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## Polypyrrole-Functionalized Ruthenium Carbene Catalysts as Efficient Heterogeneous Systems for Olefin Epoxidation.

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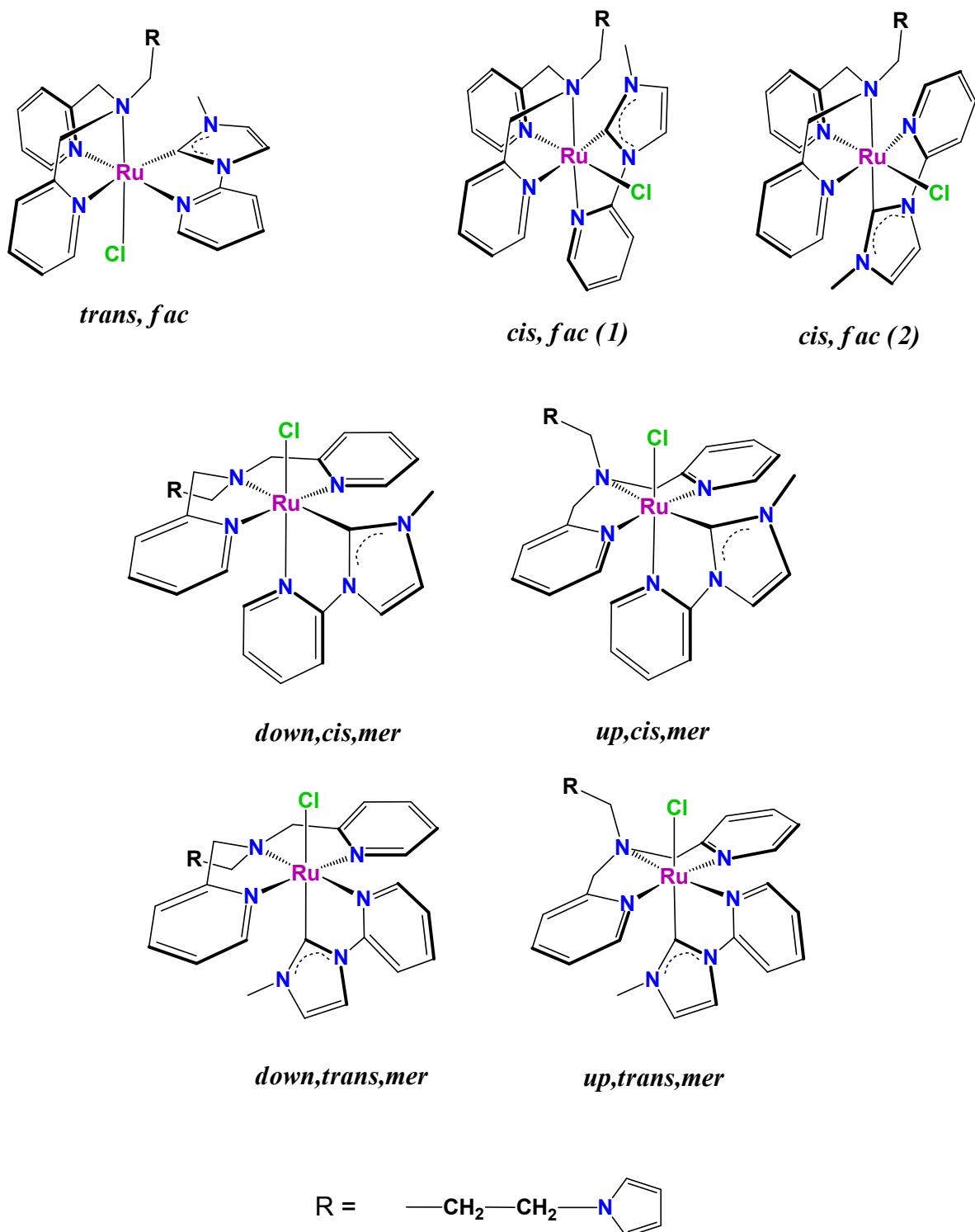
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Chemical formula	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>28</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> OSRu	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>28</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> OSRu
Molecular weight	556.50	556.50
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P21/c	P-1
a[Å]	11.0431(5)	9.495(6)
b[Å]	12.1413(6)	15.469(10)
c[Å]	17.3390(8)	16.457(10)
α[°]	90.00	102.506(9)
β[°]	92.3280(10)	90.074(9)
γ[°]	90.00	94.764(10)
V [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	2322.85(19)	2351(3)
Z	4	4
Temperature, K	300(2)	300(2)
ρ <sub>calc</sub> , [Mg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	1.591	1.572
μ[mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	1.016	1.003
R <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> [ $\text{I} > 2\sigma(\text{I})$ ]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0257	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1806
wR <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0294 = 0.0694	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.2396 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.4656

<sup>a</sup> R<sub>1</sub> =  $\sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ <sup>b</sup> wR<sub>2</sub> =  $[\sum \{w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2\} / \sum \{w(F_o^2)^2\}]^{1/2}$ , where w = 1/[σ<sup>2</sup>(Fo<sup>2</sup>) + (0.0042P)<sup>2</sup>] and P = (F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> + 2F<sub>c</sub><sup>2</sup>).Table S 2. Main bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for the X-ray structure of complexes **2a** and **2b**.

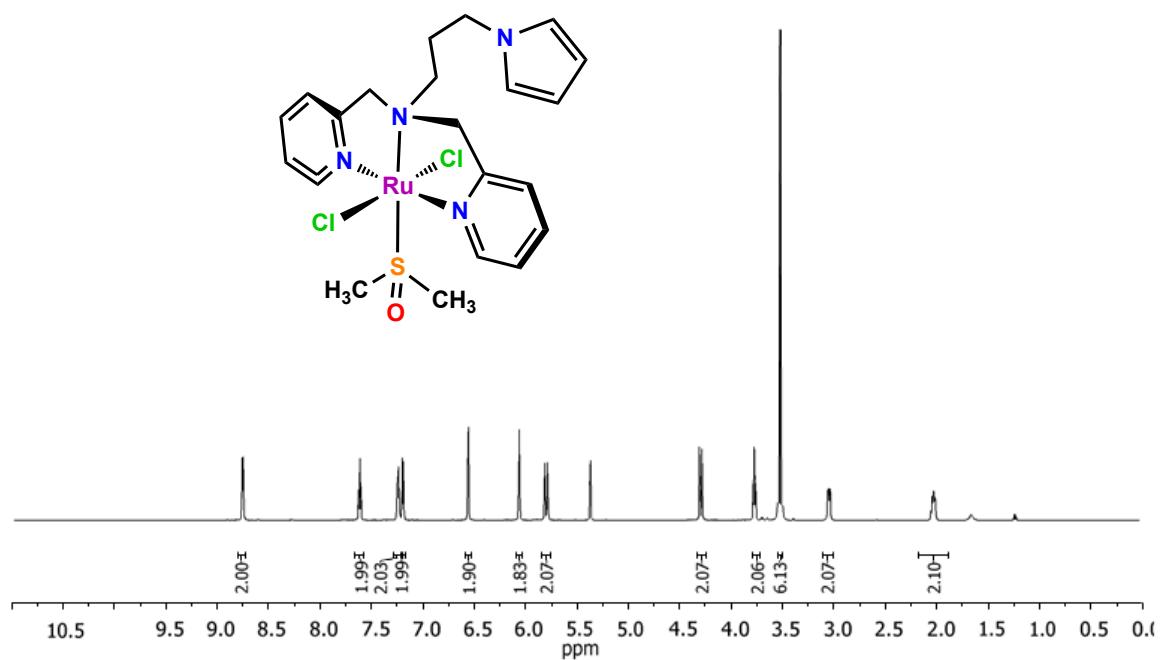
Complex <b>2a</b>		Complex <b>2b</b>	
Ru(1)-N(1)	2,0685(15)	Ru(1)-N(3)	2,04(2)
Ru(1)-N(3)	2,0859(14)	Ru(1)-N(1)	2,097(16)
Ru(1)-N(2)	2,1656(14)	Ru(1)-N(2)	2,162(15)
Ru(1)-S(1)	2,2321(4)	Ru(1)-S(1)	2,227(6)
Ru(1)-Cl(2)	2,3957(5)	Ru(1)-Cl(1)	2,408(6)
Ru(1)-Cl(1)	2,4550(4)	Ru(1)-Cl(2)	2,439(6)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	160,82(5)	N(3)-Ru(1)-N(1)	82,9(7)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	81,16(5)	N(3)-Ru(1)-N(2)	82,6(7)
N(3)-Ru(1)-N(2)	79,78(5)	N(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	82,1(6)
N(1)-Ru(1)-S(1)	96,22(4)	N(3)-Ru(1)-S(1)	91,3(6)
N(3)-Ru(1)-S(1)	102,95(4)	N(1)-Ru(1)-S(1)	173,9(4)
N(2)-Ru(1)-S(1)	174,82(4)	N(2)-Ru(1)-S(1)	99,0(4)
N(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(2)	90,81(4)	N(3)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	172,6(6)
N(3)-Ru(1)-Cl(2)	88,16(4)	N(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	91,9(4)
N(2)-Ru(1)-Cl(2)	93,20(4)	N(2)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	91,6(4)
S(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(2)	91,295(16)	S(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	94,1(2)
N(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	90,81(4)	N(3)-Ru(1)-Cl(2)	96,2(6)
N(3)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	91,17(4)	N(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(2)	90,8(4)
N(2)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	89,66(4)	N(2)-Ru(1)-Cl(2)	172,9(4)
S(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	85,903(16)	S(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(2)	88,0(2)
Cl(2)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	176,900(16)	Cl(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(2)	89,1(2)
O(1)-S(1)-Ru(1)	117,59(6)	O(1)-S(1)-Ru(1)	119,4(8)

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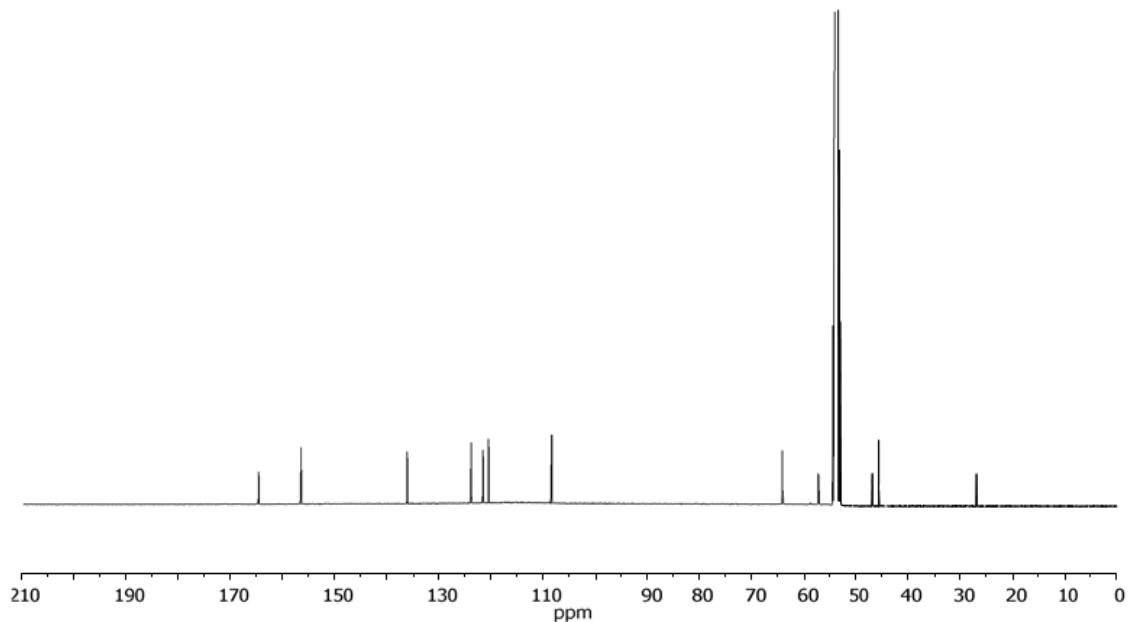


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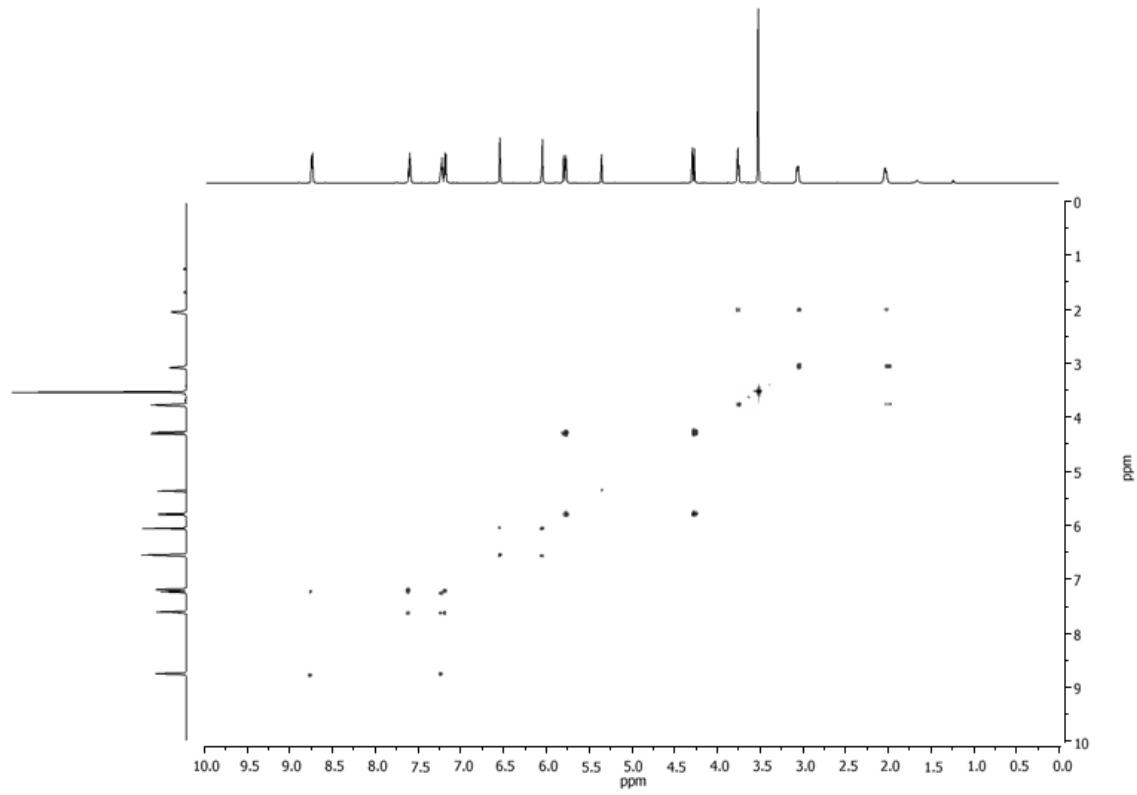
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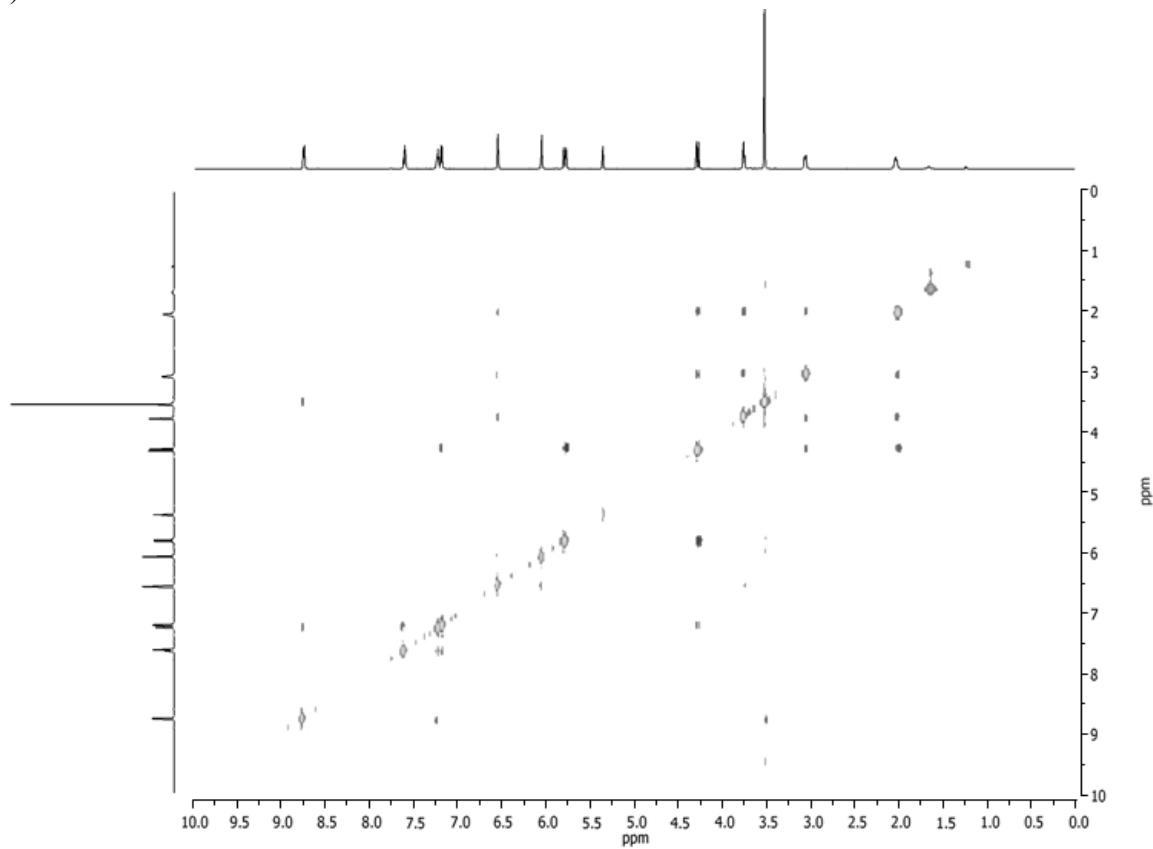
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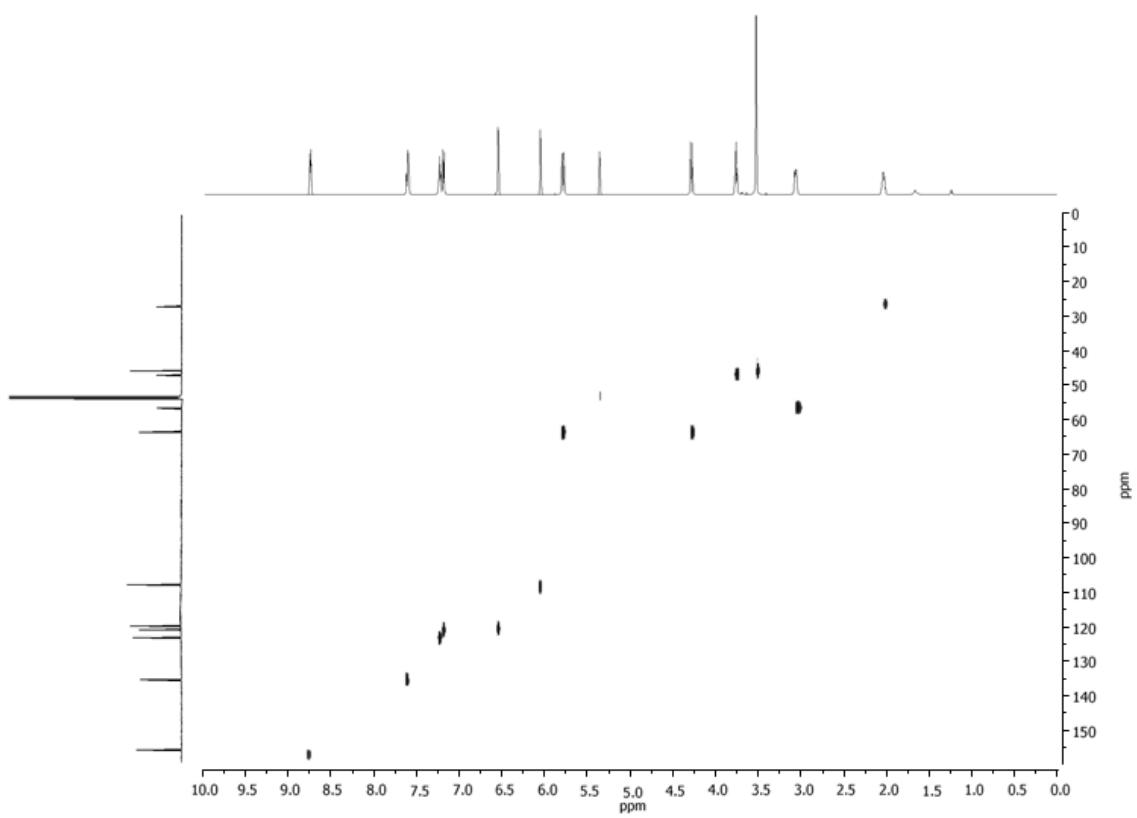
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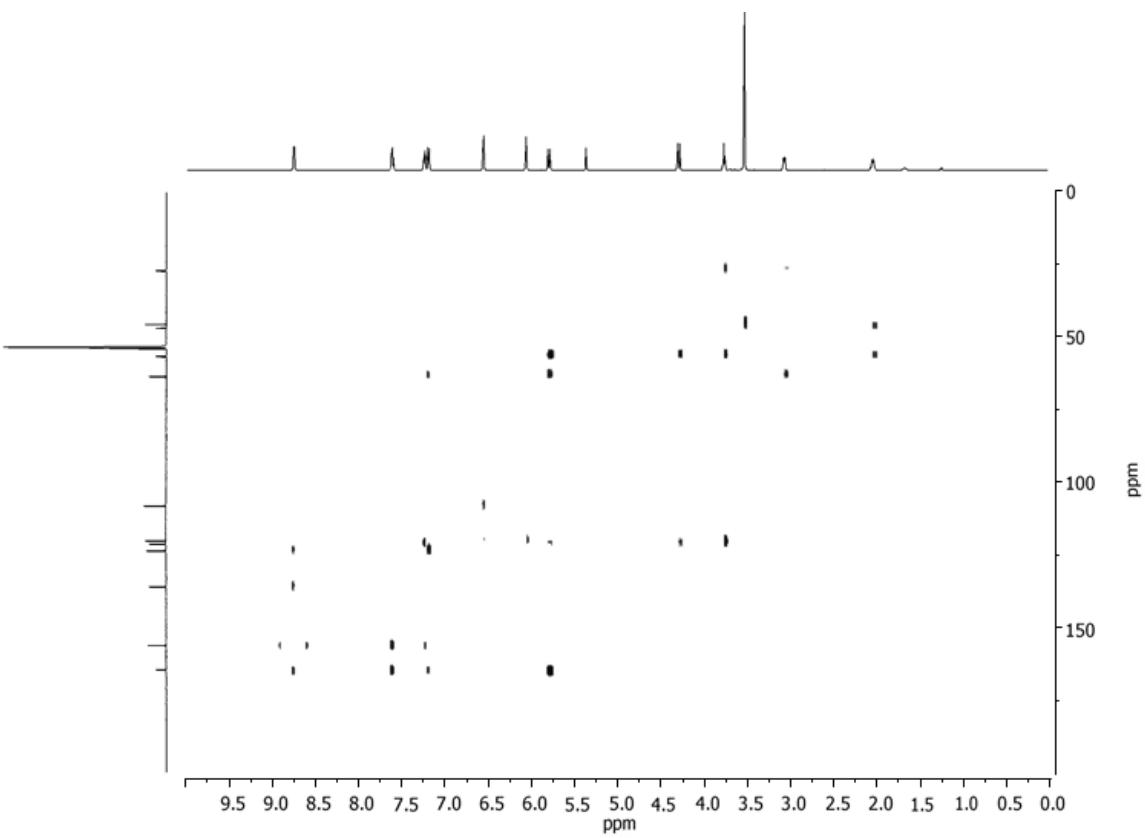
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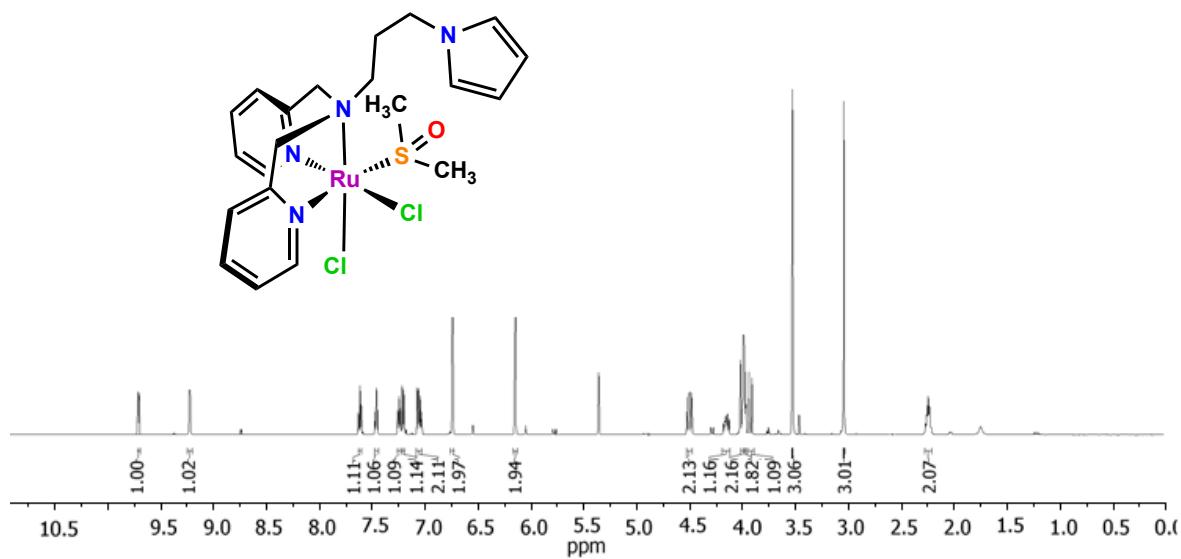


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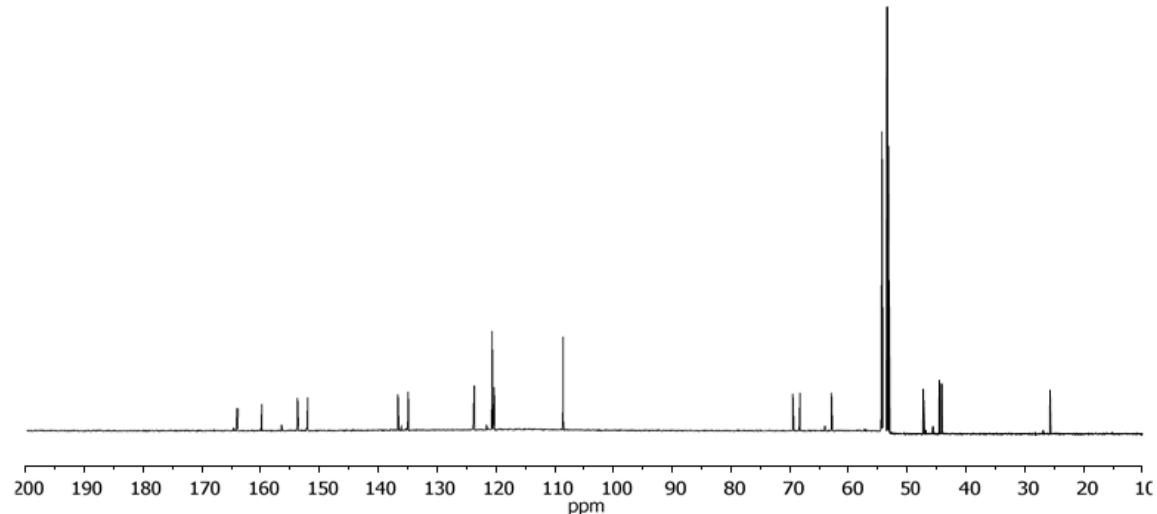


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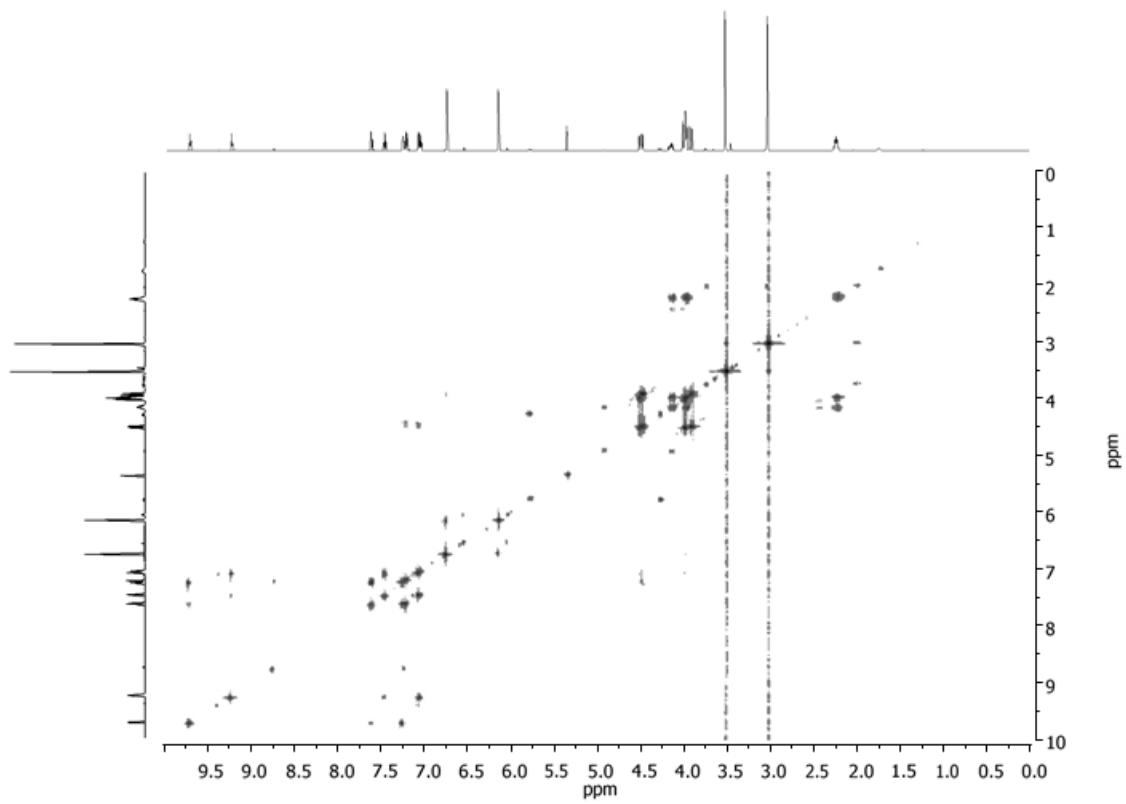
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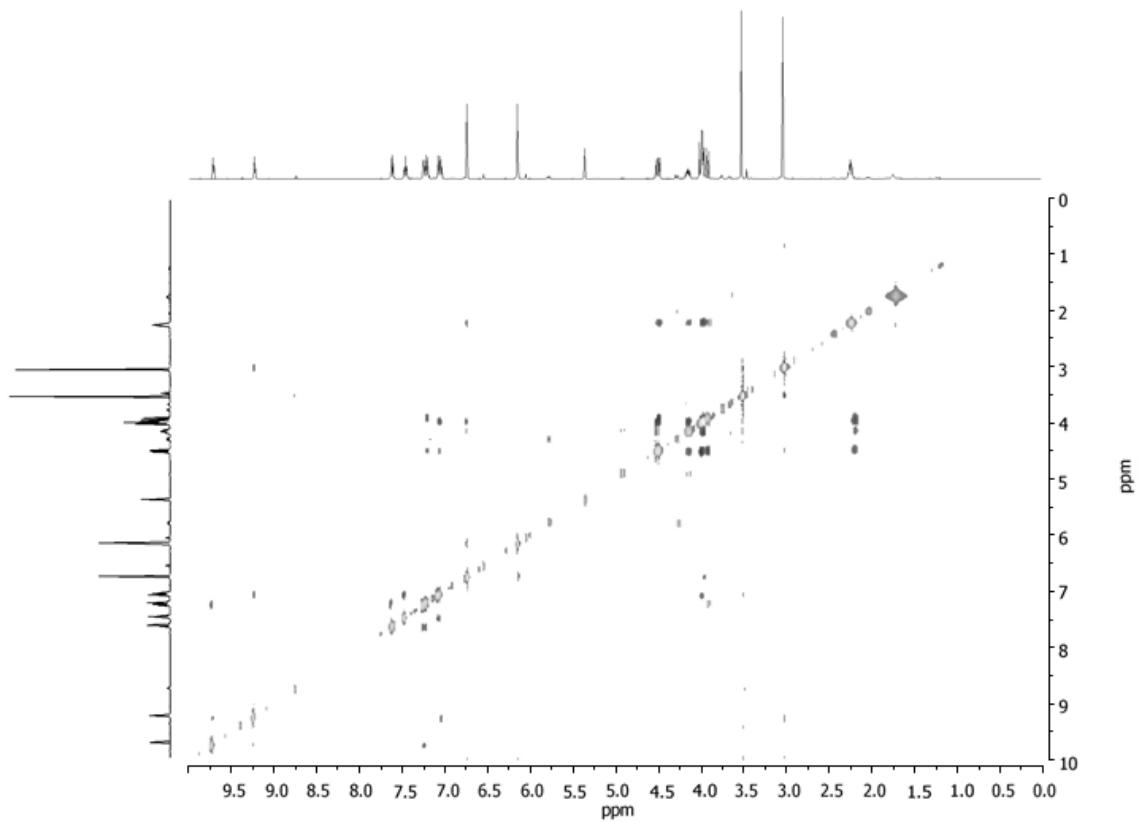
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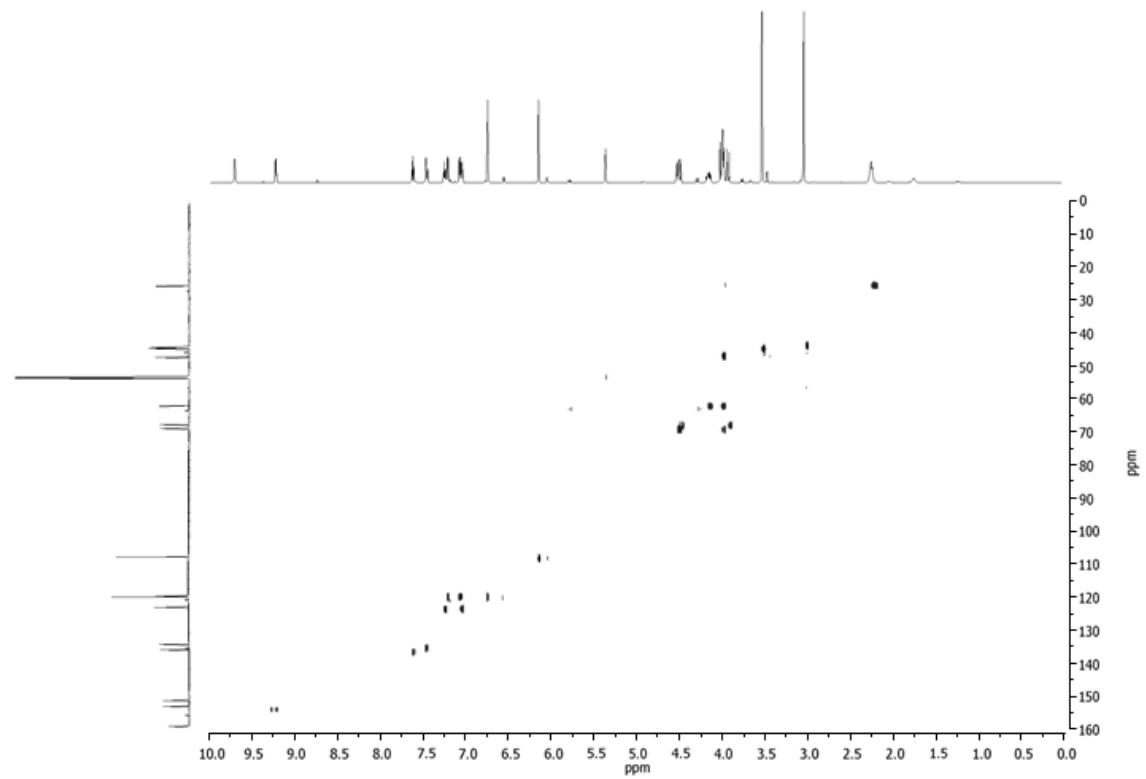
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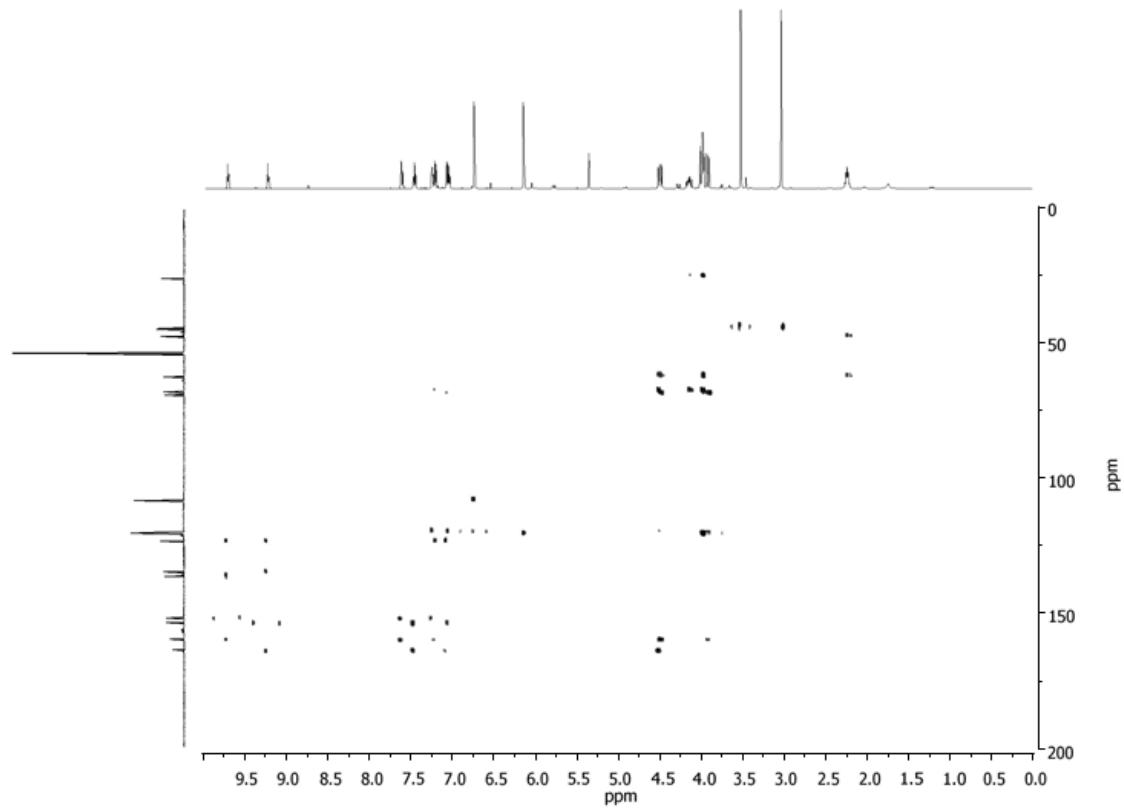
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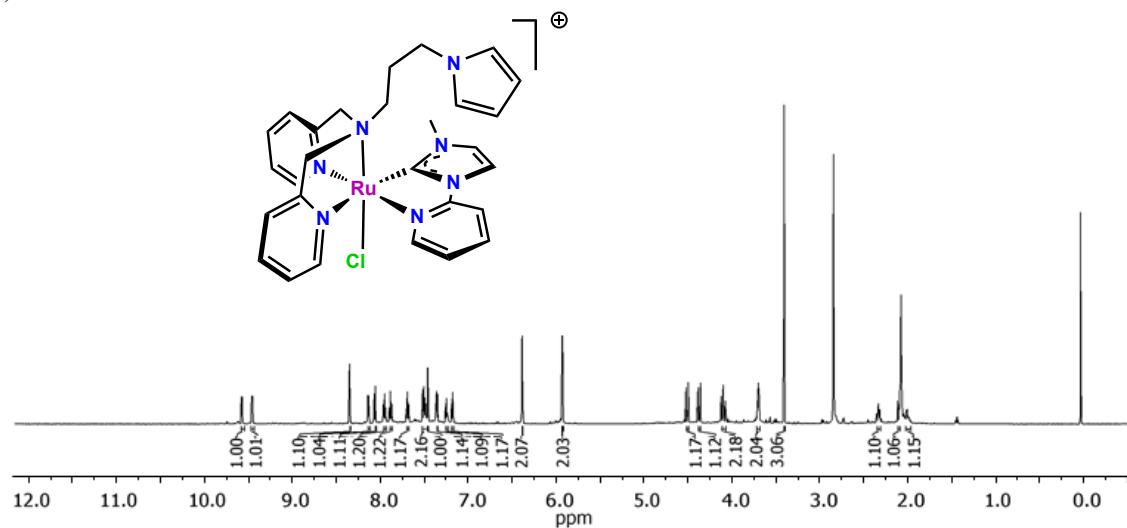


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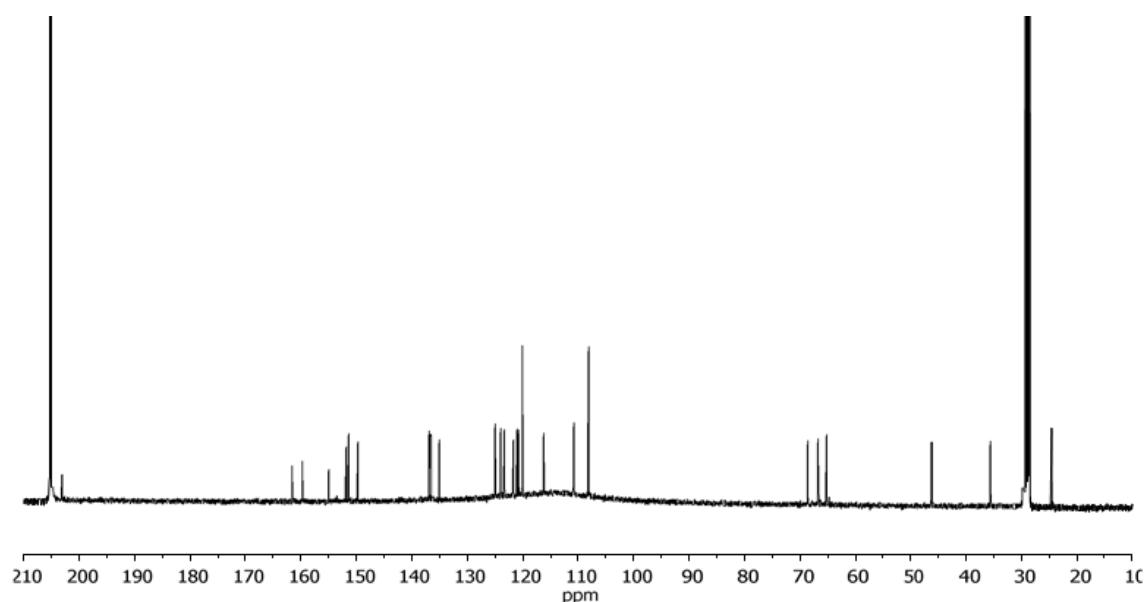


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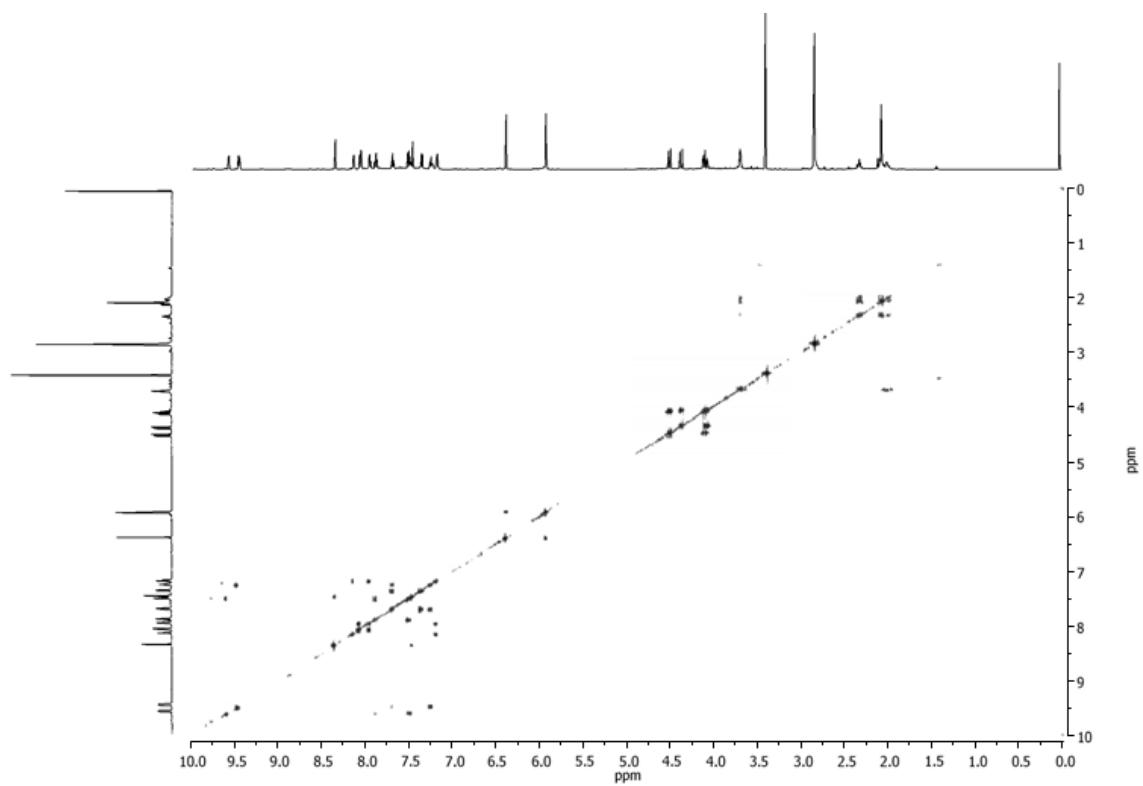
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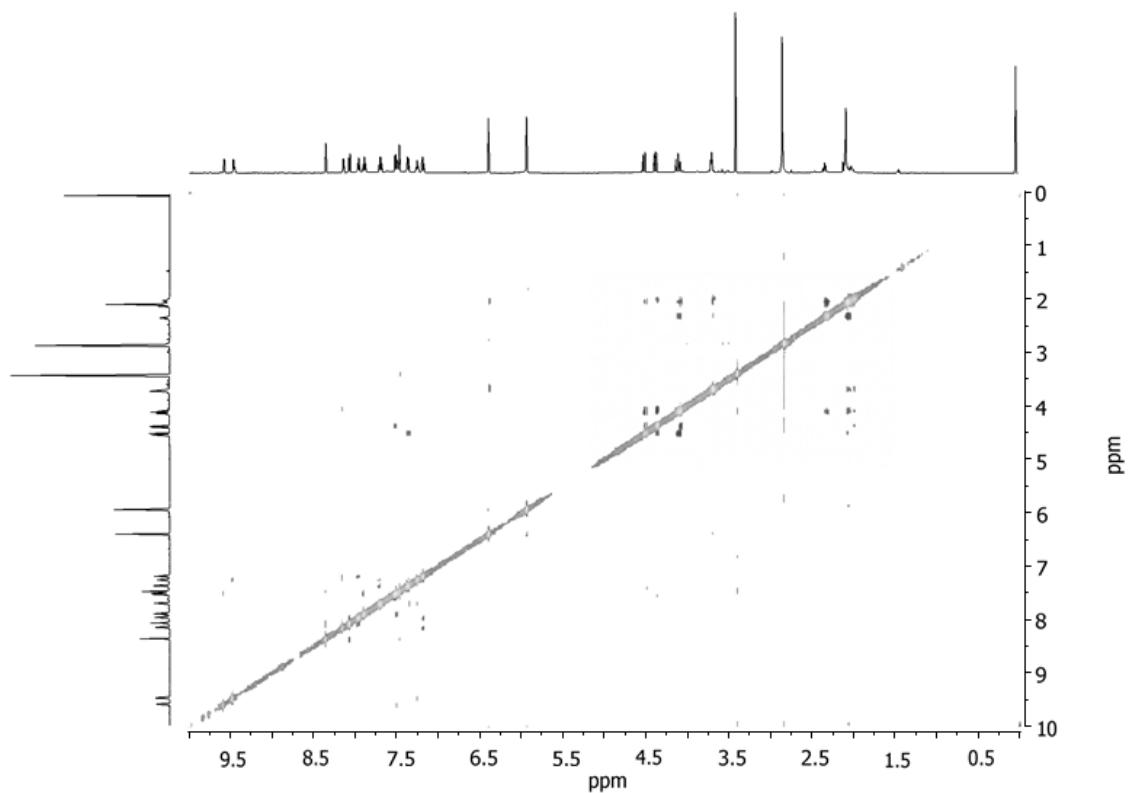
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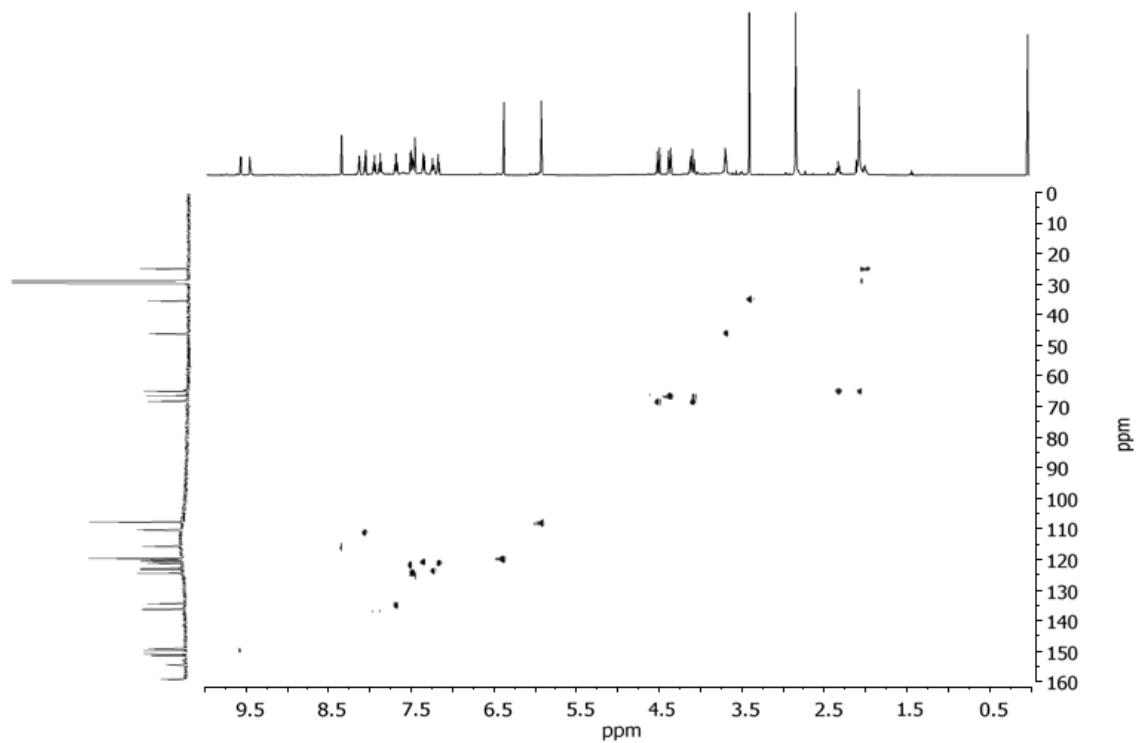
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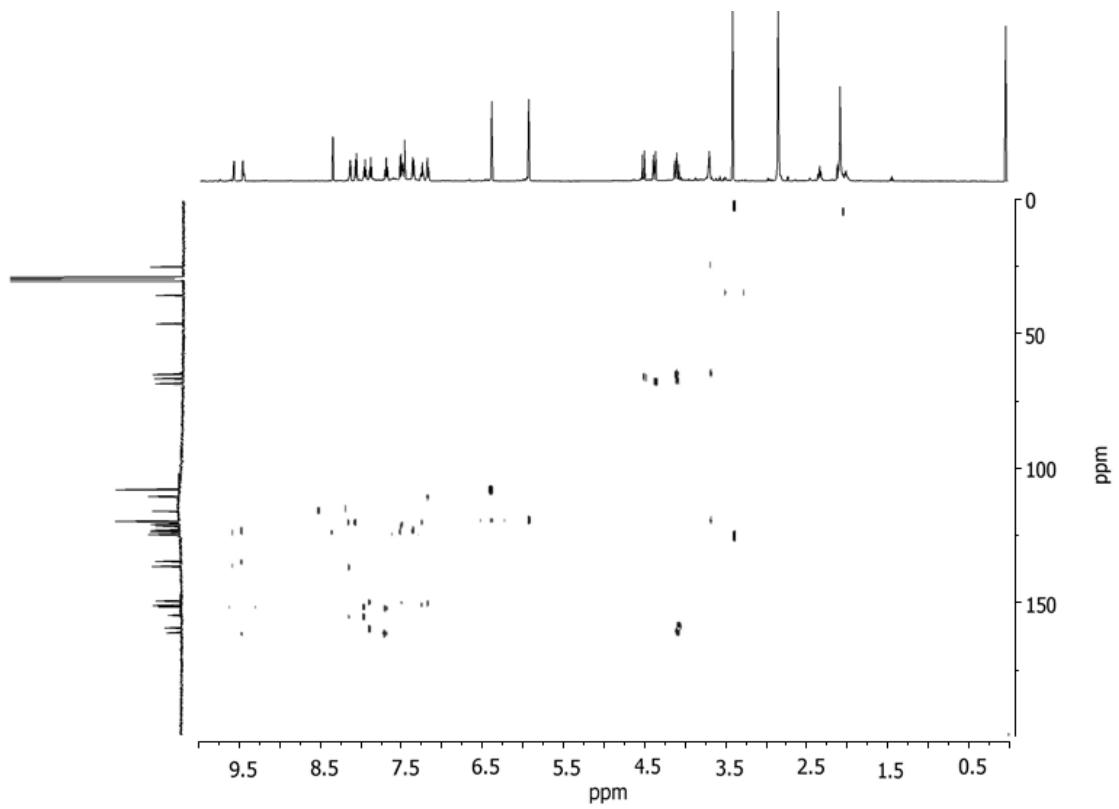
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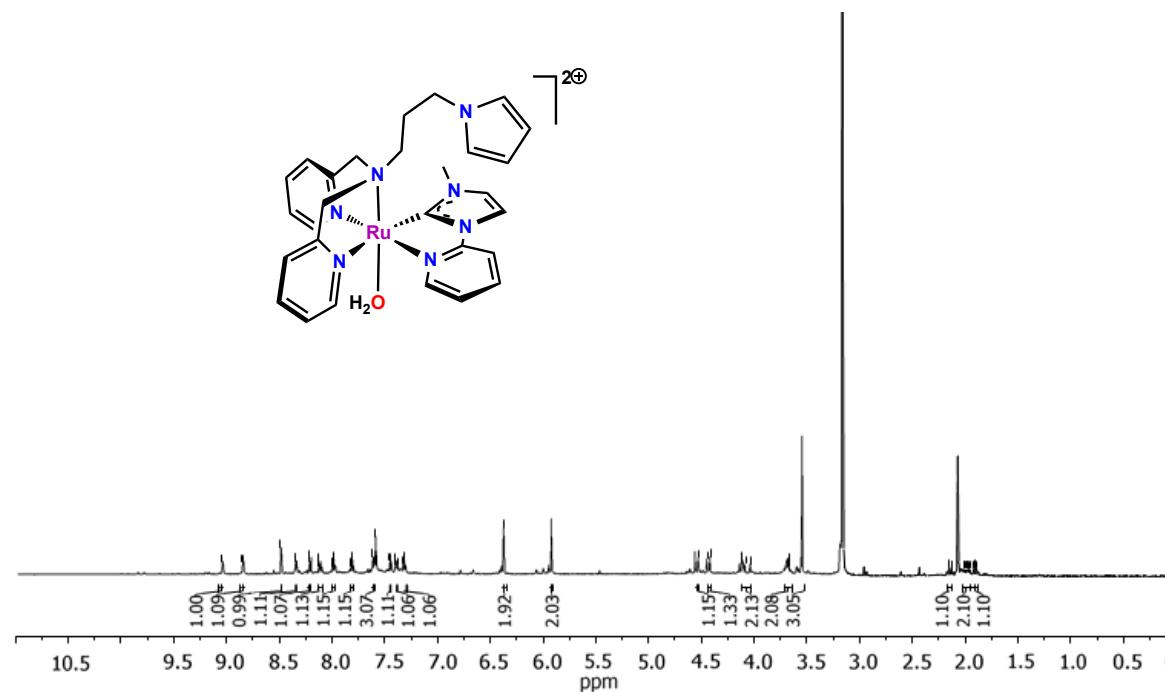


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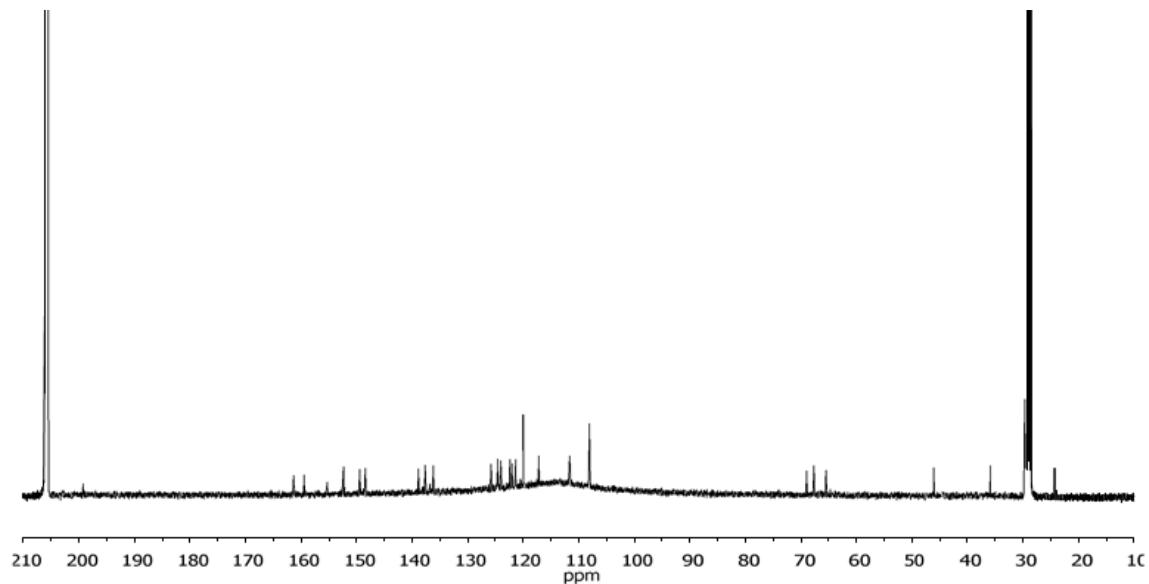


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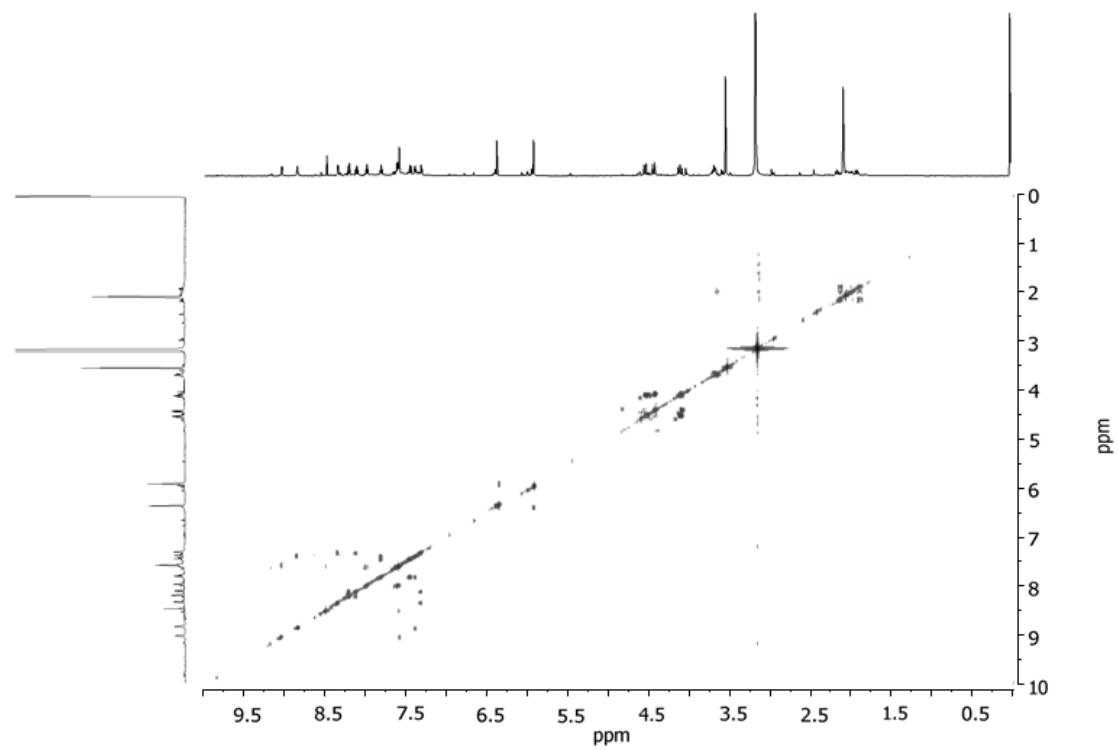
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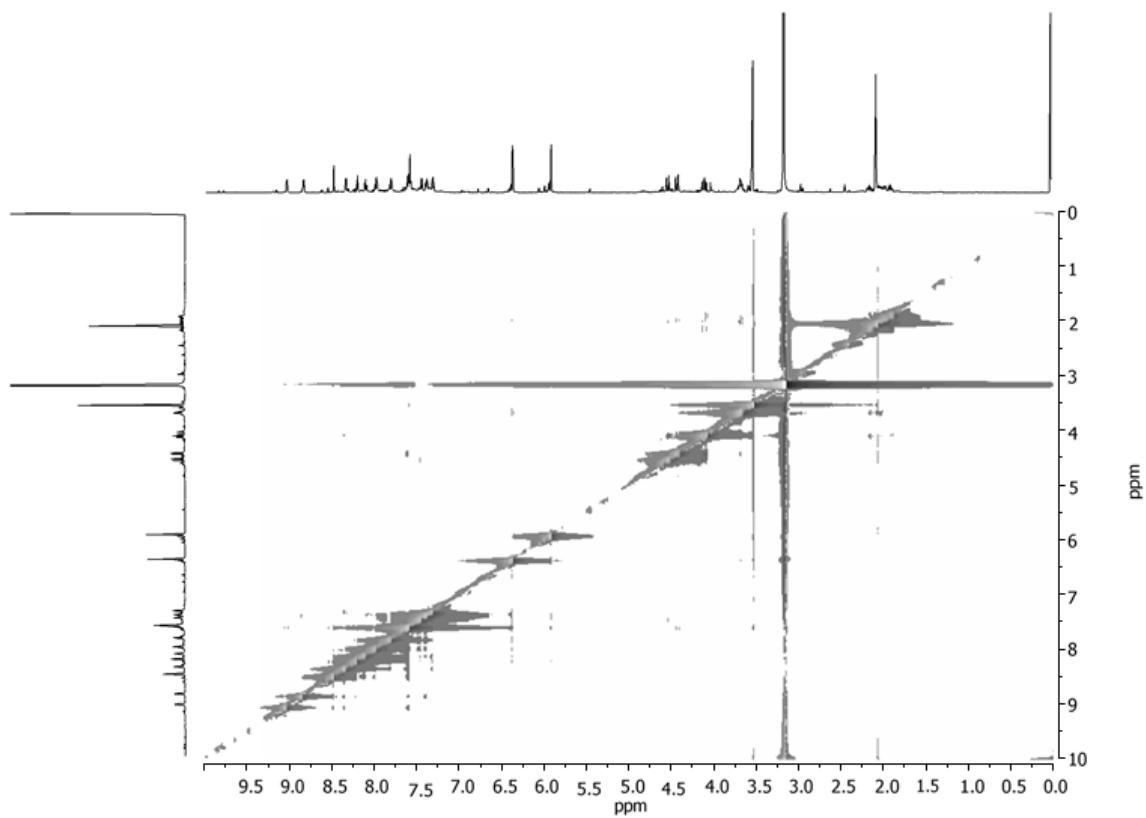
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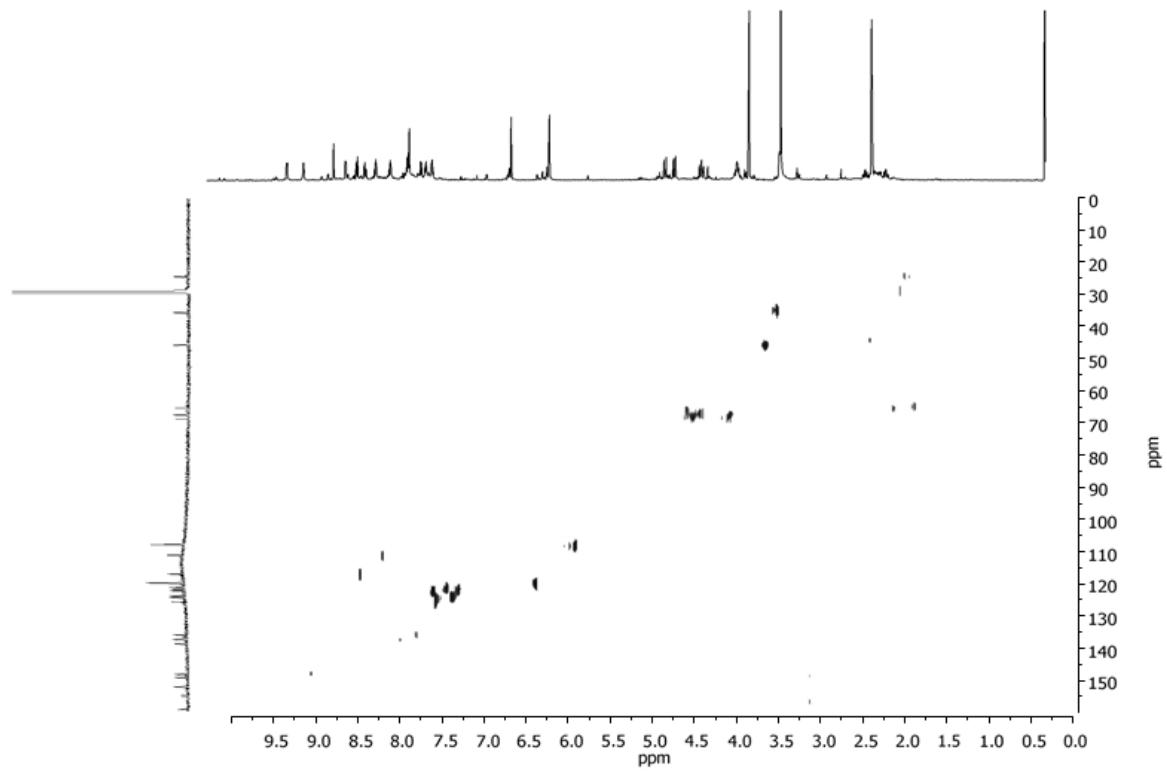
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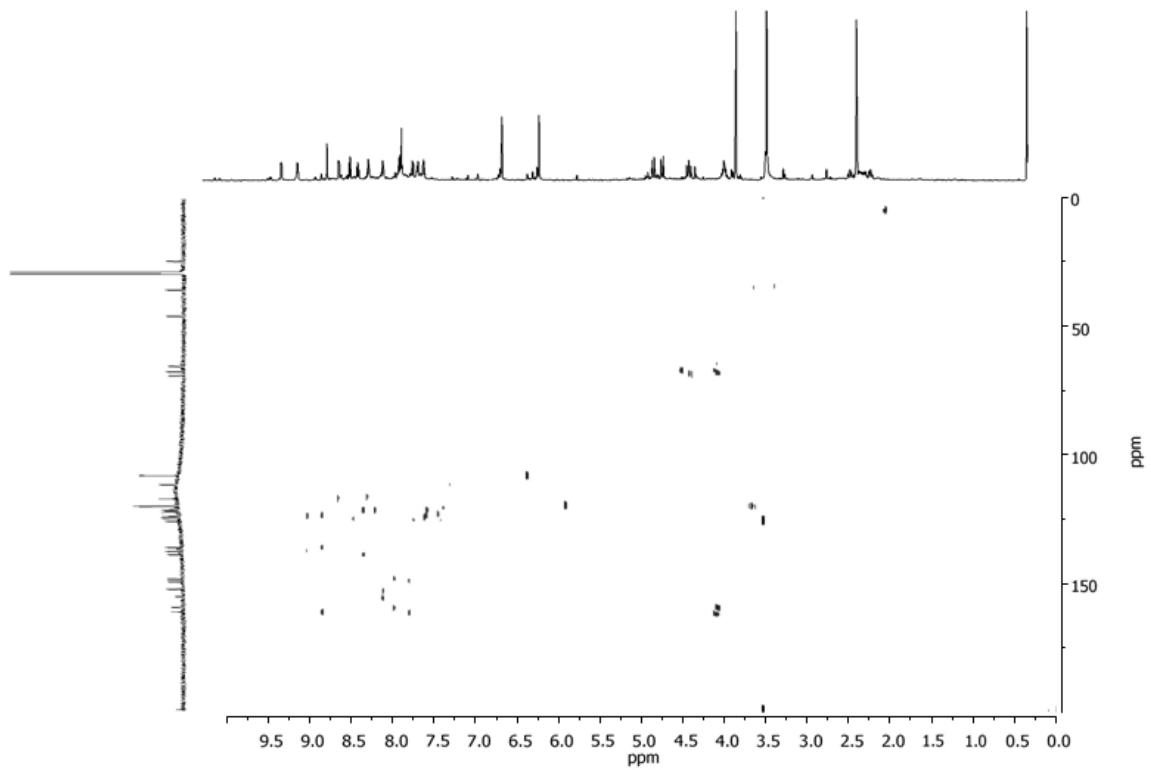
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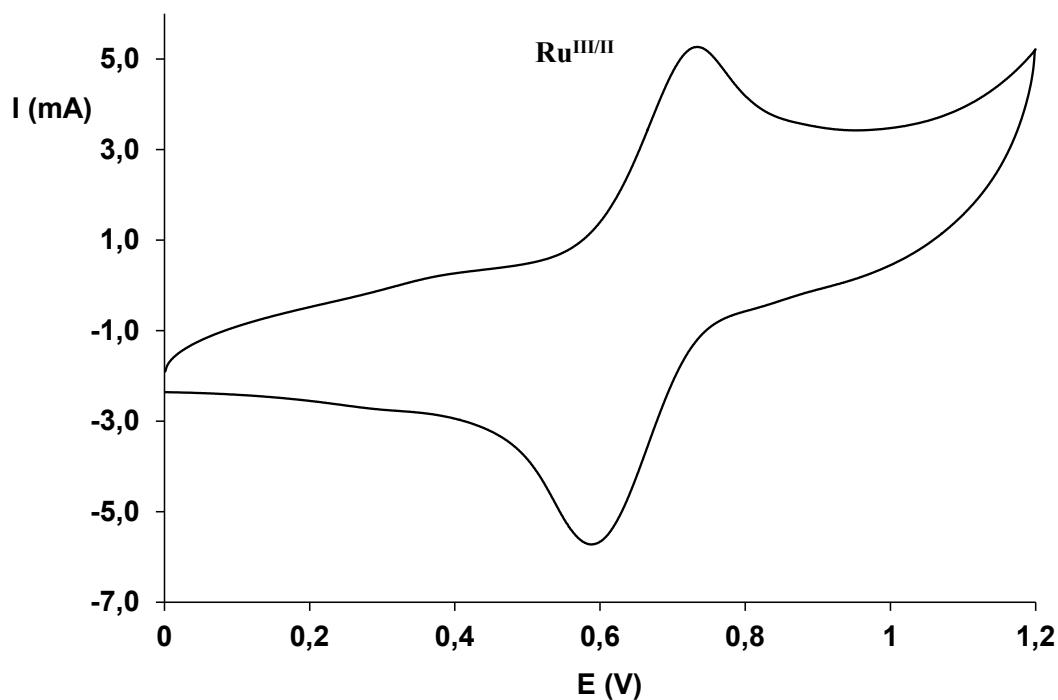
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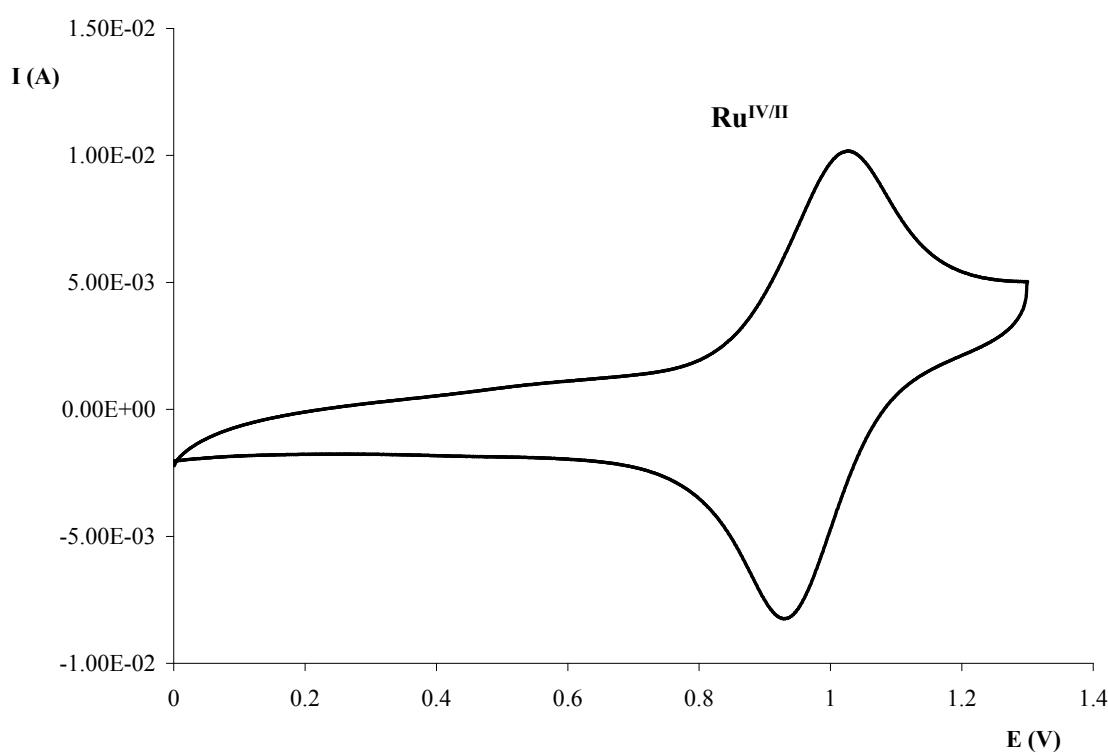
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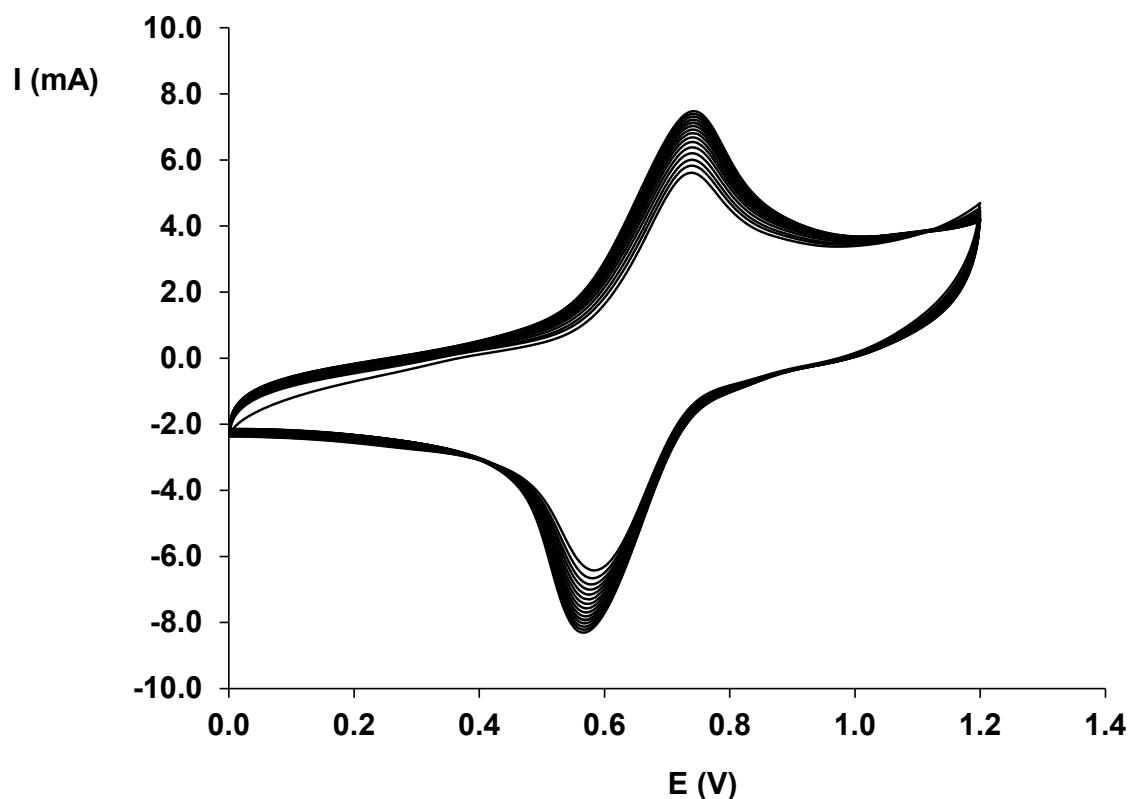


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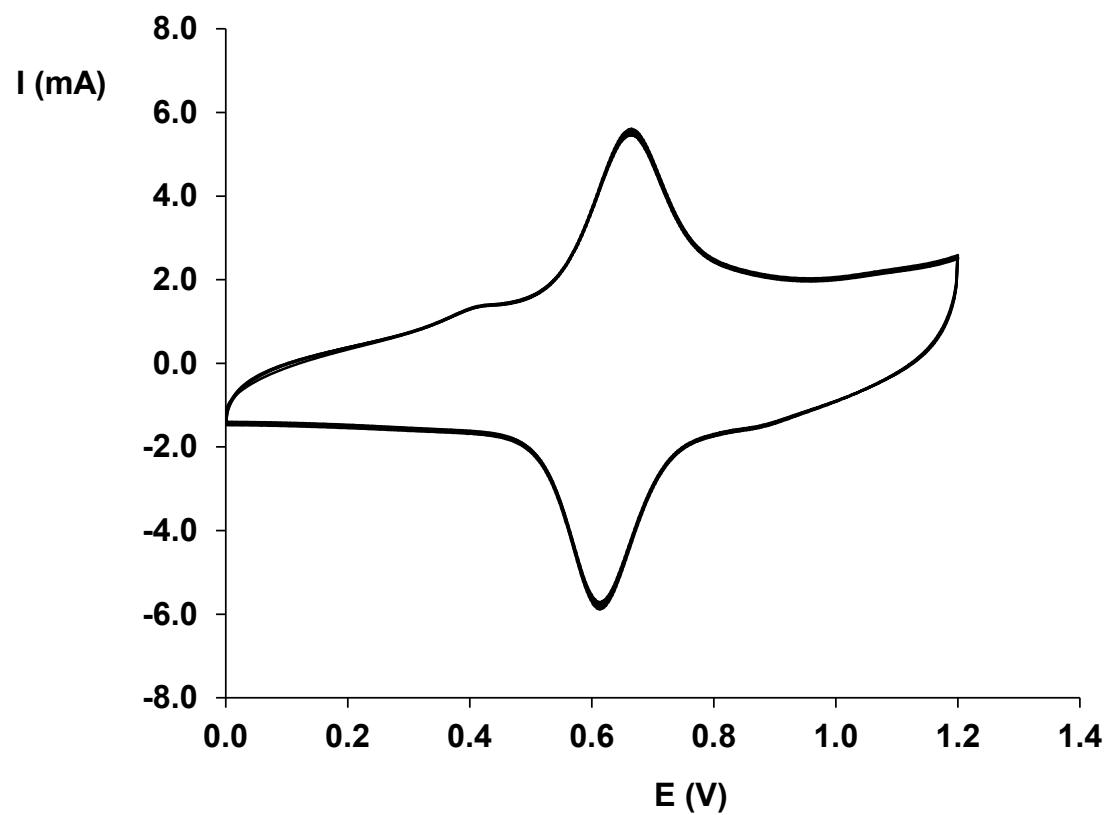


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