

Supporting Information

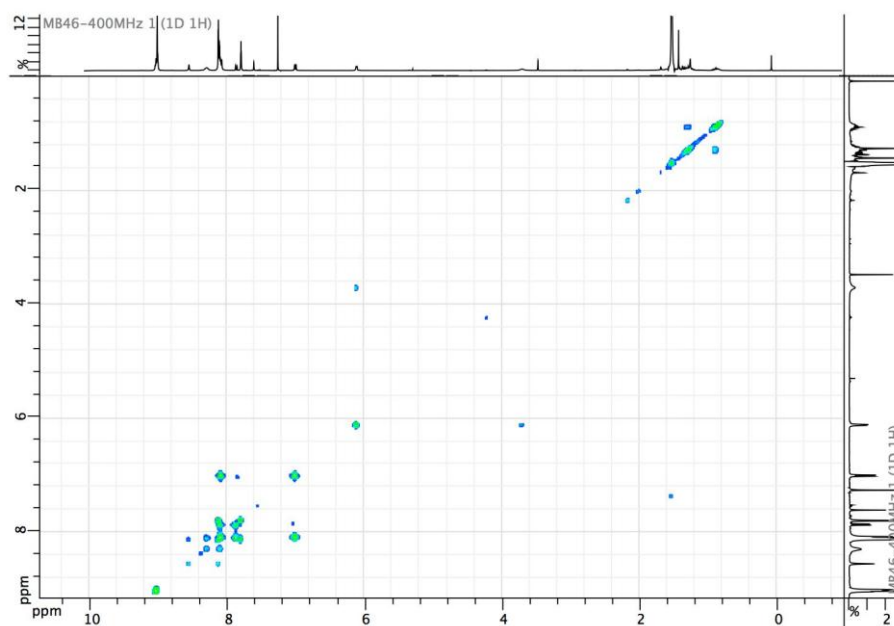


Figure SI-1. COSY spectrum (400MHz, CDCl₃, $c = 1 \times 10^{-3}$ M) of **8** showing scalar couplings in the 0-8.6 ppm range.

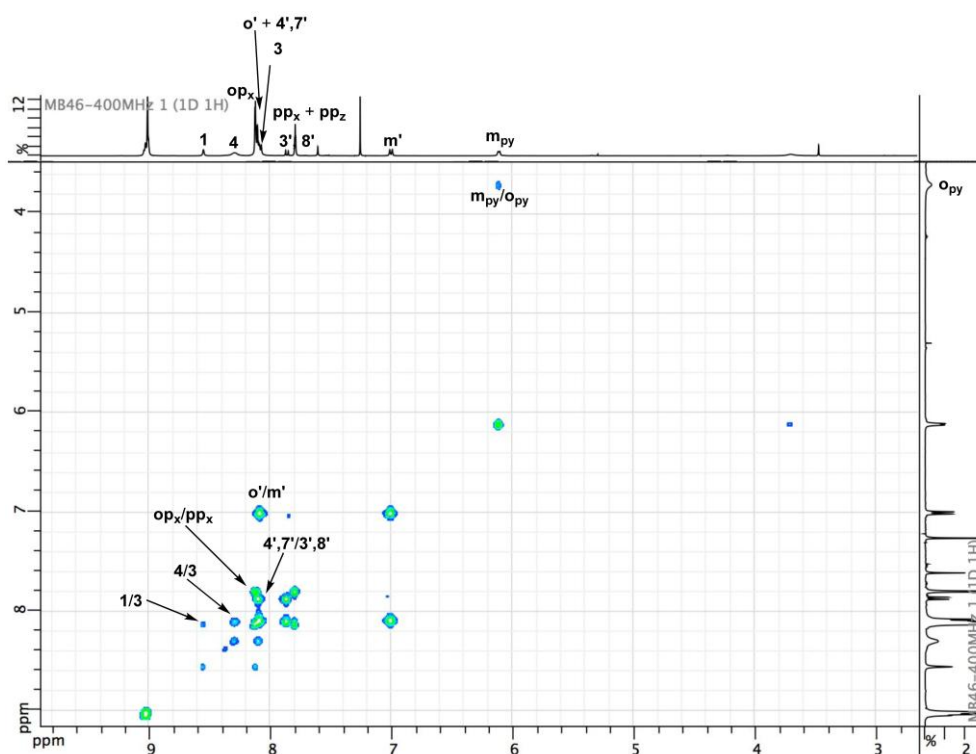


Figure SI-2. COSY spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃, $c = 1 \times 10^{-3}$ M) of **8** showing scalar couplings in the 4-9 ppm range.

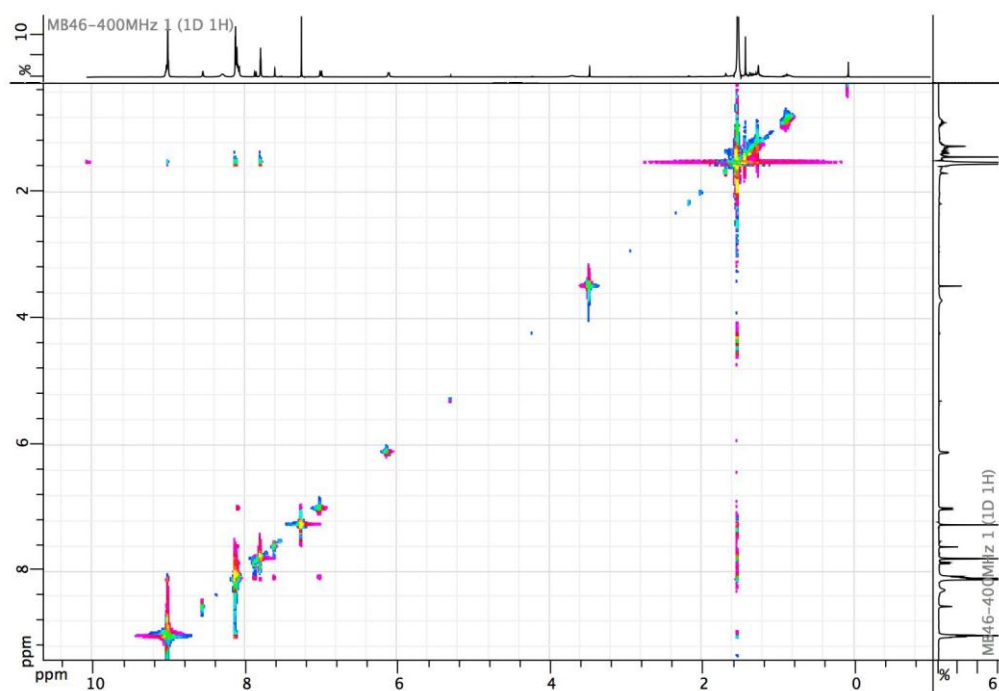


Figure SI-3. ROESY spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃, $c = 1 \times 10^{-3}$ M) of **8** showing dipolar couplings in the 0-9 ppm range.

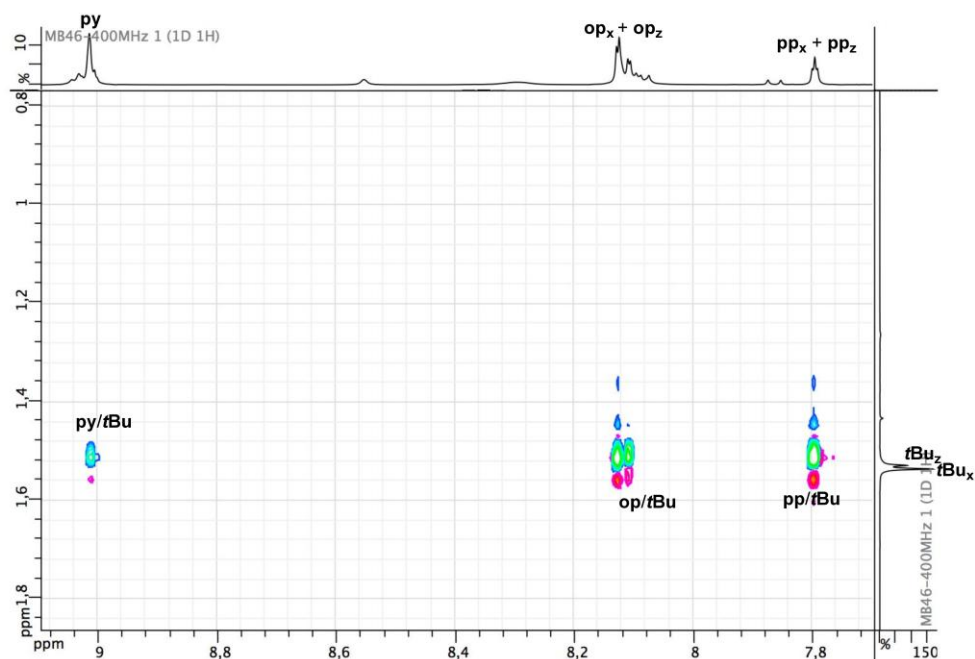


Fig SI-4. Zoom of the ROESY spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃, $c = 1 \times 10^{-3}$ M) of **8** showing specific dipolar couplings with the *t*Bu groups.

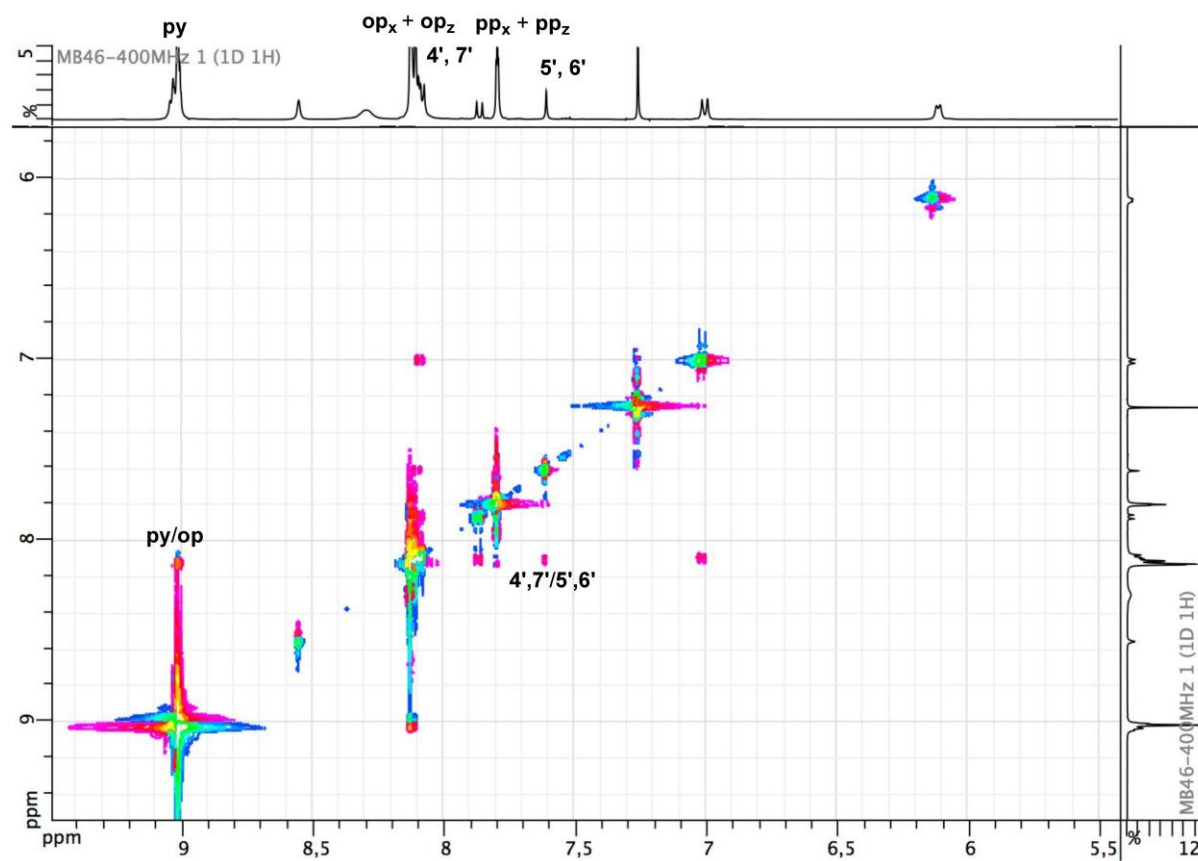


Figure SI-5. ROESY spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃, $c = 1 \times 10^{-3}$ M) of **8** showing dipolar couplings in the 5.5-9 ppm range.

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3 4,272E-03 1,892E-03 4,530E-04 Data Vector
4 1,616E-03 2,760E-04 1,730E-04 Data Vector
5 2,164E-04 5,965E-05 8,044E-05 Data Vector
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1 1 0          True       False

[SPECIES]      [FIXED]      [PARAMETER]      [ERROR]
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Iterations = 3
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Std. Deviation of Fit(Y) = 1,29366E-03

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Experimental Noise = 2,359E-04
Relative Error Of Fit = 4,9859%
Durbin-Watson Factor = 0,6439
Goodness Of Fit, Chi^2 = 3,007E+01
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[COVARIANCE]
3,320E-01

[CORRELATION]
1,000E+00

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Figure SI-6. Fitting of the UV titration for macrocycle **8**. Addition of constant aliquots (10 μL) of a solution of bis(pyridine) **7** in toluene ($c = 3.26 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) to a solution of bis-Zn porphyrin **4** in toluene ($c = 1.09 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$).

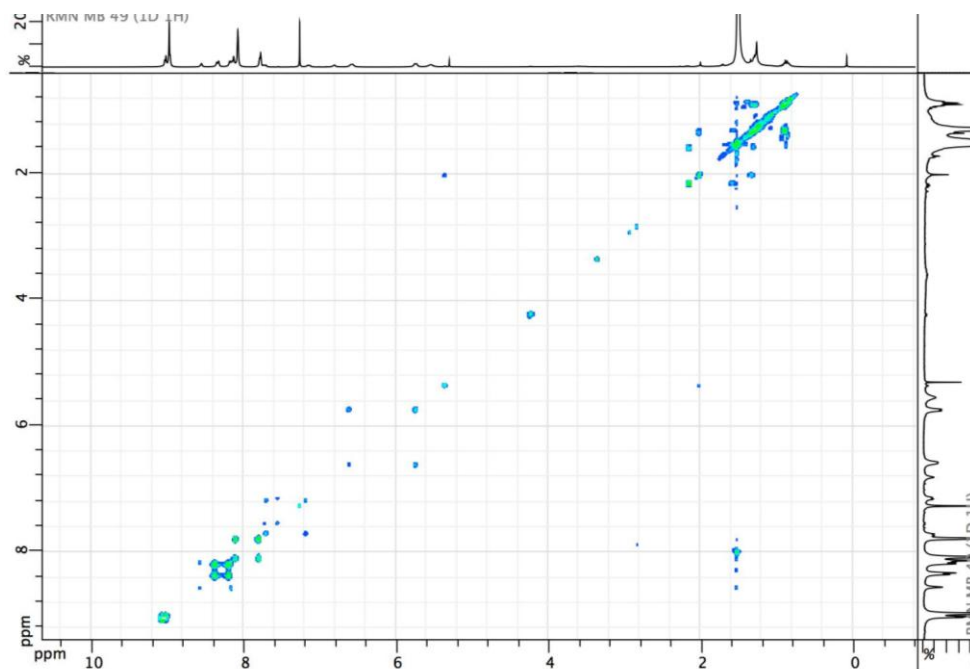


Figure SI-7. COSY spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl₃, $c = 1 \times 10^{-3}$ M) of **10.PF₆** showing scalar couplings in the 0-10 ppm range.

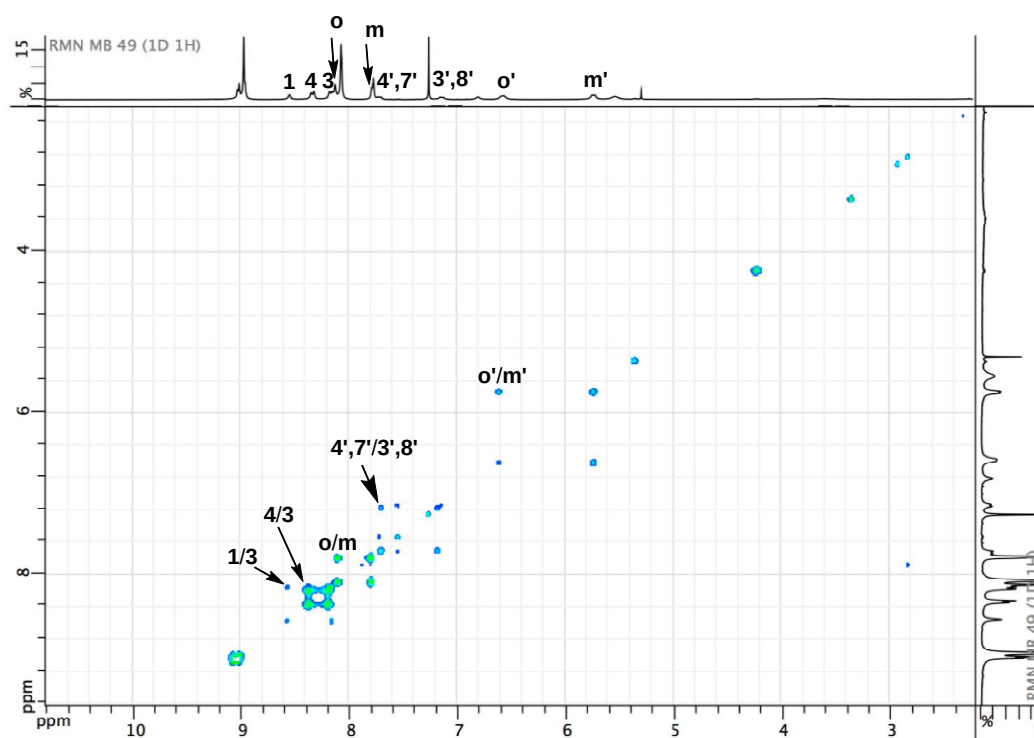


Figure SI-8. COSY spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl₃, $c = 1 \times 10^{-3}$ M) of **10.PF₆** showing scalar couplings in the 3-9 ppm range.

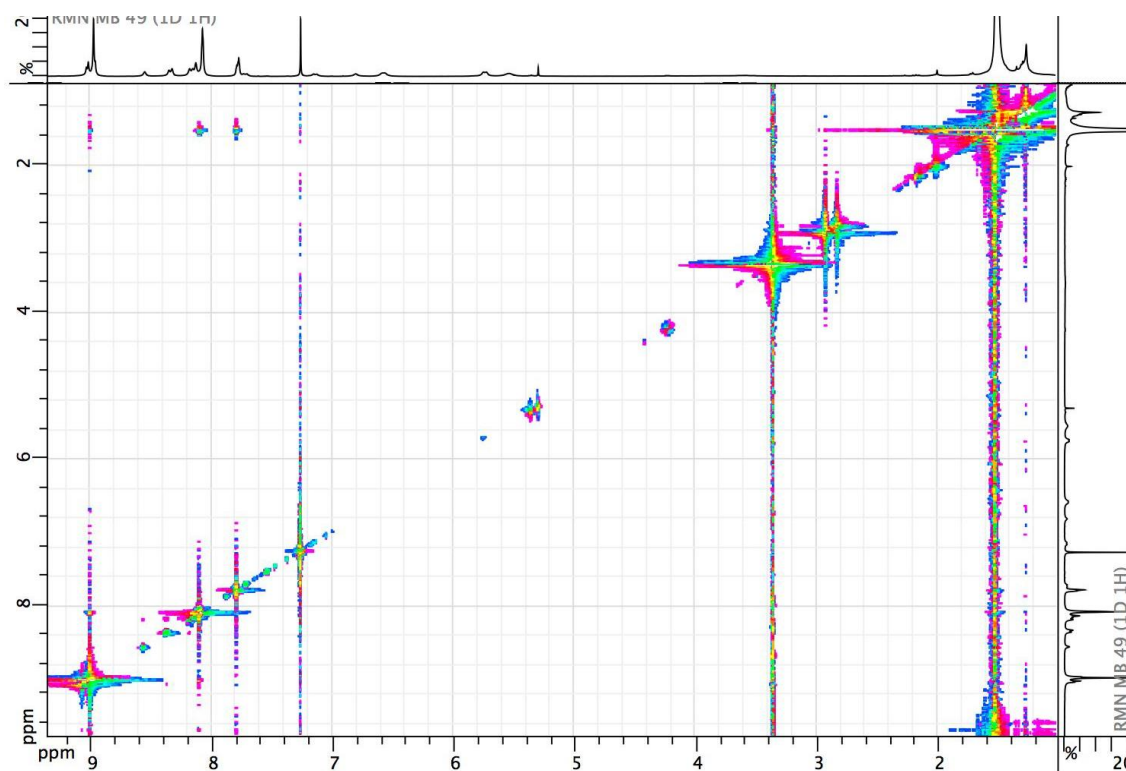


Figure SI-9. ROESY spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , $c = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$) of **10.PF₆** showing dipolar couplings in the 0-9 ppm range.

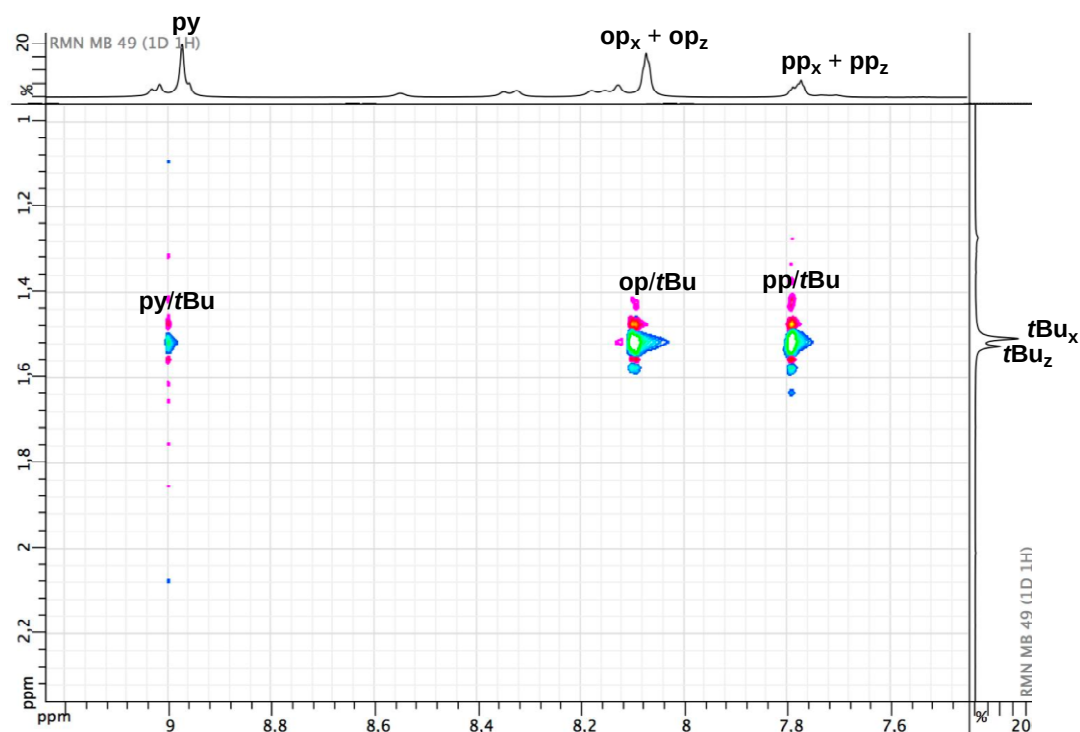


Figure SI-10. Zoom of the ROESY spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , $c = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$) of **10.PF₆** showing specific dipolar couplings with the *t*Bu groups.

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3 5,686E-03 1,676E-03 4,268E-04 Data Vector
4 8,939E-04 7,823E-04 2,916E-04 Probably Noise
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[CONVERGENCE]
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Relative Error Of Fit = 6,4393%
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Goodness Of Fit, Chi^2 (raw data) = None

[COVARIANCE]
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[CORRELATION]
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Figure SI-11. Fitting of the UV titration for [2]catenane **10.PF₆**. Addition of constant aliquots (10 µL) of a solution of **9.PF₆** in toluene ($c = 3.26 \times 10^{-5}$ M) to a solution of bis-Zn porphyrin **4** in toluene ($c = 1.09 \times 10^{-6}$ M).

