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Complexes of hydrophilic triphenylphosphines modified with *gem*-bis(phosphonate) moiety. An unusual simultaneous *cis* and *trans* arrangements in the Pt(II) dinuclear complex.

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Table S1³¹P NMR chemical shifts of phosphine phosphorus atom of the ligands.

Compound	Phosphorus connectivity	δ_p (ppm)	Solvent
HPPPh ₂	(C,C,H)	-40.5, $^1J_{PH} = 216$ Hz	CDCl ₃
PPh ₃	(C,C,C)	-4.7	CH ₂ Cl ₂ (ref. ¹)
2a, 2b	(C,C,C)	-6.1	CDCl ₃
2a ·BH ₃ , 2b ·2BH ₃	(C,C,C,B)	+20.0	CDCl ₃
[H3a] ⁺ , [H3b] ⁺	(C,C,C,H)	~ +5	6M aq. HCl

¹ J. C. Tebby, *CRC Handbook of Phosphorus-31 NMR Data*, CRC Press, Boca Raton, 1991, p. 160.

Characterizations of prepared **2a** and **2b** complexes

[RhCl(η^2 : η^2 -cod)(**2a**- κ P)]

Brownish-yellow powder (122 mg, 92 %).

NMR (CDCl₃): ¹H δ 1.20 (CH₃, 12H, m); 1.82–2.00 (CH₂–1,5-cod, 4H, m); 2.32 (CH₂–1,5-cod, 4H, m); 2.58 (CH–P, 1H, tt, ²J_{PH} = 24.0 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 6.0 Hz); 3.06 (CH–1,5-cod *trans* to Cl, 2H, bs); 3.18 (CH₂, 4H, td, ³J_{PH} = 16.4 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 6.0 Hz); 4.03 (O–CH₂, 8H, m); 5.48 (CH–1,5-cod *trans* to P, 2H, bs); 7.21–7.65 (CH, 14H, m); ³¹P{¹H} δ 22.7 (P–O, 2P, s); 30.1 (Rh–P, 1P, d, ¹J_{PRh} = 150 Hz); ³¹P δ 22.7 (P–O, 2P, s); 30.1 (Rh–P, 1P, d, ¹J_{PRh} = 150 Hz); MS: *m/z* (+) 585.4 (L+Na)⁺; 601.3 (L^{OX}+Na)⁺; 773.2 (M–Cl)⁺; 830.8 (M+Na)⁺.

{[RhCl(η^2 : η^2 -cod)]₂(μ -**2b**- κ^2 P,P')}

Dark yellow powder (124 mg, 89 %).

NMR (CDCl₃): ¹H δ 1.08 (CH₃, 12H, t, ³J_{HH} = 7.0 Hz); 1.81–2.00 (CH₂–1,5-cod, 4H, m); 2.32 (CH₂–1,5-cod, 4H, m); 3.07 (CH–1,5-cod *trans* to Cl, 2H, bs); 3.24 (CH₂, 4H, t, ³J_{PH} = 16.2); 3.93 (O–CH₂, 8H, m); 5.48 (CH–1,5-cod *trans* to P, 2H, bs); 7.27–7.68 (CH, 28H, m); ³¹P{¹H} δ 23.8 (P–O, 2P, s); 30.1 (Rh–P, 2P, d, ¹J_{PRh} = 150 Hz) ³¹P δ 23.8 (P–O, 2P, s); 30.1 (Rh–P, 2P, d, ¹J_{PRh} = 150 Hz).

trans-[PdCl₂(**2a**- κ P)₂]

Yellow powder (117 mg, 65 %).

NMR (CDCl₃): ¹H δ 1.18 (CH₃, 12H, m); 2.57 (CH–P, 1H, tt, ²J_{PH} = 24.0 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 6.0 Hz); 3.16 (CH₂, 2H, td, ³J_{PH} = 16.4 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 6.0 Hz); 4.01 (O–CH₂, 8H, m); 7.19 – 7.63 (CH, 14H, m); ³¹P{¹H} δ 22.7 (P–O, 2P, s); 22.9 (P–Pd, 1P, s); ³¹P δ 22.7 (P–O+P–Pd, m); MS: *m/z* (+) 585.4 (L+Na)⁺; 762.9 (M–L+Na)⁺; 1324.5 (M+Na)⁺; TLC (SiO₂; THF; UV) R_f = 0.3; Far-IR 361s; Raman 307s.

trans,trans-[Pd₂Cl₄(μ -**2b**- κ^2 P,P')₂]

Dark yellow powder (112 mg, 90 %).

NMR (CDCl₃): ¹H δ 1.11 (CH₃, 12H, t, ³J_{HH} = 7.0 Hz); 3.31 (CH₂, 4H, t, ³J_{PH} = 16.0 Hz); 3.95 (O–CH₂, 8H, m); 7.34 – 7.73 (CH, 28H, m); ³¹P{¹H} δ 22.9 (Pd–P, 2P, s); 23.7 (P–O, 2P, s); ³¹P δ 22.9 (Pd–P, 2P, bs); 23.7 (P–O, 2P, m); MS: *m/z* (+) 1991.9 (M–Cl)⁺; 2051.0 (M+Na)⁺; Far-IR 357s; Raman 303s.

cis-[PtCl₂(**2a**- κ P)₂]

Light yellow powder (92 mg, 68 %).

NMR (CDCl₃): ¹H δ 1.19 (CH₃, 12H, m); 2.52 (CH–P, 1H, tt, ²J_{PH} = 24.0 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 6.0 Hz); 3.15 (CH₂, 2H, td, ³J_{PH} = 16.4 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 6.0 Hz); 4.01 (O–CH₂, 8H, m); 7.04–7.39 (CH, 14H, m); P{¹H} δ

13.7 (Pt–P, 1P, s+d, $^1J_{\text{PtP}} = 3675$ Hz); 22.7 (P–O, 2P, s); ^{31}P δ 13.7 (Pt–P, 1P, s+d, $^1J_{\text{PtP}} = 3674$ Hz); 22.7 (P–O, 2P, bs); ^{195}Pt δ –1197 (t, $^1J_{\text{PtP}} = 3665$ Hz); MS: m/z (+) 585.3 (L+Na) $^+$; 1318.2 (M–2Cl+H) $^+$; 1356 (M–Cl) $^+$; TLC (SiO₂; THF; UV) $R_f = 0.3$; Far-IR 296s, 320s; Raman 298s, 320s.

cis,cis-[Pt₂Cl₄(μ -2b- κ^2 P,P')₂]

Light yellow powder (113 mg, 92 %).

NMR (CDCl₃): ^1H δ 1.02 (CH₃, 12H, m); 3.16 (CH₂, 4H, t, $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 16.4$ Hz); 3.90 (O–CH₂, 8H, m); 7.03–7.68 (CH, 28H, m); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ δ 13.7 (Pt–P, 2P, s+d, $^1J_{\text{PtP}} = 3678$ Hz); 23.7 (P–O, 2P, s); ^{31}P δ 13.7 (Pt–P, 2P, s+d, $^1J_{\text{PtP}} = 3678$ Hz); 23.7 (P–O, 2P, bs); ^{195}Pt δ –1196 (t, $^1J_{\text{PtP}} = 3694$ Hz); MS: m/z (+) 2134.1 (M–2Cl+H) $^+$; 2168.9 (M–Cl) $^+$; (–) 2175.1 (M–Et) $^-$; Far-IR 296s, 320s; Raman 297s, 321s.

cis,trans-[Pt₂Cl₄(μ -2b- κ^2 P,P')₂] $\cdot$ 7CH₂Cl₂

Mother liquor after centrifugation of *cis,cis*-[Pt₂Cl₄(μ -2b- κ^2 P,P')₂] was left to evaporate slowly at 5 °C in a refrigerator. Yellow crystals of *cis,trans*-[Pt₂Cl₄(μ -2b- κ^2 P,P')₂] $\cdot$ 7CH₂Cl₂ suitable for X-ray analysis were collected.

NMR (CDCl₃): ^1H δ 1.05 (CH₃, 12H, m); 3.23 (CH₂, 4H, t, $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 16.4$ Hz); 3.92 (O–CH₂, 8H, m); 7.02–7.66 (CH, 28H, m); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ δ 13.8 (Pt–P_{cis}, 1P, s+d, $^1J_{\text{PtP}} = 3679$ Hz); 20.0 (Pt–P_{trans}, 1P, s+d, $^1J_{\text{PtP}} = 2639$ Hz); 24.0 (P–O, 2P, s); MS: m/z (+) 2170.6 (M–Cl) $^+$; Far-IR 298s, 319s, 343s.

Table S2

Comparison of calculated $\Delta\delta_p(\text{calc})$ and measured $\Delta\delta_p(\text{exp})$ ^{31}P NMR coordination shifts for Pd(II) and Pt(II) complexes of **2a** and **2b** in different solvents.

Parameter ^a	Solvent	2a	2b	[PdCl ₂ (2a -κP) ₂]		[Pd ₂ Cl ₄ (μ- 2b -κ ² P,P') ₂]	
				<i>cis</i>	<i>trans</i>	<i>cis</i>	<i>trans</i>
δ_p	CDCl ₃	−6.1	−6.1	33.2	22.9	32.5	22.9
	toluene	−5.6	−5.9	– ^b	23.2	– ^b	23.2
	MeOH	−5.5	−5.6	33.6	23.8	33.5	23.9
$\Delta\delta_p(\text{exp})$	CDCl ₃	–	–	39.3	29.0	38.6	29.0
	toluene	–	–	– ^b	28.8	– ^b	29.1
	MeOH	–	–	39.1	29.3	39.1	29.5
$\Delta\delta_p(\text{calc})$ ^c	CDCl ₃	–	–	40.0	30.2	40.0	30.2
	toluene	–	–	39.9	30.0	40.0	30.1
	MeOH	–	–	39.8	30.0	39.9	30.0

		2a	2b	[PtCl ₂ (2a -κP) ₂]		[Pt ₂ Cl ₄ (μ- 2b -κ ² P,P') ₂]	
				<i>cis</i>	<i>trans</i> ^d	<i>cis</i>	<i>trans</i> ^d
δ_p	CDCl ₃	−6.1	−6.1	13.6	19.8	13.5	19.8
	toluene	−5.6	−5.9	14.3	20.3	13.9	20.4
	MeOH	−5.5	−5.6	13.9	20.6	14.0	20.8
$\Delta\delta_p(\text{exp})$	CDCl ₃	–	–	19.7	25.9	19.6	25.9
	toluene	–	–	19.9	25.9	19.8	26.3
	MeOH	–	–	19.4	26.1	19.6	26.4
$\Delta\delta_p(\text{calc})$ ^c	CDCl ₃	–	–	20.8	24.3	20.8	24.3
	toluene	–	–	20.7	24.1	20.8	24.2
	MeOH	–	–	20.6	24.1	20.7	24.1
$^1J_{\text{PtP}}$ ^e		–	–	3687	2636	3680	2629

^aValues in ppm. ^bNot observed. ^cCalculated using equations $\Delta\delta_p(\text{calc}) = A \times \delta_p(\text{free ligand}) + B$,
 $A(\text{Pd(II)}_{\text{cis}}) = -0.315$; $B(\text{Pd(II)}_{\text{cis}}) = 38.11$; $A(\text{Pd(II)}_{\text{trans}}) = -0.359$; $B(\text{Pd(II)}_{\text{trans}}) = 28.01$;
 $A(\text{Pt(II)}_{\text{cis}}) = -0.326$; $B(\text{Pt(II)}_{\text{cis}}) = 18.83$; $A(\text{Pt(II)}_{\text{trans}}) = -0.481$; $B(\text{Pt(II)}_{\text{trans}}) = 21.41$ (ref.²); ^d
 prepared *in situ* by photochemical isomerisation (see Experimental for details). ^eValues in Hz.

² (a) B. E. Mann, B. L. Masters, R. M. Slade and R. E. Stainbank, *Inorg. Nucl. Chem. Lett.*, 1971, 7, 881–885; (b) S. Berger, S. Braun and H. O. Kalinowski; *NMR Spectroscopy of the Non-Metallic Elements*, J. Wiley & Sons, 1996, pp. 835–838.

Table S3

Values of measured $\Delta\delta_p(\text{exp})$ and calculated $\Delta\delta_p(\text{calc})$ ^{31}P NMR coordination shifts for Pd(II) and Pt(II) complexes in comparison with $\text{Na}_4\mathbf{3a}$ (−7.8 ppm) and $\text{Na}_4\mathbf{3b}$ (−5.6 ppm) in 0.2M NaOD/D₂O.

Parameter ^a	[PdCl ₂ (Na ₄ 3a - κP) ₂]		[Pd ₂ Cl ₄ (Na ₄ 3b - $\kappa^2 P, P'$) ₂]	
	<i>cis</i>	<i>trans</i>	<i>cis</i>	<i>trans</i>
δ_p	34.8	22.4	37.8	24.7
$\Delta\delta_p(\text{exp})$	42.6	30.2	43.4	30.3
$\Delta\delta_p(\text{calc})$ ^b	40.6	30.8	39.9	30.0

	[PtCl ₂ (Na ₄ 3a - κP) ₂]		[Pt ₂ Cl ₄ (Na ₄ 3b - $\kappa^2 P, P'$) ₂]	
	<i>cis</i>	<i>trans</i>	<i>cis</i>	<i>trans</i>
δ_p	7.8	—	7.2	—
$\Delta\delta_p(\text{exp})$	15.6	—	12.8	—
$\Delta\delta_p(\text{calc})$ ^b	21.4	25.2	20.7	24.1
$^1J_{\text{PtP}}$ ^c	3865	—	— ^d	—

^aValues in ppm. ^bCalculated using equations $\Delta\delta_p(\text{calc}) = A \times \delta_p(\text{free ligand}) + B$ (extrapolated to polar phase) using the same coefficients as in Table 2 (ref.²). ^cValues in Hz. ^d Not determined due to a low spectra quality.

Table S4Phosphorus-atoms-related geometric parameters found in the structure of **2b**·2BH₃·H₂O.

Phosphonates			
distances (Å)			
P1A–O1A	1.4670(14)	P1B–O1B	1.4678(14)
P1A–O2A	1.5744(15)	P1B–O2B	1.5722(13)
P1A–O3A	1.5660(15)	P1B–O3B	1.5679(14)
P1A–C1	1.8382(18)	P1B–C1	1.8449(17)
angles (°)			
O1A–P1A–O2A	114.35(8)	O1B–P1B–O2B	114.08(8)
O1A–P1A–O3A	117.02(8)	O1B–P1B–O3B	116.22(8)
O1A–P1A–C1	115.74(8)	O1B–P1B–C1	115.14(8)
O2A–P1A–O3A	102.01(9)	O2B–P1B–O3B	103.31(8)
O2A–P1A–C1	102.24(8)	O2B–P1B–C1	105.31(7)
O3A–P1A–C1	103.44(8)	O3B–P1B–C1	101.14(8)
Phosphines			
distances (Å)			
P2A–C6A	1.8144(18)	P2B–C6B	1.8137(18)
P2A–C10A	1.8137(20)	P2B–C10B	1.8164(21)
P2A–C20A	1.8203(19)	P2B–C20B	1.8129(20)
P2A–B2A	1.9058(22)	P2B–B2B	1.9066(24)
angles (°)			
C6A–P2A–C10A	105.51(8)	C6B–P2B–C10B	106.45(9)
C6A–P2A–C20A	107.15(8)	C6B–P2B–C20B	105.70(8)
C6A–P2A–B2A	111.97(9)	C6B–P2B–B2B	112.47(10)
C10A–P2A–C20A	105.68(9)	C10B–P2B–C20B	106.44(9)
C10A–P2A–B2A	114.32(10)	C10B–P2B–B2B	113.04(11)
C20A–P2A–B2A	111.68(10)	C20B–P2B–B2B	112.22(11)

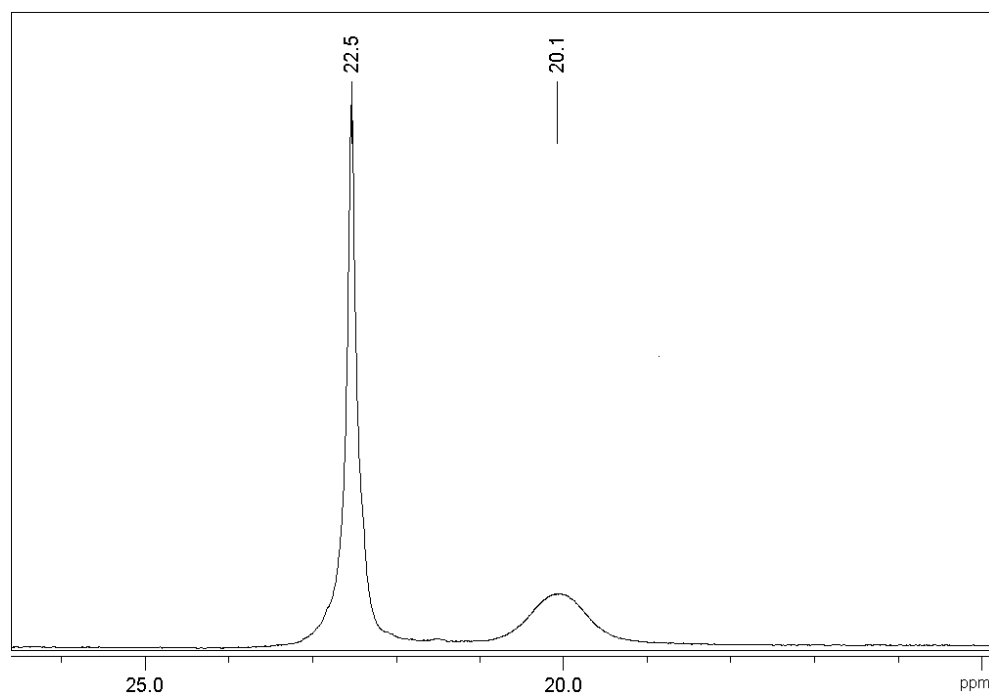
Table S5

Experimental and refinement parameters of reported crystal structures.

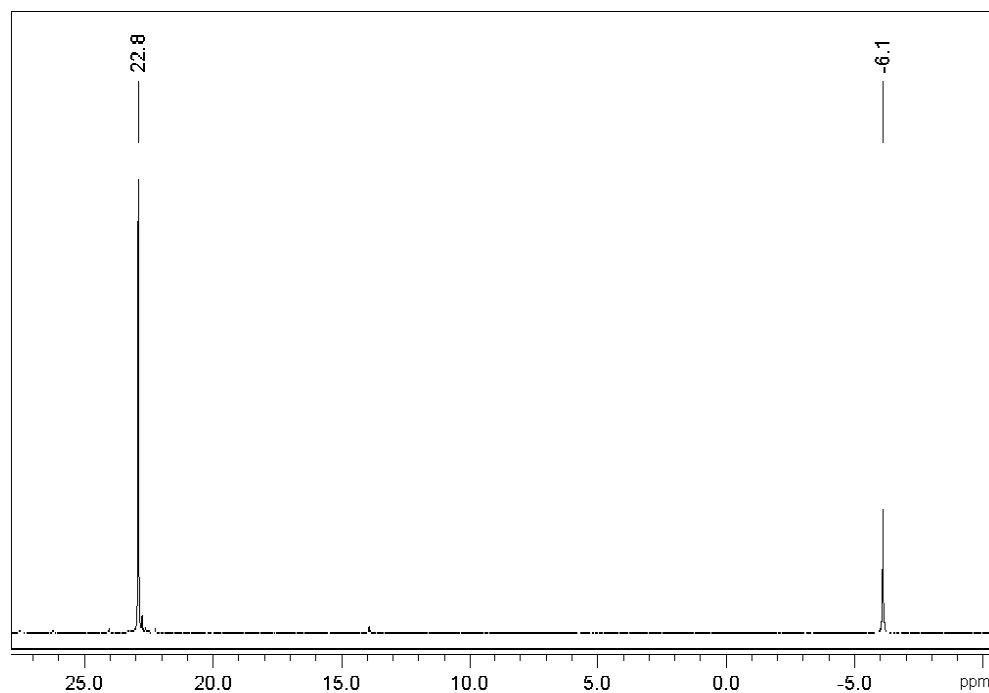
Parameter	2b ·2BH ₃ ·H ₂ O	<i>trans</i> -[PdCl ₂ (2a -κ <i>P</i>) ₂]·2CHCl ₃	<i>cis,trans</i> -[Pt ₂ Cl ₄ (μ- 2b -κ ² <i>P,P'</i>) ₂]·7CH ₂ Cl ₂
Formula	C ₄₇ H ₆₀ B ₂ O ₇ P ₄	C ₅₈ H ₇₆ Cl ₈ O ₁₂ P ₆ Pd	C ₁₀₁ H ₁₁₈ Cl ₁₈ O ₁₂ P ₈ Pt ₂
<i>M</i> _r	882.45	1541.01	2799.98
Size (mm)	0.28×0.30×0.45	0.04×0.08×0.50	0.20×0.28×0.30
Crystal shape	Prism	Needle	Prism
Colour	Colourless	Colourless	Light yellow
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> (No. 14)	<i>P</i> -1 (No. 2)	<i>P</i> -1 (No. 2)
<i>a</i> (Å)	23.2795(2)	8.2868(3)	17.5897(2)
<i>b</i> (Å)	14.6939(1)	10.5786(3)	18.3345(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	14.2210(3)	21.4686(7)	20.9857(3)
α (°)	90	103.009(2)	84.3179(7)
β (°)	105.9901(6)	92.235(2)	68.7386(9)
γ (°)	90	107.821(2)	69.7078(9)
<i>U</i> (Å ³)	4676.32(10)	1733.86(10)	5913.0(2)
<i>Z</i>	4	1	2
<i>D</i> _c (g cm ⁻³)	1.253	1.476	1.573
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.210	0.770	2.933
<i>F</i> (000)	1872	792	2804
Range of θ (°)	1.66–27.49	1.96–27.08	1.26–27.58
Range of indexes (<i>hkl</i>)	–30 < <i>h</i> < 30	–10 < <i>h</i> < 10	–22 < <i>h</i> < 22
	–19 < <i>k</i> < 19	–12 < <i>k</i> < 13	–23 < <i>k</i> < 23
	–18 < <i>l</i> < 18	–27 < <i>l</i> < 27	–27 < <i>l</i> < 27
Data, restraints, parameters	10721, 0, 565	7631, 3, 353	26966, 5, 1265
G-o-f	1.018	1.033	1.029
<i>R</i> ; <i>wR</i> (all data)	0.0603; 0.1190	0.0884; 0.1333	0.0708; 0.1515
<i>R'</i> ; <i>wR'</i> [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0445; 0.1079	0.0522; 0.1202	0.0525; 0.1362
Residual min/max of electronic density (e Å ⁻³)	–0.838; 1.014	–0.635; 0.583	–1.945; 4.237

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra

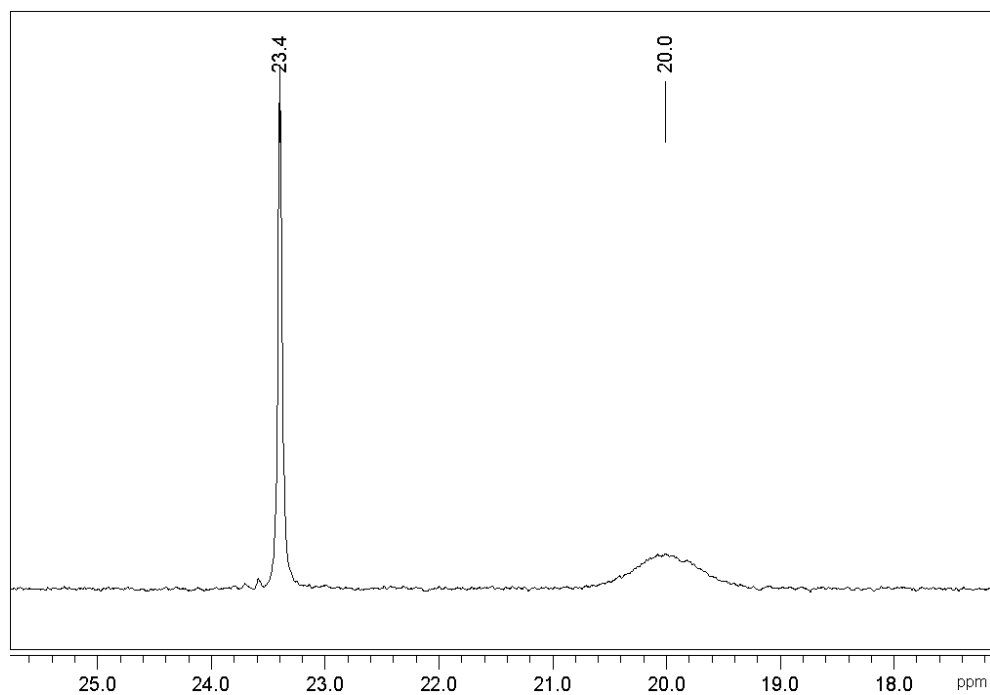
Borane adduct of tetraethyl [4-(diphenylphosphanyl)benzyl]methylene-bis(phosphonate) (**2a**·BH₃)



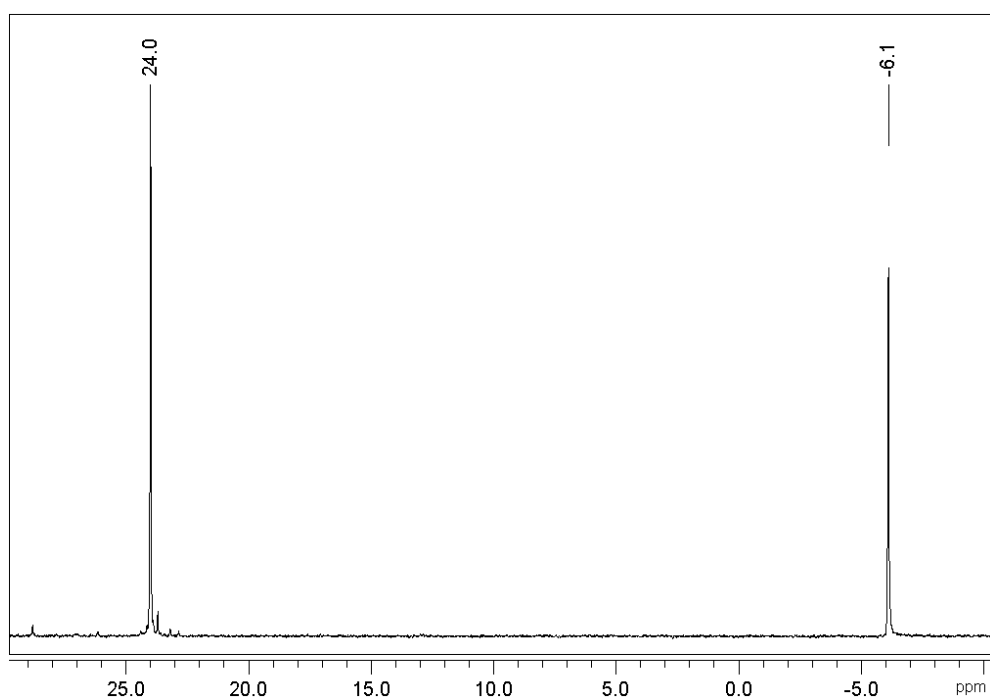
Tetraethyl [4-(diphenylphosphanyl)benzyl]methylene-bis(phosphonate) (**2a**)



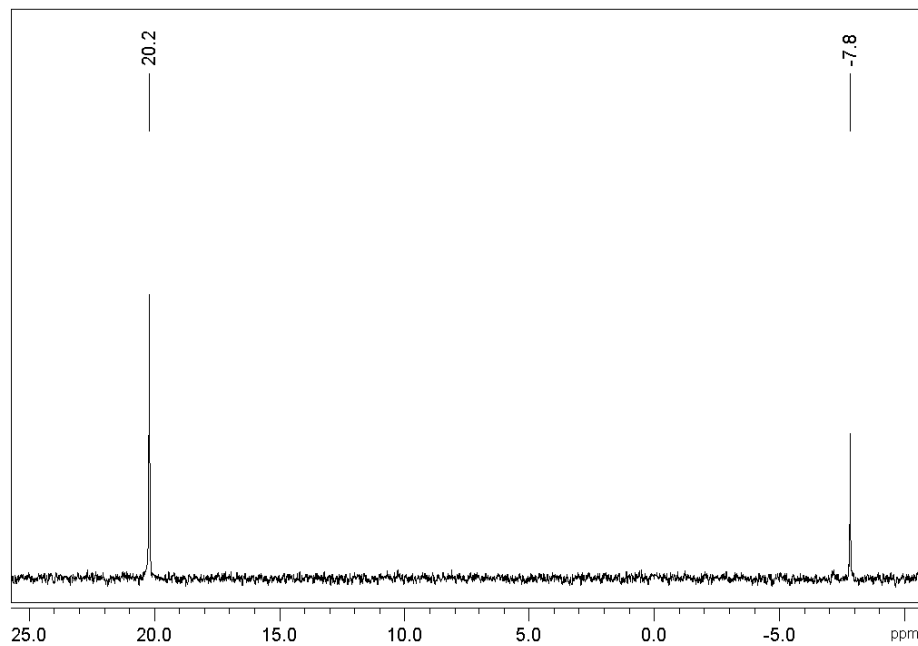
Bis(borane) adduct of octaethyl bis[4-(diphenylphosphanyl)benzyl]methylene-bis(phosphonate)
(**2b**·2BH₃)



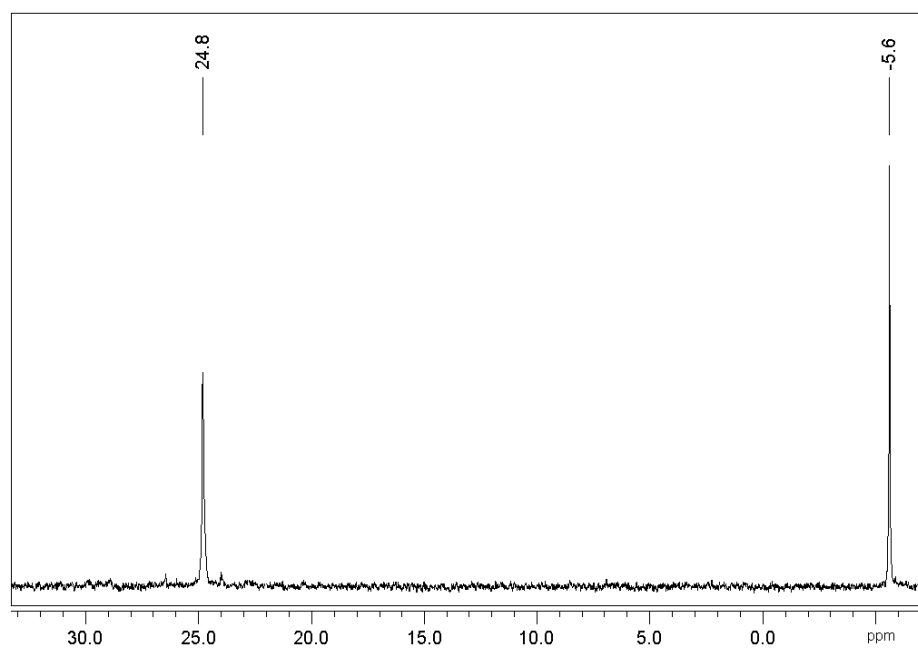
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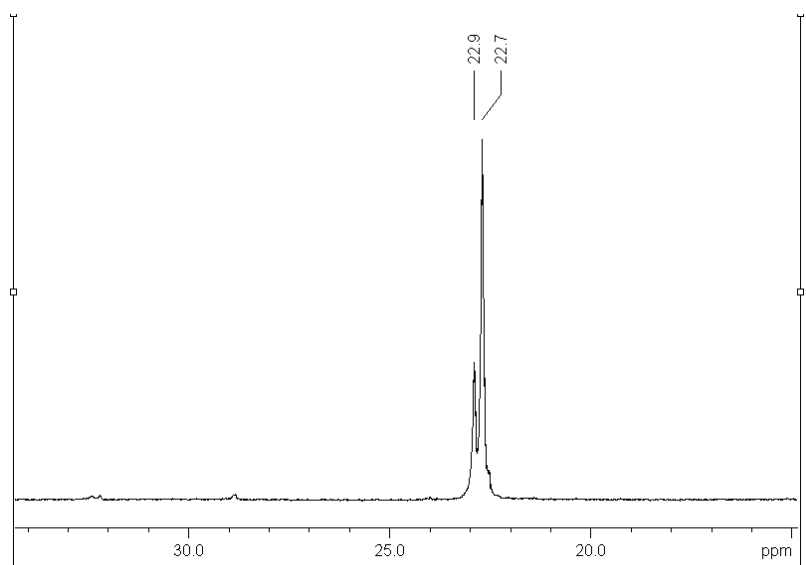
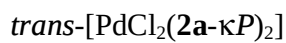
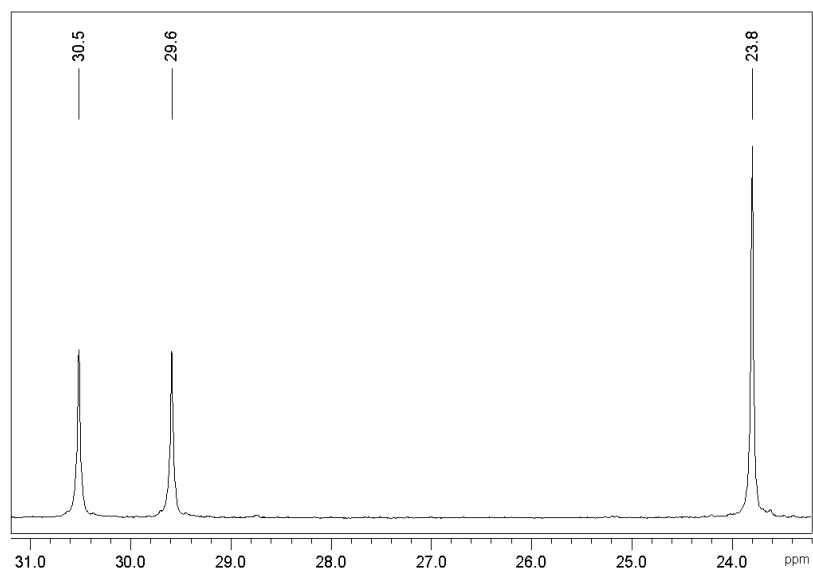
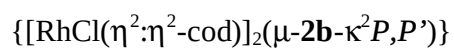
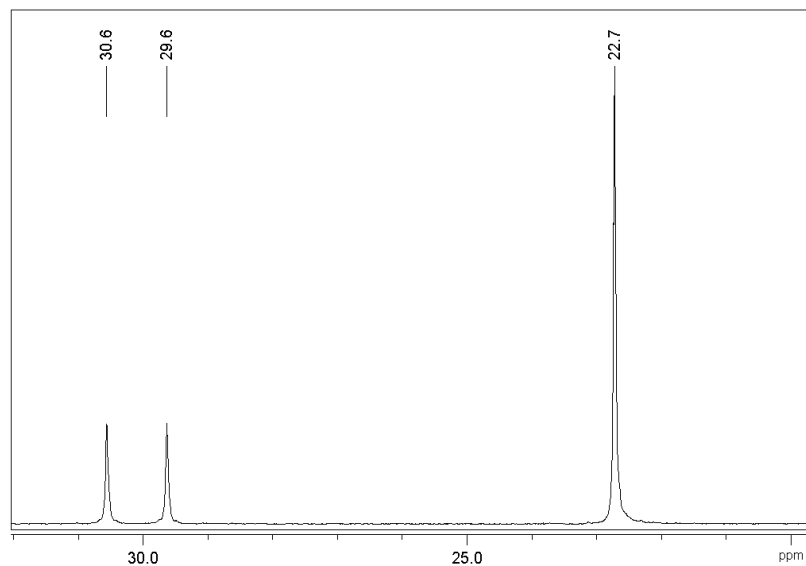
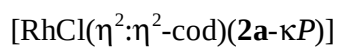


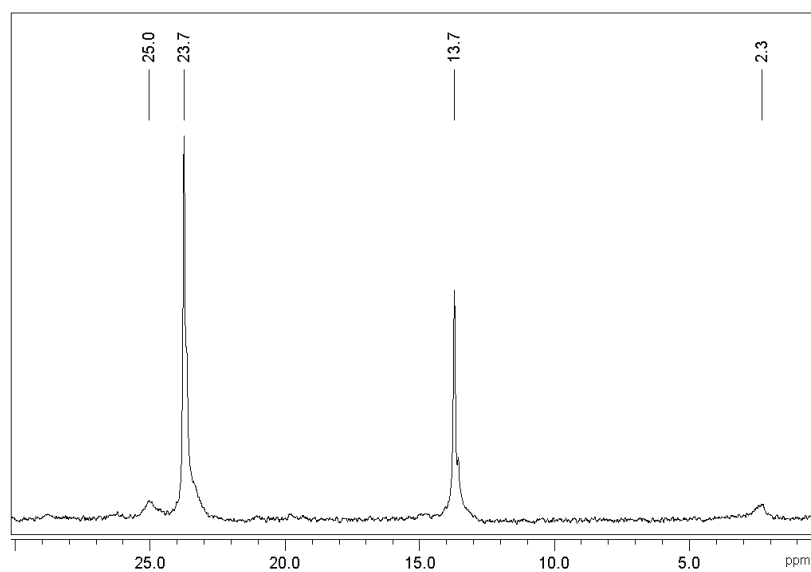
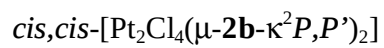
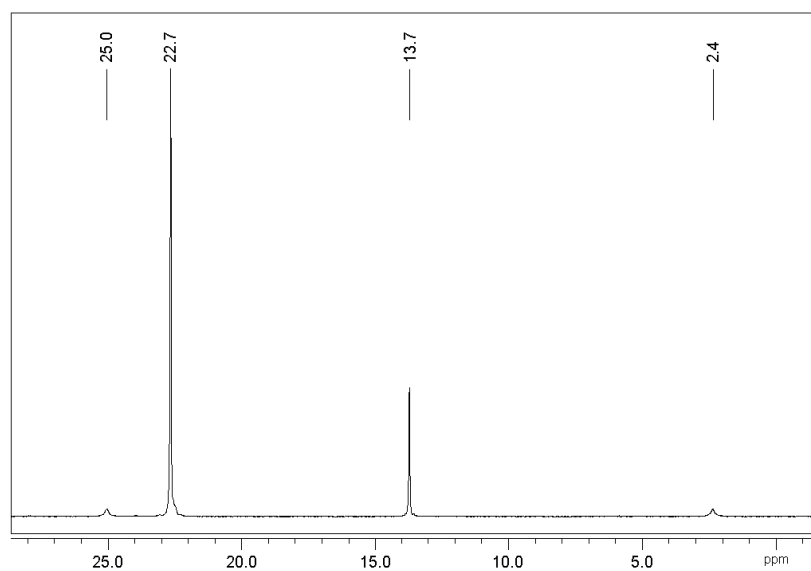
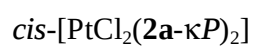
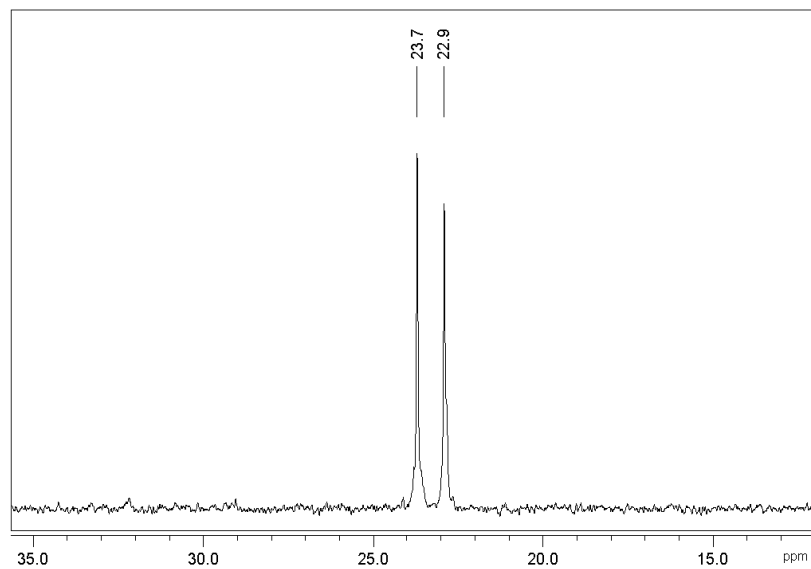
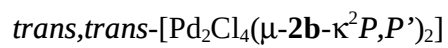
[4-(diphenylphosphanyl)benzyl]methylene-bis(phosphonic acid) (**3a**)



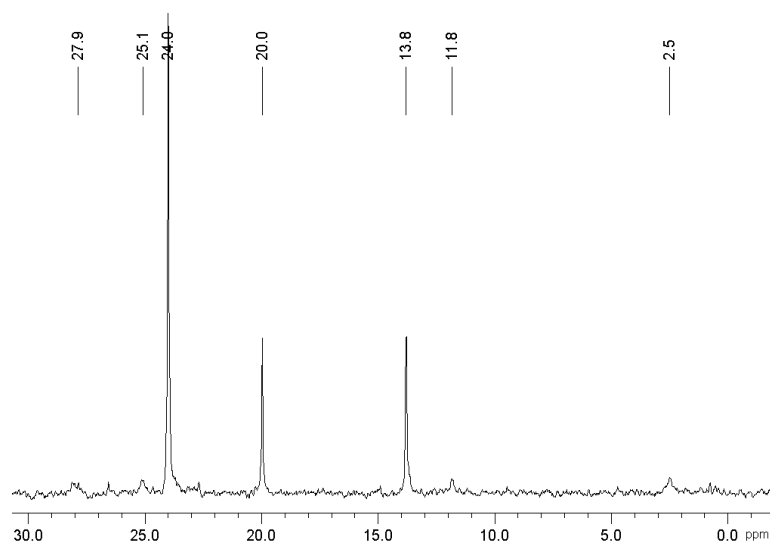
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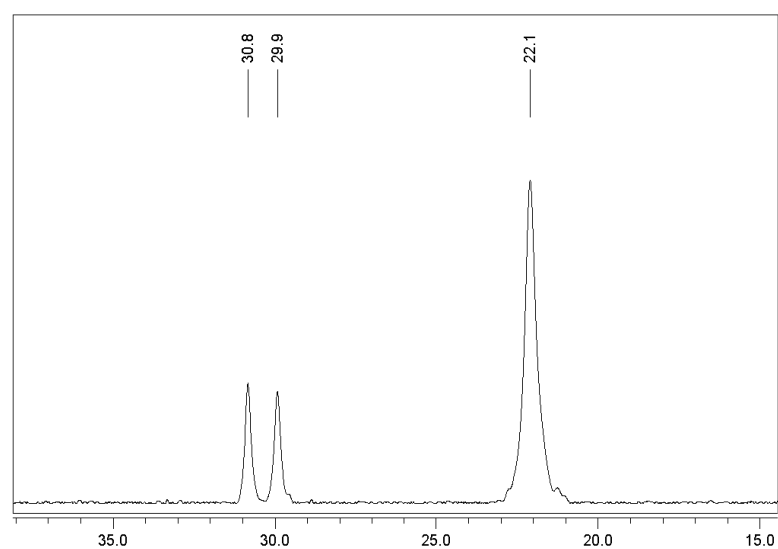




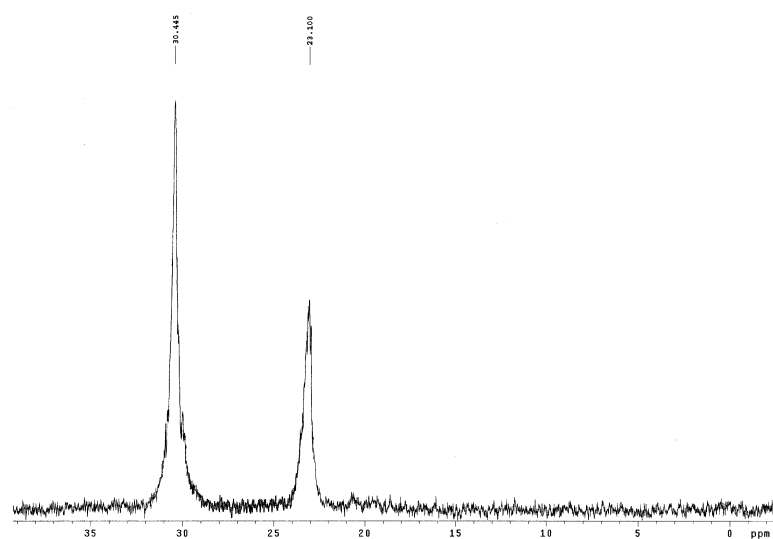
cis,trans-[Pt₂Cl₄(μ-**2b**-κ²*P,P'*)₂] $\cdot$ 7CH₂Cl₂



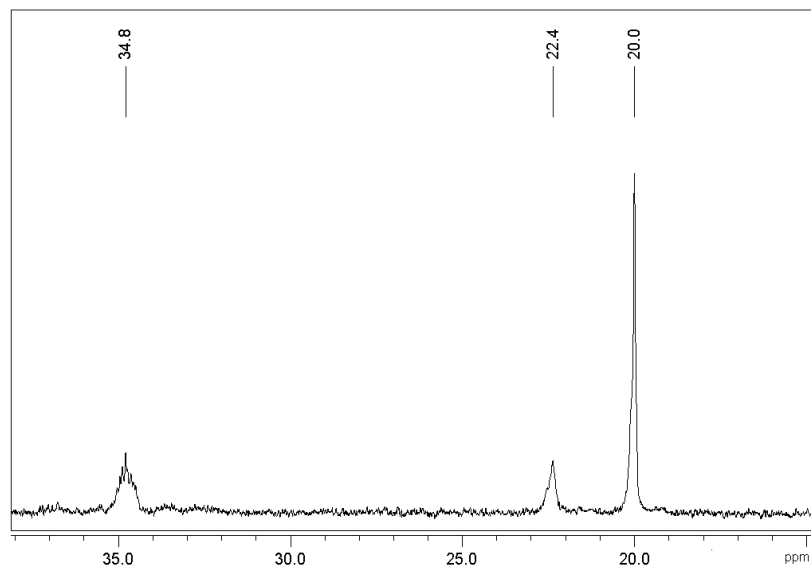
[RhCl(η²:η²-cod)(**3a**-κ*P*)] sodium salt



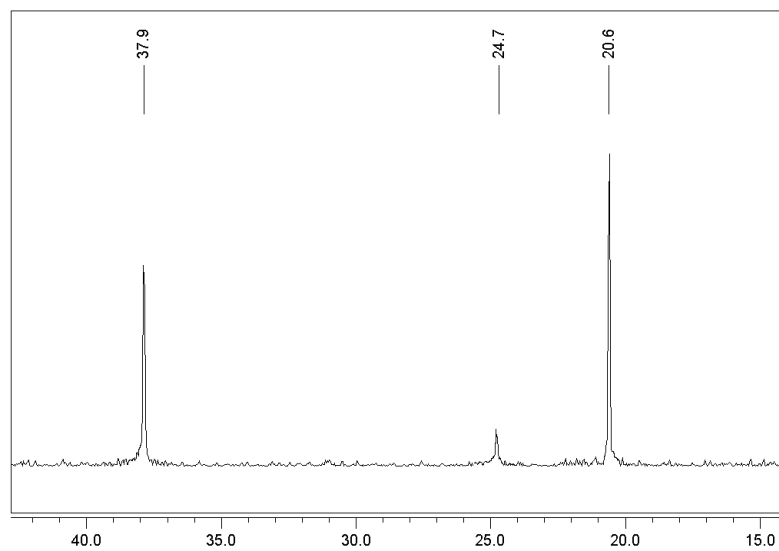
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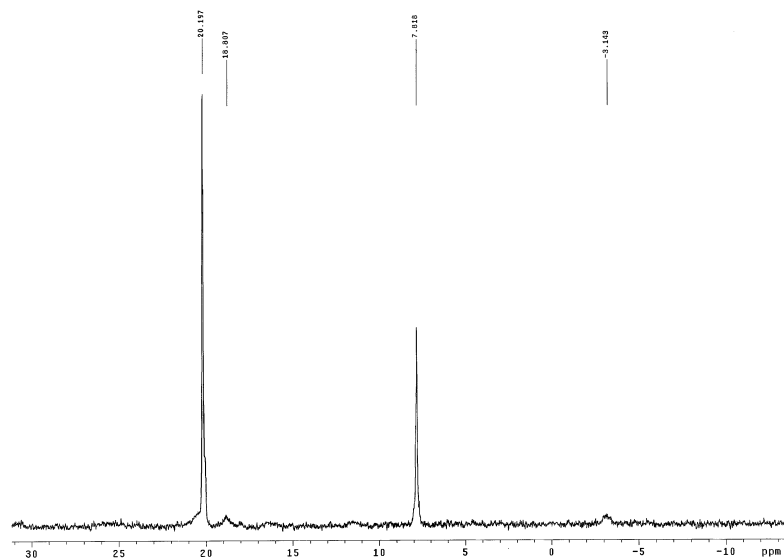
$[\text{PdCl}_2(\mathbf{3a}\text{-}\kappa P)_2]$ sodium salt



$[\text{Pd}_2\text{Cl}_4(\mu\text{-}\mathbf{3b}\text{-}\kappa^2 P, P')_2]$ sodium salt



cis- $[\text{PtCl}_2(\mathbf{3a}\text{-}\kappa P)_2]$ sodium salt



cis,cis-[Pt₂Cl₄(μ-**3b**-κ²*P,P'*)₂] sodium salt

