

# Supporting Information for **B-O-B Bridged BOPPY Derivatives: Synthesis, Structures, and Acid-Catalyzed Cis-Trans Interconversion**

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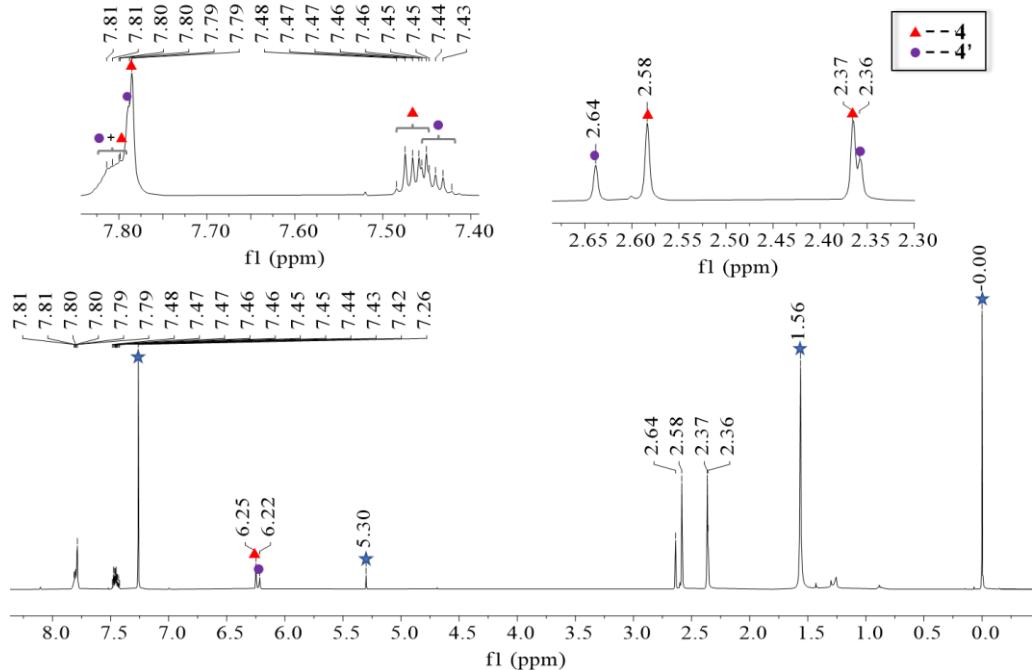
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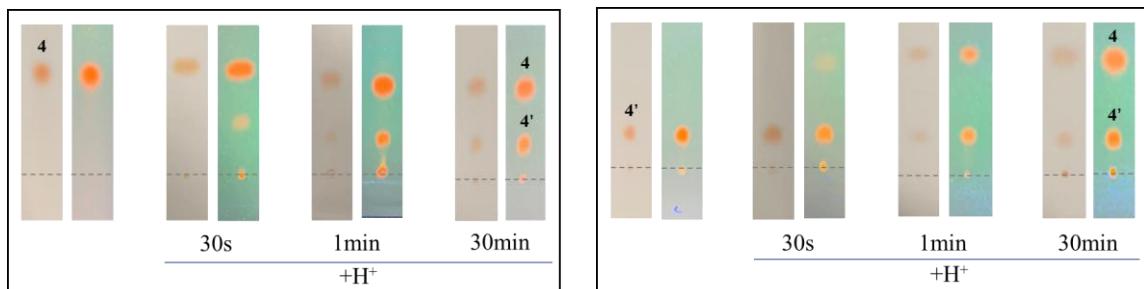
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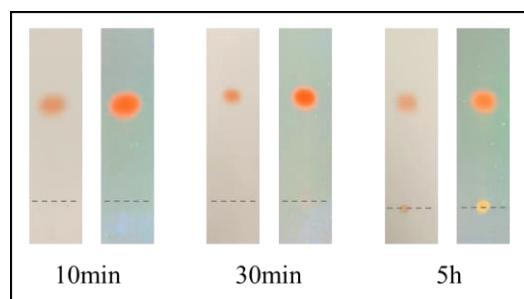
## 1 Cis-trans interconversion characterization



**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **4'** (400 MHz, acidic CD<sub>3</sub>Cl).

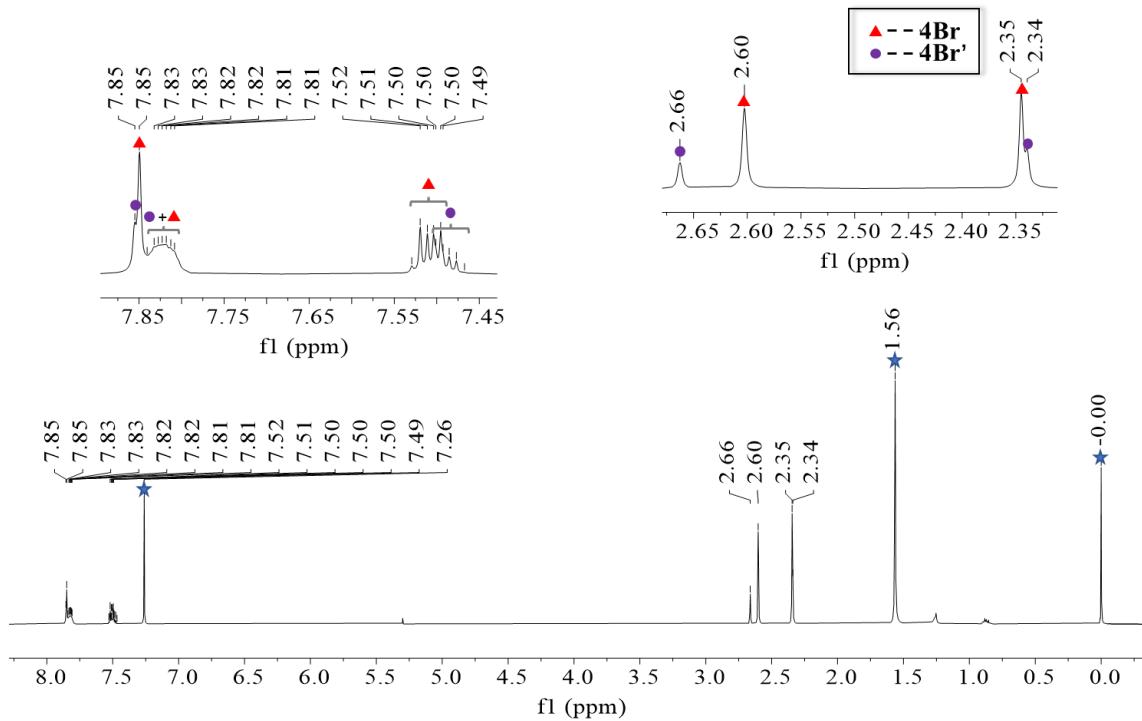


**Figure S2.** TLC analysis of dichloromethane solutions (ca. 10<sup>-3</sup>M) of **4** (left) and **4'** (right) at different times after the addition of hydrochloric acid (1 equiv.) (eluent: n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1:4).

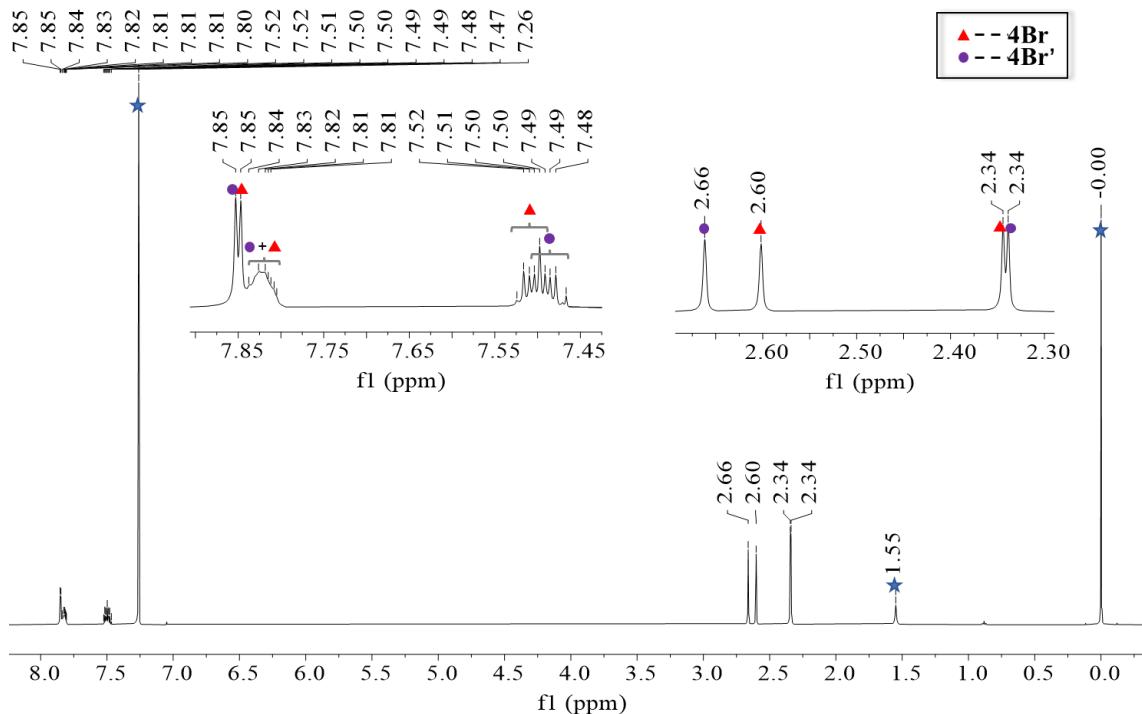


**Figure S3.** TLC analysis of toluene solution (ca. 10<sup>-3</sup> M) of **4** at different times after reflux (eluent: n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1:4).

As shown in Figures S2-3, the addition of hydrochloric acid induced the interconversion of trans-cis isomers **4** and **4'**, whereas heating did not, further indicating that the above cis-trans isomerization processes were triggered by the acid. In addition, similar isomerization occurred between their brominated products **4Br** and **4Br'**, as evidenced by the appearance of mixed signal peaks of the isomers in  $^1\text{H}$  NMR.

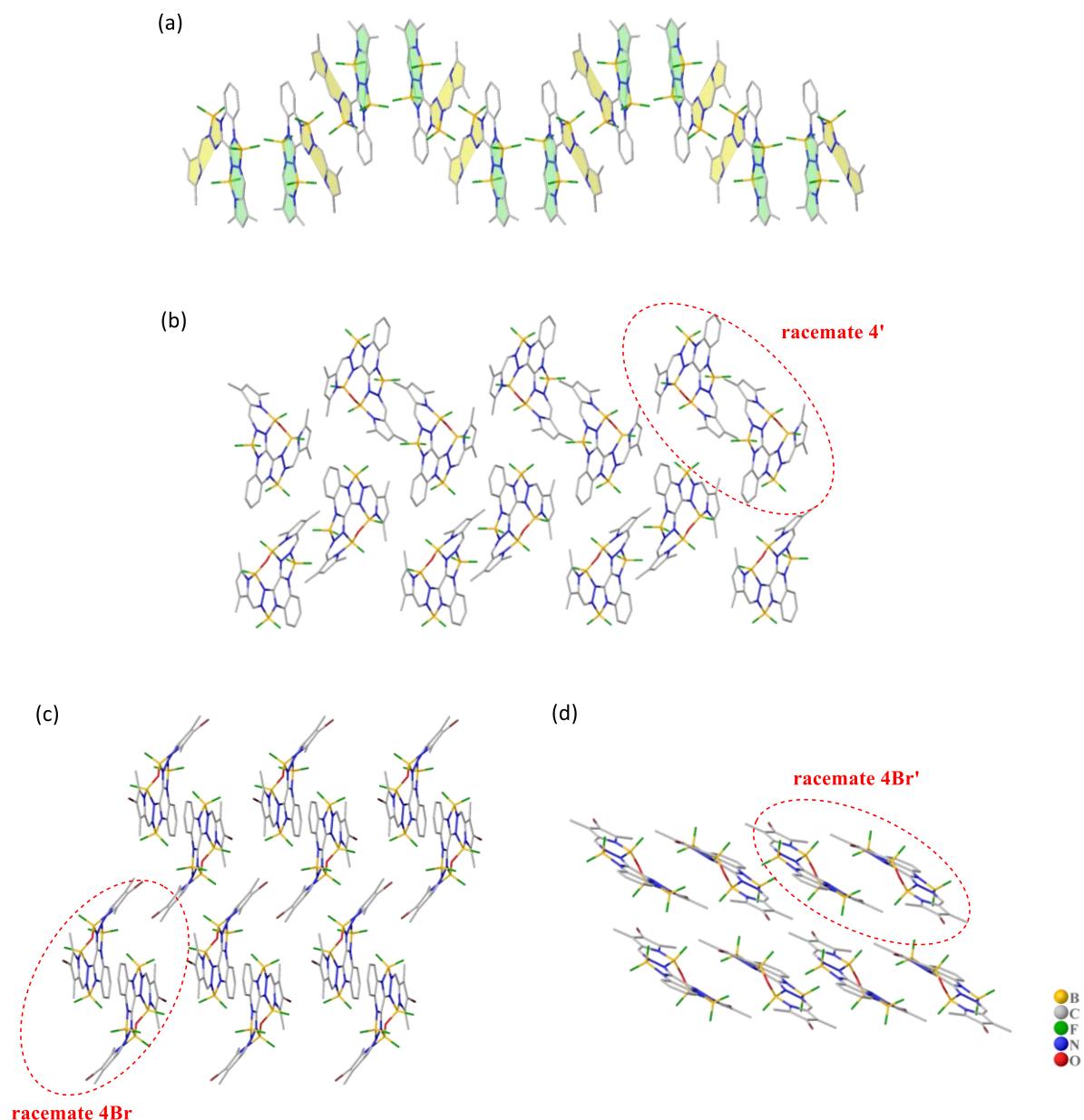


**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4Br** (400 MHz, acidic  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$ ).



**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4Br'** (400 MHz, acidic  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$ ).

## 2 Crystal packings and selected parameters

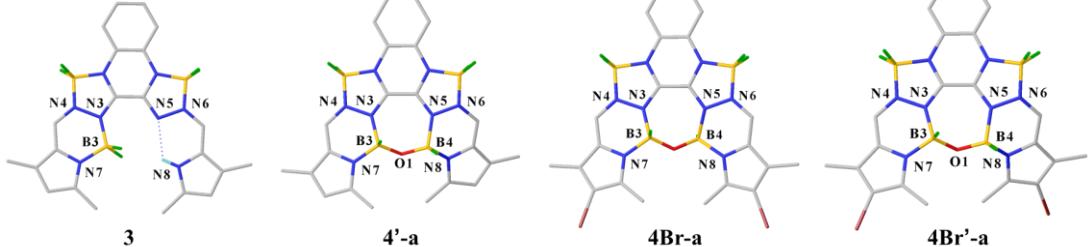


**Figure S6.** Crystal-packing pattern of **3** (a), **4'** (b), **4Br** (c) and **4Br'** (d). Two halves of the ligand of **3** are marked in yellow and green, respectively. Each B-O-B bridge compound has an equal number of enantiomers in the crystal unit cell.

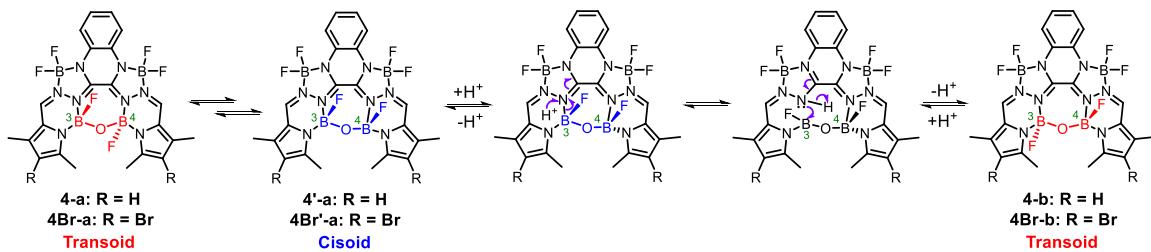
**Table S1.** Crystal data and collection parameters for **3**, **4'**, **4Br** and **4Br'** obtained from crystallography.

	<b>3</b>	<b>4'</b>	<b>4Br</b>	<b>4Br'</b>
CCDC. No.	2091170	2091171	2091172	2091174
formula	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>21</sub> B <sub>3</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>20</sub> B <sub>4</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>18</sub> B <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>18</sub> B <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O
fw	543.90	569.70	727.50	727.50
T (K)	199(2)	189.99	193.0	296.15
λ (Å)	1.34139	1.34139	1.34139	0.71073
crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
space group	C 2/c	P 21/n	C 1 2/c 1	P -1
a (Å)	21.593(13)	8.3897(2)	12.6730(10)	9.2437(8)
b (Å)	17.946(12)	21.0157(6)	24.2903(19)	12.7062(10)
c (Å)	15.446(10)	13.7432(4)	8.7967(8)	13.7867(10)
α(deg)	90	90	90	107.288(2)
β(deg)	112.98(3)	100.3310(10)	107.285(5)	98.865(3)
γ(deg)	90	90	90	96.501(3)
v (Å <sup>3</sup> )	5510(6)	2383.85(11)	2585.6(4)	1505.8(2)
Z	8	4	4	2
D <sub>calcd</sub> (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.311	1.587	1.869	1.605
μ mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.600	0.730	3.099	0.0517
F(000)	2224	1160	1432	716
θ range (deg)	2.89-43.11	3.382-53.879	2.79-54.37	1.915-27.498
reflections collected / unique	20895/4889	18845/4316	9672/2873	13774/6792
R (int)	0.0923	0.0415	0.0462	0.0517
goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.983	1.056	1.059	1.040
R <sub>I</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub>	0.0617,	0.0363,	0.0352,	0.0425,
[I>2σ(I)]	0.1495	0.0966	0.0849	0.1117
R <sub>I</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub>	0.1521,	0.0433,	0.0471,	0.0517,
(all data)	0.1908	0.1035	0.0902	0.1173
Largest diff. peak and hole, e. Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.233/-0.159	0.275/-0.208	0.350/-0.519	0.715/-0.785

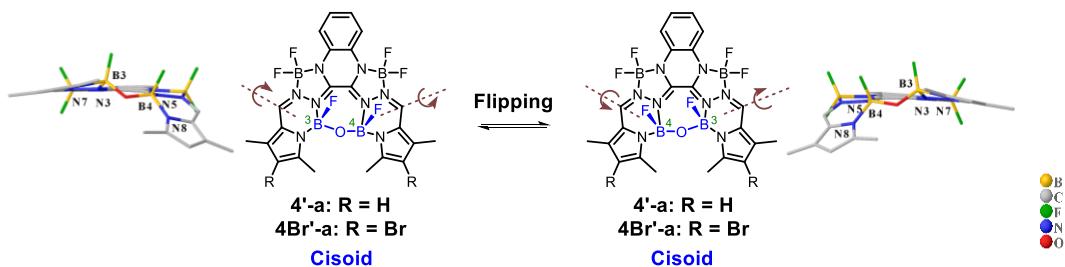
**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and dihedral angles [deg] of crystals **3**, **4'**, **4Br** and **4Br'** obtained from crystallography.

							
dyes	B-N bonds distances ( $\text{\AA}$ )				N-N bonds distances ( $\text{\AA}$ )		B-O-B bond angles (deg)
	B3-N3	B3-N7	B4-N5	B4-N8	N3-N4	B5-N6	B3-O1-B4
<b>3</b>	1.538 (8)	1.609 (8)	—	—	1.413 (4)	1.401 (4)	—
<b>4'</b>	1.619 (2)	1.548 (8)	1.620 (2)	1.555 (2)	1.399 (2)	1.407 (2)	127.0 (1)
<b>4Br</b>	1.610 (4)	1.552 (4)	1.610 (4)	1.552 (4)	1.402 (2)	1.402 (2)	134.9 (3)
<b>4Br'</b>	1.606 (3)	1.548 (4)	1.614 (3)	1.558 (4)	1.395 (3)	1.410 (3)	124.0 (2)

### 3 Proposed mechanism of enantiomeric isomerization



**Scheme S1.** Proposed mechanism for the conversion process of trans-enantiomers.



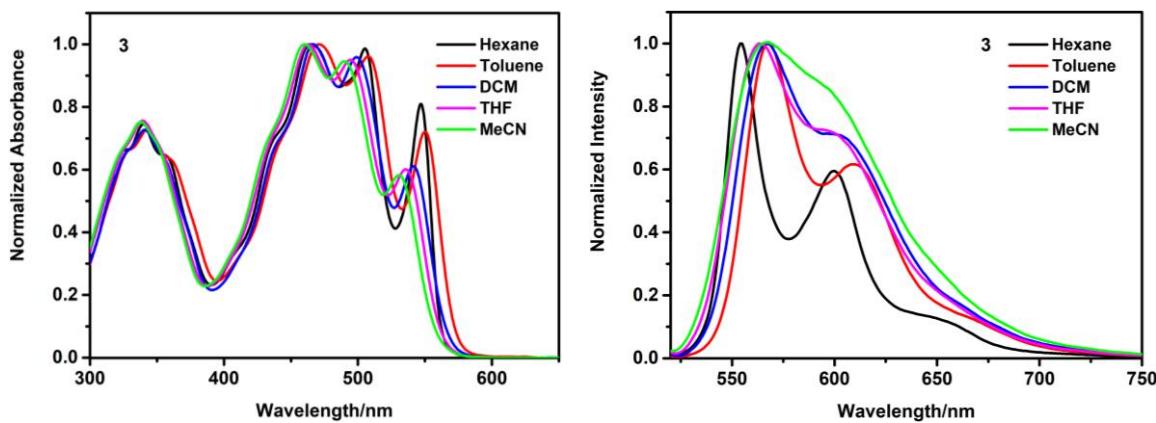
**Scheme S2.** Proposed mechanism for the conversion process of cis-enantiomers.

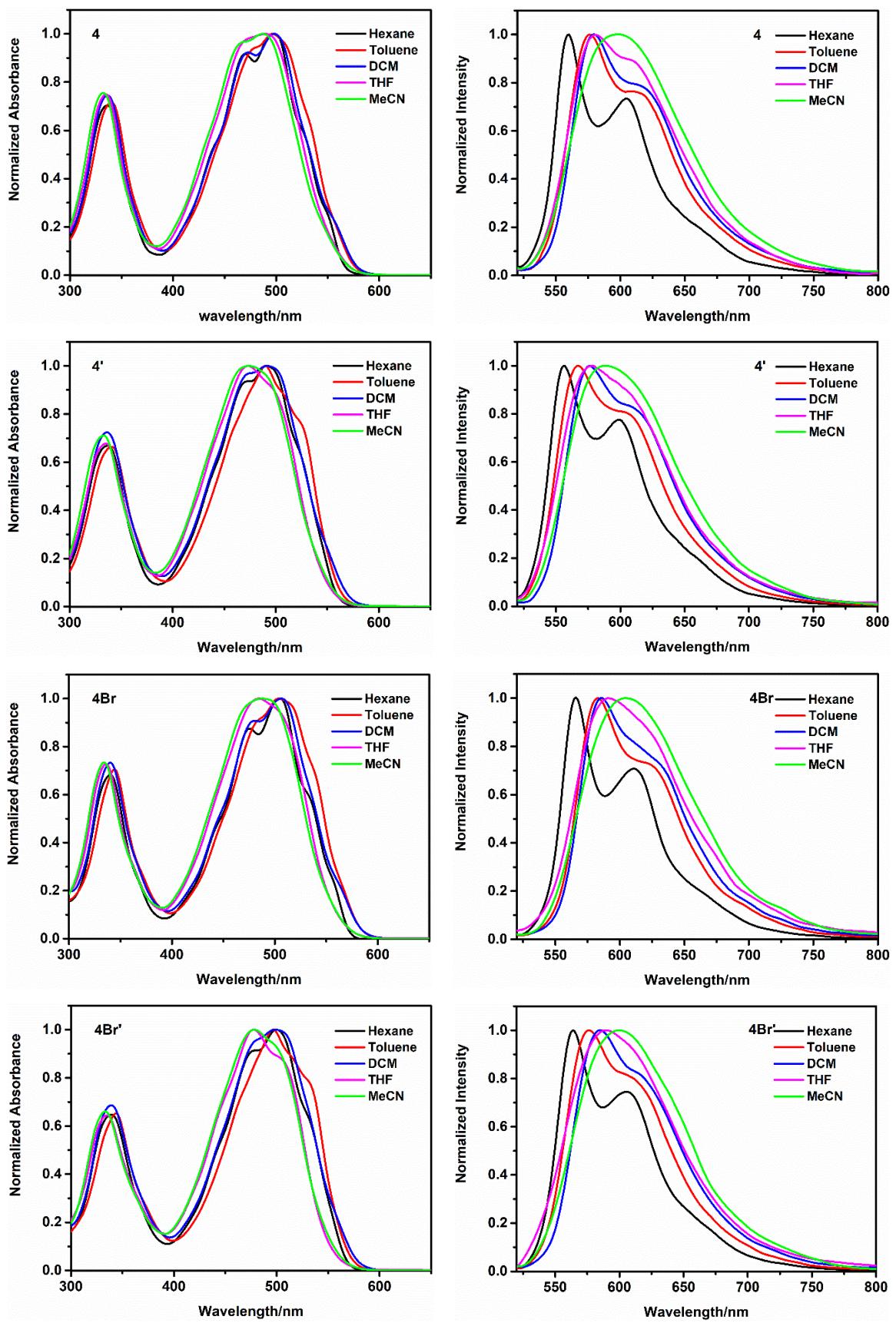
## 4 Photophysical properties

**Table S3** Photophysical properties of complex **3** and racemates **4**, **4'**, **4Br** and **4Br'** in different solvents.

	Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}^{\text{max}}/\text{nm} (\log \epsilon_{\text{max}})^{\text{a}}$	$\lambda_{\text{em}}^{\text{max}}/\text{nm}$	$\Delta\nu_{\text{em-abs}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\Phi_F$	$\tau_f/\text{ns}$
<b>3</b>	Hexane	465 (4.50), 505 (4.50), 547 (4.41)	554, 600	4839	0.50	3.13
	Toluene	471 (4.51), 508 (4.50), 550 (4.37)	568, 609	4811	0.52	3.47
	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	467 (4.56), 499 (4.54), 541 (4.35)	567, 596 (sh)	4635	0.59	3.60
	THF	463 (4.54), 495 (4.52), 536 (4.32)	563, 593 (sh)	4735	0.39	3.35
	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	460 (4.54), 508 (4.51), 550 (4.31)	565	4040	0.47	3.28
<b>4</b>	Hexane	470 (4.52), 498 (4.56)	560, 605	4748	0.16	2.13
	Toluene	496 (4.56)	576, 610 (sh)	3768	0.07	1.10
	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	473 (4.54), 498 (4.57)	579, 613 (sh)	4828	0.08	0.93
	THF	470 (4.57)	581, 608 (sh)	4829	0.02	0.54
	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	470 (4.57)	598	4554	<0.01	0.42
<b>4'</b>	Hexane	491 (4.57)	556, 599	3672	0.21	2.63
	Toluene	490 (4.58)	567, 604 (sh)	3852	0.14	1.61
	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	492 (4.56)	576, 608 (sh)	3878	0.08	1.16
	THF	473 (4.57)	579	3870	0.06	0.78
	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	488 (4.57)	588	3485	0.02	0.47
<b>4Br</b>	Hexane	476 (4.48), 505 (4.54)	566, 611	4642	0.11	1.52
	Toluene	504 (4.55)	583, 622 (sh)	3764	0.06	0.94
	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	480 (4.51), 506 (4.55)	586	3768	0.04	0.77
	THF	484 (4.55)	591	3741	0.02	0.46
	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	488 (4.55)	605	3963	<0.01	0.28
<b>4Br'</b>	Hexane	480 (4.51), 500 (4.55)	564, 605	4304	0.19	1.71
	Toluene	496 (4.51)	576, 604 (sh)	3605	0.07	1.10
	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	499 (4.55)	585, 612 (sh)	3700	0.04	0.82
	THF	478 (4.50)	590	3971	0.03	0.50
	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	478 (4.56)	600	4254	<0.01	0.27

<sup>a</sup>Molar absorption coefficients were obtained at the maximum of the highest peak.





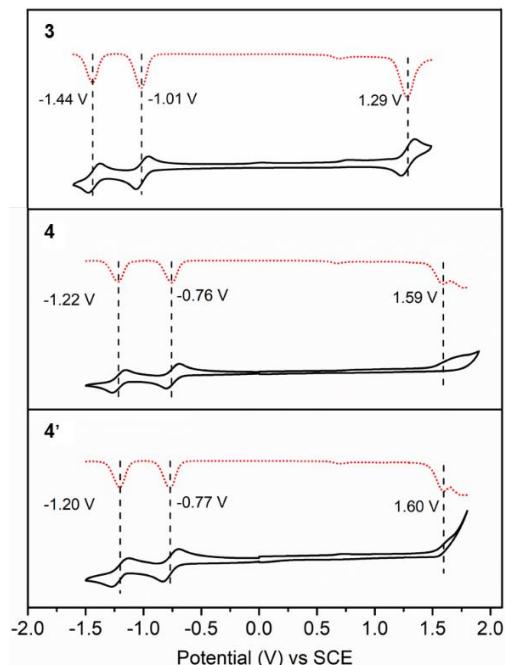
**Figure S7.** The absorption and emission spectra of complex **3** and racemates **4**, **4'**, **4Br** and **4Br'** in different solvents.

## 5 Electrochemical properties

**Table S4.** Electrochemical data acquired and HOMO-LUMO gaps of selected components **3**, **4** and **4'**.

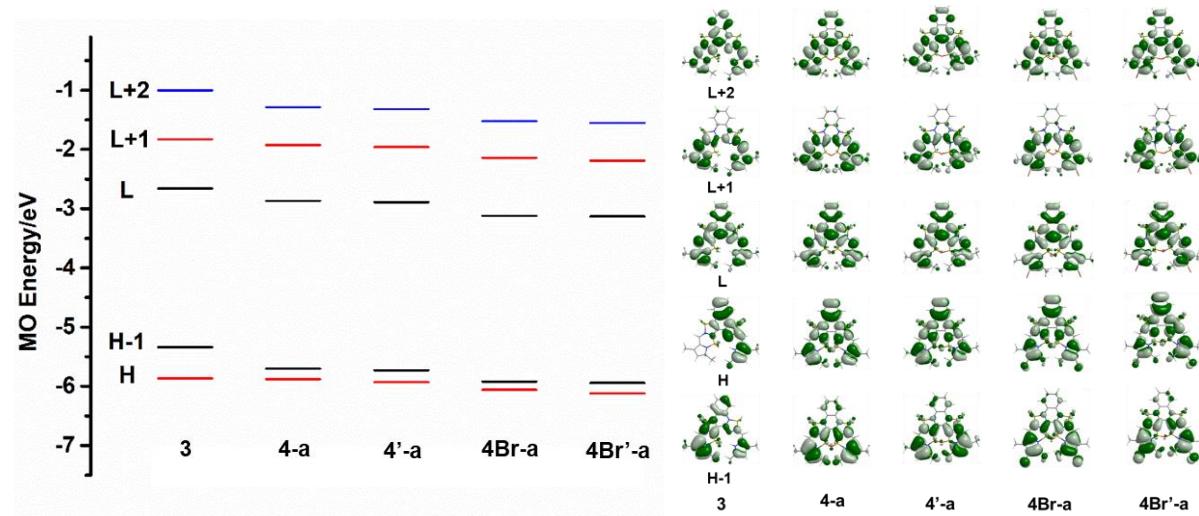
dyes	E <sub>ox</sub> (V)	E <sub>red</sub> (V)	E <sub>onset</sub> E <sub>red</sub> (V)	E <sub>onset</sub> E <sub>ox</sub> (V)	LUMO (eV)	HOMO (eV) <sup>c</sup>	E <sub>g</sub> (eV) <sup>d</sup>
<b>3</b>	1.29	-1.01	-0.89	1.17	-3.39	-5.57	2.18
<b>4</b>	1.59	-0.76	-0.64	1.47	-3.64	-5.87	2.23
<b>4'</b>	1.60	-0.77	-0.65	1.48	-3.63	-5.88	2.25

E<sub>ox</sub> = irreversible oxidation potentials; E<sub>red</sub> = half-wave potential of the first reduction; E<sub>onset</sub> = the onset reduction potentials; E<sub>onset</sub> = the onset oxidative potentials; E<sub>LUMO</sub> = -e(E<sub>red</sub> + 4.4); E<sub>HOMO</sub> = -e(E<sub>ox</sub> + 4.4); E<sub>g</sub> = E<sub>LUMO</sub> - E<sub>HOMO</sub>.



**Figure S8.** Cyclic voltammograms of selected components **3**, **4** and **4'** (1 mM) measured in MeCN at a scan rate of 100 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, containing 0.1m TBAPF<sub>6</sub> as the supporting electrolyte at room temperature. Glassy carbon electrode as a working electrode.

## 6 Computational Details

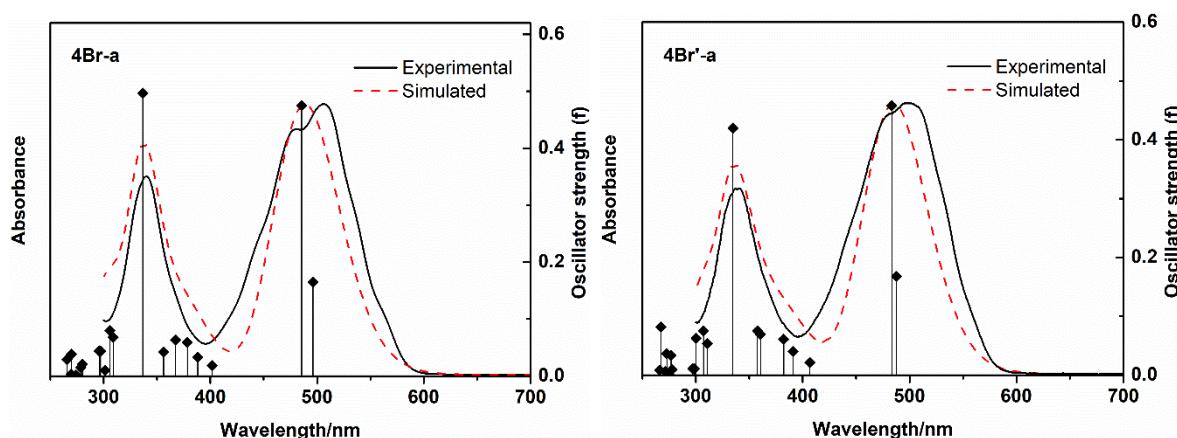
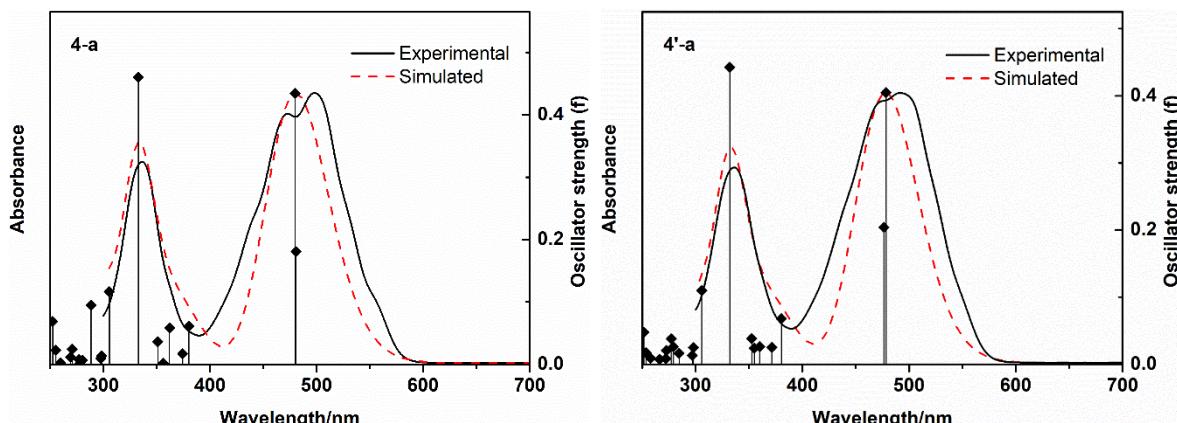
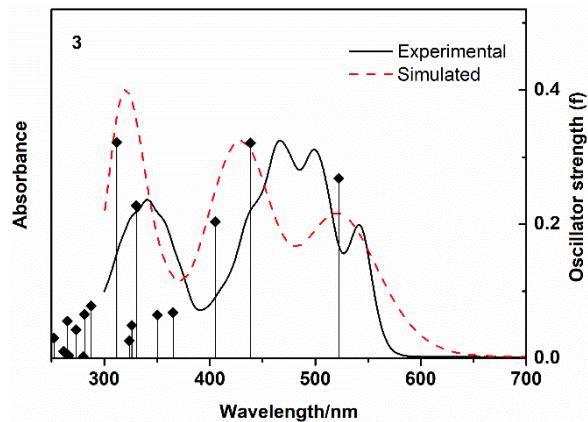


**Figure S9.** Selected frontier MOs and energies (in a.u.).

**Table S5.** Calculated electronic excitation energies, oscillator strengths, and eigenvectors for the TD-DFT spectra of compound **3** as well as the enantiomers **a** in all racemates.

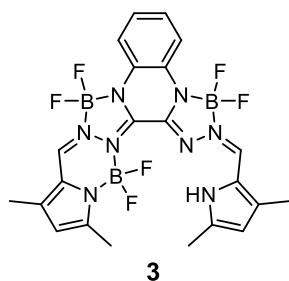
	State <sup>a</sup>	Energy [eV]	$\lambda$ [nm]	$f^b$	Orbitals (coefficient) <sup>c</sup>
<b>3</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	2.38	522	0.2683	H→L (96%)
	S <sub>2</sub>	2.83	439	0.3209	H – 1→L (97%)
	S <sub>3</sub>	3.07	405	0.2035	H→L + 1 (91%)
	S <sub>9</sub>	3.76	312	0.3219	H – 1→L + 1 (29%), H→L + 2 (26%), H – 2→L + 1 (10%), H – 2→L (8%)
<b>4-a</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	2.58	481	0.1804	H – 1→L (100%)
	S <sub>2</sub>	2.59	480	0.4344	H→L (98%)
	S <sub>8</sub>	3.73	333	0.4603	H – 1→L + 1 (70%), H→L + 1 (21%)
<b>4'-a</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	2.60	478	0.4046	H→L (86%), H – 1→L (13%)
	S <sub>2</sub>	2.61	476	0.2041	H – 1→L (87%), H→L (13%)
	S <sub>8</sub>	3.74	332	0.4424	H – 1→L + 1 (69%), H→L + 2 (22%)
<b>4Br-a</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	2.50	496	0.1648	H – 1→L (100%)
	S <sub>2</sub>	3.56	386	0.4752	H→L (98%)
	S <sub>8</sub>	3.69	337	0.4969	H – 1→L + 1 (73%), H→L + 2 (16%), H – 4→L (7%)
<b>4Br'-a</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	2.55	488	0.1673	H – 1→L (97%), H→L (3%)
	S <sub>2</sub>	2.57	483	0.4581	H→L (96%), H – 1→L (3%)
	S <sub>8</sub>	3.71	335	0.4197	H – 1→L + 1 (63%), H→L + 2 (20%), H – 4→L (10%)

<sup>a</sup> Excited state. <sup>b</sup> Oscillator strength. <sup>c</sup> MOs involved in the transitions.



**Figure S10.** The experimental absorption spectra in dichloromethane (red dotted line) and the calculated absorption spectra (black solid line) of complex **3** and enantiomers **4-a**, **4'-a**, **4Br-a** and **4Br'-a**. The calculated oscillator strengths are plotted against a secondary axis.

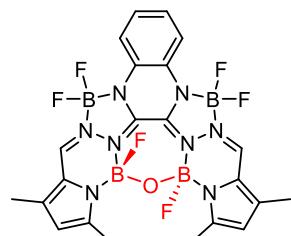
DFT optimized coordinates of all newly-designed BF<sub>2</sub> complexes in the S<sub>0</sub> geometry



**3** in the S<sub>0</sub> geometry

F	-3.03337012	2.33919391	-1.93421255
B	-2.80971490	2.04291813	-0.61288311
N	-1.30880115	2.28129179	-0.20798020
C	-0.65899878	3.51672308	-0.10691799
F	-3.71394541	2.65013854	0.22325083
B	2.92312069	2.04842639	0.49776401
N	1.39221670	2.31855576	0.26491926
C	0.72999799	3.52781736	0.15101113
F	3.72979950	2.64751640	-0.44226206
N	-1.47780190	0.02440842	-0.10685714
C	1.40243299	4.75485164	0.26053438
H	2.47217099	4.75815473	0.43507521
C	0.69196900	5.94034768	0.12770668
H	1.21681601	6.88742520	0.21205054
F	3.32337212	2.33099258	1.78230736
N	-2.77048710	0.48097288	-0.36185091
N	1.51126394	0.03706272	0.09938534
C	-0.68976743	5.92563142	-0.11292007
H	-1.23686725	6.85861949	-0.20641270
N	2.81261963	0.47594105	0.25227361
C	-1.36766889	4.71908475	-0.22905459
H	-2.43810472	4.69343806	-0.39575591
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N	-2.50276912	-2.23254482	0.35912169
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C	-6.21433275	-2.46570795	-0.08314607
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H	-6.57949061	-1.49162794	0.26178152
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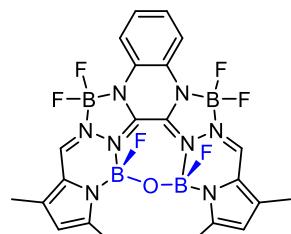
**4-a**

**4-a** in the S<sub>0</sub> geometry

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F	0.87861005	-1.03746745	-1.97446008
O	-0.00150061	-1.94893837	0.00060502
N	2.79529681	0.49522057	0.32333575
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C	0.71682717	1.15779719	0.09452782
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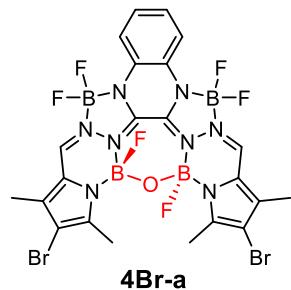


**4'-a**

**4'-a** in the S<sub>0</sub> geometry

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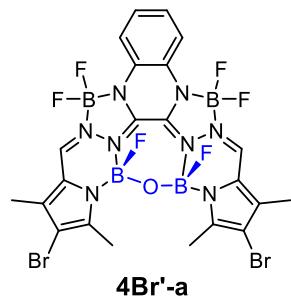


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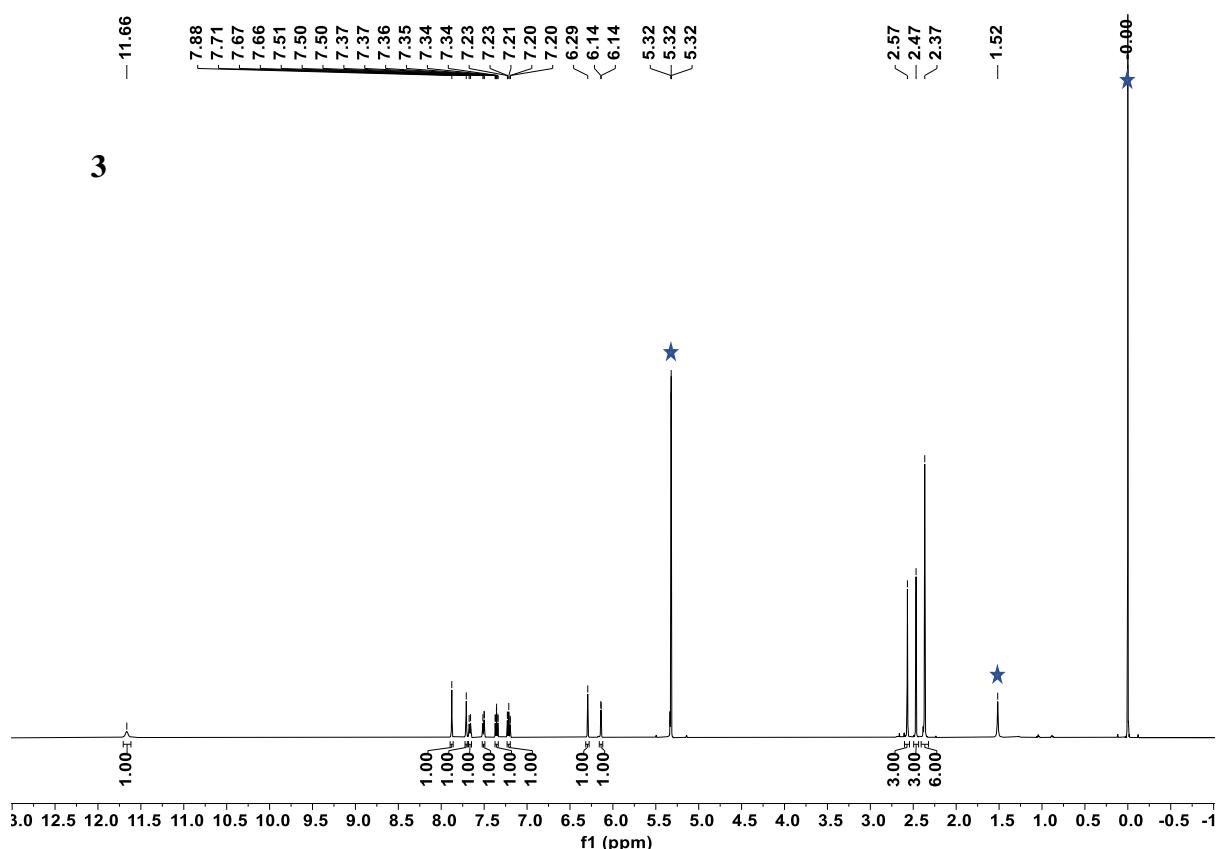


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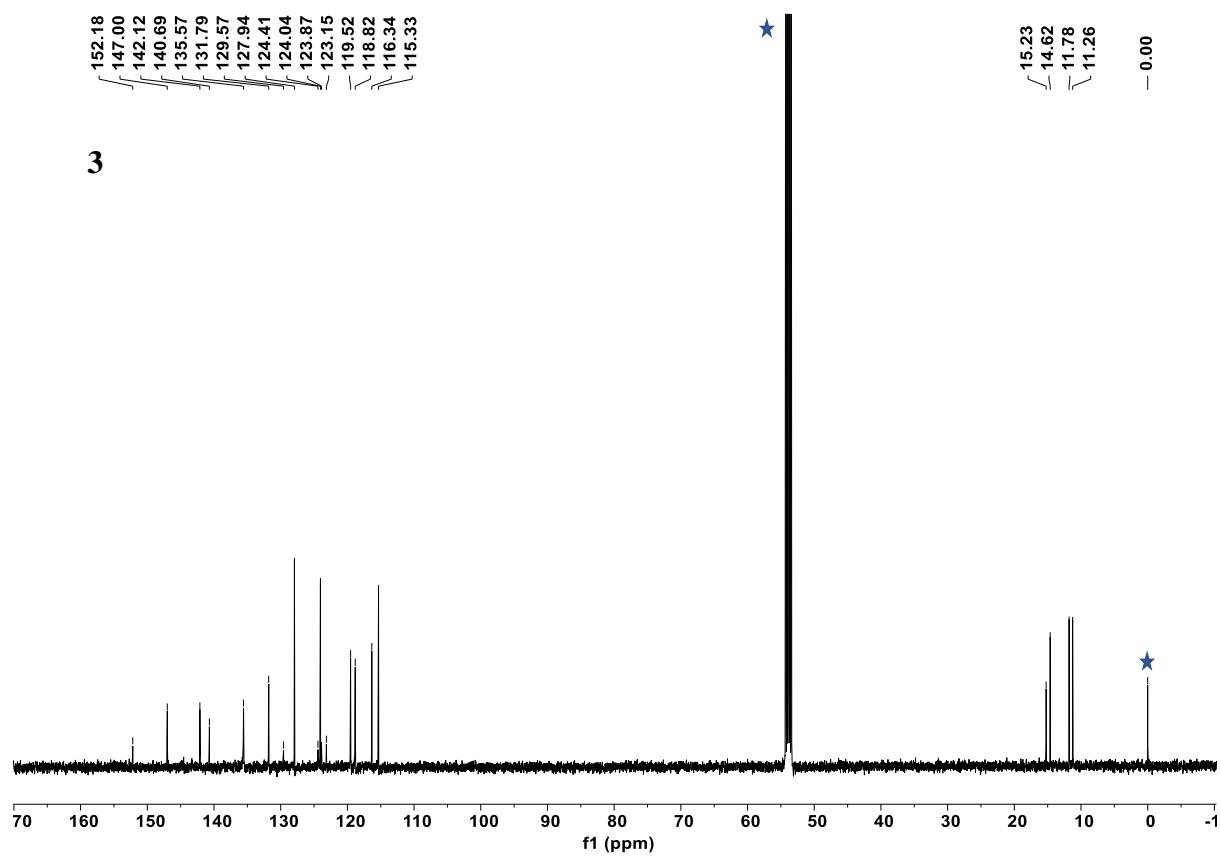
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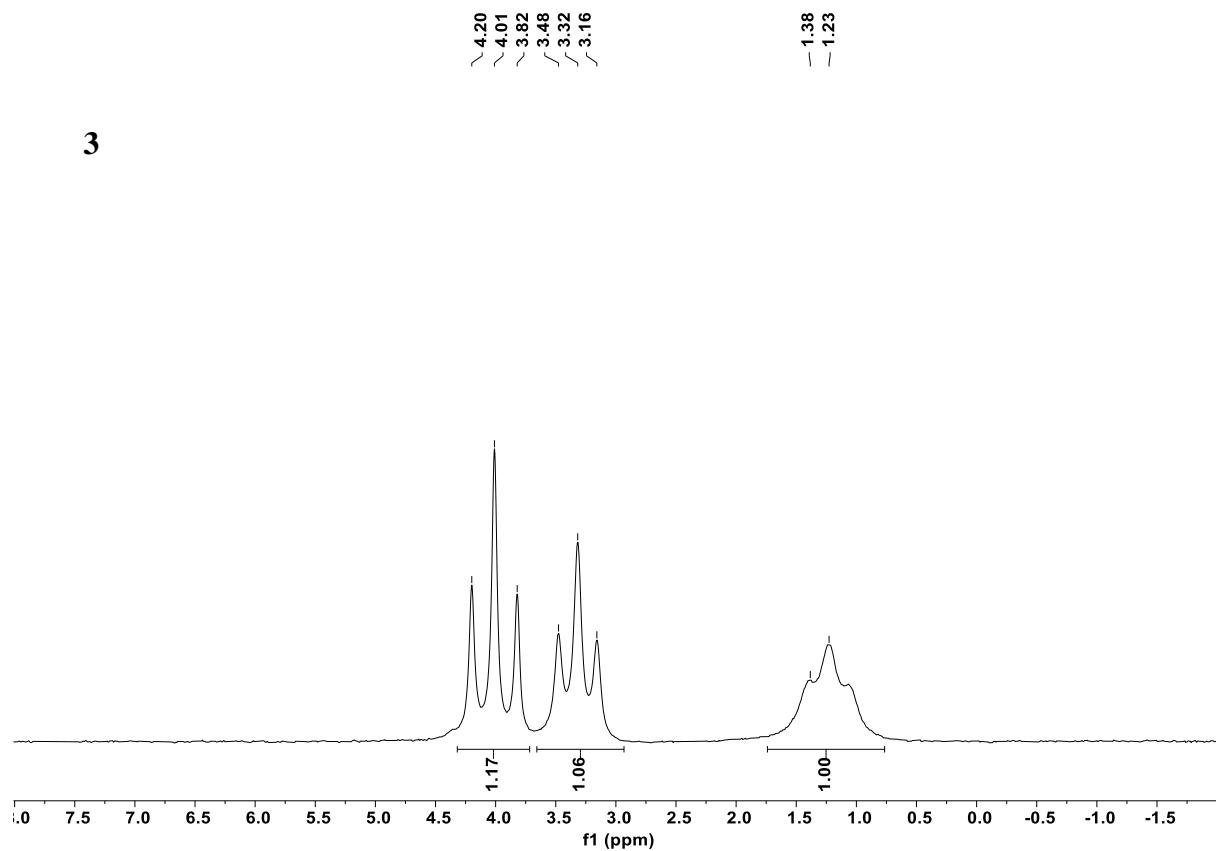
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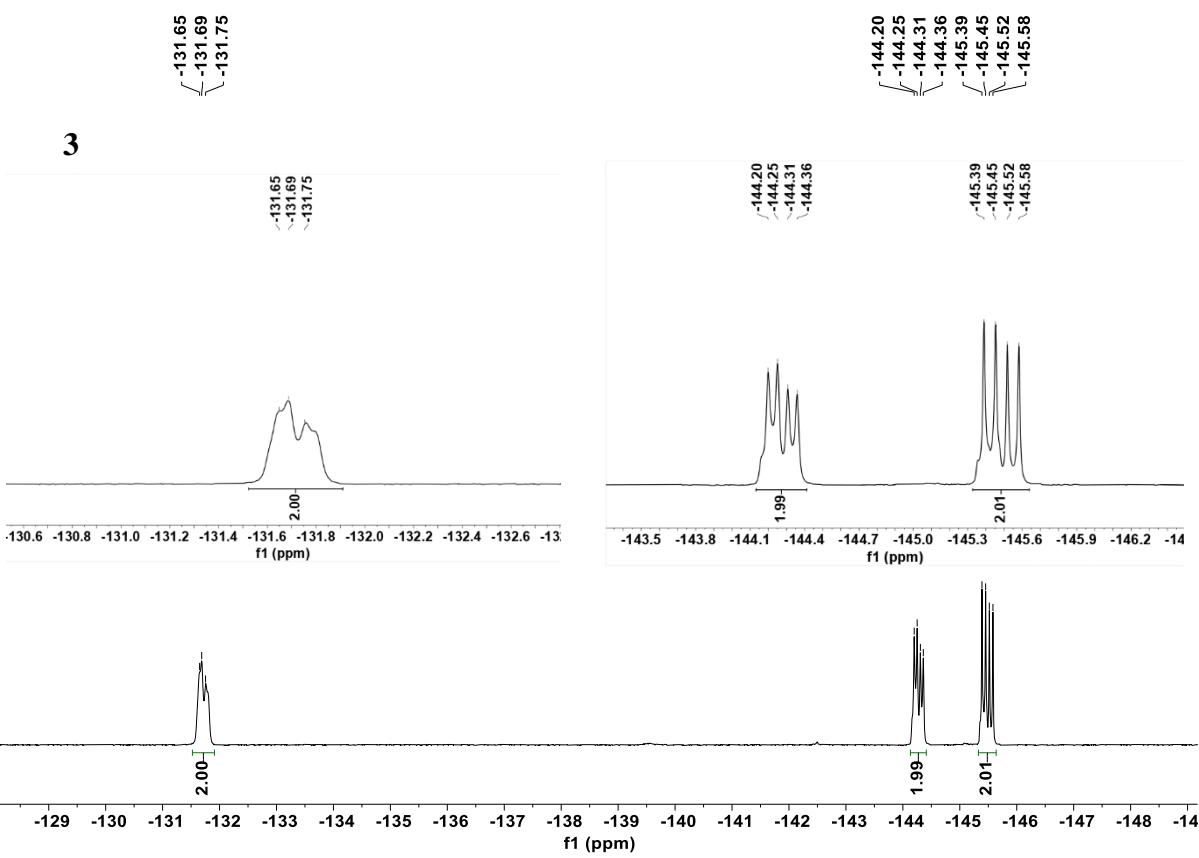
**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compound **3** (500 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).



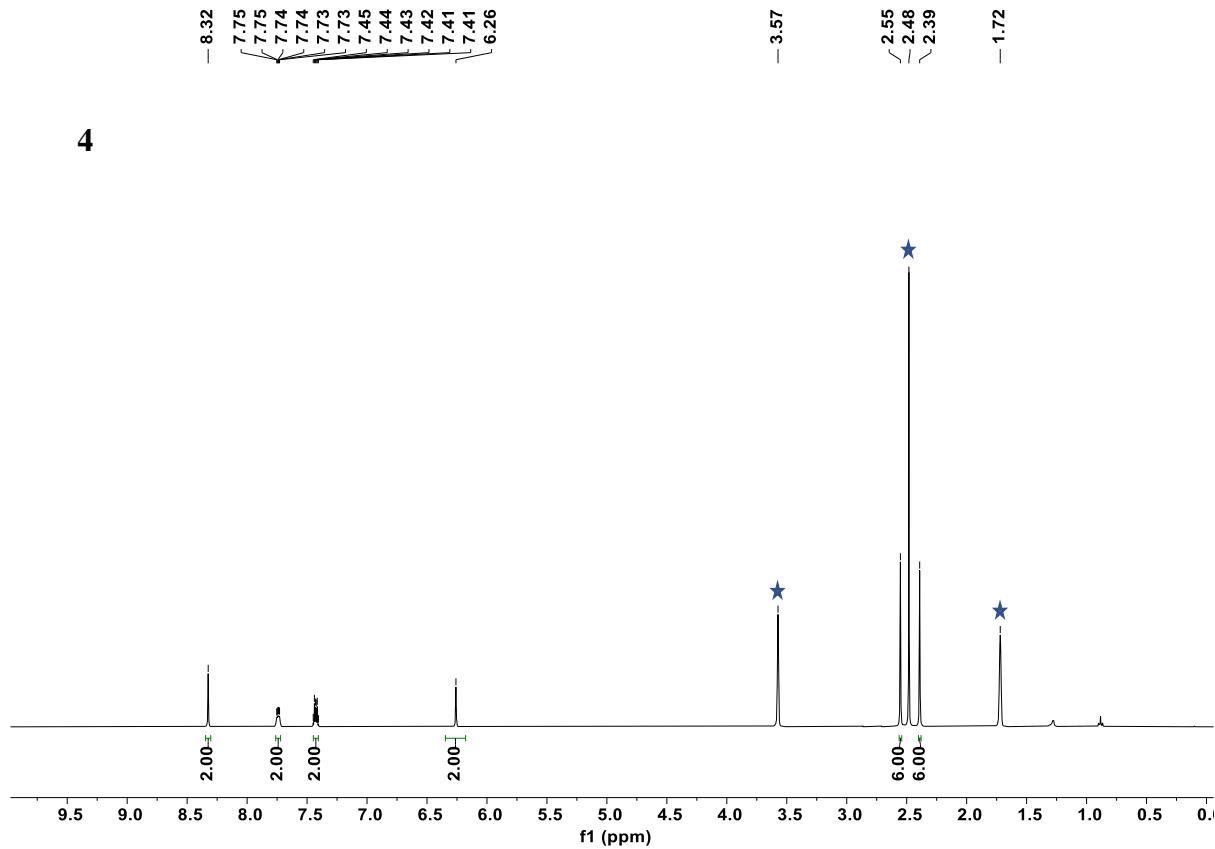
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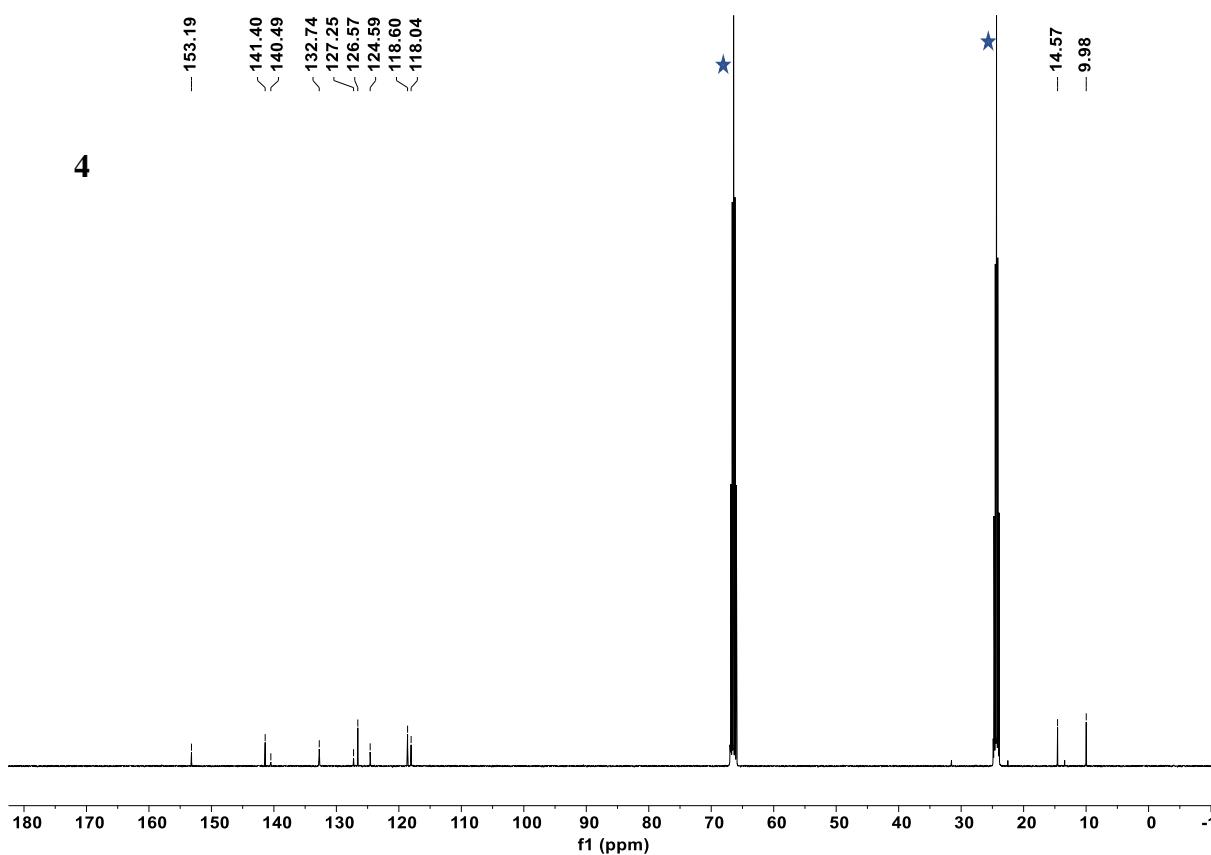
**Figure S13.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3** (160 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).



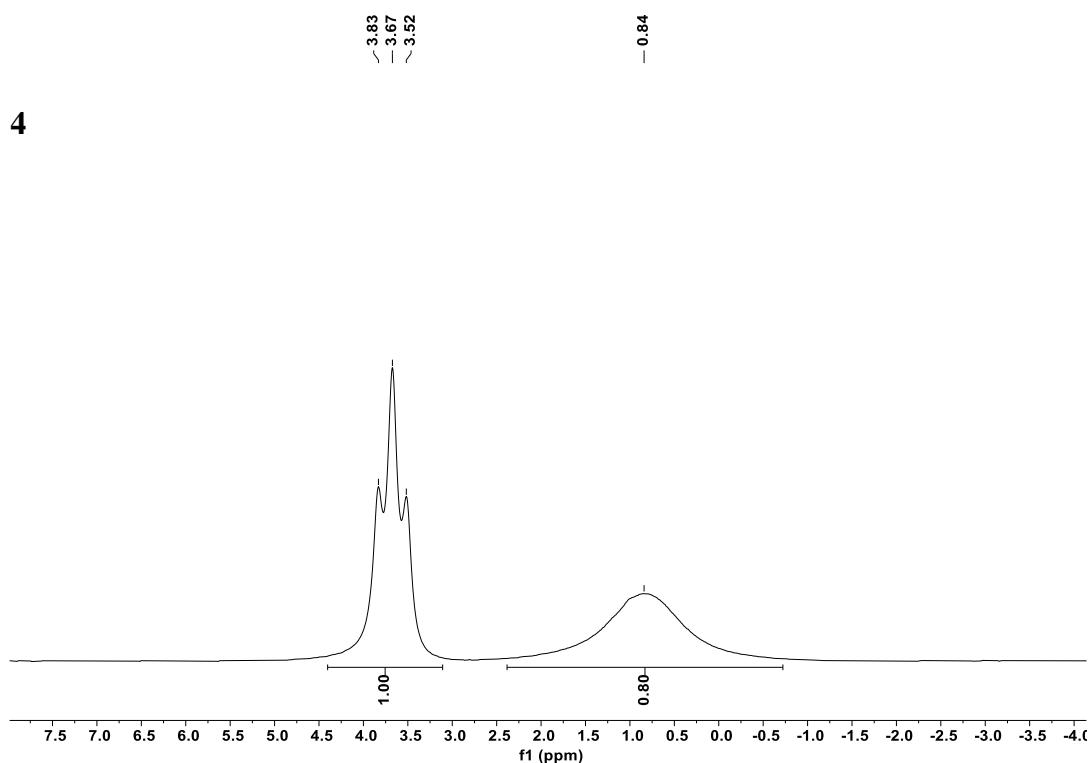
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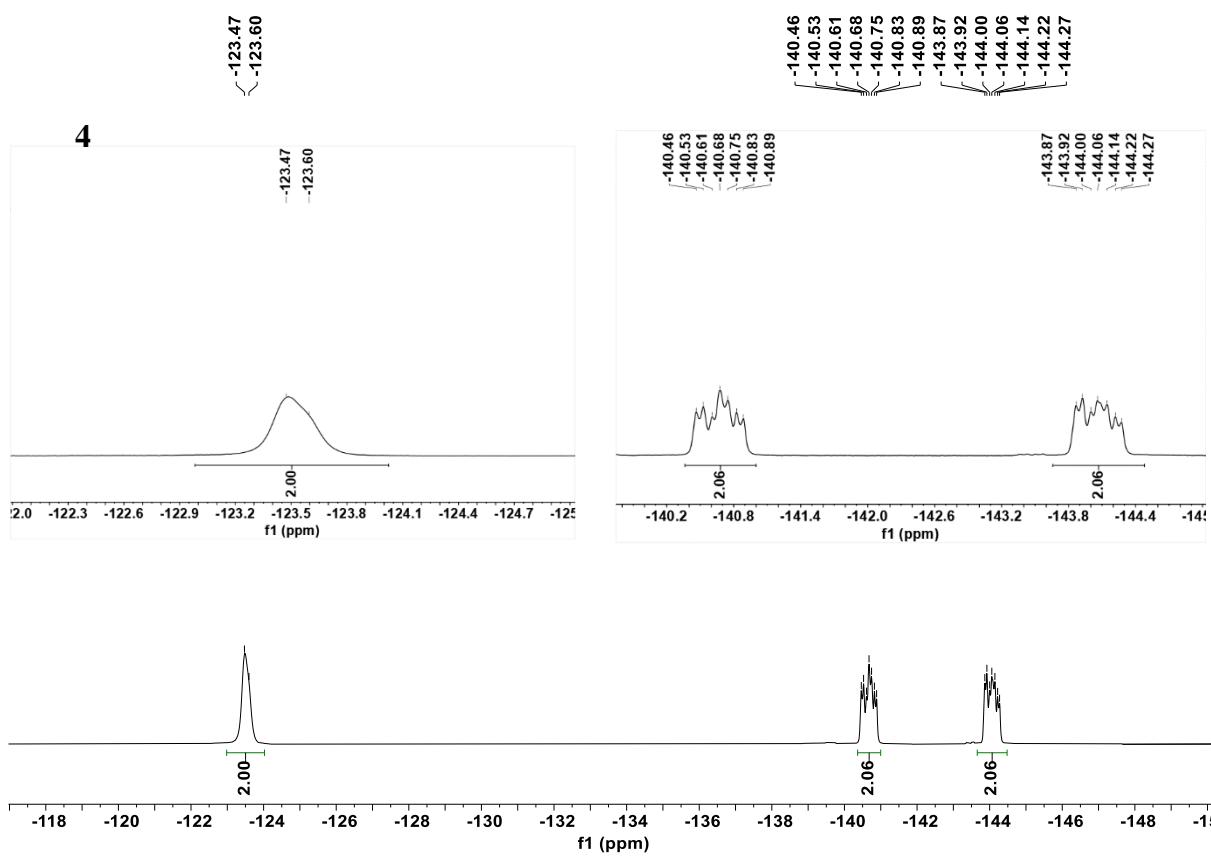
**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4** (400 MHz,  $\text{THF}-d_8$ ).



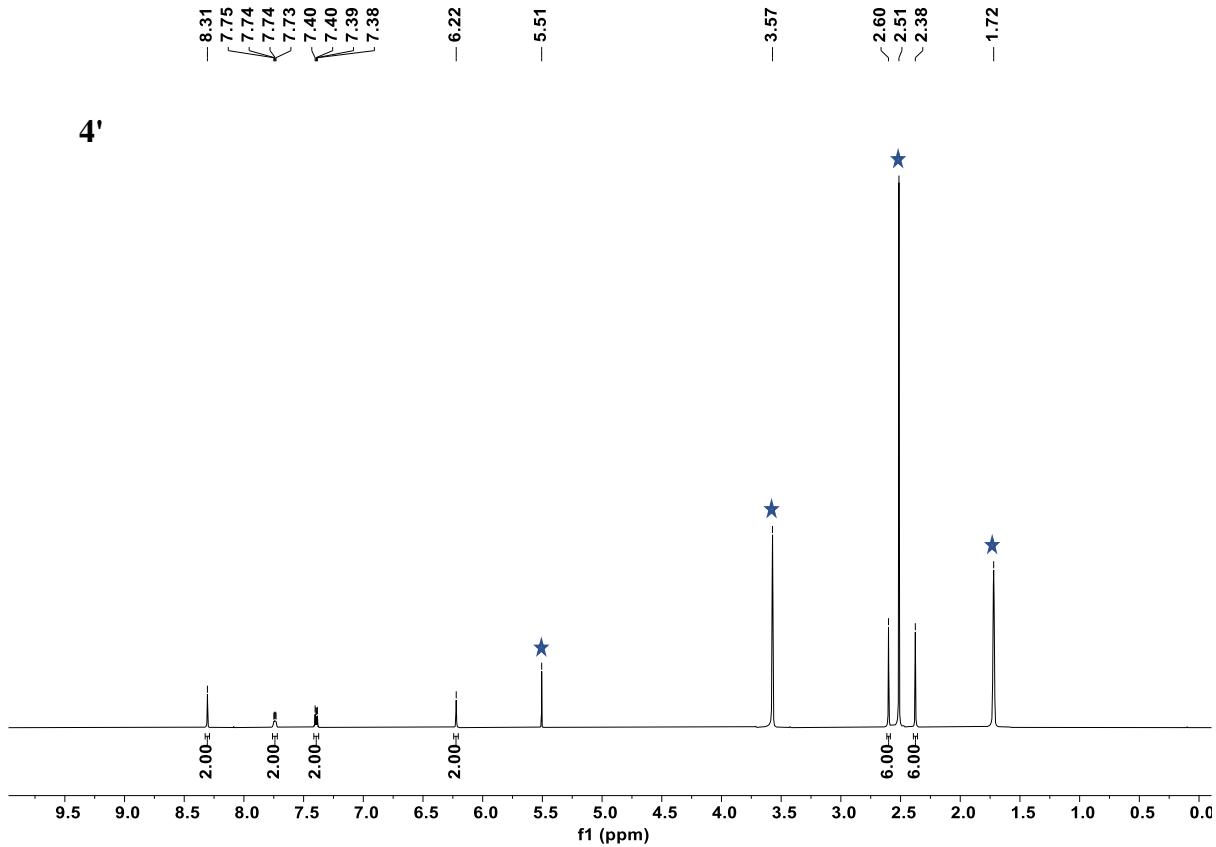
**Figure S16.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4** (100 MHz, THF- $d_8$ ).



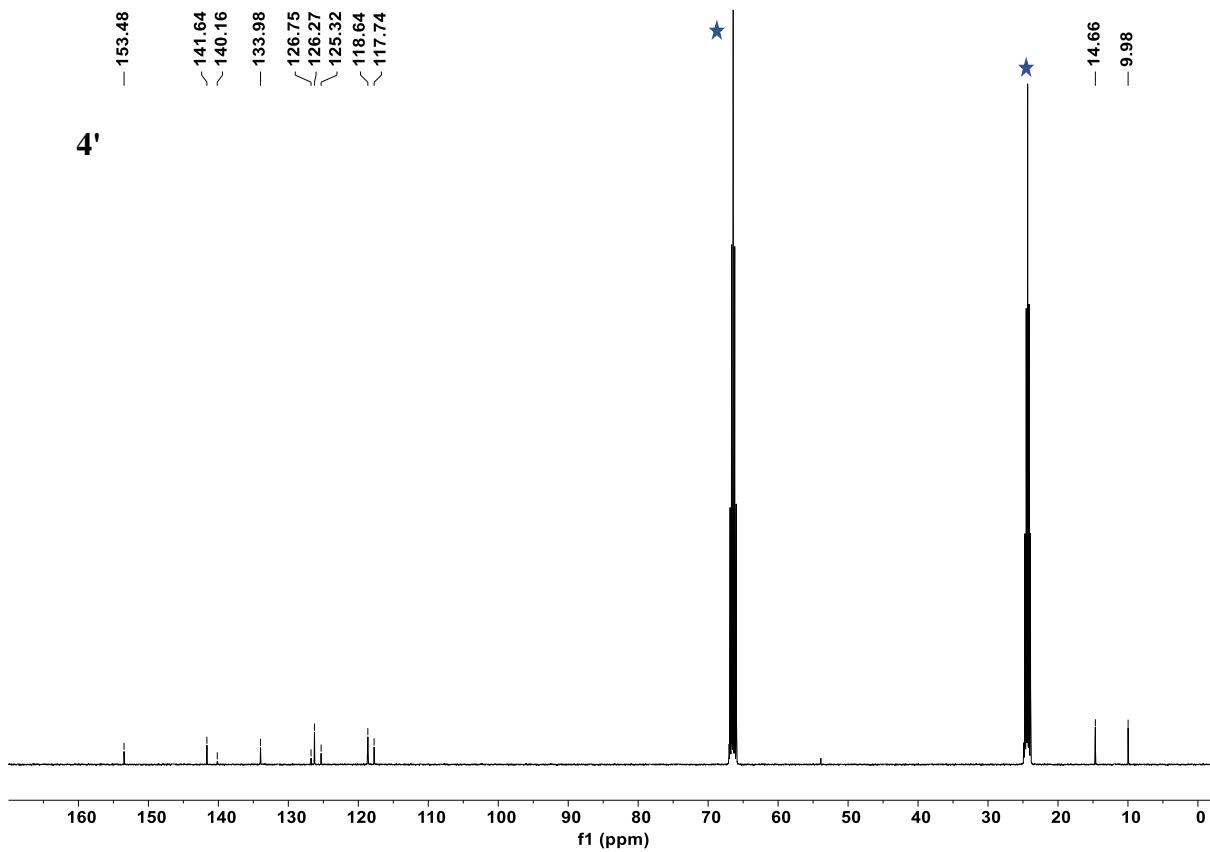
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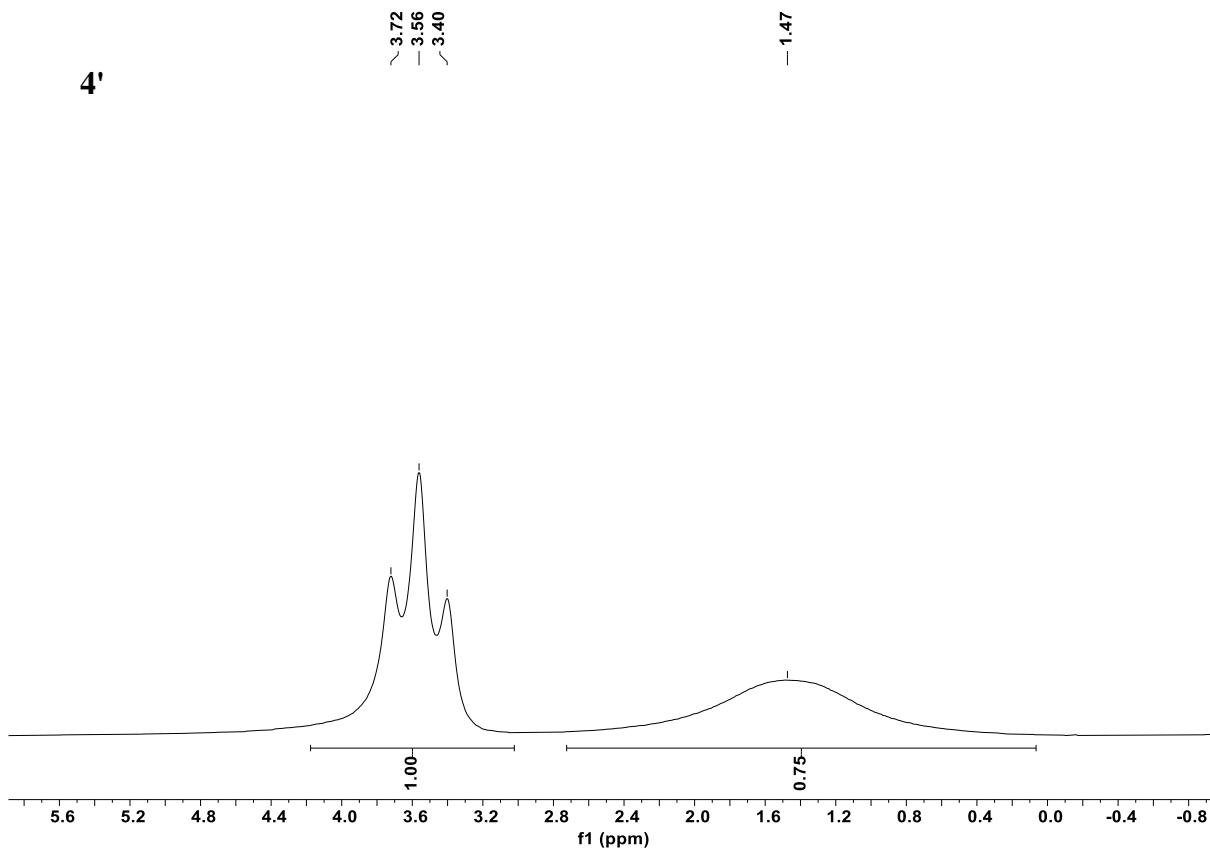
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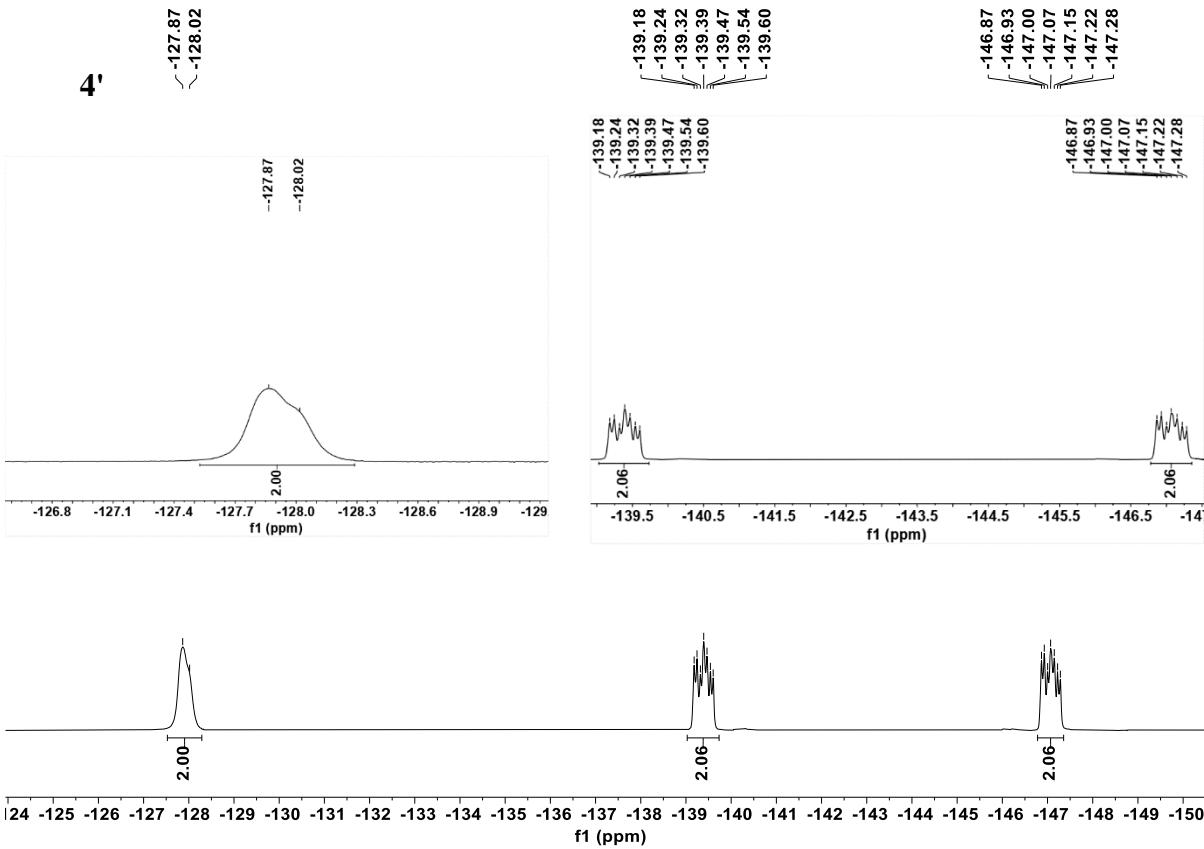
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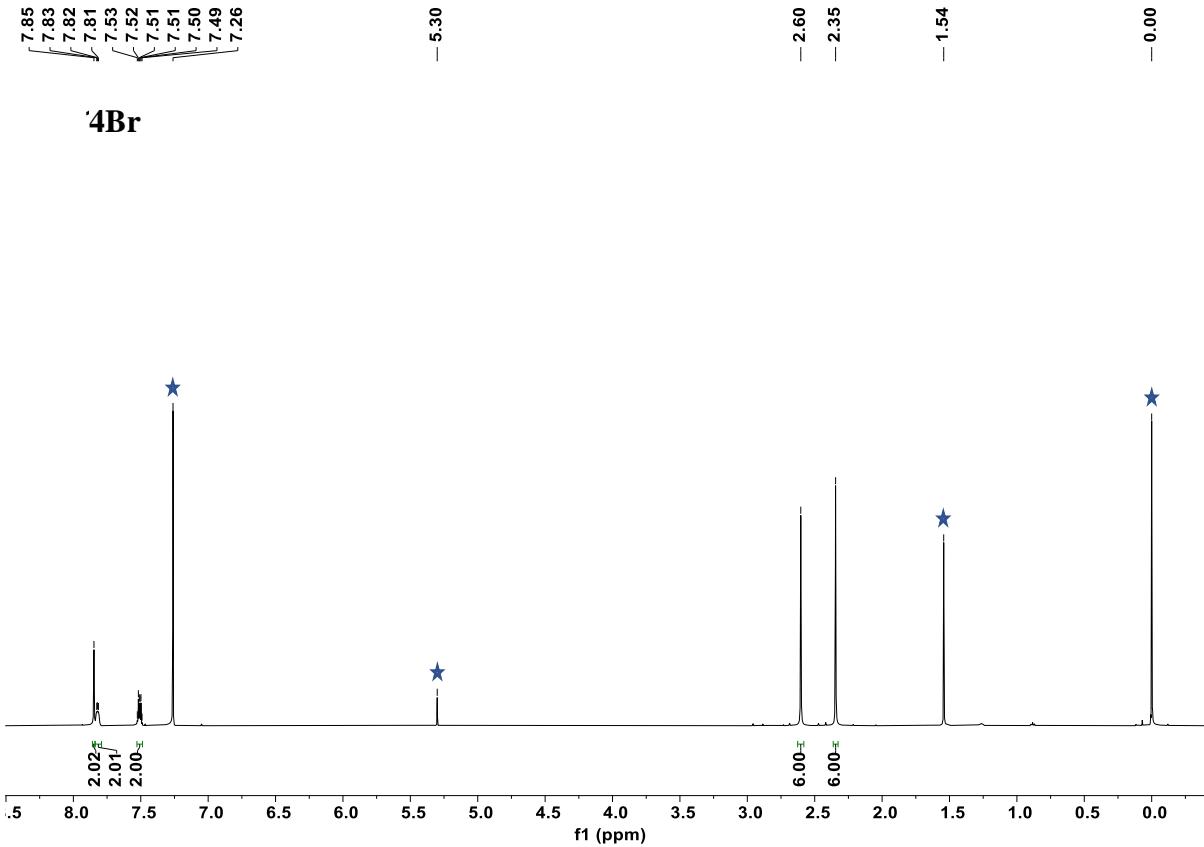
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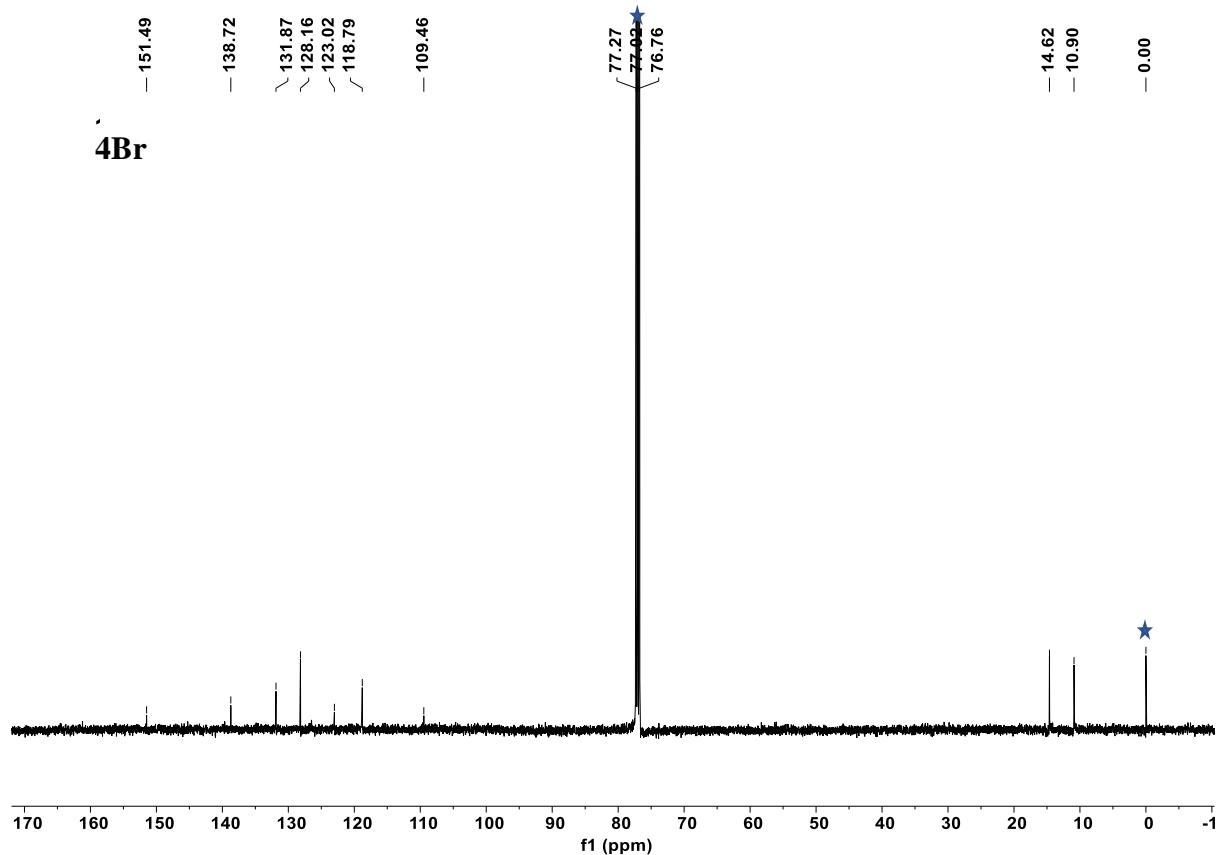
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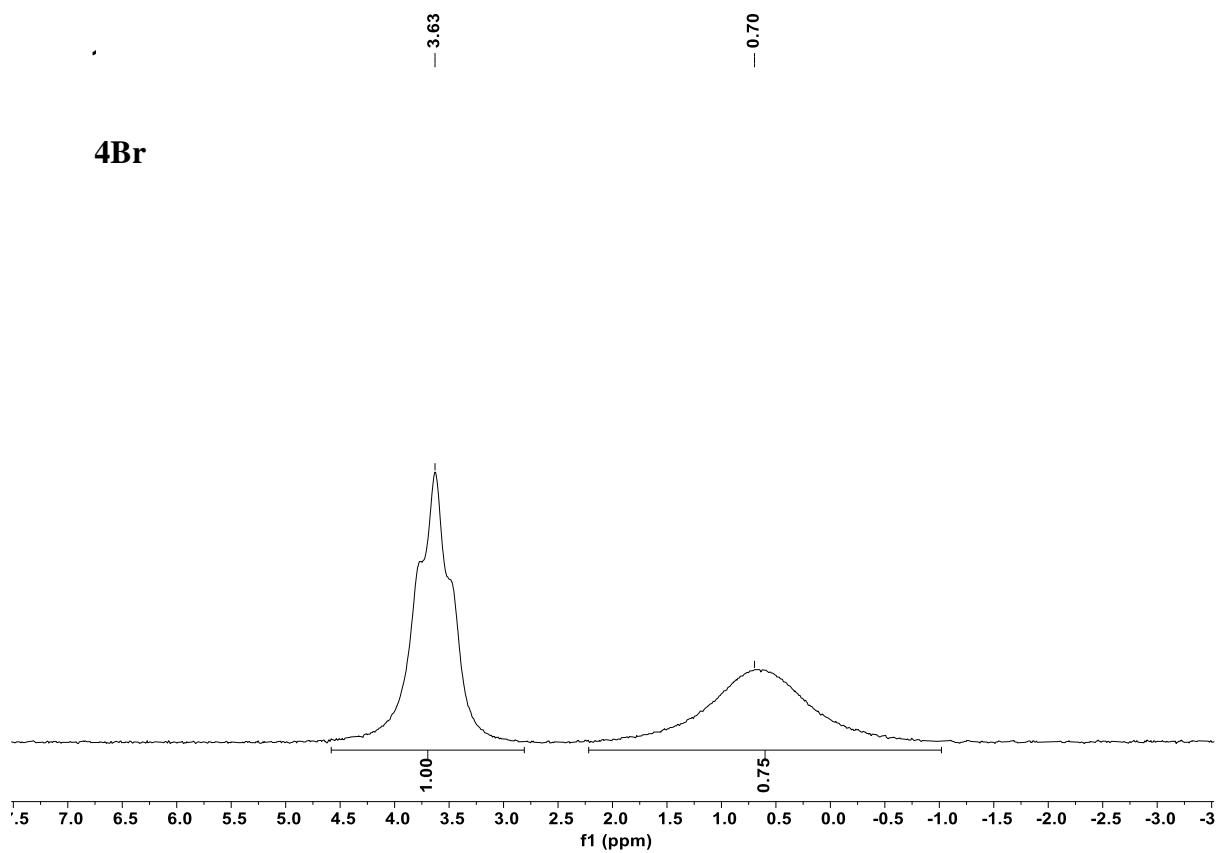
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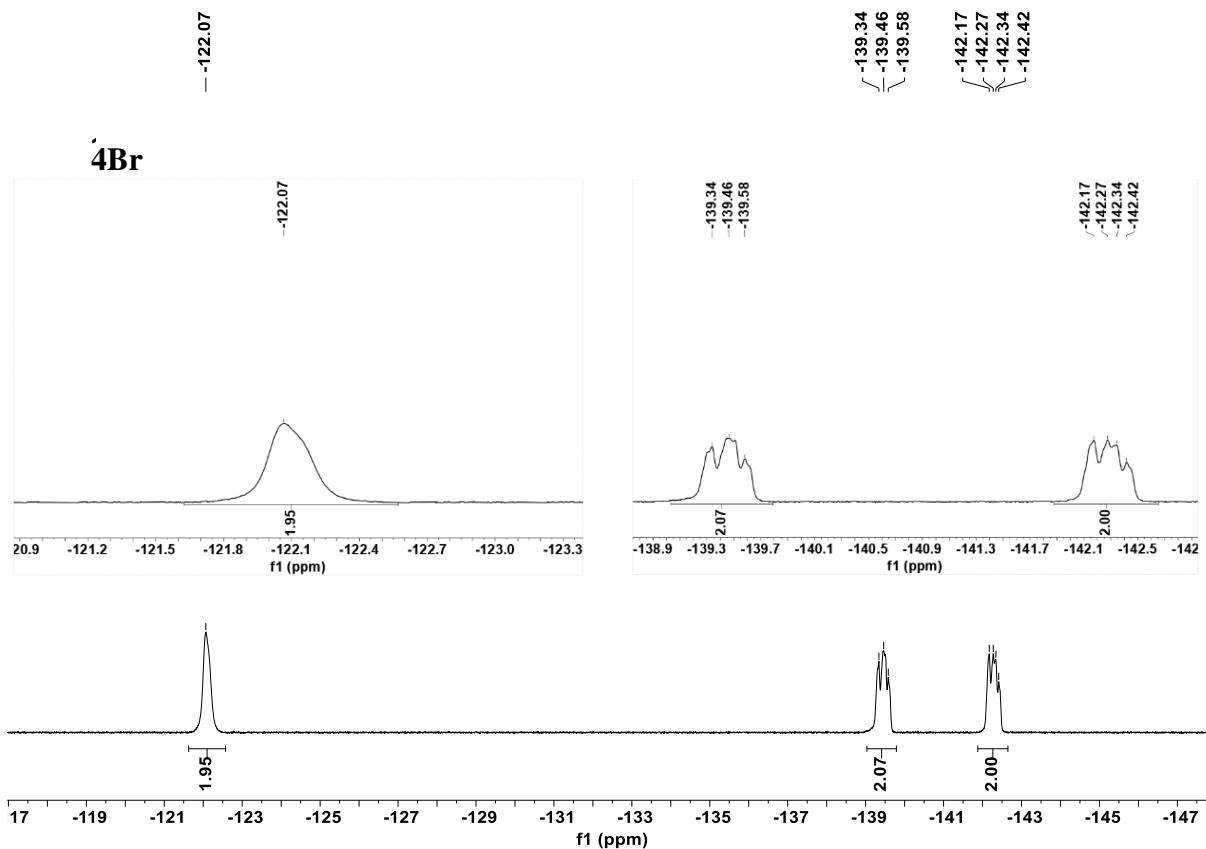
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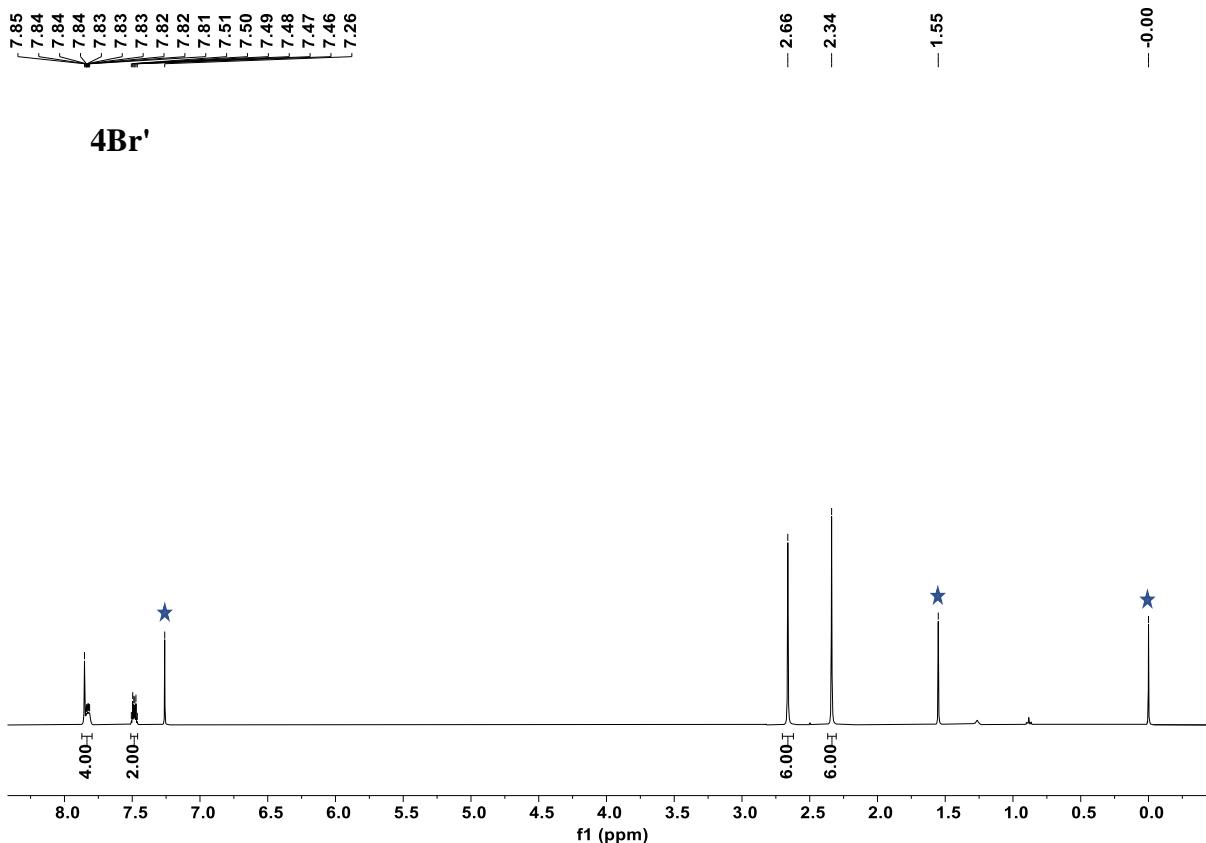
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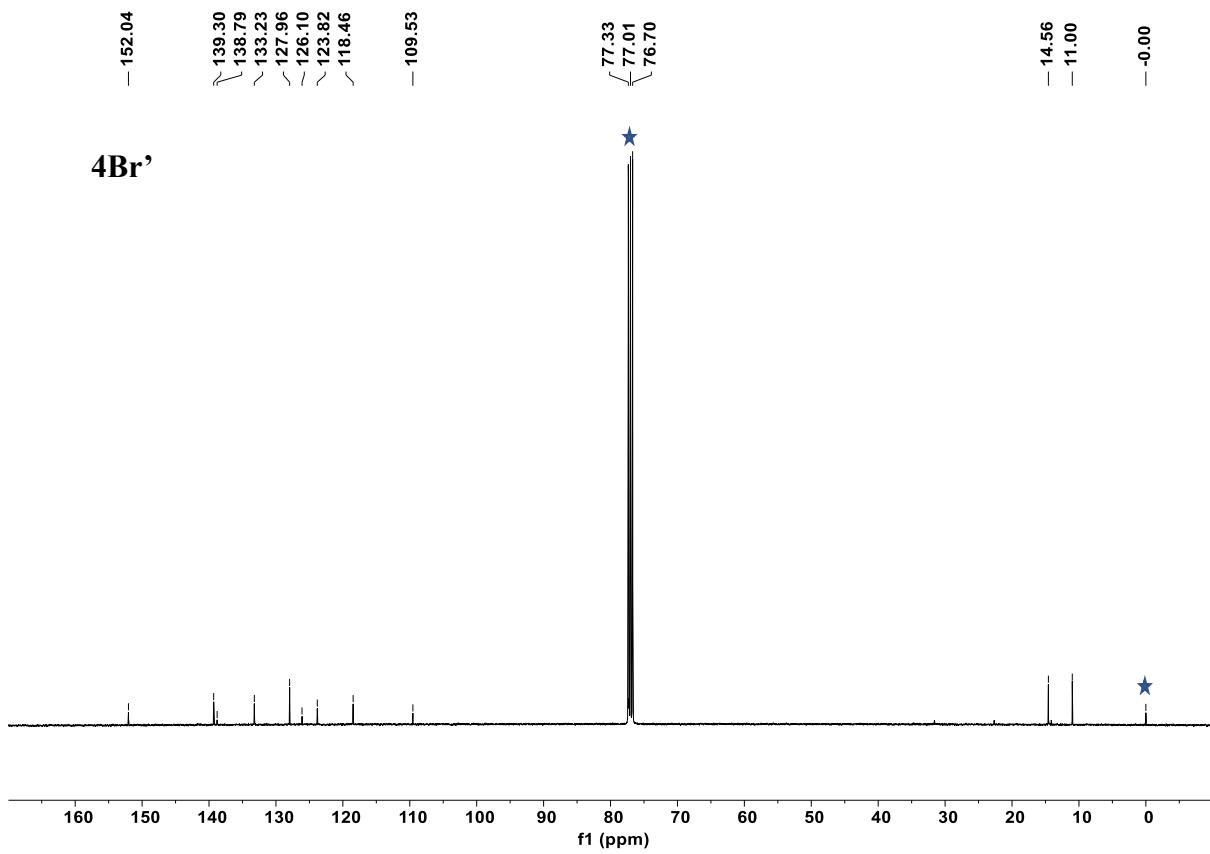
**Figure S25.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4Br** (160 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$  stab. with Ag).



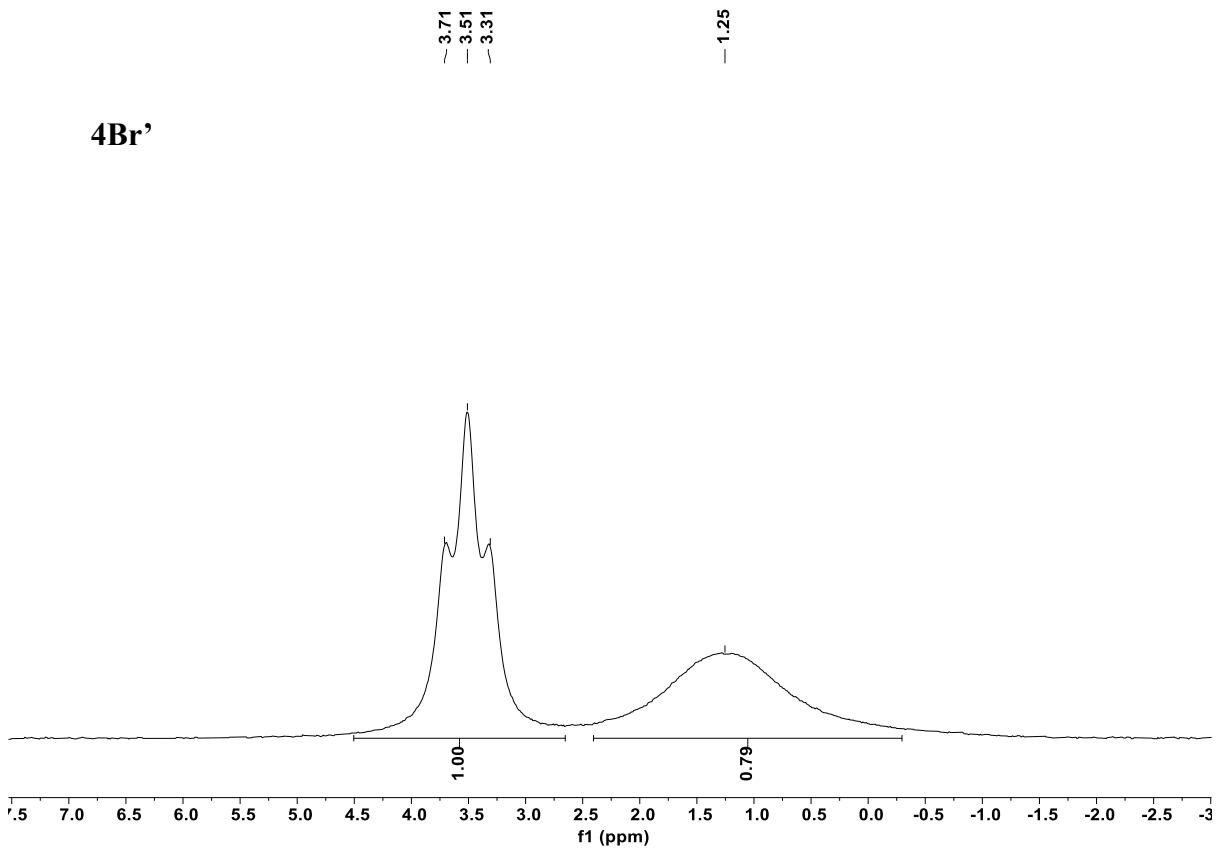
**Figure S26.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4Br** (471 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$  stab. with Ag).



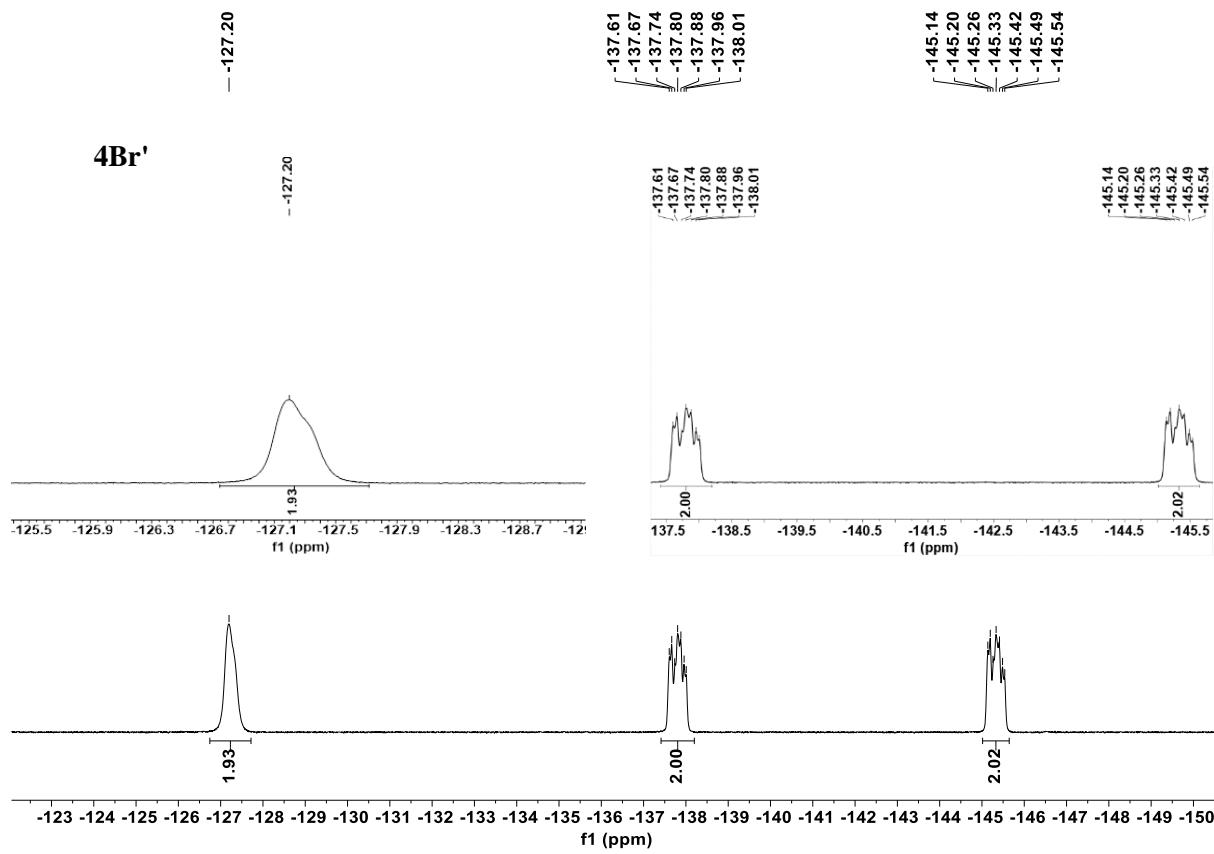
**Figure S27.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4Br'** (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$  stab. with Ag).



**Figure S28.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound  $\mathbf{4Br}'$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$  stab. with  $\text{Ag}$ ).

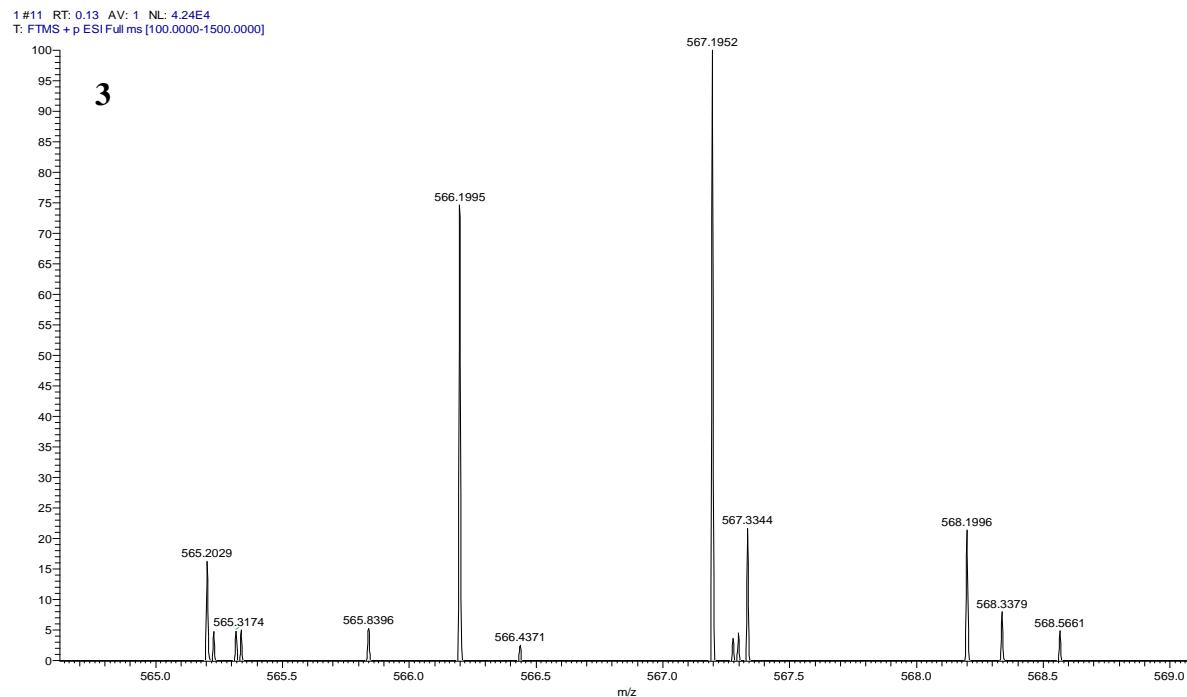


**Figure S29.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of compound  $\mathbf{4Br}'$  (128 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$  stab. with  $\text{Ag}$ ).



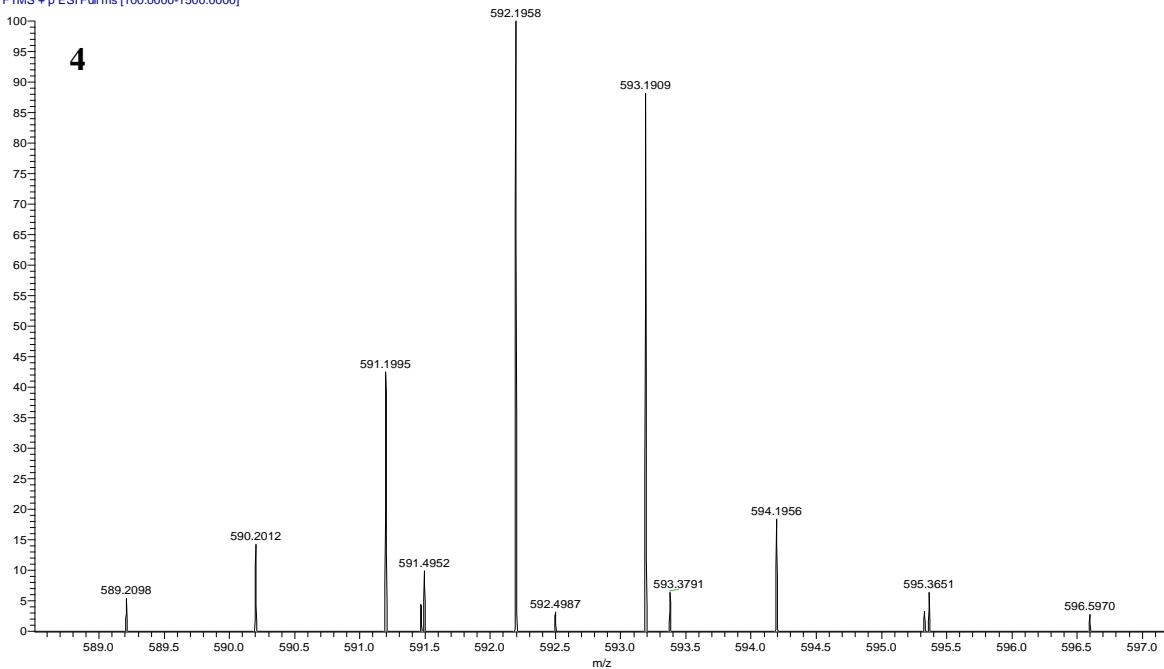
**Figure S30.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4Br'** (377 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$  stab. with Ag).

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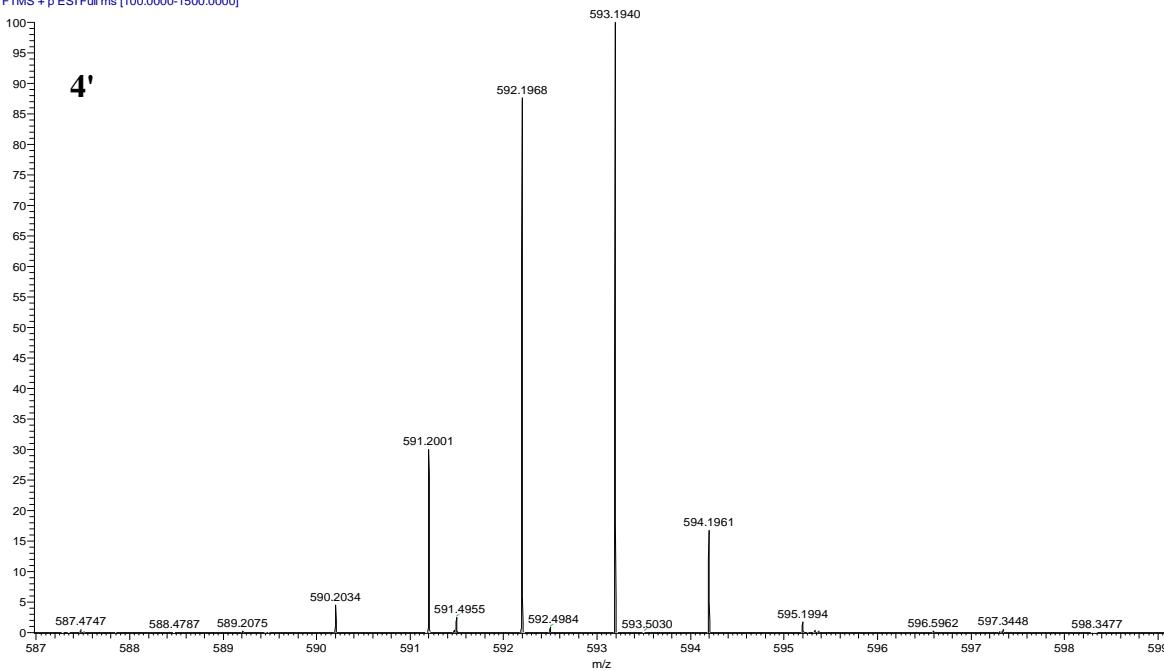
**Figure S31.** HR-MS spectrum of compound **3**.

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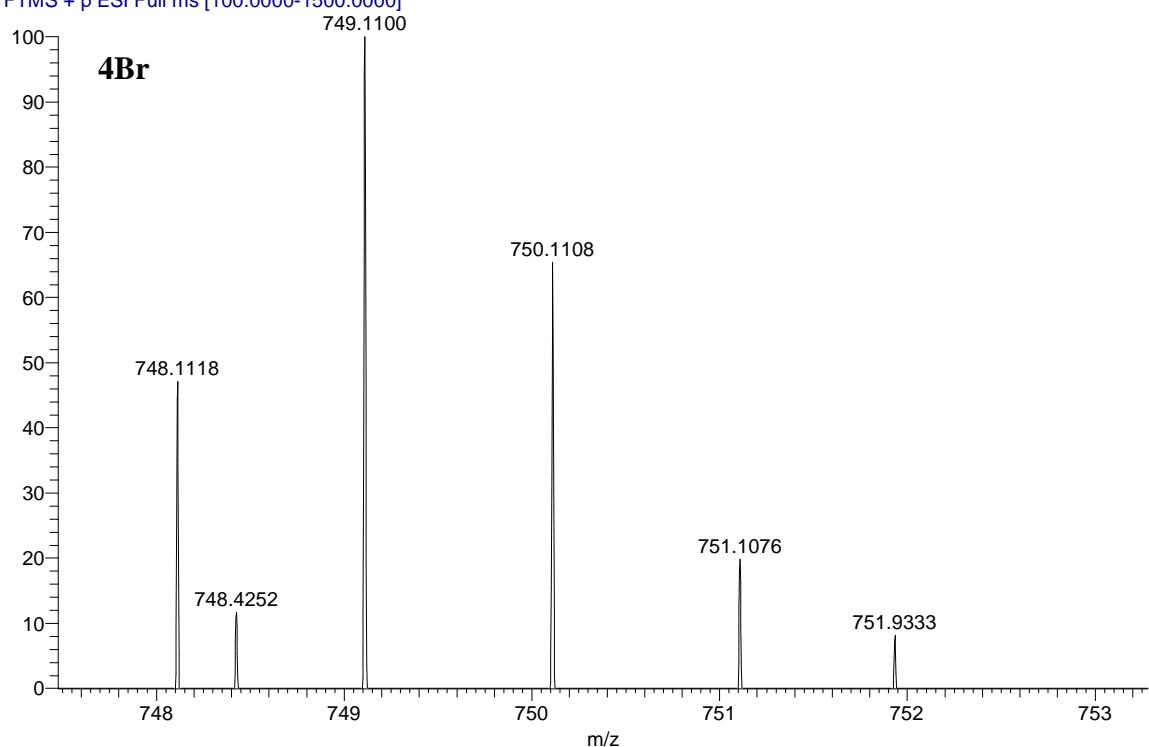
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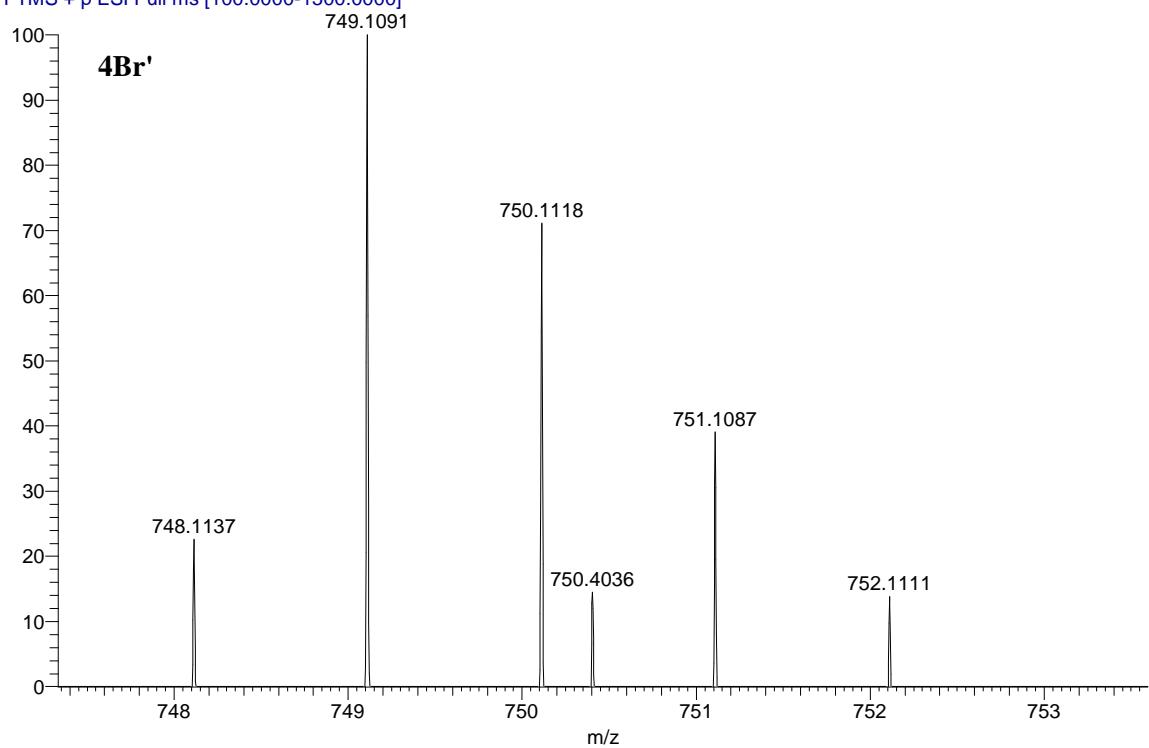
**Figure S33.** HR-MS spectrum of compound **4'**.

7d #20-23 RT: 0.25-0.29 AV: 4 NL: 2.27E3  
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**Figure S34.** HR-MS spectrum of compound **4Br**.

7e #9-10 RT: 0.11-0.12 AV: 2 NL: 2.51E3  
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**Figure S35.** HR-MS spectrum of compound **4Br'**.