



## Supporting Information

for

### **Kinetic resolution of racemic planar-chiral vinylcymantrenes by molybdenum-catalyzed asymmetric metathesis dimerization**

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## Experimental section.

**General information.** All anaerobic and/or moisture sensitive manipulations were carried out with standard Schlenk techniques under predried nitrogen or with glovebox techniques under prepurified argon.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (at 400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (at 101 MHz) chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield of internal tetramethylsilane. Tetrahydrofuran and benzene were distilled from benzophenone-ketyl under nitrogen prior to use. Dichloromethane was distilled from  $\text{CaH}_2$  under nitrogen prior to use.  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  was distilled from Na/K under vacuum and stored in a glovebox. Following compounds were prepared as reported: *rac*-1-bromo-2-formylcymantrene (*rac*-**5a**) [S1], *rac*-2-methyl-1-formylcymantrene (*rac*-**5b**) [S2], *rac*-2-iodo-1-formylcymantrene (*rac*-**5c**) [S3], (pyrrolyl) $_2\text{Mo}(=\text{CHCMe}_2\text{Ph})(=\text{N}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_3-2,6\text{-}^i\text{Pr}_2)$  [S4], (*R*)-3,3'-( $\text{Ph}_2\text{CH}$ ) $_2$ - $\text{H}_8$ -binaphthol (**L1**) [S5], (*R*)-3,3'-[3,5-( $\text{CF}_3$ ) $_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3$ ] $_2$ -2,2'-binaphthol (**L3**) [S6]. All the other chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and used as received unless otherwise noted.

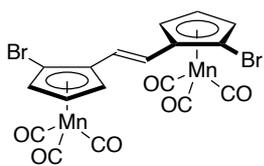
***rac*-1-Bromo-2-vinylcymantrene (*rac*-**1a**).** Methyltriphenylphosphonium iodide (1.08 g, 2.67 mmol) and  $t\text{BuOK}$  (299 mg, 2.66 mmol) were suspended in dry THF (20 mL) and the suspension was stirred for 15 min at room temperature. To this was added a THF (3 mL) solution of *rac*-1-bromo-2-formylcymantrene (*rac*-**5a**, 921 mg, 2.96 mmol) dropwise at room temperature. After stirring the mixture for 4 h, the reaction mixture was extracted with hexane. The organic extracts were combined and filtered through a pad of silica gel. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel (hexane/benzene = 4/1) to give *rac*-**1a** as a yellow oil. Yield: 620 mg, (68%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  6.14 (dd,  $J = 17.5$  and 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d,  $J = 11.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.09–4.08 (m, 1H), 4.04–4.03 (m, 1H), 3.77–3.75 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  224.4, 127.2, 117.1, 99.3, 86.8, 82.5, 82.1, 76.5. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{MnBrO}_3^+$ : 308.8954. Found: 308.8959.

***rac*-1-Methyl-2-vinylcymantrene (*rac*-**1b**).** This compound was prepared in the same way with *rac*-**1a** starting with methyltriphenylphosphonium iodide (4.17 g, 10.3 mmol),  $t\text{BuOK}$  (1.11 g, 9.89 mmol), and *rac*-2-methyl-1-formylcymantrene (*rac*-**5b**, 1.94 g, 7.88 mmol). The crude compound was chromatographed on silica gel (hexane/dichloromethane = 3/1) to give *rac*-**1b** as a yellow oil. Yield: 1.43 g, (74%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  5.90 (dd,  $J = 17.5$  and 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d,  $J = 11.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.27 (m, 1H), 3.96–3.95 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 1H), 1.48 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  223.7, 126.0, 113.3, 99.4, 96.0, 79.5, 79.2, 76.7, 9.9. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{MnO}_3^+$ : 245.0005 Found: 245.0018.

***rac*-1-Iodo-2-vinylcymantrene (*rac*-**1c**).** This compound was prepared in the same way with *rac*-**1a** starting with methyltriphenylphosphonium iodide (820 mg, 2.03 mmol),  $t\text{BuOK}$  (228 mg, 2.03 mmol), and *rac*-2-iodo-1-formylcymantrene (*rac*-**5c**, 760 mg, 2.13 mmol). The crude compound was chromatographed on silica gel (hexane/diethyl ether = 9/1) to give *rac*-**1c** as a yellow solid. Yield: 598 mg, (79%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  6.08 (dd,  $J = 17.5$  and 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dd,  $J = 17.5$  and 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd,  $J = 10.9$  and 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.17–4.15 (m, 1H), 4.07–4.06 (m, 1H), 3.83–3.82 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  224.7, 129.4, 117.3, 103.3, 88.2, 84.4, 77.2, 49.6. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}]$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{MnIO}_3$ : 355.8742. Found: 355.8754.

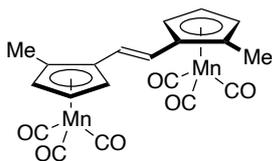
**General procedure for the molybdenum-catalyzed asymmetric metathesis dimerization/kinetic resolution of **1a–c**.** The reaction conditions and the results are summarized in Table 1. The reactions were conducted in a manner similar to ref.-S7. In a glovebox under purified argon,  $\text{Mo}(=\text{CHCMe}_2\text{Ph})(=\text{NC}_6\text{H}_3-2,6\text{-}^i\text{Pr}_2)(\text{NC}_4\text{H}_4)_2$  (12.2 mg, 22.8  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and (*R*)-3,3'-( $\text{Ph}_2\text{CH}$ ) $_2$ - $\text{H}_8$ -2,2'-binaphthol (**L1**; 14.3 mg, 22.8  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) were dissolved in dry benzene (1.0 mL) in a 20 mL Schlenk flask. After stirring the solution for 15 min at room temperature, to this was added a solution of *rac*-**1a** (70.0 mg, 227  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in benzene (2.5 mL). The Schlenk flask was sealed tightly and taken out of the glovebox. The mixture was stirred for 48 h at the given temperature. After quenching the reaction by the addition of acetone (ca. 100  $\mu\text{L}$ ), the reaction mixture was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. The conversion of the AMD/kinetic resolution reaction was determined by the  $^1\text{H}$ NMR analysis of the crude product. The crude product was chromatographed on silica gel (hexane/dichloromethane = 3/1) under nitrogen to give remaining **1a** (23.6 mg, 34%) and AMD product **2a** (26.6 mg, 38%). The characterization data of **2a–c** and the conditions for chiral HPLC analysis of **1a–c** and **2a–c** are listed below.

**(*R,R*)-(E)-1,2-Di(2-bromocymantrenyl)ethylene (*chiral-2a*).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 6.32 (s, 2H), 4.09–4.07 (m, 2H), 3.95–3.94 (m, 2H), 3.74–3.73 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 224.0, 121.8, 97.4, 87.5, 82.6, 82.3, 77.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>: 590.7501. Found: 590.7496. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>28</sup> = –371 (c 2.41, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, for (*R,R*)-isomer of >99% ee). Chiral HPLC analysis conditions: Chiralpak IE; eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate/<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 90/5/1; flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 11.6 min ((*S,S*)-isomer), t<sub>2</sub> = 12.1 min ((*R,R*)-isomer).



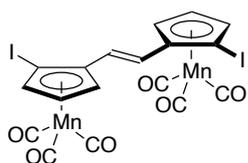
**(*S*)-1-Bromo-2-vinylcymantrene ((*S*)-1a).** [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup> = +85 (c 1.34, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 63% ee). Chiral HPLC analysis conditions: Chiralcel OD-H; eluent: hexane/<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 50/1; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 35.4 min ((*S*)-isomer), t<sub>2</sub> = 43.0 min ((*R*)-isomer).

**(*S,S*)-(E)-1,2-Di(2-methylcymantrenyl)ethylene (*chiral-2b*).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 6.07 (s, 2H), 4.24–4.23 (m, 2H), 3.97–3.95 (m, 2H), 3.80–3.79 (m, 2H), 1.56 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 225.4, 121.4, 101.4, 97.1, 81.6, 81.5, 79.3, 12.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>: 459.9546. Found: 459.9543. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>28</sup> = –391 (c 2.32, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, for (*S,S*)-isomer of 93% ee). Chiral HPLC analysis conditions: Chiralpak IC; eluent: hexane/<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 100/1; flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 13.8 min ((*R,R*)-isomer), t<sub>2</sub> = 14.9 min ((*S,S*)-isomer).



**(*R*)-1-Methyl-2-vinylcymantrene ((*R*)-1b).** [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +113 (c 4.89, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 62% ee). Chiral HPLC Analysis Conditions: Chiralcel OD-H; eluent: hexane/<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 10/1; flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 45.9 min ((*R*)-isomer), t<sub>2</sub> = 49.9 min ((*S*)-isomer).

**(*R,R*)-(E)-1,2-Di(2-iodocymantrenyl)ethylene (*chiral-2c*).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 6.24 (s, 2H), 4.15 (m, 2H), 4.00 (m, 2H), 3.80–3.79 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 224.4, 124.1, 101.3, 88.3, 84.8, 78.0, 50.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>: 684.7244. Found: 684.7238. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>29</sup> = –172 (c 2.17, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, for (*R,R*)-isomer of 99% ee). Chiral HPLC analysis conditions: Chiralpak IB; eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate/<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 90/5/1; flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 21.2 min ((*S,S*)-isomer), t<sub>2</sub> = 22.2 min ((*R,R*)-isomer).



**(*S*)-1-Iodo-2-vinylcymantrene ((*S*)-1c).** [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>28</sup> = +124 (c 3.91, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 40% ee). Chiral HPLC Analysis Conditions: Chiralpak IB; eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate/<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 900/60/1; flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 12.1 min ((*S*)-isomer), t<sub>2</sub> = 12.6 min ((*R*)-isomer).

**X-ray crystallographic structure determinations.** Single crystal X-ray diffraction data of (*S,S*)-**2b** was collected on a Rigaku RA-Micro 7 equipped with a Rigaku HyPix-6000HE detector that uses mirror-monochromated MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) at –150 °C under a cold N<sub>2</sub> stream. Single crystals of the compound were coated with oil (Immersion Oil, Type B; code 1248, Cargille Laboratories, Inc.) and placed on Polyimide crystal mounts. The crystal quality and preliminary cell parameters were determined by eighteen data frames measured at 0.5° increments of  $\omega$ . Afterward, the full data sets were also measured at 0.5° intervals of  $\omega$ . Each frame of data was integrated using the CrysAlisPro program package [S8], followed by the data correction for absorption using an REQAB program. The structure was solved with Intrinsic Phasing using SHELXT [S9] and refined by full-matrix least-square on F<sup>2</sup> using SHELXL [S10] in Olex2 [S11]. Anisotropic refinement was applied to all non-hydrogen. Hydrogen atoms were placed using a riding model. The absolute structure was determined by refinement of the Flack parameter using the method of Parsons, Flack, and Wagner based on quotients of Friedel pairs [S12].

Crystallographic data have been deposited with Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. Deposition numbers CCDC 2525244 (for (*S,S*)-**2b**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. This data is provided free of charge by the joint Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre and Fachinformationszentrum Karlsruhe Access Structures service.

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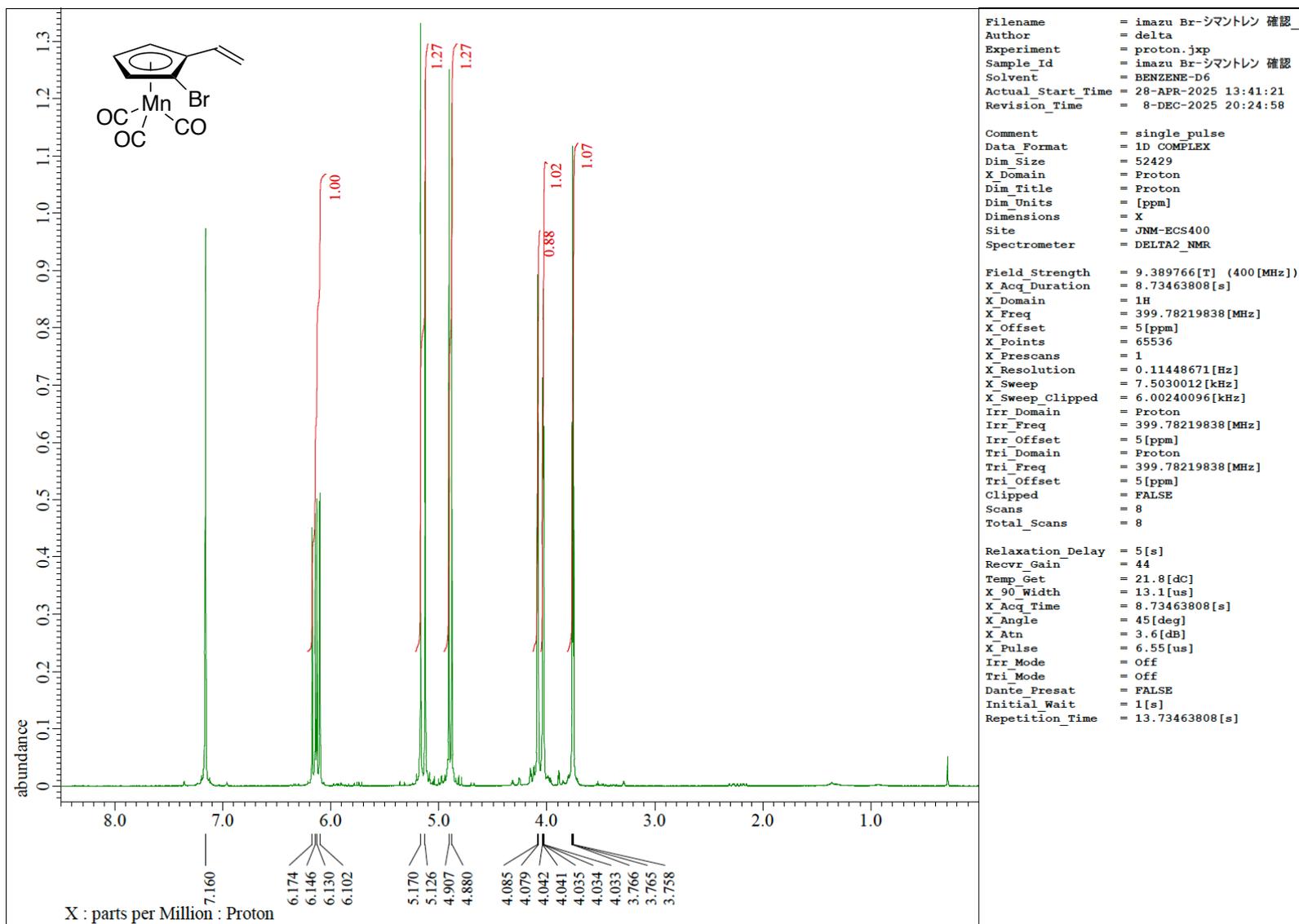
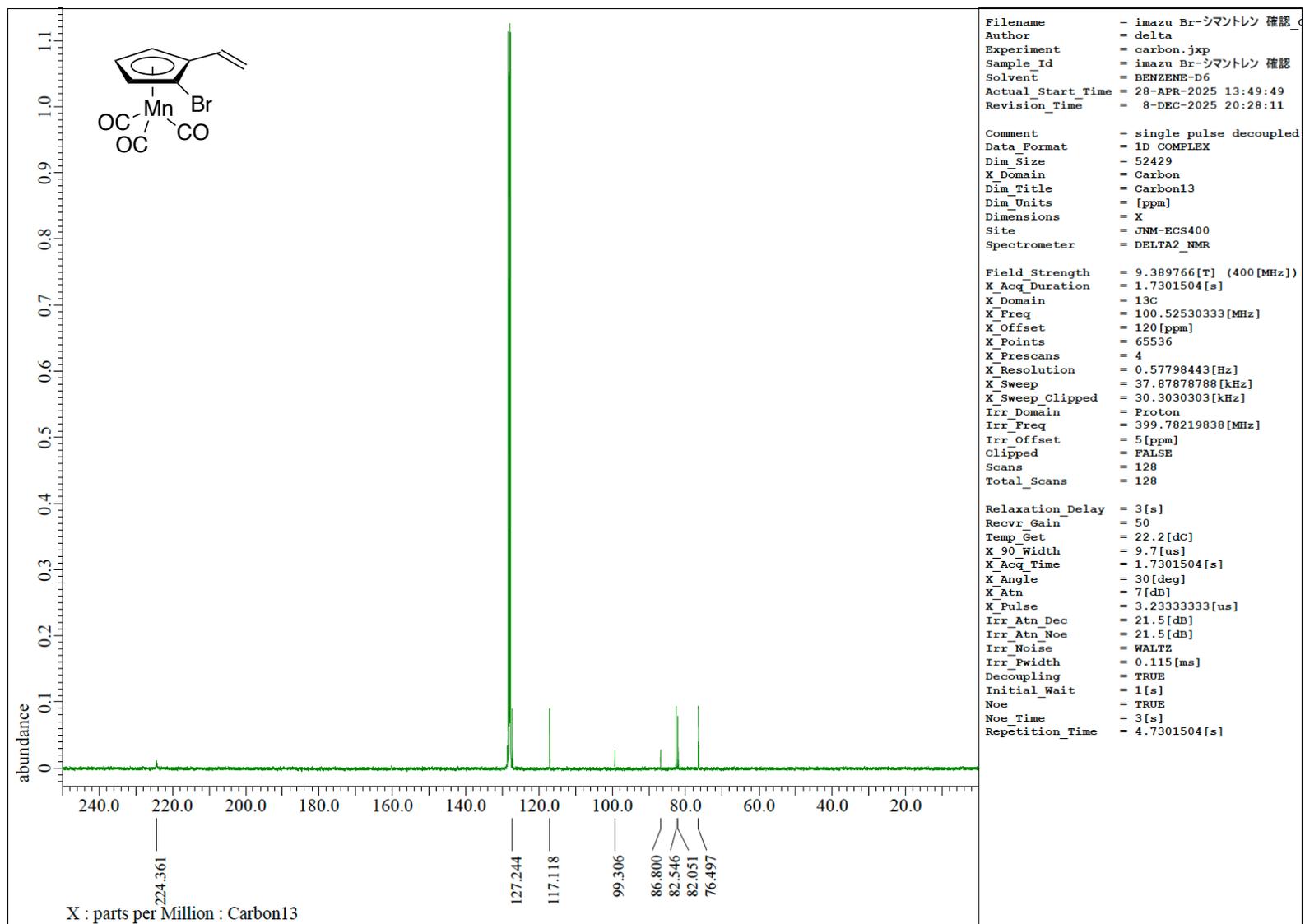


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum of **1a** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 400 MHz.



**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectrum of **1a** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 101 MHz.

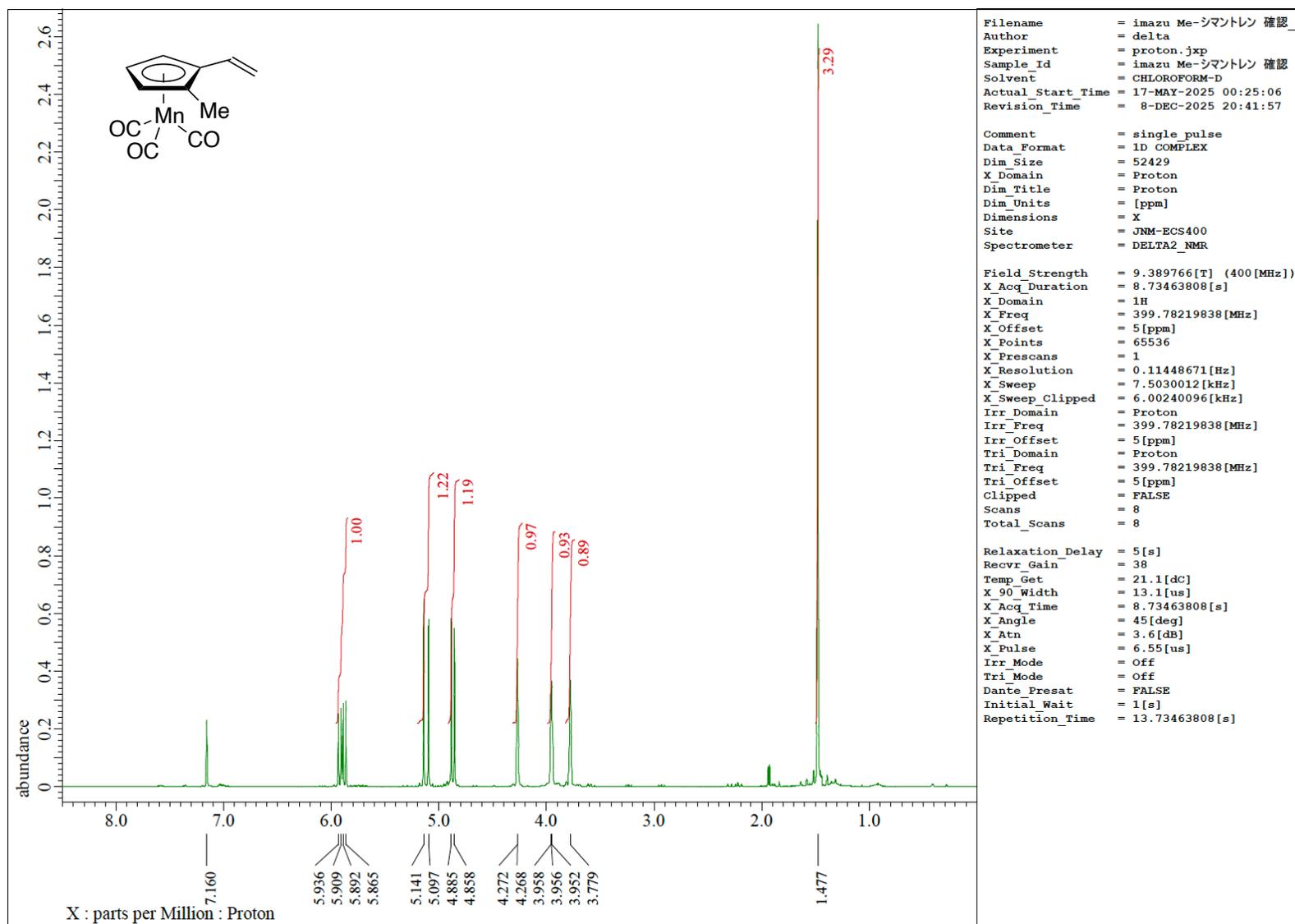


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of **1b** in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 400 MHz.

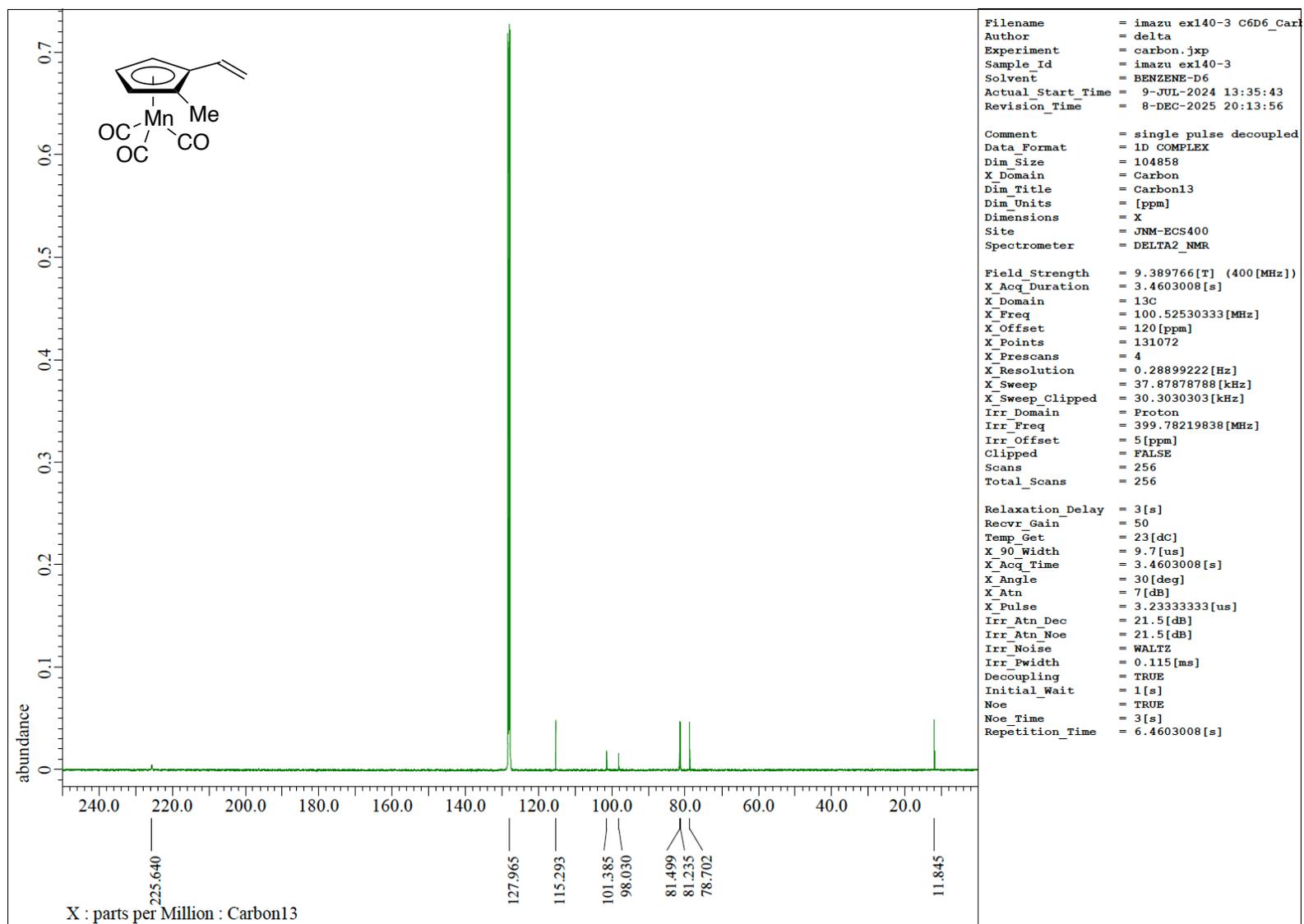


Figure S4.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectrum of **1b** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 101 MHz.

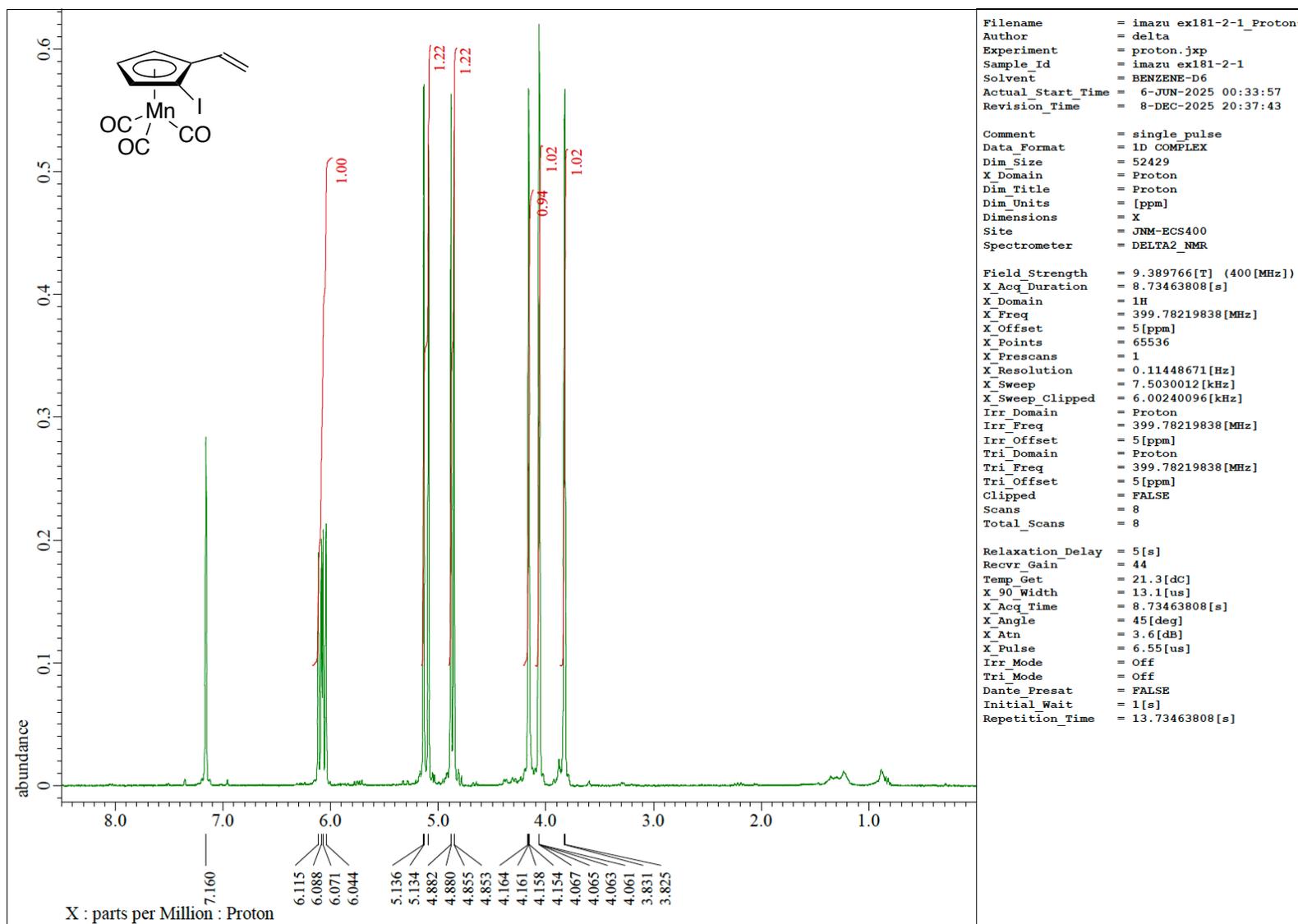


Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of 1c in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 400 MHz.

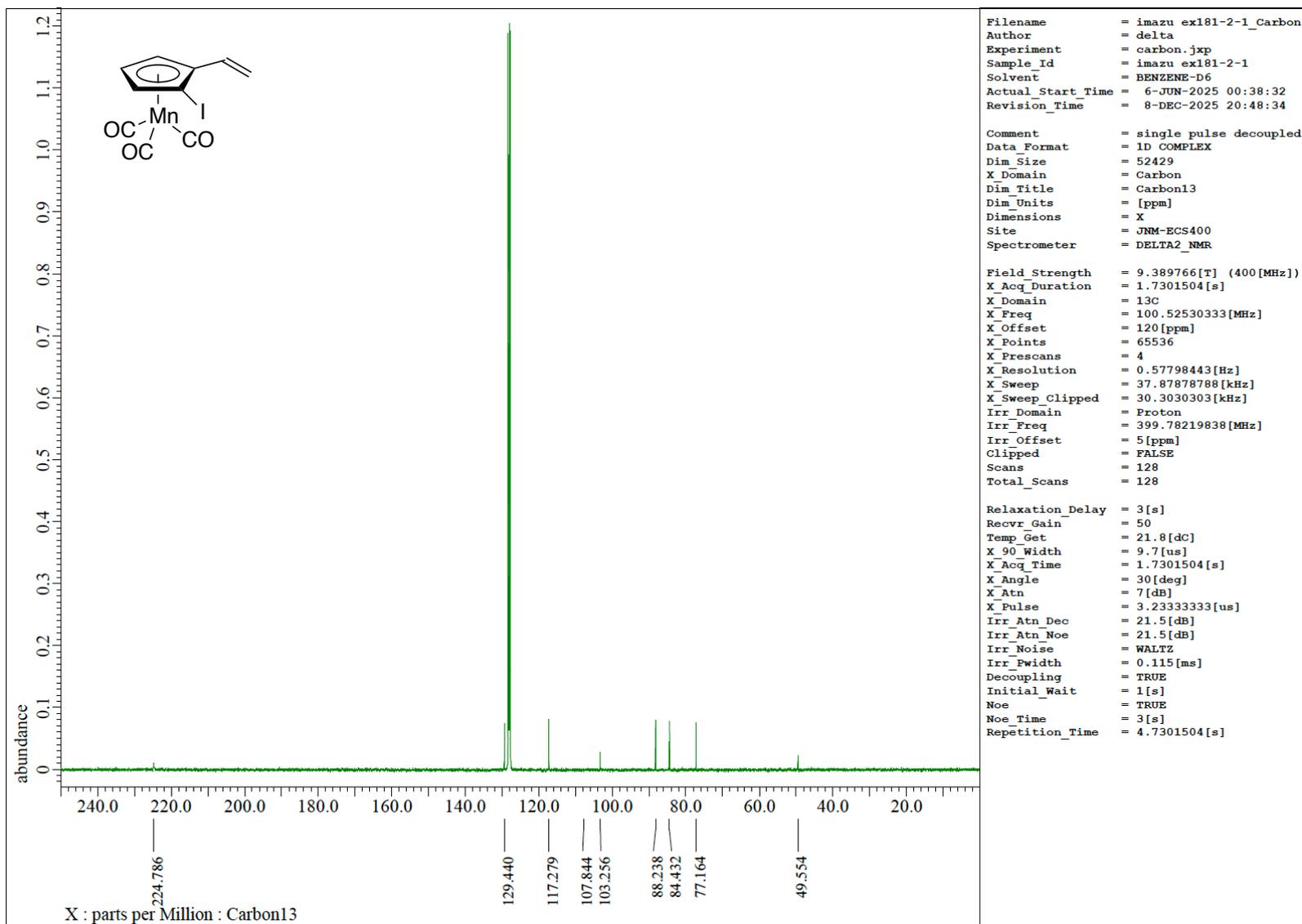
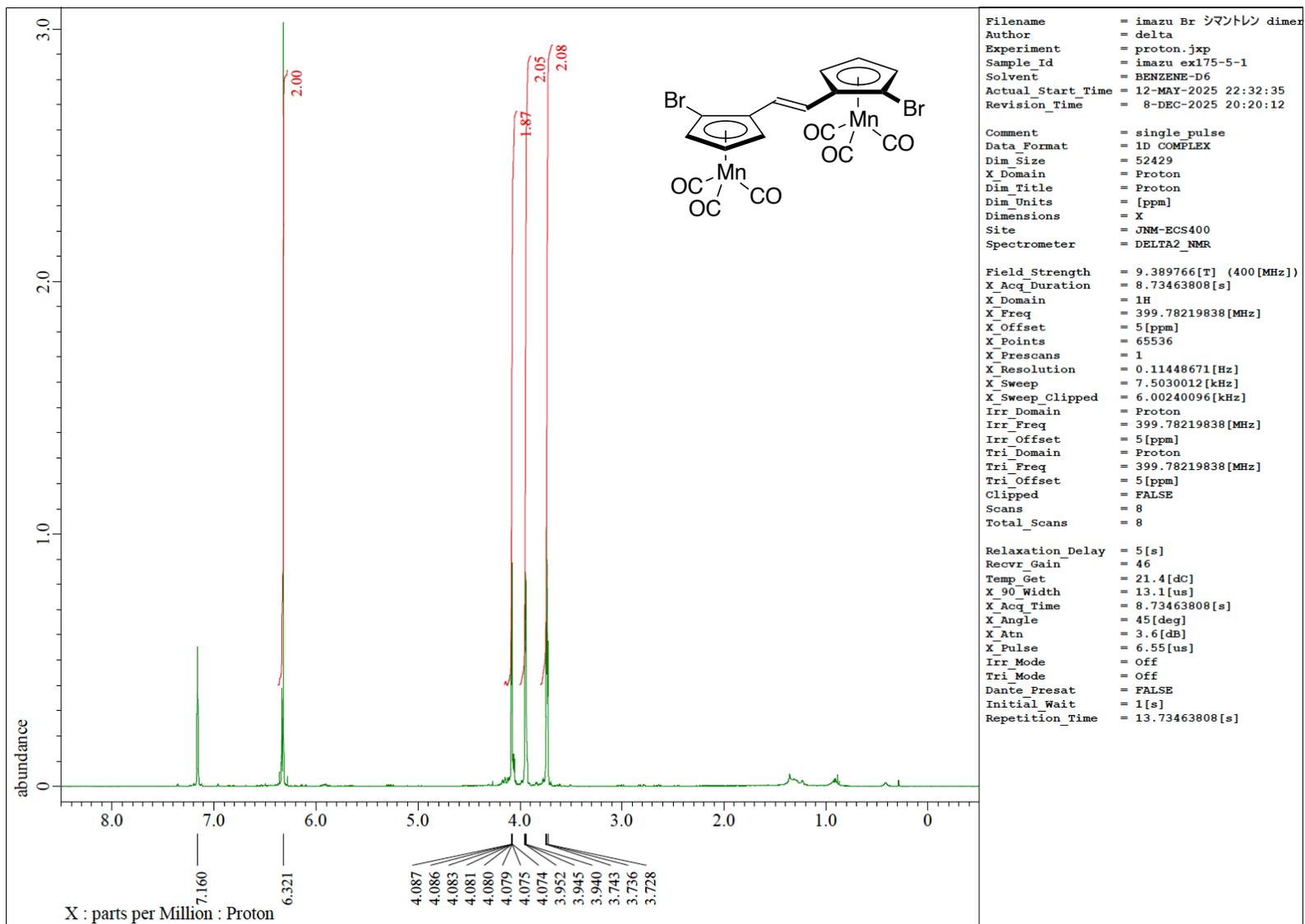


Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum of **1c** in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 101 MHz.



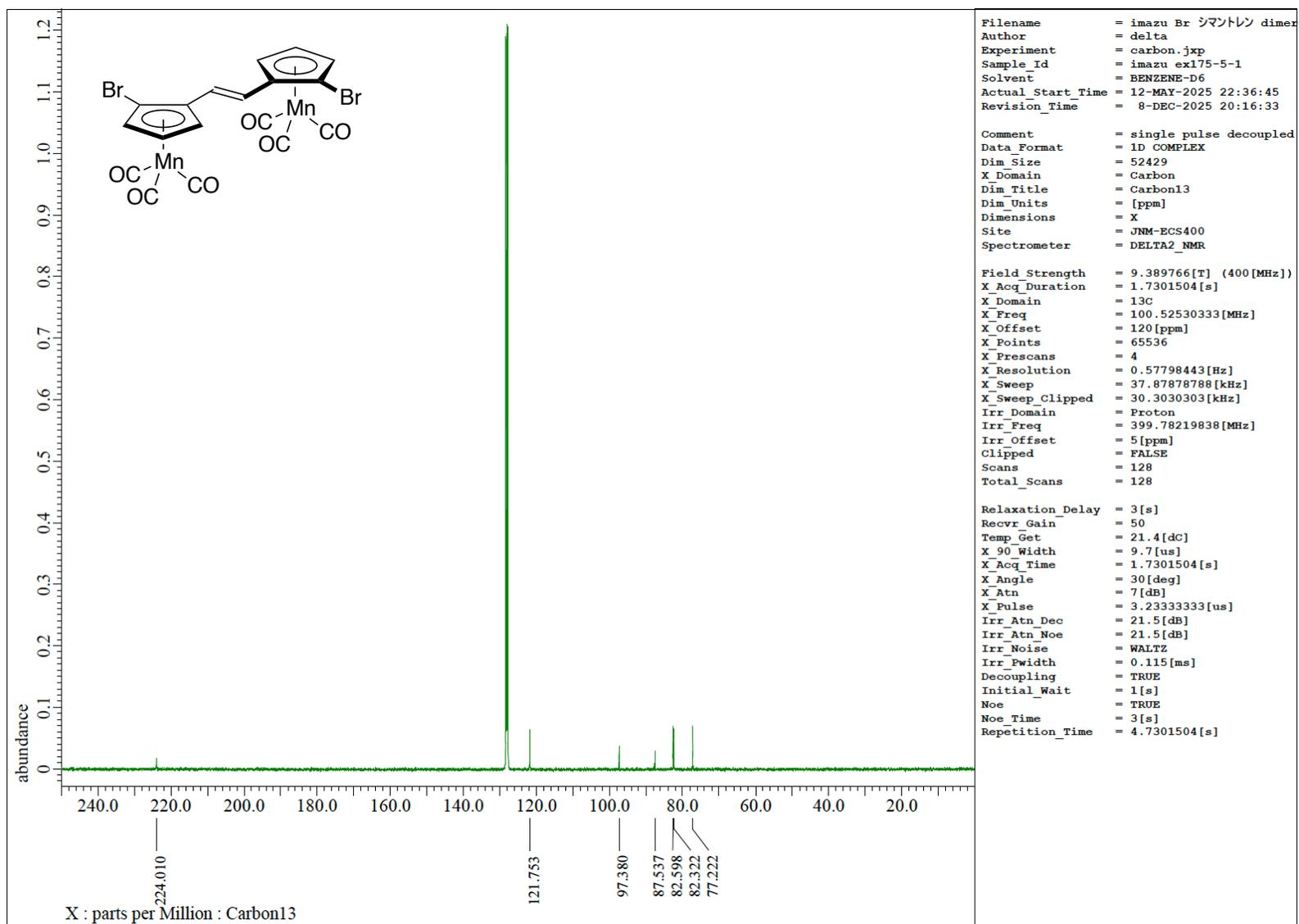


Figure S8.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectrum of **2a** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 101 MHz.

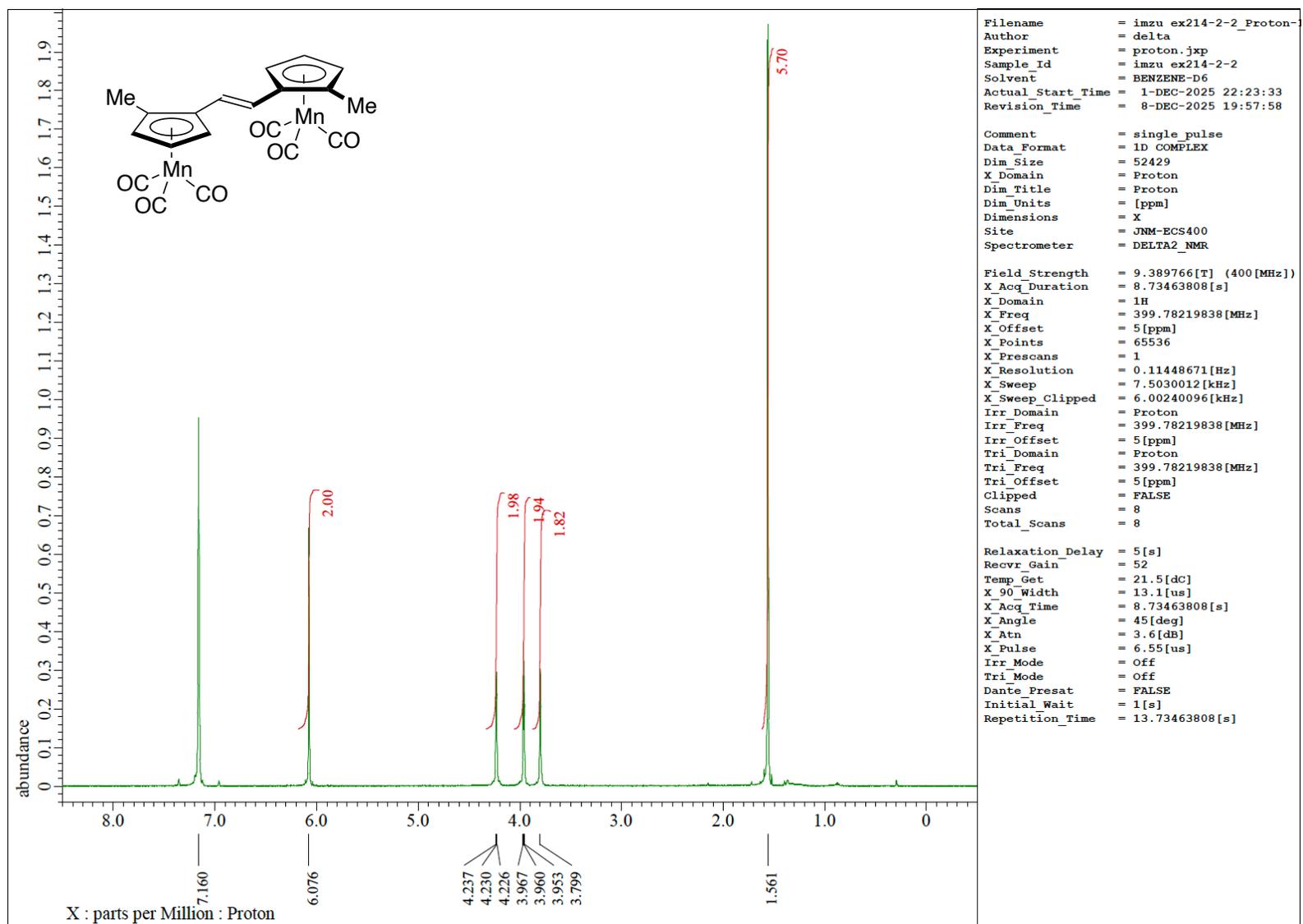


Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of **2b** in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 400 MHz.

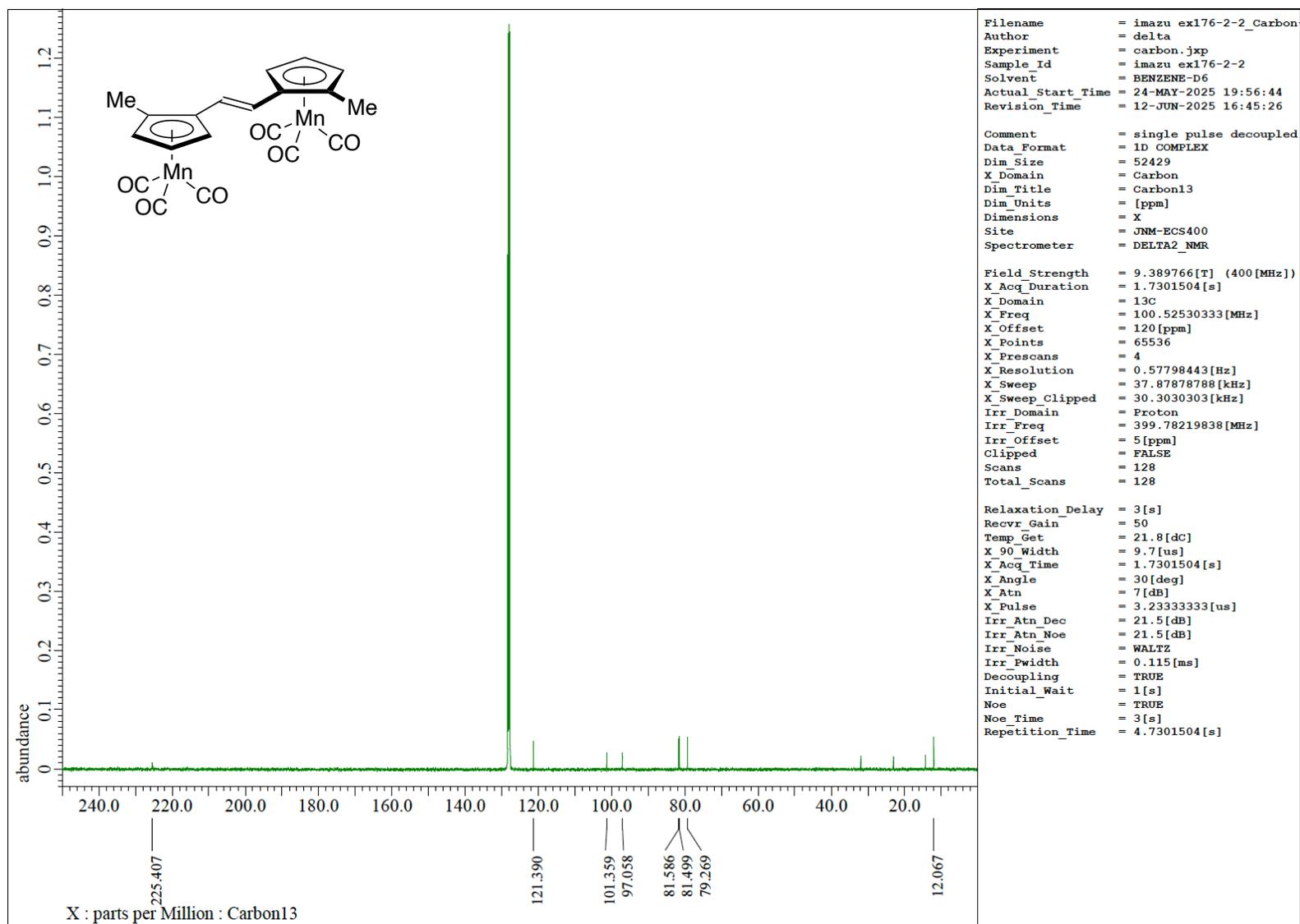


Figure S10.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectrum of **2b** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 101 MHz.

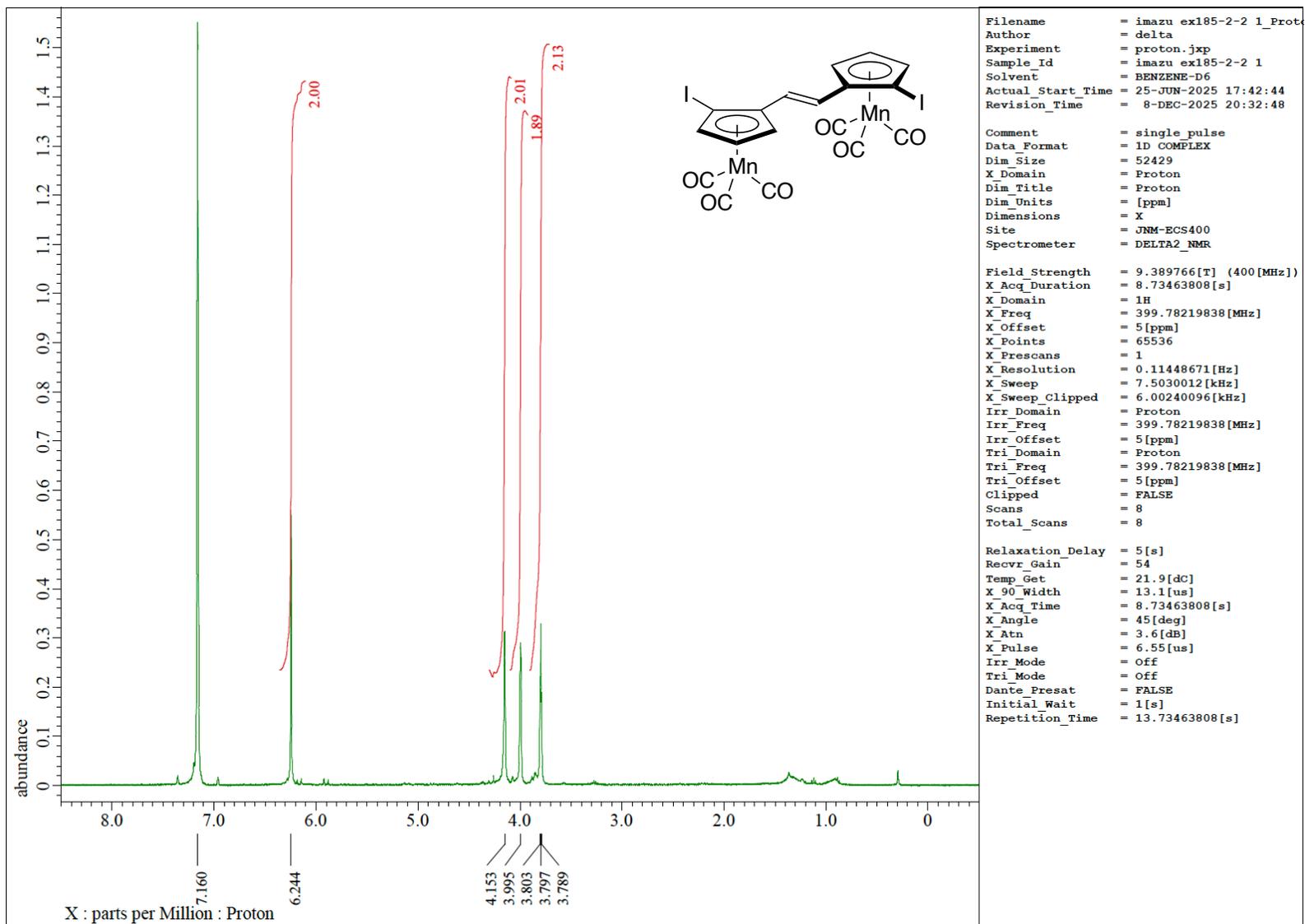
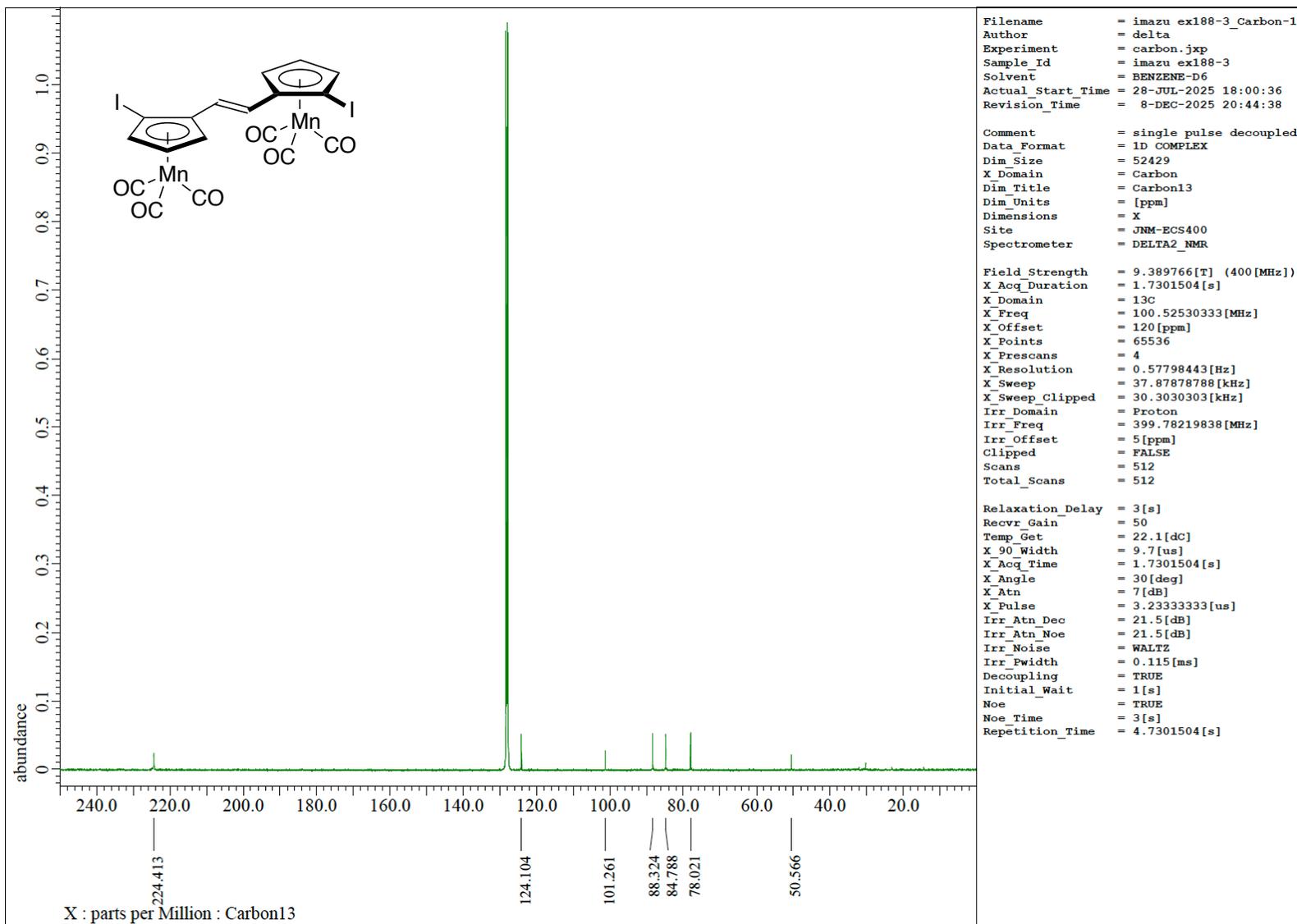
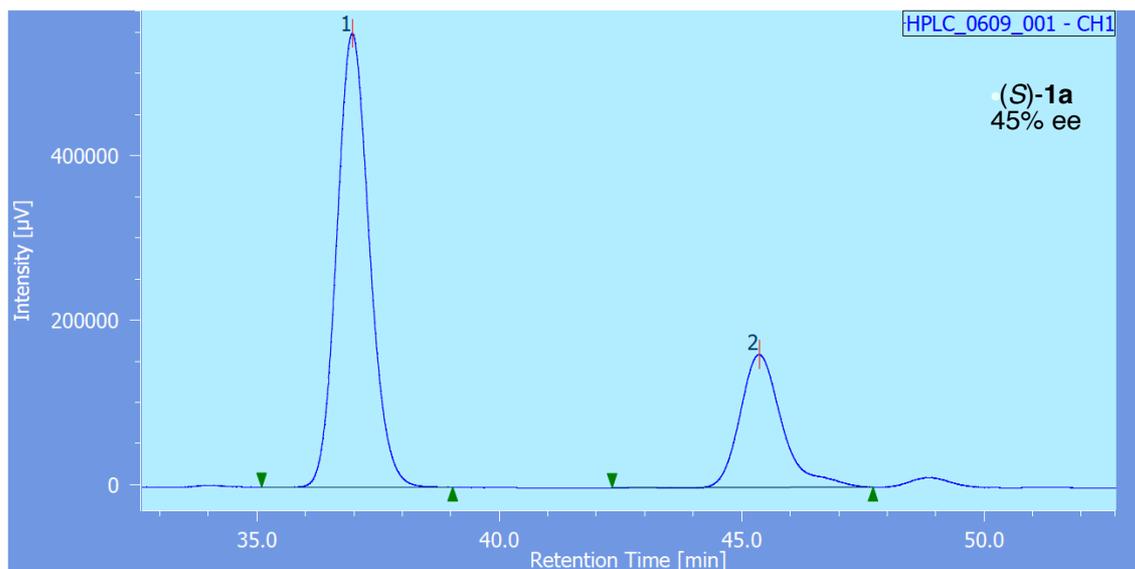
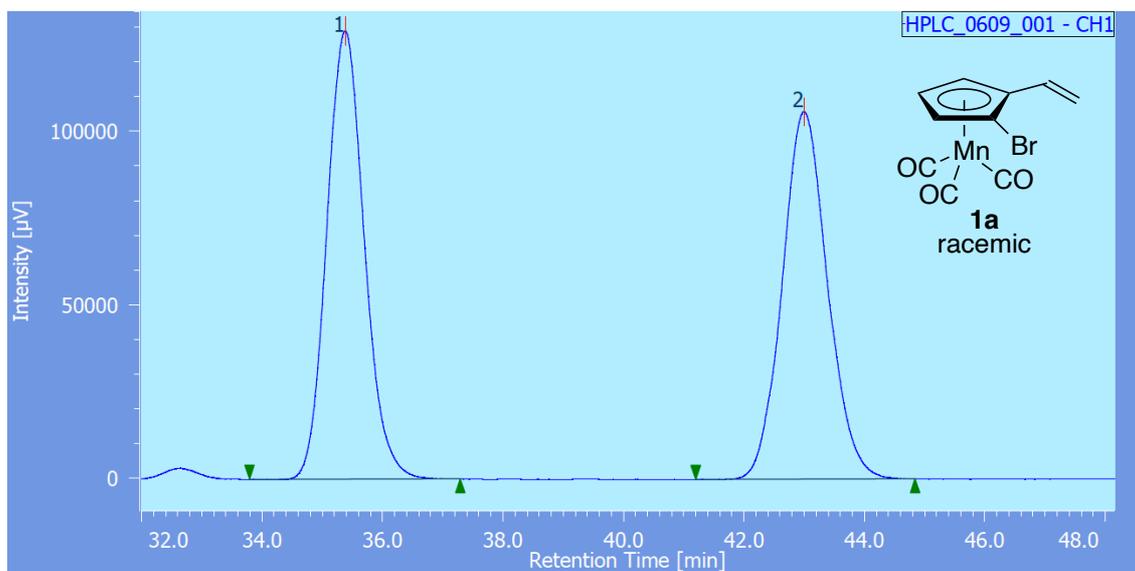


Figure S11.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum of **2c** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 400 MHz.



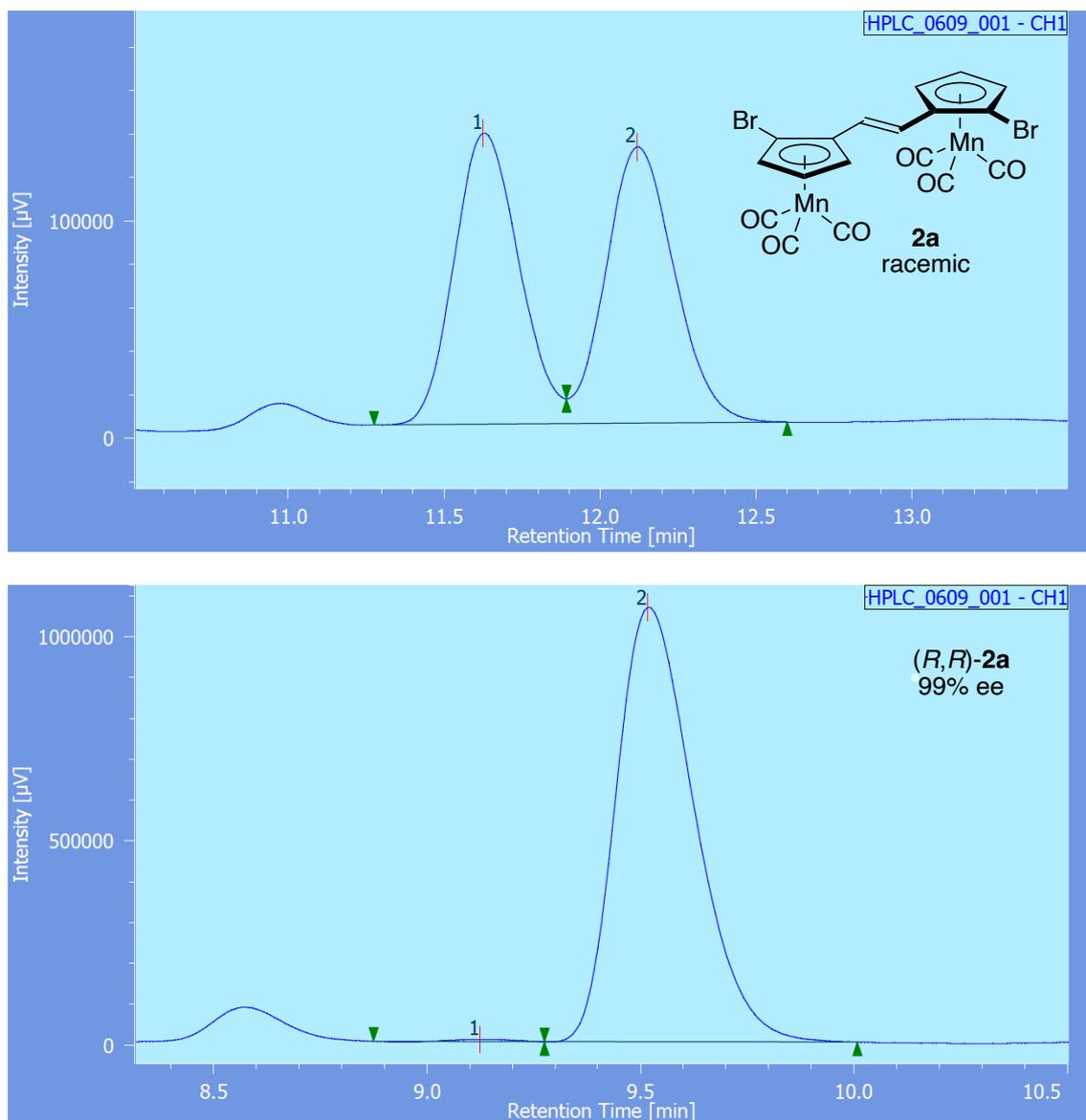
**Figure S12.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectrum of **2c** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 101 MHz.

**Figure S13.** Chiral HPLC Analysis of (*S*)-**1a** (Table 1, entry 4); Chiralcel OD-H; eluent: hexane/*Pr*OH = 50/1; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min.



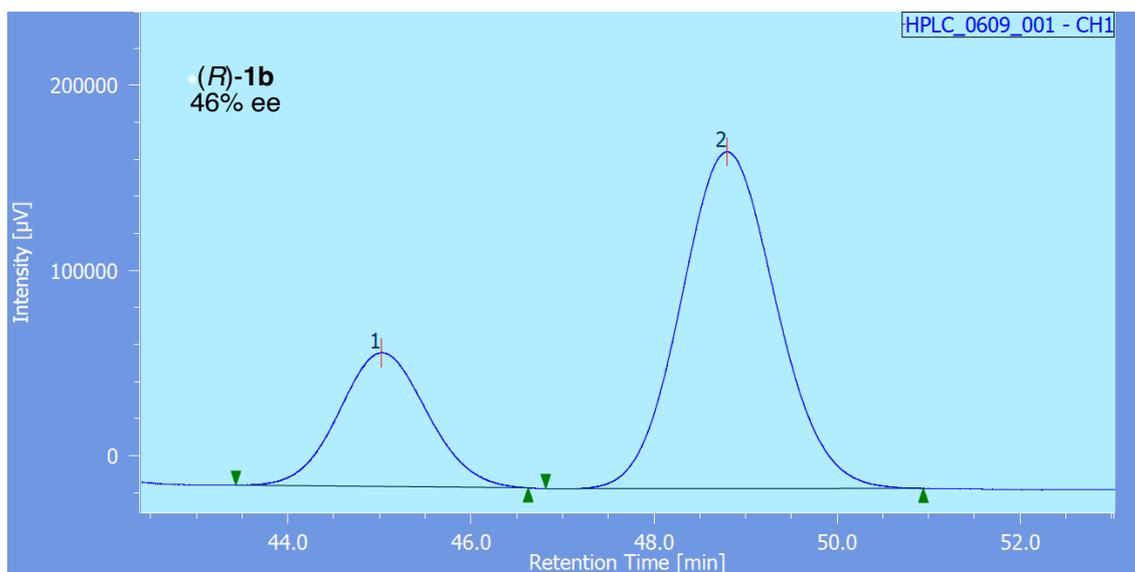
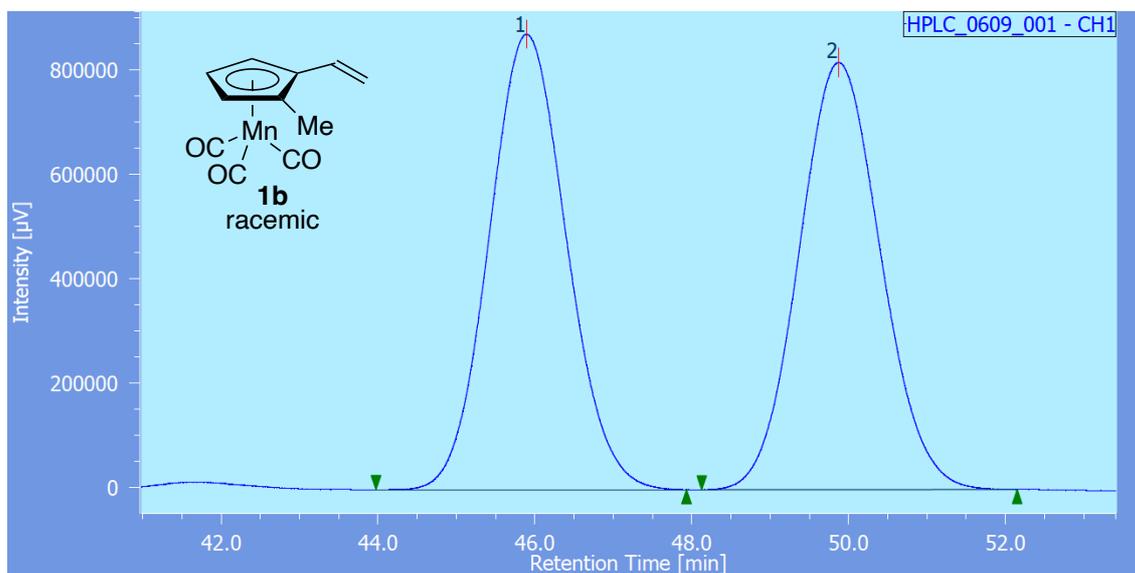
#	peak name	CH	tR [min]	area [µV·sec]	height [µV]	area %	height %	NTP	resolution	symmetry coefficient
1	( <i>S</i> )-isomer	1	36.967	25817677	551940	72.594	77.353	14618	6.185	1.133
2	( <i>R</i> )-isomer	1	45.358	9746652	161590	27.406	22.647	14672	N/A	1.426

**Figure S14.** Chiral HPLC Analysis of (*R,R*)-**2a** (Table 1, entry 4); Chiralpak IE; eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate/*i*PrOH = 90/5/1; flow rate: 0.5 mL/min.



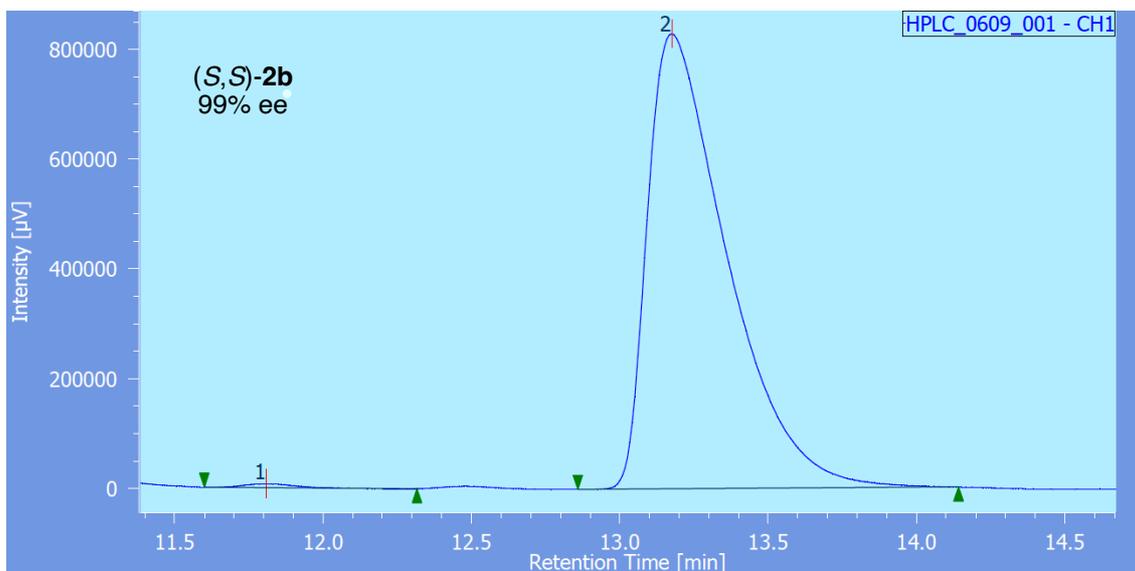
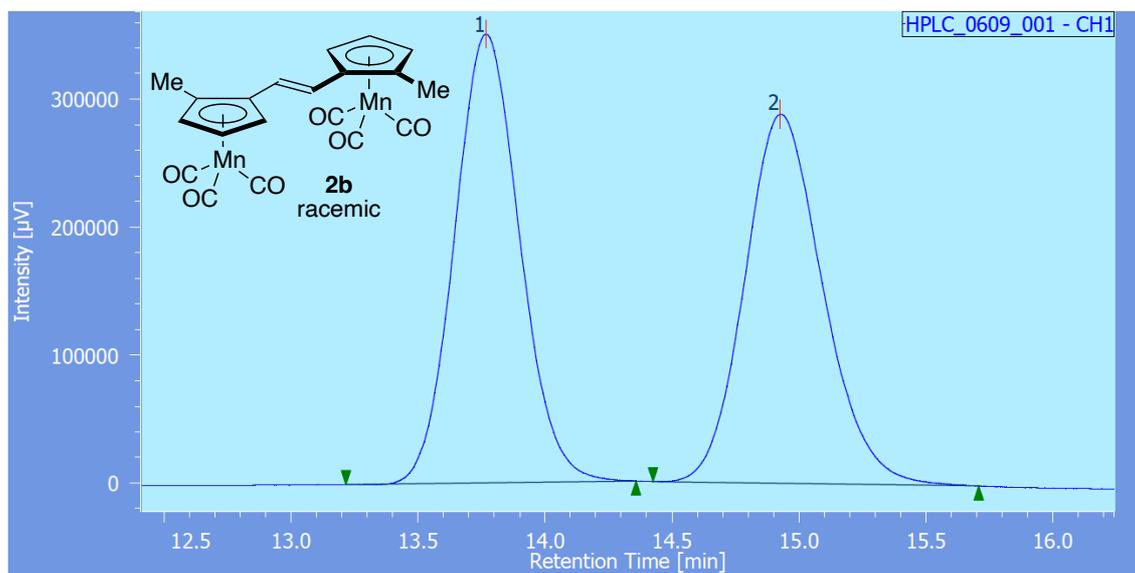
#	peak name	CH	tR [min]	area [µV·sec]	height [µV]	area %	height %	NTP	resolution	symmetry coefficient
1	( <i>S,S</i> )-isomer	1	9.125	45036	4803	0.331	0.450	17571	1.283	1.060
2	( <i>R,R</i> )-isomer	1	9.517	13553796	1063401	99.669	99.550	12787	N/A	1.351

**Figure S15.** Chiral HPLC Analysis of (*R*)-**1b** (Table 1, entry 8); Chiralcel OD-H; eluent: hexane/*Pr*OH = 10/1; flow rate: 0.5 mL/min.



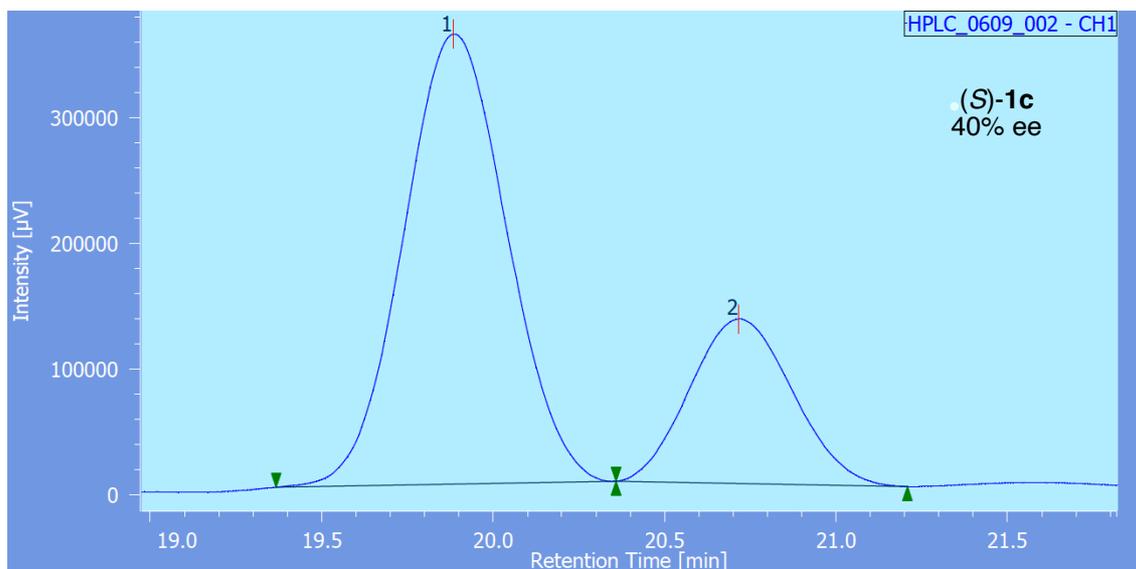
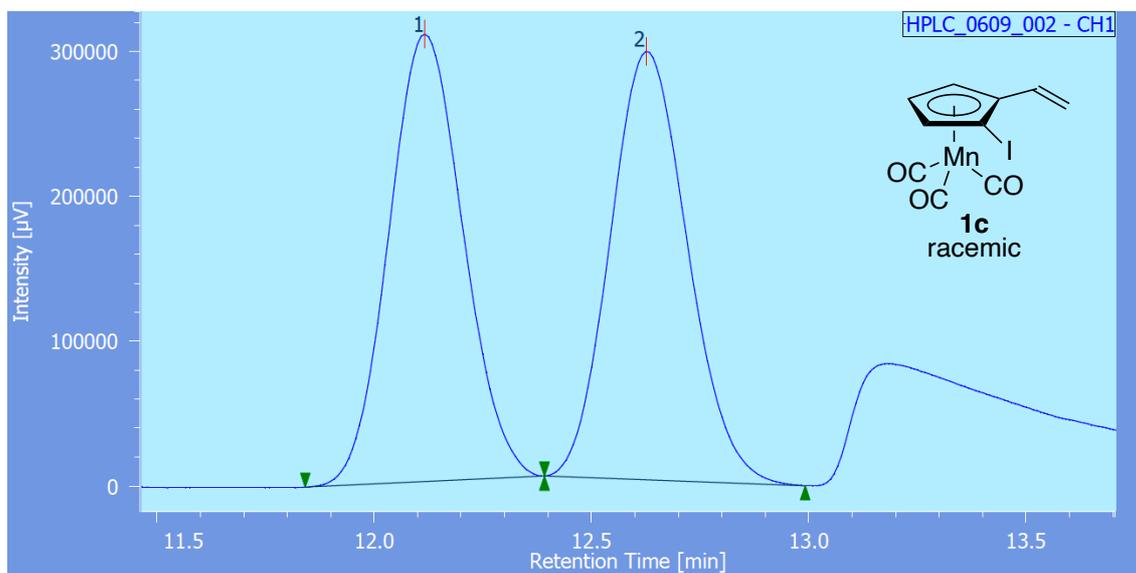
#	peak name	CH	tR [min]	area [µV·sec]	height [µV]	area %	height %	NTP	resolution	symmetry coefficient
1	( <i>R</i> )-isomer	1	45.025	4867701	72197	26.995	28.428	10211	2.046	1.054
2	( <i>S</i> )-isomer	1	48.800	13164482	181771	73.005	71.572	10364	N/A	1.073

**Figure S16.** Chiral HPLC Analysis of (*S,S*)-**2b** (Table 1, entry 8); Chiralpak IC; eluent: hexane/*i*PrOH = 100/1; flow rate: 0.5 mL/min.



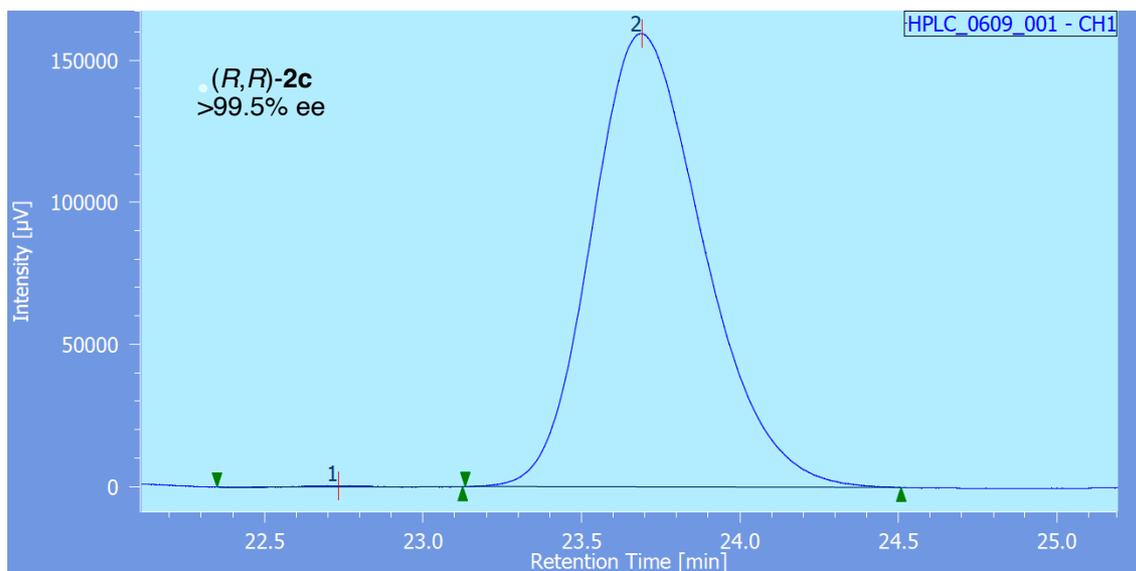
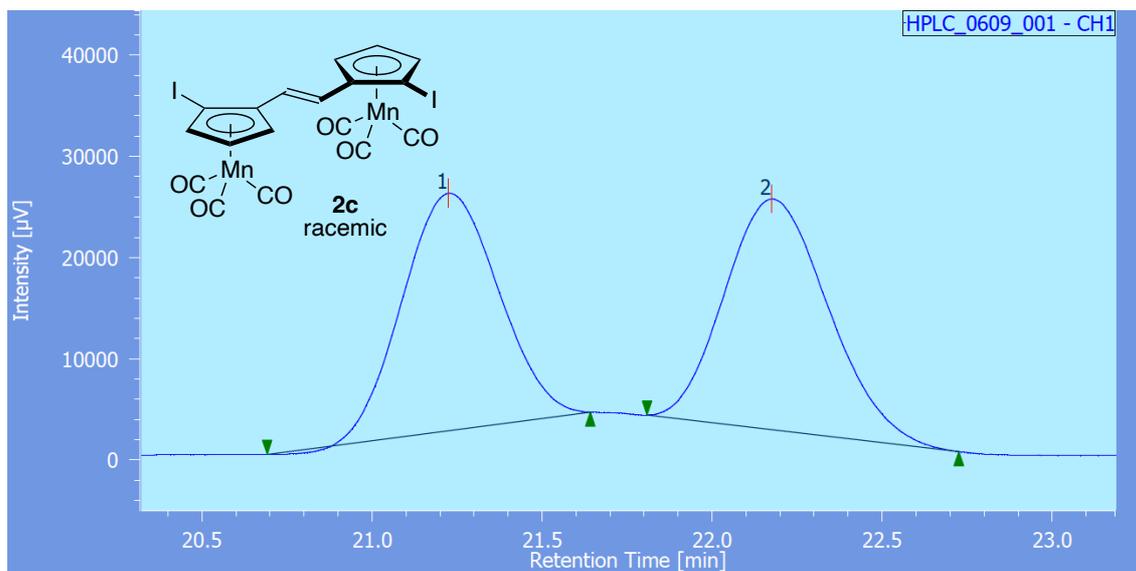
#	peak name	CH	tR [min]	area [µV·sec]	height [µV]	area %	height %	NTP	resolution	symmetry coefficient
1	( <i>R,R</i> )-isomer	1	11.808	84773	7087	0.545	0.846	21349	3.410	1.299
2	( <i>S,S</i> )-isomer	1	13.175	15468192	828833	99.455	99.152	12037	N/A	2.058

**Figure S17.** Chiral HPLC Analysis of (*S*)-**1c** (Table 1, entry 10); ChiralPAK IB; eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate/*i*PrOH = 900/60/1; flow rate: 0.5 mL/min.



#	peak name	CH	tR [min]	area [µV·sec]	height [µV]	area %	height %	NTP	resolution	symmetry coefficient
1	( <i>S</i> )-isomer	1	19.883	7496491	358455	73.336	73.250	20179	1.486	1.046
2	( <i>R</i> )-isomer	1	20.717	2725569	130903	26.664	26.750	21550	N/A	1.089

**Figure S18.** Chiral HPLC Analysis of (*R,R*)-**2c** (Table 1, entry 10); Chiralpak IB; eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate/*i*PrOH = 90/5/1; flow rate: 0.5 mL/min.



#	peak name	CH	tR [min]	area [μV·sec]	height [μV]	area %	height %	NTP	resolution	symmetry coefficient
1	( <i>S,S</i> )-isomer	1	22.733	5360	400	0.136	0.250	54248	1.854	0.937
2	( <i>R,R</i> )-isomer	1	23.692	3927596	159488	99.864	99.750	21513	N/A	1.209