Electronic Supplementary Information

## Encapsulation of divalent tetrahedral oxyanions of sulfur within rigidified dimeric capsular assembly of tripodal receptor: First crystallographic evidence of thiosulfate encapsulation

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**Fig. S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of receptor **L** in DMSO- $d_6$ at 298K.



**Fig. S2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of receptor **L** in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298K.



Fig. S3 ESI Mass spectrum of L.



Fig. S4 NOESY spectrum of L.



Fig. S5 IR spectrum of receptor L.



**Fig. S6** Stack plot of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of receptor **L** in the presence of increasing amounts of  $[n-Bu4N^+]_2SO_4^{2-}$  recorded in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298 K.



**Fig. S7** Job's plot for **L** with  $[n-Bu4N^+]_2SO_4^{2-}$  in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298K.



Fig. S8 IR Spectrum of the complex 1.



**Fig. S9** NOESY spectrum of **L** in presence of one equivalent  $SO_4^{2-}$  anion.



**Fig. S10** Stack plot of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of receptor **L** in the presence of increasing amounts of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> recorded in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298 K.



Fig. S11 IR Spectrum of the complex 2.



**Fig. S12** NOESY spectrum of **L** in presence of one equivalent  $S_2O_3^{2-}$  anion recorded in DMSO $d_6$  at 298 K.



**Fig. S13** Powder X-ray diffraction: simulated pattern from the single–crystal X-ray of complex **1** (black), experimental pattern from the crystalline solid obtained in presence of sulfate anion (red), experimental pattern from the crystalline solid obtained in presence of hydrogensulfate anion (blue).



**Fig. S14** Powder X-ray diffraction: simulated pattern from the single–crystal X-ray of complex 2 (black), experimental pattern from the crystalline solid of complex 2 (red),



**Fig. S15** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex 1 recorded in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298 K.



**Fig. S16** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of complex **1** recorded in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298 K.



**Fig. S17** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **2** recorded in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298 K.



**Fig. S18** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of complex **2** recorded in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298 K.



**Fig. S19** Depicting sulphate encapsulated receptor segment is present in the hydrophobic pocket of TBA counter cations in complex **1**.