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### **A hybrid bioinspired catechol-alloxazine triangular nickel complex stabilizing protons and electrons**

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## General information

All reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques in either oven dried or flame dried glassware, unless otherwise mentioned. Reagent grade solvents were used as received without any further purification. 1,2-Dichloroethane (DCE) was bubbled with argon before use. All starting materials were purchased from commercially available source (TCI Chemicals, Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, Acros Organics) and used without any further purification, unless otherwise noted. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck 60 F254 silica gel and products were identified with UV lamp chamber (short-range UV lamp 254 nm or long-range UV lamp 365 nm).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data were collected at room temperature using Bruker Avance III Spectrometer – 300 MHz ( $^{31}\text{P}$ - $^1\text{H}$  5 mm probe), Bruker Avance III Spectrometer – 400 MHz (Inverse  $^1\text{H}$ -X 5 mm probe (with  $^{31}\text{P} < \text{X} < ^{15}\text{N}$ )) and Bruker Avance II Spectrometer – 500 MHz (Cryo-Probe Hélium  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^1\text{H}$  5 mm). Shifts ( $\delta$ ) are given in parts per million (ppm) and coupling constants (J) are given in Hertz (Hz). Electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (ESI-MS) or high-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) were performed by ESI mass spectrometers MicroTOF(I) and MicroTOF(II) focus (BRUKER, Germany). UV-Vis data were collected using AGILENT Cary 60 UV-Vis Spectrometer at room temperature. Wavelengths ( $\lambda$ ) are given in nanometer (nm) and molar extinction coefficients ( $\epsilon$ ) are given in  $\text{M}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ . EPR spectra were recorded on an EMXplus spectrometer (Bruker Biospin GmbH) operating at Q-band (34 GHz), equipped with a high sensitivity resonator (ER5106QT, Bruker) and a helium cryostat ER4118CFO for the low temperature measurements. Powder samples were sealed in quartz tube and degassed for three cycle using freeze-pump-thaw technique. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) were performed on Bruker D8 Advance with X-ray source by anticathode of cooper giving photons with a wavelength of  $1.54\times 10^{-10}$  m. The crystals were placed in oil, and a single crystal was selected, mounted on a glass fibre and placed in a low-temperature  $\text{N}_2$  stream. X-Ray diffraction data collection were measured by either 4-circles Bruker PHOTON III diffractometer equipped with two micro-sources  $\mu\text{S}$  Mo and  $\mu\text{S}$  Diamond Cu and with an Oxford Cryosystem 800 for low temperature measurements or 4-circles Bruker APEX II DUO  $\mu\text{S}$  Kappa-CCD diffractometer equipped with two sources (Mo sealed tube and Cu micro-source) and with an Oxford Cryosystem 700 liquid  $\text{N}_2$  device for low temperature measurements. The cell parameters were determined in APEX3 software.<sup>1</sup> The structure was solved using the program SHELXT-2014.<sup>2</sup> The refinement and all further calculations were carried out using SHELXL-2018.<sup>3</sup> The H-atoms were included in calculated positions and treated as riding atoms using SHELXL default parameters. The non-H atoms were refined anisotropically, using weighted full-matrix least-squares on F2. A semi-empirical absorption correction was applied using SADABS in APEX3.<sup>1</sup> Compounds **6** and **7** have been deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Database CCDC under the references CCDC 2089518 (**6**) and CCDC 2089519 (**7**).

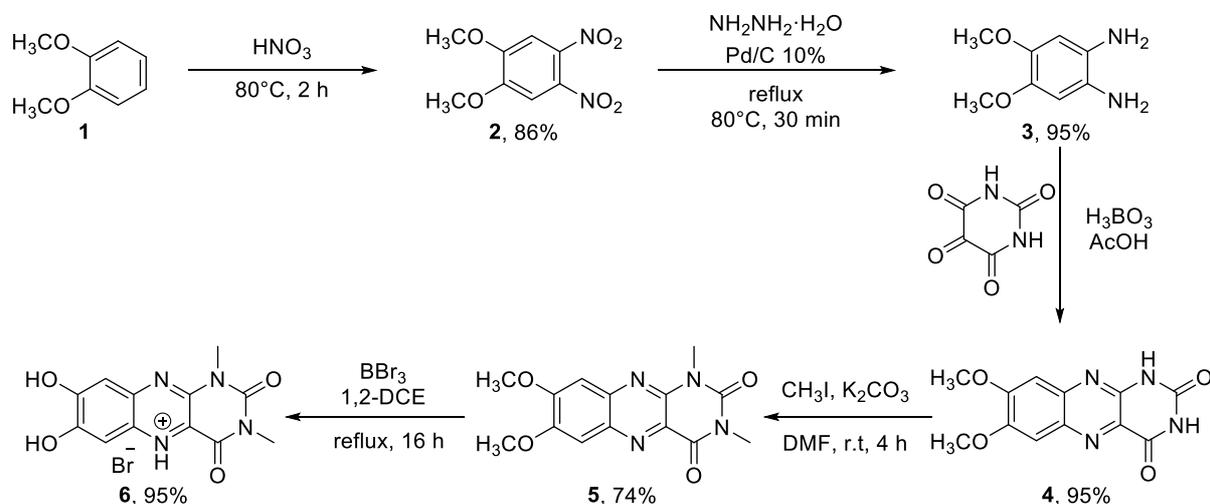
<sup>1</sup> "M86-EXX229V1 APEX3 User Manual", Bruker AXS Inc., Madison, USA, 2016.

<sup>2</sup> G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Cryst.* **2015**, A71, 3-8.

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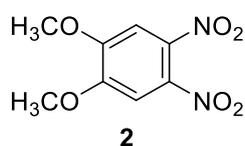
## Syntheses of pro-ligand and complex

### Synthesis of pro-ligand 6



**Scheme S1.** Synthetic scheme for pro-ligand 6

#### 1,2-Dimethoxy-4,5-dinitrobenzene 2



The synthetic procedure from Bo *et al*<sup>4</sup> was used. 1,2-dimethoxy benzene **1** (10 mL, 78.2 mmol) was added dropwise using dropping funnel to conc. nitric acid (65%, 100 mL) in a two neck round bottom flask equipped with reflux condenser under vigorous stirring over an ice-water bath. The reaction mixture was then heated at 80° C for 2 h [**CAUTION!** Nitrogen dioxide is evolved during the reaction and quenched by bubbling in water through an outlet attached to the reflux condenser during the reaction]. Upon completion, the clear yellow reaction mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature and then chilled in an ice-water bath. The precipitate formed was filtered, washed with water until the pH of the filtrate was neutral and then recrystallized from hot ethanol to yield the expected product (15.32 g, 86% yield).

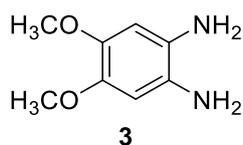
The characterization data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.34 (2H, s), 4.02 (6H, s).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz) δ = 152.0, 136.8, 107.1, 57.2.

<sup>4</sup> Bo, W. Li, R. Qin, C. Li, C. Du and Z. Liu, CN 101875716 A, **2010**, p. 12.

### 1,2-Diamino-4,5-dimethoxybenzene **3**



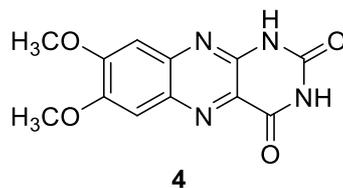
The synthetic procedure was adapted from Fan *et al.*<sup>5</sup> 1,2-Dimethoxy-4,5-dinitrobenzene **2** (3 g, 13.15 mmol) and Pd/C catalyst (0.41 g) were dispersed in ethanol (135 mL). Hydrazine monohydrate (6.4 mL, 131.5 mmol) was added dropwise to the mixture cooled in an ice-water bath. The mixture was refluxed for 30 min at 80°C. Upon completion, the mixture was filtered through Celite®535 and residual material was rinsed with small portions of hot ethanol. The filtrate was collected and the off-white crystalline product was obtained by removing the solvent. The product was dried under vacuum and stored under argon (2.09 g, 95% yield).

The characterization data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) δ 6.37 (2H, s), 3.79 (6H, s), 3.19 (4H, broad).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ 143.2, 127.8, 103.9, 56.8.

### 7,8-Dimethoxyalloxazine **4**



The procedure was adapted from Chen *et al.*<sup>6</sup> In a 50 mL round bottom flask, 4,5-dimethoxy-1,2-diaminobenzene (**3**) (504.6 mg, 3 mmol), alloxane monohydrate (480 mg, 3 mmol) and boric acid (185 mg, 3 mmol) and 20 mL acetic acid were added the mixture was stirred under argon at room temperature for 2 h. During this time solid precipitated out in the solution. The solid was then collected by filtration then washed with 40 ml of acetic acid and 40 ml of diethyl ether. The product was dried further with high vacuum pump to afford bright yellow powder (795 mg, 95% yield).

The characterization data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>6</sup>

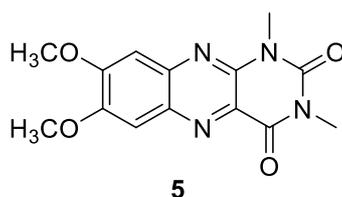
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (*d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz) δ 11.74 (1H, s), 11.58 (1H, s), 7.47 (1H, s), 7.20 (1H, s), 4.00 (3H, s), 3.96 (3H, s).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (*d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 126 MHz) δ 160.9, 155.8, 151.7, 150.2, 145.8, 141.0, 136.6, 127.3, 107.3, 104.6, 56.5, 56.2.

<sup>5</sup> K. W. Fan, M. B. Peterson, P. Ellersdorfer, A. M. Granville, *RSC Adv.*, **2016**, *6*, 25203–25214.

<sup>6</sup> S. Chen, M. S. Hossain, F. W. Foss, *Org. Lett.*, **2012**, *14*, 2806–2809.

### 7,8-Dimethoxy-1,3-dimethylalloxazine **5**



7,8-dimethoxy alloxazine **4** (274.1 mg, 1 mmol) and  $K_2CO_3$  (0.46 g, 3.33 mmol) were added to 7 mL DMF under argon in a two-neck round bottom flask.  $CH_3I$  (0.2 mL, 3.33 mmol) was then added to the above solution. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 4 h and DMF was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting solid was partitioned in 15 mL dichloromethane and 15 mL of water and the mixture was transferred into a separating funnel. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (4 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with 20 mL brine and dried over  $MgSO_4$ . The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford a crude yellow powder, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $CH_3OH/DCM = 0.8:99.2$ ) to yield the title compound as a bright yellow powder (223 mg, 74% yield).

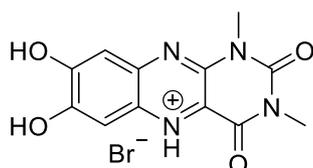
The characterization data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>2</sup>

**$^1H$  NMR** ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.57 (1H, s), 7.26 (1H, s), 4.10 (3H, s), 4.04 (3H, s), 3.79 (3H, s),  $\delta$  3.58 (3H, s).

**$^{13}C$  NMR** ( $CDCl_3$ , 126 MHz)  $\delta$  160.5, 156.7, 152.7, 151.0, 144.8, 141.9, 137.6, 126.5, 107.6, 105.1, 56.9, 56.7, 29.5, 29.2.

**UV-Vis** [DMSO;  $\lambda$ , nm ( $\epsilon$   $M^{-1}.cm^{-1}$ )]: 408 ( $2.2 \times 10^4$ ), 394 ( $2.3 \times 10^4$ ), 351 ( $1.2 \times 10^4$ ).

### 7,8-Dihydroxy-1,3-dimethylalloxazine-5-ium bromide **6**



A two-neck round bottom flask equipped with a reflux condenser and argon inlet was charged with 7,8-dimethoxy-1,3-dimethylalloxazine (604 mg, 2.0 mmol) and 30 mL 1,2-dichloroethane.  $BBr_3$  (1M solution in  $CH_2Cl_2$ , 12 mL, 12 mmol) was added dropwise to this mixture through a septum, formed dark orange solution. Septum was replaced with a glass stopper and the orange mixture was heated to reflux for 16 hours. Reaction was monitored by TLC in  $DCM/MeOH$  (90:10) and upon completion was cooled to room temperature and further cooled in ice-water bath. After quenching with methanol, the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting sticky solid was triturated in methanol and the solvent was evaporated. This was repeated thrice and the solid was washed with  $DCM$  thoroughly to yield a blackish filtrate and an orange-yellow precipitate. The orange-yellow precipitate was taken in methanol and dried under reduced pressure, then further dried under vacuum to afford orange-yellow powder (680 mg, 84% yield).

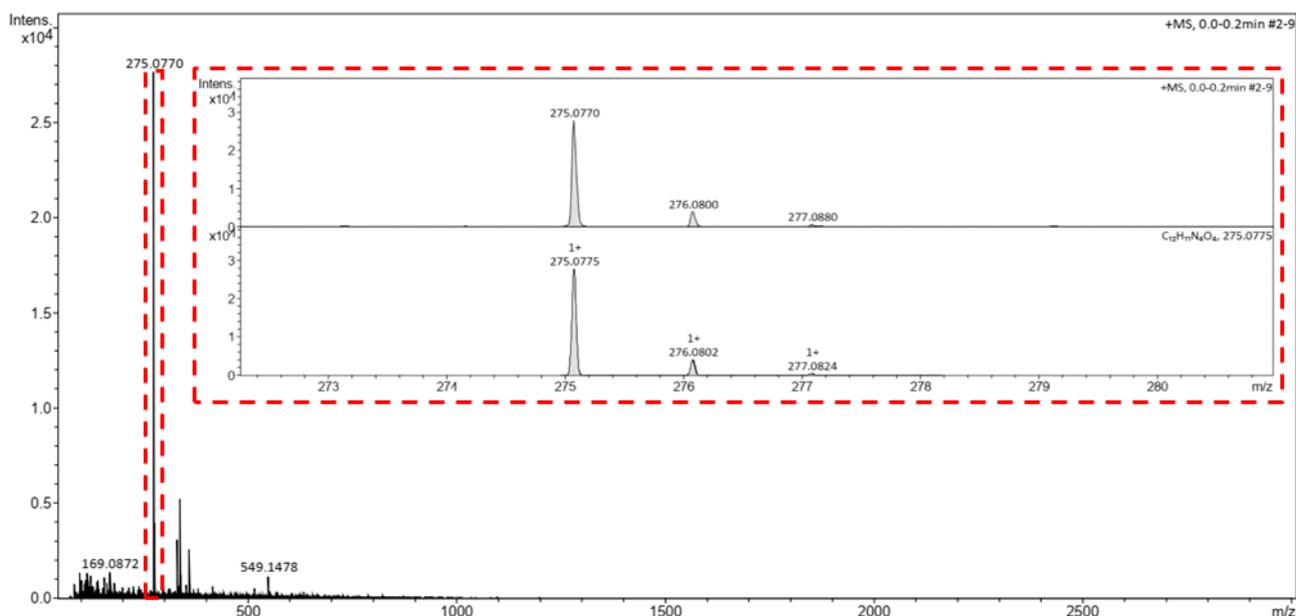
**$^1H$  NMR** ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  7.32 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 4.04 (bs), 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.33 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 126 MHz)  $\delta$  159.8, 155.1, 150.6, 150.3, 144.1, 140.1, 136.1, 126.1, 109.8, 107.6, 29.0, 28.4.

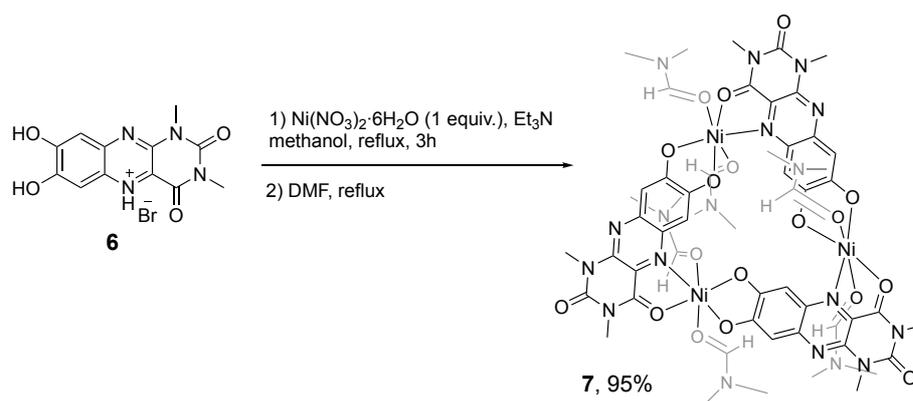
HRMS: Calculated for  $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4]^+ = 275.0775$ , found = 275.0770.

Elemental analysis: Calculated for  $(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{Br})$  %C: 40.58, %N: 15.78, %H: 3.12, found %C: 41.45, %N: 15.85, %H: 3.75.

UV-Vis [DMSO;  $\lambda$ , nm ( $\epsilon$   $\text{M}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 399 ( $1.6\times 10^4$ ), 366 ( $1.14\times 10^4$ ).



## Synthesis of 7



### Scheme S2. Synthetic scheme for 7.

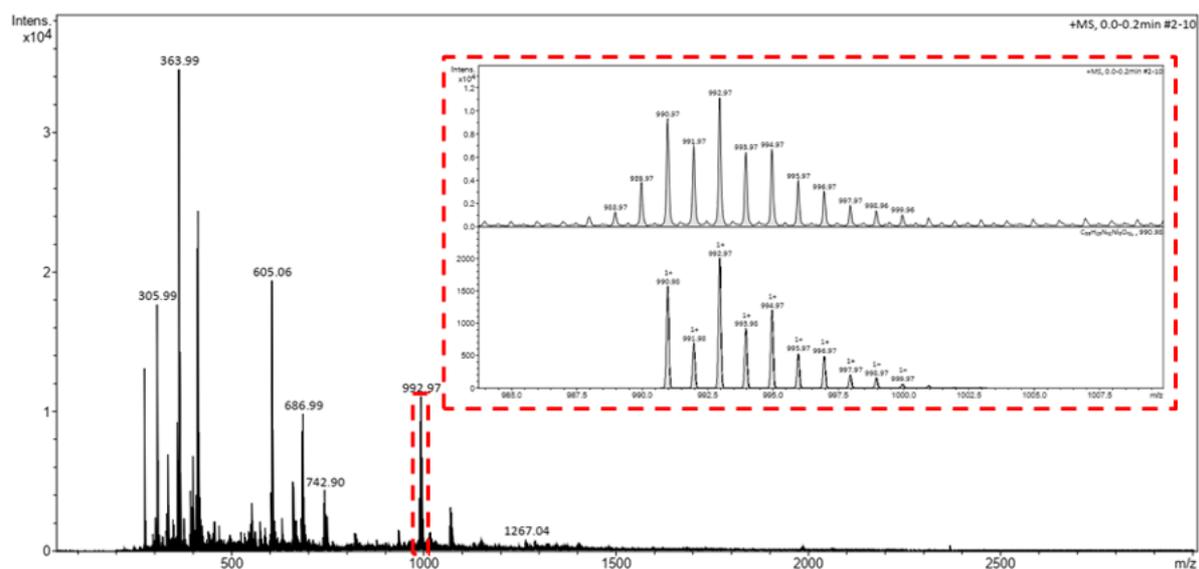
In a two neck round bottom flask equipped with a reflux condenser, 7,8-dihydroxy-1,3-dimethylalloxazine-5-ium bromide **6** (184 mg, 0.52 mmol) was dispersed in 20 mL methanol.  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (220  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.55 mmol) was added and the resulting orange solution was stirred.  $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (151 mg, 0.52 mmol) was added and a red precipitate appeared. The mixture was heated to reflux for 3 hours, and became deep red over time. It was then cooled down to room temperature, filtered and washed with dichloromethane, acetone and diethylether. The precipitate was collected and dried under high vacuum to afford complex **7** as a dark red powder (163 mg, 95%). The dark red powder was

recrystallized in hot DMF. The crystals were decanted and washed with acetone and diethylether to afford dark red-brown crystals.

**HRMS:** Calculated for  $[\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_{12}\text{Ni}_3\text{O}_{12}]^+ [\text{MH}]^+ = 992.9733$ , found = 992.9718.

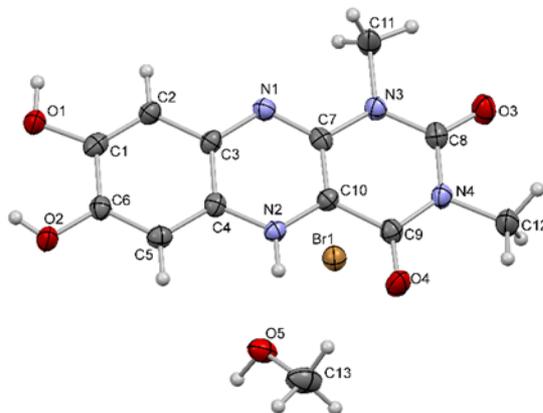
**Elemental analysis:** Calculated for  $[(\text{Ni}(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO})_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{O}_4))_3] \cdot 2(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO}) \cdot 10(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  %C: 41.00, %N: 15.94, %H: 5.73, found %C: 41.57, %N: 15.97, %H: 4.36.

**UV-Vis** [DMSO;  $\lambda$ , nm ( $\epsilon$   $\text{M}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 452 ( $7.5 \times 10^4$ ).

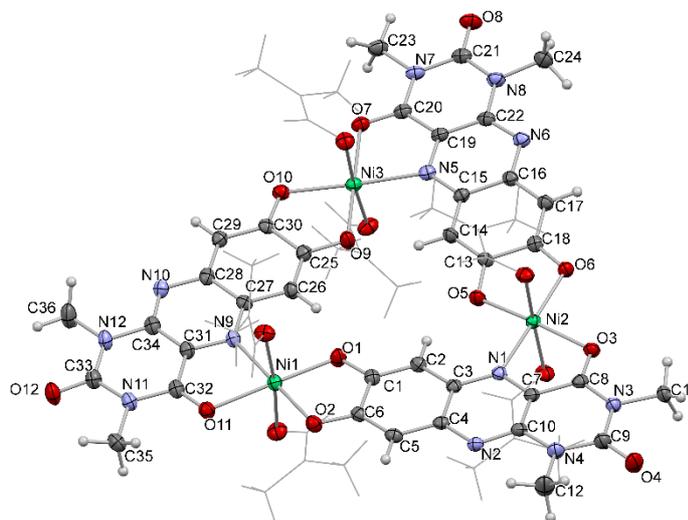


## X-ray crystallography

Both compounds have been deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Database CCDC under the references CCDC 2089518 (**6**) and CCDC 2089519 (**7**).



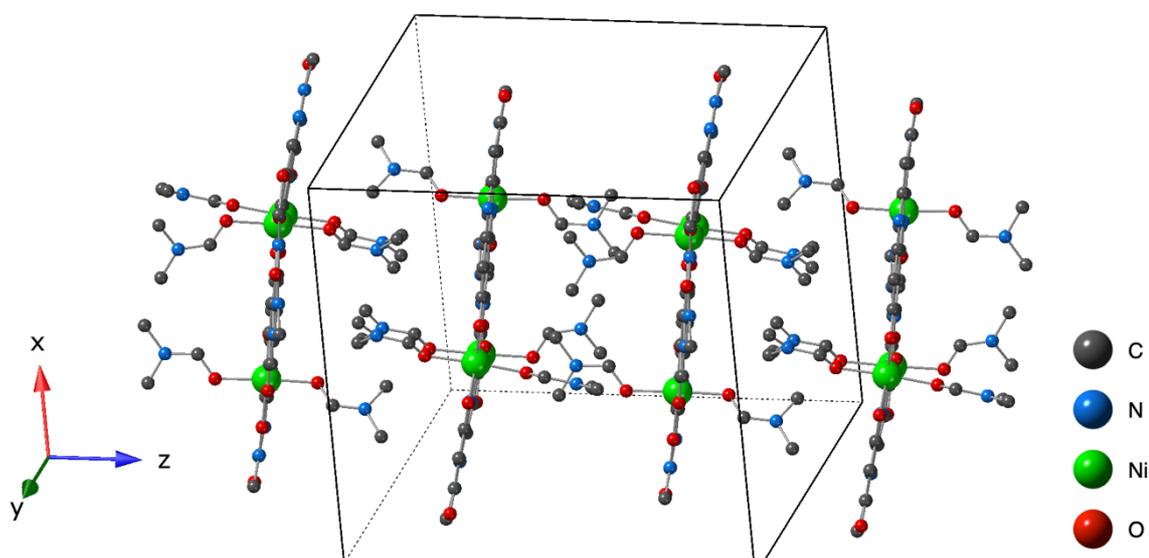
**Fig. S1.** Thermal ellipsoid representation (50% probability) of 7,8-dihydroxy-1,3-dimethylalloxazine-5-ium bromide (**6**). Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°): C1-O1 1.338 (5); C6-O2 1.353 (5); C1-C6 1.449 (6); C7-N1 1.332 (5); C7-C8 1.472 (5); C8-O3 1.222 (5); O1-C1-C6 114.1(4); O2-C6-C1 120.9(4), N1-C7-C10 123.1(4), O4-C9-C10 122.2(4).



**Fig. S2.** Thermal ellipsoid representation (50% probability) of asymmetric unit of **7**. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°): Cu1-O1 1.9269(14); Cu1-O2 1.9272(12); C1-O1 1.322(2); C6-O2 1.315(2); C1-C6 1.460(2); O1-Cu1-O2 84.97(5); C1-O1-Cu1 111.51(11); C6-O2-Cu1 111.25(11).

**Table S1.** Crystallographic parameters for ligand **6** and complex **7**.

Product	Ligand 6	Complex 7
Empirical Formula	$C_{13}H_{15}BrN_4O_5$ $(C_{12}H_{11}N_4O_4)^+$ , $Br^- \cdot CH_3OH$	$C_{60}H_{84}N_{20}Ni_3O_{22}$ $(Ni(C_3H_7NO)_2(C_{12}H_8N_4O_4))_3 \cdot 2(C_3H_7NO)2H_2O$
Formula weight	387.20	1613.54
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	$P 21/c$	$P-1$
a (Å)	8.3771(5)	15.3127
b (Å)	18.9639(14)	15.8385
c (Å)	10.5829(7)	16.6042
$\alpha$ (°)	90	105.2160
$\beta$ (°)	115.046(5)	97.156
$\gamma$ (°)	90	111.045
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1523.14(18)	3518.0
$\rho_{calcd}$ (mg m <sup>-3</sup> )	1.689	1.5231
Z	4	2
T (K)	173(2)	120.15
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.731	0.884
Reflections collected/ Unique	33353/ 4065	251128/16804
R(int)	0.1479	0.1117
Final R indices [I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)]	R1= 0.0503, wR2= 0.1006	R1= 0.0481, wR2= 0.1381
R indices (all data)	R1= 0.1025, wR2= 0.1191	R1= 0.0761, wR2= 0.1157
GOF on F2	1.031	1.0539



**Fig. S3.** For **7**, crystal packing of the triangular units, evidencing an alternate disposition of the triangles.

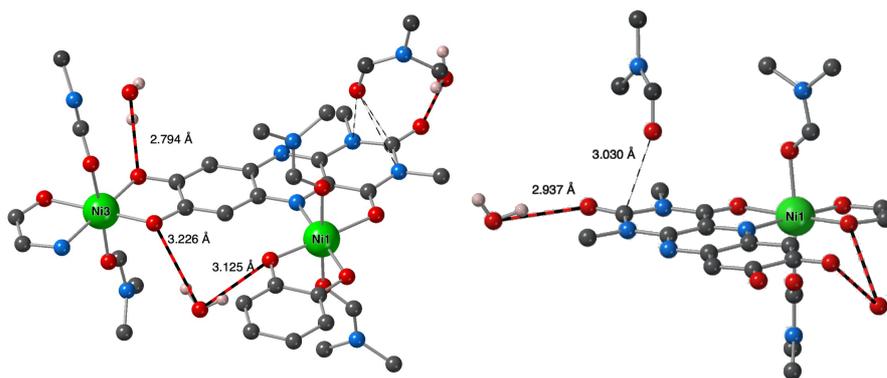


Fig. S4. Close-up of supramolecular interactions in **7** with surrounding solvent molecules.

## Thermogravimetric analysis TGA

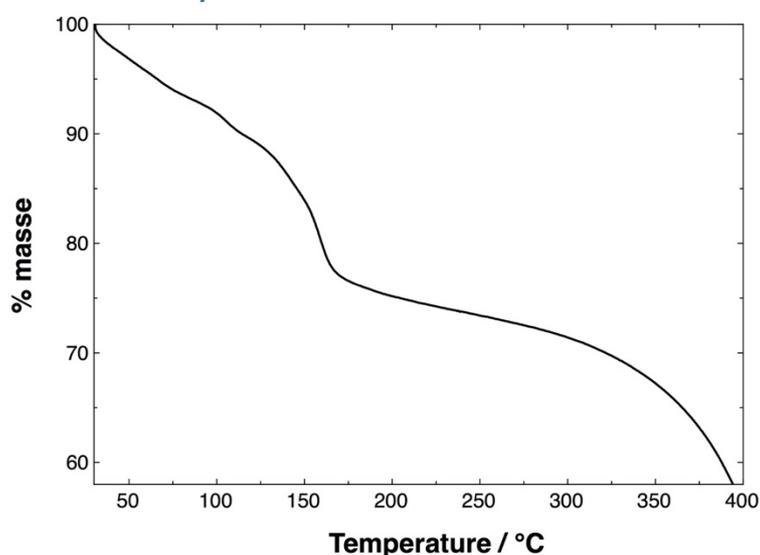


Fig. S5. TGA trace for **7**, recorded between 40 – 380°C at a rate of 5°/min.

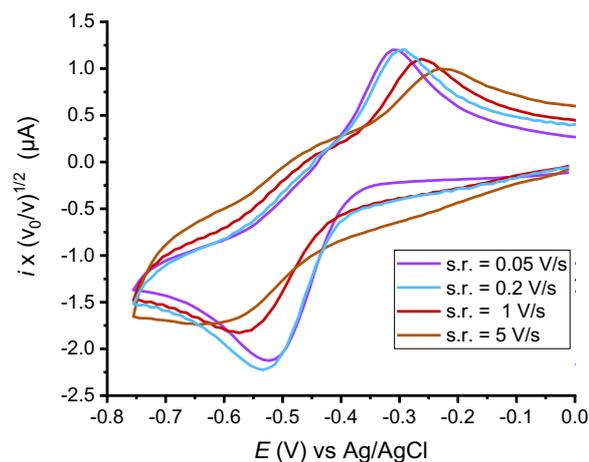
## Electrochemical studies

Cyclic voltammetry (CV) was performed in a cell equipped with three electrodes under argon. The working electrode used was a 1-millimeter diameter glassy carbon (GC) electrode unless otherwise stated, a platinum wire was used as counter electrode and a Ag(s)|AgCl(s) electrode was selected as reference. Tetrabutylammonium tetrafluoroborate was used as a supporting electrolyte with a 0.1 mol. L<sup>-1</sup> concentration. The concentration of the analyte was 2 mM unless otherwise stated. All potentials are reported against Ag(s)|AgCl(s) (KCl 3 M) potential.

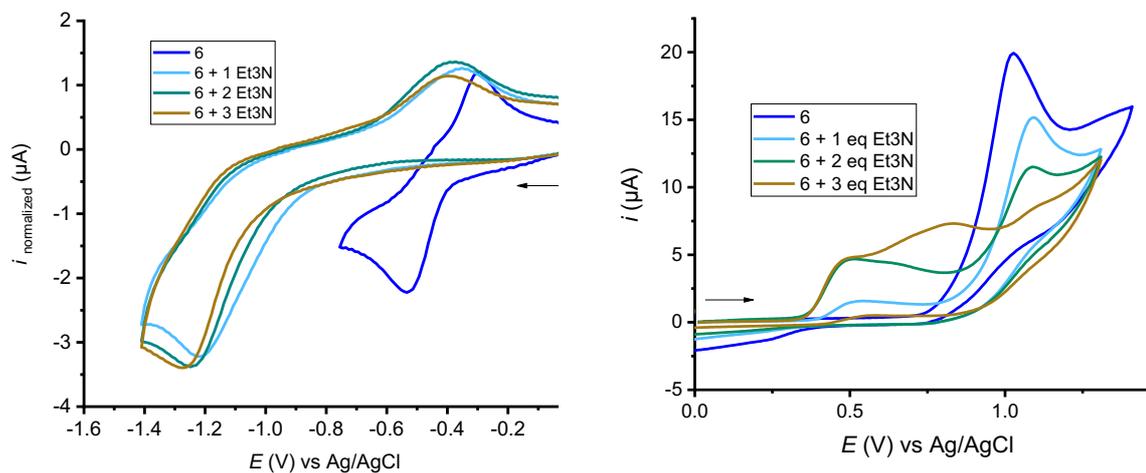
### Cyclic voltammetry of **6**

CV of **6** was performed in DMSO and the scan rate analysis was varied. For meaningful comparison, the normalized current was plotted. When increasing the scan rate from 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup> to 5 Vs<sup>-1</sup> -with ohmic drop compensation-, the signal evolves consistently with an electron transfer coupled to a chemical reaction as observed by Webster and coll. under acidic conditions.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> S. L. J. Tan, J. M. Kan, R. D. Webster *J. Phys. Chem. B* **2013**, *117*, 13755–13766.

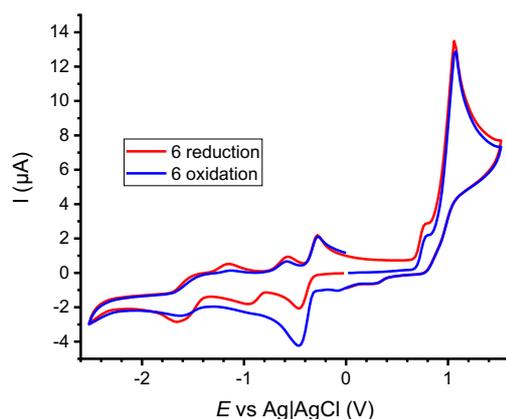


**Fig. S6.** CV of **6** (2mM concentration) performed in DMF with  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  ( $0.1\text{mol.L}^{-1}$ ) as an electrolyte at various scan rate.



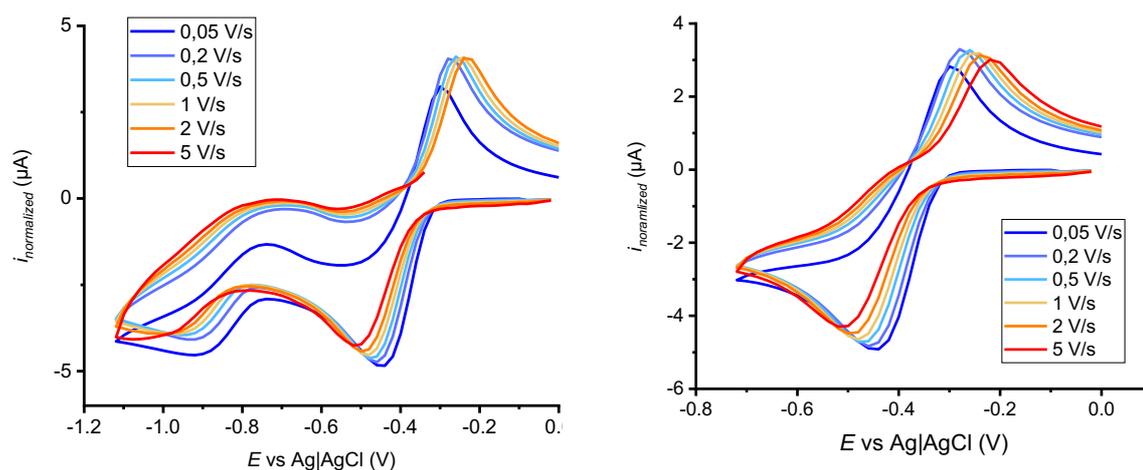
**Fig. S7.** CV of **6** (2mM concentration) with increasing equivalents of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  in DMSO with  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  ( $0.1\text{mol.L}^{-1}$ ) as supporting electrolyte at  $0.2\text{Vs}^{-1}$ . Addition of one equivalent of base significantly shifted the reduction potential of **6** towards more negative values (left). The CV towards oxidation potentials is also greatly affected by addition of the base as deprotonated catechols are more easily oxidized (right).

When scanning towards reduction potentials, 3 reduction waves were detected but only the first one evolved when changing the scan rate (see below).



**Fig. S8.** CV of **6** (2mM concentration) performed in DMF with  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  ( $0.1\text{mol.L}^{-1}$ ) as supporting electrolyte.

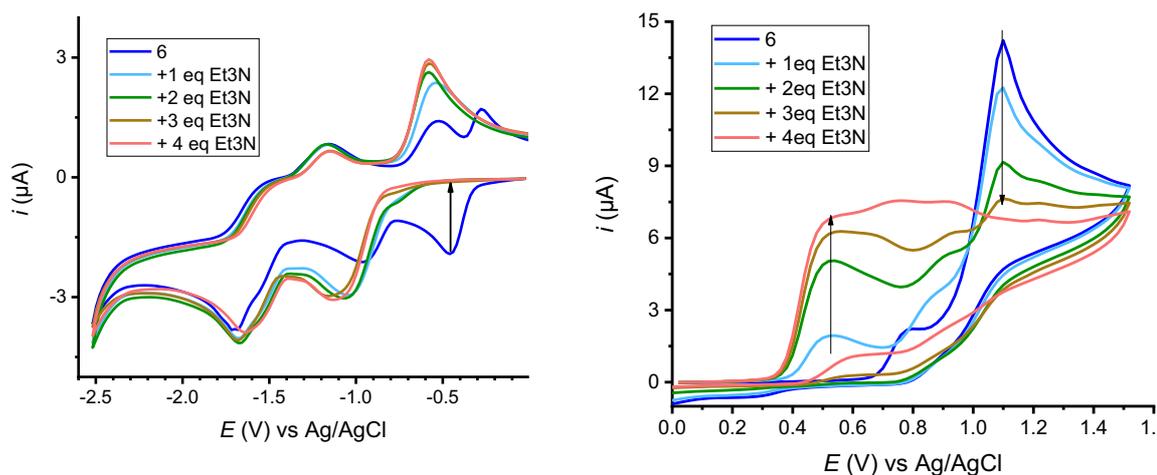
As shown in DMSO, the CVs evolve when varying the scan rate with a loss of reversibility and two oxidation waves were detected at the reverse scan at high scan rates. Here also, normalized currents were plotted by comparison.



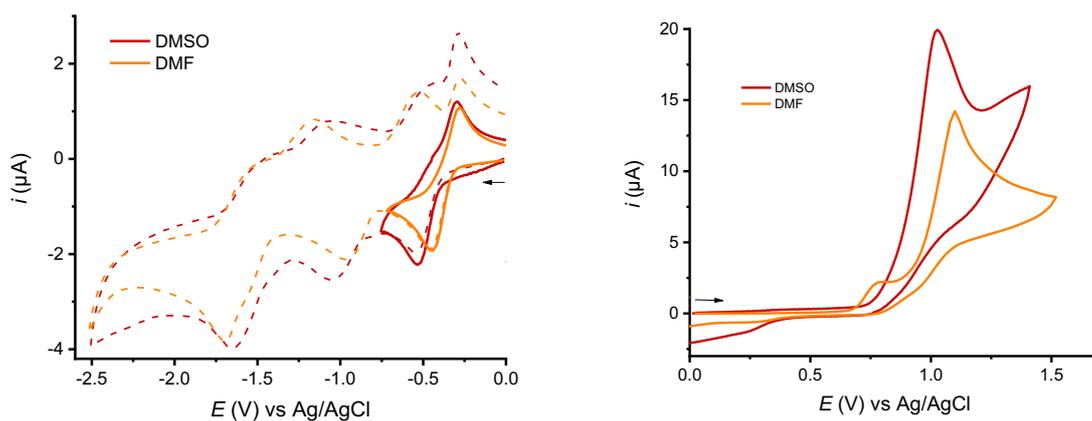
**Fig. S9.** CV of **6** (2mM concentration) performed in DMF with  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  ( $0.1\text{mol.L}^{-1}$ ) as supporting electrolyte varying the scan rate.

CV of **6** with increasing amounts of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  in DMF.

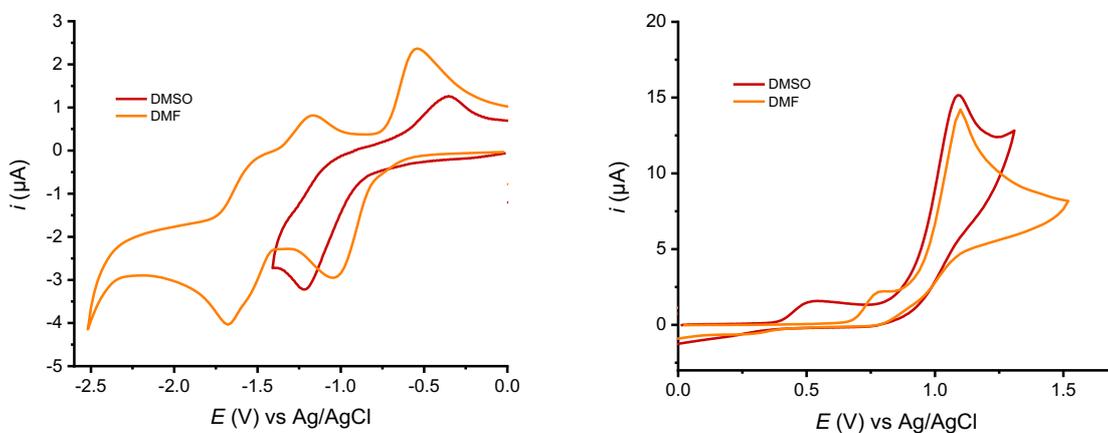
As observed in DMSO, after addition of one equiv of a base, the two reduction peaks at  $-0.45\text{ V}$  and  $-0.90\text{ V}$  merged to give a unique wave at  $-1.0\text{ V}$  (left). Towards oxidation potentials, we observed a similar evolution to the one discussed for DMSO, with the loss of the oxidation wave at  $+1.10\text{ V}$  and an increase of a less defined wave at more positive potentials, consistently with the oxidation of catecholates (right).



**Fig. S10.** CV of **6** (2mM concentration) with increasing amounts of Et<sub>3</sub>N in DMF with nBu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> (0.1mol.L<sup>-1</sup>) as supporting electrolyte.



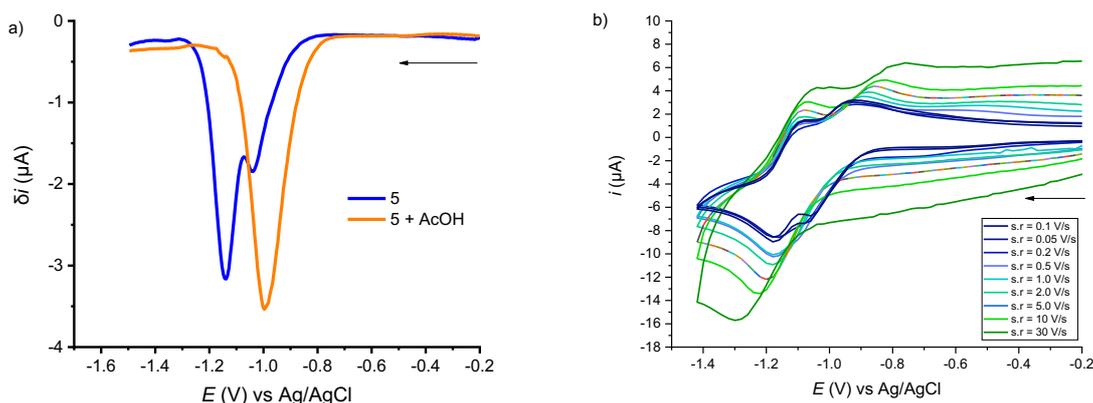
**Fig. S11.** Comparison of the redox potentials of **6** (2mM concentration) in DMF and DMSO with nBu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> (0.1mol.L<sup>-1</sup>) as supporting electrolyte for the protonated species (scan rate 0.2 Vs<sup>-1</sup>).



**Fig. S12.** Comparison of the redox potentials of **6** (2mM concentration) with one equivalent of Et<sub>3</sub>N in DMF and DMSO with nBu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> (0.1mol.L<sup>-1</sup>) as supporting electrolyte for the protonated species (scan rate 0.2 Vs<sup>-1</sup>).

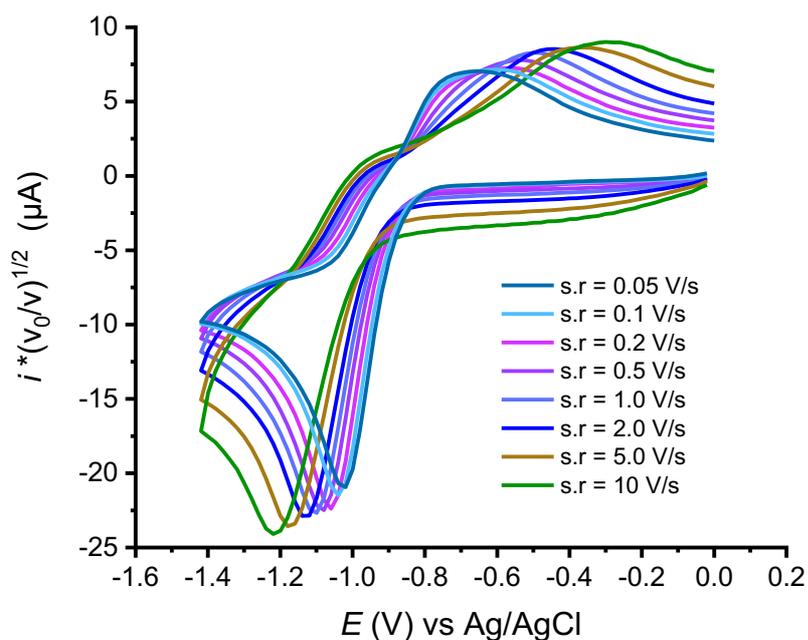
## Cyclic Voltammetry of **5**

The concentration of **5** was 2.7 mM, which is above saturation. The addition of one equivalent of acetic acid allowed complete solubilization of the substrate, which could explain the observed increase of relative intensities. Conversely, when adding 1 equiv of acetic acid on **5**, a lower anodic shift was observed ( $DE_{1/2} = 50$  mV, Fig. S13a). The different behavior between intermediate **5.H<sup>+</sup>** and ligand **6** advocates for a protonation of **5** on a different site compared to **6**.



**Fig. S13.** a) Square-wave voltammetry of a 2 mM solution of intermediate **5** in DMSO with 0.1 M of  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  as supporting electrolyte at rt with 5 mV of step, 10 mV of  $E_{\text{sw}}$  at 5 Hz.; b) CV of **5** alone in DMSO with a GC 3 mm diameter as working electrode.

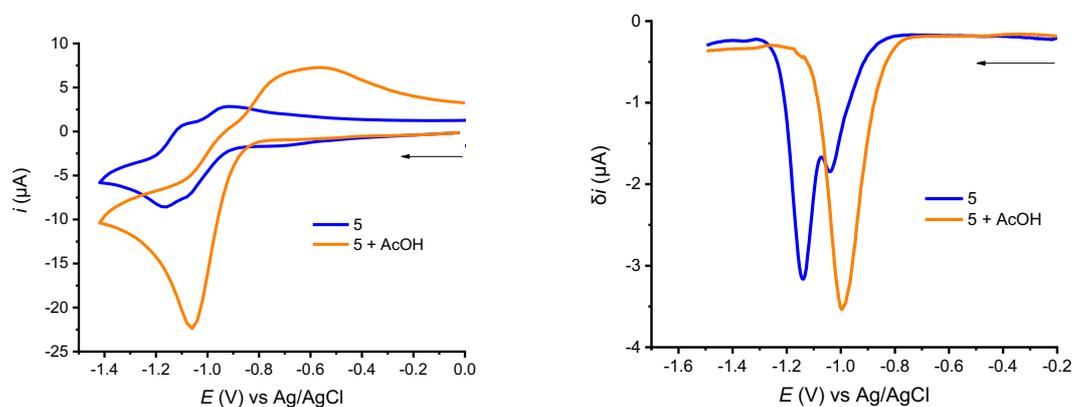
At low scan rate two successive reduction waves can be observed. They collapse into one single wave for a scan rate higher than  $0.5 \text{ Vs}^{-1}$ .



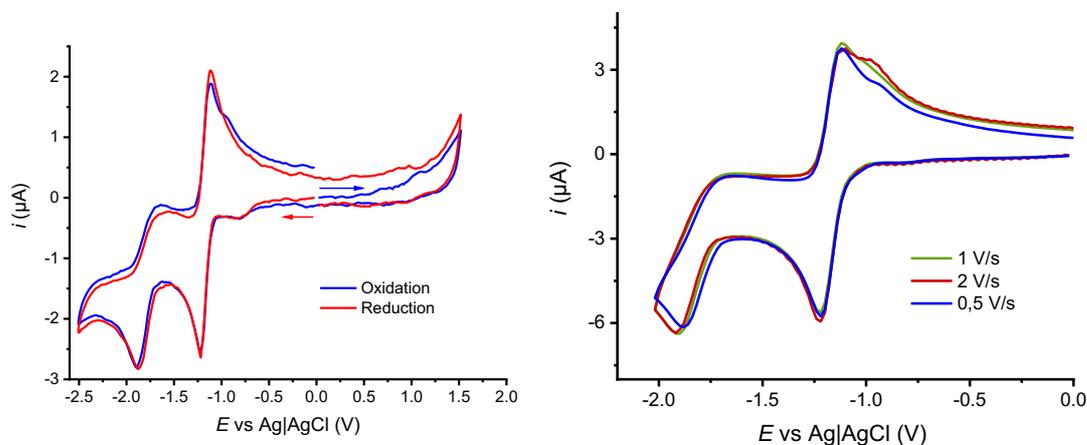
**Fig. S14.** CV of **5** (2mM concentration) with one equivalent of acetic acid in DMSO with  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  (0.1mol.L<sup>-1</sup>) as supporting electrolyte with a GC 3 mm diameter as working electrode.

Addition of one equiv of acid merges the two successive waves observed for **5** at low scan rates into a single wave. The potential shift observed when increasing the scan rate is in favor of a two-electron reduction occurring thanks to a coupling with a proton exchange.

The SWV experiment (right) illustrated better the presence of two reduction waves without acid and it also allows to prove the easier reduction of **5** when protonated. Indeed, the reduction is shifted by more than 50 mV for the half peak potential.

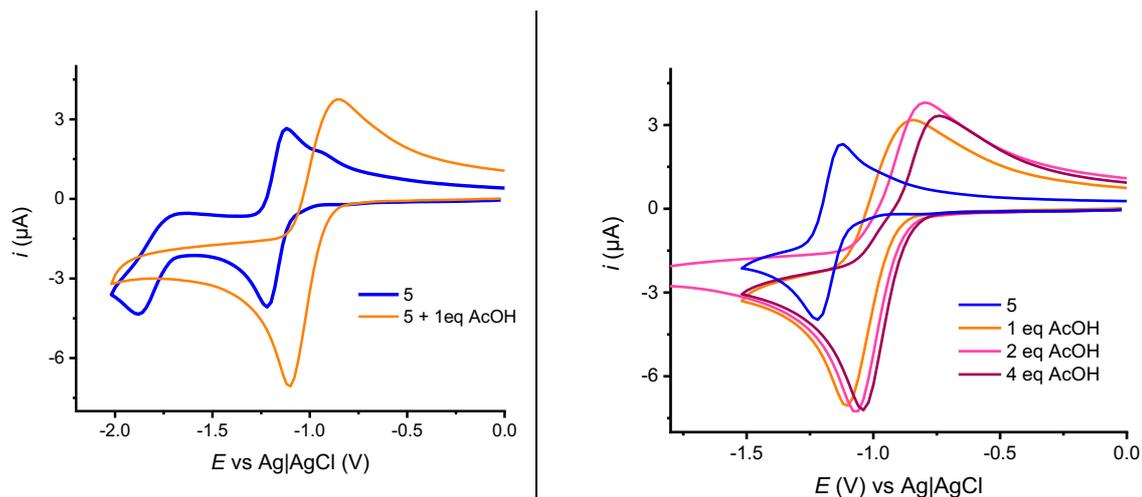


**Fig. S15.** CV of **5** (2mM concentration) in DMSO with 0.1 M of  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  as supporting electrolyte at  $0.2 \text{ Vs}^{-1}$  and square wave voltammetry (SWV) (potential step 5 mV, amplitude modulation 10 mV, frequency 5Hz).



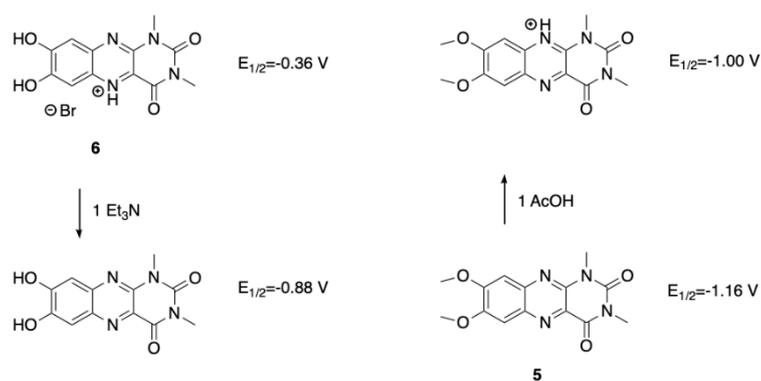
**Fig. S16.** CV of **5** (2mM concentration) in DMF with  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  ( $0.1 \text{ mol.L}^{-1}$ ) as supporting electrolyte.

When adding one equiv of acetic acid, only one reduction wave can be detected, which due to its intensity probably accounts for a three-electron transfer. The addition of more than one equiv of acid did not greatly modify the CV.

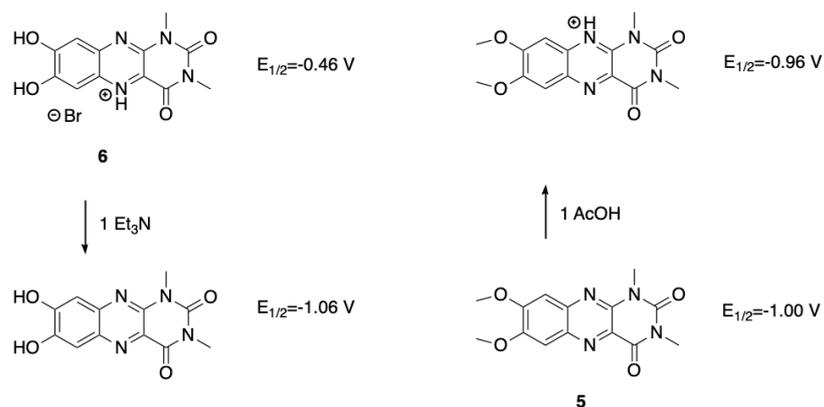


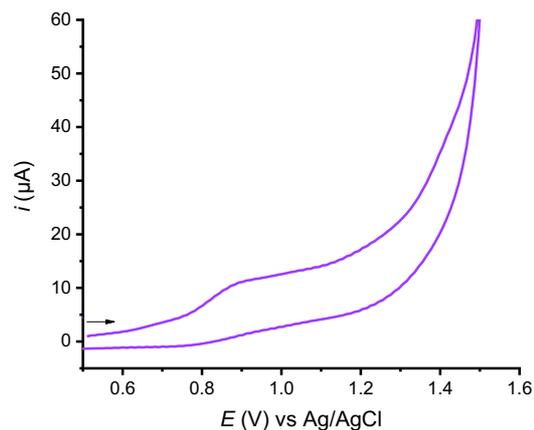
**Fig. S17.** CV of **5** (2mM concentration) in DMF with  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  ( $0.1\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ) as supporting electrolyte in the presence of acetic acid.

Half wave potentials toward Ag|AgCl reference in DMF at  $0.2\text{Vs}^{-1}$



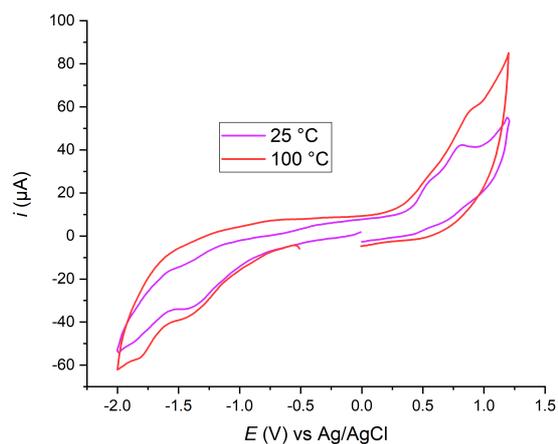
Half wave potentials toward Ag|AgCl reference in DMSO at  $0.2\text{Vs}^{-1}$



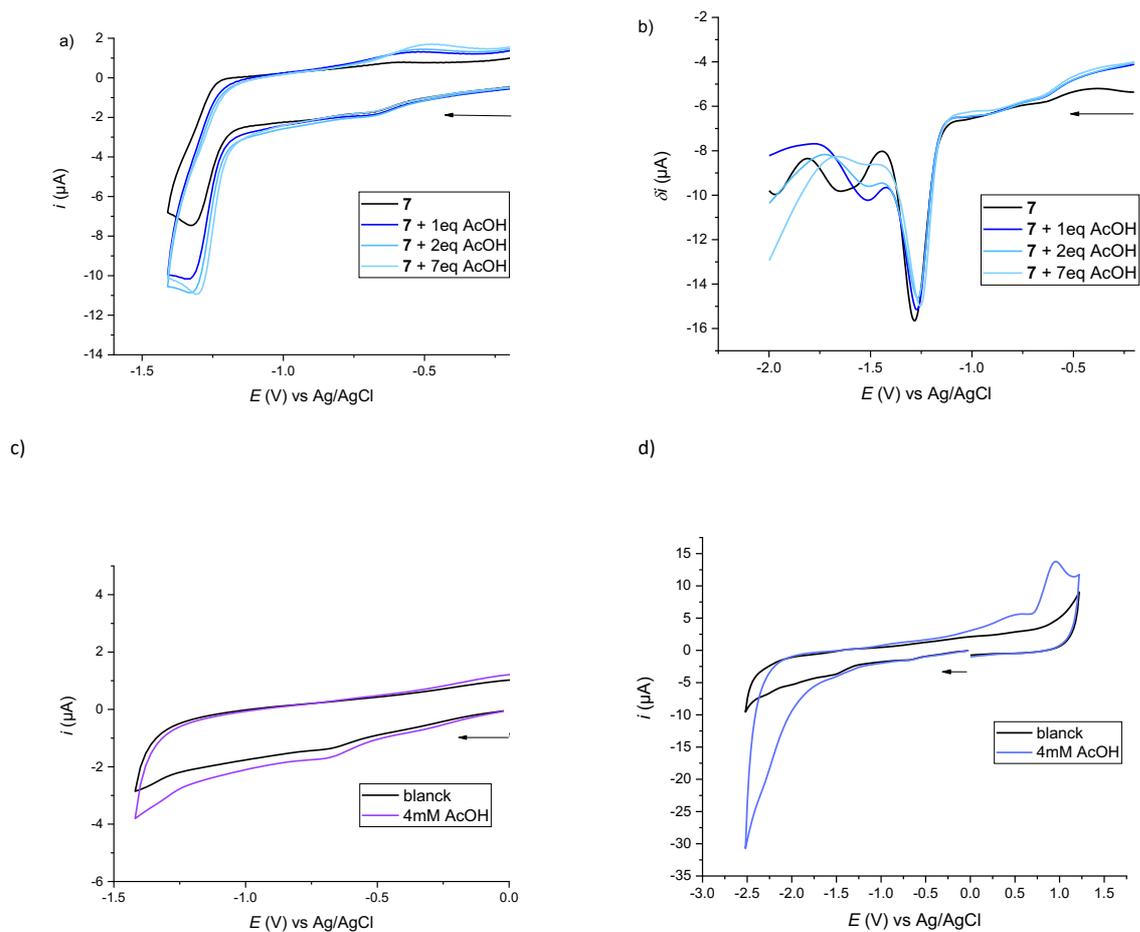


**Fig. S18.** CV of **7** (saturated) towards oxidation potentials in DMSO with  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  ( $0.1\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ) as supporting electrolyte.

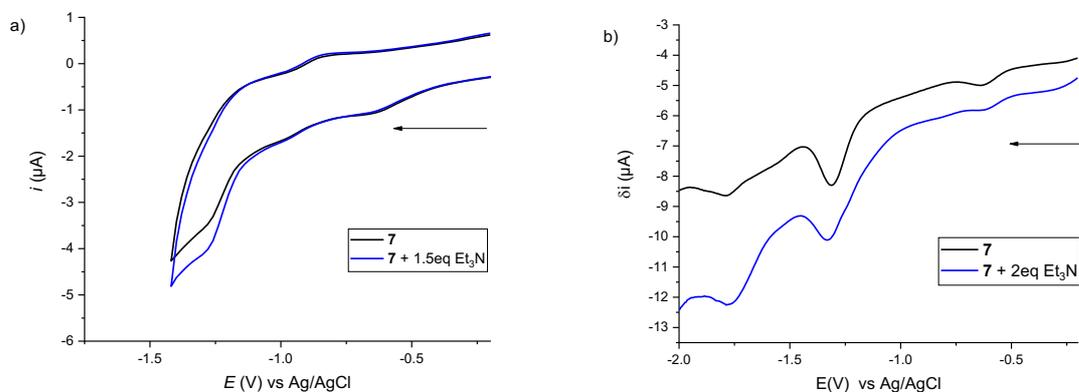
The solubility of **7** is very low even at  $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The reduction wave is very poorly defined, and the half wave potential can be roughly estimated to  $-1.3 \pm 0.1\text{ V vs Ag|AgCl}$ .



**Fig. S19.** CV of **7** (saturated) in DMF with  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  ( $0.1\text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ) as supporting electrolyte at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and  $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Fig. S20.** CV of **7** (saturated) in DMSO with  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  (0.1 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>) as supporting electrolyte with increasing amounts of AcOH (a.), square wave voltammetry (b.) (potential step 5 mV, amplitude modulation 50 mV, frequency 25Hz) in the same conditions, control experiments for AcOH in DMSO (c and d, conditions : Ref Ag|AgCl, WE : GC 3mm, CE : Pt. Solvent : DMSO, Electrolyte TBABF<sub>4</sub> 0.1M, scan rate 0.2 V/s, T = r.t.).

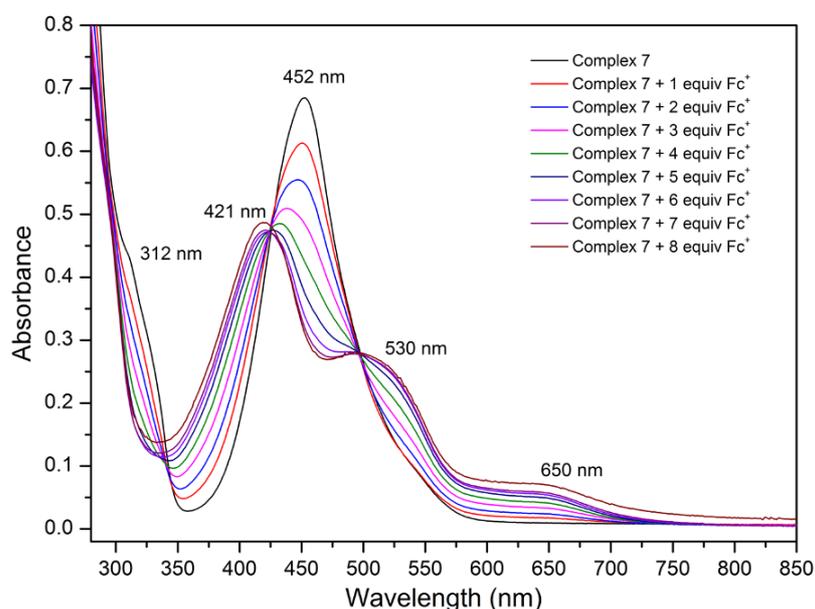


**Fig. S21.** a) CV of **7** (saturated) and b) Square wave voltammetry of **7** (saturated) both in DMSO with  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  (0.1 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>) as supporting electrolyte with increasing amounts of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (potential step 5 mV, amplitude modulation 50 mV, frequency 25Hz).

## UV-Vis studies

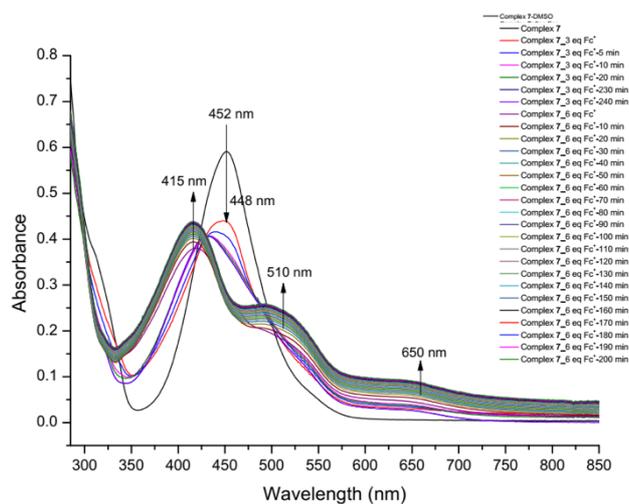
### Oxidation of **7** using ferrocenium hexafluorophosphate ( $\text{FcPF}_6$ ) in DMSO

The oxidation was monitored by UV-Vis spectroscopy upon addition of one equivalent  $\text{Fc}^+\text{PF}_6^-$  every 15 minutes. A  $10^{-5}$  M solution of **7** in dry DMSO was degassed by argon bubbling for 30 minutes before measuring the spectra. Cuvette capacity is 1.5 mL and was filled with 1 mL of complex solution. The concentration of  $\text{Fc}^+\text{PF}_6^-$  was calculated so that 10  $\mu\text{L}$  corresponds to 1 equivalent of the complex solution. Volume correction were neglected.  $10 \mu\text{L} \times S_1 = 1 \text{ mL (cuvette volume)} \times 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M (conc. of 7)} \rightarrow S_1 = 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ . Therefore,  $10^{-3}$  M  $\text{Fc}^+\text{PF}_6^-$  solution was prepared in dry DMSO and degassed.



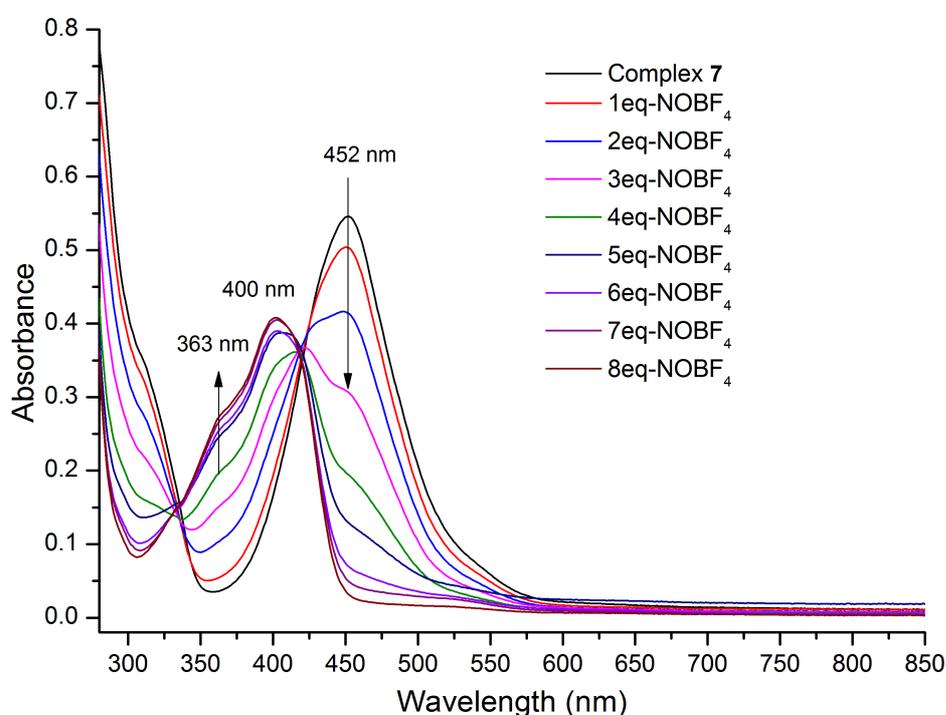
**Fig. S22.** UV-vis monitoring of the oxidation of **7** (crystal) ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the presence of ferrocenium hexafluorophosphate ( $\text{Fc}^+$ ) ( $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M) in degassed DMSO at room temperature.

Addition of 8 equiv.  $\text{Fc}^+$  in a single step led to a decrease of the characteristic bands of **7**, and the profile corresponding to full oxidation of complex was observed after adding excess  $\text{Fc}^+$  (16 equiv.). The UV-vis profile was then monitored with an interval of 20 min between data collection and showed slow evolution towards the final state. These observations suggest that the reaction kinetics is not fast and equilibrates over the course of several hours, which is compatible with the mild oxidative power of  $\text{Fc}^+$ . Longer equilibration times led to the observation that 6 equiv. oxidant was enough to perform full oxidation of **7**. These experiments also show that the oxidized species is stable in presence of excess amount of oxidant.



**Fig. S23.** Oxidation of **7** (crystal) ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with varying amounts of ferrocenium hexafluorophosphate ( $\text{Fc}^+$ ) ( $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M) in degassed DMSO at room temperature: 8 to 16 equiv. (top), 3 to 6 equiv. (bottom).

#### Oxidation of **7** by $\text{NOBF}_4$ in DMSO

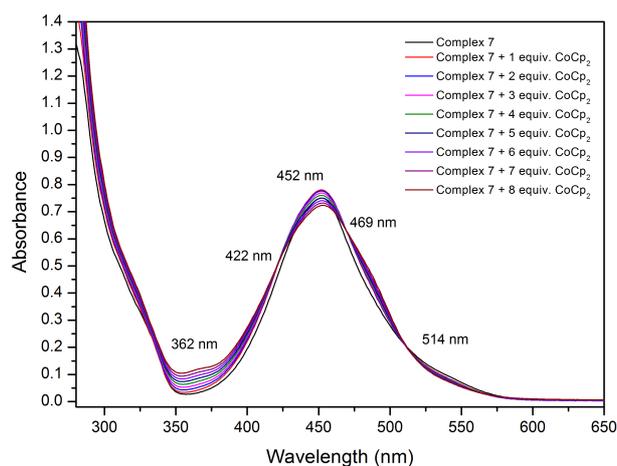


**Fig. S24.** Oxidation of **7** (crystal) ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the presence of nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate ( $\text{NOBF}_4$ ) ( $2 \times 10^{-3}$  M) in degassed DMSO at room temperature.

Oxidation monitoring by UV-vis was also performed with nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate (NOBF<sub>4</sub>) as stronger oxidant. The solution of **7** was monitored by UV-Vis spectroscopy upon addition of 1 equiv. NOBF<sub>4</sub> (5 μL of 2x10<sup>-3</sup> M DMSO solution) every 16 min. During this 16 minutes delay, the UV-Vis spectra was recorded every 2 min. For the whole spectra, the final (16 min spectra) absorbance values were taken. The addition of NOBF<sub>4</sub> shows a continuous intensity decrease of the absorbance band at 452 nm until 3 equiv. addition with appearance of a new band at 421 nm. Upon further addition of NOBF<sub>4</sub> (6 equiv.), the characteristic bands of **7** completely disappear and absorbance bands at 400 nm and a shoulder band at 363 nm are observed, which are characteristic bands for the pro-ligand **6**, thus suggesting decomplexation rather than oxidation of the complex. Moreover, the solution turns from orange to light yellow, while with Fc<sup>+</sup> oxidation, the solution color turned reddish brown.

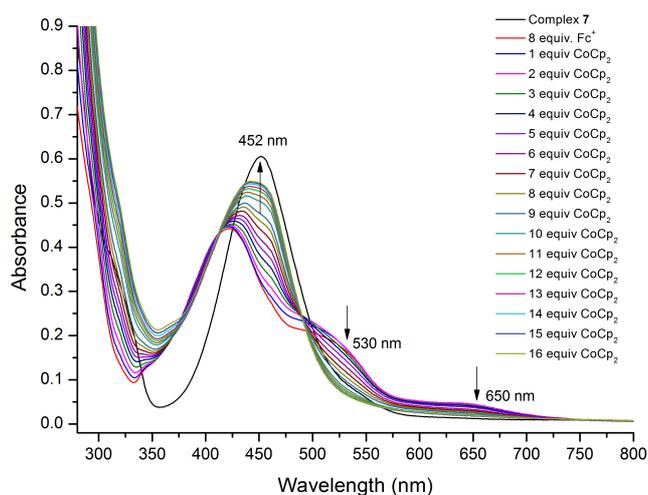
### Reduction of **7** using cobaltocene (CoCp<sub>2</sub>) in DMSO

The reduction was monitored by UV-Vis spectroscopy in a septum-sealed cuvette with occasional argon flow to keep the system inert and upon addition of one equivalent of cobaltocene (CoCp<sub>2</sub>) every 15 minutes. A 10<sup>-5</sup> M solution of **7** in dry DMSO was degassed by argon bubbling for 30 minutes before measuring the spectra. Cuvette capacity is 1.5 mL and was filled with 1 mL of complex solution. The concentration of CoCp<sub>2</sub> was calculated so that 10 μL corresponds to 1 equivalent of the complex solution. Volume correction were neglected. 10 μL x S<sub>1</sub> = 1 mL (cuvette volume) x 1x10<sup>-5</sup> M (conc. of **7**) → S<sub>1</sub> = 10<sup>-3</sup> M. Therefore, 10<sup>-3</sup> M CoCp<sub>2</sub> solution was prepared in dry DMSO and degassed.



**Fig. S25.** Reduction of **7** (crystal) (1x10<sup>-5</sup> M) in presence of cobaltocene (CoCp<sub>2</sub>) (1x10<sup>-3</sup> M) in degassed DMSO at room temperature.

## Chemical reversibility: successive oxidation with $\text{Fc}^+\text{PF}_6^-$ and reduction with $\text{CoCp}_2$



**Fig. S26.** Oxidation of **7** (crystal) ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with increment addition of ferrocenium hexafluorophosphate ( $2 \times 10^{-3}$  M) up to 8 equivalents followed by reduction with  $\text{CoCp}_2$  ( $2 \times 10^{-3}$  M) in degassed DMSO at room temperature.

A degassed DMSO solution of **7** ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) was prepared under argon and was oxidized anaerobically by 1 equiv. increments of ferrocenium hexafluorophosphate (5  $\mu\text{L}$ ,  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  M solution in DMSO) and UV-Vis spectra were collected.  $\text{FcPF}_6$  oxidation was carried out up to 8 equivalents, then one electron reductant  $\text{CoCp}_2$  ( $2 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was added in one equivalent increments (5  $\mu\text{L}$ ), the results show a reduction of the oxidized species from **7** which supports a chemically reversible oxidation.

## IR studies

### Fourier transformed infrared spectroscopy

The infrared spectra of the hybrid pro-ligand **6** and the **7** were obtained with a Vertex 70 FTIR spectrometer (Bruker, Germany) equipped with a liquid nitrogen MCT (mercury cadmium telluride) detector. The spectrometer was purged with dry air to avoid the contributions from humidity in the spectra. The FTIR spectra of the samples were obtained in the attenuated total reflection mode (ATR) (Harrick crystal, Diamond Prism), and recorded in the spectral range from 4000 to 800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  with a scan velocity of 40 kHz. Three spectra with a resolution of 4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (256 co-added scans) were averaged for each sample. The ATR-FTIR spectra of the ligand, and the complex samples were performed from powders, previously dried under high vacuum.

H/D exchange experiments were conducted on the Ni-complex in the presence of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . 0.1 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Milli Q) or  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  solution with 100 atoms % D, Acros Organics, USA), were mixed for 1 hour at room temperature with 0.5 mL of a DMSO solution of the complex (500  $\mu\text{M}$ ). Then, the sample was again air dried on an ATR crystal creating a thin film.

ATR-FTIR spectra were recorded with the Opus software from Bruker Bruker (Opus. 6.0) and analysed with Origin program (OriginLab. 8.5). The contributions of DMSO solvent were interactively subtracted from each sample spectrum and baseline correction was applied.

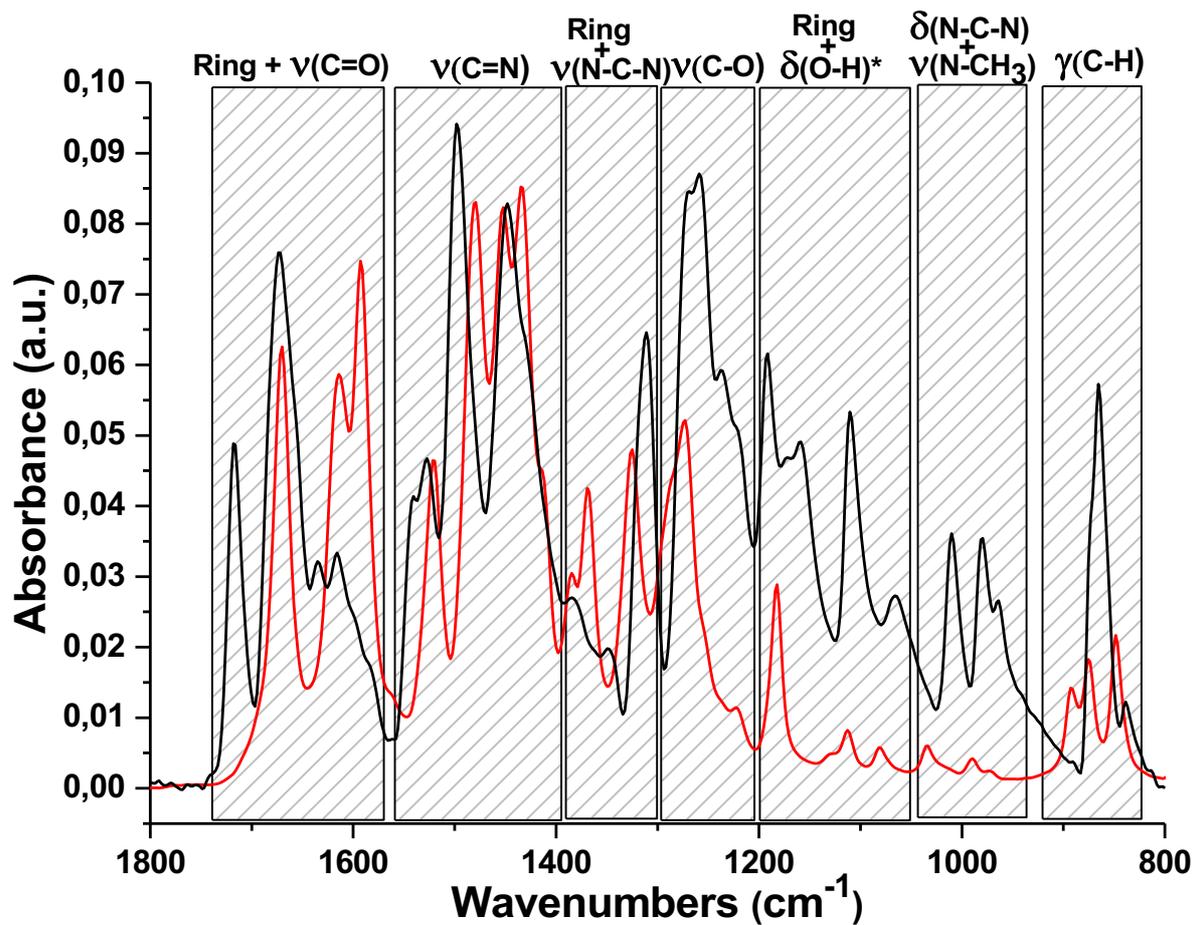
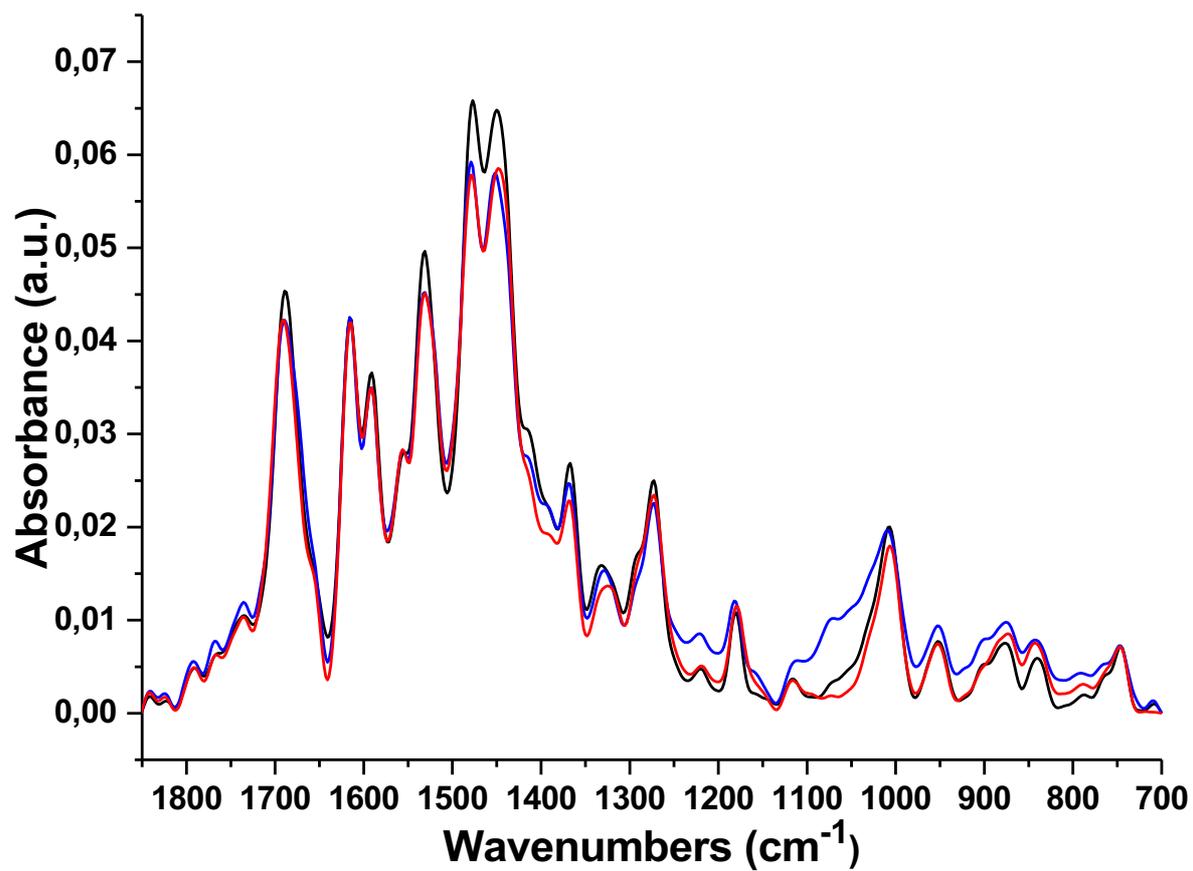


Fig. S27. ATR-FTIR spectra of the hybrid ligand (black curve) and the nickel complex (red curve) as powders.  
 \*The OH deformation vibration is assigned only to the ligand structure.



**Fig. S28.** ATR-FTIR spectra of the nickel complex as dry films from solutions in DMSO (black curve), in DMSO in the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O (blue curve) and in DMSO in the presence of D<sub>2</sub>O (red curve). The DMSO solvent was interactively subtracted from each spectrum.

**Table S2.** Tentative assignments for the peaks from the ATR-FTIR spectra of **6** and **7** as powders (see Fig. S5). Vibrational assignments were made according to several previous studies on the alloxazine derivative and catechols.<sup>8,9,10,11</sup> \*The 1158 cm<sup>-1</sup> band is assigned to the OH deformation and the ring II vibration in the ligand structure.

Position (cm <sup>-1</sup> )		Tentative attribution
Ligand	Nickel Complex	
839	848	$\gamma(\text{C-H})$
865	875	$\gamma(\text{C-H})$
963/979	972/989	$\nu(\text{N-CH}_3)$
1010	1034	$\nu(\text{N1-C2-N3})$
1066	1081	Ring I
1110	1112	$\delta(\text{C-H})$
1158	-	$\delta(\text{O-H})^* + \text{Ring II}$
1191	1182	
1237	1222	$\nu(\text{C7-O7})$ or $\nu(\text{C8-O8})$
1270	1272	$\nu(\text{C7-O7})$ or $\nu(\text{C8-O8})$
1311	1324	Ring II
1349/1384	1369/1384	$\nu(\text{N1-C2-N3})$
1429	1412	$\nu(\text{N1-C2-N3})$
1448	1434/1452	$\nu(\text{C4a=N5})$ or $\nu(\text{C10a=N10})$
1498	1479	$\nu(\text{C4a=N5})$ or $\nu(\text{C10a=N10})$
1527	1521	$\nu(\text{C-N})$
1615	1615	Ring I
1635	-	Ring I
1673	1591	$\nu(\text{C4=O4})$
1718	1670	$\nu(\text{C2=O2})$

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**Table S3.** Tentative assignments for the peaks from the ATR-FTIR spectra of **7** as dry films from solutions in DMSO, in DMSO in the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O and in DMSO in the presence of D<sub>2</sub>O (see Fig. S6). Vibrational assignments were made according to several previous studies on the alloxazine derivative and catechols.<sup>8,9,10,11</sup>

Position (cm <sup>-1</sup> )			Tentative attribution
Nickel Complex in DMSO	Nickel Complex in DMSO-H <sub>2</sub> O	Nickel Complex in DMSO-D <sub>2</sub> O	
841	842	843	$\gamma(\text{C-H})$
876	875	871	$\gamma(\text{C-H})$
952	952	952	$\nu(\text{N-CH}_3)$
1007	1009	1007	$\nu(\text{N1-C2-N3})$
1074	1076	1073	Ring I
1117	1116	1117	$\delta(\text{C-H})$
1180	1182	1179	Ring II
1220	1221	1218	$\nu(\text{C7-O7})$ or $\nu(\text{C8-O8})$
1273	1273	1273	$\nu(\text{C7-O7})$ or $\nu(\text{C8-O8})$
1332	1328	1324	Ring II
1367/1390	1369/1392	1369/1391	$\nu(\text{N1-C2-N3})$
1412	1413	1413	$\nu(\text{N1-C2-N3})$
1450	1452	1448	$\nu(\text{C4a=N5})$ or $\nu(\text{C10a=N10})$
1477	1479	1479	$\nu(\text{C4a=N5})$ or $\nu(\text{C10a=N10})$
1531/1554	1531/1556	1531/1556	$\nu(\text{C-N})$
1590	1591	1590	$\nu(\text{C4=O4})$
1616	1616	1616	Ring I
1689	1689	1691	$\nu(\text{C2=O2})$

## EPR studies

EPR spectra were recorded on an EMXplus spectrometer (Bruker Biospin GmbH) operating at Q-band (34 GHz), equipped with a high sensitivity resonator (ER5106QT, Bruker) and a helium cryostat ER4118CFO for the low temperature measurements. Powder samples were sealed in quartz tube and degassed for three cycle using freeze-pump-thaw technique. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) were performed on Bruker D8 Advance with X-ray source by anticathode of cooper giving photons with a wavelength of  $1.54 \times 10^{-10}$  m.

## Solid-state MAS-NMR studies

Solid-state MAS NMR experiments were acquired on an AVANCE 750 MHz wide bore spectrometer (Bruker™) operating at a frequency of 750.12 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  spectra and  $^{207}\text{Pb}$  ones for temperature calibration were obtained by spinning at several speeds, from 50kHz to 62kHz, in a triple resonance  $^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}/^{15}\text{N}$  Ultra-Fast MAS probe (Bruker™) designed for 1.3 mm o.d. zirconia rotors (closed with vespel caps). Sample temperatures were controlled by the spectrometer vendor's system ("VTU" - Variable Temperature Unit- linked to a "BCU Extreme" -Bruker Cooling Unit-). At such spinning rates it is well known that air friction against rotor walls can induce dramatic temperature increase inside the sample, up to more than 70°C at 62kHz. It was confirmed when doing the temperature calibrations, based on  $^{207}\text{Pb}$  chemical shifts variations with temperature of a  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  sample<sup>12,13</sup>: a series of  $^{207}\text{Pb}$  spectra (data not shown) were acquired with the same spinning rates and temperature control system settings to measure the real mean sample temperatures. Conversely, even if the highest attainable MAS rate is preferred to get the best possible resolution (Fig. S24) the choice was done to record the variable temperature data by spinning at 50kHz. We estimated it as being the best compromise between resolution and temperature range spread. It led us to acquire a series of 18  $^1\text{H}$  spectra with temperature ranging from 297.6 K to 332.9 K (Fig. S25). A temperature equilibration delay of 90 minutes separated each spectrum acquisition.

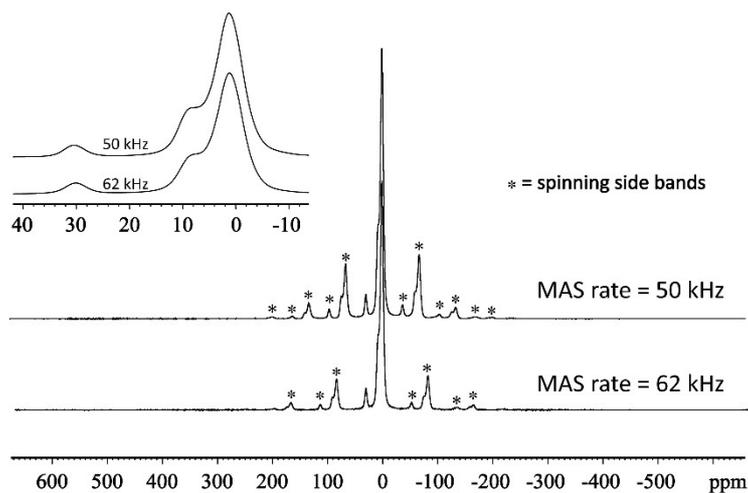
As with MAS rates of 50kHz to 62 kHz we were spinning fast enough to highly reduce the  $^1\text{H}$  homonuclear dipolar interactions, and in order to filter out background probe signals to get undistorted lineshapes, a speed synchronized spin echo<sup>14</sup> pulse scheme was used ( $\text{P}_{90^\circ}$ - $\tau$ - $\text{P}_{180^\circ}$ - $\tau$ ), with the following conditions : 1.27  $\mu\text{s}$  and 2.54  $\mu\text{s}$  for  $\text{P}_{90^\circ}$  and  $\text{P}_{180^\circ}$  pulses to ensure the minimal spectral coverage (1MHz spectral width), while echo time ( $\tau$ ) was set equal to 2 rotation periods (40  $\mu\text{s}$  and 32,26  $\mu\text{s}$  for 50 kHz and 62 kHz respectively). 32768 time domain data points were acquired then leading to a 61 Hz/pt spectral resolution. Separated by a 200 ms recycle delay, 8192 scans were added giving a total experimental time per spectrum equal to ca 28 minutes. This short recycle delay, unusual in solid state  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy was derived from relaxation experiments (not shown) based upon the inversion-recovery method. Measured  $T_1$ 's were ranging from 280  $\mu\text{s}$  to 650  $\mu\text{s}$ , much smaller than the 200 ms recycle delay whose final choice was therefore mainly directed by probe duty-cycle considerations rather than relaxation. Those extremely short relaxation delays together with the abnormal  $^1\text{H}$  spectral range and chemical shifts (Fig. S24) are unambiguously showing the presence of a paramagnetic interaction (nucleus with unpaired electrons). Raw data were processed with a 50 Hz Lorentzian filter followed by Fourier transformation without zero filling.

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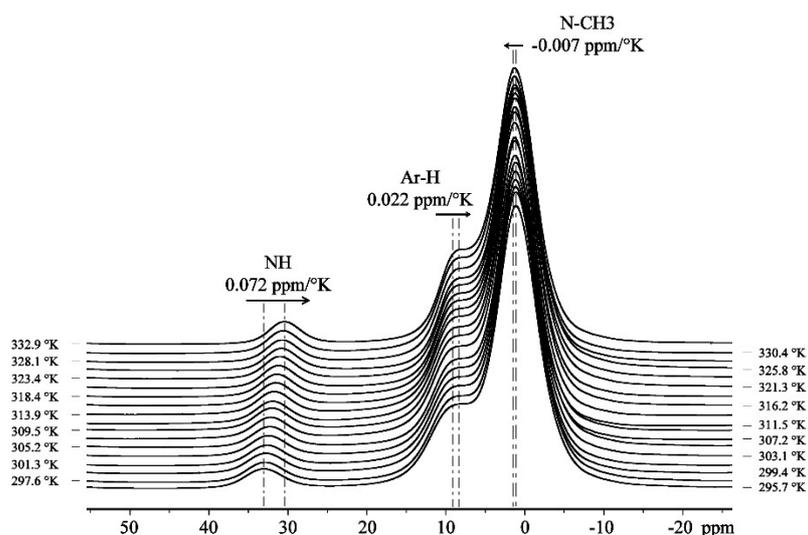
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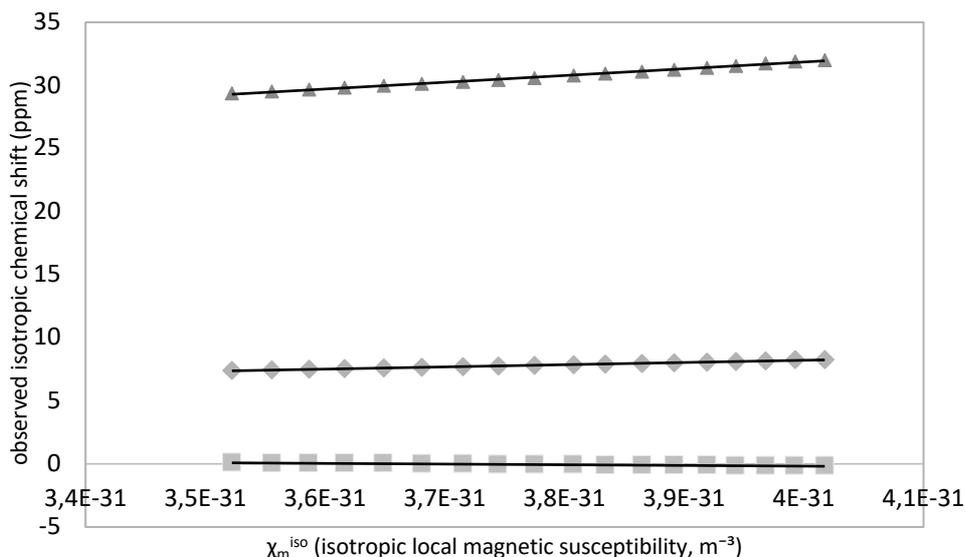
<sup>14</sup> E. L. Hahn, *Phys. Rev.*, **1950**, *80*, 580-594.



**Fig. S29.** Solid State  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra obtained at 62 kHz (lower trace) and 50 kHz MAS rates (upper trace), both obtained at 295.7°K. Even if the faster spin-rate exhibits less spinning side bands the resolution is only slightly improved, as shown by the isotropic chemical shift zone expansion (upset). The variable temperature study was then conducted by spinning at 50kHz, for higher temperature range access.



**Fig. S30.** Variable temperature Solid State  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, ranging from 295.7°K to 332.9°K. The 3 observed isotropic chemical shifts peaks are observed to be linearly sensitive to the temperature. While the NH and AR-H  $\delta_{iso}^{obs}$  are moving to lower chemical shifts with increasing temperature (0.072 and 0.022 ppm/°K respectively) the N-CH<sub>3</sub> is doing the opposite (-0.007 ppm/°K).



**Fig. S31.** Isotropic chemical shifts ( $\delta_{iso}^{obs}$ ) versus isotropic local magnetic susceptibility ( $\chi_m^{iso}$ ). The observed linear dependence allows for diamagnetic shifts and hyperfine coupling constants determinations.

Each plot is an affine function<sup>15</sup> of the form:  $\delta_{iso}^{obs} = \frac{A}{\gamma\hbar\mu_0\mu_B gS} \chi_m^{iso} + \delta_{iso}^{dia}$  where A is the hyperfine coupling constant,  $\gamma$  the gyromagnetic ratio,  $\mu_0$  the vacuum magnetic permeability,  $\mu_B$  the Bohr magneton of the electron  $\delta_{iso}^{obs}$  the observed isotropic shift,  $\delta_{iso}^{dia}$  the diamagnetic shift and  $\chi_m^{iso}$  the isotropic local magnetic susceptibility.

Assignment	$\delta_{iso}^{dia}$ (/ppm)	A/h (MHz)
N-CH <sub>3</sub>	2,0	-0,23
Ar-H	1,2	0,76
N-H	10,4	2,32

**Table S4.** Proposed assignments.

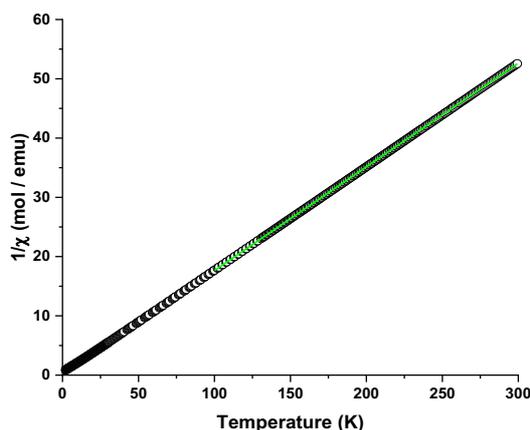
## SQUID measurements

The magnetic measurements were conducted using a Quantum Design MPMS-3 magnetometer. The static susceptibility measurements were performed in the 1.8 K - 300 K temperature range with an applied field of 0.5 T. Magnetization measurements at different fields and at given temperature confirm the absence of ferromagnetic impurities. Data were corrected for the sample holder and diamagnetism was estimated from Pascal constants.

The fits of the magnetic data were performed using the PHI program.<sup>16</sup> The magnetic interaction constants  $J$  are reported with respect to the  $-2J S_1 \cdot S_2$  spin coupling Hamiltonian.

<sup>15</sup> D. Carlier, M. Ménétrier, C. P. Grey, C. Delmas, G., Ceder, *Phys. Rev. B.* **2003**, *67*, 174103.

<sup>16</sup> N. F. Chilton, R. P. Anderson, L. D. Turner, A. Soncini, K. S. Murray, *J. Comput. Chem.* **2013**, *34*, 1164.



**Fig. S32.** Plot of  $1/\chi$  vs.  $T$  for the title compound under an applied  $dc$  field of 0.5 kOe. Open symbols: experimental points, full green line: best fit with a Curie-Weiss law (see text).

## DFT Computational studies

All calculations were performed using the ORCA program package.<sup>17</sup> Full geometry optimizations were carried out for all complexes in the high-spin state using the GGA functional BP86<sup>18</sup> in combination with the def2-TZV/P<sup>19</sup> basis set for all atoms and by taking advantage of the resolution of the identity (RI) approximation in the Split-RI-J variant<sup>20</sup> with the appropriate Coulomb fitting sets.<sup>21</sup> Increased integration grids (Grid4 in ORCA convention) and tight SCF convergence criteria were used. For according to the experimental conditions, these calculations were performed in gas phase. Electronic structures were obtained from single-point Broken-Symmetry DFT calculations using the hybrid functional B3LYP<sup>22</sup> together with the def2-TZVP basis set. All possible spin configurations for the broken-symmetry<sup>23</sup> calculations were generated with the “FlipSpin” feature of ORCA. Spin density plots were generated using the orca plot utility program and were visualized with the Chemcraft program.<sup>24</sup>

### Electronic structure of the triangle

Metal-complex **7** is neutral as proven by X-ray diffraction studies. However, the partial or total protonation of the flavin nitrogens as well as the number of the organic radicals delocalized within the flavin/catechol ligand were investigated and our results are shown in Table S5.

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<sup>19</sup> A. Schäfer, C. Huber, R. J. Ahlrichs, *Chem. Phys.* **1994**, *100*, 5829.

<sup>20</sup> F. Neese, *J. Comput. Chem.* **2003**, *24*, 1740.

<sup>21</sup> F. Weigend, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **2006**, *8*, 1057.

<sup>22</sup> a) A. D. Becke, *J. Chem. Phys.* **1993**, *98*, 1372; b) C. T. Lee, W. T. Yang, R. G. Parr, *Phys. Rev. B* **1988**, *37*, 785.

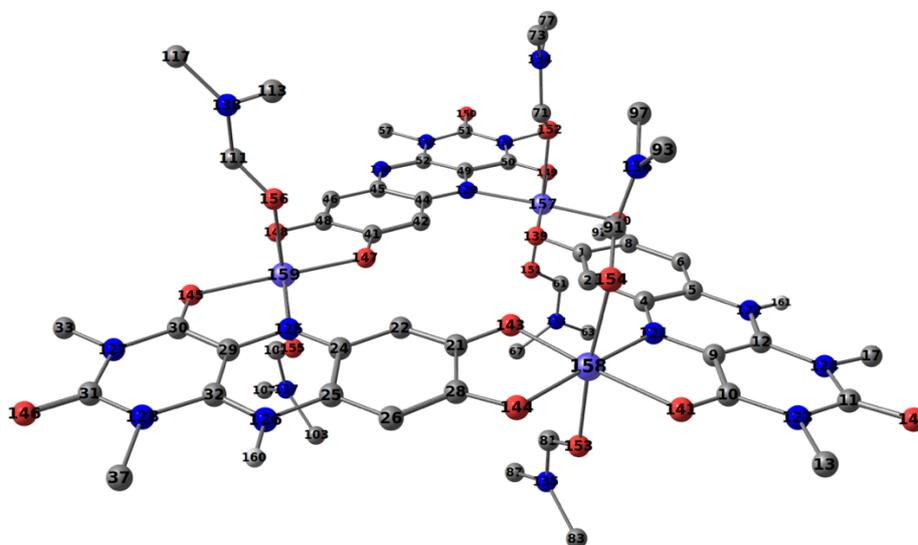
<sup>23</sup> a) L. Noodleman *J. Chem. Phys.* **1981**, *74*, 5737; b) L. Noodleman, D. A. Case, *Adv. Inorg. Chem.* **1992**, *38*, 423; c) L. Noodleman, E. R. Davidson, *Chem. Phys.* **1986**, *109*, 131.

<sup>24</sup> Chemcraft, <http://chemcraftprog.com>

**Table S5.** Relative Gibbs free energies of the different electronic configurations considered for the description of **7**.

Protonation state (N122, N126, N130)	Number of organic radicals	Energy (Eh)	Energy difference (kcal/mol)
3	3	-8966.94	0
2 – N122, N126	2	-8966.38	354
1 – N122	1	-8965.81	708
1 – N126	1	-8965.81	708
1 – N122	3	-8965.76	737
1 – N126	3	-8965.76	737

The hypothesis that matches the best the experimental results is the presence of 3 high-spin Ni<sup>II</sup> centers and 2 organic radicals delocalized within the flavin/catechol ligand (SQ-radicals), which is achieved by a partial protonation of the two flavin nitrogen, N<sub>122</sub> and N<sub>126</sub>, surrounding the Ni<sub>158</sub> (Fig. S33, Table S5).



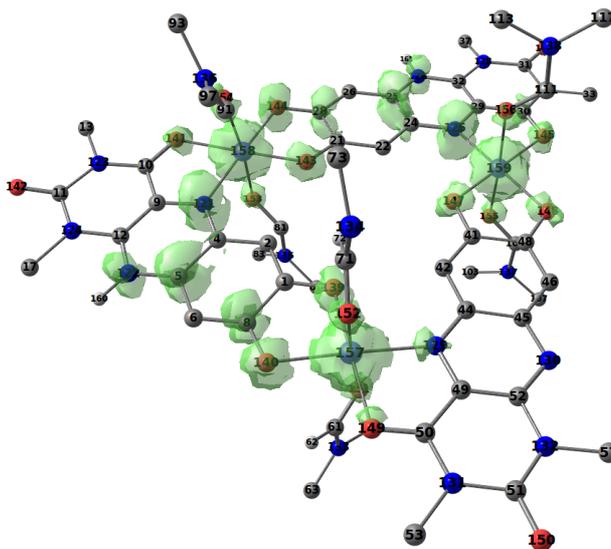
**Fig. S33.** Structure of **7** with protonated N<sub>126</sub> and N<sub>122</sub>. Hydrogens were removed for clarity.

#### System with two protons and two SQ-radicals

Mulliken spin population analysis was performed for the model with two protons and two SQ-radicals (Table S6). As expected, most of the spin density is localized at the Ni metal centers. C<sub>5</sub> (C<sub>25</sub>), C<sub>8</sub> (C<sub>28</sub>), N<sub>121</sub> (N<sub>125</sub>), N<sub>122</sub> (N<sub>126</sub>), and O<sub>141</sub> (O<sub>145</sub>) are the atoms with the highest spin density of the ligand (Figure S34). The above atoms constitute the SQ-radicals and display a total spin population of 1.68 close to the expected value of 2 (Table S6).

**Table S6.** Mulliken spin populations in **7** with two protons and two radicals.

<b>Atoms</b>	<b>Spin population</b>
<b>C<sub>5</sub></b>	0.22
<b>C<sub>8</sub></b>	0.14
<b>N<sub>121</sub></b>	0.35
<b>N<sub>122</sub></b>	0.09
<b>O<sub>141</sub></b>	0.06
<b>C<sub>25</sub></b>	0.20
<b>C<sub>28</sub></b>	0.13
<b>N<sub>125</sub></b>	0.35
<b>N<sub>126</sub></b>	0.08
<b>O<sub>145</sub></b>	0.06
<b>Total SQ radical</b>	1.68
<b>Ni<sub>157</sub></b>	1.69
<b>Ni<sub>158</sub></b>	1.69
<b>Ni<sub>159</sub></b>	1.69
<b>O<sub>139</sub></b>	0.12
<b>O<sub>140</sub></b>	0.19
<b>O<sub>143</sub></b>	0.12
<b>O<sub>144</sub></b>	0.21
<b>O<sub>147</sub></b>	0.07
<b>O<sub>148</sub></b>	0.05
<b>Total</b>	7.51



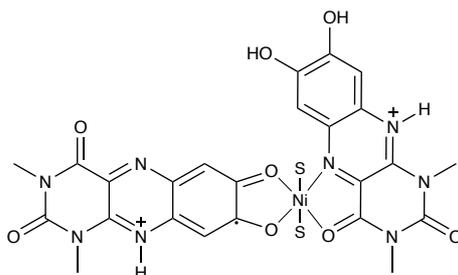
**Fig. S34.** Spin density plot of **7** considering 3 HS Ni(II) centers, two SQ-radicals and two protons on the ligand. Remaining hydrogen atoms were removed for clarity.

The total spin population of 7.5 is compatible with 8 unpaired electrons i.e. 2 electrons per Ni(II) center and 2 electrons from the organic radical. Our calculations show that the electronic structure of **7** can be adequately described considering 3 high spin metal centers and 2 radical ligands.

### Electronic structures of model systems

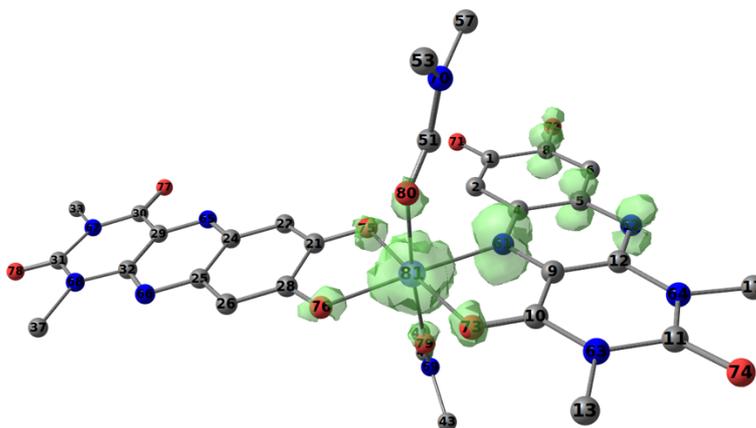
- **Model A**

To study the magnetic interaction between the Ni<sup>II</sup> ion and the SQ radical, we built model **A** with one high spin nickel, protonated catechol, and flavin moieties (Figure S37). The spin density population analysis was performed of model **A** (Figure S29-30 and Table S6).



**Fig. S35.** Model **A** containing one Ni<sup>II</sup> moiety.

A comparison between the spin density distribution in **7** with two protons and in model **A** is presented in Table S6, where the N<sub>61</sub> center (equivalent to N<sub>121</sub>) remains the atom with the highest spin population after Ni<sub>81</sub>. Regarding O<sub>73</sub> (= O<sub>141</sub>) and O<sub>75</sub> (= O<sub>143</sub>), they still have almost the same population as in **7** as well as C<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>8</sub> (= C<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>8</sub>). However, the spin population of N<sub>61</sub> (= N<sub>121</sub>) increases and that of O<sub>76</sub> (= O<sub>144</sub>) decreases compared to **7**, but it is compensated by the increase on N<sub>61</sub> and N<sub>62</sub>. Even if the spin density distribution in model **A** shows a small deviation from **7**, the atoms involved in the delocalization of the SQ radical in **7** are the same for model **A**. Model **A** is a fair representation for a single moiety from the full **7**, and BS-DFT calculations can be conducted based on these observations.



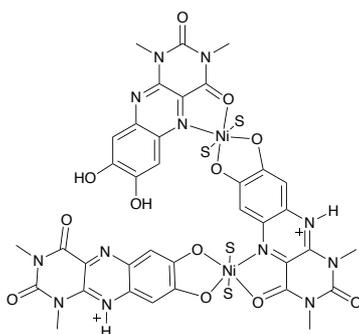
**Fig. S36.** Spin density plot for model **A** containing one Ni<sup>II</sup> with chemically truncated ligands. Hydrogen atoms were removed for clarity.

**Table S6.** Comparison of Mulliken spin population distributions in model **A** and **7**.

<b>Model A</b>		<b>7</b>	
<b>Atoms</b>	<b>Spin population</b>	<b>Atoms</b>	<b>Spin population</b>
C <sub>5</sub>	0.17	C <sub>5</sub>	0.22
C <sub>8</sub>	0.16	C <sub>8</sub>	0.14
N <sub>61</sub>	0.44	N <sub>121</sub>	0.35
N <sub>62</sub>	0.13	N <sub>122</sub>	0.09
O <sub>73</sub>	0.07	O <sub>141</sub>	0.06
<b>Total SQ radical</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>Total SQ radical</b>	<b>0.86</b>
Ni <sub>81</sub>	1.69	Ni <sub>158</sub>	1.69
O <sub>75</sub>	0.07	O <sub>143</sub>	0.12
O <sub>76</sub>	0.06	O <sub>144</sub>	0.21
<b>Total spin density</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>Total spin density</b>	<b>2.88</b>

- **Model B**

A second model was built to investigate the magnetic interaction between 2 moieties within **7** and is schematically represented in Figure S31.

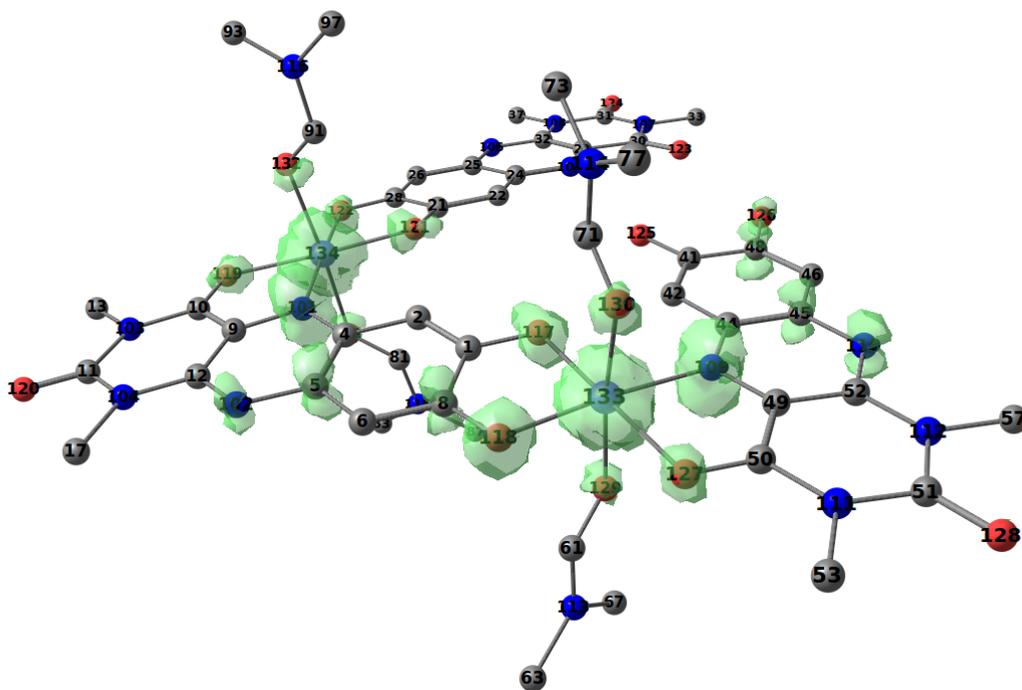


**Fig. S37.** Model **B** with two Ni<sup>II</sup> moieties.

A comparison between the spin density of the full **7** and the model **B** is reported in Table S7, where the N<sub>101</sub> and N<sub>109</sub> (= N<sub>125</sub> and N<sub>121</sub>) are still the atoms with the highest spin density after the Ni<sub>133</sub> and Ni<sub>134</sub>. Regarding O<sub>119</sub> and O<sub>127</sub> (= O<sub>145</sub> and O<sub>141</sub>), O<sub>117</sub> and O<sub>121</sub> (= O<sub>143</sub> and O<sub>147</sub>), and O<sub>118</sub> and O<sub>122</sub> (= O<sub>144</sub> and = O<sub>148</sub>) they still have almost the same population as in **7**. Additionally, C<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>45</sub> (= C<sub>25</sub> and =C<sub>5</sub>) spin density decreases, and C<sub>8</sub> and C<sub>48</sub> (= C<sub>28</sub> and =C<sub>8</sub>) spin density is the same with respect to **7**. However, as for model **A**, this is compensated by the increase of spin population at N<sub>109</sub> and N<sub>110</sub>. In conclusion, model **B** is a fair representation of two moieties of **7**, and BS-DFT calculations can be conducted based on these observations.

**Table S7.** Comparison of Mulliken spin population distributions in model **B** and **7**.

Model B				<b>7</b>			
Atoms	Spin population						
C <sub>5</sub>	0.14	C <sub>45</sub>	0.13	C <sub>25</sub>	0.20	C <sub>5</sub>	0.22
C <sub>8</sub>	0.11	C <sub>48</sub>	0.13	C <sub>28</sub>	0.13	C <sub>8</sub>	0.14
N <sub>101</sub>	0.36	N <sub>109</sub>	0.41	N <sub>125</sub>	0.35	N <sub>121</sub>	0.35
N <sub>102</sub>	0.08	N <sub>110</sub>	0.11	N <sub>126</sub>	0.08	N <sub>122</sub>	0.09
O <sub>119</sub>	0.09	O <sub>127</sub>	0.08	O <sub>145</sub>	0.06	O <sub>141</sub>	0.06
C <sub>9</sub>	0.04	C <sub>49</sub>	0.07	C <sub>29</sub>	0	C <sub>9</sub>	0.05
C <sub>10</sub>	0.01	C <sub>50</sub>	0.07	C <sub>30</sub>	0	C <sub>10</sub>	0.02
<b>Total radical</b>	1.14	<b>Total radical</b>	0.83	<b>Total radical</b>	0.82	<b>Total radical</b>	0.86
Ni <sub>134</sub>	1.58	Ni <sub>133</sub>	1.59	Ni <sub>159</sub>	1.69	Ni <sub>158</sub>	1.69
O <sub>121</sub>	0.09	O <sub>117</sub>	0.16	O <sub>147</sub>	0.07	O <sub>143</sub>	0.12
O <sub>122</sub>	0.07	O <sub>118</sub>	0.22	O <sub>148</sub>	0.05	O <sub>144</sub>	0.21
<b>Total</b>	2.57	<b>Total</b>	2.83	<b>Total</b>	2.63	<b>Total</b>	2.95



**Fig. S38.** Spin density plot for model **B** containing two Ni<sup>II</sup> with chemically truncated ligands. Hydrogen atoms were removed for clarity.

### Magnetic interactions in model systems

Metal-complex **7** has 3 high spin Ni(II) metal centers and each one of them features two unpaired electrons. Furthermore, 2 organic radicals are delocalized within the catechol/flavin ligands. Thus, magnetic interactions between the unpaired electrons of both the metal centers and the SQ radicals are expected. This magnetic interaction can be described by the exchange coupling constant,  $J$ , which is a parameter that describes the strength and nature of the magnetic interactions. The prediction of the  $J$  values in polynuclear transition metal complexes can be conducted using the “broken symmetry” (BS) approach within the density functional theory (DFT) framework.<sup>10,11</sup> While the calculation of high spin states is straightforward using DFT because they can be described by a single determinant, it is not the case for the low spin states which are multiconfigurational. The broken symmetry is then a mathematical tool to evaluate the energy of the low spin states as this approach allows the spin-up and spin-down electrons to be localized on different areas of the molecule so that they can be coupled magnetically but are not forcibly paired. Using the Heisenberg-Dirac-Van Vleck (HDvV) Hamiltonian<sup>25,14</sup> within the BS-DFT framework provides the computed magnetic sublevel spectrum that allows us to assign both ground and first excited states. The exchange interaction between the paramagnetic centers is described by the HDvV Hamiltonian (Eq. 1) where  $J_{12}$  is the exchange coupling constant between the Ni<sup>II</sup> center and the SQ radical and,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are the spin operators for Ni(II) and SQ radical, respectively.

$$\hat{H} = -2J_{12}\hat{S}_1\hat{S}_2 \quad (1)$$

<sup>25</sup> a) Dirac, P. A. M., *Proc. Roy. Soc.* **1929**, A123, 714; b) Heisenberg, W. Z., *Physik* **1926**, 38, 411-426; c) Heisenberg, W. Z., *Physik* **1928**, 49, 619-636; d) Van Vleck, J. H. in *The Theory of Electronic and Magnetic Susceptibilities*, Oxford University, London, **1932**.

## System with 3 protons and 3 SQ-radicals

- Model A

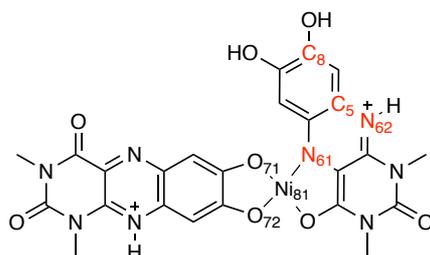
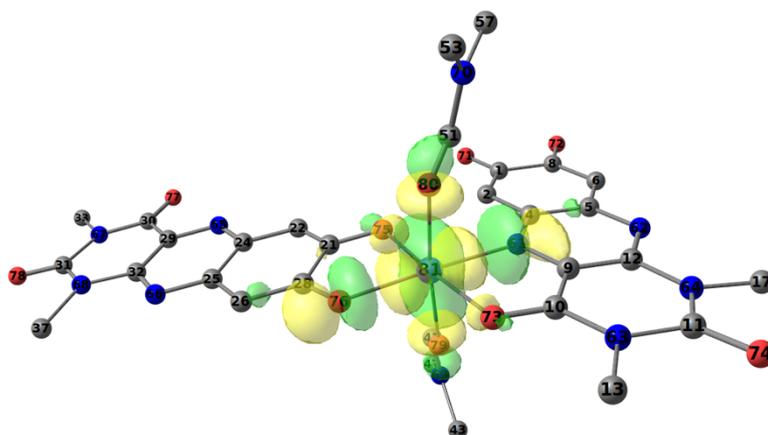


Fig. S39. Scheme highlighting the atoms flipped during BS-DFT calculation of model A.

Table S8. Computed  $J$  value and Mulliken spin population analysis of model A.

	High spin	Broken symmetry
C <sub>5</sub>	0.14	-0.17
C <sub>8</sub>	0.14	-0.16
N <sub>61</sub>	0.48	-0.35
N <sub>62</sub>	0.12	-0.13
Ni <sub>81</sub>	1.69	1.70
O <sub>71</sub>	0.07	0.07
O <sub>72</sub>	0.06	0.06
$J = 131 \text{ cm}^{-1}$		

The calculated  $J$  value for model A is  $131 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Table S8), which indicates a strong ferromagnetic interaction between the Ni<sup>II</sup> metal center and the SQ ligand radical which leads to a triplet ( $S = 1$ ) ground spin state with a singlet excited state lying at  $262 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Magnetic orbitals for model A are reported in Figure S40. Furthermore, the orthogonality of the magnetic orbitals is in agreement with the strong ferromagnetic coupling for this model.



Spatial overlap between magnetic orbitals,  $S = 0.009$

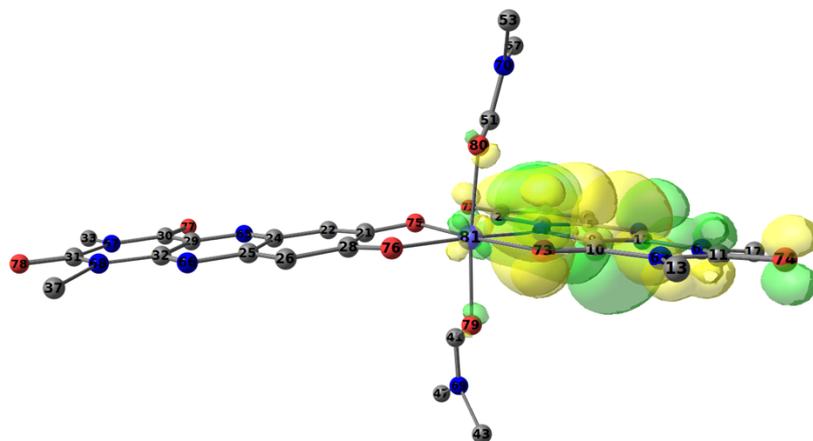


Fig. S40. Magnetic orbital for the BS state of model A. Hydrogen atoms were removed for clarity.

- **Model B:**

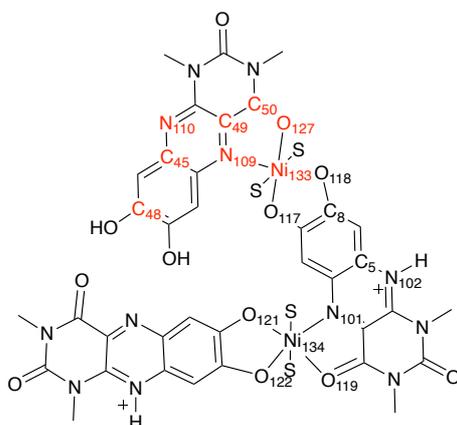


Fig. S41. Scheme highlighting the atoms flipped during BS-DFT calculation of model B.

Table S9. Computed  $J$  value and Mulliken spin populations in model B.

	High spin	Broken symmetry
<b>C<sub>45</sub></b>	0.08	-0.08
<b>C<sub>48</sub></b>	0.11	-0.11
<b>C<sub>49</sub></b>	0.07	-0.07
<b>C<sub>50</sub></b>	0.07	-0.07
<b>N<sub>109</sub></b>	0.31	-0.31
<b>N<sub>110</sub></b>	0.11	-0.11
<b>O<sub>127</sub></b>	0.09	-0.09
<b>Ni<sub>133</sub></b>	1.69	-1.69
<b>C<sub>4</sub></b>	0.21	0.21

<b>C<sub>8</sub></b>	0.14	0.14
<b>N<sub>101</sub></b>	0.34	0.35
<b>N<sub>102</sub></b>	0.09	0.09
<b>O<sub>119</sub></b>	0.06	0.06
<b>Ni<sub>134</sub></b>	1.69	1.70
<b>J = 15 cm<sup>-1</sup></b>		

The calculated  $J$  value for model **B** is 15 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Table S9), which indicates a weak ferromagnetic interaction between the two Ni<sup>II</sup> moieties which leads to a triplet ( $S = 1$ ) ground spin state with a singlet excited state lying at 30 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### Cartesian coordinates

**Table S10.** Optimized structures for complex with 3 protons + 3 radicals

C	6.2710059073	3.9584506830	3.6002498031
C	5.0452441369	3.3614204727	3.2865340466
H	4.1222757460	3.9202380339	3.4447528544
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H	6.5704354676	-2.7543445443	1.9484541907
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**Table S11.** Optimized structures for complex with 2 protons + 2 radicals

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**Table S12.** Optimized structures for complex with 1 proton (N122) + 3 radicals

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O	1.3173692247	9.6704301265	8.7679048992
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O	-4.3270639837	11.4100604496	3.4053657703
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Ni	1.2274071975	8.9930764756	6.5830740675
Ni	8.1702979241	5.6707908041	4.5959272808
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**Table S13.** Optimized structures for complex with 1 proton (N126) + 3 radicals

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C	3.7656403819	-2.1775150465	0.5417967735
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C	1.3623125650	-1.9975679186	0.1594649819
H	1.1549247485	-2.9604723612	0.6431472809
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C	1.0048958787	4.7914592977	3.3607939376
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H	-1.9502062381	12.7055644263	5.5159073702
H	-3.0171874138	13.1393373552	4.1356413038
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C	-4.6151197324	8.9138799948	2.5195713798
H	-5.3369790606	9.7356503658	2.5137703652
H	-5.0057455587	8.0927355480	3.1401602045
H	-4.4617048376	8.5599108665	1.4884351372
C	4.2653204346	8.7622256351	4.6771626999
C	5.4457080709	7.9699971797	4.6517126509
H	5.3900128978	6.9351807170	4.3117640205
C	6.6569242835	8.4944114071	5.0848811070
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H	11.2998499735	11.8022696889	6.9997184601
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H	8.0840976176	4.8594399589	10.2172337422
H	9.0862183592	4.6428804528	8.7437556371
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Ni	8.1529155814	5.7366093650	4.5930191526
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**Table S14.** Optimized structures for complex with 1 proton (N122) + 1 radical

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C	6.2145804308	1.3230130510	2.6641741023
C	7.4480490150	1.8662383641	3.0248912040
H	8.3714708544	1.3020777108	2.8619008382
C	7.5280164692	3.1585615252	3.6000382406
C	3.8022515792	0.2832599692	1.8122935907
C	2.5705877135	-0.1993797887	1.2728428978

C	3.7340626638	-2.2306326489	0.4667218456
C	4.9602084683	-0.4606891273	1.6211606616
C	1.3521967276	-1.9926834002	0.0757378475
H	1.1245317353	-2.9593205639	0.5422231556
H	1.4577138537	-2.1468784154	-1.0054849812
H	0.5624622941	-1.2657577997	0.2851091609
C	6.1471618691	-2.4731409064	0.8132018018
H	6.5897505856	-2.7235586508	1.7896953871
H	6.8838145296	-1.9312195893	0.1993939840
H	5.8636222002	-3.3963807603	0.2987763988
C	1.0803535504	4.7772260602	3.3620307582
C	1.1411567179	6.1043279355	3.7679125350
H	2.0606518982	6.5026977067	4.1954730357
C	0.0372986838	6.9614999250	3.5948550342
C	-1.2185816761	6.4273675032	3.0214996056
C	-1.2666844141	5.0954134333	2.5951813266
H	-2.1872189565	4.7165642327	2.1485136854
C	-0.1443578362	4.2434439580	2.7101138708
C	-1.0141358454	9.0238246930	3.7976464172
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C	-2.2112599484	8.4831613970	3.2881485387
C	-2.0288687378	12.5564344444	4.4987650016
H	-1.7591587521	12.6214146269	5.5609983419
H	-3.0177167273	12.9893611716	4.3260896001
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H	-4.4504534137	7.7736192684	2.4128965496
H	-4.9001822884	9.4029443227	1.7861382405
C	4.3527936152	8.6641517197	4.7340750700

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H	7.8543330305	5.0446547452	10.2021928958
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H	2.1685453360	3.8309543553	-1.6558430563
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O	0.1262264421	10.9136897152	4.6562797057
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O	1.9351142057	10.1681057552	2.5091998412
O	1.2987781840	9.0101476284	6.6062770493
Ni	8.2338114773	5.6822383863	4.5800124624
Ni	1.8284563965	2.2522388666	2.4371844943
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**Table S15.** Optimized structures for complex with 1 proton (N126) + 1 radical

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H	8.3758600079	1.2811776743	2.8550167743
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C	3.8336424480	0.2844823935	1.8292755852
C	2.5808517993	-0.2191233486	1.3342412221
C	3.7831128405	-2.2605366788	0.6138370733
C	5.0333615544	-0.4372759673	1.6751340289
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H	1.1709869485	-3.0173366874	0.7264528693
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H	6.3406742023	-2.7396499651	-0.1428039548
C	1.0799155771	4.7808351033	3.3401929165
C	1.1392057740	6.1220088150	3.7351681413
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C	-1.1676317577	6.4243509794	3.0378872382
C	-1.2533789596	5.0971722281	2.6230735425
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H	-2.0403959557	12.6412697493	5.6930542507
H	-2.9561659975	13.1055661028	4.2232326823
H	-1.1486848223	13.0477497941	4.2085073870
C	-4.6076640230	8.8484687058	2.7219264921
H	-5.3399106219	9.6604672331	2.7536755719
H	-4.9659556022	8.0132866664	3.3435660162
H	-4.4866094114	8.5109688100	1.6808863831
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H	5.4823014712	6.9362006127	4.1991472632
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H	5.6697463672	11.6509280586	5.9575149262
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C	9.0427174893	9.6233135065	5.9439553694
C	12.6207694187	7.3401181012	5.9013074866
H	13.0472835901	7.3324783760	6.9114921037
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H	12.3875784293	6.3244588490	5.5700811048
C	10.3003394789	11.5310732118	6.8733951075
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H	9.9741615024	12.2189016530	6.0826970289
H	11.3305749043	11.7437858532	7.1707088971
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H	9.0018841984	7.0824346928	-0.9761813900
H	10.4146270351	7.8674388868	-0.2122157515
C	6.8952616179	4.9321716644	7.0089005887
H	6.0018430953	5.0883745088	6.3792768974
C	5.2758995474	4.2999733505	8.7196366645
H	4.5804687809	4.5406409852	7.9061557253
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N	1.4675424153	9.6578163941	8.7498152876
O	6.3601397500	5.1259212255	4.1589099408
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O	3.7381789893	-3.3747912327	0.0951064844
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O	0.0911210492	10.9411834605	4.7223846317
O	-4.3598086087	11.4291110829	3.5893471982
O	3.2088489144	8.2744081457	4.1987732743
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O	8.0398793984	5.1244832392	6.5614008043
O	2.2453857719	3.2431202583	0.5666197994
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O	1.8597231979	10.3181195431	2.4785852684
O	1.4113171802	8.9641899624	6.5678079665
Ni	8.2278128997	5.7122113130	4.5028846033
Ni	1.8279116761	2.2674344045	2.4312159151
Ni	1.6922122773	9.5161880153	4.5044040126
H	-3.1429972375	6.8965492413	2.5417031627

**Table S16.** Optimized structures for model A

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C	2.2058966229	1.8068666496	0.4488164978
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C	1.9525147516	2.2062484641	0.3371593338
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H	2.4975133304	1.4524474605	0.2455090730
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H	1.5113087310	-0.6951748254	1.6692498735
C	1.2358007009	7.4399488136	3.9277655955
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H	2.9214213668	8.2432310136	4.9958450826
C	1.2512100042	9.5740132096	5.0439384381
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C	0.1292492455	9.8223149350	4.6364614627
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H	1.8310170281	9.0160134489	3.5544745433
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C	0.1629479409	7.6565559684	3.5114687298
C	1.2299448759	11.5952328237	6.1541328060
C	1.9443368592	12.5402440378	6.9615665581
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C	0.0674555183	13.9372706552	6.9568772420
			-
C	0.0825496790	11.8250423759	5.7497410799
C	1.9619852115	14.6607292508	8.1522136816
H	2.1409074142	14.2421086717	9.1508772979
H	1.3366093552	15.5530462216	8.2188077245
H	2.9319124169	14.8825041934	7.6937863406
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C	2.0340393209	13.3323701442	5.6705553210
			-
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**Table S17.** Optimized structures for model B

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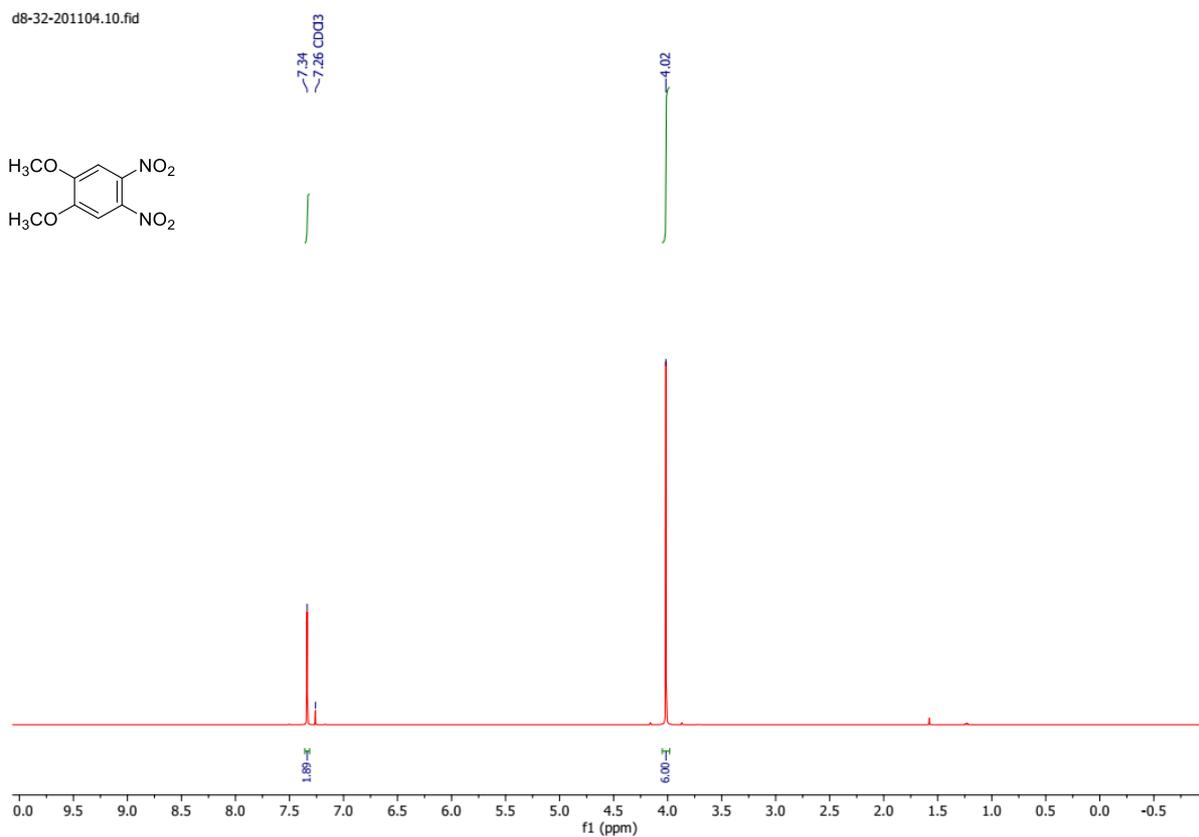
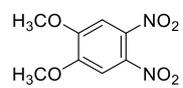


Fig. S39. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) spectrum of 1,2-dimethoxy-4,5-dinitrobenzene 2

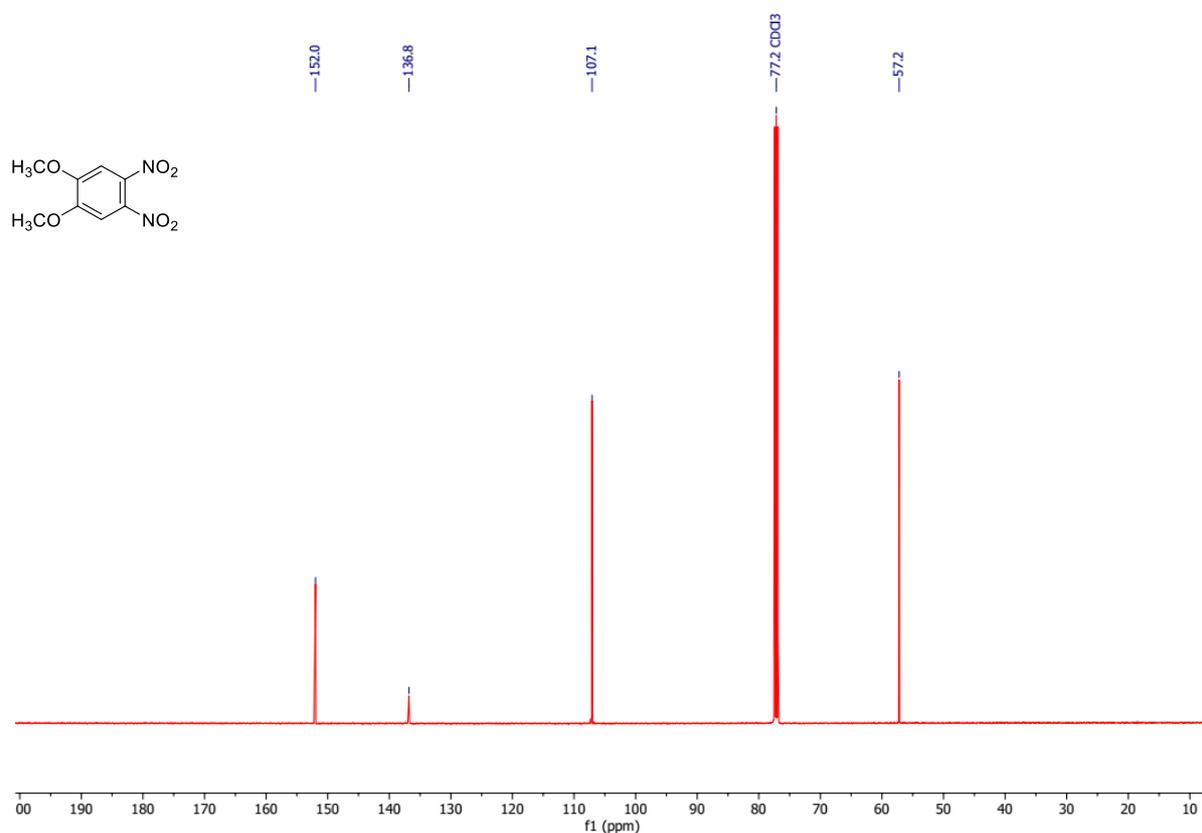
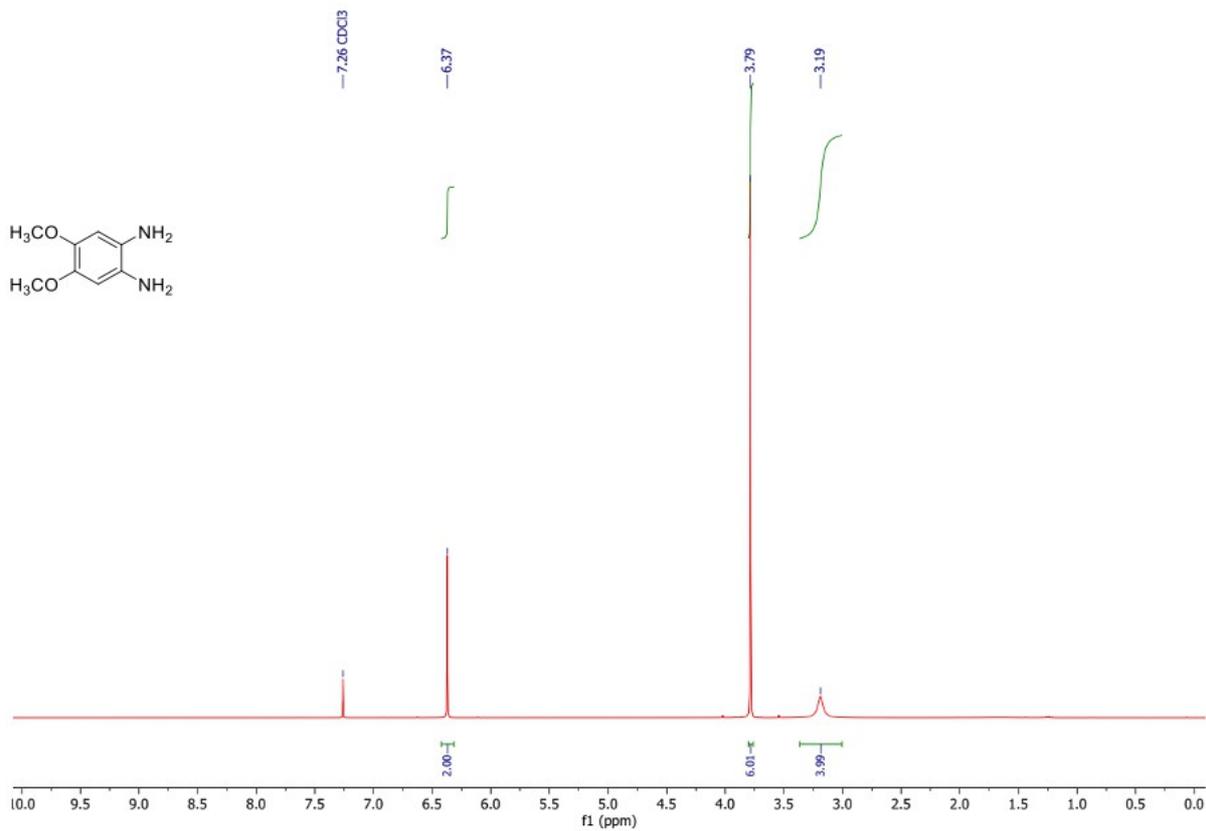
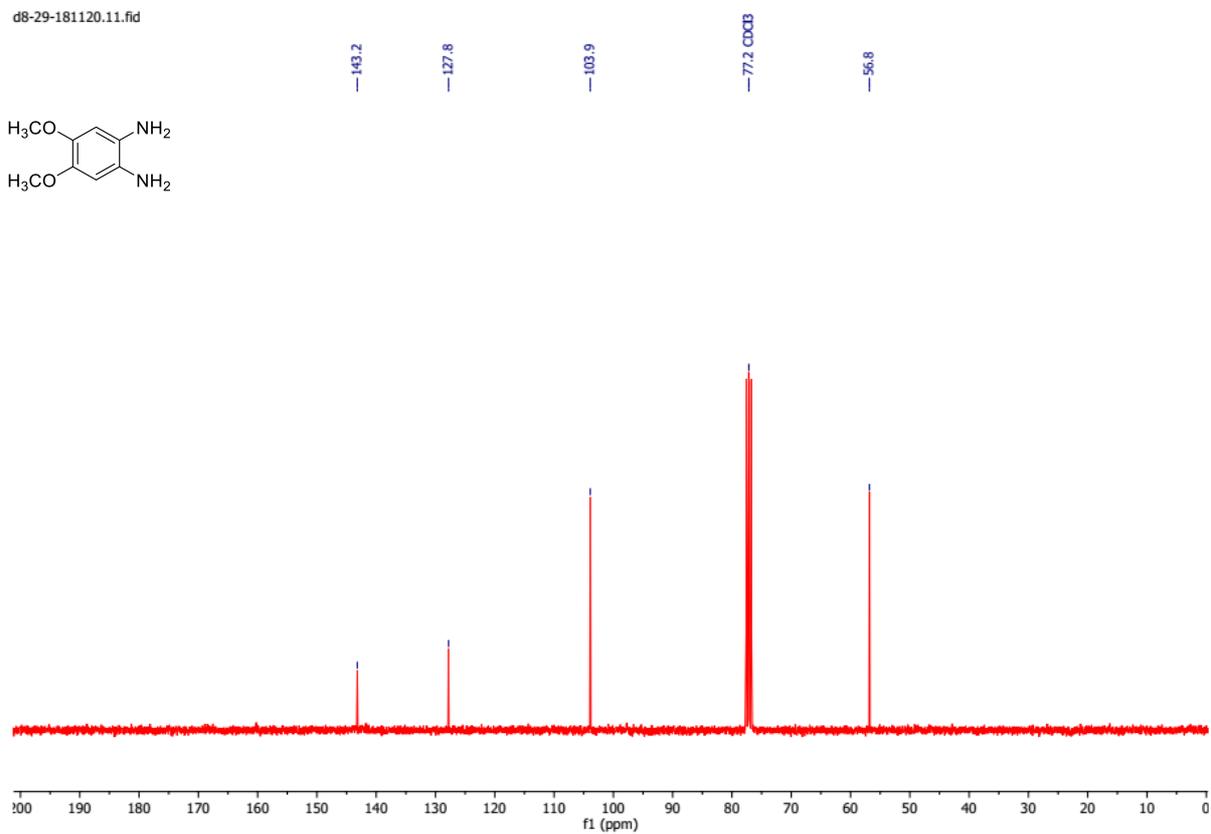


Fig. S40. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) spectrum of 1,2-dimethoxy-4,5-dinitrobenzene 2



**Fig. S41.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) spectrum of 1,2-diamino-4,5-dimethoxybenzene **3**



**Fig. S42.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) spectrum of 1,2-diamino-4,5-dimethoxybenzene **3**

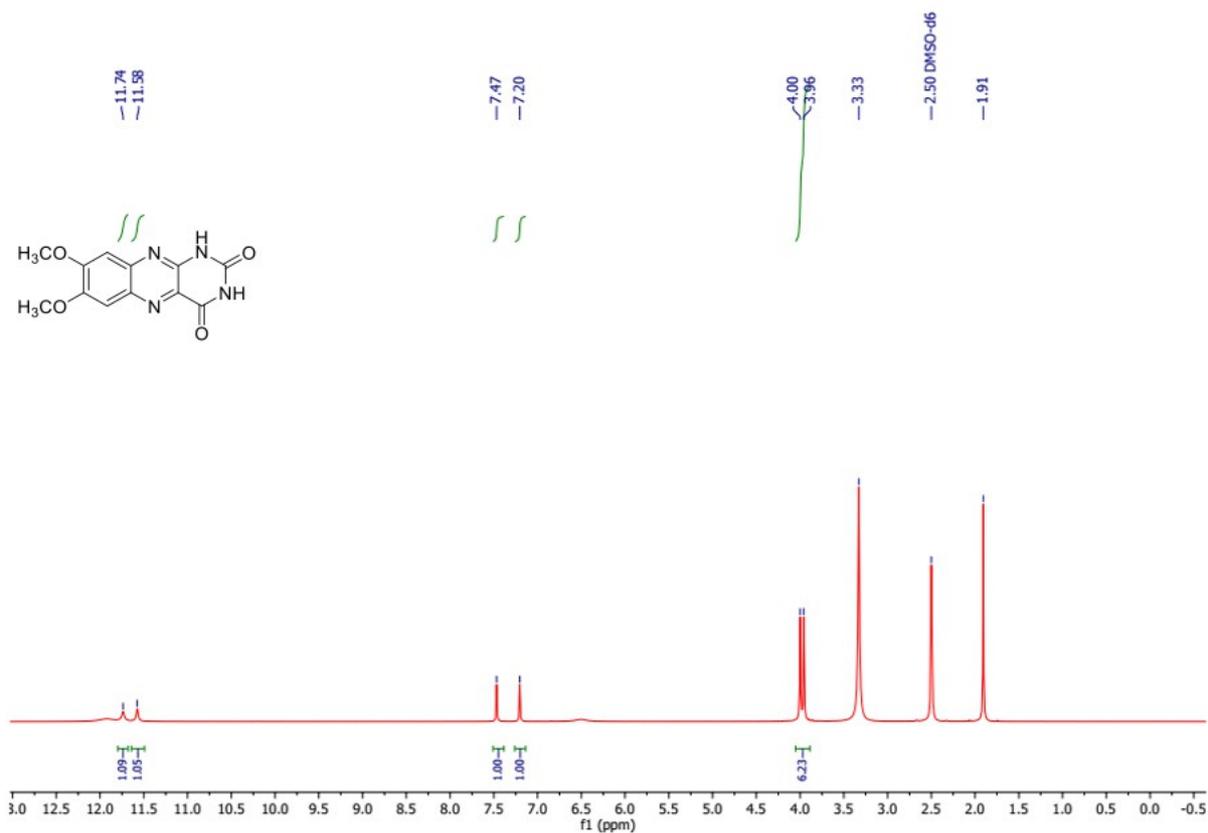


Fig. S43. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) spectrum of 7,8-dimethoxyalloxazine 4

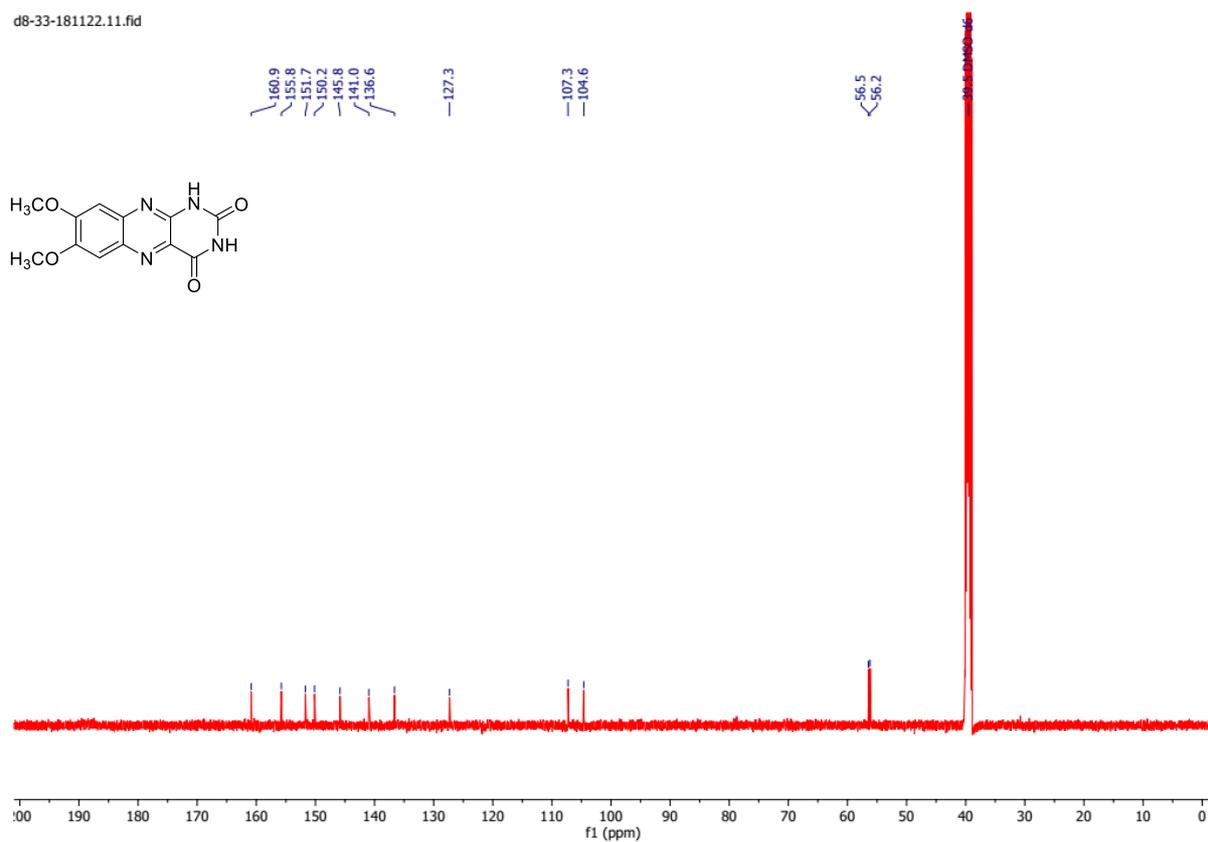
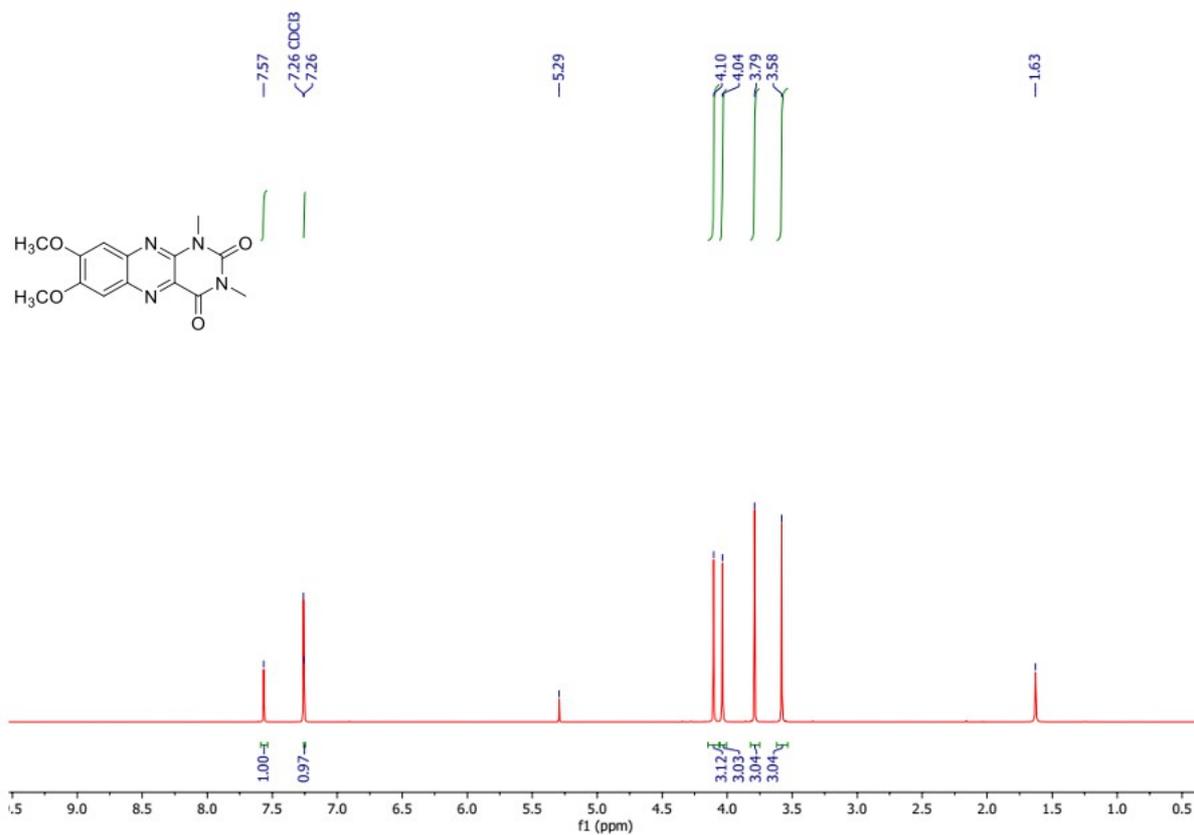
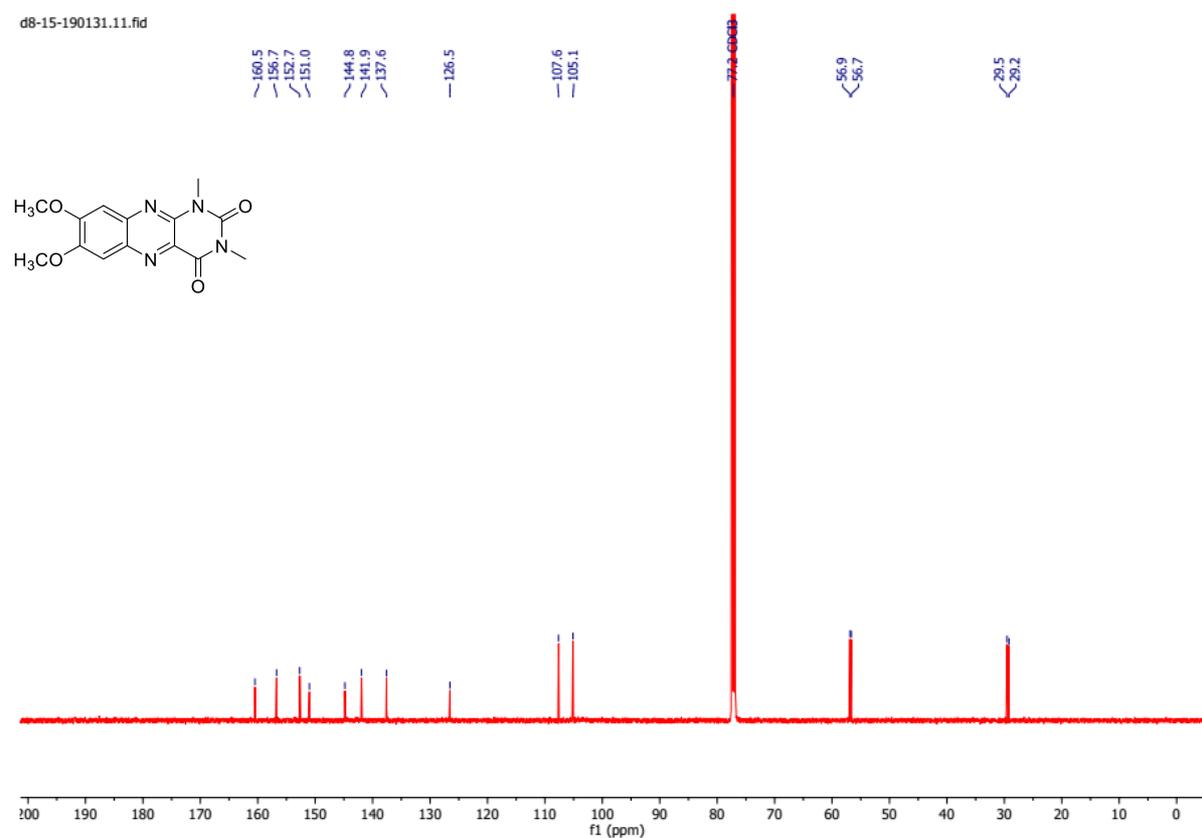


Fig. S44. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) spectrum of 7,8-dimethoxyalloxazine 4



**Fig. S45.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) spectrum of 7,8-dimethoxy-1,3-dimethylalloxazine 5



**Fig. S46.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) spectrum of 7,8-dimethoxy-1,3-dimethylalloxazine 5

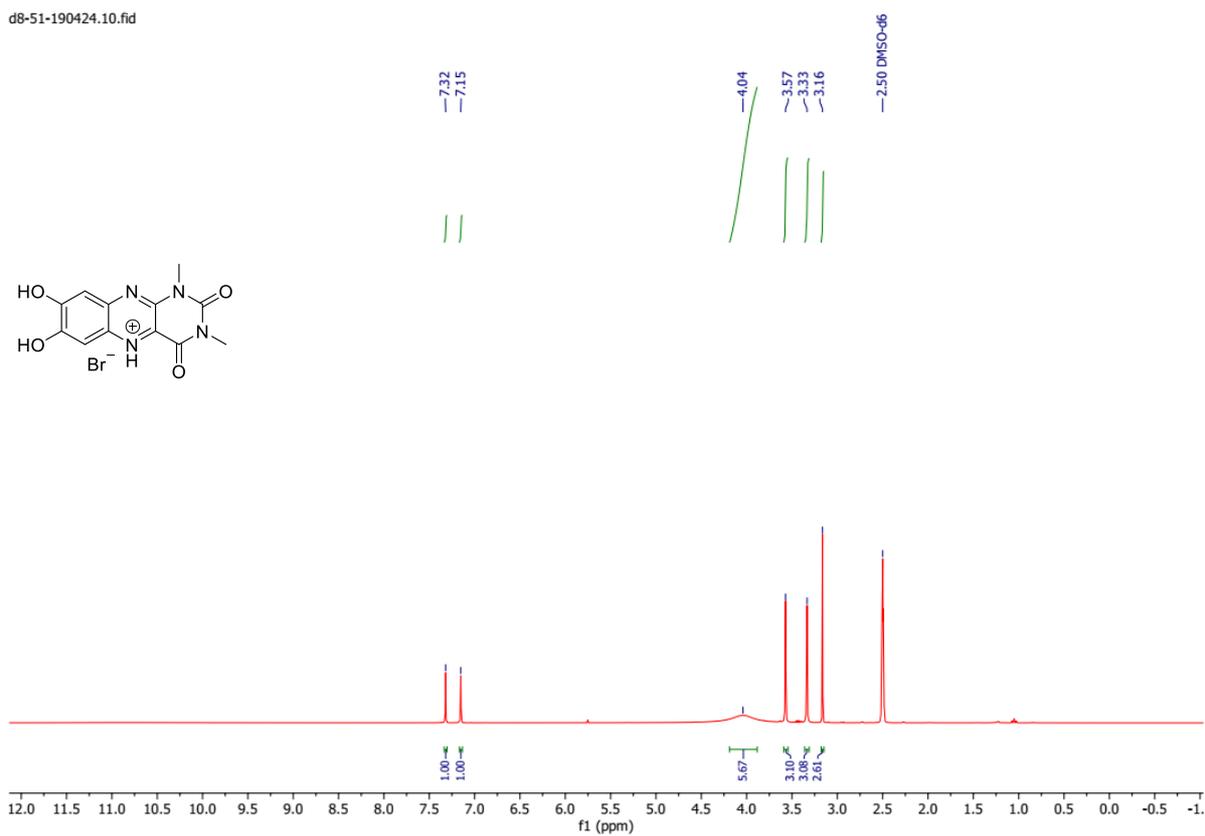


Fig. S47. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) spectrum of 7,8-dihydroxy-1,3-dimethylalloxazine-5-ium bromide 6

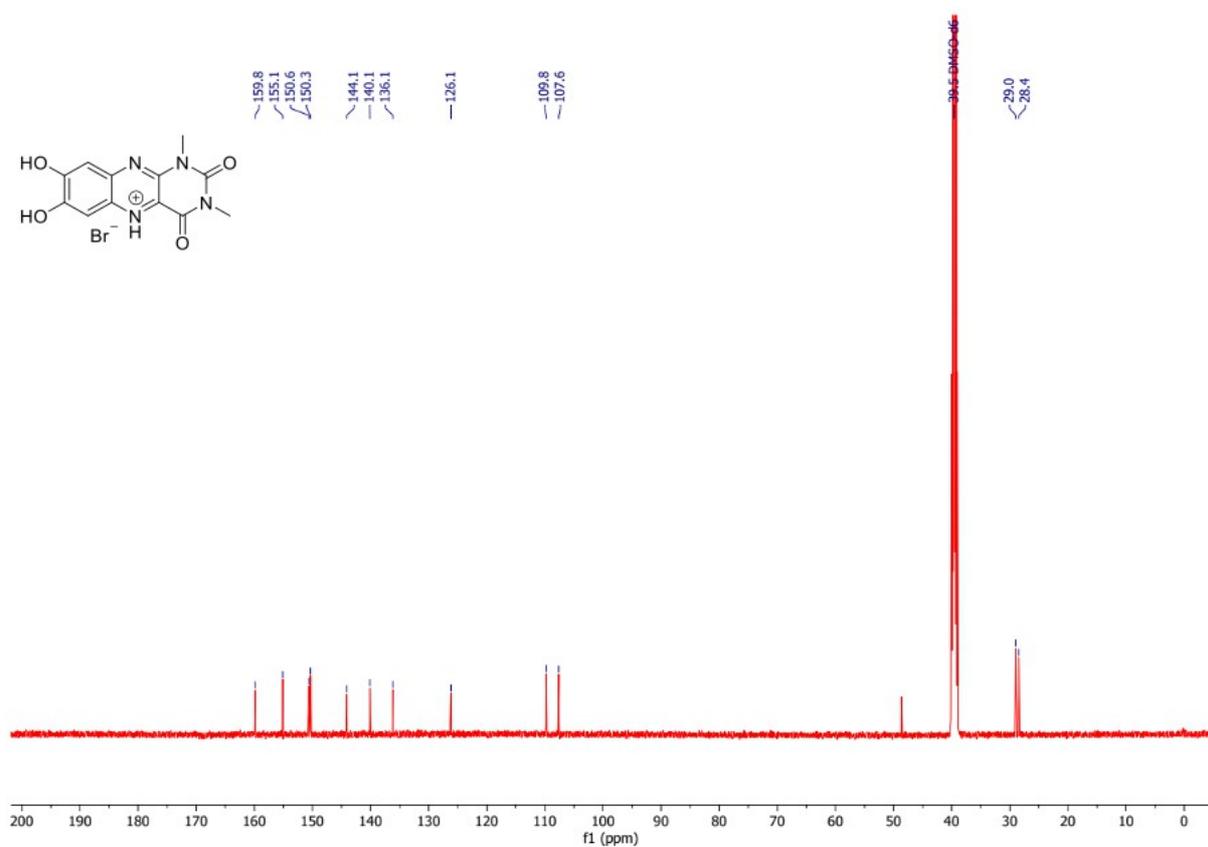


Fig. S48. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) spectrum of 7,8-dihydroxy-1,3-dimethylalloxazine-5-ium bromide 6