

## Supporting Information

# New Type of 2,6-Bis(imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-2-yl)pyridine-Based Ruthenium Complexes: Active Catalysts for Transfer Hydrogenation of Ketones

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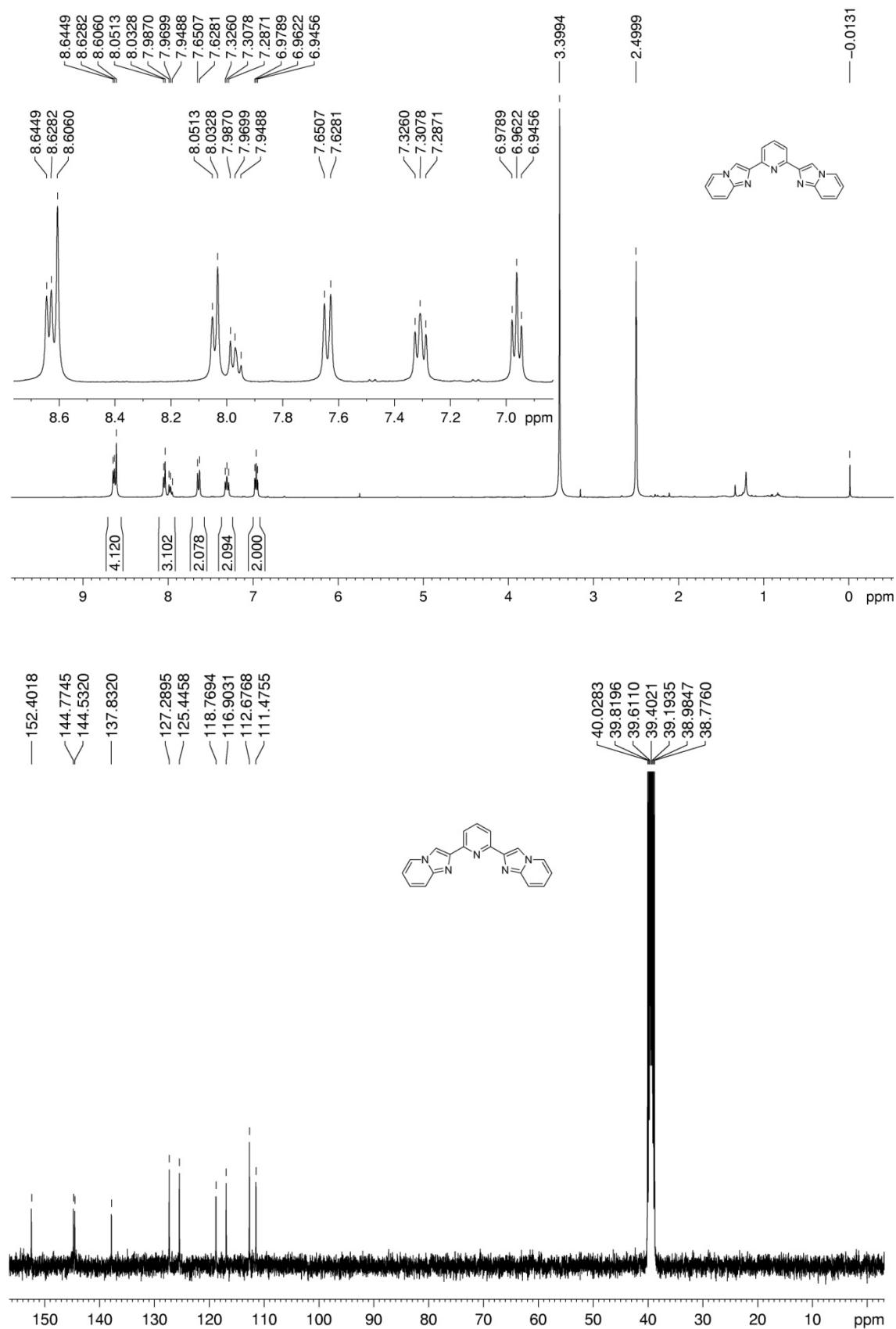
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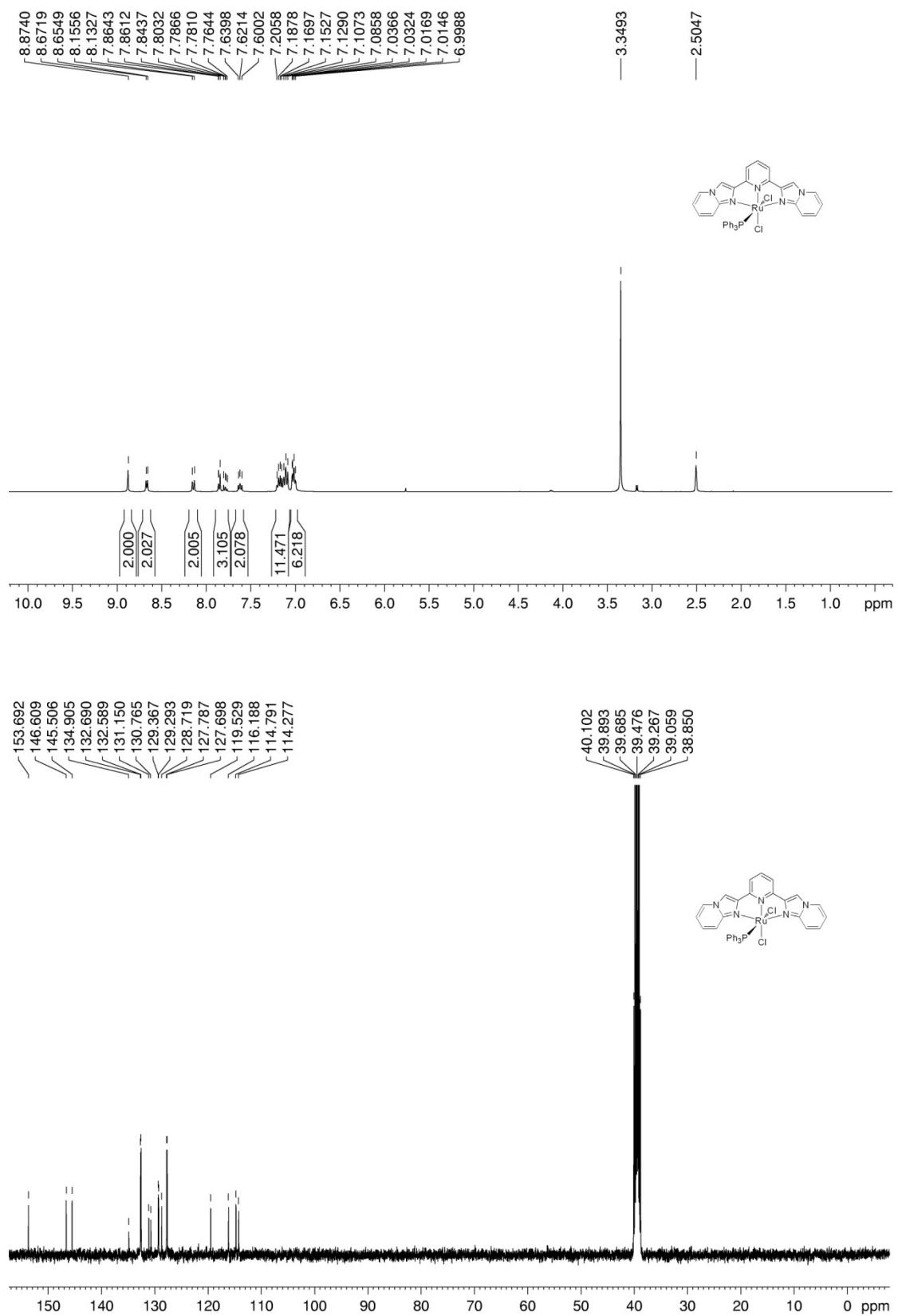
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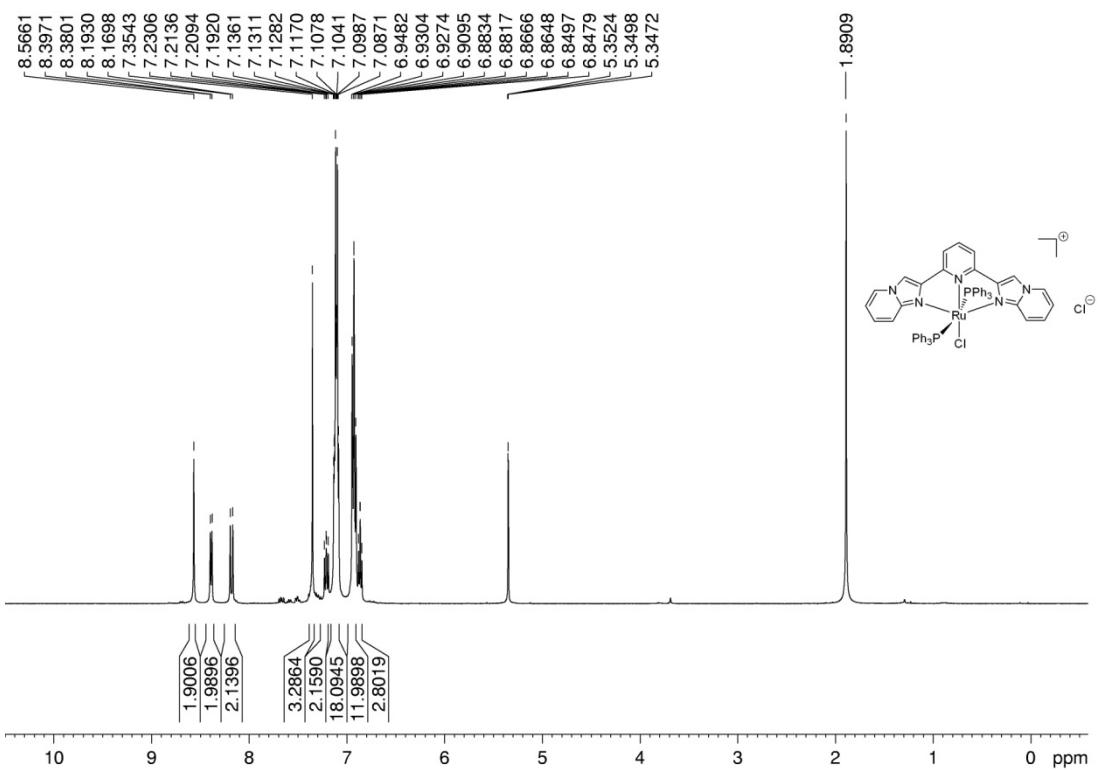
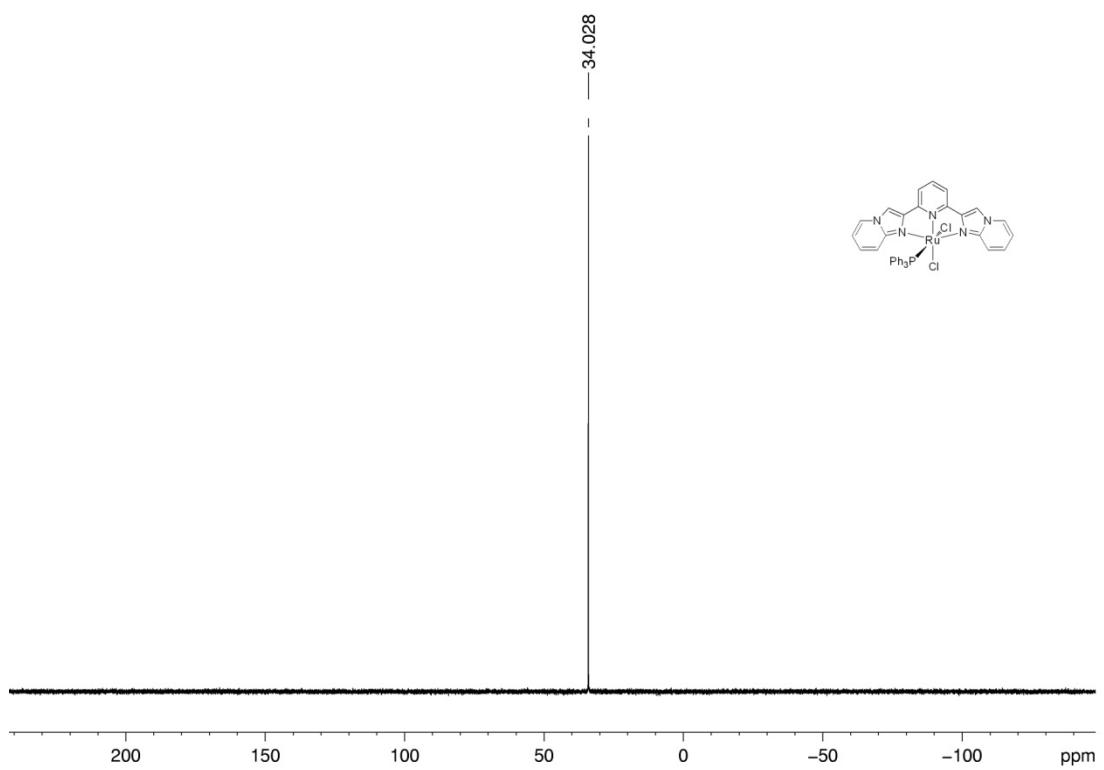
**Table S1. Summary of Crystal Structure Determination for Complexes 4 and 5**

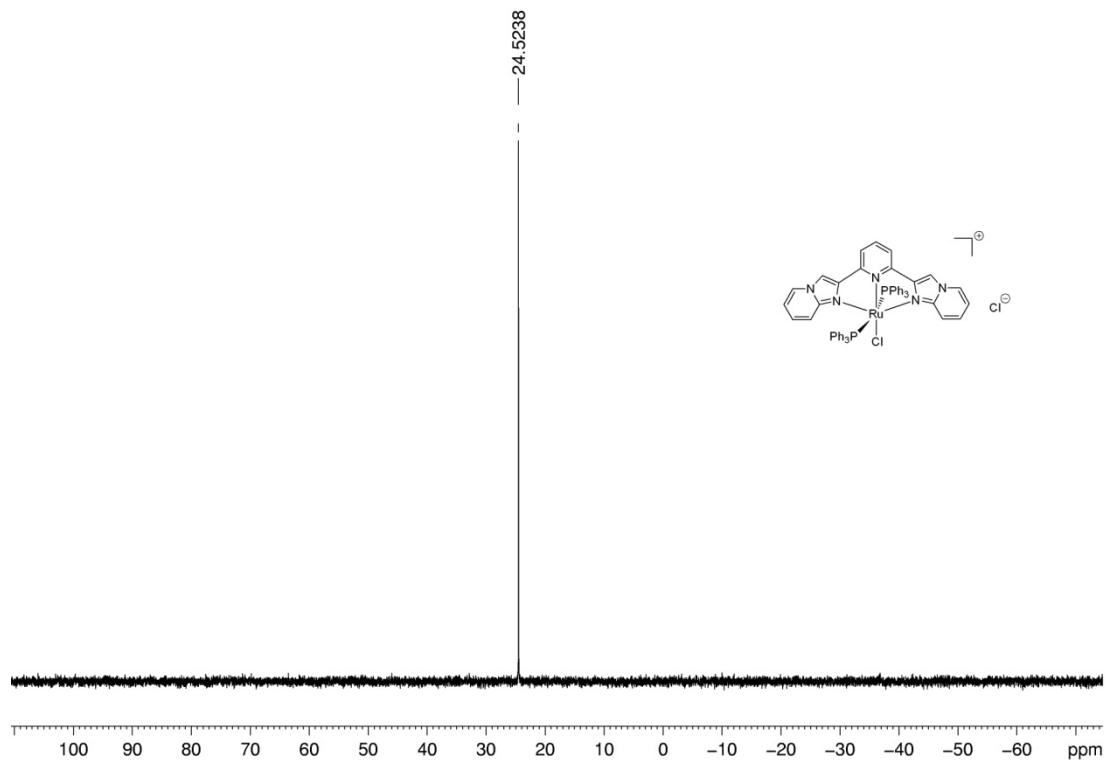
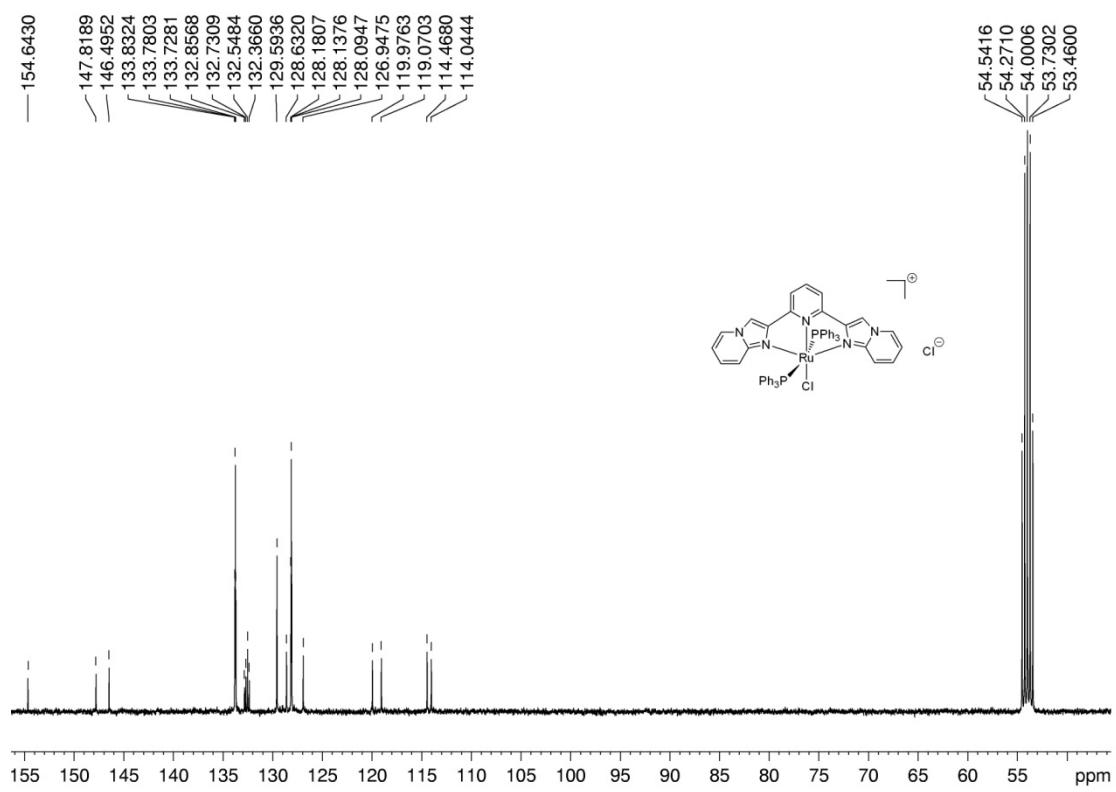
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<i>Mr.</i>	745.58	1262.63
Temp (K)	291.15	291.15
Cryst syst	tetragonal	orthorhombic
Space group	I4 <sub>1</sub> /a	C222 <sub>1</sub>
Cryst size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.2 × 0.2 × 0.2	0.20 × 0.20 × 0.18
<i>a</i> /Å	32.3373(9)	12.4002(3)
<i>b</i> /Å	32.3373(9)	19.0341(6)
<i>c</i> /Å	15.1351(7)	24.7514(12)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90.00	90.00
$\beta/^\circ$	90.00	90.00
$\gamma/^\circ$	90.00	90.00
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	15826.7(9)	5842.0(4)
<i>Z</i>	16	4
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.252	1.436
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	5.062	0.731
$\theta$ range/°	7.74 to 133.80	6.30 to 52.74
F(000)	6048.0	2568.0
Index ranges	-36 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 38, -38 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14, -17 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 17	-15 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 15, -23 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 21, -30 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 30
Reflections collected	14644	24148
Independent reflections	7022 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0333]	5969[R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0426]
Data/restraints/parameters	7022/54/415	5969/1/338
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.018	1.042
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0452, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1238	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0438, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1042
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0613, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1359	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0508, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1082
Largest diff. Peak / hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.59/-0.26	0.49/-0.32

Copies of the NMR Spectra of Compounds 3-5.

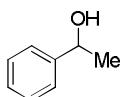




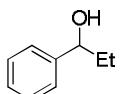




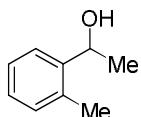
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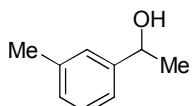
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.36-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 4.85 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (brs, 1H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).



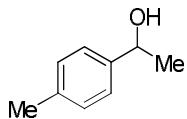
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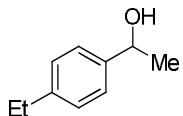
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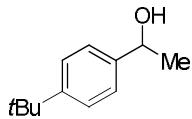
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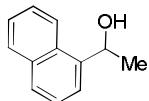
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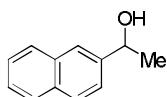
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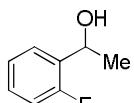
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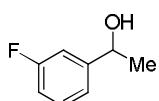
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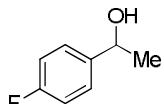
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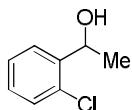
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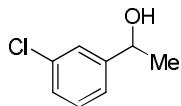
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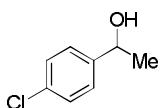
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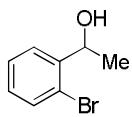
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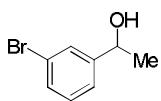
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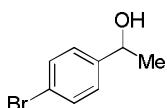
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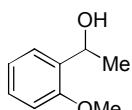
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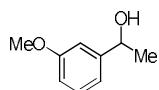


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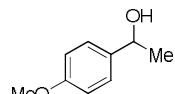


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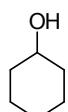
1H), 6.97 (dt,  $J = 0.8$ , 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.10 (q,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.94 (brs, 1H), 1.50 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H).



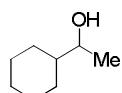
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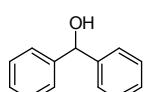
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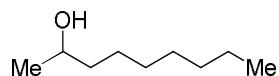
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.60-3.54 (m, 1H), 2.00 (brs, 1H), 1.87-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.49 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.11 (m, 5H).



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.55-3.48 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.63 (m, 6H), 1.29-1.08 (m, 4H), 1.13 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 1.03-0.88 (m, 2H).



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.40-7.28 (m, 10H), 5.82 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.48 (brs, 1H).



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.81-3.76 (m, 1H), 1.42-1.41 (m, 4H), 1.29 (brs, 9H), 1.19 (dd,  $J = 6.2$ , 1.9 Hz, 3H), 0.90-0.87 (m, 3H).

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