

**Synthesis and structural characterization of metal complexes
with macrocyclic tetracarbene ligands**

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Electronic Supplementary Information

Table S1 Summary of Crystallographic Data for **1-3**

Compound	1 ·2DMF	2 ·2DMF	3
CCDC No.	1543852	1543853	1543854
Formula	C ₄₆ H ₅₄ N ₁₀ F ₁₂ O ₂ Ag ₂ P ₂	C ₄₈ H ₆₂ N ₁₀ F ₁₈ O ₄ Ag ₃ P ₃	C ₁₃₂ H ₁₄₄ N ₂₄ F ₃₆ Ag ₆ P ₆
Formula weight	1284.67	1601.60	3576.71
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>F</i> <i>ddd</i>
Crystal size (mm)	0.27×0.21×0.18	0.21×0.18×0.15	0.27×0.21×0.18
<i>a</i> (Å)	13.6857(12)	12.7364(12)	31.573(2)
<i>b</i> (Å)	19.1641(16)	30.092(3)	43.500(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	20.6310(18)	16.1895(16)	45.318(3)
α (°)	90	90	90
β (°)	105.861(2)	98.396(2)	90
γ (°)	90	90	90
V(Å ³)	5205.0(8)	6138.4(11)	62242(7)
D _{calc} (g/cm ³)	1.641	1.733	1.530
<i>Z</i>	4	4	8
T(K)	296	296	120(2)
Radiation (MoK α)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
F (000)	2596	3200	28800
absorpt_coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.905	1.131	0.898
θ range (°)	1.477 to 25.019	1.44 to 25.020	0.915 to 25.019
Data/restr/paras	9177/697/295	10719/791/425	13704/955/576
Reflections collected	28849	41247	114889
Reflns obs. [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	7323	6298	10279
R _{int}	0.0365	0.1178	0.0571
GOF	1.050	1.098	0.991
R ₁ /wR ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] ^a	0.0459/0.1300	0.0895 / 0.2204	0.0973/0.2627
R ₁ /wR ₂ (all data)	0.0607 / 0.1427	0.1426 / 0.2525	0.1189/0.2792
Larg peak and hole(e/Å ³)	1.005/-0.717	1.656 / -0.966	1.577/-0.908

$$^a R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}; wR_2 = \frac{[\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w|F_o|^2]}{1/2}$$

Table S2 Summary of Crystallographic Data for **6-8**

Compound	6	7	8
CCDC No.	1543855	1543856	1543857
Formula	C ₄₀ H ₄₀ N ₈ F ₁₂ NiP ₂	C ₄₂ H ₄₄ N ₈ F ₁₂ NiP ₂	C ₄₄ H ₄₈ N ₈ F ₁₂ NiP ₂
Formula weight	981.45	1009.50	1037.55
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1
Crystal size (mm)	0.26×0.22×0.19	0.22×0.11×0.09	0.22×0.11×0.09
<i>a</i> (Å)	16.245(3)	13.072(3)	12.7750(11)
<i>b</i> (Å)	14.013(3)	14.373(3)	14.4409(13)
<i>c</i> (Å)	20.618(4)	15.647(4)	16.4321(14)
α (°)	90.00	71.028(4)	78.288(3)
β (°)	93.493(4)	71.887(4)	71.501(3)
γ (°)	90.00	65.687(4)	63.7750(10)
V(Å ³)	4684.8(16)	2479.5(10)	2571.9(4)
D _{calc} (g/cm ³)	1.392	1.352	1.340
<i>Z</i>	4	2	2
T(K)	296	120	190
Radiation (MoK α)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
F (000)	2008	1036	1068
absorpt_coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.568	0.538	0.521
θ range (°)	1.5 to 27.66	2.36 to 27.00	2.60 to 16.96
Data/restr/paras	10790/697/1834	10688/652/771	9027/623/231
Reflections collected	31772	15800	19591
Reflns obs. [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	5154	5790	4077
R _{int}	0.0874	0.067	0.0856
GOF	1.051	1.069	1.038
R ₁ /wR ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] ^a	0.0793/0.2048	0.0959 / 0.1897	0.0829/0.2113
R ₁ /wR ₂ (all data)	0.1429/0.2348	0.1617 / 0.2073	0.1678 / 0.2590
Larg peak and hole(e/Å ³)	0.571/-0.841	1.236 / -0.716	0.554/-0.584

^a $R_1 = \Sigma||F_o|-|F_c||/\Sigma|F_o|$; $wR_2 = [\Sigma w(|F_o|-|F_c|)^2/\Sigma w|F_o|^2]^{1/2}$

Table S3 Summary of Crystallographic Data for **9-11**

Compound	9	10	11
CCDC No.	1543858	1543859	1543860
Formula	C ₄₀ H ₄₀ N ₈ F ₁₂ PdP ₂	C ₄₂ H ₄₄ N ₈ F ₁₂ PdP ₂	C ₄₄ H ₄₈ N ₈ F ₁₂ PdP ₂
Formula weight	1029.14	1057.19	1085.24
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Tetragonal
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 4 ₃ 2 ₁ 2
Crystal size (mm)	0.32×0.30×0.11	0.17×0.15×0.12	0.26×0.23×0.21
<i>a</i> (Å)	12.925(4)	11.4236(19)	20.0846(7)
<i>b</i> (Å)	13.073(4)	13.822(2)	20.0846(7)
<i>c</i> (Å)	16.324(6)	15.218(2)	38.506(2)
α (°)	75.270(7)	90.046(4)	90
β (°)	69.306(7)	96.534(4)	90
γ (°)	66.767(6)	102.324(4)	90
V(Å ³)	2350.0(14)	2331.5(6)	15533.1(14)
D _{calc} (g/cm ³)	1.454	1.506	1.392
<i>Z</i>	2	2	12
T(K)	153	296	153
Radiation (MoK α)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
F (000)	1040	1072	6624
absorpt_coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.548	0.555	0.501
θ range (°)	2.314 to 27.00	2.05 to 27.51	2.028 to 25.019
Data/restr/paras	10118/697/1906	10612/586/6	13712/926/208
Reflections collected	14560	19199	112367
Reflns obs. [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	7036	5615	11378
R _{int}	0.0558	0.1225	0.1059
GOF	1.055	1.057	1.097
R ₁ /wR ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] ^a	0.0613/0.1422	0.1032 / 0.2004	0.0663/0.1685
R ₁ /wR ₂ (all data)	0.0969/0.1579	0.1858 / 0.2254	0.0802 / 0.1758
Larg peak and hole(e/Å ³)	1.566/-0.880	1.792 / -1.108	0.642/-0.593

$$^a R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}; wR_2 = \frac{[\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w |F_o|^2]}{1/2}$$

Table S4 Summary of Crystallographic Data for **12-14**

Compound	12	13	14
CCDC No.	1543861	1543862	1543863
3Formula	C ₄₀ H ₄₀ N ₈ F ₁₂ PtP ₂	C ₄₂ H ₄₄ N ₈ F ₁₂ PtP ₂	C ₄₄ H ₄₈ N ₈ F ₁₂ PtP ₂
Formula weight	1117.83	1145.88	1173.93
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1	P-1
Crystal size (mm)	0.15×0.13×0.10	0.33×0.30×0.28	0.17×0.15×0.12
<i>a</i> (Å)	12.866(2)	13.4115(8)	12.740(2)
<i>b</i> (Å)	12.956(2)	14.8836(8)	14.279(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	16.280(3)	15.8680(8)	16.577(3)
α (°)	75.394(4)	92.478(2)	78.433(4)
β (°)	69.092(2)	112.811(2)	71.473(4)
γ (°)	67.037(2)	116.6420(10)	64.699(4)
V(Å ³)	2314.0(7)	2517.5(2)	2577.7(8)
D _{calc} (g/cm ³)	1.604	1.512	1.512
Z	2	2	32
T(K)	190(2)	296	293(2)
Radiation (MoKa)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
F (000)	1104	1136	1168
absorpt_coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	3.188	2.932	2.865
θ range (°)	2.324 to 25.019	2.41 to 27.59	2.509 to 25.020
Data/restr/paras	8068/568/186	11545/650/786	9019/623/224
Reflections collected	12226	22124	14523
Reflns obs. [I >2 σ (I)]	6151	9389	6359
R _{int}	0.0590	0.0479	0.0595
GOF	1.040	1.021	1.077
R ₁ /wR ₂ [I >2 σ (I)] ^a	0.0631/0.1476	0.0472 / 0.0923	0.0617/0.1610
R ₁ /wR ₂ (all data)	0.0893/0.1567	0.0658 / 0.0968	0.1010 /0.1718
Larg peak and hole(e/Å ³)	1.920/-3.144	1.981 / -1.102	1.626/-1.416

$$^a R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}; wR_2 = \frac{[\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w|F_o|^2]}{1/2}$$

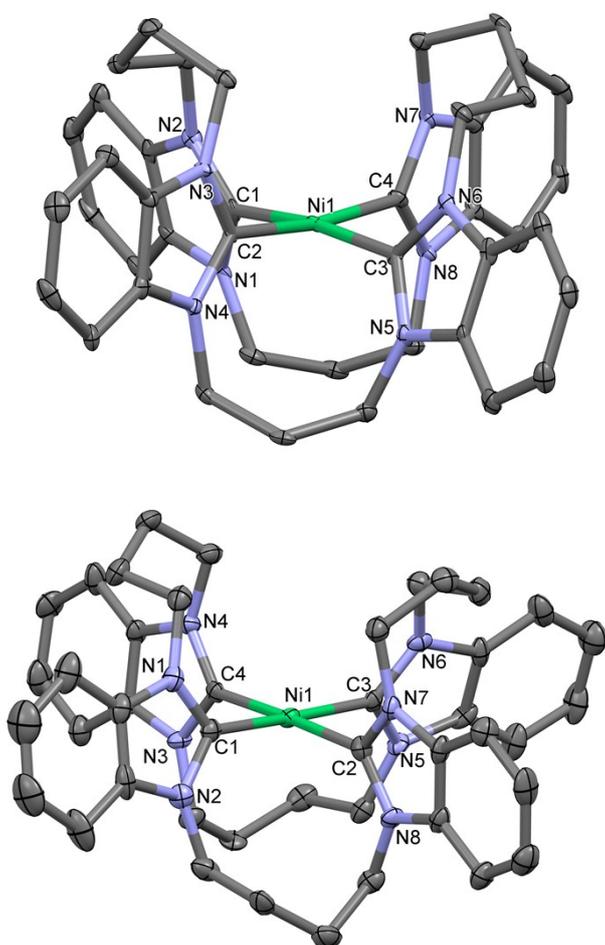


Figure S1 Structures of Ni^{II} complexes **7** (upper) and **8** (bottom) showing 30% probability ellipsoids. The hexafluorophosphate anions and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths(Å) and angles(°) of **7**: Ni1-C1 1.946(6), Ni1-C2 1.933(6), Ni1-C3 1.956(6), Ni1-C4 1.954(6), C1-Ni1-C2 94.9(2), C2-Ni1-C3 86.2(2), C3-Ni1-C4 95.8(2), C1-Ni1-C4 84.0(2); **8**: Ni1-C1 1.954(6), Ni1-C2 1.947(7), Ni1-C3 1.941(7), Ni1-C4 1.899(7), C1-Ni1-C2 89.3(3), C2-Ni1-C3 88.1(3), C3-Ni1-C4 90.8(3), C1-Ni1-C4 91.9(3).

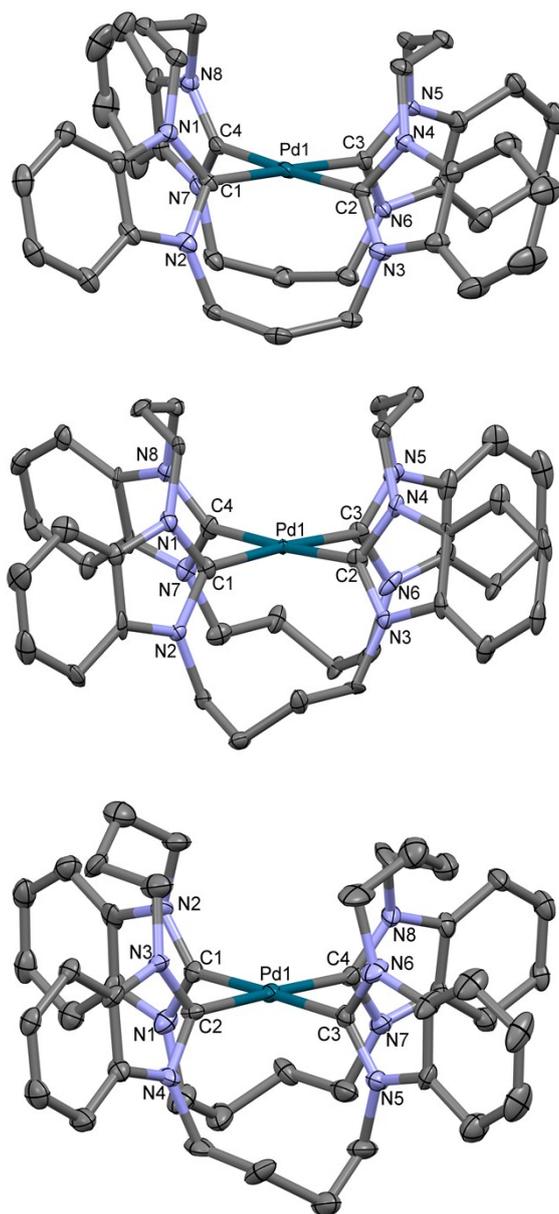


Figure S2 Structures of Pd^{II} complex **9** (upper), **10** (middle) and **11** (bottom) showing 30% probability ellipsoids. The hexafluorophosphate anions and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths(Å) and angles(°) of **9**: Pd1-C1 2.044(4), Pd1-C2 2.033(5), Pd1-C3 2.042(4), Pd1-C4 2.025(5), C1-Pd1-C2 92.18(17), C2-Pd1-C3 88.17(17), C3-Pd1-C4 88.60(17), C1-Pd1-C4 91.08(17); **10**: Pd1-C1 2.036(9), Pd1-C2 2.056(9), Pd1-C3 2.056(8), Pd1-C4 2.045(9), C1-Pd1-C2 96.8(3), C2-Pd1-C3 83.7(3), C3-Pd1-C4 95.1(3), C1-Pd1-C4 84.6(3); **11**: Pd1-C1 2.100(10), Pd1-C2 2.029(9), Pd1-C3 2.051(9), Pd1-C4 2.039(9), C1-Pd1-C2 89.3(4), C2-Pd1-C3 89.7(3), C3-Pd1-C4 87.9(3), C1-Pd1-C4 93.2(3).

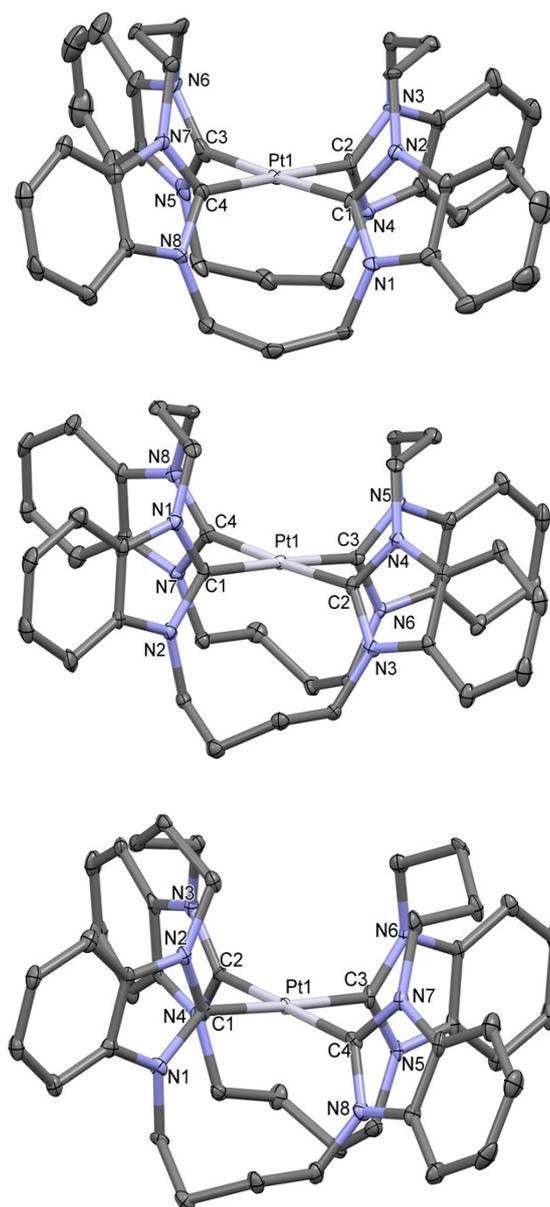


Figure S3 Structures of Pt^{II} complex **12** (upper), **13** (middle) and **14** (bottom) showing 30% probability ellipsoids. The hexafluorophosphate anions and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths(Å) and angles(°) of **12**: Pt1-C1 2.017(9), Pt1-C2 2.036(10), Pt1-C3 2.019(8), Pt1-C4 2.041(10), C1-Pt1-C2 89.7(4), C2-Pt1-C3 86.9(4), C3-Pt1-C4 92.1(4), C1-Pt1-C4 91.4(4); **13**: Pt1-C1 2.050(5), Pt1-C2 2.035(5), Pt1-C3 2.041(5), Pt1-C4 2.034(5), C1-Pt1-C2 95.09(19), C2-Pt1-C3 84.30(19), C3-Pt1-C4 96.42(19), C1-Pt1-C4 84.35(19); **14**: Pt1-C1 2.060(9), Pt1-C2 2.081(10), Pt1-C3 2.061(9), Pt1-C4 2.075(10), C1-Pt1-C2 88.4(4), C2-Pt1-C3 89.8(4), C3-Pt1-C4 90.7(4), C1-Pt1-C4 91.1(3).

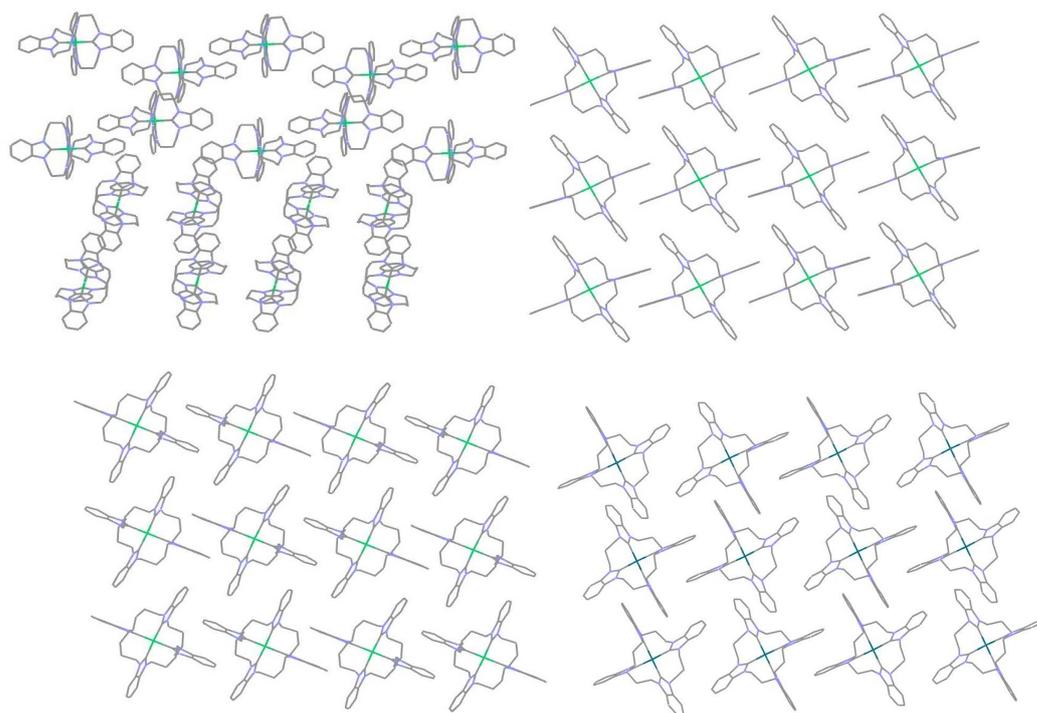


Figure S4 Crystal packing in **6** (top-left), **7** (top-right), **8** (bottom-left), **9** (bottom-right).

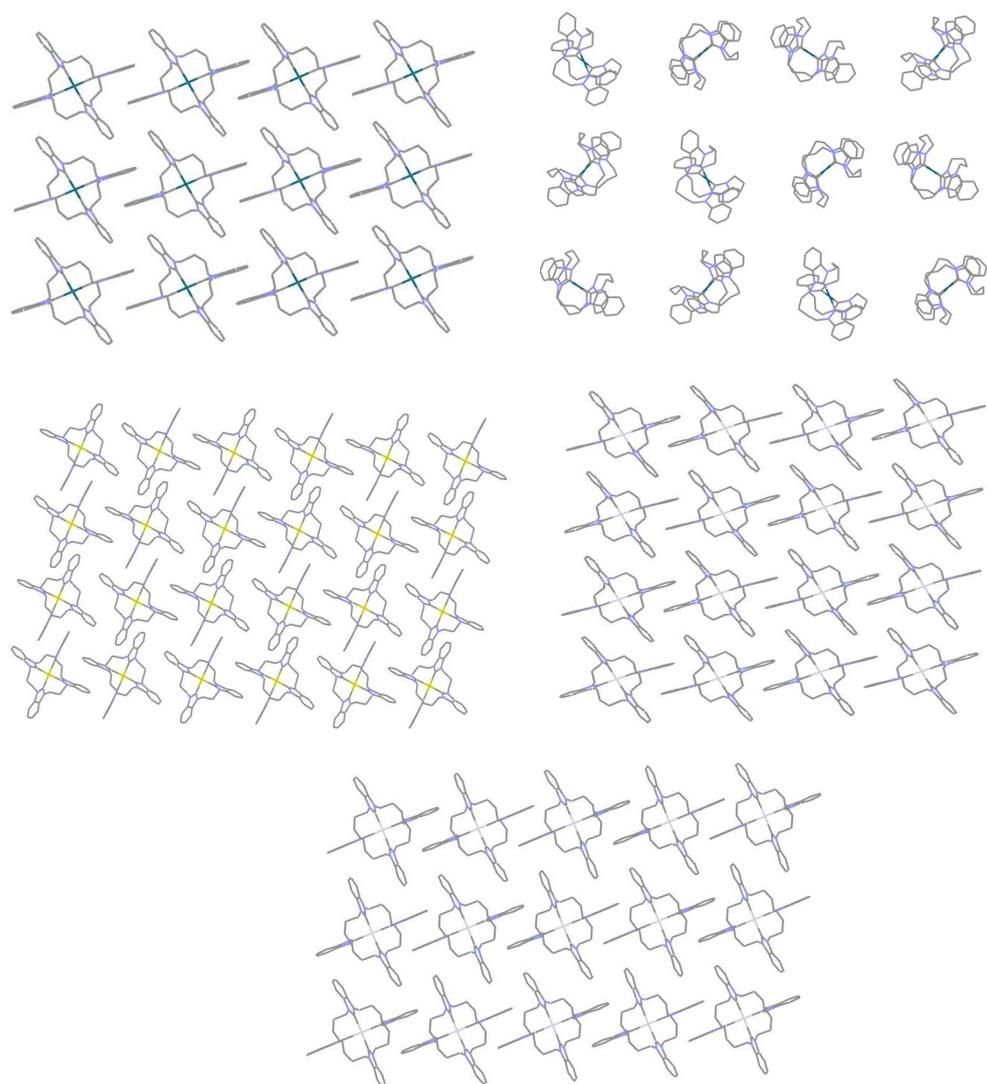


Figure S5 Crystal packing in **10** (top-left), **11** (top-right), **12** (middle-left), **13** (middle-right) and **14** (bottom).

Table S5 π - π stacking interaction distances of 6-14

	Centroid to centroid [\AA]	Face to face [\AA]
6	3.589	3.477
7	3.607	3.372
8	3.989	3.464
9	3.761	3.414
10	3.712	3.470
11	null	null
12	3.759	3.418
13	3.617	3.386
14	4.151	3.485

Quantum yields determination

The emission quantum yield (Φ) of $\text{Au}_2\text{L}^1(\text{PF}_6)_2$ (**4**) was determined by respecting to the quantum yield of a reference (Φ_{R}) using the following equation:^{1,2}

$$\Phi = \Phi_{\text{R}} \cdot I/I_{\text{R}} \cdot n^2/n_{\text{R}}^2$$

I is the absorption factor ($f = 1 - 10^{-A}$, where A = absorbance of the solution) vs. integrated emission intensity for **4**. I_{R} is the absorption factor ($f_{\text{R}} = 1 - 10^{-A_{\text{R}}}$, where A_{R} = absorbance of the reference solution) vs. integrated emission intensity for the reference solution, n is the refractive index of the solution and n_{R} is the refractive index of the reference solution. Φ_{R} is the reported quantum yield of the reference fluorophore.

Quinine sulfate in 0.1 M H_2SO_4 was used as reference solution with $\Phi_{\text{R}} = 0.577$ ($T = 22 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$).^{1,3} Measurements were performed with excitation wavelengths, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 345$ nm.

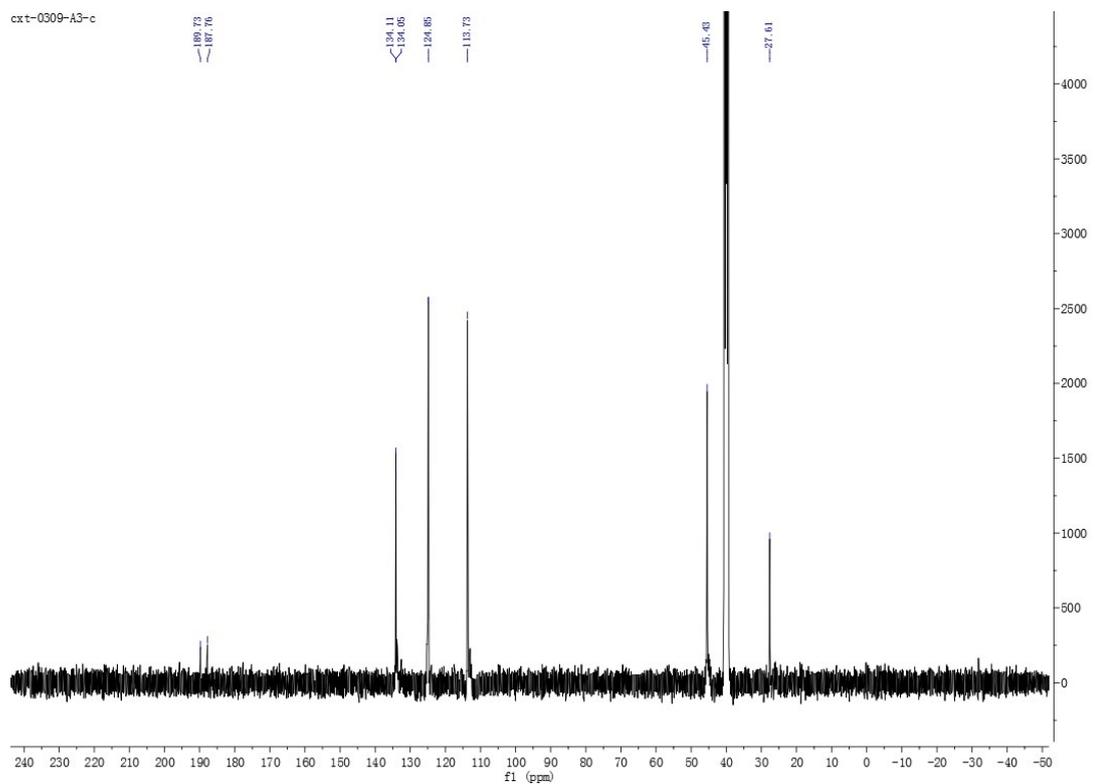
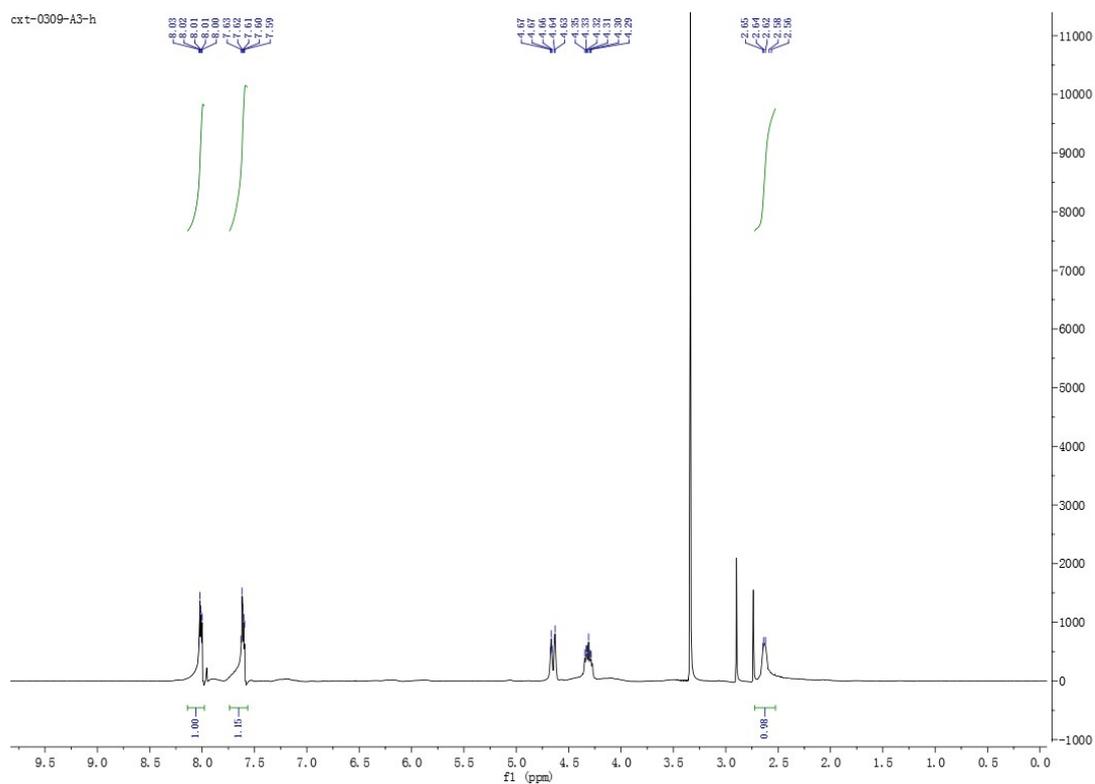


Figure S6 ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of **1**

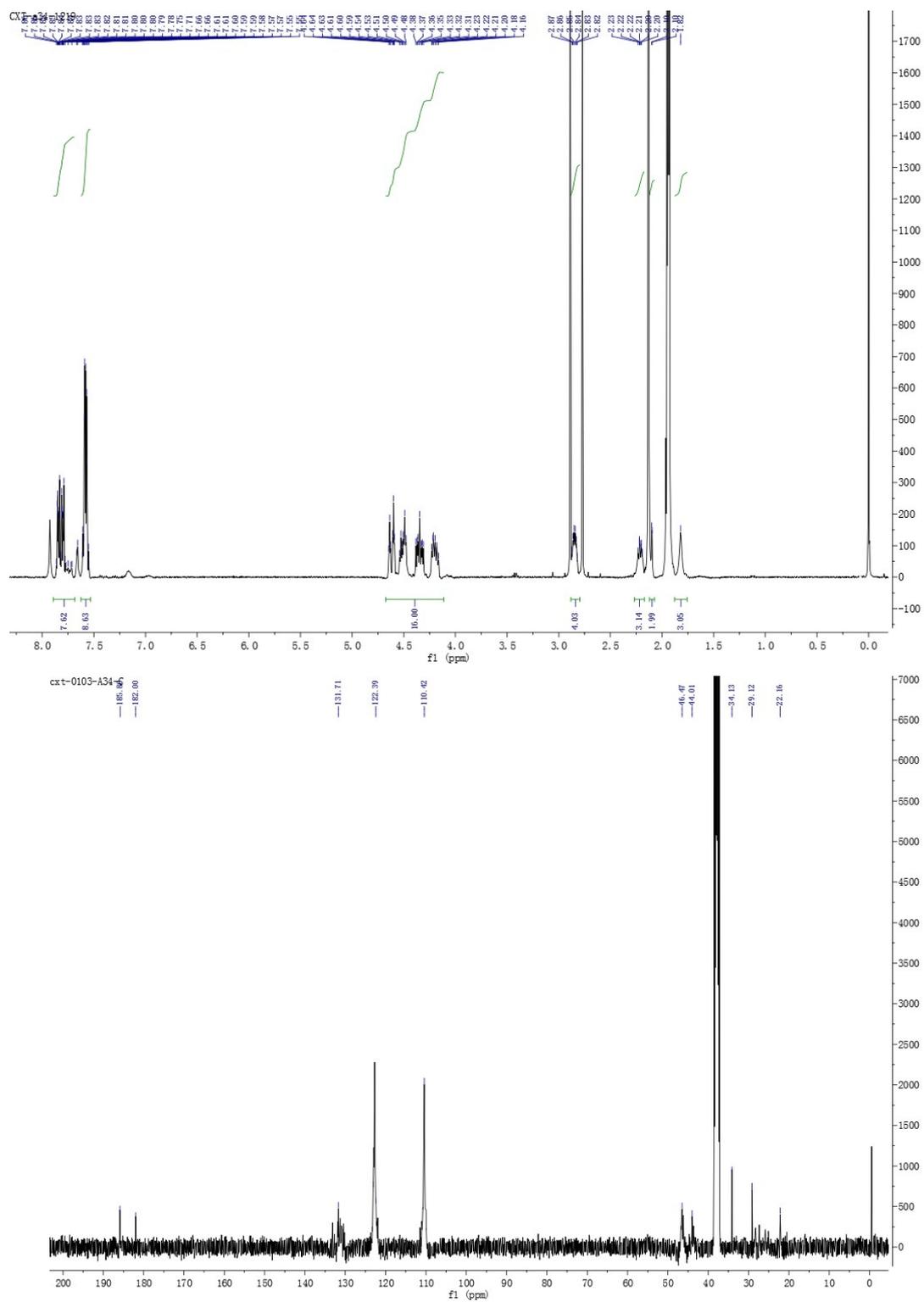


Figure S7 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR of **2**

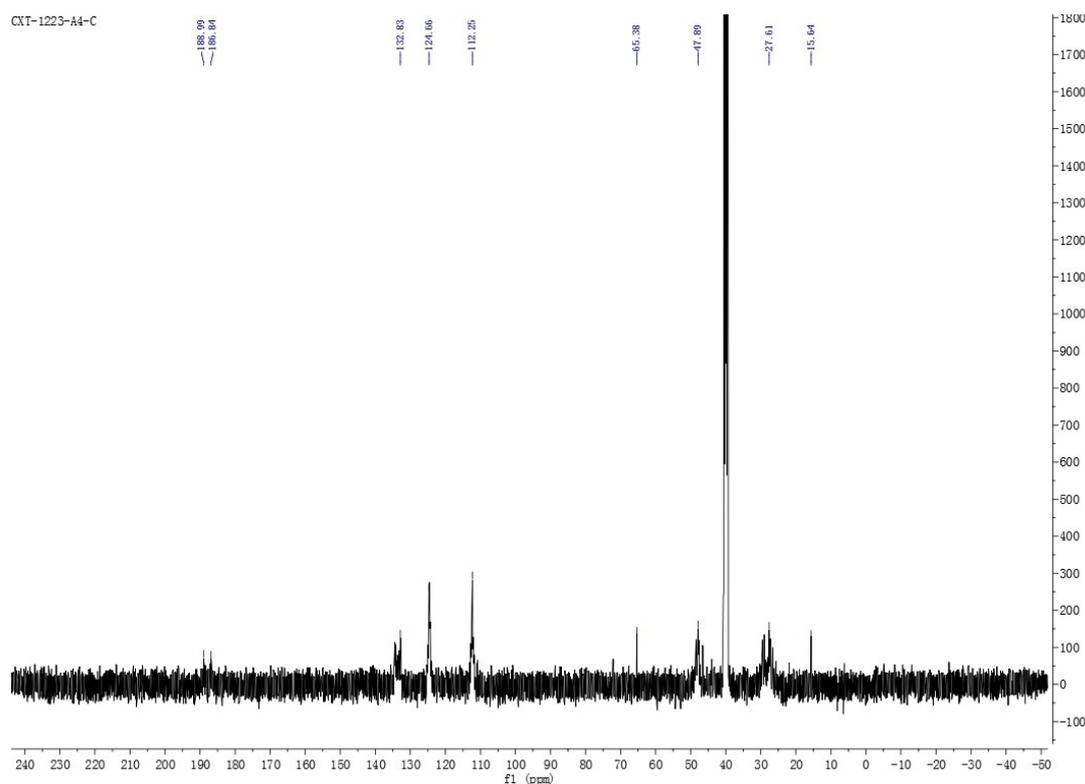
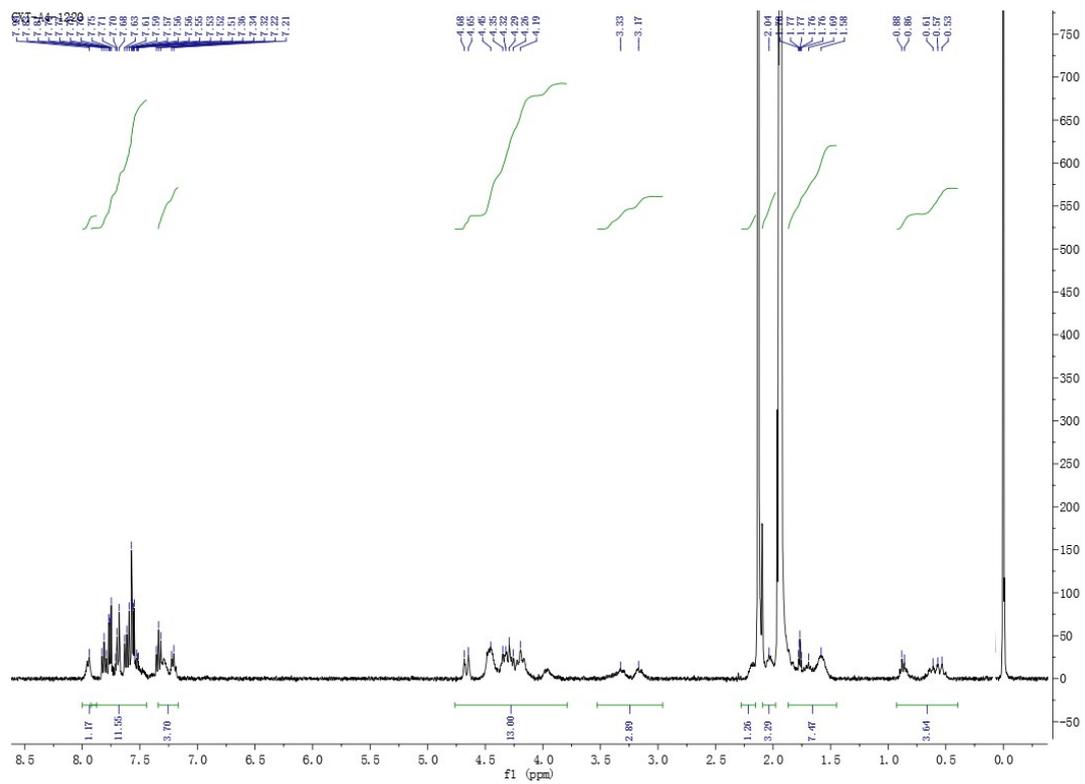


Figure S8 ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of **3**

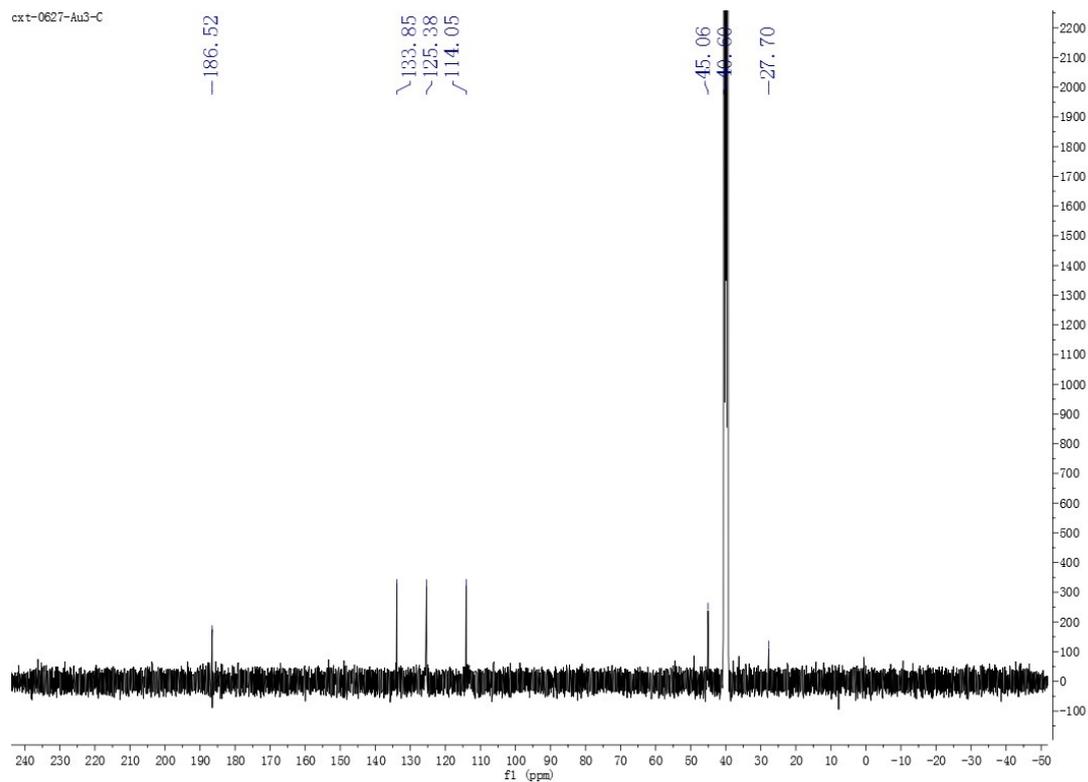
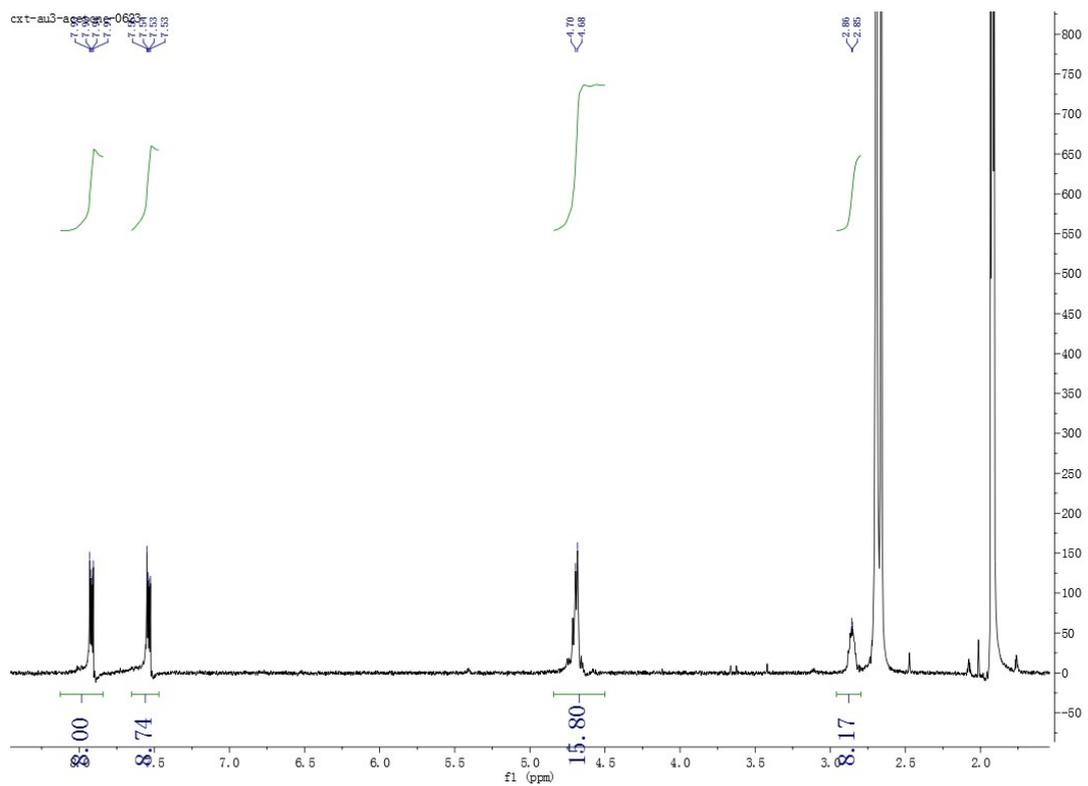


Figure S9 ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of **4**

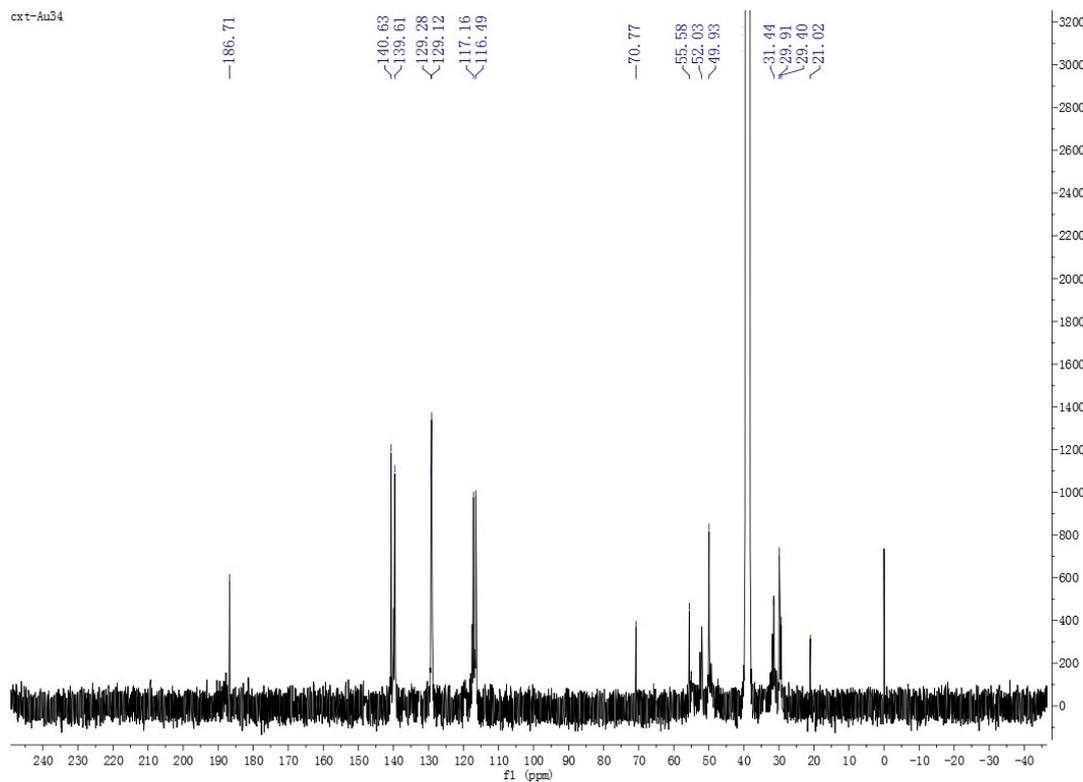
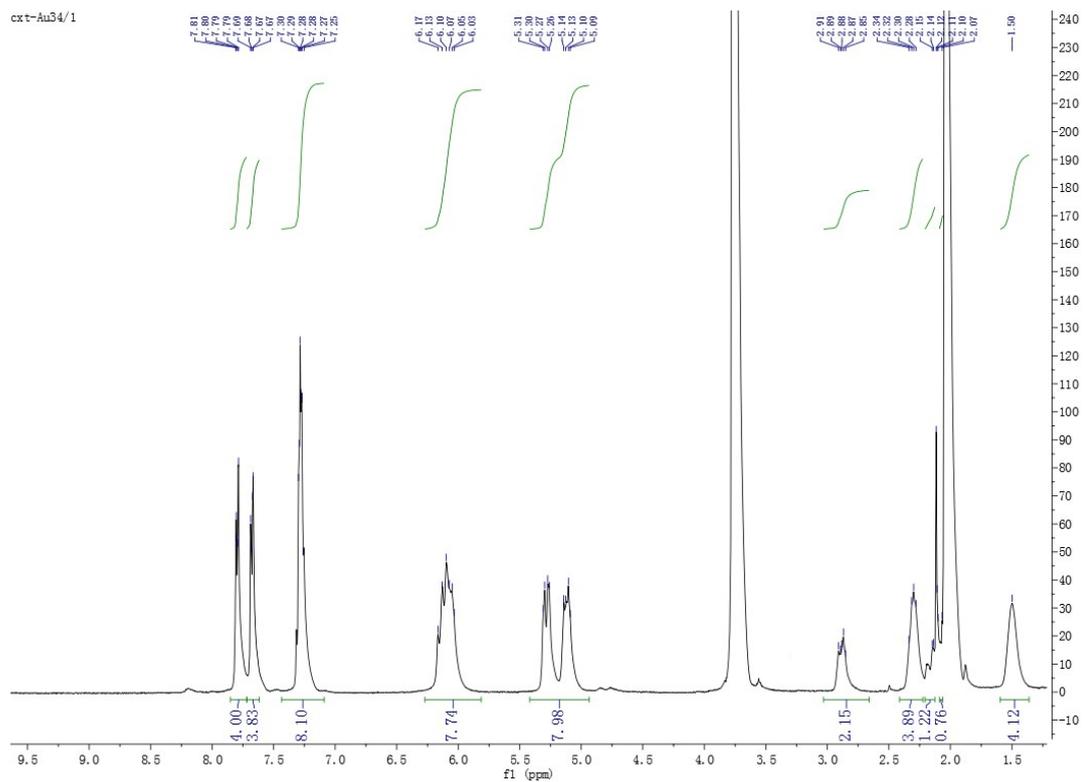


Figure S10 ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of **5**

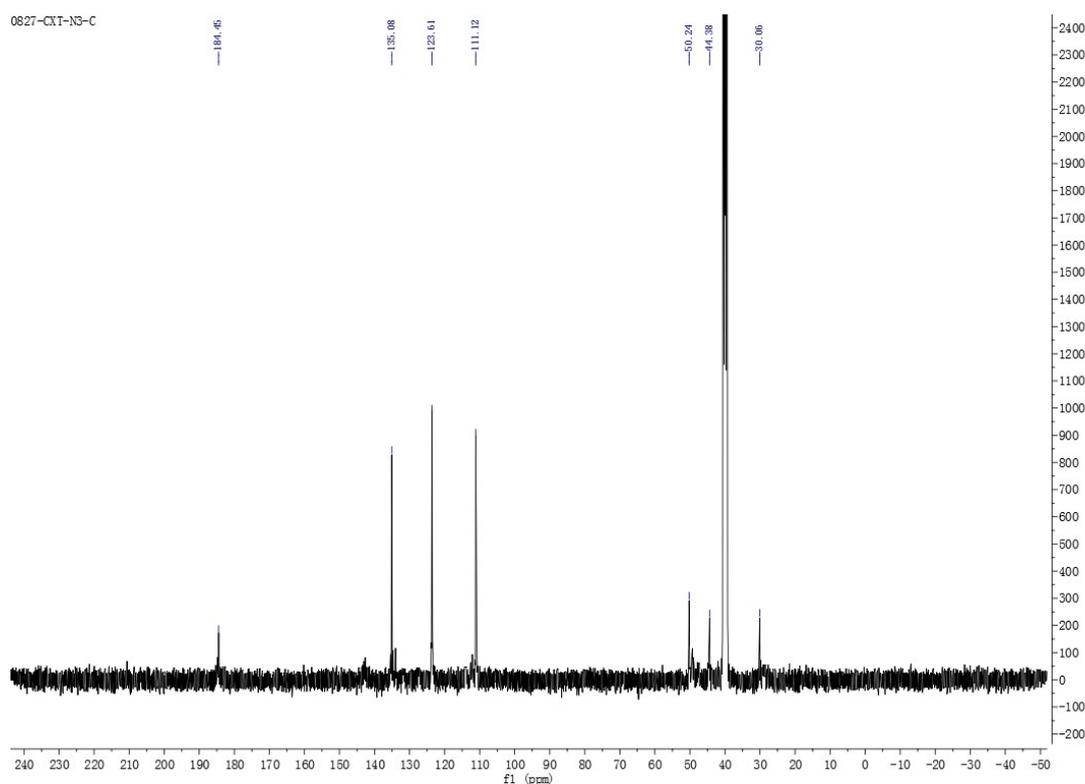
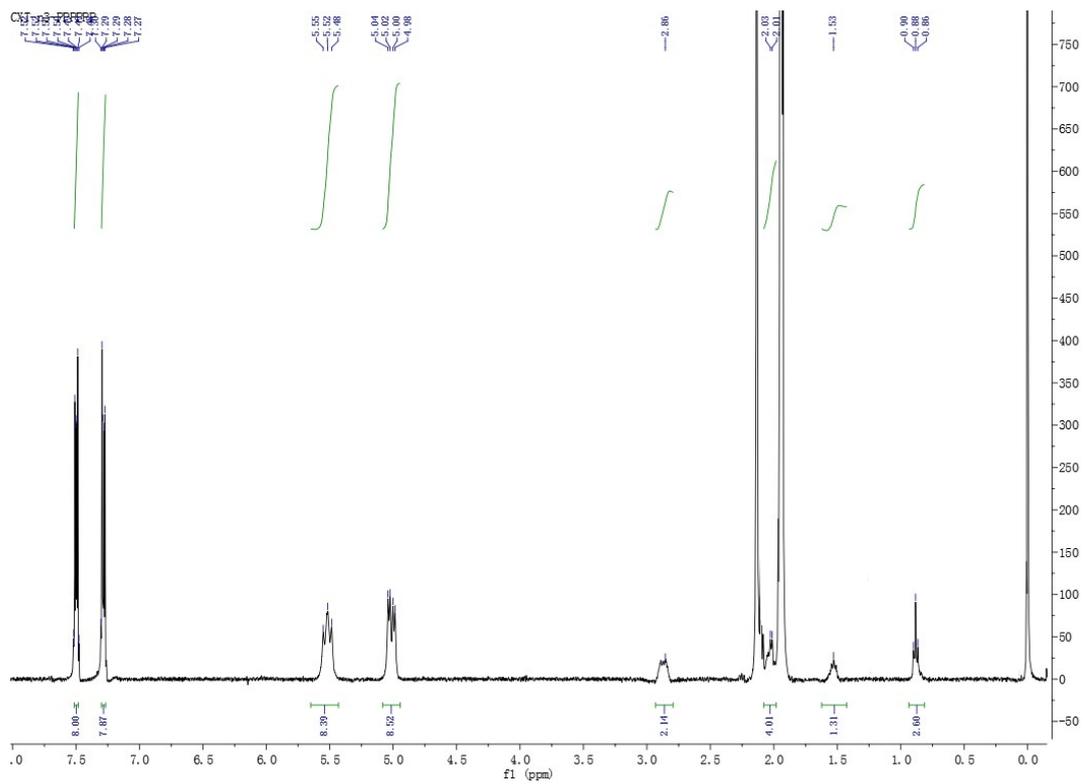


Figure S11 ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of **6**

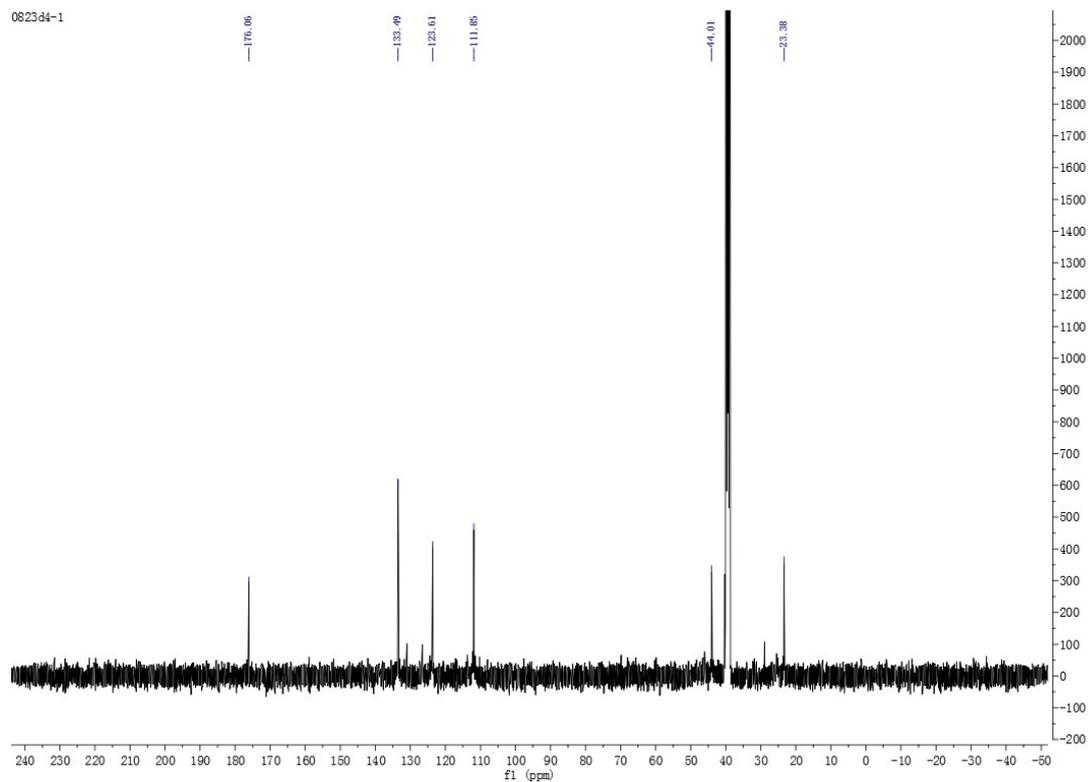
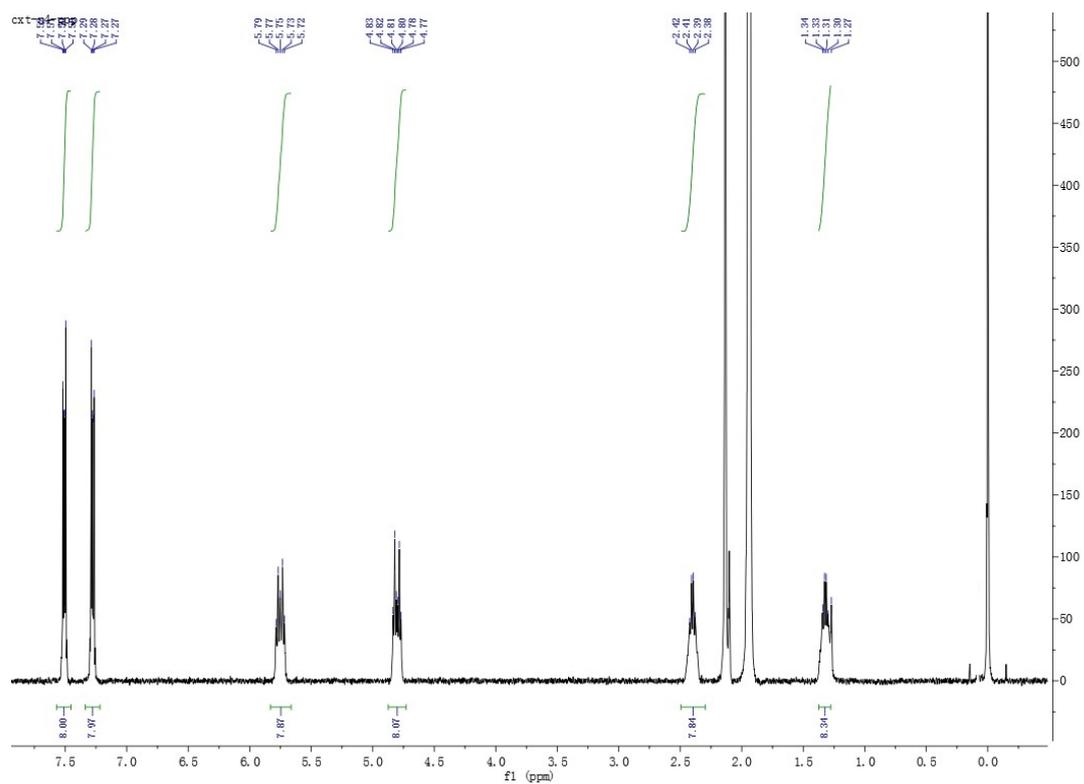


Figure S13 ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of **8**

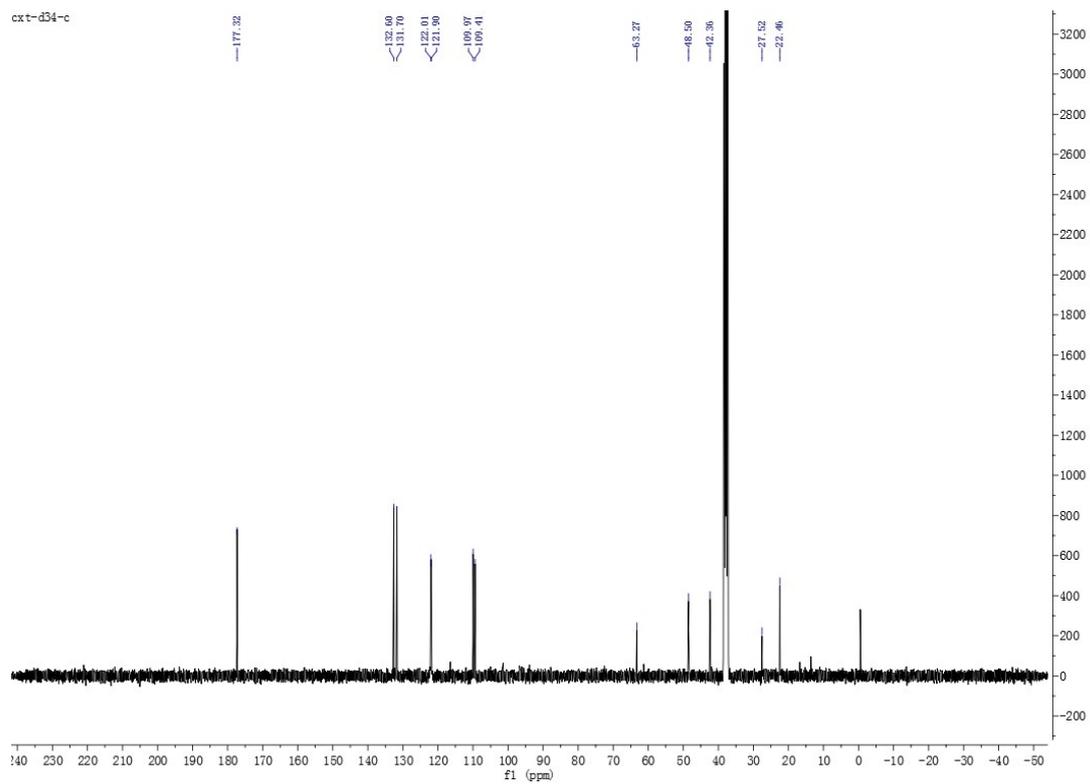
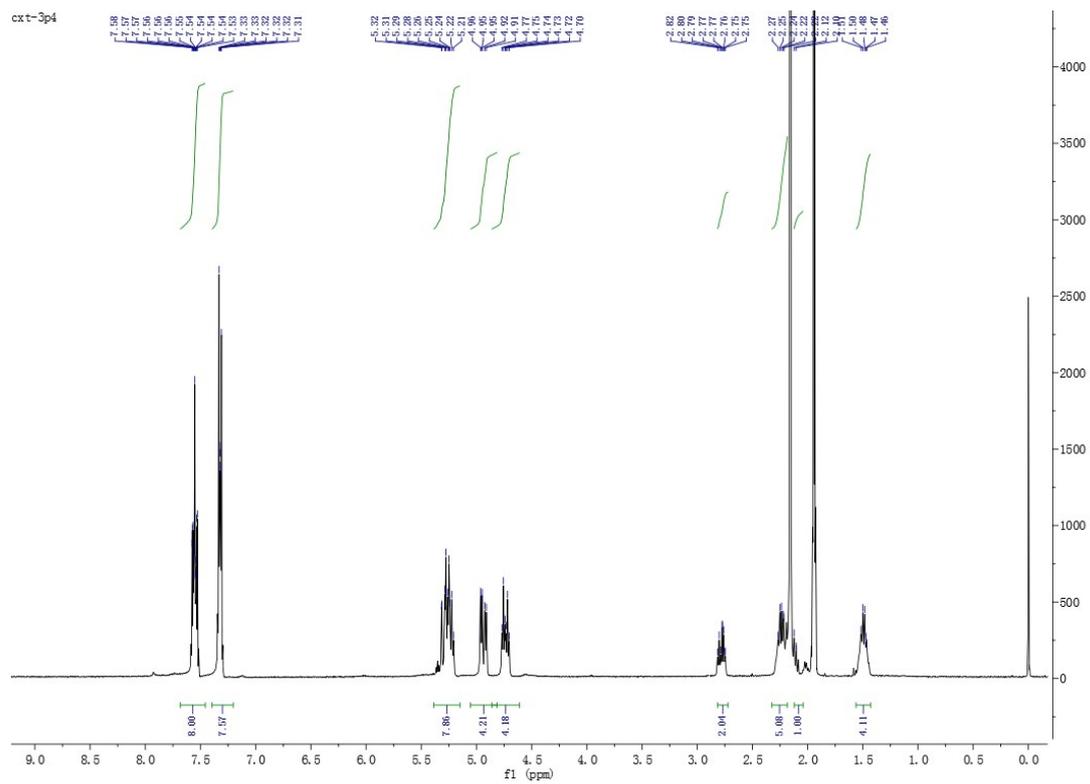


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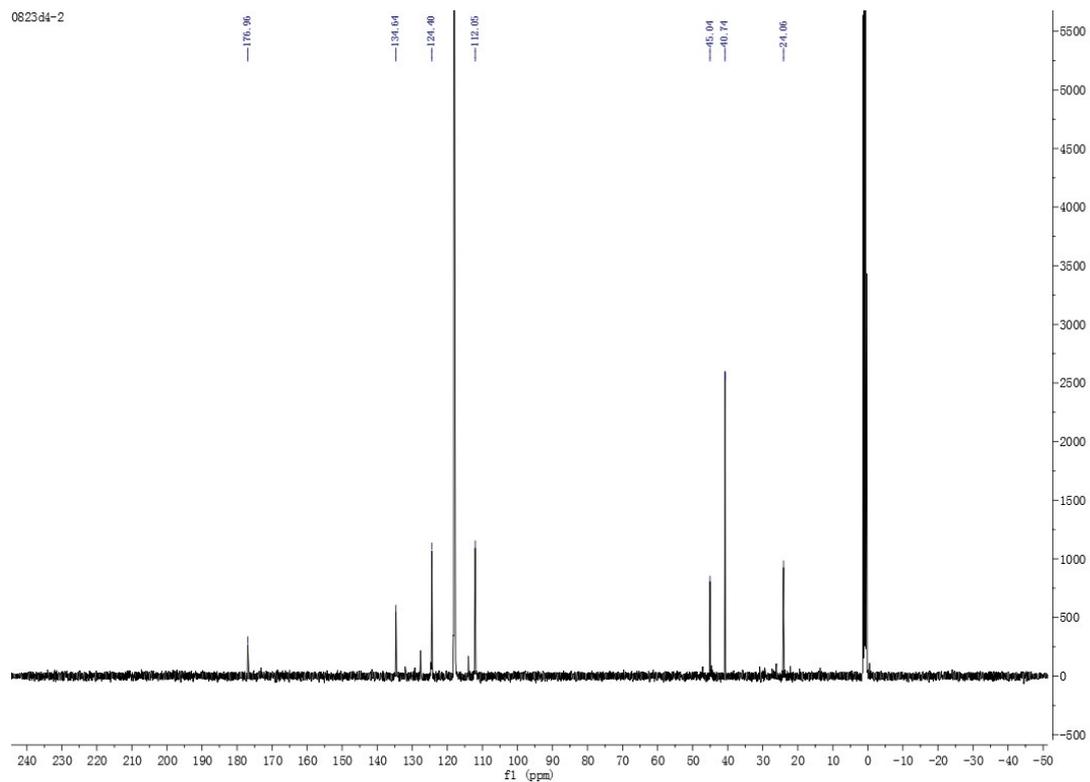
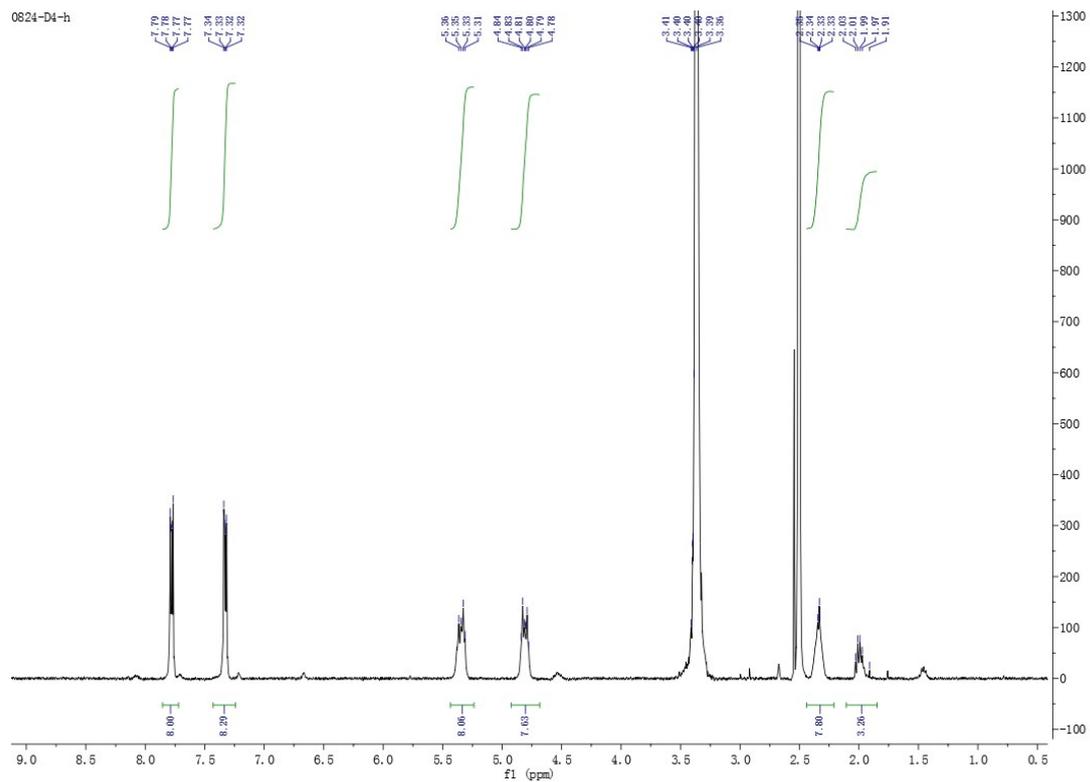


Figure S16 ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of **11**

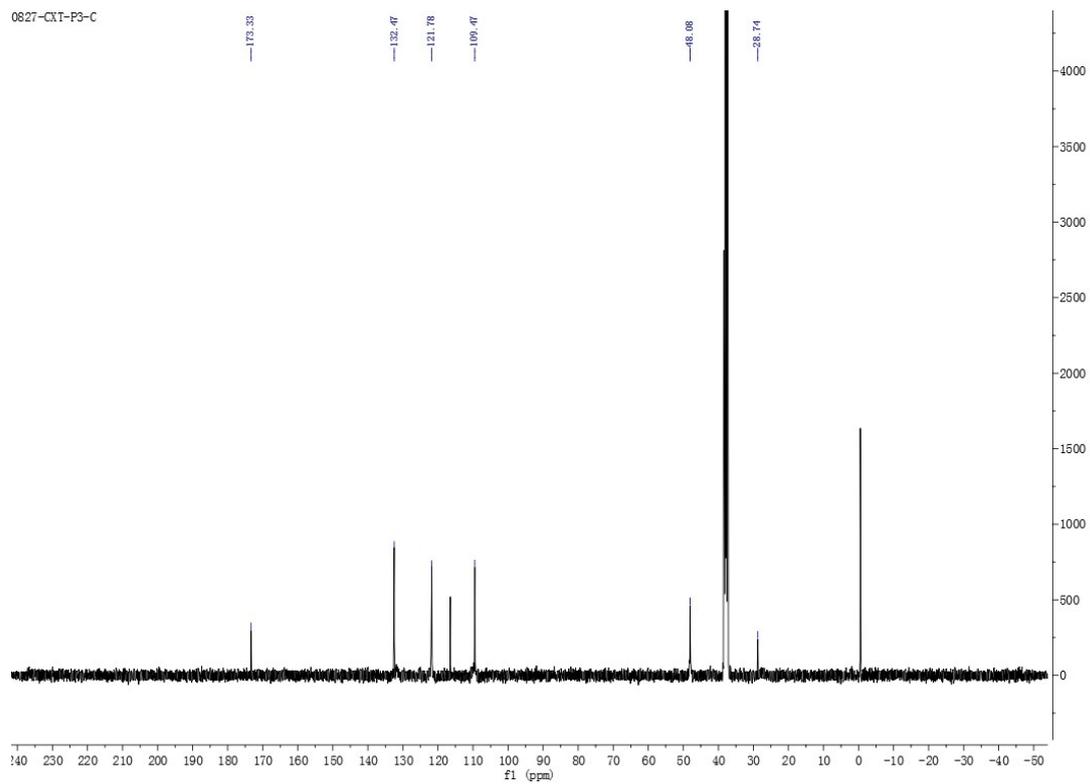
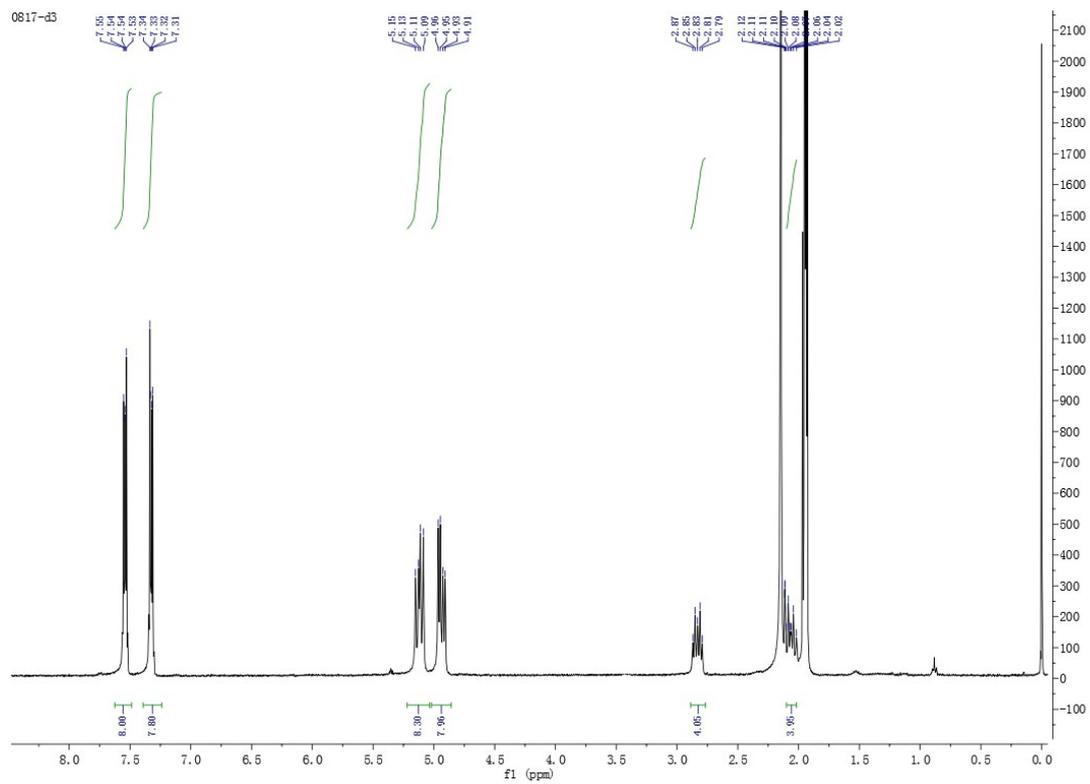


Figure S17 ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of **12**

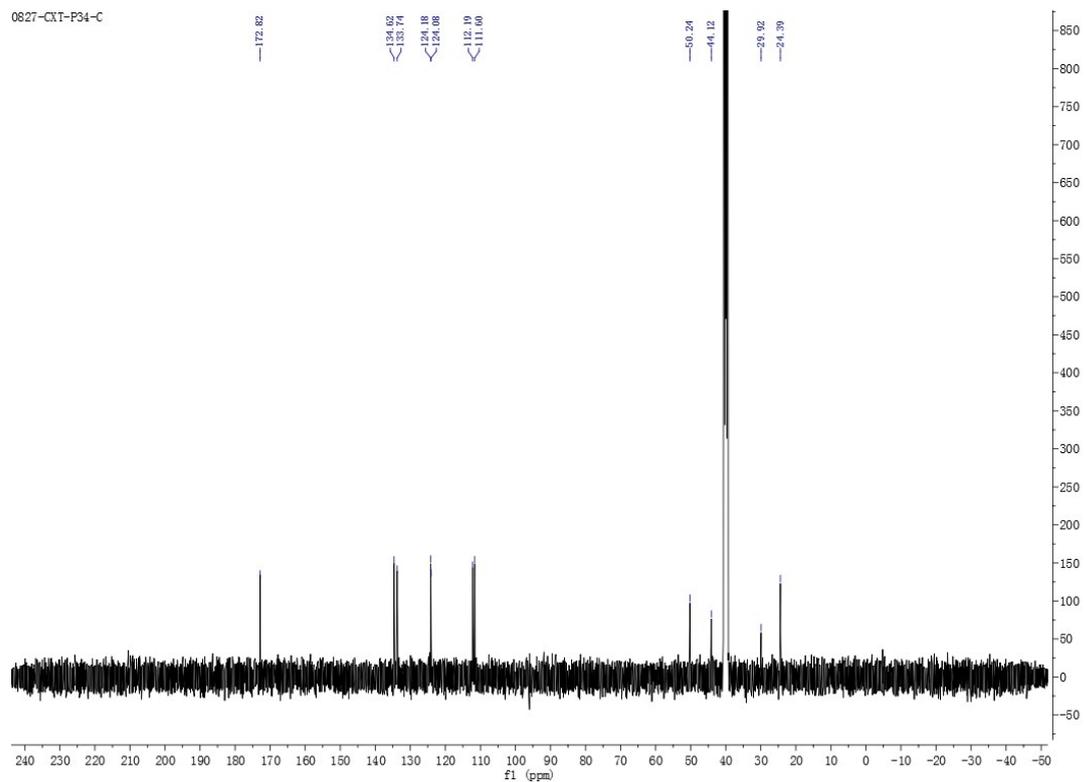
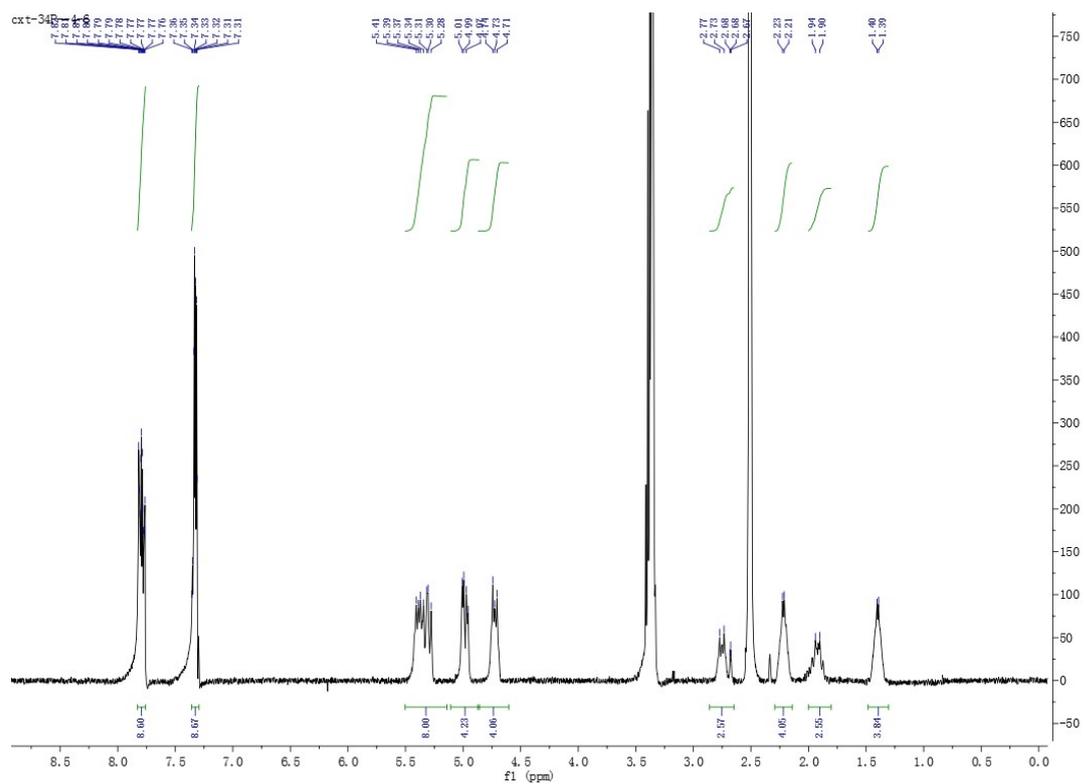


Figure S18 ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of **13**

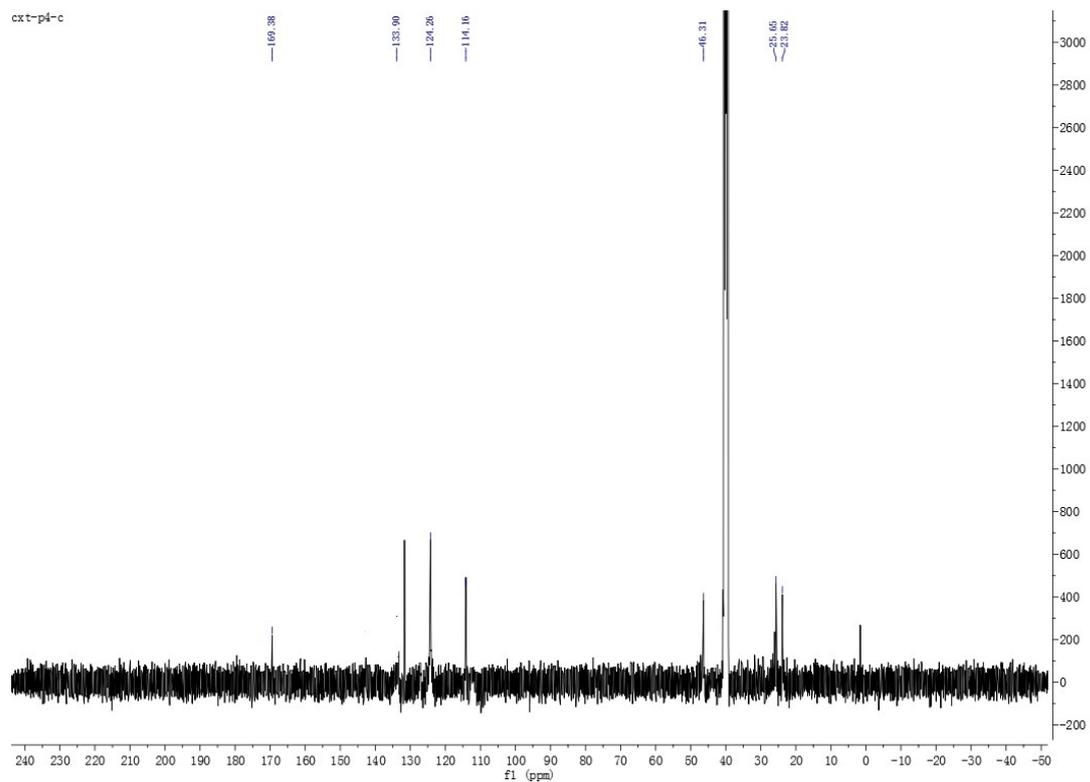
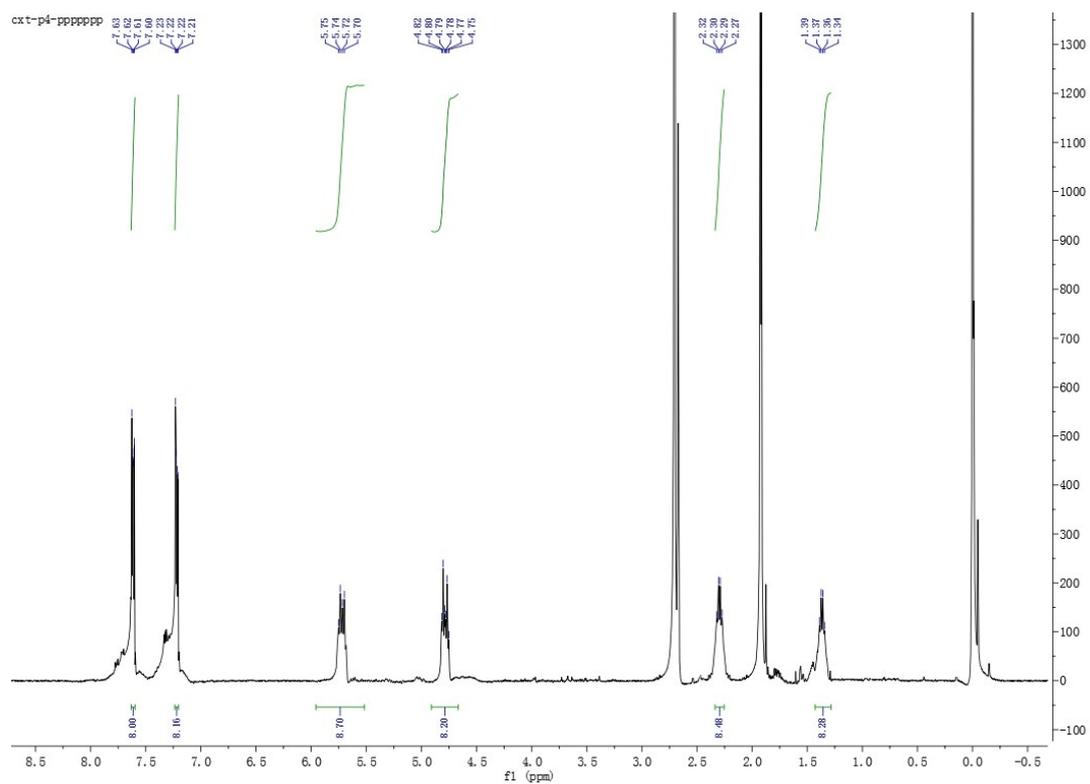


Figure S19 ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of 14

0228A3 #20-111 RT: 0.09-0.50 AV: 92 NL: 1.04E4
T: ITMS + p ESI Full ms [100.00-2000.00]

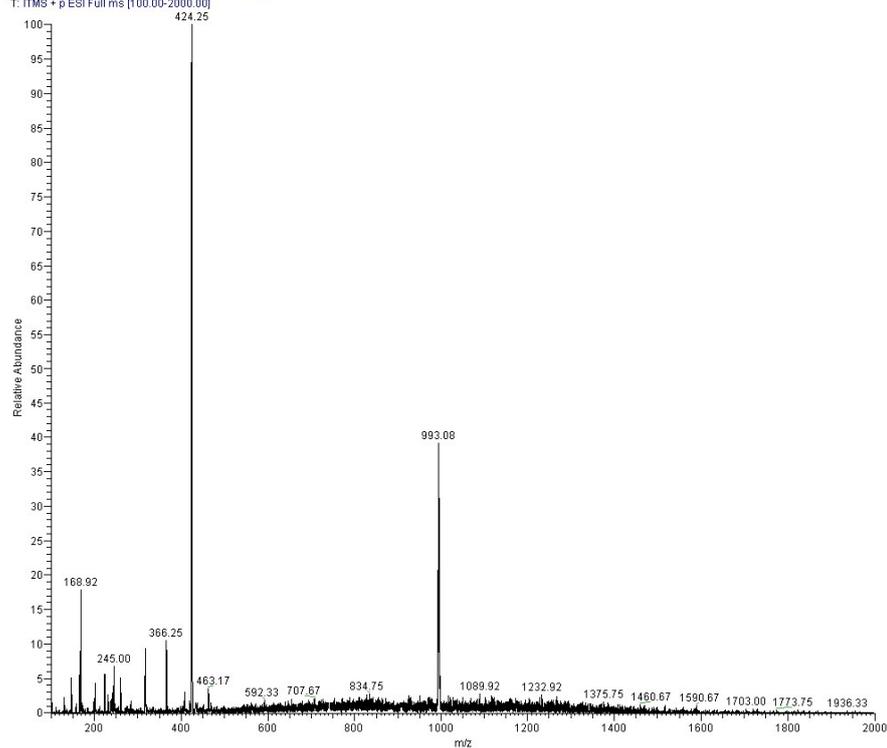


Figure S20 ESI-MS of 1

1213A34re #37-44 RT: 0.17-0.20 AV: 8 NL: 1.01E3
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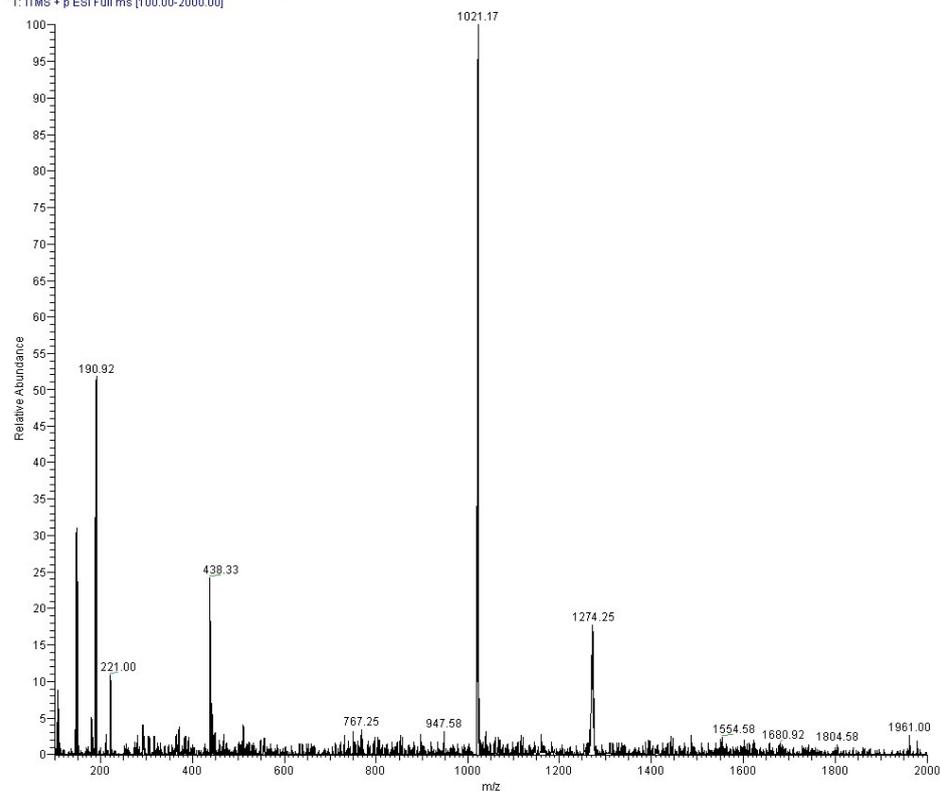


Figure S21 ESI-MS of 2

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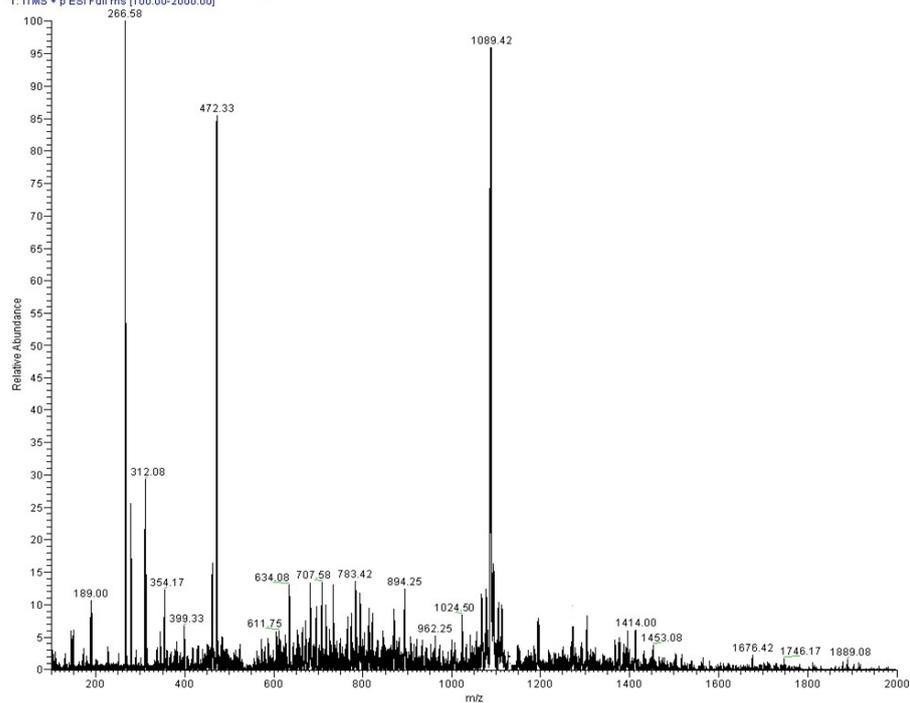


Figure S22 ESI-MS of 3

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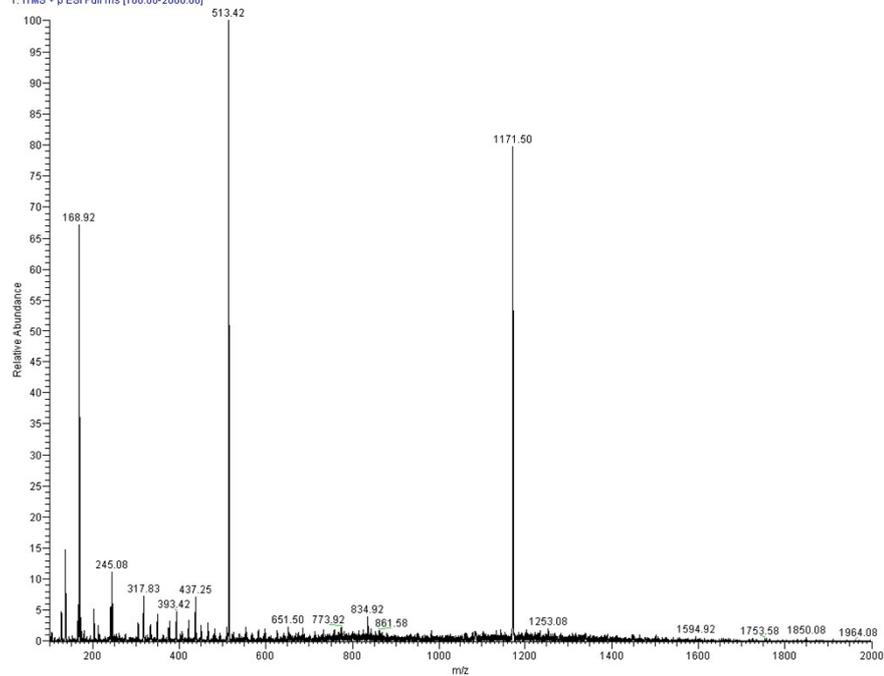


Figure S23 ESI-MS of 4



Figure S24 ESI-MS of 5

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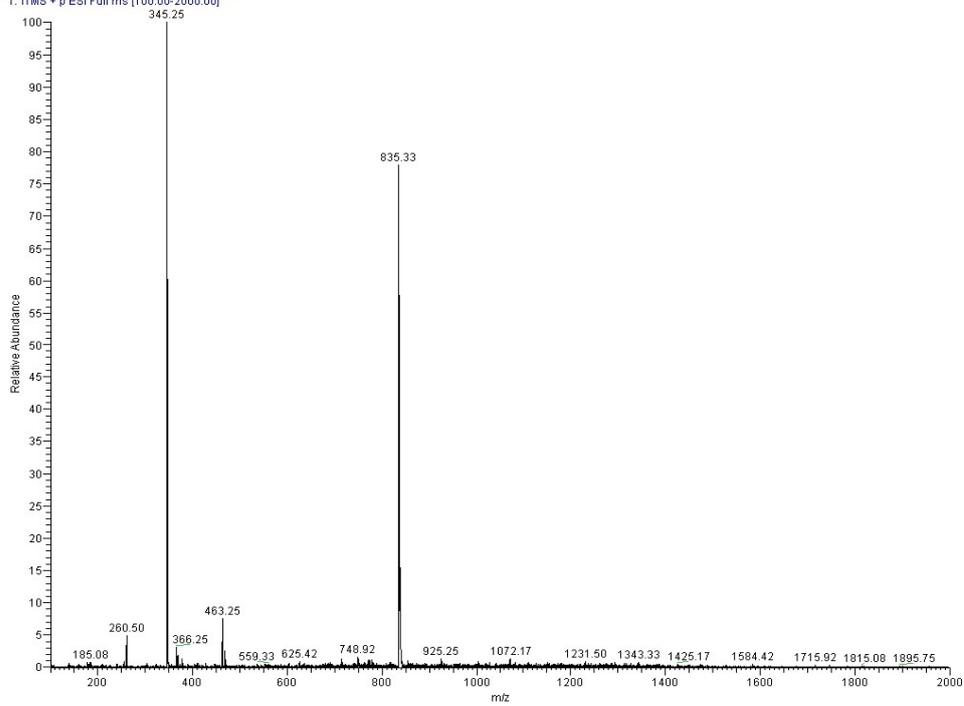


Figure S25 ESI-MS of 6

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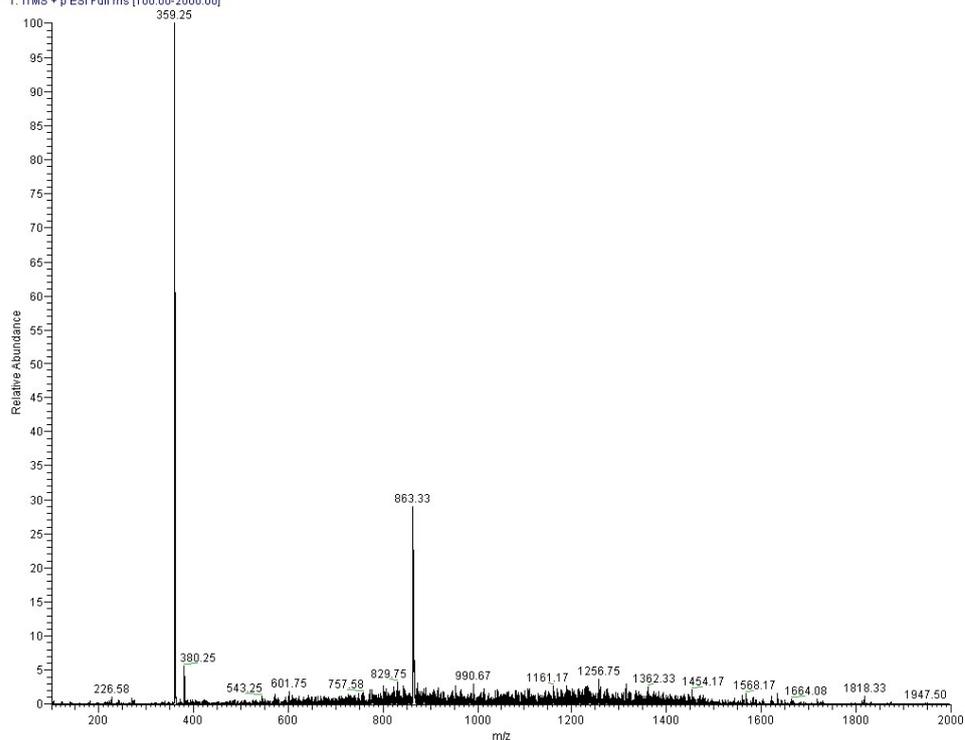


Figure S26 ESI-MS of 7

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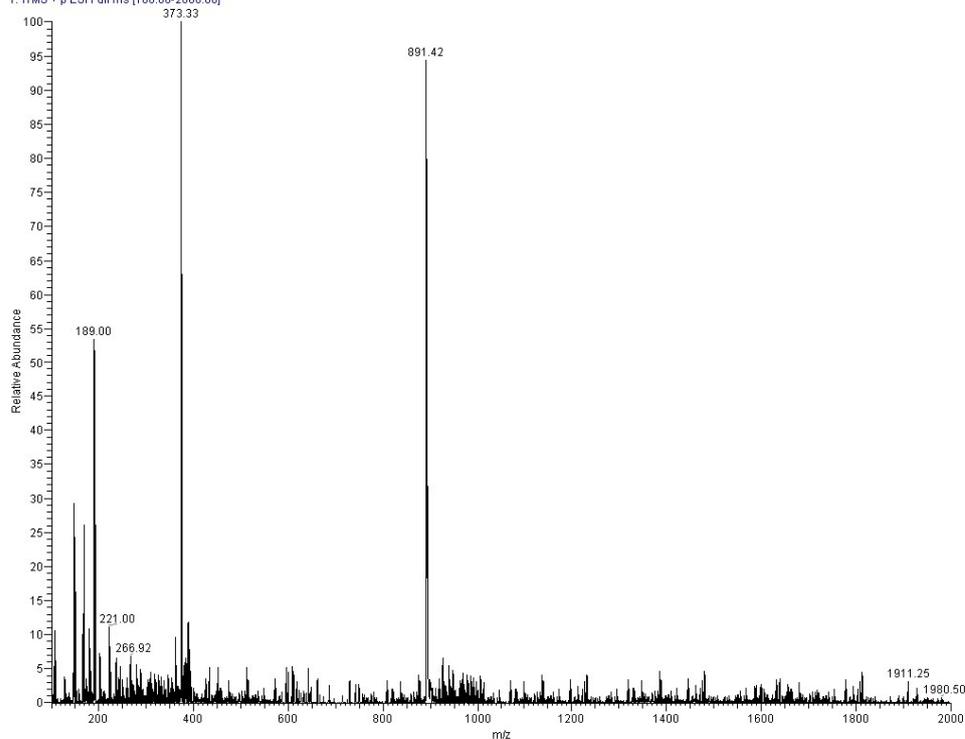
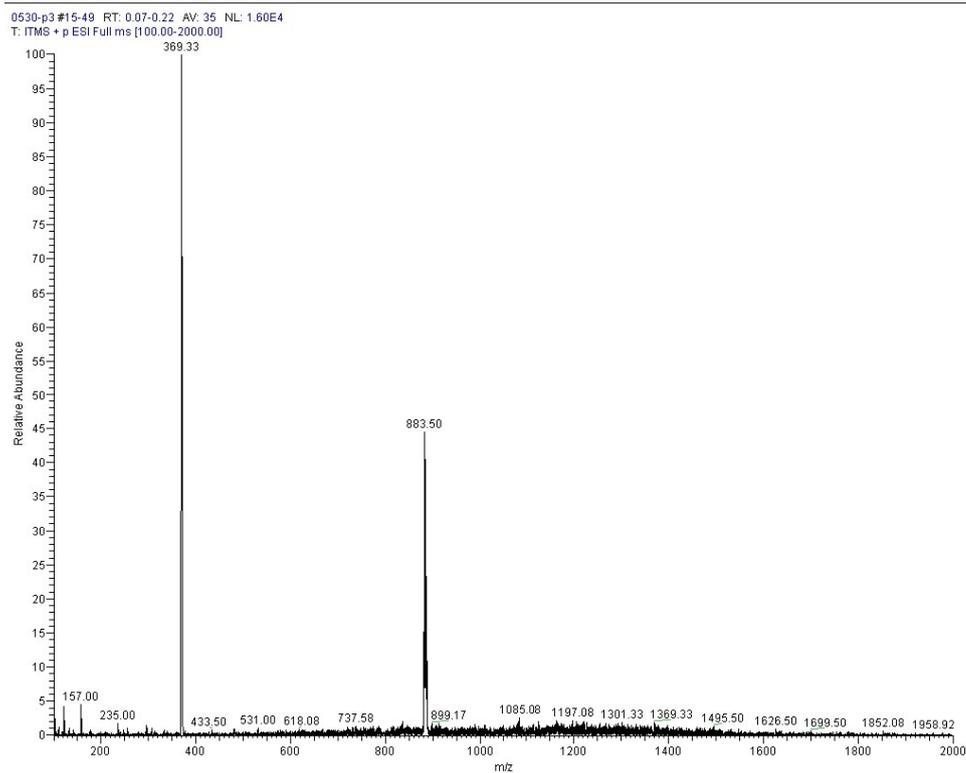
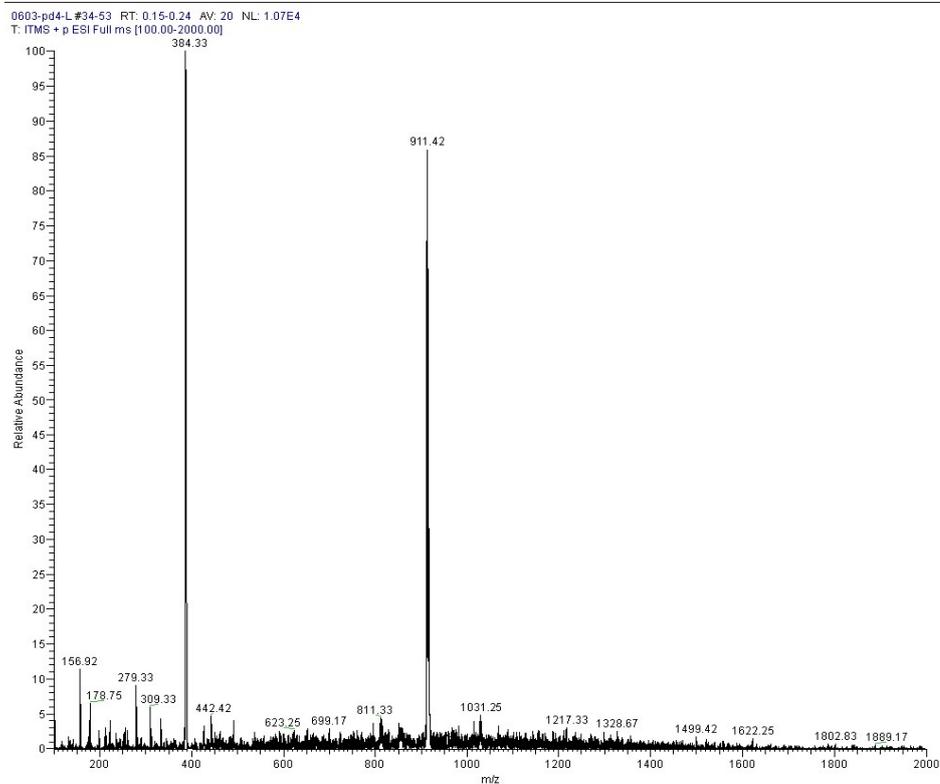


Figure S27 ESI-MS of 8

**Figure S28 ESI-MS of 9****Figure S29 ESI-MS of 10**

0612-4d #20-42 RT: 0.09-0.19 AV: 23 NL: 9.22E3
T: ITMS + p ESI Full ms [100.00-2000.00]

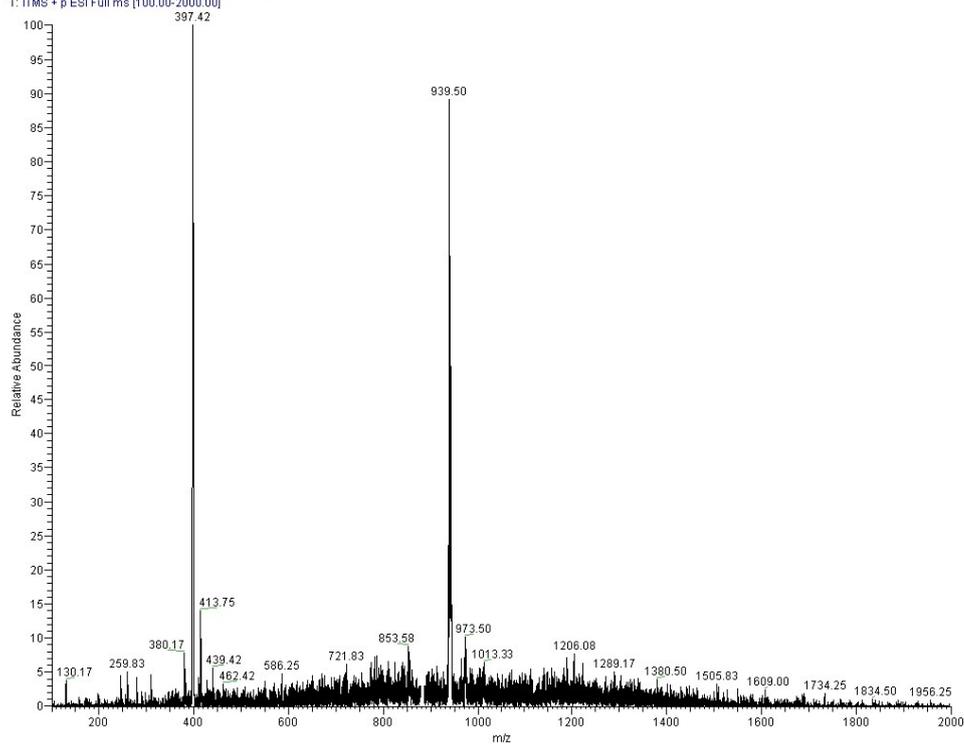


Figure S30 ESI-MS of 11

12-11-pt #17-37 RT: 0.08-0.16 AV: 21 NL: 2.61E4
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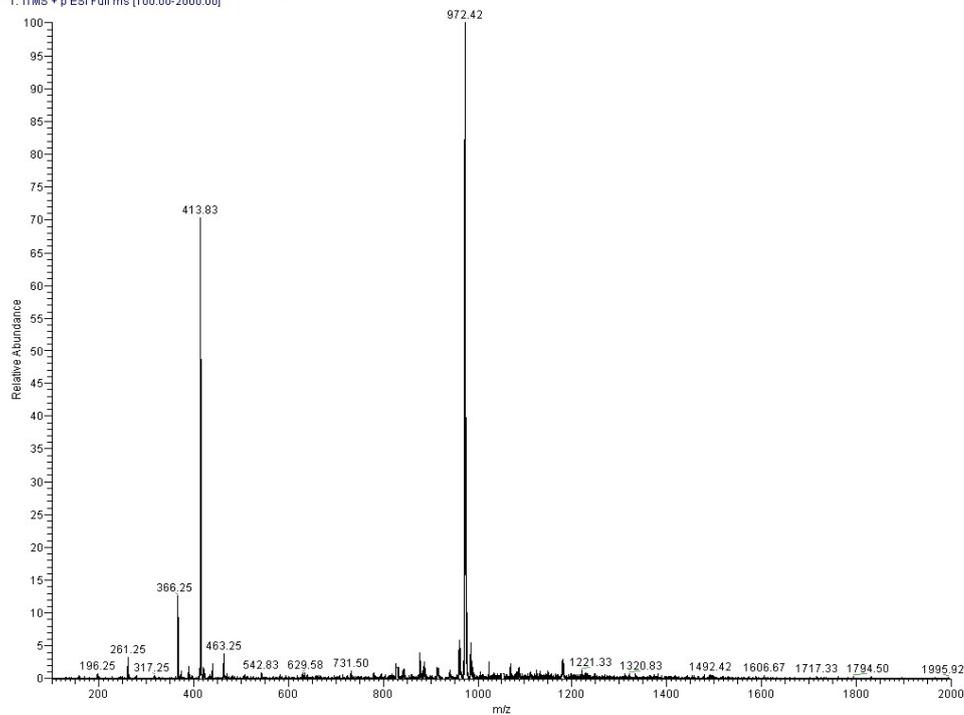


Figure S31 ESI-MS of 12

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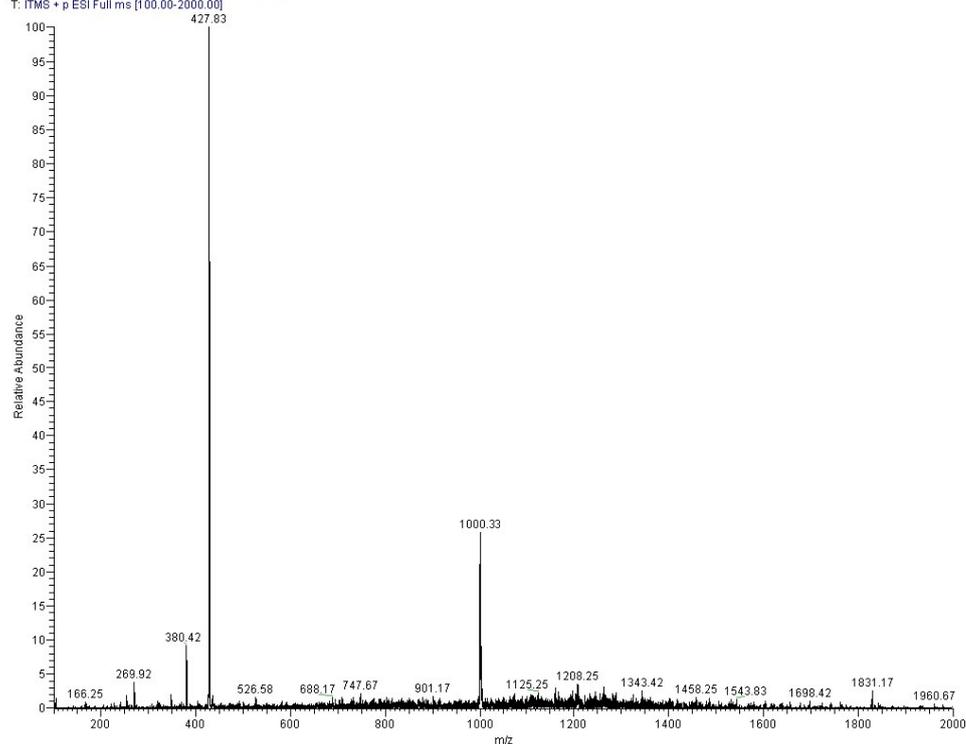


Figure S32 ESI-MS of 13

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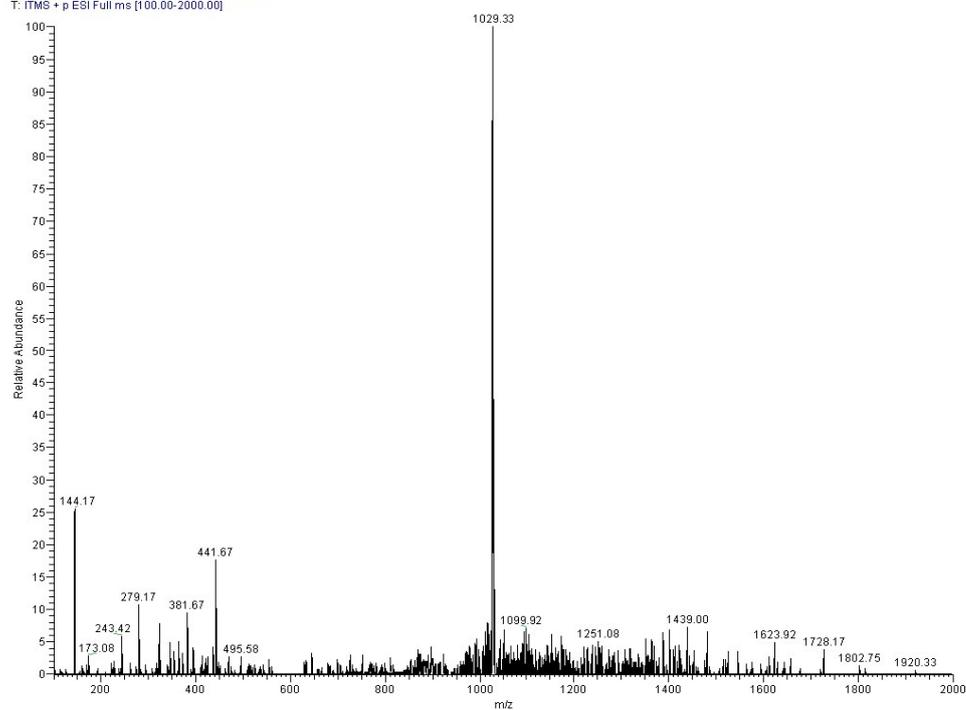


Figure S33 ESI-MS of 14

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