

## **C-H Bond-activation in aromatic ketones mediated by Iridium-Tris(pyrazolyl) borate complexes**

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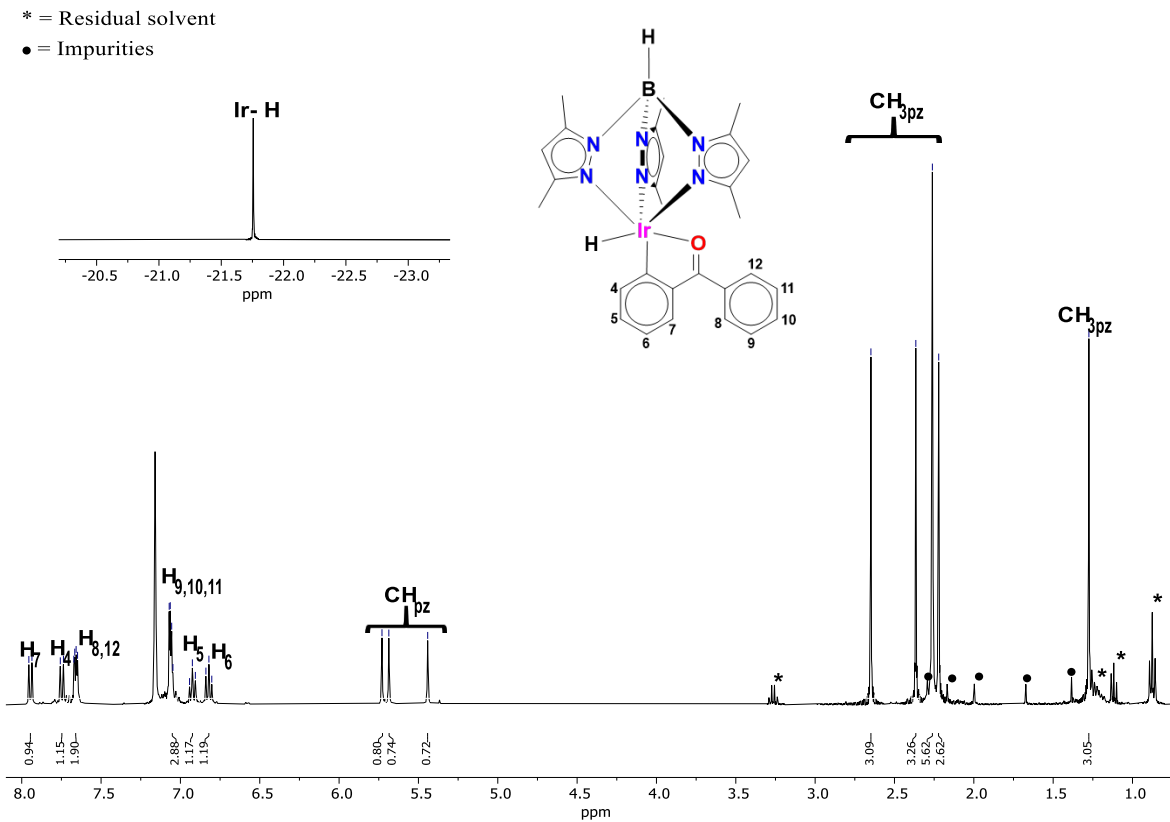


Figure S-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum for **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

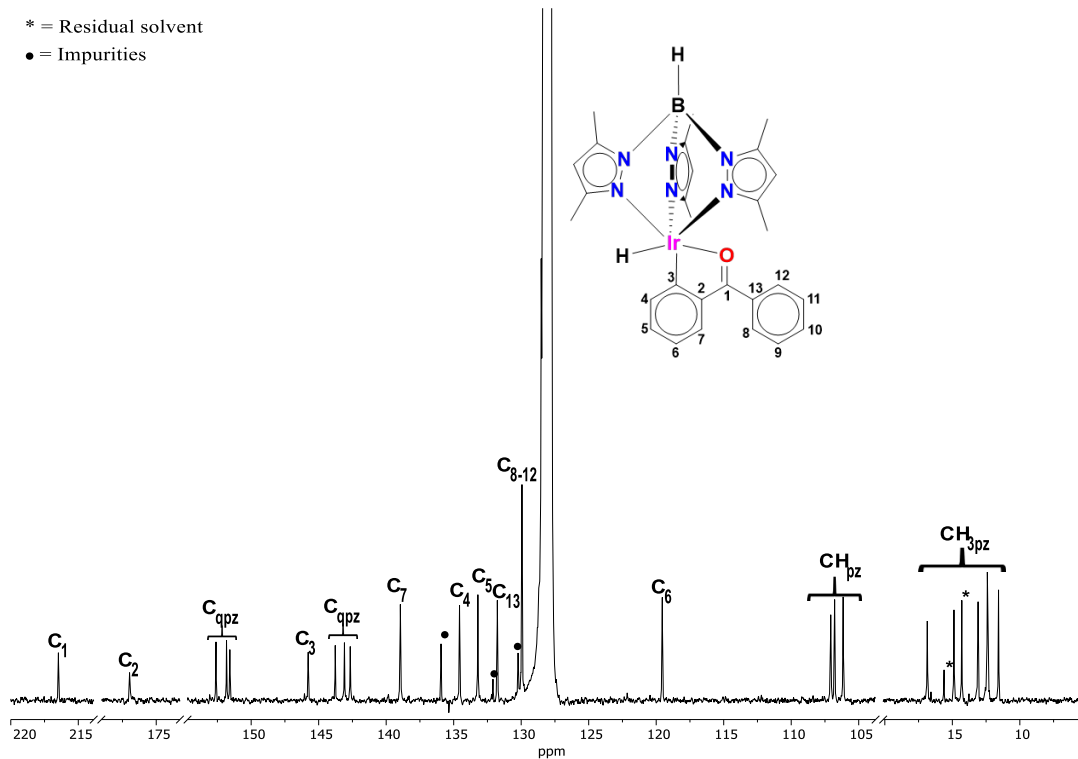


Figure S-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum for **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

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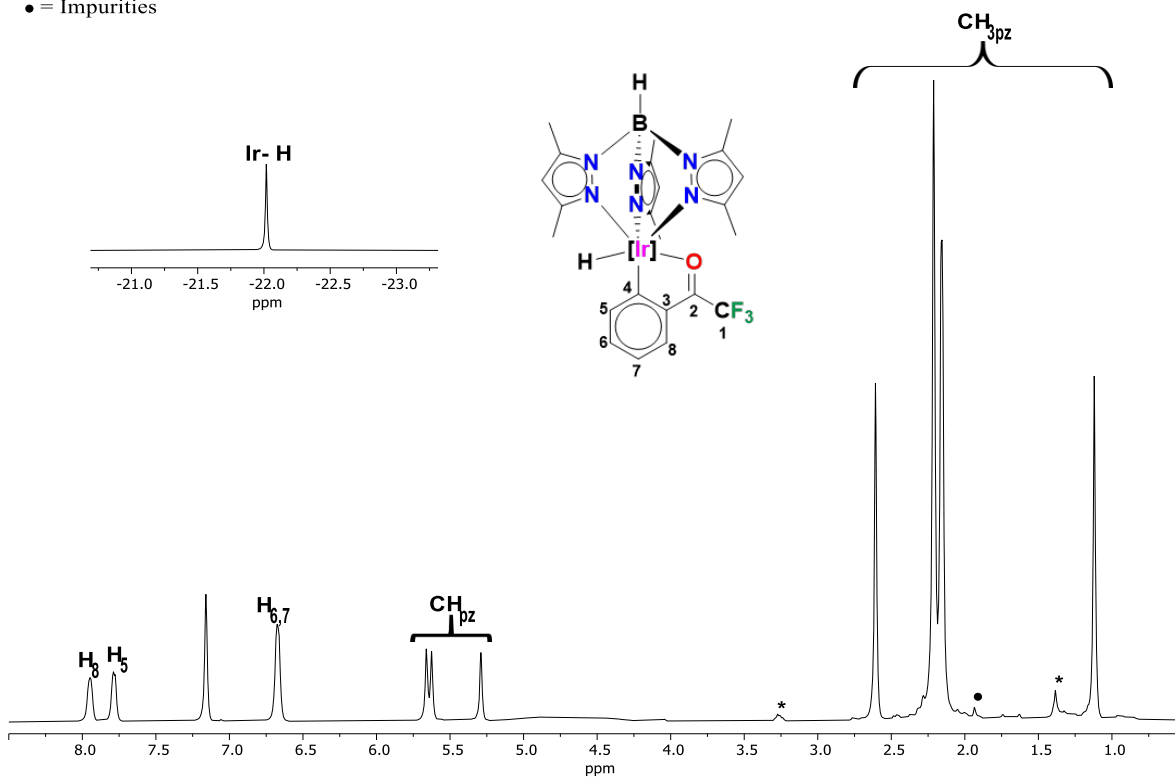


Figure S-3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) spectrum for **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

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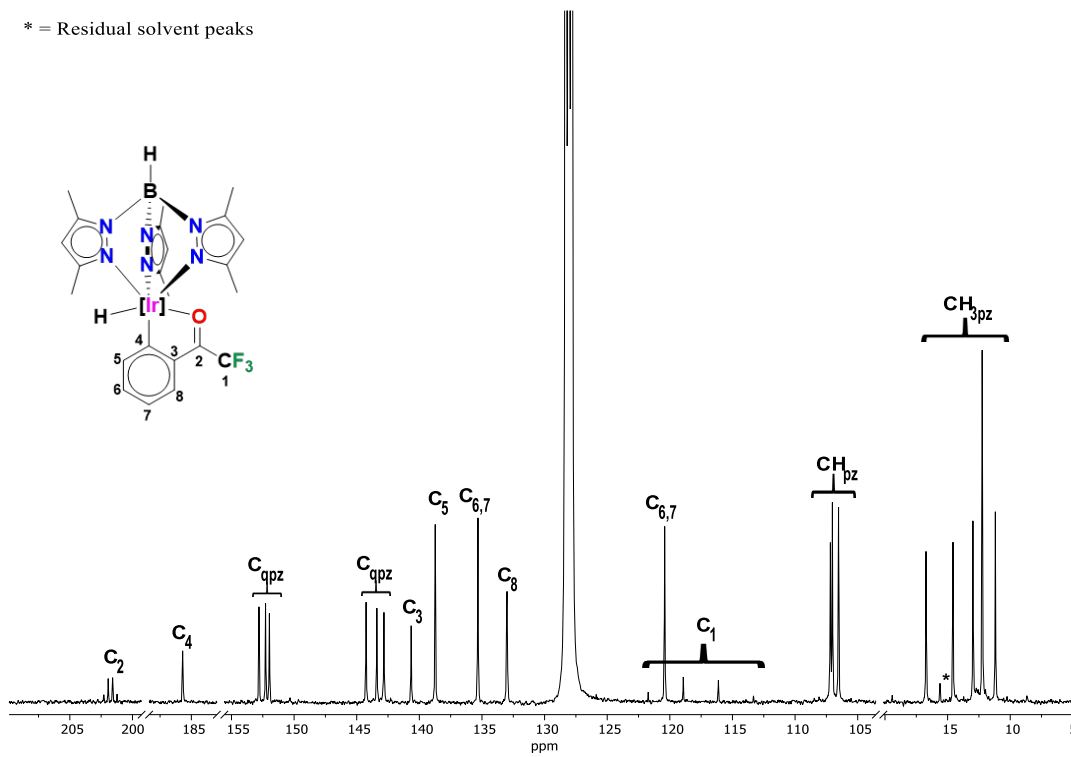
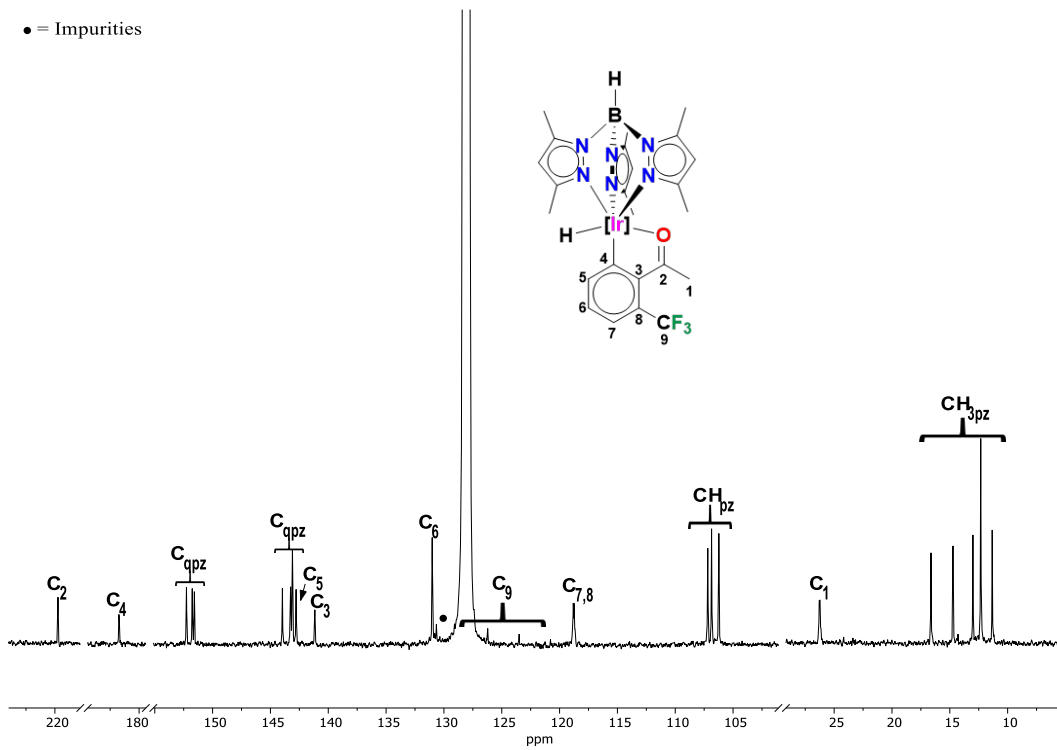
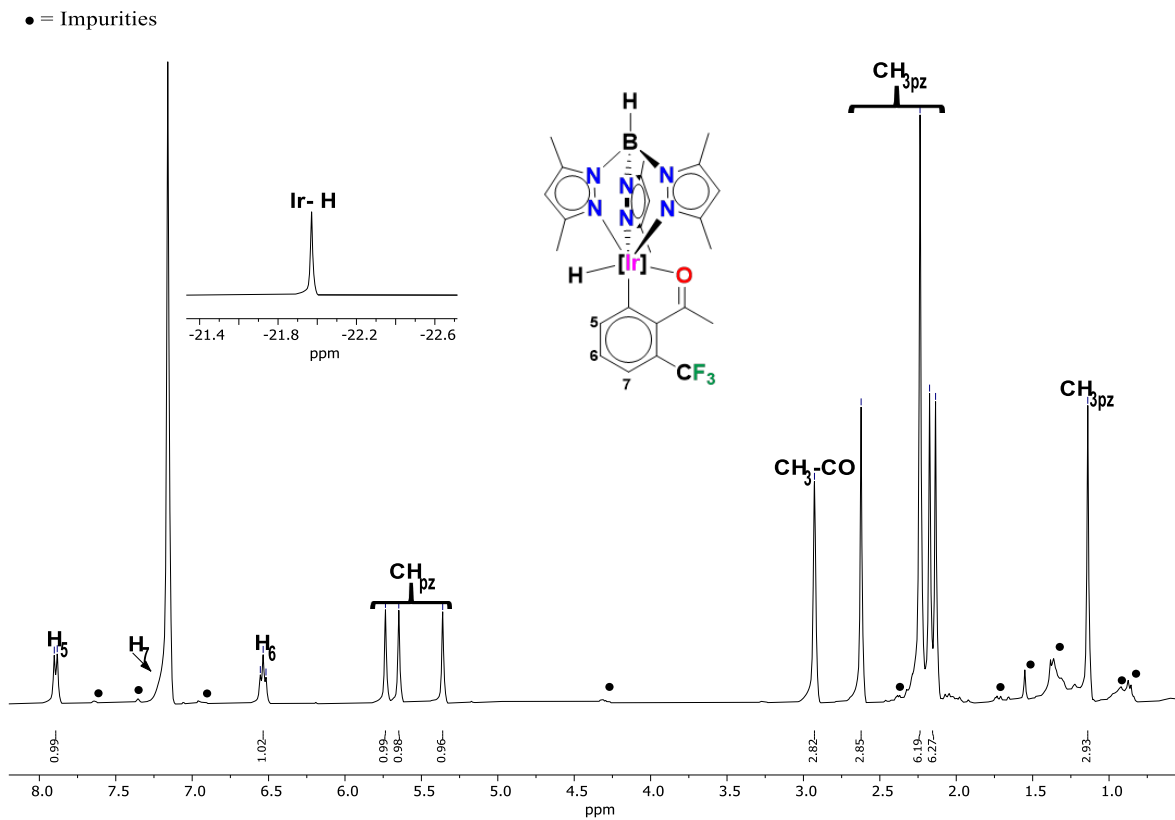
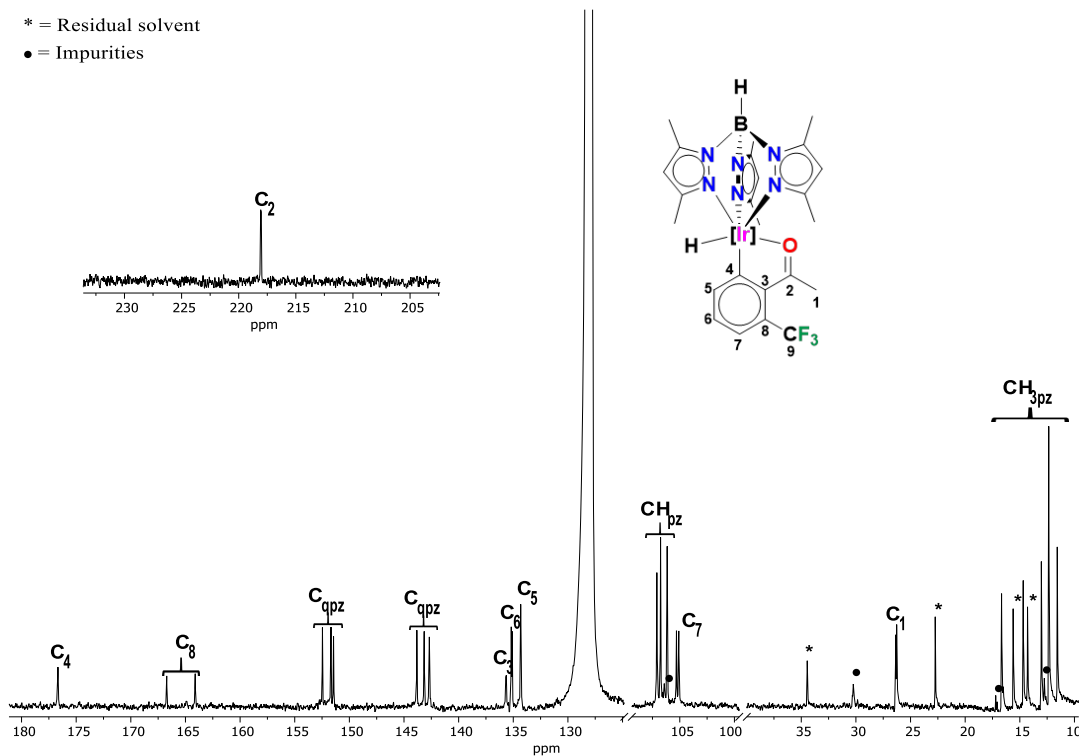
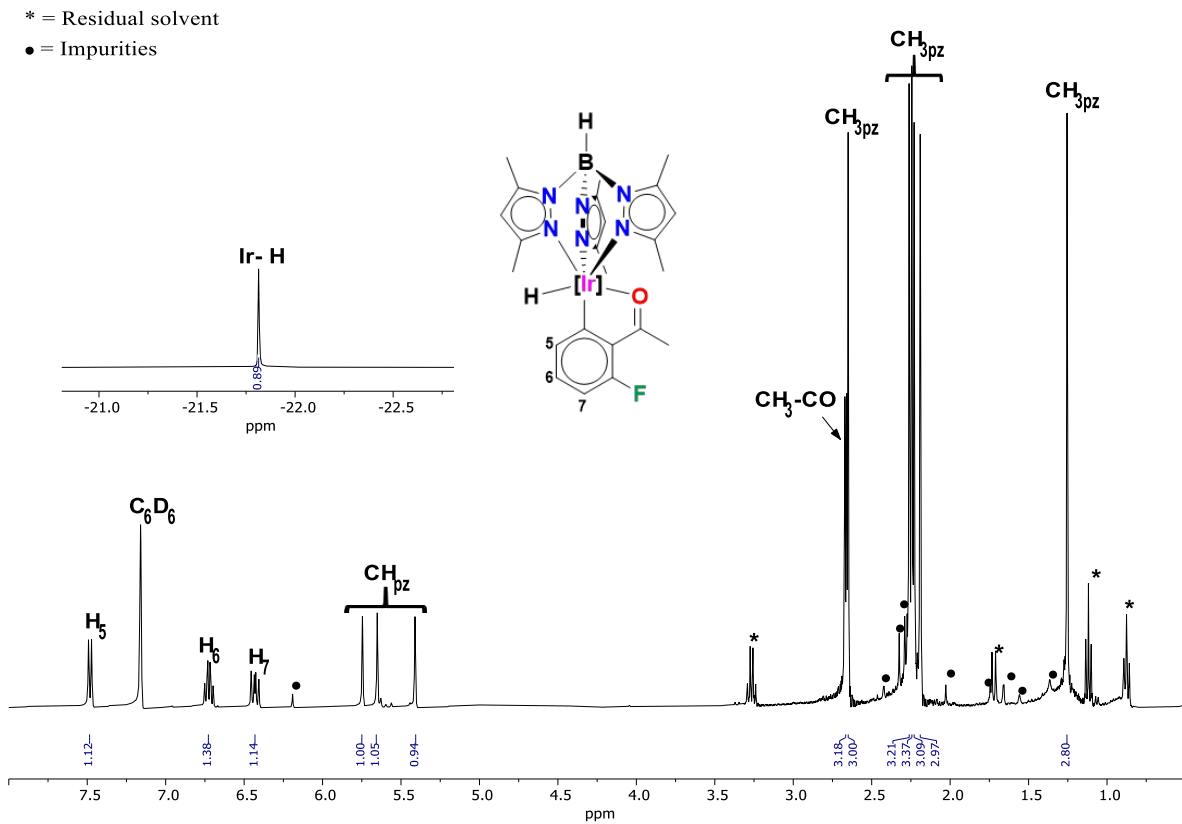


Figure S-4.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz) spectrum for **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .





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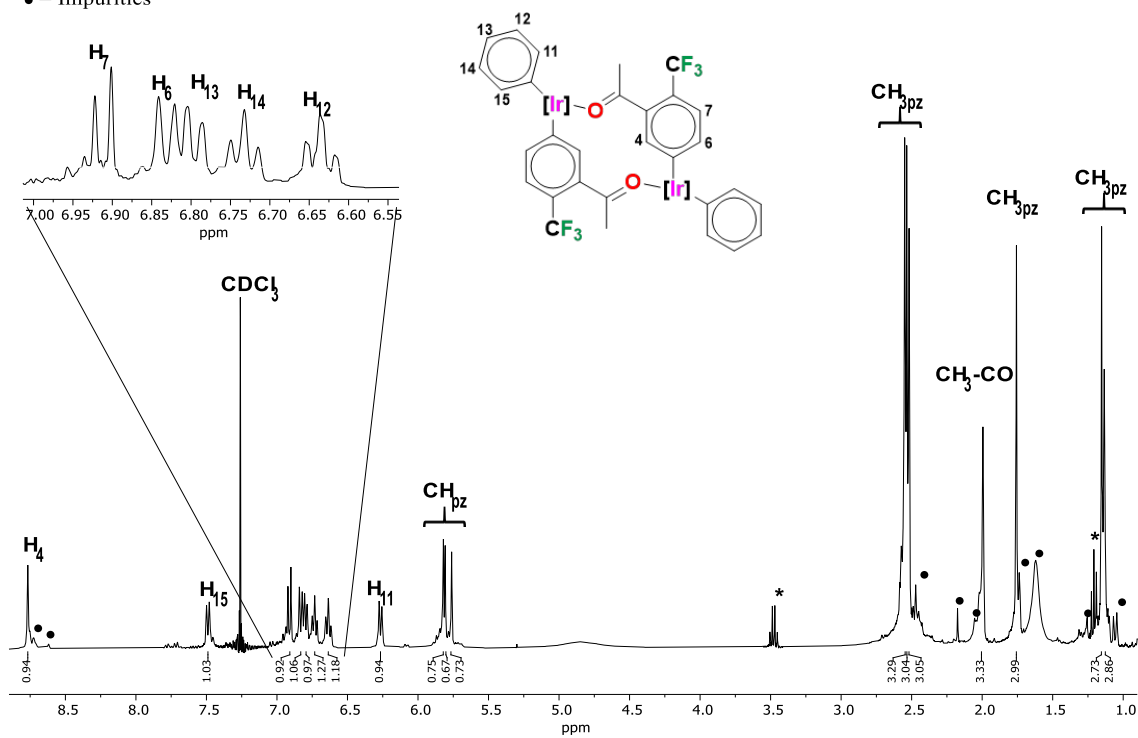


Figure S-9.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) spectrum for **7** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

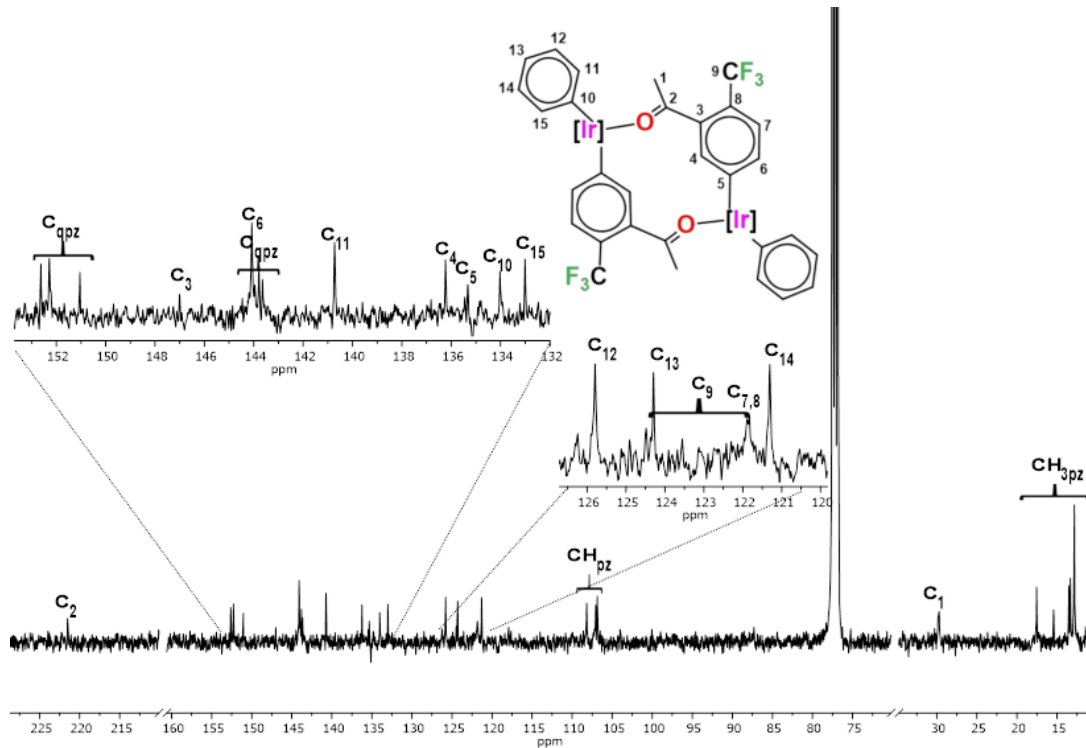


Figure S-10.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz) spectrum for **7** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

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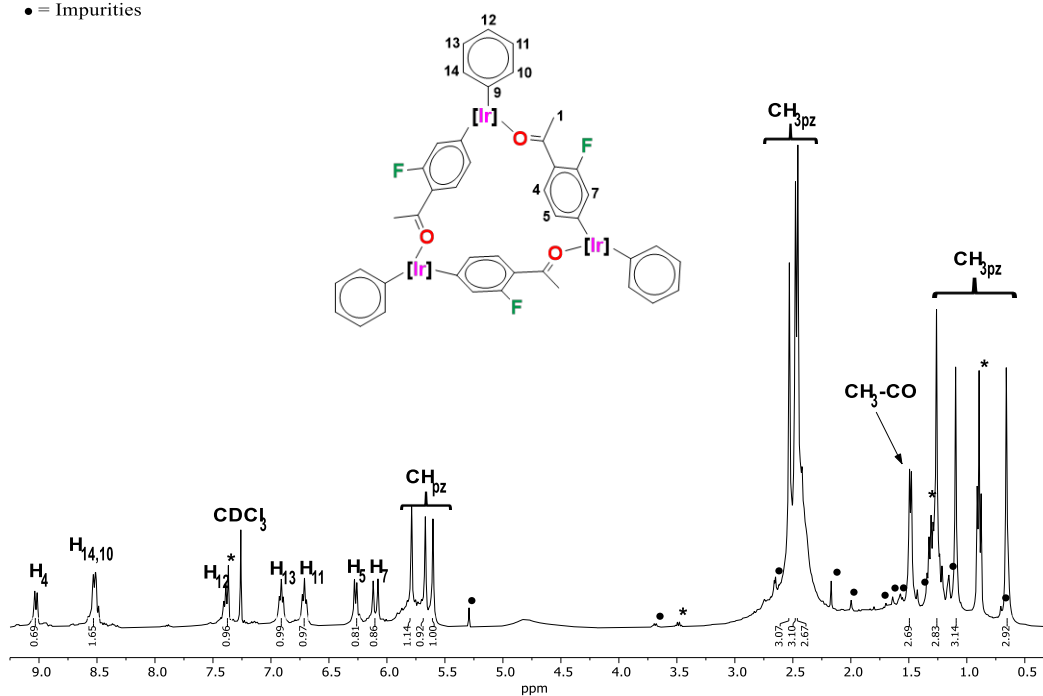


Figure S-11.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) spectrum for **8** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

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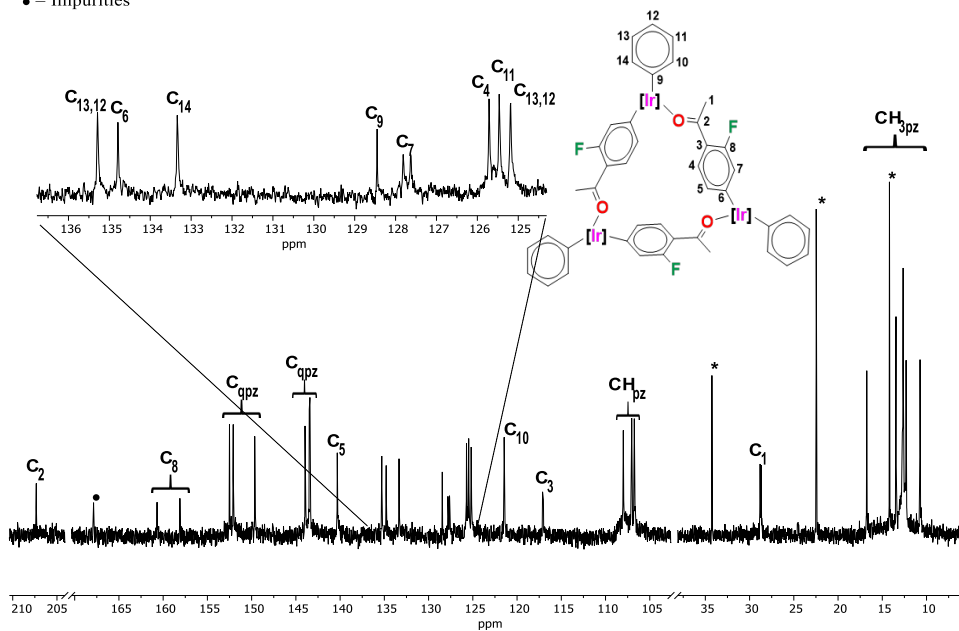


Figure S-12.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz) spectrum for **8** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

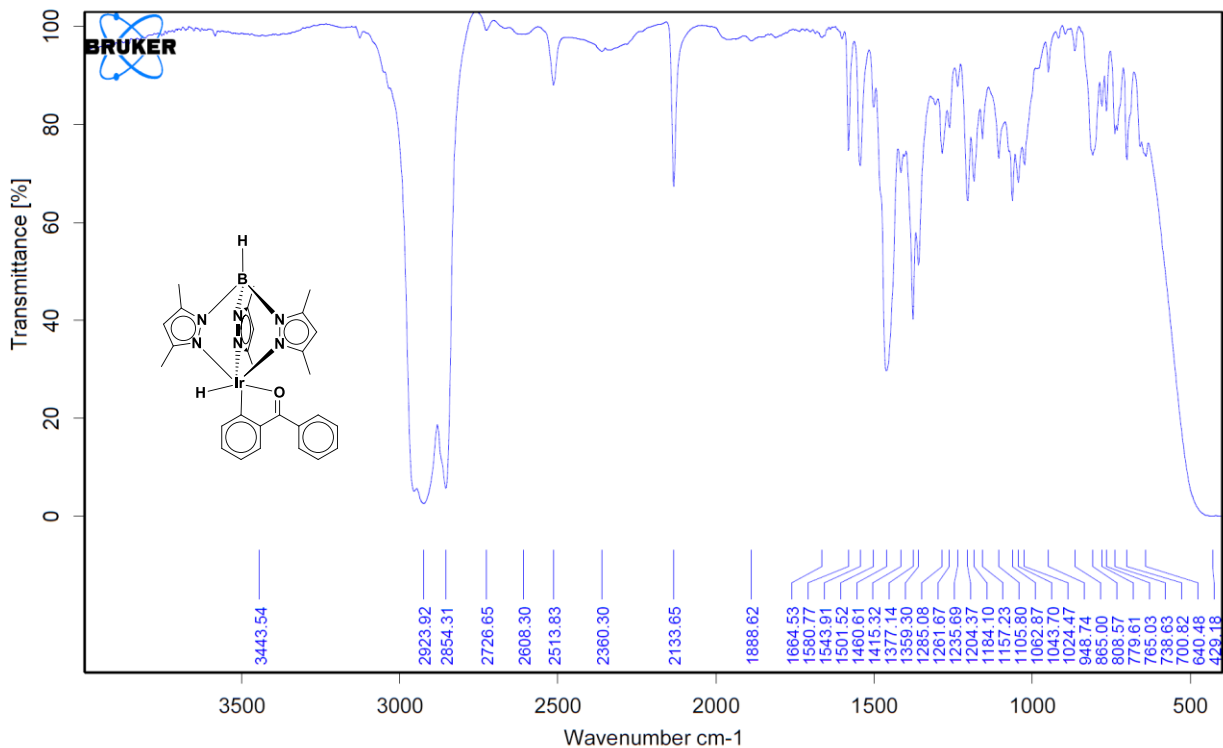


Figure S-13. Spectrum of infrared for complex 2 in nujol.

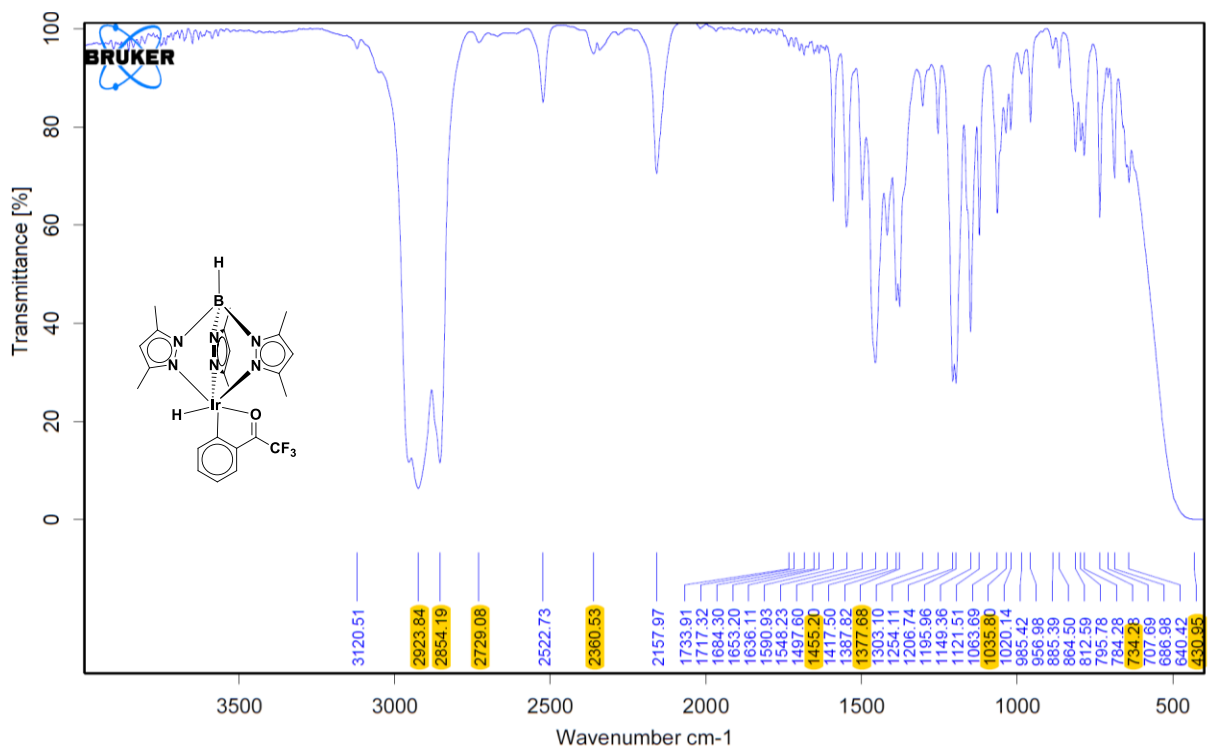


Figure S-14. Spectrum of infrared for complex 3 in nujol.



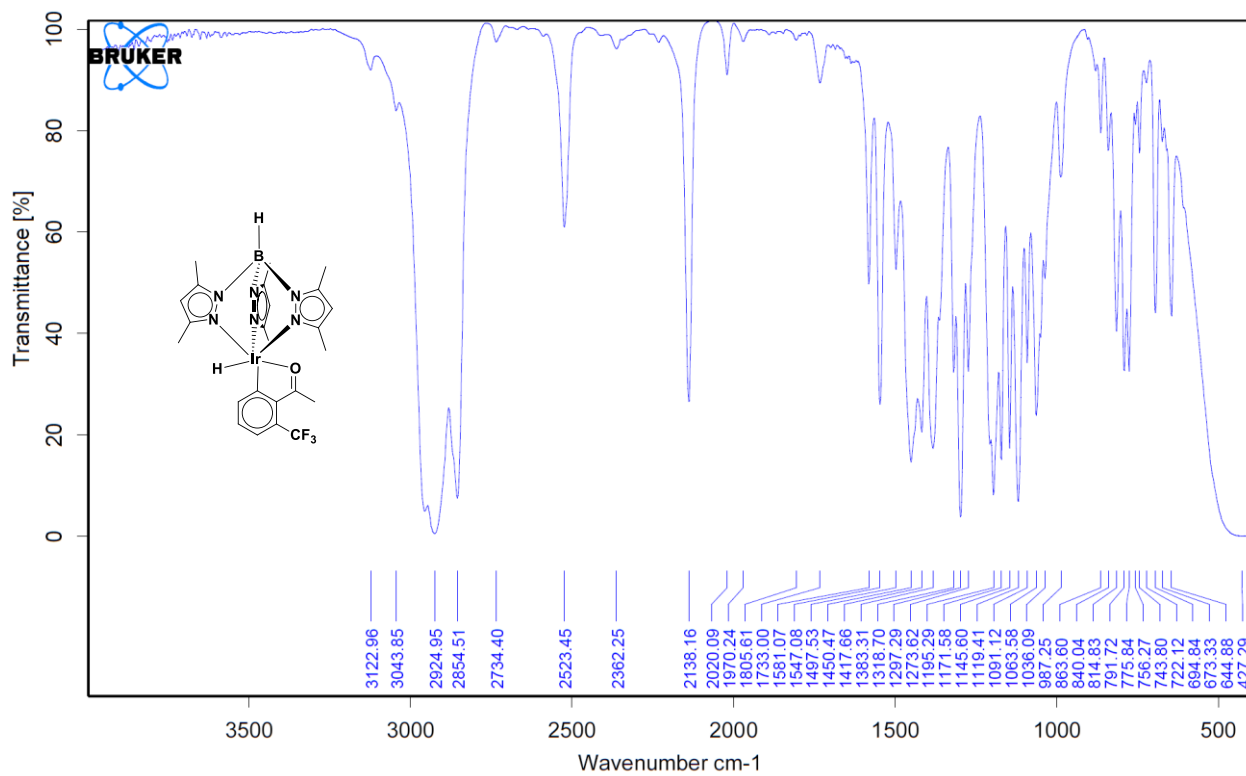


Figure S-15. Spectrum of infrared for complex 4 in nujol.

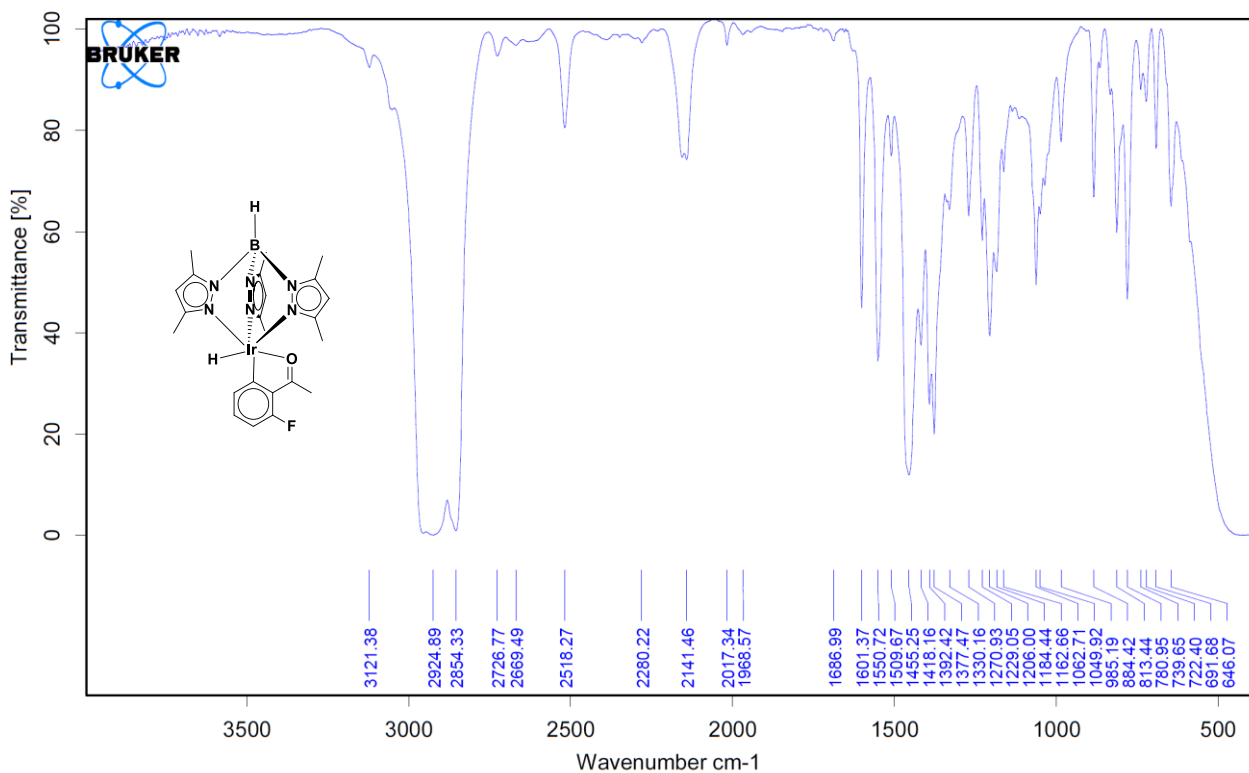


Figure S-16. Spectrum of infrared for complex 5 in nujol.

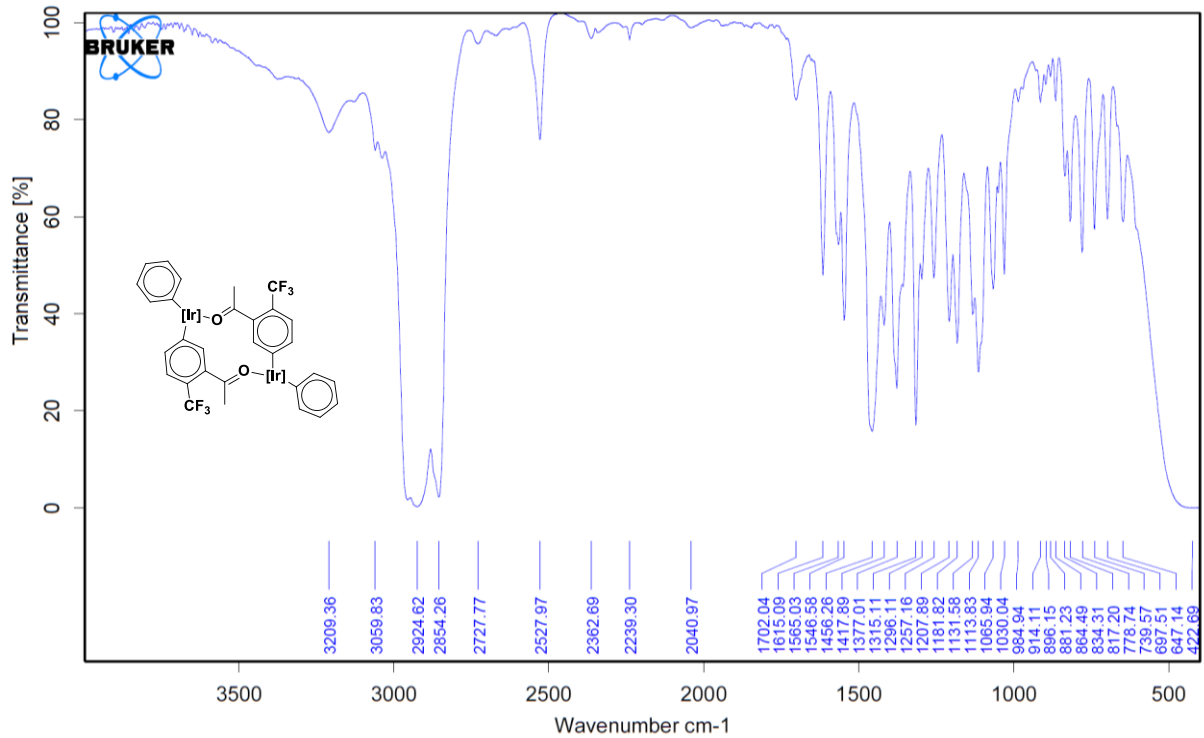


Figure S-17. Spectrum of infrared for complex **7** in nujol.

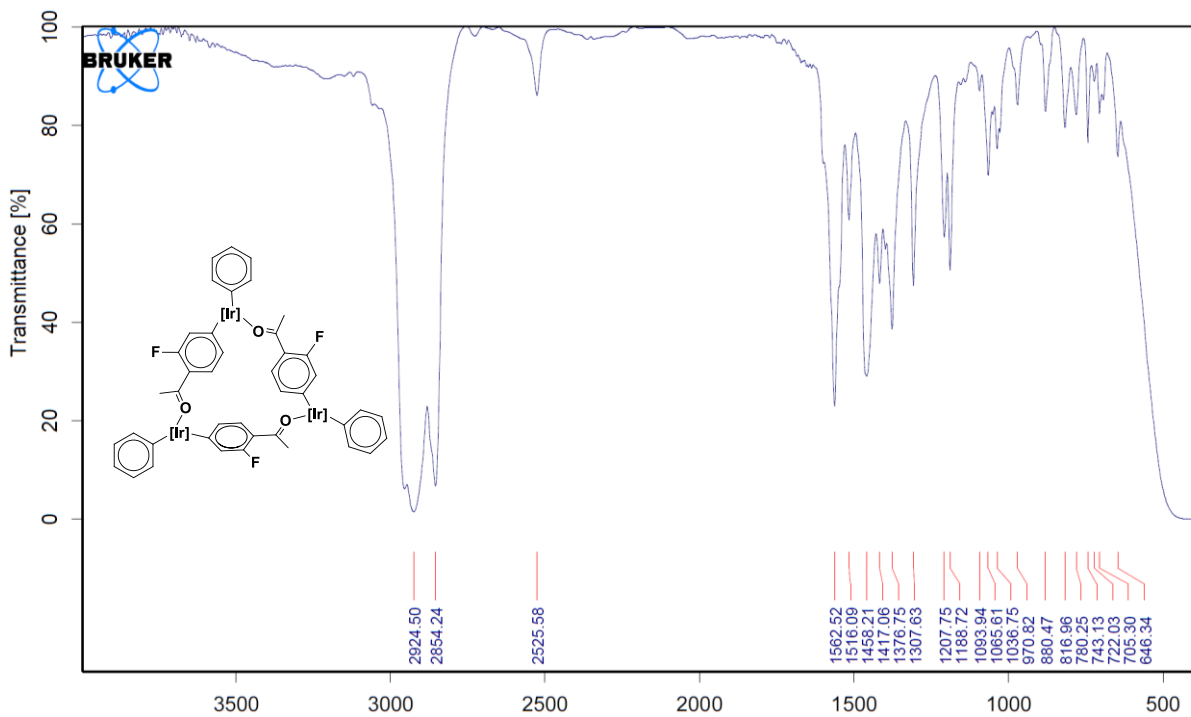


Figure S-18. Spectrum of infrared for complex **8** in nujol.

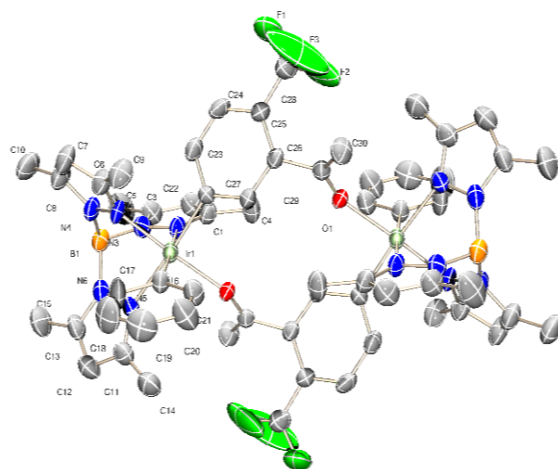


Figure S-19. ORTEP diagram of complex **7**. Ellipsoids are shown at 50 % probability level.

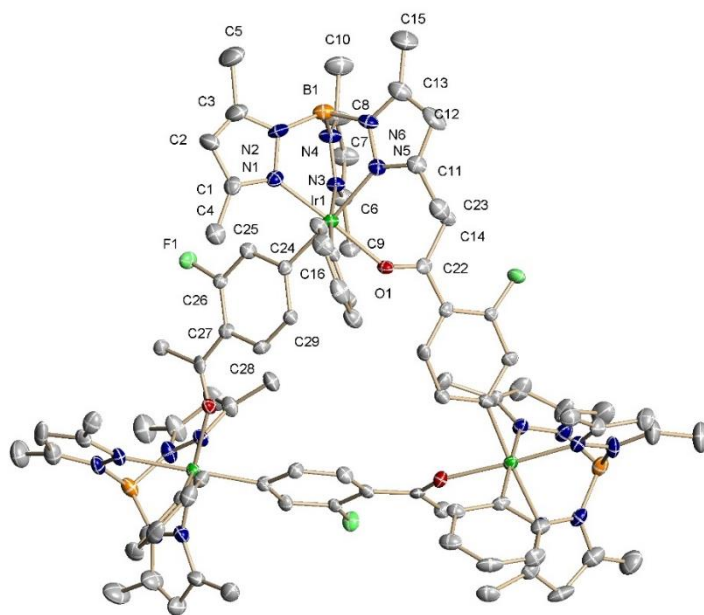
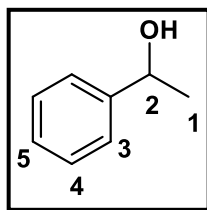


Figure S-20. ORTEP diagram of complex **8**. Ellipsoids are shown at 50% probability level.



$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.35 (d,  $^3J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H, H3), 7.32 (t,  $^3J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H, H4), 7.25 (t,  $^3J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H, H5), 4.88 (q,  $^3J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H, H2), 1.83 (br. s, 1H, OH), 1.48 (d,  $^3J = 6.5$  Hz, 3H, H1).

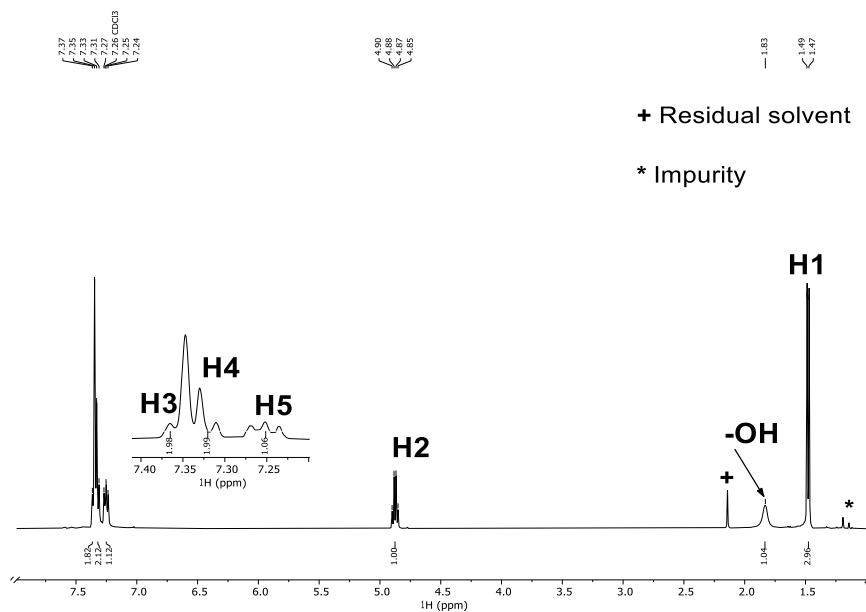
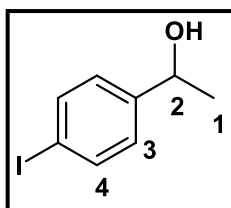


Figure S-21.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz) spectrum of 1-Phenylethanol in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



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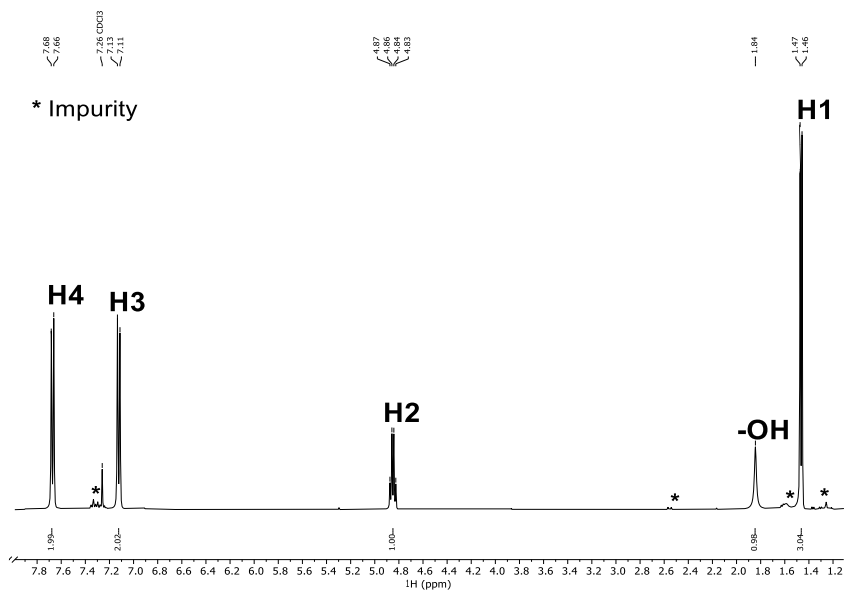
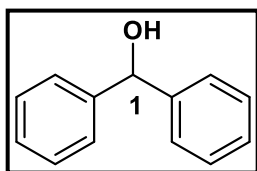


Figure S-22.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz) spectrum of 1-(4-Iodophenyl)ethanol in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  7.23 - 7.17 (m, 10H,  $H_{\text{aromatic}}$ ), 5.75 (s, 1H,  $H1$ ), 2.10 (br. s, 1H,  $OH$ ).

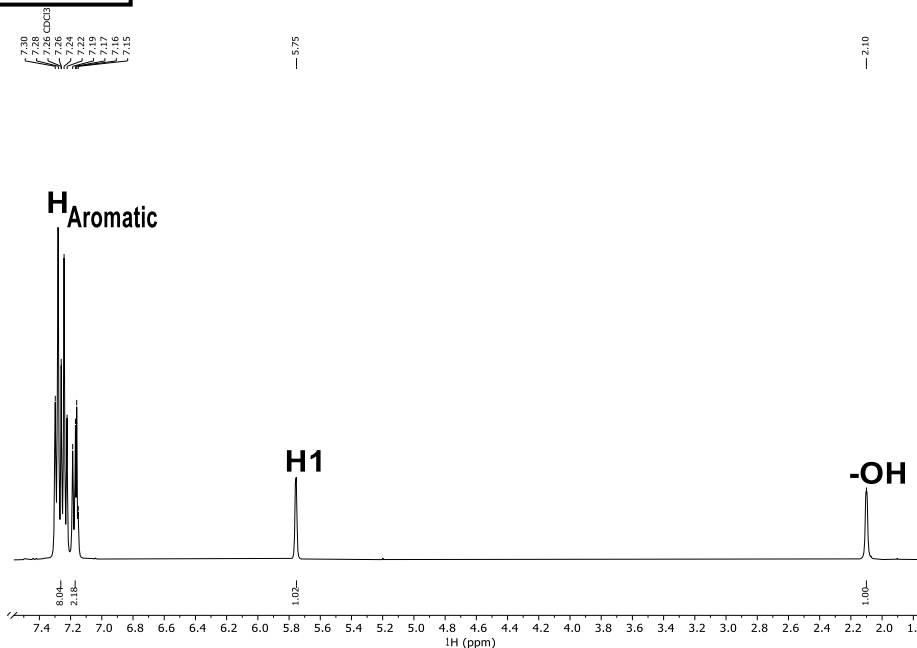
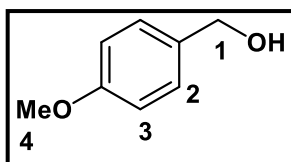


Figure S-23.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of Diphenylmethanol in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  7.20 (d,  $^3J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H,  $H2$ ), 6.81 (d,  $^3J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H,  $H3$ ), 4.51 (s, 2H,  $H1$ ), 3.72 (s, 3H,  $H4$ ), 2.00 (br. s, 1H,  $OH$ ).

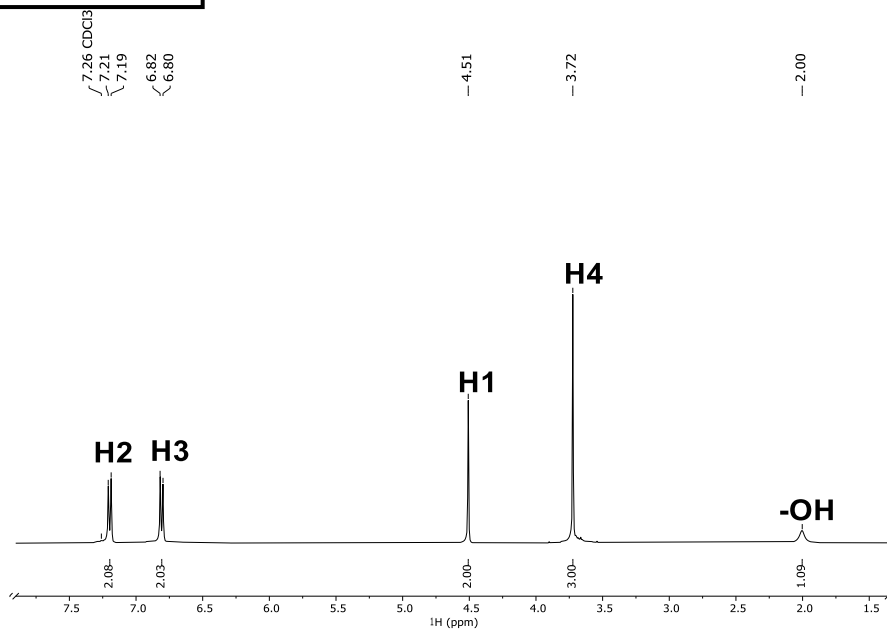
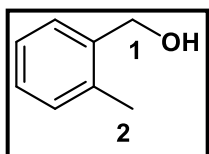


Figure S-24.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 4-Methoxybenzyl alcohol in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40 (m, 1H,  $H_{\text{aromatic}}$ ), 7.24 (m, 3H,  $H_{\text{aromatic}}$ ), 4.72 (s, 2H,  $H1$ ), 2.40 (s, 3H,  $H2$ ), 1.94 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{OH}$ ).

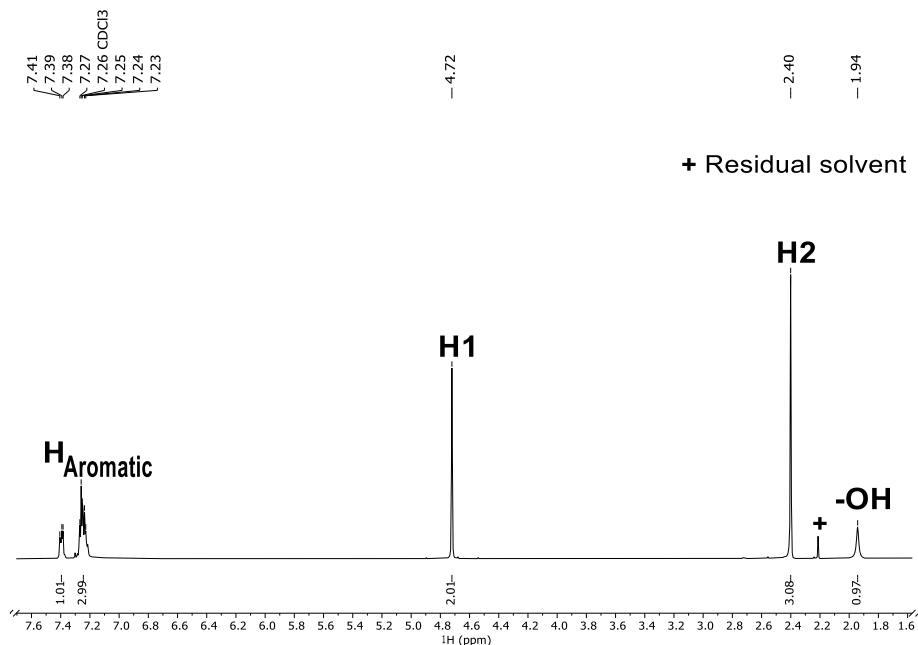
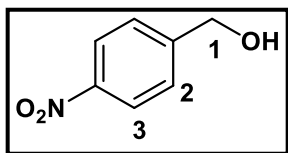


Figure S-25.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz) spectrum of 2-Methylbenzyl alcohol in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (d,  $^3J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H,  $H3$ ), 7.53 (d,  $^3J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H,  $H2$ ), 4.83 (s, 2H,  $H1$ ), 2.11 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{OH}$ ).

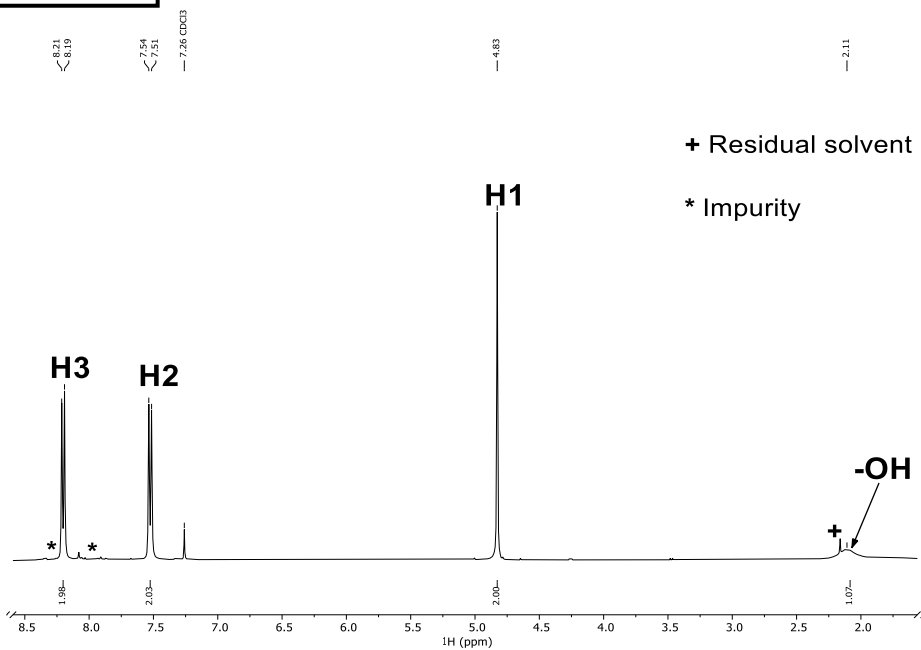
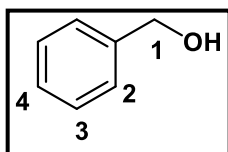


Figure S-26.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz) spectrum of 4-Nitrobenzylalcohol in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.24 (m, 5H, *H<sub>aromatic</sub>*), 4.59 (s, 2H, *H1*), 1.81 (br. s, 1H, *OH*).

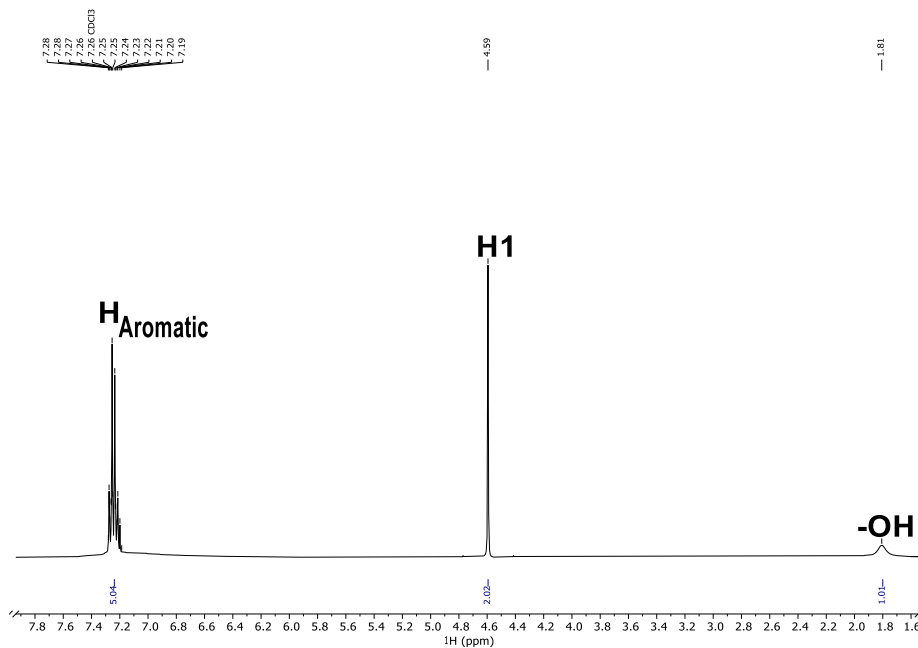
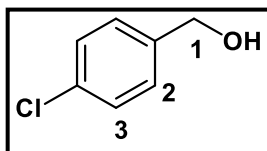


Figure S-27. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of Benzyl alcohol in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.32 (m, 4H, *H2*, *H3*), 4.67 (s, 2H, *H1*), 1.72 (br. s, 1H, *OH*).

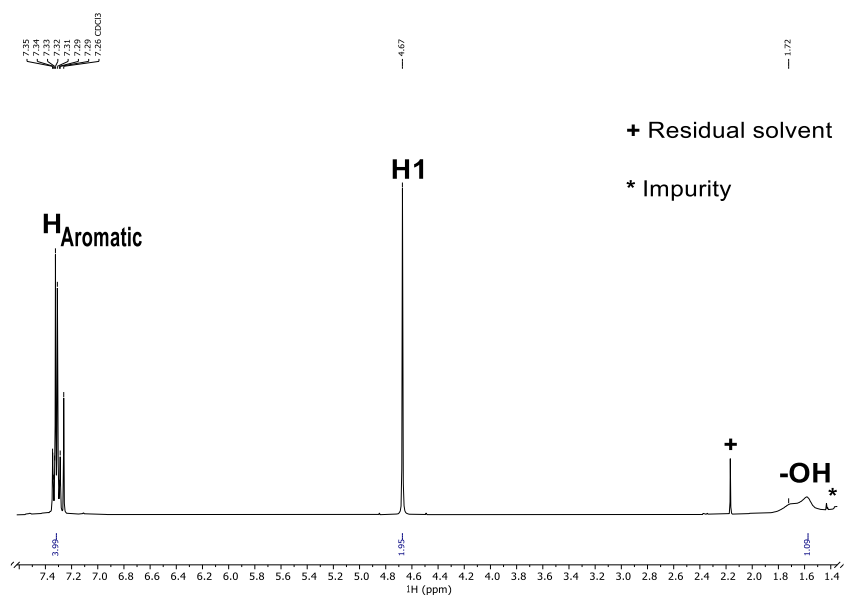


Figure S-28. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 4-Chlorobenzyl alcohol in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.