

## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

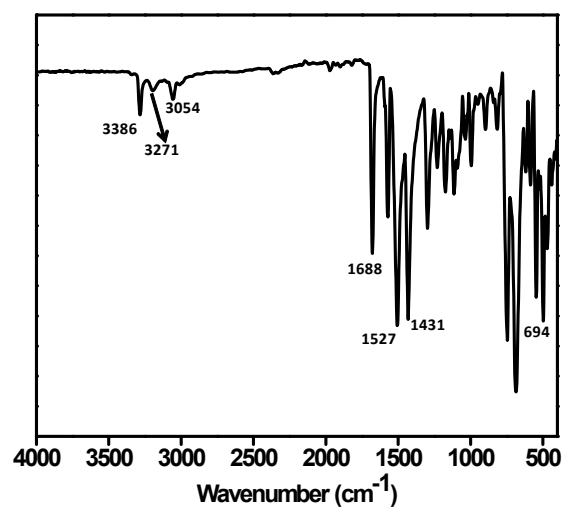
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### **Ruthenium complexes of phosphine-amide based ligands as efficient catalysts for transfer hydrogenation reactions**

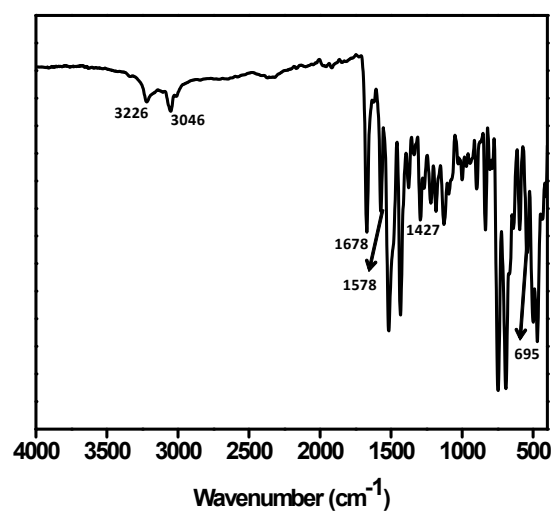
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**Figure S1.** FTIR spectrum of ligand HL<sup>1</sup>.



**Figure S2.** FTIR spectrum of ligand HL<sup>2</sup>.

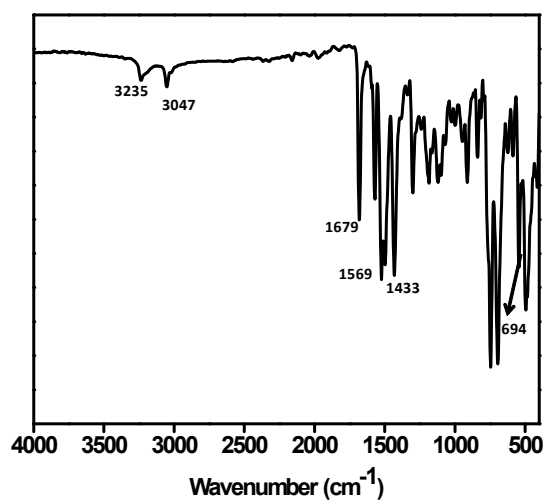


Figure S3. FTIR spectrum of ligand **HL<sup>3</sup>**.

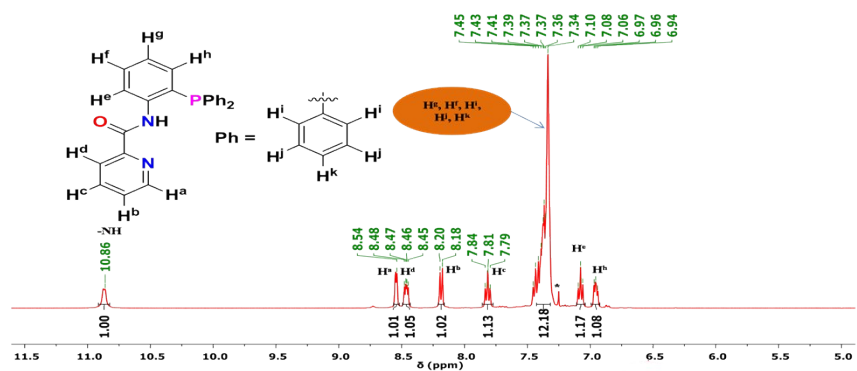


Figure S4. Selected part of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of ligand **HL<sup>1</sup>** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

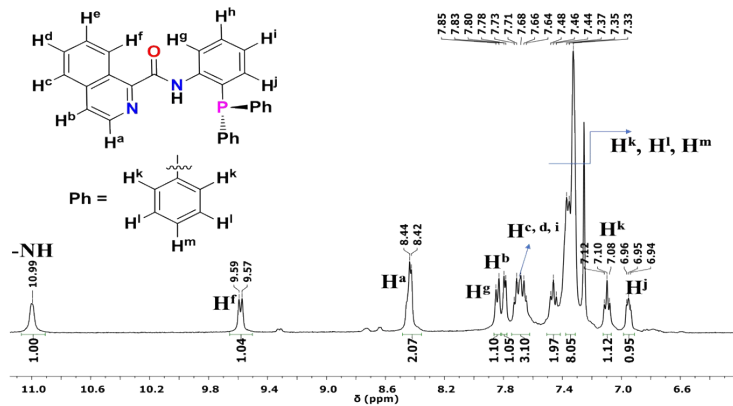


Figure S5. Selected part of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of ligand **HL<sup>2</sup>** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

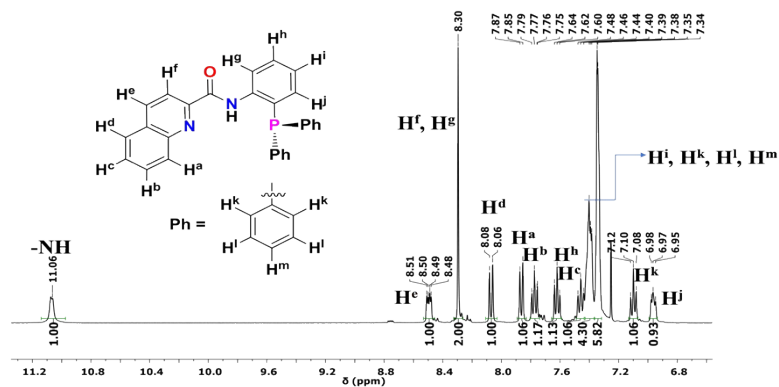


Figure S6. Selected part of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of ligand  $\text{HL}^3$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

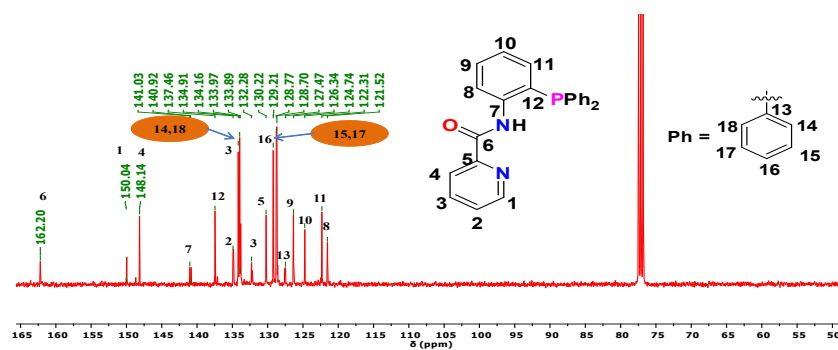


Figure S7. Selected part of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of ligand  $\text{HL}^1$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

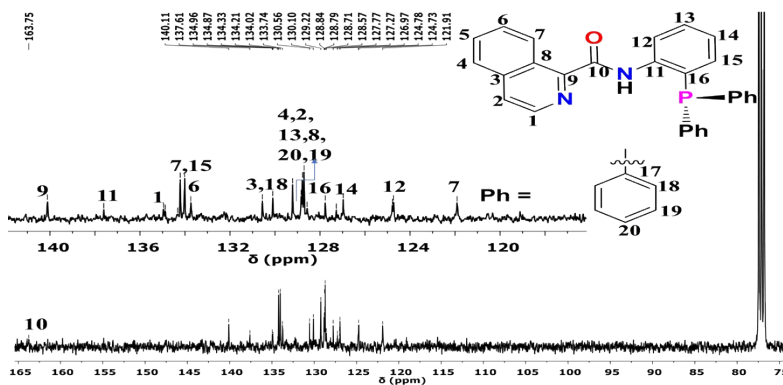


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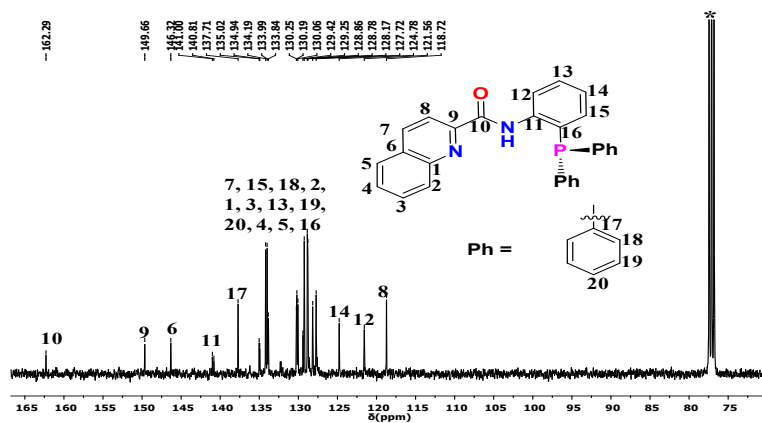


Figure S9. Selected part of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of ligand  $\text{HL}^3$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

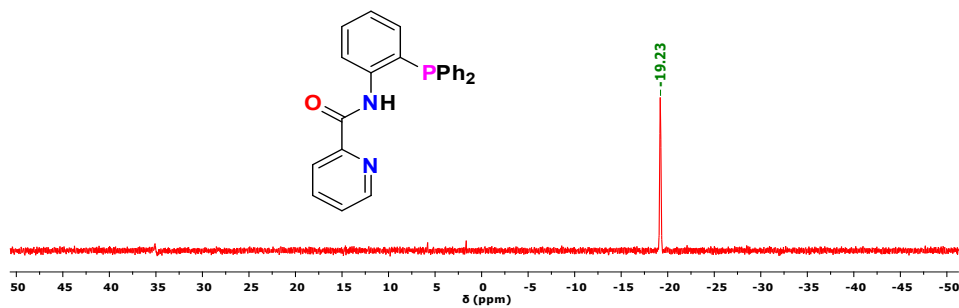


Figure S10. Selected part of  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of ligand  $\text{HL}^1$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

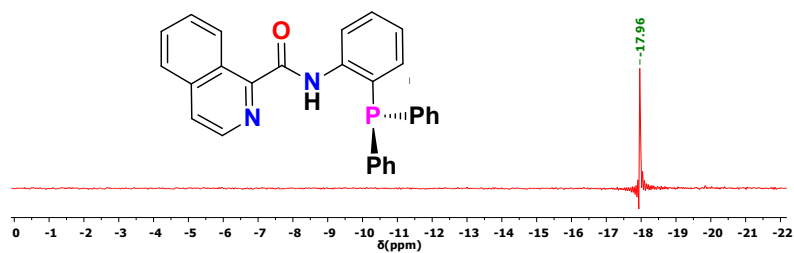
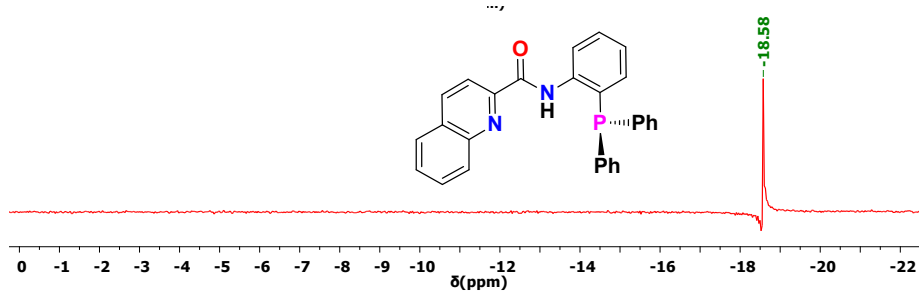
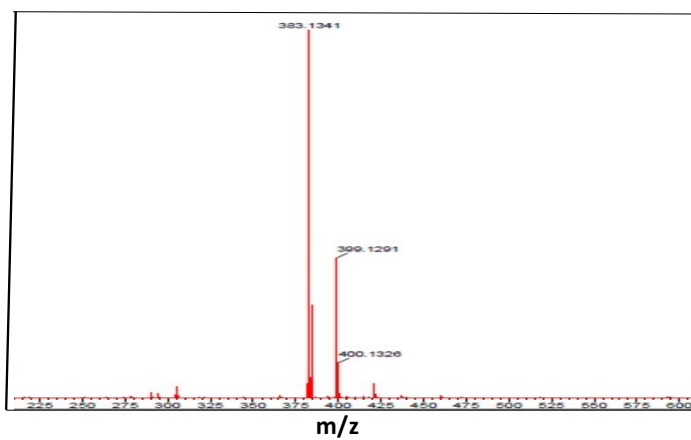


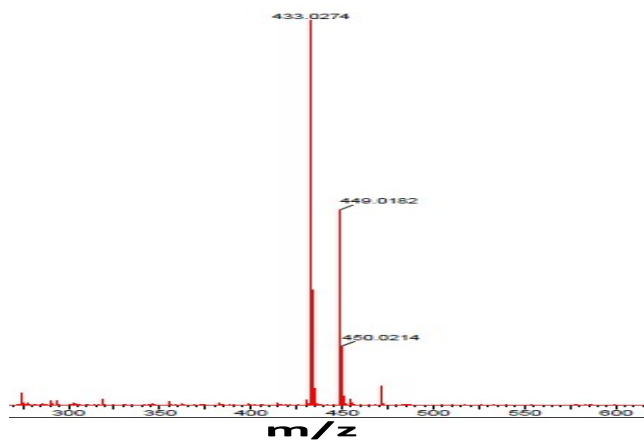
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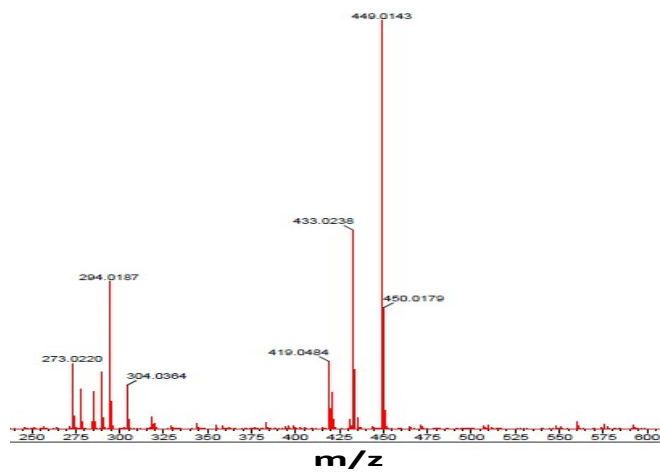
**Figure S12.** Selected part of  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of ligand **HL<sup>3</sup>** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



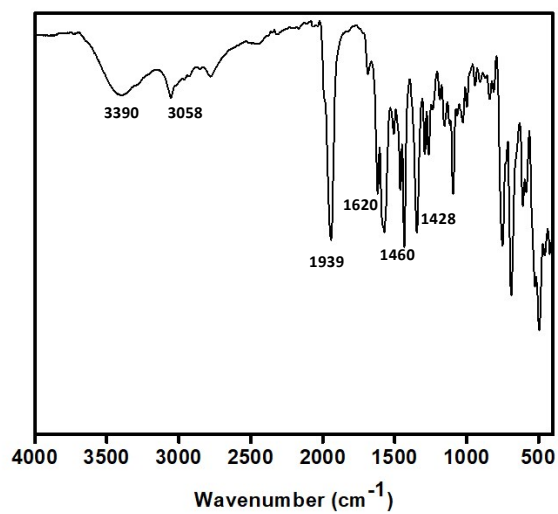
**Figure 13.**  $\text{ESI}^+$ -MS spectrum of ligand **HL<sup>1</sup>** in MeOH.



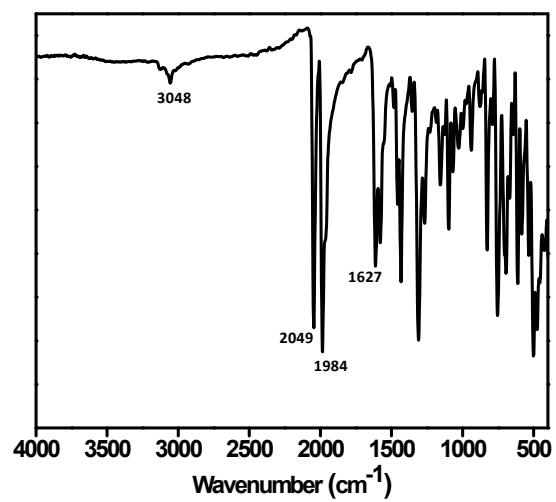
**Figure 14.**  $\text{ESI}^+$ -MS spectrum of ligand **HL<sup>2</sup>** in MeOH.



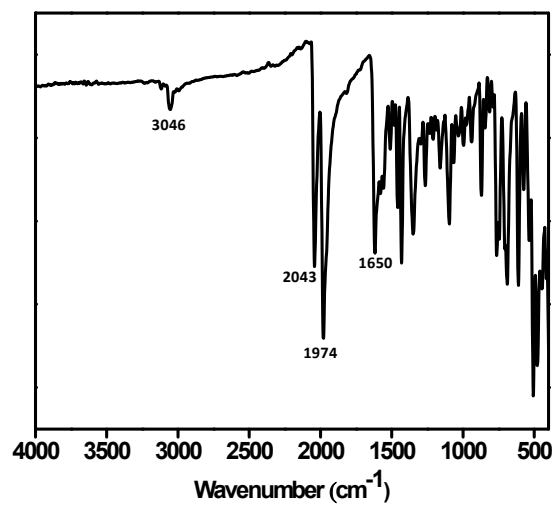
**Figure 15.** ESI<sup>+</sup>-MS spectrum of ligand HL<sup>3</sup> in MeOH.



**Figure S16.** FTIR spectrum of complex 1.



**Figure S17.** FTIR spectrum of complex 2.



**Figure S18.** FTIR spectrum of complex 3.



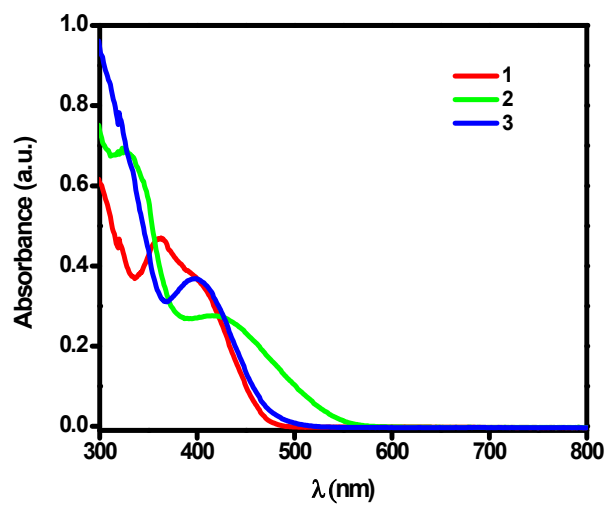


Figure S19. UV-Vis spectra of complexes 1-3 recorded in DMF.

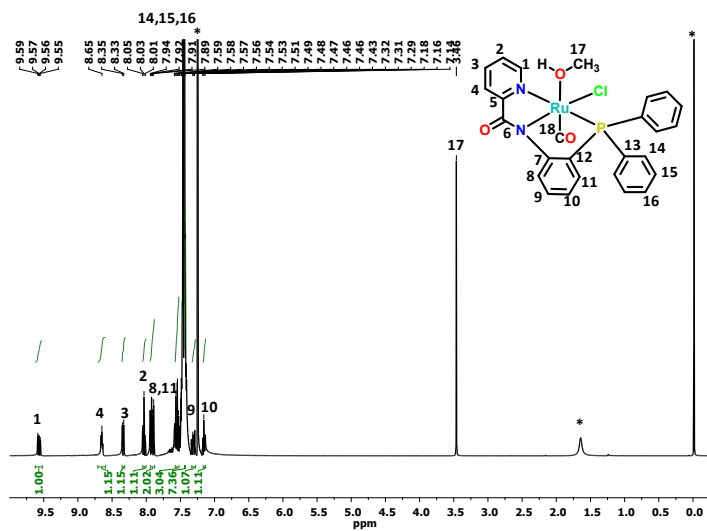
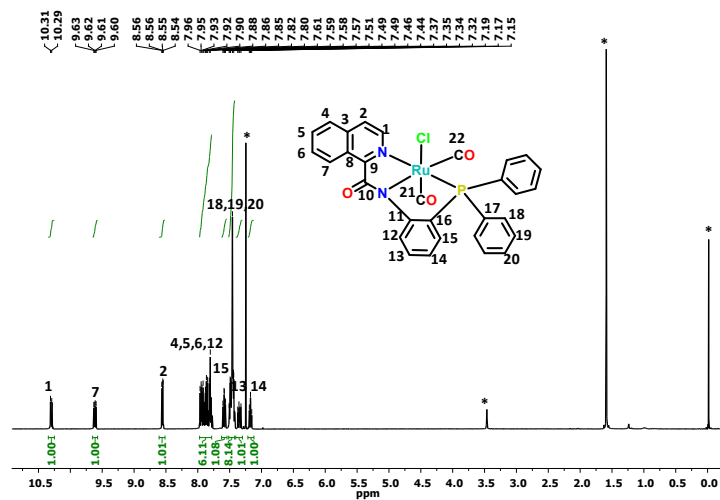
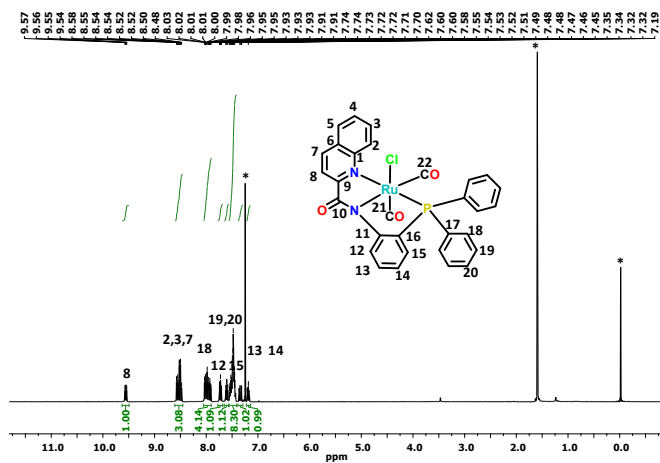


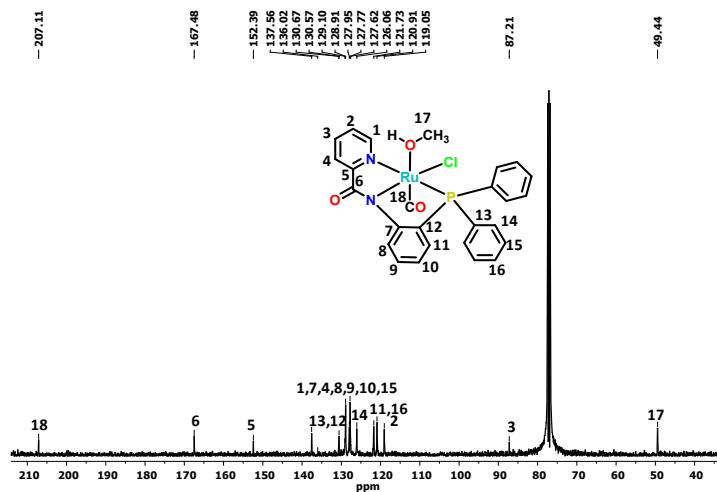
Figure S20.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex 1 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \* Represents residual solvent peak.



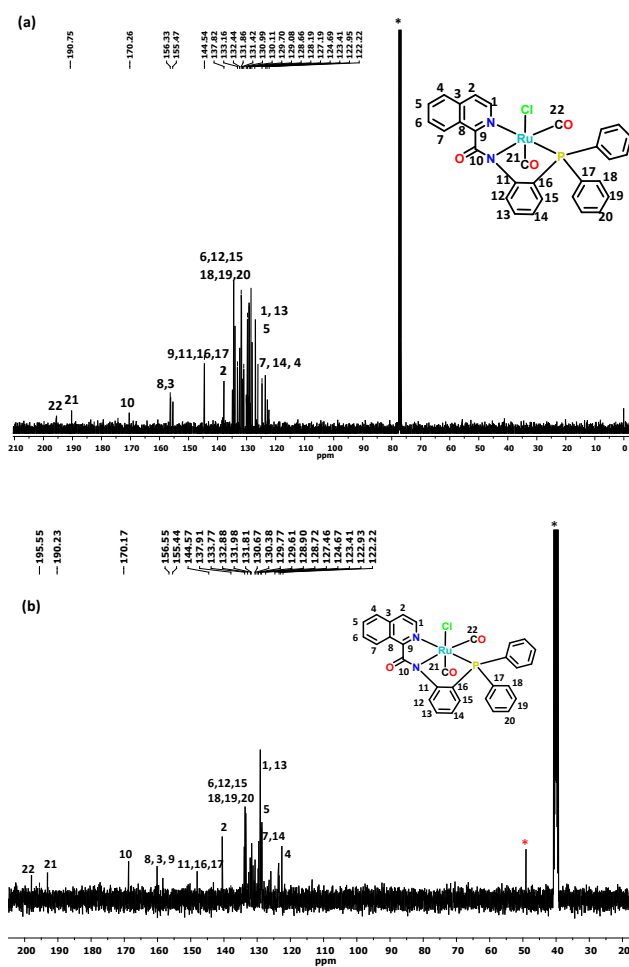
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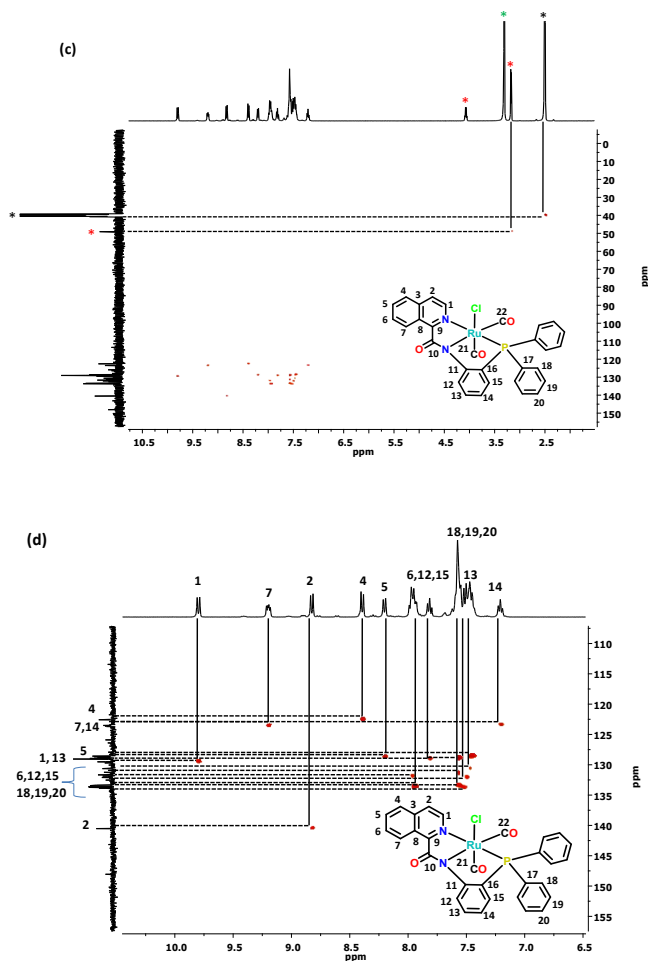


**Figure S22.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **3** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. \* Represents residual solvent peak.

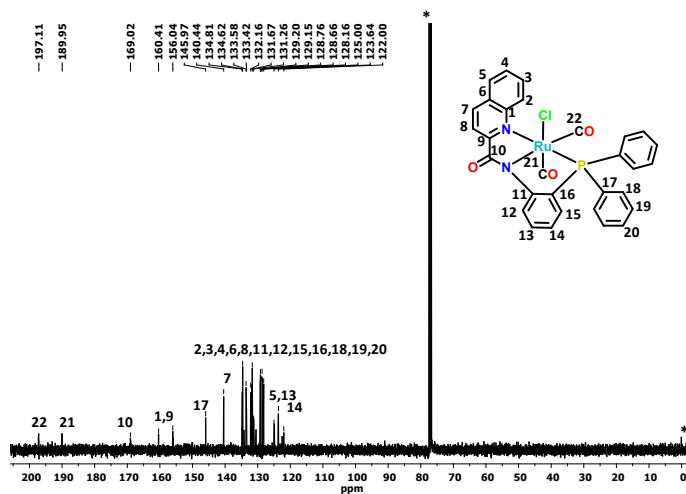


**Figure S23.** Selected part of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \* Represents residual solvent peak.

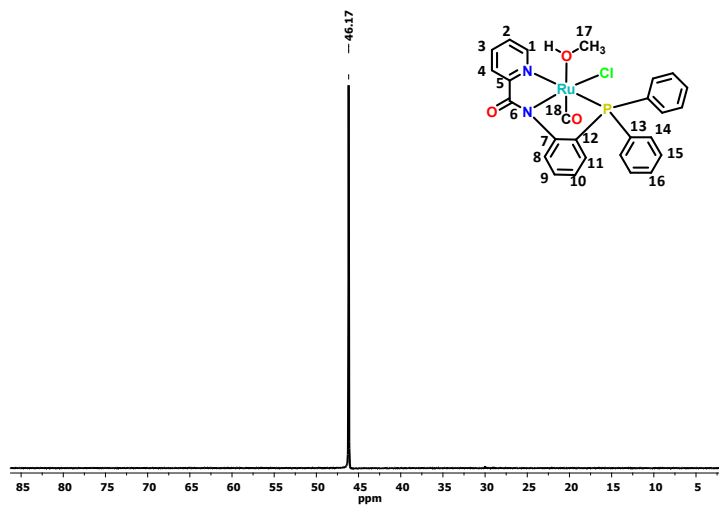




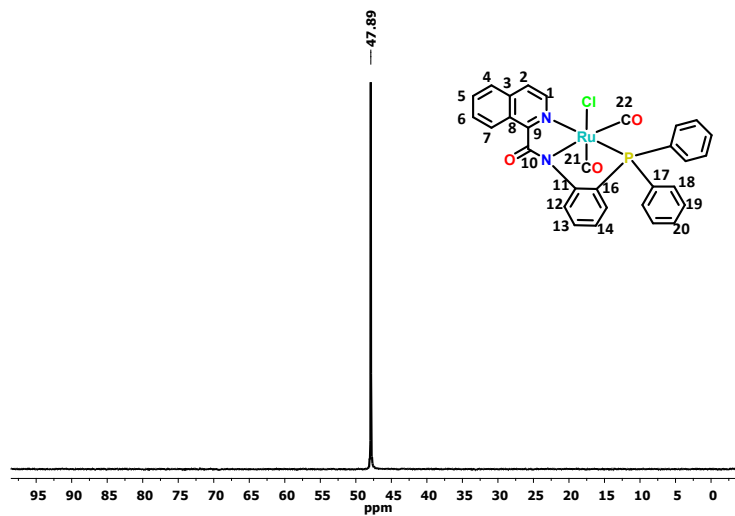
**Figure S24.** (a) Selected part of <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of complex **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. (b) <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of complex **2** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>. (c) HSQC spectrum of complex **2** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>. (d) Expansion of HSQC signals in the range of 6.6 to 10.0 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum and 120-155 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum. Black, red and green asterisks represent the NMR solvent and residual solvents methanol and adventitious H<sub>2</sub>O, respectively.



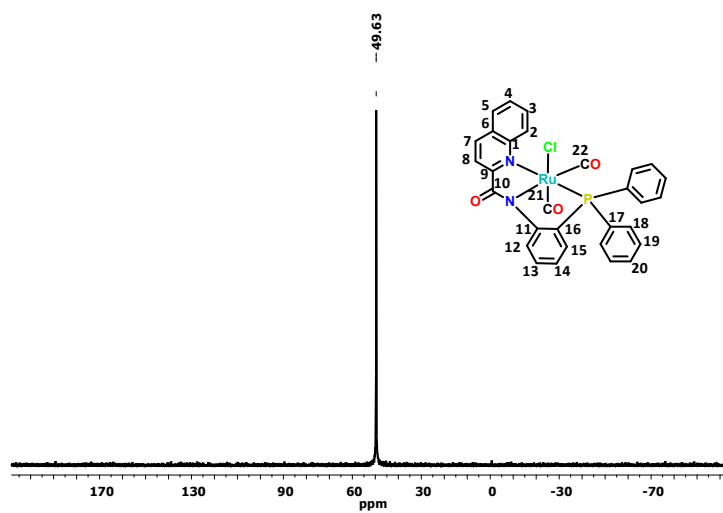
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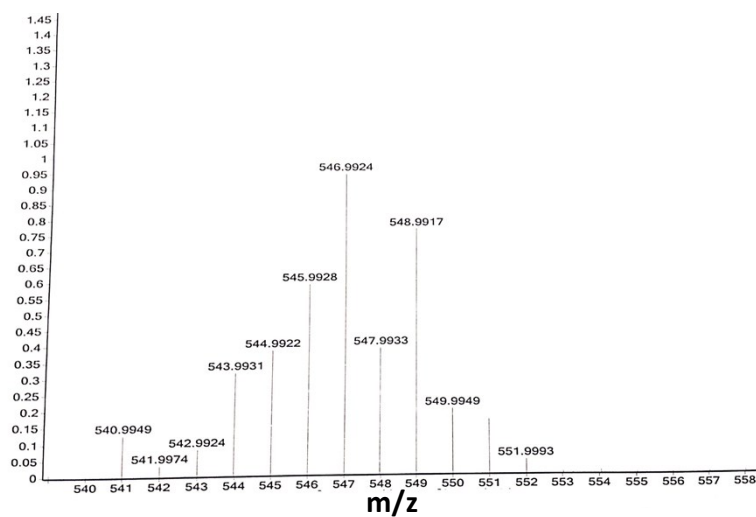
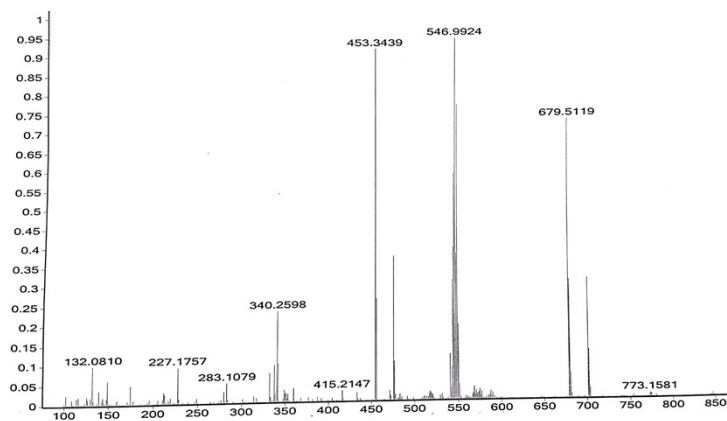
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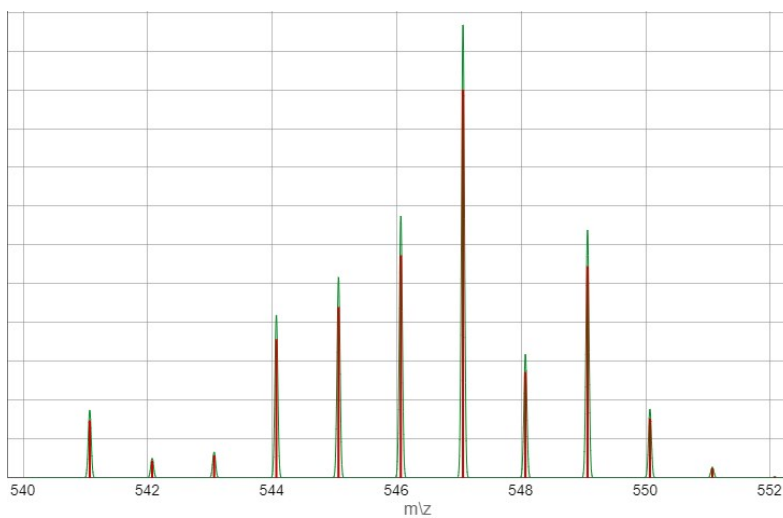
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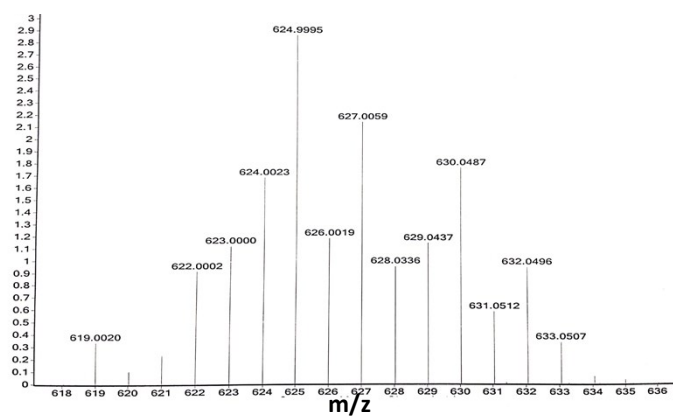
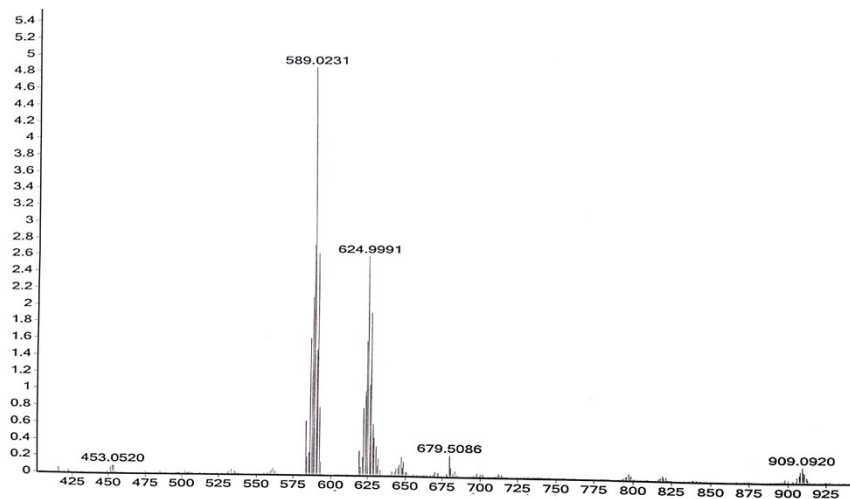
**Figure S28.** Selected part of  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of complex **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



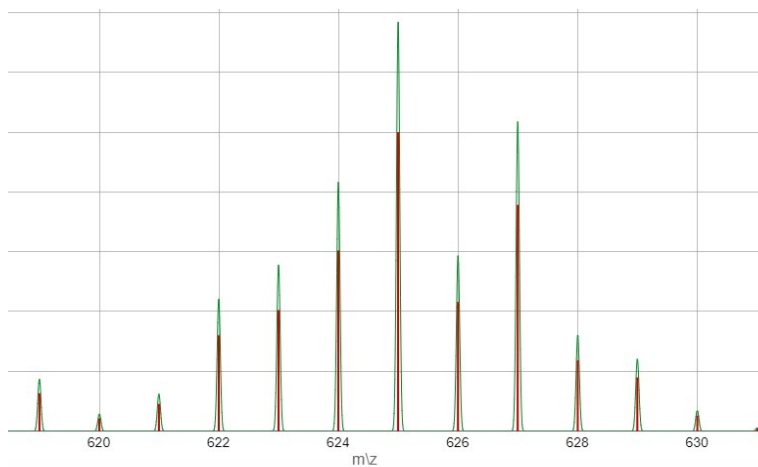
**Figure S29.** ESI<sup>+</sup>-MS spectrum of complex 1 in MeOH.



**Figure S30.** Experimental (green) and simulated (red) pattern for molecular ion peak at *m/z* = 547.0647 [M-CH<sub>3</sub>OH]+H]<sup>+</sup> for complex 1.

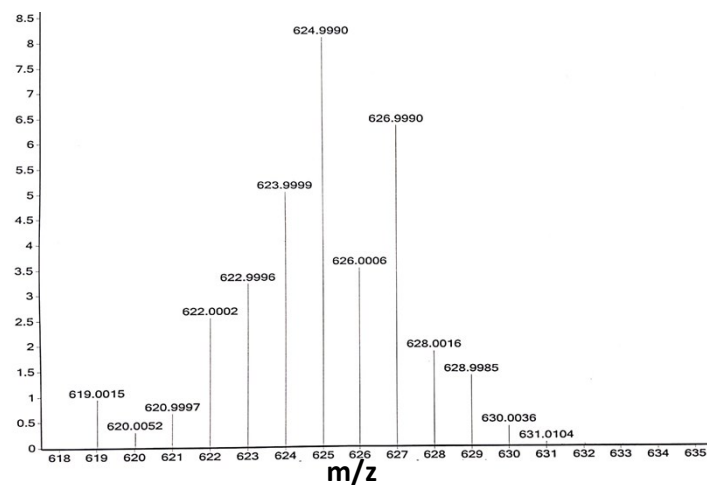
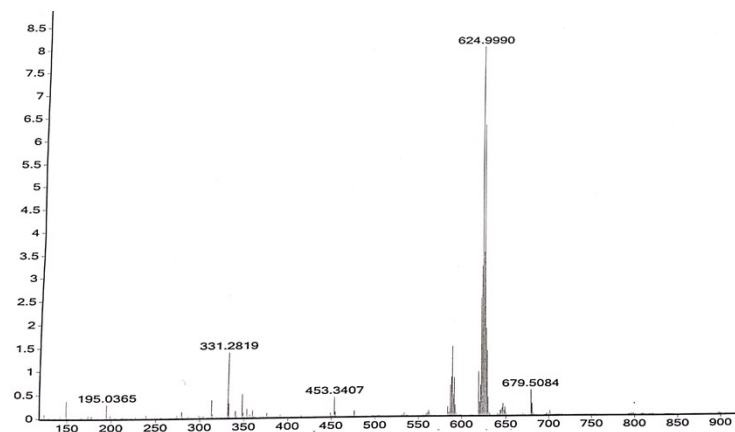


**Figure S31.** ESI<sup>+</sup>-MS spectrum of complex **2** in MeOH.

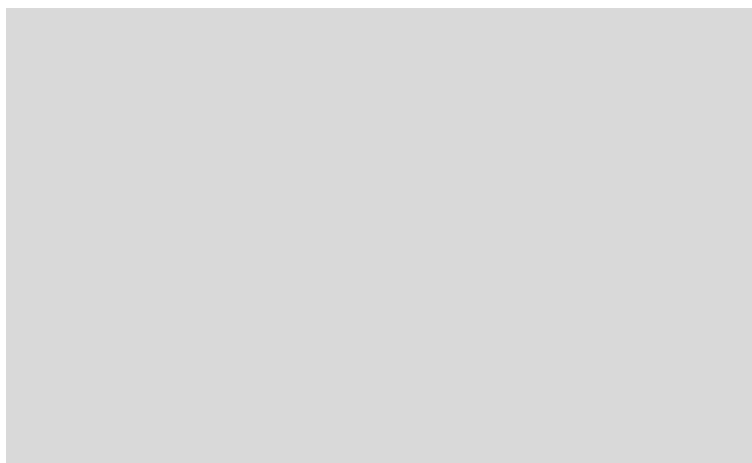


**Figure S32.** Experimental (green) and simulated (red) pattern for molecular ion peak at  $m/z = 625.002$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for complex **2**.

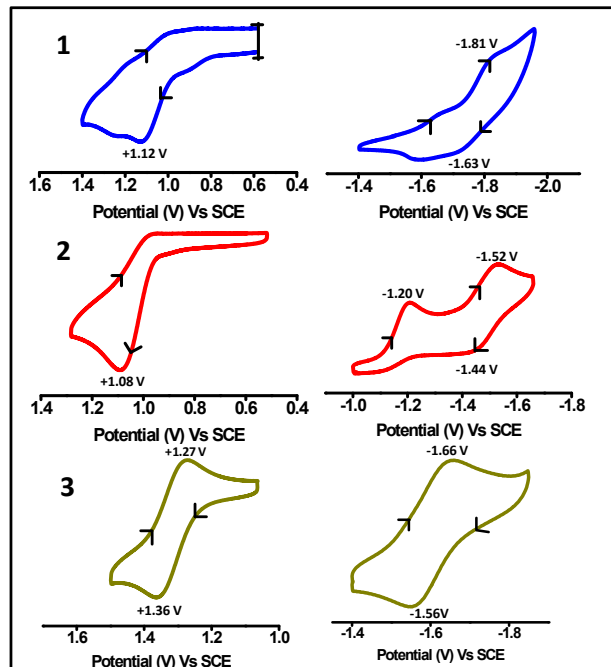




**Figure S33.** ESI<sup>+</sup>-MS spectrum of complex 3.



**Figure S34.** Experimental (green) and simulated (red) pattern for molecular ion peak at *m/z* = 625.0021 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for complex 3.



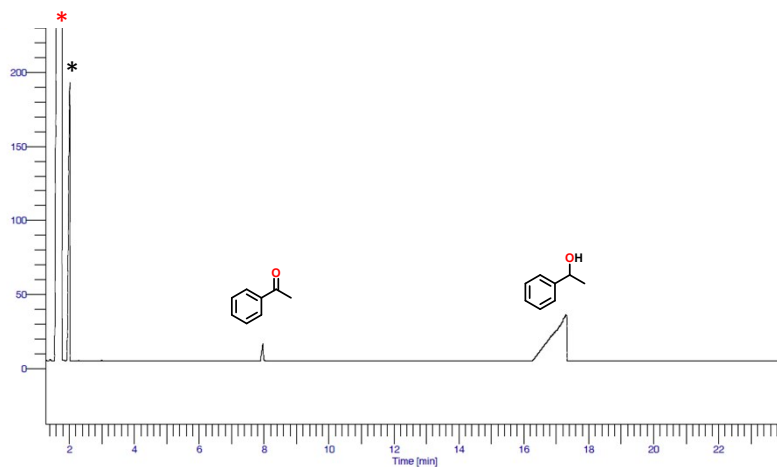
**Figure S35.** Cyclic voltammograms of complexes **1–3**. Conditions: Solvent, CH<sub>3</sub>OH; complex, ca. 1 mM; supporting electrolyte, TBAP, ca. 100 mM; working electrode, glassy carbon; reference electrode, Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup>; auxiliary electrode, Pt wire; scan rate, 100 mV/s.

#### Gas chromatograms for various organic products with the method used:

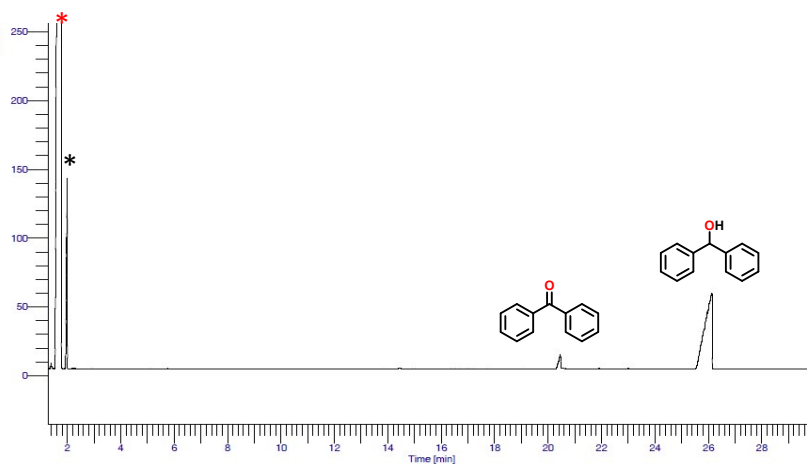
**Method A:** Column information: Elite-5, L=30 m, ID: 0.25 mm; injector temperature: 50°C; column flow rate: 1.13 mL/min; column temperature: 50-180 °C; temperature program: 10 °C/min; detector temperature: 250 °C

**Method B:** Column information: Elite-5, L=30 m, ID: 0.25 mm; injector temperature: 100°C; column flow rate: 1.13 mL/min; column temperature: 80-180 °C; temperature program: 8 °C/min; detector temperature: 270 °C

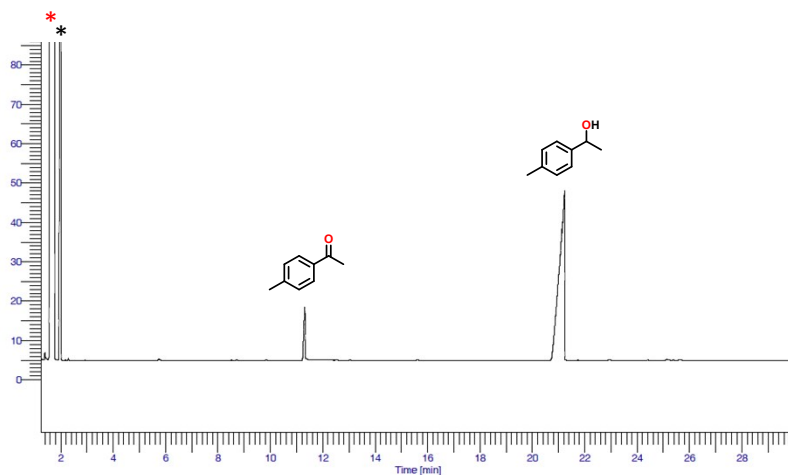
**Method C:** Column information: Rtx-5, L = 30 m, ID: 0.25 mm; injector temperature: 220 °C; column flow rate: 1.13 mL/min; column temperature: 100 – 180 °C; temperature program: 6 °C/min; detector temperature: 250 °C.



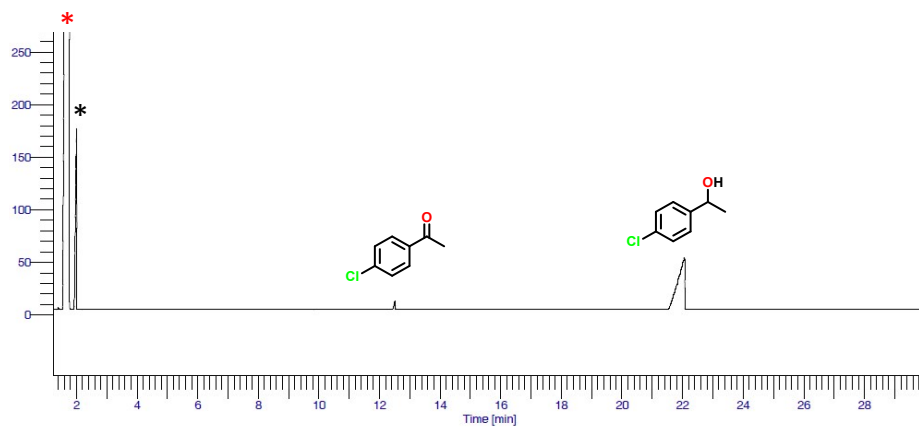
**Figure S36.** Gas chromatogram for the transfer hydrogenation of acetophenone (Table 2, Entry 1) using method A. \* Represents ethyl acetate and \* represents isopropanol.



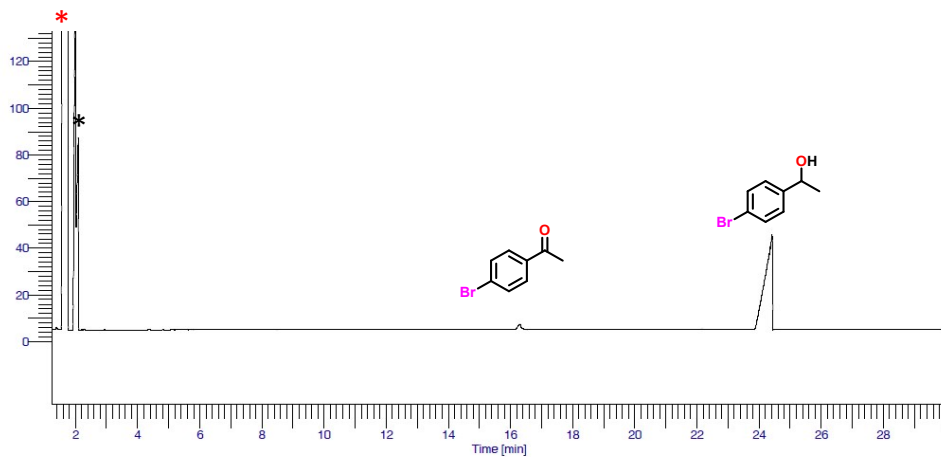
**Figure S37.** Gas chromatogram for the transfer hydrogenation of benzophenone, Table 2, Entry 2 using method A. \* Represents ethyl acetate and \* represents isopropanol.



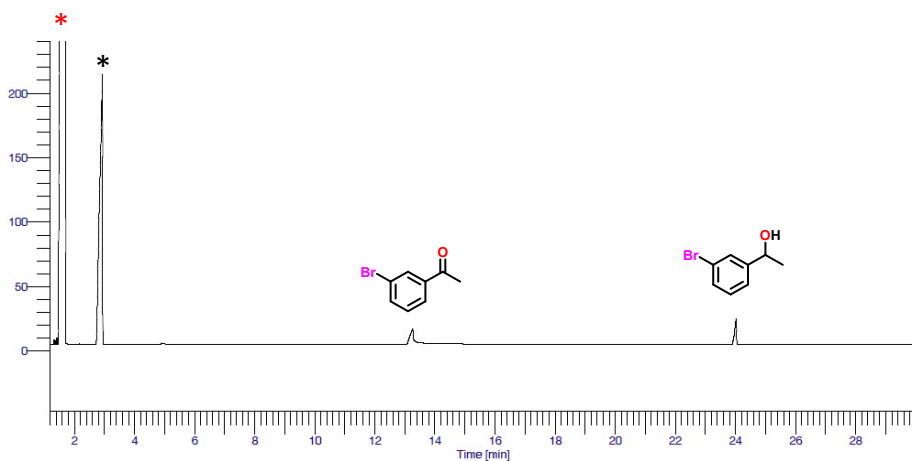
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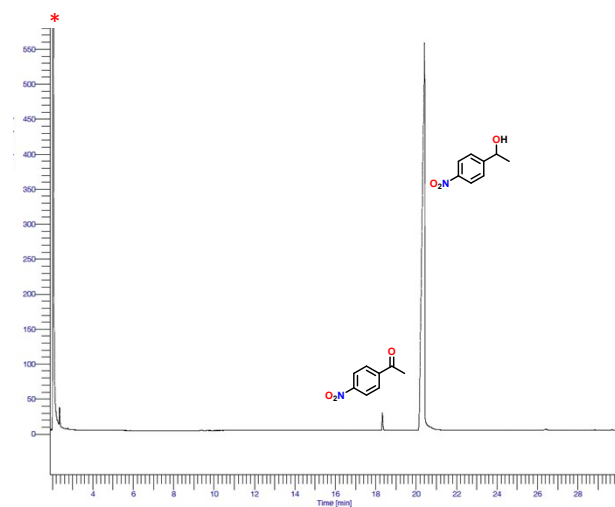
**Figure S39.** Gas chromatogram for the transfer hydrogenation of 4-chloroacetophenone, Table 2, Entry 4 using method A. \* Represents ethyl acetate and \* represents isopropanol.



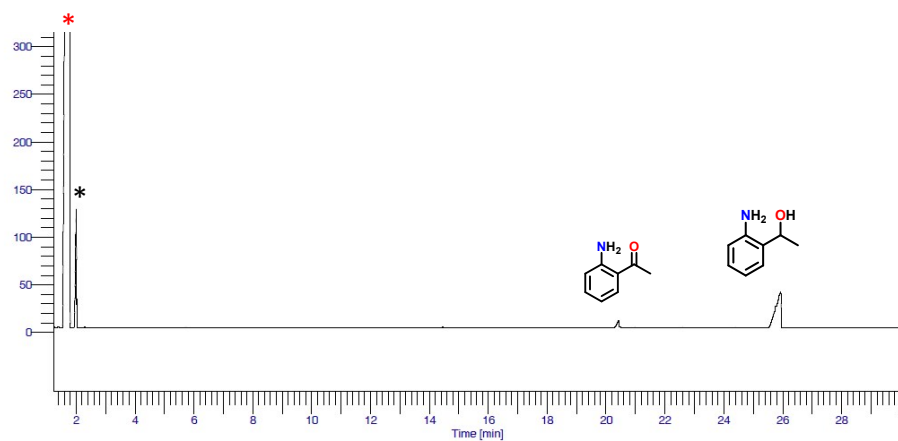
**Figure S40.** Gas chromatogram for the transfer hydrogenation of 4-bromoacetophenone, Table 2, Entry 5 using method A. \* Represents ethyl acetate and \* represents isopropanol.



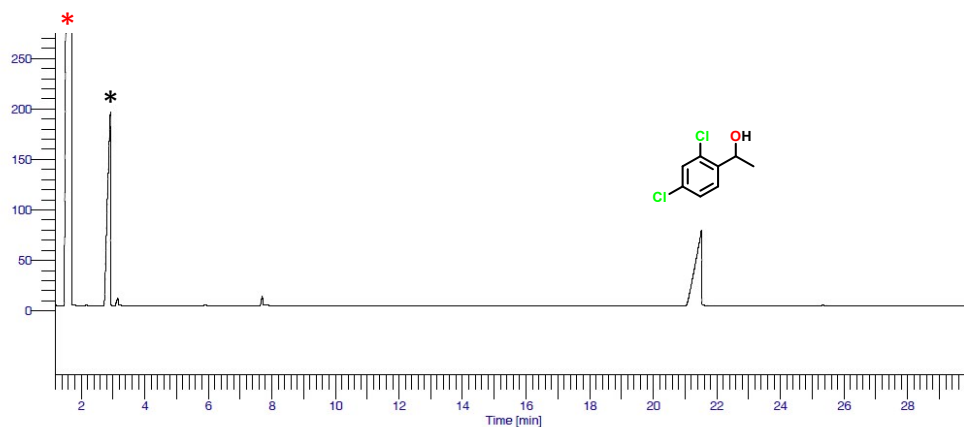
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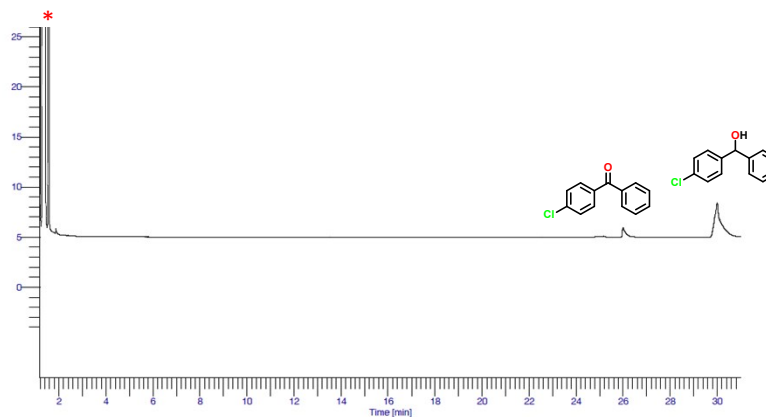
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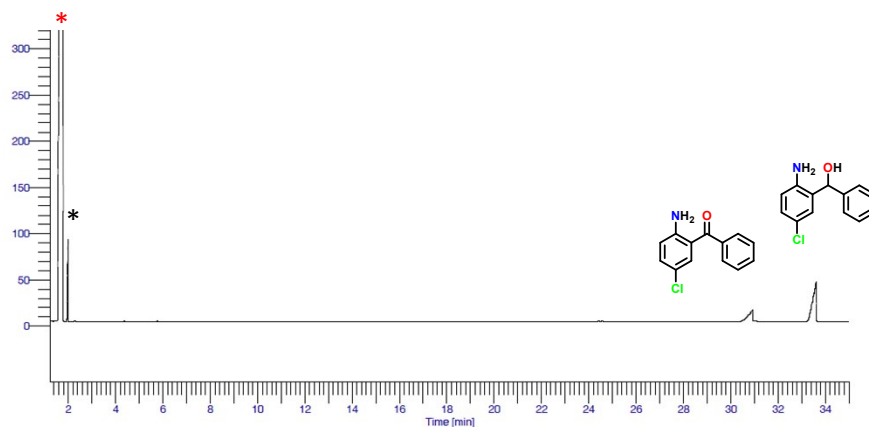
**Figure S43.** Gas chromatogram for the transfer hydrogenation of 2-aminoacetophenone, Table 2, Entry 8 using method A. \* Represents ethyl acetate and \* represents isopropanol.



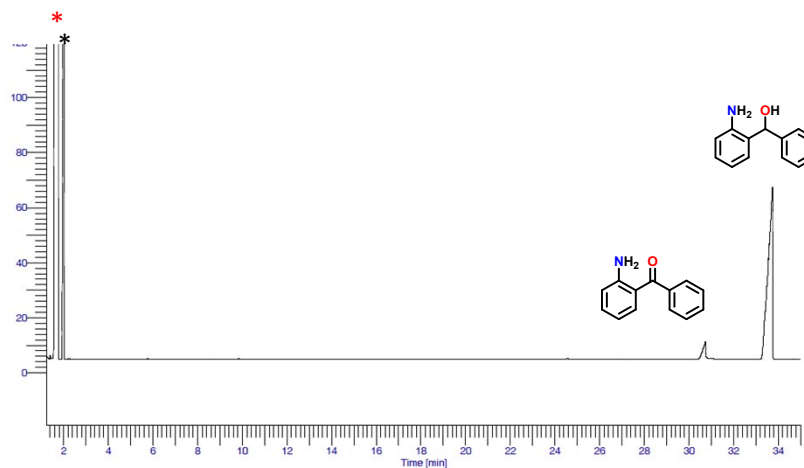
**Figure S44.** Gas chromatogram for the transfer hydrogenation of 2,4-dichloroacetophenone, Table 2, Entry 9 using method B. \* Represents ethyl acetate and \* represents isopropanol.



**Figure S45.** Gas chromatogram for the transfer hydrogenation of 4-chlorobenzophenone, Table 2, Entry 10 using method A. \* Represents ethyl acetate.

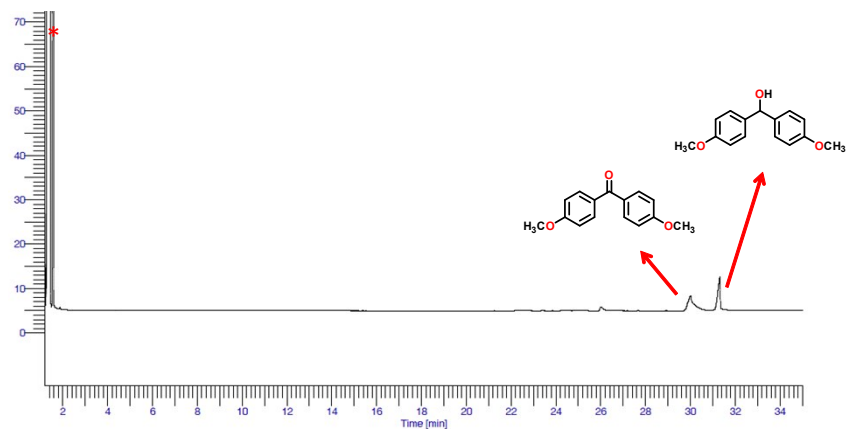


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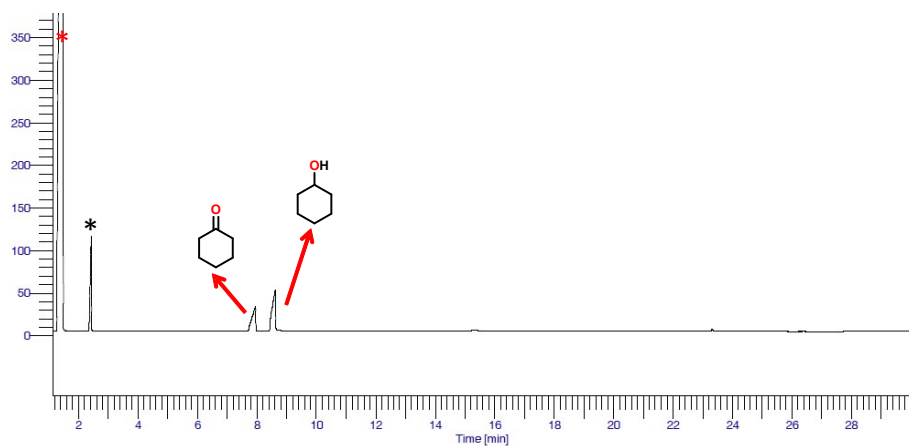


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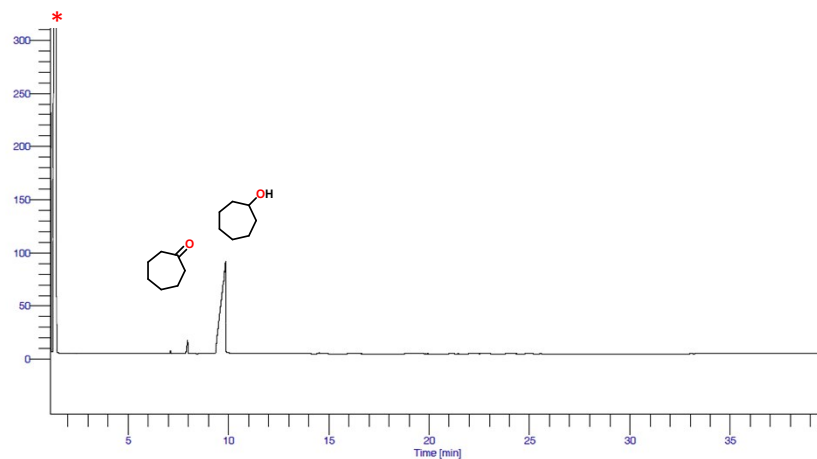




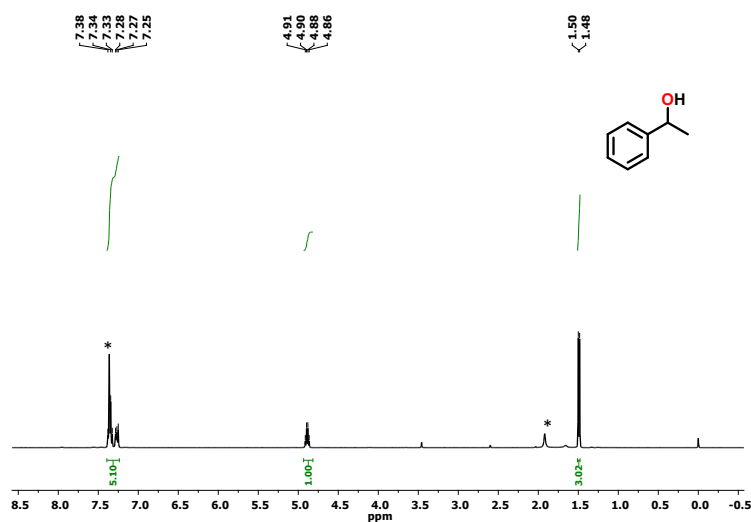
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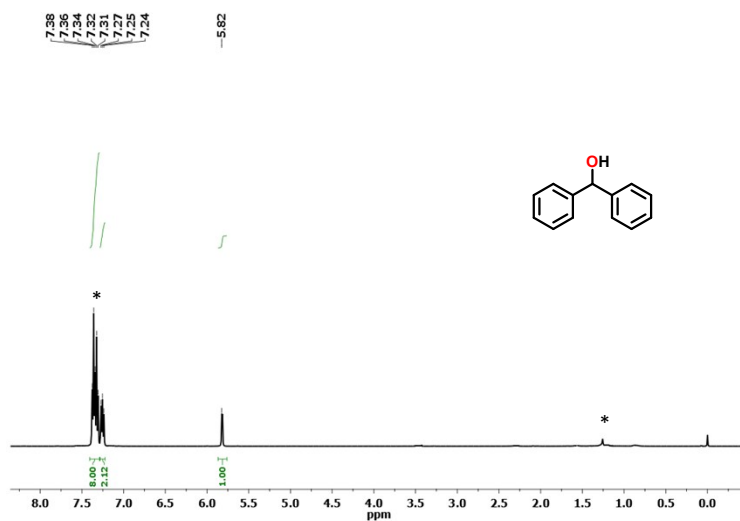
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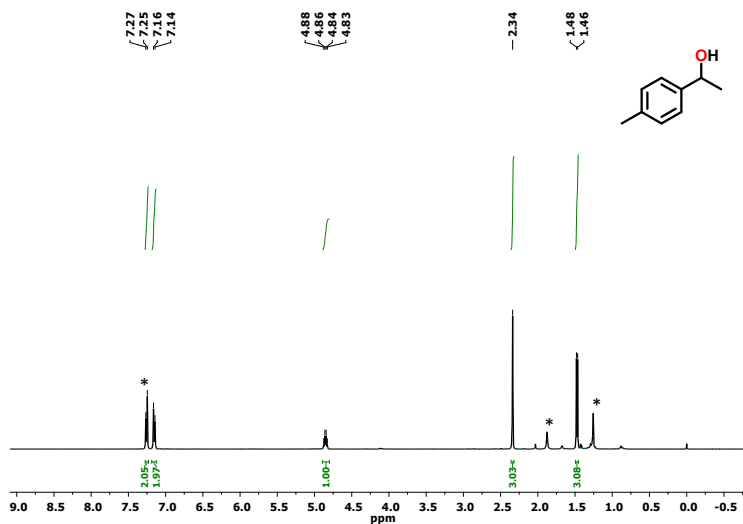
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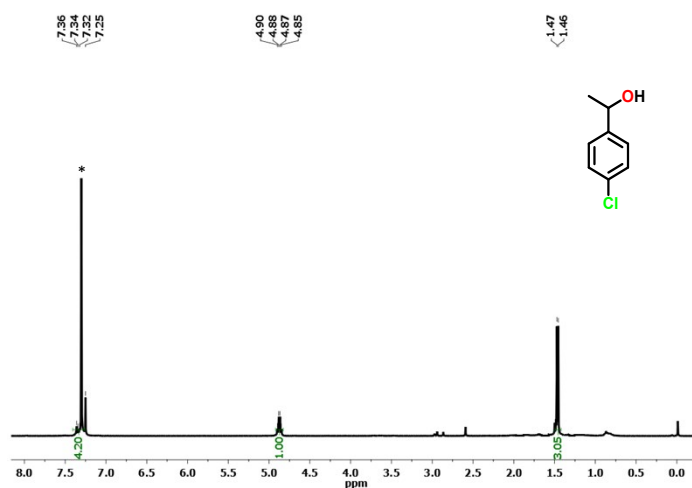
**Figure S51.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of product **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \* Represents the residual solvent peak and/or water.



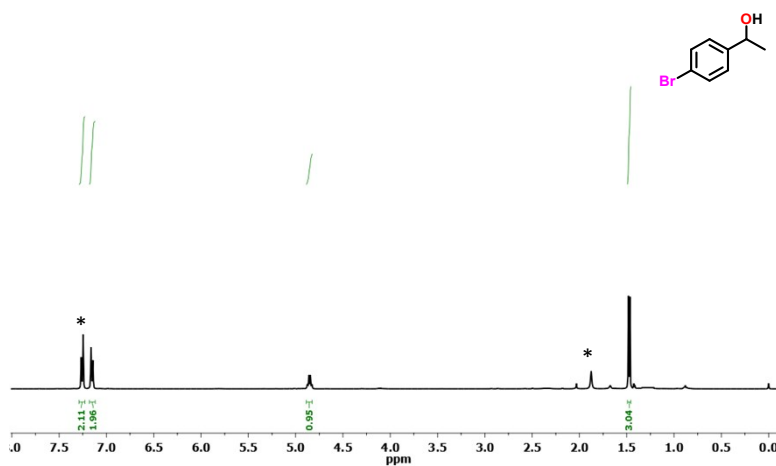
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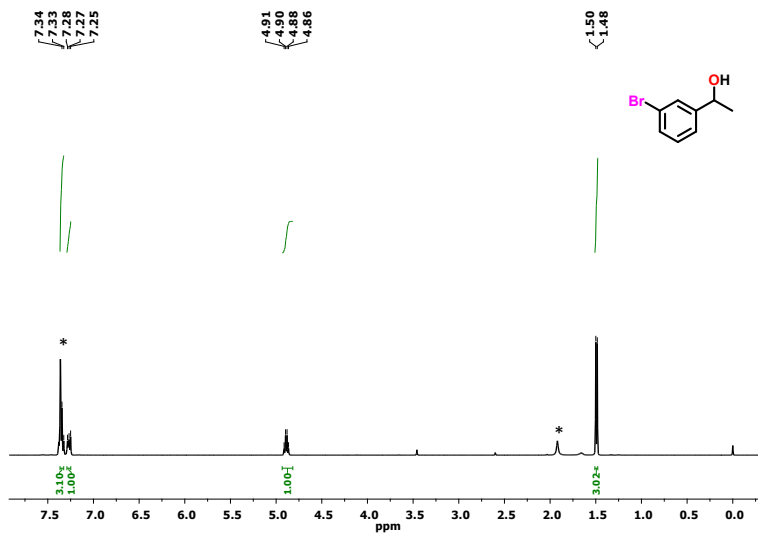
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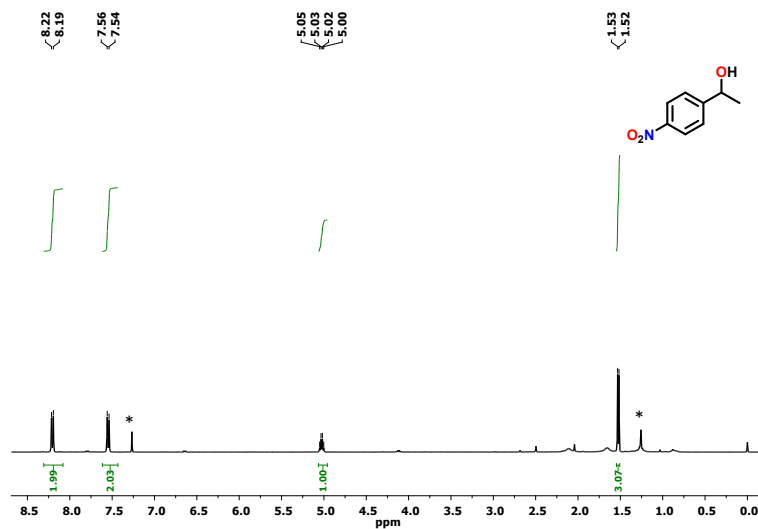
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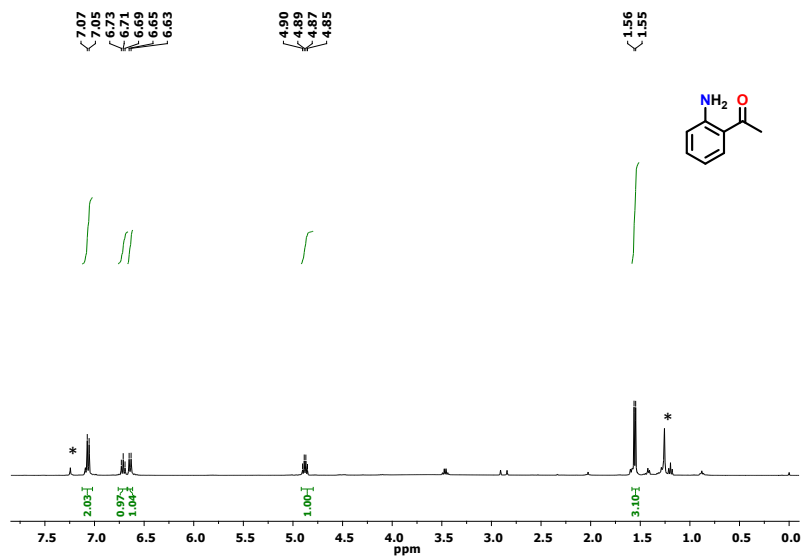
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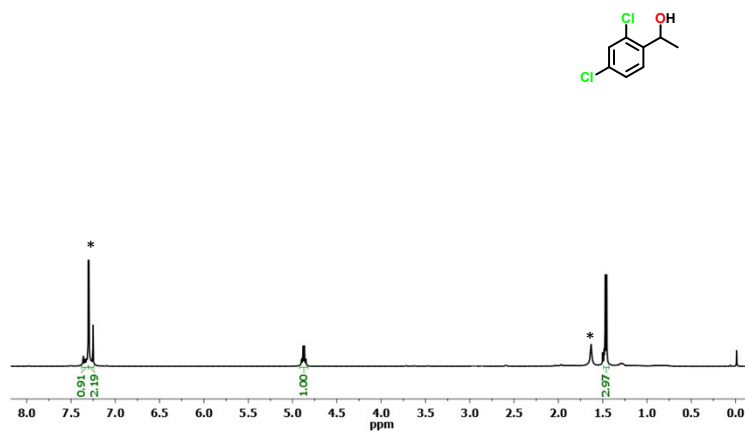
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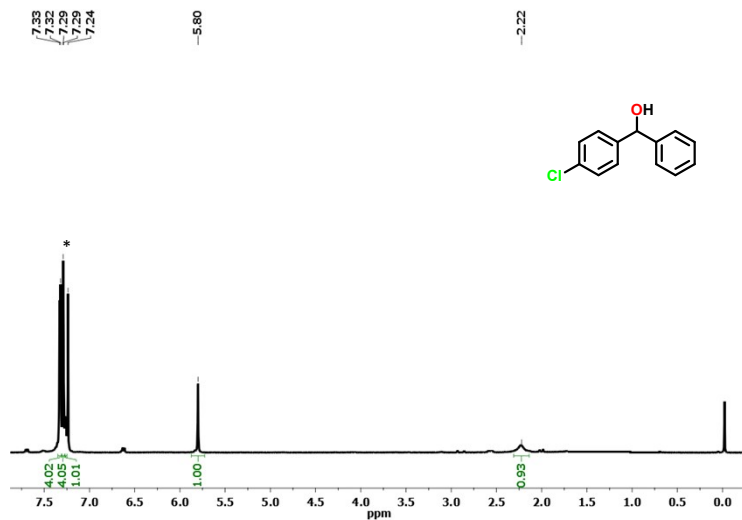
**Figure S57.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of product **7** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \* Represents the residual solvent peak and/or water.



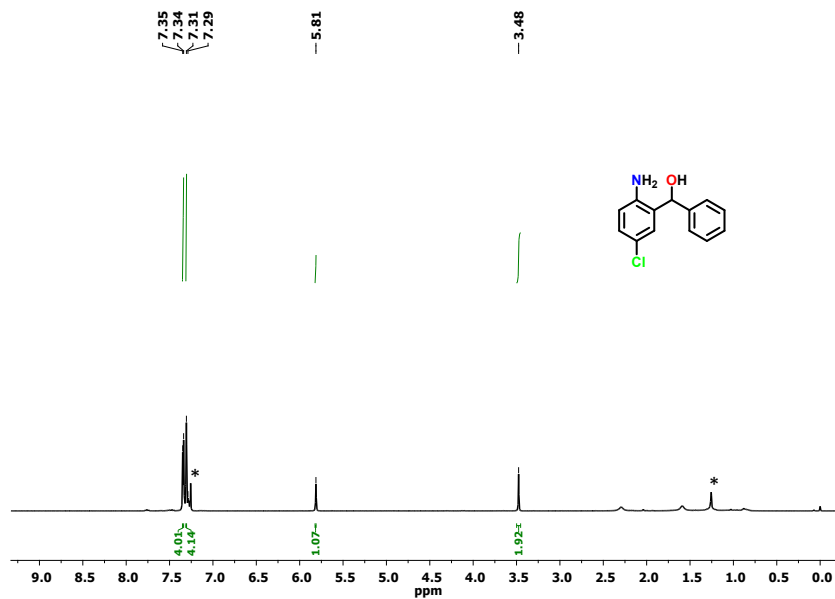
**Figure S58.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of product **8** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. \* Represents the residual solvent peak and/or water.



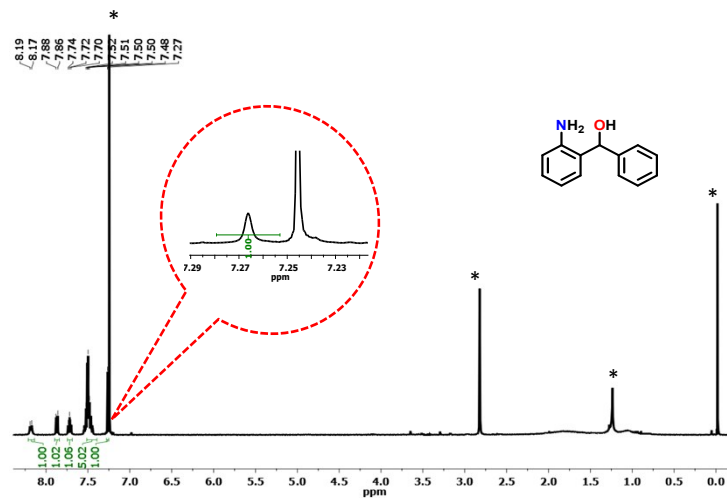
**Figure S59.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **9** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. \* Represents the residual solvent peak and/or water.



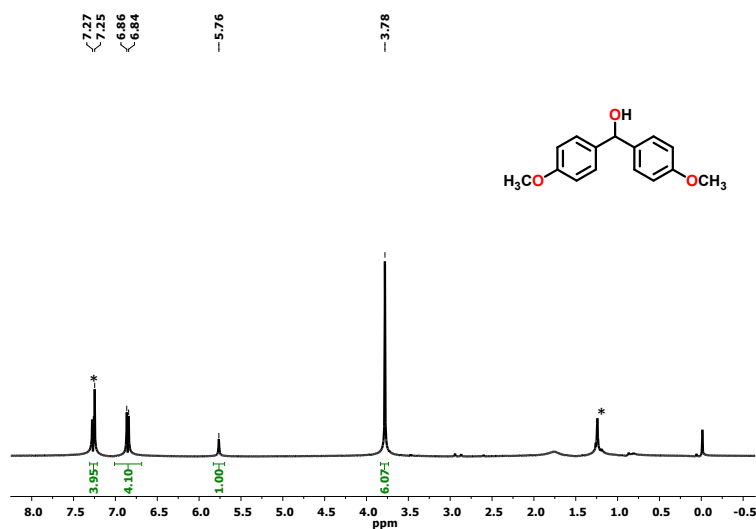
**Figure S60.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **10** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. \* Represents the residual solvent peak and/or water.



**Figure S61.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **11** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. \* Represents the residual solvent peak and/or water.

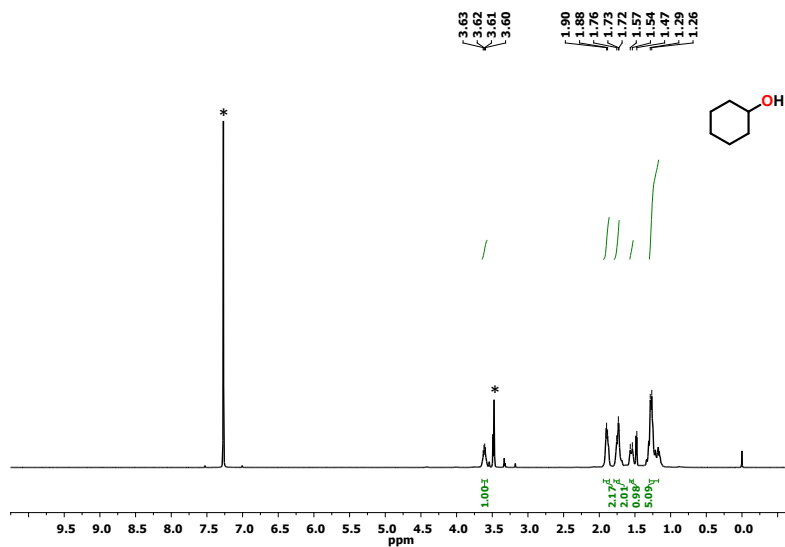


**Figure S62.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **12** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \* Represents the residual solvent peak and/or water.

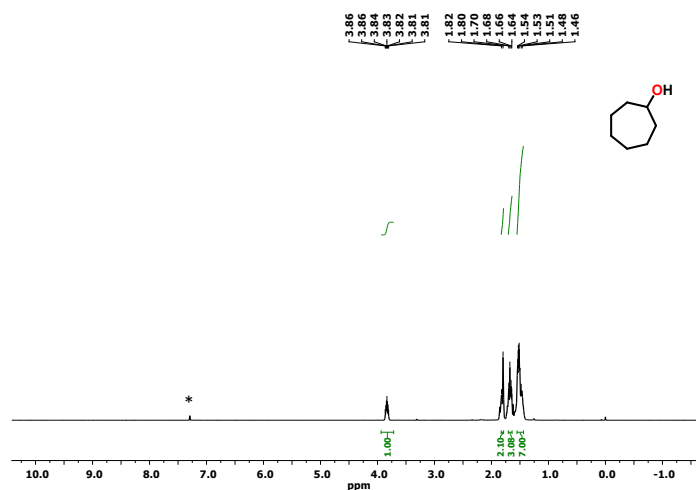


**Figure S63.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **13** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \* Represents the residual solvent peak and/or water.

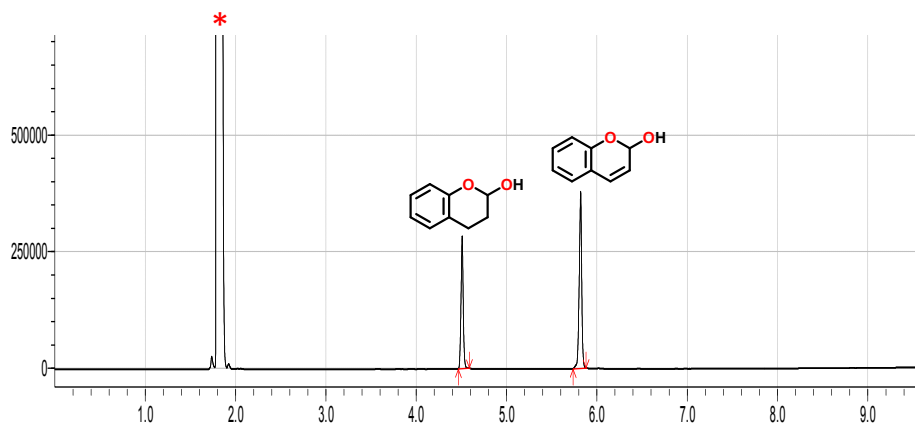




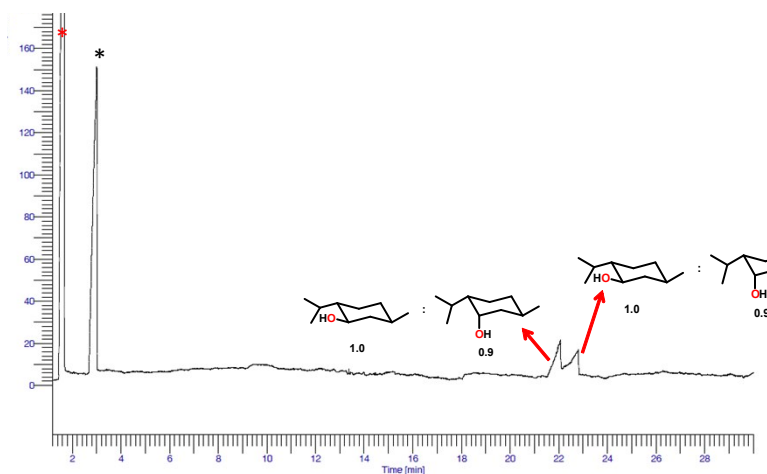
**Figure S64.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of product **14** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \* Represents the residual solvent peak and/or water.



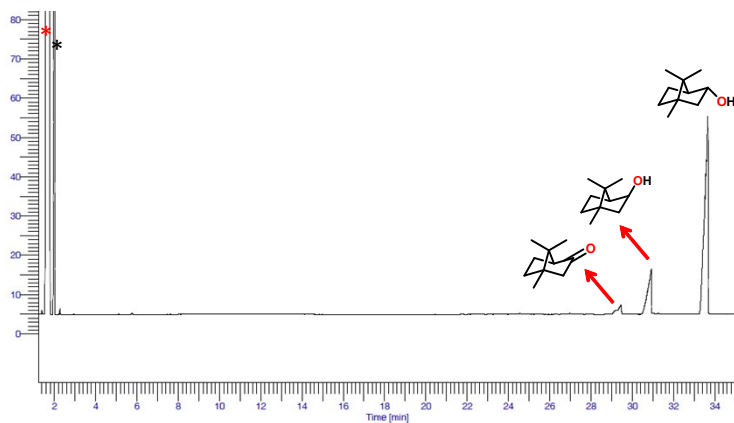
**Figure S65.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of product **15** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \* Represents the residual solvent peak and/or water.



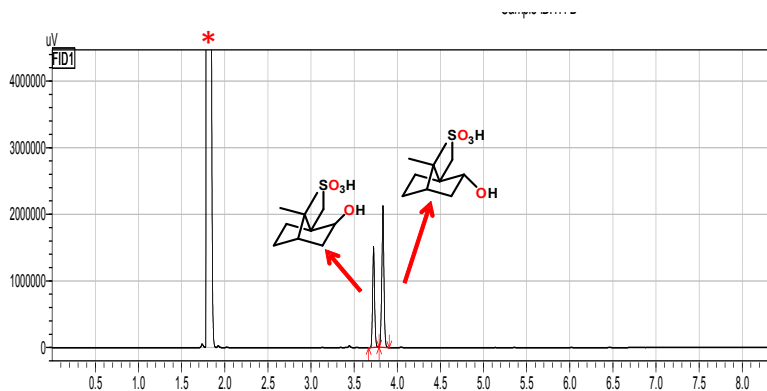
**Figure S66.** Gas chromatogram for the transfer hydrogenation of coumarin, Scheme 2, Entry 1 using method C. \* Represents ethyl acetate.



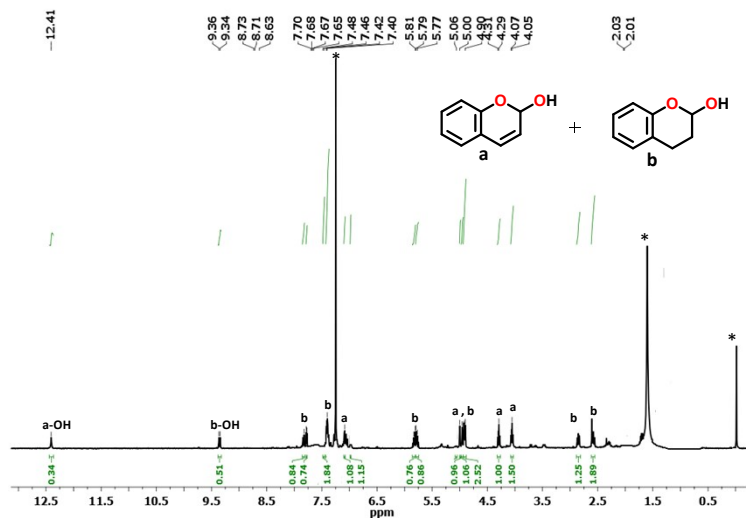
**Figure S67.** Gas chromatogram for the transfer hydrogenation of menthone, Scheme 2, Entry 2 using method B. \* Represents ethyl acetate and \* represents isopropanol.



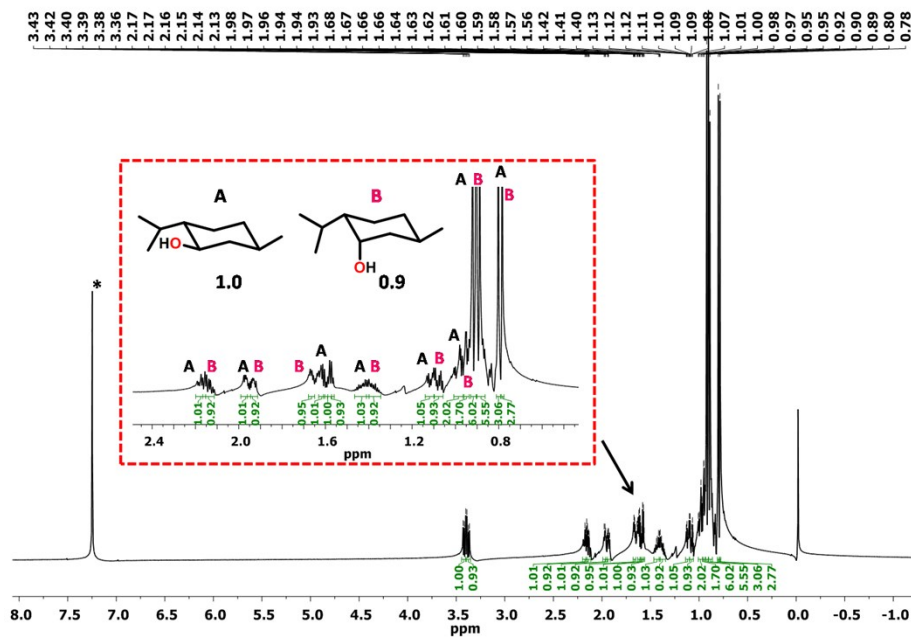
**Figure S68.** Gas chromatogram for the transfer hydrogenation of camphor, Scheme 2, Entry 3 using method B. \* Represents ethyl acetate and \* represents isopropanol.



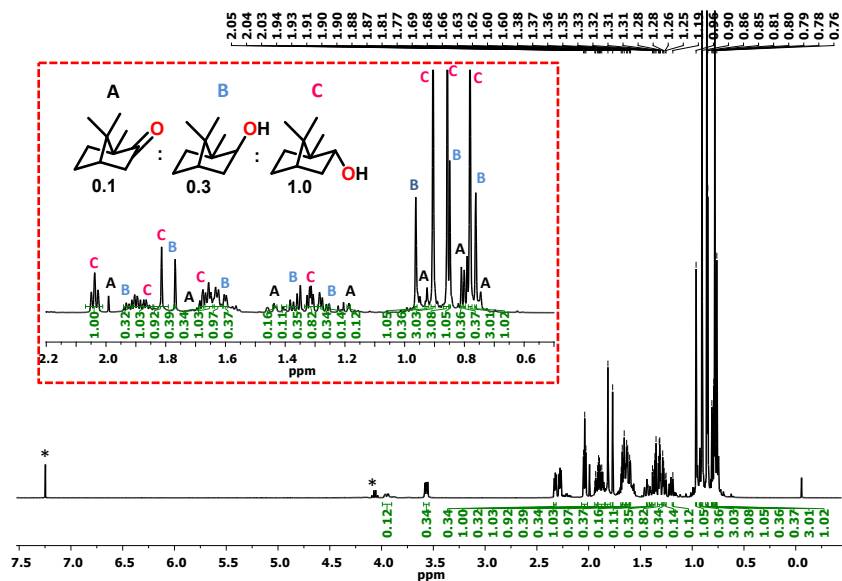
**Figure S69.** Gas chromatogram for the transfer hydrogenation of 10-camphorsulphonic acid, Scheme 2, Entry 4 using method C. \* Represents ethyl acetate.



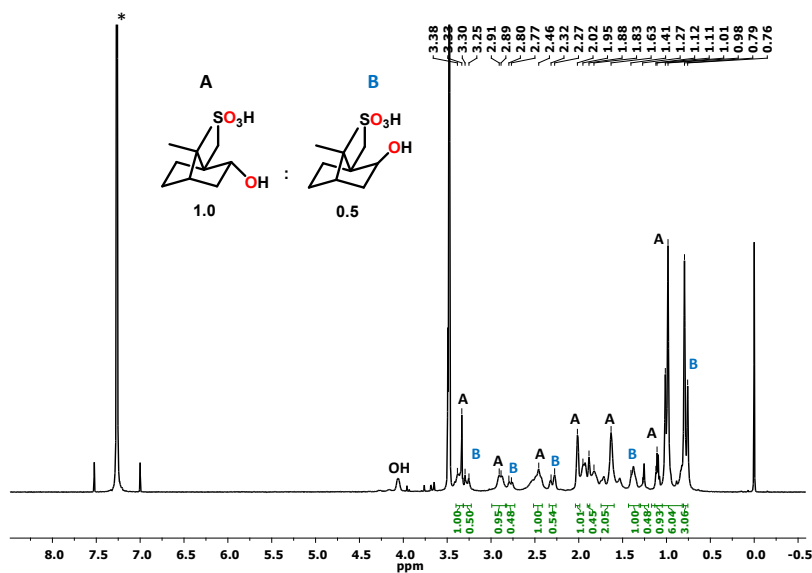
**Figure S70.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of TH products of coumarin in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \* Represents the residual solvent peak and/or water.



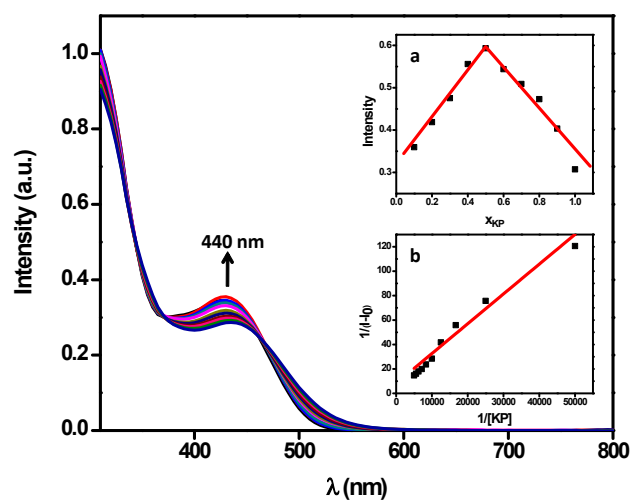
**Figure S71.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of diastereomers of menthone in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \* Represents the residual solvent peak.



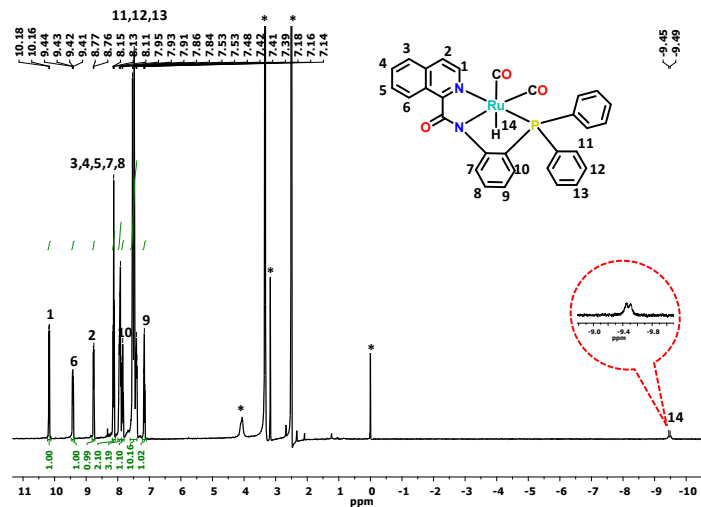
**Figure S72.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of diastereomers of camphor in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \* Represents the residual solvent peak.



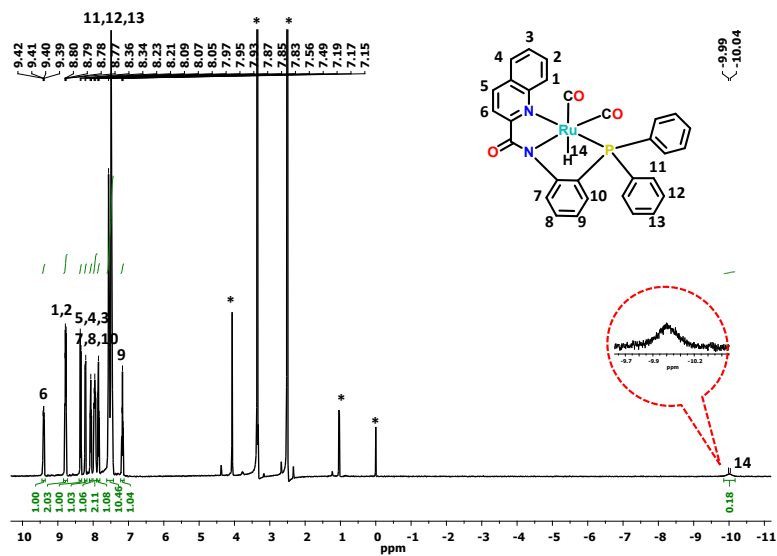
**Figure S73.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of diastereomers of 10-camphorsulphonic acid in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . \* Represents the residual solvent peak.



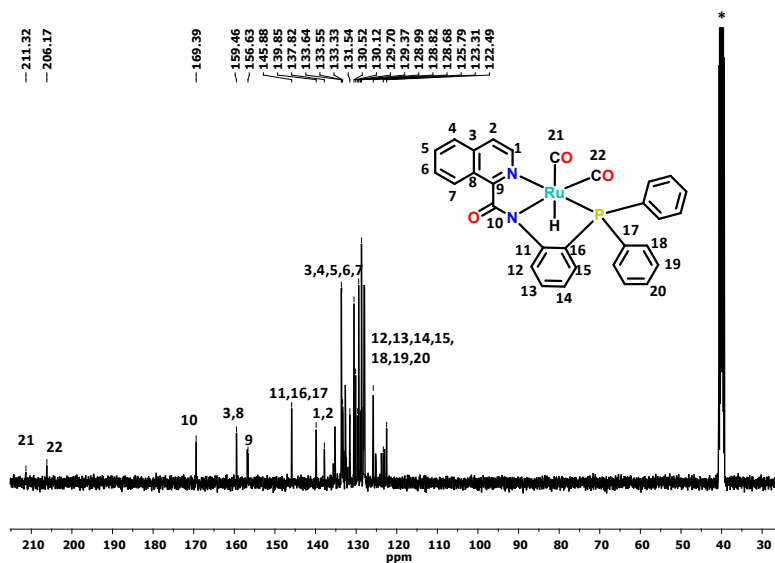
**Figure S74.** UV-Vis spectral titration of complex **3** (40  $\mu$ M) with potassium isopropoxide in DMF. Inset **a**: Job's plot showing a 1:1 binding stoichiometry between complex **3** and isopropoxide ion. Inset **b**: Linear regression fitting curve for a 1:1 binding between complex **3** and isopropoxide ion.



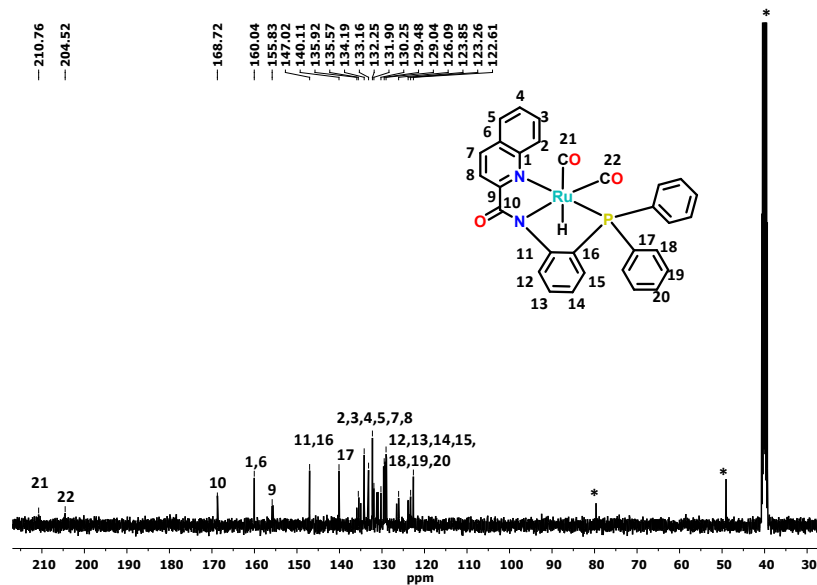
**Figure S75.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **4** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ . \* Represent residual solvent peaks.



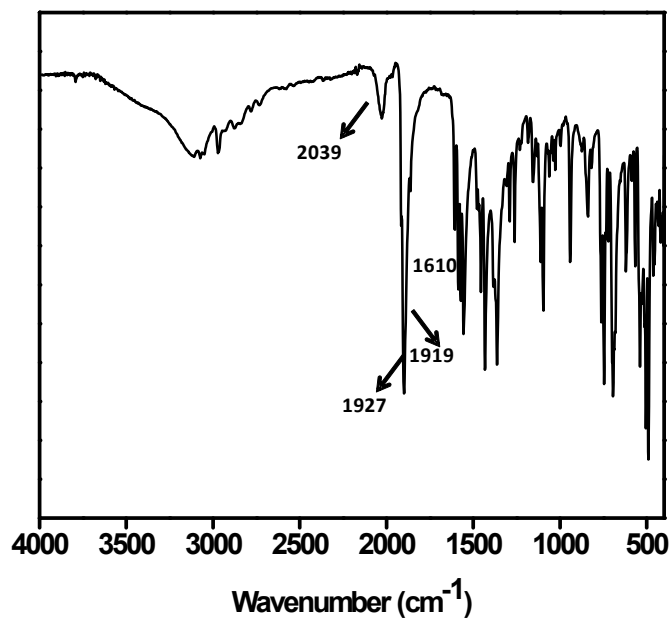
**Figure S76.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **5** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ . \* Represent residual solvent peaks.



**Figure S77.** Selected part of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex **4** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ . \* Represents residual solvent peak.



**Figure S78.** Selected part of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of complex **5** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ . \* Represents residual solvent peak.



**Figure S79.** FTIR spectrum of complex **4**.



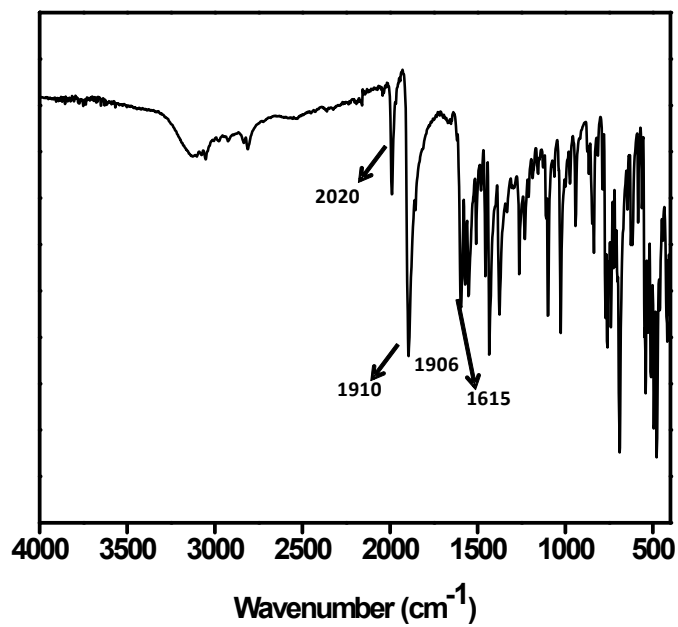


Figure S80. FTIR spectrum of complex 5.

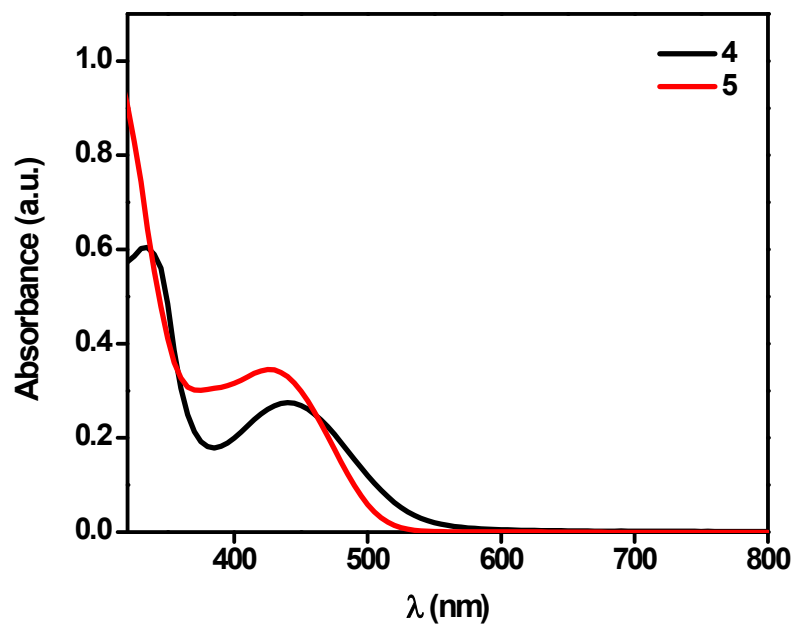
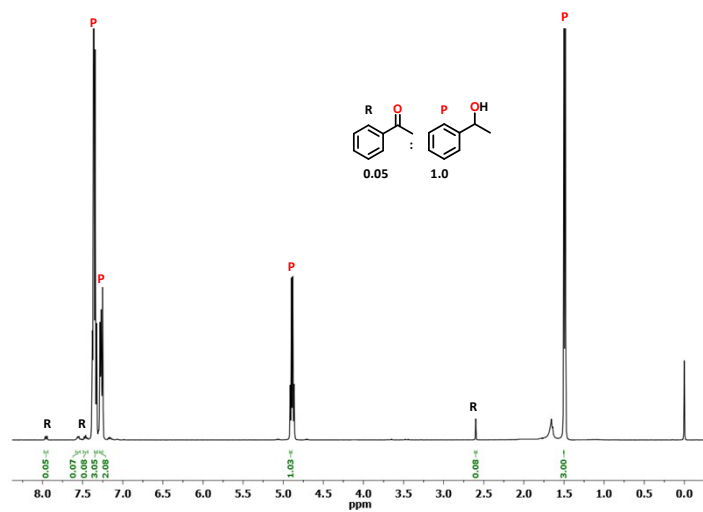
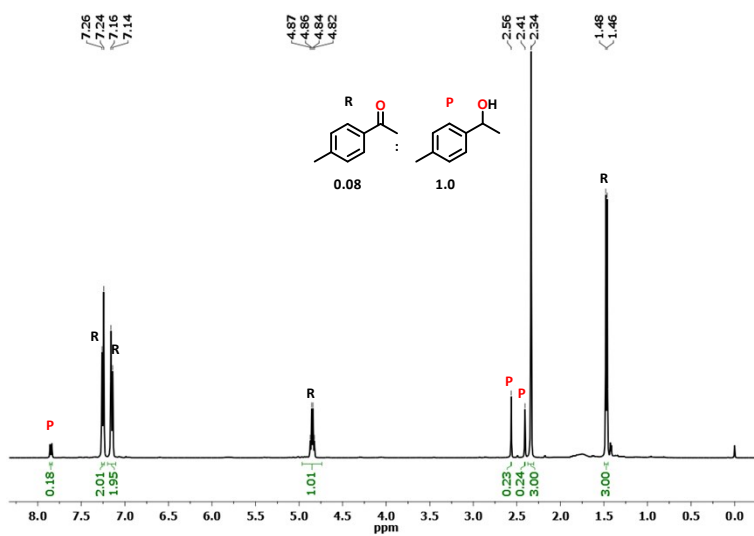


Figure S81. UV-Vis spectra of complexes 4 (black trace) and 5 (red trace) recorded in DMF.

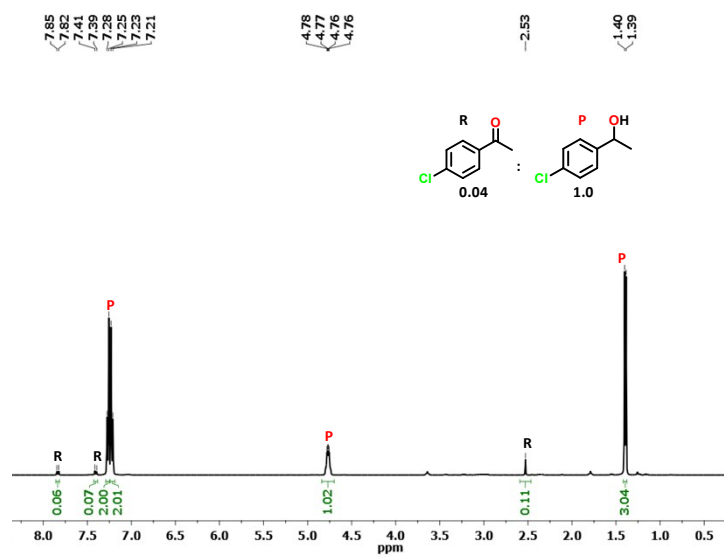
$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra used for the calculation of yields for the Hammett plot:



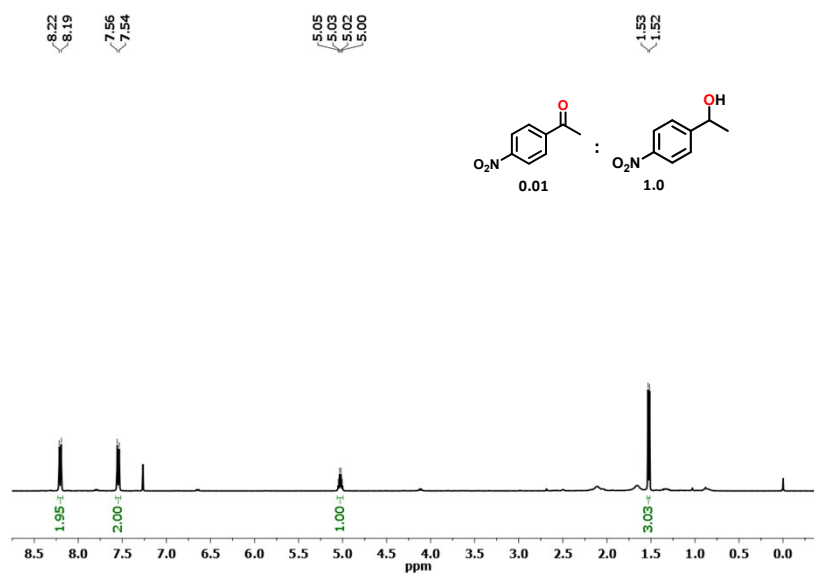
**Figure S82.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of a reaction mixture for the TH of acetophenone in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



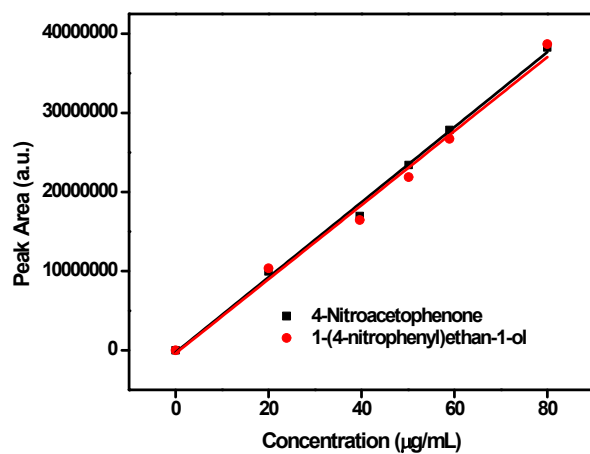
**Figure S83.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of a reaction mixture for the TH of 4-methylacetophenone in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S84.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of a reaction mixture for the TH of 4-chloroacetophenone in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S85.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of a reaction mixture for the TH of 4-nitroacetophenone in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S86.** GC calibration plot for a mixture of 4-nitroacetophenone and 1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethan-1-ol).

**Table S1.** X-ray data collection and structure refinement parameters for complexes **1-3**.

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>CCDC No.</b>	<b>1993893</b>	<b>1993892</b>	<b>1993891</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>22</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> PRu	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>20</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> PRu	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>20</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> PRu
Formula weight	577.94	623.97	623.97
Temperature (K)	298(2)	298(2)	298(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>I</i> 2/a	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
Unit cell dimensions			
<i>a</i> (Å)	18.3088(8)	8.6093(12)	9.9715(4)
<i>b</i> (Å)	8.4872(4)	19.520(2)	11.0618(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	32.8245(16)	16.0093(18)	12.8149(4)
$\alpha^\circ$	90	90	92.082(3)
$\beta^\circ$	101.520(4)	101.983(12)	98.606(3)
$\gamma^\circ$	90	90	108.609(3)
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	4997.9(4)	2631.8(6)	1319.19(9)
<i>Z</i>	8	4	2
Density Mg/m <sup>3</sup> (calculated)	1.536	1.575	1.571
Absorption coefficient mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.829	0.794	0.792
<i>F</i> (000)	2336	1256	628
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.25 x 0.20 x 0.16	0.19 x 0.15 x 0.09	0.22 x 0.17 x 0.11
Theta range for data collection	3.278 to 29.612°	3.255 to 30.884°	3.498 to 24.999°
Index ranges	-25 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 25, -11 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 11, -45 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 45	-12 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 12, -28 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 28, 23 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 23	-11 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 11, -13 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 13, -15 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 15

Reflections collected	31483	38198	15256
Independent reflections	4384 [ $R(\text{int}) = 0.0556$ ]	6858 [ $R(\text{int}) = 0.1200$ ]	4637 [ $R(\text{int}) = 0.0259$ ]
Completeness to $\theta = 25^\circ$	99.7 %	99.8 %	99.7 %
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$
Data / restraints / parameters	4384 / 0 / 311	6858 / 0 / 343	4637 / 0 / 343
Goodness of-fit on $F^2$	1.023	0.975	1.074
Final R indices	$R1 = 0.0364$ , $wR2 = 0.0813$	$R1 = 0.1008$ , $wR2 = 0.2211$	$R1 = 0.0237$ , $wR2 = 0.0539$
$[I > 2\sigma(I)]$			
R indices (all data)	$R1 = 0.0466$ , $wR2 = 0.0859$	$R1 = 0.1840$ , $wR2 = 0.3019$	$R1 = 0.0265$ , $wR2 = 0.0553$
Largest diff. peak and hole ( $\text{e.}\text{\AA}^{-3}$ )	0.641 and -0.376	1.727 and -1.552	0.281 and -0.291

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$$R1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}; wR = \left\{ \frac{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)]}{\sum wF_o^4} \right\}^{1/2}$$

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and bond angles for complexes **1-3**.

<b>Bond Length (<math>\text{\AA}</math>)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Ru(1)-C(1)	1.811(4)	1.890(10)	1.877(3)
Ru(1)-N(2)	2.068(3)	2.073(5)	2.088(16)
Ru(1)-N(1)	2.141(3)	2.112(6)	2.174(16)
Ru(1)-O(3)	2.183(2)	-----	-----
Ru(1)-P(1)	2.275(9)	2.292(2)	2.308(5)
Ru(1)-Cl(1)	2.408(10)	2.422(2)	2.416(6)
Ru(1)-C(2)	-----	1.895(8)	1.895(2)

<b>Bond Angles (°)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	95.40(14)	92.6(4)	93.00(11)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(1)	95.80(13)	92.2(3)	92.18(9)
N(2)-Ru(1)-N(1)	79.11(11)	174.5(3)	173.08(9)
C(1)-Ru(1)-O(3)	177.86(14)	89.0(3)	89.26(8)
N(2)-Ru(1)-O(3)	86.34(10)	105.0(3)	106.37(8)
N(1)-Ru(1)-O(3)	83.31(10)	77.7(2)	78.28(6)
C(1)-Ru(1)-P(1)	91.59(11)	89.7(3)	89.83(7)
N(2)-Ru(1)-P(1)	83.85(8)	94.5(3)	92.02(7)
N(1)-Ru(1)-P(1)	161.97(8)	82.89(17)	83.41(5)
O(3)-Ru(1)-P(1)	89.82(7)	160.45(15)	161.61(5)
C(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	88.96(13)	175.1(2)	173.32(7)
N(2)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	173.24(8)	88.8(3)	87.88(8)
N(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	95.35(9)	86.60(18)	87.51(5)
O(3)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	89.19(8)	86.1(2)	84.13(5)
P(1)-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	101.22(3)	94.87(7)	96.76(2)