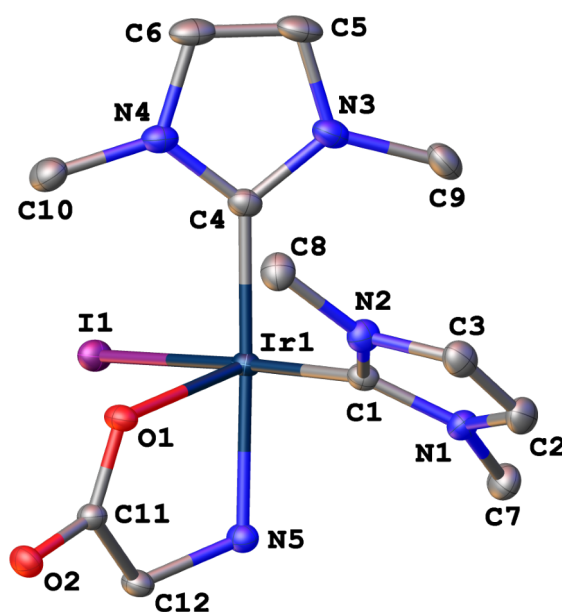


# Supplementary Materials: Design of Iridium N-Heterocyclic Carbene Amino Acid Catalysts for Asymmetric Transfer Hydrogenation of Aryl Ketones

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## 1. X-Ray Crystallographic Structure of Ir(Ime)<sub>2</sub>(Gly)(H)(I)

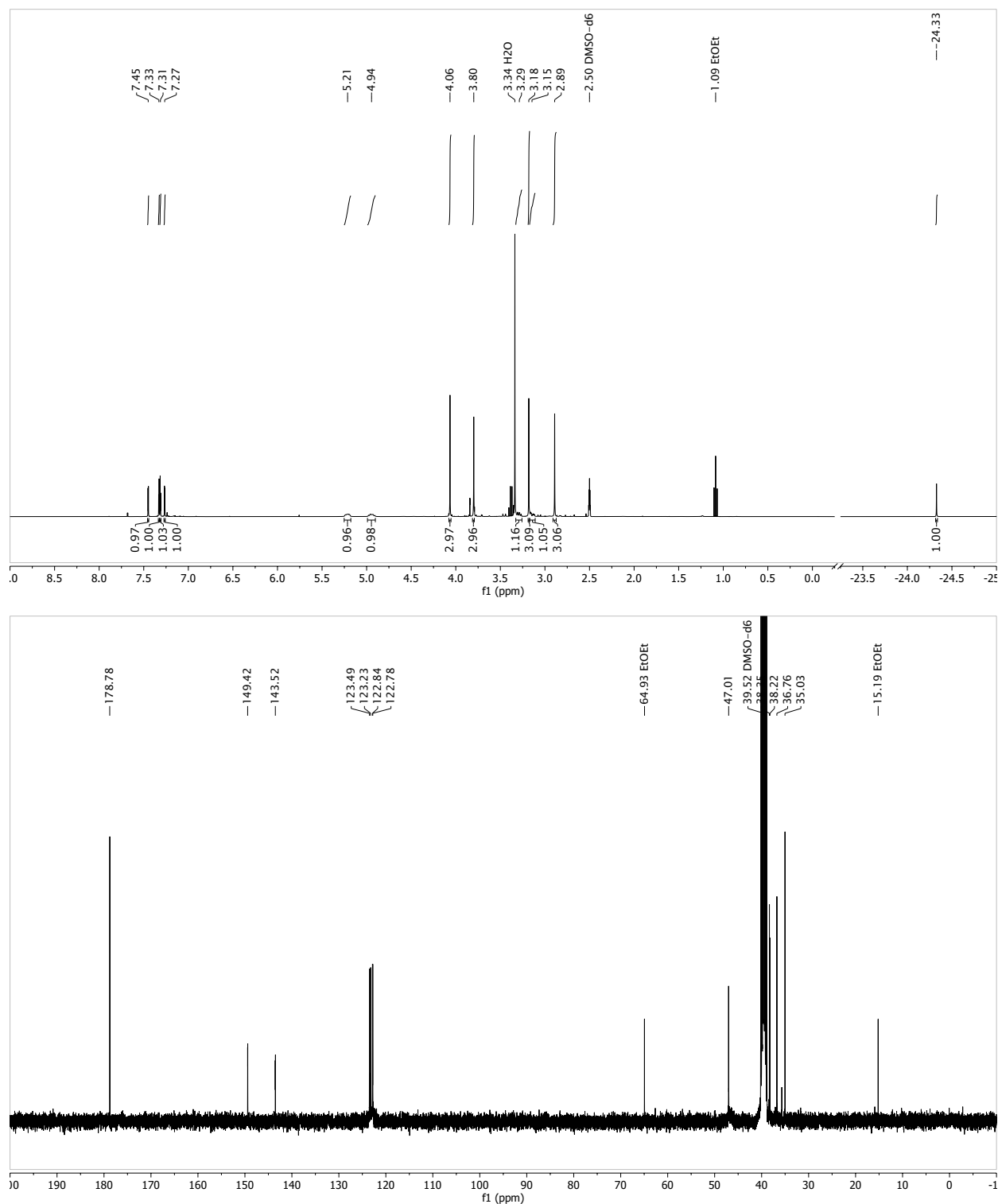


**Figure S1.** Displacement ellipsoid plot (50% probability) of Ir(Ime)<sub>2</sub>(Gly)(H)(I) (CSD 2062242). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

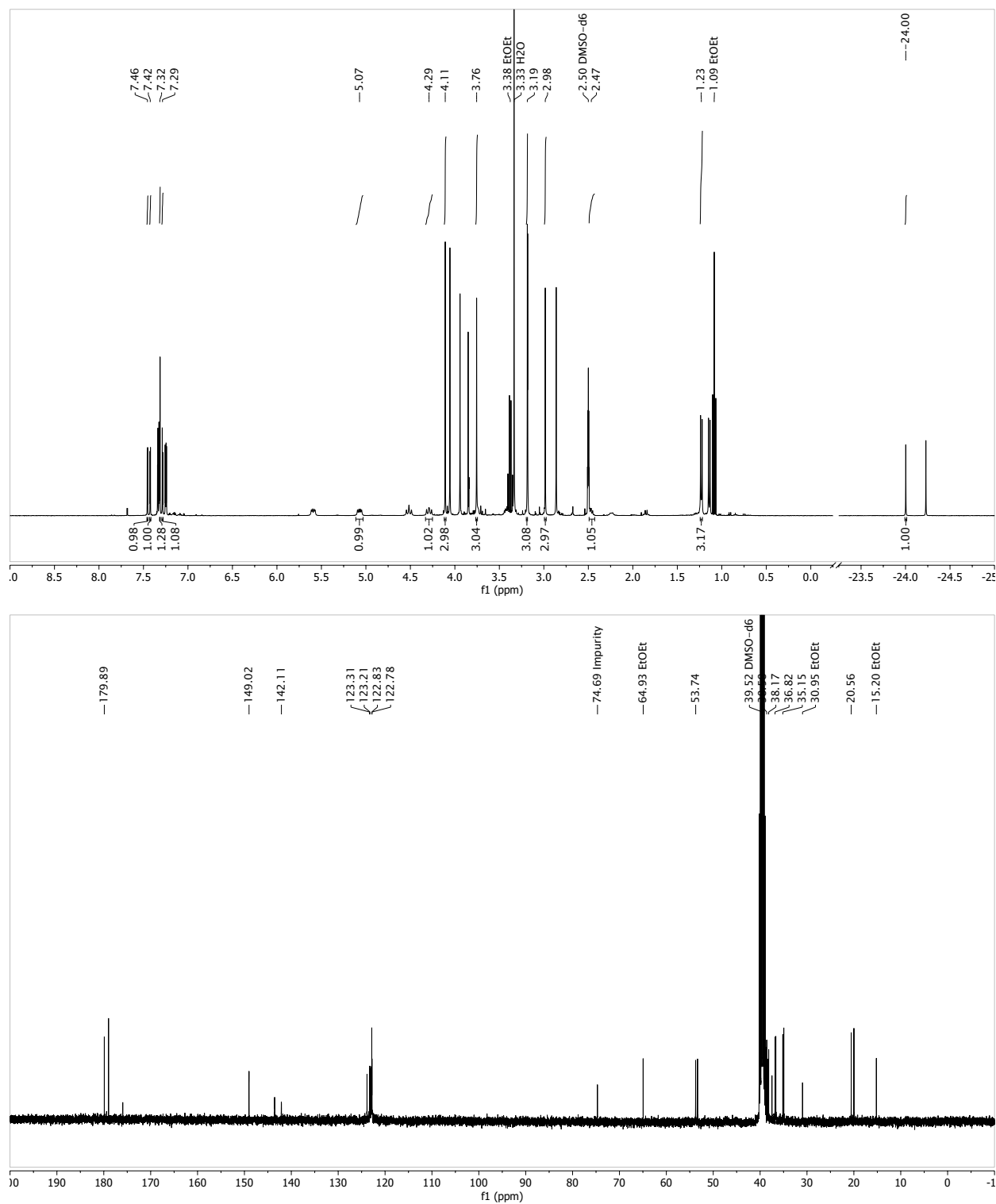
**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths and angles from the structure of Ir(Ime)<sub>2</sub>(Gly)(H)(I) obtained by single-crystal X-ray diffraction.

Atoms	Bond lengths (Å)
Ir1–C1	1.986
Ir1–C4	2.004
Ir1–O1	2.231
Ir1–N5	2.157
Ir1–I1	2.738
Atoms	Bond angles (°)
C1–Ir1–C4	89.39
C1–Ir1–O1	91.49
C1–Ir1–N5	90.53
C4–Ir1–O1	101.52
C4–Ir1–I1	93.28
O1–Ir1–I1	91.60
N5–Ir1–I1	86.85

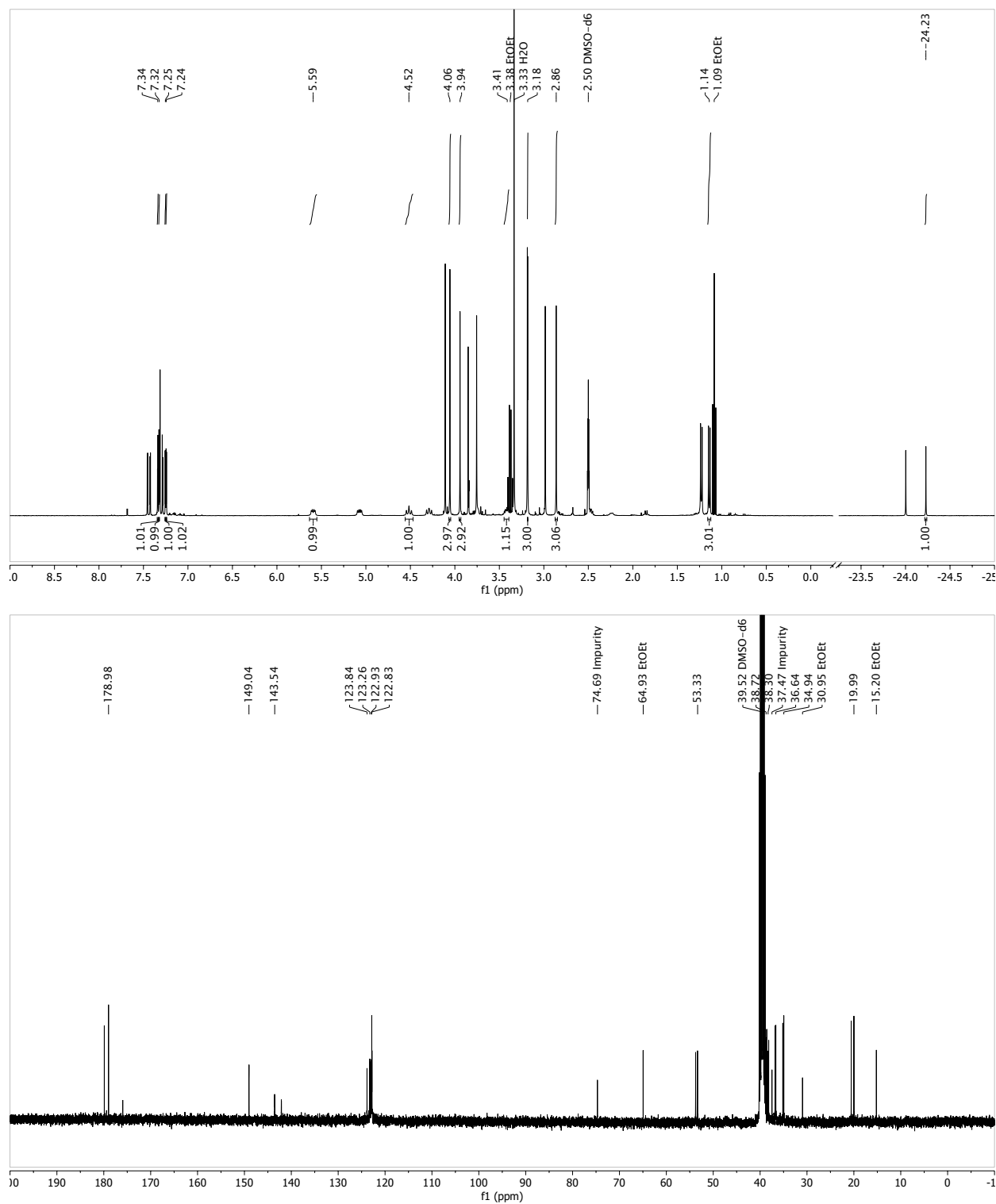
## 2. NMR Spectra of Iridium NHC Amino Acid Complexes



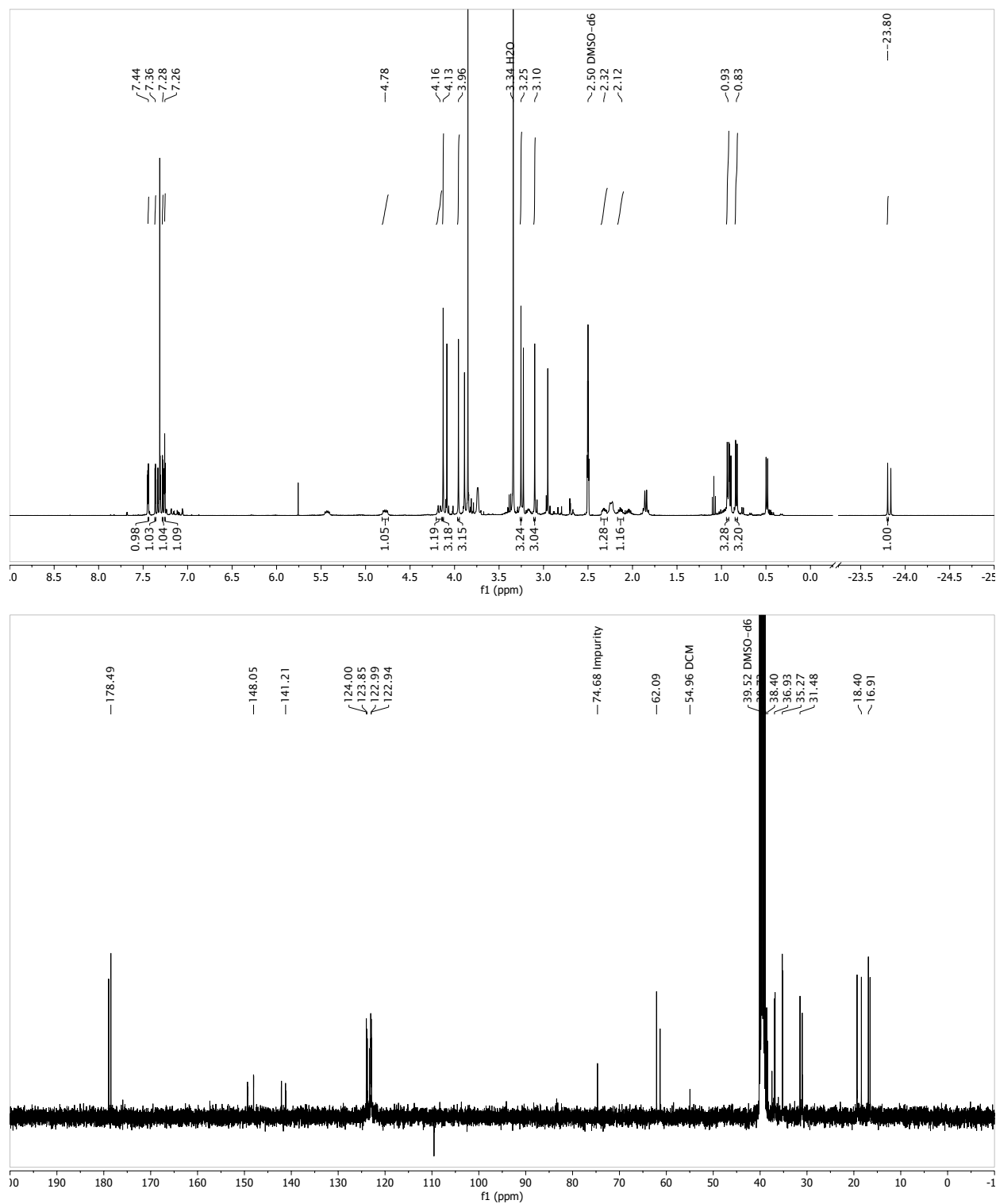
**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  (top, 400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (bottom, 101 MHz) NMR spectra of  $\text{Ir}(\text{IME})_2(\text{Gly})(\text{H})(\text{I})$  in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ .



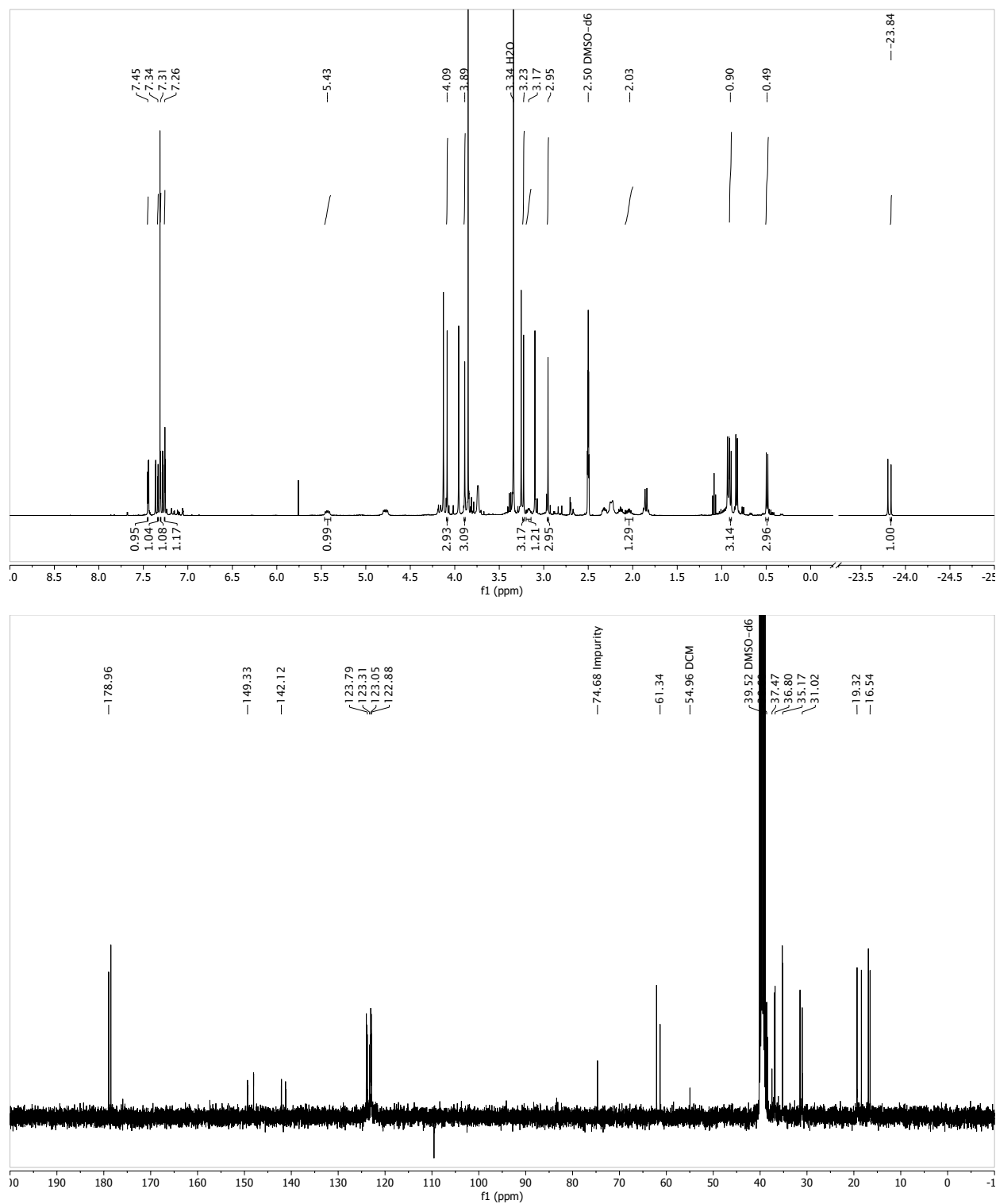
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  (top, 400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (bottom, 101 MHz) NMR spectra of the major isomer of  $\text{Ir}(\text{IME})_2(\text{L-Ala})(\text{H})(\text{I})$  in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



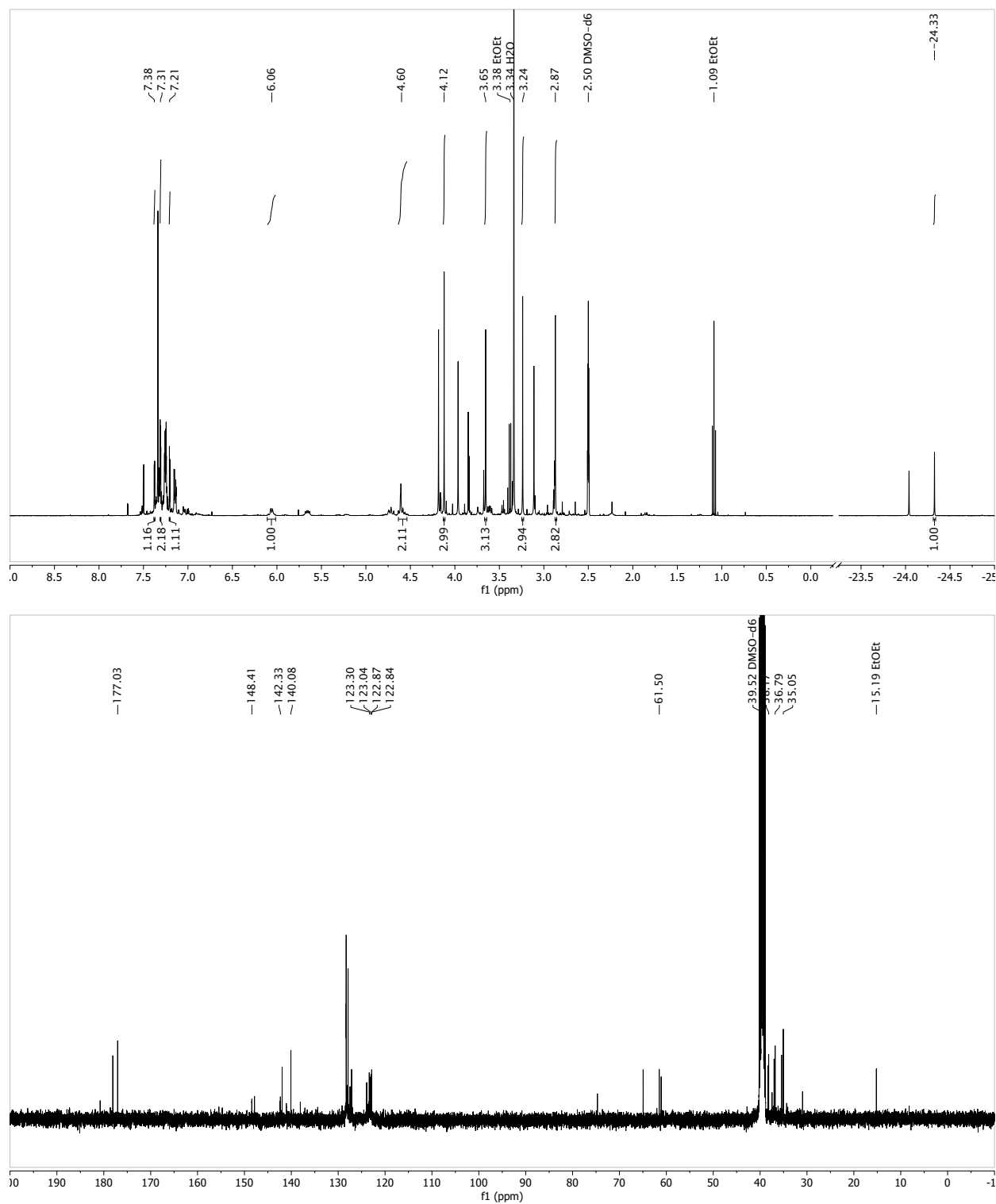
**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  (top, 400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (bottom, 101 MHz) NMR spectra of the minor isomer of  $\text{Ir(IMe)}_2(\text{L-Ala})(\text{H})(\text{I})$  in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



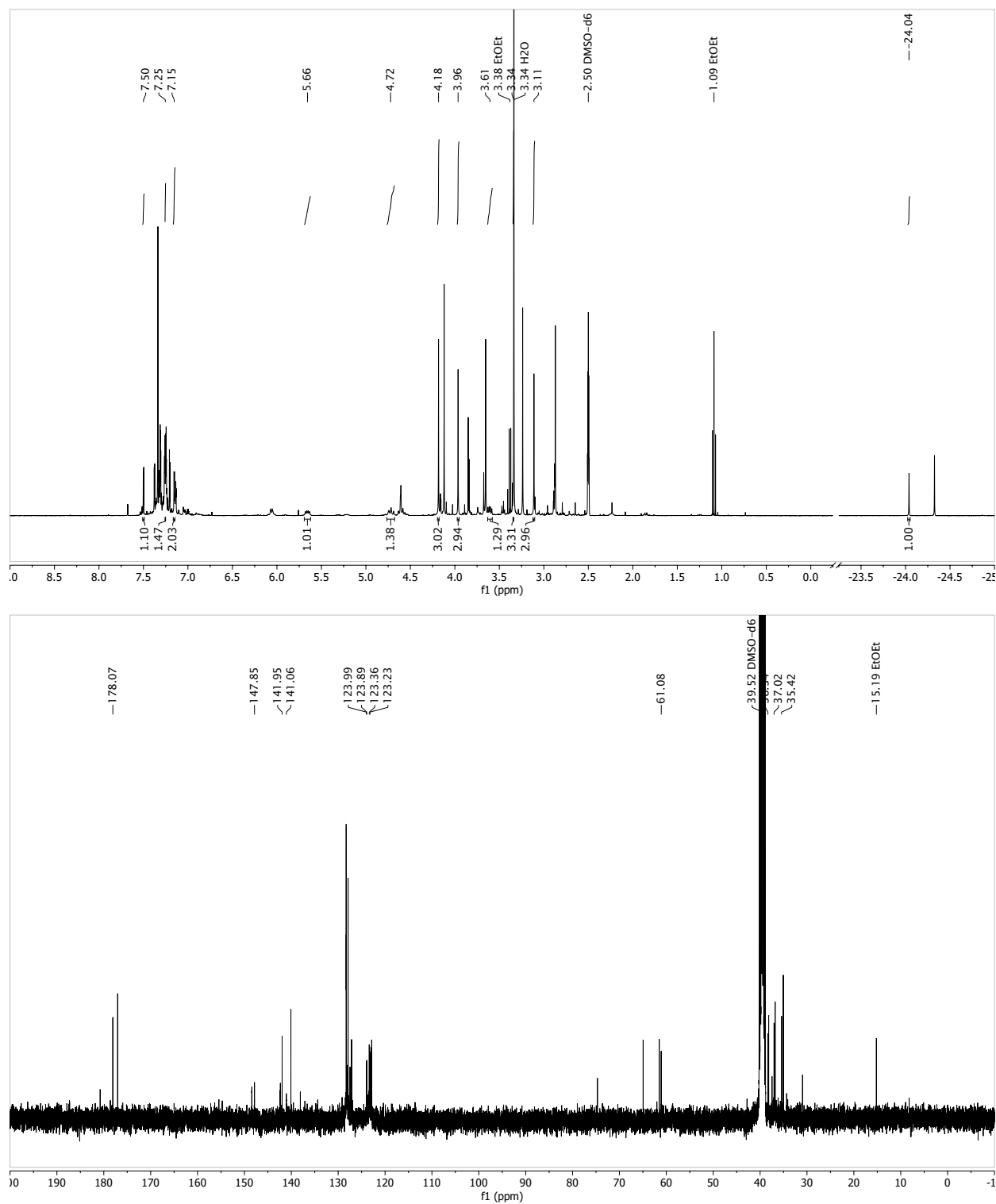
**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  (top, 400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (bottom, 101 MHz) NMR spectra of the major isomer of  $\text{Ir}(\text{IME})_2(\text{L-Val})(\text{H})(\text{I})$  in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  (top, 400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (bottom, 101 MHz) NMR spectra of the minor isomer of  $\text{Ir}(\text{Ime})_2(\text{L-Val})(\text{H})(\text{I})$  in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ .

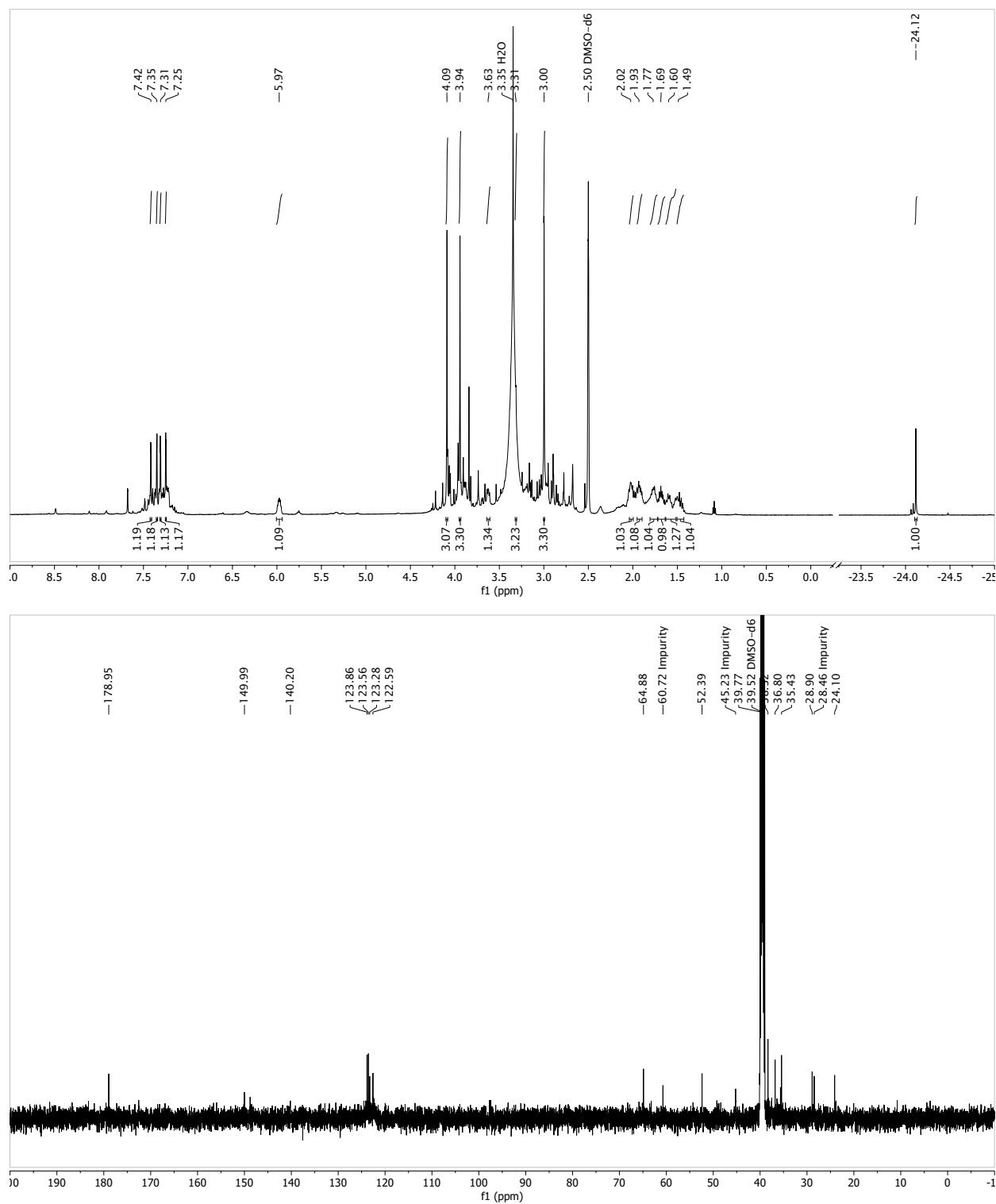


**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  (top, 400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (bottom, 101 MHz) NMR spectra of the major isomer of  $\text{Ir}(\text{Ime})_2(\text{L-Phg})(\text{H})(\text{I})$  in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .

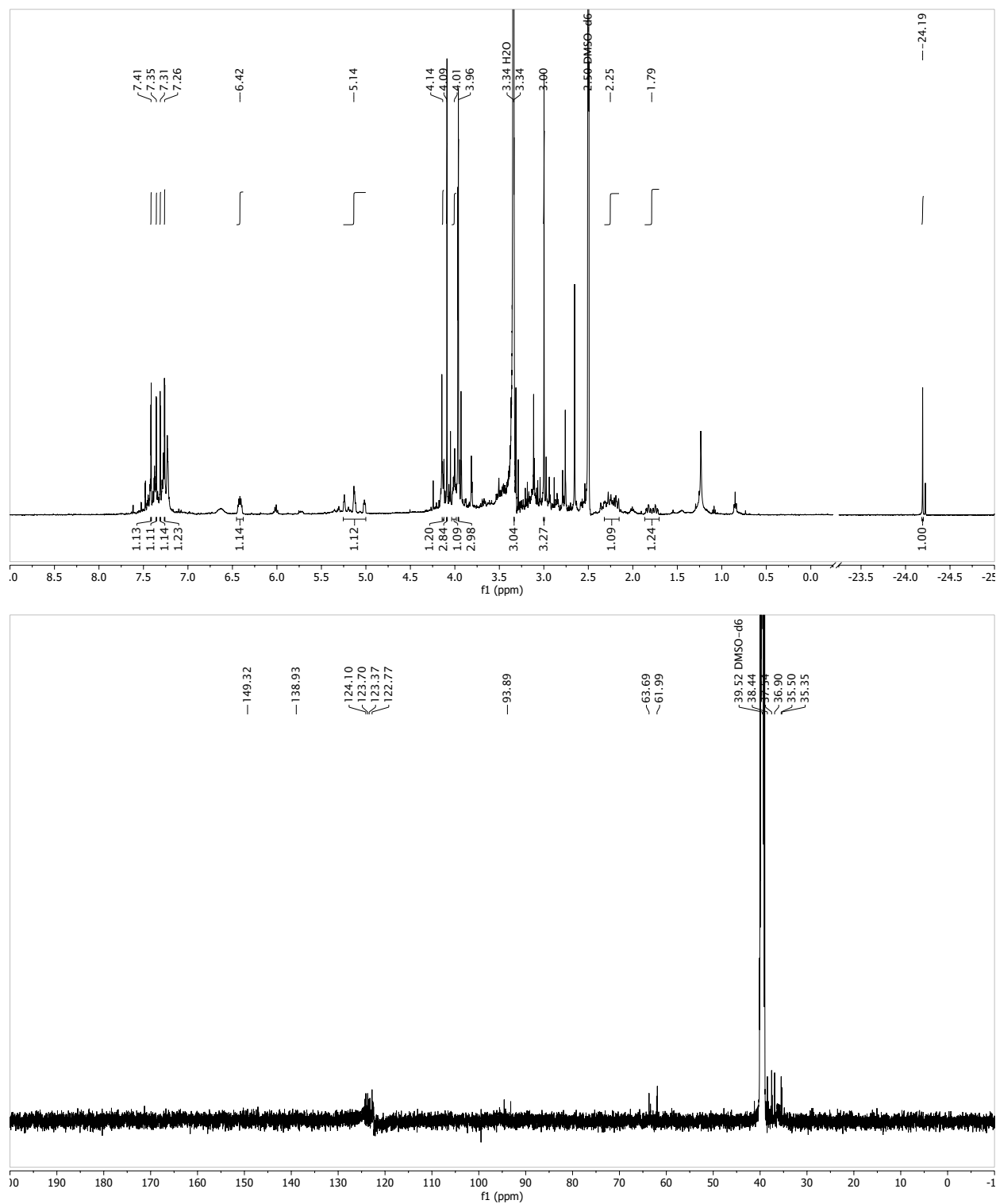


**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  (top, 400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (bottom, 101 MHz) NMR spectra of the minor isomer of  $\text{Ir}(\text{Ime})_2(\text{L-Phg})(\text{H})(\text{I})$  in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



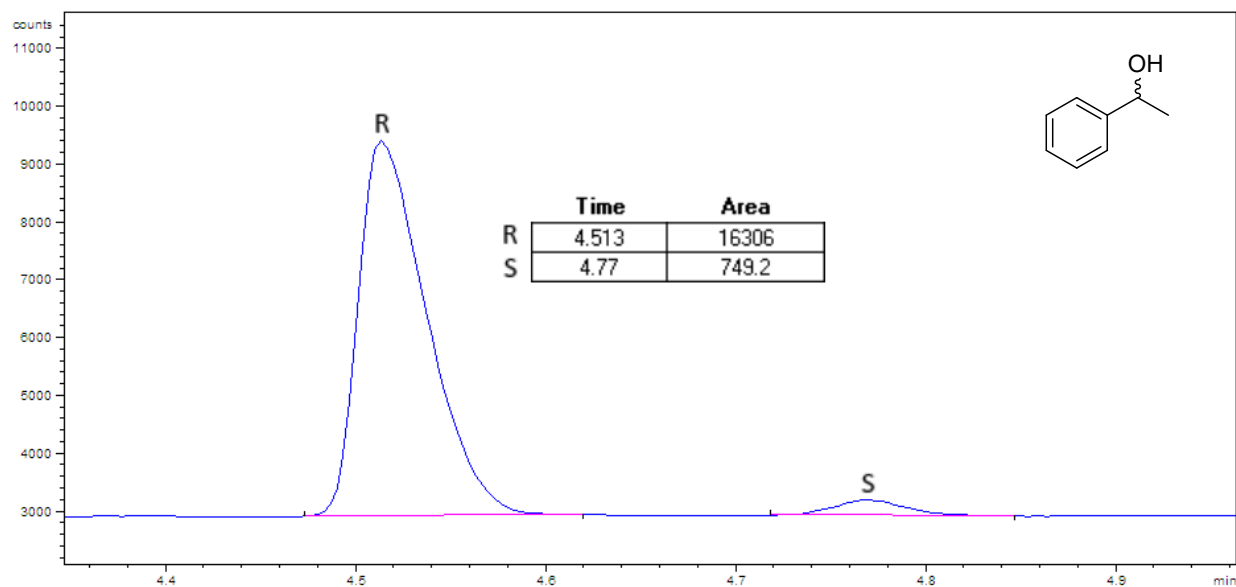


**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  (top, 400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (bottom, 101 MHz) NMR spectra of  $\text{Ir}(\text{Ime})_2(\text{L-Pro})(\text{H})(\text{I})$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ .

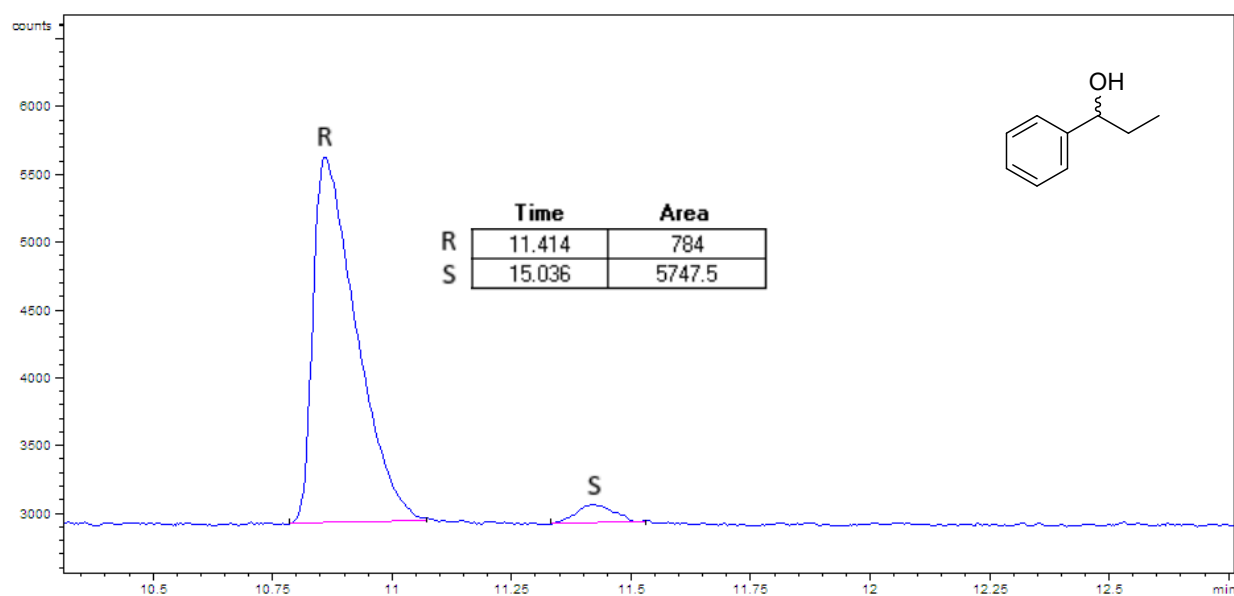


**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  (top, 400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (bottom, 101 MHz) NMR spectra of  $\text{Ir}(\text{IME})_2(\text{L-F-Pro})(\text{H})(\text{I})$  in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .

### 3. GC Chromatograms of Alcohol Products from ATH Studies



**Figure S11.** FID trace of 1-phenylethanol (column temp = 130 °C).



**Figure S12.** FID trace of 1-phenylpropanol (column temp = 120 °C).

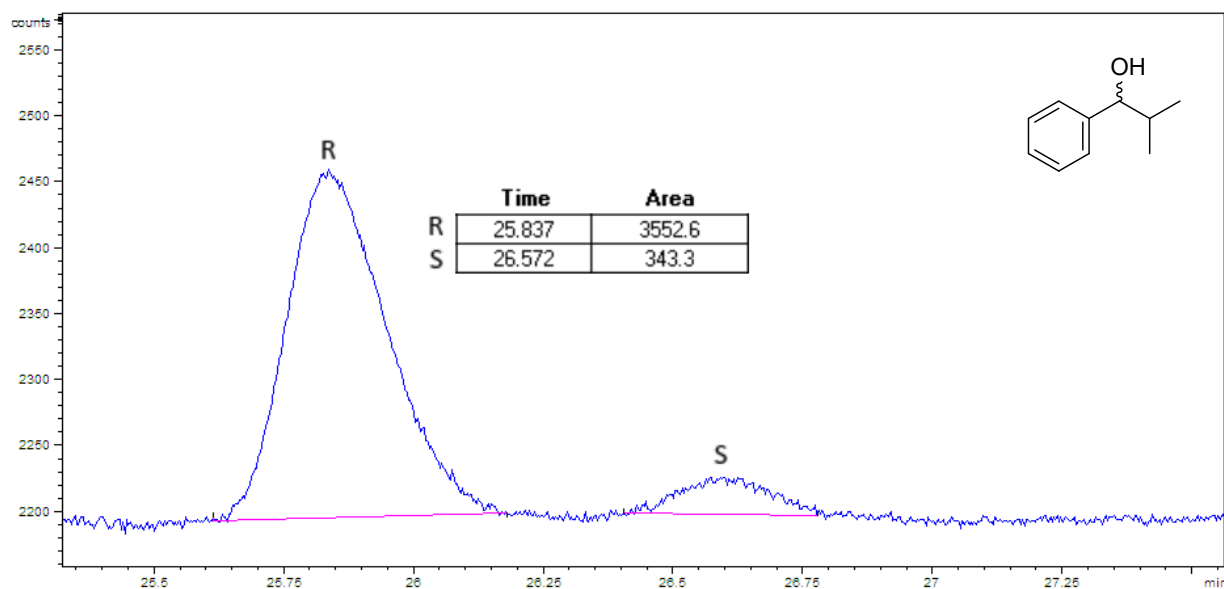


Figure S13. FID trace of 2-methyl-1-phenylpropanol (column temp = 110 °C).

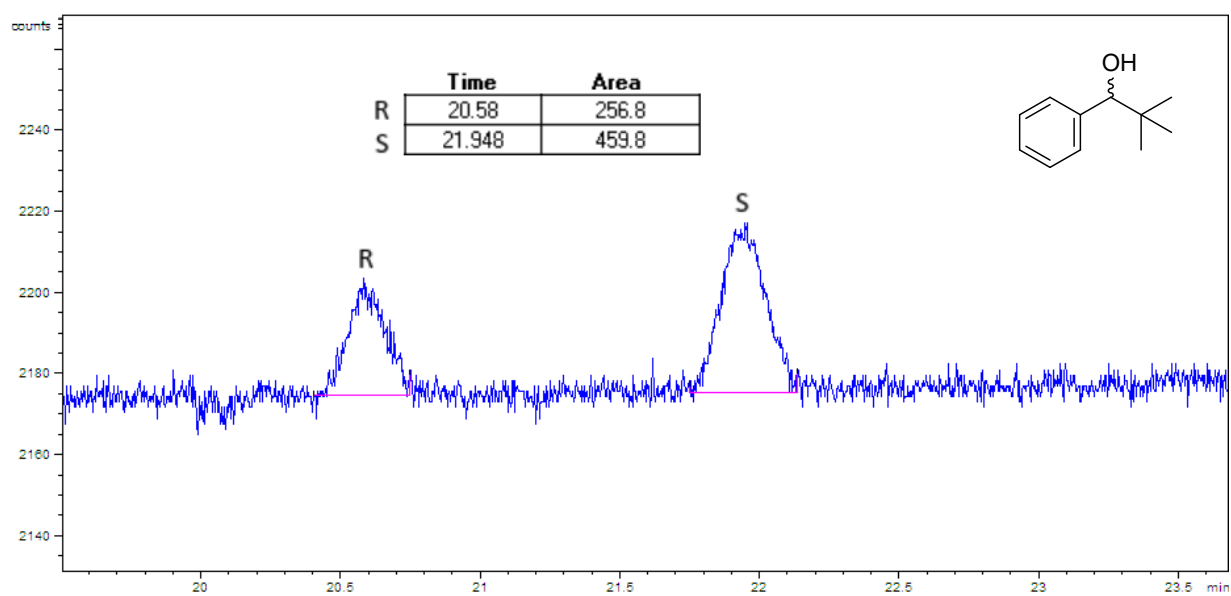
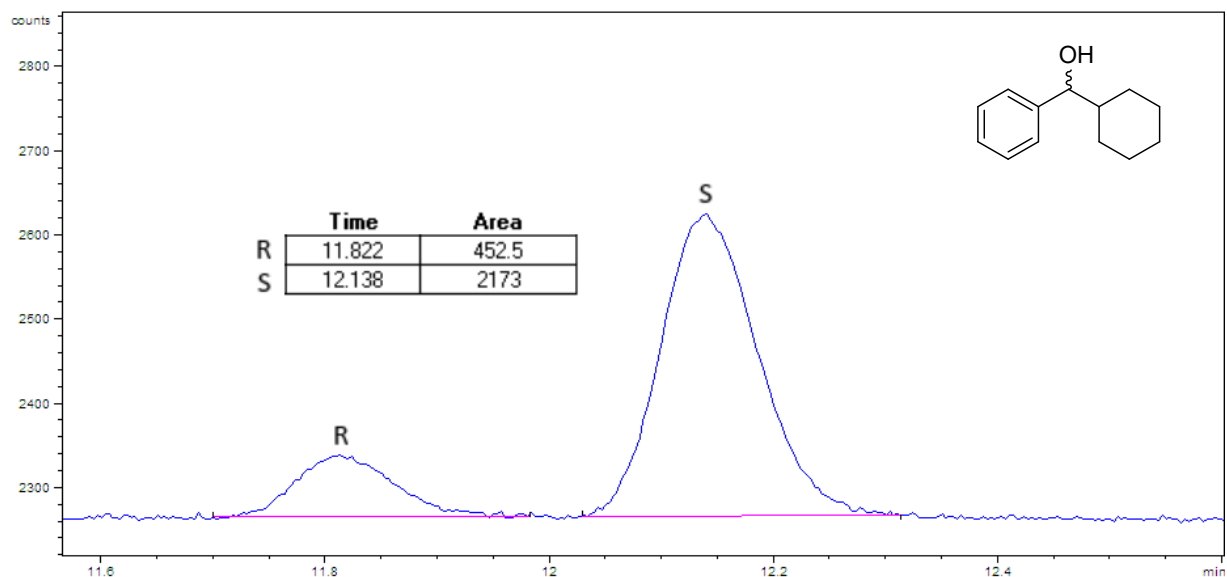
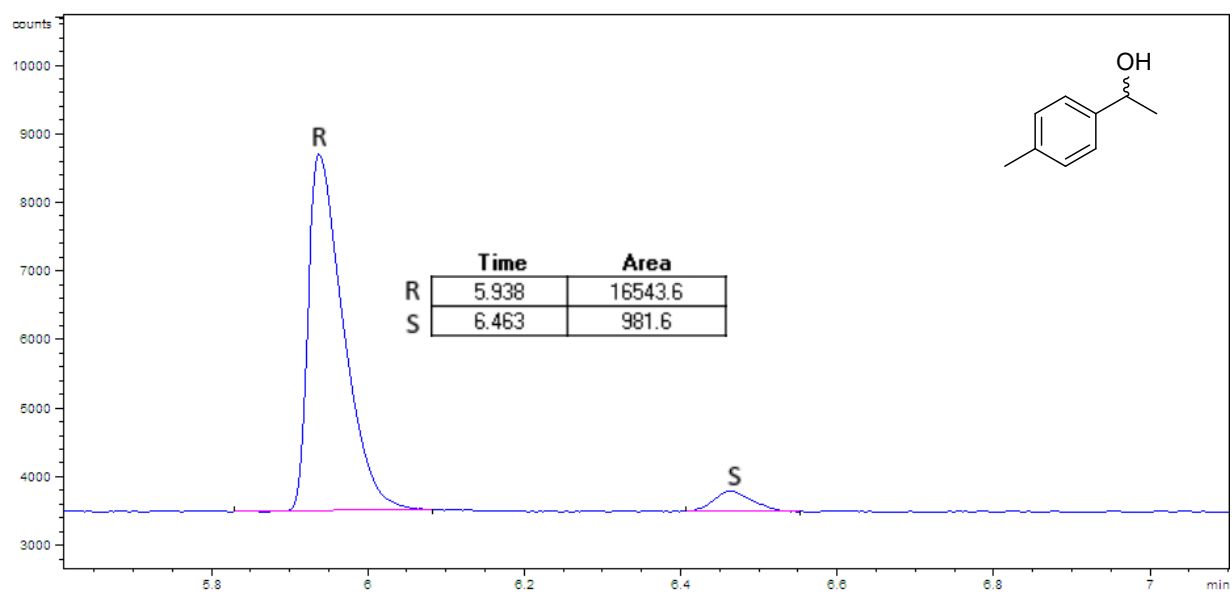


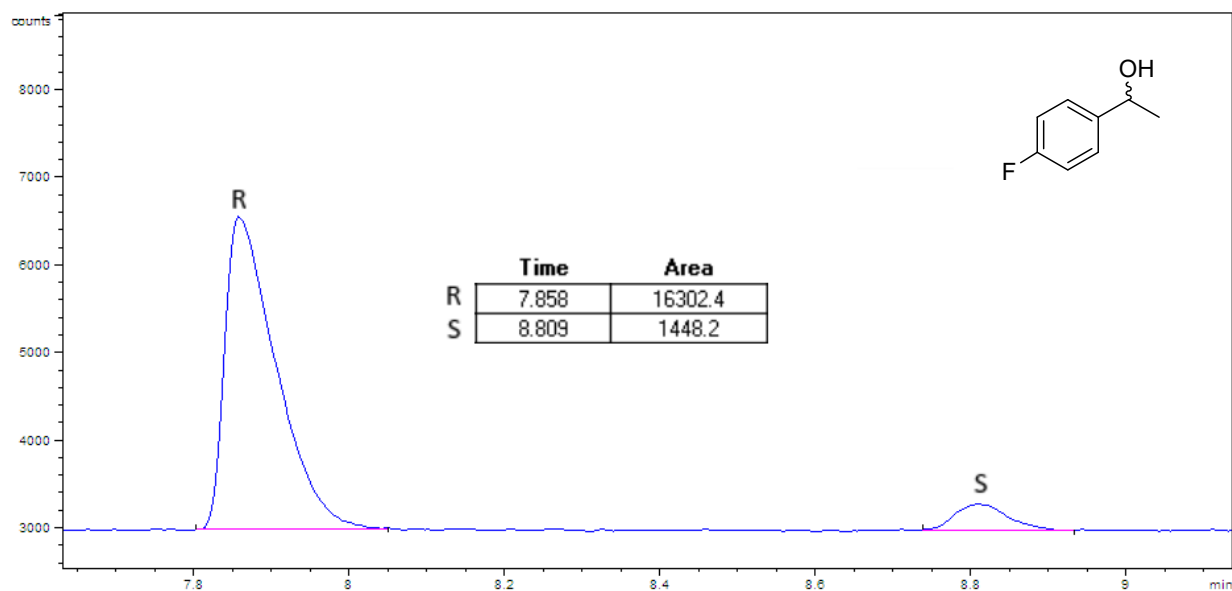
Figure S14. FID trace of 2,2-dimethyl-1-phenylpropanol (column temp = 120 °C).



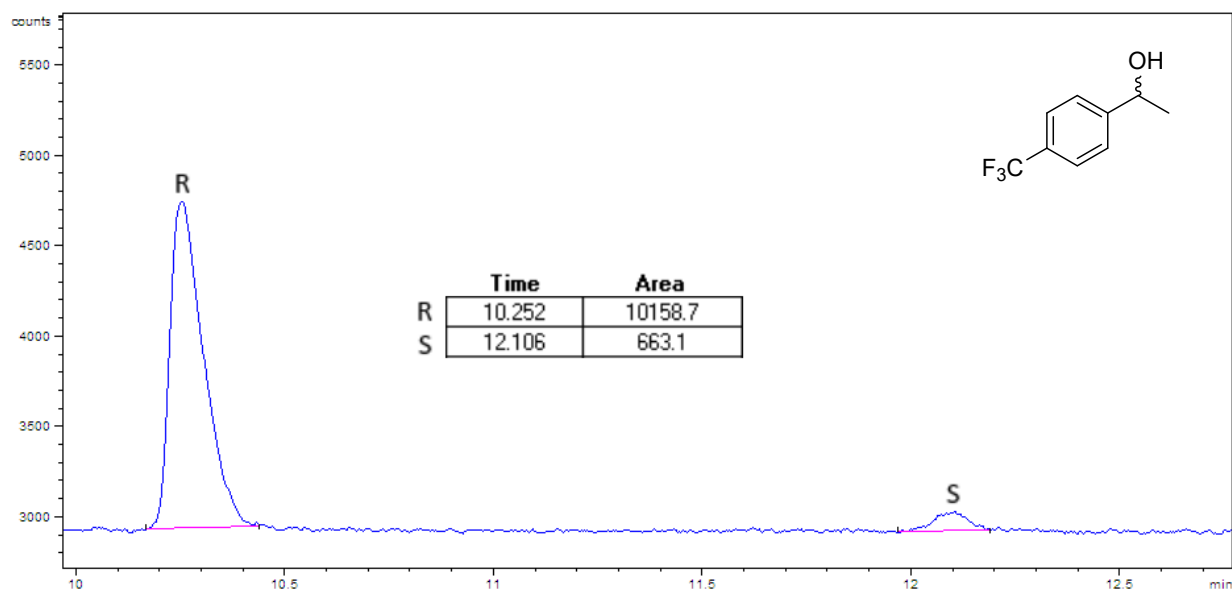
**Figure S15.** FID trace of cyclohexyl(phenyl)methanol (column temp = 160 °C).



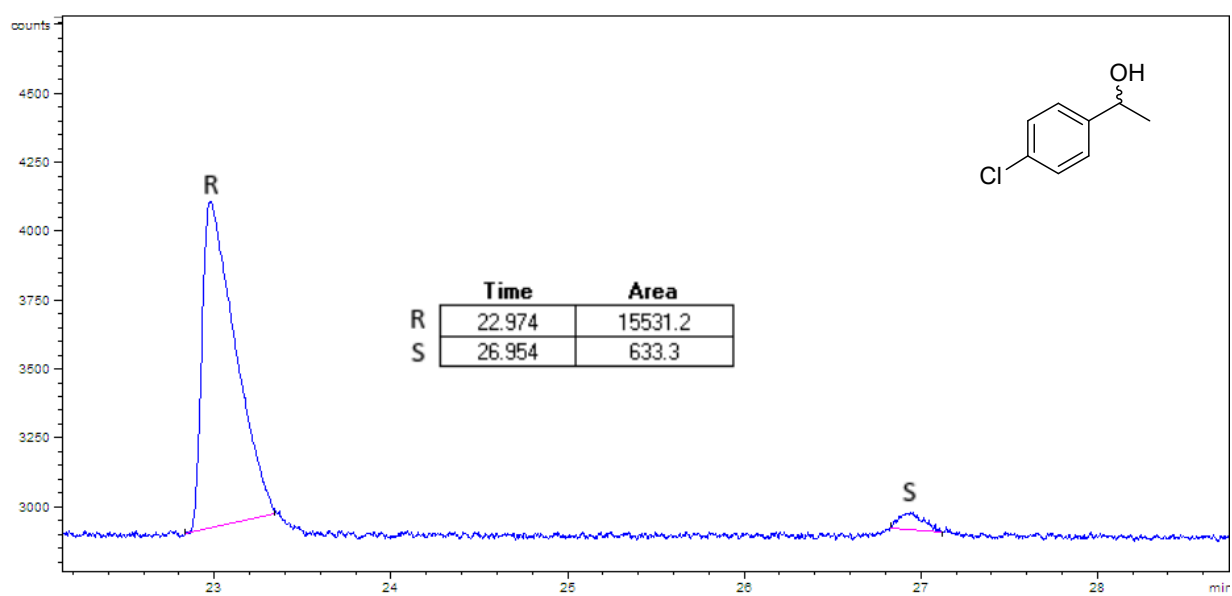
**Figure S16.** FID trace of 1-(p-tolyl)ethanol (column temp = 130 °C).



**Figure S17.** FID trace of 1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethanol (column temp = 120 °C).



**Figure S18.** FID trace of 1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethanol (column temp = 120 °C).



**Figure S19.** FID trace of 1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanol (column temp = 120 °C).