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The $\eta^1\text{-H-C}\cdots\text{Hg}$ agostic interactions in mercury complexes of N-confused porphyrin

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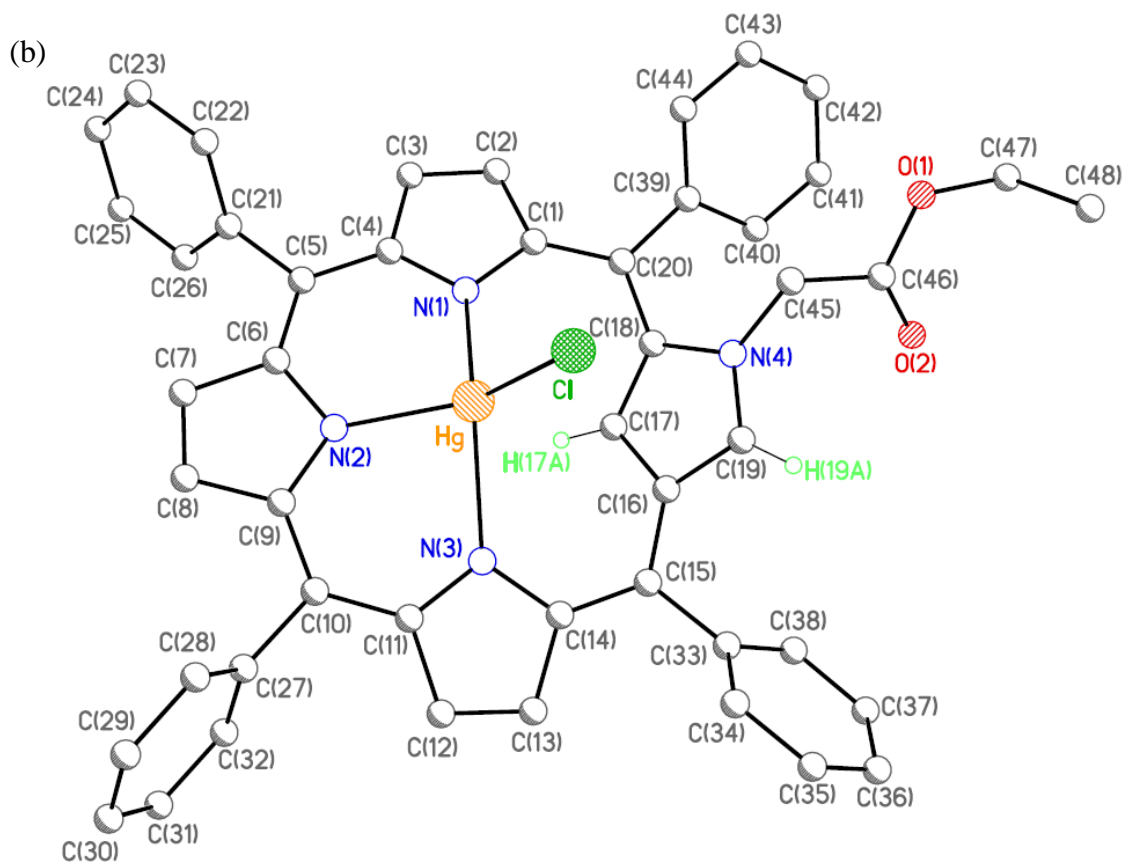
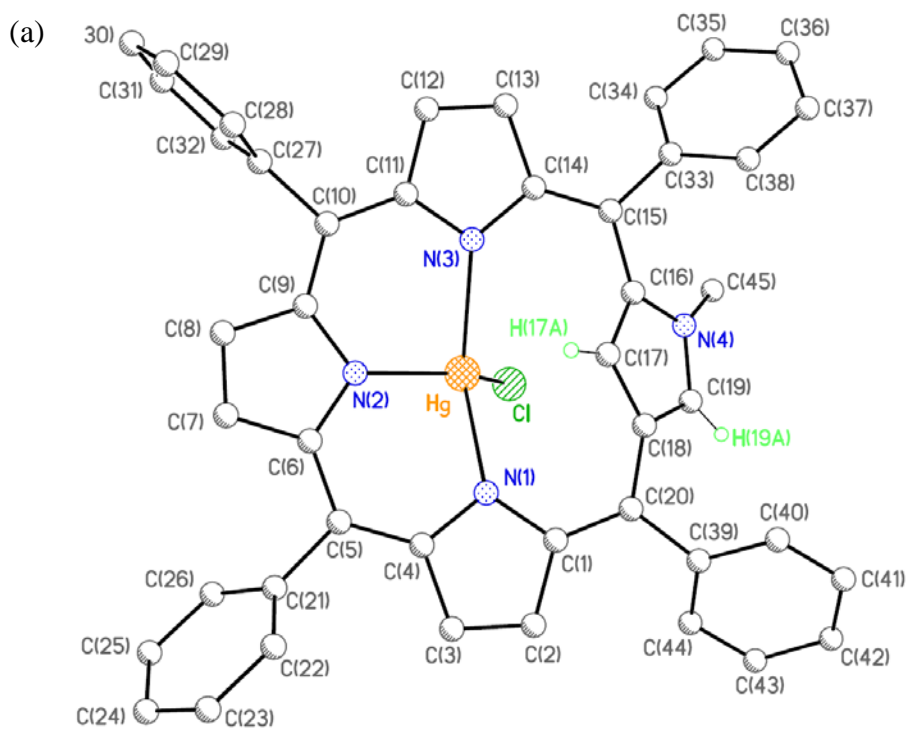
Preparation of Hg(2-NCH₂COOCH₂C₆H₅-21-NCTPPH)Cl (**8**)

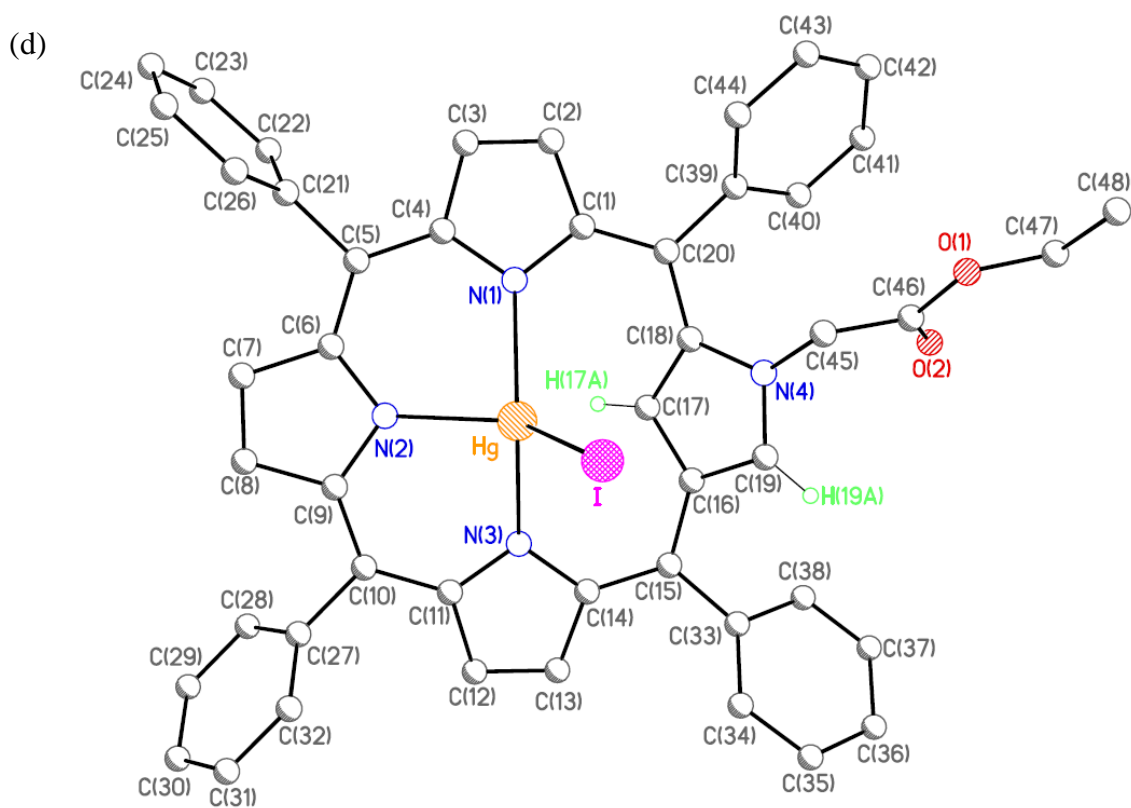
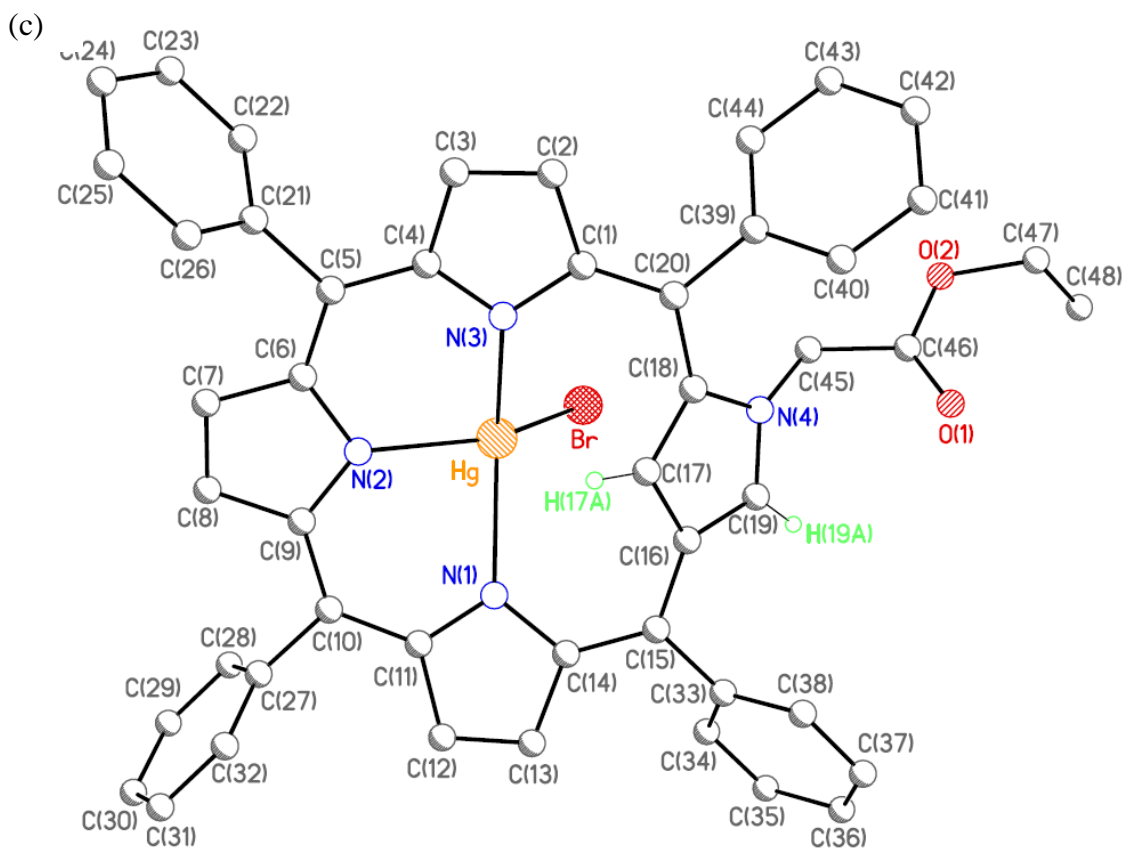
Compound **8** was prepared in 30 % yield in the same way as described for **9**, but using HgCl₂ and **12**. Compound **8** was dissolved in acetone and layered with isopropanol (IPA) [IPA/acetone = 1:1 (v/v)] to afford dark green crystals for single-crystal X-ray analysis. ¹H NMR (599.89 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 8.18 [d, H_β(2), ³J(H-H) = 4.8 Hz]; 8.10 [d, *o*-H(40, 44), ³J(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 8.02 [d, H_β(13), ³J(H-H) = 4.8 Hz]; 8.00 [d, *o*-H(34, 38), ³J(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 7.86 [d, H_β(8), ³J(H-H) = 4.8 Hz and ⁴J(Hg-H) = 20.4 Hz]; 7.85 [d, H_β(7), ³J(H-H) = 4.8 Hz and ⁴J(Hg-H) = 20.4 Hz]; 7.81 [bs, *o*-H (22, 26; 28, 32)]; 7.70 [d, *m*-H(41, 43), ³J(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 7.68 [t, *p*-H(42), ³J(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 7.61 [d, *m*-H(35, 37), ³J(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 7.60 [d, H_β(3), ³J(H-H) = 4.8 Hz]; 7.59 [d, H_β(12), ³J(H-H) = 4.8 Hz]; 7.57 [m, *m*-H(23, 25; 29, 31) and *p*-H(26; 30)]; 7.50 [t, *p*-H(36), ³J(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 7.40 [d, *m*-H(50, 52), ³J(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 7.39 [m, *p*-H(51)]; 7.26 [d, *o*-H(49, 53), ³J(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 6.53 [d, H(19), ⁴J(H-H) = 1.2 Hz]; 5.03 [d, H(47A), ⁴J(H-H) = 12.0 Hz]; 4.99 [d, H(47B), ⁴J(H-H) = 12.0 Hz]; 4.56 [d, H(45A), ²J(H-H) = 18.6 Hz]; 4.11 [d, H(45B), ²J(H-H) = 18.6 Hz]; -0.02 [d, H(17), ⁴J(H-H) = 1.8 Hz and ⁴J(Hg-H) = 35.7 Hz]. MS (ESI), *m/z* (assignment, rel. intensity): 999.4 (M⁺, 29.07 %), 963.4 ([M-Cl]⁺, 41.74 %), 763.5 ([M-HgCl+H]⁺, 100 %). Anal. Calcd. for C₅₃H₃₇ClHgN₄O₂: C, 64.03; H, 3.98; N, 5.53. Found: C, 64.00; H, 3.68; N, 5.98. UV-vis spectrum, λ (nm) [ε × 10⁻³ (M⁻¹ cm⁻¹)] in CH₂Cl₂ at 300 K: 354 (22.3), 477 (70.9), 603 (4.1), 664 (5.3), 725 (8.7).

Preparation of Hg(2-NCH₂COOCH₂C₆H₅-21-NCTPPH)I (**9**)

A mixture of the free base 2-NCH₂COOCH₂C₆H₅NCTPPH (**12**) (0.0382 g, 0.05 mmol) and HgI₂ 0.0908 g (0.2 mmol) in pyridine (10 mL) was refluxed at 130°C for

2 h (Scheme 1). After concentrating the reaction mixture, the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂, dried with anhydrous MgSO₄, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified over an aluminum oxide 90 column (15 g, neutral, activity I) using CH₂Cl₂ as the eluent to yield dark green solution of **9**. Removal of the solvent gave **9** as a dark green solid (0.0180 g, 0.0165 mmol, 33%), which was dissolved in dichloromethane and layered with ethyl acetate [EA/CH₂Cl₂ = 1:1 (v/v)] to afford dark green crystals for single-crystal X-ray analysis. ¹H NMR (599.93 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ 8.18 [d, H_β(2), ³*J*(H-H) = 4.8 Hz]; 8.11 [d, *o*-H(40, 44), ³*J*(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 8.03 [d, H_β(13)]; 8.02 [d, *o*-H(34, 38), ³*J*(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 7.88 [d, H_β(8), ³*J*(H-H) = 4.8 Hz and ⁴*J*(Hg-H) = 18.0 Hz]; 7.87 [d, H_β(7), ³*J*(H-H) = 4.8 Hz and ⁴*J*(Hg-H) = 18.0 Hz]; 7.82 [bs, *o*-H (22, 26; 28, 32)]; 7.71 [d, *m*-H(41, 43), ³*J*(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 7.75 [d, *m*-H(35, 37), ³*J*(H-H) = 7.8 Hz]; 7.69 [d, *p*-H(42), ³*J*(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 7.63 [d, H_β(3), ³*J*(H-H) = 4.8 Hz]; 7.61 [d, H_β(12), ³*J*(H-H) = 4.8 Hz]; 7.60 [d, *m*-H(35, 37), ³*J*(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 7.58 [m, *m*-H(23, 25; 29, 31) and *p*-H(26; 30)]; 7.50 [t, *p*-H(36), ³*J*(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 7.41 [d, *m*-H(50, 52), ³*J*(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 7.41 [m, *p*-H(51)]; 7.30 [d, *o*-H(49, 53), ³*J*(H-H) = 7.2 Hz]; 6.59 [d, H(19), ⁴*J*(H-H) = 1.2 Hz]; 5.09 [d, H(47A), ⁴*J*(H-H) = 12.0 Hz]; 5.02 [d, H(47B), ⁴*J*(H-H) = 12.0 Hz]; 4.59 [d, H(45A), ²*J*(H-H) = 18.6 Hz]; 4.18 [d, H(45B), ²*J*(H-H) = 18.6 Hz]; -0.11 [d, H(17), ⁴*J*(H-H) = 1.8 Hz and *J*(Hg-H) = 33.0 Hz]. MS (ESI), *m/z* (assignment, rel. intensity): 1090.1 (M⁺, 26.12 %), 762.4 ([M-HgI+H]⁺, 67.95 %), 613.4 [M-HgI+H-CH₂COOCH₂C₆H₅]⁺, 42.74 %). Anal. Calcd. for C₅₃H₃₇HgIN₄O₂: C, 58.43; H, 3.42; N, 5.14. Found: C, 58.13; H, 3.42; N, 5.16. UV-vis spectrum, λ (nm) [ε×10⁻³ (M⁻¹ cm⁻¹)] in CH₂ Cl₂ at 300 K: 356 (17.9), 479 (60.5), 606 (1.7), 659 (2.4), 730 (5.7).





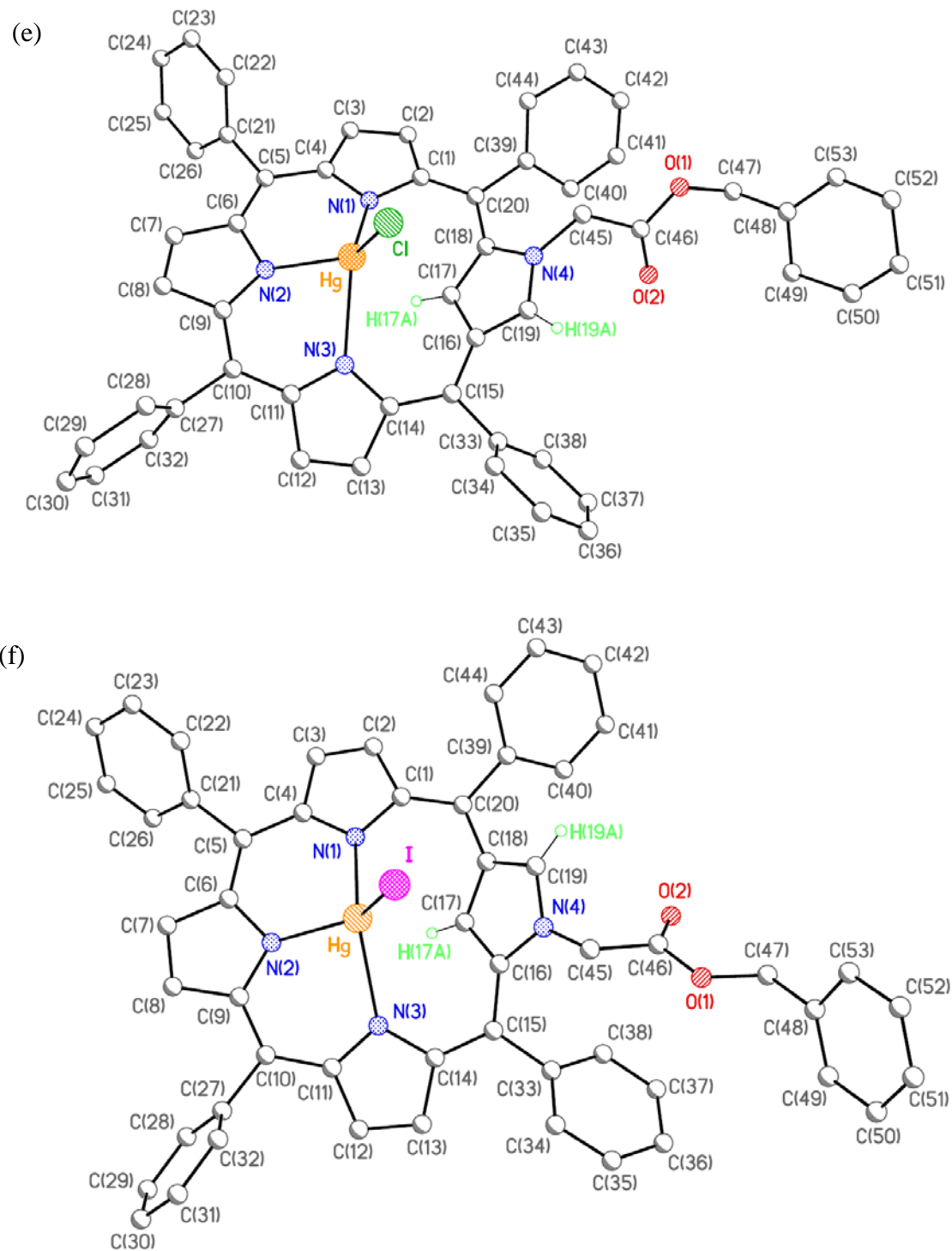


Fig. S1. X-ray structures of (a) **4** · C₈H₁₀, (b) **5**, (c) **6**, (d) **7**, (e) **8**, and (f) **9** with ellipsoids drawn at 30 % probability. All hydrogen atoms except H(17A) and H(19A), and solvent are omitted for clarity.

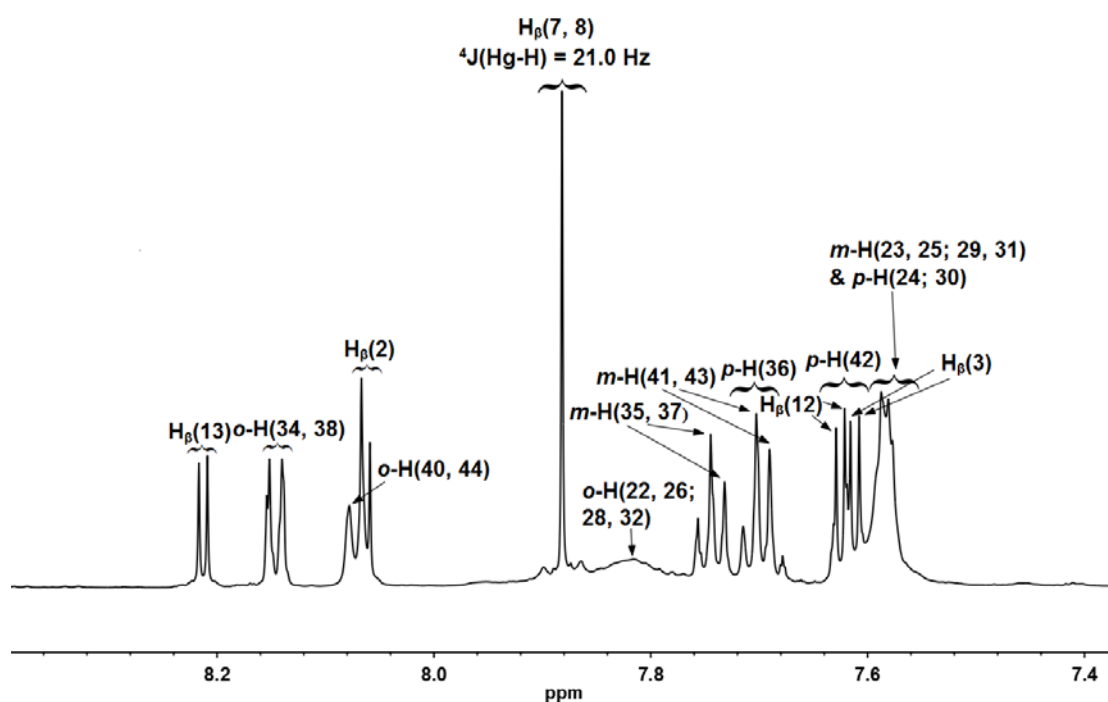
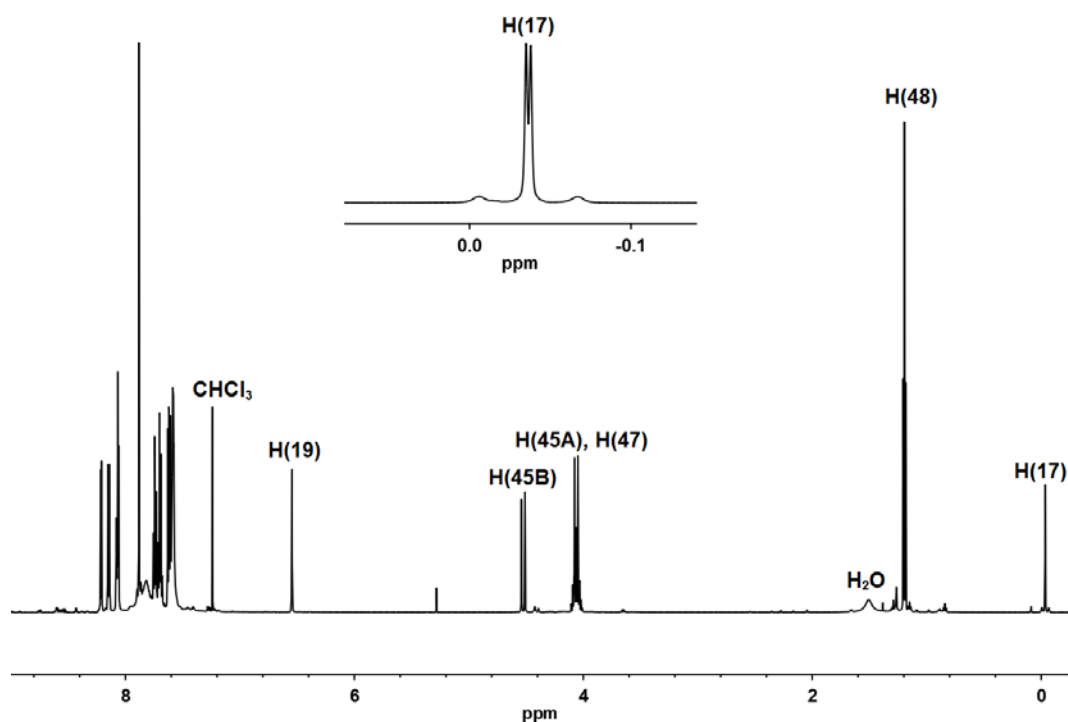


Fig S2. ^1H NMR spectra for **5** at 599.93 MHz in CDCl_3 at 298 K : (a) entire spectrum; (b) expansion of the region 7.4-8.4 ppm of (a) showing six different β -pyrrole protons H_β and phenyl protons (o -H, m , p -H).

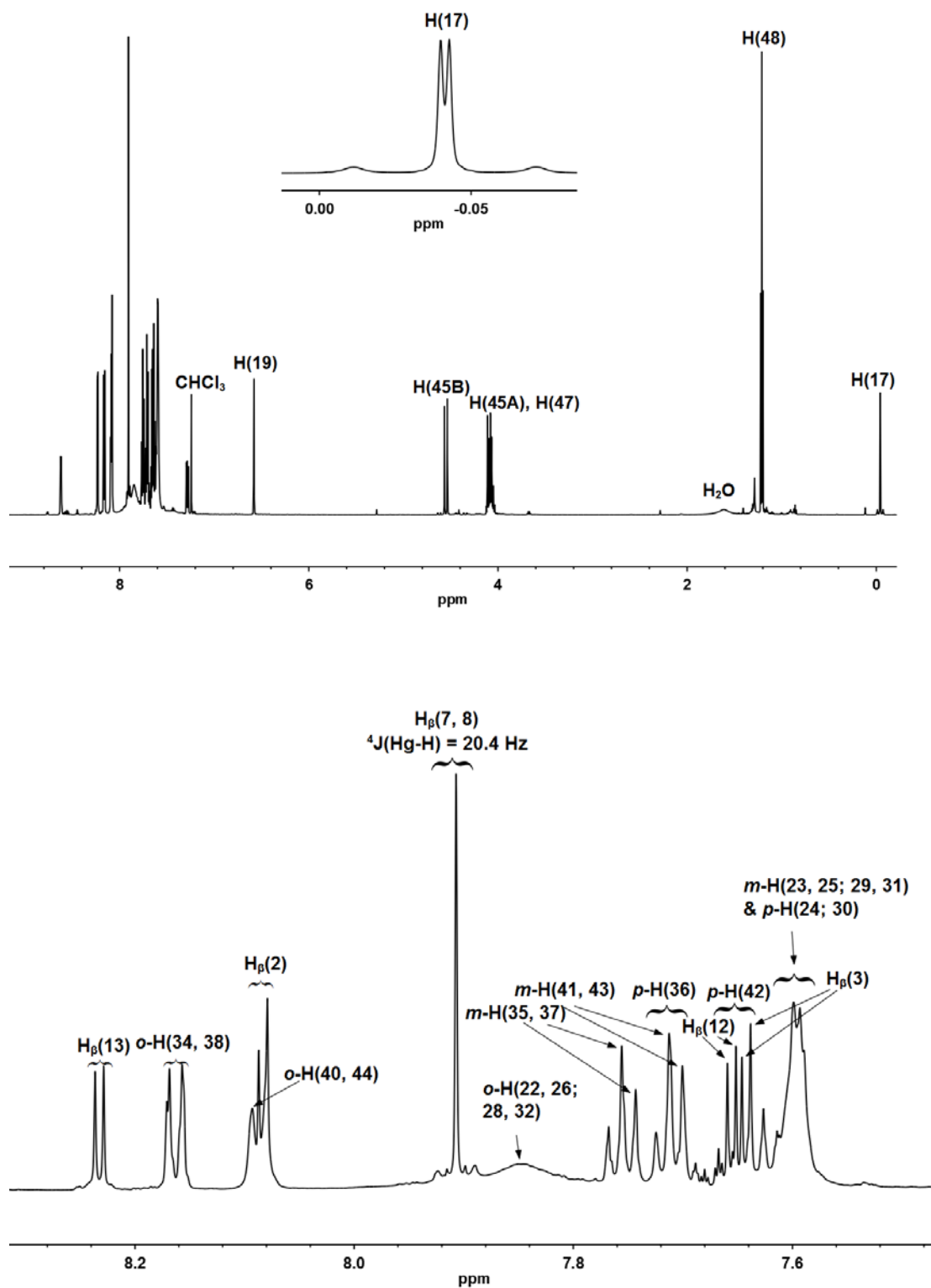


Fig S3. ^1H NMR spectra for **6** at 599.87 MHz in CDCl_3 at 298 K : (a) entire spectrum; (b) expansion of the region 7.4-8.4 ppm of (a) showing six different β -pyrrole protons H_β and phenyl protons ($o\text{-H}$, m , $p\text{-H}$).

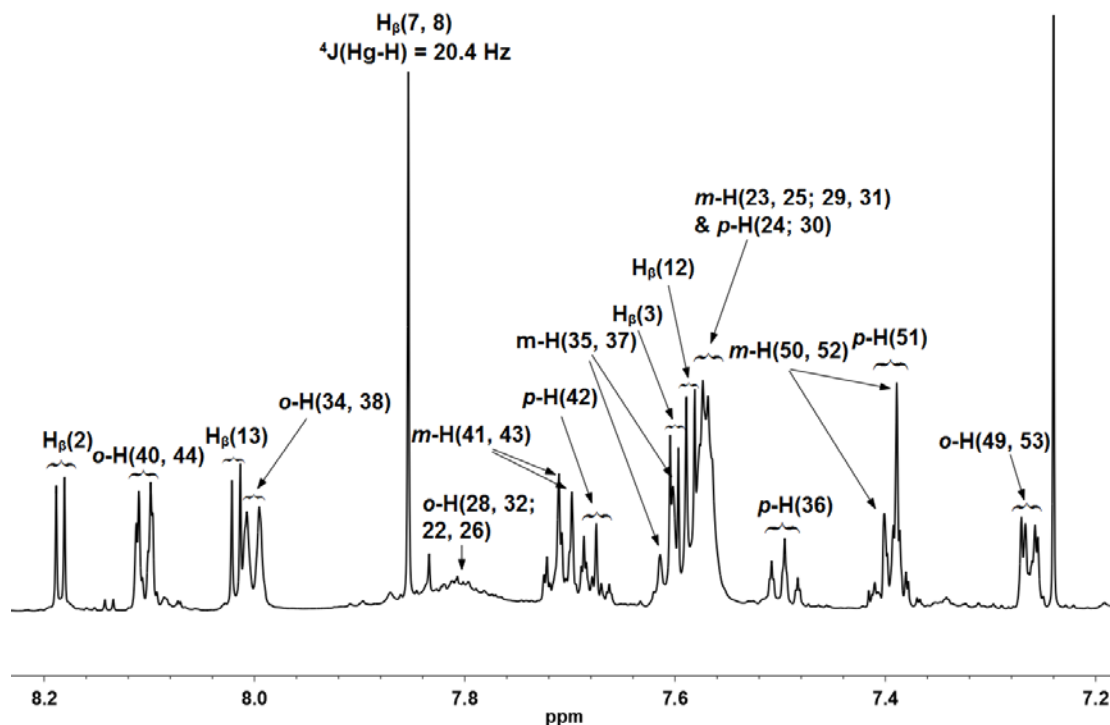
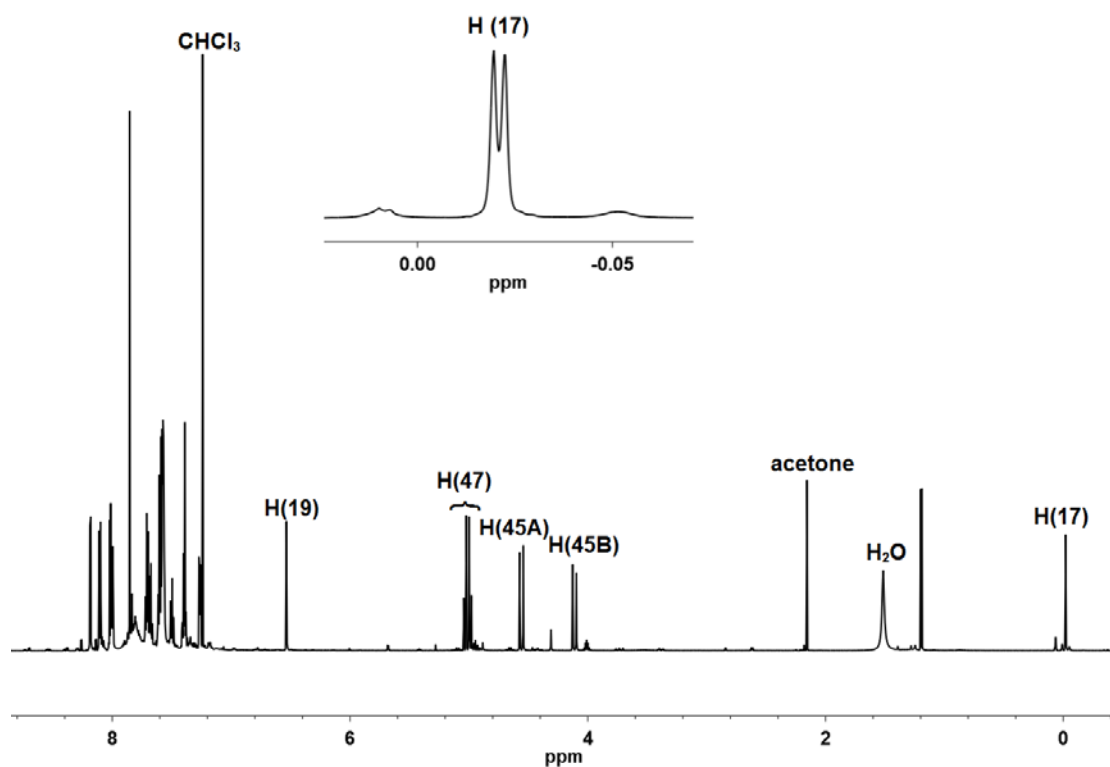


Fig S4. ^1H NMR spectra for **8** at 599.93 MHz in CDCl_3 at 298 K : (a) entire spectrum; (b) expansion of the region 7.2-8.4 ppm of (a) showing six different β -pyrrole protons H_β and phenyl protons (o -H, m , p -H).

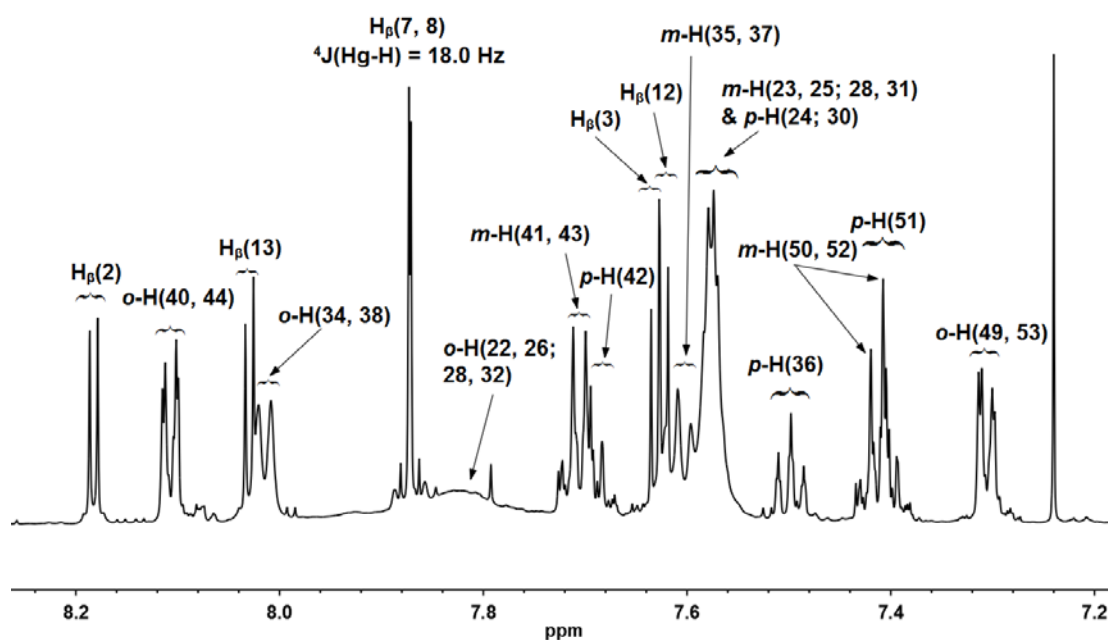
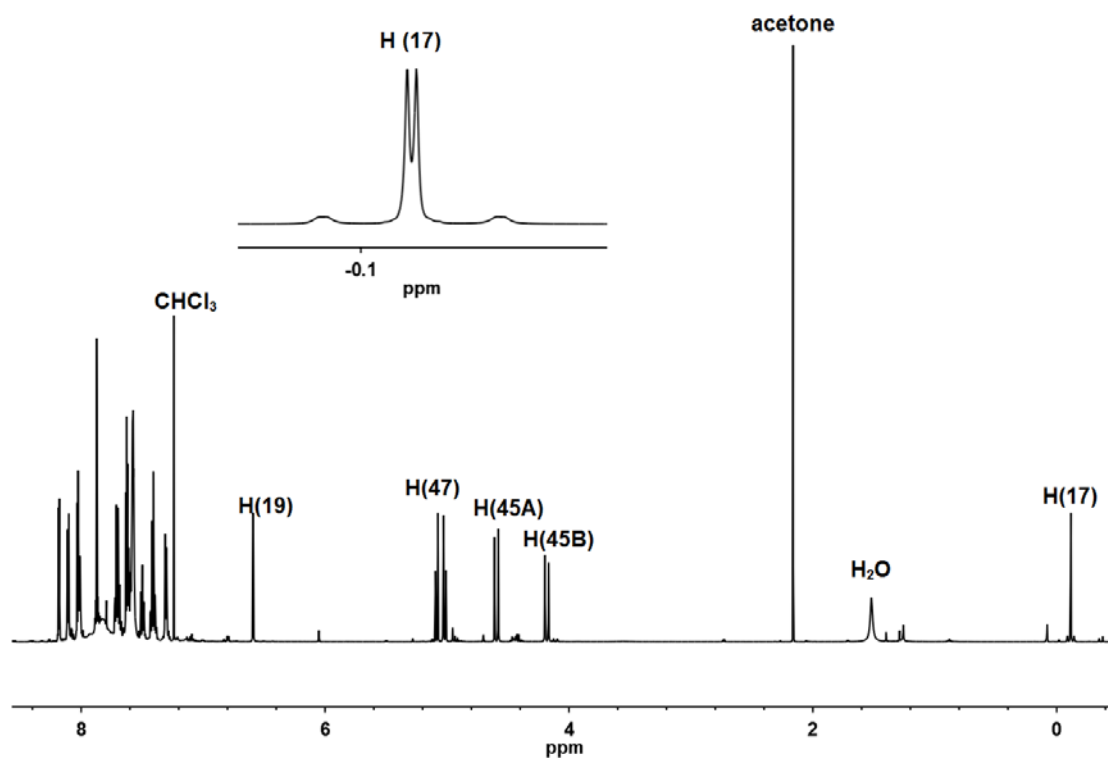


Fig S5. ^1H NMR spectra for **9** at 599.93 MHz in CDCl_3 at 298 K : (a) entire spectrum; (b) expansion of the region 7.2-8.4 ppm of (a) showing six different β -pyrrole protons H_β and phenyl protons (*o*-H, *m*, *p*-H).

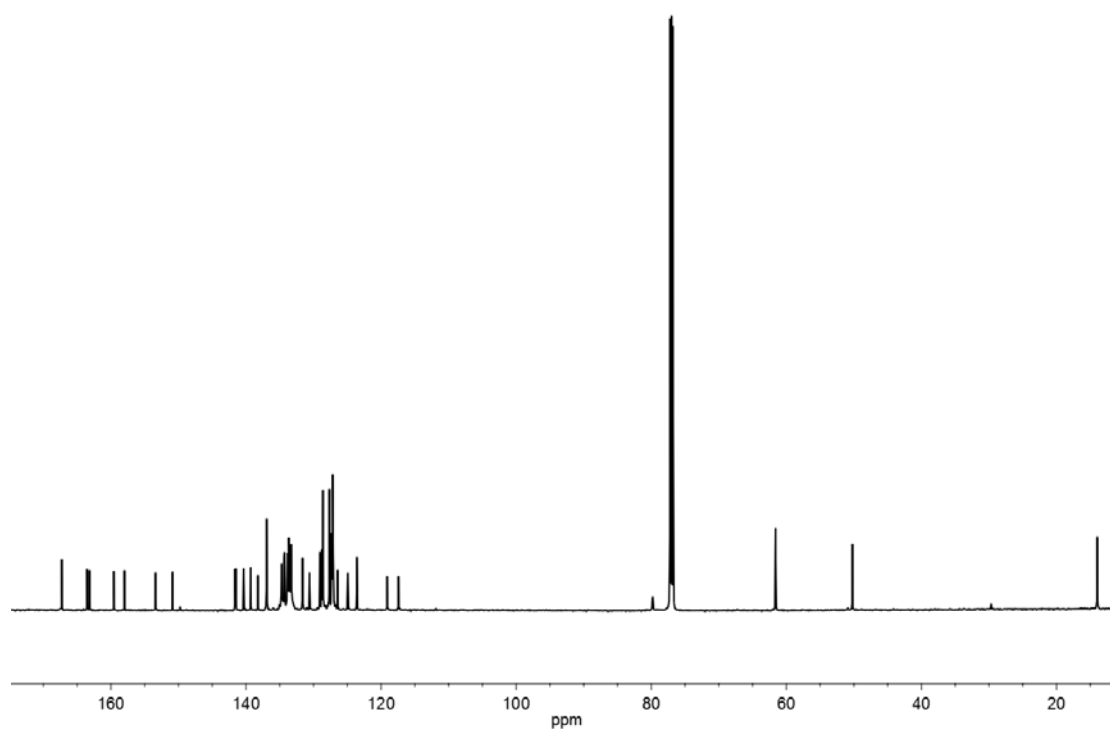


Fig. S6. ^{13}C NMR spectra for **5** at 150.87 MHz in CDCl_3 at 25°C

^{13}C NMR (150.87 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25°C , partial data) of **5** :

δ 167.3 [s, C(46)]; 163.6 (s) and 153.4 (s) for $\text{C}_\alpha(1)$ and $\text{C}_\alpha(4)$; 163.2 (s) and 150.9 (s) for $\text{C}_\alpha(11)$ and $\text{C}_\alpha(14)$; 159.6 (s) and 158.0 (s) for $\text{C}_\alpha(6)$ and $\text{C}_\alpha(9)$; 140.4 [s, C(33)]; 139.3 [s, C(39)]; 138.2 [s, C(15)]; 137.0 [s, C(34, 38)]; 134.7 [s, C(40, 44)]; 134.4 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(13)$]; 134.3 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(7)$]; 133.9 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(8)$]; 133.7 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(2)$]; 133.3 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(3)$]; 131.6 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(12)$]; 130.6 [s, C(18)]; 129.1 [s, C(36)]; 128.8 [s, C(42)]; 128.6 [s, C(41, 43)]; 127.7 [s, C(35, 37)]; 126.5 [s, C(16)]; 125.0 [s, C(20)]; 123.6 [s, $\text{C}_\alpha(19)$]; 79.8 [s, C(17)]; 61.6 [s, C(47)]; 50.2 [s, C(45)]; 14.0 [s, C(48)].

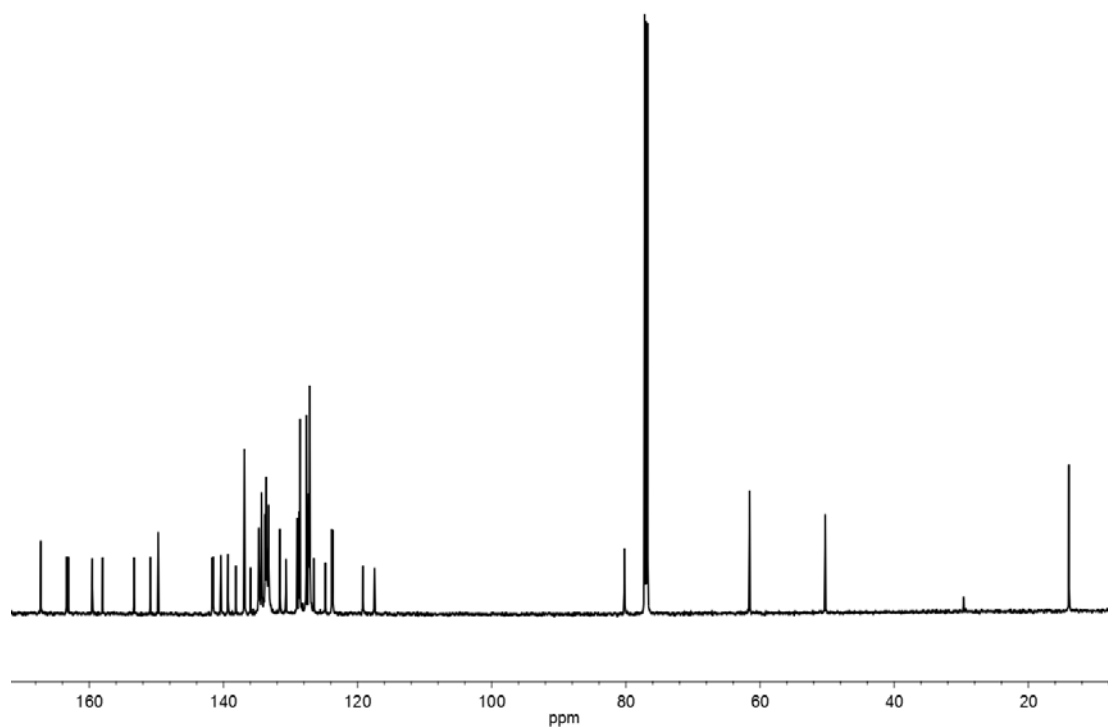


Fig. S7. ^{13}C NMR spectra for **6** at 150.87 MHz in CDCl_3 at 25°C

^{13}C NMR (150.87 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25°C , partial data) of **6** :

δ 167.2 [s, C(46)]; 163.4 (s) and 153.3 (s) for $\text{C}_\alpha(1)$ and $\text{C}_\alpha(4)$; 163.1 (s) and 150.9 (s) for $\text{C}_\alpha(11)$ and $\text{C}_\alpha(14)$; 159.6 (s) and 158.0 (s) for $\text{C}_\alpha(6)$ and $\text{C}_\alpha(9)$; 140.4 [s, C(33)]; 139.3 [s, C(39)]; 138.2 [s, C(15)]; 136.9 [s, C(34, 38)]; 134.7 [s, C(40, 44)]; 134.3 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(13)$]; 134.3 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(7)$]; 133.8 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(8)$]; 133.6 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(2)$]; 133.3 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(3)$]; 131.6 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(12)$]; 130.7 [s, C(18)]; 129.0 [s, C(36)]; 128.8 [s, C(42)]; 128.6 [s, C(41, 43)]; 127.6 [s, C(35, 37)]; 126.5 [s, C(16)]; 124.8 [s, C(20)]; 123.9 [s, $\text{C}_\alpha(19)$]; 80.2 [s, C(17)]; 61.6 [s, C(47)]; 50.3 [s, C(45)]; 14.0 [s, C(48)].

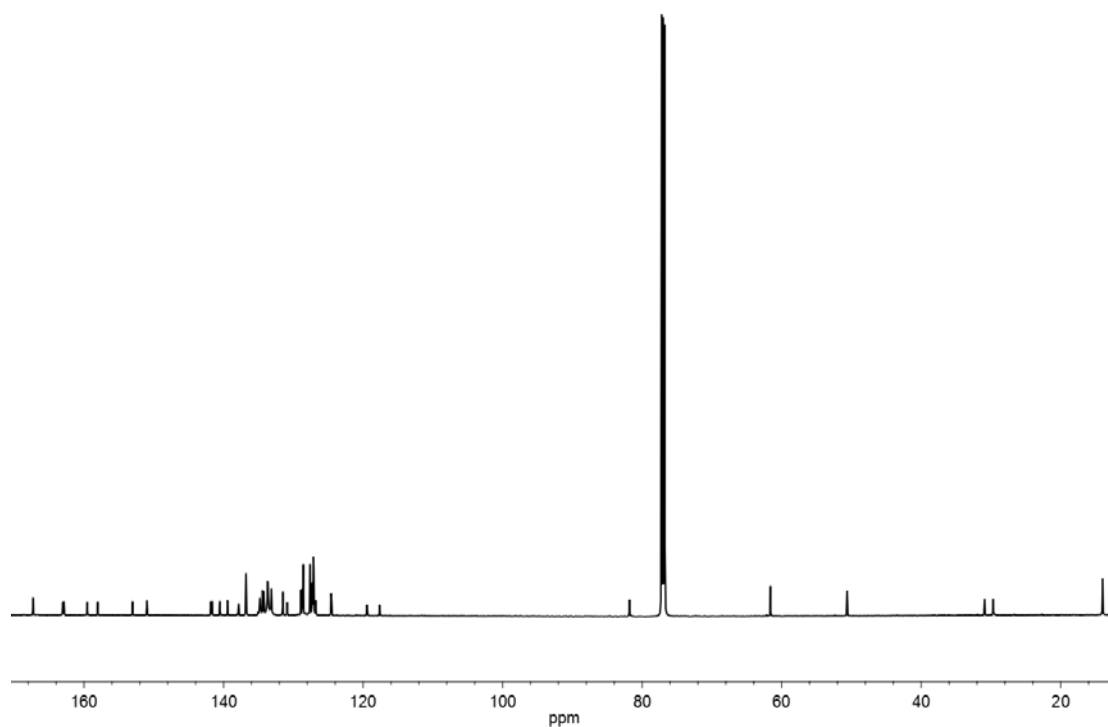


Fig. S8. ^{13}C NMR spectra for **7** at 150.87 MHz in CDCl_3 at 25°C

^{13}C NMR (150.87 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25°C , partial data) of **7** :

δ 167.3 [s, C(46)]; 163.1 (s) and 153.1 (s) for $\text{C}_\alpha(1)$ and $\text{C}_\alpha(4)$; 162.9 (s) and 151.0 (s) for $\text{C}_\alpha(11)$ and $\text{C}_\alpha(14)$; 159.5 (s) and 158.0 (s) for $\text{C}_\alpha(6)$ and $\text{C}_\alpha(9)$; 140.5 [s, C(33)]; 139.4 [s, C(39)]; 137.8 [s, C(15)]; 136.8 [s, C(34, 38)]; 134.8 [s, C(40, 44)]; 134.4 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(13)$]; 134.2 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(7)$]; 133.7 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(8)$]; 133.6 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(2)$]; 133.2 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(3)$]; 131.5 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(12)$]; 130.9 [s, C(18)]; 128.9 [s, C(36)]; 128.7 [s, C(42)]; 128.6 [s, C(41, 43)]; 127.6 [s, C(35, 37)]; 126.8 [s, C(16)]; 124.6 [s, C(20)]; 124.5 [s, $\text{C}_\alpha(19)$]; 81.8 [s, C(17)]; 61.6 [s, C(47)]; 50.6 [s, C(45)]; 14.0 [s, C(48)].

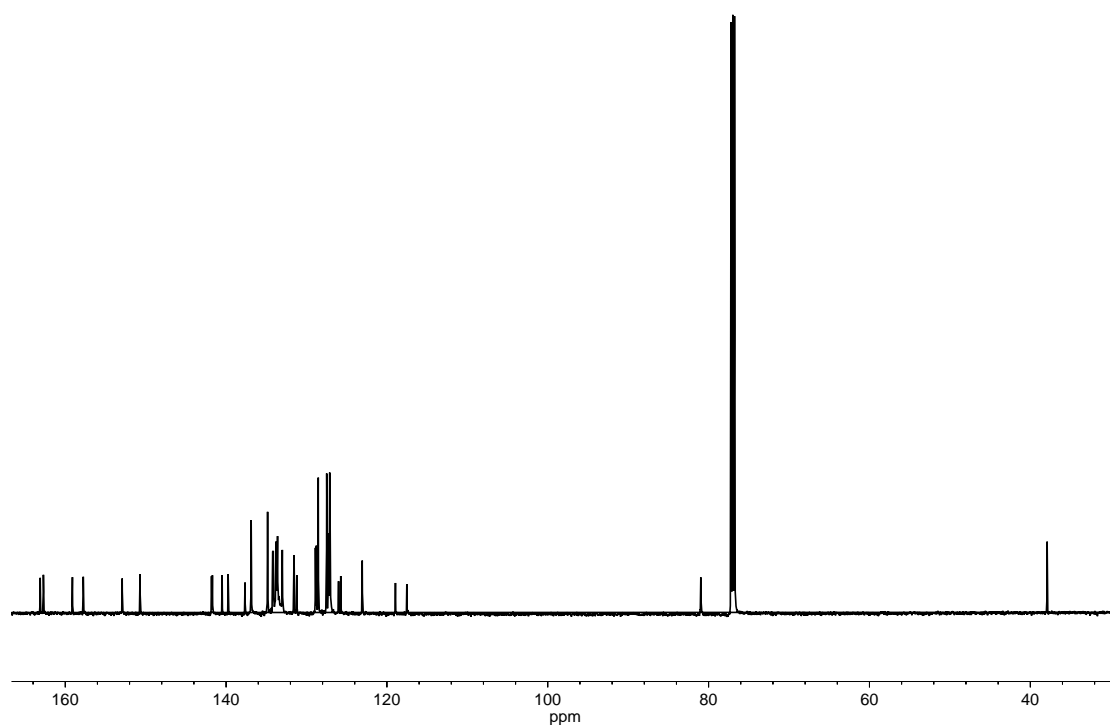


Fig. S9. ^{13}C NMR spectra for **4** at 150.87 MHz in CDCl_3 at 25°C

^{13}C NMR (150.85 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25°C , partial data) of **4** :

δ 163.1 (s) and 152.9 (s) for $\text{C}_\alpha(11)$ and $\text{C}_\alpha(14)$; 162.7 (s) and 150.7 (s) for $\text{C}_\alpha(1)$ and $\text{C}_\alpha(4)$; 159.1 (s) and 157.8 (s) for $\text{C}_\alpha(6)$ and $\text{C}_\alpha(9)$; 140.5 [s, C(20)]; 136.9 [s, C(40, 44)]; 134.9 [s, C(34, 38)]; 134.2 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(2)$]; 134.1 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(7)$]; 133.8 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(8)$]; 133.6 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(13)$]; 133.0 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(12)$]; 131.6 [s, $\text{C}_\beta(3)$]; 131.2 [s, C(16)]; 128.9 [s, C(42)]; 128.8 [s, C(36)]; 128.6 [s, C(35, 37)]; 127.5 [s, C(41, 43)]; 126.0 [s, C(15)]; 125.8 [s, C(18)]; 123.1 [s, $\text{C}_\alpha(19)$]; 81.0 [s, C(17)]; 37.9 [s, C(45)].

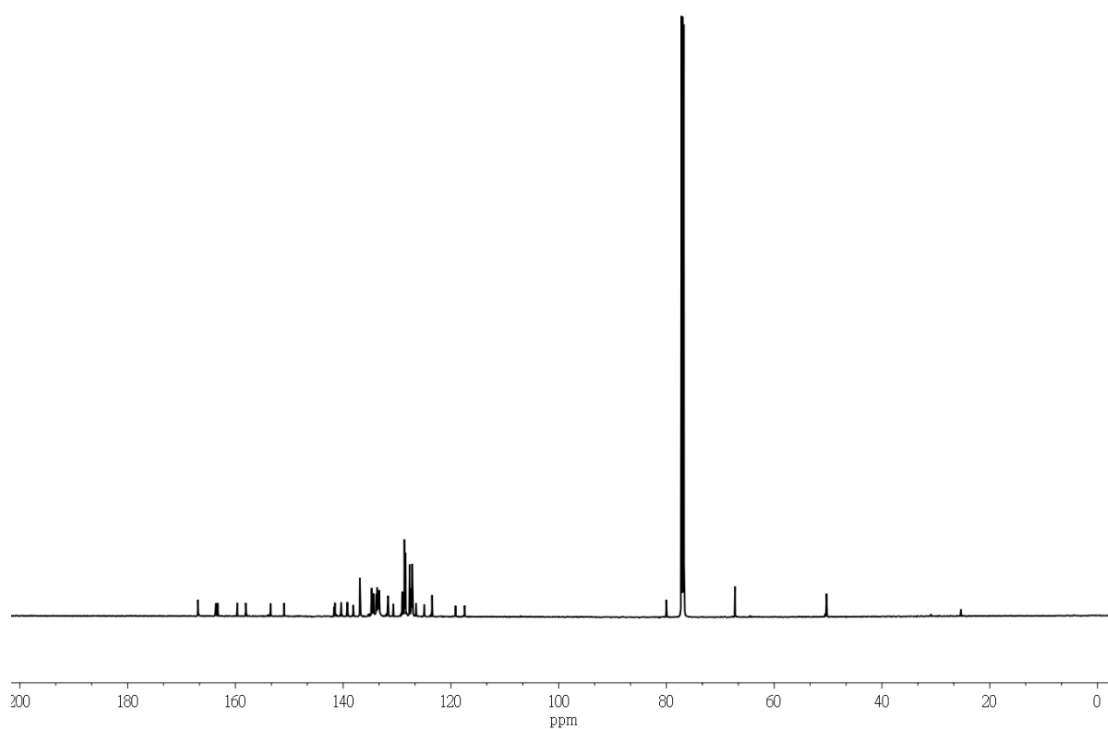


Fig. S10. ^{13}C NMR spectra for **8** at 150.87 MHz in CDCl_3 at 25°C

^{13}C NMR (150.85 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25°C , partial data) of **8** :

δ 167.0 [s, C(46)]; 163.6 (s) and 153.5 (s) for C_α (1) and C_α (4); δ 163.3 (s) and 153.5 (s) for C_α (11) and C_α (14); 160.0 (s) and 158.1 (s) for C_α (6) and C_α (9); δ 140.4 [s, C(39)] ; 139.2 [s, C(33)] ; 138.2 [s, C(20)]; 136.9 [s, C(40, 44)] ; 134.7 [s, C(34, 38)]; 134.7 [s, C(48)]; 134.4 [s, C_β (2)]; 134.3 [s, C_β (8)]; 133.9 [s, C_β (7)]; 133.7 [s, C_β (13)]; 133.3 [s, C_β (12)]; 131.7 [s, C_β (3)] ; 130.7 [s, C(18)]; 129.1 [s, C(42)]; 128.9 [s, C(36)]; 128.4 (s) and 127.1 (s) for C(49, 53); 127.7 [s, C(41, 43)]; 127.3 [s, C(35, 37)]; 126.5 [s, C(16)]; 124.9 [s, C_α (19)]; 80.0 [s, C(17)]; 67.3 [s, C(47)]; 50.3 [s, C(45)]

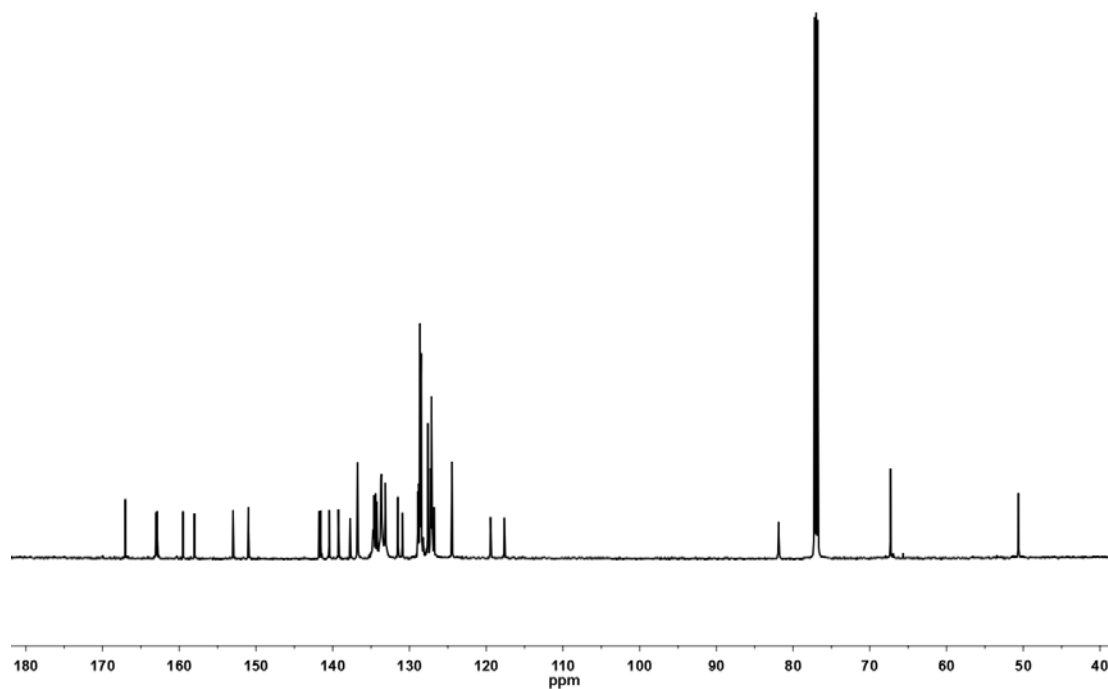


Fig. S11. ^{13}C NMR spectra for **9** at 150.87 MHz in CDCl_3 at 25°C

^{13}C NMR (150.85 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25°C , partial data) of **9** :

δ 167.0 [s, C(46)]; 163.6 (s) and 151.0 (s) for C_α (1) and C_α (4); 162.9 (s) and 153.0 (s) for C_α (11) and C_α (14); 159.5 (s) and 158.0 (s) for C_α (6) and C_α (9); 140.5 [s, C(39)] ; 139.3 [s, C(33)] ; 137.7 [s, C(20)]; 136.8 [s, C(40, 44)] ; δ 134.7 [s, C(34, 38)]; 134.6 [s, C(48)]; 134.4 [s, C_β (2)]; 134.2 [s, C_β (8)]; 133.7 [s, C_β (7)]; 133.6 [s, C_β (13)]; 133.2 [s, C_β (12)]; 133.2 [s, C_β (3)] ; 130.9 [s, C(18)]; 128.9 [s, C(42)]; 128.8 [s, C(36)]; 128.5 (s) and 127.1 (s) for C(49, 53); 127.6 [s, C(41, 43)]; 127.3 [s, C(35, 37)]; 126.8 [s, C(16)]; 124.5 [s, C_α (19)]; 81.9 [s, C(17)]; 67.3 [s, C(47)]; 50.6 [s, C(45)]

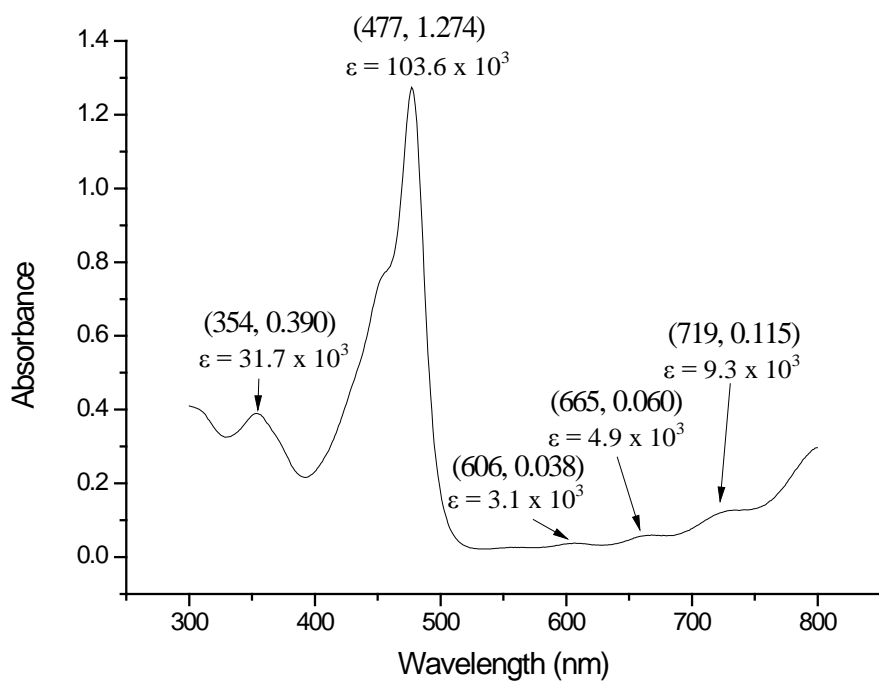


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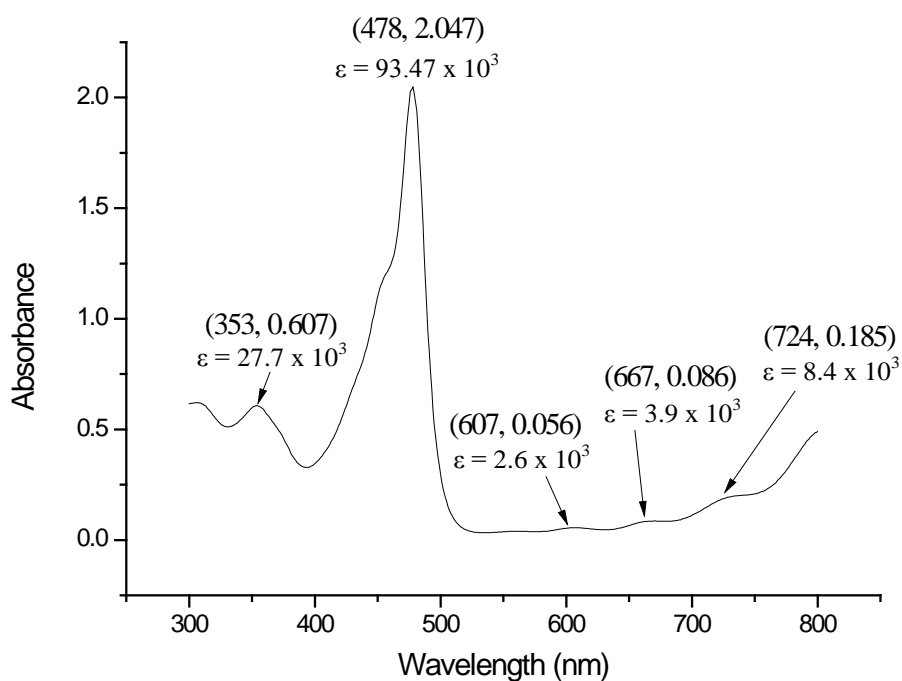


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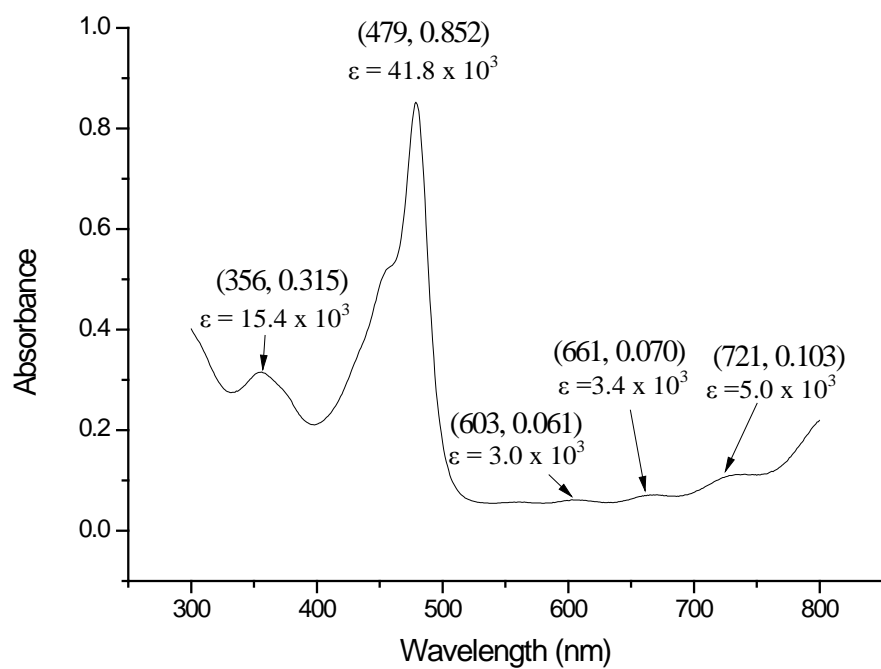


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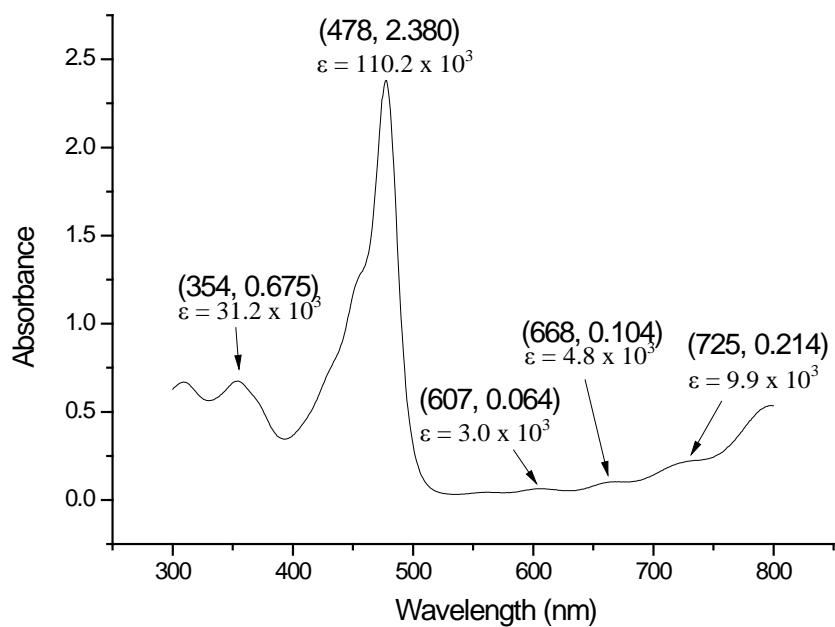


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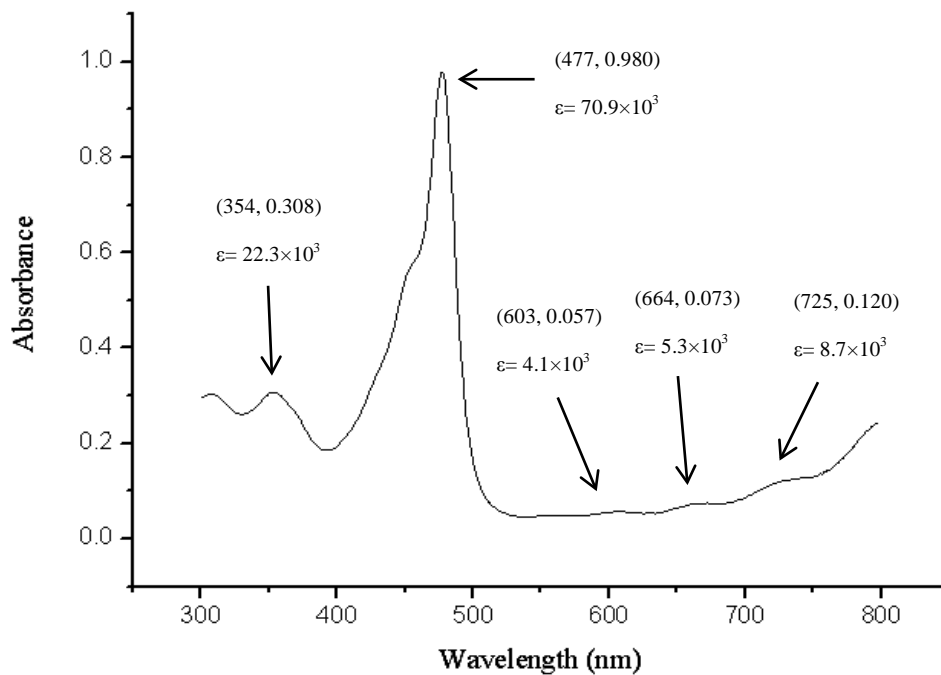


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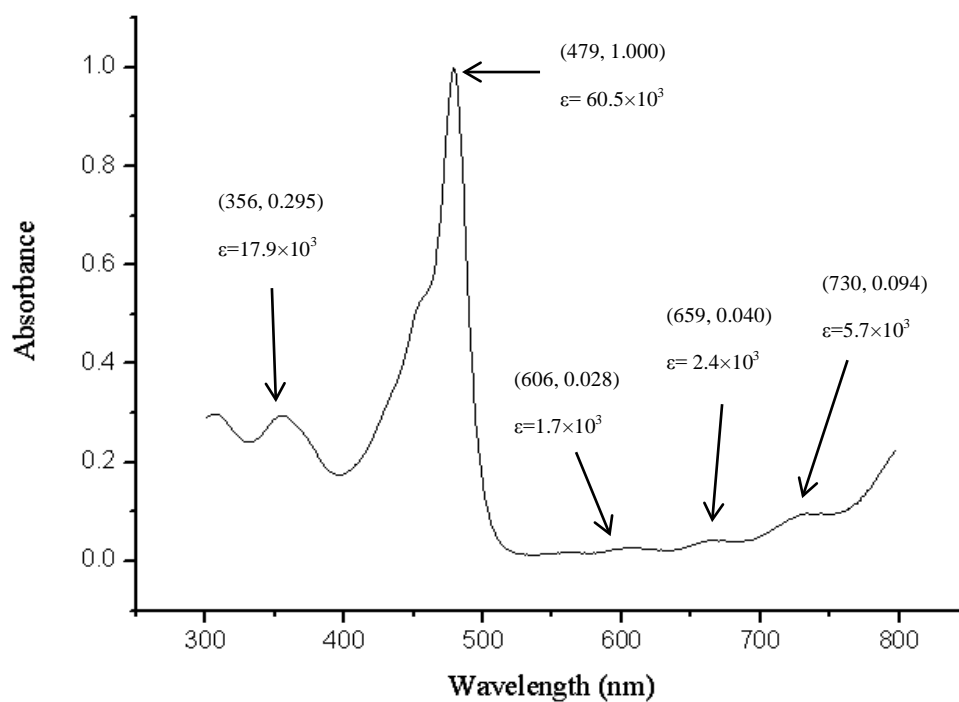


Fig. S17. UV-Vis spectra of **9** in CH₂Cl₂ at 300 K : 300 – 800 nm

Comparison of empirical formula between data of X-ray diffraction and EA measurement

The X-ray structure data were obtained from single crystal. Moreover, all of elemental analyses data were measured from the powder sample through recrystallization, not from single crystal. Hence, solvent molecule might be different between the data of X-ray diffraction and elemental analyses. Hence, X-ray diffraction data indicates the empirical formula of $4 \cdot C_8H_{10}$ (or **5-9**), but elemental analyses shows $4 \cdot 0.1C_6H_{14}$ (or **5** $\cdot 0.4 C_8H_{18}$, **6** $\cdot 0.3 C_8H_{18}$, **7** $\cdot 0.2 C_3H_7NO$, **8, 9**) for the same complexes. Compound **4** was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 and layered with hexane to afford green powder sample for elemental analyses.