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Triple Resonance Experiments for Rapid Detection of ^{103}Rh NMR Shifts. A Combined Experimental and Theoretical Study into Dirhodium- and Bismuth-Rhodium Paddlewheel Complexes

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1. General

Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere in flame dried Schlenk glassware, ensuring inert conditions. The solvents were purified by distillation over the indicated drying agents under argon: THF, Et₂O (Mg/anthracene), pentane, toluene (Na/K), CH₂Cl₂, chlorobenzene (CaH₂); MeCN was dried by an absorption solvent purification system based on molecular sieves. Flash chromatography: Merck Geduran silica gel 60 (40 – 63 μm).

NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVIII 400, AVIII 500 or AVNeo 600 spectrometers in the solvents indicated at 298 K unless indicated otherwise; chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to TMS, coupling constants (J) in Hz. The solvent signals were used as internal references and the chemical shifts converted to the TMS scale (CDCl₃: δ_C = 77.16 ppm; residual CHCl₃: δ_H = 7.26 ppm; CD₂Cl₂: δ_C = 54.0 ppm; residual CHDCl₂: δ_H = 5.32 ppm; C₆D₆: δ_C = 128.1 ppm; residual C₆HD₅: δ_H = 7.16 ppm; CD₃CN: δ_C = 1.32, 118.3 ppm; residual CD₂H₂CN: δ_H = 1.94 ppm).¹ Signal assignments were established using ¹H-¹³C-*edited*-HSQC and ¹H-¹³C-HMBC experiments. ¹⁹F and ¹⁰³Rh NMR shifts were referenced indirectly to the ¹H NMR frequency of the sample with the 'xiref'-macro in Bruker TOPSPIN 3.6.2 (for ¹⁰³Rh)/TOPSPIN 4.0.6.² ¹⁹F shifts are reported relative to $\delta(\text{CFCl}_3) = 0$ ppm ($\Xi(^{19}\text{F}) = 94.094011$ %). ¹⁰³Rh NMR shifts are referenced to $\Xi(^{103}\text{Rh}) = 3.16\%$ unless indicated otherwise.

1D ¹⁰³Rh NMR (pulse sequence: zg) and 2D ¹H-¹⁰³Rh-HMBC spectra (pulse sequence: hmbcgpqfnd) were acquired on a AVIII 500 MHz NMR spectrometer equipped with a 5 mm BBFO probe (¹H, ¹⁹F & ³¹P-¹⁰⁹Ag) with z-gradient which could be tuned on the X-channel to ¹⁰³Rh beyond the specifications. The typical $\pi/2$ ¹⁰³Rh pulse length was 40 μs when a pulse power of 180 W was used.

For the 1D ¹⁰³Rh NMR measurements, saturated samples in 5 mm NMR tubes were used. After excitation with a 70° pulse, 32k complex data points were acquired. The total acquisition time per scan was approximately 4s. To obtain an acceptable SNR 15000 scans were averaged (17 h measurement time).

The 1D ¹³C{¹H, ¹⁰³Rh} (pulse sequence: zgigf2igf3), 2D ¹³C{¹H}-¹⁰³Rh-HMBC and 2D H(C)Rh spectra were acquired on a AVIII 500 MHz NMR spectrometer equipped with a 5 mm TBI probe (¹H, ³¹P-¹⁰⁹Ag, ¹³C) with z-gradient coil which could be tuned on the broadband X-channel to ¹⁰³Rh beyond the specifications. The typical $\pi/2$ ¹⁰³Rh pulse length was 90 μs when a pulse power of 180 W was used.

Spectra with ¹⁰³Rh in the indirect dimension (X-¹⁰³Rh-HMBC, H(C)Rh) were generally sparsely sampled (10% - 15% NUS), which reduced the measurement time significantly.

IR: Alpha Platinum ATR (Bruker), wavenumbers ($\tilde{\nu}$) in cm⁻¹ Most medium and weak resonances were omitted.

MS (EI): Finnigan MAT 8200 (70 eV), ESI-MS: ESQ 3000 (Bruker) or Thermo Scientific LTQ-FT or Thermo Scientific Exactive Spectrometer. HRMS: Bruker APEX III FT-MS (7 T magnet), MAT 95 (Finnigan), Thermo Scientific LTQ-FT or Thermo Scientific Exactive Spectrometer. GC-MS spectra were measured on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010 Ultra instrument.

Unless stated otherwise, all commercially available compounds including the complexes $\text{Rh}(\text{acac})_3$, $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$ (**1**), $\text{Rh}_2(\text{TPA})_4$ (**13**), $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$ (**14**) and $\text{Rh}_2(\text{S-PTTL})_4$ (**15**) (abcr, Acros, Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, Fluoro Chem, Strem, TCI) were used as received.

$\text{Rh}_2(\text{OTfa})_4$ (**6**),³ $\text{Rh}_2(\text{MHP})_4$ (**17**)⁴ and $\text{BiRh}(\text{OTfa})_4$ (**19**)⁵ were prepared according to literature procedures.

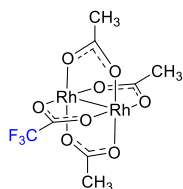
2. Dirhodium Complexes

The heteroleptic dirhodium acetate/trifluoroacetate complexes (**2**, **3** and **5**) were prepared according to a modified literature protocol, originally reported for the synthesis of **3**.⁶ A flame dried two-neck flask with attached reflux condenser was charged with $[\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (200 mg, 0.42 mmol) under Ar atmosphere. Trifluoroacetic acid (20 mL, 261.17 mmol) was added and the resulting suspension was stirred at the indicated temperature. After the allocated reaction time had passed, the mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature and all volatile materials were removed under reduced pressure. The resulting green residue contained a mixture of heteroleptic complexes which were separated by flash chromatography (silica, gradient of $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{toluene}$: 2 : 98 – 1 : 1).

Variation of temperature and reaction time strongly influenced the composition of the obtained mixture. When the reaction mixture was stirred for **150 min at ambient temperature**, the following composition was obtained: $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_3(\text{OTfa})$: 2mg, 0.01 mmol, 1%; *cis*- $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_2(\text{OTfa})_2$: 143 mg, 0.26 mmol, 62%; $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})(\text{OTfa})_3$: 67 mg, 0.11 mmol, 27%; $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OTfa})_4$: 10 mg, 0.02 mmol, 4%.

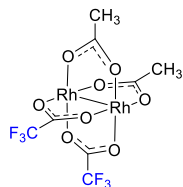
After **15 min at 72°C**, the composition was as follows (starting with 150 mg $[\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.36 mmol)): *cis*- $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_2(\text{OTfa})_2$: 36 mg, 0.07 mmol 18%; $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})(\text{OTfa})_3$: 69 mg, 0.16 mmol, 46%; $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OTfa})_4$: 78 mg, 0.12 mmol 33%.

Dirhodium(II)tris(acetate)trifluoroacetate $[\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_3(\text{OTfa})]$ (2**):** Green solid material; 1H NMR (500



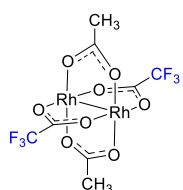
MHz, CD_3CN) δ 1.82 (s, 6H), 1.8 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C -NMR (151 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = 194.0, 193.2, 174.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 38.4 Hz), 23.7, 23.6 ppm (CF_3 not detected); ^{19}F -NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = -70.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{O}_8\text{Rh}_2\text{Na}$ [M+Na]: 518.8252; found: 518.8255.

***cis*-Dirhodium(II)bis(acetate)bis(trifluoroacetate) [*cis*- $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_2(\text{OTfa})_2]$ (**3**):** Analytical data is in



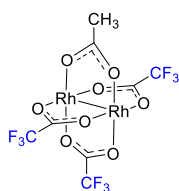
agreement with the reported data.⁶ Blue-green solid material; ^1H -NMR (600 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = 1.85 ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR (151 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = 195.3, 175.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 38.9 Hz), 111.8 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 285.0 Hz), 23.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-Rh}}$ = 1.8 Hz) ppm; ^{19}F -NMR (565 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = -70.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{F}_6\text{O}_8\text{Rh}_2\text{Na}$ [M+Na]: 572.7969; found: 572.7960.

***trans*-Dirhodium(II) bis(acetate)bis(trifluoroacetate) [*trans*- $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_2(\text{OTfa})_2]$ (**4**):** Prepared

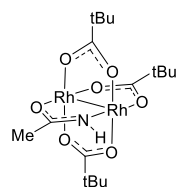


according to a reported literature protocol.⁶ ^1H -NMR (600 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = 1.86 ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR (151 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = 194.5, 175.7 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 39.1 Hz), 111.3 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 284.4 Hz), 23.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-Rh}}$ = 1.4 Hz) ppm; ^{19}F -NMR (565 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = -75.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI-): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{F}_6\text{O}_9\text{Rh}_2$ [M+OH]: 566.8110; found: 566.8114.

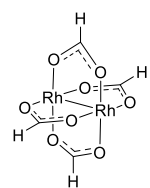
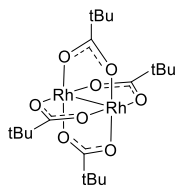
Dirhodium(II)acetatetris(trifluoroacetate) [Rh₂(OAc)(OTfa)₃] (5): Blue solid material; ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 1.96 (s, CH₃CN), 1.90 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (151 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 196.7, 176.8 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 39.6 Hz), 176.0 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 39.4 Hz), 111.4 (m, 2CF₃) 24.0 (d, ³J_{C-Rh} = 1.6 Hz) ppm; ¹⁹F-NMR (565 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = -70.4, -70.5 ppm; HRMS (DP-EI): m/z calcd. for C₈H₃F₉O₈Rh₂ [M⁺]: 603.77888; found: 603.7798.



Dirhodium(II) (acetamidate)tris(pivalate) [Rh₂(ACAM)(OPiv)₃] (16): A flame dried two-neck flask with an attached reflux condenser was charged under Ar with dirhodium(II) tetrakis(acetamidate) dihydrat [Rh₂(ACAM)]·2H₂O (80 mg, 0.17 mmol)⁷ and pivalic acid (53 mg, 0.51 mmol). Chlorobenzene (20 mL) was added and the purple suspension was first degassed by bubbling Ar through it for 15 min before it was stirred at 132°C for 18 h, during which the color changed from purple to green. The mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature and the volatile materials were removed under reduced pressure. The resulting green-blue residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica, acetonitrile:toluene 1:9) to give the title compound as a green solid material (15 mg, 16%). ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 4.86 (s, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.89 (s, 18H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (151 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 198.5, 196.8, 187.0, 40.7, 40.5, 28.3, 28.0, 24.2 ppm; ¹⁵N-NMR (¹H-¹⁵N-HMBC, CD₃CN): δ = 296.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁻): m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₃₀O₇NRh [M-H]: 566.0138; found: 566.0142.

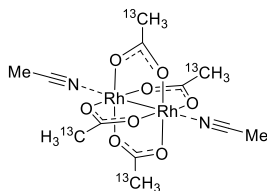


Dirhodium(II) tetrakis(pivalate) [Rh₂(OPiv)₄] (7): Isolated as a second fraction from the crude product; green solid material (21 mg, 20%); Analytical data matches the literature.⁸ ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 0.91 (s, 36H) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₀H₃₆O₈Rh₂Na [M+Na]: 633.0407; found: 633.0407.

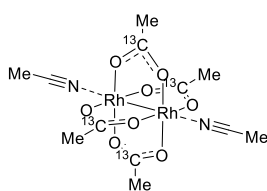


Dirhodium tetraformiat [Rh₂(HCO₂)₄] (8): Prepared according to a literature procedure.⁹ ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 6.89 (t, ³J_{H-Rh} = 4.7 Hz, 4H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 183.2 ppm.

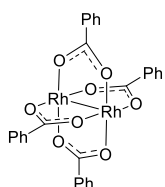
Representative Procedure for Ligand Exchange on [Rh₂(OTfa)₄] or [BiRh(OTfa)₄]. Dirhodium(II) tetra(acetate-2-¹³C) (Rh₂(OAc-2-¹³C)₄): A flame dried Schlenk flask was charged under Ar with dirhodium(II) tetrakis(trifluoroacetate) [Rh₂(OTfa)₄] (35 mg, 0.05 mmol) and acetonitrile (0.1 mL). Acetic acid-2-¹³C (44 μL, 0.32 mmol) and triethylamine (19 μL, 0.33 mmol) were added to the red suspension, which was stirred at 60°C for 30 min. The mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature before all volatile materials were removed under reduced pressure. The resulting purple residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica, acetonitrile) to give the title compound with axially coordinated acetonitrile as a purple solid compound (24 mg, 97%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 1.77 (d, ¹J_{CH} = 128.7 Hz, 12H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 191.7, 23.5 (t, ³J_{C-Rh} = 1.8 Hz) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for ¹³C₄C₄H₁₂O₈Rh₂Na [M+Na]: 468.8669; found: 468.8674.



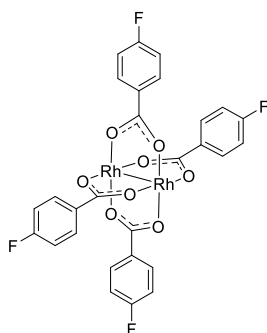
Dirhodium(II) tetra(acetate-1-¹³C) [Rh₂(OAc-2-¹³C)₄]. Prepared analogously from [Rh₂(OTfa)₄] (35 mg, 0.05 mmol), acetic acid-1-¹³C (44 μL, 0.32 mmol) and triethylamine (19 μL, 0.33 mmol) as a purple solid material (21 mg, 82%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 1.77 (d, ²J_{C-H} = 6.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 191.9, 23.5 (d, ²J_{C-C} = 56.7 Hz) ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd. for ¹³C₄H₁₂O₈Rh₂Na [M+Na]: 468.8669; found: 468.8671.



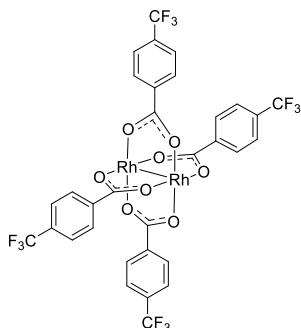
Dirhodium(II) tetra(benzoate) [Rh₂(OBz)₄] (9): Prepared analogously from (Rh₂(OTfa)₄) (30 mg, 0.05 mmol), benzoic acid (35 mg, 0.29 mmol) and triethylamine (40 μL, 0.29 mmol) as a green solid material (33 mg, 94%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 7.88 – 7.78 (m, 8H), 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 8H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 186.2, 133.1, 132.3, 129.2, 129.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd. for C₂₈H₂₀O₈Rh₂Na [M+Na]: 712.9161; found: 712.9157.



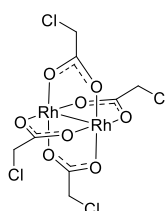
Dirhodium(II) tetrakis(*p*-fluorobenzoate) [Rh₂(*p*-F-C₆H₄COO)₄] (10): Prepared analogously from [Rh₂(OTfa)₄] (30 mg, 0.05 mmol), *p*-fluorobenzoic acid (39 mg, 0.28 mmol) and triethylamine (40 μL, 0.29 mmol) as a blue-green solid material (30 mg, 86%). Analytical data matches the literature.¹⁰ ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, THF-*d*₈): δ = 7.95 – 7.83 (m, 8H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 8H) ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd. for C₂₈H₁₆O₈F₄Rh₂Na [M+Na]: 784.8784; found: 784.8772.



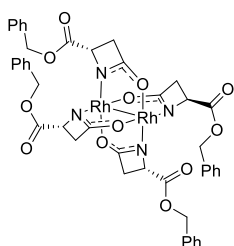
Dirhodium(II) tetrakis(*p*-trifluoromethylbenzoate) [Rh₂(*p*-F₃C-C₆H₄COO)₄] (11): Prepared analogously from [Rh₂(OTfa)₄] (30 mg, 0.05 mmol), *p*-trifluoromethylbenzoic acid (39 mg, 0.28 mmol) and triethylamine (40 μL, 0.29 mmol) as a green solid material (35 mg, 80%). Analytical data matches the literature.¹⁰ ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, THF-*d*₈): δ = 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 8H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 8H) ppm; HRMS (APPI+): m/z calcd. for C₃₂H₁₇O₈F₁₂Rh₂ [M+H]: 962.8836; found: 962.8834.



Dirhodium(II) tetrakis(chloroacetate) (12): Prepared analogously from [Rh₂(OTfa)₄] (30 mg, 0.05 mmol), chloroacetic acid (16 mg, 0.28 mmol) and triethylamine (40 μL, 0.29 mmol) as a green solid material (35 mg, 80%). ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 3.92 (s, 8H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (151 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 187.8, 42.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd. for C₈H₈O₈Cl₄Rh₂Na [M+Na]: 600.6976; found: 600.6973.



[Rh₂(*S*-BNAZ)₄] (18): Prepared according to a literature procedure.¹¹ The crude material was purified by HPLC (150 mm x 30 mm, YMC-Triart C18, 5 μm, 4.6 mm i.d., 10 % methanol in water, 42.5 mL·min⁻¹, 7 min, UV 220 nm; retention time of product: 3.5 min).

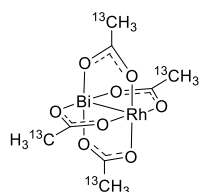


¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 7.48 – 7.27 (m, 20H), 5.22 – 5.05 (m, 8H), 3.79 – 3.72 (m, 4H), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (m, 4H), 2.85 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 4.6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 189.6, 189.3, 174.7, 173.9,

137.6, 137.2, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 67.5, 67.0, 53.4, 52.9, 44.0, 43.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd. for $C_{44}H_{40}O_{12}Rh_2Na$ [M+Na]: 1045.0645; found: 1045.0649.

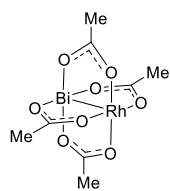
3. Bismuth-Rhodium Complexes

Bismuth-rhodium tetra(acetate-2- ^{13}C) (20-2- ^{13}C): Prepared analogously from $[BiRh(OTfa)_4]$ (25 mg, 0.03 mmol), acetic acid-2- ^{13}C (30 μ L, 0.22 mmol) and triethylamine (13 μ L, 0.22 mmol) as a yellow solid material, which precipitated during the reaction and was isolated by filtering the reaction mixture and washing the yellow solid compound with cold acetonitrile (11 mg, 69%). NMR samples were prepared by heating a suspension of the title compound in CD_3CN to reflux for 1 min, until the compound had partially dissolved.



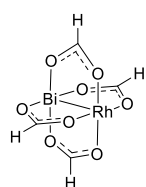
1H -NMR (400 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = 1.93 (d, $^1J_{C-H}$ = 129.9 Hz, 12H) ppm; $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ -NMR (101 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = 22.4 (d, $^3J_{C-Rh}$ = 0.9 Hz) ppm (Carboxylate-C not detected); HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd. for $^{13}C_4C_4H_{12}O_8BiRhNa$ [M+Na]: 574.9417; found: 574.9420.

Bismuth-rhodium tetra(acetate) $[BiRh(OAc)_4]$ (20): Prepared analogously from $[BiRh(OTfa)_4]$ (50 mg, 0.07 mmol), acetic acid (55 μ L, 0.39 mmol) and triethylamine (23 μ L, 0.40 mmol) as a yellow solid material, which precipitated during the reaction and was isolated by filtering the mixture and washing the yellow solid material with cold acetonitrile (28mg, 78%). NMR samples were prepared by heating a suspension of the title compound in CD_3CN to reflux for 1 min, until the compound had partially dissolved.



Analytical data matches the literature.¹² 1H -NMR (400 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = 1.91 (s, 12H) ppm; $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ -NMR (151 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = 187.2, 22.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd. for $C_8H_{12}O_8BiRhNa$ [M+Na]: 570.928; found: 570.9282.

Bismuth-rhodium tetraformiat $[BiRh(HCO_2)_4]$ (21): Prepared analogously from $[BiRh(OTfa)_4]$ (15 mg, 0.02 mmol), formic acid (5 μ L, 0.12 mmol) and triethylamine (17 μ L, 0.12 mmol) and purified by flash chromatography (silica, CH_3CN : toluene 1:9) to give the title compound as a yellow solid (6 mg, 66%). 1H -NMR (400 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = 8.44 (d, 3J = 3.0 Hz, 4H) ppm; $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ -NMR (101 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = 177.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd. for $C_4H_5O_8BiRh$ [M+H]: 492.8838; found: 492.8836.



$[BiRh(esp)_2]$ (22): Prepared analogously from $[BiRh(OTfa)_4]$ (8 mg, 0.01 mmol), $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha',\alpha'$ -tetramethyl-1,3-benzodipropionic acid (9 mg, 0.06 mmol) and triethylamine (9 μ L, 0.6 mmol); purification by flash chromatography (silica, CH_3CN) gave the title compound as a yellow solid material (9 mg, 93%). Analytical data matched the literature.¹² 1H -NMR (400 MHz, CD_3CN): δ = 7.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 4H), 6.72 (m, 2H), 2.79 (d, $^2J_{H-H}$ = 12.5 Hz, 4H), 2.55 (d, $^2J_{H-H}$ = 12.6 Hz, 4H), 1.07 (s, 12H), 0.98 (s, 12H) ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd. for $C_{32}H_{40}O_8BiRhNa$ [M+Na]: 887.1472; found: 887.1472.

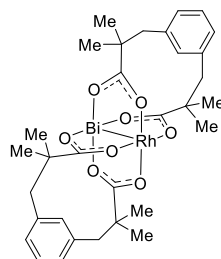


Table S1. Overview of ^{103}Rh NMR shifts of different rhodium paddlewheel complexes. All shifts were measured at 298K and are referenced to $\Xi(^{103}\text{Rh}) = 3.16$ MHz.

#	Compound	pKa ligand	solvent	$\delta^{103}\text{Rh}$ [ppm]	NMR-experiment
1	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$	4.76 ¹³	CD_3CN	7301	H(C)Rh
			$[\text{D}_8]\text{-THF}$	7427	H(C)Rh
			$[\text{D}_6]\text{-acetone}$	7495	H(C)Rh
			$\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2 / \text{PPh}_3$	7005	H(C)Rh
2	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_3(\text{OTfa})$	3.51 ^[c]	CD_3CN	7382	H(C)Rh
3	<i>cis</i> - $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_2(\text{OTfa})_2$	2.26 ^[c]	CD_3CN	7466	H(C)Rh
4	<i>trans</i> - $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_2(\text{OTfa})_2$	2.26 ^[c]	CD_3CN	7489	H(C)Rh
5	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})(\text{OTfa})_3$	1.00 ^[c]	CD_3CN	7574	H(C)Rh
6	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{OTfa})_4$	-0.25 ^[b]	CD_3CN	7686	$1\text{D-}^{103}\text{Rh}$
7	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{OPiv})_4$	5.05 ¹³	CD_3CN	7306	H(C)Rh
8	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{HCO}_2)_4$	3.77 ^[b]	CD_3CN	7422	$^1\text{H-}^{103}\text{Rh-HMBC}$
9	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{OBz})_4$	4.20 ^[b]	CD_3CN	7339	H(C)Rh
			$[\text{D}_8]\text{-THF}$	7411	H(C)Rh
10	$\text{Rh}_2(p\text{-FC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COO})_4$	4.14 ^[d]	$[\text{D}_8]\text{-THF}$	7437	H(C)Rh
11	$\text{Rh}_2(p\text{-F}_3\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COO})_4$	3.69 ^[d]	$[\text{D}_8]\text{-THF}$	7444	H(C)Rh
12	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{ClCH}_2\text{CO}_2)_4$	2.86 ¹³	CD_3CN	7456	H(C)Rh
13	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{TPA})_4$	4.03 ^[d]	$[\text{D}_8]\text{-THF}$	7479	H(C)Rh
14	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$	4.45 ^[d]	CD_3CN	7327	H(C)Rh
15	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{PTTL})_4$	3.66	CD_3CN	7382	H(C)Rh
16	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{ACAM})(\text{OPiv})_4$		CD_3CN	7333/6288	H(C)Rh
17	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{mhp})_4$	12.12 ^[d]	$\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ (50/50 v/v)	5725	H(C)Rh
				5726	$^1\text{H-}^{103}\text{Rh-HMBC}$
18	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{BNAZ})_4$	13.75 ^[d]	CD_3CN	5709	$^1\text{H-}^{103}\text{Rh-HMBC}$
19	$\text{BiRh}(\text{TFA})_4$	-0.25 ^[b]	CD_3CN	6858	$1\text{D-}^{103}\text{Rh}$
20	$\text{BiRh}(\text{OAc})_4$	4.76 ¹³	CD_3CN	6423	H(C)Rh
21	$\text{BiRh}(\text{HCO}_2)_4$	3.77 ^[b]	CD_3CN	6445	HMBC
22	$\text{BiRh}(\text{esp})_2$	4.45 ^[d]	$[\text{D}_8]\text{-THF}$	6323	H(C)Rh

[a] M. B. Smith, March's Advanced Organic Chemistry: Reactions, Mechanisms, and Structure 7th Edition, Wiley, New York, 2001. [b] D.H. Ripin, D.A. Evans, pKa's of Inorganic and Oxo-Acids, available at http://ccc.chem.pitt.edu/wipf/MechOMs/evans_pKa_table.pdf [c] The arithmetic mean of the pKa values of the ligands were used [d] Predicted pKa values from Scifinder; Calculated using Advanced Chemistry Development (ACD/Labs) Software V11.02 (© 1994-2021 ACD/Labs)

4. Supporting NMR Spectroscopic Data

Comments on the H(C)Rh sequence

Example parameters are shown in the following Table:

Table S2. Typical H(C)Rh acquisition parameters (example: Rh₂(OAc)₄ in CD₃CN)

	Channel			NS	8
	¹ H	¹³ C	¹⁰³ Rh		
	f1		f2	GPNAM	SMSQ10.100
<i>pulse program</i>	H(C)Rh			GPZ(1)	80%
<i>Offset (ppm)</i>	5	22.565	-1000*	GPZ(2)	80%
<i>SW (ppm)</i>	20	x	500	GPZ(3)	5.06%
<i>TD</i>	2048		128	gradient pulse	1 ms
<i>P90 (μs)</i>	8.8	23.3	90	Δ ₁	1.95 ms
<i>PL (W)</i>	13	240	180	Δ ₂	52 ms
<i>CPD</i>		waltz16 (1120.00 μs, 0.157W)		NUS	10%

* $\gamma(^{103}\text{Rh}) = 3.186447\%$

Generally, a second H(C)Rh with the same Rh offset O3, but different SW (normally 700 ppm) in the indirect dimension was acquired to make sure that the observed peak is not folded. For highly concentrated samples (e.g. sat. Rh(acac)₃ in CDCl₃), a significant t_1 noise from ¹H attached to ¹²C was observed in the spectra. *Mobley*¹⁴ suggested a modified gradient scheme in his work, which is aimed to suppress artefacts from direct ¹H-X couplings due to a better coherence pathway selection at a cost of losing half of the signal. Although there was no residual ¹H-¹⁰³Rh coupling present in the systems, the t_1 noise was also significantly reduced. The alternative gradient ratios for the H(C)Rh sequence are the following: G1:G2:G3=75:42:14.2.

HMQC Magnetisation Transfer – The Importance of Δ₂

During the initial measurements, $\Delta_2 = 1/(4 \times J_{\text{CRh}})$ was used in the H(C)Rh sequence for the Rh₂(OAc)₄ sample in CD₃CN. None of the two proposed magnetisation transfer pathways resulted in an observable NMR signal; only t_1 noise was observed. When taking a closer look at the magnetization transfer, a difference to mononuclear rhodium complexes becomes visible. In the latter case the magnetization is only transferred to a single ¹⁰³Rh, similar to analogue classic ¹H,¹³C measurements at natural abundance. In dirhodium paddlewheel systems, the magnetization is transferred from one carbon to two chemically equivalent ¹⁰³Rh nuclei. The magnetization transfer efficiency in the HMQC step of generic IS_n spin systems has been investigated by *Xiang et al.*¹⁵ Adapted for the H(C)Rh sequence, the cross peak intensity *I* can be described as following:

$$I \sim [\sin(\pi J_{\text{CRh}} 2\Delta_2) \cos^{n-1}(\pi J_{\text{CRh}} 2\Delta_2)]^2 \quad (\text{I})$$

whereby $2\Delta_2$ is the delay for the ^{13}C - ^{103}Rh transfer in the pulse sequence, J_{CRh} the ^{13}C - ^{103}Rh coupling constant and n the chemically equivalent ^{103}Rh atoms coupled to ^{13}C .

The theoretically optimal magnetization transfer delay for the IS_2 spin system in $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$ is at $\Delta_2 = 1/(8 \times J_{\text{CRh}})$. To verify this experimentally, $\text{Rh}_2(^{13}\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_4$ and $\text{Rh}_2(\text{CH}_3^{13}\text{COO})_4$ were used as model substrates. Different H(C)Rh spectra with different delays Δ_2 were acquired and compared to the theoretical prediction (Figure S1). Experimentally it was found that a good cross peak intensity for both transfer pathways is obtained at a delay of $\Delta_2 = 1/(12 \times J_{\text{CRh}})$, which does not match the theoretical prediction. As J_{CRh} is small in the Rh(II) systems of interest (<1.7 Hz), the transverse multiple quantum relaxation, simplified denoted as T_2^* , has a significant contribution to the transfer efficiency. When adding a relaxation term to equation (I):

$$I_{\text{exp}} \sim I * e^{\frac{-4\Delta_2}{T_2^*}} \quad (\text{II})$$

the experimentally observed values can be described by the theoretical equation. The value Δ_2 is multiplied by factor 4 as is present 4 times in the H(C)Rh pulse sequence. These results also show limitations of the general determination of ^{103}Rh shifts with the current H(C)Rh sequence. If J_{CRh} becomes smaller or T_2^* decreases further, the expected ^{103}Rh cross peak intensity becomes smaller and the detection of the peak more challenging.

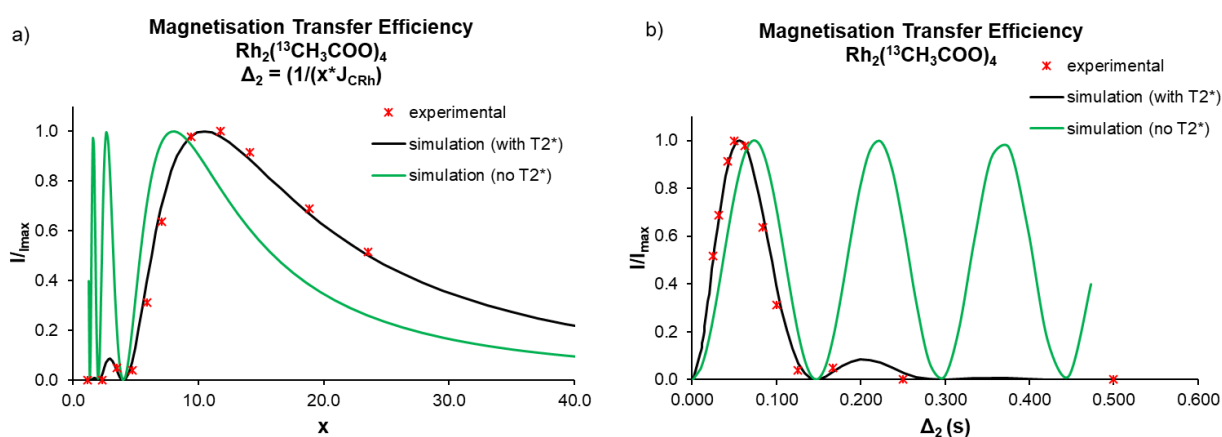


Figure S1. Analysis of the magnetization transfer efficiency from ^{13}C to ^{103}Rh . Relative cross peak intensity I/I_{max} plotted against a) x for $\Delta_2 = 1/(x \times J_{\text{CRh}})$ and b) against Δ_2 . Red crosses show the experimentally measured values, the green line the theoretical expectation for equation (I) and the black line the theoretical values for equation (II). Values used for the simulations: $n_{\text{Rh}} = 2$; $J_{\text{CRh}} = 1.7$ Hz, $T_2^* = 0.24$. Sample: 15 mM $\text{Rh}_2(^{13}\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_4$ in CD_3CN

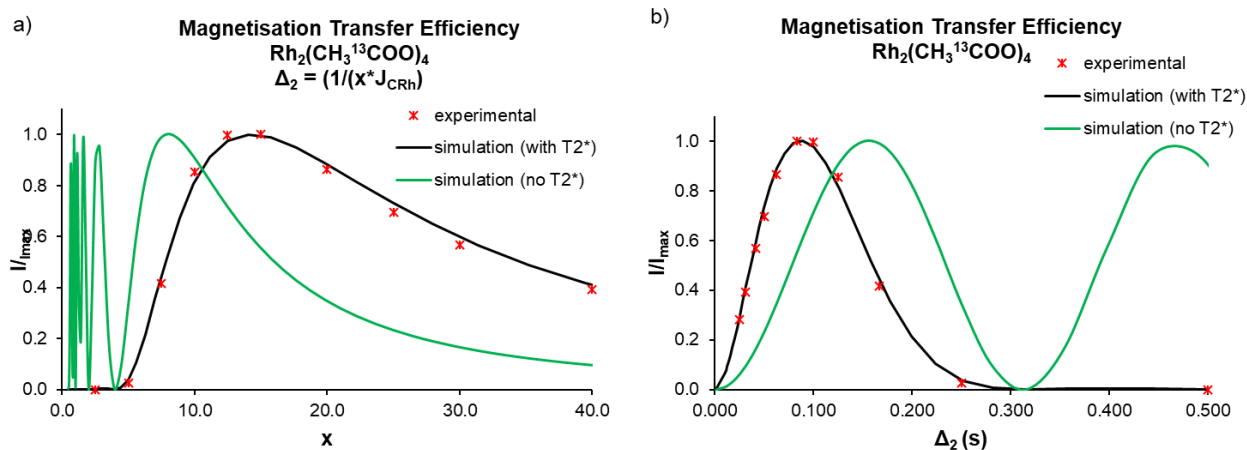


Figure S2. Analysis of the magnetization transfer efficiency from ^{13}C to ^{103}Rh . Relative cross peak intensity I/I_{max} plotted against a) x for $\Delta_2 = 1/(x \times J_{\text{CRh}})$ and b) against Δ_2 . Red crosses show the experimentally measured values, the green line the theoretical expectation for equation (I) and the black line the theoretical values for equation (II). Values used for the simulations: $n_{\text{Rh}} = 2$; $J_{\text{CRh}} = 0.8$ Hz, $T_2^* = 0.24$ s. Sample: 15 mM $\text{Rh}_2(\text{CH}_3^{13}\text{COO})_4$ in CD_3CN

The detailed analysis and optimization of the delay Δ_2 helped to significantly improve the cross peak signal intensity (factor >20) for $\text{Rh}_2(^{13}\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_4$ from the H(C)Rh sequence. Using the optimized parameters ($\Delta_2 = 1/(12 \times J_{\text{CRh}})$), it was possible to determine the ^{103}Rh chemical shieldings of a non-enriched sample of $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$ sample as well as all other complexes shown in this manuscript.

5. Computational Study

The systems considered in this study are shown in Figure S3.

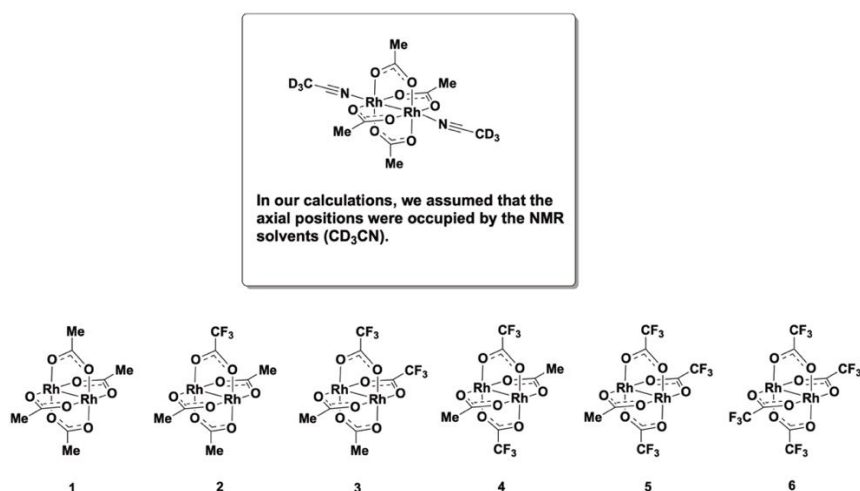


Figure S3. Systems studied in the present work

Note that the values of chemical shifts we compute using electronic structure theory which will be compared with experiment need to be referenced to a standard. For this purpose, we used the shielding of compound **1**, hence providing some compensation of systematic errors and ensuring optimal comparability. This is also done because of the special type of reference used for ¹⁰³Rh chemical shifts (see Experimental Section). Furthermore, due to numerical influences in the optimization and the property calculations, one might observe small asymmetries in the shieldings for nuclei that should be equivalent by symmetry. While these are typically small, in the following we report the arithmetic averages throughout the main manuscript. Further details can be found in the computational section below.

Choice of Basis Set and Influence of the DFT Integration Grid

The NMR chemical shift is a property that stresses the electron density close to the nucleus and has basis set requirements which are quite different from energies or geometry optimizations.¹⁶ Hence, we have chosen to apply large triple-zeta quality basis sets, which were fully decontracted to allow for maximum flexibility in the core region.

Another important parameter besides the basis set is the integration grid used for computing numerical integrals. In order to assess the quality of the integration grid used in DFT, especially in conjunction with the ZORA approximation, we have computed the ¹⁰³Rh NMR chemical shifts using the standard grid available in ORCA 5.0 ("defgrid 2") in comparison to a tight integration grid that should provide results close to convergence. The results at the TPSS/unc-def2-TZVPP level of theory in conjunction with the geometry optimized using CPCM and CPCM for the GIAO-NMR calculation are shown in Table S2.

Table S2 Comparison of results obtained with standard “defgrid2” and tight “defgrid3” DFT integration grid settings. Geometries obtained using CPCM, NMR shifts calculated at the TPSSh/unc-def2-TZVPP (incl. CPCM, “defgrid3” settings).

Comp.	<i>defgrid2 settings</i>				<i>defgrid3 settings</i>			
	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_1$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_2$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ avg}$	δ_{iso}	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_1$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_2$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ avg}$	δ_{iso}
1	-6841.63	-6994.49	-6918.06	0.00	-6856.62	-6863.74	-6860.18	0.00
2	-6975.99	-6895.05	-6935.52	17.46	-6936.29	-6943.07	-6939.68	79.50
3	-7004.31	-7051.59	-7027.95	109.89	-7009.53	-7014.65	-7012.09	151.91
4	-7010.67	-7127.20	-7068.93	150.88	-7037.21	-7021.84	-7029.53	169.35
5	-7325.22	-6976.30	-7150.76	232.70	-7129.95	-7139.39	-7134.67	274.49
6	-7257.47	-7195.02	-7226.25	308.19	-7207.44	-7204.24	-7205.84	345.66

Overall, the effect of a tighter integration is substantial in the absolute shieldings and still amounts to 50 ppm for the relative shifts with regard to compound **1**. As the computational effort is not drastically increased if the “defgrid 3” settings are employed, these will be used in the following, assuming that grid size effects are by far smaller when going to even tighter integration grids. Note that applying less dense grids for the evaluation of NMR chemical shifts in this case also leads to stronger asymmetry in the equivalent ^{103}Rh shifts for species such as compound **1**, which is also why standard grids are not recommended in this case.

Effect of Relativistic Contributions to the ^{103}Rh NMR Chemical Shifts

In order to assess the importance of relativistic effects, we have applied the Zeroth Order Regular Approximation (ZORA) developed by van Lenthe et al.^{17,18,19} and extended to NMR Chemical shifts using the GIAO formalism as described by Wolff, Ziegler, van Lenthe and Baerends.^{20,21} As we have used a new re-implementation of the scheme described in the ORCA 5.0 package, we will give some details of this implementation here. In principle, our implementation strictly follows the GIAO formalism outlined in the literature,^{22,23} applying the ZORA Hamiltonian in the SCF for the calculation of the density. The ZORA Hamiltonian is defined as follows :

$$h^{ZORA}(\pi) = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi} \frac{K}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \boldsymbol{\pi} + V \quad (1)$$

$$K = \left(1 - \frac{V}{2c^2}\right)^{-1} \quad (2)$$

with the typical scaling factor K which goes to 1 in the non-relativistic limit. For the analytical evaluation of the GIAO NMR chemical shifts, in addition to including the ZORA Hamiltonian terms in the CPSCF,

this leads to modified operators required for the computation of the para- and diamagnetic contributions of the shielding tensor. Equations 3-8 illustrate this difference in the operators.

$$\sigma^d = \sum_{\mu\nu} P_{\mu\nu} \langle \mu | \frac{\partial^2 h^{11}}{\partial \mathbf{B}_i \partial \mathbf{m}_K} | \nu \rangle \quad (3)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 h_{\mu\nu}^{11}}{\partial \mathbf{B} \partial \mathbf{m}_K} \right)_{nrel} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \langle \mu | \frac{(\mathbf{r}_k \cdot \mathbf{r}_N) \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{r}_k \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_N + i \mathbf{Q}_{MNR} \tilde{\mathbf{L}}_K}{r_K^3} | \nu \rangle \quad (4)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 h_{\mu\nu}^{11}}{\partial \mathbf{B} \partial \mathbf{m}_K} \right)_{ZORA} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \langle \mu | \frac{K[(\mathbf{r}_k \cdot \mathbf{r}_N) \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{r}_k \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_N] + iK \mathbf{Q}_{MNR} \tilde{\mathbf{L}}_K}{r_K^3} | \nu \rangle \quad (5)$$

$$\sigma^p = \sum_{\mu\nu} \tilde{P}_{\mu\nu} \langle \mu | \frac{\partial h^{01}}{\partial \mathbf{m}_K} | \nu \rangle \quad (6)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial h_{\mu\nu}^{01}}{\partial \mathbf{m}_K} \right)_{nrel} = \alpha^2 \langle \mu | \frac{\mathbf{r}_N \times \mathbf{p}}{r_N^3} | \nu \rangle \quad (7)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial h_{\mu\nu}^{01}}{\partial \mathbf{m}_K} \right)_{ZORA} = \alpha^2 \langle \mu | \frac{iK}{4} \frac{\mathbf{r}_N \times \mathbf{p}}{r_N^3} | \nu \rangle \quad (8)$$

The dia- and paramagnetic contributions to the shielding constants are evaluated as the corresponding derivatives of the density and operators, including the density and the perturbed density evaluated in the CPSCF equations with the magnetic field components as perturbation (eq. 3 and 6). The property integrals required for the evaluation of the contributions are given in equations 4,5 and 7,8 for the dia- and paramagnetic contributions (using Gauge Including Atomic Orbitals). Here one can see that the basic difference in the operator derivatives arise from the scaling with K.

Due to this feature, the corresponding property integrals are typically not evaluated analytically, and our new implementation is based on a numerical integration for the evaluation of the operators from equations 5 and 8. However, as these property integrals exhibit an extremely steep dependence with $1/r$, the numerical integration for ZORA requires special care. In order to avoid problems with numerical integration of singular functions, the ORCA 5.0 implementation is built around the “subtraction of singularity” strategy, subtracting the analytical non-ZORA integrals from the ZORA counterpart, such that effectively only the numerical integration of the additional ZORA contribution enters the resulting integral, hence making to solution robust and accurate for the standard grids used in the ORCA program package.²⁴

Table S3. Comparison of results obtained with and without the ZORA relativistic approximation. Geometries obtained using CPCM, NMR shifts calculated at the TPSSh/unc-def2-TZVPP (incl. CPCM, “defgrid3” settings)

Comp.	non-relativistic				ZORA			
	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_1$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_2$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ avg}$	δ_{iso}	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_1$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_2$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ avg}$	δ_{iso}
1	-6829.88	-6829.77	-6829.82	0.00	-6856.62	-6863.74	-6860.18	0.00
2	-6899.32	-6907.50	-6903.41	73.59	-6936.29	-6943.07	-6939.68	79.50
3	-6977.74	-6981.48	-6979.61	149.79	-7009.53	-7014.65	-7012.09	151.91
4	-7009.36	-6991.39	-7000.37	170.55	-7037.21	-7021.84	-7029.53	169.35
5	-7094.62	-7111.26	-7102.94	273.12	-7129.95	-7139.39	-7134.67	274.49
6	-7181.85	-7181.79	-7181.82	352.00	-7207.44	-7204.24	-7205.84	345.66

While this conceptually simple scalar relativistic approach does not contain higher-order or spin-orbit-coupling effects, the results in Table S4 show that relativistic effects should be small in general, as the ZORA correction only amounts to changes of less than 7 ppm and typically 2-3 ppm for the shifts. Hence, we assume that relativistic effects are small and captured sufficiently well by using the ZORA approximation in our case.

Influence of Reference Geometry and CPCM in the Computed NMR Shieldings

In order to assess the importance of solvent effects for the computation of the NMR shieldings, three schemes are compared in the following: (1) Optimizing the molecular geometry without any solvent correction and computing the NMR chemical shifts at a given level of theory, (2) optimizing the geometry including an implicit solvent correction and then computing the NMR chemical shifts at the same level of theory, and (3) optimizing the geometry with implicit solvation and including the implicit solvation also in the calculation of the NMR chemicals shifts.

Table S4. Comparison of the TPSSh results using geometries and NMR chemical shifts computed with and without using an implicit solvation model. Right column: experimental reference values. Level of theory: TPSSh/unc-def2-TZVPP (inc. ZORA, “defgrid3” settings)

Comp.	Geometry and shieldings without implicit solvation				Geometry obtained using CPCM				Geometry obtained using CPCM, shieldings computed incl. CPCM				$\delta_{\text{iso}} \text{ exp.}$
	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_1$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_2$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ avg}$	δ_{iso}	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_1$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_2$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ avg}$	δ_{iso}	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_1$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ Rh}_2$	$\sigma_{\text{iso}} \text{ avg}$	δ_{iso}	
1	-6811.49	-6816.69	-6814.09	0.00	-6928.49	-6933.55	-6931.02	0.00	-6856.62	-6863.74	-6860.182	0	0.0
2	-6877.52	-6889.10	-6883.31	69.22	-6982.18	-6990.68	-6986.43	55.41	-6936.29	-6943.07	-6939.682	79.5	77.8
3	-7033.37	-7039.11	-7036.24	222.15	-7033.37	-7039.11	-7036.24	105.22	-7009.53	-7014.65	-7012.090	151.91	161.2
4	-6959.61	-6944.89	-6952.25	138.16	-7054.54	-7033.55	-7044.04	113.02	-7037.21	-7021.84	-7029.529	169.35	184.3
5	-7039.34	-7045.30	-7042.32	228.23	-7118.08	-7129.08	-7123.58	192.56	-7129.95	-7139.39	-7134.672	274.49	269.4
6	-7115.47	-7110.21	-7112.84	298.75	-7161.16	-7156.37	-7158.76	227.74	-7207.44	-7204.24	-7205.842	345.66	381.7

The results are displayed in Table S4 together with the experimental shifts. It becomes obvious, that a critical ingredient for good agreement between theory and experiment are well-converged geometries that include the most important contributions for the effective effects of the solvent including implicit solvent corrections for the computation of the actual shieldings.

Influence of the Functional

In recent studies performed in our group, the TPSS and TPSSh functional have been found to offer very good accuracy at low computational cost for the calculation of a broad range of NMR chemical shifts, including several elements besides Carbon and Hydrogen.²⁵ For this reason, we have chosen to use these functionals. Table S5 displays the results for the TPSS and TPSSH functional in comparison to experiment. While the difference is noticeable but not large, the TPSSH results show better agreement with experiment. This indicates that the obtained trends are fairly robust with choice of functional, while the functional which is considered as “higher rung” functional also delivers more accurate results.²⁶

Table S5. Comparison between computed and experimental ¹⁰³Rh NMR chemical shifts at the TPSS and TPSSH level of theory (“defgrid3” settings, geometry and shieldings obtained using CPCM, shieldings calculated using the unc-def2-TZVPP basis and ZORA approximation).

Comp.	TPSS				TPSSH				$\delta_{\text{iso exp.}}$
	$\sigma_{\text{iso Rh1}}$	$\sigma_{\text{iso Rh2}}$	$\sigma_{\text{iso avg}}$	δ_{iso}	$\sigma_{\text{iso Rh1}}$	$\sigma_{\text{iso Rh2}}$	$\sigma_{\text{iso avg}}$	δ_{iso}	
1	-6240.09	-6247.56	-6243.82	0.00	-6856.62	-6863.74	-6860.18	0.00	0.0
2	-6315.27	-6320.12	-6317.69	73.87	-6936.29	-6943.07	-6939.68	79.50	77.8
3	-6381.42	-6386.36	-6383.89	140.07	-7009.53	-7014.65	-7012.09	151.91	161.2
4	-6404.25	-6392.81	-6398.53	154.71	-7037.21	-7021.84	-7029.53	169.35	184.3
5	-6492.35	-6497.53	-6494.94	251.11	-7129.95	-7139.39	-7134.67	274.49	269.4
6	-6559.74	-6556.81	-6558.28	314.46	-7207.44	-7204.24	-7205.84	345.66	381.7

Analysis of the NMR Shielding Tensors using Ramsey’s Expression

To gain a deeper insight into the relationship between the NMR chemical shifts and the electronic structure of these complexes, it is useful to analyze the principal components of the shielding tensor (Table S7). A graphical representation of the data is shown in Figure S4. For the sake of simplicity, only the paramagnetic contributions of the shielding tensor are discussed (the diamagnetic component is small and roughly constant for all the systems investigated here, as shown in Table S7).

Table S6. Decomposition of the paramagnetic ^{103}Rh NMR $\delta_{\text{para, calc}}$ shift into its principal tensor components, panel on the right displays the anisotropy of the ^{103}Rh shielding tensor using compound **1** as example.

Compound	$\delta_{\text{para, calc}}$	$\delta_{\text{dia, calc}}$	$\delta_{\text{xx, calc}}$	$\delta_{\text{yy, calc}}$	$\delta_{\text{zz, calc}}$
1	0	0	0	0	0
2	80	0	117	-2	112
3	153	1	110	111	196
4	171	2	263	-15	237
5	277	3	307	146	367
6	349	3	306	310	487

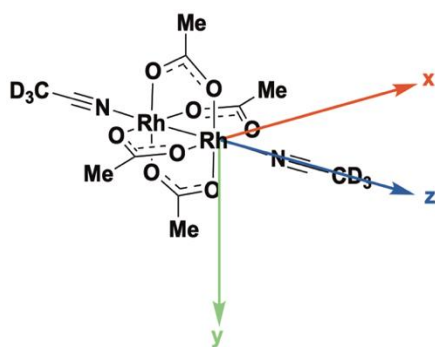
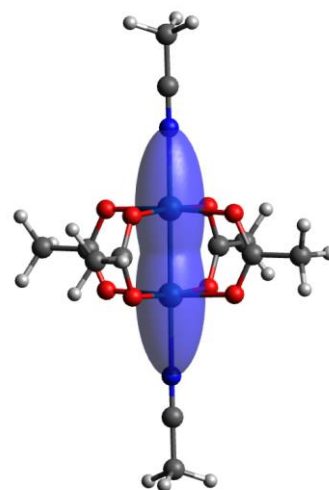
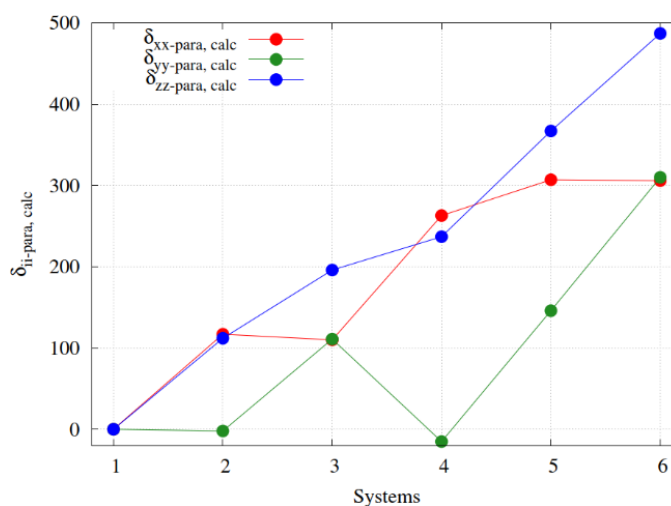


Figure S4. Left: The principal axis of the shielding tensor of Rh; right: the paramagnetic contribution to each principal component of the shielding tensor for the systems investigated here.



It is important to emphasize that the individual principal components of different systems can be safely compared because the principal axes coincide in all cases. The orientation of the principal axes is dictated by the local symmetry at the Rh center, and all the systems investigated here are classified by the lowest common point group, which is C_{2v} .

The individual components of the shielding tensor show non-intuitive variations along the series:

- I. $\delta_{\text{zz, calc}}$ is the only component that shows a qualitative linear correlation with the total chemical shift. It increases with increasing the fluorination.
- II. $\delta_{\text{yy, calc}}$ is roughly constant for complexes **1**, **2** and **4**, which are not fluorinated along the x-axis
- III. $\delta_{\text{xx, calc}}$ is roughly constant for complexes **4**, **5**, **6**, which are all fully fluorinated along the y-axis.

These variations can be interpreted in a simple orbital picture using the Ramsey formula:²⁷

$$\sigma_{ii-para} = \sum_{virt} \sum_{occ} \frac{\langle \Psi_{occ} | \hat{L}_i | \Psi_{vir} \rangle \langle \Psi_{vir} | \hat{L}_i / r^3 | \Psi_{occ} \rangle}{E_{vir} - E_{occ}}$$

In which Ψ_{occ} and Ψ_{vir} denote occupied and virtual orbitals, respectively; E_{occ} and E_{vir} represent the corresponding orbital energies and \hat{L}_i is the angular momentum operator. Thus, deshielding in the direction $\sigma_{ii,para}$ depends on which Ψ_{occ} and Ψ_{vir} orbitals can be coupled by the corresponding \hat{L}_i operator and by the relative energy between the orbitals.

For the complexes studied here, the three occupied molecular orbitals of highest energy correlate with the d_{xy} , d_{xz} and d_{yz} orbitals of Rh, whilst the virtual orbitals correlate with the $d_{x^2-y^2}$ and d_{z^2} (Figure S5).

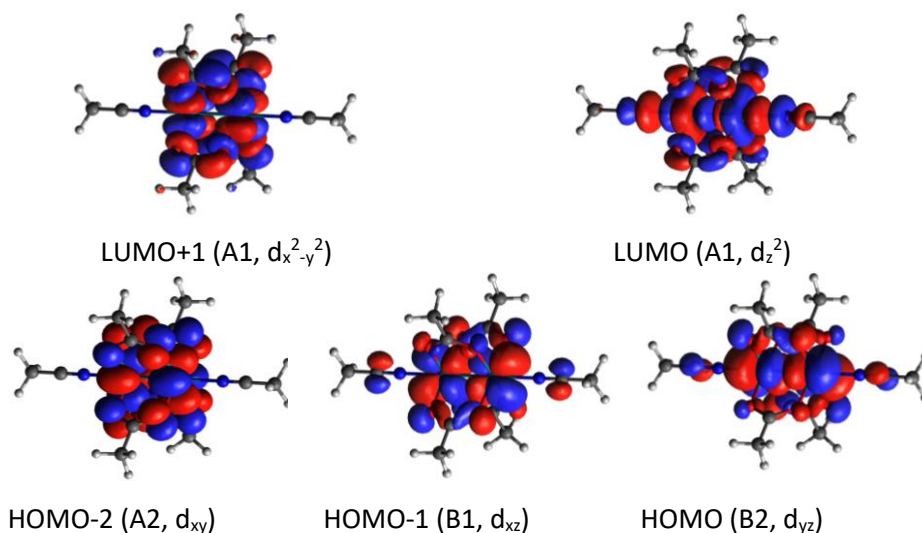


Figure S5. Key frontier orbitals for compound 1. The associated irreducible representation in the C_{2v} molecular point group is reported in brackets. The Rh d orbital associated with each molecular orbital is also shown in brackets.

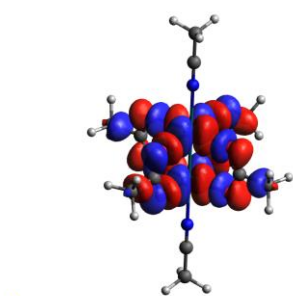
As all complexes studied here are classified as C_{2v} symmetry, these orbitals transform like the irreducible representations of this molecular point group. Thus, the d_{xy} , d_{xz} , d_{yz} , $d_{x^2-y^2}$ and d_{z^2} orbitals of Rh feature A2, B1, B2, A1 and A1 symmetry, respectively. The angular momentum operator belongs to the same irreducible representation of the corresponding rotation operator,²⁸ i.e., B2, B1 and A2 for L_x , L_y and L_z , respectively. By evaluating which products of irreducible representations of orbitals and operator yield the totally symmetric representation, it is found that the only non-zero contributions from the orbitals to the $\sigma_{xx,para}$, $\sigma_{yy,para}$ and $\sigma_{zz,para}$ components of the shielding tensor stem from the virtual orbitals with the occupied d_{yz} and d_{xz} and d_{xy} orbitals, respectively.

Thus, a detailed analysis of shielding tensor can provide unique information into the nature of the bond between the Rh and the ligands. In fact, for symmetry reasons, the d_{xy} orbital of Rh can mix with the ligands on both axis, whilst the d_{xz} and d_{yz} orbitals only mix with the orbitals of the ligands on the x- and y-axis, respectively. As a consequence, fluorination will always affect δ_{zz} , irrespective of the position of the substitution, whilst $\sigma_{xx,para}$ and $\sigma_{yy,para}$ mainly respond to fluorination on the

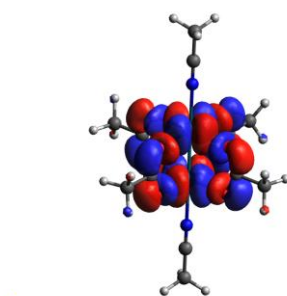
perpendicular y- and x-axis, respectively. These results demonstrate the connection between the experimentally observed shifts and the nature of the Rh-ligand bond for these complexes.

Note that this applies to all compounds that were analyzed (**1-6**). For comparison, the frontier orbitals for all computed compounds are displayed in below:

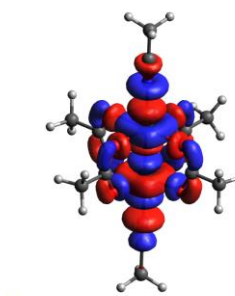
Compound 1



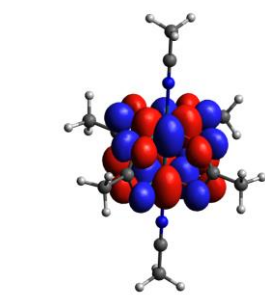
$d_{x^2-y^2}$ LUMO+2



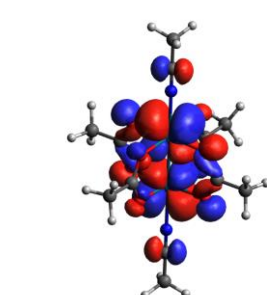
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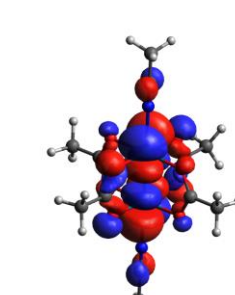
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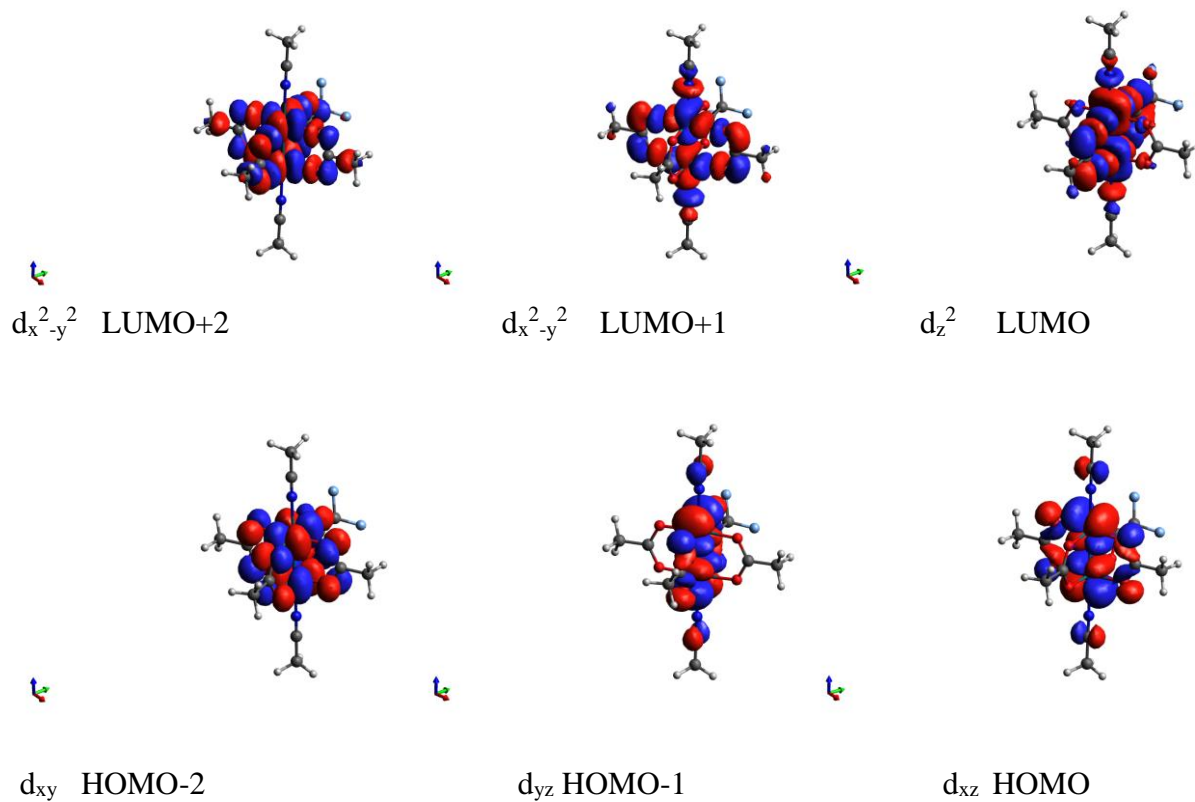


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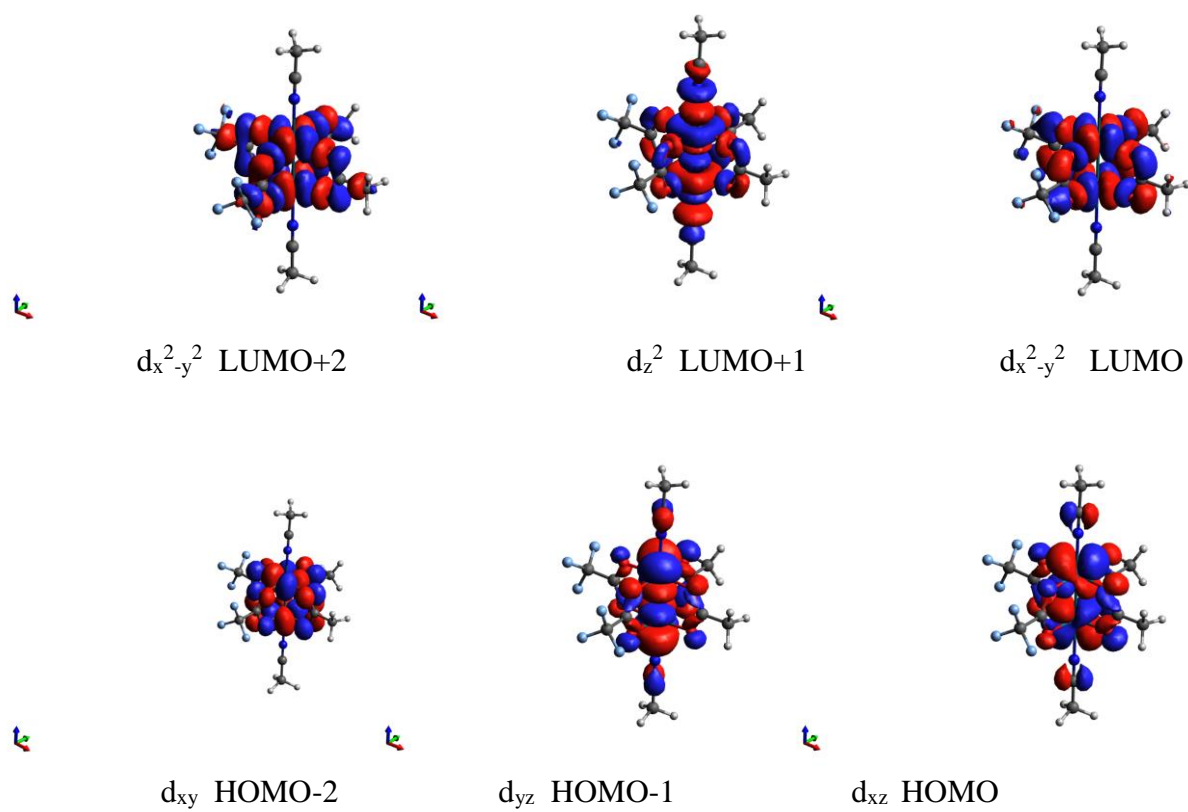


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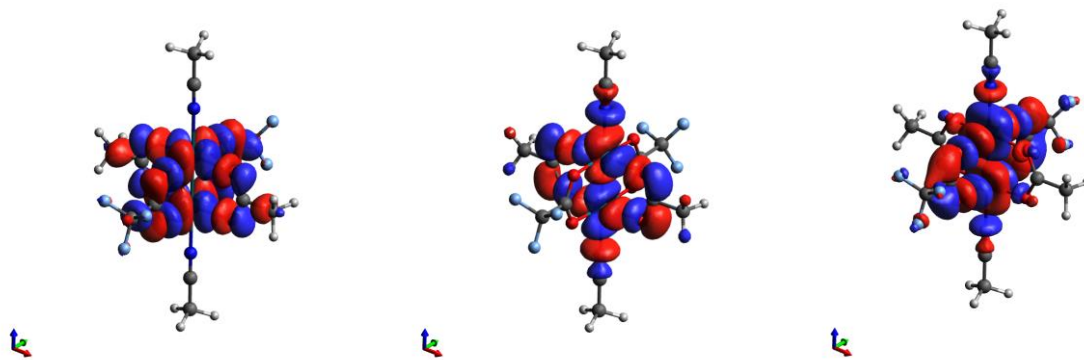
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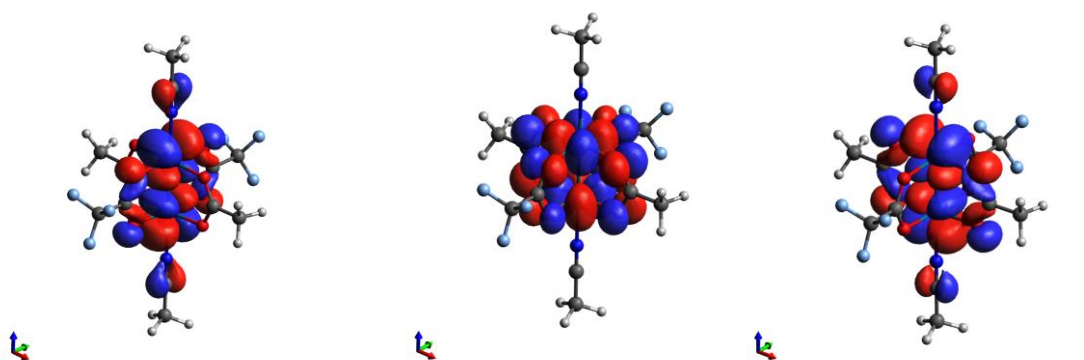
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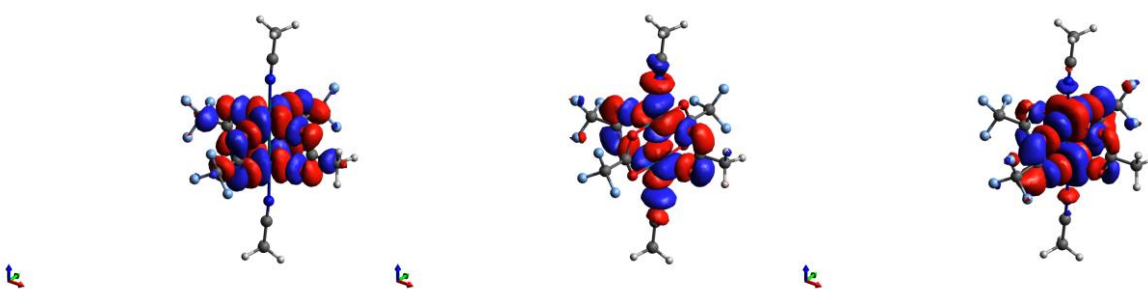


d_{yz} HOMO-2

d_{xy} HOMO-1

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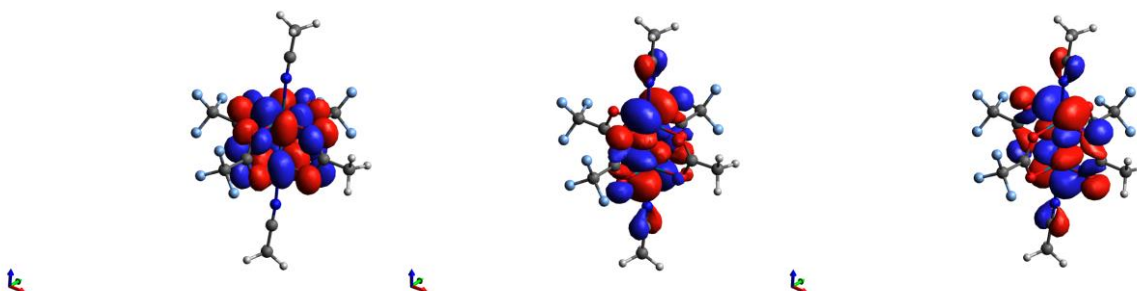
Compound 5



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$d_{x^2-y^2}$ LUMO+1

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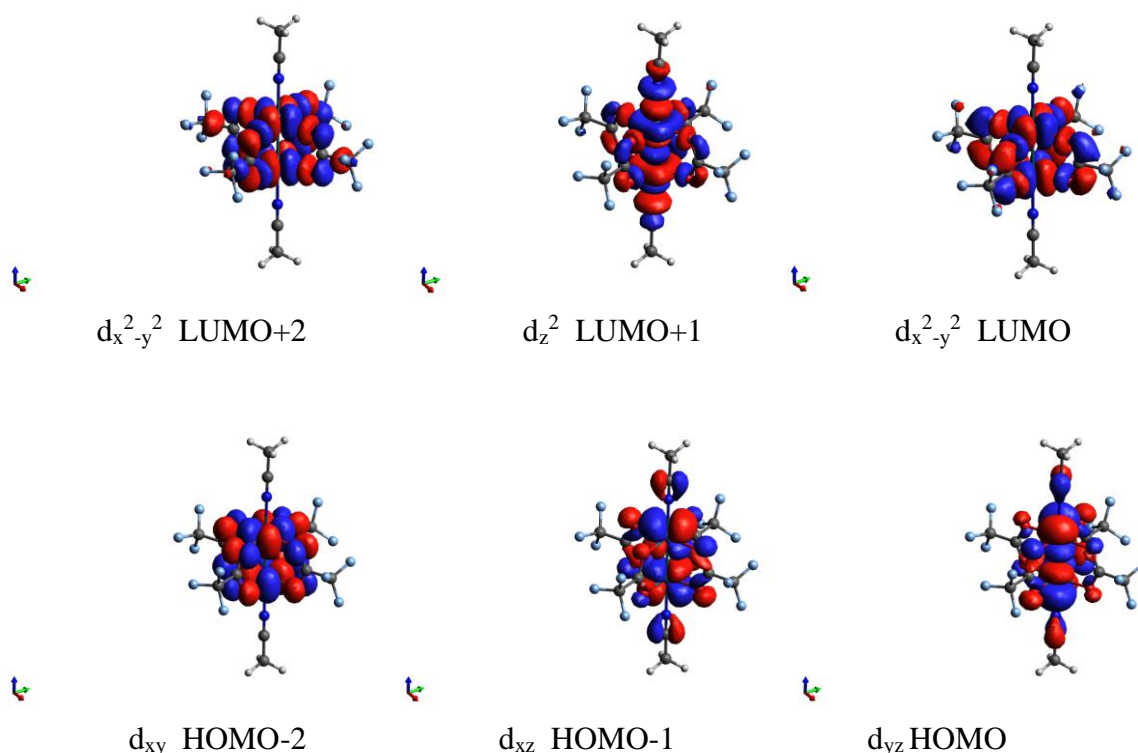


d_{xy} HOMO-2

d_{yz} HOMO-1

d_{xz} HOMO

Compound 6



Computational Details

The computational study has been carried out using a local development version of the ORCA 5.0 program package. All geometries have been optimized at the B3LYP-D3/def2-tzvp level of theory^{29,30,31,32,33} employing very tight convergence criteria for SCF and structure optimization and very conservative DFT grids. In order to account for the effect of solvation, the CPCM model (acetonitrile)³⁴ has been applied. All minima have been confirmed by normal mode analysis.

GIAO NMR chemical shift calculations^{35,36,37,38,39} have been carried out using the TPSS and TPSSH functional^{40,41,42} employing the RI and RIJCOSX approximations as previous benchmarks have demonstrated good performance of this family of functionals.²⁵ In order to provide a sufficiently flexible basis set for the description of the 103Rh NMR chemical shifts, the SARC-ZORA-TZVPP basis set⁴³ has been used for Rh, while the def2-TZVPP basis set^{32,33} has been chosen for all other nuclei and all basis set have been decontracted and complemented with the Autoaux auxiliary basis sets⁴⁴ available in ORCA. In order to assess whether scalar relativistic effects have a considerable effect on the relative chemical shifts, the ZORA approximation has been employed. This includes a new local implementation of the computation of NMR chemical shieldings following the scheme of Barends et al. (see above).⁴⁵ For all NMR calculations very tight SCF convergence and tight integration grid settings have been employed in conjunction with the CPCM model (Acetonitrile), see above.

Geometries and complete set of NMR chemical shifts

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Coordinates from ORCA-job opt

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14	O	137.738	411.984
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21	C	59.298	29.708
22	O	125.719	399.901
23	O	155.104	351.174
24	F	266.998	112.350
25	F	257.446	131.303
26	F	254.848	134.267
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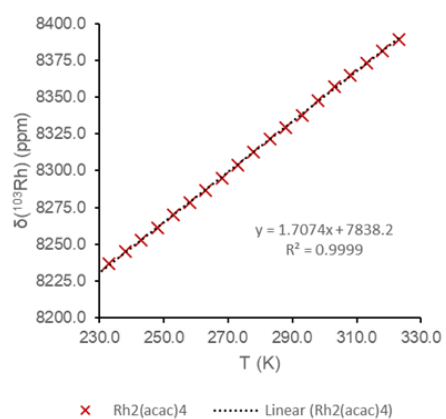
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Nucleus	Element	Isotropic	Anisotropy
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2	O	126.417	397.647
3	Rh	-7207.440	-6630.554
4	N	40.521	392.273
5	C	63.864	331.189
6	C	185.743	27.179
7	O	136.362	375.886
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10	C	63.826	331.125
11	C	185.810	27.045

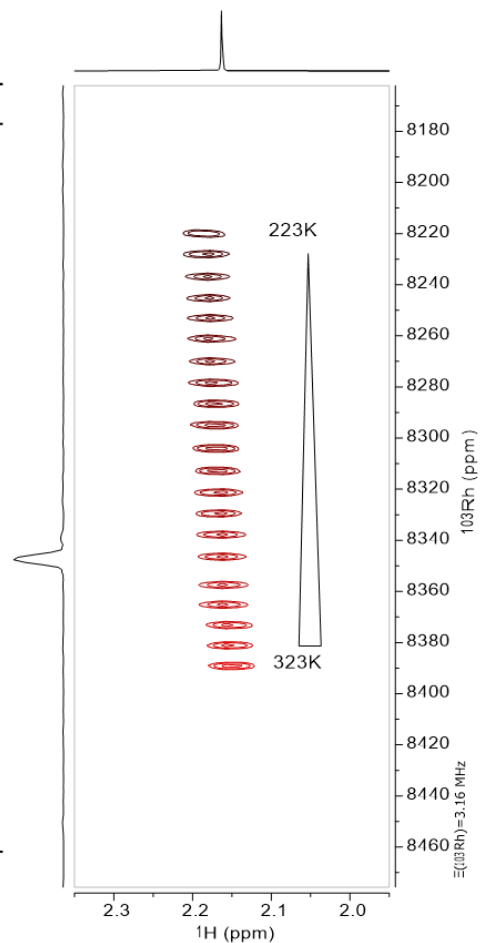
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6. NMR Spectra

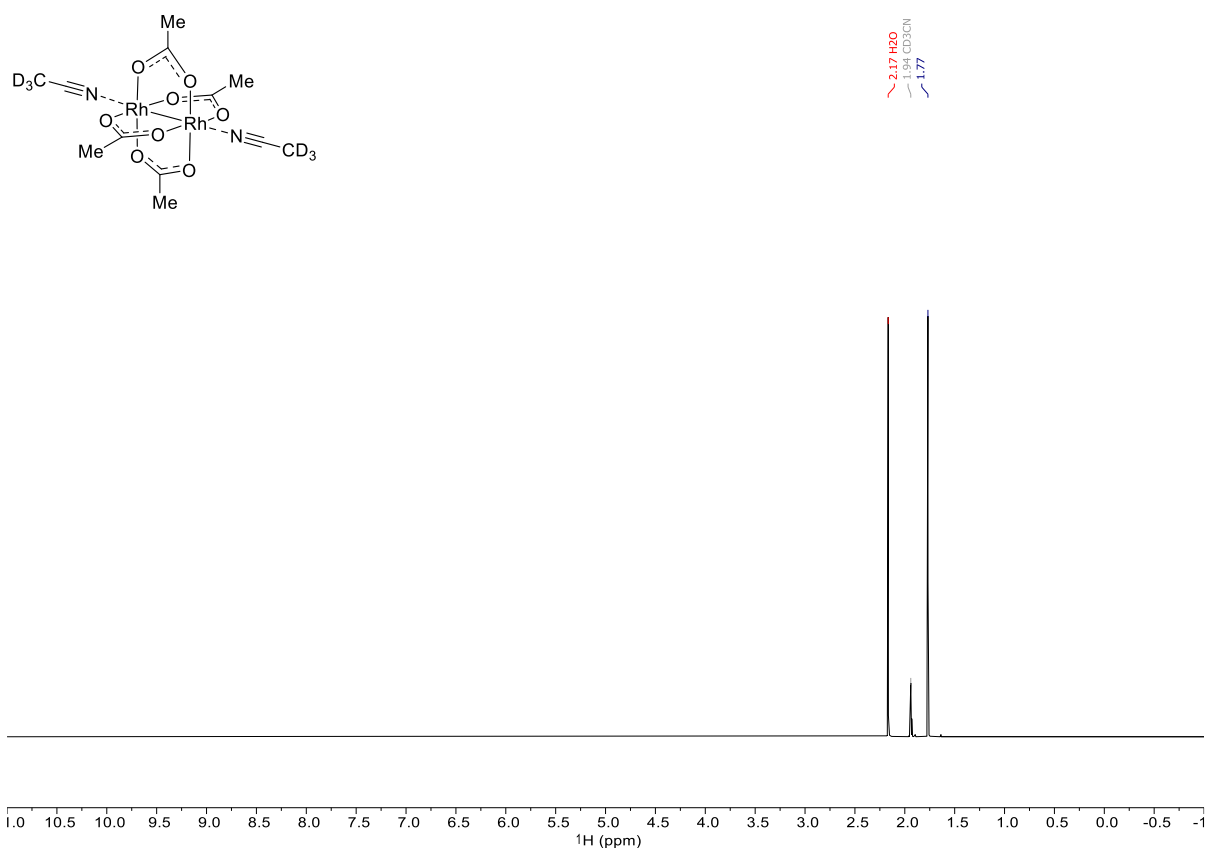
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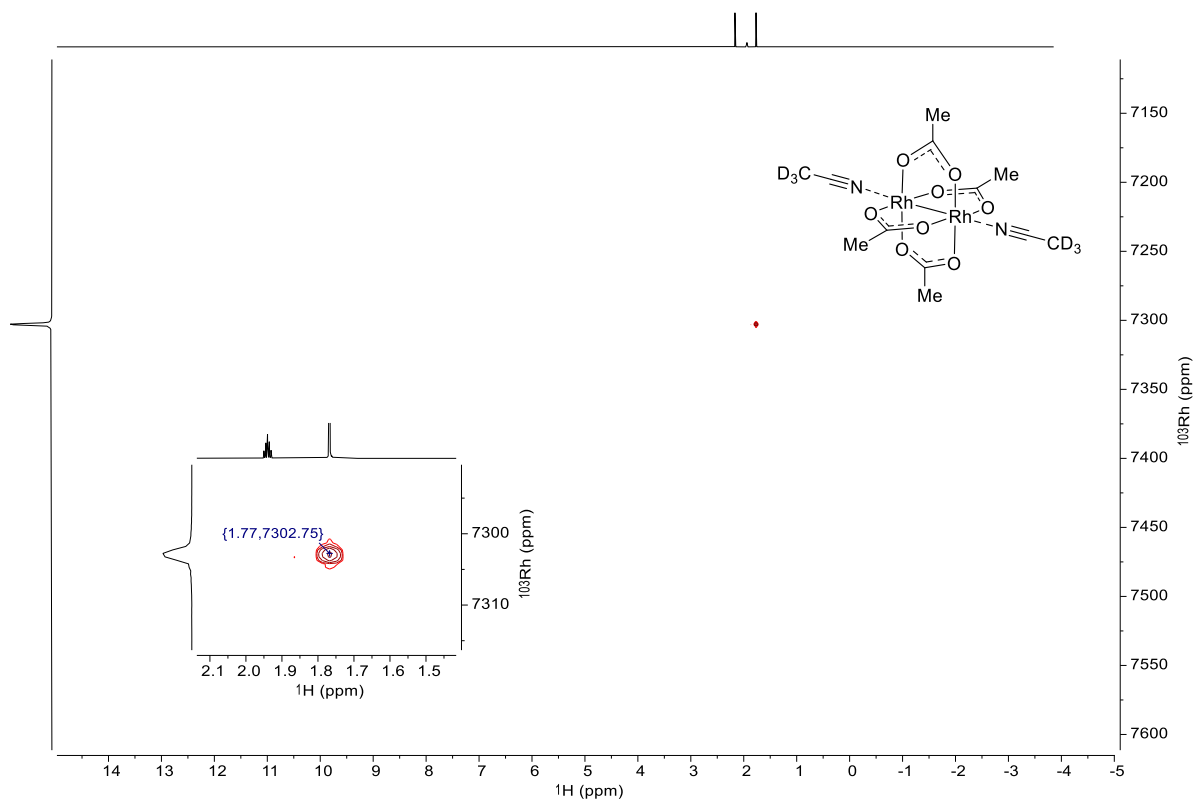
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Dirhodium(II) tetra(acetate) (Rh₂(OAc)₄) (1) : ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN)

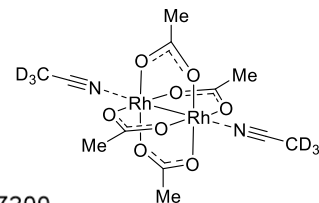
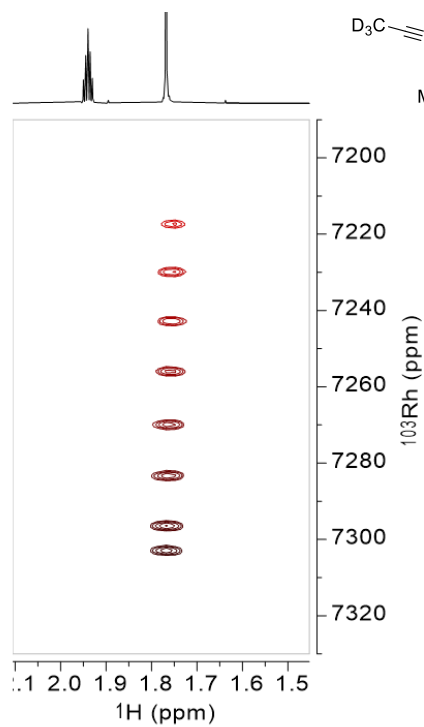
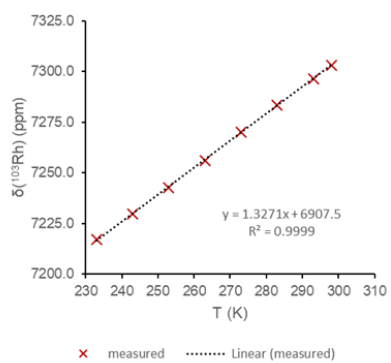


Dirhodium(II) tetra(acetate) (Rh₂(OAc)₄) (1) : H(C)Rh spectrum (CD₃CN)

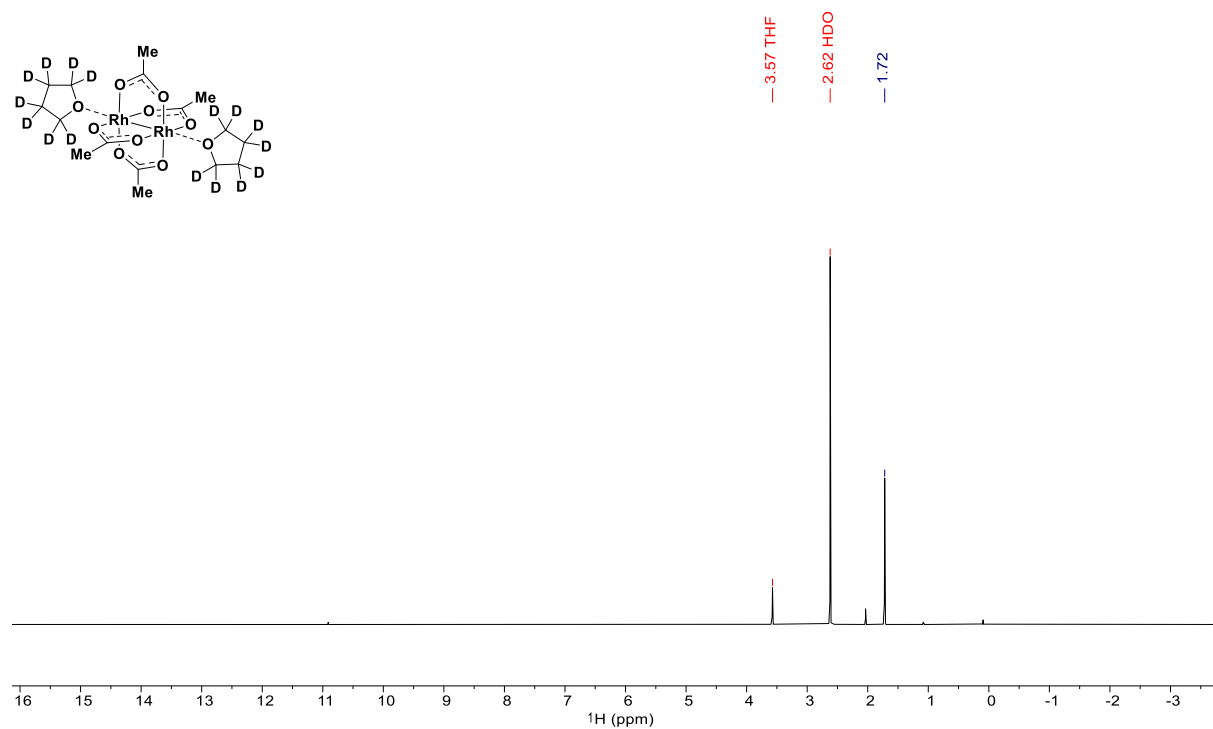


Dirhodium(II) tetra(acetate) ($\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$) (1) : $^1\text{H}/^{103}\text{Rh}$ spectra stacked at variable temperatures (CD_3CN)

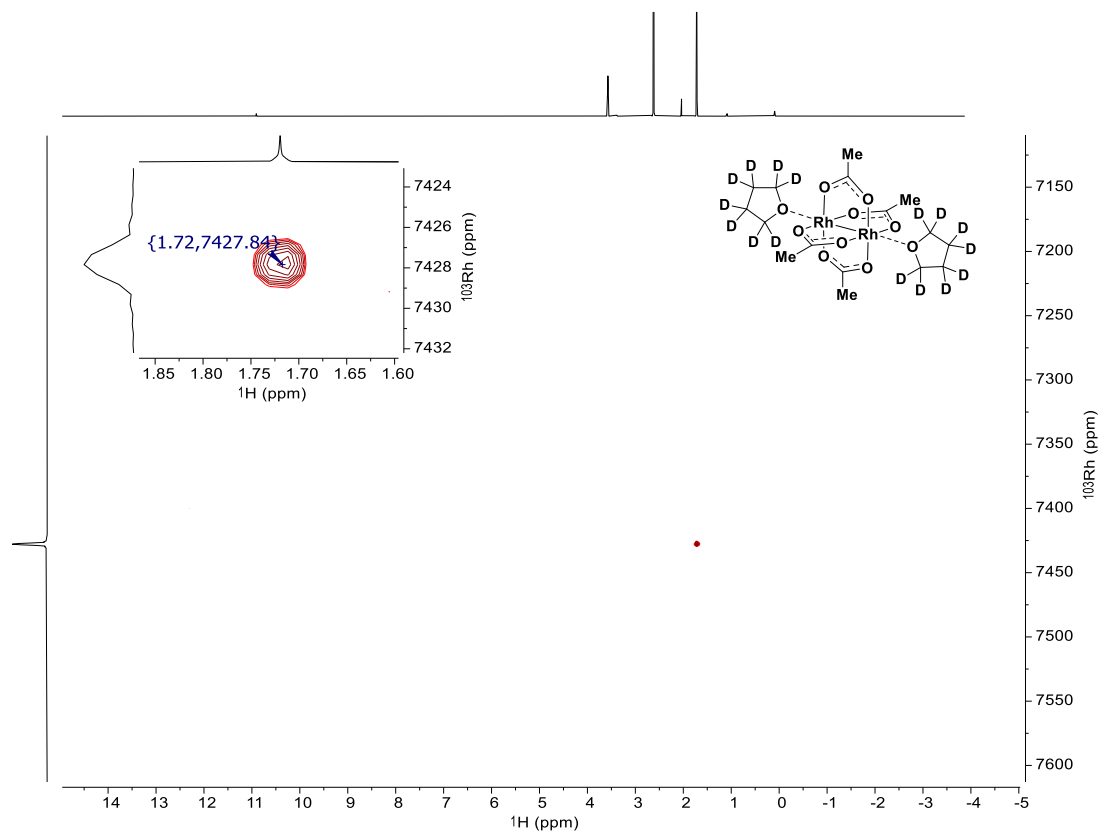
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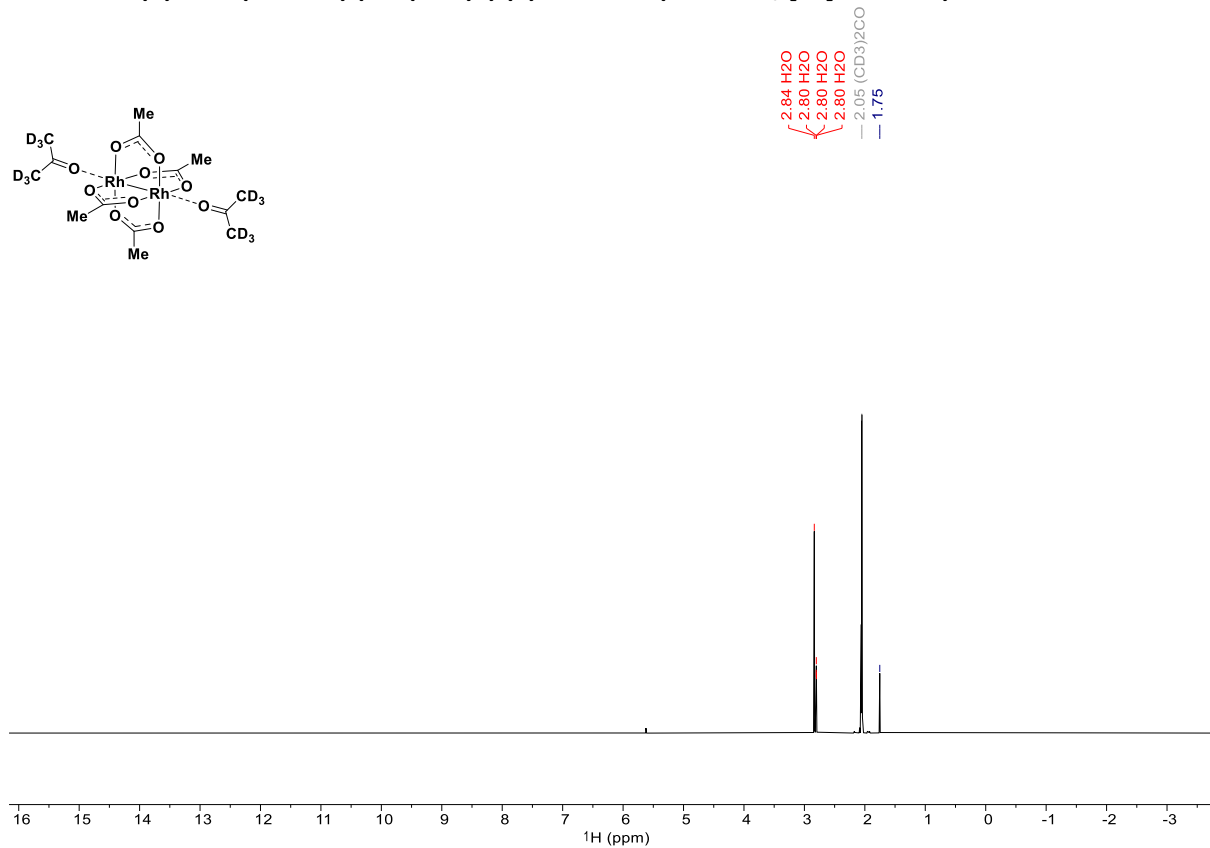
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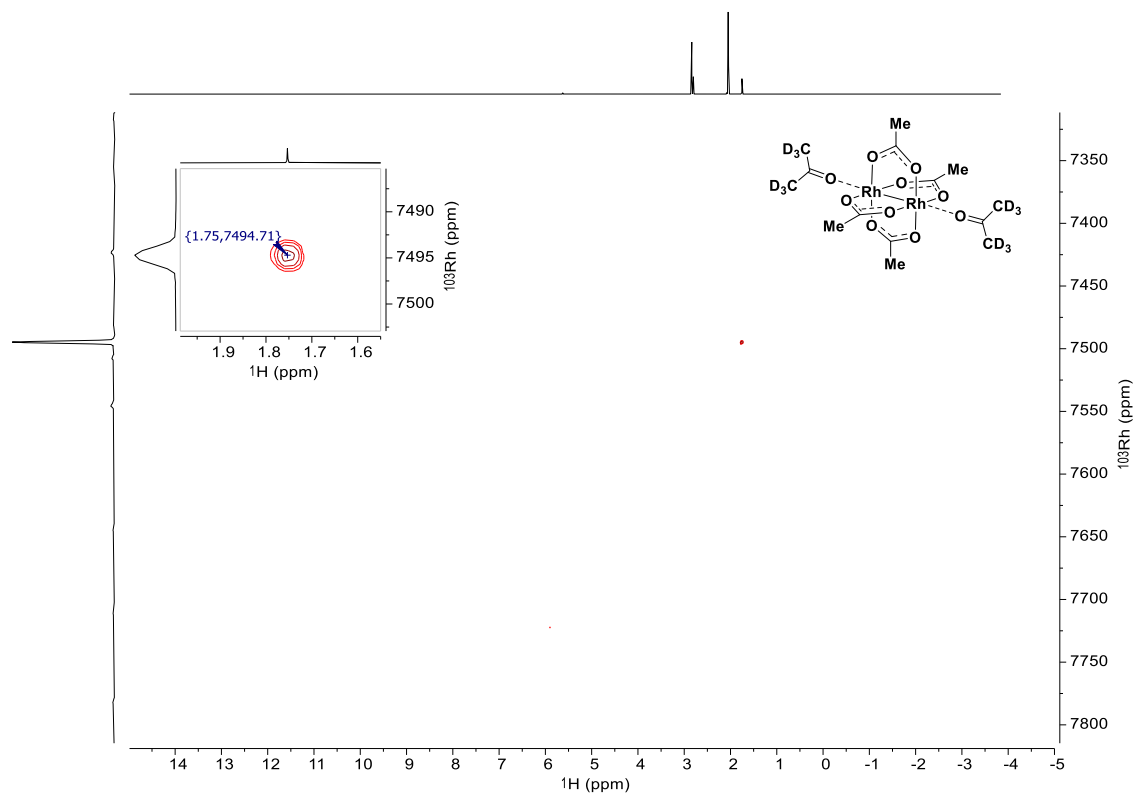
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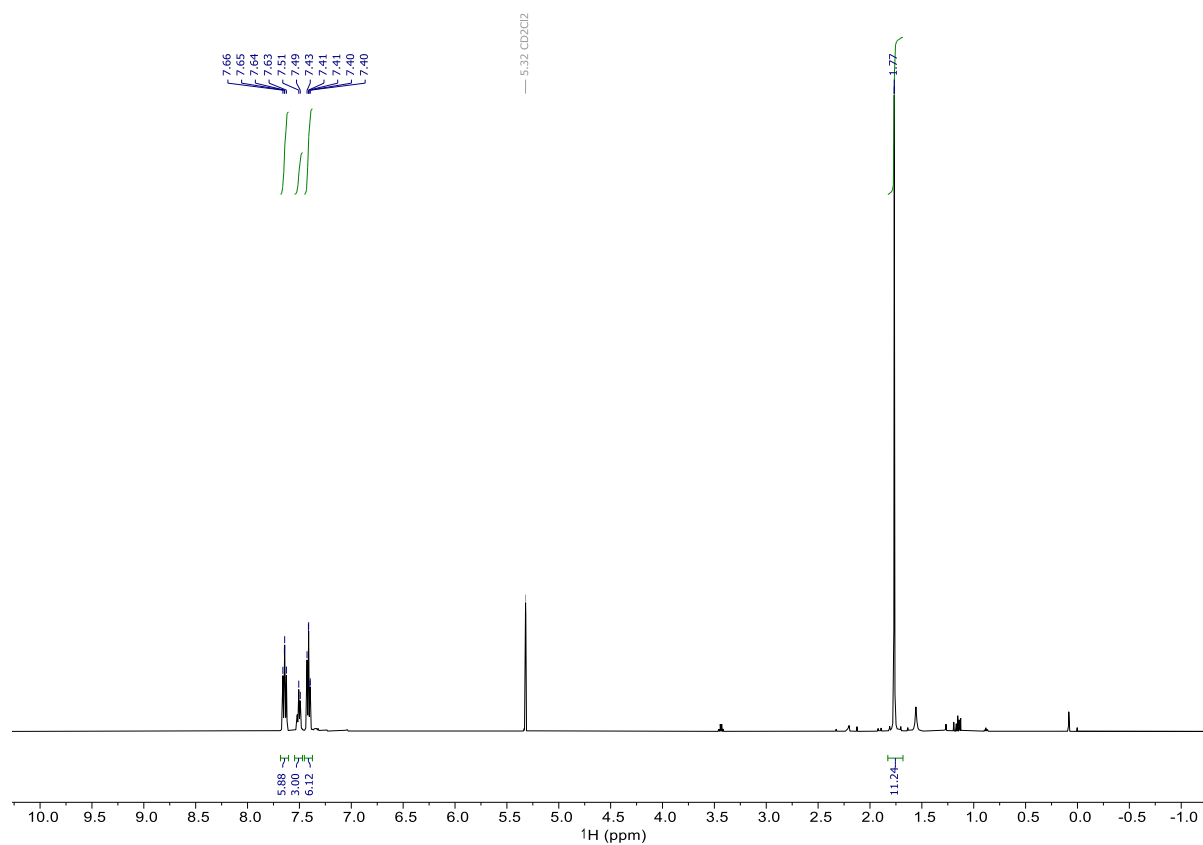
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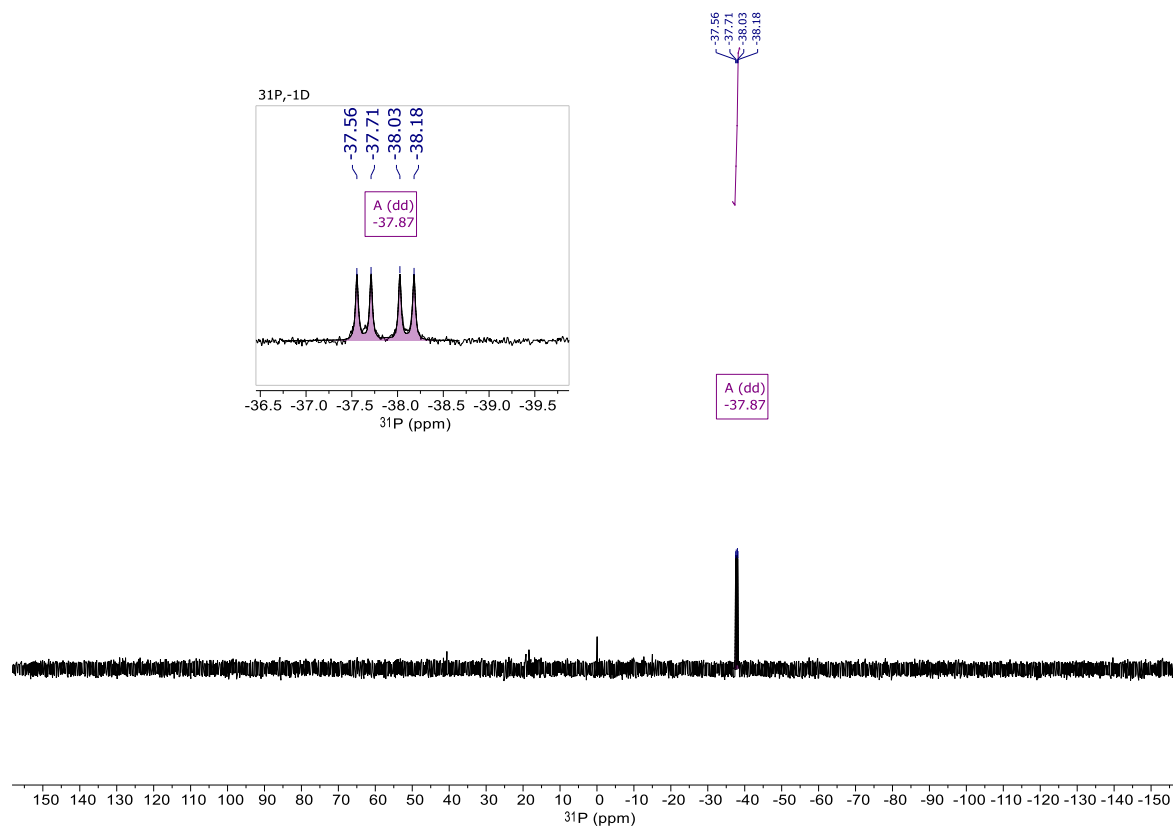
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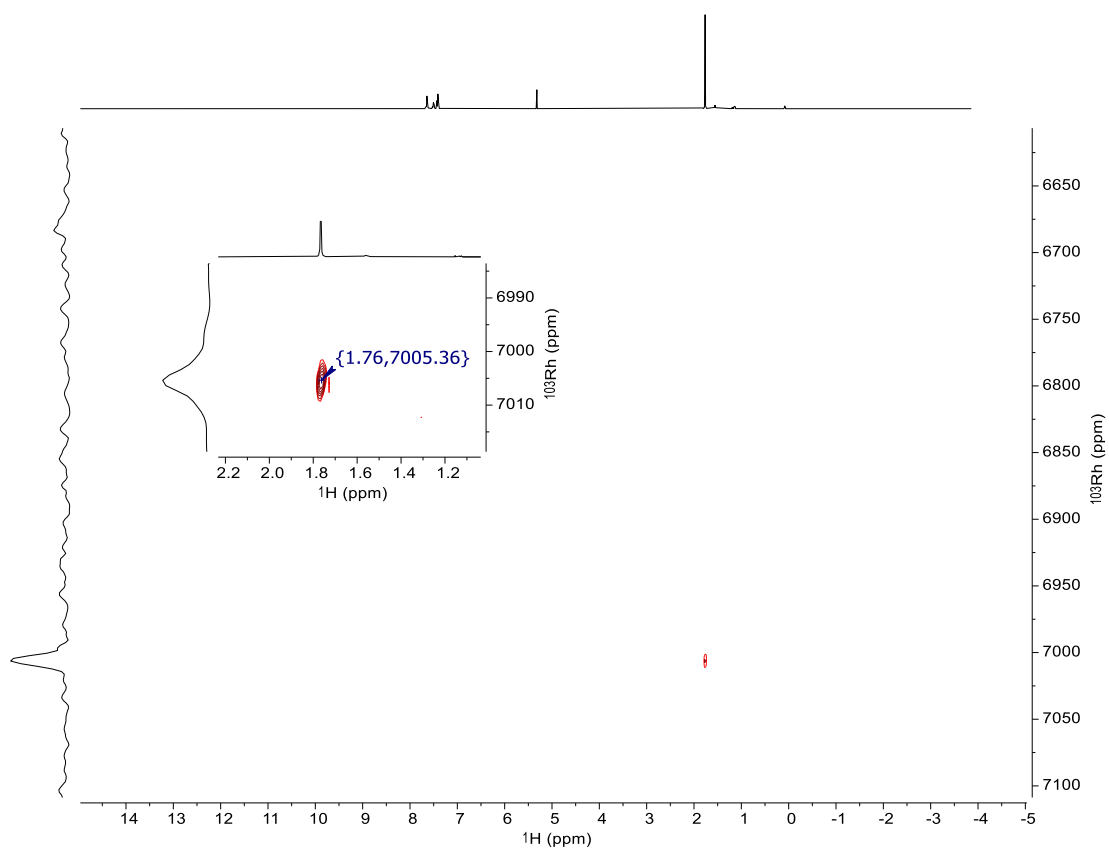
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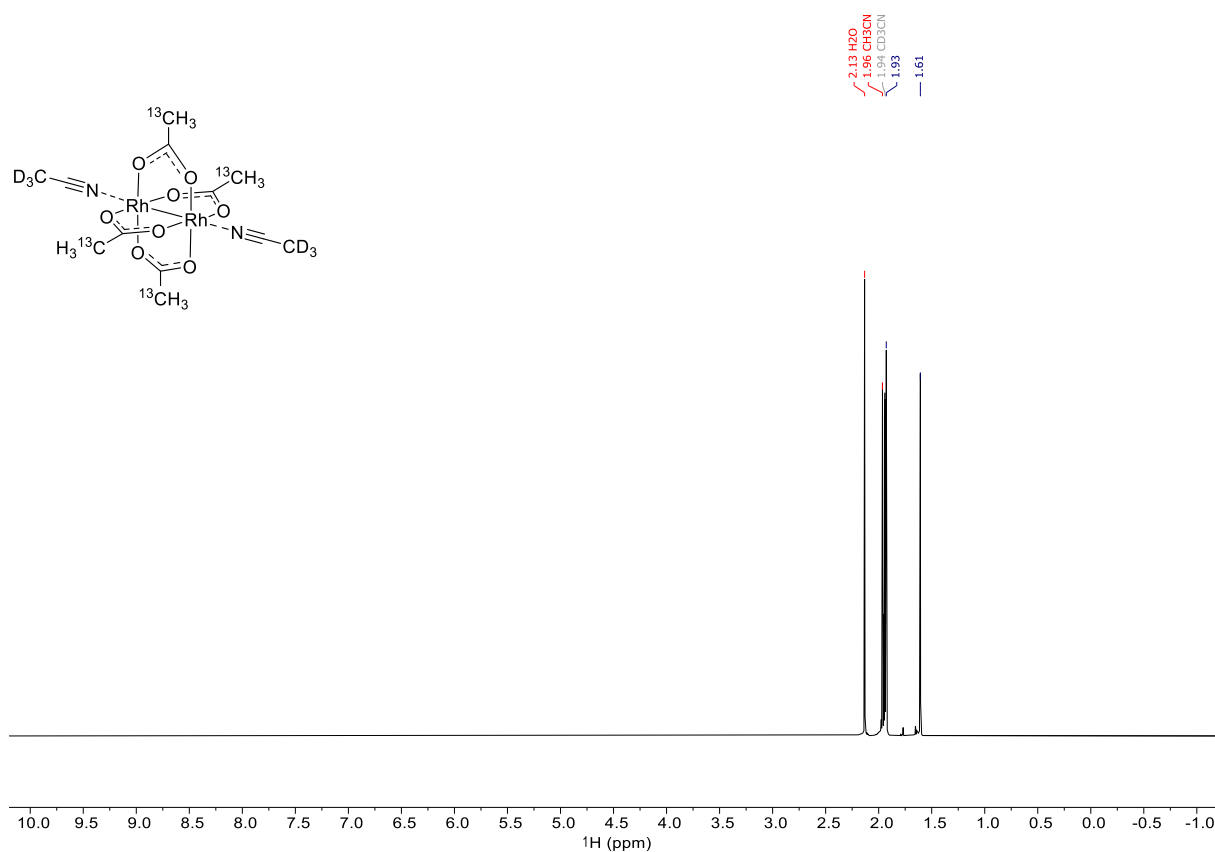
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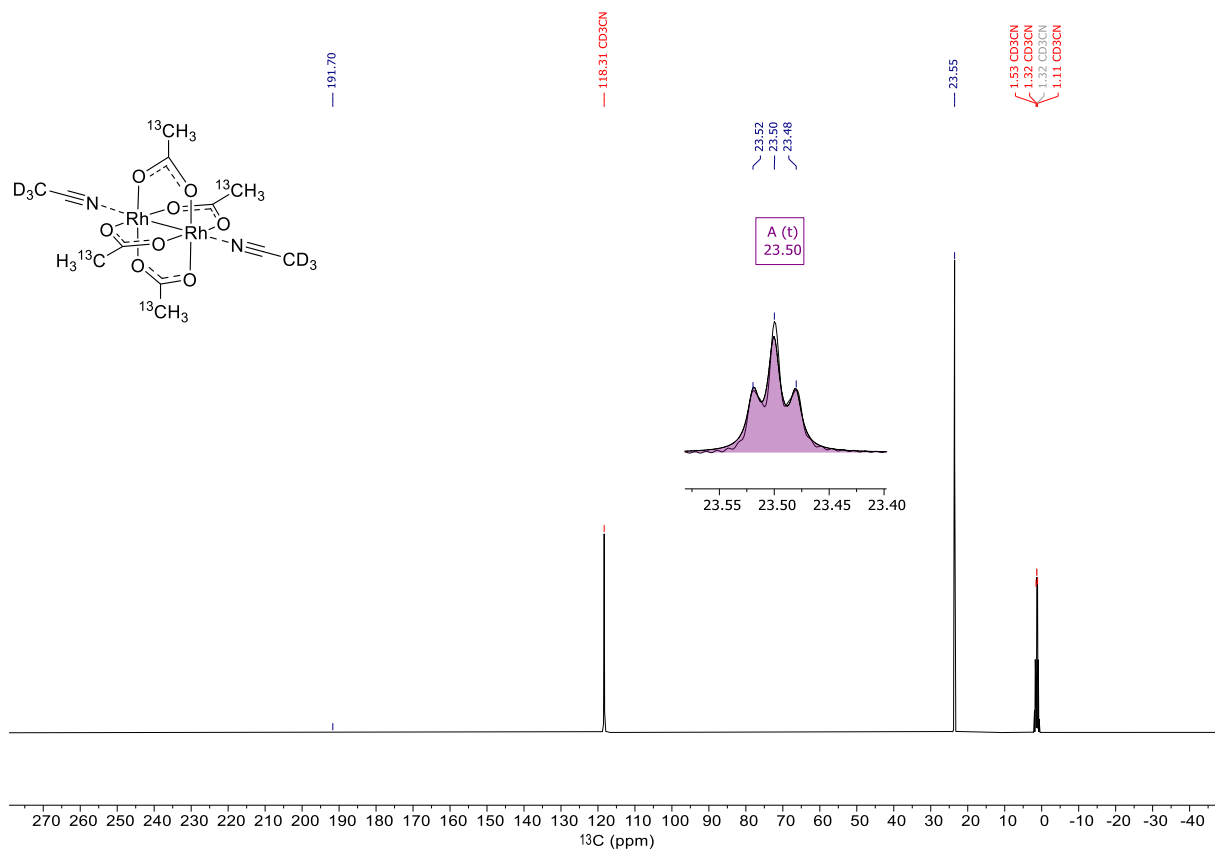
[Rh₂(OAc)₄·PPh₃ (1·PPh₃): 2D H(C)Rh spectrum (CD₂Cl₂)



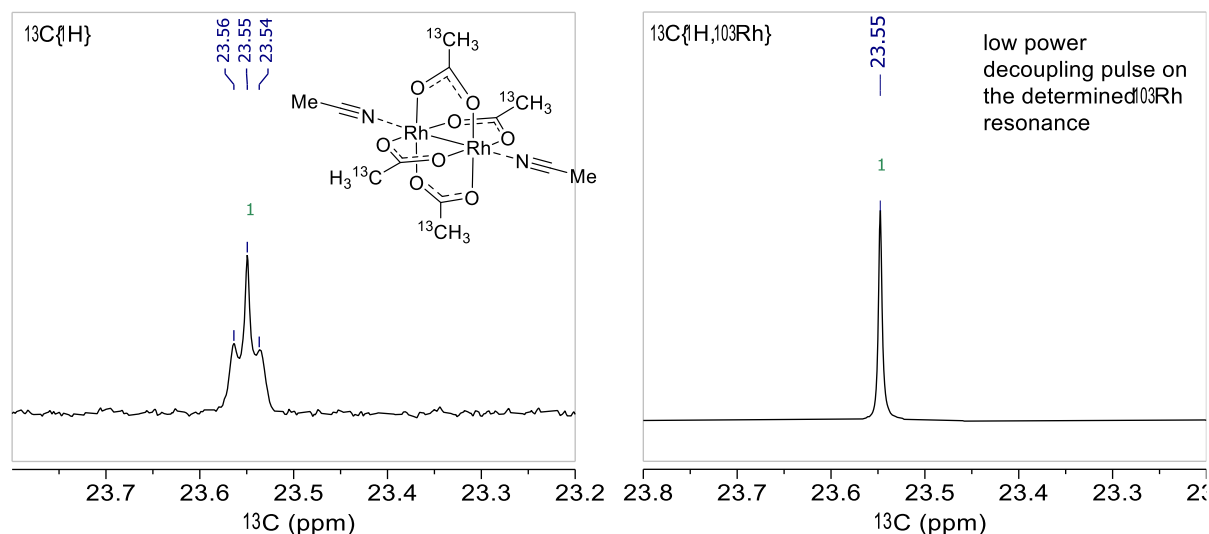
Dirhodium(II) tetra(acetate-2-¹³C) (2-¹³C-1): ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN)



Dirhodium(II) tetra(acetate-2-¹³C) (2-¹³C-1): ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN)

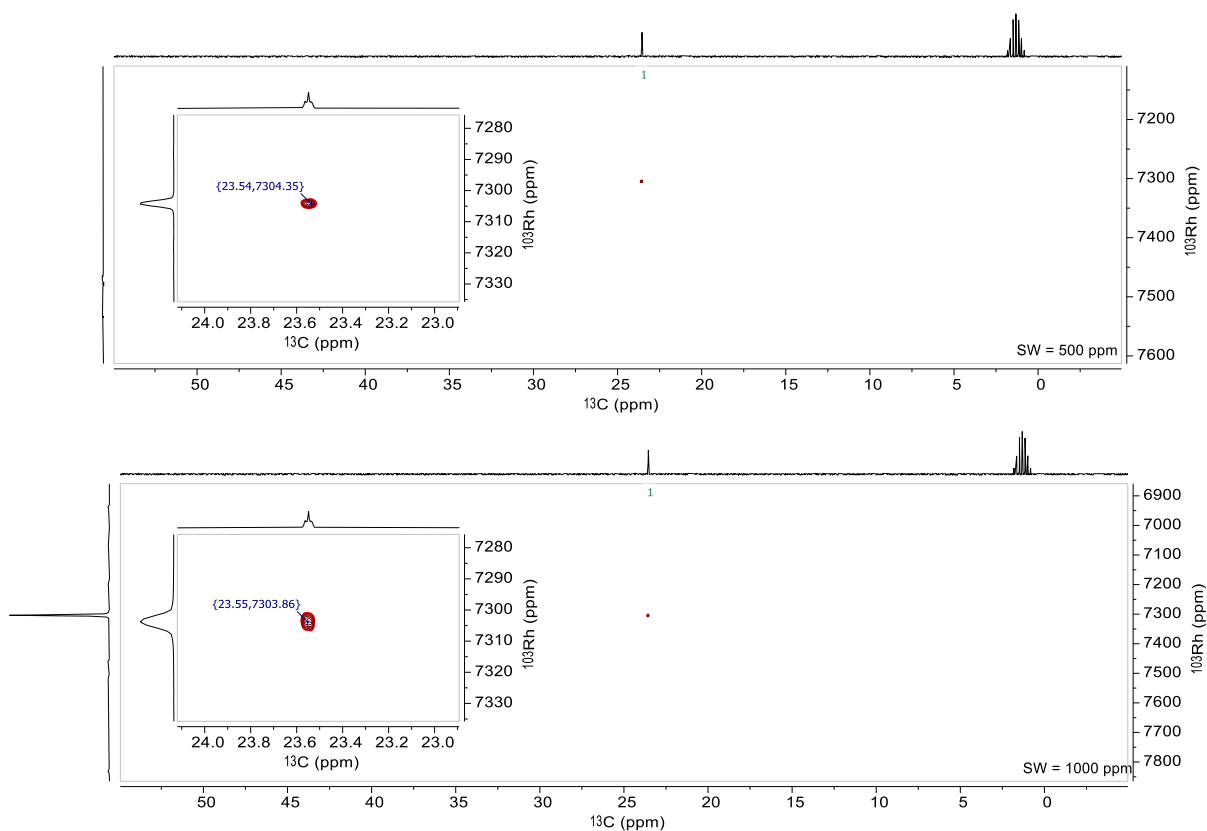


Dirhodium(II) tetra(acetate-2-¹³C): Left: ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (126 MHz, CD₃CN); Right: ¹³C{¹H, ¹⁰³Rh}-NMR (126 MHz, CD₃CN)

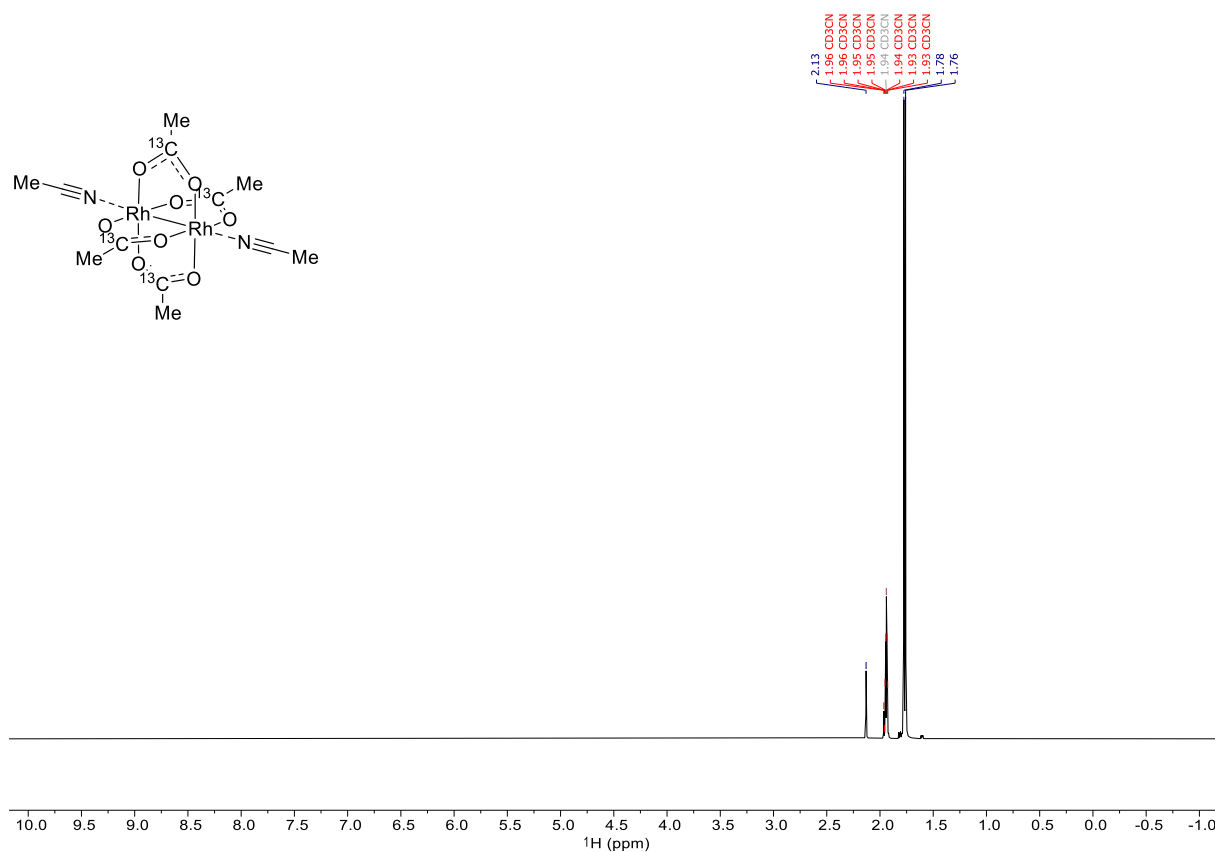


Dirhodium(II) tetra(acetate-2-¹³C) (2-¹³C-1): ¹³C{¹H}-¹⁰³Rh-HMBC (CD₃CN)

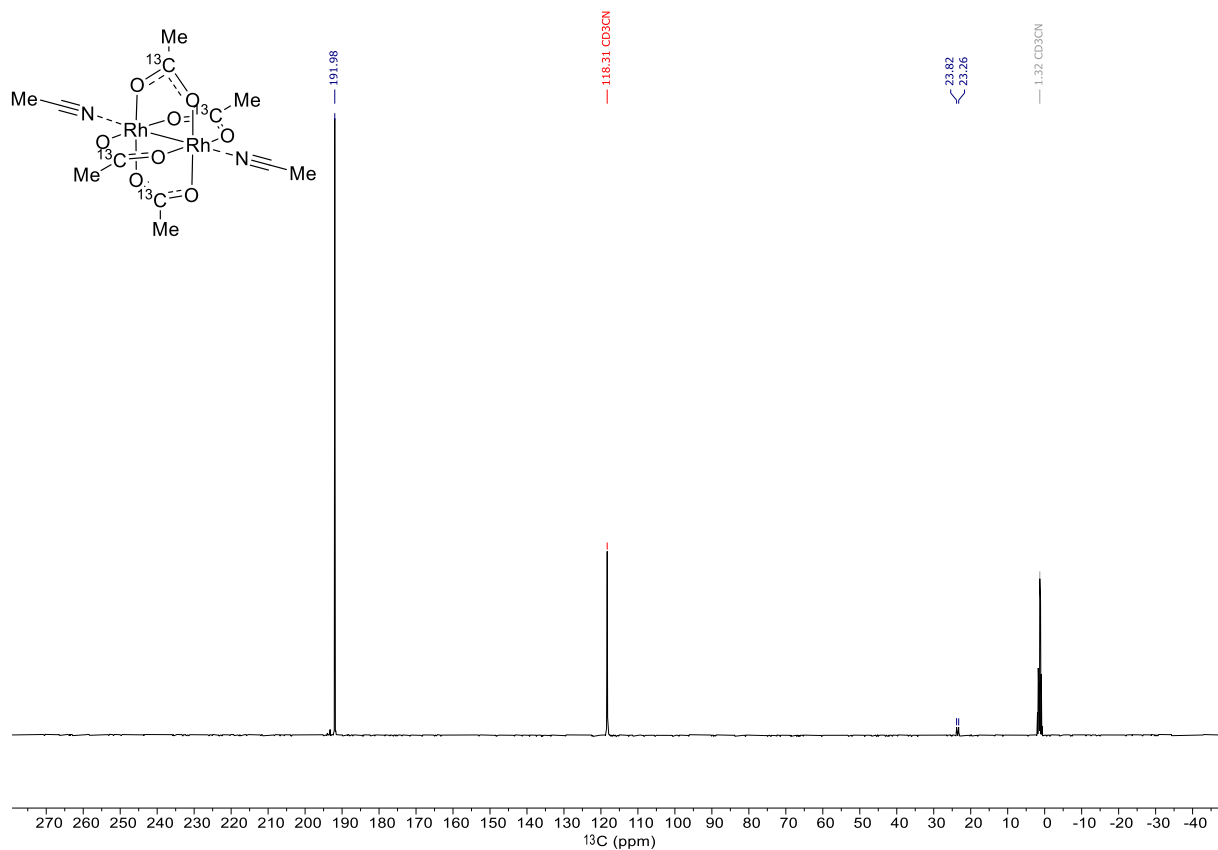
To verify that the ¹⁰³Rh NMR signal is not folded, two spectra with the same offset, but a different spectral width in the indirect dimension were measured. By comparing the spectra, the signal appears at almost the same position (within 1 ppm). This confirms that the cross peaks is not folded and the correct ¹⁰³Rh resonance was found.



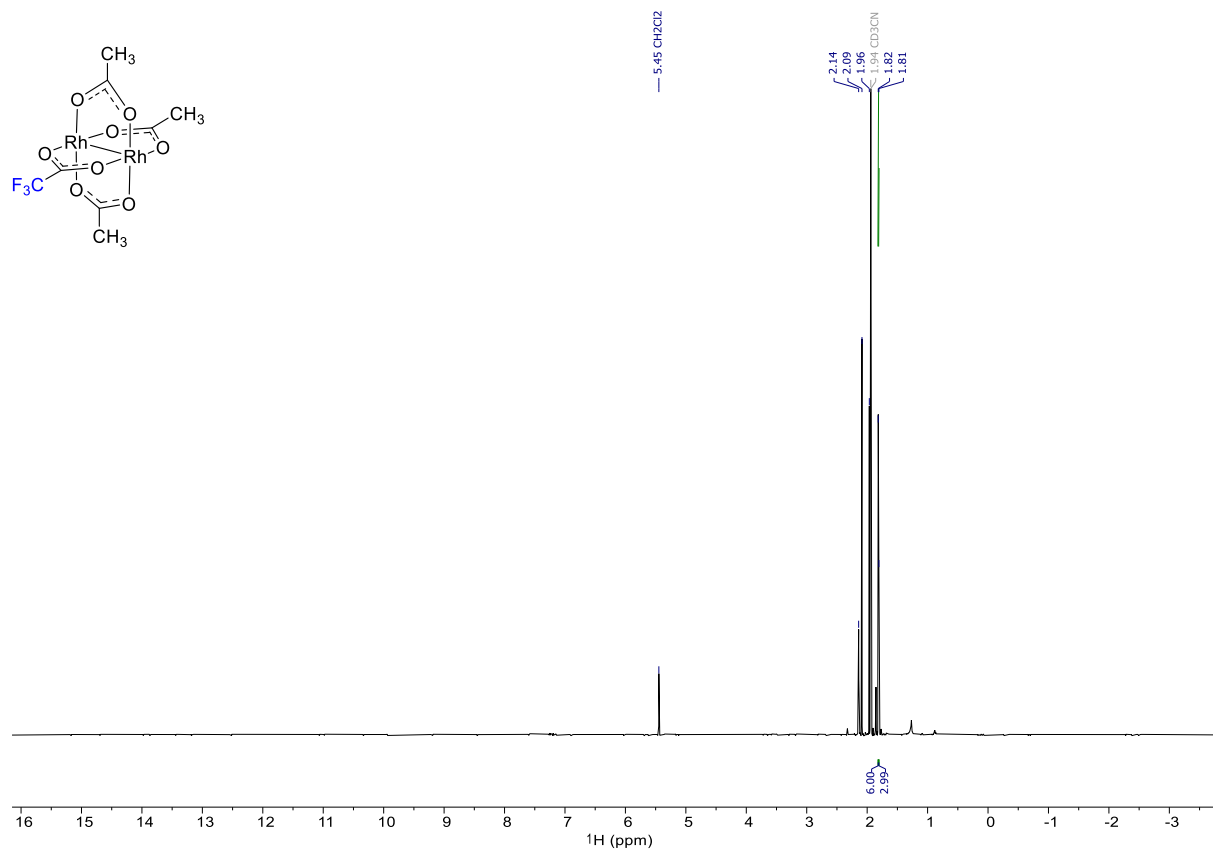
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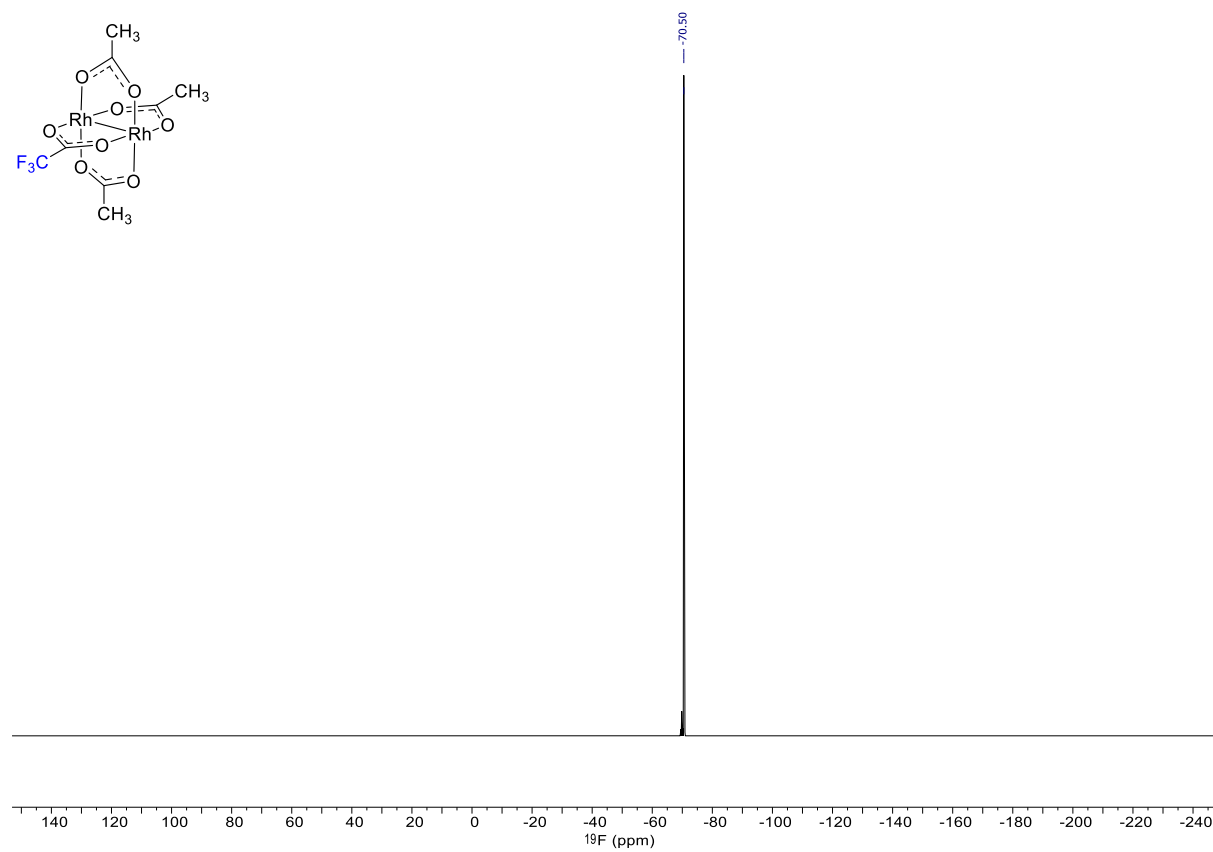
Dirhodium(II) tetra(acetate-1-¹³C) (1-¹³C-1): ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN)



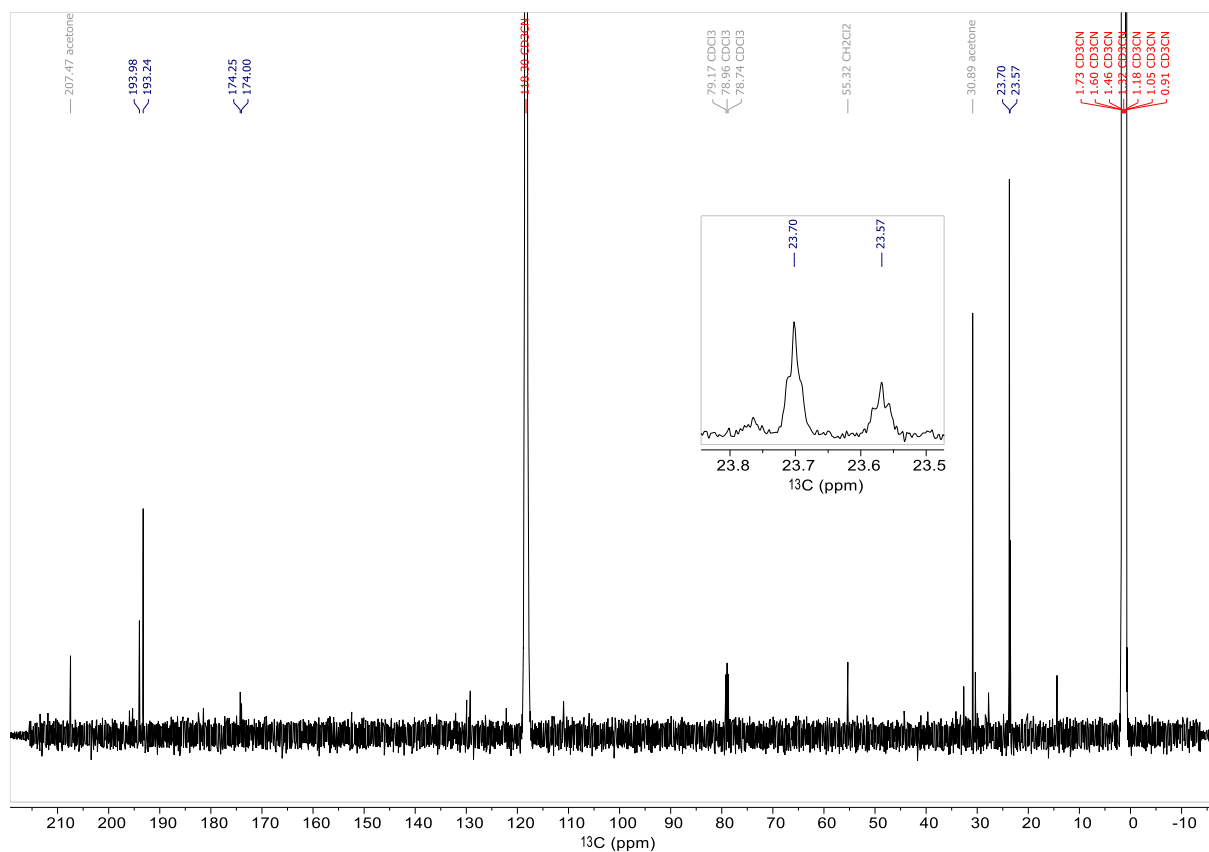
Rh₂(OAc)₃(OTfa) (2): ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN)



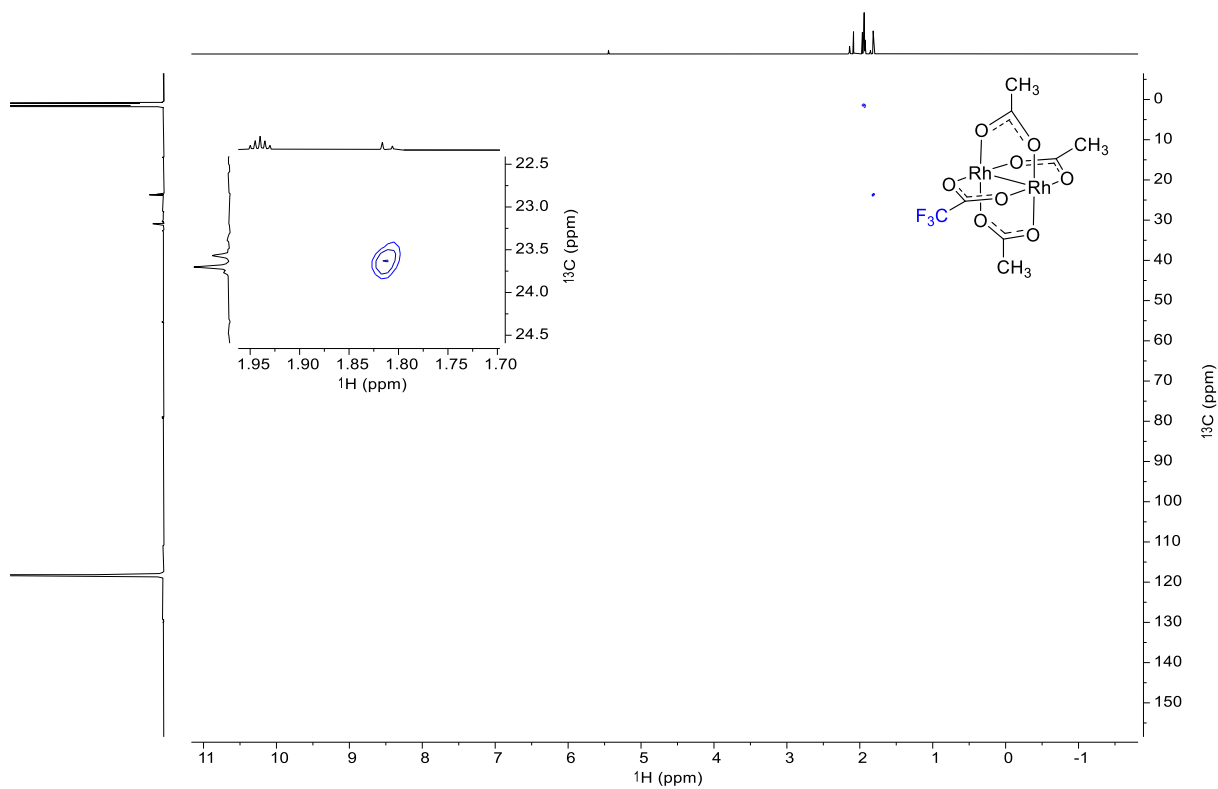
Rh₂(OAc)₃(OTfa) (2): ¹⁹F-NMR (565 MHz, CD₃CN)



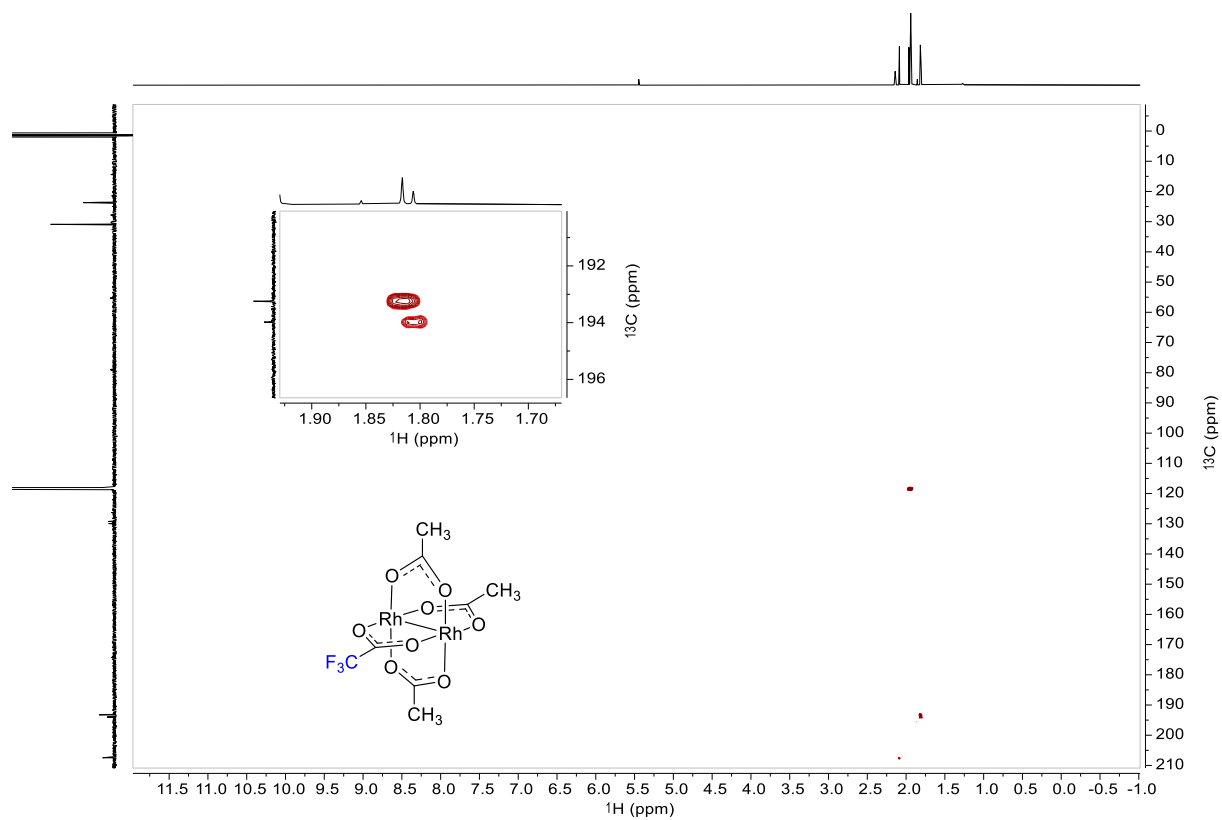
Rh₂(OAc)₃(OTfa) (2): ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CD₃CN)



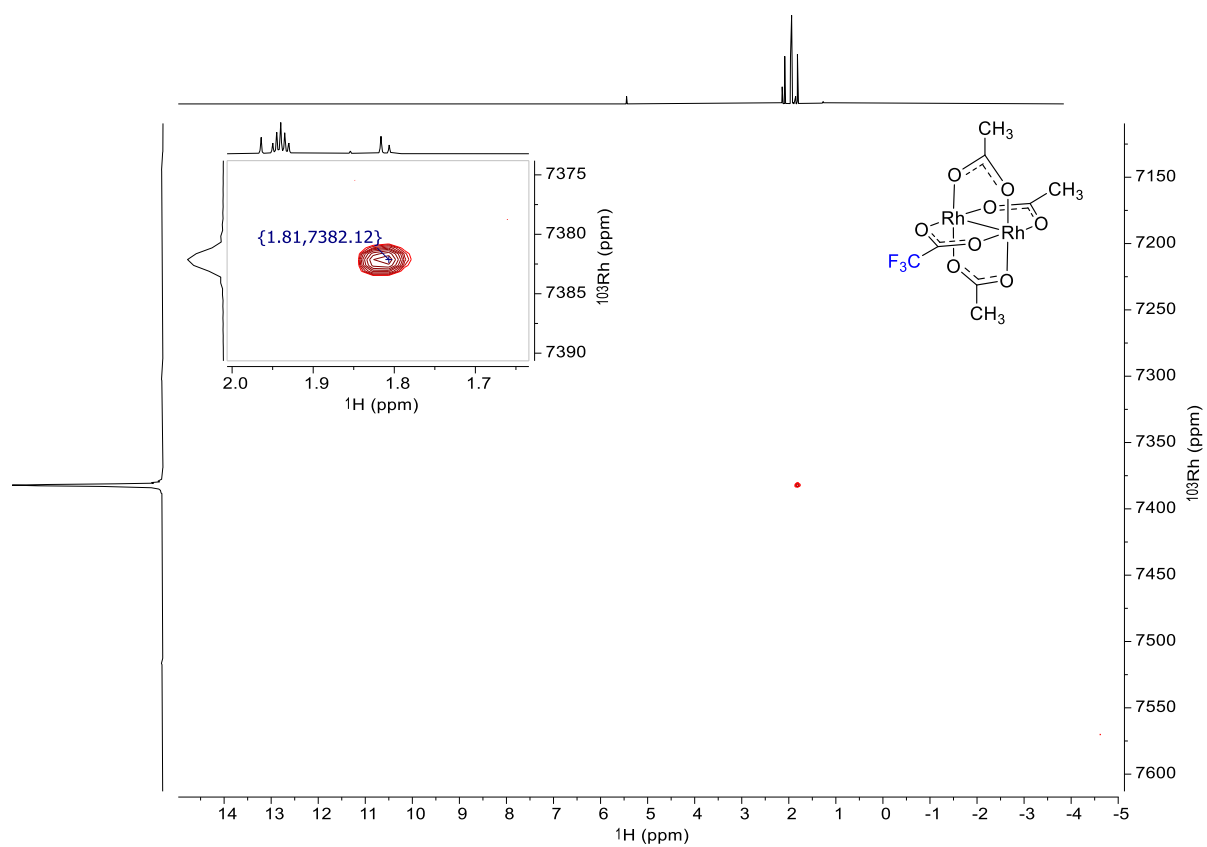
Rh₂(OAc)₃(OTfa) (2): ¹H-¹³C-edited-HSQC (CD₃CN)



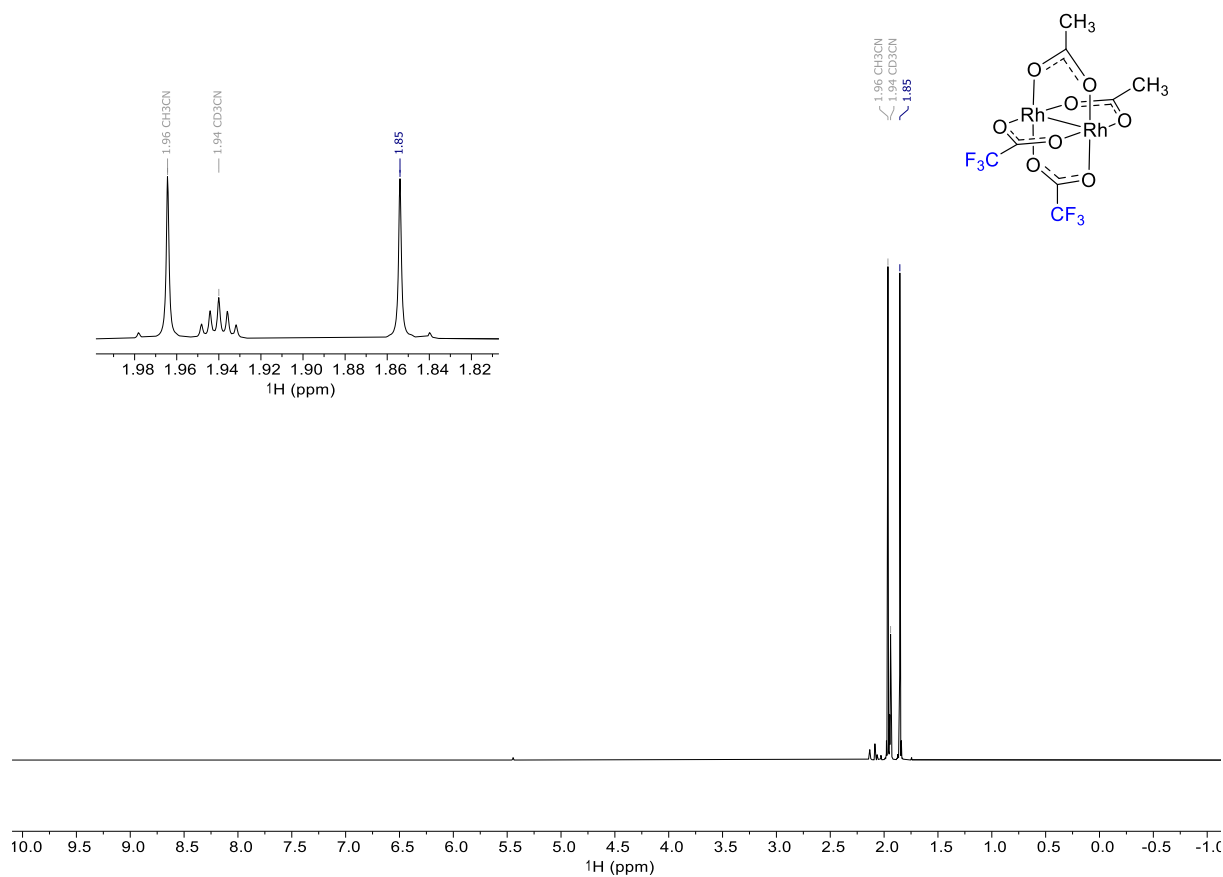
Rh₂(OAc)₃(OTfa) (2): ¹H-¹³C-HMBC (CD₃CN)



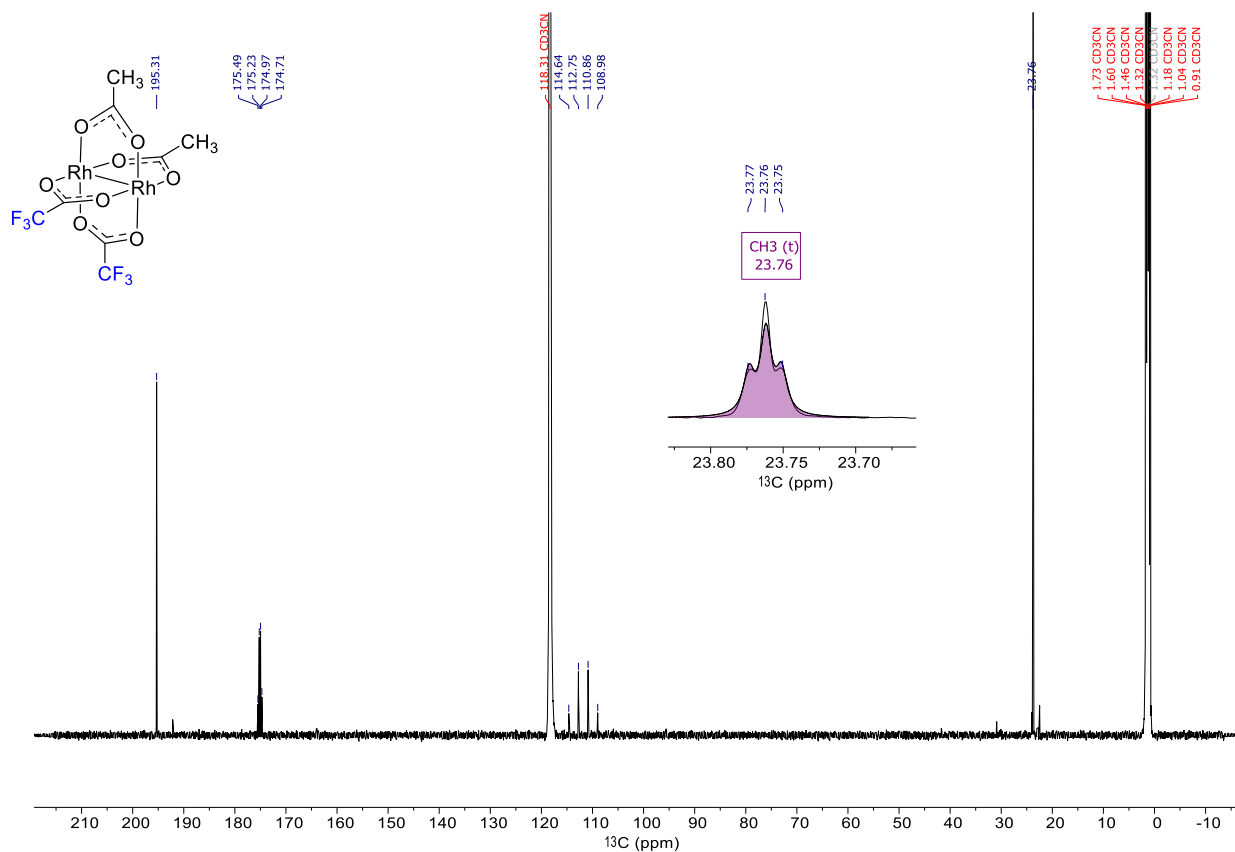
Rh₂(OAc)₃(OTfa) (2): H(C)Rh (CD₃CN)



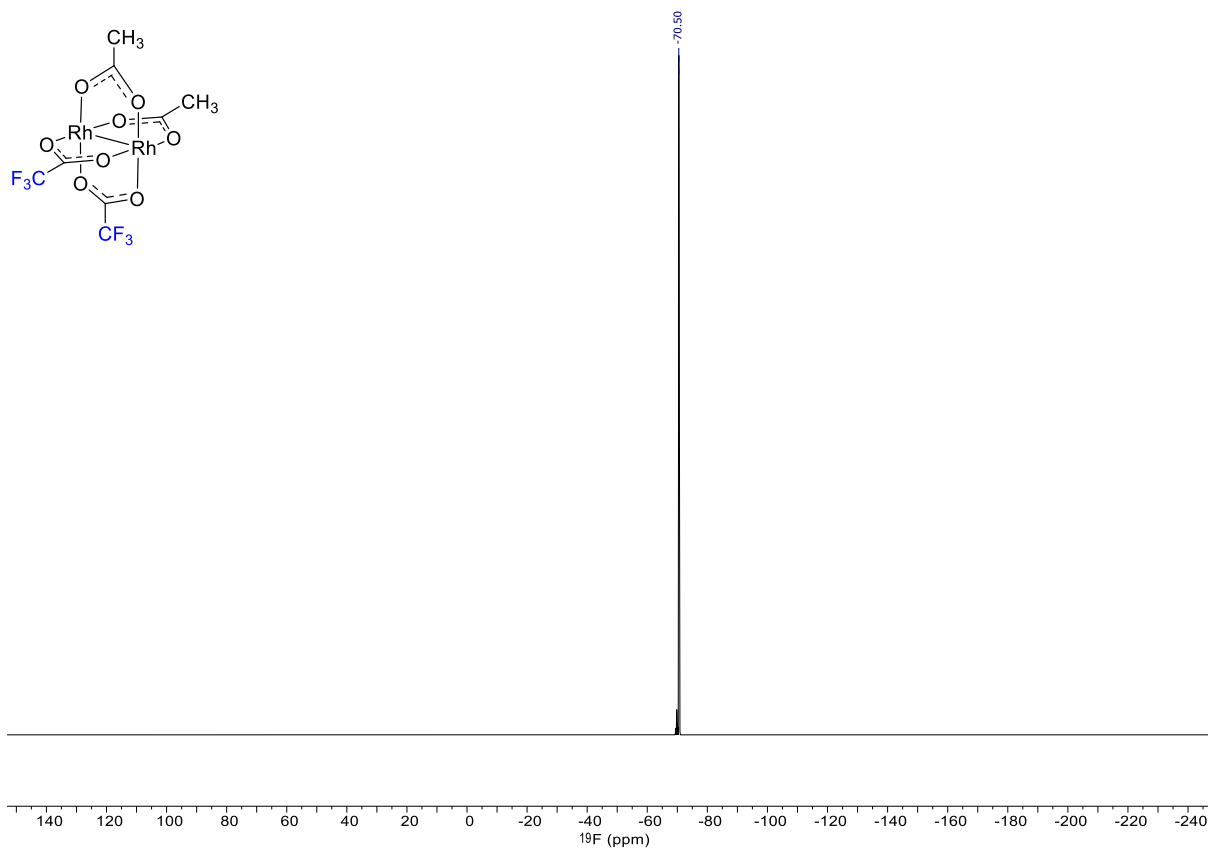
cis-Rh₂(OAc)₂(OTfa)₂ (3): ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CD₃CN)



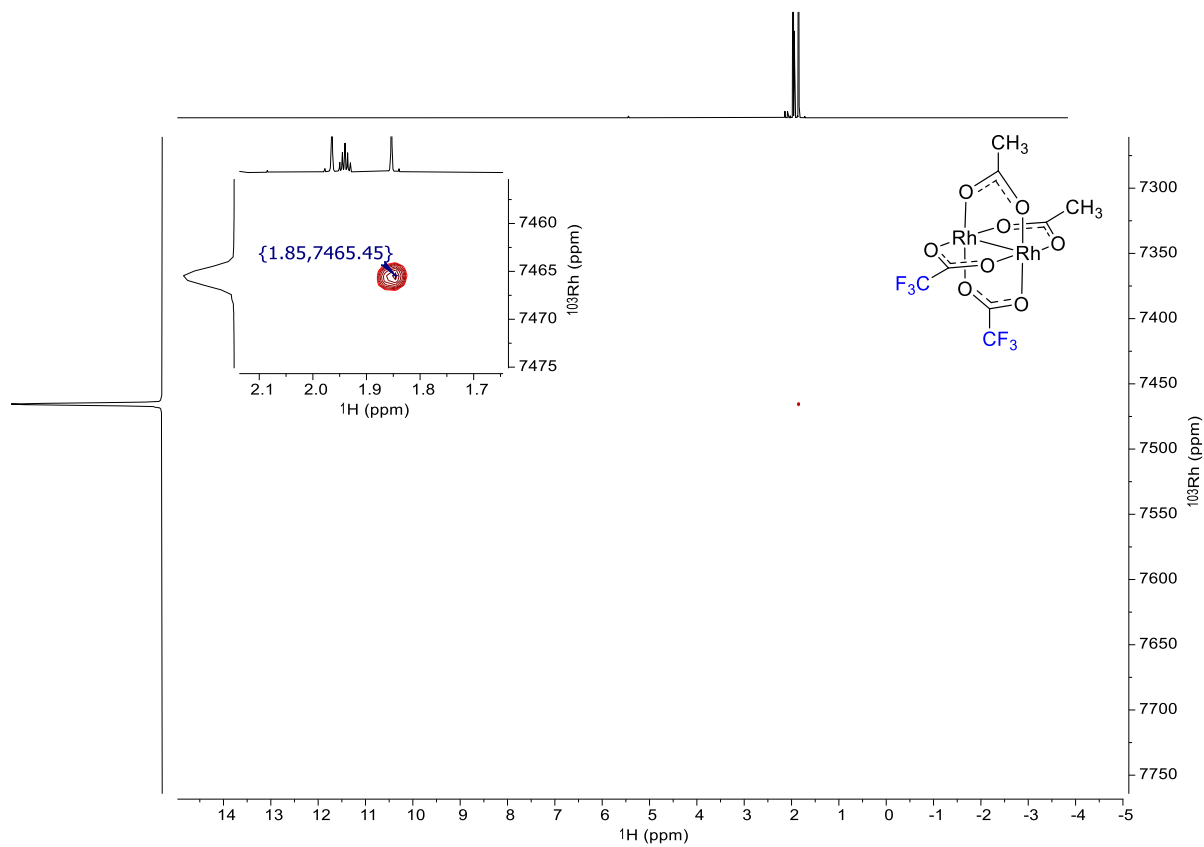
cis-Rh₂(OAc)₂(OTfa)₂ (3): ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (151 MHz, CD₃CN)



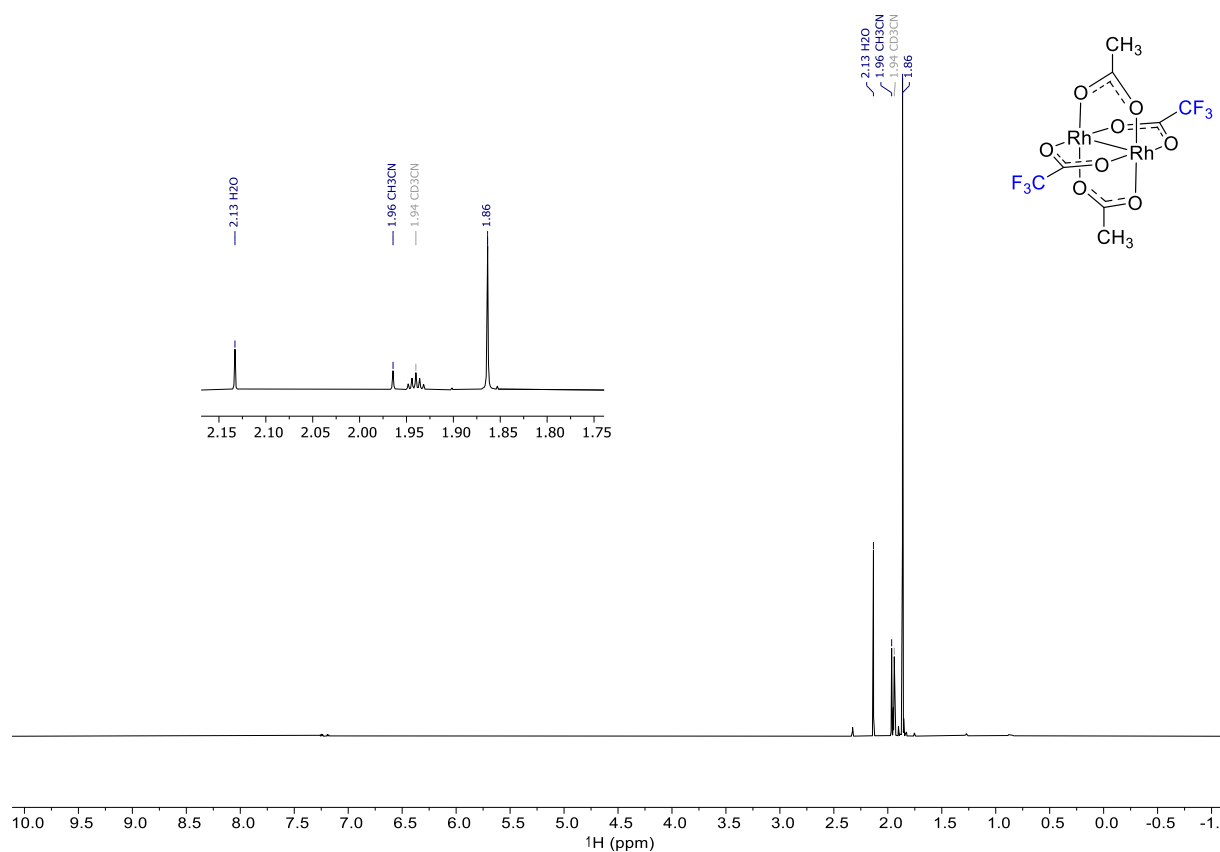
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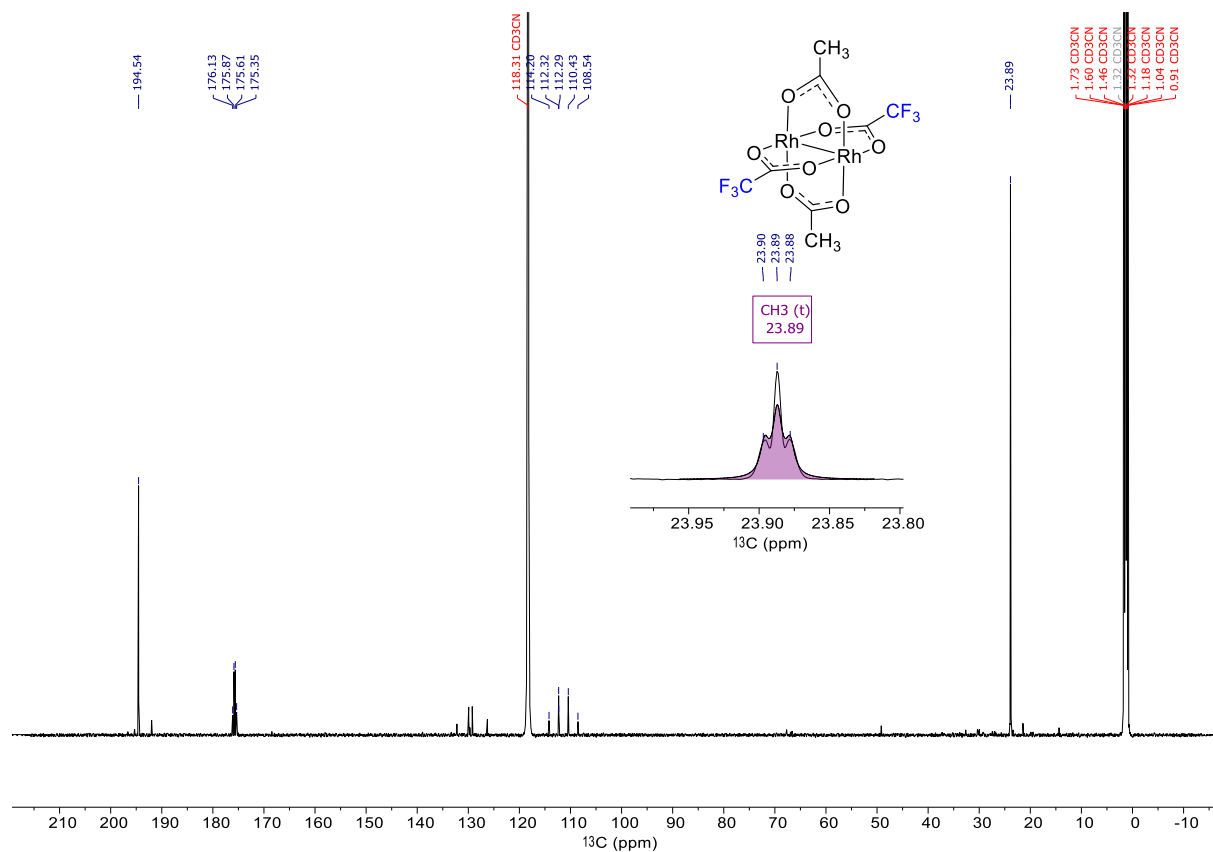
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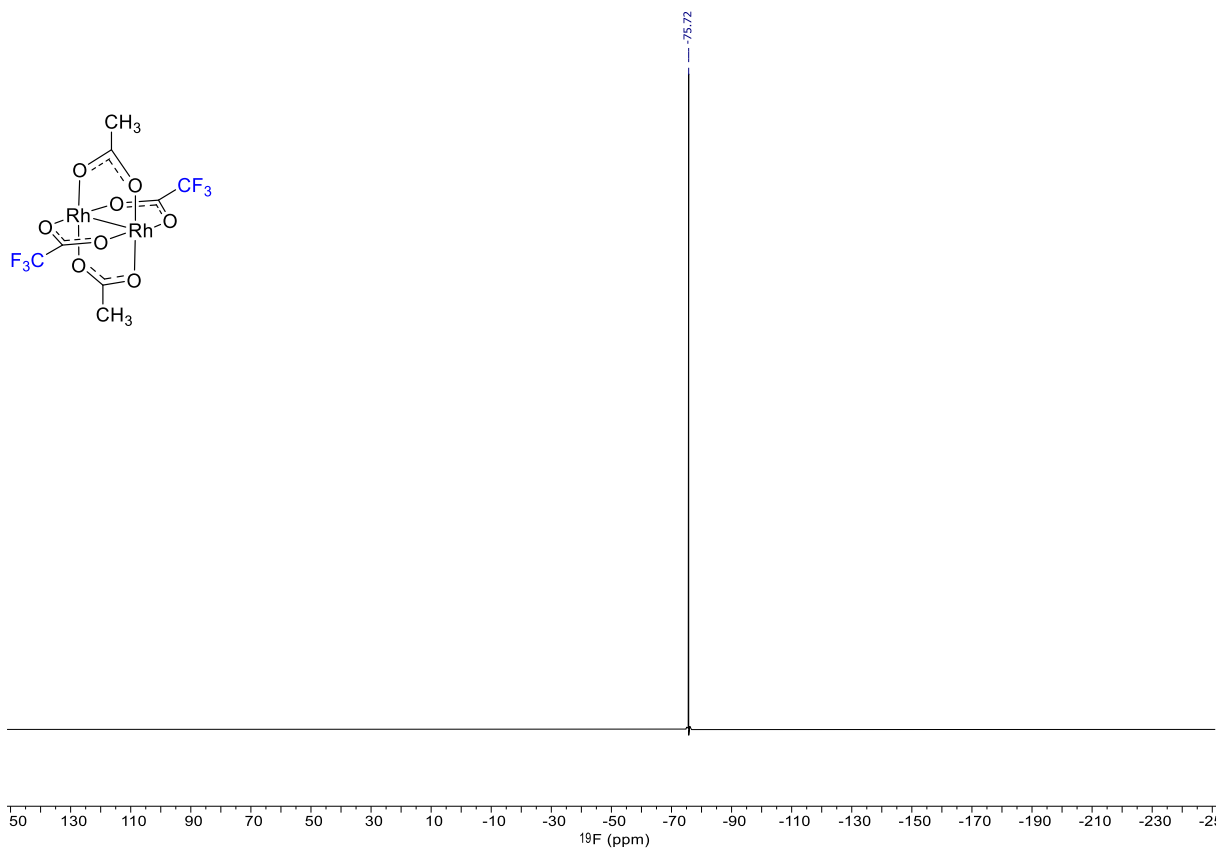
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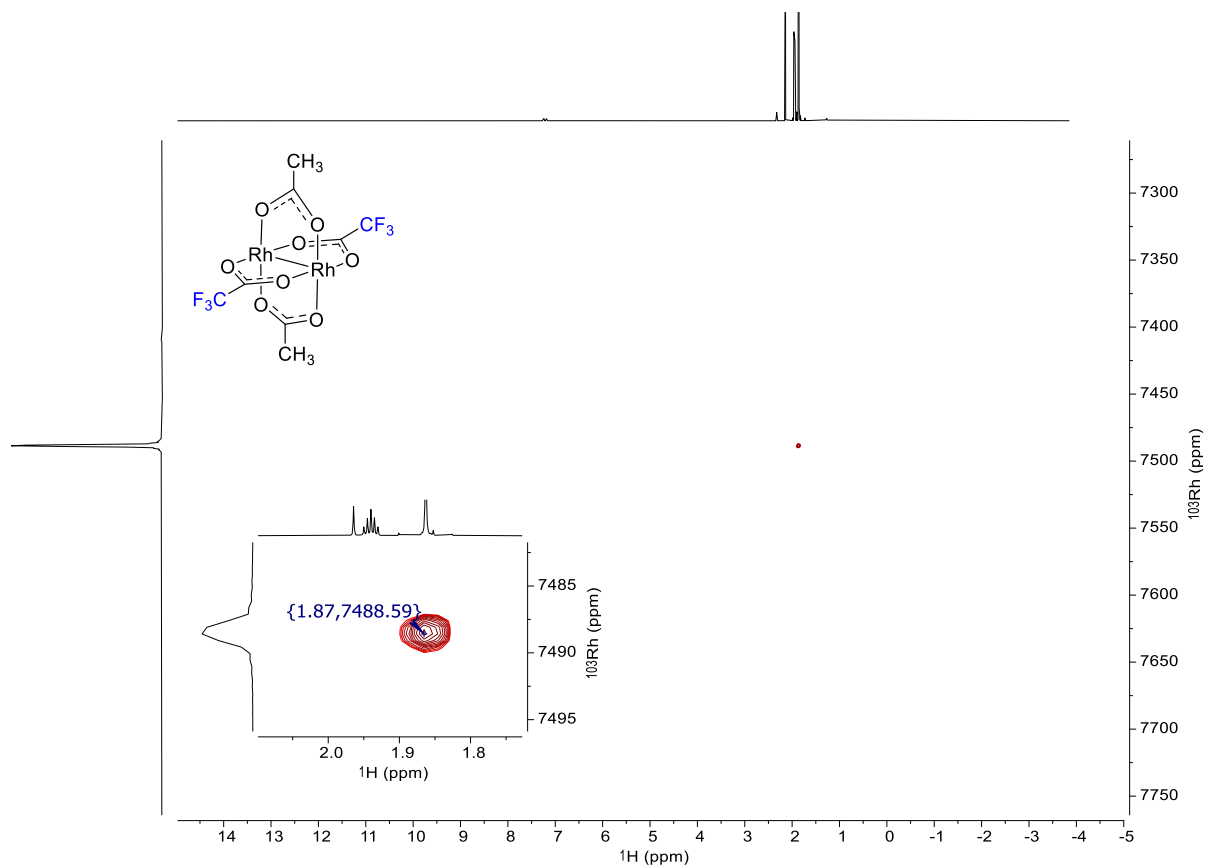
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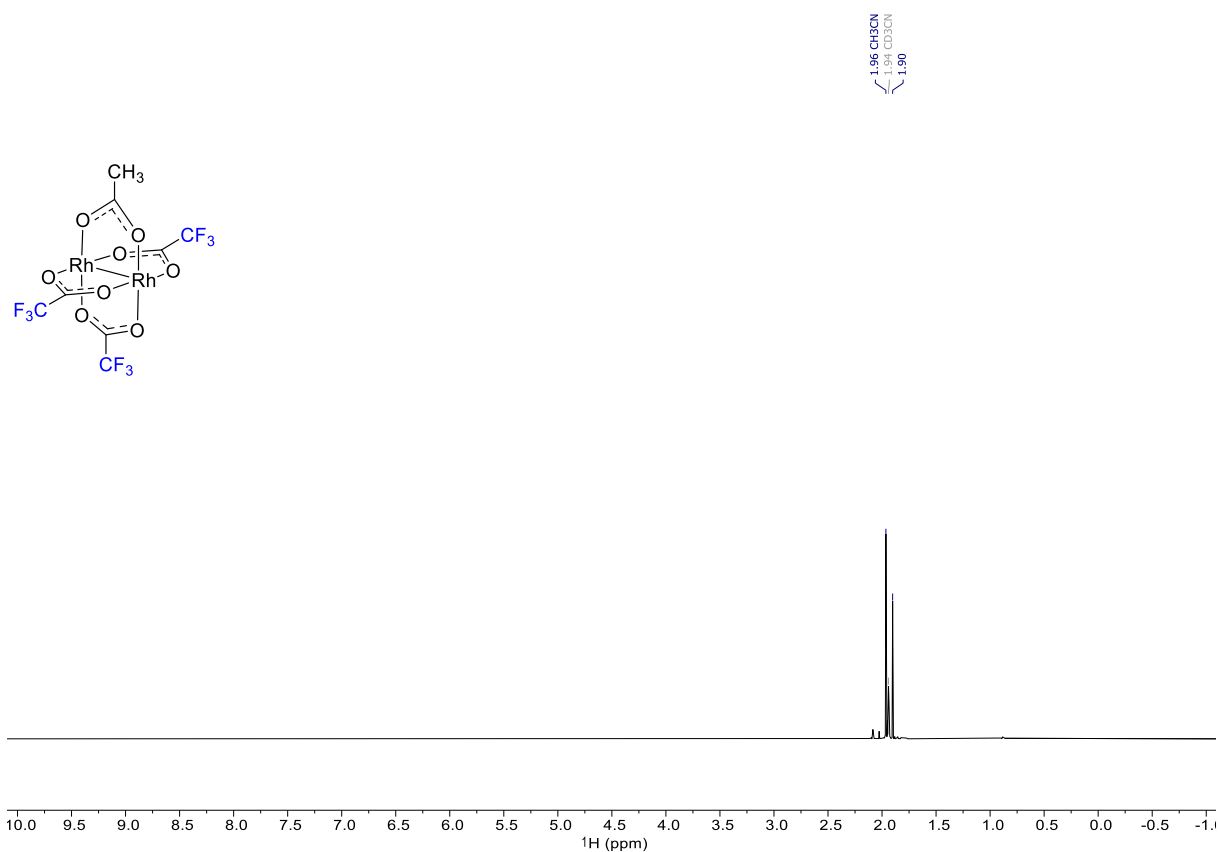
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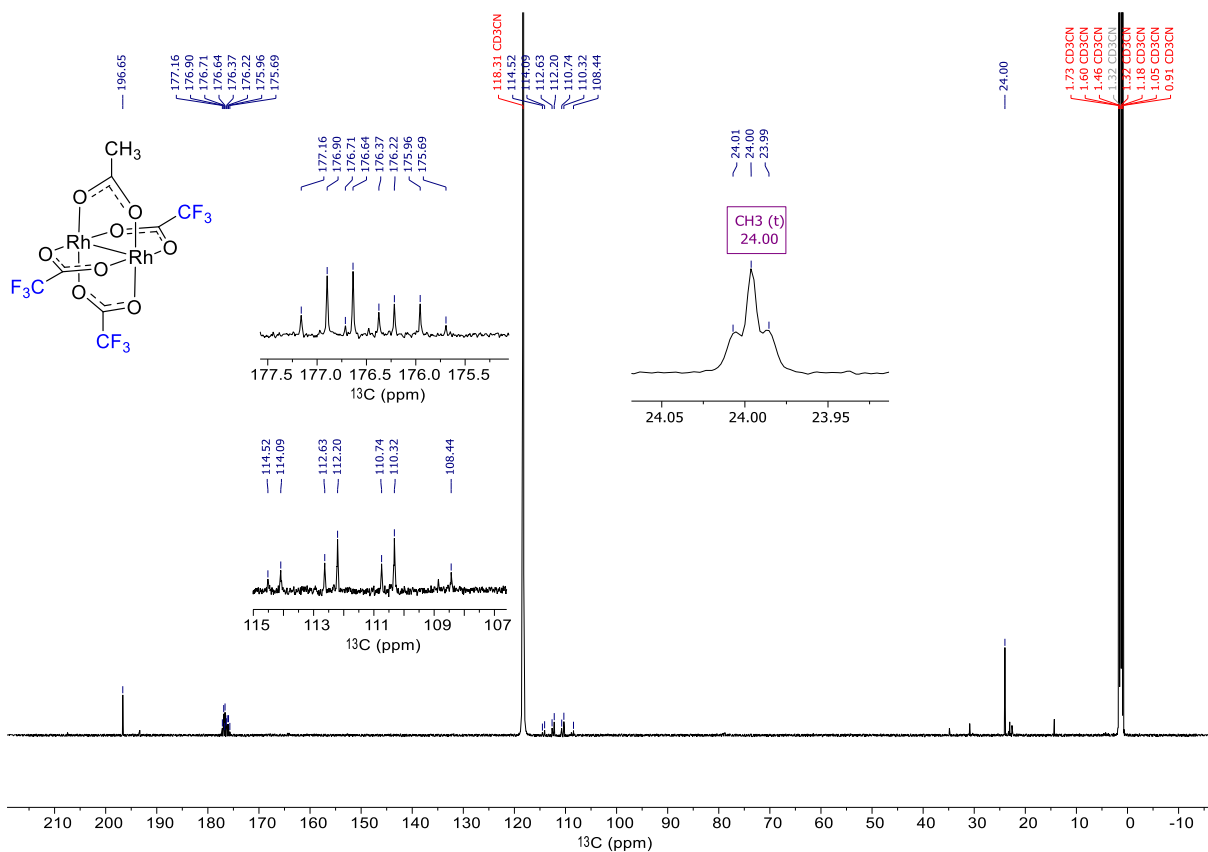
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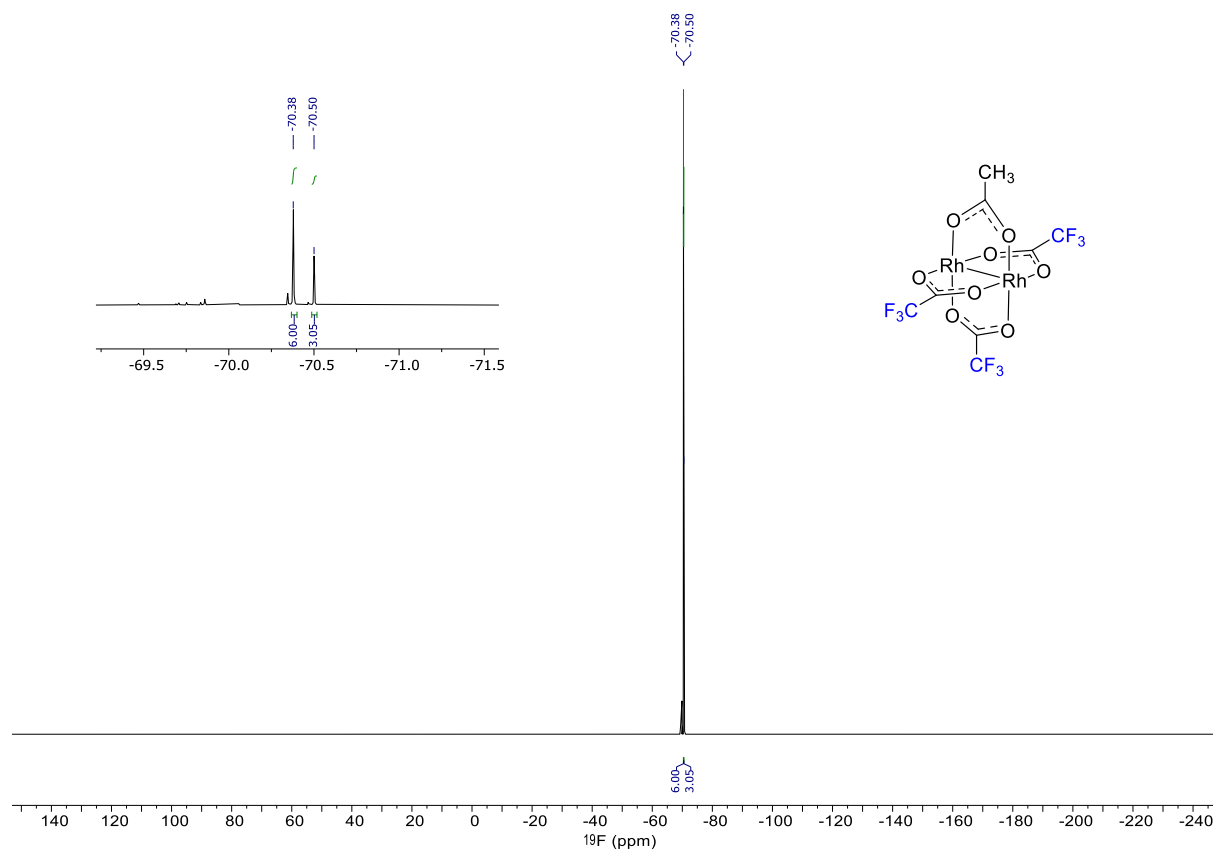
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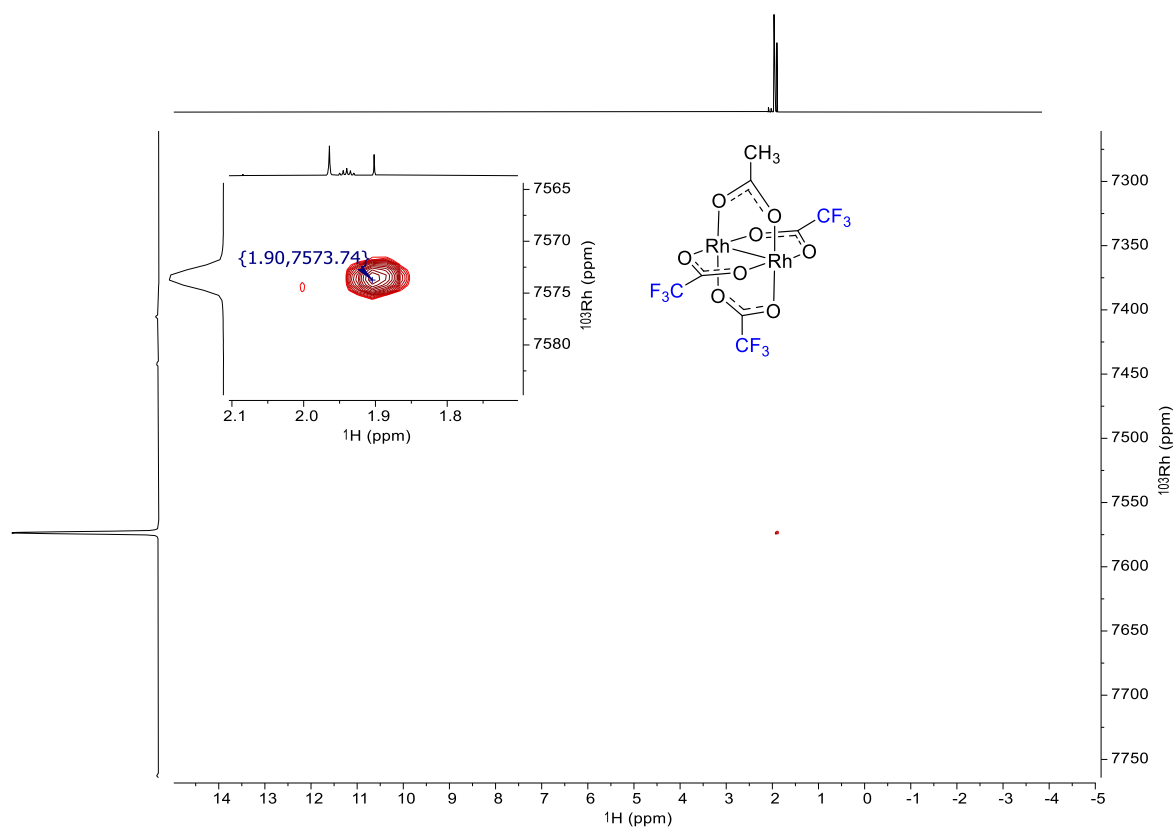
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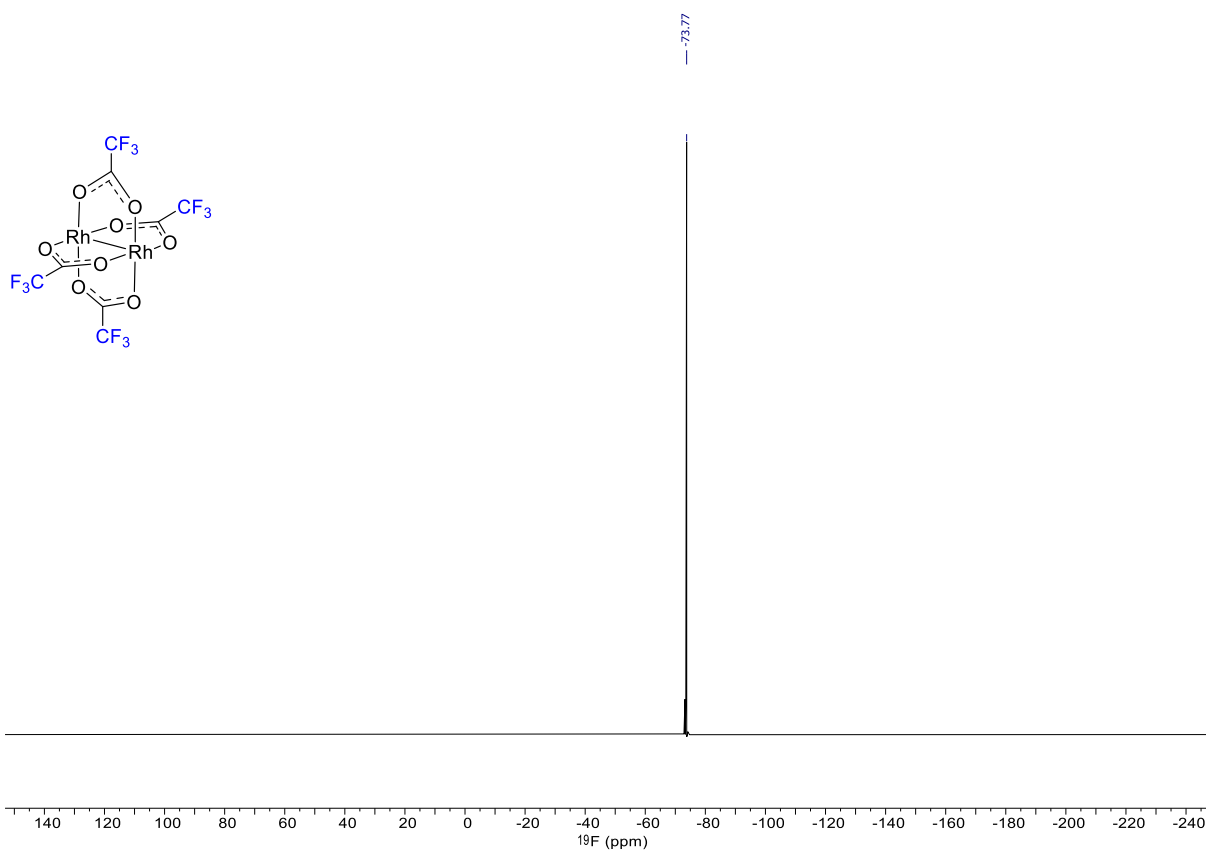
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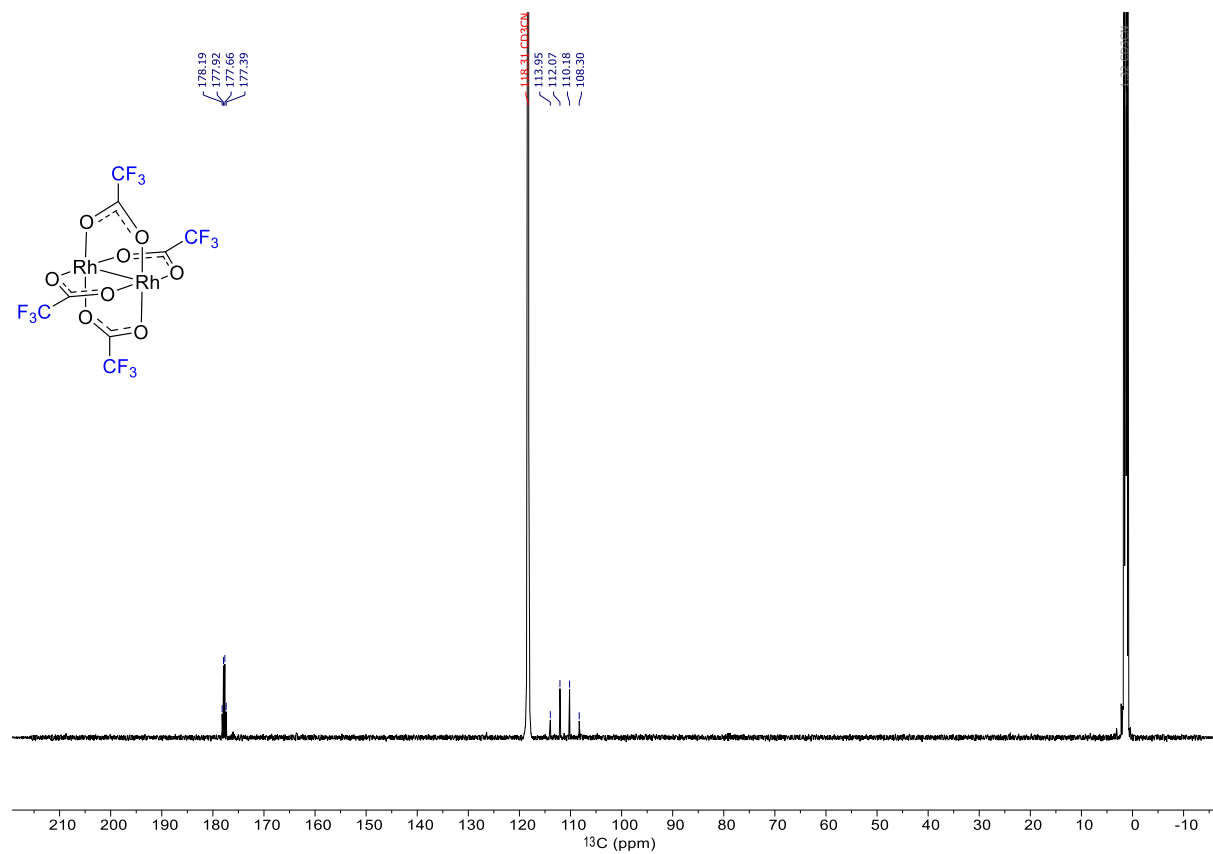
Rh₂(OAc)(OTf)₃ (5): H(C)Rh (CD₃CN)



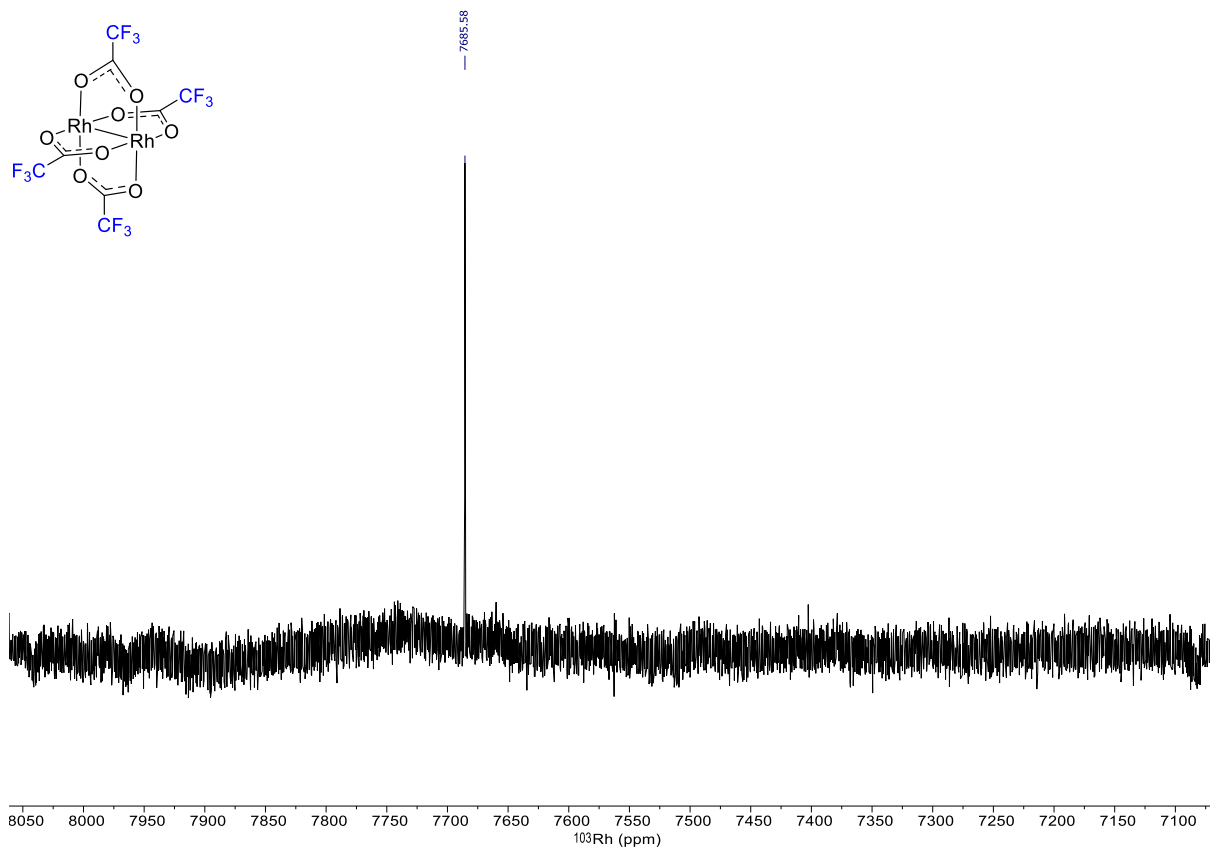
Dirhodium(II) tetra(trifluoroacetate) ($\text{Rh}_2(\text{OTfa})_4$) (6): ^{19}F -NMR (565 MHz, CD_3CN)



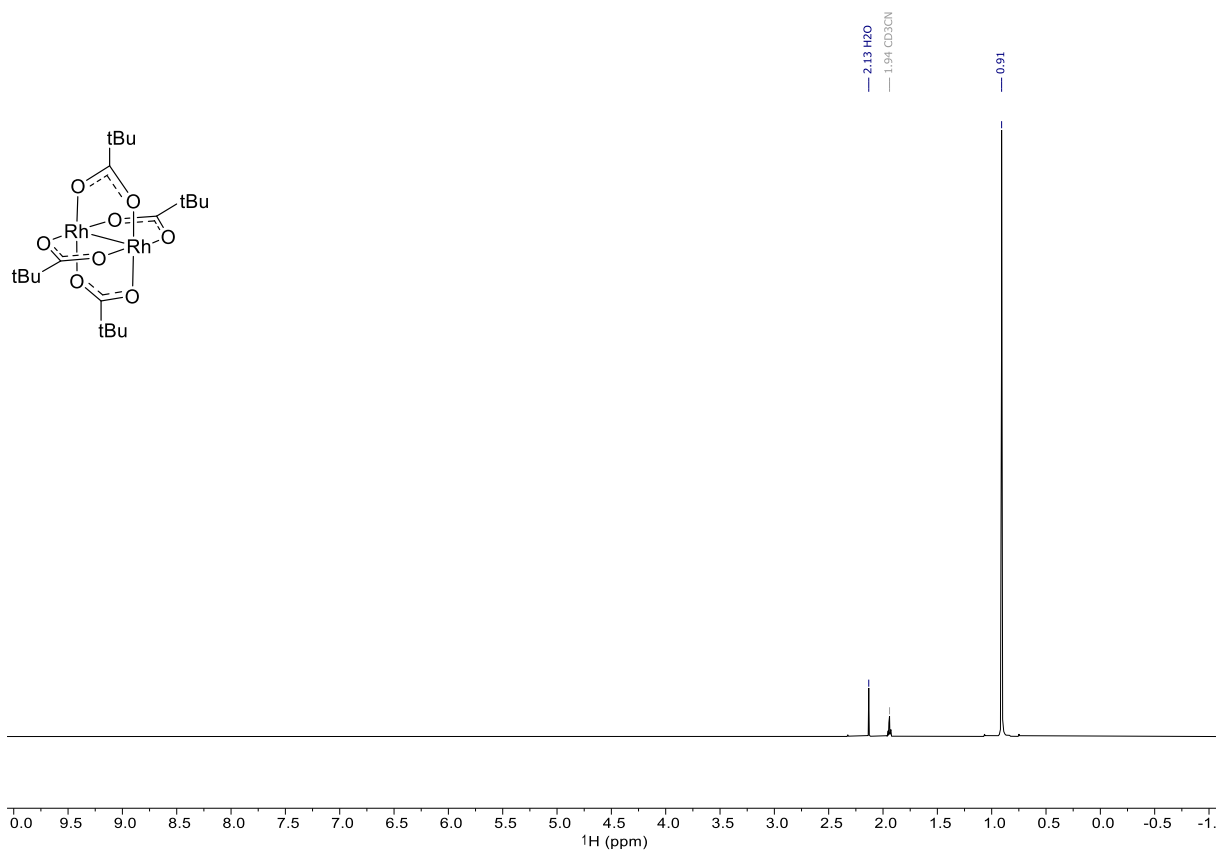
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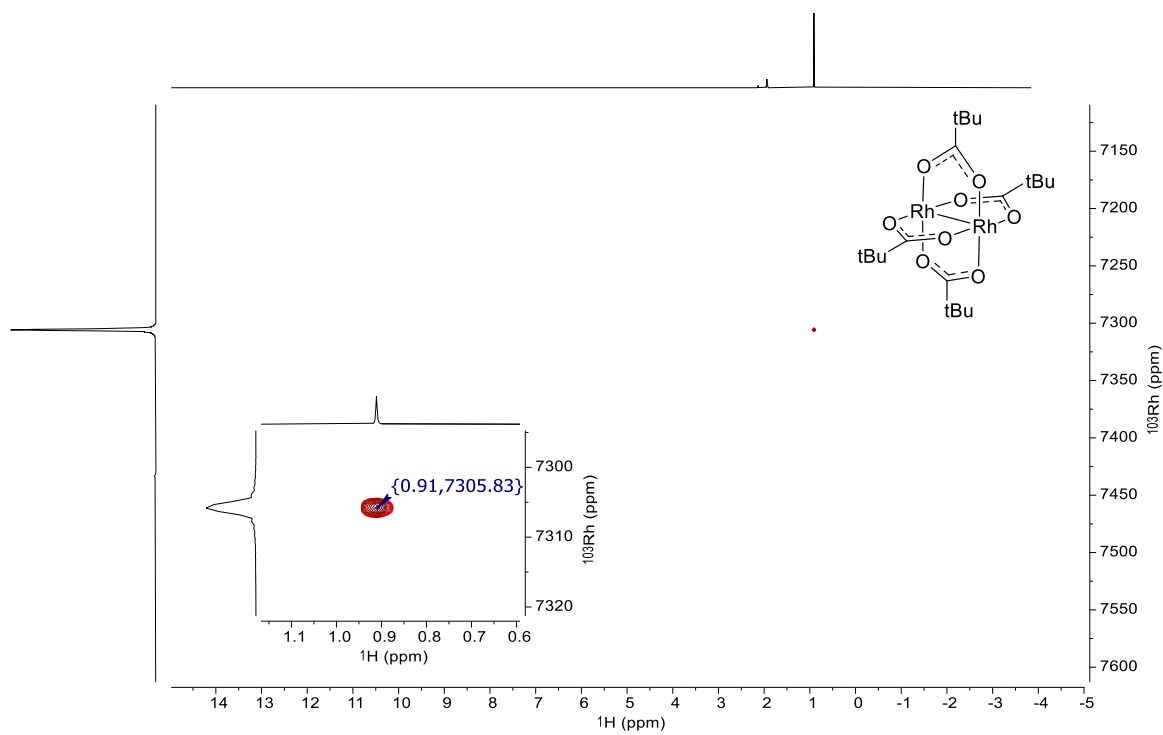
Dirhodium(II) tetra(trifluoroacetate) ($\text{Rh}_2(\text{OTfa})_4$) (6): ^{103}Rh -NMR (15.92 MHz, CD_3CN)



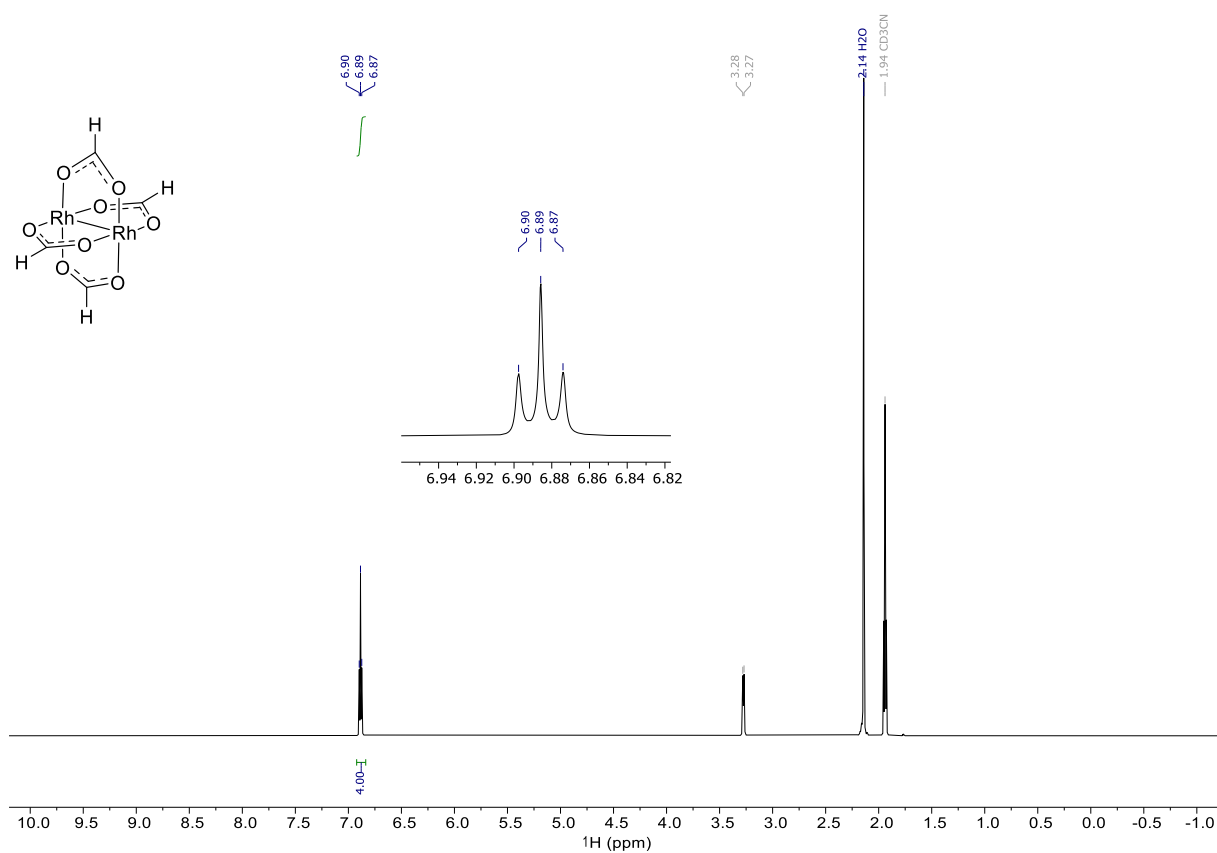
Rh₂(OPiv)₄ (7): ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN)



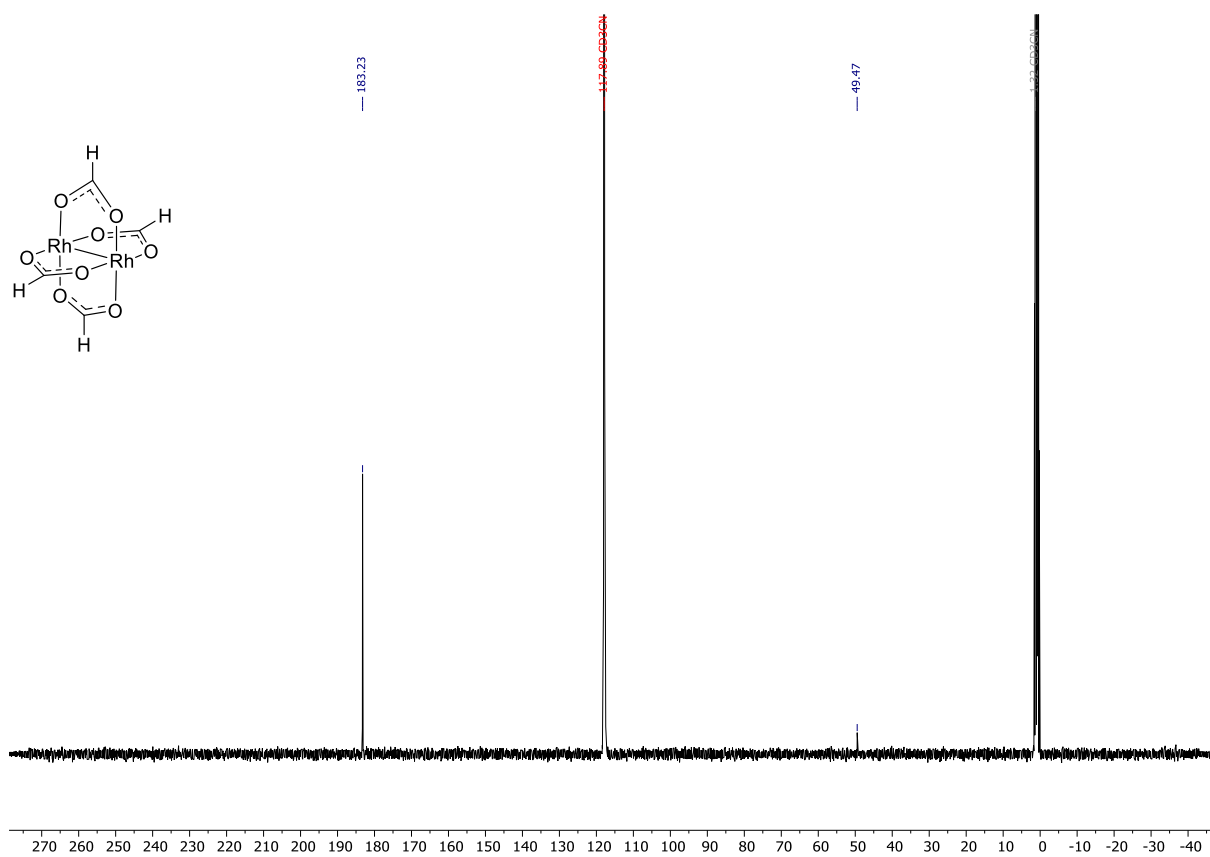
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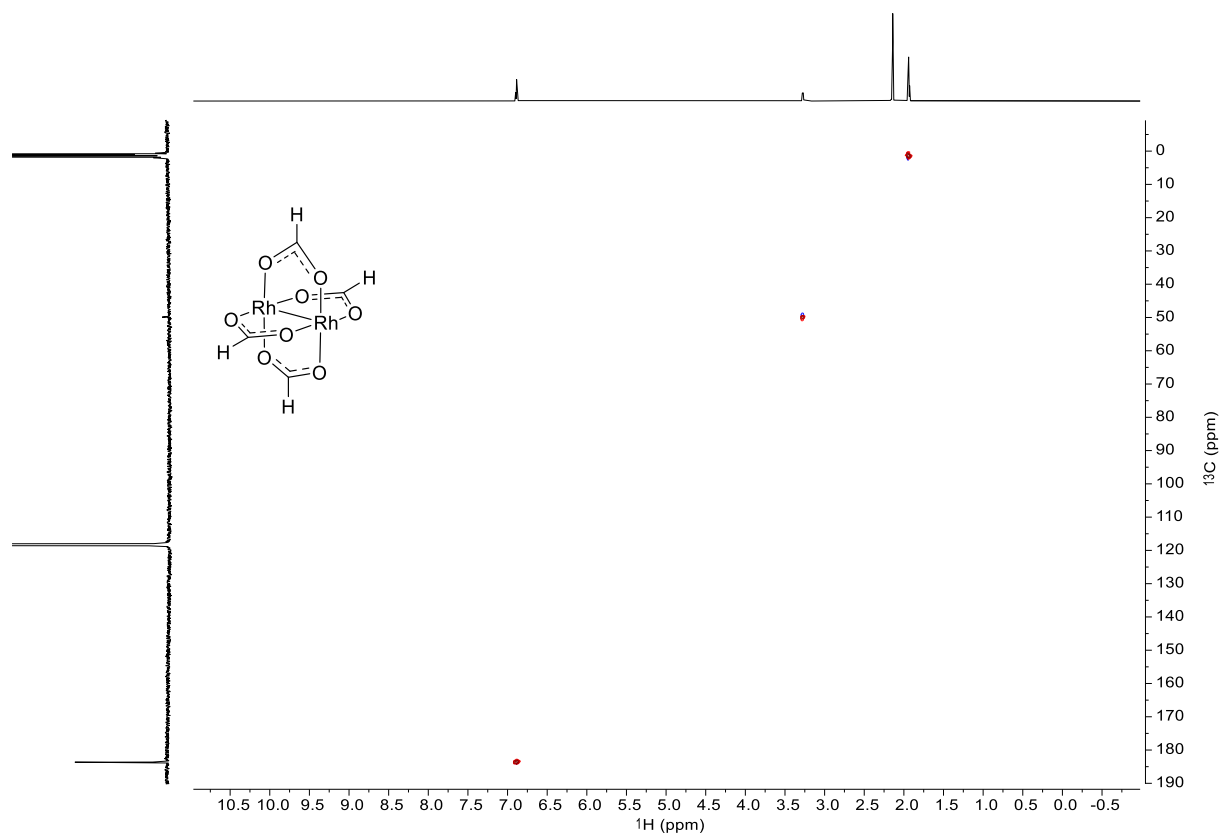
Rh₂(HCO₂)₄ (8): ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN)



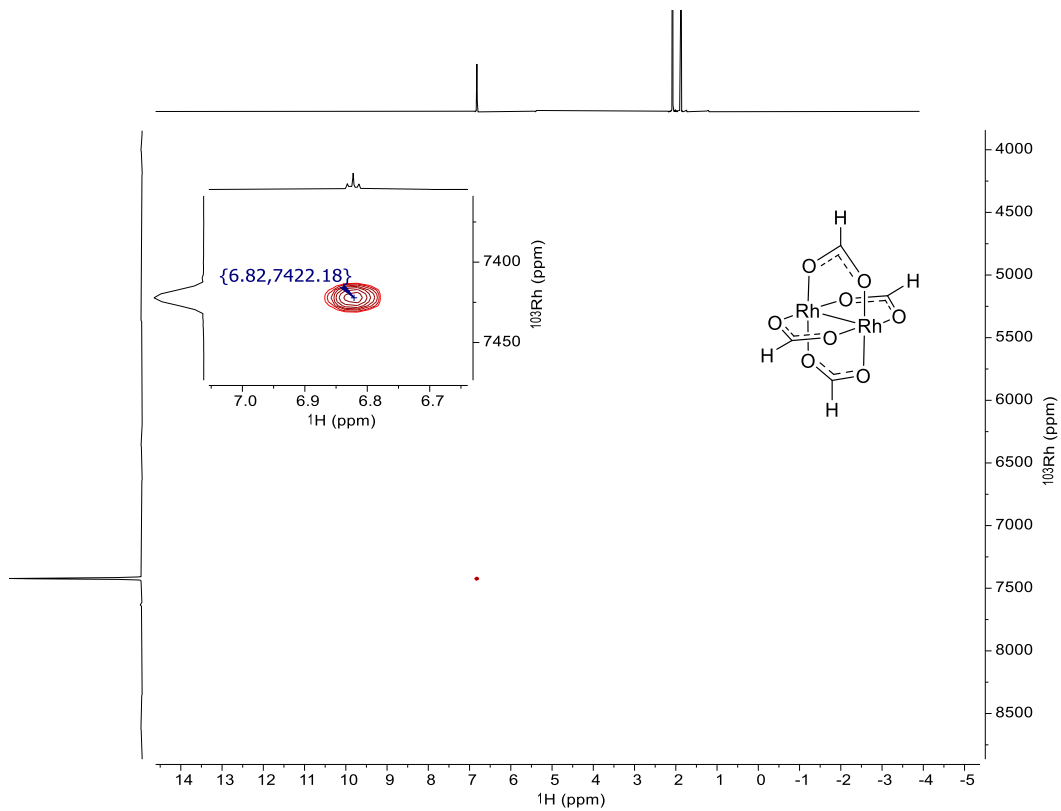
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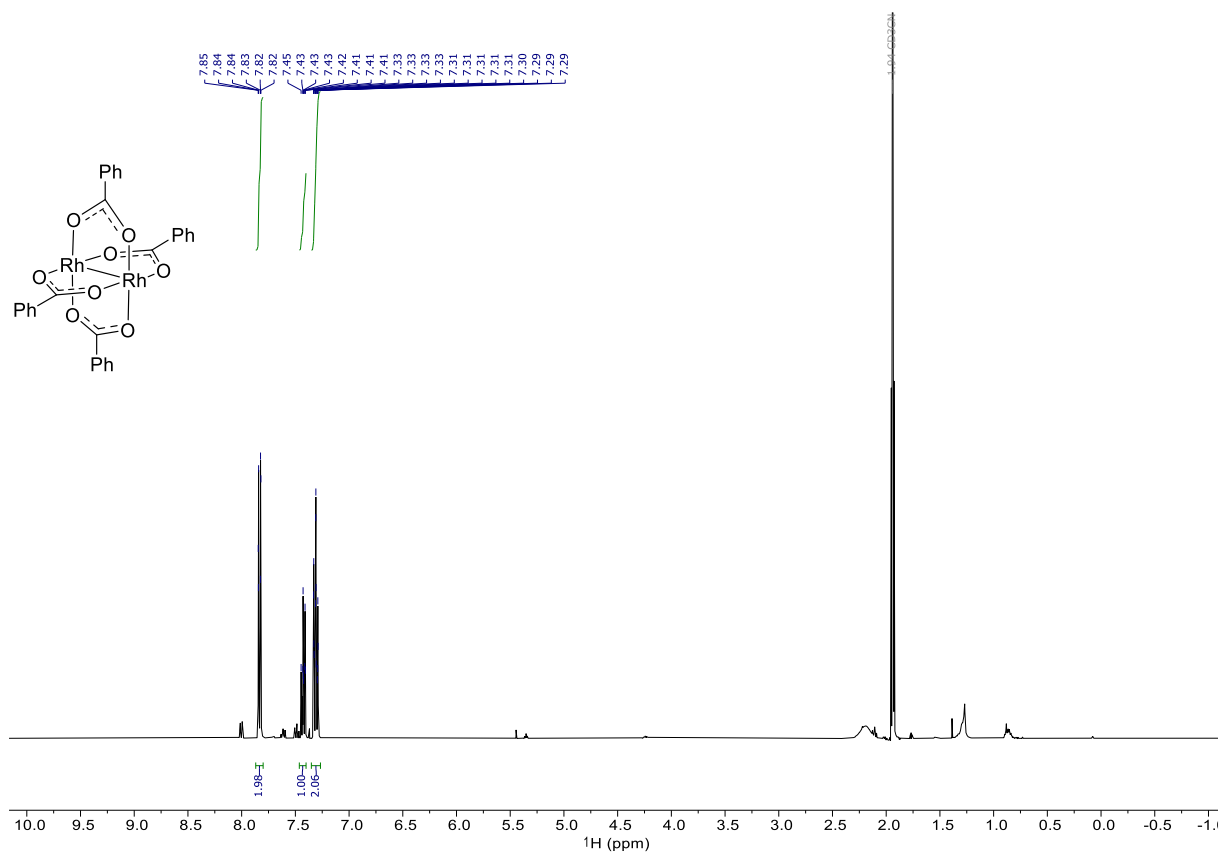
$\text{Rh}_2(\text{HCO}_2)_4$ (8): ^1H - ^{13}C -*edited*-HSQC (CD_3CN)



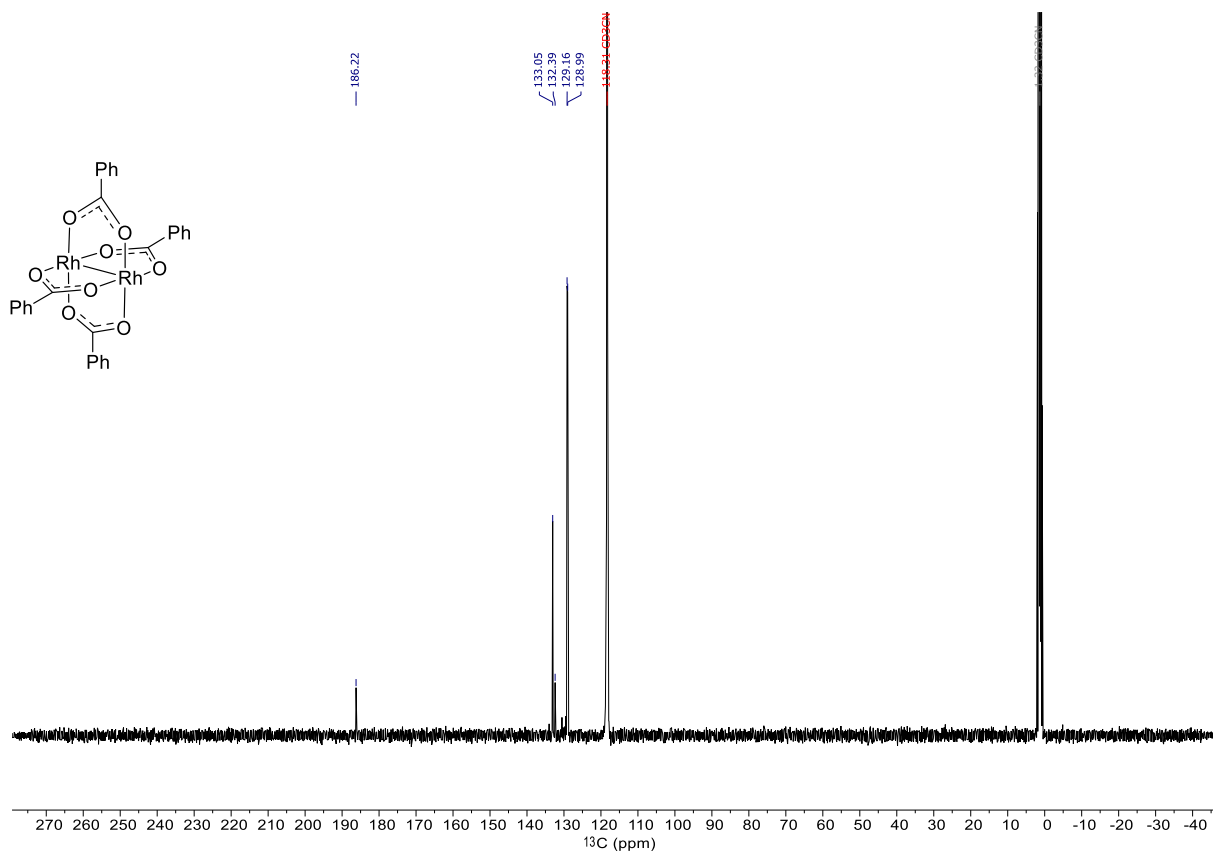
$\text{Rh}_2(\text{HCO}_2)_4$ (8): ^1H - ^{103}Rh -HMBC (CD_3CN)



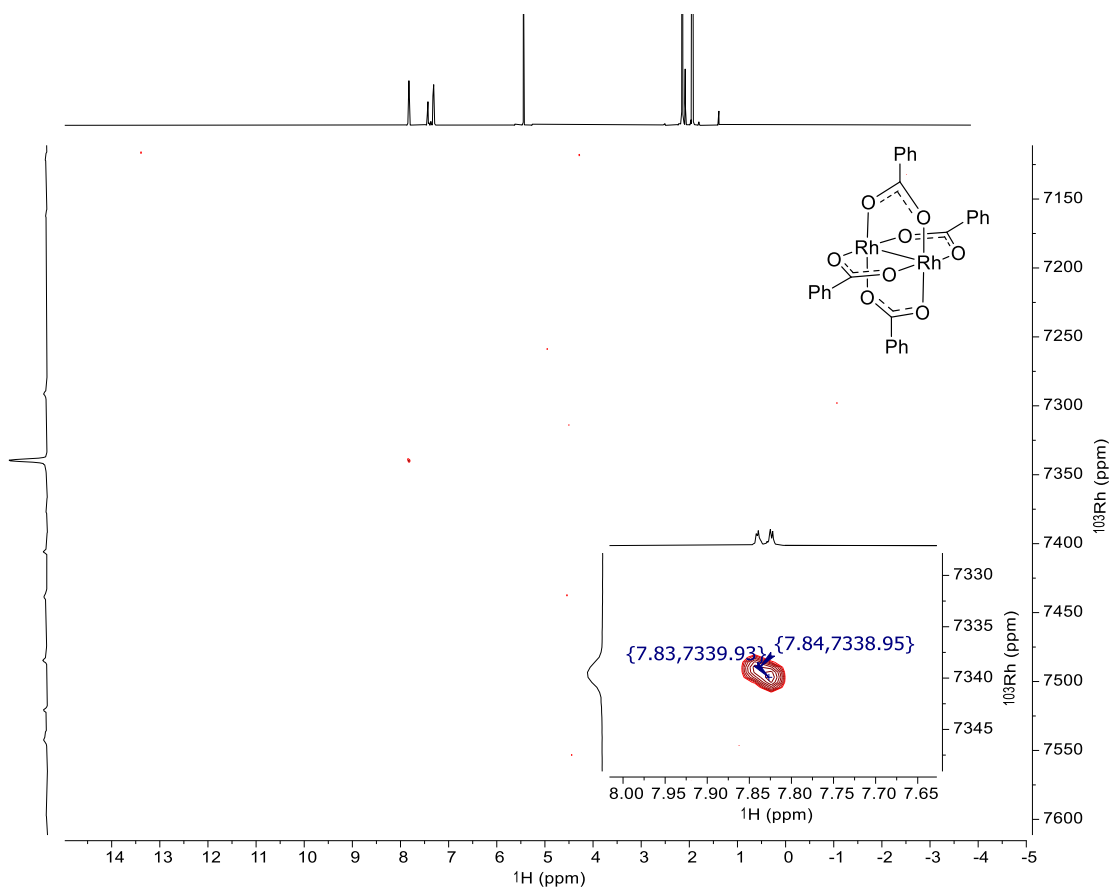
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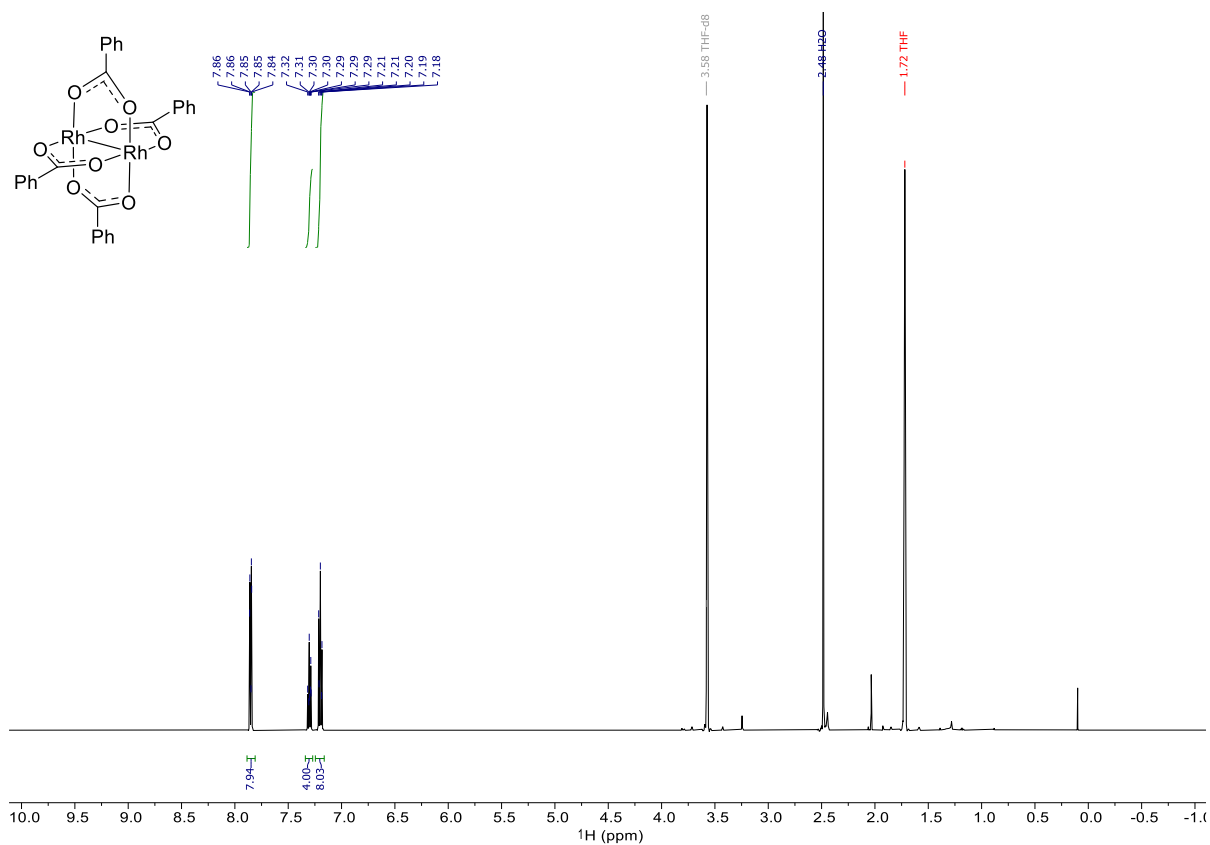
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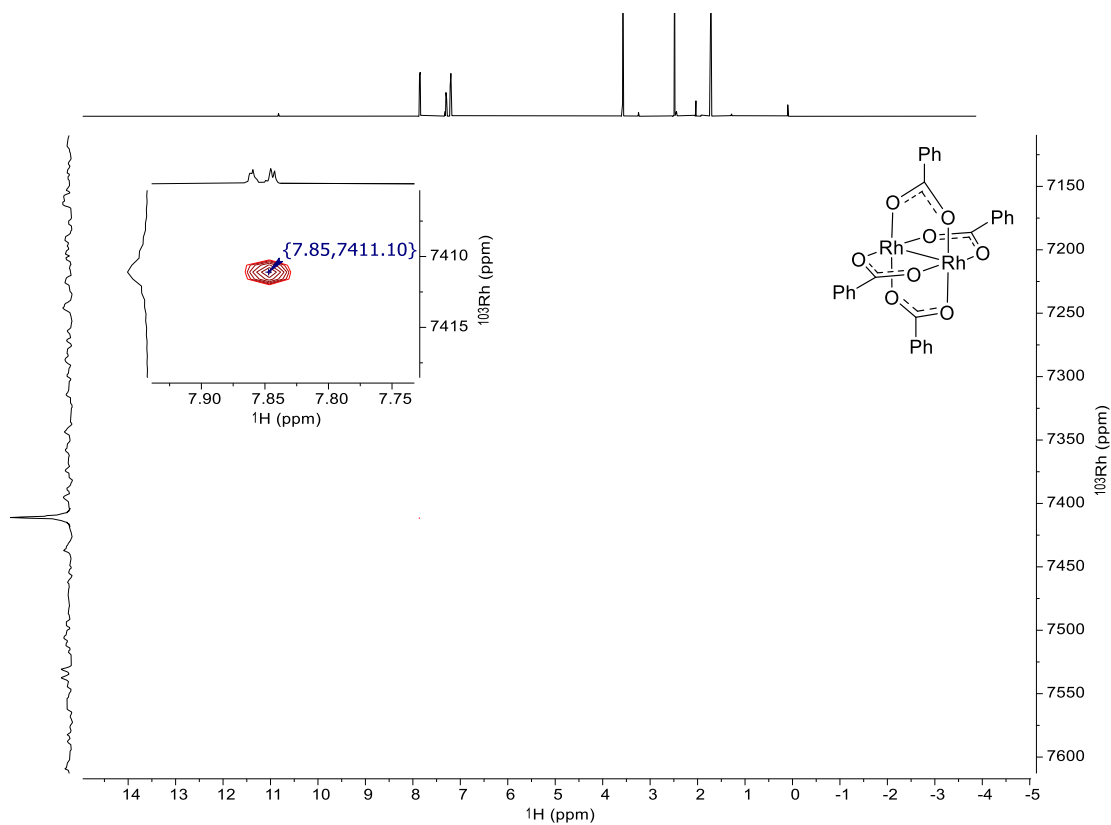
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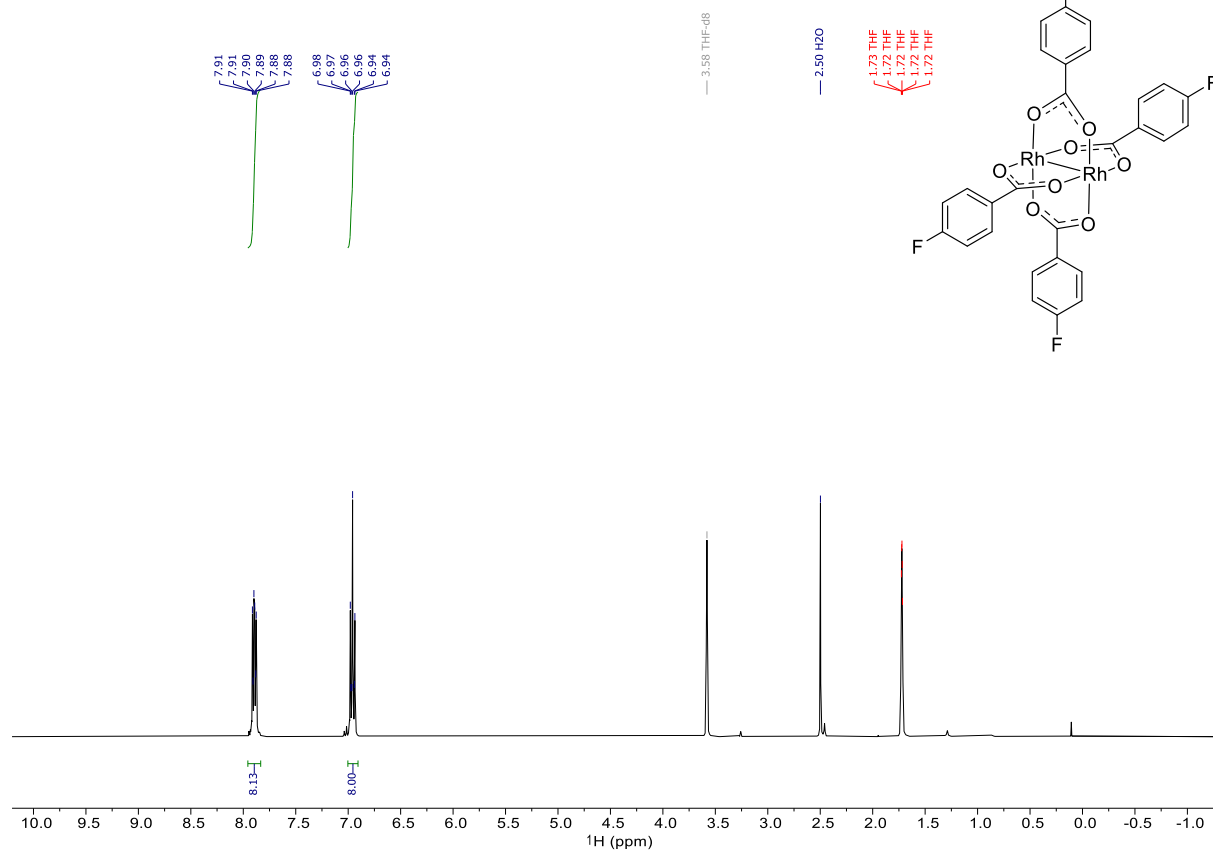
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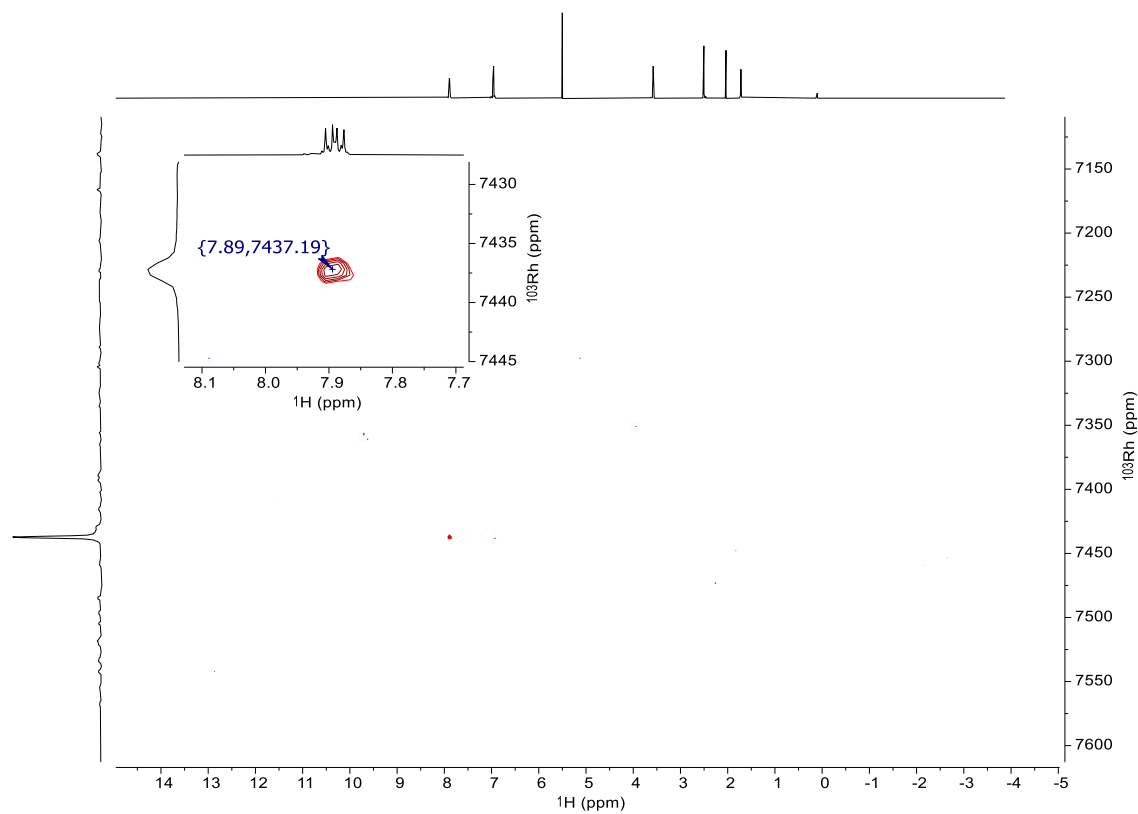
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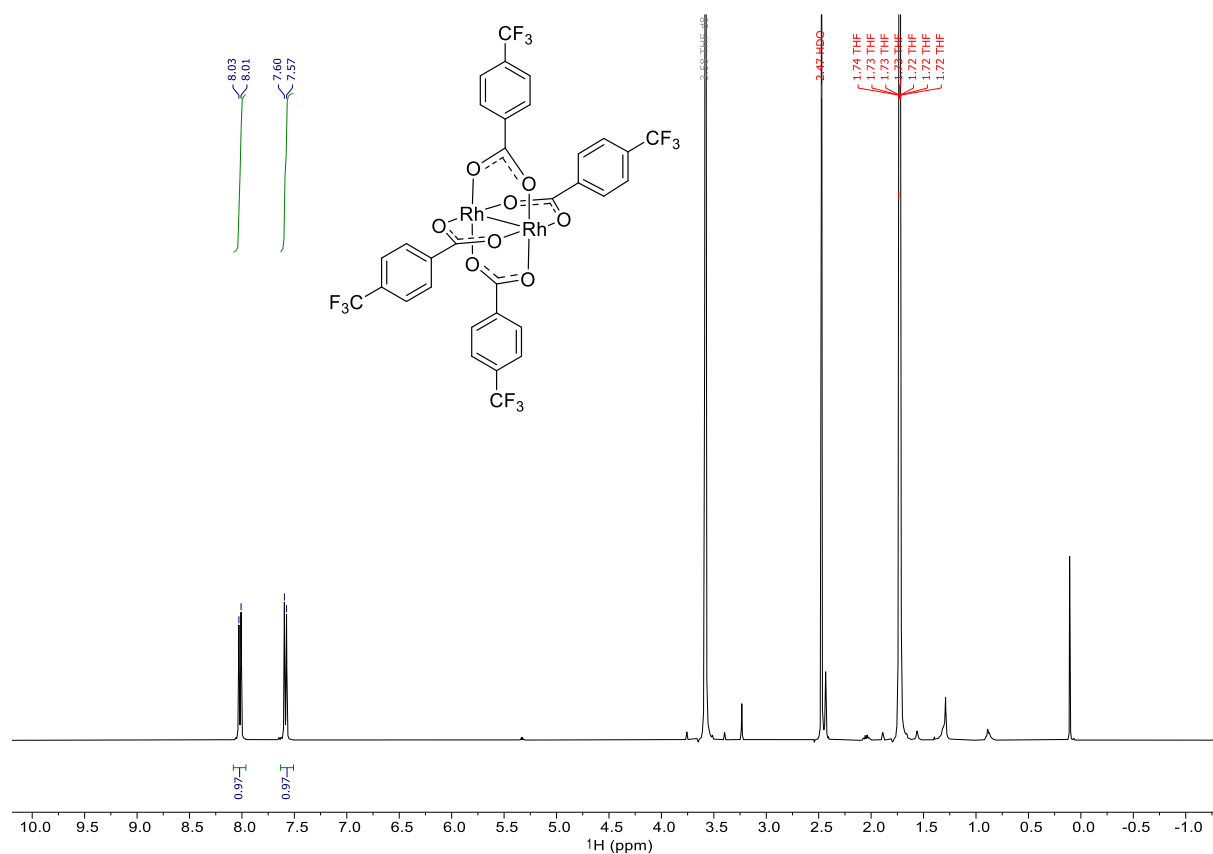
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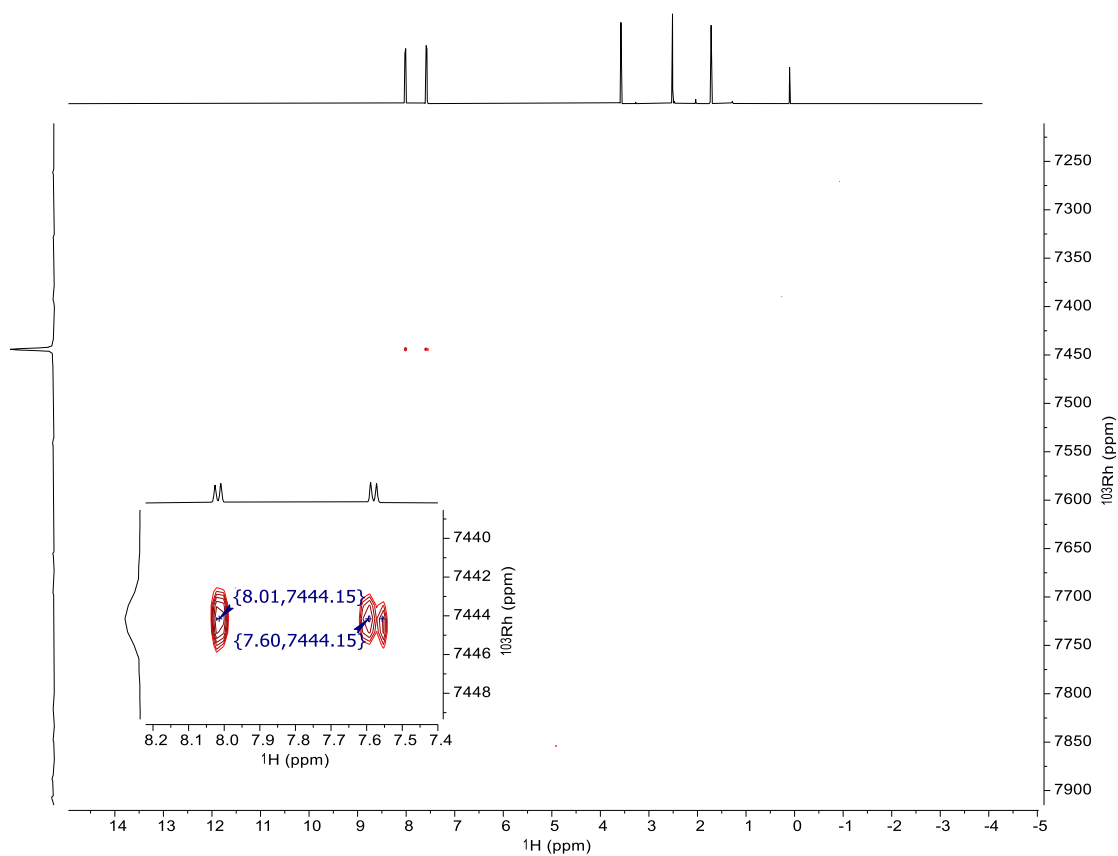
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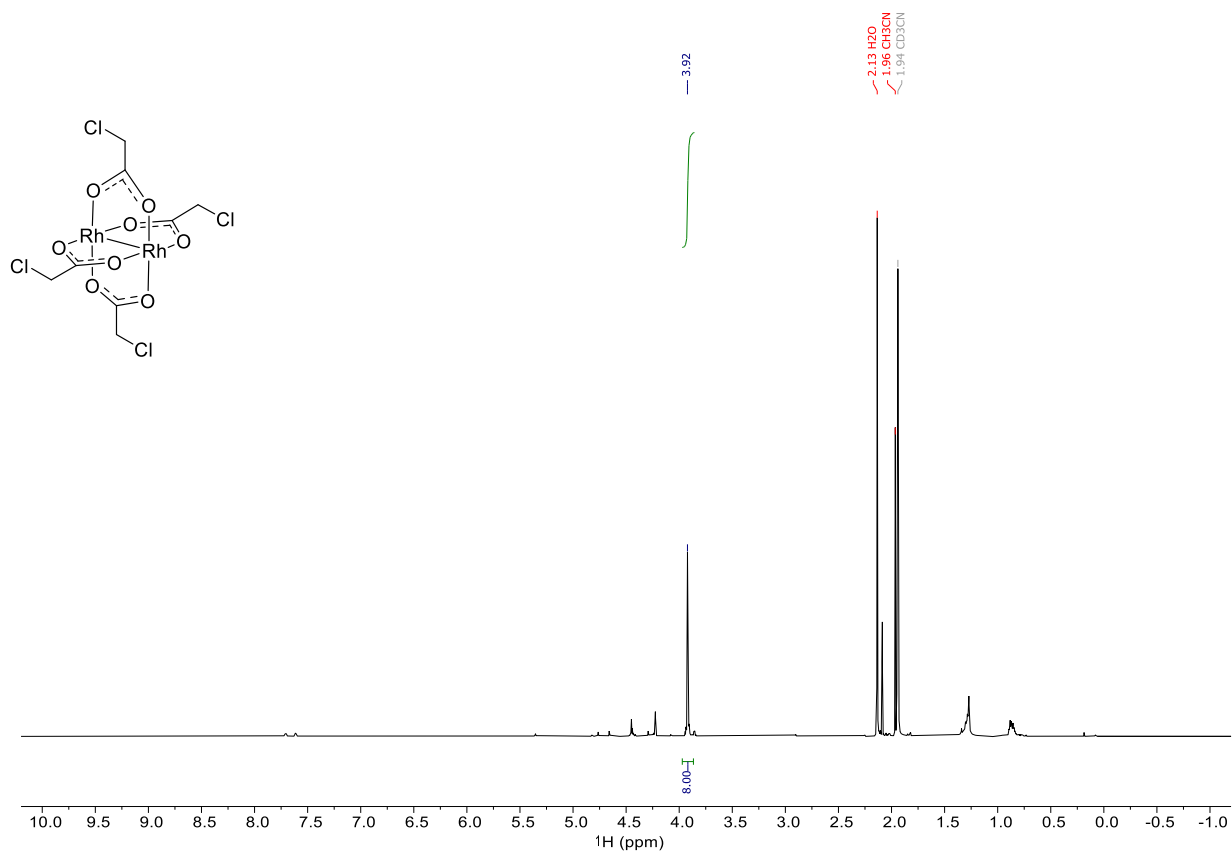
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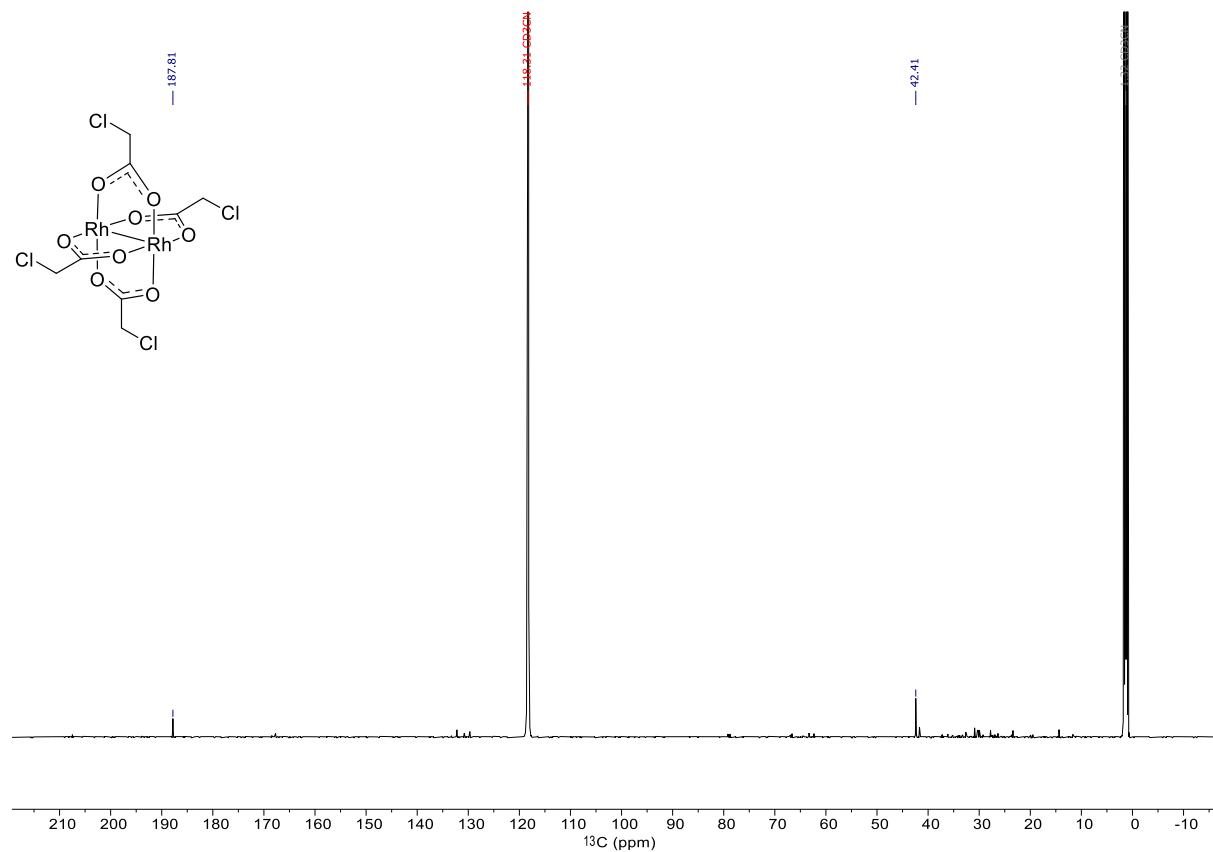
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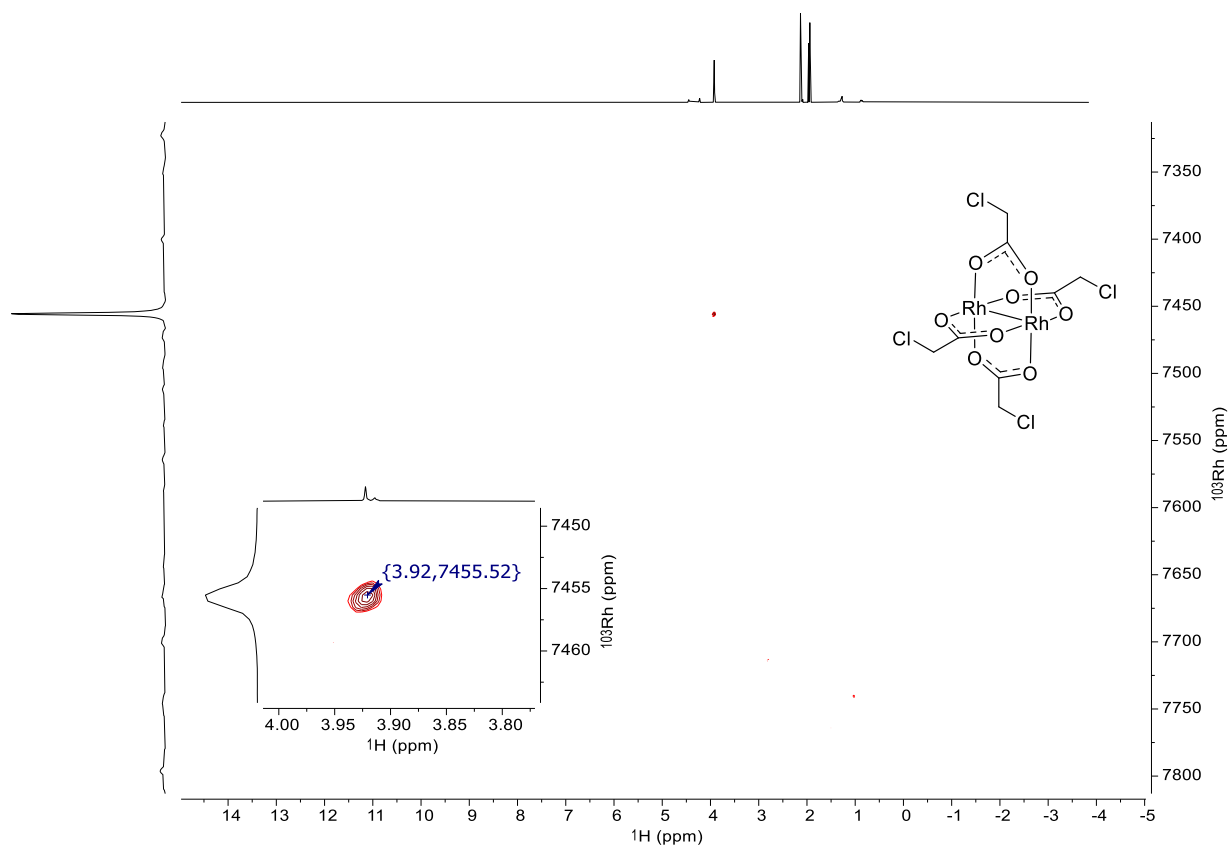
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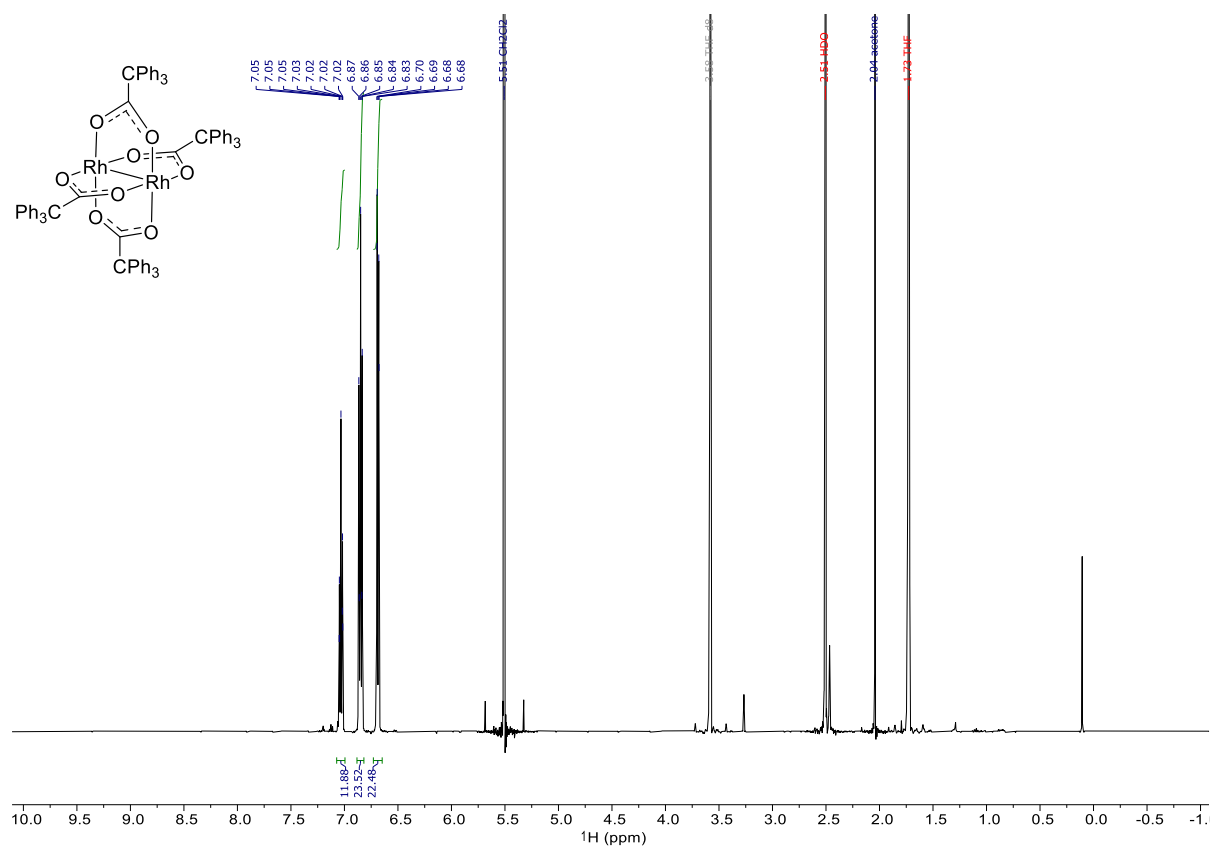
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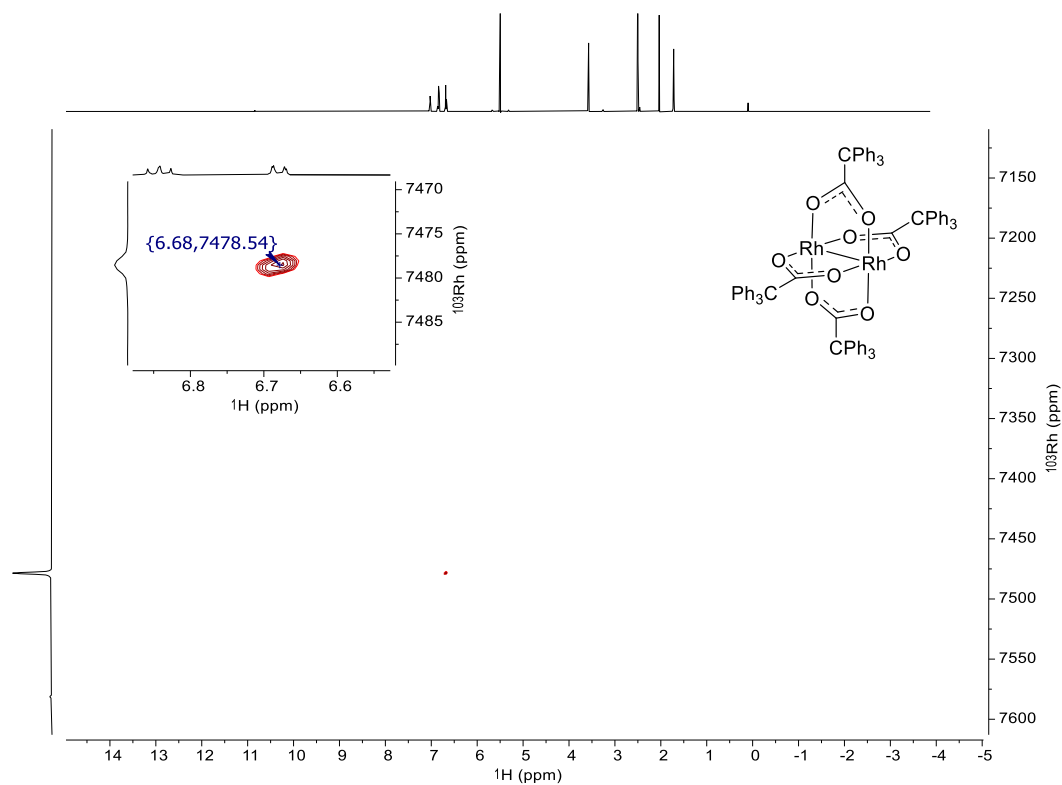
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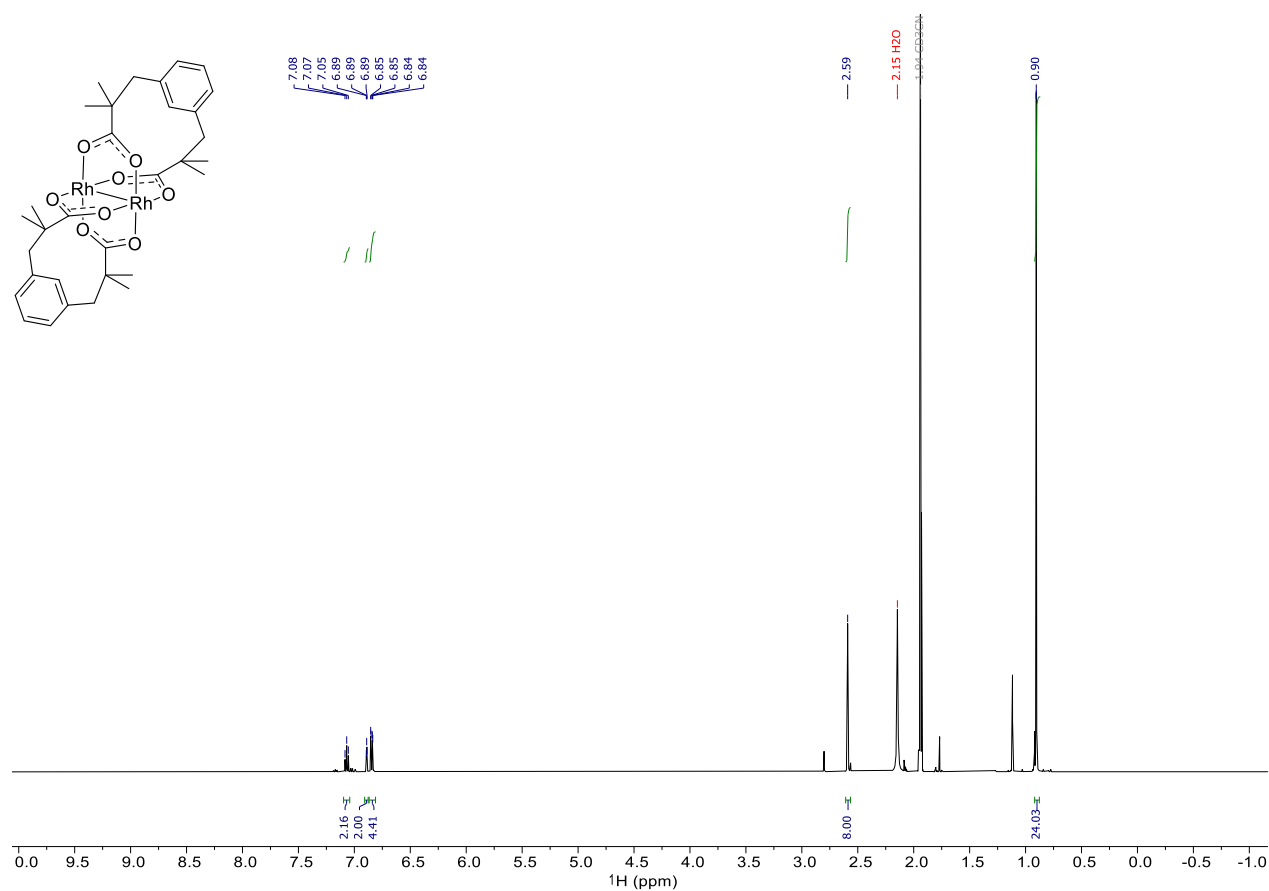
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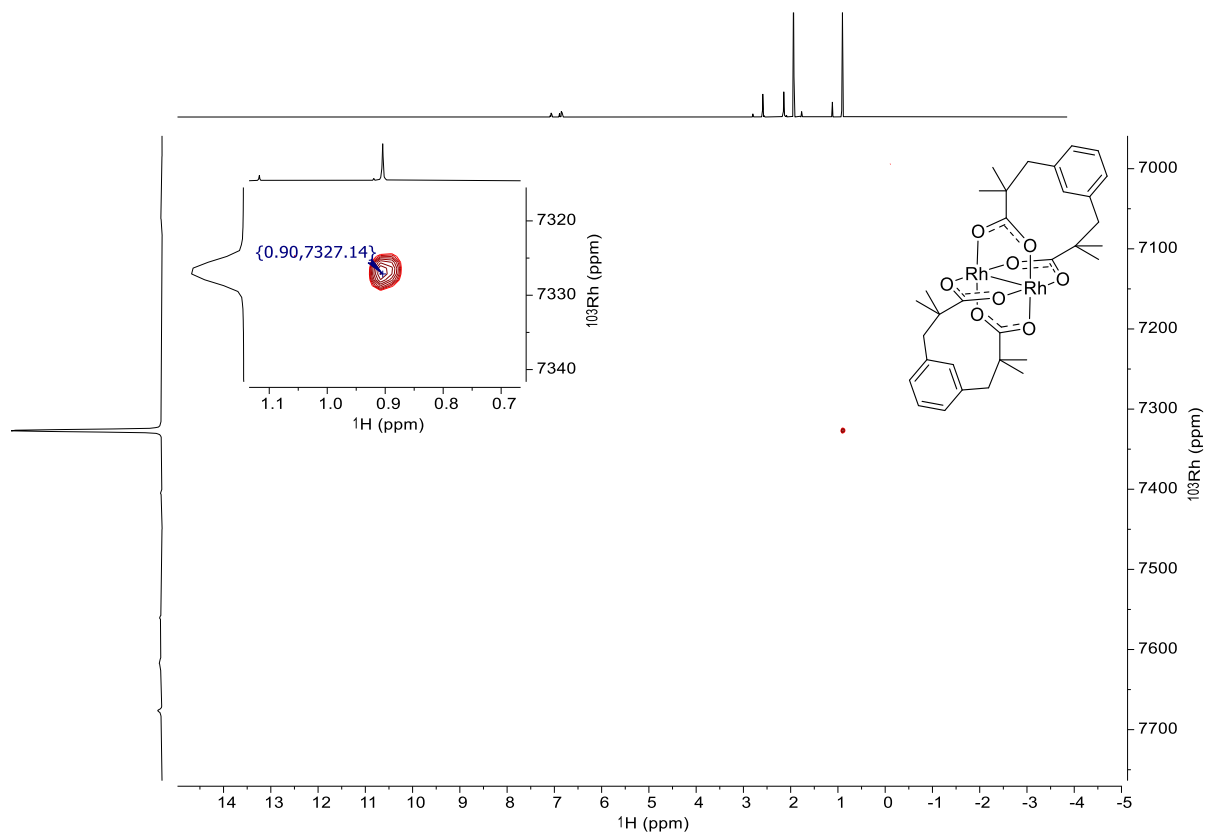
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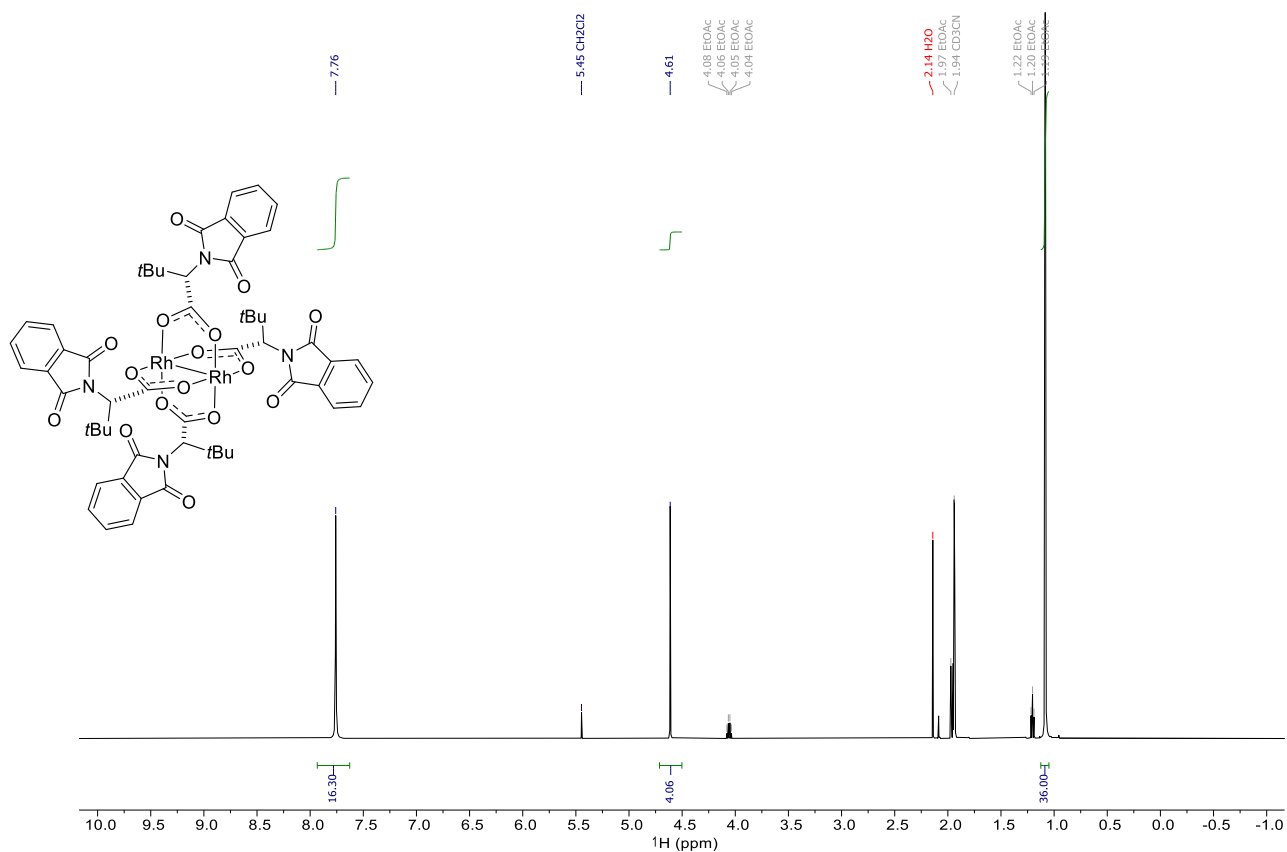
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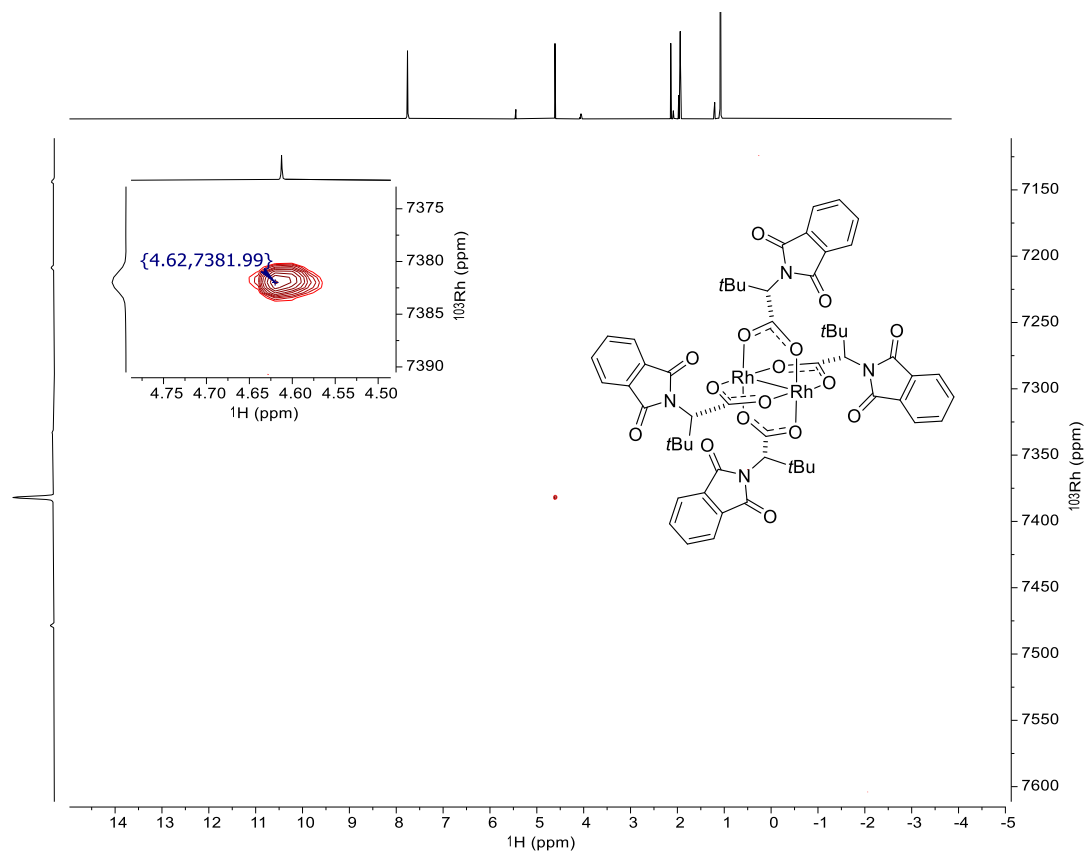
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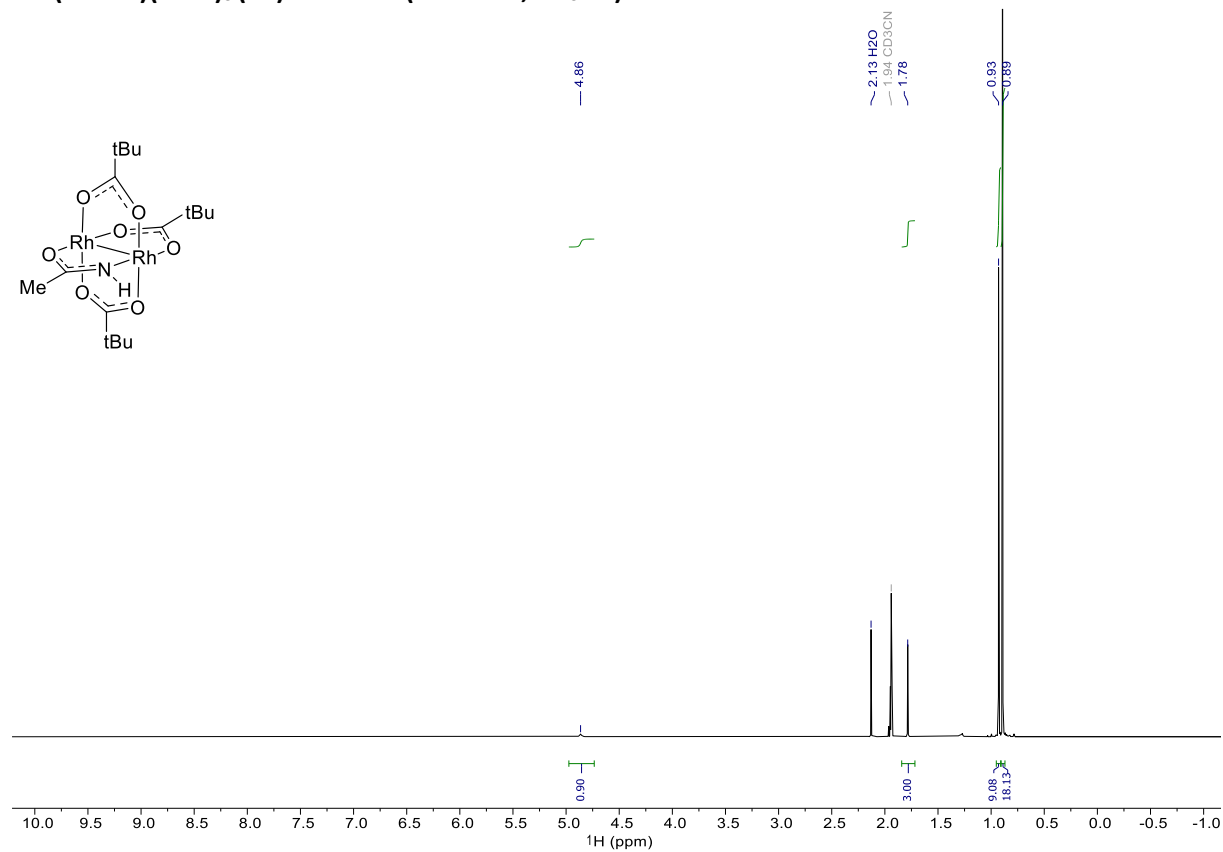
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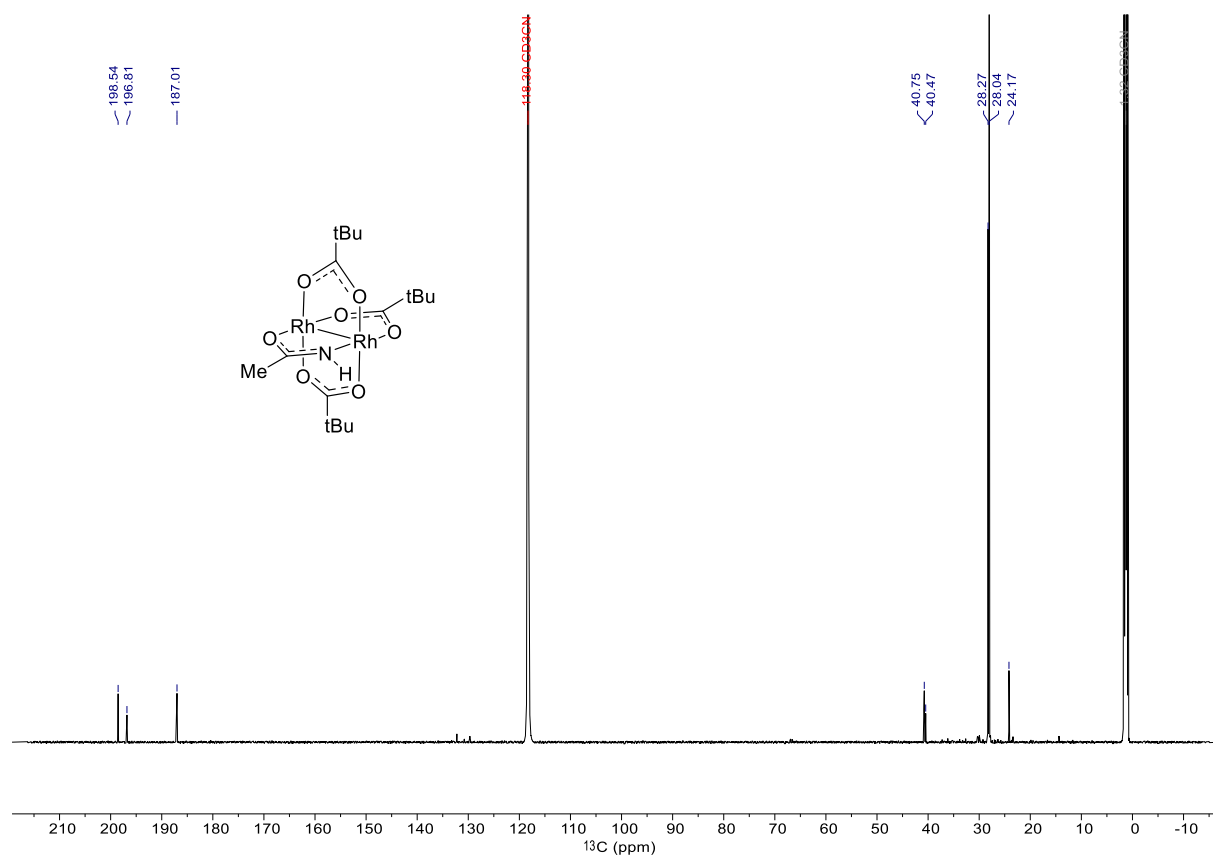
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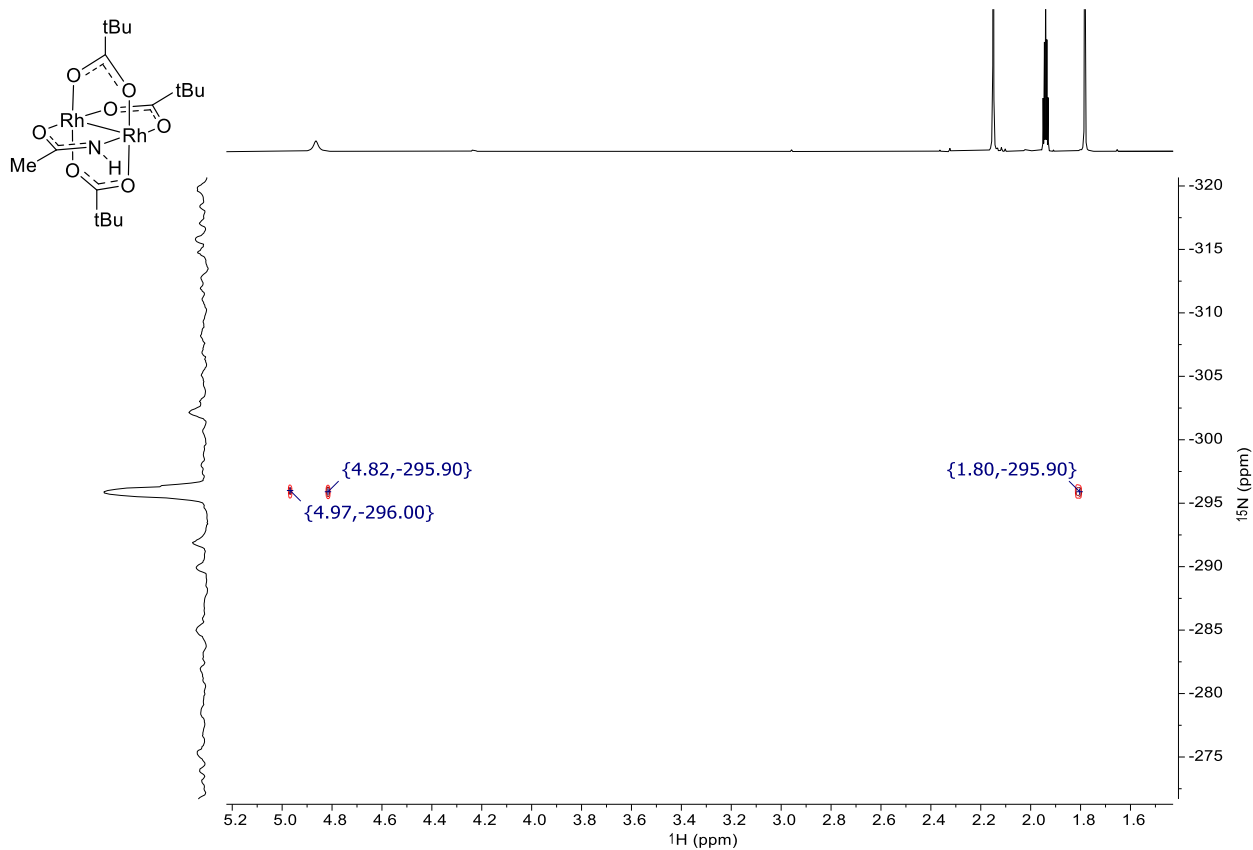
Rh₂(ACAM)(OPiv)₃ (16): ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CD₃CN)



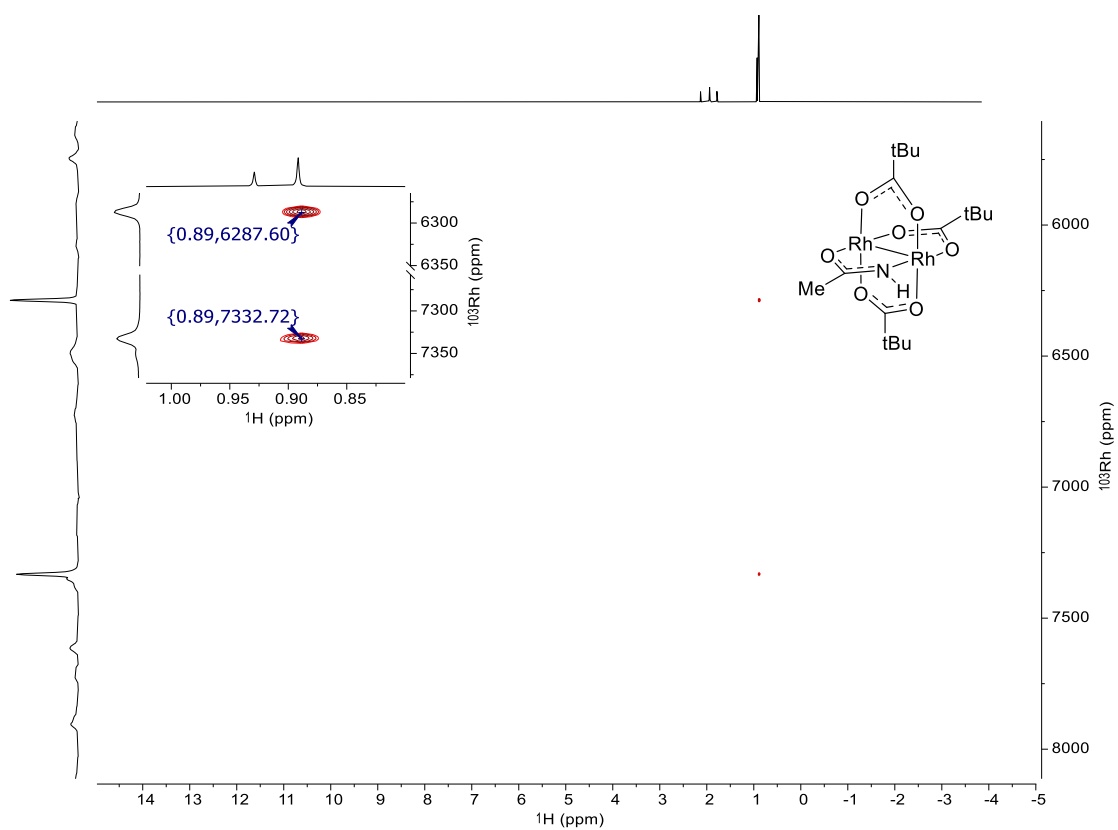
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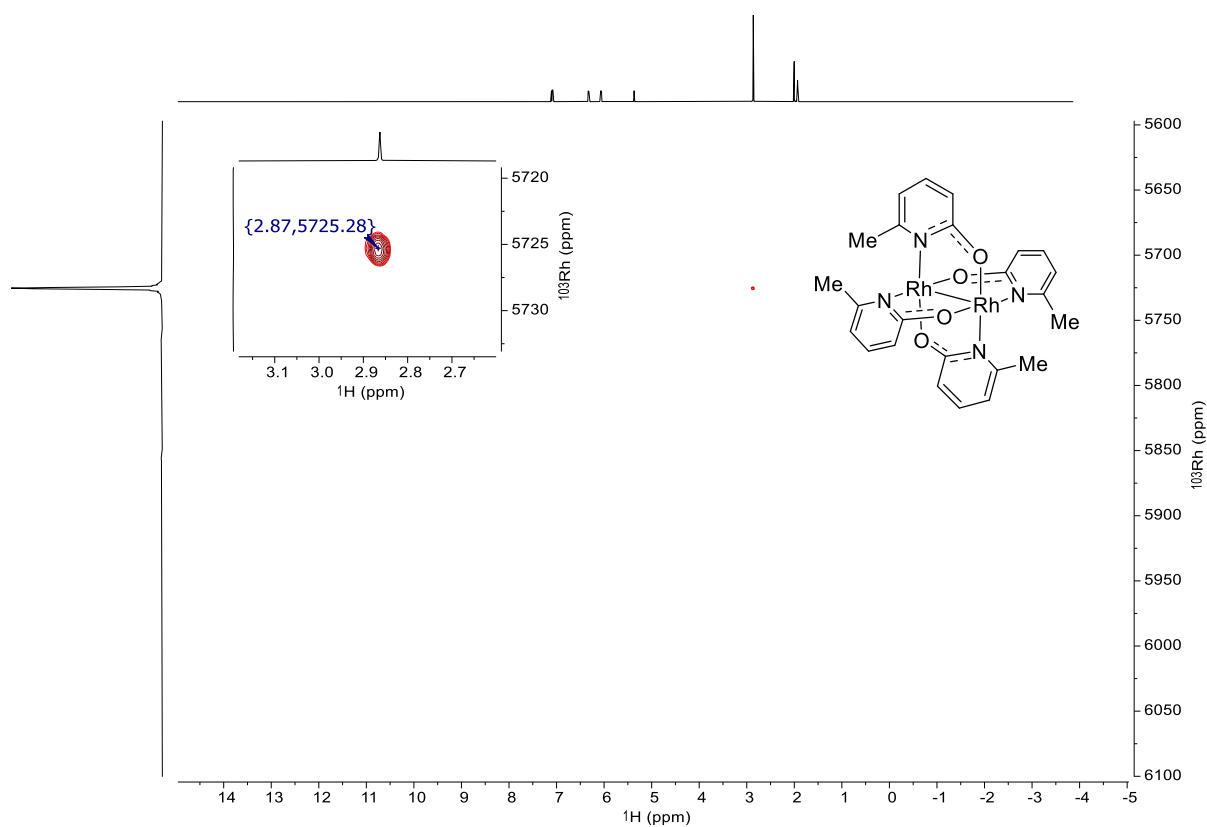
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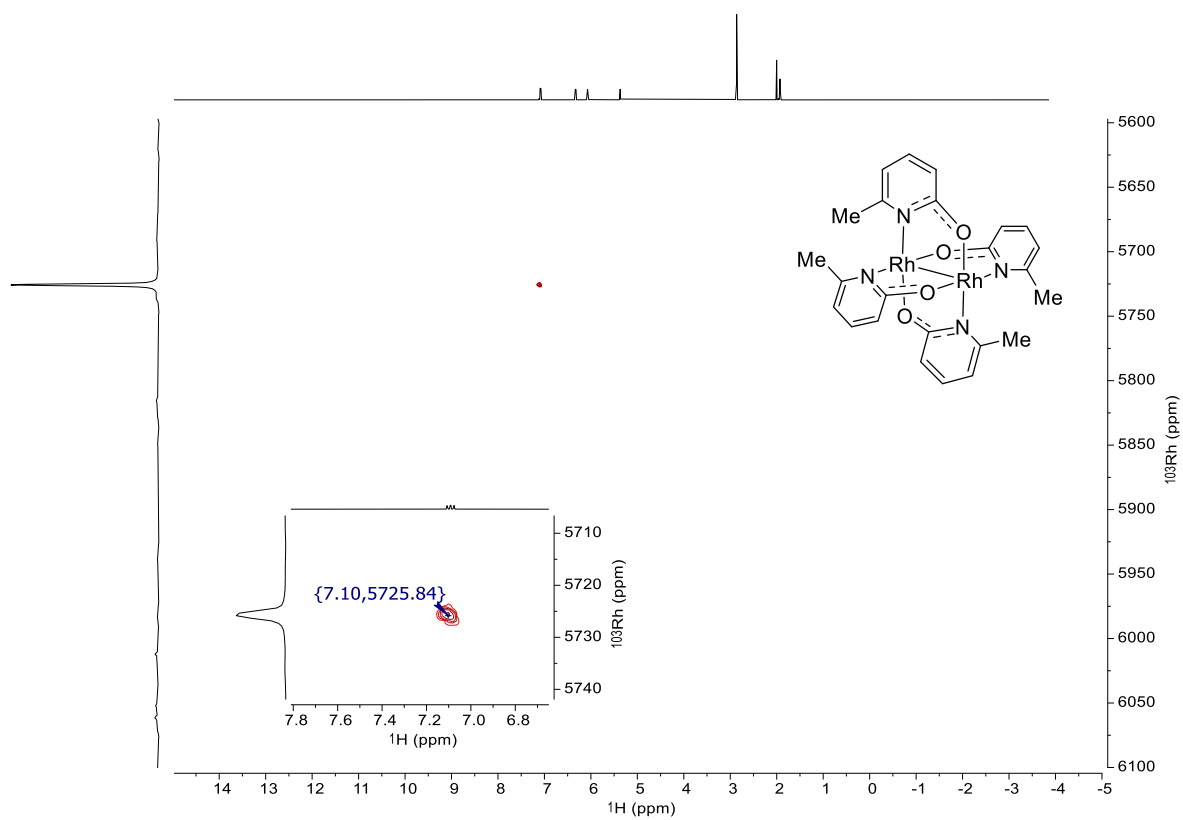
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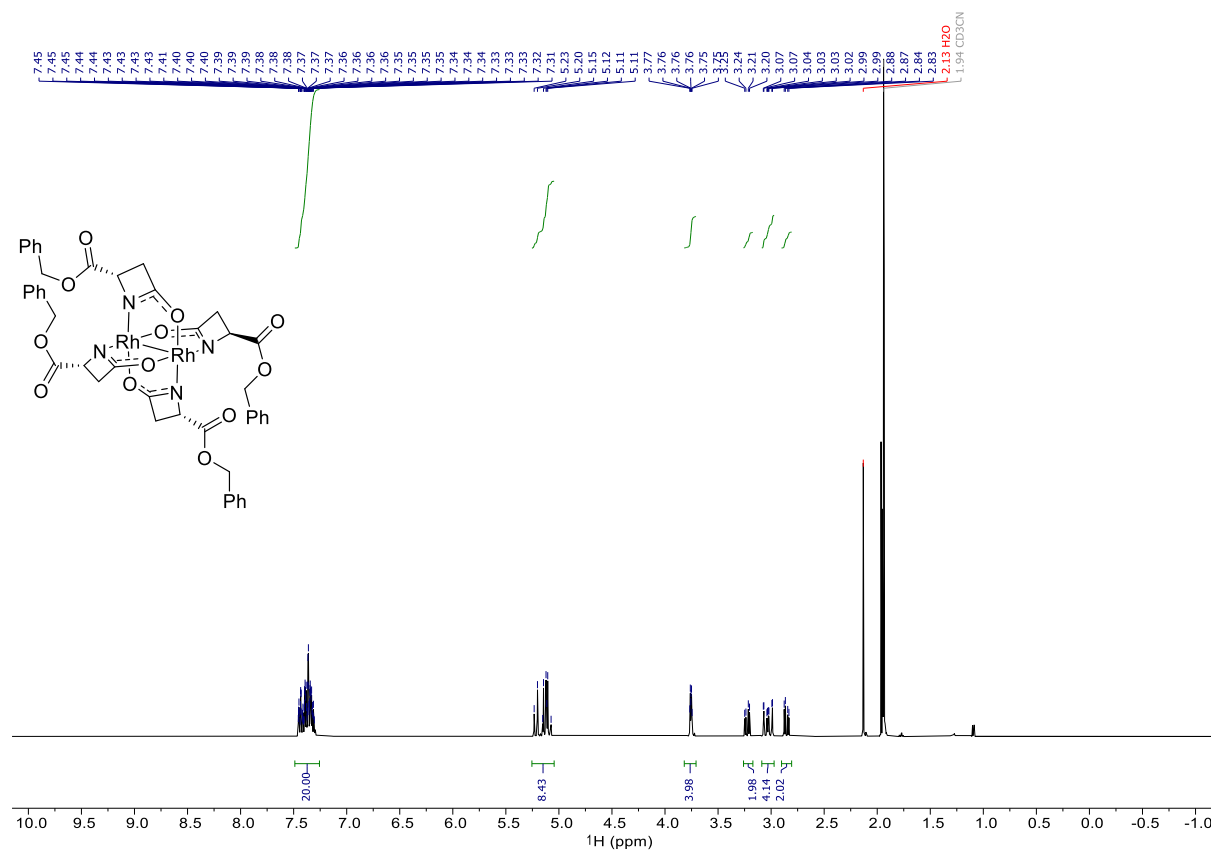
Rh₂(mhp)₄ (17): H(C)Rh (CD₂Cl₂/CD₃CN, 50:50 v/v)



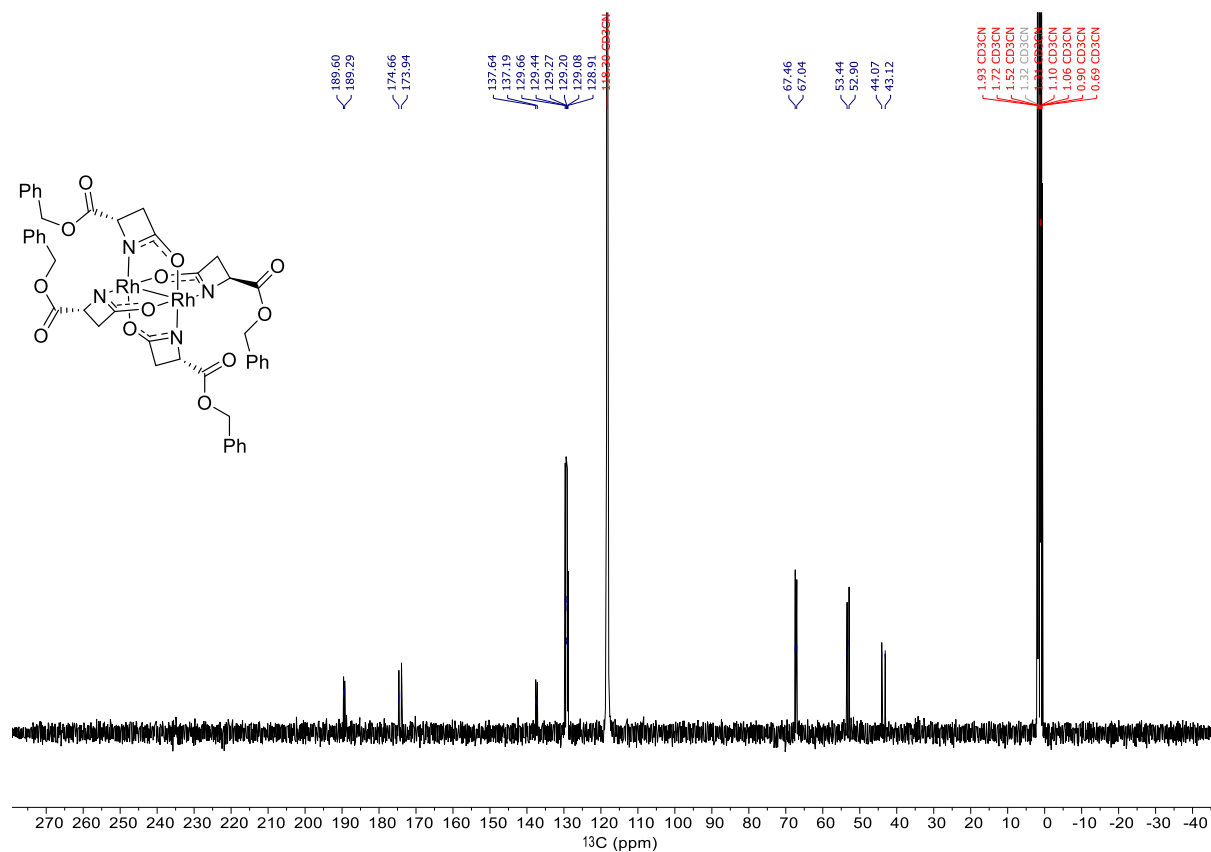
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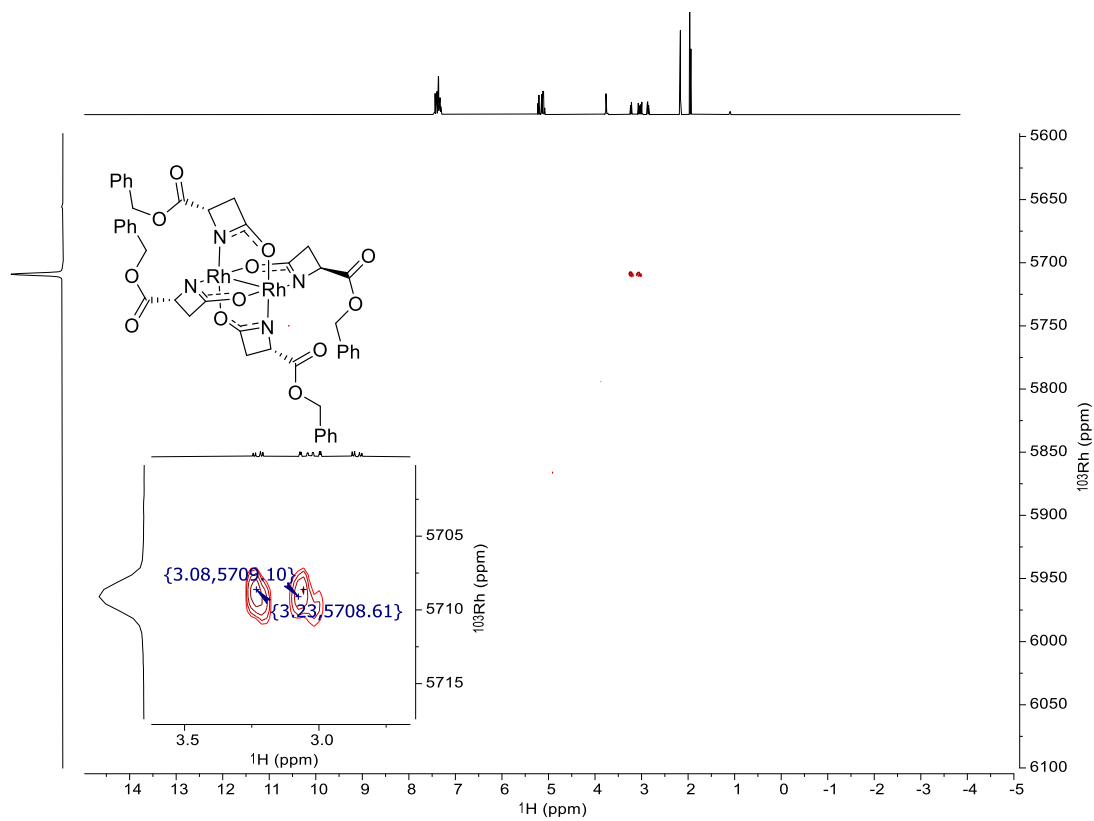
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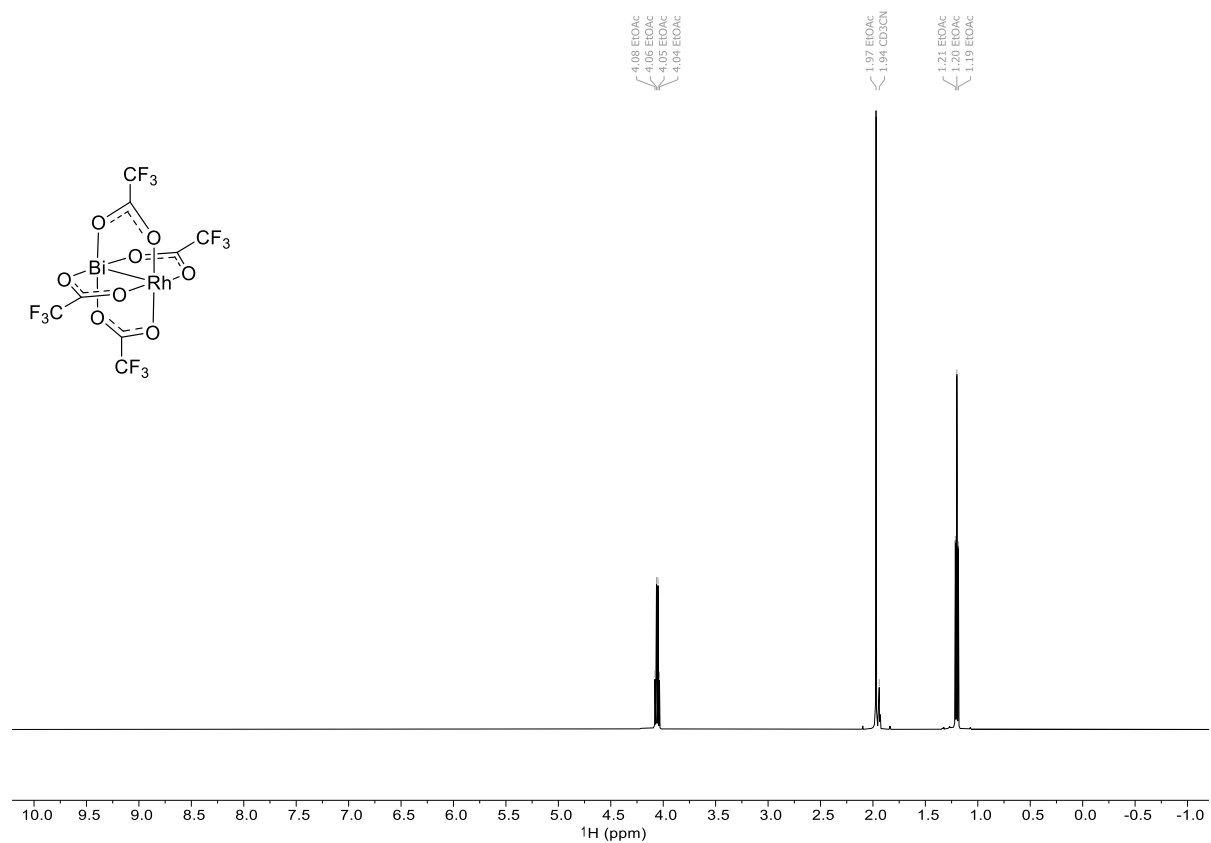
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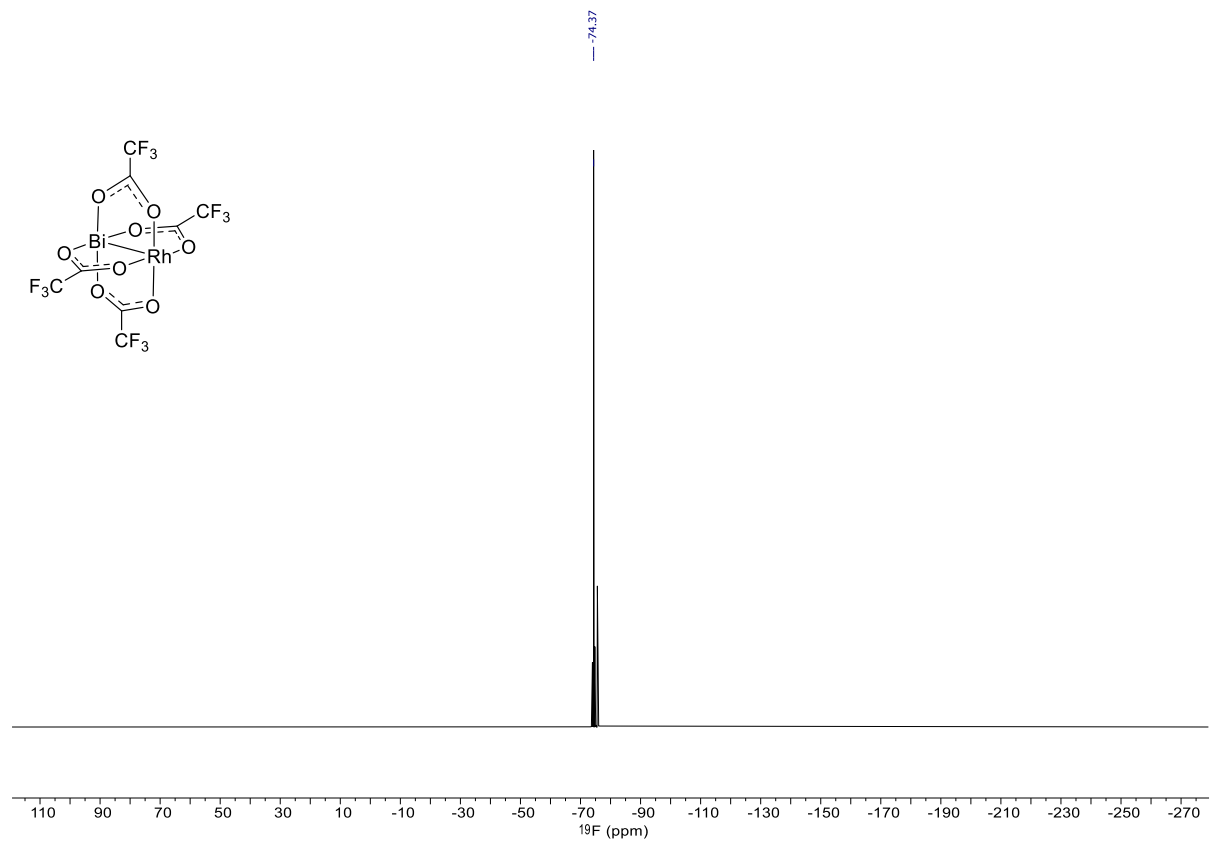
$\text{Rh}_2(\text{S-BNAZ})_4$ (18): ^1H - ^{103}Rh -HMBC (CD_3CN)



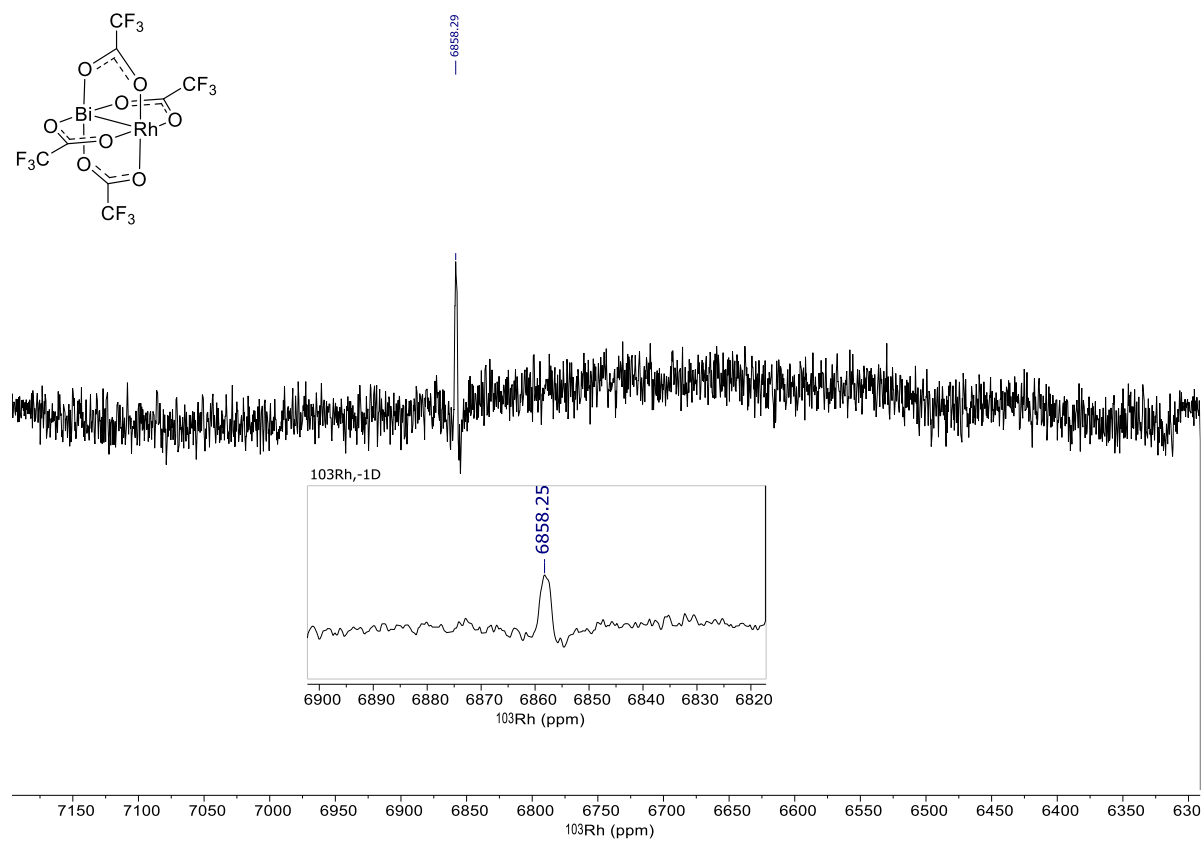
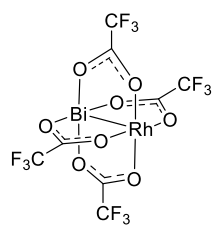
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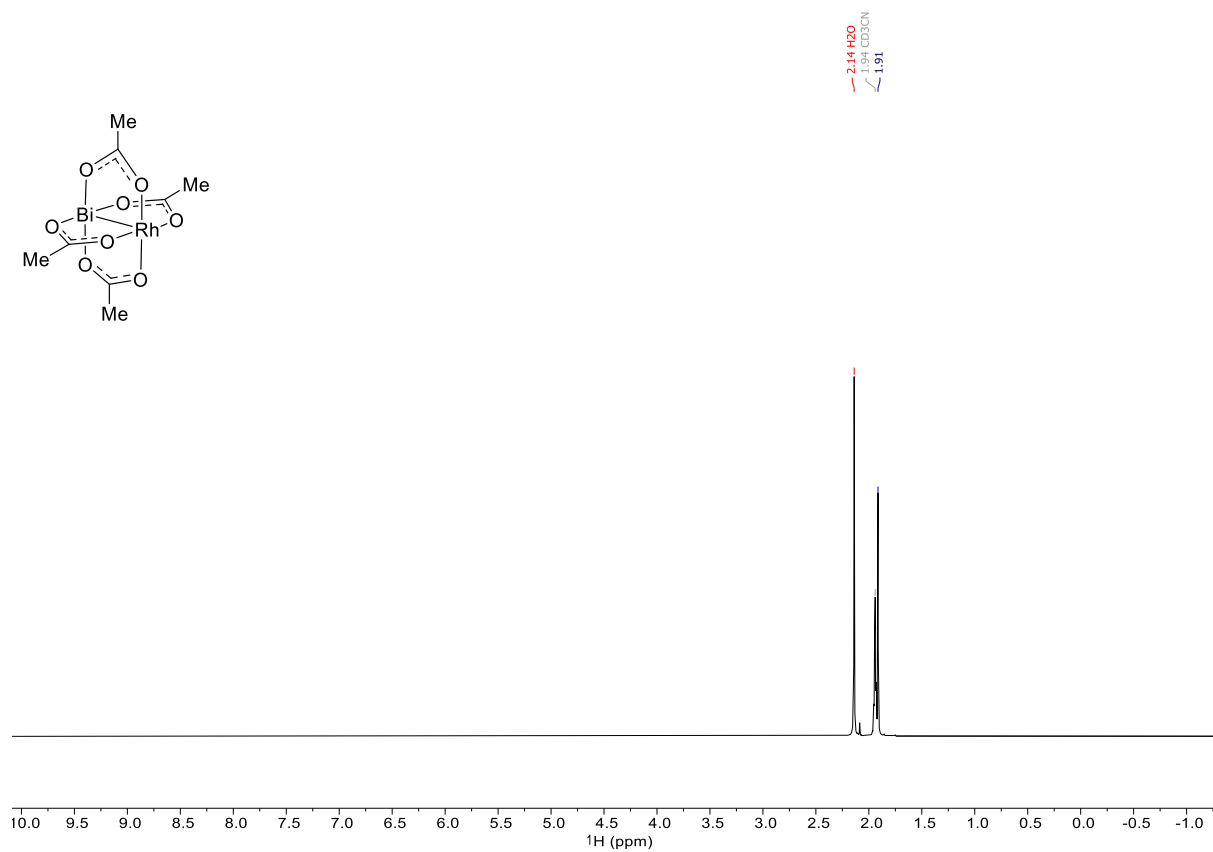
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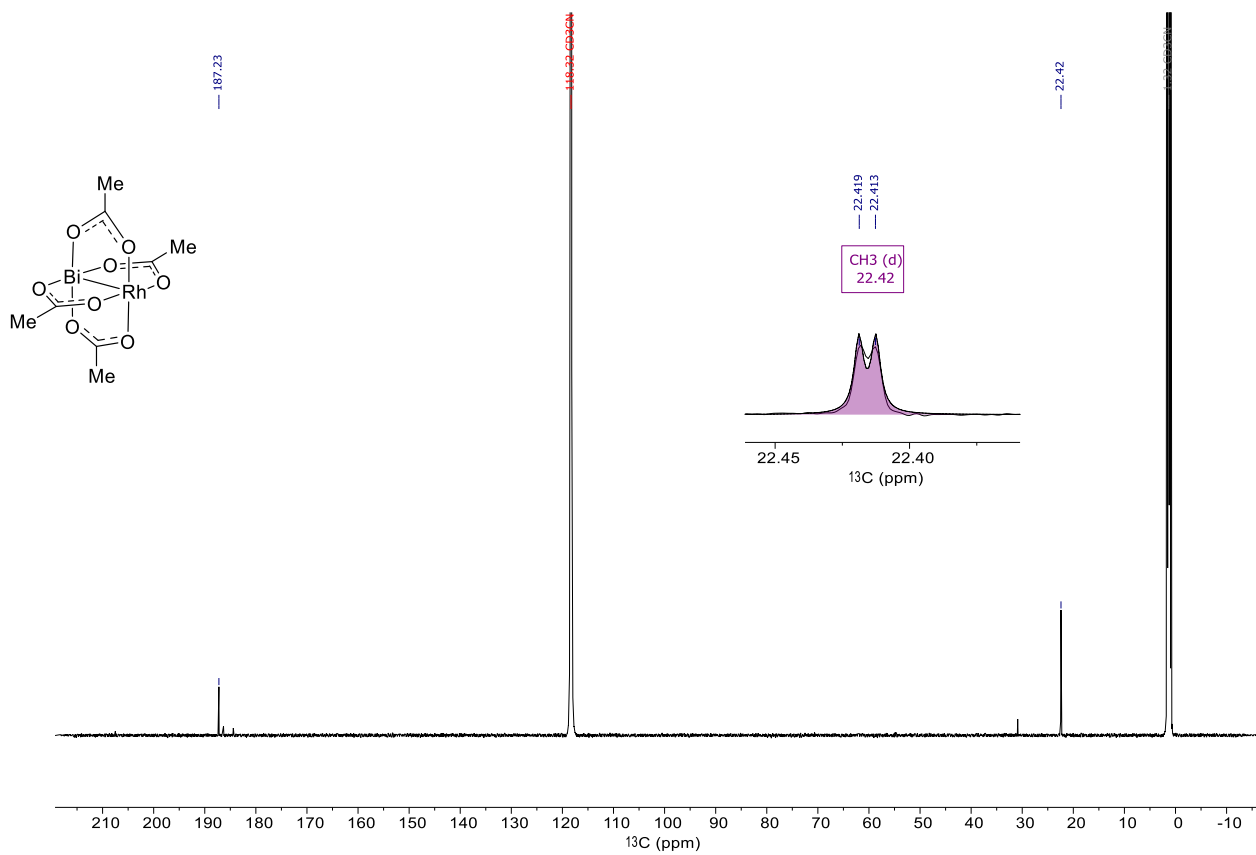
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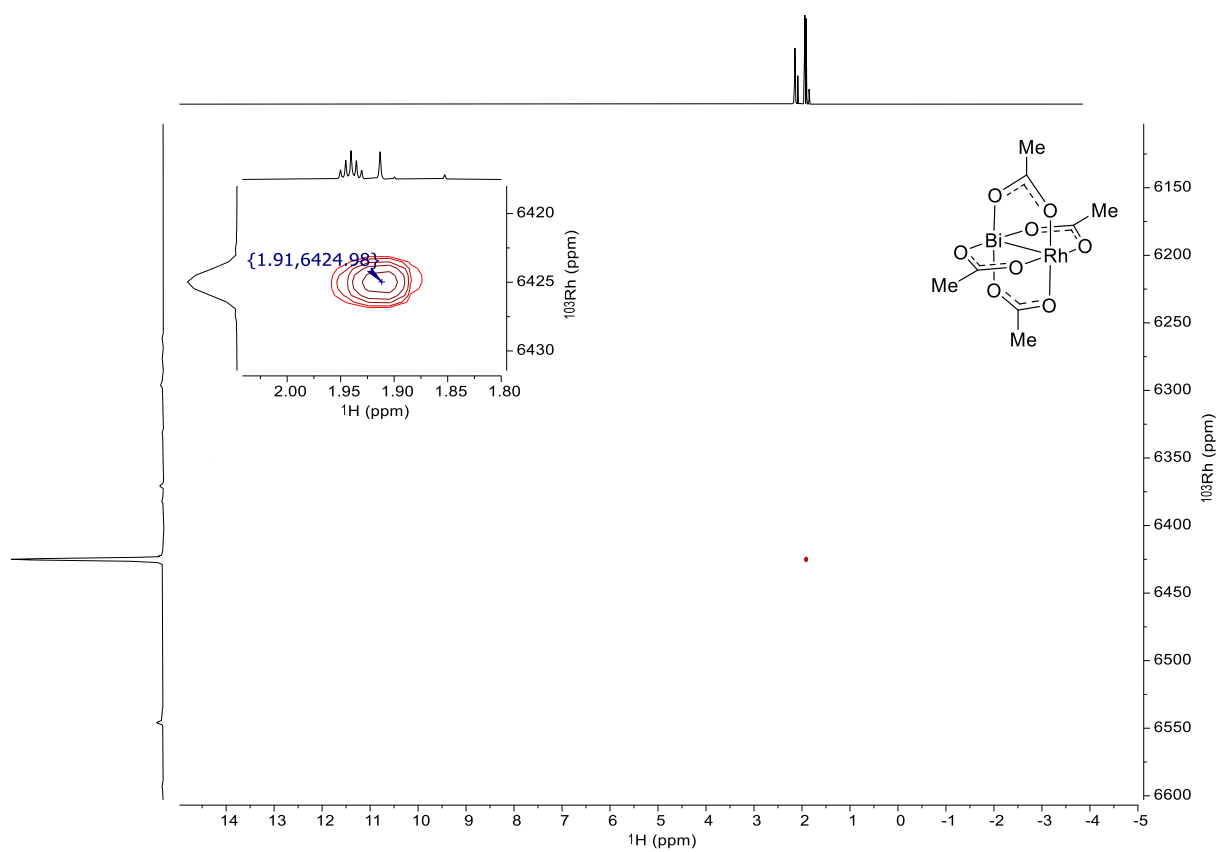
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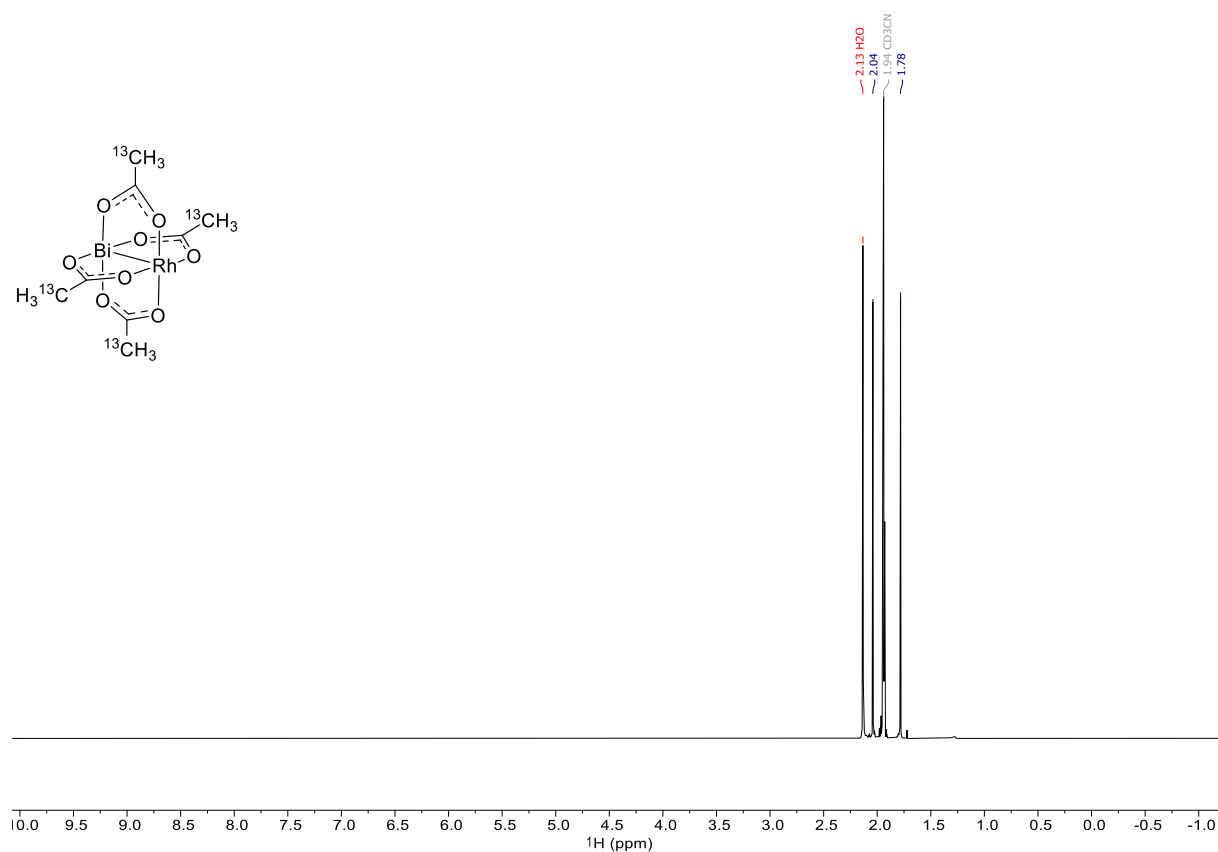
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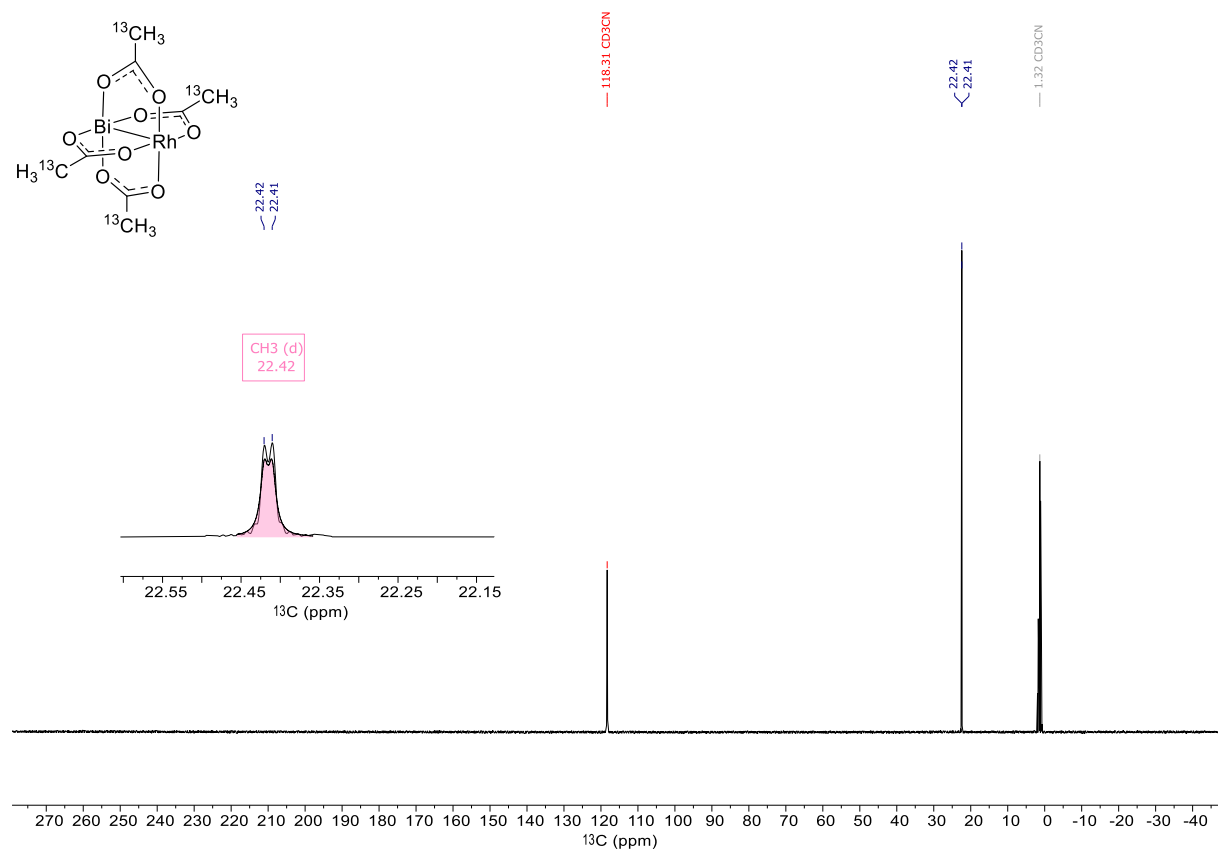
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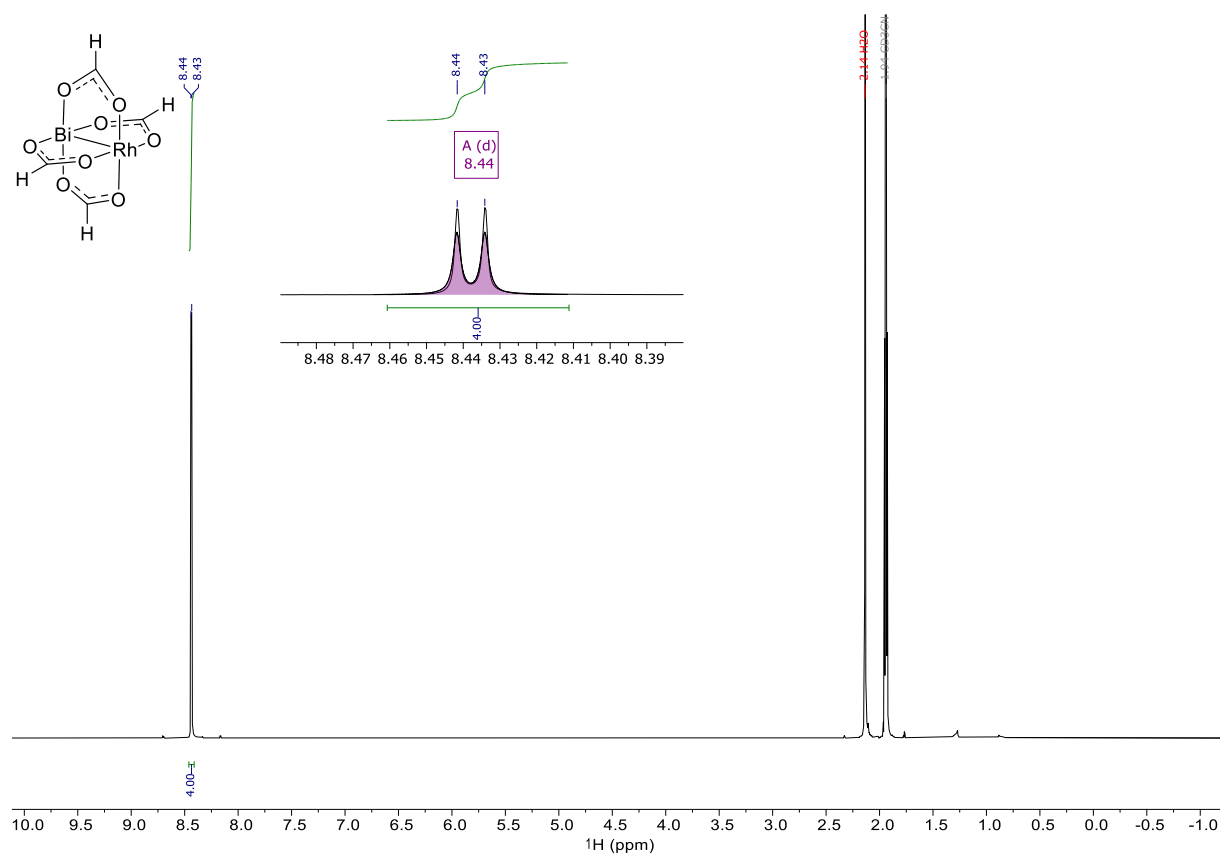
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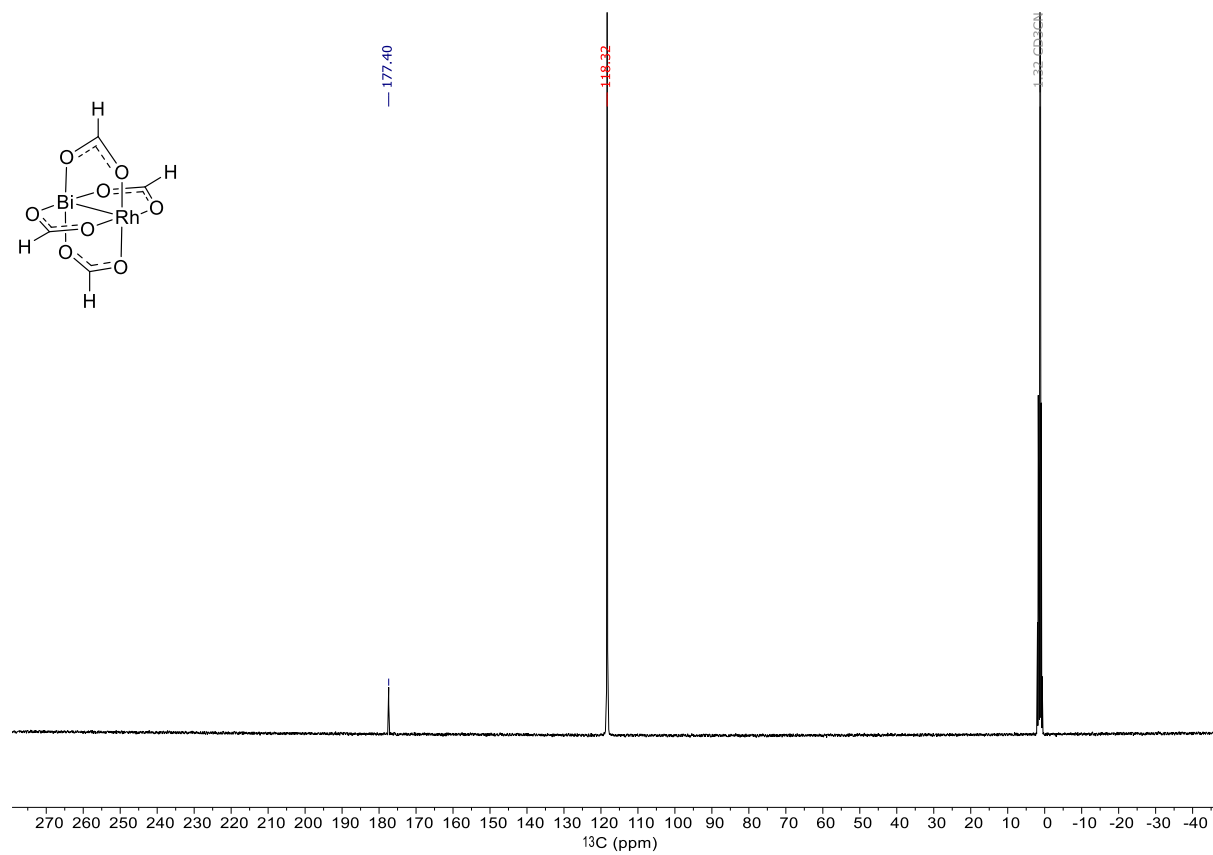
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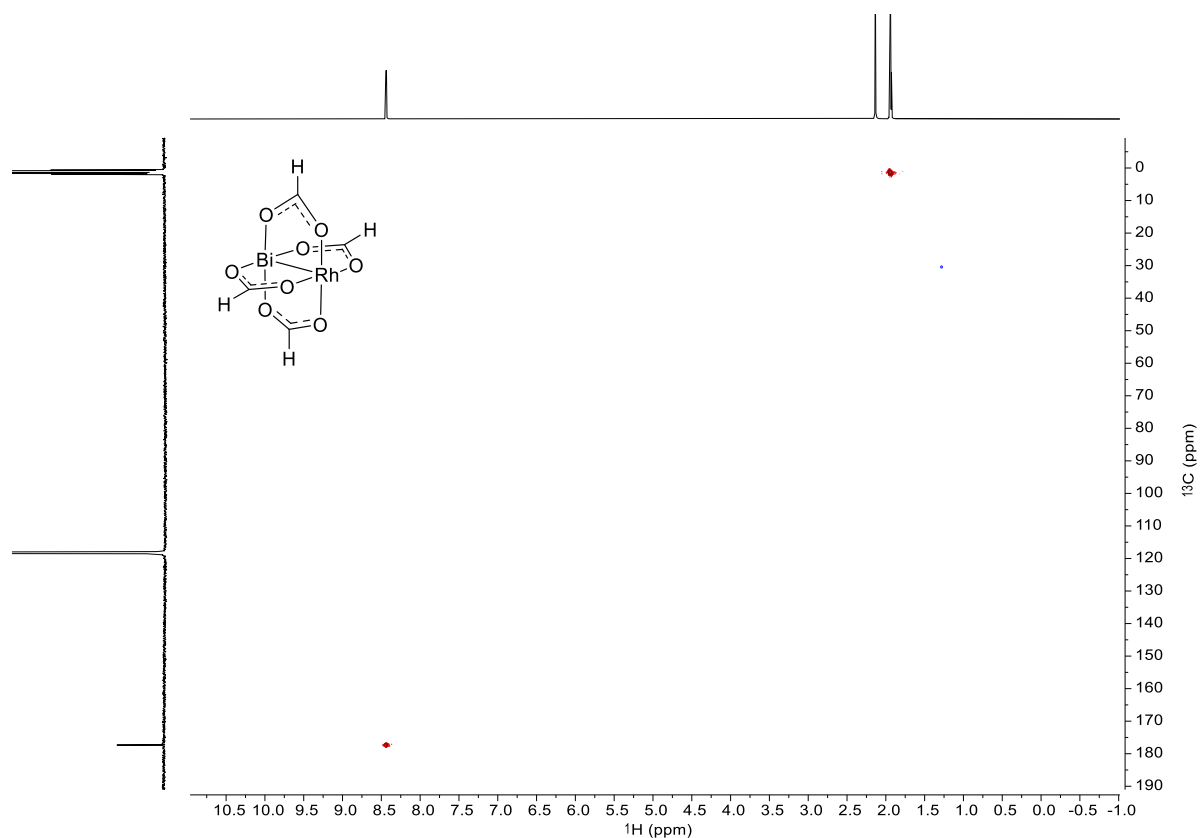
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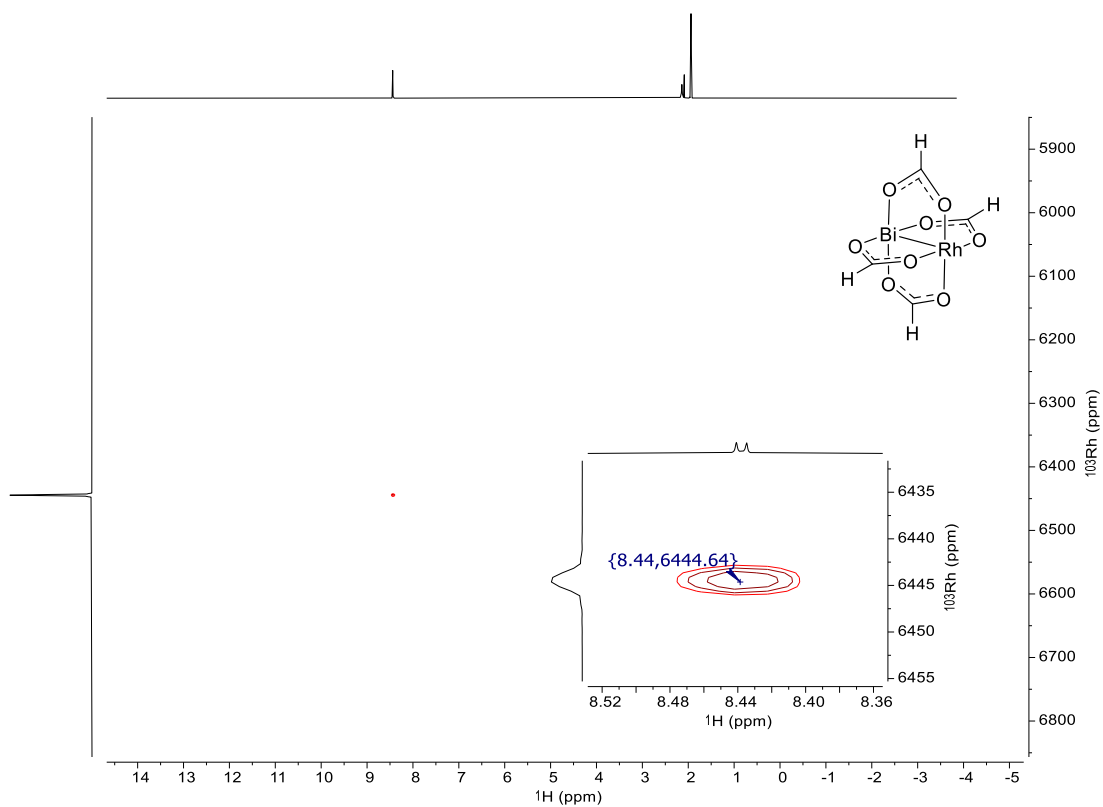
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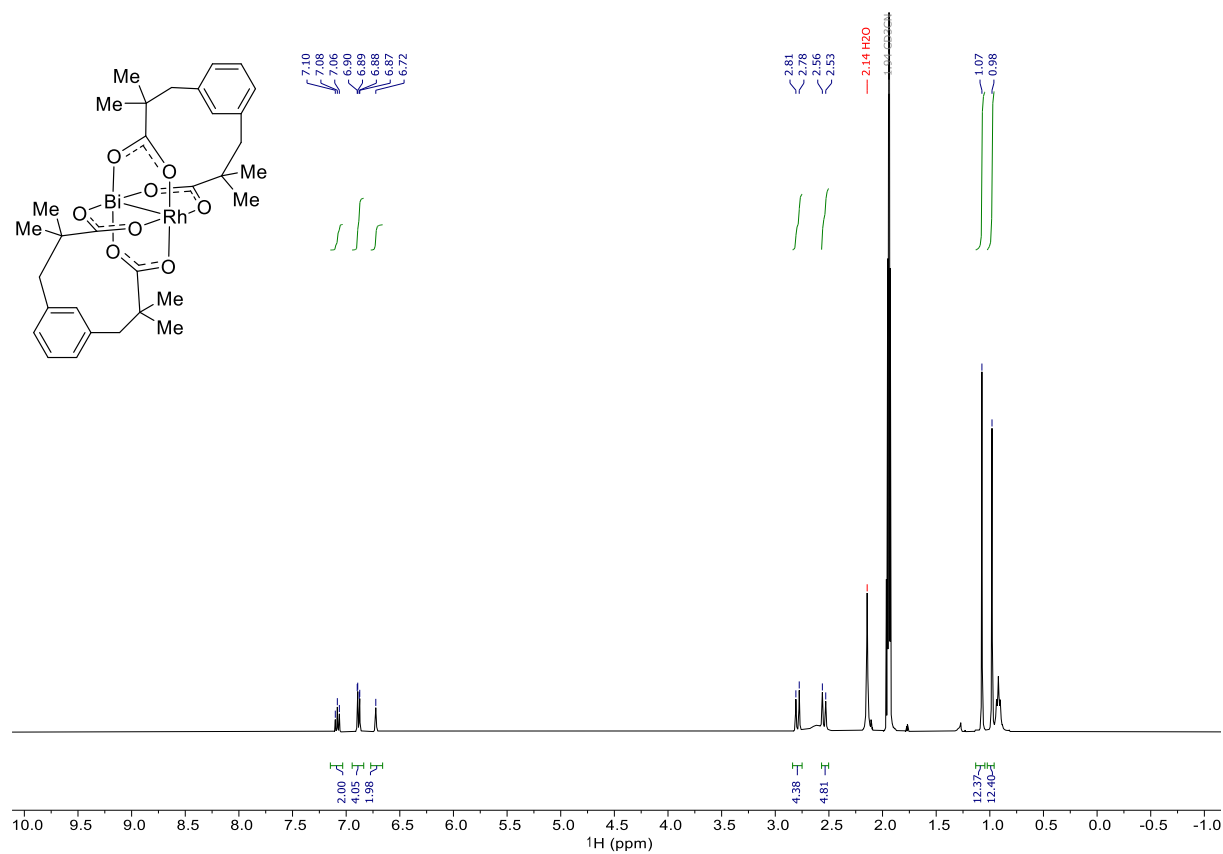
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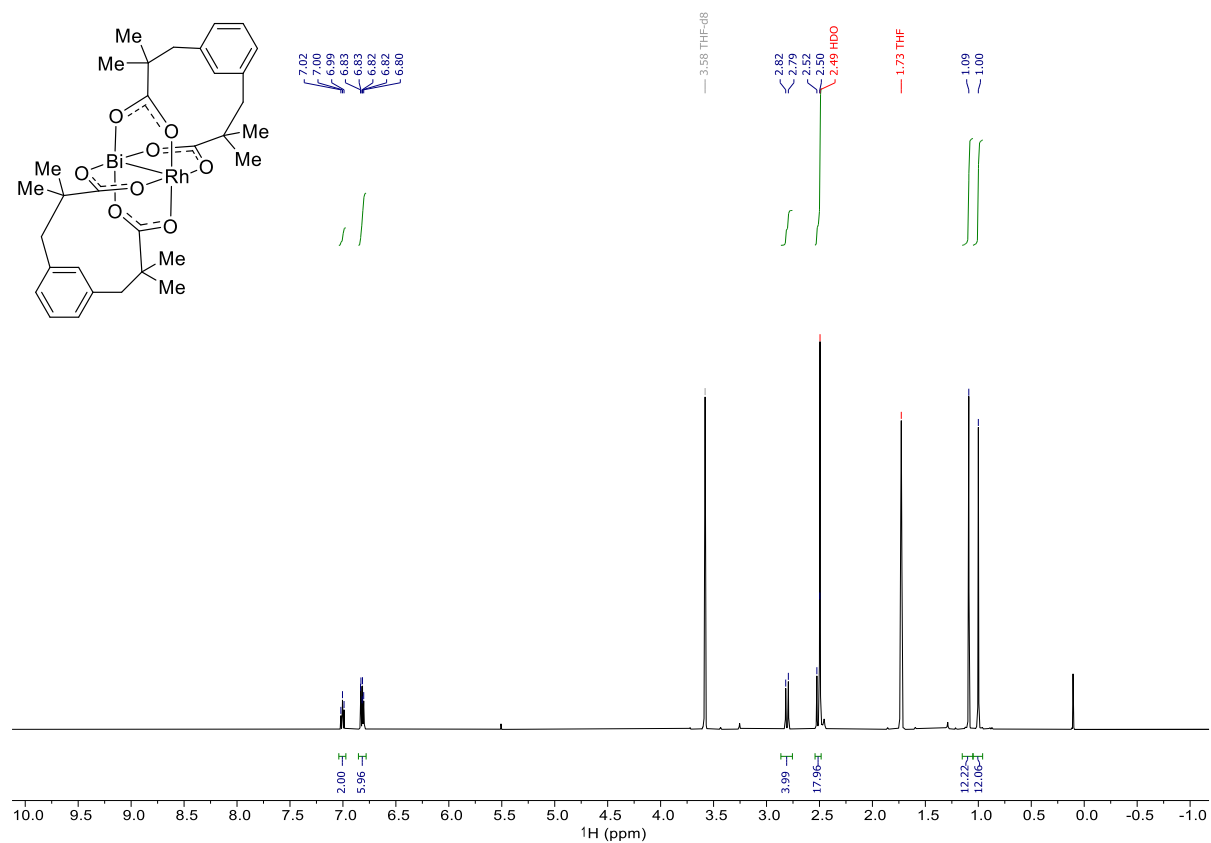
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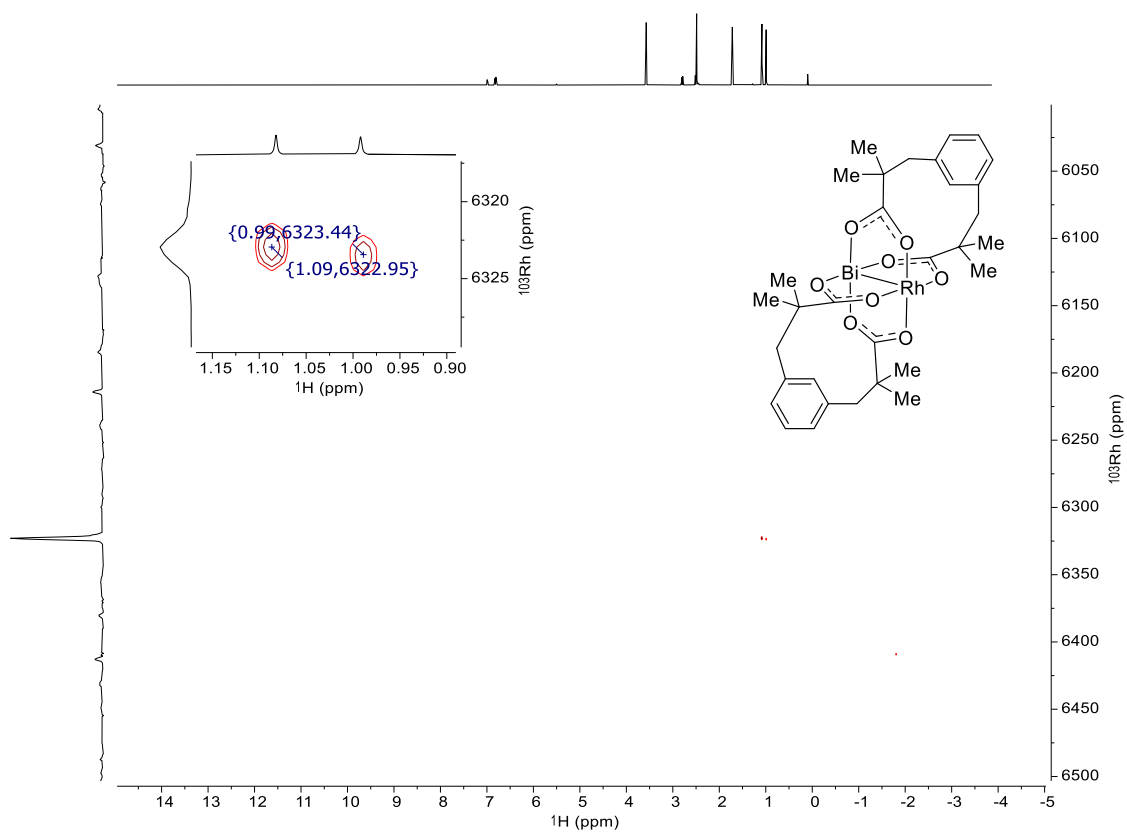
BiRh(esp)₂ (22): ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN)



BiRh(esp)₂ (22): ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, [D₈]-THF)



BiRh(esp)₂ (22): H(C)Rh ([D₈]-THF)



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