

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) For
**Design and synthesis of branched platinum-acetylide complexes
possessing a porphyrin core and their self-assembly behaviour**

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1. General Information.

^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, and ^{31}P NMR spectra were recorded on 300 MHz Spectrometer (^1H : 300 MHz; ^{13}C : 75 MHz; ^{31}P : 121.4 MHz) or 400 MHz Spectrometer (^1H : 400 MHz; ^{13}C : 100 MHz; ^{31}P : 161.9 MHz) at 298 K. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts are reported relative to residual solvent signals, and ^{31}P NMR resonances are referenced to a internal standard sample of 85% H_3PO_4 (δ 0.0). Coupling constants (J) are denoted in Hz and chemical shifts (δ) in ppm. Multiplicities are denoted as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, m = multiplet, br = broad. UV-Vis spectra were recorded on a Cary 50Bio UV-Visible spectrophotometer. Fluorescence spectra were measured on a Cary Eclipse fluorescence spectrophotometer. Samples for absorption and emission measurements were contained in 1 cm \times 1 cm or 1 cm \times 0.2 cm quartz cuvettes. SEM images were obtained using an S-4800 (Hitachi Ltd.) with an accelerating voltage of 10.0 kV. Samples were prepared by evaporating a solution of molecules **1a–1c** onto a SiO_2/Si substrate (1 \times 1 cm^2).

2. Additional References of Porphyrin Aggregates.

Due to space limitation, a number of important papers on porphyrin aggregates are not cited in the main text. Although the list reported here is far from complete, it does give the reader a broader view on the subject.

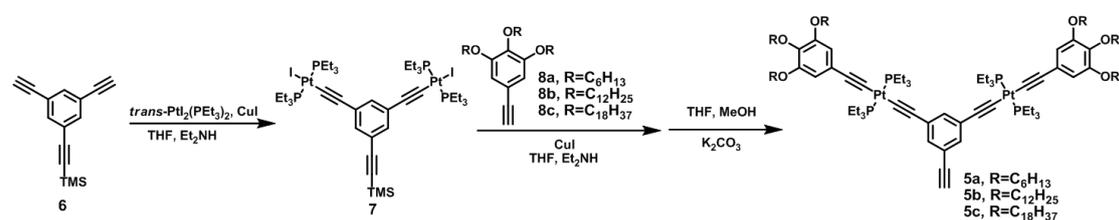
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3. Synthetic Procedures and Characterizations of New Compounds

Materials and Reagents. THF was distilled from sodium. Et₂NH was dried from potassium hydroxide. Both of them were degassed under N₂ for 30 minutes before use. All reactions were performed in standard glassware under an inert N₂ atmosphere. Compounds **2**¹, **6**², and **8a–8c**³ were prepared as previous report.

Scheme S1. Synthesis route of the precursors **5a–c**.



Synthesis of compound 7. A solution of *trans*-diiodobis (triethyl phosphine) platinum (1.16 g, 1.34 mmol), cuprous iodide (6.4 mg, 5 mol%) and **6** (150 mg, 0.68 mmol) in a mixture solvent of THF/Et₂NH (20 mL/12 mL) was stirred at room temperature. After 2.5 h a small amount of diethylammonium iodide started precipitating out of solution. After removal of the solvent, the product was further purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give product **7** as a pale solid. Yield: 536.0 mg, 68.6%. R_f = 0.69 (dichloromethane/petroleum ether 1:1). M.p. 185 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 7.15 (s, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 2.25–2.17 (m, 24H), 1.25–1.11 (m, 36H), 0.25 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 133.2, 131.0, 128.4, 122.7, 105.0, 99.3, 93.7, 90.5, 16.6, 8.3; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 121.4 MHz): δ 8.79 (s, J_{Pt–P} = 2322.38 Hz).

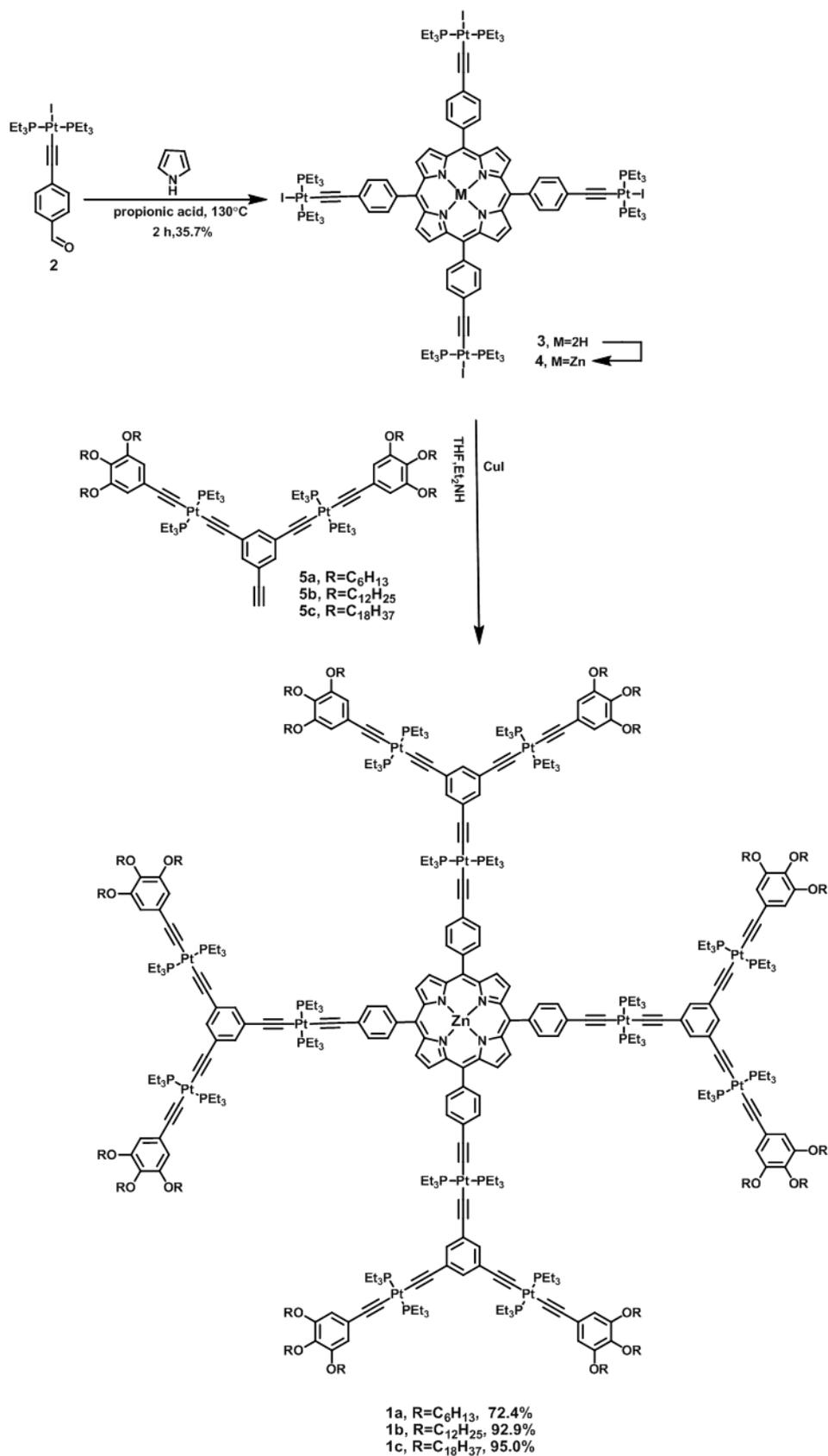
Synthesis of compound 5a. A 100 mL Schlenk flask was charged with **7** (140.6 mg, 0.105 mmol), **8a** (169.4 mg, 0.421 mmol), and cuprous iodide (2.8 mg, 7 mol%), degassed, and back-filled three times with N₂. Ethylamine (7 mL) and dried THF (7 mL) were introduced into the reaction flask by syringe. The reaction was stirred under an inert atmosphere at room temperature for 12 h. The solvent was removed by evaporation on a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the trimethylsilyl-protected precursor as a pale solid. Yield: 182.9 mg, 92.2%. The compound without further characterization was deprotected in THF and

methanol with potassium carbonate in room temperature for 1 h. The solvent was removed by evaporation on a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by a short plug to give **5a** as a pale solid. Yield: 133.0 mg, 94.3%. $R_f = 0.41$ (dichloromethane/ petroleum ether 2:1) Mp: 106 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 6.48 (s, 4H), 3.95-3.89 (m, 12H), 3.01 (s, 1H), 2.17-2.14 (m, 24H), 1.81-1.68 (m, 12H), 1.47-1.44 (m, 12H), 1.34-1.32 (m, 24H), 1.25-1.17 (m, 36H), 0.91 (br, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 152.6, 137.0, 133.9, 131.1, 128.6, 123.5, 121.3, 109.7, 109.6, 108.4, 105.5, 83.9, 76.2, 73.4, 69.0, 31.8, 31.6, 30.2, 29.3, 25.7, 22.7, 22.6, 16.3, 14.1, 8.3; ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 161.9 MHz): δ 11.18 (s, $J_{\text{Pt-P}}=2368.60$ Hz). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{88}\text{H}_{146}\text{O}_6\text{P}_4\text{Pt}_2$: C, 58.26; H, 8.11. Found: C, 58.58; H, 8.12.

Synthesis of compound 5b. Following the procedure for the preparation of **5a**, **7** (335.0 mg, 0.25 mmol), **8b** (361.0 mg, 0.55 mmol), and CuI (8.0 mg, 8 mol%) were used in THF (10 mL) and Et_2NH (10 mL). Yield: 494.6 mg, 88.0%. $R_f = 0.64$ (dichloromethane/ petroleum ether 2:1); Mp: 78 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 6.48 (s, 4H), 3.96-3.89 (m, 12H), 3.00 (s, 1H), 2.18-2.14 (m, 24H), 1.82-1.66 (m, 12H), 1.45-1.16 (m, 144H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 152.6, 137.1, 134.0, 131.0, 128.6, 123.5, 121.3, 109.8, 109.6, 108.4, 105.4, 83.9, 76.2, 73.4, 69.0, 31.9, 30.3, 29.68, 29.64, 29.60, 29.4, 29.3, 26.1, 22.6, 16.4, 14.0, 8.3; ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 121.4 MHz): δ 11.73 (s, $J_{\text{Pt-P}}=2372.16$ Hz). Ionspec HiResMALDI MS of **5b**: m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{124}\text{H}_{219}\text{O}_6\text{P}_4\text{Pt}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 2318.51, found 2318.390. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{124}\text{H}_{218}\text{O}_6\text{P}_4\text{Pt}_2$: C, 64.22; H, 9.47. Found: C, 64.31; H, 9.277.

Synthesis of compound 5c. Following the procedure for the preparation of **5a**, **7** (250.0 mg, 0.19 mmol), **8c** (373.4 mg, 0.41 mmol), and CuI (5.7 mg, 8 mol%) were used in THF (10 mL) and Et_2NH (8 mL). Yield: 506.2 mg, 94.0%. $R_f = 0.73$ (dichloromethane/ petroleum ether 2:1); Mp: 84 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 6.48 (s, 4H), 3.96-3.89 (m, 12H), 3.00 (s, 1H), 2.17-2.14 (m, 24H), 1.82-1.67 (m, 12H), 1.46-1.17 (m, 216H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 152.6, 137.1, 133.9, 131.1, 128.7, 123.6, 121.4, 109.9, 109.6, 108.4, 84.0, 76.2, 73.5, 69.1, 31.9, 30.3, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 29.3, 26.1, 22.6, 16.4, 14.0, 8.3; ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 121.4 MHz): δ 11.69 (s, $J_{\text{Pt-P}}=2370.94$ Hz). Ionspec HiResMALDI MS of **5c**: m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{160}\text{H}_{291}\text{O}_6\text{P}_4\text{Pt}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 2823.07, found 2823.069. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{160}\text{H}_{290}\text{O}_6\text{P}_4\text{Pt}_2$: C, 68.05; H, 10.35. Found: C, 68.15; H, 10.19.

Scheme S2. Synthesis route of target molecules **1a–1c**.



Synthesis of compound 3. Pyrrole (64.0 μ L, 0.99 mmol) was added dropwise to a refluxing solution of **2** (680.0 mg, 0.99 mmol) in propionic acid (4 mL). The solution quickly changed color from yellow to black. The solution was stirred at reflux for 1.5 h. The reaction flask was cooled in an ice/water bath. The solution was refrigerated overnight. The purple precipitate that formed was isolated by vacuum filtration. The solid was washed with MeOH. The crude product mixture (1.25 g) was loaded on a silica gel column and eluted with CHCl_3 . Porphyrins **3** was isolated by loading the mixture of the crude product from the first column onto a second silica gel column. The column was eluted with 2% MeOH/ 98% CHCl_3 to give product **3** as a purple solid. Yield: 260.0 mg, 35.7%. Mp: >300 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.90 (s, 8H), 8.07 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 8H), 7.66 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 8H), 2.41-2.34 (m, 48H), 1.33-1.25 (m, 72H), -2.74 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 139.3, 134.6, 131.0, 129.7, 129.0, 127.9, 120.2, 100.0, 91.3, 16.6, 8.4; ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 161.9 MHz): δ 8.84 (s, $J_{\text{Pt-P}}=2321.6$ Hz).

Synthesis of compound 4. The free-base porphyrin **3** (613 mg, 0.21 mmol) was dissolved in $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ (5:1, 180 mL) and zinc acetate (459.0 mg, 2.10 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was protected from light and stirred at room temperature for 4 h. After removal of the solvents under reduced pressure, the product was purified by column chromatography on alumina eluting with $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ (99:1). The product was obtained as a purple powder. Yield: 604.4 mg, 96.5%. Mp: >300 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 9.01 (s, 8H), 8.08 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 8H), 7.66 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 8H), 2.41-2.34 (m, 48H), 1.34-1.26 (m, 72H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 150.0, 140.0, 134.4, 131.9, 128.9, 127.6, 121.2, 100.1, 91.0, 16.6, 8.3; ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 161.9 MHz): δ 8.82 (s, $J_{\text{Pt-P}}=2323.3$ Hz). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{100}\text{H}_{144}\text{I}_4\text{N}_4\text{P}_8\text{Pt}_4\text{Zn}$: C, 39.99; H, 4.83; N, 1.87. Found: C, 40.40; H, 5.026; N, 1.681.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 1a–1c.

A 100 mL Schlenk flask was charged with **4** (66.0 mg, 0.022 mmol), **5a** (240.0 mg, 6 eq), and cuprous iodide (0.6 mg, 7 mol%), degassed, and back-filled three times with N_2 . Ethylamine and dried THF were introduced into the reaction flask by syringe. The reaction was stirred under an inert atmosphere at room temperature for about 3 h. The solvent was removed by evaporation on a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane/ methanol ~ 99/1) to give **1a** as a purple solid. The similar procedure was followed to prepare compounds **1b** and **1c**.

1a: Yield: 155.3 mg. 72.4%. *R_f* = 0.72 (dichloromethane/methanol 400:1); Mp: 150 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 9.00 (s, 8H), 8.05 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 8H), 7.65 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 8H), 7.05 (s, 8H), 7.02 (s, 4H), 6.48 (s, 16H), 3.96-3.89 (m, 48H), 2.32-2.30 (m, 48H), 2.19-2.16 (m, 96H), 1.79-1.71 (m, 48H), 1.47-1.25 (m, 216H), 0.90 (br, 72H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 152.6, 150.1, 139.6, 136.9, 134.3, 131.9, 130.6, 129.1, 127.9, 123.6, 121.2, 110.8, 109.7, 109.5, 106.1, 101.3, 73.4, 69.0, 31.7, 31.6, 30.2, 29.3, 25.7, 22.64, 22.60, 16.6, 16.5, 16.4, 16.3, 16.1, 14.1, 14.0, 8.5; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 161.9 MHz): δ 11.21 (s, *J*_{Pt-P}=2365.4 Hz), 11.05 (s, *J*_{Pt-P}=2368.6 Hz). MALDI-TOF MS of **1a**: *m/z* calcd for C₄₅₂H₇₂₅N₄O₂₄P₂₄Pt₁₂Zn ([M+H]⁺) 9741.43, found 9741.45.

1b: Yield: 394.9 mg. 92.9%. *R_f* = 0.40 (petroleum ether/methanol 10:1); Mp: 97 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 9.00 (s, 8H), 8.05 (d, *J*=7.5 Hz, 8H), 7.65 (d, *J*=7.5 Hz, 8H), 7.04 (s, 8H), 7.02(s, 4H), 6.49(s, 16H), 3.96-3.89(m, 48H), 2.34-2.29 (m, 48H), 2.21-2.16 (m, 96H), 1.82-1.68 (m, 48H), 1.45-1.27 (m, 648H), 0.90 (br, 72H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 152.5, 150.0, 139.5, 137.0, 134.3, 131.0, 130.4, 129.4, 129.0, 127.9, 123.6, 121.1, 111.2, 109.8, 107.6, 106.0, 105.8, 105.6, 73.3, 68.9, 32.0, 31.8, 31.6, 30.2, 29.62, 29.57, 29.54, 29.3, 29.2, 26.2, 26.0, 22.8, 22.6, 22.3, 16.6, 16.5, 16.4, 16.3, 16.2, 16.1, 15.9, 14.2, 14.0, 13.7, 8.5; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 121.4 MHz): δ 11.64(s, *J*_{Pt-P}=2374.58 Hz), 11.49(s, *J*_{Pt-P}=2379.44 Hz). MALDI-TOF MS of **1b**: *m/z* calcd for C₅₉₆H₁₀₁₃N₄O₂₄P₂₄Pt₁₂Zn ([M+H]⁺) 11759.69, found 11759.65.

1c: Yield: 390.6 mg. 95.0%. *R_f* = 0.29 (petroleum ether/methanol 10:1); Mp: 177 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 9.01 (s, 8H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 8H) , 7.66 (d, *J*=7.5 Hz, 8H), 7.05 (s, 8H), 7.03 (s, 4H), 6.49 (s, 16H), 3.97-3.90 (m, 48H), 2.34-2.31 (m, 48H), 2.20-2.18 (m, 96H), 1.81-1.69 (m, 48H), 1.46-1.19 (m, 936H), 0.90 (br, 72H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 152.6, 150.1, 139.6, 137.1, 134.3, 130.5, 129.1, 128.0, 123.7, 121.2, 109.9, 109.5, 105.9, 73.5, 69.1, 31.9, 30.3, 29.70, 29.65, 29.5, 29.4, 26.1, 22.7, 16.6, 16.5, 14.1, 8.4; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 121.4 MHz): δ 11.34 (s, *J*_{Pt-P}=2374.58 Hz), 11.18 (s, *J*_{Pt-P}=2378.23 Hz). MALDI-TOF MS of **1c**: *m/z* calcd for C₇₄₀H₁₃₀₁N₄O₂₄P₂₄Pt₁₂Zn ([M+H]⁺) 13777.94, found 13777.99.

4. Additional SEM Images at Different Scale.

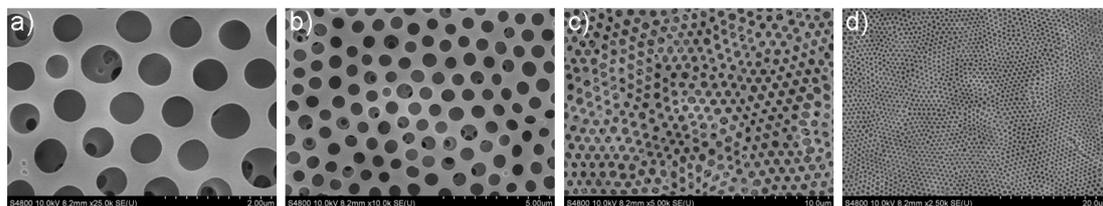


Fig. S1. SEM of **1a** prepared in CH₂Cl₂/hexane at different scale.

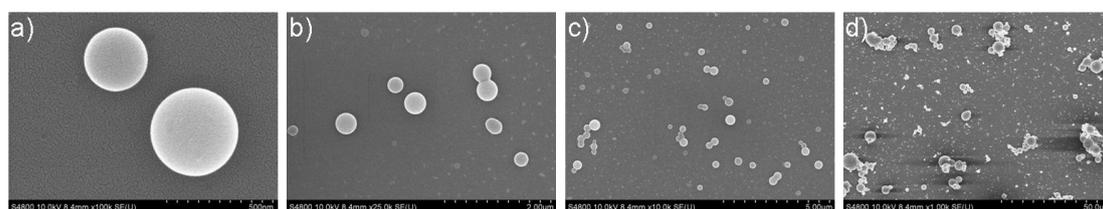


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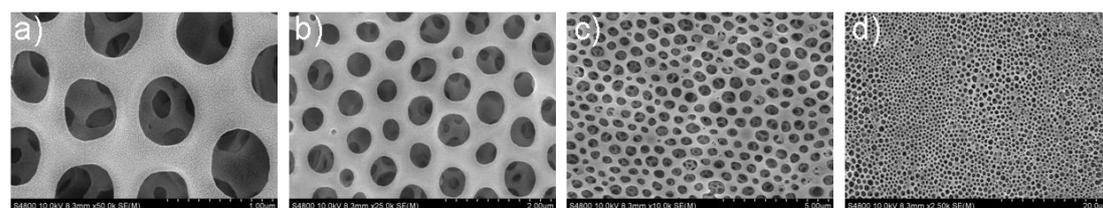


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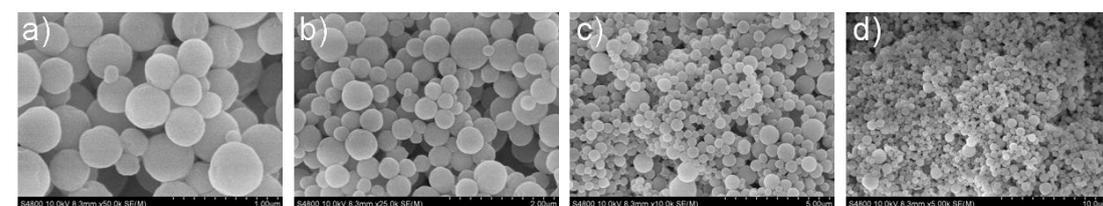


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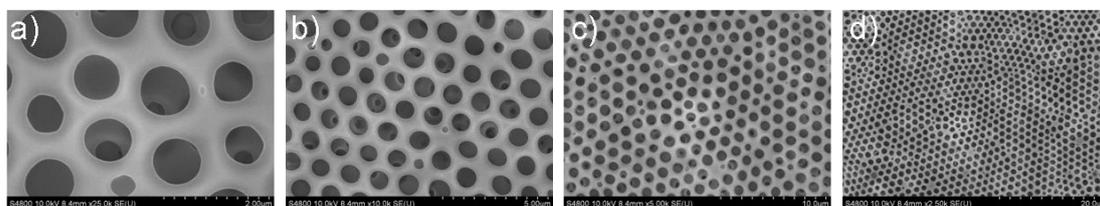


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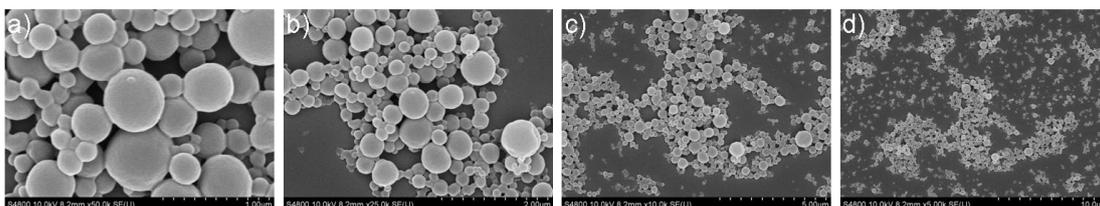


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5. Additional Photophysical Data for 1a–1c

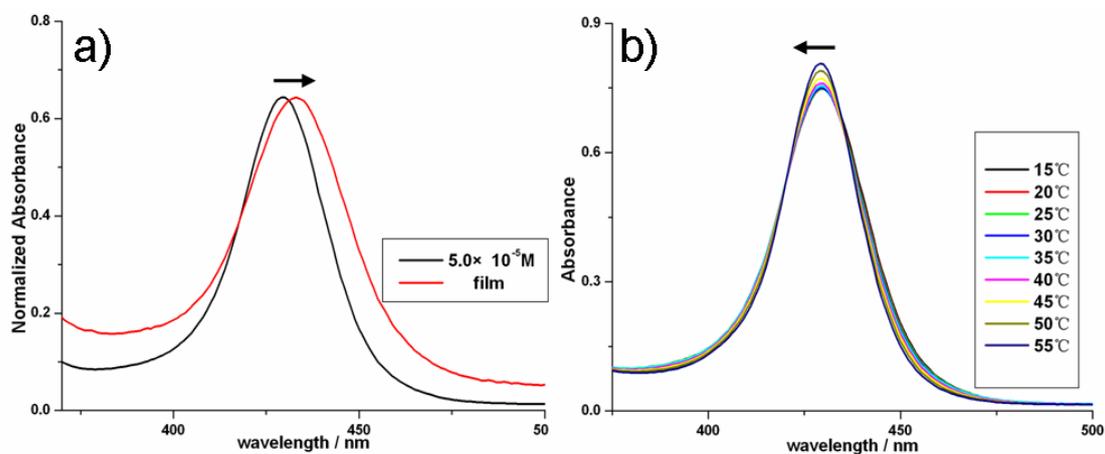


Fig. S7. Normalized UV/Vis spectra of **1a** in hexane (5.0×10^{-5} M) and in film state (a); Temperature dependent UV/Vis spectra in 5.0×10^{-5} M of **1a** in hexane (b).

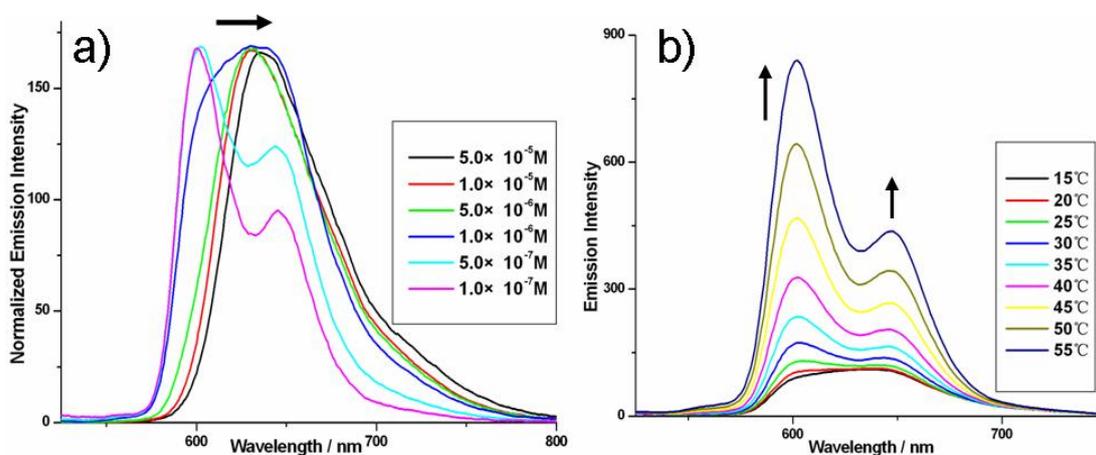


Fig. S8. Concentration (a) and temperature (b) dependent (1.0×10^{-6} M) emission spectra of **1a** in hexane.

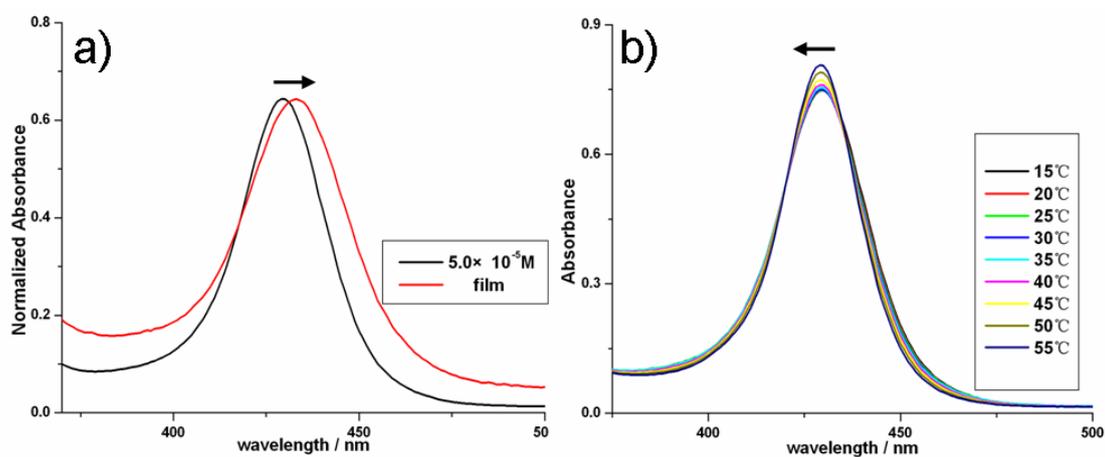


Fig. S9. Normalized UV/Vis spectra of **1c** in hexane (5.0×10^{-5} M) and in film state (a); Temperature dependent UV/Vis spectra in 5.0×10^{-5} M of **1c** in hexane (b).

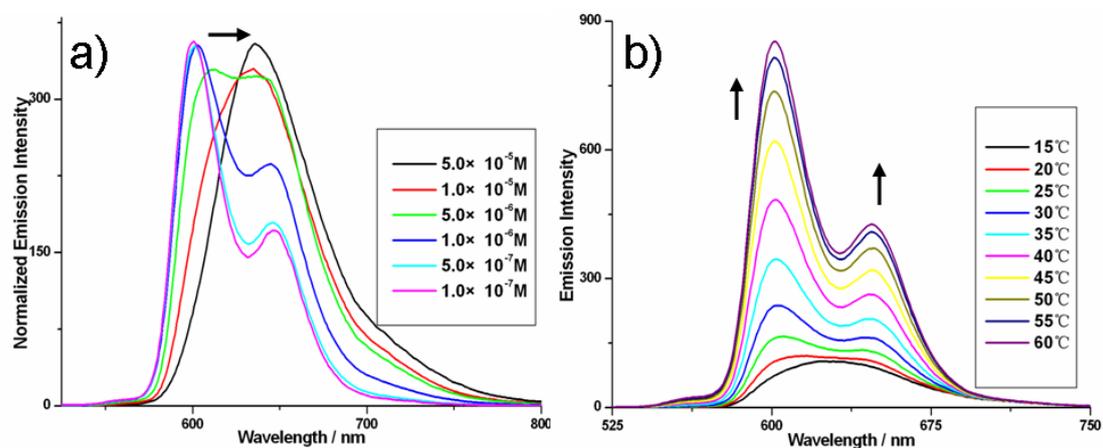
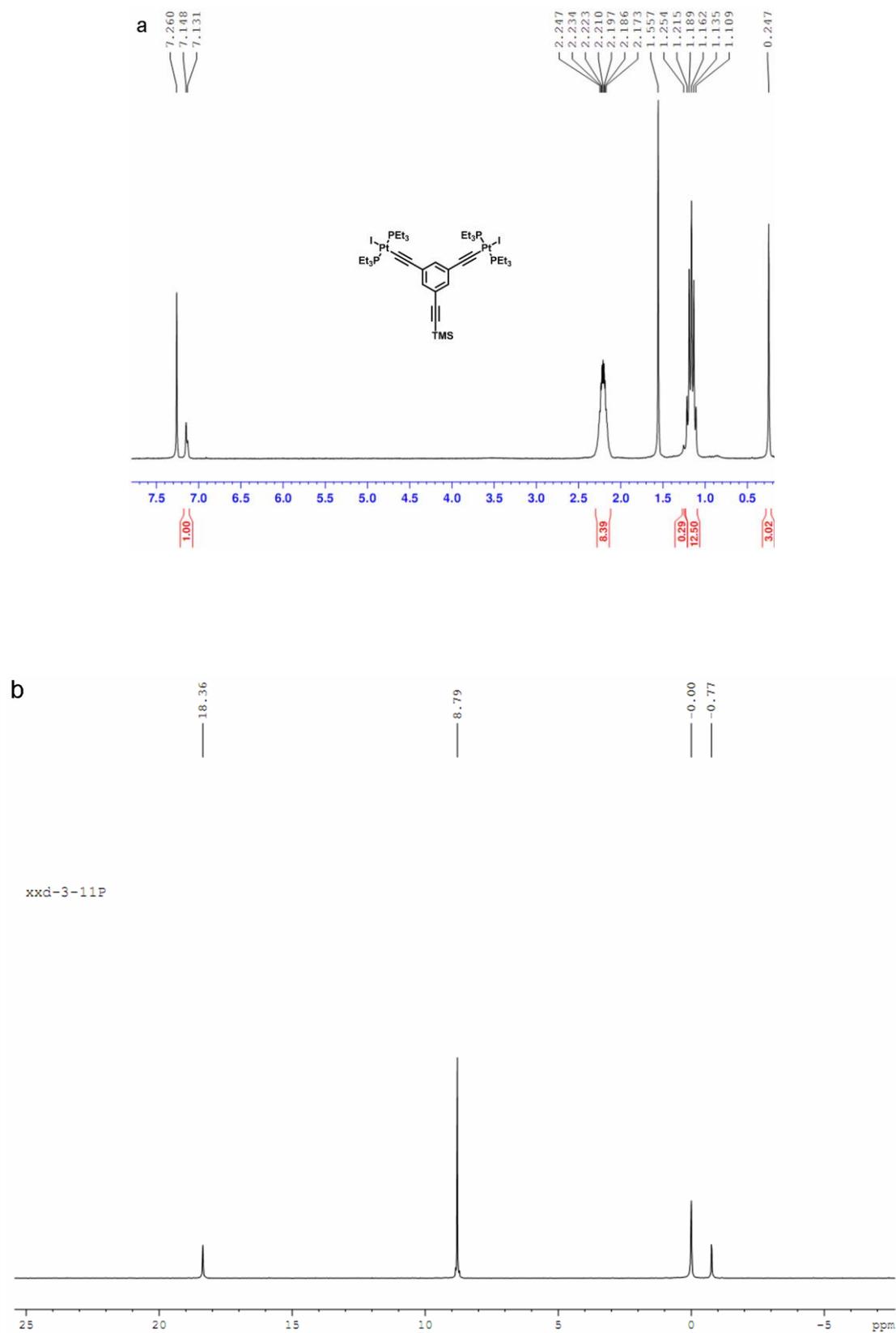


Fig. S10. Concentration (a) and temperature (b) dependent (5.0×10^{-6} M) emission spectra of **1c** in hexane.

6. Multiple Nuclear NMR (^1H , ^{31}P , and ^{13}C NMR) Spectra of New Compounds

Figure S11. a) ^1H , b) ^{31}P and c) ^{13}C NMR spectra of **7** in CDCl_3



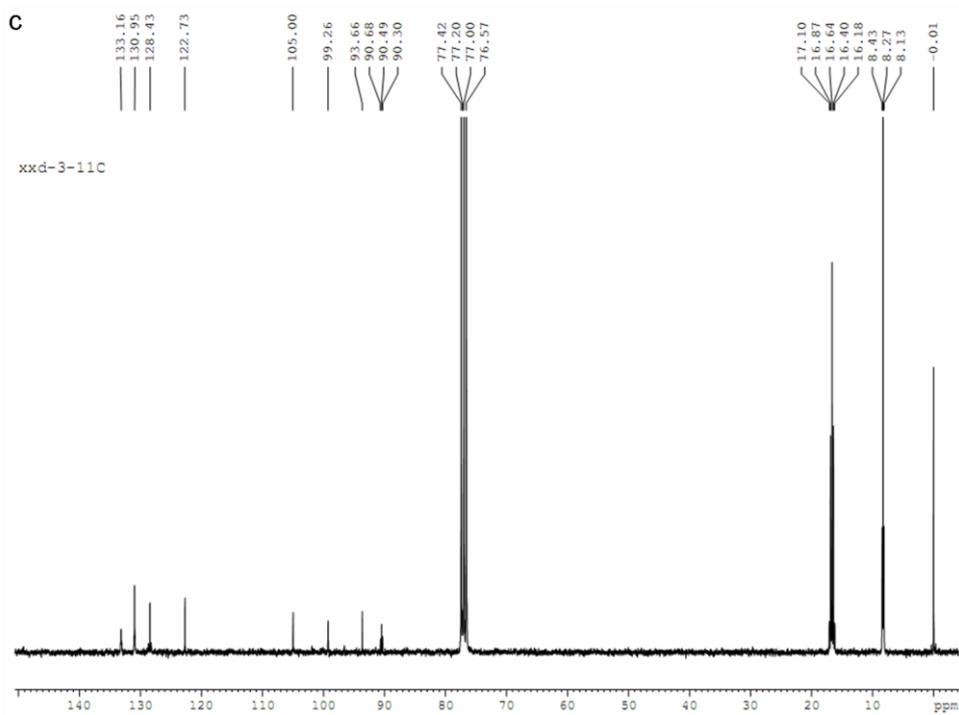
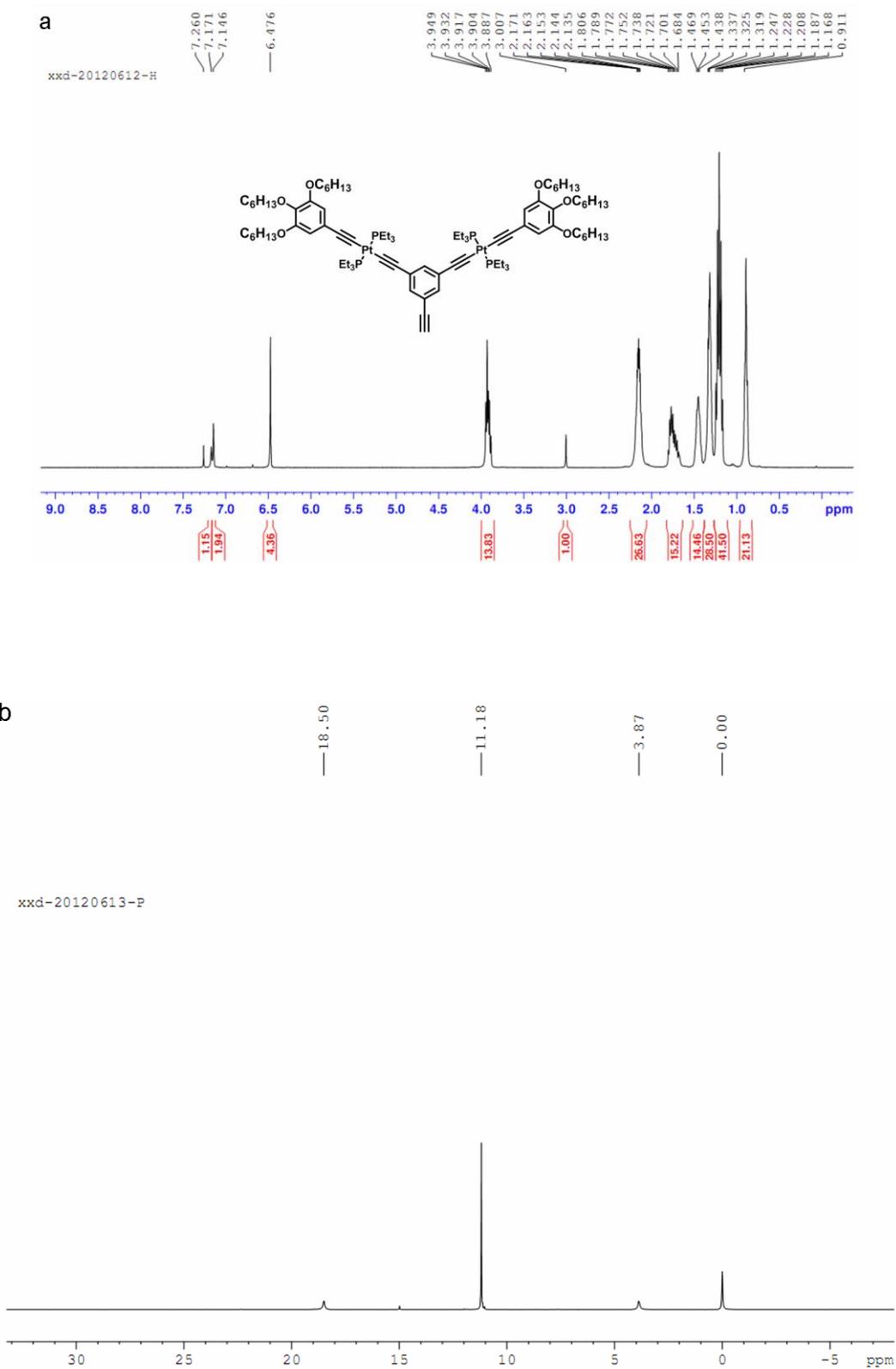


Fig. S12. a) ^1H , b) ^{31}P and c) ^{13}C NMR spectra of **5a** in CDCl_3



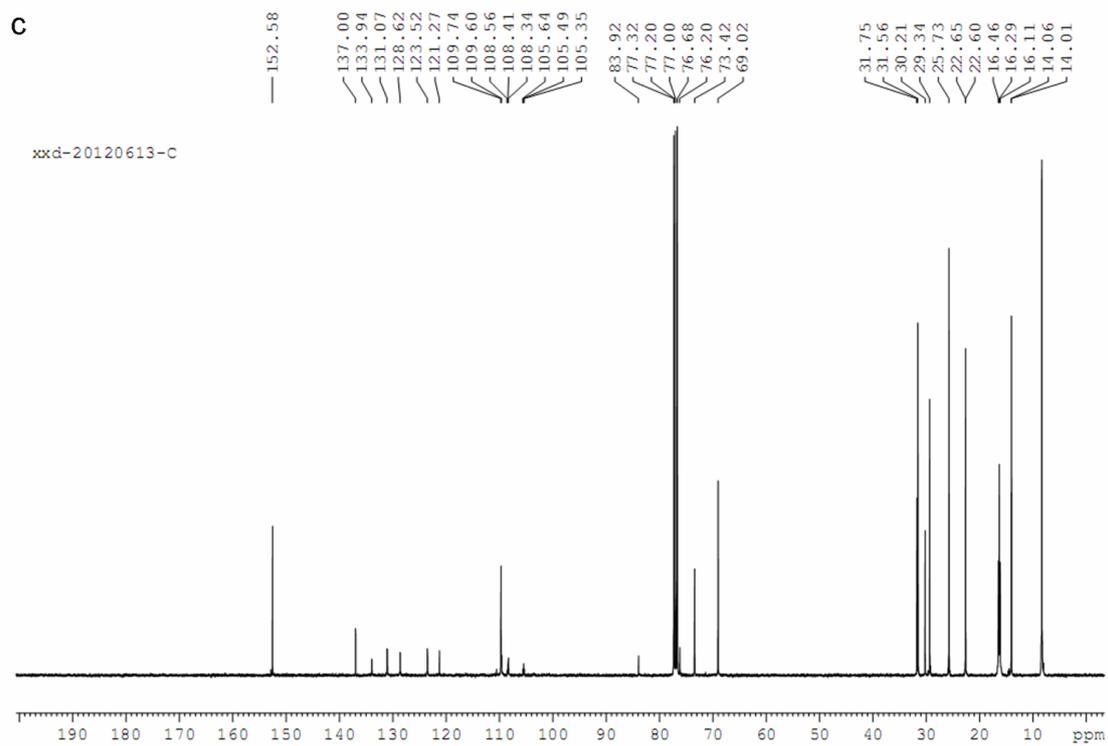
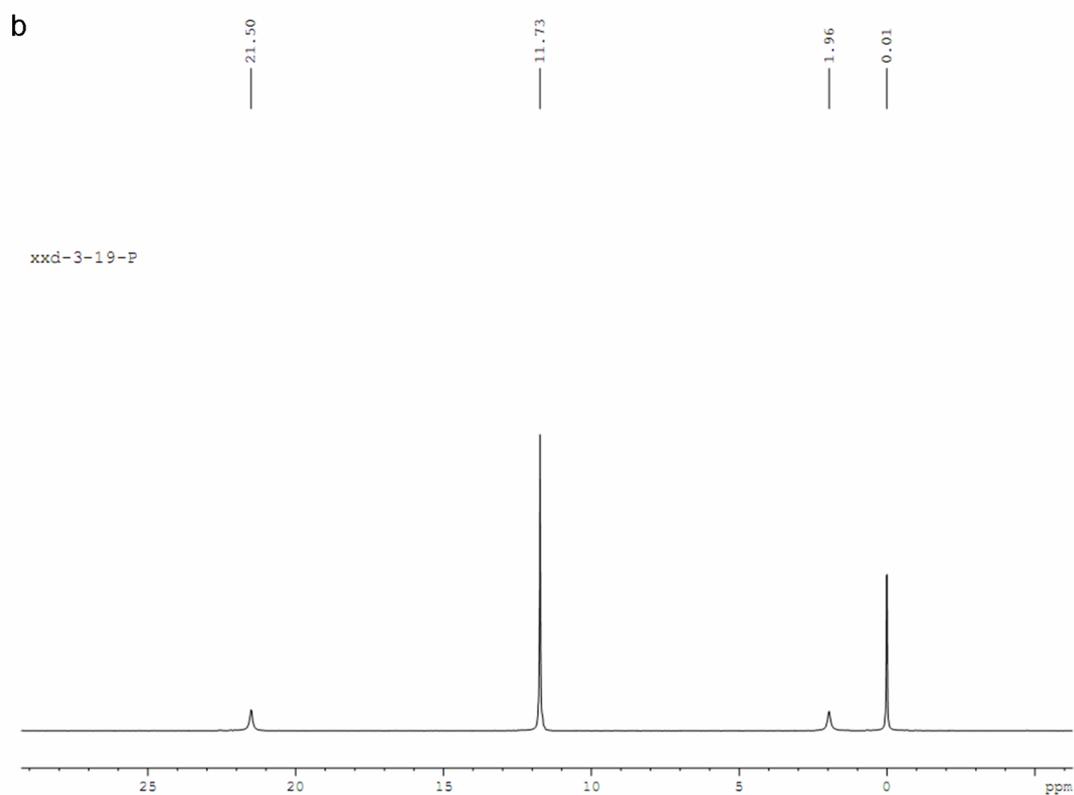
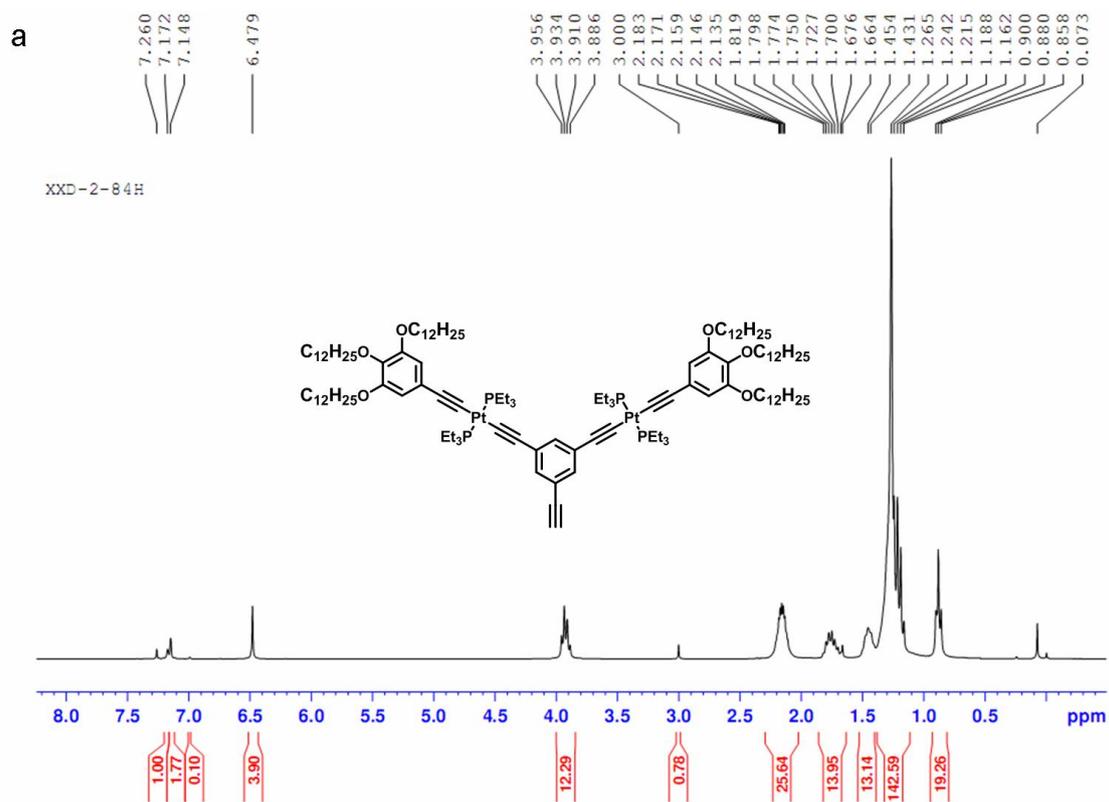


Fig. S13. a) ^1H , b) ^{31}P and c) ^{13}C NMR spectra of **5b** in CDCl_3



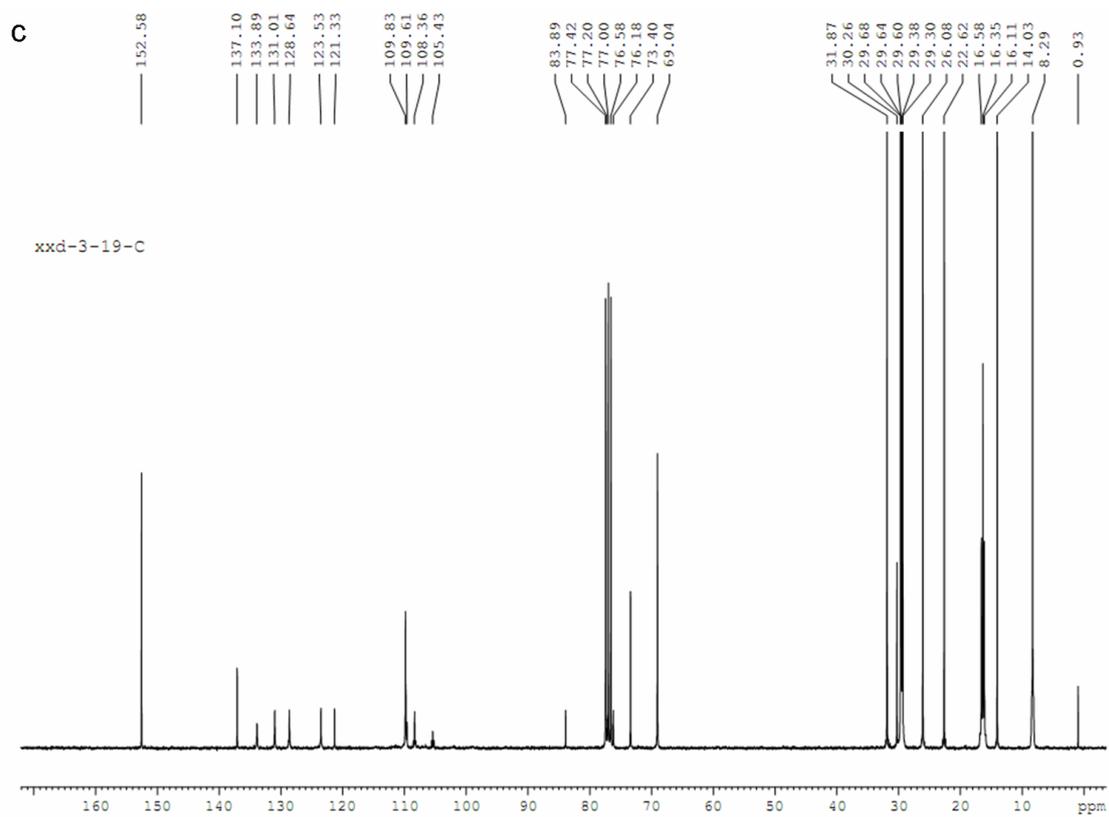
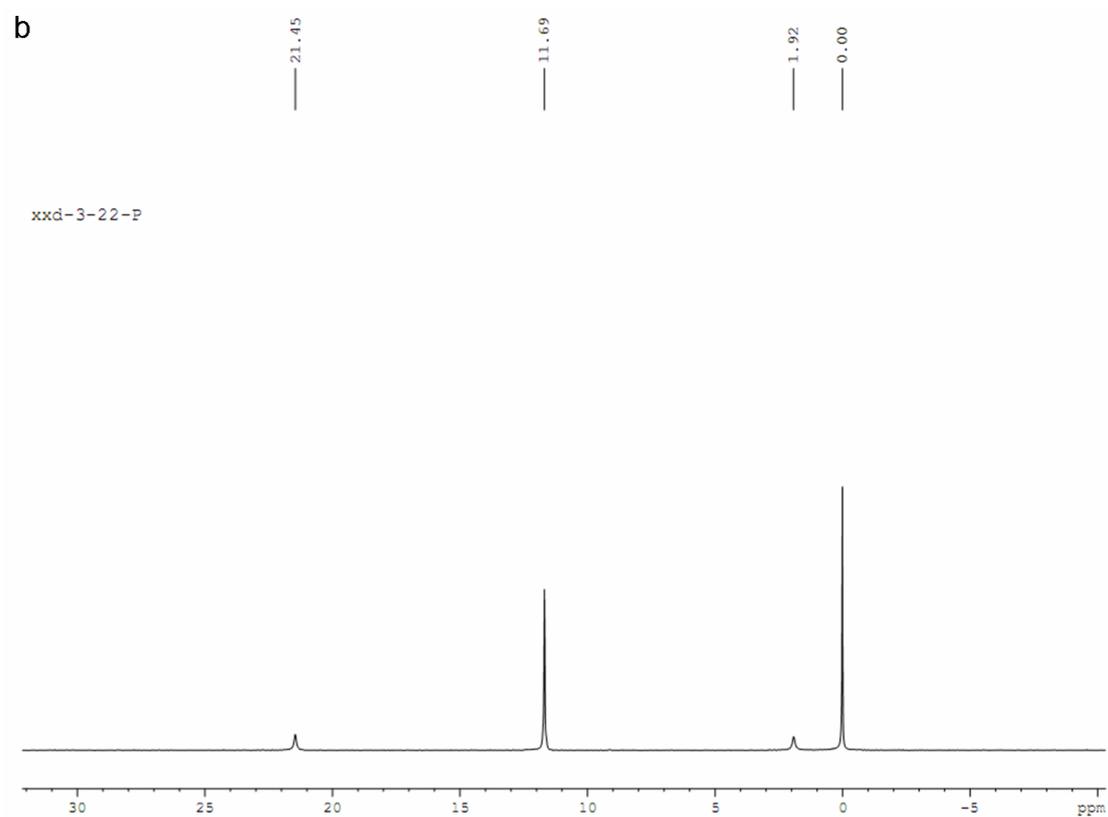
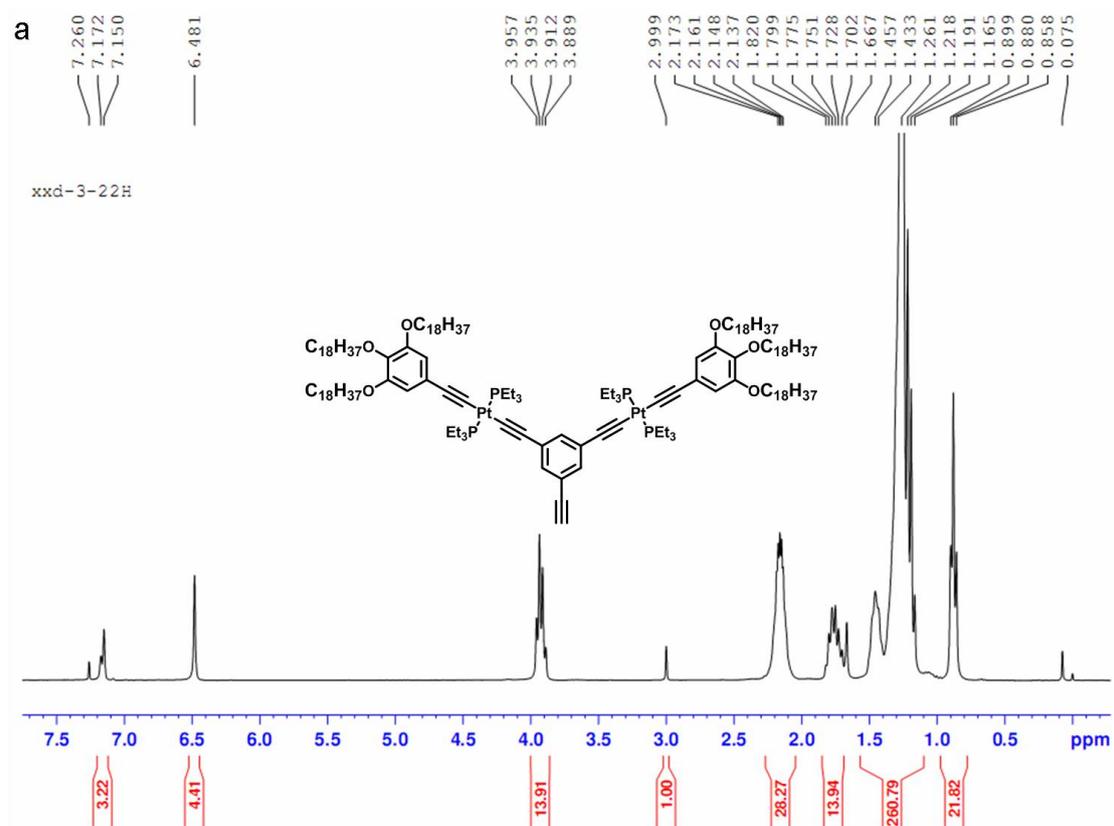


Fig. S14. a) ^1H , b) ^{31}P and c) ^{13}C NMR spectra of **5c** in CDCl_3



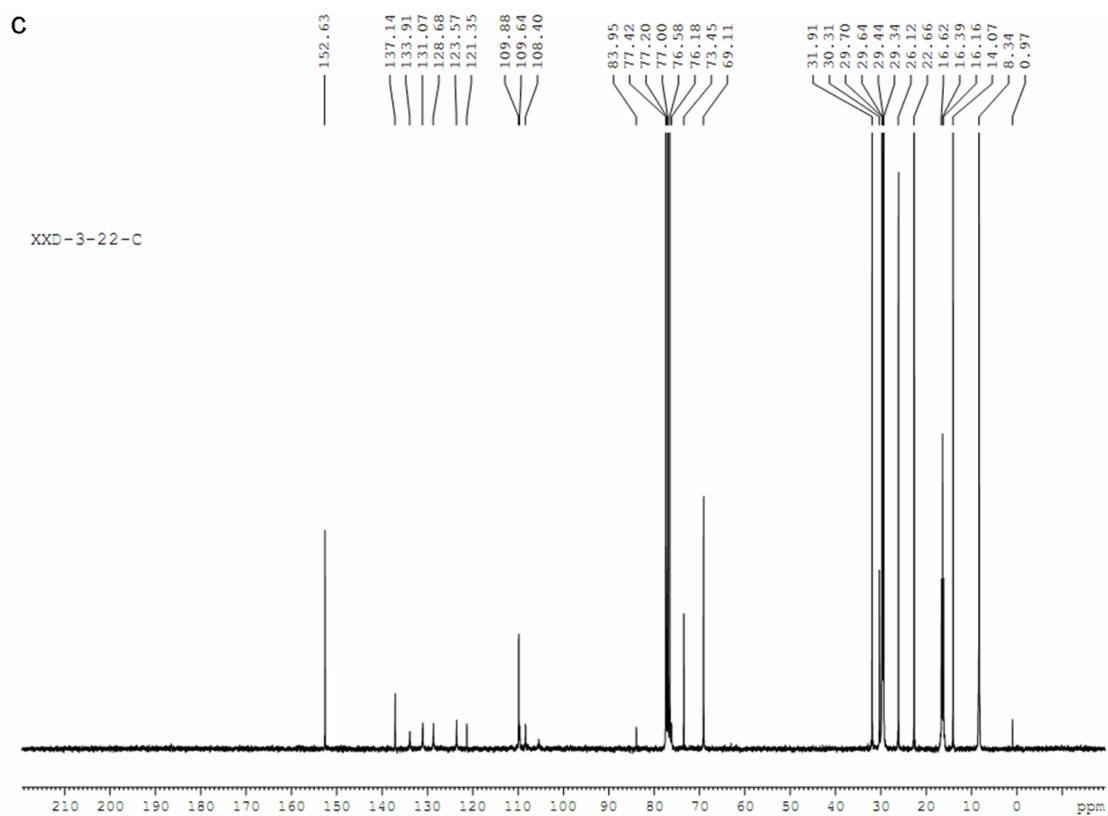
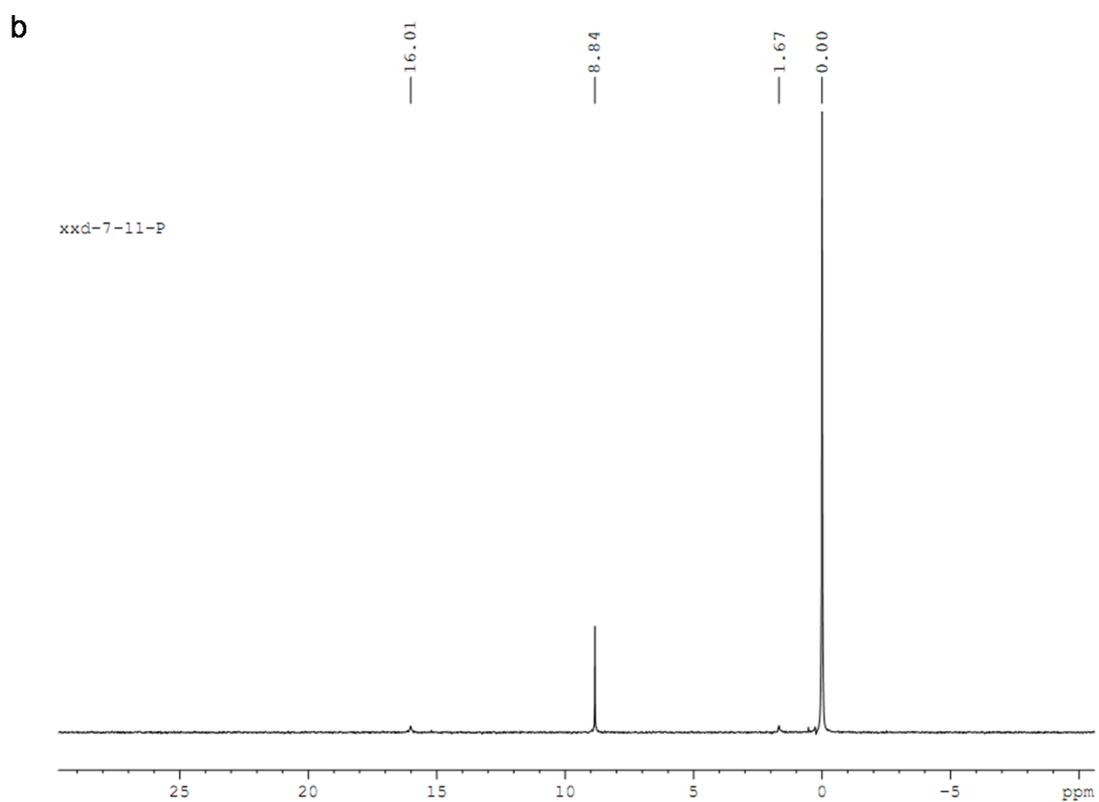
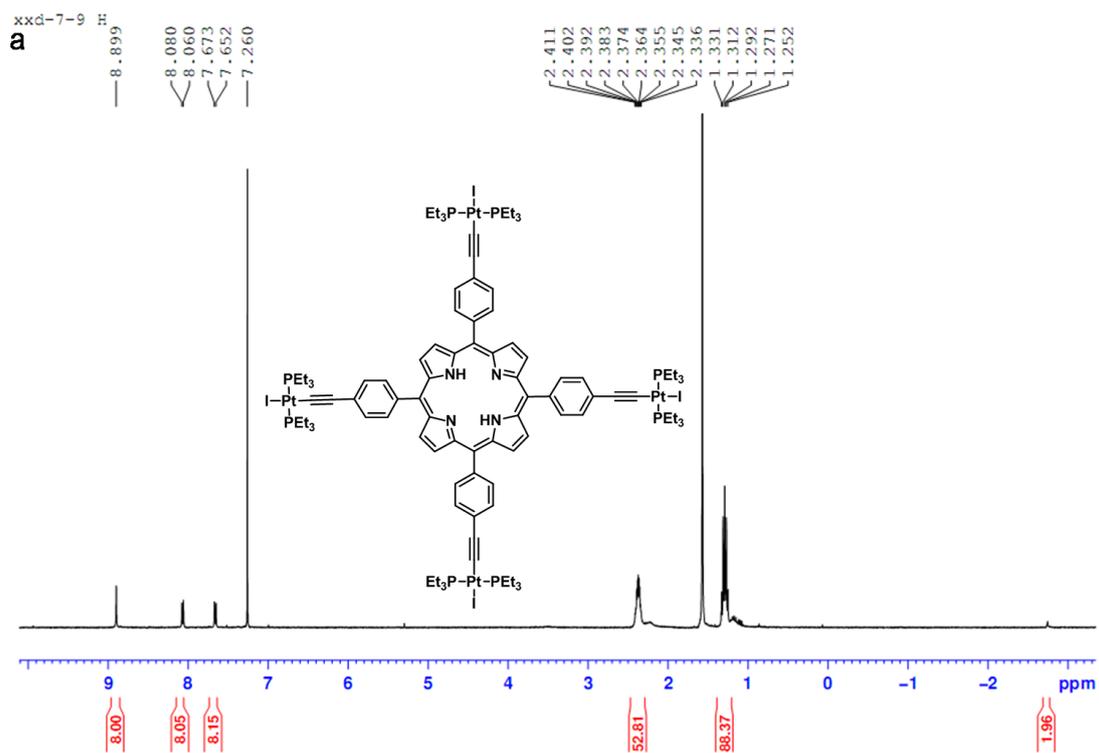


Fig. S15. a) ^1H , b) ^{31}P and c) ^{13}C NMR spectra of **3** in CDCl_3



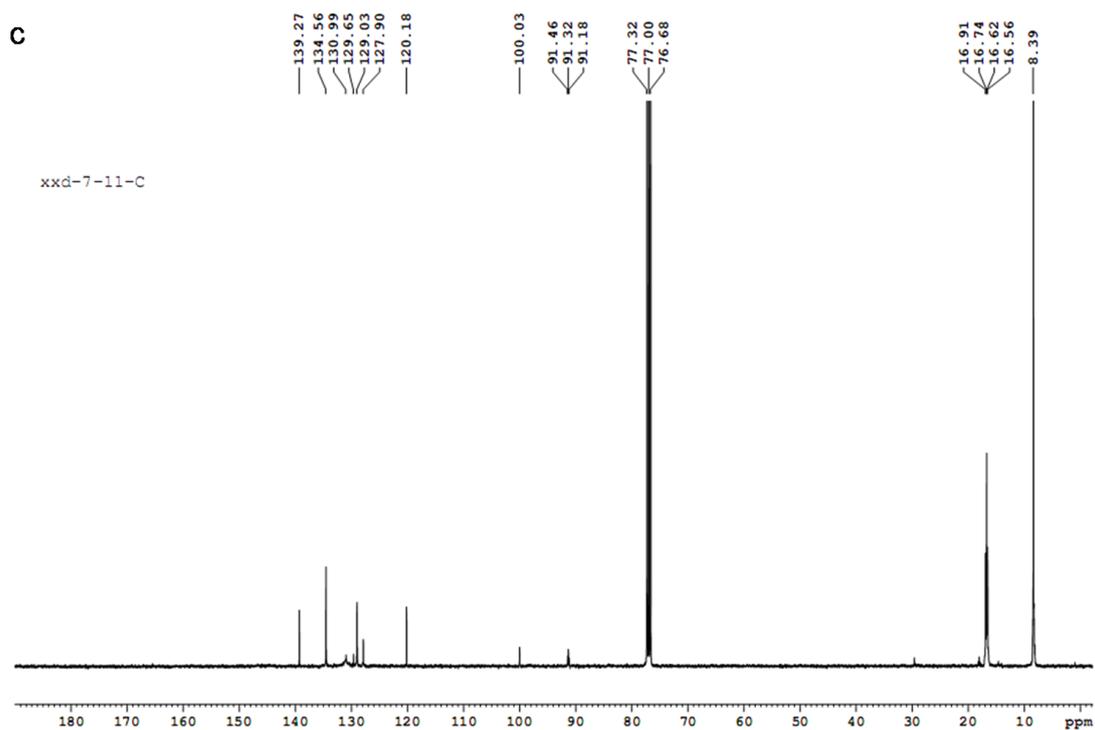
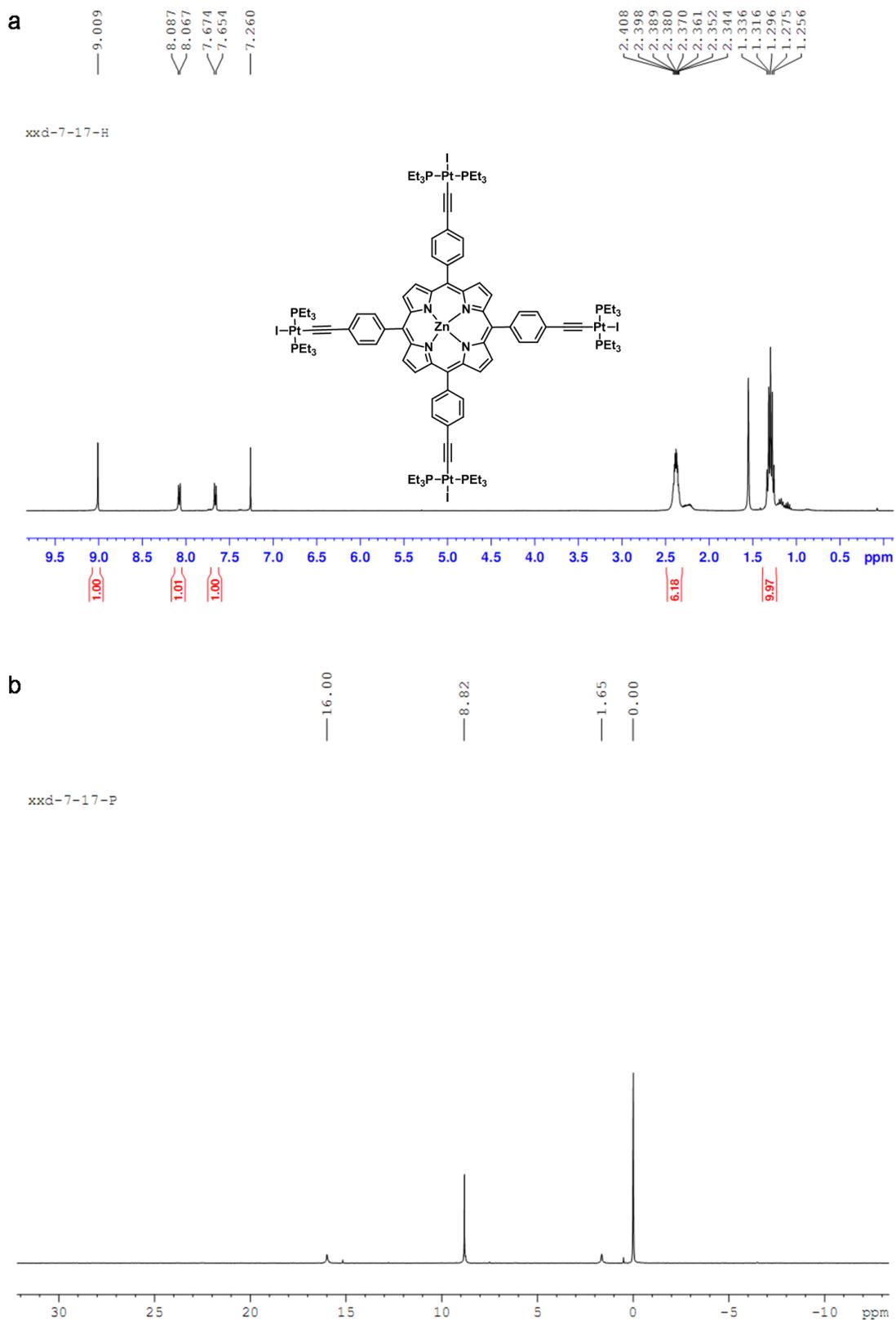


Fig. S16. a) ^1H , b) ^{31}P and c) ^{13}C NMR spectra of **4** in CDCl_3



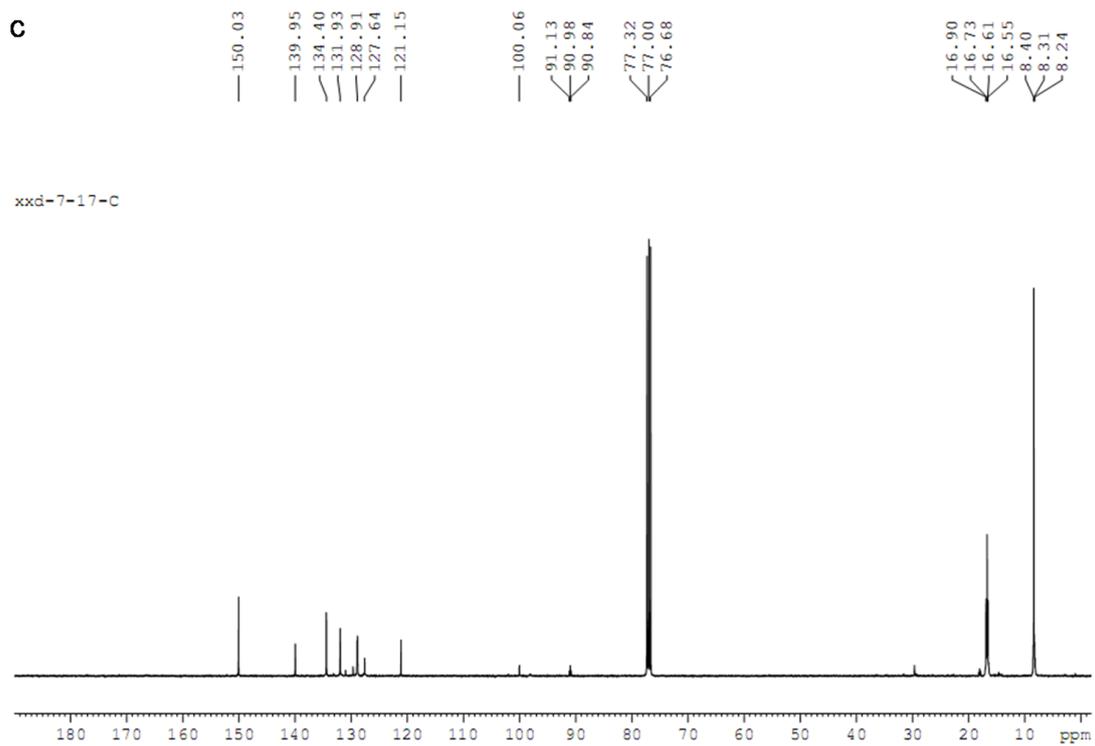
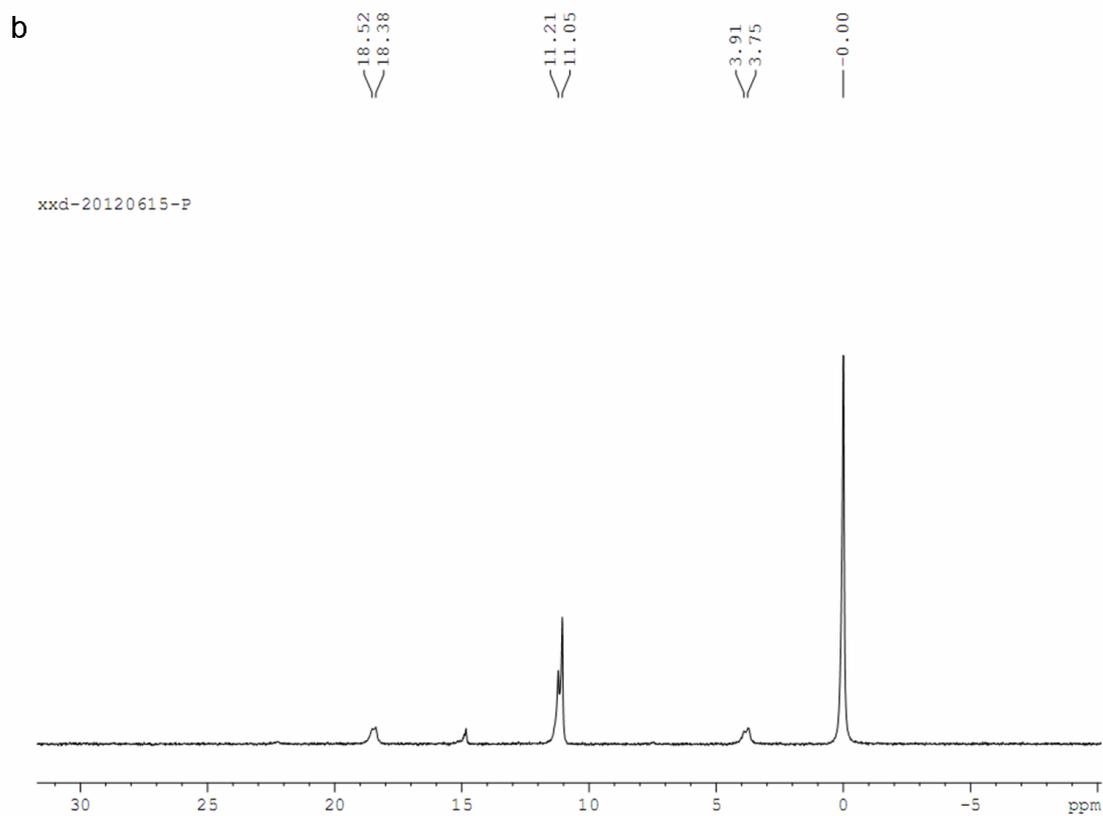
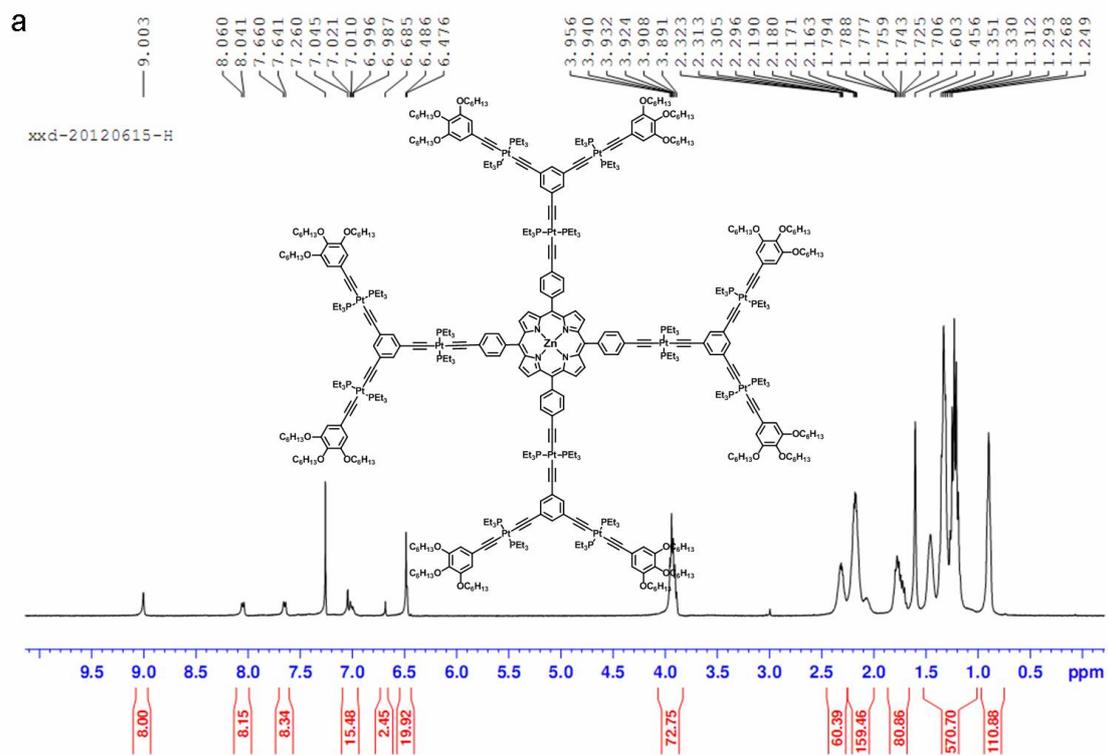


Fig. S17. a) ^1H , b) ^{31}P and c) ^{13}C NMR spectra of **1a** in CDCl_3



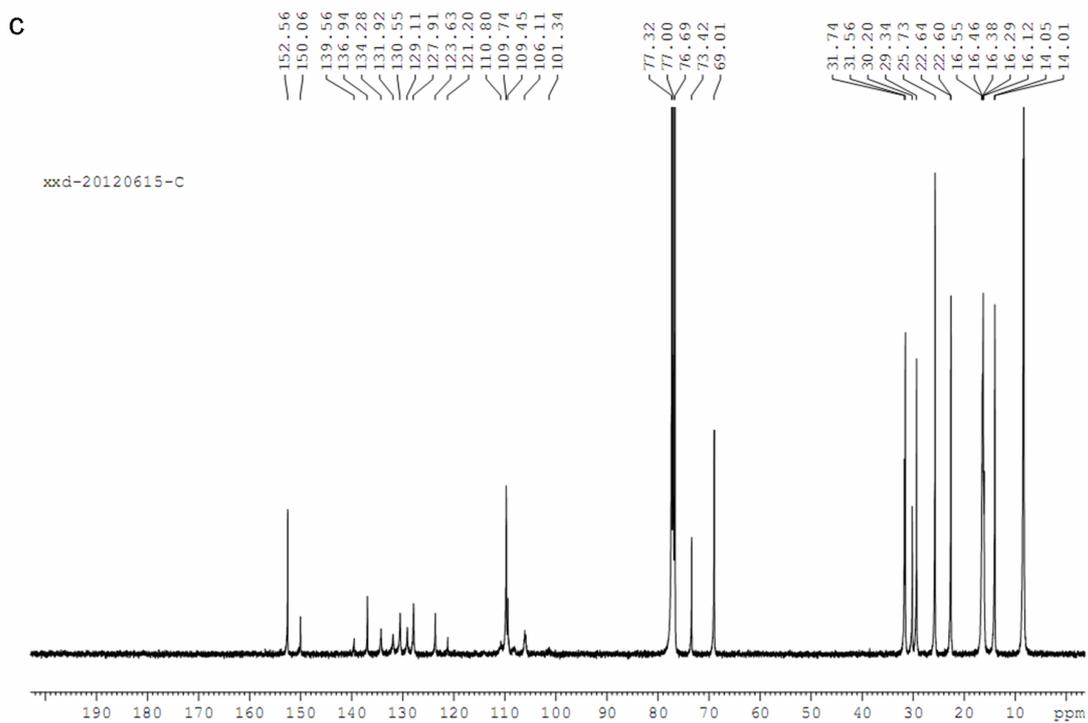
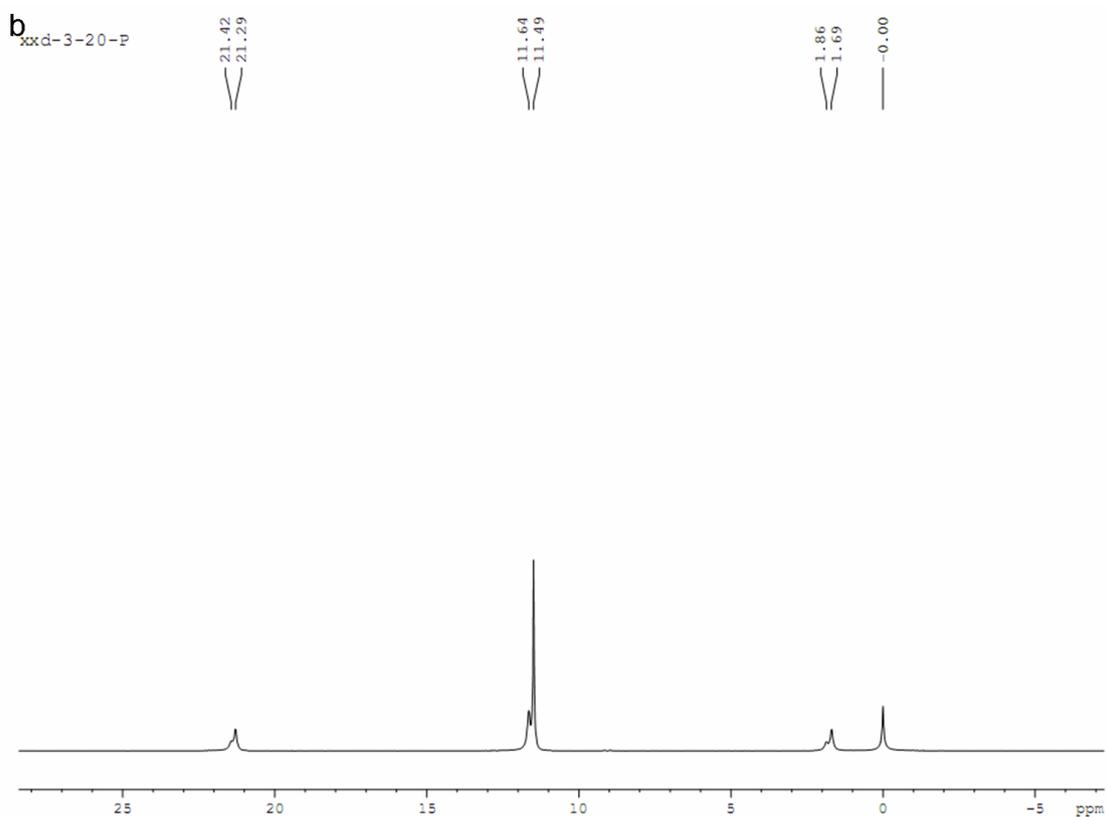
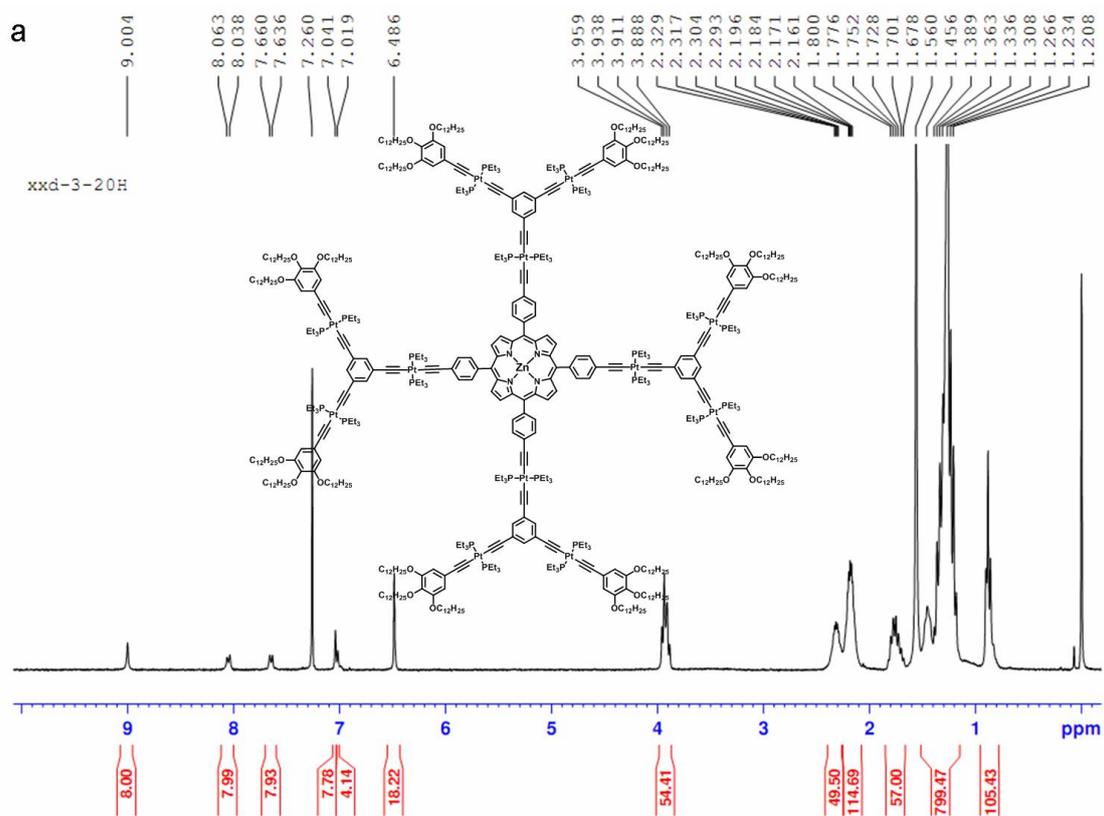


Fig. S18. a) ^1H , b) ^{31}P and c) ^{13}C NMR spectra of **1b** in CDCl_3



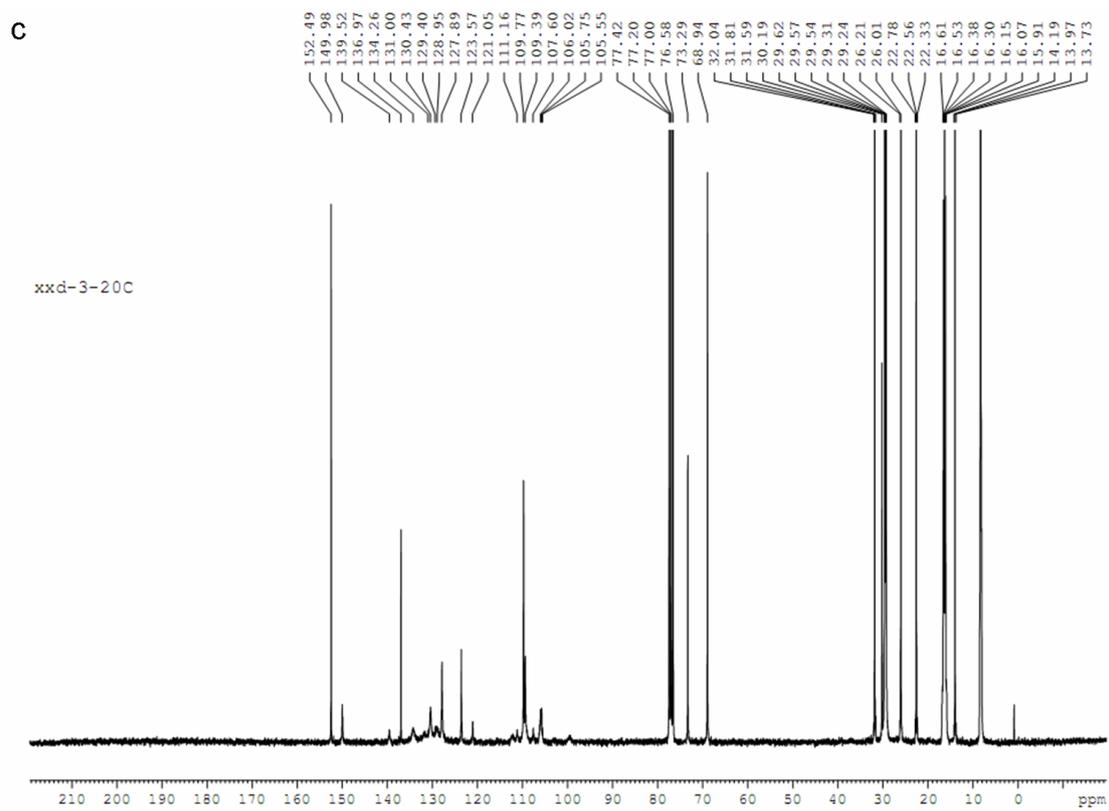
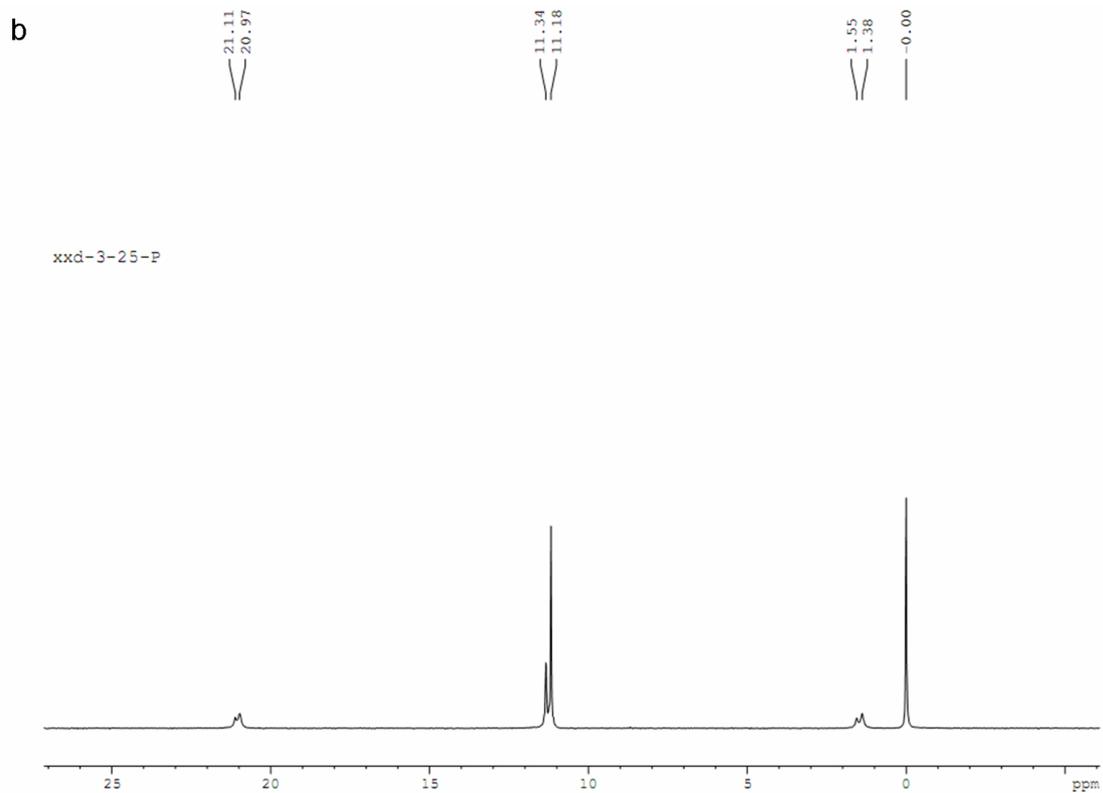
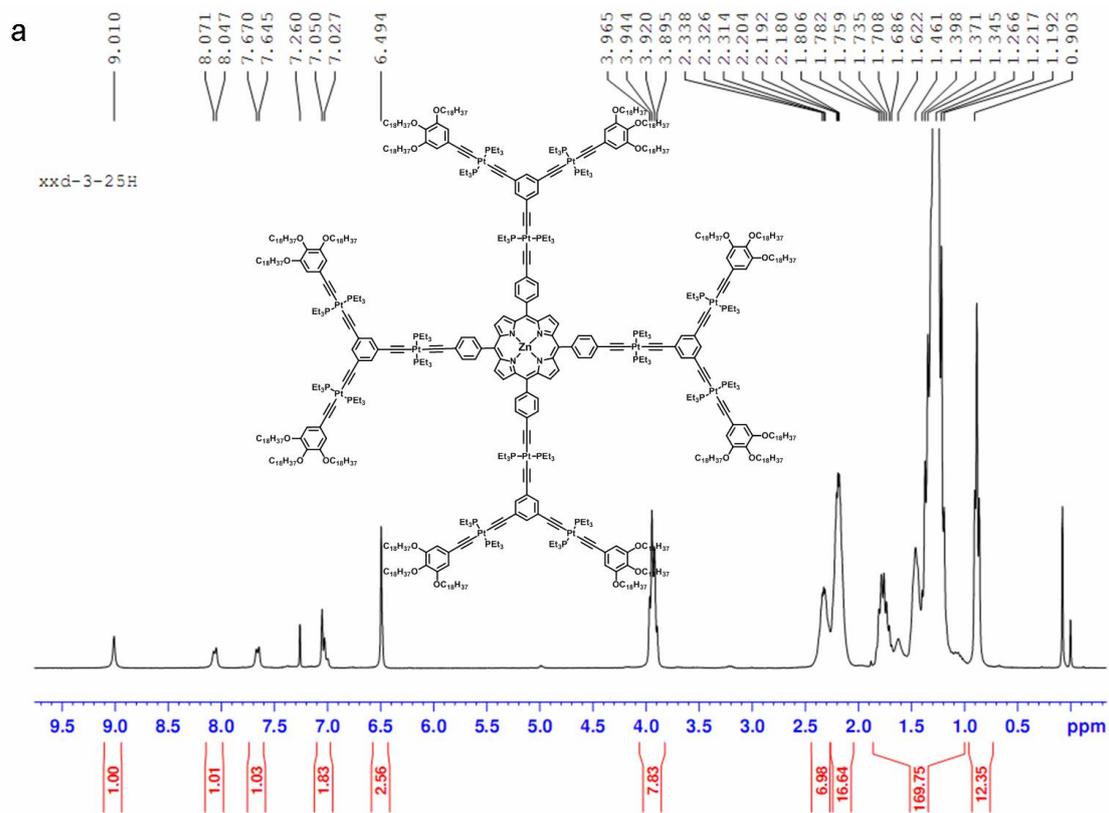
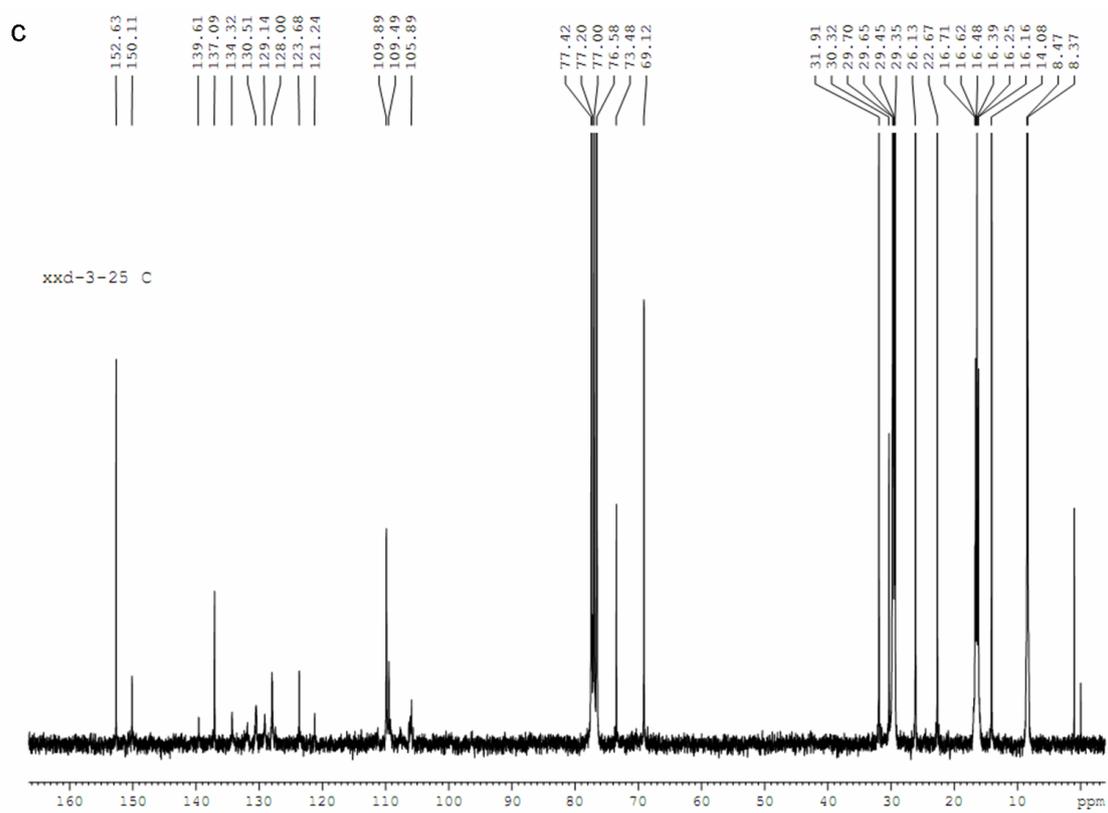


Fig. S19. a) ^1H , b) ^{31}P and c) ^{13}C NMR spectra of **1c** in CDCl_3





7. MALDI-TOF MS of New Compounds

Fig. S20. MALDI-TOF mass spectra of **5b** and the isotope peaks (insert).

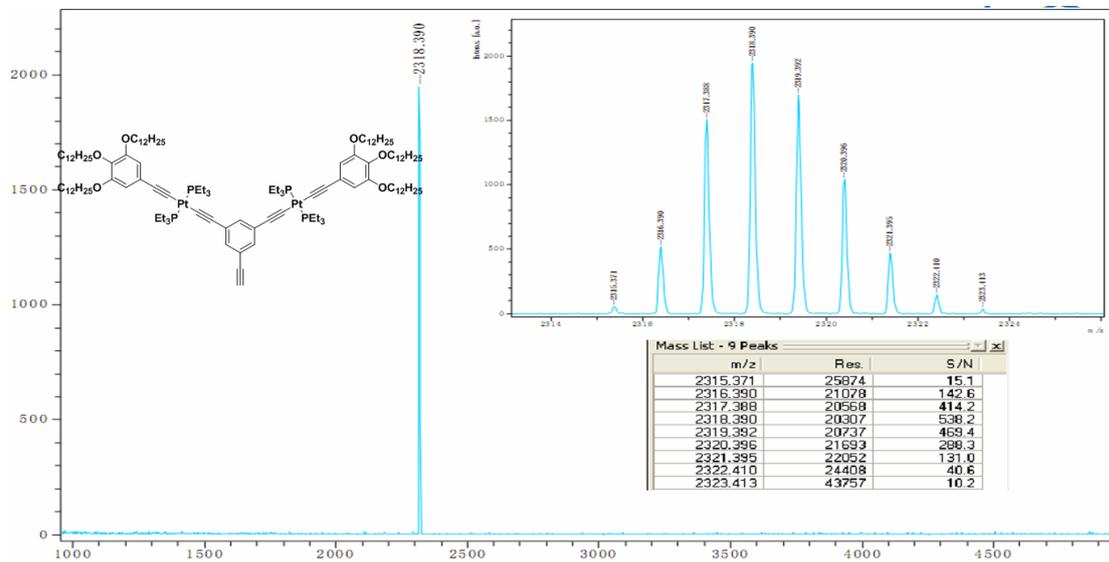


Fig. S21. MALDI-TOF mass spectra of **5c** and the isotope peaks (insert).

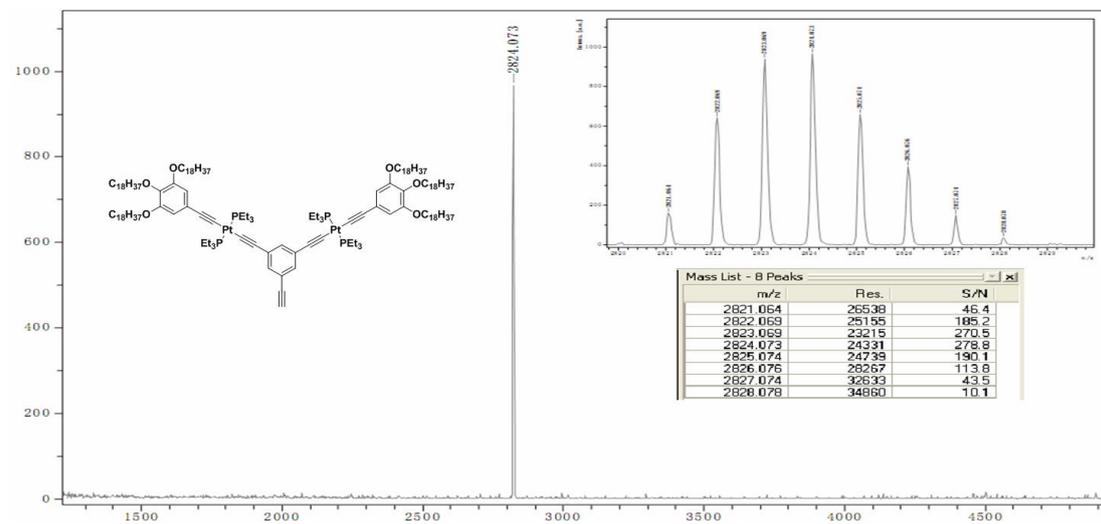


Fig. S22. MALDI-TOF mass spectra of **1a** (a) and the isotope peaks (b).

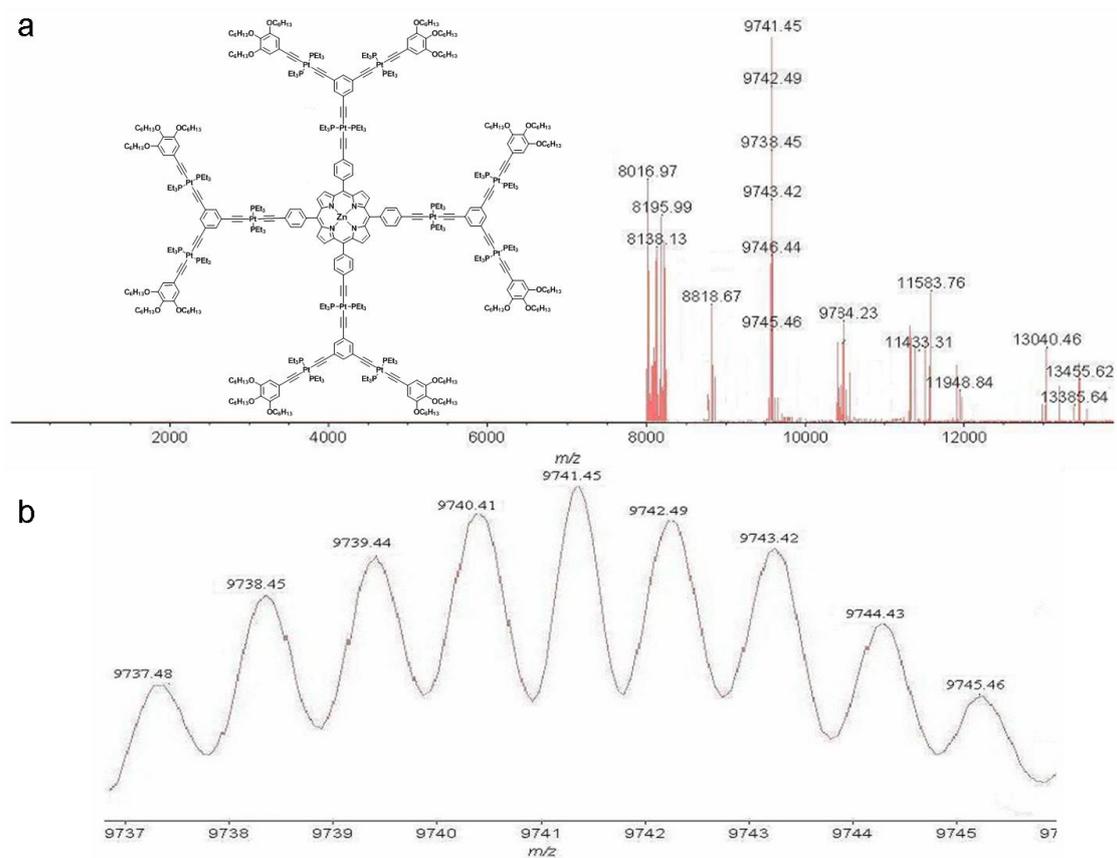
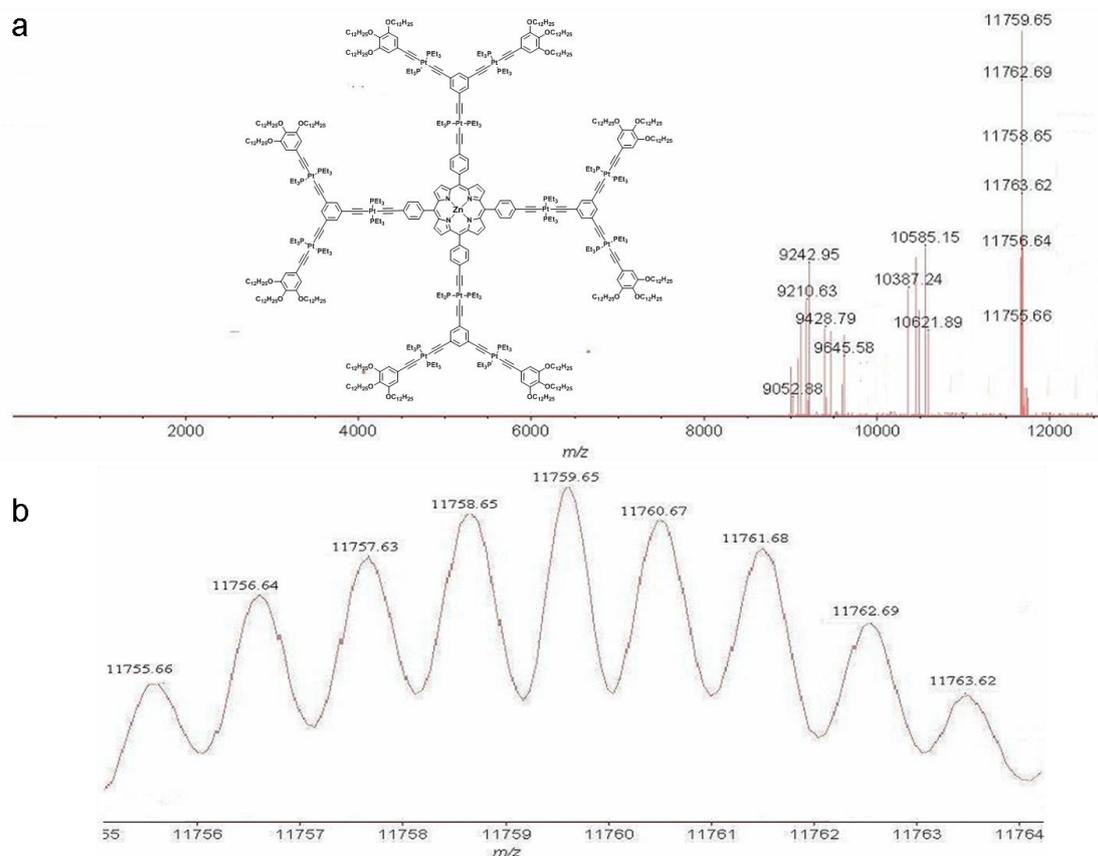


Fig. S23. MALDI-TOF mass spectra of **1b** (a) and the isotope peaks (b).



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