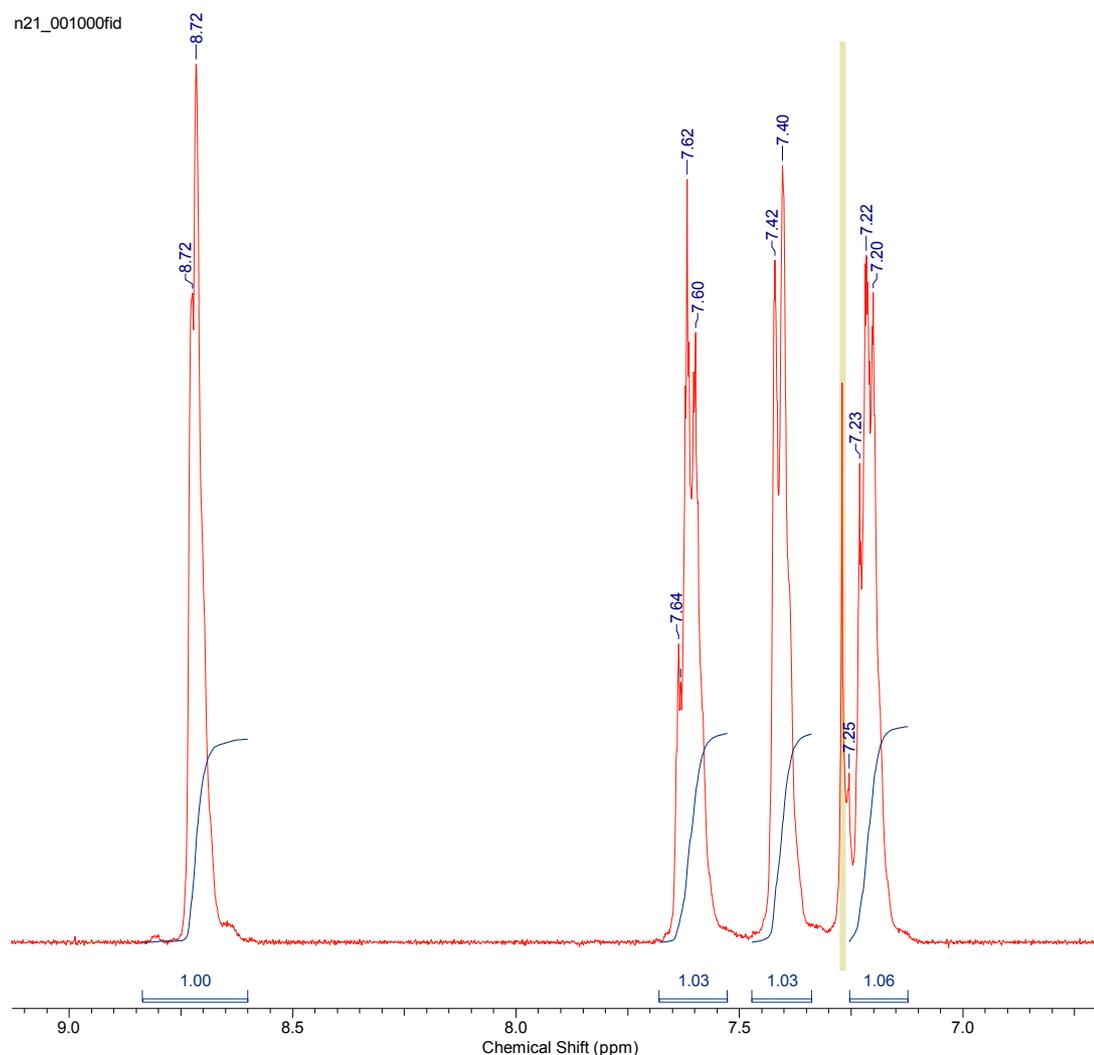


Tris(2-pyridyl)phosphine: a straightforward microwave-assisted synthesis from 2-bromopyridine and red phosphorus and coordination with cobalt(II) dichloride

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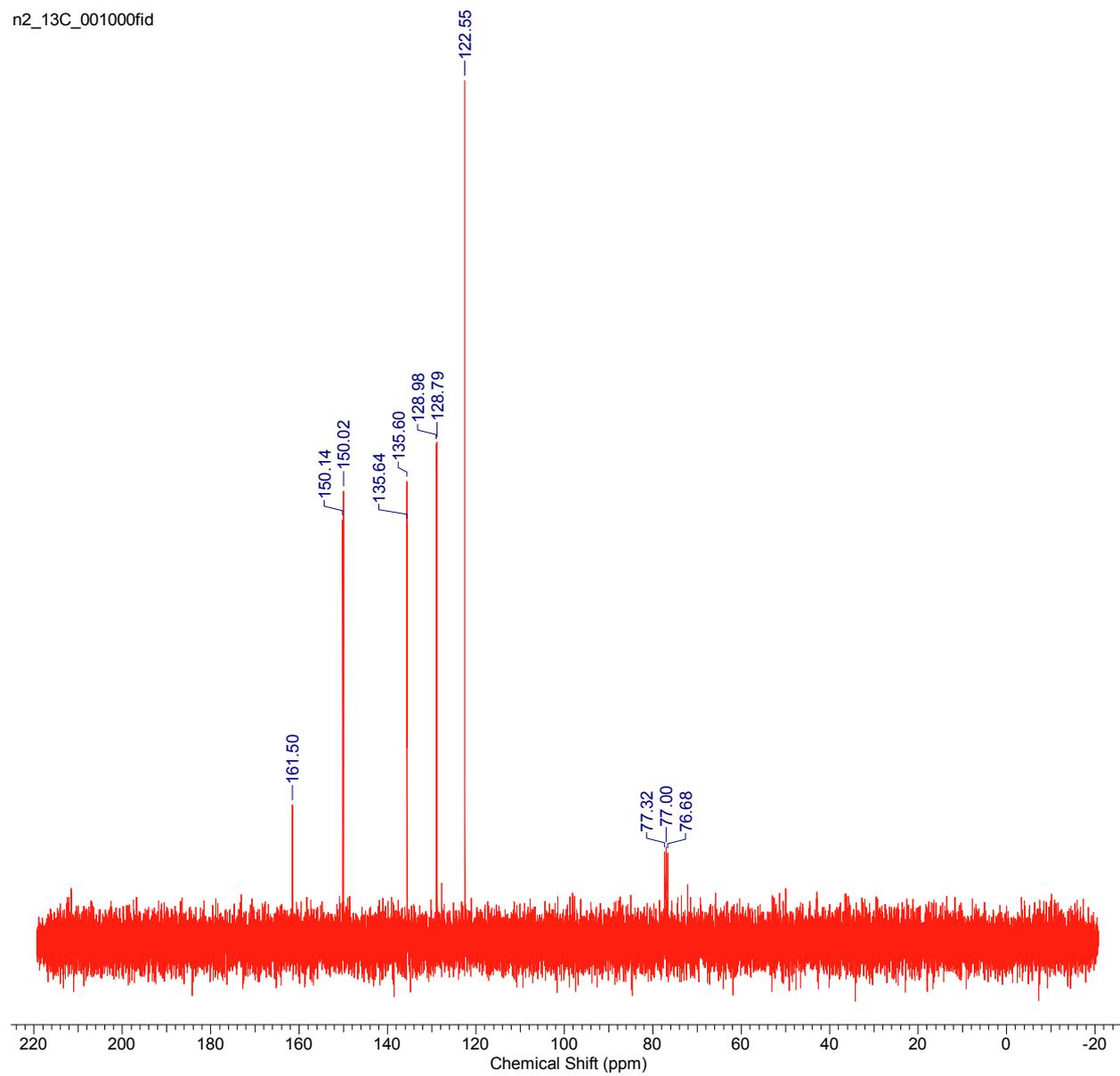
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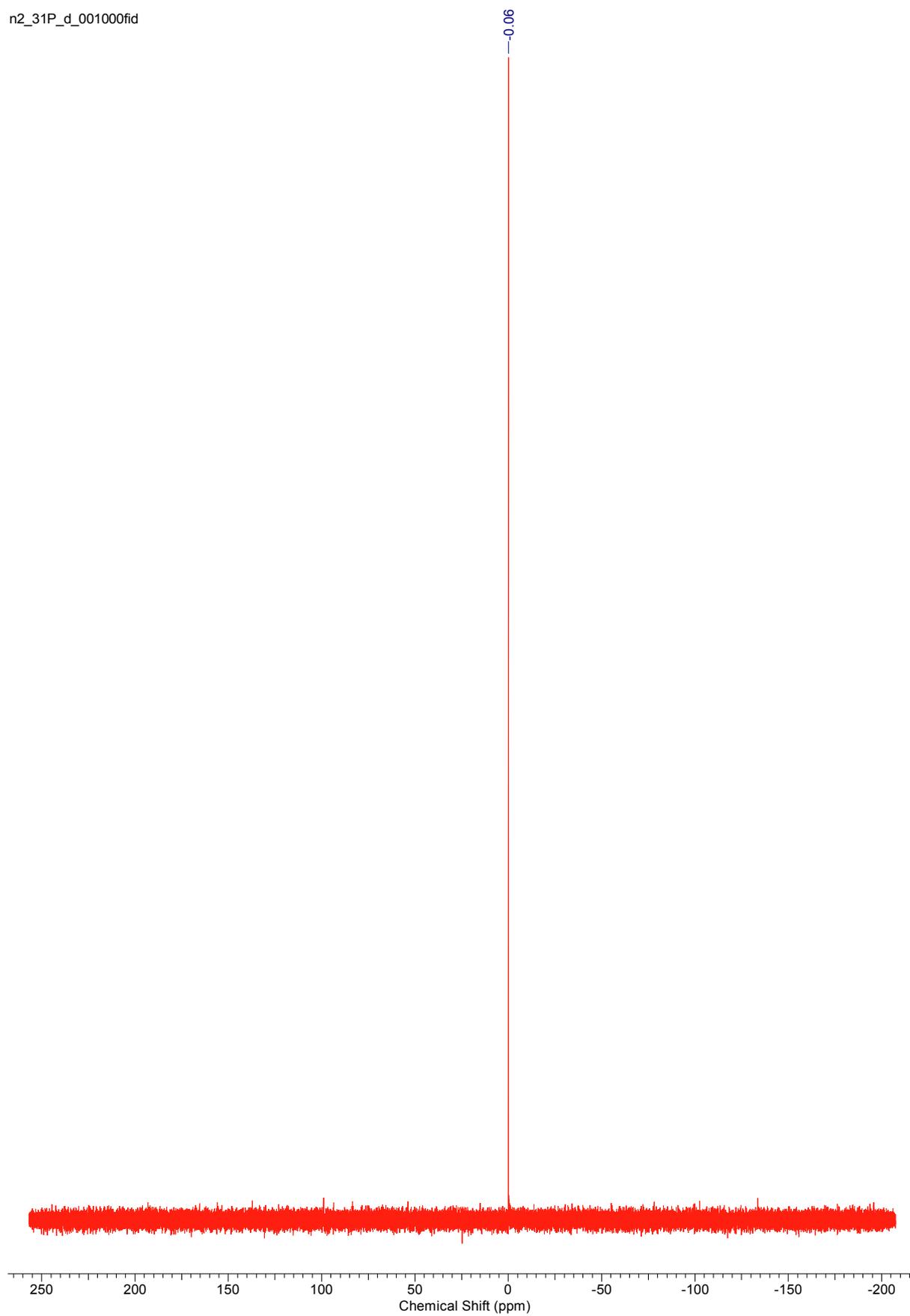
^1H NMR spectrum of tris(2-pyridyl)phosphine (in CDCl_3 solution)



^{13}C NMR spectrum of tris(2-pyridyl)phosphine (in CDCl_3 solution)

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^{31}P NMR spectrum of tris(2-pyridyl)phosphine (in CDCl_3 solution)

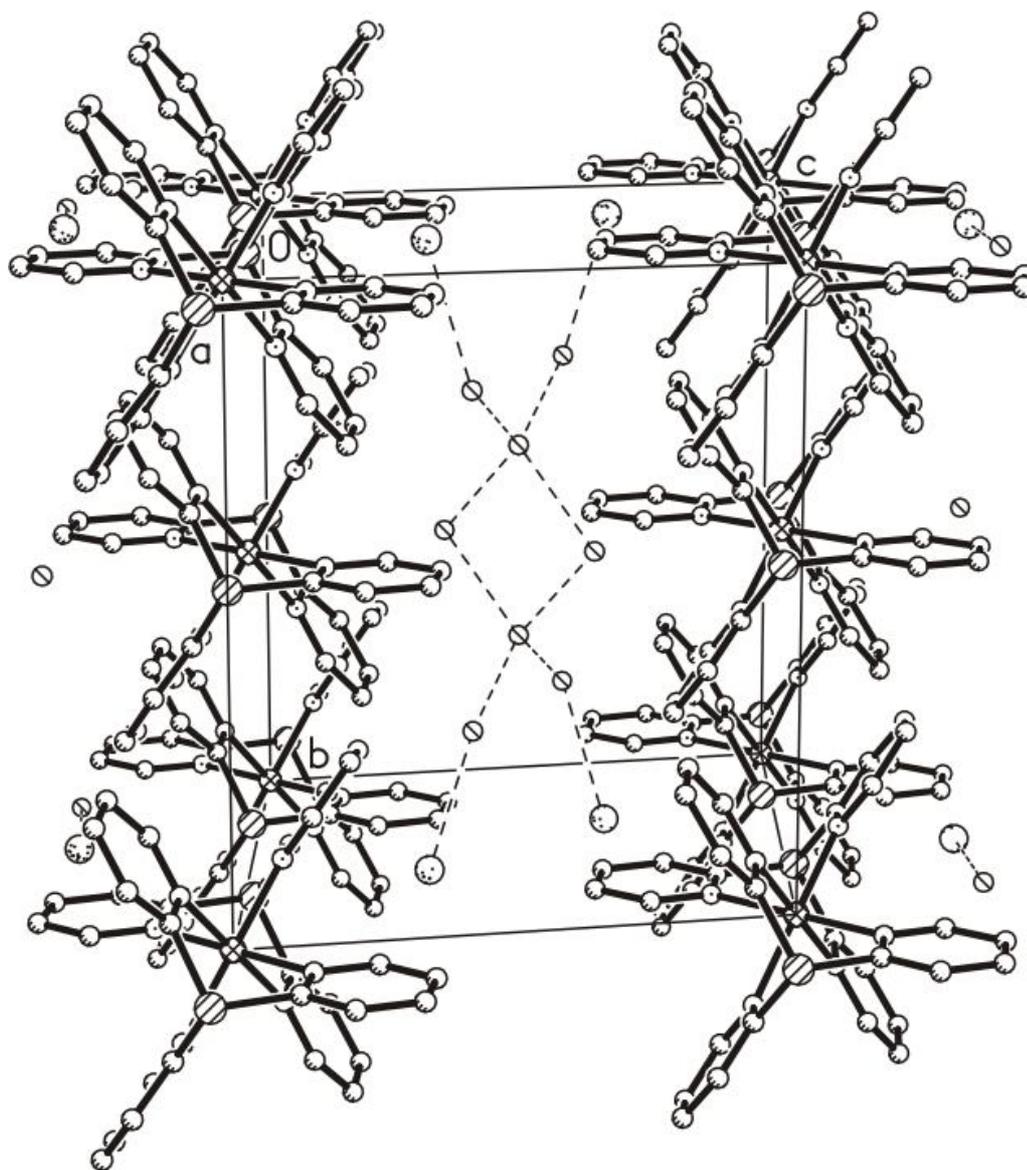


Figure 1S The crystalline structure of complex $[\text{Co}(2\text{-Py}_3\text{P})_2]\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**2**). It should be noted that short intermolecular contacts exist between chloride anions and water molecules as is evident from the Cl...O distances of 3.171(1) and 3.236(1) Å, which is less than the sum of the van der Waals radii (3.27 Å).¹

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Table 1S Bond distances (Å) for complex **2**.

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|------------|------------|
| Co(1)-P(1) | 3.4840(5) |
| Co(1)-N(2) | 2.1449(12) |
| Co(1)-N(1) | 2.1614(9) |
| P(1)-C(10) | 1.8387(15) |
| P(1)-C(5) | 1.8405(11) |
| N(1)-C(1) | 1.3442(14) |
| N(1)-C(5) | 1.3508(13) |
| N(2)-C(6) | 1.343(2) |
| N(2)-C(10) | 1.3537(18) |
| C(1)-C(2) | 1.3845(17) |
| C(2)-C(3) | 1.3834(18) |
| C(3)-C(4) | 1.3920(17) |
| C(4)-C(5) | 1.3859(15) |
| C(6)-C(7) | 1.393(2) |
| C(7)-C(8) | 1.383(2) |
| C(8)-C(9) | 1.387(2) |
| C(9)-C(10) | 1.392(2) |

Table 2S Bond angles (°) for complex **2**.

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|---------------------|------------|
| N(2)-Co(1)-N(2)#1 | 180.0 |
| N(2)-Co(1)-N(1)#1 | 92.24(3) |
| N(1)#1-Co(1)-N(1)#2 | 88.62(5) |
| N(2)-Co(1)-N(1) | 87.77(3) |
| N(2)#1-Co(1)-N(1) | 92.23(3) |
| N(1)#1-Co(1)-N(1) | 180.0 |
| N(1)#2-Co(1)-N(1) | 91.38(5) |
| N(1)#1-Co(1)-N(1)#3 | 91.39(5) |
| C(10)-P(1)-C(5) | 101.14(4) |
| C(5)-P(1)-C(5)#3 | 98.68(6) |
| C(1)-N(1)-C(5) | 117.59(9) |
| C(1)-N(1)-Co(1) | 119.55(7) |
| C(5)-N(1)-Co(1) | 122.59(7) |
| C(6)-N(2)-C(10) | 118.07(13) |
| C(6)-N(2)-Co(1) | 119.94(10) |
| C(10)-N(2)-Co(1) | 121.99(10) |
| N(1)-C(1)-C(2) | 123.48(10) |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(1) | 118.67(11) |
| C(2)-C(3)-C(4) | 118.56(11) |
| C(5)-C(4)-C(3) | 119.41(10) |
| N(1)-C(5)-C(4) | 122.25(10) |
| N(1)-C(5)-P(1) | 121.33(8) |
| C(4)-C(5)-P(1) | 116.37(8) |
| N(2)-C(6)-C(7) | 122.85(14) |
| C(8)-C(7)-C(6) | 119.01(15) |
| C(7)-C(8)-C(9) | 118.55(14) |
| C(8)-C(9)-C(10) | 119.61(14) |
| N(2)-C(10)-C(9) | 121.91(14) |
| N(2)-C(10)-P(1) | 122.36(11) |
| C(9)-C(10)-P(1) | 115.73(11) |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x,-y,-z #2 -x,y,-z #3 x,-y,z