Supplementary Information for

Synthesis of Facial Cyclometalated Iridium(III) Complexes Triggered by Tripodal Ligands

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Proton Magnetic Resonance Nuclear Overhauser Effect Measurements.

A sample was prepared under argon. Nuclear Overhauser effect experiments were performed with 2 second irradiation of a freeze-pump-thaw degassed CD_2Cl_2 solution of **2c**. The 400 MHz ^{1}H NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C. Nuclear Overhauser enhancements were obtained by saturation of the desired resonance. Irradiation of the cyclohexyl proton at the 1-position showed no enhancement of the cyclohexyl equatrial proton at the 2-position (Figure S1). Irradiation of the cyclohexyl axial proton at the 2-position enhanced the pyridyl proton at the 6-position (Figure S2).

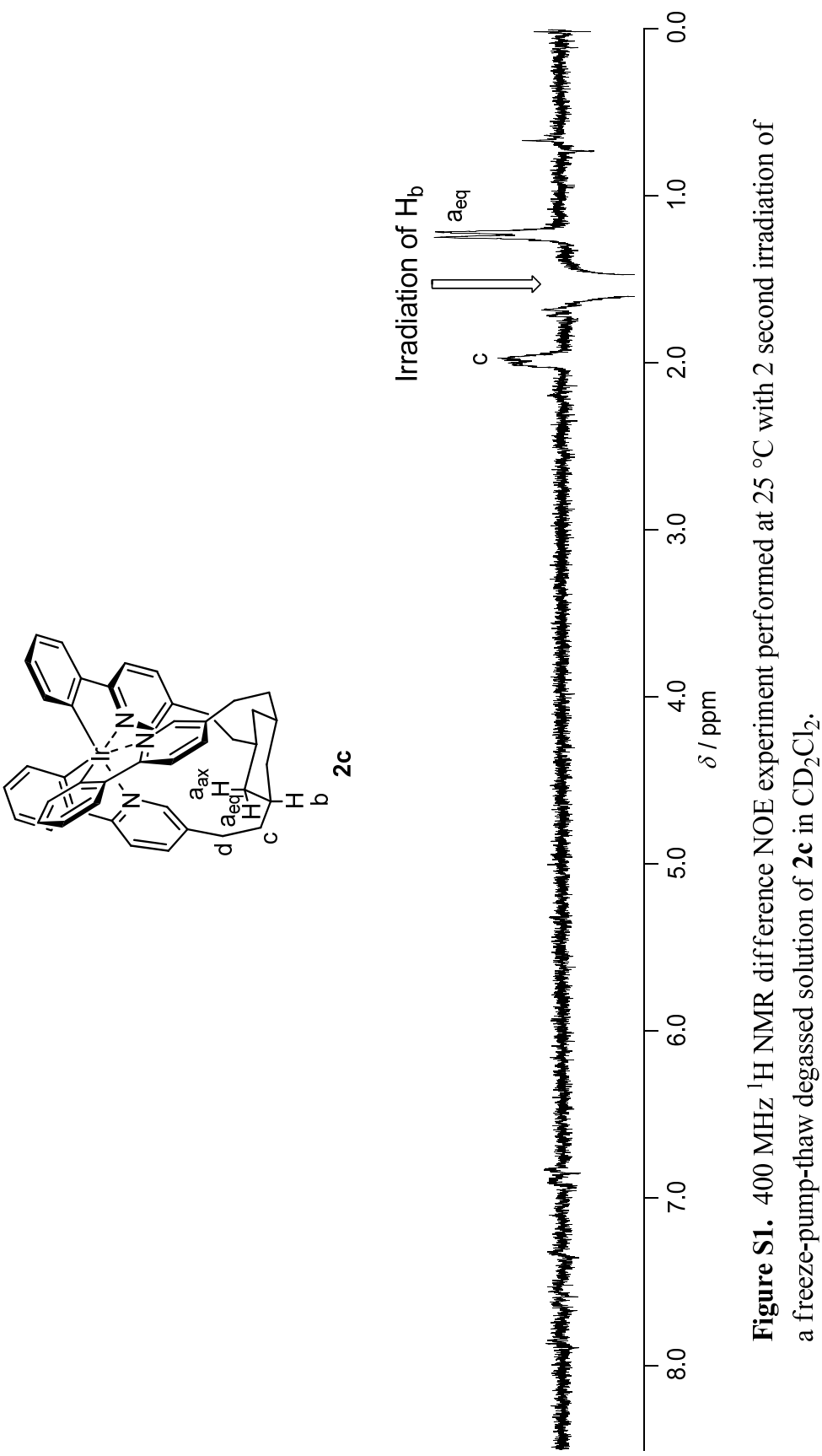

Figure S1. 400 MHz ^{1}H NMR difference NOE experiment performed at 25 °C with 2 second irradiation of a freeze-pump-thaw degassed solution of **2c** in CD_2Cl_2.

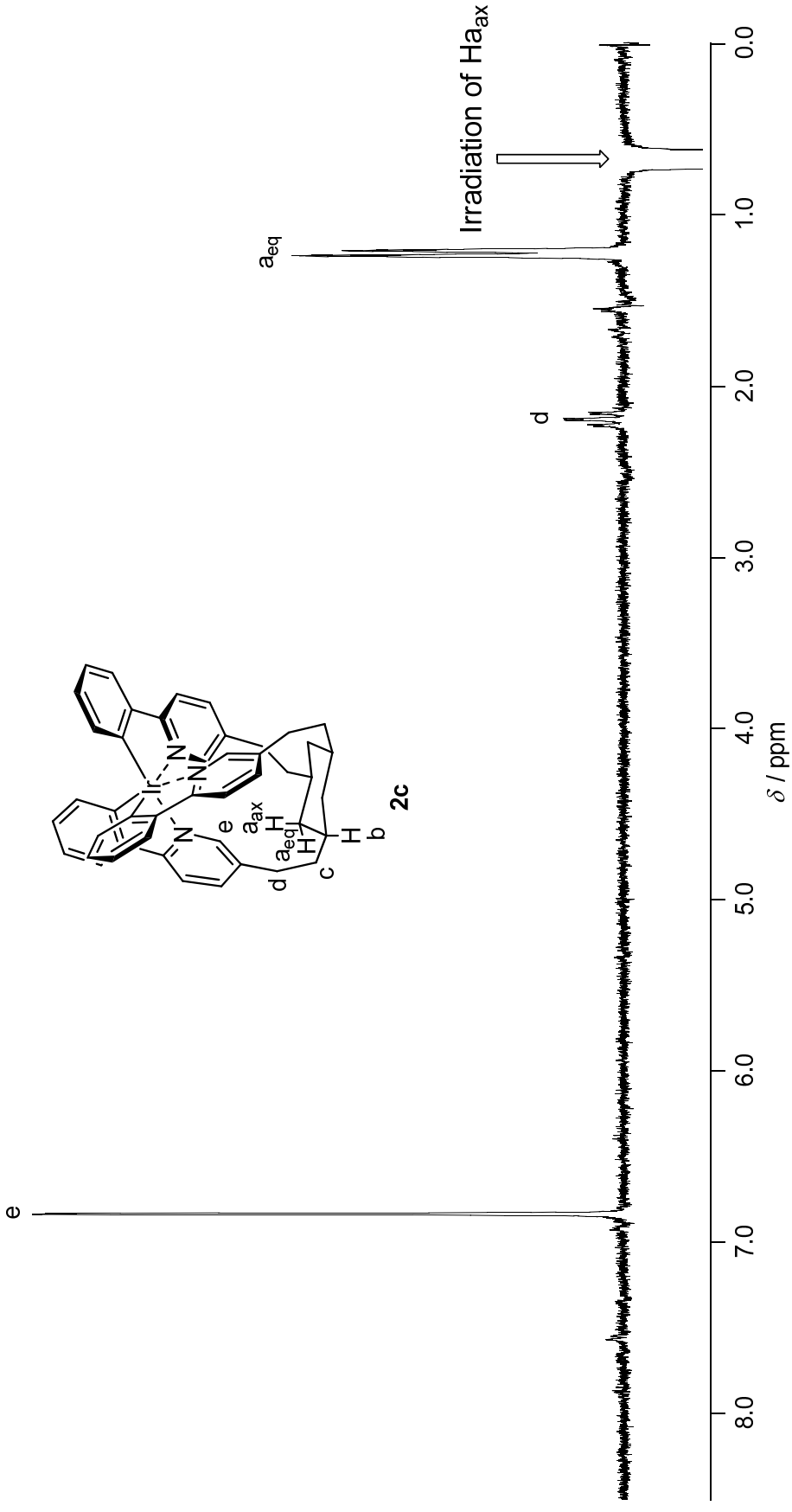

Figure S2. 400 MHz ^{1}H NMR difference NOE experiment performed at 25 °C with 2 second irradiation of a freeze-pump-thaw degassed solution of **2c** in CD_2Cl_2.