

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Zinc(II) and cadmium(II) complexes of N-terminally free peptides containing two separate cysteinyl binding sites

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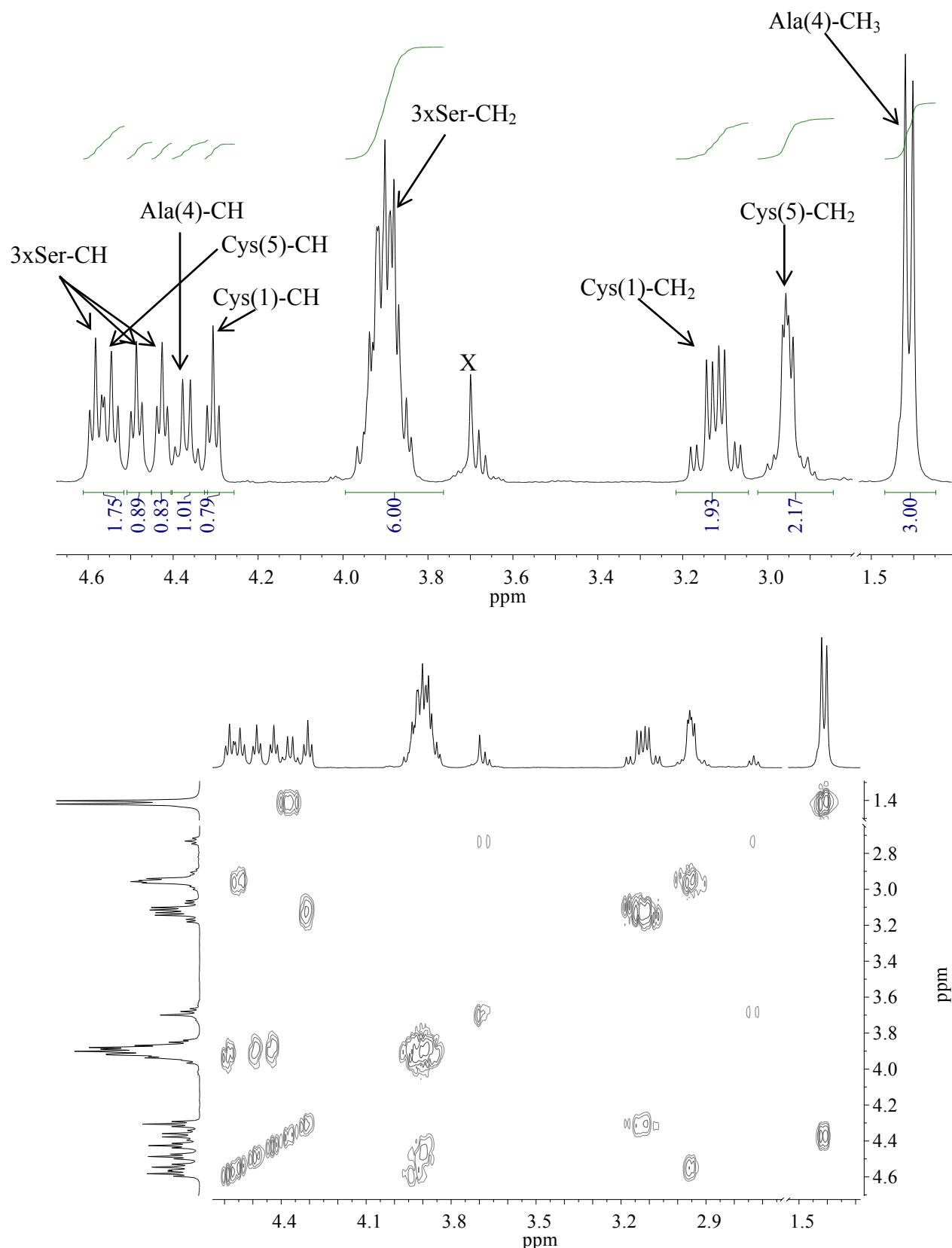
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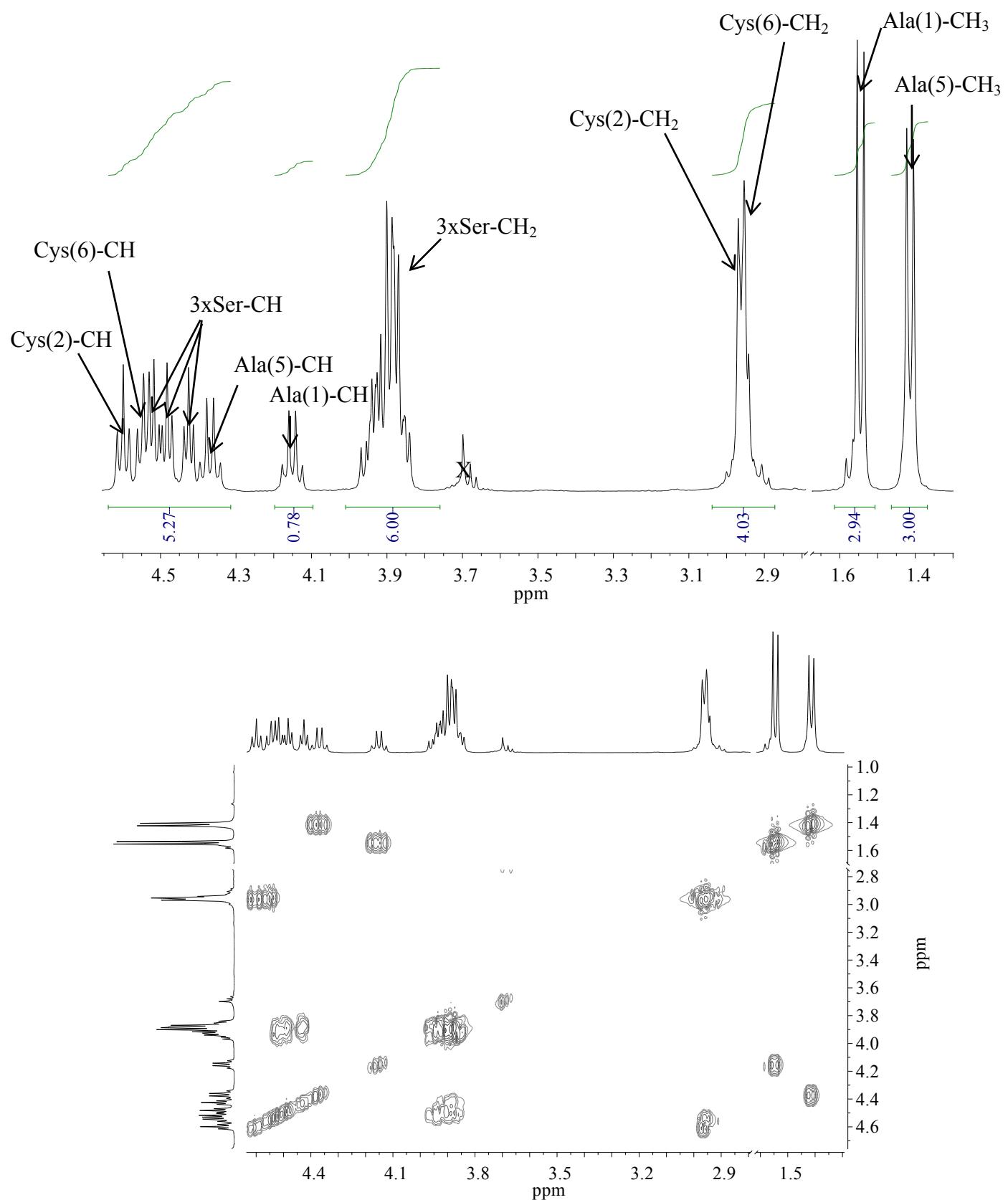
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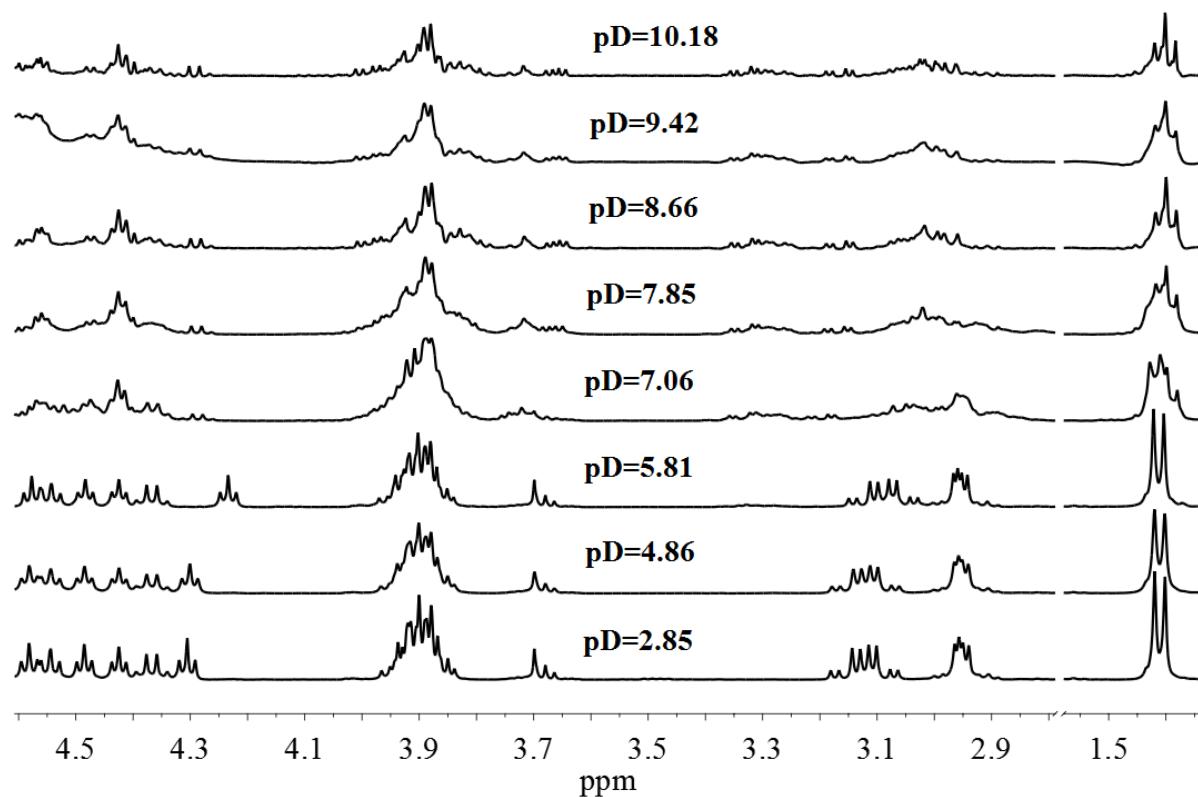
**Fig. S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectra of CSSACS-NH<sub>2</sub> recorded in D<sub>2</sub>O at pD=2.85.



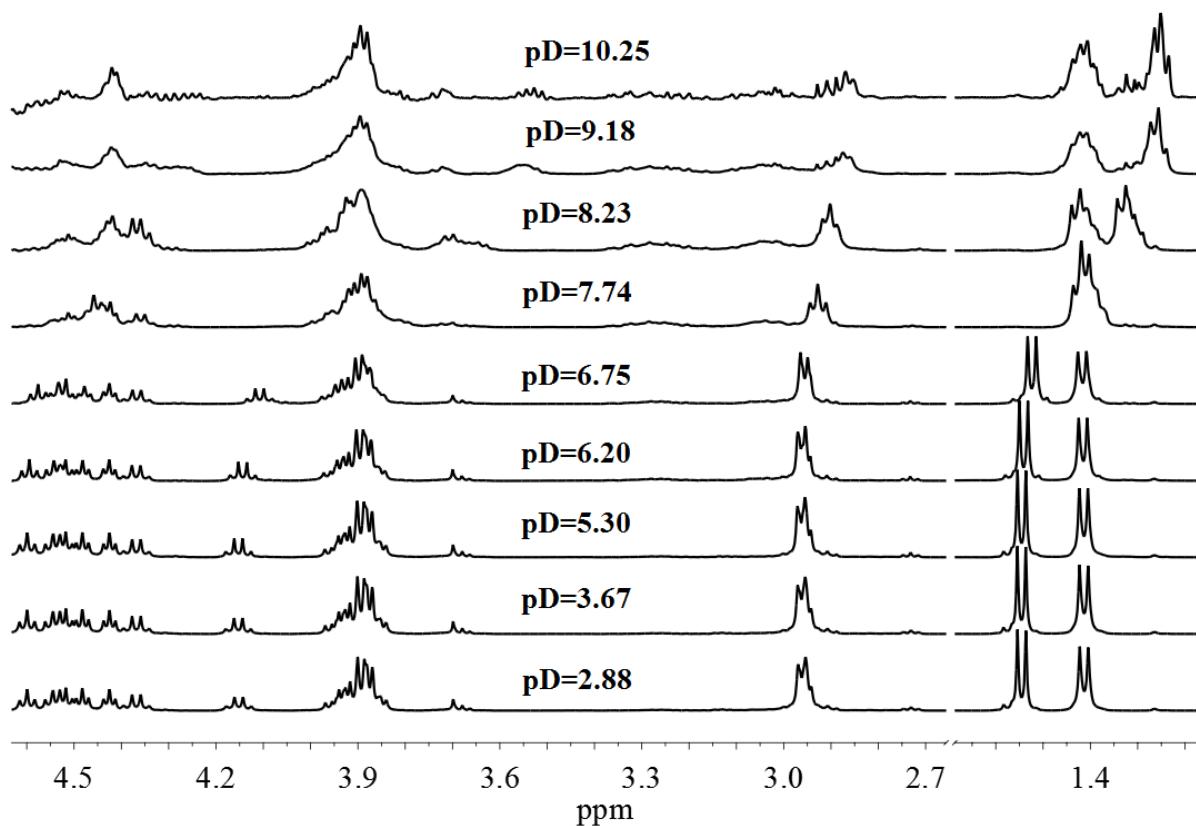
**Fig. S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectra of ACSSACS-NH<sub>2</sub> recorded in D<sub>2</sub>O at pD=2.88.



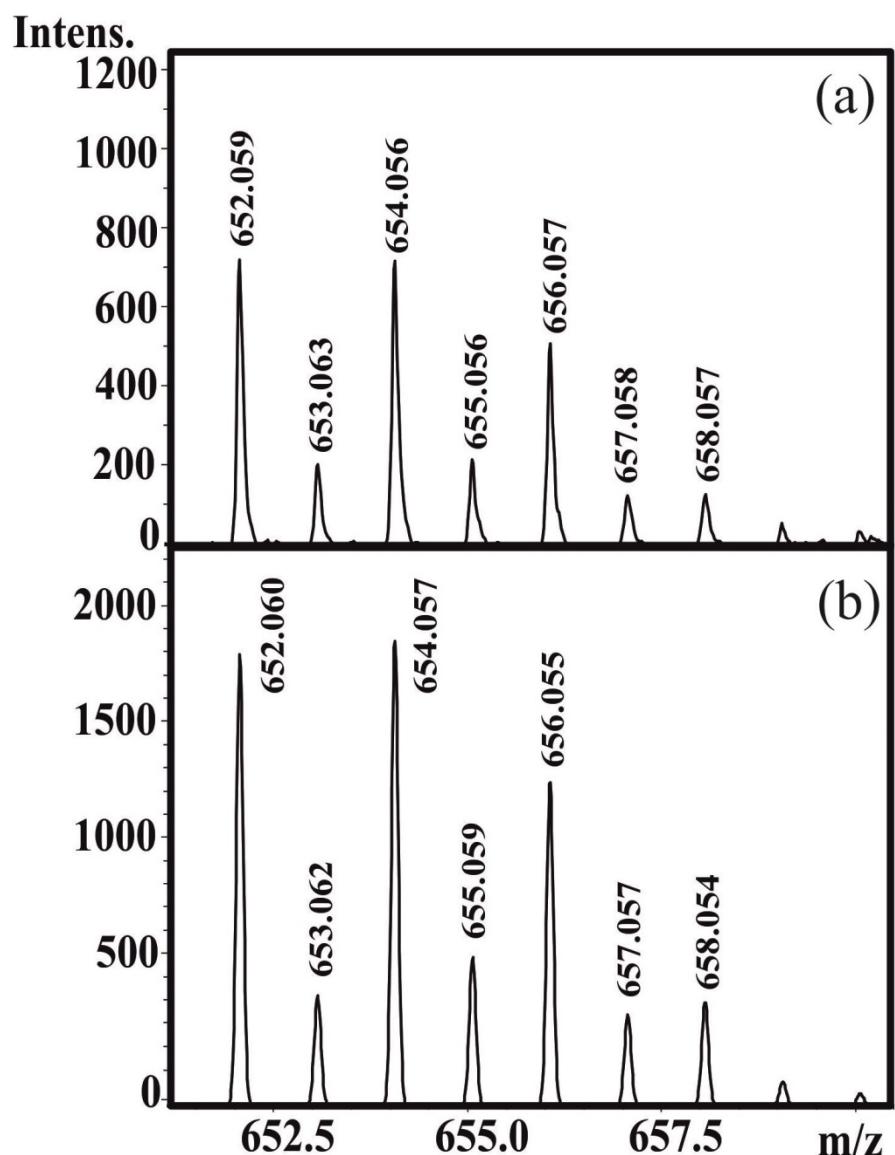
**Fig. S3.** pH dependent  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the hexapeptide CSSACS-NH<sub>2</sub> recorded in D<sub>2</sub>O, c<sub>L</sub> = 10 mM.



**Fig. S4.** pH dependent  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the heptapeptide ACSSACS-NH<sub>2</sub> recorded in D<sub>2</sub>O,  
 $c_L = 10 \text{ mM}$ .



**Fig. S5.** ESI MS spectra recorded in the zinc(II) –CSSACS-NH<sub>2</sub> system at pH 7.6 (a) and calculated spectra for the species [ZnLCl]<sup>-</sup>=[Zn(C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>9</sub>S<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sup>-</sup>] (b).



**Fig. S6.** ESI MS spectra recorded in the cadmium(II) –ACSSACS-NH<sub>2</sub> system at pH 9.84 (a) and calculated spectra for the species  $[\text{CdH}_1\text{L}]^- = [\text{Cd}(\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_8\text{O}_{10}\text{S}_2)]^-$  containing deprotonated amide nitrogen (b).

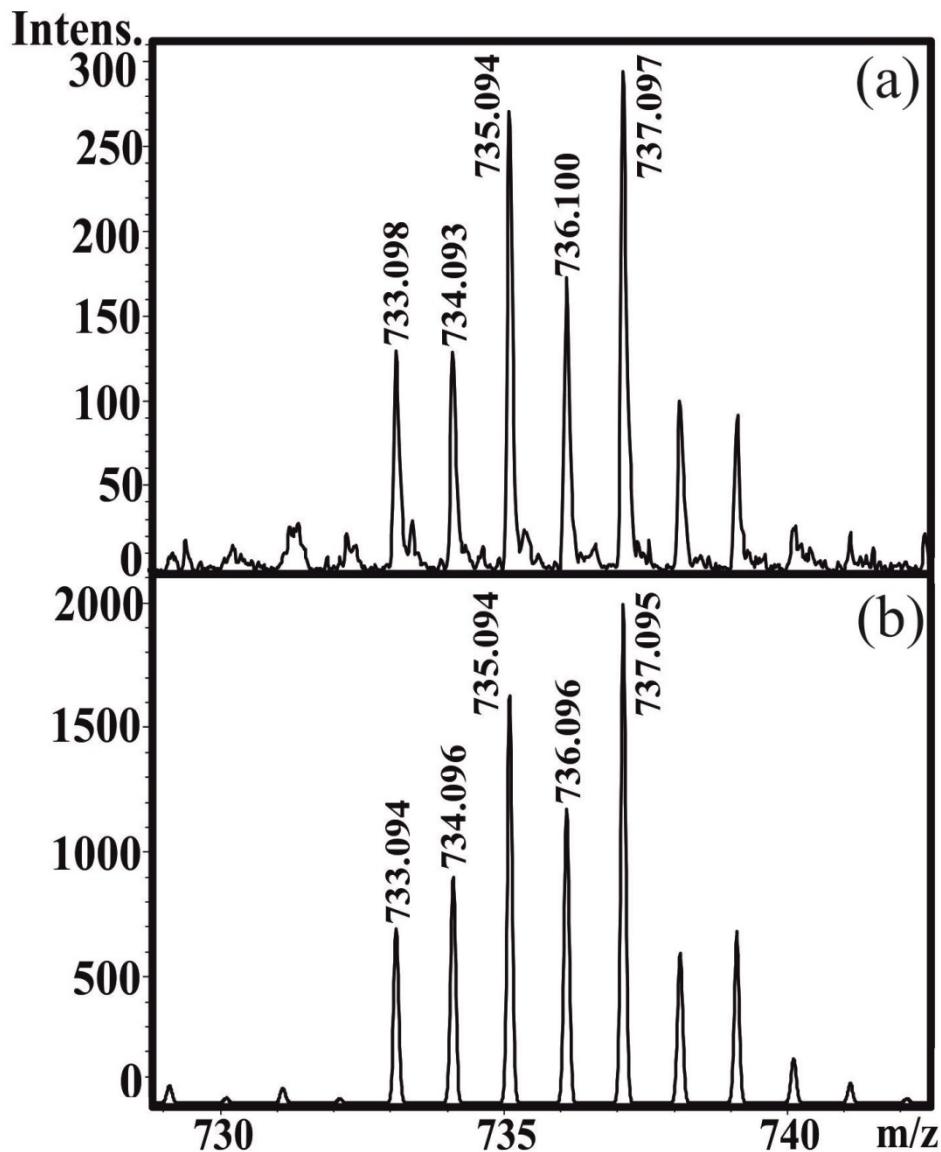
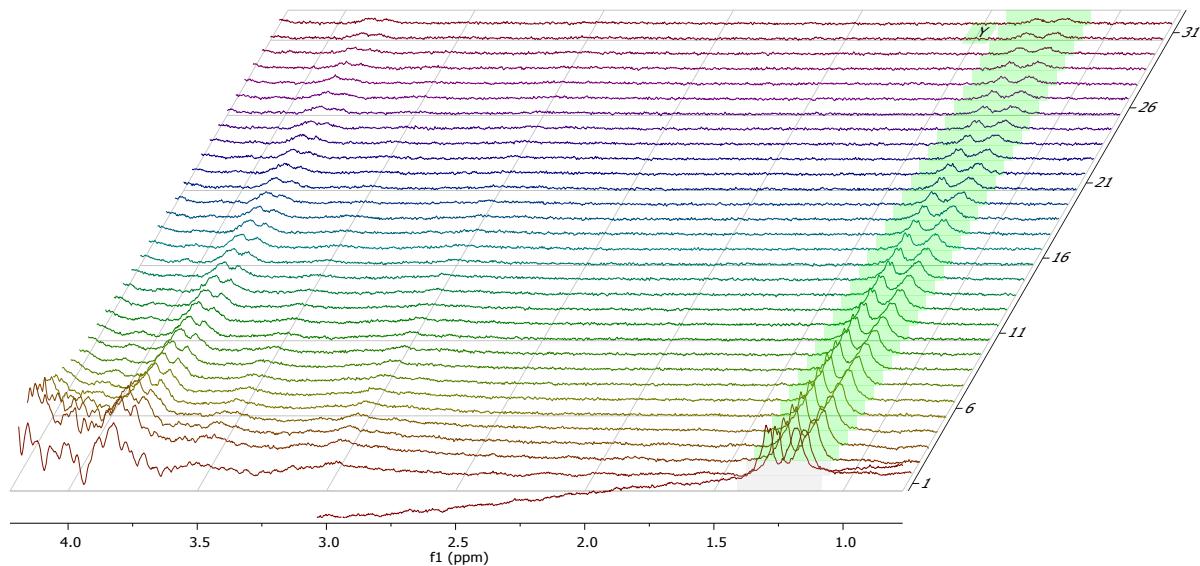
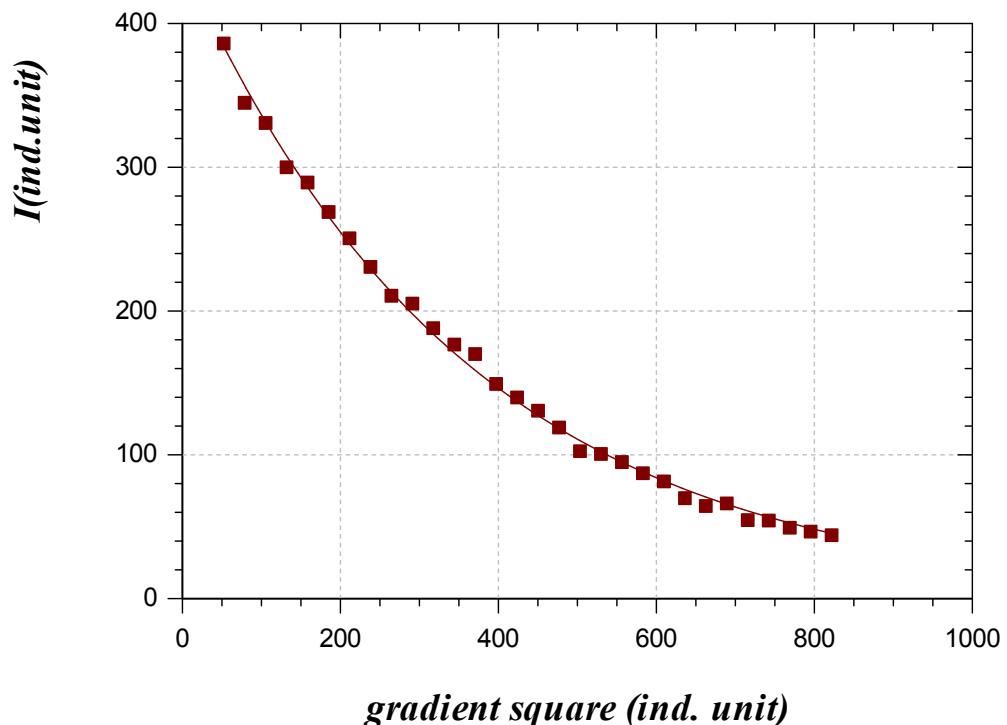


Fig. S7. Diffusion rate and data evaluation for  $[\text{CdH}_1\text{L}]^-$  complex



Typical series of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra as a function of gradient square. The first spectrum is distorted by the large water peak, however the remaining peaks of methyl protons at 1.0-1.5 ppm could be integrated. The other peaks of the Cd-complex were too noisy for evaluation.

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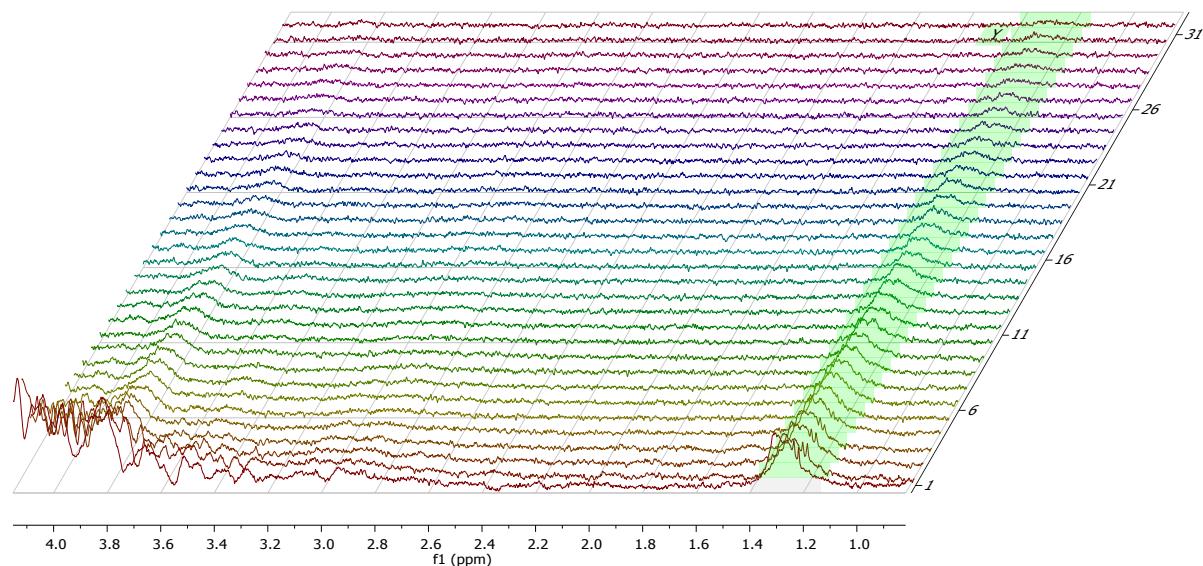
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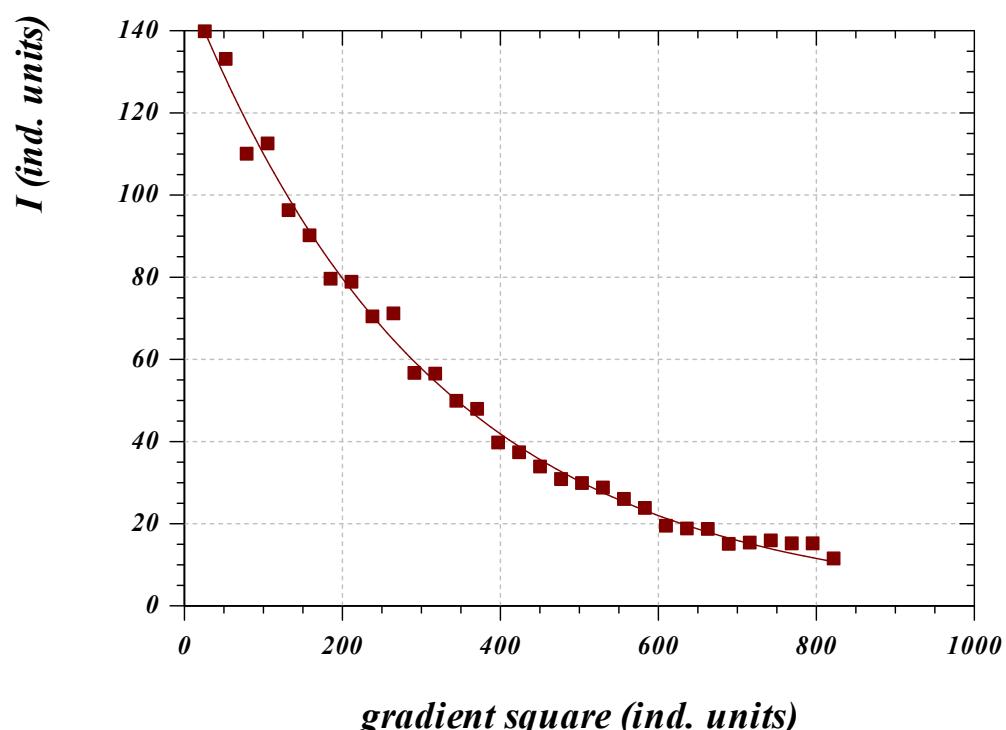
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95% Range (S-Plane) =	2.69301225E-6    2.85528935E-6

Fig. S8. Diffusion rate and data evaluation for  $[\text{ZnH}_1\text{L}]^-$  complex



Typical series of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra as a function of gradient square. The first spectrum is distorted by the large water peak, however the remaining peaks of methyl protons at 1.0-1.5 ppm could be integrated. The other peaks of the Zn-complex were too noisy for evaluation.

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Confidence Intervals:

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