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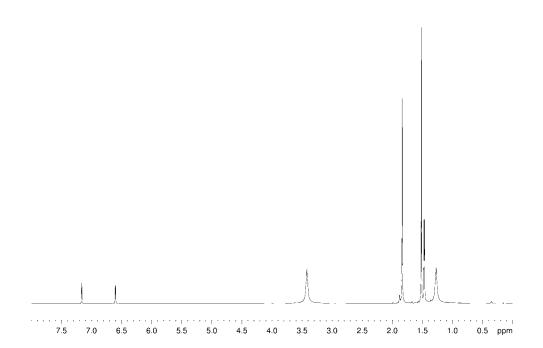
## pyrrolyl ligands – Synthesis and reactivity studies

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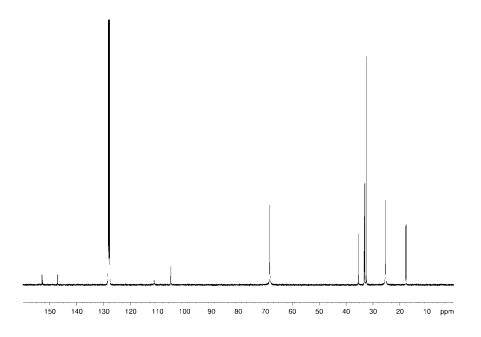
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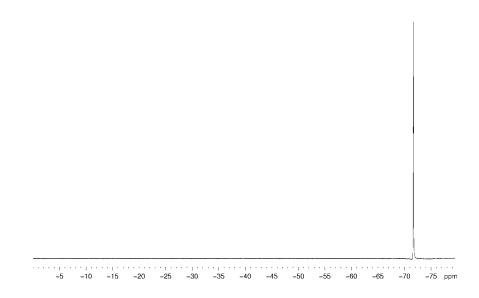
1. NMR Spectra of 3-Li(thf)<sub>2</sub>



**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3-Li(thf)**<sub>2</sub> recorded in  $C_6D_6$  at 22 °C.



**Figure S2.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **3-Li(thf)**<sub>2</sub> recorded in  $C_6D_6$  at 22 °C.



**Figure S3.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **3-Li(thf)**<sub>2</sub> recorded in  $C_6D_6$  at 22 °C.

## 2. NMR Spectra of 4-Mn(CO)<sub>3</sub>

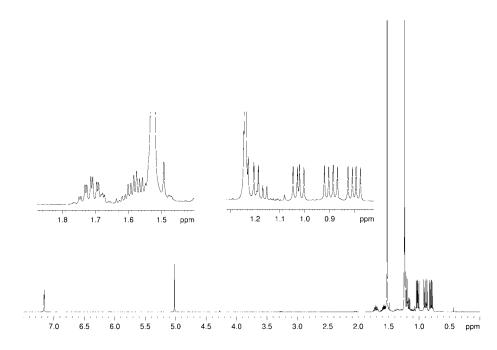
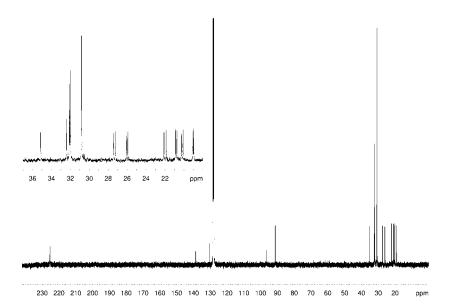
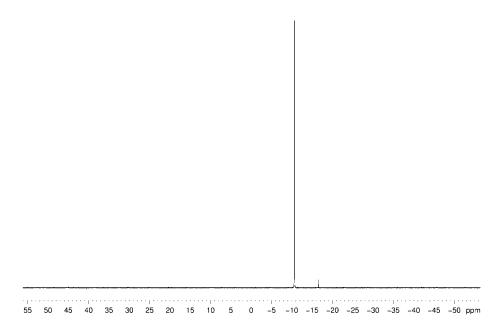


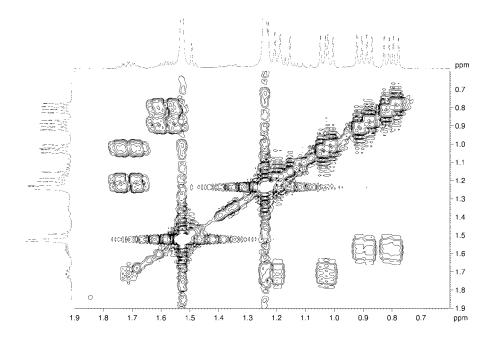
Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4-Mn(CO)<sub>3</sub> recorded in  $C_6D_6$  at 22 °C.



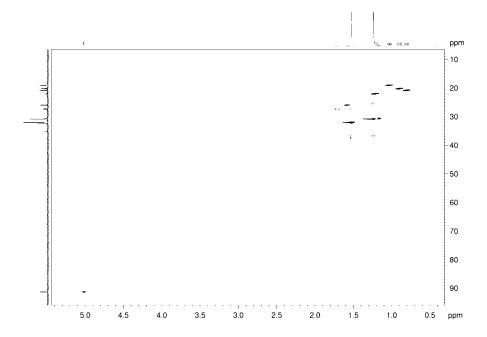
**Figure S5.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **4-Mn(CO)**<sub>3</sub> recorded in  $C_6D_6$  at 22 °C.



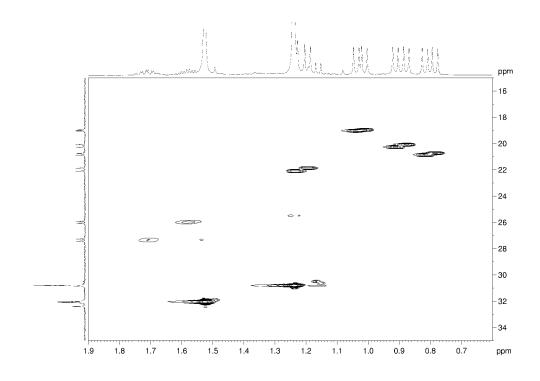
**Figure S6.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **4-Mn(CO)**<sub>3</sub> recorded in  $C_6D_6$  at 22 °C.



**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H-COSY NMR spectrum of **4-Mn(CO)**<sub>3</sub> recorded in  $C_6D_6$  at 22 °C.



**Figure S8a.**  $^{1}$ H- $^{13}$ C-HMBC NMR spectrum of **4-Mn(CO)**<sub>3</sub> recorded in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 22 °C.



**Figure S8b.**  $^{1}$ H- $^{13}$ C-HMBC NMR spectrum of **4-Mn(CO)**<sub>3</sub> recorded in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 22 °C.