

# Toward Aceneporphyrinoids: Synthesis and Transformations of Palladium(II) *meso*-Anthriporphyrin.

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## Experimental section

**NMR Spectroscopy.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a high-field spectrometers ( $^1\text{H}$  600.15 MHz and 500.13 MHz), equipped with a broadband inverse gradient probeheads. Spectra were referenced to the residual solvent signal (chloroform-*d*, 7.24 ppm, dichloromethane-*d*<sub>2</sub>, 5.32 ppm). Two-dimensional NMR spectra were recorded with 2048 data points in the  $t_2$  domain and up to 1024 points in the  $t_1$  domain, with a 1s recovery delay.

**Mass Spectrometry.** High resolution and Accurate Mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker microTOF-Q spectrometers using the electrospray technique.

**UV-Vis Spectroscopy.** Electronic spectra were recorded on a diode-array spectrophotometer.

**X-Ray Crystallography.** X-Ray quality crystals were prepared by slow evaporation of solutions of **1** dissolved in dichloromethane-methanol and **[1-H]<sup>+</sup>** and **2-Cl** dissolved in dichloromethane-hexane. Data were collected at 100 K on a Xcalibur PX  $\kappa$ -geometry diffractometer, with Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda=0.71073$  Å). Data were corrected for Lorentz, polarization and absorption (**2-Cl**) effects. Crystal data are compiled in Table S1. The structures were solved by a direct methods with SHELXS-97 and refined by full matrix least-squares method by using SHELXL-97 with anisotropic thermal parameters for the non-H atoms. Scattering factors were those incorporated in SHELXS-97.

**Theoretical calculations.** Geometry optimizations were carried out within unconstrained  $C_1$  symmetry, with starting coordinates derived from molecular mechanic calculations.<sup>4</sup> Becke's three-parameter exchange functional with the gradient-corrected correlation formula of Lee, Yang<sup>5-6</sup> and Parr (DFT-B3LYP) were used with the LANL2D basis set for Pd and 6-31G\*\* for other atoms.

## Synthesis.

### Synthetic procedures and analytical data.

**9-benzoylanthracene** was prepared as described in literature.<sup>1</sup>

### 9,10-dibenzoylanthracene **4**.

In a 500 mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and a heating mantle, 9-benzoylanthracene (10.0 g, 0.035 mol), aluminum chloride (5.7 g, 0.043 mol) and benzoyl chloride (5.0 mL, 0.043 mol) was dissolved in 1,2-dichloroethane (300 mL). The reaction mixture was then protected from moisture (a tube with calcium chloride on the top of a condenser) and refluxed for 7 days. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the reaction was quenched by cautious addition of hydrochloric acid-brine solution (100 mL, 2:3 v/v) and stirred for another hour. The organic phase was separated in a separatory funnel, washed with water and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After evaporation of the solvent the crude product was recrystallized from acetone yielding yellowish-white solid. Yield 12.6 g (92%).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 298K): δ 7.85 (d, 4H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.5 Hz), 7.76 (AA'BB' spin system, 4H), 7.60 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.5 Hz), 7.44 (t, 4H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.6 Hz), 7.38 (AA'BB' spin system, 4H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 298K) δ 199.96, 137.88, 135.92, 134.27, 130.17, 128.98, 127.99, 126.65, 125.76. **HR-MS** (ESI+, TOF) *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 387.1380, calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 387.1380.

### **9,10-Bis(phenylhydroxymethyl)anthracene 5.**

In a 1000 mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, 9,10-dibenzoylanthracene **4** (8.1 g, 0.021 mol) was dissolved in THF (300 mL) under a protective atmosphere. Solid lithium aluminum hydride (2.3 g, 2.9 equiv.) was then added in small portions, so as to avoid excessive gas evolution. The reaction mixture was then stirred for 15 minutes and then quenched by cautious addition of water (10 mL) followed by 2 M aqueous NaOH (5 mL). The reaction mixture was filtered and stripped of solvent on a rotary evaporator. The crude product was washed with cold acetone on Schott funnel and dried affording yellow solid. Yield 8.1g (~99%).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, dichloromethane-*d*<sub>2</sub>, 298K, mixture of isomers): δ 8.45 (AA'BB' spin system, 4H), 7.46 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=3.4 Hz, CH(OH)), 7.40–7.37 (m: AA'BB' spin system covered with doublet, 8H), 7.29 (t, 4H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.6 Hz, *m*-Ph), 7.23 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.6 Hz, *p*-Ph), 2.87 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=4.0 Hz, CH(OH)). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, dichloromethane-*d*<sub>2</sub>, 298K, mixture of isomers) δ 144.42, 136.18, 130.26, 128.56, 127.05, 126.10, 125.93, 125.56, 70.58. **HR-MS** (ESI+, TOF) *m/z* [M-OH]<sup>+</sup> 373.1587, calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 373.1587; [M+Ag]<sup>+</sup> 497.0676, calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>AgO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 497.0665.

### **5,10,15,20-Tetraphenyl-meso-anthriporphyrin 1.**

9,10-Bis(phenylhydroxymethyl)anthracene **5** (390 mg, 1.0 mmol), pyrrole (208 μL, 3.0 mmol) and benzaldehyde (204 μL, 2.0 mmol) were added to dry dichloromethane (900 mL) under nitrogen. Boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (100 μL) was then added and the reaction mixture was protected from light and stirred for two hours. 2,3-Dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ; 681 mg, 3.0 mmol) was subsequently added and the reaction mixture was stirred for another half an hour. After that time solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the dark residue was subjected to chromatography (grade II alumina, dichloromethane). In preliminary chromatography the desired product was eluted as one fraction with tetraphenylporphyrin and N-confused porphyrin. During subsequent chromatographies (grade II alumina) with dichloromethane-hexane as eluent (3:2 v/v) **1** was eluted as green fraction followed by N-confused porphyrin. Yield 4 mg (0.5 %).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 298K): δ 7.93 (d, 4H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.9 Hz, 5,20-*o*-Ph), 7.59 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=4.8 Hz, 7,18-H), 7.54–7.49 (m, 8H, AA'BB' and t, 2<sup>2</sup>,3<sup>2</sup>,21<sup>2</sup>22<sup>2</sup>-H and 5,20-*m*-Ph), 7.46 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.3Hz, 5,20-*p*-Ph), 7.33–3.32 (m, 6H, 10,15-*m,p*-Ph), 7.25–7.23 (m, 4H, 10,15-*o*-Ph), 7.05 (AA'BB', 4H, 2<sup>1</sup>,3<sup>1</sup>,21<sup>1</sup>22<sup>1</sup>-H), 6.77 (b, 1H, 24-NH, 210K; signal was detected only on spectra measured in low temperature: 220–210K), 6.52 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=4.8Hz, 8,17-H),

6.19 (s, 2H, 12,13-H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 298K):  $\delta$  167.24, 160.93, 146.92, 144.78, 140.96, 140.82, 137.88, 133.42, 132.70, 131.90, 131.80, 131.18, 130.08, 128.89, 128.83, 127.71, 127.17, 126.44, 124.97, 115.57. **HR-MS** (ESI+, TOF)  $m/z$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 726.2904, calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 726.2904. **UV-Vis** (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298K):  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 395 (4.99), 698 (4.52) sh. 650.

### 5,10,15,20-Tetraphenyl-*meso*-anthriporphyrin dication [1-H<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 298K):  $\delta$  8.53 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=5.0 Hz, 7,18-H), 8.36 (d, 4H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.4 Hz, 5,20-*o*-Ph), 7.92 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.3 Hz, 5,20-*p*-Ph), 7.89 (t, 4H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.3 Hz, 5,20-*m*-Ph), 7.66-7.65 (m, 2H, 10,15-*p*-Ph), 7.62-7.60 (m, 10H, 8,17-H; 10,15-*o,m*-Ph), 7.37 (s, 2H, 12,13-H), 6.79 (AA'XX' spin system, 4H, 2<sup>2</sup>, 3<sup>2</sup>, 21<sup>2</sup>, 22<sup>2</sup>-H), 6.70 (AA'BB' spin system, 4H, 2<sup>1</sup>, 3<sup>1</sup>, 21<sup>1</sup>, 22<sup>1</sup>-H), 6.22 (b, 1H, 24-NH), 5.68 (b, 23,25-NH; increased multiplicity is accounted to complexation of TFA). **UV-Vis** (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298K):  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 432 (4.94) sh 445 and 475, 506 (4.70), 549 (4.86), 784 (4.66).

### Chloropalladium(II) 5,10,15,20-tetraphenyl-*meso*-anthriporphyrin 2-Cl.

5,10,15,20-Tetraphenyl-*meso*-anthriporphyrin **1** (20.2 mg, 27.9  $\mu$ mol) and palladium(II) chloride (45 mg, 0.26 mmol) were added to the solution of acetonitrile (50 mL) and dichloromethane (20 mL) under nitrogen and stirred for 48 hours. After that time solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the dark brown residue was subjected to chromatography (silica gel 70–230, 1% methanol-dichloromethane solution). **2-Cl** was eluted as the main, green fraction. The product was recrystallized from dichloromethane-hexane solution. Yield: 23.9 mg (99 %).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 298K):  $\delta$  7.86 (d, 4H, <sup>3</sup>J=8.0 Hz, 5,20-*o*-Ph), 7.64 (AA'BB' spin system, 2H, 2<sup>1</sup>, 3<sup>1</sup>-H), 7.56 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.4 Hz, 10,15-*o*-Ph), 7.52-7.44 (m, 8H, 10,15-Ph), 7.40 (t, 4H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.9 Hz, 5,20-*m*-Ph), 7.34 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.5 Hz, 5,20-*p*-Ph), 7.23 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=4.9 Hz, 7,18-H), 7.05 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=4.9 Hz, 8,17-H), 7.00 (AA'BB' spin system, 2H, 2<sup>2</sup>, 3<sup>2</sup>-H), 6.80 (s, 2H, 12,13-H), 6.23 (AA'BB' spin system, 2H, 21<sup>2</sup>, 22<sup>2</sup>-H), 5.89 (AA'BB' spin system, 2H, 21<sup>1</sup>, 22<sup>1</sup>-H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 298K):  $\delta$  168.12, 147.45, 142.29, 140.94, 140.62, 139.35, 138.51, 138.46, 138.43, 137.47, 134.24, 131.75, 131.17, 130.98, 129.00, 128.65, 128.39, 128.24, 128.08, 127.71, 127.41, 127.15, 125.40, 125.00, 124.95. **HR-MS** (ESI+, TOF)  $m/z$  [M-Cl]<sup>+</sup> 830.1780, calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Pd<sup>+</sup> 830.1782. **UV-Vis** (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298K):  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 337 (4.31), 401 (4.49), 429 (4.44), 668 (3.98), 726 (4.37).

### Cleavage product **3-Cl**.

Chloropalladium(II) 5,10,15,20-tetraphenyl-*meso*-anthriporphyrin **2-Cl** (17.9 mg, 20.7  $\mu$ mol) and potassium carbonate (2.1 g) was added to acetonitrile (50 mL) and stirred under nitrogen at room temperature overnight. The dark green mixture was evaporated and the residue was subjected to chromatography (silica gel 70–230, dichloromethane). Compound **3-Cl** was eluted as the first orange fraction, followed by the more polar substrate (7 mg, 39% recovery). Yield: 2.9 mg (16 %).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 220K): δ 9.83 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.7 Hz, 5-*o*-Ph), 9.43 (m, 1H, 3<sup>1</sup>-H), 8.60 (m, 1H, 2<sup>2</sup>-H), 8.48 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J=8.9 Hz, 21<sup>1</sup>-H), 7.92 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.7 Hz, 20-*o,o'*-Ph), 7.79 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J=8.8 Hz, 22<sup>1</sup>-H), 7.77-7.73 (m, 2H, 2<sup>1</sup>,3<sup>2</sup>-H), 7.56 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.9 Hz, 15-*o*-Ph), 7.50 (m, 2H, 21<sup>2</sup>-H, 10-Ph), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H, 15-Ph), 7.45-7.43 (m, 2H, 15-Ph), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H, 10-Ph, 20-*p*-Ph), 7.35 (t, <sup>3</sup>J=7.9 Hz, 10-*p*-Ph), 7.33-7.28 (m, 10-*o*-Ph, 5-*o*-Ph, 22<sup>2</sup>-H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 20-*m,m'*-Ph), 7.15-7.13 (m, 1H, 10-*o*-Ph), 6.98 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J=4.4 Hz, 18-H), 6.90 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J=5.3 Hz, 13-H), 6.68 (t, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.3 Hz, 5-*p*-Ph), 6.49 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J=5.3 Hz, 12-H), 6.42 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J=4.4 Hz, 17-H), 6.27 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J=5.2 Hz, 8-H), 6.11 and 6.09 (2t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J=7.7 Hz, 5-*m*-Ph), 5.91 (d, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J=5.2 Hz, 7-H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 298K): δ 185.56, 159.27, 157.29, 154.15, 144.63, 141.12, 140.21, 140.03, 138.90, 138.18, 135.54, 135.26, 134.87, 134.83, 134.07, 133.78, 132.41, 131.97, 131.47, 131.36, 130.64, 129.54, 129.36, 129.04, 128.87, 128.57, 128.12, 127.94, 127.85, 127.69, 127.33, 127.11, 126.55, 126.13, 125.00, 124.58, 123.21, 122.25, 114.92, 112.04. **HR-MS** (ESI+, TOF) *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 882.1468, calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>35</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>OPd<sup>+</sup> 882.1498. **UV-Vis** (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298K): λ<sub>max</sub> (log ε) 355 (4.52), 375 (4.51), 395 (4.50), 474 (4.44), 816 (4.25).

**Bromopalladium(II) 5,10,15,20-tetraphenyl-*meso*-anthriporphyrin 2-Br and cleavage product 3-Br.**

To the chloroform solution of **2**-Cl silver(I) tetrafluoroborate (molar excess) was added and the mixture was stirred for 5 minutes. The mixture was filtrated to the solution of sodium bromide in methanol and stirred for one hour. Subsequently the solution was evaporated to dryness. The solid residue was dissolved in dichloromethane and filtrated to remove the excess of sodium bromide. **2**-Br was subjected to cleavage conditions described for **3**-Cl affording **3**-Br as identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and HRMS. **HR-MS** (ESI+, TOF) *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 926.0926, calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>35</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>OPd<sup>+</sup> 926.0993.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for compound **1**,  $[1\text{-H}]^+$  and **2**-Cl.

	<b>1</b>	$[1\text{-H}]^+$	<b>2</b> -Cl
Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_3$ , 0.5( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )	$\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_3$ , $\text{C}_2\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ , 0.5( $\text{C}_2\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{H}$ )	$\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{34}\text{ClN}_3\text{Pd}$ , 0.4( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}$ ), 0.1( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), 1.15( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )
Formula weight	767.45	896.00	1000.63
Temperature	100K	100K	100K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Trigonal
Space group	$P\bar{1}$	$P2_1/c$	$R\bar{3}$
Unit cell dimensions			
a	9.779(3) Å	16.924(5) Å	50.222(15) Å
b	13.499(6) Å	24.465(8) Å	50.222(15) Å
c	16.963(6) Å	11.989(3) Å	9.718(3) Å
$\alpha$	92.09(3)°	90.00°	90.00°
$\beta$	101.98(4)°	92.57(3)°	90.00°
$\gamma$	106.41(4)°	90.00°	120.00°
Volume	2090.4(15) Å <sup>3</sup>	4959(3) Å <sup>3</sup>	21227(11) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	2	4	18
Density (calculated)	1.211	1.201	1.409
Absorption coefficient	0.130 mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.090 mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.623 mm <sup>-1</sup>
$F(000)$	796	1854	9203
Crystal size	0.4x0.2x0.01	0.47x0.43x0.03	0.08x0.13x0.35
Theta range for data collection	$2.79 \leq \theta \leq 36.90$	$2.55 \leq \theta \leq 27.50$	$4.11 \leq \theta \leq 38.55$
Index ranges	-16≤h≤16	-21≤h≤19	-70≤h≤70
	-22≤k≤22	-30≤k≤31	-70≤k≤70
	-28≤l≤19	-15≤l≤15	-13≤l≤11
Reflections collected	17492	11387	13715
Independent reflections	6447	6047	8722
Restraints	0	0	15
Parameters	521	585	620
Goodness-of-fit on	0.774	1.107	1.060
Final R indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	0.0764	0.0684	0.0424
R indices (all data)	0.1838	0.1166	0.0813

## Disorder treatment and CheckCIF Alerts explanations:

### 1

Considering the disorder and low electron density at maxima assigned to solvent atoms (dichloromethane) we have applied the SQUEEZE routine (PLATON). Significantly the essential structural information has remained unchanged. The appropriate statement has been added to the CIF file. Original empirical formula as well as formula weight, density and F(000) are included in Table S1 and CIF.

### Comments to CheckCIF Alerts:

#### Alert level A

PLAT051\_ALERT\_1\_A:

Mu(calc) and Mu(CIF) Ratio Differs from 1.0 by .48.36 Perc.

**Comment:** This alert arise from the fact that the highly disordered solvent could not be satisfactorily modelled. As a result, the SQUEEZE routine within PLATON was employed to remove the contribution of the solvent to the diffraction pattern. The absence of solvent from the model results in a discrepancy between calculated Mu based on assigned atoms and the actual composition including the solvent molecules.

[1-H]<sup>+</sup>

Considering the disorder assigned to TFAH molecule atoms we have decided to apply the SQUEEZE routine (PLATON). Significantly the essential structural information on main residue has remained unchanged. The appropriate statement has been added to the CIF file. Original empirical formula as well as formula weight, density and F(000) are included in Table S1 and CIF file.

### 2-Cl

Disordered chloride ligand was fixed to have the same palladium-chloride bond length in both positions.

One DCM molecule was split on two parts with occupations (0.83 and 0.17). First part was refines anisotropically, the second part was refined isotropically. Distance restraints (Cl-C-Cl' moiety) of C-Cl 1.7 Å and Cl'••• Cl 2.9 Å were applied to the atoms of the dichloromethane. Second disordered DCM molecule (occupation 0.15) was refined isotropically with the same restraints applied.

Disordered *n*-hexane molecule (occupation 0.4) was refined istotropically. To obtain the correct geometry of molecule restraints of 1.54 Å for 1-2 distances and 2.52 Å for 1-3 distances were applied for the carbon atoms in *n*-hexane molecule during refinement.

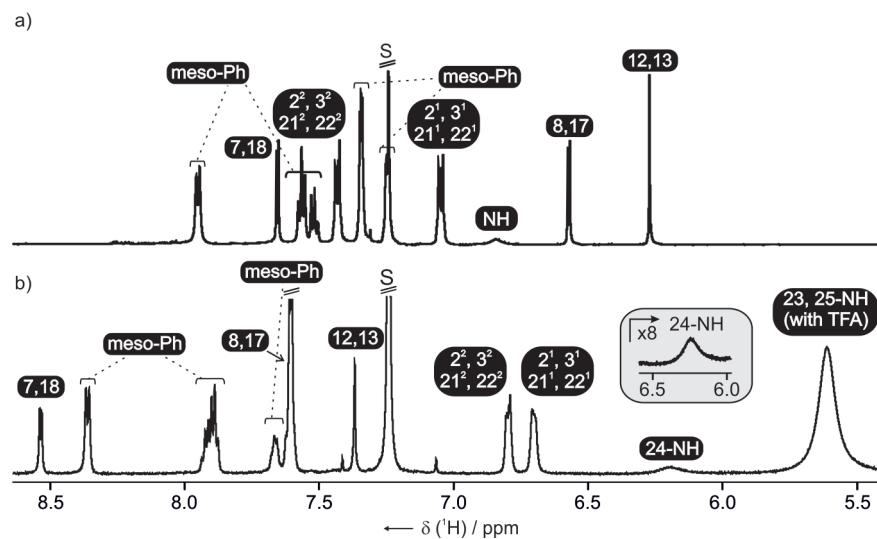


Figure S 1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of a) **1** (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 220 K) and b)  $[\mathbf{1}\text{-H}_2]^{2+}$  (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 300 K, 10 equiv. TFA).

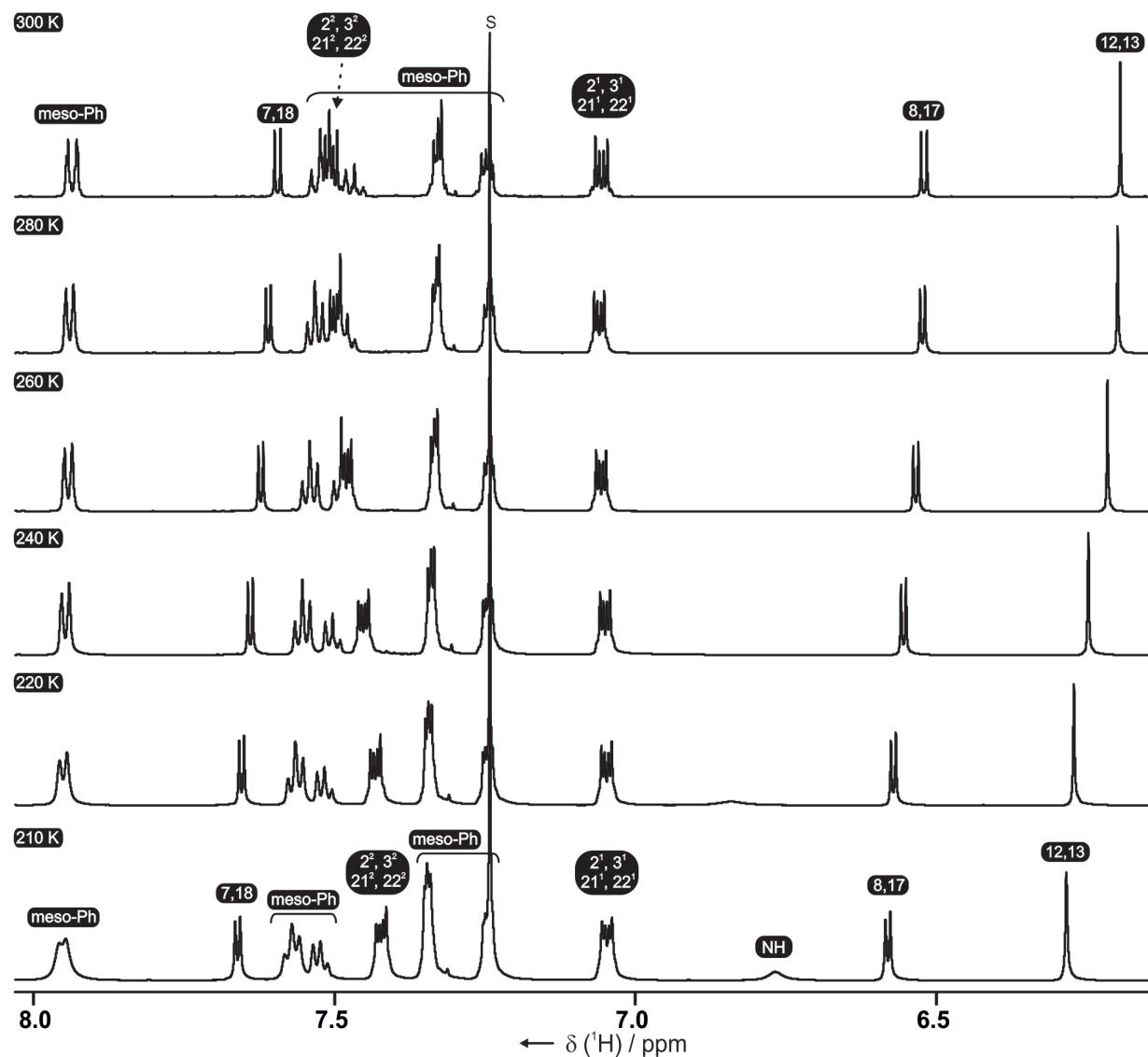


Figure S 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **1** recorded in 300 K – 210 K temperature range (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*).

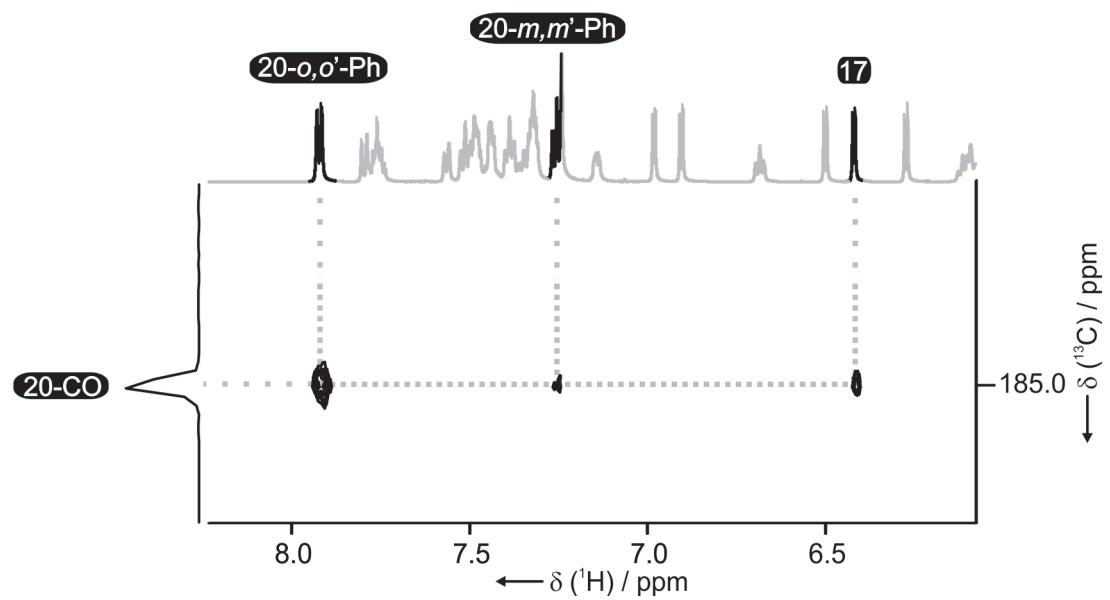


Figure S 3. Part of HMBC spectrum of **3-Cl** showing the 20-CO correlations (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 220 K).

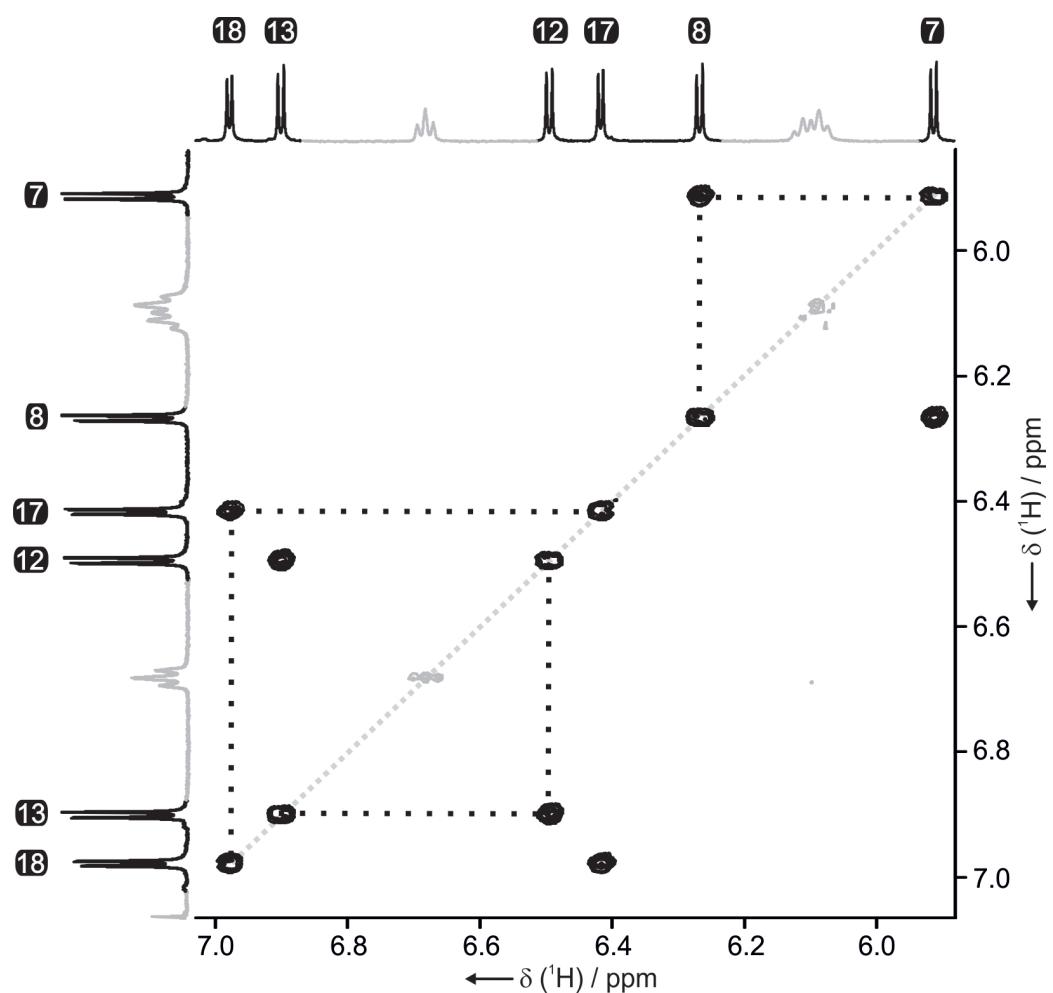


Figure S 4. Part of  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum of **3-Cl** showing the pyrrolic correlations (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 220 K).

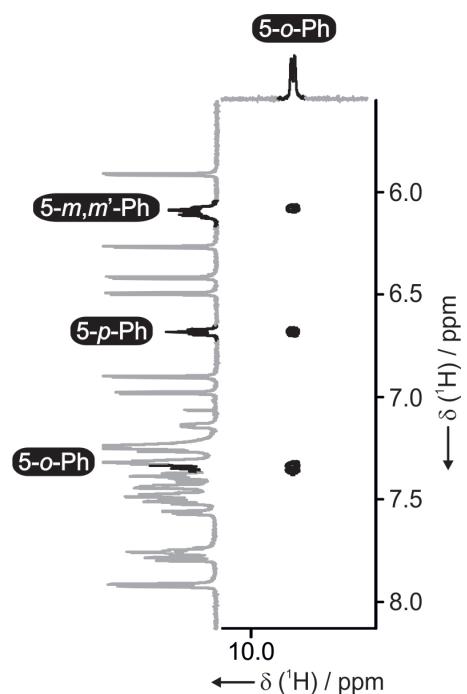


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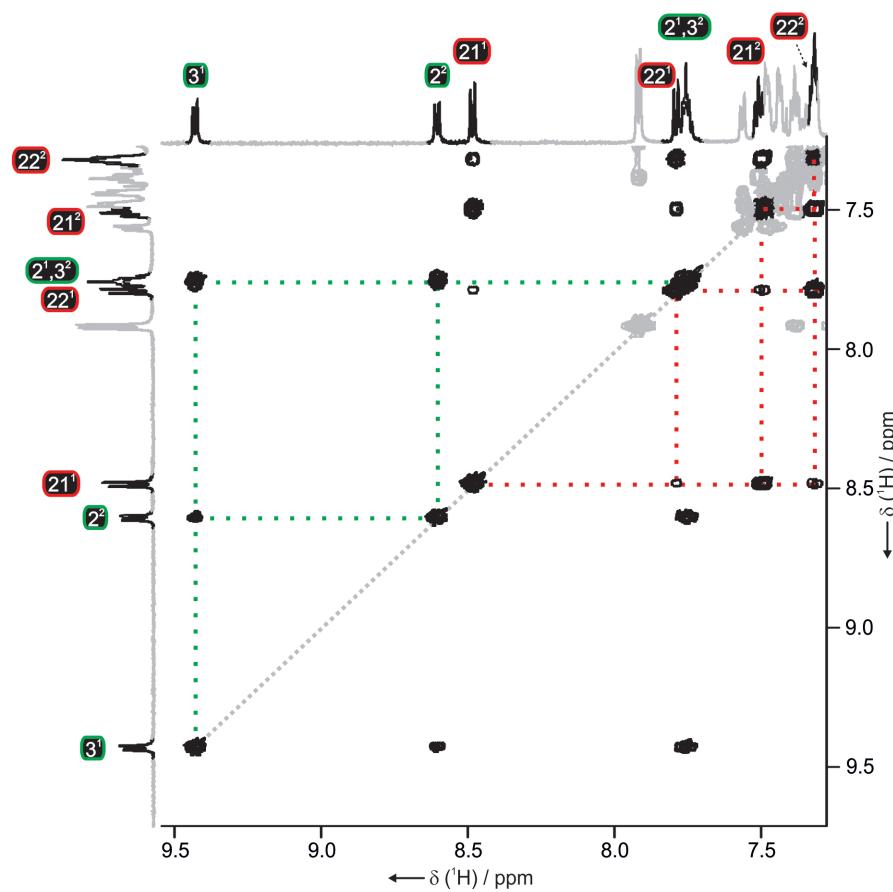


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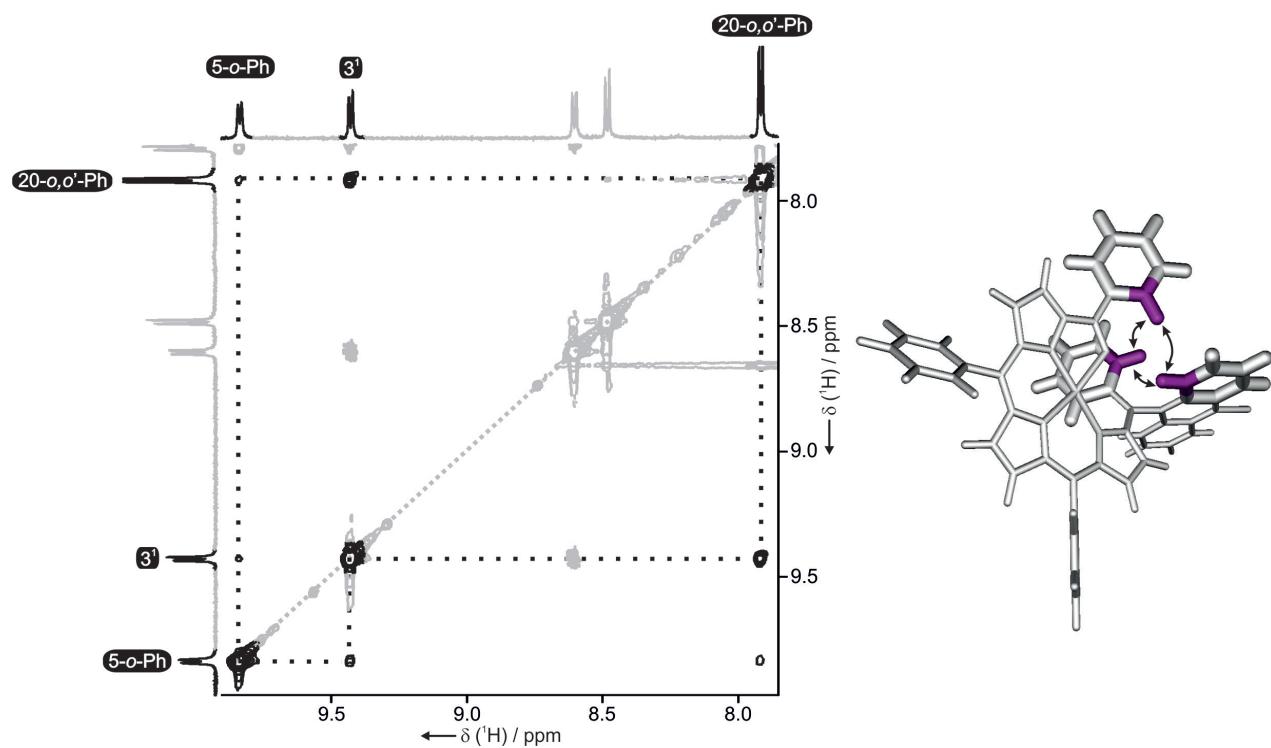


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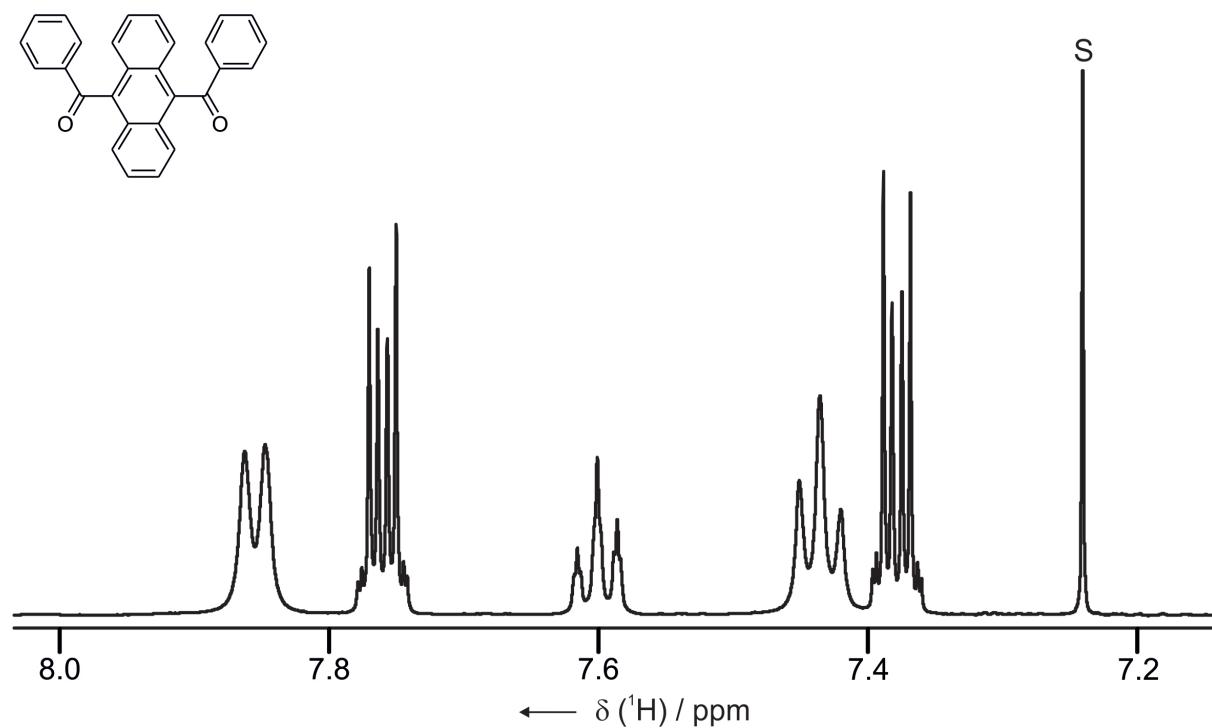


Figure S 8.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4** (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 298 K).

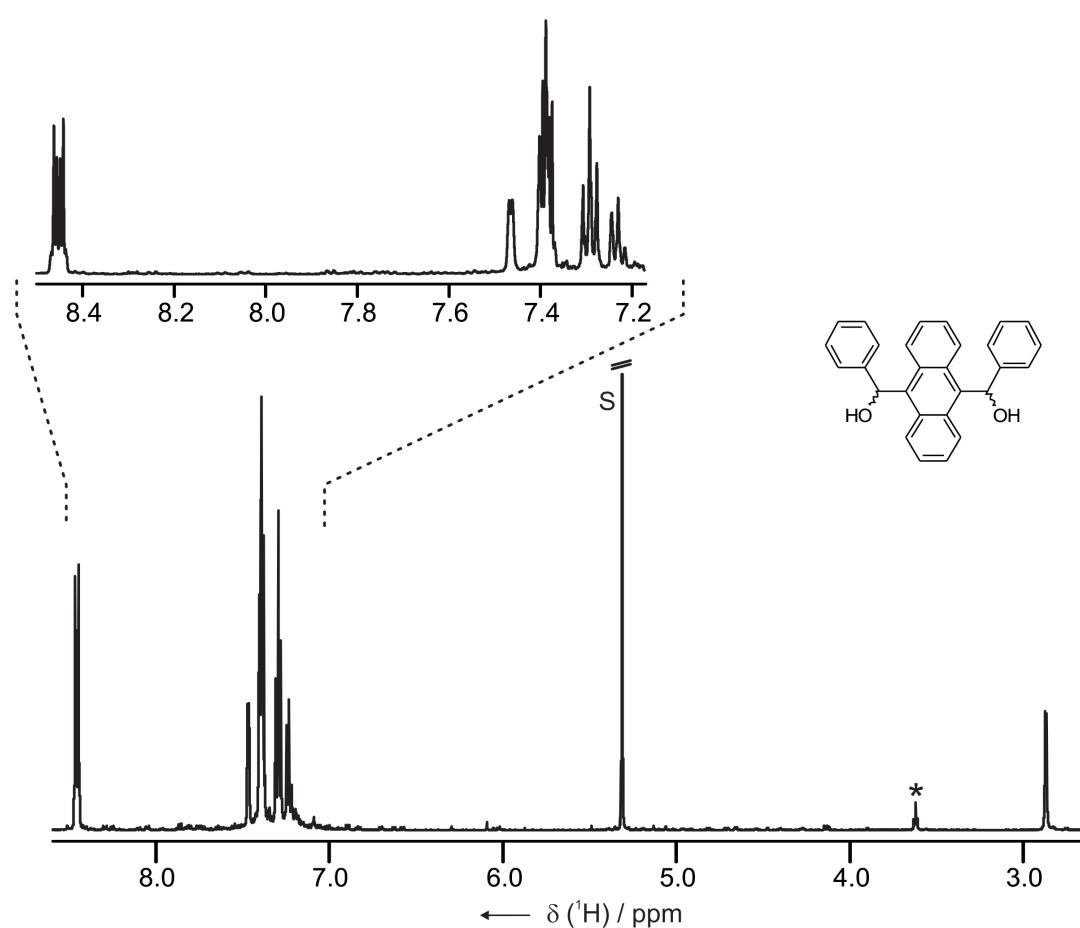


Figure S 9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **5** (500 MHz, dichloromethane-*d*<sub>2</sub>, 298K).

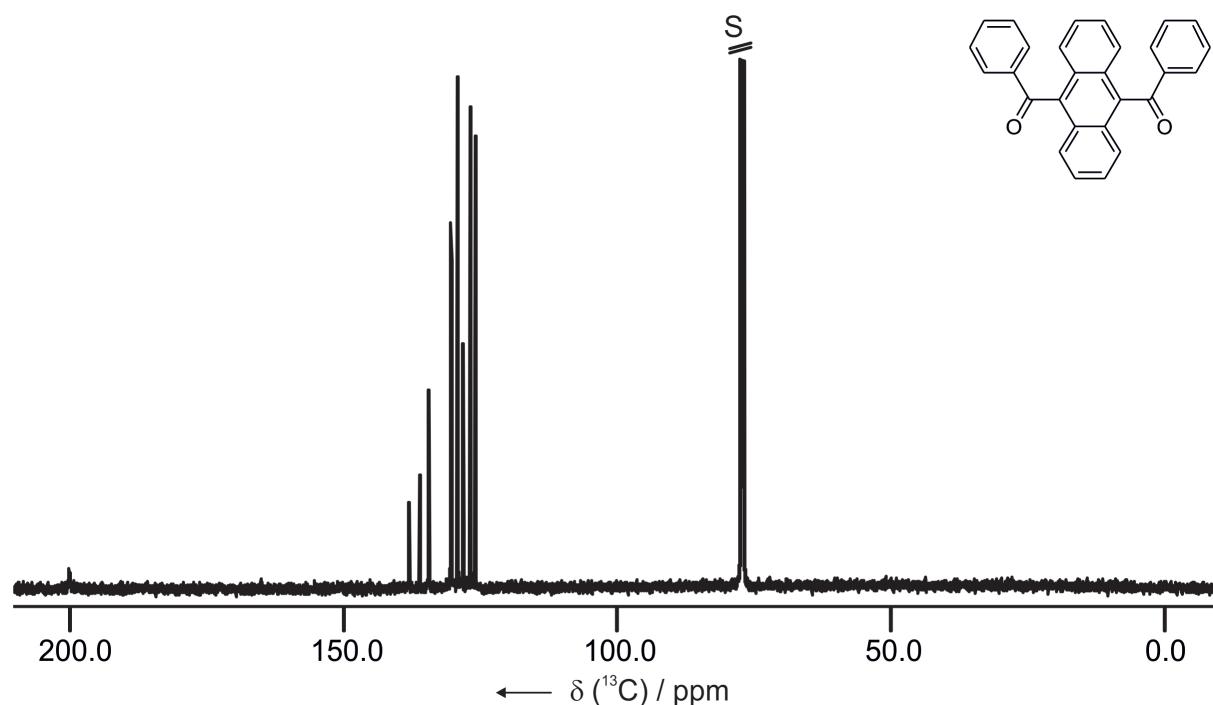


Figure S 10. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **4** (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 298 K).

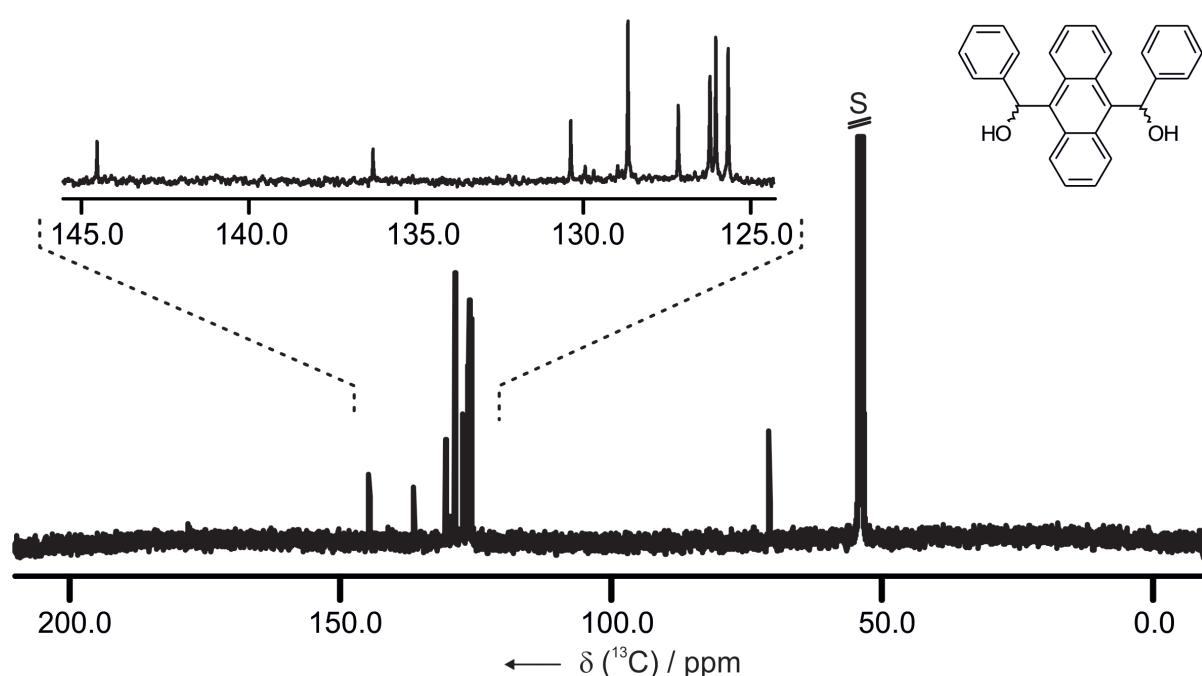


Figure S 11.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **5** (126 MHz, dichloromethane- $d_2$ , 298 K).

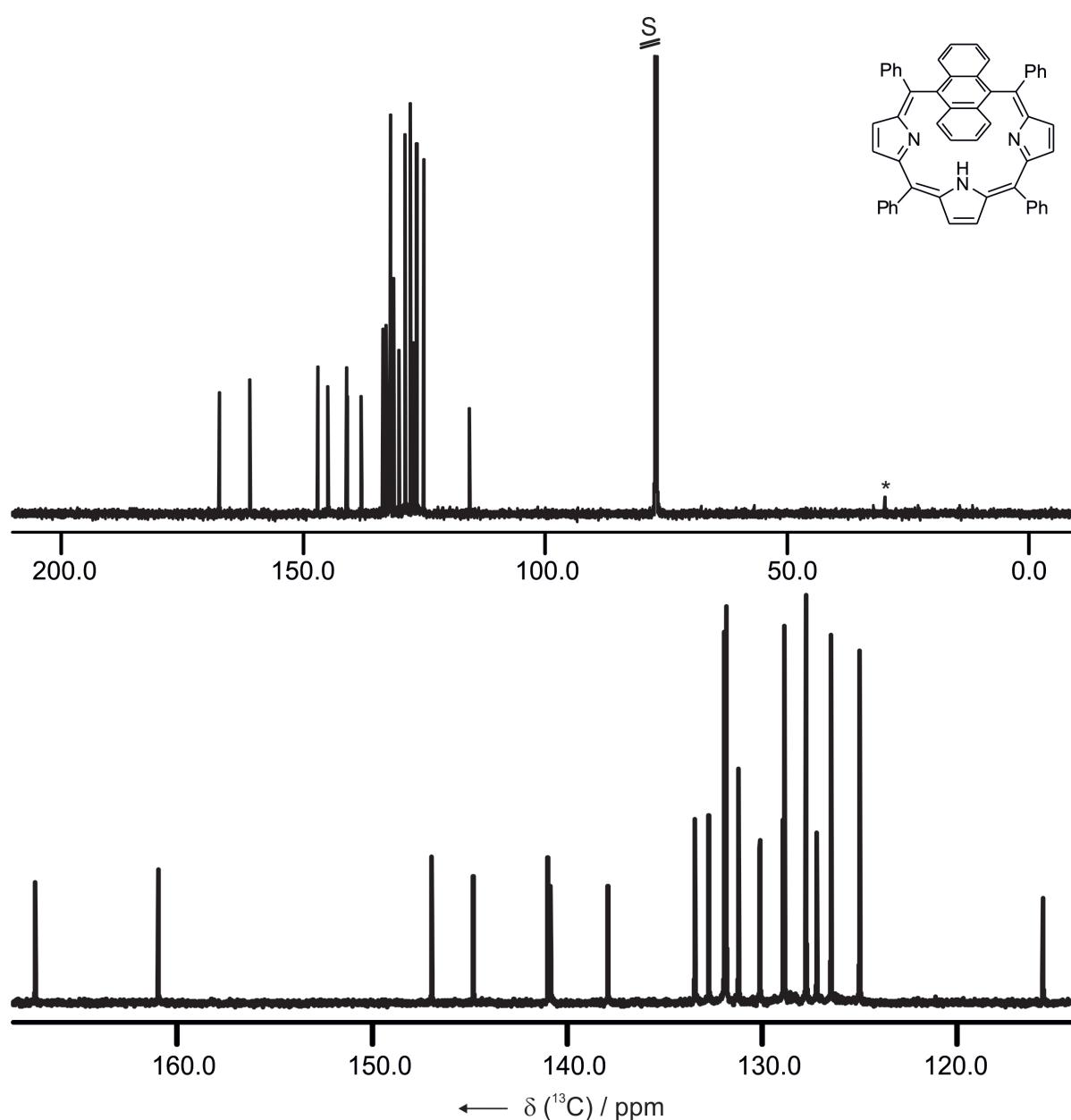


Figure S 12.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1** (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 298 K).

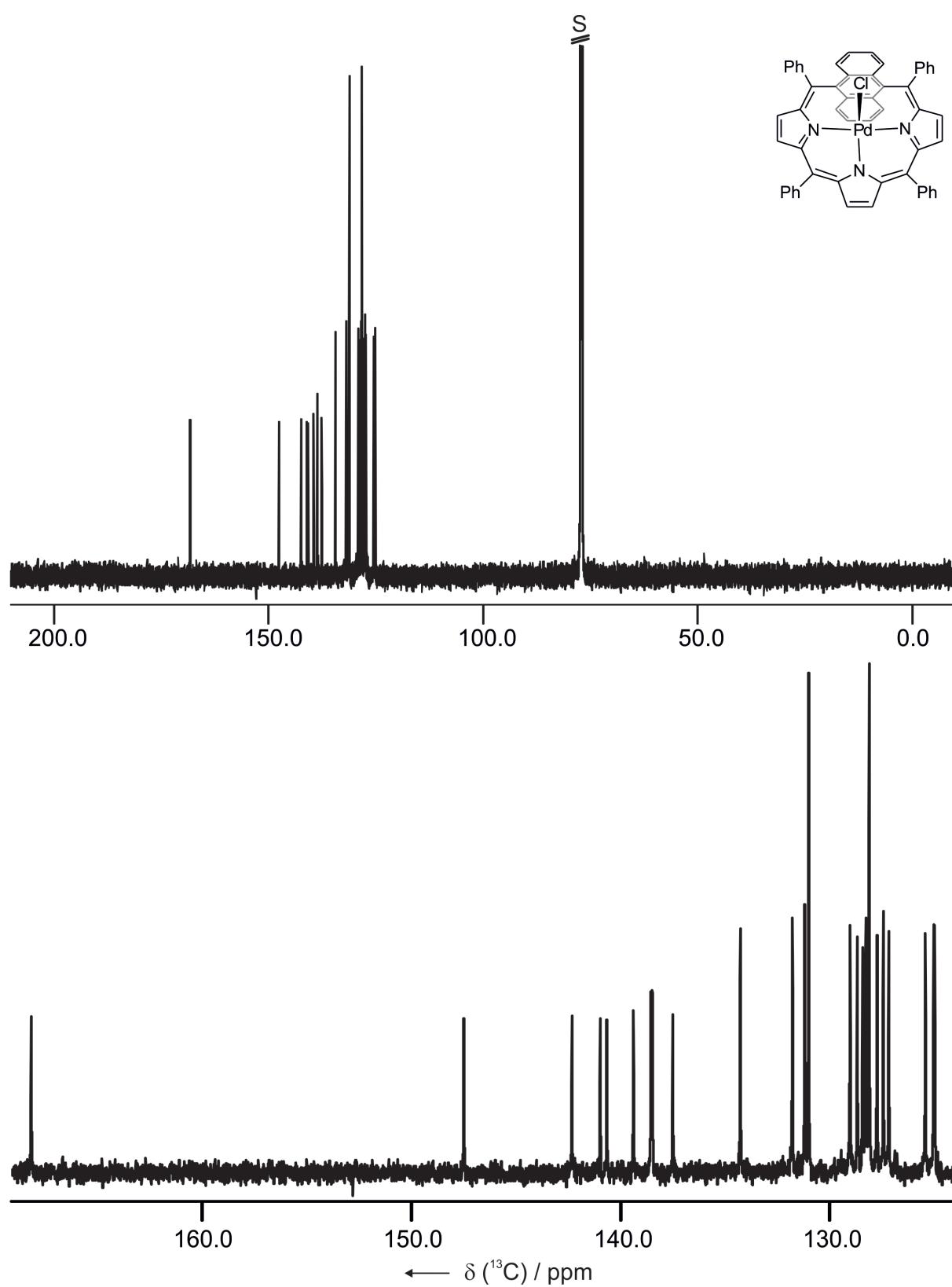


Figure S 13.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **2-Cl** (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*, 298 K).

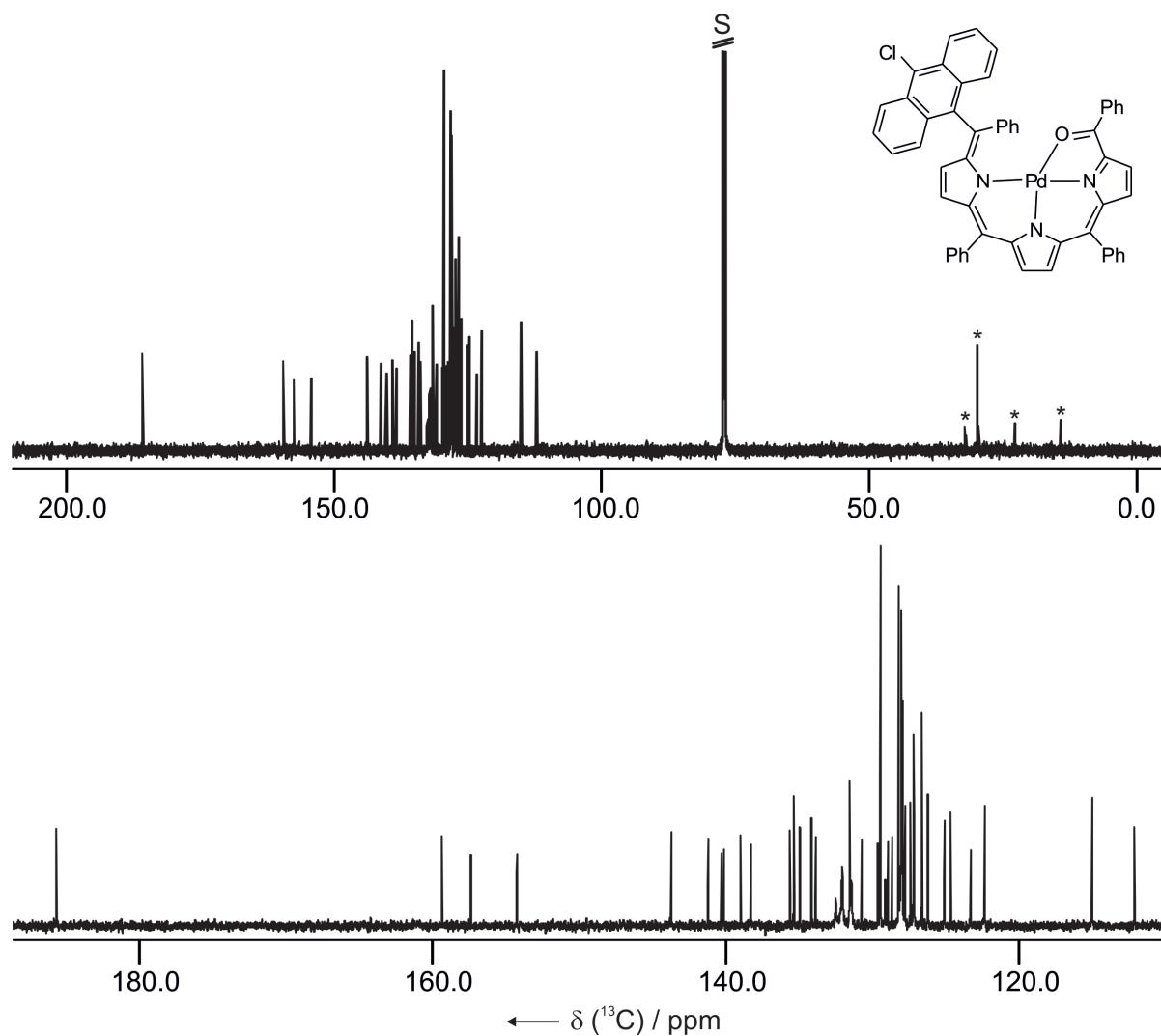


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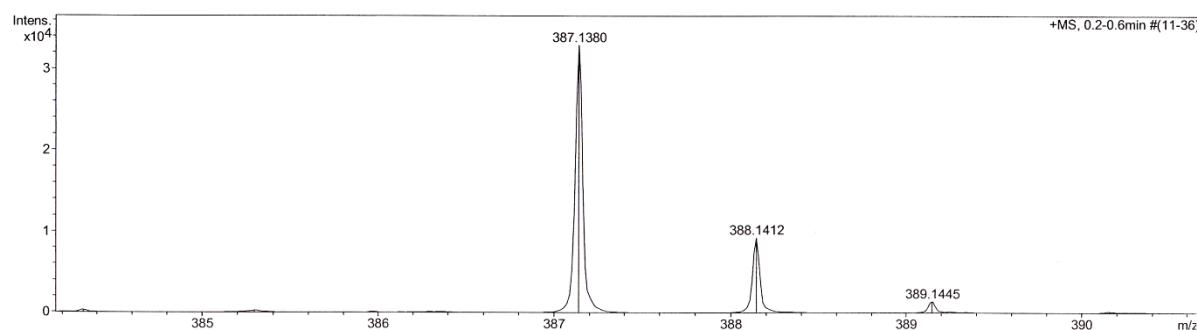


Figure S 15. HR-MS spectrum of **4** ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , ESI+, TOF).

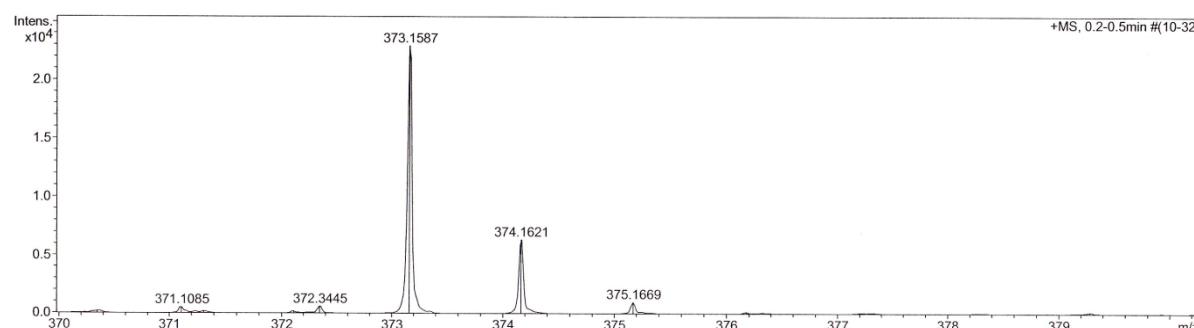


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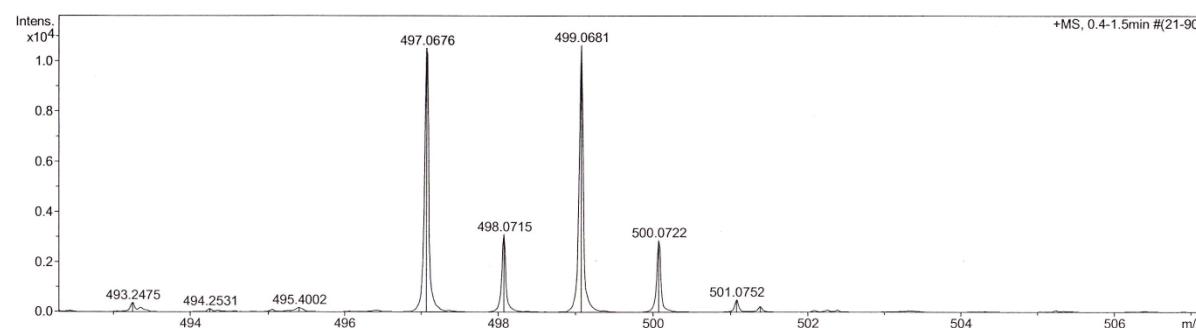


Figure S 17. HR-MS spectrum of **5** ( $[M+Ag]^+$ , ESI+, TOF).

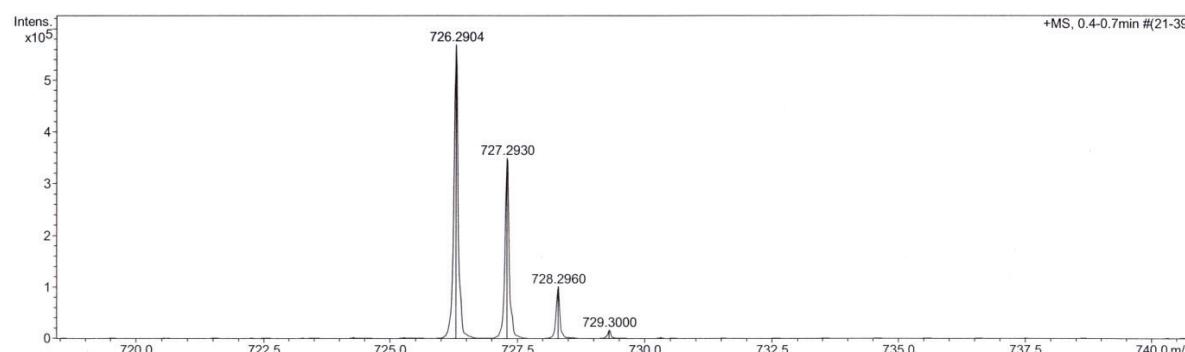


Figure S 18. HR-MS spectrum of **1** (ESI+, TOF).

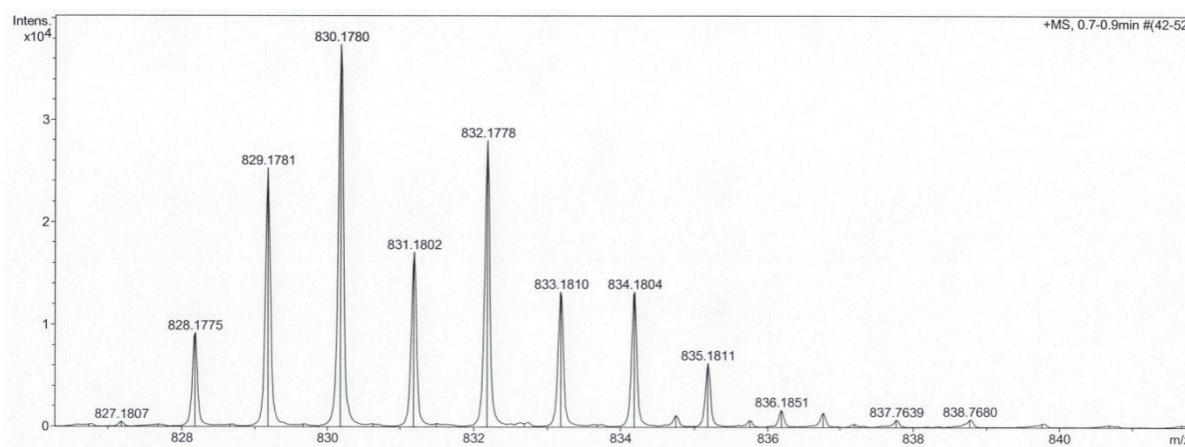


Figure S 19. HR-MS spectrum of **2-Cl** (ESI+, TOF).

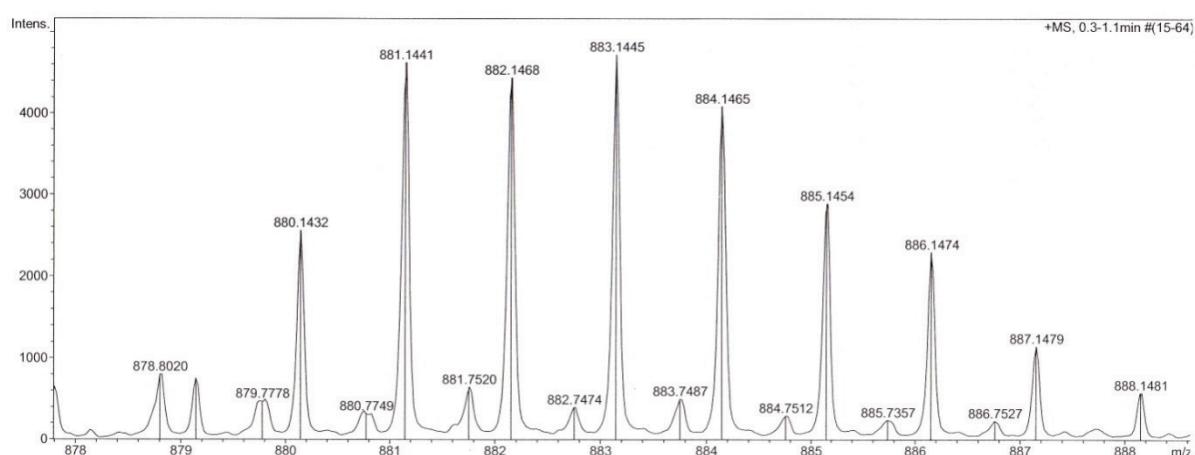


Figure S 20. HR-MS spectrum of **3-Cl** (ESI+, TOF).

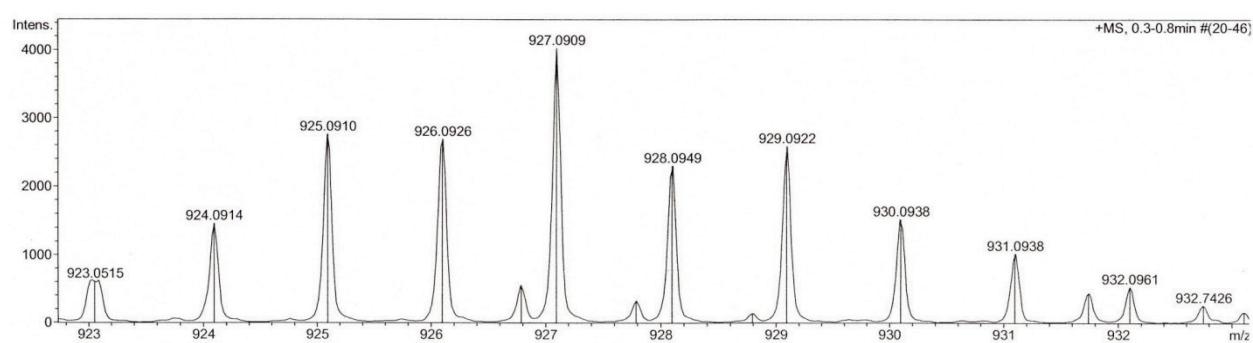


Figure S 21. HR-MS spectrum of **3-Br** (ESI+, TOF).

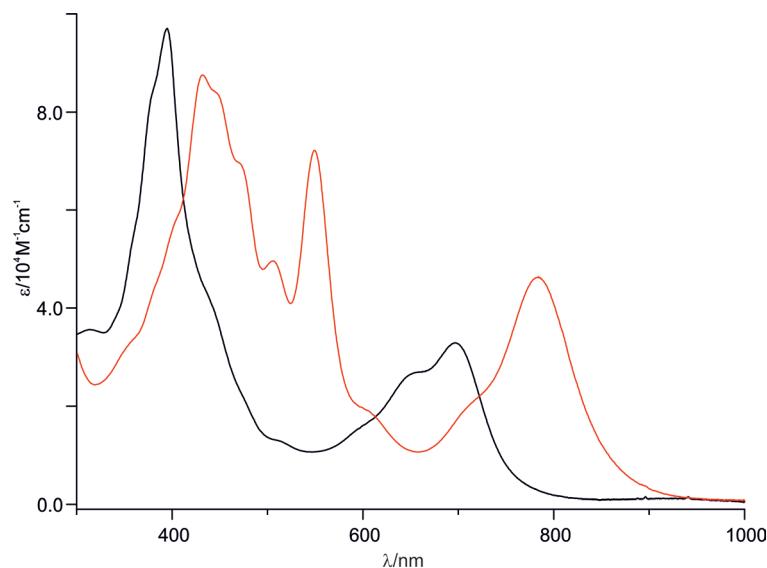


Figure S 22. The electronic absorption spectrum (dichloromethane, 298K) of **1** (black line) and  $[1-H_2]^{2+}$  (red line).

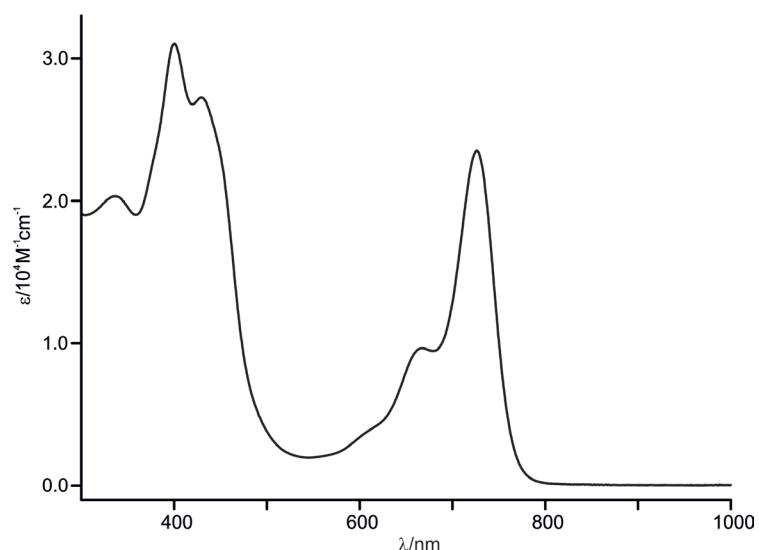


Figure S 23. The electronic absorption spectrum (dichloromethane, 298K) of **2-Cl**.

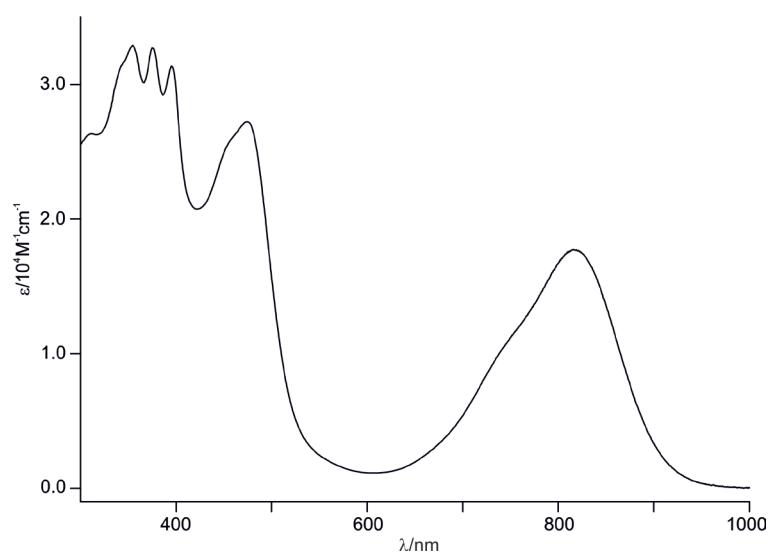


Figure S 24. The electronic absorption spectrum (dichloromethane, 298 K) of **3-Cl**.

Table S2. DFT calculated Cartesian coordinates for 3-Cl

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Table S3. Experimental and DFT calculated <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts (ppm) of **3**-Cl for pyrrolic, anthracenyl and 5,20-meso-Ph protons.

Atom	$\delta$ exp	$\delta$ calc
2 <sup>1</sup>	7.75	8.81
2 <sup>2</sup>	8.60	7.83
3 <sup>1</sup>	9.43	10.01
3 <sup>2</sup>	7.75	8.02
21 <sup>1</sup>	8.48	8.67
21 <sup>2</sup>	7.50	7.57
22 <sup>1</sup>	7.79	8.09
22 <sup>2</sup>	7.30	7.32
7-H	5.91	5.84
8-H	6.27	6.33
12-H	6.49	6.50
13-H	6.90	6.92
17-H	6.42	6.26
18-H	6.98	6.85
5- <i>o</i> -Ph	7.32	6.21
5- <i>o</i> -Ph'	9.83	10.09
5- <i>m</i> -Ph	6.11	7.49
5- <i>m</i> -Ph'	6.09	6.36
5- <i>p</i> -Ph	6.68	6.92
20- <i>o</i> -Ph	7.92	7.74
20- <i>o</i> -Ph'	7.92	8.57
20- <i>m</i> -Ph	7.24	7.29
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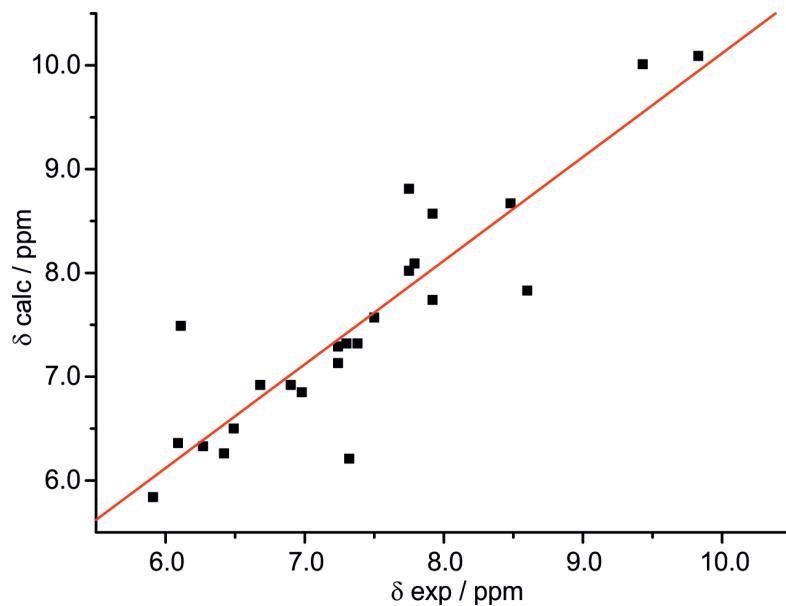


Figure S 25. Correlation between calculated and experimental chemical shifts of 3-Cl.

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