

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (SI)

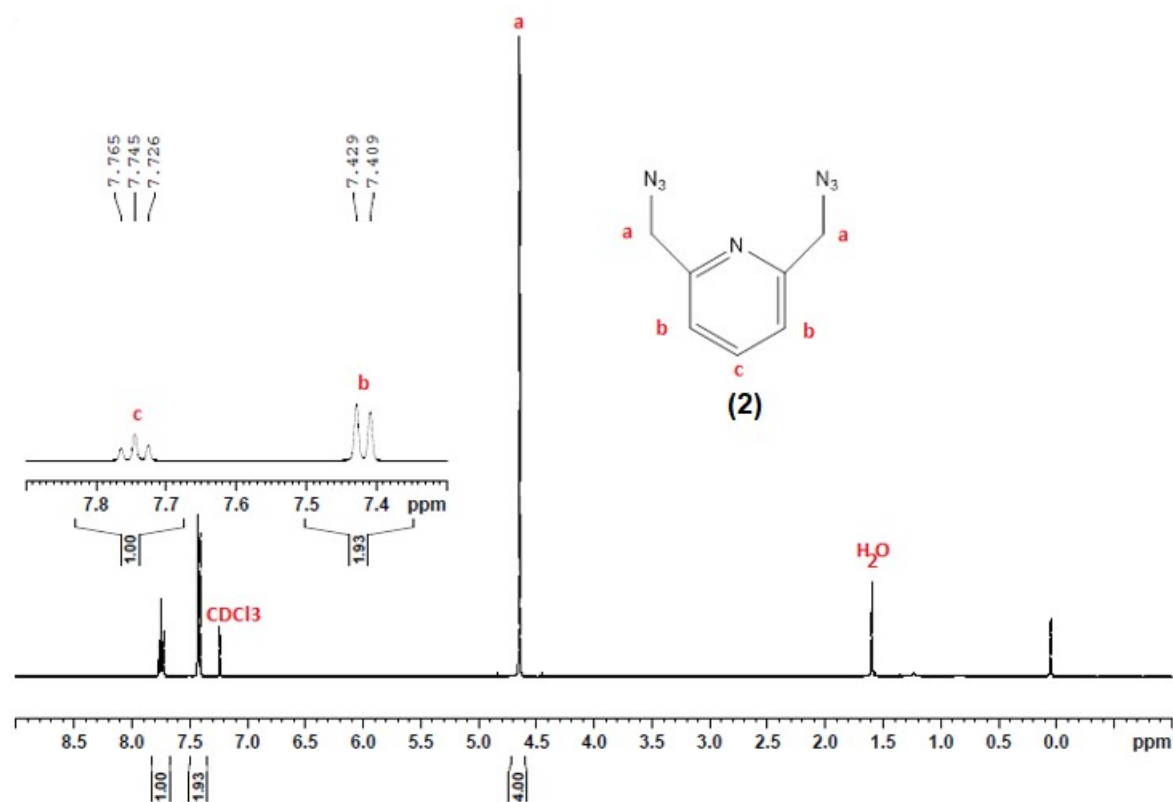
### Convenient hydrogenation of furfural to furfuryl alcohol in metal-catalyzed and organo-catalyzed environments

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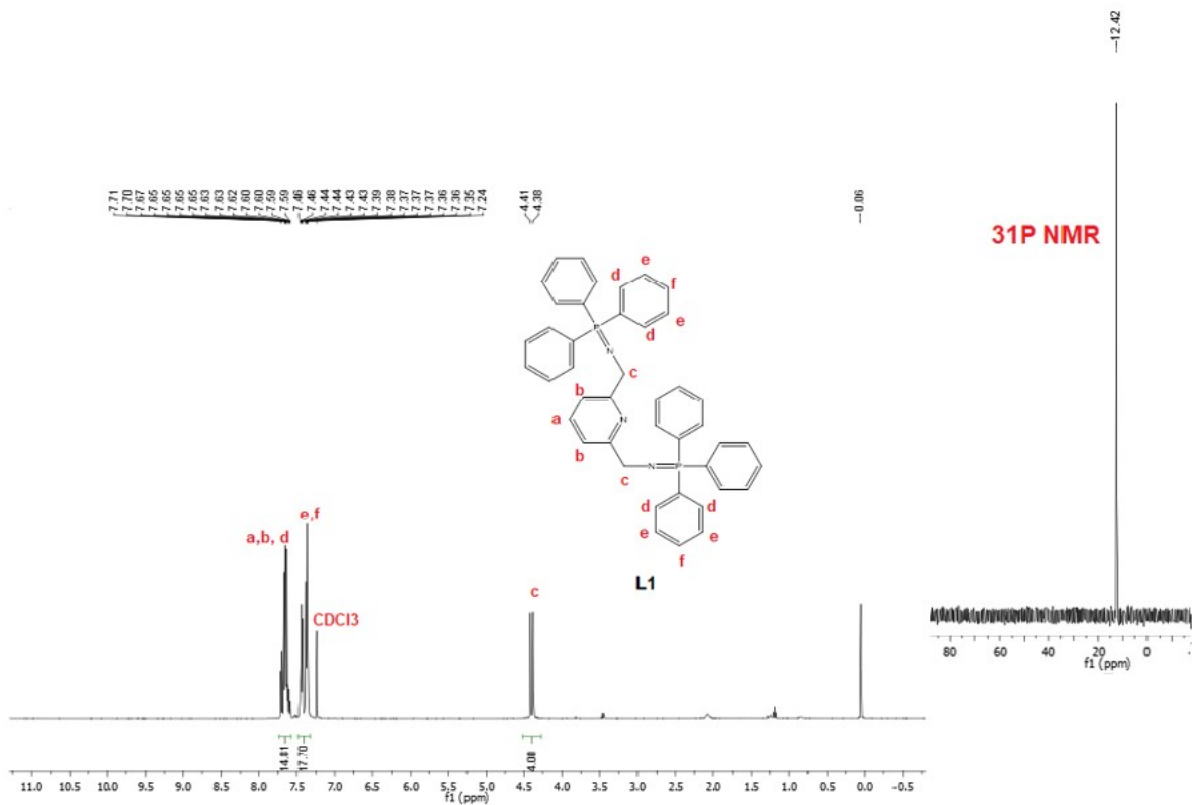
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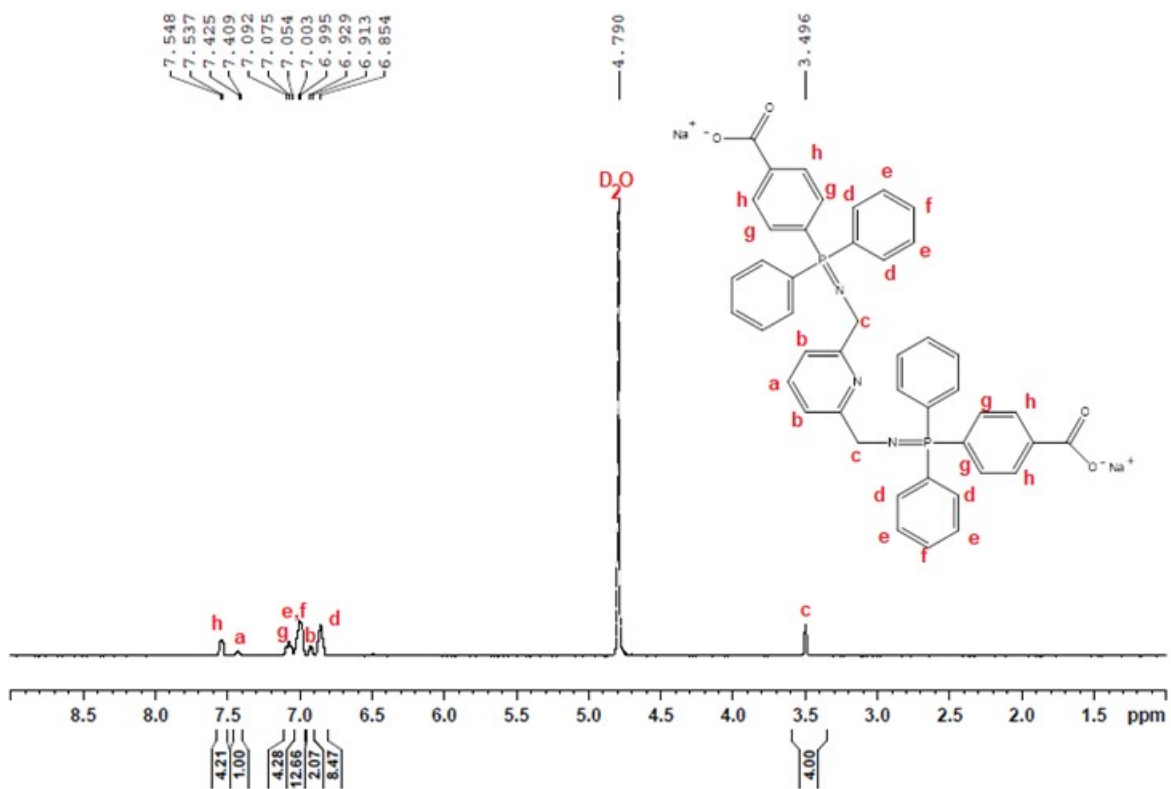
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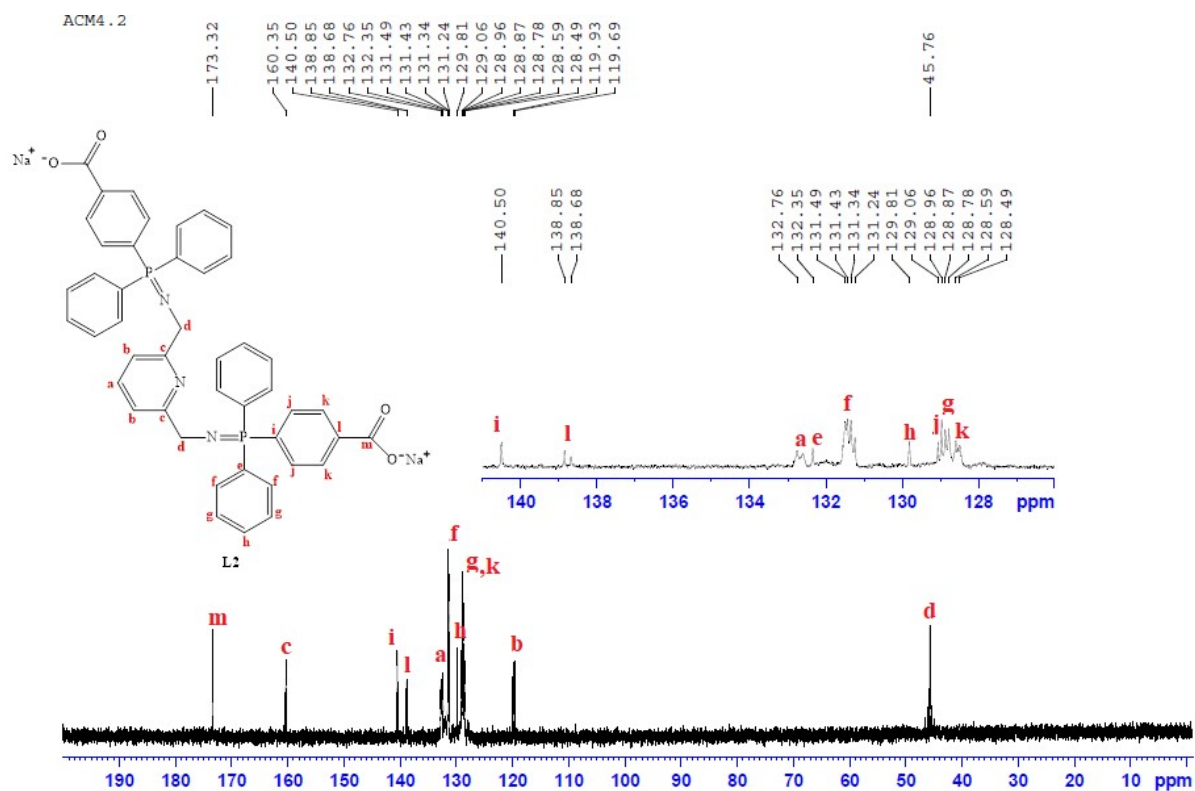
SI-Figure 1: The <sup>1</sup>H NMR of (2) was recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



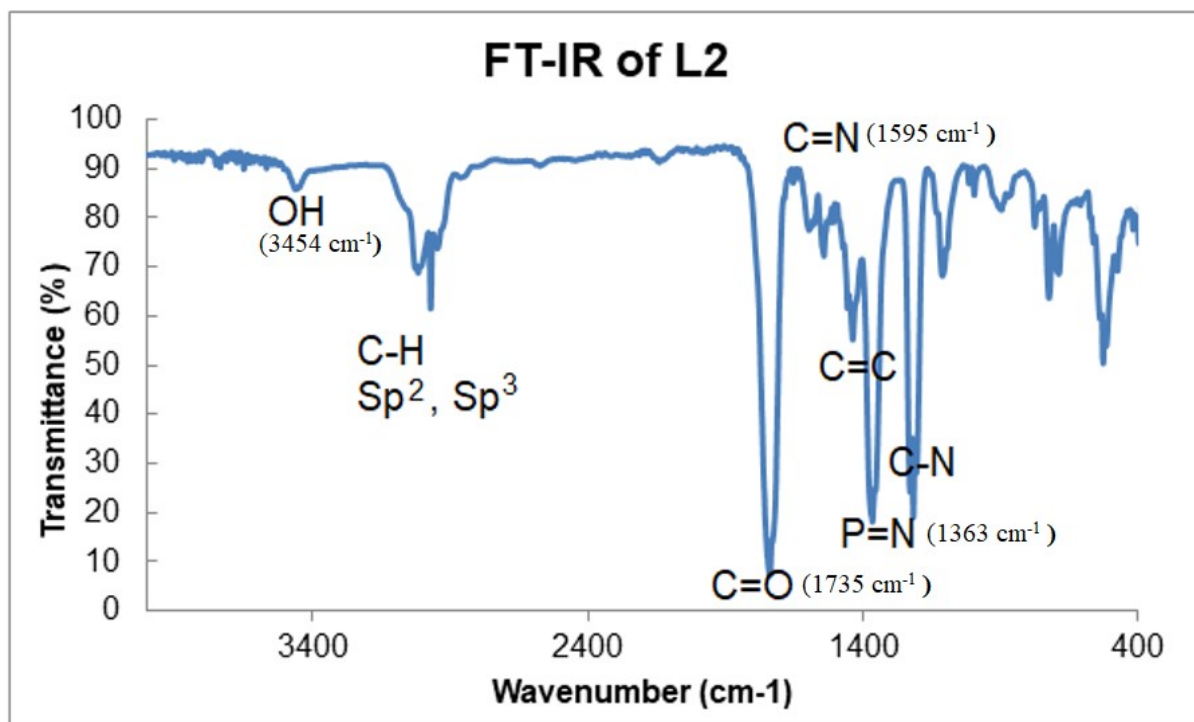
SI-Figure 2: The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>31</sup>P NMR for **L1** recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



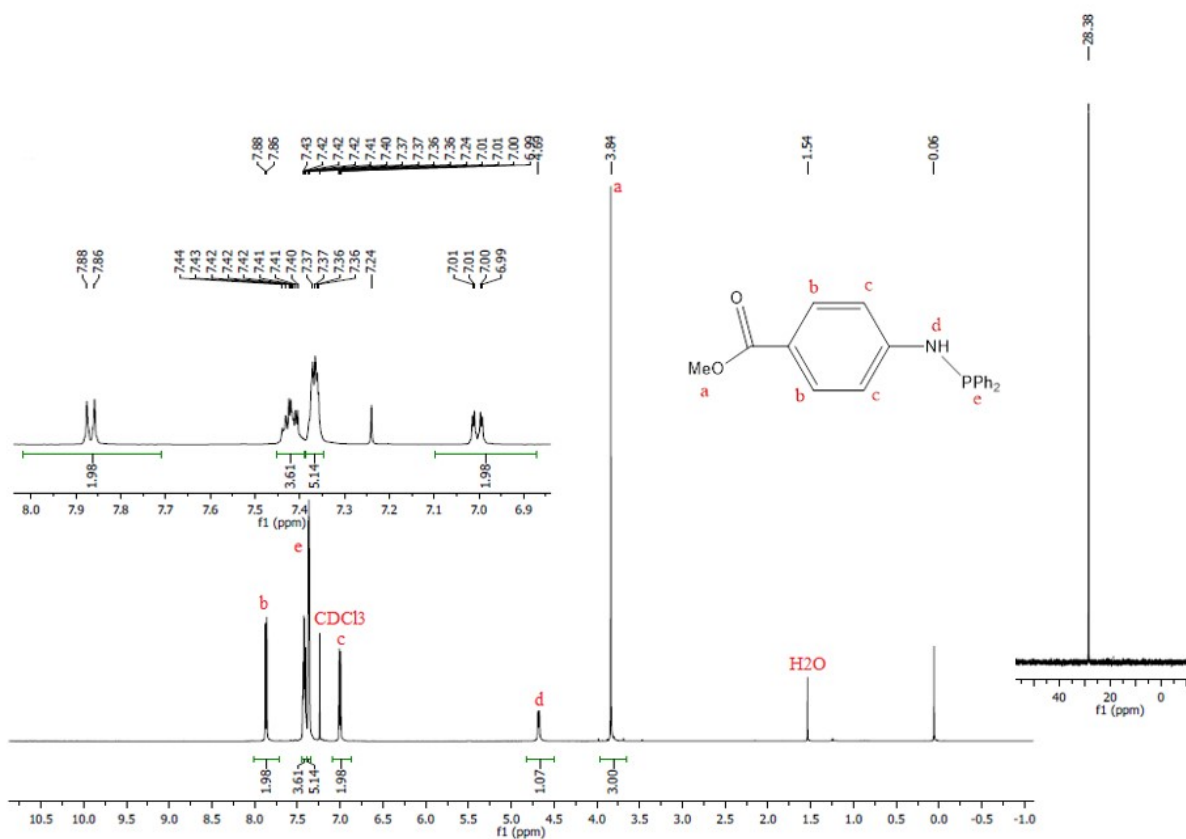
SI-Figure 3: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of L2 recorded in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  and NaOD at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ .



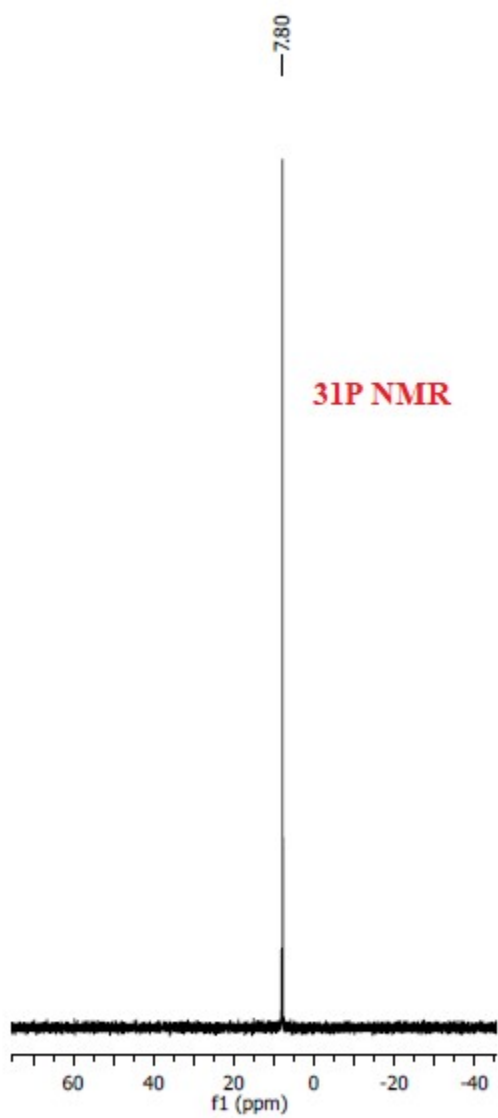
SI-Figure 4: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of L2 recorded in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  and NaOD at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ .



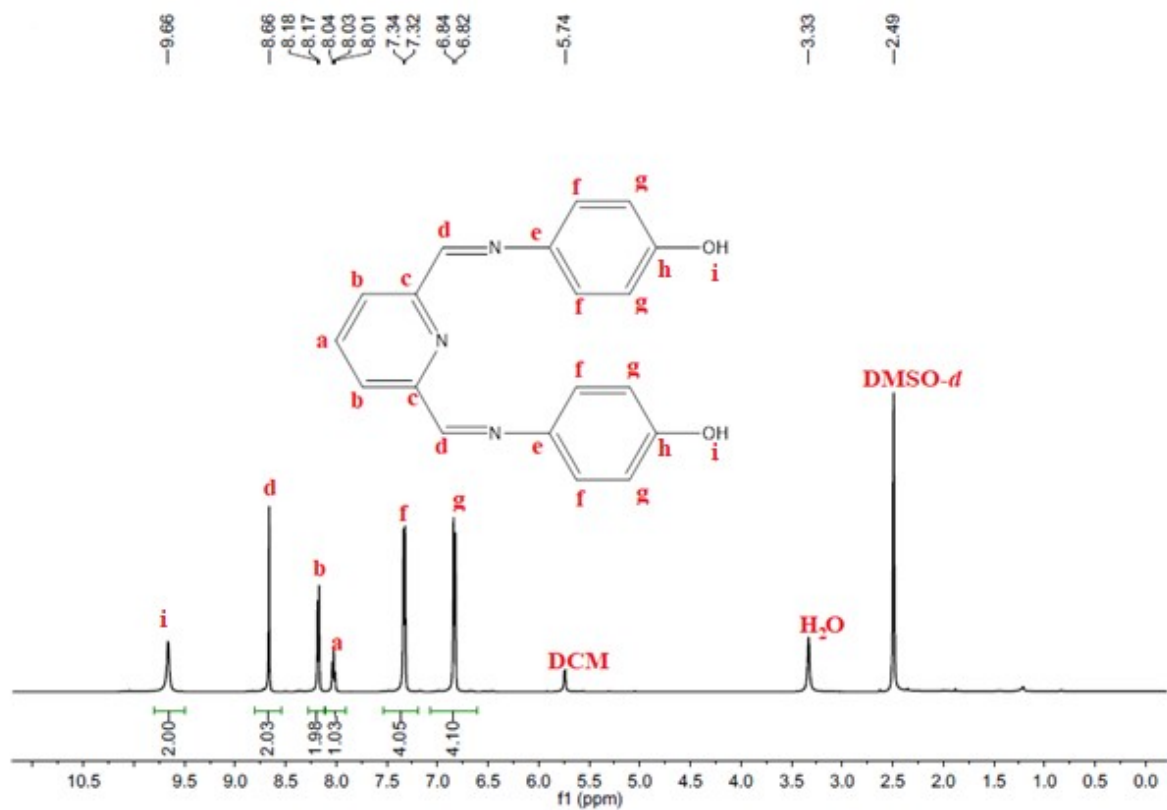
SI-Figure 5: The FT-IR spectroscopy of L2 recorded.



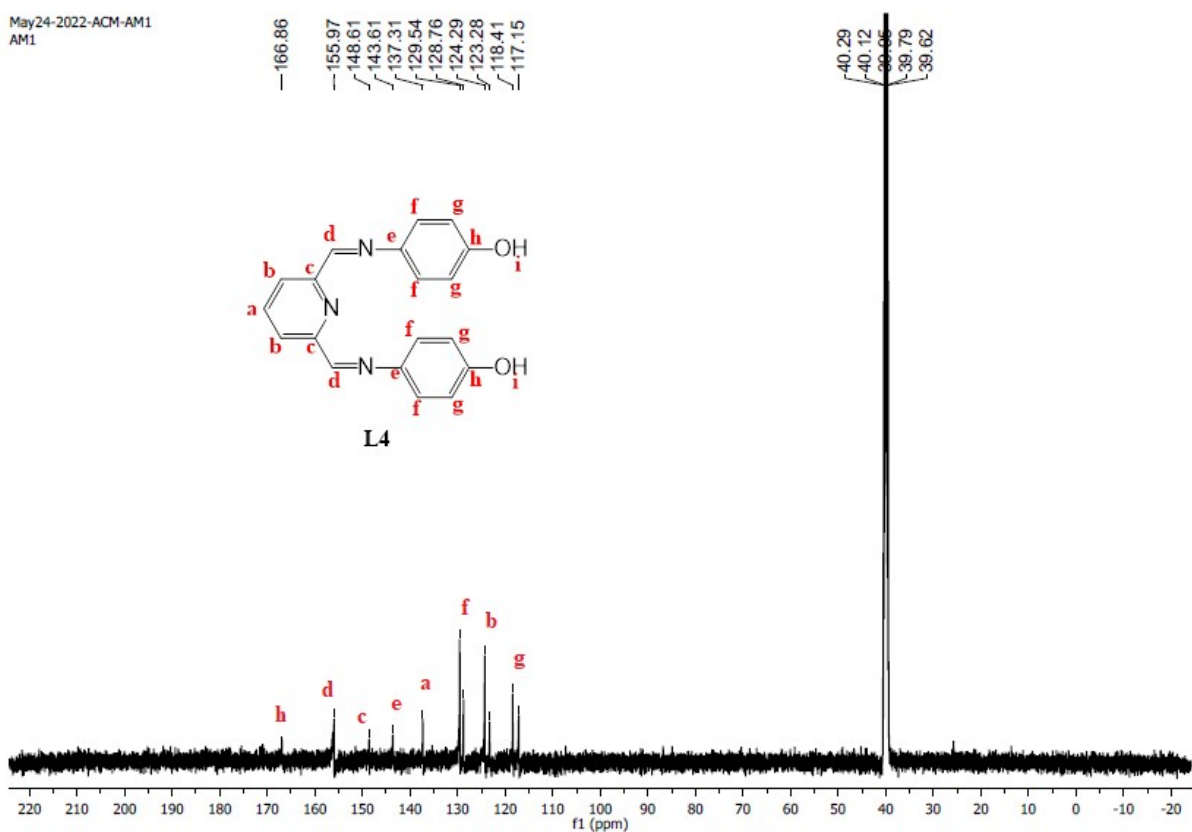
SI-Figure 6, The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>31</sup>P NMR for (4) were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



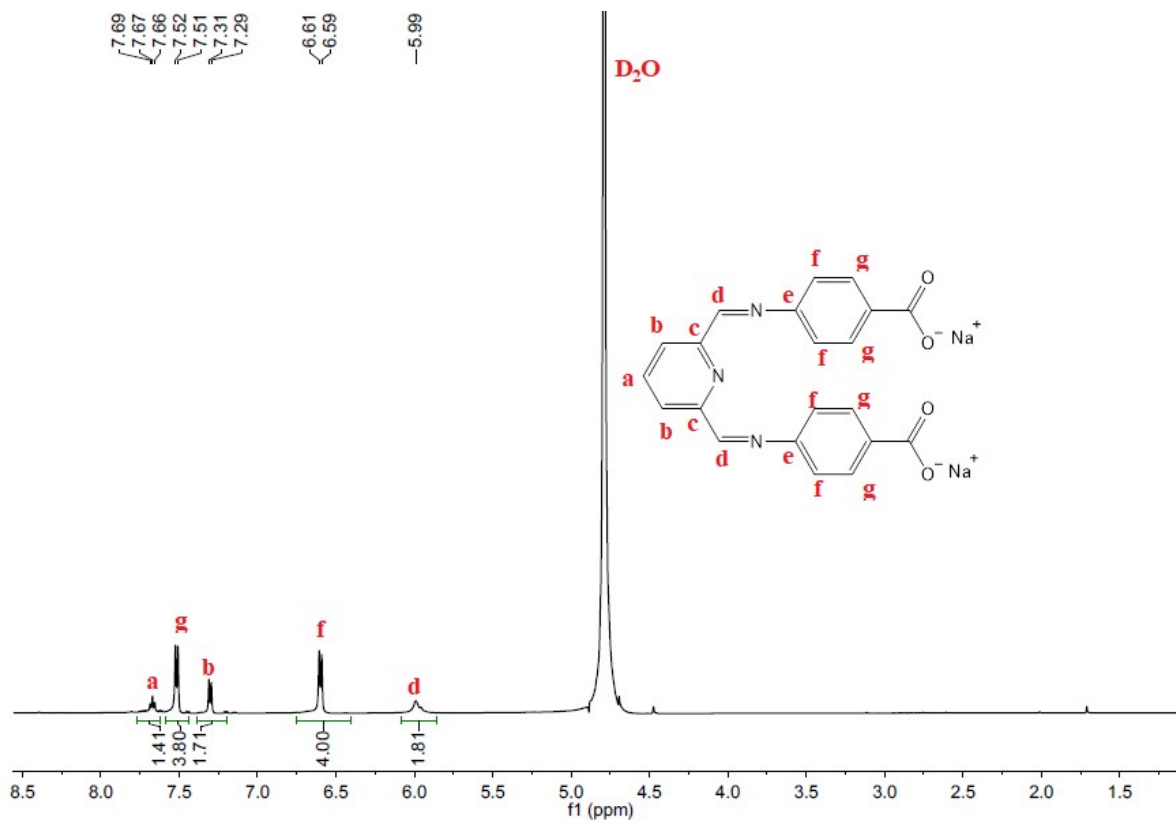
**SI-Figure 7.** The  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of **L3** was recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 25 °C.



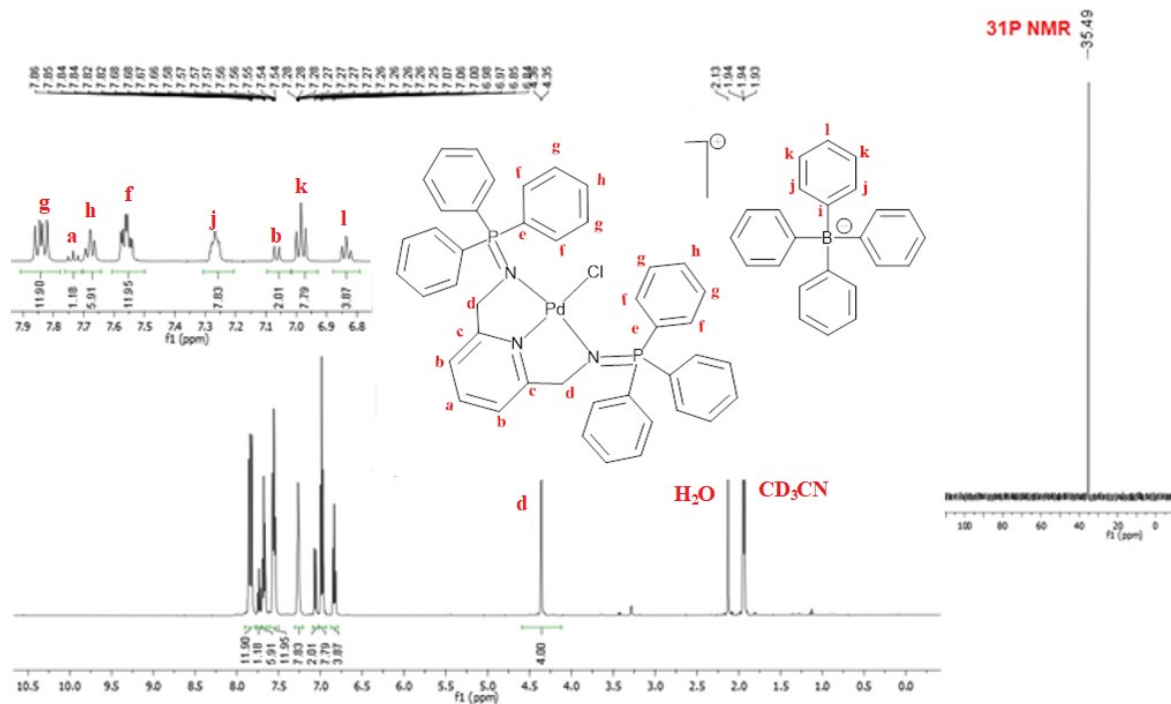
SI-Figure 8: The <sup>1</sup>H NMR of L4 recorded in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 25 °C.



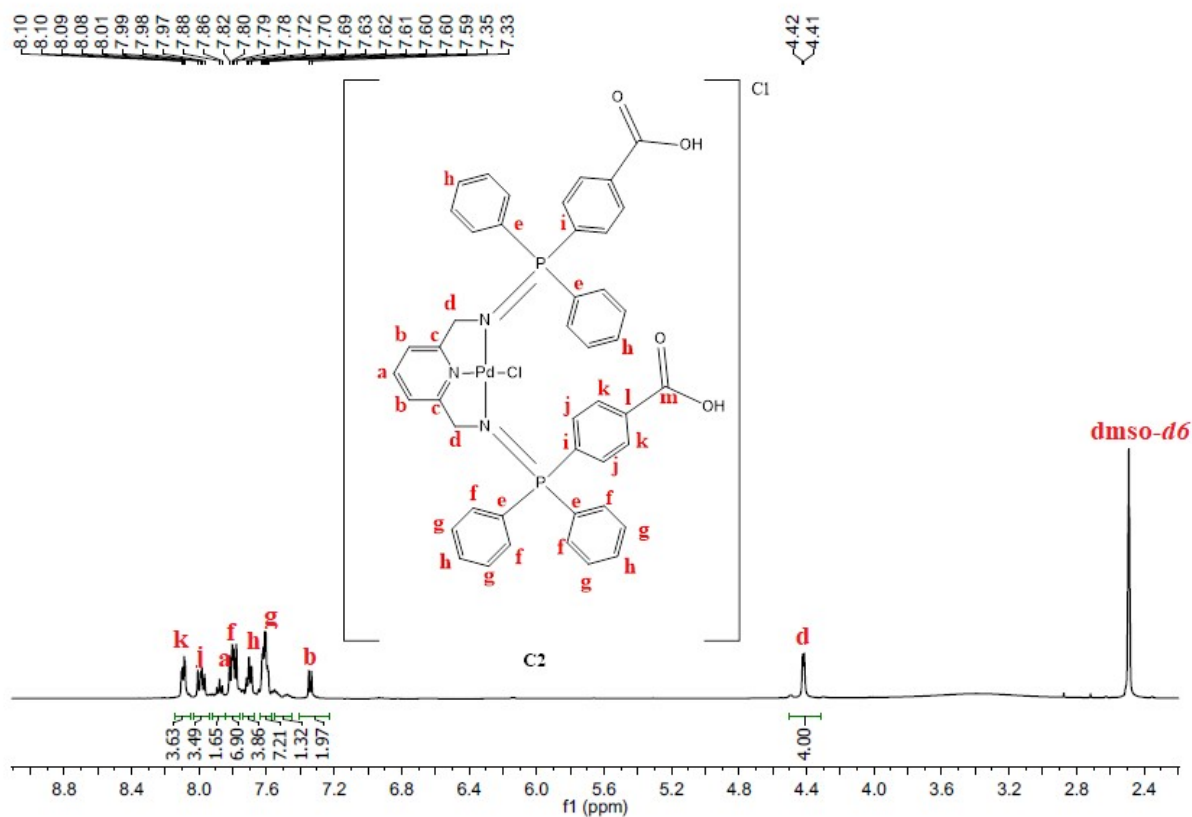
SI-Figure 9: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of L4 recorded in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  at 25 °C.



SI-Figure 10: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of L5 recorded in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{NaOD}$  at 25 °C.

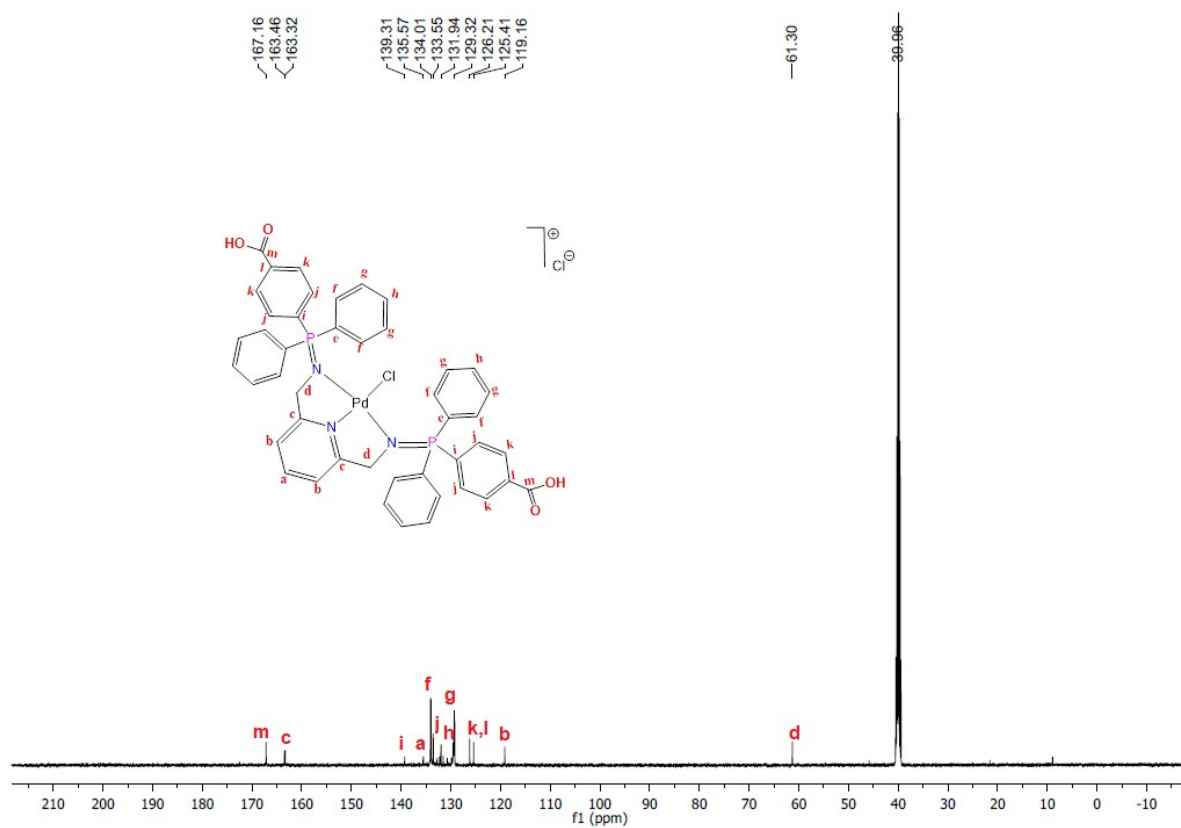


SI-Figure 11: The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and the <sup>31</sup>P NMR of C1 were recorded in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at 25 °C.

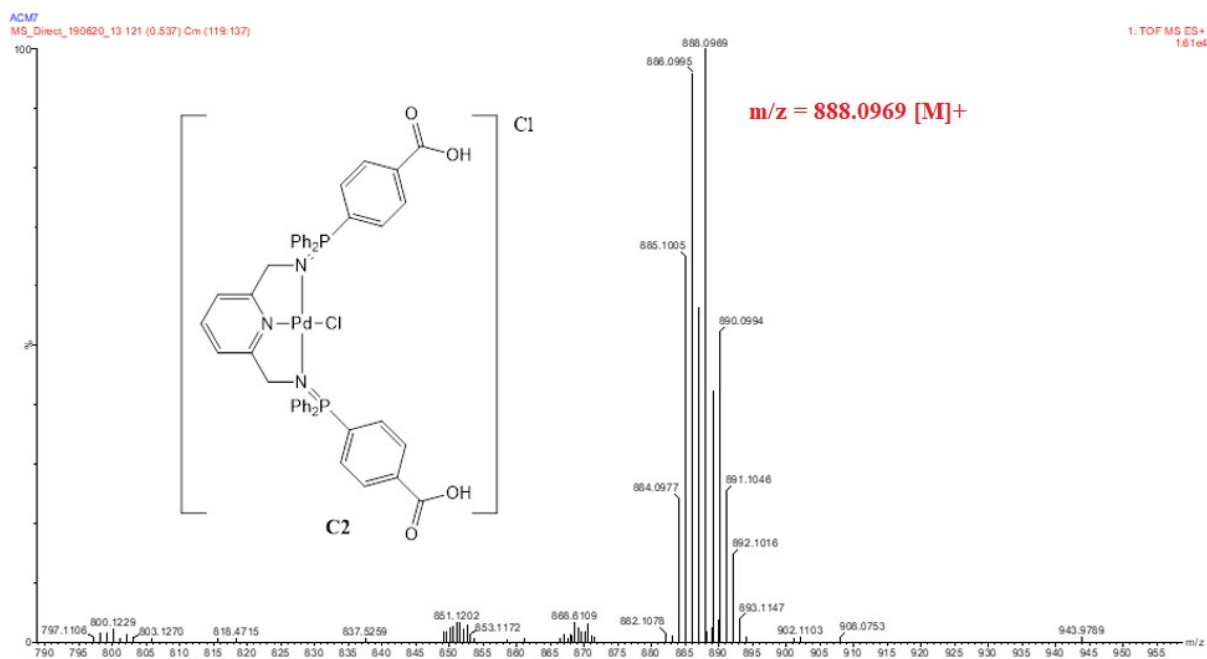


SI-Figure 12a: The <sup>1</sup>H NMR of C2 recorded in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 25 °C.

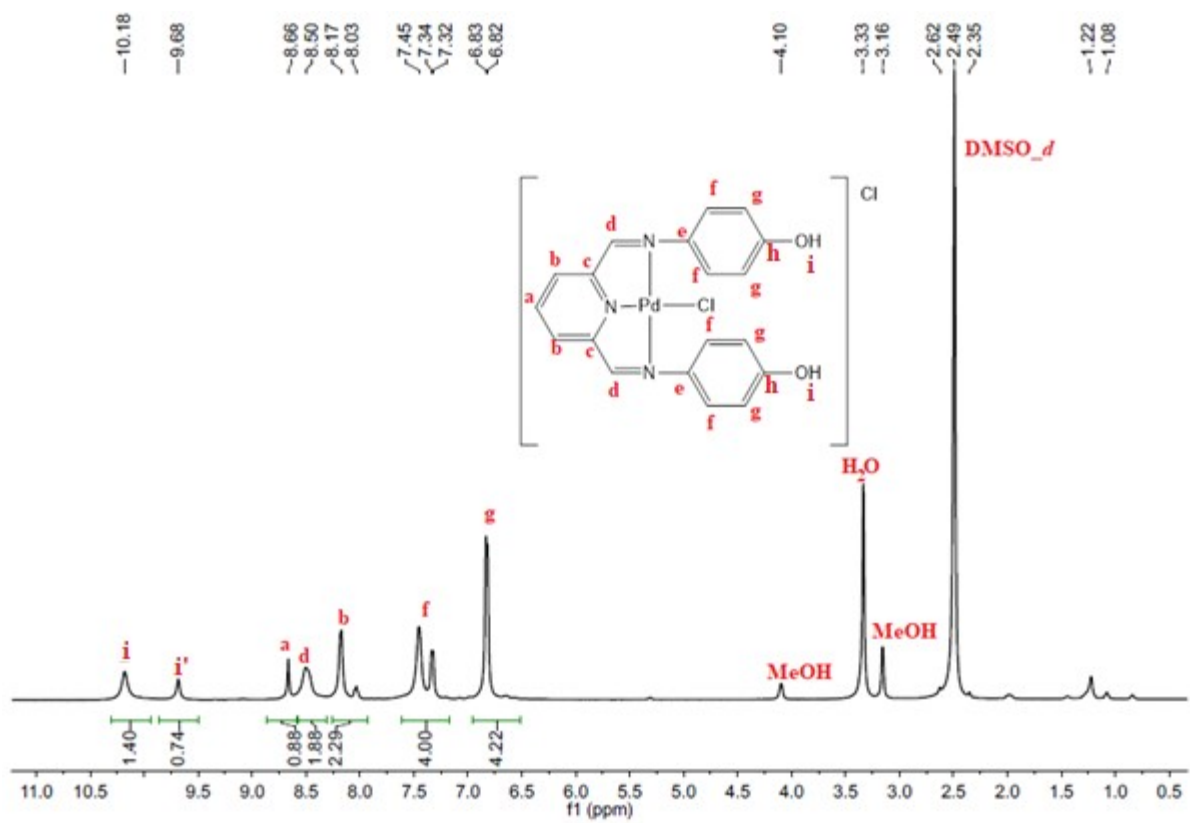




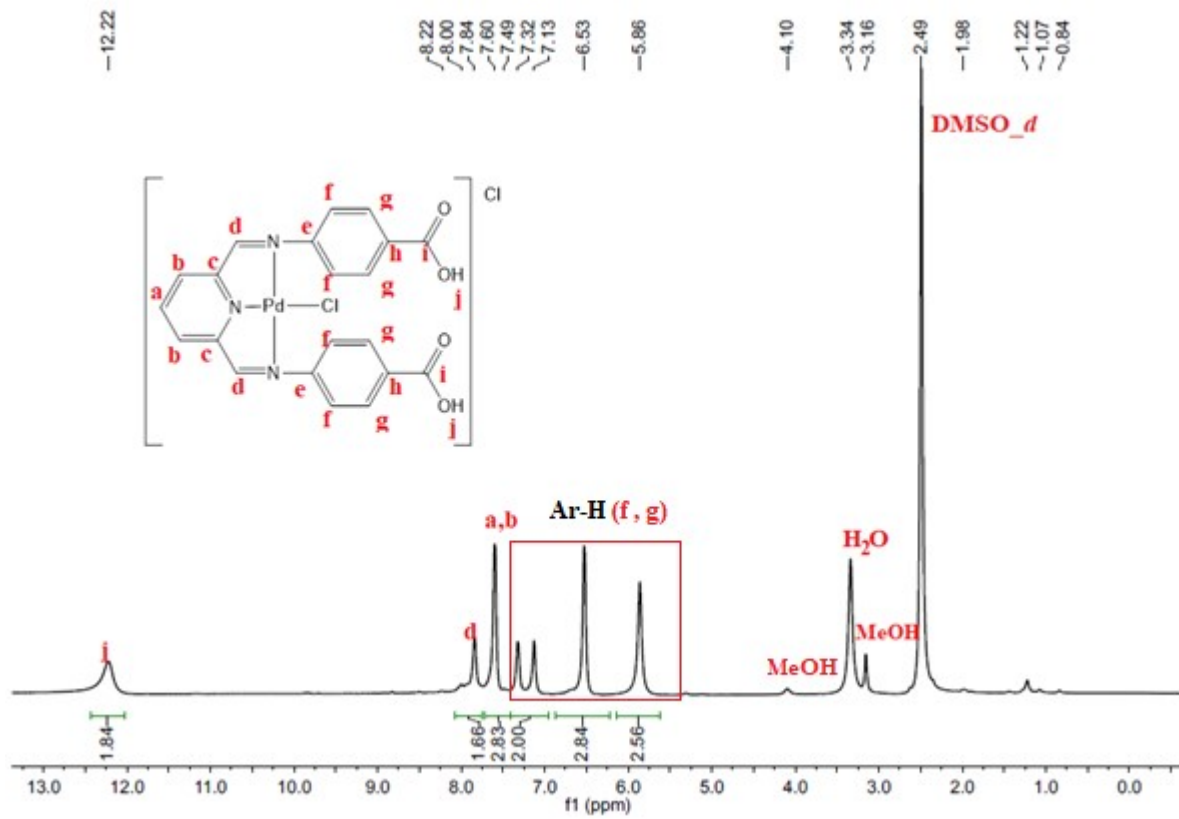
SI-Figure 12b: The  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR of C2 recorded in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



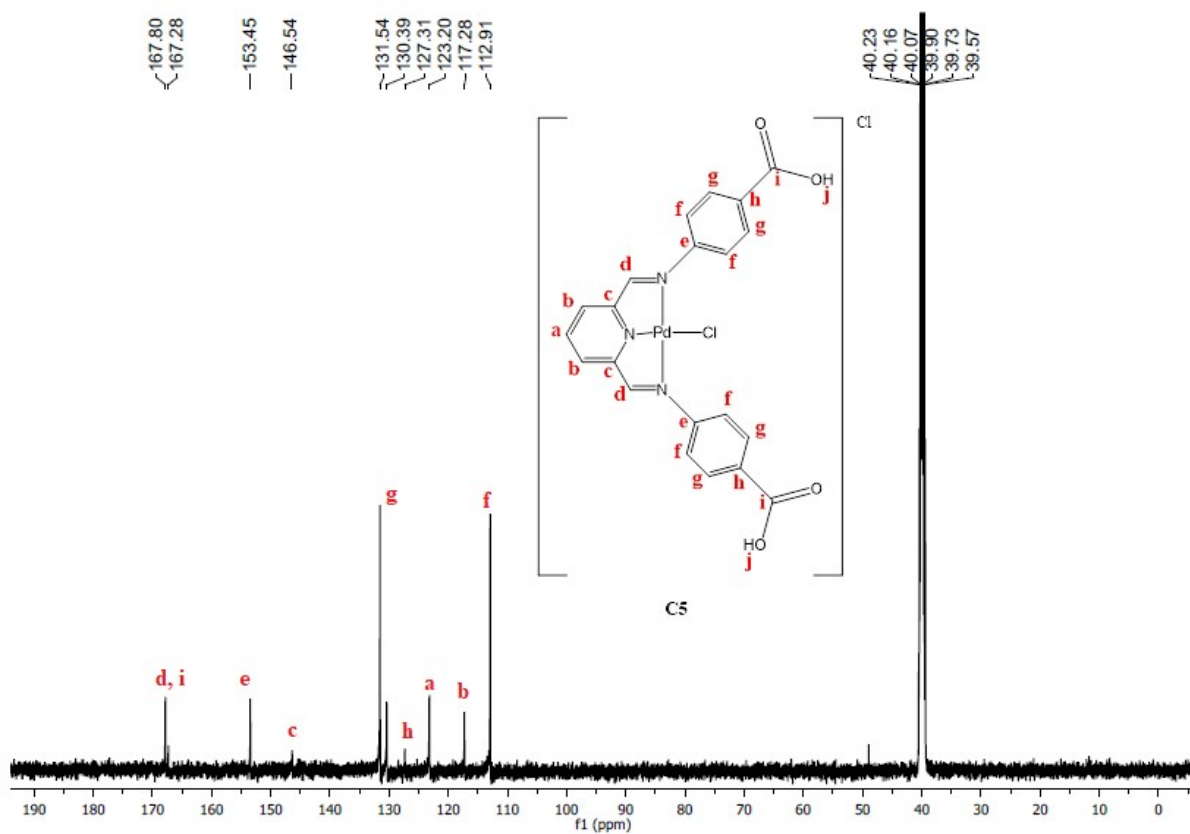
SI-Figure 13. HR-ESI-MS spectrum of C2.



SI-Figure 14: The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of C4 recorded in DMSO- $d_6$  at 25 °C.



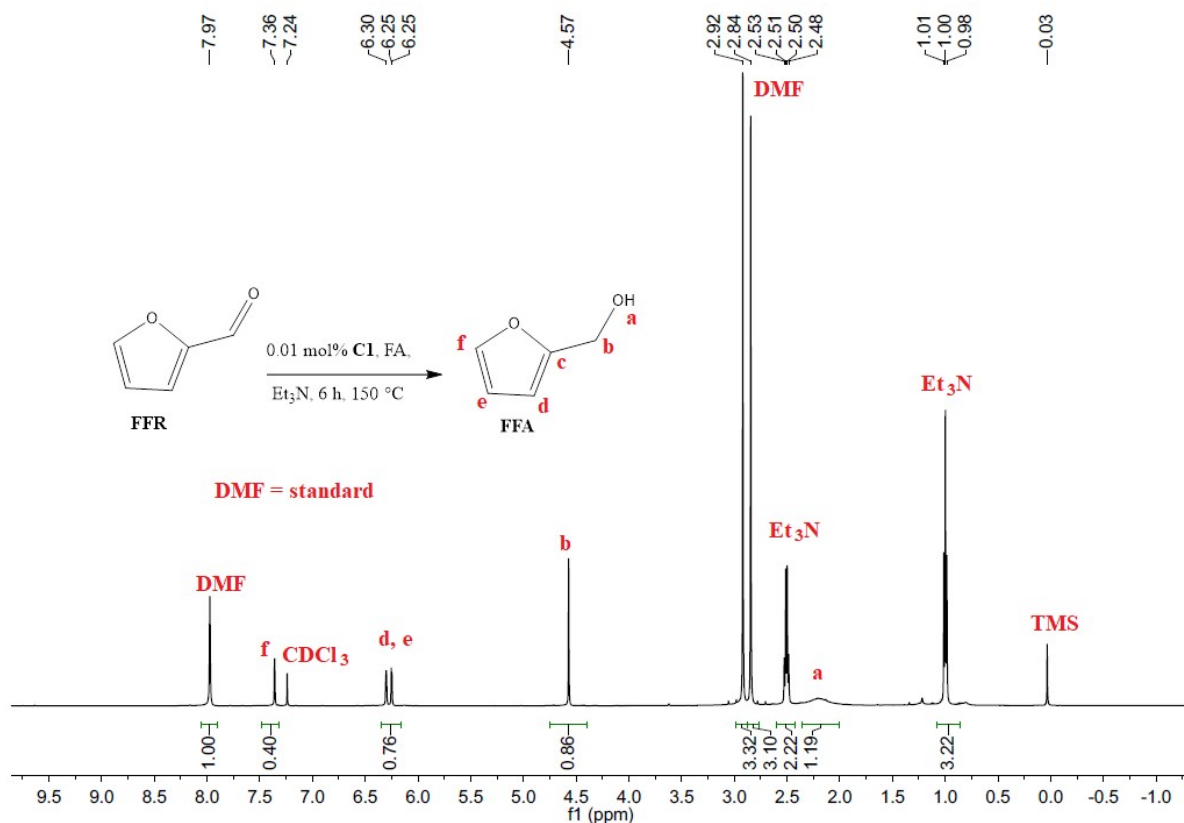
SI-Figure 15: The <sup>1</sup>H NMR of C5 recorded in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 25 °C.



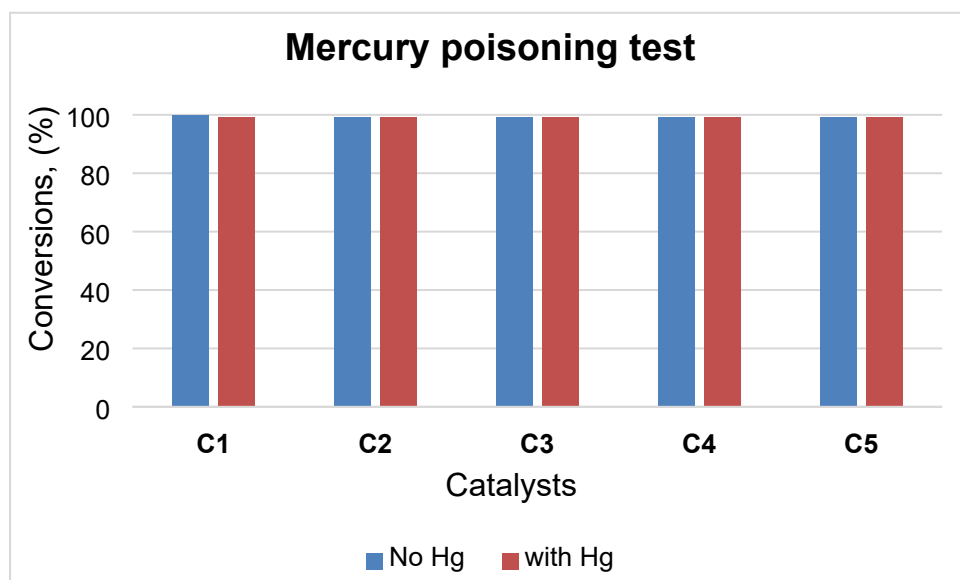
SI-Figure 16: The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **C5** recorded in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  at 25 °C.

**SI-Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for C1**

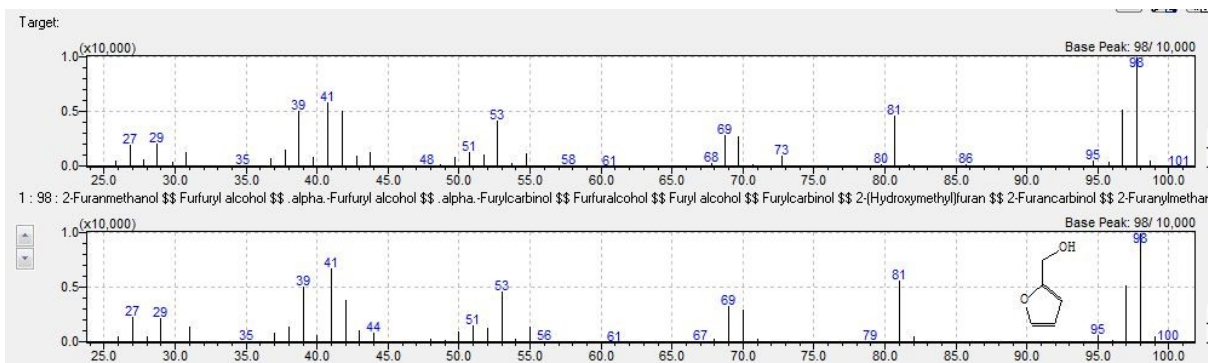
Empirical formula	C <sub>67</sub> H <sub>57</sub> BClN <sub>3</sub> P <sub>2</sub> Pd
Formula weight	1117.28 g/mol
Temperature/K	100
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
a/Å	12.9953(5)
b/Å	16.9291(8)
c/Å	27.3479(12)
α/°	90
β/°	103.019(1)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	5861.9(4)
Z	96
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.2965
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.550
F(000)	2243.4
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.3 × 0.2 × 0.2
Radiation	Mo Kα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	4.02 to 52.84
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 16, -21 ≤ k ≤ 21, -34 ≤ l ≤ 34
Reflections collected	152571
Independent reflections	12018 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0670, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0275]
Data/restraints/parameters	12018/0/702
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.820
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0702, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2216
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0824, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2327
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	2.72/-2.90



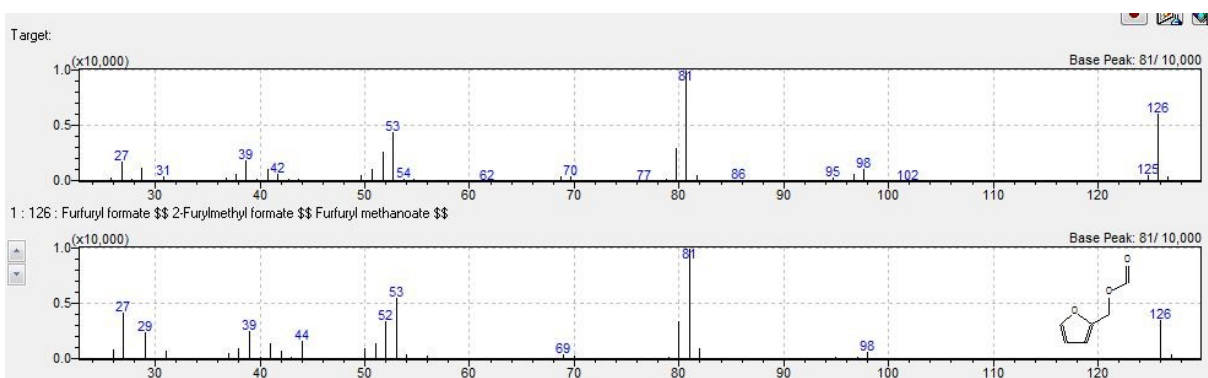
**SI-Figure 17.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the hydrogenation of FFR to FFA using C1 after the reaction was recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



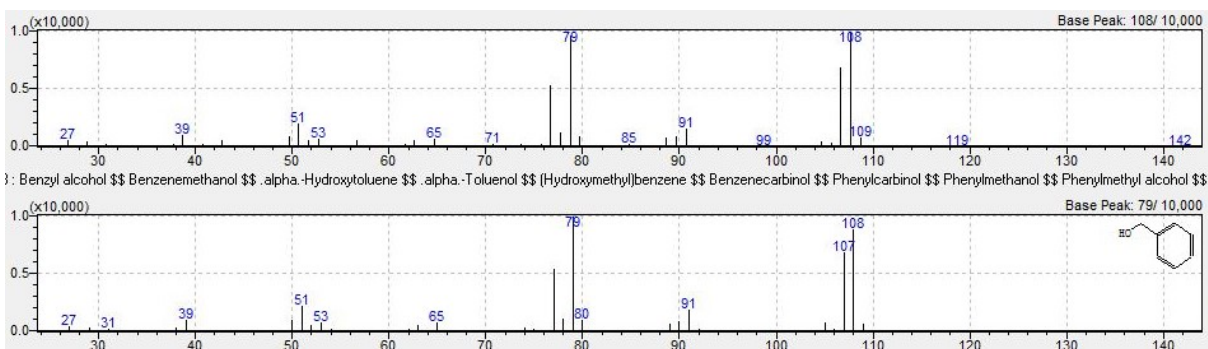
**SI-Figure 18. Reaction conditions:** Reactions were carried out using catalysts C1 – C5, in formic acid (5 mmol) with 5 mmol of FFR and 5 mmol of amine. The reaction was allowed to run for 6 hours at 150 °C in the presence of 5 mg of mercury (Hg). Thereafter, DMF was used as an internal standard, mmol product was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.



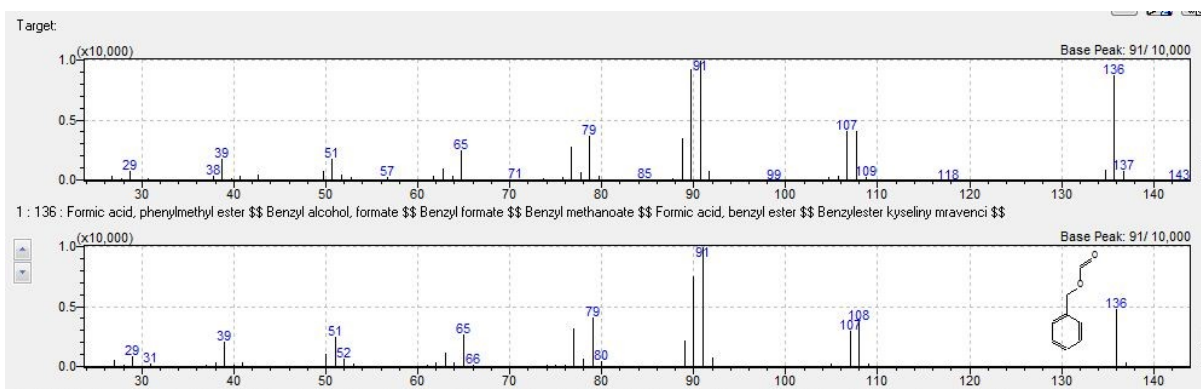
SI-Figure 19. GC-MS of furfuryl alcohol as a product of the organo-catalyzed furfural.



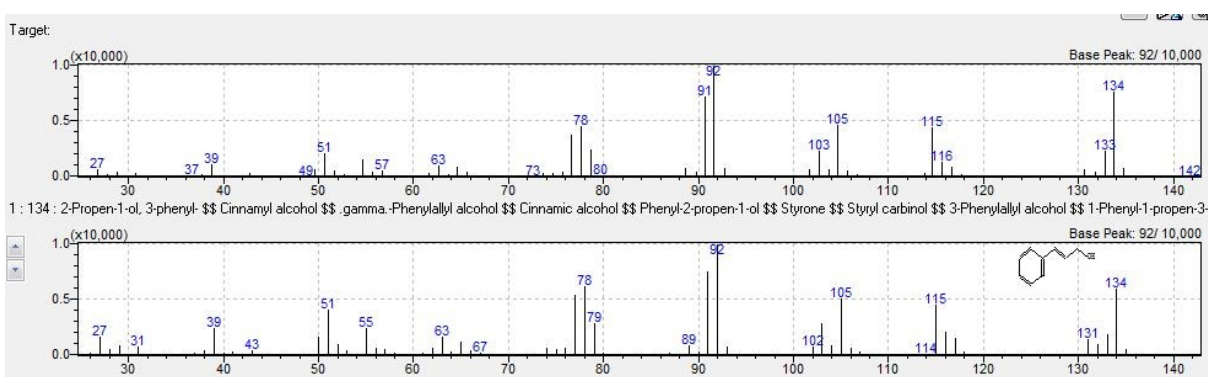
SI-Figure 20. GC-MS of furfuryl formate as a product of the organo-catalyzed furfural.



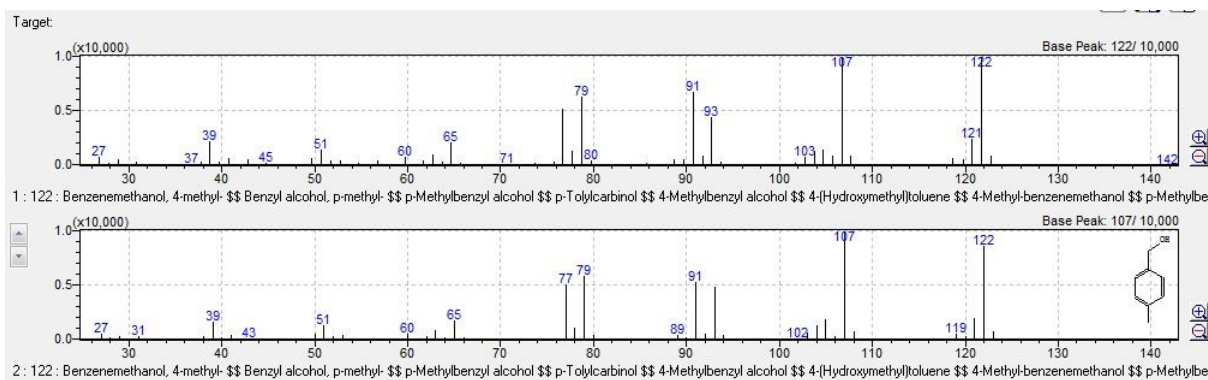
SI-Figure 21. GC-MS of benzyl alcohol as a product of the organo-catalyzed benzaldehyde.



SI-Figure 22. GC-MS of benzyl formate as a product of the organo-catalyzed benzaldehyde.

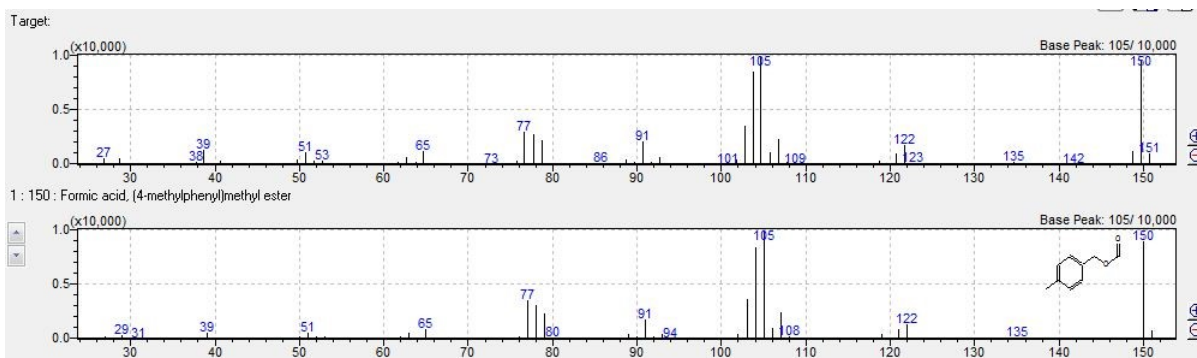


SI-Figure 23. GC-MS of cinnamyl alcohol as a product of the organo-catalyzed cinnamaldehyde.

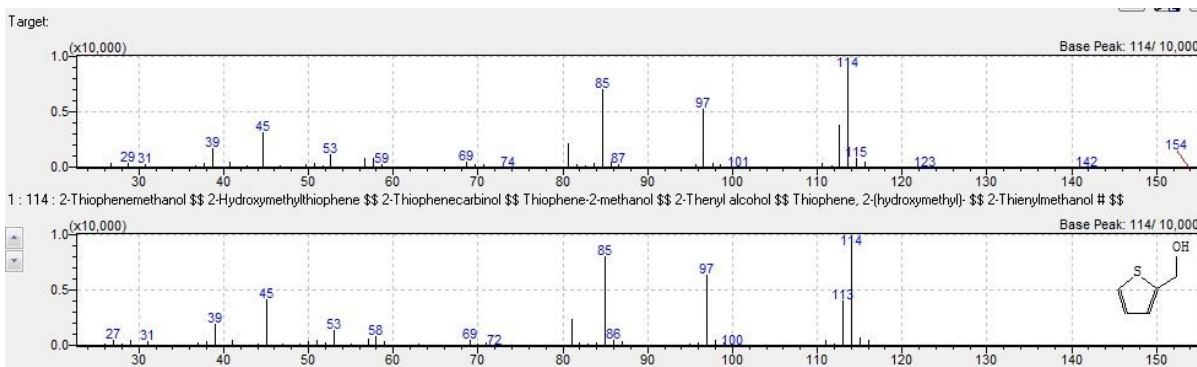


SI-Figure 24. GC-MS of 4-Methylbenzyl ethanol, a product of the organo-catalyzed 4-methyl benzyl aldehyde.

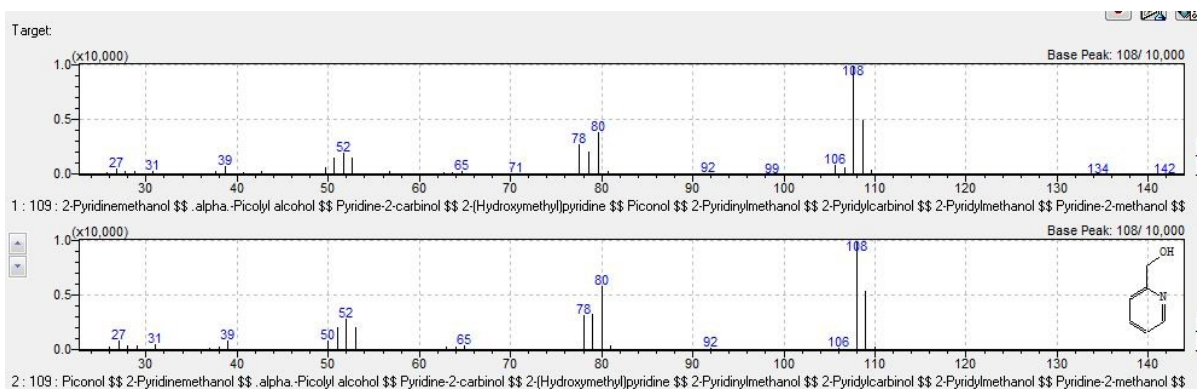




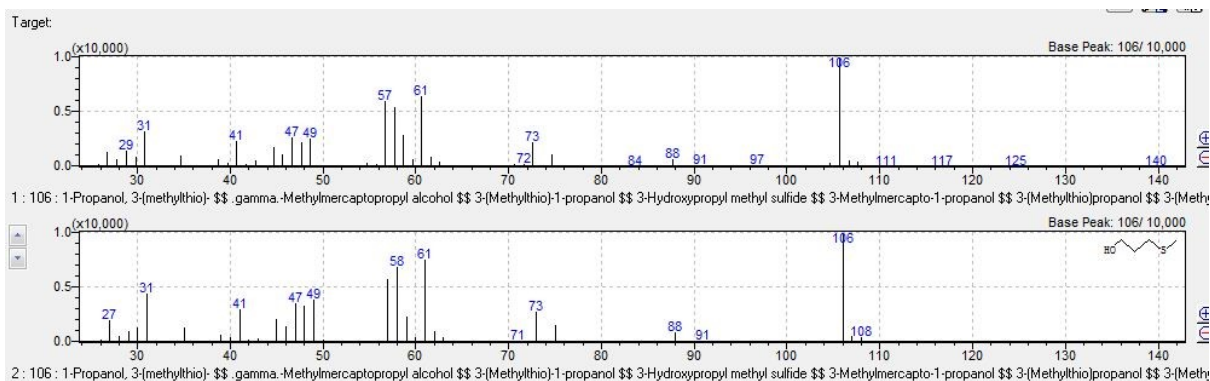
**SI-Figure 25.** GC-MS of 4-Methylbenzyl formate, a product of the organo-catalyzed 4-methyl benzyl aldehyde.



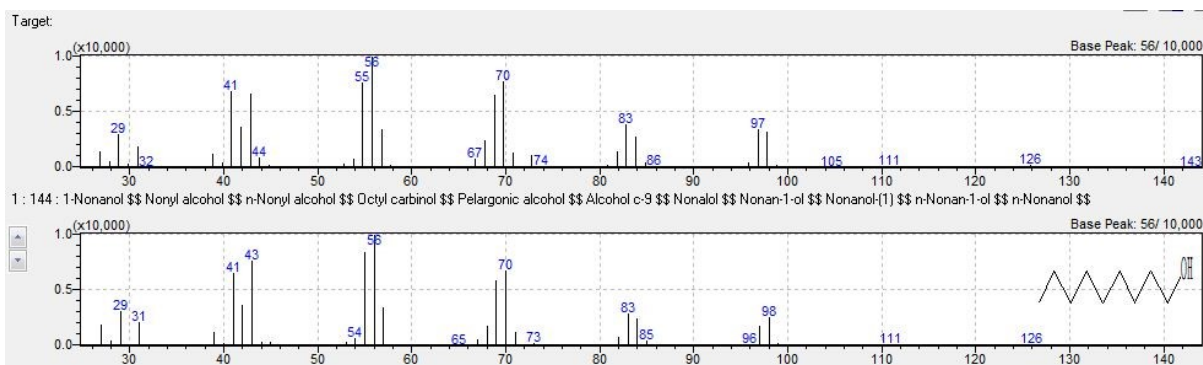
**SI-Figure 26.** GC-MS of 2-thiophene ethanol, a product of the organo-catalyzed thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde.



**SI-Figure 27.** GC-MS of 2-pyridyl ethanol, a product of the organo-catalyzed 2-pyridyl carboxaldehyde.



**SI-Figure 28.** GC-MS of 3-(Methylthio) propanol, a product of the organo-catalyzed 3-(methylthio) propionaldehyde.



**SI-Figure 29.** GC-MS of Nonanol a product of the organo-catalyzed nonanal.