

Protonation and anion-receptor properties of aromatic sulfonylurea derivatives

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1. NMR spectra of the studied receptors and precursors

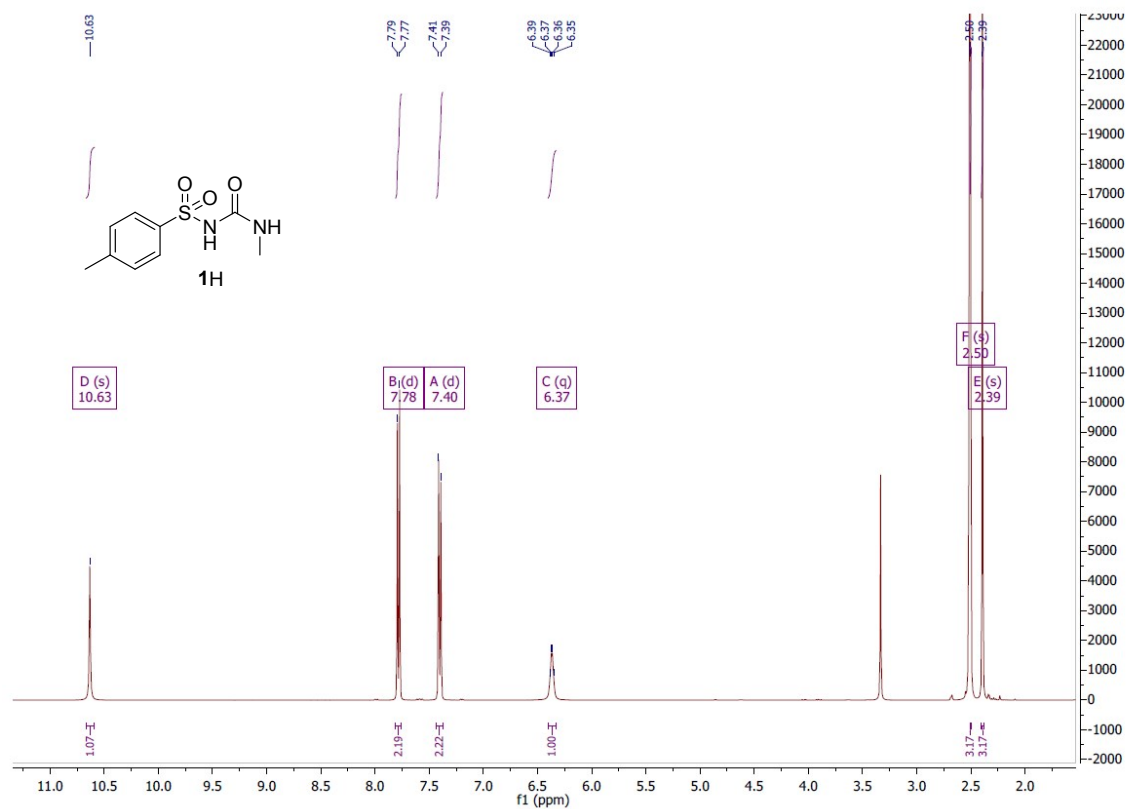


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of **1H** in DMSO-*d*₆ (400 MHz).

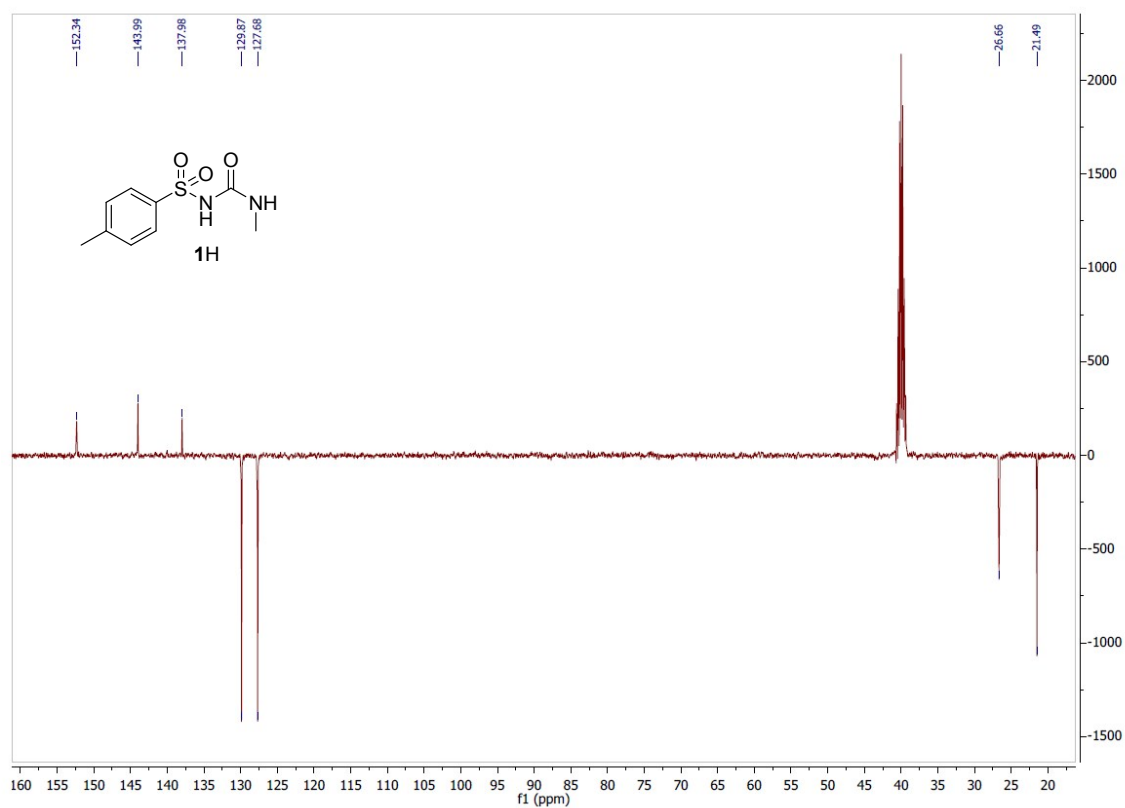


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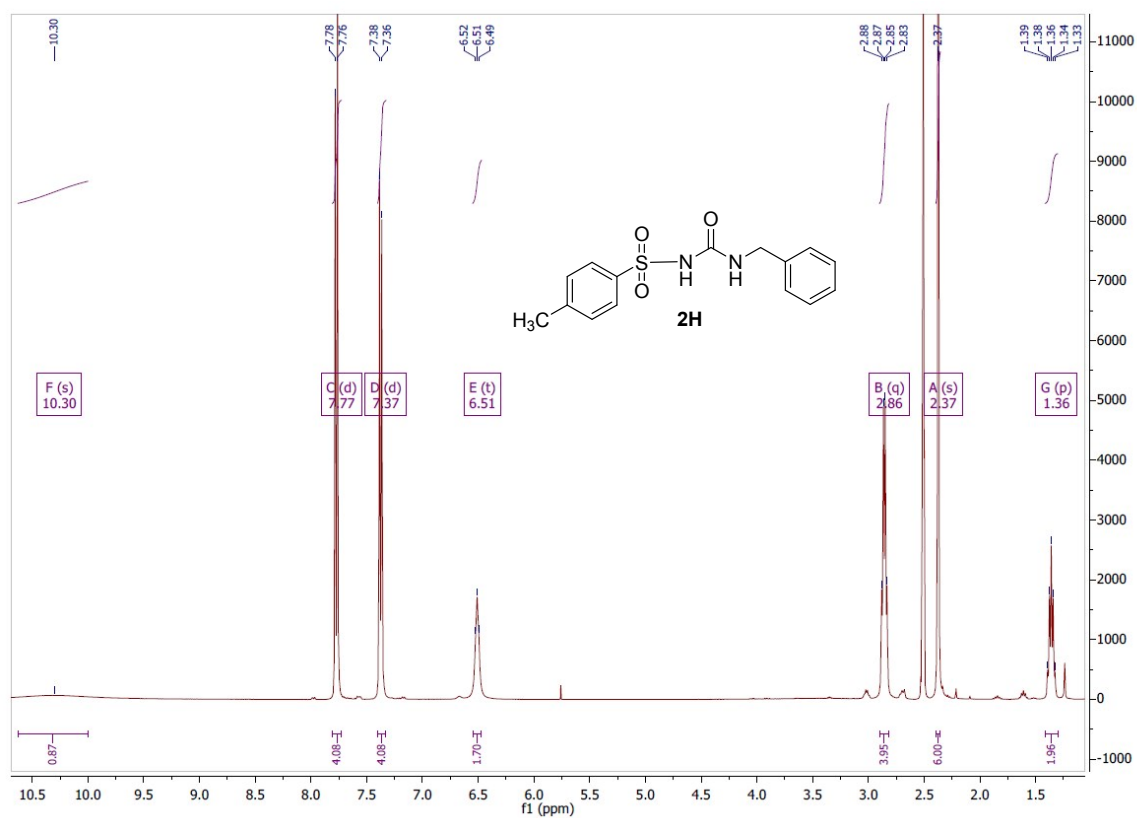


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of **2H** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (400 MHz).

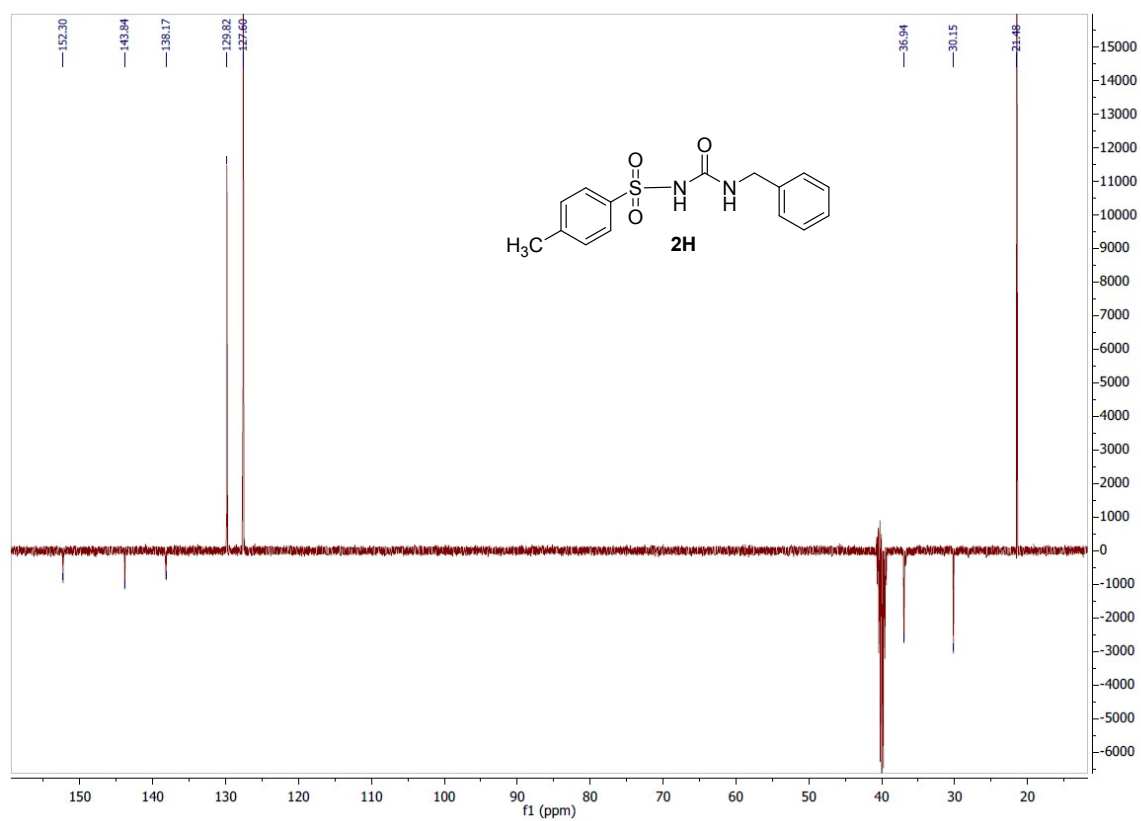


Figure S4 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **2H** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (101 MHz).

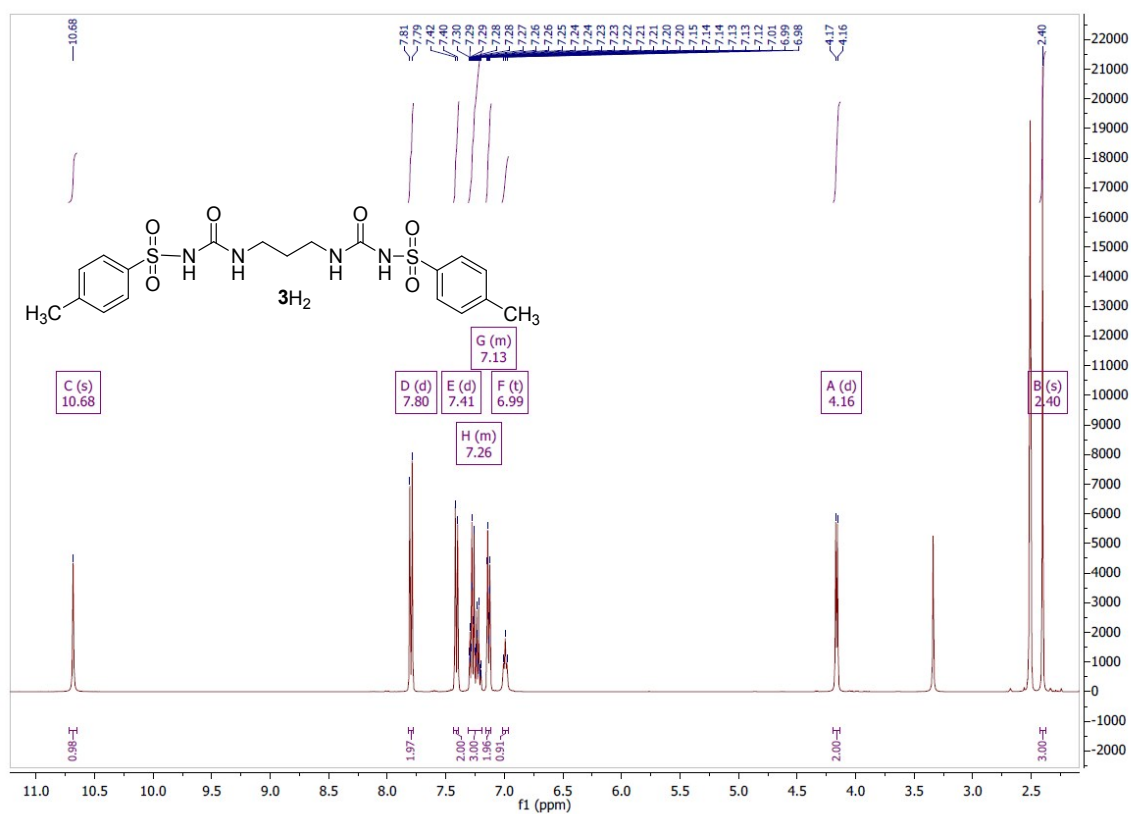


Figure S5. ^1H NMR spectrum of 3H_2 in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (400 MHz).

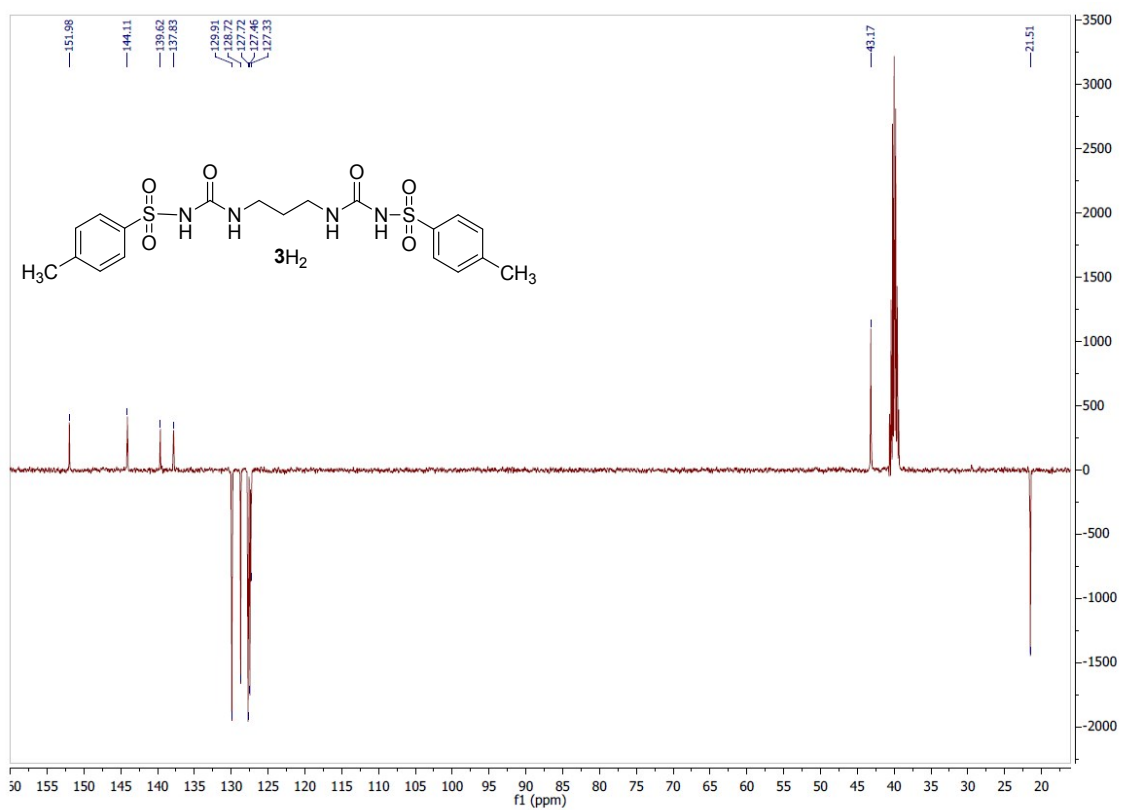


Figure S6 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of 3H_2 in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (101 MHz).

2. Anion binding - weakly basic anions (Cl^- , Br^- , I^- , NO_3^- , HSO_4^-) in DMSO

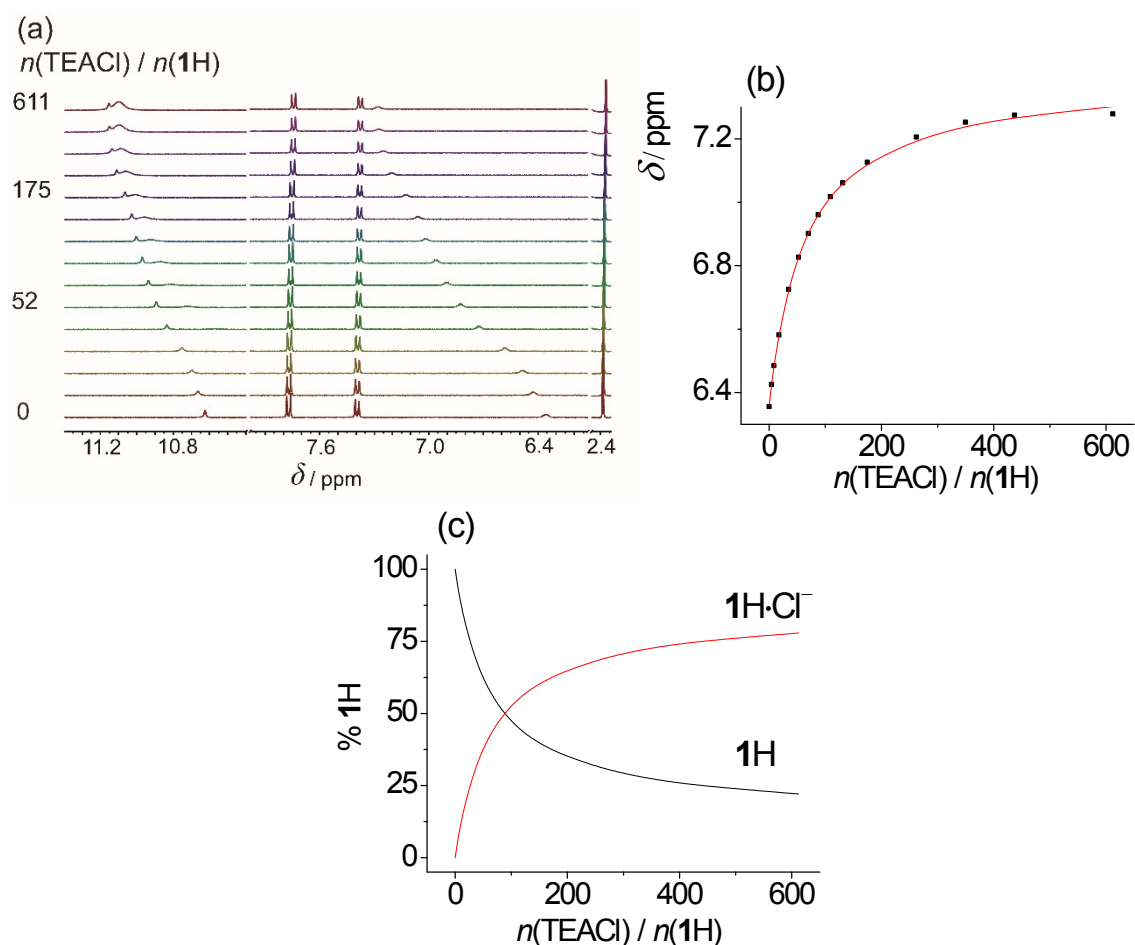


Figure S7. a) ^1H NMR titration of **1H** ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TEACl ($c = 5.00 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TEACl})/n(\text{1H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of **1H** with TEACl.

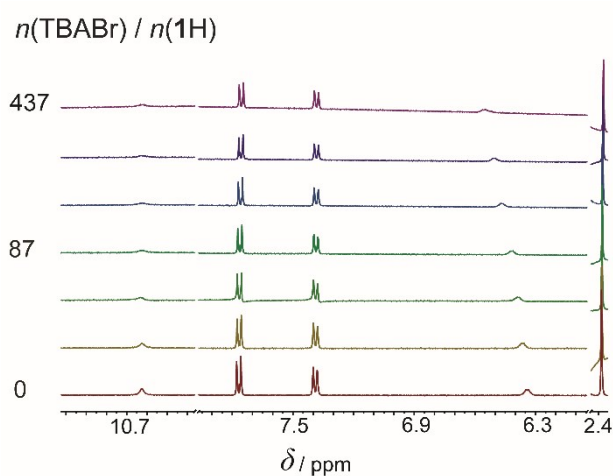


Figure S8. ^1H NMR titration of **1H** ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBABr ($c = 5.00 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$.

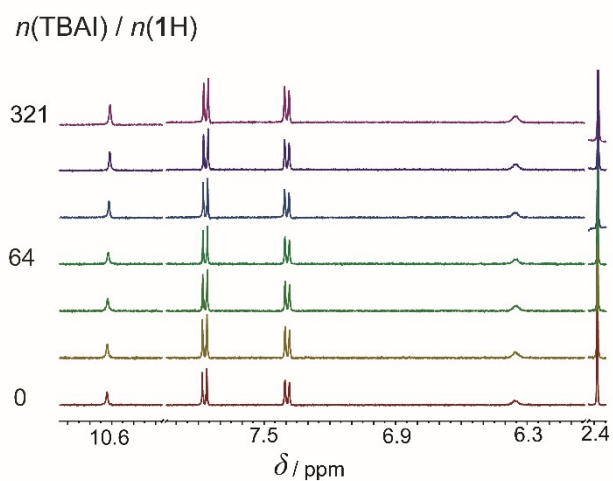


Figure S9. ^1H NMR titration of **1H** ($c = 1.18 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAI ($c = 4.03 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$.

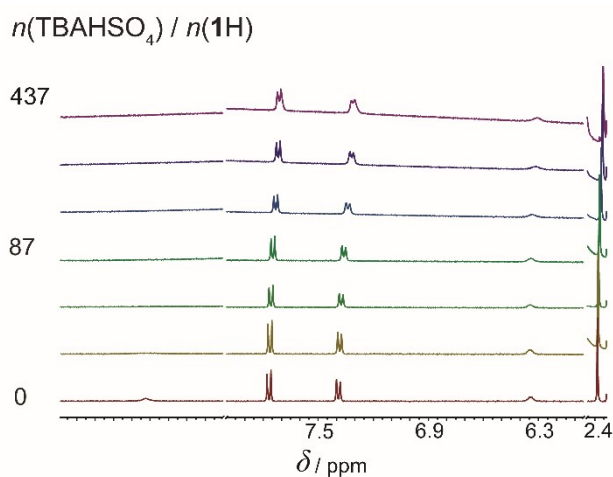


Figure S10. ^1H NMR titration of **1H** ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAHSO₄ ($c = 5.00 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$.

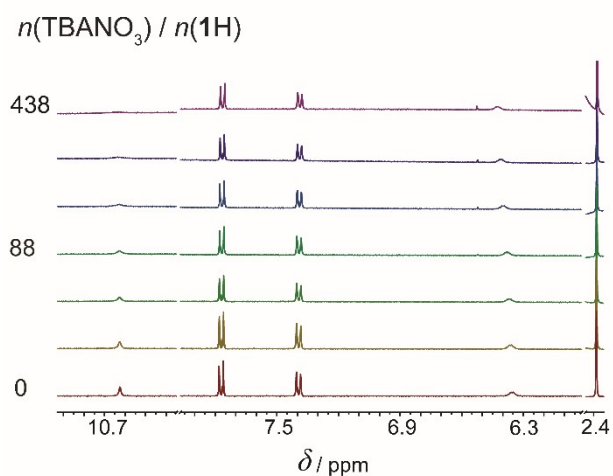


Figure S11. ^1H NMR titration of **1H** ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBANO₃ ($c = 5.01 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$.

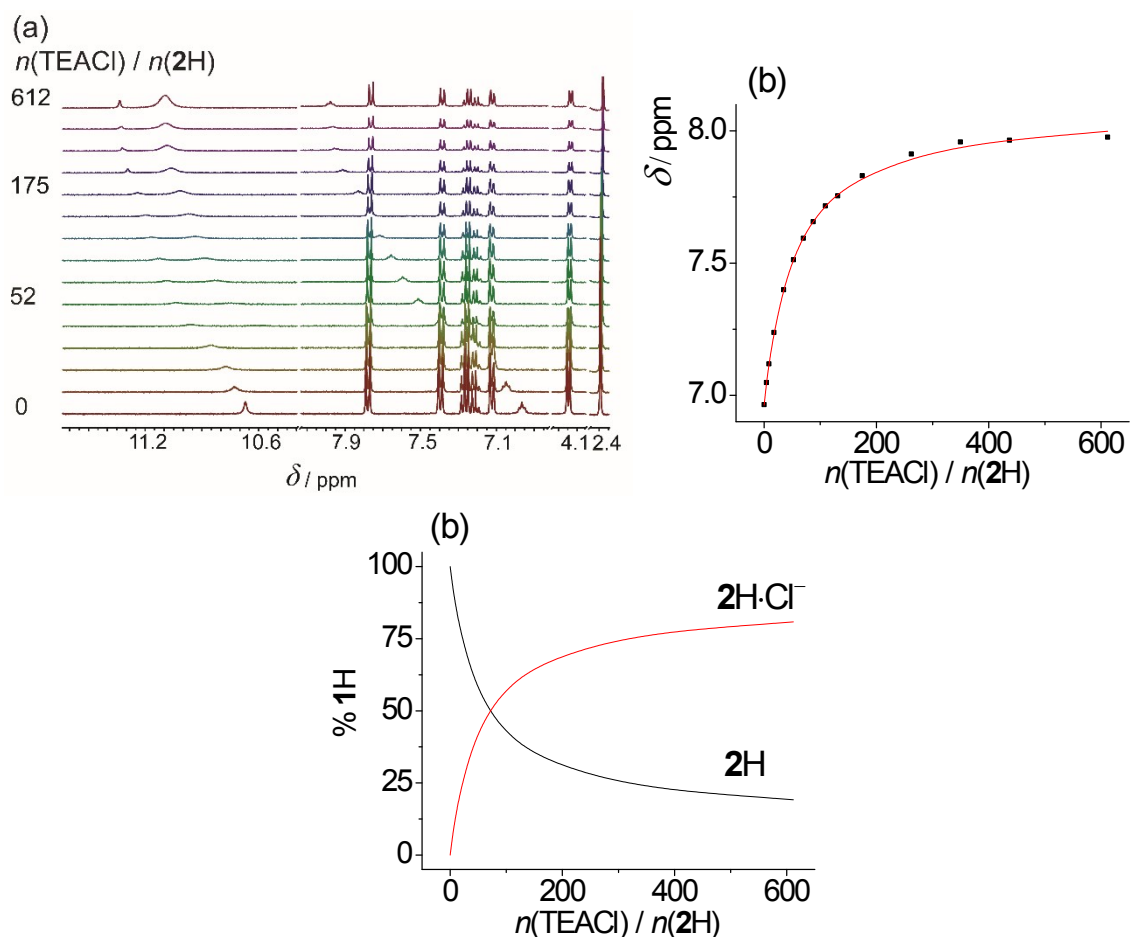


Figure S12. a) ^1H NMR titration of **2H** ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TEACl ($c = 5.00 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TEACl}) / n(\text{2H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of **2H** with TEACl.

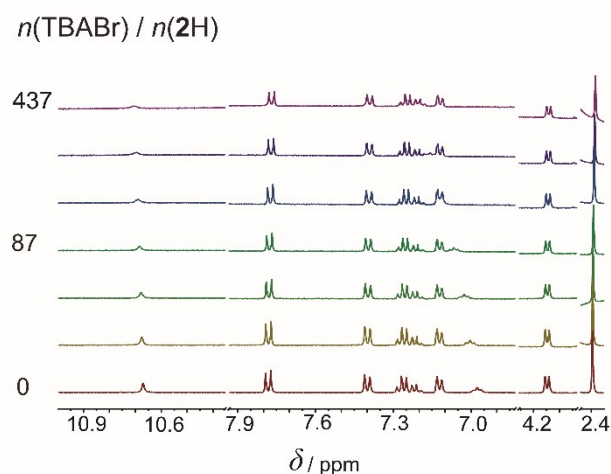


Figure S13. ^1H NMR titration of **2H** ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBABr ($c = 5.00 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$.

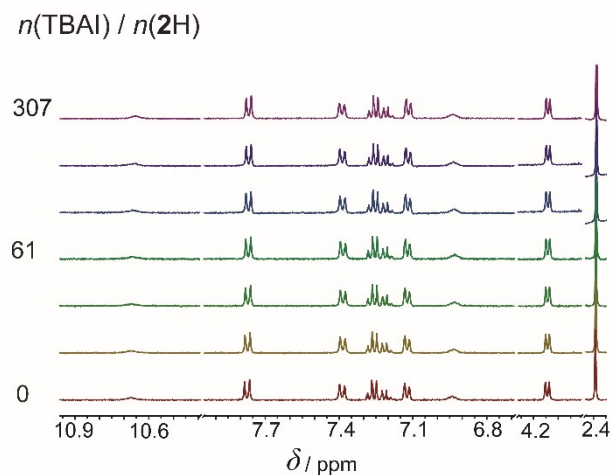


Figure S14. ^1H NMR titration of 2H ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAI ($c = 4.03 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$.

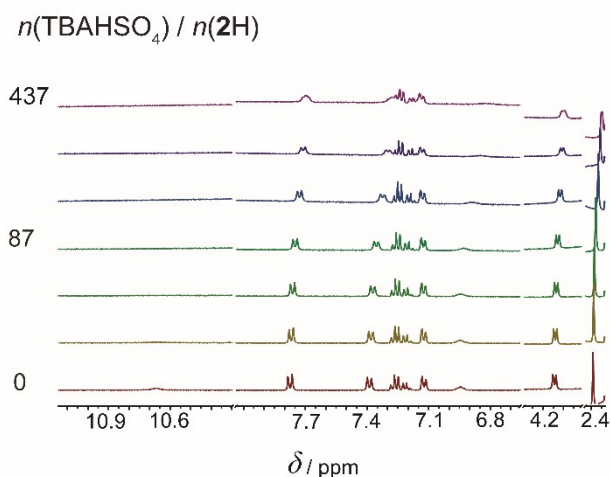


Figure S15. ^1H NMR titration of 2H ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAHSO_4 ($c = 4.03 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$.

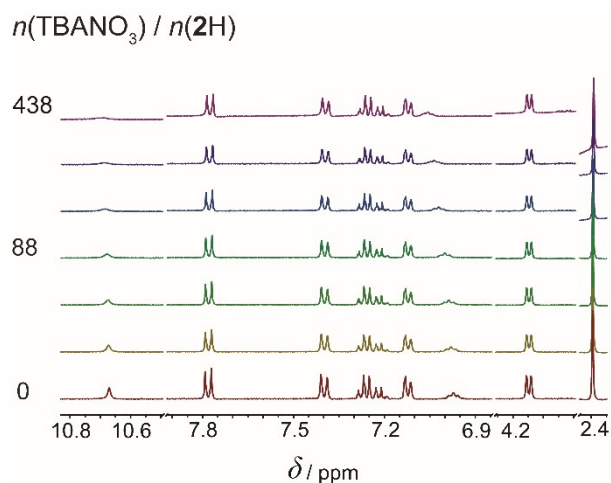


Figure S16. ^1H NMR titration of 2H ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBANO_3 ($c = 5.01 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$.

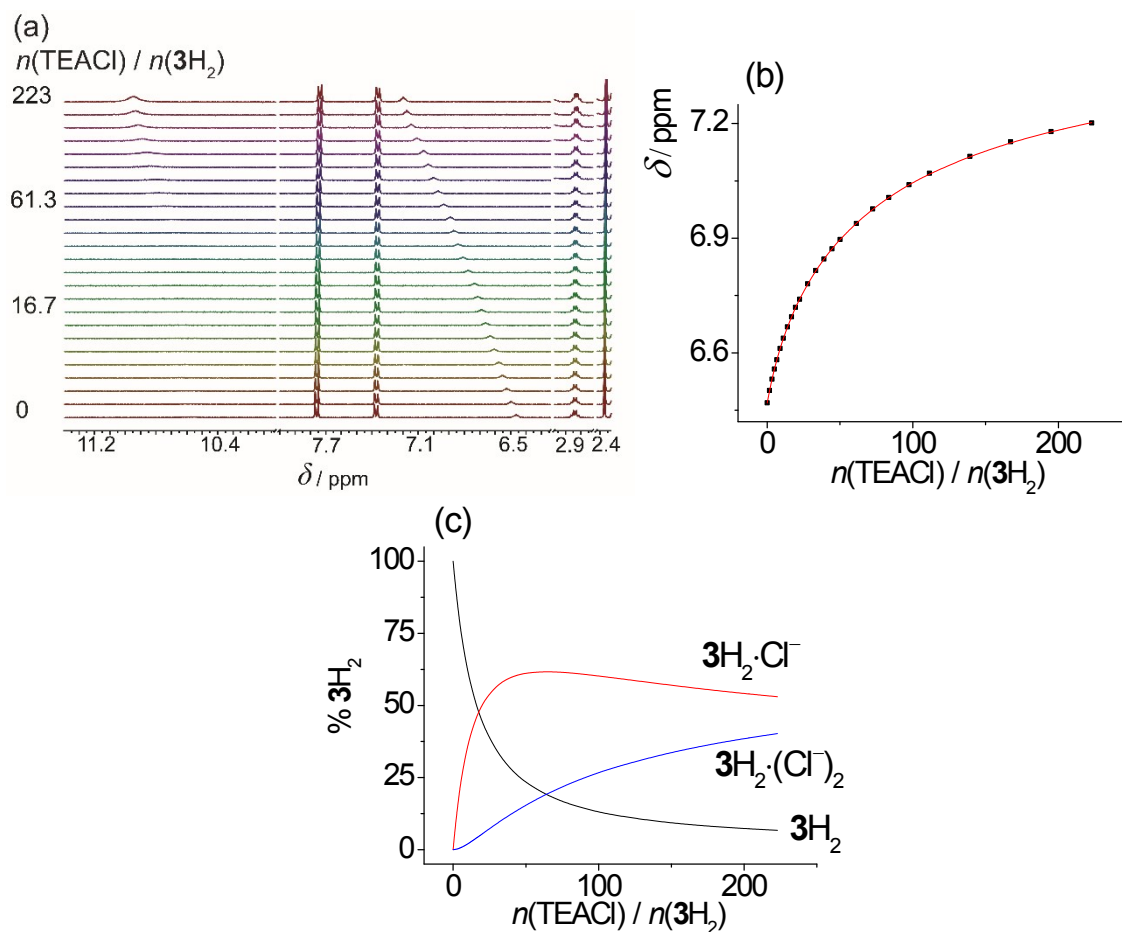


Figure S17. a) ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.20 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TEACl ($c = 3.54 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TEACl}) / n(3\text{H}_2)$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of 3H_2 with TEACl.

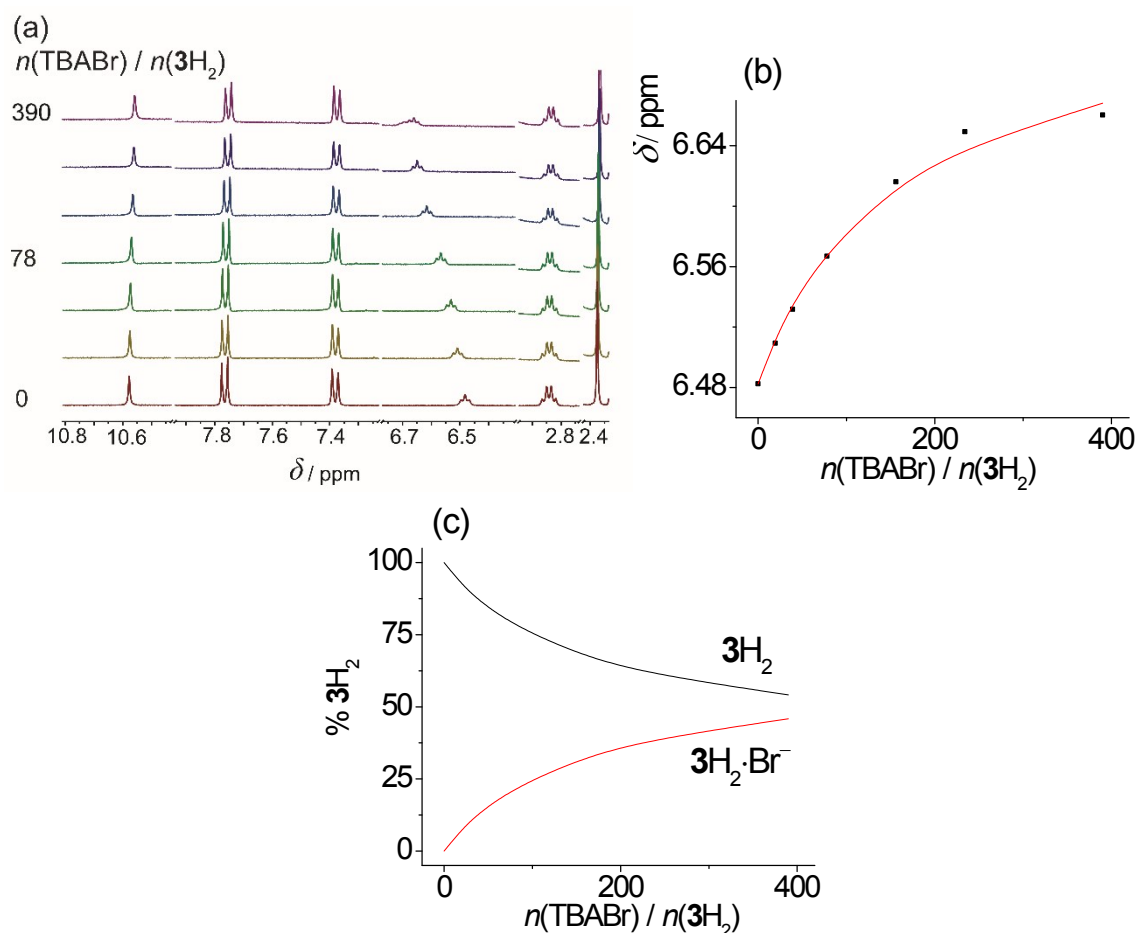


Figure S18. a) ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.21 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBABr ($c = 5.00 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBABr}) / n(\text{3H}_2)$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of 3H_2 with TBABr.

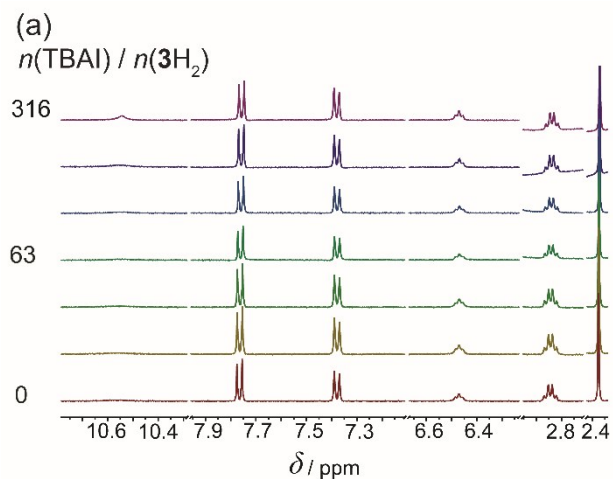


Figure S19. ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.20 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAI ($c = 4.02 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$.

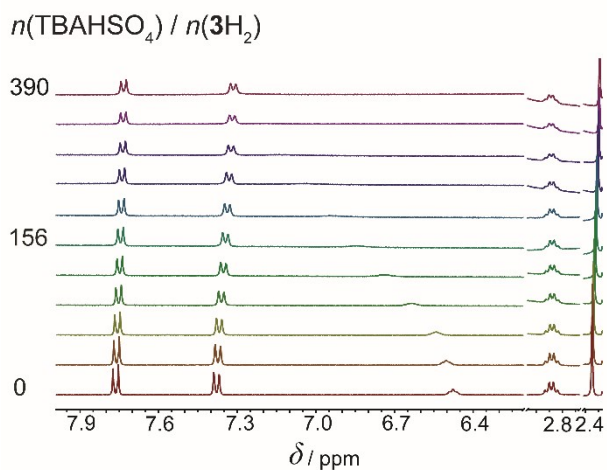


Figure S20. ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.21 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAHSO₄ ($c = 5.00 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$.

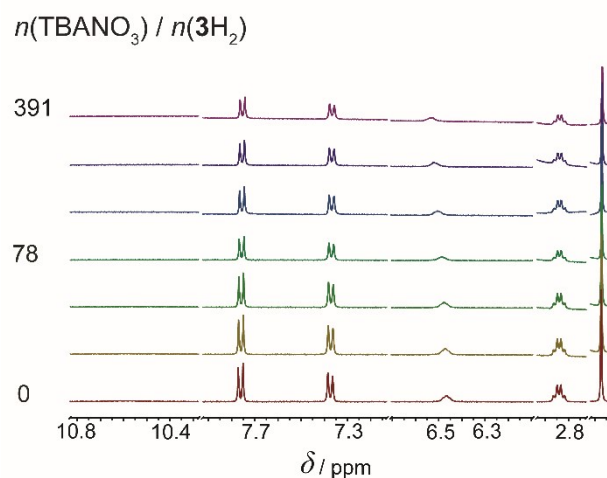


Figure S21. ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.21 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBANO₃ ($c = 5.01 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$.

Table S1. Calculated ^1H NMR chemical shifts of **1H** and its chloride complex in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 25 °C.

	NH_a	H_b	H_a	NH_b	H_c
1H	10.325	7.768	7.391	6.356	2.386
1H·Cl⁻	11.320	7.738	7.372	7.570	2.367

Table S2. Calculated ^1H NMR chemical shifts of **2H** and its chloride complex in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 25 °C.

	NH_a	NH_b
2H	10.671	6.965
2H·Cl⁻	11.514	8.245

Table S3. Calculated ^1H NMR chemical shifts of **3H₂** and its chloride and bromide complexes in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 25 °C.

	NH_a	H_b	H_a	NH_b	H_e	H_c
3H₂	10.578	7.764	7.378	6.469	2.842	2.375
3H₂·Cl⁻		7.757	7.367	6.826	2.841	2.371
3H₂·(Cl⁻)₂		7.723	7.363	7.822	2.825	2.354
3H₂·Br⁻	10.537	7.738	7.369	6.888	2.827	2.356

3. Anion binding – weakly basic anions (Cl^- , Br^- , I^- , NO_3^- , HSO_4^-) in MeCN

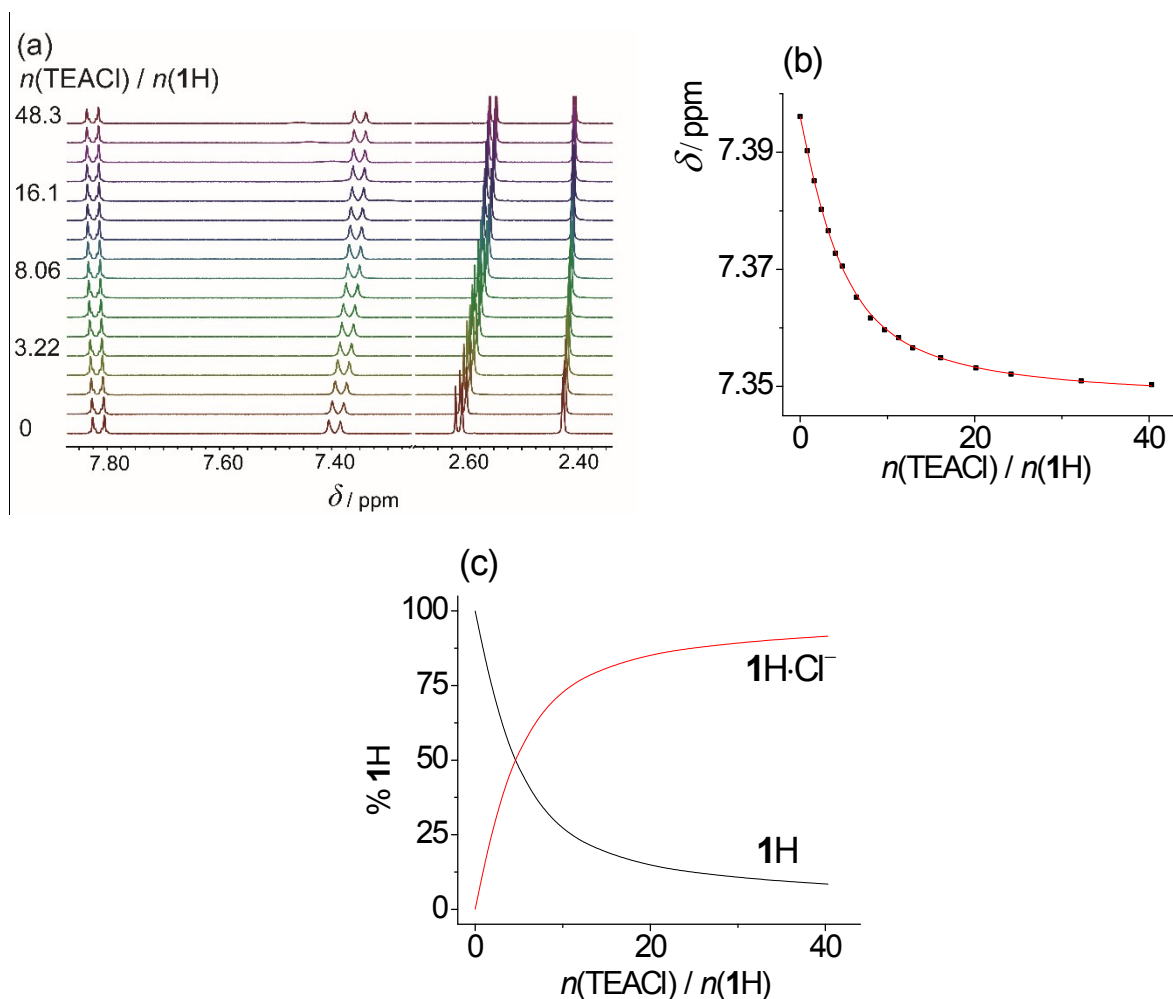


Figure S22. a) ^1H NMR titration of **1H** ($c = 1.14 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TEACl ($c = 2.25 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in MeCN- d_3 at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_a proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TEACl}) / n(\text{1H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of **1H** with TEACl.

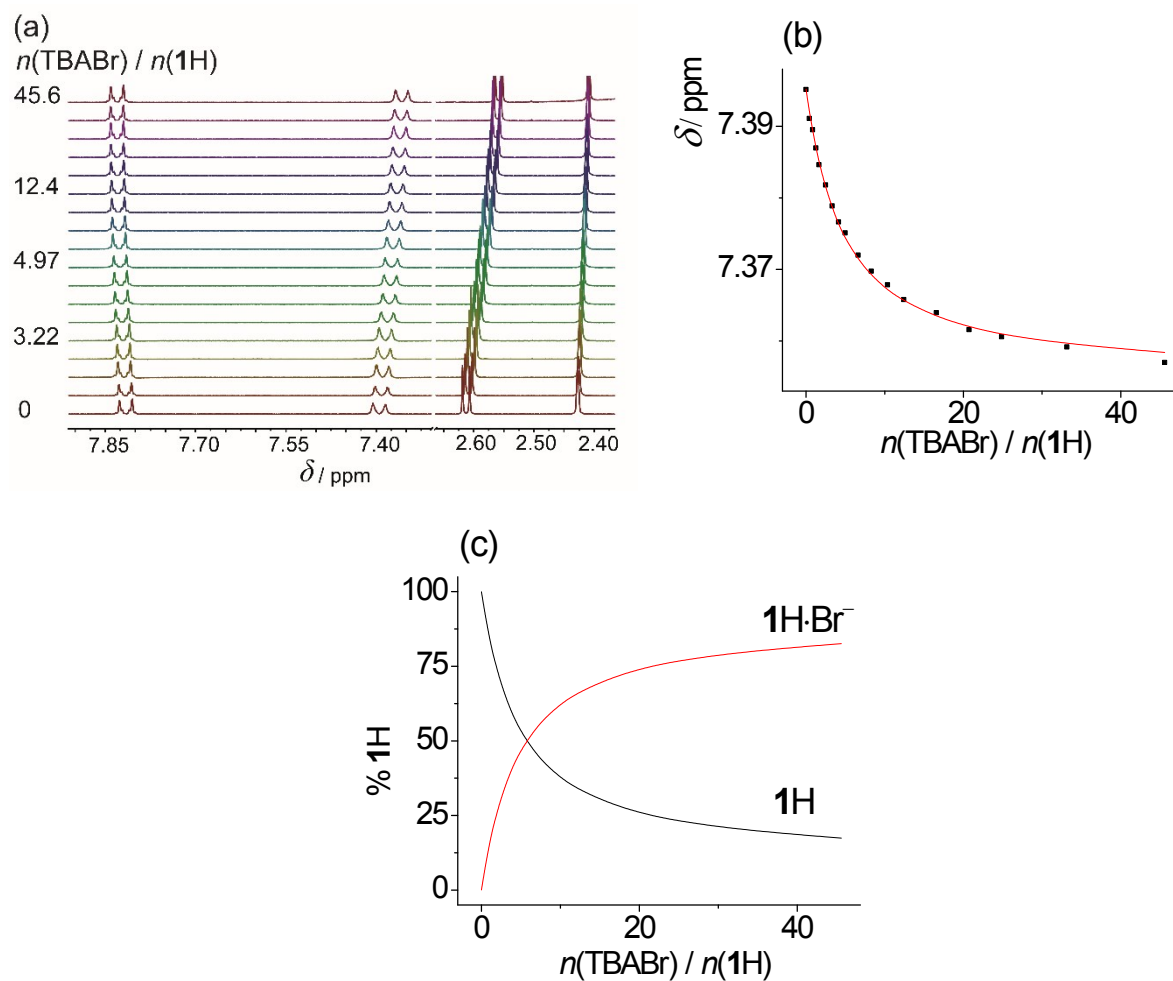


Figure S23. a) ^1H NMR titration of **1H** ($c = 1.14 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBABr ($c = 5.01 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_a proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBABr}) / n(\text{1H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of **1H** with TBABr.

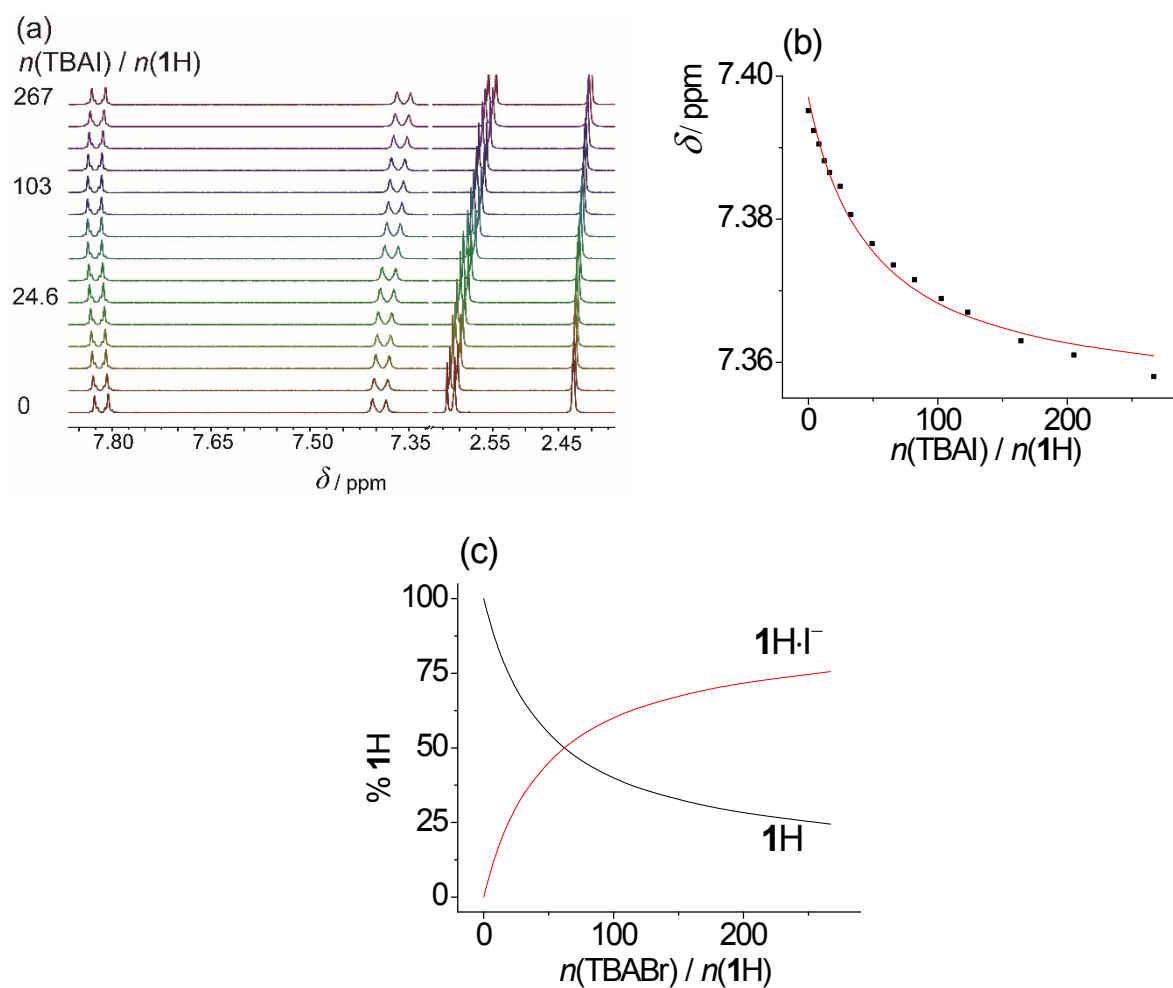


Figure S24. a) ^1H NMR titration of **1H** ($c = 1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAI ($c = 5.01 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_a proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAI}) / n(\text{1H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of **1H** with TBAI.

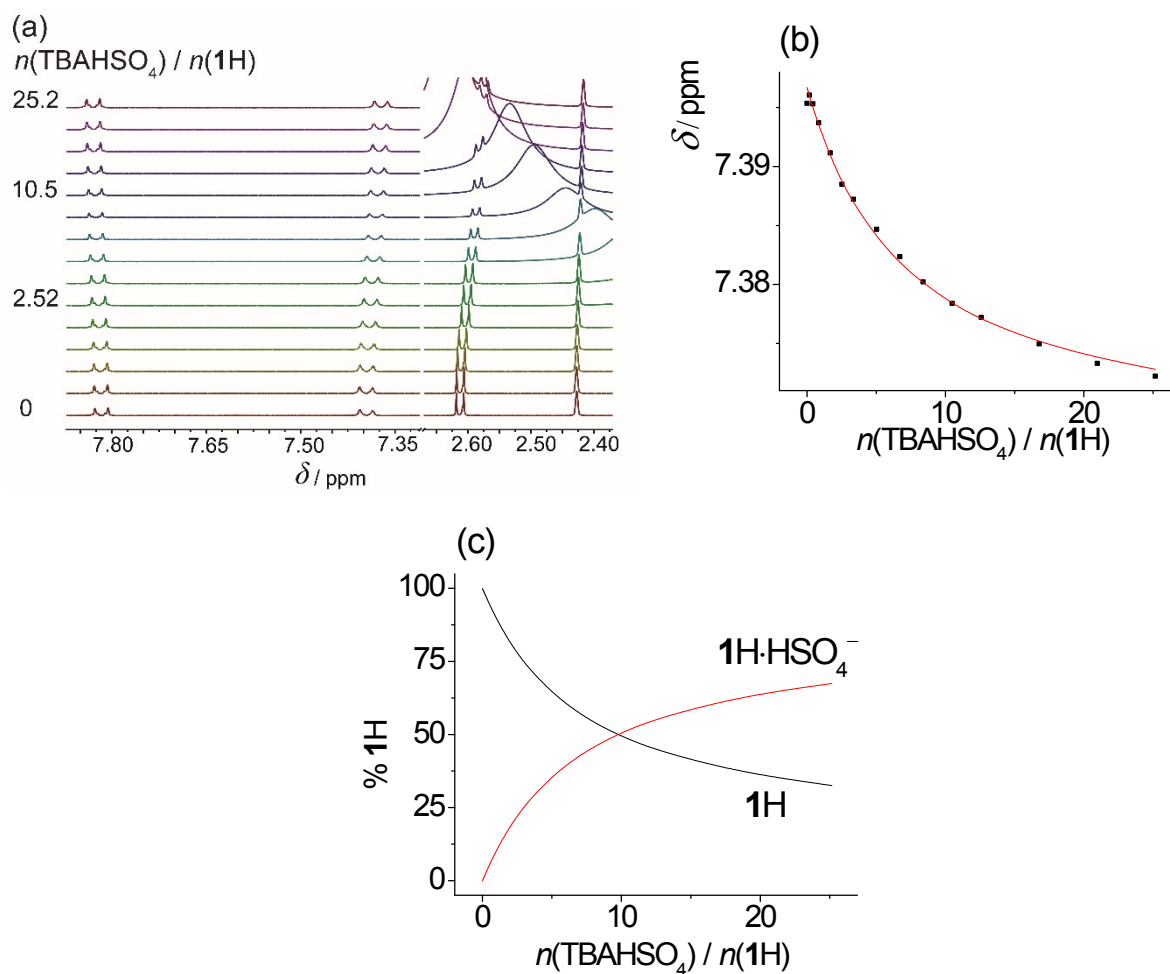


Figure S25. a) ^1H NMR titration of **1H** ($c = 1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAHSO₄ ($c = 5.12 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in MeCN- d_3 at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_a proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAHSO}_4) / n(\text{1H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of **1H** with TBAHSO₄.

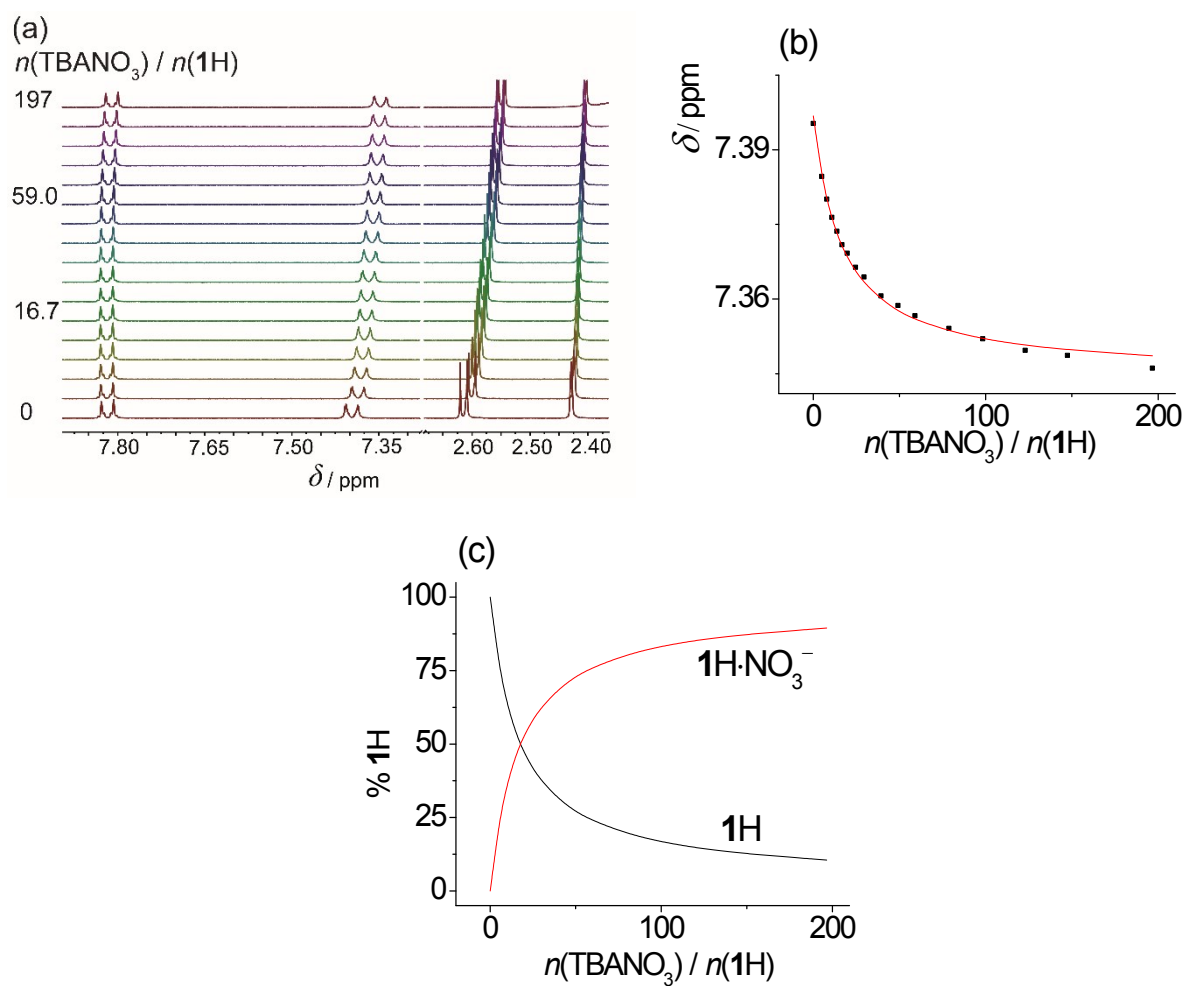


Figure S26. a) ^1H NMR titration of **1H** ($c = 1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBANO_3 ($c = 6.00 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_a proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBANO}_3) / n(\text{1H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of **1H** with TBANO_3 .

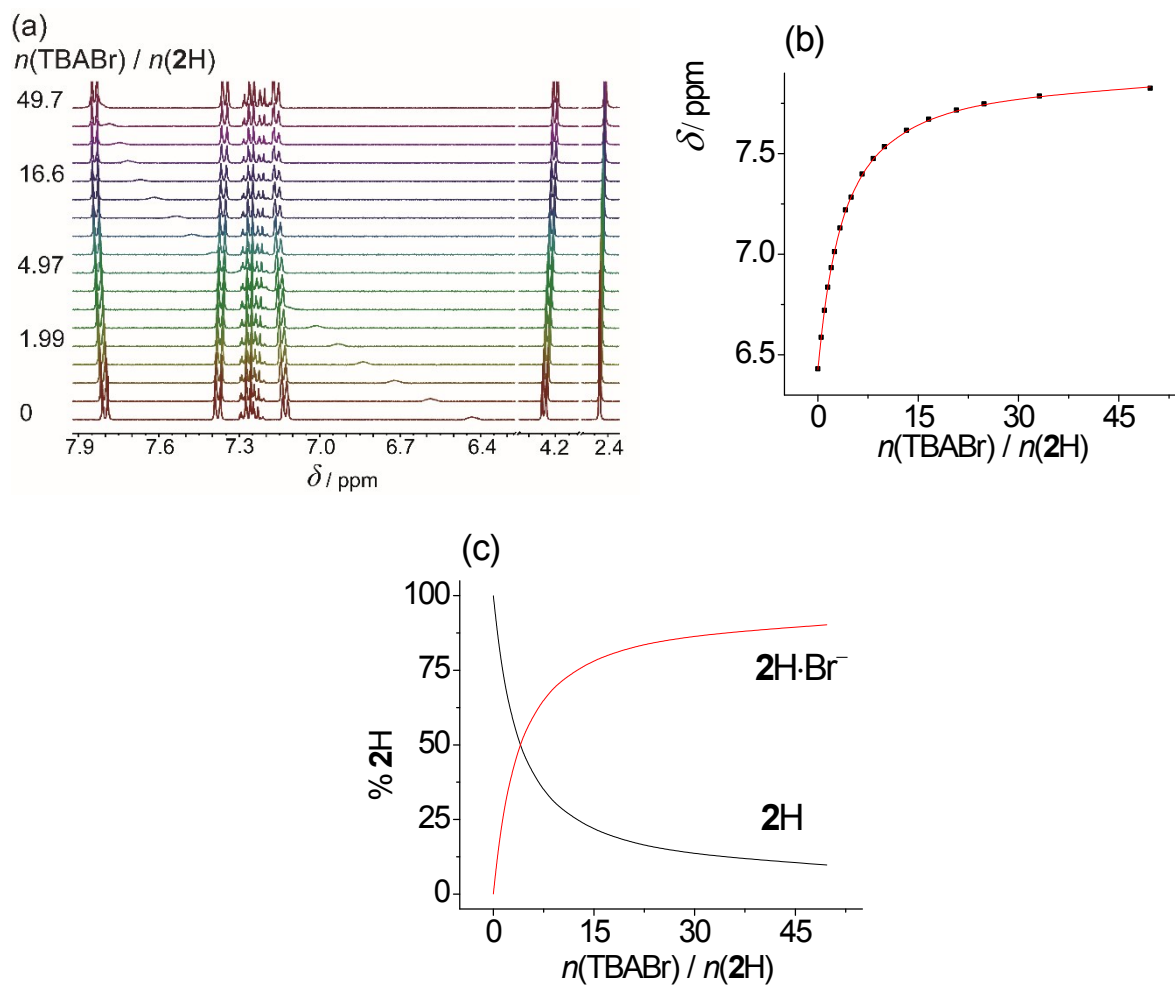


Figure S27. a) ^1H NMR titration of **2H** ($c = 1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBABr ($c = 1.01 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBABr}) / n(\text{2H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of **2H** with TBABr.

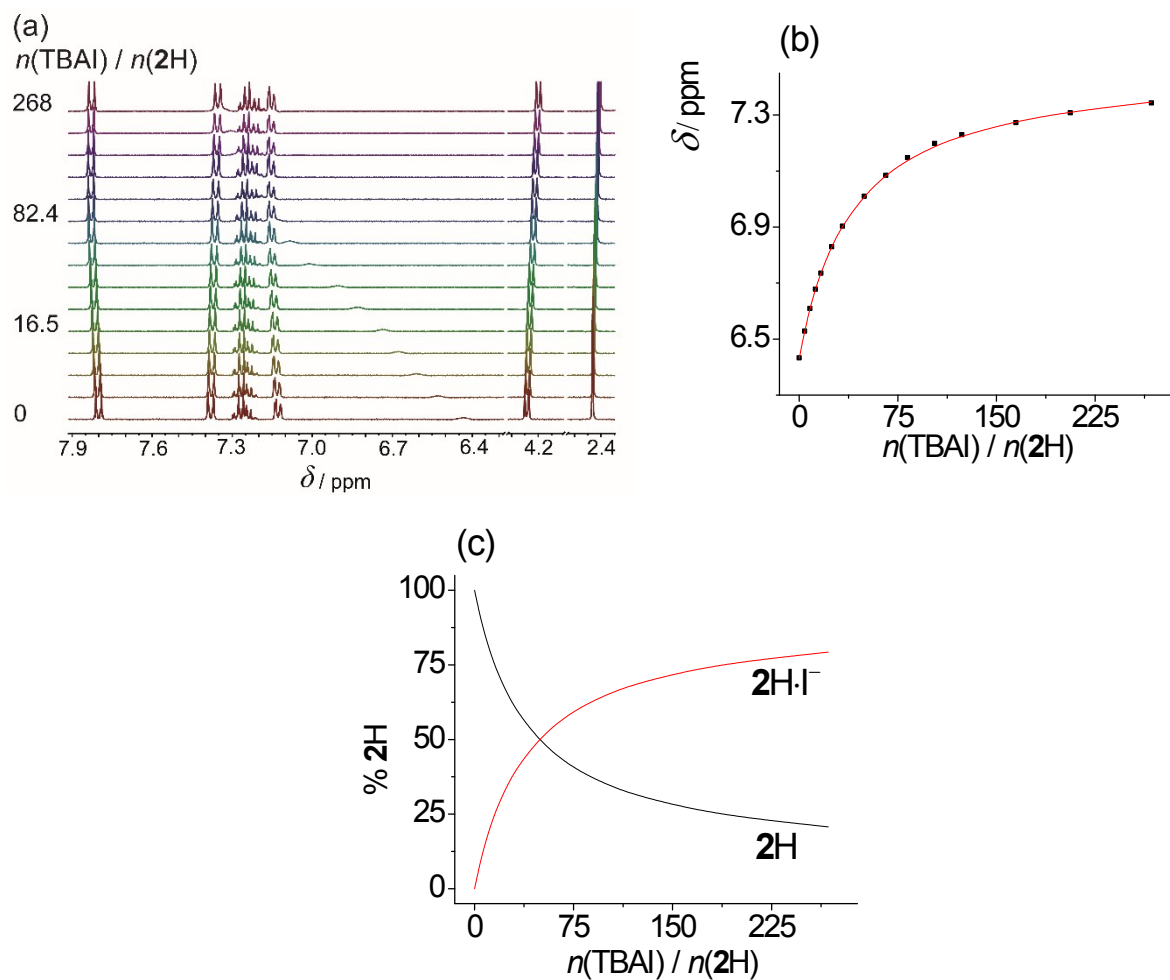


Figure S28. a) ^1H NMR titration of **2H** ($c = 1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAI ($c = 5.02 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAI}) / n(\text{2H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of **2H** with TBAI.

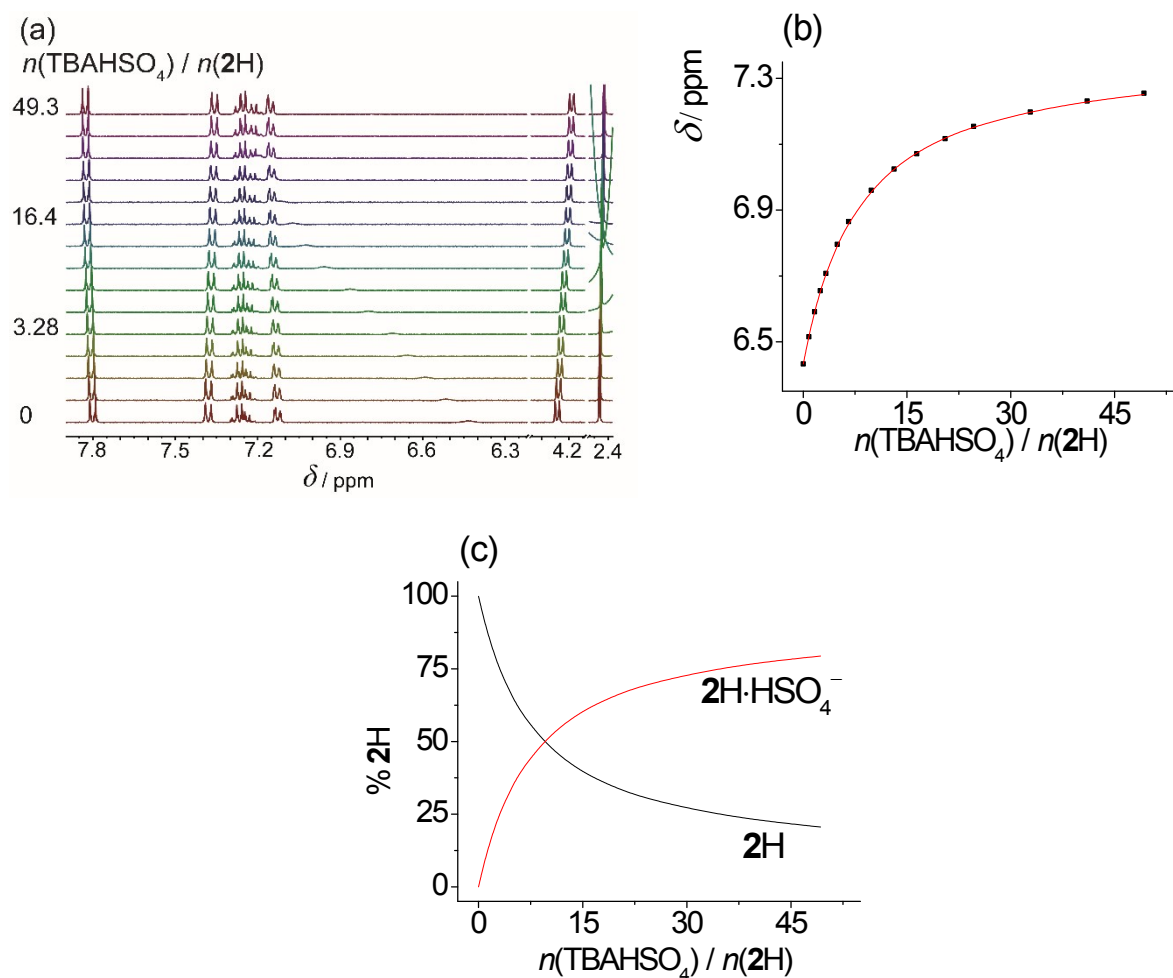


Figure S29. a) ^1H NMR titration of **2H** ($c = 1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAHSO₄ ($c = 1.00 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in MeCN- d_3 at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAHSO}_4) / n(\text{2H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of **2H** with TBAHSO₄.

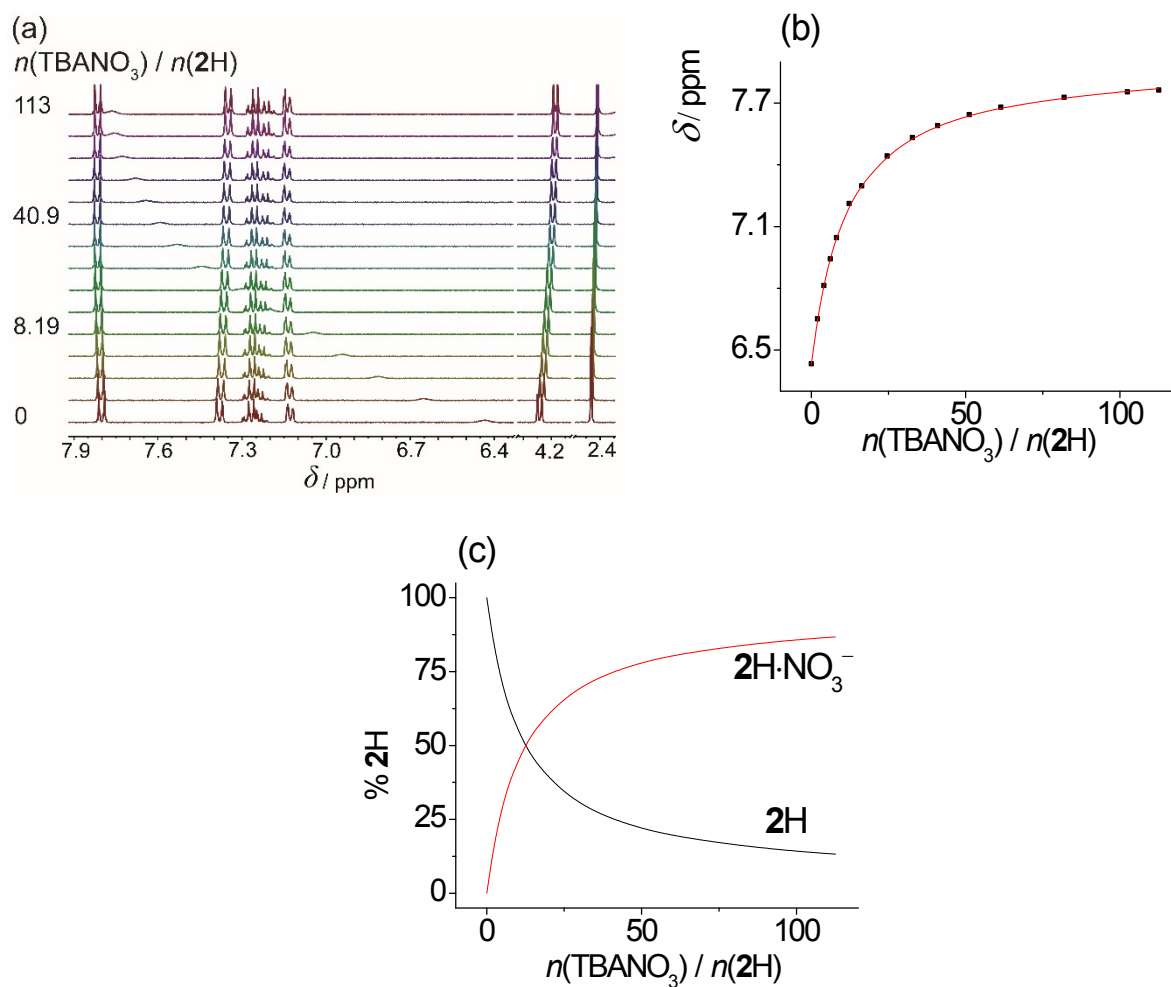


Figure S30. a) ^1H NMR titration of **2H** ($c = 1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBANO_3 ($c = 2.50 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBANO}_3) / n(\text{2H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of **2H** with TBANO_3 .

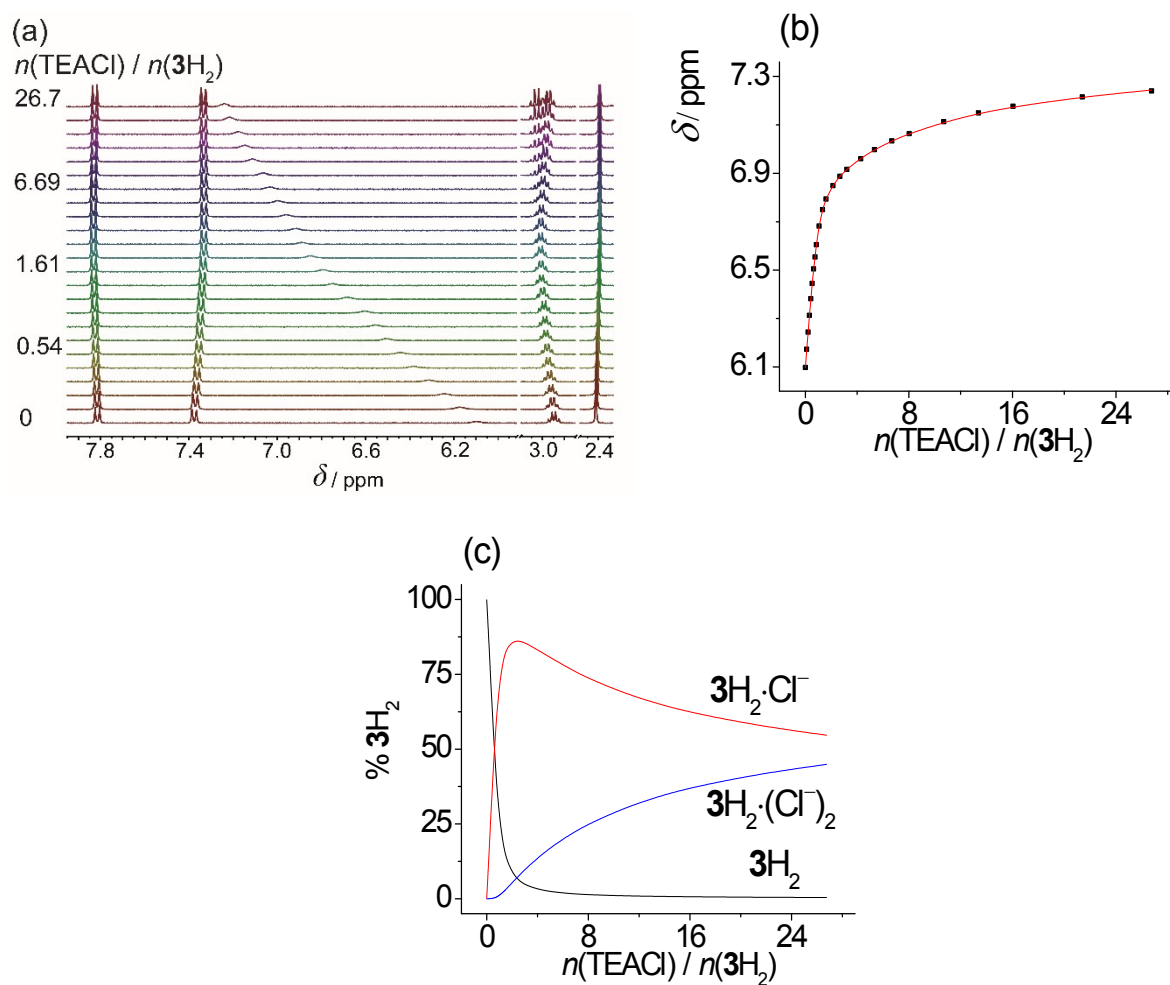


Figure S31. a) ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TEACl ($c = 3.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.50 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TEACl}) / n(3\text{H}_2)$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of 3H_2 with TEACl.

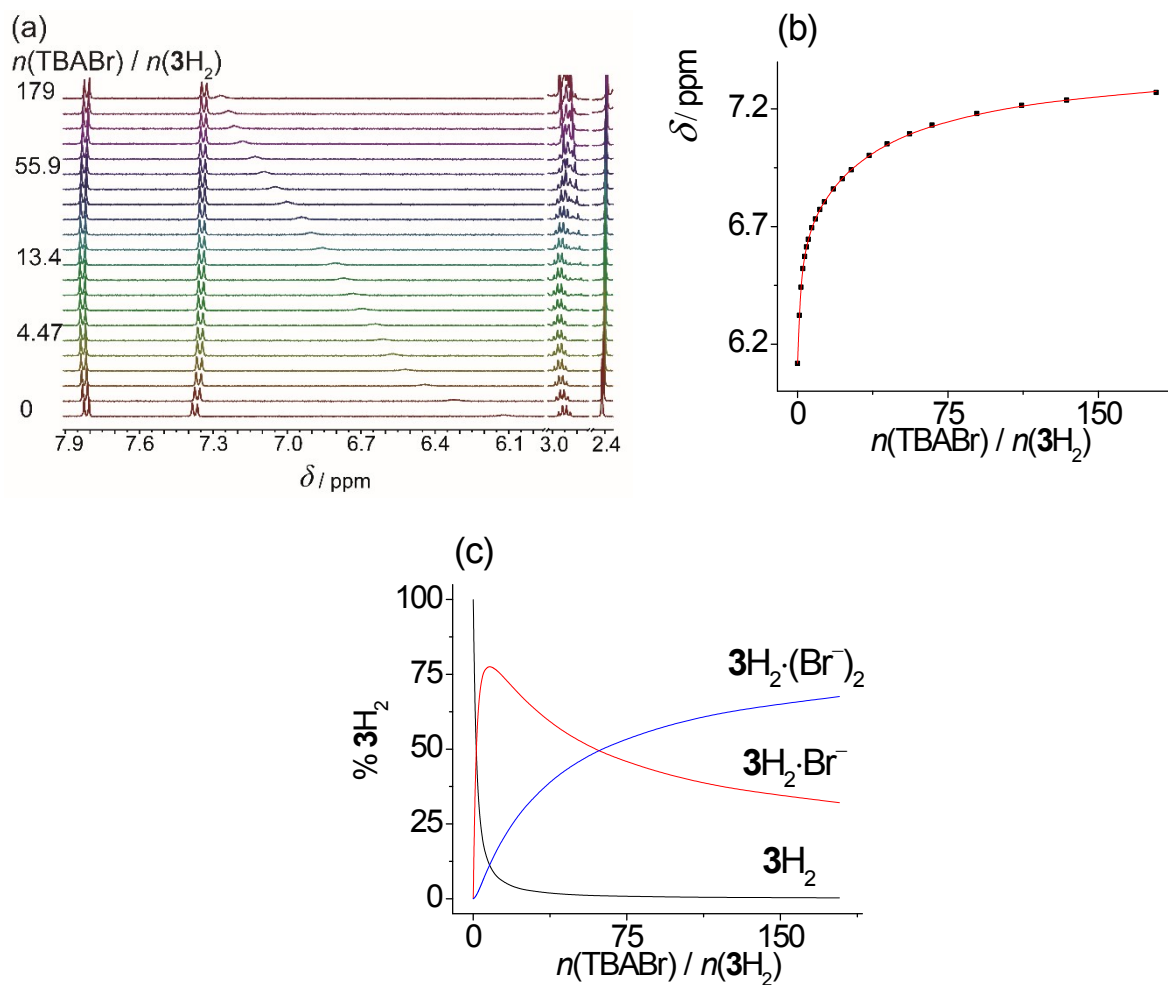


Figure S32. a) ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBABr ($c = 2.50 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.50 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBABr}) / n(3\text{H}_2)$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of 3H_2 with TBABr.

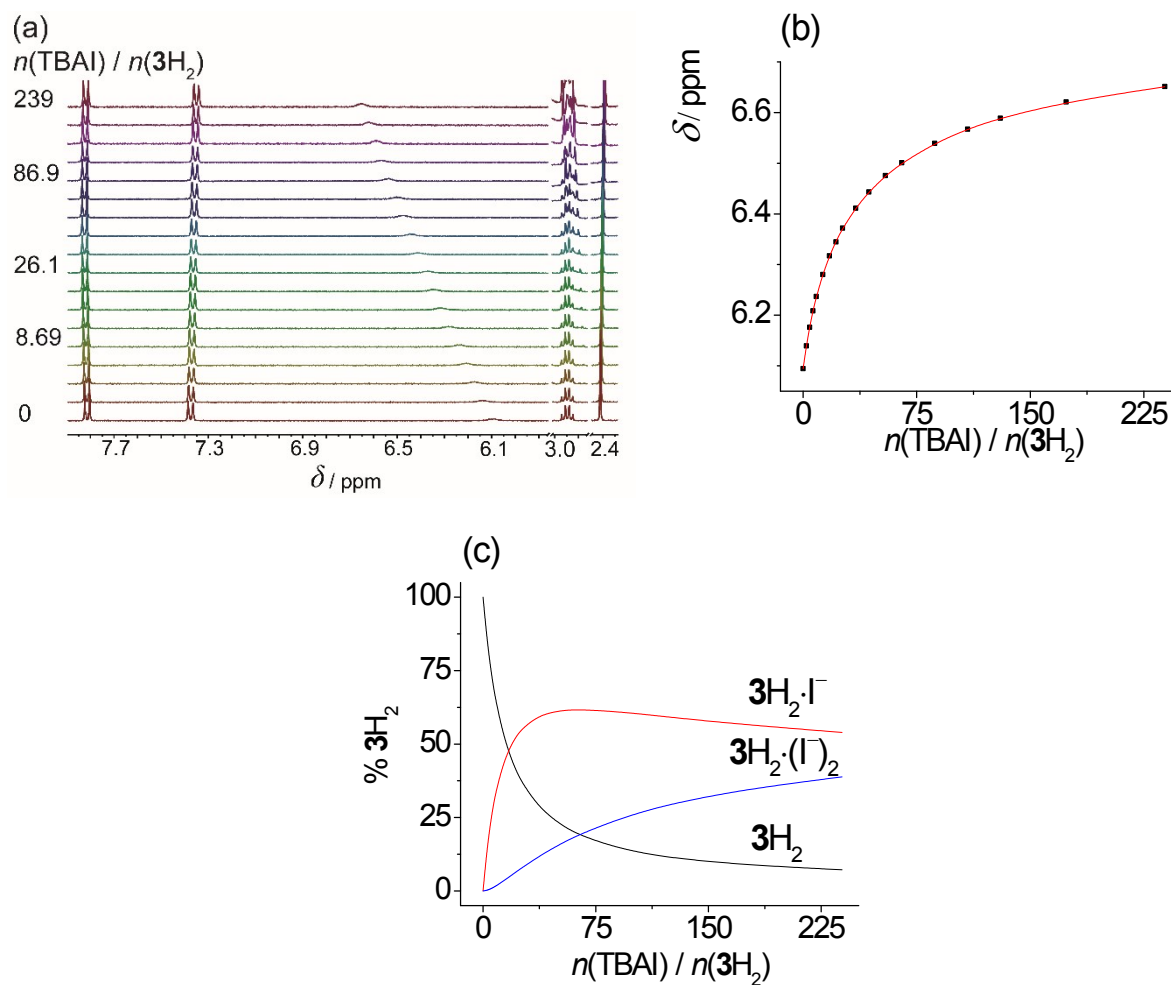


Figure S33. a) ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAI ($c = 2.50 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.50 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAI}) / n(3\text{H}_2)$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of 3H_2 with TBAI.

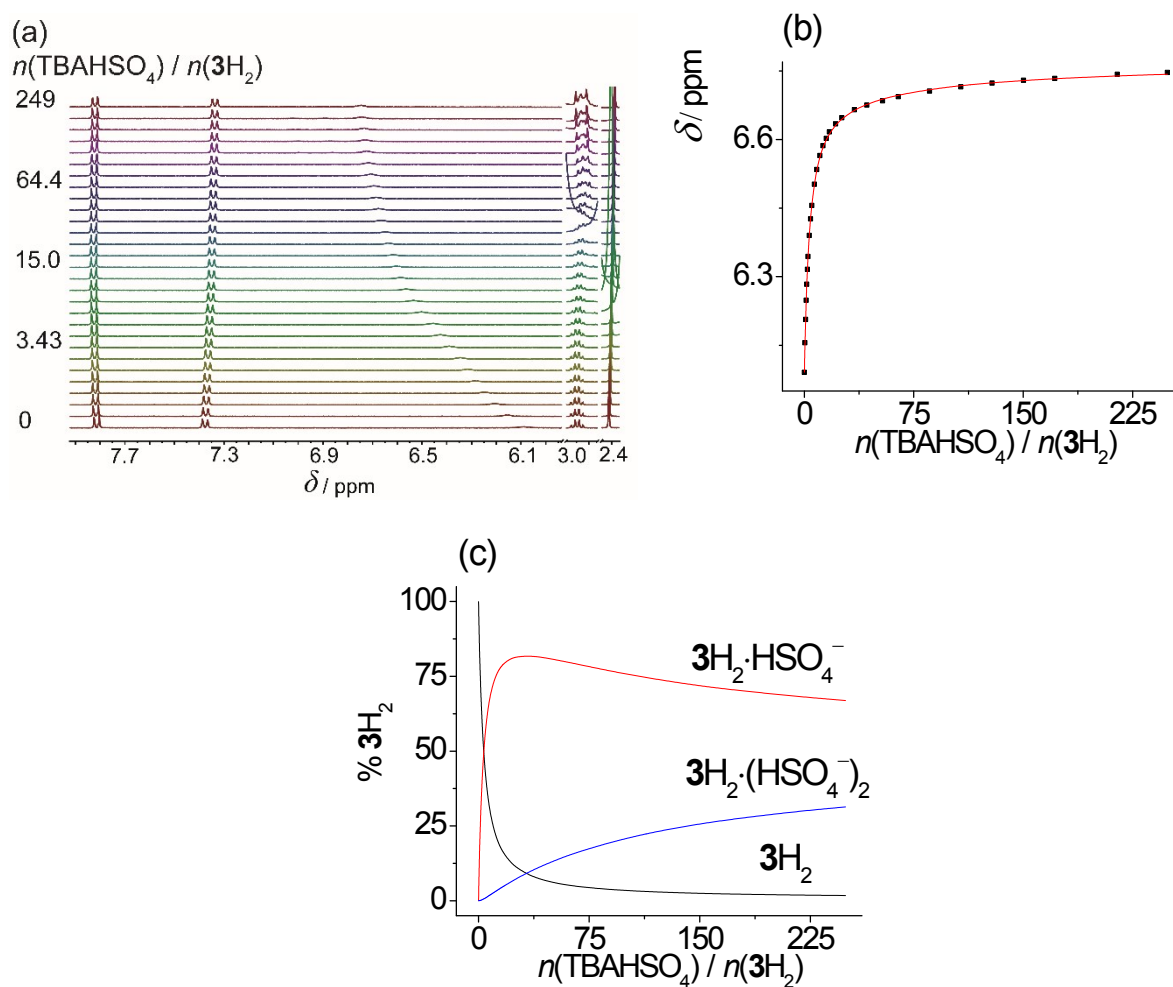


Figure S34. a) ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.17 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAHSO_4 ($c = 2.50 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.50 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAHSO}_4)/n(3\text{H}_2)$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of 3H_2 with TBAHSO_4 .

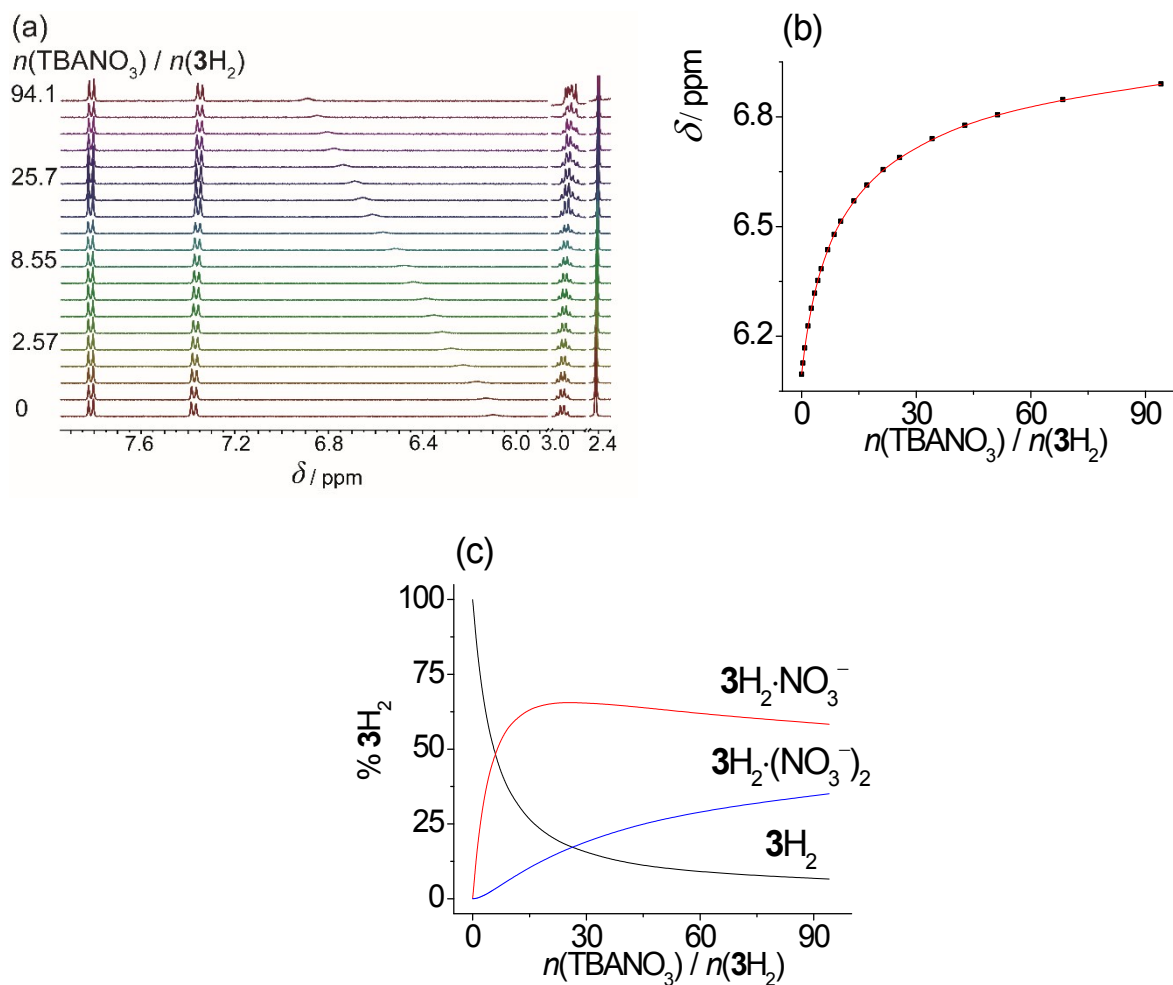


Figure S35. a) ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBANO_3 ($c = 9.84 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.50 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBANO}_3) / n(3\text{H}_2)$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of species during the titration of 3H_2 with TBANO_3 .

Table S4. Calculated ^1H NMR chemical shifts of **1H** and its chloride, bromide, iodide, hydrogen sulfate and nitrate complexes in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at 25 °C.

	H_b	H_a	NH_b	H_d	H_c
1H	7.815	7.389	5.852	2.612	2.426
1H·Cl⁻	7.828	7.346	7.619	2.547	2.406
1H·Br⁻	7.835	7.351	7.287	2.549	2.406
1H·I⁻		7.349	6.903	2.535	2.397
1H·HSO₄⁻	8.835	7.361	6.747	2.556	2.412
1H·NO₃⁻		7.343	7.334	2.543	2.403

Table S5. Calculated ^1H NMR chemical shifts of **2H** and its chloride, bromide, iodide, hydrogen sulfate and nitrate complexes in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at 25 °C.

	H_b	H_a	H_e	H_f	NH_b	H_d	H_c
2H	7.801	7.378	7.266	7.127	6.431	4.245	2.433
2H·Cl⁻	7.842	7.348	7.258	7.164	8.279	4.192	2.410
2H·Br⁻	7.847	7.352	7.254	7.168	7.983	4.198	2.410
2H·I⁻	7.840	7.350	7.242	7.163	7.586	4.194	2.402
2H·HSO₄⁻	7.835	7.353	7.251	7.159	7.463	4.178	2.412
2H·NO₃⁻		7.346	7.251	7.141	7.974	4.179	2.408

Table S6. Calculated ^1H NMR chemical shifts of 3H_2 and its chloride, bromide, iodide, hydrogen sulfate and nitrate complexes in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at 25 °C.

	H_b	H_a	NH_b	H_e	H_c
3H_2	7.815	7.377	5.852	2.949	2.413
$3\text{H}_2 \cdot \text{Cl}^-$	7.835	7.329	6.858	3.019	2.393
$3\text{H}_2 \cdot (\text{Cl}^-)_2$	7.818	7.341	7.724	2.917	2.398
$3\text{H}_2 \cdot \text{Br}^-$	7.836	7.349	6.675	2.983	2.399
$3\text{H}_2 \cdot (\text{Br}^-)_2$	7.808	7.334	7.565	2.909	2.390
$3\text{H}_2 \cdot \text{I}^-$		7.362	6.462		2.403
$3\text{H}_2 \cdot (\text{I}^-)_2$		7.333	7.017		2.378
$3\text{H}_2 \cdot \text{HSO}_4^-$		7.345	6.712		2.395
$3\text{H}_2 \cdot \text{NO}_3^-$		7.354	6.654	2.930	2.401
$3\text{H}_2 \cdot (\text{NO}_3^-)_2$		7.332	7.428	2.885	2.392

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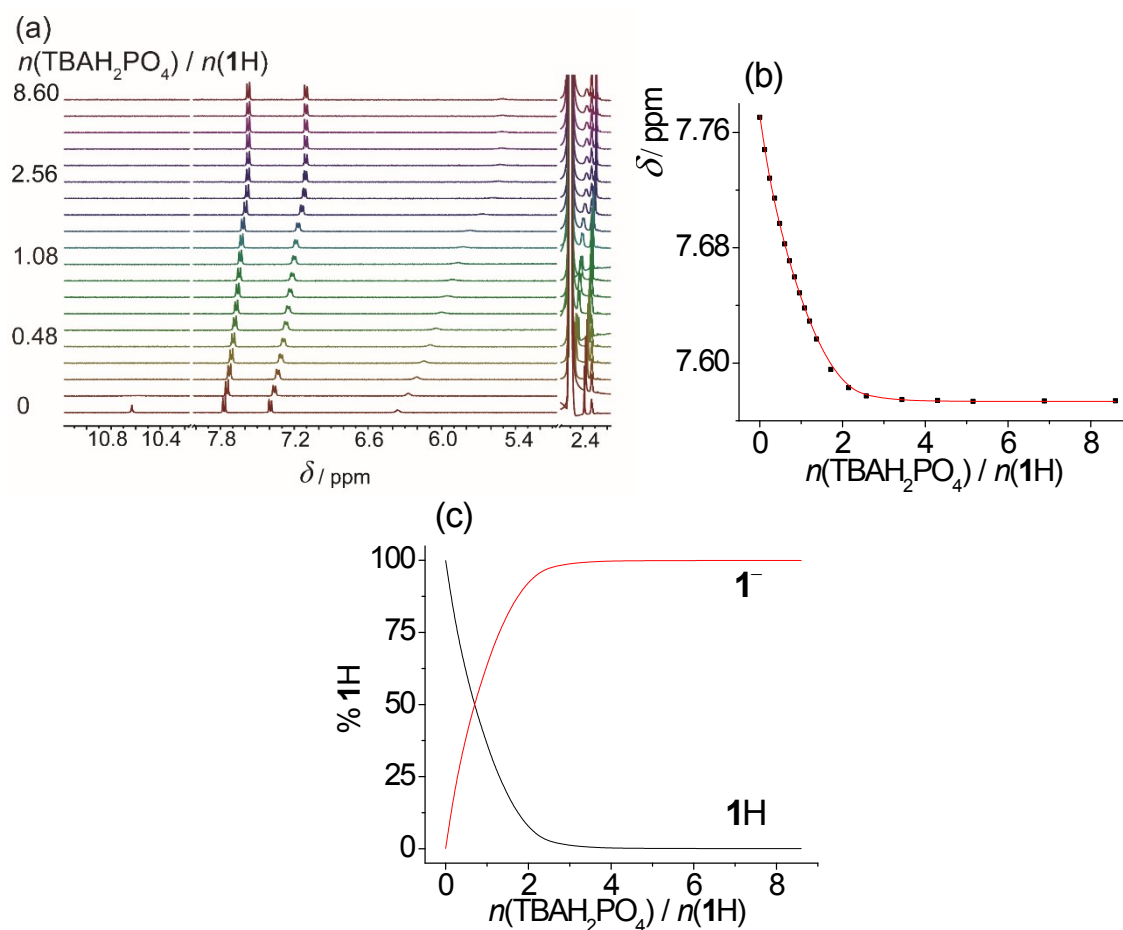


Figure S36. a) ^1H NMR titration of **1H** ($c = 1.14 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAH_2PO_4 ($c = 1.04 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAH}_2\text{PO}_4) / n(\text{1H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of protonation species of **1H** during the titration of **1H** solution with TBAH_2PO_4 .

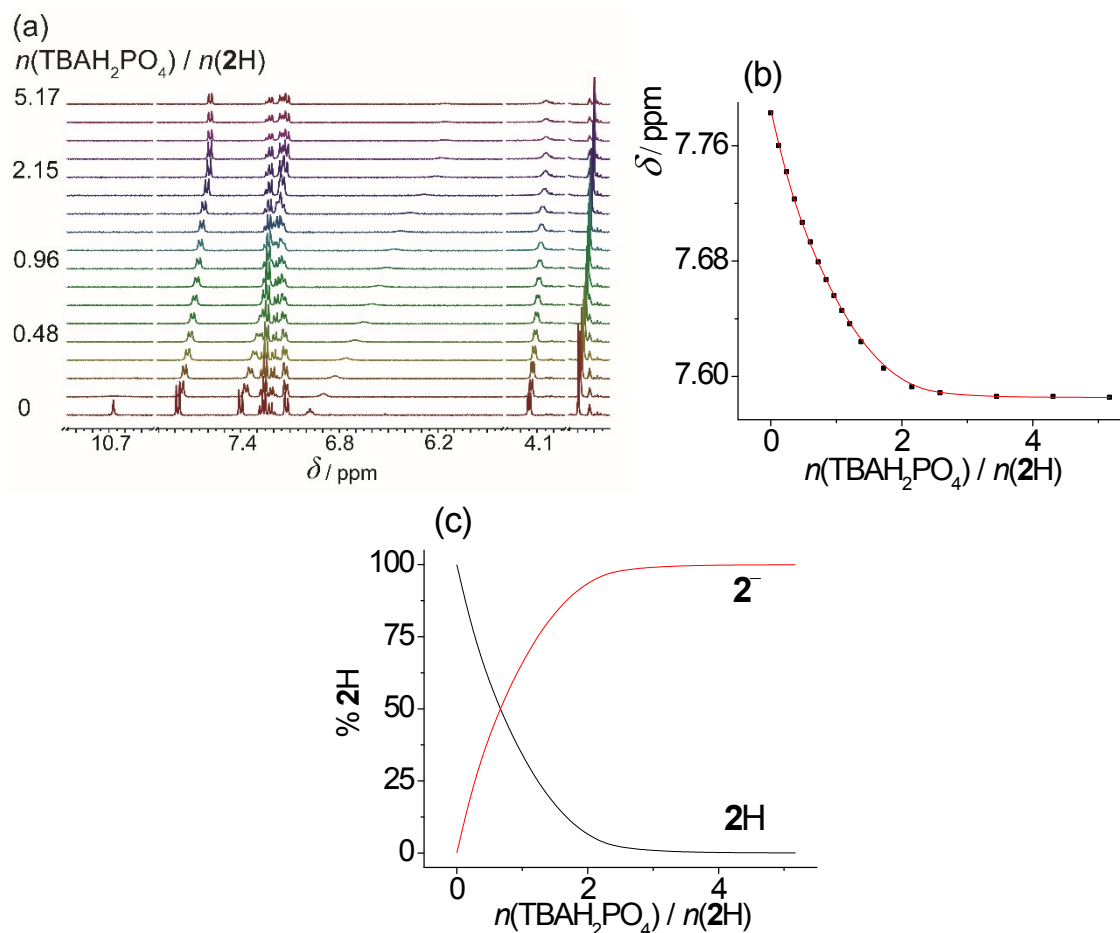


Figure S37. a) ^1H NMR titration of **2H** ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAH_2PO_4 ($c = 1.02 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAH}_2\text{PO}_4) / n(\text{2H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of protonation species of **2H** during the titration of **2H** solution with TBAH_2PO_4 .

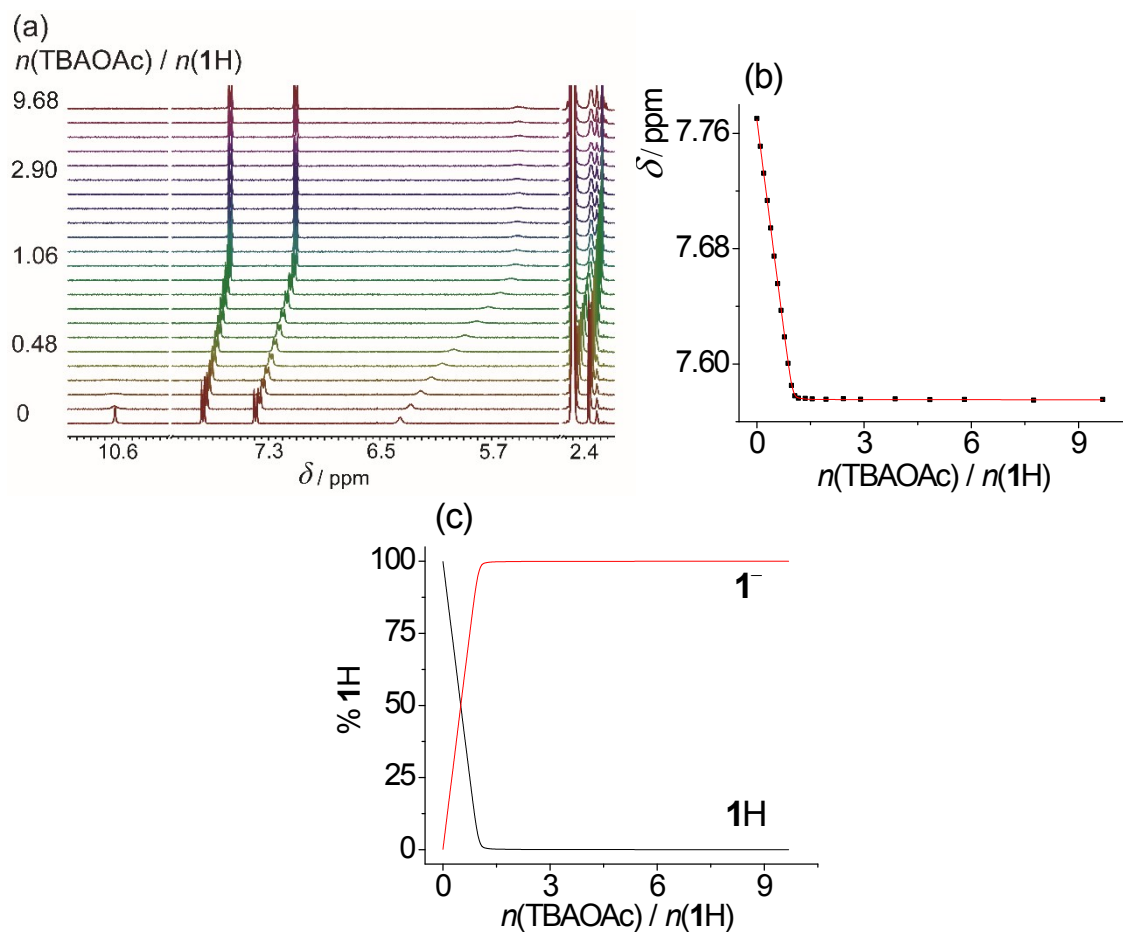


Figure S38. a) ^1H NMR titration of **1H** ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAOAc ($c = 1.15 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAOAc}) / n(\text{1H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of protonation species of **1H** during the titration of **1H** solution with TBAOAc.

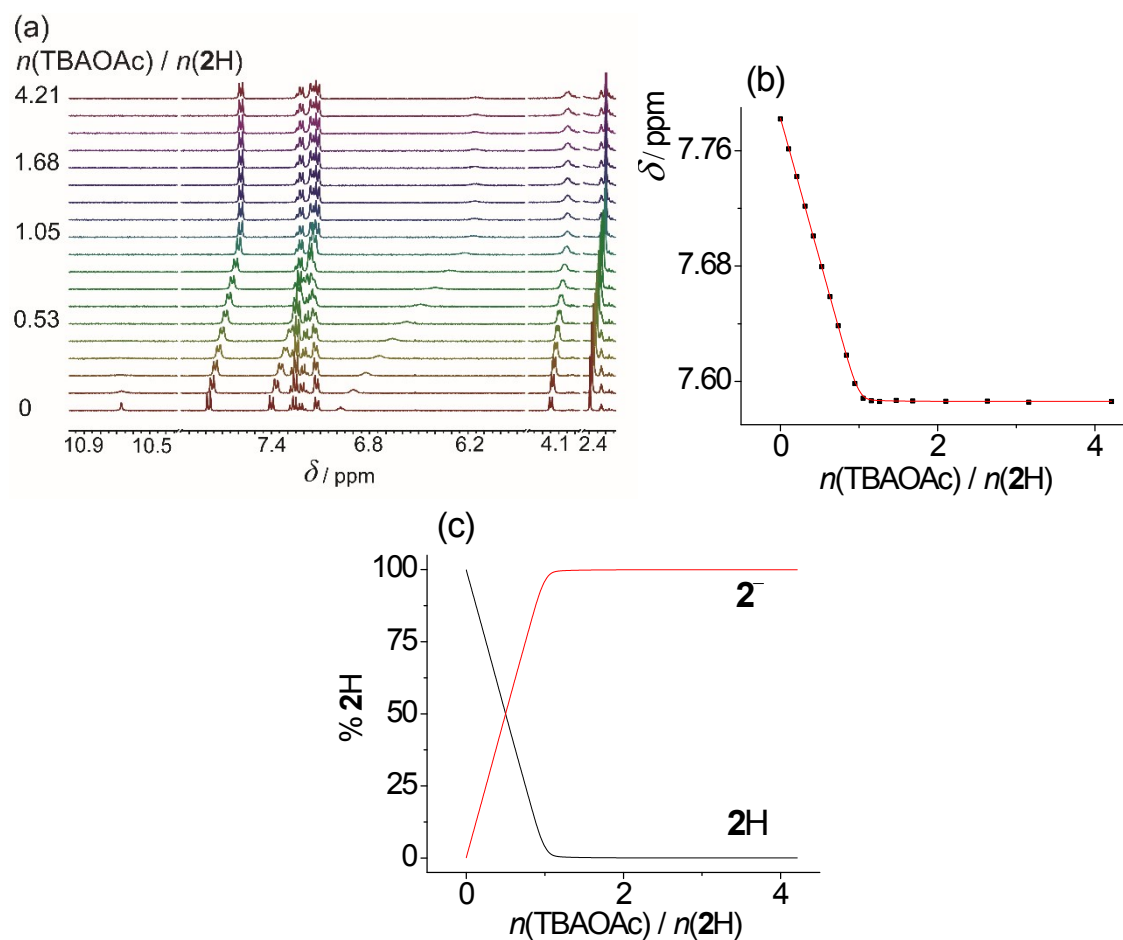


Figure S39. a) ^1H NMR titration of **2H** ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAOAc ($c = 1.25 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAOAc}) / n(\text{2H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of protonation species of **2H** during the titration of **2H** solution with TBAOAc.

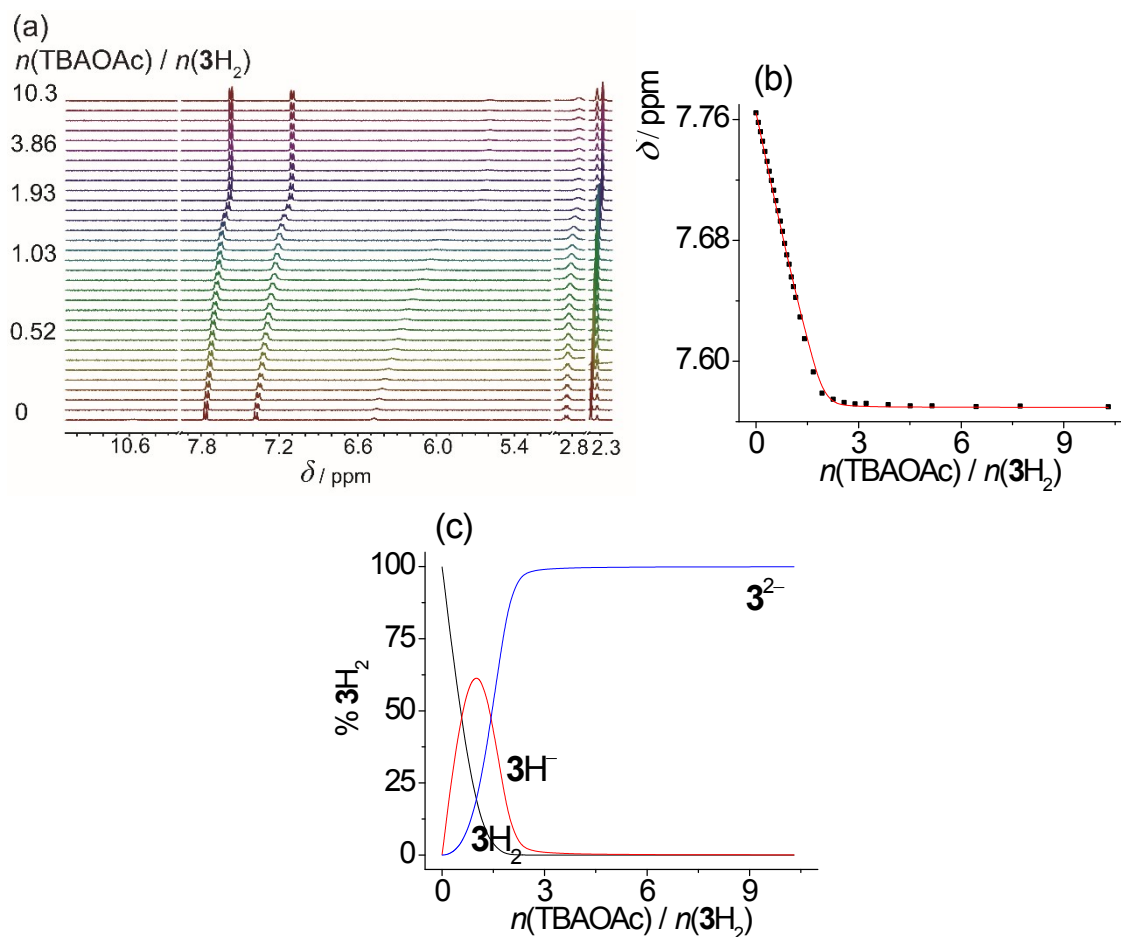


Figure S40. a) ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.20 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAOAc ($c = 8.18 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAOAc}) / n(3\text{H}_2)$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of protonation species of 3H_2 during the titration of 3H_2 solution with TBAOAc.

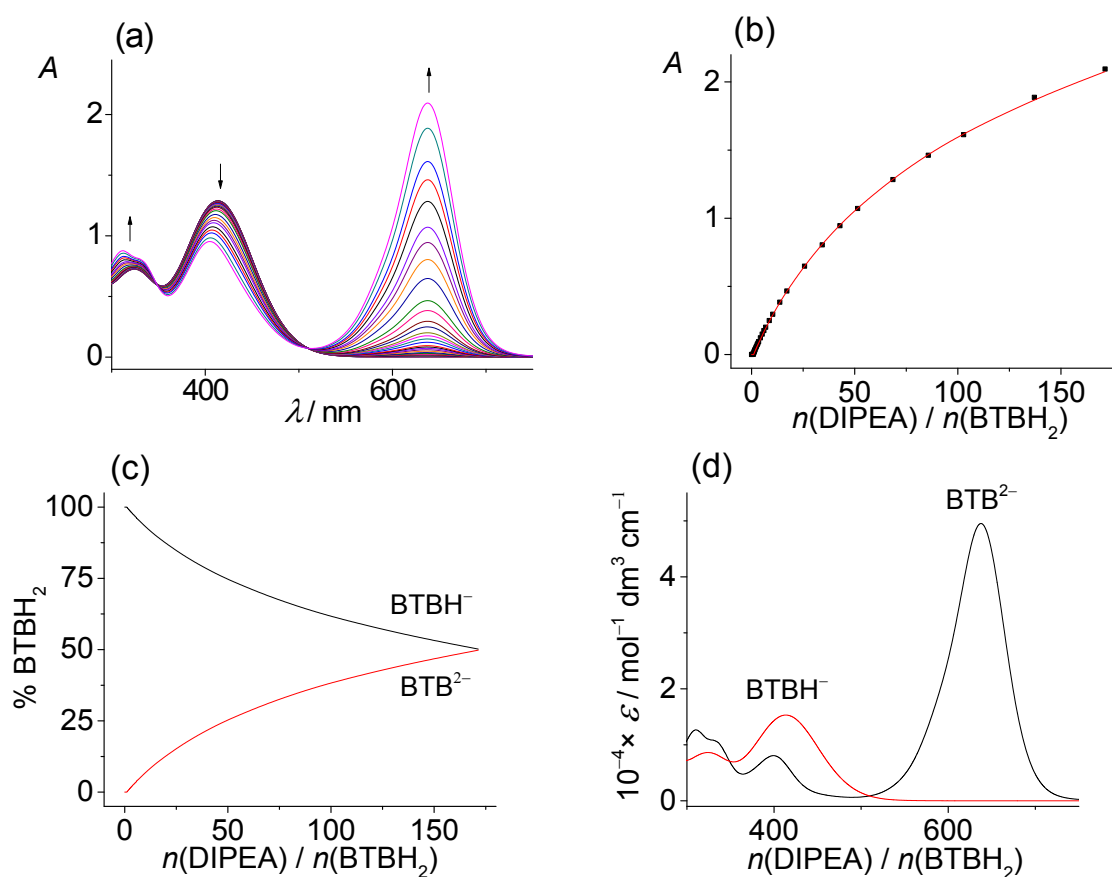


Figure S41. a) Spectrophotometric titration of BTBH_2 ($c = 8.41 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with DIPEA ($c = 3.40 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in DMSO at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$; $l = 1 \text{ cm}$, $V_0 = 2.36 \text{ mL}$. Spectra are corrected for dilution. b) Dependence of absorbance at 638 nm on $n(\text{DIPEA}) / n(\text{BTBH}_2)$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of protonation species of BTBH_2 during the titration of BTBH_2 solution with DIPEA. d) Characteristic UV-Vis spectra of bromothymol blue and its deprotonated forms.

$$\log K^{\text{H}} = 9.23(1)$$

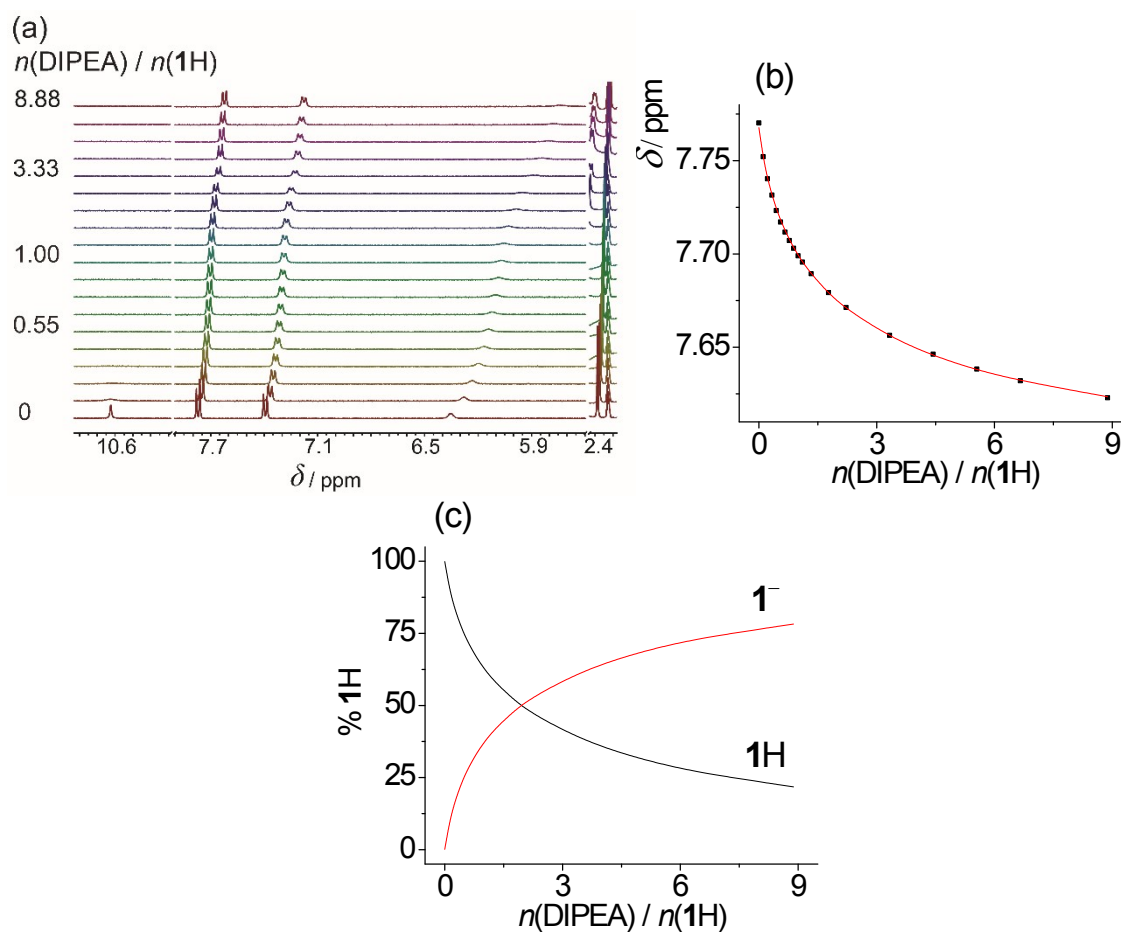


Figure 42. a) ^1H NMR titration of $\mathbf{1H}$ ($c = 1.18 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with DIPEA ($c = 1.39 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{DIPEA}) / n(\mathbf{1H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of protonation species of $\mathbf{1H}$ during the titration of $\mathbf{1H}$ solution with DIPEA.

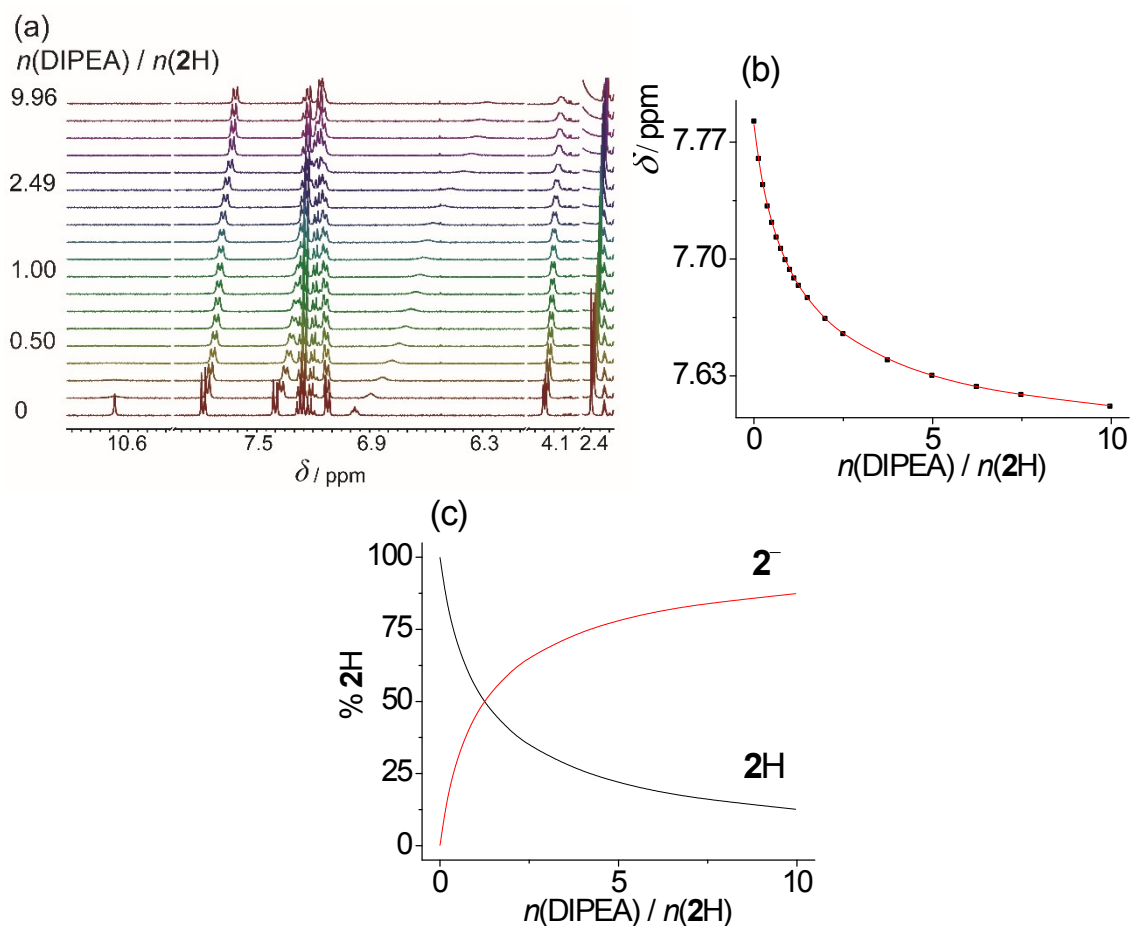


Figure 43. a) ^1H NMR titration of 2H ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with DIPEA ($c = 1.48 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{DIPEA}) / n(2\text{H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of protonation species of 2H during the titration of 2H solution with DIPEA.

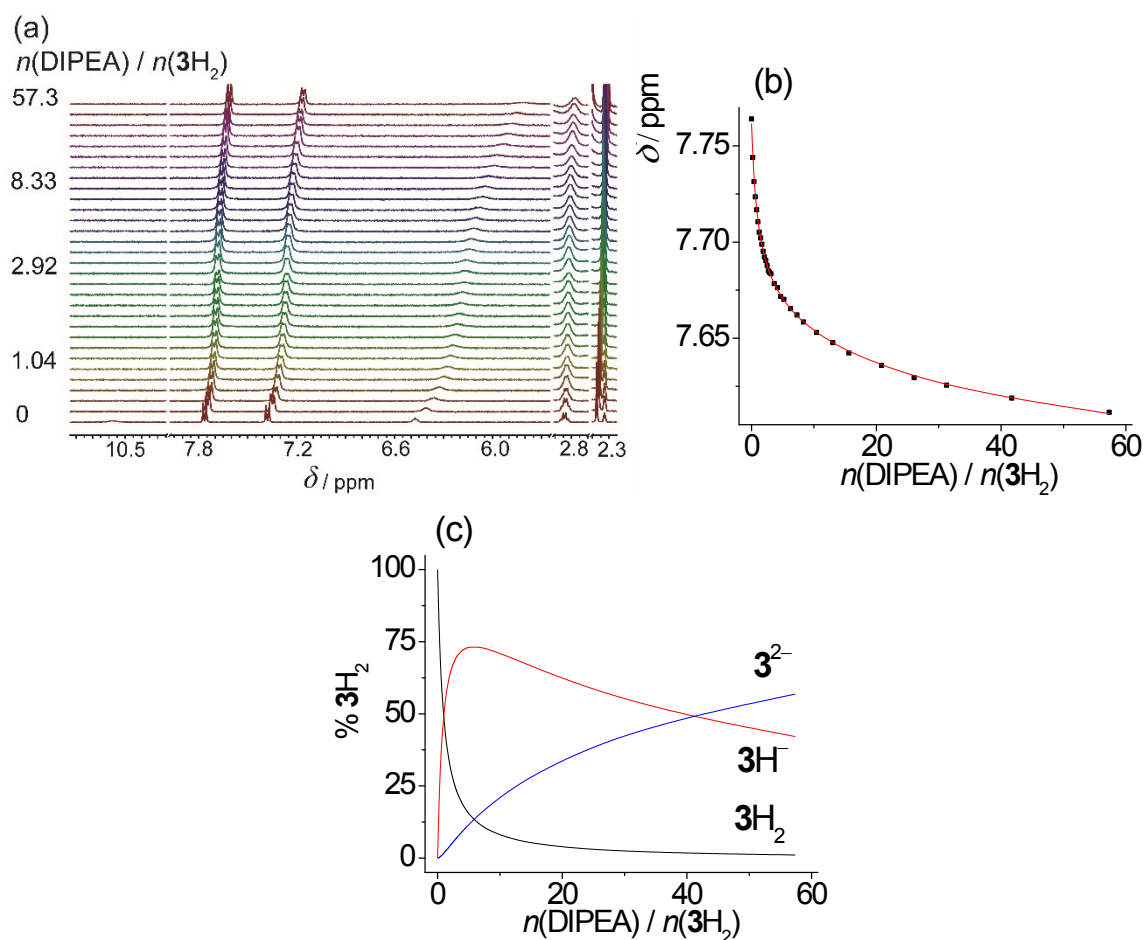


Figure S44. a) ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.20 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with DIPEA ($c = 6.62 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{DIPEA}) / n(3\text{H}_2)$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of protonation species of 3H_2 during the titration of 3H_2 solution with DIPEA.

Table S7. Calculated ^1H NMR chemical shifts of **1H** and its deprotonated form in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 25 $^\circ\text{C}$.

	H_b	H_a	H_c
1^{-a}	7.583	7.119	2.294
1^{-b}	7.575	7.105	2.289
1^{-c}	7.573	7.104	2.289
1H	7.768	7.391	2.386

^a Determined by means of ^1H NMR titrations with DIPEA.

^b Determined by means of ^1H NMR titrations with TBAOAc.

^c Determined by means of ^1H NMR titrations with TBAH_2PO_4 .

Table S8. Calculated ^1H NMR chemical shifts of **2H** and its deprotonated form in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 25 $^\circ\text{C}$.

	H_b	H_a	H_f	H_d
2^{-a}	7.588	7.123	7.152	4.049
2^{-b}	7.586	7.118	7.152	4.046
2^{-c}	7.585	7.121	7.153	4.045
2H	7.781	7.398	7.122	4.148

^a Determined by means of ^1H NMR titrations with DIPEA.

^b Determined by means of ^1H NMR titrations with TBAOAc.

^c Determined by means of ^1H NMR titrations with TBAH_2PO_4 .

Table S9. Calculated ^1H NMR chemical shifts of 3H_2 and its deprotonated forms in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 25 $^\circ\text{C}$.

	H_b	H_a	H_e	H_c
3^{2-} ^a	7.566	7.098	2.753	2.283
3^{2-} ^b	7.570	7.099	2.746	2.284
3^{2-} ^c	7.572	7.103	2.747	2.285
3H^- ^a	7.668	7.233	2.813	2.329
3H^- ^b	7.657	7.216	2.811	2.324
3H^- ^c	7.673	7.237	2.818	2.330
3H_2	7.764	7.378	2.842	2.375

^a Determined by means of ^1H NMR titrations with DIPEA.

^b Determined by means of ^1H NMR titrations with TBAOAc.

^c Determined by means of ^1H NMR titrations with TBAH_2PO_4 .

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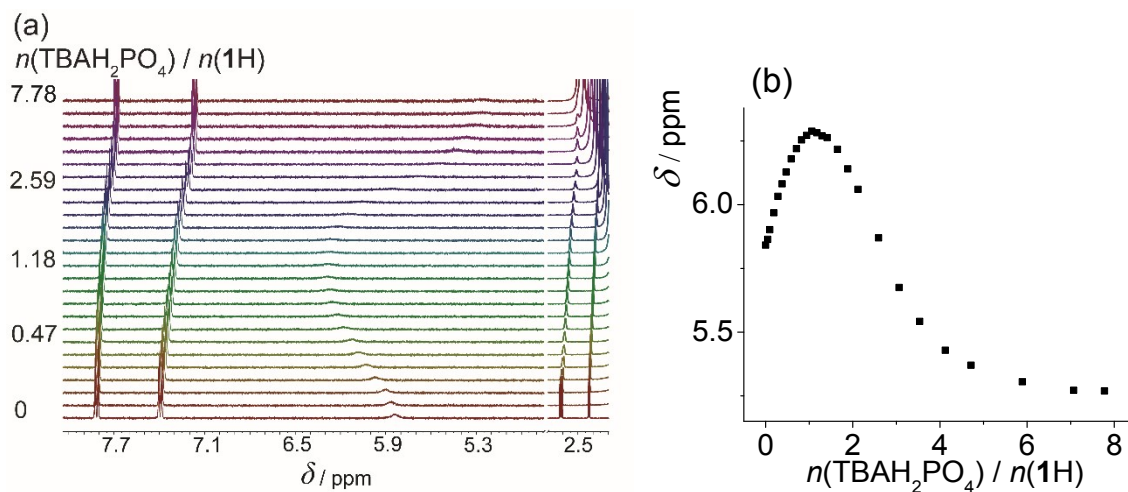


Figure S45. a) ¹H NMR titration of **1H** ($c = 1.17 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAH₂PO₄ ($c = 1.46 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in MeCN-*d*₃ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAH}_2\text{PO}_4) / n(\text{1H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental

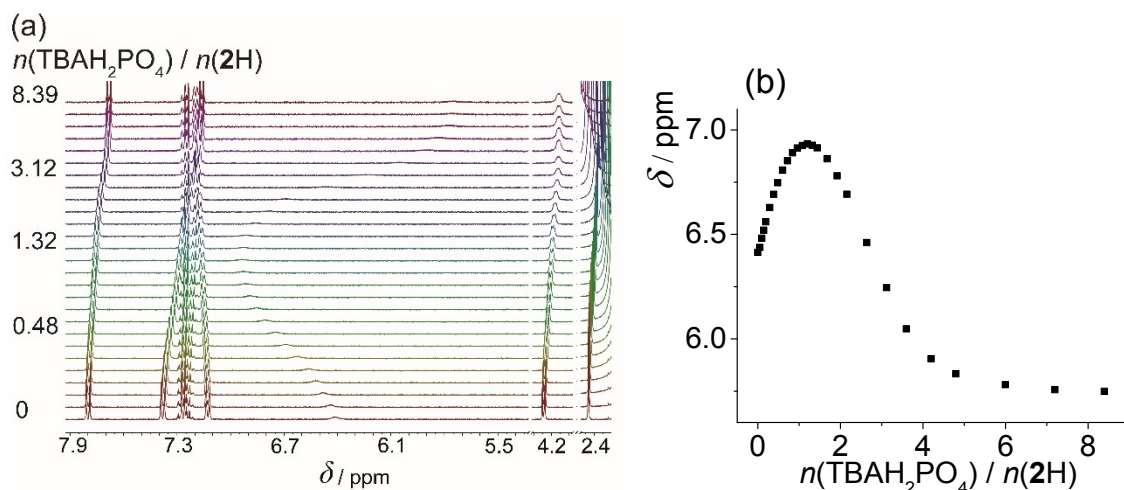


Figure S46. a) ¹H NMR titration of **2H** ($c = 1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAH₂PO₄ ($c = 1.46 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in MeCN-*d*₃ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAH}_2\text{PO}_4) / n(\text{2H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental

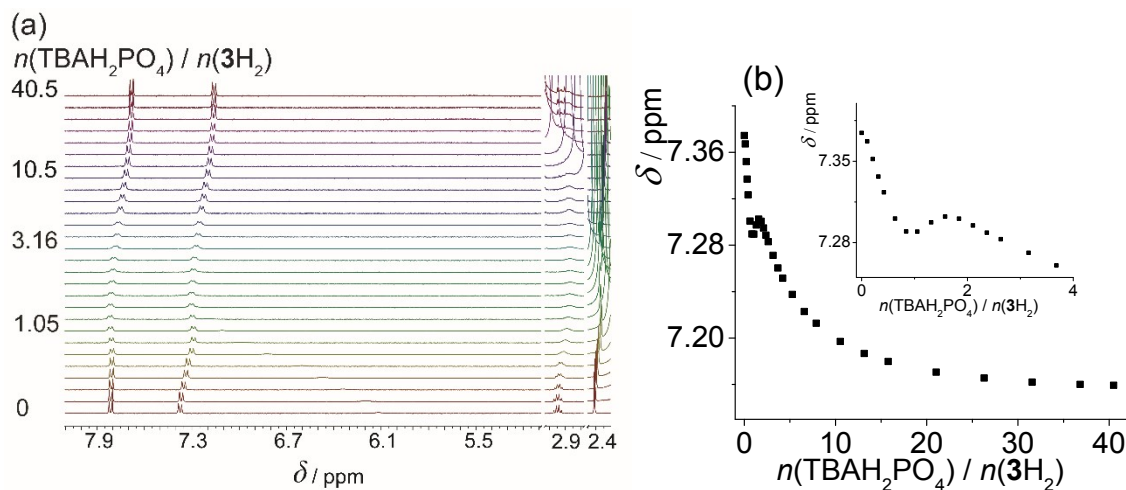


Figure S47. a) ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAH_2PO_4 ($c = 2.95 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.50 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_a proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAH}_2\text{PO}_4) / n(3\text{H}_2)$ molar ratio. Inset: enlarged. ■ experimental

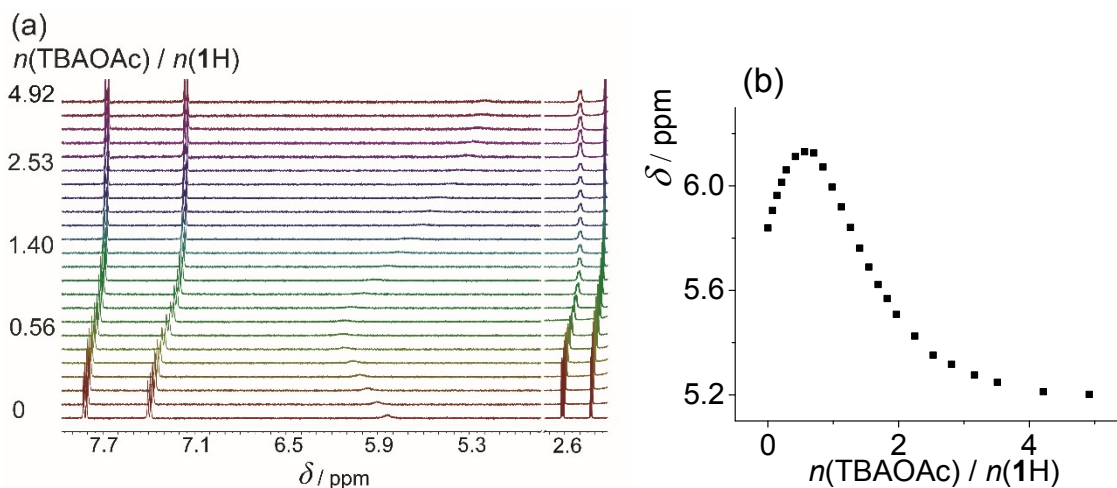


Figure S48. a) ^1H NMR titration of 1H ($c = 1.17 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAOAc ($c = 8.70 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAOAc}) / n(1\text{H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental

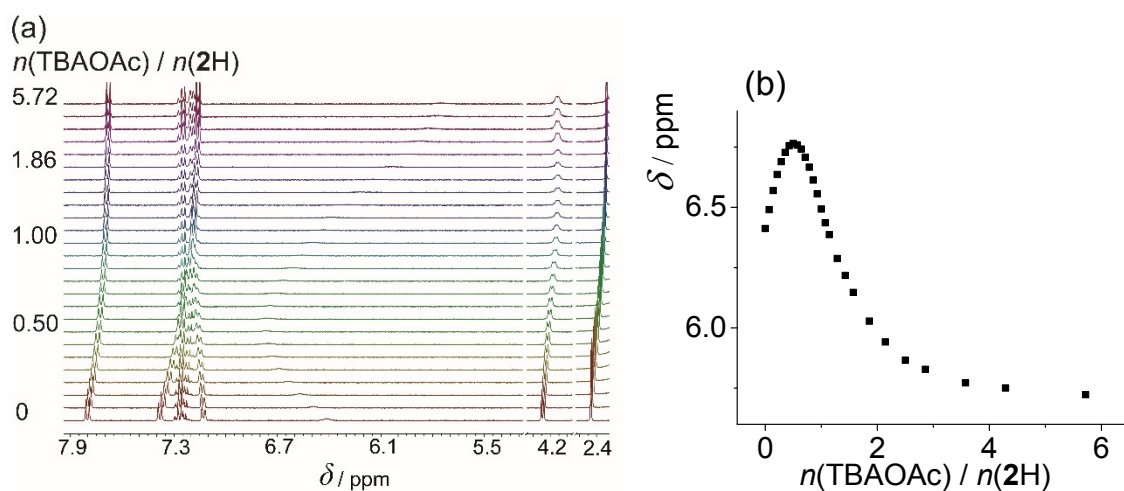


Figure S49. a) ^1H NMR titration of 2H ($c = 1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAOAc ($c = 8.70 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAOAc}) / n(2\text{H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental

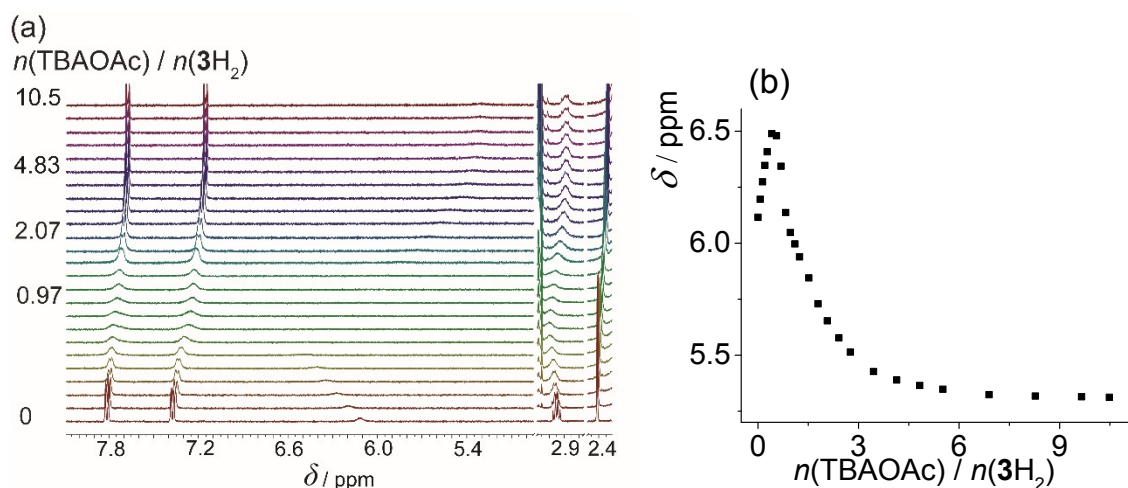


Figure S50. a) ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with TBAOAc ($c = 7.73 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.50 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of NH_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{TBAOAc}) / n(3\text{H}_2)$ molar ratio. ■ experimental

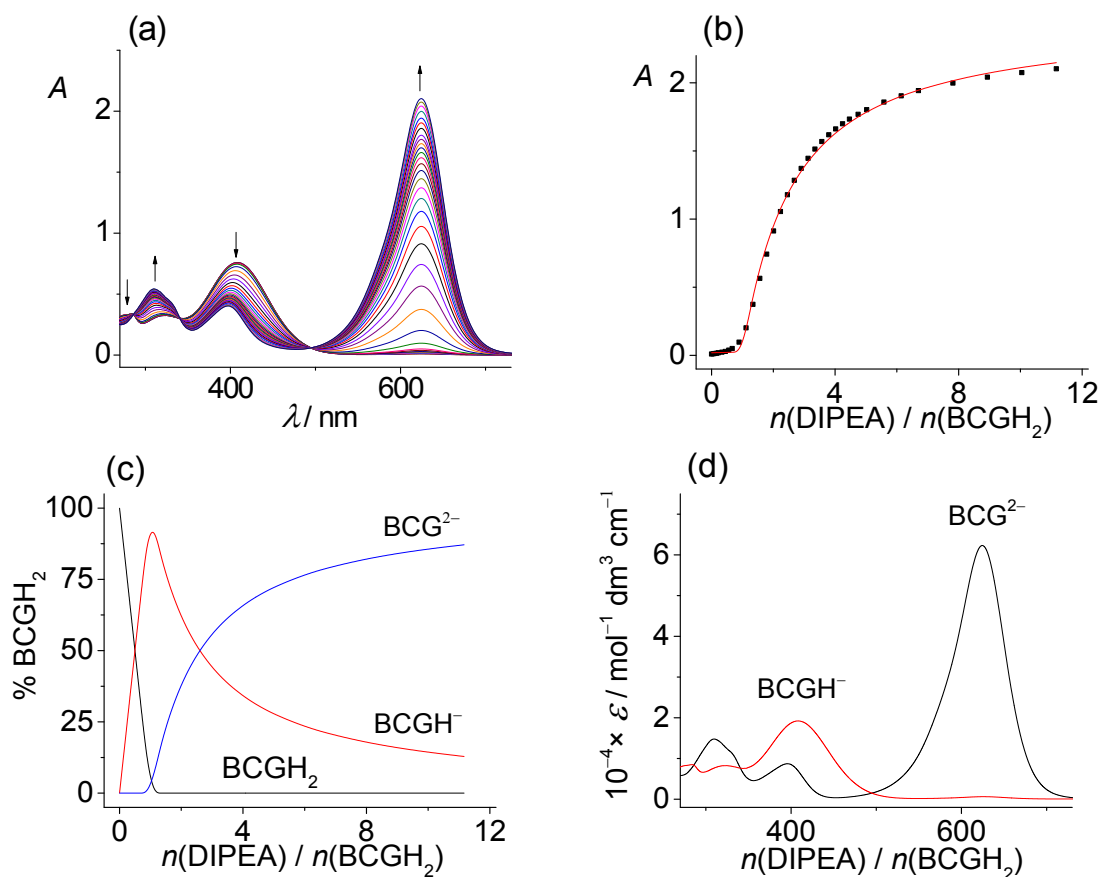


Figure S51. a) Spectrophotometric titration of BCGH₂ ($c = 3.95 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with DIPEA ($c = 9.17 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in MeCN at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$; $l = 1 \text{ cm}$, $V_0 = 2.08 \text{ mL}$. Spectra are corrected for dilution. b) Dependence of absorbance at 638 nm on $n(\text{DIPEA}) / n(\text{BCGH}_2)$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of protonation species of BCGH₂ during the titration of BCGH₂ solution with DIPEA. d) Characteristic UV-Vis spectra of BCGH₂ deprotonated forms.

$$\log K^{\text{H}} = 18.64(1)$$

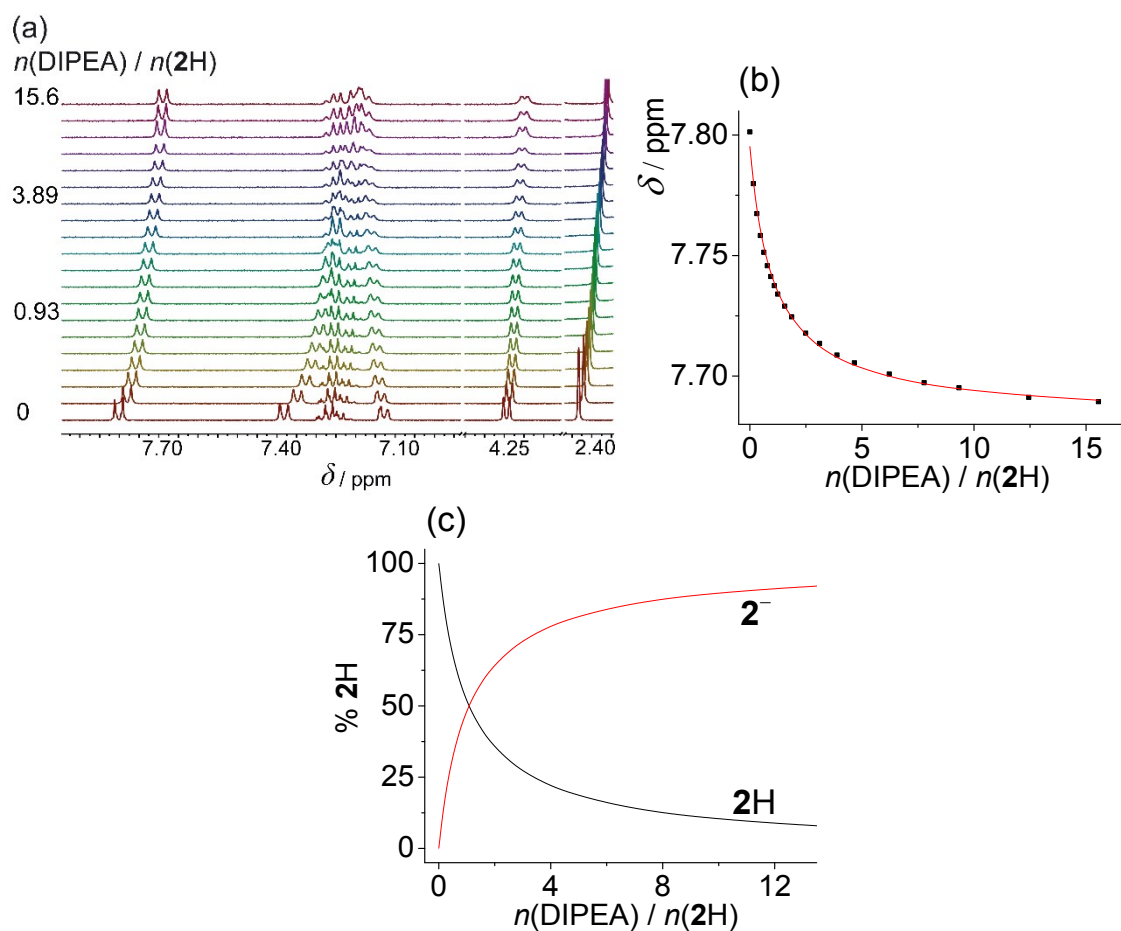


Figure S52. a) ^1H NMR titration of **2H** ($c = 1.18 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with DIPEA ($c = 1.94 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.53 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_b proton chemical shift on $n(\text{DIPEA}) / n(\text{2H})$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of protonation species of **2H** during the titration of **2H** solution with DIPEA.

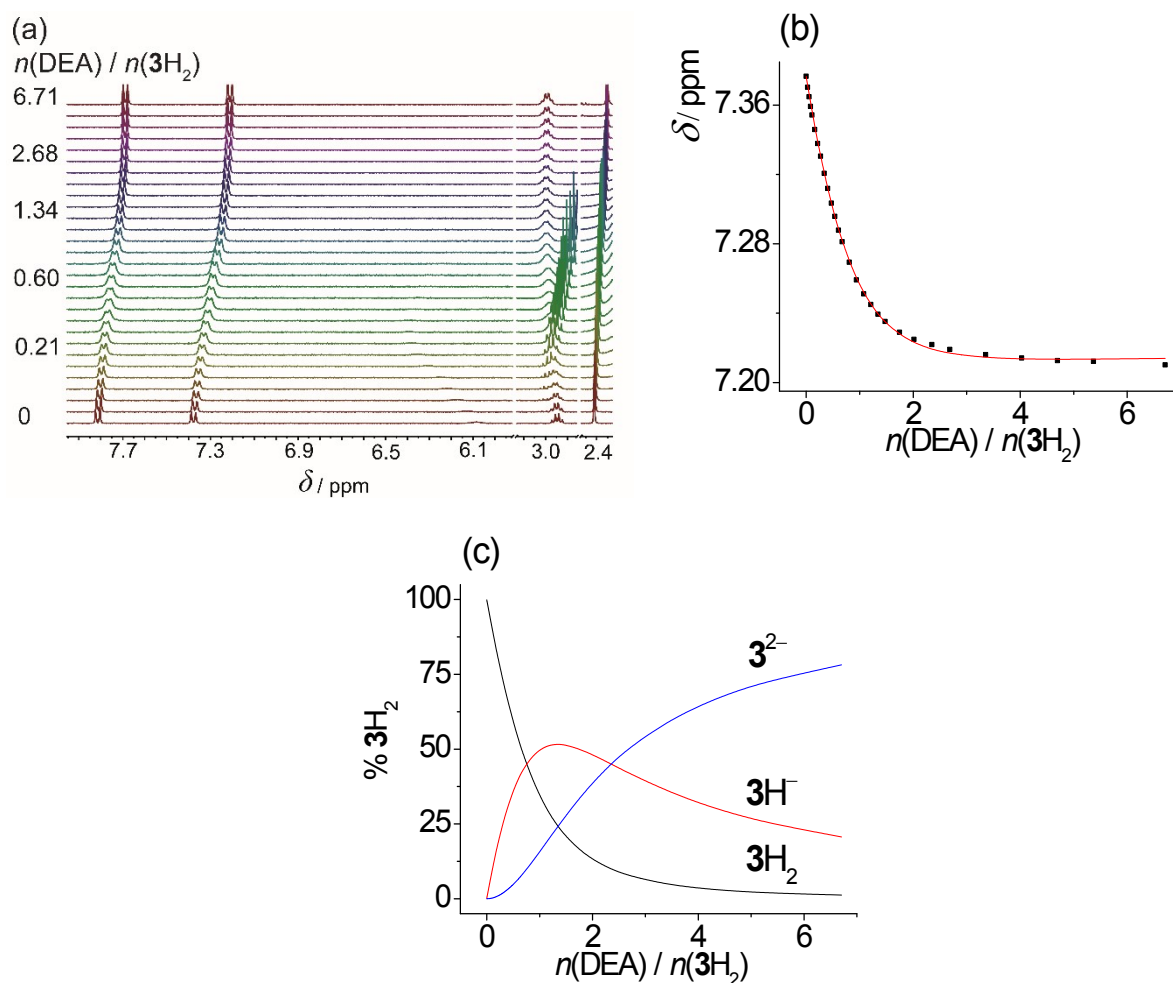


Figure S53. a) ^1H NMR titration of 3H_2 ($c = 1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) with DEA ($c = 7.72 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$, $V_0 = 0.50 \text{ mL}$. b) Dependence of H_a proton chemical shift on $n(\text{DEA}) / n(3\text{H}_2)$ molar ratio. ■ experimental, — calculated. c) Distribution of protonation species of 3H_2 during the titration of 3H_2 solution with DEA.

Table S10. Calculated ^1H NMR chemical shifts of **1H** and its deprotonated form in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at 25 $^\circ\text{C}$.

	H_b	H_a	H_c
1⁻	7.683	7.191	2.349
1H	7.817	7.396	2.428

Table S11. Calculated ^1H NMR chemical shifts of **2H** and its deprotonated form in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at 25 $^\circ\text{C}$.

	H_b	H_a	H_d	H_c
2⁻	7.682	7.194	4.200	2.357
2H	7.801	7.382	4.245	2.434

Table S12. Calculated ^1H NMR chemical shifts of **3H₂** and its deprotonated form in $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ at 25 $^\circ\text{C}$.

	H_a	H_d	H_c
3H⁻	7.276	3.003	2.385
3H₂	7.377	2.949	2.413

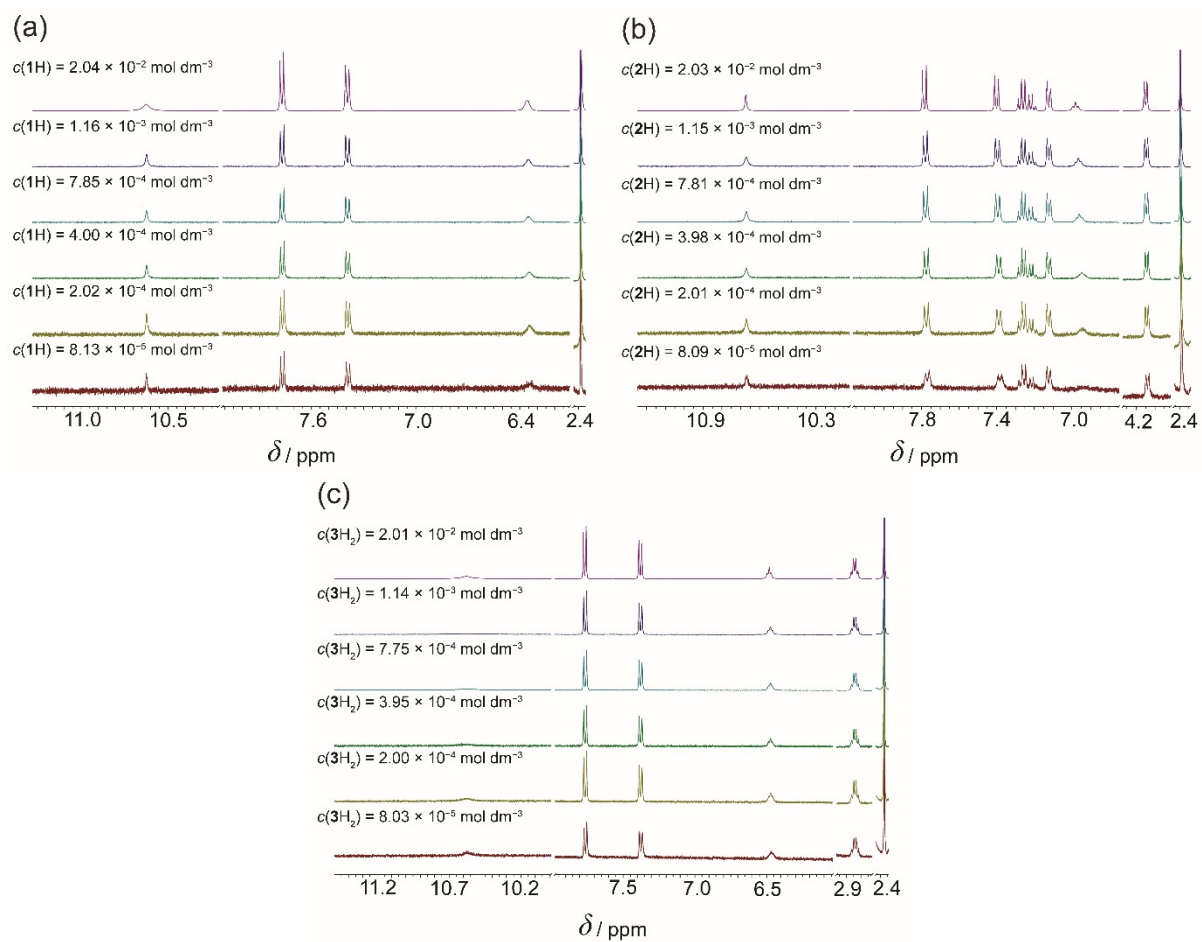


Figure S54. Concentration dependence of ^1H NMR spectra of a) 1H, b) 2H, and c) 3H₂ in DMSO-*d*₆ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$.

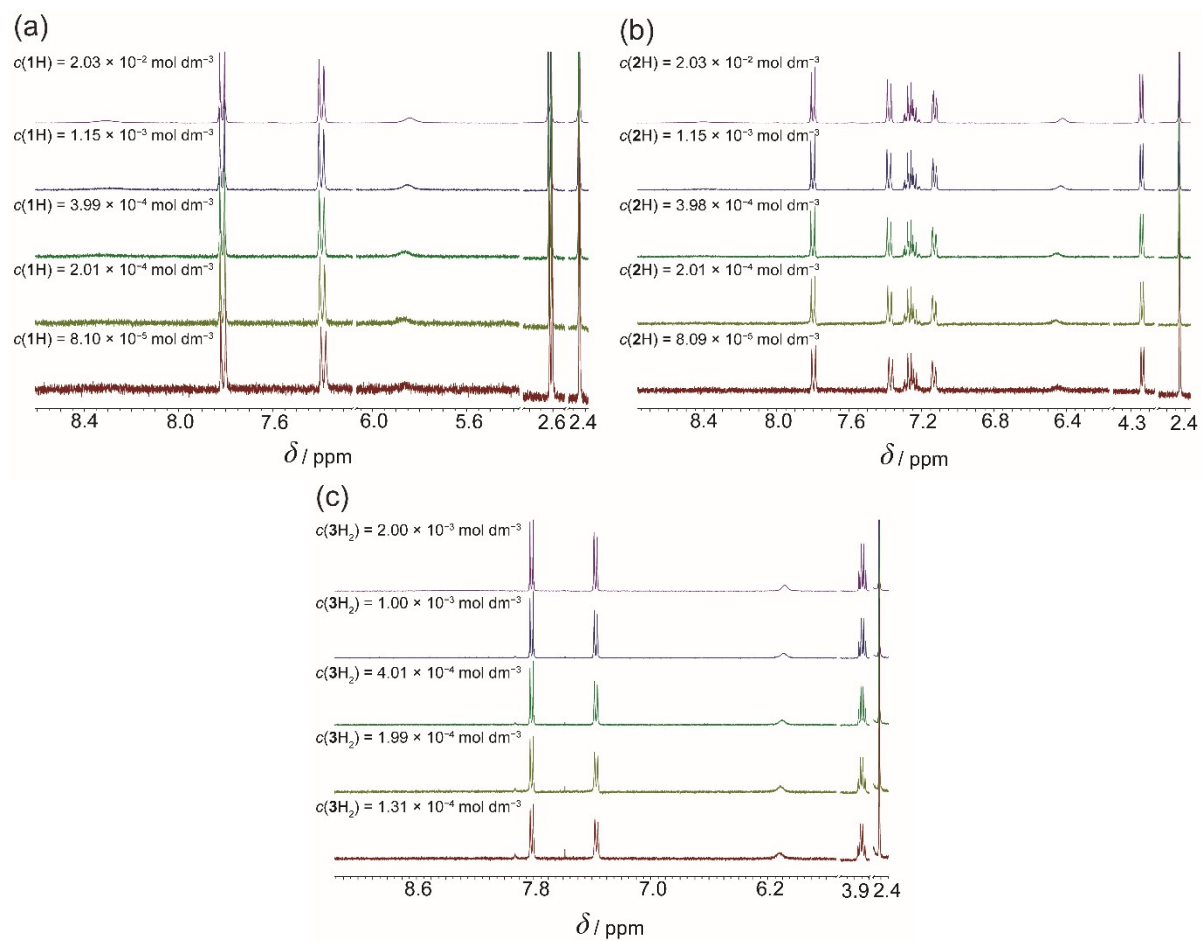


Figure S55. Concentration dependence of ^1H NMR spectra of a) 1H, b) 2H, and c) 3H₂ in MeCN-*d*₃ at $(25.0 \pm 0.1)^\circ\text{C}$.

6. DOSY NMR experiments

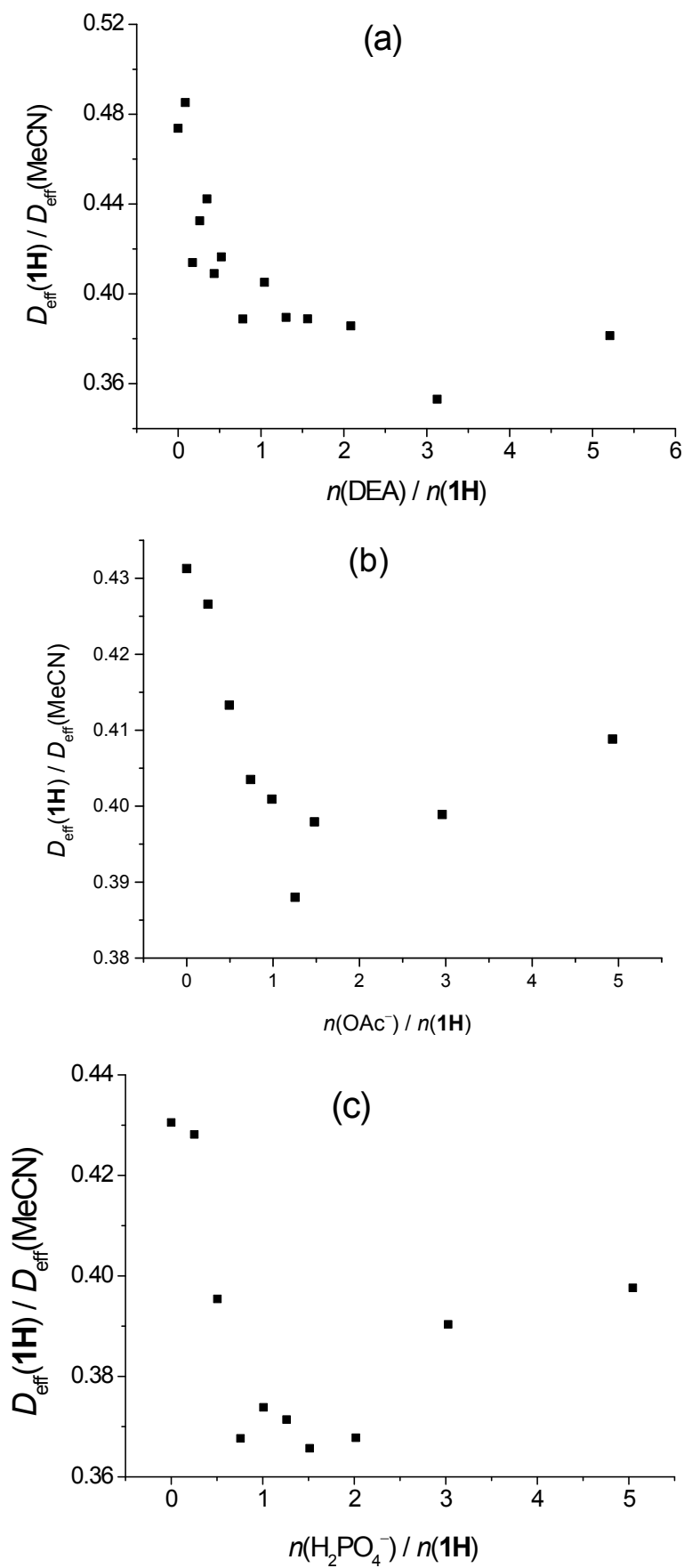


Figure S56. DOSY NMR titration of **1H** with DEA (a), TBAOAc (b), and TBAH₂PO₄ (c) in acetonitrile at 25 °C.