

## **Nickel Promoted Functionalization of CO<sub>2</sub> to Anhydrides and Ketoacids**

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## Computational Details

All geometry optimizations were performed using Gaussian 09 Revision A.02,<sup>1</sup> using the M06l functional. The LANL2DZ basis set was used for Ni and the 6-31G++(d,p) basis set was used for all other atoms. The LANL2DZ pseudo-potential was used for Ni. Frequency calculations were performed on all optimized structures to ensure that they were true minima.

The coordinates for optimized structures are given below:

### Complex 3a

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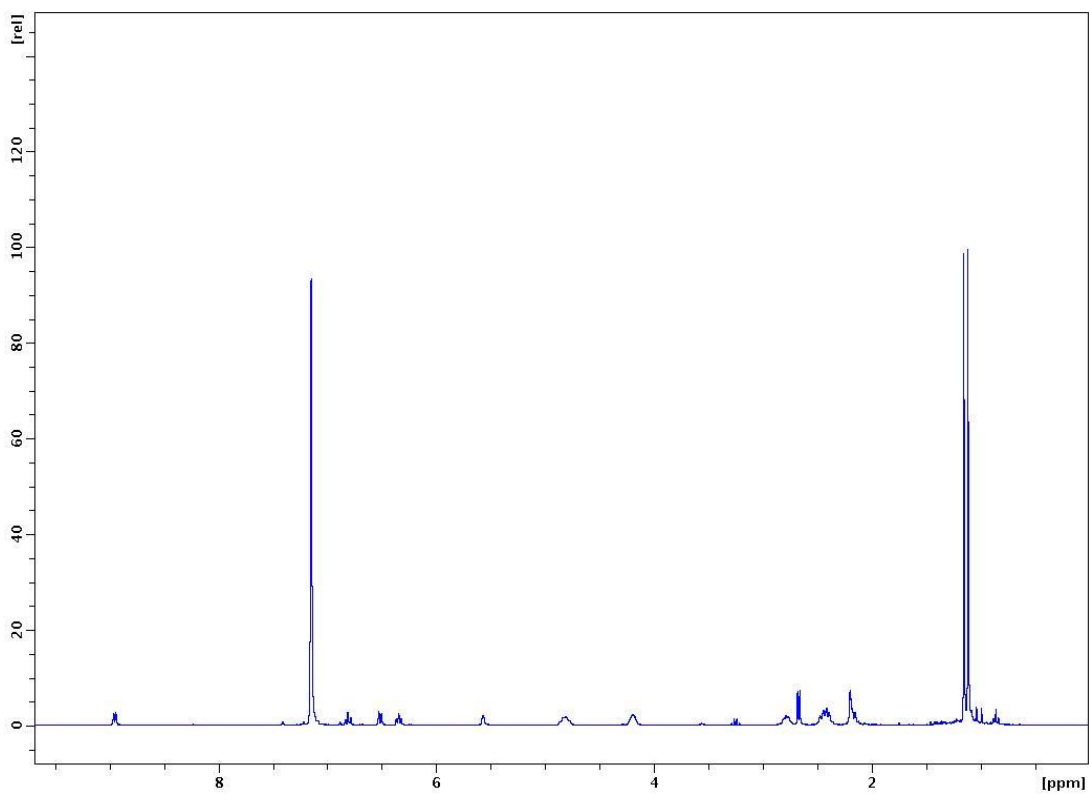
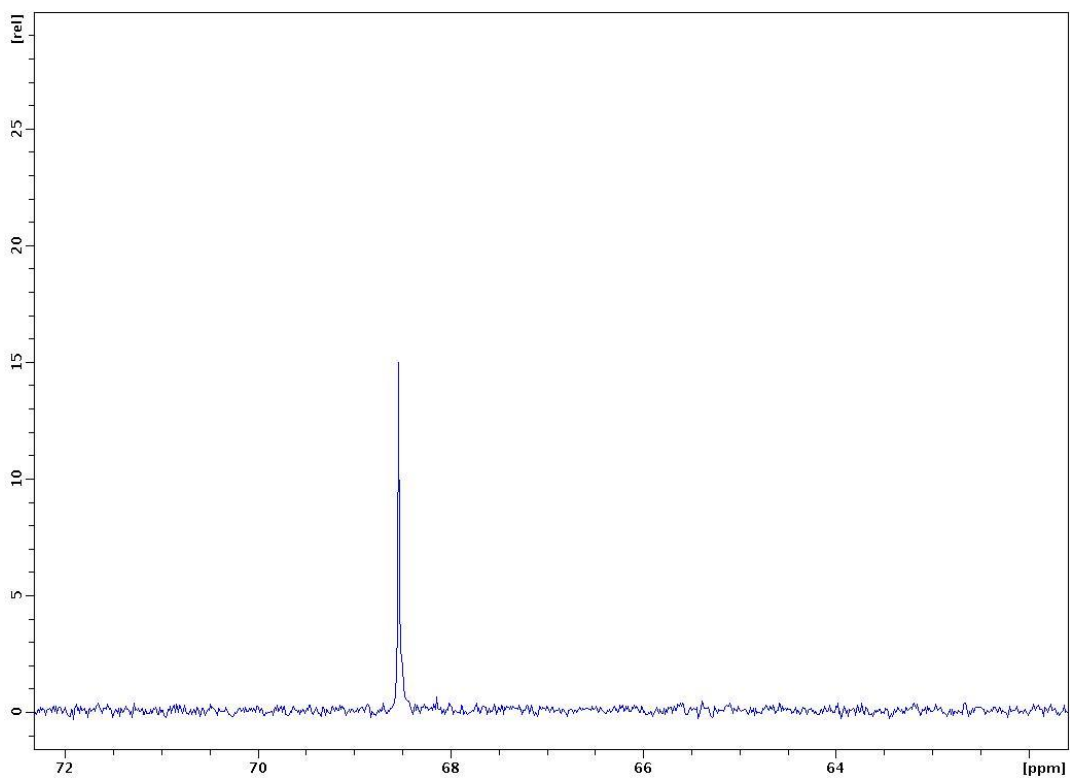
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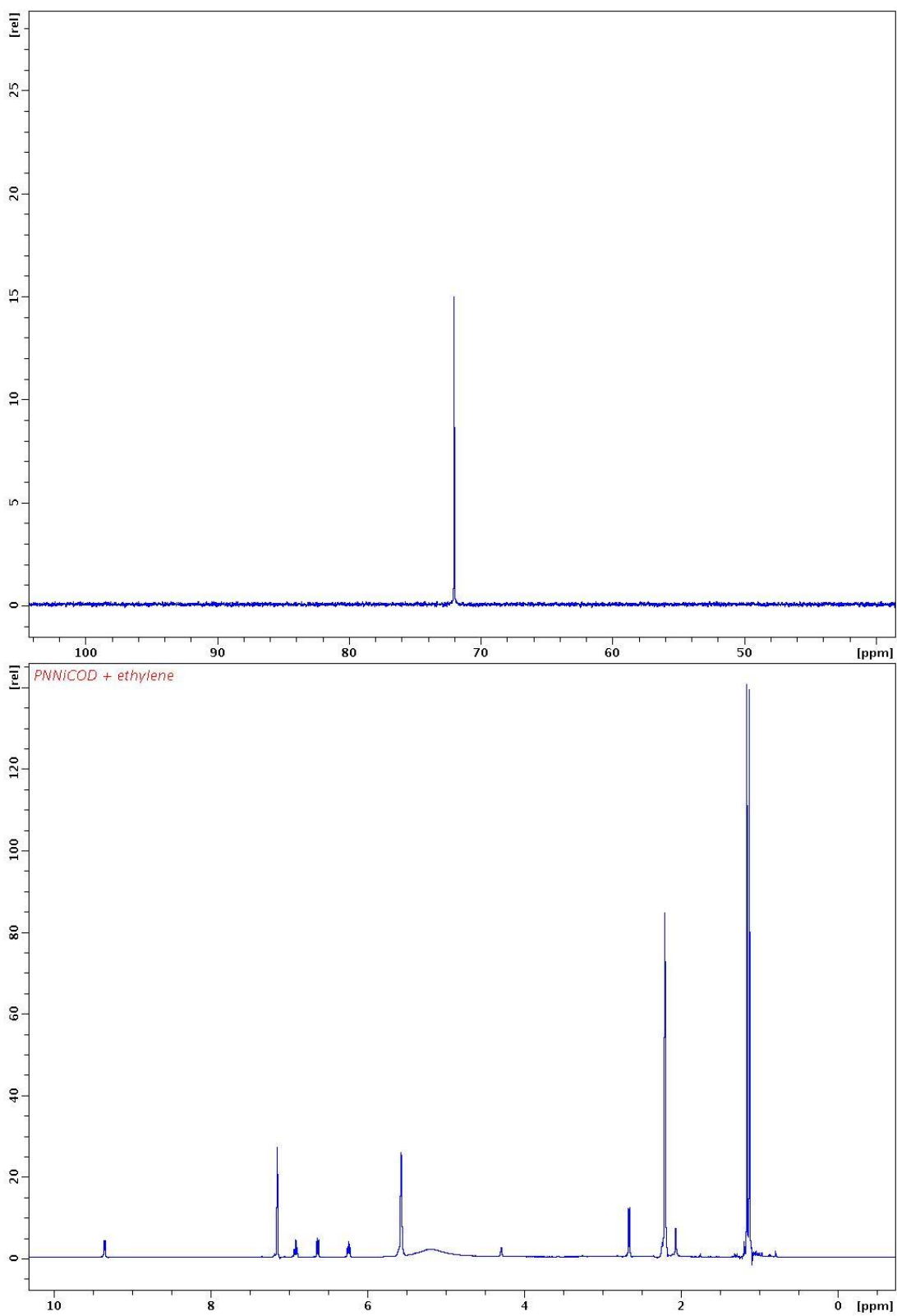
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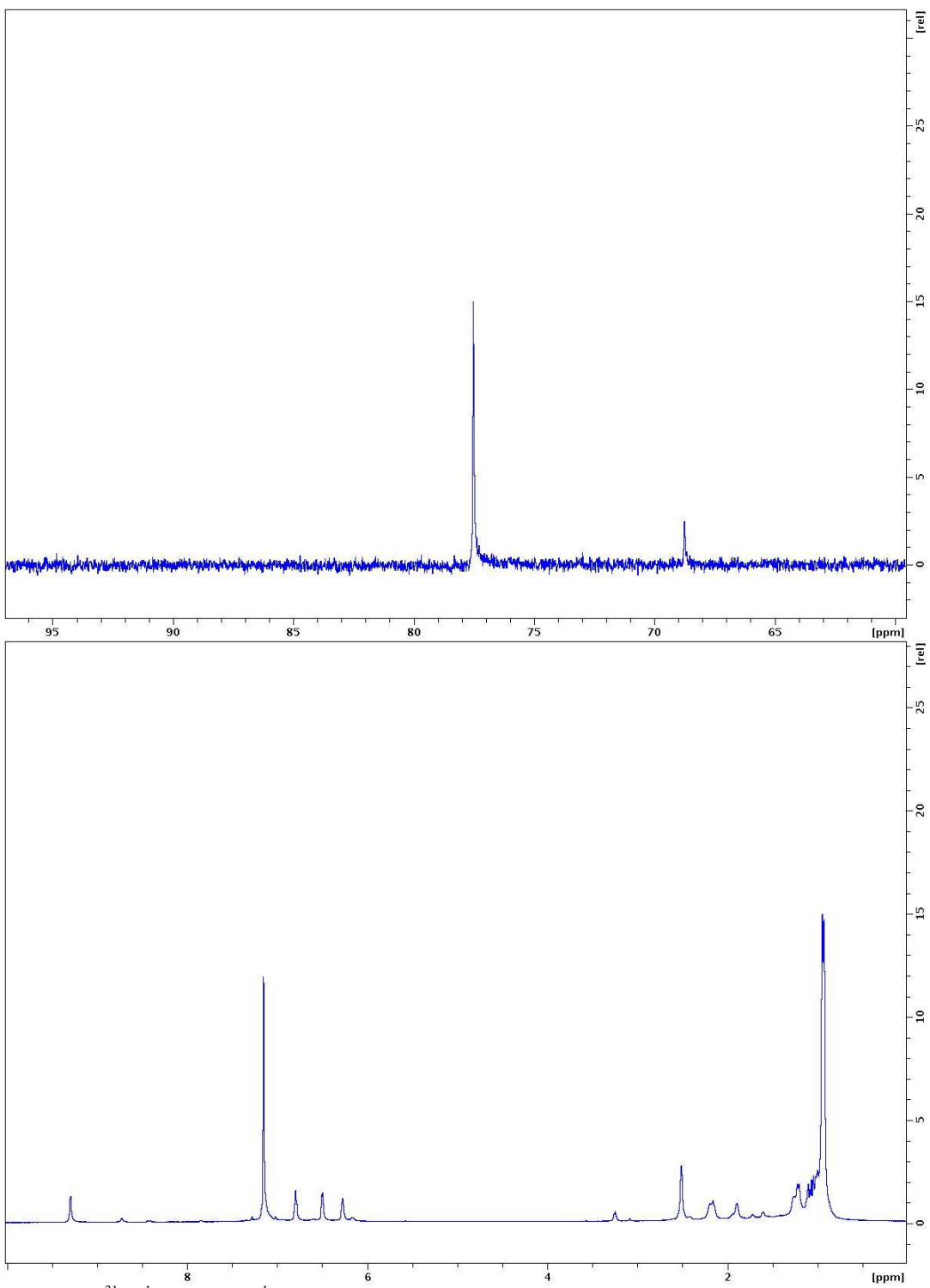
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**Figure S1.**  $^{31}\text{P}$   $\{^1\text{H}\}$  (top) and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (bottom) spectra of **1** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at ambient temperature. A trace quantity of COD is present in the spectrum.



**Figure S2.**  $^{31}P \{^1H\}$  (top) and  $^1H$  NMR (bottom) spectra of **2a** in  $C_6D_6$  at ambient temperature. Free COD and ethylene are present in the spectrum.



**Figure S3.**  $^{31}P$   $\{^1H\}$  (top) and  $^1H$  NMR (bottom) spectra of **2c** in  $C_6D_6$  at ambient temperature. A small contamination from the starting material **1** is present in the top spectrum. .



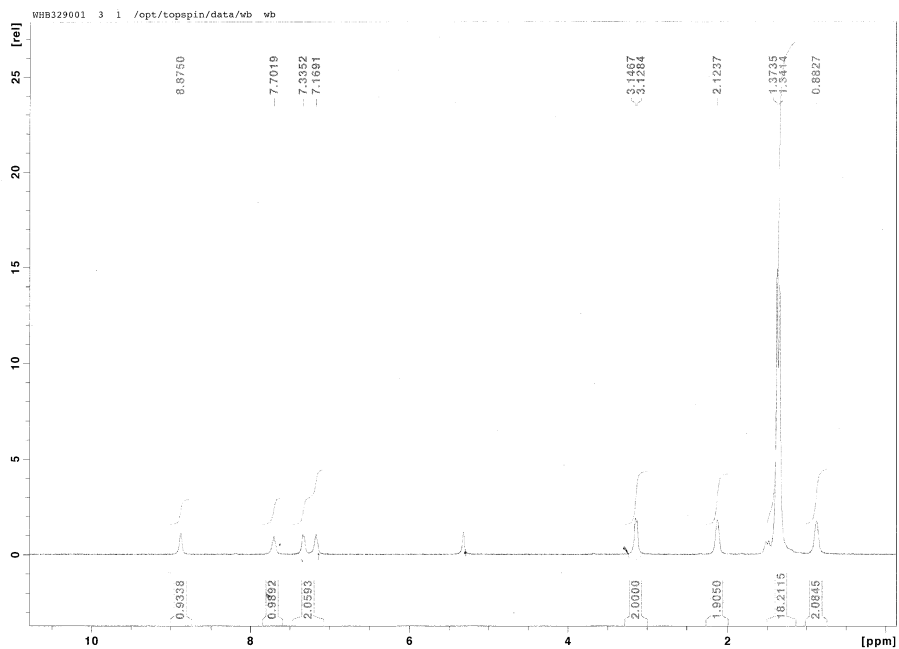
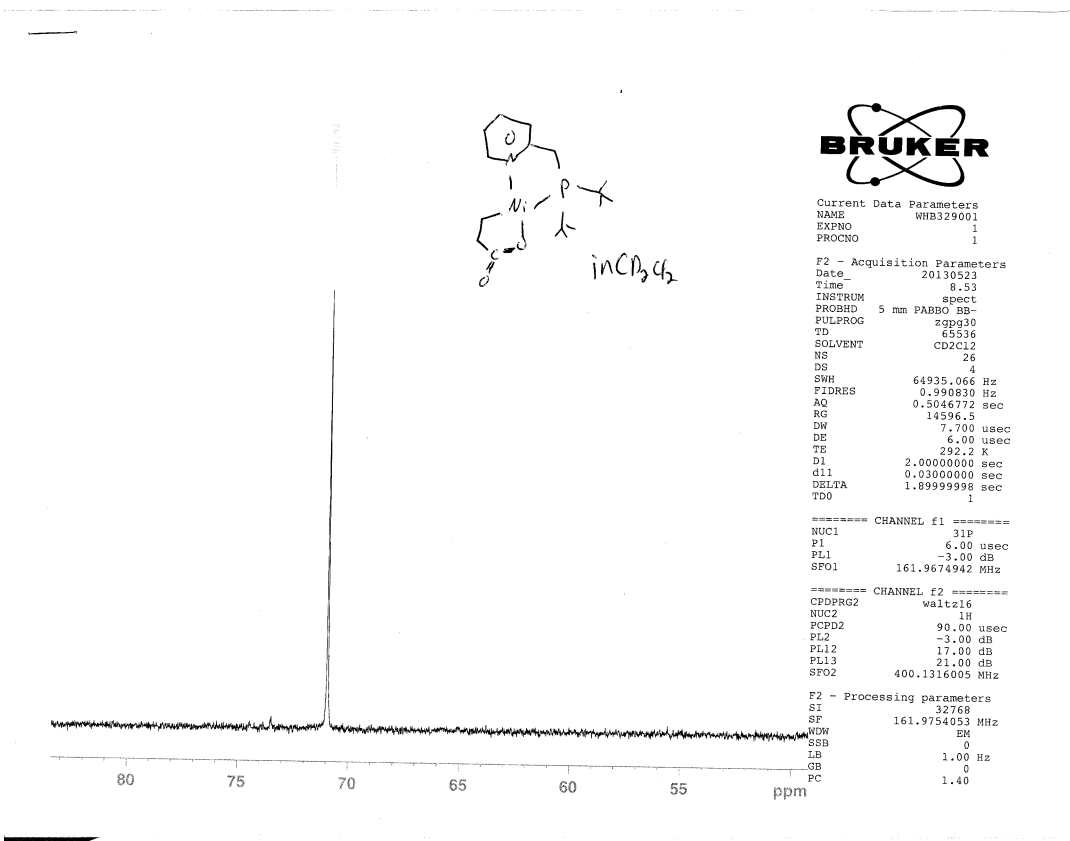
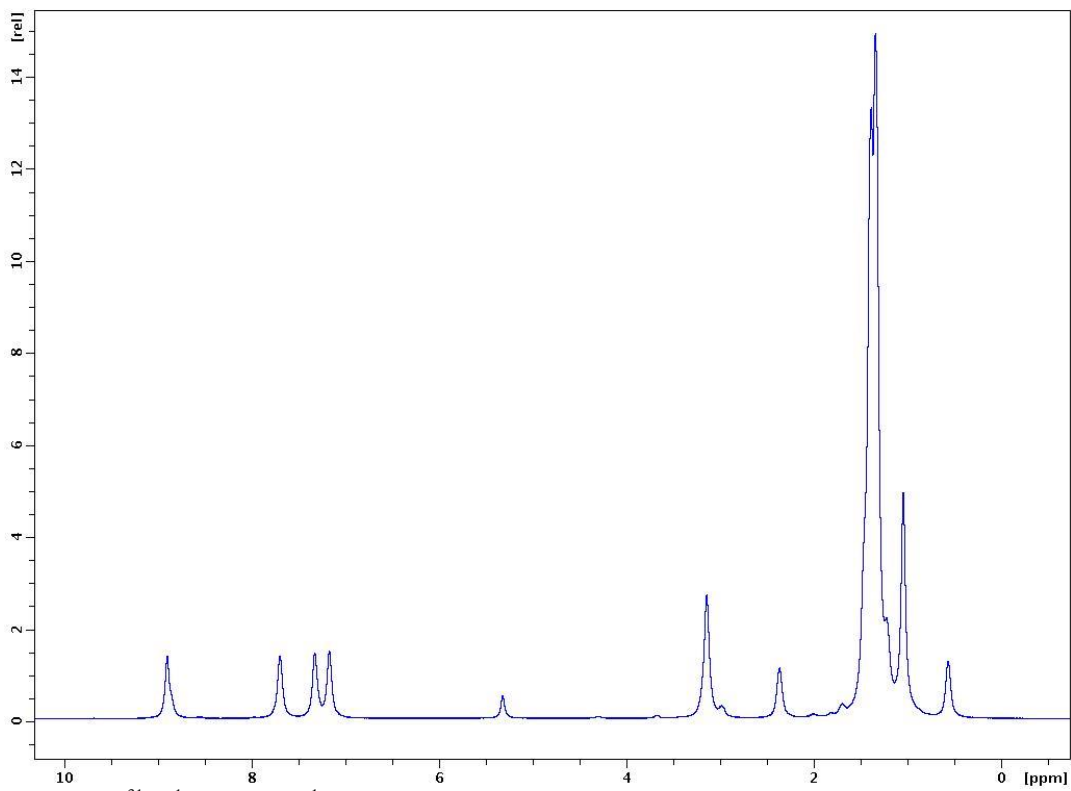
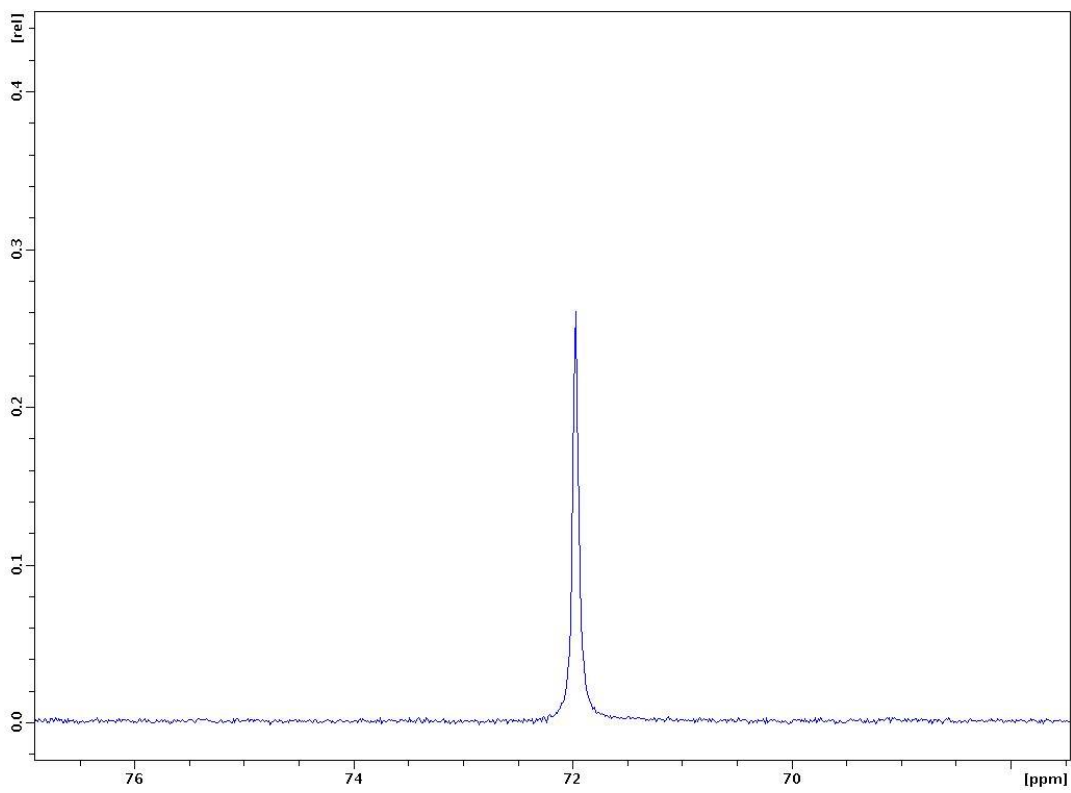


Figure S4.  $^{31}\text{P}$  { $^1\text{H}$ } (top) and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (bottom) spectra of **3a** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at ambient temperature.



**Figure S5.**  $^{31}\text{P}$   $\{^1\text{H}\}$  (top) and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (bottom) spectra of **3b** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at ambient temperature.

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