

Supplementary Information

Pneumococcal histidine triads – involved not only in Zn(II), but also Ni(II) binding?

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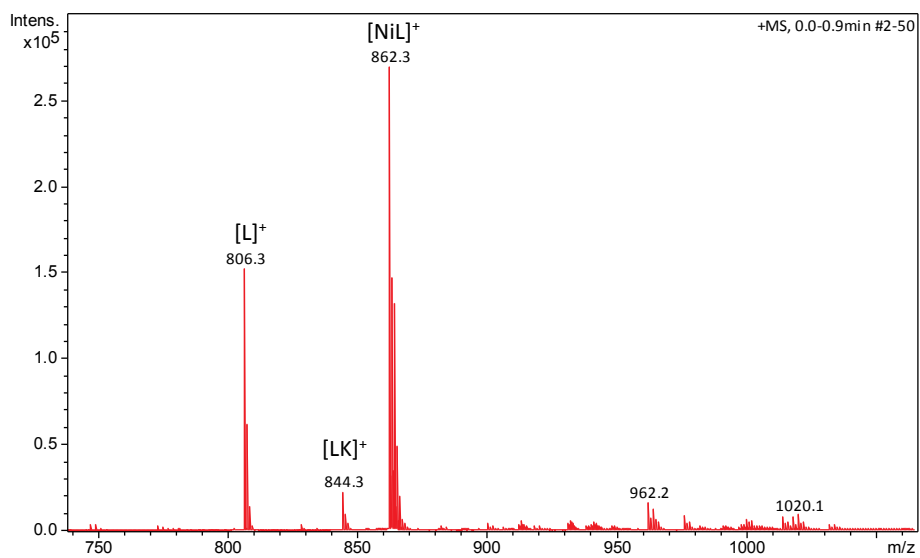
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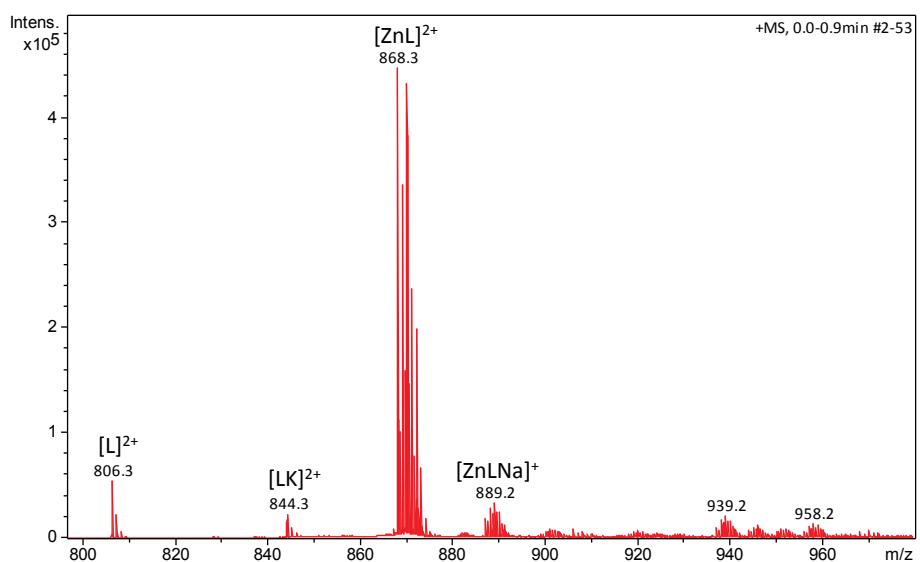
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Figure S1. PhtA sequence from *S. pneumoniae*; Uniprot accession number A0A0T8RGX3. The studied histidine triads are underlined in red.

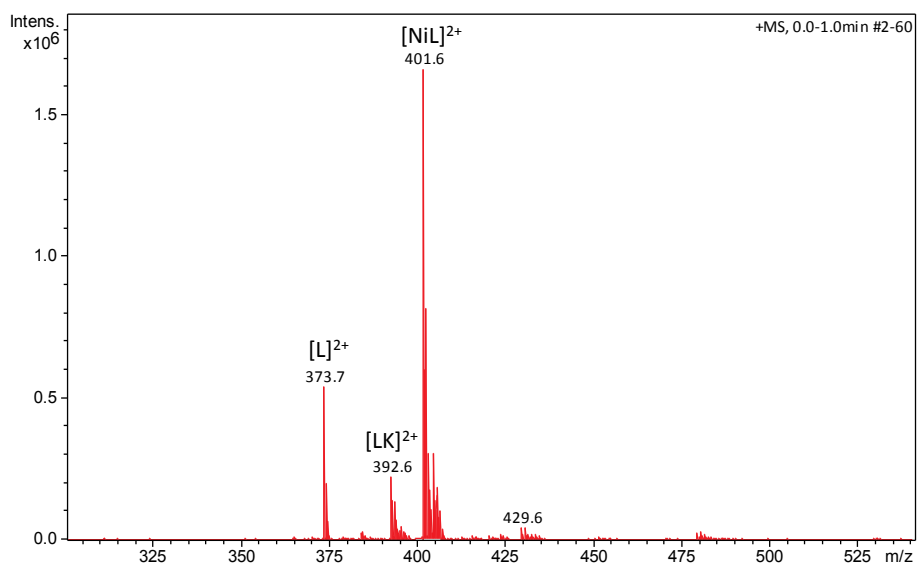
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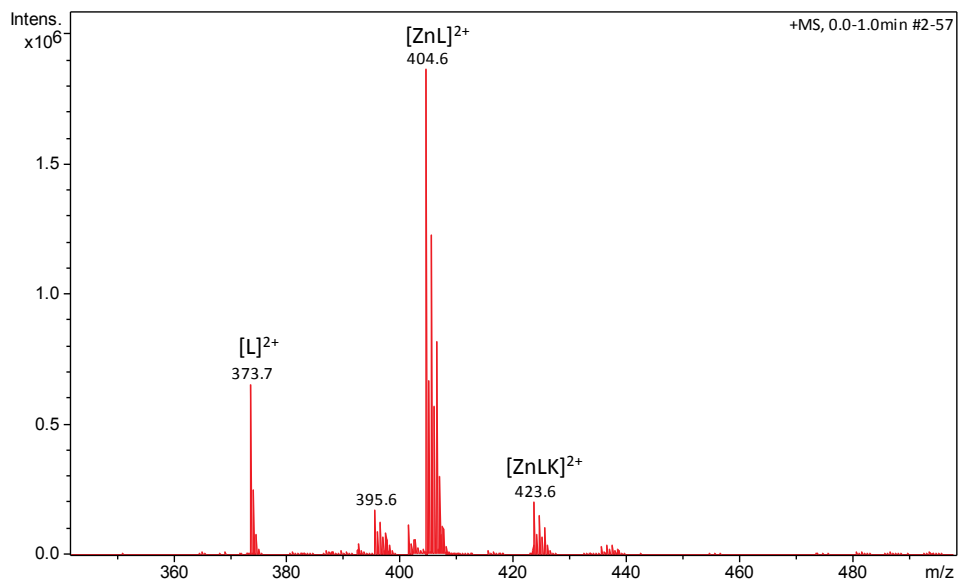
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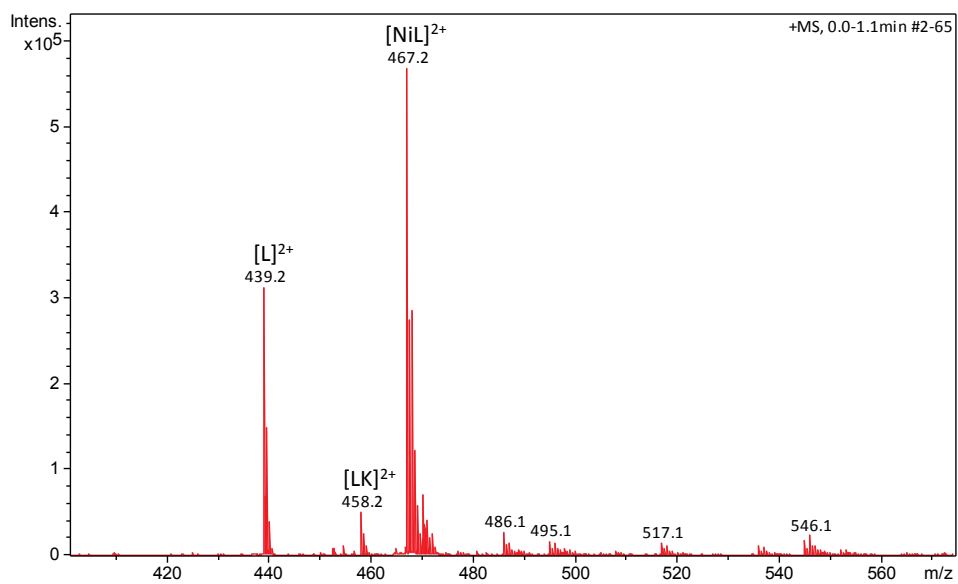
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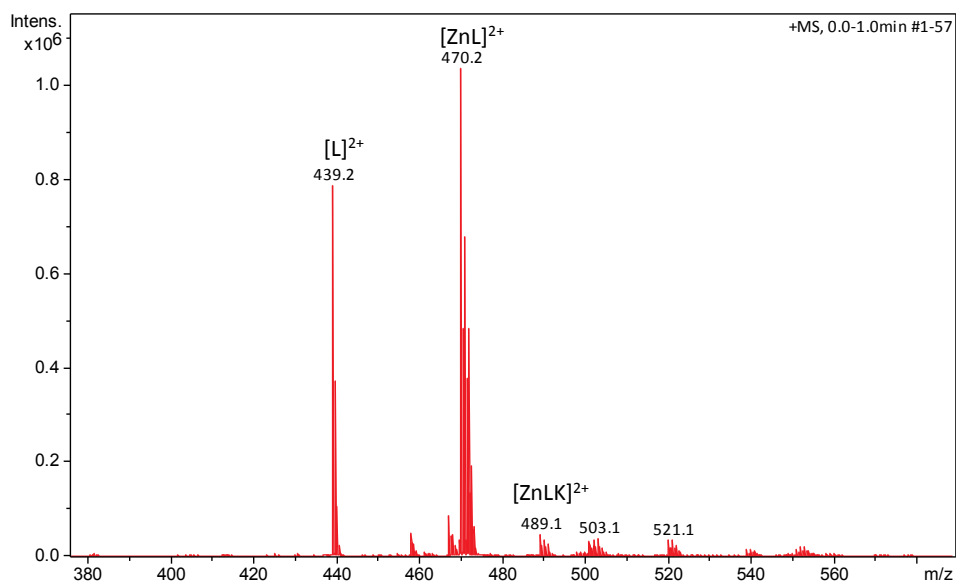
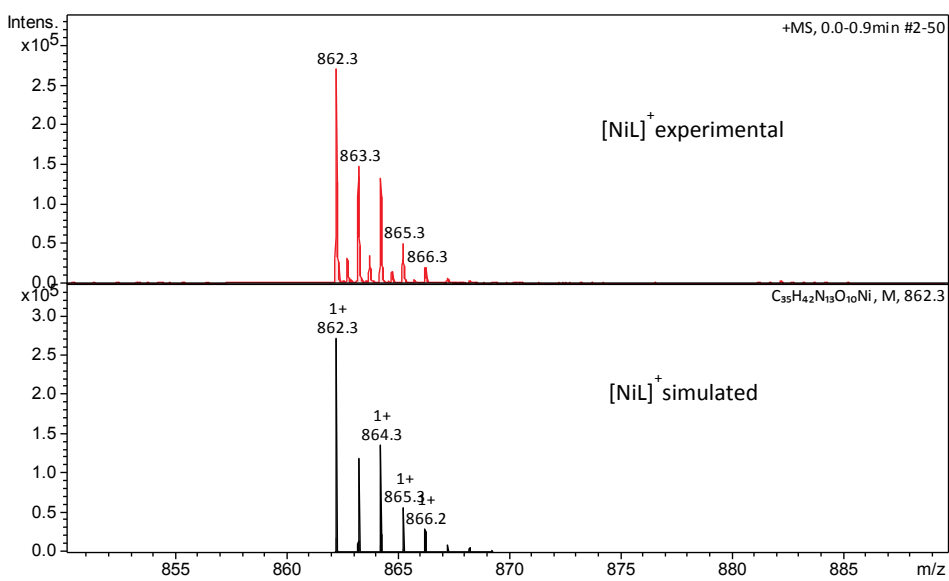
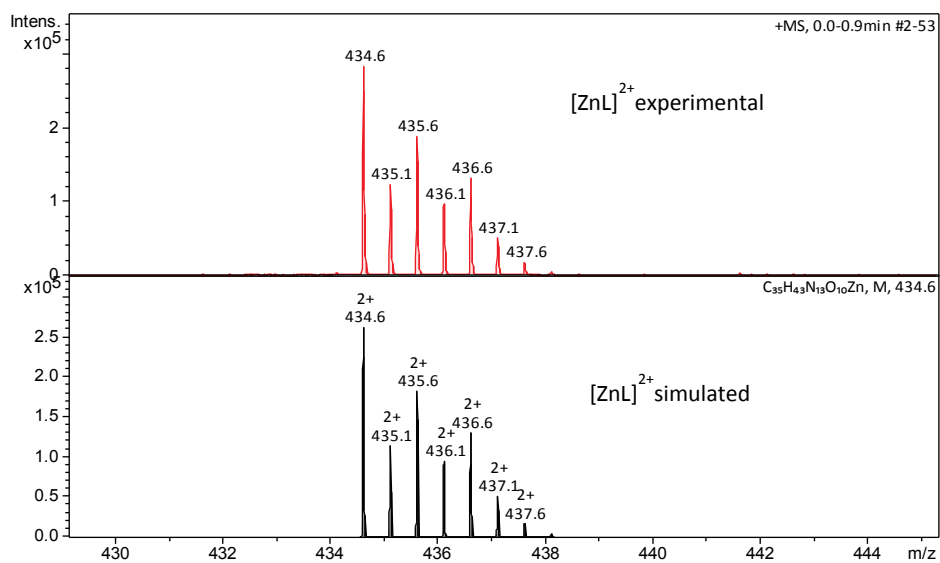


Figure S2. ESI-MS spectra of: A) Ni²⁺-Ac-HGDHYH-NH₂; B) Zn²⁺-Ac-HGDHYH-NH₂; C) Ni²⁺-Ac-HMGHSH-NH₂; D) Zn²⁺-Ac-HMGHSH-NH₂; E) Ni²⁺-Ac-HKDHYH-NH₂; F) Zn²⁺-Ac-HKDHYH-NH₂; M²⁺:L molar ratio=1:1, pH 6.

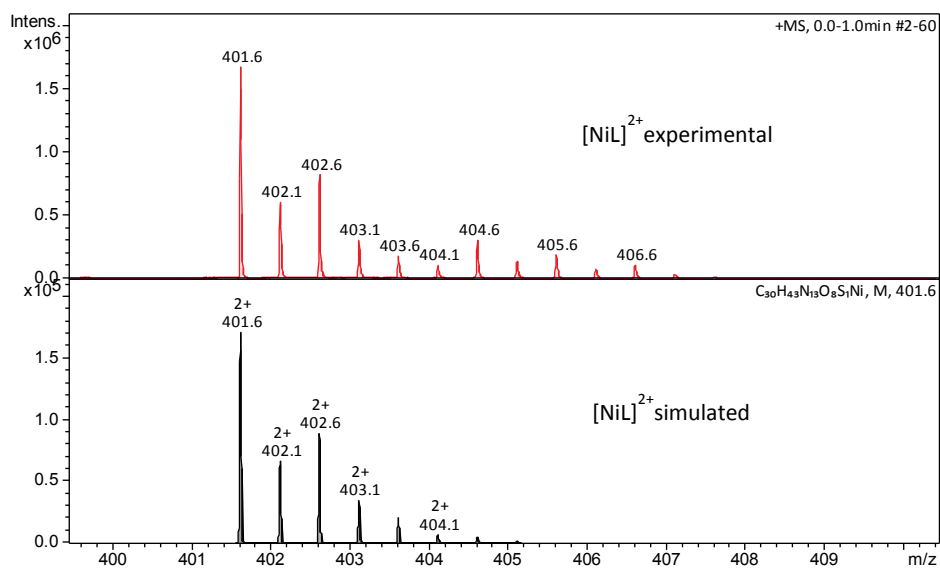
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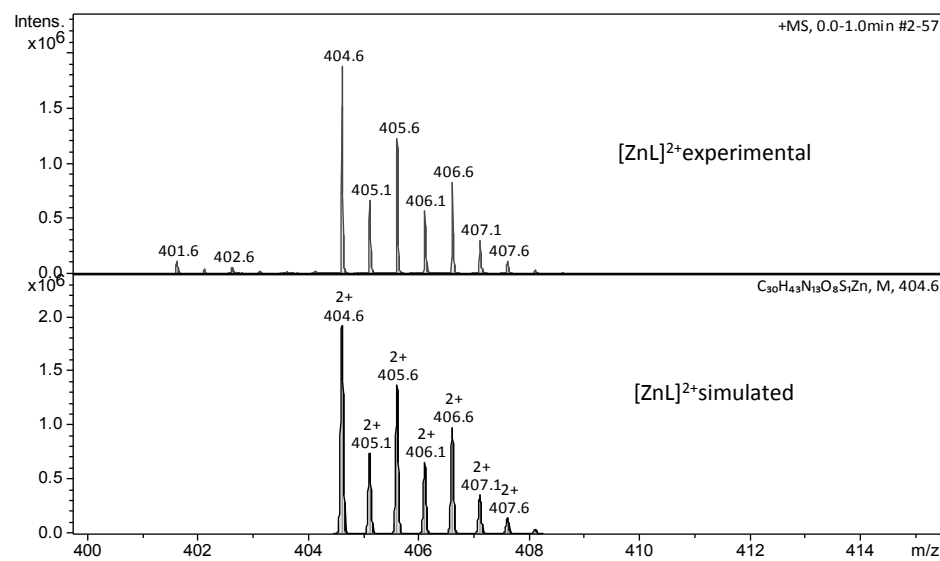
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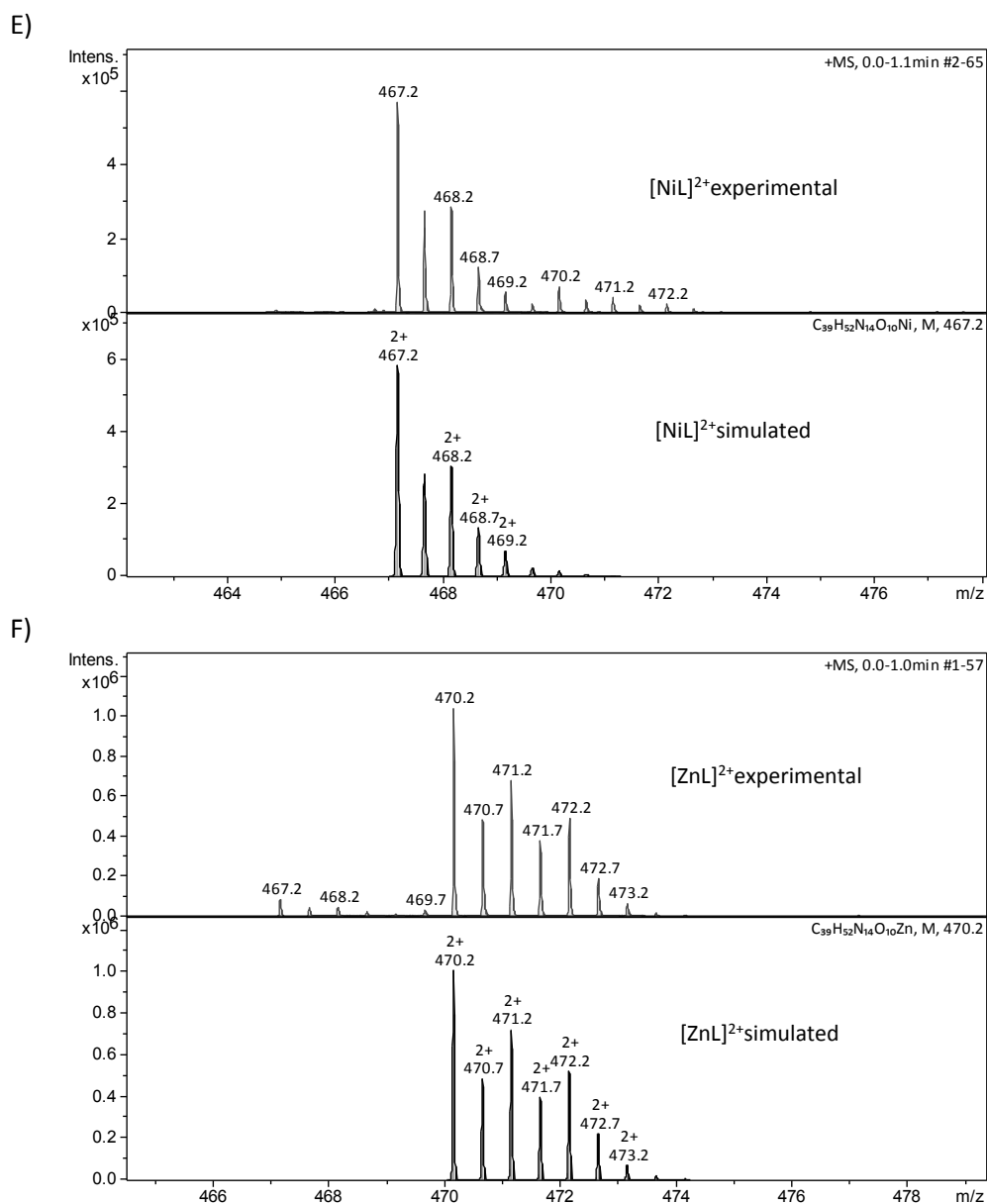
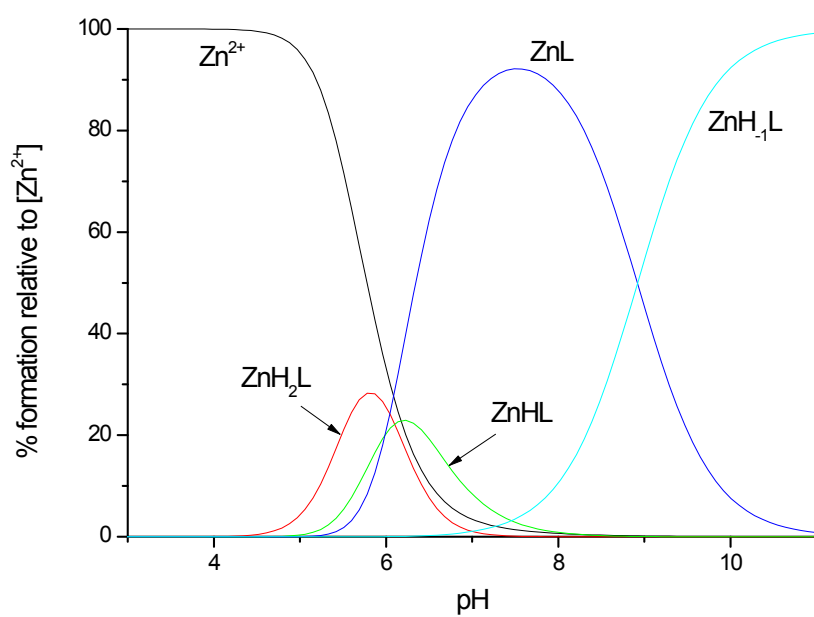
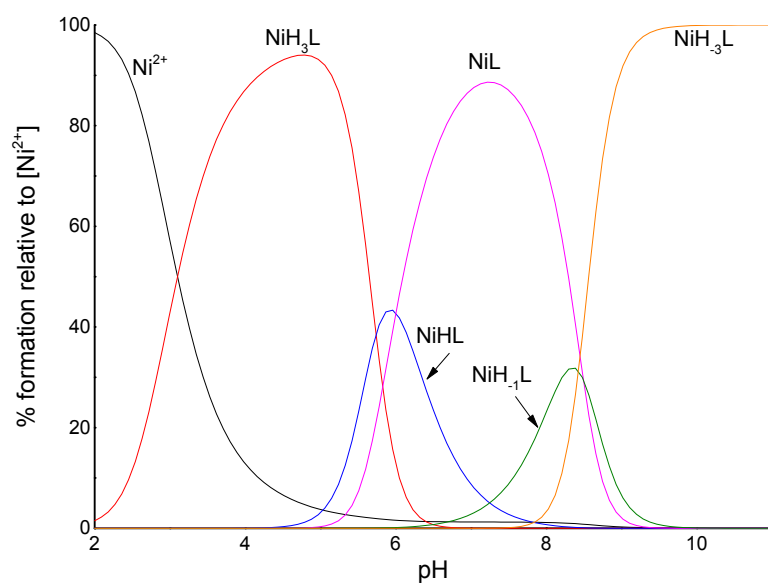


Figure S3. Isotopic distribution of: A) Ni^{2+} -Ac-HGDHYH- NH_2 ; B) Zn^{2+} -Ac-HGDHYH- NH_2 ; C) Ni^{2+} -Ac-HMGHSH- NH_2 ; D) Zn^{2+} -Ac-HMGHSH- NH_2 ; E) Ni^{2+} -Ac-HKDHYH- NH_2 ; F) Zn^{2+} -Ac-HKDHYH- NH_2 ; M^{2+} :L molar ratio=1:1, pH 6.

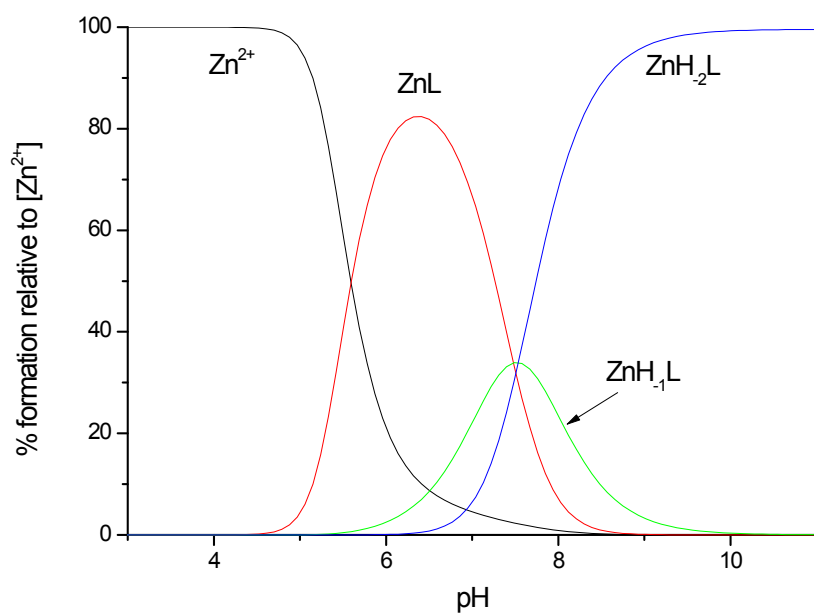
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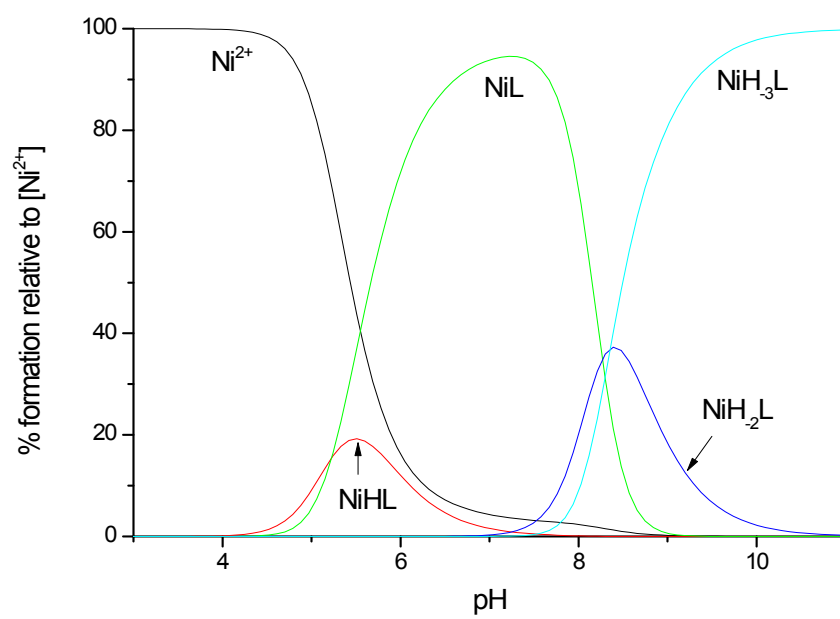
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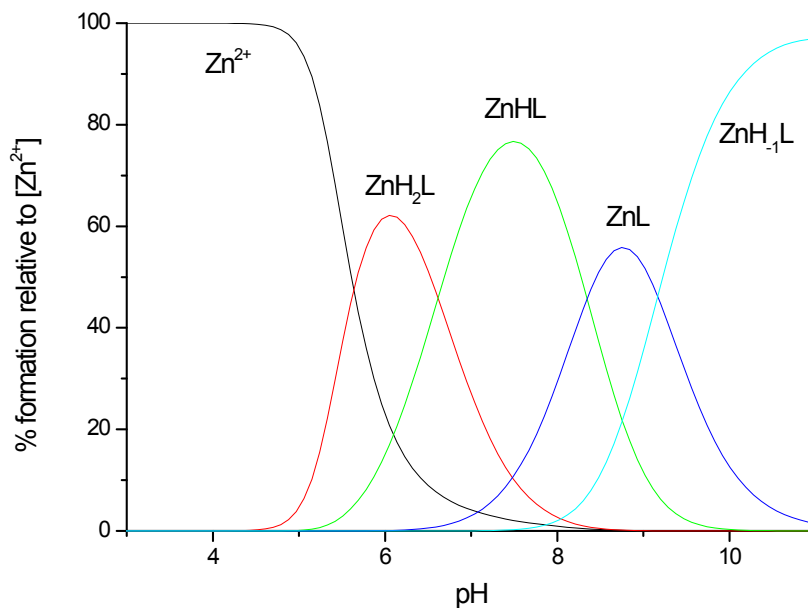
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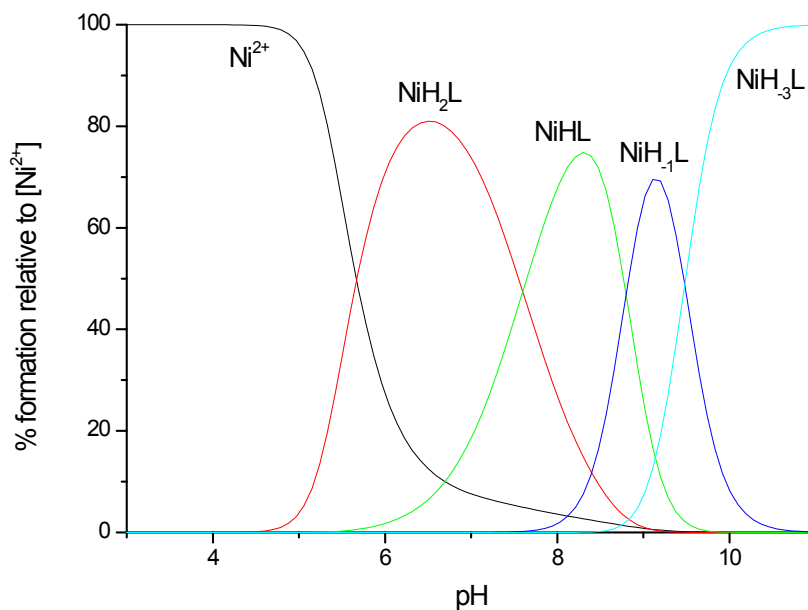
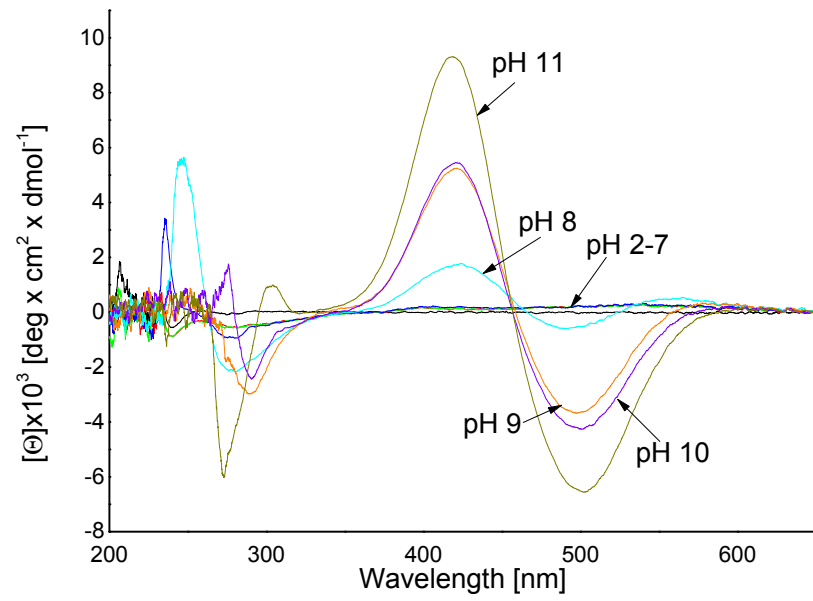
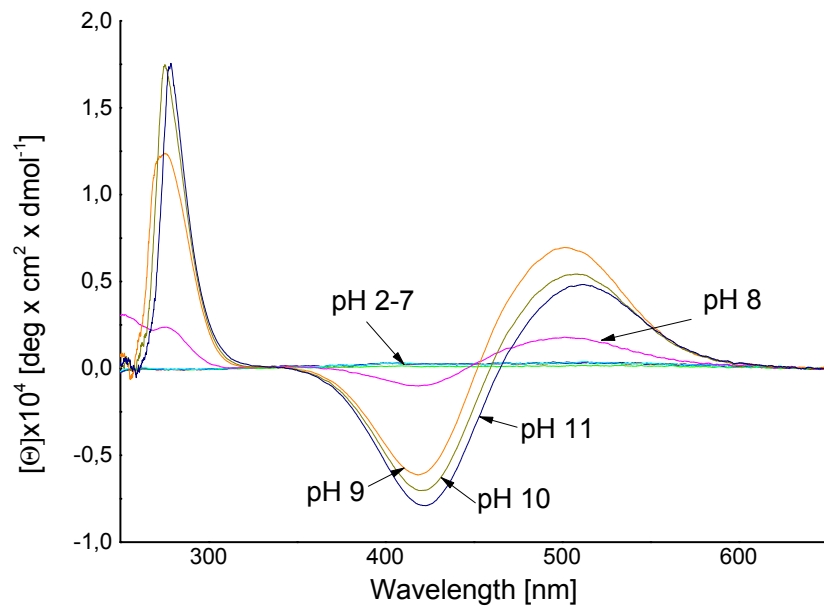


Figure S4. Distribution diagrams for the formation of: A) Zn^{2+} complex with Ac-HGDHYH- NH_2 ; B) Ni^{2+} complex with Ac-HGDHYH- NH_2 ; C) Zn^{2+} complex with Ac-HMGHSH- NH_2 ; D) Ni^{2+} complex with Ac-HMGHSH- NH_2 ; E) Zn^{2+} complex with Ac-HKDHYH- NH_2 ; F) Ni^{2+} complex with Ac-HKDHYH- NH_2 ; $T=298\text{K}$, $I=0.1\text{M}$, $[\text{M}^{2+}]=0.5 \cdot 10^{-3}\text{M}$; $\text{M}^{2+}:\text{L}$ molar ratio=1:1. K_d values at pH 7.4 for appropriate complexes were equal to: A) Zn^{2+} complex with Ac-HGDHYH- $\text{NH}_2 = 7.80 \cdot 10^{-10}$; B) Ni^{2+} complex with Ac-HGDHYH- $\text{NH}_2 = 1.28 \cdot 10^{-13}$; C) Zn^{2+} complex with Ac-HMGHSH- $\text{NH}_2 = 3.73 \cdot 10^{-8}$; D) Ni^{2+} complex with Ac-HMGHSH- $\text{NH}_2 = 4.23 \cdot 10^{-7}$; E) Zn^{2+} complex with Ac-HKDHYH- $\text{NH}_2 = 6.37 \cdot 10^{-9}$; F) Ni^{2+} complex with Ac-HKDHYH- $\text{NH}_2 = 4.36 \cdot 10^{-6}$. Appropriate metal and ligand concentrations were taken from the Hyss programme.

A)



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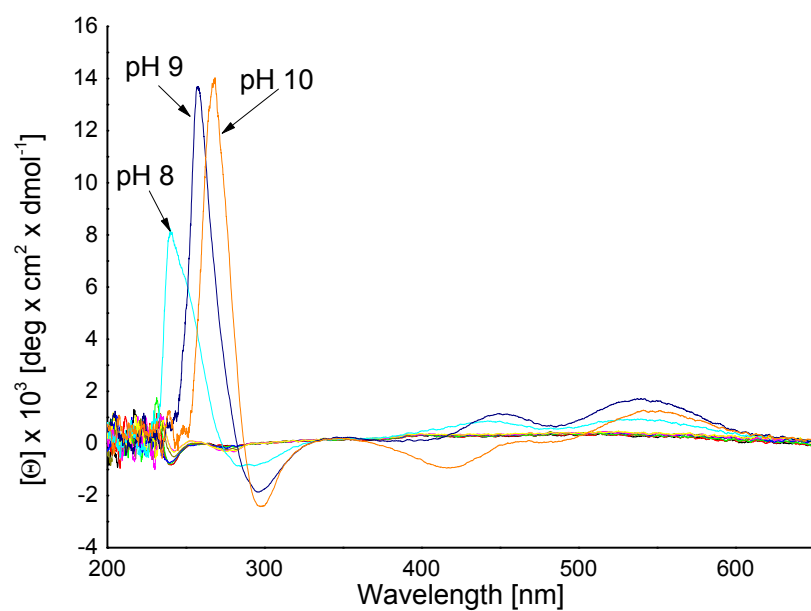
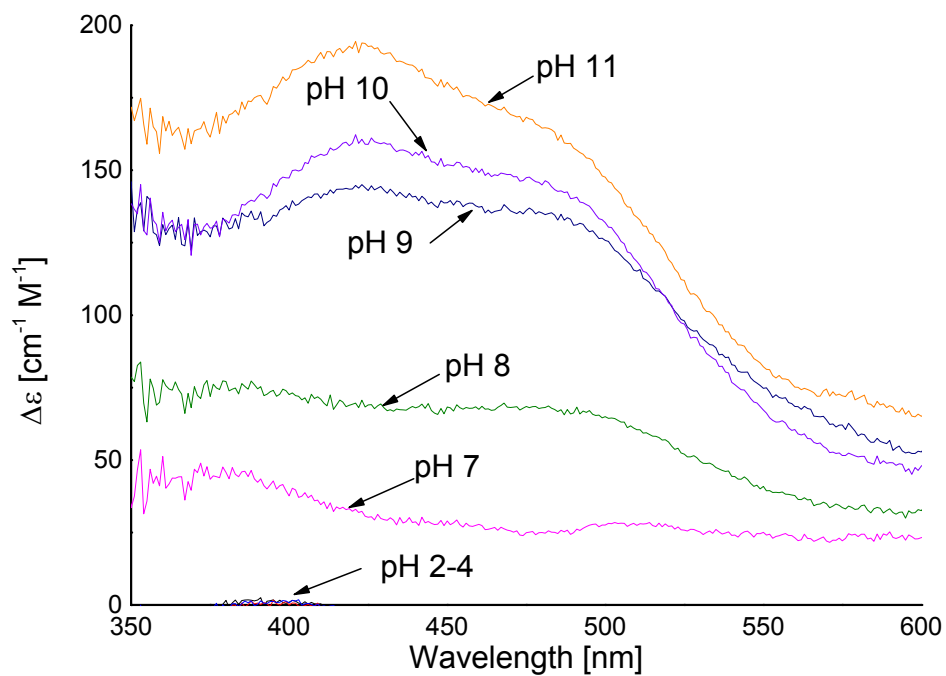
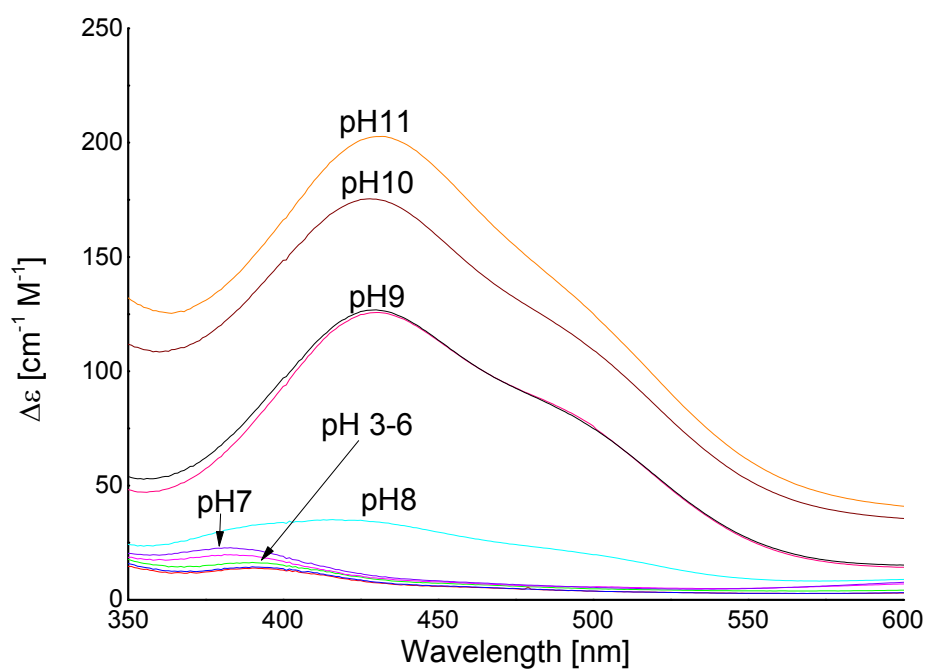


Figure S5. CD spectra of Ni²⁺ complexes with: A) Ac-HGDHYH-NH₂; B) Ac-HMGHSH-NH₂; C) Ac-HKDHYH-NH₂; in pH range 3-11.

A)



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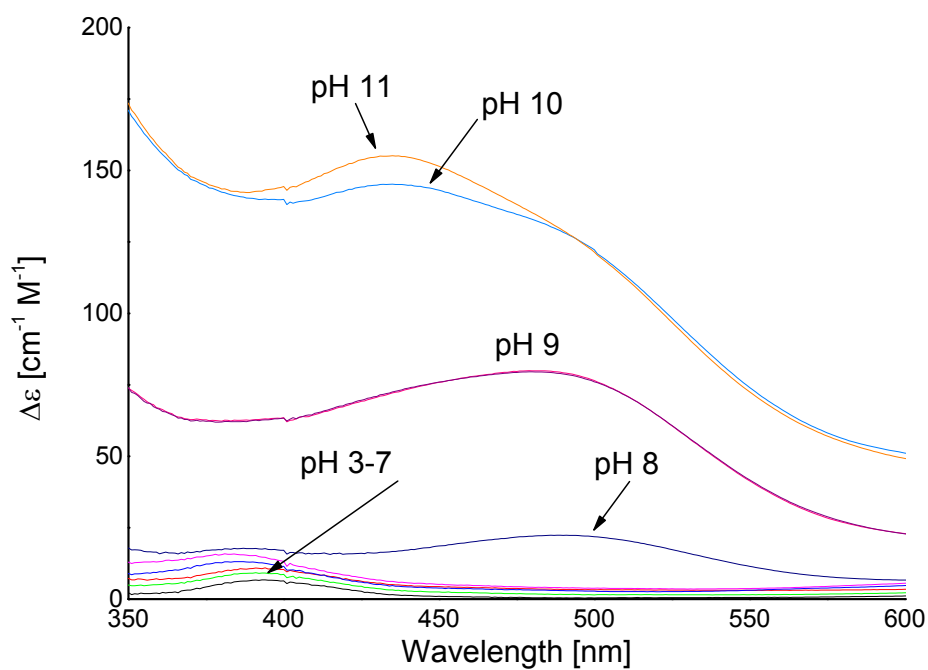
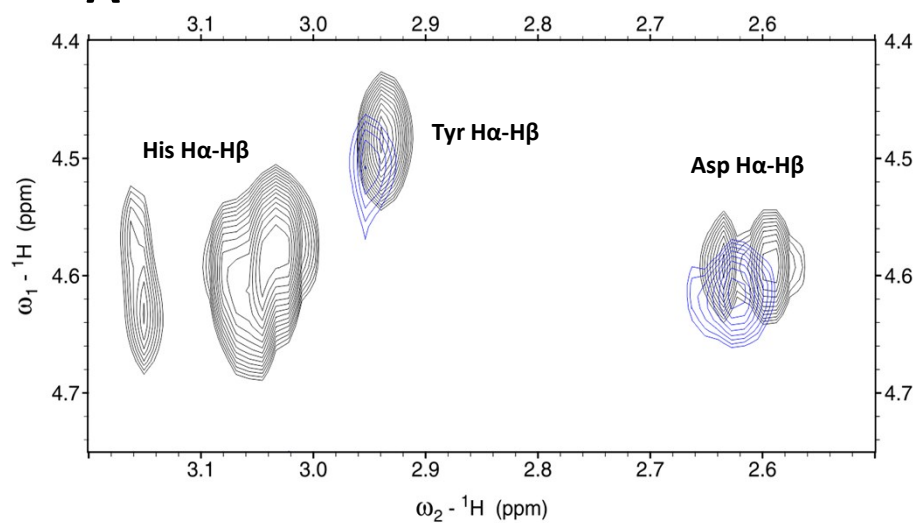
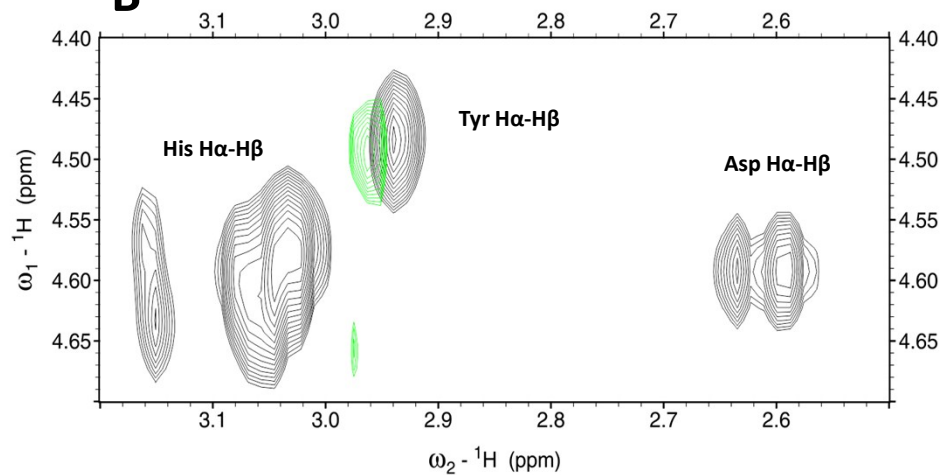
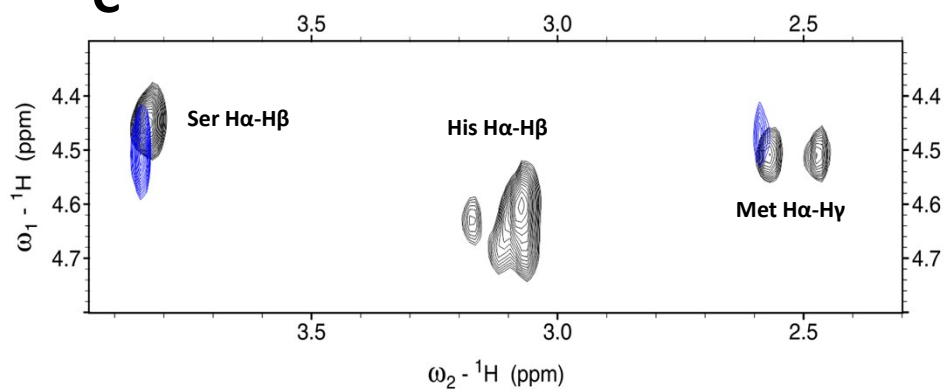


Figure S6. UV-Vis spectra of Ni^{2+} complexes with: A) Ac-HGDHYH- NH_2 ; B) Ac-HMGHSH- NH_2 ; C) Ac-HKDHYH- NH_2 ; in pH range 3-11.

A**B****C**

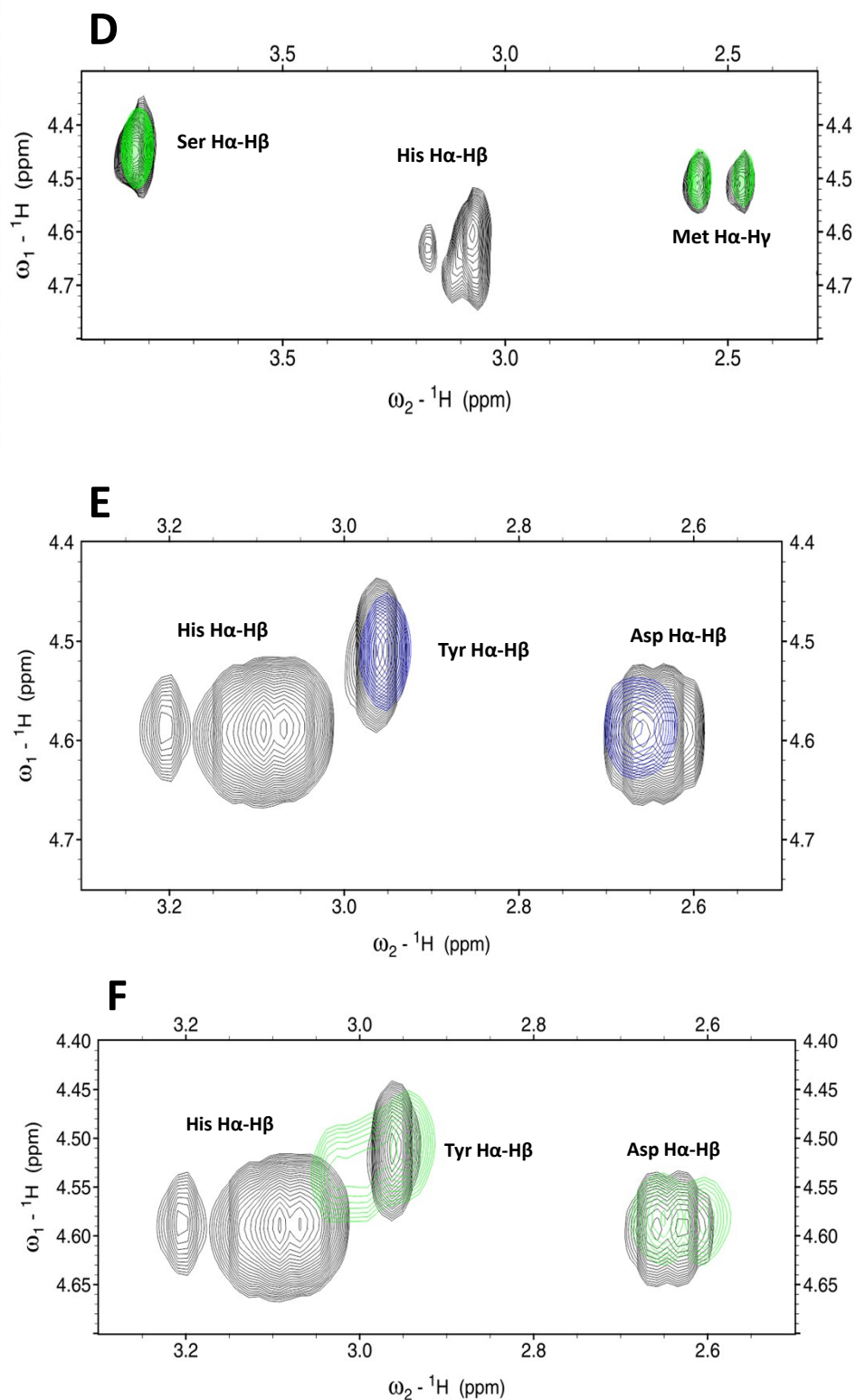


Figure S7. ^1H - ^1H TOCSY NMR spectra fragment of ligand (black), Zn^{2+} complex (blue) and Ni^{2+} complex (green), with ligand Ac-HGDHYH- NH_2 (A, B), Ac-HMGHSH- NH_2 (C, D) and Ac-HKDHYH- NH_2 (E, F); [ligand]=3mM, $[\text{Zn}^{2+}]$ =3mM, $[\text{Ni}^{2+}]$ =1mM, pH=7, T=298K.

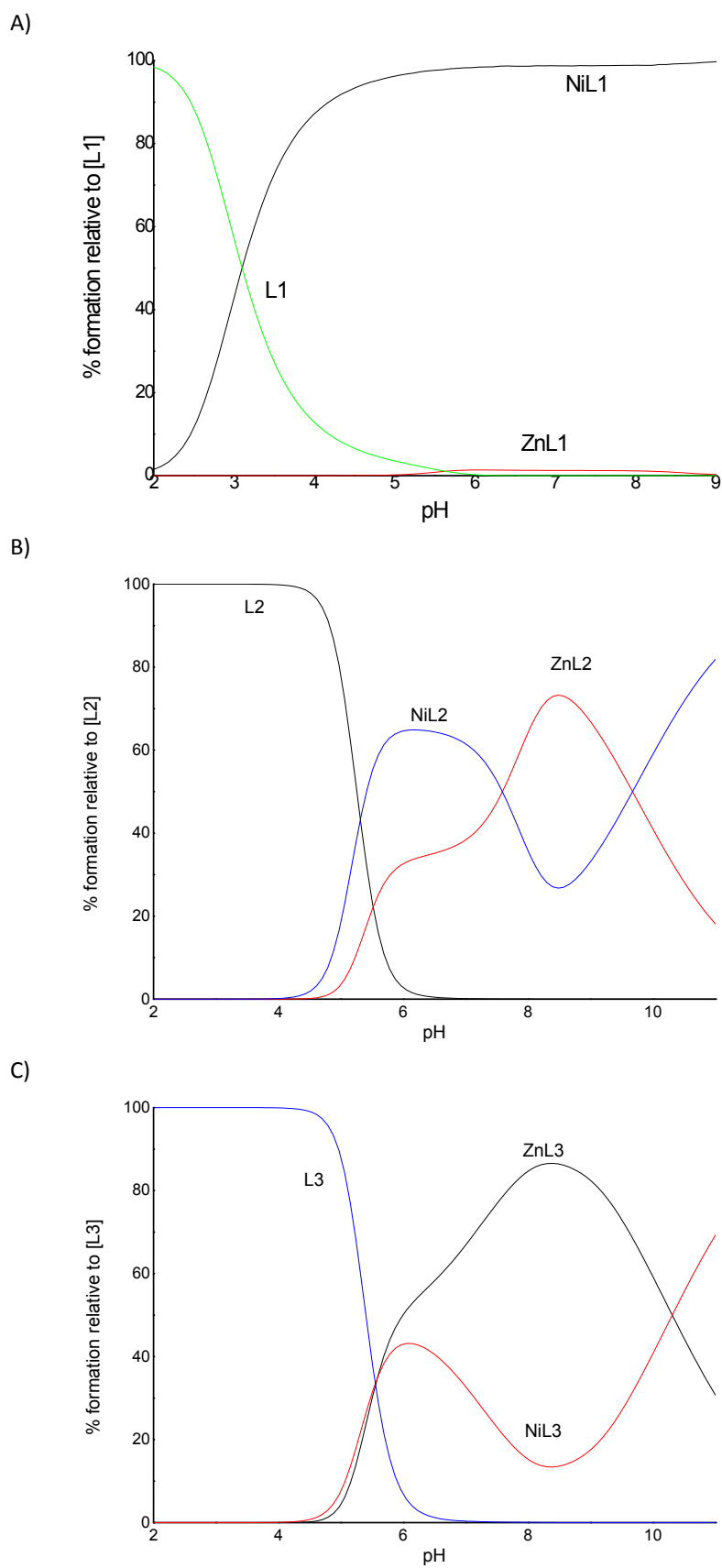


Figure S8. Competition plots between: A) Ac-HGDHYH-NH₂ (L1), Zn²⁺ and Ni²⁺; B) Ac-HMGHSH-NH₂ (L2), Zn²⁺ and Ni²⁺; C) Ac-HKDHYH-NH₂ (L3), Zn²⁺ and Ni²⁺. Plots describe complex formation at different pH values in a

hypothetical situation, in which equimolar amounts of the reagents are mixed. Calculations are based on binding constants from Table 1. $T=298\text{K}$, $I=0,1\text{M}$, $[\text{Zn}^{2+}]=[\text{Ni}^{2+}]=[\text{Ac-HGDHYH-NH}_2]=[\text{Ac-HMGHSH-NH}_2]=[\text{Ac-HKDHYH-NH}_2]=0.001\text{M}$.

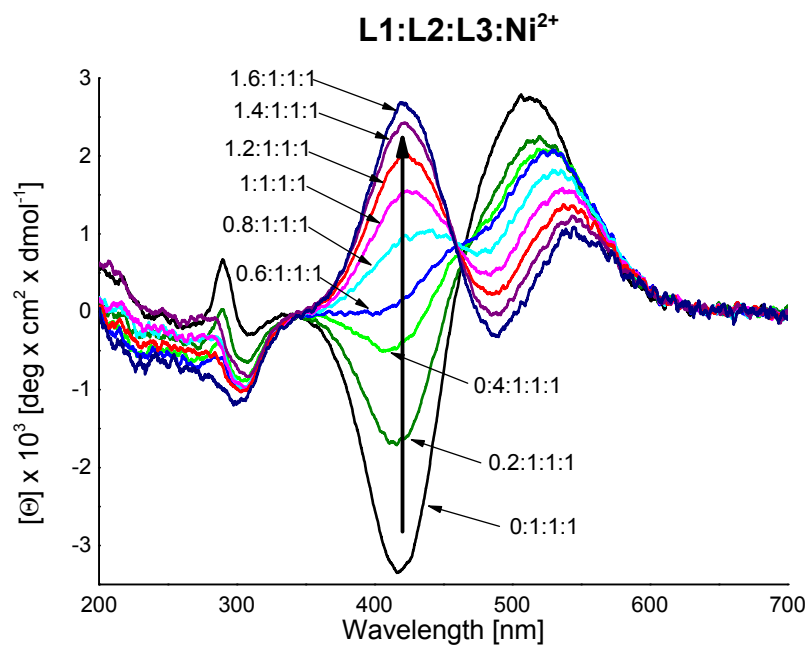


Figure S9. CD spectra of a Ni^{2+} , Ac-HMGHSH- NH_2 and Ac-HKDHYH- NH_2 solution titrated with Ac-HGDHYH- NH_2 at pH 10. $[\text{Ni}^{2+}] = [\text{Ac-HMGHSH-NH}_2] (\text{L2}) = [\text{Ac-HKDHYH-NH}_2] (\text{L3}) = 1 \text{ mM}$. 0.2 equivalents of Ac-HGDHYH- NH_2 were added in each step. A stepwise change of the typical Ni^{2+} -L2 CD spectrum to a typical Ni^{2+} -L1 spectrum is observed.