

Supporting Information

# Hemilabile and Bimetallic Coordination in Rh and Ir Complexes of NCN Pincer Ligands

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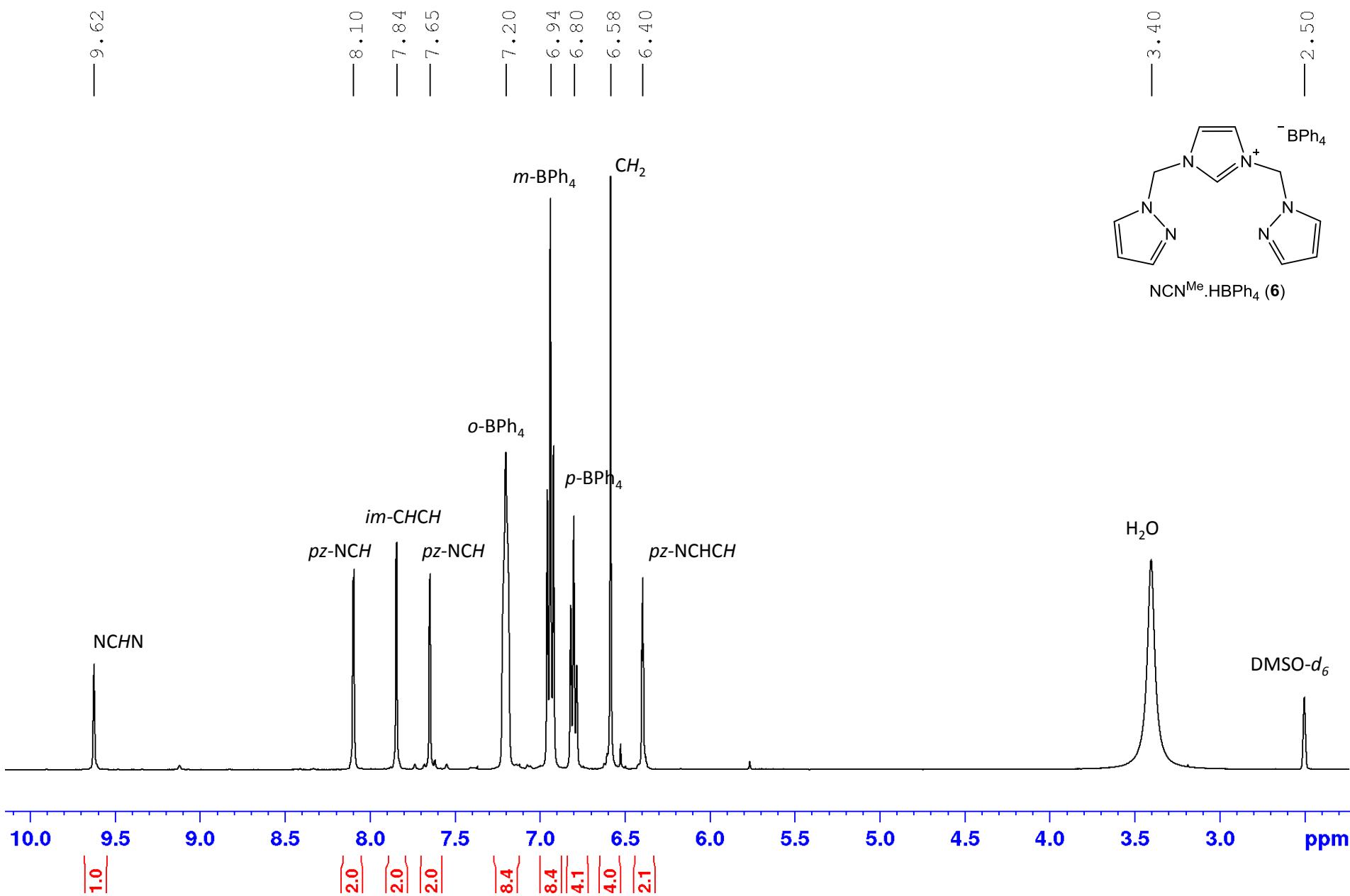
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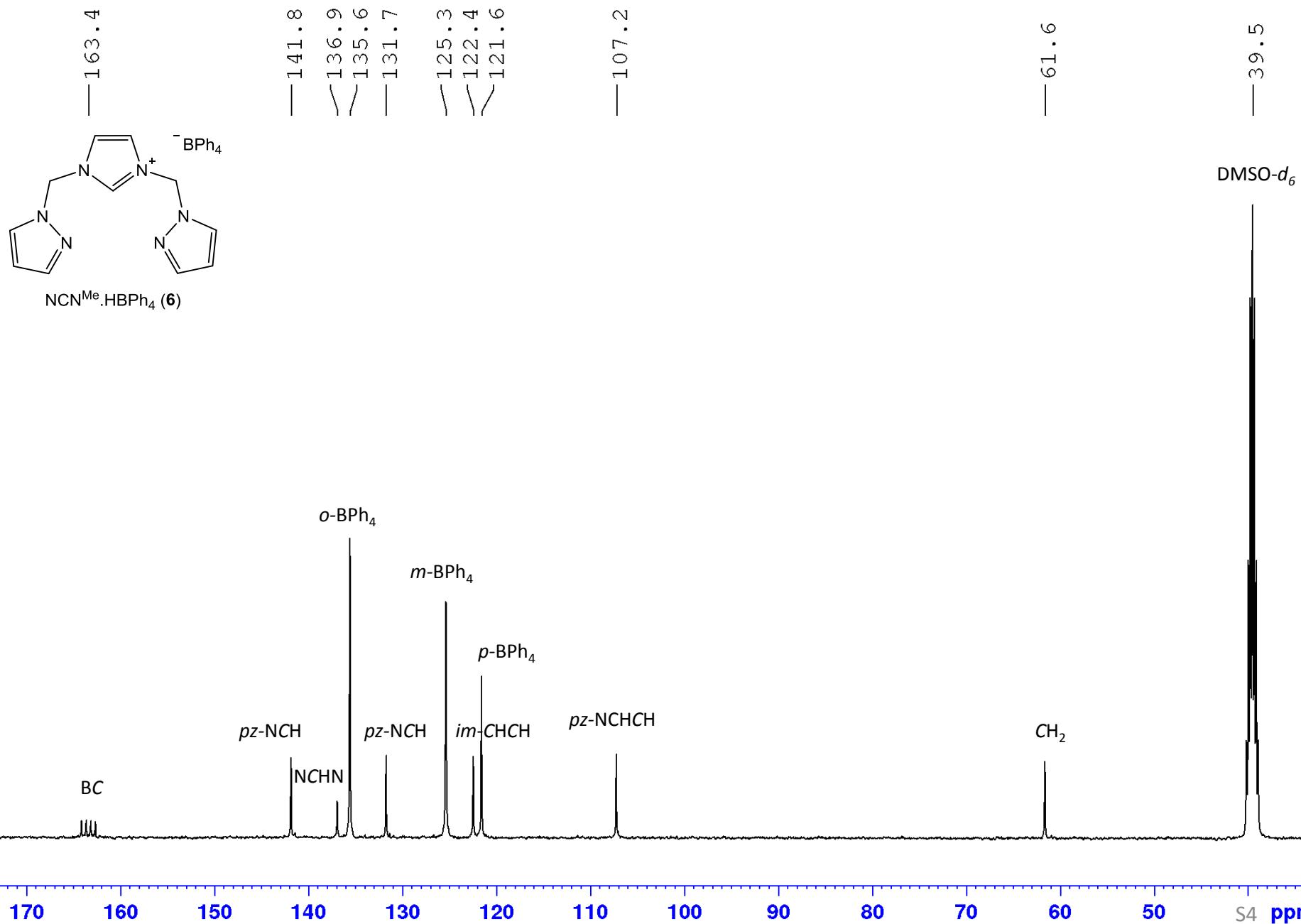
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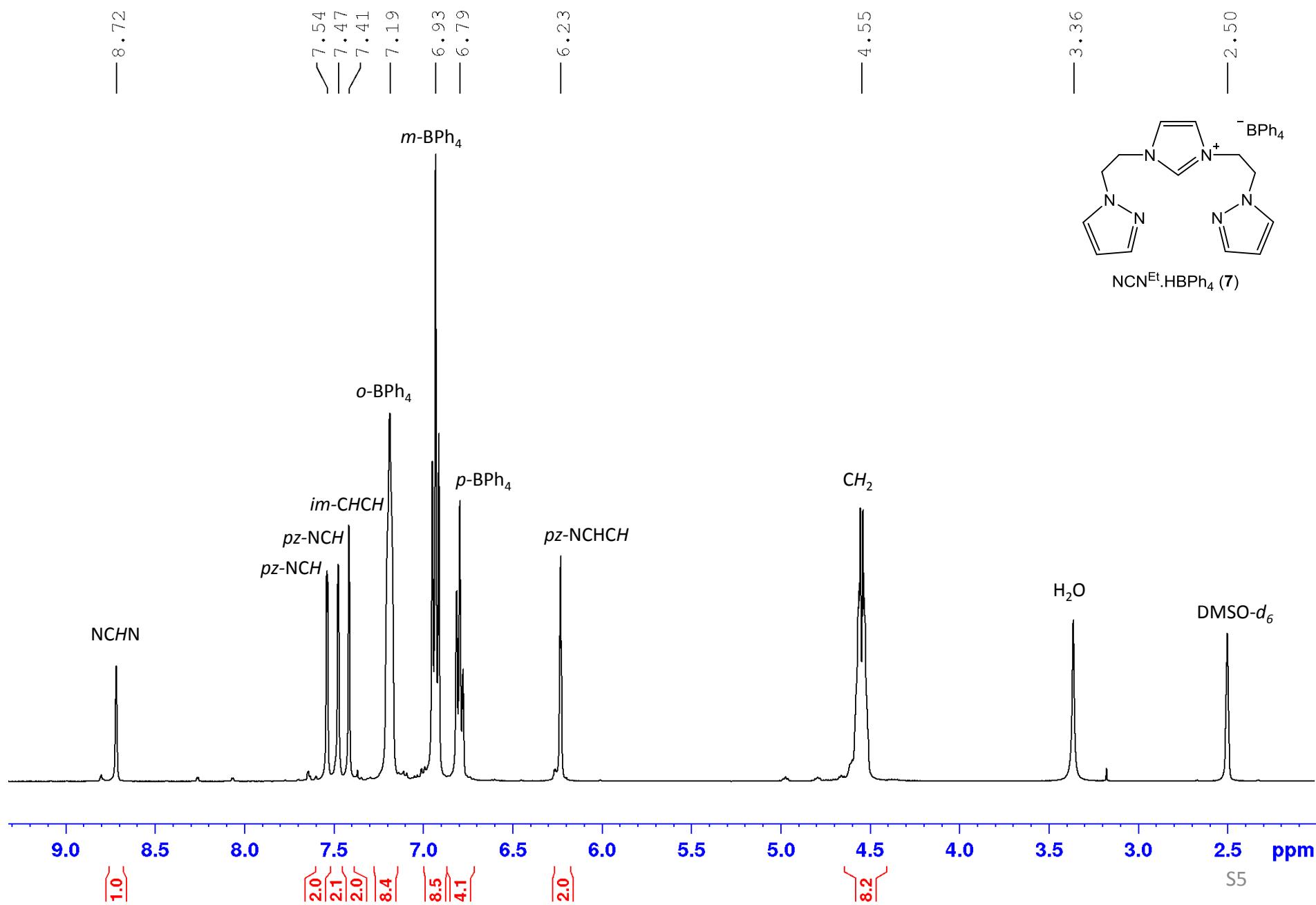
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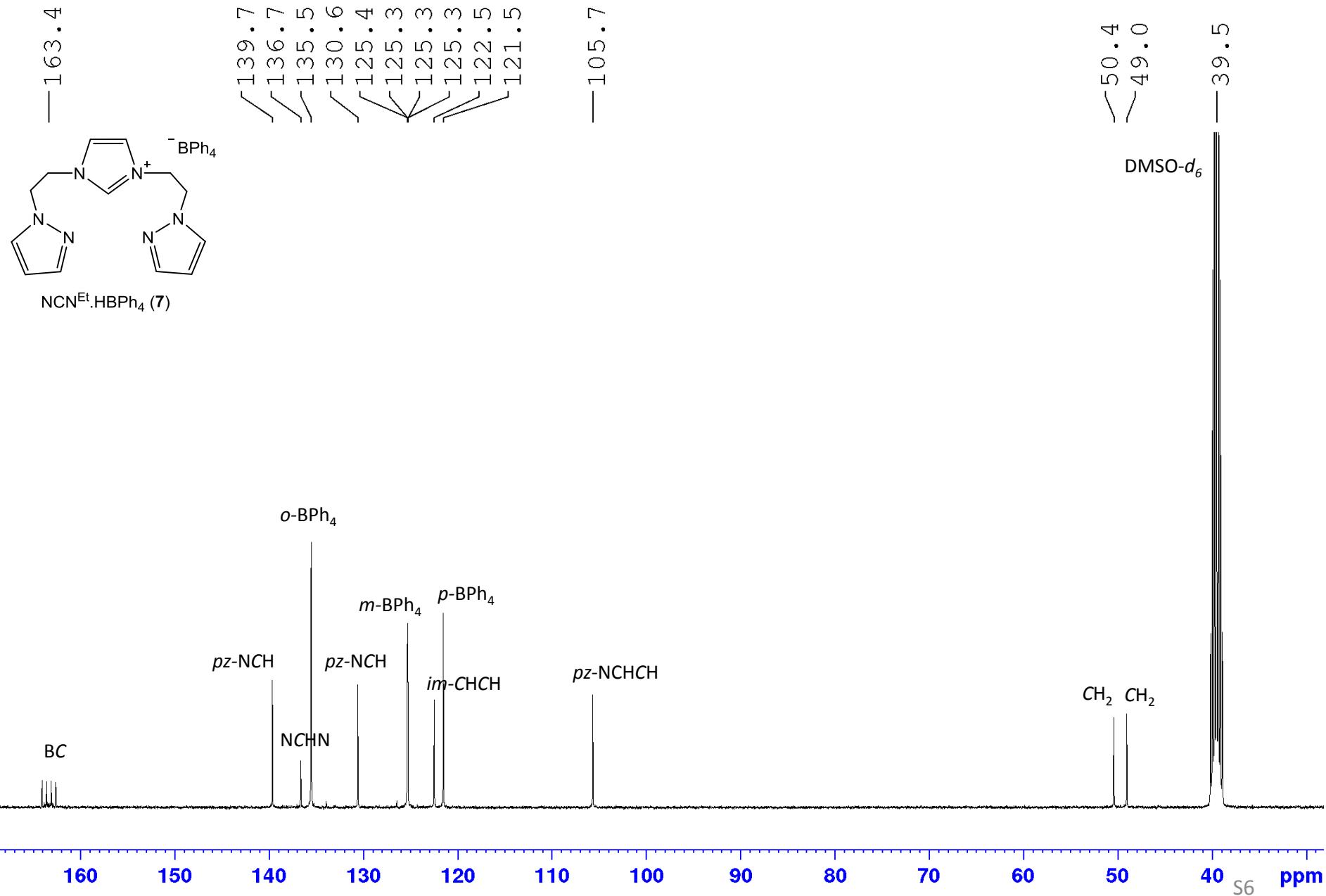
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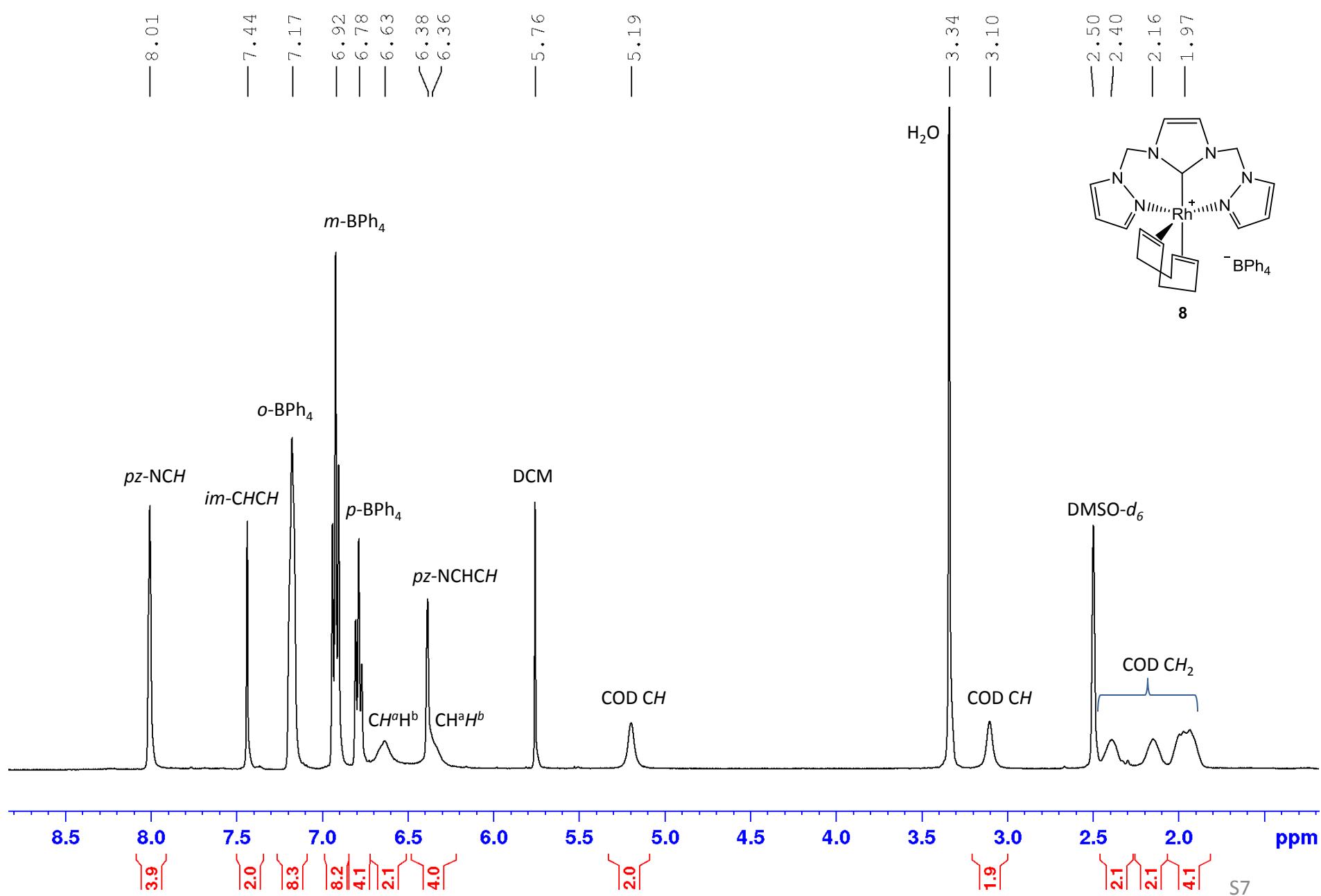
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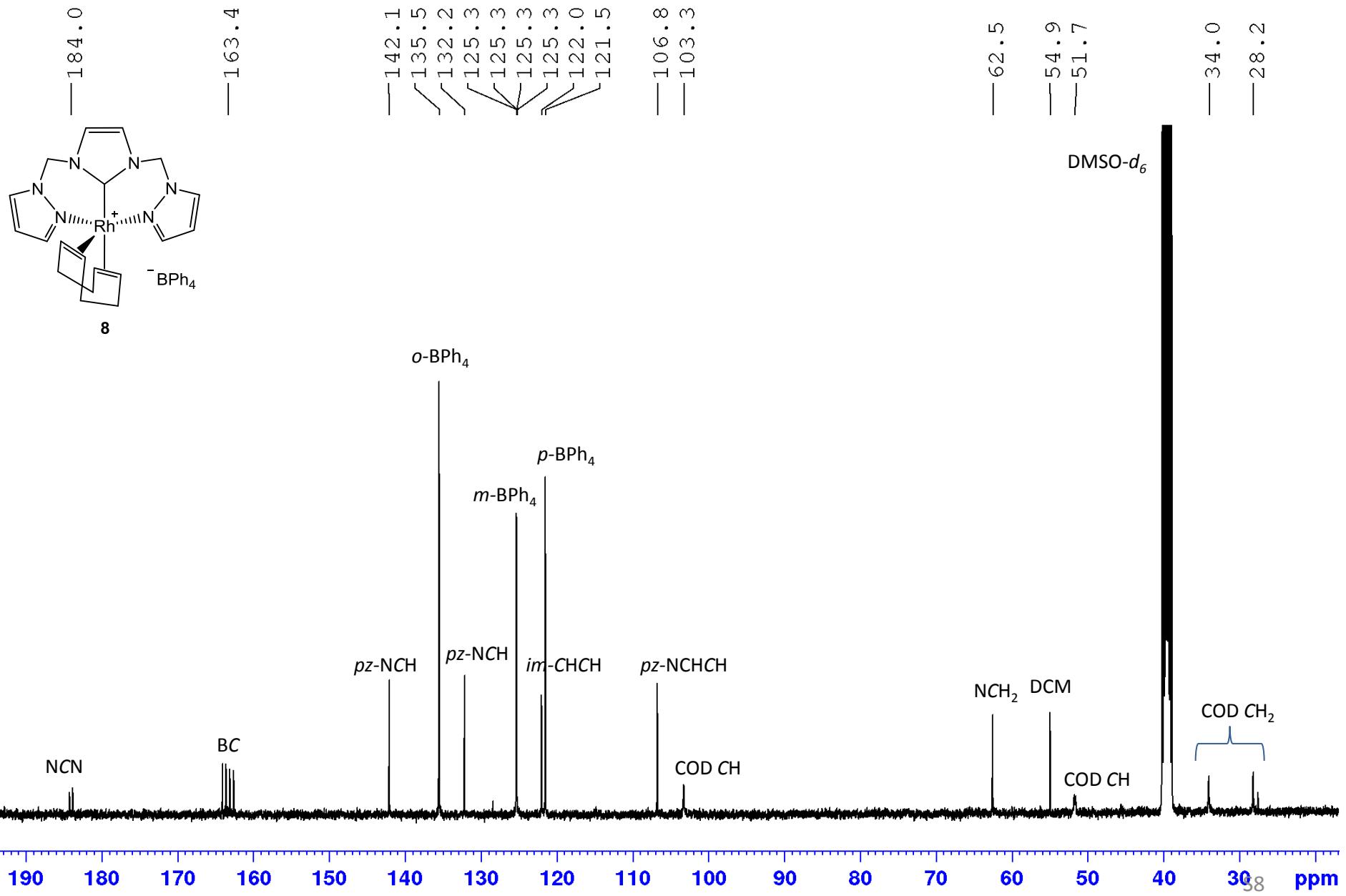
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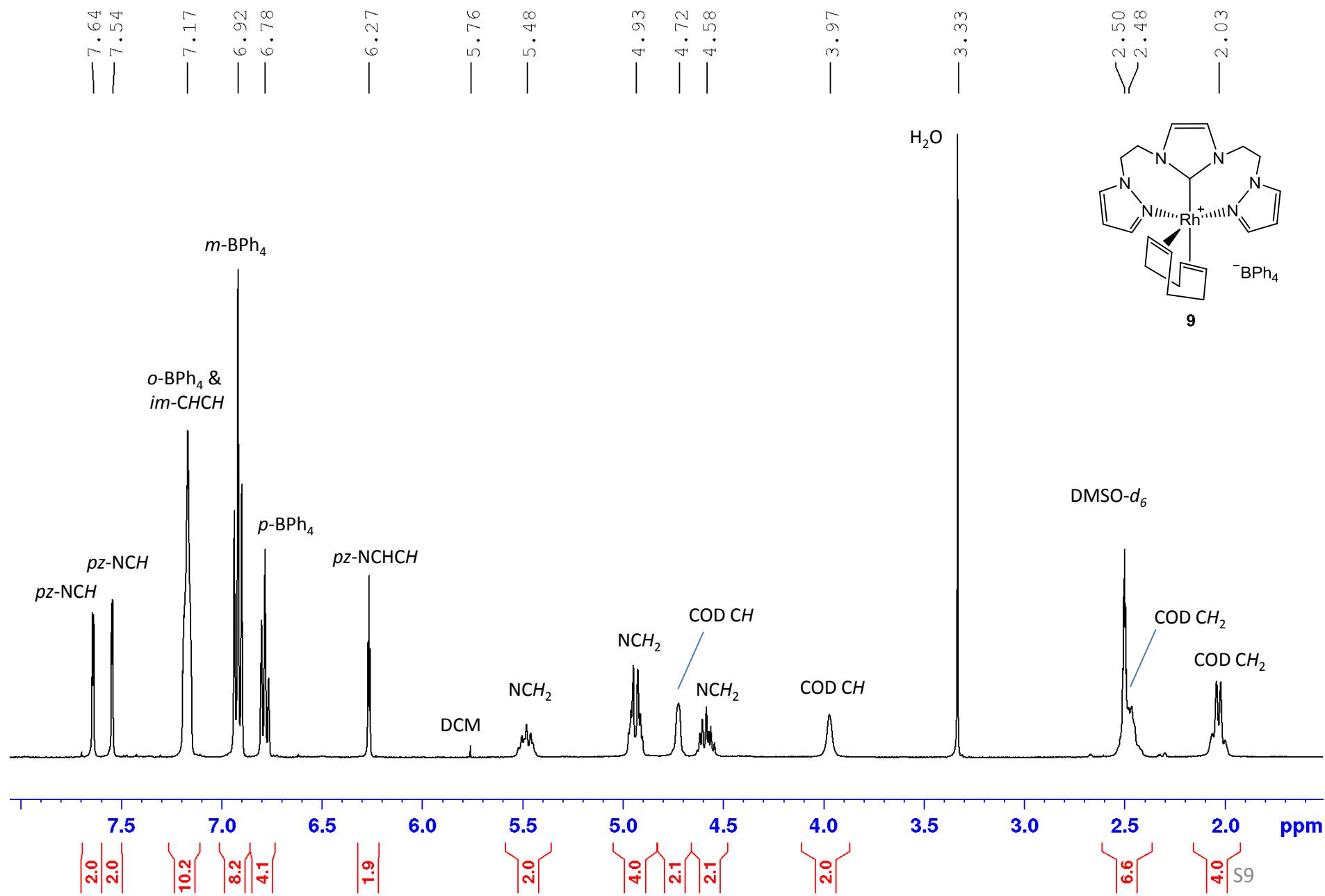
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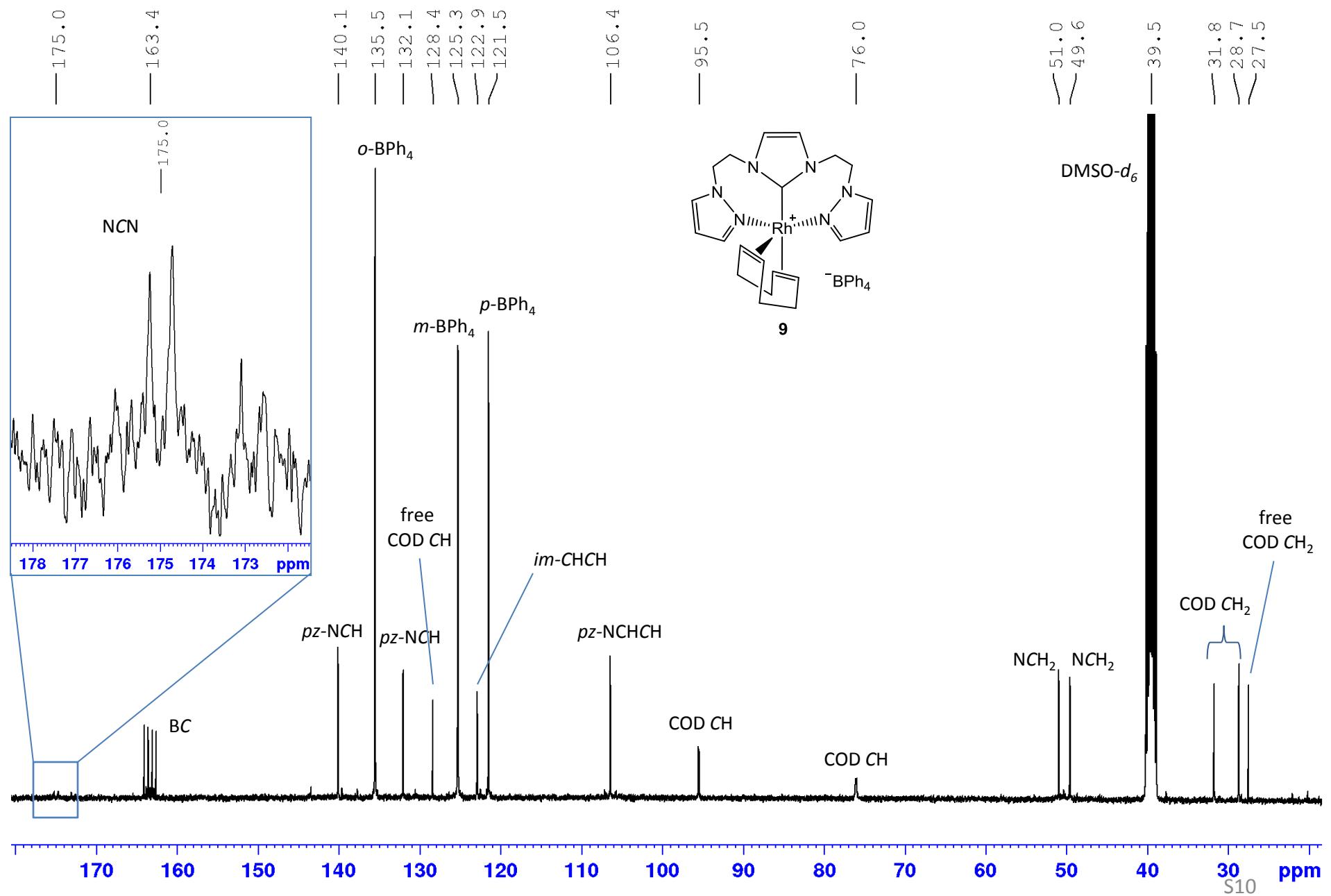
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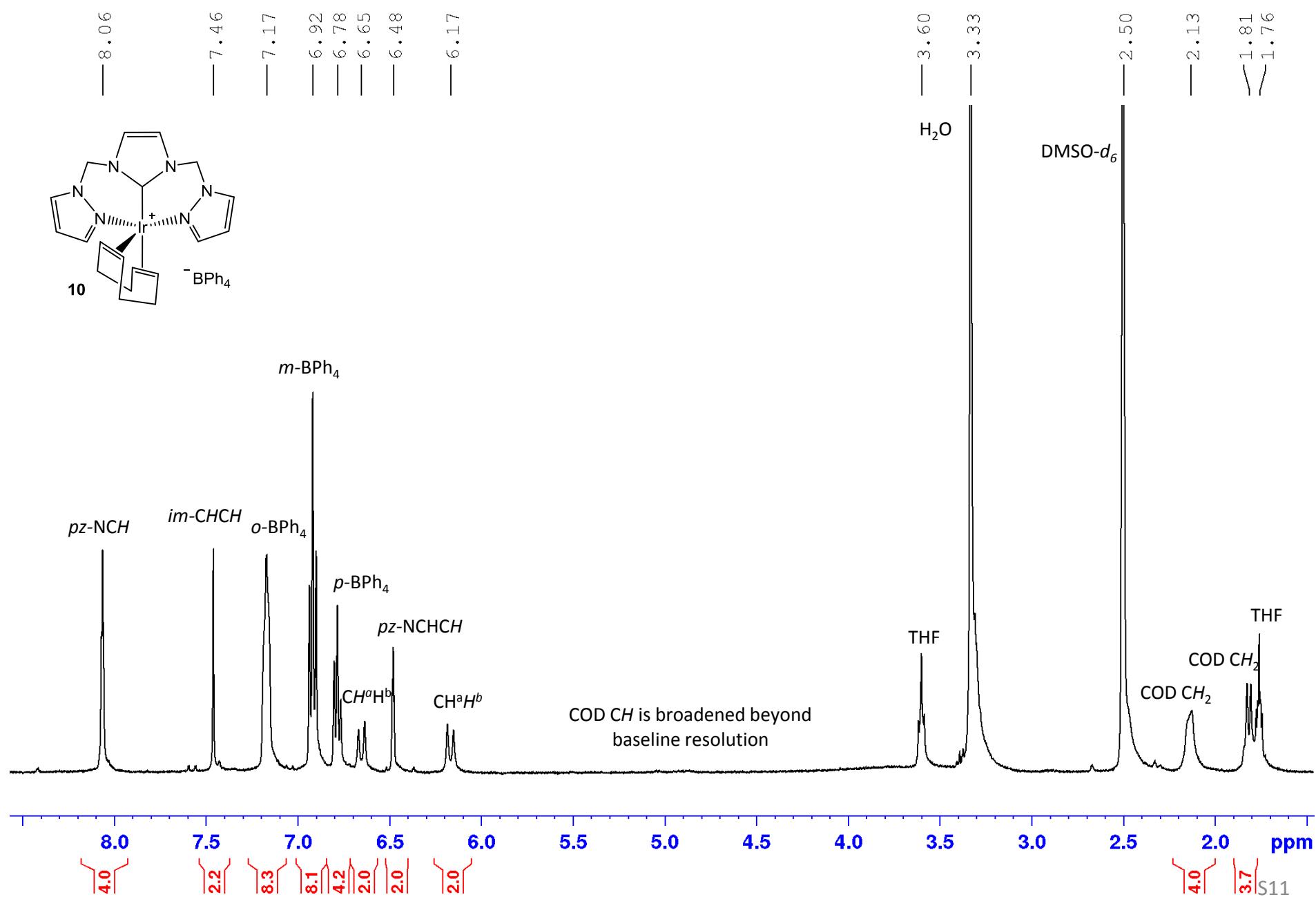
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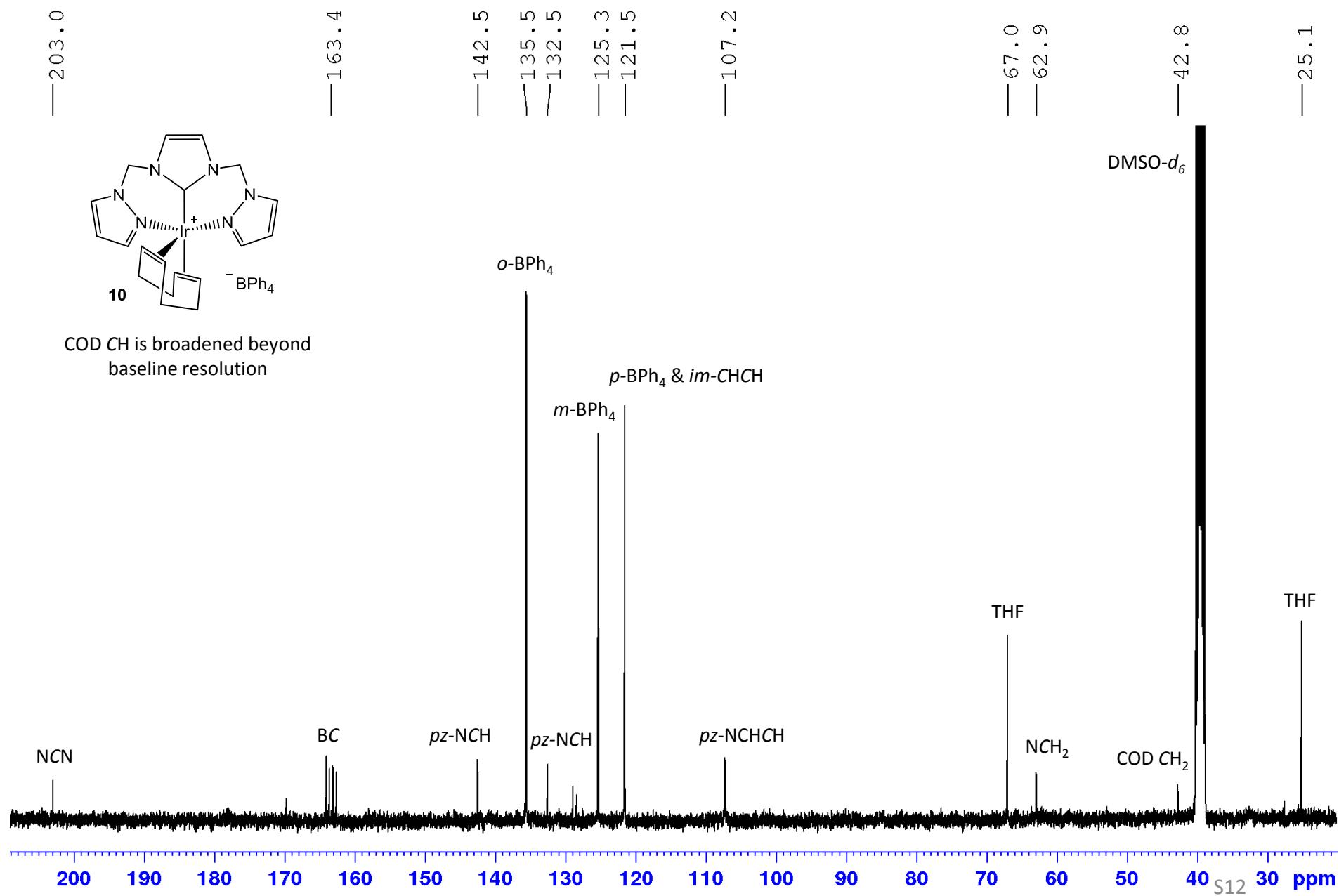
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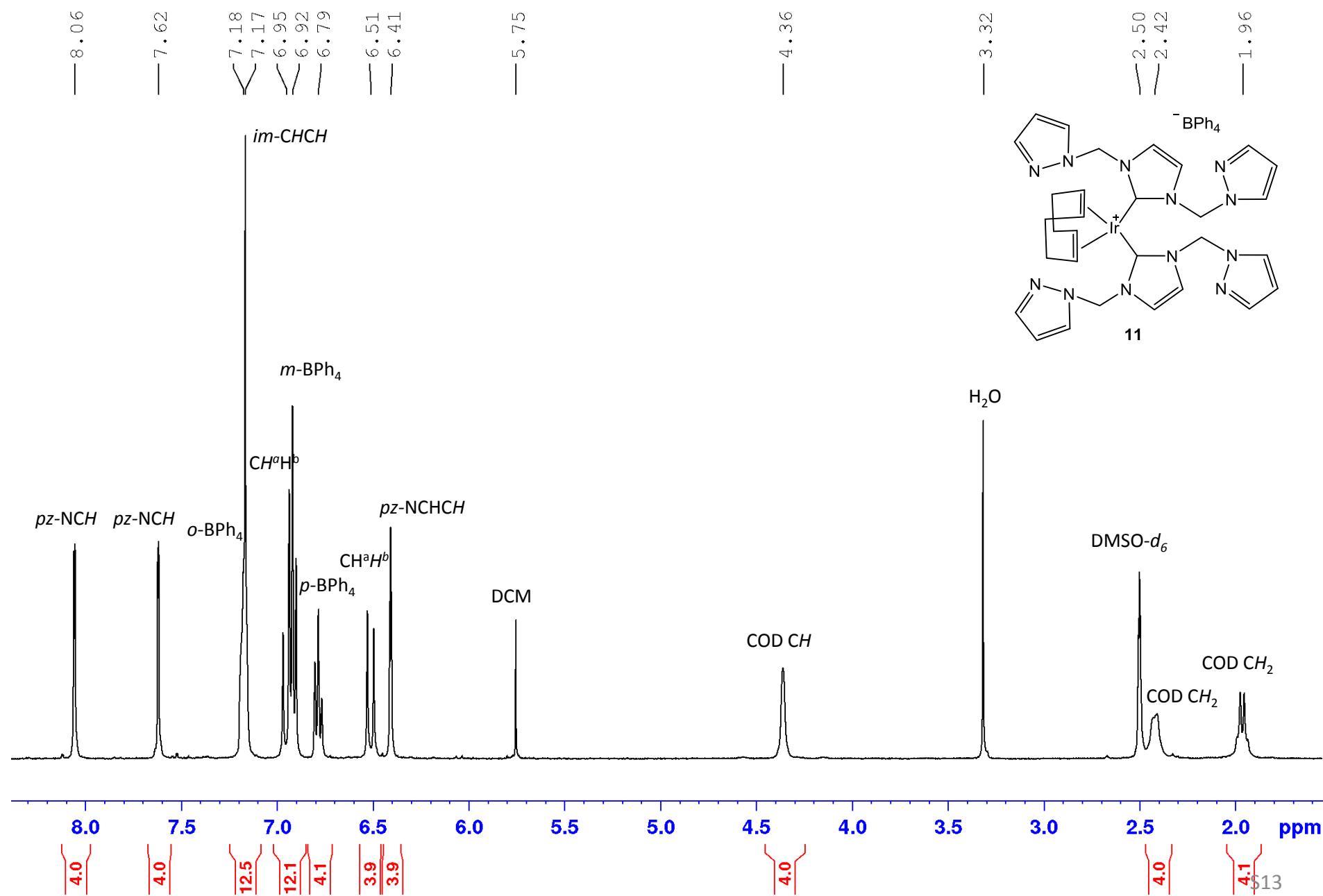
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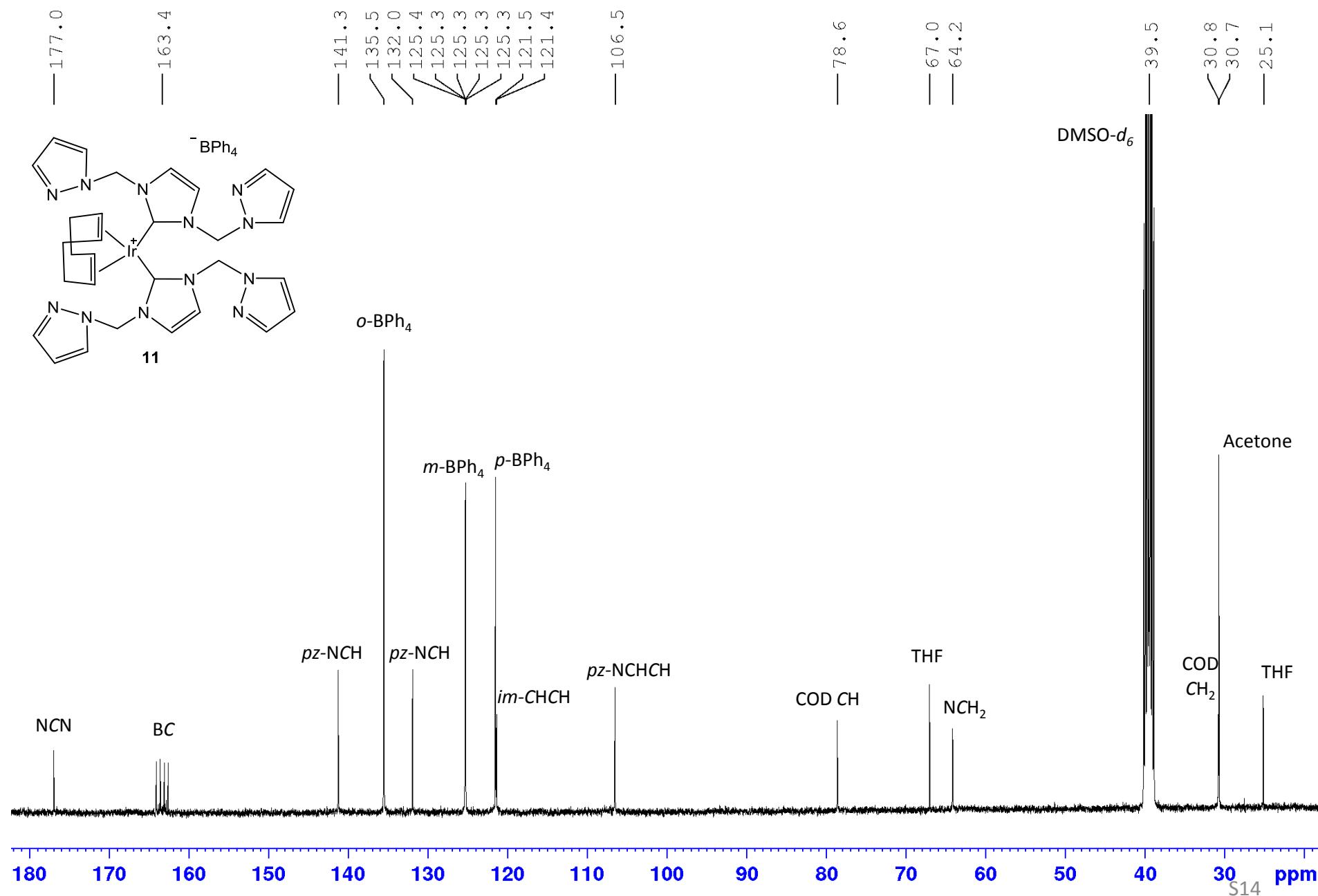
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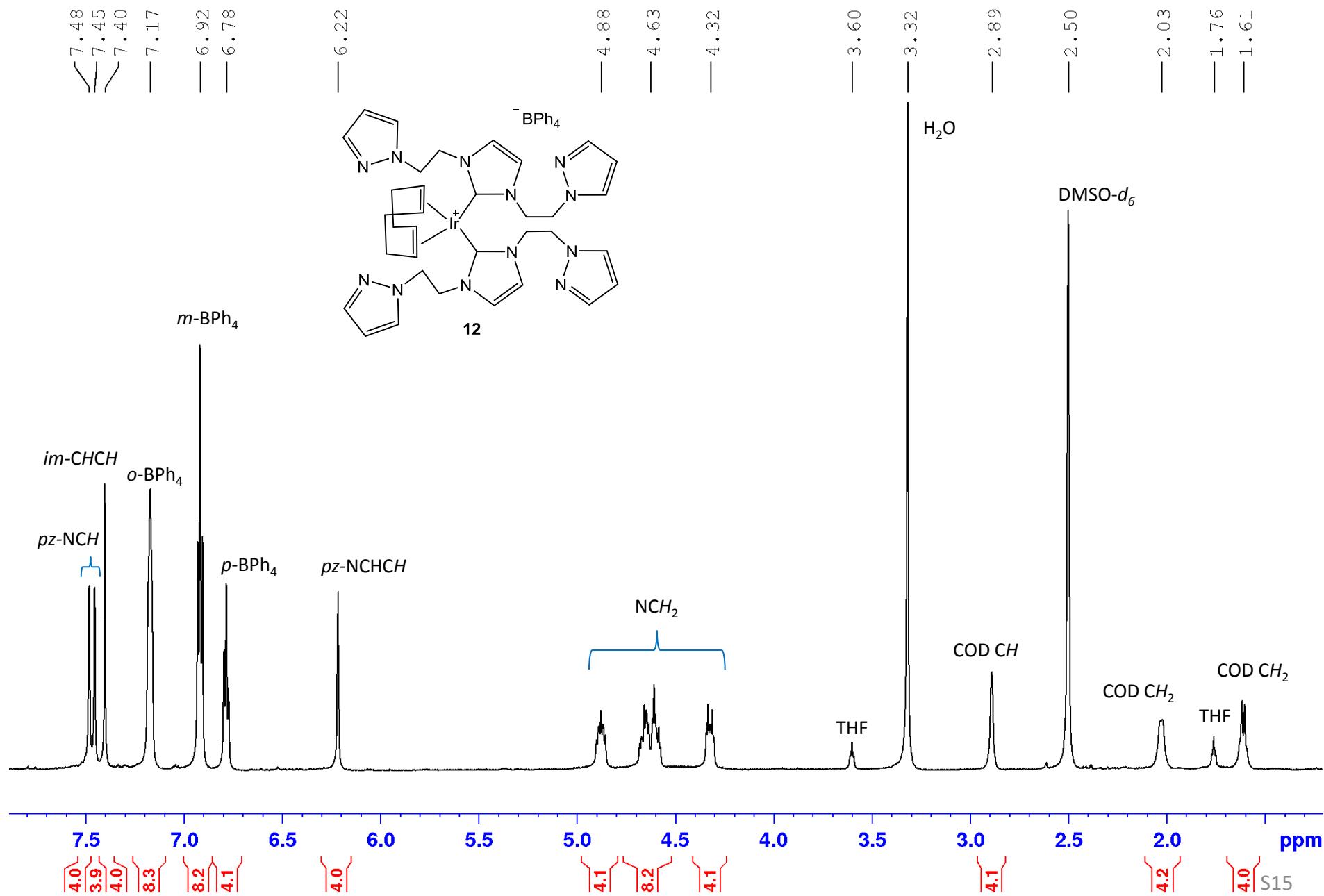
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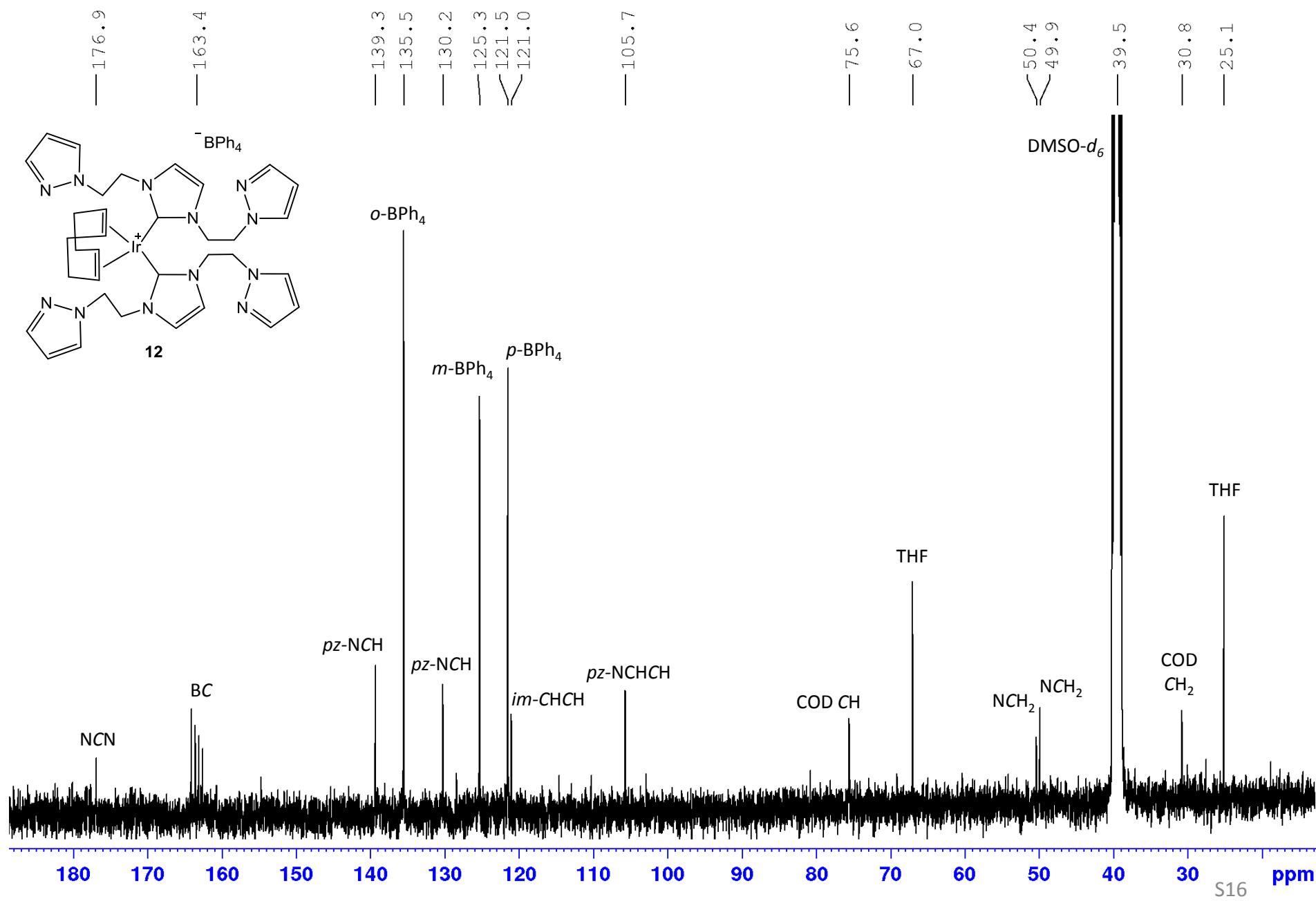
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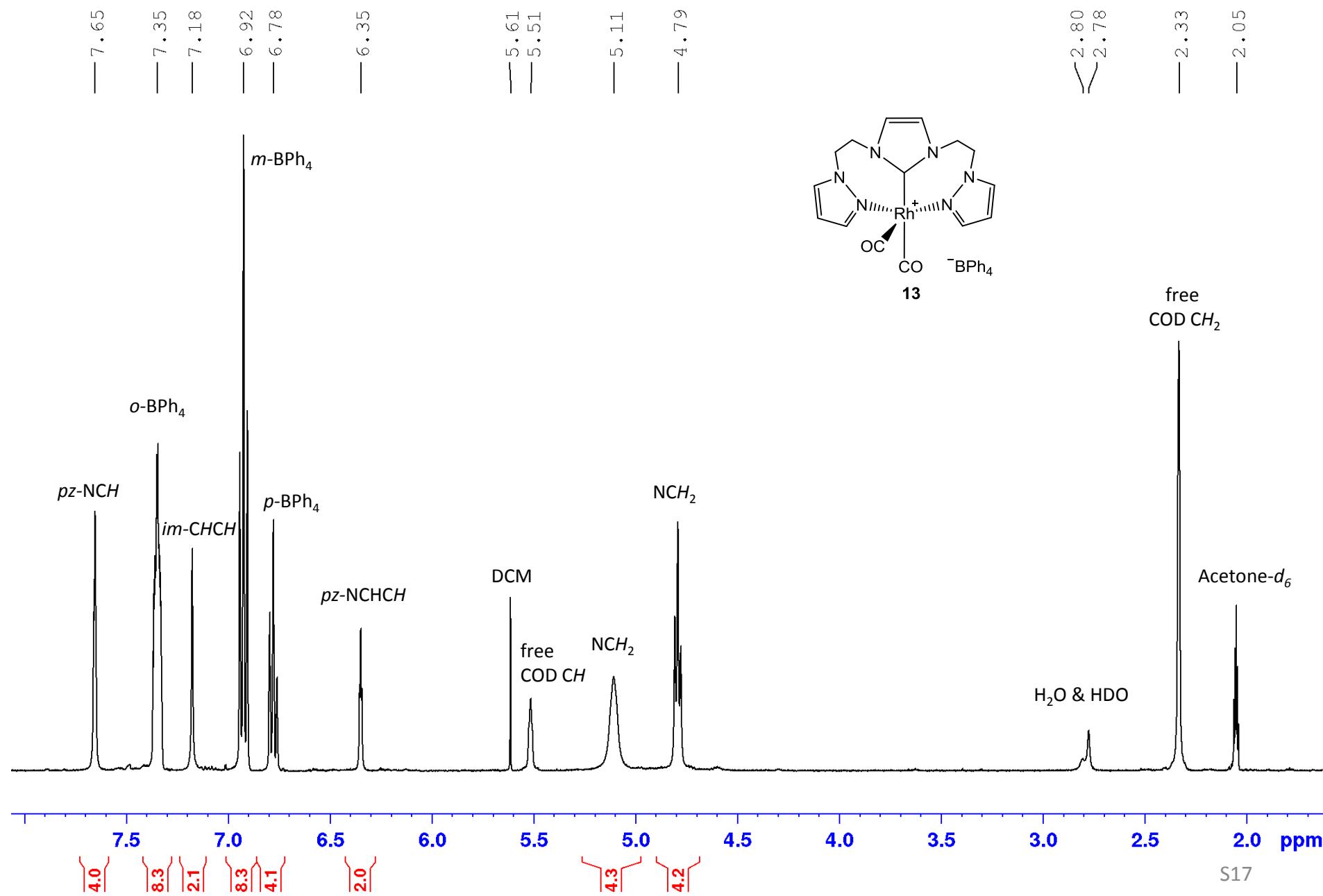
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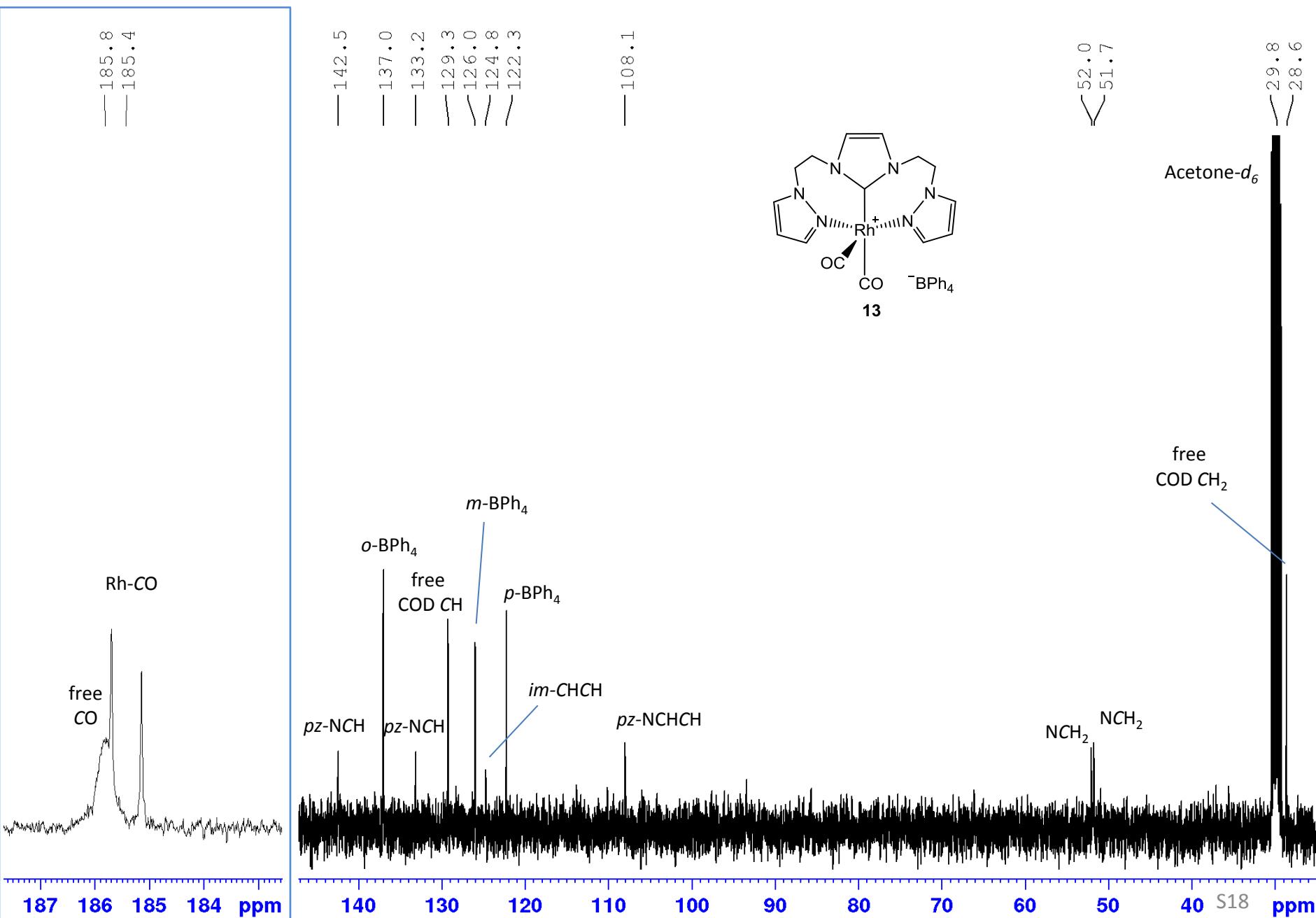
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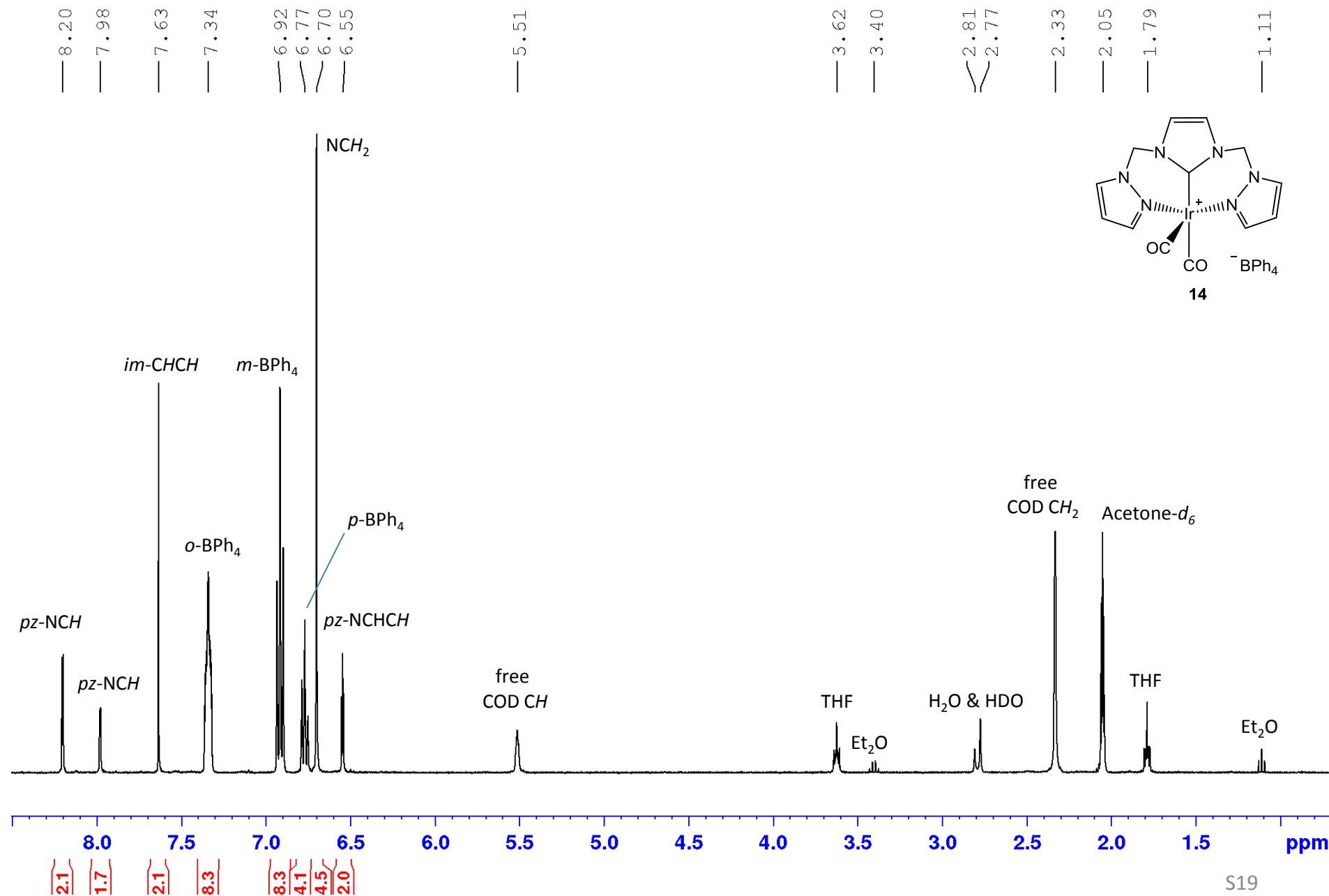
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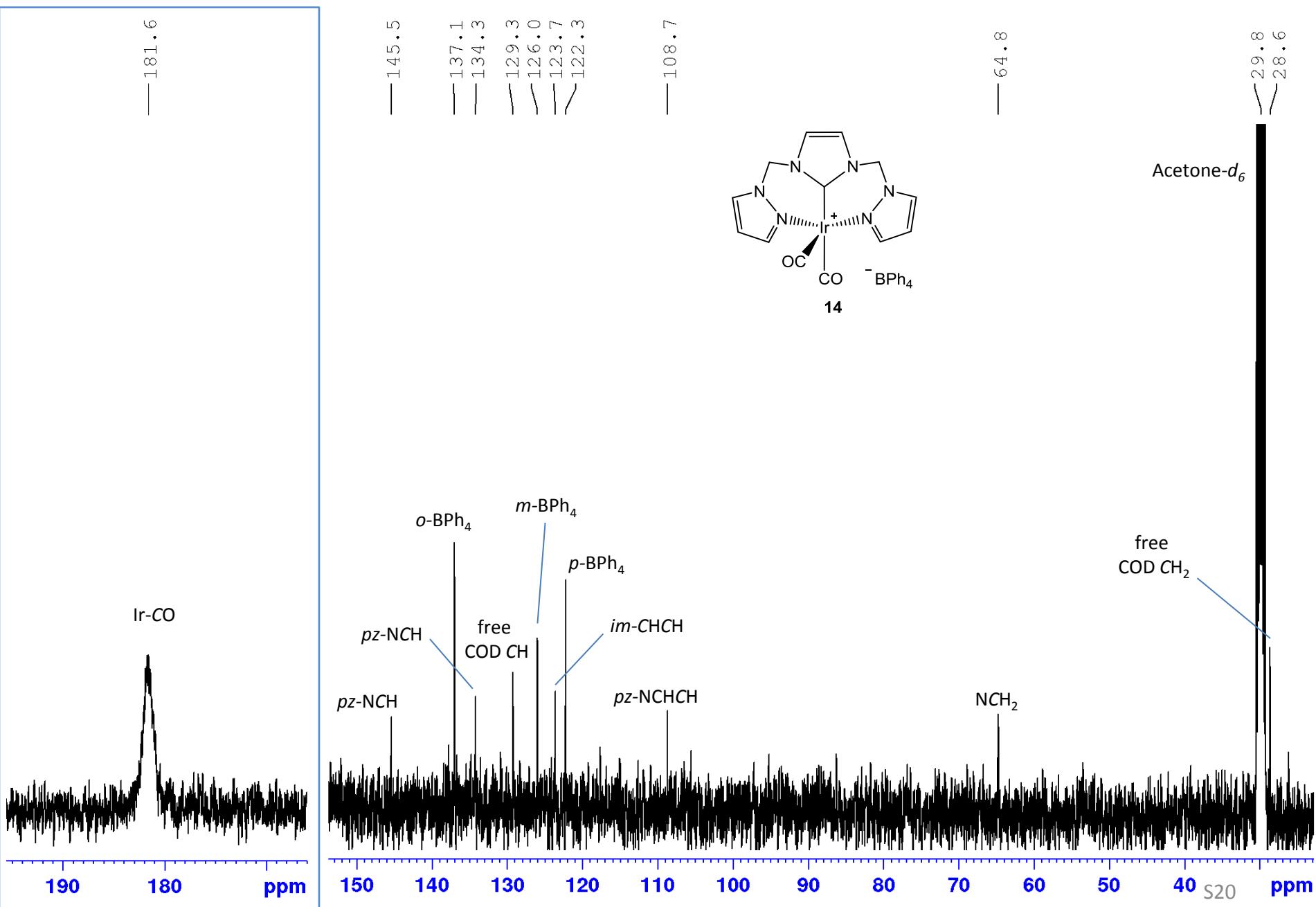
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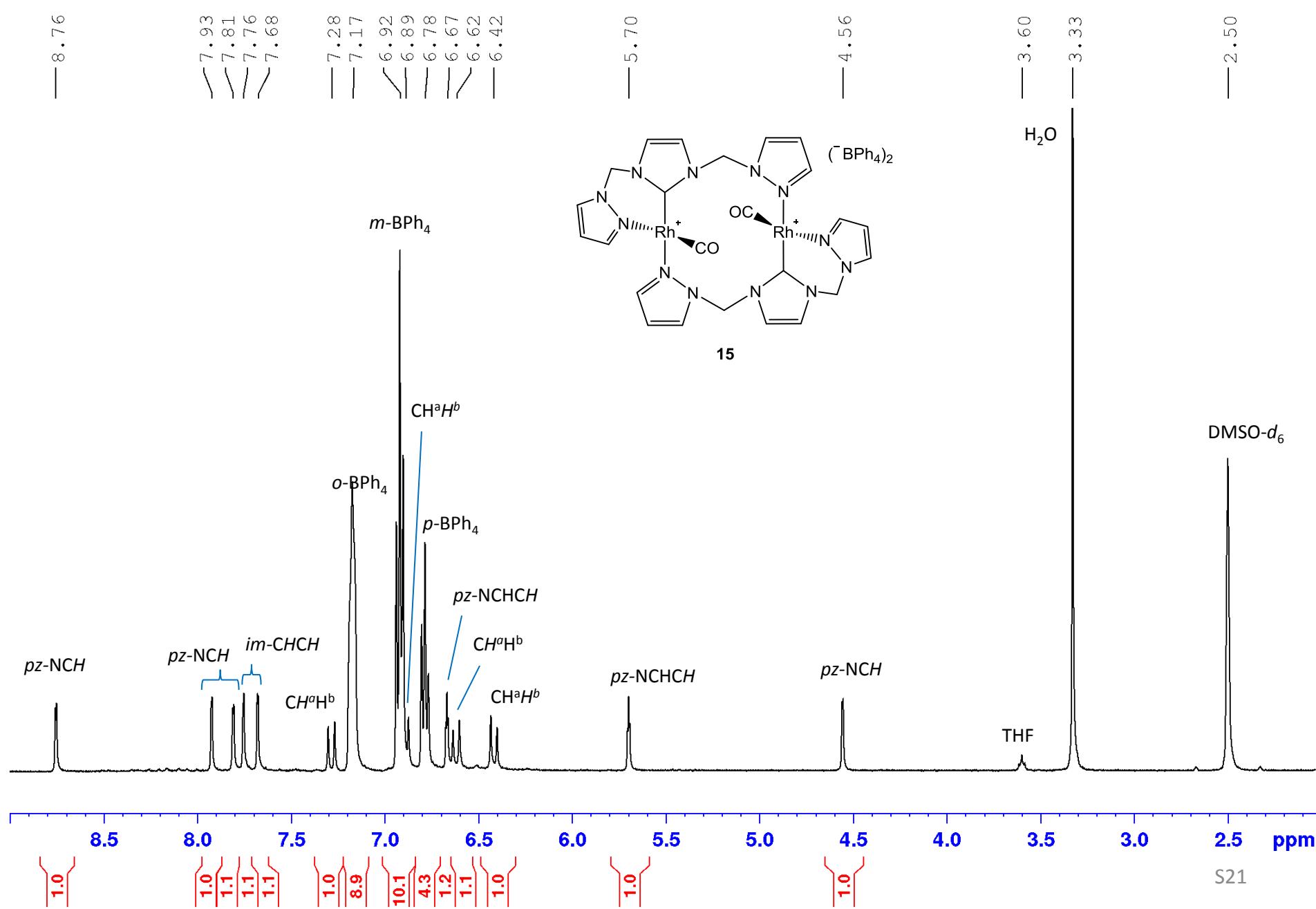
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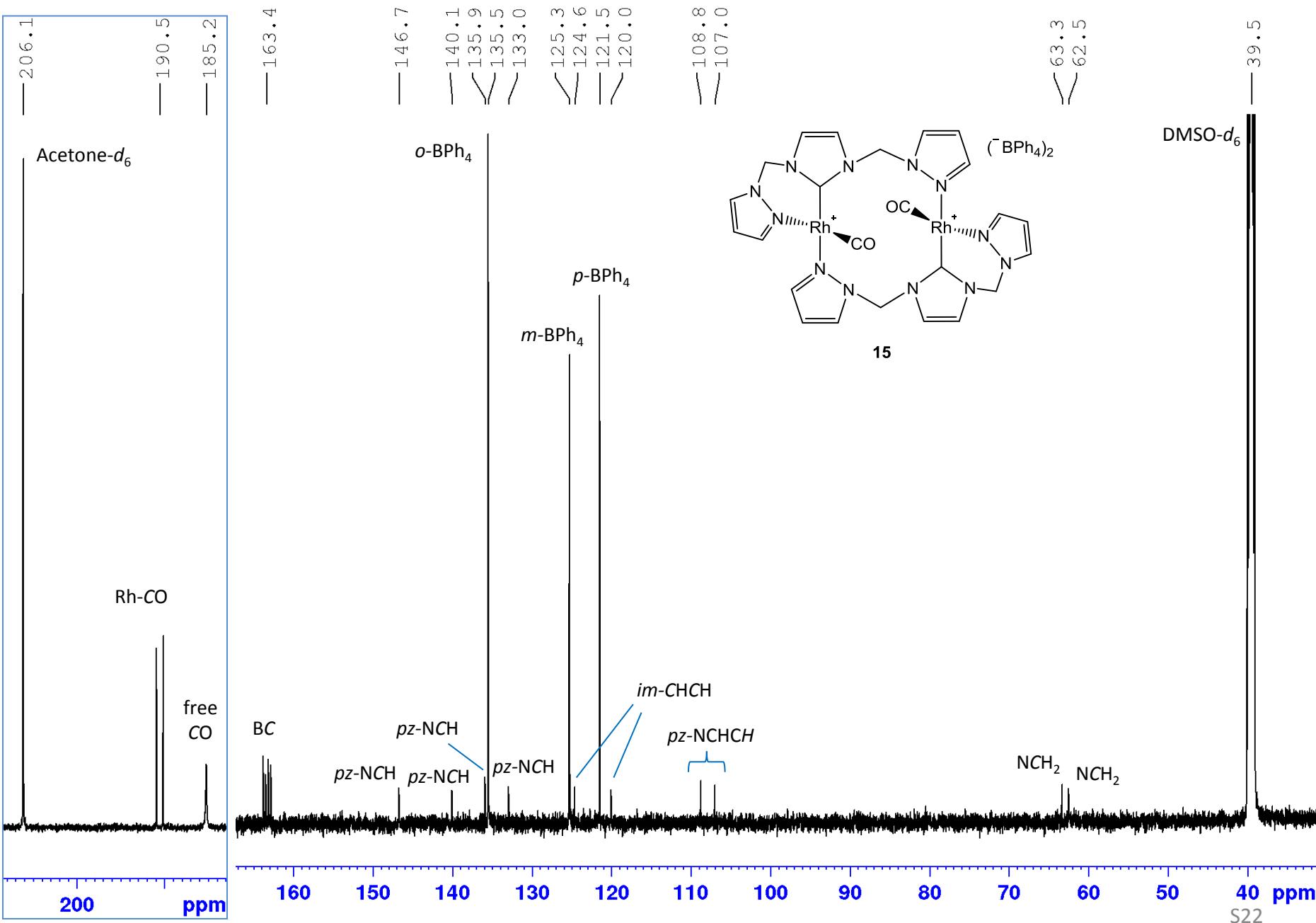
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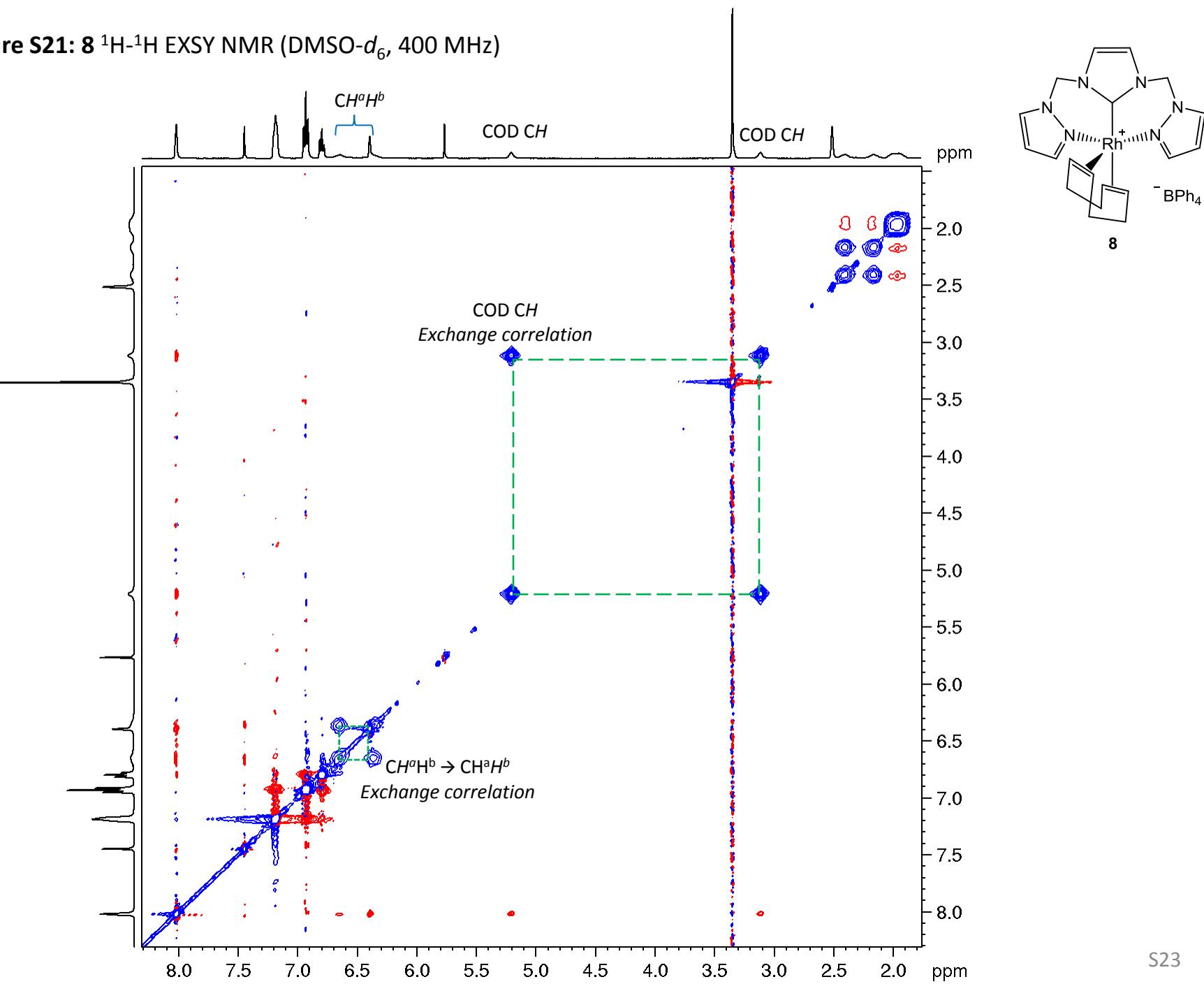
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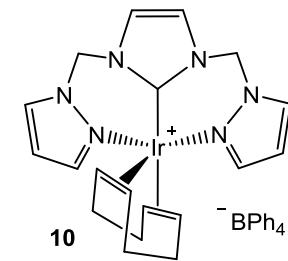
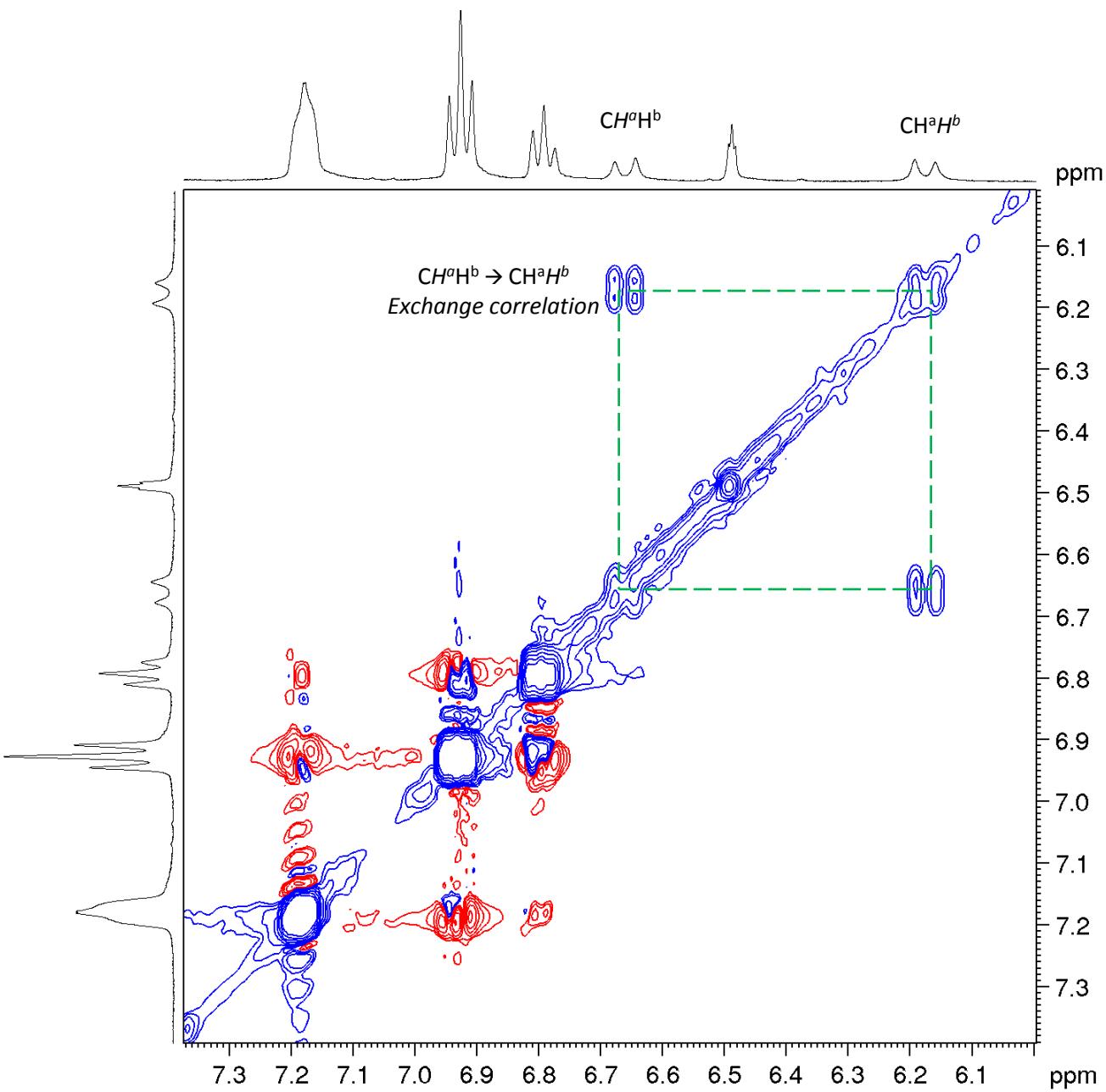
**Figure S20: 15**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 150 MHz); [inset shows **15** generated *in situ* with  $^{13}\text{CO}$  (99.5 %) (Acetone- $d_6$ , 100 MHz)]



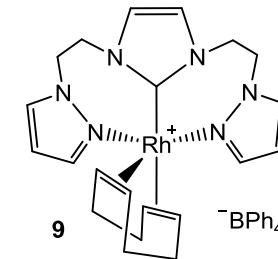
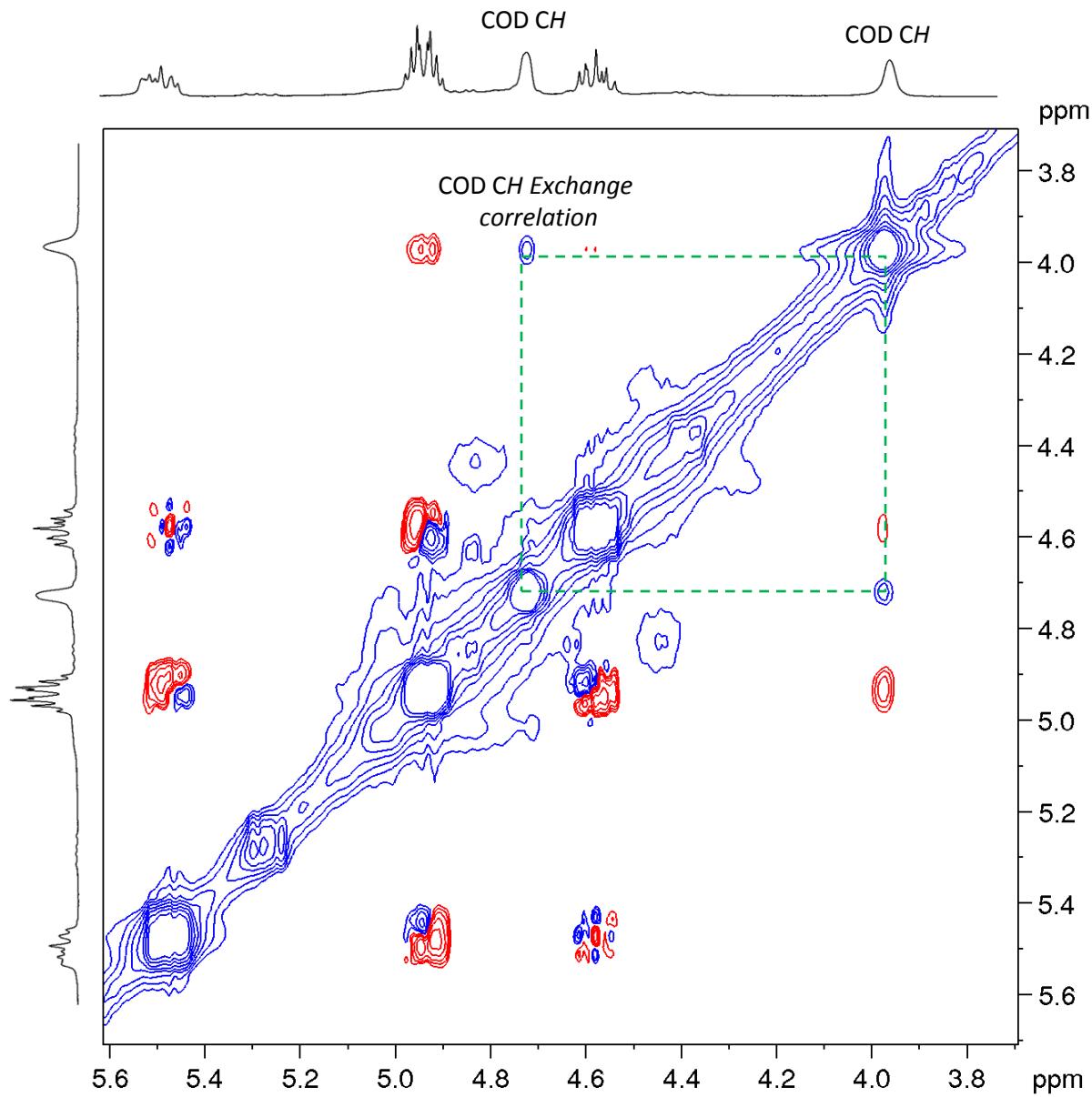
**Figure S21: 8**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  EXSY NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 400 MHz)

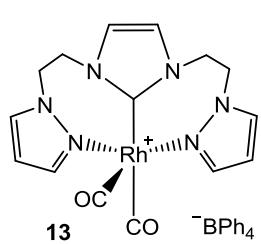


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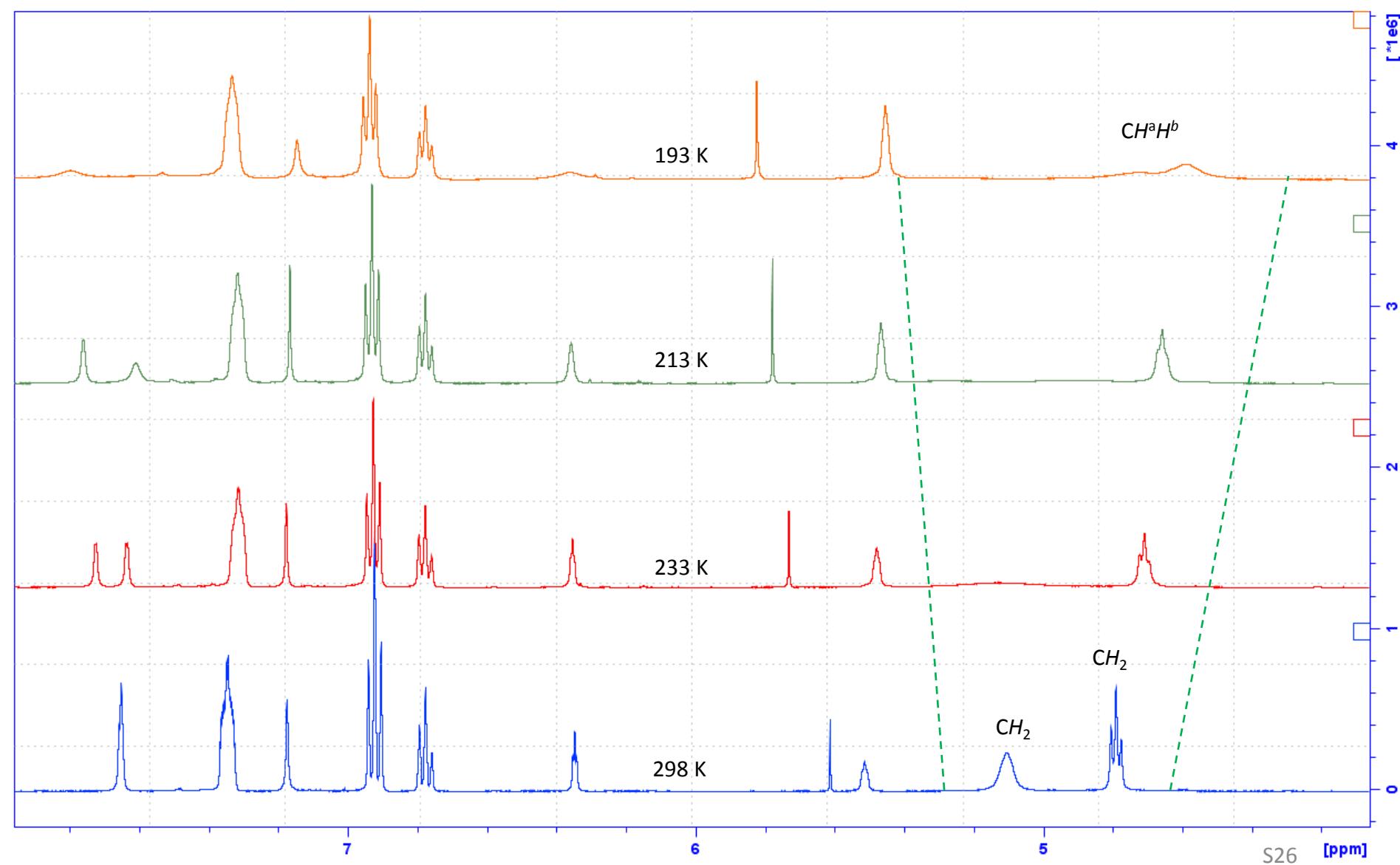


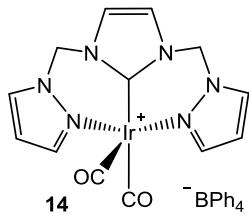
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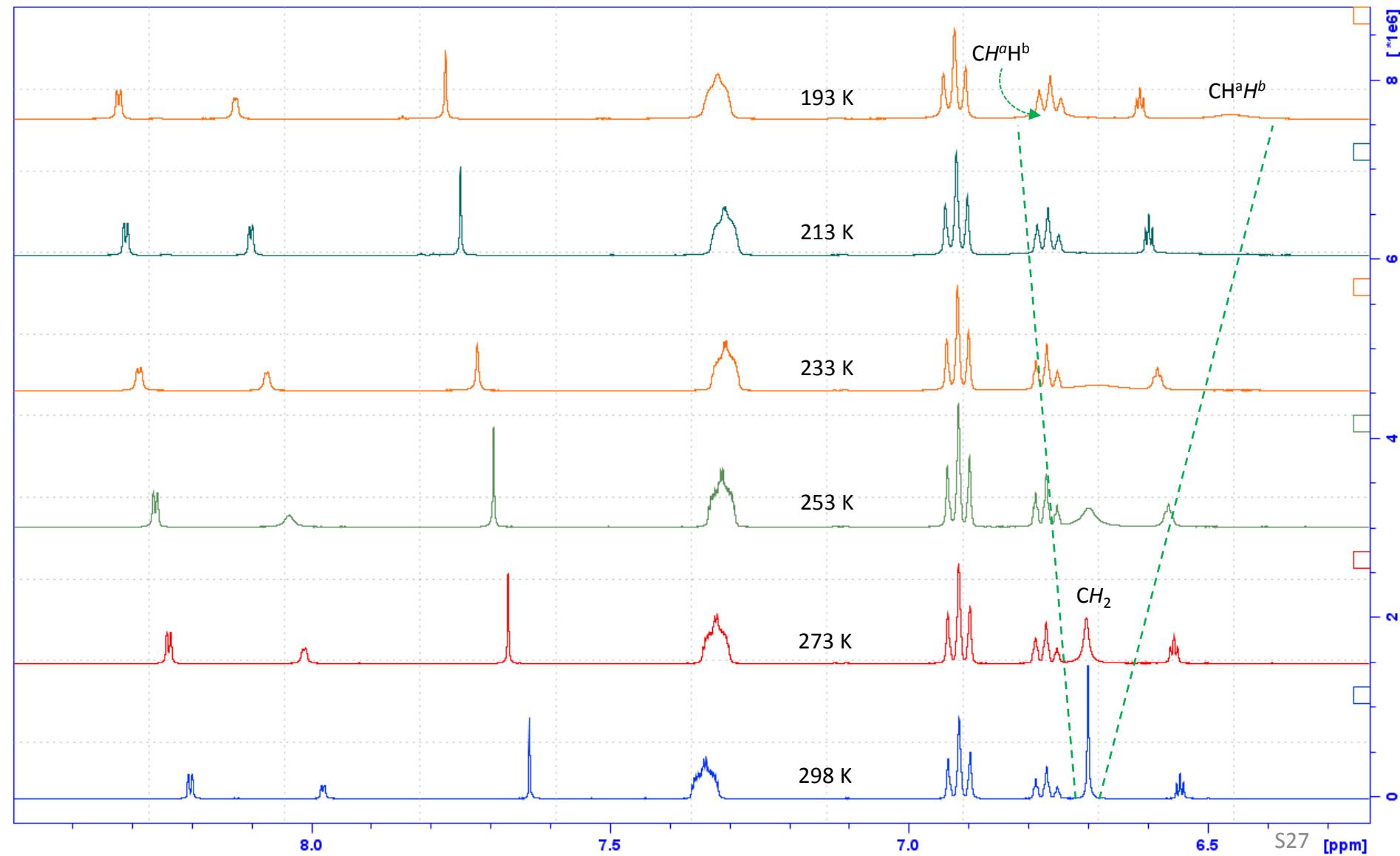


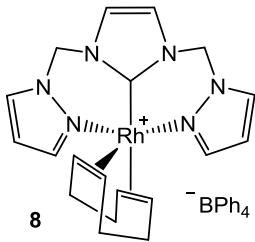
**Figure S24: 13**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (Acetone- $d_6$ , 400 MHz) [Low temperature NMR showing the  $\text{CH}_2$  peaks broaden due to exchange between the diastereotopic pair  $\text{CH}^a\text{H}^b$ ]



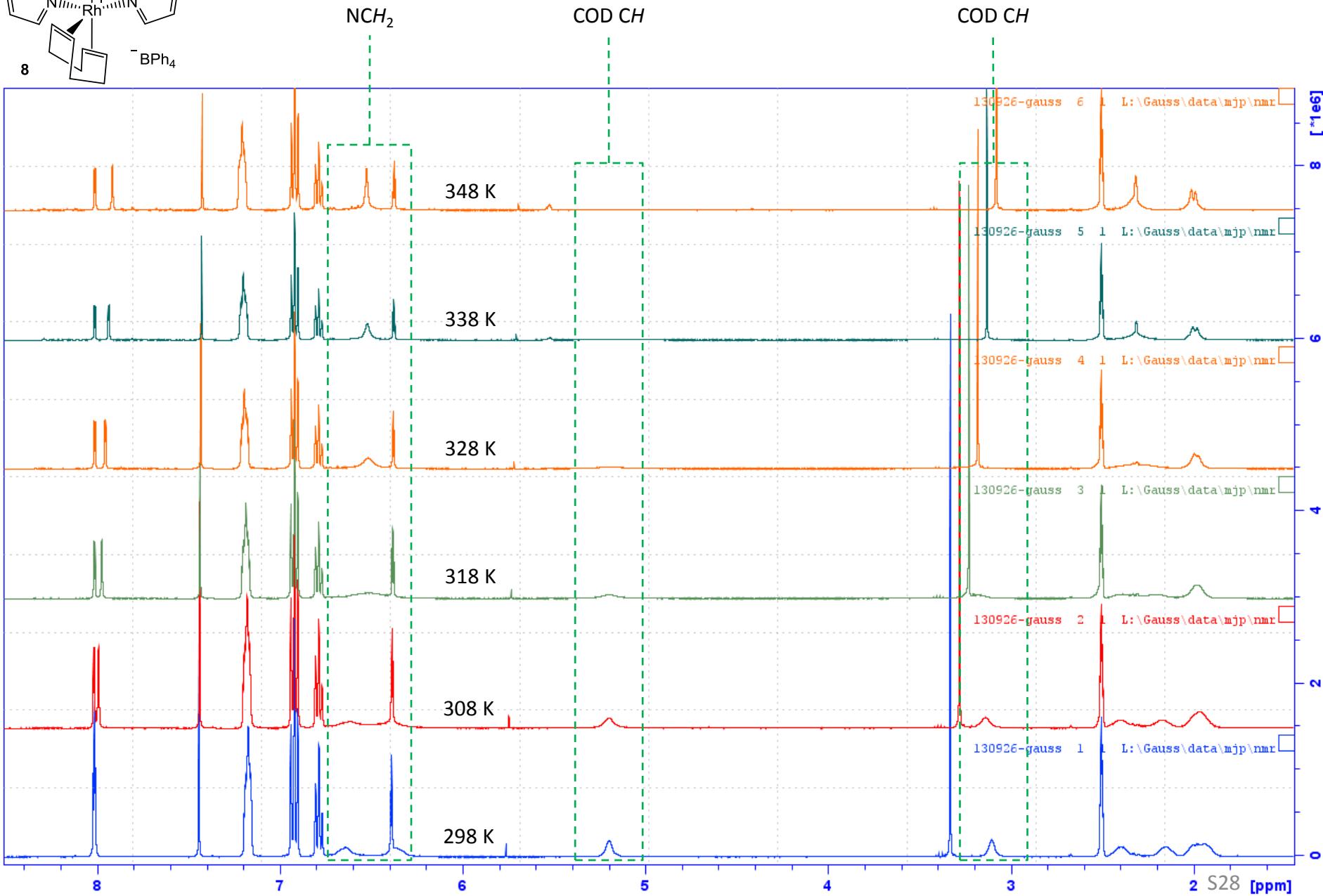


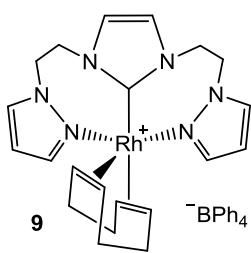
**Figure S25: 14**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (Acetone- $d_6$ , 400 MHz) [Low temperature NMR showing the  $\text{CH}_2$  peak split into the diastereotopic pair  $\text{CH}^a\text{H}^b$ ]



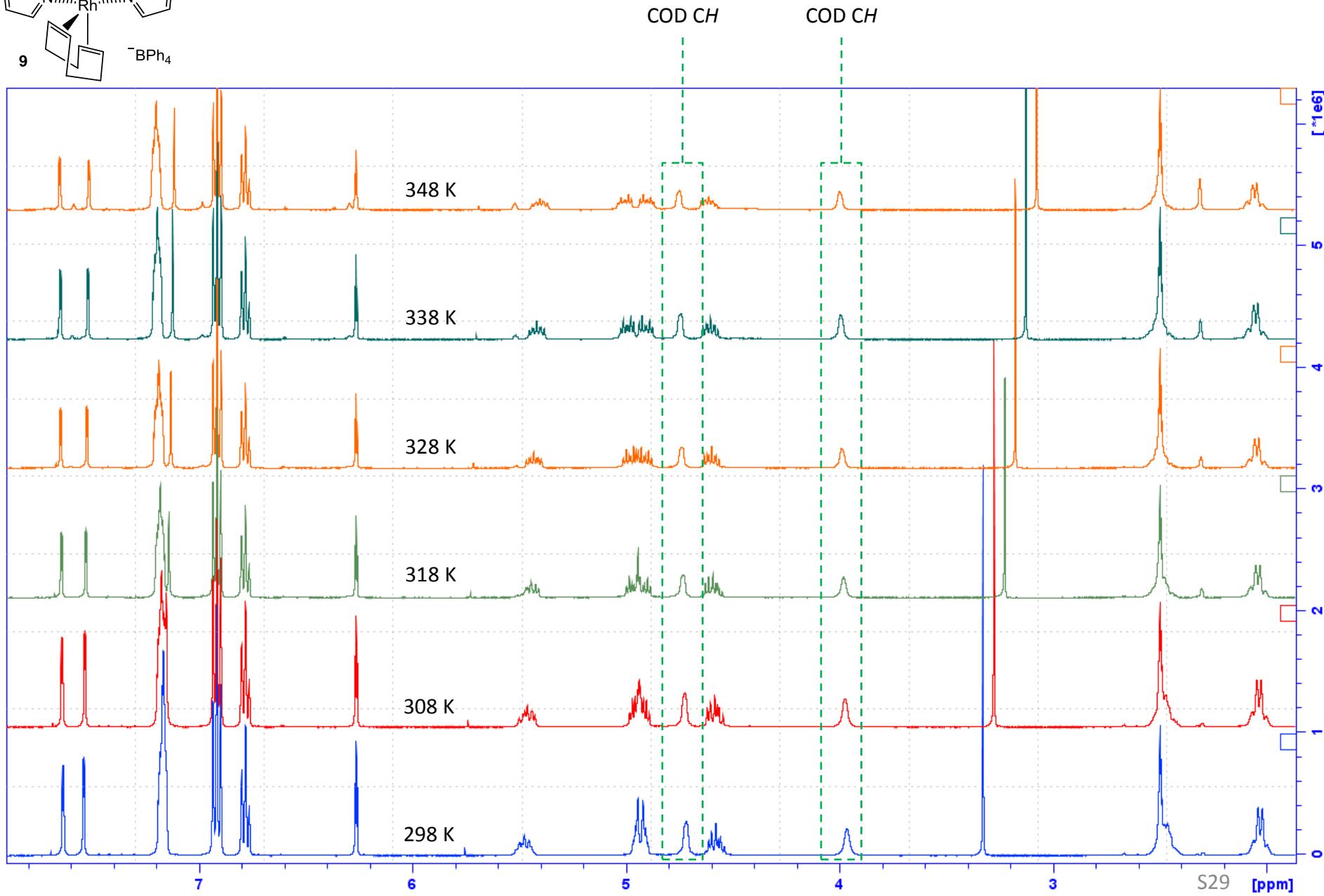


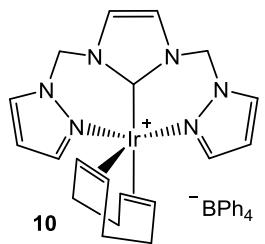
**Figure S26: 8**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 400 MHz) [High temperature NMR showing COD CH peak broaden beyond baseline resolution]



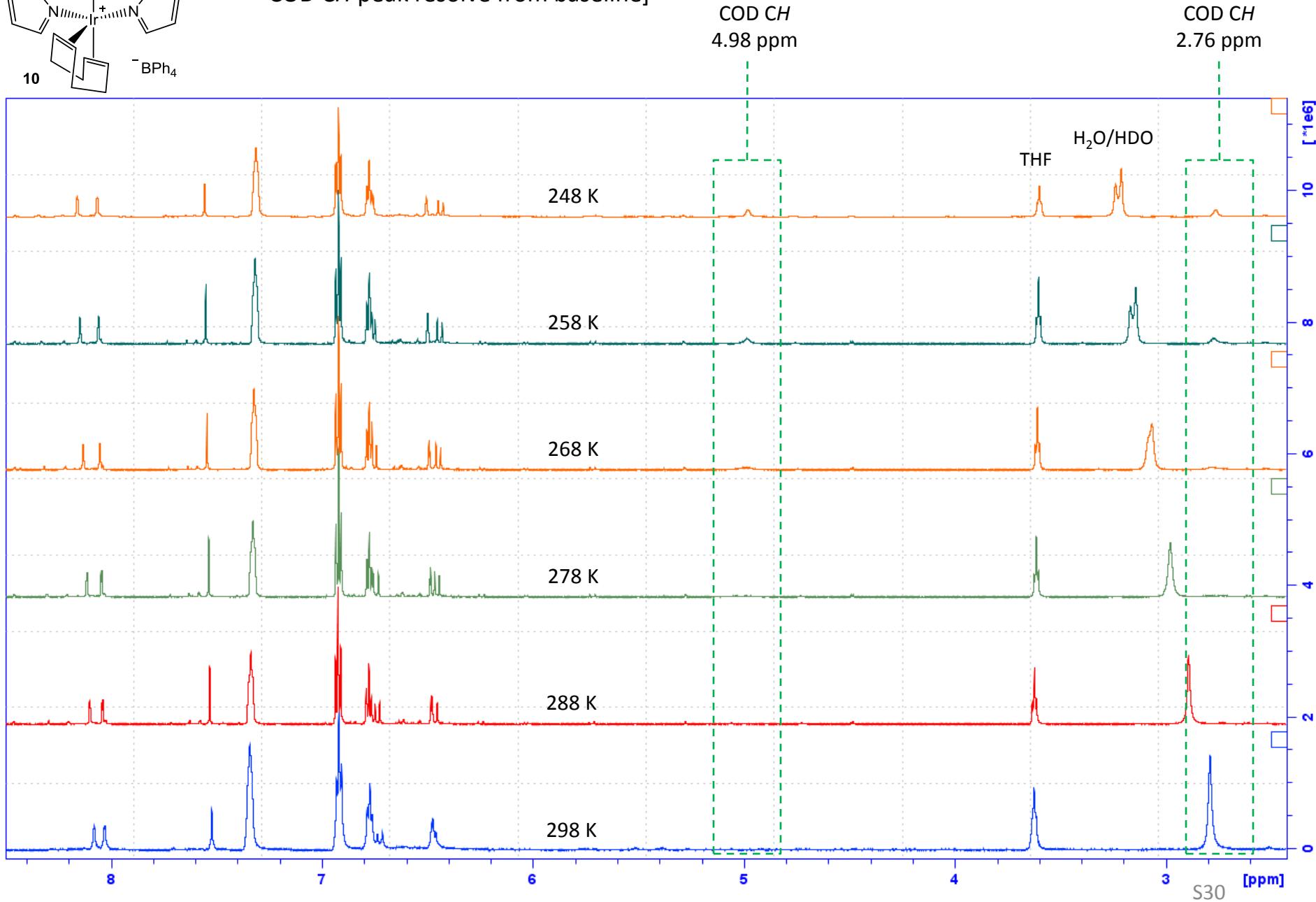


**Figure S27: 9**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 400 MHz) [High temperature NMR showing little broadening of the COD CH peaks]

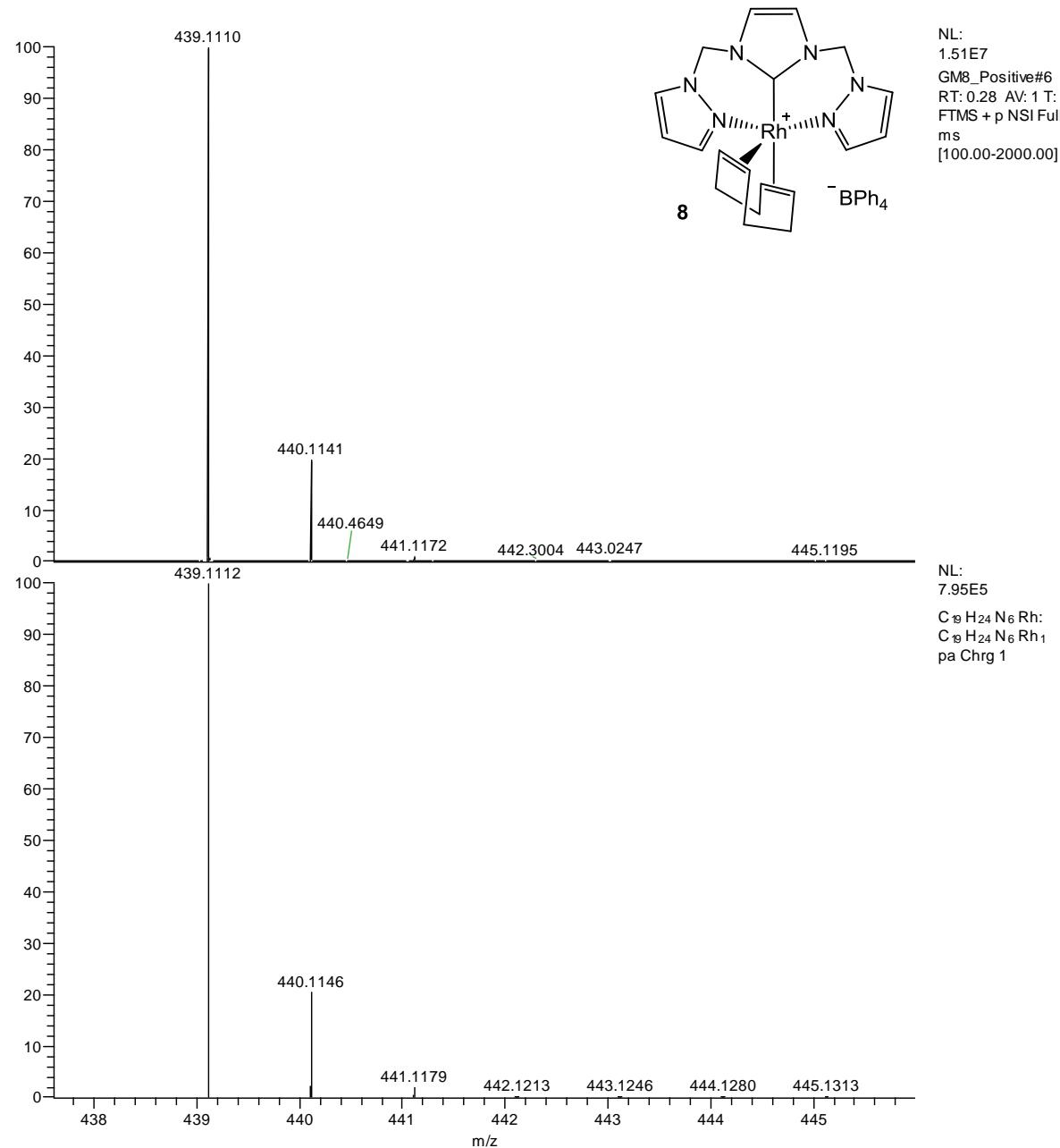




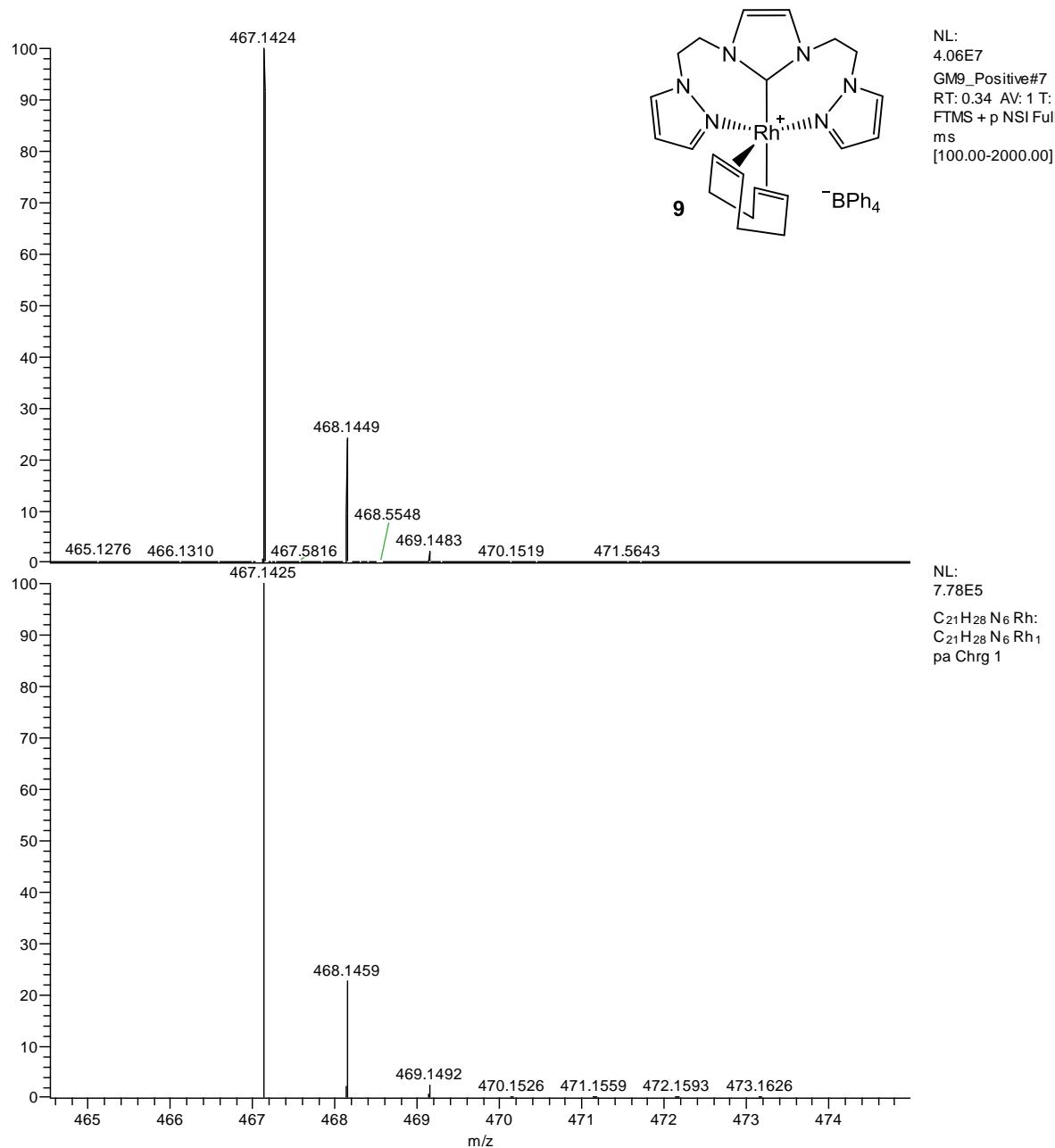
**Figure S28: 10**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (Acetone- $d_6$ , 600 MHz) [Low temperature NMR showing COD CH peak resolve from baseline]



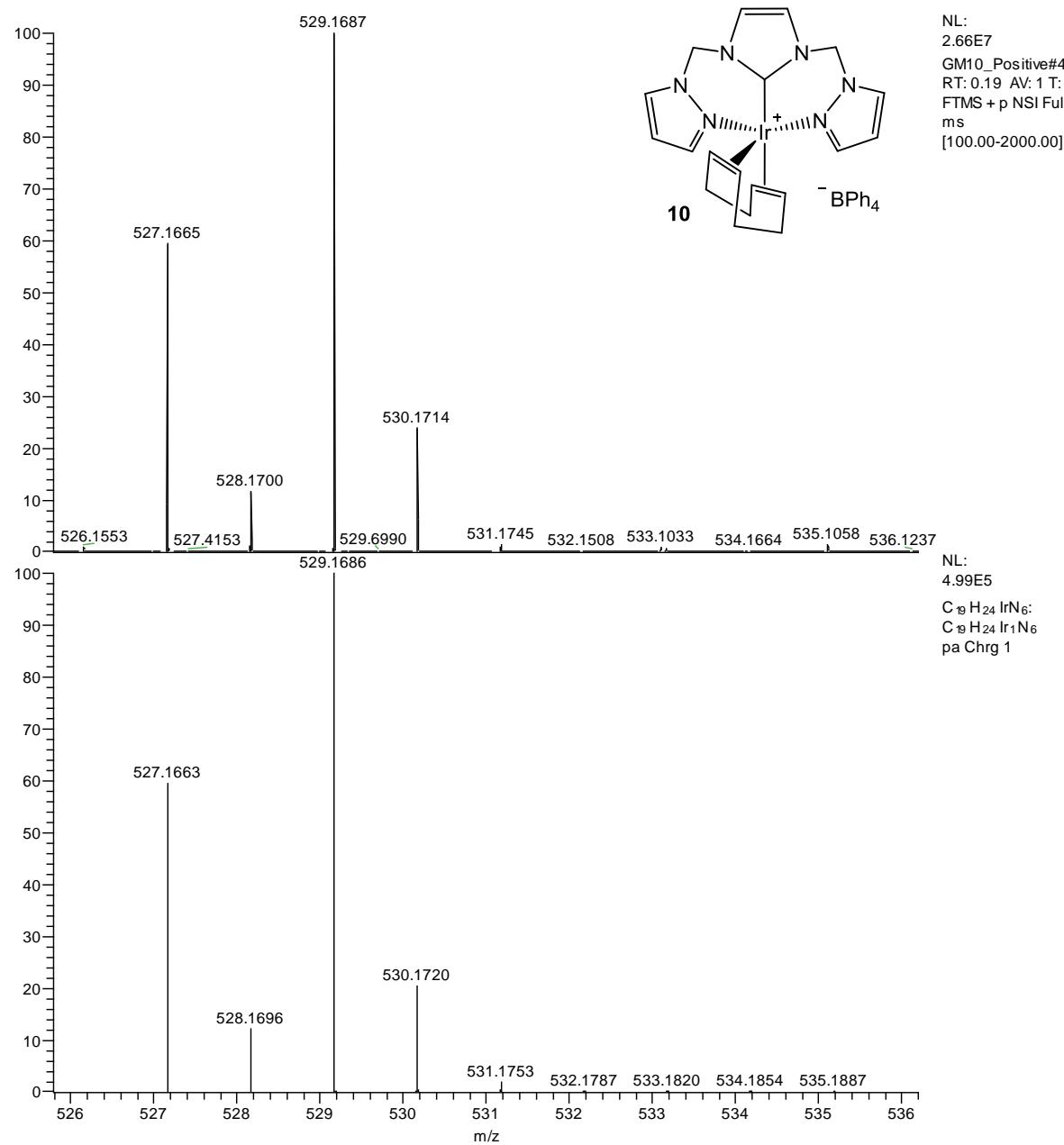
**Figure S29: 8 HRMS (Top= measured; Bottom= calculated)**



**Figure S30: 9 HRMS (Top= measured; Bottom= calculated)**



**Figure S31: 10 HRMS (Top= measured; Bottom= calculated)**



**Figure S32: 15 HRMS (Top= measured; Bottom= calculated)**

