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## Ruthenium half-sandwich type complexes with bidentate monosaccharide ligands show antineoplastic activity in ovarian cancer cell models through reactive oxygen species production

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## 1. Selected NMR data for the synthesized compounds

	Tria-H-5	Py-H-6	Py-H-4 or Qu-H-4	H-1'	H-2'	<i>p</i> -cym-CH <sub>Ar</sub>	<i>i</i> -Pr-CH	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -Pr-CH <sub>3</sub>
<b>Ru-dimer</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	-	-	-	-	-	5.48; 5.34	2.93	2.16	1.28
<b>Ru-dimer</b> (CD <sub>3</sub> OD)	-	-	-	-	-	5.88; 5.66	3.31	2.20	1.30
<b>Ru-dimer</b> (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> )	-	-	-	-	-	5.81; 5.77	2.82	2.08	1.18
<b>L-1a</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	8.42	8.61	7.78	5.94	5.51	-	-	-	-
<b>L-1b</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	8.63	-	8.24	5.99	5.59	-	-	-	-
<b>L-2a</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	8.61	8.61	7.86-7.76*	6.34	6.07	-	-	-	-
<b>L-3a</b> (CD <sub>3</sub> OD)	8.63	8.59	7.92	5.70	3.96	-	-	-	-
<b>L-3b</b> (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> )	8.99	-	8.51	5.68	3.90	-	-	-	-
<b>Ru-1a</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	8.92; 8.79	9.25; 9.22	7.96	6.00; 5.99	5.95-5.88*	5.95-5.83, 5.73-5.67*	2.79; 2.74	2.22; 2.20	1.17-1.12*
<b>Ru-1b</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	9.03; 9.24	-	8.39; 8.37	6.08; 6.11	6.03; 5.97	5.96-5.67*	2.57; 2.53	2.07; 2.15	1.07, 1.04; 1.02, 1.00
<b>Ru-2a</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	9.02; 8.98	9.23; 9.20	7.82-7.75*	6.50; 6.43	6.60; 6.10	5.81-5.44*	2.50; 2.36	2.08; 2.00	0.94, 0.91; 0.79, 0.74
<b>Ru-3a</b> (CD <sub>3</sub> OD)	9.22; 9.21	9.42	8.19	5.88; 5.88	3.95-3.89*	6.12-6.05, 5.90-5.84*	2.79-2.71*	2.22	1.18-1.09*
<b>Ru-3b</b> (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> )	9.42; 9.41	-	8.70; 8.68	5.95; 5.93	4.00; 3.99	6.13-5.96*	2.48; 2.46	2.20	1.00, 0.98; 0.92, 0.92

\*Overlapping signals.

Table S2. Changes of the chemical shifts of selected <sup>1</sup>H NMR resonances as a result of the complex formation for **Ru-1–Ru-3** ( $\Delta = \delta_{\text{complex}} - \delta_{\text{ligand or Ru-dimer}}$ ).

Triazolok	$\Delta$ (Tria-H-5)	$\Delta$ (Py-H-6)	$\Delta$ (Py-H-4) or $\Delta$ (Qu-H-4)	$\Delta$ (H-1')	$\Delta$ (H-2')	<i>i</i> -Pr-CH	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -Pr-CH <sub>3</sub>
<b>Ru-1a</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	+0.50	+0.64	+0.18	+0.06	*	-0.14	+0.06	*
	+0.37	+0.61		+0.05		-0.19	+0.04	
<b>Ru-1b</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	+0.40	-	+0.15	+0.09	+0.44	-0.36	-0.09	-0.21, -0.24
	+0.61		+0.13	+0.12	+0.38	-0.40	-0.01	-0.26, -0.28
<b>Ru-2a</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	+0.41	+0.62	*	+0.16	+0.53	-0.43	-0.08	-0.34, -0.37
	+0.37	+0.59		+0.09	+0.03	-0.57	-0.16	-0.49, -0.54
<b>Ru-3a</b> (CD <sub>3</sub> OD)	+0.59	+0.83	+0.27	+0.18	*	*	+0.02	*
	+0.58			+0.18				
<b>Ru-3b</b> (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> )	+0.43	-	+0.19	+0.27	+0.10	-0.34;	+0.12	-0.18, -0.20
	+0.42		+0.17	+0.25	+0.09	-0.36		-0.26, -0.26

\*Due to signal overlaps these resonances could not be assigned precisely.

**Table S3.** Selected  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of **Ru-dimer**, the 1-( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-4-hetaryl-1,2,3-triazoles (**L-1-L-3**) and their half-sandwich Ru(II) complexes (**Ru-1-Ru-3**)

	Tria-C-5	Py-C-6	Py-C-5	Py-C-4 or Qu-C-4	Py-C-3 or Qu-C-3	C-1'	C-2'	<i>p</i> -cym-C <sub>q</sub> Ar	<i>p</i> -cym-CH <sub>Ar</sub>	<i>i</i> -Pr-CH	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>
<b>Ru-dimer (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101.2; 96.8	81.3; 80.5	30.6	19.0
<b>Ru-dimer (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102.7; 98.5	80.4; 79.3	32.6	18.9
<b>Ru-dimer (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	106.4; 100.1	86.4; 85.5	30.0	17.9
<b>L-1a (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	120.7	149.7	123.3	137.0	120.5	86.0	70.7	-	-	-	-
<b>L-1b (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	121.4	-	-	137.0	118.7	86.0	70.7	-	-	-	-
<b>L-2a (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	121.0	149.6	123.3	137.1	120.6	86.4	71.3	-	-	-	-
<b>L-3a (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	123.4	150.5	124.6	138.9	121.7	89.8	74.1	-	-	-	-
<b>L-3b (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)</b>	123.3	-	-	137.3	118.3	87.8	72.2	-	-	-	-
<b>Ru-1a (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	125.4; 125.3	155.5; 155.4	127.1; 126.9	140.3; 140.2	122.9	86.8; 86.7	70.2; 69.8	106.3, 101.8; 105.5, 103.1	86.4-83.1*	31.1; 31.0	18.7
<b>Ru-1b (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	127.6; 127.5	-	-	141.0; 141.3	119.1; 118.8	88.1-84.0*	70.2; 69.8	105.4, 102.7; 106.3, 102.1	88.1-84.0*	31.1; 31.3	18.5; 18.7
<b>Ru-2a (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	126.2; 123.8	155.7; 155.5	127.2; 126.9	140.1; 140.0	122.7	87.2; 86.7	71.7; 70.4	105.8, 102.6; 105.3, 103.9	86.4-82.5*	31.0	18.8; 18.6
<b>Ru-3a (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	125.5; 125.2	156.8	127.6	141.5	123.6	91.3; 91.2	74.5; 74.3	106.8, 103.8; 106.6, 104.1	87.3-84.6*	32.3; 32.2	18.8; 18.7
<b>Ru-3b (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)</b>	127.1; 126.9	-	-	142.6	119.5; 119.4	91.4; 91.2	74.4; 74.3	106.5, 104.7; 106.3, 104.9	88.6-84.3*	32.3; 32.2	18.8; 18.7

\*Signals were not assigned precisely.

**Table S4.** Changes of the chemical shifts of selected  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR resonances as a result of the complex formation for **Ru-1-Ru-3**

	$\Delta$ (Tria-C-5)	$\Delta$ (Py-C-6)	$\Delta$ (Py-C-5)	$\Delta$ (Py-C-4) or $\Delta$ (Qu-C-4)	$\Delta$ (Py-C-3) or $\Delta$ (Qu-C-3)	$\Delta$ (C-1')	$\Delta$ (C-2')	$\Delta$ ( <i>p</i> -cym-C <sub>q</sub> Ar)	$\Delta$ ( <i>i</i> -Pr-CH)	$\Delta$ (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> )
<b>Ru-1a (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	+4.7 +4.6	+5.8 +5.7	+3.8 +3.6	+3.3 +3.2	+2.4	+0.8 +0.7	-0.5 -0.9	+5.1, +5.0 +4.3, +4.6	+0.5 +0.4	-0.3
<b>Ru-1b (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	+6.2 +6.1	-	-	+4.0 +4.3	+0.4 +0.1	*	-0.5 -0.9	+4.2, +5.9 +5.1, +5.3	+0.5 +0.7	-0.5 -0.3
<b>Ru-2a (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	+5.2 +2.8	+6.1 +5.9	+3.9 +3.6	+3.0 +2.9	+2.1	+0.8 +0.3	+0.4 +0.1	+4.6, +5.8 +4.1, +7.1	+0.4 -0.2	-0.2 -0.4
<b>Ru-3a (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	+2.1 +1.8	+6.3	+3.0	+2.6	+1.9	+1.5 +1.4	+0.4 +0.2	+4.1, +5.3 +3.9, +5.6	-0.3 -0.4	-0.1 -0.2
<b>Ru-3b (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)</b>	+3.8 +3.6	-	-	+5.3	+1.2 +1.1	+3.6 +3.4	+0.2 +0.1	+0.1; +4.6 -0.1; +4.8	+2.3; +2.2	+0.9 +0.8

\*Due to uncertain signal assignment the data could not be calculated precisely.

**Table S5.** Selected  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data of **Ru-dimer**, the monosaccharide-based 5-(pyridine-2-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazoles (**L-4–L-12**) and their half-sandwich Ru(II) complexes (**Ru-4–Ru-12**)

	Py-H-6	Py-H-5	H-1'	H-2'	<i>p</i> -cym-CH <sub>Ar</sub>	<i>i</i> -Pr-CH	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>
<b>Ru-dimer (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	-	-	-	-	5.48; 5.34	2.93	2.16
<b>Ru-dimer (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	-	-	-	-	5.88; 5.66	3.31	2.20
<b>L-4 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	8.81	7.48	5.28	6.05	-	-	-
<b>L-5 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	8.82	7.49	4.92	5.56	-	-	-
<b>L-6 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	8.80	7.47	5.15	5.96	-	-	-
<b>L-7 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	8.82	7.50	4.89	5.67	-	-	-
<b>L-8 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	8.81	7.47	5.30	6.32	-	-	-
<b>L-9 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	8.79	7.49	6.35	5.69	-	-	-
<b>L-10 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	8.75	7.64	4.68	3.84	-	-	-
<b>L-11 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	8.74	7.63	4.59	3.84	-	-	-
<b>L-12 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	8.77	7.65	4.63	4.22	-	-	-
<b>Ru-4 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	9.26; 9.50	7.77; 7.91	5.46; 5.35	6.16; 5.72	5.90-5.51*	2.78; 2.72	1.95; 2.02
<b>Ru-5 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	9.30; 9.45	7.80; 7.88	5.03; 5.00	5.75; 5.44	6.01-5.96, 5.82-5.69*	3.03; 2.91	2.23-2.02*
<b>Ru-6 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	9.26; 9.46	7.77; 7.89	5.28; 5.24	6.11; 5.74	5.86-5.35*	2.80; 2.75	1.99; 2.04
<b>Ru-7 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	9.34; 9.46	7.80; 7.87	5.01; 4.98	5.85; 5.47	6.01-5.95, 5.82-5.71*	3.01; 2.89	2.24-2.04*
<b>Ru-8 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	9.26; 9.49	7.80; 7.93	5.47; 5.37	6.43; 6.02-5.94*	5.84-5.27*	2.80; 2.73	1.94; 2.03
<b>Ru-9 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	9.33	7.79	6.52; 6.46	5.84-5.71*	6.01-5.95, 5.84-5.71*	2.98; 2.97	2.29-2.08*
<b>Ru-10 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	9.54	7.95; 7.94	4.85; 4.83	3.83; 3.81	6.19-6.13, 5.94-5.92*	2.91; 2.90	2.23
<b>Ru-11 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	9.53	7.95-7.92*	4.77; 4.76	3.81; 3.80	6.18-6.12, 5.94-5.90*	2.91	2.22
<b>Ru-12 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	9.55	7.95; 7.94	4.78; 4.76	4.18; 4.15	6.19-6.13, 5.94-5.92*	2.91	2.23

\*Overlapping signals.

**Table S6.** Changes of the chemical shifts of selected  $^1\text{H}$  NMR resonances as a result of the complex formation for **Ru-4–Ru-12** ( $\Delta = \delta_{\text{complex}} - \delta_{\text{ligand or Ru-dimer}}$ )

	$\Delta(\text{Py-H-6})$	$\Delta(\text{Py-H-5})$	$\Delta(\text{H-1}')$	$\Delta(\text{H-2}')$	$\Delta(i\text{-Pr-CH})$	$\Delta(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-CH}_3)$
<b>Ru-4 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	+0.45	+0.29	+0.18	+0.11	-0.15	-0.21
	+0.69	+0.43	+0.07	-0.33	-0.21	-0.14
<b>Ru-5 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	+0.48	+0.31	+0.11	+0.19	+0.10	*
	+0.63	+0.39	+0.08	-0.12	-0.02	
<b>Ru-6 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	+0.46	+0.30	+0.13	+0.15	-0.13	-0.17
	+0.66	+0.42	+0.09	-0.22	-0.18	-0.12
<b>Ru-7 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	+0.52	+0.30	+0.12	+0.18	+0.08	*
	+0.64	+0.37	+0.09	-0.20	-0.04	
<b>Ru-8 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	+0.45	+0.33	+0.17	+0.11	-0.13	-0.22
	+0.68	+0.46	+0.07	*	-0.20	-0.13
<b>Ru-9 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	+0.54	+0.30	+0.17	*	+0.05	*
			+0.11		+0.04	
<b>Ru-10 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	+0.79	+0.31	+0.17	-0.01	-0.40	+0.03
		+0.30	+0.15	-0.03	-0.41	
<b>Ru-11 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	+0.79	*	+0.18	-0.03	-0.40	+0.02
			+0.17	-0.04		
<b>Ru-12 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	+0.78	+0.30	+0.15	-0.04	-0.40	+0.03
		+0.29	+0.13	-0.07		

\*Due to signal overlaps these resonances could not be assigned precisely.

	Py-C-6	Py-C-5	Py-C-4	Py-C-3	Py-C-2	<i>p</i> -cym-C <sub>q</sub> Ar	<i>p</i> -cym-CH <sub>Ar</sub>	<i>i</i> -Pr-CH	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>
<b>Ru-dimer</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	-	-	-	-	-	101.2; 96.8	81.3; 80.5	30.6	19.0
<b>Ru-dimer</b> (CD <sub>3</sub> OD)	-	-	-	-	-	102.7; 98.5	80.4; 79.3	32.6	18.9
<b>L-4</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	150.5	126.2	137.3	123.5	143.2	-	-	-	-
<b>L-5</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	150.6	126.3	137.4	123.6	143.2	-	-	-	-
<b>L-6</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	150.6	126.2	137.3	123.5	143.3	-	-	-	-
<b>L-7</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	150.5	126.2	137.3	123.6	143.2	-	-	-	-
<b>L-8</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	150.5	126.2	137.3	123.6	143.3	-	-	-	-
<b>L-9</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	150.4	126.3	137.4	123.5	143.1	-	-	-	-
<b>L-10</b> (CD <sub>3</sub> OD)	151.4	127.9	139.3	124.5	144.0	-	-	-	-
<b>L-11</b> (CD <sub>3</sub> OD)	151.4	127.9	139.3	124.5	144.0	-	-	-	-
<b>L-12</b> (CD <sub>3</sub> OD)	151.4	127.9	139.3	124.5	144.1	-	-	-	-
<b>Ru-4</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	156.6; 158.3	131.2-128.5*	140.1; 140.3	125.2; 125.3	140.2; 139.1	104.8, 102.1; 107.0, 102.3	88.7-83.2; 85.5-83.6*	31.1; 31.3	18.1; 18.8
<b>Ru-5</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	156.4; 157.6	130.0; 130.8	140.3; 140.5	125.4; 125.5	140.3; 139.5	105.0, 102.4; 106.4, 102.7	88.2-83.1*	31.2; 31.3	18.3; 18.8
<b>Ru-6</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	157.0; 157.9	130.8-128.5*	140.3; 140.4	125.1, 125.2	140.0; 139.3	104.9, 102.1; 106.3, 102.4	88.4-83.1*	31.0; 31.2	18.1; 18.6
<b>Ru-7</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	156.5; 157.4	129.9; 130.5	140.1; 140.3	125.2; 125.3	139.9; 139.2	105.1, 102.2; 106.2, 102.6	87.6-82.9; 85.7-83.0*	31.0; 31.1	18.1; 18.5
<b>Ru-8</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	156.3; 157.9	130.9-128.5*	140.2; 140.3	125.2; 125.3	140.2; 139.3	104.7, 102.0; 106.8, 102.3	88.8-83.0*	31.1; 31.3	18.0; 18.7
<b>Ru-9</b> (CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	156.9; 156.8	130.3	140.4	125.4; 125.3	139.8; 139.7	105.9, 102.4; 105.7, 102.3	87.2-83.3*	31.3	18.5; 18.4
<b>Ru-10</b> (CD <sub>3</sub> OD)	158.3	131.1	142.0	126.6; 126.5	141.6; 141.5	107.3, 103.5 107.2, 103.4	87.4-84.8*	32.4	18.8
<b>Ru-11</b> (CD <sub>3</sub> OD)	158.2	131.1	142.0	126.6; 126.5	141.6; 141.5	107.4, 103.5 107.4, 103.4	87.4-84.8*	32.4	18.7
<b>Ru-12</b> (CD <sub>3</sub> OD)	158.1	131.1	141.9	126.5; 126.4	141.6; 141.5	107.4, 103.5 107.3, 103.4	87.2-84.7*	32.4	18.7

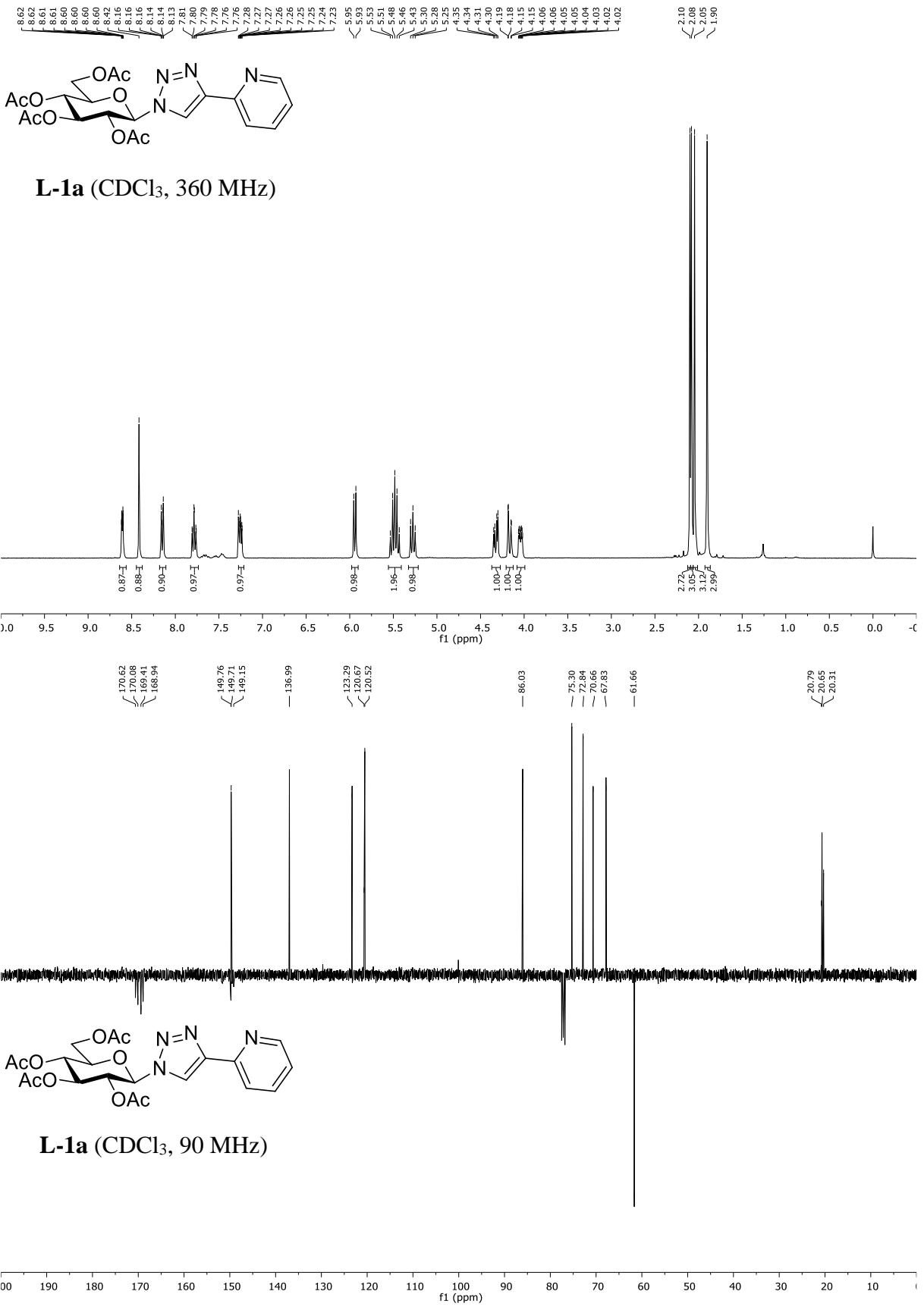
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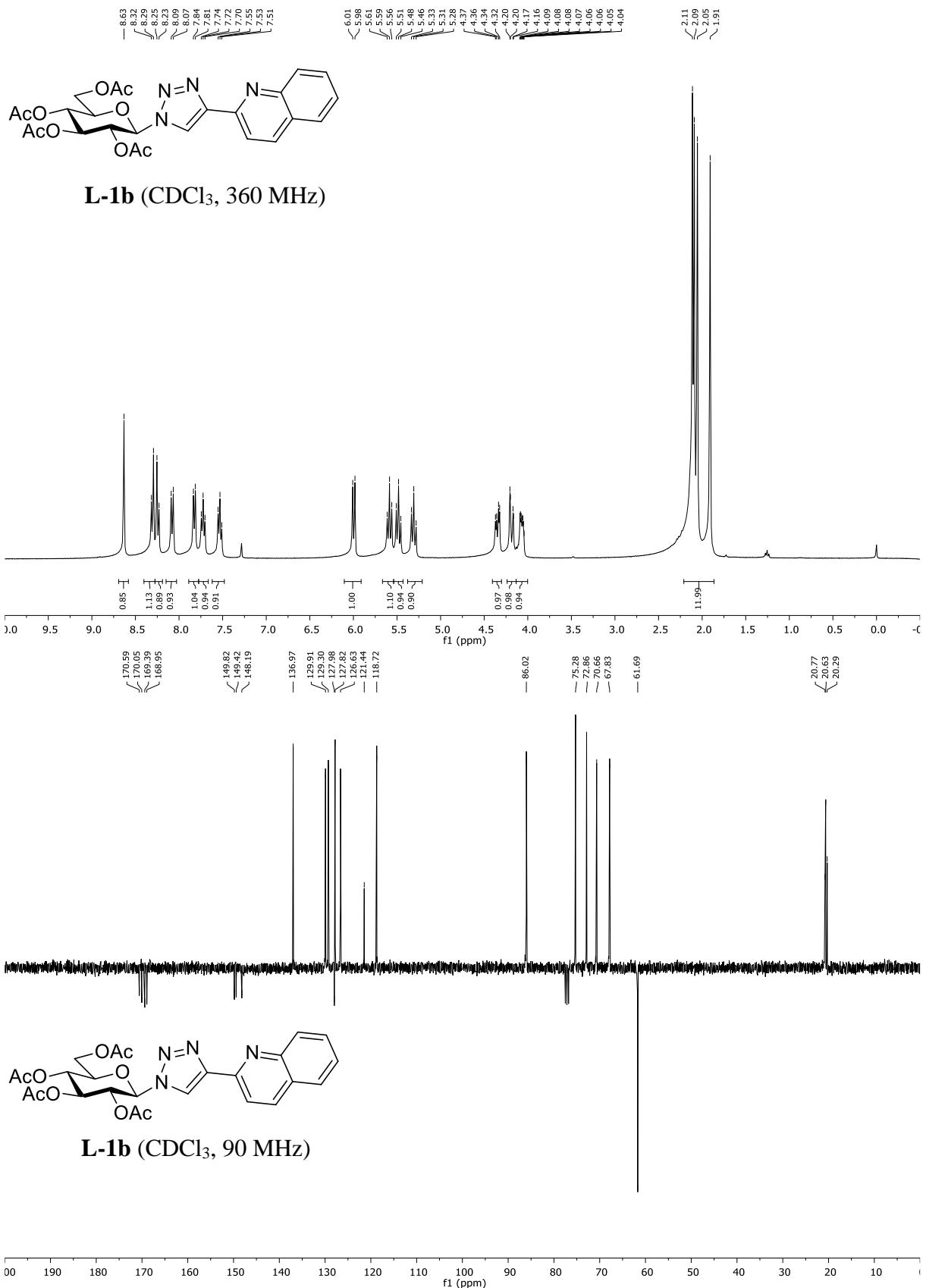
**Table S8.** Changes of the chemical shifts of selected  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR resonances as a result of the complex formation for **Ru-4–Ru-12** $(\Delta = \delta_{\text{complex}} - \delta_{\text{ligand or Ru-dimer}})$ 

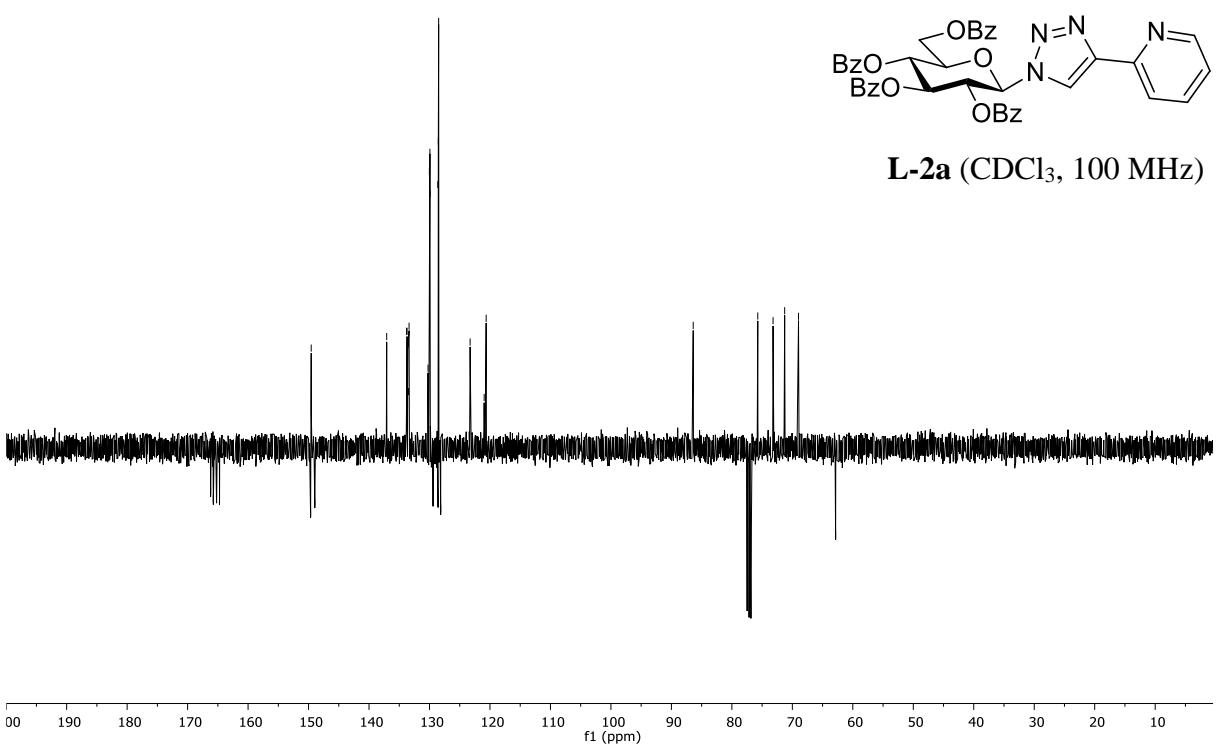
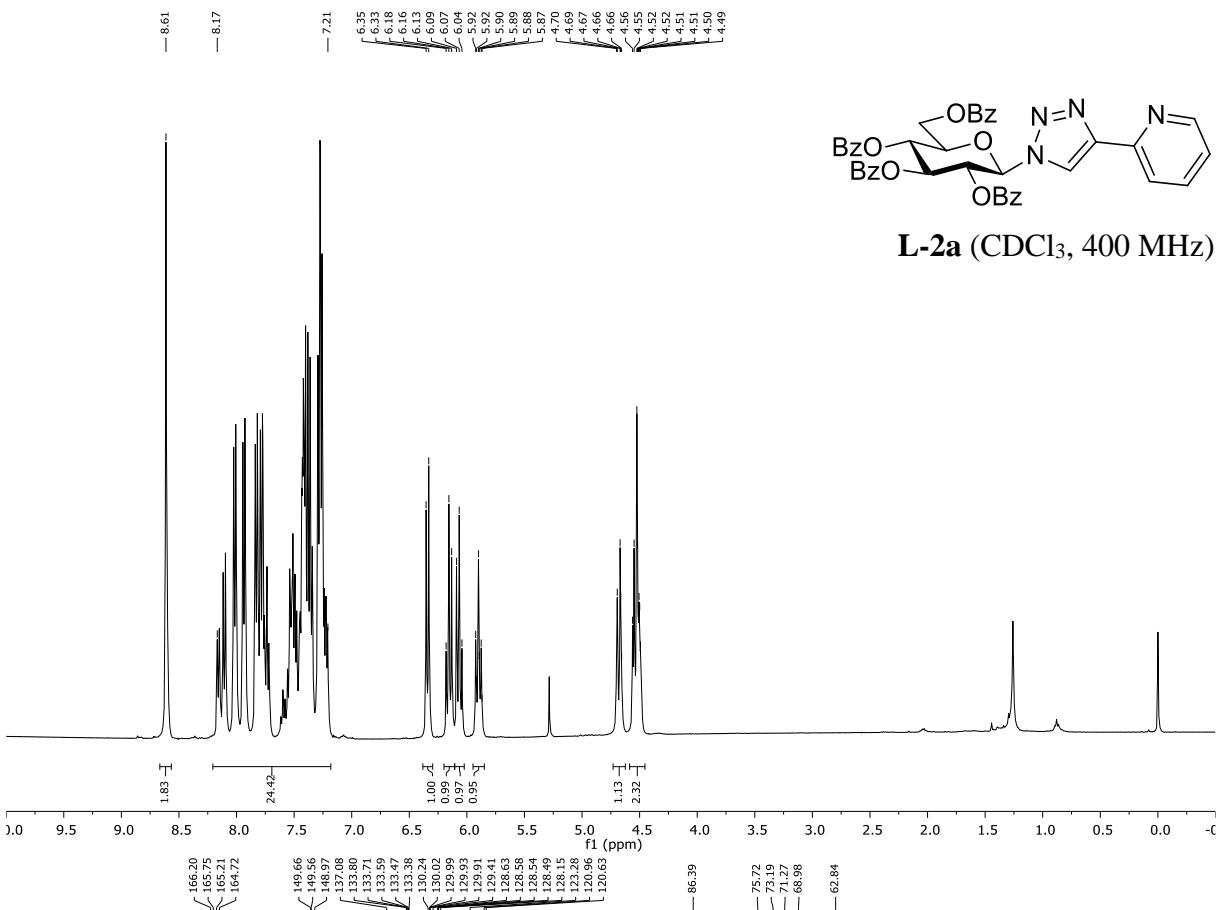
	$\Delta(\text{Py-C-6})$	$\Delta(\text{Py-C-5})$	$\Delta(\text{Py-C-4})$	$\Delta(\text{Py-C-3})$	$\Delta(\text{Py-C-2})$	$\Delta(p\text{-cym-C}_{\text{qAr}})$	<i>i</i> -Pr-CH	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-CH}_3$
<b>Ru-4</b> ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )	+6.1	*	+2.8	+1.7	-3.0	+3.6, +5.3	+0.5	-0.9
	+7.8		+3.0	+1.8	-4.1	+5.8, +5.5	+0.7	-0.2
<b>Ru-5</b> ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )	+5.8	+3.7	+2.9	+1.8	-2.9	+3.8, +5.6	+0.6	-0.7
	+7.0	+4.5	+3.1	+1.9	-3.7	+5.2, +5.9	+0.7	-0.2
<b>Ru-6</b> ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )	+6.4	*	+3.0	+1.6	-3.3	+3.7, +5.3	+0.4	-0.9
	+7.3		+3.1	+1.7	-4.0	+5.1, +5.6	+0.6	-0.4
<b>Ru-7</b> ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )	+6.0	+3.7	+2.8	+1.6	-3.3	+3.9, +5.4	+0.4	-0.9
	+6.9	+4.3	+3.0	+1.7	-4.0	+5.0, +5.8	+0.5	-0.5
<b>Ru-8</b> ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )	+5.8	*	+2.9	+1.6	-3.1	+3.5, +5.2	+0.5	-1.0
	+7.4		+3.0	+1.7	-4.0	+5.6, +5.5	+0.7	-0.3
<b>Ru-9</b> ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )	+6.5	+4.0	+3.0	+1.9	-3.3	+4.7, +5.6	+0.7	-0.5
	+6.4			+1.8	-3.4	+4.5, +5.5		-0.6
<b>Ru-10</b> ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )	+6.9	+3.2	+2.7	+2.1 +2.0	-2.4 -2.5	+4.6, +5.0 +4.5, +4.9	-0.2	-0.1
<b>Ru-11</b> ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )	+6.8	+3.2	+2.7	+2.1 +2.0	-2.4 -2.5	+4.7, +5.0 +4.7, +4.9	-0.2	-0.2
<b>Ru-12</b> ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )	+6.7	+3.2	+2.6	+2.0 +1.9	-2.5 -2.6	+4.7, +5.0 +4.6, +4.9	-0.2	-0.2

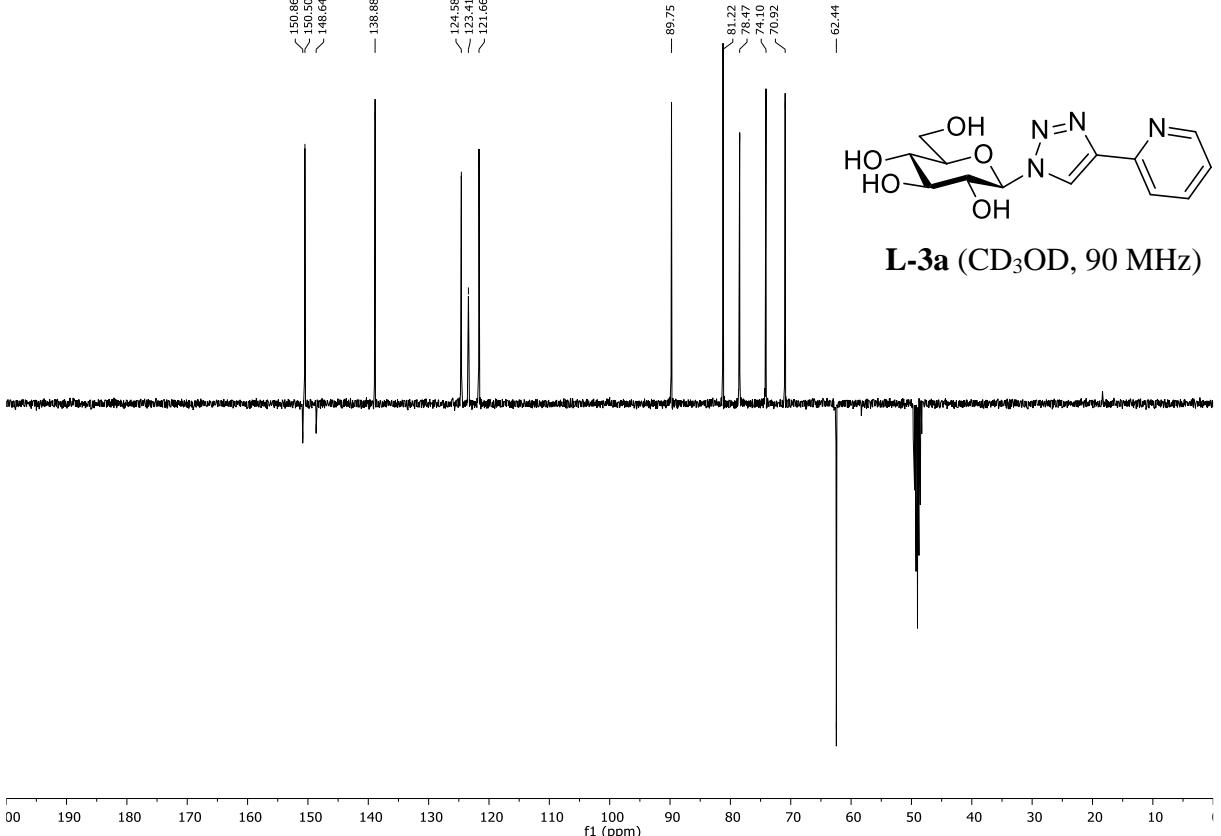
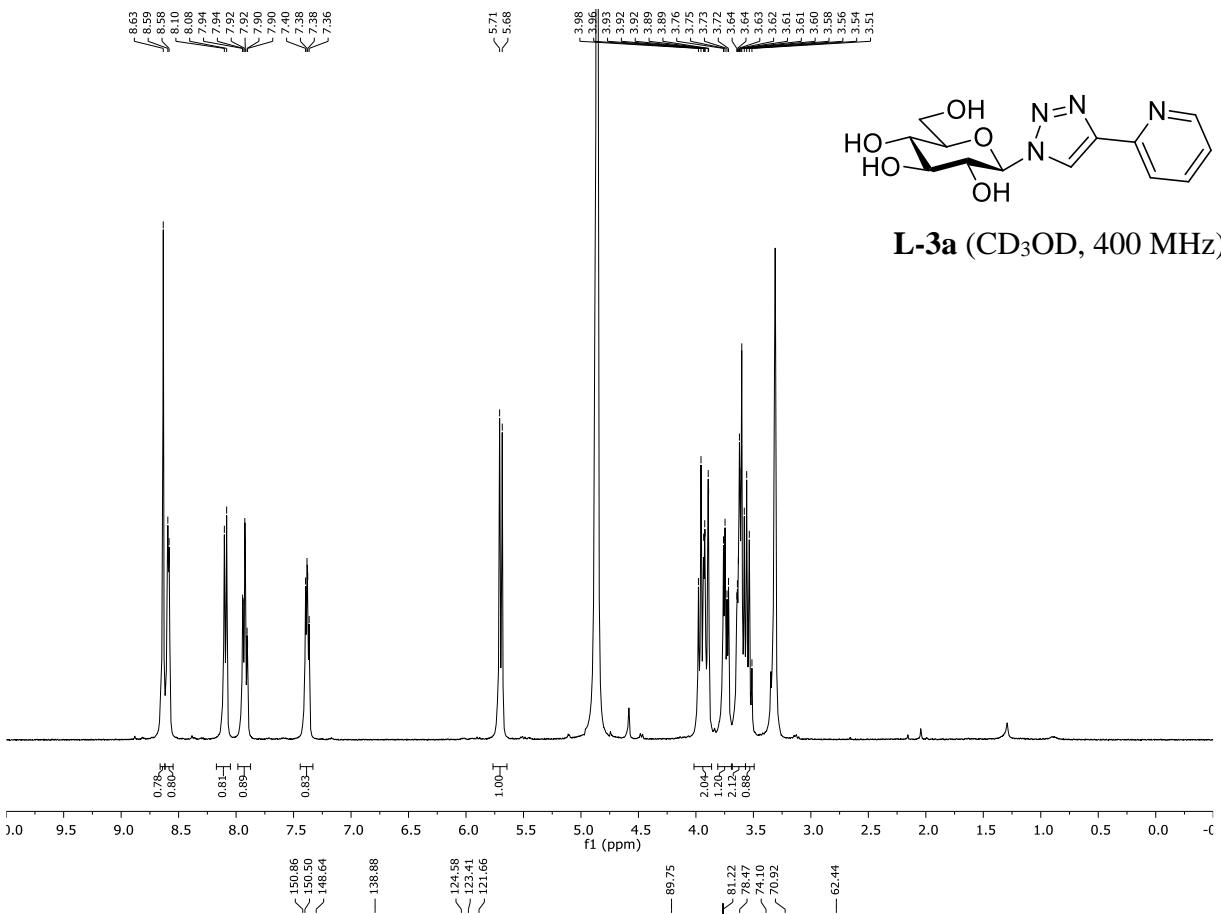
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## 2. Copies of $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra



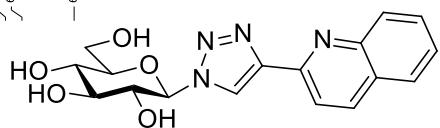
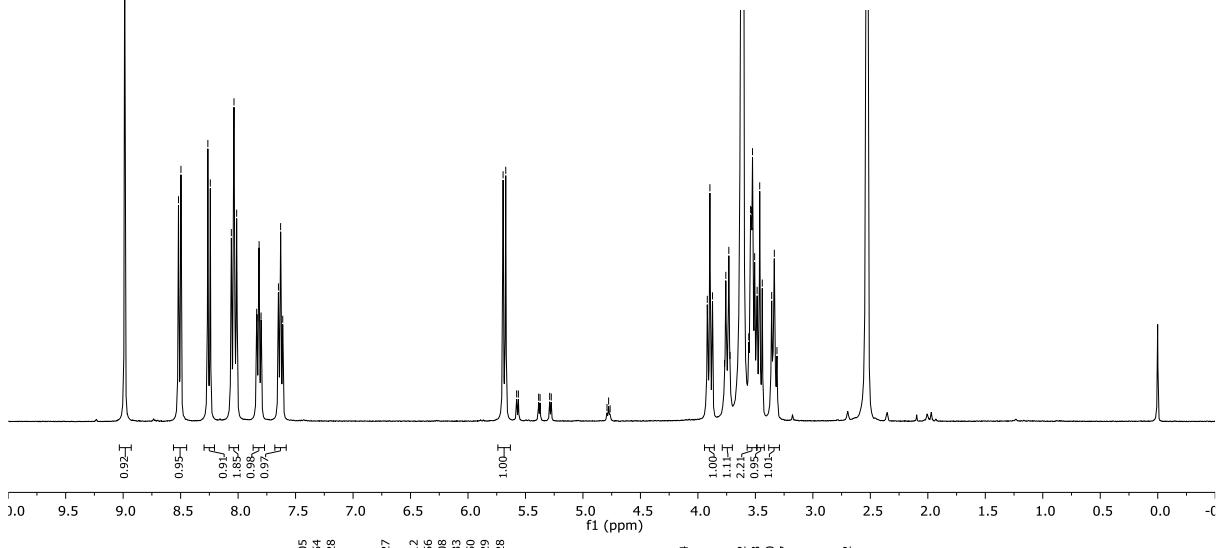




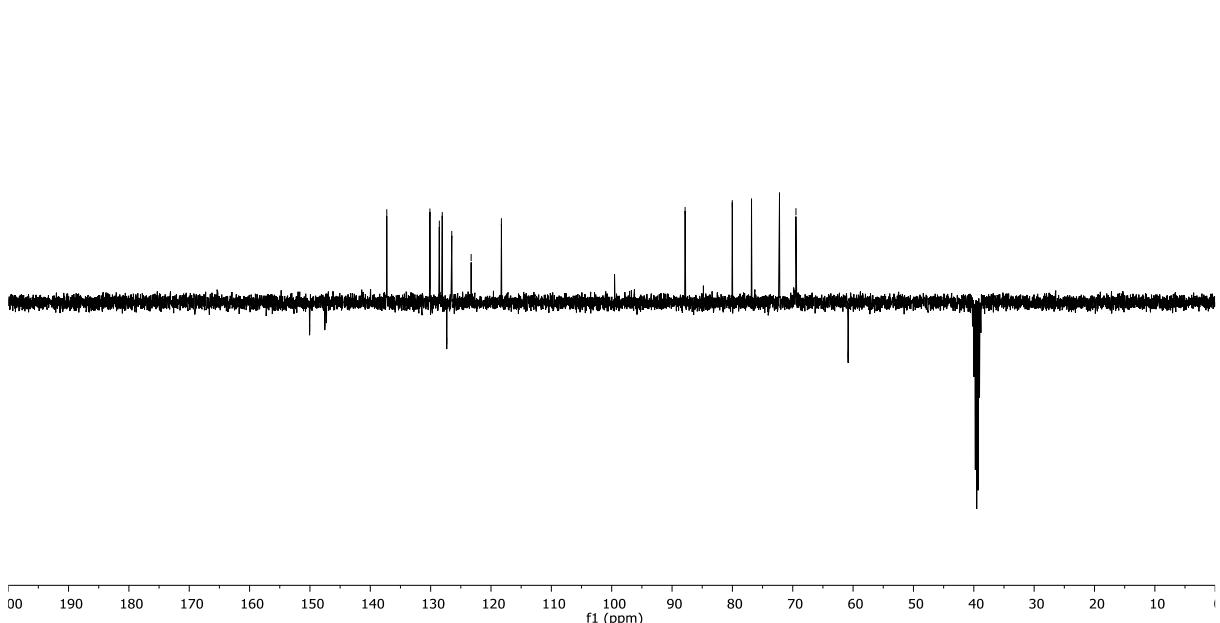




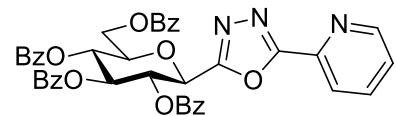
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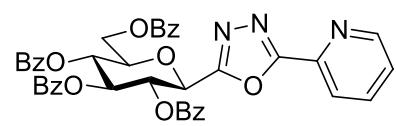
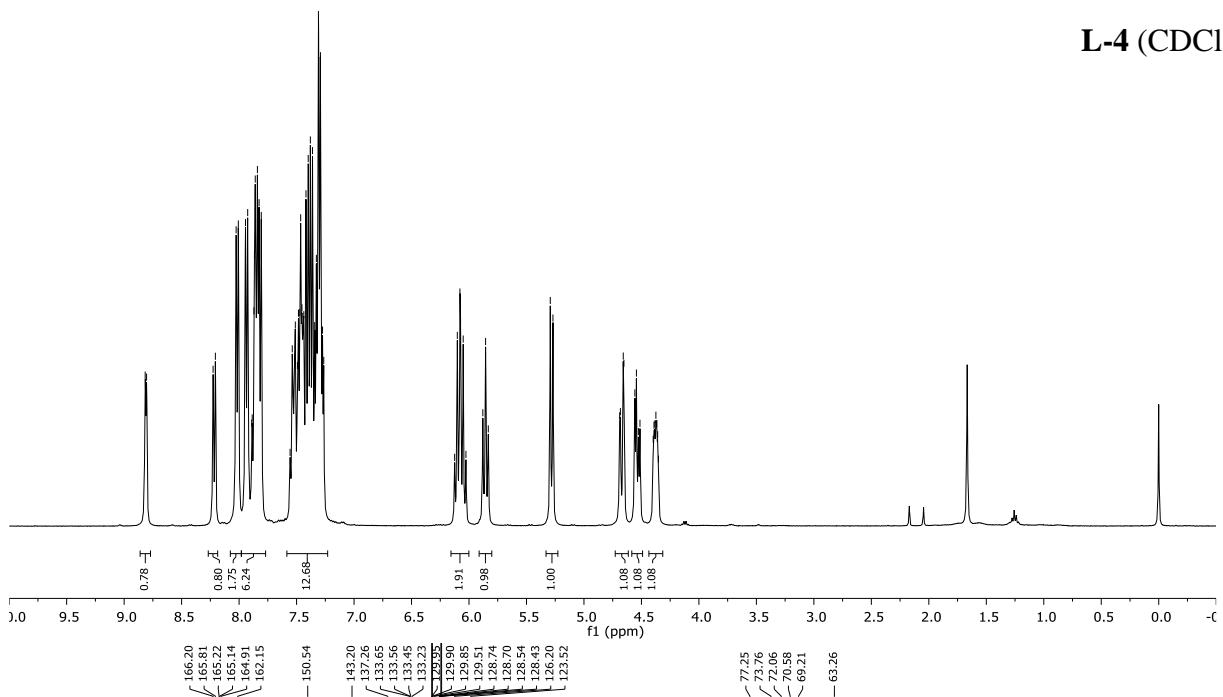
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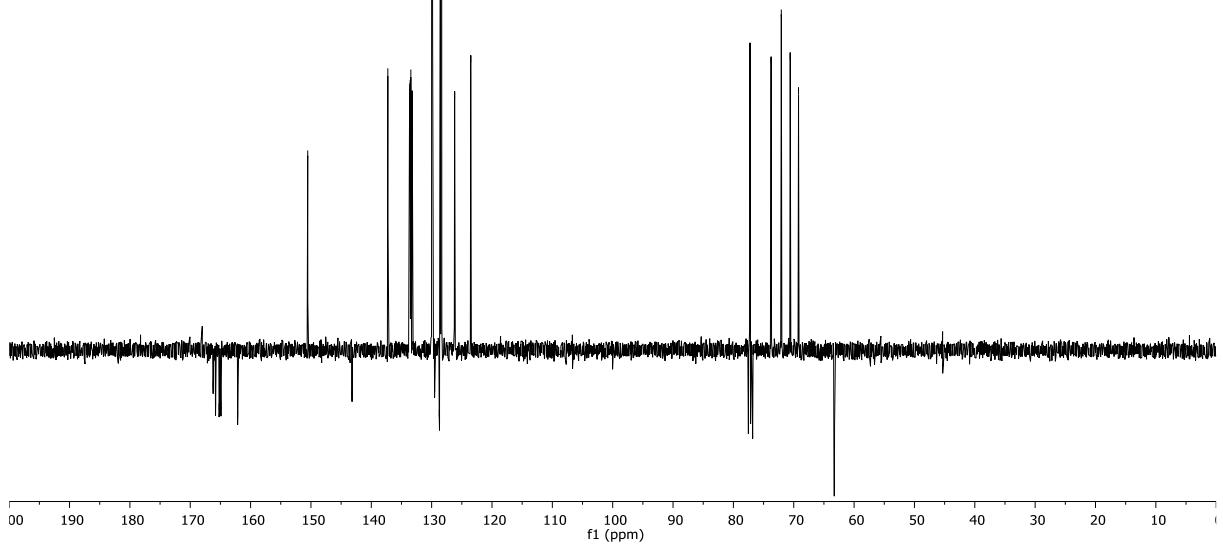
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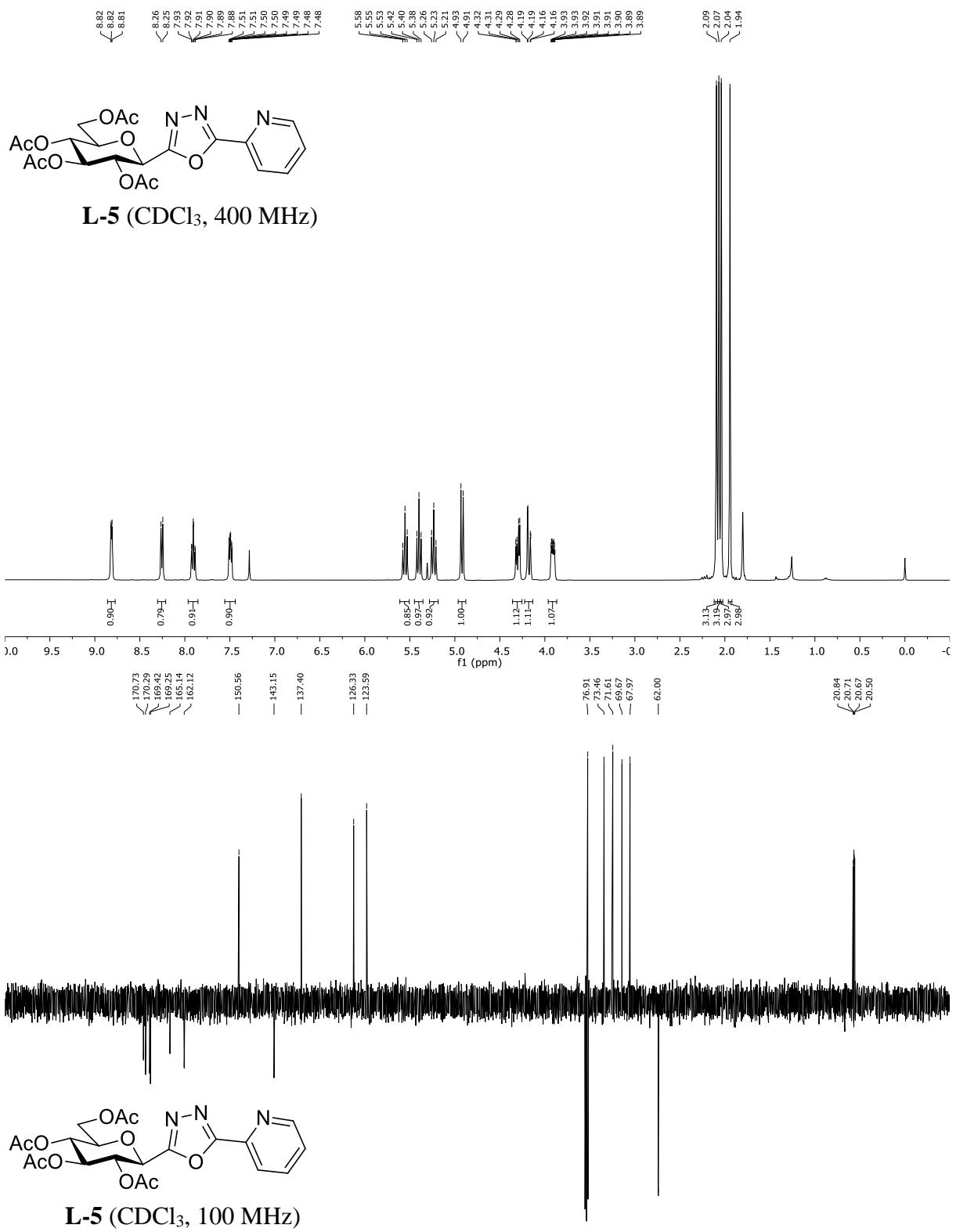


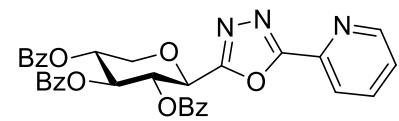
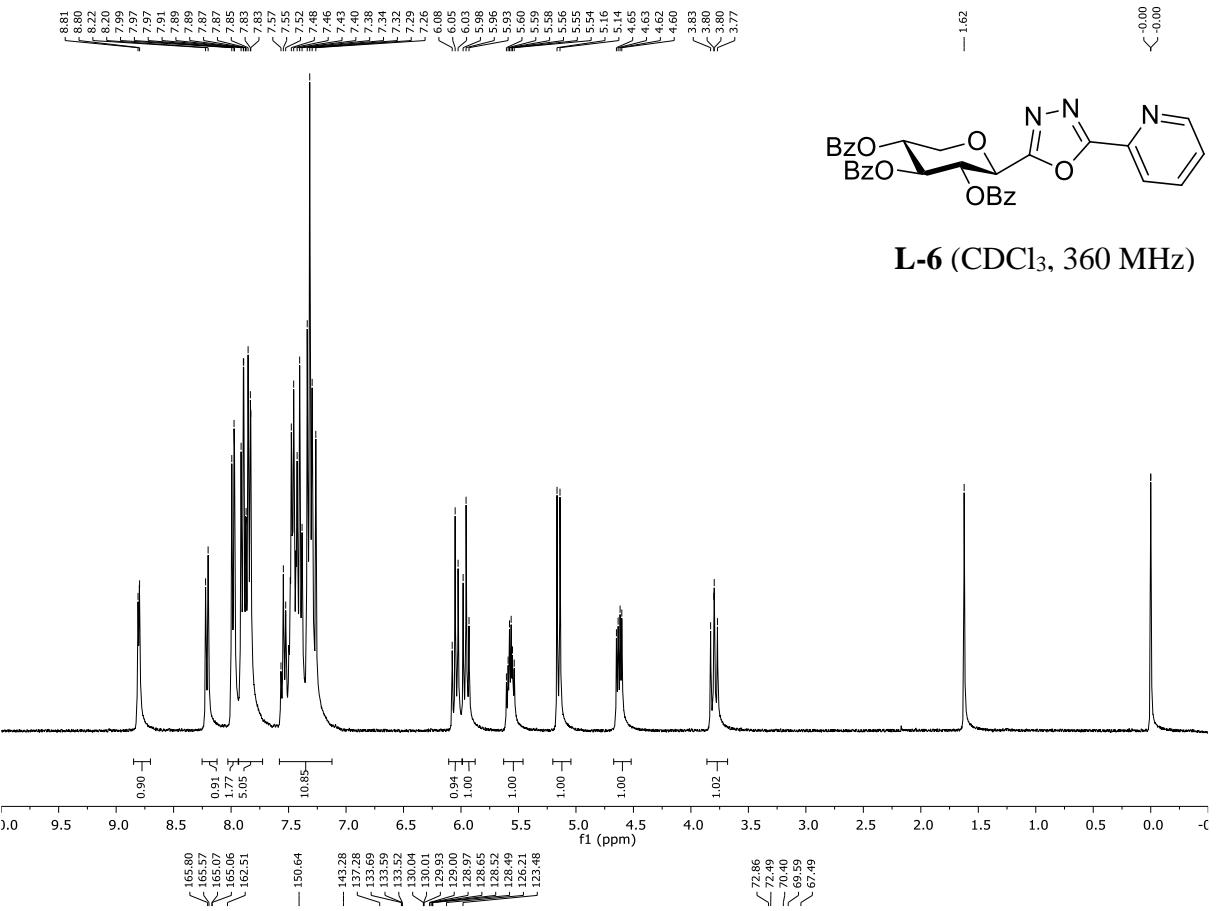
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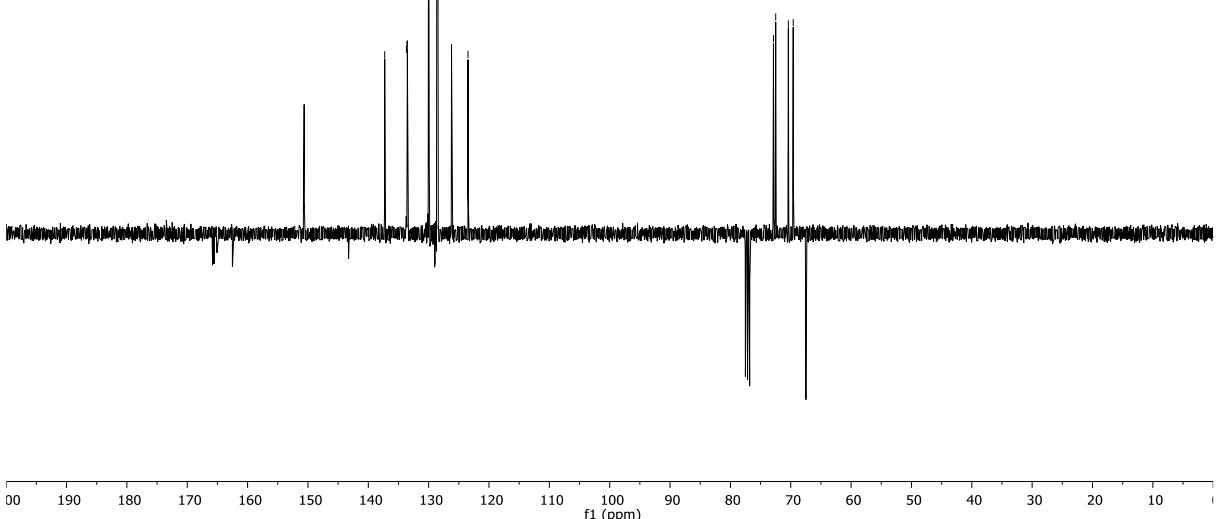
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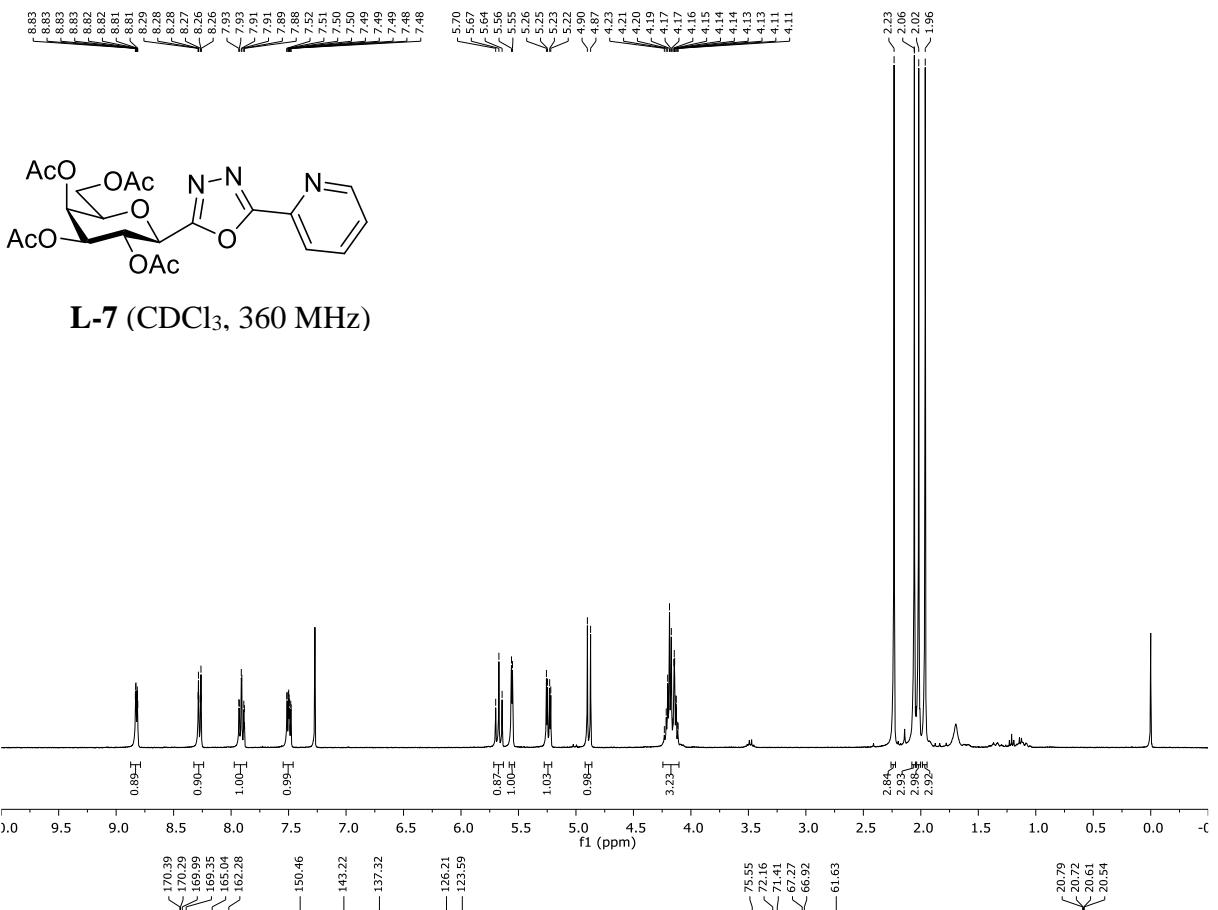




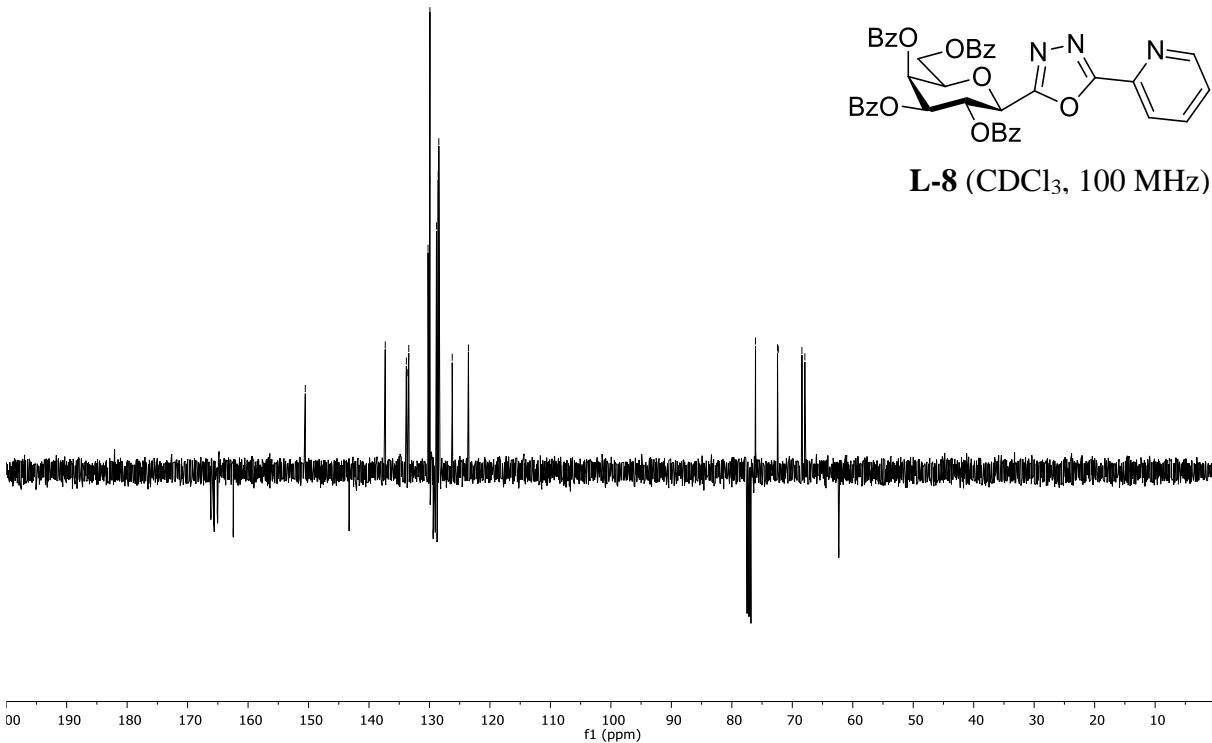
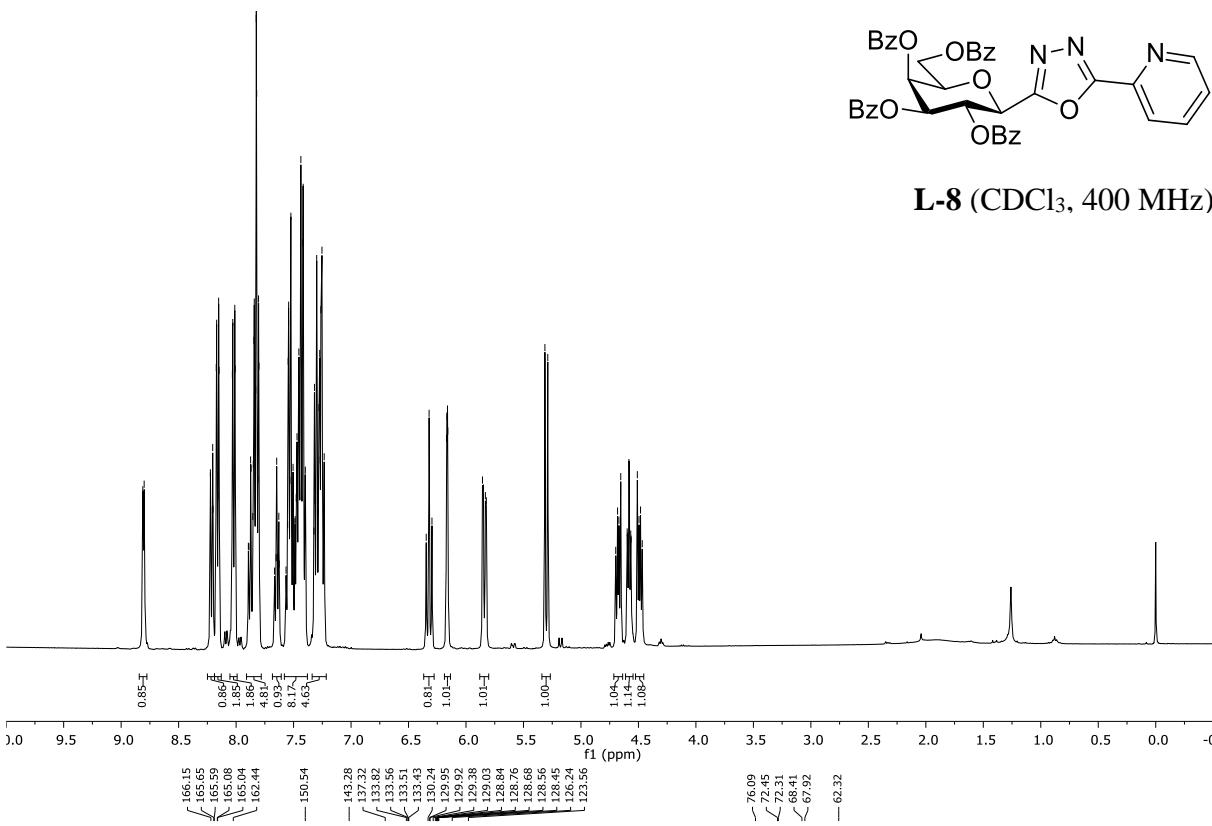


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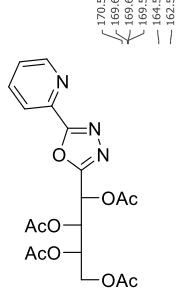
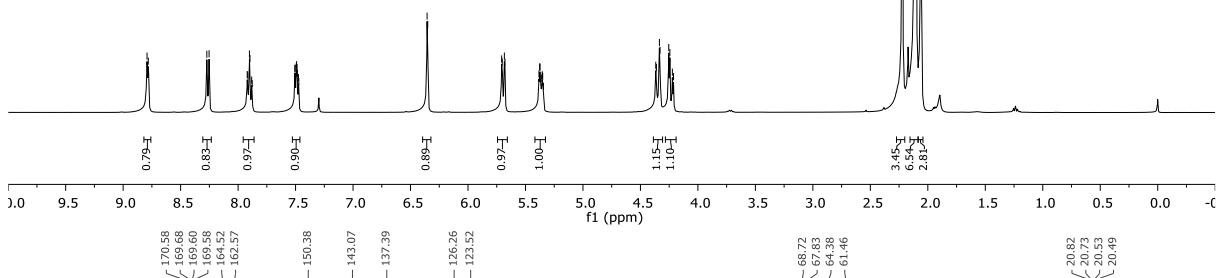


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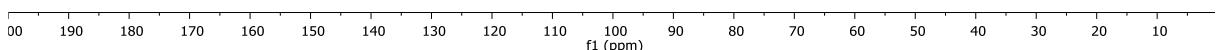


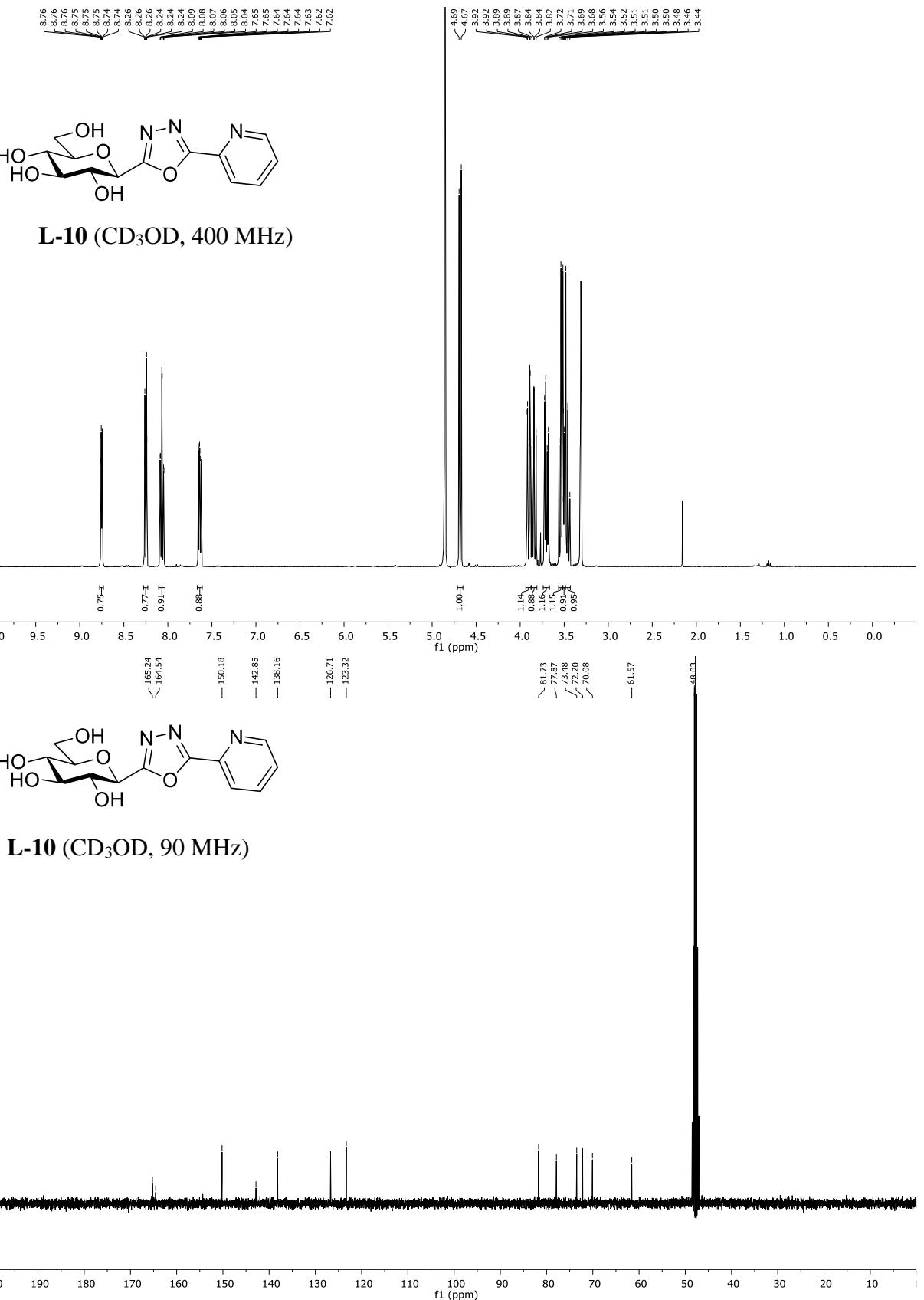


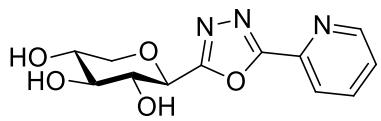
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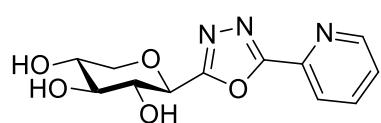
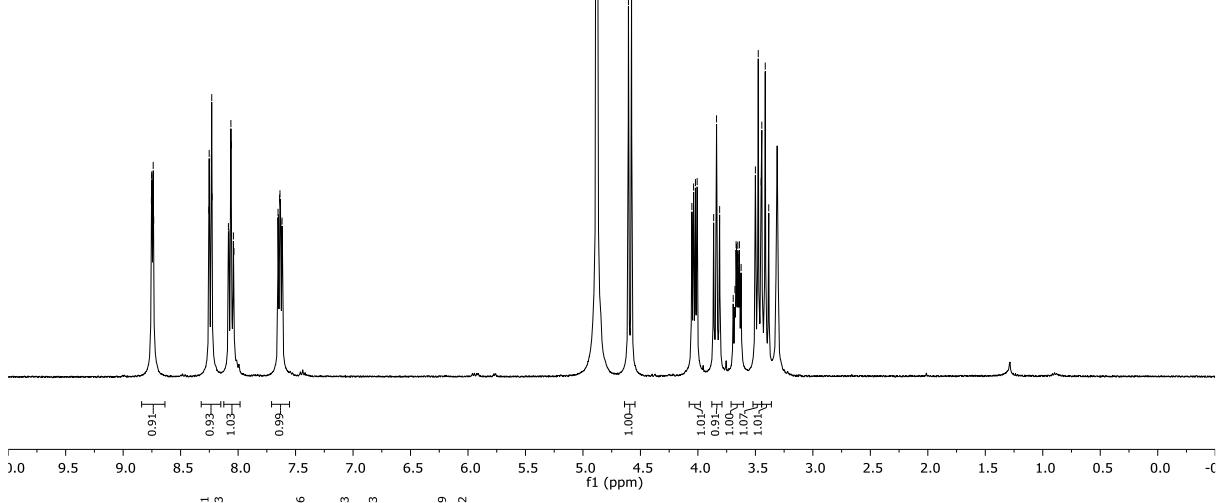
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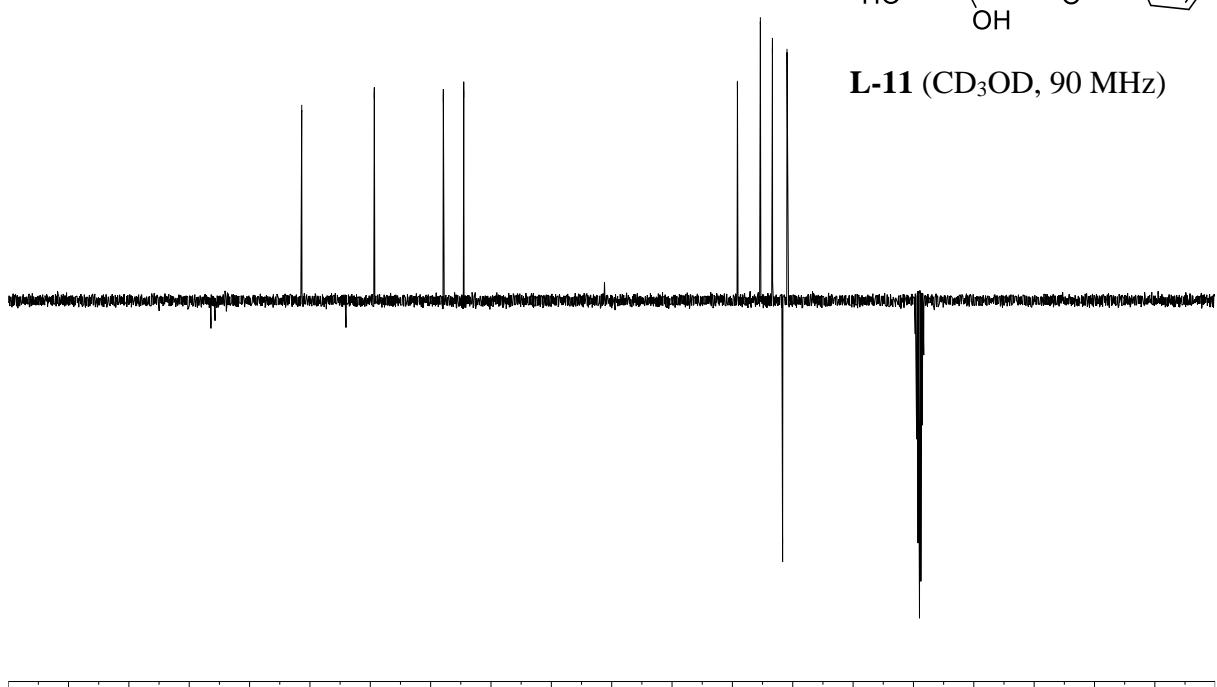


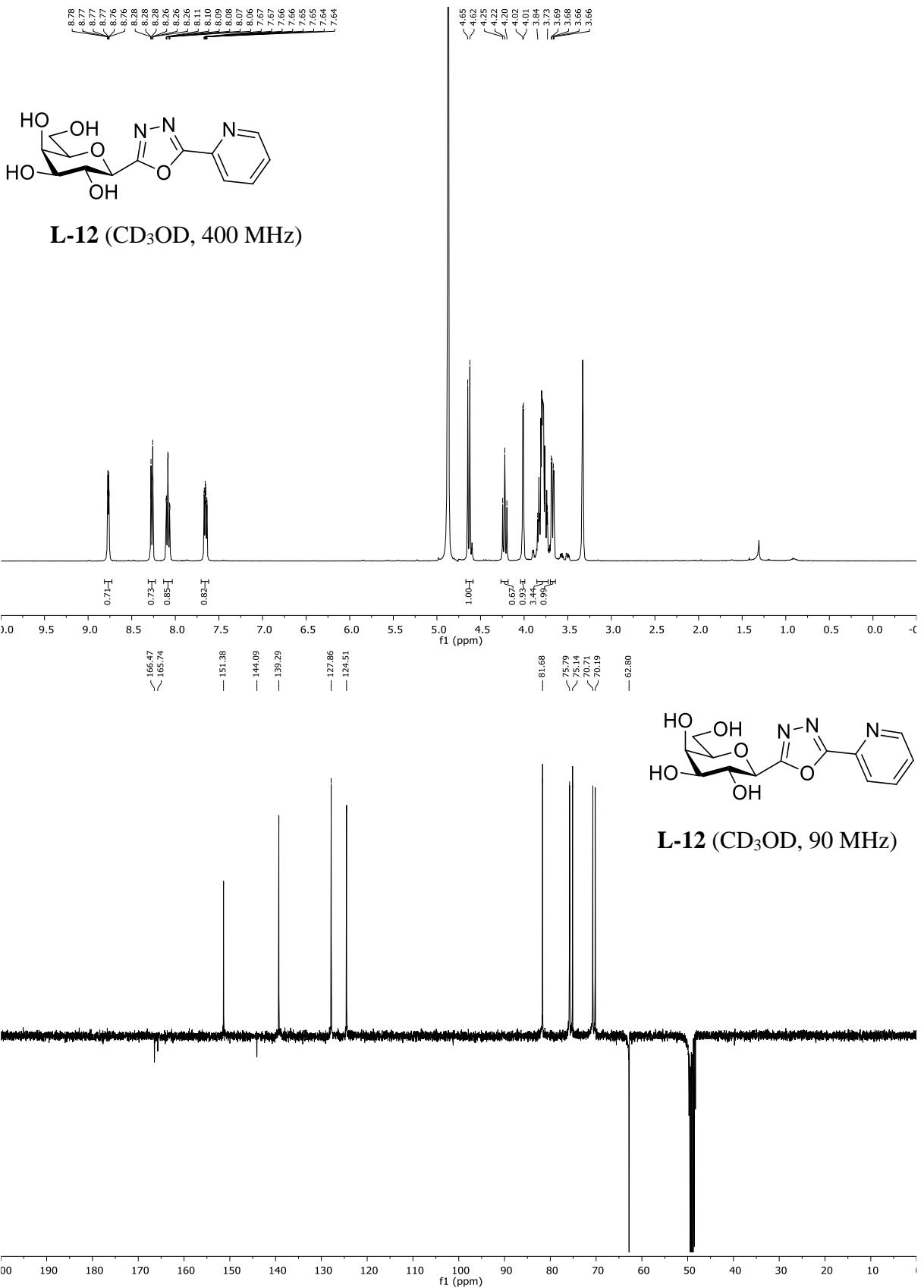


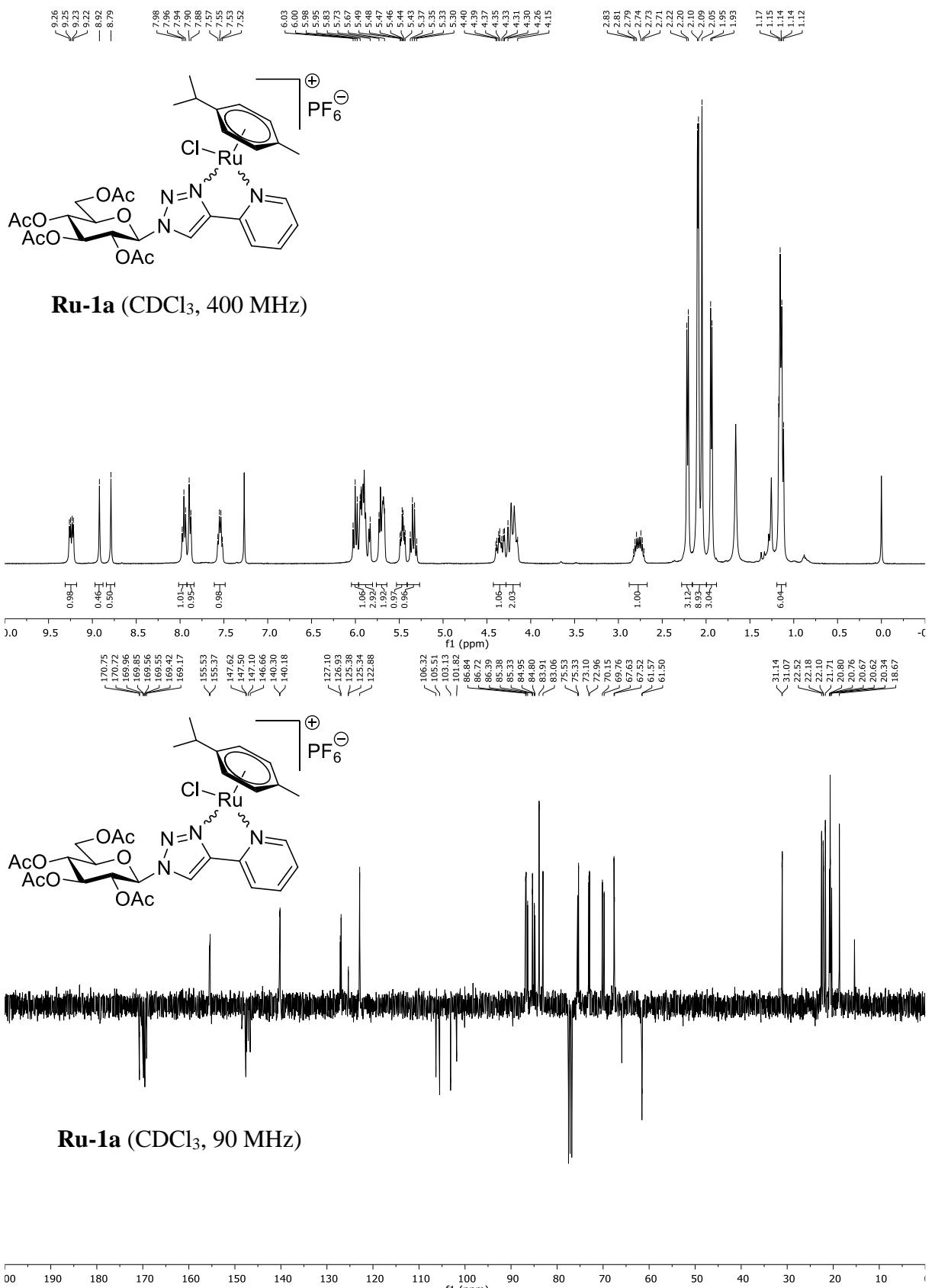
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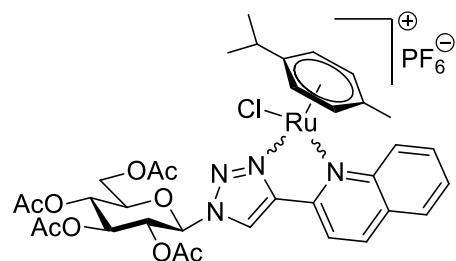
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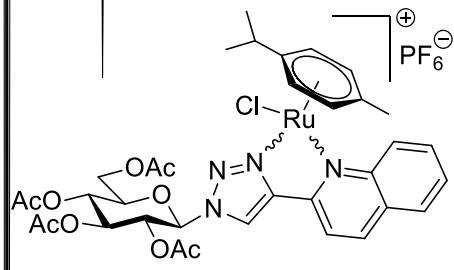
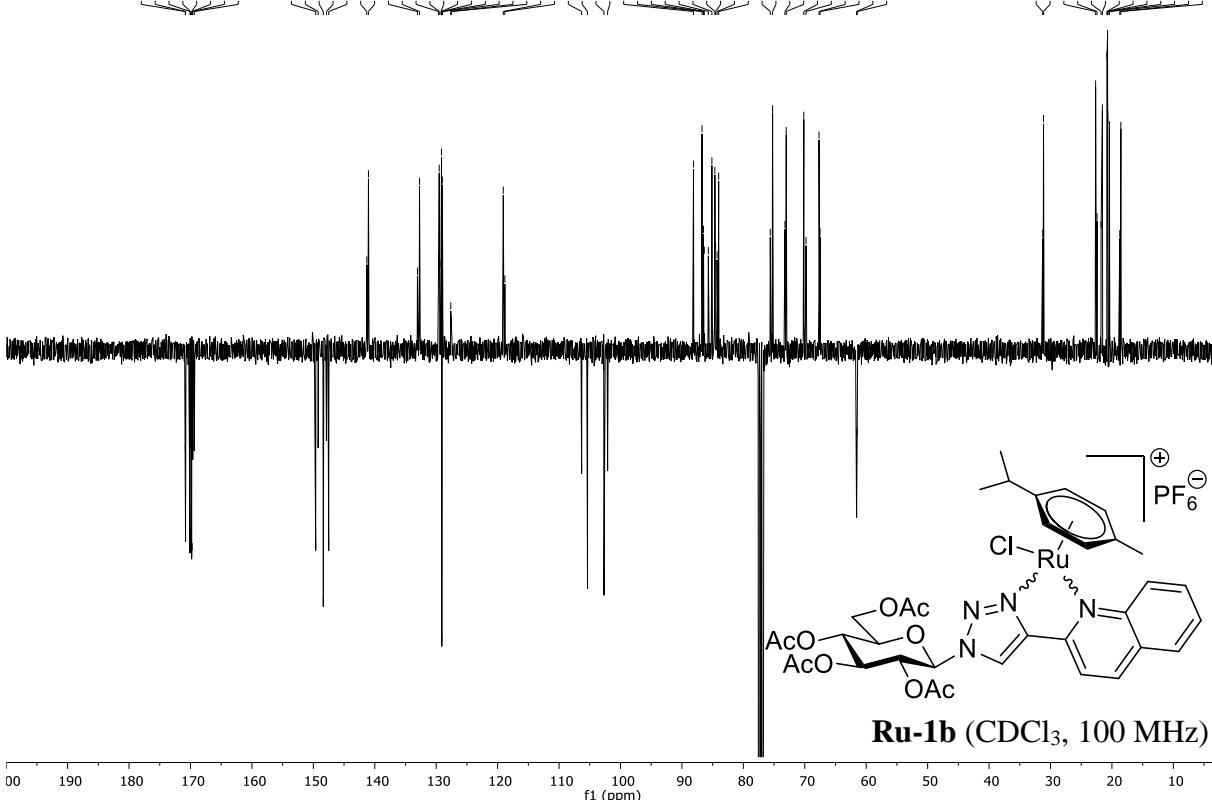
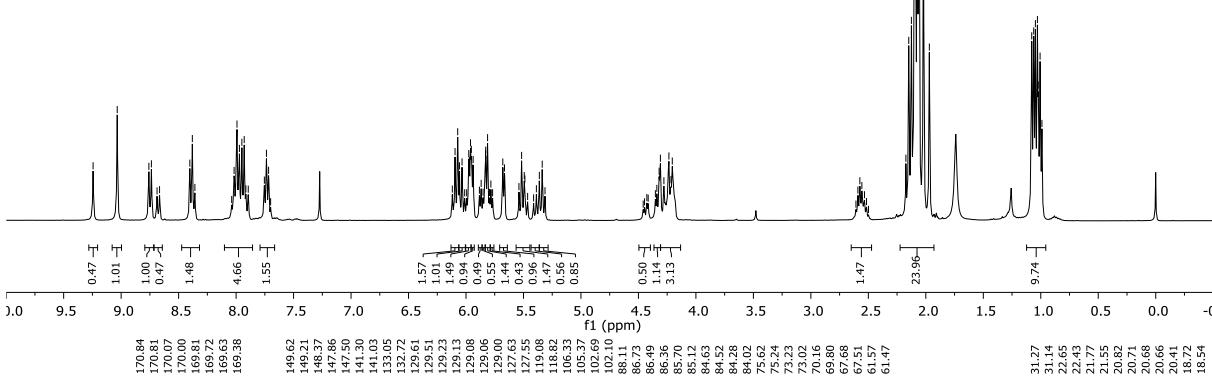




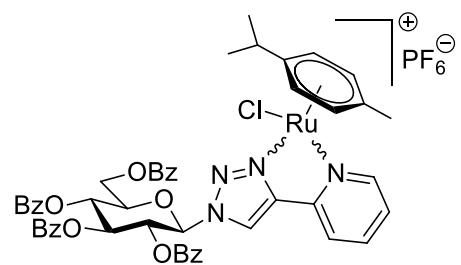
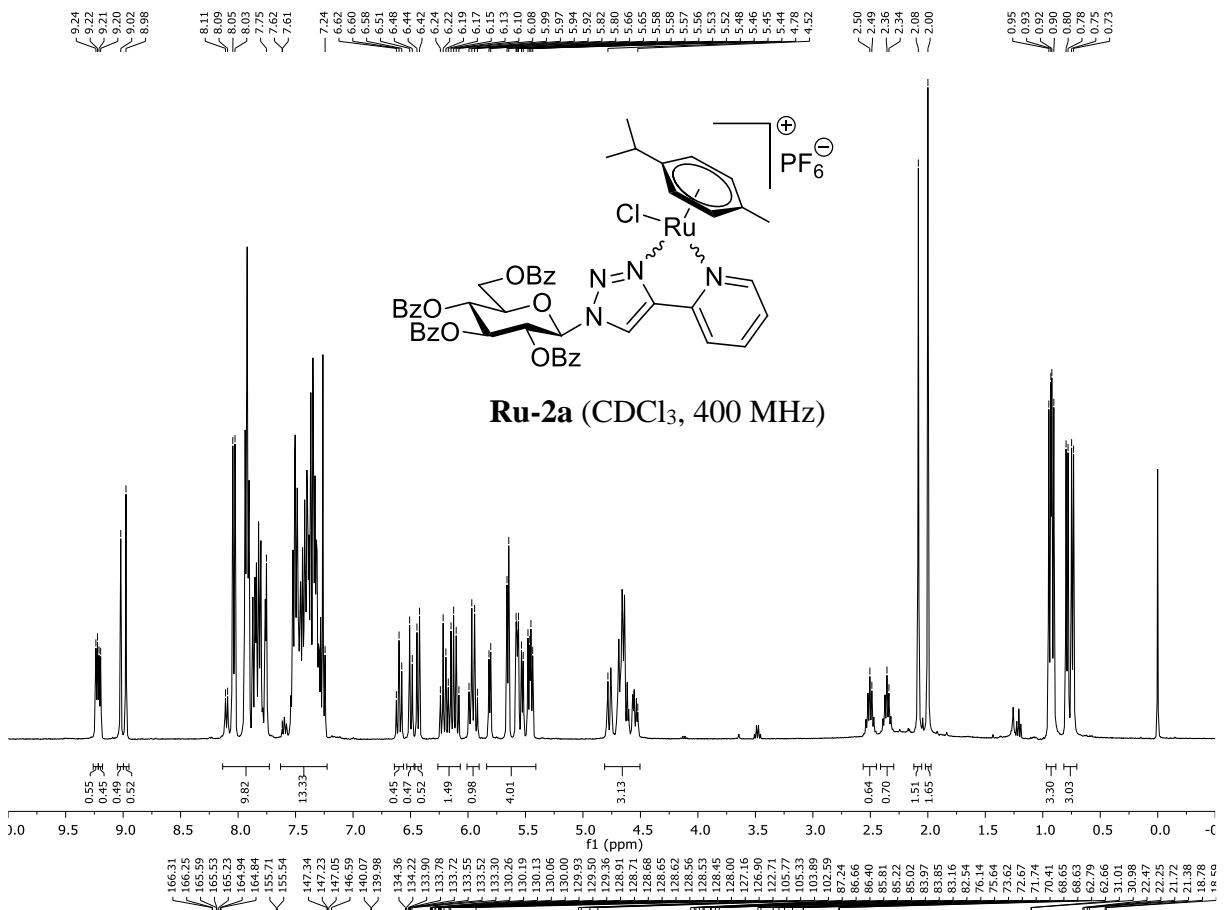
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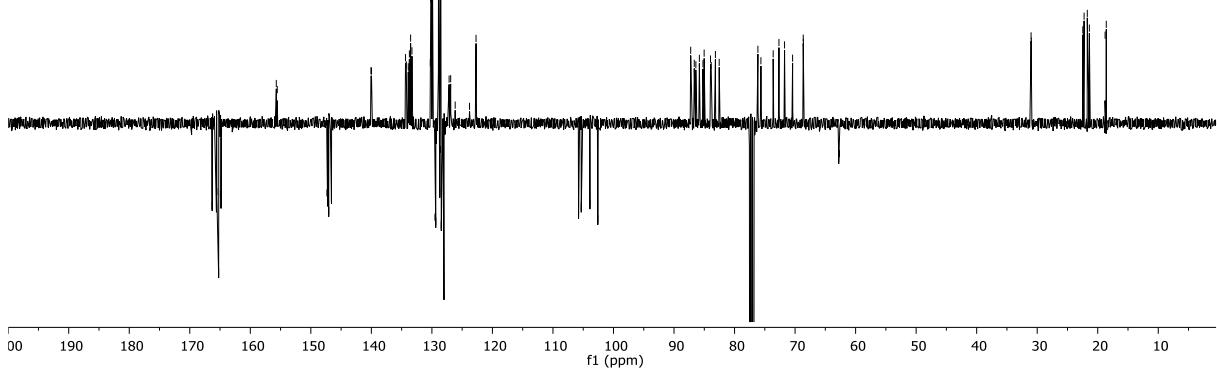
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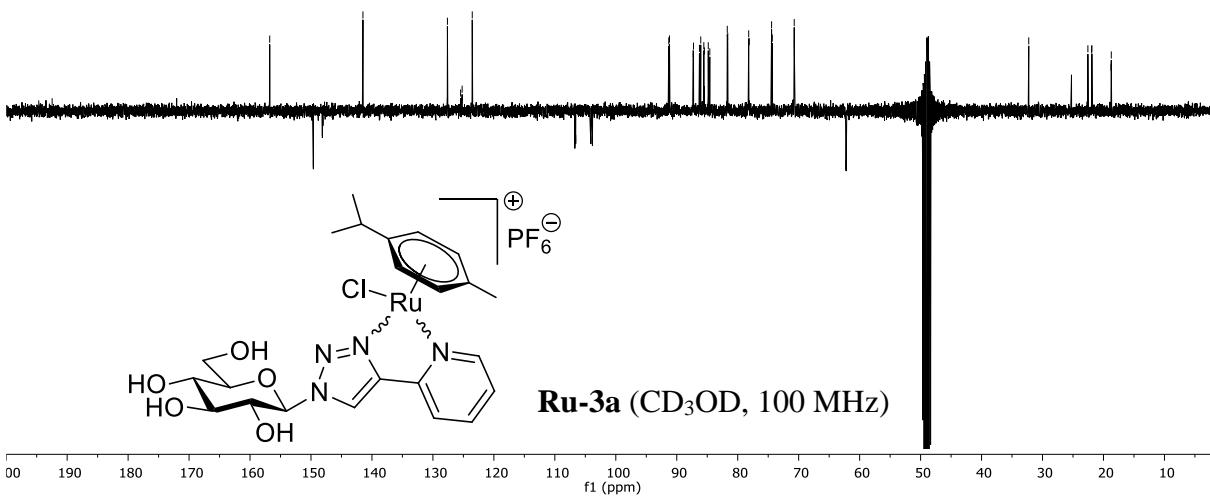
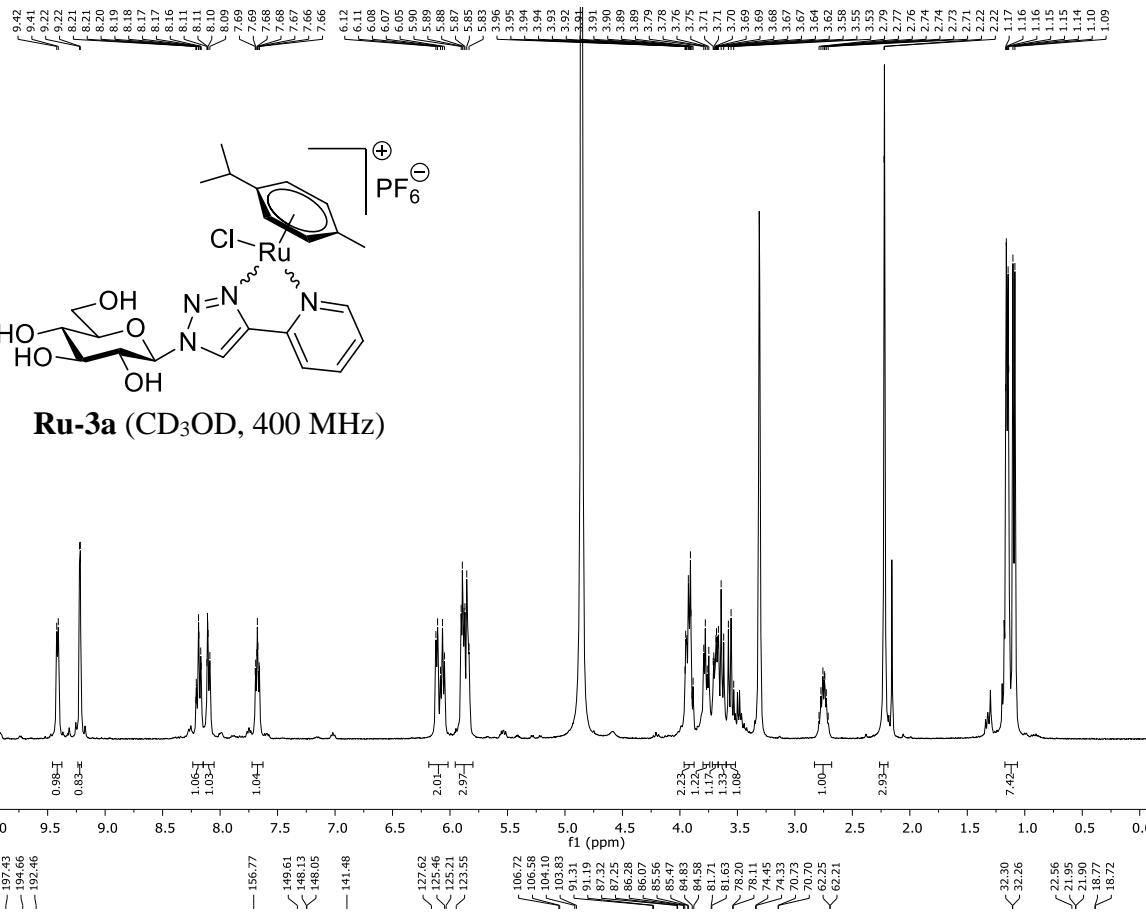


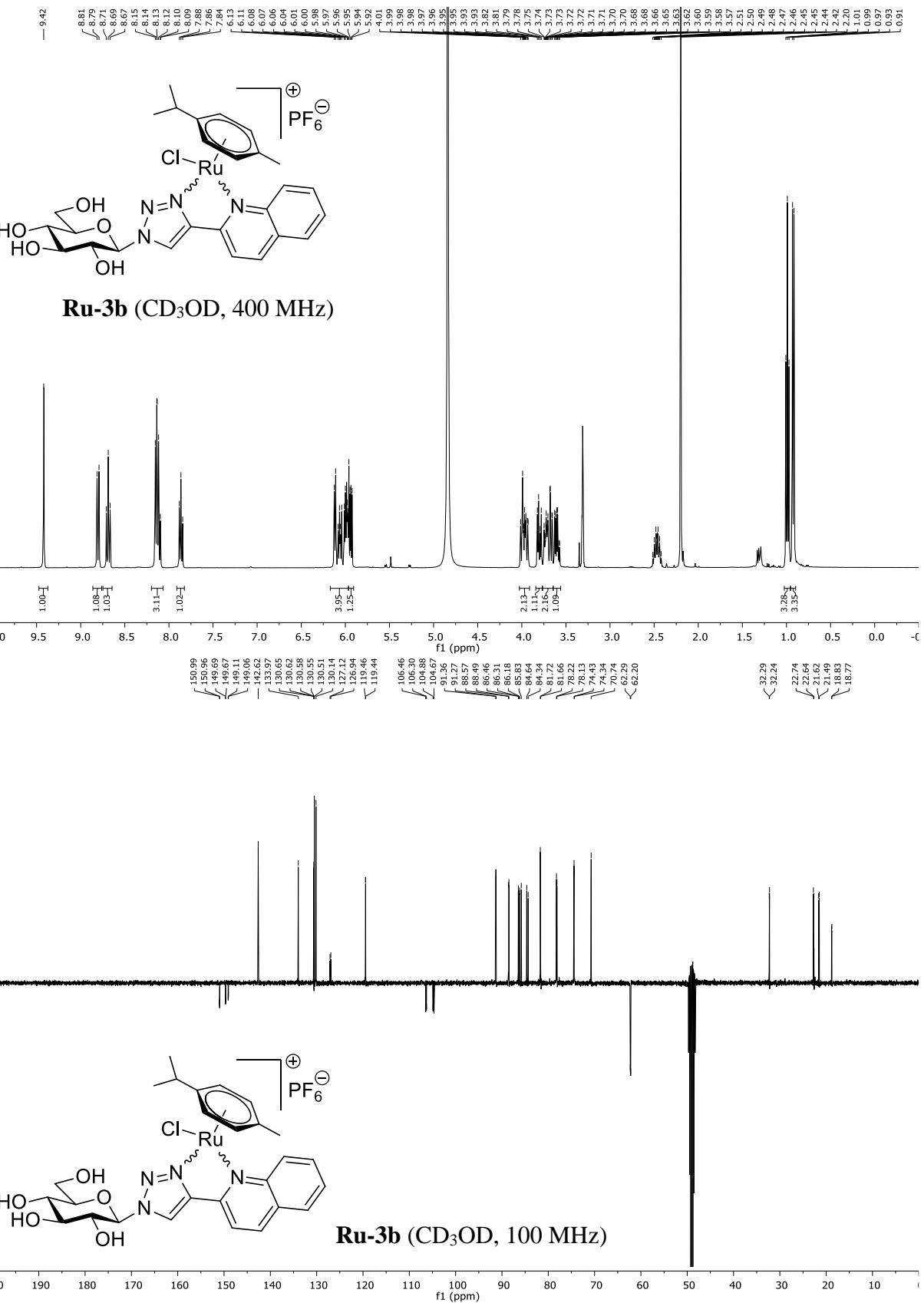
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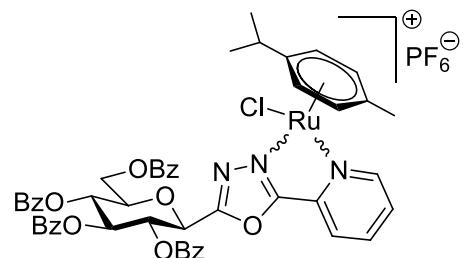
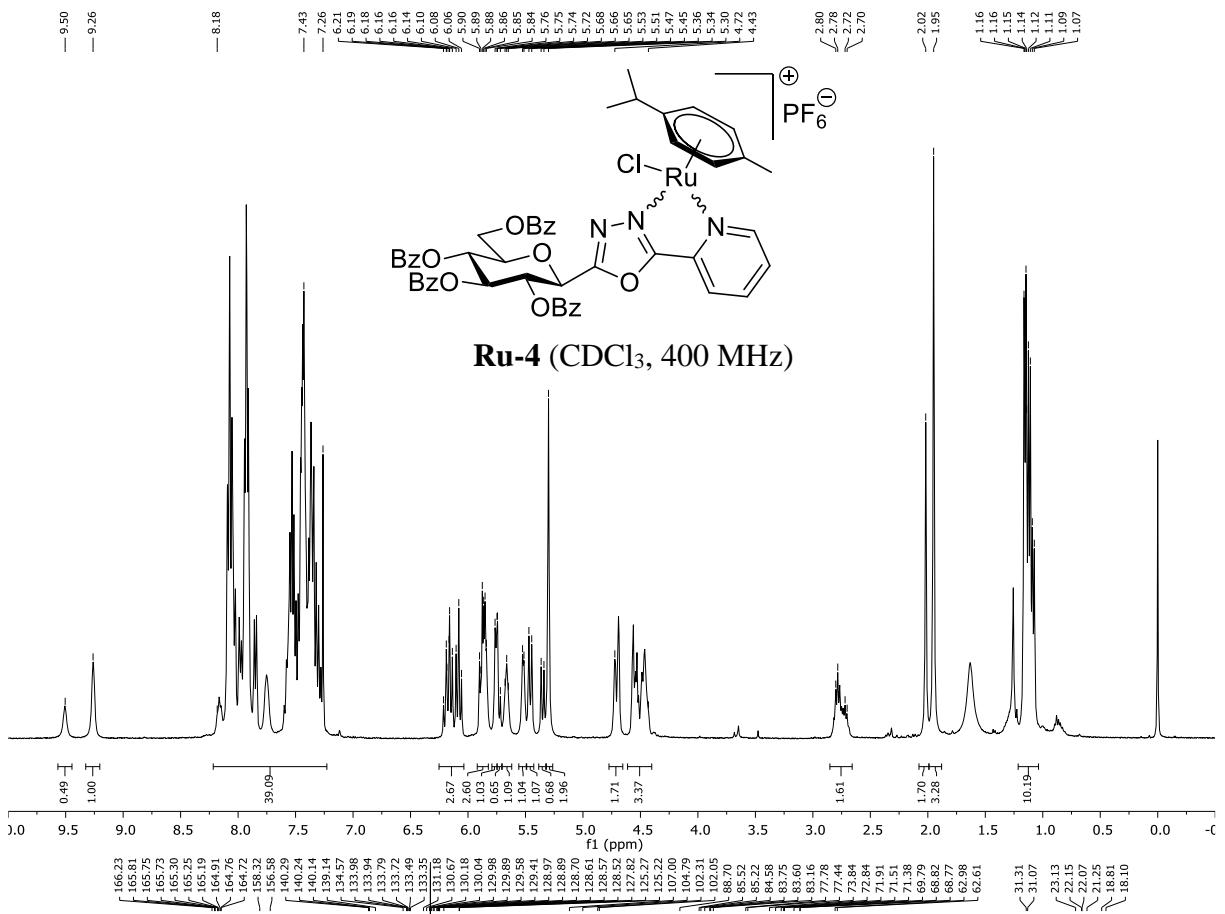


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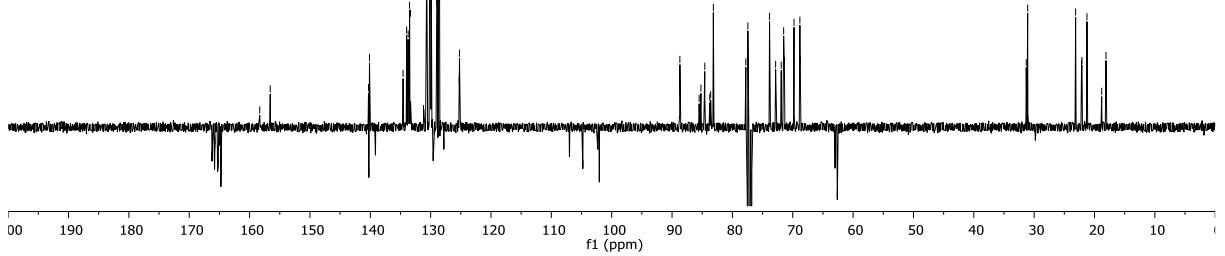


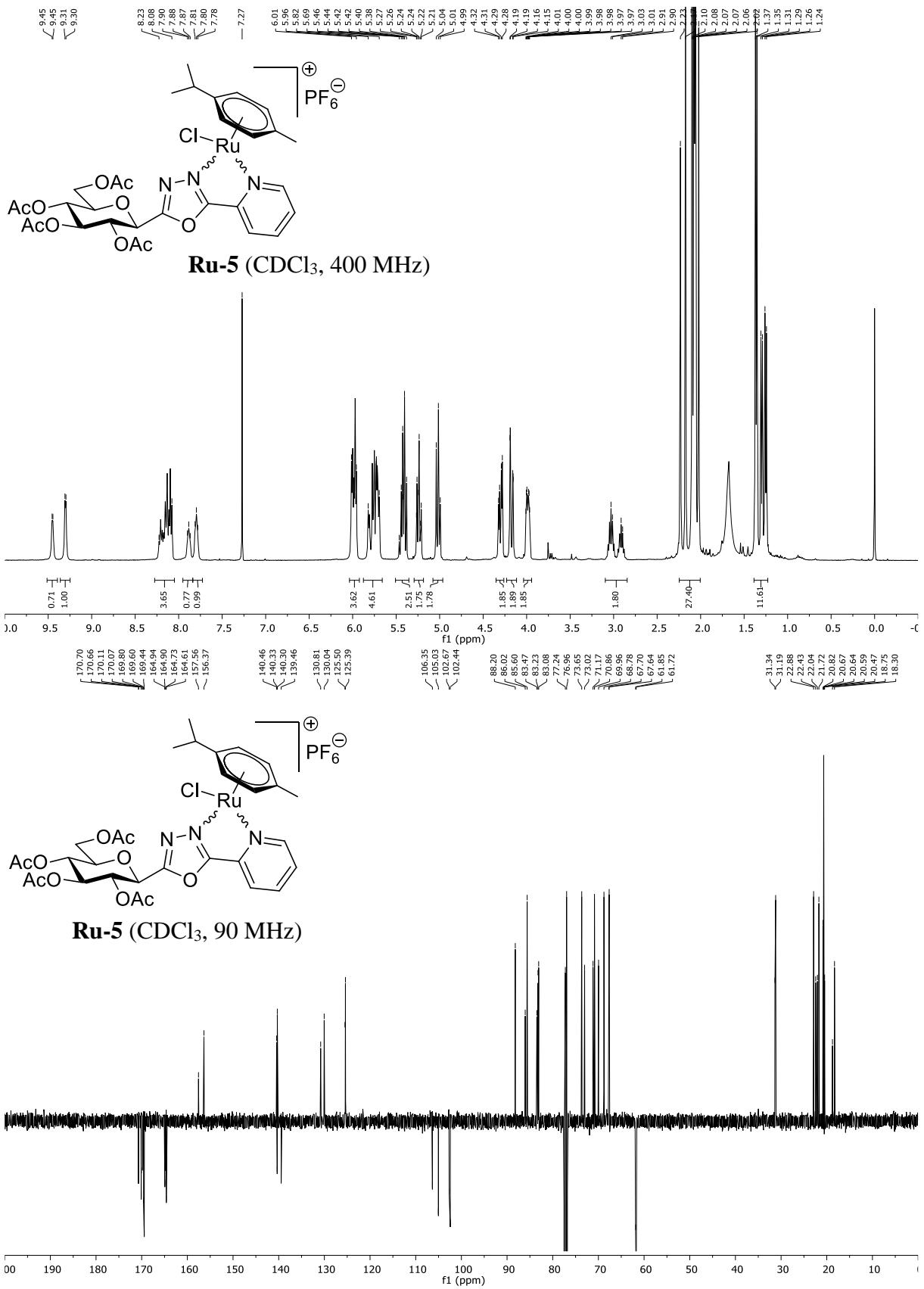


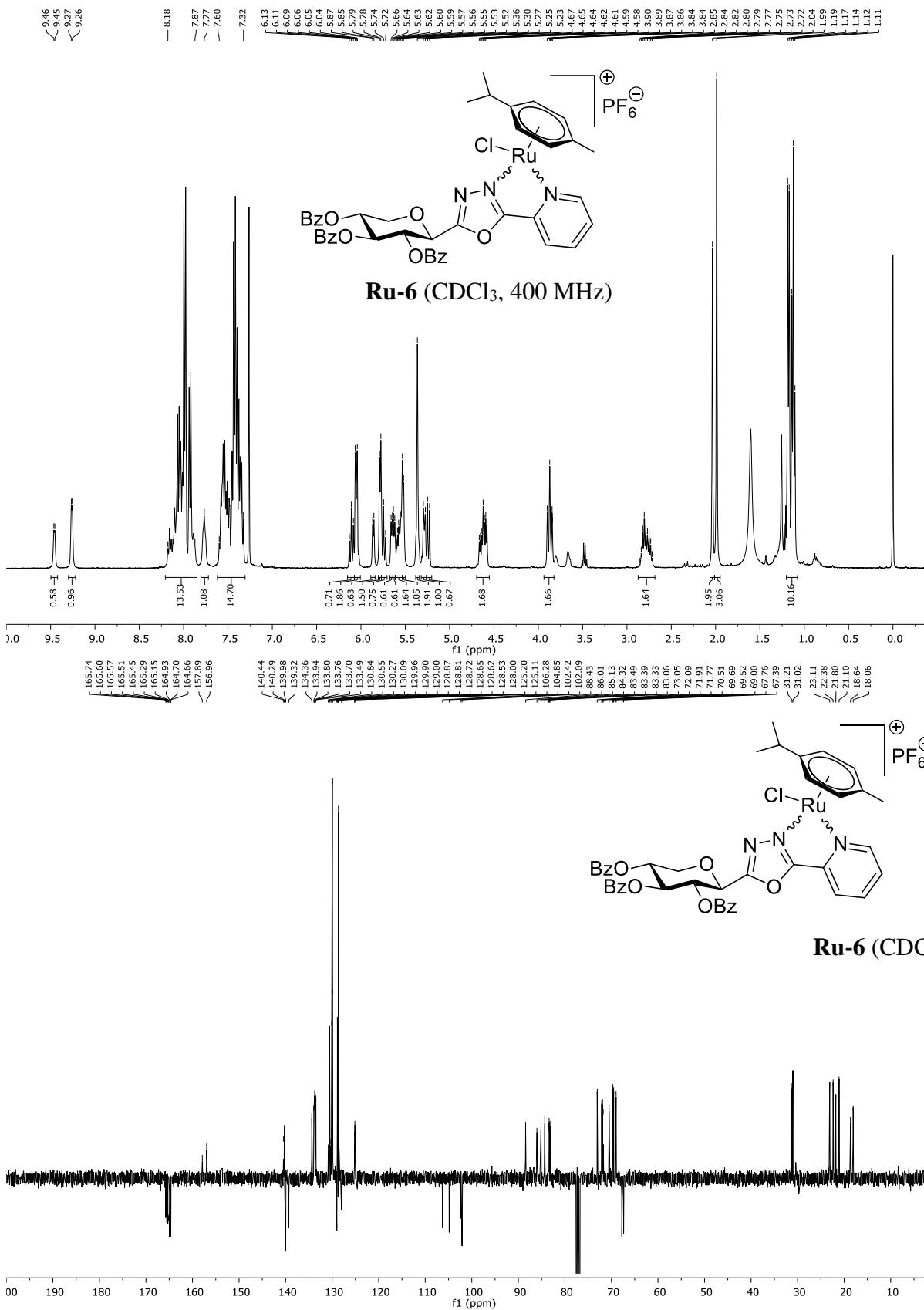


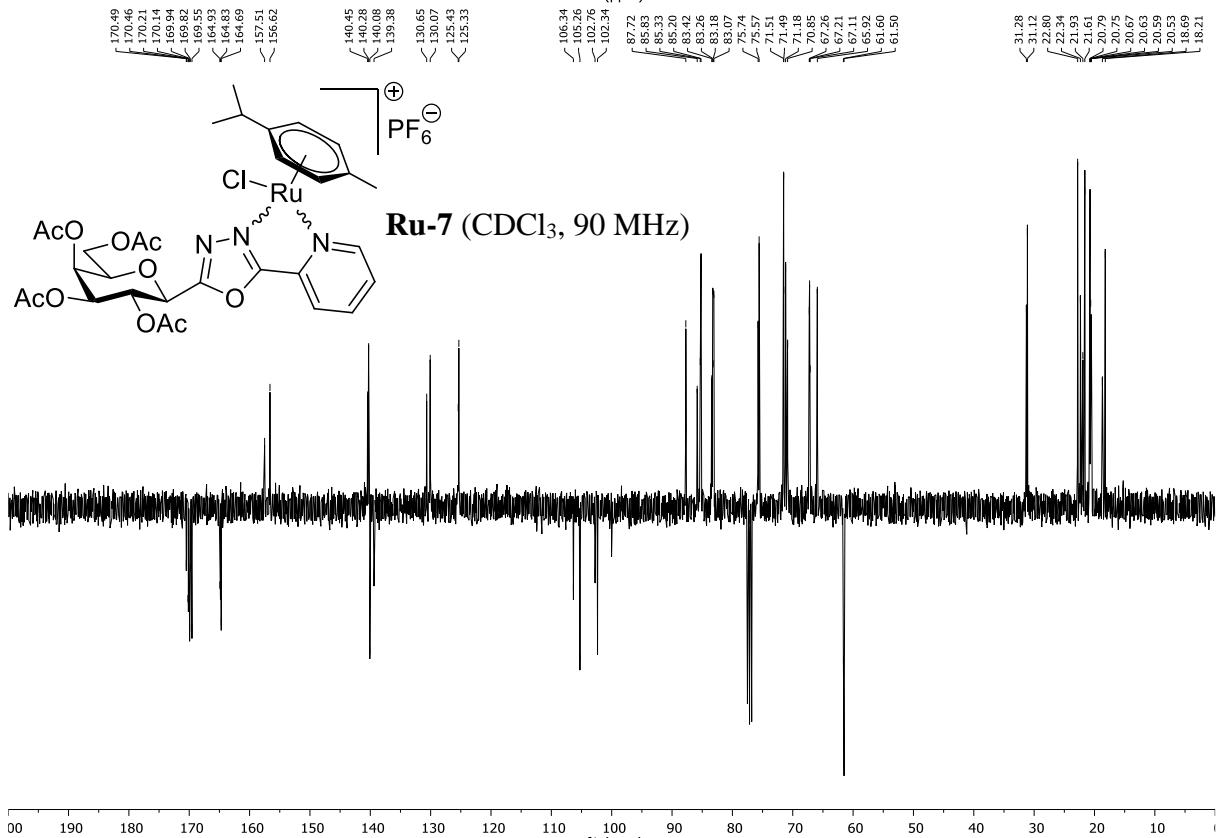
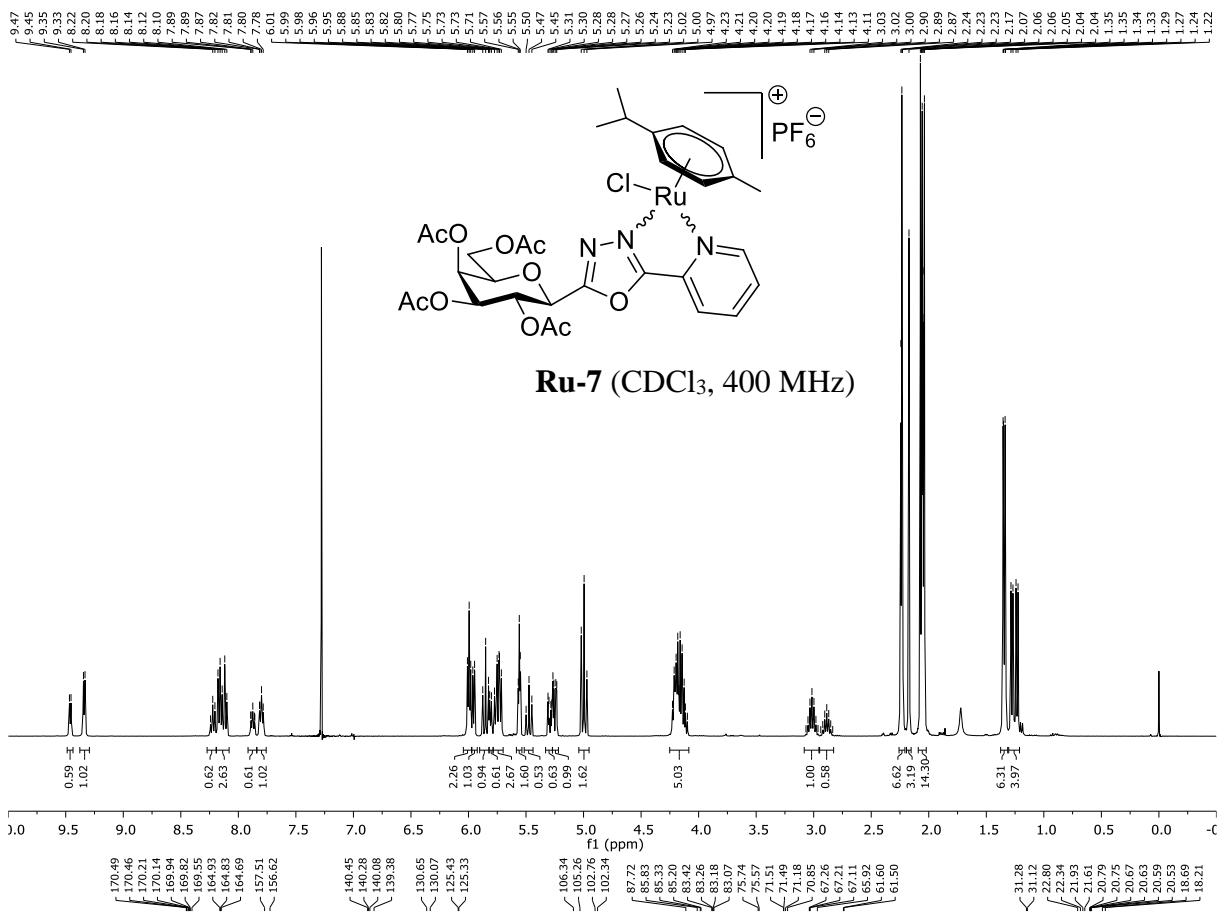


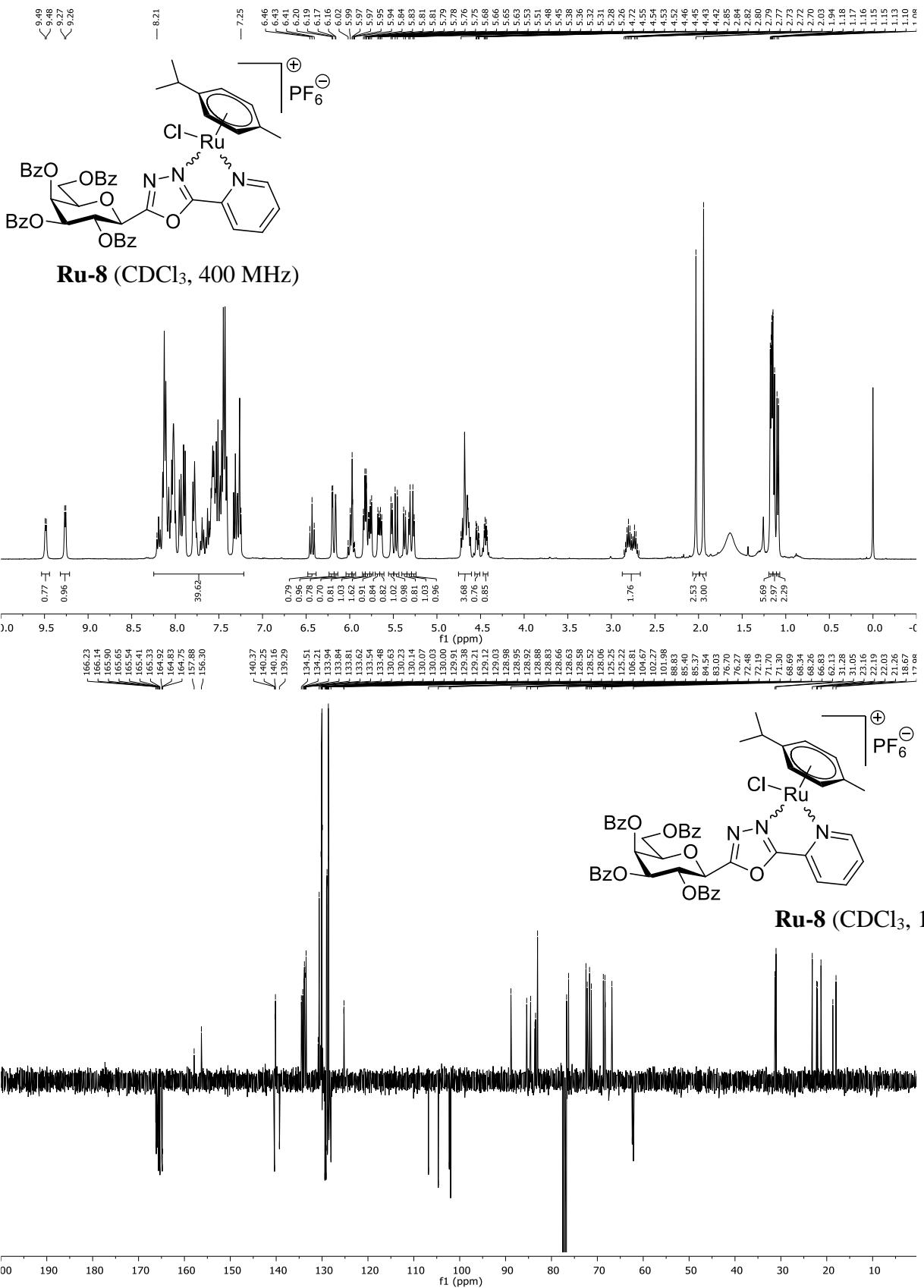
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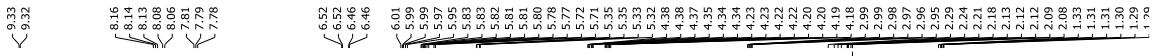




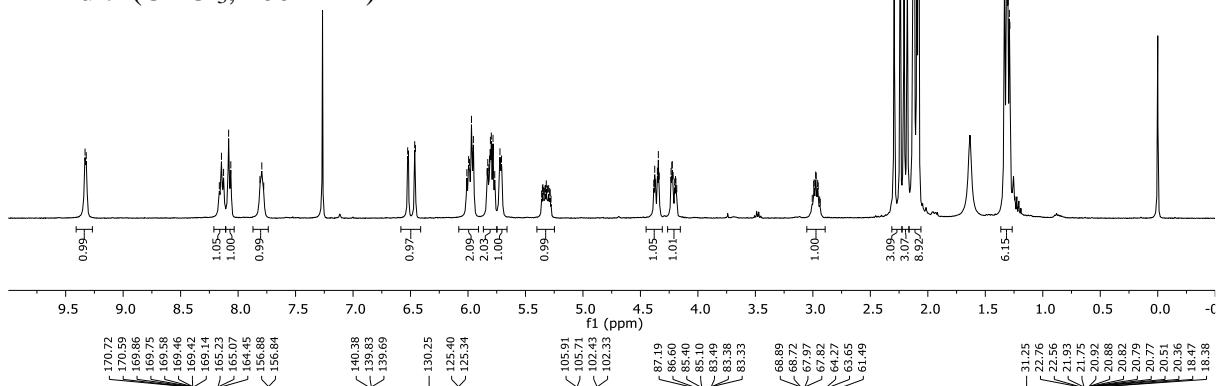




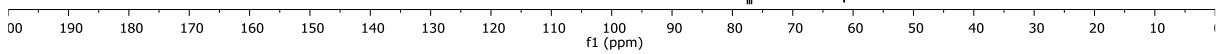


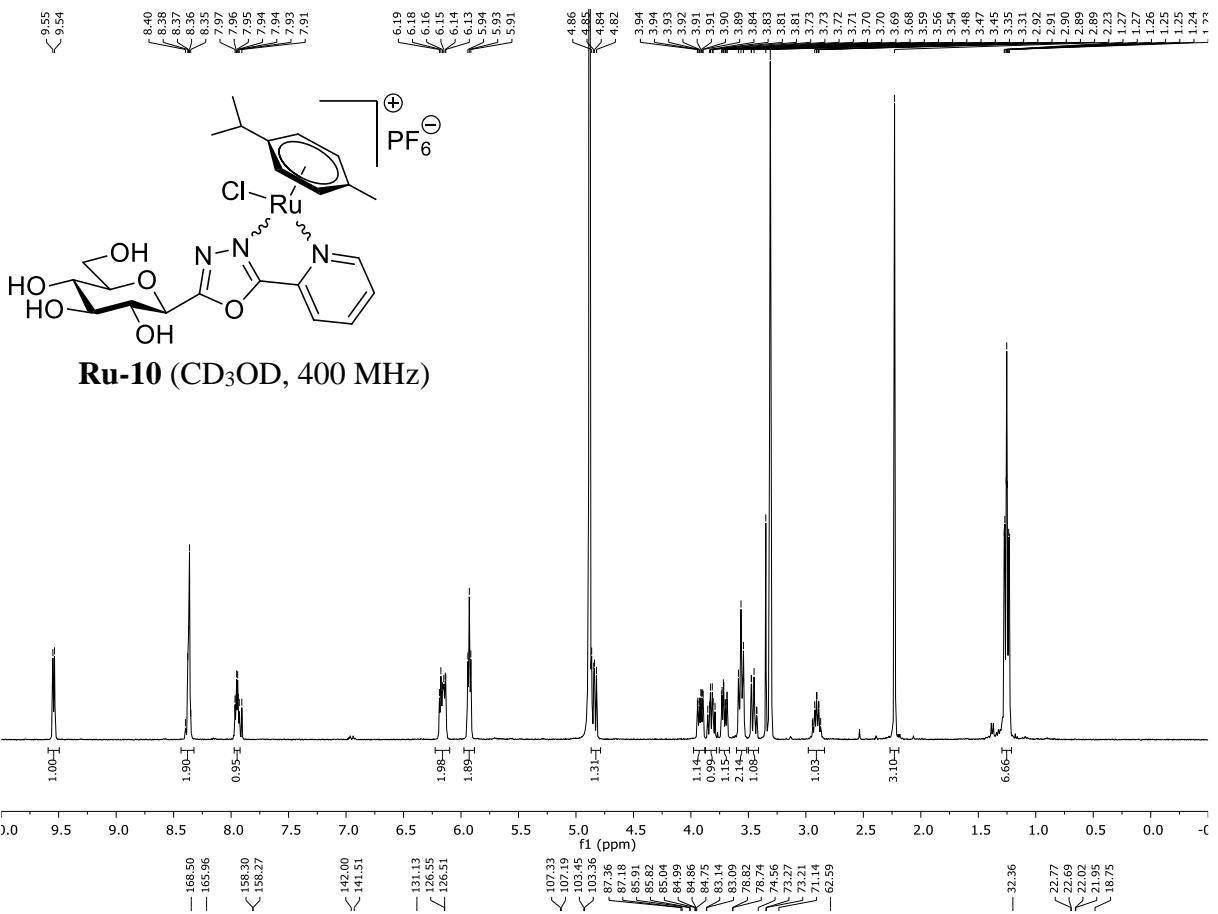


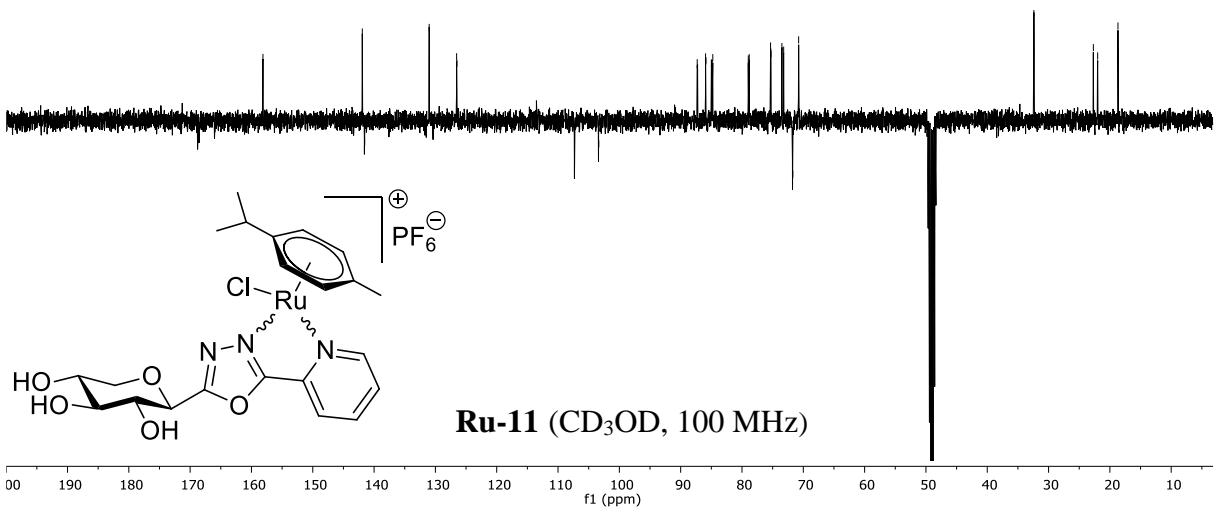
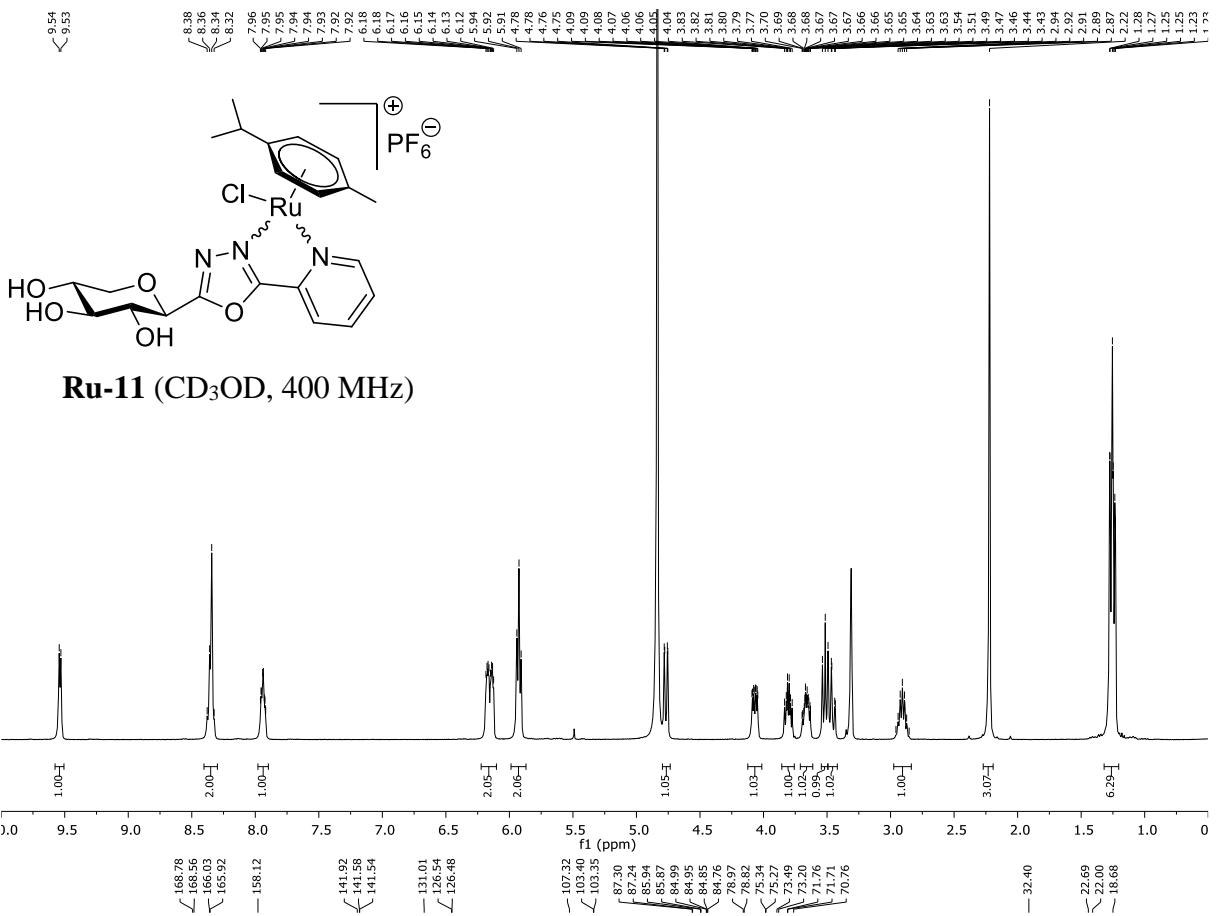
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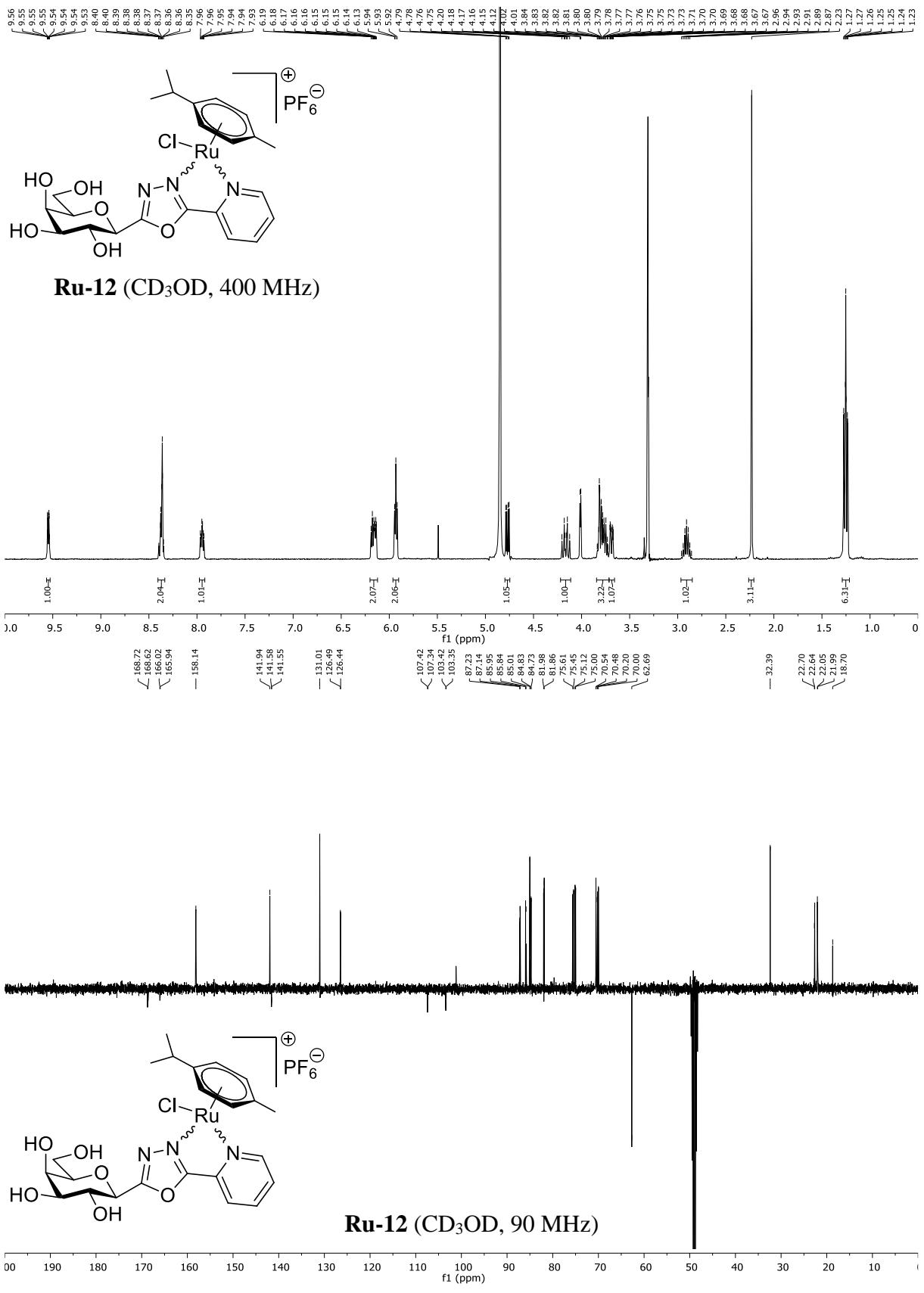


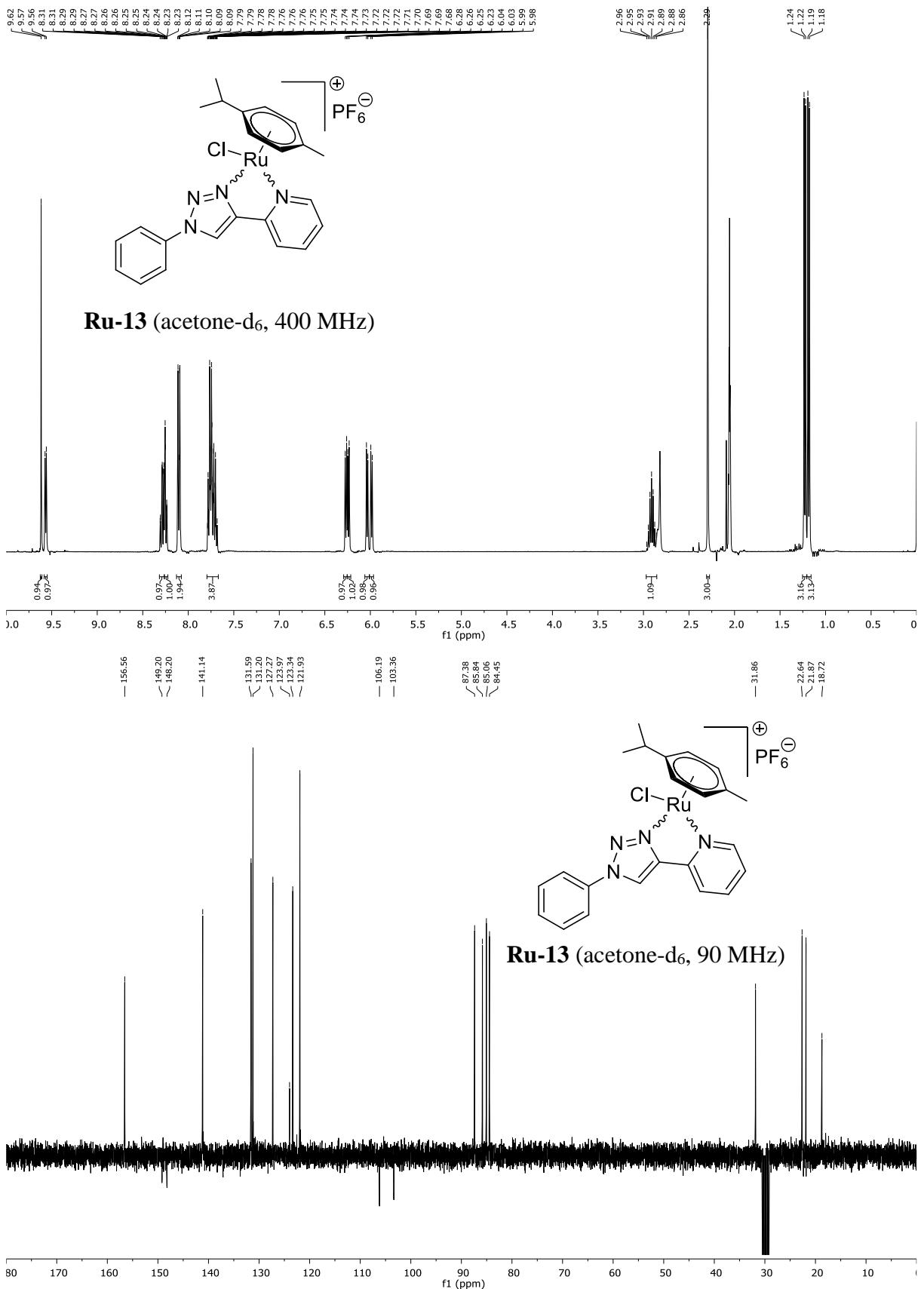
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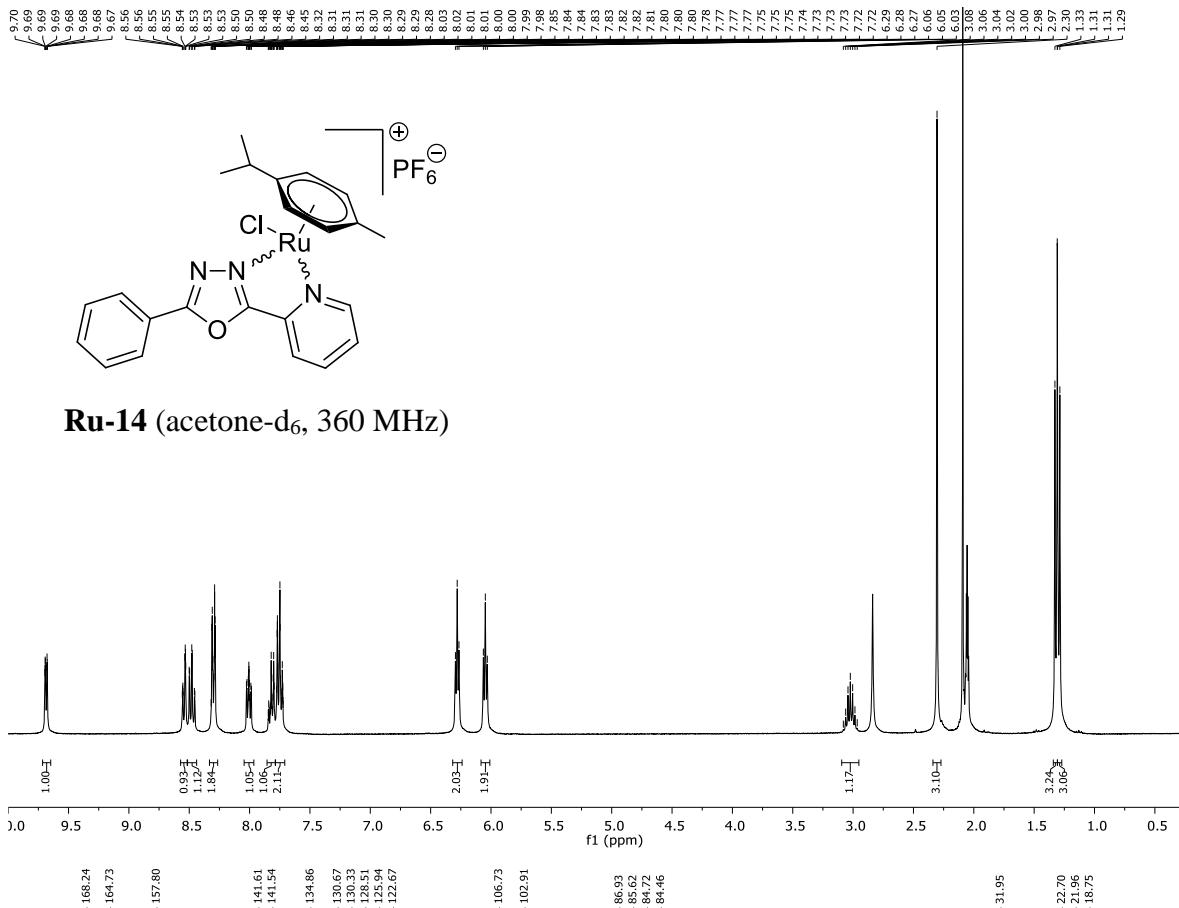




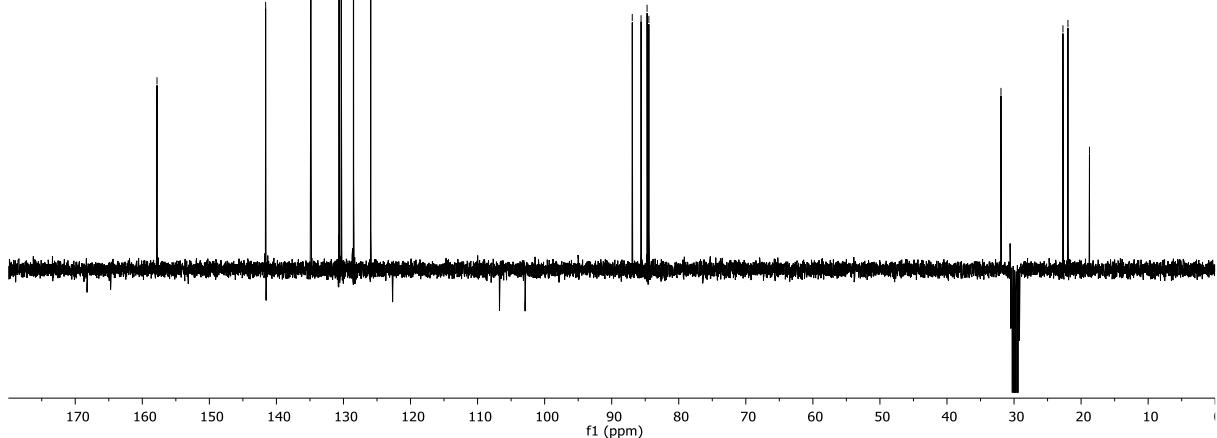
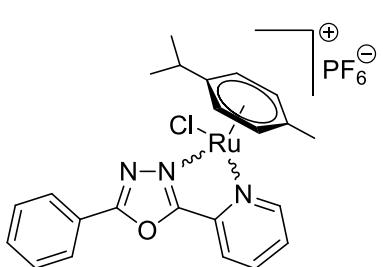




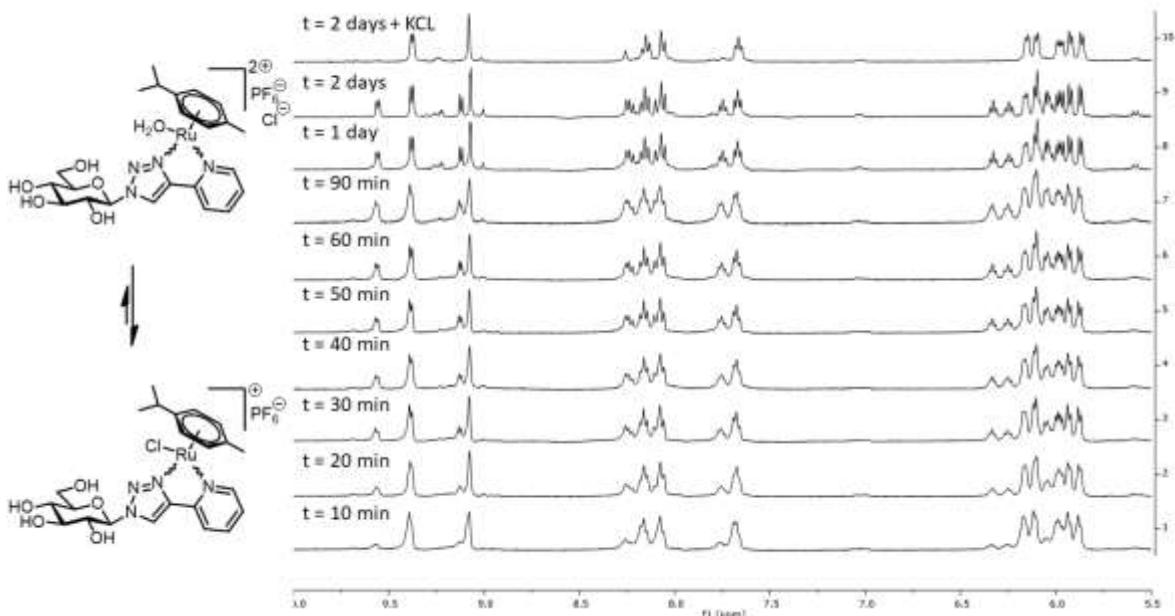




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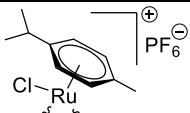
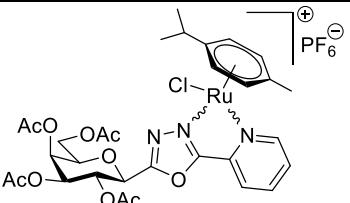
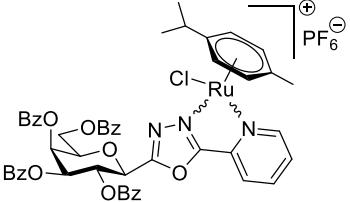
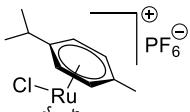
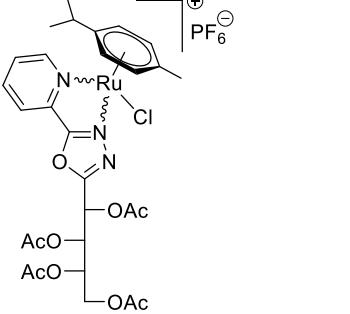
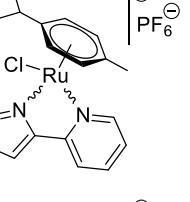
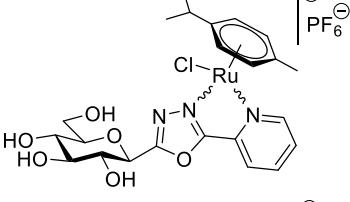
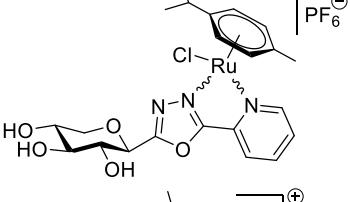
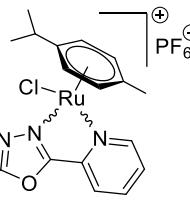
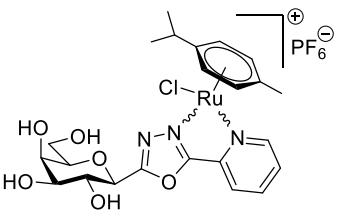
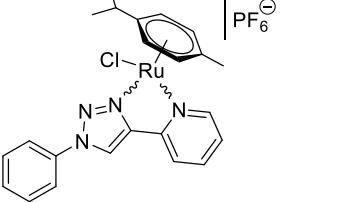
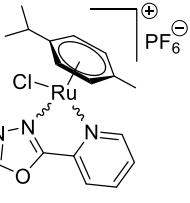
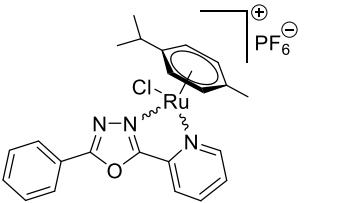


### 3. A representative example for the stability of the complexes in aqueous medium



**Figure S1.** Time dependence of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **Ru-3a** in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  over a 2 day period. By the addition of  $\text{KCl}$  (100 eq.) the original spectrum could be recovered indicating only  $\text{Cl}^-/\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchange during the period of time of the study.

**4. Table S9.** Distribution coefficient of the synthesized complexes (logD)

Complex	LogD	Complex	logD	
	-1.09	<b>Ru-7</b>		-1.29
<b>Ru-1b</b>	-0.97	<b>Ru-8</b>		2.44
	2.85	<b>Ru-9</b>		-1.35
	-1.85	<b>Ru-10</b>		-1.93
<b>Ru-3b</b>	-1.30	<b>Ru-11</b>		-1.73
	2.41	<b>Ru-12</b>		-1.73
<b>Ru-5</b>	-1.80	<b>Ru-13</b>		0.44
	2.04	<b>Ru-14</b>		1.63

