

Diindolylureas: high affinity dihydrogenphosphate receptors

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Experimental Section

General remarks: All reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware under a slight positive pressure of nitrogen. 2,3-Dimethyl-7-aminoindole was synthesised by literature procedures.¹ 7-aminoindole is commercially available. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) spectra were determined on a Bruker AV300 spectrometer. Chemical shifts for ¹H NMR are reported in parts per million (ppm), calibrated to the residual solvent peak set, with coupling constants reported in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations are used for spin multiplicity: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet. Chemical shifts for ¹³C NMR are reported in ppm, relative to the central line of a septet at δ = 39.52 ppm for deuterio-dimethylsulfoxide. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Mattson Satellite (ATR). FTIR are reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). Elemental analysis were performed by Medac Ltd. All solvents and starting materials were purchased from commercial sources where available. NMR titrations were performed by adding aliquots of the putative anionic guest (as the TBA) salt (0.15 M) in a solution of the receptor (0.01M) in DMSO-*d*₆ to a solution of the receptor (0.01M).

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1,3-bis (2,3-dimethyl-1*H*-indol-7-yl)urea (2) 2,3-dimethyl-7-aminoindole (0.253 g, 1.58 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of DCM (30 mL) and a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (30 mL). Triphosgene (0.47 g, 1.58

mmol) was added in portions and the reaction mixture was left stirring under nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature overnight. The organic layer was washed with water, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The pure product was obtained by recrystallization from hot MeOH. The product was isolated as a white solid: yield 78% 0.21g; m.p. 259°C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ: 2.15 (s, 6H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 6.88 (t, J = 7.53 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.53 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.53 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (s, NH urea, 2H), 10.31 (s, NH indole, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ: 8.51 (CH₃), 11.30 (CH₃), 105.58 (C), 113.08 (CH), 113.13 (CH), 118.24 (CH), 123.06 (C), 128.12 (C), 130.49 (C), 131.08 (C), 153.57 (CO); IR (film): ν = 3392 (indole NH stretching), 3247 (urea NH stretching), 1617 (urea CO stretching); LRMS (ES⁻):m/z: 345 [M-H]⁻; HRMS (ES+) C₂₁H₂₃N₄O m/z/ 347.1866 Found 347.1870 (error -0.90ppm).

1,3-di(1*H*-indol-7-yl)urea (3) 7-aminoindole (0.234 g, 1.58 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of DCM (20 mL) and a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (20 mL). Triphosgene (0.47 g, 1.58 mmol) was added in portions and the reaction mixture was left stirring under nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature overnight. The organic layer was washed with water, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The pure product was obtained by recrystallization from MeOH. The product was isolated as a pale grey solid: yield 50% 0.15g; m.p. 252°C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ: 6.44 (t, J = 2.64 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.92, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.14 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.92, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 2.64 Hz, 2H), 8.63 (s, NH urea, 2H), 10.77 (s, NH indole, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ: 101.42 (CH), 113.67 (CH), 115.85 (CH), 119.00 (CH), 124.06 (C), 125.14 (CH), 129.04 (C), 129.35 (C),

153.57 (CO); IR (film): ν = 3383 (indole NH stretching), 3255 (urea NH stretching), 1620 (urea CO stretching); LRMS (ES⁻): m/z: 289 [M-H]⁻; HRMS (ES+) C₁₇H₁₅N₄O m/z 291.1240 Found 291.1236 (error 1.52ppm).

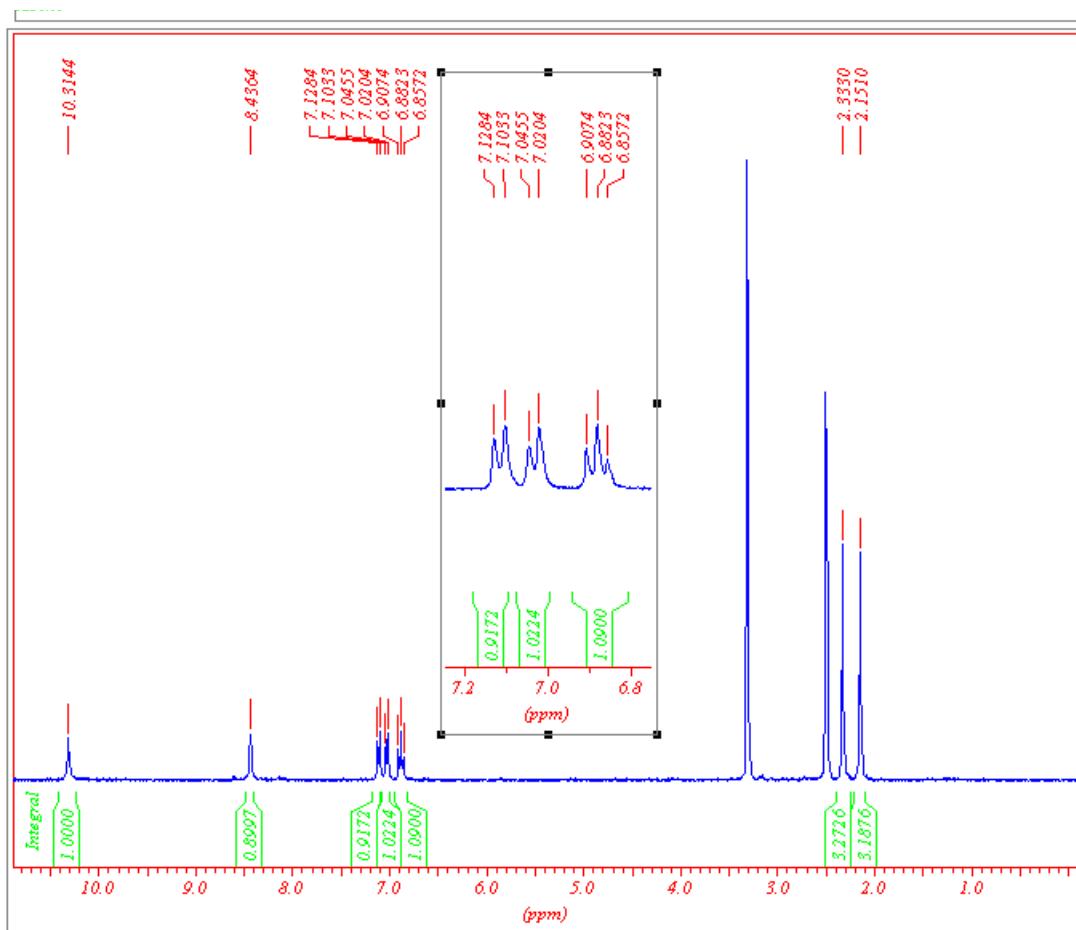


Figure S1 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **2** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$.

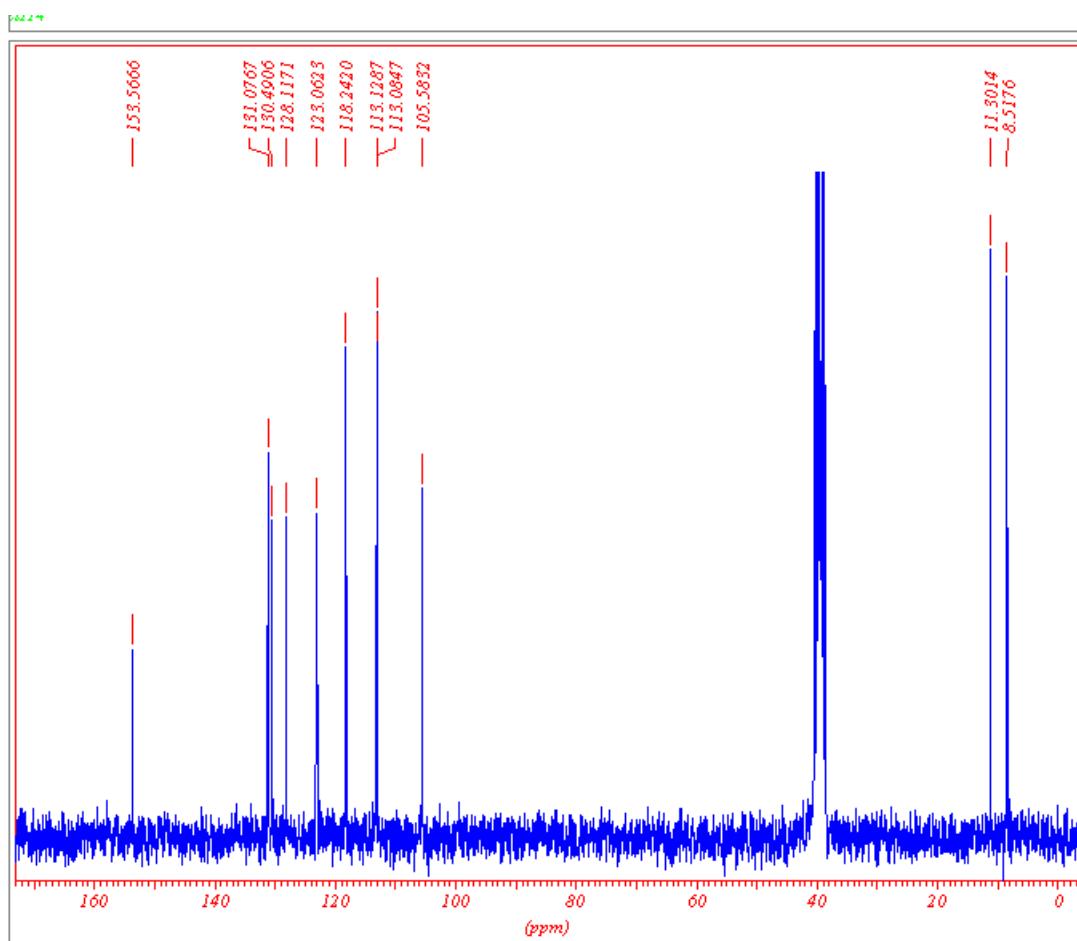


Figure S2 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **2** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$.

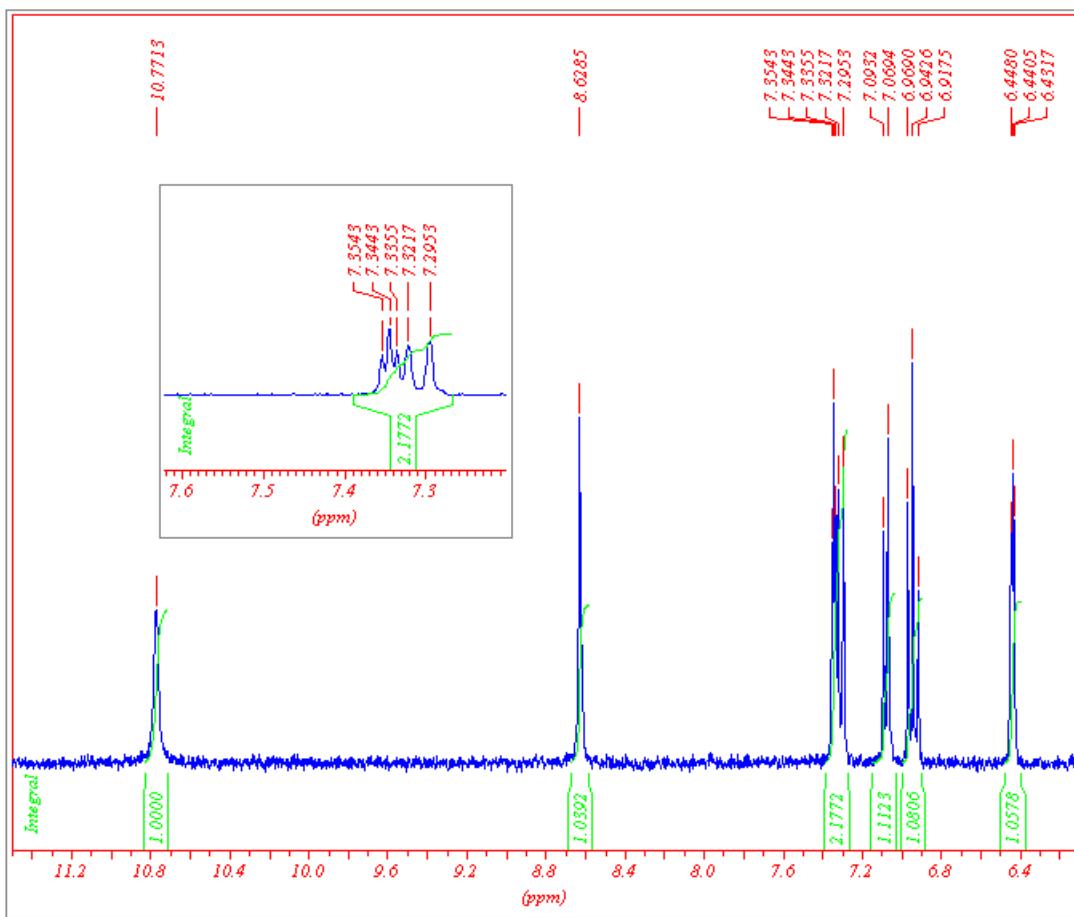


Figure S3 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3 in DMSO-*d*₆.

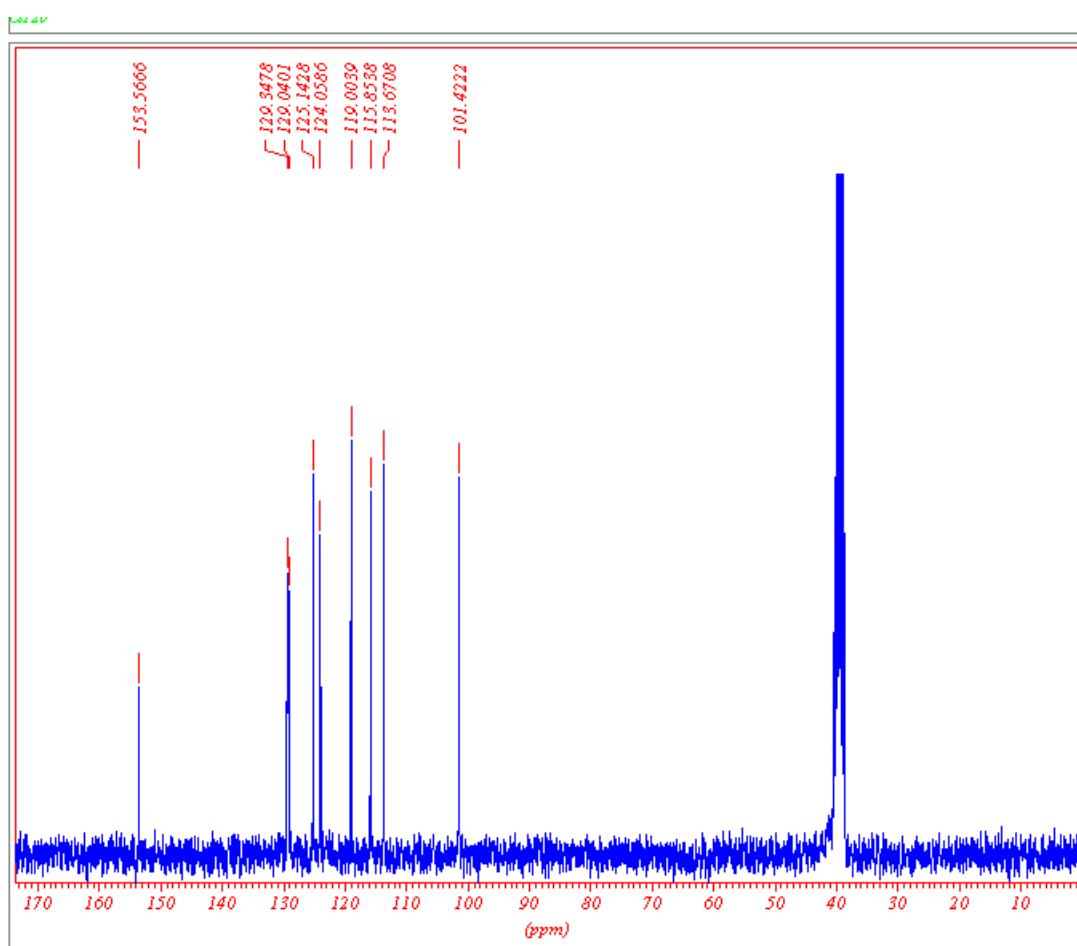


Figure S4 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 3 in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$.

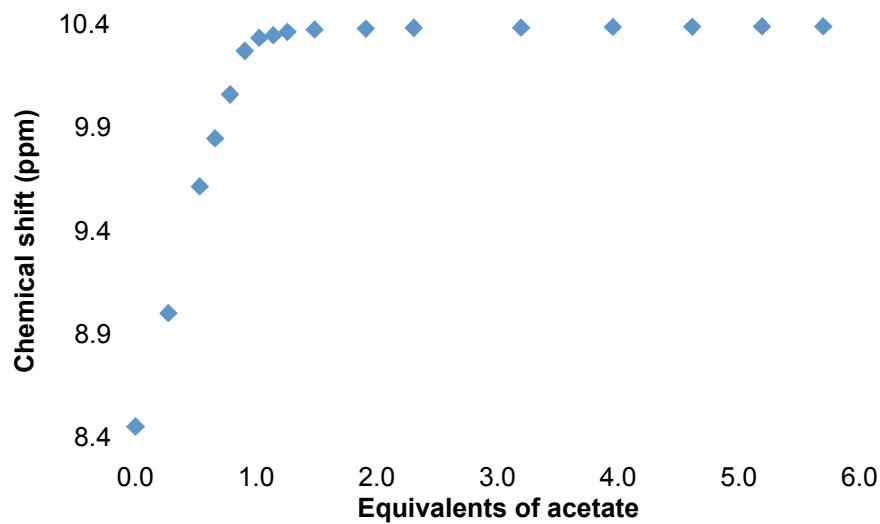


Figure S5 NMR titration of compound 2 vs. TBAOAc in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 0.5%.

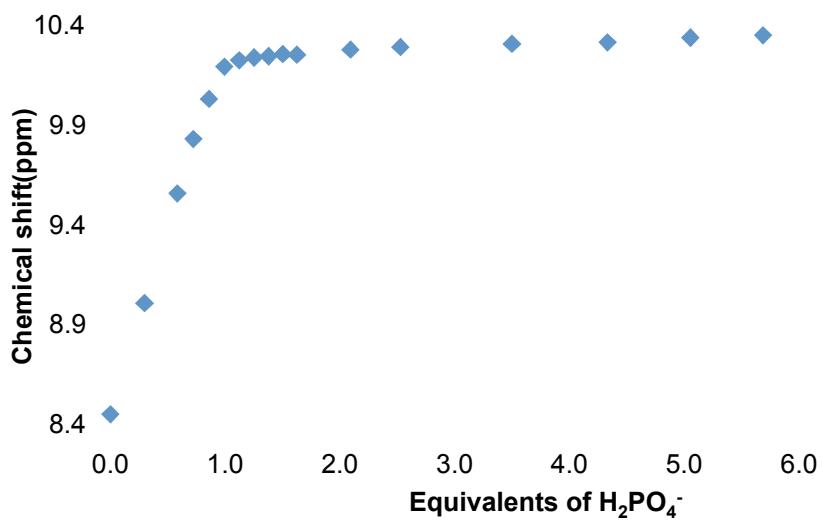
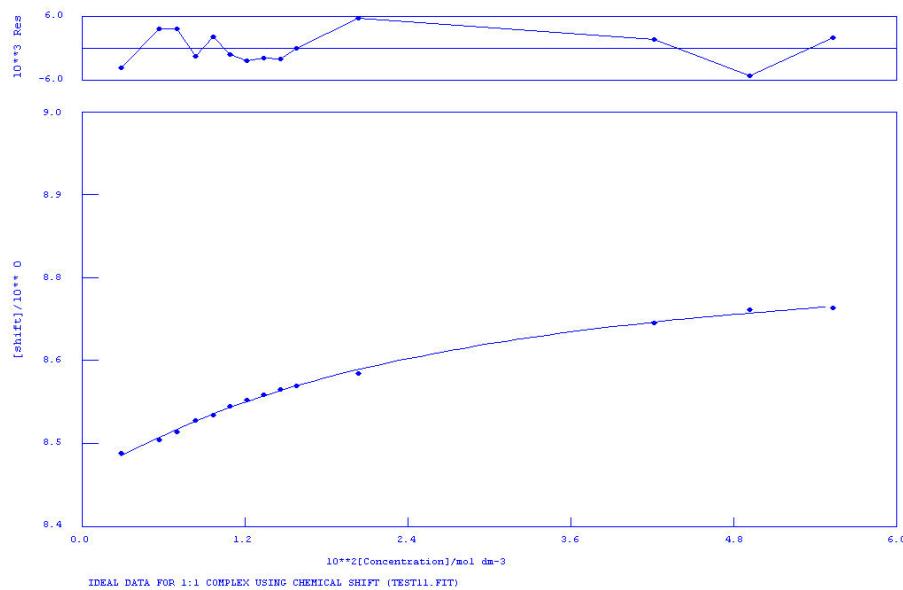


Figure S6 NMR titration of compound 2 vs. TBAH₂PO₄ in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 0.5%.



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File prepared by M. J. Hynes, October 22 2000

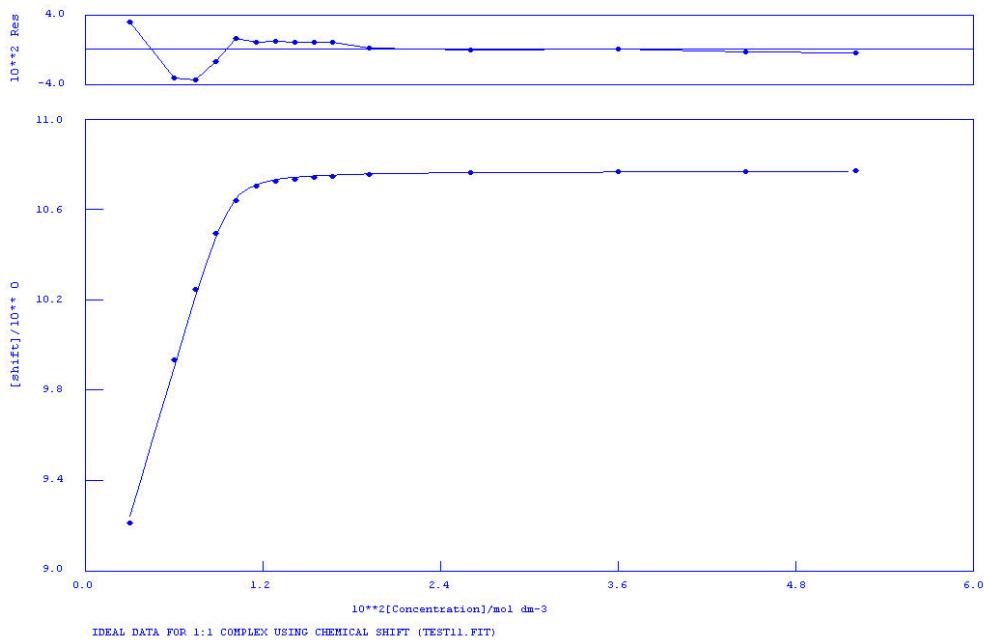
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3	1	$8.81874\text{E}+00$	$1.000\text{E}+00$	$1.052\text{E}-02$	$2.267\text{E}+01$	SHIFT ML

ORMS ERROR = $3.40\text{E}-03$ MAX ERROR = $5.62\text{E}-03$ AT OBS.NO. 11

RESIDUALS SQUARED = $1.27\text{E}-04$

RFACTOR = 0.0350 PERCENT

Figure S7 NMR titration of compound 2 vs. TBAHSO₄ in DMSO-d₆/H₂O 0.5%.



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File prepared by M. J. Hynes, October 22 2000

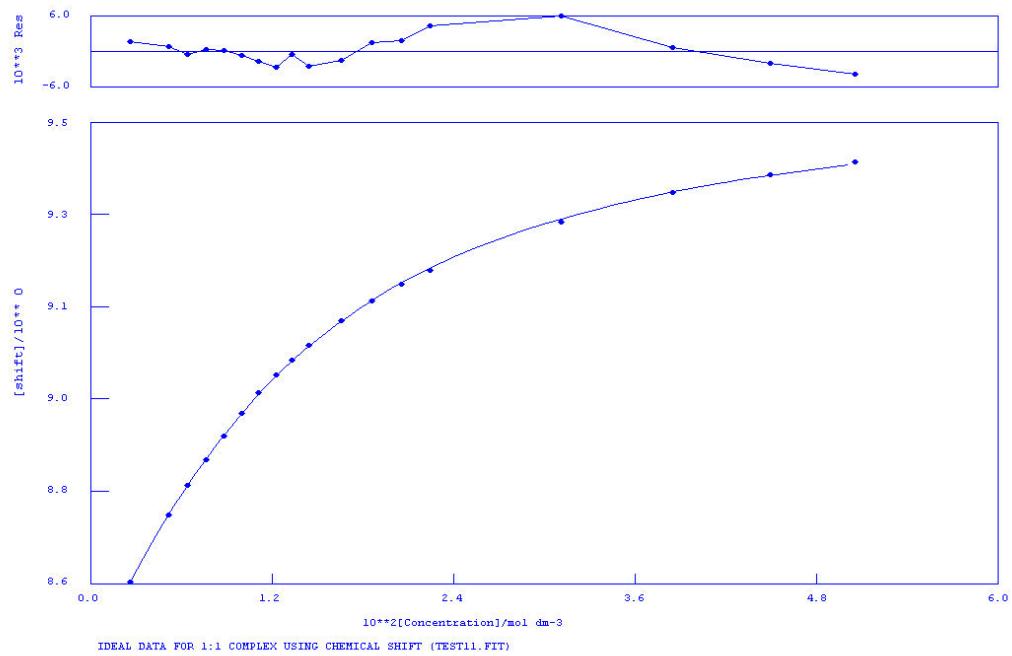
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3	1	1.07690E+01	1.000E+00	6.087E-03	1.370E+00	SHIFT ML

ORMS ERROR = 1.84E-02 MAX ERROR = 3.47E-02 AT OBS.NO. 3

RESIDUALS SQUARED = 4.06E-03

RFACTOR = 0.1561 PERCENT

Figure S8 NMR titration of compound **2** vs. TBAOBz in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 0.5%.



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Program run at 15:40:22 on 04/01/2008

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Reaction: $M + L = ML$

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File prepared by M. J. Hynes, October 22 2000

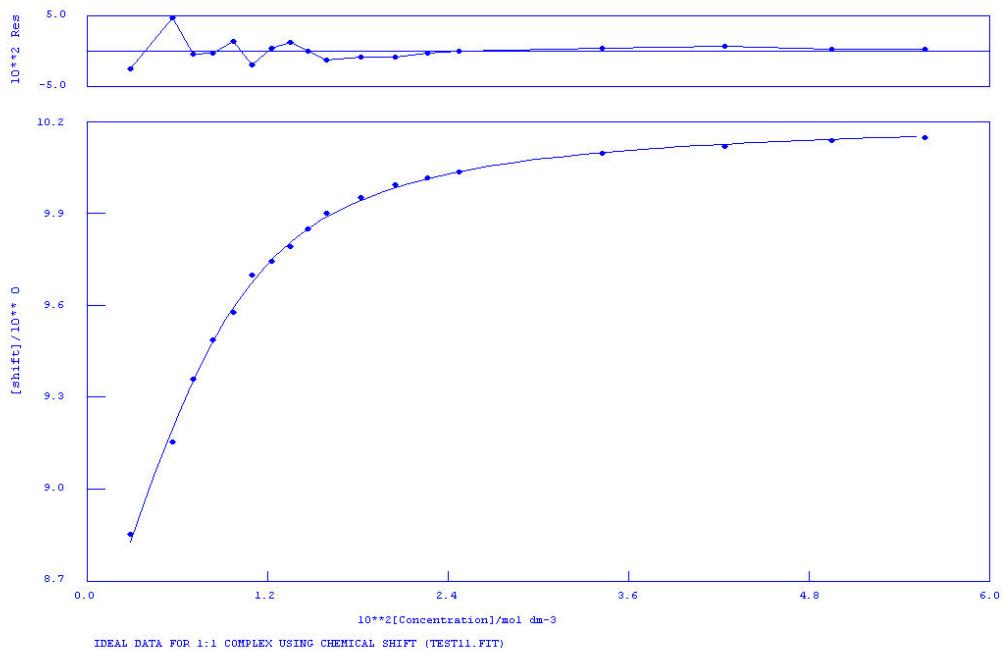
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3	1	$9.59782E+00$	$1.000E+00$	$3.484E-03$	$1.044E+01$	SHIFT ML

ORMS ERROR = $2.59E-03$ MAX ERROR = $5.87E-03$ AT OBS.NO. 15

RESIDUALS SQUARED = $1.00E-04$

RFACTOR = 0.0261 PERCENT

Figure S9 NMR titration of compound **2** vs. TBACl in $\text{DMSO}-d_6/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 0.5%.



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File prepared by M. J. Hynes, October 22 2000

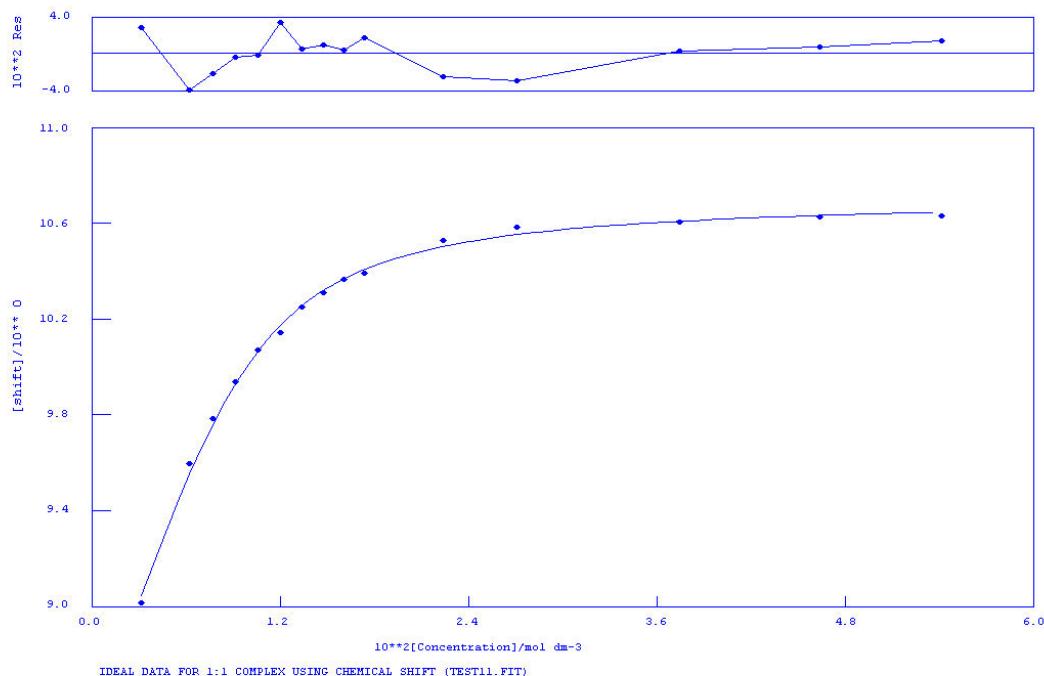
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3	1	1.02193E+01	1.000E+00	1.141E-02	5.333E+00	SHIFT ML

ORMS ERROR = 1.64E-02 MAX ERROR = 4.66E-02 AT OBS.NO. 2

RESIDUALS SQUARED = 4.03E-03

RFACTOR = 0.1530 PERCENT

Figure S10 NMR titration of compound **2** vs. TBAOAc in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 10%.



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Reaction: M + L = ML

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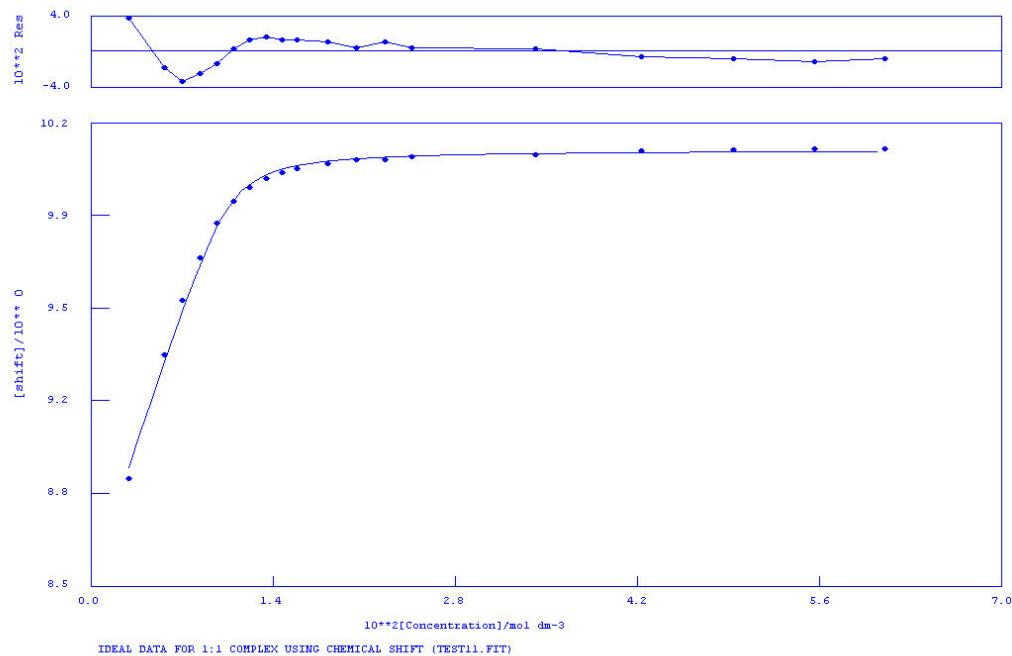
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3	1	1.07126E+01	1.000E+00	1.647E-02	4.969E+00	SHIFT ML

ORMS ERROR = 2.27E-02 MAX ERROR = 3.94E-02 AT OBS.NO. 2

RESIDUALS SQUARED = 6.19E-03

RFACTOR = 0.1992 PERCENT

Figure S11 NMR titration of compound **2** vs. TBAOBz in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 10%.



Calculations by WinEQNMR Version 1.20 by Michael J. Hynes
Program run at 12:03:03 on 04/02/2008

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Reaction: $\text{M} + \text{L} = \text{ML}$

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File prepared by M. J. Hynes, October 22 2000

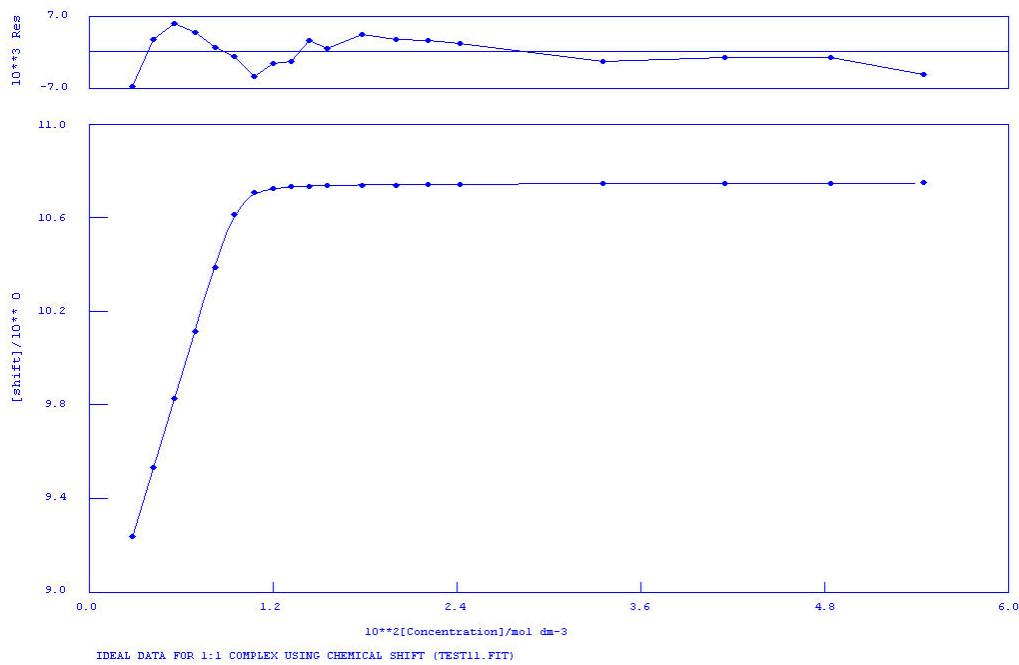
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2	1	8.50810×10^0	2.000×10^{-1}	1.991×10^{-2}	1.309×10^0	SHIFT M
3	1	1.00995×10^1	1.000×10^0	5.338×10^{-3}	1.373×10^0	SHIFT ML

ORMS ERROR = 1.77×10^{-2} MAX ERROR = 3.70×10^{-2} AT OBS.NO. 1

RESIDUALS SQUARED = 5.02×10^{-3}

RFACTOR = 0.1641 PERCENT

Figure S12 NMR titration of compound **2** vs. TBAH₂PO₄ in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 10%.



Calculations by WinEQNMR Version 1.20 by Michael J. Hynes
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Reaction: M + L = ML

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File prepared by M. J. Hynes, October 22 2000

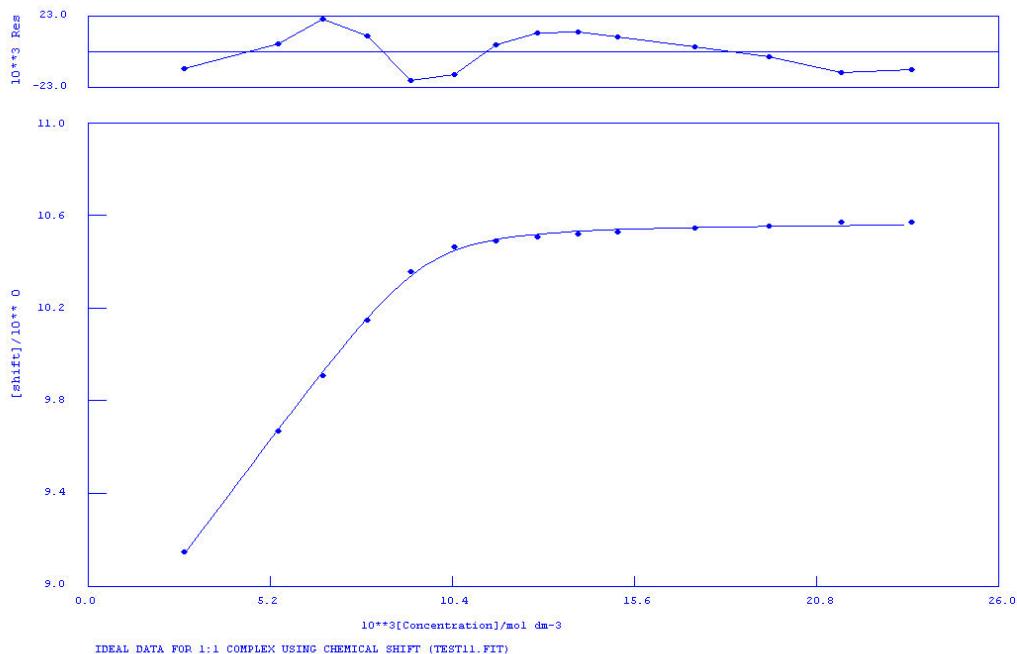
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3	1	1.07459E+01	1.000E+00	9.207E-04	1.131E+00	SHIFT ML

ORMS ERROR = 3.41E-03 MAX ERROR = 6.80E-03 AT OBS.NO. 1

RESIDUALS SQUARED = 1.86E-04

RFACTOR = 0.0298 PERCENT

Figure S13 NMR titration of compound **3** vs. TBAOAc in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 0.5%.



Calculations by winEQNMR Version 1.20 by Michael J. Hynes

Program run at 16:20:27 on 03/27/2008

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Reaction: M + L = ML

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File prepared by M. J. Hynes, October 22 2000

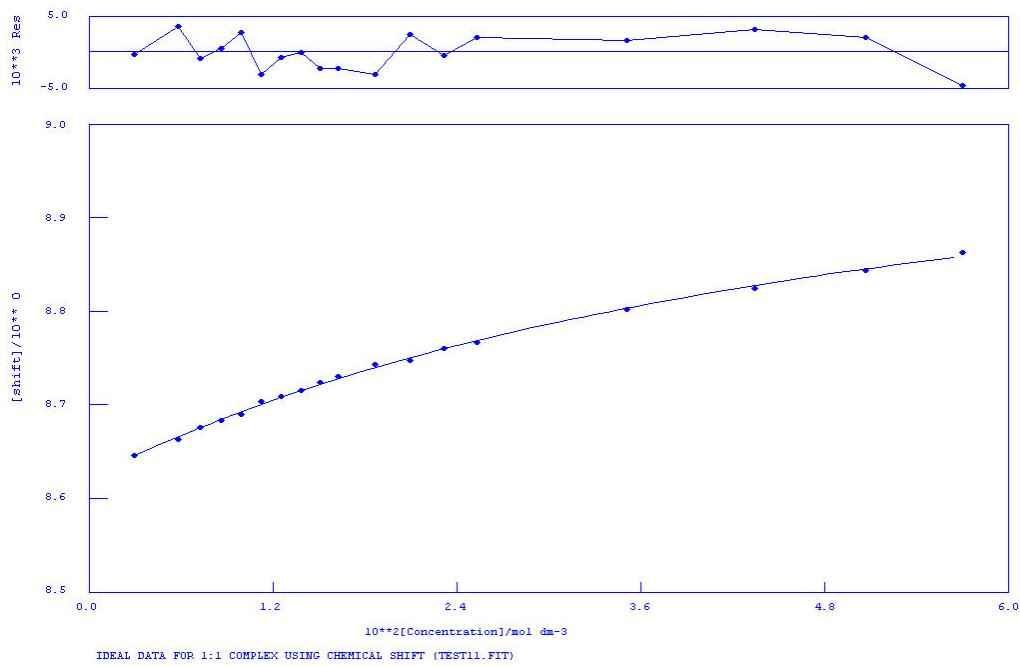
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3	1	1.05699E+01	1.000E+00	4.454E-03	1.196E+00	SHIFT ML

ORMS ERROR = 1.34E-02 MAX ERROR = 2.06E-02 AT OBS.NO. 3

RESIDUALS SQUARED = 1.98E-03

RFATOR = 0.1157 PERCENT

Figure S14 NMR titration of compound **3** vs. TBAH₂PO₄ in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 0.5%.



Calculations by WinEQNMR Version 1.20 by Michael J. Hynes
Program run at 20:15:40 on 03/31/2008

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Reaction: M + L = ML

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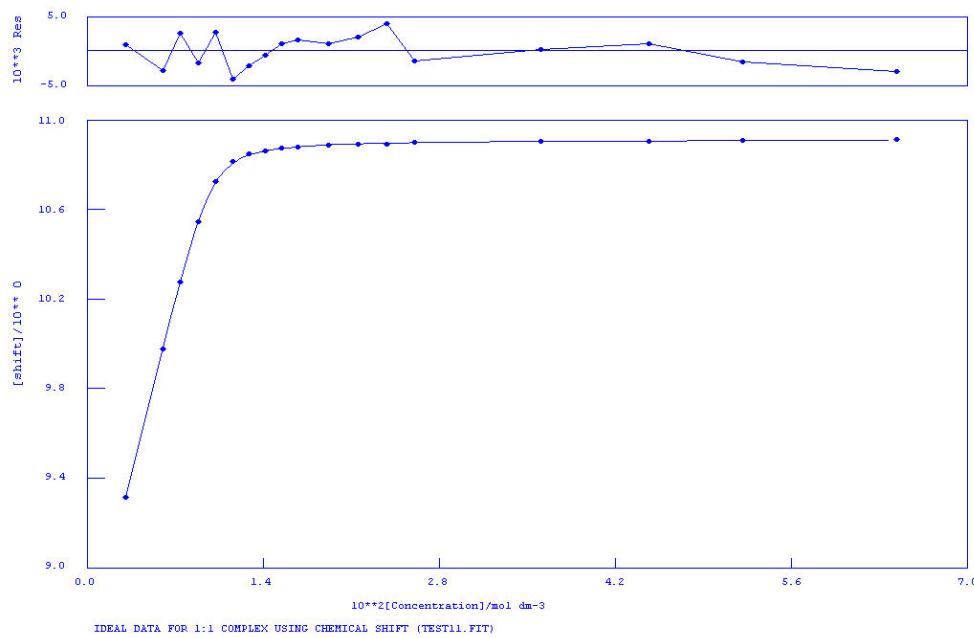
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3	1	9.05698E+00	1.000E+00	1.780E-02	7.582E+01	SHIFT ML

ORMS ERROR = 2.59E-03 MAX ERROR = 4.64E-03 AT OBS.NO. 18

RESIDUALS SQUARED = 1.00E-04

RFACTOR = 0.0270 PERCENT

Figure S15 NMR titration of compound **3** vs. TBAHSO₄ in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 0.5%.



Calculations by WinEQNMR Version 1.20 by Michael J. Hynes
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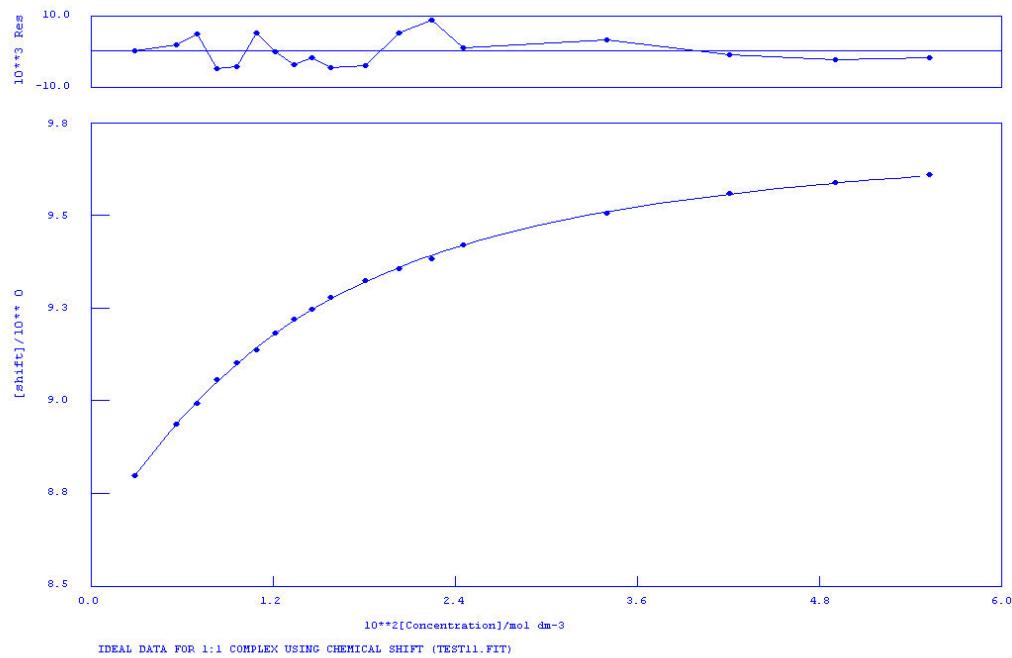
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3	1	1.09110E+01	1.000E+00	9.009E-04	2.113E+00	SHIFT ML

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RESIDUALS SQUARED = 8.75E-05

RFACTOR = 0.0206 PERCENT

Figure S16 NMR titration of compound 3 vs. TBAOBz in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 0.5%.



Calculations by WinEQNMR Version 1.20 by Michael J. Hynes
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Reaction: M + L = ML

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File prepared by M. J. Hynes, October 22 2000

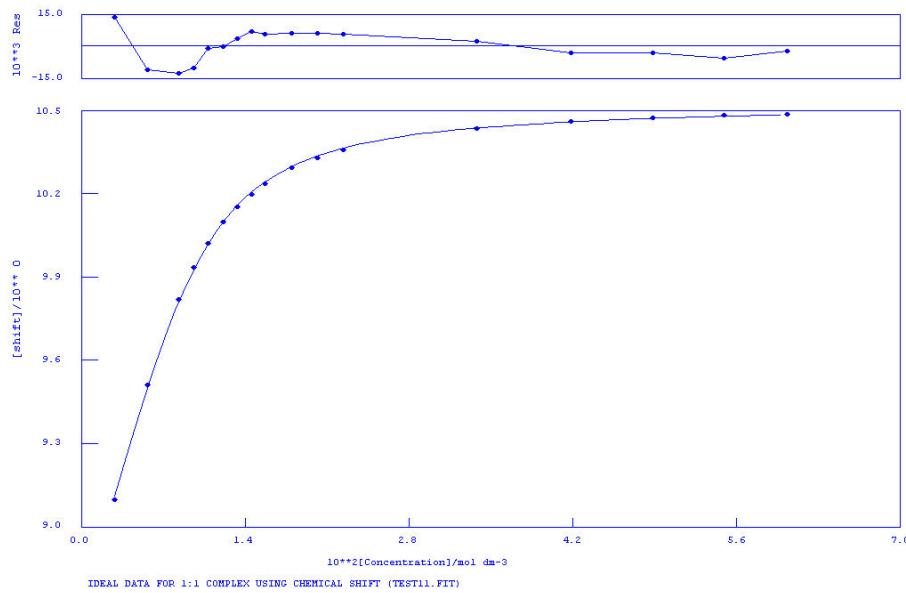
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2	1	8.63011E+00	2.000E-01	5.070E-03	5.942E+00	SHIFT M
3	1	9.82032E+00	1.000E+00	6.228E-03	1.309E+01	SHIFT ML

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RESIDUALS SQUARED = 2.77E-04

RFACTOR = 0.0422 PERCENT

Figure S17 NMR titration of compound **3** vs. TBACl in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 0.5%.



Calculations by WinEQNMR Version 1.20 by Michael J. Hynes
Program run at 13:52:15 on 03/29/2008

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Reaction: M + L = ML

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IDEAL DATA: K1 = 63.091; DELTA M = 20.0; DELTA ML = 120.0

File prepared by M. J. Hynes, October 22 2000

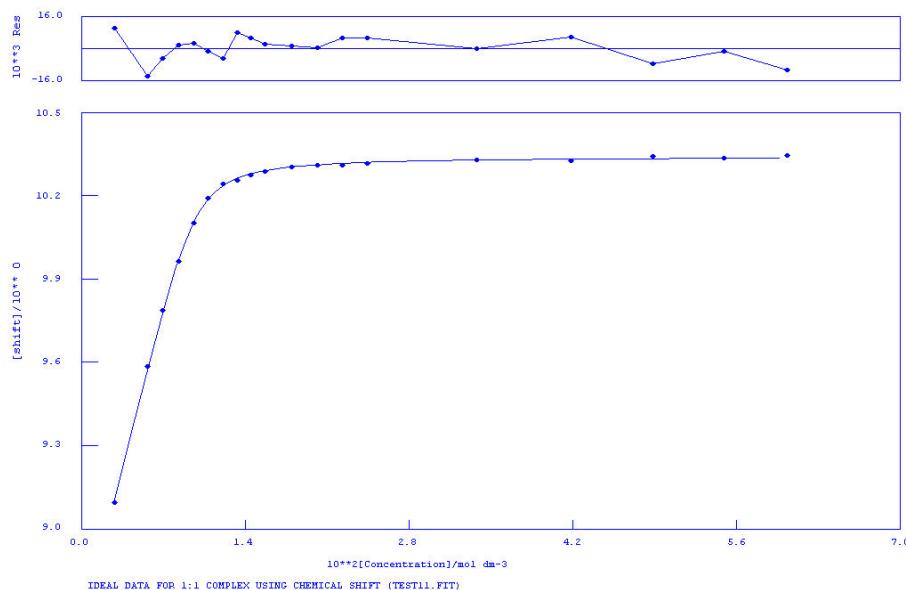
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3	1	1.05296E+01	1.000E+00	4.600E-03	4.007E+00	SHIFT ML

ORMS ERROR = 7.73E-03 MAX ERROR = 1.37E-02 AT OBS.NO. 1

RESIDUALS SQUARED = 8.36E-04

RFACTOR = 0.0691 PERCENT

Figure S18 NMR titration of compound **3** vs. TBAOAc in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 10%.



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IDEAL DATA: K1 = 63.091; DELTA M = 20.0; DELTA ML = 120.0

File prepared by M. J. Hynes, October 22 2000

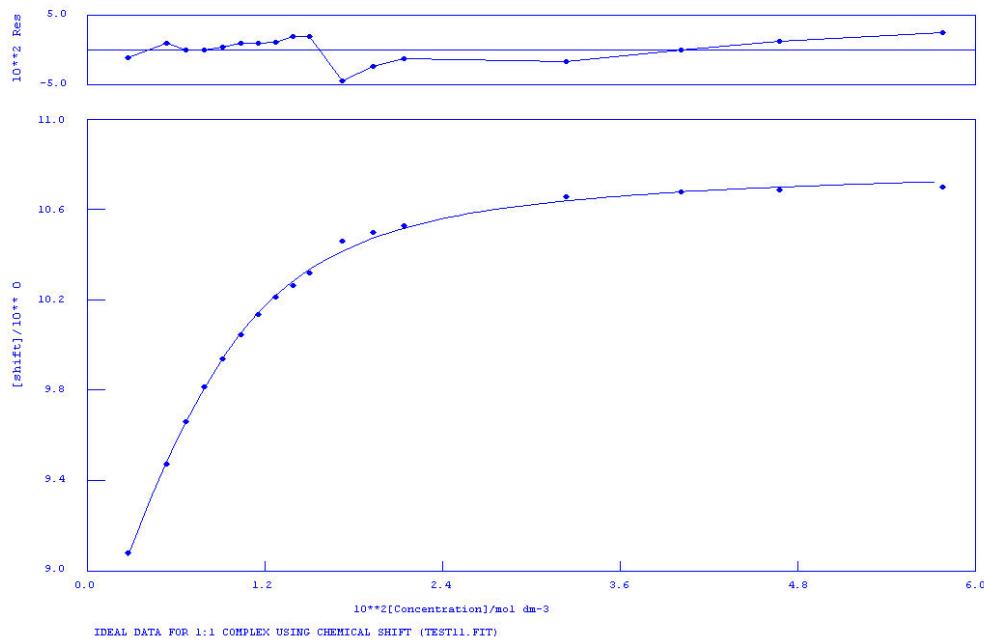
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3	1	1.03406E+01	1.000E+00	2.836E-03	2.807E+00	SHIFT ML

ORMS ERROR = 6.67E-03 MAX ERROR = 1.42E-02 AT OBS.NO. 2

RESIDUALS SQUARED = 7.11E-04

RFACTOR = 0.0603 PERCENT

Figure S19 NMR titration of compound **3** vs. TBAH₂PO₄ in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 10%.



Calculations by WinEQNMR Version 1.20 by Michael J. Hynes
Program run at 09:20:56 on 03/31/2008

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Reaction: M + L = ML

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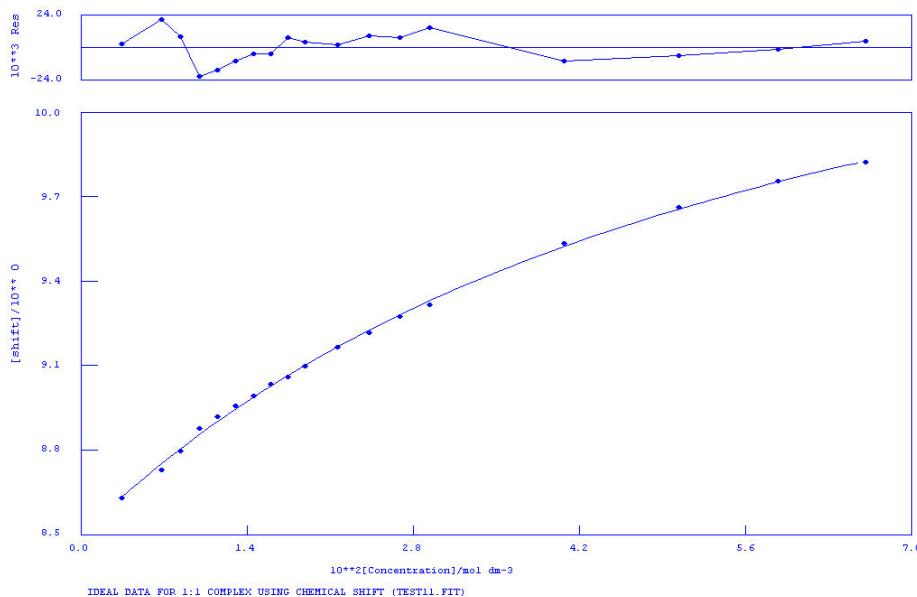
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RFACTOR = 0.1677 PERCENT

Figure S20 NMR titration of compound **3** vs. TBAOBz in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 10%.



Calculations by WinEQNMR Version 1.20 by Michael J. Hynes
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IDEAL DATA FOR 1:1 COMPLEX USING CHEMICAL SHIFT (TEST11.FIT)

Reaction: M + L = ML

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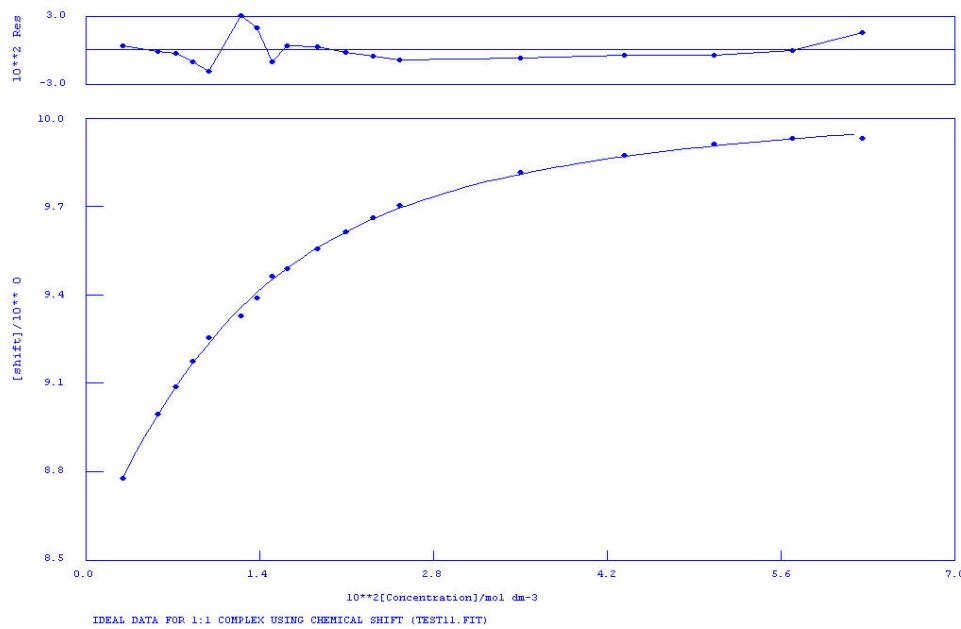
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RESIDUALS SQUARED = 1.95E-03

RFACTOR = 0.1136 PERCENT

Figure S21 NMR titration of compound **3** vs. TBAOAc in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 25%.



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3	1	1.01134E+01	1.000E+00	1.304E-02	8.133E+00	SHIFT ML

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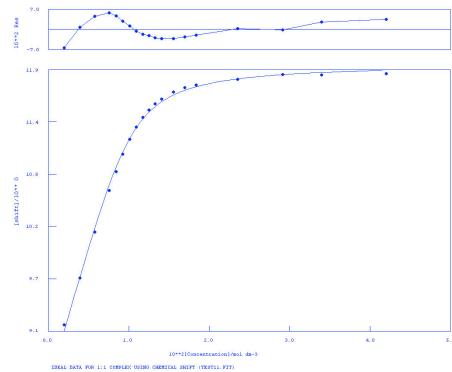
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Figure S22 NMR titration of compound **3** vs. TBAH₂PO₄ in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 25%.

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$$K_a = 1261$$

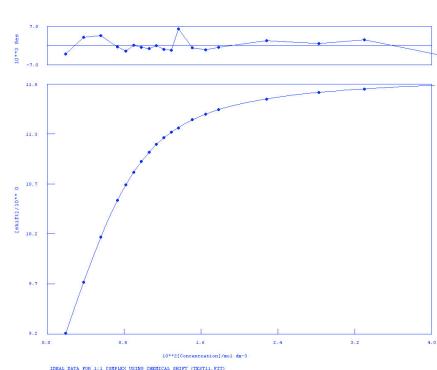
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Benzoate.

$$K_a = 674$$

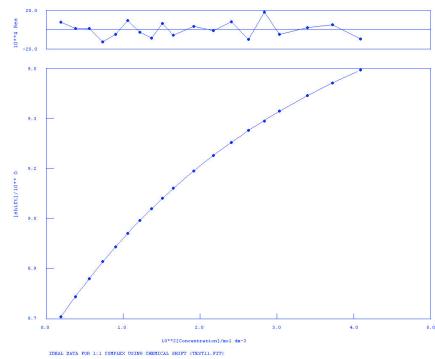
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Chloride.

$$K_a = 31$$

$$\text{Error} = 0.8 \%$$



Dihydrogen Phosphate.

$$K_a = 523$$

$$\text{Error} = 3.1 \%$$

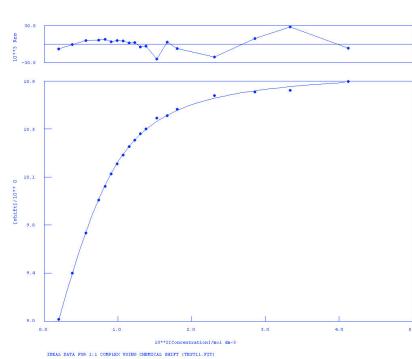


Figure S23 NMR titrations of 1,3-diphenylurea *vs.* various anions in DMSO-*d*₆/H₂O 0.5%.

Table S1 Output from Spartan '06 for DFT calculation on dihydrogen phosphate complex of compound **3**. Dihydrogen phosphate was placed near the receptor and the structure minimised using AM1. The AM1 structure was then subjected to a DFT minimization (without symmetry constraints) at the 6-31G* level of theory.

Dihydrogen phosphate complex

MacSPARTAN '06 Quantum Mechanics Program: (x86/Darwin) build 129cv3

Job type: Geometry optimization.

Method: RB3LYP

Basis set: 6-31G(D)

Number of shells: 141

Number of basis functions: 441

Multiplicity: 1

SCF model:

A restricted hybrid HF-DFT SCF calculation will be performed using Pulay DIIS + Geometric Direct Minimization

Optimization:

Step	Energy	Max Grad.	Max Dist.
1	-1594.1530439	0.044981	0.125345
2	-1594.1659397	0.015414	0.105096
3	-1594.1699231	0.009119	0.114535
4	-1594.1714013	0.006636	0.109438
5	-1594.1722508	0.006413	0.081237
6	-1594.1725963	0.006074	0.128203
7	-1594.1728285	0.002557	0.111756
8	-1594.1730204	0.002360	0.167580
9	-1594.1732708	0.002190	0.187406
10	-1594.1735715	0.001991	0.200676
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17	-1594.1754654	0.001749	0.159274
18	-1594.1755301	0.001465	0.075183

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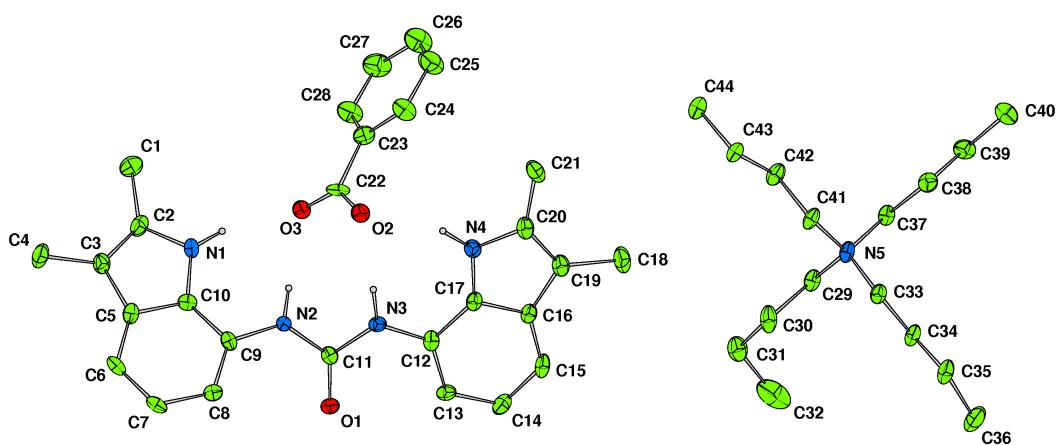


Figure S24 Thermal ellipsoid plot of the tetrabutylammonium benzoate complex of compound 2.
Thermal ellipsoids drawn at 30% probability level.