

## Conformational control of HCl co-transport: imidazole functionalised isophtalamide vs. 2,6-dicarboxamidopyridine

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### Synthesis of methyl 6-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methylcarbamoyl)pyridine-2-carboxylate :

6-(Methoxycarbonyl)pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (1.60 g, 8.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was activated by reaction with thionyl chloride (30.00 mL, 439.0 mmol, 50 equiv.) at 90°C. The solution was heated at reflux for 30 minutes, then the thionyl chloride removed under vacuum. The solid was dissolved in dry dichloromethane, triethylamine (2.45 mL, 17.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and (1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanamine (1.170 g, 10.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) were added to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. After hydrolysis the solution was washed with water. The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica using a mixture CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (93/7) to give 1.56 g (65% yield) of methyl 6-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methylcarbamoyl)pyridine-2-carboxylate as a white powder. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) : δ = 3.71 (3H, s), 3.99 (3H, s), 4.77 (2H, d; J = 6.0 Hz), 6.84 (1H, s), 6.97 (1H, s), 7.99 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 8.21 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz), 8.35 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz), 8.64 (1H, br). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 32.9, 35.4, 52.8, 121.7, 125.4, 127.4, 127.8, 138.5, 144.4, 146.8, 149.6, 163.3, 164.9. IR ν<sub>max</sub> = 3424, 3295, 2954, 1731, 1667, 1531, 1280, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Anal: Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + 0.25 H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 56.01; H, 5.24; N, 20.10; O, 18.65. Found C, 56.01; H, 5.07; N, 19.99.

### Synthesis of N<sup>2</sup>-(4-butylphenyl)-N<sup>6</sup>-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)pyridine-2,6-dicarboxamide **3** :

Methyl 6-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methylcarbamoyl)pyridine-2-carboxylate (1.52 g, 5.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in 50 mL of a mixture MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (4/1) then KOH (404 mg, 7.2 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) was added to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred 12 hours at room temperature. Solvents were removed under vacuum and the white residue was activated by reaction with thionyl chloride (20.25 mL, 277.6 mmol, 50.0 equiv.) at 90°C. The solution was heated at reflux for 30 minutes, and then the thionyl chloride was removed under vacuum. The solid was dissolved in dry dichloromethane, and triethylamine (1.544 mL, 11.1 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) and 4-butylaniline (3.500 mL, 22.2 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) were added to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. After hydrolysis the solution was washed with water. The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography using a mixture CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (96/4) to give 1.57 g (72% yield) of compound **3** as a white powder.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz) :  $\delta$  = 0.93 (3H, t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz), 1.30-1.40 (2H, m), 1.64-1.54 (2H, m), 2.58 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 3.63 (3H, s), 4.71 (2H, d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz), 6.76 (1H, s), 6.87 (1H, s), 7.12 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 7.44 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 8.03 (1H, t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 8.34 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 8.41 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 9.87-9.89 (2H, m).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  = 13.9, 22.3, 32.8, 33.6, 35.1, 35.5, 120.7, 121.9, 125.0, 125.2, 127.0, 128.6, 134.9, 139.0, 139.4, 144.9, 148.5, 149.2, 161.2, 163.5. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 3312, 2931, 1682, 1544, 747  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2$ : C, 67.50; H, 6.44; N, 17.89; O, 8.17. Found C, 67.43; H, 6.53; N, 17.87.

### Synthesis of $N^1$ -(4-butylphenyl)- $N^3$ -(2-mercaptothiazolide)-isophthalamide :

$N^1, N^3$ -Bis(2-mercaptothiazolides)-isophthalamide (500 mg, 1.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in 10mL of dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and then 4-butylaniline (214  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred 3 days at room temperature. The solution was washed with 1M NaOH aqueous solution (3x10 mL). The organic phase was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography using a mixture  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{AcOEt}$  (98/2) on silica to give 110 mg (20% yield) of  $N^1$ -(4-butylphenyl)- $N^3$ -(2-mercaptothiazolide)-isophthalamide as a yellow powder.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz) :  $\delta$  = 0.93 (3H, t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 1.30-1.42 (2H, m), 1.55-1.65 (2H, m), 2.60 (2H, t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz), 3.50 (2H, t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz), 4.57 (2H, t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz), 7.18 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz), 7.50-7.54 (3H, m), 7.81-7.86 (2H, m), 8.01 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.1Hz), 8.15 (1H, s).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  = 13.0, 22.3, 29.7, 33.6, 35.1, 56.5, 120.4, 127.9, 128.9, 129.0, 131.1, 132.4, 134.2, 135.2, 135.4, 139.6, 164.5, 170.4, 202.3. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 3330, 3099, 2927, 1663, 1519, 1531, 643  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . . Anal: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ : C, 63.29; H, 5.56; N, 7.03; O, 8.03; S, 16.09. Found C, 63.42; H, 5.72; N, 7.09.

### Synthesis of compound $N^1$ -(4-butylphenyl)- $N^3$ -((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)isophthalamide **4** :

$N^1$ -(4-Butylphenyl)- $N^3$ -(2-mercaptothiazolide)-isophthalamide (100 mg, 2.5 mmol, 1.0 equi.) was dissolved in 10mL of dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  then (1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanamine (56 mg, 5.0 mmol, 2.0 equi.) was added to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred 3 days at room temperature. The solution was washed with 1M NaOH aqueous solution (3x10 mL). The organic phase was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography using a mixture  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{AcOEt}$  (93/7) on silica to give 90 mg (92% yield) of  $N^1$ -(4-butylphenyl)- $N^3$ -((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)isophthalamide **4** as a white powder.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz) :  $\delta$  = 0.95 (3H, t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 1.34-1.41 (2H, m), 1.59-1.64 (2H, m), 2.61 (2H, d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz); 3.51 (3H, s), 4.53 (2H, d,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz), 6.51 (1H, s), 6.90 (1H, s), 7.12-7.17 (3H, m), 7.54 (2H, d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz), 7.68 (1H, d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 7.76 (1H, d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 8.12 (1H, s), 8.66 (1H, s), 10.98 (1H, br).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  = 13.9, 22.2, 32.8, 33.8, 35.1, 36.0, 120.8, 121.6, 124.1, 126.2, 128.4, 128.8, 130.5, 131.2, 132.5, 136.3, 136.34, 138.7, 145.8, 166.4, 167.3. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 3248, 2925, 2850, 1667, 1531, 1531, 1322, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . . Anal: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ : C, 70.75; H, 6.71; N, 14.34; O, 8.19. Found C, 70.40; H, 6.75; N, 14.25.

## Synthesis of compound $N^2,N^6$ -bis(4-butylphenyl)pyridine-2,6-dicarboxamide **5** :

Isophthaloyl dichloride (1.00 g, 4.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in 50 mL of dry THF, triethylamine (2.73 mL, 19.6 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) and 4-butylaniline (2.31 mL, 14.7 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) were added to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours and the solution subsequently was washed with water. The organic phase was dried over  $MgSO_4$ , and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography using a mixture  $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$  (96/4) to give 1.610 mg (77% yield) of compound **3** as a white powder.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 300 MHz) :  $\delta$  = 0.94 (6H, t,  $J$ = 7.2 Hz); 1.31-1.43 (4H, m), 1.56-1.66 (4H, m); 2.62 (4H;  $J$ = 7.5 Hz), 7.20 (4H, d,  $J$ = 7.4 Hz), 7.64 (4H, d,  $J$ = 7.4 Hz), 8.10 (1H, t,  $J$ = 7.5 Hz), 8.47 (2H, d,  $J$ = 7.5 Hz), 9.48 (s, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  = 13.9, 22.2, 33.6, 35.1, 120.2, 125.4, 129.1, 134.7, 139.5, 139.8, 149.1, 161.0. IR  $\nu_{max}$  = 3299, 2927, 2856, 1661, 1522, 827  $cm^{-1}$ . Anal: Calcd for  $C_{27}H_{31}N_3O_2$ : C, 75.5; H, 7.27; N, 9.78; O, 7.45. Found C, 75.55; H, 7.34; N, 9.80.

## NMR spectra

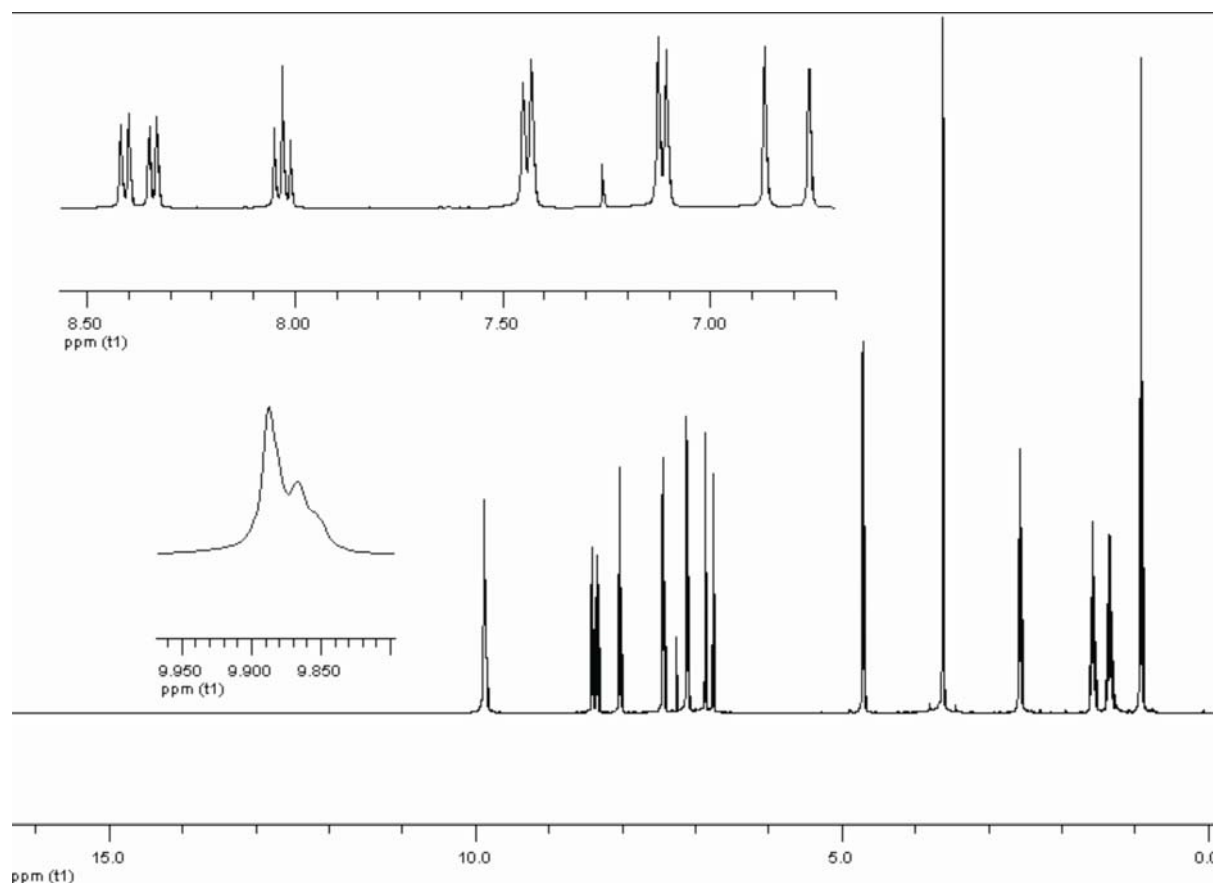
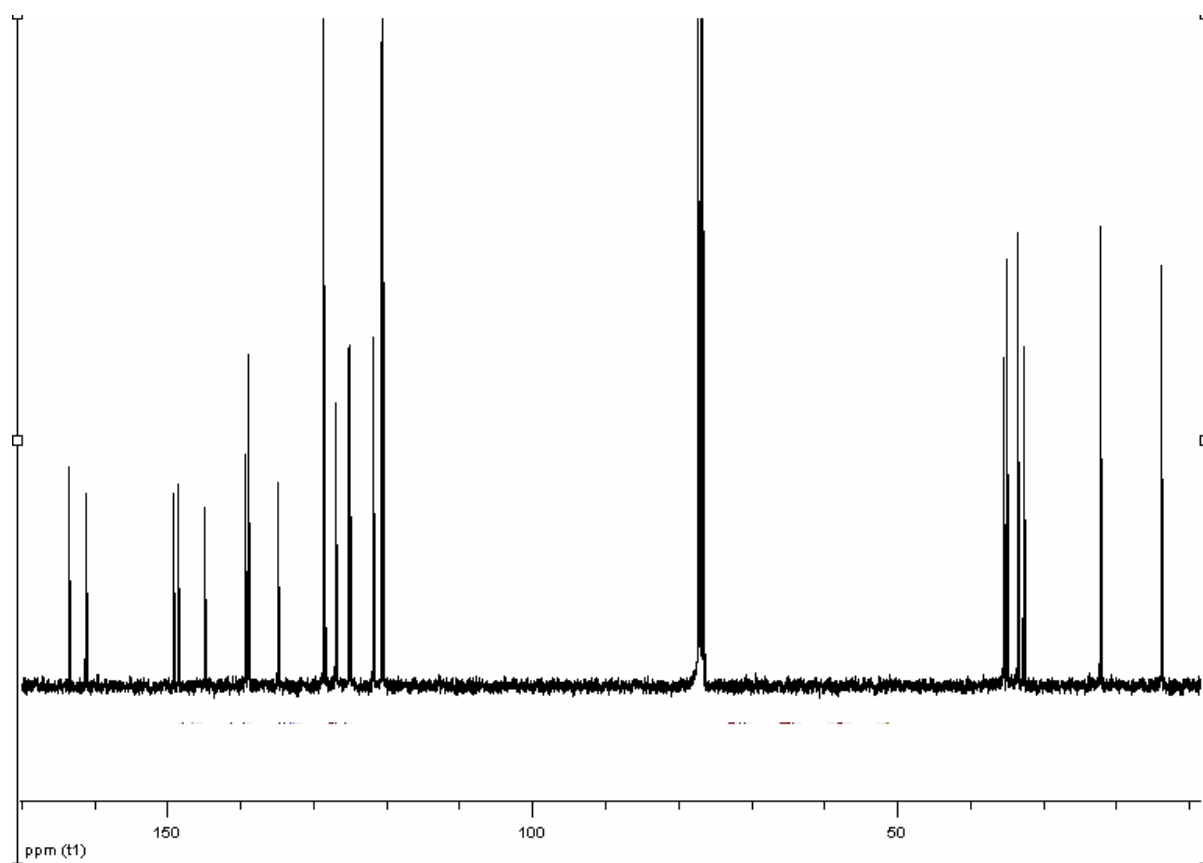
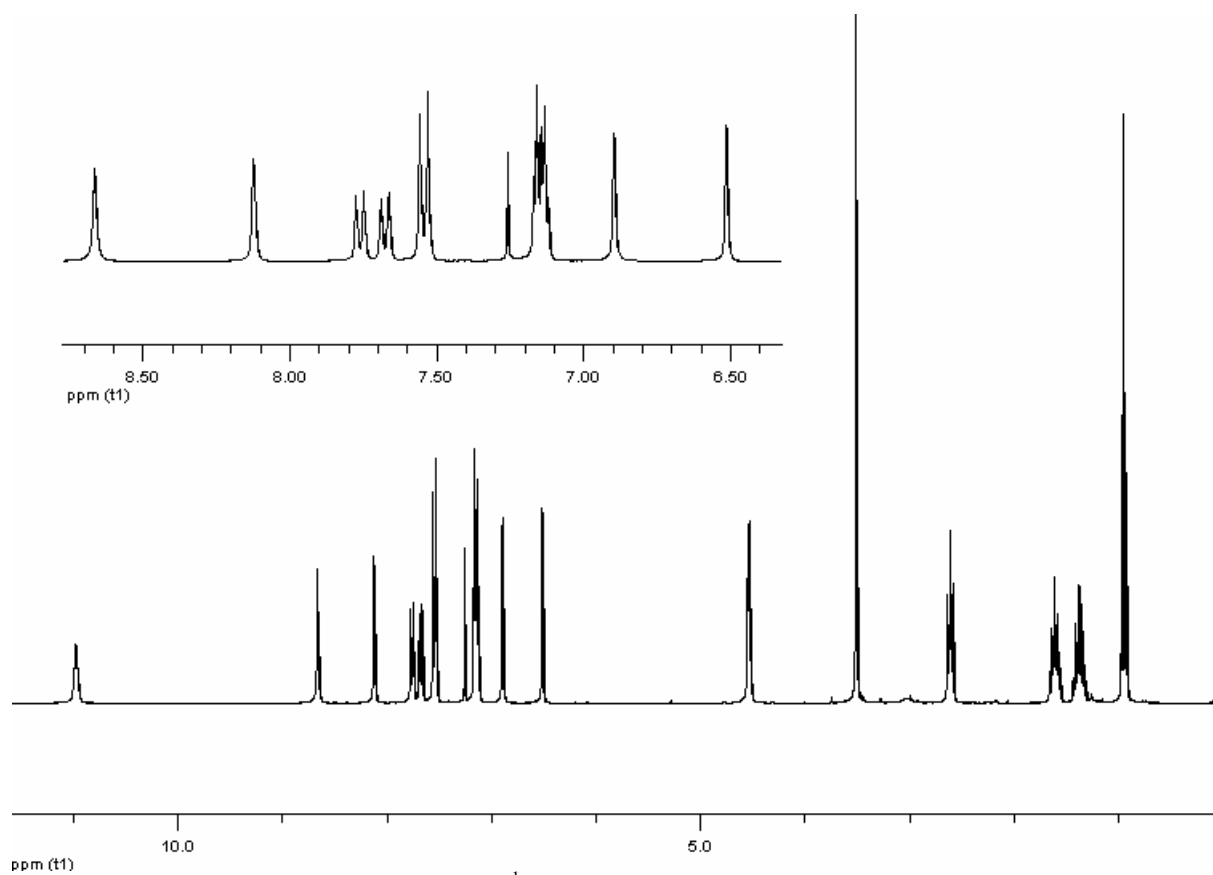


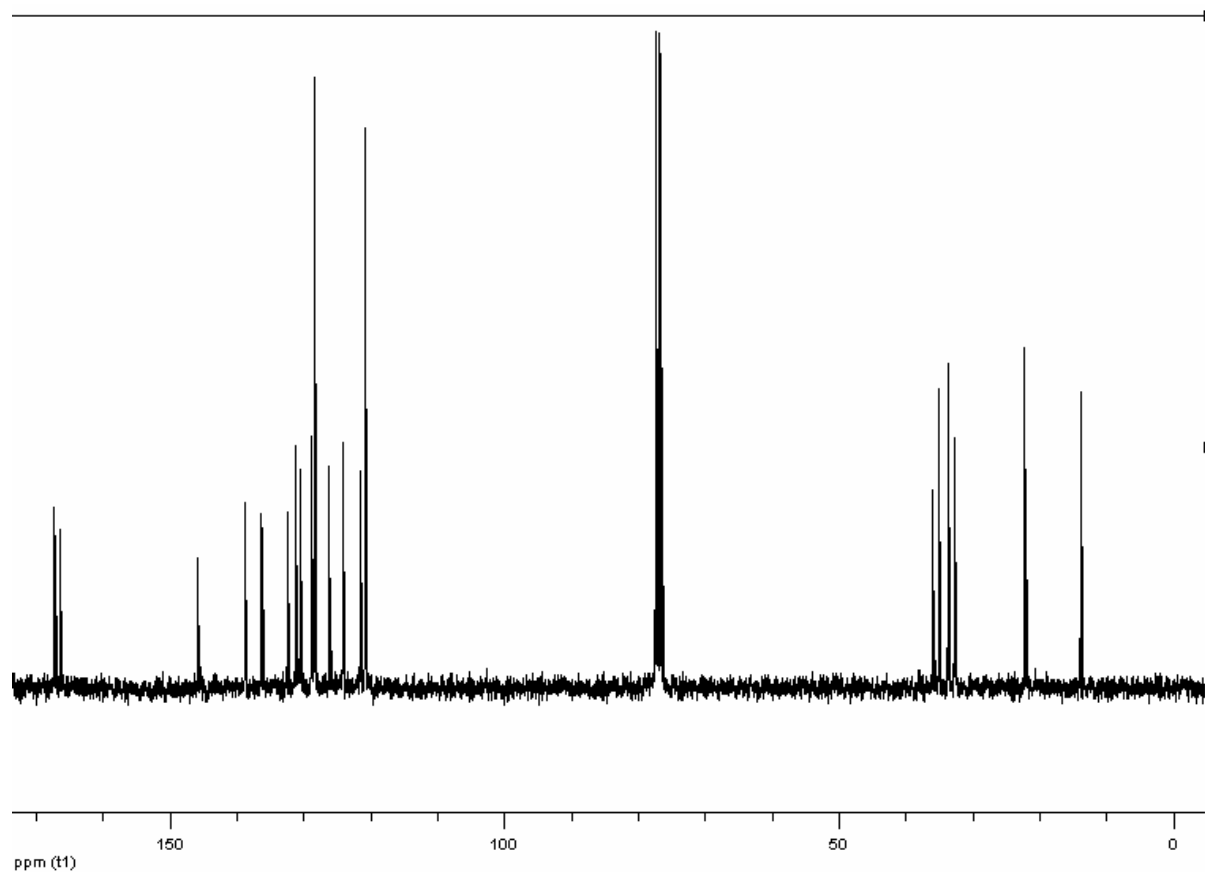
Figure S 1 :  $^1H$  NMR spectra of compound **3**



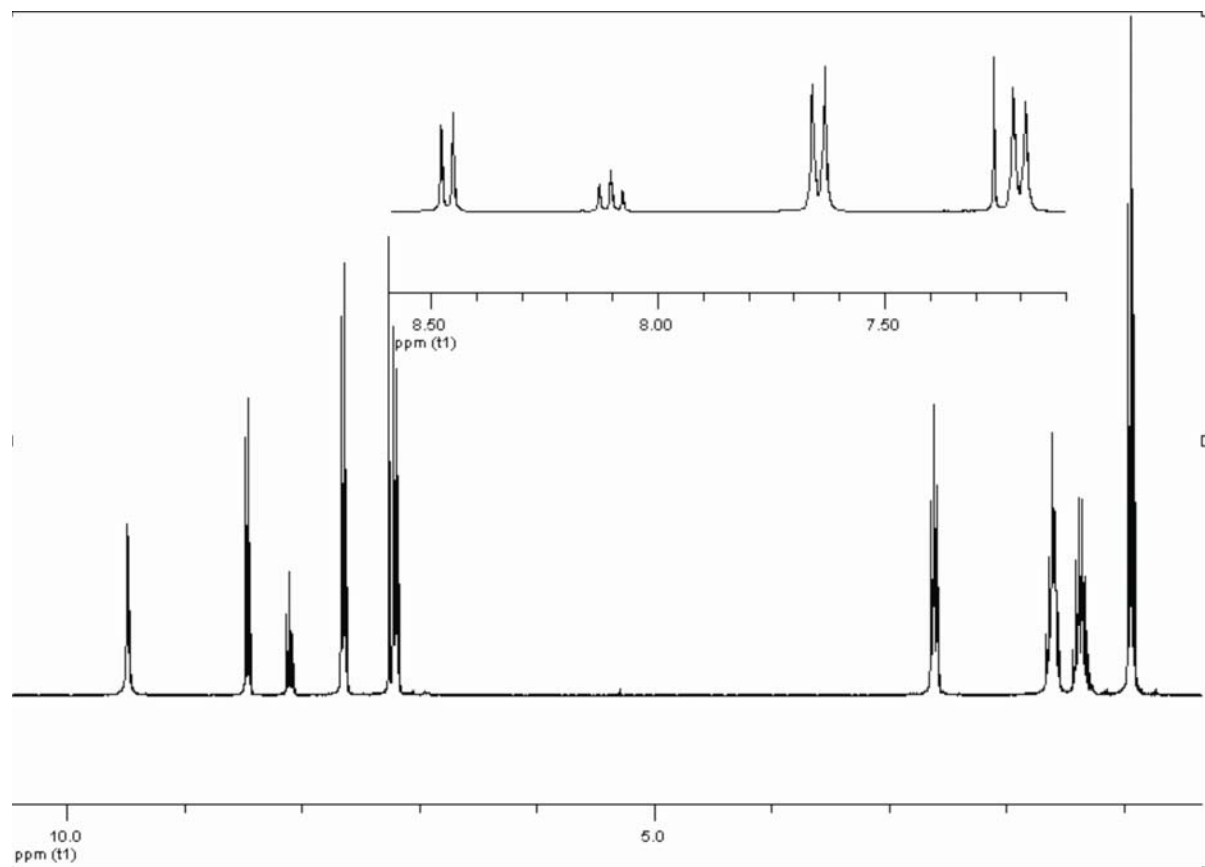
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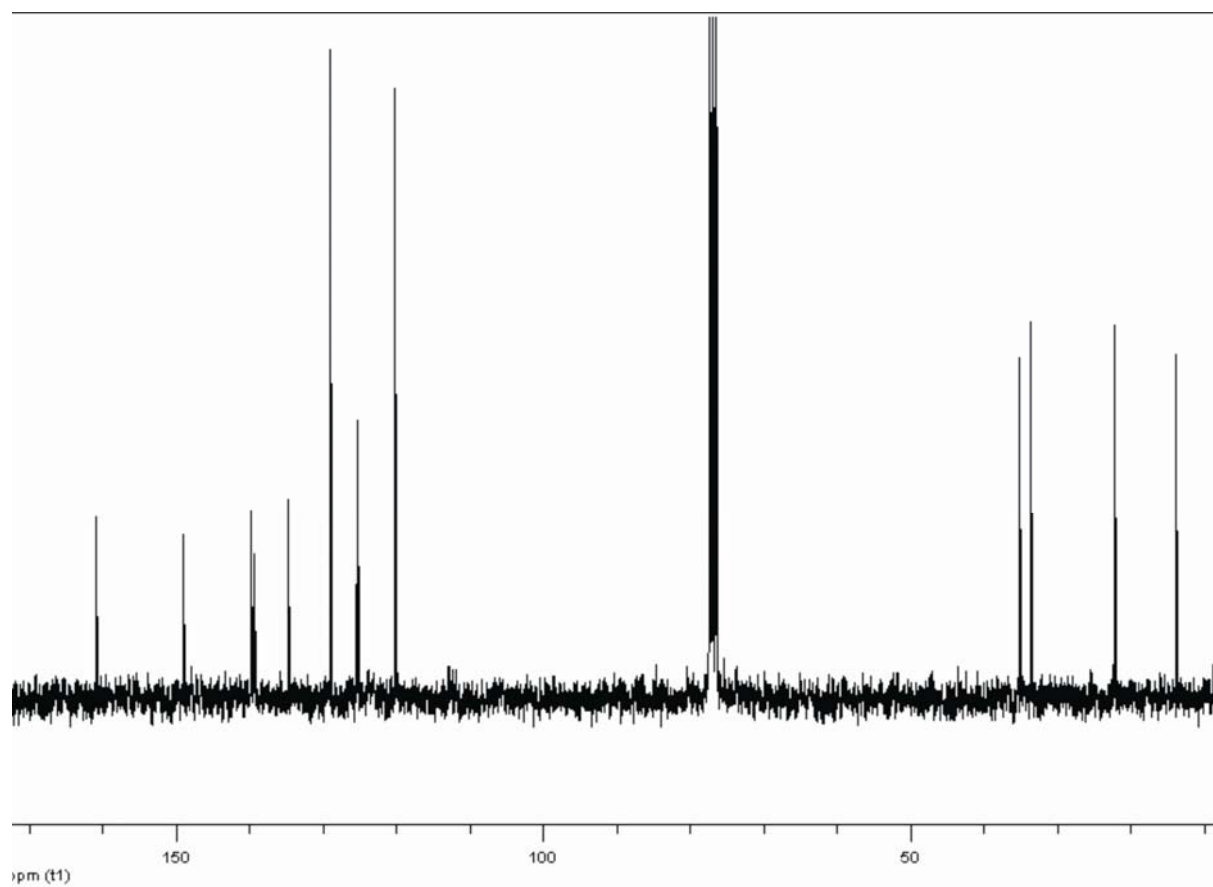
**Figure S 3:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compound 4



**Figure S 4**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of compound **4**

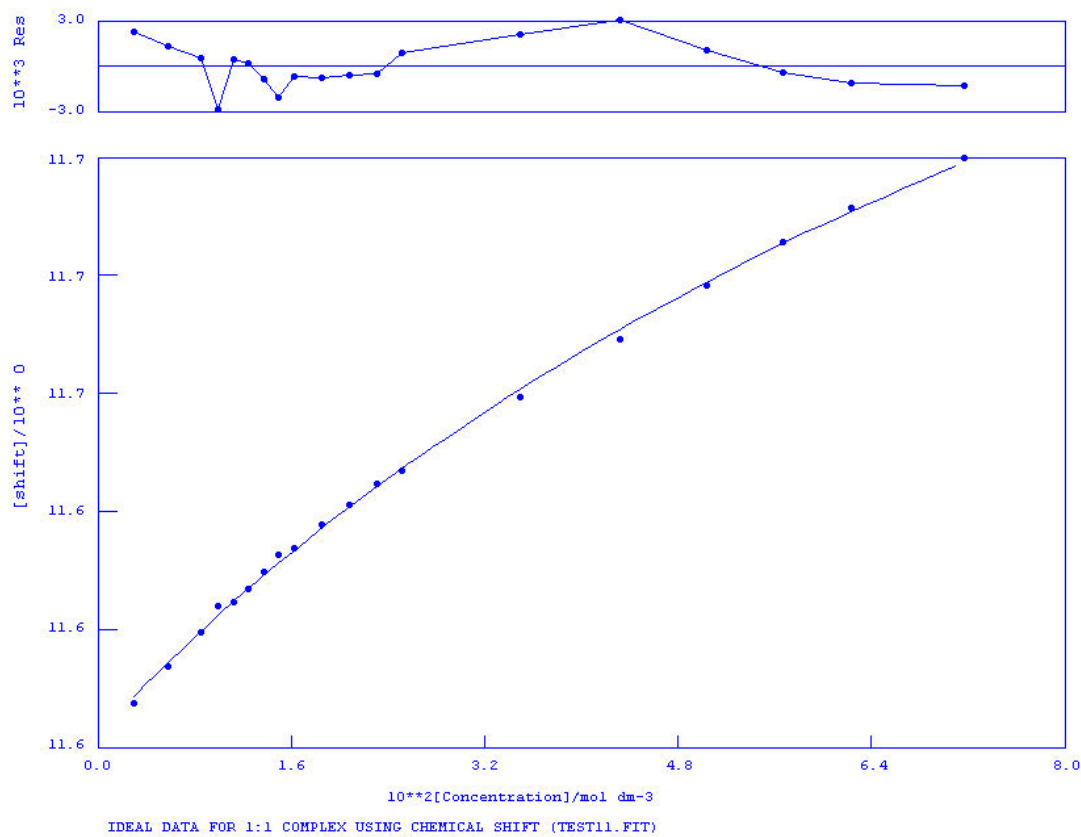


**Figure S 5:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compound **5**



**Figure S 6**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of compound **5**

## Binding studies:



**Figure S 7:** Fit plot of NMR titration of compound **2** vs TBACl in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>

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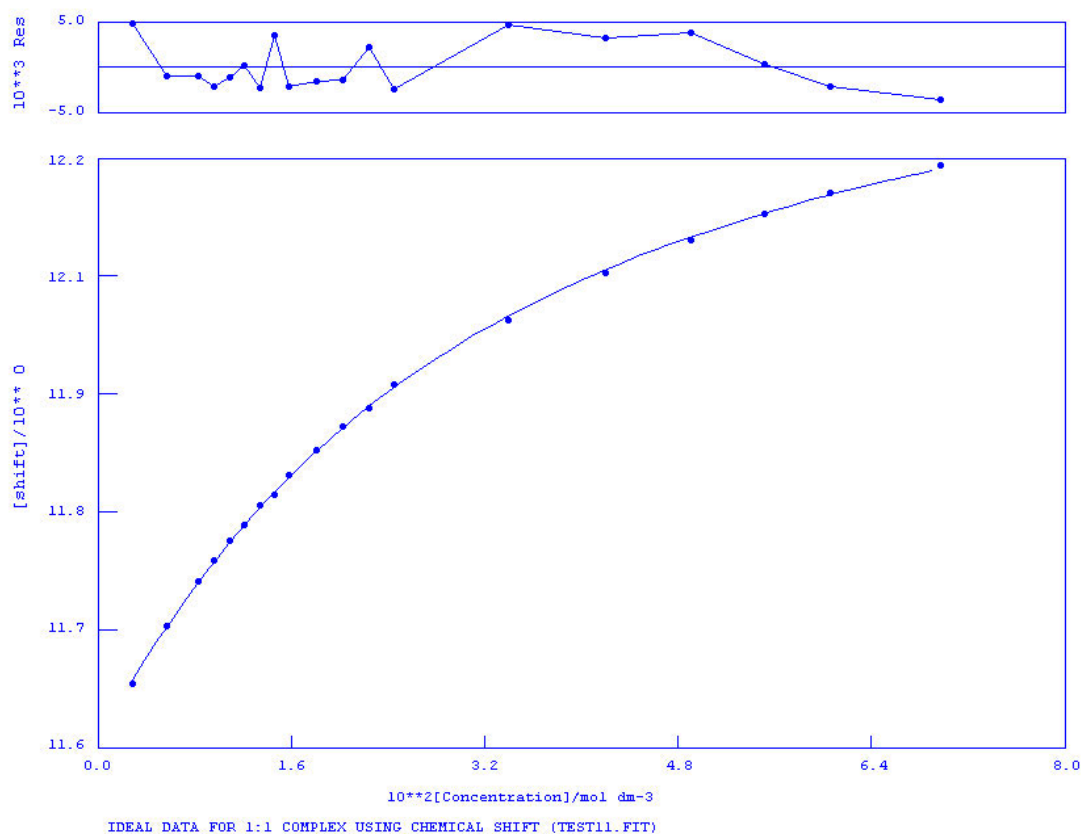
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**Figure S 8** : plot of NMR titration of compound **2**•HPF<sub>6</sub> vs TBACl in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>

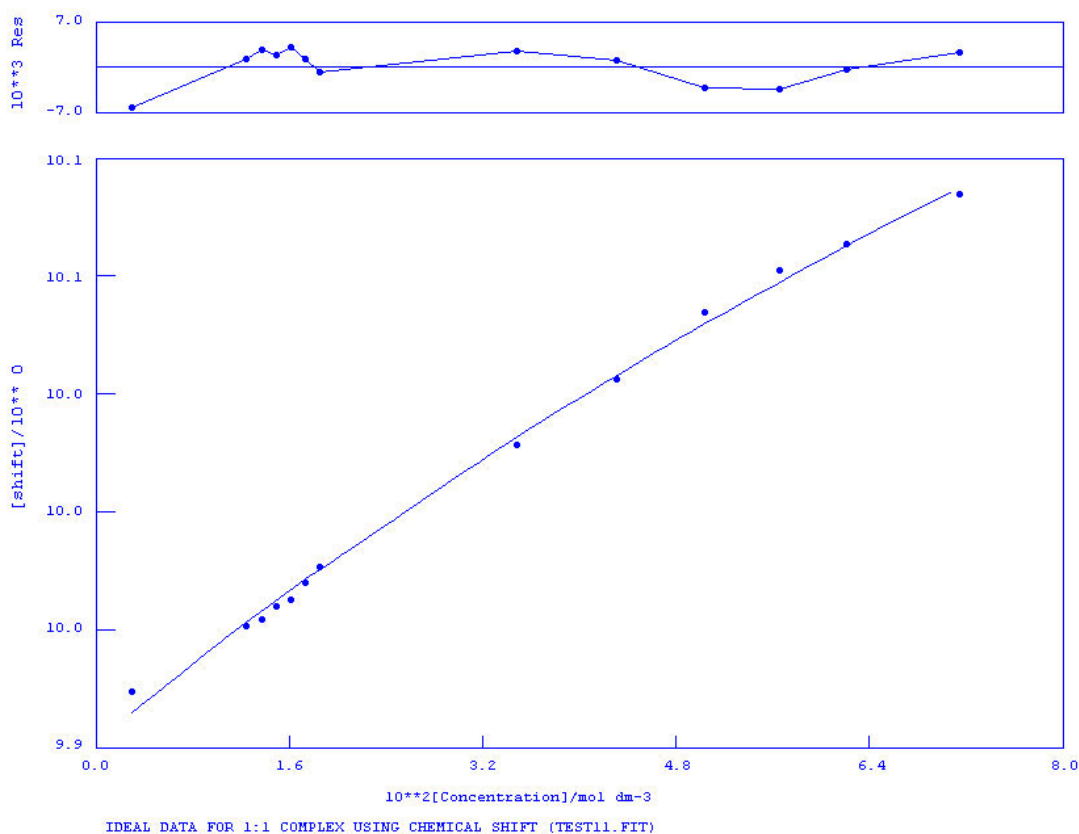
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**Figure S 9:** Fit plot of NMR titration of compound **3** vs TBACl in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>

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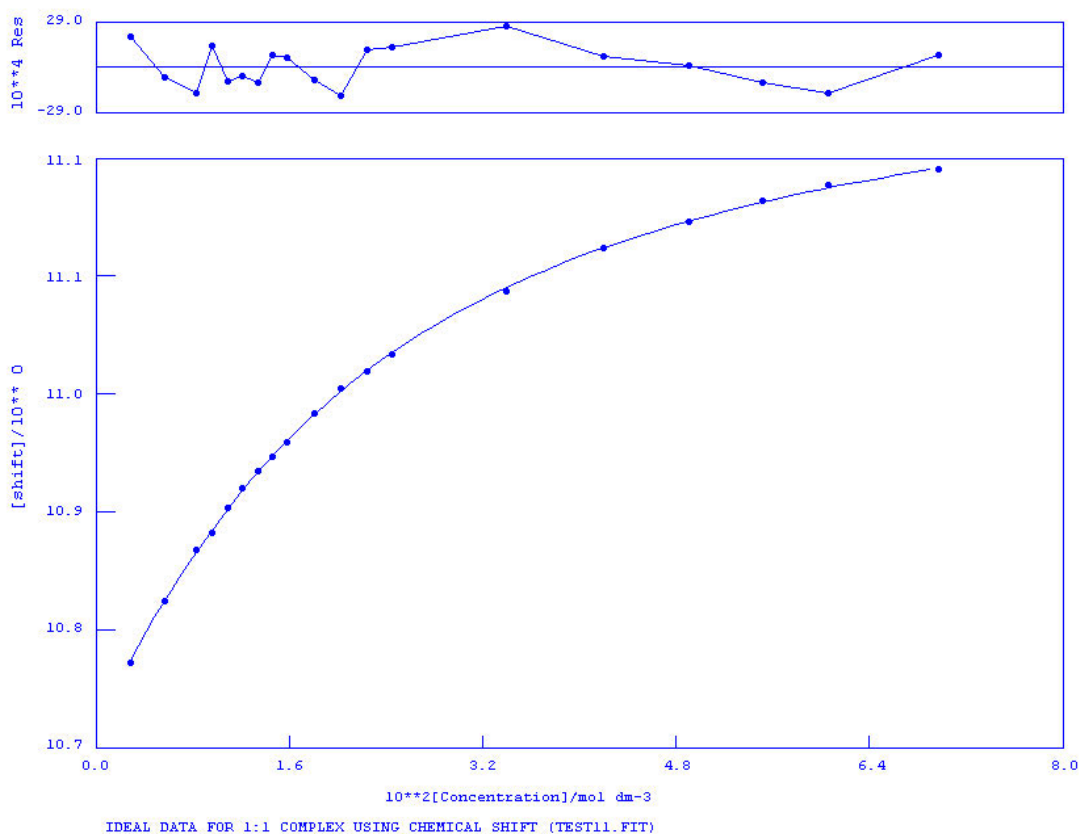
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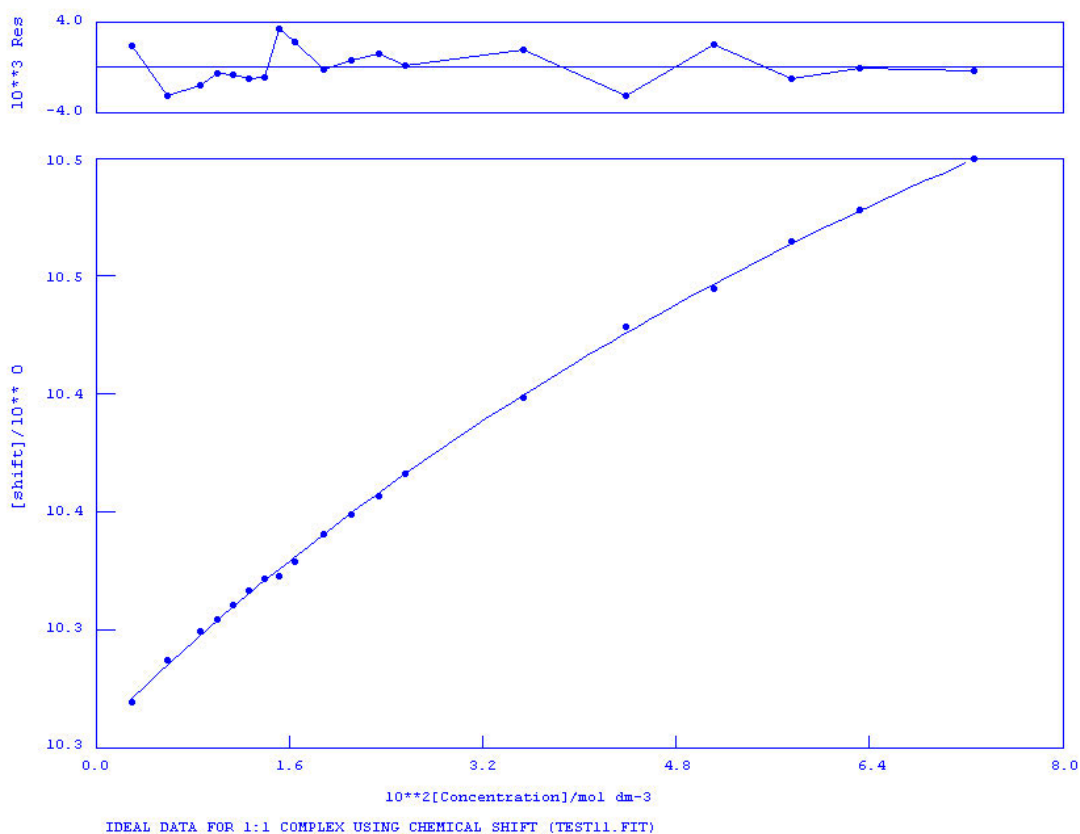
**Figure S 10:** plot of NMR titration of compound **3**•HPF<sub>6</sub> vs TBACl in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>

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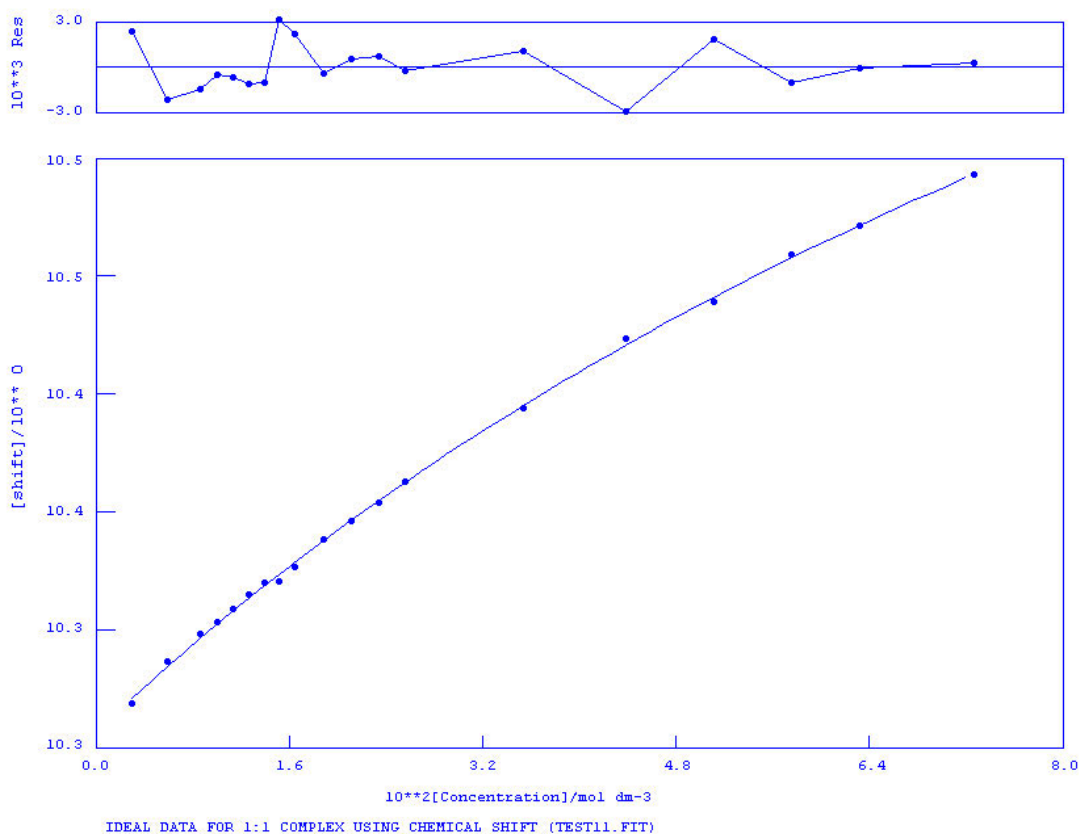
**Figure S 11:** Fit plot of NMR titration of compound **4** vs TBACl in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>

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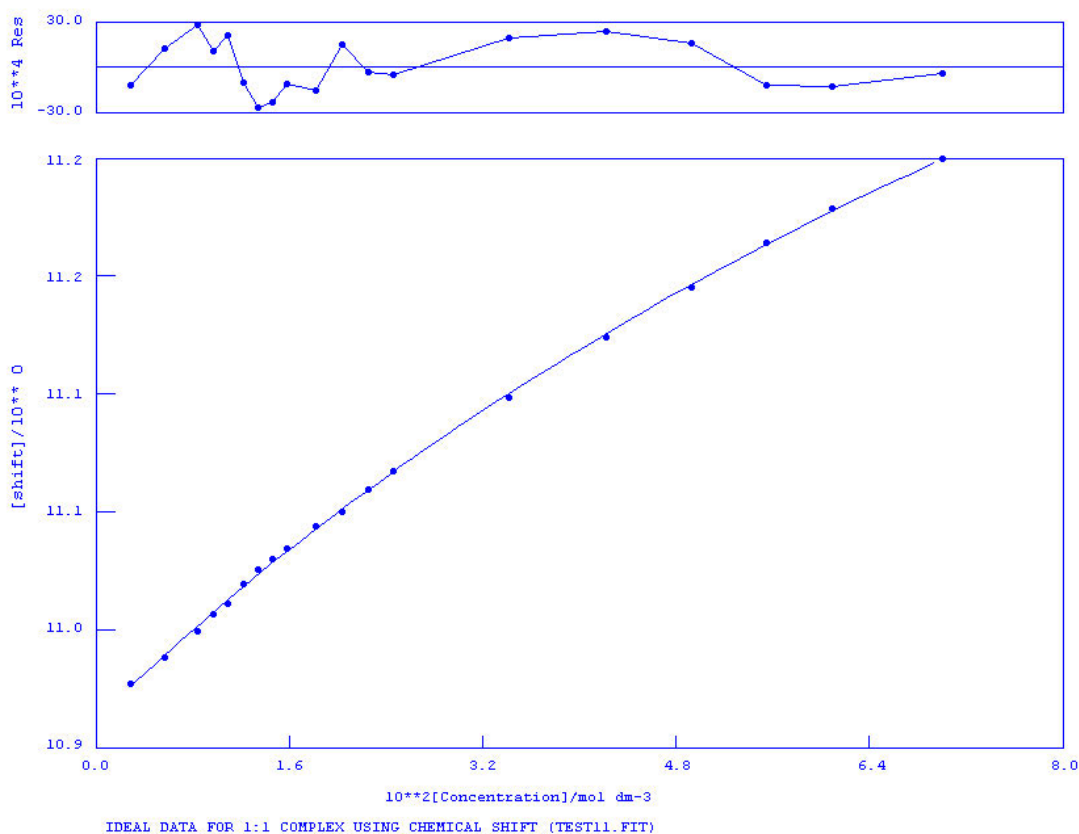
**Figure S 12:** plot of NMR titration of compound **4**•HPF<sub>6</sub> vs TBACl in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>

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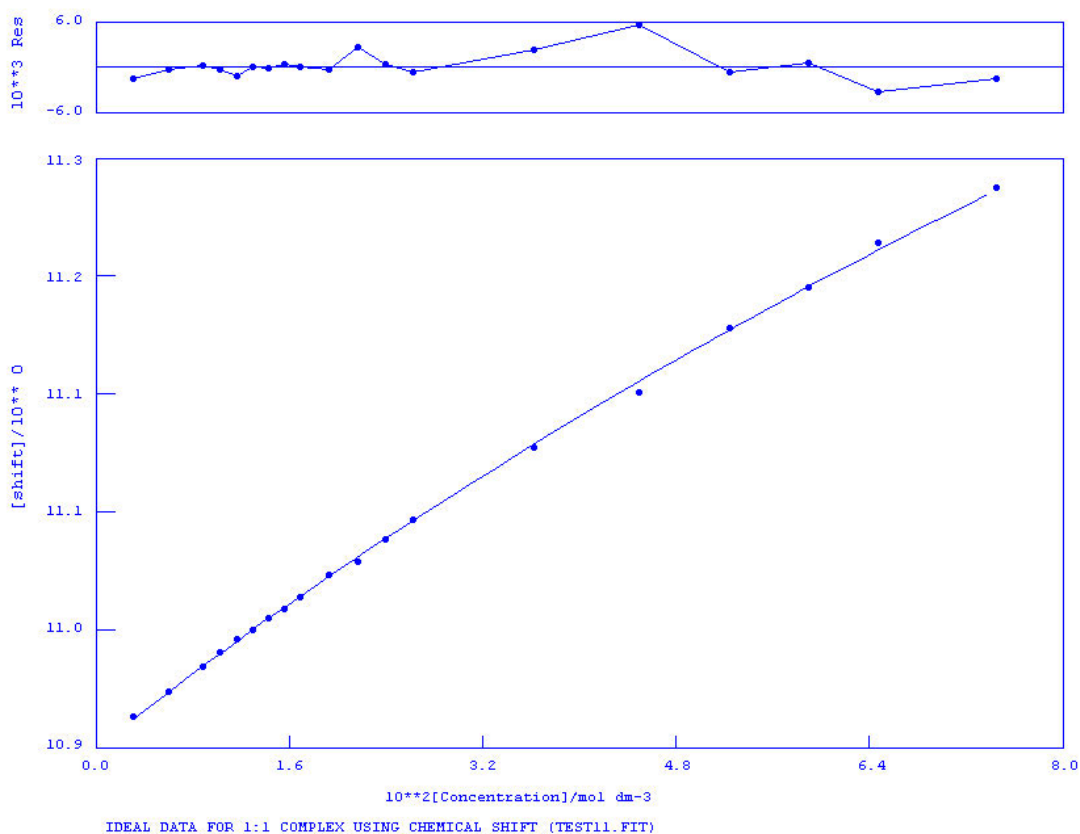
**Figure S 13:** Fit plot of NMR titration of compound **5** vs TBACl in DMSO- $d_6$

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**Figure S 14:** plot of NMR titration of compound **5**•HPF<sub>6</sub> vs TBACl in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>

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