

Mechanistic Understanding on Rh-Catalyzed *N*-Sulfonylaldimines Insertion to Aryl C-H Bonds

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General Information. If no special indicated, all the reactions were carried out in a Watecs Parallel Reactor under nitrogen atmosphere. $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ were purchased from Strem. $(\text{Cp}^*\text{-2-phenylpyridineRhCl})$ (**5**)¹ and $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_3][\text{SbF}_6]_2$ ² were prepared according to the literature methods. *t*BuOH was freshly distilled over CaH_2 . Acetone used for the catalyst solution in the kinetic research was freshly distilled over CaSO_4 . Toluene-*d*₈ used in the kinetic research was freshly distilled over CaH_2 . Other reagents and solvents were used as commercially available and without further purification. AgSbF_6 was weighted in glove box. NMR Spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500, Bruker 400 or Varian 300 in the solvents indicated; chemical shifts are reported in units (ppm) by assigning TMS resonance in the ¹H spectrum as 0.00 ppm/(CD_3COCD_3 resonance in the ¹H spectrum as 2.05 ppm) and CDCl_3 resonance in the ¹³C spectrum as 77.0 ppm/ (CD_3COCD_3 resonance in the ¹³C spectrum as 30.8 ppm). All coupling constants (*J* values) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 200-300 mesh. FTIR were performed on Fourier transform infrared spectrometer. HRMS were performed on Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance Mass Spectrometer.

Reaction of Eq 2.

Eq 2a: The reaction mixture of complex **5** (21.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), imine **2a** (26.0 mg, 0.10 mmol), HOAc (0.05 mmol, 2.9 μL) were stirred in *t*BuOH (0.5 mL) at 90 °C for 4 h. After cooling to rt, the reaction mixture was monitored by TLC and showed no product **3a**.

Eq 2b: The reaction mixture of complex **5** (21.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), imine **2a** (26.0 mg, 0.10 mmol), HOAc (0.05 mmol, 2.9 μL) and AgSbF_6 (17.2 mg, 0.05 mmol) were stirred in *t*BuOH (0.5 mL) at 90 °C for 4 h. After cooling to rt, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified on silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc/DCM (5:1:1) to afford compound **3a** (3.3 mg, 16% yield) as a white solid.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Complex 6. Method A (Reaction of Eq 3):

To the suspension of 427.8 mg of compound $(\text{Cp}^*\text{-2-phenylpyridineRhCl})$ (**5**) (1.0

mmol) in CH₃CN (5 mL), the solution of AgSbF₆ (378.0 mg, 1.1 mmol) of in CH₃CN (15 mL) was added in 2 min and the white solid precipitated immediately. The reaction mixture was stirred for another 30 min at rt. Then the white solid was removed by filtration and the filtrate was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was recrystallized in acetone/Et₂O to afford compound **6** as pale yellow solid (656.9 mg, 98% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 8.97 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.19-8.07 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 15 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.0, 175.6, 167.2, 154.1, 146.5, 141.2 (2C), 138.4, 132.7, 126.2, 126.2 (2C), 125.6, 121.9, 121.8, 100.3, 100.2, 10.2 (5C), 4.1; FTIR (film, cm⁻¹): 2956, 2851, 1459, 1374, 754; HRMS: *m/z*: [Cp*ArRh]⁺ calculated for C₂₁H₂₃NRh: 392.0880, found 392.0885. Crystallographic data of compound **6**: C₄₇H₅₄C₁₂F₁₂N₄Rh₂Sb₂, *M*_r = 1423.16, 173(2) K, yellow, plate, 0.18 x 0.15 x 0.10 mm, Monoclinic, space group *P2(1)/c*, *a* = 24.200(3), *b* = 13.4270(16), *c* = 16.2572(19), β = 95.747(2)°, *V* = 5256.0(11) Å³, ρ_{calcd} = 1.799 gcm⁻³. *Z* = 4, *R*₁ = 0.0636 [*I* > 2θ(*I*)].

Method B (Reaction of Eq 4): To the mixture of [Cp*Rh(CH₃CN)₃][SbF₆]₂ (50.0 mg, 0.06 mmol) and 2-phenylpyridine (11.2 mg, 0.072 mmol) was added *t*BuOH (5 mL) in a reaction tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 10 h. After cooling to rt, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was detected by ¹H NMR (0.06 mmol of CH₂Br₂ was added as an internal standard) and showed ¹H NMR yield is 66% based on the signal of 7.37-7.31 and 7.24-7.19 ppm. Most by-product produced in the reaction was identified as 2-phenylpyridine's HSbF₆ based on the comparison of their spectrum.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Complex 8 (Reaction of Eq 5). The suspension of complex **6** (43 mg, 0.064 mmol) and imine **2a** (33.2 mg, 0.128 mmol) in *t*BuOH (4 mL) was stirred at 90 °C for 10 h. After cooling to rt, the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the residue was washed with Et₂O for several times until TLC showed no existence of compound **2a**. Then the residue was dissolved in DCM (2 mL) and hexane was added to precipitate yellow solid. The solvents were decanted and the solid was dried *in vacuo* to afford complex **8** (53.5 mg, 94% yield). ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 9.01-9.00 (m, 1H), 8.42-8.37 (m, 1H), 7.92-7.45 (m, 6H), 7.26-7.13 (m, 8H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 15H); ¹H NMR (75 M, CD₃COCD₃): δ 163.6, 154.1, 145.0, 142.8 (2C), 142.4, 141.9, 141.4, 134.6, 131.9, 131.8, 130.9 (2C), 130.5, 130.1 (2C), 129.9, 129.3, 127.8 (2C), 127.4, 97.7, 97.5, 62.9, 22.4, 22.3, 10.2 (2C), 10.2 (2C); HRMS: *m/z*: [M-SbF₆]⁺ calculated for C₃₅H₃₆N₂O₂RhS: 651.1547, found 651.1555. X-ray quality crystals of **8** was obtained by slow diffusion of a hexane and DCM solution of the above solid at 5 °C. Crystallographic data of complexes **8**: C₃₅H₃₆F₆N₂O₂RhSSb, *Mr* = 887.38, 173(2) K, yellow, plate, 0.50 x 0.40 x 0.20 mm, Monoclinic, space group *P2(1)/c*, *a* = 18.507(7), *b* = 10.873(4), *c* = 17.673(7), β = 103.416(8)°, *V* = 3459(2) Å³, ρ_{calcd} = 1.704 gcm⁻³. *Z* = 4, *R*₁ = 0.1045 [*I* > 2θ(*I*)].

Reaction of Eq 6.

The reaction of Eq 6 in condition A was carried out in our reported procedure.

The reaction of Eq 6 in condition B. The reaction mixture of complex **6** (7.6 mg, 0.012 mmol), compound **1b** (42.3 mg, 0.25 mmol), imine **2a** (130.0 mg, 0.50 mmol), HOAc (0.012 mmol, 0.7 uL) were stirred in *t*BuOH (1 mL) at 90 °C for 10 h/ 48 h respectively. After cooling to rt, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was purified on silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc/DCM (5:1:1) to afford compound **3c** (73.9 mg, 69% yield, in 10 h; 90.3 mg, 84% yield, in 48 h). Compound **3c** was detected by ¹HNMR and GC. Trace compound **3a** only can be observed on GC.

Reaction of Eq 7.

The reaction mixture of complex **8** (11.0 mg, 0.012 mmol), compound **1a** (38.8 mg, 0.25 mmol), imine **2a** (130.0 mg, 0.50 mmol), HOAc (0.012 mmol, 0.7 uL) were stirred in *t*-BuOH (1 mL) at 90 °C for 48 h. After cooling to rt, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was purified on silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc/DCM (5:1:1) to afford compound **3a** (70.2 mg, 68% yield).

Reaction of Eq 8

Condition A: The reaction mixture of precatalyst **7** (0.00625 mmol, 5.2 mg), compound **1a** (19.4 mg, 0.125 mmol), imine **2a** (64.8 mg, 0.25 mmol), were stirred in

the mixed solvent *t*-BuOH: acetone (0.5 mL : 0.5 mL) at 90 °C for 10 h. After cooling to rt, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was purified on silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc/DCM (5:1:1) to afford compound **3a** (31.0 mg, 60% yield).

Condition B: The reaction mixture of complex **6** (0.00625 mmol, 4.2 mg), the solution of HOAc in acetone (10 μ L, 0.625 M), compound **1a** (19.4 mg, 0.125 mmol), imine **2a** (64.8 mg, 0.25 mmol), were stirred in the mixed solvent *t*-BuOH: acetone (0.5 mL : 0.5 mL) at 90 °C for 10 h. After cooling to rt, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was purified on silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc/DCM (5:1:1) to afford compound **3a** (33.7 mg, 65% yield).

Condition C: The reaction mixture of complex **8** (0.00625 mmol, 5.5 mg), the solution of HOAc in acetone (10 μ L, 0.625 M), compound **1a** (19.4 mg, 0.125 mmol), imine **2a** (64.8 mg, 0.25 mmol), were stirred in the mixed solvent *t*-BuOH: acetone (0.5 mL : 0.5 mL) at 90 °C for 10 h. After cooling to rt, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was purified on silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc/DCM (5:1:1) to afford compound **3a** (33.3 mg, 64% yield).

Reaction of Eq 9.

The mixture of Rh(III) complex **6** (21.0 mg, 0.032 mmol) and imine **2a** (16.6 mg, 0.064 mmol) in *t*-BuOH (1 mL) was stirred at 28 °C for 1 h. Then *t*-BuOH was removed *in vacuo* at rt and the residue was detected by ESI-MS and followed by ¹H NMR. In the ESI-MS spectrum, 651.1535 peak was observed as [2-phenylpyridineRhCp*Ts]⁺, in the ¹H NMR spectrum, there was no addition complexes **8**'s signal (the single peak at 5.29 ppm in CD₃COCD₃) were observed, then the observed MS peak should be assigned to the coordination complex **9**.

General Procedure for the Protonation of Complex **8** (Reaction of Eq 10).

Condition A: The suspension of complex **8** (22.2 mg, 0.025 mmol), HOAc (2.9 μ L, 0.05 mmol) were stirred in *t*-BuOH (1 mL) at 90 °C for 2 h. The reaction was detected by crude ¹H NMR and no product signal (6.10 ppm, double peak) was observed.

Condition B: The suspension of complex **8** (22.2 mg, 0.025 mmol), compound **1a** (38.8 mg, 0.25 mmol) were stirred in *t*-BuOH (1 mL) at 90 °C for 2 h and detected by

crude ^1H NMR, showed that ratio of compound **3a** to **8** is 2 :1 (based on the integration ratio of 6.10 ppm's peak and 5.29 ppm's peak).

Condition C: The suspension of complex **8** (22.1 mg, 0.025 mmol), compound **1a** (38.8 mg, 0.25 mmol) and HOAc (2.9 μL , 0.05 mmol) were stirred in *t*-BuOH (1 mL) at 90 °C for 2 h and detected by crude ^1H NMR, showed only product **3a** was observed (obvious peak at 6.10 ppm was observed and no peak was observed at 5.29 ppm).

Condition D: The suspension of complex **8** (22.1 mg, 0.025 mmol), pyridine (19.8 mg, 0.25 mmol) and HOAc (2.9 μL , 0.05 mmol) were stirred in *t*-BuOH (1 mL) at 90 °C for 2 h and detected by crude ^1H NMR, showed only product **3a** was observed (obvious peak at 6.10 ppm was observed and no peak was observed at 5.29 ppm).

After completion of hydrolysis, the reaction mixture of condition B was also detected by ESI-MS, showed the obvious peak (392.0880) as the regenerate the possible active catalyst ($[\text{2-phenylpyridineRhCp}^*]^+$).

Kinetic research:

Comparison of the initial rates of 2-phenylpyridine, 2-[d₁]-phenylpyridine, 2-[d₅]-phenylpyridine.

In a Young Low Pressure/Vacuum NMR tube, precatalyst **7** solution in acetone (1.25×10^{-3} mmol, 250 μL) was added. Then acetone was removed in *vacuo* and the NMR tube was charged with N_2 . Then benzyl methyl ether in mesitylene solution (1.875×10^{-3} mol, 5 μL), used as an internal standard, 2-phenylpyridine (**1a**) or 2-[d₁]-phenylpyridine or 2-[d₅]-phenylpyridine solution in toluene-*d*₈ (0.025 mmol, 50 μL), tosylimine **2a** solution in toluene-*d*₈ (0.05 mmol, 200 μL) and toluene-*d*₈ (150 μL) were added in sequence. After the addition, the NMR tube was sealed in N_2 atmosphere and detected by Bruker 500 M Hz NMR instrument that had been equilibrated at 90°C. The product concentration (M) versus time (h) as showed in Figure 1. Then the ratio of $k_{\text{HH}}/k_{\text{HD}}/k_{\text{DD}} = 1.11 : 1.00 : 1.05$.

Kinetic characterization of 2-phenylpyridine.

In a Young Low Pressure/Vacuum NMR tube, precatalyst **7** solution in acetone (1.25×10^{-3} mmol, 250 μL) was added. Then acetone was removed in *vacuo* and the NMR tube was charged with N_2 . Then benzyl methyl ether in mesitylene solution ($1.875 \times$

10^{-3} mol, 5 μL), used as an internal standard, 2-phenylpyridine (**1a**) solution in toluene- d_8 [varied between 24.69 mM (0.4 equiv, 20 μL) and 98.77 mM (1.6 equiv, 80 μL)], tosylimine **2a** solution in toluene- d_8 (0.025 mmol, 100 μL) and toluene- d_8 were added in sequence, keeping the total volume of solution at 405 μL . After the addition, the NMR tube was sealed in N_2 atmosphere and detected by Bruker 500 M Hz NMR instrument that had been equilibrated at 90°C . The product concentration (M) versus time (h) as showed in Figure S1a and Plotting $\ln k_{\text{obs}}$ versus $\ln[2\text{-phenylpyridine}]$, as presented in Figure S1b.

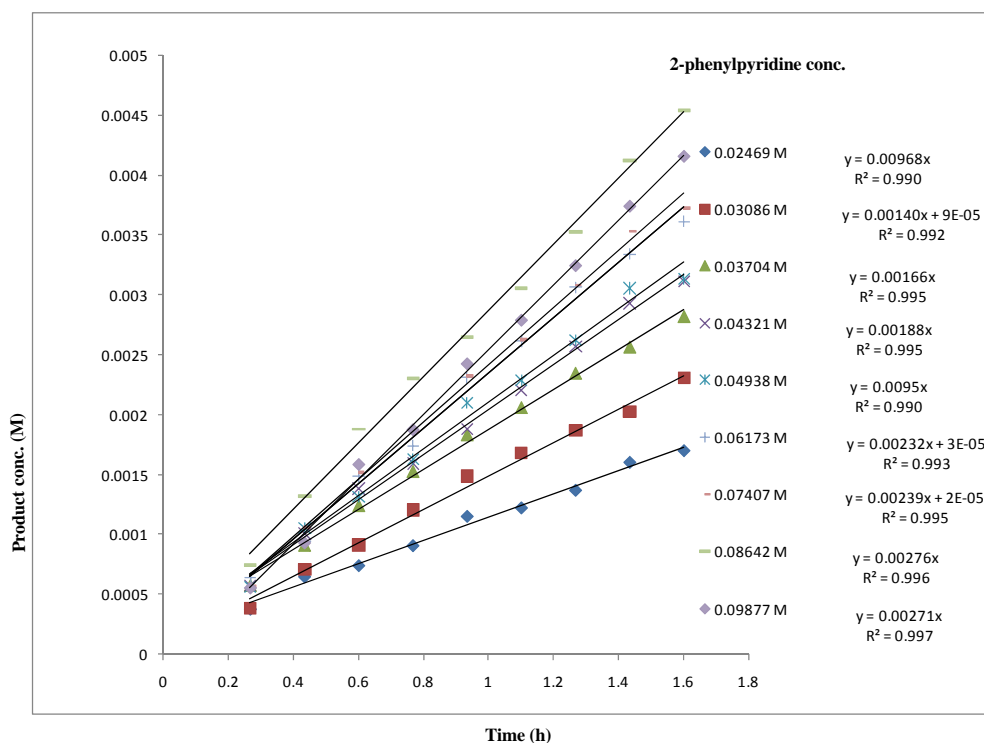


Figure S1a. Product concentration versus time

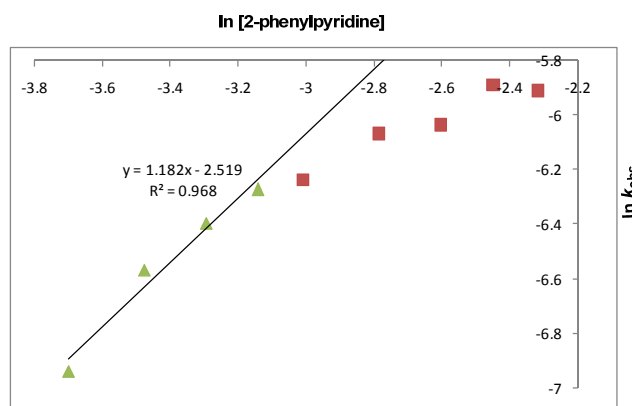


Figure S1b. $\ln k_{\text{obs}}$ versus $\ln [2\text{-phenylpyridine}]$

Kinetic characterization of imine **2a**.

In a Young Low Pressure/Vacuum NMR tube, the precatalyst **7** solution in acetone (1.25×10^{-3} mmol, 250 μ L) was added. Then acetone was removed in *vacuo* and the NMR tube was charged with N_2 . Then benzyl methyl ether in mesitylene solution (1.875×10^{-3} mol, 5 μ L), used as an internal standard, 2-phenylpyridine (**1a**) solution in toluene- d_8 (0.025 mmol, 50 μ L), tosylimine **2a** solution in toluene- d_8 [varied between 43.21 mM (0.7 equiv, 70 μ L) and 166.67 mM (2.7 equiv, 270 μ L)] and toluene- d_8 were added in sequence, keeping the total volume of solution at 405 μ L. After the addition, the NMR tube was sealed in N_2 atmosphere and detected by Bruker 500 M Hz NMR instrument that had been equilibrated at 90°C. The product concentration (M) versus time (h) as showed in Figure S2a and Plotting $\ln k_{obs}$ versus $\ln[2a]$, as presented in Figure S2b.

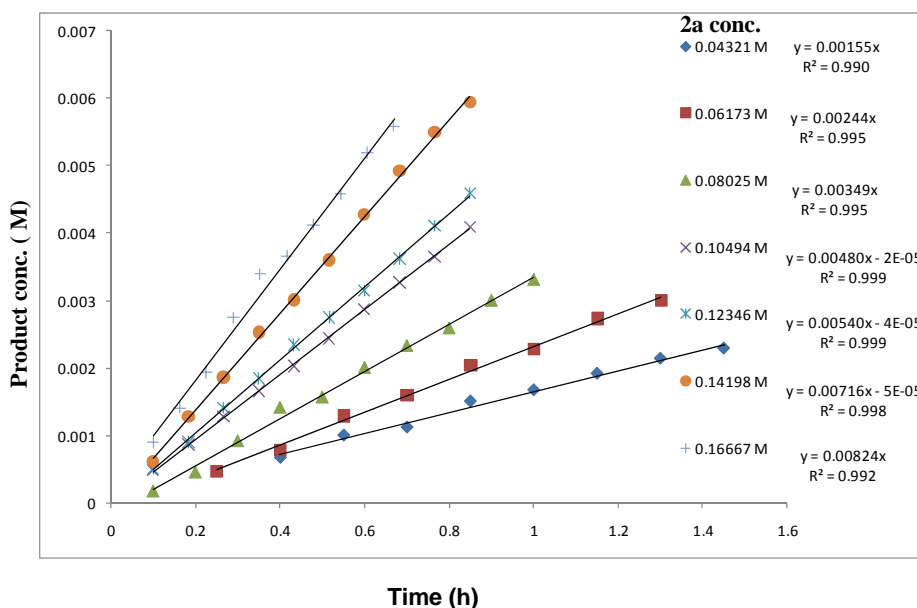


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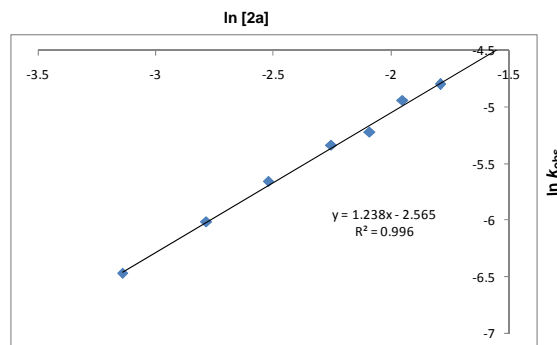


Figure S2b $\ln k_{obs}$ versus $\ln [2a]$

Kinetic characterization of precatalyst 7.

In a Young Low Pressure/Vacuum NMR tube, precatalyst **7** solution in acetone [varied between 1.23 mM (2 mol%, 100 μ L) and 4.23 mM (7 mol%, 350 μ L)] was added. Then acetone was removed in *vacuo* and the NMR tube was charged with N₂. Then benzyl methyl ether in mesitylene solution (1.875×10^{-3} mol, 5 μ L), used as an internal standard, 2-phenylpyridine (**1a**) solution in toluene-*d*₈ (0.025 mmol, 50 μ L), tosylimine **2a** solution in toluene-*d*₈ (0.050 mmol, 200 μ L) and toluene-*d*₈ were added in sequence, keeping the total volume of solution at 405 μ L. After the addition, the NMR tube was sealed in N₂ atmosphere and detected by Bruker 500 M Hz NMR instrument that had been equilibrated at 90°C. The product concentration (M) versus time (h) as showed in Figure S3a. Plotting $\ln k_{\text{obs}}$ versus $\ln [\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_3][\text{SbF}_6]_2$, as presented in Figure 3b.

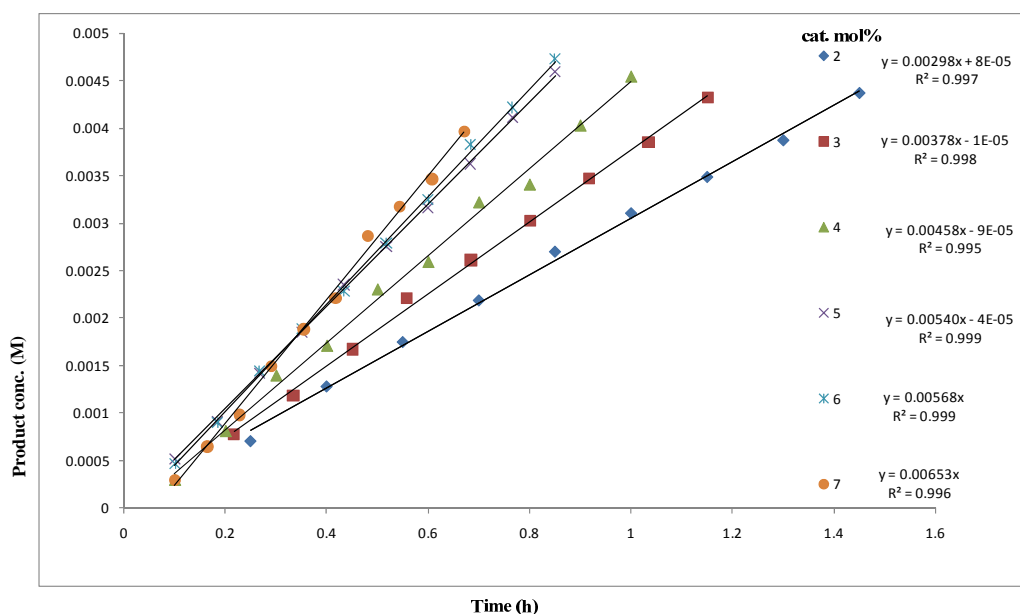


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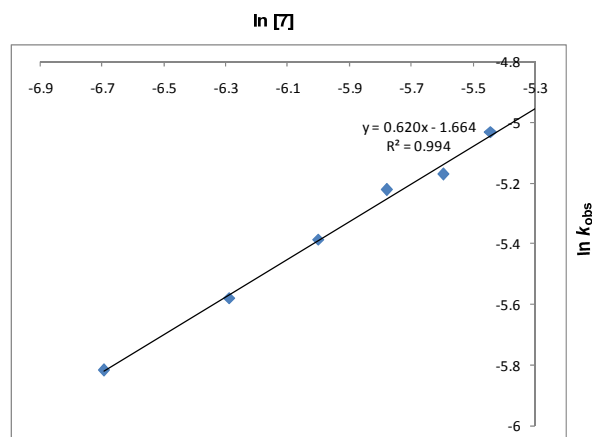


Figure 3b. ln k_{obs} versus ln [7]

Kinetic characterization of complex **6**.

In a Young Low Pressure/Vacuum NMR tube, complex **6** solution in acetone [varied between 1.23 mM (2 mol%, 100 μL) and 4.23 mM (7 mol%, 350 μL)] was added. Then acetone was removed in *vacuo* and the NMR tube was charged with N_2 . Then benzyl methyl ether in mesitylene solution (1.875×10^{-3} mol, 5 μL), used as an internal standard, 2-phenylpyridine (**1a**) solution in toluene- d_8 (0.025 mmol, 50 μL), tosylimine **2a** solution in toluene- d_8 (0.050 mmol, 200 μL), HOAc solution in toluene- d_8 [varied between 1.23 mM (2 mol%, 4 μL) and 4.23 mM (7 mol%, 14 μL)] and toluene- d_8 were added in sequence, keeping the total volume of solution at 405 μL . After the addition, the NMR tube was sealed in N_2 atmosphere and detected by Bruker 500 M Hz NMR instrument that had been equilibrated at 90°C. The product concentration (M) versus time (h) as showed in Figure S4. Plotting ln k_{obs} versus ln[6], as presented in Figure 2a.

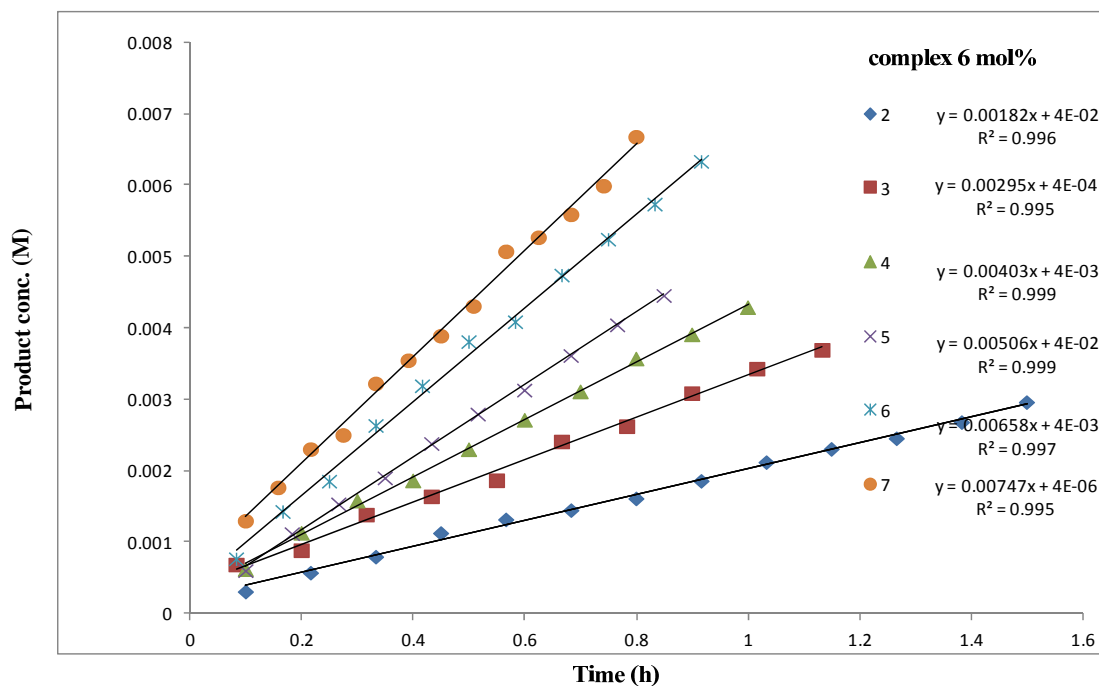


Figure S4. Product concentration versus time

Kinetic characterization of complex 8.

In a Young Low Pressure/Vacuum NMR tube, complex **8** solution in acetone [varied between 1.23 mM (2 mol%, 100 μ L) and 4.23 mM (7 mol%, 350 μ L)] was added. Then acetone was removed in *vacuo* and the NMR tube was charged with N_2 . Then benzyl methyl ether in mesitylene solution (1.875×10^{-3} mol, 5 μ L), used as an internal standard, 2-phenylpyridine (**1a**) solution in toluene- d_8 (0.025 mmol, 50 μ L), tosylimine **2a** solution in toluene- d_8 (0.050 mmol, 200 μ L), HOAc solution in toluene- d_8 [varied between 1.23 mM (2 mol%, 4 μ L) and 4.23 mM (7 mol%, 14 μ L)] and toluene- d_8 were added in sequence, keeping the total volume of solution at 405 μ L. After the addition, the NMR tube was sealed in N_2 atmosphere and detected by Bruker 500 M Hz NMR instrument that had been equilibrated at 90°C. The product concentration (M) versus time (h) as showed in Figure S5. Plotting $\ln k_{obs}$ versus $\ln[8]$, as presented in Figure 2b.

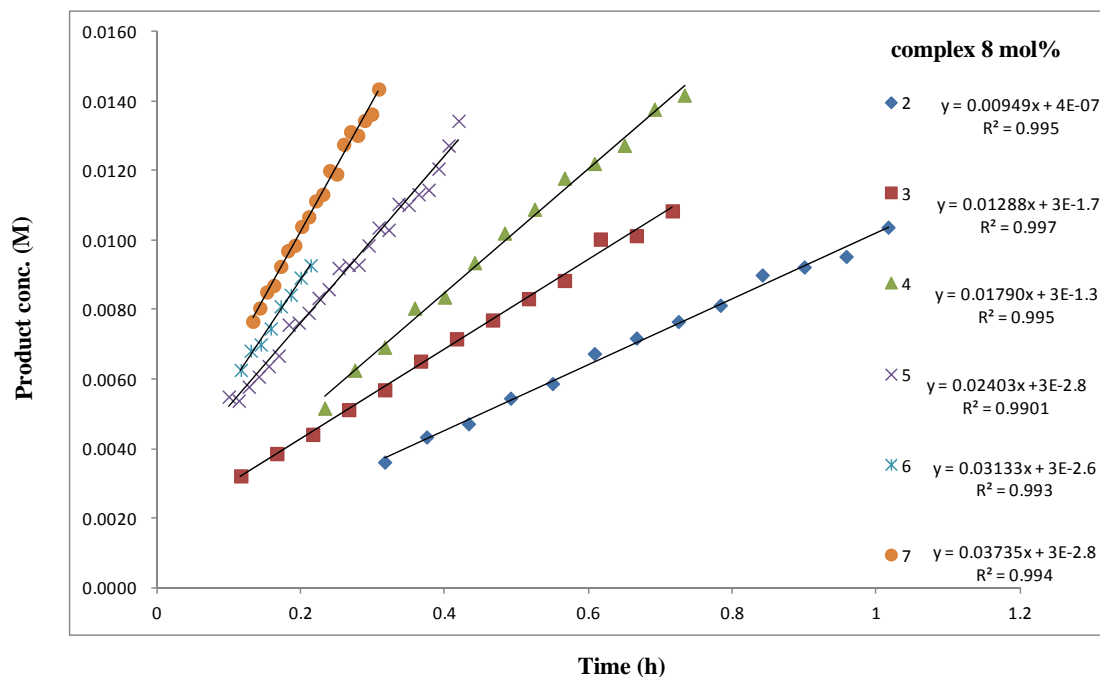


Figure S5. Product concentration versus time

Detection of reaction constant of the insertion step.

Complex **6** (0.00625 mmol, 4.2 mg), Tosimine **2a** (0.0625 mmol, 16.2 mg) and *t*BuOH (0.50 mL) were added to a reaction tube in sequence. Such 6 reaction tubes were stirred in a Wattecs Parallel Reactor in the same time at 90°C at the same time. The reactions were quenched by ice-water bath at 2 min, 4 min, 6 min, 8 min, 10 min, 12 min, respectively. The residue was transformed to a flask by acetone, the solvent was removed in vacuo below 30°C. Then benzyl methyl ether in mesitylene solution was added as an internal standard. The reaction mixture was detected by Bruker 400 MHz NMR instrument. Plotting ln[**6**] versus time, as presented in Figure 6.

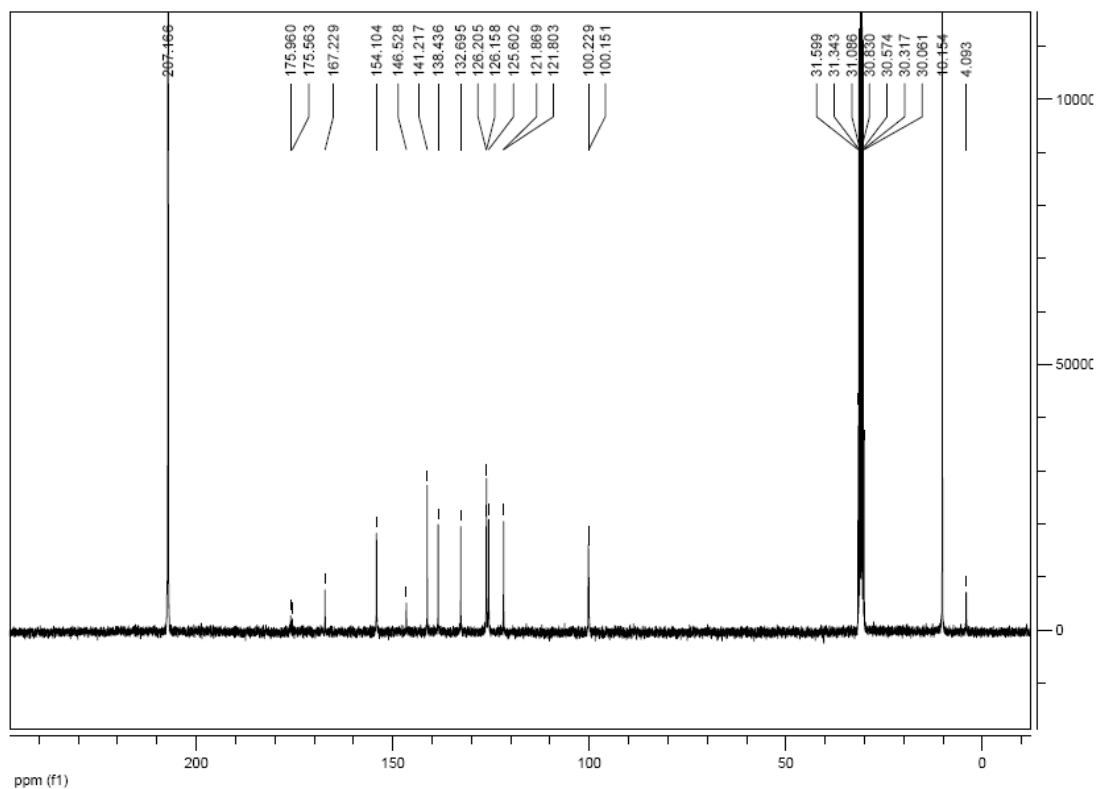
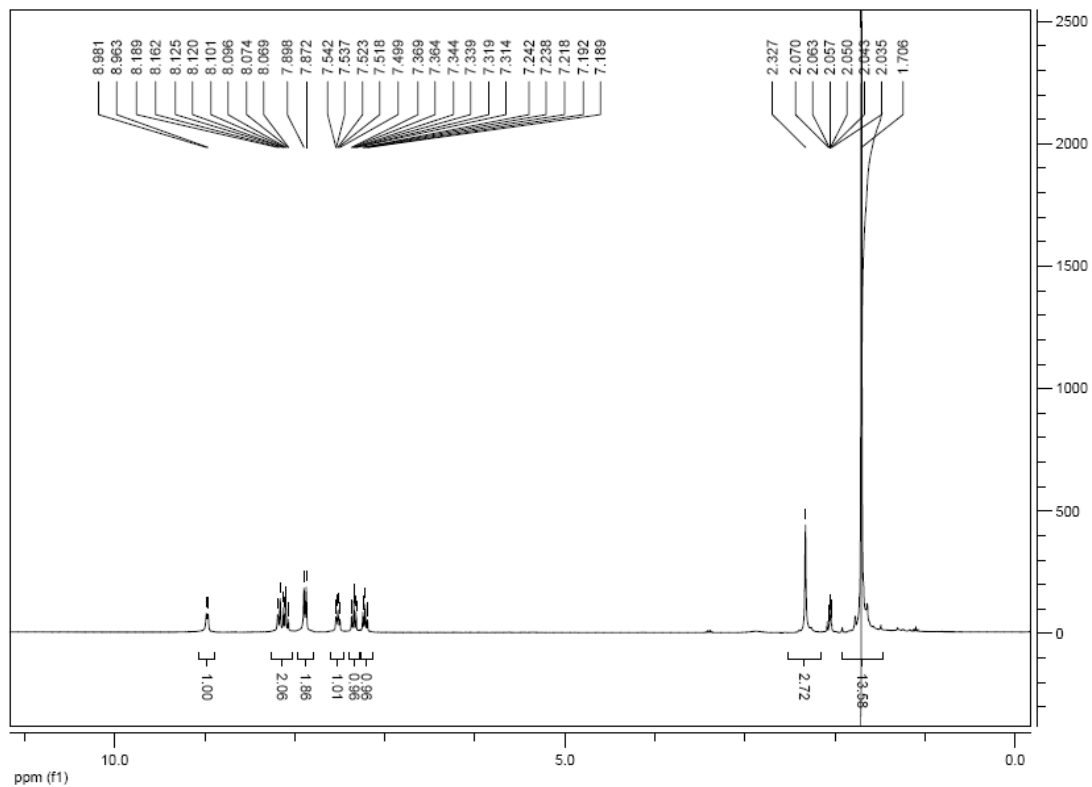
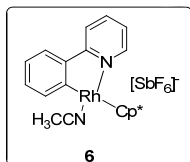
The tries to detect the reaction constant of protonolysis step.

Complex 8 (0.00625 mmol, 5.5 mg), 2-phenylpyridine **1a** (0.0625 mmol, 8.9 uL) and *t*BuOH (0.50 mL) were added to a reaction tube in sequence, the reaction tube was put into the parallel reactor which had been equilibrated at 90°C. After that, HOAc (0.0625 mmol, 3.6 uL) was added immediately. The reaction was quenched by ice-water bath at 1 min. The residue was transformed to a flask by acetone, the solvent was removed in vacuo below 30°C. Then benzyl methyl ether in mesitylene solution was added as an internal standard. The reaction mixture was detected by

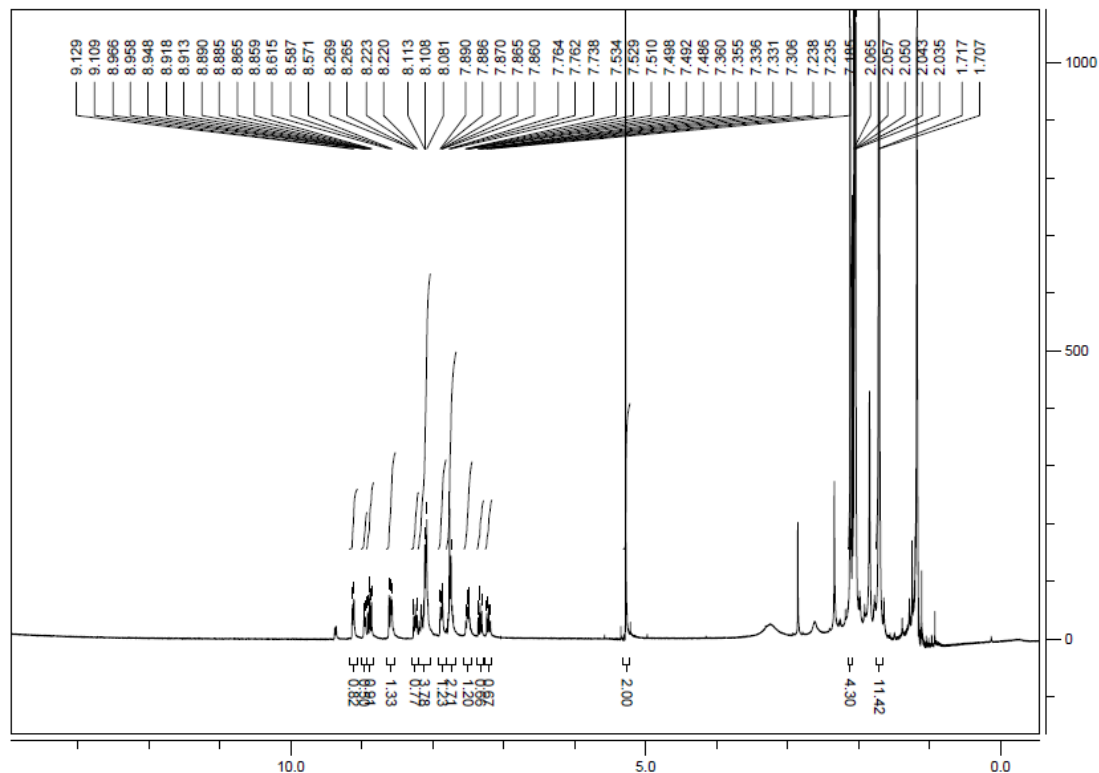
Bruker 400 M Hz NMR instrument. ¹H NMR spectrum showed the full conversion with 107% ¹H NMR yield. The same reaction was also conducted at 30°C, ¹H NMR spectrum also showed the full conversion with 110% ¹H NMR yield.

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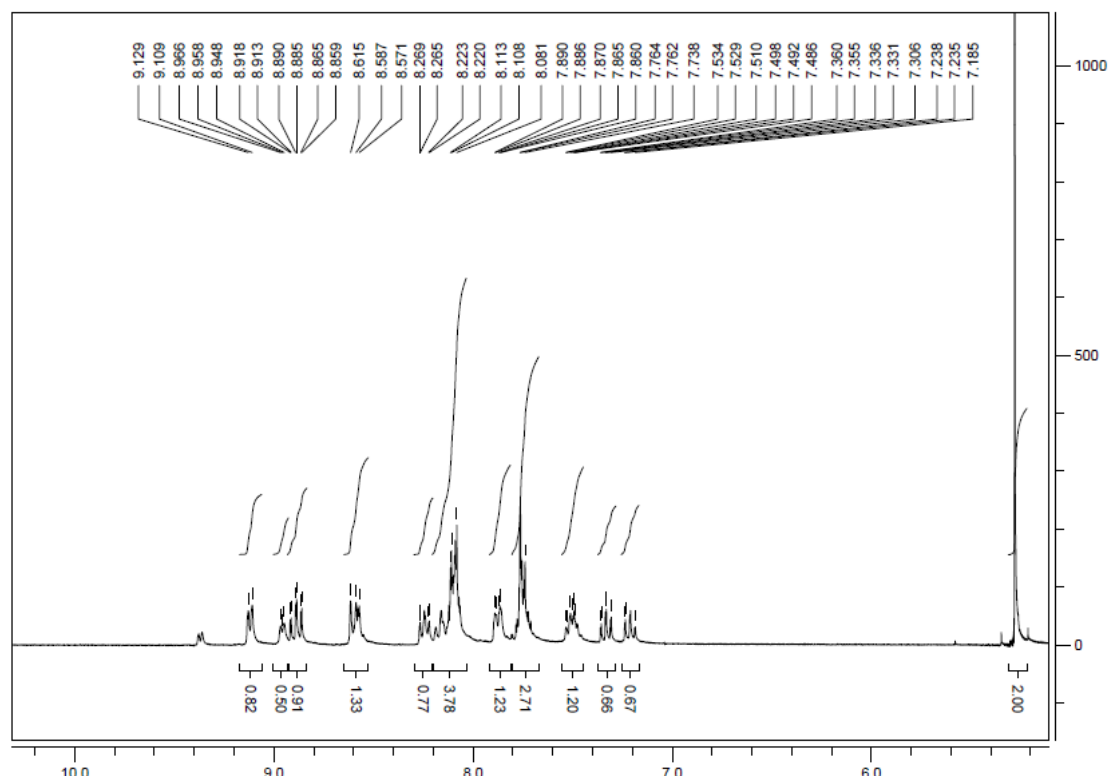
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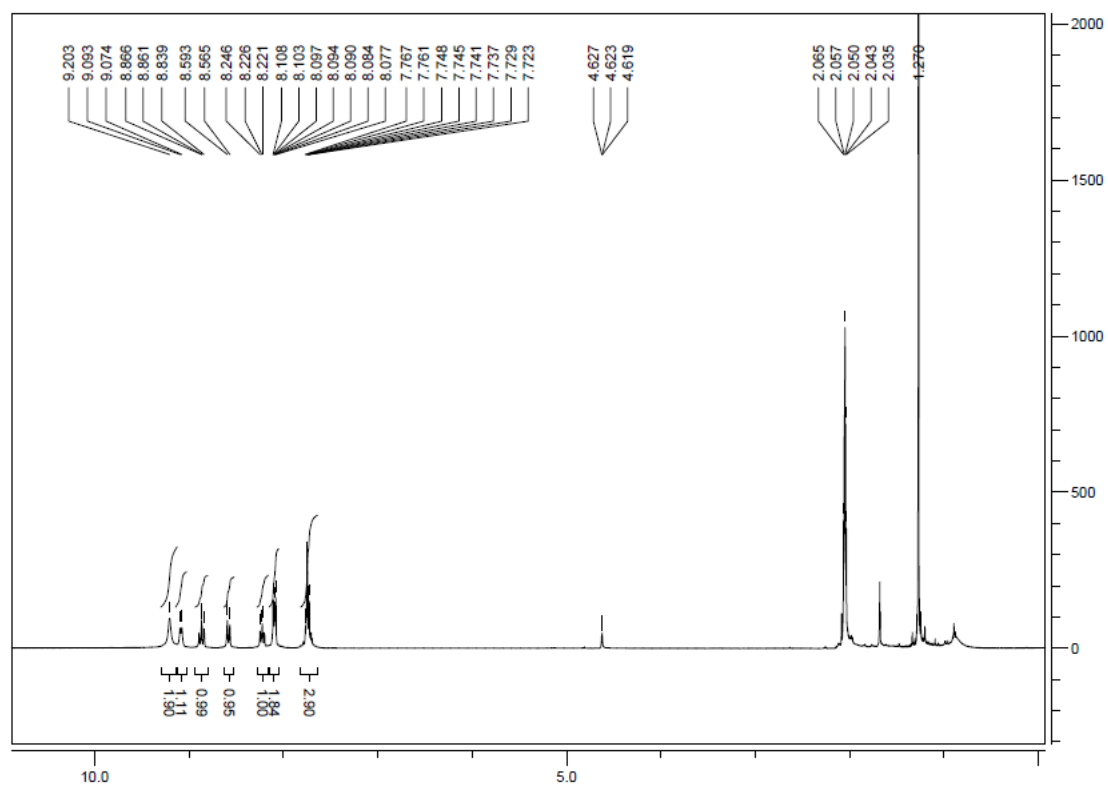
The crude ^1H NMR for the synthesis of complex **6** using *t*-BuOH (0.06 mmol of CH_2Br_2 was added as inner standard) as solvent. The most by-product was 2-phenylpyridine. HSbF_6 salt based on the salt's NMR as below.

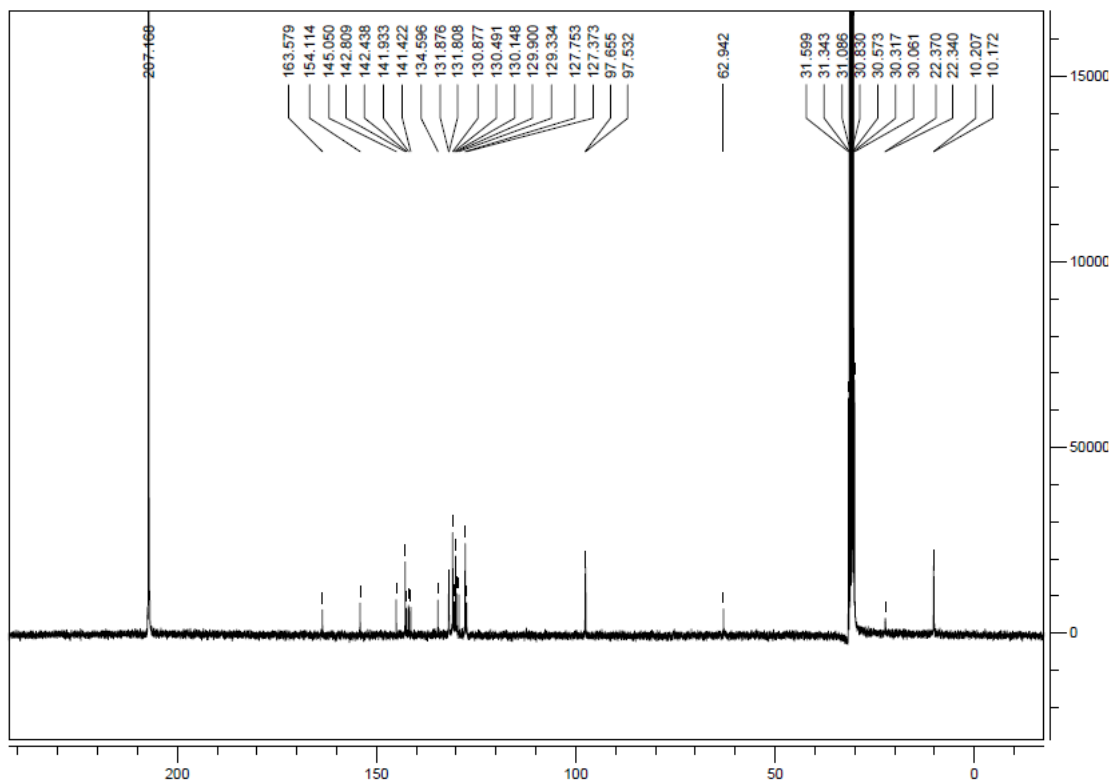
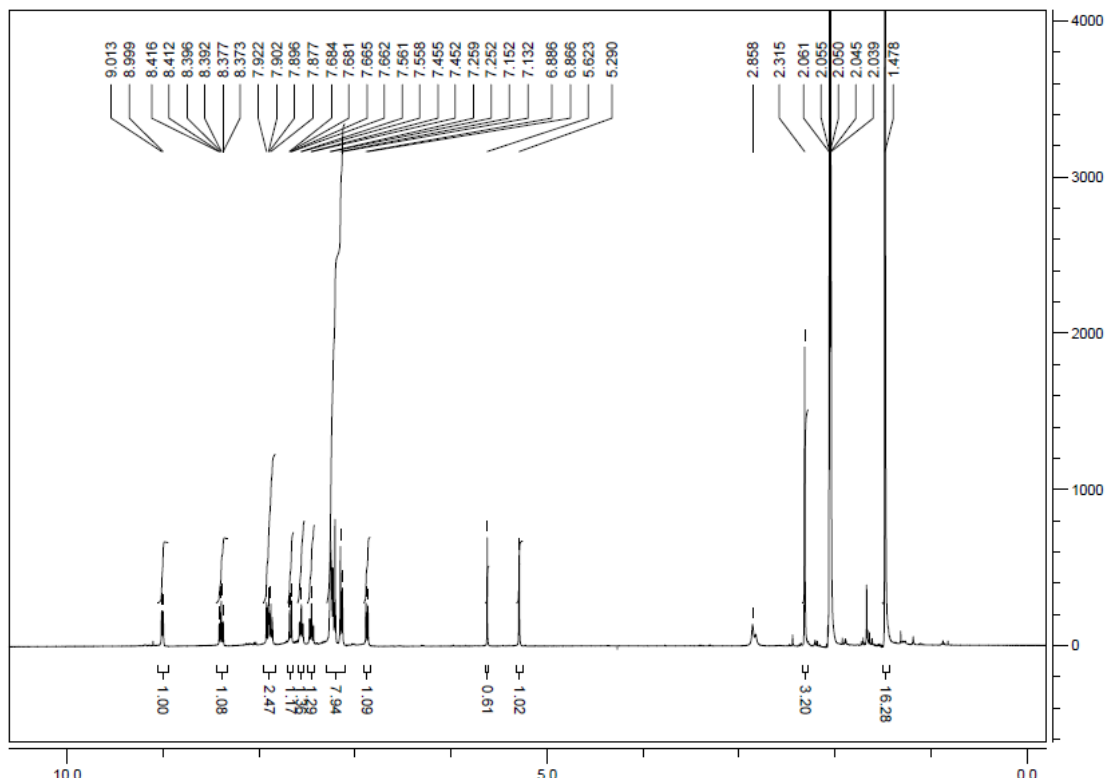
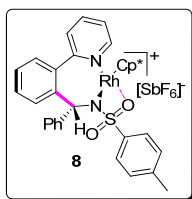


Expanded spectrum of **6**

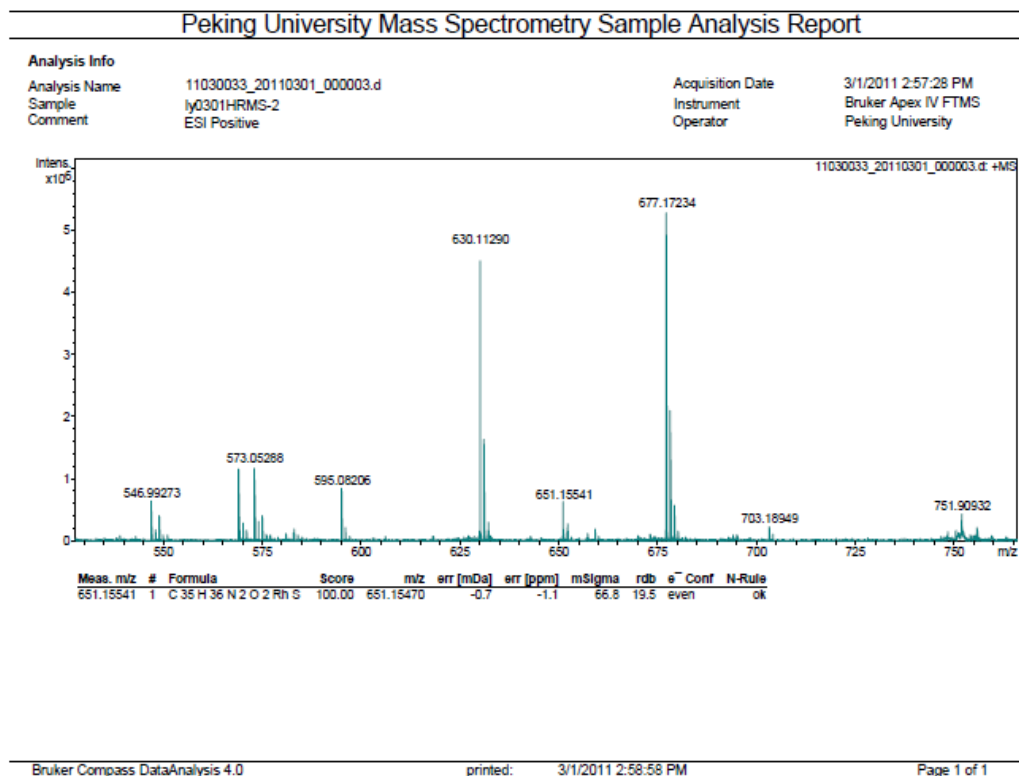


2-Phenylpyridine.HSbF₆ salt's ¹H NMR included some *t*-BuOH.

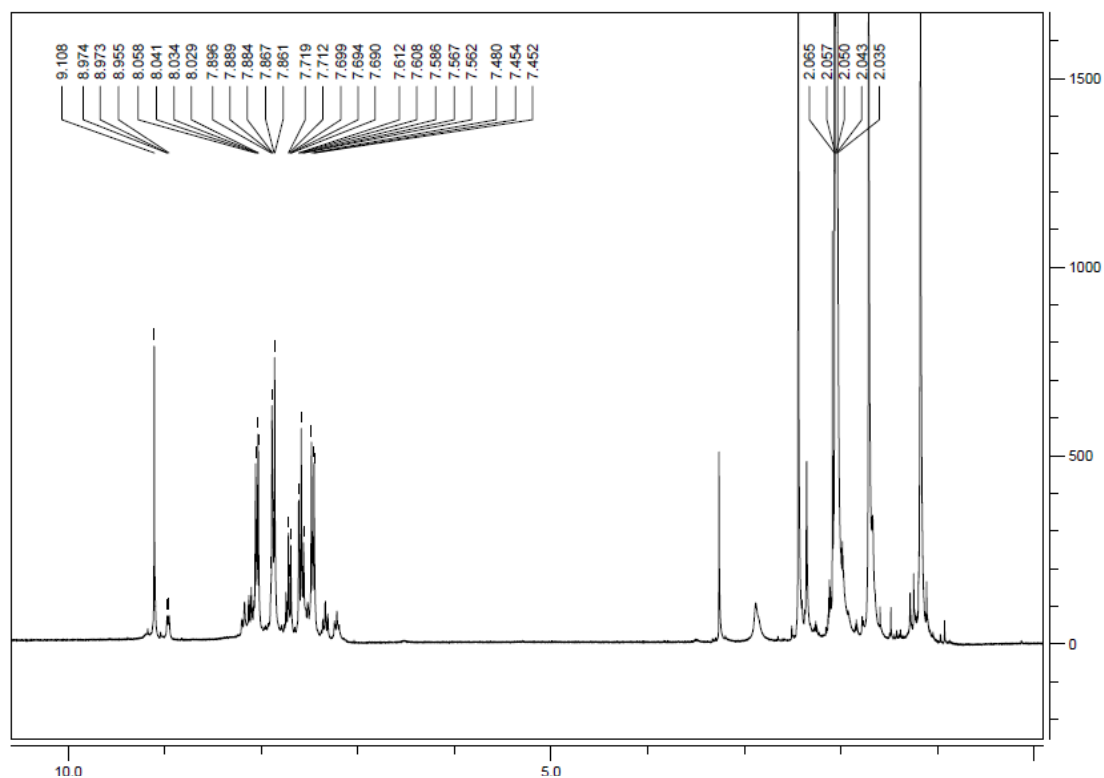




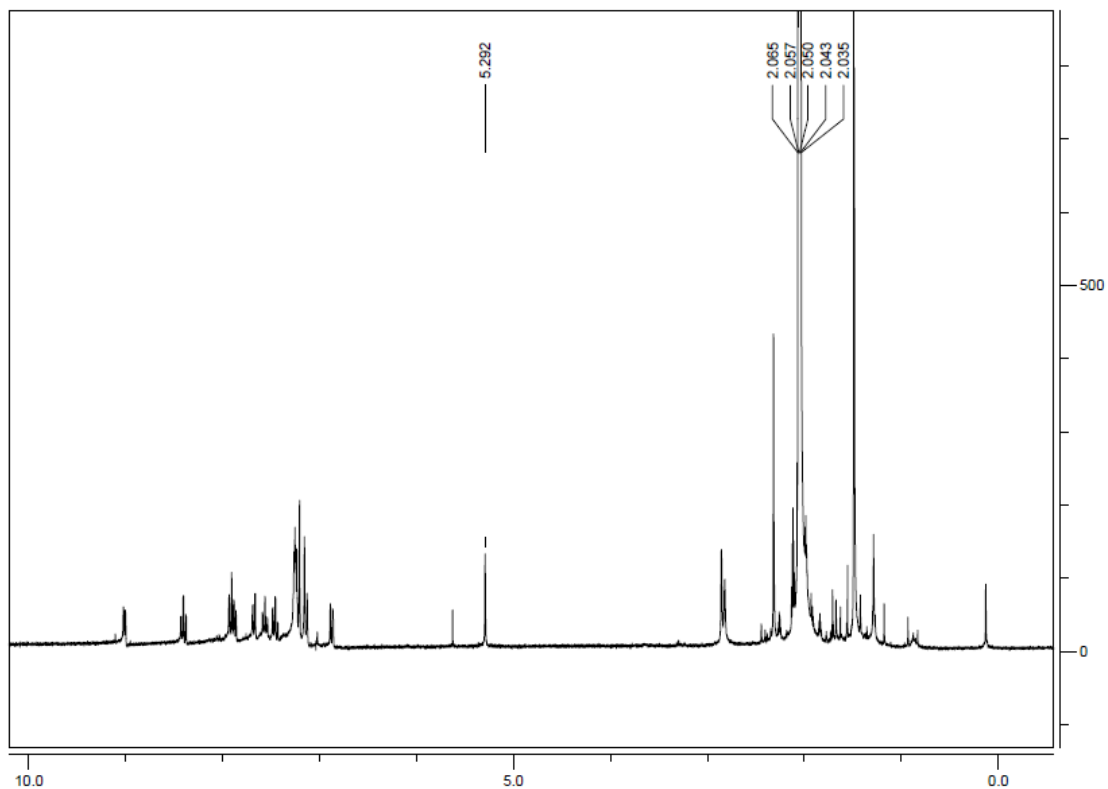
Detection of coordination of sulfonylimine to key intermediate **6** by *in-situ* ESI-MS



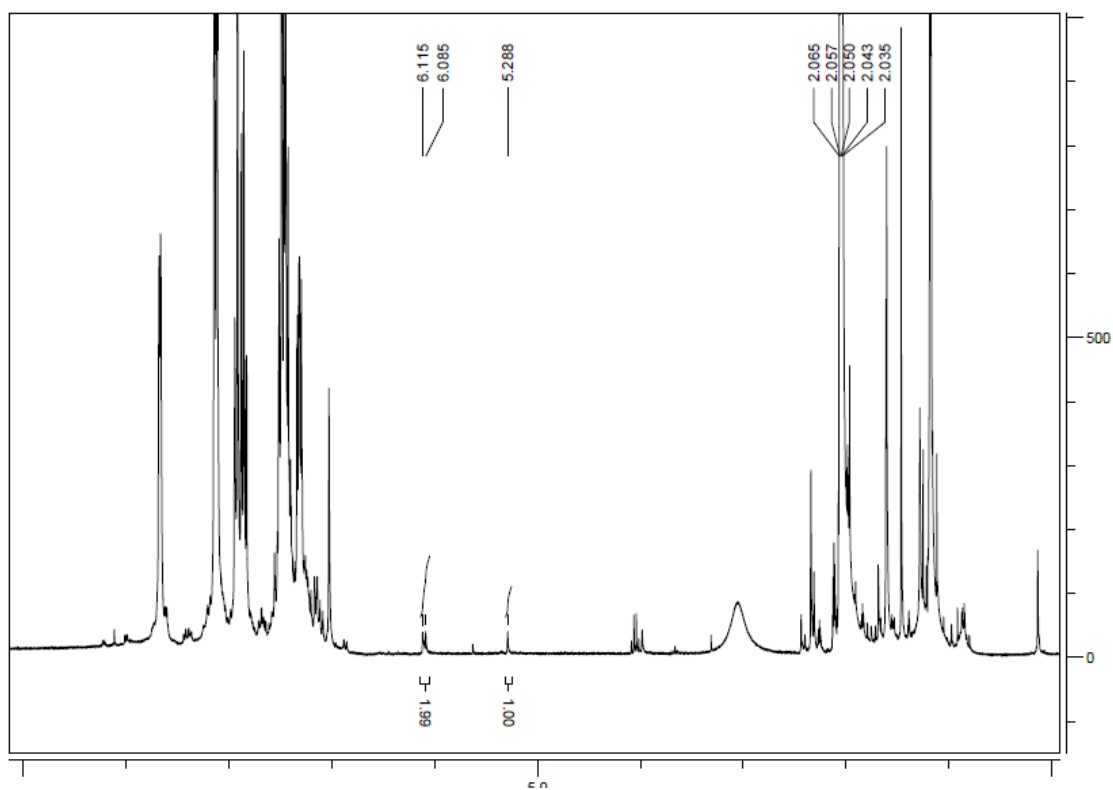
The ^1H NMR spectrum after ESI-MS detection (No the characteristic peak of complex **8** (5.29 ppm) was observed, the spectrum only showed the simple combination of complex **6** and the Tosimine **2a** with some *t*-BuOH)



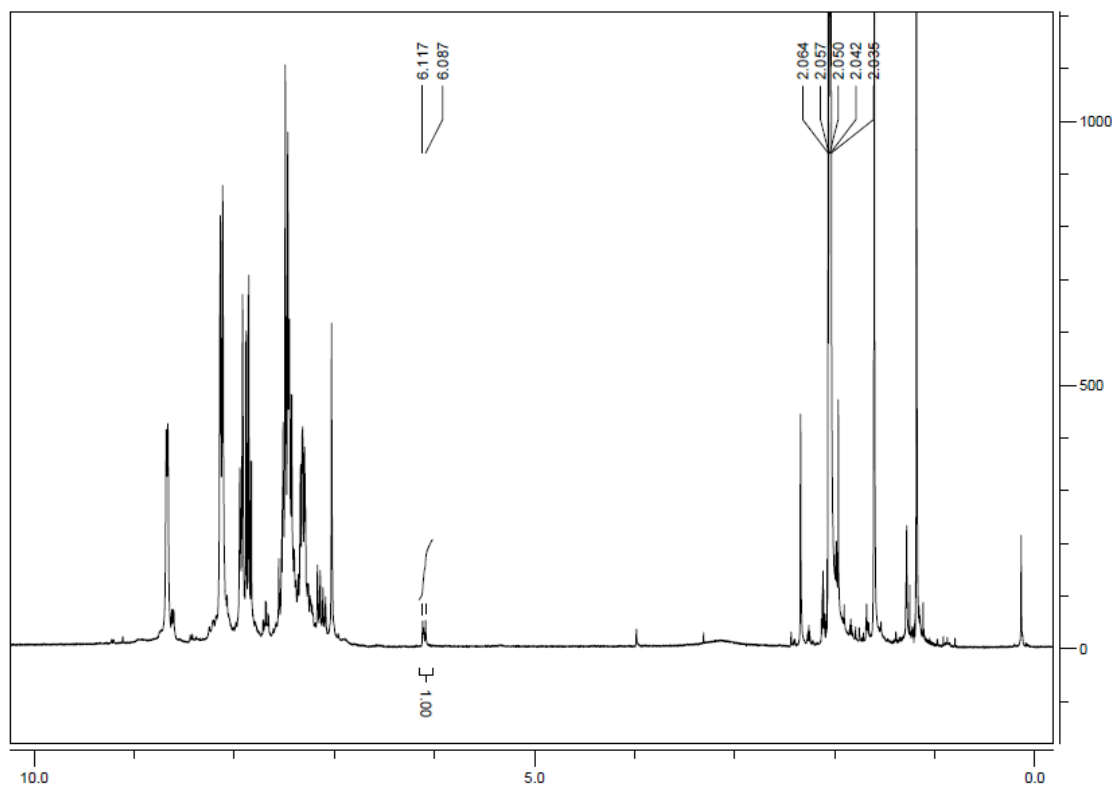
Crude ^1H NMR of protonation in condition A, no product peak (6.10 ppm) was observed.



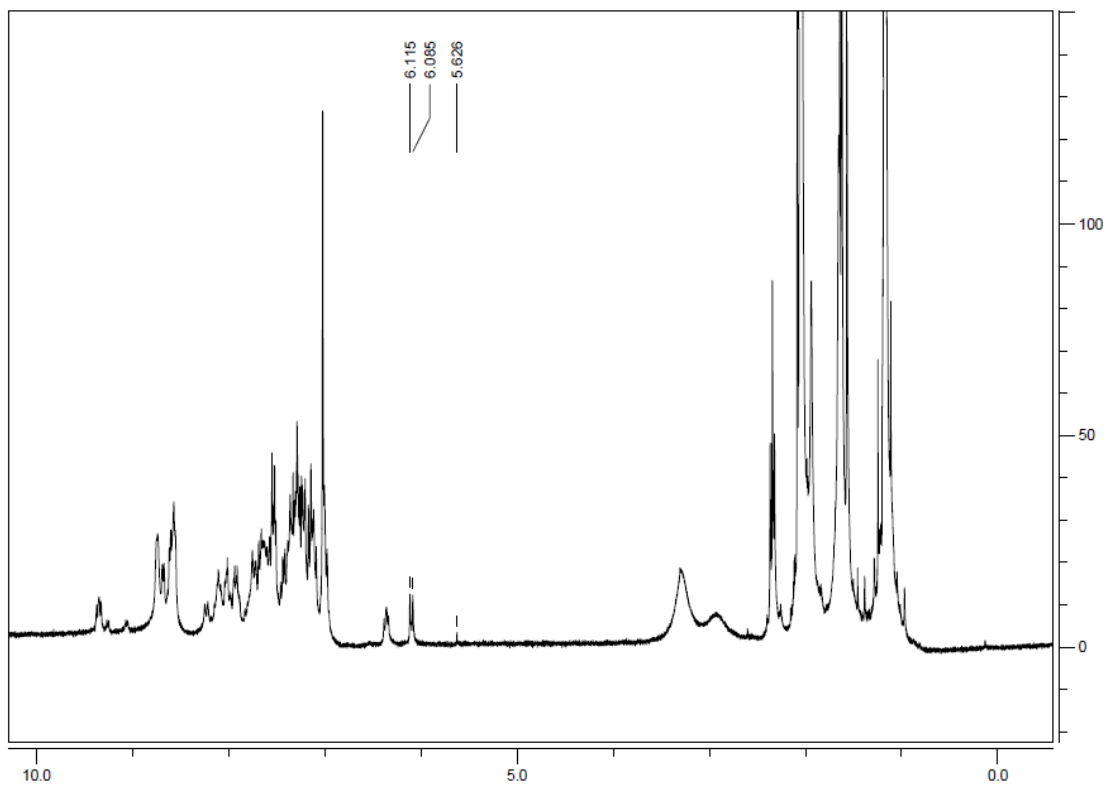
Crude ^1H NMR of protonation in condition B, the ratio of **3a** (6.10 ppm) to **8** (5.29 ppm) is 2.0 :1.



Crude ^1H NMR of protonation with in condition C, no complex **8** was observed and only compound **3a** was observed.



Crude ^1H NMR of protonation in condition D, no complex **8** was observed and only compound **3a** was observed.



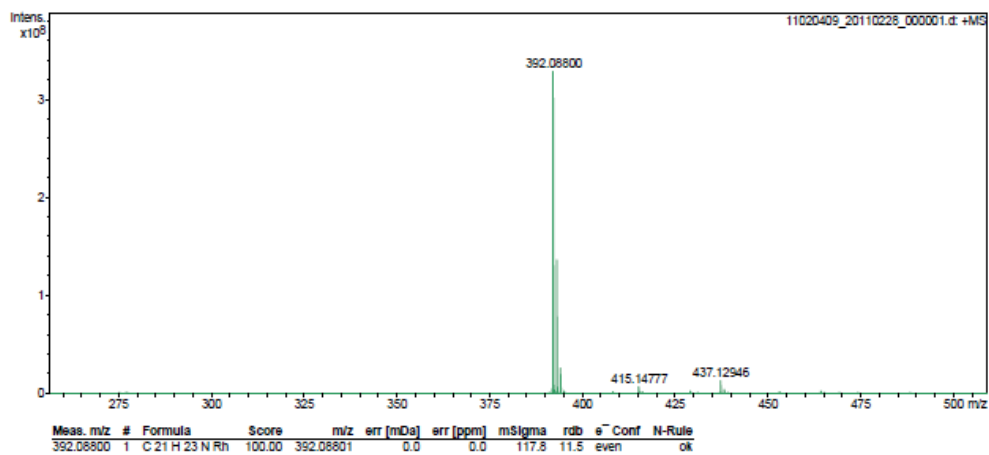
Detection of hydrolysis in condition B by ESI-MS.

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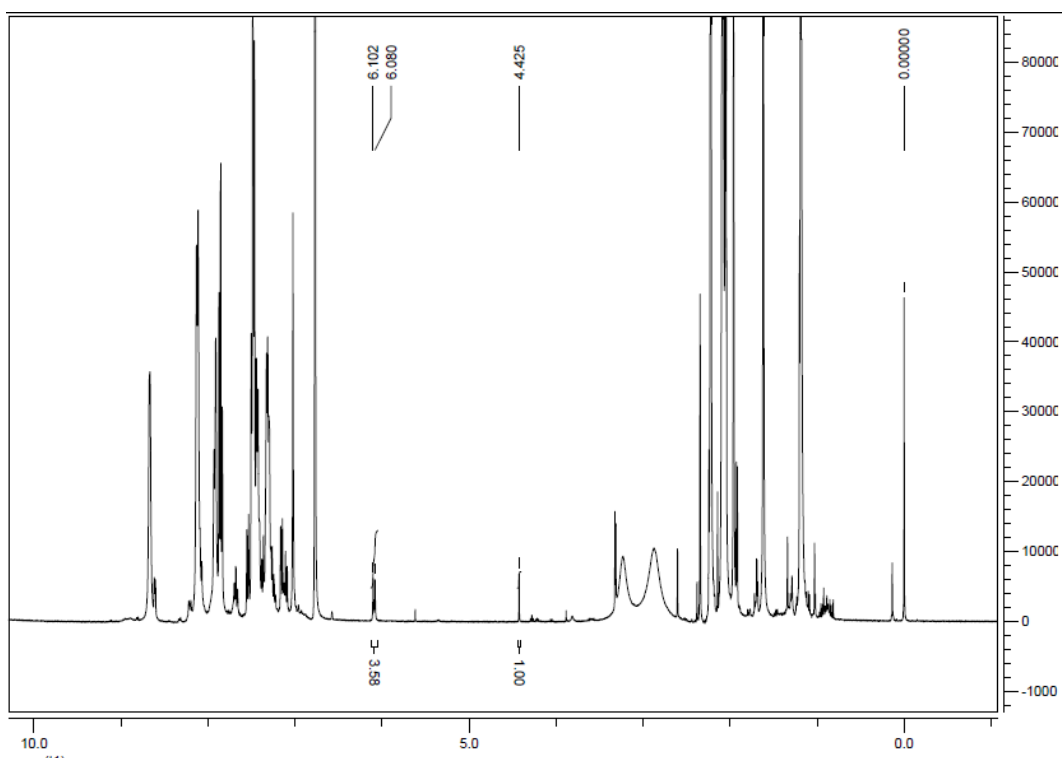
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The protonolysis of complex **8** in the presence of **1a** (10 eq.) and HOAc (10 eq.) in *t*BuOH at 90°C in 1 min. ¹H NMR yield = 30% x 3.58 = 107%. No complex **8** peak (5.29 ppm) was observed.



The protonolysis of complex **8** in the presence of **1a** (10 eq.) and HOAc (10 eq.) in *t*BuOH at 30°C in 1 min. ¹H NMR yield = 30% x 3.67 = 110%. No complex **8** peak (5.29 ppm) was observed.

