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**Cyclometallation of arylimines and nitrogen-containing heterocycles via  
room-temperature C-H bond activation with arene ruthenium(II)  
acetato complexes**

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## I. *General information.*

All reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used as received. THF and dichloromethane were over Braun MB-SPS-800 solvent purification system, and stored under an argon atmosphere. Methanol (anhydrous, HPLC grade, Aldrich) were used as received. Technical grade petroleum ether (40-60 °C b.p.) and ethyl acetate were used for chromatography column. Analytical TLC was performed on Merck 60F254 silica gel plates (0.25 mm thickness). Column chromatography was performed on Acros Organics Ultrapure silica gel (mesh size 40-60  $\mu\text{m}$ , 60 A).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at ambient temperature on Bruker AVANCE I 300, AVANCE III 400 spectrometers at and 300.1 and 400.1 MHz, using the solvent as internal standard (7.26 ppm).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were obtained at 75 and 100 MHz and referenced to the internal solvent signals (central peak is 77.2 ppm). Chemical shift ( $\delta$ ) and coupling constants ( $J$ ) are given in ppm and in Hz, respectively. The peak patterns are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet, and br. for broad.

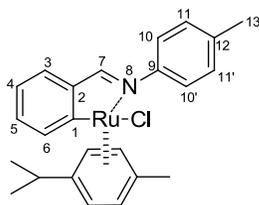
Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker IFS28 spectrometer using KBr pellets.

HRMS were measured on Waters Q-TOF 2.

## II. **General procedures for the reactions of imines with $[\text{RuCl}_2(p\text{-cymene})]_2$**

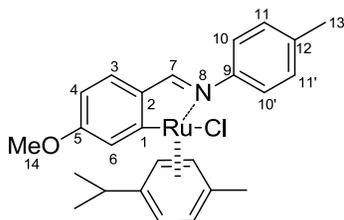
$[\text{RuCl}_2(p\text{-cymene})]_2$  (0.1 mmol, 61.2 mg), imines (0.2 mmol), KOAc (0.4 mmol, 40 mg) and methanol (5 mL) were introduced in a dried Schlenk tube under argon, equipped with magnetic stirring bar and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 20 h. The solvent was then evaporated under vacuum and the desired product was purified by chromatography column on silica gel (0.5 mol%  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ) with a mixture of petrol ether/ethyl acetate as the eluent.

**[RuCl{C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-1-C(H)=N(4-CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-*k*C,N)}(*p*-cymene)] (3a)**



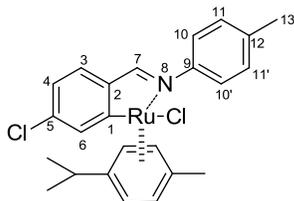
This compound was prepared from imine **2a**. The complex **3a** was purified by chromatography column on silica gel with a mixture of petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as the eluent (75:25), and was isolated as a orange solid (83 mg, 90%).  $R_f$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc 70:30) = 0.45.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.19 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 8.10 (s, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.66 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, H<sub>11</sub>), 7.54 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, H<sub>3</sub>), 7.23-7.17 (m, 3H, H<sub>10</sub>, H<sub>4</sub> or H<sub>5</sub>), 7.02 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, H<sub>4</sub> or H<sub>5</sub>), 5.48 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 5.22 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 4.87 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6 Hz, cymene), 4.83 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 2.43-2.36 (m, 4H, H<sub>13</sub>, CHMeMe'), 2.08 (s, 3H, Me cymene), 0.99 (d, 3H,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, CHMeMe'), 0.85 (d, 3H,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, CHMeMe'). The protons H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>6</sub>, H<sub>10</sub> have been assigned from a COSY experiment.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 189.2 (C-Ru), 171.7, 152.8, 146.2, 139.3, 137.3, 130.3, 129.8, 129.4, 122.6, 122.3, 102.5, 100.7, 92.7, 89.6, 82.9, 82.4, 31.0, 23.1, 21.6, 21.3, 18.9. IR:  $\nu$  (C=N) 1579  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}^{35}\text{ClNa}^{102}\text{Ru}$  [ $\text{M}^+ \text{Na}$ ]<sup>+</sup> 488.0695, found 488.0708.  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}^{102}\text{Ru}$  [ $\text{M}^- \text{Cl}$ ]<sup>+</sup> 430.1109, found 430.1112.

**[RuCl{(4-OMeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)-1-C(H)=N(4-CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-*k*C,N)}(*p*-cymene)] (3b)**



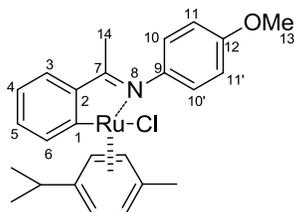
This compound was prepared from imine **2b** (45 mg, 0.2 mmol). The complex **3b** was purified by chromatography column on silica gel with a mixture of petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as the eluent (70:30), and was isolated as a red solid (77 mg, 77%).  $R_f$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc 70:30) = 0.30.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.97 (s, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.72 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 7.63 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, H<sub>11</sub>), 7.48 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, H<sub>3</sub>), 7.19 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, H<sub>10</sub>), 6.56 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, H<sub>4</sub>), 5.44 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 5.18 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz, cymene), 4.83 (m, 2H, cymene), 3.92 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.41-2.35 (m, 4H, H<sub>13</sub>, CHMeMe'), 2.08 (s, 3H, Me cymene), 0.99 (d, 3H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, CHMeMe'), 0.85 (d, 3H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, CHMeMe').  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 191.5 (C-Ru), 170.2, 160.3, 152.8, 139.7, 136.8, 131.1, 129.3, 123.6, 122.3, 109.0, 102.3, 100.1, 92.4, 89.2, 83.0, 82.2, 55.3, 30.9, 23.1, 21.6, 21.2, 18.9. IR:  $\nu$  (C=N) 1582  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}^{35}\text{ClNa}^{102}\text{Ru}$  [ $\text{M}^+ \text{Na}$ ]<sup>+</sup> 518.0801, found 518.0817.  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}^{102}\text{Ru}$  [ $\text{M}^- \text{Cl}$ ]<sup>+</sup> 460.1214, found 460.1212.

**[RuCl{(4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)-1-C(H)=N(4-CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-*k*C,N)}(*p*-cymene)] (3c)**



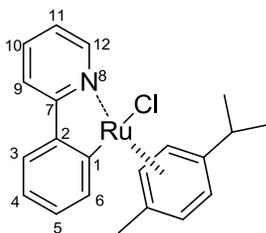
This compound was prepared from imine **2c** (45.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). The complex **3c** was purified by chromatography column on silica gel with a mixture of petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as the eluent (75:25), and was isolated as a red solid (52 mg, 52%).  $R_f$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc 70:30) = 0.65.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.15 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 8.06 (s, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.63 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, H<sub>11</sub>), 7.45 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, H<sub>3</sub>), 7.22 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, H<sub>10</sub>), 7.01-6.97 (m, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 5.47 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 5.22 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 4.90 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 4.85 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 2.42-2.33 (m, 4H, H<sub>13</sub>, CHMeMe'), 2.10 (s, 3H, Me cymene), 0.98 (d, 3H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, CHMeMe'), 0.85 (d, 3H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, CHMeMe').  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 190.5 (C-Ru), 170.8, 152.5, 144.5, 138.5, 137.6, 136.0, 130.4, 129.5, 123.0, 122.2, 103.1, 100.9, 92.9, 89.4, 83.7, 82.6, 31.0, 23.0, 21.7, 21.3, 19.0. IR:  $\nu$  (C=N) 1578  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}^{35}\text{Cl}_2\text{Na}^{102}\text{Ru}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ]<sup>+</sup> 522.0305, found 522.0323.  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}^{35}\text{Cl}^{102}\text{Ru}$  [ $\text{M} - \text{Cl}$ ]<sup>+</sup> 464.0719, found 464.0719.

**[RuCl{C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-1-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)=N(4-OCH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-*k*C,N)}(*p*-cymene)] (3d)**



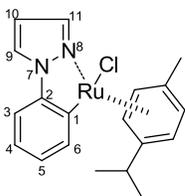
This compound was prepared from imine **2d** (45 mg, 0.2 mmol). The complex **3d** was purified by chromatography column on silica gel with a mixture of petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (70:30) as the eluent, and was isolated as a red solid (72 mg, 73%).  $R_f$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc 70:30) = 0.35.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.20 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, H<sub>3</sub> or H<sub>6</sub>), 7.46 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, H<sub>3</sub> or H<sub>6</sub>), 7.30-7.18 (m, 3H, H<sub>11</sub>, H<sub>4</sub> or H<sub>5</sub>), 7.05-6.96 (m, 3H, H<sub>10</sub>, H<sub>4</sub> or H<sub>5</sub>), 5.33 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 4.95 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 4.63 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 3.91 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.57-2.48 (m, 1H, CHMeMe'), 2.27 (s, 3H, H<sub>14</sub>), 2.02 (s, 3H, Me cymene), 1.01 (d, 3H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, CHMeMe'), 0.83 (d, 3H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, CHMeMe').  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 188.3 (C-Ru), 179.6, 157.8, 147.4, 146.4, 139.3, 130.1, 128.3, 121.9, 116.5, 114.8, 102.9, 102.6, 92.8, 90.4, 80.3, 80.2, 55.6, 30.8, 23.0, 21.3, 18.8, 16.9. IR:  $\nu$  (C=N) 1578  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}^{35}\text{ClNa}^{102}\text{Ru}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ]<sup>+</sup> 518.0801, found 518.0811.  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}^{102}\text{Ru}$  [ $\text{M} - \text{Cl}$ ]<sup>+</sup> 460.1214, found 460.1211.

### III- Reaction of 2-Phenylpyridine with $[\text{RuCl}_2(p\text{-cymene})]_2$ (Complex 5)<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>



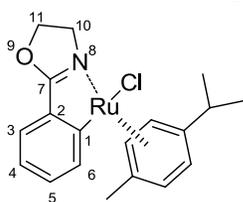
This compound was prepared from 2-phenylpyridine (0.2 mmol, 29  $\mu\text{L}$ ). The desired complex **5** was purified by chromatography column on silica gel with a mixture of petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30/70) as the eluent, and isolated as a dark green solid (81 mg, 94%).  $R_f$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc 30:70) = 0.35.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 9.16 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz,  $\text{H}_{12}$ ), 8.09 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz,  $\text{H}_3$ ), 7.65-7.53 (m, 3H,  $\text{H}_9$ ,  $\text{H}_{10}$ ,  $\text{H}_6$ ), 7.11 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz,  $\text{H}_4$ ), 6.99-6.94 (m, 2H,  $\text{H}_5$ ,  $\text{H}_{11}$ ), 5.52-5.48 (m, 2H, cymene), 5.10 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, cymene), 4.91 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, cymene), 2.37 (sept, 1H,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz,  $\text{CHMeMe}'$ ), 1.98 (s, 3H, Me cymene), 0.91 (d, 3H,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz,  $\text{CHMeMe}'$ ), 0.81 (d, 3H,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz,  $\text{CHMeMe}'$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 181.5 (C-Ru), 165.4, 154.7, 143.5, 139.7, 136.7, 129.5, 124.0, 122.6, 121.5, 118.9, 100.8, 100.6, 90.9, 89.7, 84.3, 82.3, 30.9, 22.6, 21.8, 18.9.

### IV- Reaction of 1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole with $[\text{RuCl}_2(p\text{-cymene})]_2$ (Complex 7)<sup>4</sup>



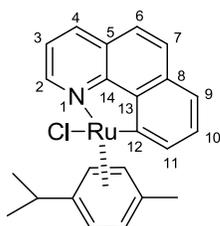
This compound was prepared from 1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (0.2 mmol, 26.4  $\mu\text{L}$ ). The desired complex **7** was purified by chromatography column on silica gel with a mixture of petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:70) as the eluent, and was isolated as a greenish solid (65.0 mg, 79%)  $R_f$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc 30:70) = 0.40.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.15 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz,  $\text{H}_6$ ), 8.06 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz,  $\text{H}_{11}$ ), 7.91 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz,  $\text{H}_9$ ), 7.19-7.01 (m, 3H,  $\text{H}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{H}_5$ ), 6.47 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz,  $\text{H}_{10}$ ), 5.57 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 5.30 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 5.09 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, cymene), 2.47-2.44 (sept, 1H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz,  $\text{CHMeMe}'$ ), 2.06 (s, 3H, Me cymene), 0.97 (d, 3H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz,  $\text{CHMeMe}'$ ), 0.93 (d, 3H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz,  $\text{CHMeMe}'$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 161.9 (C-Ru), 142.2, 141.9, 140.2, 126.1, 125.0, 123.2, 111.5, 108.4, 100.09, 100.08, 88.7, 88.2, 84.2, 82.2, 30.7, 22.5, 22.0, 18.9.

## V- Reaction of 2-phenyl-2-oxazoline with $[\text{RuCl}_2(p\text{-cymene})]_2$ (Complex 9)



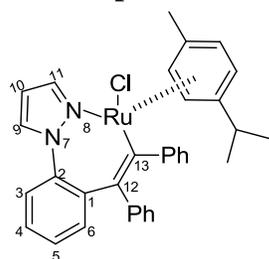
This compound was prepared from 2-phenyl-2-oxazoline (0.2 mmol, 26.3  $\mu\text{L}$ ). The desired complex **9** was purified by chromatography column on silica gel with a mixture of petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:70) as the eluent, and was isolated as a green solid (32.7 mg, 40%).  $R_f$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc 30:70) = 0.25.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.15 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz,  $\text{H}_3$  or  $\text{H}_6$ ), 7.35 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz,  $\text{H}_3$  or  $\text{H}_6$ ), 7.22 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz,  $\text{H}_4$  or  $\text{H}_5$ ), 6.98 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz,  $\text{H}_4$  or  $\text{H}_5$ ), 5.56 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, cymene), 5.46 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, cymene), 5.19 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, cymene), 4.99 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, cymene), 4.78-4.67 (m, 2H,  $\text{H}_{11}$ ), 4.26-4.08 (m, 2H,  $\text{H}_{10}$ ), 2.55 (sept, 1H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz,  $\text{CHMeMe}'$ ), 2.06 (s, 3H, Me cymene), 1.10 (d, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz,  $\text{CHMeMe}'$ ), 1.00 (d, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz,  $\text{CHMeMe}'$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 182.7 (C-Ru), 174.2, 139.3, 130.9, 130.7, 126.4, 122.3, 101.3, 99.3, 88.1, 87.5, 81.8, 81.0, 70.8, 54.4, 31.2, 22.8, 22.2, 19.1. IR:  $\nu$  (C=N) 1632  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}^{35}\text{ClNa}^{102}\text{Ru}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  440.0331, found 440.0336;  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}^{102}\text{Ru}$  [ $\text{M} - \text{Cl}$ ] $^+$  382.0745, found 482.0755.

## VI- Reaction of benzo[*h*]quinoline with $[\text{RuCl}_2(p\text{-cymene})]_2$ (Complex 11)



This compound was prepared from benzo[*h*]quinoline (0.2 mmol, 35.8 mg). The desired complex **11** was purified by chromatography column on silica gel with a mixture of petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50:50) as the eluent, and was isolated as a dark green solid (41.9 mg, 47%).  $R_f$  (petroleum ether/EtOAc 1:1) = 0.20.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 9.48 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.1$  Hz,  $\text{H}_2$ ), 8.41 (d, 1H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 8.18 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.78 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 7.63-7.42 (m, 4H), 5.74 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, cymene), 5.66 (d, 1H,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, cymene), 5.30 (d, 1H,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, cymene), 5.13 (d, 1H,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, cymene), 2.50 (m, 1H,  $\text{CHMeMe}'$ ), 2.04 (s, 3H, Me cymene), 0.97 (d, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz,  $\text{CHMeMe}'$ ), 0.84 (d, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz,  $\text{CHMeMe}'$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 178.4 (C-Ru), 155.3, 152.5, 140.5, 136.6, 135.4, 133.9, 129.7, 129.3, 126.9, 122.8, 121.1, 120.9, 101.5, 99.6, 89.7, 89.3, 83.6, 82.5, 30.9, 22.7, 21.8, 18.9. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}^{35}\text{ClNa}^{102}\text{Ru}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  472.0382, found 472.0390.  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}^{102}\text{Ru}$  [ $\text{M} - \text{Cl}$ ] $^+$  414.0796, found 414.0797.

## VII- Preparation of complex **12**<sup>5</sup>

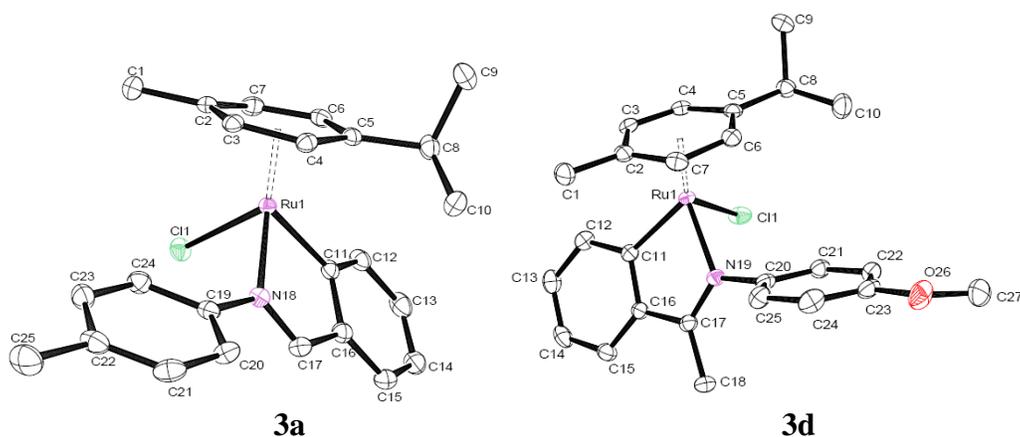


[RuCl<sub>2</sub>(*p*-cymene)]<sub>2</sub> (0.1 mmol, 61.2 mg), 1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazole (0.2 mmol, 26.4 μL), diphenylacetylene (0.2 mmol, 35.6 mg), KOAc (0.4 mmol, 40 mg) and methanol (5 mL) were introduced in a dried Schlenk tube under Argon, equipped with magnetic stirring bar and was stirred at ambient temperature for 20 h. The solvent was then evaporated under vacuum and the desired product was purified by chromatography column on silica gel with a mixture of petrol ether/ethyl acetate (1:1) as the eluent. **12** was isolated as a dark green solid (79.3 mg, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 8.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5 Hz, H<sub>11</sub>), 7.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5 Hz, H<sub>9</sub>), 7.39-7.14 (m, 7H), 6.97-6.87 (m, 4H), 6.81-6.74 (m, 3H), 6.52 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz, H<sub>10</sub>), 5.57 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.1 Hz, cymene), 4.66 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.1 Hz, cymene), 4.52 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.1 Hz, cymene), 3.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.1 Hz, cymene), 2.83 (sept, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, CHMeMe'), 2.47 (s, 3H, Me cymene), 1.25 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.9 Hz, CHMeMe'), 1.10 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.9 Hz, CHMeMe'). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 183.3 (C-Ru), 152.5, 146.7, 146.0, 144.1, 137.7, 137.5, 133.7, 133.4, 131.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.2, 126.3, 125.9, 125.5, 124.7, 123.1, 110.3, 107.8, 103.8, 96.4, 81.1, 78.9, 75.3, 31.4, 23.6, 23.2, 19.6.

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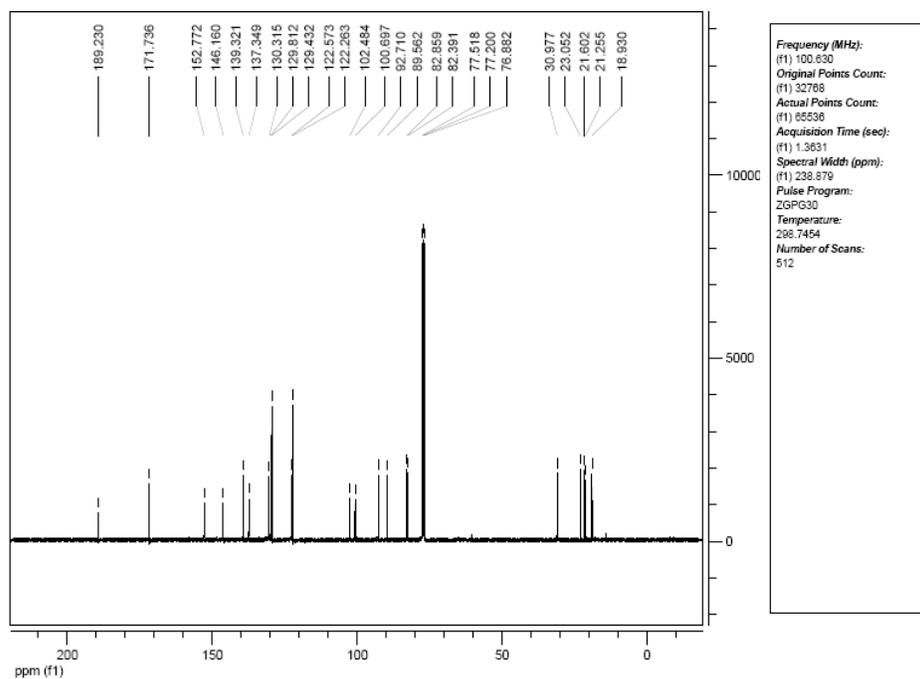
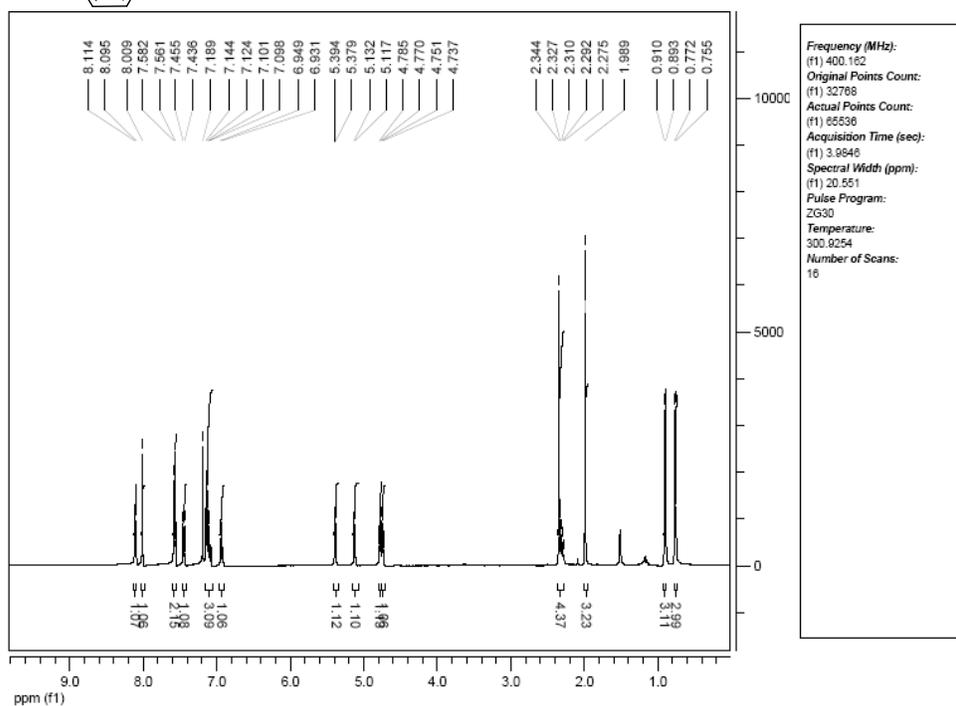
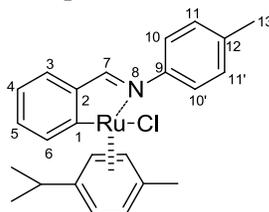
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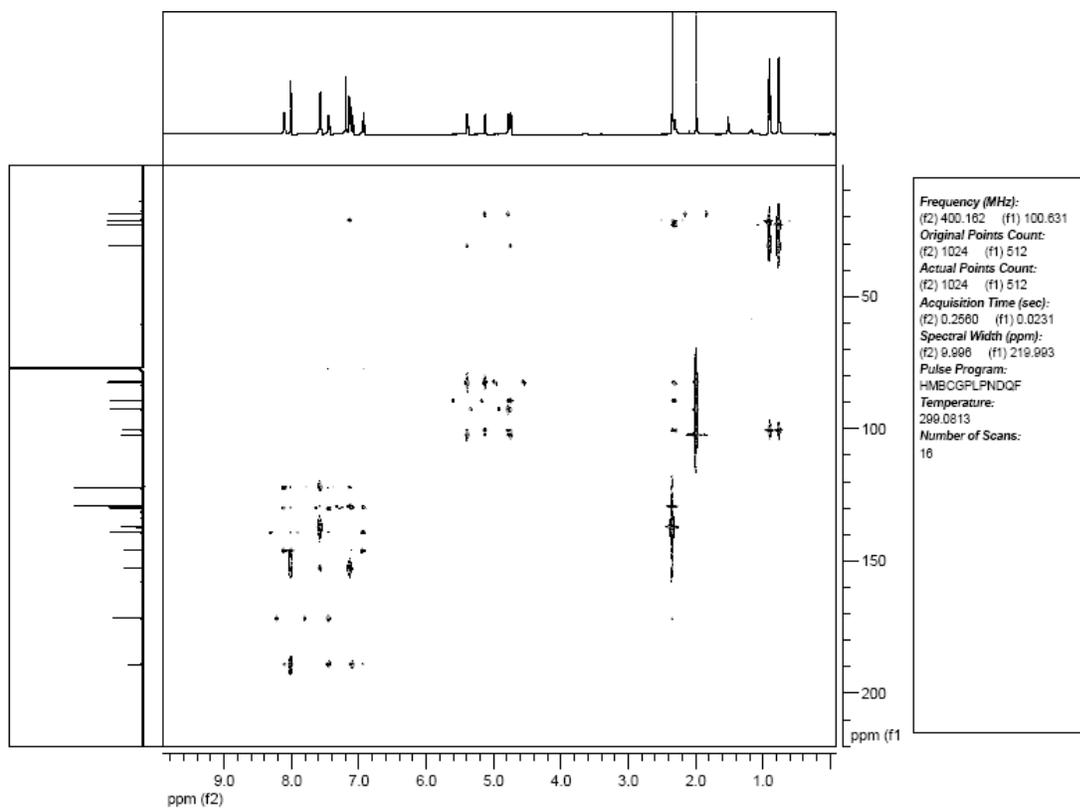
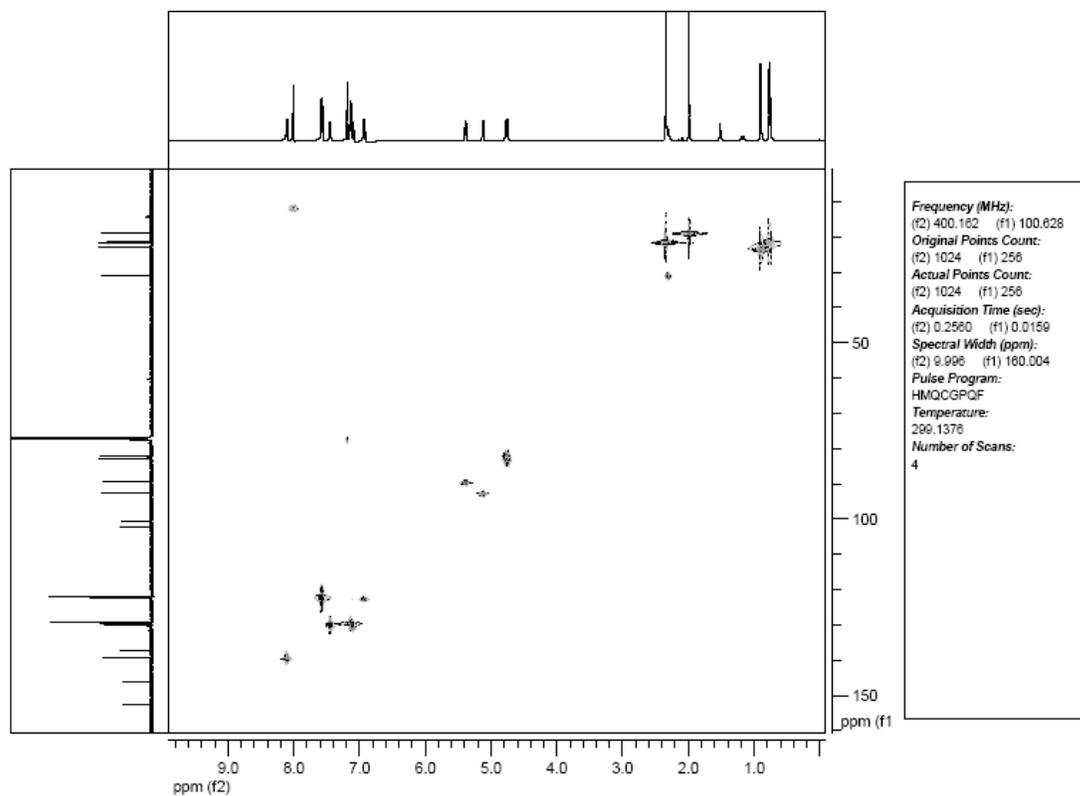


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Empirical formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>26</sub> ClNRu	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>28</sub> ClNORu
Formula weight	464.98	495.00
T (K)	150(2)	150 (2)
$\lambda$ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Color, habit	Orange, prism	Orange, prism
Crystal size (mm)	0.58×0.29 × 0.17	0.22 × 0.18 × 0.1
Space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P -1
a (Å)	10.9423(3)	9.2982(2)
b (Å)	8.1961(2)	9.9096(2)
c (Å)	23.3753(7)	13.0735(2)
$\alpha$ (°)	90	100.5580(10)
$\beta$ (°)	102.0690(10)	109.7180(10)
$\gamma$ (°)	90	97.9670(10)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2050.06(10)	1088.32(4)
Z	4	2
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.903	0.859
$\theta$ range (°)	3.13-27.47	3.12-27.48
Index range	-14≤h≤11, -10≤k≤9, -27≤l≤30	-12≤h≤11, -12≤k≤12, -16≤l≤15
Reflections collected	15025	13893
Independent reflections (R <sub>int</sub> )	4670 (0.0304)	4937 (0.0366)
Data/restraints/parameters	4670 / 0 / 248	4937/0/267
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.032	1.040
Final R indices [I>2 $\sigma$ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0230, wR <sub>2</sub> =0.0538	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0232, wR <sub>2</sub> =0.0560
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0262, wR <sub>2</sub> =0.0553	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0248, wR <sub>2</sub> =0.0569
Largest diff. peak and hole (e. Å <sup>3</sup> )	0.451 and -0.399	0.494 and -0.364

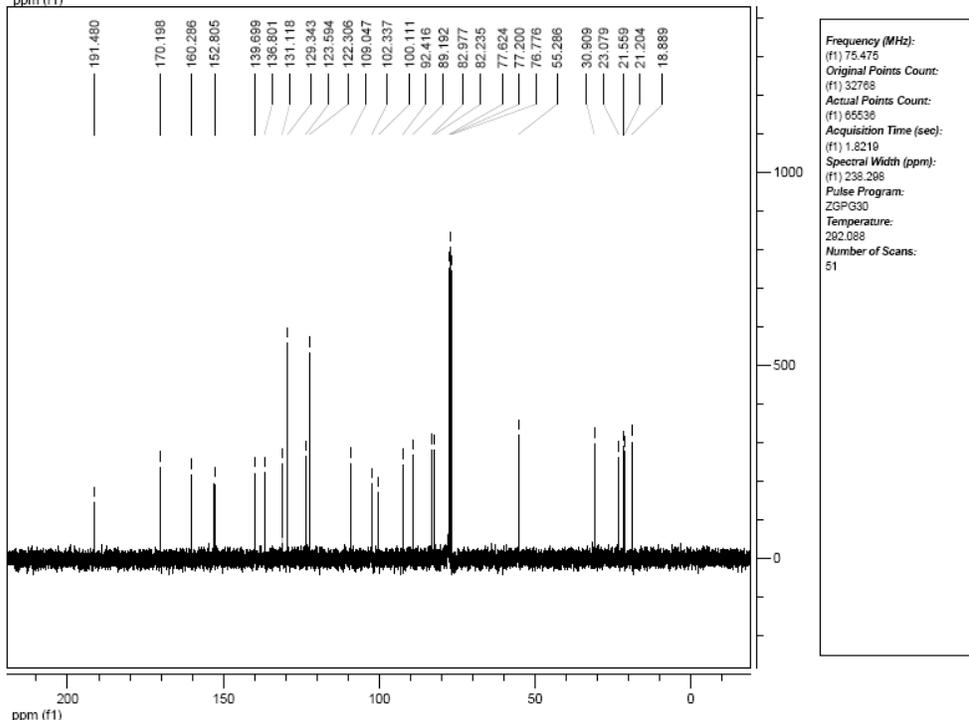
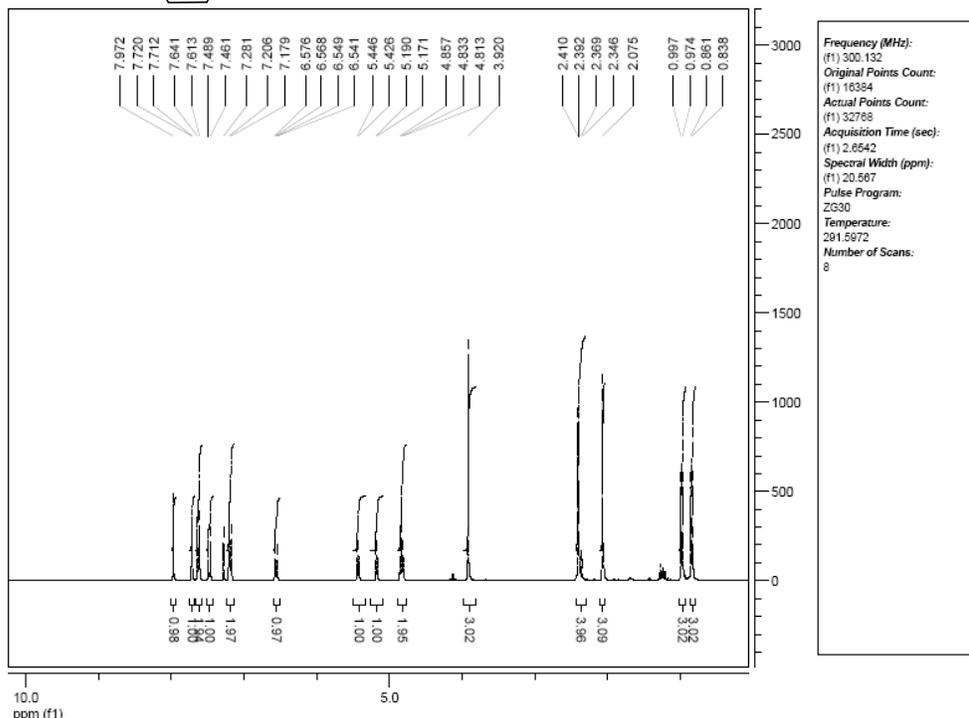
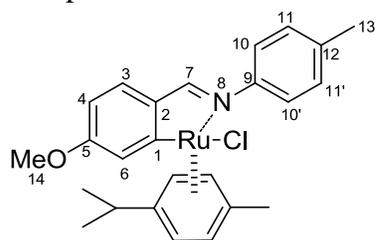
## $^1\text{H}$ NMR and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectrum

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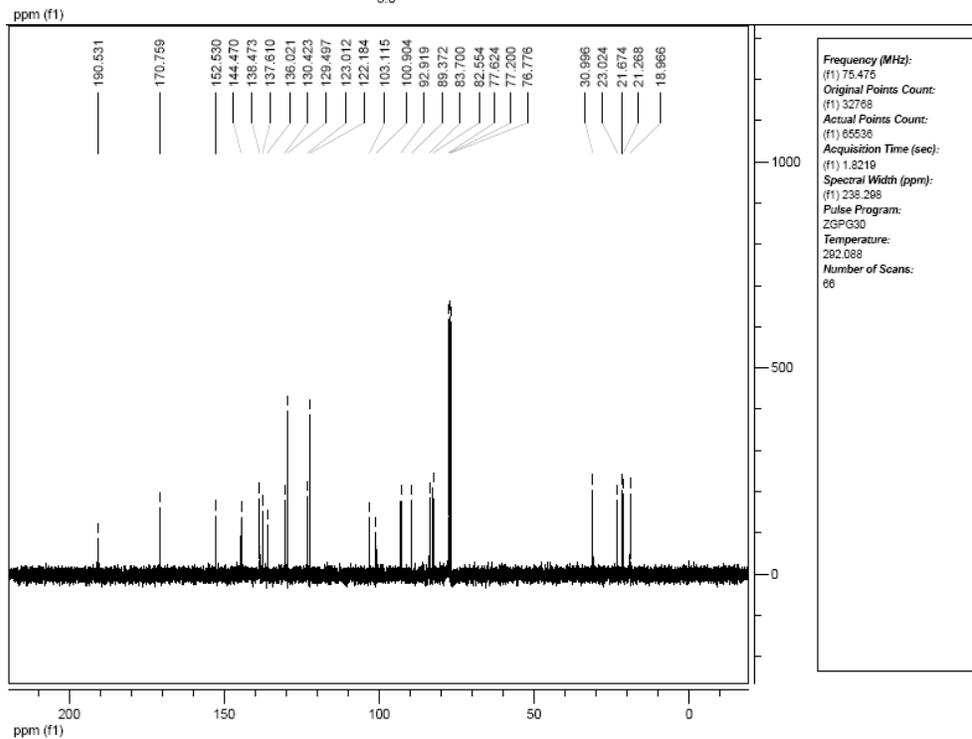
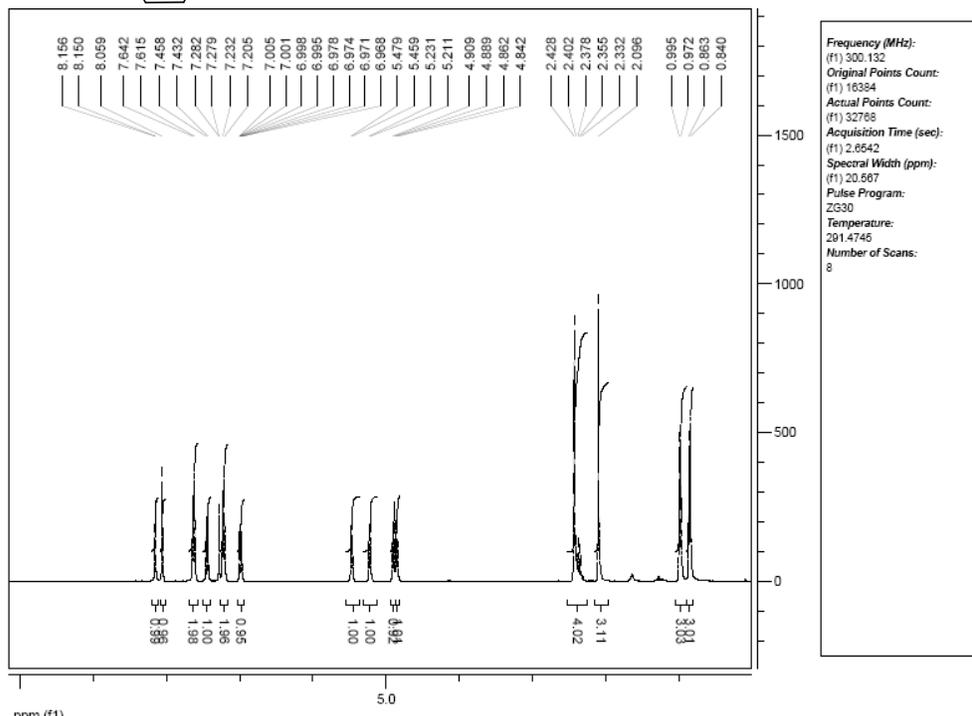
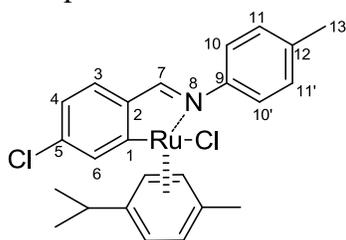




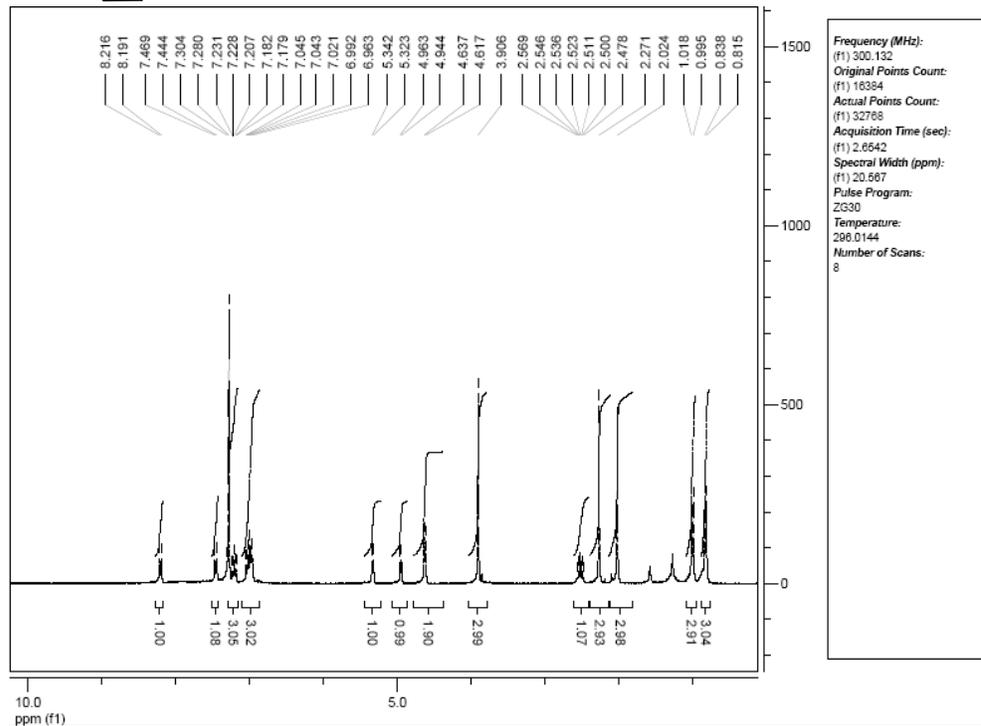
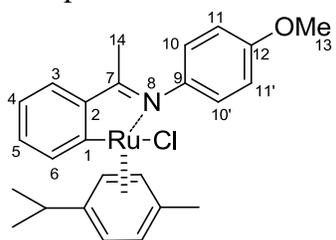
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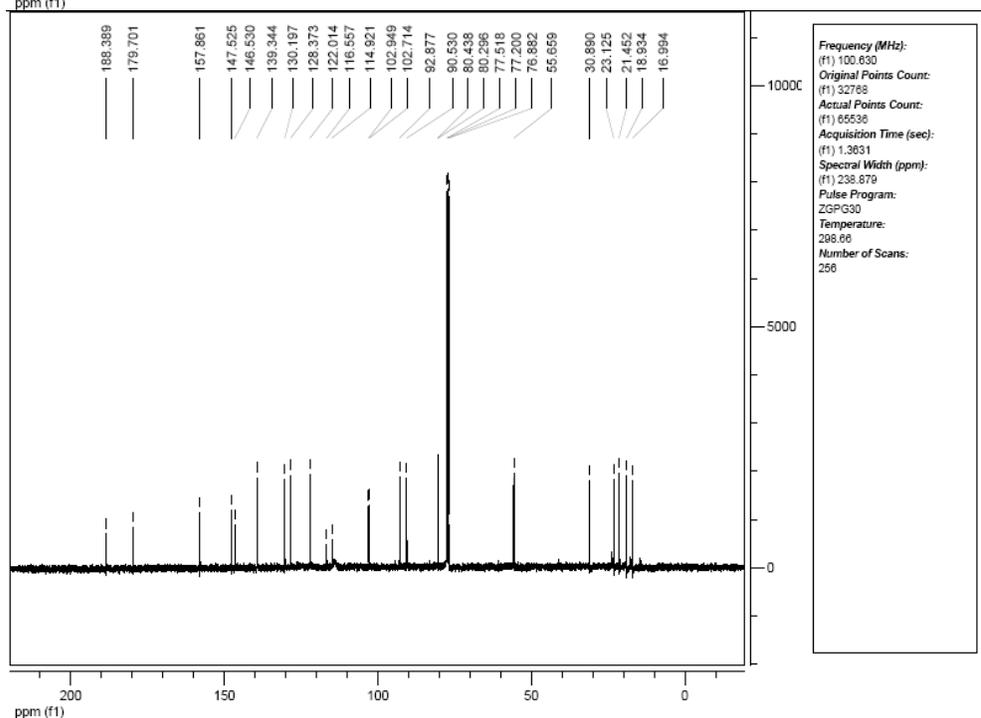
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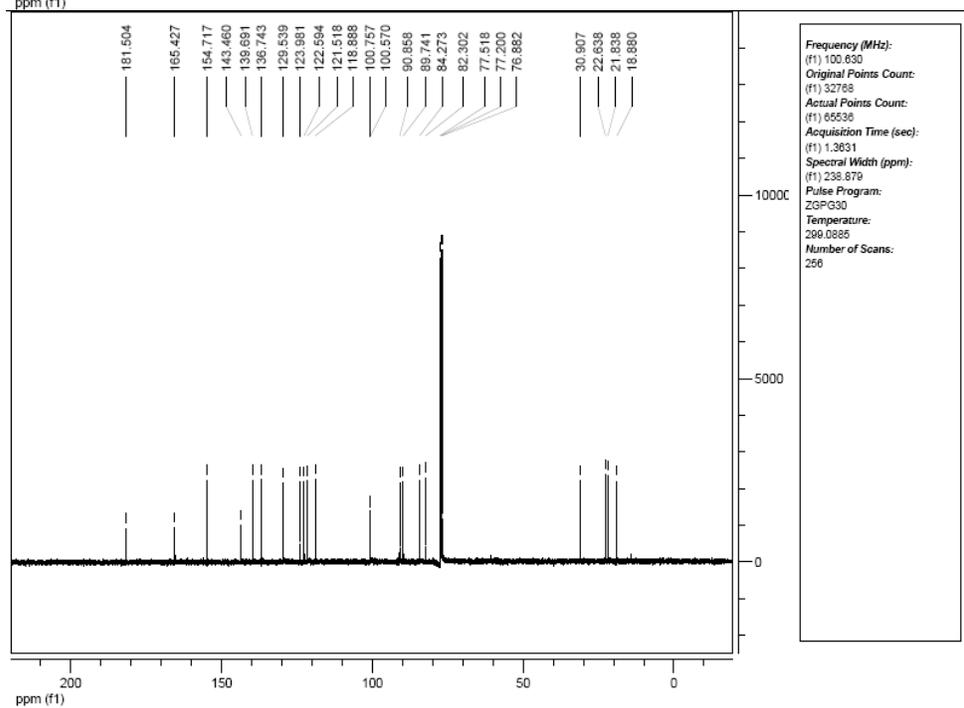
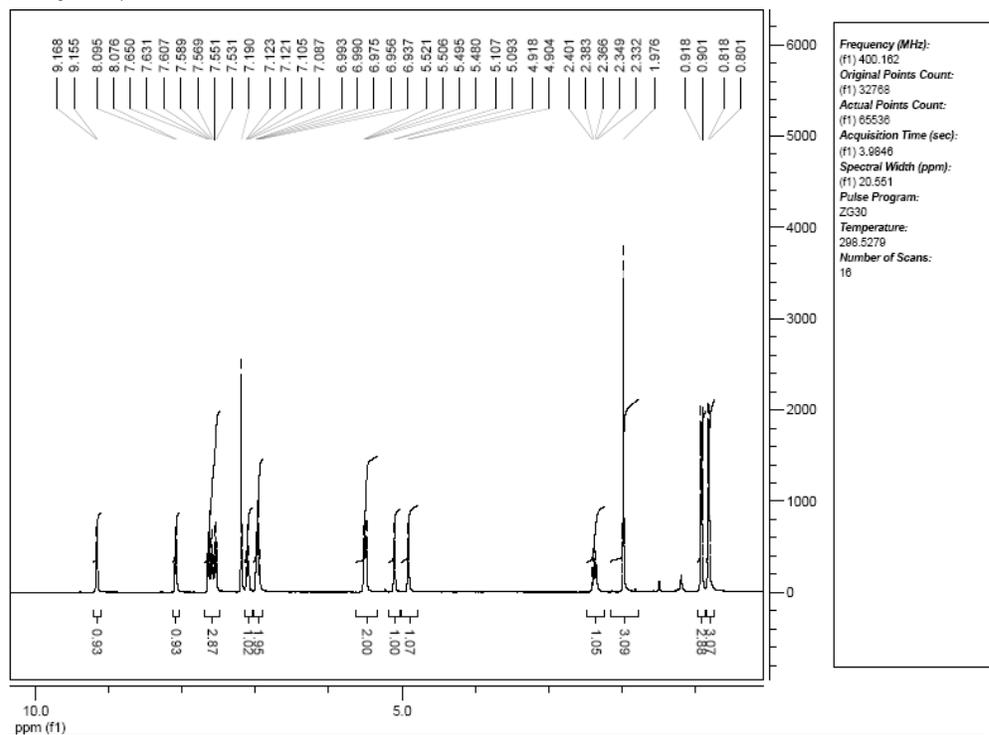
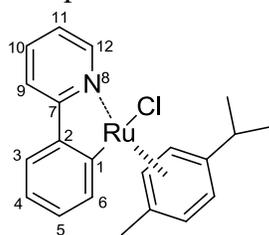


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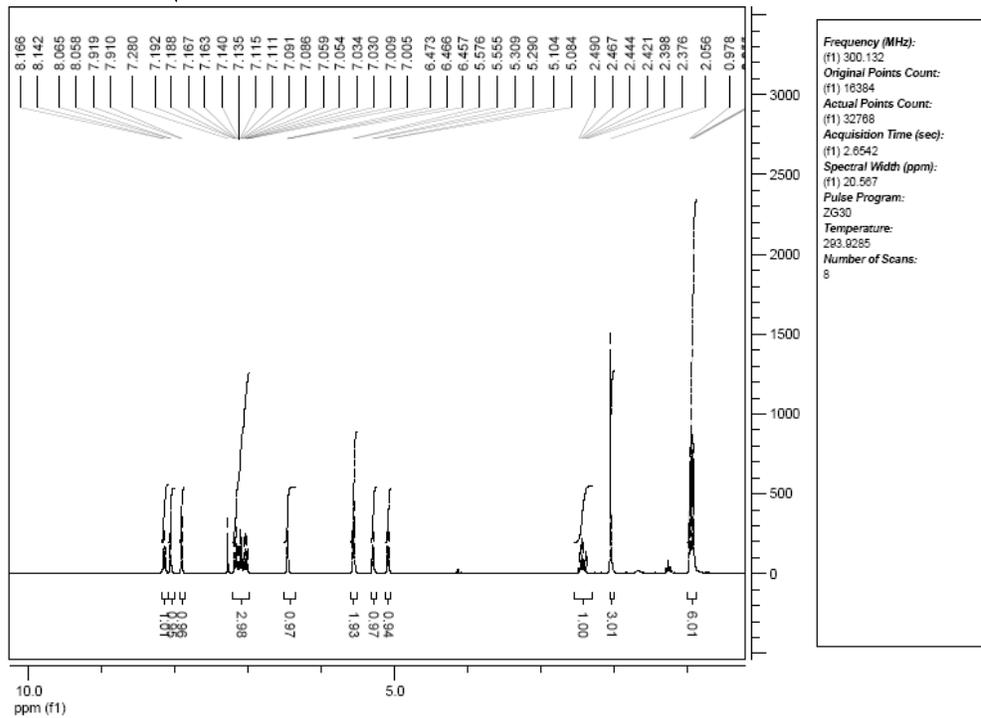
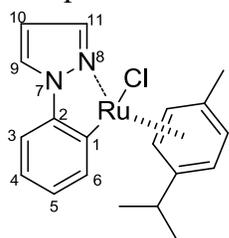


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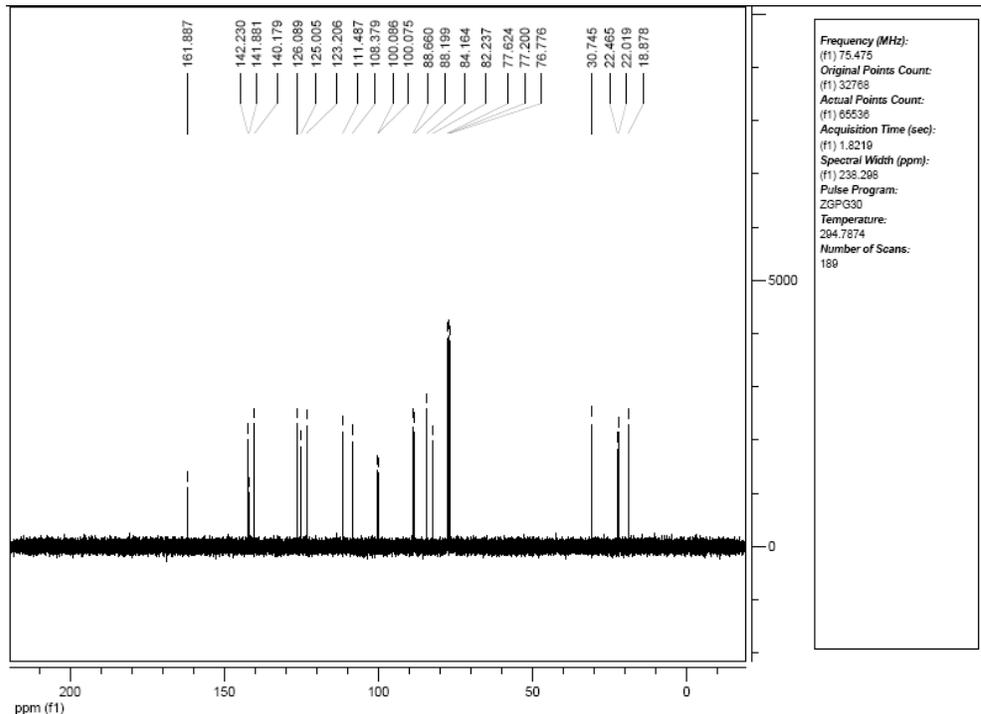
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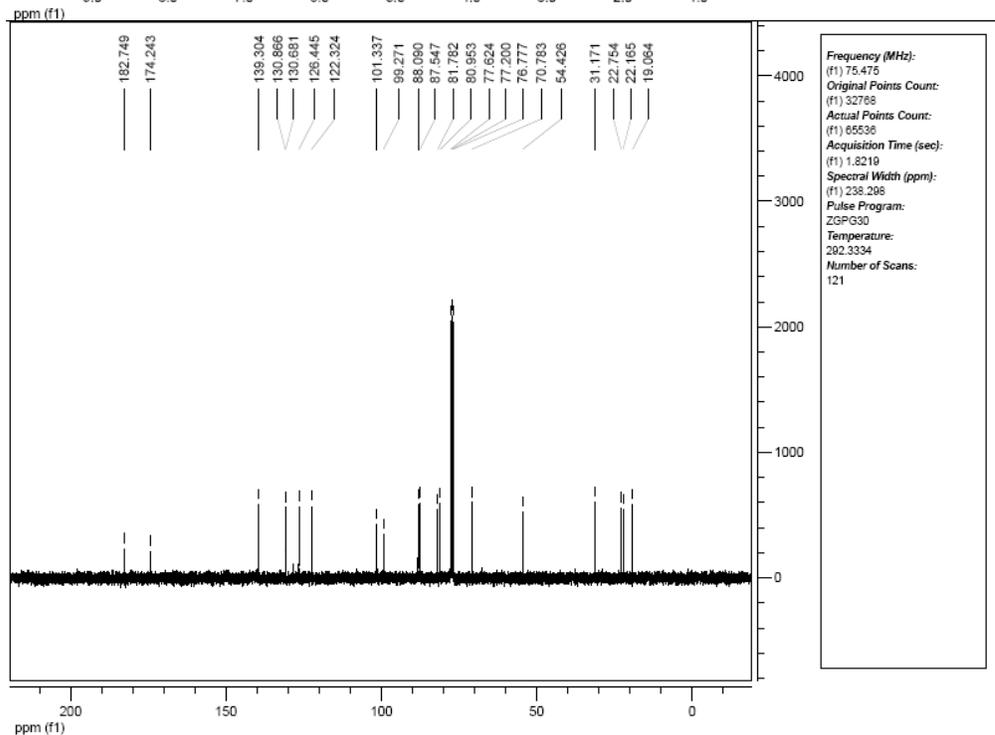
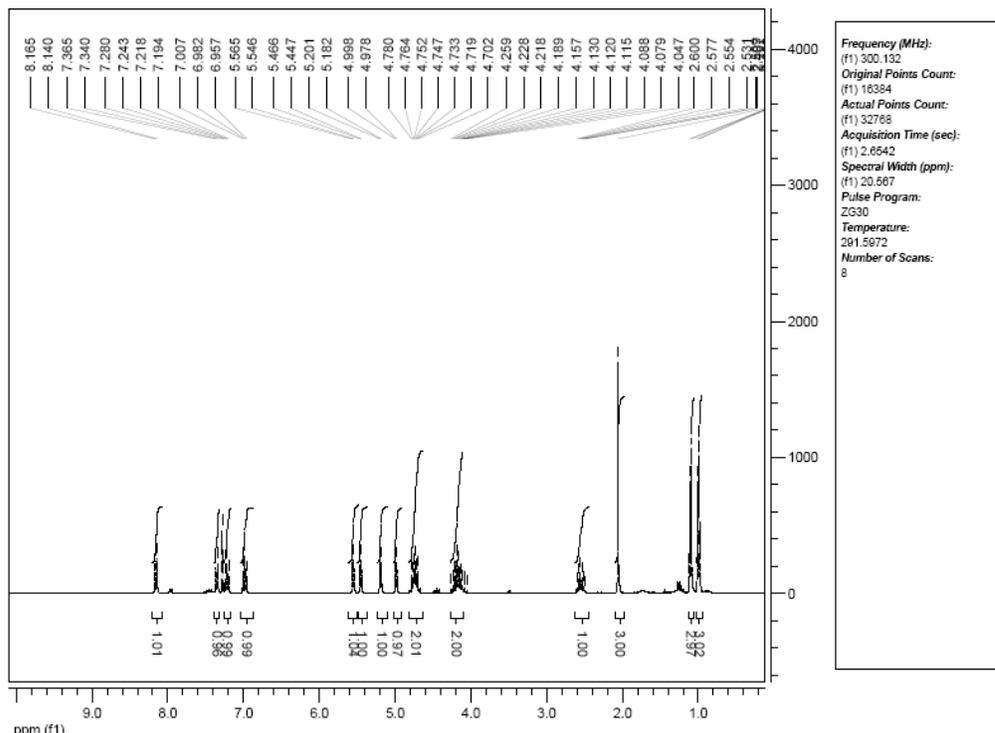
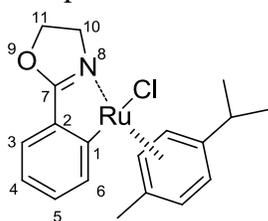


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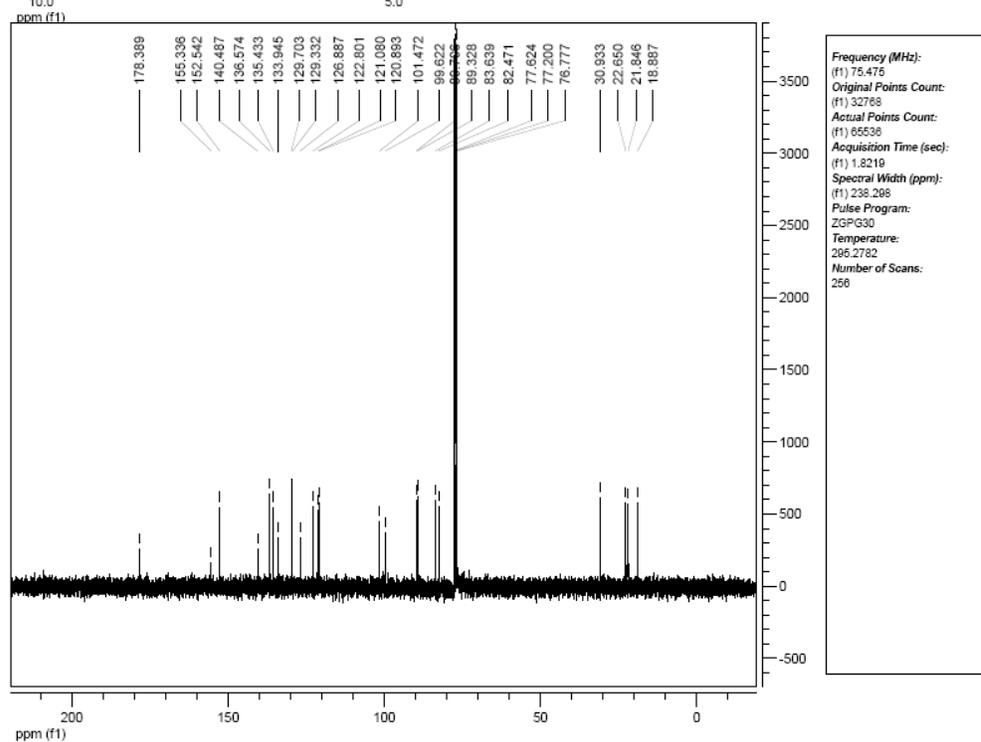
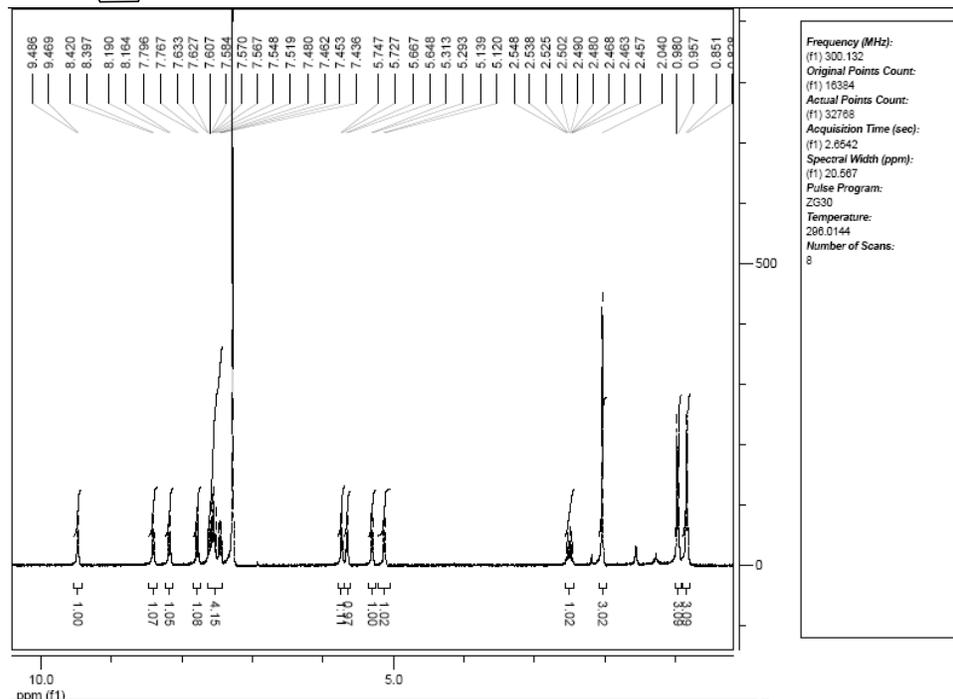
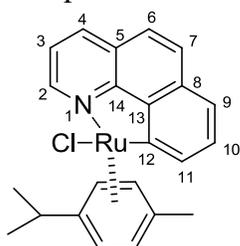


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