

Electronic Supporting Information

Synthesis and anion binding studies of tris(3-aminopropyl)amine-based tripodal urea and thiourea receptors: Proton transfer-induced selectivity for hydrogen sulfate over sulfate

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1. Characterization of the ligands

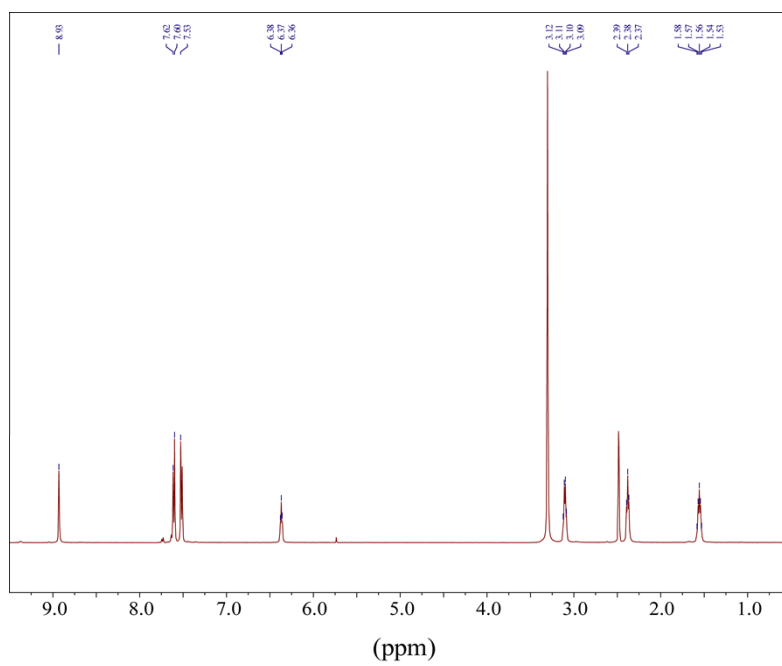


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectra of L1 in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$.

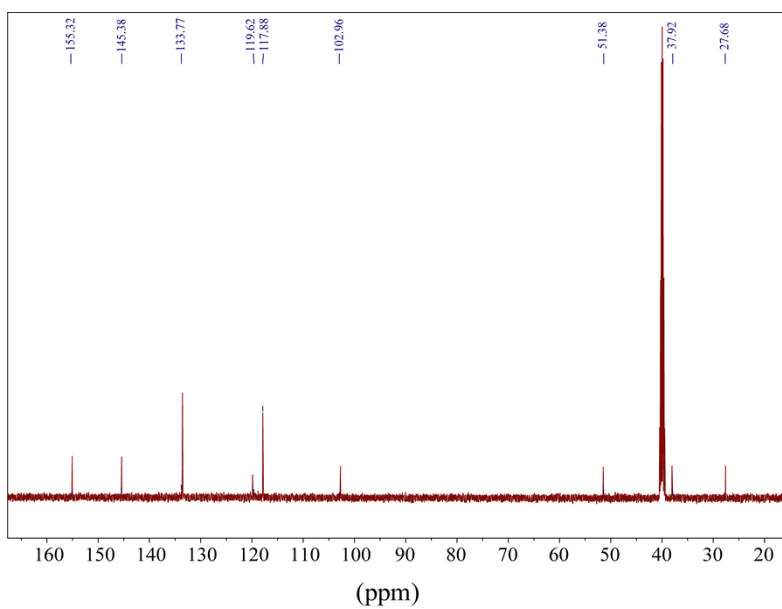


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectra of L1 in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$.

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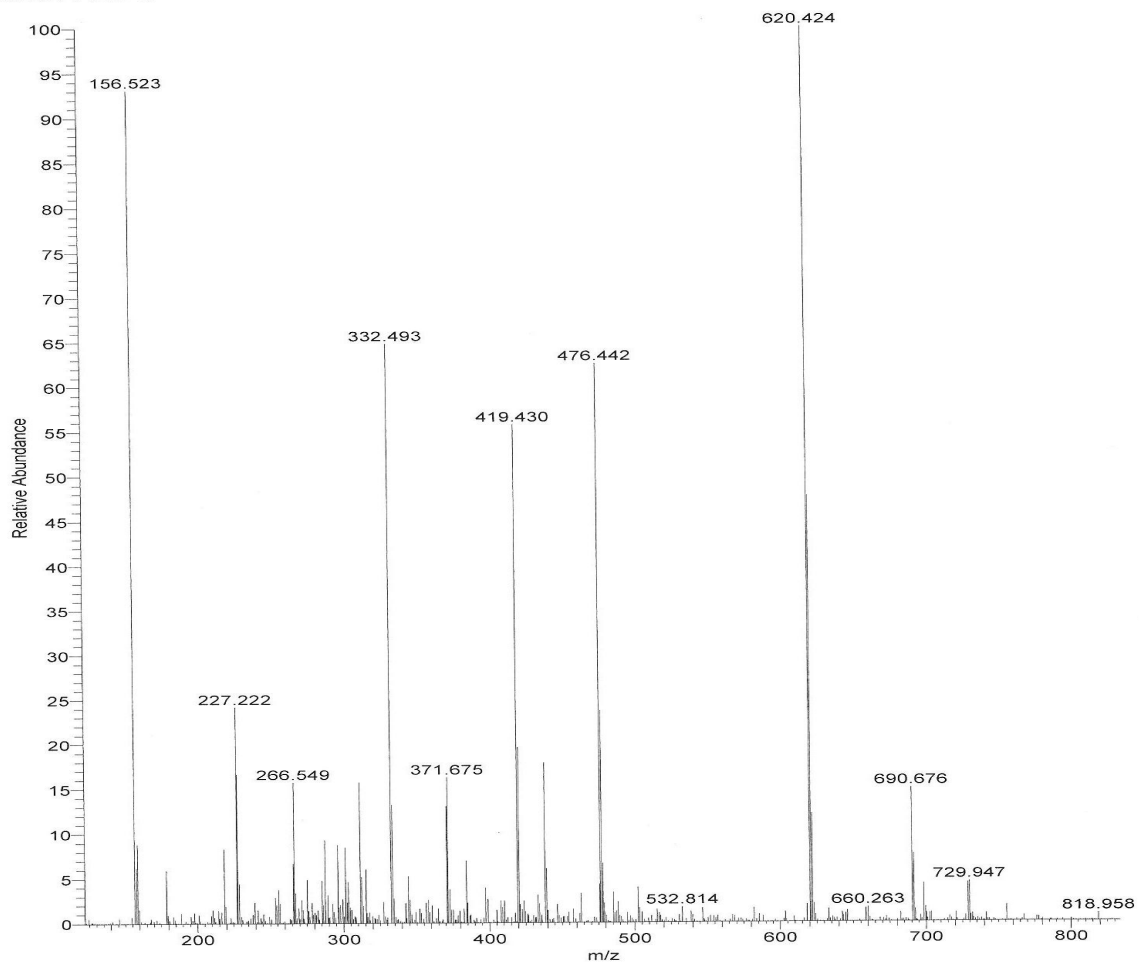


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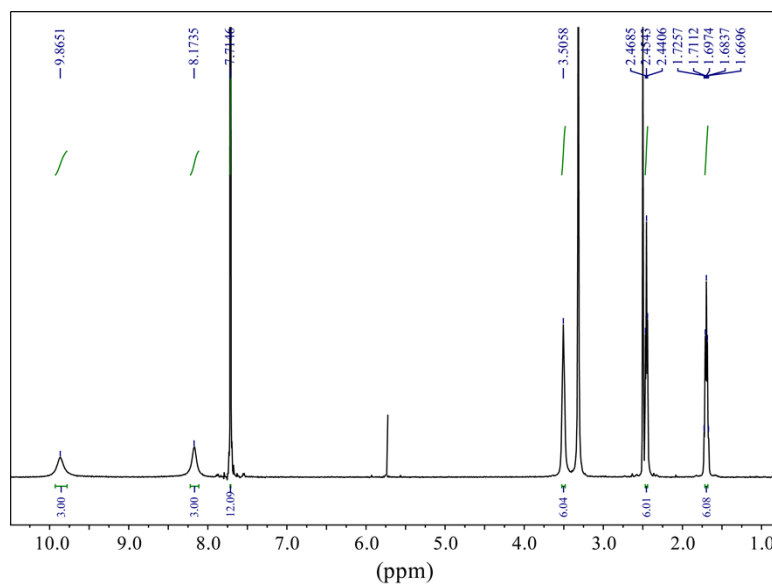


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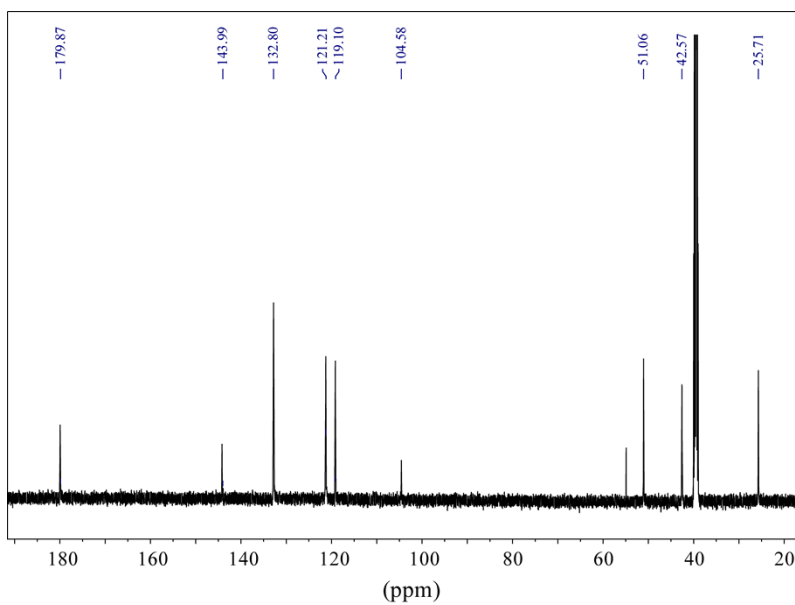


Figure S5. ^{13}C NMR spectra of **L2** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$.

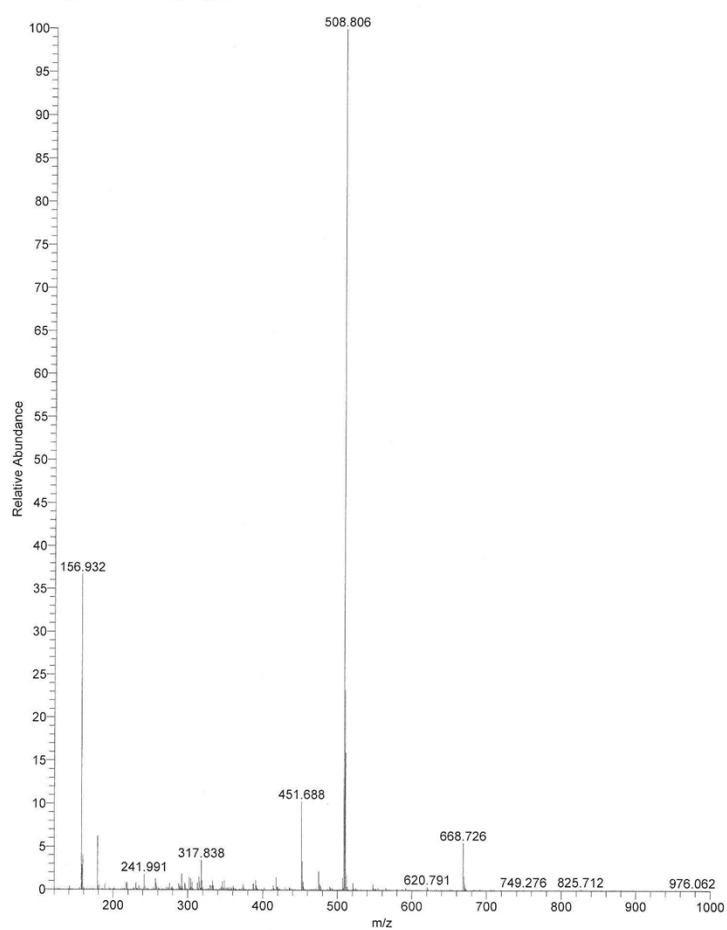


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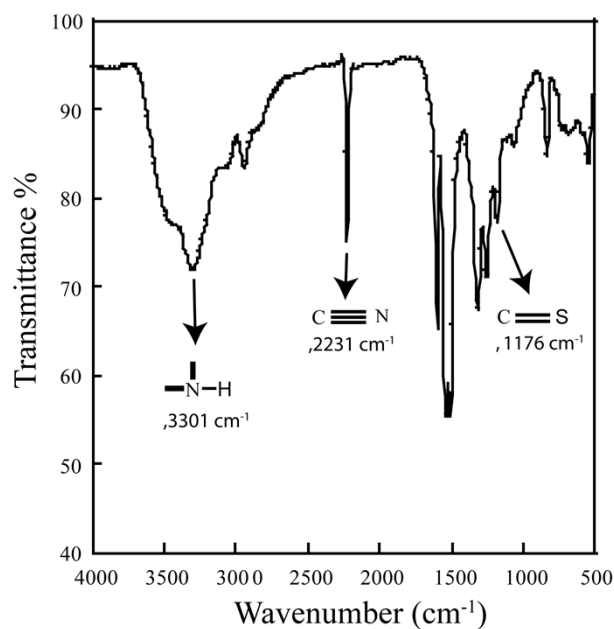


Figure S7. FT-IR spectra of **L2** in KBr.

2. ^1H NMR Titrations

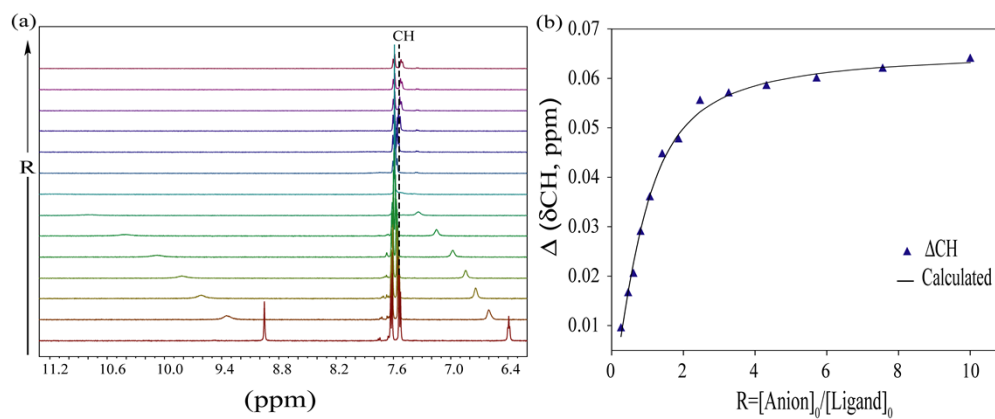


Figure S8. (a) Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L1** (2mM) with an increasing amount of *n*-TBAF ($R = [\text{F}^-] / [\text{L1}]$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ (b) Titration curves of **L1** with TBAF showing changes in the chemical shifts of $-\text{CH}$ against an increasing amount of anions.

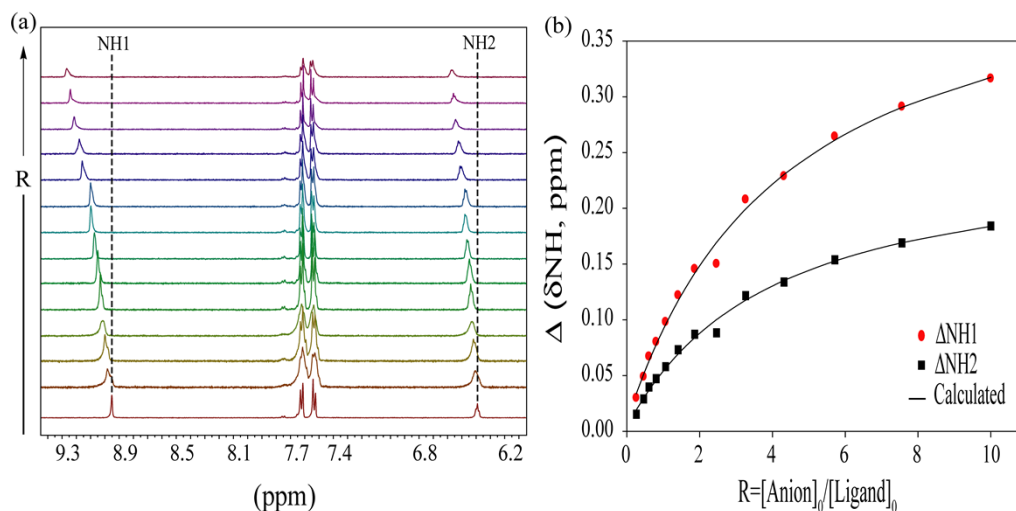


Figure S9. (a) Partial ¹H NMR spectra of **L1** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBACl ($R = [\text{TBACl}] / [\text{L1}]$) in DMSO-*d*₆ (b) Titration curves of **L1** with TBACl showing changes in the chemical shifts of NH against the increasing amount of anion. H1 = CONHAr and H2 = CH₂NHCO.

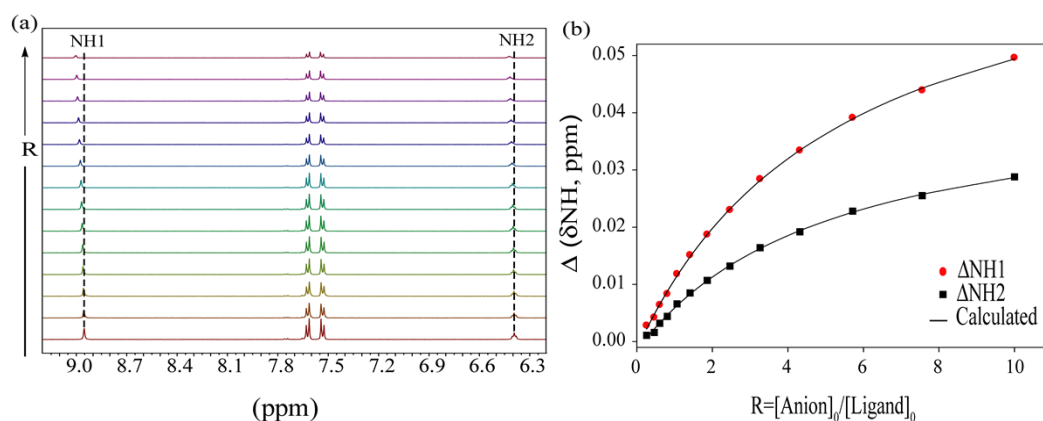


Figure S10. (a) Partial ¹H NMR spectra of **L1** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBABr ($R = [\text{TBABr}] / [\text{L1}]$) in DMSO-*d*₆. H1 = CONHAr and H2 = CH₂NHCO. (b) Titration curves of **L1** with TBABr showing changes in the chemical shifts of NH against the increasing amount of anion. H1 = CONHAr and H2 = CH₂NHCO.

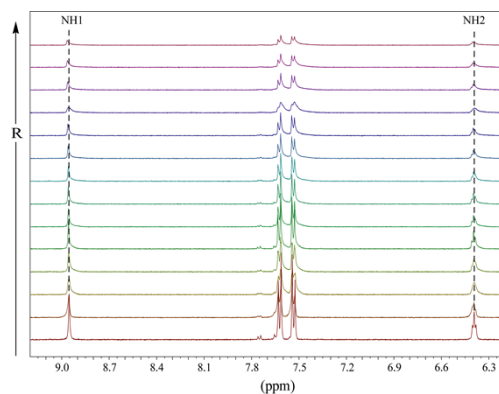


Figure S11. Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L1** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBAI ($R = [\text{TBAI}] / [\text{L1}]$) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$. H1 = CONHAr and H2 = CH_2NHCO .

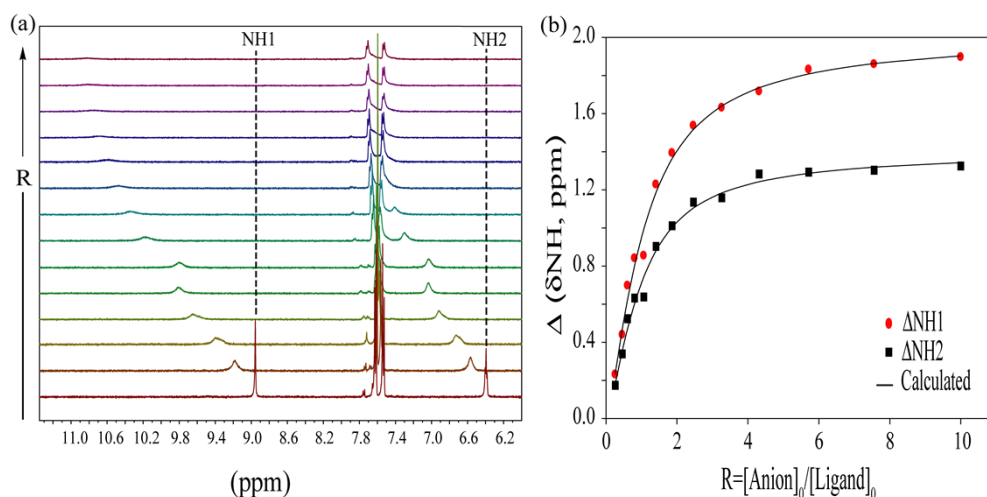


Figure S12. (a) Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L1** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBAH_2PO_4 ($R = [\text{TBAH}_2\text{PO}_4] / [\text{L1}]$) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (b) Titration curves of **L1** with TBAH_2PO_4 showing changes in the chemical shifts of NH against the increasing amount of anion. H1 = CONHAr and H2 = CH_2NHCO .

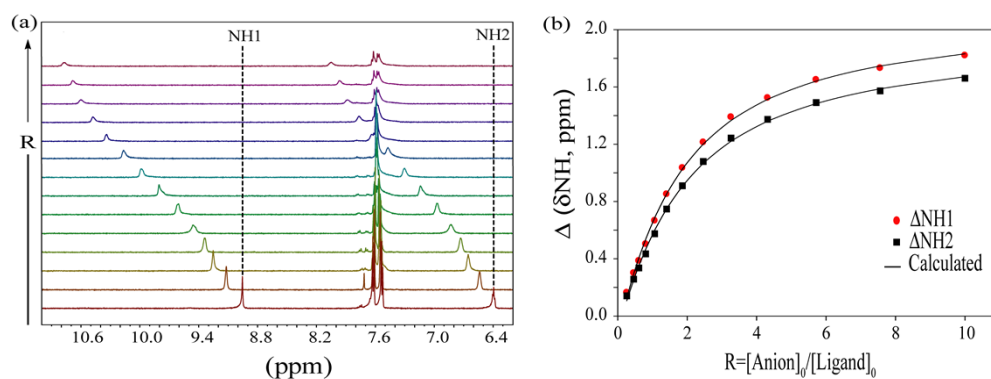


Figure S13. (a) Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L1** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBACH_3COO ($R = [\text{TBACH}_3\text{COO}] / [\text{L1}]$) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (b) Titration curves of **L1** with TBACH_3COO showing changes in the chemical shifts of NH against the increasing amount of anion. H1 = CONHAr and H2 = CH_2NHCO .

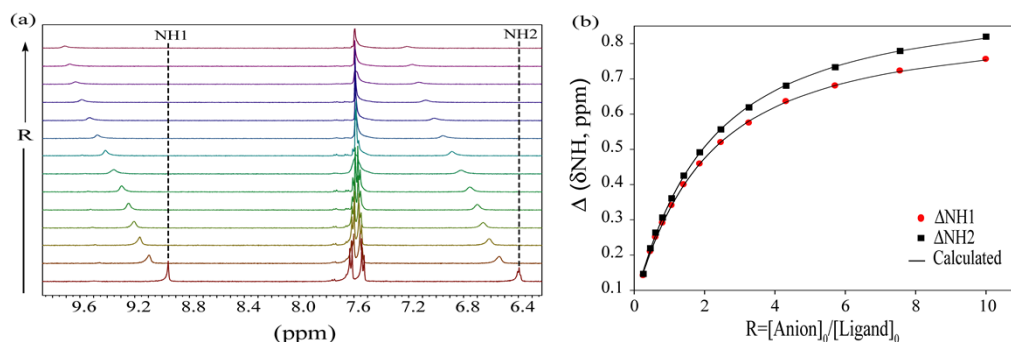


Figure S14. (a) Partial ¹H NMR spectra of **L1** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBAHSO₄ ($R = [\text{TBAHSO}_4] / [\text{L1}]$) in DMSO-*d*₆ (b) Titration curves of **L1** with TBAHSO₄ showing changes in the chemical shifts of NH against the increasing amount of anion. H1 = CONHAr and H2 = CH₂NHCO.

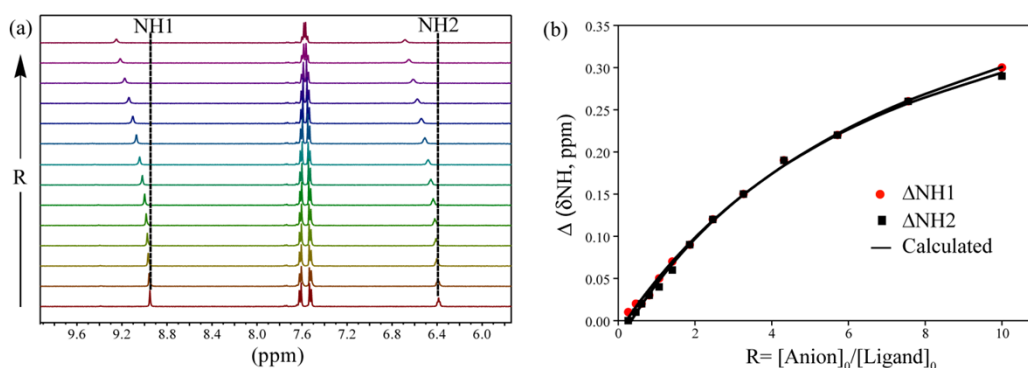


Figure S15. (a) Partial ¹H NMR spectra of **L1** (2mM) with an increasing amount of (TBA)₂SO₄ ($R = [(\text{TBA})_2\text{SO}_4] / [\text{L1}]$) in DMSO-*d*₆ (b) Titration curves of **L1** with (TBA)₂SO₄ showing changes in the chemical shifts of NH against the increasing amount of anion. H1 = CONHAr and H2 = CH₂NHCO.

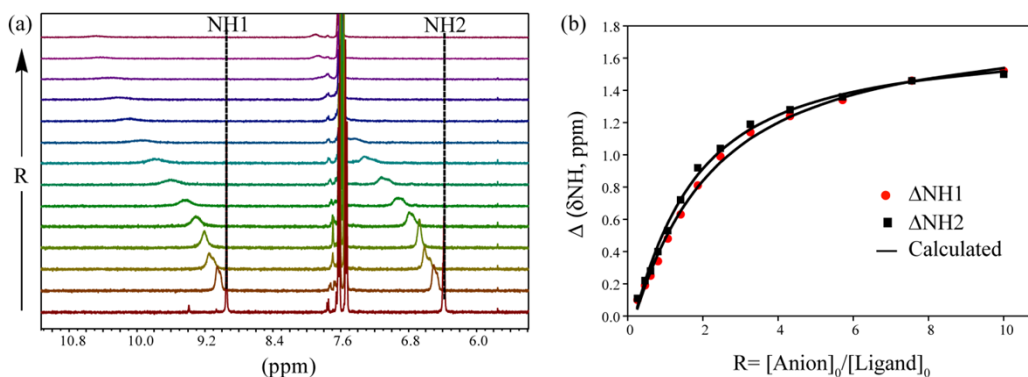


Figure S16. (a) Partial ¹H NMR spectra of **L1** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TEAHCO₃ ($R = [\text{TEAHCO}_3] / [\text{L1}]$) in DMSO-*d*₆ (b) Titration curves of **L1** with TEAHCO₃ showing changes in the chemical shifts of NH against the increasing amount of anion. H1 = CONHAr and H2 = CH₂NHCO.

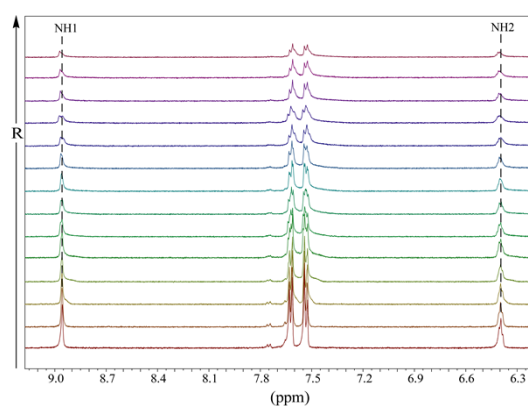


Figure S17. Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L1** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBANO_3 ($R = [\text{TBANO}_3] / [\text{L1}]$) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$. H1 = CONHAr and H2 = CH_2NHCO .

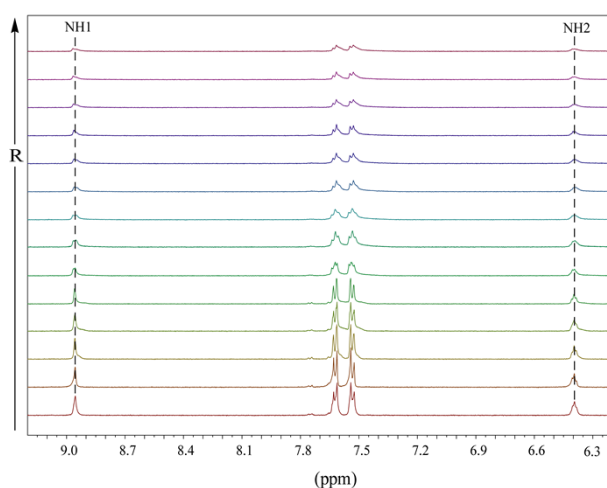


Figure S18. Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L1** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBAClO_4 ($R = [\text{TBAClO}_4] / [\text{L1}]$) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$. H1 = CONHAr and H2 = CH_2NHCO .

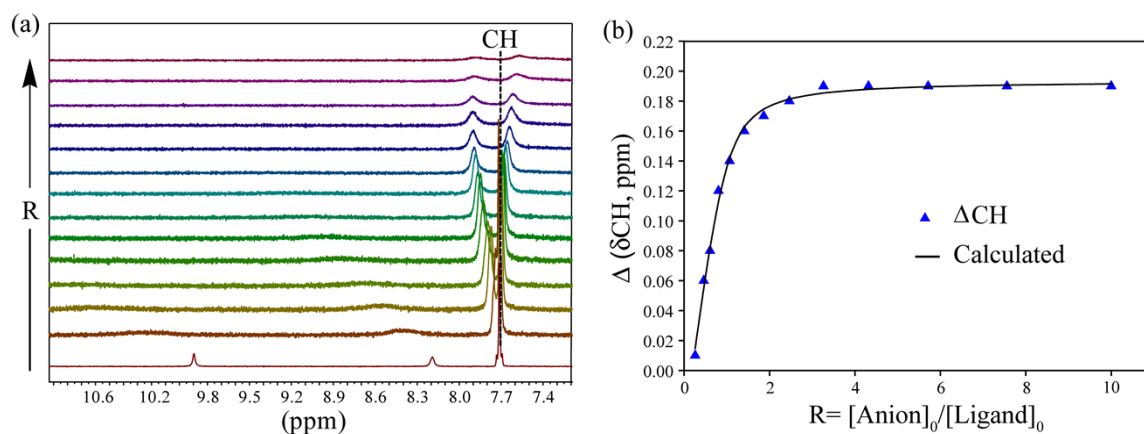


Figure S19. (a) Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L2** (2 mM) with an increasing amount of TBAF ($R = [\text{TBAF}] / [\text{L2}]$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ (b) Titration curves of **L2** with TBAF showing changes in the chemical shifts of $-\text{CH}$ against an increasing amount of anions.

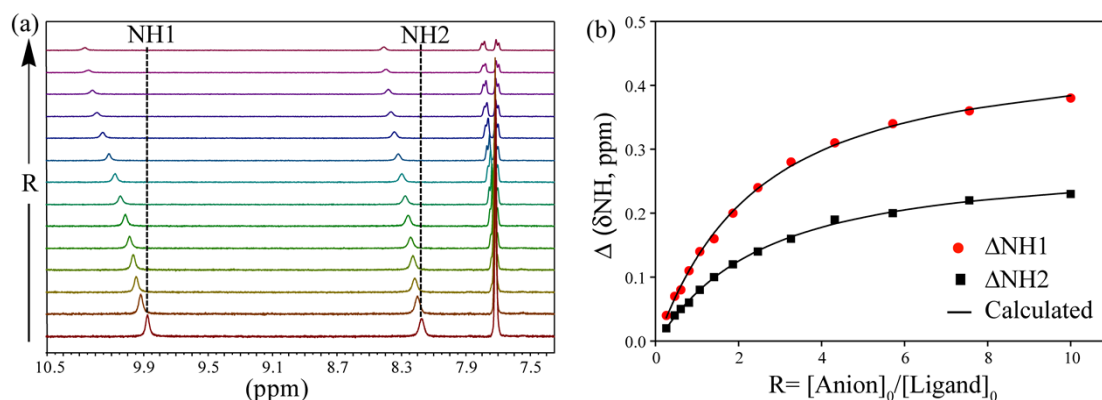


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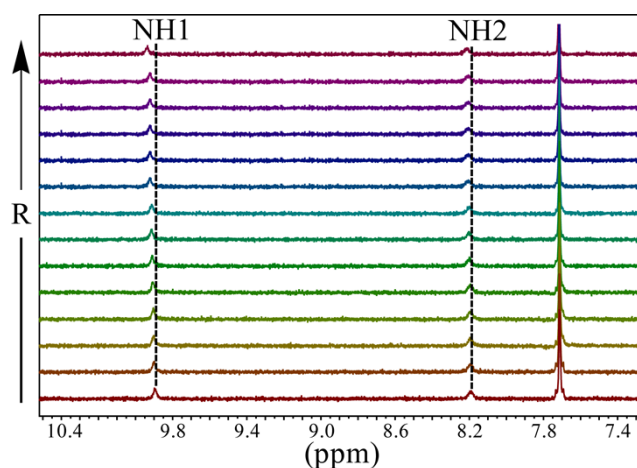


Figure S21. Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L2** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBABr ($R = [\text{TBABr}] / [\text{L2}]$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$. H1 = CSNHAr and H2 = CH_2NHCS .

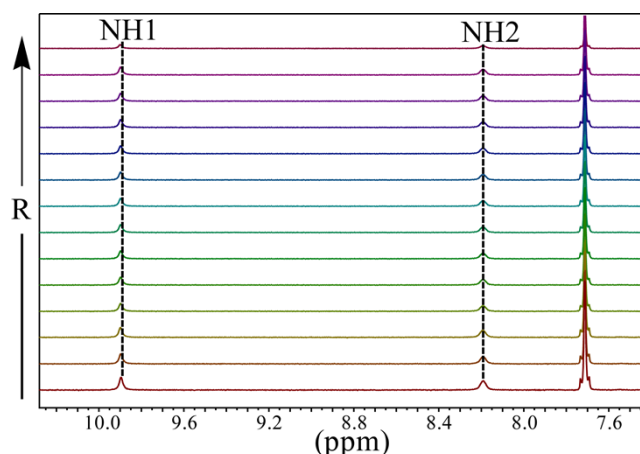


Figure S22. Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L2** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBAI ($R = [\text{TBAI}] / [\text{L2}]$) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$. H1 = CSNHAr and H2 = CH_2NHCS .

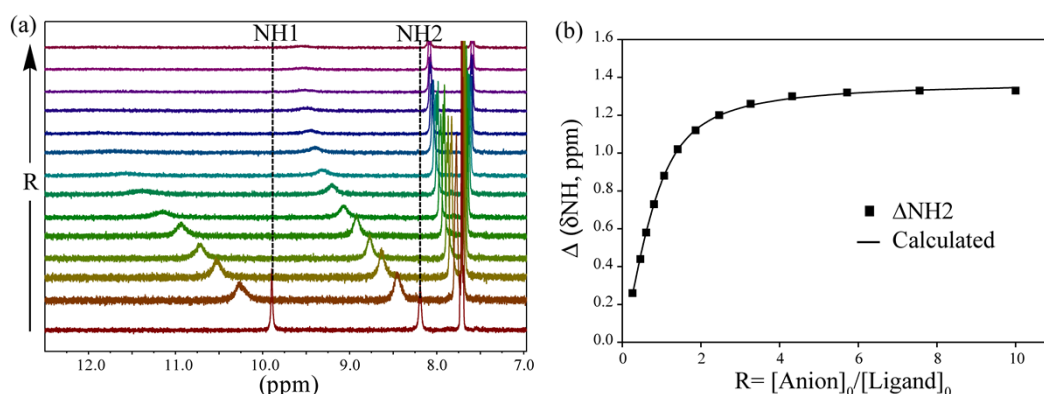


Figure S23. (a) Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L2** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBAH_2PO_4 ($R = [\text{TBAH}_2\text{PO}_4] / [\text{L2}]$) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (b) Titration curves of **L2** with TBAH_2PO_4 showing changes in the chemical shifts of NH against the increasing amount of anion. H1 = CSNHAr and H2 = CH_2NHCS .

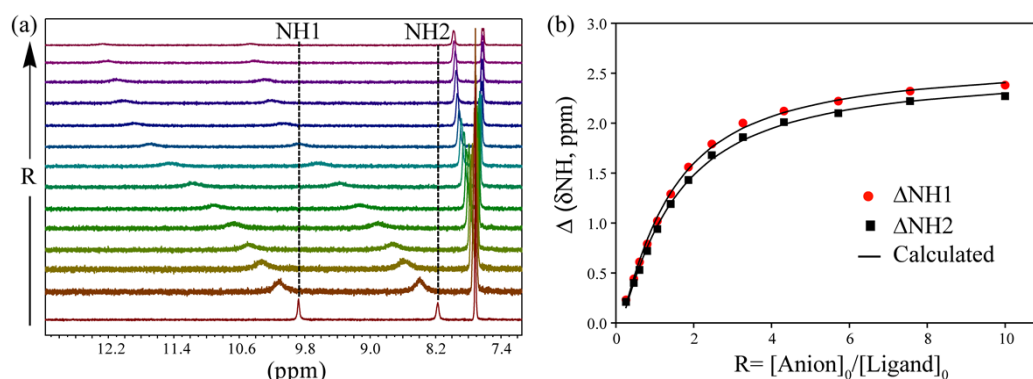


Figure S24. (a) Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L2** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBACH_3COO ($R = [\text{TBACH}_3\text{COO}] / [\text{L2}]$) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (b) Titration curves of **L2** with TBACH_3COO showing changes in the chemical shifts of NH against the increasing amount of anion. H1 = CSNHAr and H2 = CH_2NHCS .

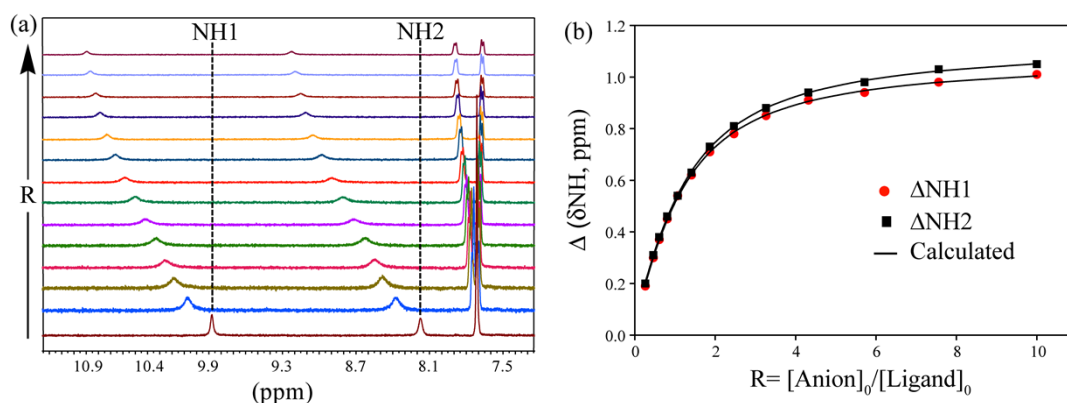


Figure S25. (a) Partial ¹H NMR spectra of **L2** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBAHSO₄ ($R = [\text{TBAHSO}_4] / [\text{L2}]$) in DMSO-*d*₆ (b) Titration curves of **L2** with TBAHSO₄ showing changes in the chemical shifts of NH against the increasing amount of anion. H1 = CSNHAr and H2 = CH₂NHCS.

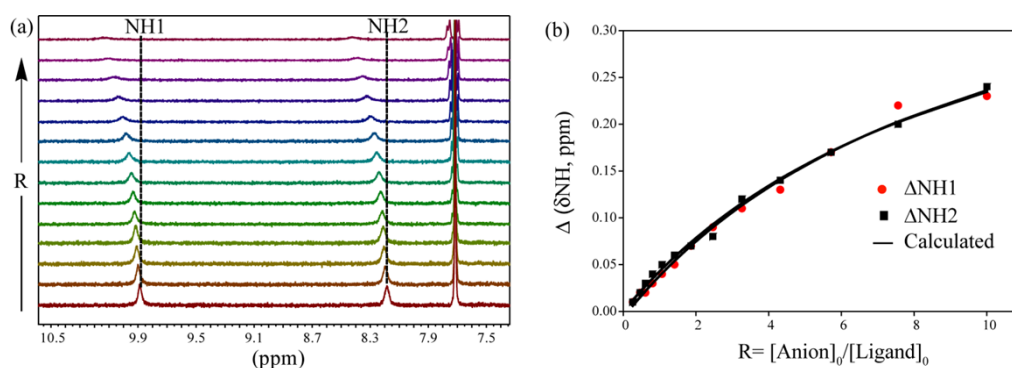


Figure S26. (a) Partial ¹H NMR spectra of **L2** (2mM) with an increasing amount of (TBA)₂SO₄ ($R = [(\text{TBA})_2\text{SO}_4] / [\text{L2}]$) in DMSO-*d*₆ (b) Titration curves of **L2** with (TBA)₂SO₄ showing changes in the chemical shifts of NH against the increasing amount of anion. H1 = CONHAr and H2 = CH₂NHCO.

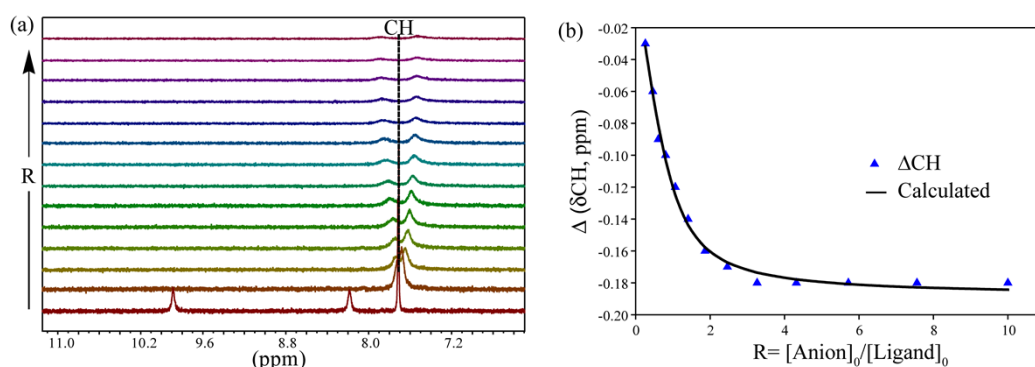


Figure S27. (a) Partial ¹H NMR spectra of **L2** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TEAHCO₃ ($R = [\text{TEAHCO}_3] / [\text{L2}]$) in DMSO-*d*₆ (b) Titration curves of **L2** with TEAHCO₃ showing changes in the chemical shifts of CH against the increasing amount of anion.

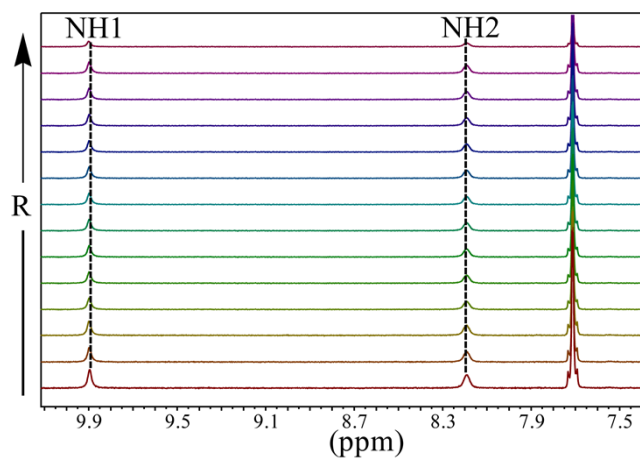


Figure S28. Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L2** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBANO_3 ($R = [\text{TBANO}_3] / [\text{L2}]$) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$. H1 = CSNHAr and H2 = CH_2NHCS .

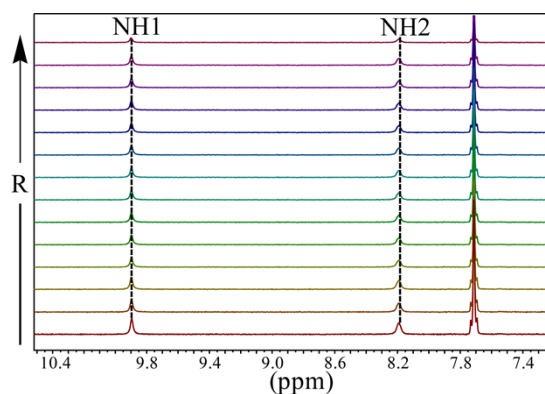


Figure S29. Partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L2** (2mM) with an increasing amount of TBAClO_4 ($R = [\text{TBAClO}_4] / [\text{L2}]$) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$. H1 = CSNHAr and H2 = CH_2NHCS .

3. Job's Plots

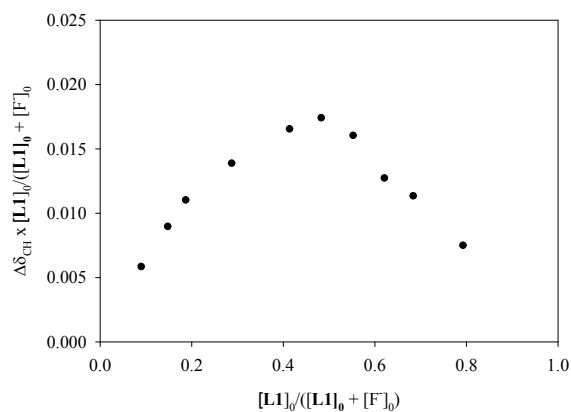


Figure S30. Job's plot for the formation of the fluoride complex with **L1**. The chemical shift changes are shown for *CHCNH* obtained from the ^1H NMR titrations of **L1** with F^- .

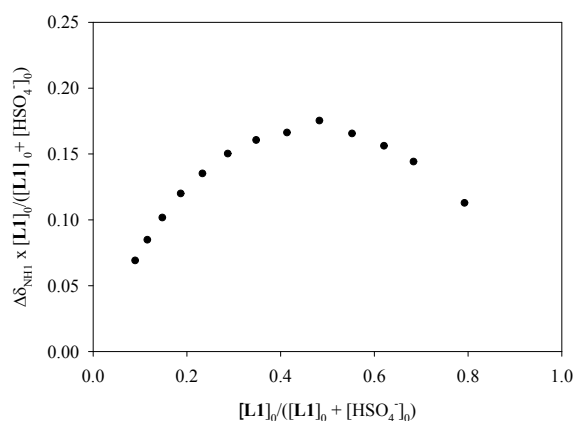


Figure S31. Job's plot for the formation of the hydrogen sulfate complex with **L1**. The chemical shift changes are shown for NH1 obtained from the ^1H NMR titrations of **L1** with HSO_4^- .

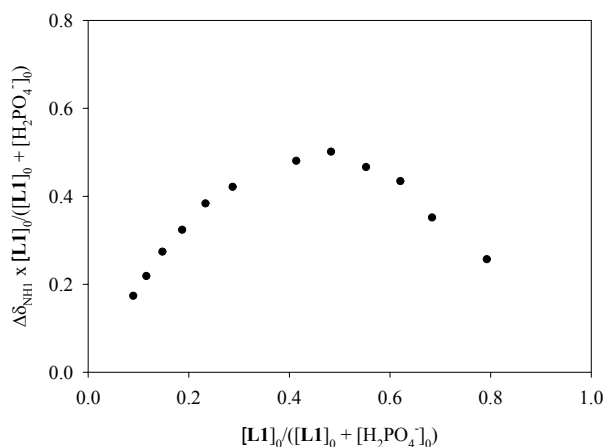


Figure S32. Job's plot for the formation of the dihydrogen phosphate complex with **L1**. The chemical shift changes are shown for NH1 obtained from the ^1H NMR titrations of **L1** with H_2PO_4^- .

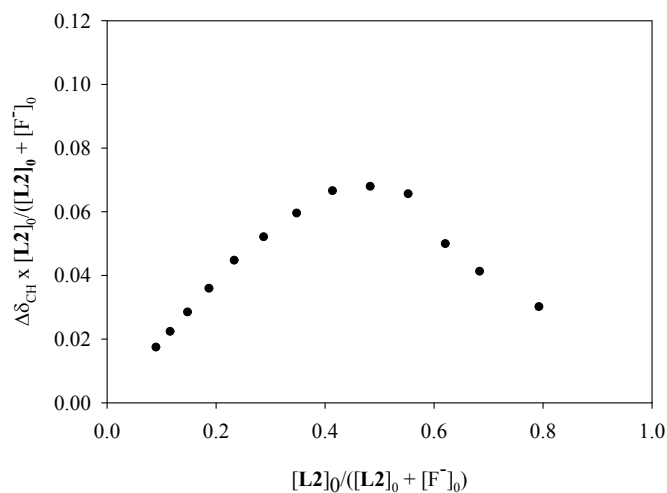


Figure S33. Job's plot for the formation of the fluoride complex with **L2**. The chemical shift changes are shown for *CHCNH* obtained from the ^1H NMR titrations of **L2** with F^- .

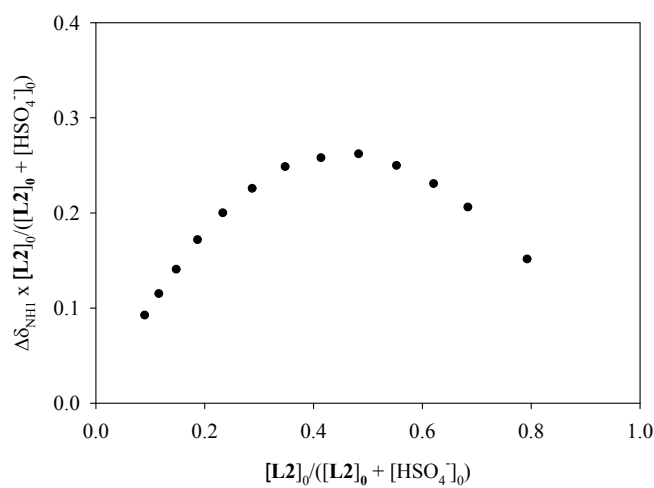


Figure S34. Job's plot for the formation of the hydrogen sulfate complex with **L2**. The chemical shift changes are shown for *NH1* obtained from the ^1H NMR titrations of **L2** with HSO_4^- .

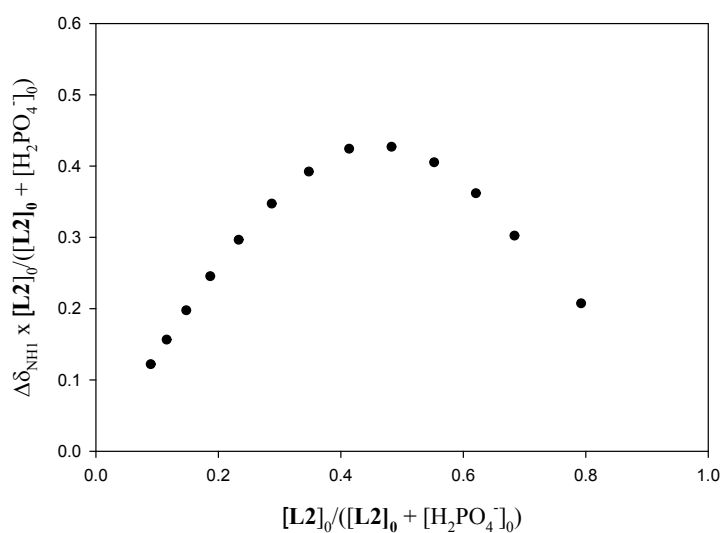


Figure S35. Job's plot for the formation of the dihydrogen phosphate complex with **L2**. The chemical shift changes are shown for NH1 obtained from the ^1H NMR titrations of **L2** with H_2PO_4^- .

4. 2D NOESY NMR experiments

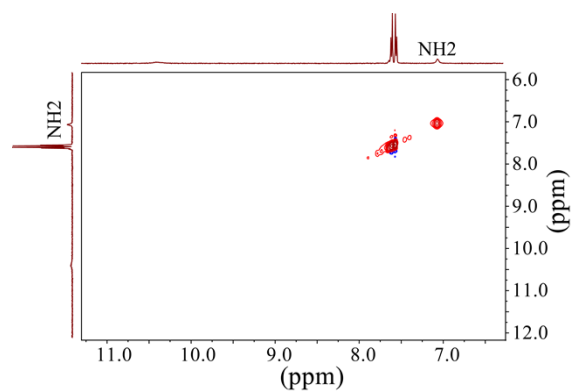


Figure S36. 2D NOESY NMR spectra of TBAF complex of **L1** in DMSO-*d*₆ at room temperature.

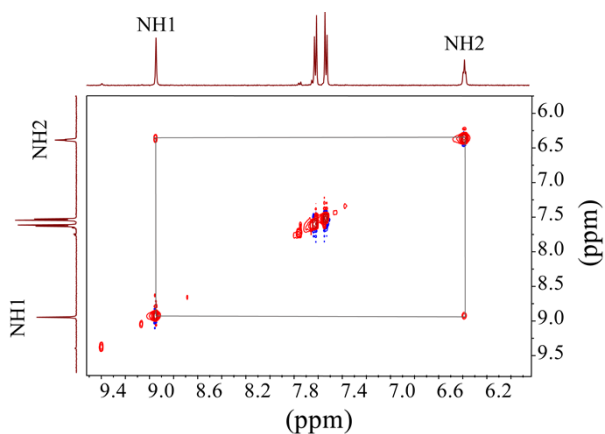


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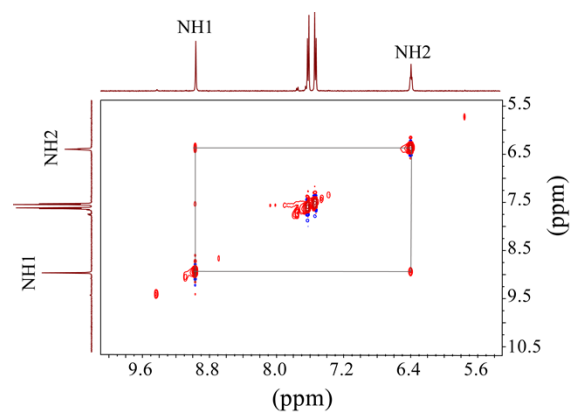


Figure S38. 2D NOESY NMR spectra of TBABr complex of **L1** in DMSO-*d*₆ at room temperature.

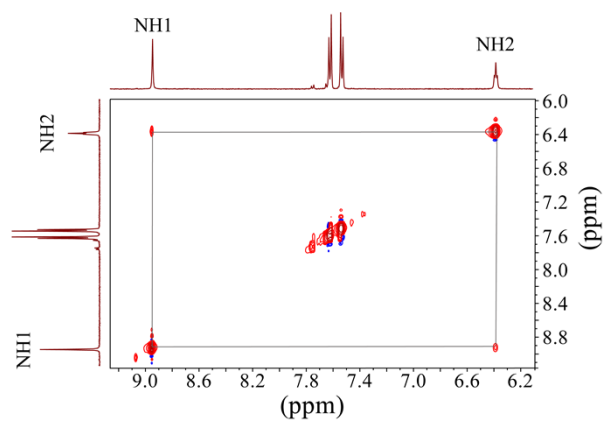


Figure S39. 2D NOESY NMR spectra of TBAI complex of **L1** in DMSO- d_6 at room temperature.

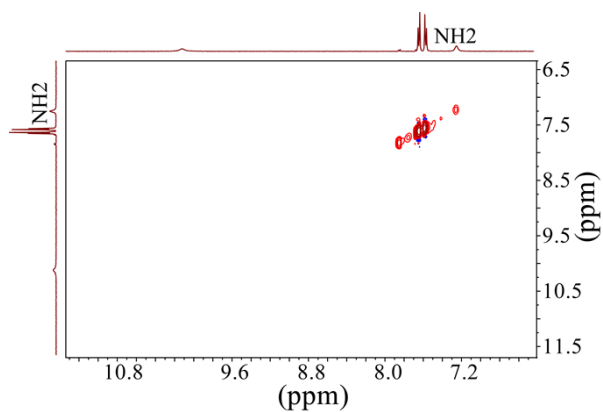


Figure S40. 2D NOESY NMR spectra of TBAH₂PO₄ complex of **L1** in DMSO- d_6 at room temperature.

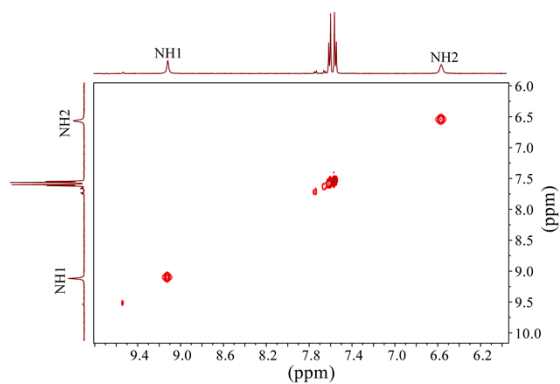


Figure S41. 2D NOESY NMR spectra of ZnSO₄ complex of **L1** in DMSO- d_6 at room temperature.

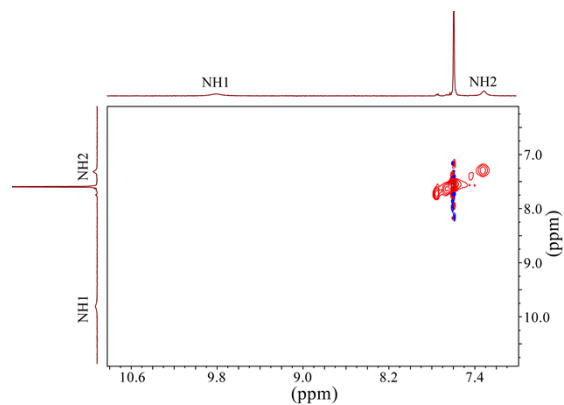


Figure S42. 2D NOESY NMR spectra of TEAHCO₃ complex of **L1** in DMSO-*d*₆ at room temperature.

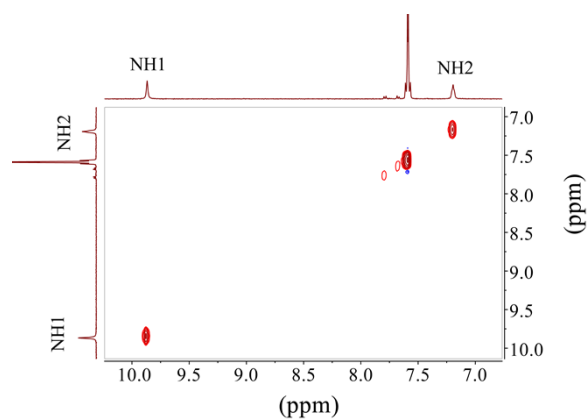


Figure S43. 2D NOESY NMR spectra of TBA(CH₃COO) complex of **L1** in DMSO-*d*₆ at room temperature.

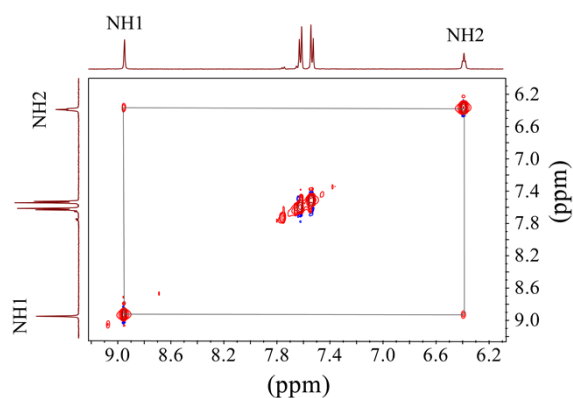


Figure S44. 2D NOESY NMR spectra of TBANO₃ complex of **L1** in DMSO-*d*₆ at room temperature.

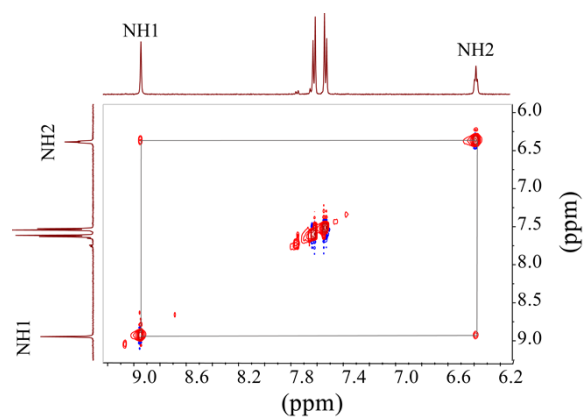


Figure S45. 2D NOESY NMR spectra of TBAClO₄ complex of **L1** in DMSO-*d*₆ at room temperature.

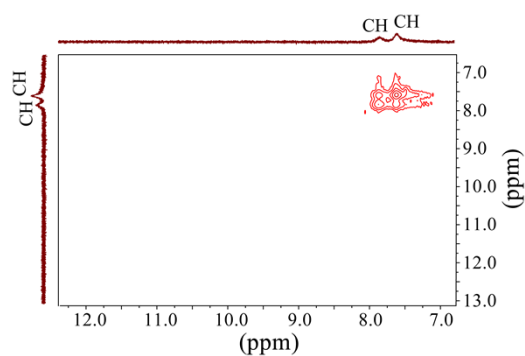


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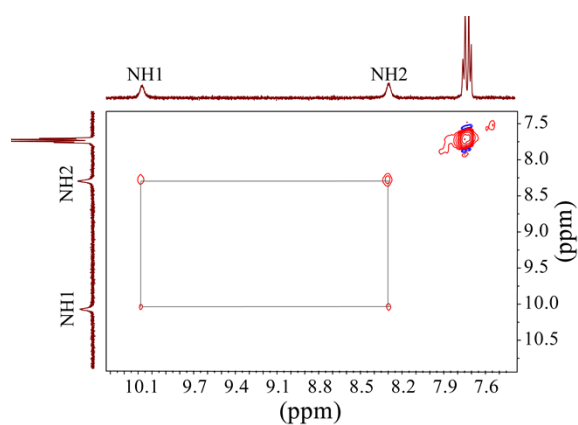


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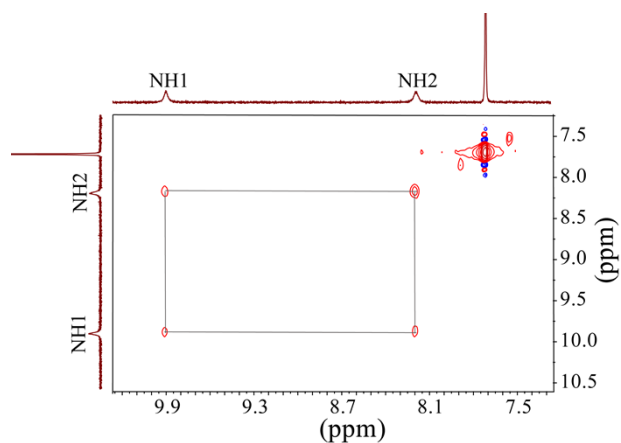


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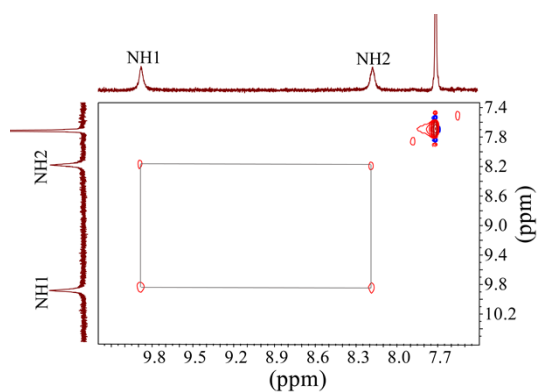


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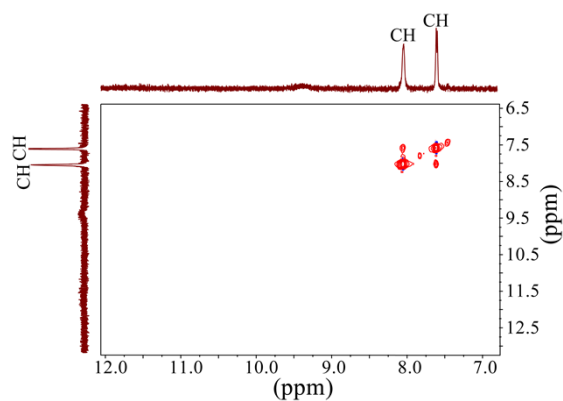


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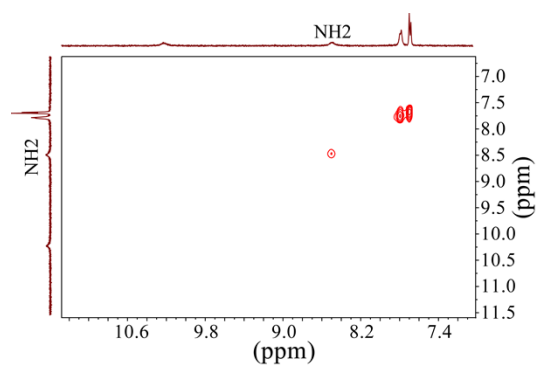


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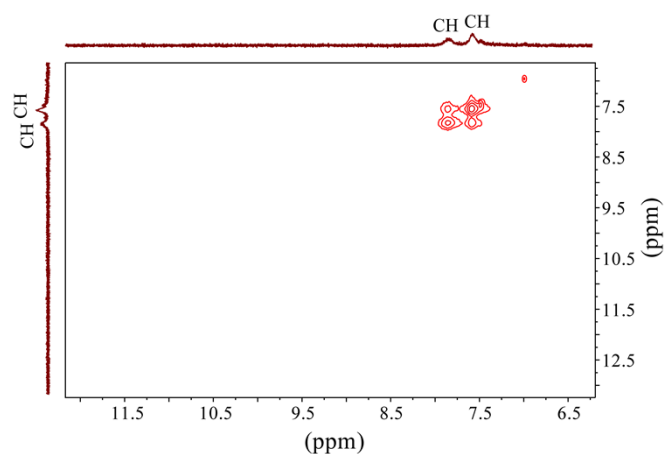


Figure S52. 2D NOESY NMR spectra of TEAHCO_3 complex of **L2** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at room temperature.

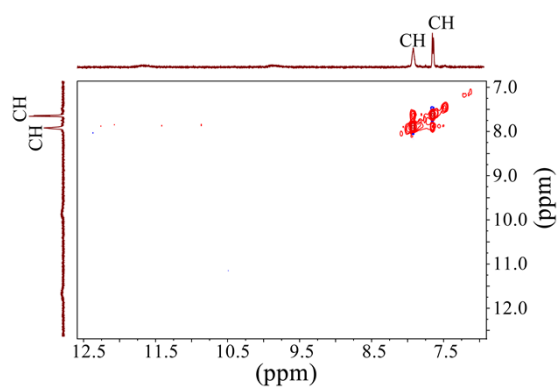


Figure S53. 2D NOESY NMR spectra of $\text{TBA}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})$ complex of **L2** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at room temperature.

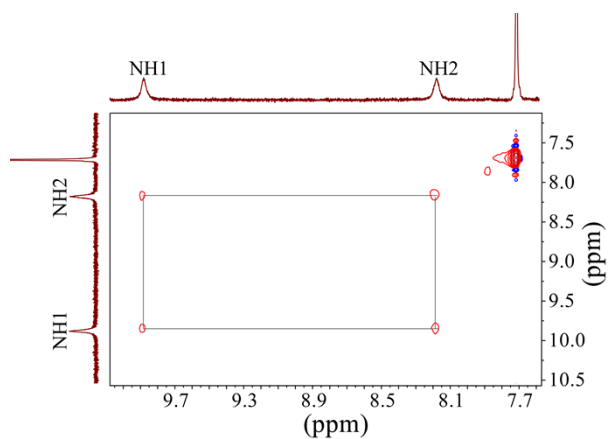


Figure S54. 2D NOESY NMR spectra of TBANO₃ complex of **L2** in DMSO-*d*₆ at room temperature.

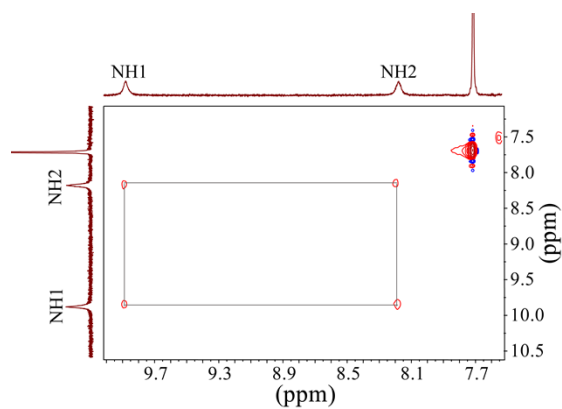


Figure S55. 2D NOESY NMR spectra of TBAClO₄ complex of **L2** in DMSO-*d*₆ at room temperature.

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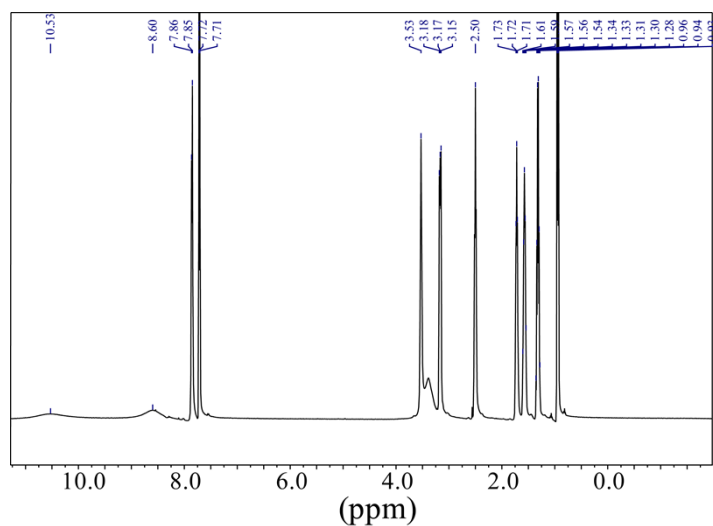


Figure S56. ¹H NMR spectra of extracted fluoride-**L2** complex in DMSO-*d*₆.

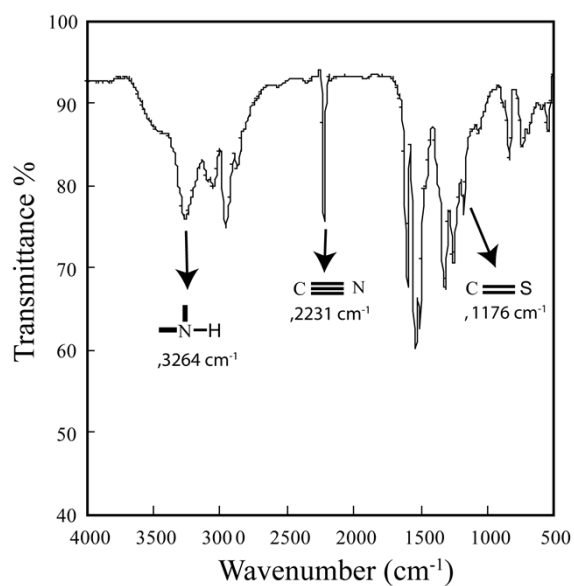


Figure S57. FT-IR spectra of extracted fluoride-**L2** complex in KBr.

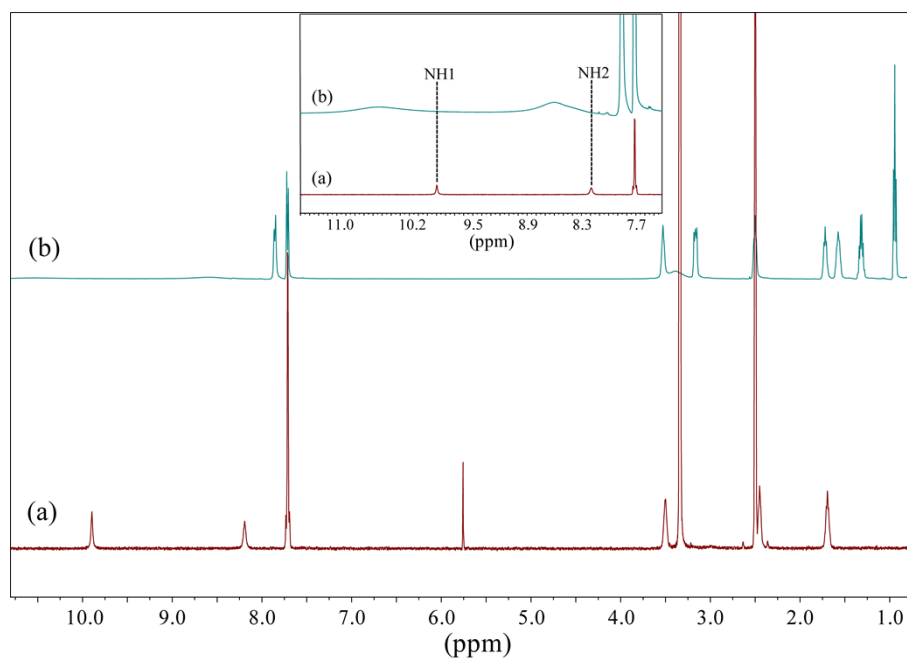


Figure S58. Comparative ^1H NMR spectra of (a) **L2**, (b) Extracted fluoride complex. Inset shows the expanded partial ^1H NMR spectra of **L2** and the complex.