

## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

# DIFERROCENYLPYRYLIUM SALTS AND ELECTRON RICH BISPYRAN FROM OXIDATIVE COUPLING OF FERROCENYLPYRAN. EXAMPLE OF REDOX SYSTEMS SWITCHED BY PROTON TRANSFER

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**ESI 01:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $2^{2+}$**

**ESI 02: M.O. Diagrams**

S2-a) M.O. Diagram of 1

S2-b) M.O. Diagram of  $1^+$

**ESI 03: Spin density of  $1^+$**

**ESI 04: Cartesian coordinates of the optimized geometries**

**ESI 05: Table: Selected bond lengths for 1,  $1^+$ ,  $[1-\text{H}]^+$ ,  $2^{2+}$ , 3 and  $4^{2+}$  complexes.**

**ESI 06: Compound phenylmethylenepyran [ref 19]: NMR  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , UV-Vis spectra, Cyclic Voltammetry**

**ESI 07: Voltammogram of 1 +  $\text{HBF}_4$**

**ESI 08: CIF of  $2^{2+}$**

**ESI 09: CIF of 3**

**ESI 10: UV-Vis spectrum of 1**

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**ESI 12: Cyclic voltammetry of  $4^{2+}$**

**ESI 13:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $4^{2+}$**

**ESI 14: CIF of  $4^{2+}$**

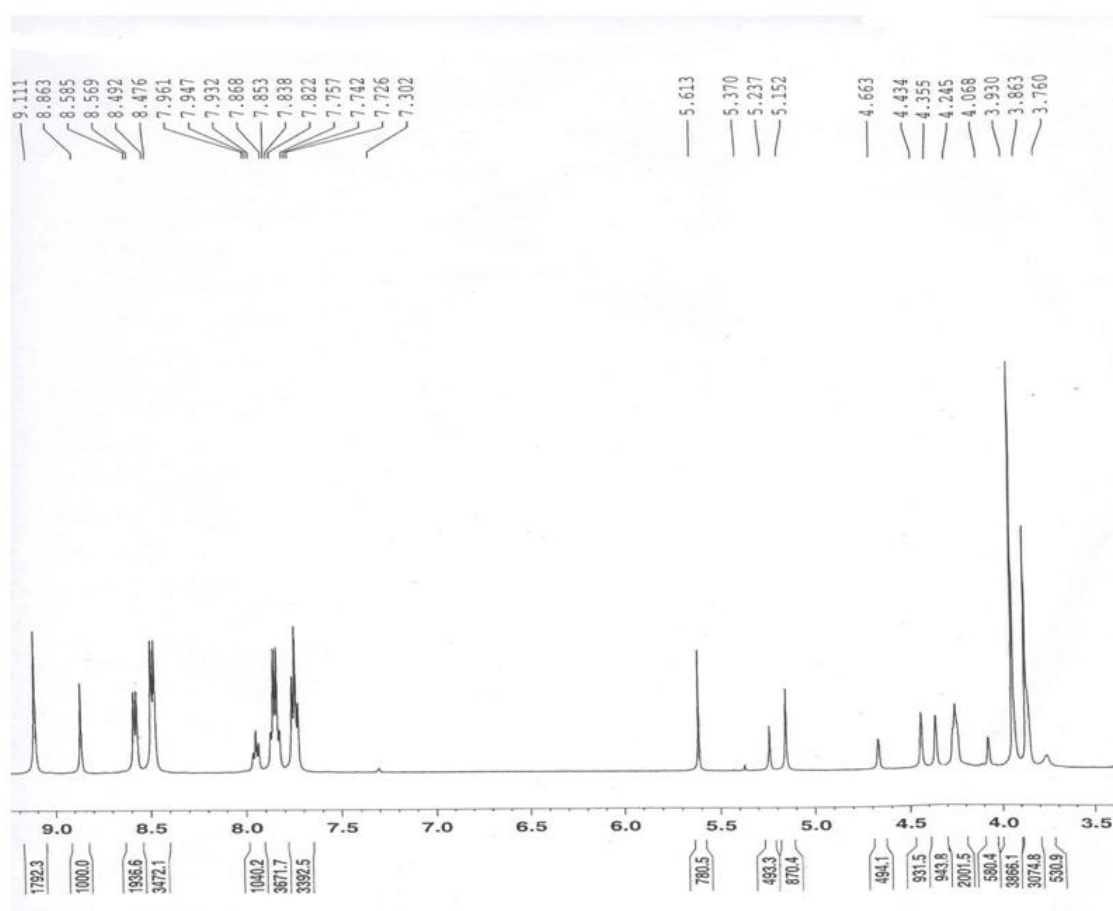
**ESI 15: UV-Vis spectrum of 3**

**ESI 16: UV-Vis and NIR spectra of  $4^{2+}$**

**ESI 17:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 5**

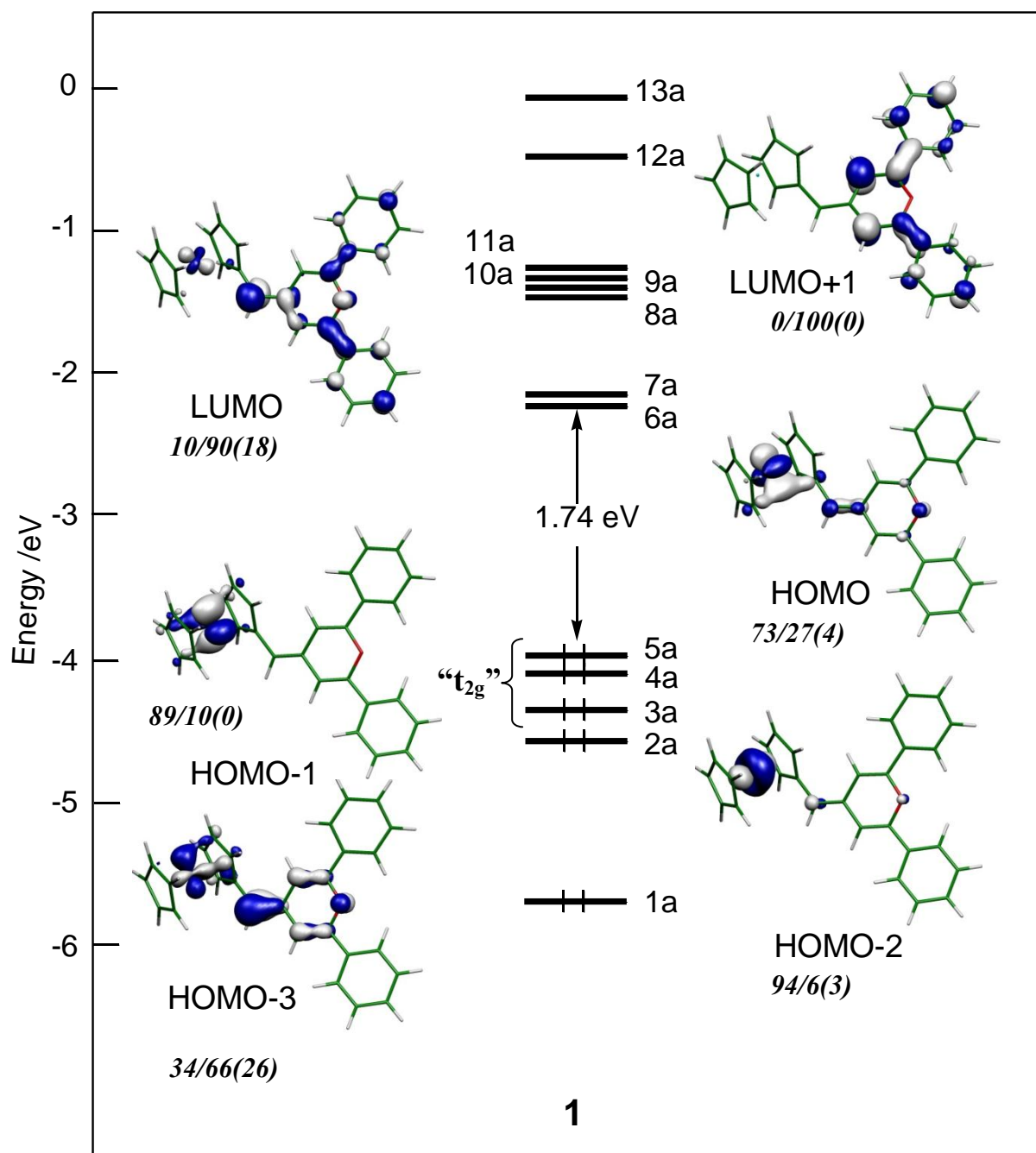
**ESI 18: IR spectrum of 5 (KBr)**

### ESI 01: $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum of $2^{2+}$



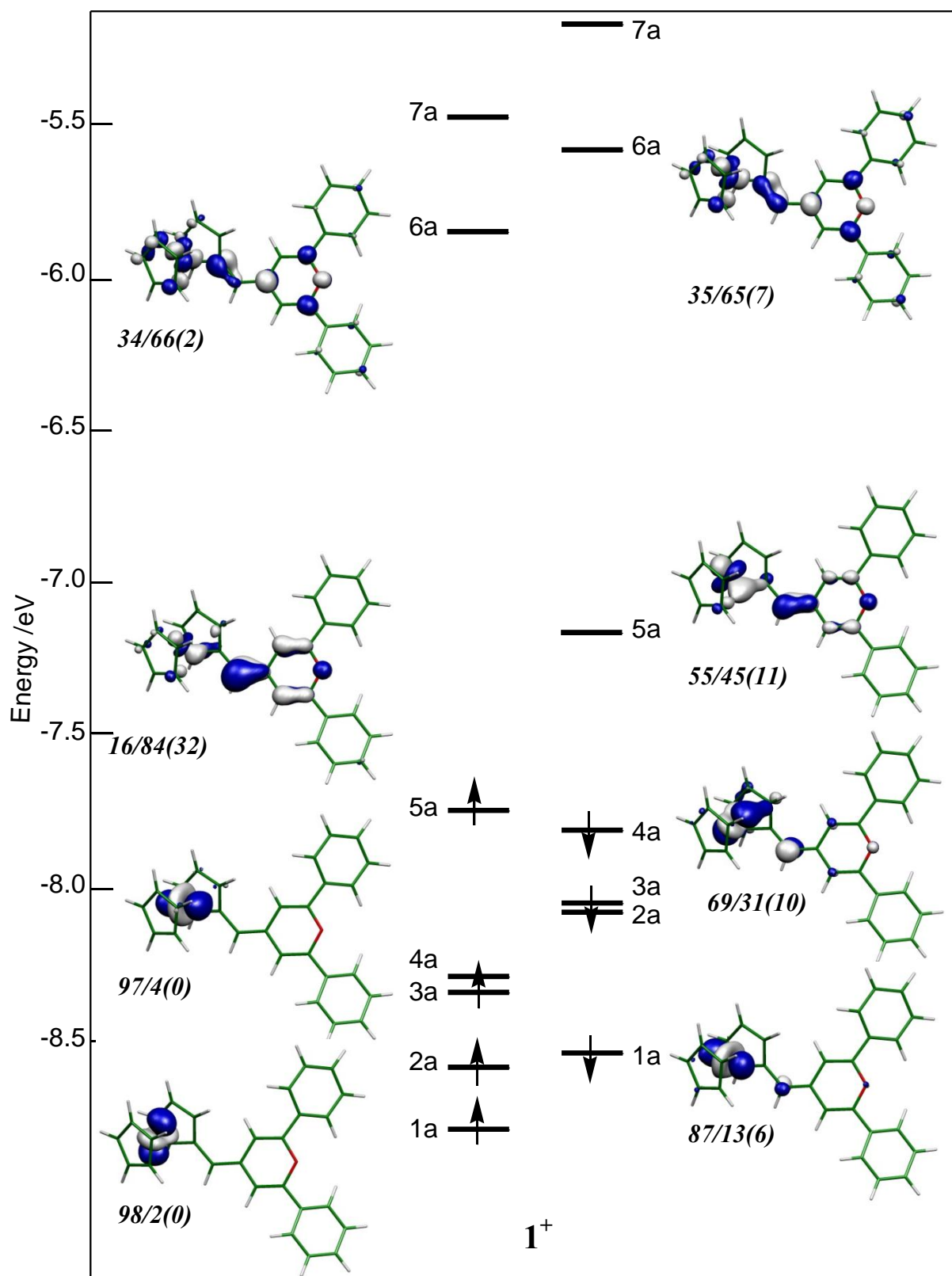
### ESI 02: M.O. Diagrams

ESI 02-a) M.O. Diagram of **1**



MO diagram of **1**. The numerical values indicate the MO localization in (%) in the following order: Fe/ligand(C<sub>α</sub>).

ESI 02-b) M.O. Diagram of 1<sup>+</sup>



MO diagram of  $1^+$ . The numerical values indicate the MO localization in (%) in the following order: Fe/ligand( $C_2$ )

### ESI 03: Spin density of $1^{+}$ .

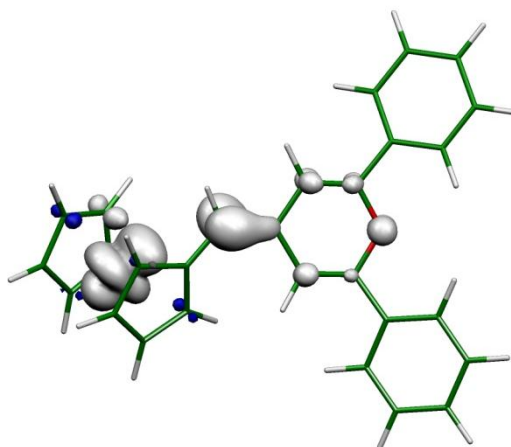


Figure : Plot of the total spin density for  $1^{+}$ . The contour value is 0.003 [ $e/\text{bohr}^3$ ].

### ESI 04: Cartesian coordinates of the optimized geometries

**1**  $C_1$

**Bonding Energy** -340.14695689 eV

Atom	X	Y	Z (Angstrom)
1.C	3.165370	9.118214	8.351473
2.C	3.342416	7.702605	8.051352
3.C	3.439290	5.180775	5.327330
4.H	3.342224	7.011822	8.898075
5.C	3.504624	5.730624	6.565521
6.H	3.606485	5.065421	7.421525
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11.C	3.503602	3.746277	5.007571
12.C	4.072986	2.822520	5.906577
13.H	4.520904	3.176285	6.835480
14.C	4.096891	1.461432	5.609628

15.H	4.548075	0.763856	6.316532
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18.C	3.007780	1.897671	3.498623
19.H	2.589601	1.542424	2.555635
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34.H	1.632761	9.066988	10.005554
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39.C	3.788359	10.252386	7.706379
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42.H	5.954715	8.252621	10.483205
43.C	4.700812	9.708793	11.660642

44.H	4.100918	9.061743	12.295891
45.C	4.642561	11.143053	11.625144
46.H	3.987317	11.771172	12.223769
47.C	5.585481	11.600039	10.645068
48.H	5.771868	12.636208	10.373551
49.C	6.227420	10.449140	10.075967
50.H	6.989264	10.460427	9.300670
51.O	3.252508	5.961668	4.192541
52.Fe	4.162869	10.359825	9.753713

**[1]<sup>+</sup> S=1/2 C<sub>1</sub>**

**Bonding Energy** -334.43373602 eV

<b>Atom</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Z (Angstrom)</b>
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5.C	3.346622	5.792760	6.568832
6.H	3.382769	5.141482	7.439511
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8.C	3.114573	7.968097	5.535426
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15.H	4.560729	0.868070	6.434200
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17.H	3.700522	-0.027906	4.274006
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21.H	2.589724	3.951027	3.064261
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32.H	2.367733	6.207106	1.965951
33.C	2.211737	9.605028	9.558095
34.H	1.670470	8.976796	10.260297
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**[1-H]<sup>+</sup>**

**C<sub>1</sub>**

**Bonding Energy** -338.26257419 eV

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53.H	6.630204	7.214936	-3.06913

**2<sup>2+</sup>**            **C<sub>i</sub>**

**Bonding Energy**    -667.37639304 eV

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5.H	-.991804	.361209	-2.553150
6.C	-1.664096	-.679431	-.767487
7.C	-2.802742	-1.202197	-.137517
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20.H	-5.561096	.348624	-3.673350
21.C	-5.310446	-1.628947	-.202538
22.C	-5.370169	-2.175716	1.100308
23.H	-4.479042	-2.221852	1.724786
24.C	-6.572611	-2.651139	1.610715
25.H	-6.606139	-3.068241	2.616971
26.C	-7.738170	-2.591615	.837046
27.H	-8.679769	-2.965290	1.240304
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93.H	1.547861	4.850084	-.308887
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95.H	2.486778	3.544892	1.883636
96.C	.804531	4.562711	2.966933
97.H	.917401	4.203506	3.986551
98.C	-.198163	5.473518	2.503215
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100.C	.004771	5.682126	1.099844
101.H	-.595665	6.318967	.455373
102.O	4.156464	.544209	1.965684
103.Fe	-.374718	3.659085	1.467439
104.H	.519097	1.070782	-.959096

**3**            **C<sub>1</sub>**

**Bonding Energy** -672.82466874 eV

<b>Atom</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Z (Angstrom)</b>
1.C	-1.318309	-1.555461	-6.969461
2.C	.909686	-.611111	-7.647383
3.C	1.782805	-1.575938	-6.969540
4.C	-.435944	-1.108242	-8.056706
5.Fe	3.589883	-2.507000	-7.605555
6.O	1.837703	3.515152	-8.106834
7.C	2.830945	2.603046	-7.794210
8.C	2.568792	1.276181	-7.667088
9.H	3.401309	.602507	-7.487248
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13.C	.555097	3.034757	-8.351567
14.C	4.147119	3.242799	-7.645972
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16.H	5.061364	1.575494	-6.601857
17.C	6.459035	3.183832	-6.877299
18.H	7.269225	2.650360	-6.378138
19.C	6.668180	4.480511	-7.363152
20.H	7.641997	4.959184	-7.250392
21.C	5.616299	5.157401	-7.985714
22.H	5.767081	6.168299	-8.367854
23.C	4.368102	4.548339	-8.126145
24.H	3.554799	5.076254	-8.620852
25.C	-.396698	4.112915	-8.651435
26.C	-1.662309	3.831199	-9.205385
27.H	-1.923929	2.805775	-9.462676



28.C	-2.578417	4.850977	-9.447857
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$4^{2+}$   $C_i$

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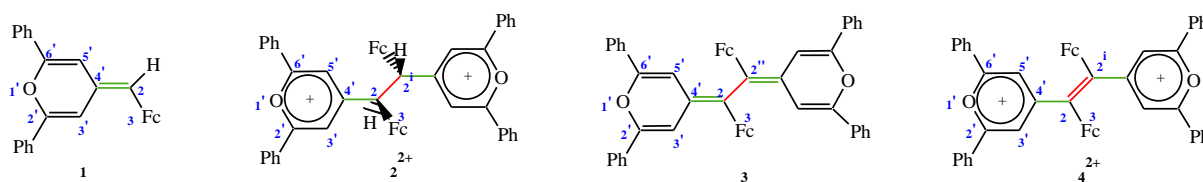
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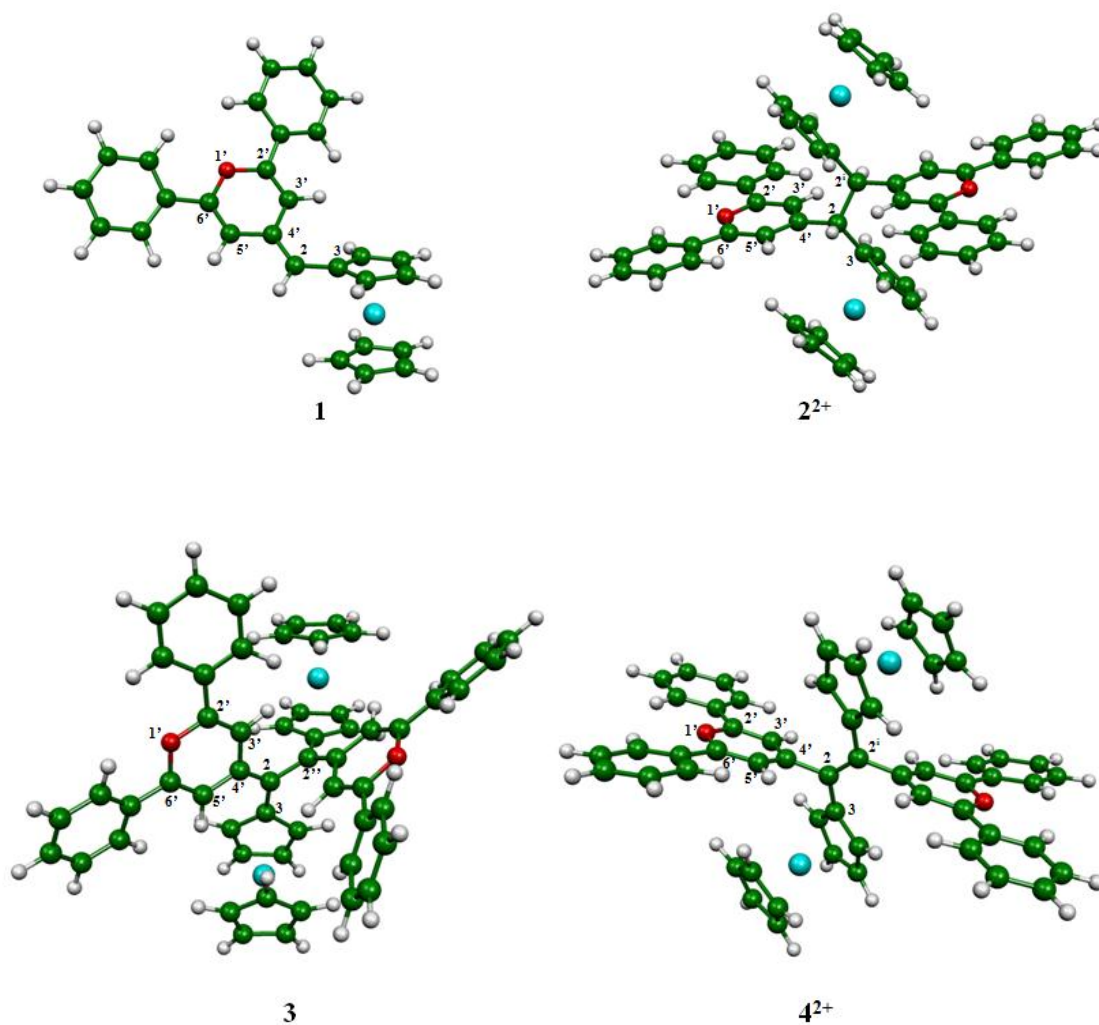
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99.C	-3.824369	-.772706	6.056899
100.H	-3.595640	.020900	6.768334
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**ESI 05: Table: Selected bond lengths for 1, 1<sup>+</sup>, [1-H]<sup>+</sup>, 2<sup>2+</sup>, 3 and 4<sup>2+</sup> complexes.**  
 Experimental values are in brackets.

	1 <i>C<sub>i</sub></i>	1 <sup>+</sup> <i>C<sub>i</sub></i>	[1-H] <sup>+</sup> <i>C<sub>i</sub></i>	2 <sup>2+</sup> <i>C<sub>i</sub></i>	3 <i>C<sub>i</sub></i>	4 <sup>2+</sup> <i>C<sub>i</sub></i>	
HOMO-LUMO gap (eV)	1.74		0.23	0.23	1.33	0.24	
C2-C2' (Å)				1.582 [1.532]	<sup>a</sup> 1.494 [1.514]	1.373 [1.268]	
C2-C3 (Å)	1.458 [1.486]	1.425	1.515	1.515 [1.509]	1.469 [1.469]	1.477 [1.516]	
C2-C4' (Å)	1.376 [1.384]	1.407	1.508	1.519 [1.534]	1.394 [1.361]	1.495 [1.507]	
C4'-C5' (Å)	1.449 [1.445]	1.431	1.406	1.407 [1.390]	1.448 [1.464]	1.406 [1.461]	
C5'-C6' (Å)	1.355 [1.337]	1.431	1.382	1.383 [1.386]	1.358 [1.333]	1.385 [1.363]	
C6'-O1' (Å)	1.388 [1.374]	1.375	1.367	1.366 [1.336]	1.385 [1.368]	1.388 [1.378]	
O1'-C2' (Å)	1.390 [1.365]	1.373	1.370	1.368 [1.341]	1.392 [1.391]	1.369 [1.358]	
C2'-C3' (Å)	1.356 [1.342]	1.369	1.383	1.385 [1.383]	1.357 [1.343]	1.384 [1.383]	
C3'-C4' (Å)	1.449 [1.440]	1.431	1.401	1.403 [1.382]	1.437 [1.451]	1.403 [1.418]	
Fe-C(Cp') (Å)							
range	2.069-2.122 [2.025-2.066]	2.073-2.204	2.082-2.131	2.082-2.115 [2.009-2.053]	2.075-2.132 [2.025-2.067]	2.074-2.133 [2.034-2.067]	2.076-2.139 [2.012-2.055]
average	2.084 [2.040]	2.112	2.099	2.092 [2.032]			
Fe-C(Cp) (Å)							
range	2.087-2.093 [2.028-2.046]	2.099-2.161		1.984-2.011]	2.083-2.099	2.084-2.101	2.094-2.119 [2.036-2.106]
average	2.088 [2.038]	2.128					

<sup>a</sup>C(2)-C(2') distance.

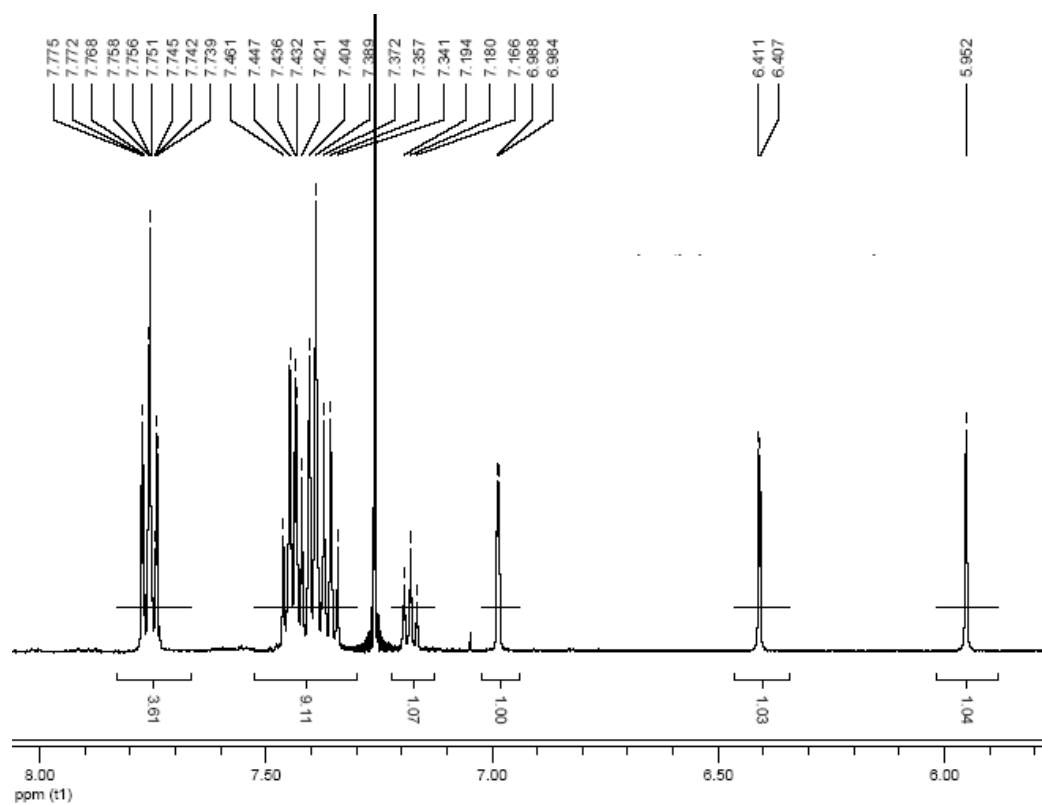




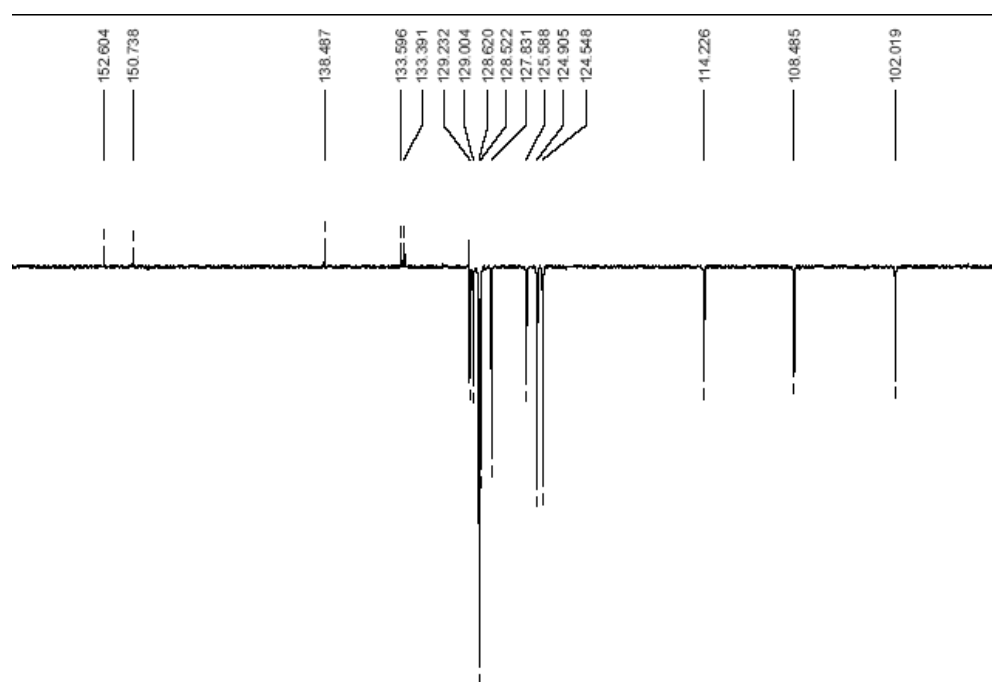
**ESI 06: Compound phenylmethylenepyran [ref 19] : NMR <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, UV-Vis spectra,  
Cyclic Voltammetry**

**NMR <sup>1</sup>H** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, RT) of phenylmethylenepyran

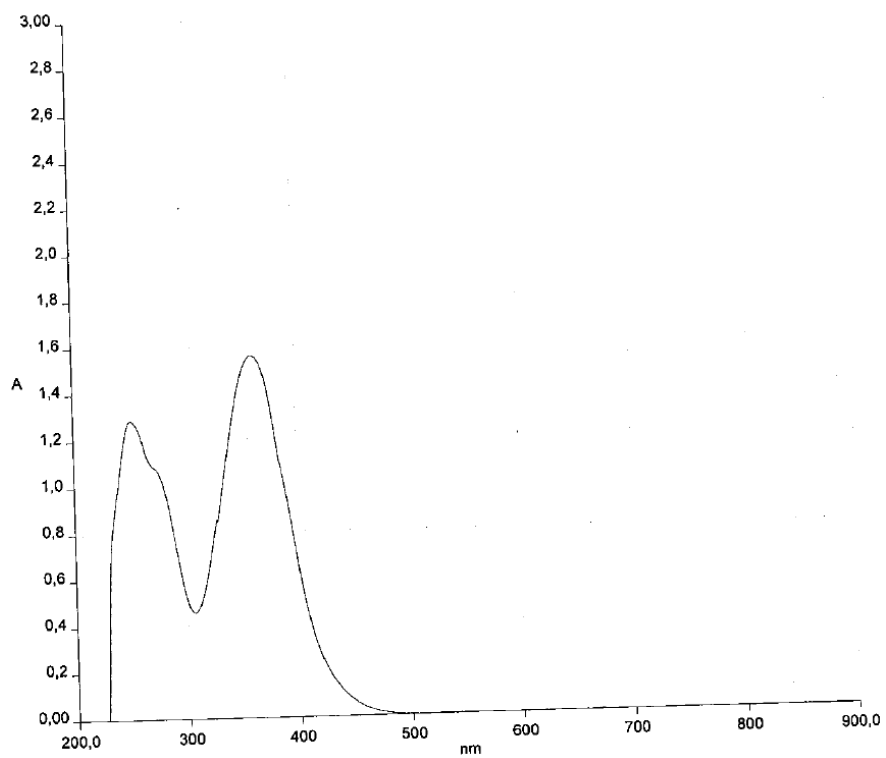




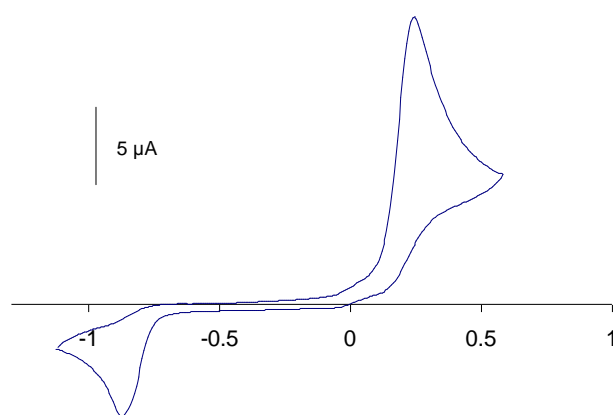
NMR <sup>13</sup>C (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, JMOD sequence, RT) of phenylmethylenepyran



UV-vis spectrum of phenylmethylenepyran (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 6.6 10<sup>-5</sup> M, RT)

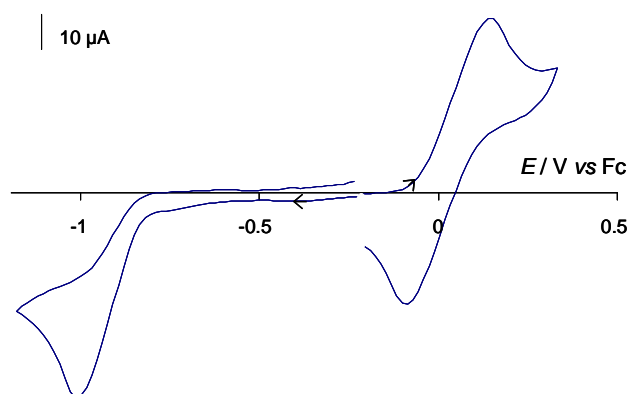


Cyclic Voltammetry of phenylmethylenepyran ( $C = 7.5 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ), in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{-Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  (0.2 M) at a Pt electrode,  $\nu = 0.1 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ ,  $E/V$  vs Fc



**ESI 07: Voltammogram of 1 + HBF<sub>4</sub>**

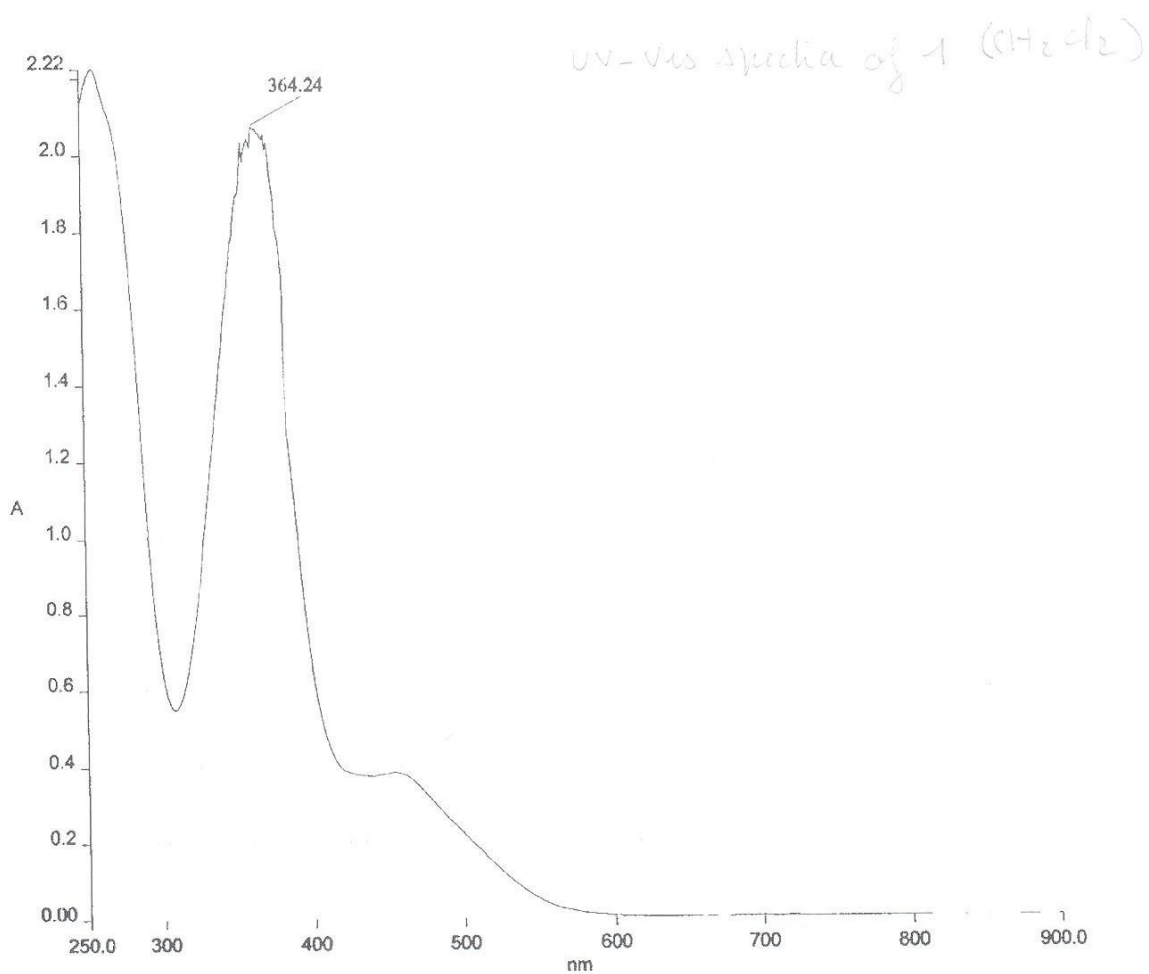
Cyclic Voltammetry of **1** ( $7.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$  M) + 1 eq of HBF<sub>4</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> (0.2 M) at a vitreous carbon electrode,  $\nu = 0.2$  V s<sup>-1</sup>, *E*/V vs Fc



**ESI 08: 2<sup>2+</sup> CIF**

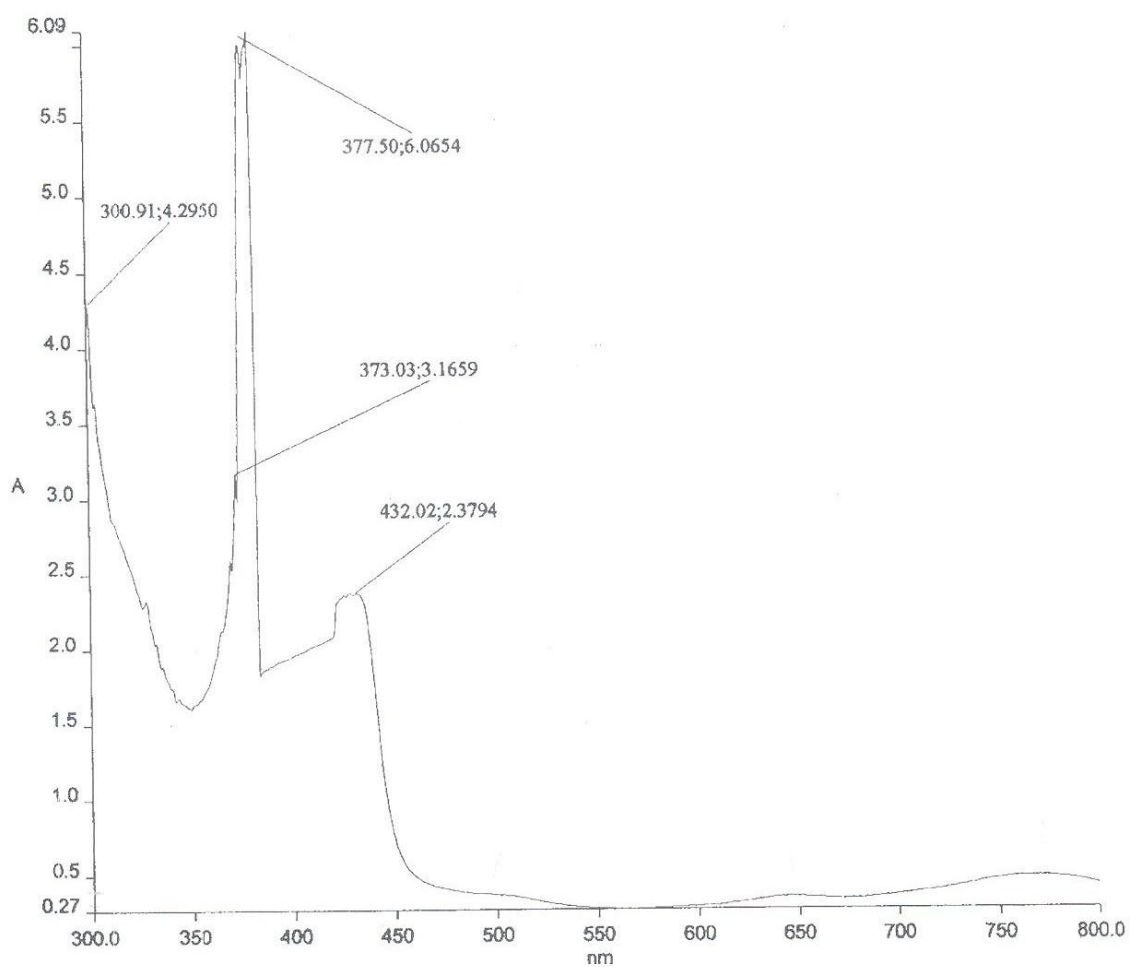
**ESI 09: 3 CIF**

**ESI 10: UV-Vis spectrum of 1 ( $10^{-4}$  mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)**



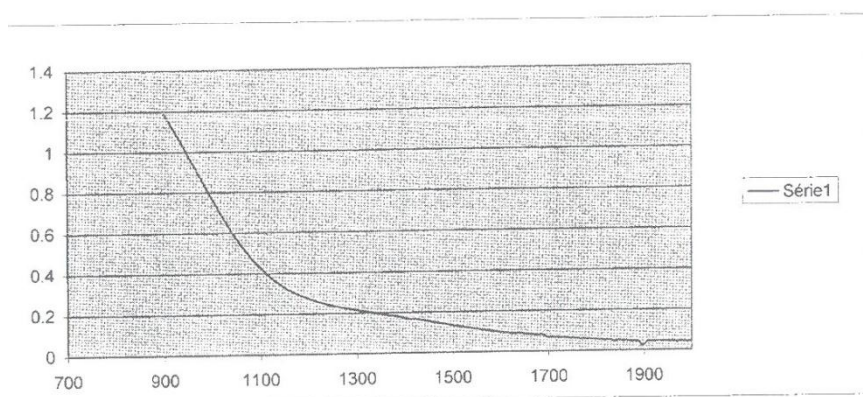
**ESI 11: UV-Vis and NIR spectra of 2<sup>2+</sup>**

**UV-Vis spectrum of 2<sup>2+</sup> (1.5 10<sup>-4</sup> mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)**

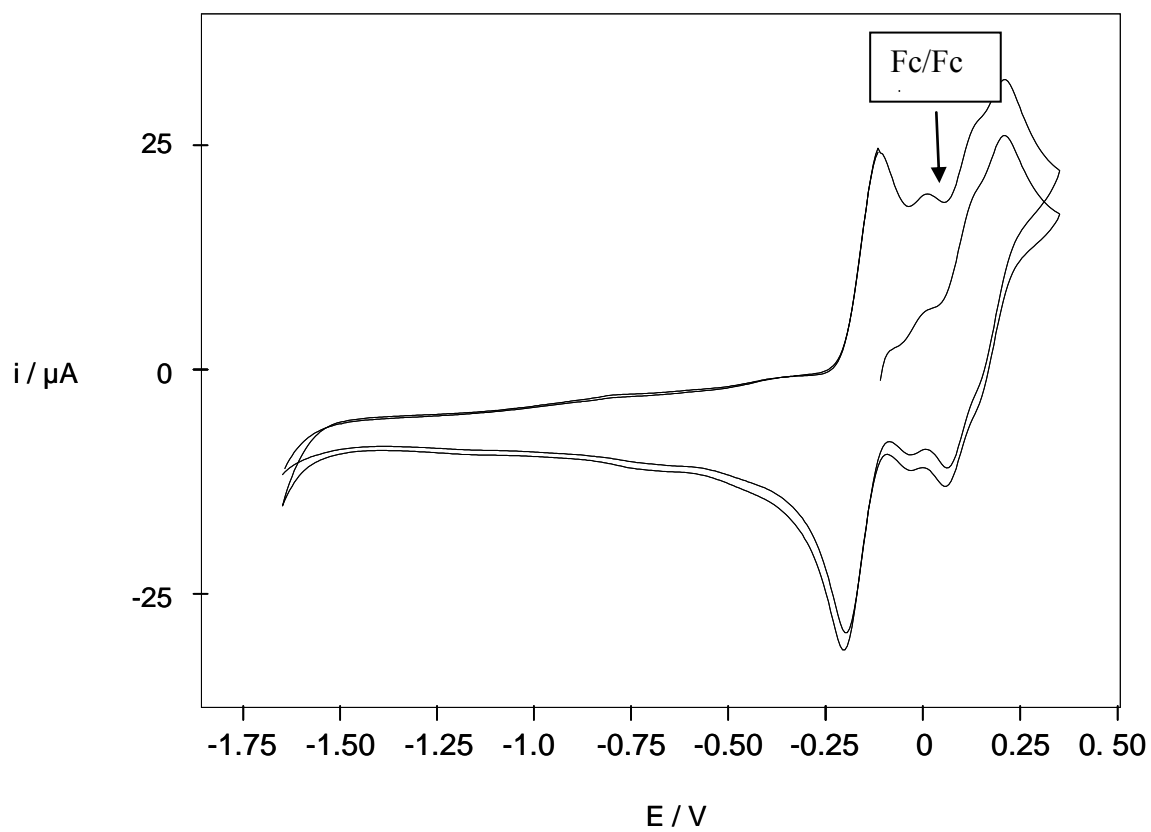


**NIR spectrum of  $2^{2+}$  ( $3 \cdot 10^{-4}$  mol.L $^{-1}$ , CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ )**

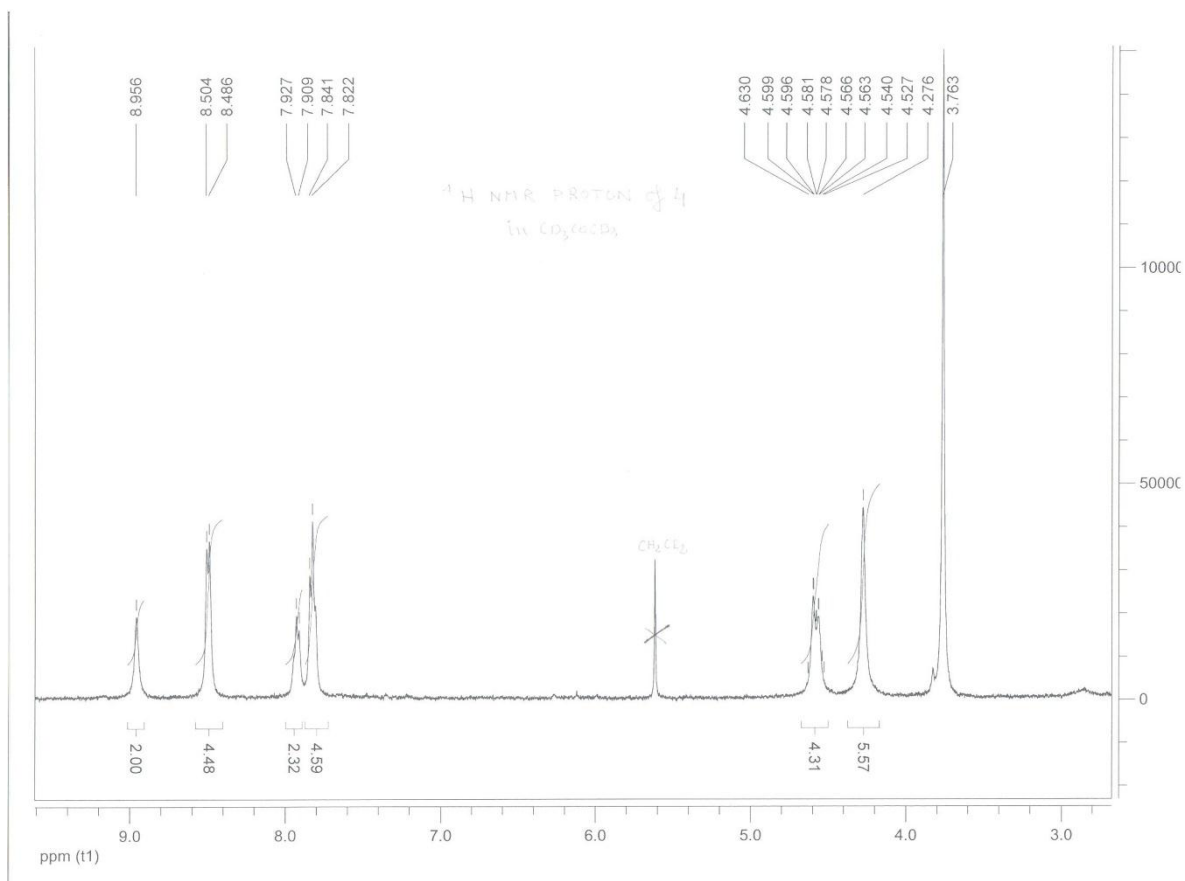
NIR spectrum of 2<sup>2+</sup>



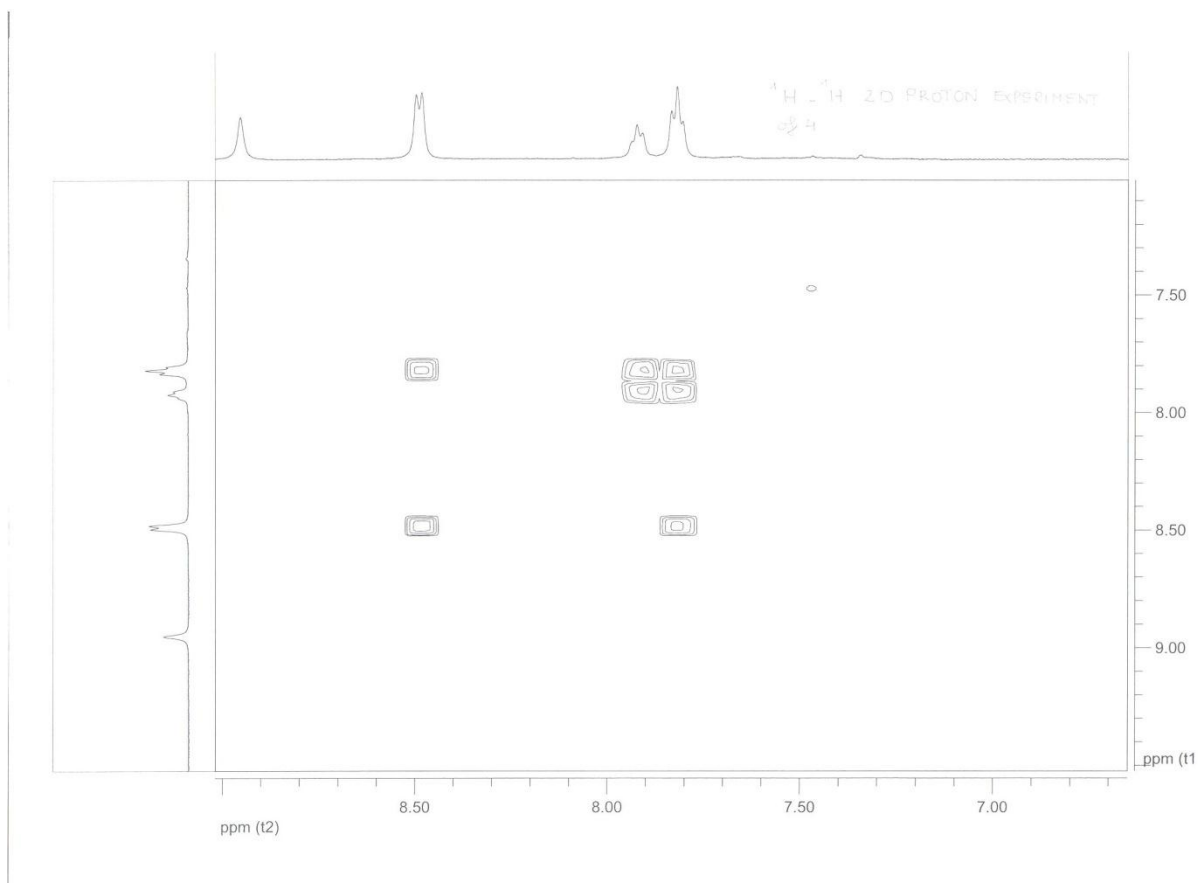
**ESI 12:** Cyclic voltammetry of  $4^{2+}$  ( $1,2 \cdot 10^{-3}$  M) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -  $[\text{NBu}_4][\text{BF}_4]$  (0.2 M) at a Pt disk electrode,  $\nu = 0.2 \text{ V}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ,  $E/\text{V}$  vs  $[\text{FcCp}_2]^{0/+}$



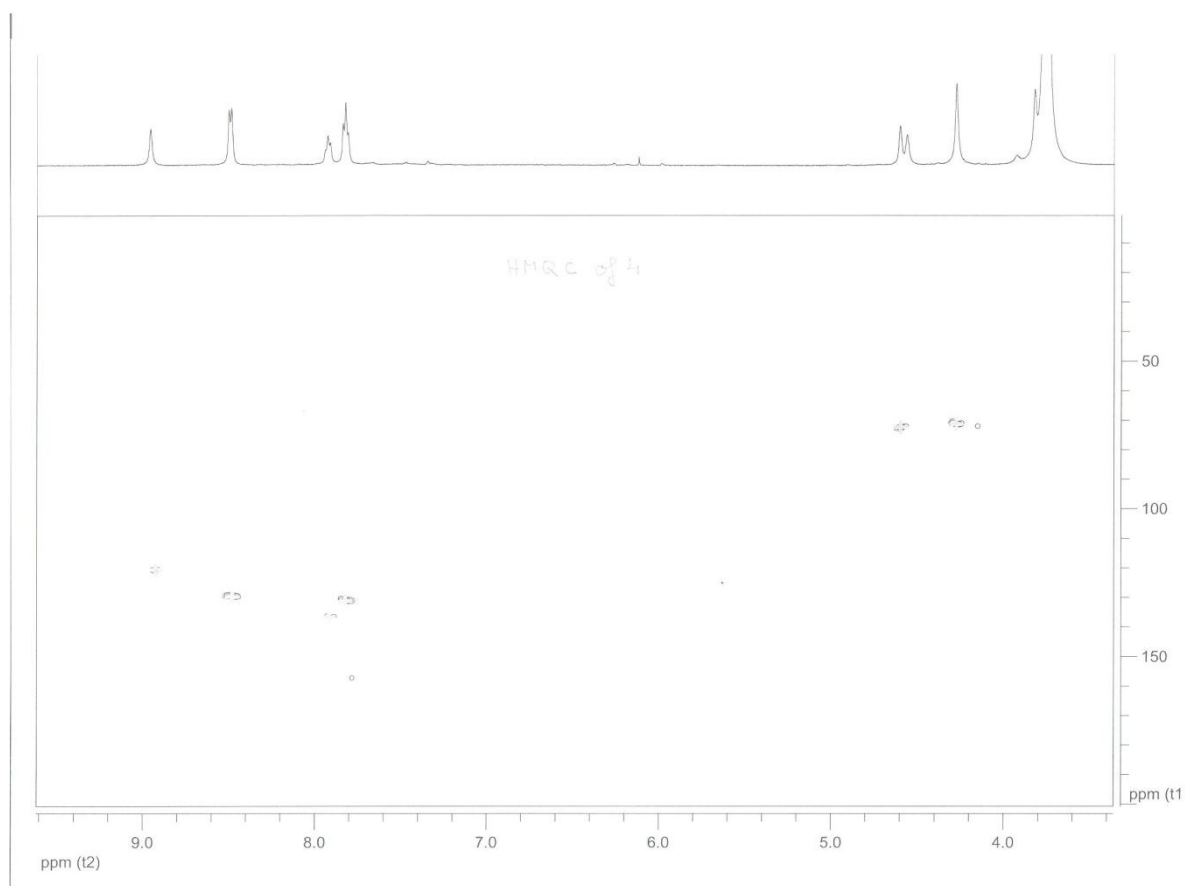
**ESI 13:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $4^{2+}$



$^1\text{H}$  NMR 2D spectrum of  $4^{2+}$  (COSY)



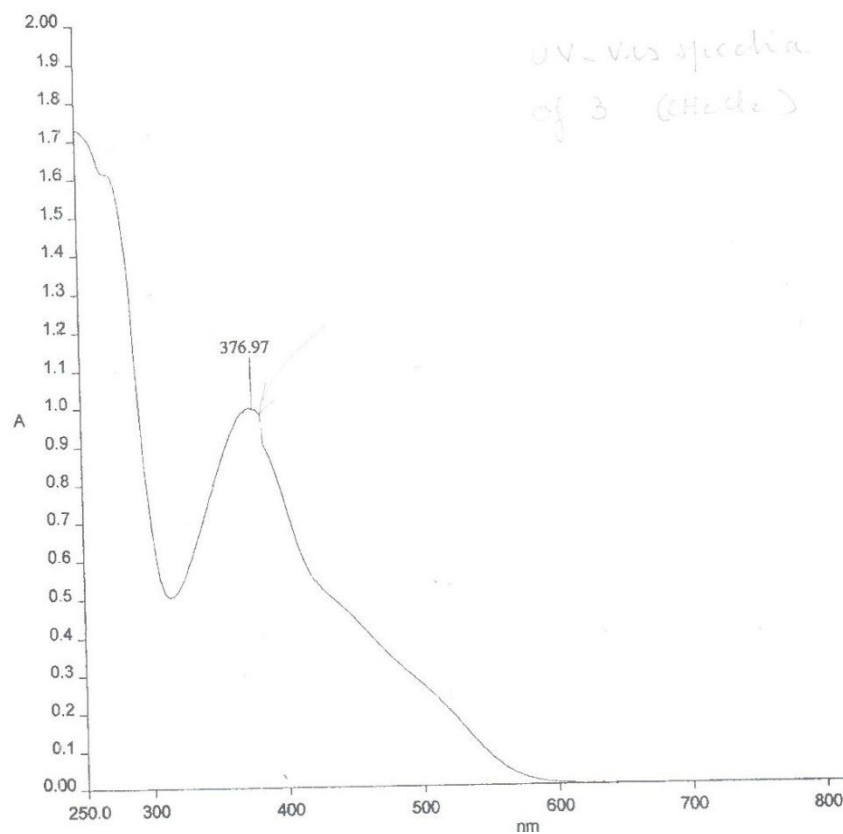
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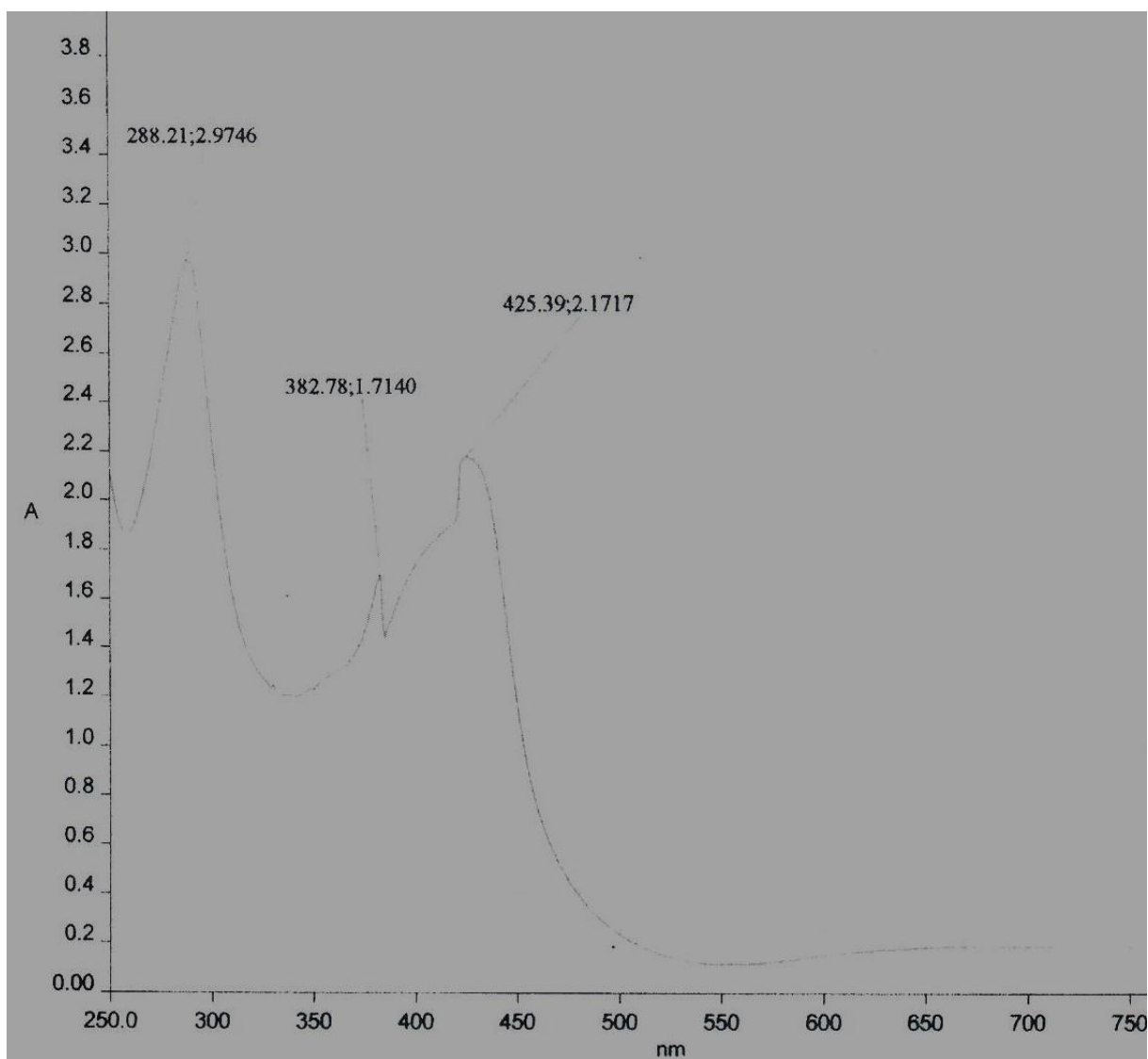
**ESI 14:  $4^{2+}$  CIF**

**ESI 15: UV-Vis spectrum of 3 ( $5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol.L}^{-1}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )**

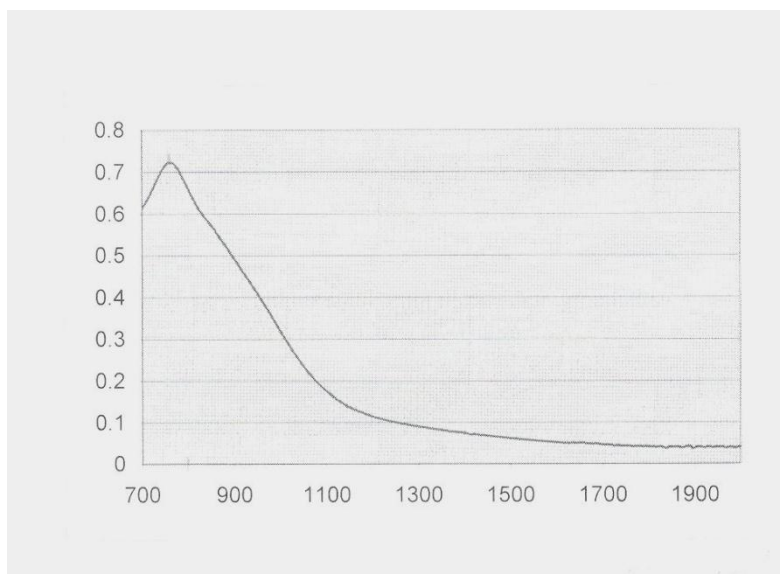


**ESI 16: UV-Vis and NIR spectra of  $4^{2+}$**

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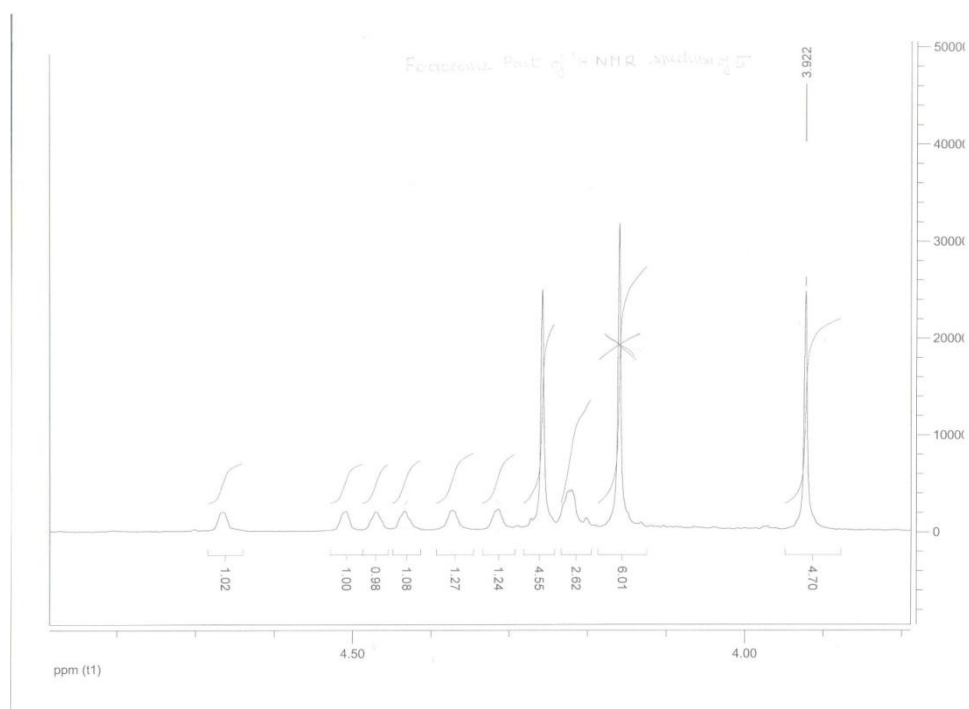


**NIR spectrum of  $4^{2+}$  ( $4 \times 10^{-4}$  mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)**

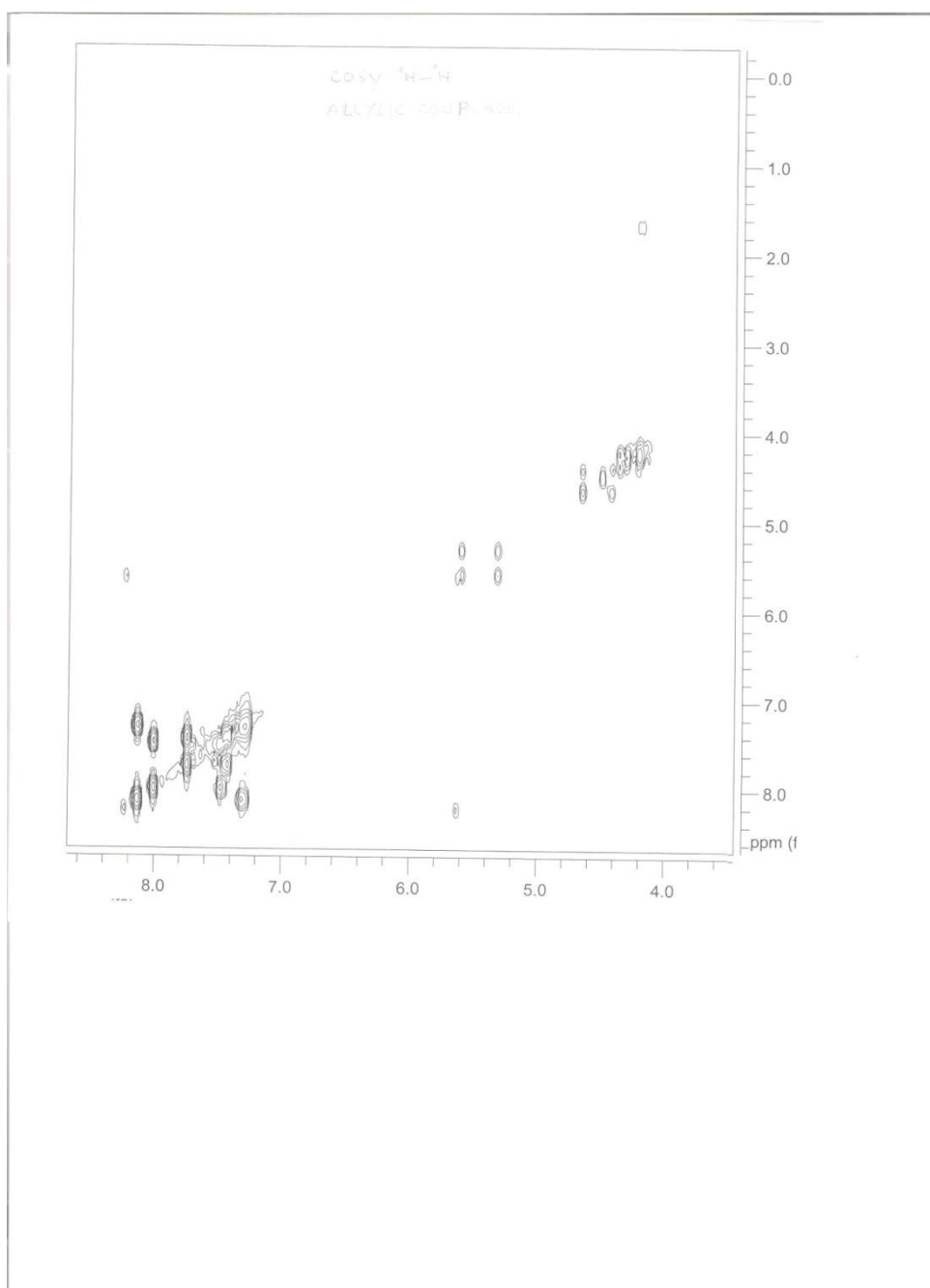




**$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 5 (3.8 ppm-5 ppm)**



**$^1\text{H}$  NMR 2D spectrum of 5 (COSY)**



**ESI 18: IR spectrum of 5 (KBr)**

