

## Supporting Information

# Self-assembled organometallic arene-ruthenium-based metalla-rectangles bearing azodipyridyl ligands: Synthesis, Characterization and antitumor activities

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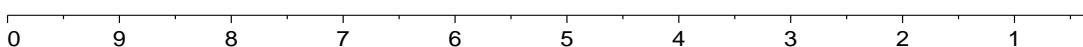
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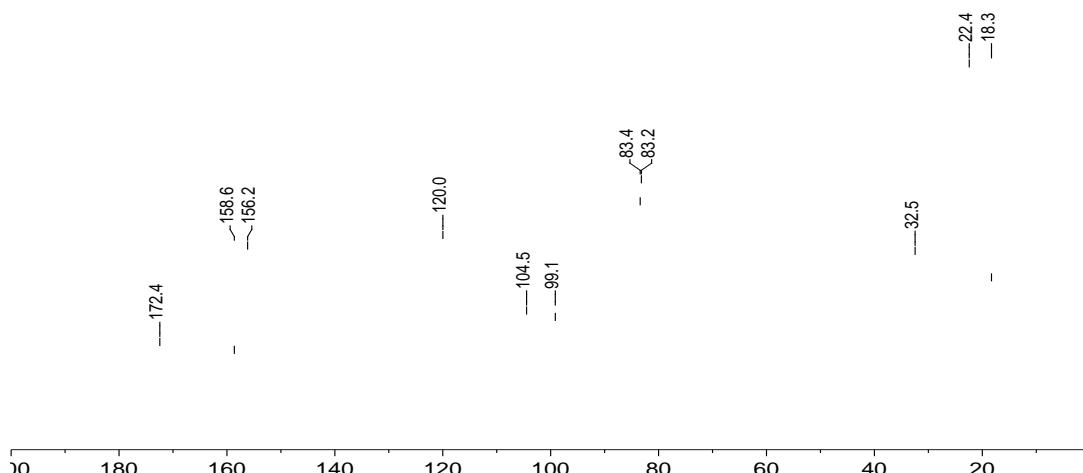
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(b)



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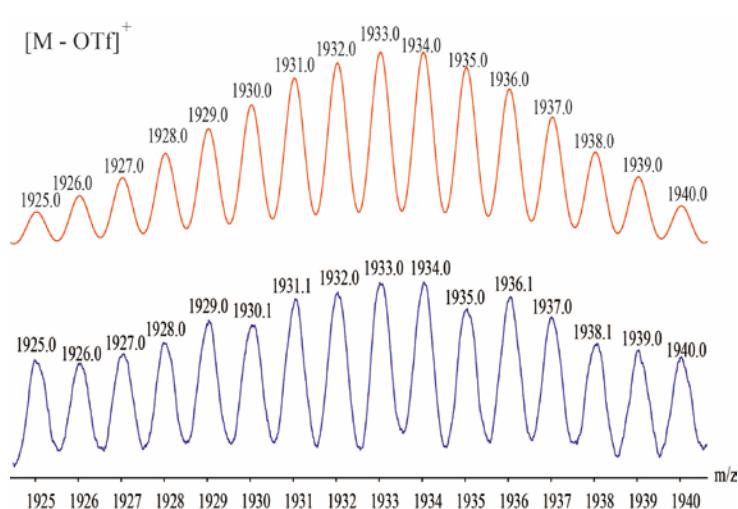
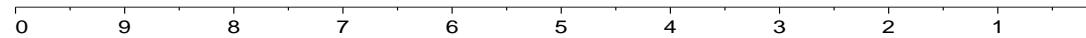
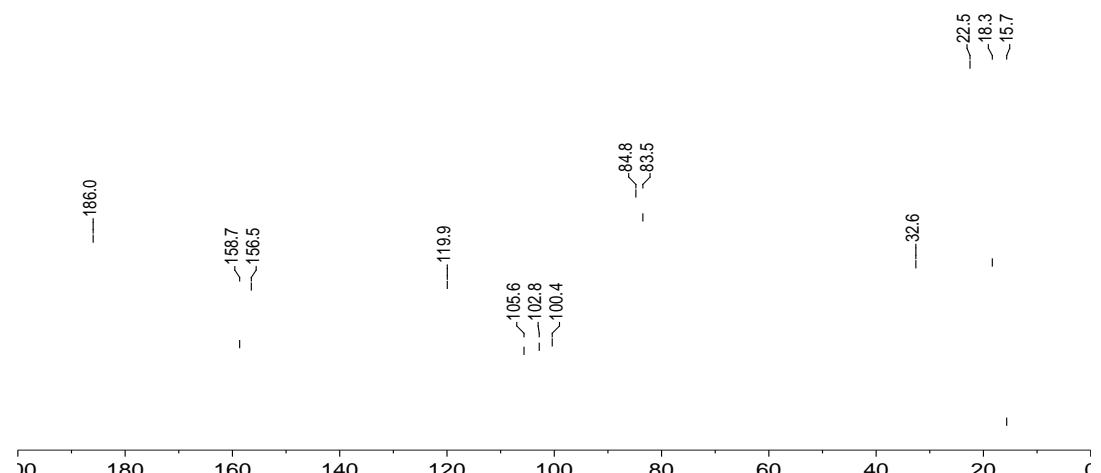


Figure 1.  $^1\text{H}$  (a),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle **1a**.

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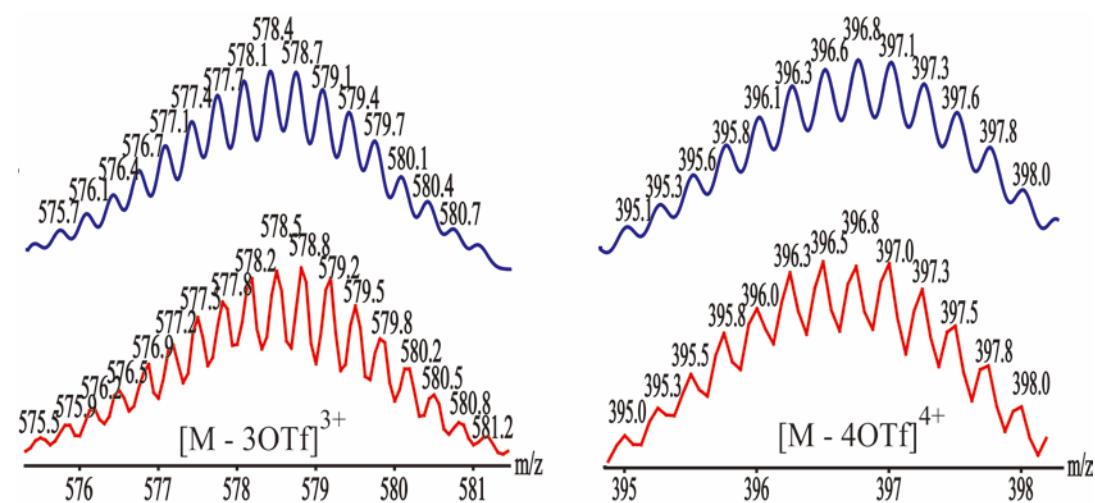
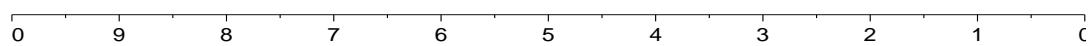
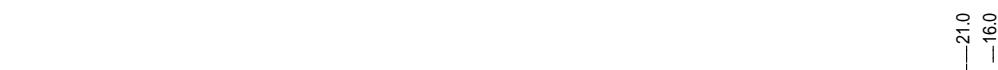


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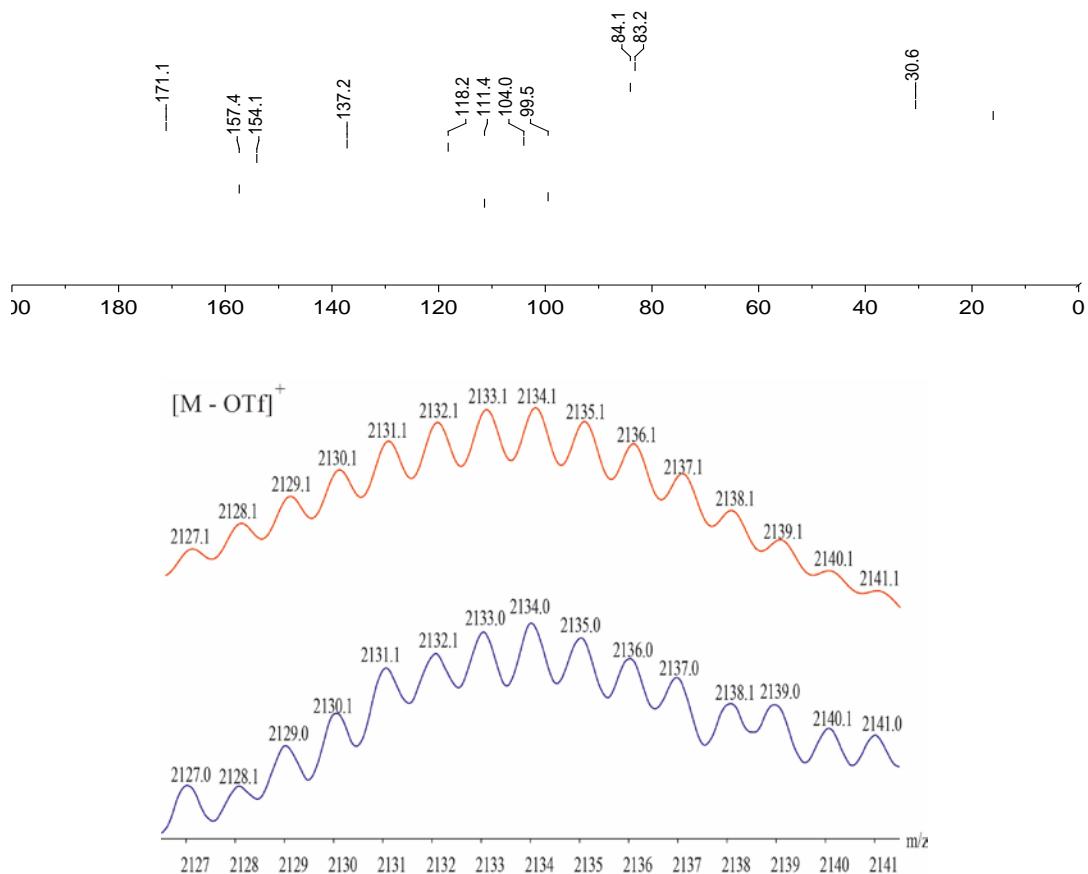
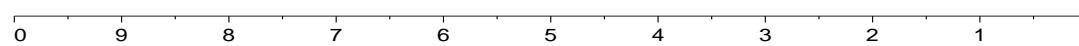
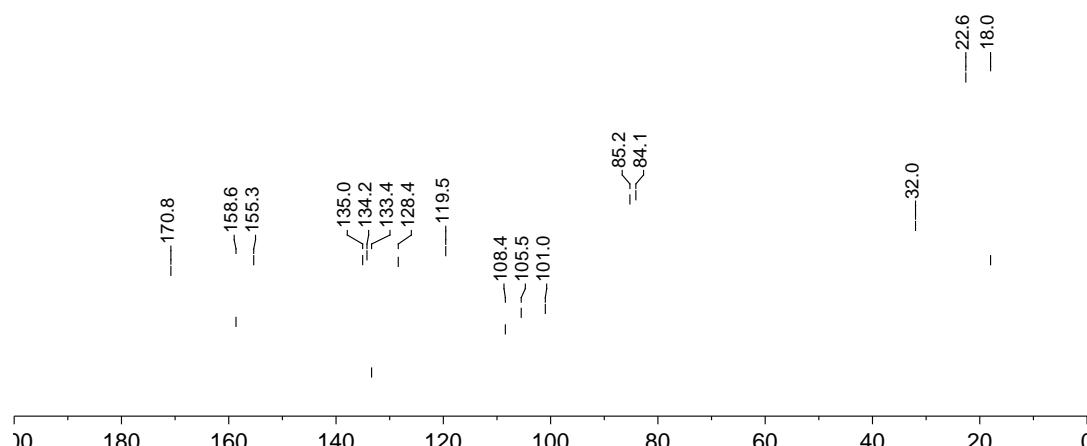


Figure 3.  $^1\text{H}$  (a),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle **1c**.

(a)



(b)



(c)

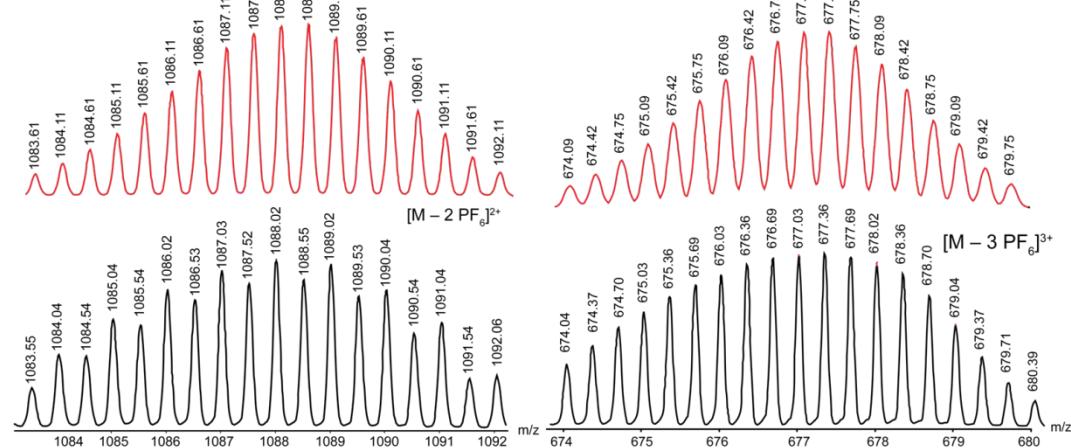
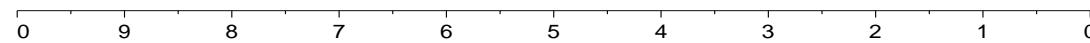
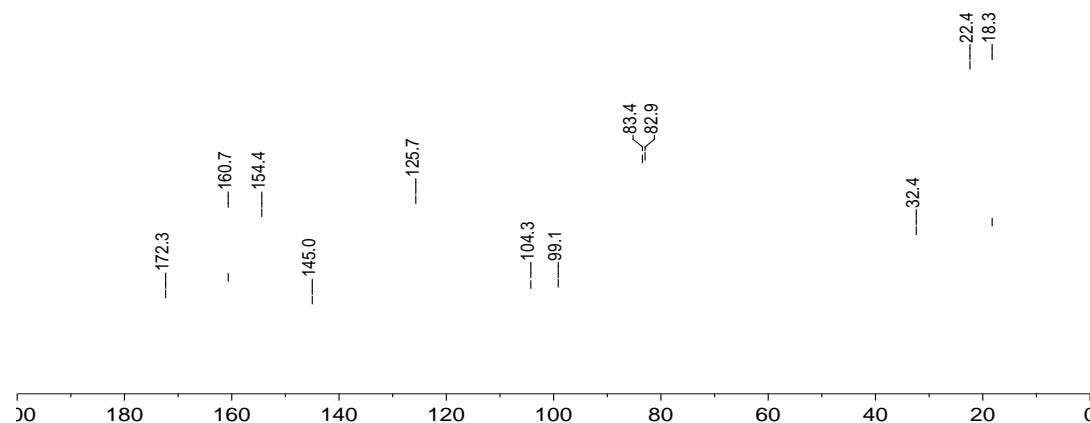


Figure 4.  $^1\text{H}$  (a),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle **1d**.

(a)



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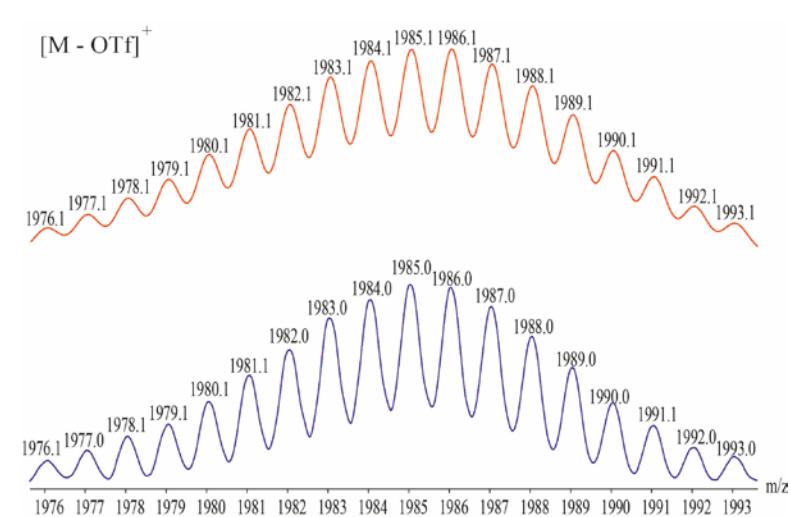
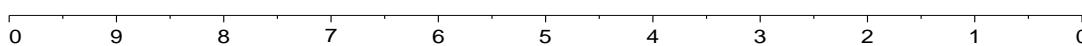
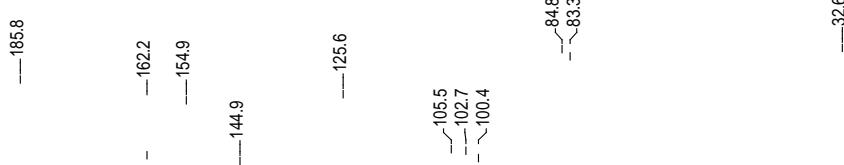


Figure 5. <sup>1</sup>H (a), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle 2a.

(a)



(b)



(c)

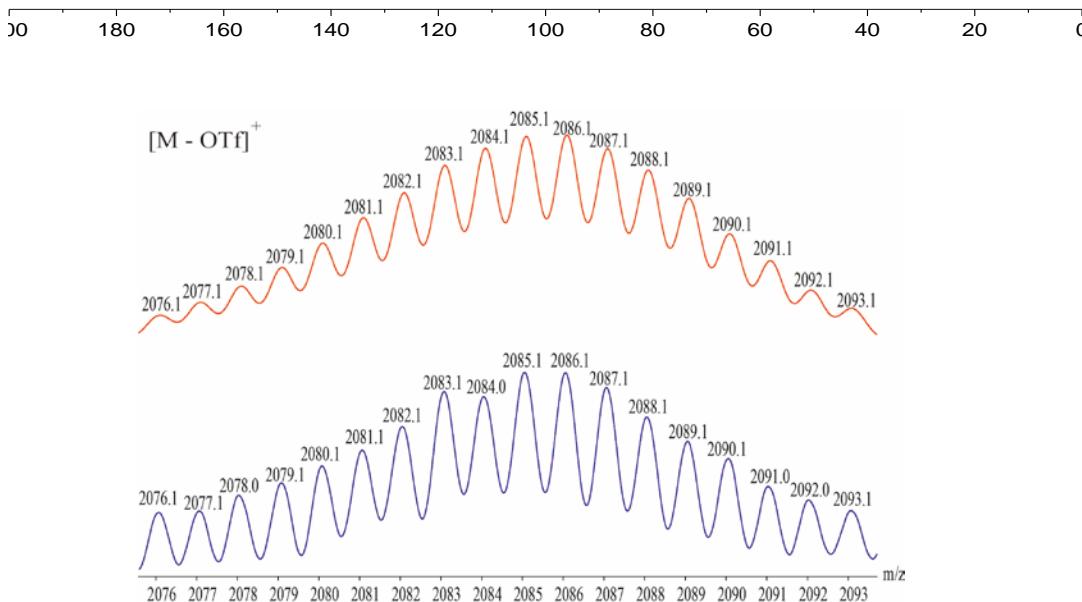
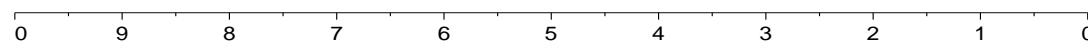
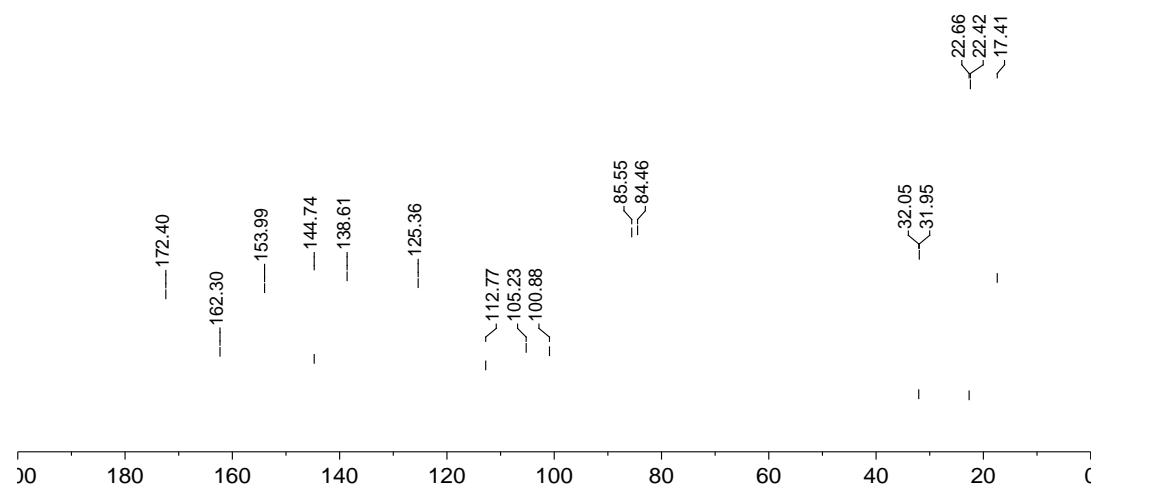


Figure 6.  $^1\text{H}$  (a),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle **2b**.

(a)



(b)



(c)

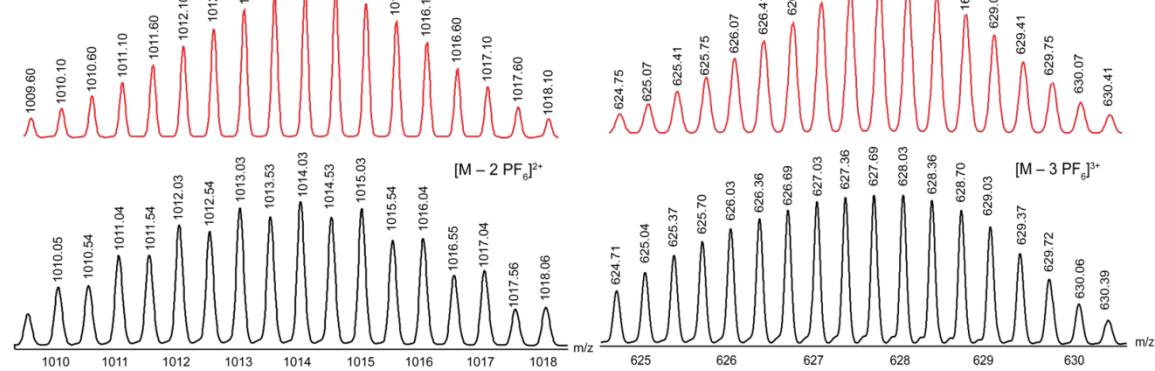
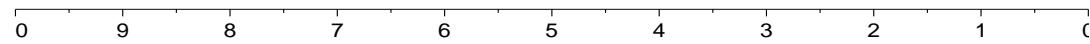
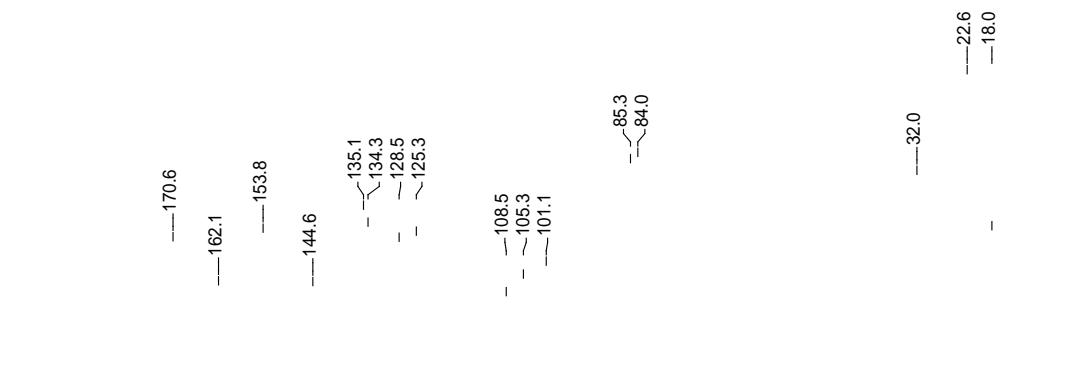


Figure 7.  $^1\text{H}$  (a),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle **2c**.

(a)



(b)



(c)

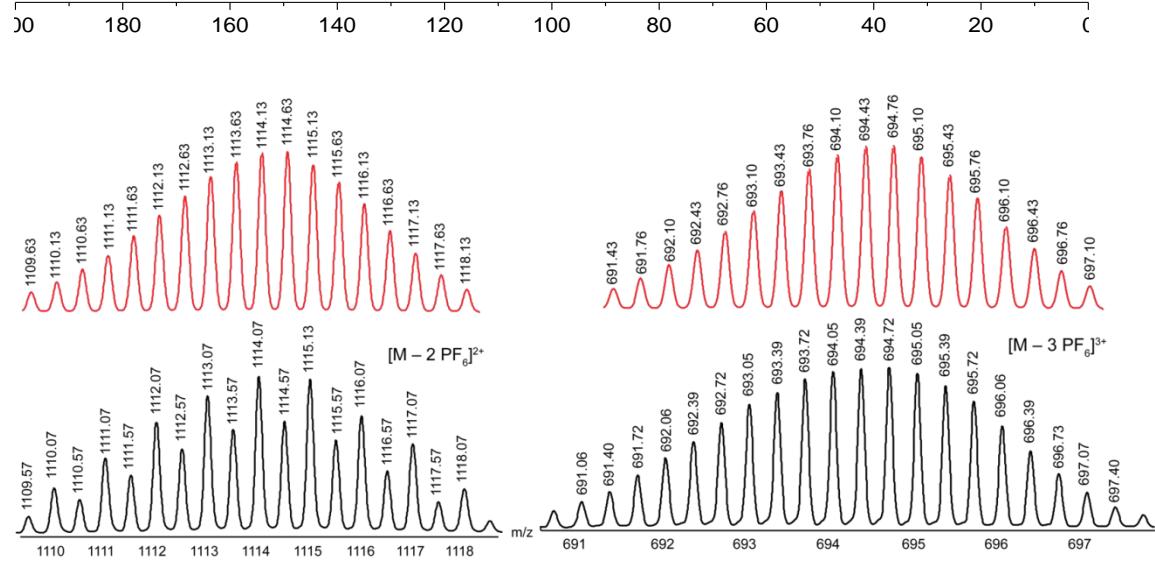
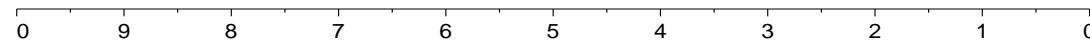
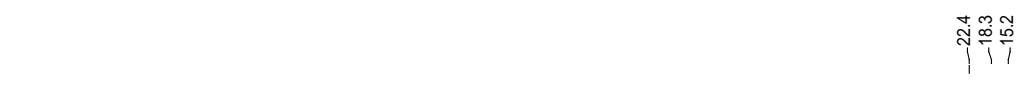


Figure 8.  $^1\text{H}$  (a),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle **2d**.

(a)



(b)



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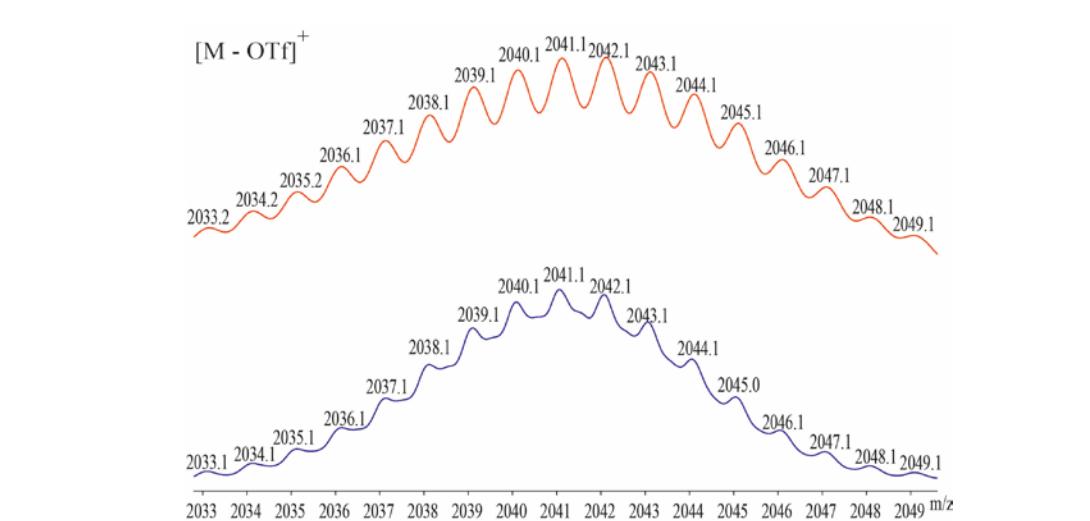
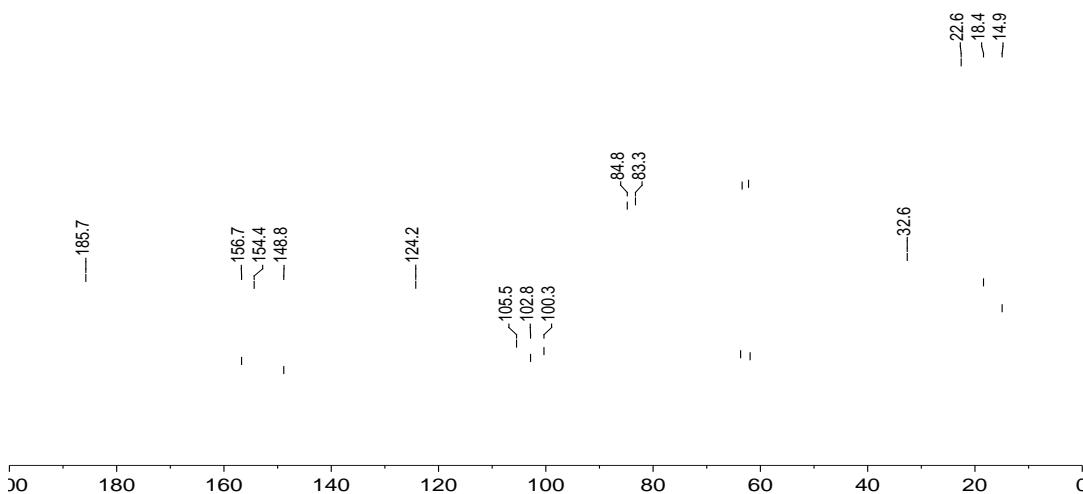


Figure 9. <sup>1</sup>H (a), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle 3a.

(a)



(b)



(c)

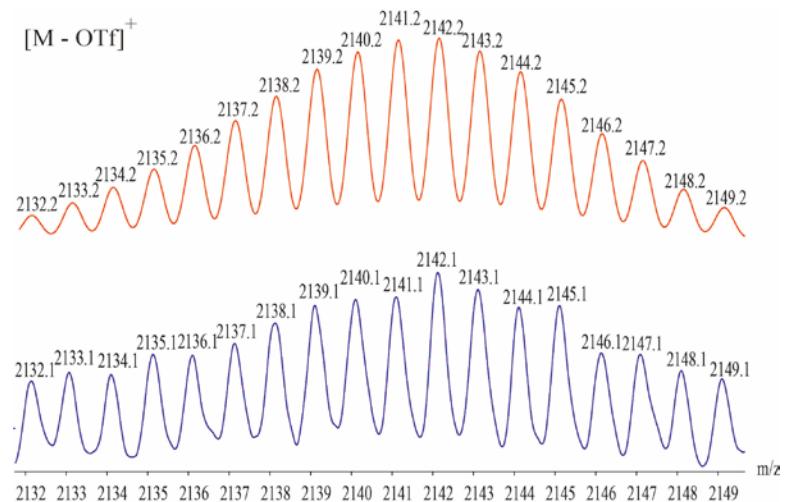
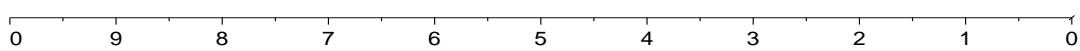
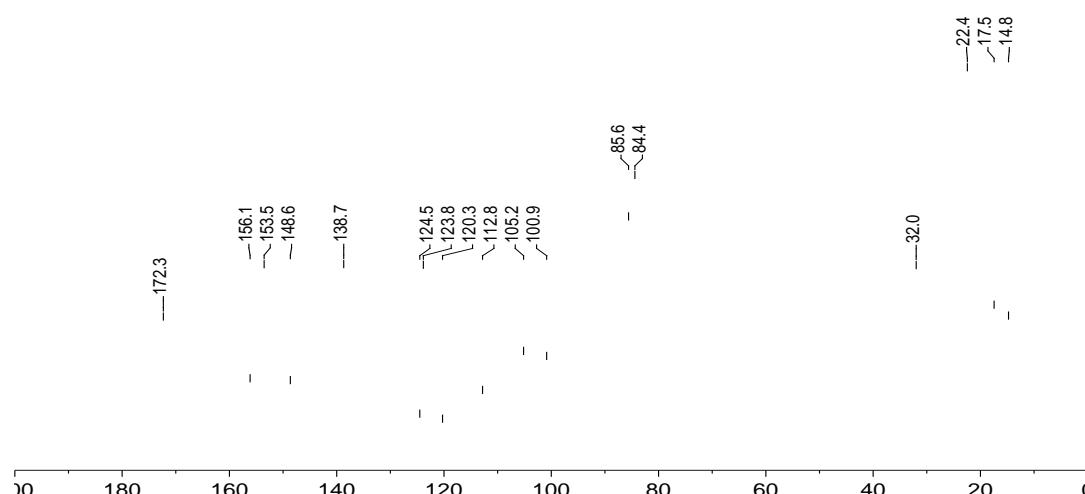


Figure 10.  $^1\text{H}$  (a),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle **3b**.

(a)



(b)



(c)

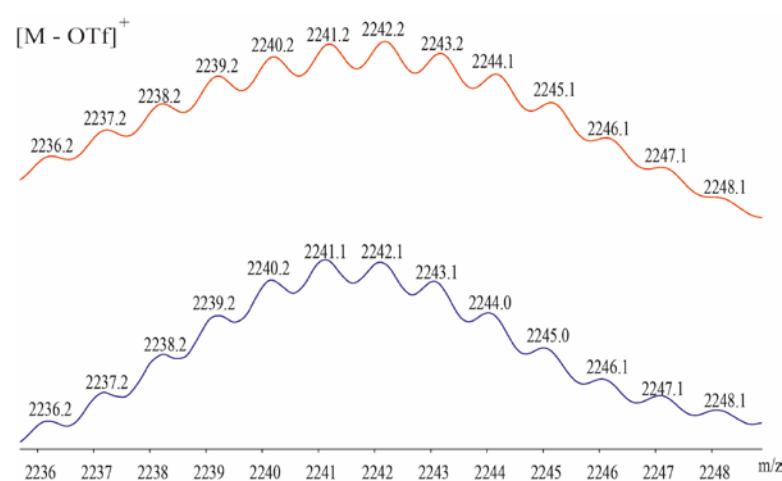
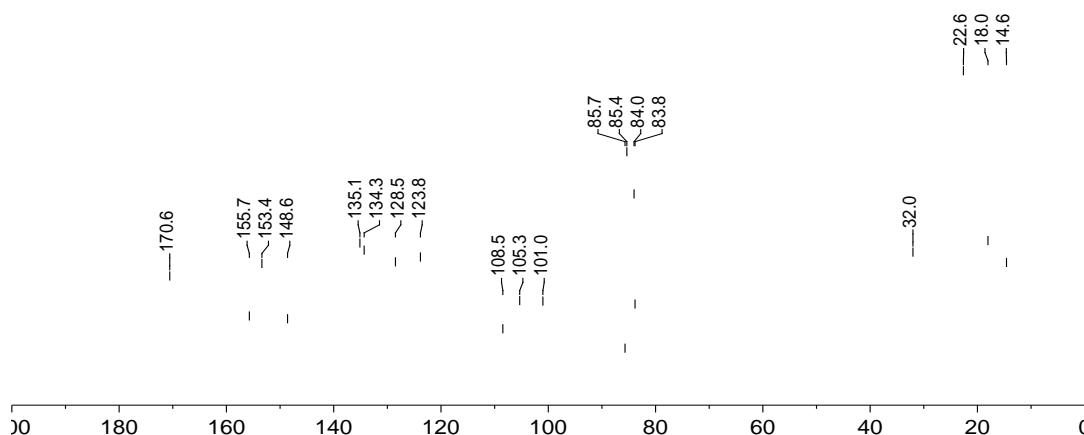


Figure 11.  $^1\text{H}$  (a),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle **3c**.

(a)



(b)



(c)

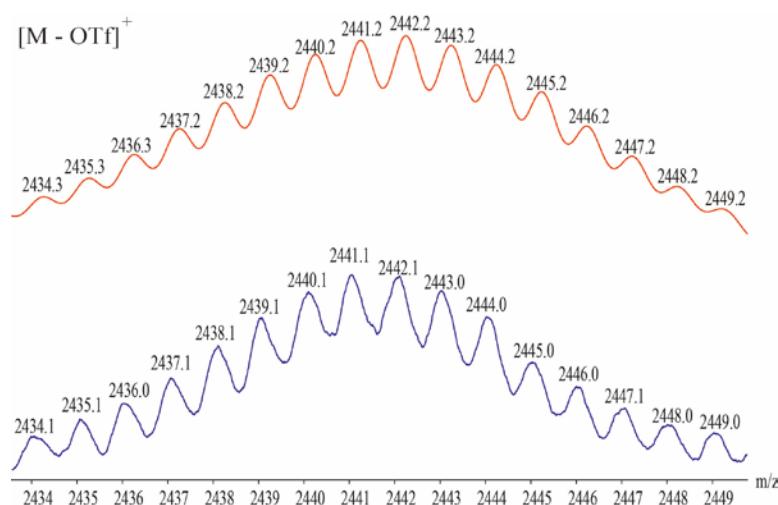
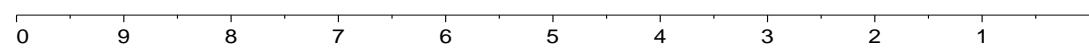
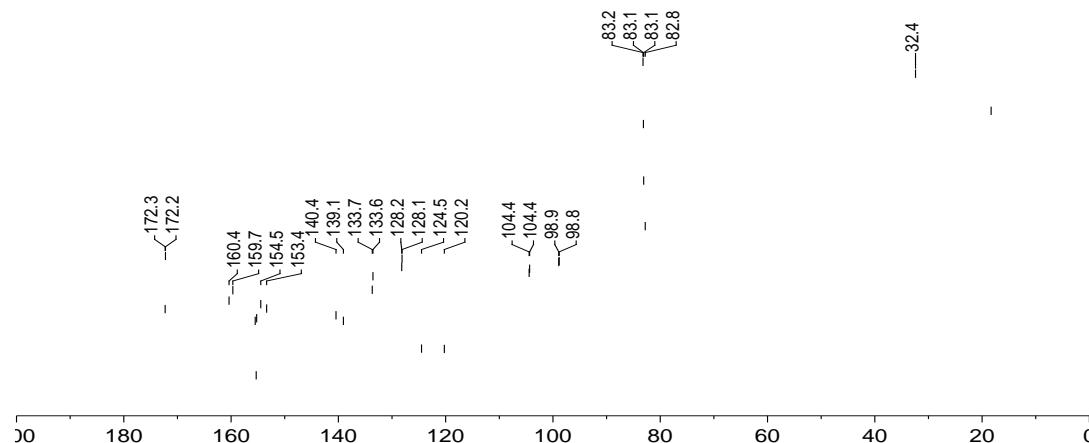


Figure 12.  $^1\text{H}$  (a),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle **3d**.

(a)



(b)



(c)

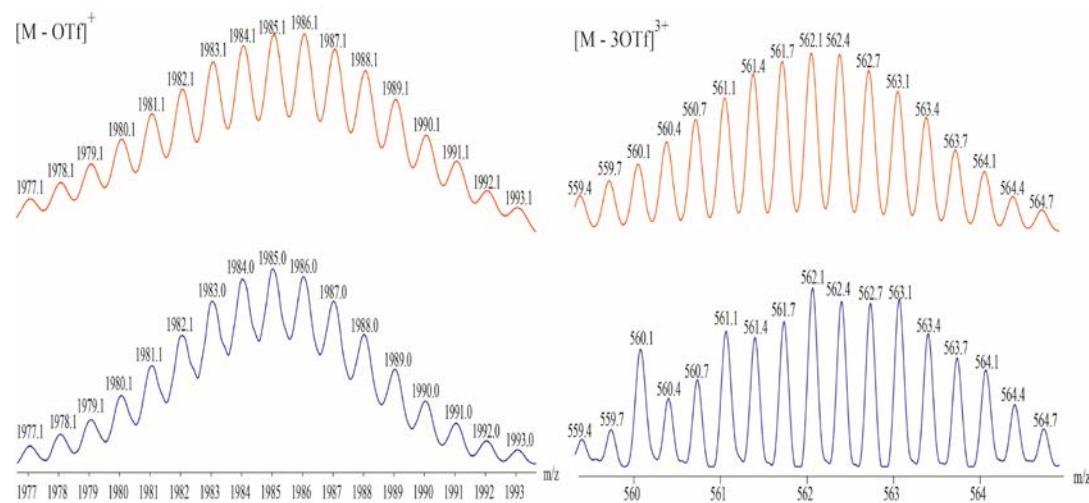
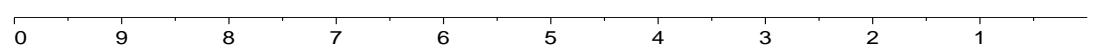
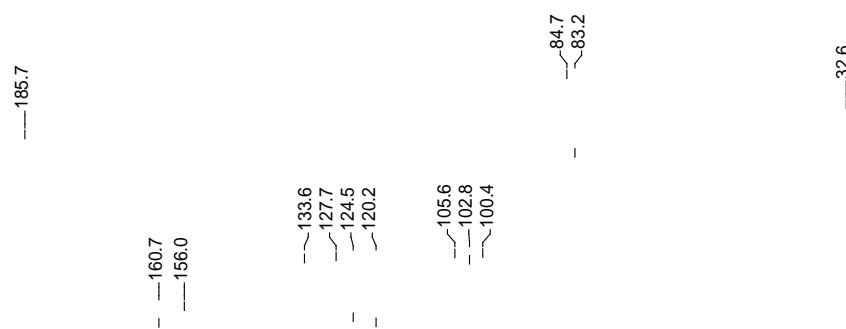


Figure 13.  $^1\text{H}$  (a),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle **4a**.

(a)



(b)



(c)

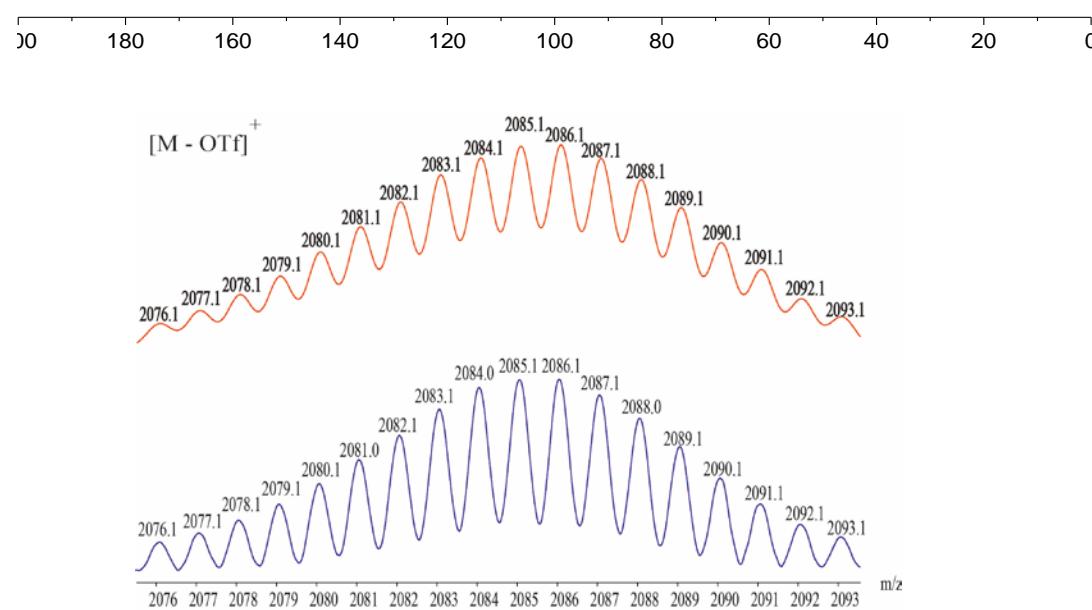
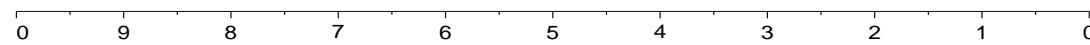
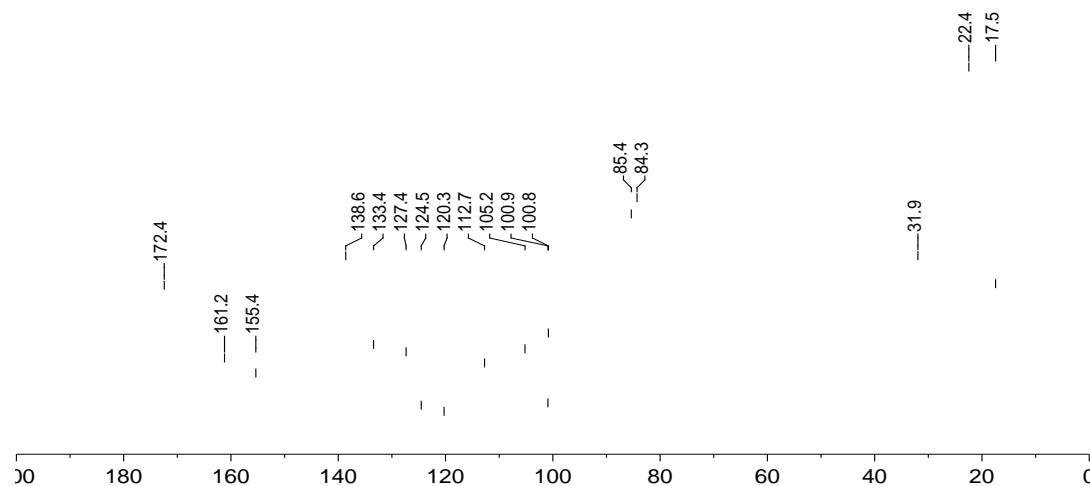


Figure 14.  $^1\text{H}$  (a),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle **4b**.

(a)



(b)



(c)

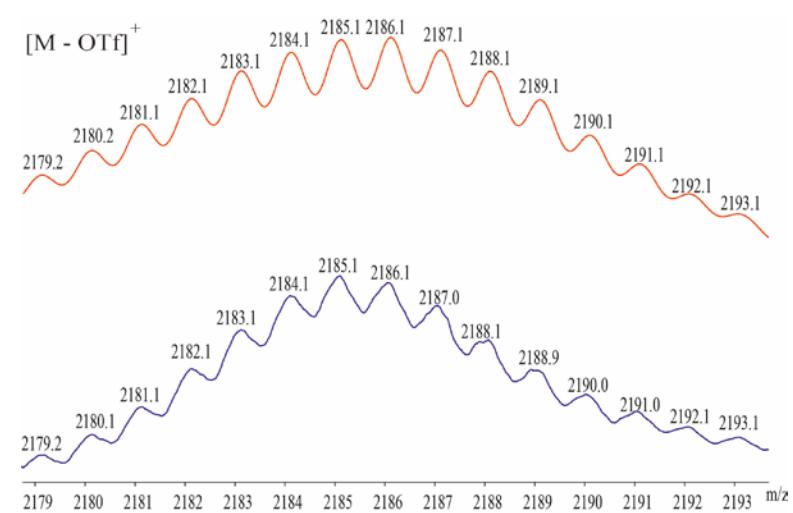
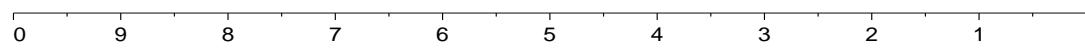
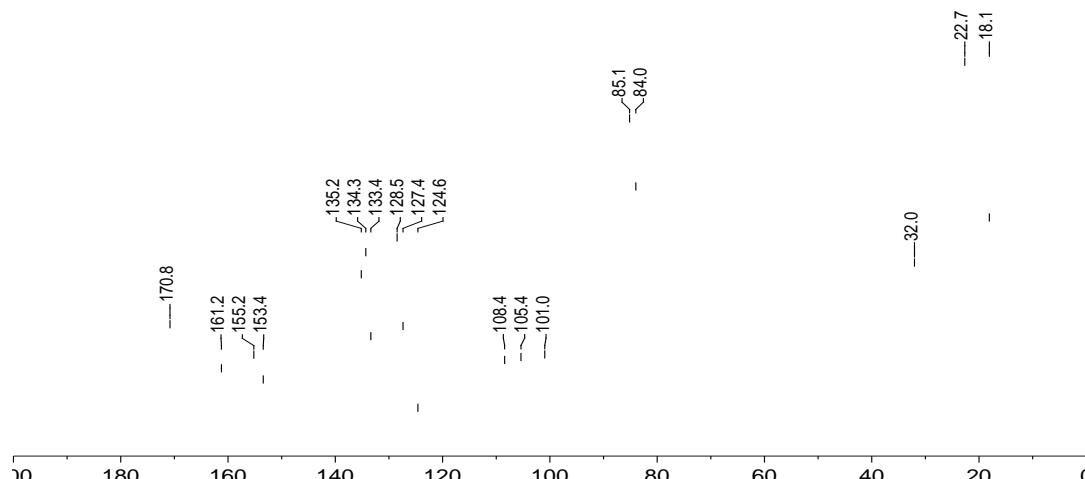


Figure 15.  $^1\text{H}$  (a),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle **4c**.

(a)



(b)



(c)

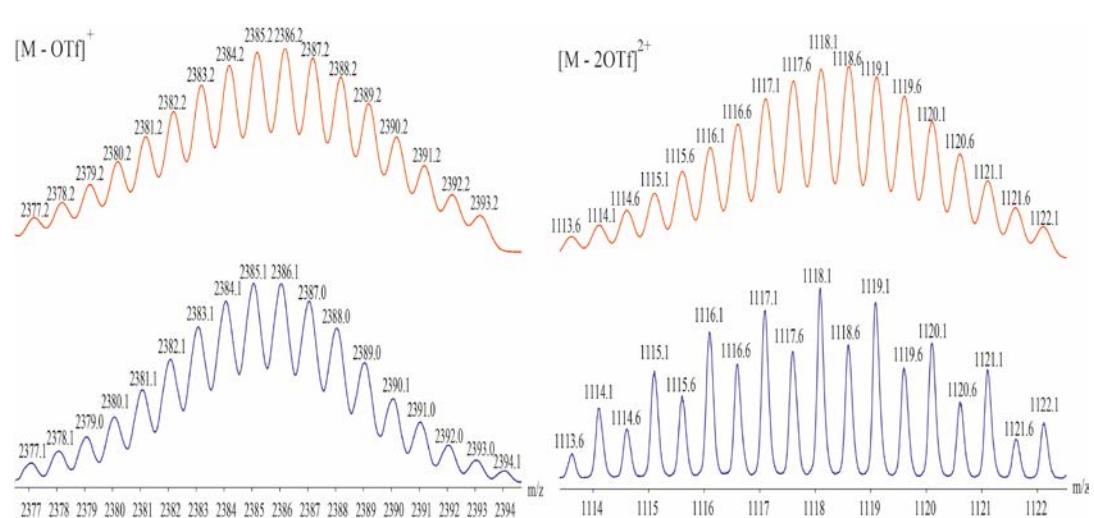


Figure 16.  $^1\text{H}$  (a),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (b) and HR-ESI-MS (c) spectra of the molecular-rectangle **4d**.

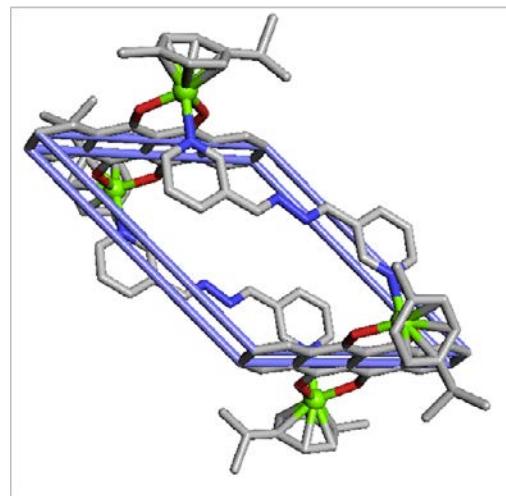


Figure 17. X-ray crystal structure of and **4d** emphasizing a rhombohedral molecular cavity.

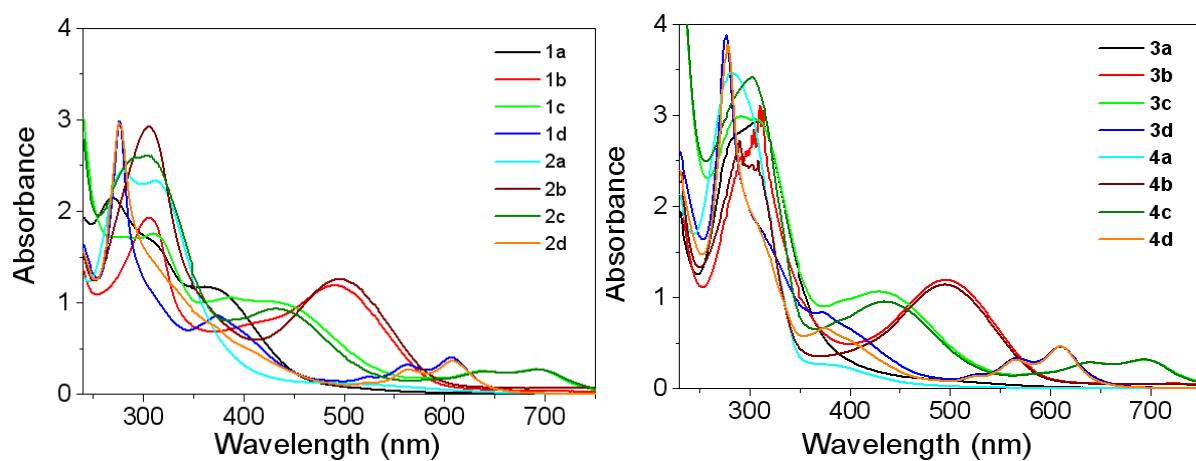


Figure 17. UV-Visible spectra of molecular- rectangles.

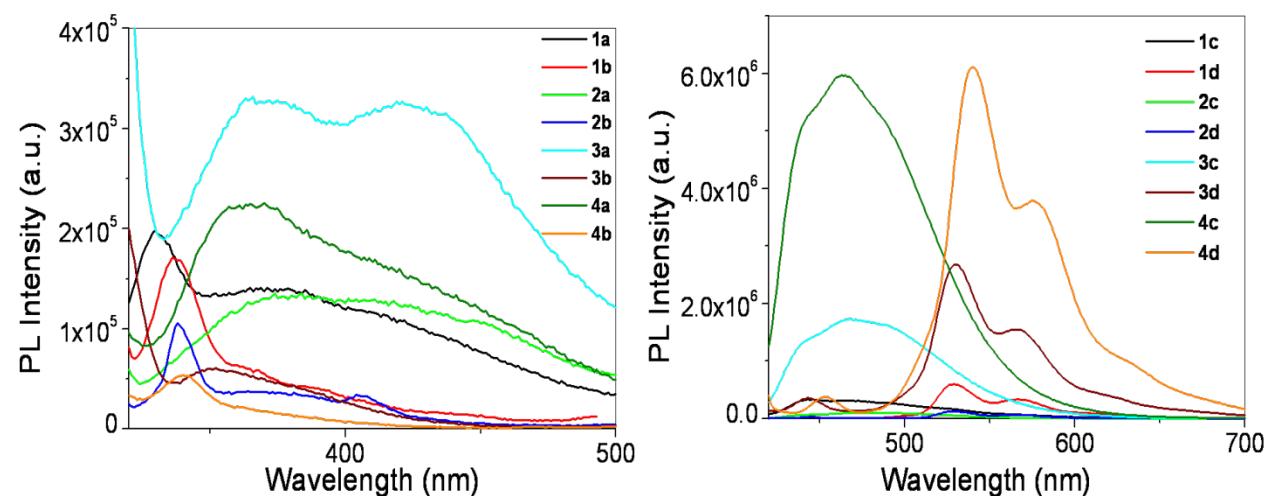


Figure 18. Fluorescence spectra of molecular-rectangles.

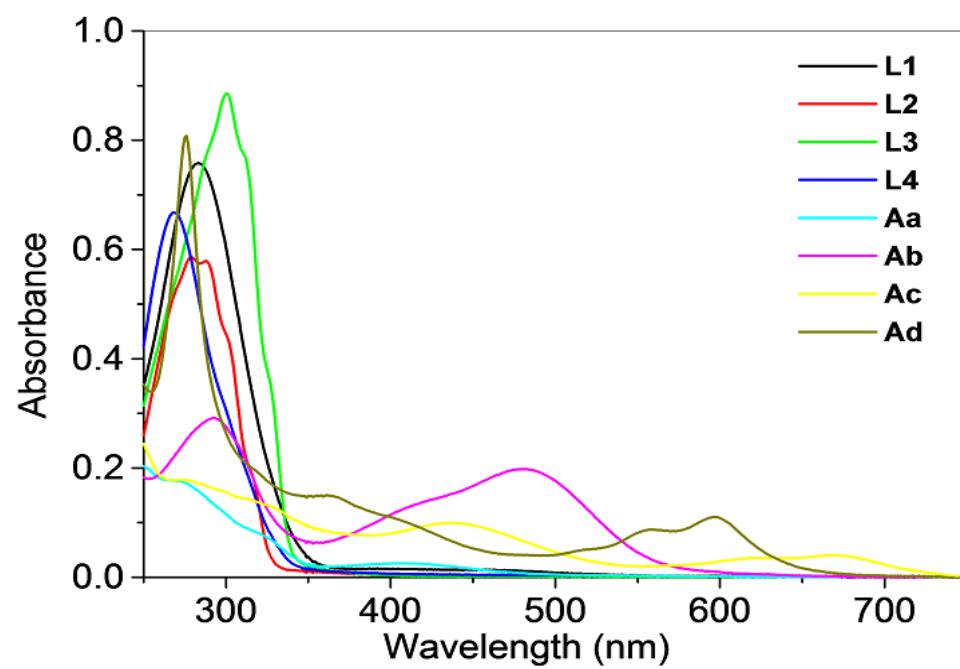


Figure 19. UV-visible spectra of acceptors and donors.

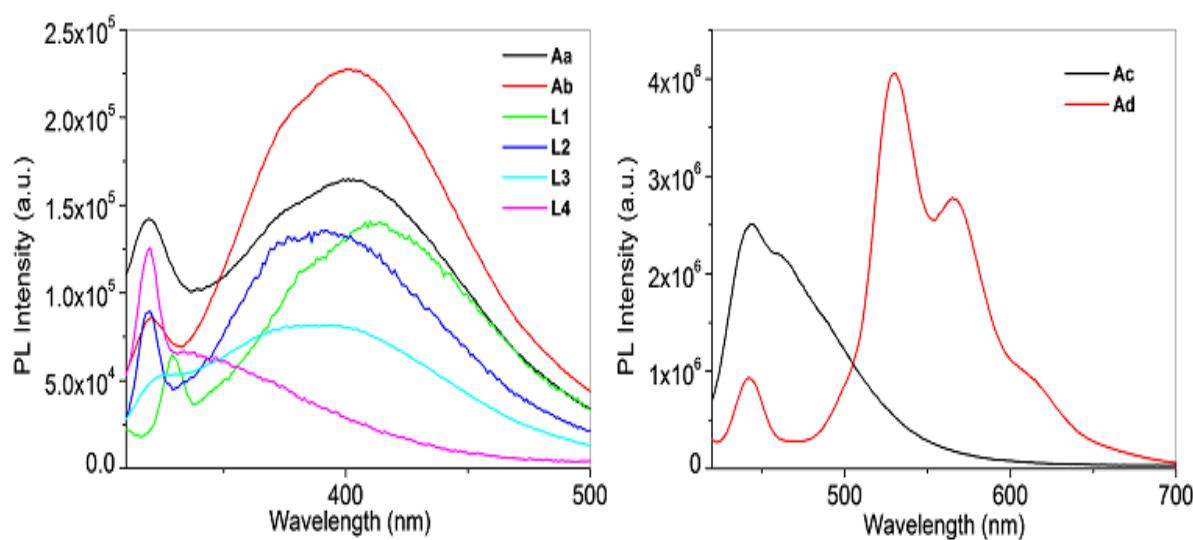


Figure 20. Fluorescence spectra of acceptors and donors (left, excited at 298 nm) and acceptors (right, excited at 390 nm).

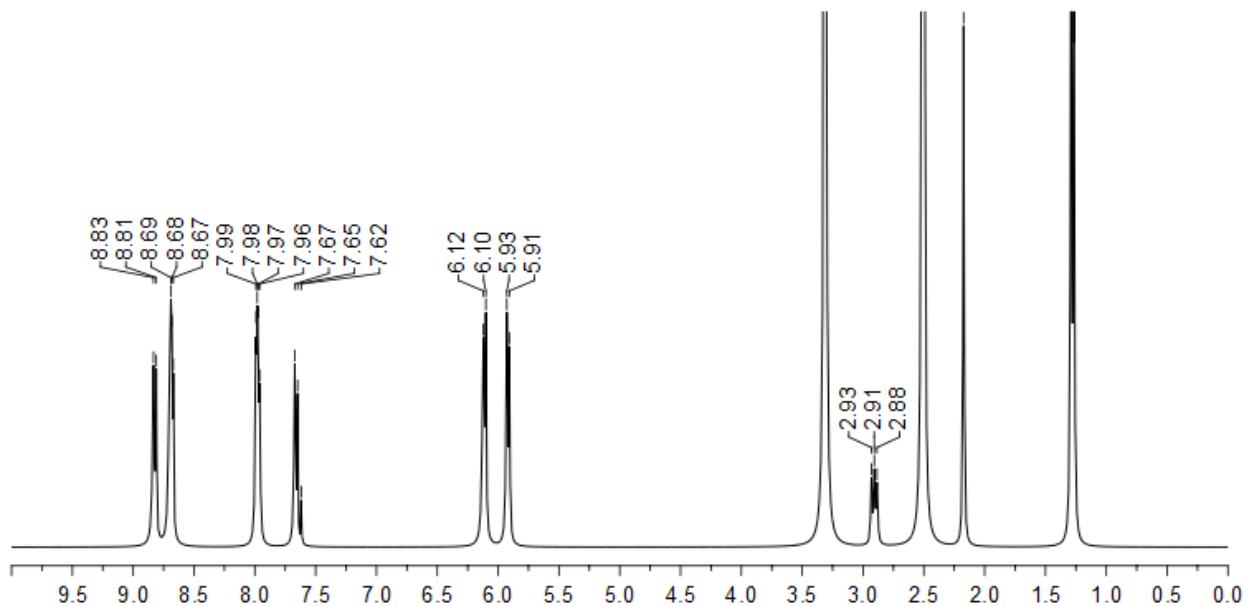


Figure 21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of **1d** in DMSO after 48 h dissolution.

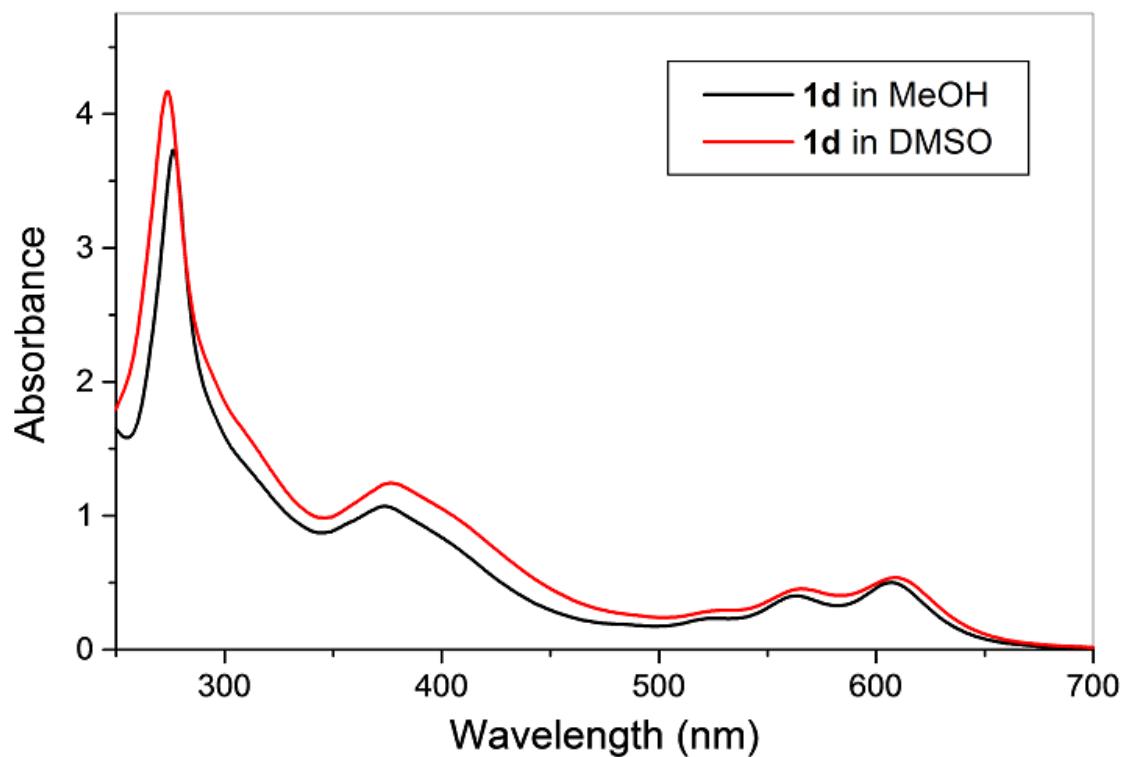


Figure 22. Compared UV-Visible Spectra of **1d** after 48 h dissolution.

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **1b** and **4d**.

	<b>1b</b>	<b>4d</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>76</sub> H <sub>76</sub> F <sub>12</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>20</sub> Ru <sub>4</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>114</sub> H <sub>112</sub> F <sub>12</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>24</sub> Ru <sub>4</sub> S <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	2181.97	2738.64
Temp.	100(2) K	173(2)
Wavelength	0.90000 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P-1	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
Unit cell	<i>a</i> = 10.472(2) Å, $\alpha$ = 97.98(3) $^\circ$	<i>a</i> = 15.356(3) Å, $\alpha$ = 90 $^\circ$
Dimension	<i>b</i> = 19.443(4) Å, $\beta$ = 94.22(3) $^\circ$	<i>b</i> = 23.897(5) Å, $\beta$ = 108.7(3) $^\circ$
	<i>c</i> = 24.876(5) Å, $\gamma$ = 91.94(3) $^\circ$	<i>c</i> = 17.071(3) Å, $\gamma$ = 90 $^\circ$
Volume	4997.3(17) Å <sup>3</sup>	5931(2) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	2	2
Density (calculated)	1.450 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.534 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	1.425 mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.662 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	2192	2784
Crystal size	0.41 x 0.25 x 0.20 mm <sup>3</sup>	0.28 x 0.23 x 0.10 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	1.34 to 25.00 $^\circ$	2.99 to 27.48 $^\circ$
Independent reflections	7974 [R(int) = 0.0282]	13558 [R(int) = 0.1240]
Completeness to theta = 25.00 $^\circ$	92.1 %	99.7 %
Max. and min. transmission	0.8626 and 0.7453	0.9368 and 0.8364
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.067	0.985
Final R indices	R1 = 0.0753, wR2 = 0.2389	R1 = 0.0677, wR2 = 0.1585
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.084, wR2 = 0.246	R1 = 0.172, wR2 = 0.210
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.632 and -0.970 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.424 and -1.000 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>