Electronic Supplementary Information

Ni(II) and Pd(II) pyridinyloxazolidine-compounds: synthesis, X-ray characterisation and catalytic activities in the aza-Michael reaction

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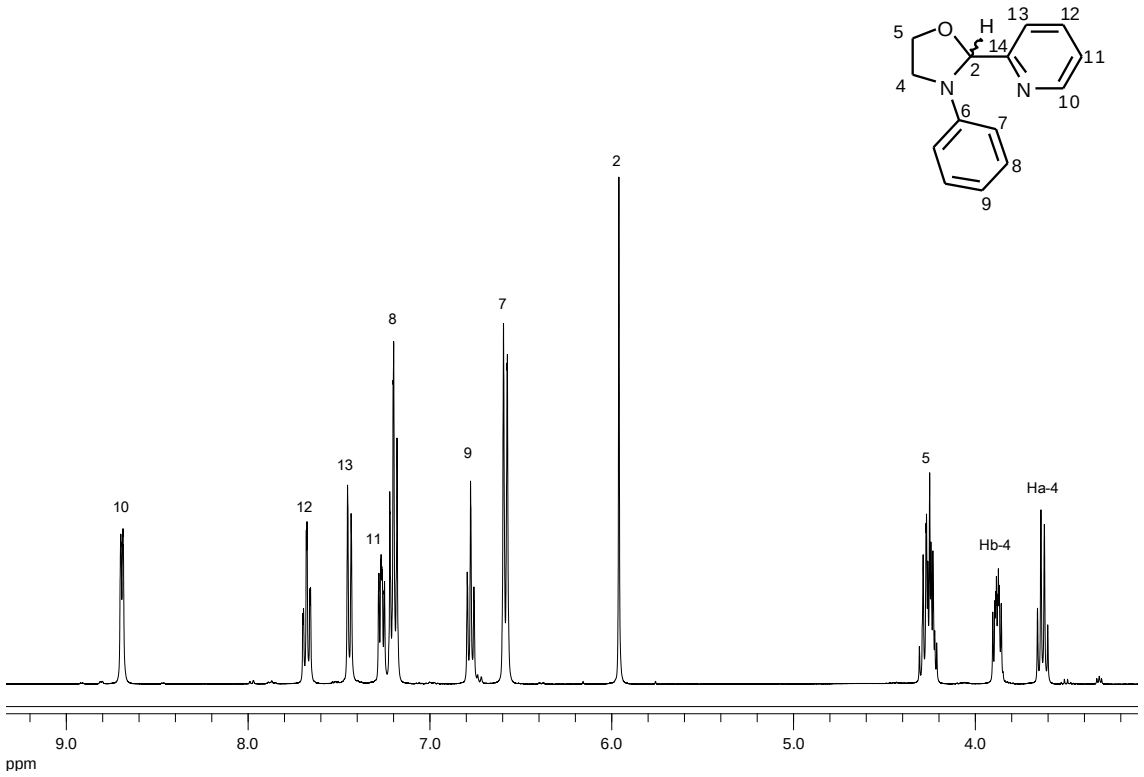

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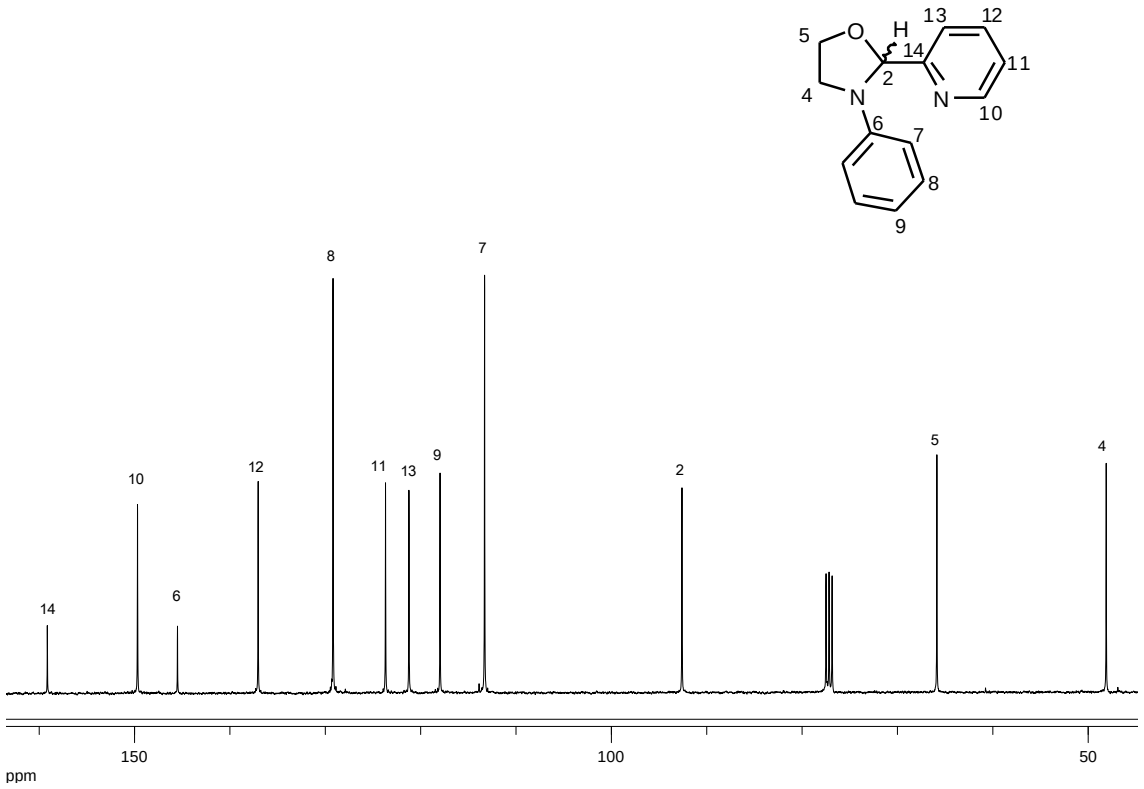

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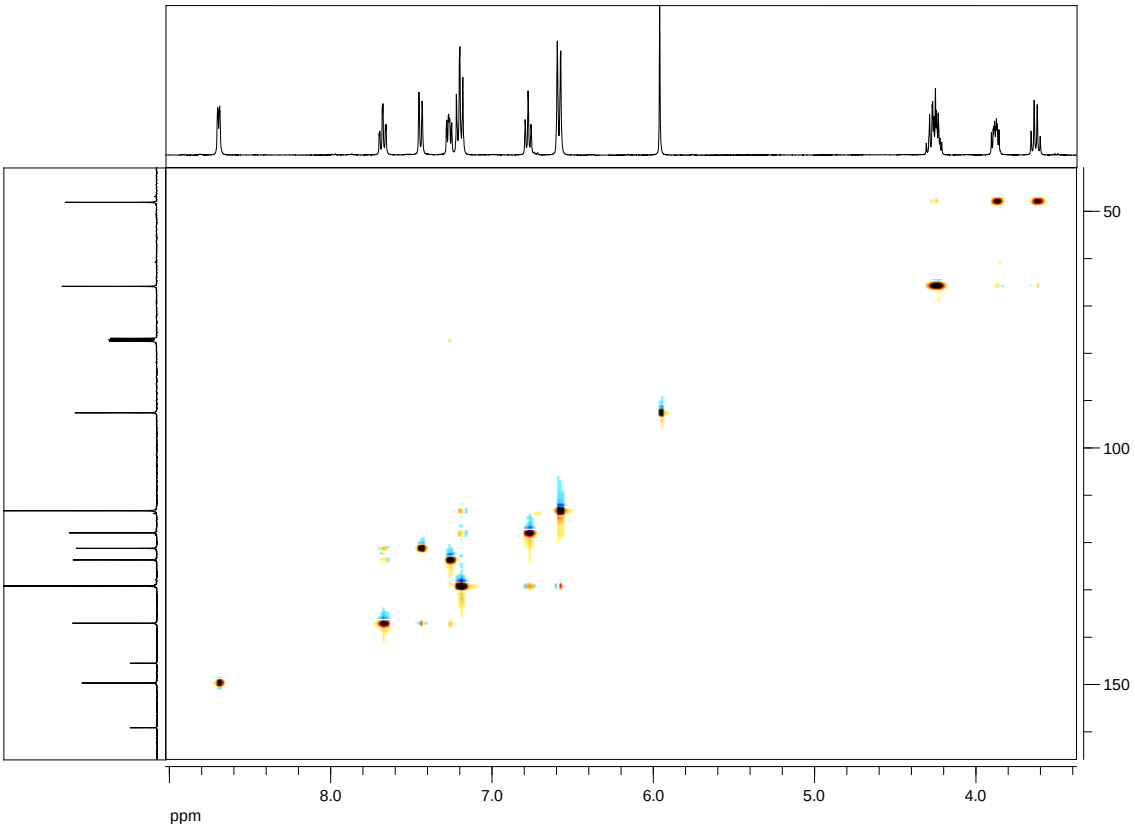

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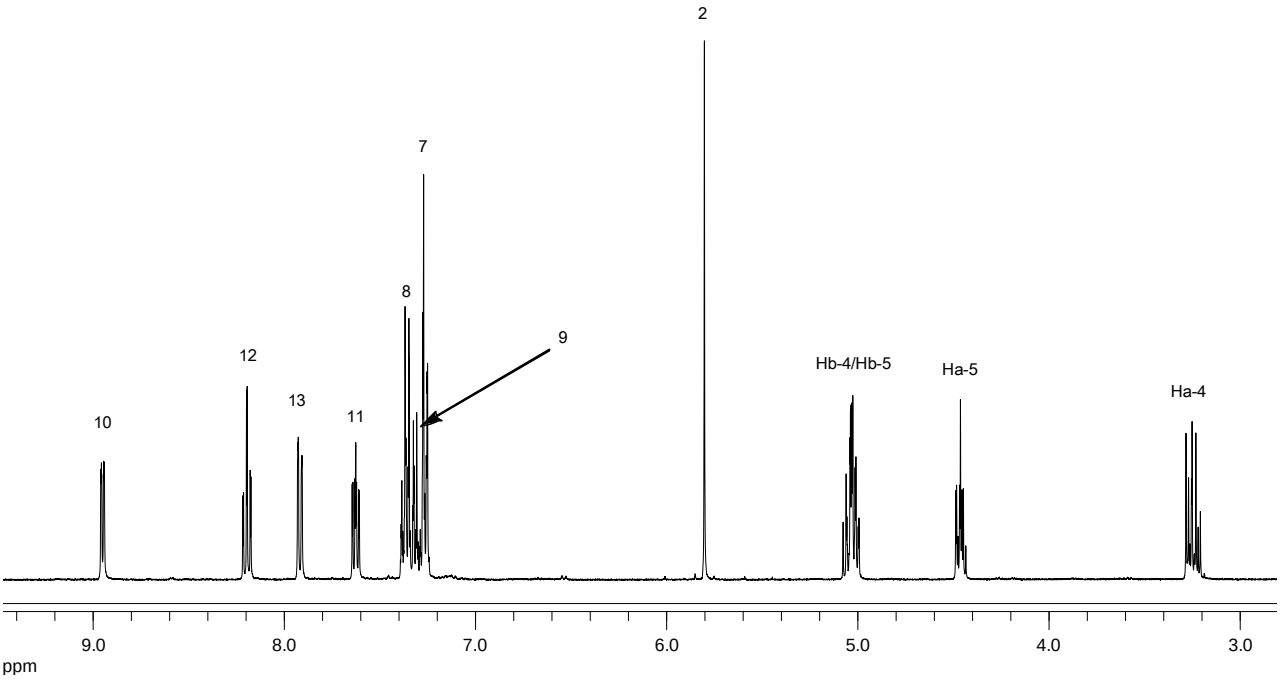

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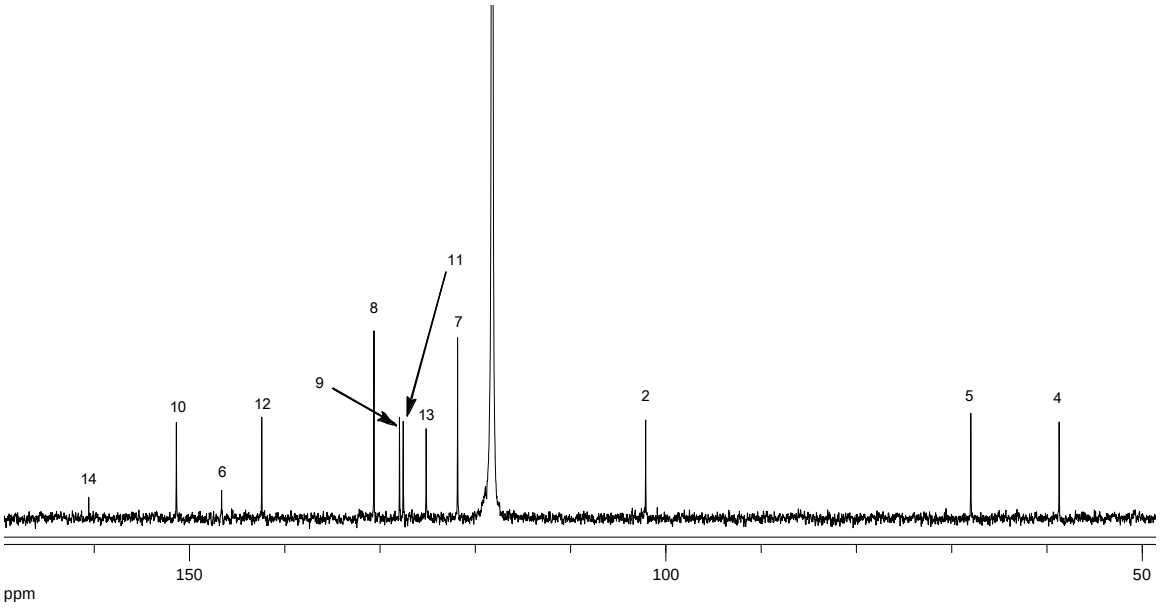

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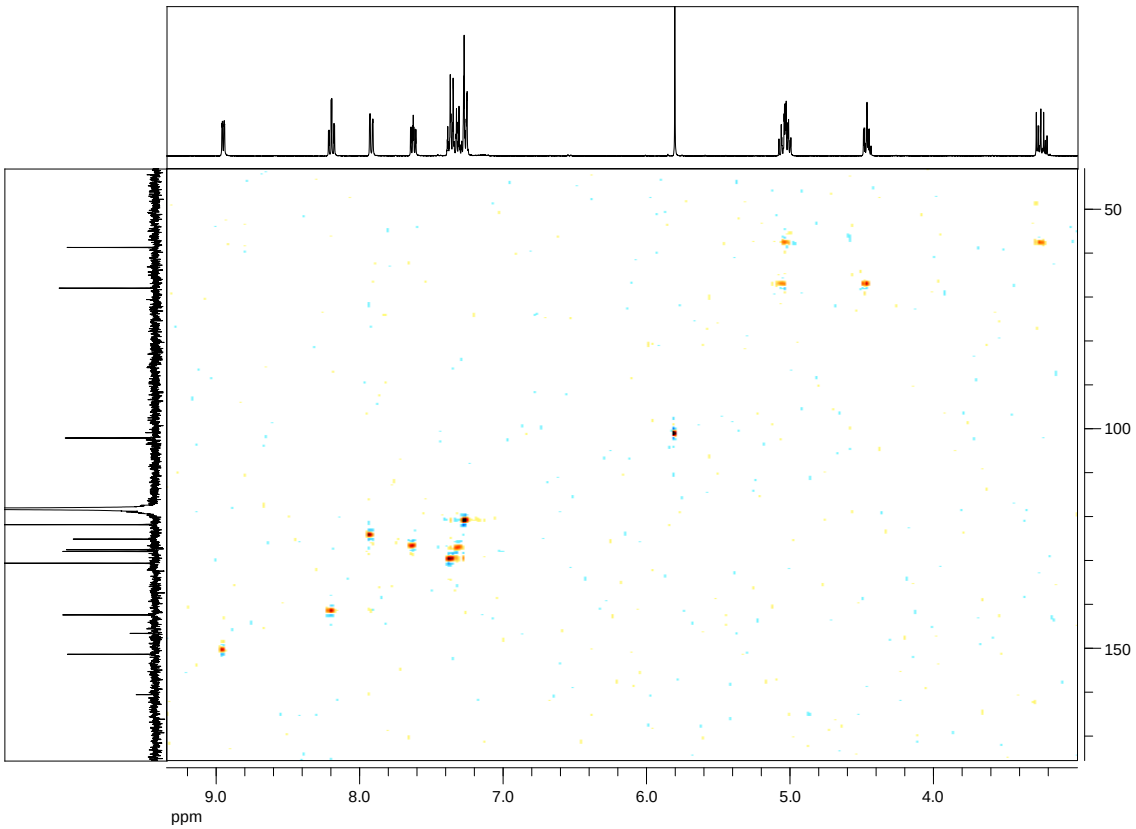
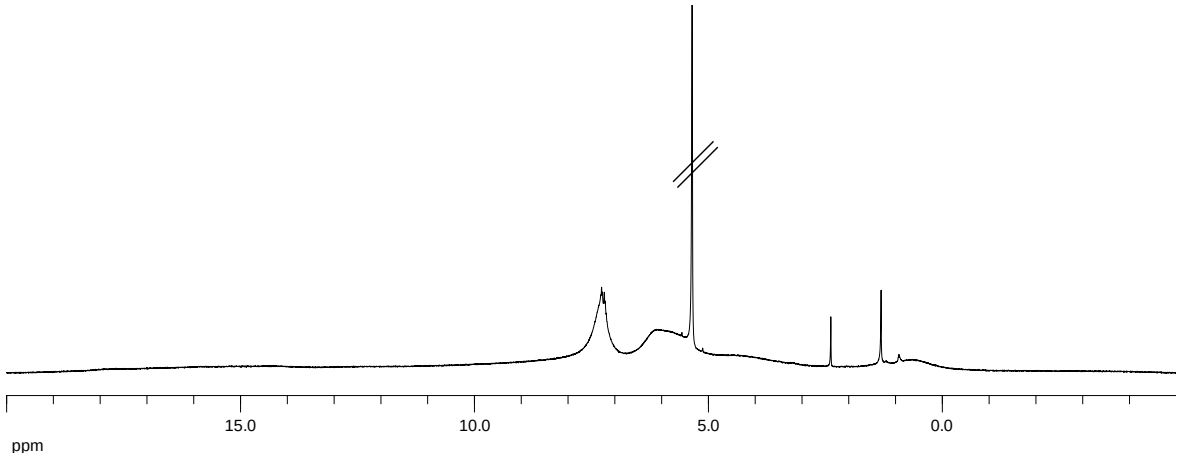


Fig. S7. ^{1}H NMR (CD_2Cl_2, RT) of complex [Ni(*N*,*O*-**ppo**)$_2$Cl$_2$] (**2**)



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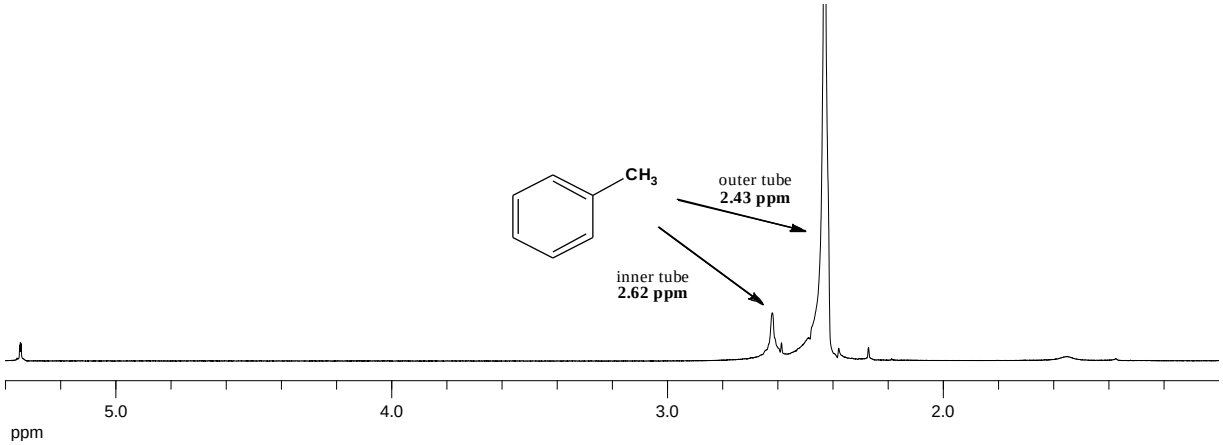

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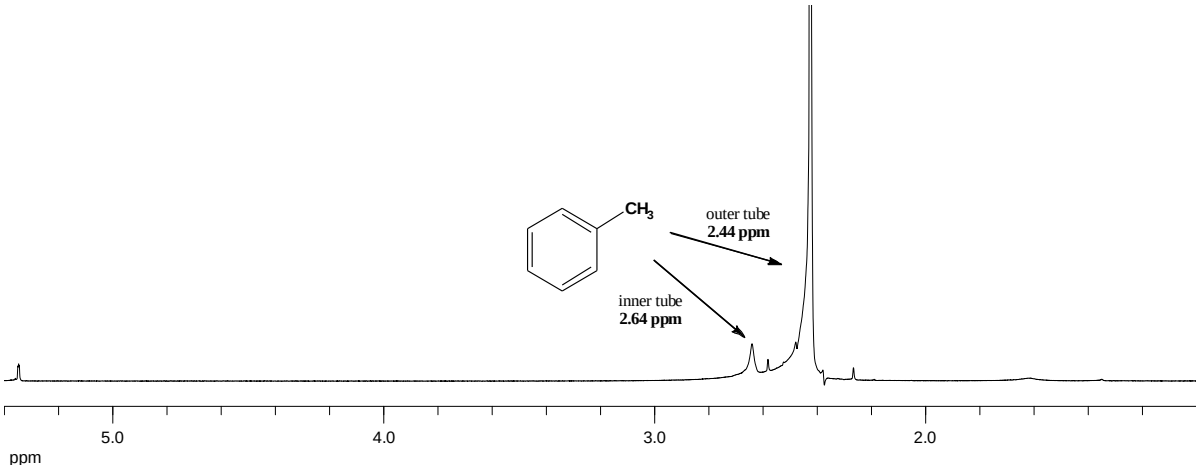

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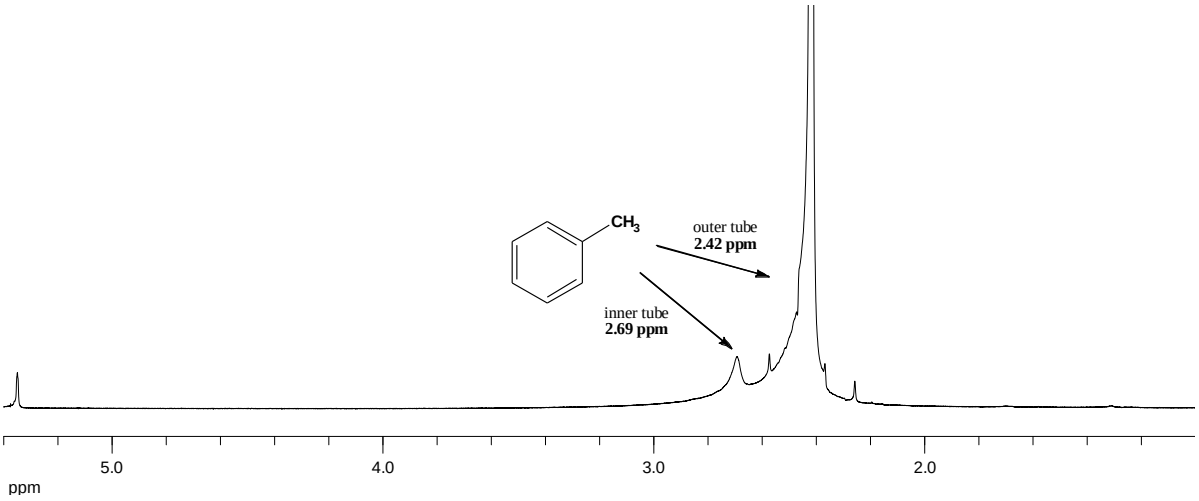

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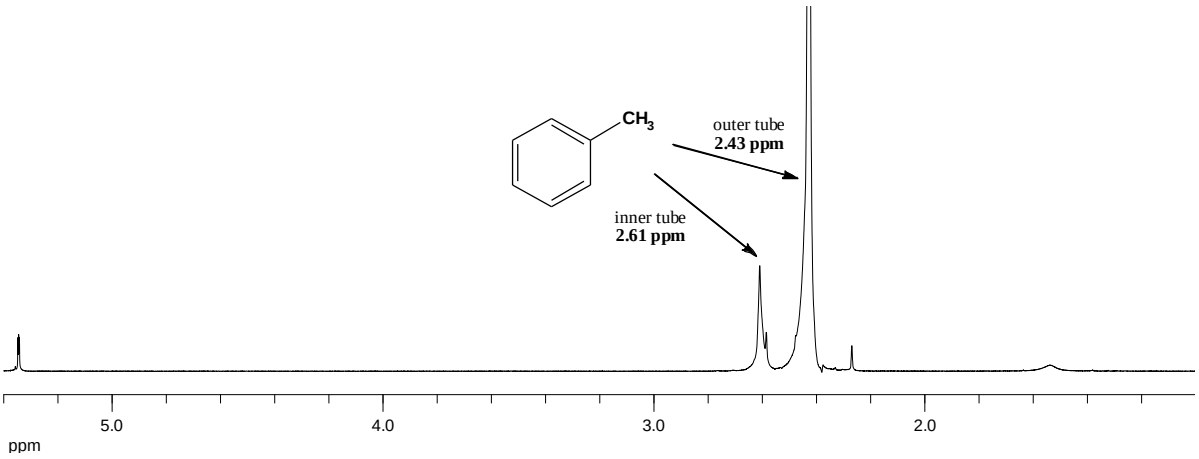

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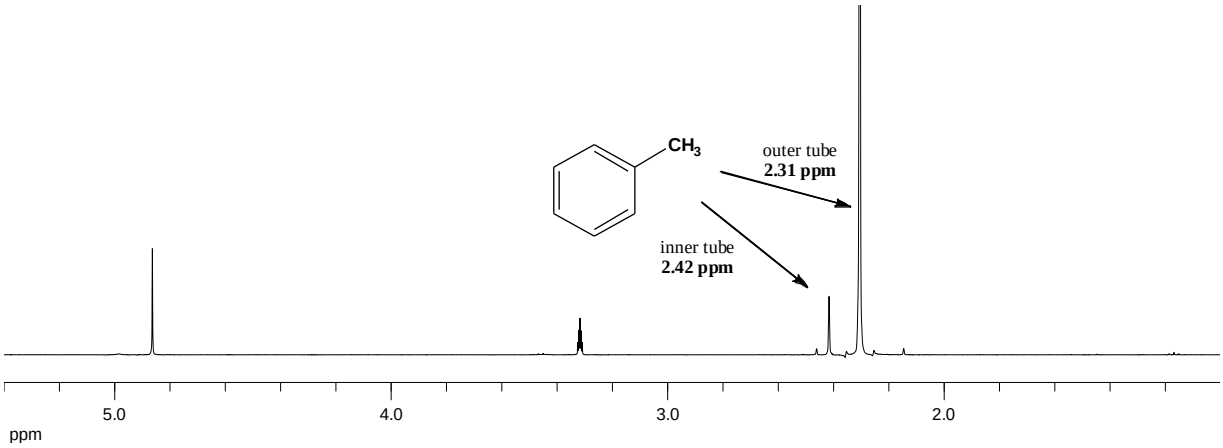

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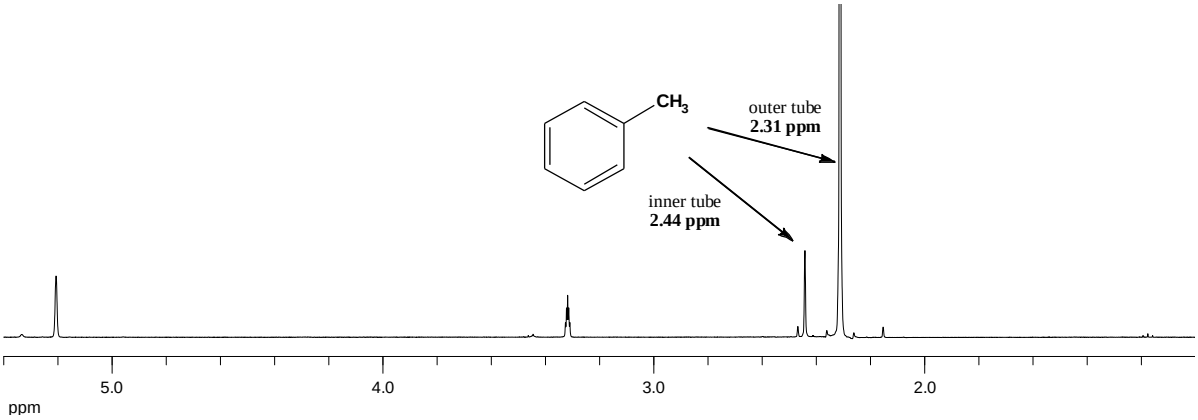

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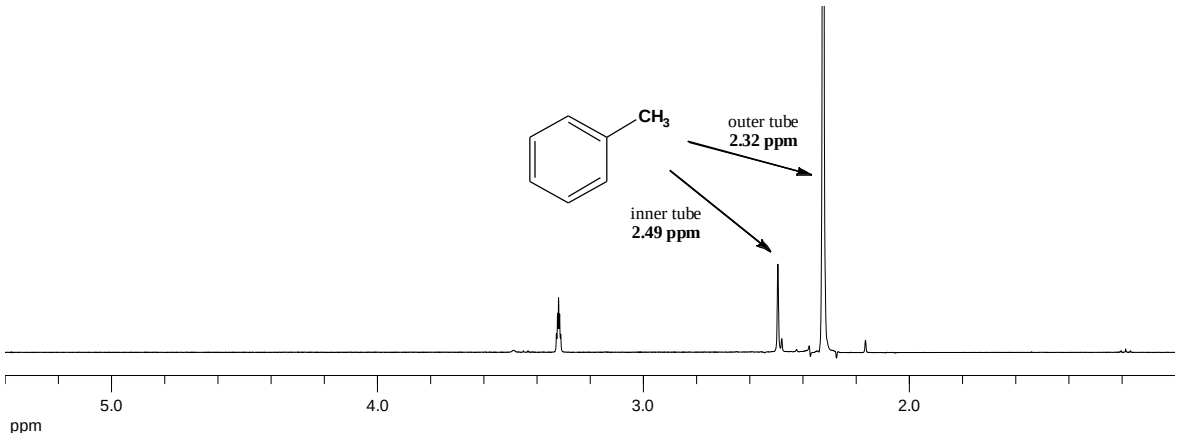

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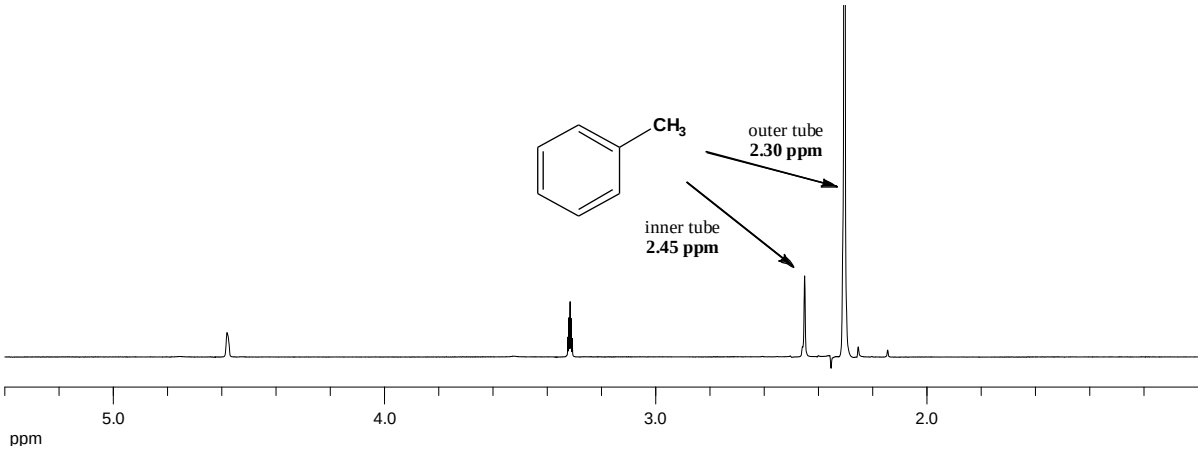
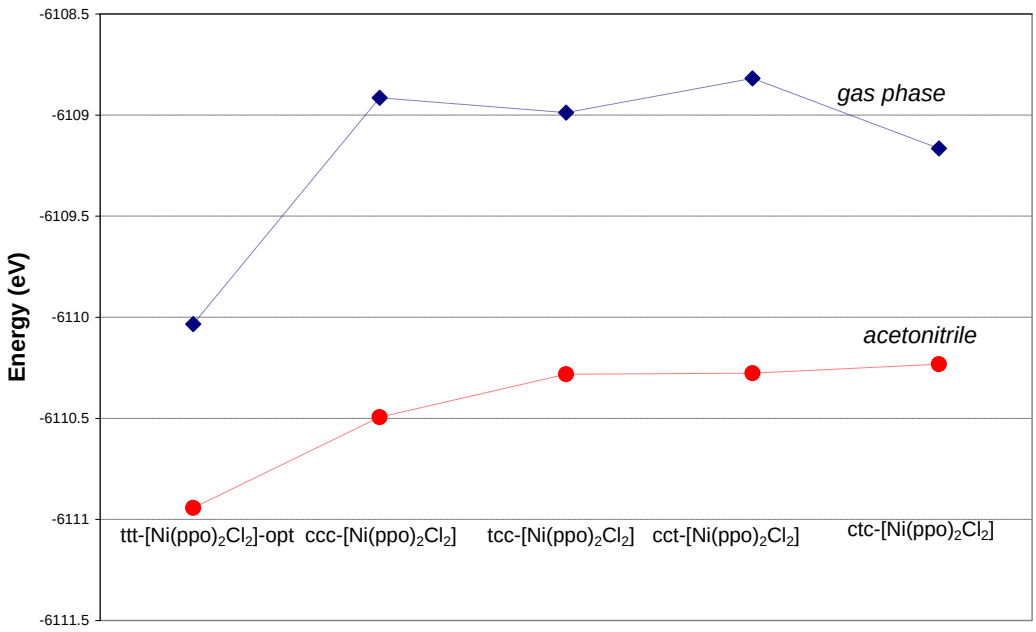


Fig. S16. Absolute energy of the five possible isomers of [Ni(**ppo**)$_2$Cl$_2$]. (ttt-[Ni(**ppo**)$_2$Cl$_2$] opt*: complex* **2** optimized in vacuum or acetonitrile)



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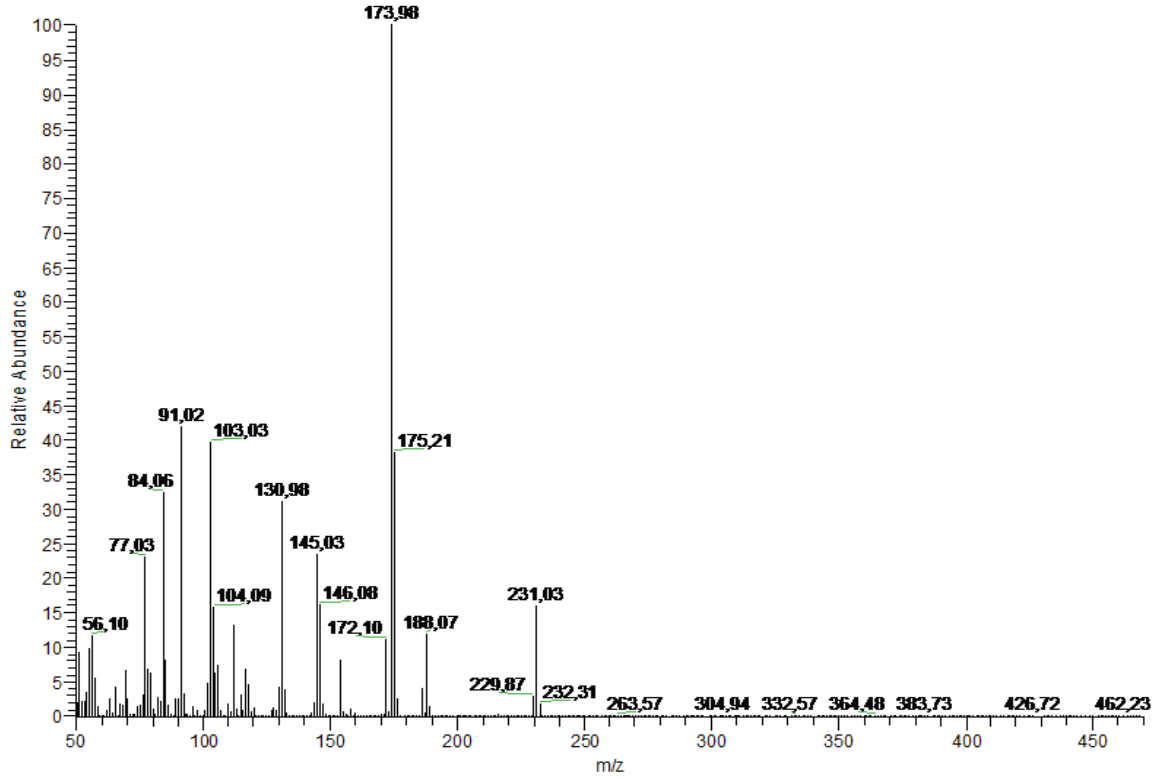

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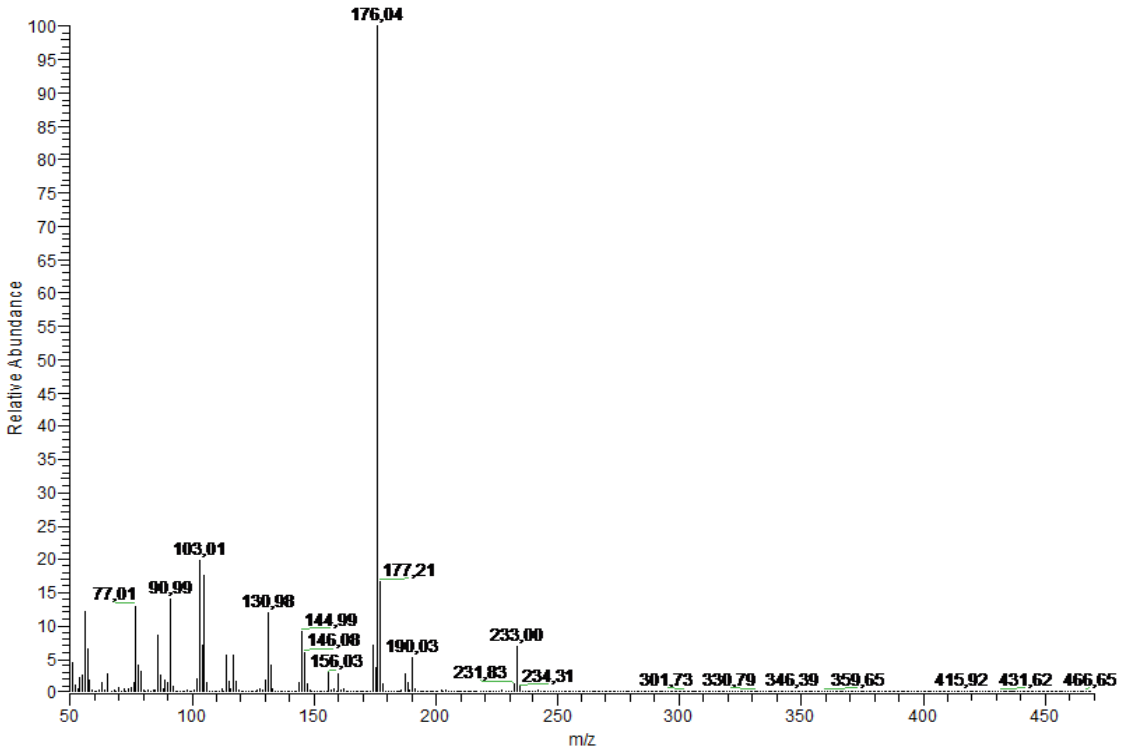

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