

# Two out of Three Musketeers fight against cancer: synthesis, physicochemical and biological properties of phosphino Cu<sup>I</sup>, Ru<sup>II</sup>, Ir<sup>III</sup> complexes

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Table S1 Cumulative NMR data for ligands and iridium-complexes.

	1	2	[Ir( $\eta^5$ -Cp*)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	[Ru( <i>p</i> -cymene)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	1a	1b	1c	2a	2b	2c
<sup>31</sup> P{ <sup>1</sup> H}	-27.68	-26.72			-1.78	24.32	-14.49	-2.01	23.92	-13.07
H <sup>Ph</sup>		7.25-7.64			7.24-7.61 m	7.31-8.02 m	7.28-7.49	7.30-8.02	7.41-8.04	7.25 – 7.32
H <sup>1</sup>	3.45 s	3.48 s			4.01 s*	3.89 s*	3.49 s*	4.02 s	4.01 s	3.62 s
H <sup>2</sup>	2.79 q	2.64 d			2.25 s*	2.19 s*	2.20 s*	2.09 s	1.98 s*	2.08 s
H <sup>3</sup>	1.01 t	1.34-1.50 m			0.72 s*	1.31 s*	0.89 s*	0.72 – 0.98 m	0.70-0.89 m	0.82 -1.24 m
H <sup>4</sup>		1.34-1.50 m						0.72 – 0.98 m	0.70-0.89 m	0.82 -1.24 m
H <sup>5</sup>		0.89 t						0.71 t	0.68 t	0.76 t
H <sup>acetonitrile</sup>							2.03 s			2.02 s
H <sup>Cp*(CH3)</sup>			0.96 s		1.47 s*			1.37 s		
H <sup>a,b</sup>				1.29 d (6.9)		0.84 d			1.08 d	
H <sup>c</sup>				2.93 spt (7.0)		2.97 (6.80) spt			2.51 spt	
H <sup>e,f,h,i</sup>				5.42 dd (19.2; 6.0)		5.37 (36.0; 7.0) dd			5.15 dd	
H <sup>j</sup>				2.16 s		1.74 s			1.75 s	

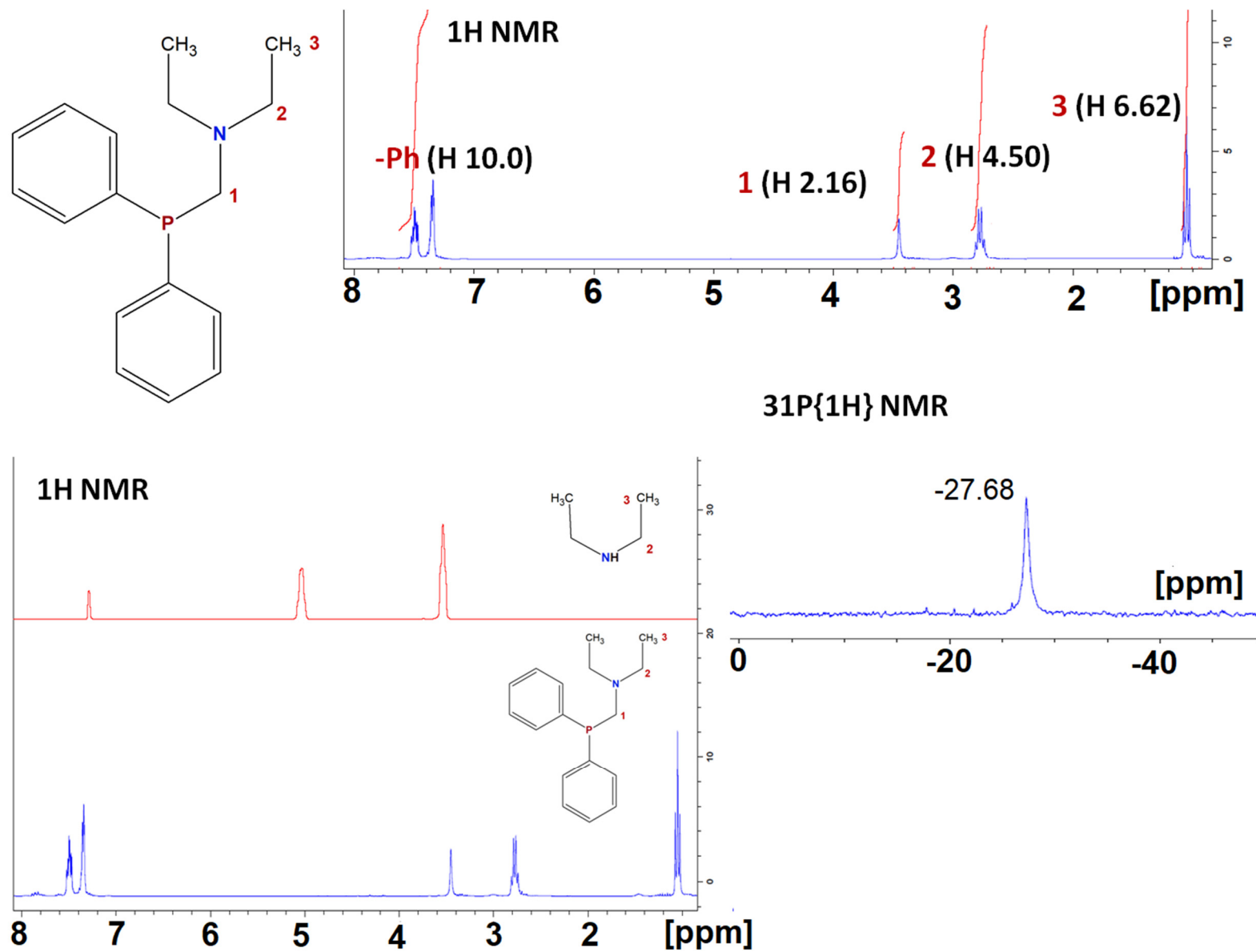


Figure S1 <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra for **1** (298 K, CHCl<sub>3</sub>-d)

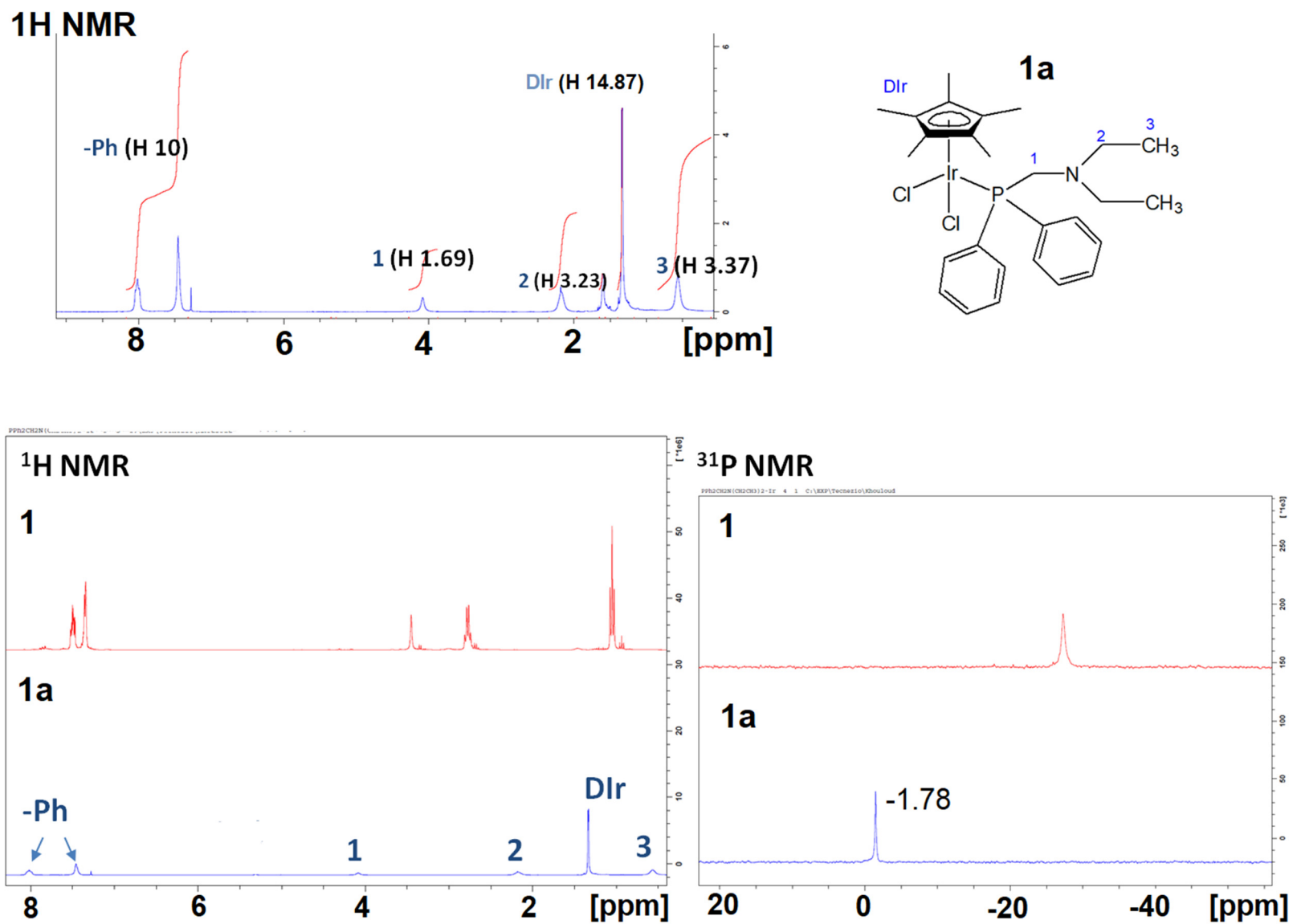


Figure S2  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra for **1a** (298 K,  $\text{CHCl}_3\text{-d}$ )

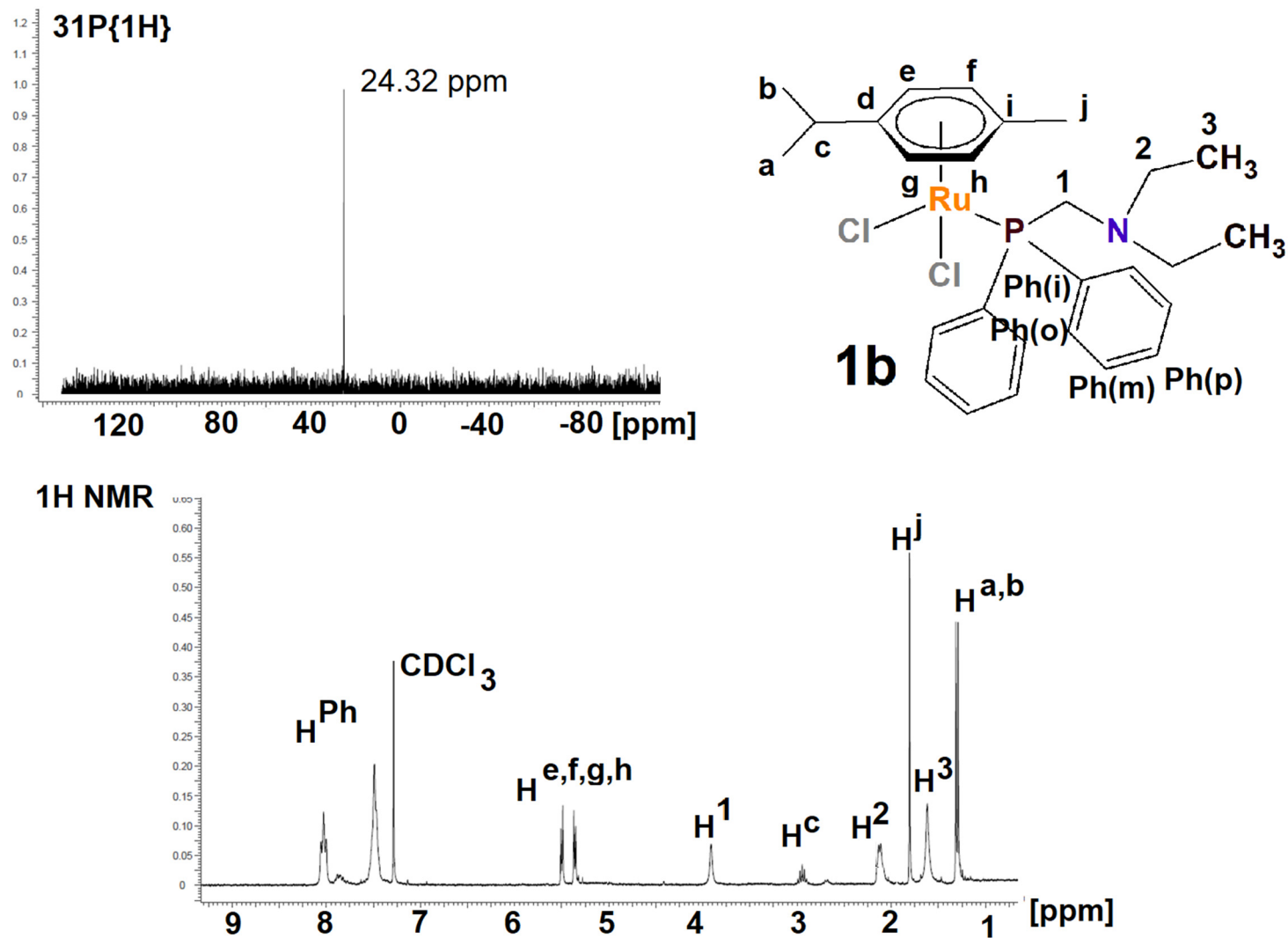


Figure S3  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra for **1b** (298 K,  $\text{CHCl}_3\text{-d}$ )

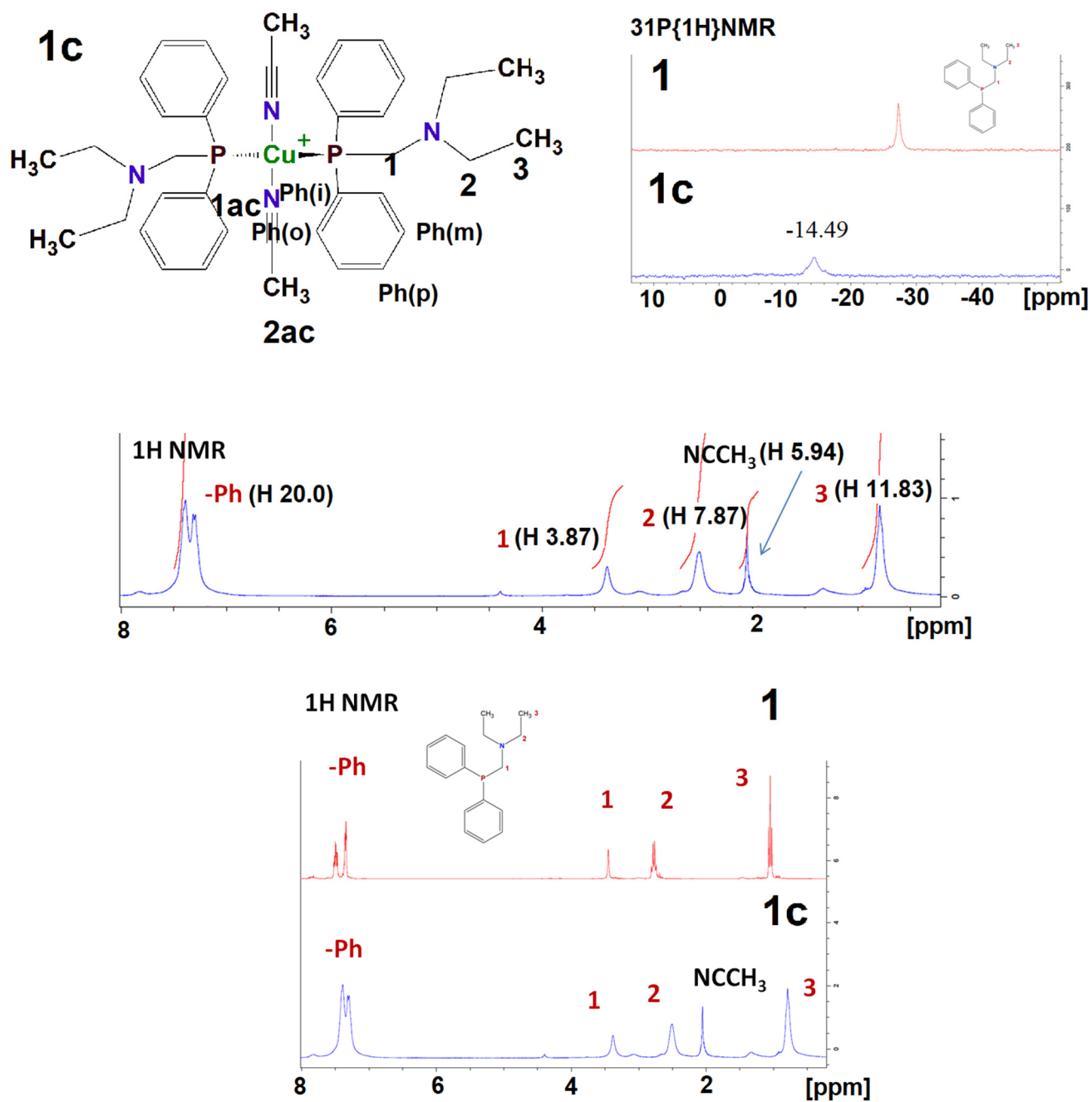


Figure S4  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra for **1c** (298 K,  $\text{CHCl}_3\text{-d}$ )

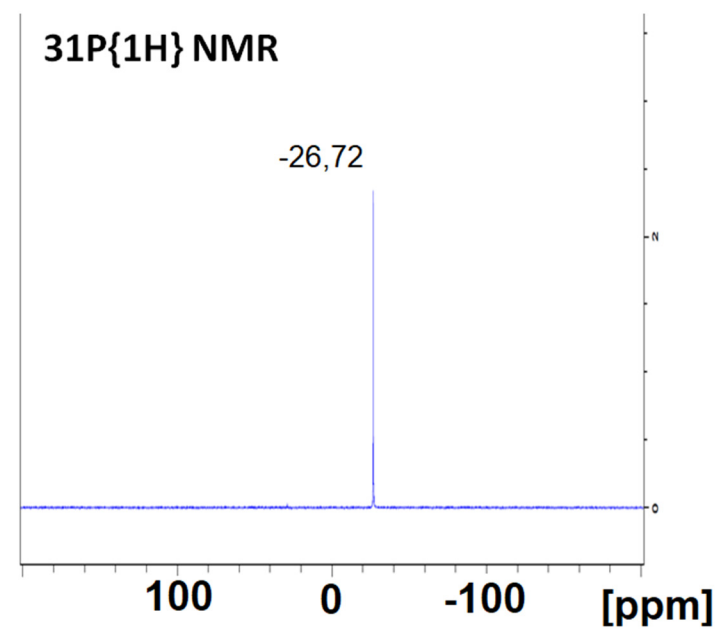
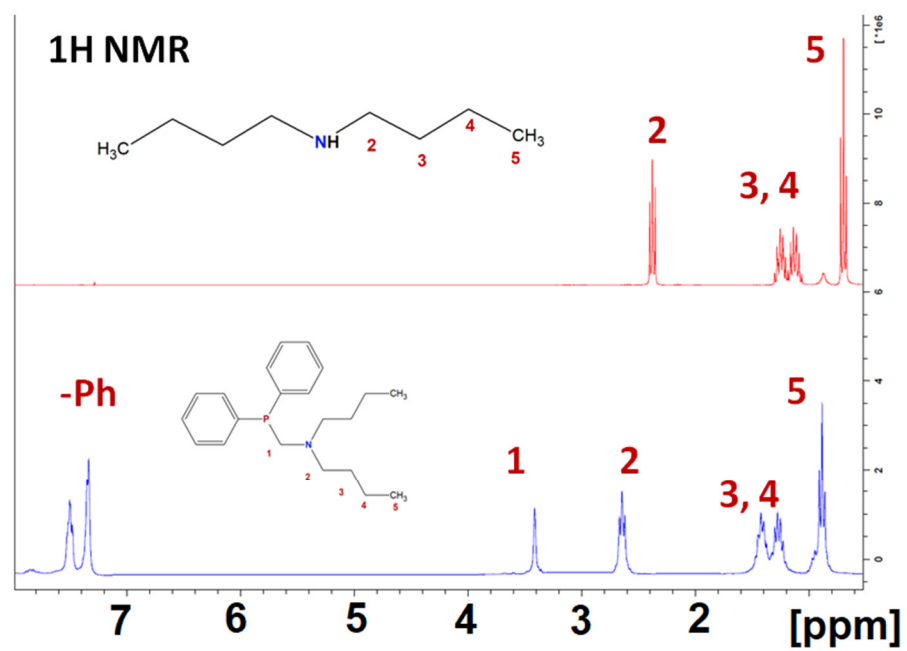
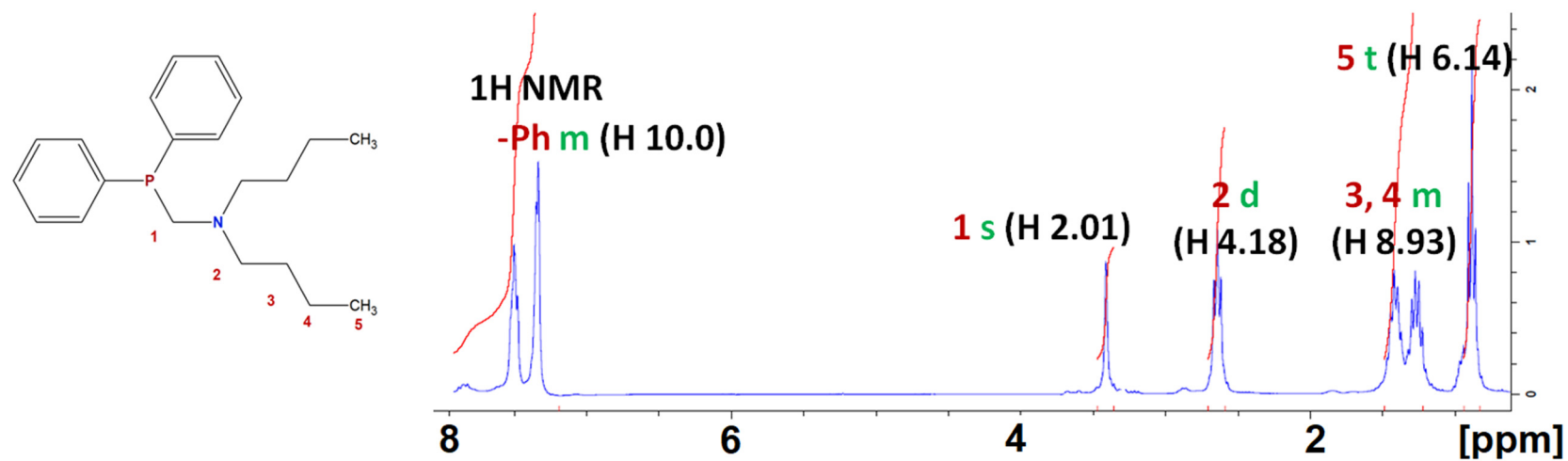


Figure S5  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra for **2** (298 K,  $\text{CHCl}_3\text{-d}$ )

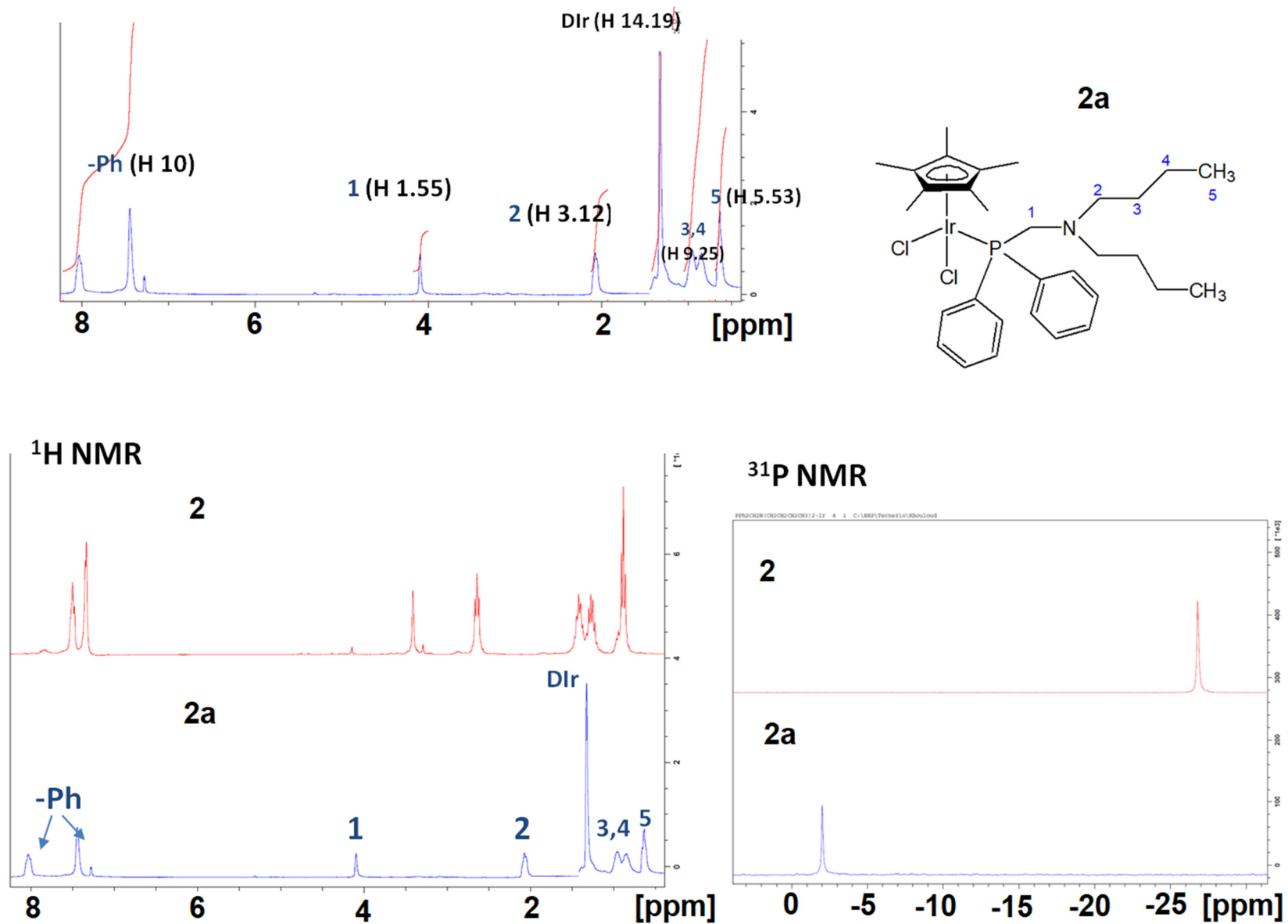


Figure S6  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra for **2a** (298 K,  $\text{CHCl}_3\text{-d}$ )



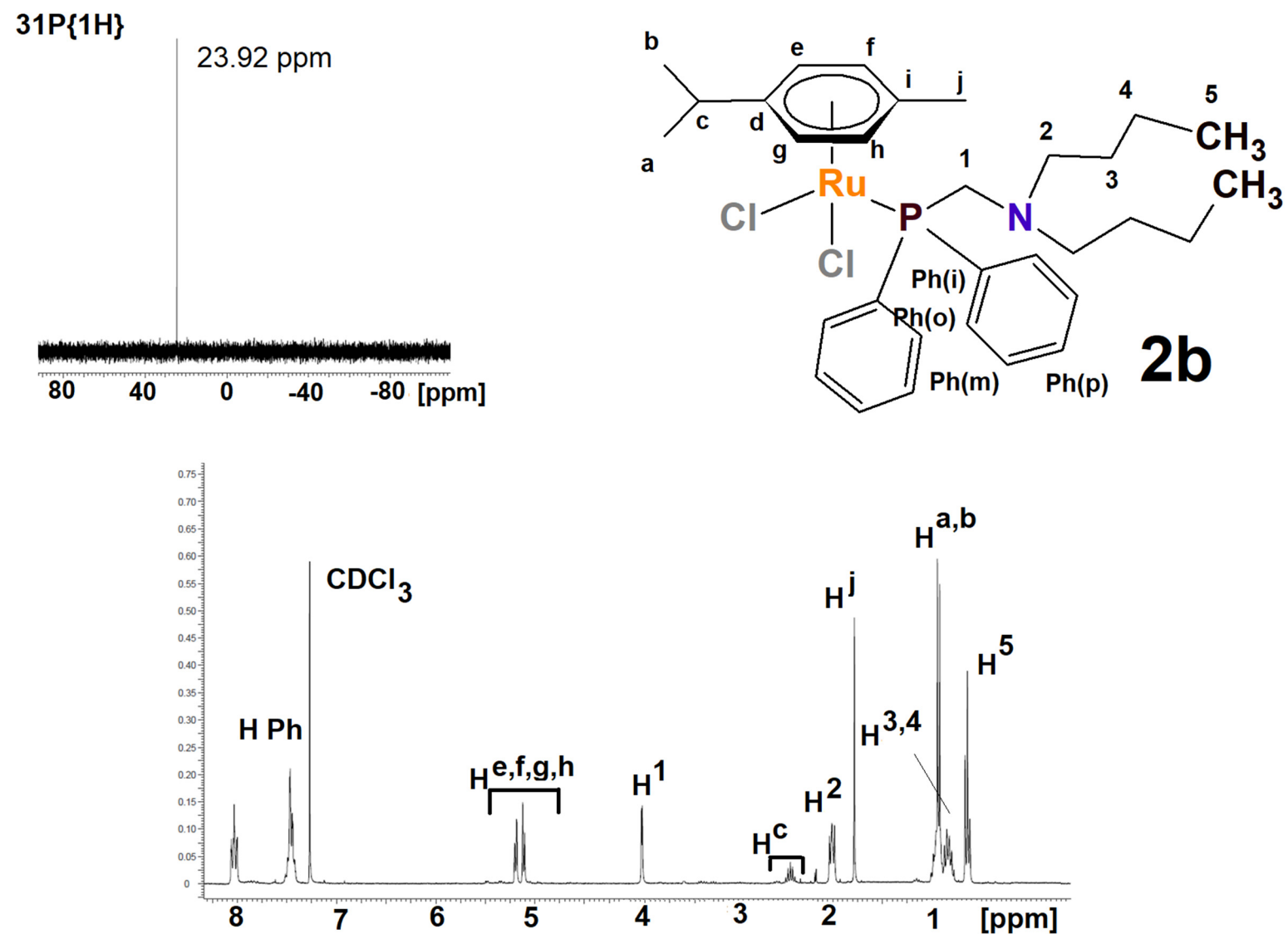


Figure S8  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra for **2b** (298 K,  $\text{CHCl}_3\text{-d}$ )

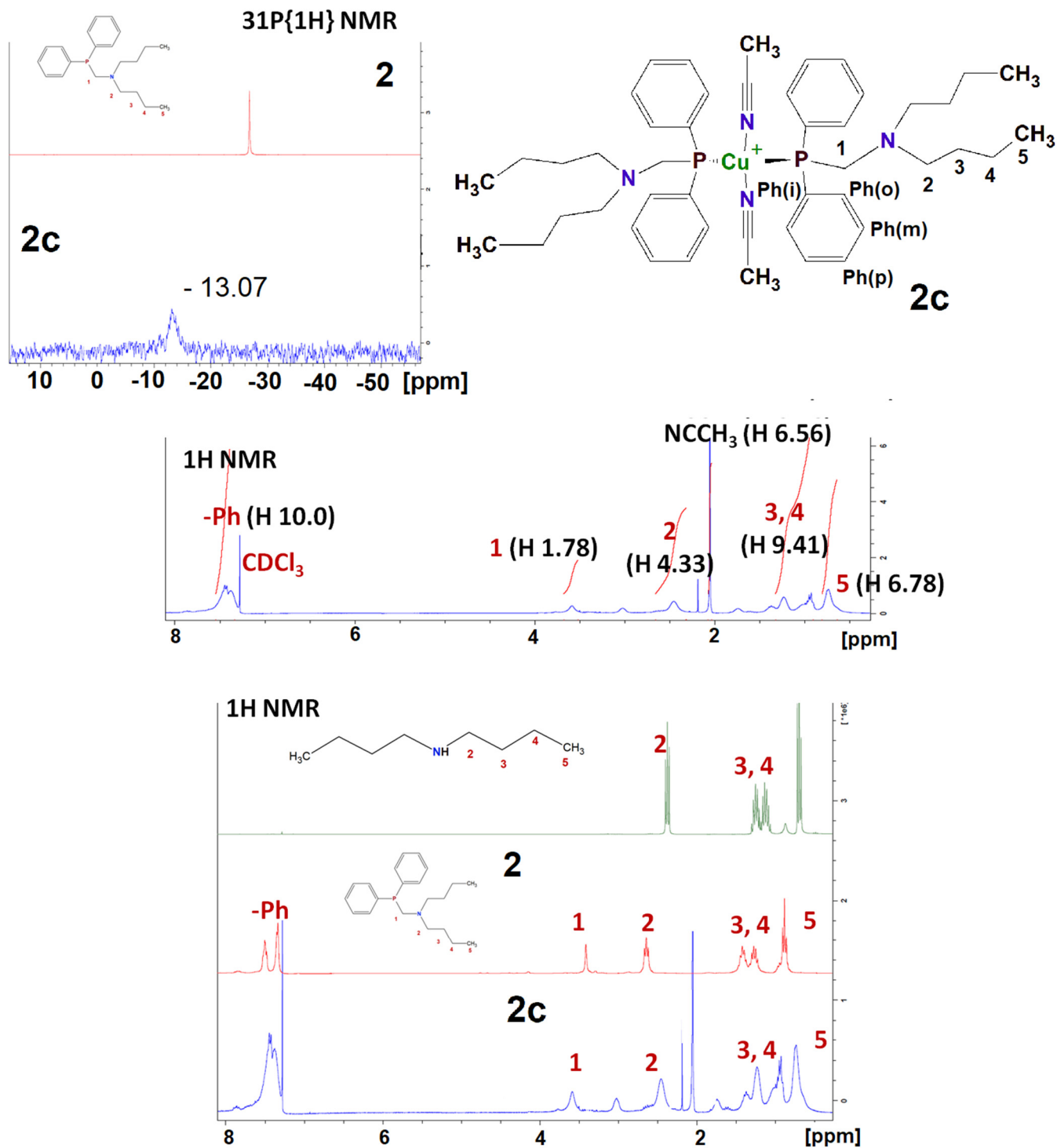


Figure S9  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra for **2c** (298 K,  $\text{CHCl}_3\text{-d}$ )

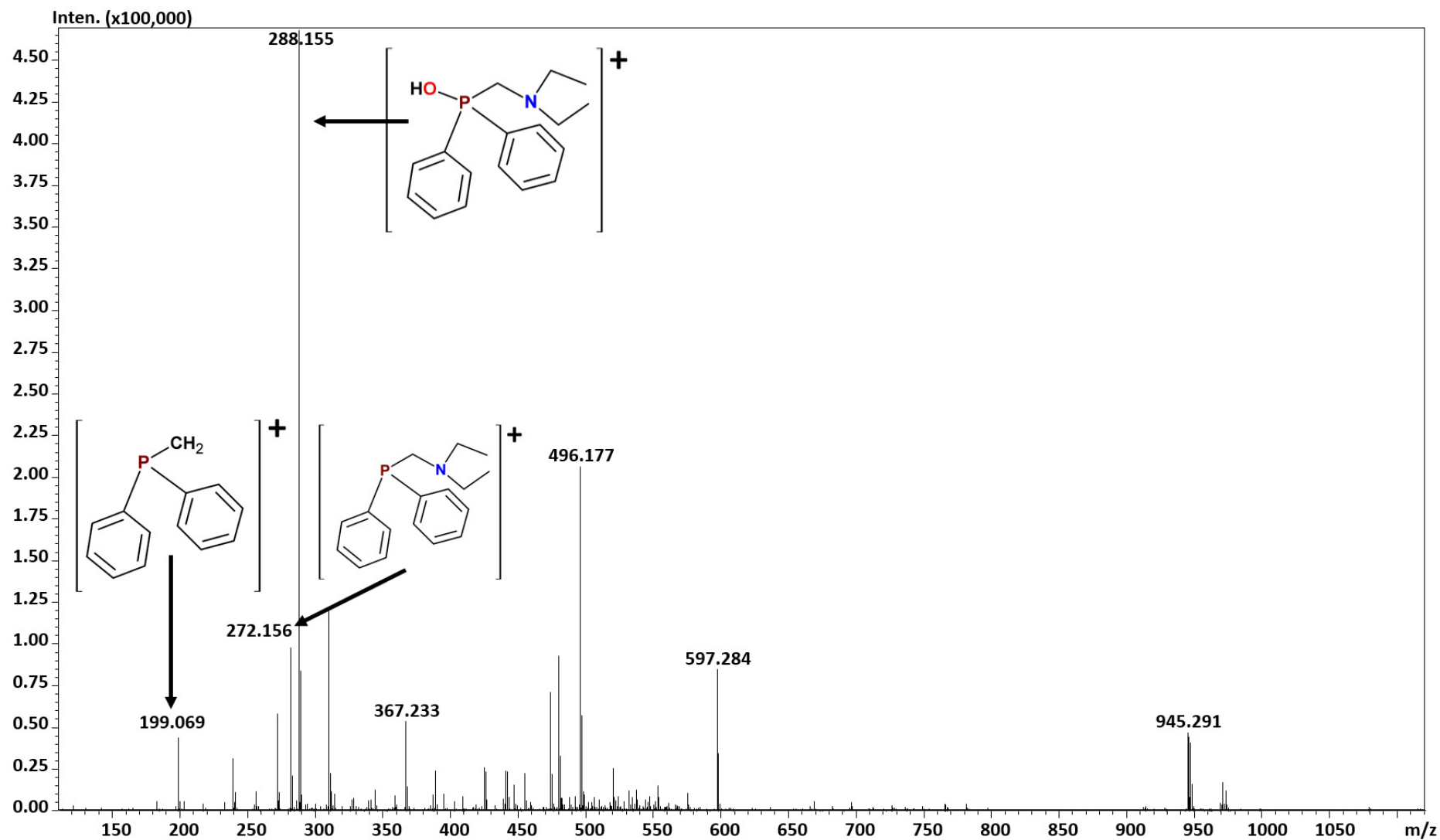


Figure S10 Full ESI(+)MS spectrum of **1**.

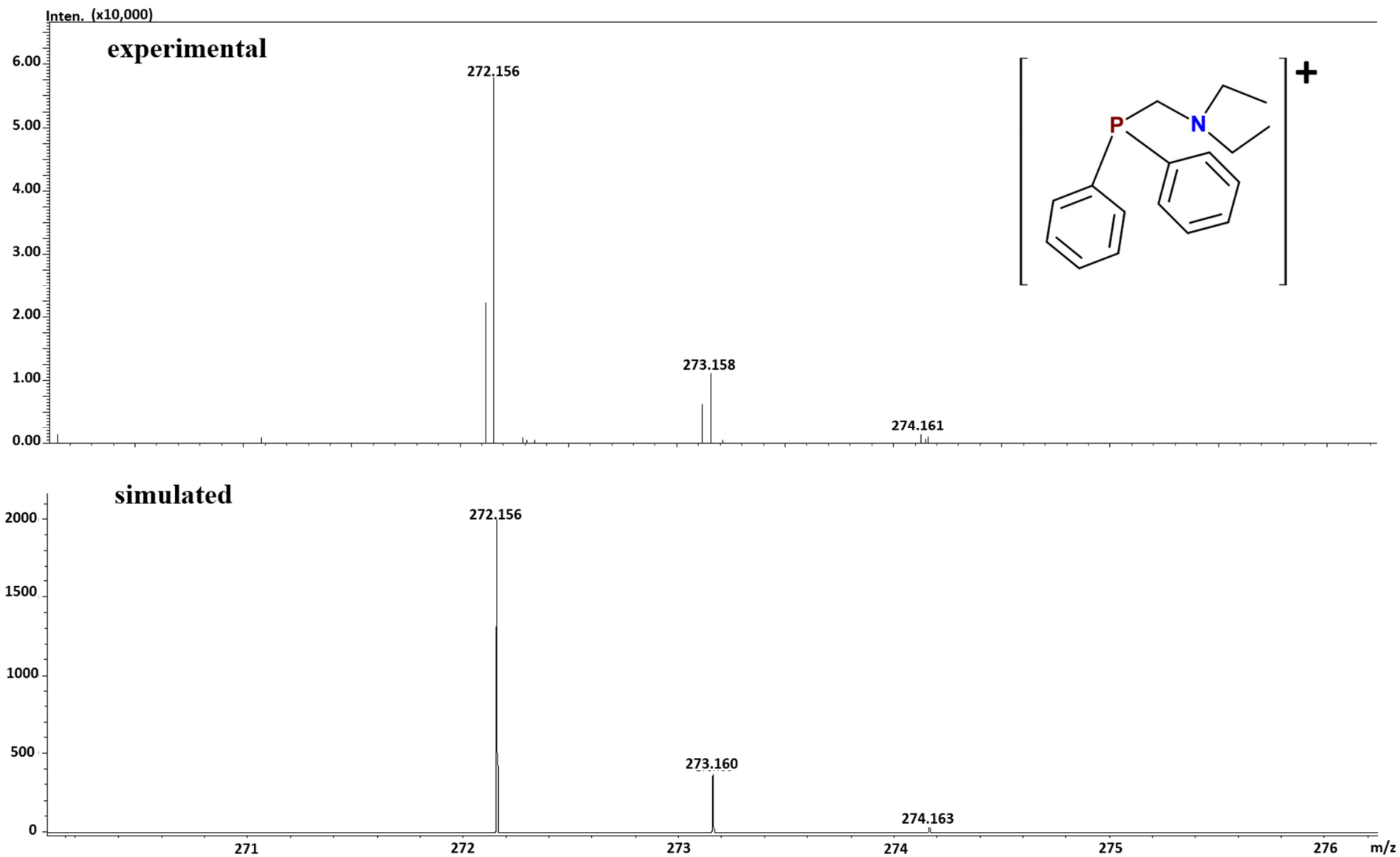


Figure S11 Experimental and simulated ESI(+)MS spectrum of **1**.

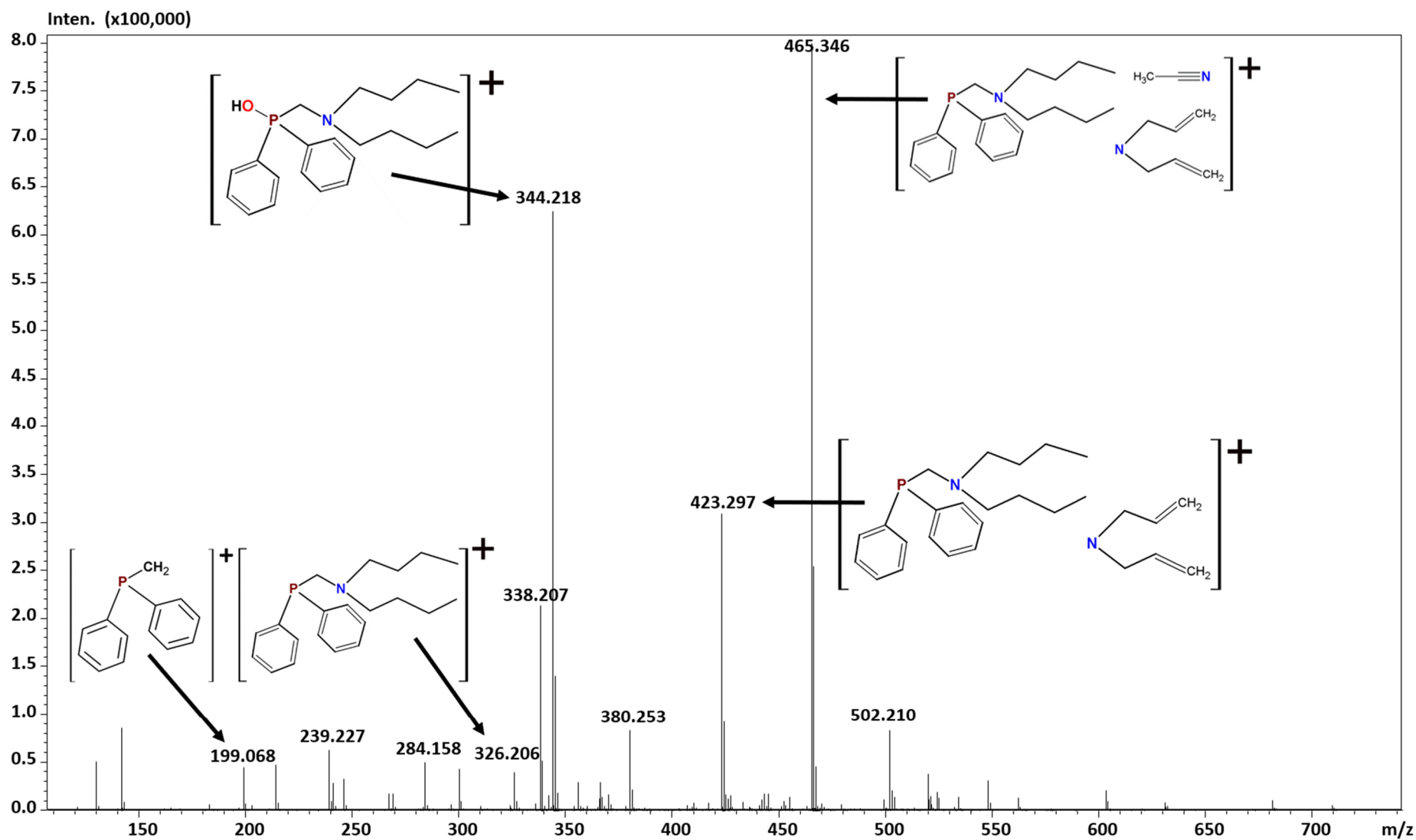


Figure S12 Full ESI(+)MS spectrum of **2**.

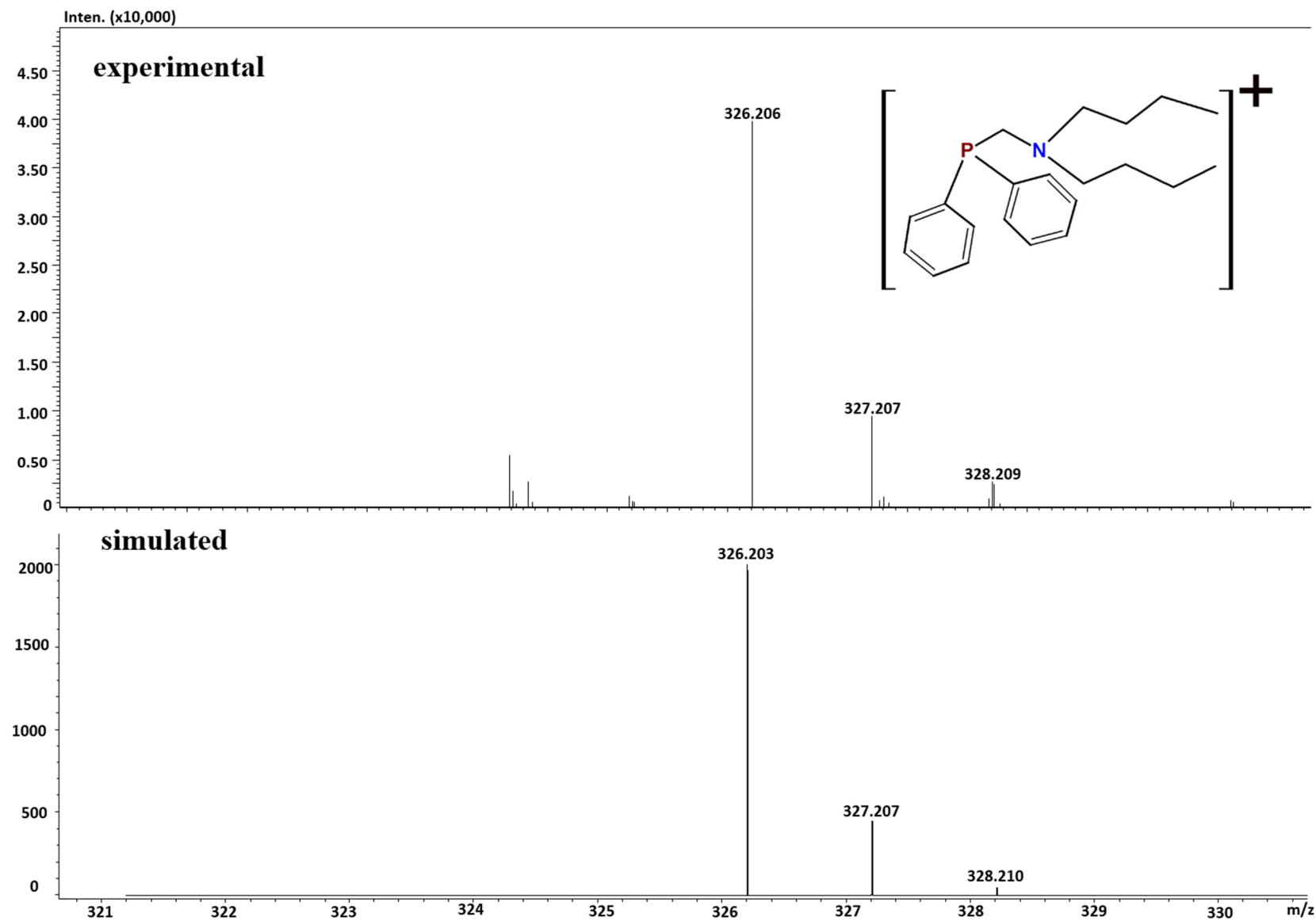


Figure S13 Experimental and simulated ESI(+)MS spectrum of **2**.

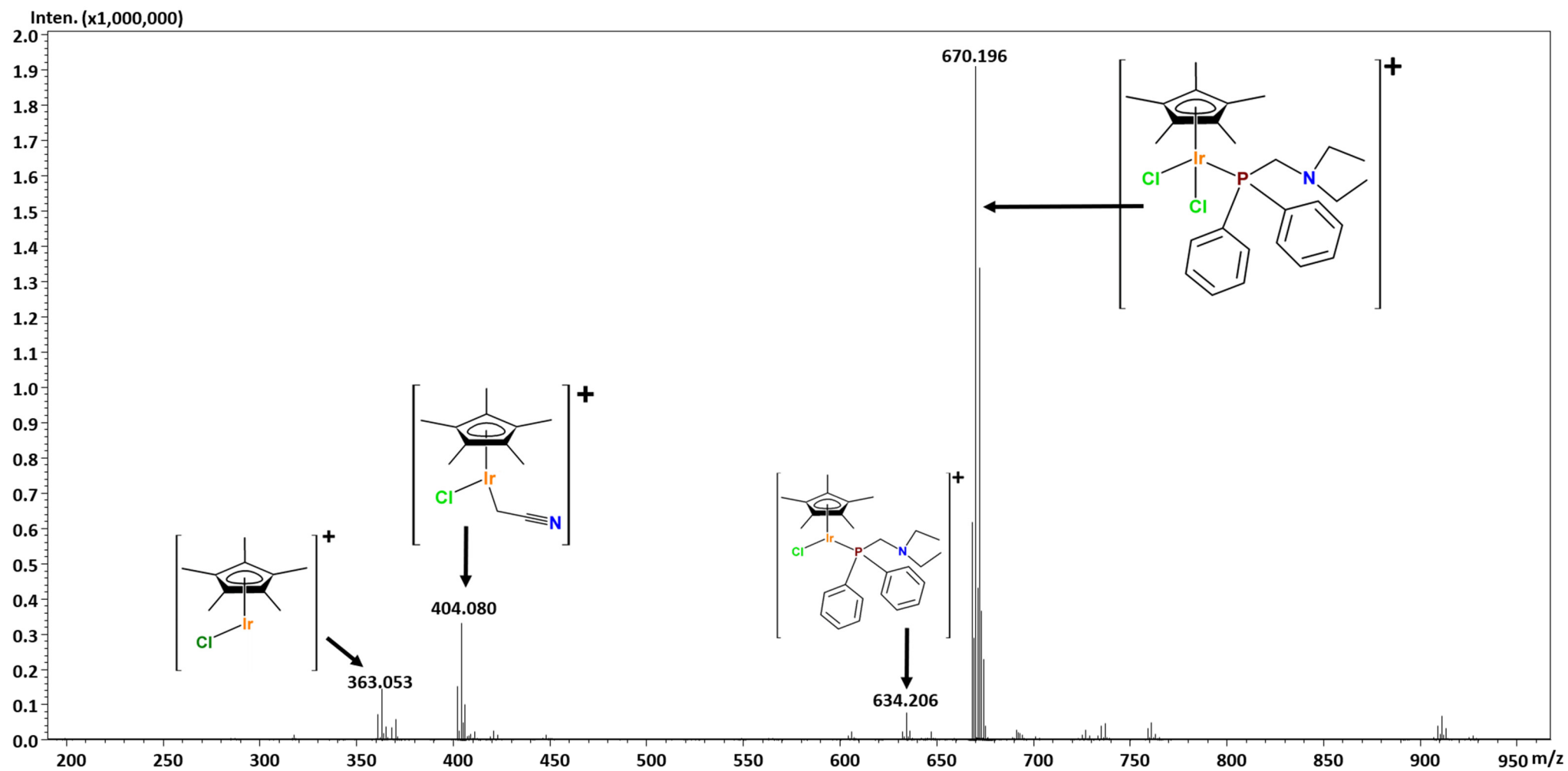


Figure S14 Full ESI(+)MS spectrum of **1a**.

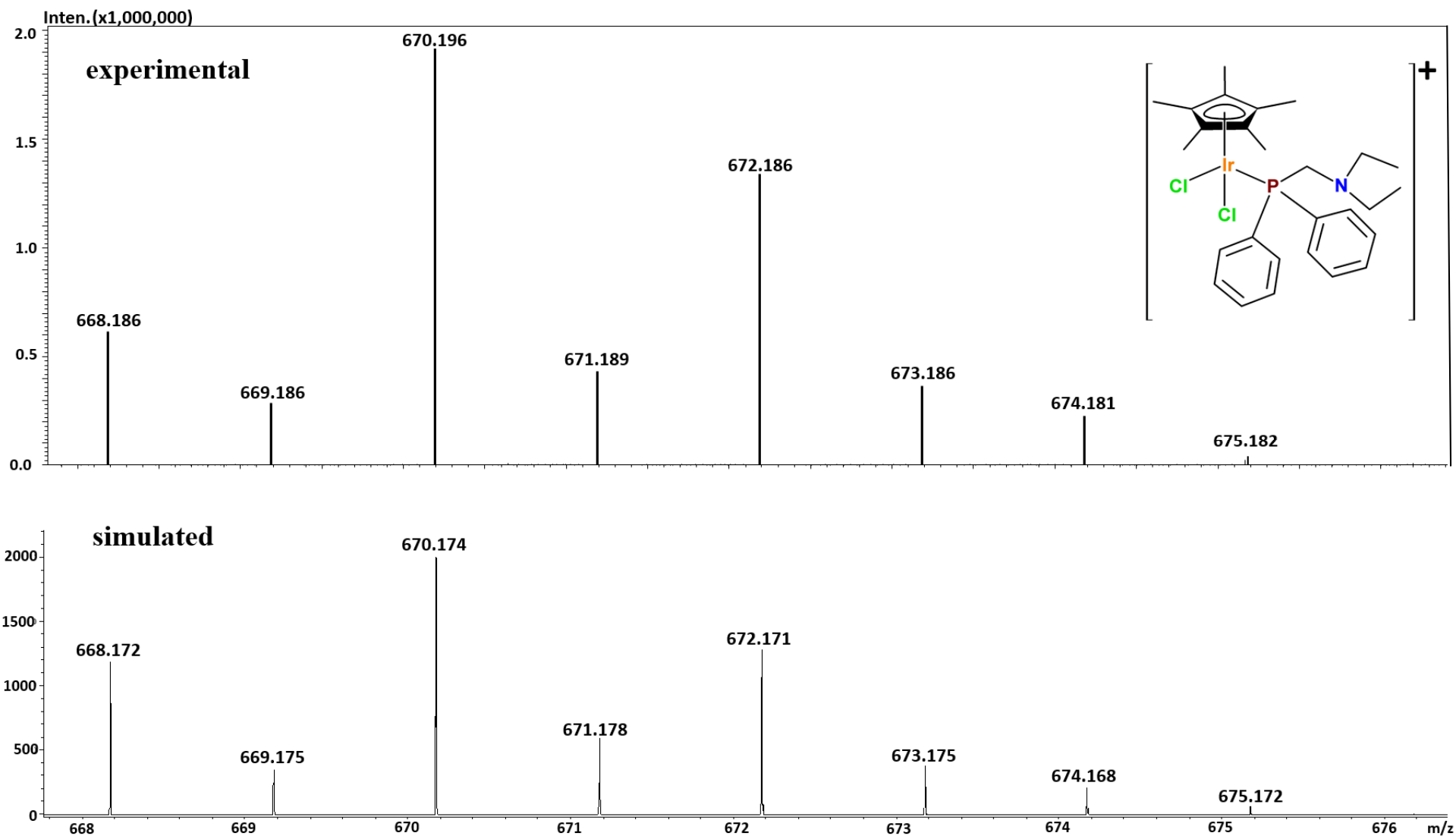


Figure S15 Experimental and simulated ESI(+)MS spectrum of **1a**.



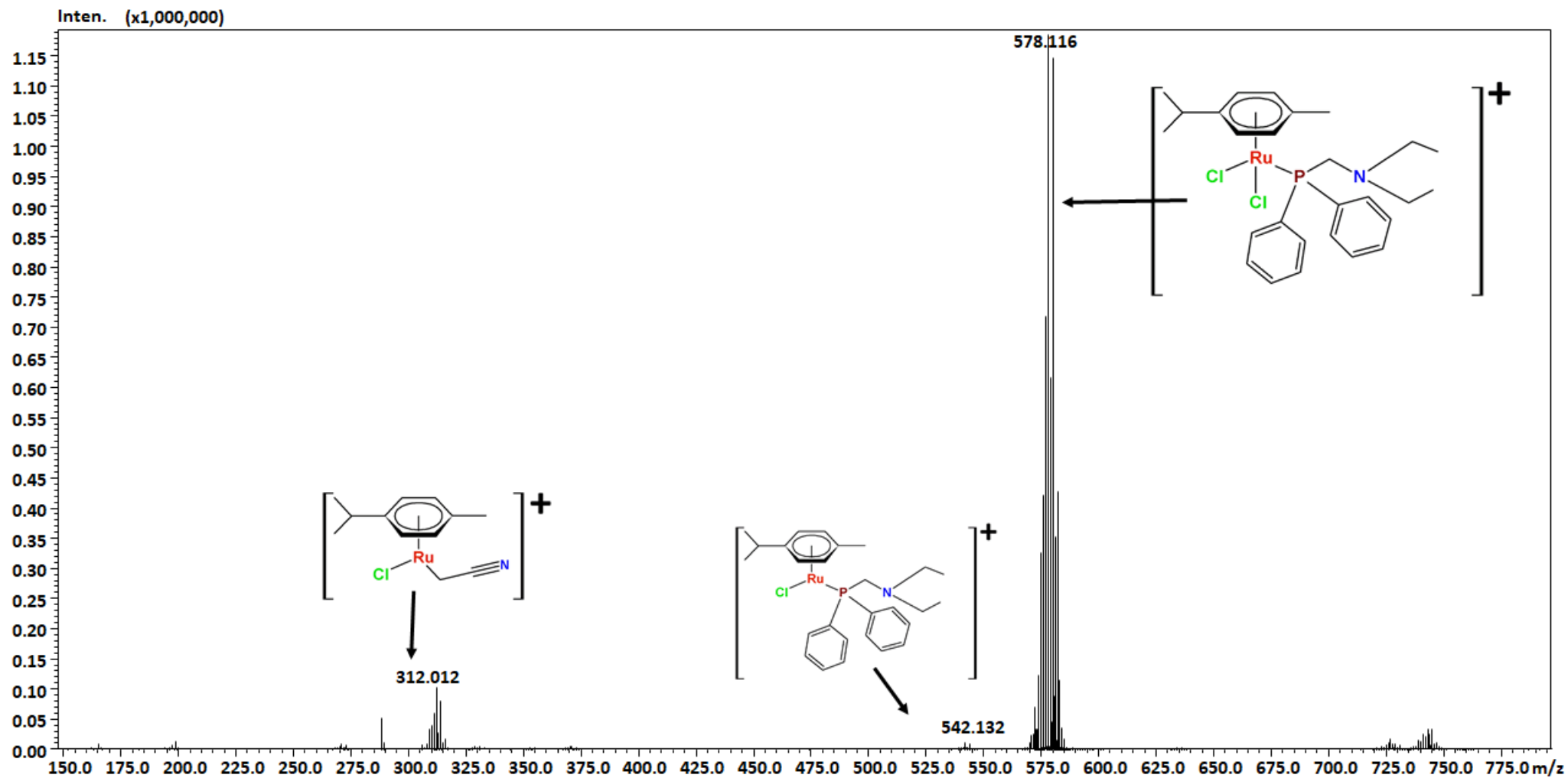


Figure S16 Full ESI(+)MS spectrum of **1b**.

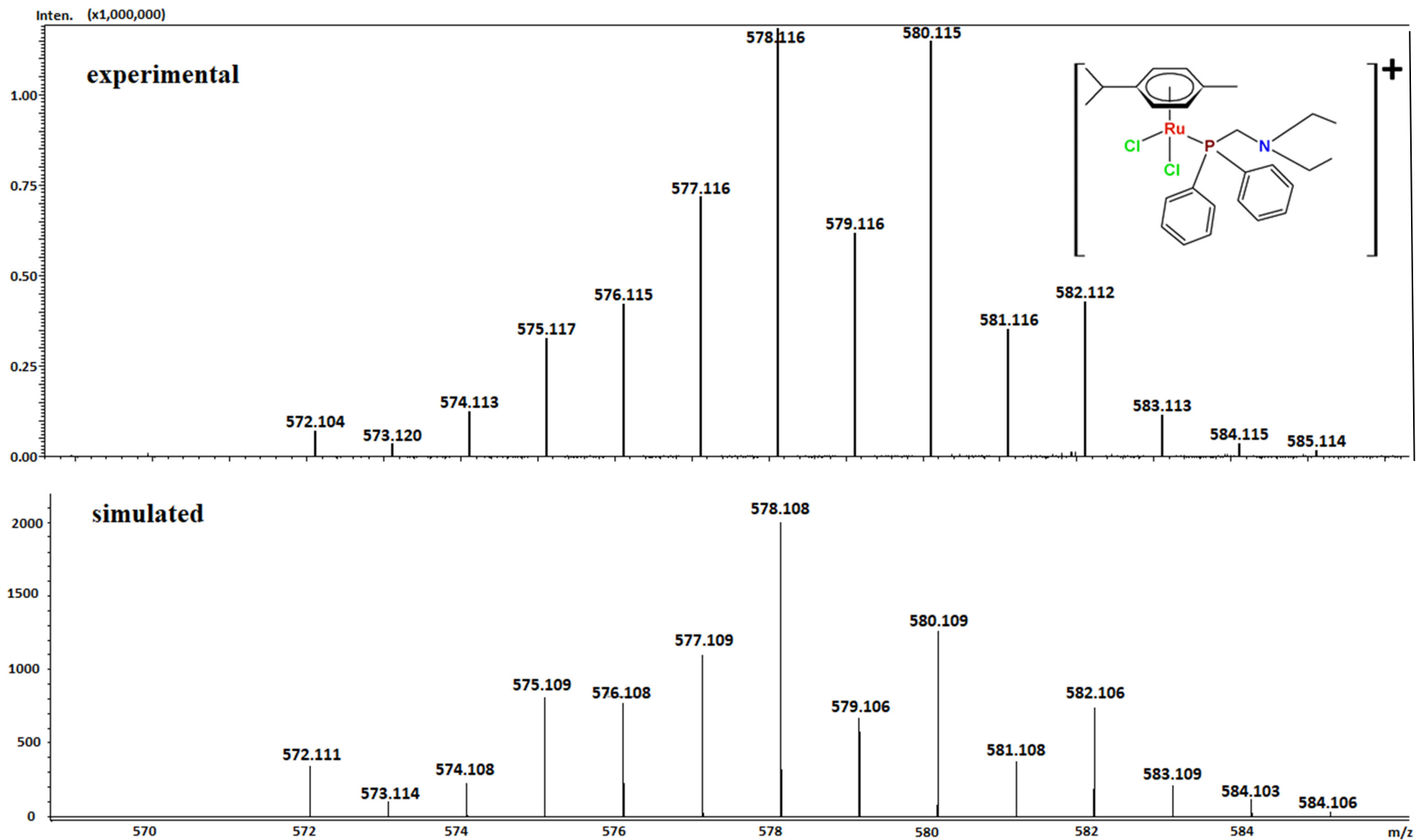


Figure S17 Experimental and simulated ESI(+)MS spectrum of **1b**.

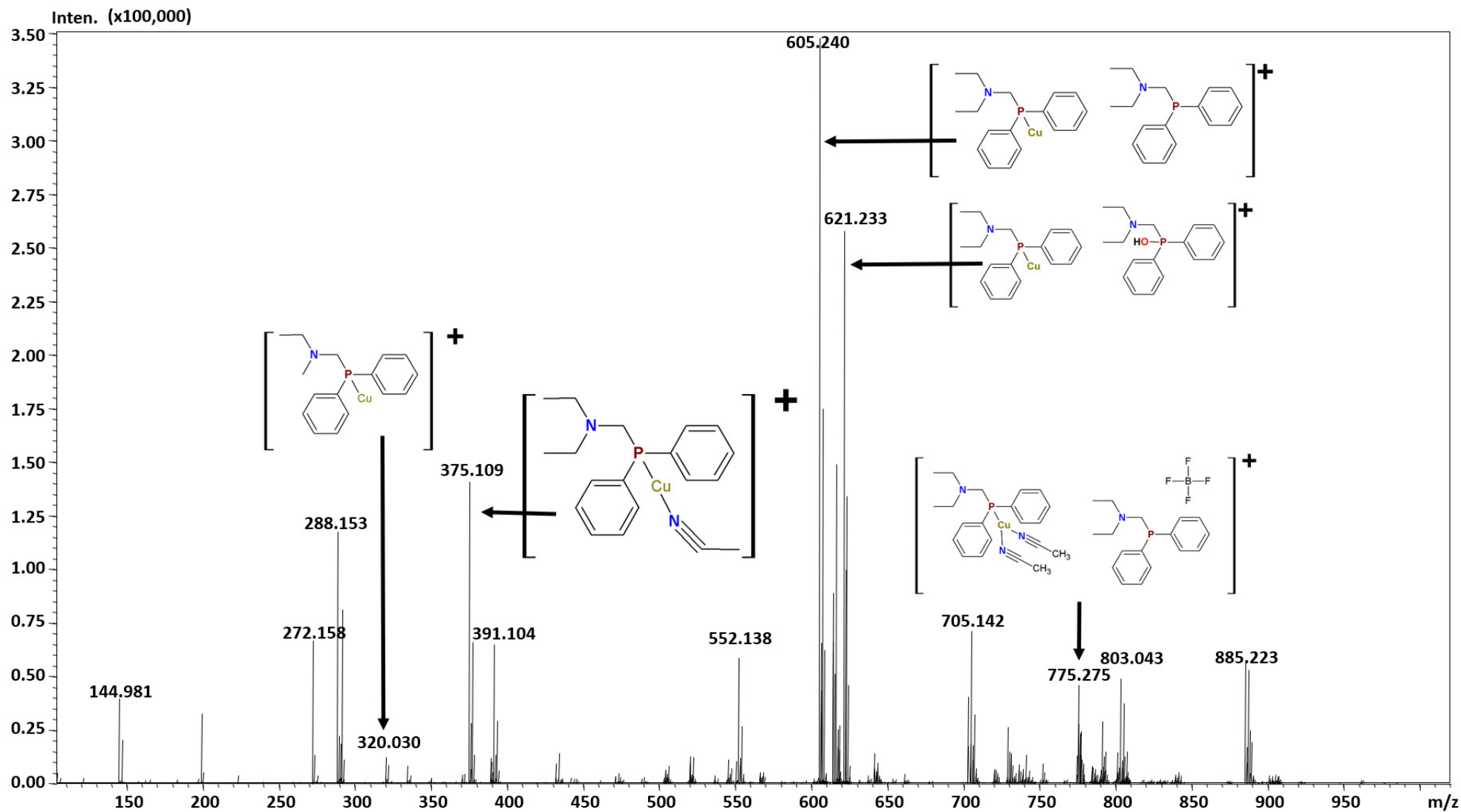


Figure S18 Full ESI(+)MS spectrum of **1c**.

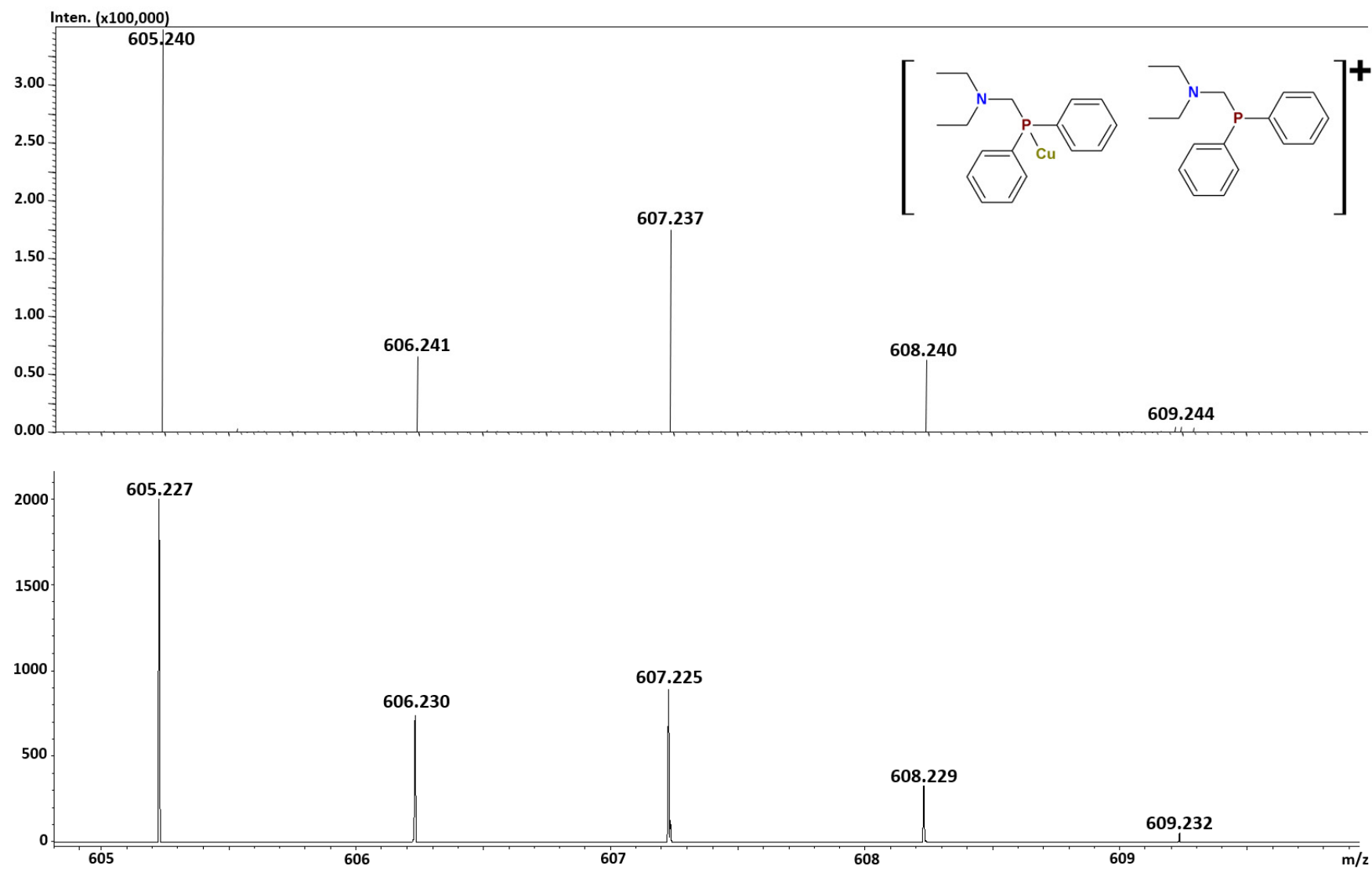


Figure S19 Experimental and simulated ESI(+)MS spectrum of **1b**.

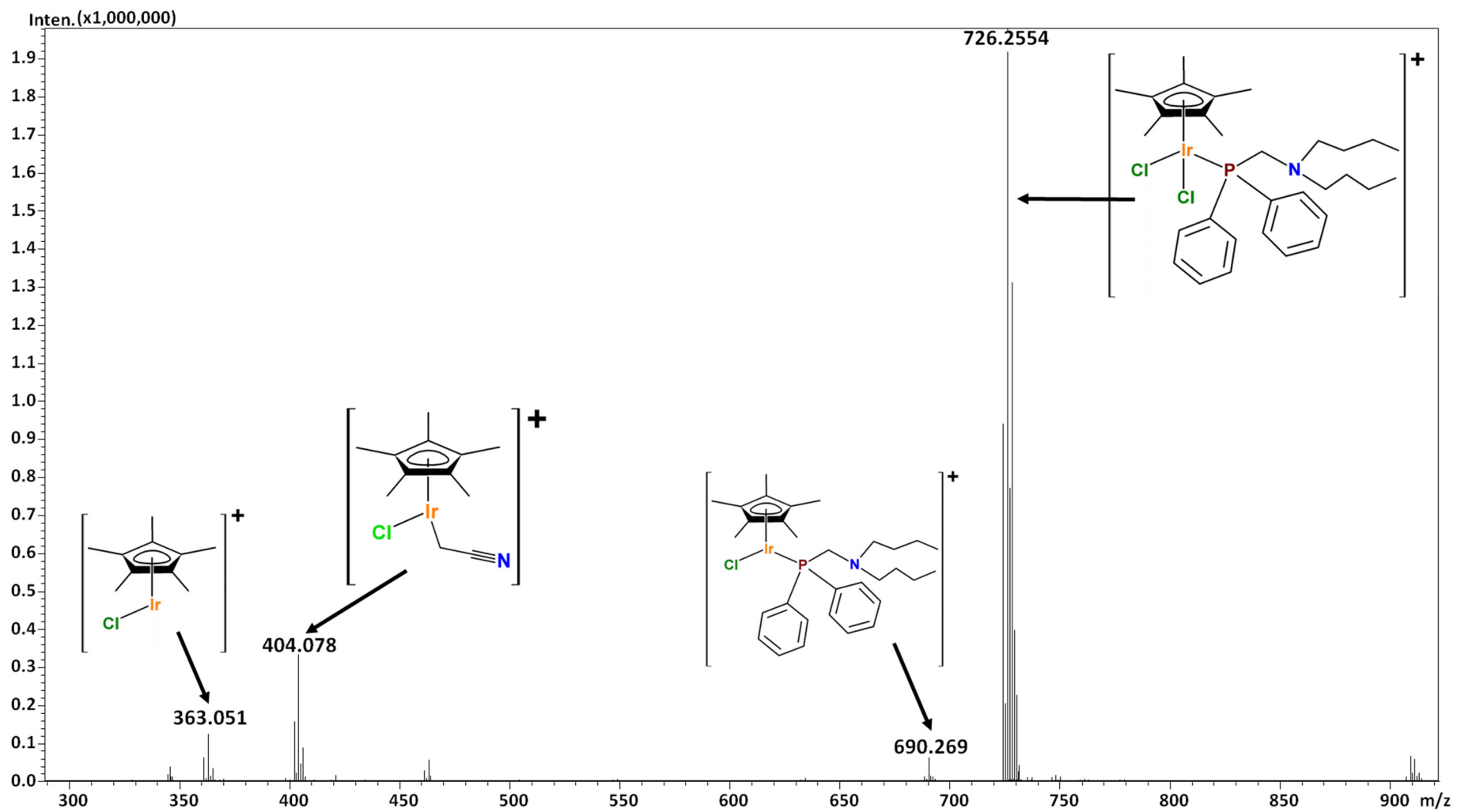


Figure S20 Full ESI(+)MS spectrum of **2a**.

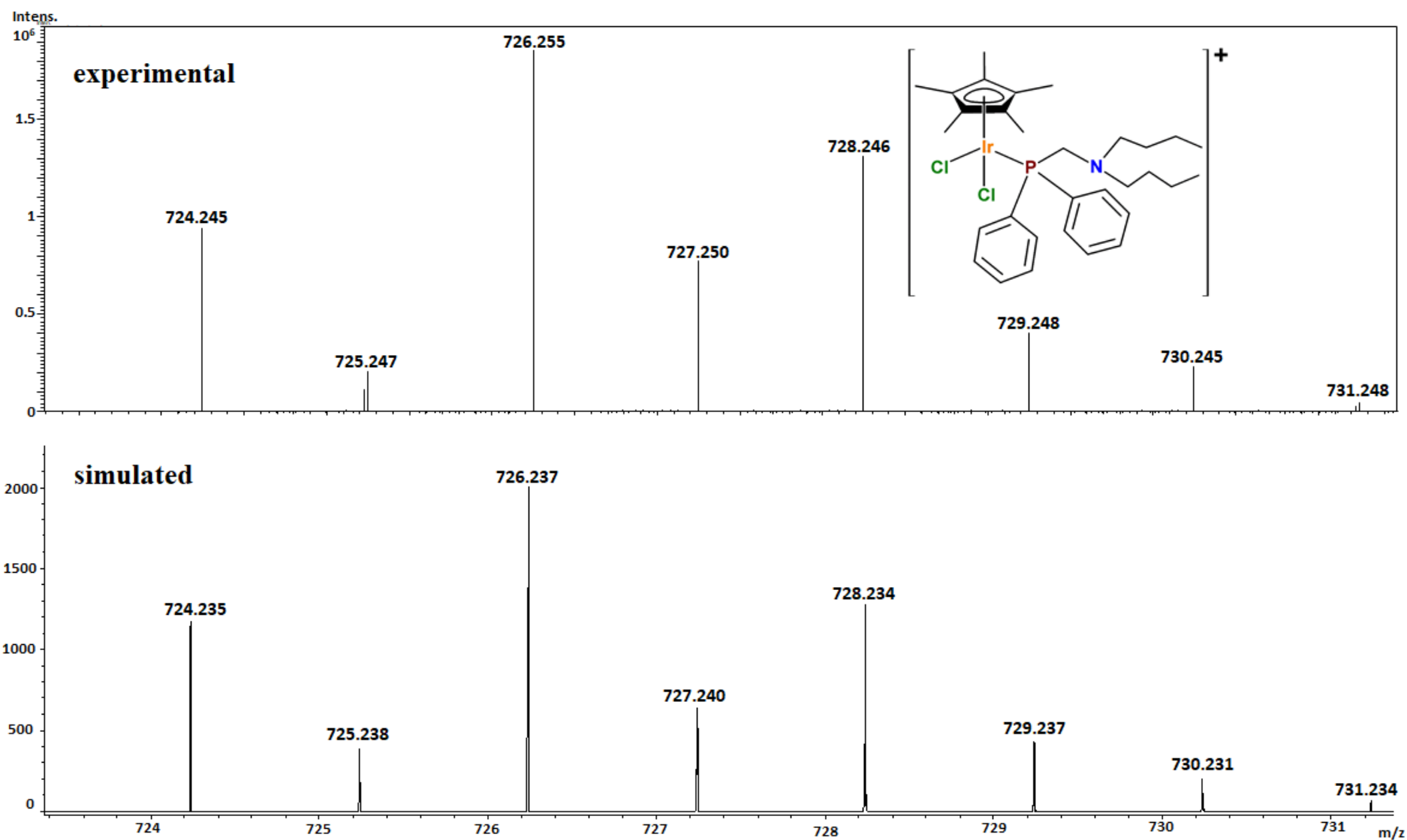


Figure S19 Experimental and simulated ESI(+)-MS spectrum of **2a**.

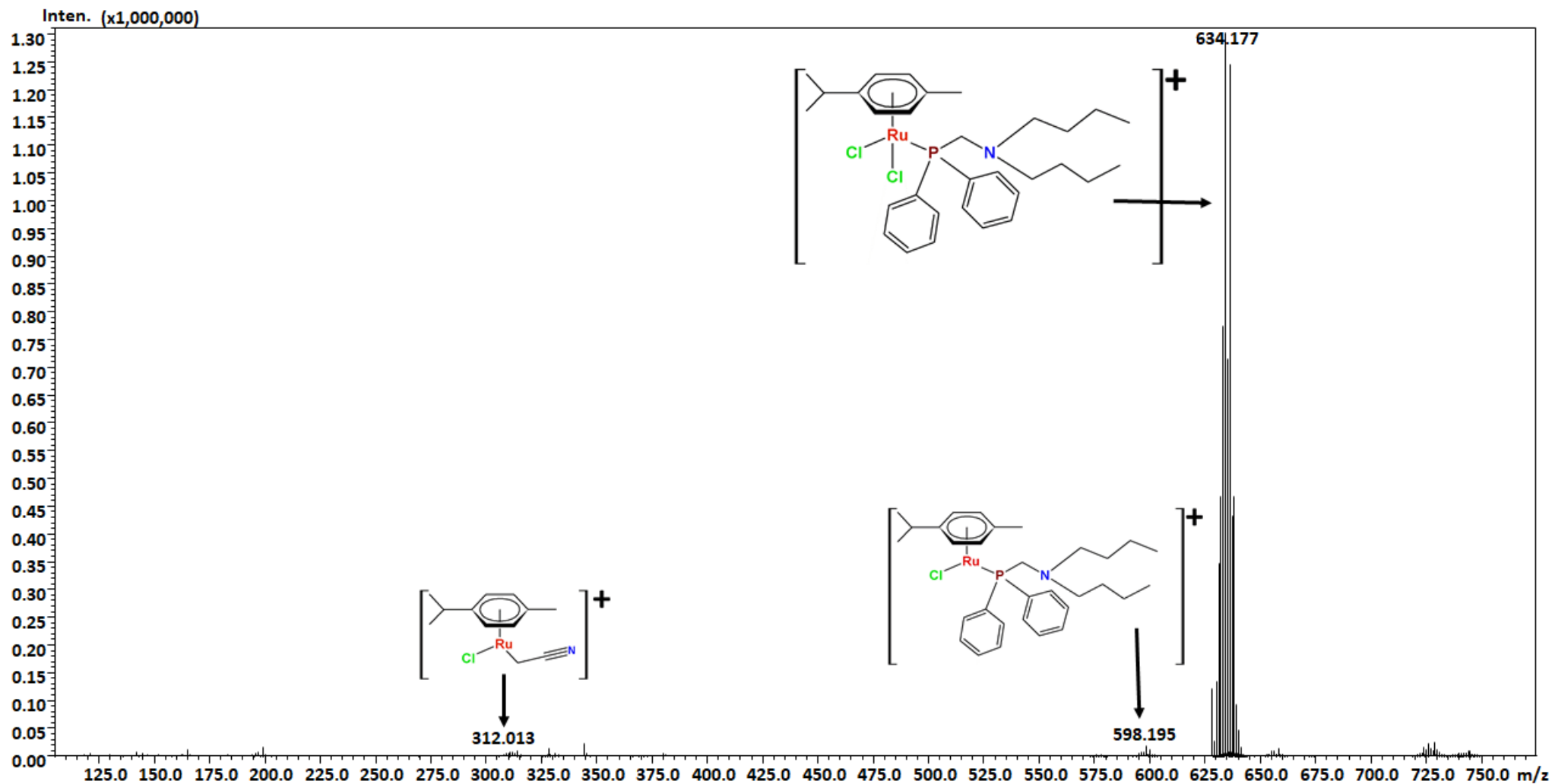


Figure S20 Full ESI(+)MS spectrum of **2b**.

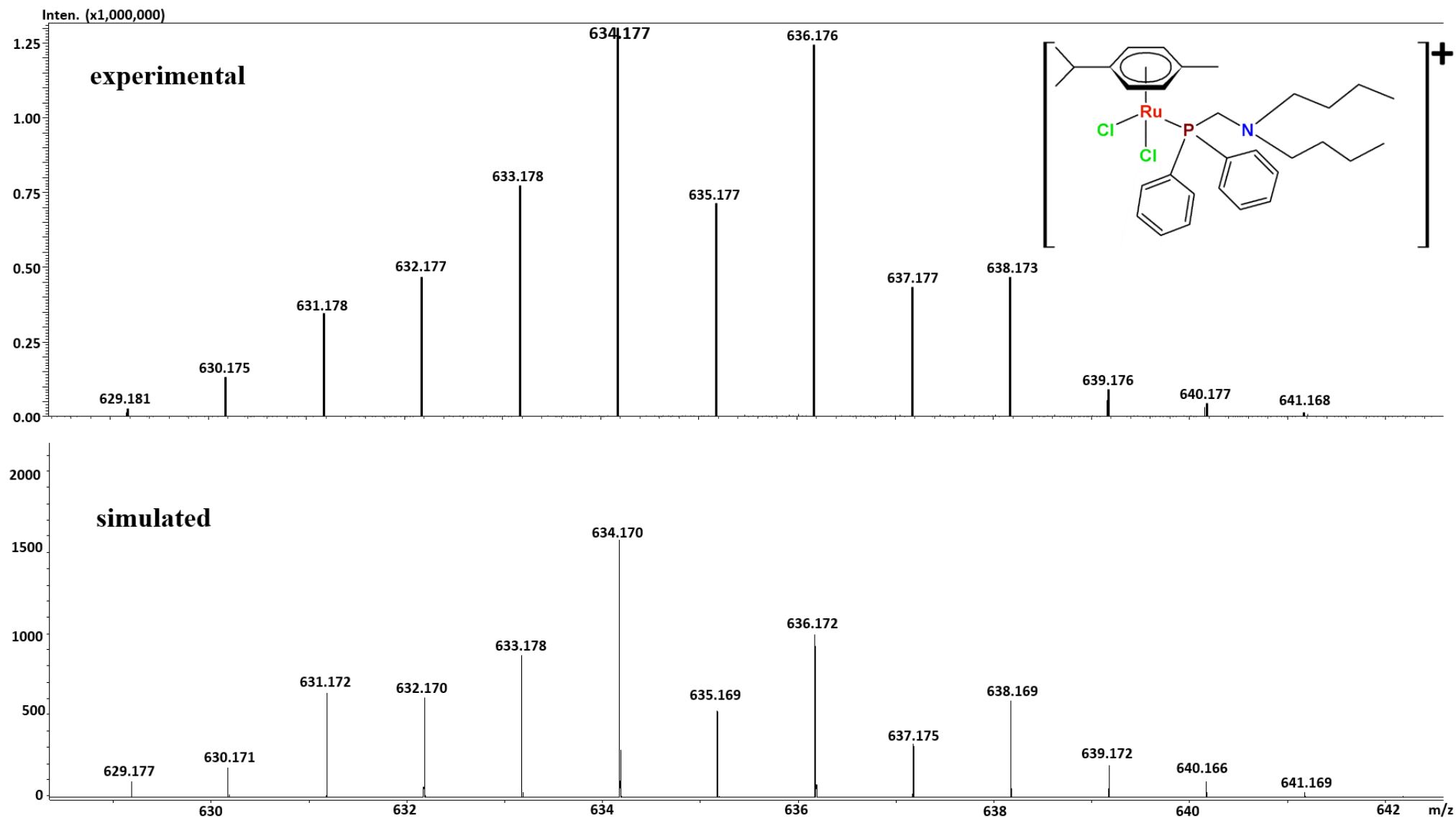


Figure S21 Experimental and simulated ESI(+)MS spectrum of **2b**.



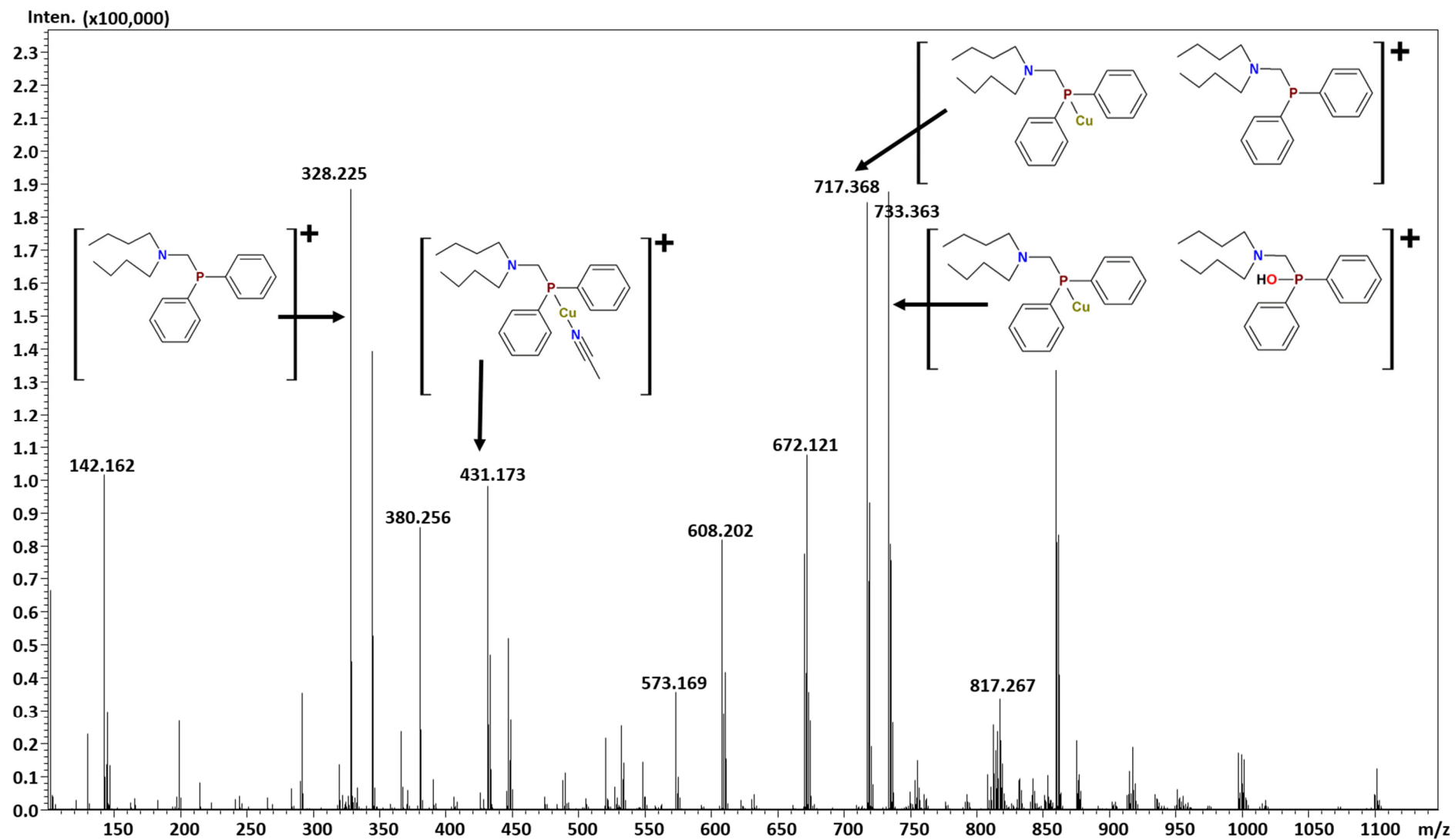


Figure S22 Full ESI(+)MS spectrum of **2c**.

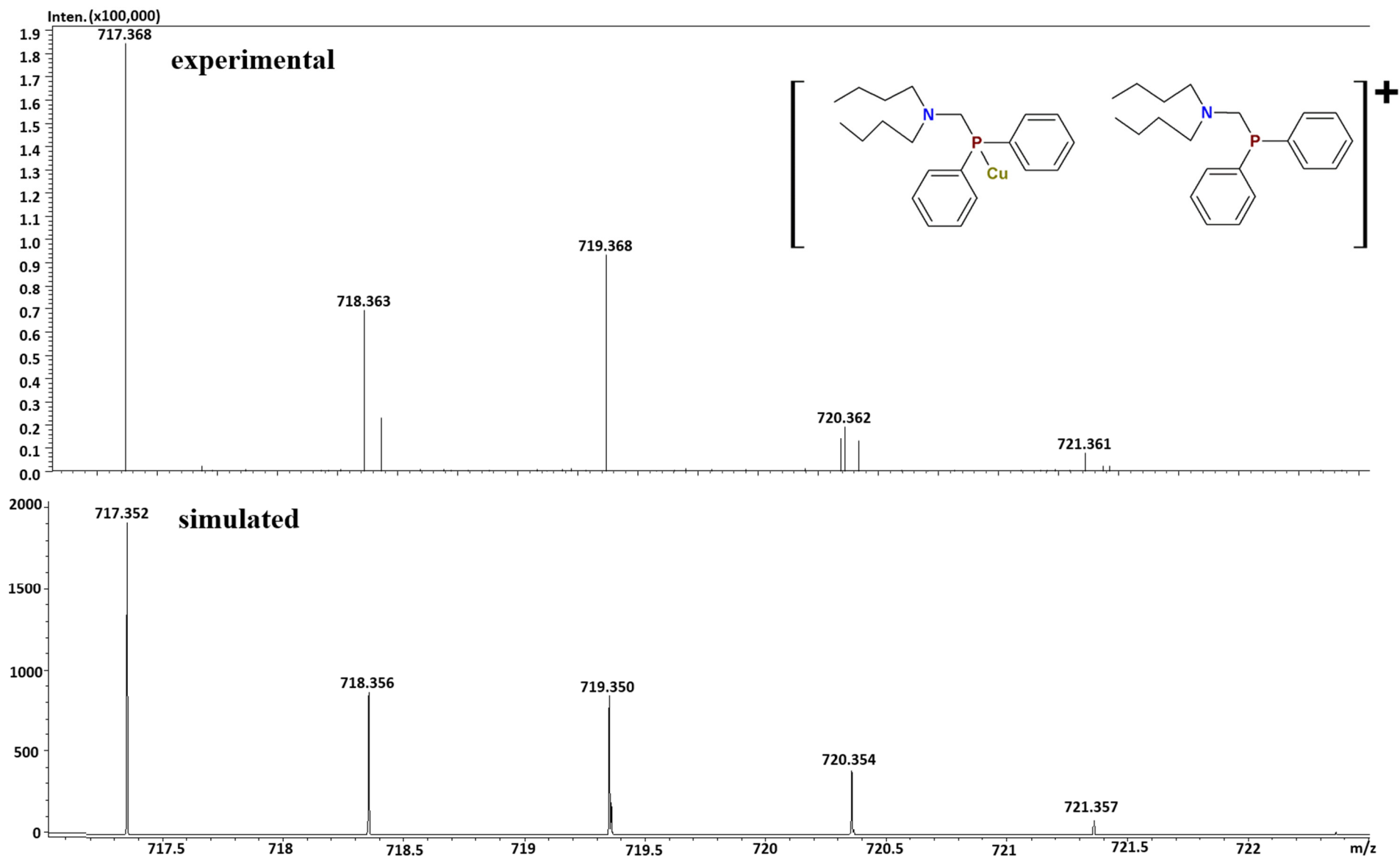


Figure S23 Experimental and simulated ESI(+)MS spectrum of **2c**.

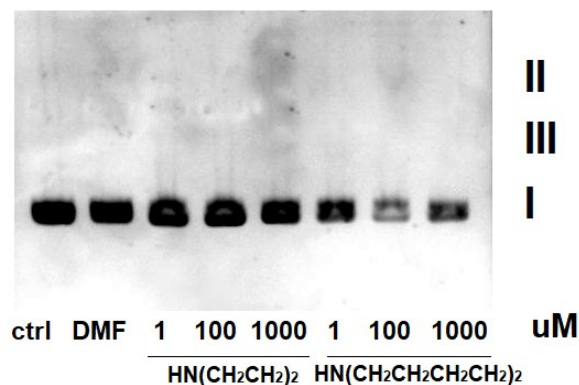


Figure S24 Agarose gel electrophoresis of pBR322 plasmid cleavage by diethyloamine and dibutylamine.

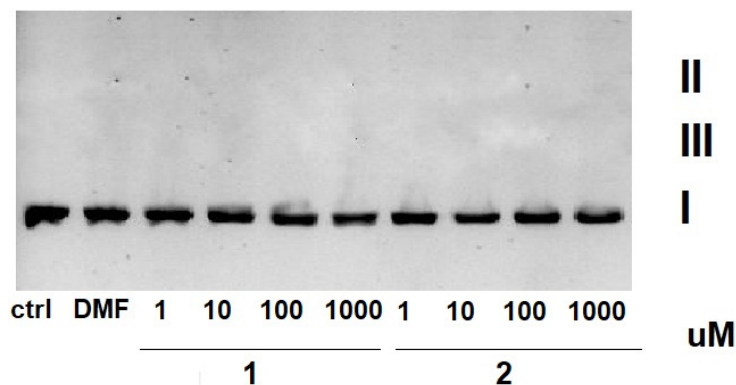


Figure S25 Agarose gel electrophoresis of pBR322 plasmid cleavage by phosphines

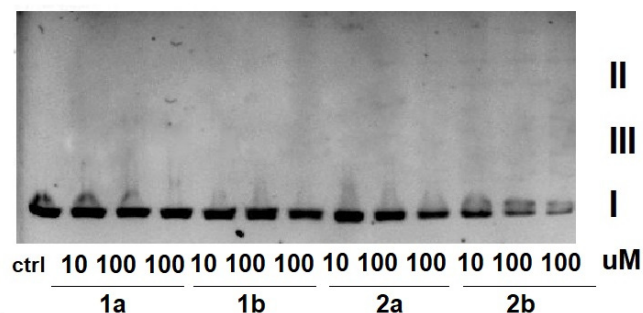


Figure S26 Agarose gel electrophoresis of pBR322 plasmid cleavage by Cu(I), Ru(II) and Ir(III) complexes.

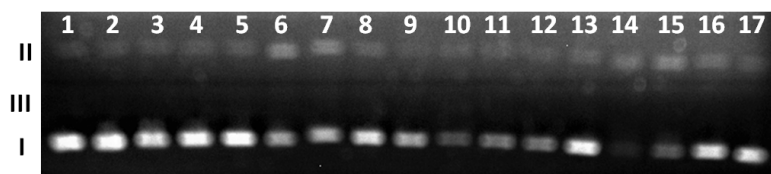


Figure S27 Agarose gel electrophoresis of pBR322 plasmid cleavage by Ir-ethyl, Ru-ethyl, Ir-but and Ru-but complexes. Lanes: 1, plasmid-control; 2, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ir-ethyl; 3, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ir-ethyl + 50  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; 4, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ir-ethyl + 50  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + 1.4 mM DMSO; 5, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ir-ethyl + 50  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + 40 mM M NaN<sub>3</sub>; 6, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ru-ethyl; 7, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ru-ethyl + 50  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; 8, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ru-ethyl + 50  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + 1.4 mM DMSO; 9, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ru-ethyl + 50  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + 40 mM M NaN<sub>3</sub>; 10, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ir-but; 11, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ir-but + 50  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; 12, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ir-but + 50  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + 1.4 mM DMSO; 13, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ir-but + 50  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + 40 mM NaN<sub>3</sub>; 14, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ru-but; 15, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ru-but + 50  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; 16, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ru-but + 50  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + 1.4 mM DMSO; 17, plasmid + 50  $\mu$ M Ru-but + 50  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + 40 mM M NaN<sub>3</sub>.

Table S2. IC<sub>50</sub> (μM) values of the investigated complexes toward the selected cancer cell lines for 24 h. Data are given as mean ± SD of 3 independent experiments (N=3).

	<b>MCF-7</b>	<b>Du-145</b>	<b>A549</b>	<b>PANC-1</b>	<b>HaCaT</b>
dibutylamine	>1000	>1000	>1000	>1000	>1000
diethylamine	>1000	>1000	>1000	>1000	>1000
<b>1</b>	458±11	203±19	620±9	426±7	646±20
<b>2</b>	355±13	185±12	569±11	386±6	556±13
<b>1a</b>	189±9	90±5	68±5	143±3	456±11
<b>2a</b>	125±15	69±6	79±6	106±5	559±25
<b>1b</b>	295±12	122±11	59±3	146±5	446±20
<b>2b</b>	226±20	102±6	81±4	126±6	545±13
<b>Cisplatin</b>	176±5	85±7	70±8	166±20	400±3

Table S3. IC<sub>50</sub> (μM) values of the investigated complexes toward the selected cancer cell lines for 48 h. Data are given as mean ± SD of 3 independent experiments (N=3).

	<b>MCF-7</b>	<b>Du-145</b>	<b>A549</b>	<b>PANC-1</b>	<b>HaCaT</b>
dibutylamine	226±20	103±7	387±25	258±6	445±25
diethylamine	352±25	126±12	425±38	305±13	545±33
<b>1</b>	149±13	86±6	47±5	185±13	458±20
<b>2</b>	125±20	54±8	72±6	158±23	420±11
<b>1a</b>	184±6	85±9	45±4	204±29	446±26
<b>2a</b>	189±20	69±8	61±3	198±20	420±12
<b>1b</b>	352±25	126±12	425±38	305±13	545±33
<b>2b</b>	226±20	103±7	387±25	258±6	445±25
<b>Cisplatin</b>	151±6	81±8	66±9	131±7	362±4