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Unique Prototropy of *meso*-Alkylidenyl Carbaporphyrinoid Possessing one *meso*-Exocyclic Double Bond

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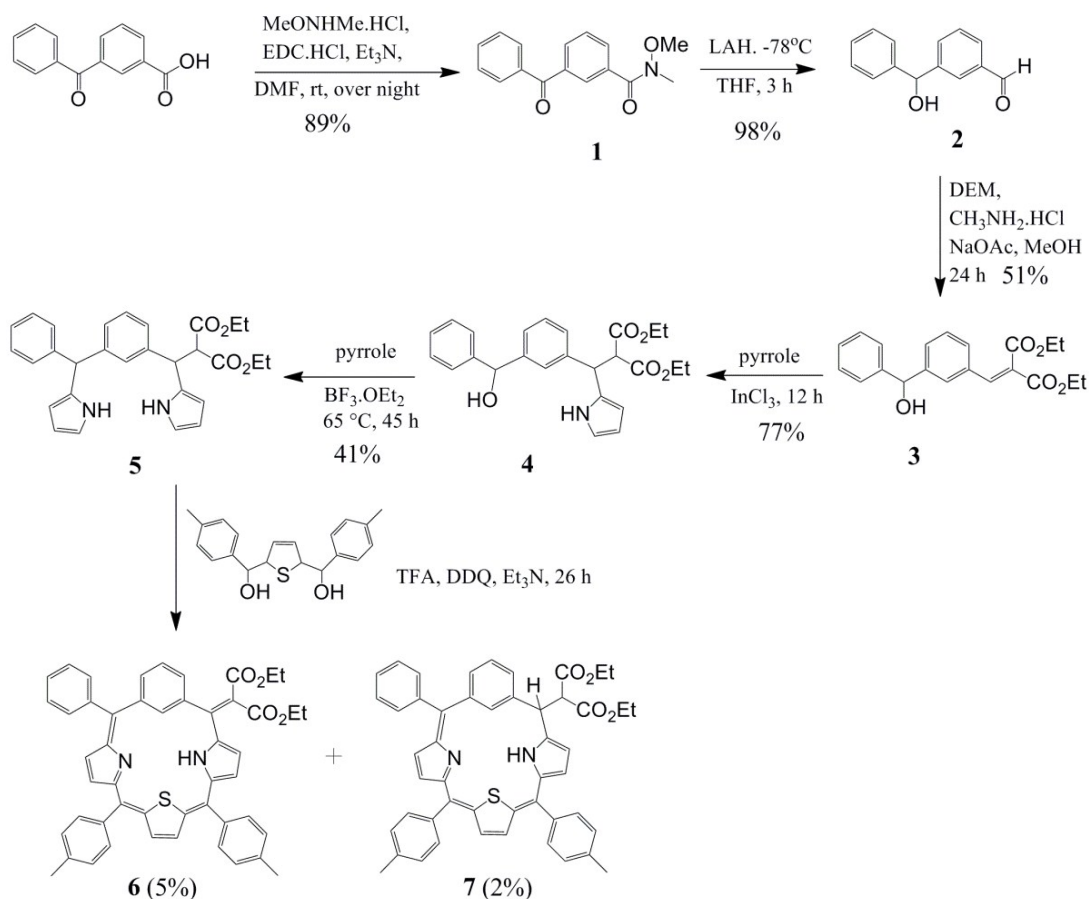
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Experimental Section

General information and instrumentations

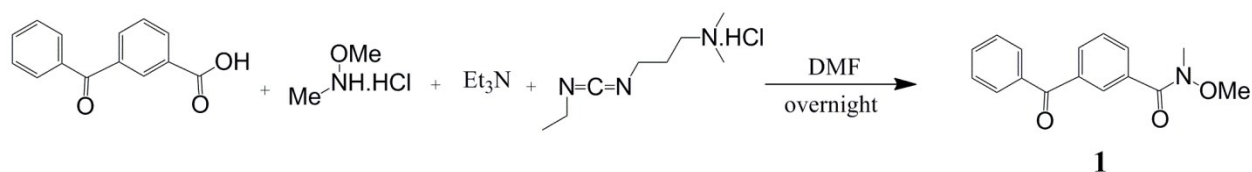
^1H NMR spectra were recorded on 600, 400 and 300 MHz Bruker NMR spectrometer using TMS as the internal standard. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). When peak multiplicities are given, the following abbreviations are used: s, singlet; br s, broad singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet. ^{13}C NMR spectra were proton decoupled and recorded on a 100 or 150 MHz Bruker spectrometer using TMS as the internal standard. Pyrrole was distilled at atmospheric pressure from CaH_2 . Absorption spectra were recorded on SCINCO S-3100 UV-vis spectrophotometer. All titrations were performed using HPLC grade CH_3CN purchased from Aldrich. All other chemicals and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and were used as such, unless otherwise mentioned.

Synthetic Scheme



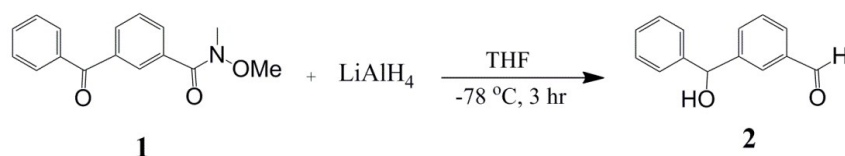
Synthetic procedure

3-benzoyl-N-methoxy-N-methylbenzamide (1).¹



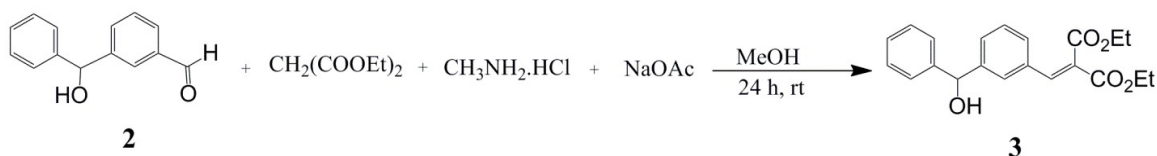
To a stirred suspension of 3-benzoylbenzoic acid (4.5 g, 19.89 mmol) in DMF (100 mL) were added N,O-dimethyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride (2.33 g, 23.87 mmol), Et₃N (3.33 mL, 23.87 mmol), and EDC.HCl (4.58 g, 23.87 mmol). After being stirred for overnight at room temperature, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Water (100 mL) was added to the residue and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude oily residue was chromatographed on silica-gel using 25% EtOAc in hexane as eluent to afford the Weinreb amide **1** as colorless oily compound (4.8 g, 89%). All spectroscopic data for this compound proved consistent with those reported in literature.¹

3-(hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)benzaldehyde (2).¹



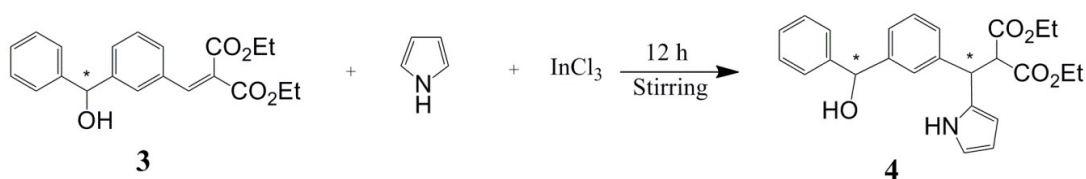
A solution of Weinreb amide **1** (4.8 g, 17.82 mmol) in anhydrous THF (70 mL) was cooled to -78 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere. To the resulting solution was added LiAlH₄ (21.39 mL of 1.0 M solution in THF, 21.39 mmol) via syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at the same temperature. At this point, H₂O (10 mL) was slowly added to the reaction mixture at -78 °C to quench the reaction. The reaction mixture was then diluted with 50 mL of EtOAc and the resulting precipitate was removed by Celite filtration. The filtrate was washed with brine and the combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄. Removal of solvent under reduced pressure yielded oily residue which was purified by silica-gel column chromatography using 20% EtOAc in hexane as eluent to afford an oil of compound **2** (3.69 g, 98%). All spectroscopic data for this compound proved consistent with those reported in literature.¹

Diethyl 2-(3-(hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)benzylidene)malonate (3).



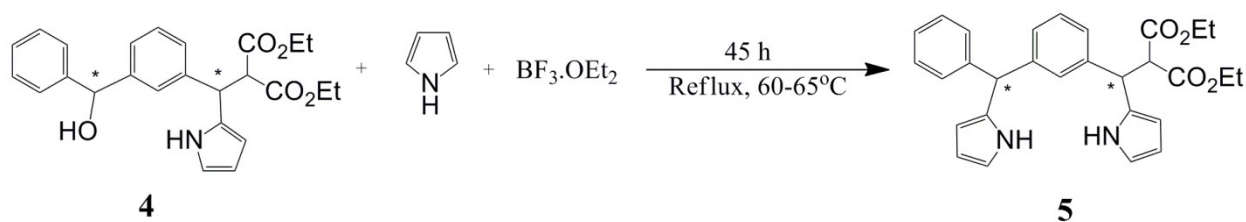
A solution of NaOAc (1.55 g, 18.85mmol), methylamine hydrochloride (1.27 g, 18.85mmol) and diethyl malonate (3.02 g, 18.85mmol) in methanol (20 mL) was stirred for 30 minute at room temperature. To the resulting solution 3-(hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)benzaldehyde **2** (2.0 g, 9.42mmol) in methanol (20 mL) was added. After being stirred for 24 h at room temperature, solvent was removed in vacuo. Water was poured to the reaction mixture and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 50 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on neutral alumina using 20% EtOAc in hexane to afford the oil of compound **3** (1.70 g, 51%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.49 (br s, 1H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 1H) 7.36-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 1H), 5.849, (d, J = 3 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, J = 7 Hz), 4.24-4.22 (m, 2H), 2.25 (d, J = 3 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H). **MALDI-TOF** m/z 354.1467 M^+ and 379.1521 ($\text{M} + \text{Na} + 2\text{H}$) $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5$ (M) found m/z 354.5773 and 379.4725, respectively.

Diethyl 2-((3-(hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)phenyl)(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methyl)malonate (**4**).²



To a stirred solution **3** (1.2 g, 3.39 mmol) in pyrrole (23.5 mL, 338.6 mmol) was added InCl_3 (0.375 g, 1.69 mmol). After stirring for 12 h at 25 °C under nitrogen atmosphere, water (50 mL) were added to the reaction mixture. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica using 20% EtOAc in hexane as eluent to yield **4** (1.10 g, 77%) as thick liquid which becomes solid on keeping in refrigerator. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, mixture of stereoisomers) δ 8.47 (brs, 1 H, NH), 7.36-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.15 (m 1H), 6.63 (br s, 1H), 6.07-6.05 (m, 1H), 5.91-5.90 (m, 1H), 5.79(s, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 10.5 Hz), 4.15-4.09 (m, 3H), 3.88-3.79 (m, 2H), 2.25 (brs, 1H, OH), 1.18-1.14 (m, 3H), 0.90-0.85 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, mixture of stereoisomers) δ 168.6, 167.4, 144.1, 143.7, 140.0, 130.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 127.4, 126.5, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 125.3, 125.2, 117.5, 108.0, 106.6, 106.5, 76.1, 61.8, 61.4, 58.01, 44.3, 13.9, 13.6. **MALDI-TOF** m/z 422.1967 ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ and 444.1781 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_5$ (M), found m/z 421.5738 and 444.5635, respectively.

Diethyl 2-((3-(phenyl(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methyl)phenyl)(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methyl)malonate (**5**).

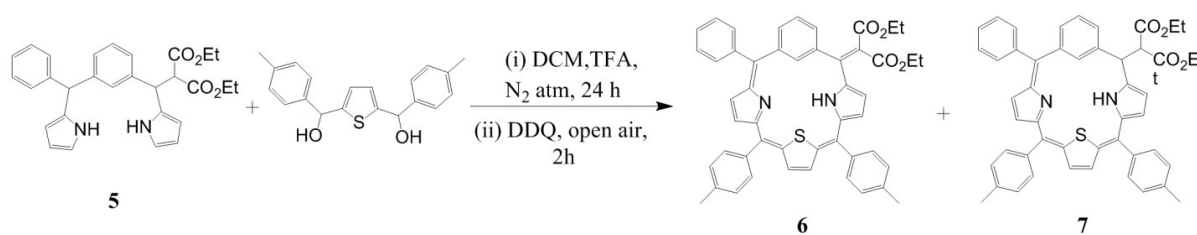


A solution of compound **4** (0.400 g, 0.95 mmol) and pyrrole (6.6 mL, 95.0 mmol) was purged with nitrogen gas for 20 minutes. Subsequently, $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ (0.118 mL, 0.95 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed at 65 °C for 45 h under nitrogen atmosphere. On cooling to the room temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched by adding Et_3N (0.264 mL, 1.89 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was directly chromatographed on silica gel using 25% EtOAc in hexane to afford pure **5** (0.185 mg, 41%) as semi-solid. **^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, mixture of stereoisomers)** δ 8.45 (br d, $J = 17$ Hz, 1H, NH), 7.89 (br d, $J = 19$ Hz, 1H, NH), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.23- 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 1H), 6.70-6.68(m, 1H), 6.63- 6.60 (m, 1H), 6.14(q, $J = 3$ Hz, 1H), 6.07-6.01 (m, 1H), 5.86(d, $J = 36\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.80-5.79 (m, 1H), 5.41(d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.16-4.03(m, 3H), 3.86 (q, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, mixture of stereoisomers) δ 169.85, 169.78, 168.80, 144.87, 144.82, 144.57, 144.48, 141.59, 141.48, 141.59, 141.48, 134.43, 134.38, 132.24, 132.19, 129.90, 129.87, 129.85, 129.70, 129.63, 129.61, 128.87, 128.75, 127.82, 127.80, 127.78, 127.6, 118.45, 118.43, 118.30, 118.25, 109.16, 109.13, 109.09, 108.74, 108.73, 107.17, 107.15, 62.57, 62.29, 58.76, 58.68, 51.14, 44.93, 44.88, 14.18, 14.04,

MALDI-TOF m/z 471.2206 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺, 453.1940 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$)⁺ and 509.1940 ($\text{M}+\text{K}$)⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4(\text{M})$, found m/z 471.5547, 453.5263 and 509.4926, respectively.

Synthesis of compound 6 and 7



A solution of compound **5** (0.770 g, 1.64 mmol) and 2,5-bis-thiophene-dimethanol³ (0.530 g, 1.64 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (250 mL) was purged with nitrogen for 20 minutes. To the resulting solution TFA (62 μL , 0.82 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. At this point, DDQ (1.11 g, 4.95 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred for a further 2.0 hour in air. Triethylamine (342 μL , 2.45 mmol) was added to the reaction flask and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue thus obtained was purified by repeated column chromatography. Column chromatography on silica-gel using 15% EtOAc in hexane gave the mixture of compound **6** and **7** as a green band which was further chromatographed on silica using 2% EtOAc in CH_2Cl_2 as eluent to afford pure **6** (62 mg, 5%) and **7** (25 mg, 2%).

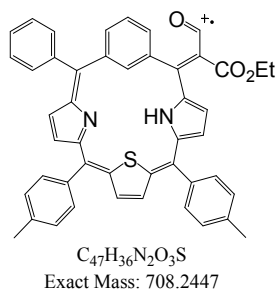
Compound 6

¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 400 MHz) δ 8.49 (br s, 1H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 10 H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 6.81 (s, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 4.16 Hz), 6.66 (d, *J* = 4.8, 1H), 6.13 (br s, 1H), 4.30 (br s, 2H), 3.98 (br s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.12 Hz, 3 H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.12 Hz, 3H).

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ 9.94 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.16 (m, 11H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 5.9Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (d, *J* = 3.5Hz, 1H) 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H)

¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 150 MHz) δ 169.9, 167.4, 164.5, 156.0, 148.2, 147.5, 147.2, 142.2, 140.4, 138.5, 138.0, 137.7, 137.0, 136.1, 135.7, 135.4, 135.1, 133.2, 132.9, 131.7, 131.5, 131.4, 130.5, 130.3, 129.9, 129.0, 128.9, 127.7, 127.1, 125.5, 122.1, 118.3, 114.6, 62.0, 61.1, 21.3, 14.1, 14.0.

MALDI-TOF *m/z* 753.2787 (M+H)⁺ and 752.2709 (M)⁺ calcd for C₄₉H₄₀N₂O₄S(M), found *m/z* 753.5890 and 752.5767, respectively. A characteristic fragment peak at *m/z* 708.5539 was observed which corresponds to the loss of one –OEt group from **6**. This peak is absent in the MALDI-TOF spectrum of **7**.



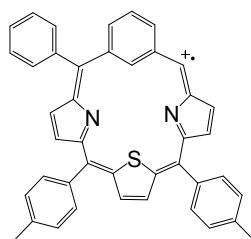
Compound 7

¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 400 MHz) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.30 (m, 9H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 5.2Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 6.64 (br s, 1H), 6.49 (br s, 1H), 4.86 (br s, 1H) 4.26 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.12-4.04 (m, 2H), 4.04-3.97 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). (NH was not observed may be due peak broadening).

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ 10.27 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.25(m, 10H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.7 HSAz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (t, *J* = 3.2/2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (t, *J* = 3.2/2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (br s, 1H), 4.12-4.03 (m, 2H), 4.02-3.93 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H),

¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 150 MHz) δ 169.2, 167.8, 167.7, 155.0, 150.0, 147.1, 142.6, 141.1, 138.6, 137.1, 136.4, 136.3, 135.4, 133.3, 132.4, 131.9, 131.5, 131.2, 131.0, 130.8, 130.0, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 126.7, 121.7, 120.1, 115.9, 61.4, 61.3, 53.8, 44.6, 21.3, 14.2, 14.1. (one carbon in aromatic region is not resolved).

MALDI-TOF *m/z* 755.2944 (M+3H)⁺, 754.2865 (M+2H)⁺, 753.2787 (M+H)⁺ and 752.2709 (M)⁺ calcd for C₄₉H₄₀N₂O₄S(M), found *m/z* 755.5912, 754.5866, 753.6102 and 752.5901, respectively. A characteristic fragment peak at 596.5811 was observed which corresponds to the loss of *meso*-malonyl group from **7**. This peak is absent in the MALDI-TOF spectrum of **6**.



$C_{42}H_{30}N_2S$

Exact Mass: 594.2130

$(M + 2H)^+ = 596.2286$

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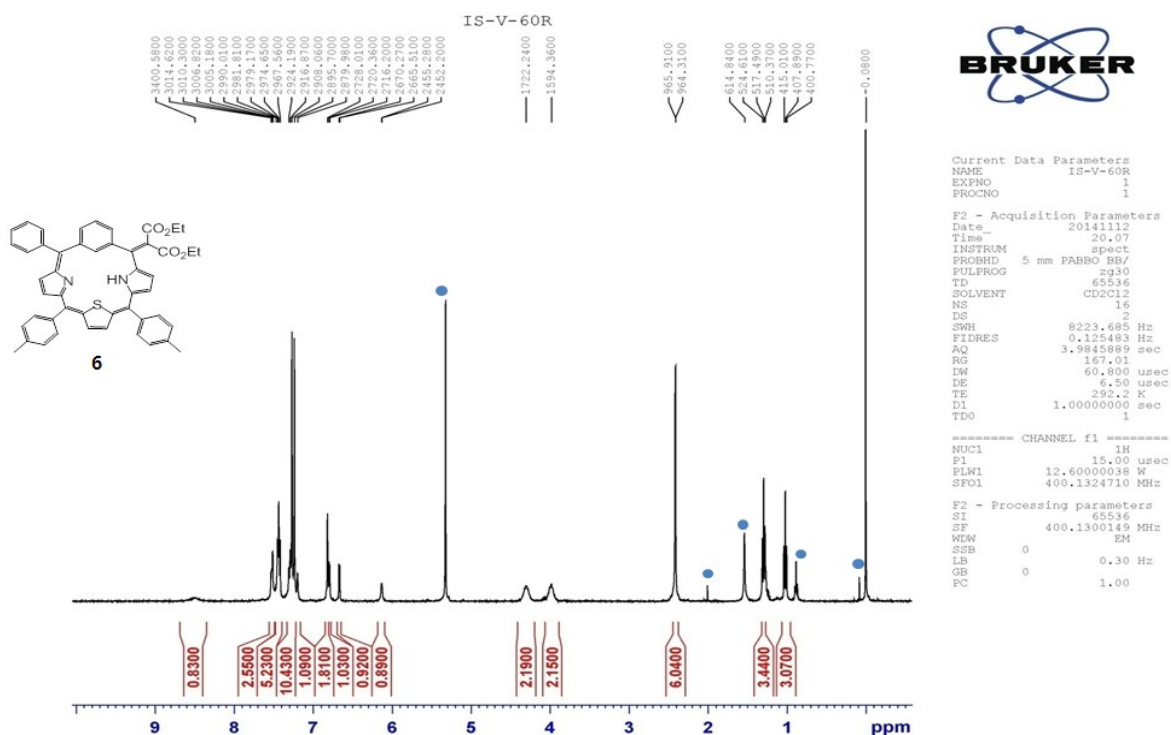


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of **6** in CD_2Cl_2 . Dot indicates peak from residual solvents/impurities.

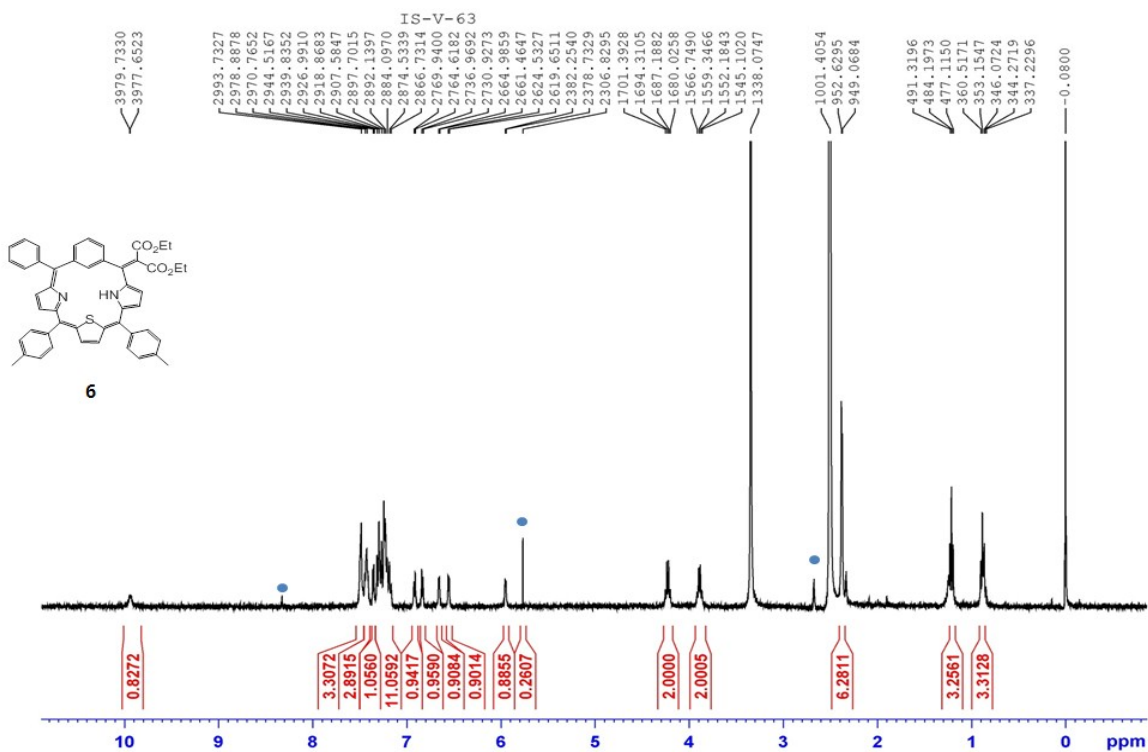


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of **6** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$. Dots indicate peaks from residual solvents/impurities.

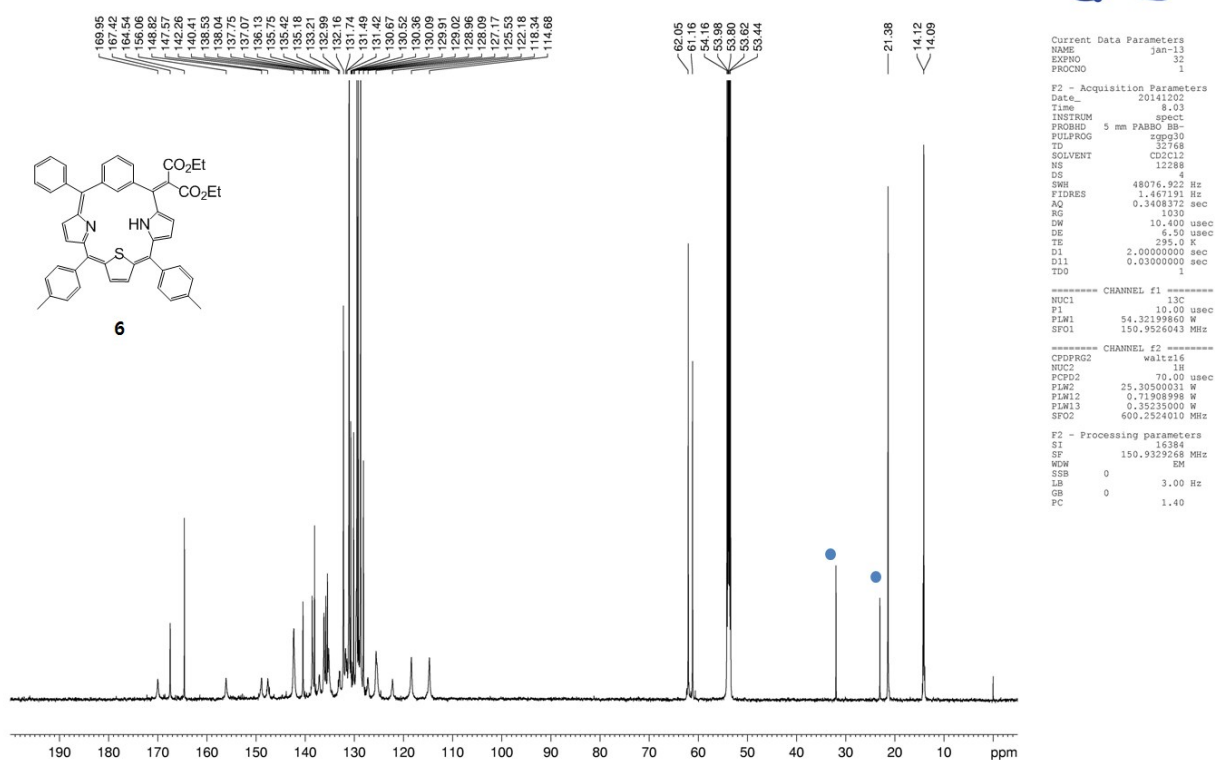


Figure S3. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **6** in CD₂Cl₂. Dot indicates peak from residual solvents/impurities.

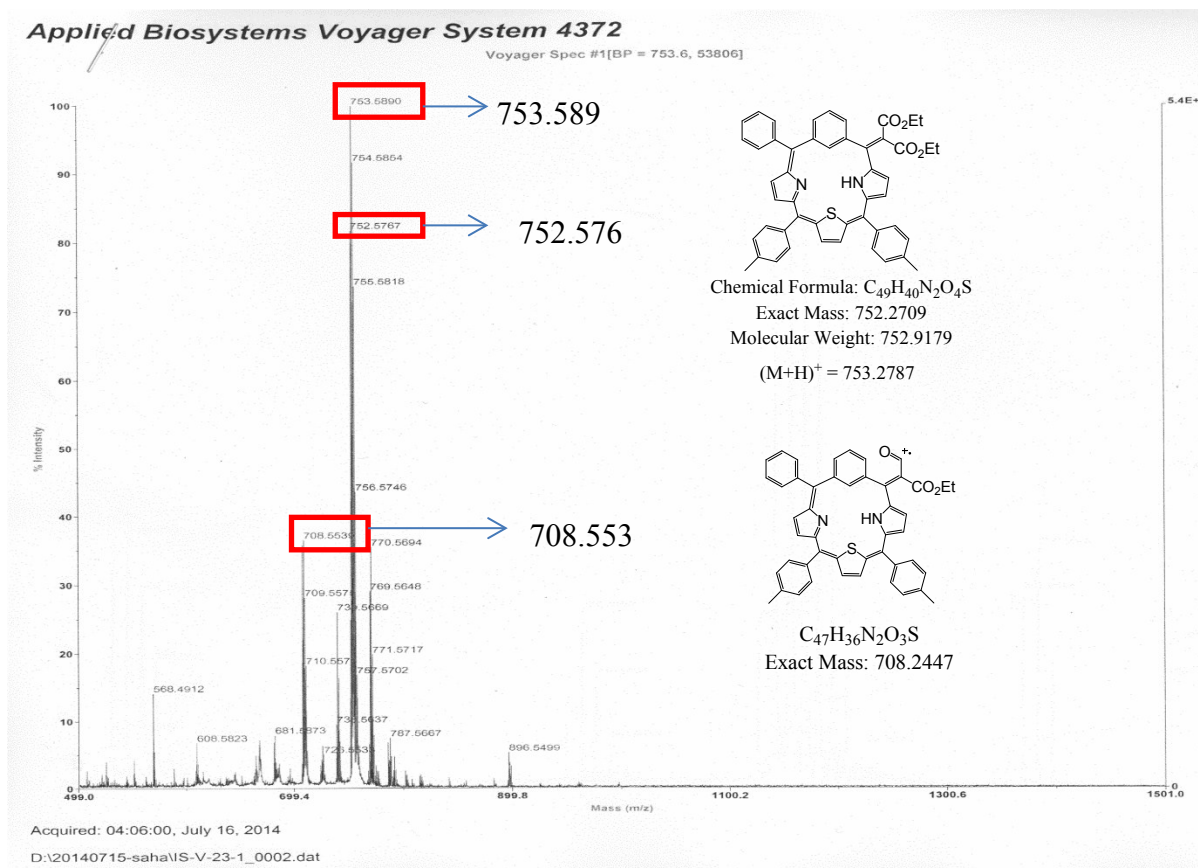


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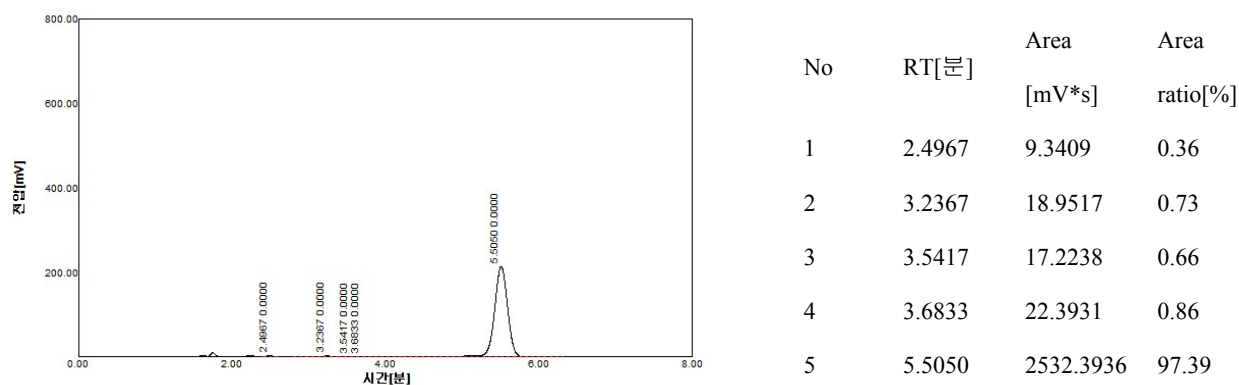


Figure S4-1. HPLC trace of the compound 6 (in acetonitrile)

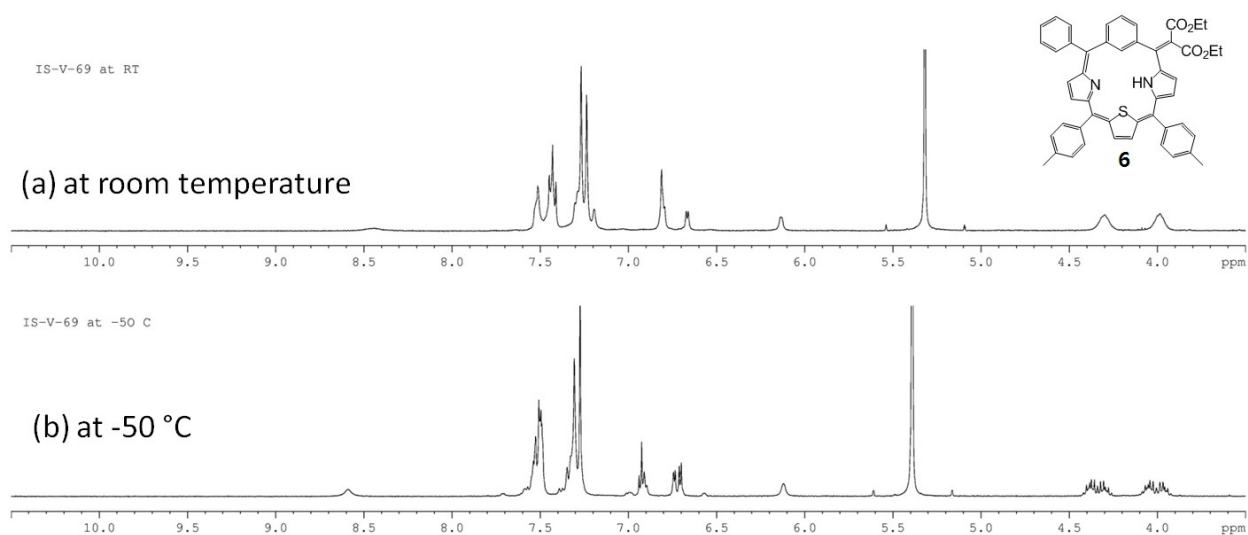


Figure S5. Low temperature ^1H NMR spectrum of **6** in CD_2Cl_2 .

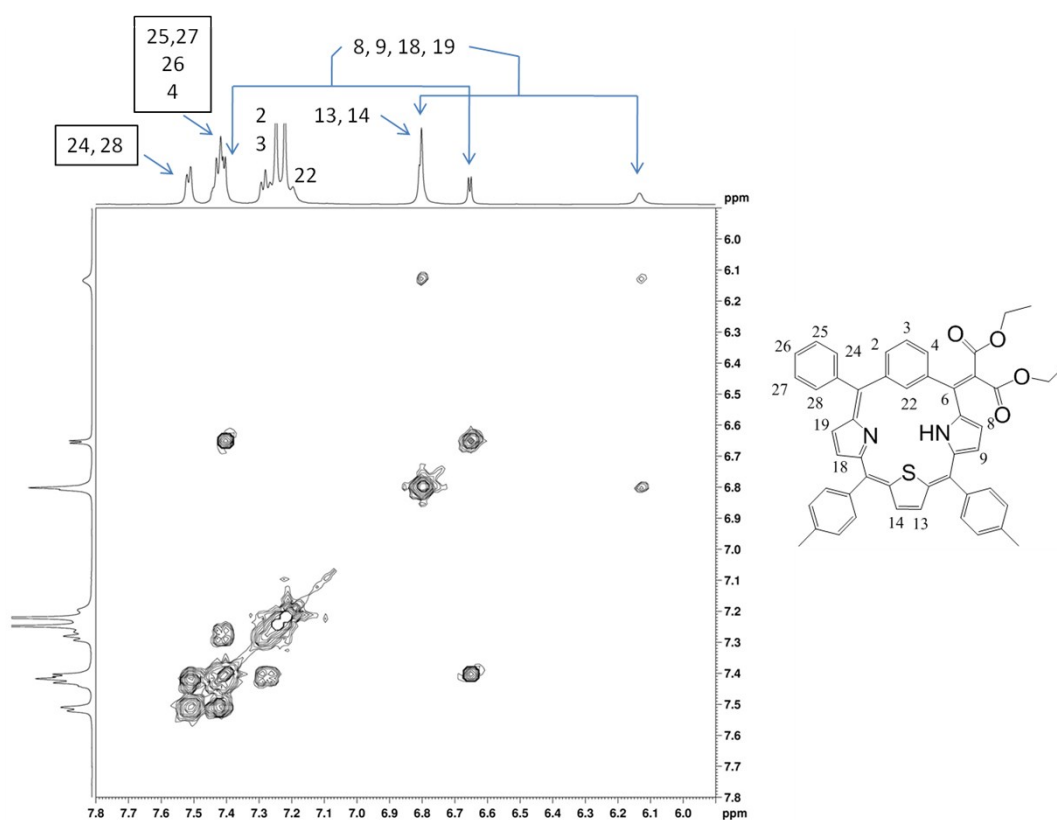


Figure S6. Selected region of ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum of **6** in CD_2Cl_2 (downfield region).

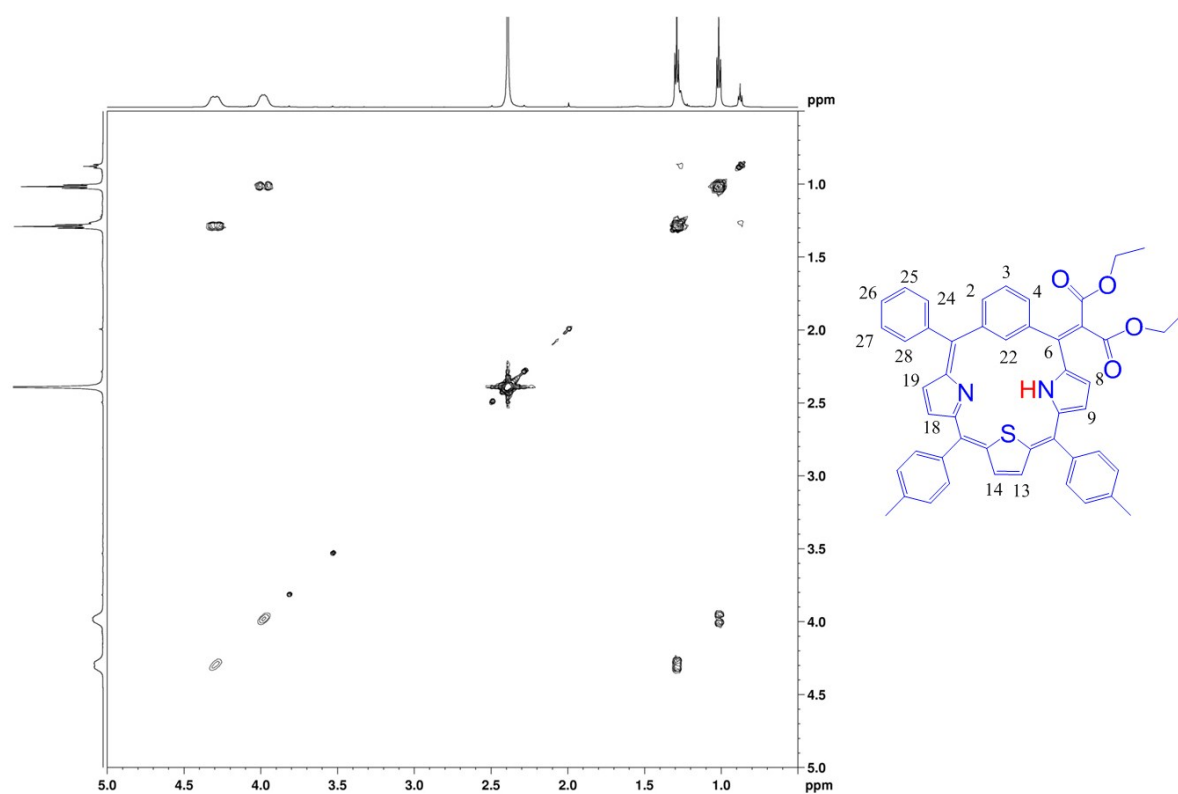


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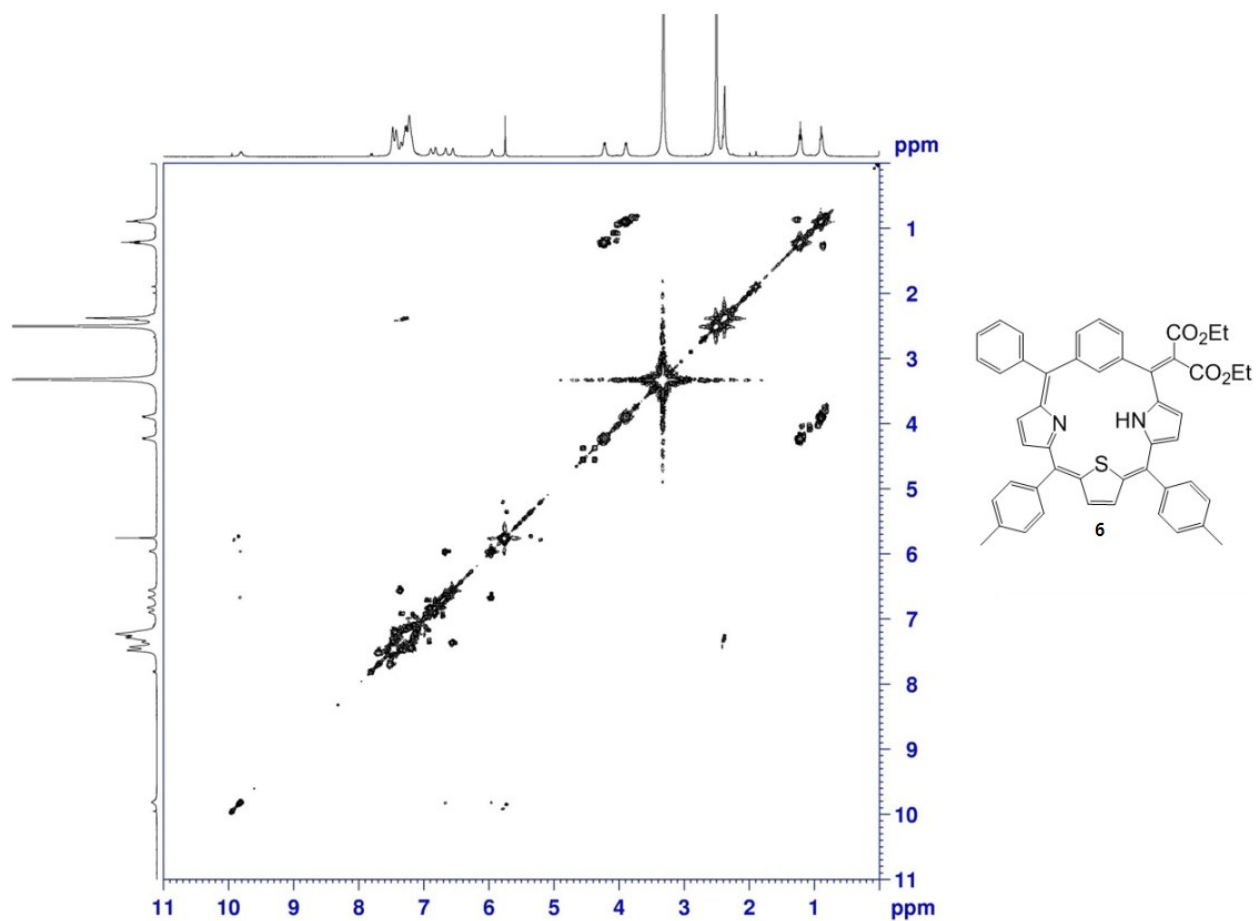


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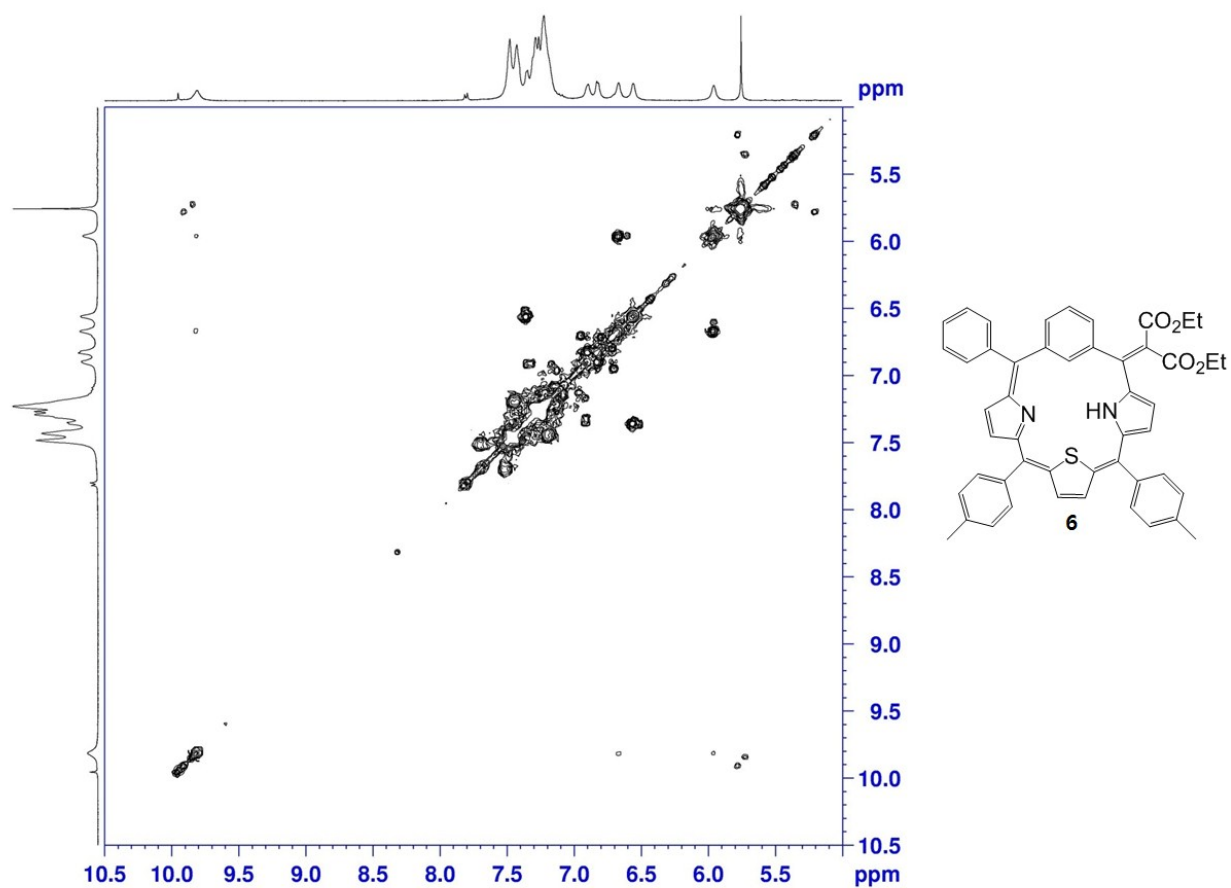


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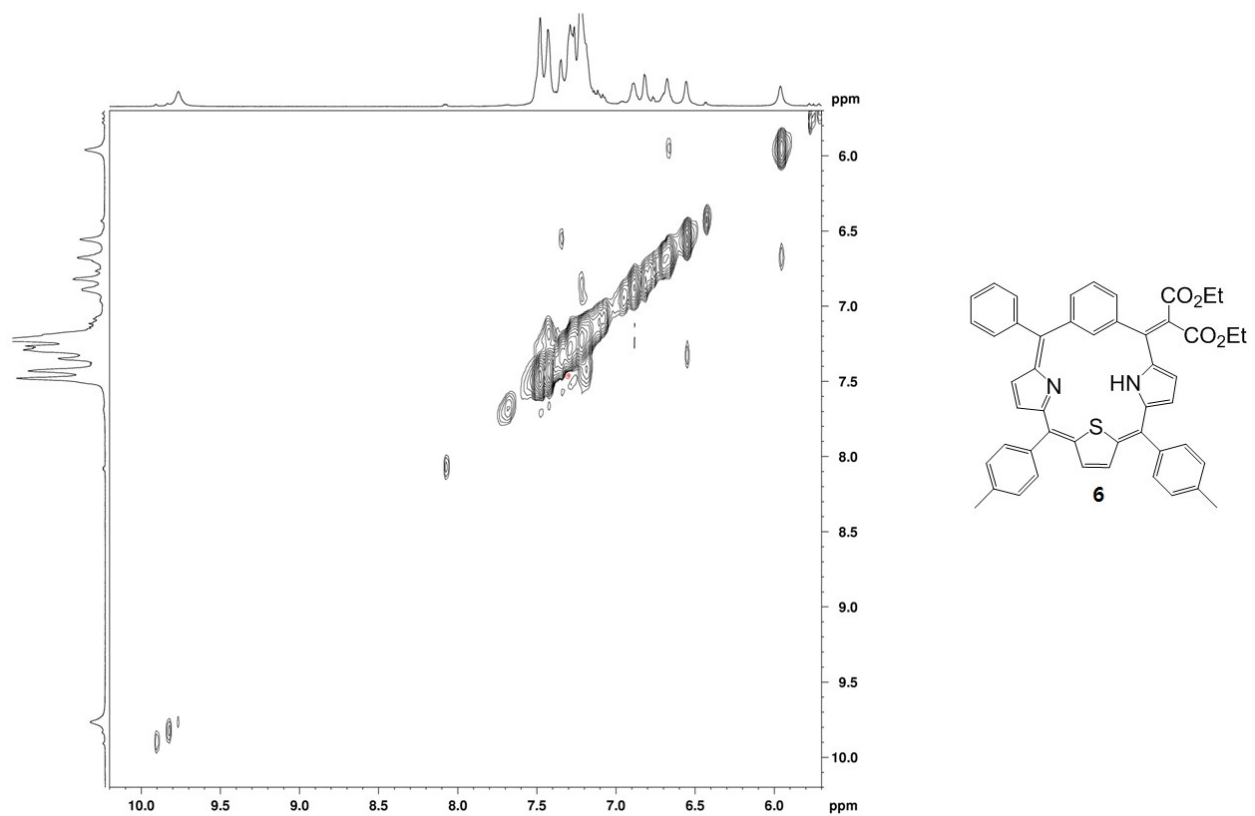


Figure S10. Selected region of NOESY spectrum of **6** in DMSO- d_6 .

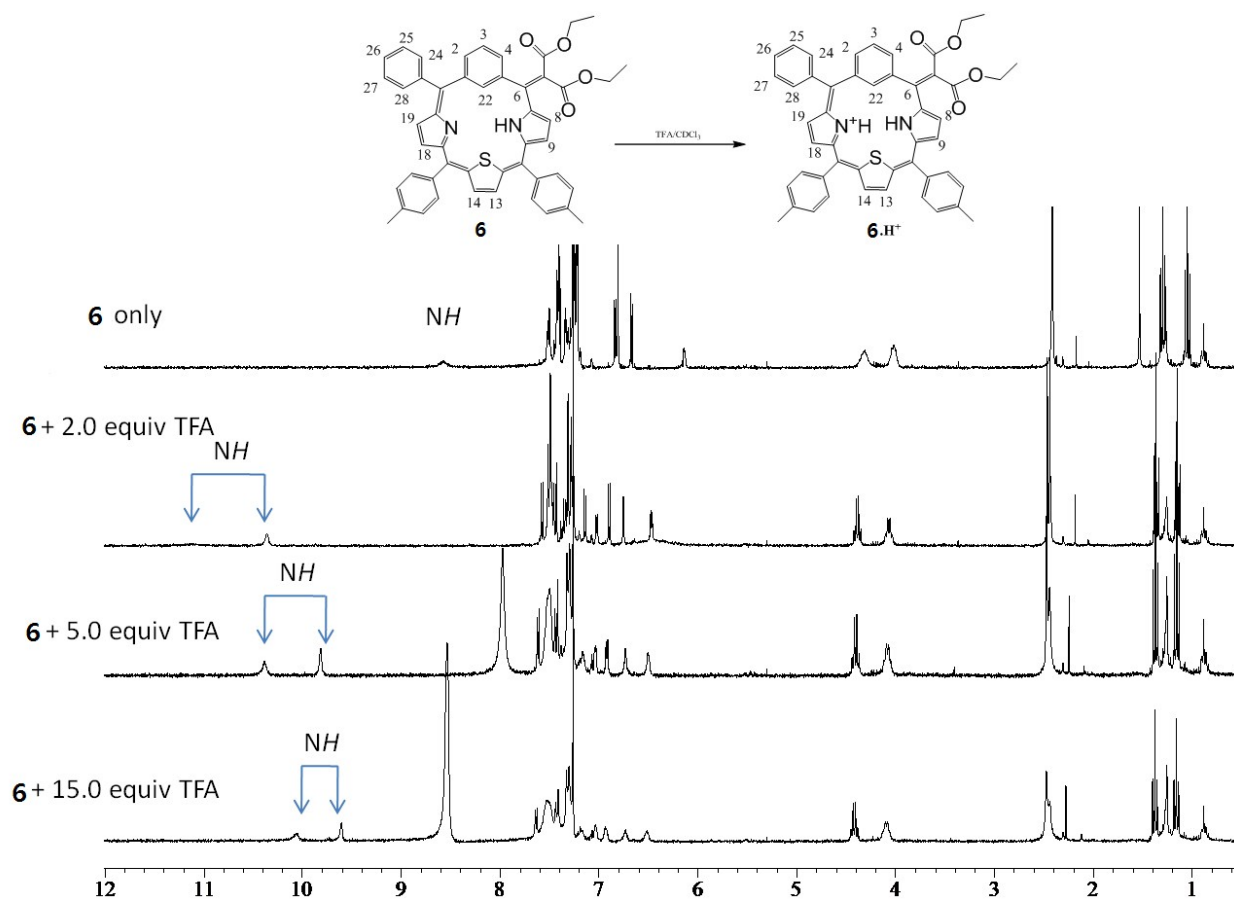


Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectra recorded during the titration of **6** with TFA in CDCl₃.

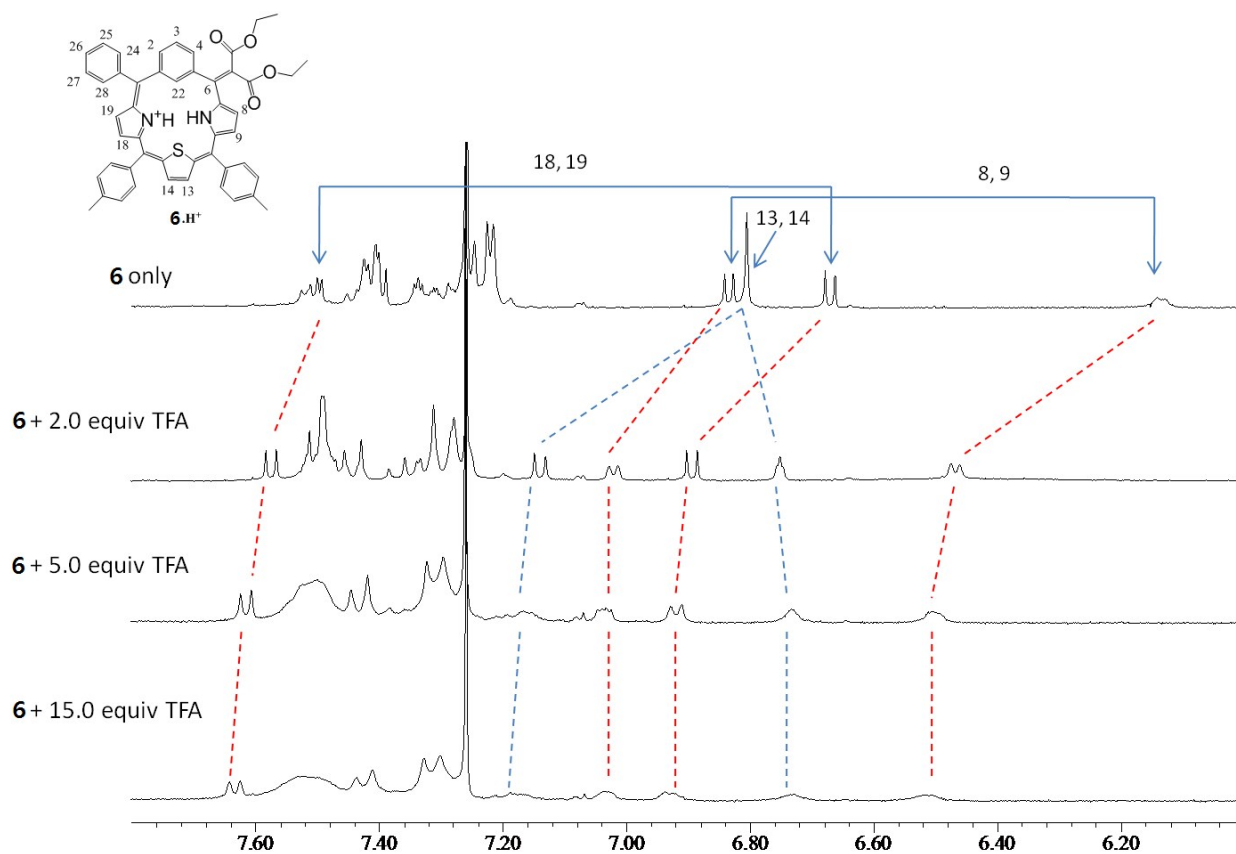


Figure S12. Partial ^1H NMR spectra during the titration of **6** with TFA in CDCl_3 (downfield region).

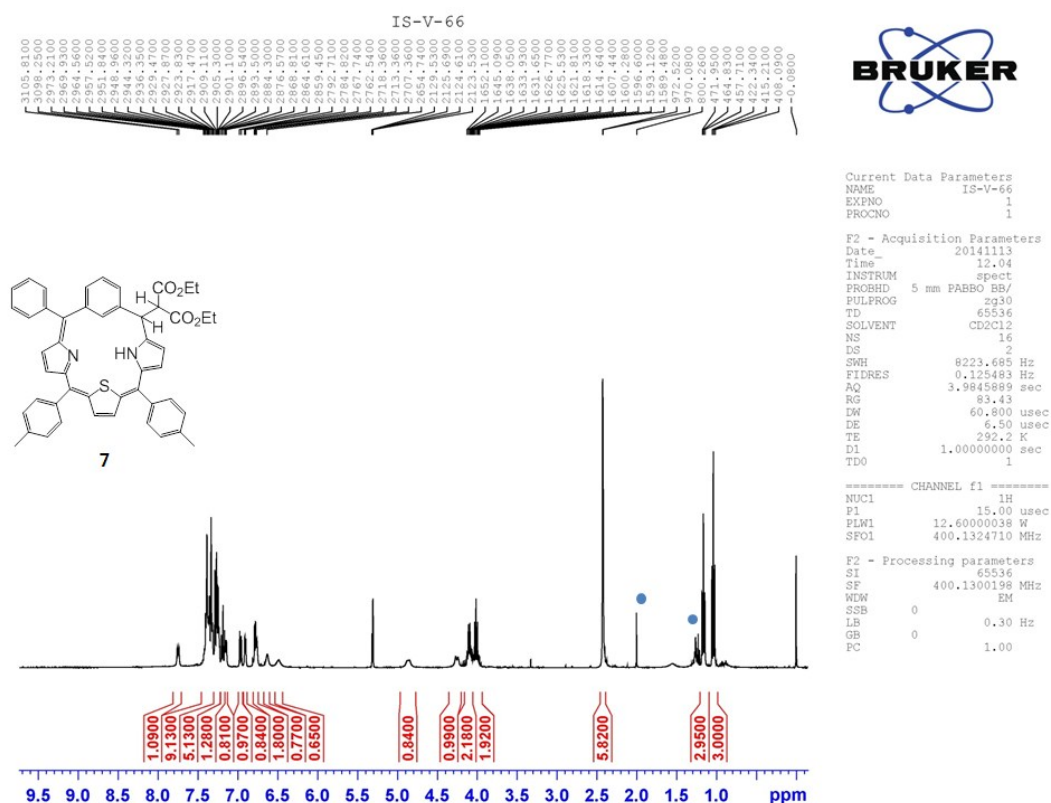


Figure S13. ^1H NMR spectrum of **7** in CD_2Cl_2 . Dot indicates peak from residual solvents/impurities.

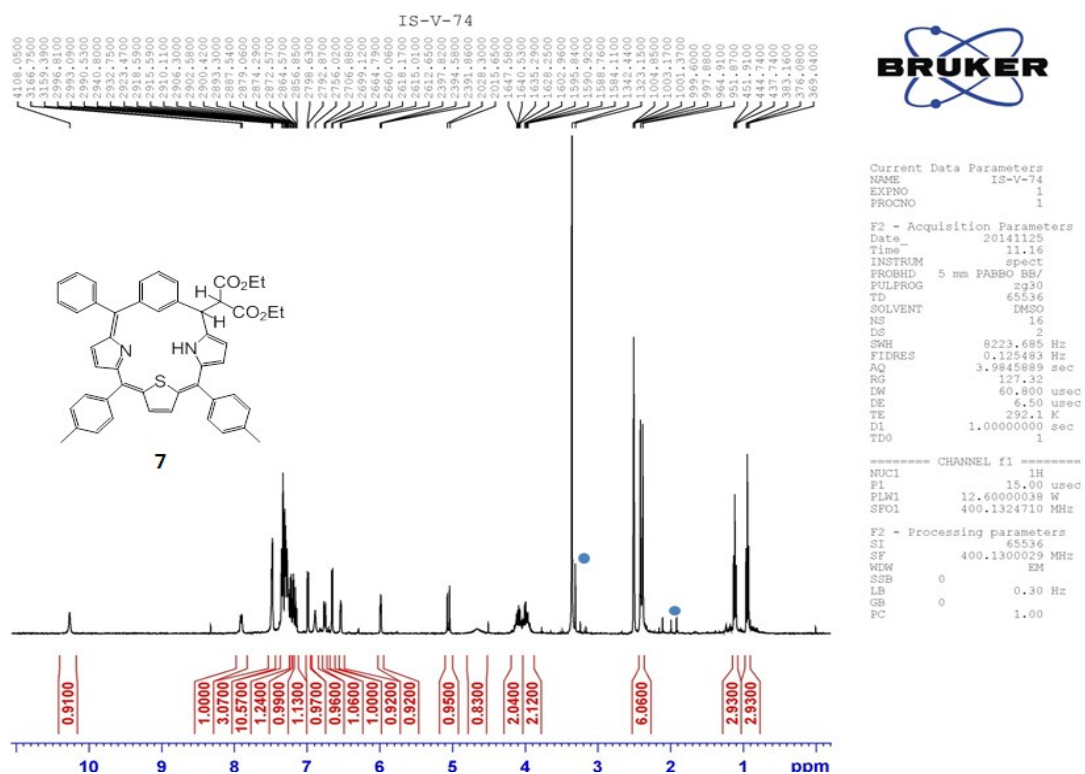


Figure S14. ^1H NMR spectrum of **7** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$. Dot indicates peak from residual solvents/impurities.

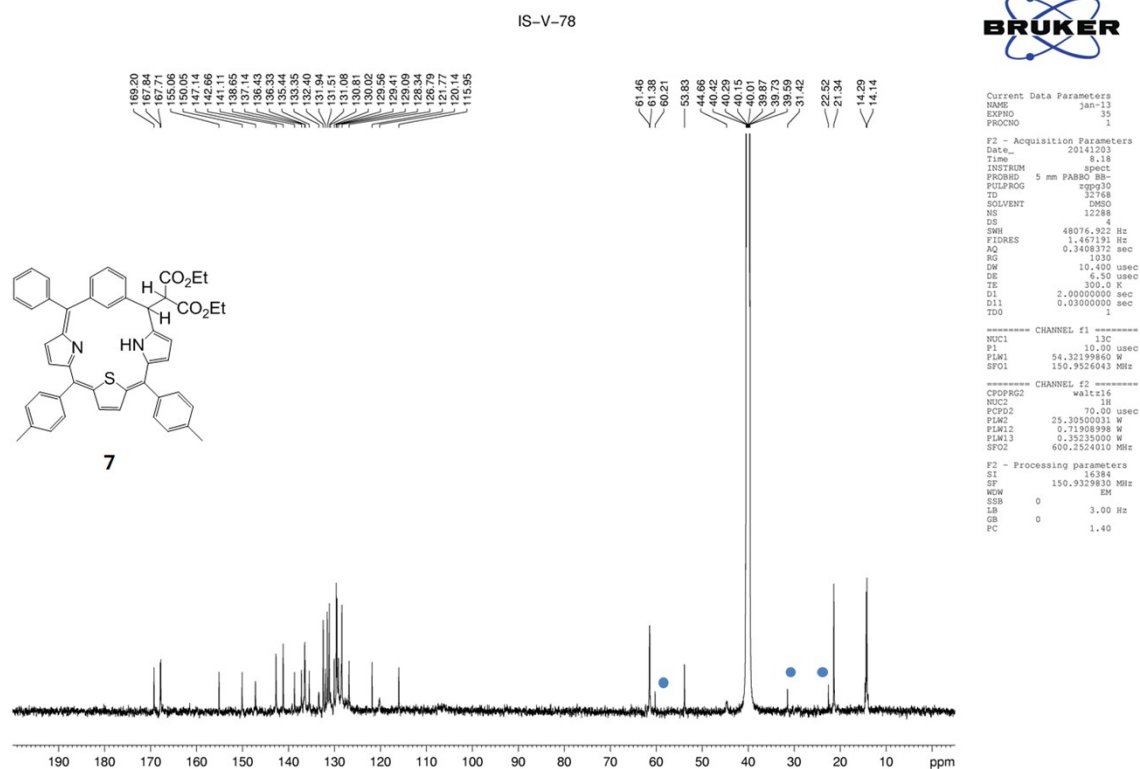


Figure S15. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **7** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$. Dot indicates peak from residual solvents/impurities.

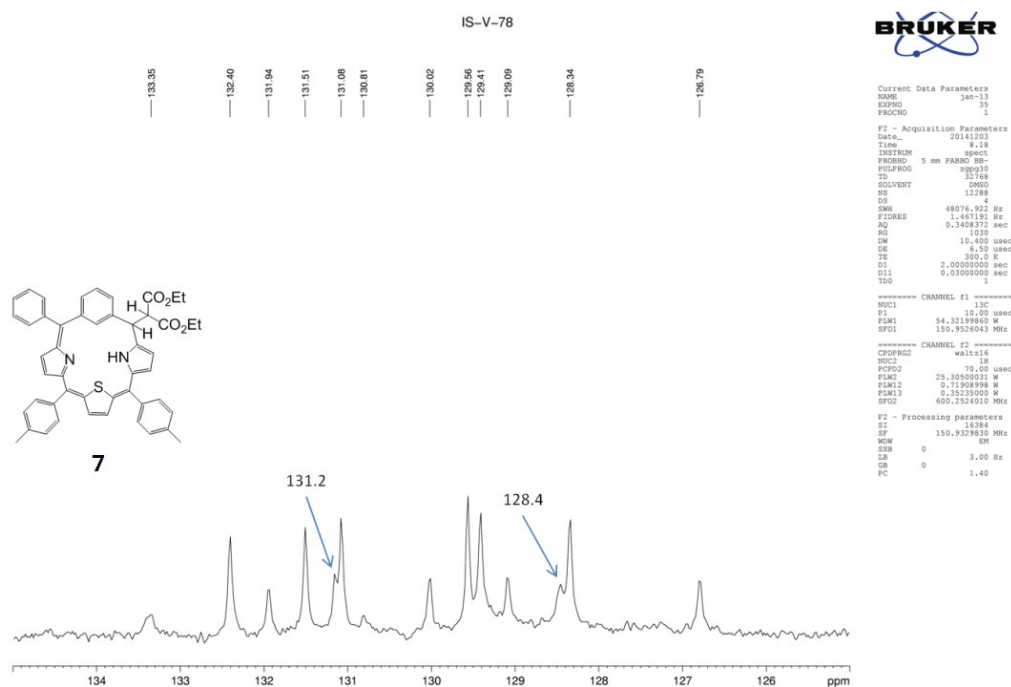


Figure S16. Selected ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **7** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$.

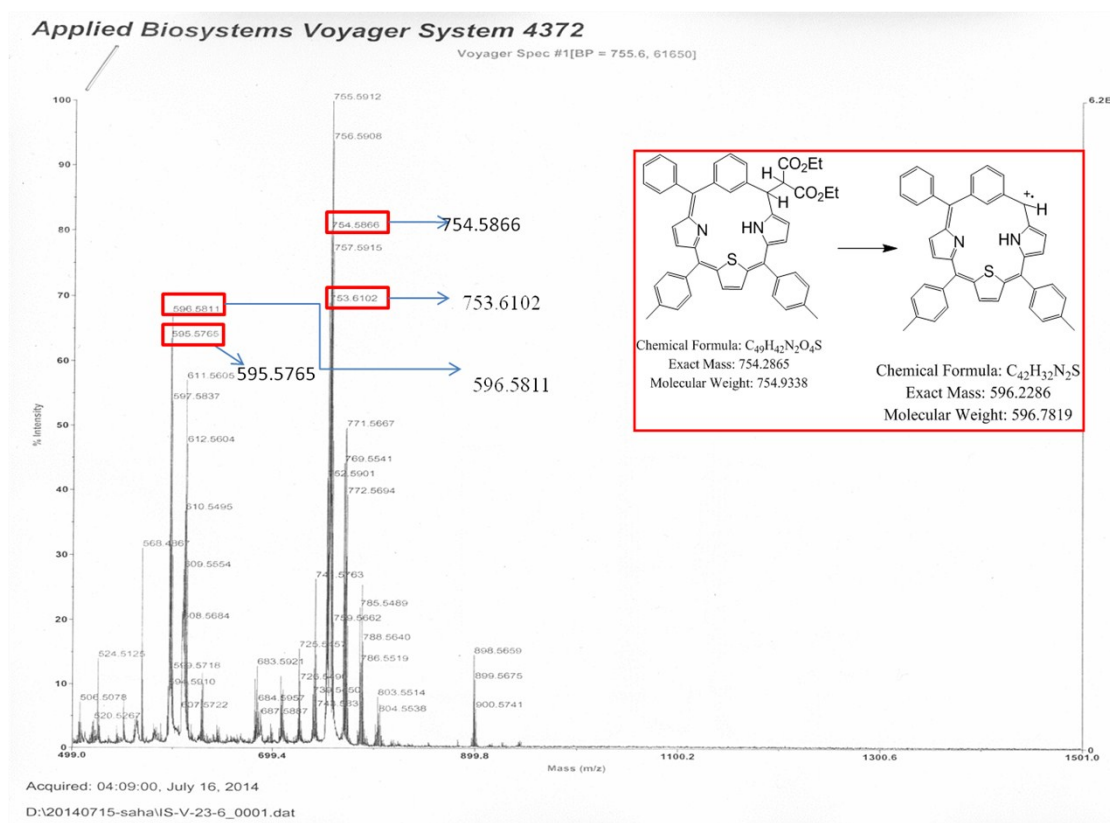


Figure S17. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of 7.

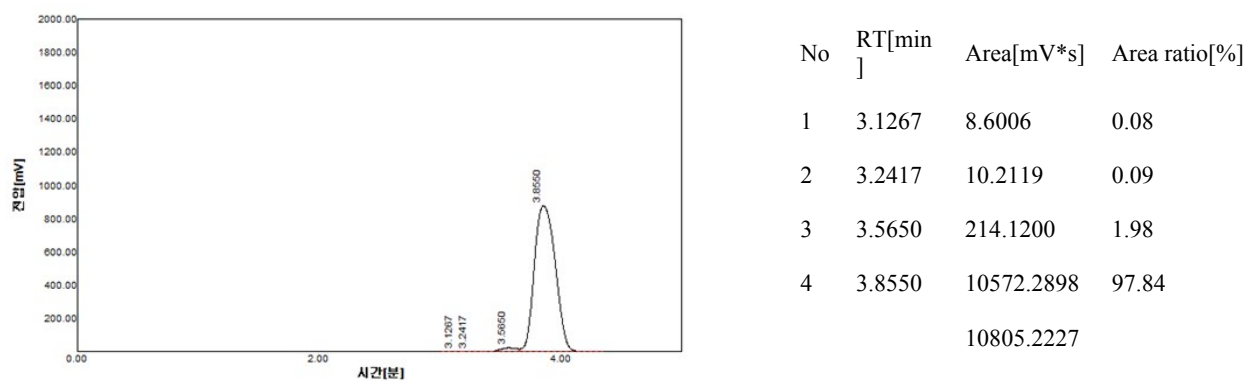


Figure S17-1. HPLC trace of the compound 7 (in acetonitrile)

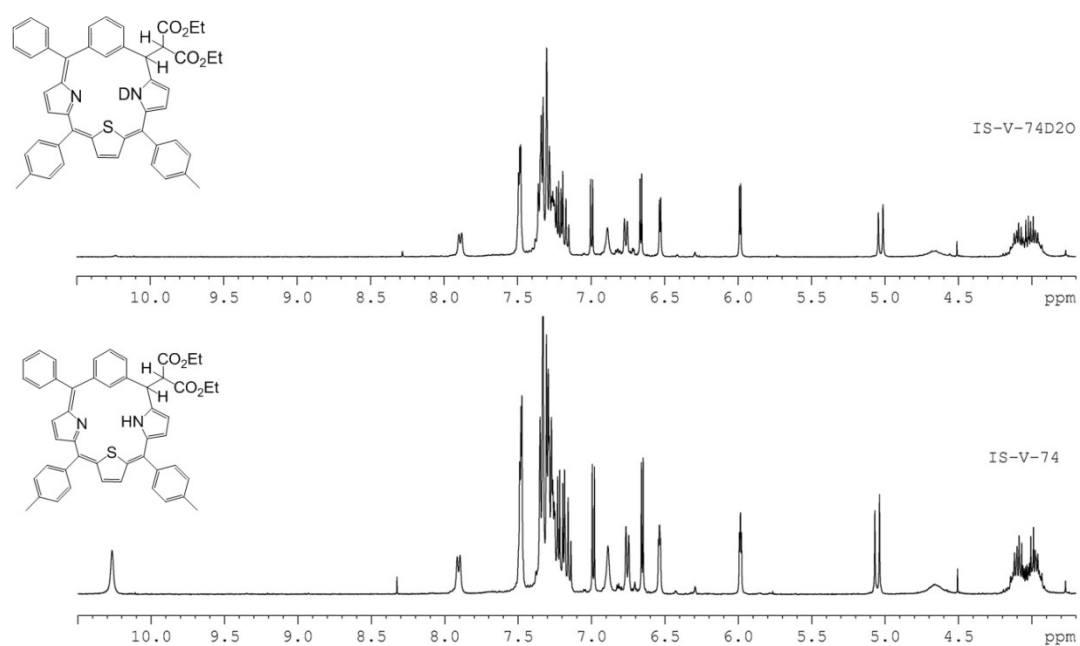


Figure S18. Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **7** recorded in absence and presence of D_2O in DMSO- d_6 .

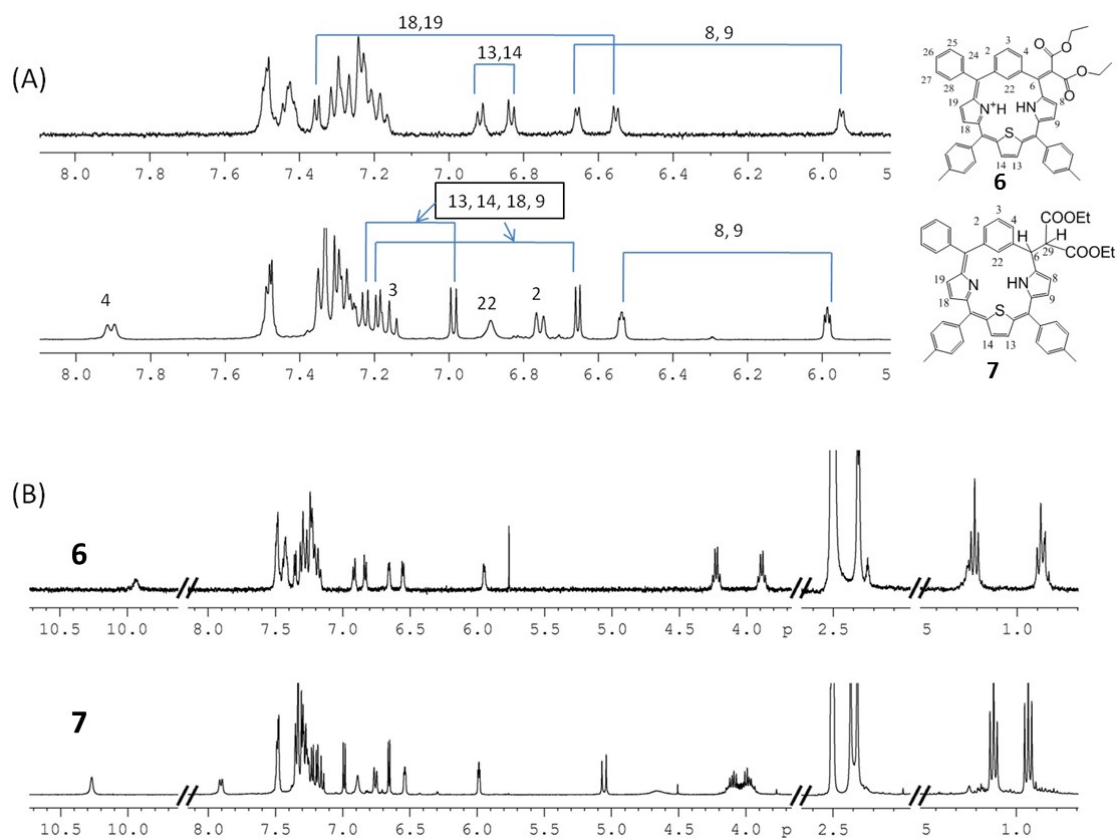


Figure S19. Comparison of ^1H NMR spectra of **6** and **7** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ (A) aromatic regions (B) full spectra.

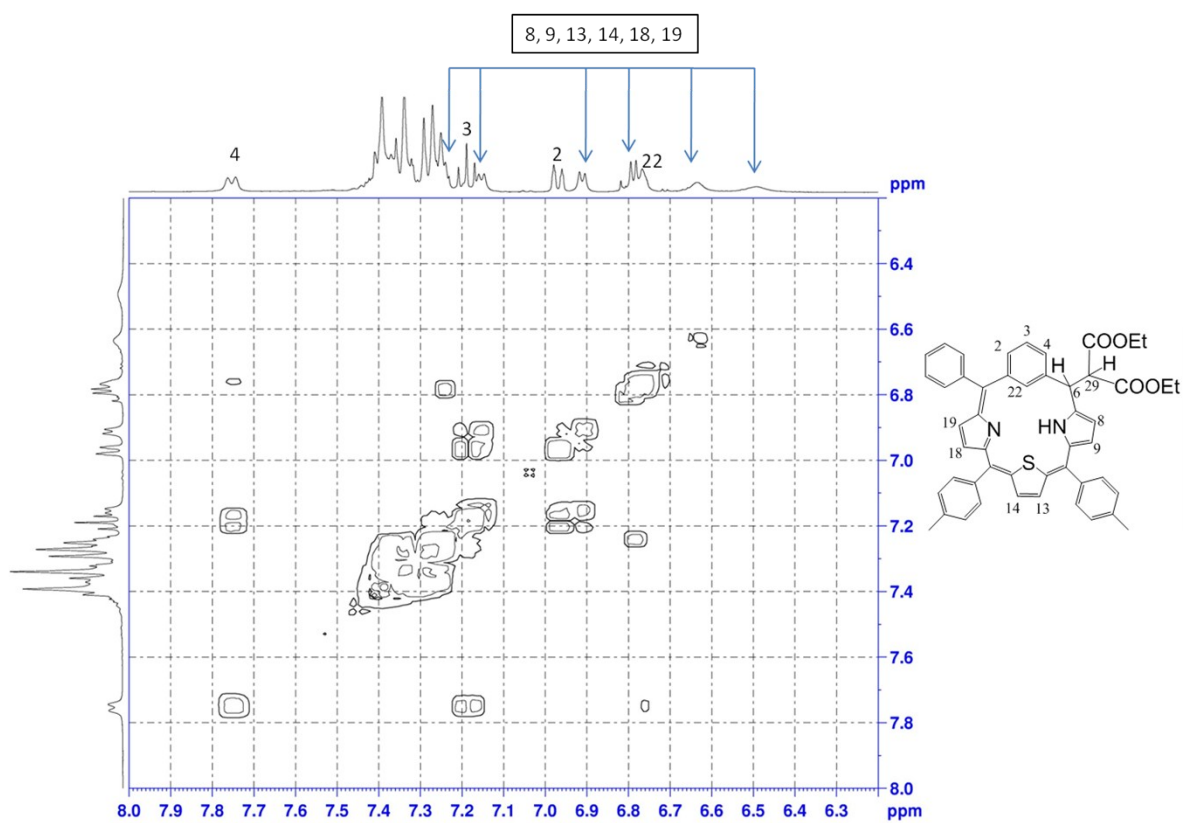


Figure S20. ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum of **7** in CD_2Cl_2 (downfield region).

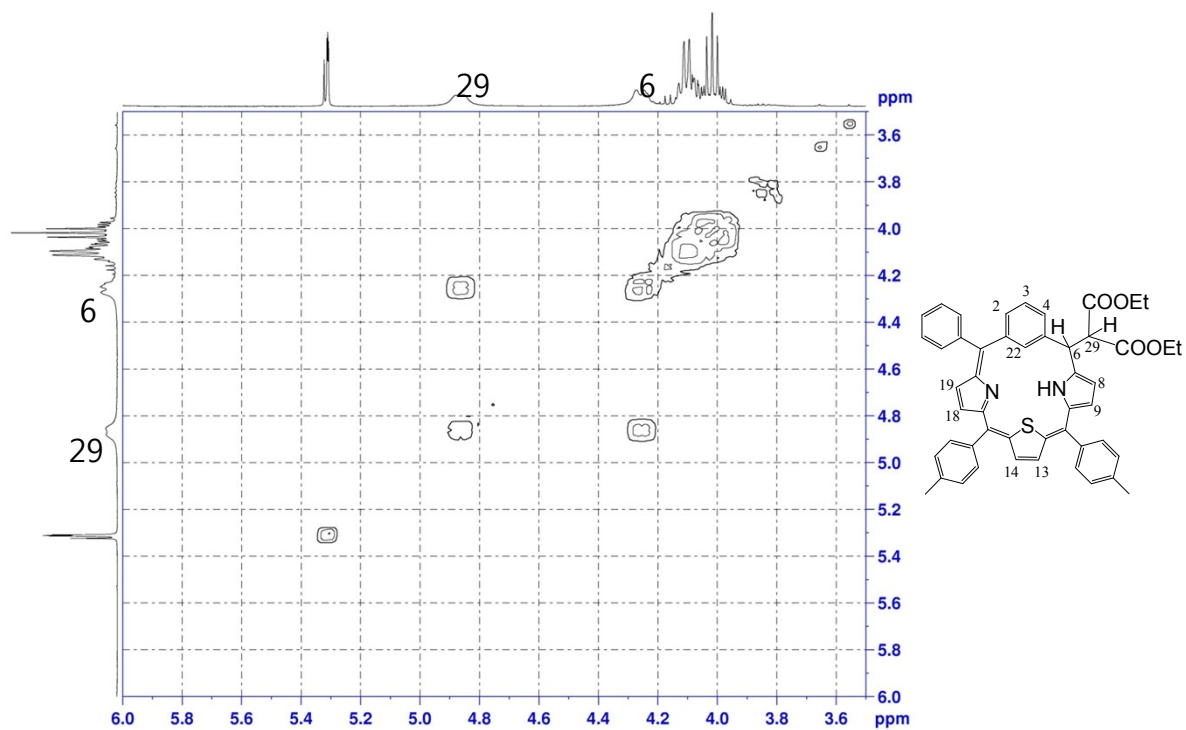


Figure S21. Selected region of ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum of **7** in CD_2Cl_2 .

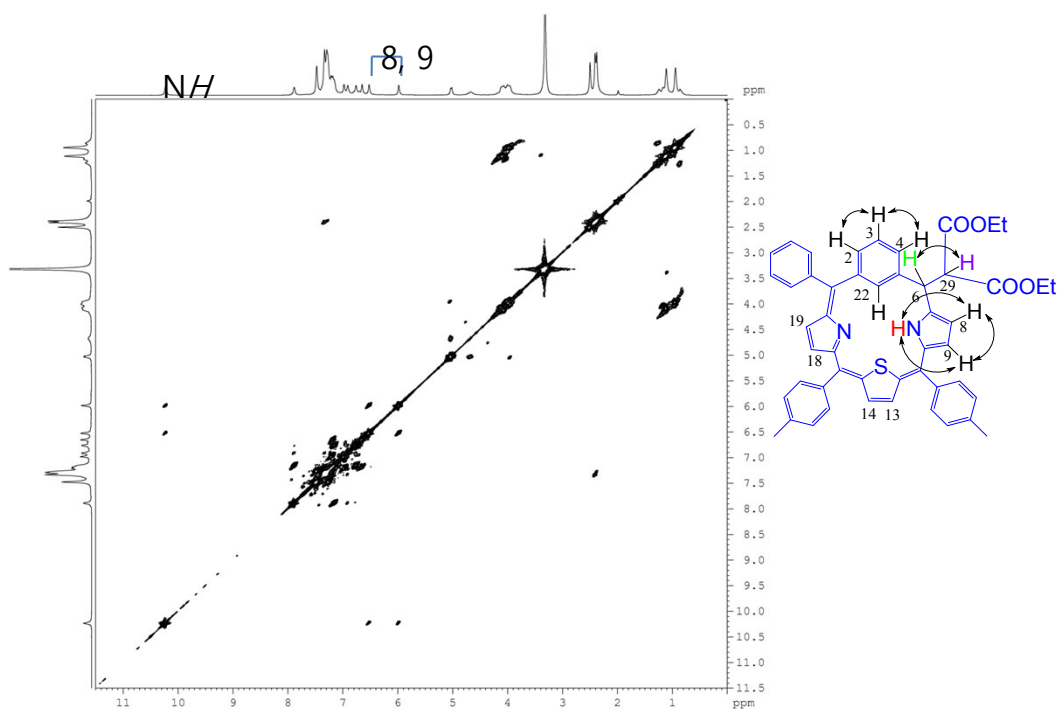


Figure S22. ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum of **7** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$.

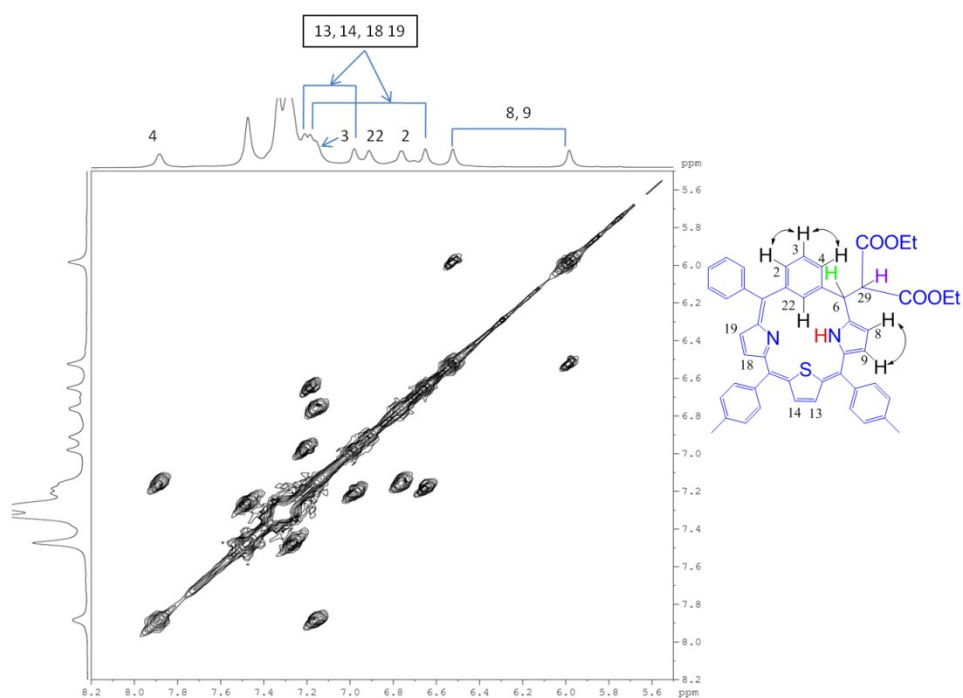


Figure S23. Selected region of ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum of **7** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$.

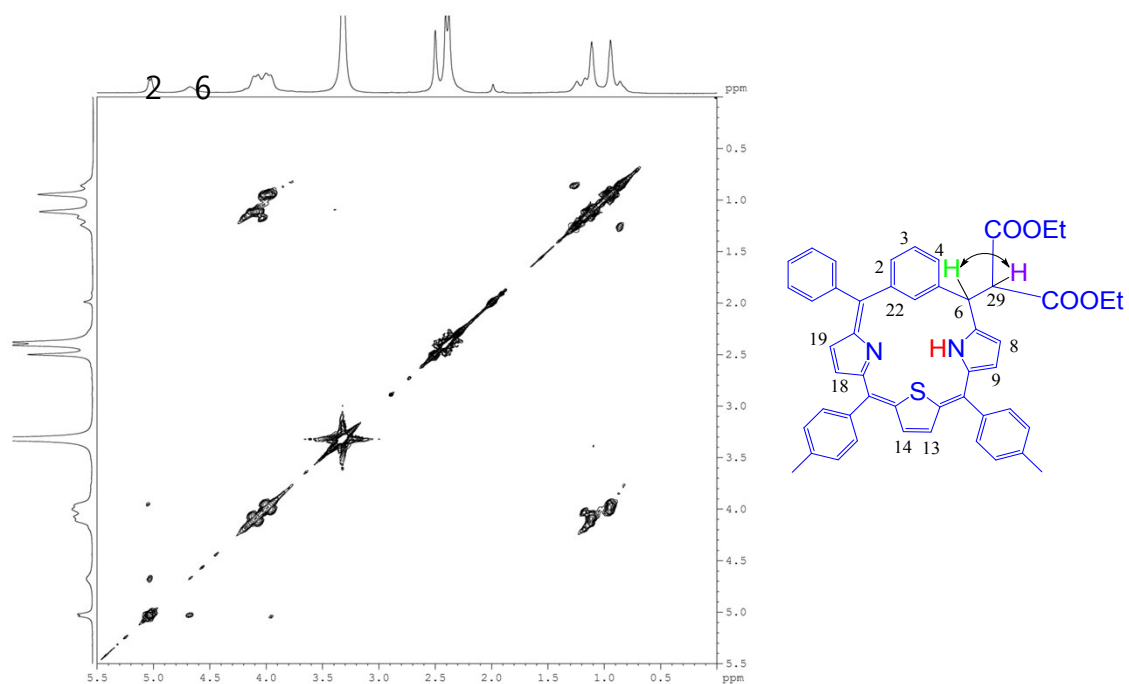


Figure S24. Selected region of ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum of **7** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$.

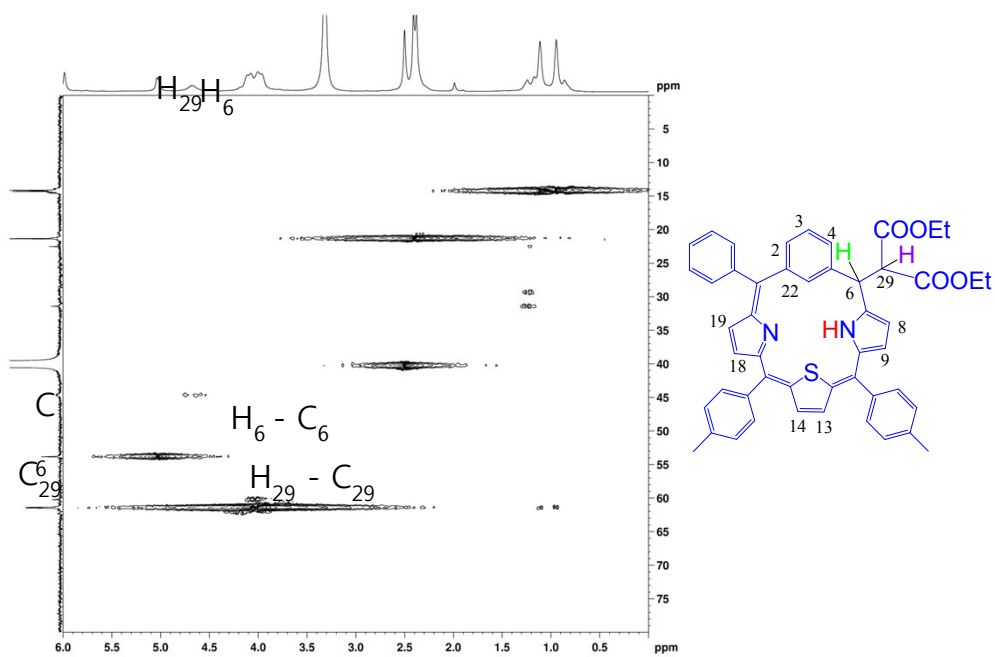


Figure S25. Selected region of ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC NMR of **7** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$.

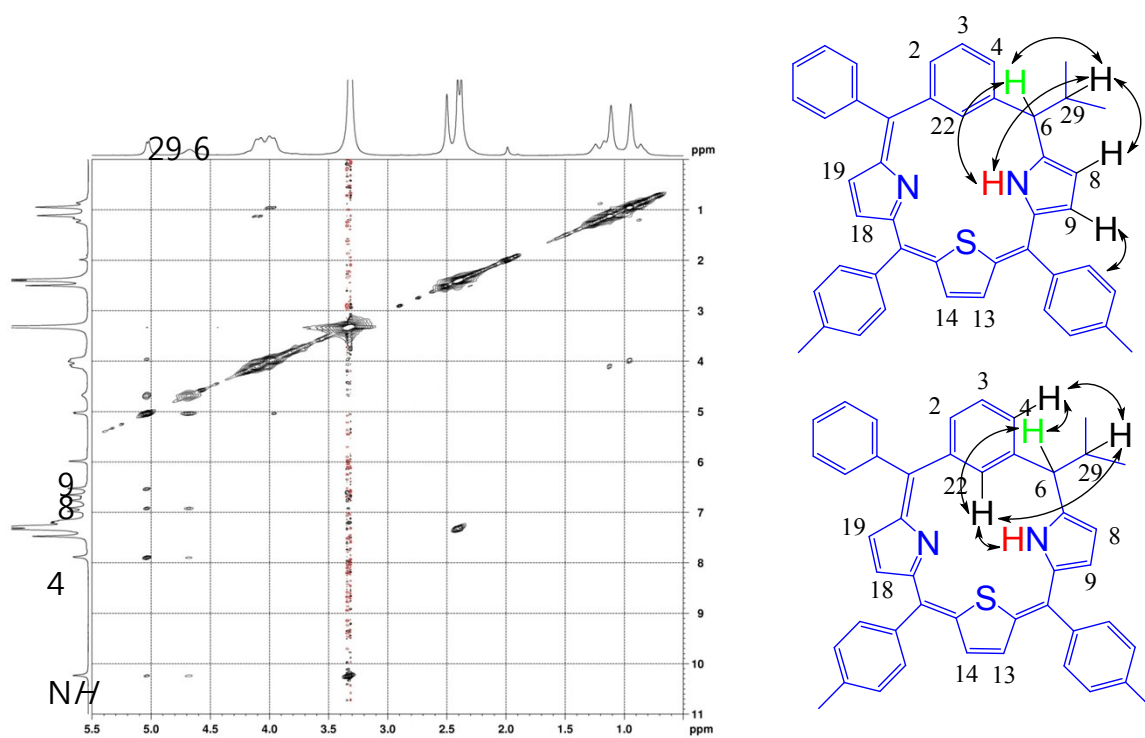


Figure S26. Selected region of NOESY spectrum of **7** in DMSO- d_6 .

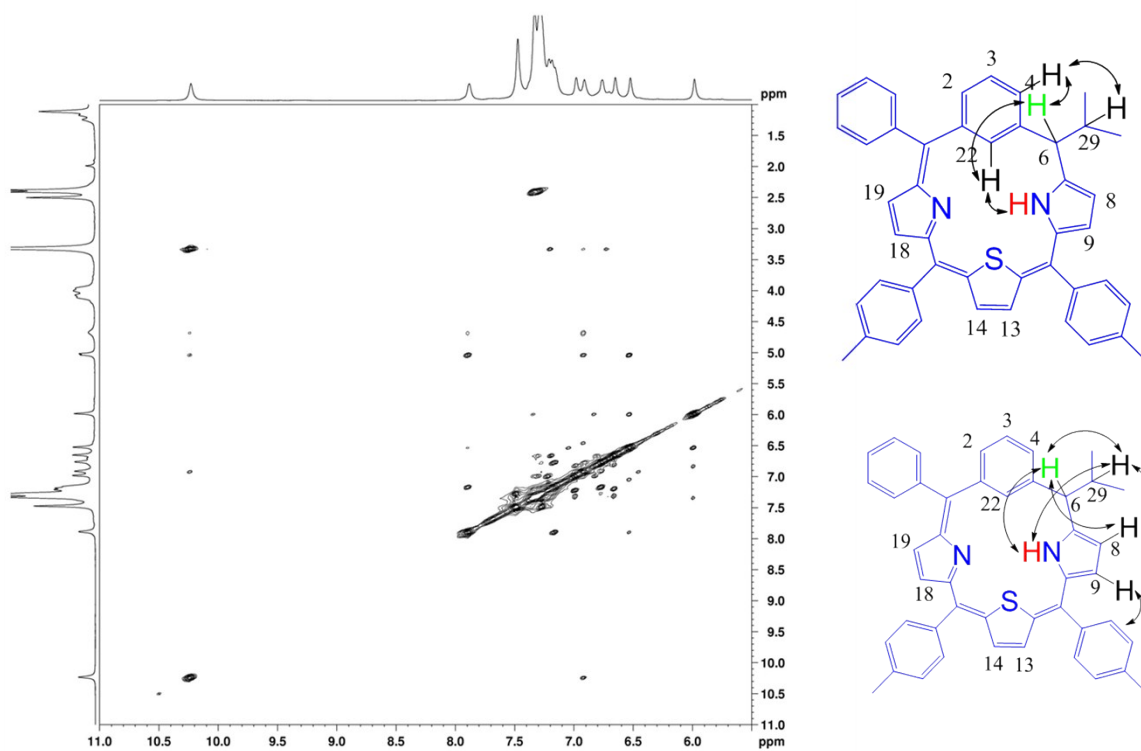


Figure S27. Selected region of NOESY spectrum of **7** in DMSO- d_6 .

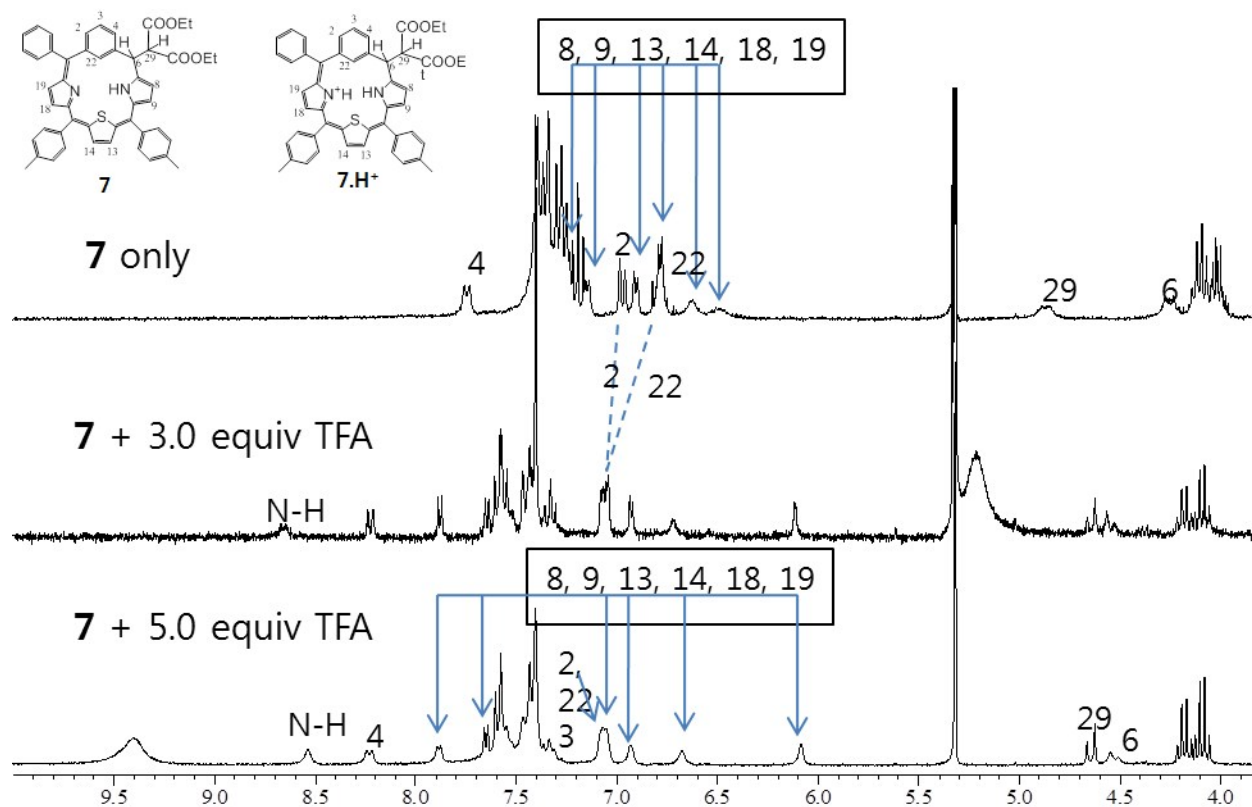


Figure S28. Partial ¹H NMR spectra recorded during the titration of **7** ($c = 10.60 \times 10^{-3}$ M) with TFA in CD₂Cl₂.

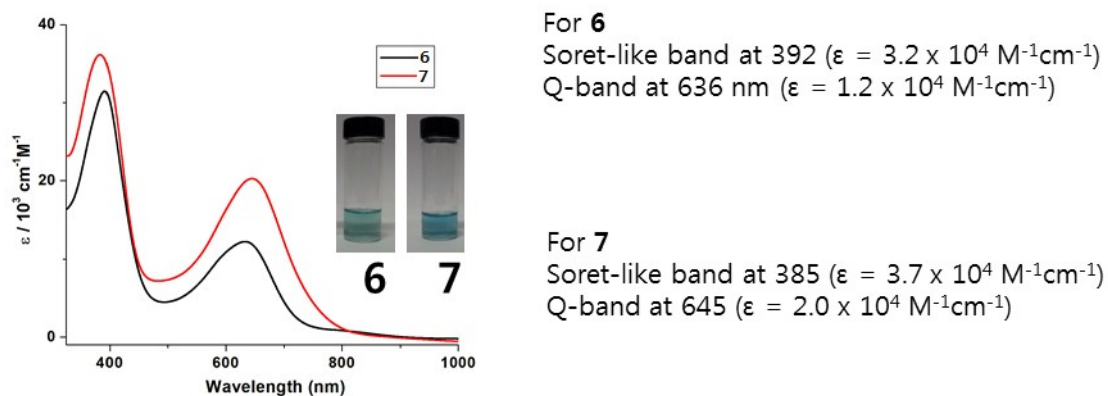


Figure S29. Uv-vis spectra of **6** ($c = 2.39 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) and **7** ($c = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) in CH_3CN .

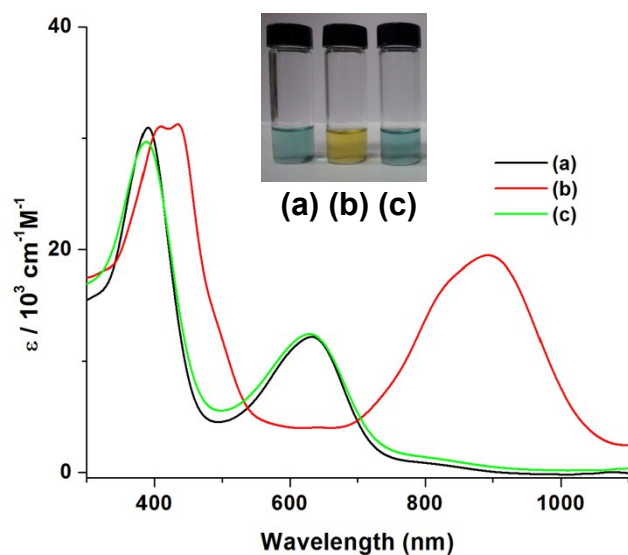


Figure S30. Uv-vis spectra of (a) **6** (b) **6** + CF_3COOH (10.0 equiv.) and (c) **6** + CF_3COOH (10.0 equiv) + Et_3N (10.0 equiv) in CH_3CN ($[\text{6}] = 2.39 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$).

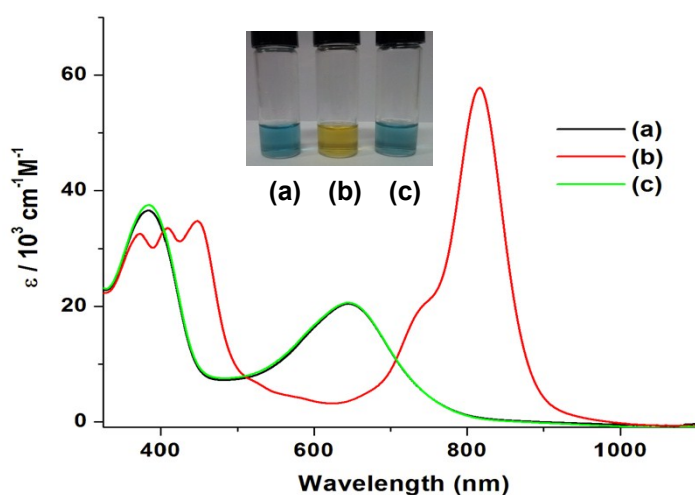
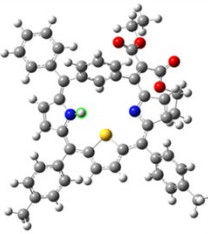
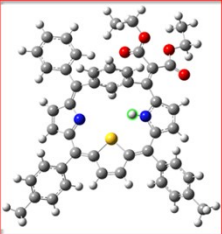
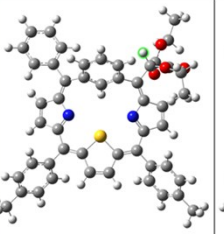
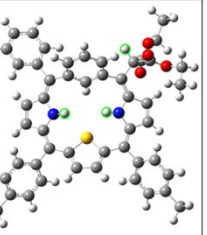


Figure S31. Uv-vis spectra of (a) **7** (b) **7**+ CF₃COOH (10.0 equiv.) and (c) **7** + CF₃COOH (10.0 quiv) + Et₃N (10.0 equiv) in CH₃CN ([**7**] = 2.65 x 10⁻⁵ M).

M062X/6-31G(d,p)	compound-A	compound-B	compound-C	22-pi (compound-mid)
optimized structure				
relative energy (kcal/mol)	2.83	0	13.5	-763.6

Bond length and dihedral angles

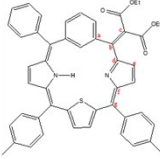
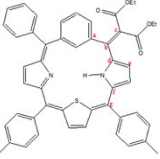
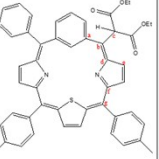
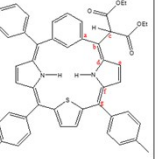
	compound-A	compound-B	compound-C	22-pi (compound-mid)
structure				
r(b-d), Å	1.47	1.45	1.36	1.36
r(f-g), Å	1.39	1.46	1.46	1.37
r(N-H), Å	1.011	1.011		1.008
∠(a-b-d-e), °	-145.7	-171.7	-177.1	-174.9
∠(c-b-d-e), °	34.9	8.4	-0.3	-1.9

Figure S32. Optimized geometry, energy and bond length and dihedral angle

Isodensity HOMO-LUMO surfaces

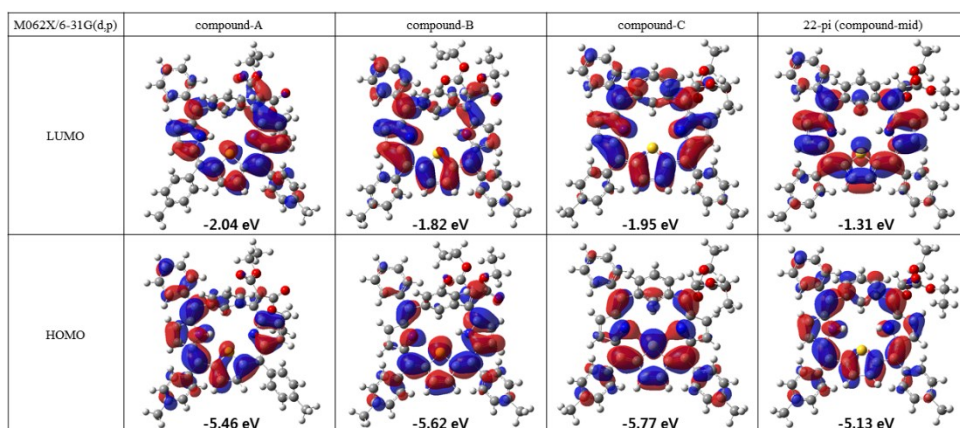


Figure S33. Isodensity HOMO-LUMO surface