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^{19}F NMR indicator displacement assay using synthetic receptor with appended relaxation agent

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1. Supplementary Figures

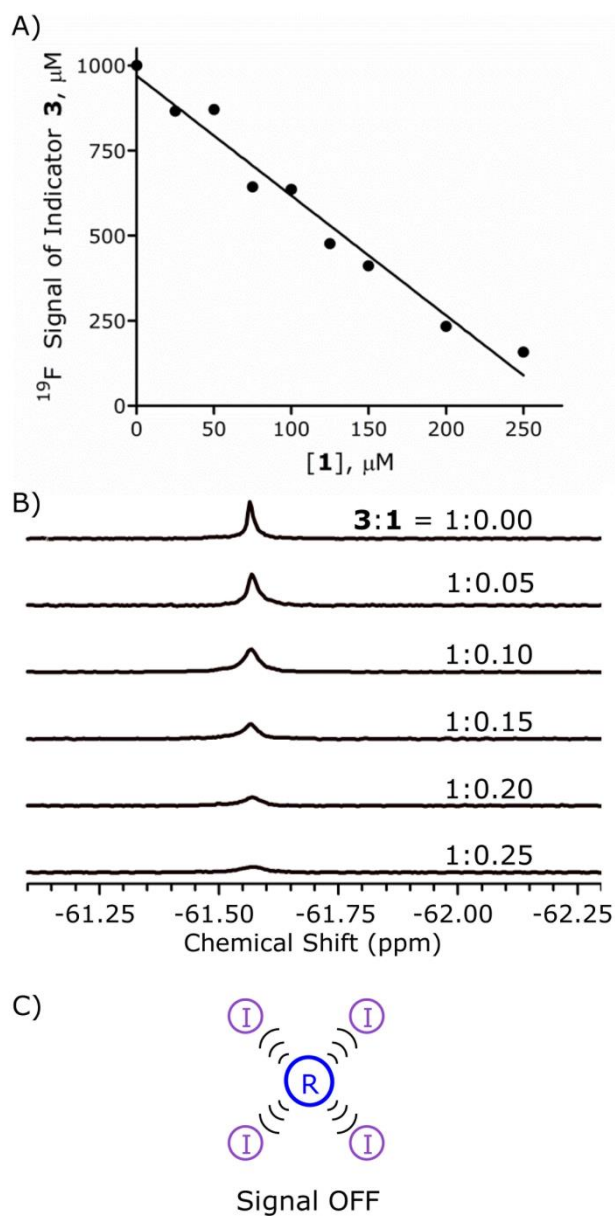


Figure S1. (A) Plot of ^{19}F NMR peak height of indicator **3** (1000 μM) upon addition of receptor **1**. (B) Representative ^{19}F NMR spectra (376 MHz) used to create the plot. $N = 8$ scans, 10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, external trifluoroethanol (TFE) as reference. (C) Schematic rationalization of data showing receptor **R** quenching an average of four copies of indicator **I** due to rapid exchange.

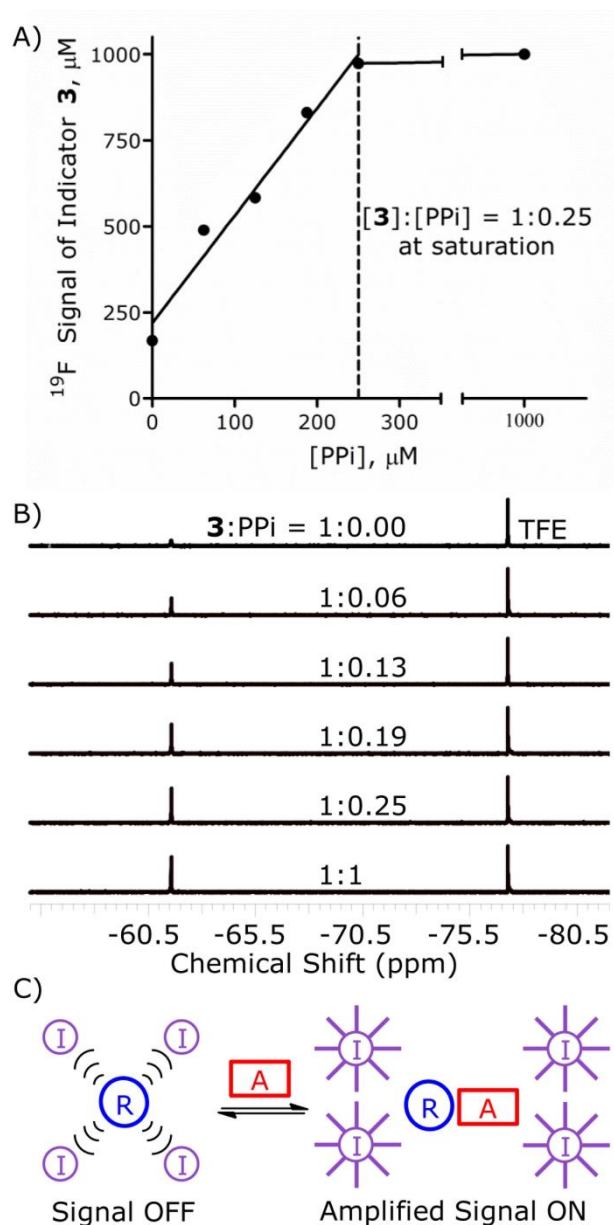


Figure S2. (A) Plot of ^{19}F NMR peak height of indicator **3** (1000 μM) upon addition of PPi (0 – 1.0 mM) to the admixture of **1:3** (250 μM :1000 μM). (B) Representative ^{19}F NMR spectra (376 MHz) used to create the plot. N = 8 scans, 10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 25 ° C, external trifluoroethanol (TFE) as reference. (C) Schematic rationalization of the data.

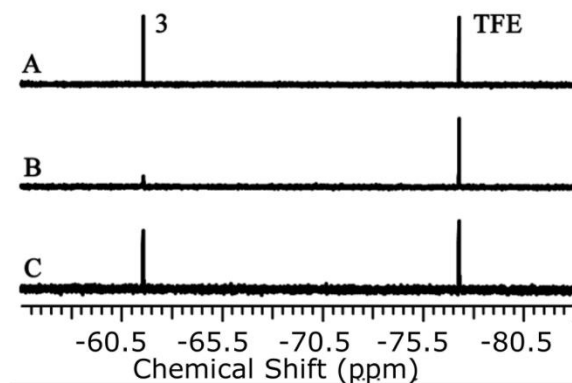


Figure S3: ^{19}F NMR spectra of indicator **3** alone (A, 1.0 mM **3**), after addition of receptor **1** (B, 0.25 mM **1**), and after further addition of PPI (C, 5.0 mM PPI). N = 8 scans, 10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 25 ° C, external trifluoroethanol (TFE) as reference.

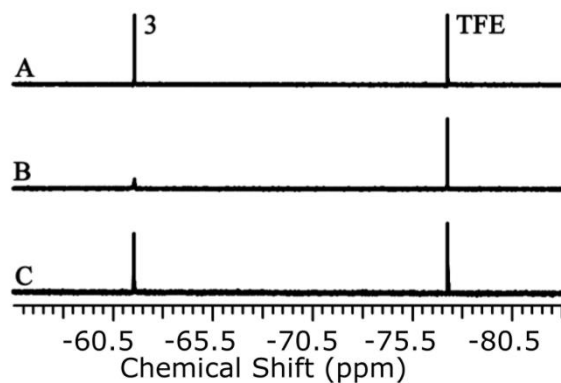


Figure S4: ^{19}F NMR spectra of indicator **3** (A, 1.0 mM **3**) after addition of receptor **2** (B, 0.25 mM **1**), and after further addition of PPI (C, 5.0 mM PPI). N = 8 scans, 10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 25 ° C, external trifluoroethanol (TFE) as reference.

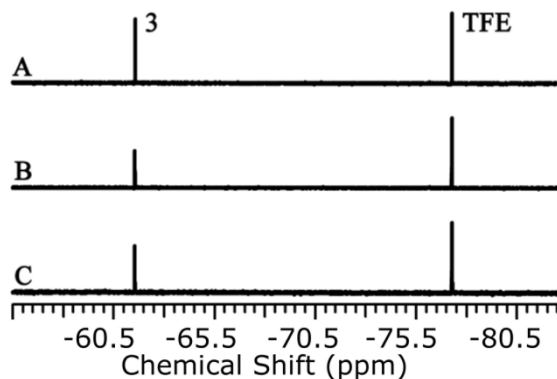


Figure S5: ^{19}F NMR spectra of indicator **3** alone (A, 1.0 mM **3**), after addition of RA **apo-2** (B, 0.25 mM **1**), and after further addition of PPI (C, 5.0 mM PPI). N = 8 scans, 10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 25 ° C, external trifluoroethanol (TFE) as reference.

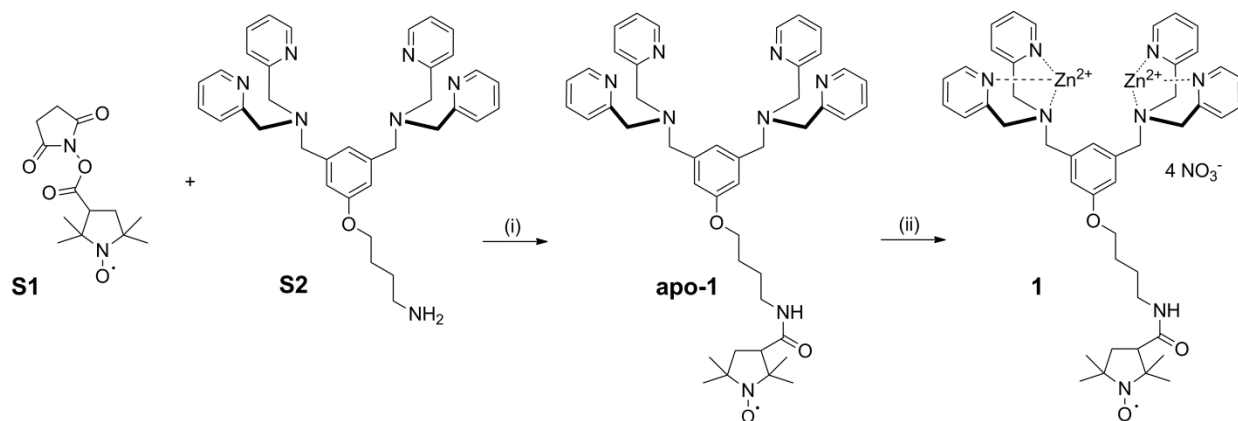
2. ^{19}F NMR Acquisition:

^{19}F NMR spectra were acquired using a Bruker instrument (376 MHz) with proton-decoupling and external trifluoroethanol as a reference (5.0 mM trifluoroethanol in D_2O). T_1 relaxation times were measured using an inversion recovery pulse sequence, and a spin-echo pulse sequence was used to measure T_2 relaxation times.

3. Chemical Synthesis:

General Schemes

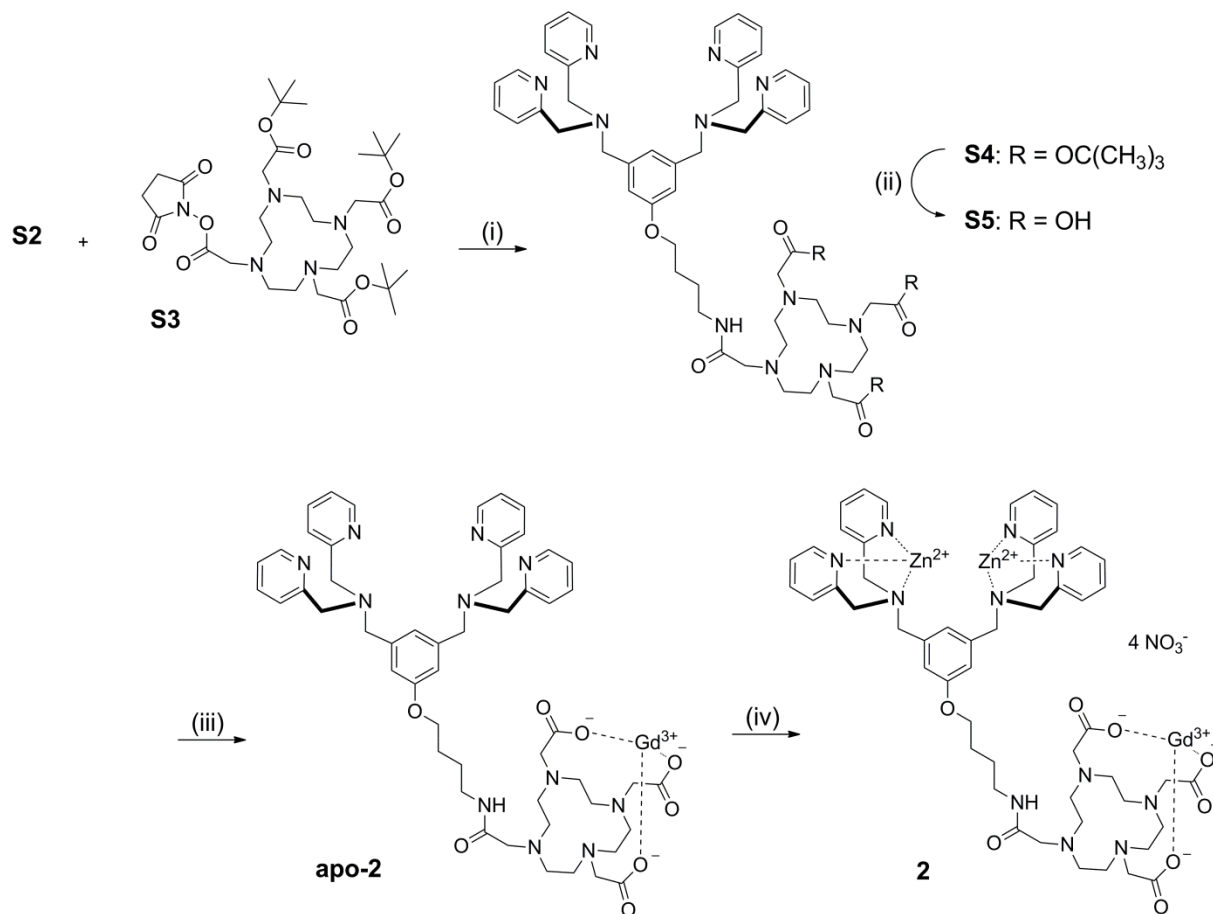
The synthetic route to prepare ZnBDPA receptor **1** is shown in Scheme S1. Compound **S1** was prepared from 3-Carboxy-proxyl (Sigma Aldrich, St. Louise, MO, USA) following literature precedent.¹ Treatment of activated NHS ester **S1** with the known amine **S2**² resulted in amide bond formation and **apo-1**. Subsequent treatment with $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ in methanol produced ZnBDPA receptor **1**.



^aReagents and conditions: (i) DMF, CHCl_3 87%; (ii) $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$, MeOH, quantitative.

Scheme S1: Synthesis of receptor **1**^a

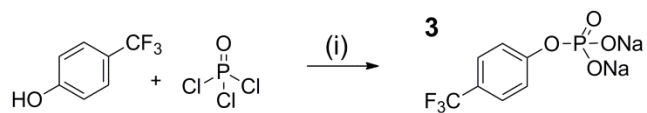
The synthetic route to prepare ZnBDPA receptor **2** is shown in Scheme S2. Treatment of **S2** with DOTA-mono-NHS-tris(^tBu-Ester) **S3** produced **S4** in 60% yield. The ^tBu-ester groups were removed using standard deprotection conditions to yield unprotected DOTA derivative **S5**. Standard lanthanide chelation protocols were used to yield **apo-2**.³ Subsequent treatment with Zn(NO₃)₂ in methanol produced ZnBDPA receptor **2**.



^aReagents and conditions: (i) TEA, CHCl₃, 18 h, 60%; (ii) TFA, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 12 h, 94%; (iii) GdCl₃, 0.1 M NH₄OAc pH 8.0, 18 h; (iv) Zn(NO₃)₂ · 6H₂O, MeOH, quantitative.

Scheme S2: Synthesis of receptor **2**^a

A literature route was used to prepare indicator **3** (Scheme S3).⁴



^aReagents and conditions: (i) Pyridine, 0 °C, 45 m; H₂O, cyclohexylamine, pH 9; Ion exchange chromatography.

Scheme S3: Synthesis of ¹⁹F NMR indicator **3**^a

Synthetic Procedures

Apo-1: NHS-3-carboxy-proxyl **S1** was prepared using the method of Liu¹. Butylamine DPA **S2** (52 mg, 88 μ mol) and **S1** (52 mg, 180 μ mol) were combined in a 1:1 solution of DMF:CHCl₃ (4 mL) and allowed to stir at room temperature for 36 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue purified by silica gel column chromatography with 2-10% MeOH in CHCl₃ as the eluent to yield the desired product (58.6 mg, 87 %) as a sticky yellow oil. LCMS analysis was performed to verify compound purity (see Figure S6). ¹H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.68-1.95 (m, 6H), 3.32-3.55 (m, 2H), 3.67 (br s, 4H), 3.82 (br s, 8H), 3.96-4.06 (m, 2H), 6.85 (br s, 2H), 7.08 (br s, 1H), 7.16 (br s, 4H), 7.61 (br s, 8H), 8.52 (br s, 4H); Mass Spectroscopy: MS (ESI+) calculated for C₄₅H₅₆N₈O₃ ([M+H]⁺) 756.4470, found 756.4498.

S4: To a solution of 72 mg (120 μ mol) butylamine DPA **S2** in 250 μ L anhydrous CHCl₃ and 10 μ L triethylamine was added 25 mg (31 μ mol) DOTA-mono-NHS-tris(^tBu-Ester) **S3**. The reaction stirred for 18 h after which the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude material was purified using silica gel column chromatography with 0-10% MeOH in CHCl₃ as the eluent to yield 24.2 mg (60 % yield) of the desired product as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR: (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.41 (s, 18H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.68 (p, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.78 (p, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.10-3.00 (br m, 24 H), 3.26 (q, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 4H), 3.79 (s, 8H), 3.92 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (t, J = 5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 7.13 (qd, J = 7 Hz, J = 1 Hz, 4H), 7.60 (d, J = 7 Hz, 4H), 7.66 (td, J = 7 Hz, J = 2 Hz, 4H), 7.48 (dq, J = 5 Hz, J = 1 Hz, 4H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 21.0, 25.9, 26.7, 27.9, 39.1, 55.7, 55.9, 58.6, 60.0, 60.4, 67.4, 81.7, 81.8, 113.5, 121.3, 122.0, 122.8, 136.7, 140.4, 148.8, 159.2, 159.5, 171.2, 171.6, 172.4 ppm; Mass Spectroscopy: MS (ESI+) calculated for C₆₄H₉₁N₁₁NaO₈ ([M+Na]⁺) 1164.6944, found 1164.6964.

S5: To a solution of 25 mg (22 μ mol) **S4** in 400 μ L CH₂Cl₂ was added 600 μ L of TFA. The reaction mixture was allowed to proceed at ambient temperature for 16 h. The solvent was removed and the residue was washed 3 times with Et₂O after which the residue was subjected to high vacuum. 20.0 mg (94 % yield) of the desired product was obtained as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR: (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 1.57 (p, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (p, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.00-3.80 (br m, 24 H), 3.92 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 4H), 4.08 (br s, 2H), 4.15 (s, 8H), 6.98 (s, 2H), 7.14 (s, 2H), 7.40-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.53 (d, J = 8 Hz, 4H), 7.86 (dt, J = 8 Hz, J = 2 Hz, 4H), 8.58-8.59 (m, 4H) ppm; Mass Spectroscopy: MS (ESI+) calculated for C₅₂H₆₈N₁₁O₈ ([M+H]⁺) 974.5225, found 974.5247.

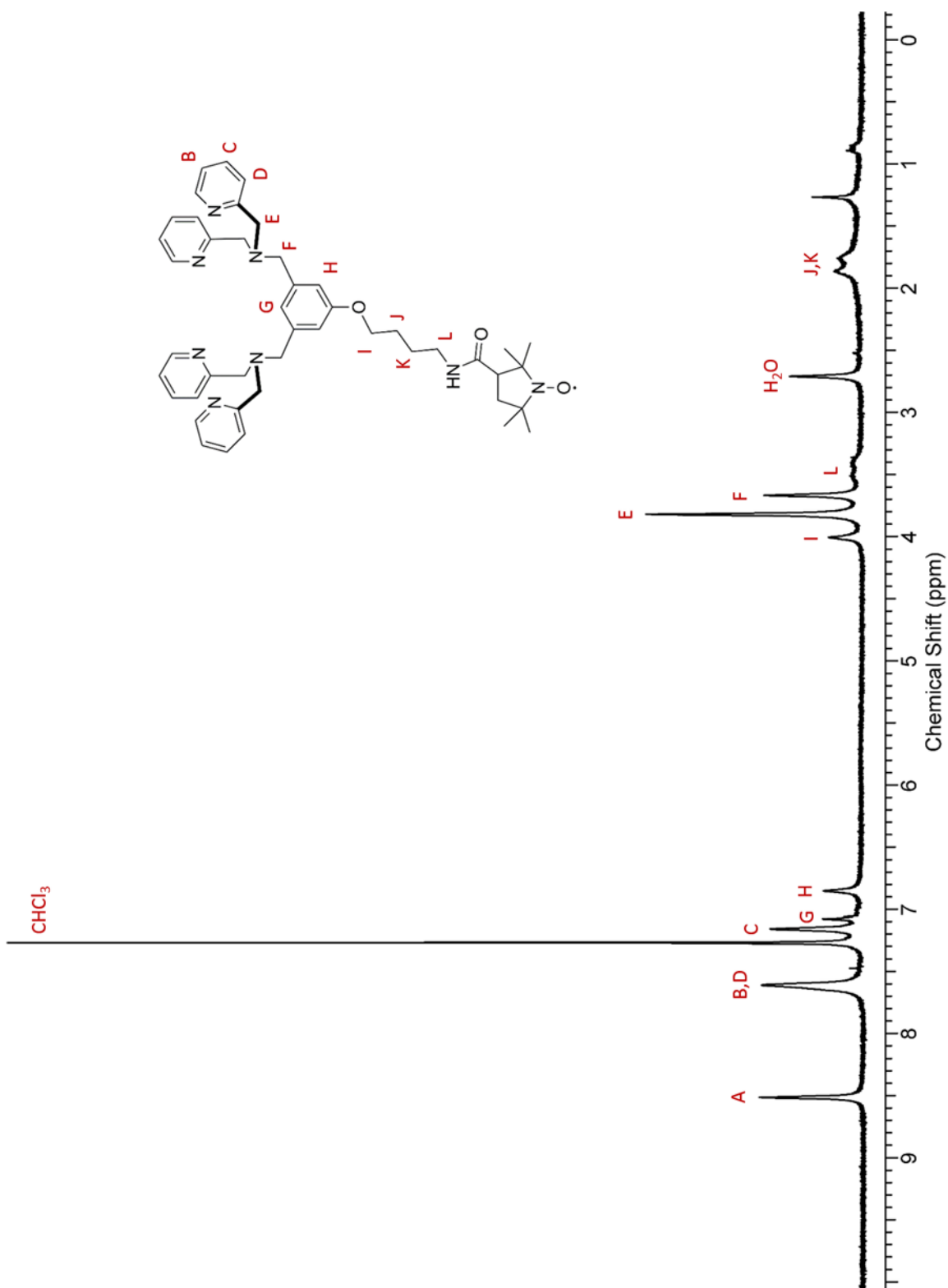
Apo-2: Standard lanthanide chelation protocols were used to yield **apo-2**.³ Chelator **S5** (9.5 mg, 8.4 nmol) was dissolved in 0.1 M ammonium acetate (1.0 mL, pH adjusted to 8 with aqueous NH_4OH) and treated with 3 molar equivalents of GdCl_3 (10.9 mg, 29.0 nmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Excess GdCl_3 and ammonium salts were removed using a SEP-PAK C_{18} reverse-phase column with repetitive washing (10 mL DI H_2O). The final product was eluted using 50% aqueous acetonitrile (2 mL) and lyophilized. Previous work by Meade & co-workers has shown that lanthanide metals preferentially coordinate to DOTA chelators in the presence of dipicolylamine moieties.^{3a} LCMS analysis was performed to verify chelate purity (see Figure S7). Mass Spectroscopy: MS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{52}\text{H}_{66}\text{GdN}_{11}\text{O}_8$ ($[\text{M}+2\text{H}]^{2+}$) 567.7177, found 565.2169.

Receptors 1 or 2: Stock solutions of $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and BDPA scaffold (**apo-1** or **apo-2**) were prepared in MeOH. Separate samples were mixed at a $[\text{Zn}^{2+}]:[\text{DPA}]$ molar ratio of 1:1 and allowed to shake for 1 h before the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation followed by sitting under vacuum for 1 h. The resulting samples of ZnBDPA receptors **1** or **2** were used without further purification.

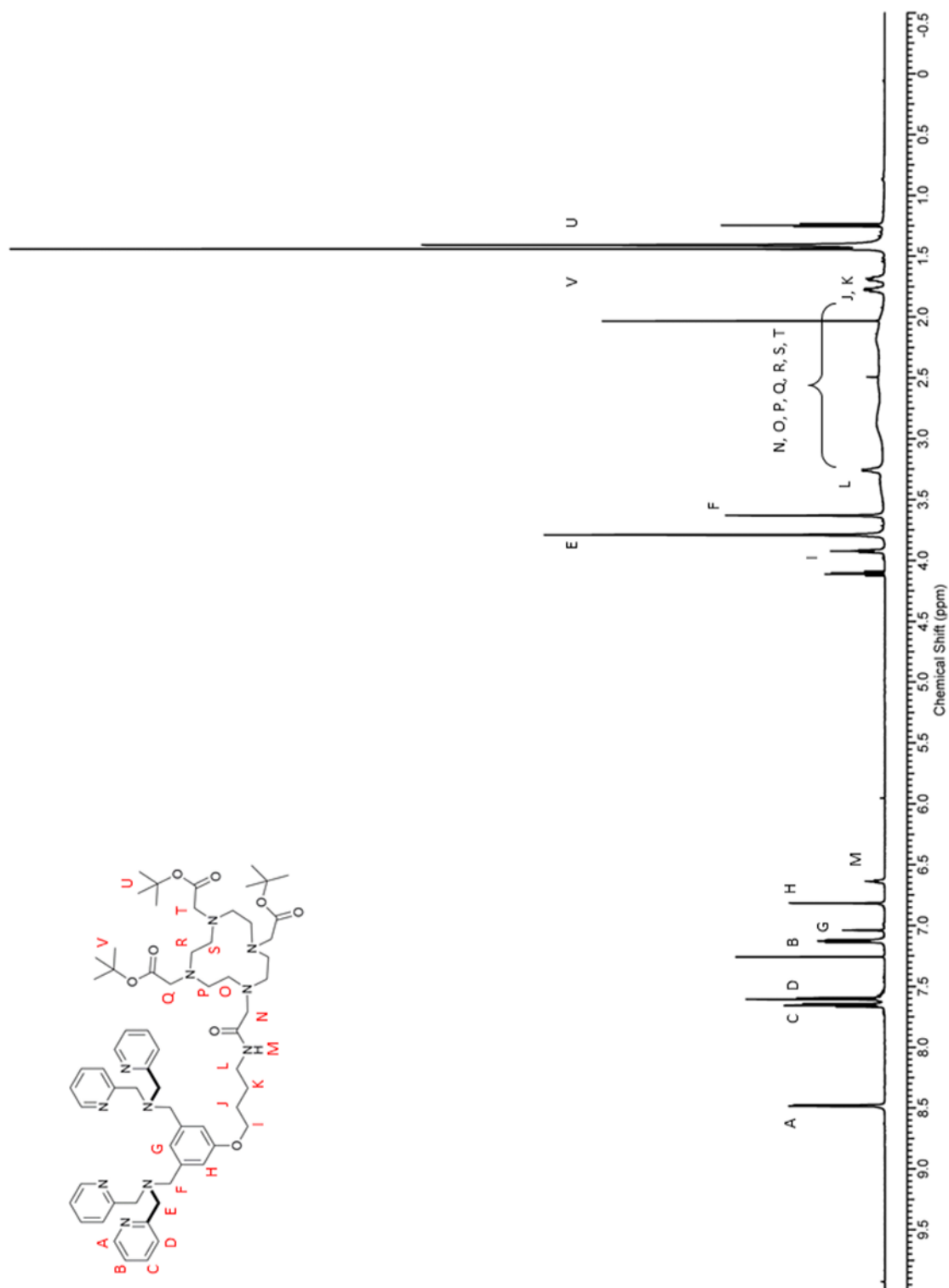
Indicator 3: A solution of 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenol (1.0 g, 6.2 mmol) in anhydrous pyridine (6.0 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred, cooled solution of POCl_3 (920 μL , 9.9 mmol) dissolved in anhydrous pyridine (6.0 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 45 m and was then poured onto ice. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 9 upon addition of cyclohexylamine. The crude product was isolated by filtration to yield a white solid that was recrystallized from hot ethanol to obtain **3** as a cyclohexylammonium salt. Ion exchange chromatography with Amberlite 200c resin (Na form) produced **3** as the sodium salt (1.1 g, 41% Yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, D_2O) δ 7.23 (d, $J = 12$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, $J = 12$ Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, D_2O) δ 88.93 ppm (relative to an internal KBF_4 standard); ^{31}P NMR (160 MHz, D_2O) δ 147.81 ppm (relative to an internal NaPF_6 standard); Mass Spectroscopy: MS (negative ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{F}_3\text{O}_4\text{P}$ ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$) 240.9883, found 240.9906.

4. NMR Data

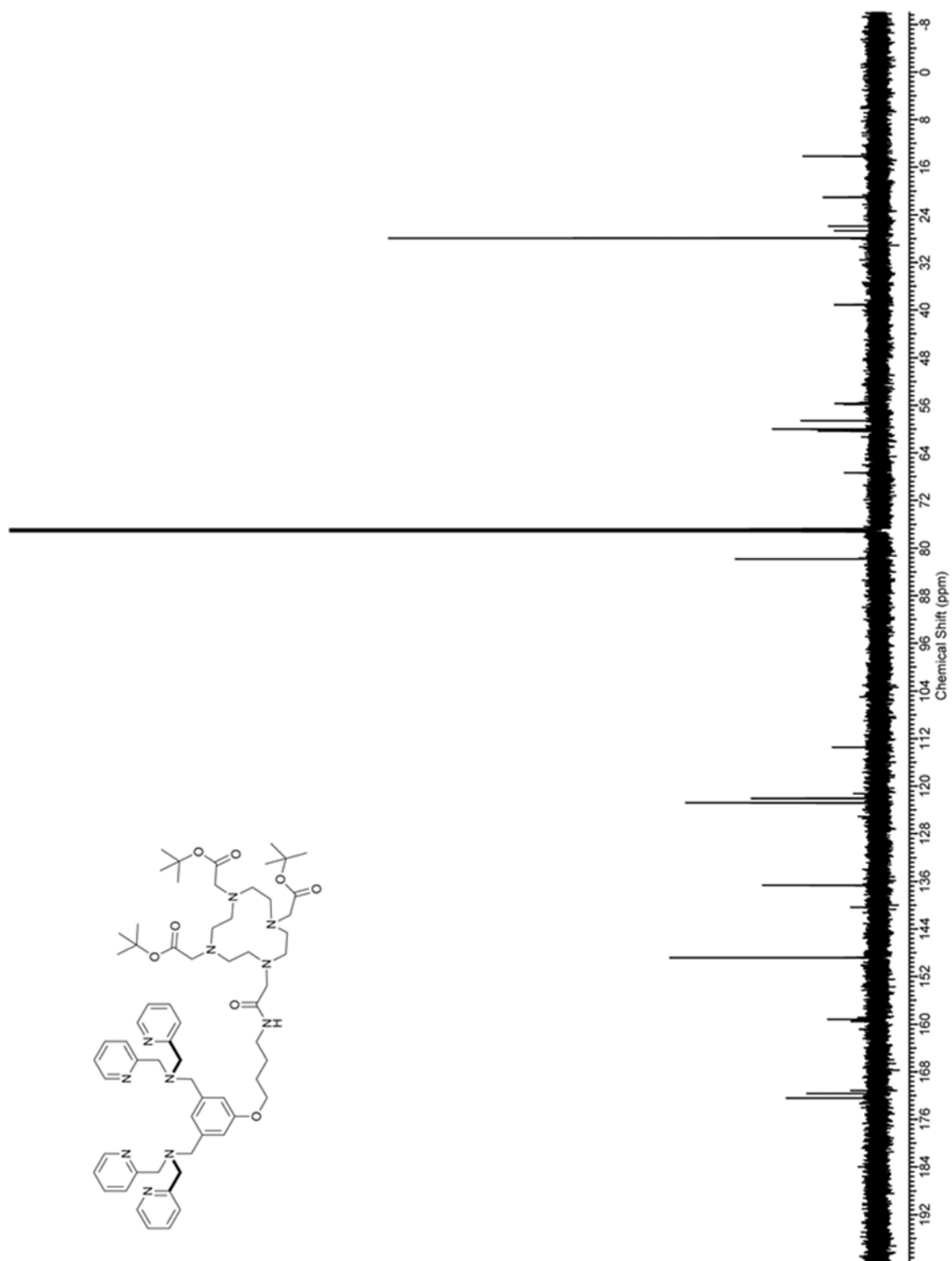
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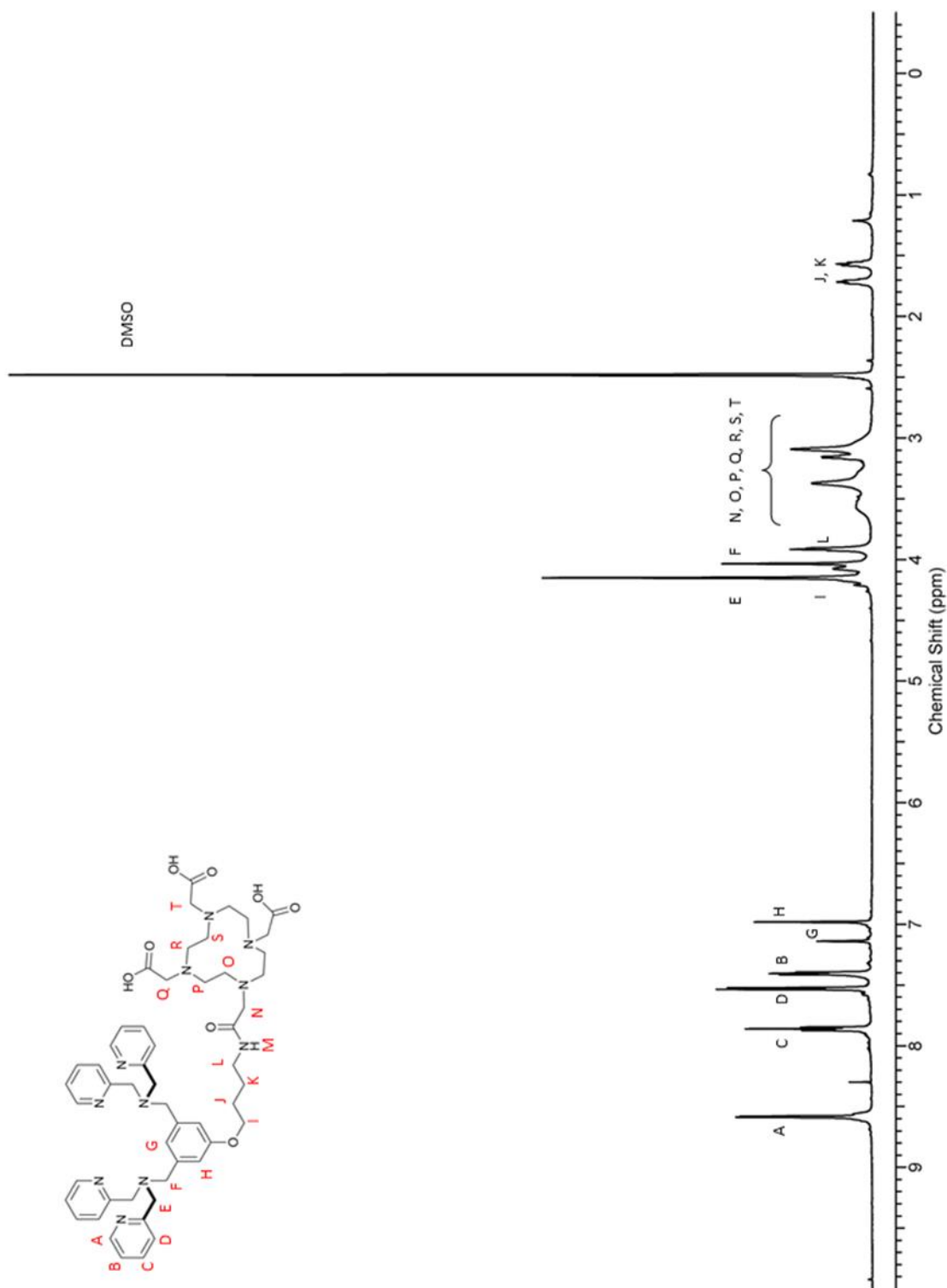
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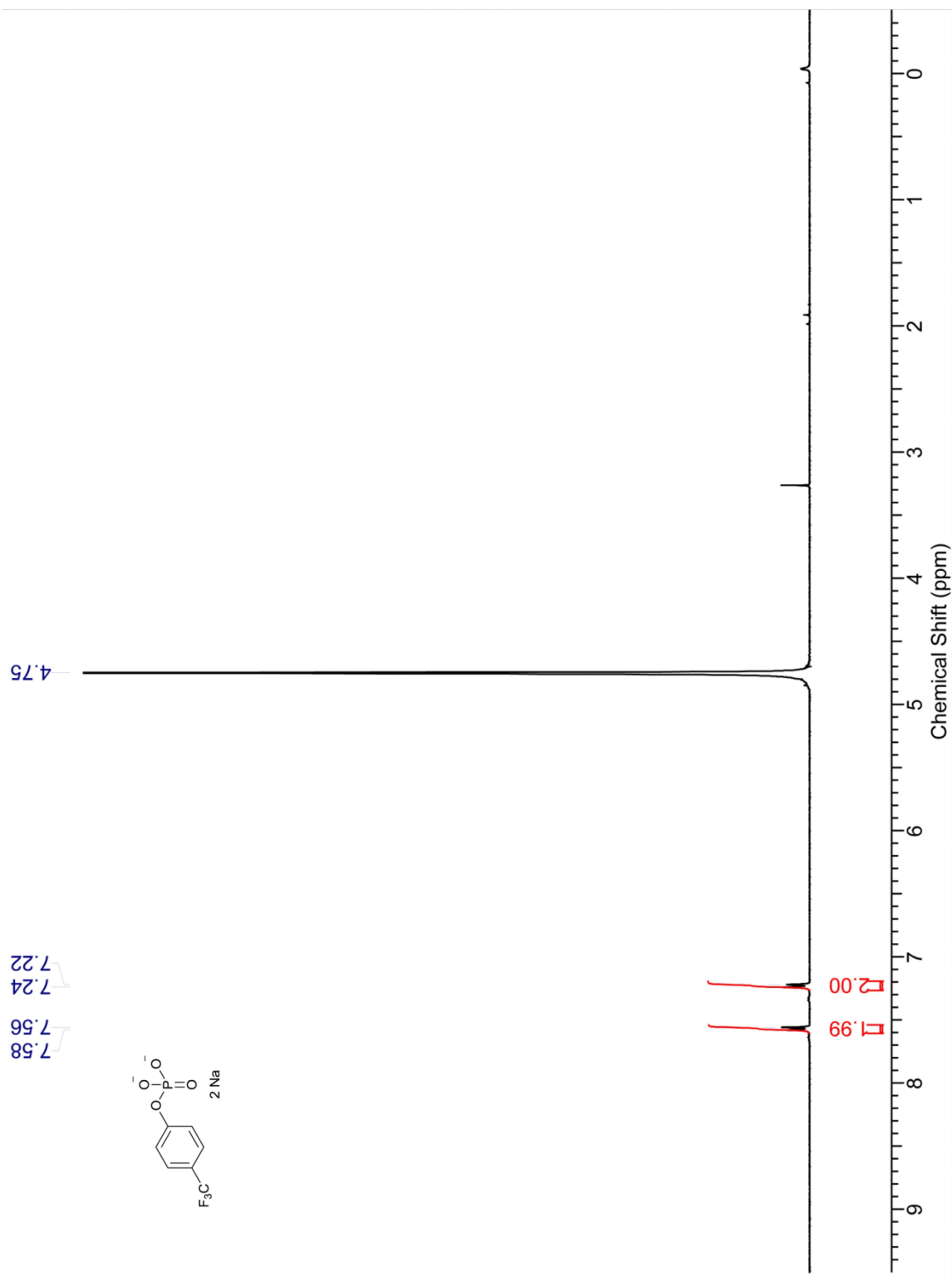
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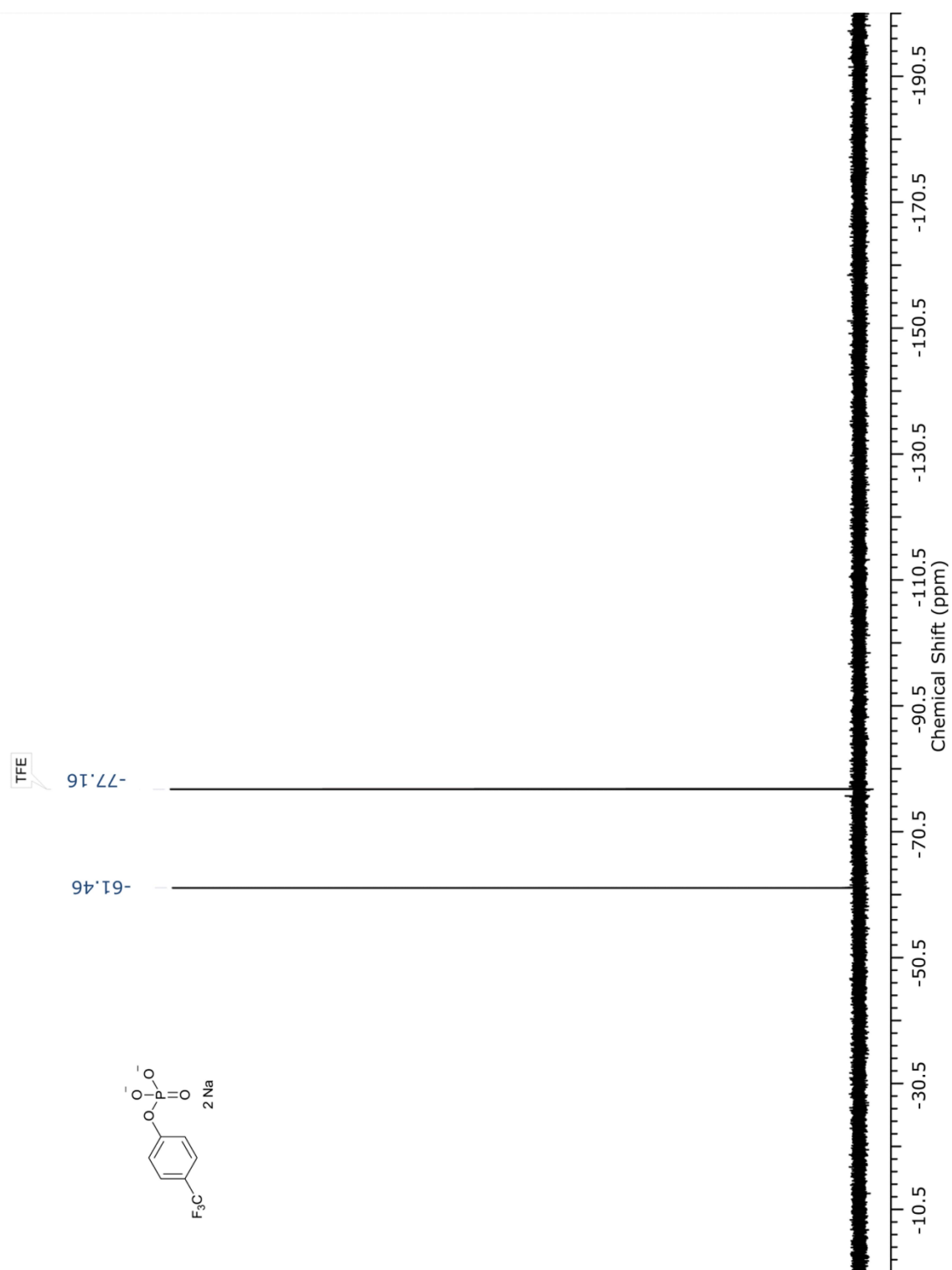
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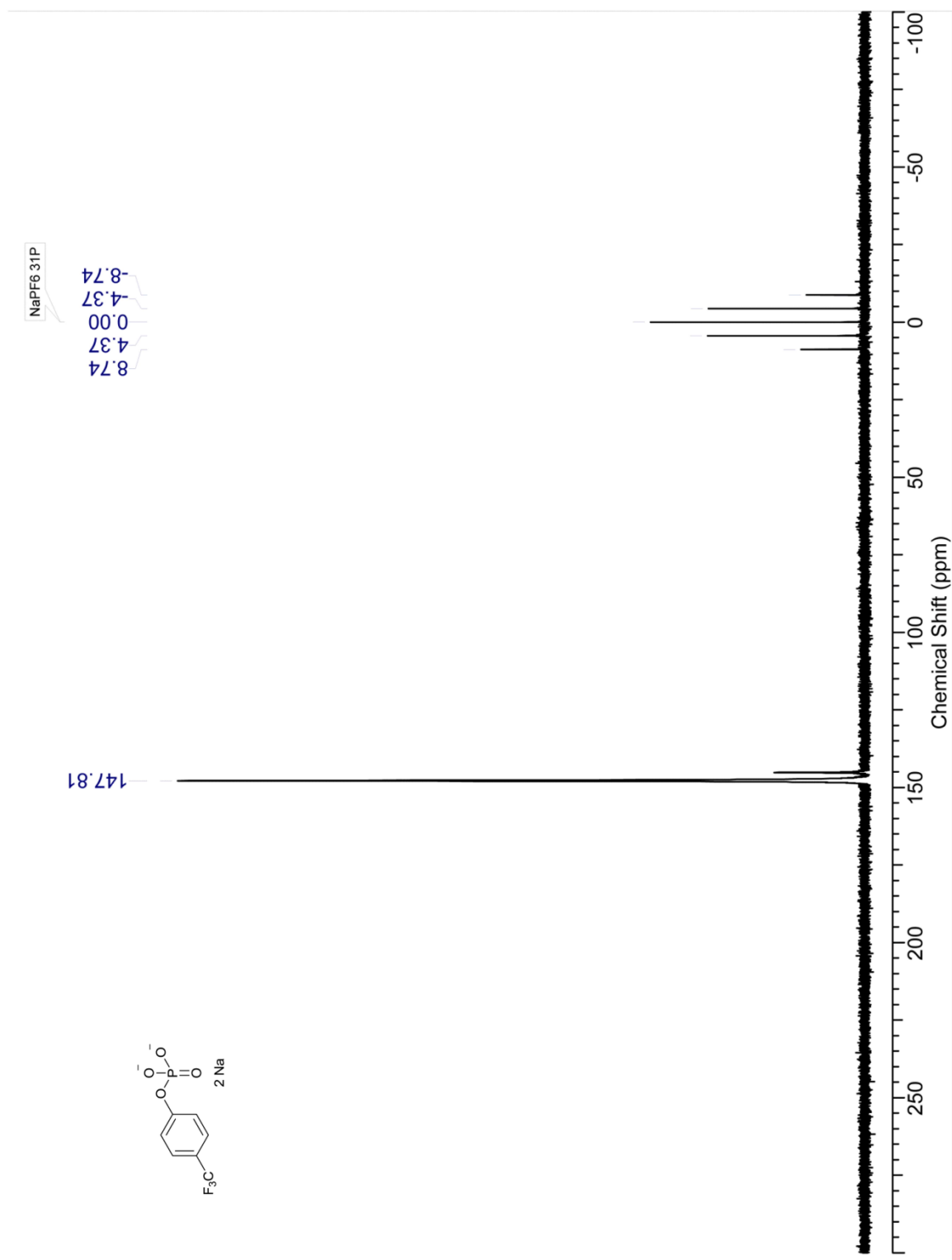
^1H NMR



3 ^{19}F NMR (including internal trifluoroethanol (TFE) standard at -150.4 ppm)



3 ^{31}P NMR (including internal NaPF_6 standard at 0 ppm)



5. LCMS Data:

Dionex RSLC coupled to a Bruker micrOTOF Q II with a Dionex Acclaim RSLC 120 C18 2.2 μ m 2.1 x 100 mm reversed-phase column. Mobile Phase A = water with 0.1 formic acid; Mobile Phase B = acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid. Flow rate = 0.4 mL/min and column temp = 50 degrees. The initial mobile phase was 95% A/5% B which was ramped to 100%B over 6 minutes. 100% B was held for 2 minutes and then the column was re-equilibrated. The LC eluent entered the electrospray source of the micrOTOF Q II and was analyzed by the Q-TOF mass analyzer.

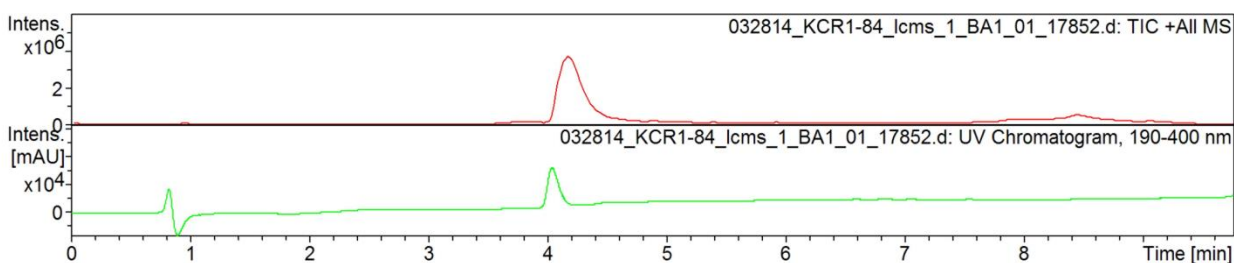


Figure S6: LCMS trace for compound **apo-1**, retention time = 4.2 minutes

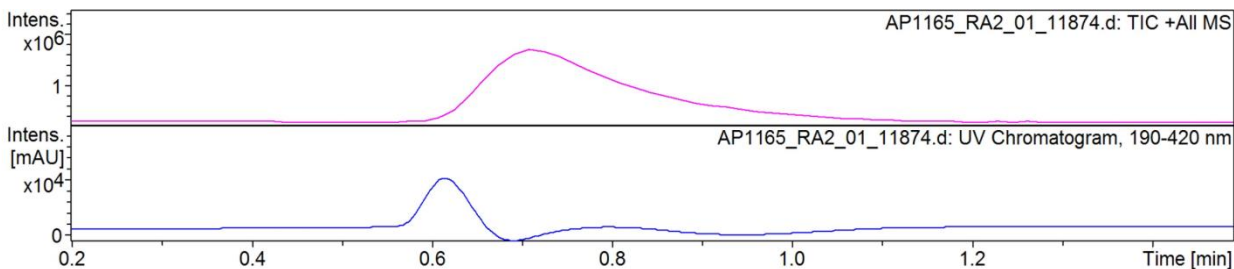


Figure S7: LCMS trace for compound **apo-2**, retention time = 0.6 minutes

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