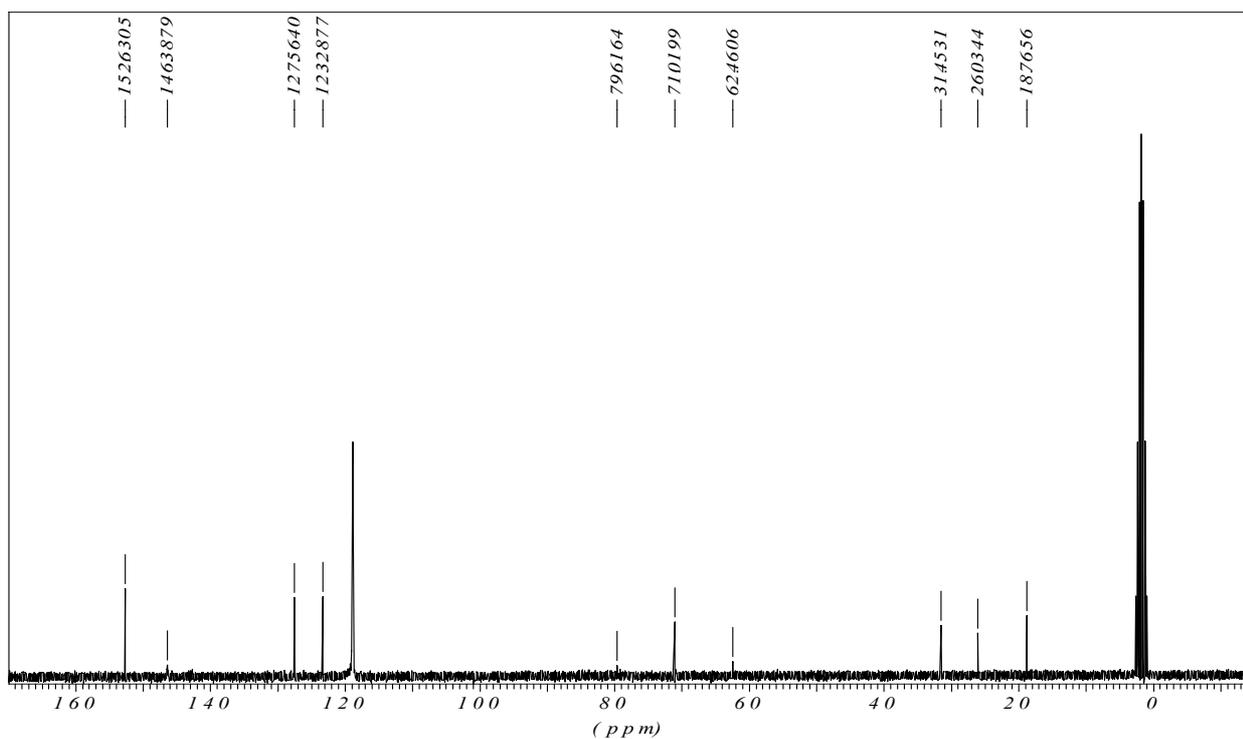
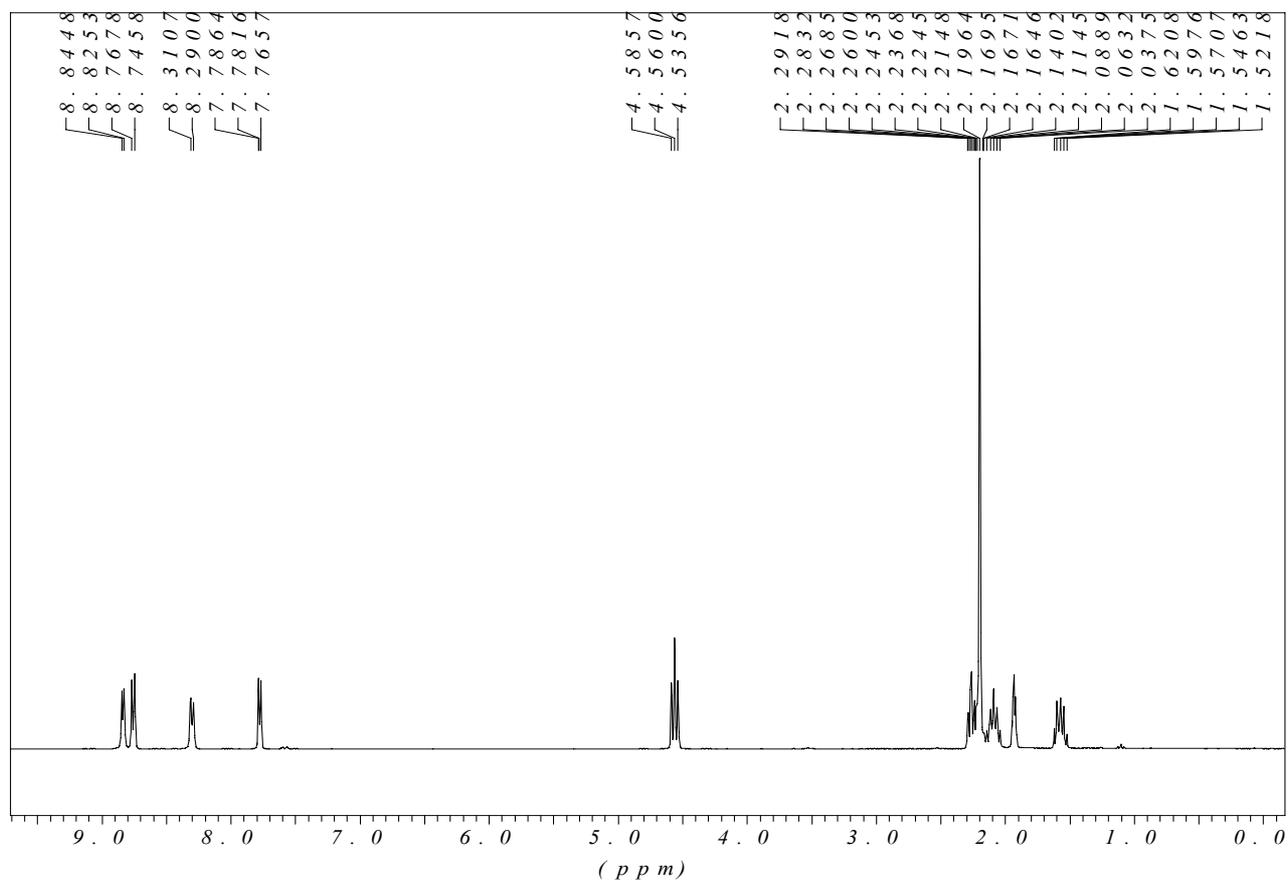
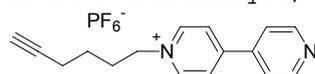
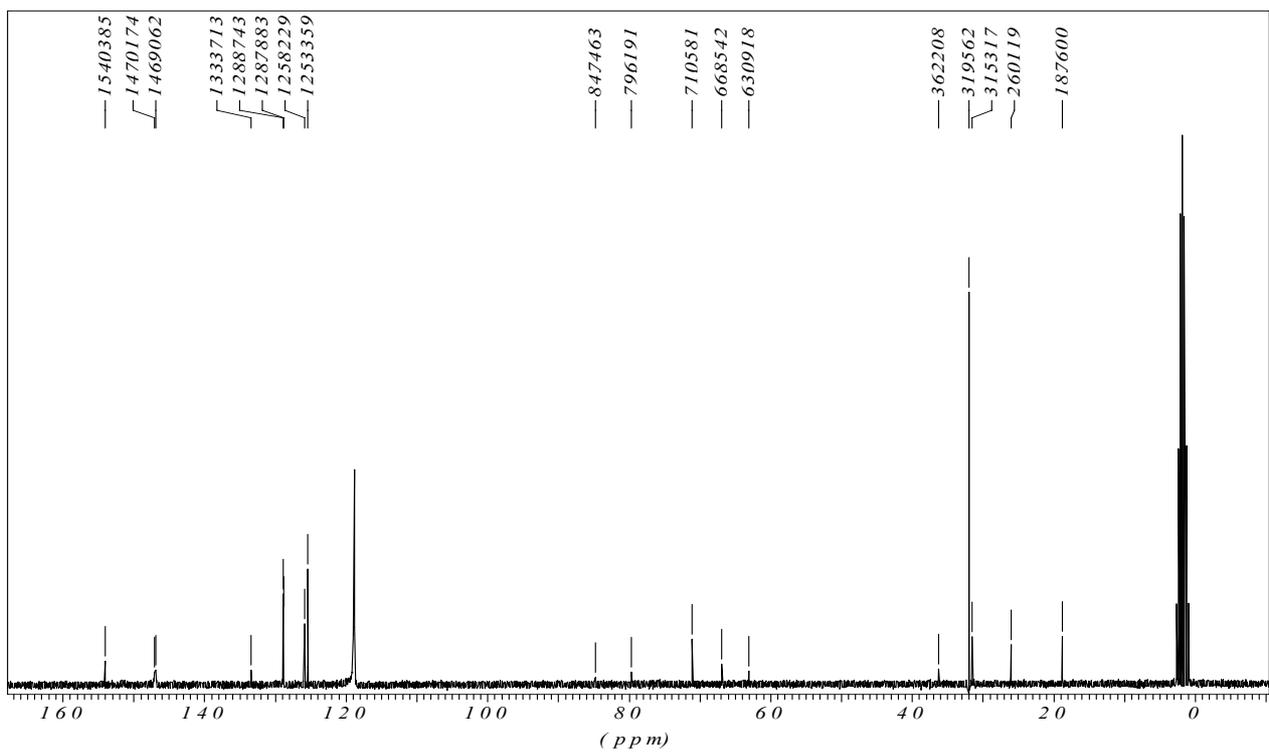
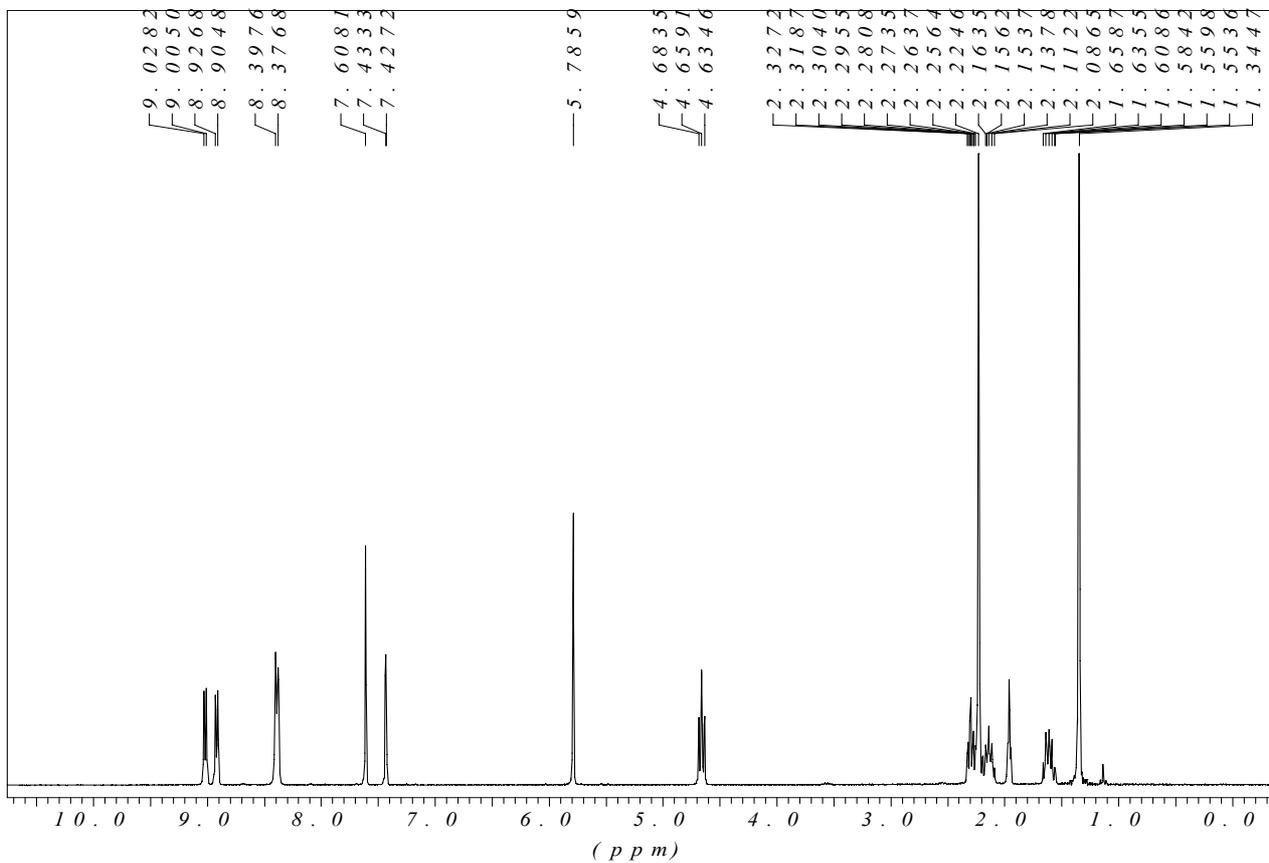
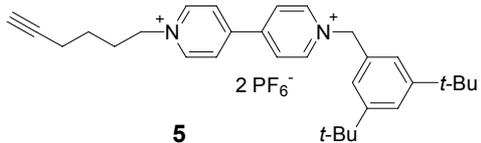


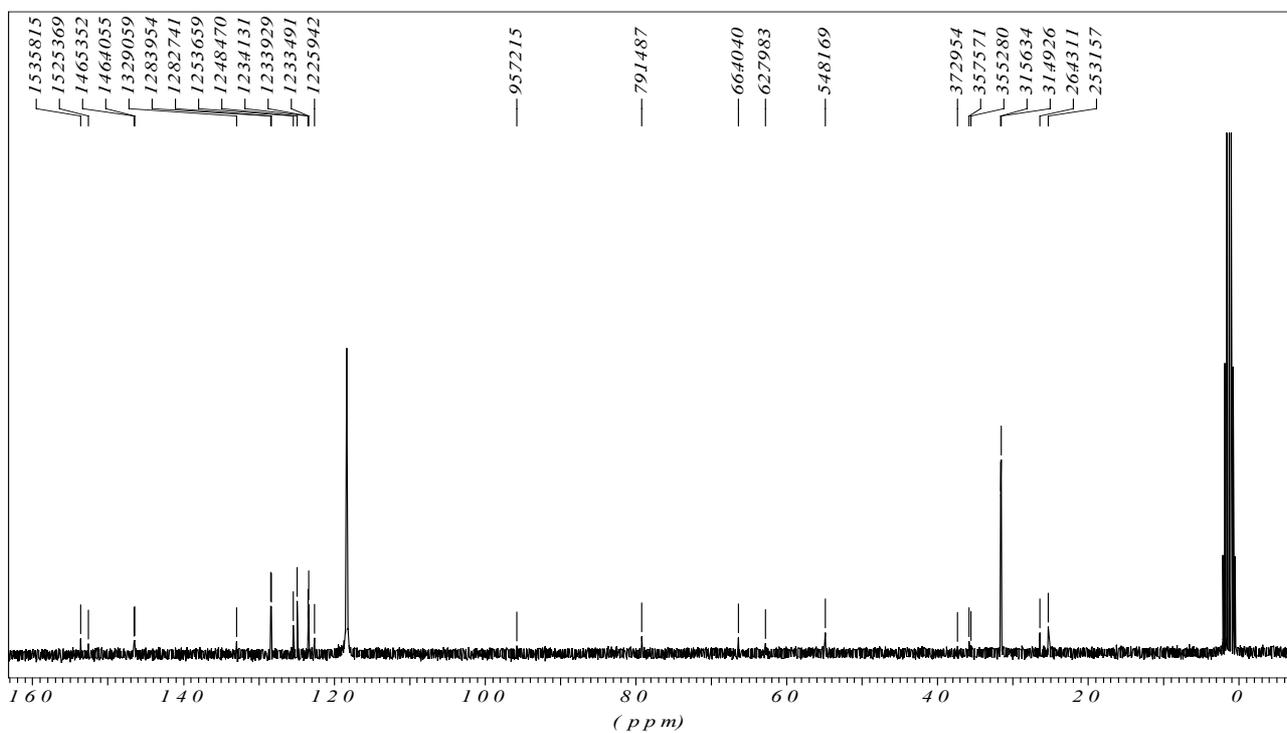
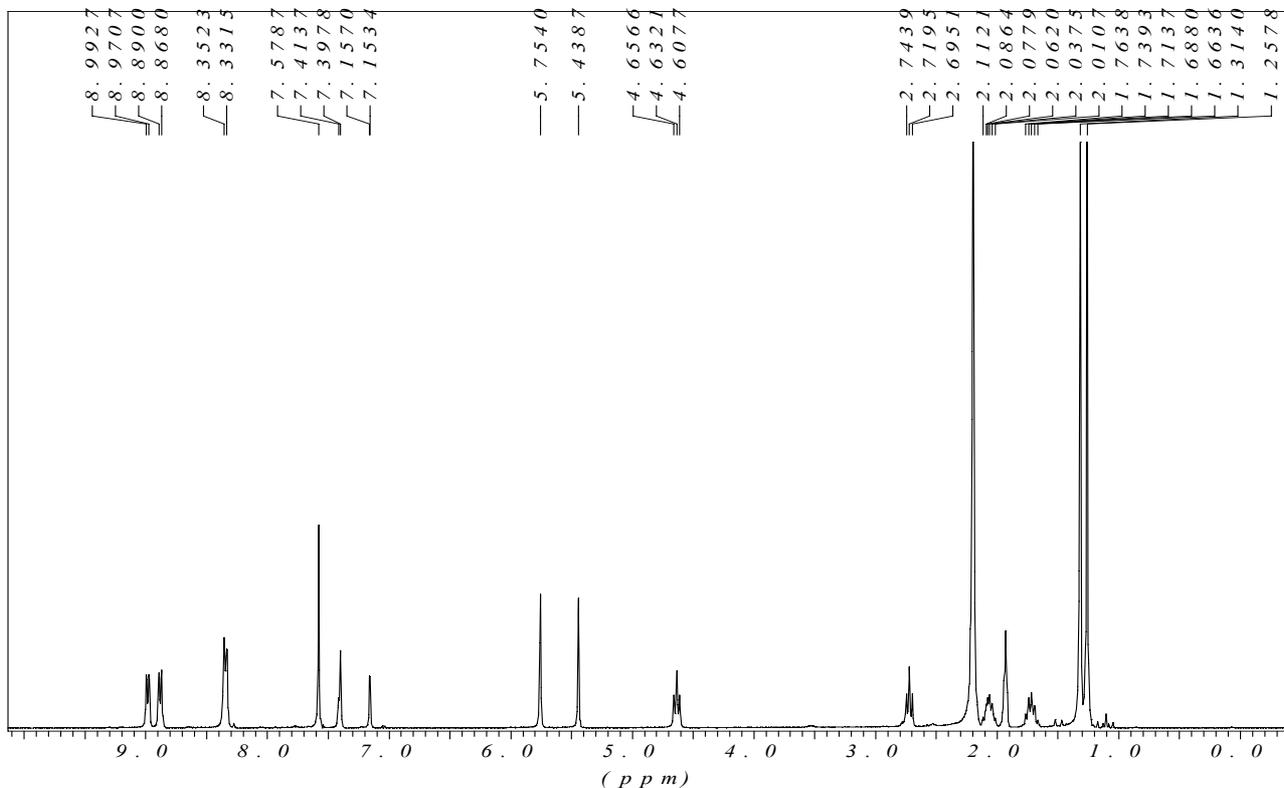
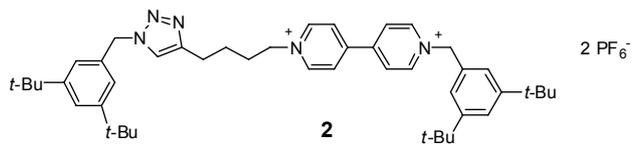
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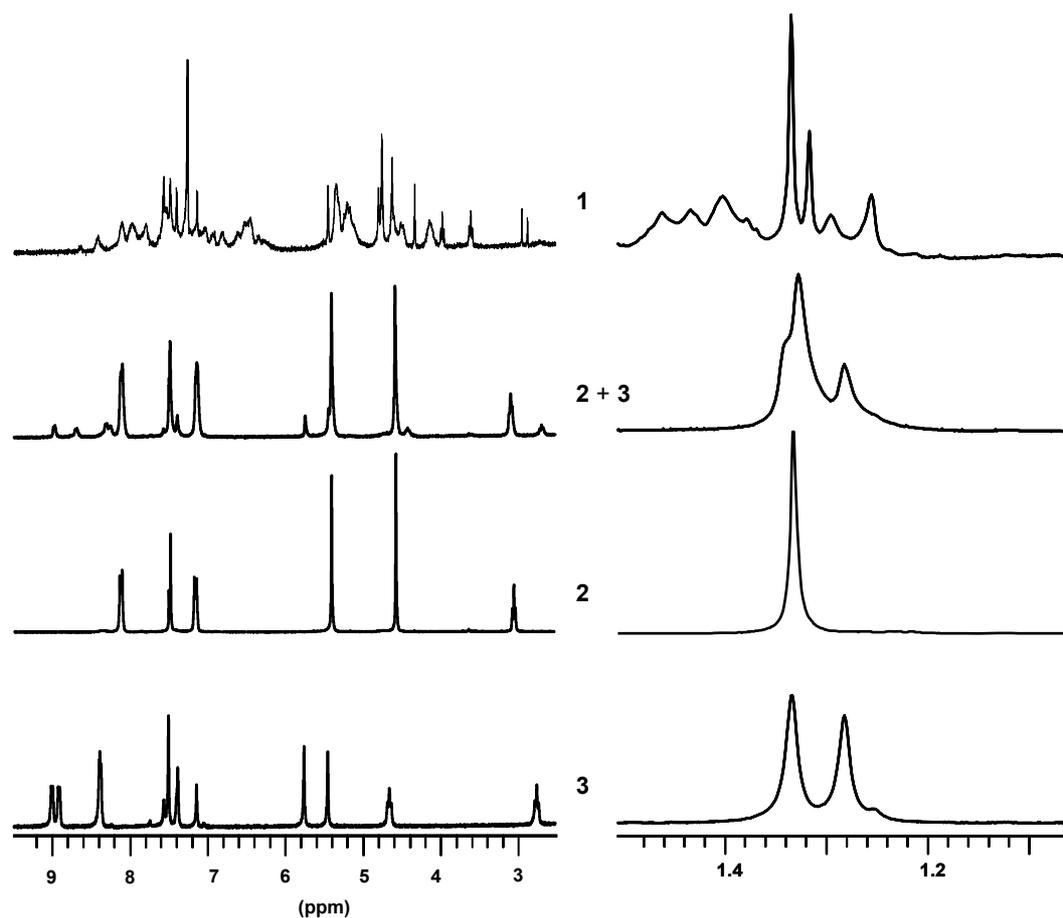
## **Electron transfer from wheel to axle in a rotaxane. A mass spectrometric investigation**

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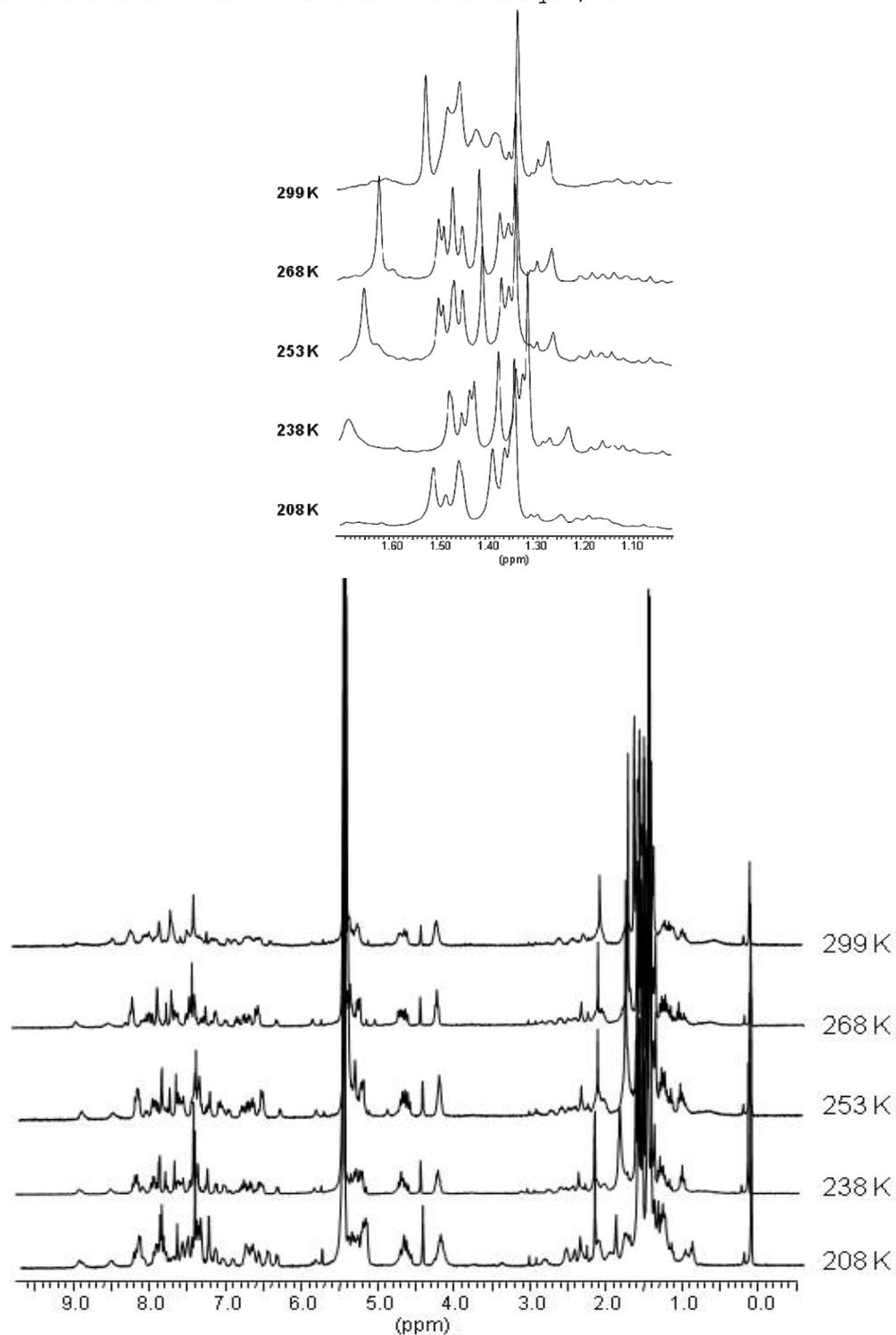




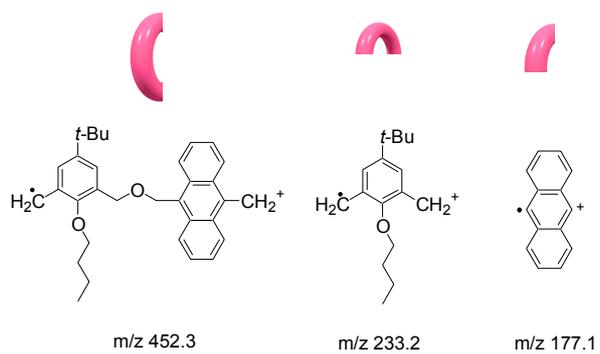




**Fig. E1** Spectra of the axle **3**, the wheel **2**, the rotaxane **1** and a mixture of **2 + 3** (1 mM and 2 mM respectively) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN/CDCl<sub>3</sub> 1:1 at 298 K; two spectral regions are shown (on different scales).



**Fig. E2** Spectra of rotaxane **1** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at low temperatures. In the inset the enlarged region of *t*-Bu protons is shown.



**Fig. E3** Proposed structure of the observed fragments from the wheel **2** in the MS MS/CID spectra of threaded and unthreaded adducts with alkylviologen dications.