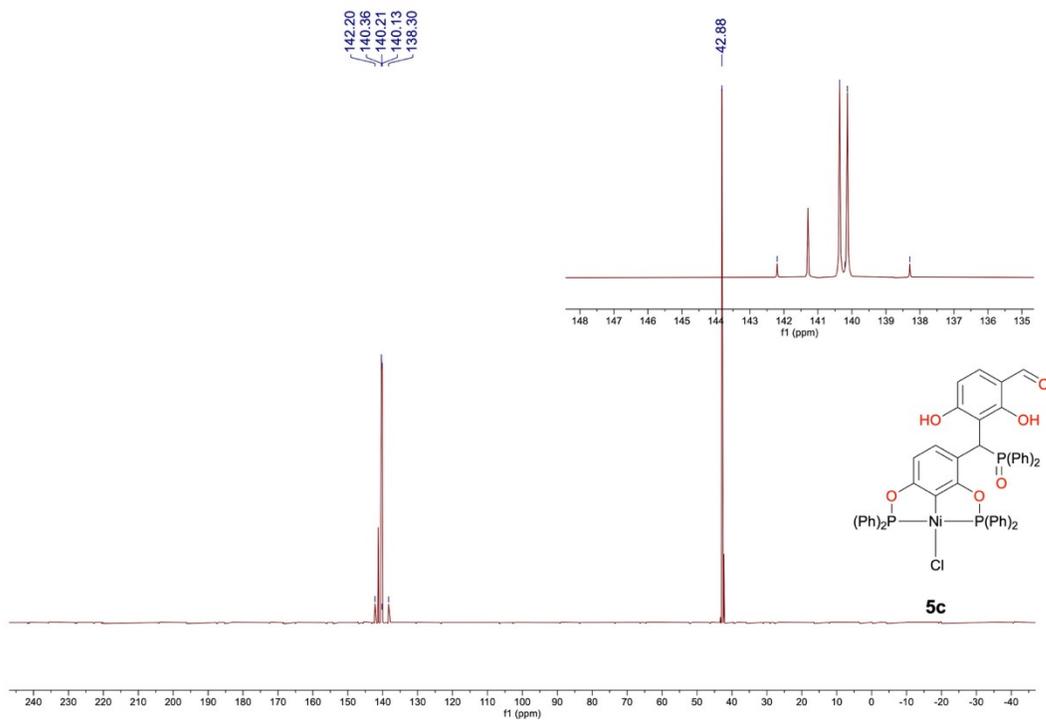


Figure S48. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of **5c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



**Figure S49.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (125 MHz) of **5c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



**Figure S50.** <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum (202 MHz) of **5c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

### 3. X-Ray and Supramolecular

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data of compounds **1b** and **2c**

	<b>1b</b>	<b>2c</b>
Formula	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>15</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>23</sub> ClNiO <sub>3</sub> P <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	193.24	599.59
Temperature (K)	100(2)	250(2)
Wavelength	1.54178	0.71073
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Triclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	P-1
A (Å)	7.37910(10)	9.4058(3)
B (Å)	11.8651(2)	11.9319(4)
C (Å)	12.6163(2)	14.0770(4)
α (°)	90	96.6010(10)
β (°)	90	106.5490(10)
γ (°)	90	110.9160(10)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1104.60(3)	1372.58(8)
Z	4	2
δ <sub>cal</sub> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.162	1.451
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.644	0.952
F (000)	416	616
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.600 x 0.444 x 0.407	0.361 x 0.277 x 0.154
Theta range (°)	5.117 to 68.339	2.418 to 25.394
Reflection collected	17736	17706
Data/restraints/parameters	2022 / 2 / 136	5045 / 0 / 343
Goodness-of-fit	1.038	1.150
Final R indices	R1 = 0.0265,	R1 = 0.0576,
[I > 2σ(I)]	wR2 = 0.0699	wR2 = 0.0739

**Table S2.** Crystallographic data of compounds **3a**, **5b** and **5c**

	<b>3a</b>	<b>5b</b>	<b>5c</b>
Formula	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>57</sub> ClNiO <sub>5</sub> P <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>62</sub> ClNiO <sub>6</sub> P <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>38</sub> ClNiO <sub>6</sub> P <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight	758.88	801.94	921.87
Temperature (K)	250(2)	130(2)	130(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P-1	P21/n	P-1
a (Å)	10.7237(4)	9.5362(7)	9.3788(6)
b (Å)	10.8801(4)	22.0209(13)	12.1046(9)
c (Å)	17.5144(5)	21.058(2)	21.9764(16)
α (°)	101.438(2)	90	77.364(6)
β (°)	91.937(2)	92.733	86.101(5)
γ (°)	95.469(3)	90	68.500(7)

V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1990.88(12)	4417.1(6)	2264.9(3)
Z	2	4	2
δ <sub>cal</sub> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.266	1.206	1.352
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.713	0.647	0.642
F (000)	808	1712	952
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.410 x 0.280 x 0.220	0.490 x 0.440 x 0.170	0.360 x 0.090 x 0.026
Theta range (°)	2.195 to 25.431	3.525 to 29.458	3.443 to 25.350
Reflection collected	26039	23834	21350
Data/restraints/parameters	7328 / 90 / 463	10499 / 0 / 460	8275 / 0 / 550
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.091	1.235	1.083
Final R indices	R1 = 0.0519, wR2	R1 = 0.0511,	R1 = 0.0770, wR2
[I>2σ(I)]	= 0.0975	wR2 = 0.1672	= 0.1827
Largest diff. peak and hole e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.673 and -0.374	0.570 and -0.618	0.813 and -1.199

**Table S3.** Selected bonds and angles of compound **1b**

Compound	N-C(7)	N-C(8)	O(1)-C(2)	O(2)-C(4)	C(7)-N-C(8)
<b>1b</b>	1.303(2)	1.482(2)	1.302(2)	1.338(2)	127.3(1)

**Table S4.** Selected bond distances and angles for aldehyde complexes (2a-2c), and addition complexes (3a, 4a, 5b and 5c)

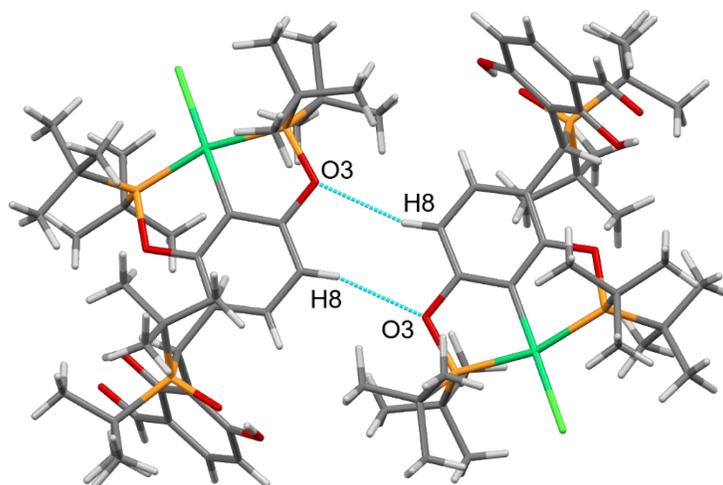
Compound	Ni-C	Ni-P(1)	Ni-P(2)	Ni-Cl	C-Ni-Cl	P(1)-Ni-P(2)
<b>2c</b>	1.879(3)	2.167(1)	2.139(1)	2.188(1)	176.4(1)	162.06(5)
<b>3a</b>	1.878(3)	2.1536(9)	2.1532(9)	2.1833(9)	178.05(10)	164.00(3)
<b>5b</b>	1.885(3)	2.1818(8)	2.1758(8)	2.2121(7)	178.77(9)	163.69(3)
<b>5c</b>	1.894(6)	2.1397(16)	2.1580(17)	2.1885(15)	176.98(18)	163.25(7)

**Table S5.** Principal interactions in the molecular structures of compounds **1b**, **2a-2c**, **3a**, **4a**, **5b** and **5c**

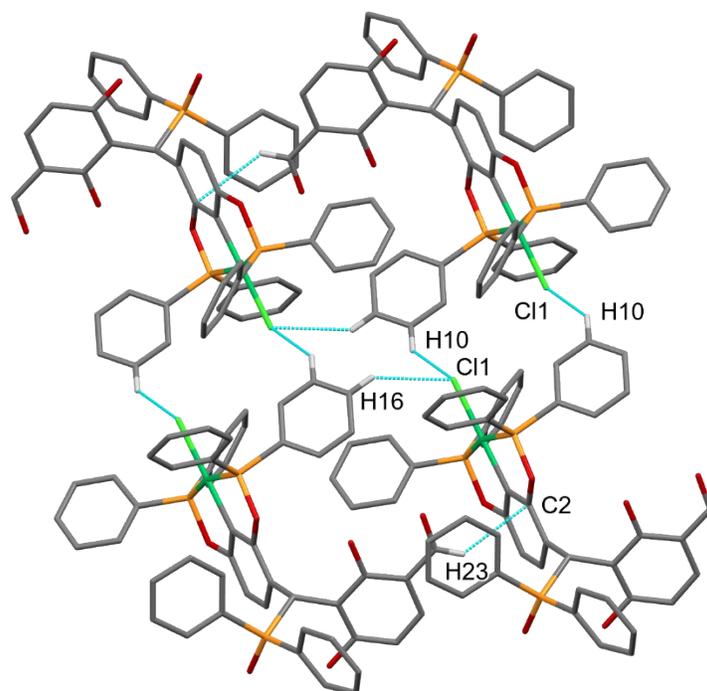
Comp.	Interaction	D-X...A (Å)	D...A (Å)	D-X...A (°)	Symmetry operation
<b>1b</b>	C7H7...O2	2.577	3.154(2)	119.45	1/2-x,1-y,-1/2+z
	C10H10A...O2	2.691	3.584(2)	151.78	1/2-x,1-y,-1/2+z

	O2H2···O1	1.666(1)	2.534(1)	171(2)	1/2+x,1.5-y,1-z
<b>2c</b>	C28H28···Cg <sup>1</sup>	3.511	3.980	113.47	-x,2-y,-z
	C5H5···Cg <sup>2</sup>	3.506	4.156	128.44	1-x,2-y,1-z
	C21H21···O3	2.674	3.359(5)	130.19	-x, 2-y, 1-z
	C22H22···C11	2.716	3.491(4)	140.3	1-x,2-y,1-z
	C23H23···C11	2.804	3.573(4)	139.8	-x,1-y,-z
<b>3a</b>	C7H7···O3	2.405	3.238	141.40	1+x,y,z
	C27H27B···O4	2.582	3.502	156.41	1-x,1-y,1-z
	C26H26···C5	2.647	3.531	156.76	1-x,1-y,1-z
	C16H16···C11	2.878	3.666	137.12	-1+x, y, z
<b>5b</b>	C8H8···O3	2.565	3.484(3)	162.84	2-x,2-y,1-z
<b>5c</b>	C16H16···C11	2.742	3.510	140.43	-1+x, y, z
	C10H10···C11	2.806	3.531	135.98	-1+x, y, z
	C23H23··· Cg <sup>4</sup>	2.616	3.382	140.01	-1+x, y, z
	O2H2···O3	1.735	2.522	160.65	1-x,1-y,1-z

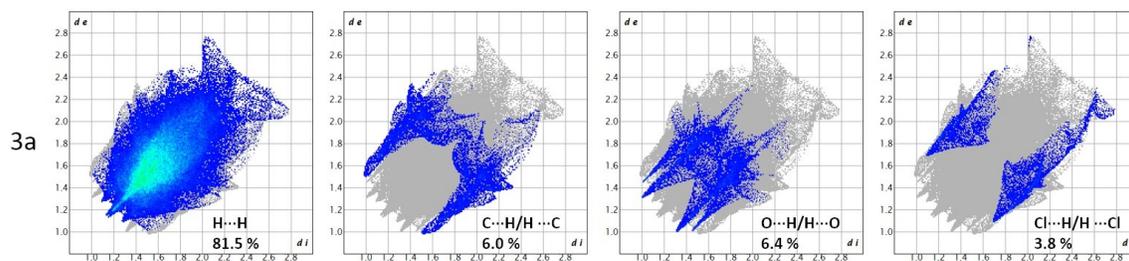
Cg = Cg<sup>3</sup>= C1–C6; Cg<sup>1</sup>= C25–C30; Cg<sup>2</sup> = C19–C24; Cg<sup>4</sup>= C1, C2, C7, C9, C14, C15.



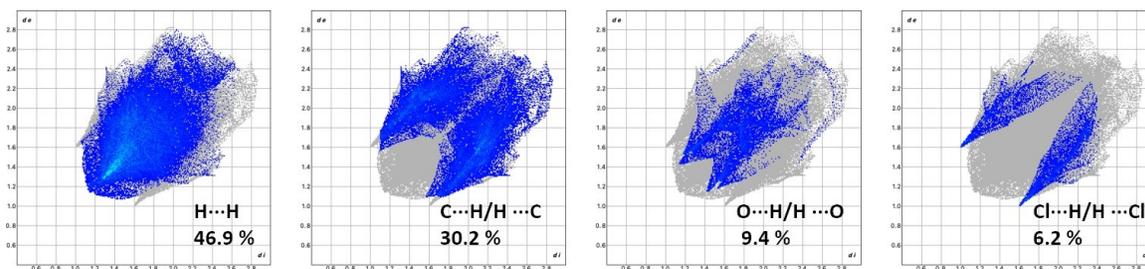
**Figure S51.** Tetrameric centrosymmetric of compound **5b**



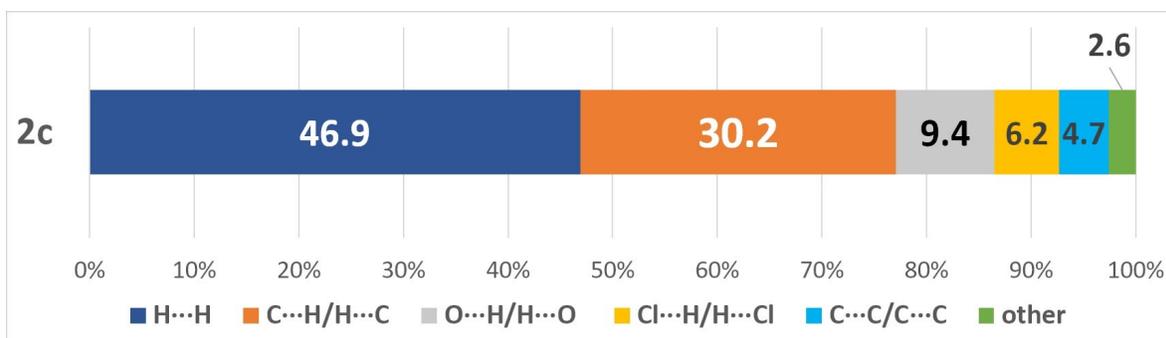
**Figure S52.** Tetrameric centrosymmetric of compound **5c**



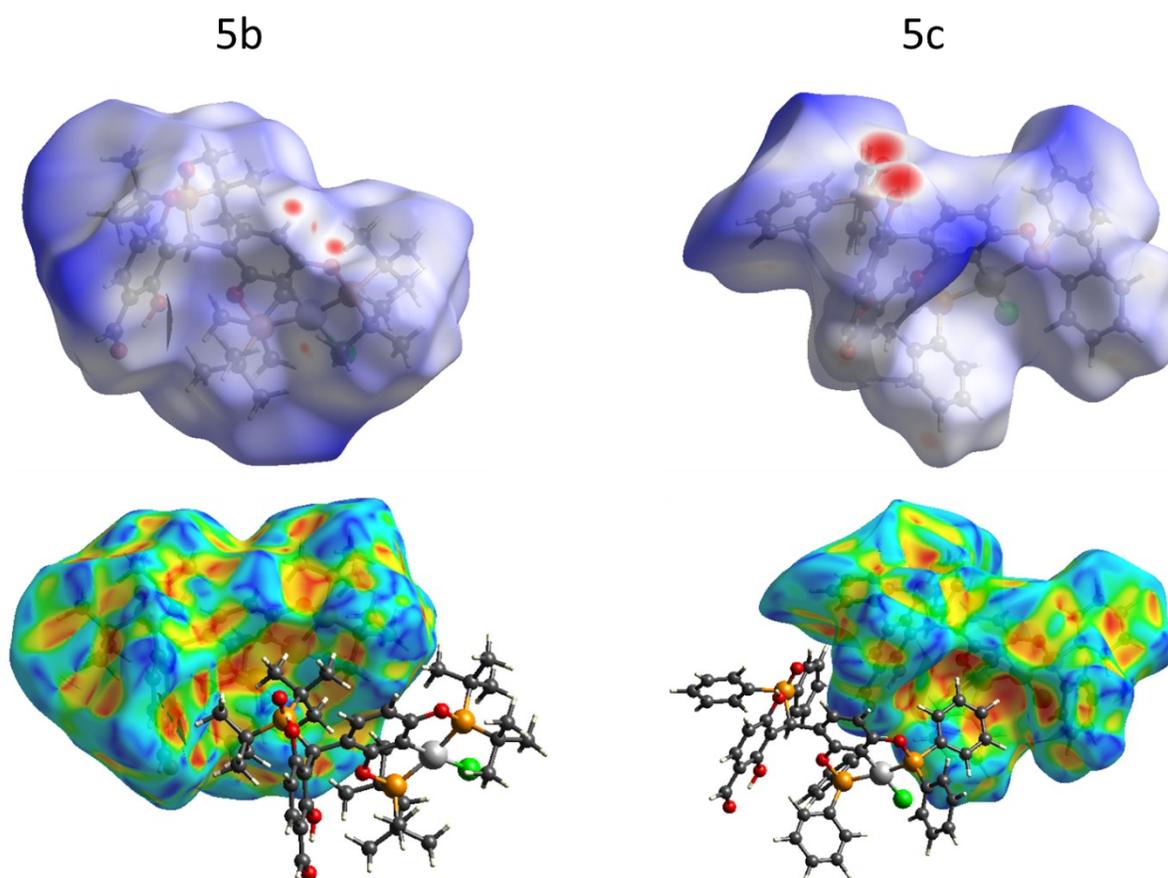
**Figure S53.** Individual contributions in fingerprints plots of compound **3a**.



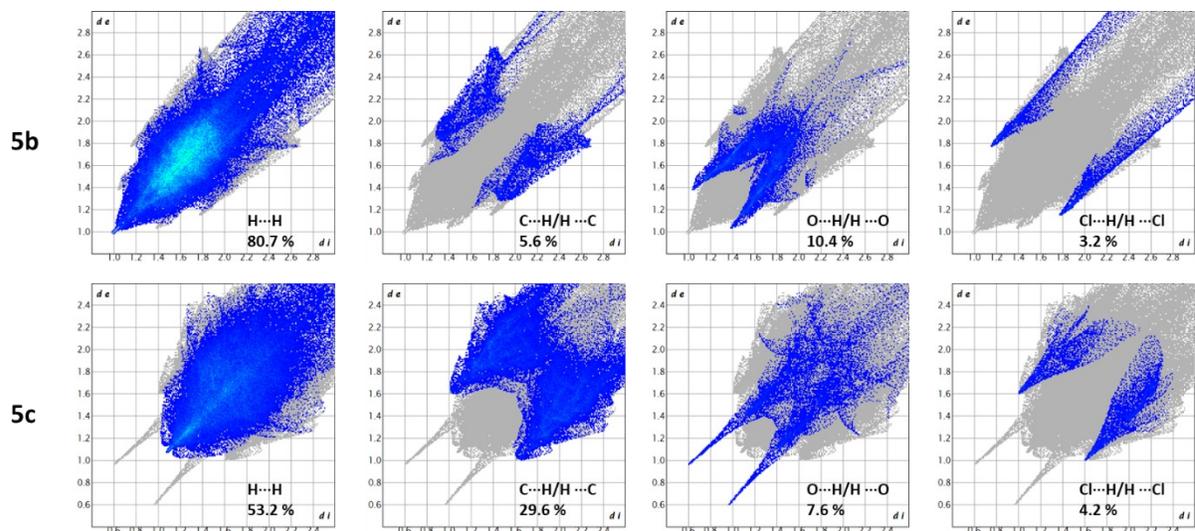
**Figure S54.** Individual contributions in fingerprints plots of compound **2c**



**Figure S55.** Individual contributions of compound **2c**



**Figure S56.** Hirshfeld surface of compound **5b** and **5c**. The top panel is mapped over  $d_{\text{norm}}$  and the bottom panel is over the shape index showing an intense orange-red spots indicating C-H... $\pi$  interaction (left for **5b**) and a  $\pi$ ... $\pi$  (right for **5c**).



**Figure S57.** Individual contributions of contacts in fingerprint plots of compounds **5b** and **5c**.