

## Supporting Information

### Synthesis, Characterization and Biological Properties of New Hybrid Carbosilane-Viologen-Phosphorus Dendrimers

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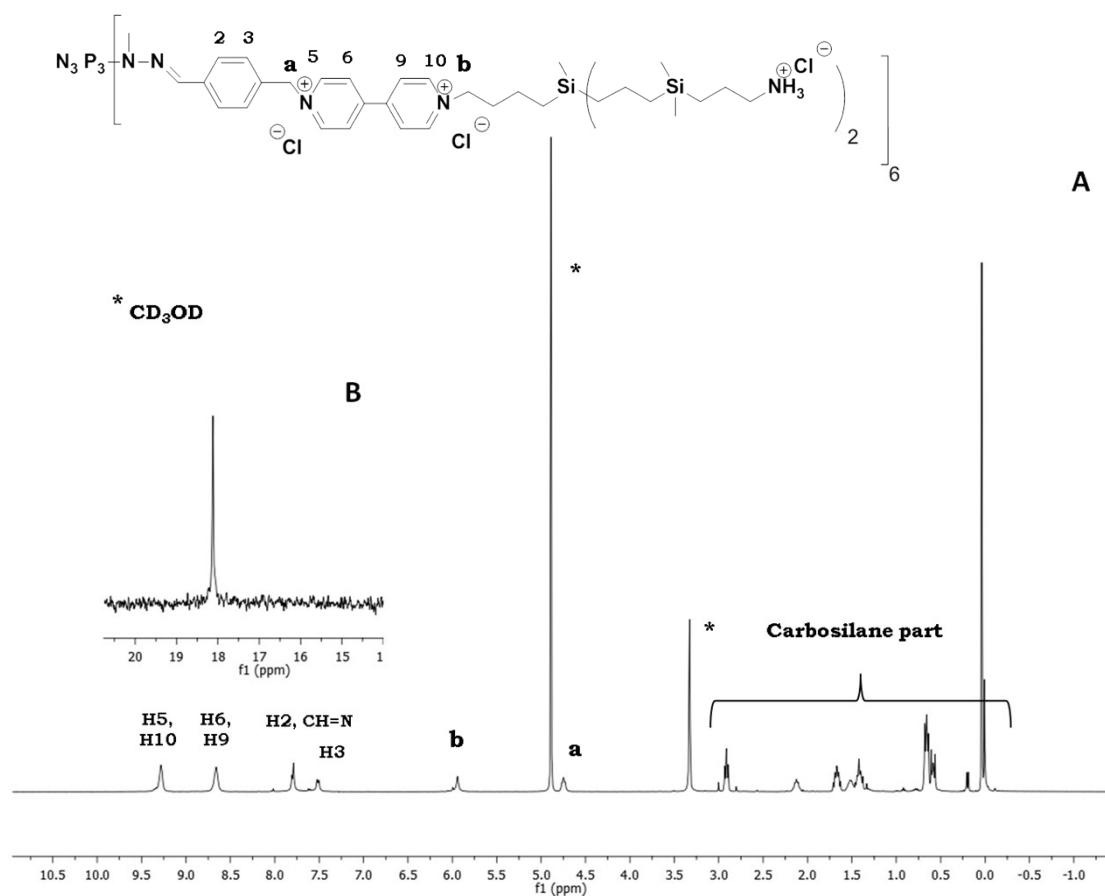
**Synthesis of dendrimer  $\{N_3P_3[(Viologen)G_1CBS(NH_3)_2]_6\}(Cl)_{24}$  (11).** Dendrimer **9** (360 mg, 0.049 mmol) was desprotected with 5 mL of a solution of TFA al 20% in dichloromethane anhydrous, the mixture was stirred for 30 min. The solvent was removed in vacuum. After the crude was dissolved in acetonitrile (20 mL) and 3 mL of a saturated aqueous solution of  $tBu_4NCl$  added carefully. The resulting solid was filtered and washed many times with acetonitrile, obtaining the compound **11** as yellow solid (200 mg, 78%).

$^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  0.03 (s, 90H,  $SiMe$  and  $SiMe_2$ ), 0.60 (m 84H,  $SiCH_2CH_2CH_2NH$  and  $SiCH_2$ ), 1.41 (m, 36H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.66 (m, 24H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.11 (m, 12H,  $N^+CH_2CH_2$ ), 2.90 (m, 24H,  $CH_2NH$ ), 3.31 (s, 18H,  $CH_3$  overlapped with methanol), 4, 74 (t, 12H,  $N^+CH_2$ ) 5.93 (s, 12H,  $CH_2$ ), 7.51 (m, 12H,  $H^3$ ), 7.78 (m, 18H,  $H^2$  and  $CH=N$ ), 8.65 (m, 24H,  $H^6$  and  $H^9$ ), 9.27 (m, 24H,  $H^5$  and  $H^{10}$ ).  $^{13}C$   $\{^1H\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  -5.05 ( $SiMe$ ), -3.44 ( $SiMe_2$ ), 13.04-24.79 ( $SiCH_2$ ), 36.70 ( $N^+CH_2CH_2$ ), 43.74 ( $CH_2NH$ ), 59.50 ( $N^+CH_2$ ), 63.00 ( $CH_2$ ), 128.57, 147.12 (aromatics, rest of signals not observed).  $^{31}P$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  18.12 ( $N_3P_3$ ). Anal. Calcd for:  $C_{240}Cl_{24}H_{426}N_{39}P_3Si_{18}$  (5307.54 g/mol): C, 54.31; H, 8.09; N, 10.29. Found: C, 53.78; H, 8.17 N, 10.15.

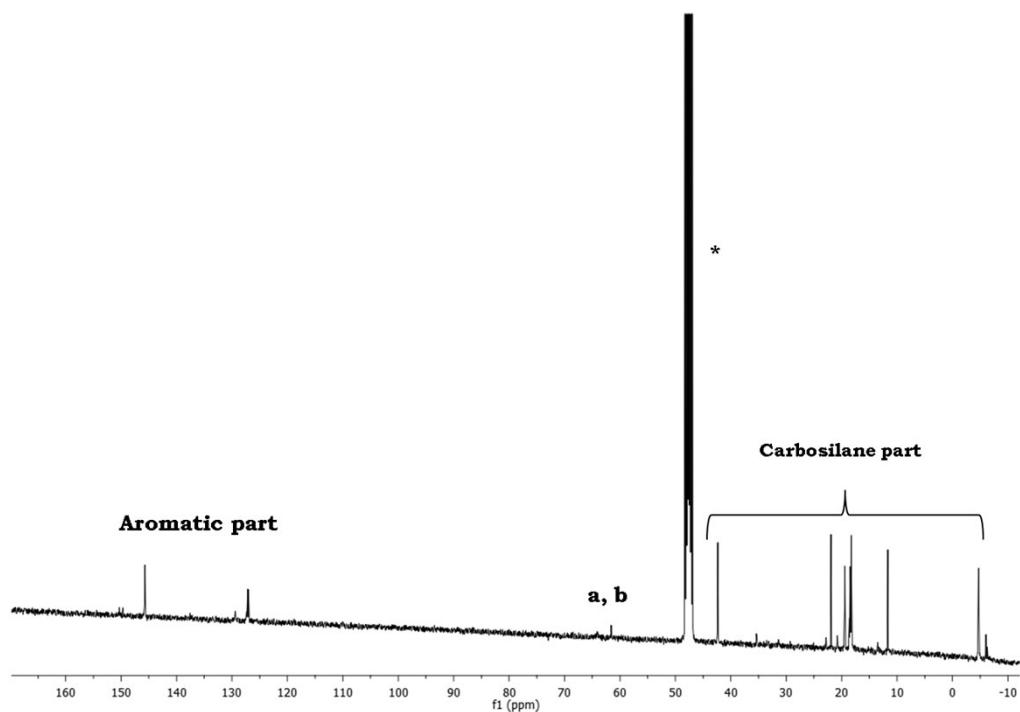
**Synthesis of dendrimer  $\{N_3P_3[(Viologen)G_2CBS(NH_3)_4]_6\}(Cl)_{36}$  (12).** The deprotection of dendrimer **10** (0.350, 0.030 mmol) with TFA (5 mL) was carried out in the similar way than the synthesis of **11**. The compound **12** was obtained as yellow solid (0.210 mg, 80 %).

$^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  0.03 (s, 198H,  $SiMe$  and  $SiMe_2$ ), 0.60 (m, 196H,  $SiCH_2CH_2CH_2NH$  and  $SiCH_2$ ), 1.40 (m, 92H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.66 (m, 48H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.07 (m, 12H,  $N^+CH_2CH_2$ ), 2.90 (m, 48H,  $CH_2NH$ ), 3.31 (s, 18H,  $CH_3$  overlapped with methanol), 4.74 (12H,  $N^+CH_2$ ), 5.93 (s, 12H,  $CH_2$ ), 7.50 (m, 12H,  $H^3$ ), 7.78 (m, 18H,  $H^2$  and  $CH=N$ ), 8.65 (m, 24H,  $H^6$  and  $H^9$ ), 9.27 (m, 24H,  $H^5$  and  $H^{10}$ ).  $^{13}C$   $\{^1H\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  -5.71 ( $SiMe$ ), -4.70 ( $SiMe_2$ ), 11.68 ( $SiCH_2CH_2CH_2NH$ ), 12.63-21.91

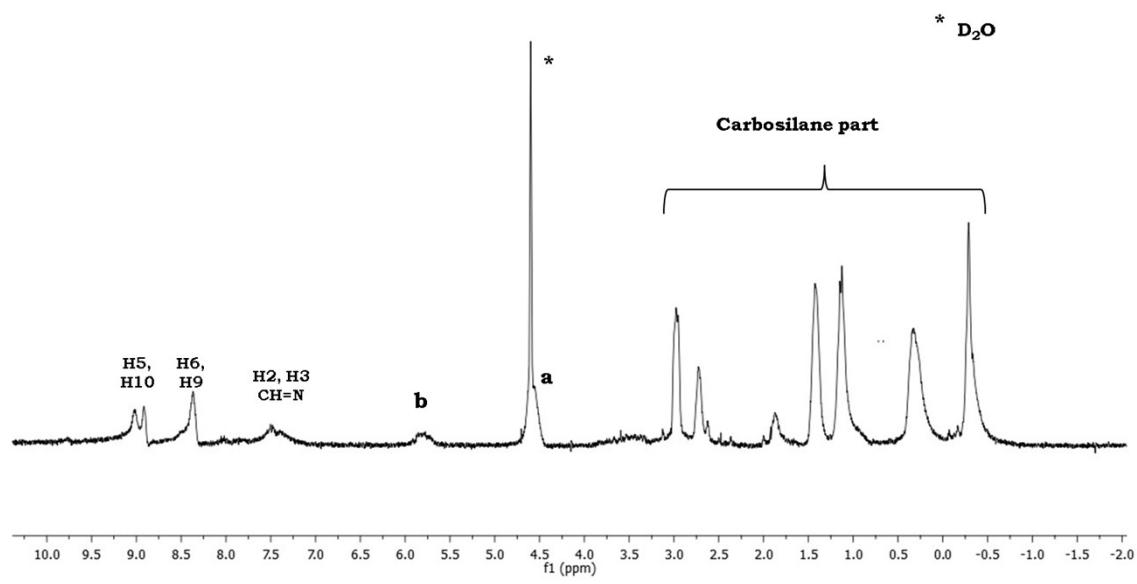
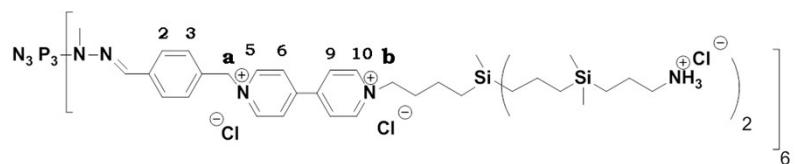
(SiCH<sub>2</sub>), 36.21 (N<sup>+</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 42.34 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.58 (N<sup>+</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>), 64.47 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 128.51, 147.02 (aromatics, rest of signals not observed). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 16.42 (N<sub>3</sub>P<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd for: C<sub>384</sub>H<sub>785</sub>Cl<sub>36</sub>N<sub>51</sub>P<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>42</sub> (8666.50 g/mol): C, 53.22; H, 9.13; N, 8.24. Found: C, 52.93; H, 9.42; N, 7.94.



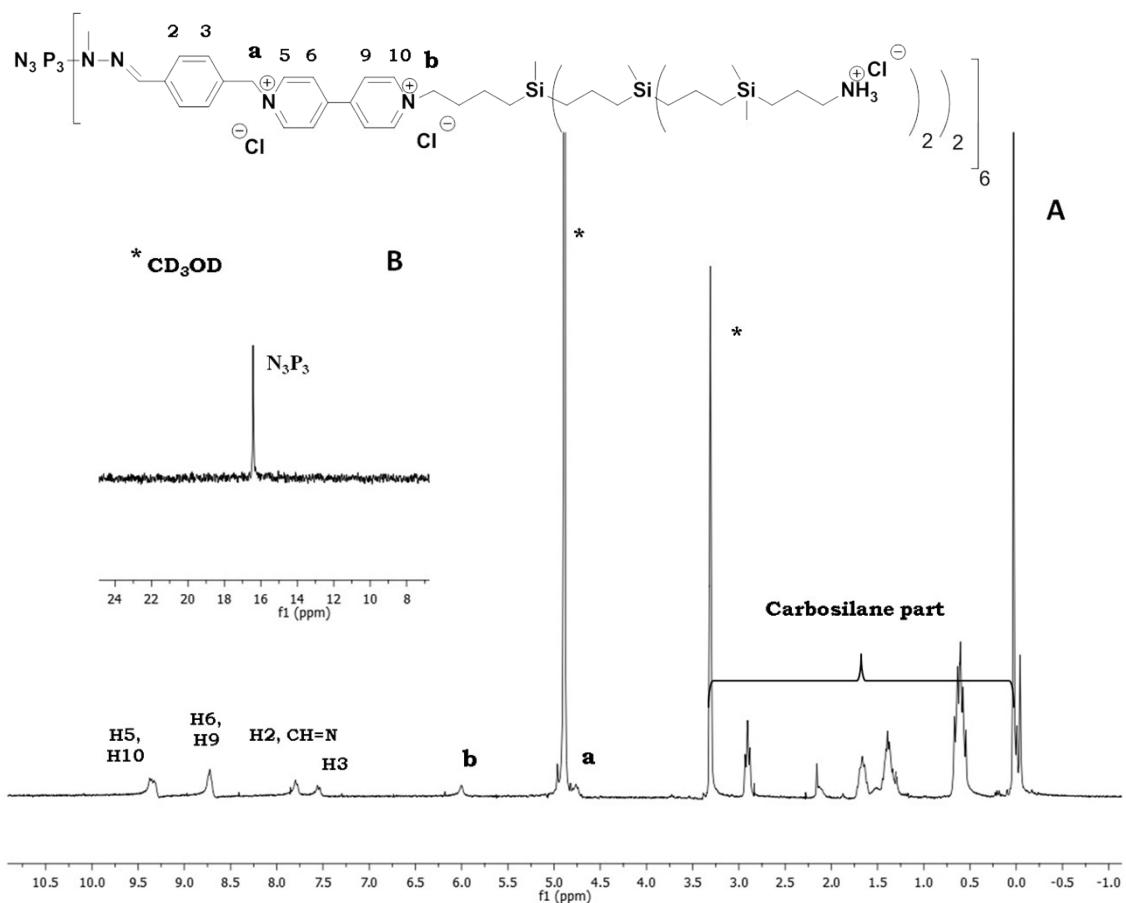
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$ (A) and  $^{31}\text{P}$ (B) NMR spectra of dendrimer 11 in d6-methanol.



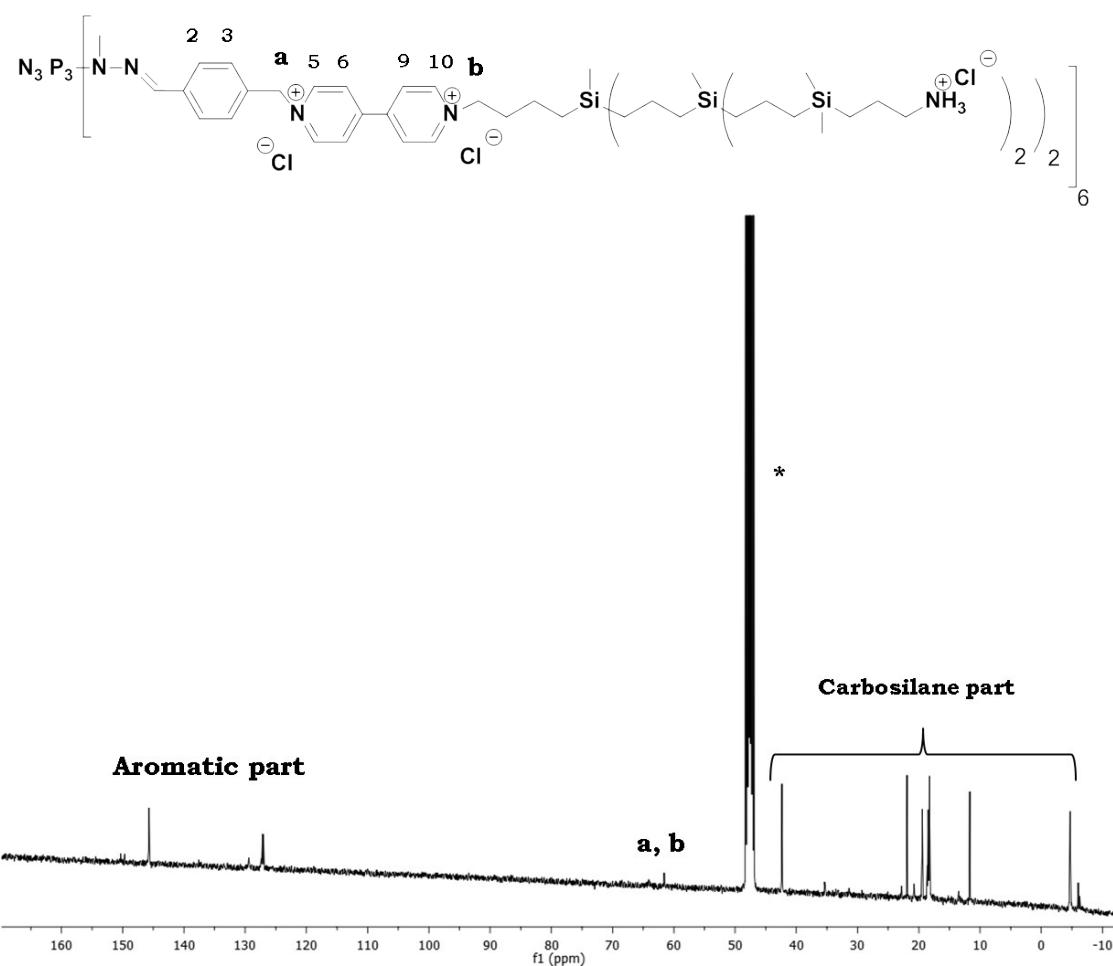
**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of dendrimer 11 in d6-methanol.



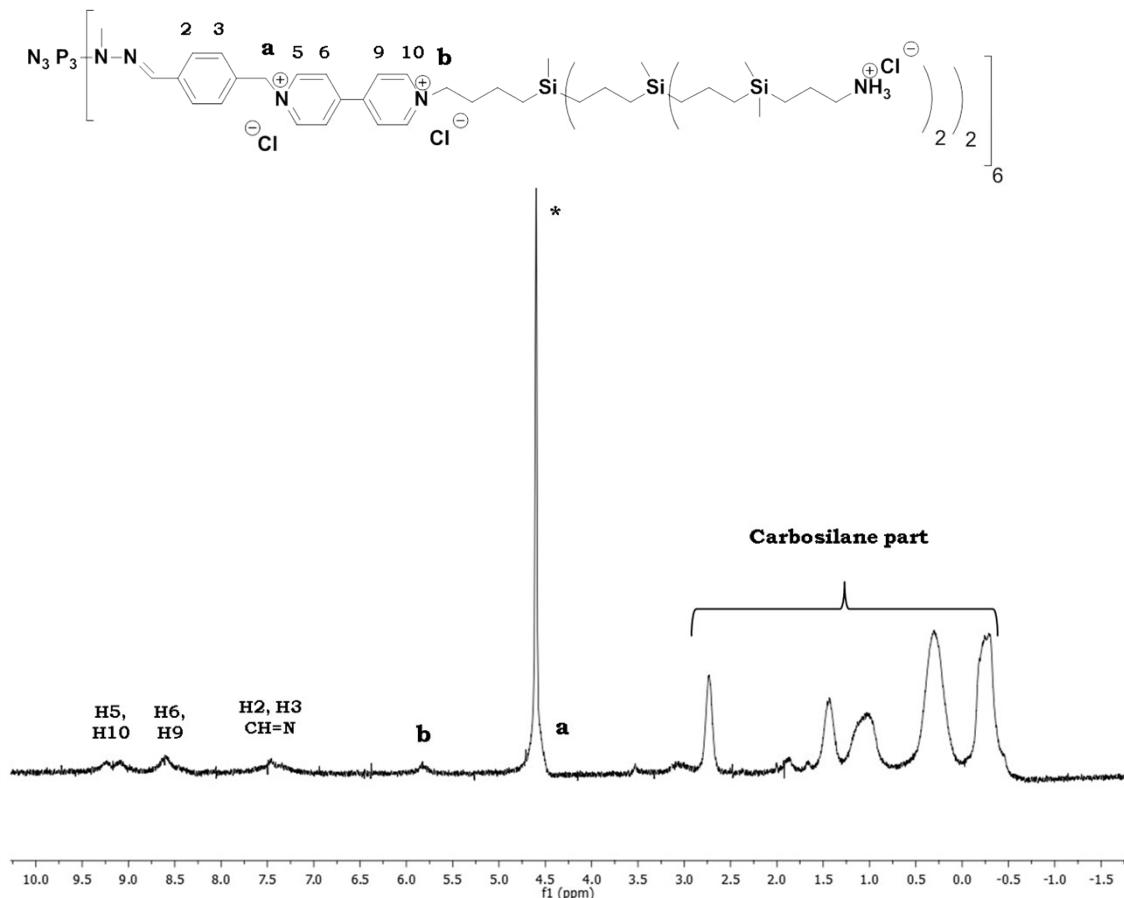
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of dendrimer **11** in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ .



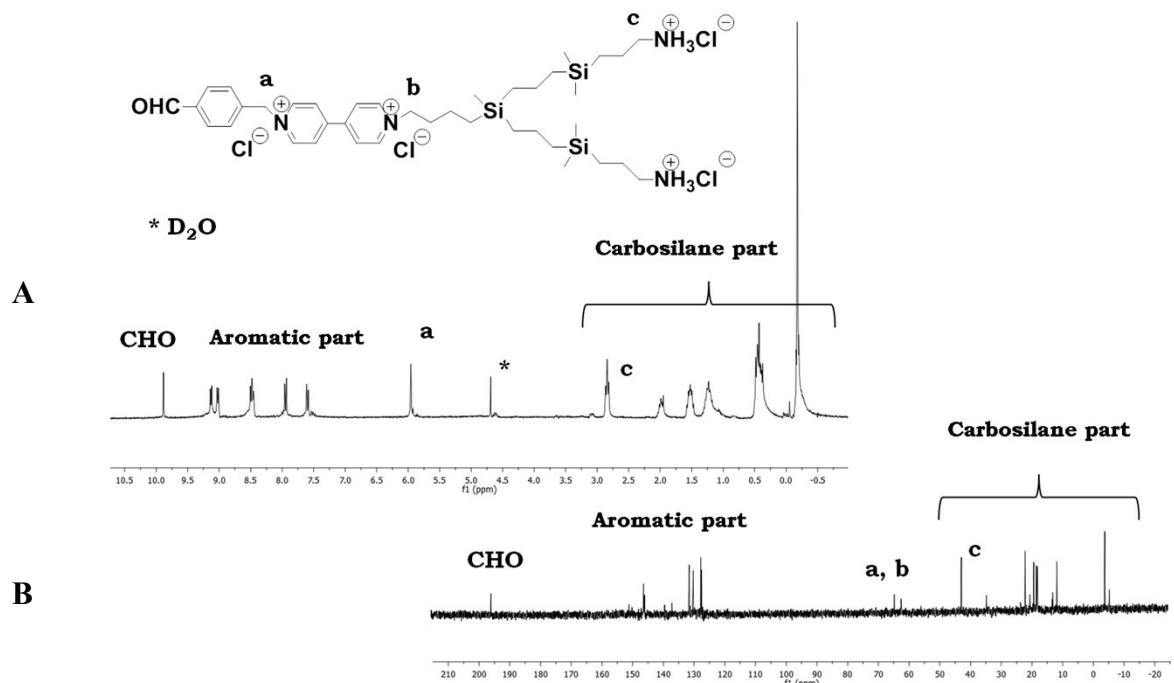
**Figure S4.**  ${}^1\text{H}$ (A) and  ${}^{31}\text{P}$ (B) NMR spectra of dendrimer **12** in d6-methanol.



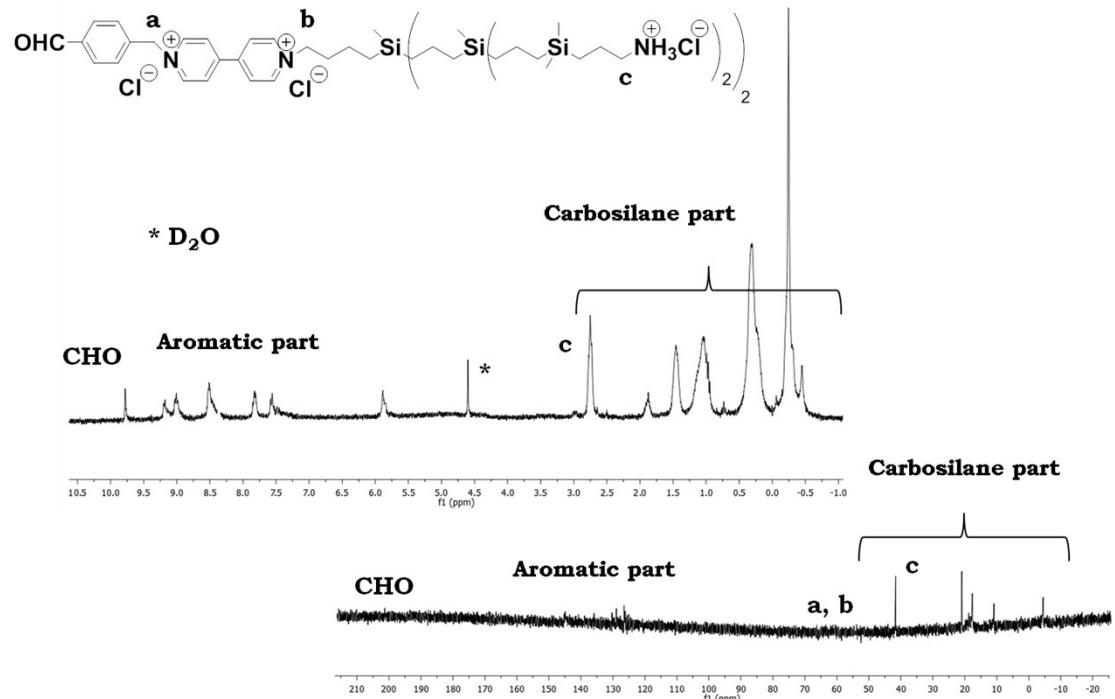
**Figure S5.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of dendrimer **12** in d6-methanol.



**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of dendrimer **12** in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ .



**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H(A) and <sup>13</sup>C(B) NMR spectra of dendron **5** in D<sub>2</sub>O



**Figure S8.**  ${}^1\text{H}$ (A) and  ${}^{13}\text{C}$ (B) NMR spectra of dendron 6 in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$