

Supporting Information

Diazazethrene Bisimide: A Strongly Electron-Accepting π -System Synthesized via the Incorporation of both Imide Substituents and Imine-type Nitrogen Atoms into Zethrene

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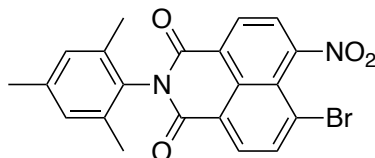
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1. Instrumentation and materials

^1H NMR (500 MHz, 600 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, 151 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Varian INOVA-500 and JEOL JNM-ECA600II spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported as the delta scale in ppm relative to CHCl_3 ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm) and $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ($\delta = 2.50$ ppm) for ^1H NMR, and CDCl_3 ($\delta = 77.16$ ppm) and $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ($\delta = 39.52$ ppm) for ^{13}C NMR. UV/vis/NIR absorption spectra were recorded on a JASCO V-670 spectrometer. Emission spectra were recorded on a JASCO FP-6500 spectrometer, and absolute fluorescence quantum yields were measured by the photon-counting method using an integration sphere. Preparative separations were performed by silica gel column chromatography (Wako gel[®] C-300 or C-400, and FUJISILYSIA CHROMATOREX NH-DM1020). High-resolution atmospheric pressure chemical ionization time-of-flight (APCI-TOF) and electrospray ionization time-of-flight (ESI-TOF) mass spectra were taken on a Bruker micrOTOF instrument using a positive or negative ionization mode. High-resolution matrix-assisted laser desorption and ionization time-of-flight (MALDI-TOF) mass spectra were taken on a Bruker autoflex max using a positive ionization mode. Redox potentials were measured by cyclic voltammetry on an ALS electrochemical analyzer model 612C. X-ray data were obtained using a Rigaku CCD diffractometer (Saturn 724 with MicroMax-007) with Varimax Mo optics. Dry CH_2Cl_2 was prepared by distillation from CaH_2 . Dry THF and 1,4-dioxane were prepared by using GlassContourTM solvent purification systems. Cobaltocene purchased from a commercial supplier was purified by sublimation. An oil bath was used as a heat source for reactions requiring heating. Unless otherwise noted, materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification. 4-Amino-5-bromo-*N*-(3-pentyl)-1,8-naphthalenedicarboxylic imide **9b** was synthesized according to the literature.^[S1]

2. Experimental procedures and compound data

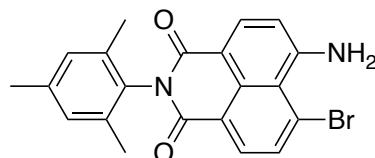
N-(2,4,6-Trimethylphenyl)-4-bromo-5-nitro-1,8-naphthalenedicarboxylic monoamide **S1**



4-Bromo-5-nitro-1,8-naphthalenedicarboxylic anhydride (3.22 g, 10.0 mmol) and acetic acid (200 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 min. To the flask, 2,4,6-trimethylaniline (2.67 g, 19.8 mmol) was added. The mixture was refluxed for 13 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction was quenched by the addition of HCl aq. (1 M). The precipitations were collected by filtration and washed with water and MeOH. Recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂/hexane afforded compound **S1** (2.62 g, 5.94 mmol, 59%) as a beige solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ = 8.77 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ = 162.35, 161.60, 151.68, 139.27, 136.19, 135.02, 132.88, 131.85, 131.30, 130.29, 129.67, 125.89, 124.73, 123.75, 122.60, 121.59, 21.30, 17.87 ppm; HRMS (APCI-TOF, positive mode): [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆N₂O₄⁷⁹Br 439.0288; Found 439.0285.

N-(2,4,6-Trimethylphenyl)-4-bromo-5-amino-1,8-naphthalenedicarboxylic monoamide **9a**

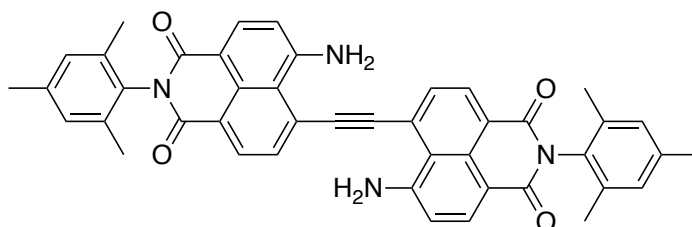


Compound **S1** (1.76 g, 4.00 mmol) and ethanol (80 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 min. A solution of SnCl₂ (3.79 g, 20.1 mmol) in conc. HCl aq. (15 mL) was added slowly to the mixture. The mixture was refluxed for

1 h. The mixture was filtered and washed with water, affording **9a** (1.50 g, 3.68 mmol, 92%) as a yellow solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 298 K): δ = 8.26 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 298 K): δ = 162.74, 162.09, 153.06, 137.25, 134.99, 134.21, 132.85, 131.97, 131.80, 131.45, 128.67, 126.31, 121.66, 116.68, 111.74, 108.34, 20.62, 17.32 ppm; HRMS (APCI-TOF, positive mode): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^{79}\text{Br}$ 409.0546; Found 409.0563.

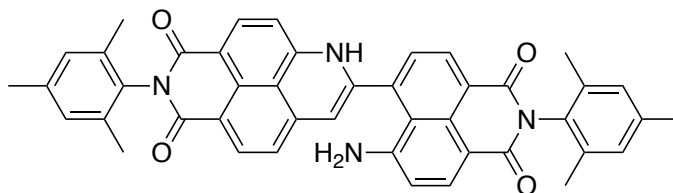
Ethynylene-bridged aminonaphthalene monoimide dimer **10a**



A round-bottom flask containing compound **9a** (853 mg, 2.09 mmol), $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3 \cdot \text{CHCl}_3$ (108 mg, 0.106 mmol), and triphenylphosphine (110 mg, 0.419 mmol) was purged with N_2 and then charged with dry dioxane (100 mL). Bis(tributylstannyl)acetylene (625 mg, 1.03 mmol) was added to the mixture. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 3 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature. The mixture was filtered, and the residue was washed with hexane. The residue was suspended in CHCl_3 (100 mL), and then hexane (50 mL) was added to the mixture. The precipitates collected by filtration and washed with hexane, affording **10a** (373 mg, 547 μmol , 52%) as a reddish-purple solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 298 K): δ = 8.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (s, 4H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (s, 4H), 2.31 (s, 6H), 1.96 (s, 12H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 298 K): δ = 162.67, 162.23, 152.96, 137.28, 135.02, 134.27, 132.00, 131.19, 130.48, 128.70, 123.18, 122.83, 118.04, 111.25, 108.61, 98.51, 20.63, 17.34 ppm (One signal is missing due to overlapping); HRMS (MALDI-TOF, positive mode, DIT matrix): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ 683.2653; Found 683.2681.

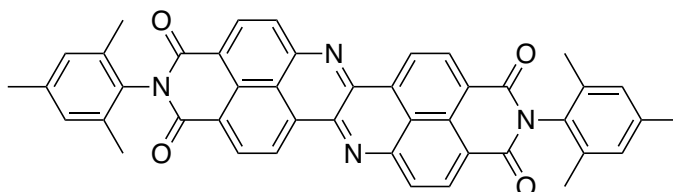
Compound 11a



Compound **10a** (342 mg, 501 μmol), PdCl_2 (17.7 mg, 99.8 μmol), and acetonitrile (250 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask. The mixture was refluxed for 1 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature. The mixture was filtered, and residue was washed with acetonitrile and hexane, affording **11a** (286 mg, 418 μmol , 83%) as a reddish brown solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 333 K): δ = 12.17 (s, 1H, The signal was weakened by the addition of D_2O), 8.61 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, overlapped), 7.00 (s, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.47 (s, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 6H), 1.96 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 333 K): δ = 162.52, 162.26, 162.07, 161.94, 152.11, 145.08, 144.18, 141.66, 136.96, 136.95, 136.39, 134.75, 134.68, 133.67, 133.28, 133.18, 132.97, 131.81, 131.60, 131.16, 130.42, 128.36, 128.28, 123.20, 116.77, 114.64, 113.04, 111.53, 109.25, 109.04, 108.75, 105.78, 20.66, 17.36, 17.30 ppm (Three signals are missing due to overlapping); HRMS (ESI-TOF, negative mode): $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ 681.2496; Found 681.2498.

DAZBI 8a

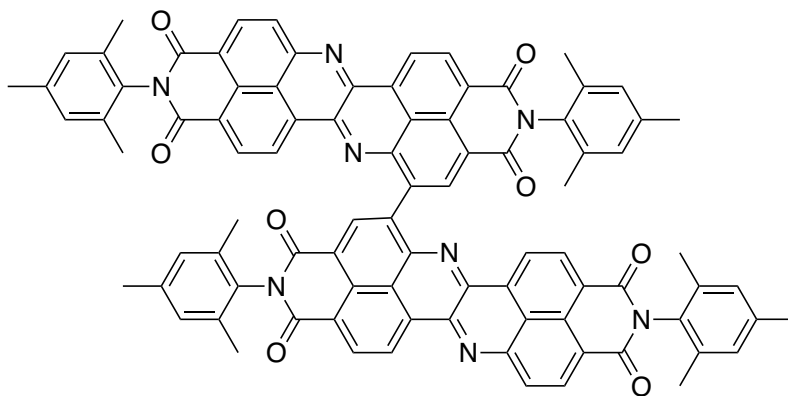


Compound **11a** (67.8 mg, 99.3 μmol), [bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo]benzene (129 mg, 301 μmol), and CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was filtered over a pad of silica gel eluted with $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{AcOEt}$ (v/v = 60/1). After removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, the residue was separated by

silica gel column chromatography eluted with CH₂Cl₂ to afford compound **8a** (29.5 mg, 43.5 μmol, 44%) as a dark green solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ = 9.25 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.87 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.79 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (s, 4H), 2.38 (s, 6H), 2.14 (s, 12H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ = 162.95, 162.61, 149.91, 146.01, 139.02, 135.23, 133.89, 133.55, 131.78, 130.94, 130.93, 129.65, 129.11, 126.90, 125.65, 123.41, 122.28, 21.36, 17.99 ppm; HRMS (MALDI-TOF, positive mode, TCNQ matrix): [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₄₄H₃₁N₄O₄ 679.2340; Found 679.2361.

DAZBI dimer12a

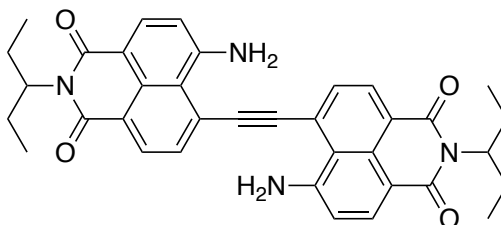


Compound **11a** (68.0 mg, 99.7 μmol), 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-*p*-benzoquinone (68.1 mg, 300 μmol), and CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at 60 °C. The mixture was filtered over a pad of silica gel eluted with CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt (v/v = 40/1). After removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, the residue was separated by silica gel column chromatography eluted with CHCl₃ to afford **12a** (13.6 mg, 10.1 μmol, 20%) as a black solid and compound **8a** (8.00 mg, 11.8 μmol, 12%) as a dark green solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 333 K): δ = 9.51 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.78 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (s, 4H), 7.05 (s, 4H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.38 (s, 6H), 2.29 (s, 12H), 2.11 (s, 12H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, 333 K): δ = 162.97, 162.93, 162.78, 162.45, 149.59, 149.54, 146.36, 144.02, 139.40, 139.14, 138.99, 137.64, 135.38, 135.28, 134.58, 133.98, 133.51, 132.10, 131.68, 131.42, 131.20, 131.13, 129.82, 129.63, 129.32, 129.17, 127.46, 127.21, 126.02, 125.96, 123.88, 123.18, 122.43, 122.04, 21.27, 21.26, 18.02, 17.91 ppm; HRMS (MALDI-TOF,

positive mode, TCNQ matrix): $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{88}H_{59}N_8O_8$ 1355.4450; Found 1355.4458.

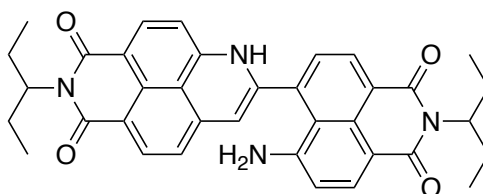
Ethynylene-bridged aminonaphthalene monoimide dimer **10b**



A round-bottom flask containing compound **9b** (181 mg, 500 μ mol), $Pd_2(dba)_3 \cdot CHCl_3$ (25.2 mg, 24.9 μ mol), and triphenylphosphine (26.1 mg, 99.6 μ mol) was purged with N_2 , and then charged dry dioxane (25 mL). Bis(tributylstannyl)acetylene (153 mg, 253 μ mol) was added to the mixture. The mixture was stirred at 100 $^{\circ}C$ for 3 h. After removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, the residue was separated by silica gel column chromatography eluted with $CH_2Cl_2/AcOEt$ (v/v = 10/1) to afford compound **10b** (49.5 mg, 84.4 μ mol, 34%) as a red solid.

1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$, 333 K): δ = 8.56 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.45 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.05 (s, 4H), 5.03 (tt, J_1 = 9.3 Hz, J_2 = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (qdd, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 13.8 Hz, J_3 = 9.3 Hz, 4H), 1.92 (qdd, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 13.8 Hz, J_3 = 5.9 Hz, 4H), 0.91 (t, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, 12H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$, 333 K): δ = 164.69, 164.61, 150.21, 134.44, 132.29, 131.37, 130.37, 125.08, 121.96, 118.99, 113.09, 112.13, 98.53, 57.70, 25.36, 11.44 ppm.; HRMS (MALDI-TOF, positive mode, DIT matrix): $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{36}H_{35}N_4O_4$ 587.2653; Found 587.2642.

Compound **11b**

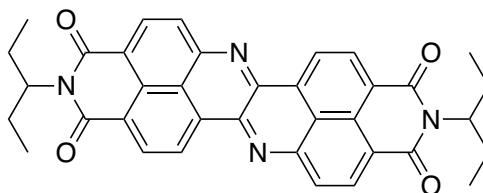


Compound **10b** (95.5 mg, 163 μ mol), $PdCl_2$ (5.79 mg, 32.7 μ mol), and acetonitrile (80 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask. The mixture was refluxed for 1 h. After removal of the

solvent *in vacuo*, the residue was washed with acetonitrile and hexane, affording **11b** (84.1 mg, 143 μ mol, 88%) as a red solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 333 K): δ = 12.01 (s, 1H, The signal was weakened by the addition of D $_2$ O), 8.53 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.34 (s, 2H, The signal was weakened by the addition of D $_2$ O), 5.03 (tt, J_1 = 9.5 Hz, J_2 = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (tt, J_1 = 9.6 Hz, J_2 = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (m, 4H), 1.86 (qdd, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 11.4 Hz, J_3 = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (qdd, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 11.4 Hz, J_3 = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 0.83 (t, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, 6H), 0.79 (t, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 298 K): δ = 163.71, 163.63, 163.44, 163.31, 151.40, 144.57, 143.99, 141.00, 136.34, 133.40, 133.09, 133.02, 130.83, 130.54, 129.99, 128.06, 123.32, 122.82, 116.38, 114.32, 113.06, 111.35, 109.30, 109.04, 108.59, 105.46, 55.80, 55.35, 24.22, 24.05, 10.73, 10.66 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF, negative mode): $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ 585.2496; Found 585.2508.

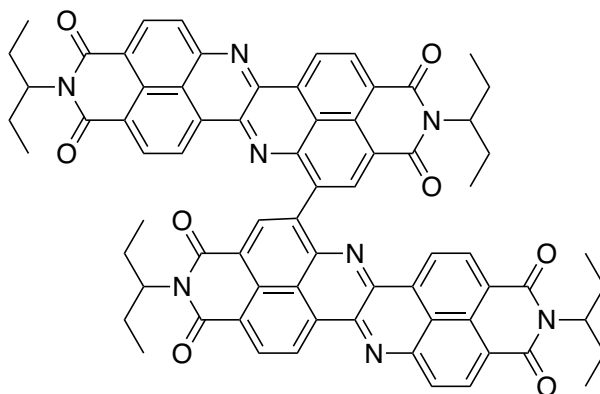
DAZBI **8b**



Compound **11b** (35.2 mg, 60.0 μ mol), [bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo]benzene (77.5 mg, 180 μ mol), and CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was separated by silica gel column chromatography eluted with $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{AcOEt}$ (v/v = 35/1) to afford compound **8b** (12.0 mg, 20.6 μ mol, 34%) as a green solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , 298 K): δ = 9.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.66 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (tt, J_1 = 9.3 Hz, J_2 = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (qdd, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 14.0 Hz, J_3 = 9.3 Hz, 4H), 1.92 (qdd, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 13.8 Hz, J_3 = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 0.91 (t, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, 12H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3 , 333 K): δ = 164.27, 163.98, 149.95, 145.71, 133.53, 133.03, 131.34, 130.68, 128.70, 126.73, 126.06, 123.82, 122.05, 58.28, 25.38, 11.50 ppm; HRMS (MALDI-TOF, positive mode, TCNQ matrix): $[\text{M}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ 582.2262; Found 582.2255.

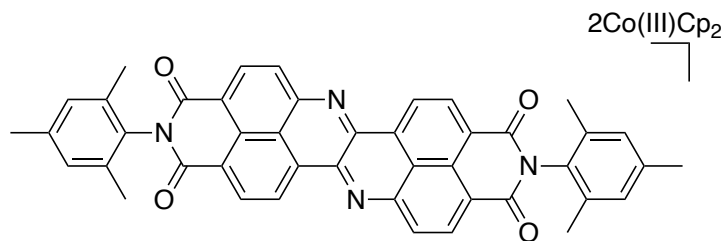
DAZBI dimer 12b



Compound **3b** (37.4 mg, 63.7 μmol), 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-*p*-benzoquinone (43.3 mg, 191 μmol), and CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at 60 $^\circ\text{C}$. The mixture was filtered over a pad of silica gel eluted with CH_2Cl_2 . After removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, the residue was separated by silica gel column chromatography eluted with CH_2Cl_2 to afford **12b** (4.57 mg, 3.93 μmol , 12%) as a black solid and compound **8b** (3.37 mg, 5.78 μmol , 9%) as a green solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , 313 K): δ = 9.29 (s, 2H), 9.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.66 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.60 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.14 (tt, J_1 = 9.3 Hz, J_2 = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (tt, J_1 = 9.3 Hz, J_2 = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (m, 4H), 2.18 (qdd, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 14.0 Hz, J_3 = 9.3 Hz, 4H), 2.05 (m, 4H), 1.93 (m, 4H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 12H) 0.90 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 12H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3 , 313 K): δ = 164.16, 163.67 (br, overlapped), 149.09, 149.07, 145.70, 143.37, 139.05, 137.35, 133.80, 133.35, 133.03, 131.61, 131.17, 131.01, 128.59, 128.47, 127.17, 126.87, 125.99, 125.89, 123.74, 122.52, 121.90, 121.83, 58.35, 58.16, 25.30, 25.20, 11.65, 11.49 ppm; HRMS (MALDI-TOF, positive mode, TCNQ matrix): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{72}\text{H}_{59}\text{N}_8\text{O}_8$ 1163.4450; Found 1163.4428.

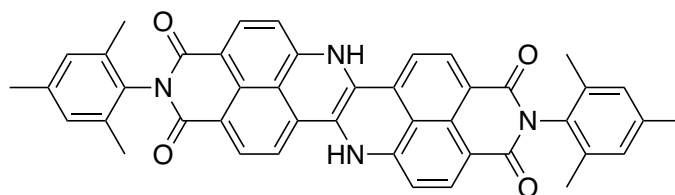
Dianion 13



In an argon-filled glovebox, compound **8a** (13.8 mg, 20.3 μmol), cobaltocene (9.7 mg, 14 μmol), and dry THF (4 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The precipitates were collected by filtration and washed with benzene. Recrystallization from CH_3CN /benzene afforded compound **13** (15.1 mg, 14.3 μmol , 70%) as a dark green solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 298 K): δ = 8.14 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (s, 4H), 6.92 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.80 (s, 20H, Cp), 2.31 (s, 6H), 1.91 (s, 12H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 298 K): δ = 162.17, 161.04, 150.57, 137.86, 135.49, 135.42, 135.33, 135.23, 135.10, 129.25, 128.90, 128.25, 123.95, 115.17, 110.70, 110.55, 100.25, 84.86 (Cp), 20.64, 17.62 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF, negative mode): $[\text{M}^{2-} + \text{H}]^-$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ 679.2340; Found 679.2323; HRMS (ESI-TOF, positive mode): $[\text{CoCp}_2]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{Co}$ 189.0109; Found 189.0110.

Dihydro-form **14a**



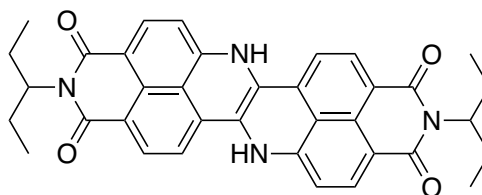
(Method A) In an-argon filled glovebox, compound **8a** (3.51 mg, 5.17 μmol), 1,4-bis(trimethylsilyl)-1,4-dihydropyrazine (2.0 mg, 8.8 μmol), and dry THF (2 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. MeOH (2 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. The precipitates were collected by filtration and washed with methanol, affording compound **14a** (2.66 mg, 3.91 μmol , 76%) as a dark green solid.

(Method B) Compound **8a** (6.73 mg, 9.99 μmol) and CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask. A MeOH solution (1.8 mL) of L-ascorbic acid (6.1 mM) was added to the

reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. After removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, the residue was washed with methanol to afford compound **14a** (3.67 mg, 5.39 μ mol, 54%) as a green solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6+\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$, 298 K): δ = 11.14 (s, 2H, The signal was weakened by the addition of D_2O), 8.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (s, 4H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 2.01 (s, 12H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6+\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$, 298 K): δ = 162.36, 161.90, 142.05, 136.90, 134.95, 132.91, 132.26, 131.23, 130.75, 128.68, 122.79, 122.01, 116.37, 114.06, 111.38, 108.38, 106.45, 20.63, 17.44 ppm; HRMS (MALDI-TOF, positive mode, DIT matrix): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ 681.2496; Found 681.2520.

Dihydro-form **14b**



(Method A) In an argon-filled glovebox, compound **8b** (2.97 mg, 5.10 μ mol), 1,4-bis(trimethylsilyl)-1,4-dihydropyrazine (2.3 mg, 10 μ mol), and dry THF (2 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. MeOH (2 mL) was added to reaction mixture. The precipitates were collected by filtration and washed with methanol to afford compound **14b** (2.99 mg, 5.45 μ mol, quant.) as a dark green solid.

(Method B) Compound **8b** (5.83 mg, 10.0 μ mol) and CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask. A MeOH solution (1.8 mL) of L-ascorbic acid (6.1 mM) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. After removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, the residue was washed with methanol to afford compound **14b** (5.42 mg, 9.27 μ mol, 93%) as a green solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6+\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$, 323 K): δ = 11.42 (s, 2H, The signal was weakened by the addition of D_2O), 8.42 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (m, 2H), 2.20 (m, 4H), 1.85 (sep, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 0.81 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 12H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6+\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$, 323 K): δ = 162.36 (br, overlapped), 142.06, 132.54, 130.63, 122.86, 121.99, 117.94, 116.02, 114.10, 112.18, 111.34,

106.63, 55.69, 24.18, 10.99 ppm.; HRMS (MALDI-TOF, positive mode, DIT matrix): $[M+H]^+$
Calcd for $C_{36}H_{33}N_4O_4$ 585.2496; Found 585.2496.

3. NMR spectra

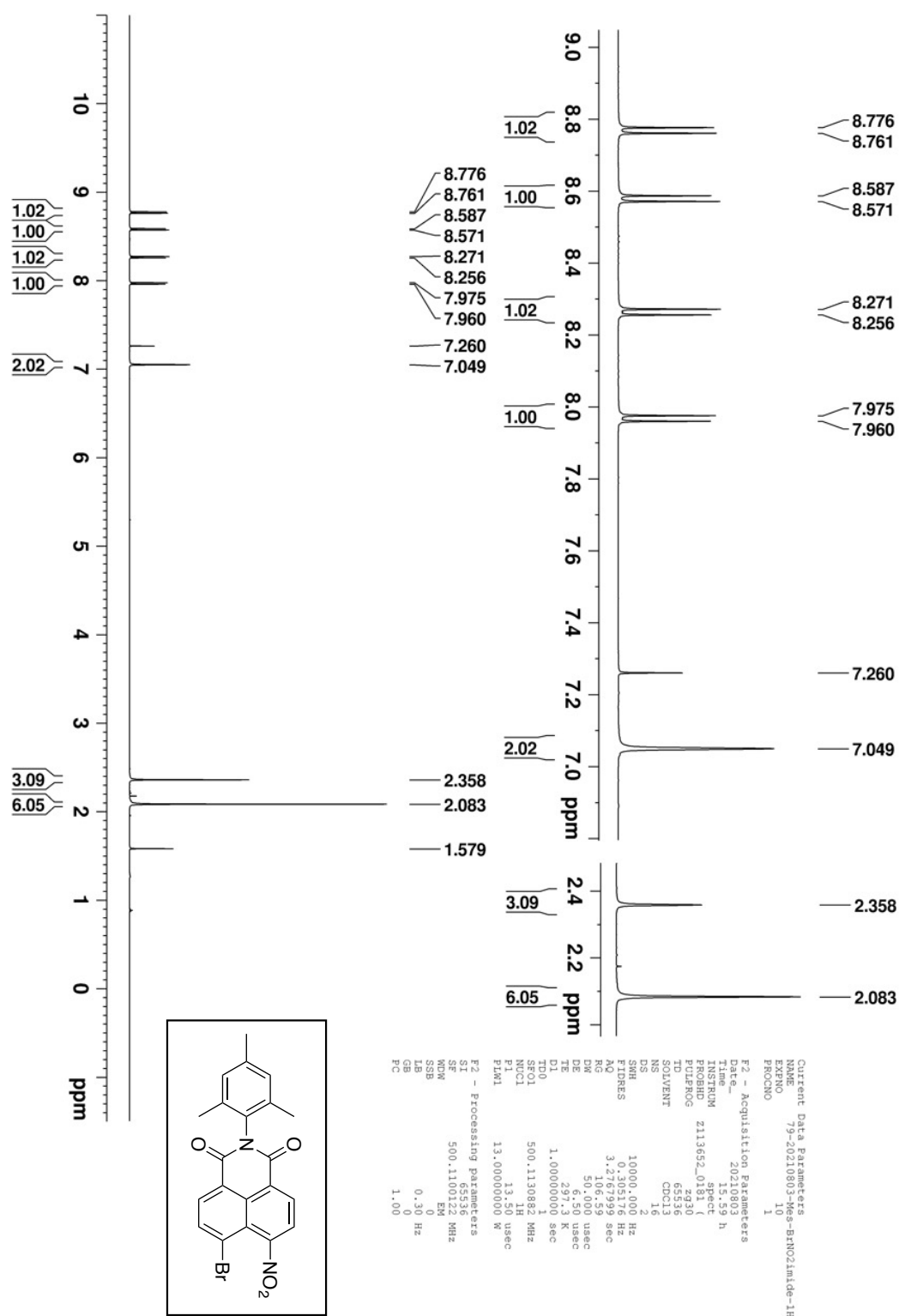


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of **S1** in CDCl₃ at 25 °C.

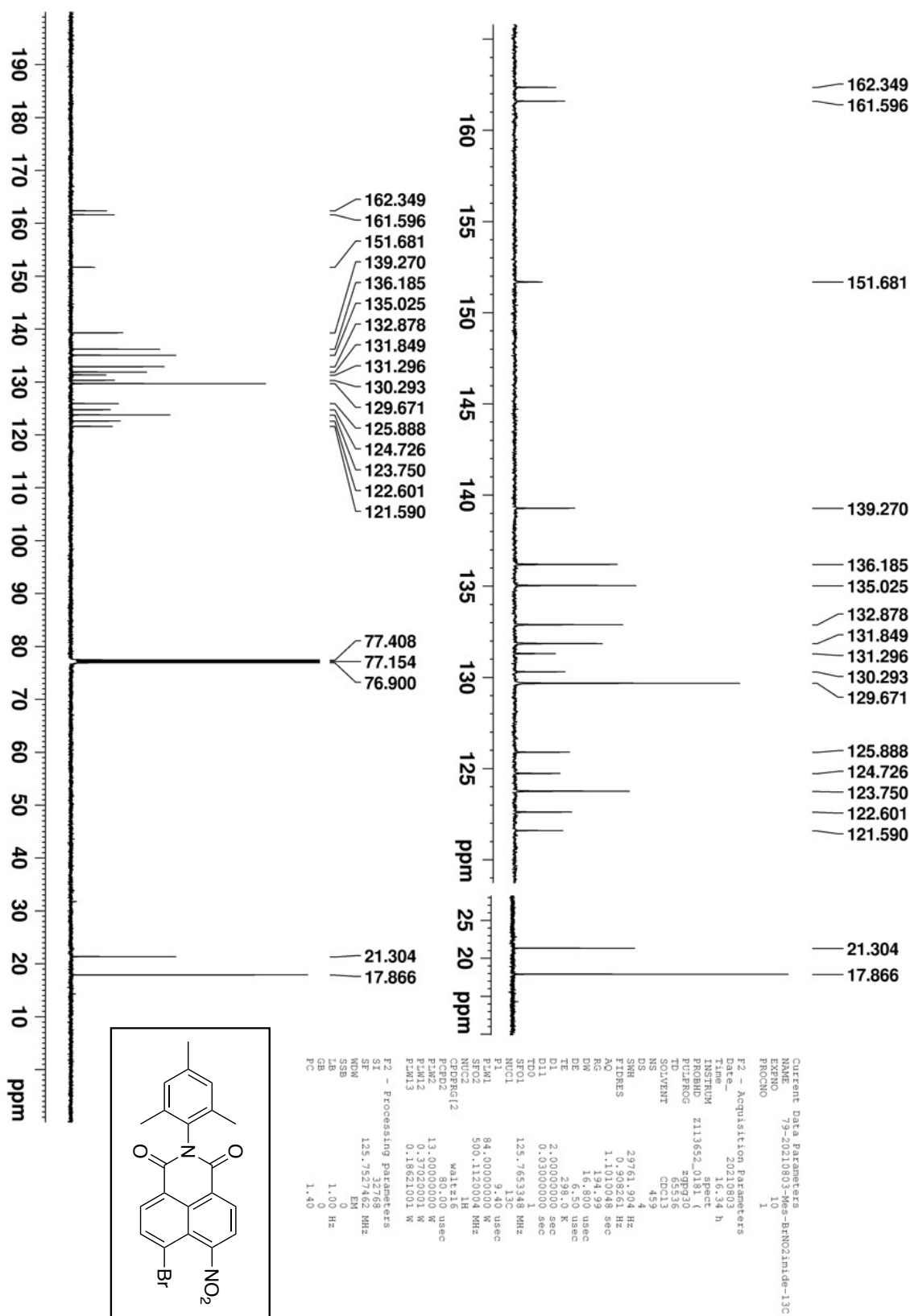


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of S1 in CDCl_3 at 25 °C.

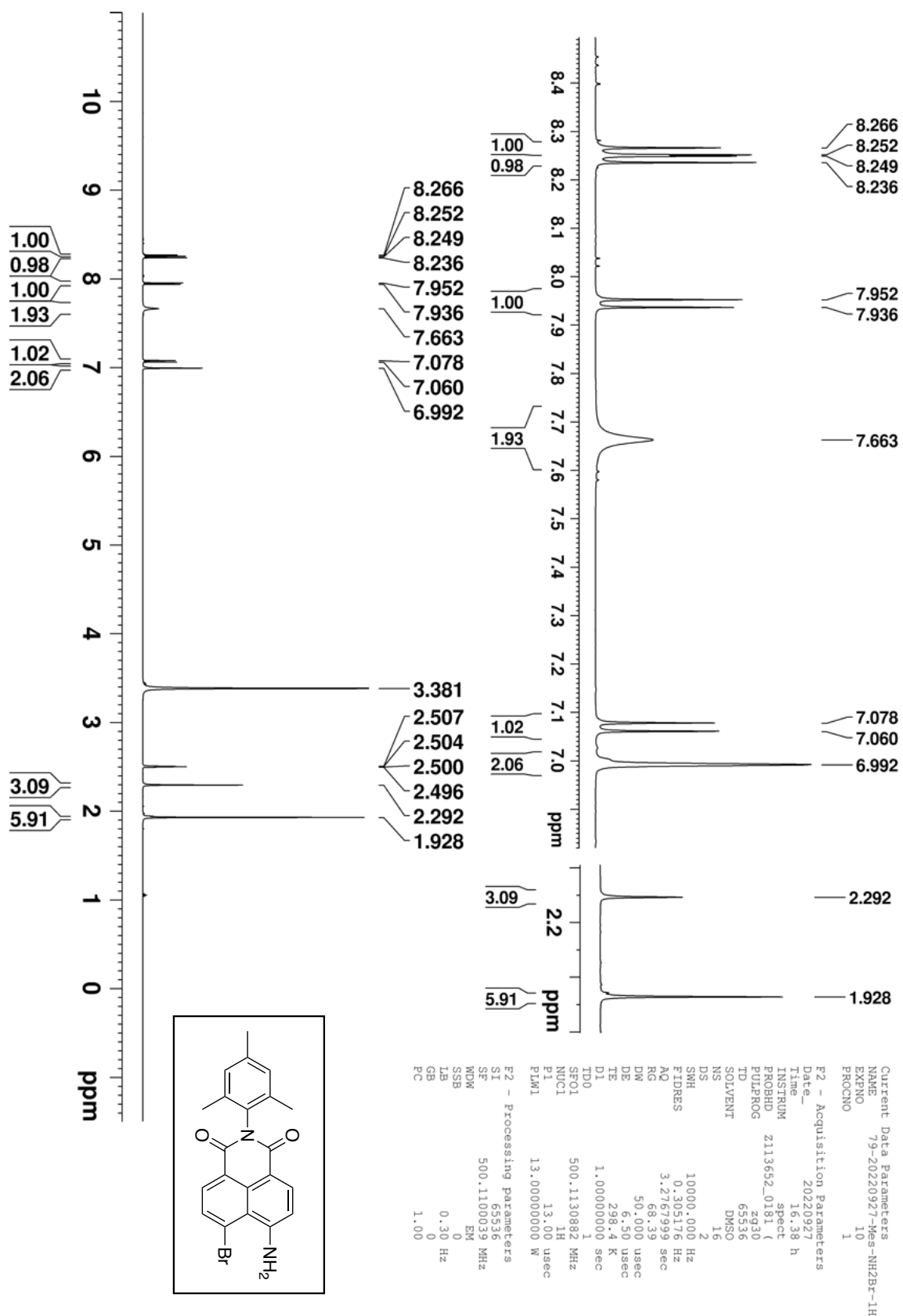


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of **9a** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 25 °C.

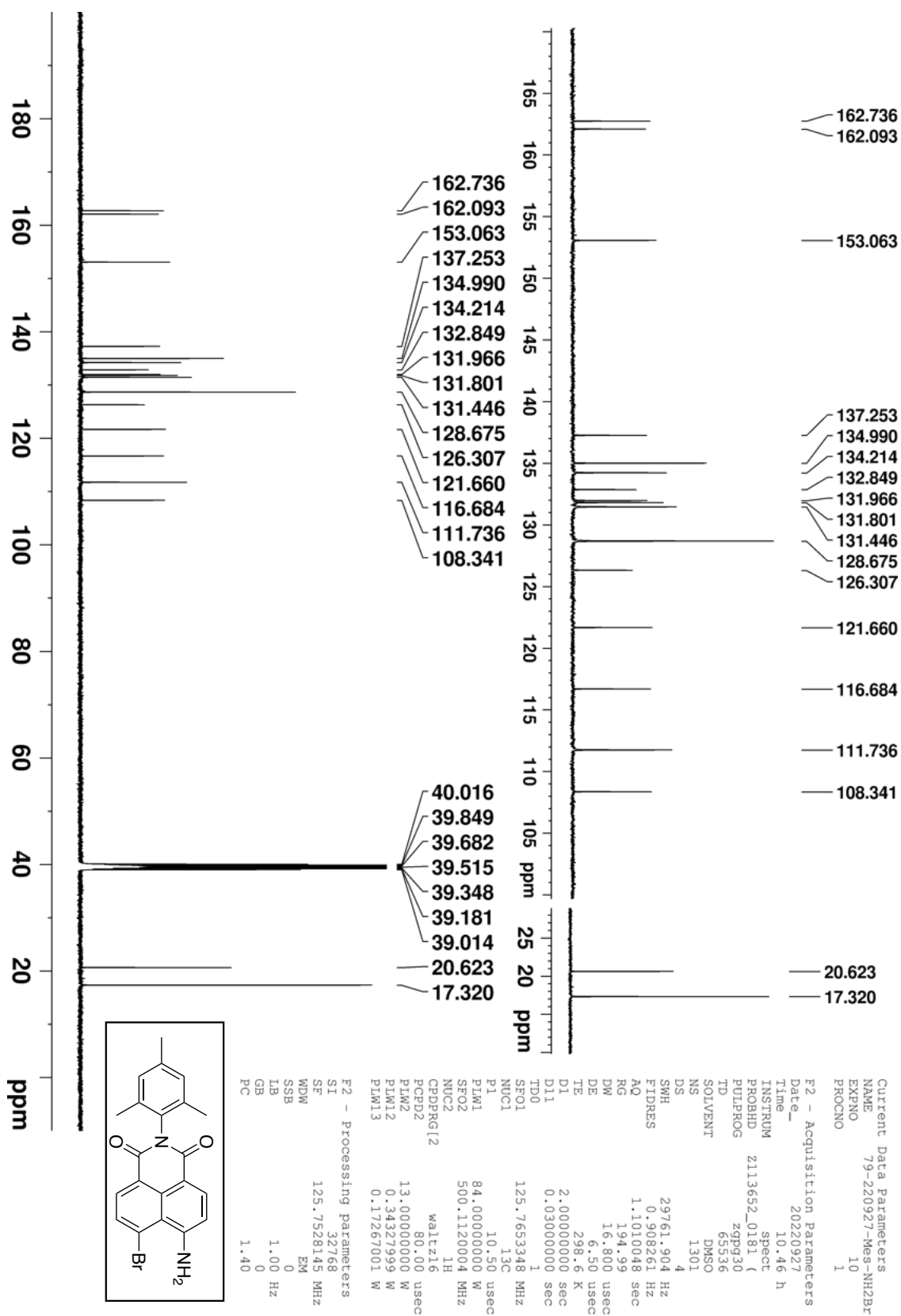


Figure S4. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 9a in DMSO-*d*₆ at 25 °C.

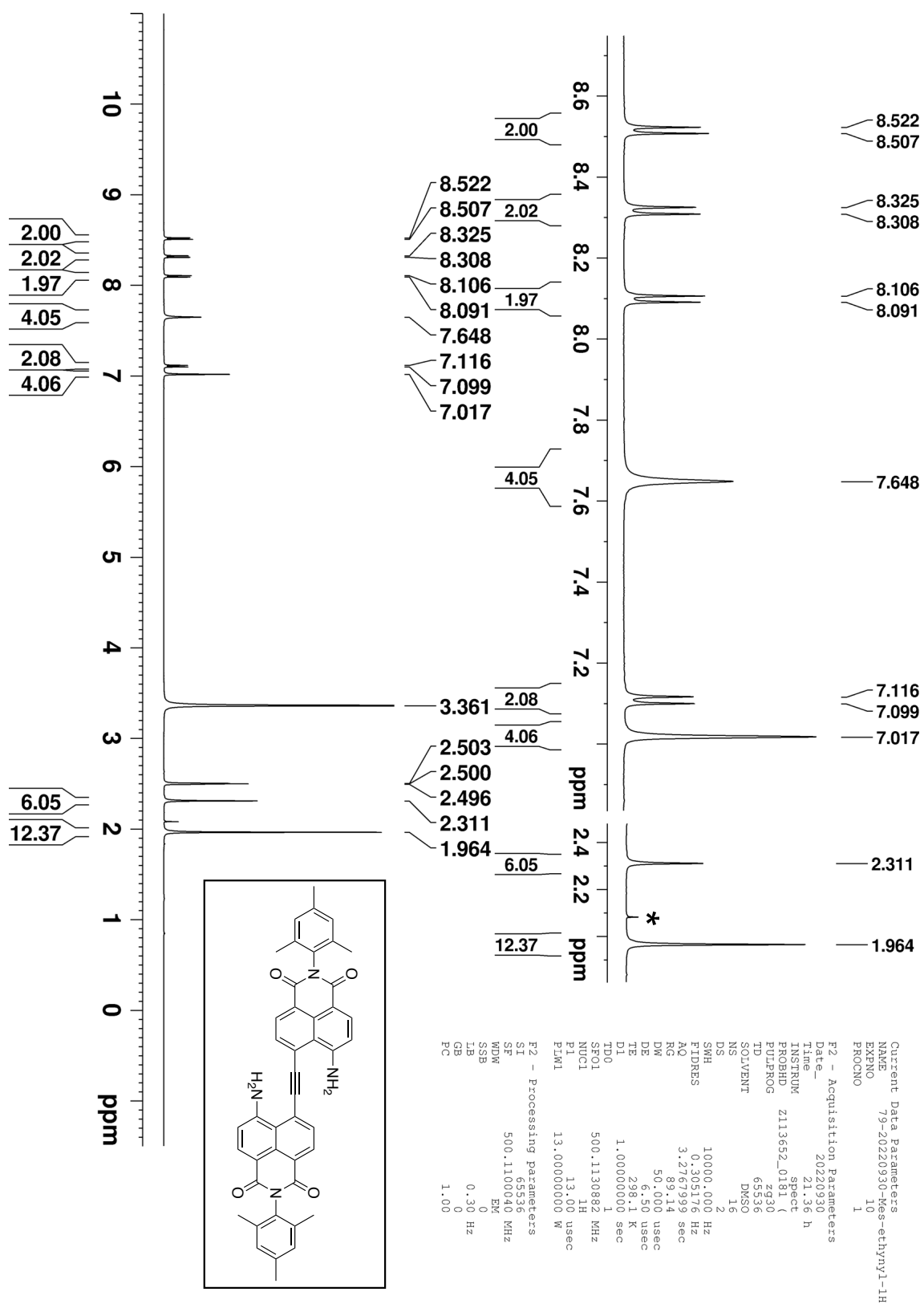


Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectrum of **10a** in DMSO-*d*₆ at 25 °C. *: residual solvents.

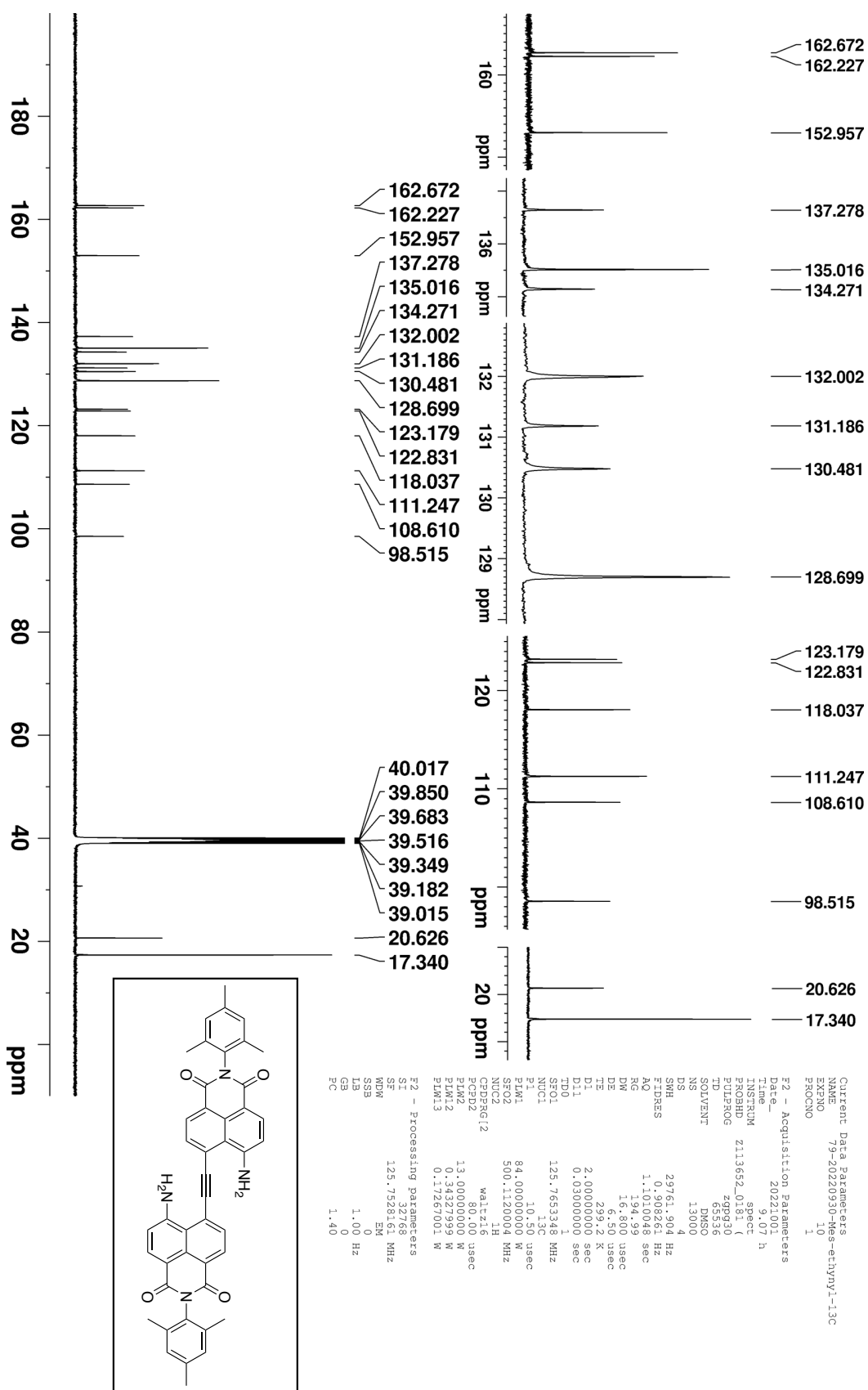


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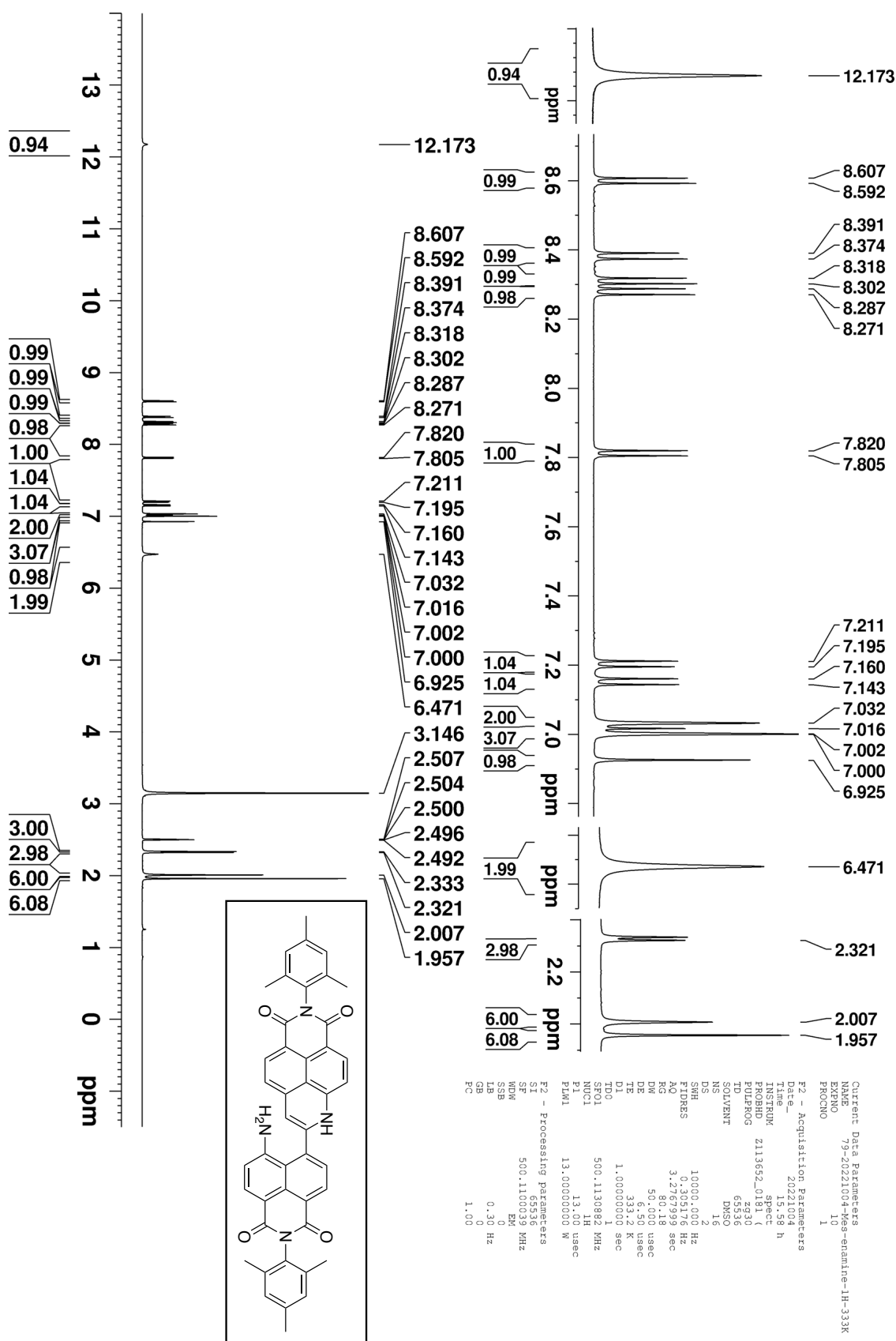


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of **11a** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

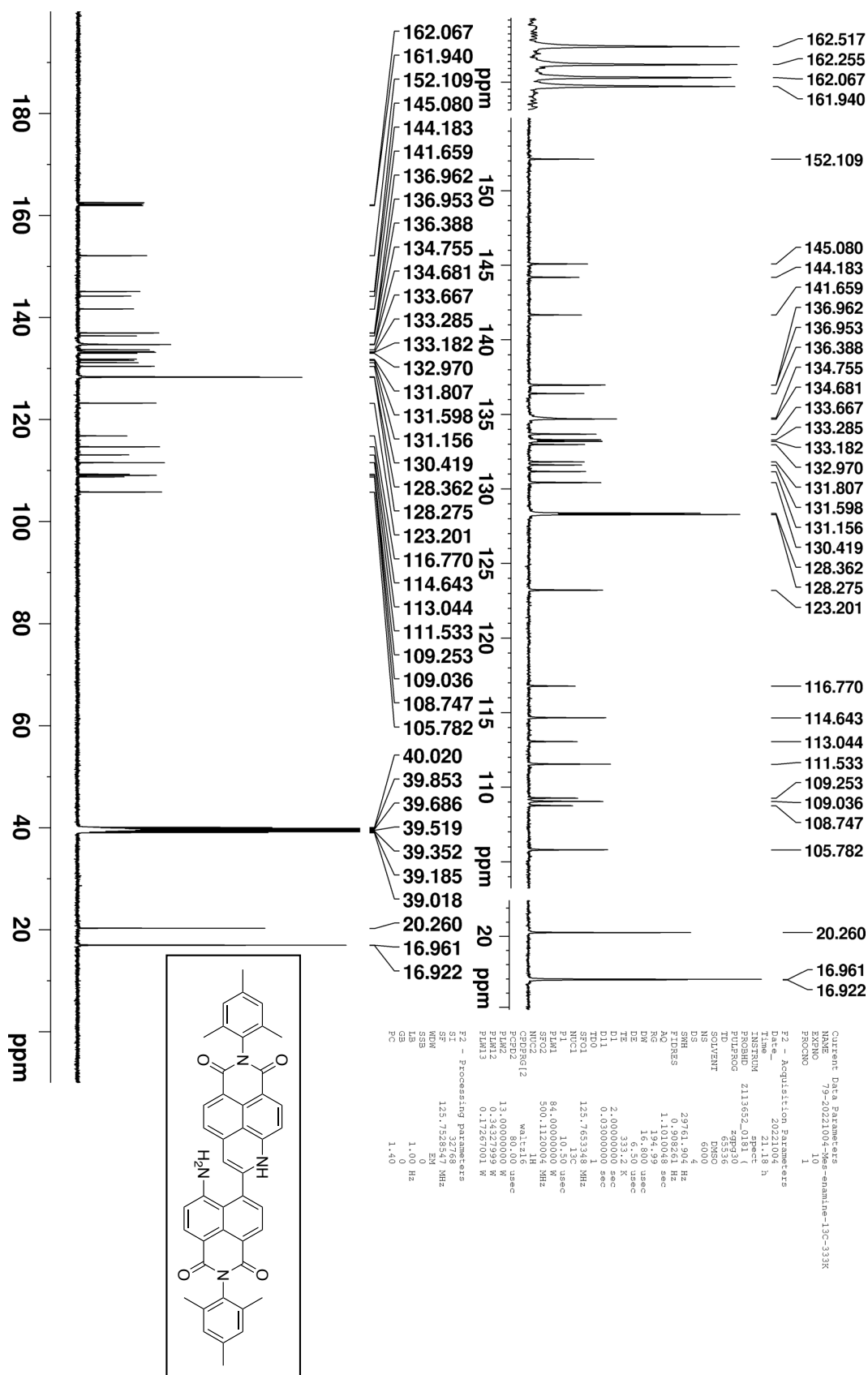


Figure S8. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **11a** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 60°C .

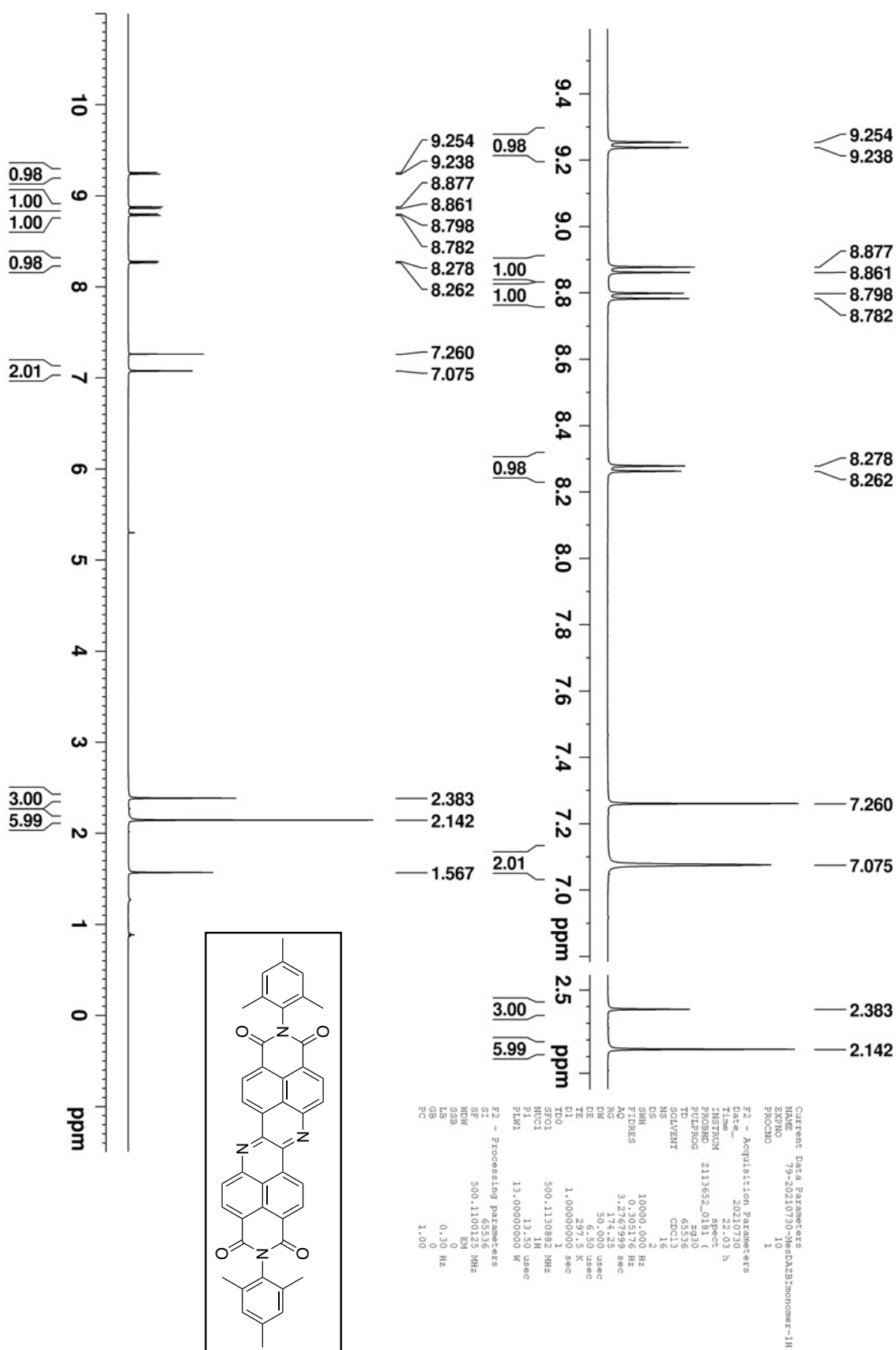


Figure S9. ^1H NMR spectrum of **8a** in CDCl_3 at 25 $^\circ\text{C}$.

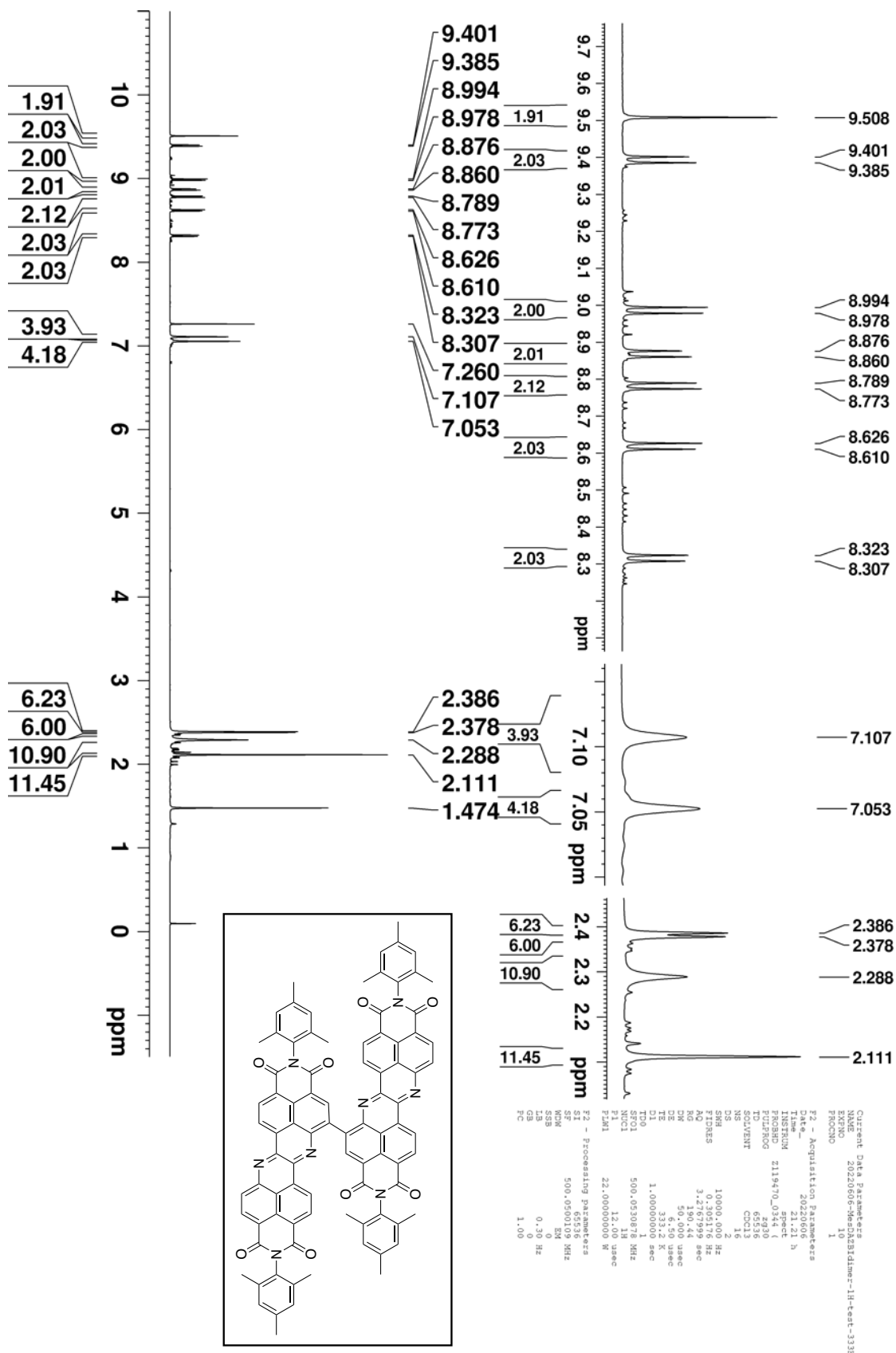
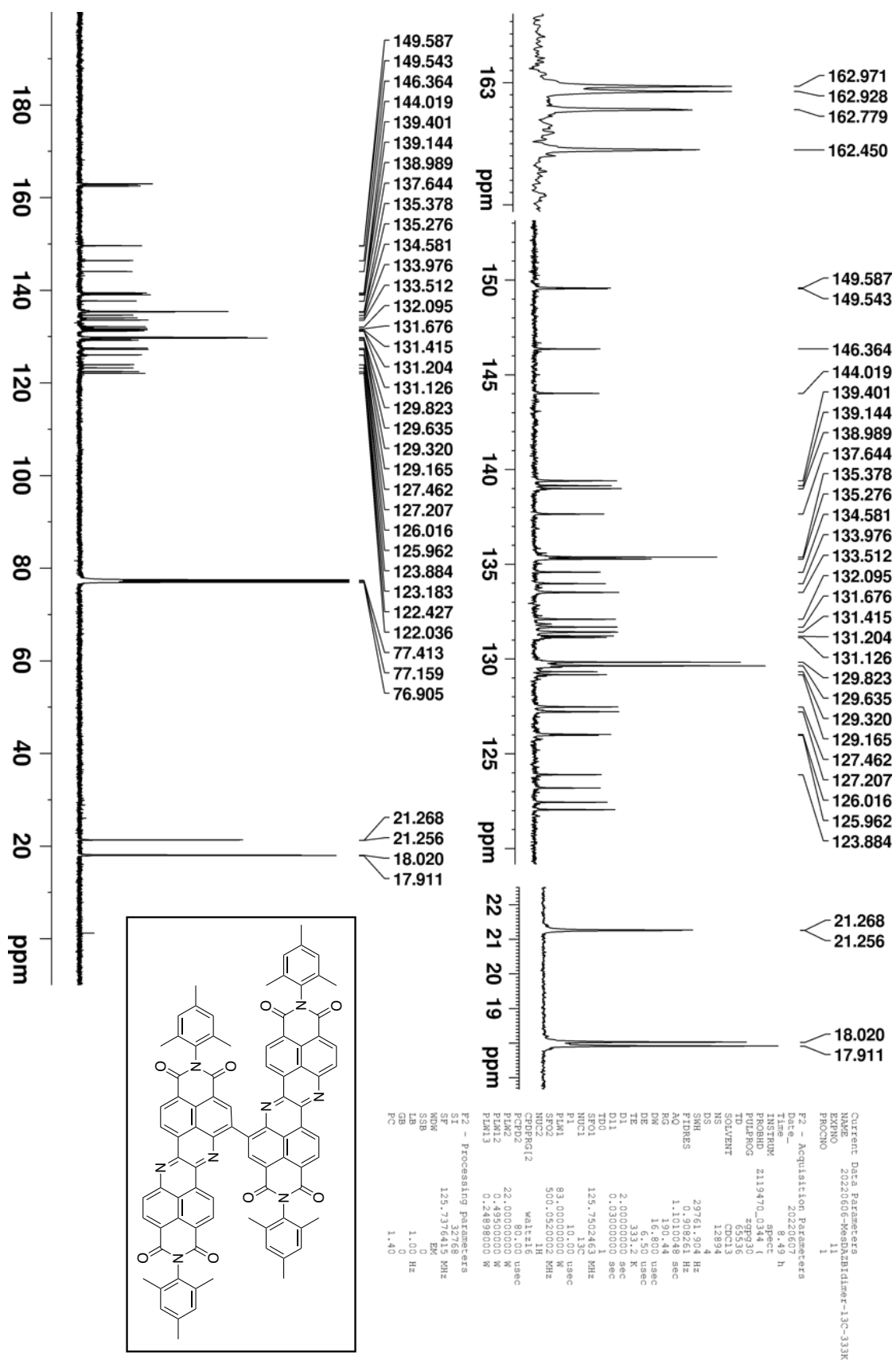


Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectrum of **12a** in CDCl₃ at 60 °C.



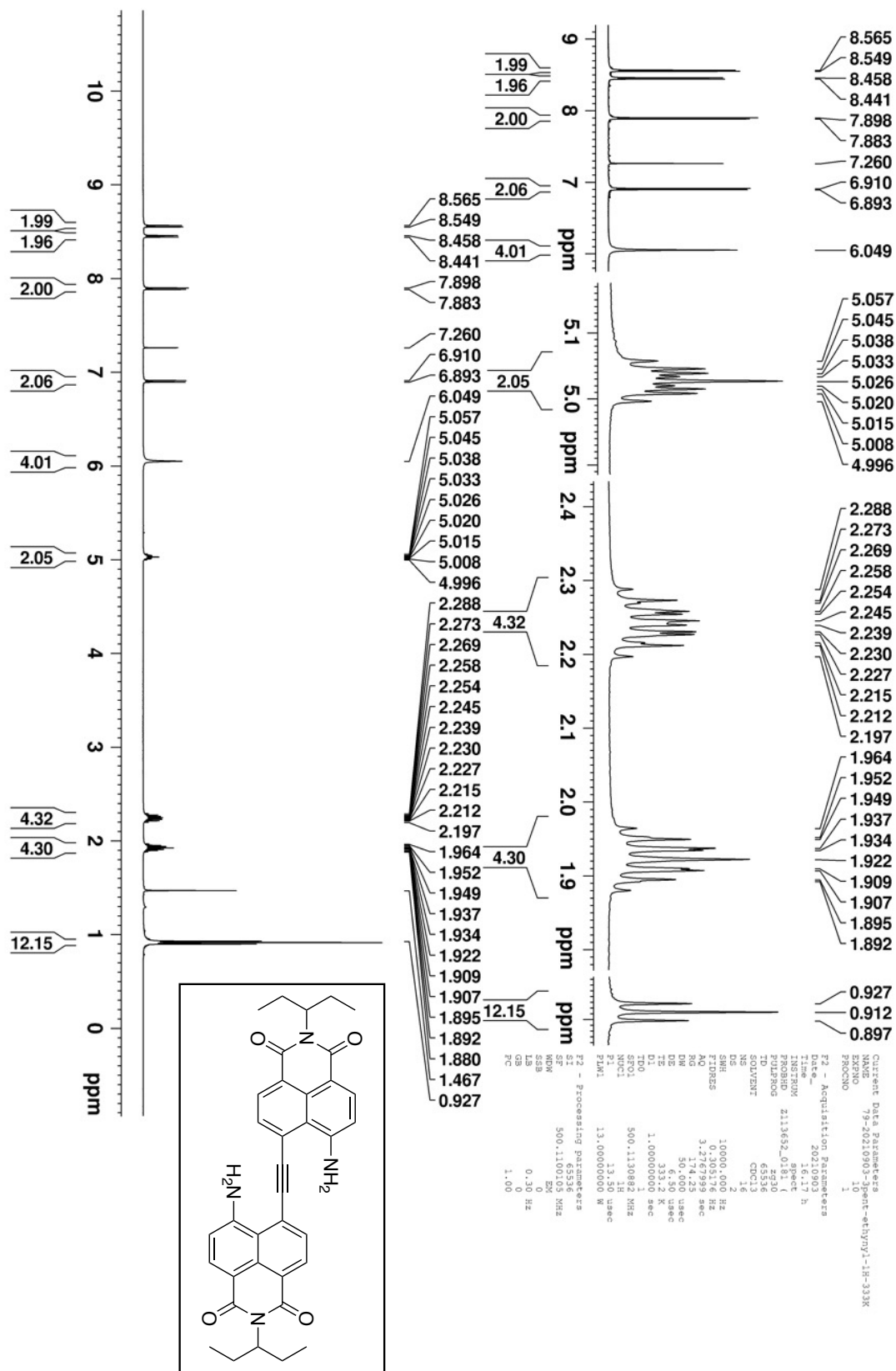


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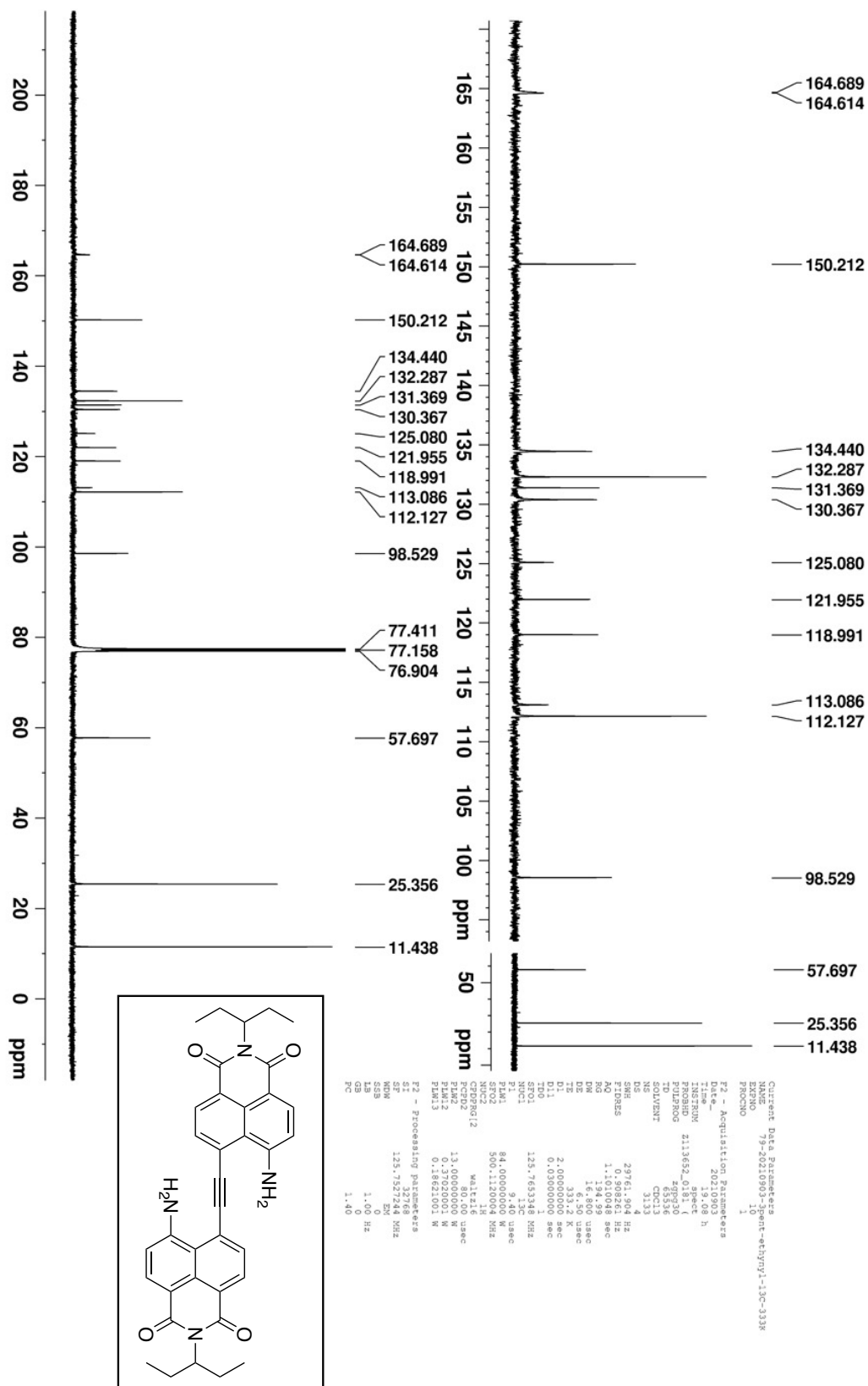


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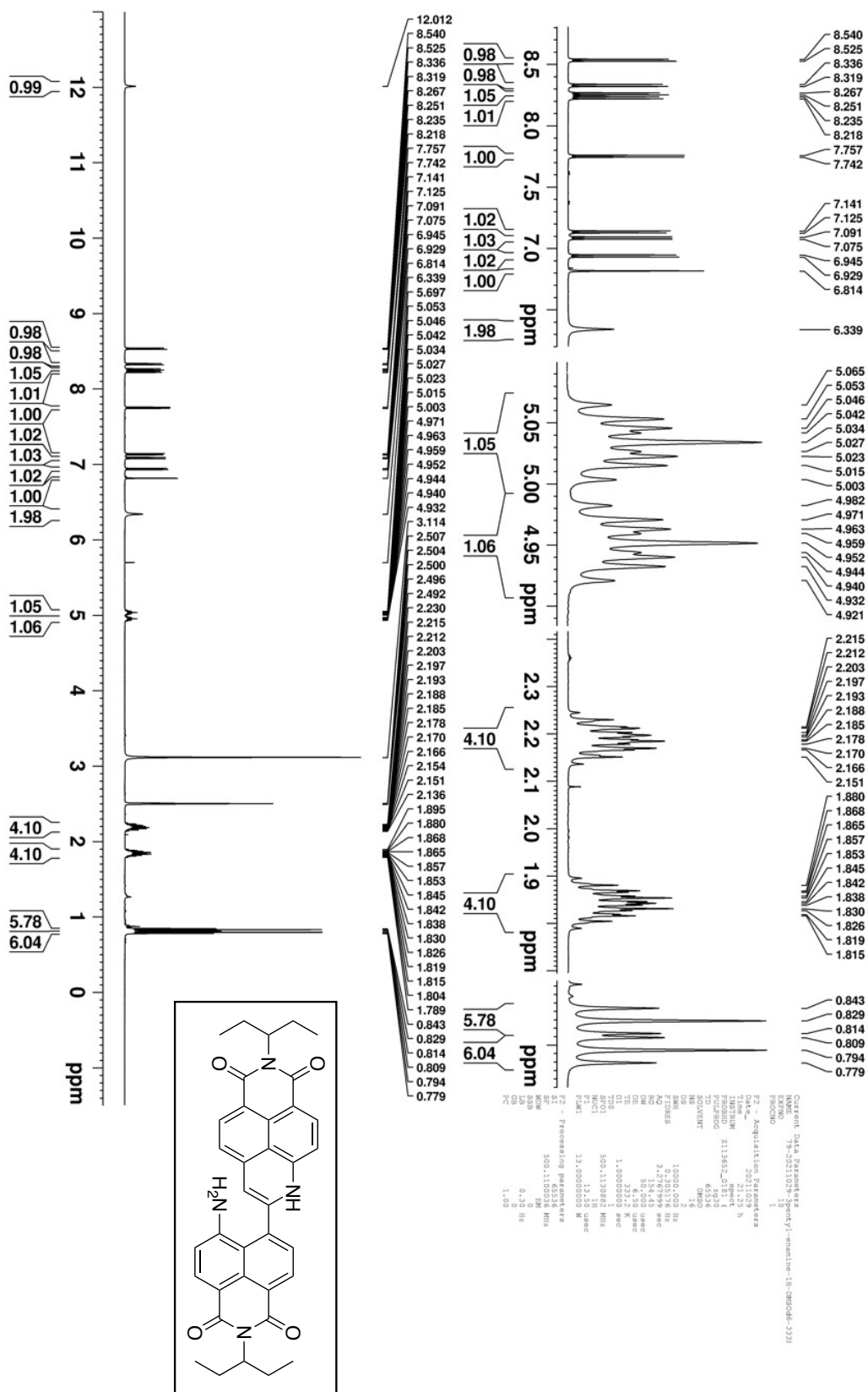


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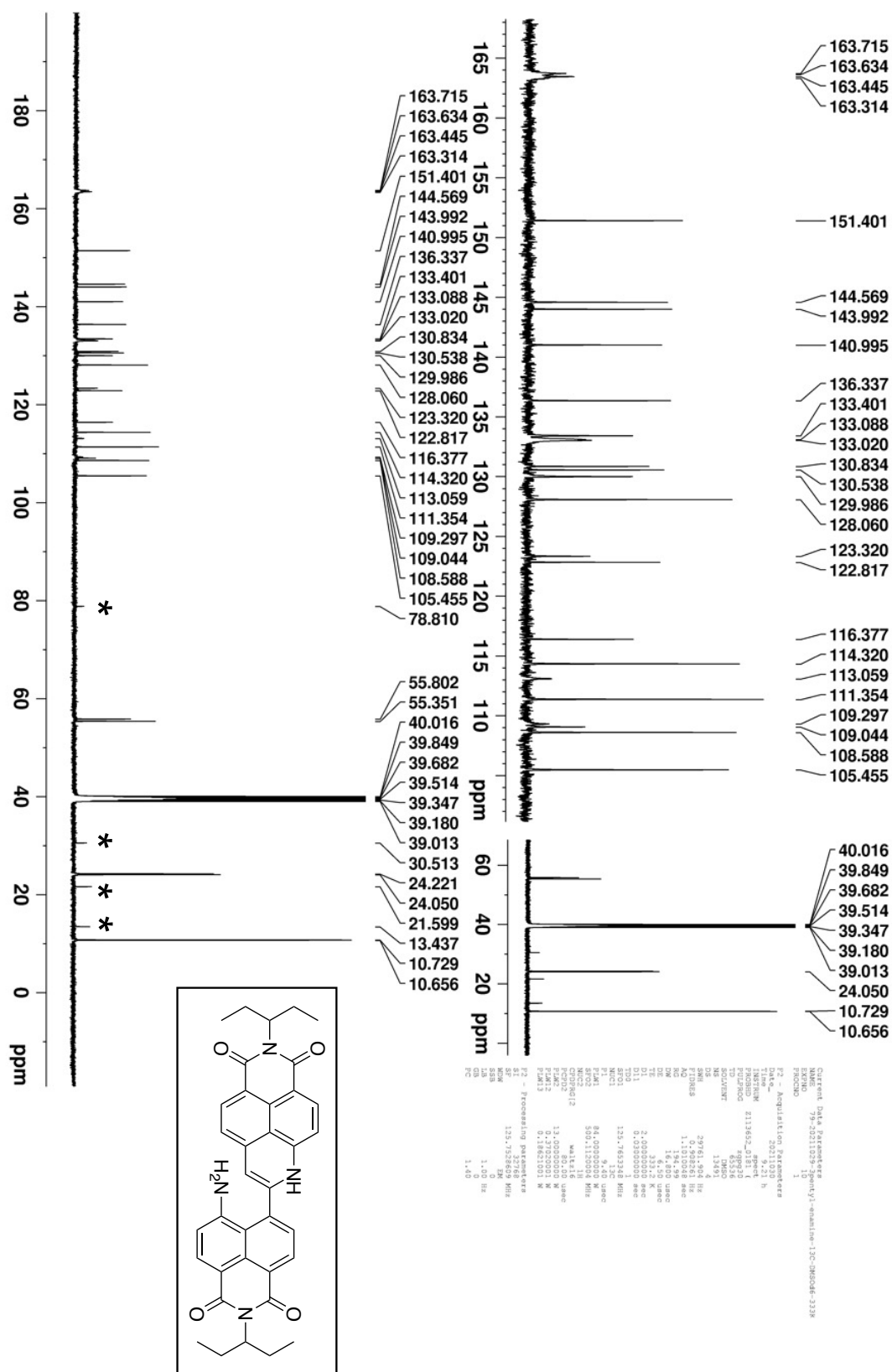


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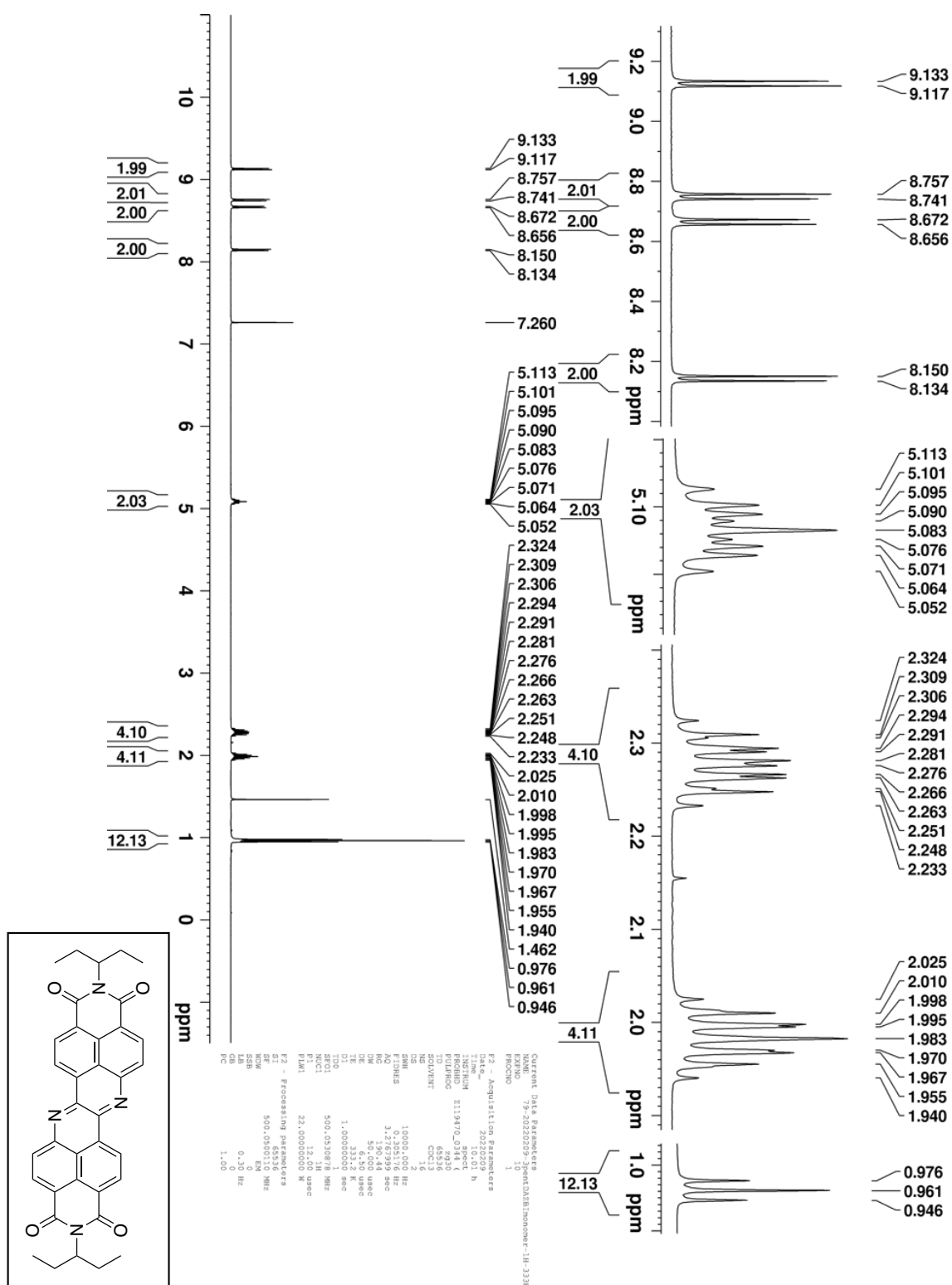


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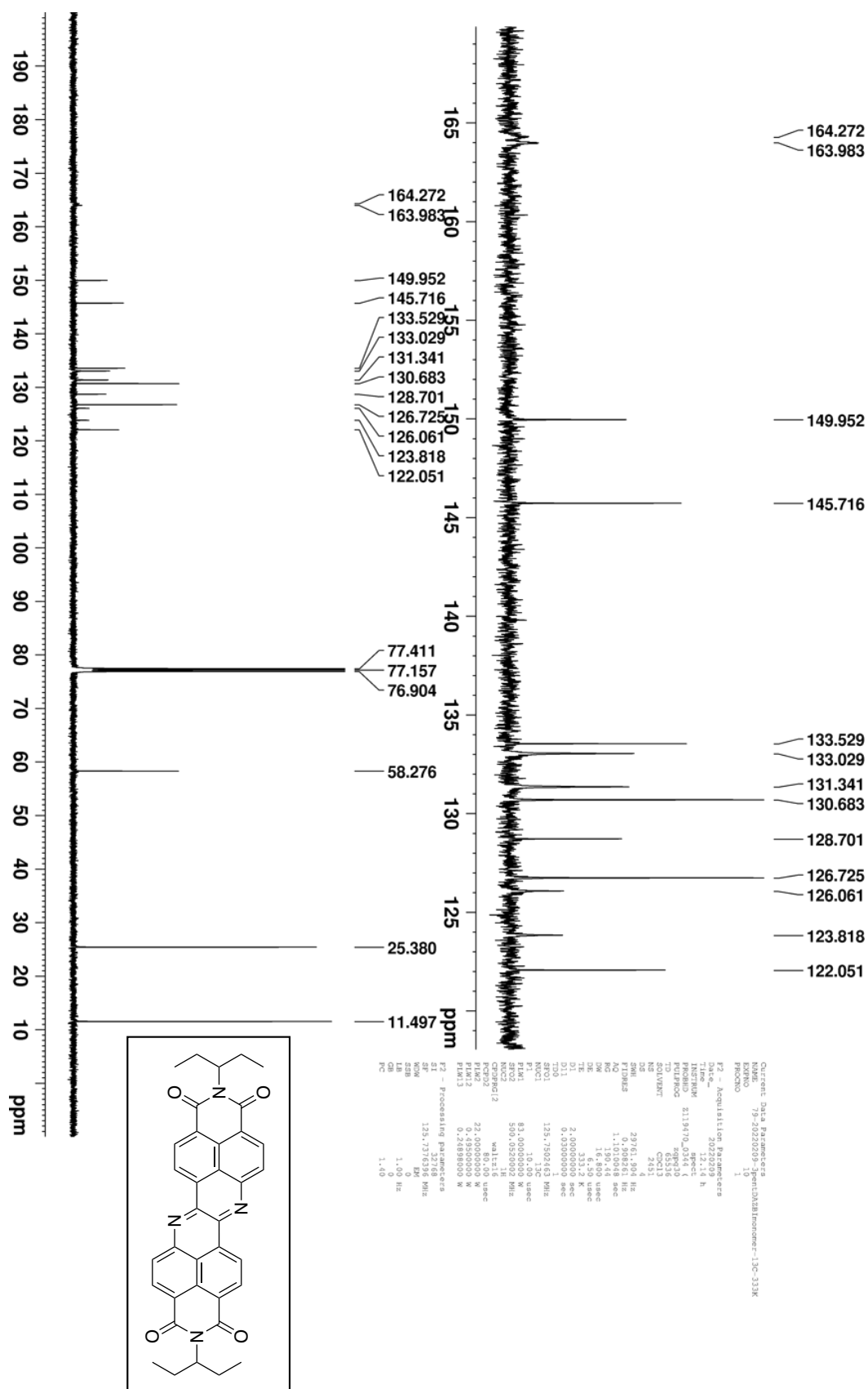


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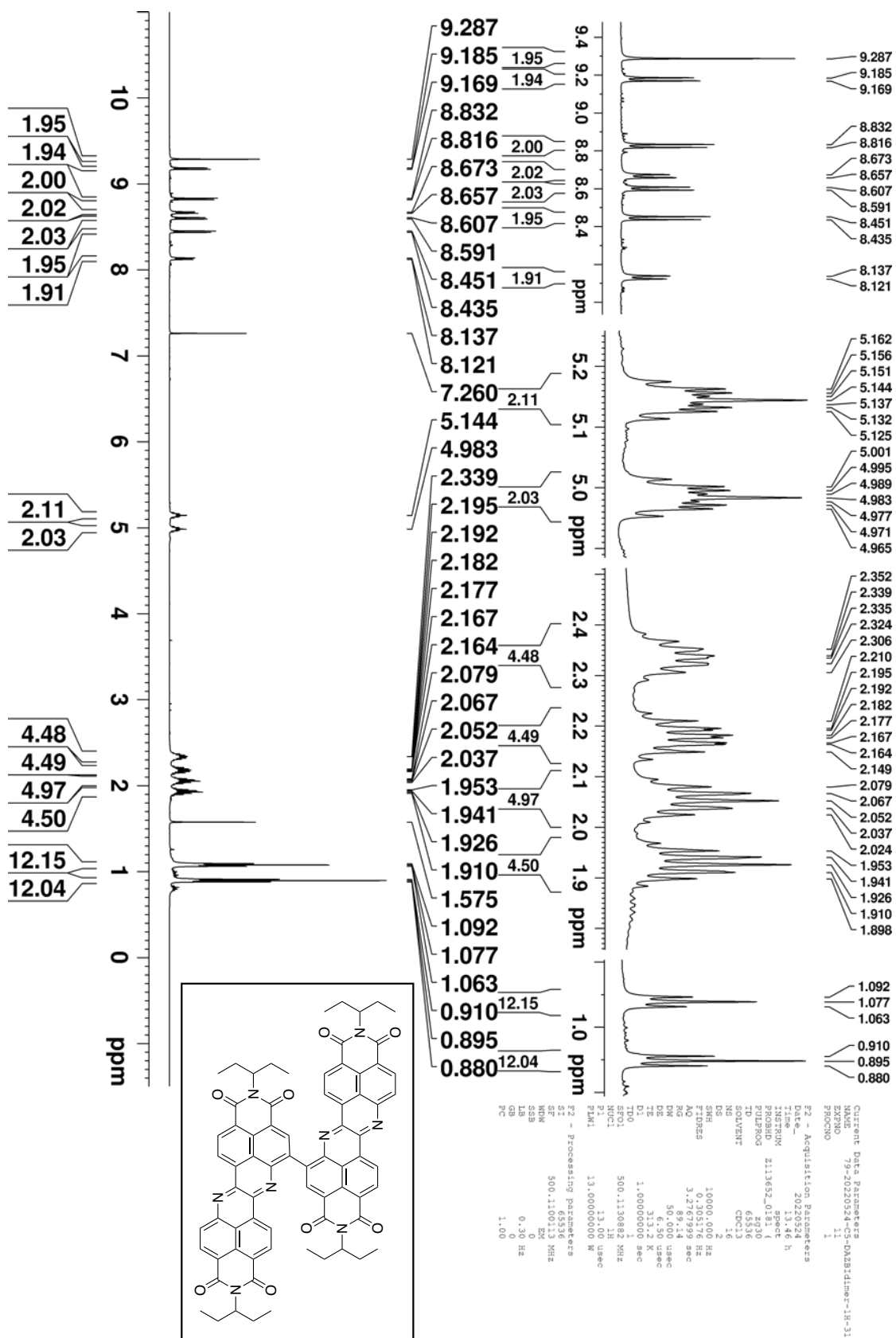
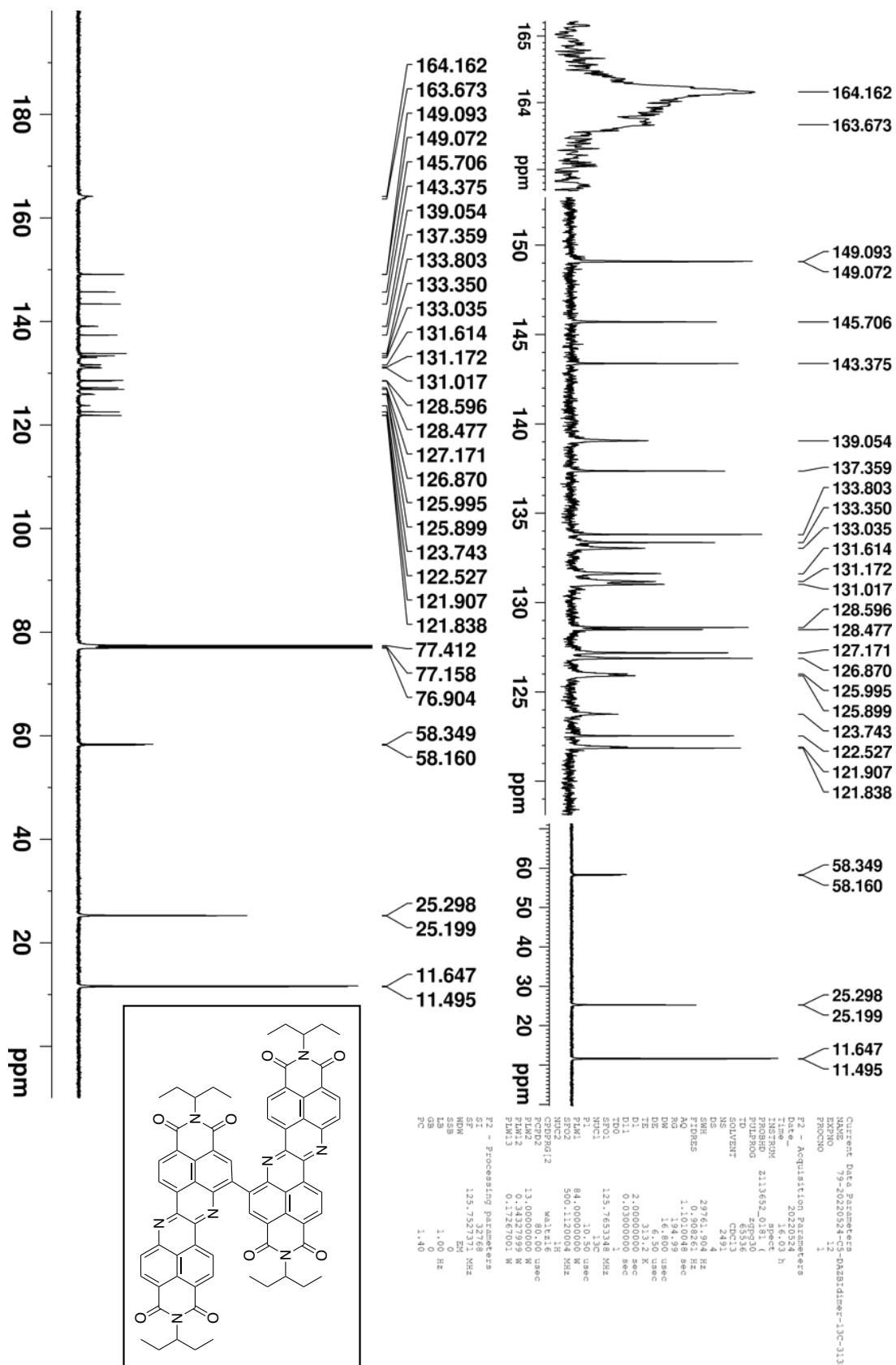


Figure S19. ¹H NMR spectrum of **12b** in CDCl₃ at 40 °C.



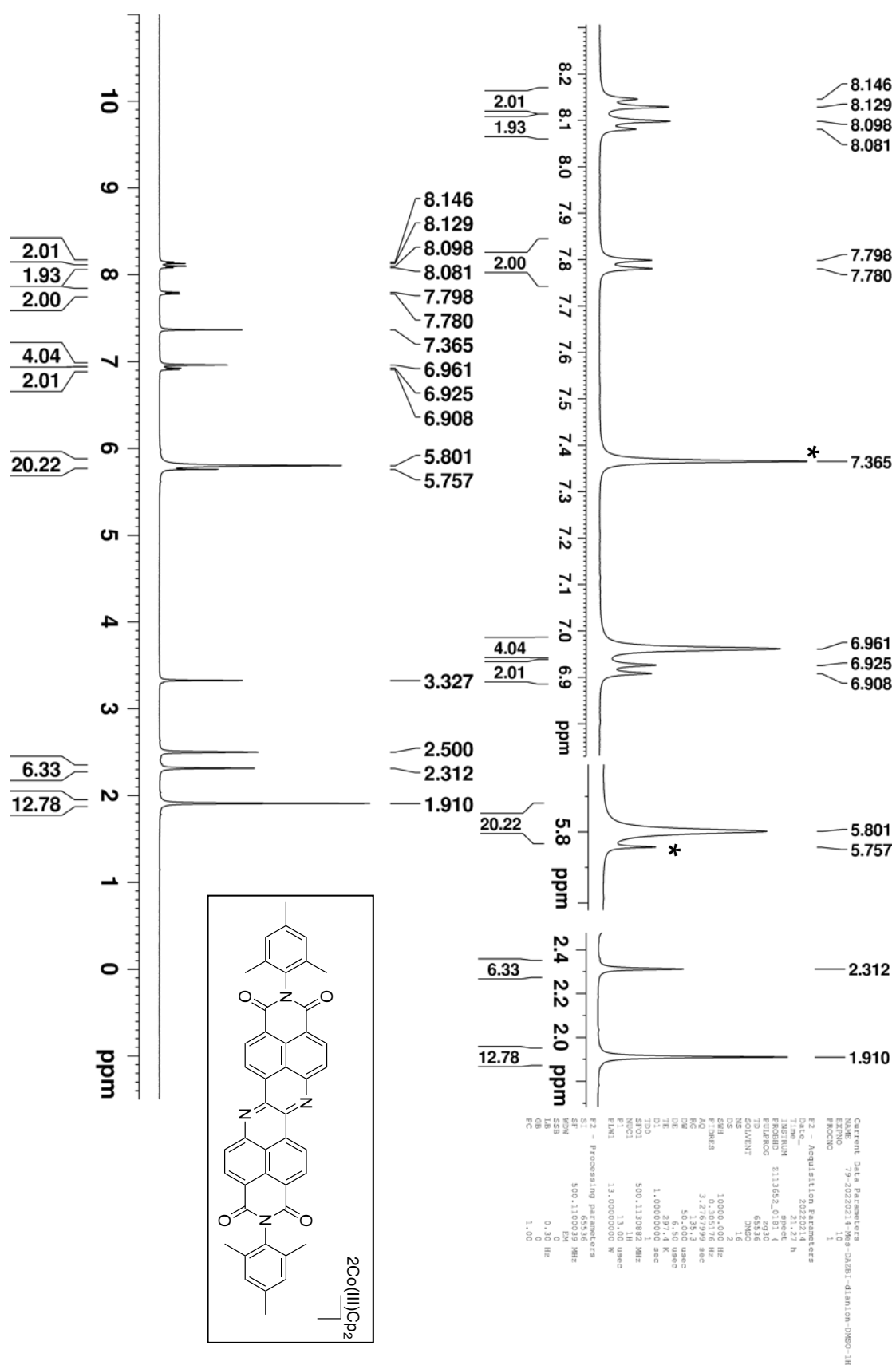
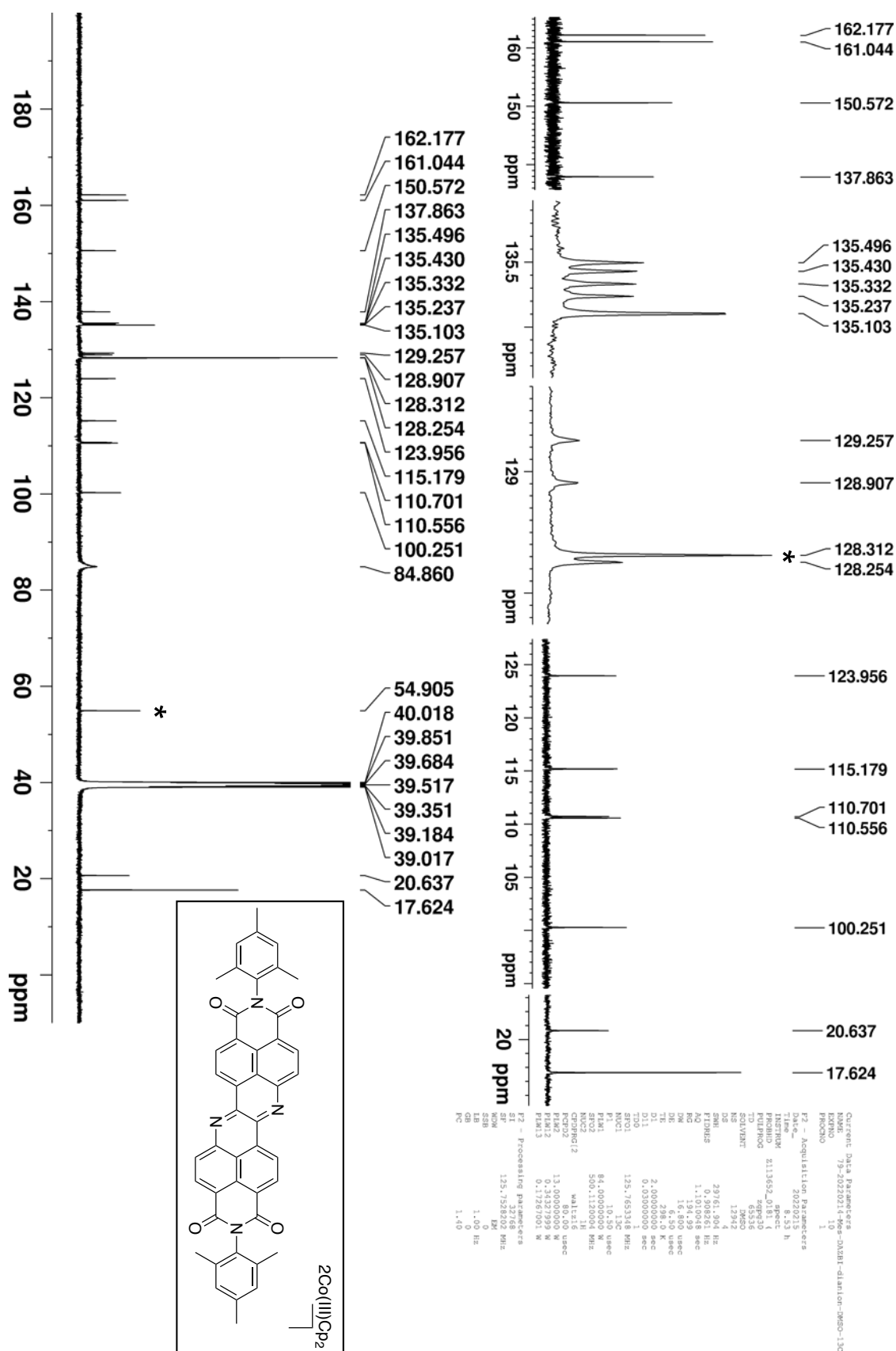


Figure S21. ^1H NMR spectrum of **13** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 25°C . *: residual solvents.



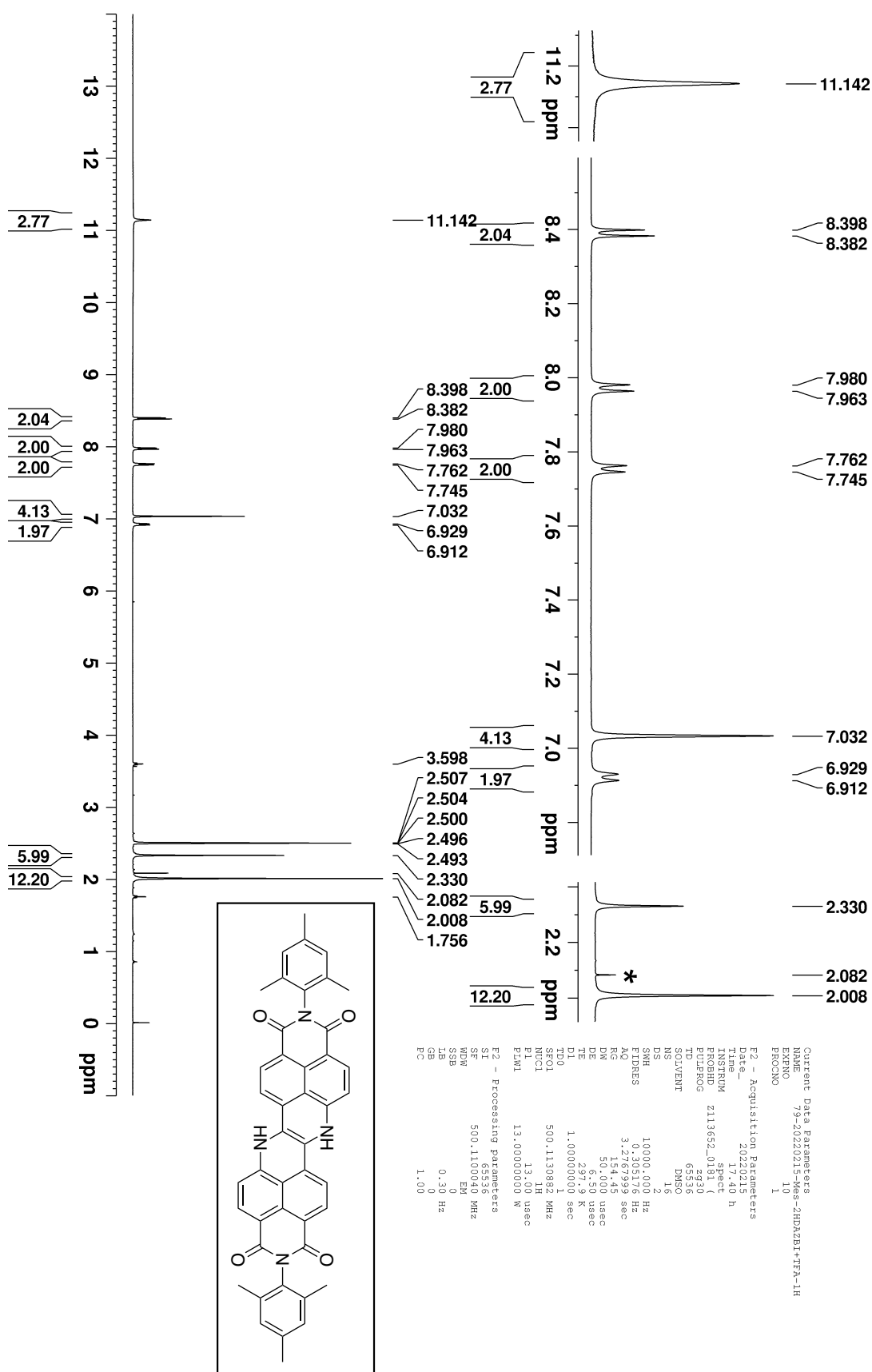


Figure S23. ^1H NMR spectrum of **14a** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6 + \text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ at 25 °C. *: residual solvents.

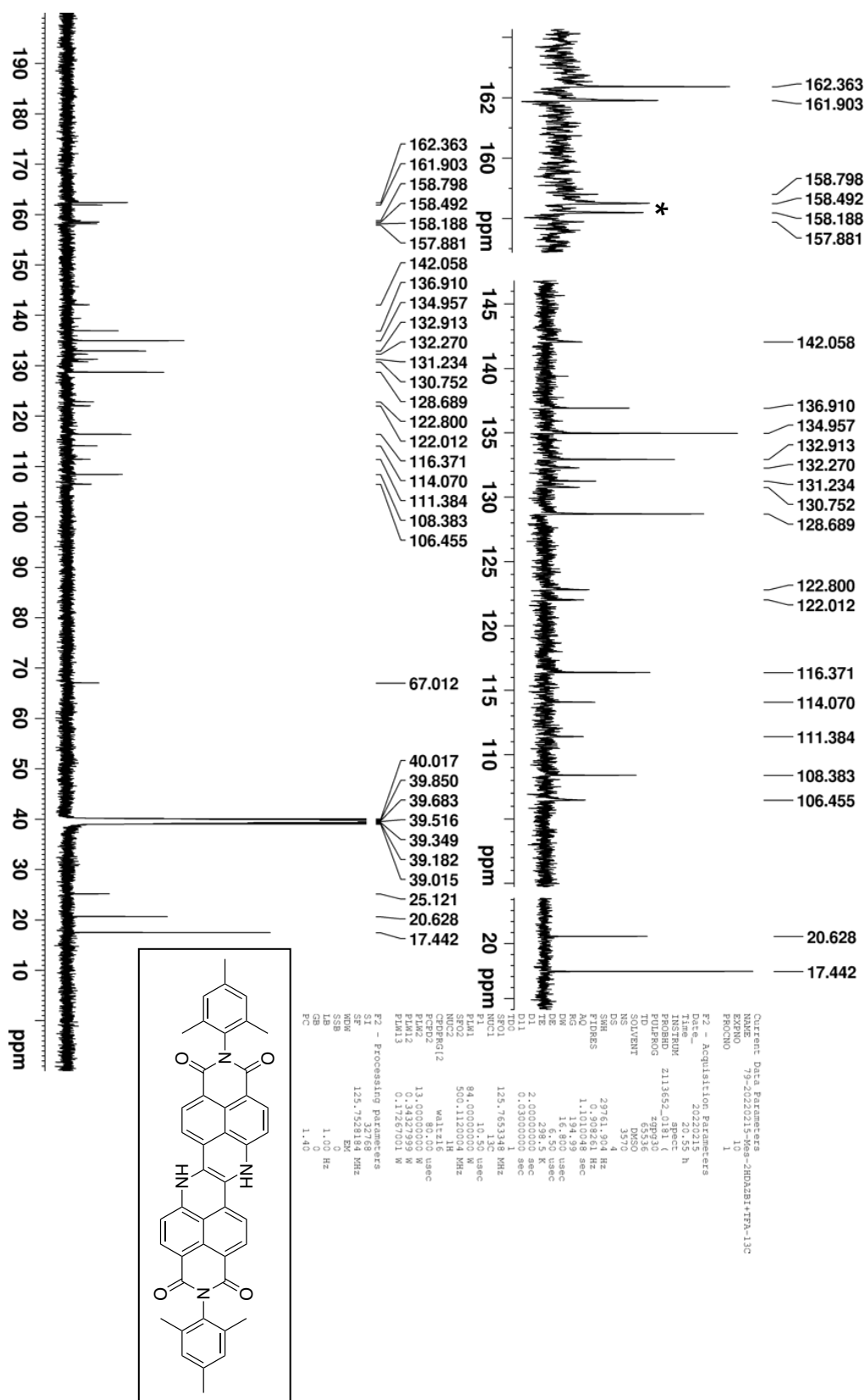


Figure S24. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **14a** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6 + \text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ at 25 °C.

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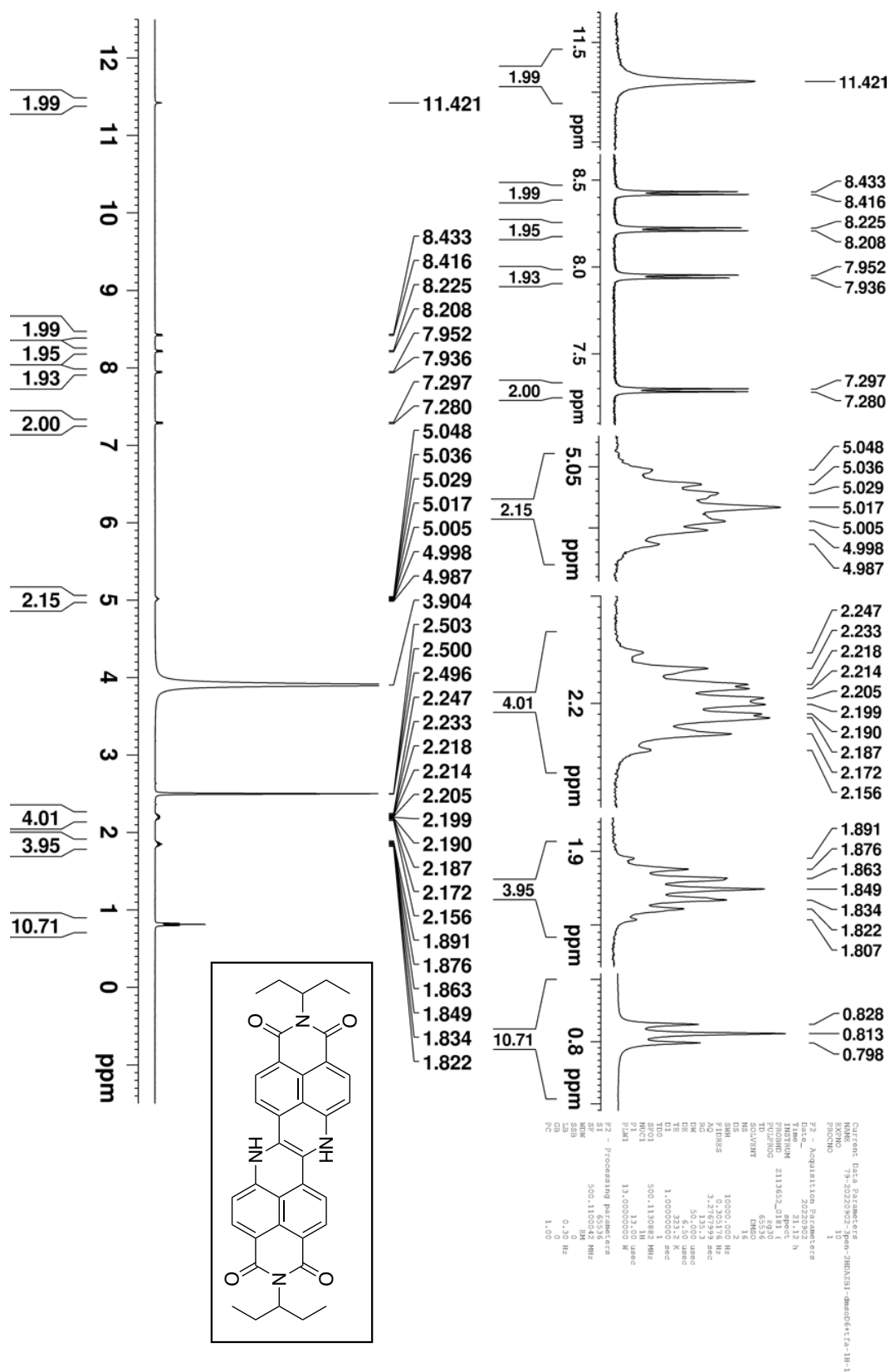


Figure S25. ¹H NMR spectrum of **14b** in DMSO-*d*₆ + CF₃COOH at 50 °C.

4. Mass spectra

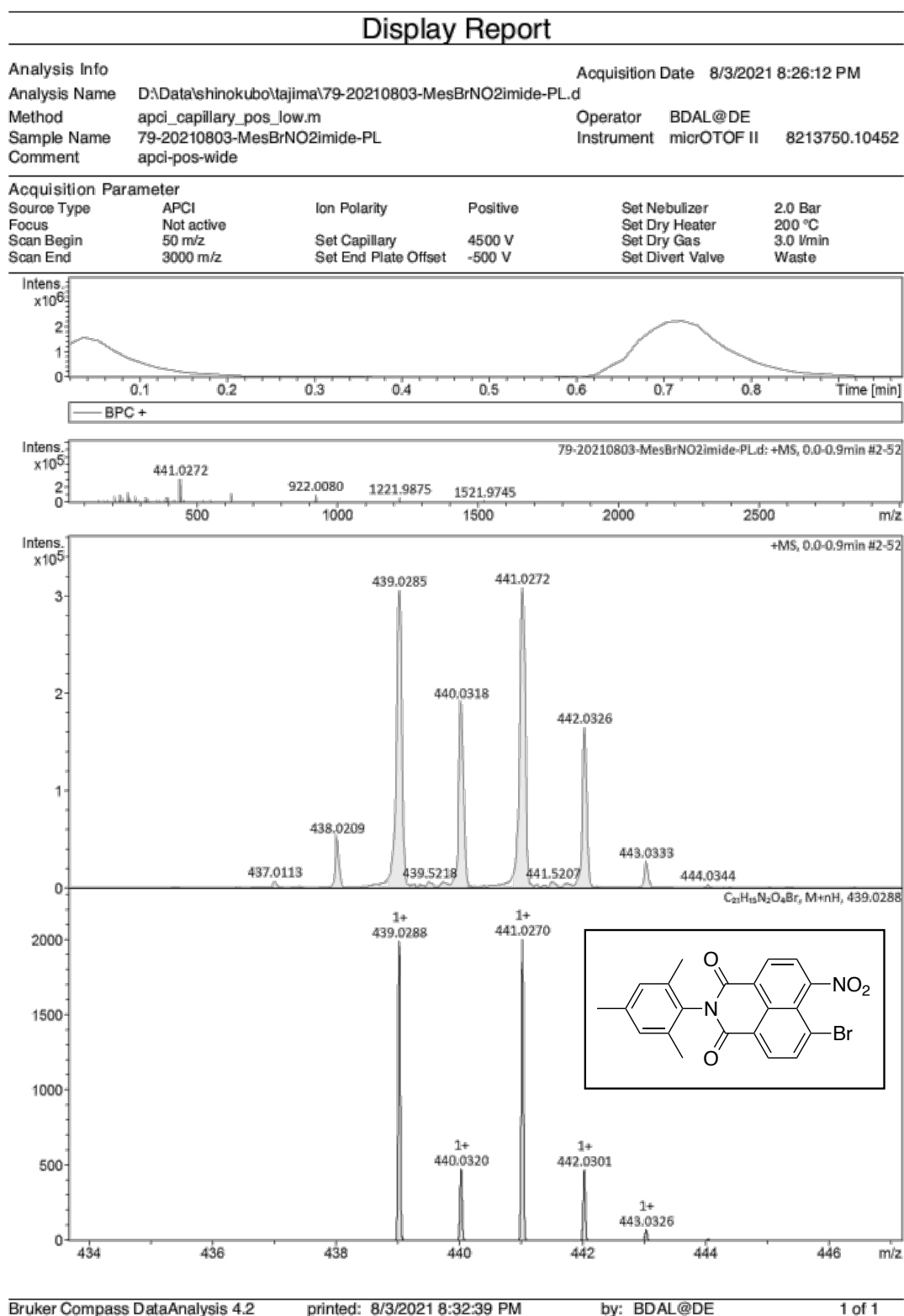


Figure S27. APCI-TOF (positive mode) mass spectrum of S1.

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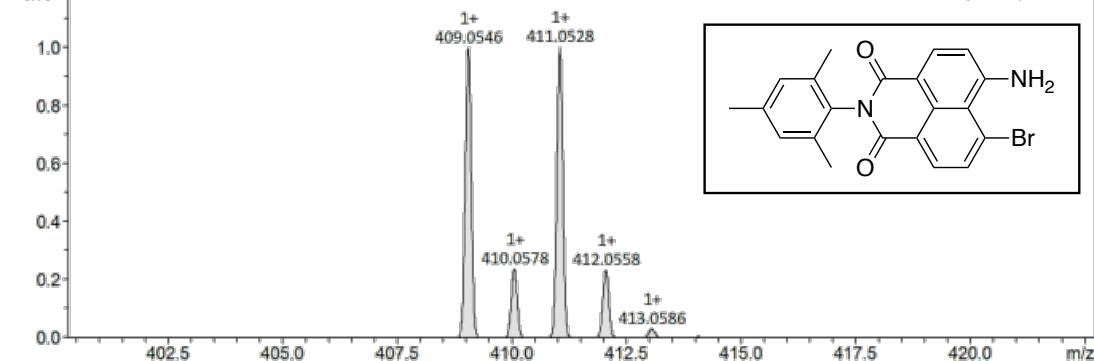
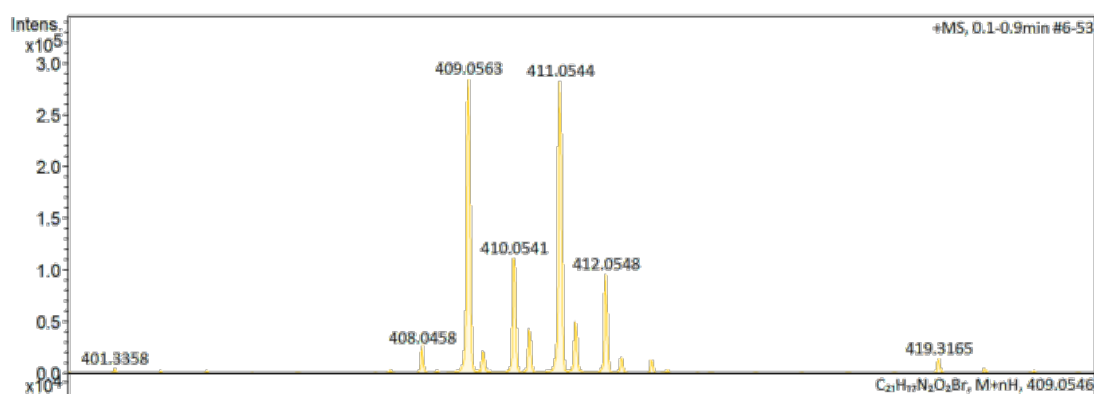
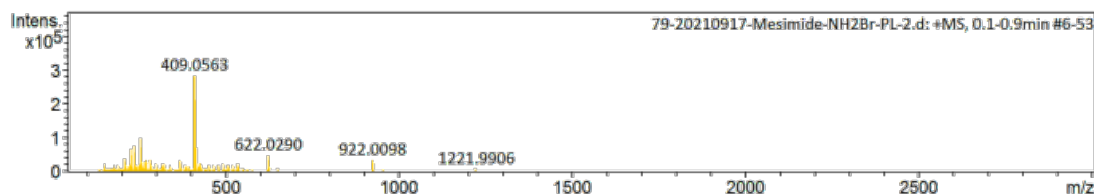
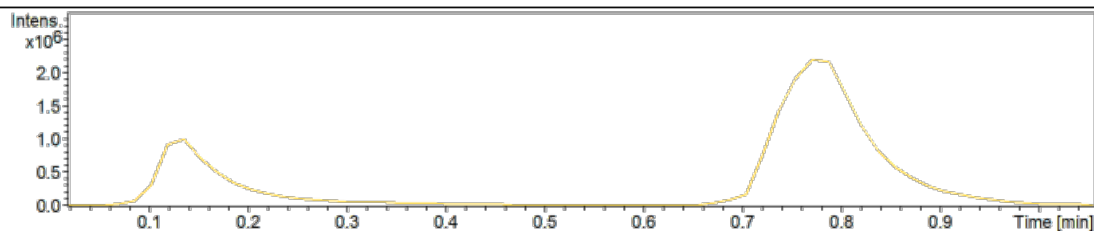
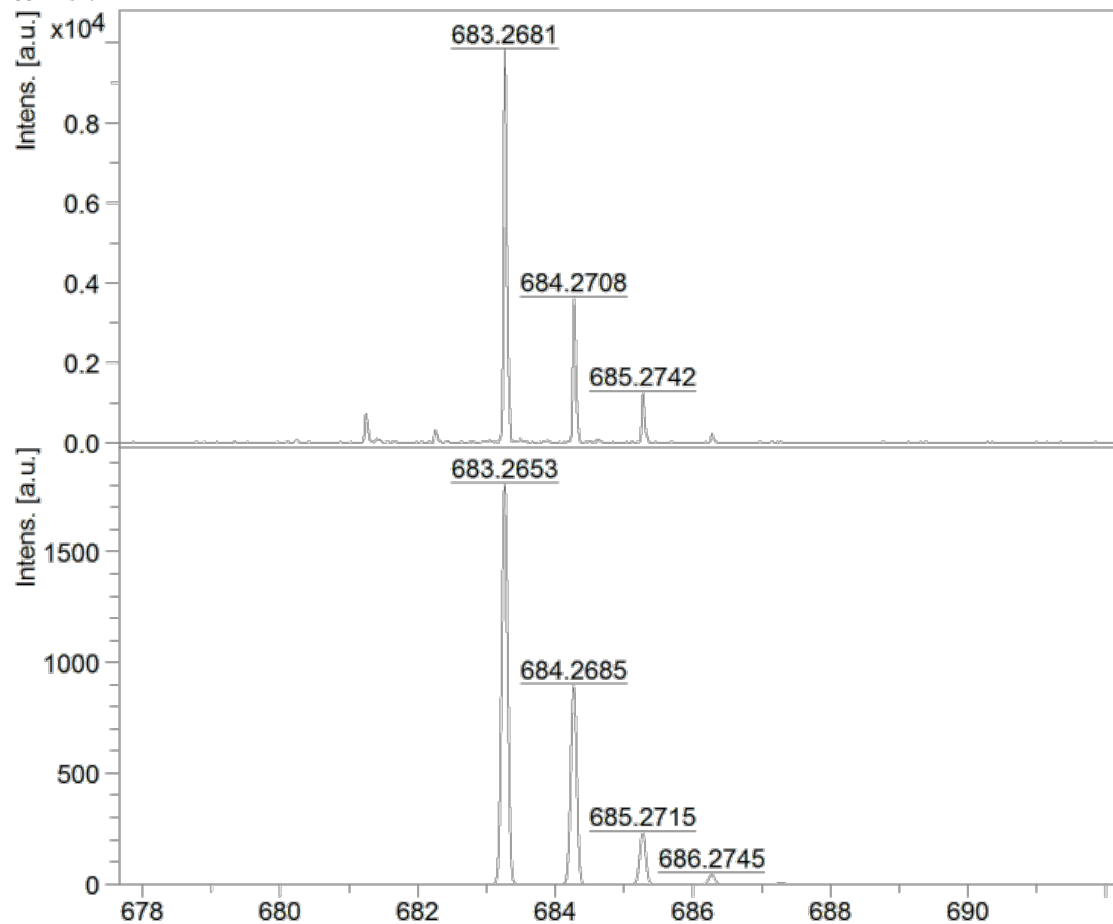


Figure S28. APCI-TOF (positive mode) mass spectrum of **9a**.

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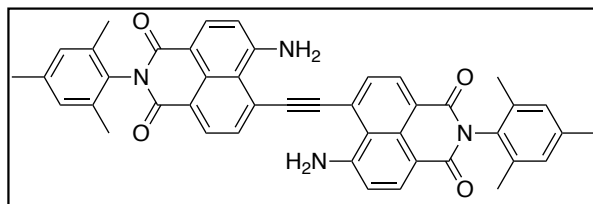


Figure S29. MALDI-TOF (positive mode) mass spectrum of **10a**.

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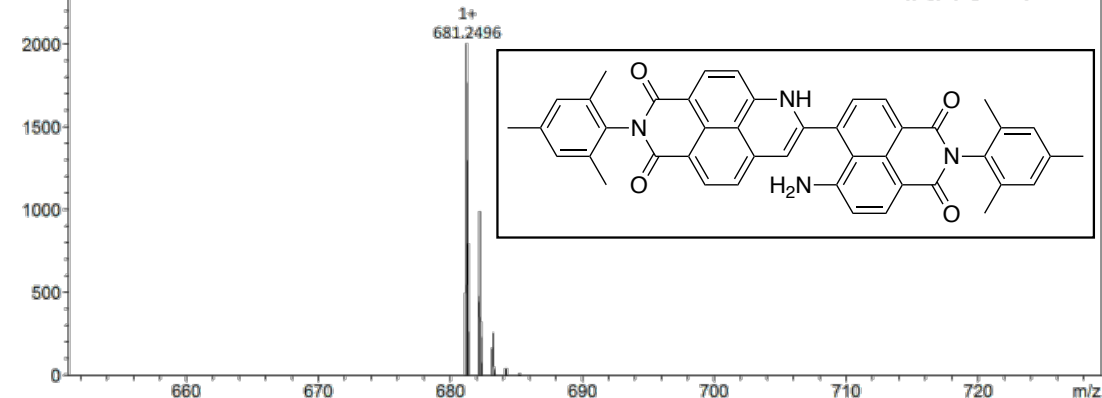
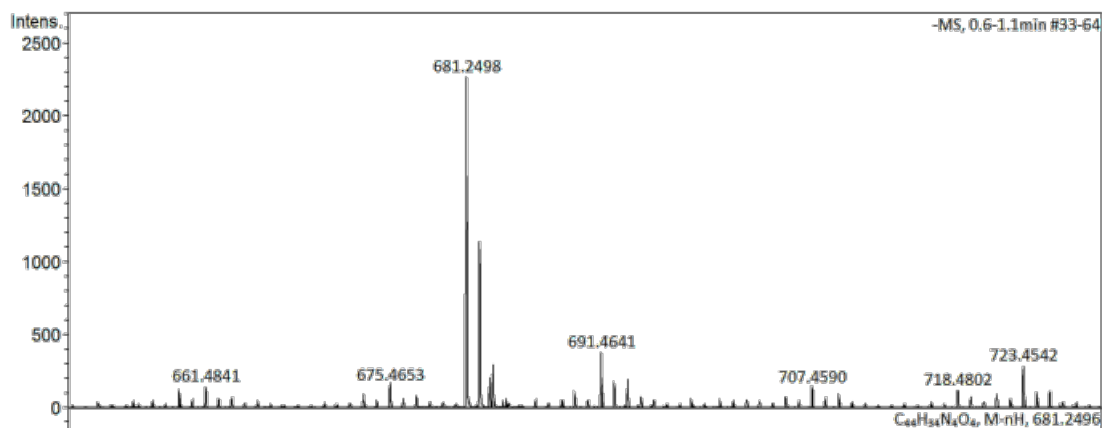
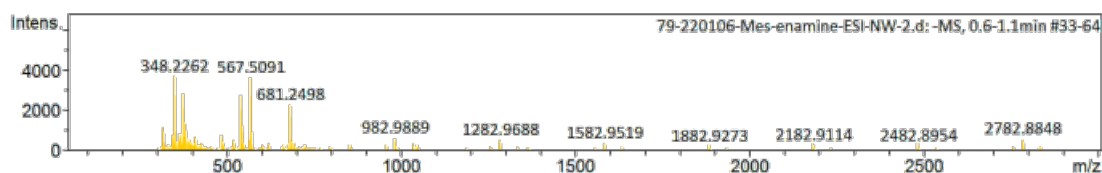
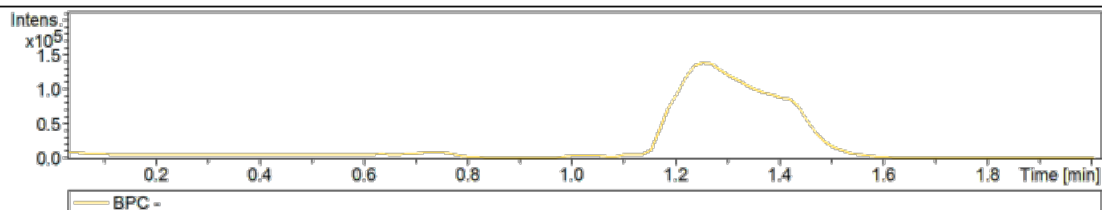
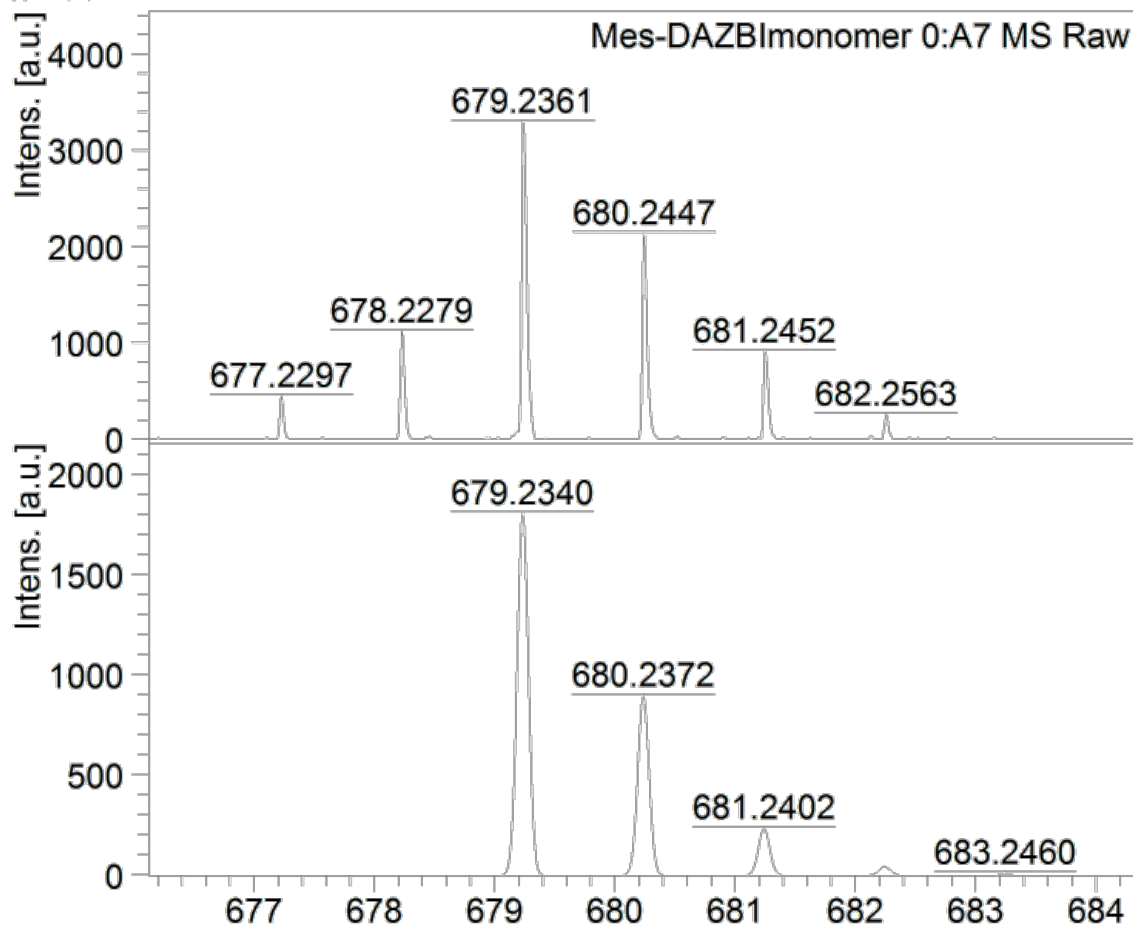


Figure S30. ESI-TOF (negative mode) mass spectrum of **11a**.

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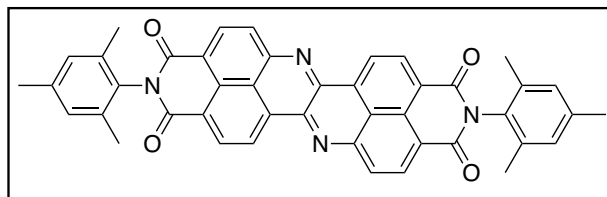
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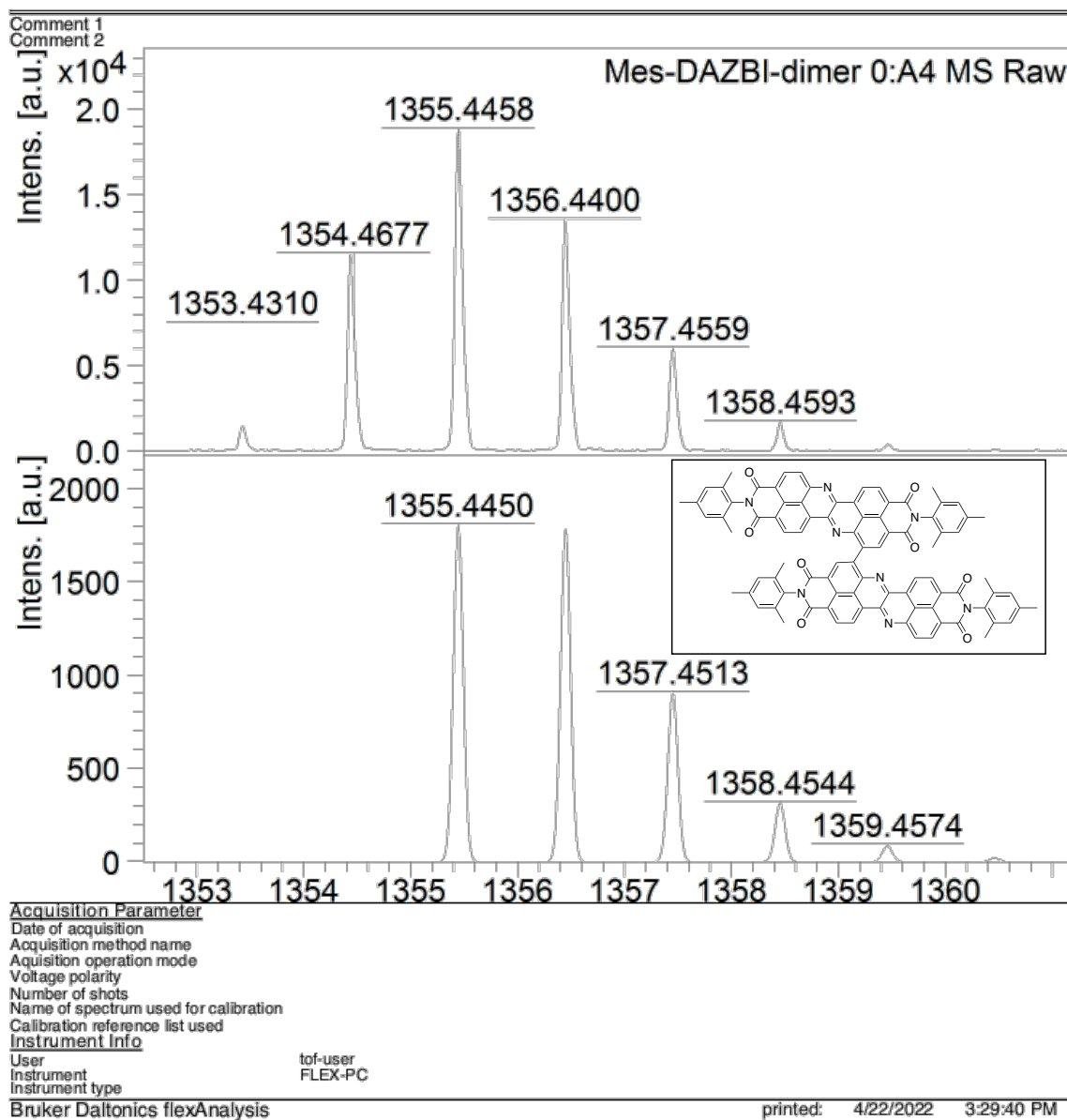


Figure S32. MALDI-TOF (positive mode) mass spectrum of **12a**.

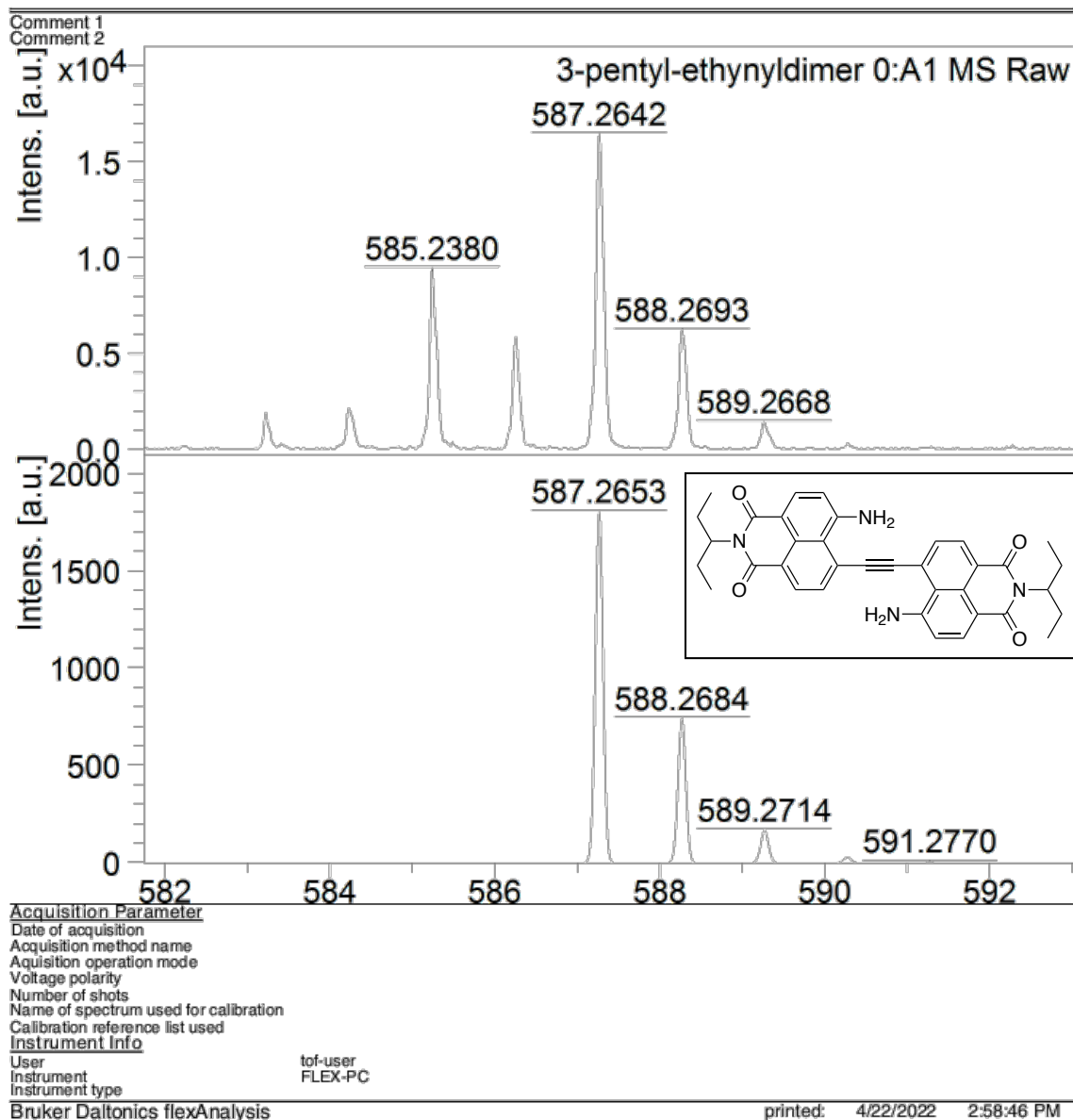


Figure S33. MALDI-TOF (positive mode) mass spectrum of **10b**.

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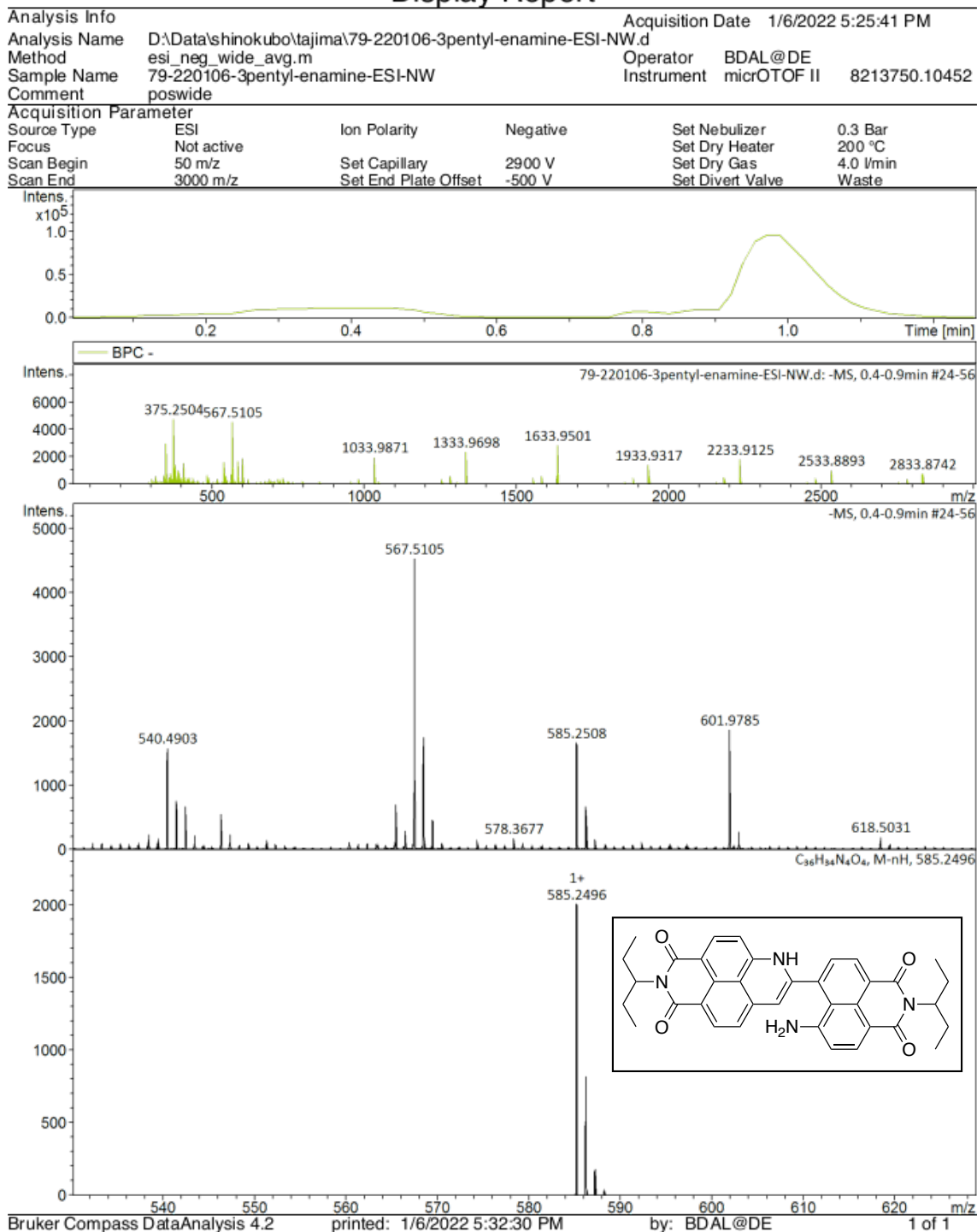


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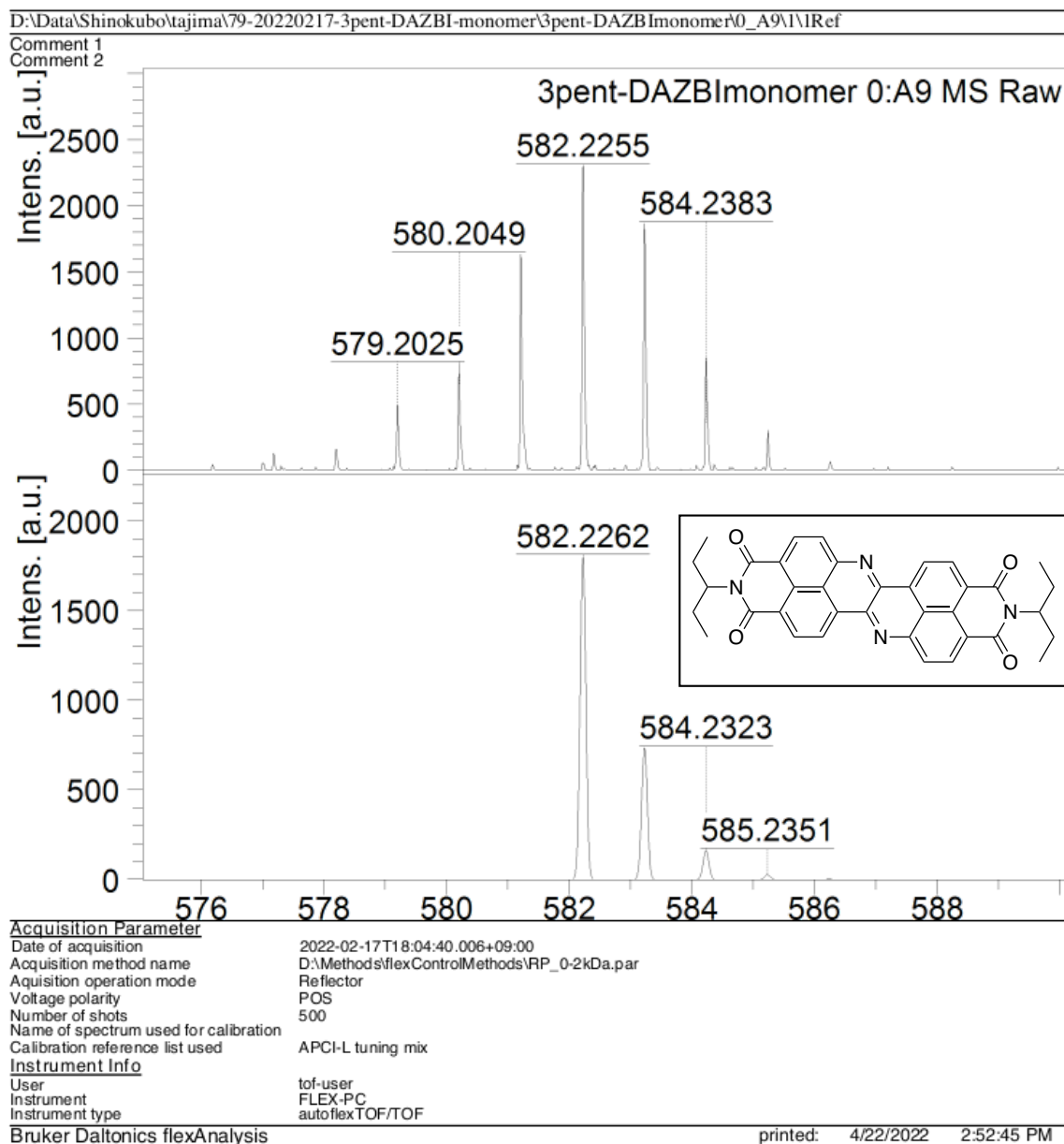


Figure S35. MALDI-TOF (positive mode) mass spectrum of **8b**.

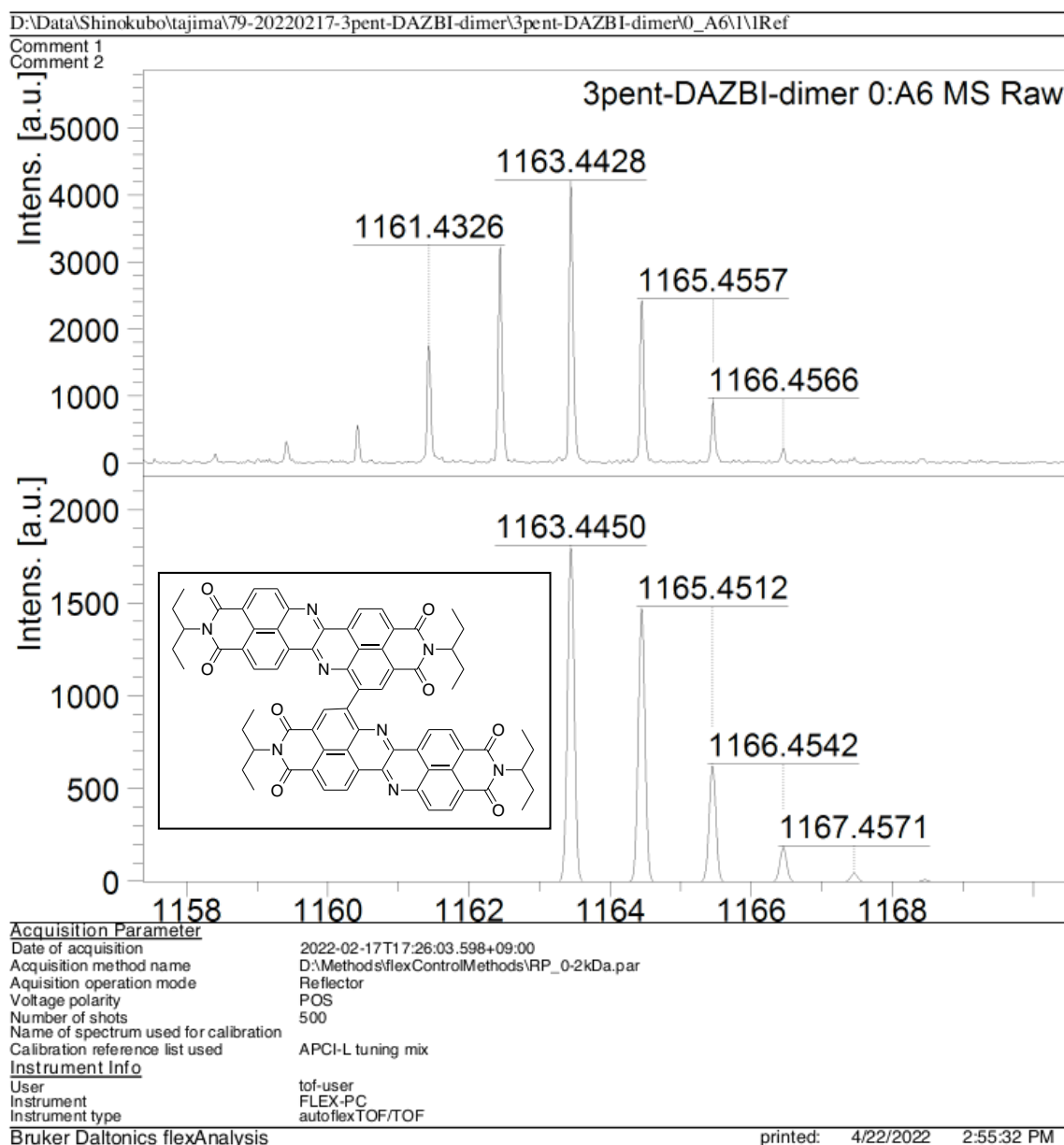


Figure S36. MALDI-TOF (positive mode) mass spectrum of **12b**.

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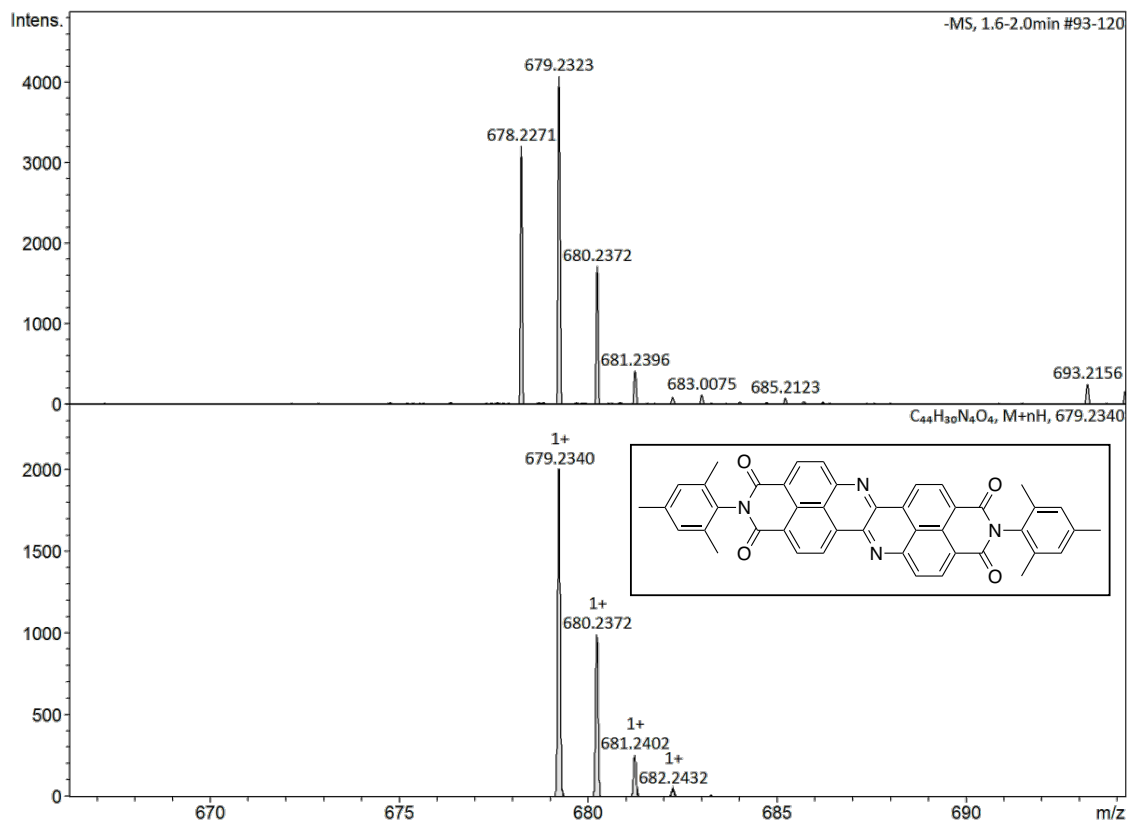
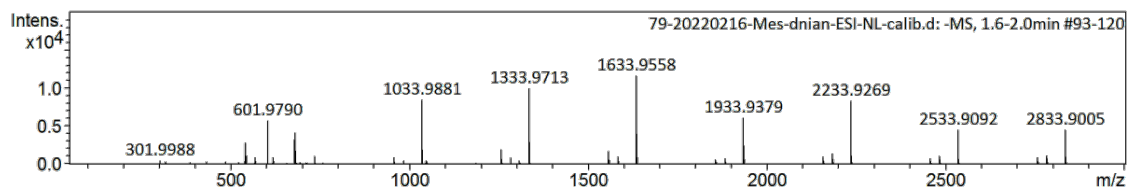
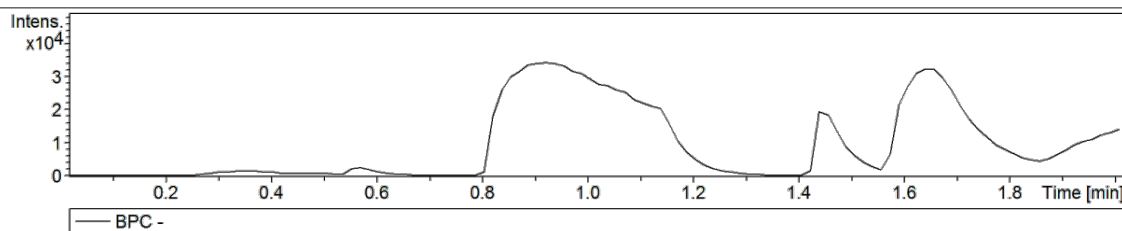


Figure S37. ESI-TOF (negative mode) mass spectrum of **13**.

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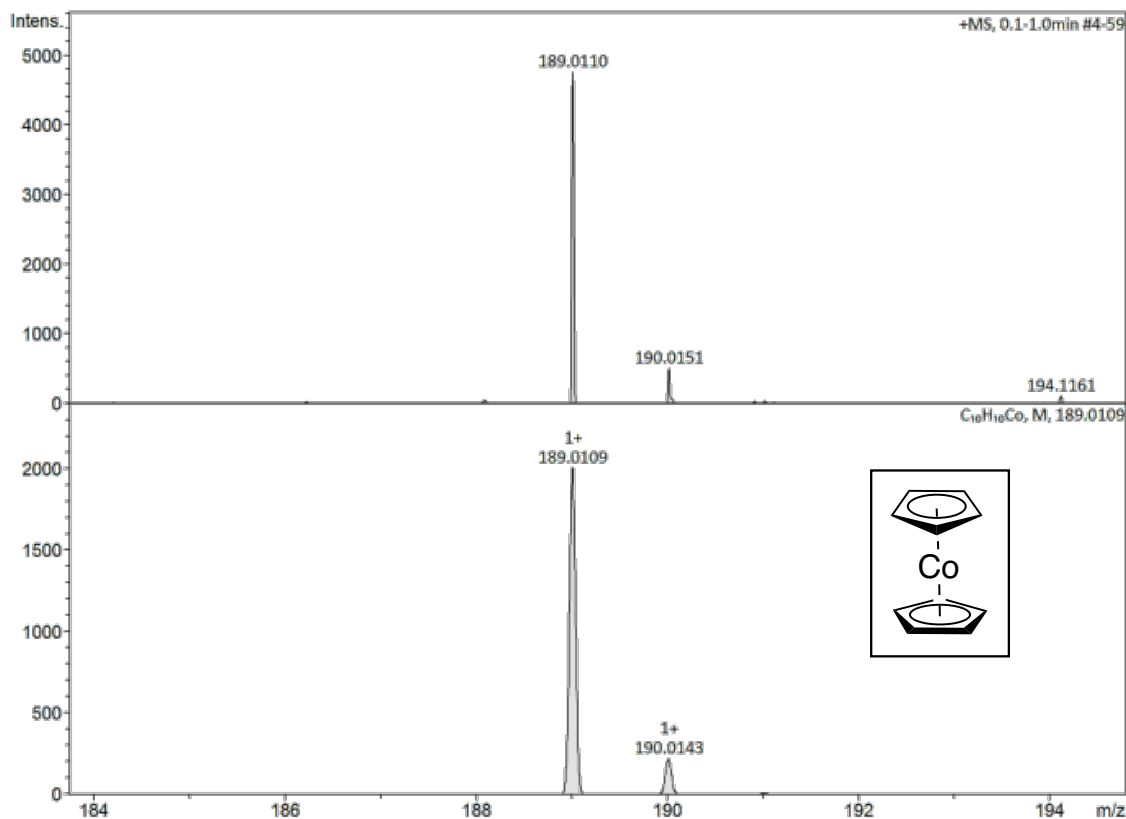
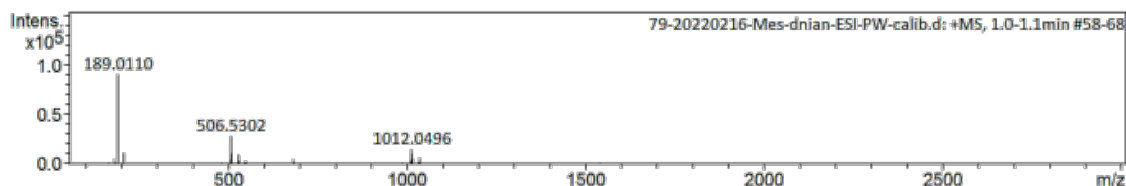
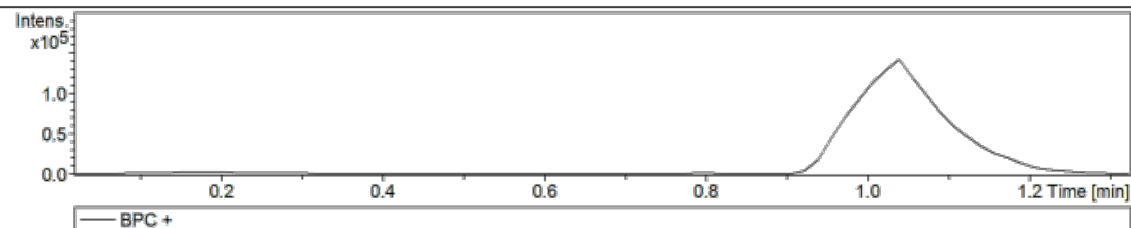
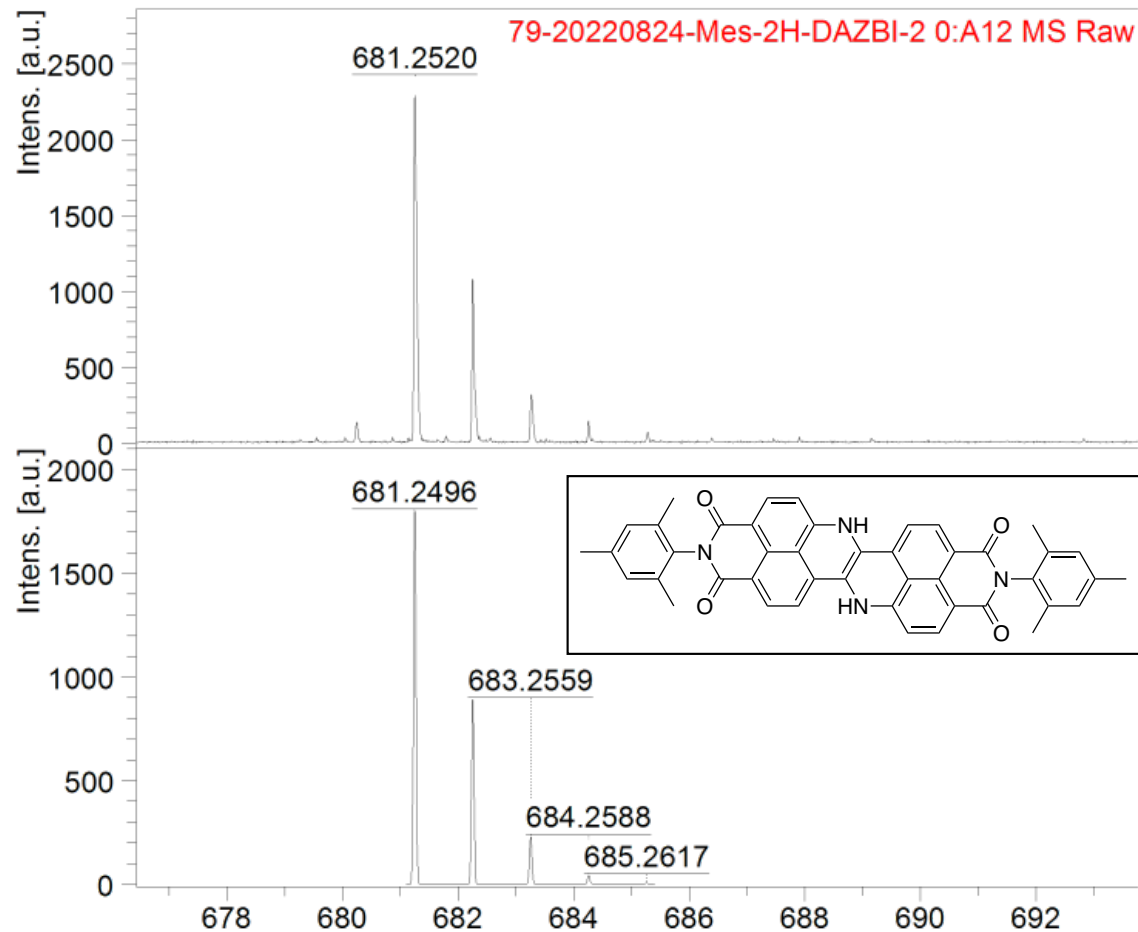


Figure S38. ESI-TOF (positive mode) mass spectrum of **13**.

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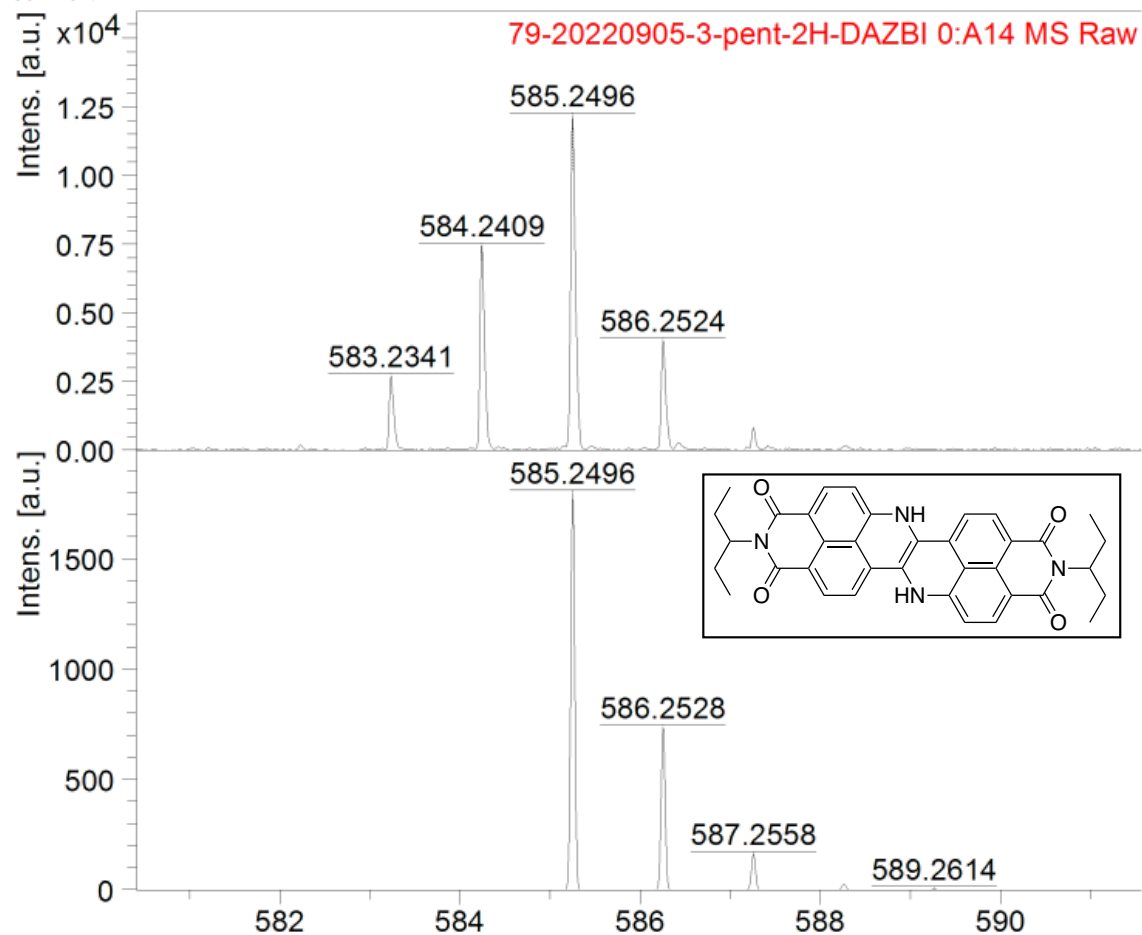
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Figure S39. MALDI-TOF (positive mode) mass spectrum of **14a**.

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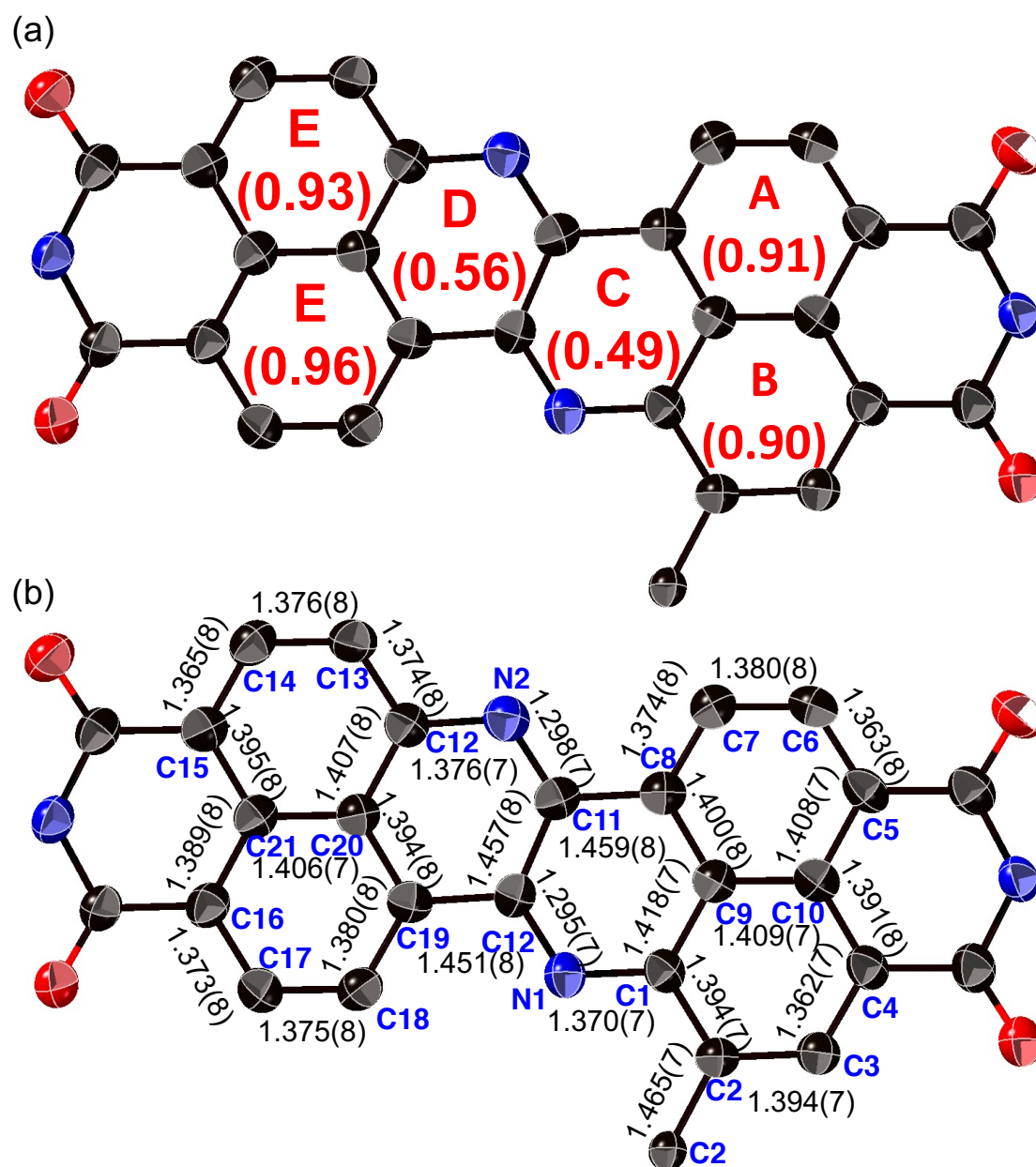
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Figure S40. MALDI-TOF (positive mode) mass spectrum of **14b**.

5. Crystal data



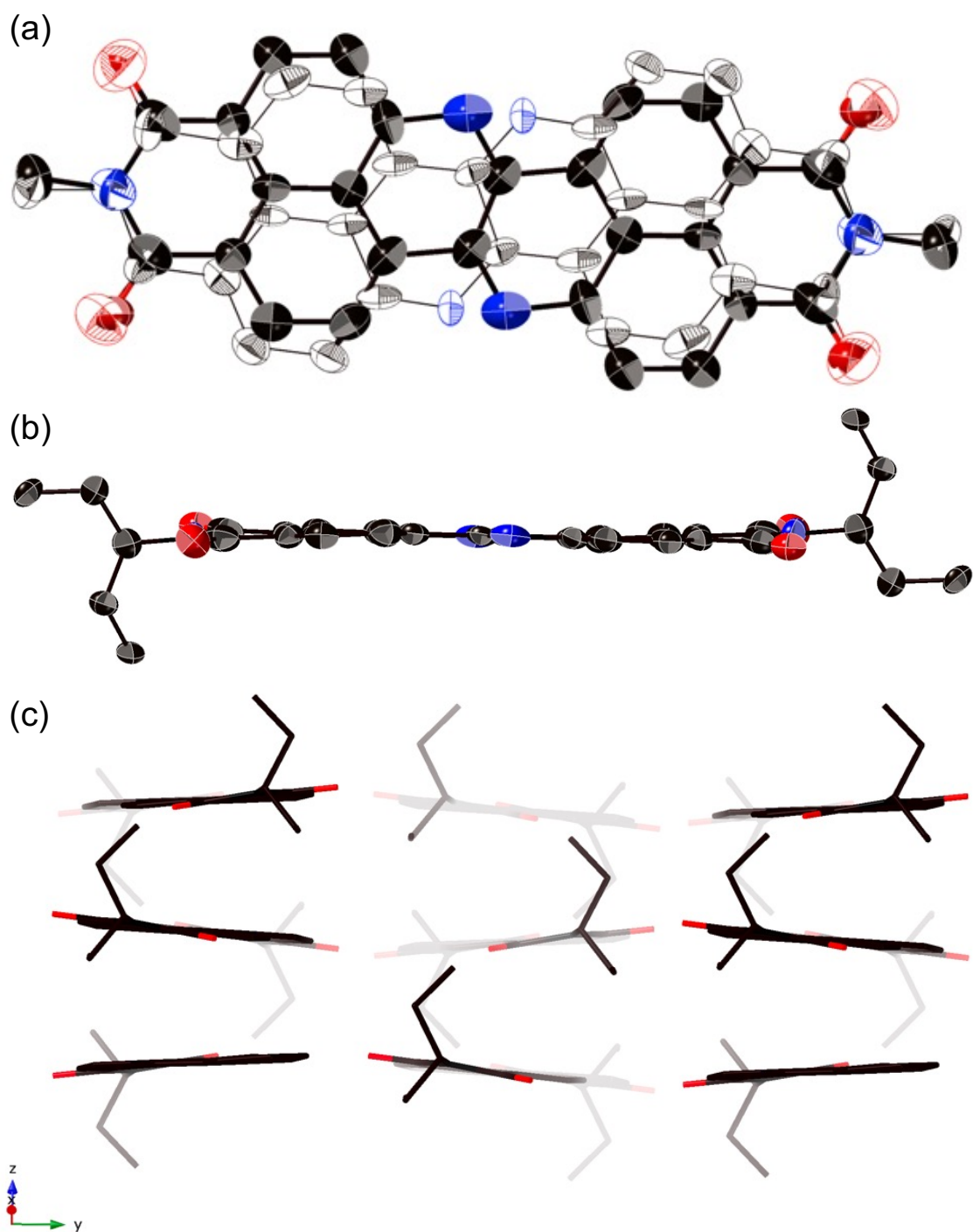


Figure S42. X-ray crystal structure of **8b**. (a) Top view, (b) side view, and (c) packing structure. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level. Hollow and solid ellipsoids show the disorder over two positions (occupancy: solid spheres/hollow spheres = 0.58/0.42). All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

Table S1. Crystallographic data of **8a**, **8b**, and **12b**.

compound	8a	8b	12b
Formula	C ₄₄ H ₃₀ N ₄ O ₄	C ₃₆ H ₃₀ N ₄ O ₄	C ₃₂ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₄
Formula weight	678.75	582.64	15926.7(12)
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1 (No. 2)	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i> (No. 15)	<i>Fdd</i> 2 (No. 43)
Crystal color	blue	blue	black
Crystal description	prism	prism	prism
<i>a</i> [Å]	8.0994(3)	20.1187(9)	34.9018(13)
<i>b</i> [Å]	11.7159(8)	16.7884(9)	59.974(3)
<i>c</i> [Å]	21.0793(12)	8.3834(3)	7.6088(3)
α [°]	102.210(5)	90	90
β [°]	97.445(4)	102.468(4)	90
γ [°]	96.128(4)	90	90
<i>V</i> [Å ³]	1919.86(19)	2764.8(2)	15926.7(12)
<i>Z</i>	2	4	2
<i>d</i> _{calcd} [g cm ⁻³]	1.428	1.400	1.324
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0840	0.0541	0.0706
<i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.2513	0.1605	0.1863
Goodness-of-fit	1.035	1.052	1.015
Temperature [K]	93(2)	93(2)	93(2)
Solvent	<i>o</i> -dichlorobenzene /cyclohexane	toluene/MeOH	<i>o</i> -xylene/octane
CCDC No.	2211115	2211112	2211113

Table S2. Crystallographic data of **13**.

compound	13
Formula	C ₆₄ H ₅₀ N ₄ O ₄ Co ₂
Formula weight	1056.99
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> (No. 14)
Crystal color	green
Crystal description	prism
<i>a</i> [Å]	9.5098(2)
<i>b</i> [Å]	20.5556(3)
<i>c</i> [Å]	15.4387(2)
α [°]	90
β [°]	95.024(2)
γ [°]	90
<i>V</i> [Å ³]	3006.36(9)
<i>Z</i>	2
<i>d</i> _{calcd} [g cm ⁻³]	1.371
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0685
<i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.2028
Goodness-of-fit	1.033
Temperature [K]	93(2)
Solvent	acetonitrile/toluene
CCDC No.	2211114

6. Electrochemistry

Cyclic and differential pulse voltammograms were obtained under the following conditions; solvent: CH₂Cl₂ or THF. electrolyte: 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆, working electrode: glassy carbon, counter electrode: Pt, reference electrode: Ag/AgNO₃, scan rate: 0.1 V/s.

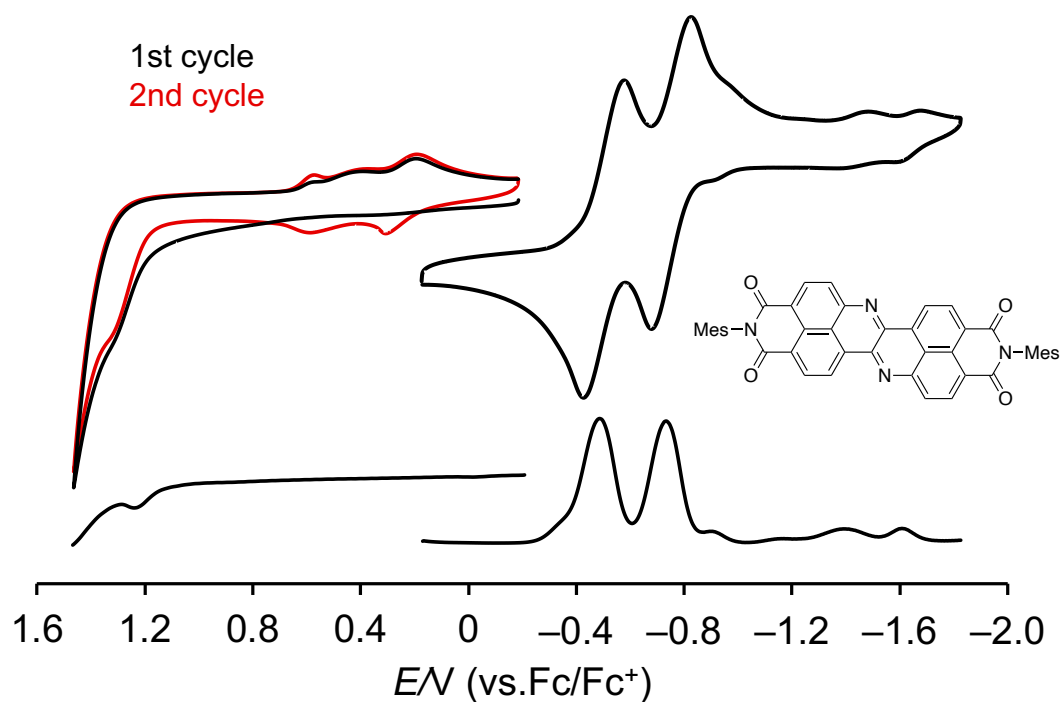


Figure S43. Cyclic and differential pulse voltammograms of **8a** in CH₂Cl₂.

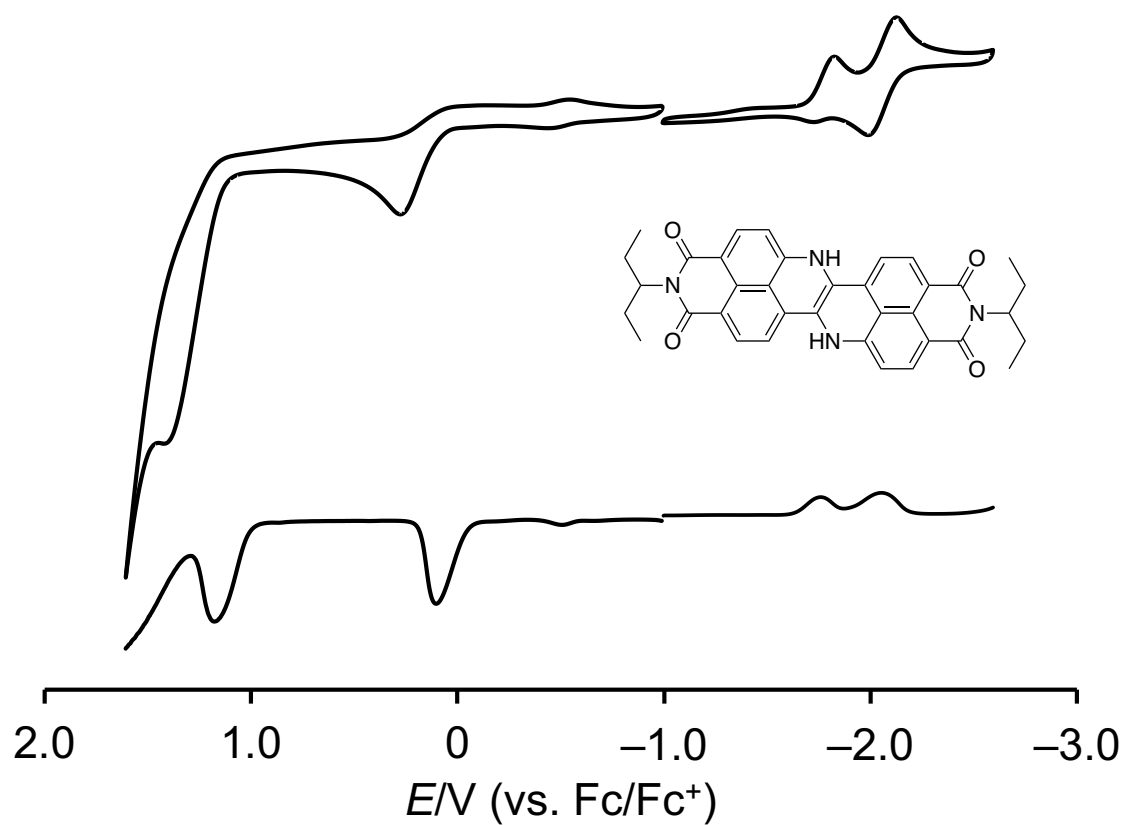


Figure S46. Cyclic and differential pulse voltammograms of **14b** in THF.

7. DFT calculations

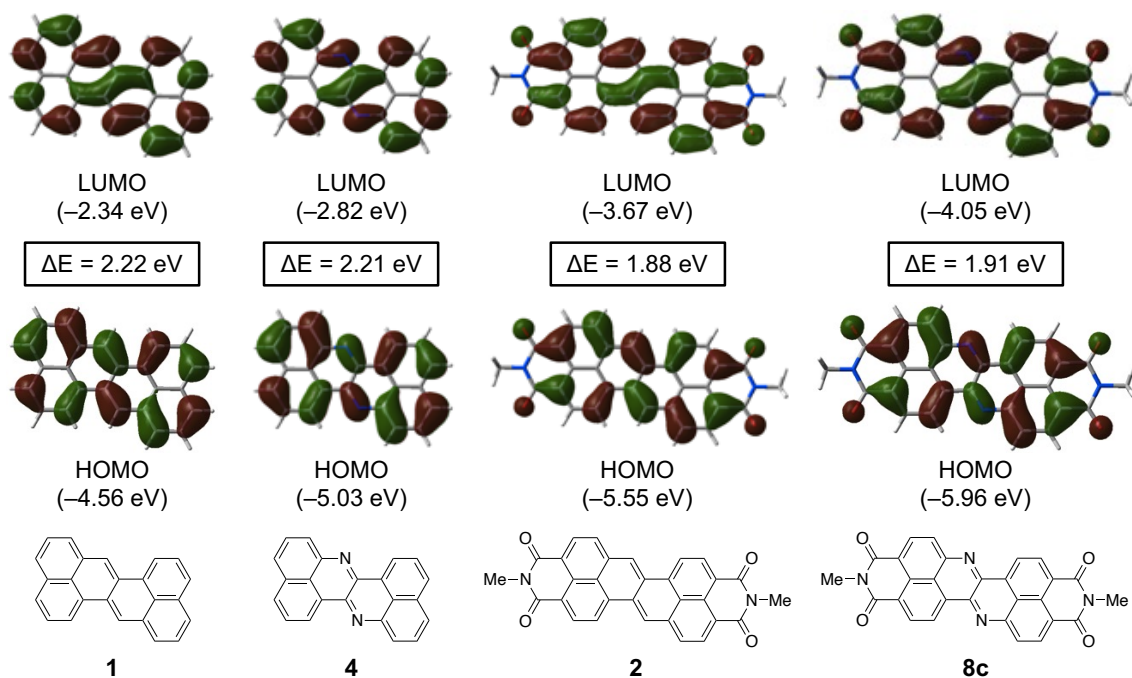


Figure S47. Calculated molecular orbitals of 1, 4, 2, and 8c (isovalue = 0.02). Calculation levels: B3LYP/6-31G(d).

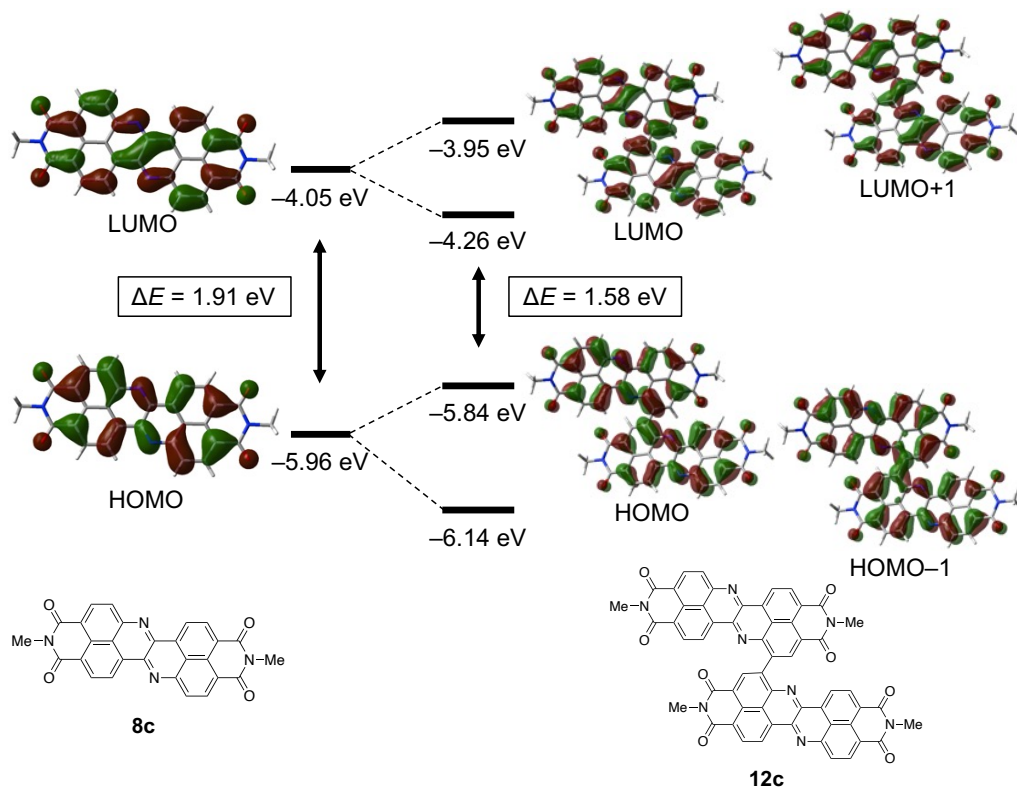


Figure S48. Calculated molecular orbitals of 8c and 12c (isovalue = 0.02). Calculation levels:

B3LYP/6-31G(d).

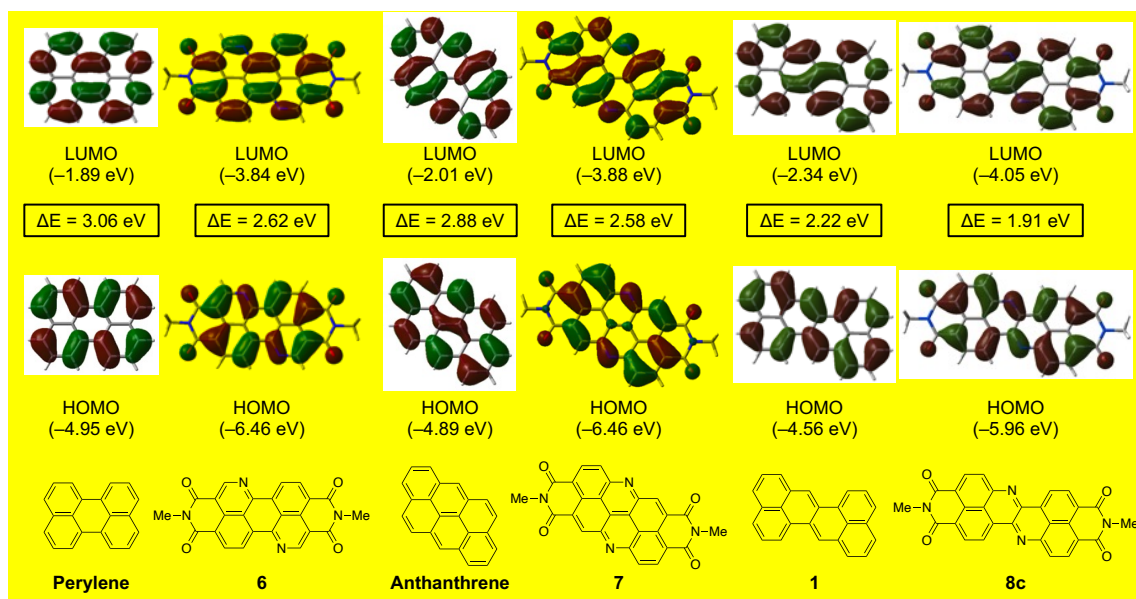


Figure S49. Calculated molecular orbitals of perylene, 6, anthanthrene, 7, 1, and 8c (isoval = 0.02). Calculation levels: B3LYP/6-31G(d).

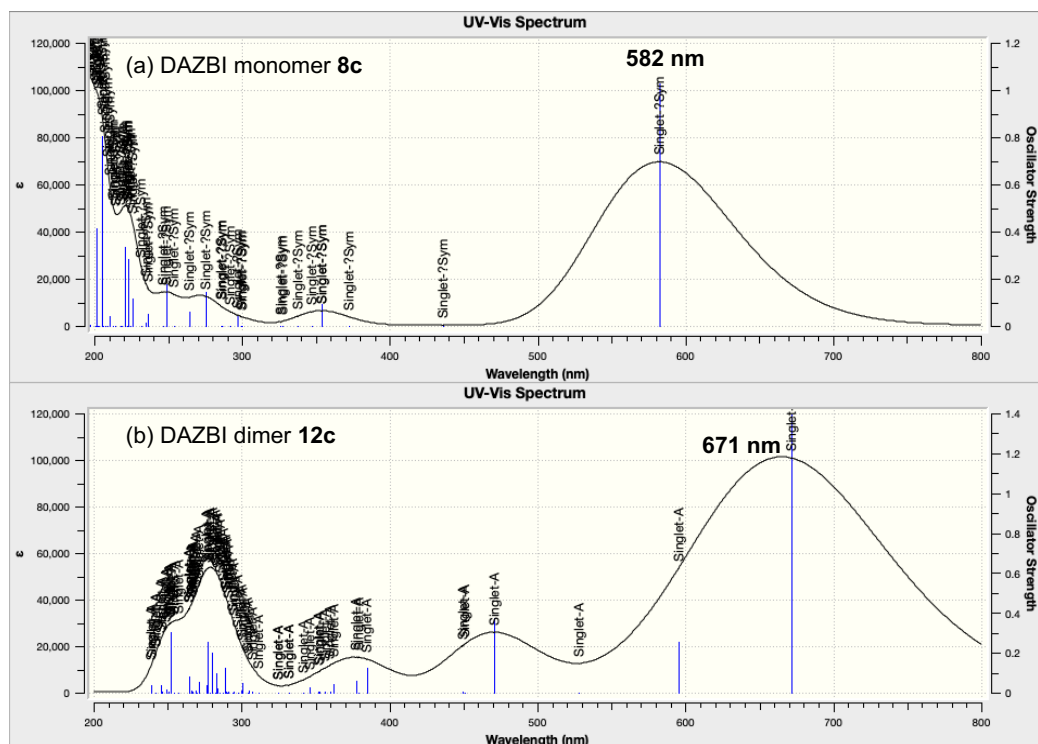


Figure S50. Simulated absorption spectra of (a) 8c and (b) 12c. Calculation levels: TD-cam-B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p).

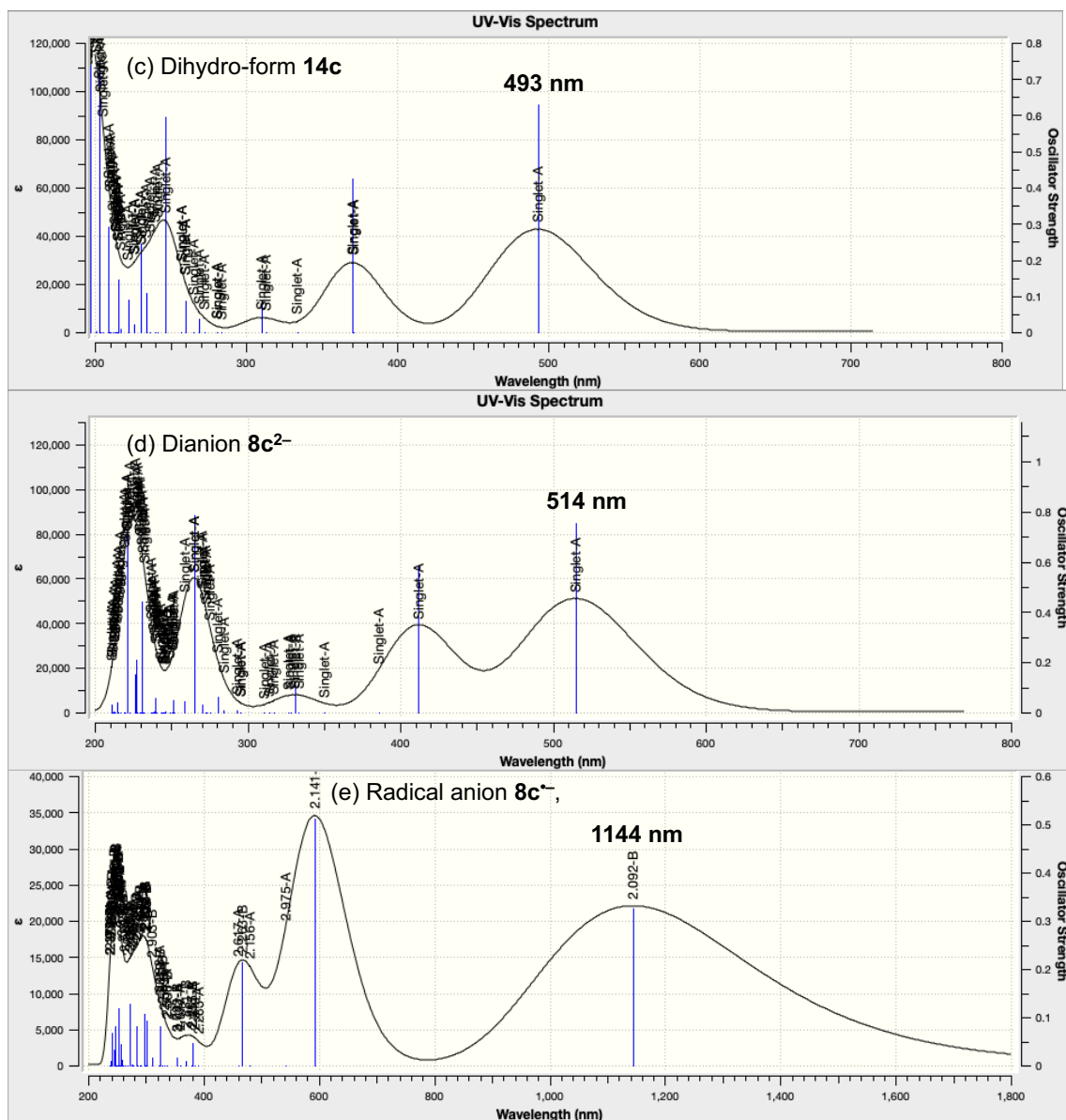


Figure S51. Simulated absorption spectra of (a) **8c** and (b) **12c**. Calculation levels: TD-cam-B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p) for **14c** and **8c²⁻** and TD-ucam-B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p) for **8c^{•-}**.

8. IR spectra

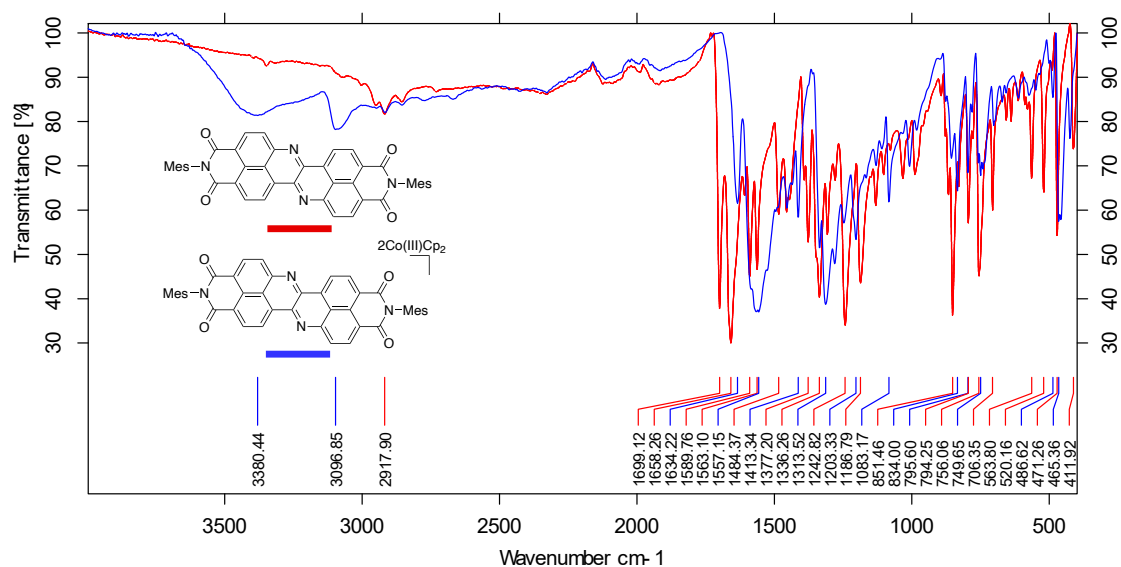


Figure S52. FT-IR spectra of **8a** (red line) and **13** (blue line).

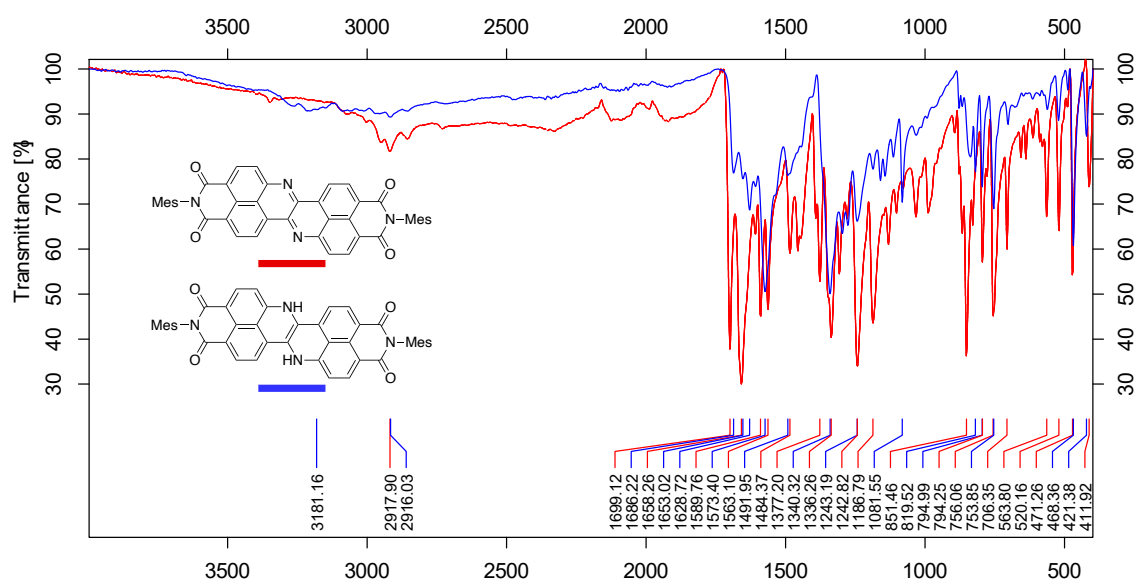


Figure S53. FT-IR spectra of **8a** (red line) and **14a** (blue line).

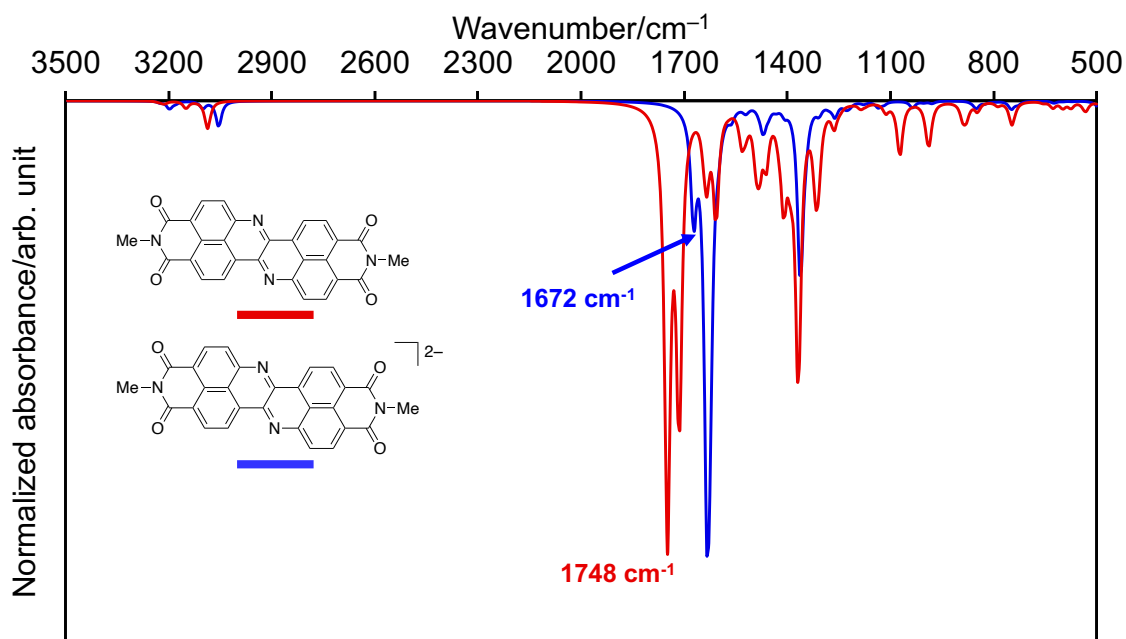


Figure S54. Simulated IR spectra of **8c** (red line) and its dianion (blue line). Calculation levels: B3LYP/6-31+G(d)//B3LYP/6-31+G(d). Simulated spectra are output with 10 cm^{-1} of half-width at half height.

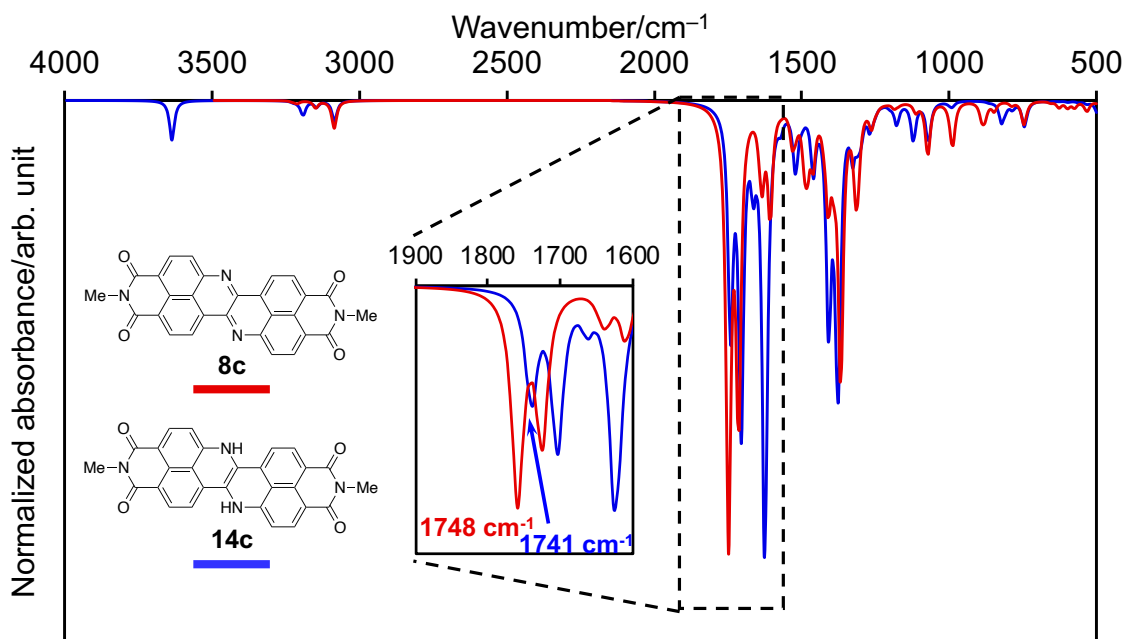


Figure S55. Simulated IR spectra of **8c** (red line) and **14c** (blue line). Calculation levels: B3LYP/6-31+G(d)//B3LYP/6-31+G(d). Simulated spectra are output with 10 cm^{-1} of half-width at half height.

9. Photophysical properties

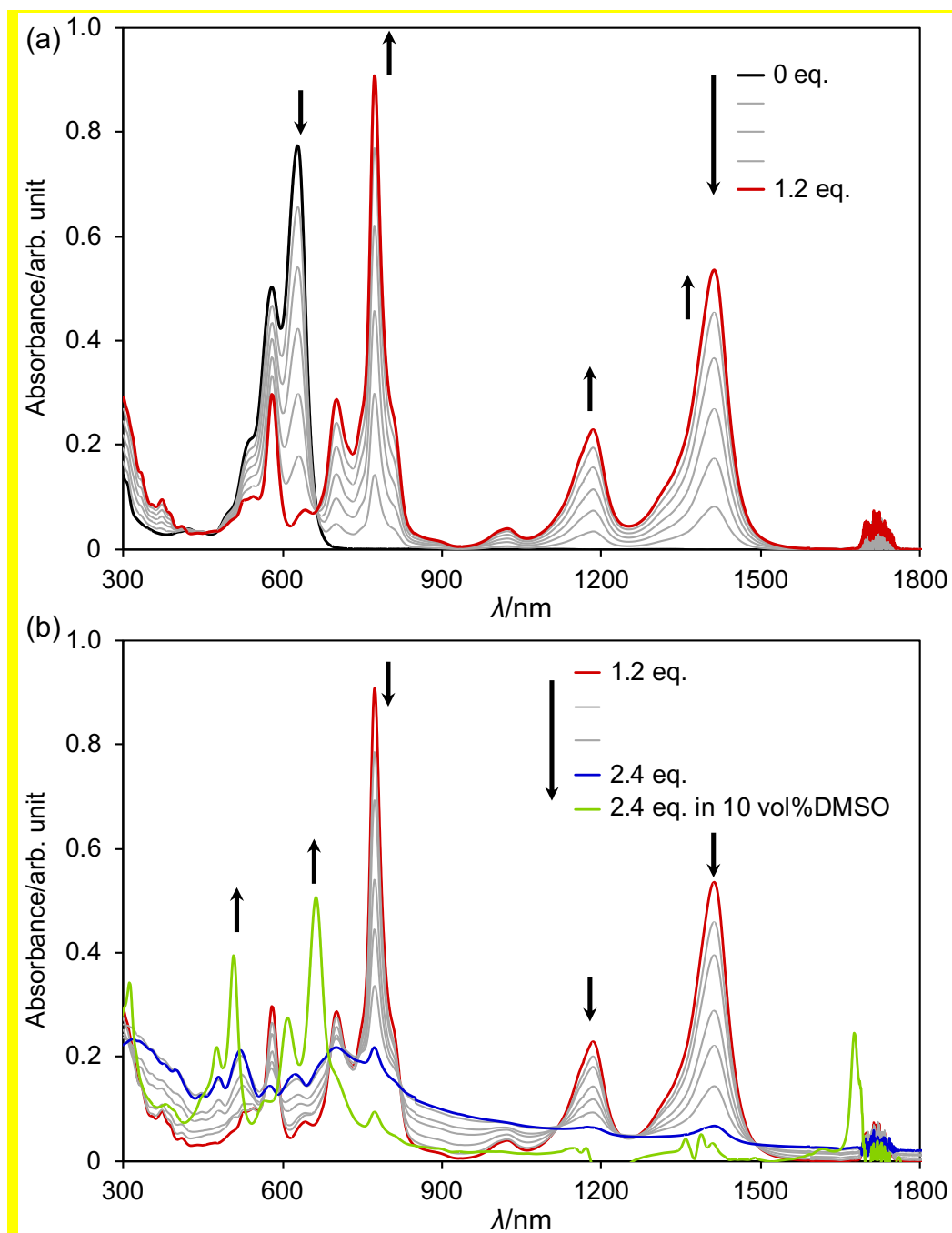


Figure S56. Change in the absorption spectrum of **8a** in THF (9.9×10^{-6} M) upon addition of cobaltocene. (a) from 0 eq. to 1.2 eq. and (b) from 1.2 eq. to 2.4 eq. The spectrum after the addition of 2.4 eq. of cobaltocene (blue line) is broad due to the precipitation of dianion **13**. Dianion **13** dissolved by the following addition of 10 vol% DMSO (green line); λ : wavelength.

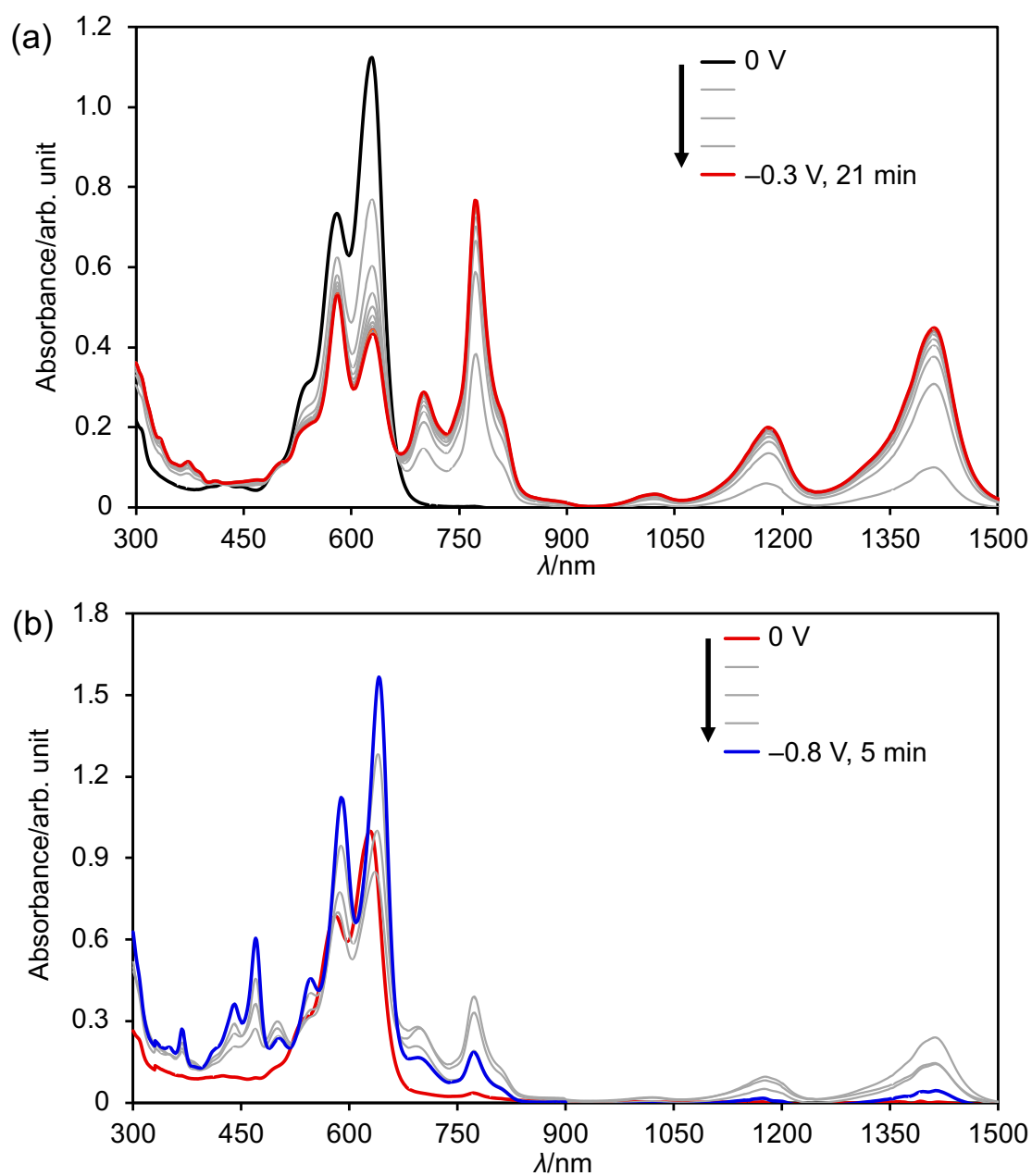


Figure S57. Absorption spectra of **8a** upon application of a voltage in THF in the presence of $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ as electrolyte (a) from 0 V to -0.3 V and (b) from 0 V to -0.8 V (vs. Ag/Ag^+).

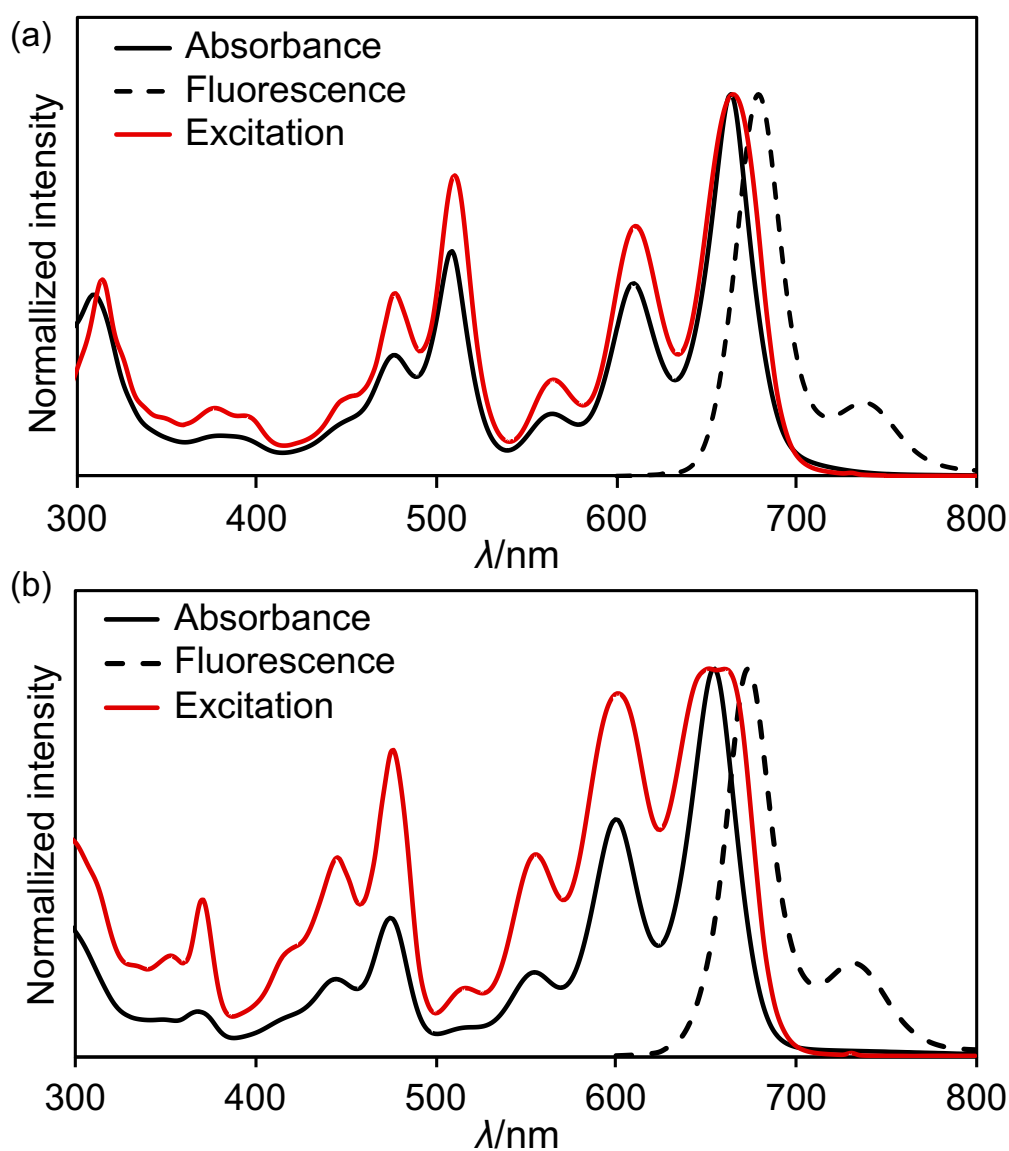


Figure S58. Absorption, fluorescence ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 630 \text{ nm}$), and excitation spectra ($\lambda_{\text{em}} = 730 \text{ nm}$) of (a) dianion **13** in DMSO and (b) dihydro-form **14a** in DMSO with one drop of TFA; λ = wavelength.

Table S3. Photophysical properties of **8a**, **13**, and **14a**.

	solvent	$\lambda_{\text{Abs}}/\text{nm}$	$\lambda_{\text{FL}}/\text{nm}$	Stokes shift/ cm^{-1}	Φ_{FL}	τ/ns	$k_{\text{r}}/10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{nr}}+k_{\text{ISC}}/10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$
8a	CH_2Cl_2	633	664	738	0.13	2.0	6.5	5.0
13	DMSO	664	679	333	0.53	6.3	12	0.39
14a	DMSO ^[a]	655	673	408	0.40	4.6	8.7	1.3

[a]: with one drop of TFA.

10. OFET devices

For fabricating thin-film OFETs, the substrates modified with self-assembled monolayers (SAMs) of 12-cyclohexyldodecylphosphonic acid (CDPA) were used. SAM-modified substrates were prepared as described in literature^{S6}. Heavily n-doped Si wafers with a 300 nm-thick thermally grown SiO₂ layer were used as substrates. The Si/SiO₂ substrates were cleaned with deionized water, acetone, and 2-propanol for 10 min in an ultrasonic bath. Substrates were dried with a flow of N₂ gas and then treated by UV–O₃ cleaner (Filgen UV253V8) for 45 min. A solution of Al(NO₃)₃·9H₂O in ethanol (0.1 M) was spin-coated (5000 rpm, 40 s) on cleaned substrates in an N₂ glovebox, and the substrates were annealed at 300 °C for 30 min in the air to form Al₂O₃ layer. The Al₂O₃-coated substrates were treated by UV–O₃ cleaner for 45 min and then soaked in a solution of CDPA in 2-propanol (1.5 mM) at room temperature for 12 h. Finally, substrates were washed with 2-propanol and deionized water, and then dried with a flow of N₂ gas to afford SAM-modified substrates. The average capacitance per unit area of the dielectric layer (C_i) of the insulating layer prepared by this method was measured to be 10 nF cm⁻² S². The active layer was prepared with the vacuum-deposition method using a solid of **8b** for 500 Å at 0.3–0.8 Å/s under the pressure of $\sim 5 \times 10^{-4}$ Pa. The top contact source and drain electrodes of gold films (thickness = 300 Å) were vacuum deposited under the pressure of $\sim 5 \times 10^{-4}$ Pa through a shadow mask on the active layer. The drain–source channel length (L) and width (W) were 50 μm and 1000 μm, respectively. The output and transfer characteristics of the OFETs were measured using a vacuum prober system (Thermal Block Company, SB-MCPS-NAT) and a Keithley 2400 semiconductor characterization system under vacuum at the pressure of $\sim 3 \times 10^{-1}$ Pa and atmospheric conditions. The field-effect mobilities (μ) of the OFETs were determined from the forward transfer curve in the saturation regime ($V_{DS} = 60$ V) and linear regime ($V_{DS} = 5$ V) using the following each equation,

$$I_{DS} = \mu WC_i (V_G - V_{th})^2 / 2L \text{ (saturation regime)}$$

$$I_{DS} = \mu WC_i V_{DS} \{2(V_G - V_{th}) - V_{DS}\} / 2L \text{ (linear regime)}$$

Where I_{DS} is the drain–source current and V_{DS} , V_G , and V_{th} are the drain–source voltage, gate voltage, and threshold voltage, respectively. The on/off ratios (I_{on}/I_{off}) were determined from the I_{DS} at $V_G = 0$ V (I_{off}) and $V_G = 60$ V (I_{on}). The averaged μ values ($\mu_{average}$) of the thin-film OFETs were calculated from six devices for **8b**. The polarized optical microscope images were obtained using Zeiss Axio Scope.A1 microscope. The atomic force microscope images were obtained

using Shimadzu SPM-9700 in the tapping mode. Out-of-plane XRD measurement of the vacuum deposited film was performed using a Rigaku SmartLab X-ray diffractometer with a Cu-K α source ($\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$) in the 2θ scan mode at a fixed incidence angle of 0.58° . Photoelectron yield spectroscopy measurement was performed using a Riken Keiki AC-3 photoelectron spectrometer.

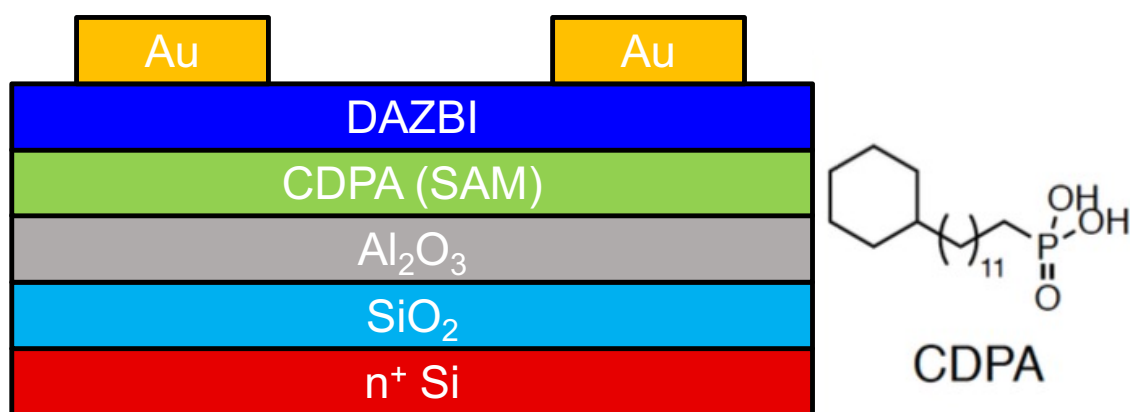


Figure S59. Schematic description of the thin-film OFET device composition.

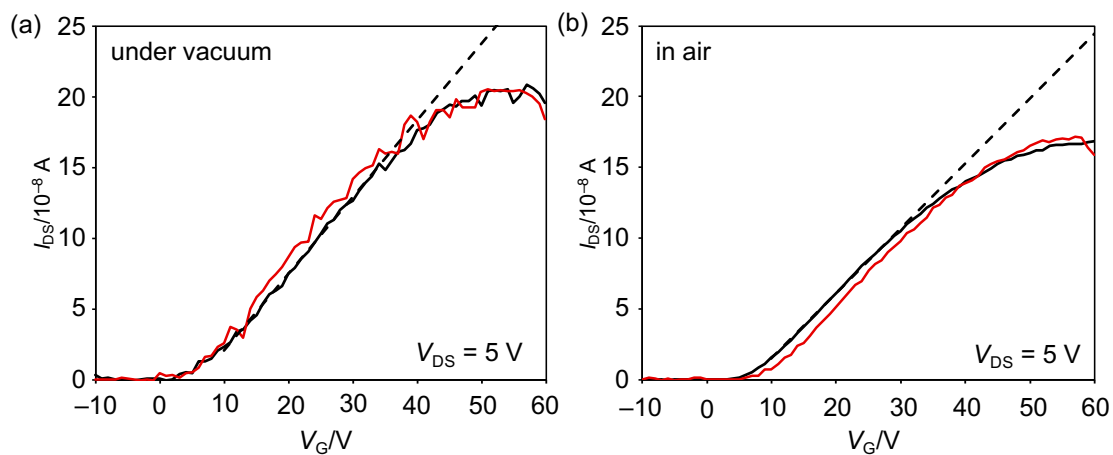
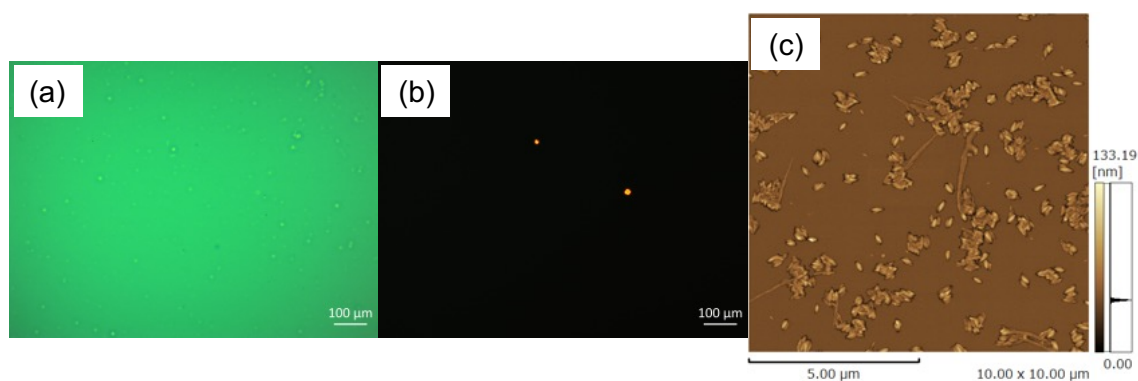
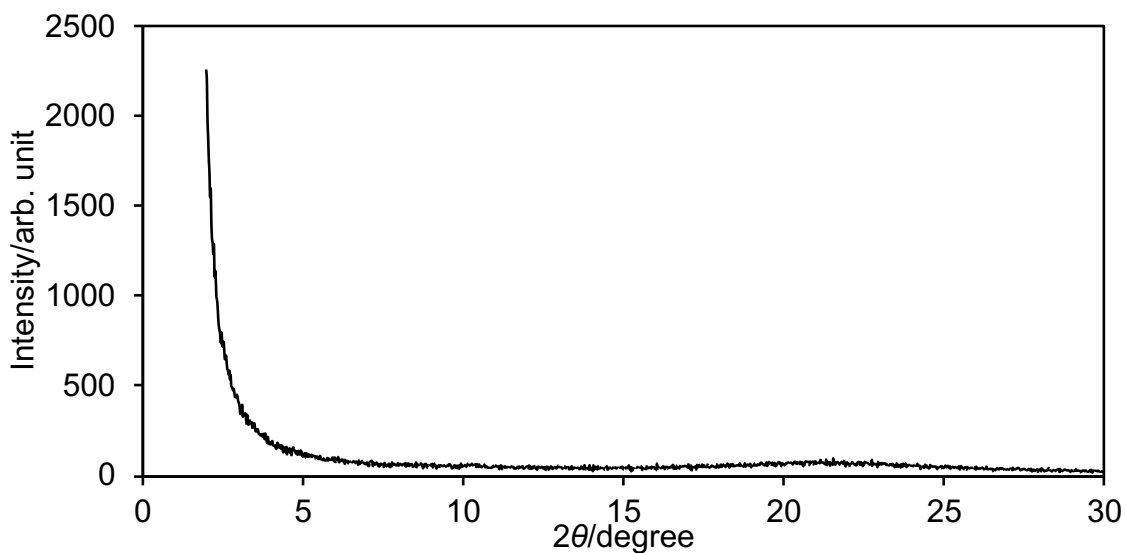


Figure S60. Transfer characteristics in the linear regime of thin-film OFET properties of **8b** under (a) vacuum and (b) ambient conditions. Black line: forward sweeping. Red line: backward sweeping.

Table S4. Properties of thin-film OFET devices of **8b**.

	Saturation regime		Linear regime	
	in vacuum	in air	in vacuum	in air
$\mu_{\max}$ [cm ² V ⁻¹ s ⁻¹]	6.7×10^{-3}	5.4×10^{-3}	5.4×10^{-3}	4.8×10^{-3}
μ_{average} [cm ² V ⁻¹ s ⁻¹]	$(6.1 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-3}$	$(4.6 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-3}$	$(4.9 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-3}$	$(4.1 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$
V_{th} [V]	2.5 ± 0.5	3.8 ± 1.8	6.2 ± 1.5	7.5 ± 1.9
$I_{\text{on}}/I_{\text{off}}$ [-]	$(3.4 \pm 1.8) \times 10^3$	$(5.2 \pm 9.7) \times 10^3$	$(3.0 \pm 3.6) \times 10^3$	$(3.3 \pm 5.3) \times 10^3$

All potentials are standardized by ferrocene. [a]: in CH₂Cl₂ solution. [b]: in THF solution.

**Figure S61.** (a,b) Polarized optical micrographs and (c) AFM image of a vacuum-deposited film of **8b**. (RMS roughness: 8.5 nm)**Figure S62.** Thin film out-of-plane X-ray diffraction patterns of a vacuum-deposited film of **8b**.

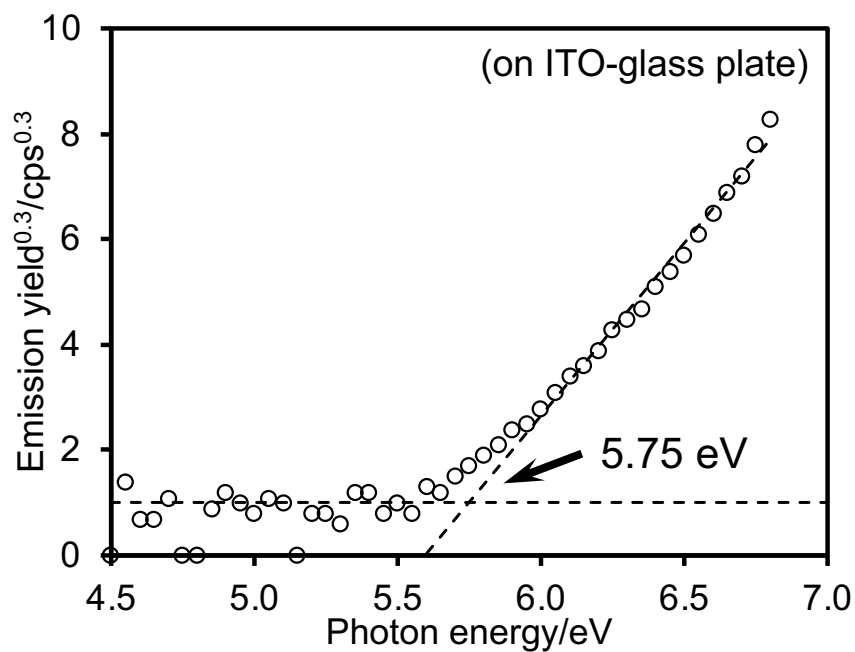


Figure S63. Photoelectron spectroscopy measurement of **8b** in a vacuum-deposited thin film.

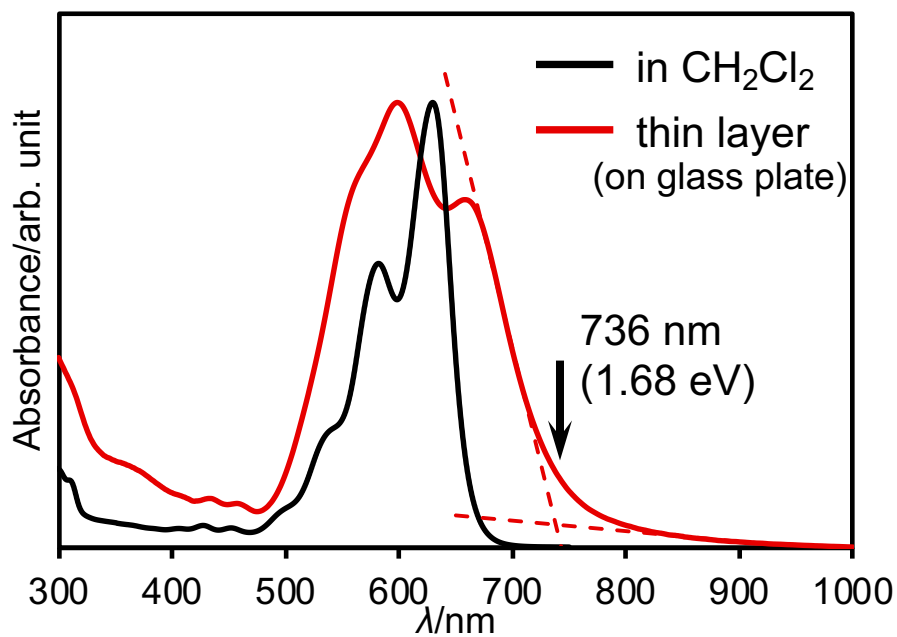


Figure S64. UV/vis absorption spectra of a vacuum-deposited film of **8b** and a CH_2Cl_2 solution of **8b**. λ = wavelength.

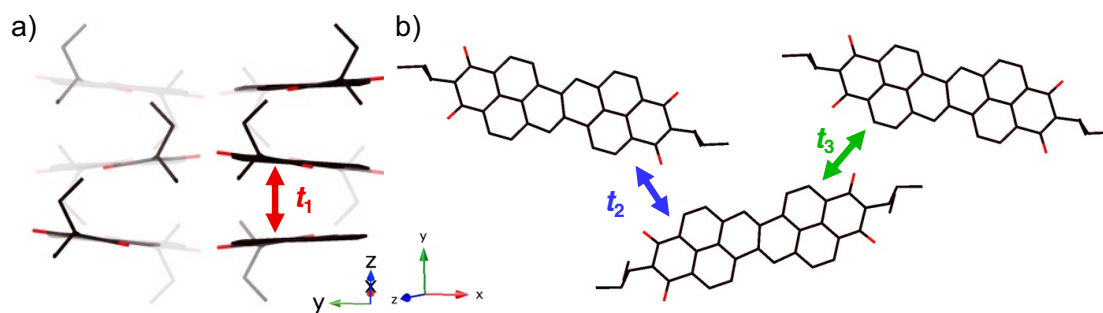


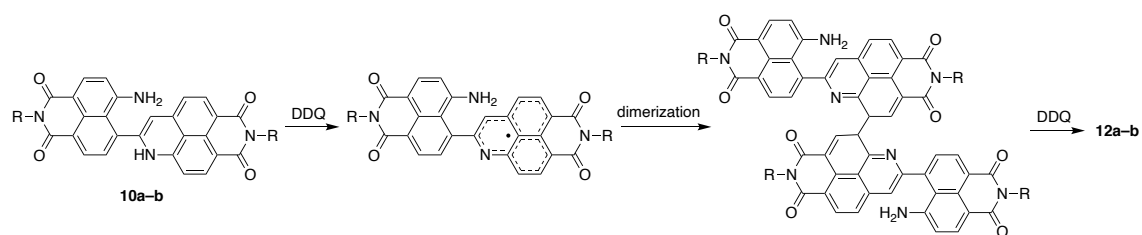
Figure S65. Packing pattern of **8b**. Arrows indicate the direction of transfer integrals. (a) Top view and (b) side view.

Table S5. Transfer integrals of the **8b** calculated at the PBE/PBE/6-31G(d) level of theory.

direction		8b-A and 8b-A ^[a]	8b-A and 8b-B ^[a]	8b-B and 8b-B ^[a]
		[meV]	[meV]	[meV]
LUMO	t_1	+89.1	+7.62	+37.2
	t_2	+1.63	−0.38	+0.88
	t_3	+2.54	+5.31	+0.89
HOMO	t_1	+65.0	−6.56	+15.3
	t_2	+1.68	−0.92	−0.16
	t_3	+0.08	−0.07	−0.16

[a]: **8b-A** is one of the disordered structures with an occupancy of 0.58, and **8b-B** is another one with an occupancy of 0.42.

11. Other properties



Scheme S1. Possible reaction mechanism of generation of **12a** and **12b**.

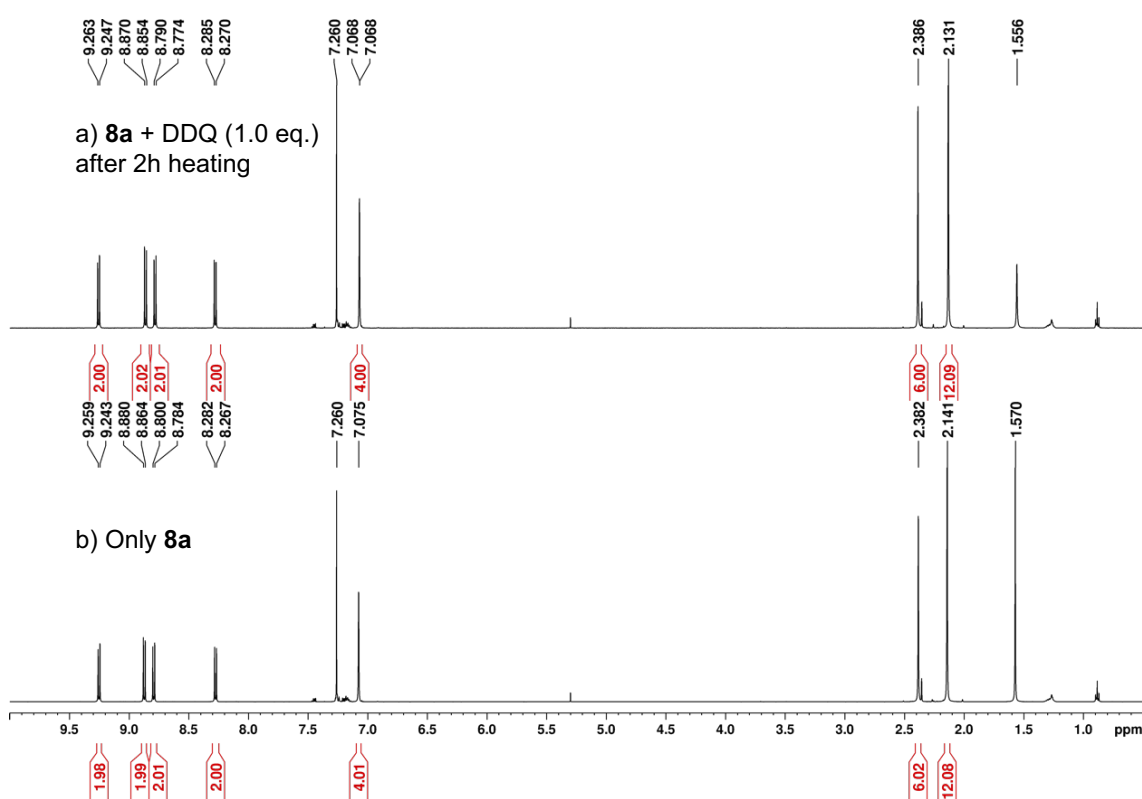


Figure S66. ¹H NMR spectra of **8a** in CDCl₃. (a) The spectrum after treatment with 1.0 equiv of DDQ at 60 °C. (b) The spectrum of the as-prepared sample.

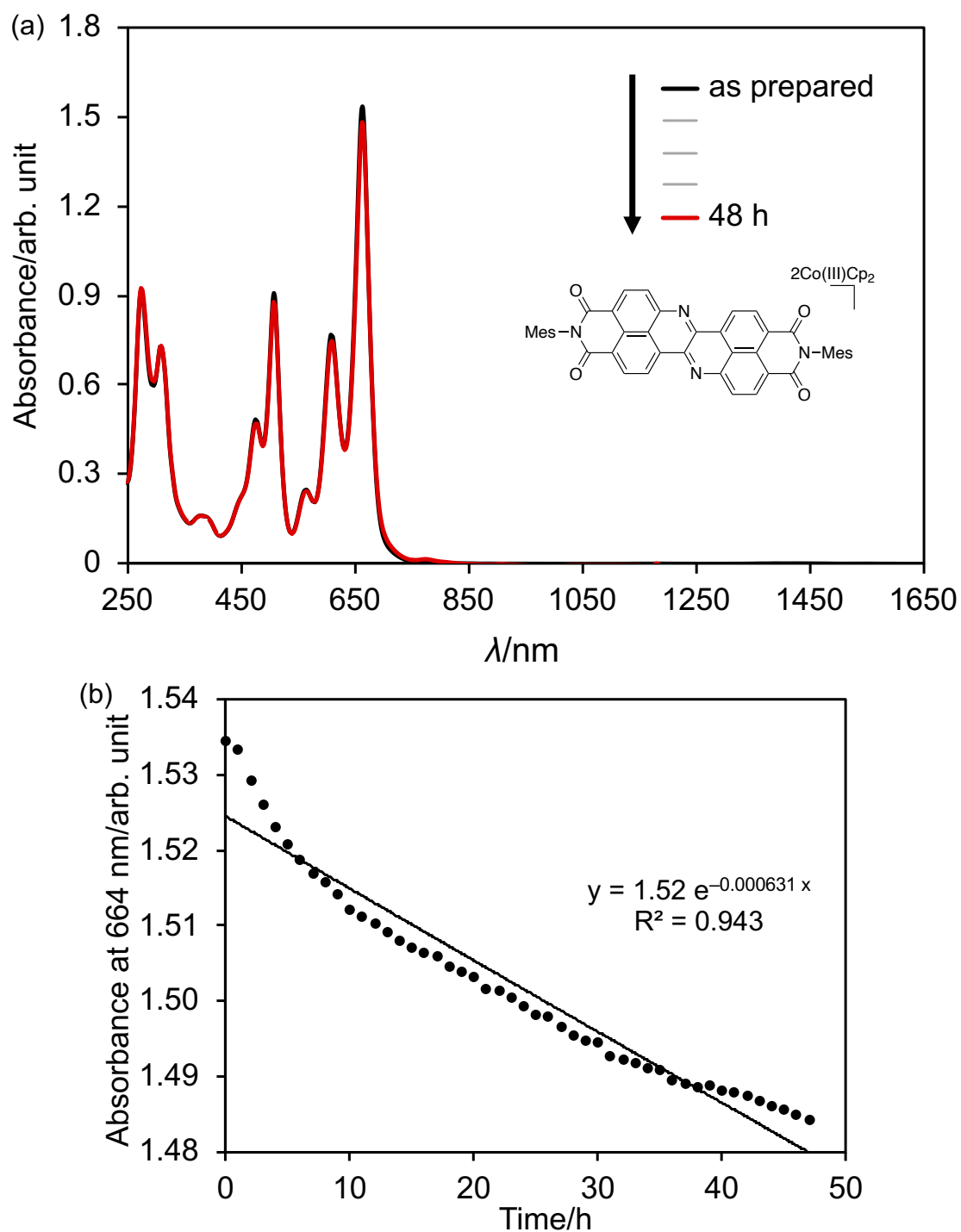


Figure S67. (a) Change in absorption spectra of **13** in DMSO under ambient conditions. (b) The plot of change in absorbance at 602 nm of **13** in DMSO under ambient conditions. Curve fitting was conducted by exponential approximation; λ = wavelength.

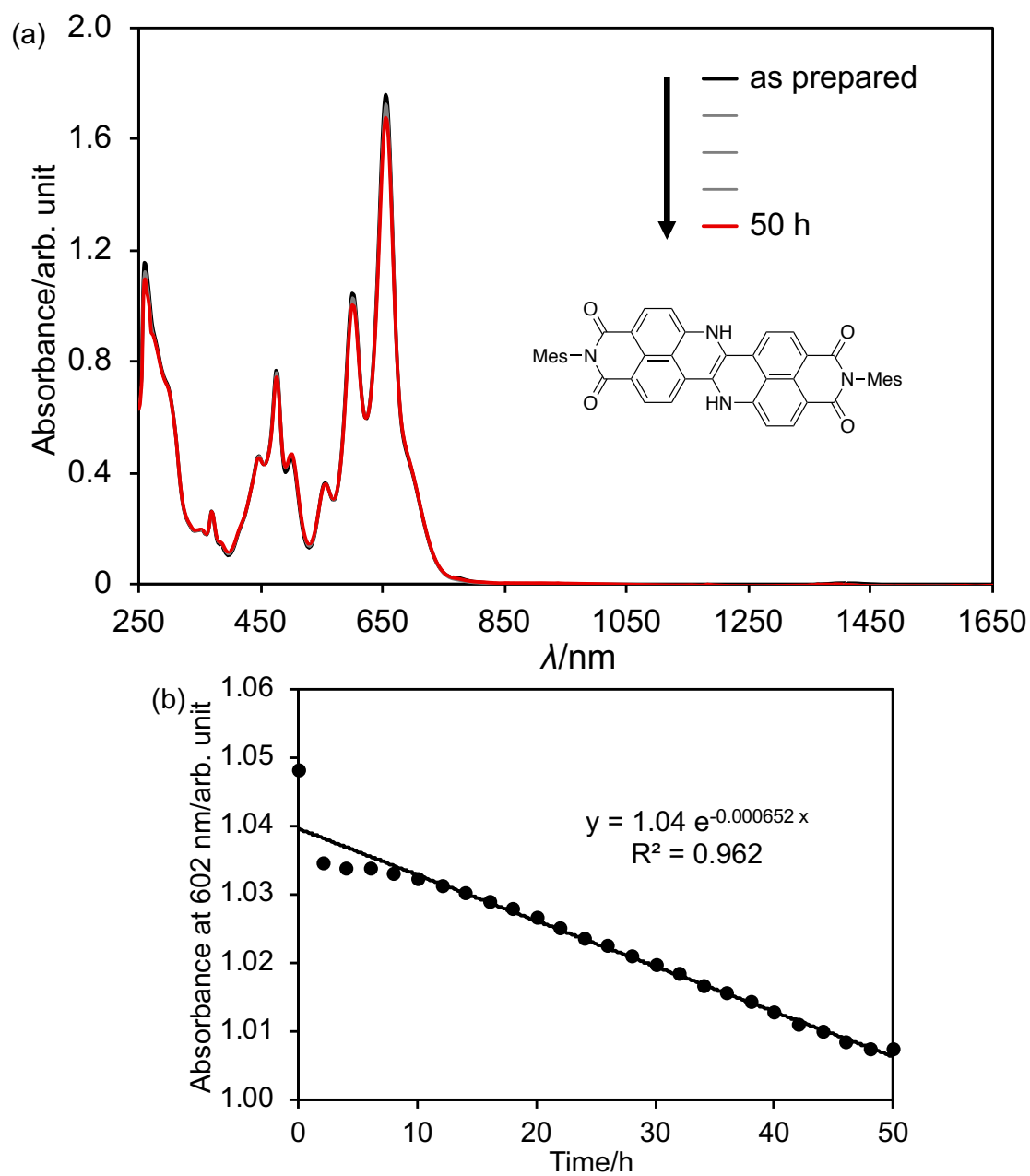


Figure S68. (a) Change in absorption spectra of **14a** in DMSO under ambient conditions. (b) The plot of change in absorbance at 602 nm of **14a** in DMSO under ambient conditions. Curve fitting was conducted by exponential approximation; λ = wavelength.

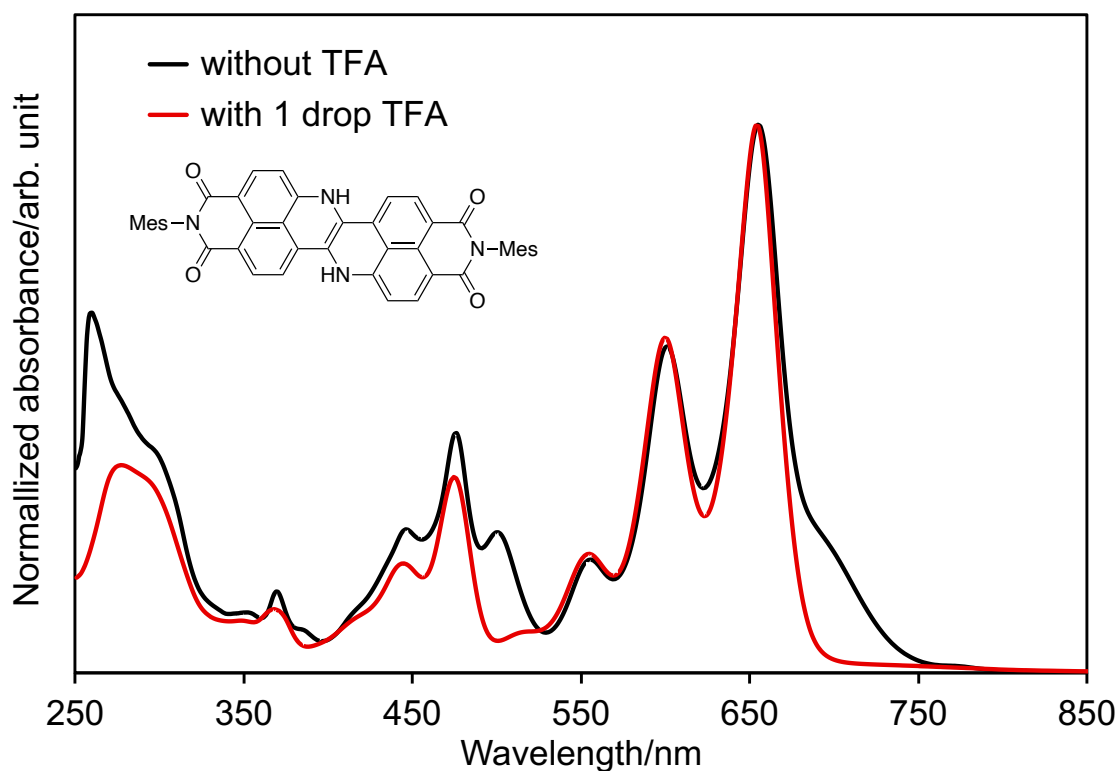


Figure S69. Absorption spectra of **13** in DMSO without TFA (black line) and with one drop of TFA (red line).

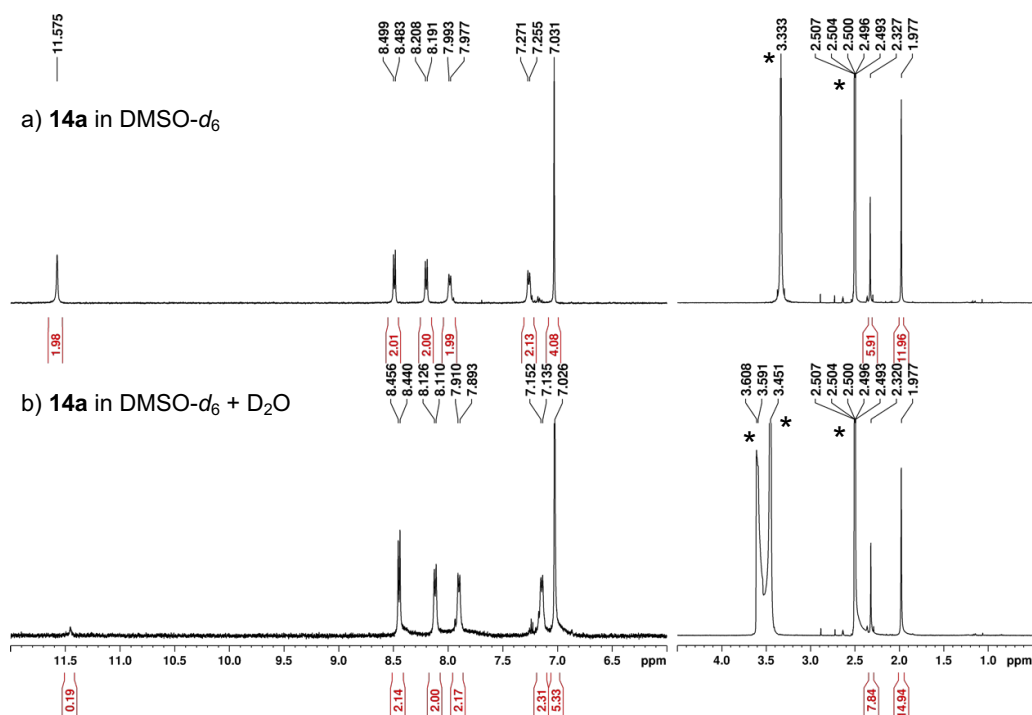


Figure S70. ^1H NMR spectra of **14a** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$. (a) The spectrum of the as-prepared sample. (b) The spectrum after treatment with one drop of D_2O . *: residual solvent.

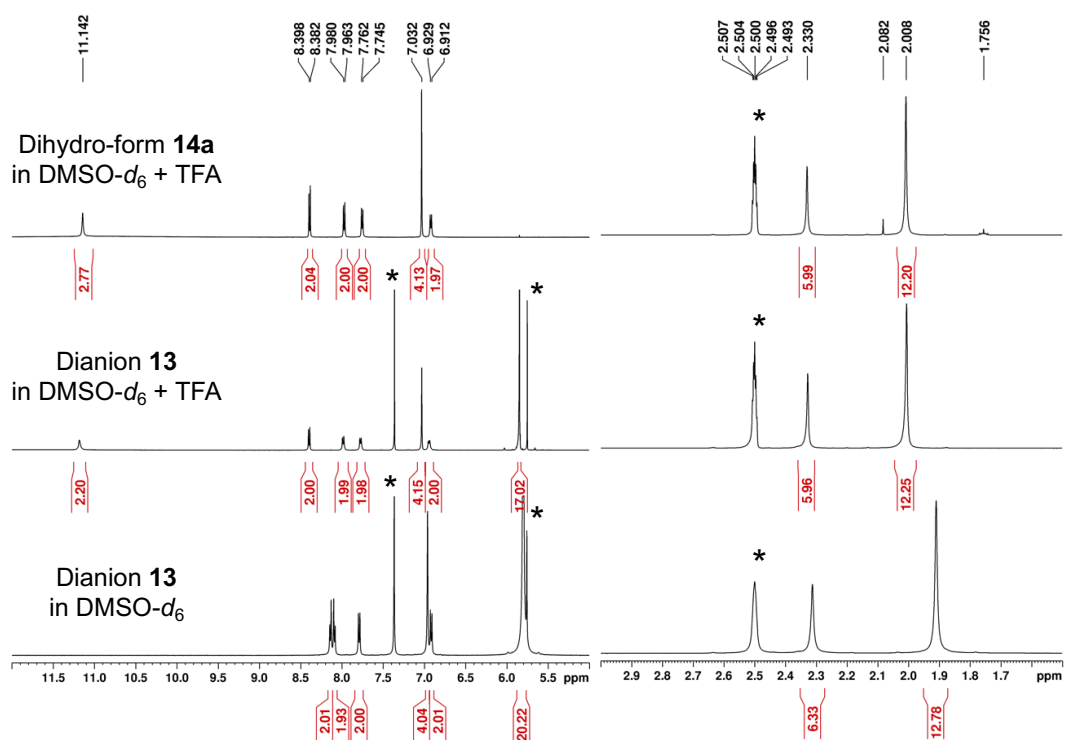


Figure S71. ^1H NMR spectra of **14a** and **13** in DMSO- d_6 . (a) The spectrum of **14a** after treatment with one drop of TFA. (b) The spectrum of **13** after treatment with one drop of TFA. (c) The spectrum of the as-prepared sample of **13**. *: residual solvent.

Table S6. Cartesian coordinate of **8c**.

C	4.7443540	-1.2473402	-0.0001261
C	4.1669403	-2.5108199	-0.0002068
H	4.8199207	-3.3772714	-0.0003673
C	2.7733510	-2.6599701	-0.0000398
H	2.3168958	-3.6443297	0.0000572
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H	1.6211490	3.0540233	-0.0005251
C	3.6582312	2.3221865	-0.0004786
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C	5.9609268	1.3780233	-0.0000384
C	0.2323215	0.7021612	-0.0000587
C	-4.7443524	1.2473600	0.0000283
C	-4.1669324	2.5108339	0.0000382
H	-4.8199099	3.3772875	0.0001852
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C	-1.6802120	-0.9130292	0.0000244
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C	8.1929368	0.3237131	0.0015732
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H	-8.6039581	0.1609372	0.8879243
H	-8.6038786	0.1720828	-0.8834681
H	-8.4378675	-1.3831943	-0.0072381

No negative frequency

Sum of electronic and thermal free energies = -1595.457896 Hartree.

Table S7. Cartesian coordinate of **12c**.

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C	0.560501	0.075315	1.221026
C	-0.044203	-0.560139	2.412981
C	1.825846	0.702523	1.321825
C	-0.604512	-1.856637	2.311502
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No negative frequency

Sum of electronic and thermal free energies = -3189.719267 Hartree.

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