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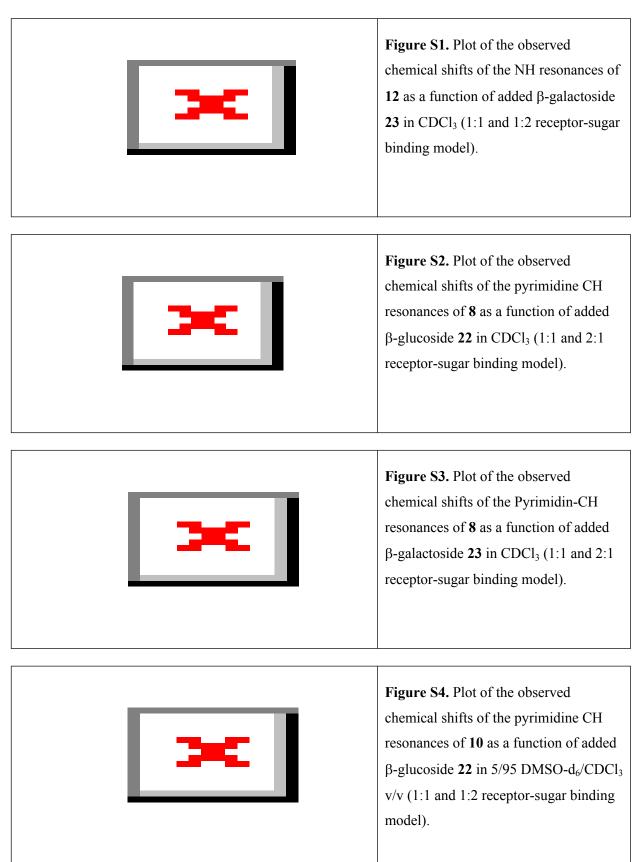
Improved Binding Affinity and Interesting Selectivities of Aminopyrimidine-Bearing Carbohydrate Receptors in Comparison with their Aminopyridine Analogues

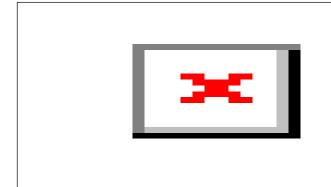
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1 Plots of the chemical shifts of the receptor resonances as a function of added carbohydrate (WinEQNMR program).





**Figure S5.** Plot of the observed chemical shifts of the pyrimidine CH resonances of **10** as a function of added β-galactoside **23** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (1:1 and 1:2 receptor-sugar binding model).

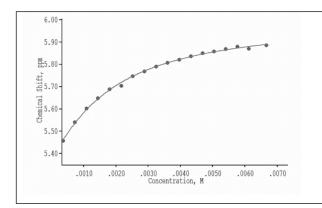
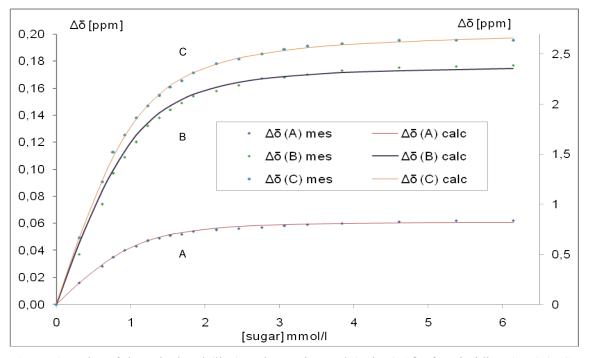
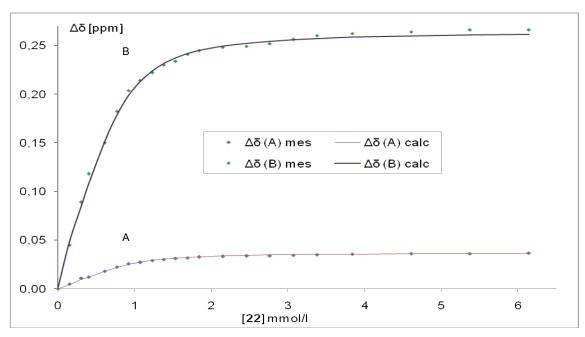


Figure S6. Plot of the observed chemical shifts of the NH resonances of 14 as a function of added β-galactoside 23 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>(1:1 and 1:2 receptor-sugar binding model).

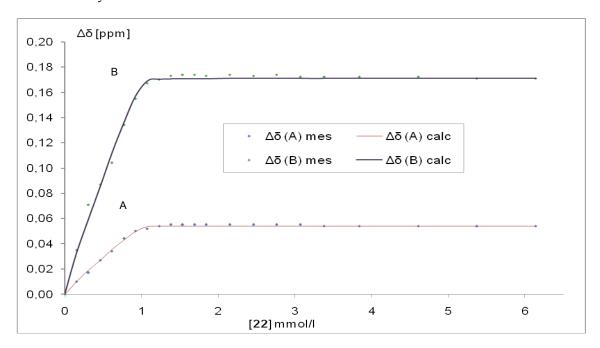
#### 2 Representative HypNMR plots.



**Figure S7.** Plot of the calculated (line) and experimental (points)  $\Delta\delta$  of pyrimidine CH (A), CHNH (B) and NH (C) signals of **8** as a function of added β-glucoside **22** in 5/95 DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> (v/v). All signals are fitted simultaneously. For a better representation a secondary axis is used for C.

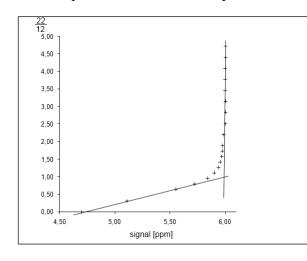


**Figure S8.** Plot of the calculated (line) and experimental (points)  $\Delta\delta$  of pyrimidine *CH* (A) and *CH*NH (B) signals of **10** as a function of added β-glucoside **22** in 5/95 DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> (v/v). All signals are fitted simultaneously.

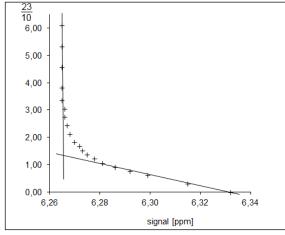


**Figure S9.** Plot of the calculated and experimental  $\Delta\delta$  of pyrimidine CH(A) and CHNH(B) signals of **8** as a function of added β-glucoside **22** in  $CDCl_3$ ; the signals are fitted simultaneously. The binding constants were too large to be accurately determined by the NMR method.

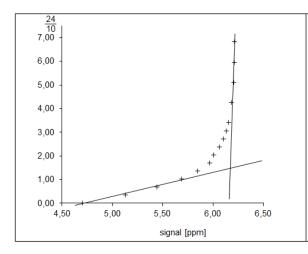
### 3 Representative mole ratio plots.



**Figure S10.** Mole ratio plot: Titration of compound **12** with β-glucopyranoside **22** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (analysis of the complexation-induced shift of the NH signal of **12**).



**Figure S11.**Mole ratio plot: Titration of compound **10** with β-galactopyranoside **23** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (analysis of the complexation-induced shift of the pyrimidine CH signal of **10**).



**Figure S12.**Mole ratio plot: Titration of compound **8** with α-glucopyranoside **24** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (analysis of the complexation-induced shift of the NH signal of **8**).

4 <sup>1</sup>H NMR titrations of compounds **8**, **10**, **12** and **14** with the tested carbohydrates (examples).

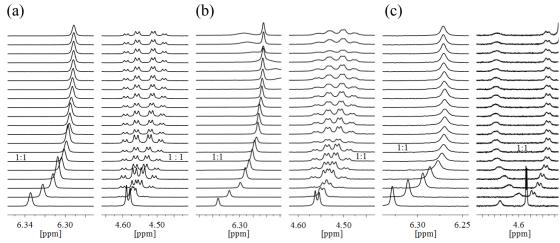
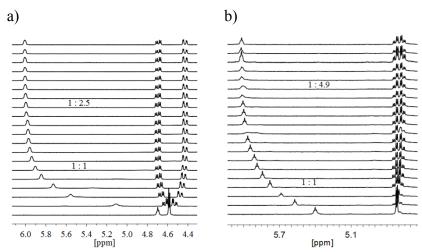
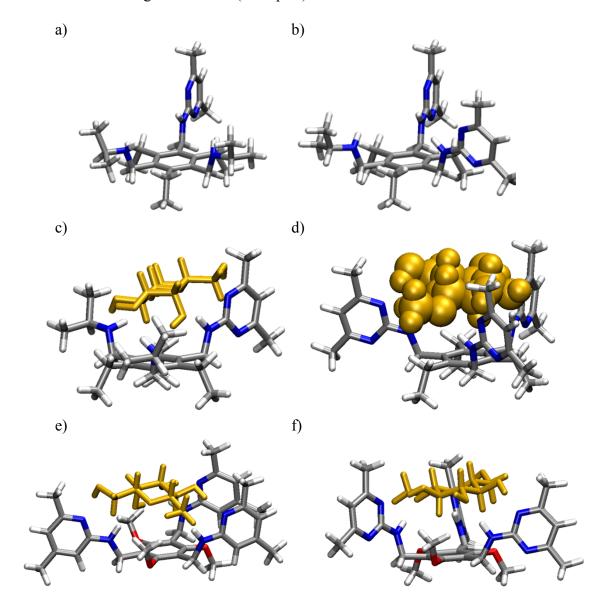


Figure S13. Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of receptors (a) 12, (b) 10, and (c) 8 before (bottom) and after the addition of β-galactoside 23 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>; (a) [12] = 1.05 mM, equiv. of 23: 0.00-4.76; (b) [10] = 1.00 mM, equiv. of 23: 0.00-6.00; (c) [8] = 1.02 mM, equiv. of 23: 0.00-5.46. Shown are (from left to right) the pyrimidine CH and the CH<sub>2</sub> signals of the corresponding receptor.



**Figure S14.** Partial  $^{1}$ H NMR spectra of (a) the triethylbenzene-based receptor **12** and (b) the trimethoxybenzene-based **14** after addition of 0.00-4.70 or 0.00-5.18 equiv β-glucopyranoside **22**, respectively, in CDCl<sub>3</sub>; [**12**] = 1.06 mM, [**14**] = 1.02 mM]. Shown are the NH-CH<sub>2</sub> signals of the corresponding receptor.

## 5 Molecular modelling calculations (examples).



**Figure S15.** Energy-minimized structures of compounds (a) **8** and (b) **10** as well as of the 1:1 complexes (c) **8•24**, (d) **12•22**, (e) **13•23** and (f) **14•22.** MacroModel V.9.8, OPLS\_2001 force field, MCMM, 50000 steps;  $\epsilon = 1$  [F/m]. Color code: receptor N, blue; receptor C, grey; the sugar molecule is highlighted in orange.

**6** Crystallographic data (Tables S1 and S2, Figure S11).

Table S1. Relevant conformational parameters of the receptor molecule in the crystal structure of 12.

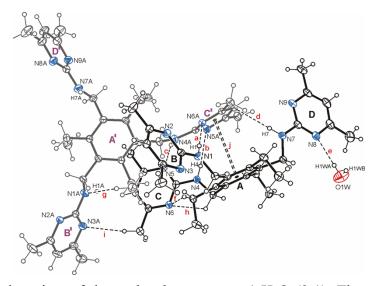
dihedral angle (°) <sup>a</sup> mpla(A)···mpla(B)       82.1(1)         mpla(A)···mpla(C)       83.2(1)         mpla(A)···mpla(C)       84.7(1)         mpla(B)···mpla(C)       36.4(1)         mpla(B)···mpla(D)       64.0(1)         mpla(C)···mpla(D)       36.4(1)	mpla(A')···mpla(B') 75.0(1) mpla(A')···mpla(C') 82.2(1) mpla(A')···mpla(C') 77.0(1) mpla(B')···mpla(C') 39.1(1) mpla(B')···mpla(D') 51.9(1) mpla(C')···mpla(D') 87.5(1)
torsion angle (°) C(1)-C(13)-N(1)-C(14) 168.8(1) C(3)-C(20)-N(4)-C(21) -127.9(1) C(5)-C(27)-N(7)-C(28) -154.1(1)	C(1A)-C(13A)-N(1A)-C(14A) 170.6(1) C(3A)-C(20A)-N(4A)-C(21A) 151.3(1) C(5A)-C(27A)-N(7A)-C(28A) -178.9(1)

Table S2. Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) of Non-covalent Interactions of the compound 12.

D-H···A	symmetry operator	D···A	H···A	D-H···A	
$Cg\cdots Cg$	Symmetry operator		11 21		
$N(1)-H(1)\cdots N(6A)$	x, y, z	3.093(2)	2.21(1)	176(2)	Fig. S1/a
$N(4)-H(4)\cdots N(5A)$	x, y, z	3.230(2)	2.40(1)	157(2)	Fig. S1/b
$N(4A)-H(4A)\cdots N(5)$	x, y, z	2.992(2)	2.14(1)	162(1)	Fig. S1/c
$N(1A)-H(1A)\cdots C(23)^a$	x, y, z	3.649(3)	2.77(1)	170(2)	
$N(7)-H(7)\cdots C(23A)^{a}$	x, y, z	3.350(3)	2.49(1)	166(2)	Fig. S1/d
$N(7A)-H(7A)\cdots N(2A)$	2- <i>x</i> , 2- <i>y</i> , - <i>z</i>	3.263(2)	2.47(1)	150(2)	
$O(1W)-H(1W)\cdots N(8)^{c}$	x, y, z	3.187(3)	2.34	179	Fig. S1/e
$O(1W)-H(2W)\cdots N(9A)^{c}$	x, y, 1+z	3.078(2)	2.23	133	
C(7)- $H(7AA)$ ··· $N(6)$	x, y, z	3.561(2)	2.62	160	Fig. S1/f
$C(7A)-H(7AD)\cdots N(1A)$	x, y, z	3.352(2)	2.62	131	Fig. S1/g
$C(19)-H(19B)\cdots N(6)$	1+x, y, z	3.504(3)	2.58	158	
C(19A)- $H(19F)$ ···O(1W)	1-x, $2-y$ , $1-z$	3.363(3)	2.62	133	
$C(20A)-H(20C)\cdots N(2)$	x, y, z	3.370(2)	2.69	127	
C(16)- $H(16)$ ··· $Cg(C)$ <sup>b</sup>	1+x, y, z	3.633(3)	2.78	150	
C(19)- $H(19C)$ ··· $Cg(A)$ <sup>b</sup>	2-x, $2-y$ , $1-z$	3.452(3)	2.60	145	
$C(26)-H(26B)\cdots N(3A)$	x, y, z	3.551(2)	2.58	171	Fig. S1/h
C(11A)- $H(11C)$ ··· $N(7A)$	x, y, z	3.217(2)	2.51	128	Fig. S1/i
$C(30A)-H(30A)\cdots Cg(C')^b$	2- <i>x</i> , 1- <i>y</i> , - <i>z</i>	3.758(3)	2.82	169	ū
$Cg(A)\cdots Cg(C')^b$	x, y, z	3.791(2)			Fig. S1/j

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> In oder to obtain a reasonable hydrogen bond geometry an individual atom instead of the center of the aromatic ring was chosen as an acceptor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The water hydrogen atoms were included in the model in positions which allow reasonable hydrogen bond geometries.



**Figure S16**. Perspective view of the molecular structure  $1 \cdot H_2O$  (2:1). The aromatic rings of one molecule are marked as A-D, whereas those of the second molecule as A'-D'; the distances and angles of the noncovalent interactions a-j are given in Table S2 The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Nitrogen atoms are displayed as blue, the oxygen atom as red ellipsoids. Dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds, dashed double lines  $\pi \cdots \pi$  arene stacking.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Cg means the centroid of the aromatic ring. Ring A: C(1)...C(6); ring C: N(5),N(6),C(21)...C(24); ring C': N(5A),N(6A),C(21A)...C(24A).

7.  $^{1}$ H and  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra of compounds 8-10 and 12-14 (Figures S12-27).

7.1 <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 8.

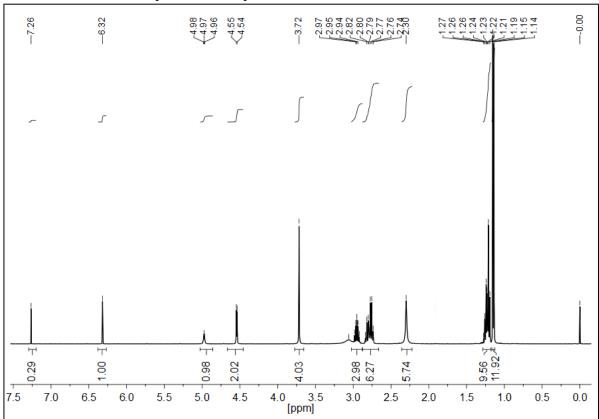


Figure S17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 8 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (0.03 M).

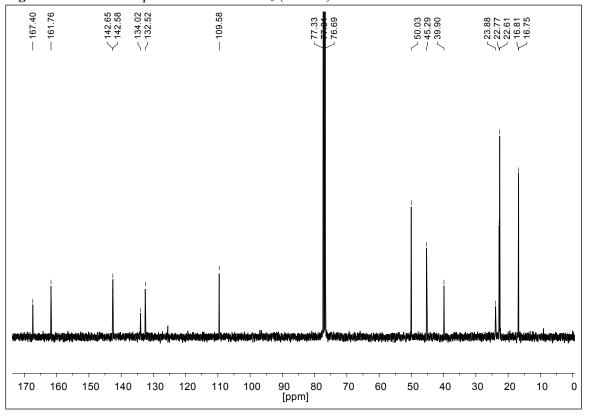


Figure S18. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 8 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

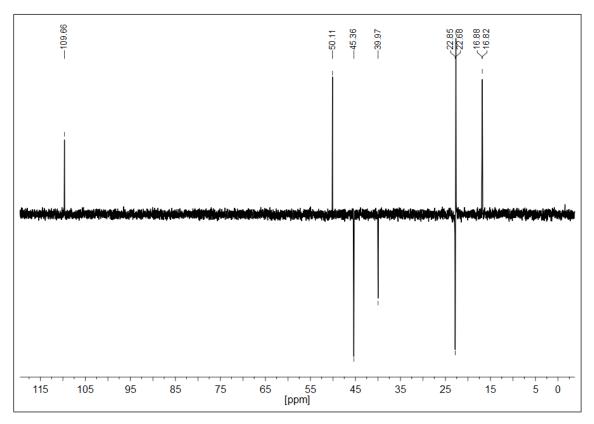


Figure S19. DEPT spectrum of 8 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

# **7.2** $^{1}$ H and $^{13}$ C NMR spectra of compound **9**.

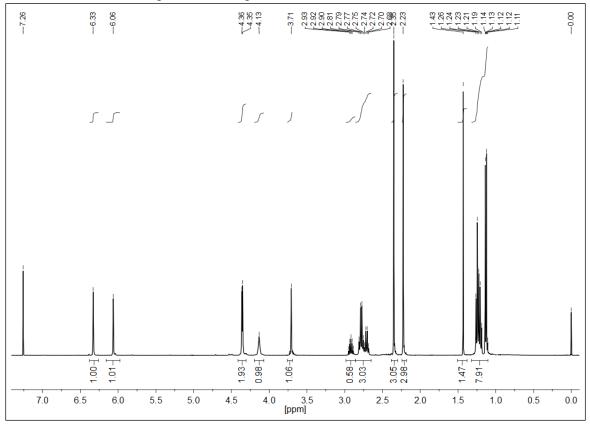


Figure S20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 9 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (0.04 M).

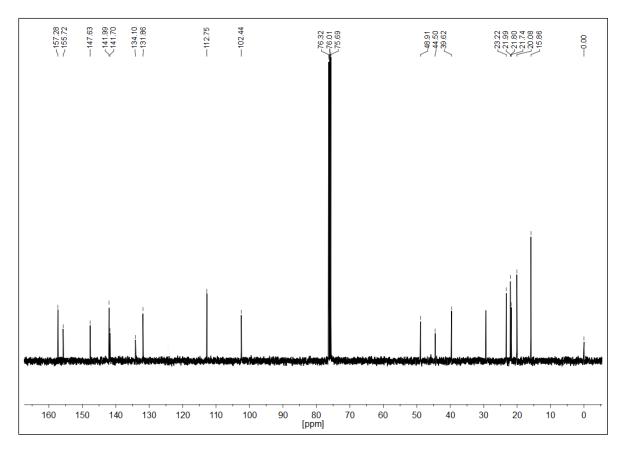


Figure S21. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 9 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

# 7.3 <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 10.

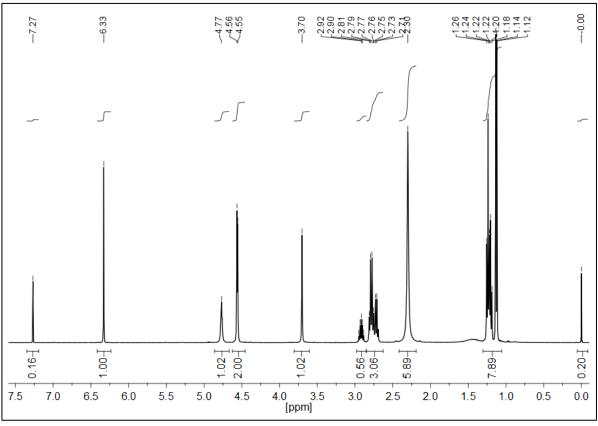


Figure S22. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 10 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (0.03 M).

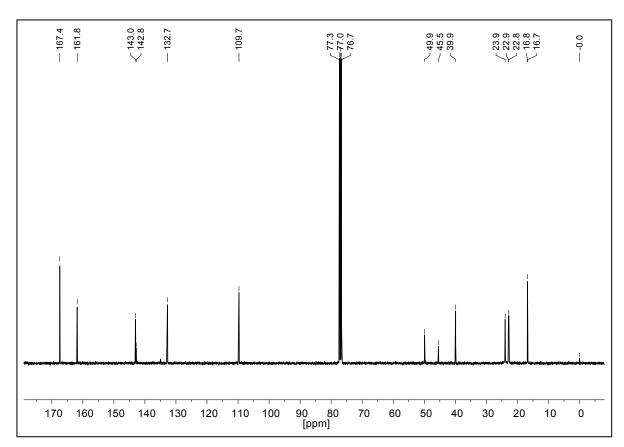


Figure S23. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 10 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

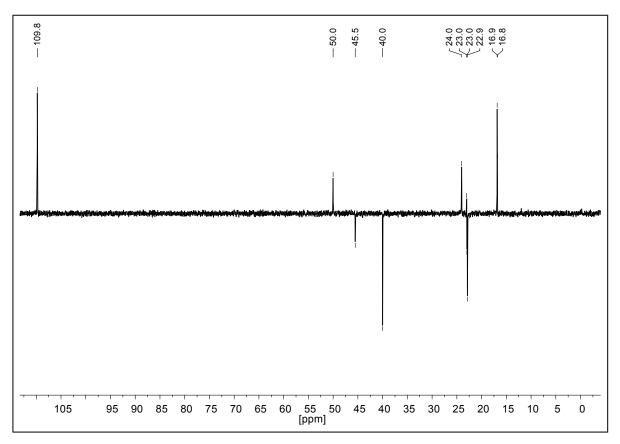


Figure S24. DEPT spectrum of 10 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

## 7.4 <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 12.

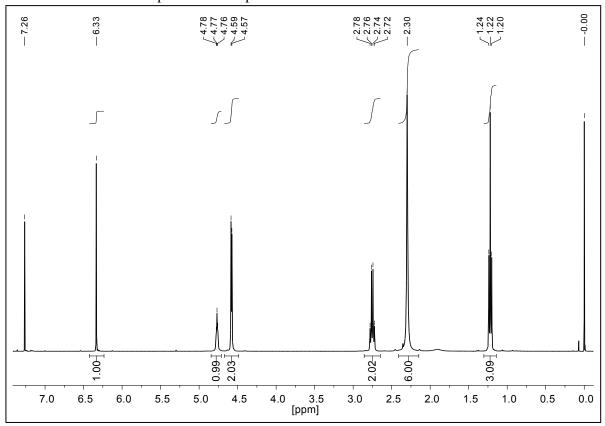


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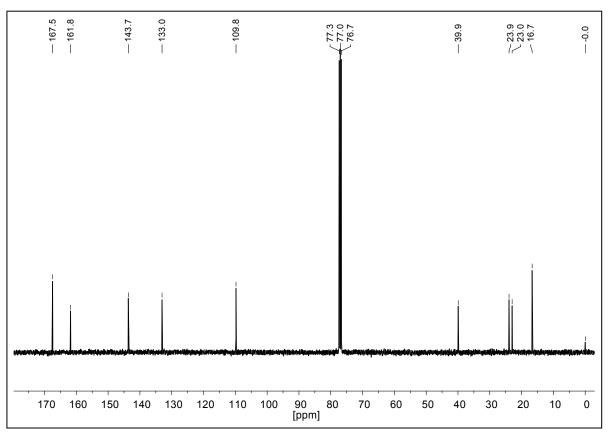


Figure S26. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 12 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

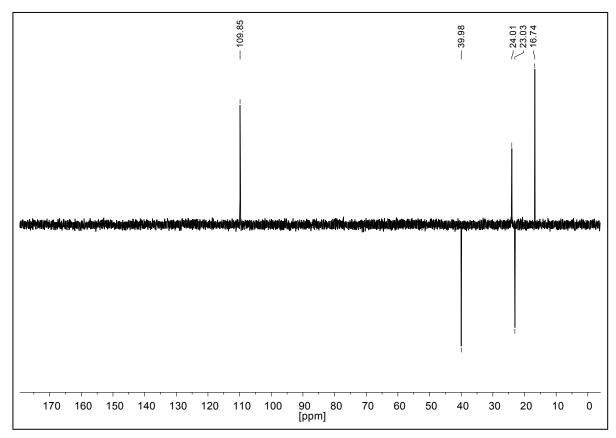


Figure S27. DEPT spectrum of 12 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

# 7.5 <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 13.

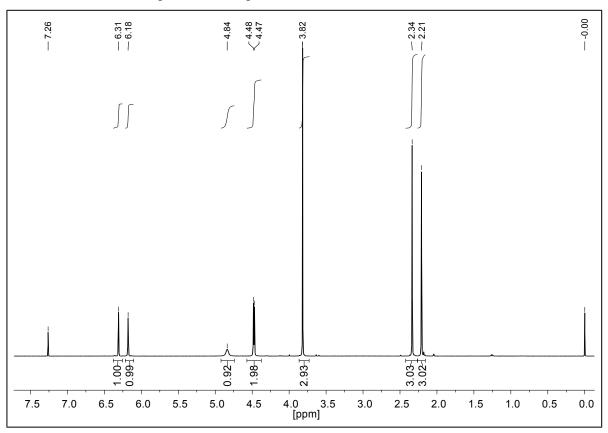


Figure S28. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 13 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (0.03 M).

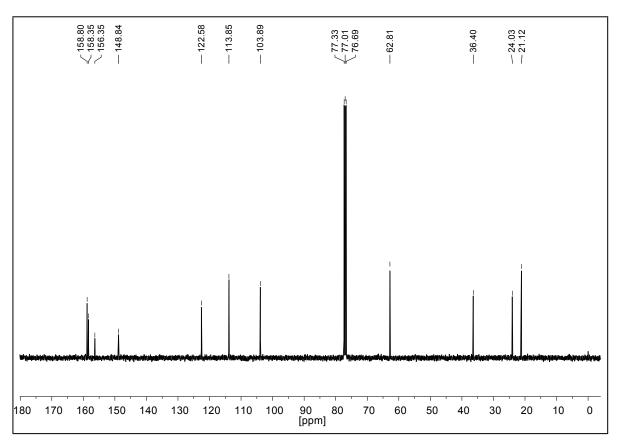


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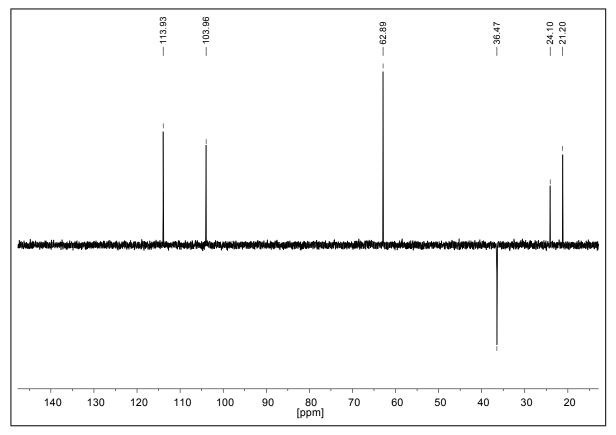


Figure S30. DEPT spectrum of 13 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

## 7.6 <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 14.

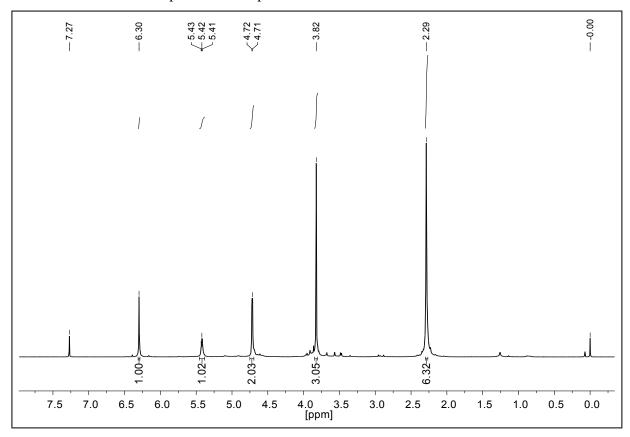


Figure S31. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 14 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (0.02 M).

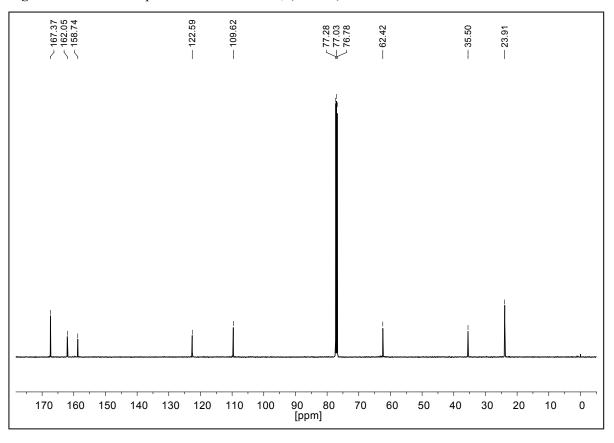


Figure S32. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 14 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.