

Supporting Materials

DMAP-catalyzed esterification of pentaerythritol-derivatized POMs: a new route for the functionalization of polyoxometalates

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Reagents and Measurement. All chemicals purchased were used without purification except acetonitrile, which was dried by refluxing in the presence of CaH₂ and distilled prior to use.

The IR spectra of the products were measured at a Perkin Elmer FT-IR spectrophotometer on KBr pellets in the range of 4000-400 cm⁻¹ with the resolution of 4 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR spectra were obtained on a JOEL JNM-ECA300 spectrometer at 298 K. UV/Vis absorption spectra were recorded on a UN-2100s spectrometer at 298K. Elemental analyses were carried out using an Elemental Vario MICRO CUBE (Germany). The electrospray mass spectra (ESI-MS) were recorded using a Bruker APEX IV FTMS, and all experiments were performed in negative-ion mode using MeCN as solvent. Cyclic voltammetry were performed with a CHI750A electrochemical working station (CHI Instruments) in 1,2-dichloroethane, using glass carbon as working electrode, SCE as reference electrode and Bu₄NPF₆ (0.1mol/L) as supporting electrolyte. Single crystal X-ray diffraction were made on a Rigaku RAXIS-SPIDER IP diffractometer at 50 kV and 20 mA and data collection was performed at 293 K by using graphite-monochromated Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073\text{\AA}$). The raw frame data were processed using Rigaku RAPID AUTO Ver2.30 to yield the reflection data. Subsequent calculations were carried out using SHELXTL-97 program.¹ Structures were solved by direct methods. Refinement was performed by full-matrix least-squares analysis.

Synthesis of (Bu₄N)₂[V₆O₁₃{(OCH₂)₃CCH₂OH}₂] (1). An amount of 25.9g NaVO₃ • 2H₂O was dissolved into 250mL deionized water. 1M hydrochloric acid was added dropwise until reaching pH=3 and then 8g pentaerythritol was added to the solution. The mixture was stirred at 80°C for 48h and then filtrated.² The dark red filtrate was carefully added to a solution of tetrabutylammonium bromide (50g Bu₄NBr dissolved in 100mL water) and orange solid was collected by filtration. The product was washed by 100mL deionized water for three times and then dried for use.

Synthesis of (Bu₄N)₂[V₆O₁₃{(OCH₂)₃CCH₂OOCCH₃}₂] (2). A mixture of 1.26g(1mmol) compound **1**, 0.20g(2mmol) acetic anhydride, 0.01g DMAP, 0.20g(2mmol) triethylamine and 20mL MeCN was stirred at room temperature for 48h. Then the solution was poured into 50mL deionized water and the red precipitate was collected by filtration. The crystals of **2** can be obtained by diffusion of Et₂O into their solution in acetonitrile, but none of them is suitable for XRD characterization. Yield 0.84g (62% based on V). Elemental analysis for: V₆O₂₃N₂C₄₆H₉₄; calc: C: 40.94%, N: 2.08%, H: 7.03%; found: C: 40.25%, N: 2.09%, H: 6.96%. ¹H NMR (DMSO, 300Hz) δ =0.94 (m, 24H, J=7.2Hz), 1.32 (m, 16H, J=7.2Hz), 1.57 (m, 16H, J=7.9Hz), 1.99 (s, 6H),

3.16 (m, 16H, J=8.2Hz), 3.91 (s, 4H), 4.90 (s, 12H). ESI-MS(in MeCN, negative): 432.05(100%), 864.75, 1105.90 was assigned to $[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOCCH_3\}_2]^{2-}$, $H[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOCCH_3\}_2]^-$, $(Bu_4N)[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOCCH_3\}_2]^-$, respectively. FT-TR [(KBr) v/cm^{-1}]: 2959(m), 2873(m), 1744(s), 1630(w), 1481(m), 1383(w), 1236(w), 1129(m), 1069(s), 1040(s), 951(vs), 807(s), 719(s), 583(m). UV/Vis (in MeCN): λ_{max} =352nm, 246nm.

Synthesis of $(Bu_4N)_2[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOCCH_2CH_3\}_2]$ (3). The synthesis of **3** is similar to that of **2**, except the use of propionic anhydride instead of acetic anhydride. The red block crystals of **3** can be obtained by diffusion of Et_2O into their solution in acetonitrile. Yield 1.05g (76% based on V). Elemental analysis for: $V_6O_{23}N_2C_{48}H_{98}$; calc: C: 41.85%, N: 2.03%, H: 7.18%; found: C: 41.18%, N: 2.42%, H: 7.05%. 1H NMR (DMSO, 300Hz) δ =0.94 (t, 24H, J=7.2Hz), 0.99 (t, 6H, J=7.5Hz), 1.32 (m, 16H, J=7.2Hz), 1.57 (m, 16H), 2.30 (m, 4H, J=7.5Hz), 3.17 (m, 16H, J=7.9Hz), 3.93 (s, 4H), 4.94 (s, 12H). ESI-MS(in MeCN, negative): 446.09, 892.71, 1133.83(100%) was assigned to $[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOCCH_2CH_3\}_2]^{2-}$, $H[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOCCH_2CH_3\}_2]^-$, $(Bu_4N)[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOCCH_2CH_3\}_2]^-$, respectively. FT-TR [(KBr) v/cm^{-1}]: 2960(m), 2873(m), 1735(s), 1636(w), 1481(m), 1382(w), 1238(w), 1126(m), 1064(s), 951(vs), 808(s), 718(s), 583(m). UV/Vis (in MeCN): λ_{max} =352nm, 242nm.

Synthesis of $(Bu_4N)_2[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOC(CH_2)_4CH_3\}_2]$ (4). The synthesis of **4** is similar to that of **2**, except the use of hexonic anhydride instead of acetic anhydride. The red block crystals of **3** can be obtained by diffusion of Et_2O into their solution in acetonitrile. Yield 0.83g (58% based on V). Elemental analysis for: $V_6O_{23}N_2C_{54}H_{110}$; calc: C: 44.37%, N: 1.92%, H: 7.59%; found: C: 43.94%, N: 2.17%, H: 7.54%. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 300Hz) δ =0.86 (t, 6H, J=6.7Hz), 0.99 (t, 24H), 1.25 (m, 12H), 1.53 (m, 16H), 1.74 (m, 16H), 2.26 (t, 4H, J=7.2Hz), 3.47 (m, 16H), 3.99 (s, 4H), 5.22 (s, 12H). ESI-MS(in MeCN, negative): 488.16(100%), 976.77, 1217.91 was assigned to $[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOC(CH_2)_4CH_3\}_2]^{2-}$, $H[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOC(CH_2)_4CH_3\}_2]^-$, $(Bu_4N)[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOC(CH_2)_4CH_3\}_2]^-$, respectively. FT-TR [(KBr) v/cm^{-1}]: 2958(m), 2872(m), 1731(s), 1636(w), 1469(m), 1384(w), 1242(w), 1134(m), 1062(s), 951(vs), 808(s), 720(s), 584(m). UV/Vis (in MeCN): λ_{max} =352nm, 243nm.

Synthesis of $(Bu_4N)_2[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOC(CH_2)_{16}CH_3\}_2]$ (5). A mixture of 1.26g(1mmol) compound **1**, 1.10g(2mmol) stearic anhydride, 0.25g(2mmol) DMAP and 20mL MeCN was stirred at 80°C for 48h. The mixture was cooled down to room temperature and then filtrated. The red, platelet-like crystals of **5** come out from the filtrate within two days. Yield 0.66g (37% based on V). Elemental analysis for: $V_6O_{23}N_2C_{78}H_{158}$; calc: C: 52.09%, N: 1.56%, H: 8.86%; found: C: 52.14%, N: 1.63%, H: 8.80%. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 300Hz) δ =0.88 (t, 6H, J=6.7Hz), 0.99 (m, 24H, J=7.2Hz), 1.25 (m, 52H), 1.53 (m, 16H, J=7.2Hz), 1.75 (m, 16H), 2.26 (t, 4H, J=7.5Hz), 3.47 (m, 16H, J=8.0Hz), 3.98 (s, 4H), 5.21 (s, 12H). ESI-MS(in MeCN, negative): 656.35, 1313.03, 1554.26(100%) was assigned to $[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOC(CH_2)_{16}CH_3\}_2]^{2-}$, $H[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOC(CH_2)_{16}CH_3\}_2]^-$, $(Bu_4N)[V_6O_{13}\{(OCH_2)_3CCH_2OOC(CH_2)_{16}CH_3\}_2]^-$,

respectively. FT-TR [(KBr) v/cm^{-1}]: 2921(m), 2851(m), 1752(s), 1638(w), 1469(m), 1384(w), 1159(m), 1132(m), 1062(s), 961(s), 942(vs), 812(s), 719(s), 581(m). UV/Vis (in MeCN): $\lambda_{\text{max}}=350\text{nm}$, 245nm.

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Table S1. Details of Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Compound 3

Empirical formula	C₄₈ H₉₈ N₂ O₂₃ V₆
Formula weight	1376.92
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.135(2) Å alpha = 90 deg.
	b = 14.900(3) Å beta = 97.63(3) deg.
	c = 19.855(4) Å gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	3265.1(11) Å³
Z	2
Calculated density	1.401 Mg/m³
Absorption coefficient	0.894 mm⁻¹
F(000)	1444
Crystal size	0.5 x 0.3 x 0.2 mm
Theta range for data collection	3.25 to 27.48 deg.
Limiting indices	-14<=h<=14, -19<=k<=19, -25<=l<=25
Reflections collected / unique	31068 / 7439 [R(int) = 0.0647]
Completeness to theta = 27.48	99.3 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.836 and 0.732
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F²
Data / restraints / parameters	7439 / 23 / 359
Goodness-of-fit on F²	1.135
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0576, wR2 = 0.1409
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1157, wR2 = 0.1995
Extinction coefficient	0.0079(11)

Largest diff. peak and hole **0.580 and -0.738 e.A⁻³**

Table S2. Details of Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Compound 4

Empirical formula	C₅₄ H₁₁₀ N₂ O₂₃ V₆
Formula weight	1461.08
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.375(2) Å alpha = 90 deg. b = 15.453(3) Å beta = 97.54(3) deg. c = 19.841(4) Å gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	3457.3(12) Å³
Z	2
Calculated density	1.404 Mg/m³
Absorption coefficient	0.849 mm⁻¹
F(000)	1540
Crystal size	0.4 x 0.3 x 0.2 mm
Theta range for data collection	3.20 to 27.45 deg.
Limiting indices	-13<=h<=14, -20<=k<=20, -25<=l<=23
Reflections collected / unique	32952 / 7866 [R(int) = 0.0259]
Completeness to theta = 27.45	99.5 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.844 and 0.744
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F²
Data / restraints / parameters	7866 / 103 / 404
Goodness-of-fit on F²	1.050
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0413, wR2 = 0.1188
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0522, wR2 = 0.1281
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.398 and -0.460 e.A⁻³

Table S3. Details of Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Compound 5

Empirical formula	C78 H158 N2 O23 V6
Formula weight	1797.70
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P-1
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.528(2) Å alpha = 94.67(3) deg.
	b = 12.074(2) Å beta = 99.95(3) deg.
	c = 19.371(4) Å gamma = 115.39(3) deg.
Volume	2362.1(8) Å³
Z	1
Calculated density	1.264 Mg/m³
Absorption coefficient	0.634 mm⁻¹
F(000)	962
Crystal size	0.3 x 0.3 x 0.1 mm
Theta range for data collection	3.08 to 27.48 deg.
Limiting indices	-14<=h<=14, -15<=k<=15, -25<=l<=25
Reflections collected / unique	23324 / 10660 [R(int) = 0.1004]
Completeness to theta = 27.48	98.3 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.939 and 0.827
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F²
Data / restraints / parameters	10660 / 32 / 493
Goodness-of-fit on F²	1.002
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0709, wR2 = 0.0917
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2273, wR2 = 0.1345
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.499 and -0.540 e.Å⁻³

Table S4. Summary of BVS for the vanadium atoms in compound 3, 4 and 5

3		4		5	
V1	5.036	V1	5.003	V1	5.000
V2	5.056	V2	5.025	V2	5.002
V3	5.049	V3	5.034	V3	5.014

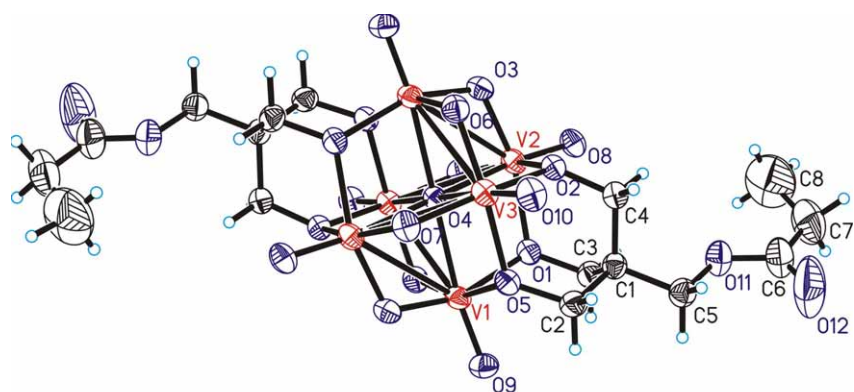


Fig. S1 Anion Structure of Compound 3

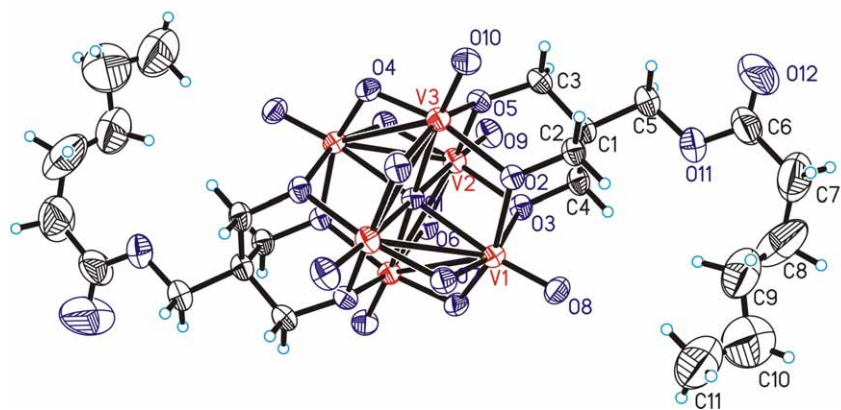


Fig. S2 Anion Structure of Compound 4

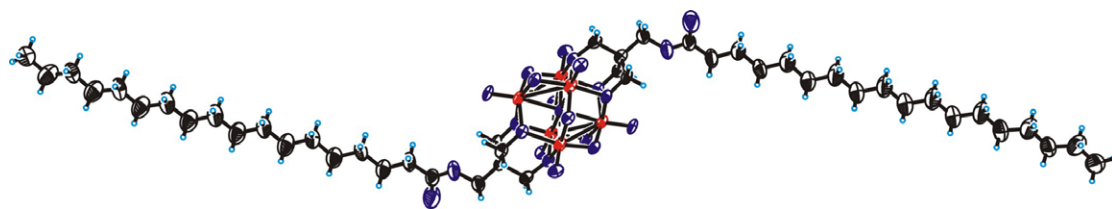


Fig. S3 Anion Structure of Compound 5

IR Spectra of Compound 2~5

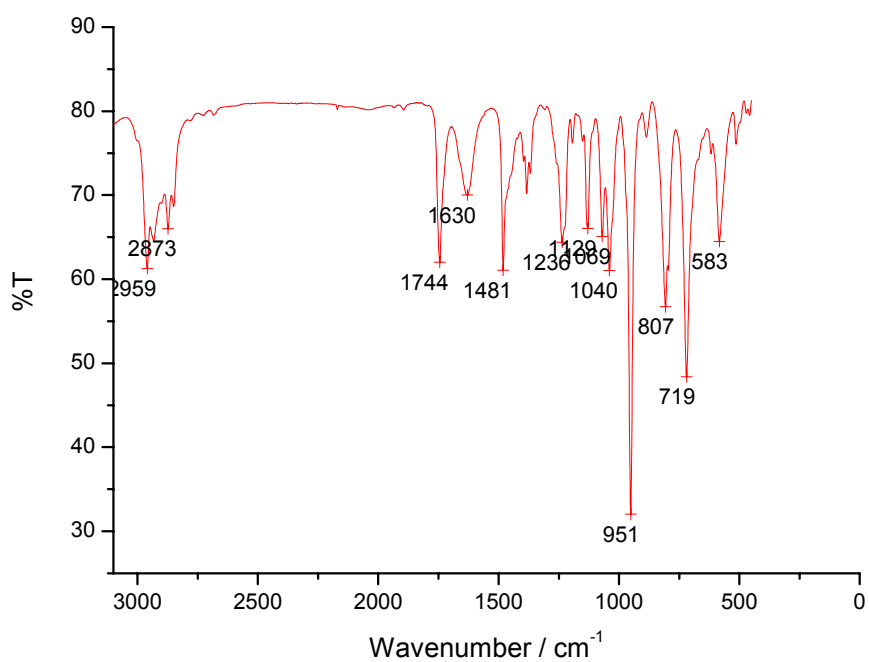


Fig. S4 IR spectrum of compound 2

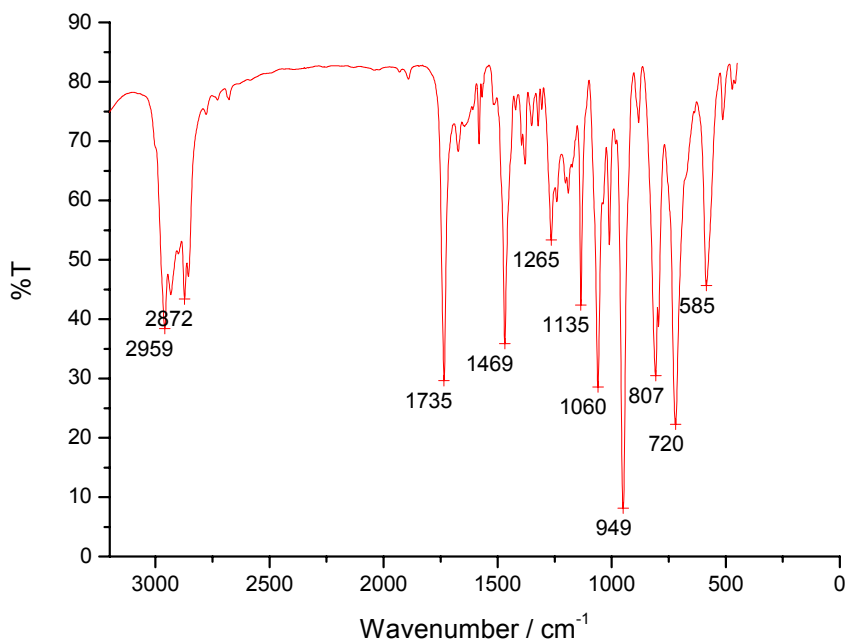


Fig. S5 IR spectrum of compound 3

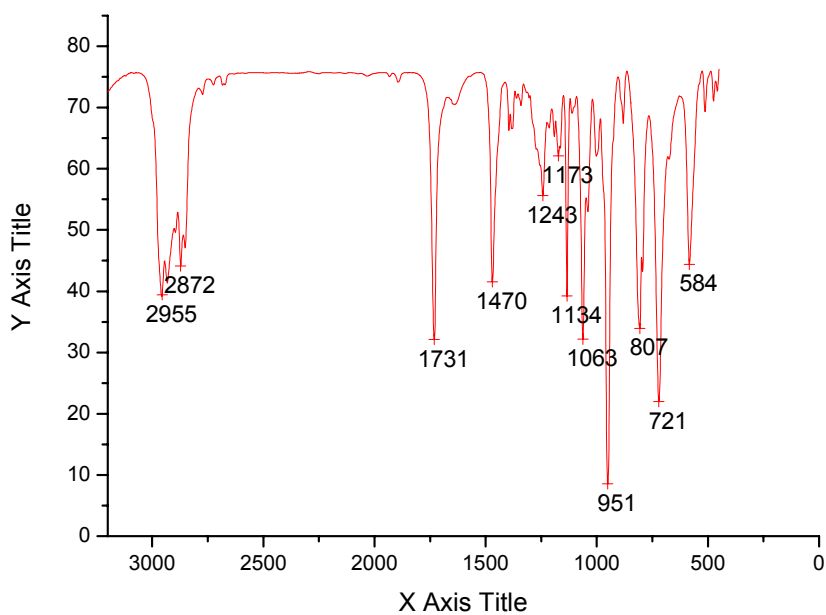


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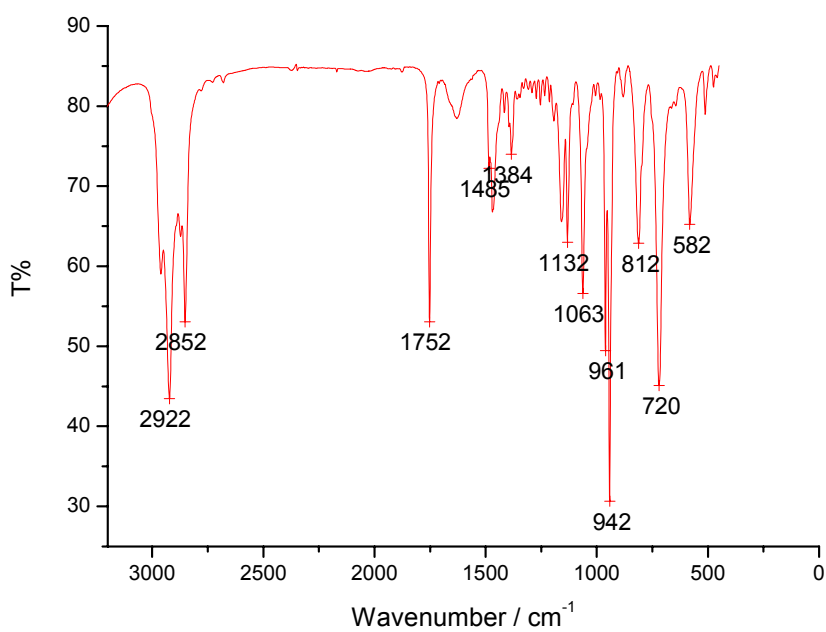


Fig. S7 IR spectrum of compound 5

^1H NMR Spectra of Compound 2~5

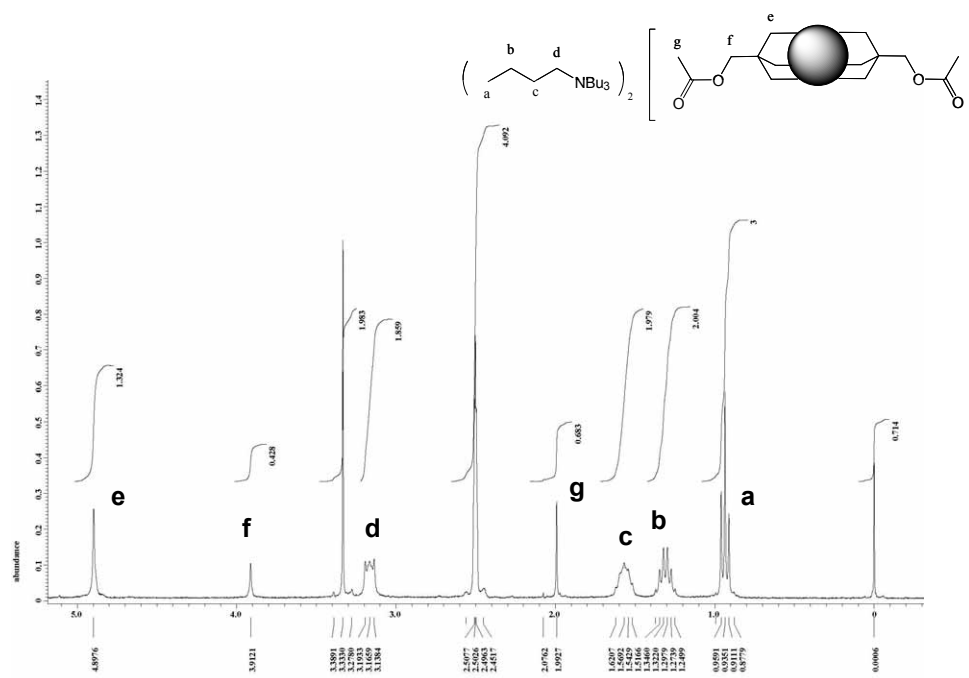


Fig. S8 ^1H NMR Spectrum of Compound 2

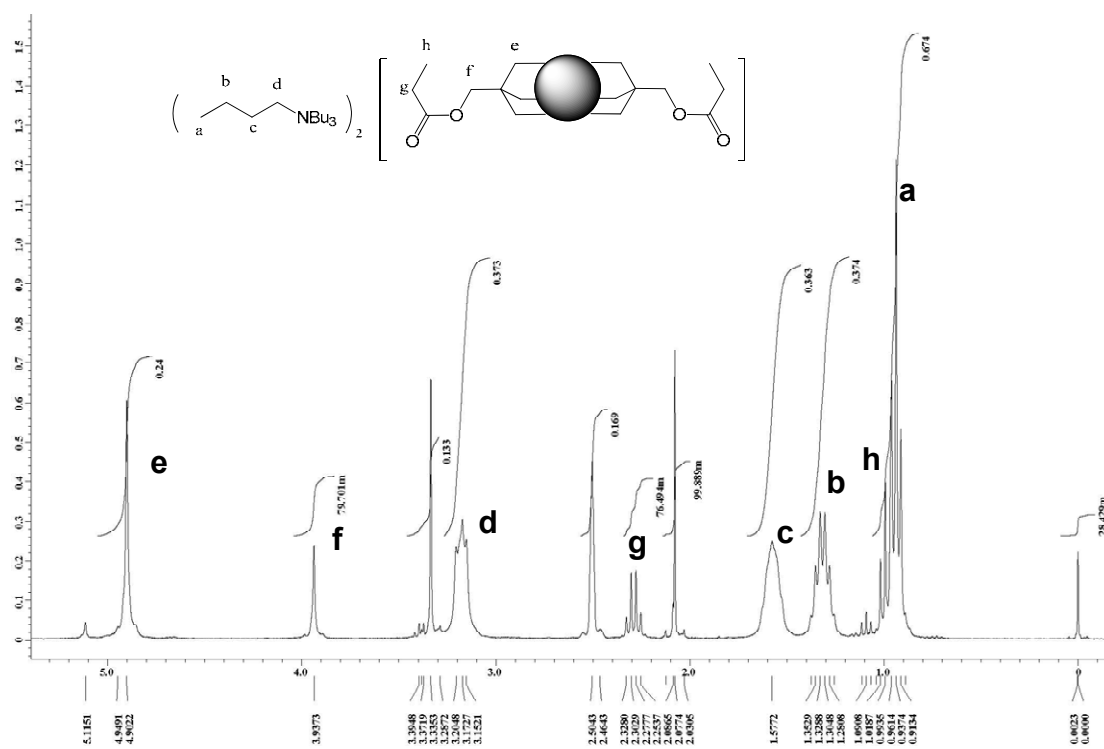


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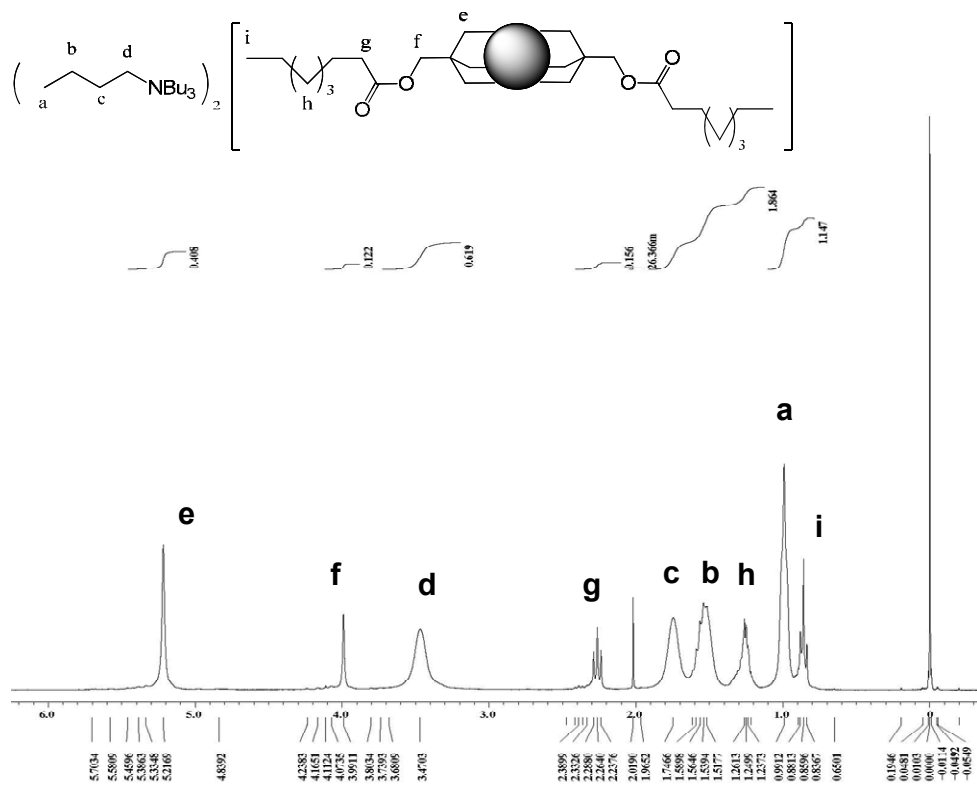


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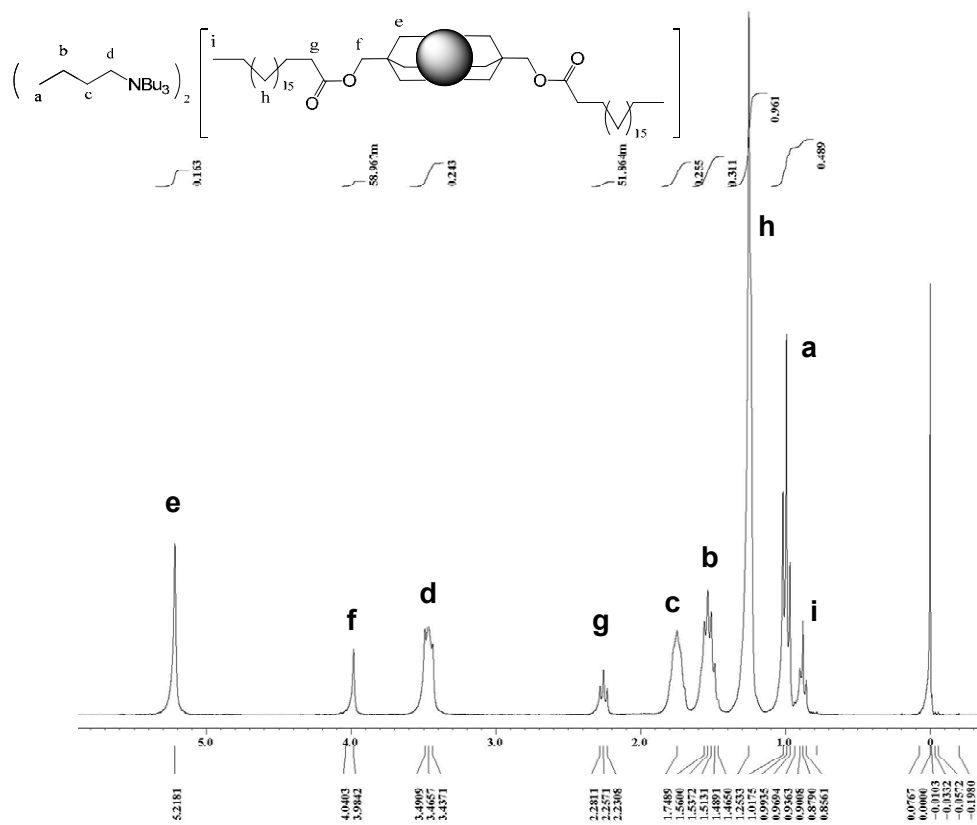


Fig. S11 ^1H NMR Spectrum of Compound 5

Electrospray Mass Spectra of Compound 2~5

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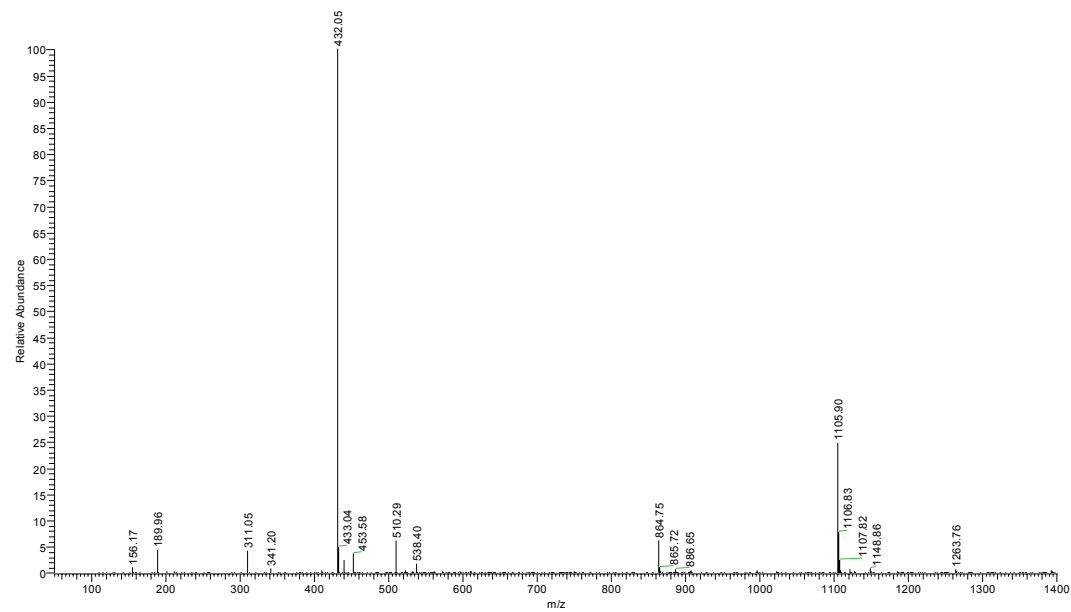


Fig. S12 ESI-MS of compound 2

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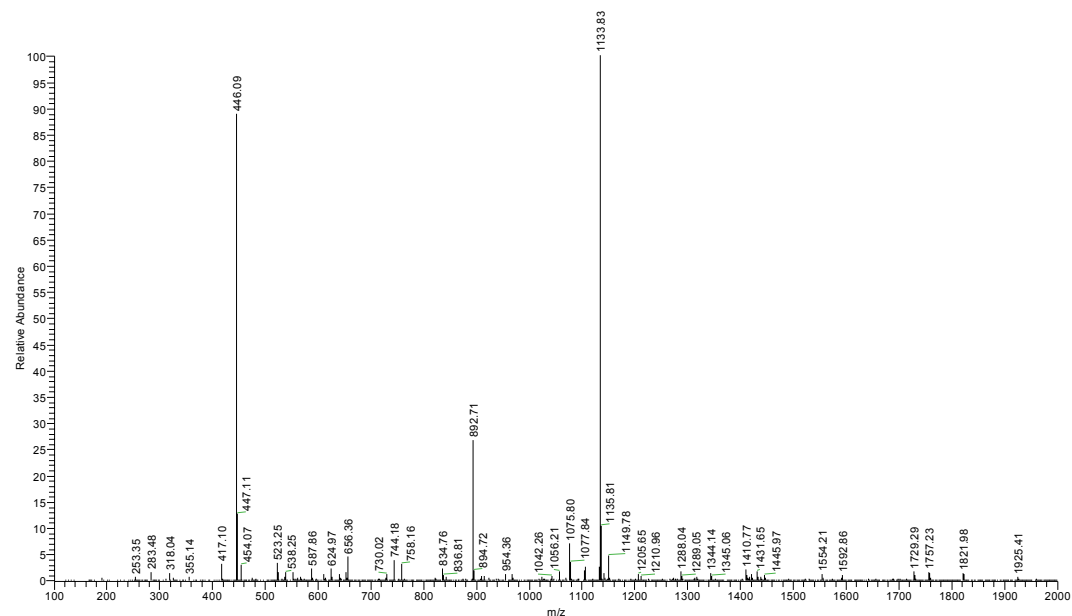


Fig. S13 ESI-MS of compound 3

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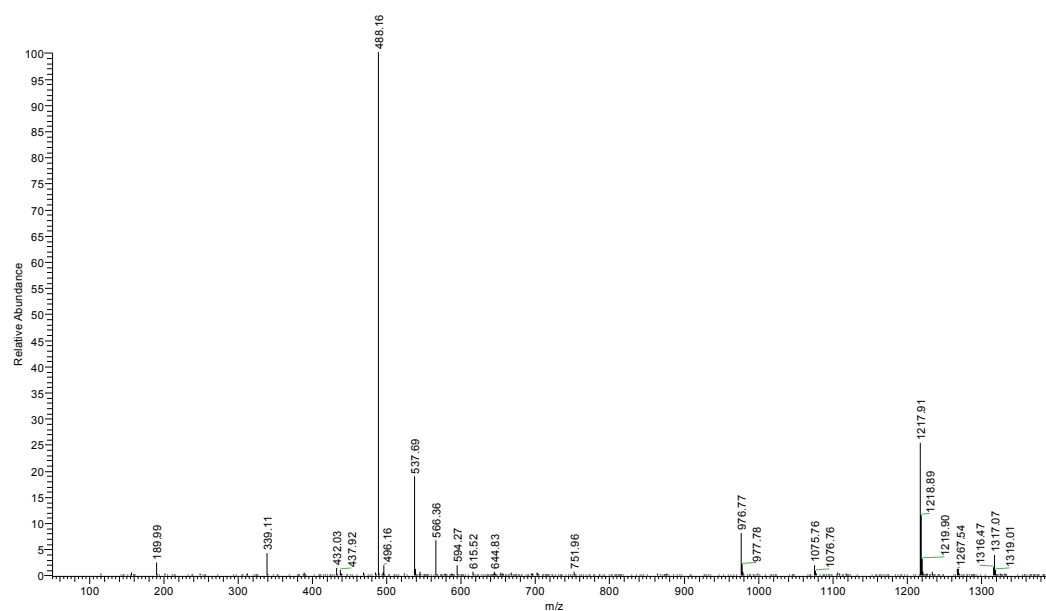


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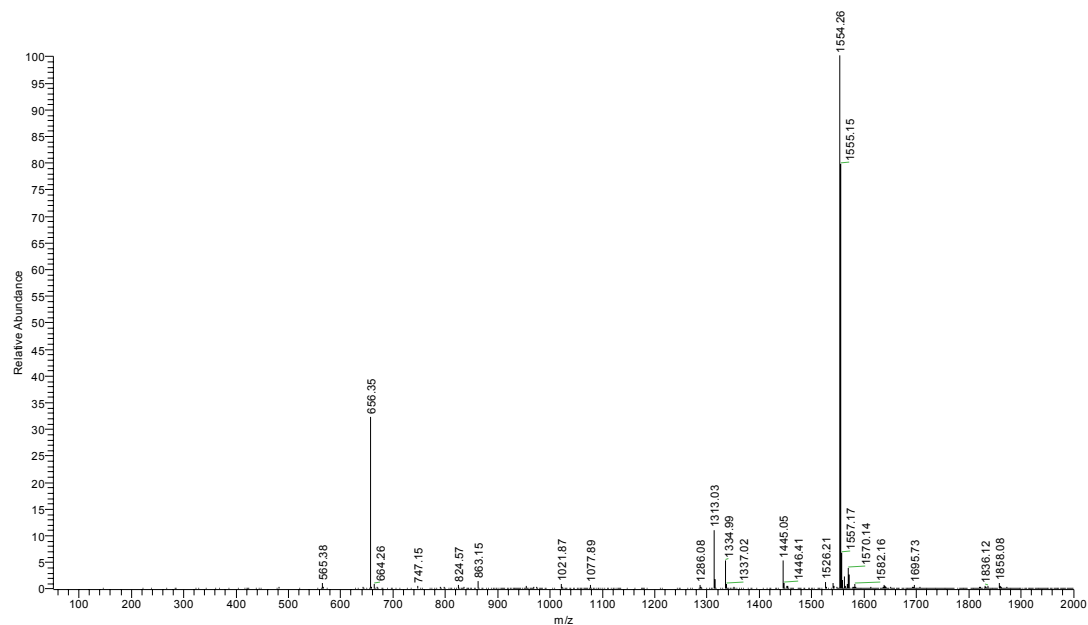


Fig. S15 ESI-MS of compound 5

Cyclic Voltammetry Studies

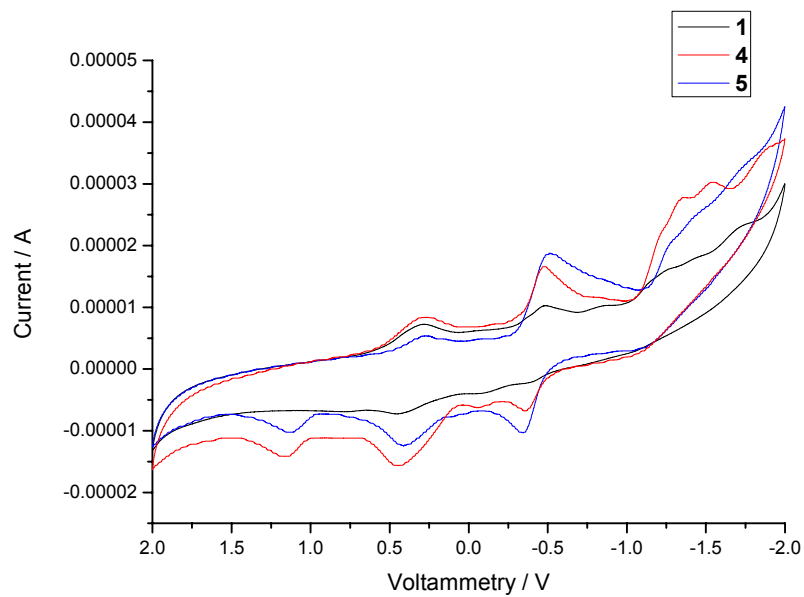


Fig. S16 Cyclic Voltammetry of Compound 1, 4 and 5

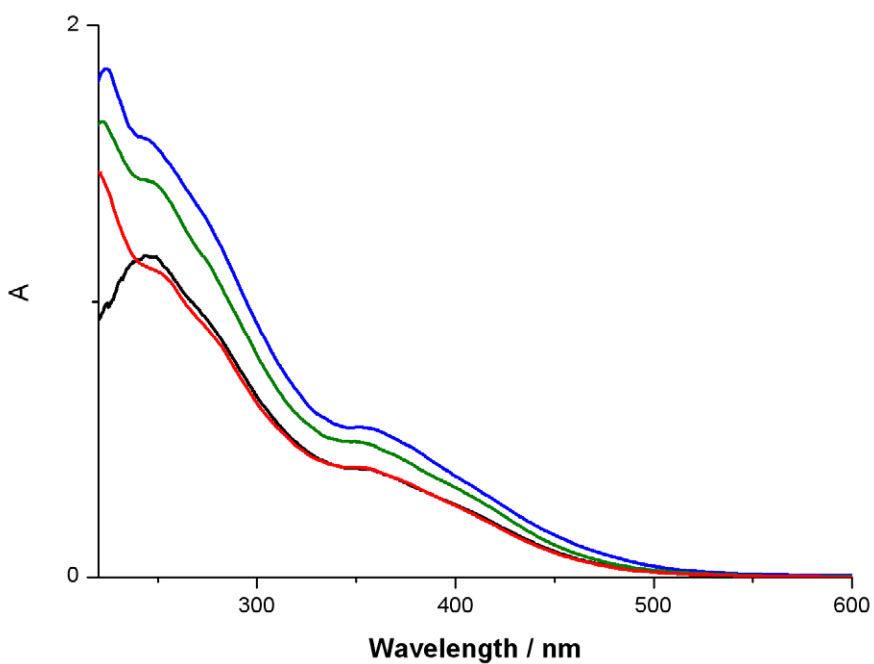


Fig. S17 UV spectra of compound 2 (blue), 3 (red), 4 (green) and 5 (black).