## **Supporting Information**

# Ruthenium Olefin Metathesis Catalysts Featuring a Labile Carbodicarbene Ligand

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#### **General Considerations.**

All experiments were conducted using standard Schlenk techniques or in a nitrogen atmosphere glovebox. All solvents were dried by passage through solvent purification columns, further degassed with argon, and stored over activated 3Å molecular sieves. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratory and were degassed and dried prior to use. Ethyl vinyl ether was degassed and stored over 3Å molecular sieves.

 $(H_2IMes)(py)_2(CI)_2Ru=CHPh,^1$   $(H_2IPr)(py)_2(CI)_2Ru=CHPh,^2$  carbodicarbene **1**,<sup>3</sup> endo,exo-norbornenyl diethyl diester,<sup>4</sup> and 2-isopropoxy-β-methylstyrene<sup>5</sup> were prepared according to literature procedures.

Standard NMR spectroscopic experiments were performed using a Varian Inova 400 MHz spectrometer, and kinetics experiments were conducted on a Varian 600 MHz spectrometer with an AutoX probe. <sup>1</sup>H were calibrated internally to the residual proteo solvent relative to tetramethylsilane. Spectra were analyzed using MestReNova Ver. 10.0 software.

SEC data were collected using two Agilent PLgel MIXED-B  $300 \times 7.5$  mm columns with 10 µm beads, connected to an Agilent 1260 Series pump, a Wyatt 18- angle DAWN HELEOS light scattering detector, and Optilab rEX differential refractive index detector. The SEC mobile phase was THF. Online determination of dn/dc assumed 100% mass elution under the peak of interest.

High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) data was obtained using an Autoflex MALDI-TOF instrument for solvent free samples with a benzylidene malononitrile matrix (complexes 2 and 3) or on a JEOL MSRoute mass spectrometer using FAB+ ionization (complexes 4 and 5).

The purity of complexes 2 and 3 was established by NMR spectroscopy.

## Synthesis of (H<sub>2</sub>IMes)(CDC)(Cl)<sub>2</sub>Ru=CHPh (2).

In a glovebox, a 20 mL scintillation vial was charged with (H<sub>2</sub>IMes)(py)<sub>2</sub>(Cl)<sub>2</sub>Ru=CHPh (68.2 mg, 0.094 mmol), carbodicarbene **1** (31.4 mg, 0.103 mmol) and benzene (8 mL). Over 5 minutes, the solution changed in color from green to orange. After stirring at 25 °C for 3 hours, the solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford an orange solid and was triturated twice with pentane (5 mL). The orange powder was dissolved in 2 mL of THF, filtered through Celite, layered with diethyl ether (8 mL), and stored at –30 °C to afford orange crystals of (H<sub>2</sub>IMes)(CDC)(Cl)<sub>2</sub>Ru=CHPh (**2**, 76.1 mg, 93% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 19.62 (s, 1H, Ru=C*H*Ph), 9.17 (br s, 1H, *o*-Ph), 6.91 (overlapping m, 4H, CDC and *m*-Mes), 6.81 (s, 1H, *m*-Mes), 6.65 (overlapping m, 4H, CDC and Ph), 6.43 (overlapping m, 4H, CDC and Ph), 6.18 (br s, 2H, CDC), 5.84 (s, 1H, *m*-Mes), 3.36 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>IMes NC*H*<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub>N), 3.25 (br, 12H, CDC),

3.10 (s, 3H, Mes), 2.86 (s, 3H, Mes), 2.71 (s, 3H, Mes), 2.23 (s, 3H, Mes), 2.05 (s, 3H, Mes), 1.89 (s, 3H, Mes);  ${}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  291.80 (Ru=CHPh), 224.58 (H<sub>2</sub>IMes NCN), 163.40 (CDC NCN), 151.62 (Ph), 148.05 (Ph), 139.75 (Mes), 139.37 (Mes), 138.96 (Mes), 138.92 (Mes), 138.26 (Mes), 138.06 (Mes), 137.66 (Mes), 137.15 (Mes), 131.14 (Ph), 130.65 (*m*-Mes), 130.30 (*m*-Mes), 129.61 (*m*-Mes), 129.08 (*m*-Mes), 122.38 (Ph), 119.37 (CDC), 109.61 (CDC), 104.05 (CDC), 73.01 (CDC central carbon), 51.74 (H<sub>2</sub>IMes NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 51.46 (H<sub>2</sub>IMes NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 31.23 (CDC N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.16 (Mes), 21.05 (Mes), 20.43 (Mes), 20.13 (Mes), 19.32 (Mes), 18.74 (Mes). HRMS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* Calculated for  $C_{47}H_{52}N_6$ RuCl [M-HCl]: 837.299; Found: 837.299.

### Synthesis of (H<sub>2</sub>IPr)(CDC)(Cl)<sub>2</sub>Ru=CHPh (3).

In a glovebox, a 20 mL scintillation vial was charged with (H<sub>2</sub>IPr)(py)<sub>2</sub>(Cl)<sub>2</sub>Ru=CHPh (58.6 mg, 0.0722 mmol), carbodicarbene 1 (25.2 mg, 0.0828 mmol) and benzene (8 mL). Over 5 minutes, the solution changed in color from green to orange. After stirring at 25 °C for 2 hours, the solution was concentrated in vacuo and triturated twice with pentane (5 mL). The orange powder was dissolved in benzene (4 mL) and additional carbodicarbene 1 (10.2 mg, 0.0316 mmol) was added. After 30 minutes, volatile components were removed in vacuo. The solid was dissolved in a mixture of diethyl ether (10 mL) and THF (3 mL), filtered through Celite, and stored at -30 °C to afford orange crystals of (H<sub>2</sub>IPr)(CDC)(Cl)<sub>2</sub>Ru=CHPh (3, 52.2 mg, 75% yield). H NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  19.67 (s, 1H, Ru=CHPh), 7.39 (s, 4H, Ph and DIPP), 7.22 (br d, 1H, DIPP), 6.97 (t, J = 8Hz, 1H, Ph), 6.87 (m, 2H, CDC), 6.64 (m, 3H, CDC and Ph), 6.53 (br d, 1H, DIPP), 6.46 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H, DIPP), 6.38 (br m, 2H, CDC), 6.17 (m, 2H, CDC), 4.77 (br s, 1H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 4.39 (br s, 1H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.97 (s, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>IPr NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.85 (m, 2H,  $CH(CH_3)_2$ ), 3.76 (m, 1H,  $H_2IPr\ NCH_2CH_2N$ ), 3.52 (m, 1H,  $H_2IPr\ NCH_2CH_2N$ ), 3.28 (m, 1H,  $CH(CH_3)_2$ ), 3.17 (s, 6H, CDC N-C $H_3$ ), 2.75 (br s, 6H, CDC N-C $H_3$ ), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH(C $H_3$ )<sub>2</sub>), 1.71 (br s, 6H,  $CH(CH_3)_2$ ), 1.36 (m, 3H,  $CH(CH_3)_2$ ), 1.28 (m, 3H,  $CH(CH_3)_2$ ), 1.19 (m, 3H,  $CH(CH_3)_2$ ), 1.05 (m, 3H,  $CH(CH_3)_2$ ), 0.98 (m, 3H,  $CH(CH_3)_2$ );  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ) δ 294.30 (Ru=CHPh), 227.09 (H<sub>2</sub>IPr NCN), 162.36 (CDC NCN), 150.85 (Ph), 149.74 (DIPP), 147.54 (Ph), 139.89 (DIPP), 139.29 (DIPP), 136.43 (DIPP), 130.97 (CDC), 129.27 (Ph), 125.62 (DIPP), 124.87 (Ph), 124.22 (DIPP), 123.91 (DIPP), 121.89 (CDC), 119.34 (CDC), 108.90 (CDC), 104.23 (CDC), 73.37 (CDC central C), 54.70 (H<sub>2</sub>IMes NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 54.21 (H<sub>2</sub>IMes NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 30.65 (CDC N–CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.24 (CDC N–CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.64 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 28.24 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 27.61 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 26.91 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 26.58 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 26.56 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 26.40 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>),  $26.32 \text{ (CH}(CH_3)_2), 26.08 \text{ (CH}(CH_3)_2), 24.59 \text{ (CH}(CH_3)_2), 24.10 \text{ (CH}(CH_3)_2), 22.97 \text{ (CH}(CH_3)_2).$ HRMS (MALDI-TOF) m/z Calculated for C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>64</sub>N<sub>6</sub>RuCl [M–HCl]: 921.392; Found: 921.394.

## Attempted Syntheses and Observation of CDC-H<sup>+</sup> Formation.

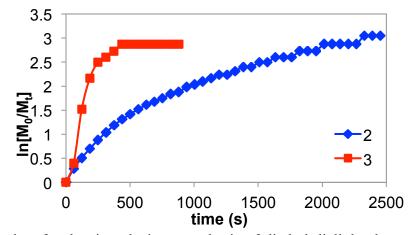
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Representative procedure: A solution of  $(PCy_3)_2(Cl)_2Ru=CHPh$  (6.6 mg, 0.0080 mmol) and CDC **1** (2.5 mg, 0.0080 mmol) was prepared in benzene- $d_6$  (0.8 mL). After 24 hours, CDC-H<sup>+</sup> had precipitated as a pale yellow powder, and was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) and dried *in vacuo*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38 (m, 8H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  153.89, 133.58, 124.53, 110.43, 51.47, 33.06. HRMS (FAB+) : m/z Calculated for  $C_{19}H_{21}N_4$  [M<sup>+</sup>]: 305.1766; Found: 305.1762.

## Ring-Closing Metathesis of Diethyl Diallylmalonate.

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In a glovebox, a solution of catalyst 2 or 3 (0.00080 mmol) in 0.80 mL of benzene- $d_6$  was prepared in a J. Young NMR tube and frozen using a glovebox cold well. An internal standard, 1,3,5-tris(trifluoromethyl)benzene (1  $\mu$ L) and diethyl diallylmalonate (19.3  $\mu$ L, 0.0800 mmol) were added, and the NMR tube was stored at 0 °C before use. The tube was placed in an NMR spectrometer with the temperature pre-equilibrated to 40 °C. Disappearance of diethyl diallylmalonate and appearance of 4,4-dicarbethoxy-1-cyclopentene were monitored by comparing the ratio of integrals for the methylene protons of these compounds ( $\delta$  = 2.86 (dt) and 3.16 (s), respectively).



**Figure S1.** Log plots for the ring-closing metathesis of diethyl diallylmalonate with catalysts 2 and 3.

## Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerization of endo,exo-Norbornenyl Diethyl Diester (DEE)

$$0 = \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 2 \text{ or } 3 \\ \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 \end{array}} 0 = \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \text{Et} \end{array}} 0$$

A solution of **DEE** (23.8 mg, 0.100 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.75 mL) was prepared in a glovebox. While stirring, a solution of catalyst **2** or **3** (0.00080 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.25 mL) was added. Aliquots ( $\sim$ 50  $\mu$ L) were taken at different time points throughout the reaction and immediately quenched in separate vials containing ethyl vinyl ether (0.1 mL) in THF (0.9 mL). The quenched aliquots were analyzed by SEC and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

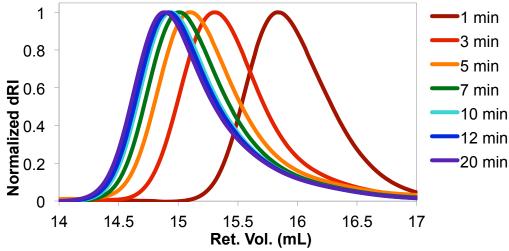


Figure S2. Size exclusion chromatograms for ROMP of DEE by catalyst 2.

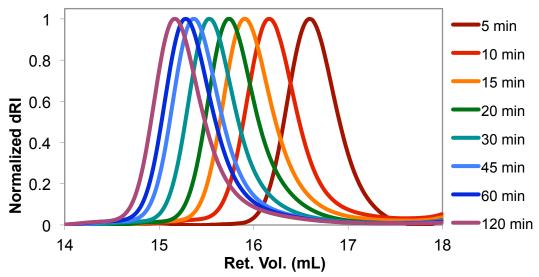


Figure S3. Size exclusion chromatograms for ROMP of DEE by catalyst 3.

## Reaction of 2 with 2-Isopropoxy-β-methylstyrene.

In a glovebox, a solution of complex **2** (2.6 mg, 0.0030 mmol), 2-isopropoxy- $\beta$ -methylstyrene (1.6  $\mu$ L, 0.0090 mmol), and 1,3,5-tris(trifluoromethyl)benzene (1  $\mu$ L) as an internal standard was prepared in 0.60 mL of benzene- $d_6$  and transferred to a J. Young NMR tube. The NMR tube was heated to 40 °C in a temperature-controlled oil bath. After 7 hours, complete conversion of **2** to **4** was observed by  $^1$ H NMR spectroscopy. The identity of **4** was verified by HRMS (FAB+): m/z Calculated for  $C_{31}H_{38}ON_2RuCl_2$  [M+H]–H<sub>2</sub>: 626.1405; Found: 626.1397.

#### Reaction of 3 with 2-Isopropoxy-β-methylstyrene.

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In a glovebox, a solution of complex **3** (2.9 mg, 0.0030 mmol), 2-isopropoxy- $\beta$ -methylstyrene (1.6  $\mu$ L, 0.0090 mmol), and 1,3,5-tris(trifluoromethyl)benzene (1  $\mu$ L) as an internal standard was prepared in 0.60 mL of benzene- $d_6$  and transferred to a J. Young NMR tube. The NMR tube was heated to 40 °C in a temperature-controlled oil bath. After 7 hours, complete conversion of **3** to **5** was observed by  $^1$ H NMR spectroscopy. The identity of **5** was verified by HRMS (FAB+): m/z Calculated for  $C_{37}H_{50}ON_2RuCl_2$  [M+H]–H<sub>2</sub>: 710.2344; Found: 710.2362.

#### Reaction of 2 and 3 with Excess Tricyclohexylphosphine.

Complex **2** or **3** (0.0013 mmol) and tricyclohexylphosphine (0.0065 mmol) were dissolved in benzene- $d_6$  in a J. Young tube. Exchange of CDC **1** for PCy<sub>3</sub> was monitored by  $^{1}$ H and  $^{31}$ P NMR spectroscopy at 25  $^{\circ}$ C. After 12 hours, 50% conversion of **2** or **3** was observed, along with concomitant formation of the analogous (NHC)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)(Cl)<sub>2</sub>Ru=CHPh complex and free CDC **1**.

#### NMR Kinetics of Initiation Rates.

Complex 2 or 3 (0.0020 mmol) and 0.5  $\mu$ L of 1,3,5-tris(trifluoromethyl)benzene as an internal standard were dissolved in benzene- $d_6$  (0.60 mL) in a screw-capped NMR tube. The temperature of the NMR tube was allowed to equilibrate in the NMR probe at 40 °C. Ethyl vinyl ether (26  $\mu$ L, 0.27 mmol) was injected into the NMR tube, and disappearance of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR signal for the ruthenium benzylidene was monitored as a function of time for three half lives. Reactions performed in triplicate provided rate constants ( $k_{\rm obs} = k_1$ ) of (4.04  $\pm$  0.04)  $\times$  10<sup>-4</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for complex 2 and (9.48  $\pm$  0.07)  $\times$  10<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for 3.

**Table S1.** Temperature dependence of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  for the reaction of **2** (0.0020 mmol) with ethyl vinyl ether (0.27 mmol) in benzene- $d_6$  (0.60 mL).

Temp. (°C)	$1/T (K^{-1})$	$k_{\rm obs}({ m s}^{-1})$	ln(k/T)
40	0.00319	$4.04 \times 10^{-4}$	-13.56
50	0.00309	$1.73 \times 10^{-3}$	-12.14
58	0.00302	$5.48 \times 10^{-3}$	-11.01
64	0.00297	$1.59 \times 10^{-2}$	-9.96
70	0.00291	$2.54 \times 10^{-2}$	-9.51

The plot of ln(k/T) as a function of  $T^{-1}$  (Figure S3) was linearly fit to the expression

$$\ln \frac{k}{T} = -\frac{\Delta H^{\neq}}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{T} + \ln \frac{k_B}{h} + \frac{\Delta S^{\neq}}{R}$$

The enthalpy and entropy of activation were extracted from the slope and intercept, respectively. Standard deviations for  $\Delta H^{\ddagger}$  and  $\Delta S^{\ddagger}$  were evaluated using the LINEST routine in Excel.

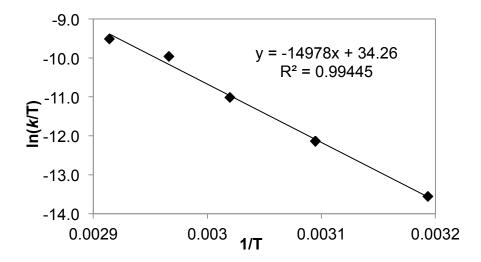


Figure S4. Eyring plot for the reaction of 2 with ethyl vinyl ether.

**Table S2.** Temperature dependence of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  for the reaction of **3** (0.0020 mmol) with ethyl vinyl ether (0.27 mmol) in benzene- $d_6$  (0.60 mL).

Temp. (°C)	$1/T (K^{-1})$	$k_{\rm obs}~({\rm s}^{-1})$	ln(k/T)
25	0.00335	$1.05 \times 10^{-3}$	-12.56
35	0.00325	$5.17 \times 10^{-3}$	-11.00
40	0.00319	$9.48 \times 10^{-3}$	-10.41
55	0.00305	$5.42 \times 10^{-2}$	-8.71
48	0.00311	$2.89 \times 10^{-2}$	-9.32

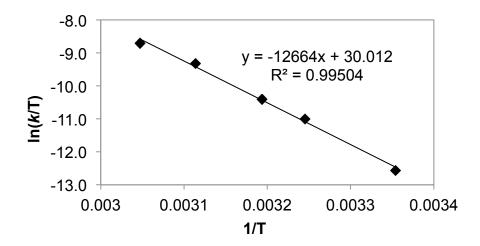


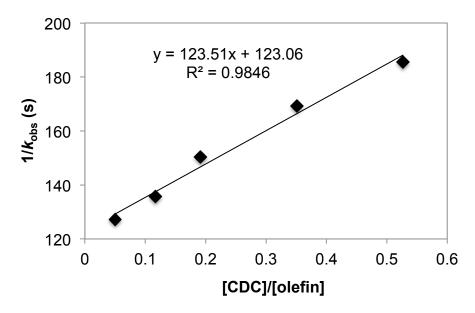
Figure S5. Eyring plot for the reaction of 3 with ethyl vinyl ether.

#### CDC Dependence Experiments to Determine $k_{-1}/k_2$ .

Complex **2** or **3** (0.0020 mmol), CDC (**1**, 0.0040 to 0.011 mmol), and 1  $\mu$ L of 1,3,5-tris(trifluoromethyl)benzene as an internal standard were dissolved in benzene- $d_6$  (0.60 mL) in a screw-capped NMR tube. Each sample was thermally equilibrated in the NMR probe, and olefin (ethyl vinyl ether, 0.021 to 0.26 mmol) was injected into the NMR tube. Disappearance of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR signal for the ruthenium benzylidene was monitored as a function of time for three half lives.

**Table S3.** [CDC]/[olefin] experiments for **2** at 60 °C.

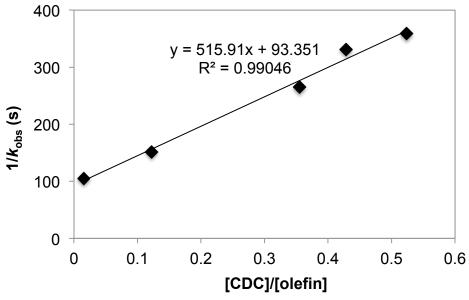
[CDC]	[olefin]	[CDC]/[olefin]	$k_{ m obs}$	$1/k_{\rm obs}$
(mmol)	(mmol)		$(s^{-1})$	(s)
0.011	0.22	0.050	$7.86 \times 10^{-3}$	127
0.011	0.094	0.12	$7.37 \times 10^{-3}$	136
0.011	0.057	0.19	$6.65 \times 10^{-3}$	150
0.011	0.031	0.35	$5.91 \times 10^{-3}$	169
0.011	0.021	0.53	$5.39 \times 10^{-3}$	186



**Figure S6.**  $1/k_{obs}$  versus [CDC]/[olefin] for complex **2**.

**Table S4.** [CDC]/[olefin] experiments for **3** at 40 °C.

[CDC]	[olefin]	[CDC]/[olefin]	$k_{ m obs}$	$1/k_{\rm obs}$
(mmol)	(mmol)		$(s^{-1})$	(s)
0.0040	0.26	0.015	$9.49 \times 10^{-3}$	105
0.011	0.09	0.12	$6.58 \times 10^{-3}$	152
0.011	0.031	0.35	$3.77 \times 10^{-3}$	265
0.015	0.035	0.43	$3.02 \times 10^{-3}$	331
0.011	0.021	0.52	$2.79 \times 10^{-3}$	358



**Figure S7.**  $1/k_{obs}$  versus [CDC]/[olefin] for complex **3**.

### X-Ray Structure Determination.

Complex 2. Low-temperature diffraction data ( $\phi$ -and  $\omega$ -scans) were collected on a Bruker AXS D8 VENTURE KAPPA diffractometer coupled to a PHOTON 100 CMOS detector with Mo  $K_a$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) from an I $\mu$ S micro-source for the structure of compound 2. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS<sup>9</sup> and refined against  $F^2$  on all data by full-matrix least squares with SHELXL-2016<sup>10</sup> using established refinement techniques. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All hydrogen atoms were included into the model at geometrically calculated positions and refined using a riding model. The isotropic displacement parameters of all hydrogen atoms were fixed to 1.2 times the U value of the atoms they are linked to (1.5 times for methyl groups).

Complex 2 crystallizes in the monoclinic space group  $P2_1/n$  with one molecule in the asymmetric unit.

Complex 3. Low-temperature diffraction data ( $\phi$ -and  $\omega$ -scans) were collected on a Bruker AXS D8 VENTURE KAPPA diffractometer coupled to a PHOTON 100 CMOS detector with Cu  $K_a$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å) from an  $I\mu$ S micro-source for the structure of compound 3. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS<sup>9</sup> and refined against  $F^2$  on all data by full-matrix least squares with SHELXL-2016<sup>10</sup> using established refinement techniques. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All hydrogen atoms were included into the model at geometrically calculated positions and refined using a riding model. The isotropic displacement parameters of all hydrogen atoms were fixed to 1.2 times the U value of the atoms they are linked to (1.5 times for methyl groups). All disordered atoms were refined with the help of similarity restraints on the 1,2- and 1,3-distances and displacement parameters as well as enhanced rigid bond restraints for anisotropic displacement parameters.

Complex 3 crystallizes in the monoclinic space group  $P2_1/c$  with one molecule in the asymmetric unit along with 2.588 molecules of diethyl ether. The crystal was pseudomerohedrally twinned. The structure was refined using the twin matrix [-1 0 0 0 -1 0 0 0 1] and the twin ratio converged at a value of 0.400(2).

**Table S5**. Crystal data and structure refinement for complex 2.

Empirical formula C47 H52 Cl2 N6 Ru

Formula weight 872.91
Temperature 100(2) K
Wavelength 0.71073 Å
Crystal system Monoclinic

Space group P2<sub>1</sub>/n

Unit cell dimensions a = 14.1398(7) Å  $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ .

b = 23.1163(12) Å  $\beta = 115.3760(19)^{\circ}.$ 

c = 14.2265(8) Å  $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ .

Volume 4201.4(4) Å<sup>3</sup>

Z 4

Density (calculated) 1.380 Mg/m<sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient 0.541 mm<sup>-1</sup>

F(000) 1816

Crystal size  $0.300 \times 0.150 \times 0.050 \text{ mm}^3$ 

Theta range for data collection 2.370 to 33.142°.

Index ranges -21 <= h <= 21, -35 <= k <= 35, -21 <= l <= 21

Reflections collected 74416

Independent reflections 16014 [R(int) = 0.1090]

Completeness to theta =  $25.242^{\circ}$  99.9 %

Absorption correction Semi-empirical from equivalents

Max. and min. transmission 0.7471 and 0.6445

Refinement method Full-matrix least-squares on F<sup>2</sup>

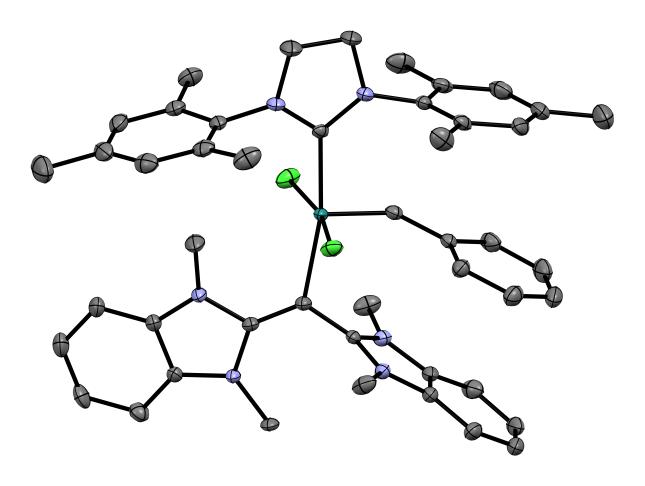
Data / restraints / parameters 16014 / 0 / 515

Goodness-of-fit on  $F^2$  1.009

Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R1 = 0.0534, wR2 = 0.0858 R indices (all data) R1 = 0.1149, wR2 = 0.0979

Largest diff. peak and hole 1.264 and -0.774 e.Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Figure S8.** X-ray crystal structure of complex **2**. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability, and hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.



**Table S6.** Crystal data and structure refinement for complex **3**.

Empirical formula C63.35 H89.88 Cl2 N6 O2.59 Ru

Formula weight 1148.85

Temperature 100(2) K

Wavelength 1.54178 Å

Crystal system Monoclinic

Space group P2<sub>1</sub>/c

Unit cell dimensions a = 12.7525(4) Å  $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ .

b = 32.6167(12) Å  $\beta = 90.0724(18)^{\circ}.$ 

c = 14.4122(5) Å  $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ .

Volume 5994.7(4) Å<sup>3</sup>

Z 4

Density (calculated) 1.273 Mg/m<sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient 3.307 mm<sup>-1</sup>

F(000) 2443

Crystal size  $0.300 \times 0.100 \times 0.050 \text{ mm}^3$ 

Theta range for data collection 2.709 to 74.488°.

Index ranges -15 <= h <= 15, -40 <= k <= 40, -18 <= 17

Reflections collected 86257

Independent reflections 12234 [R(int) = 0.0709]

Completeness to theta =  $67.679^{\circ}$  100.0 %

Absorption correction Semi-empirical from equivalents

Max. and min. transmission 0.3827 and 0.2333

Refinement method Full-matrix least-squares on F<sup>2</sup>

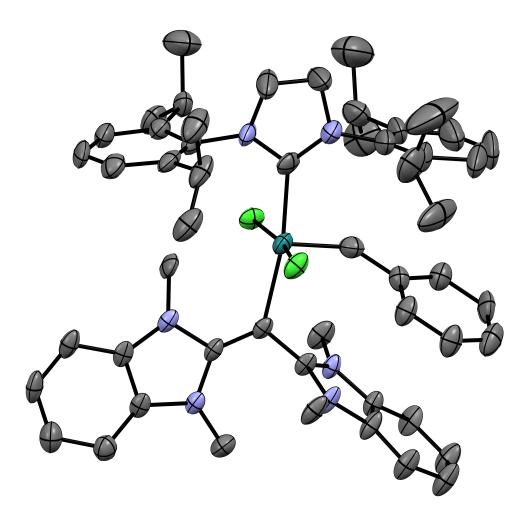
Data / restraints / parameters 12234 / 675 / 753

Goodness-of-fit on  $F^2$  1.294

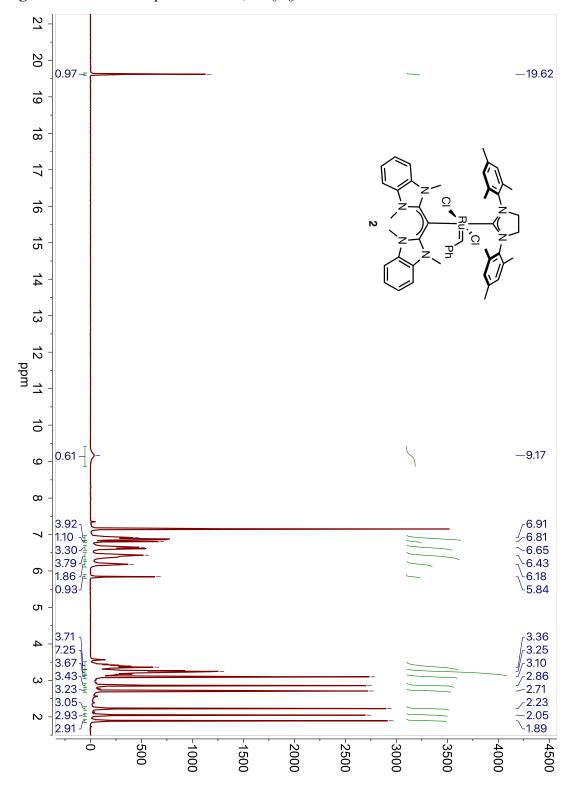
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R1 = 0.0826, wR2 = 0.1954 R indices (all data) R1 = 0.0865, wR2 = 0.1974

Largest diff. peak and hole 0.774 and -1.539 e.Å<sup>-3</sup>

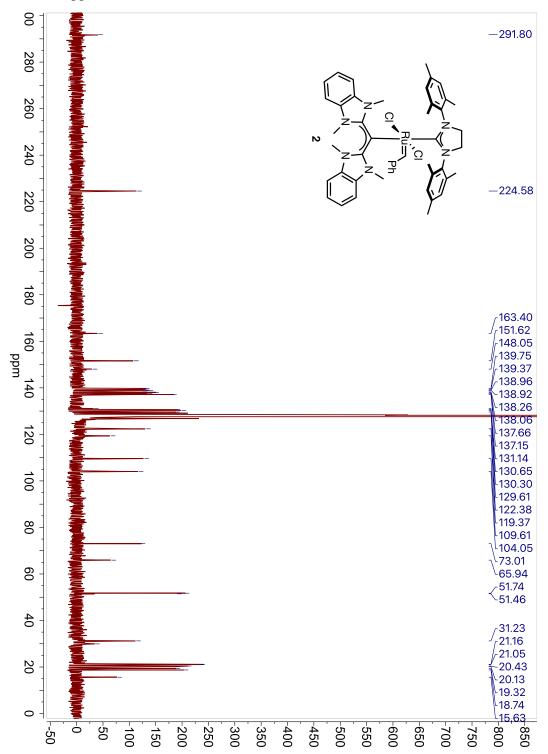
**Figure S9.** X-ray crystal structure of complex **3**. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability, and hydrogen atoms and diethyl ether molecules have been omitted for clarity.



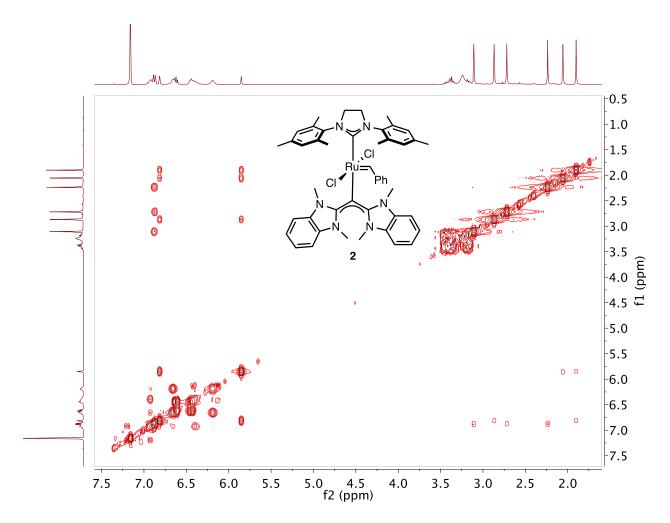
**Figure S10.**  $^{1}$ H NMR spectrum of **2** (in  $C_6D_6$ ).

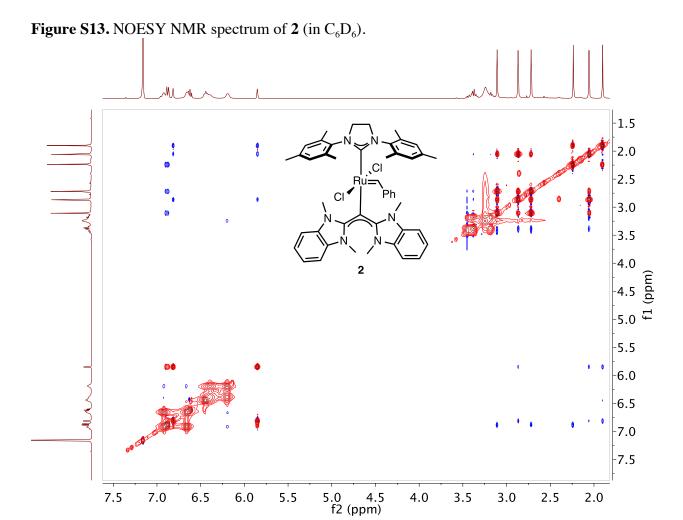


**Figure S11.**  $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectrum of **2** (in  $C_6D_6$ ). Signals for trace diethyl ether are observed at 15.63 and 65.94 ppm.

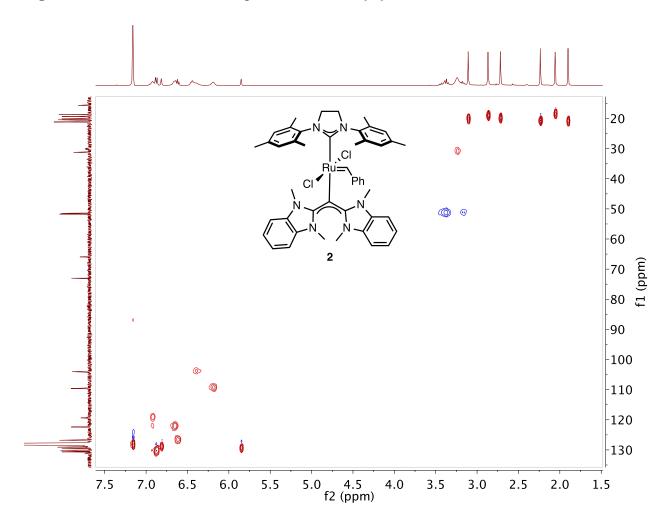


**Figure S12.** COSY NMR spectrum of **2** (in  $C_6D_6$ ).





**Figure S14.**  ${}^{1}\text{H-}{}^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC NMR spectrum of **2** (in  $C_6D_6$ ).



**Figure S15.**  $^{1}\text{H-}^{13}\text{C}$  HMBC NMR spectrum of **2** (in  $\text{C}_{6}\text{D}_{6}$ ).

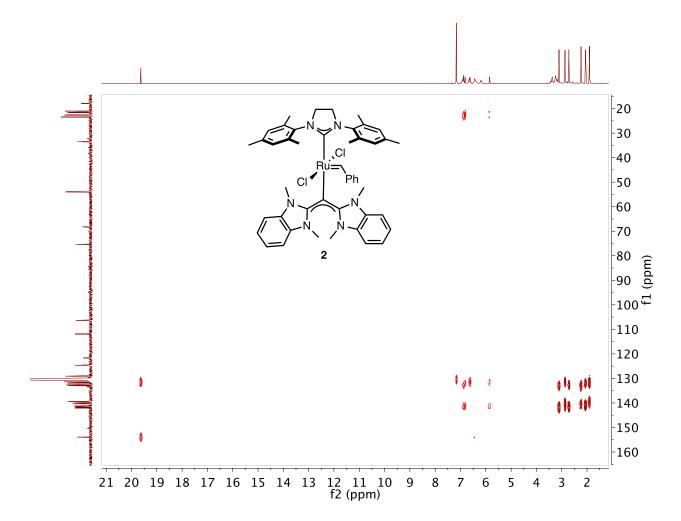
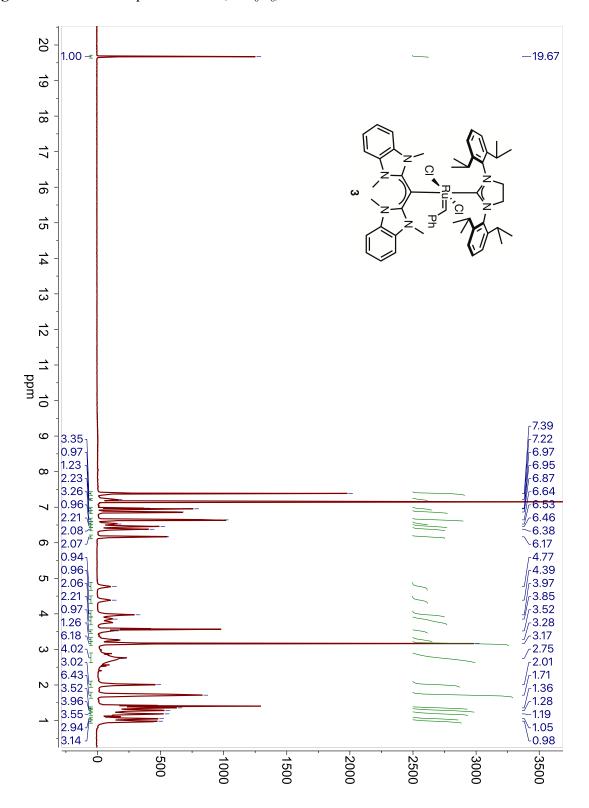
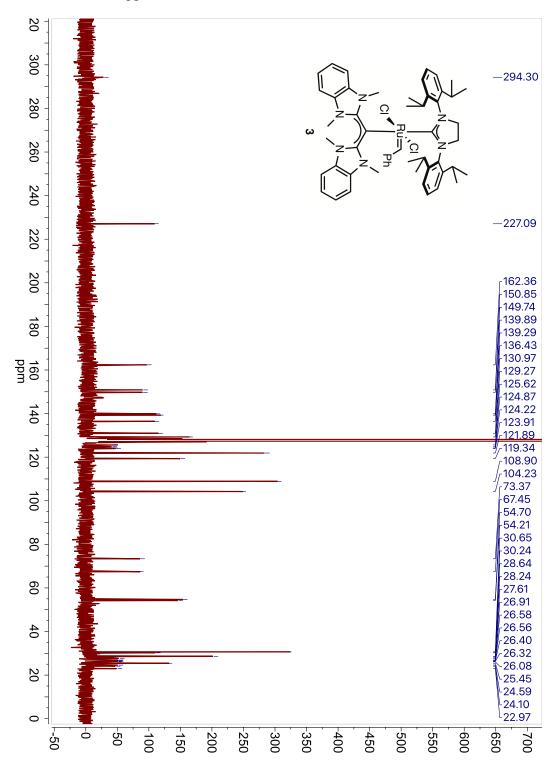


Figure S16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3 (in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



**Figure S17.**  $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectrum of **3** (in  $C_6D_6$ ). Signals for trace tetrahydrofuran are observed at 25.45 and 67.45 ppm.



**Figure S18.** COSY NMR spectrum of **3** (in  $C_6D_6$ ).

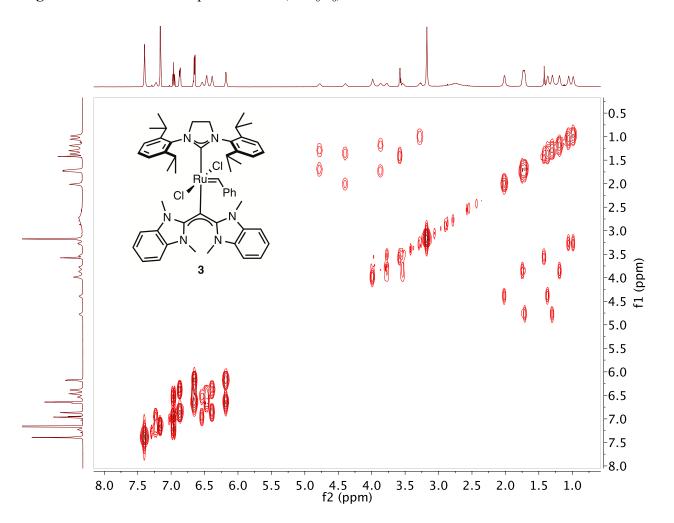
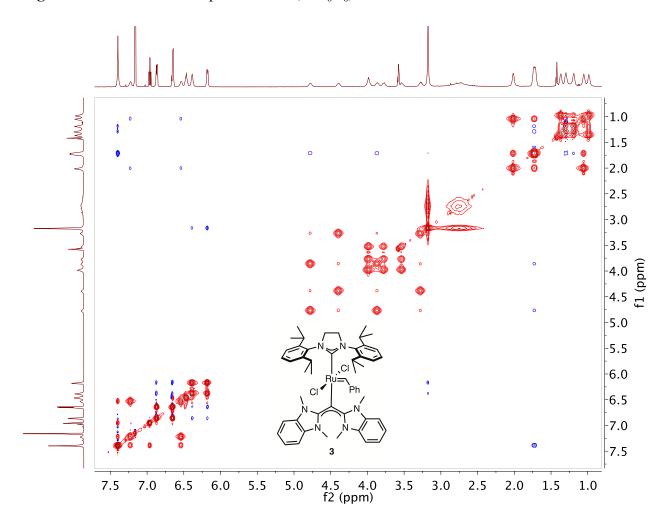


Figure S19. NOESY NMR spectrum of 3 (in  $C_6D_6$ ).



**Figure S20.**  $^{1}\text{H-}^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC NMR spectrum of **3** (in  $\text{C}_{6}\text{D}_{6}$ ).

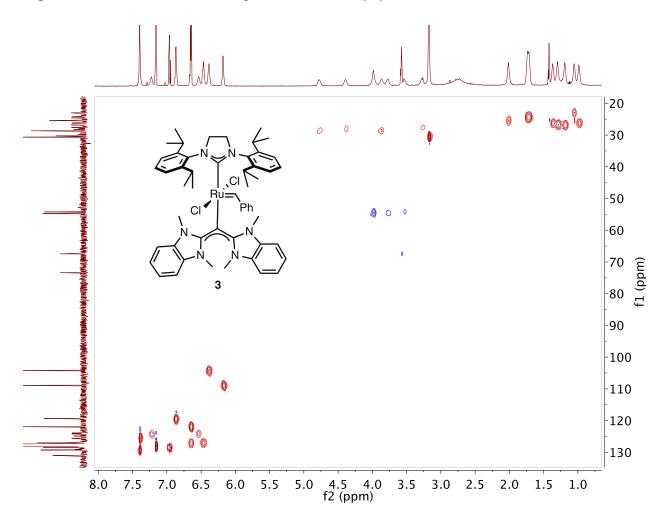
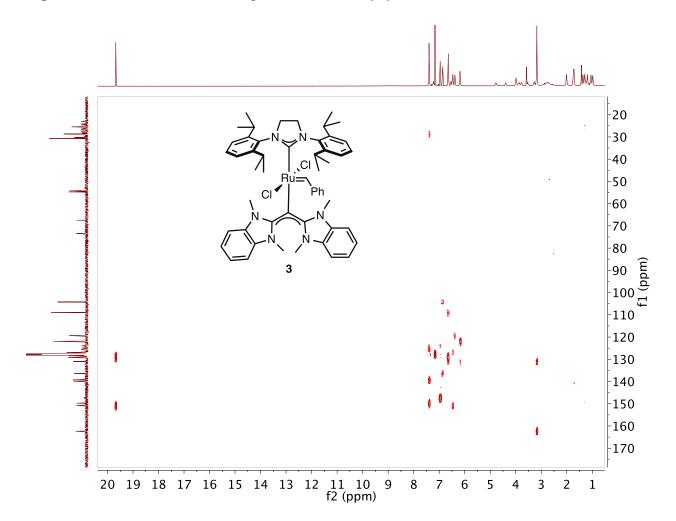
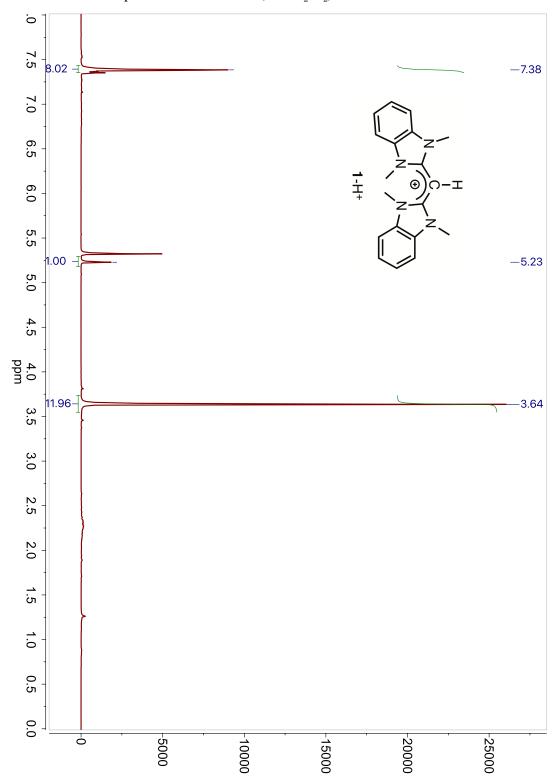


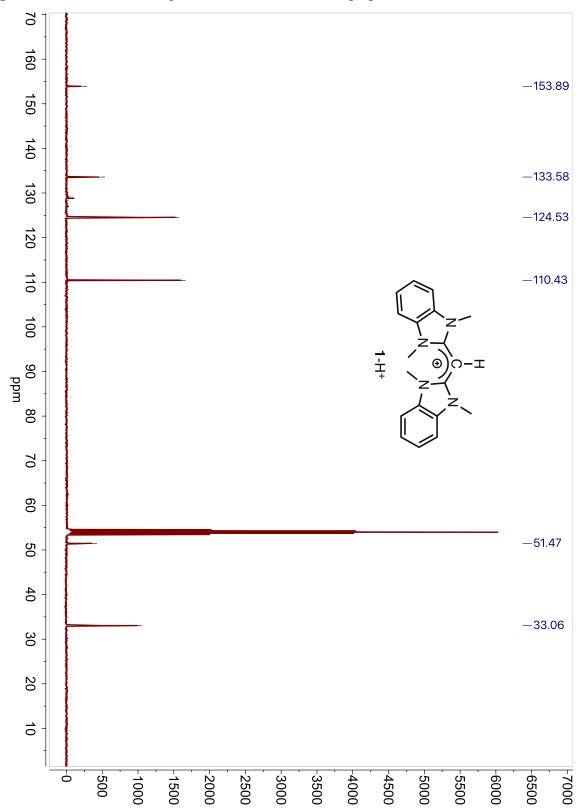
Figure S21.  $^{1}\text{H}-^{13}\text{C}$  HMBC NMR spectrum of 3 (in  $\text{C}_{6}\text{D}_{6}$ ).



**Figure S22.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of CDC–H<sup>+</sup> (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S23.**  $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectrum of CDC–H<sup>+</sup> (in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



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