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Simple 1-dicyanomethylene-2-chloro-3-aminoindene push-pull chromophores: applications in cation and anion sensing

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1. Crystal Structure determination for compound 3 A single crystal of **3** was mounted on a glass fibre. X-ray measurements were made using a Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer with Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$).^{1a} Intensities were integrated^{1b} from several series of exposures, each exposure covering 0.3° in ω , and the total data set being a sphere. Absorption corrections were applied, based on multiple and symmetry-equivalent measurements.^{1c} The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by least squares on weighted F^2 values for all reflections.^{1d} All non-hydrogen atoms were assigned anisotropic displacement parameters and refined without positional constraints. All hydrogen atoms were constrained to ideal geometries and refined with fixed isotropic displacement parameters. Refinement proceeded smoothly to give the residuals. Complex neutral-atom scattering factors were used.^{1e}

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **3**.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Identification code | neo163am | |
| Empirical formula | C ₂₀ H ₂₂ Cl N ₃ | |
| Formula weight | 339.86 | |
| Temperature | 293(2) K | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | |
| Crystal system | Triclinic | |
| Space group | P-1 | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 8.3304(16) Å | $\alpha = 92.955(4)^\circ$. |
| | b = 9.1897(18) Å | $\beta = 97.382(4)^\circ$. |
| | c = 13.096(3) Å | $\gamma = 108.536(4)^\circ$. |
| Volume | 938.1(3) Å ³ | |
| Z | 2 | |
| Density (calculated) | 1.203 Mg/m ³ | |
| Absorption coefficient | 0.209 mm ⁻¹ | |
| F(000) | 360 | |
| Crystal size | 0.31 x 0.13 x 0.09 mm ³ | |
| Theta range for data collection | 1.58 to 23.33°. | |
| Index ranges | -9<=h<=9, -10<=k<=8, -14<=l<=12 | |
| Reflections collected | 4227 | |
| Independent reflections | 2673 [R(int) = 0.0248] | |
| Completeness to theta = 23.33° | 98.3 % | |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivalents | |
| Max. and min. transmission | 1.000000 and 0.627933 | |

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F^2 |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 2673 / 0 / 221 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F^2 | 1.038 |
| Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] | $R_1 = 0.0635$, $wR_2 = 0.1733$ |
| R indices (all data) | $R_1 = 0.0874$, $wR_2 = 0.1891$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.477 and $-0.403 \text{ e.}\text{\AA}^{-3}$ |

- 1 (a) *SMART diffractometer control software*, Bruker Analytical X-ray Instruments Inc., Madison, WI, 2000. (b) *SAINTE integration software*, Siemens Analytical X-ray Instruments Inc., Madison, WI, 2000. (c) G. M. Sheldrick, *SADABS: A program for absorption correction with the Siemens SMART system*; University of Göttingen: Germany, 2001. (d) *SHELXTL program system version 6.1*; Bruker Analytical X-ray Instruments Inc., Madison, WI, 1998. (e) *International Tables for Crystallography*, Kluwer, Dordrecht, 1992, vol. C.

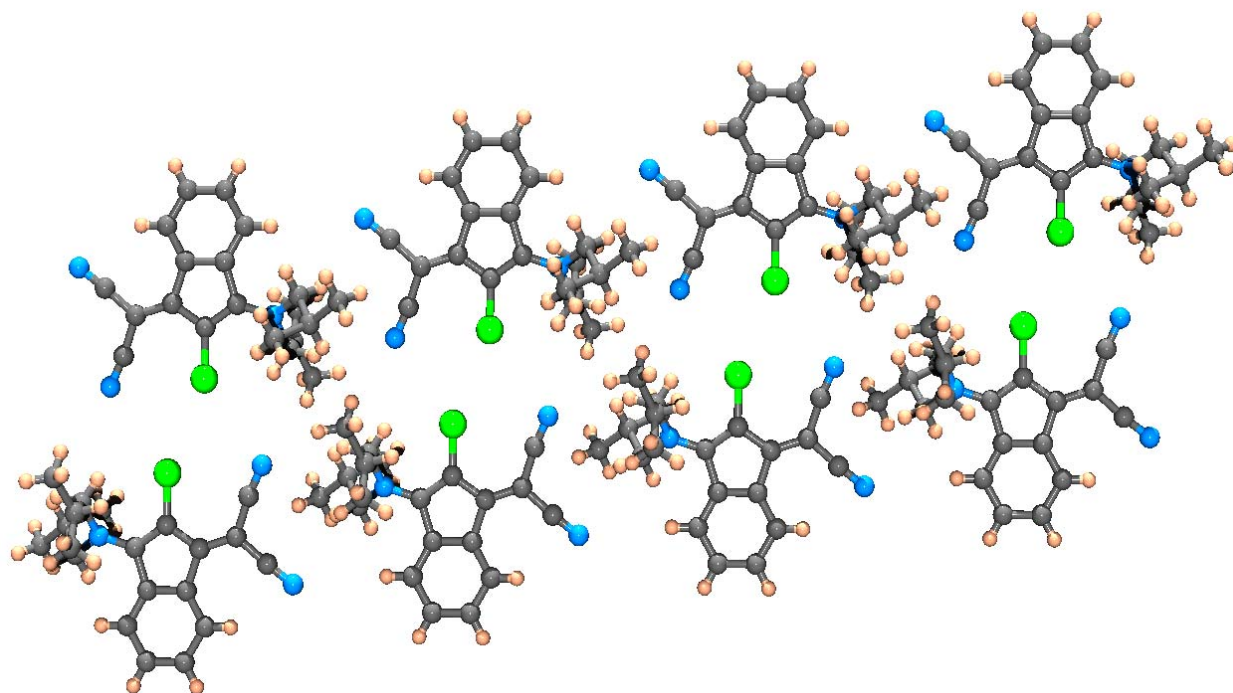


Fig. 1. Crystal packing of **3**

2. NMR and UV spectra of compounds 2-10.

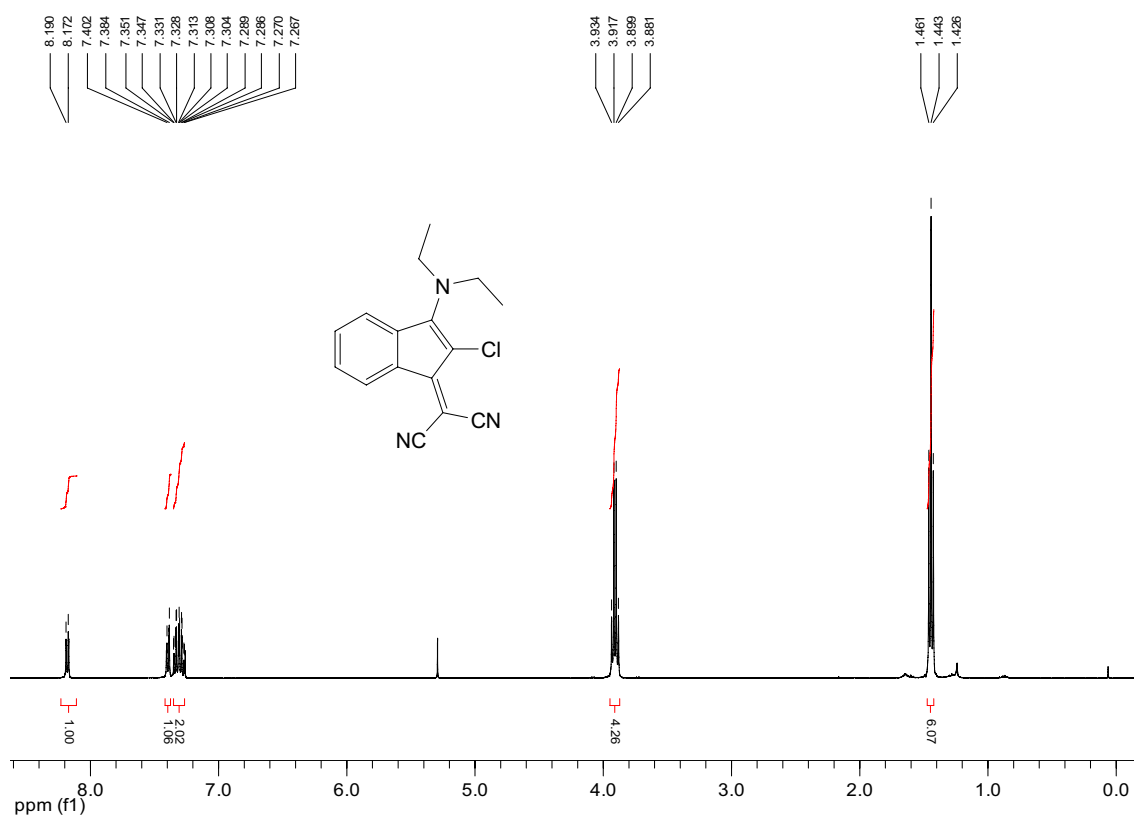


Fig. 2. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) of 2

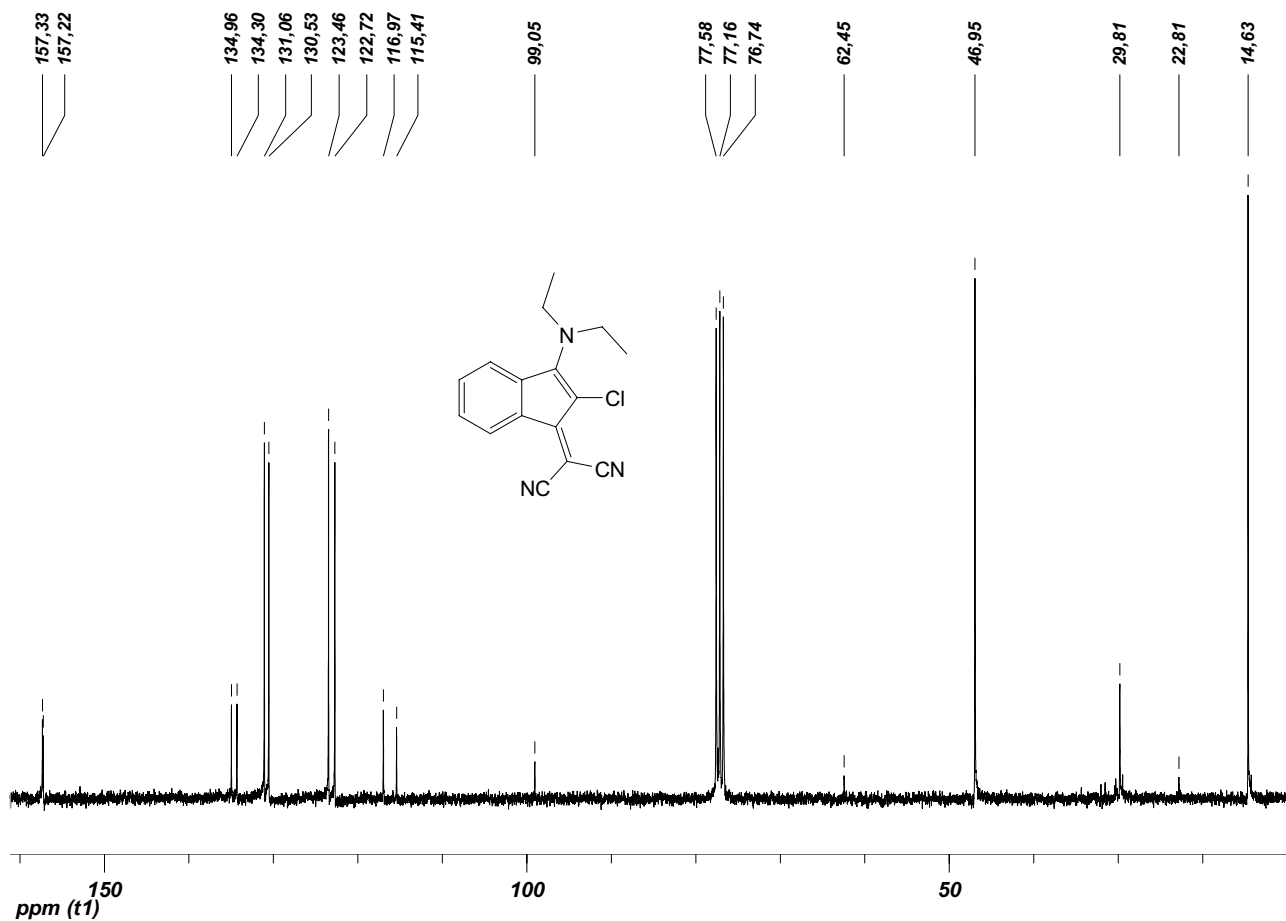


Fig. 3. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) of **2**

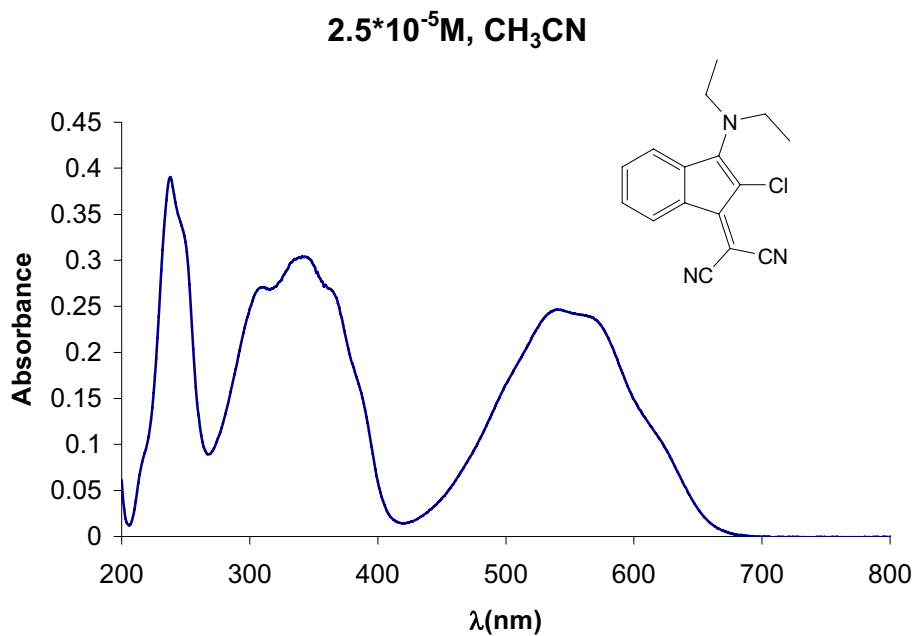


Fig. 4. UV-vis (CH_3CN , 2.5×10^{-5} M) of **2**

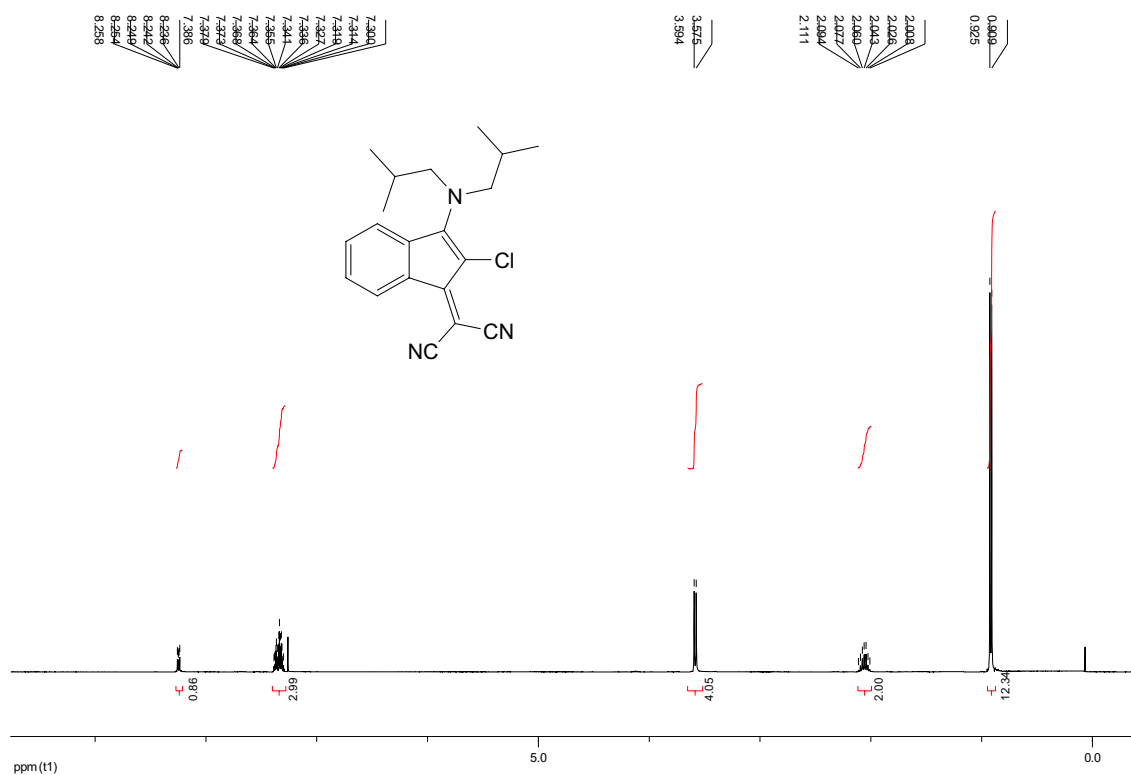


Fig. 5. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of **3**

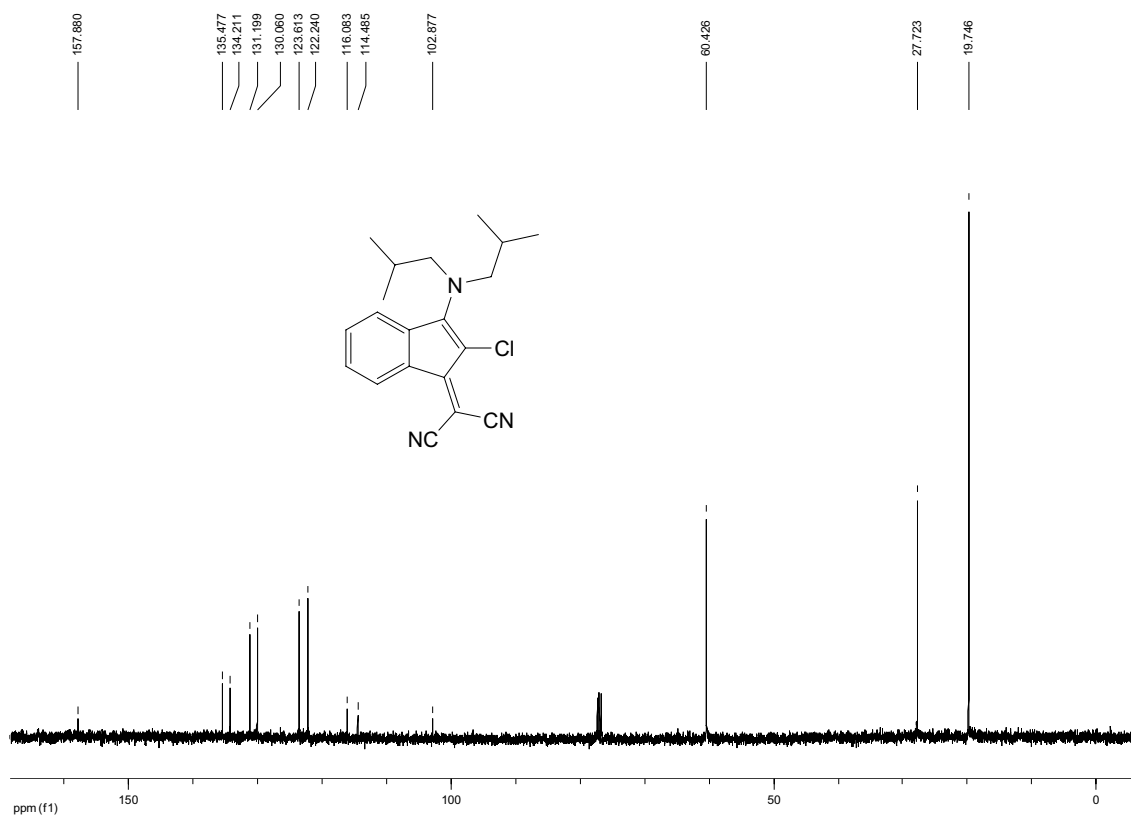


Fig. 6. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of **3**

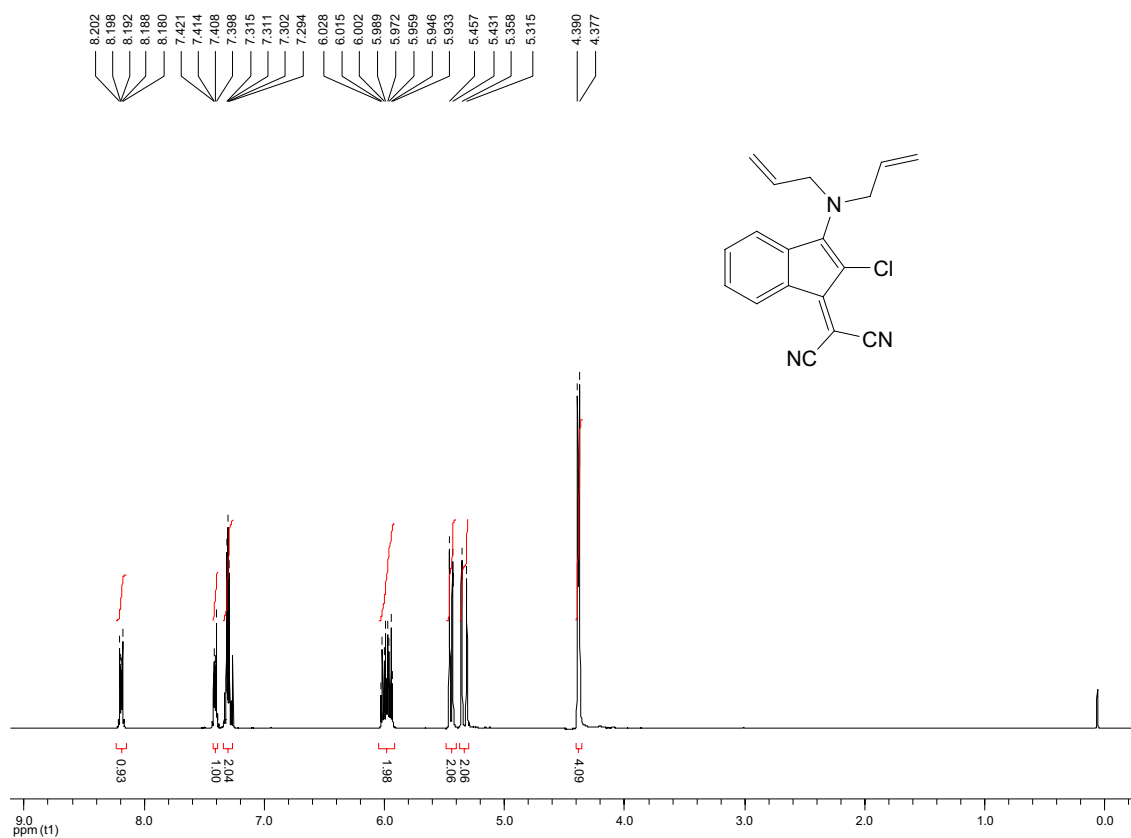


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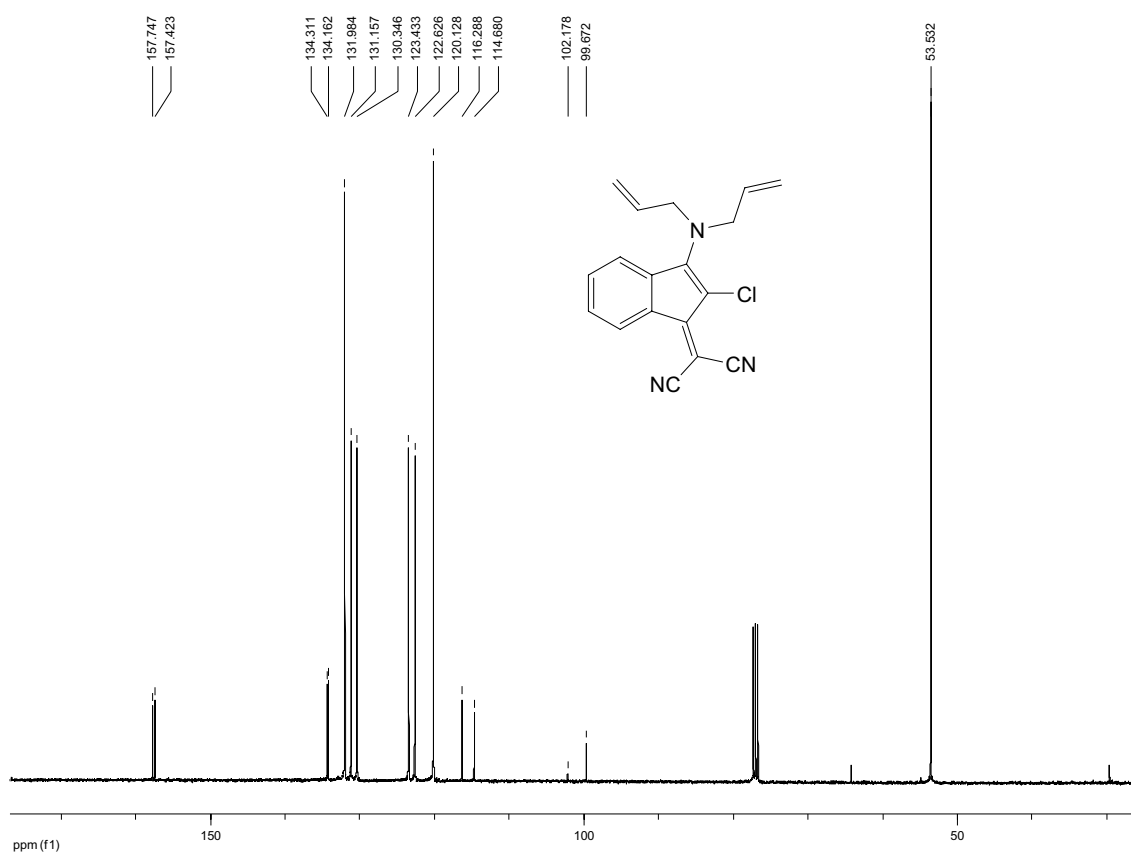


Fig. 8. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) of 4

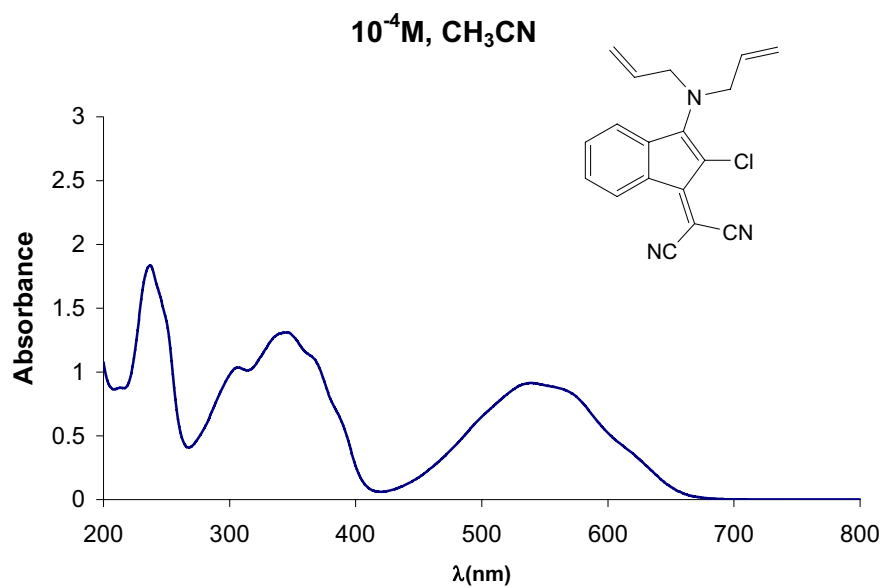


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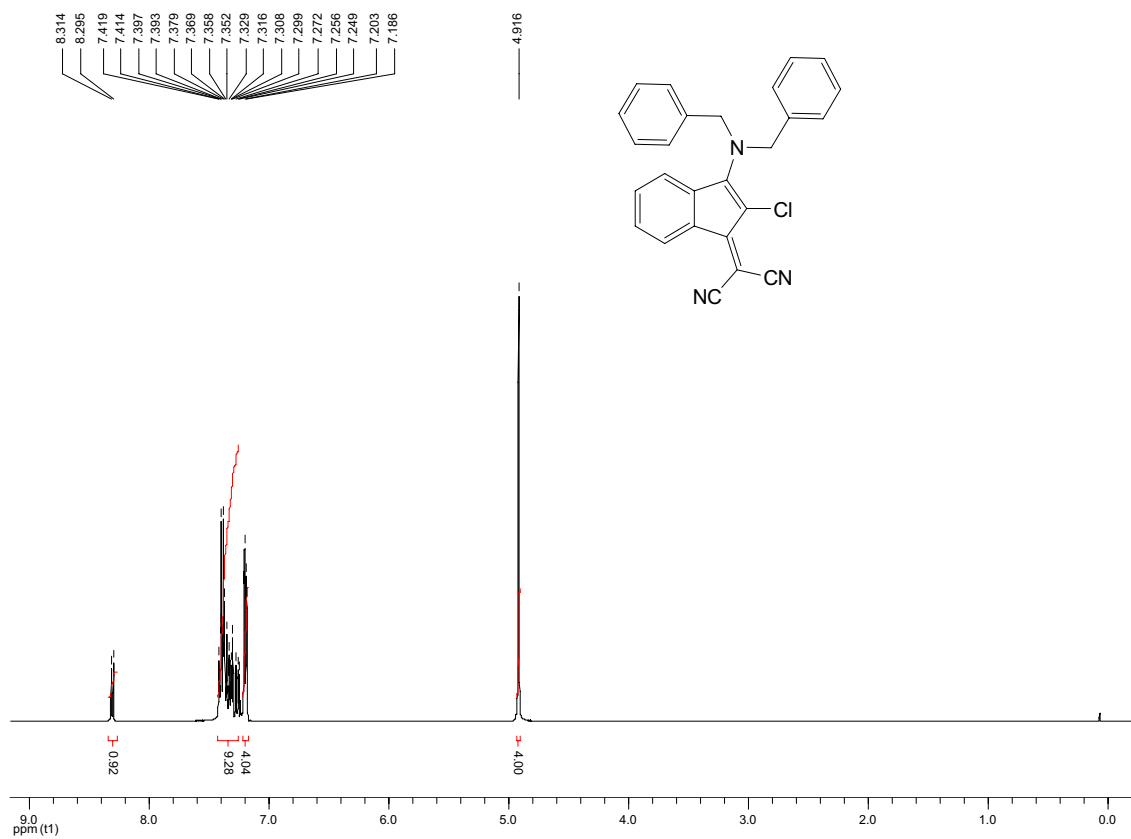


Fig. 10. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of **5**

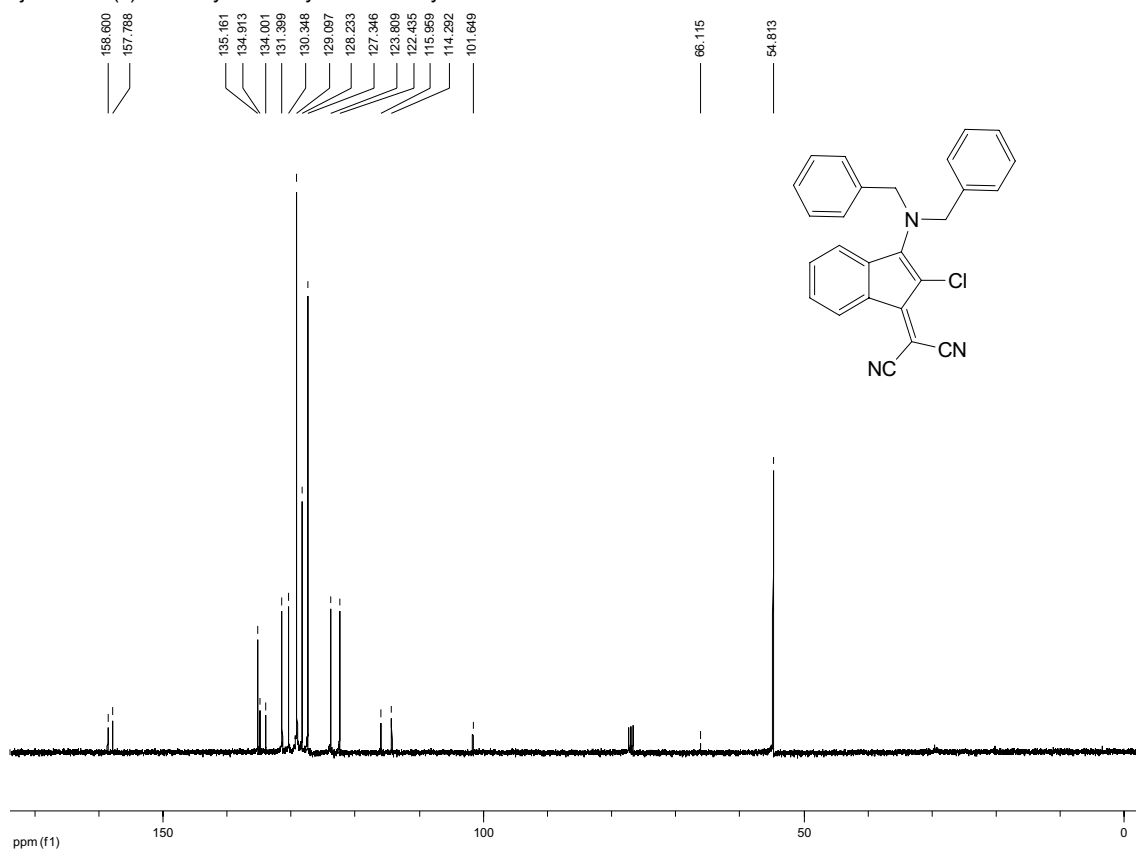


Fig. 11. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) of 5

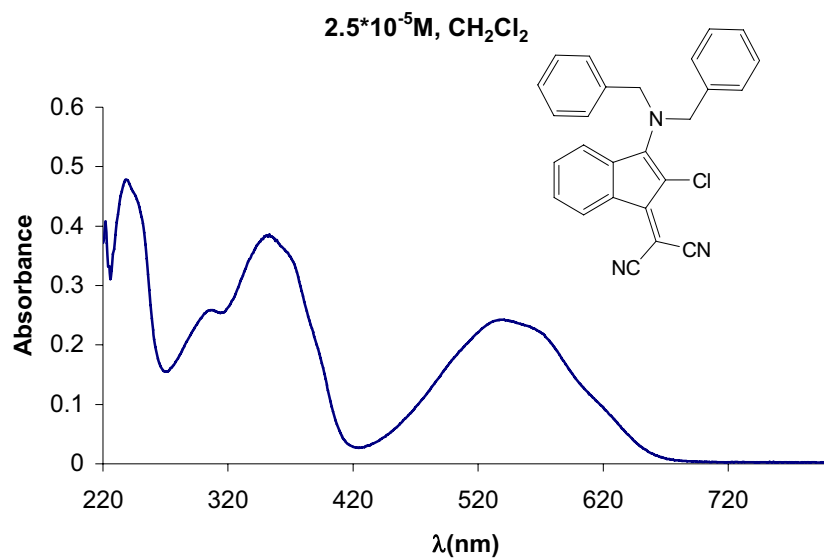


Fig. 12. UV-vis (CH_2Cl_2 , $2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) of 5

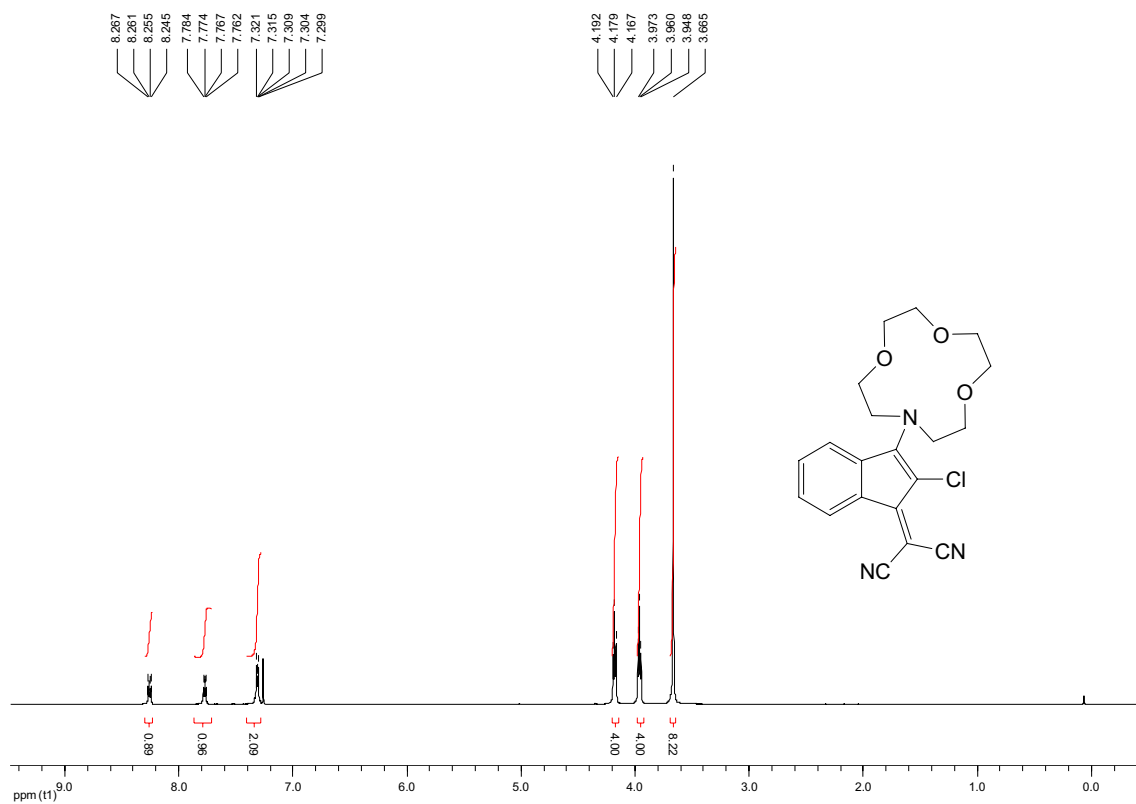


Fig. 13. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) of **6**

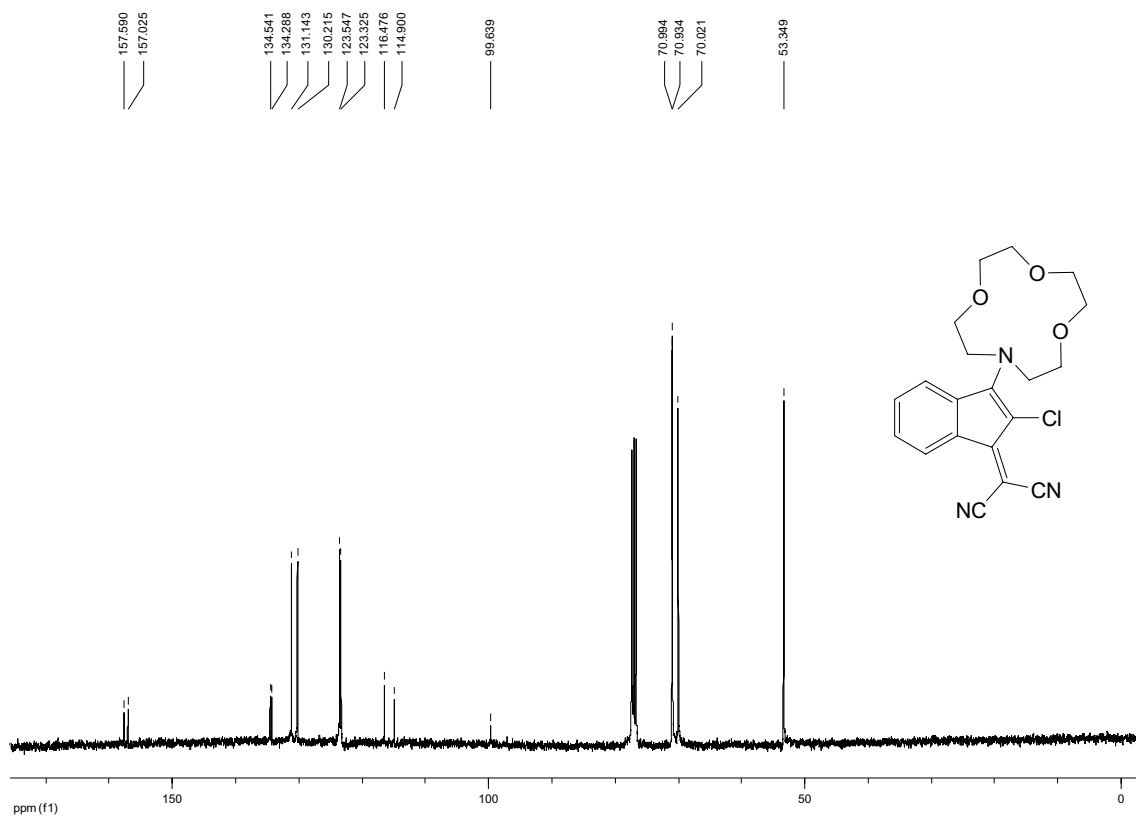
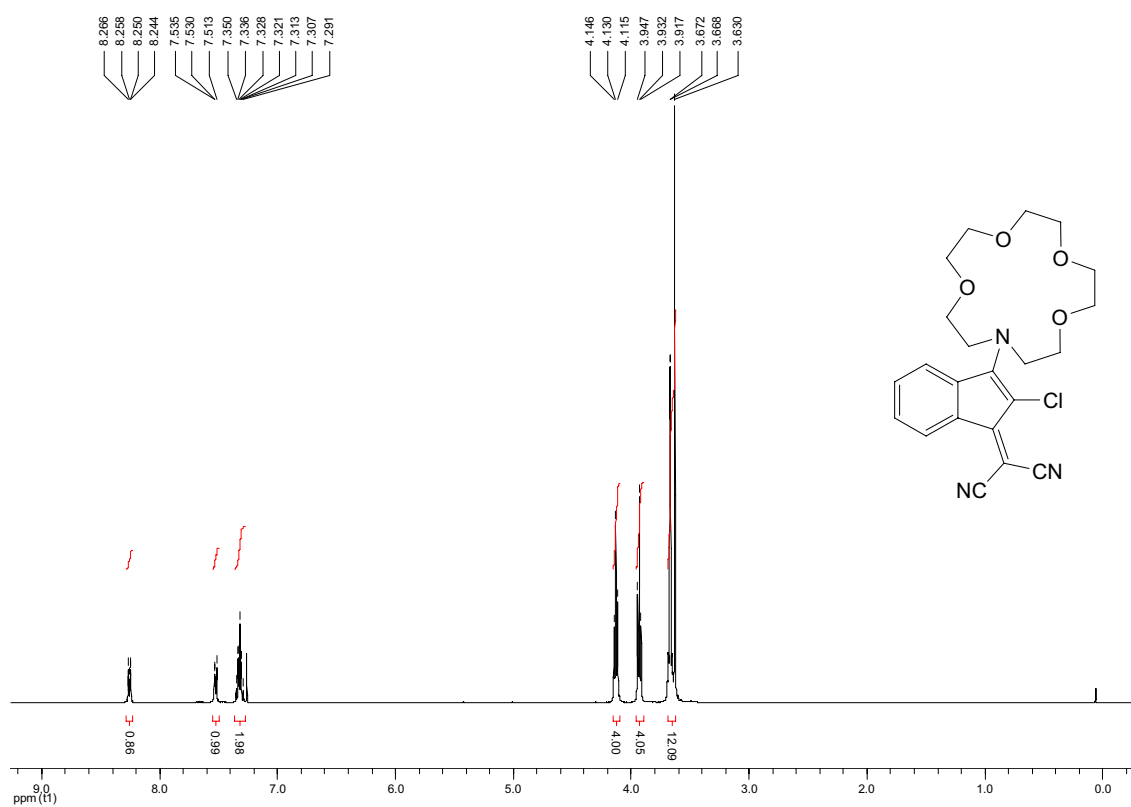
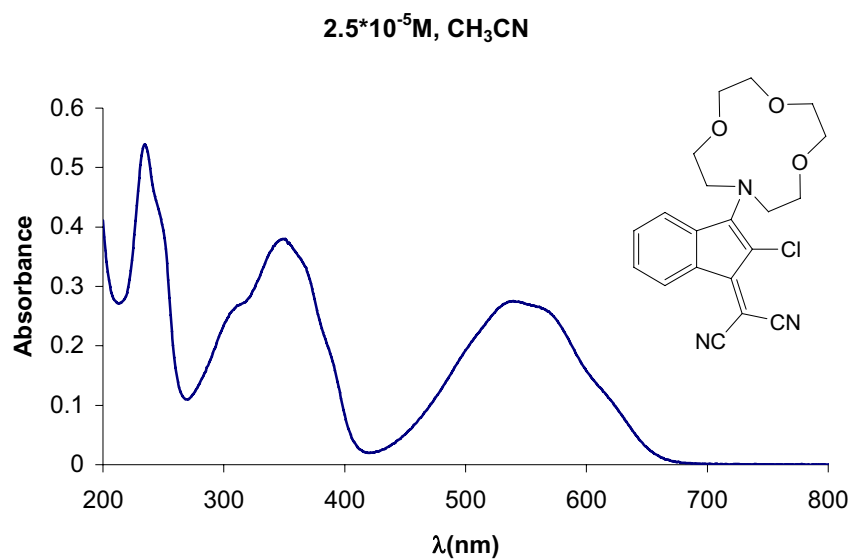


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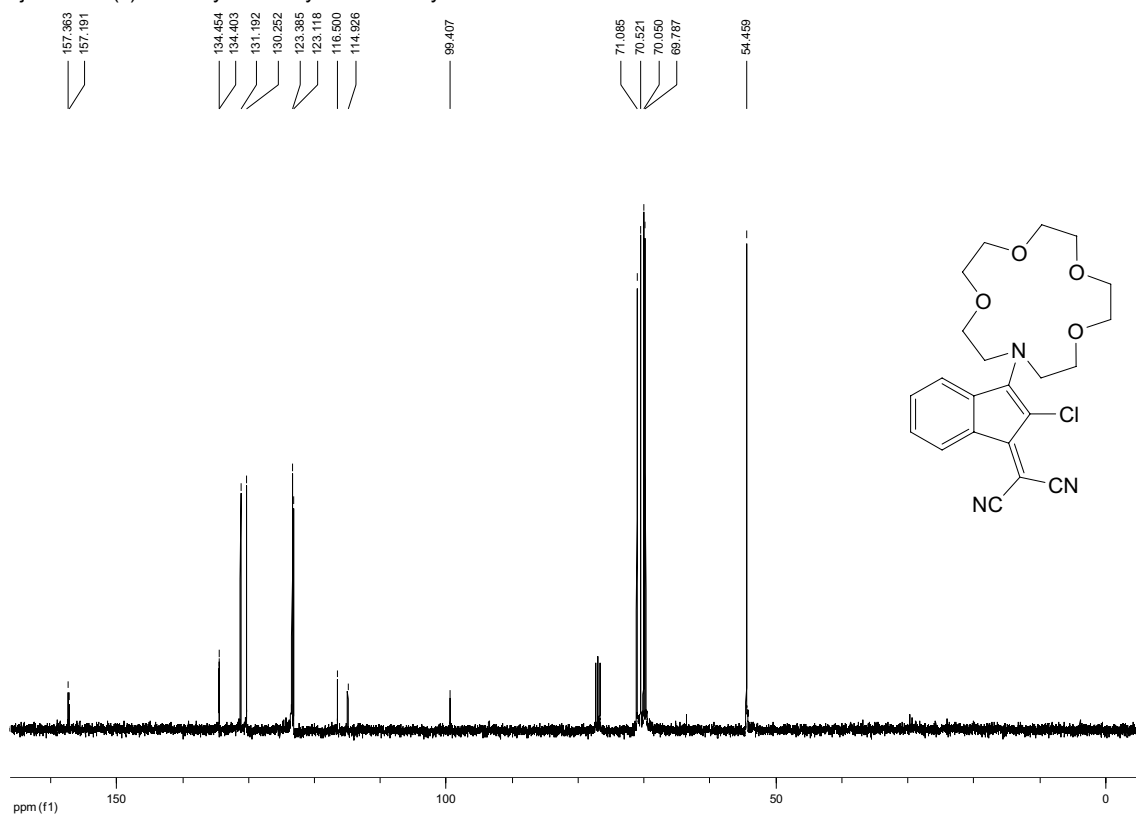


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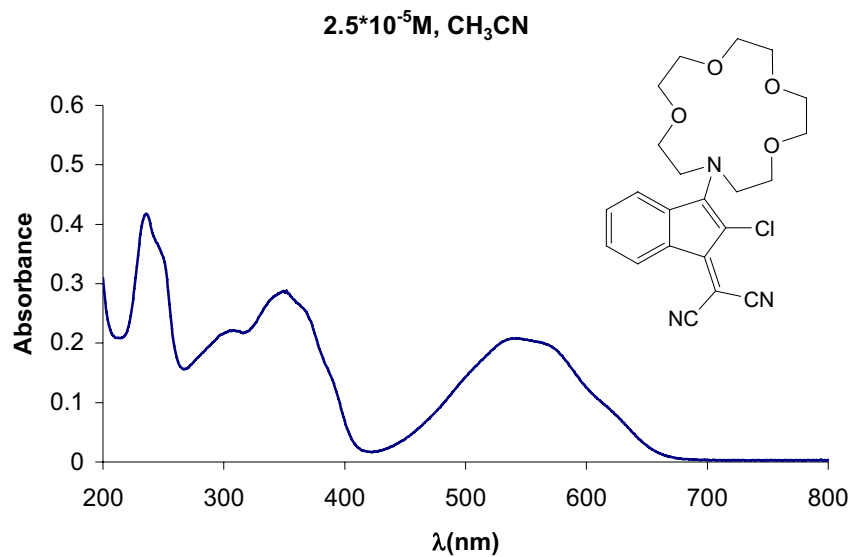


Fig. 18. UV-vis (CH_2Cl_2 , 2.5×10^{-5} M) of 7

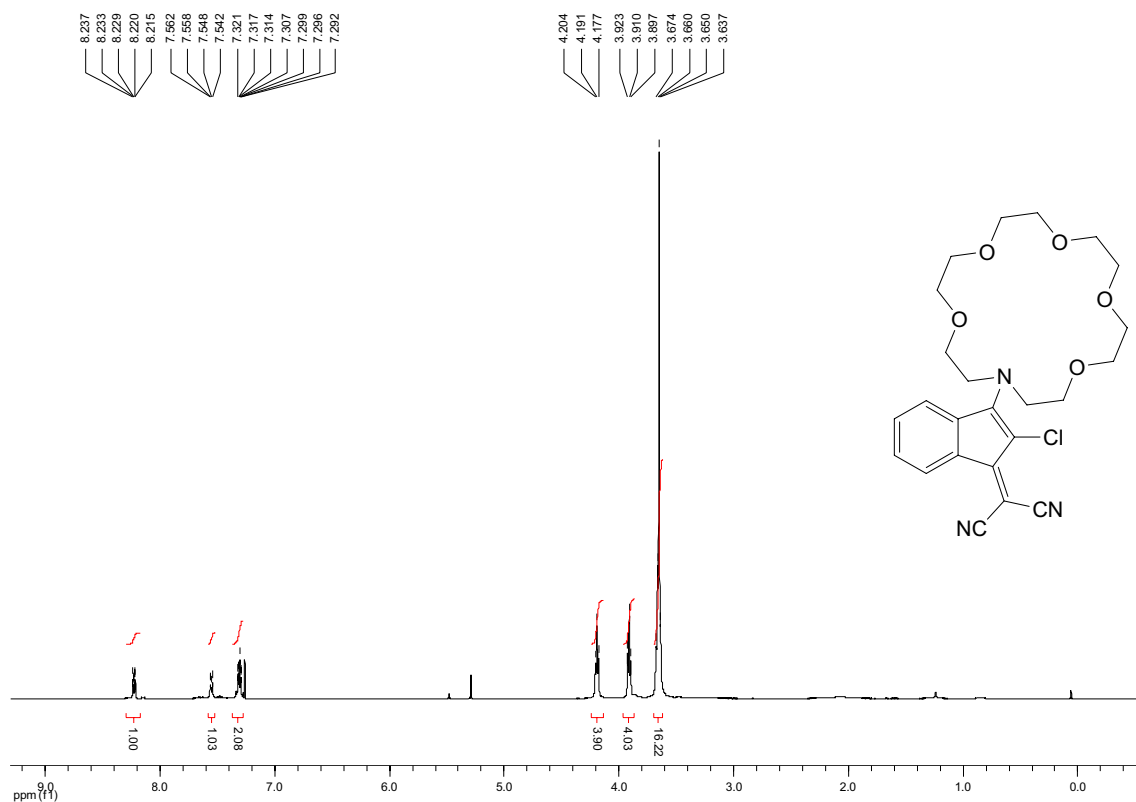


Fig. 19. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) of **8**

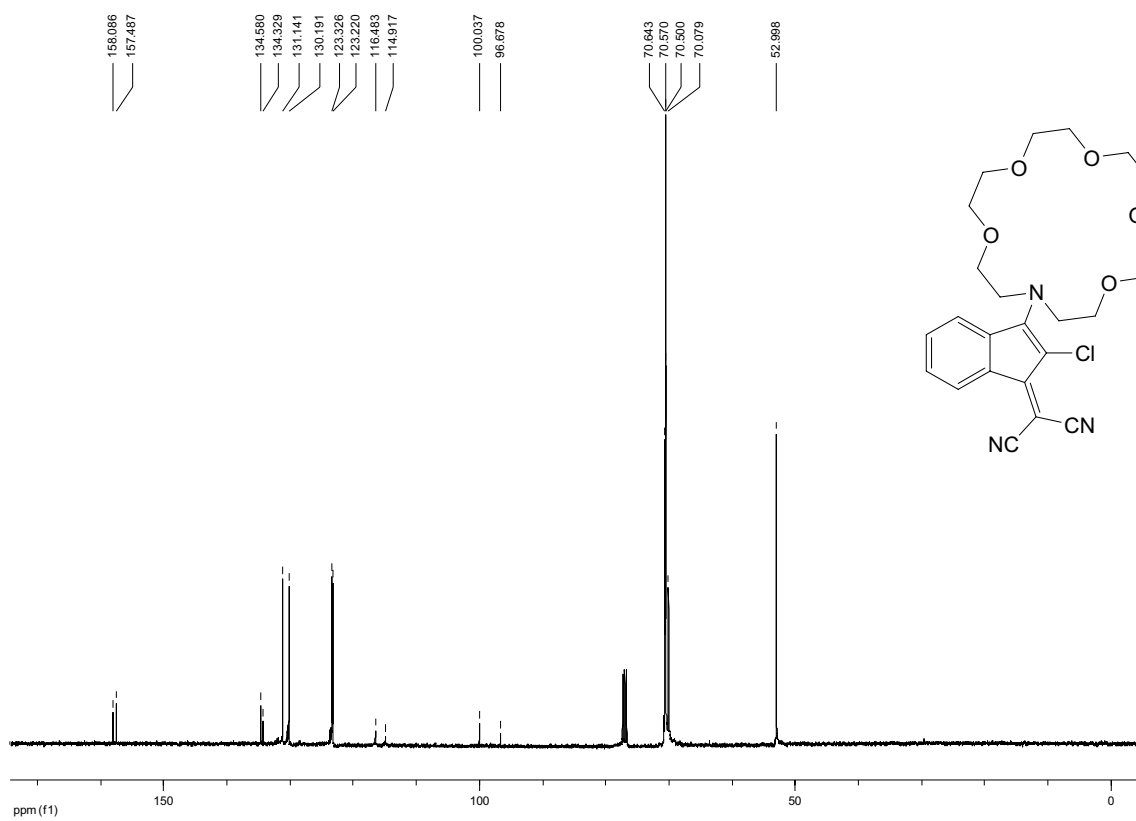


Fig. 20. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) of **8**

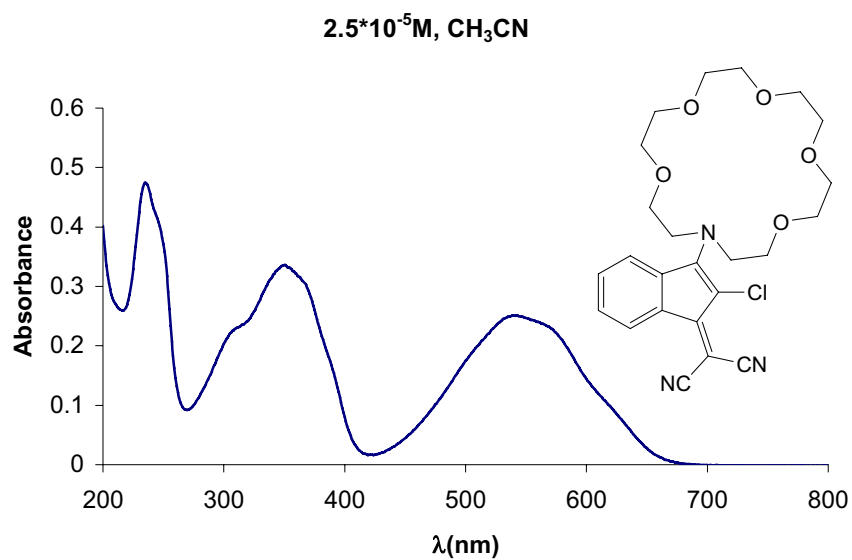


Fig. 21. UV-vis (CH_2Cl_2 , $2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) of **8**

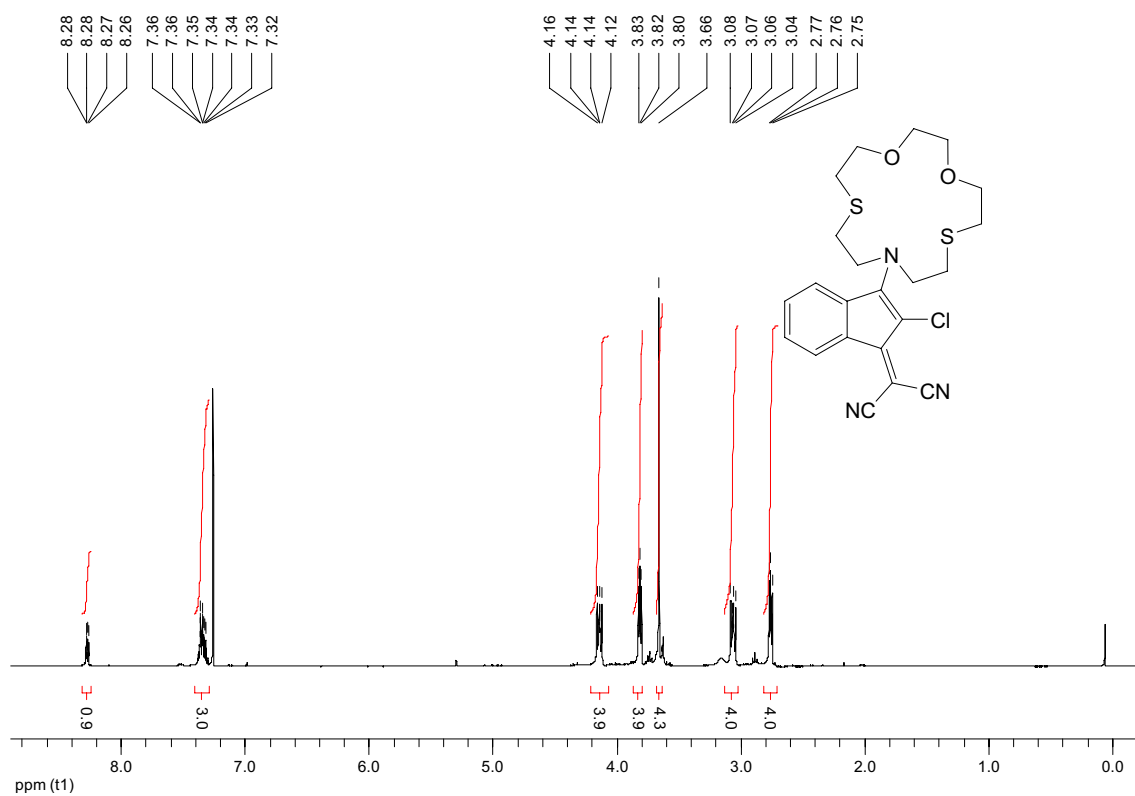


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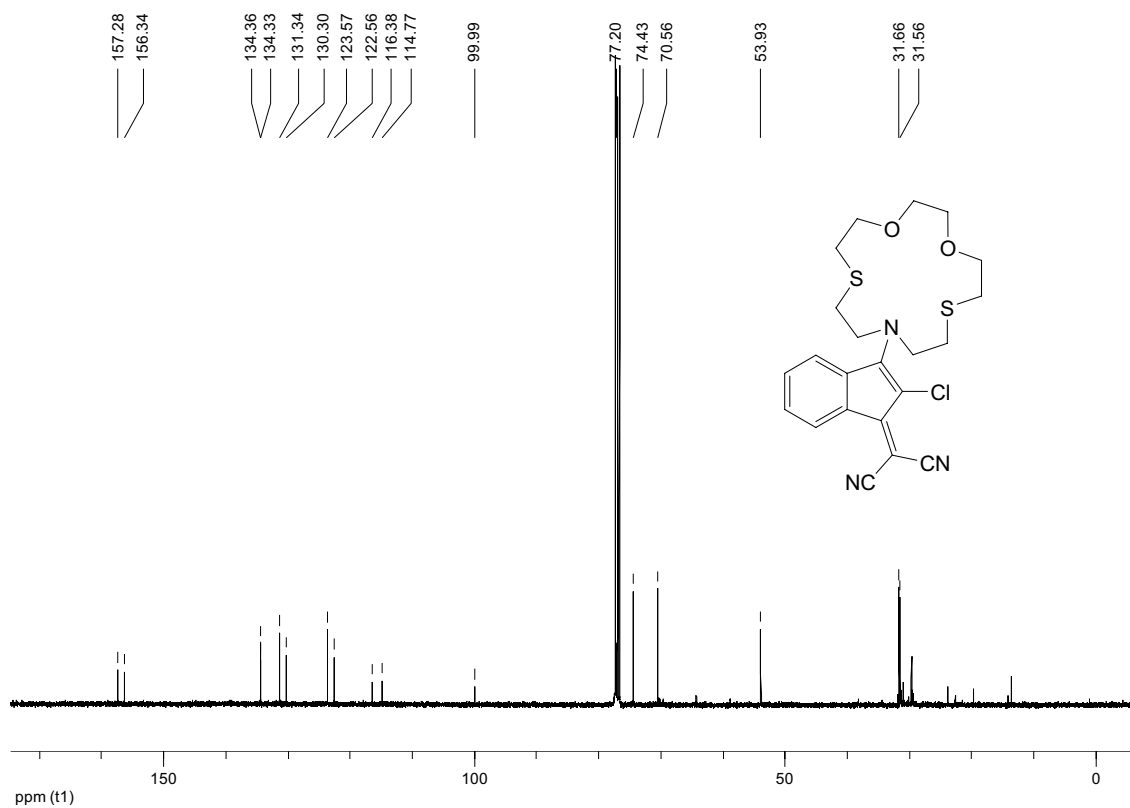


Fig. 23. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) of **9**

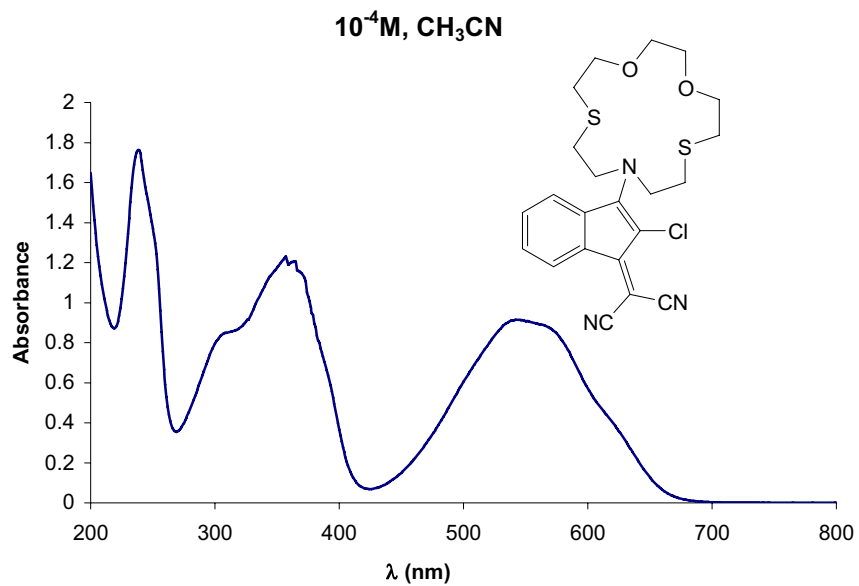


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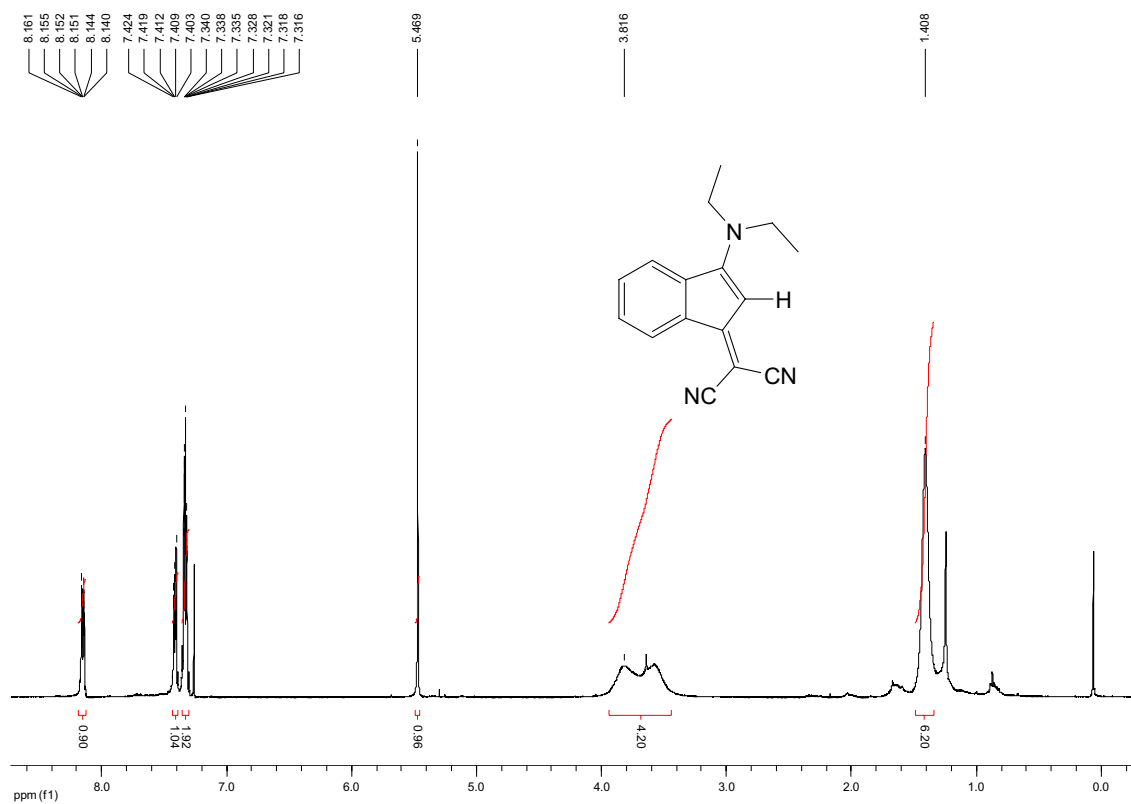


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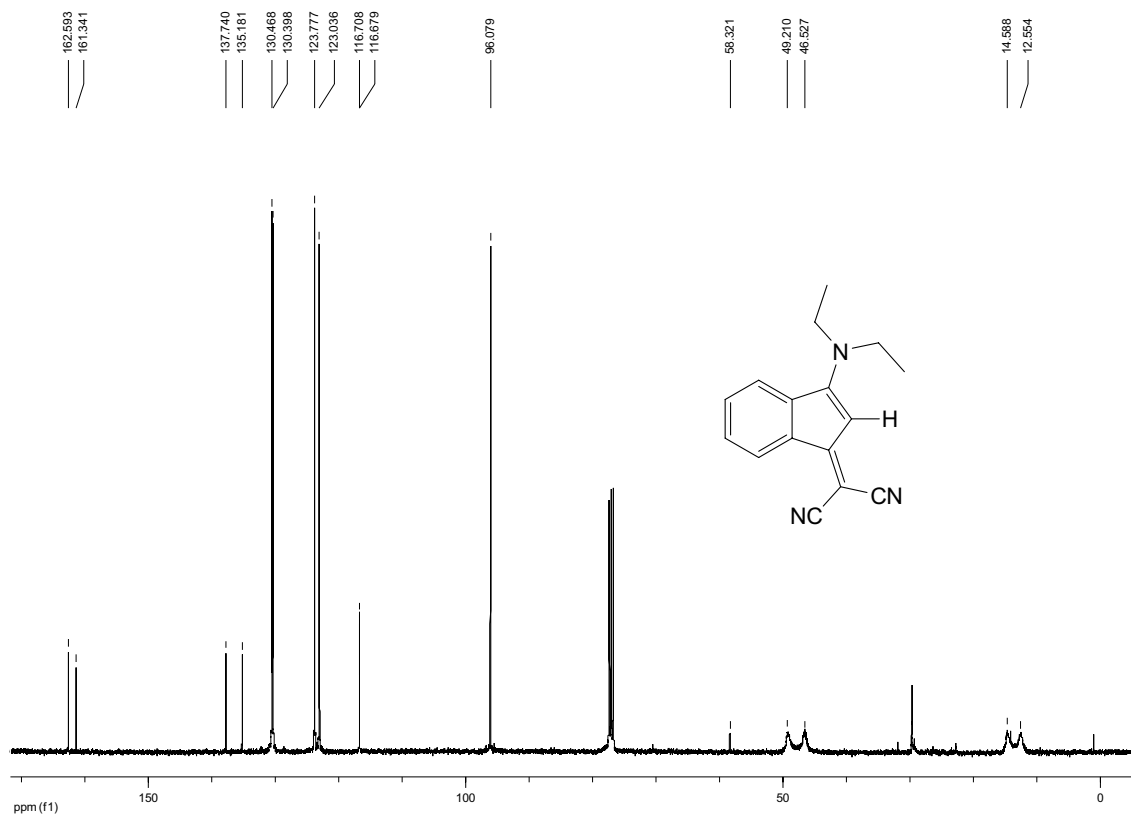


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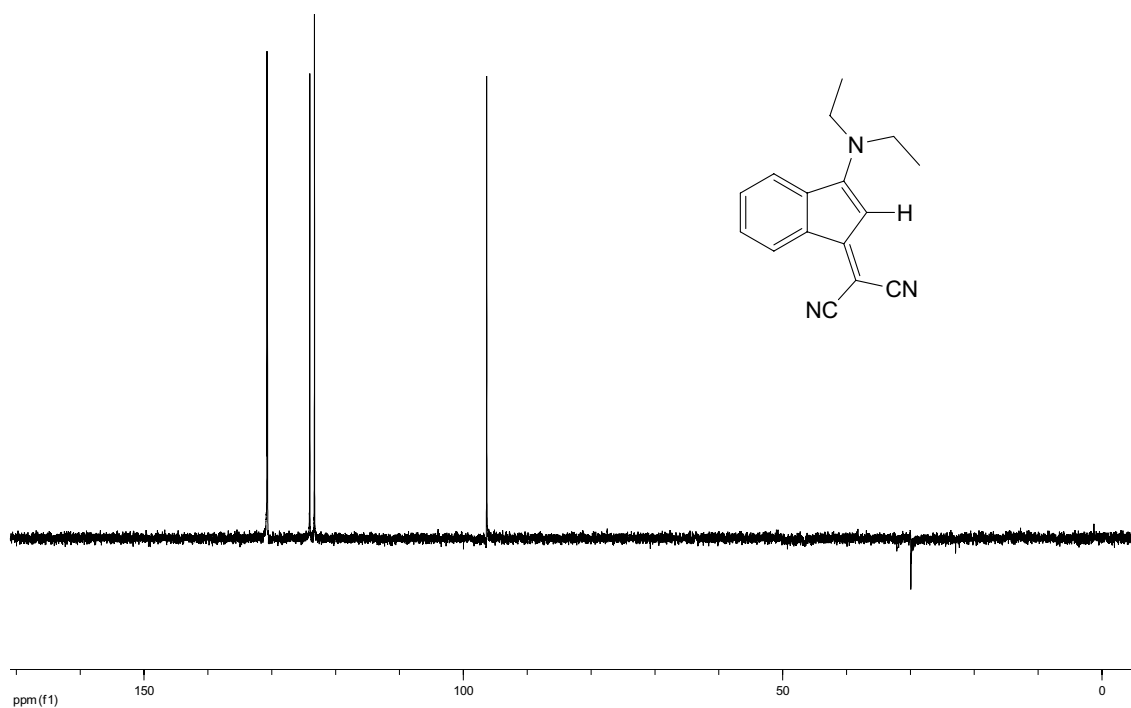


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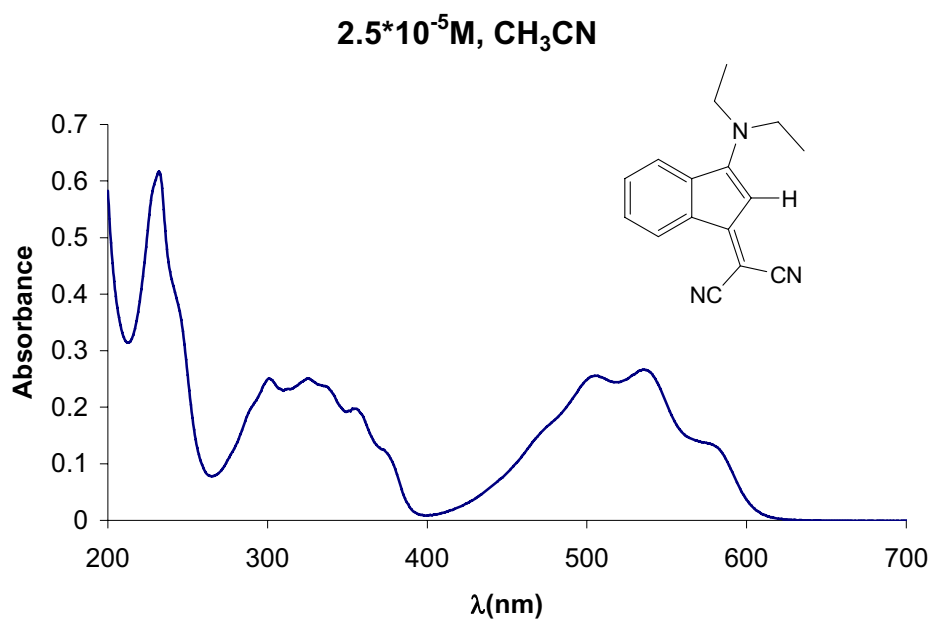


Fig. 28. UV-vis (CH₃CN, 2.5x10⁻⁵ M) of 10

3. Titration Materials and Methods.

Perchlorate salts were used for some cations and triflate salts for the rest of cations:

| CATION | SALT |
|------------------------|--|
| Ag⁺ | AgClO₄ · xH₂O |
| Ni²⁺ | Ni(ClO₄)₂ · 6H₂O |
| Sn²⁺ | Sn(CF₃SO₃)₂ |
| Cd²⁺ | Cd(ClO₄)₂ |
| Zn²⁺ | Zn(CF₃SO₃)₂ |
| Pb²⁺ | Pb(ClO₄)₂ |
| Cu²⁺ | Cu(ClO₄)₂ · 6H₂O |
| Fe³⁺ | Fe(ClO₄)₃ · xH₂O |
| Sc³⁺ | Sc(CF₃SO₃)₃ |
| Al³⁺ | Al(ClO₄)₃ · 9H₂O |
| Hg²⁺ | Hg(ClO₄)₂ |

5×10^{-2} M, 5×10^{-3} M, 5×10^{-4} M solutions of every salt were prepared, then a 10^{-4} M solution of the compound under study was prepared. For qualitative experiments, 2 mL solution of the compound under study were measured and the corresponding amount of salt was added by micropipette.

Eppendorf Research micropipette characteristics:

| MODEL | Ep T.I.P.S. | Volume | Systematic error of measurement | Random error of measurement (CV) |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|--|---|
| 2 - 20 μ L | 2 - 200 | 2 μ L | ± 5.0 % | ≤ 1.5 % |
| | | 10 μ L | ± 1.2 % | ≤ 0.6 % |
| | | 20 μ L | ± 1.0 % | ≤ 0.3 % |
| 10 - 100 μ L | 2 - 200 | 10 μ L | ± 3.0 % | ≤ 1.0 % |
| | | 50 μ L | ± 1.0 % | ≤ 0.3 % |
| | | 100 L | ± 0.8 % | ≤ 0.2 % |
| 100 - 1000 μ L | 50 - 1000 | 100 μ L | ± 3.0 % | ≤ 0.6 % |
| | | 5000 μ L | ± 1.0 % | ≤ 0.2 % |
| | | 1000 μ L | ± 0.6 % | ≤ 0.2 % |
| 500 - 5000 μ L | 100 - 5000 | 500 μ L | ± 2.4 % | ≤ 0.6 % |
| | | 2500 μ L | ± 1.2 % | ≤ 0.25 % |
| | | 5000 μ L | ± 0.6 % | ≤ 0.15 % |

4. Colorimetric studies

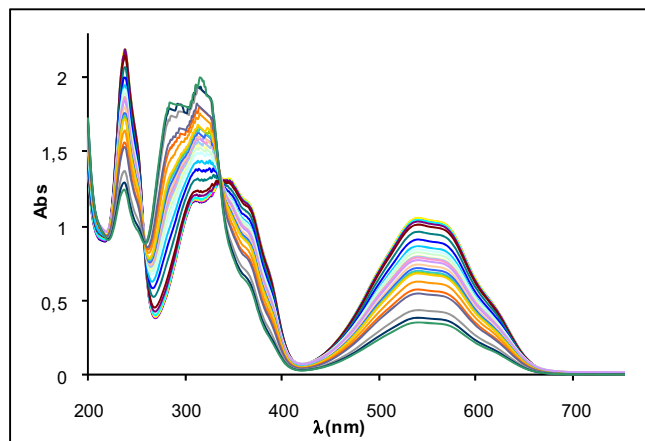


Fig. 29. UV titration of 2 (10⁻⁴ M, CH₃CN) with Sc³⁺

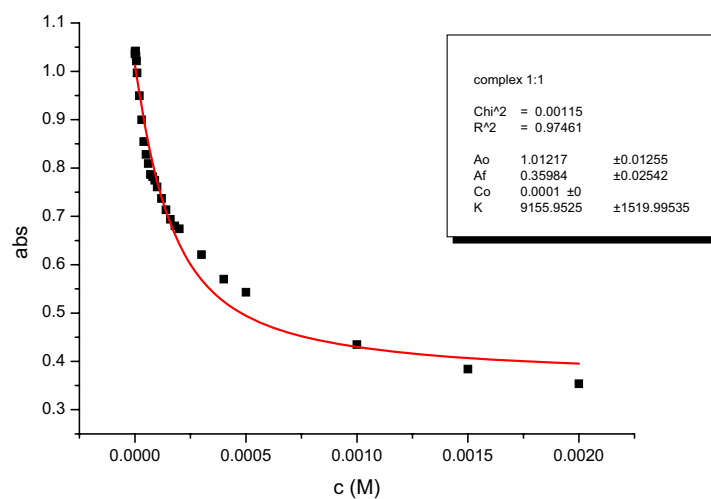


Fig. 30. Titration profile of 2 (10⁻⁴ M, CH₃CN) and Sc³⁺, λ=550nm

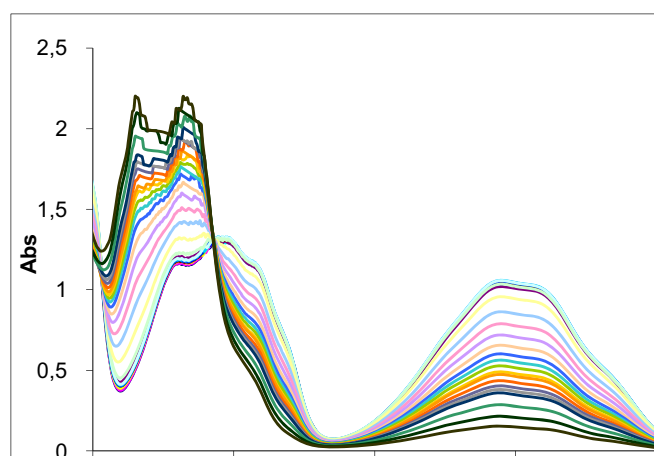


Fig. 31. UV titration of 2 (10⁻⁴ M, CH₃CN) with Sn²⁺

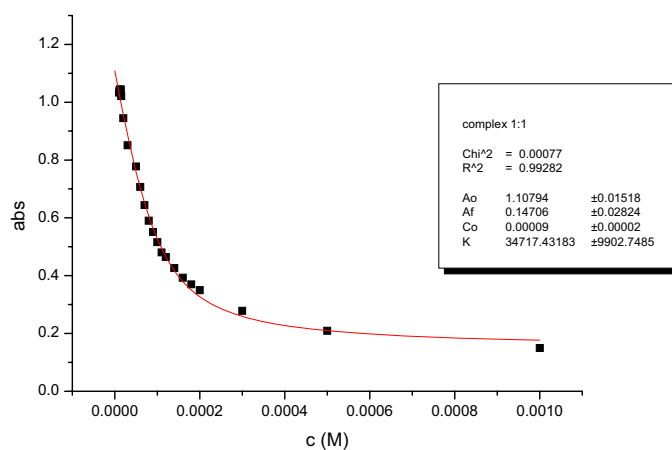


Fig. 32. Titration profile of 2 (10^{-4} M, CH_3CN), with Sn^{2+} , $\lambda=550\text{nm}$

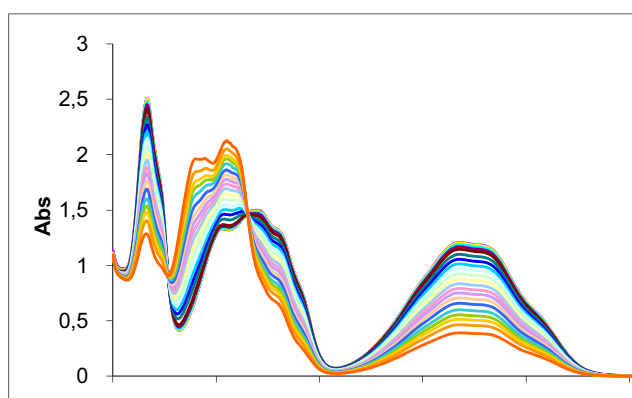


Fig. 33. UV titration of 2 (10^{-4} M, CH_3CN), with Al^{3+} .

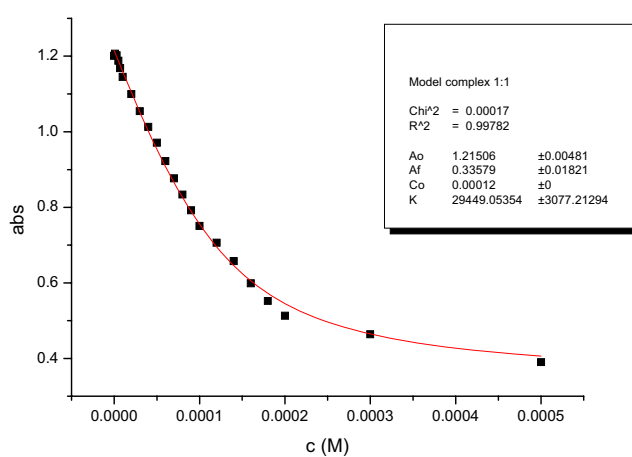


Fig. 34. Titration profile of 2 (10^{-4} M, CH_3CN), and Al^{3+} $\lambda=550\text{nm}$

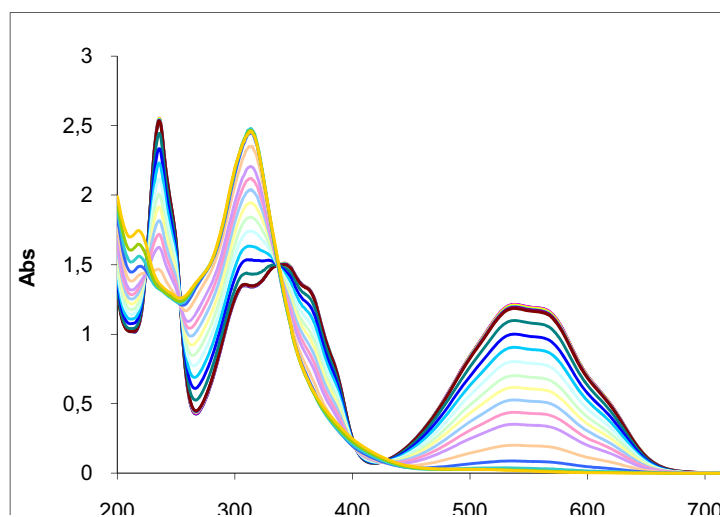


Fig. 35. UV titration of **2** (10^{-4} M, CH_3CN) with Fe^{3+} .

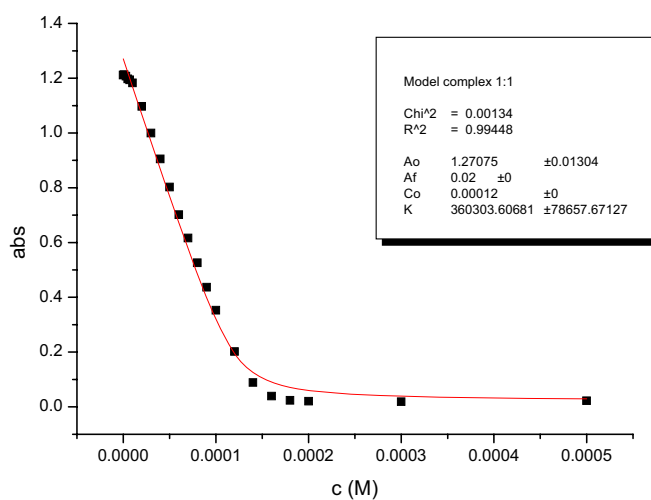


Fig. 36. Titration profile of **2** (10^{-4} M, CH_3CN) with Fe^{3+} $\lambda=550\text{nm}$

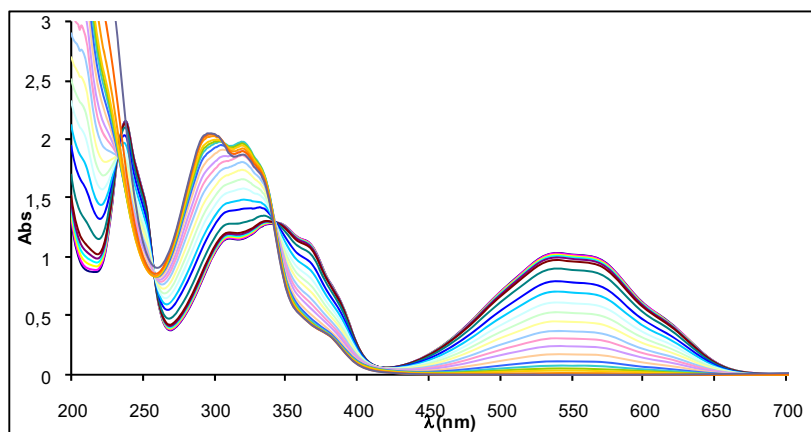


Fig. 37. UV titration of **2** (10^{-4} M, CH_3CN) with Cu^{2+}

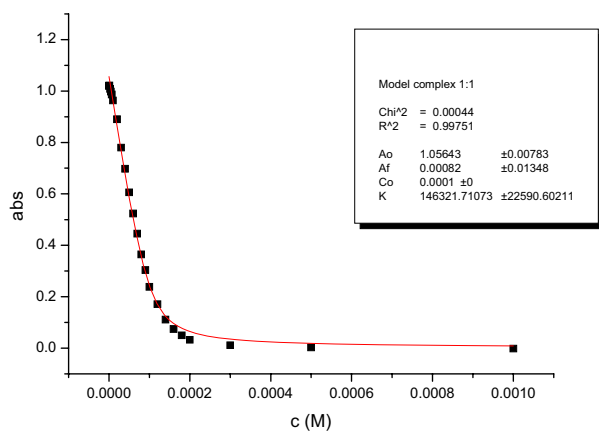


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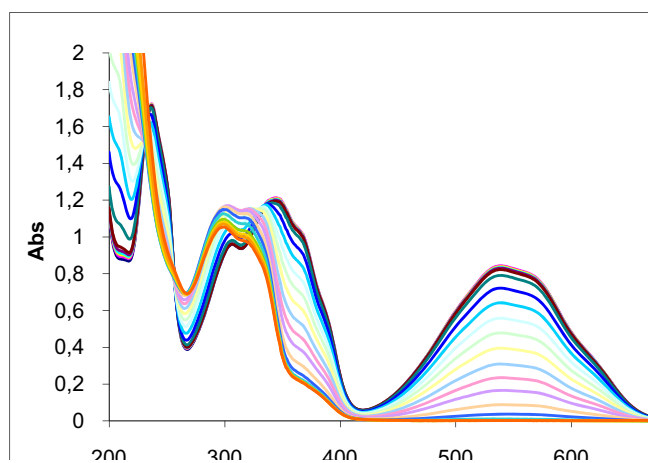


Fig. 39. UV titration of **4** (10^{-4} M, CH_3CN) with Cu^{2+}

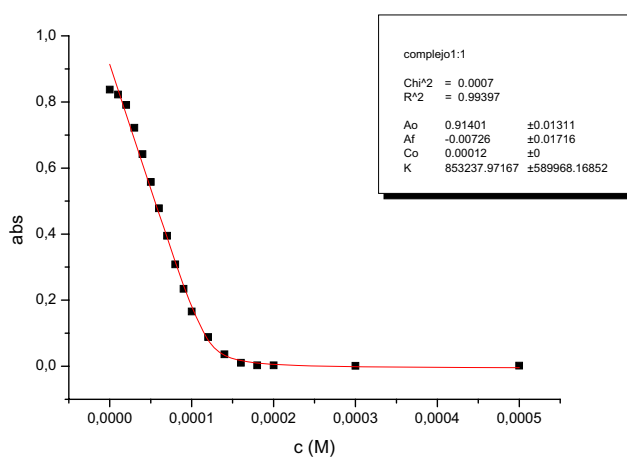


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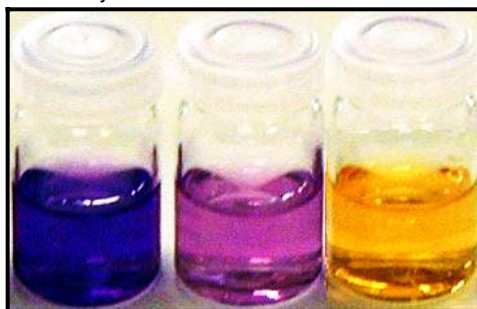


Fig. 41. Color changes of receptor **9** upon addition of 1 eq. of the cations. From left to right: none, Hg^{2+} , Cu^{2+} .

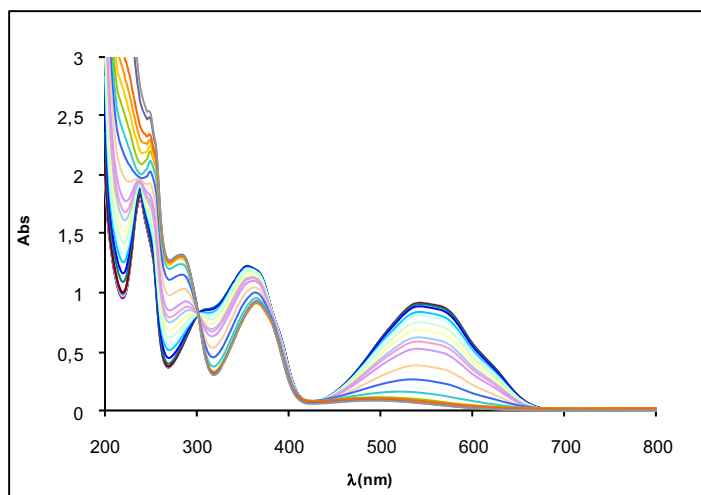


Fig. 42. UV titration of **9** (10^{-4} M, CH_3CN) with Hg^{2+}

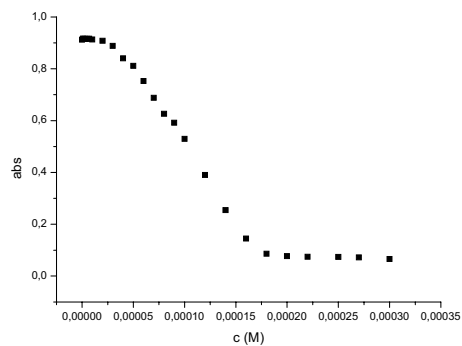


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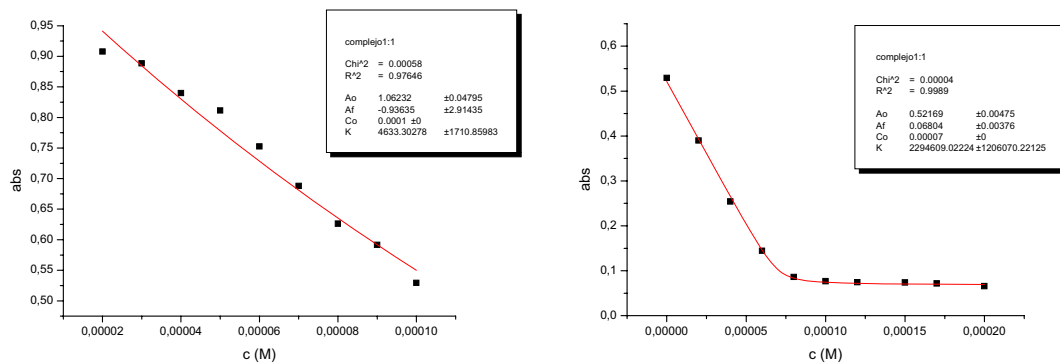


Fig. 44. Sequential fitting of the titration profile of **9** (10^{-4} M, CH_3CN) with Hg^{2+}

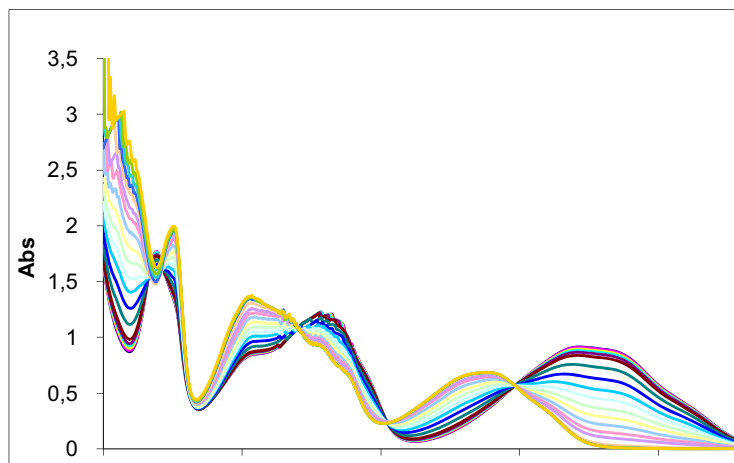


Fig. 45. UV titration of **9** (10^{-4} M, CH_3CN) with Cu^{2+}

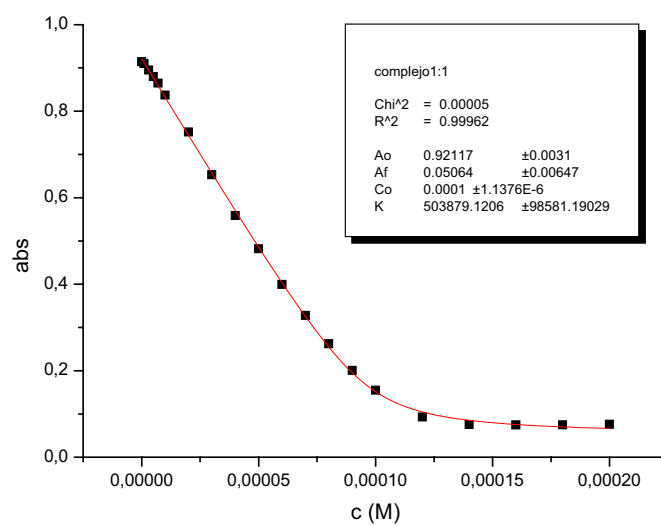


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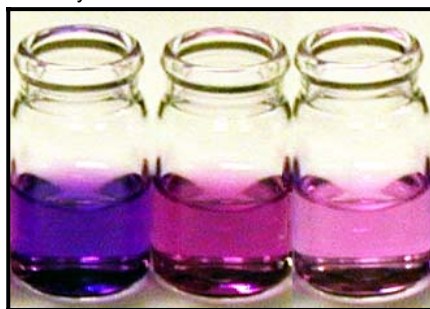


Fig. 47. Color changes of receptor **8** upon addition of 1 eq. of different cations. From left to right: none, Fe^{3+} , Pb^{2+} .

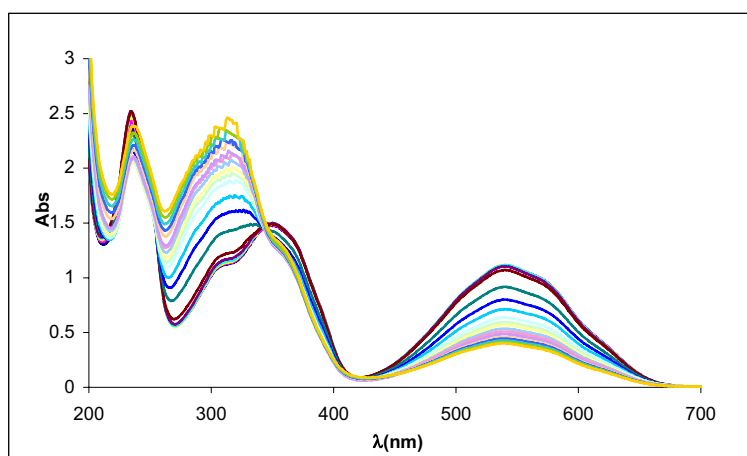


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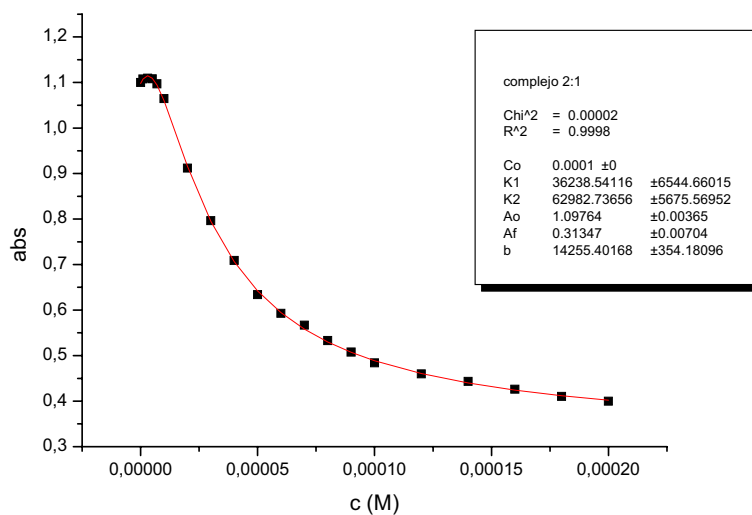


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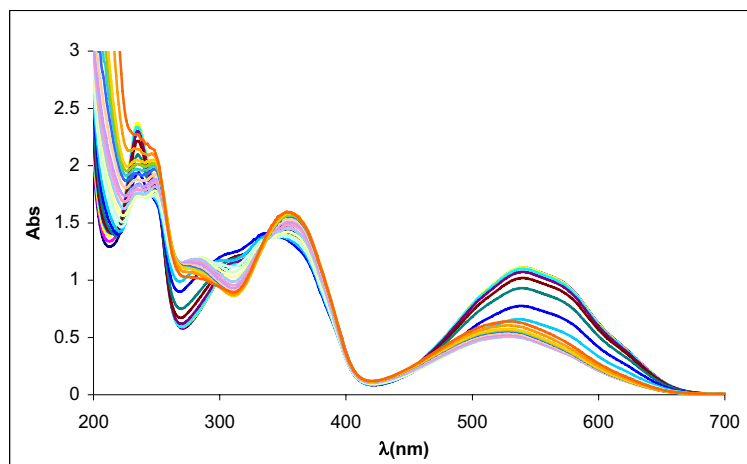


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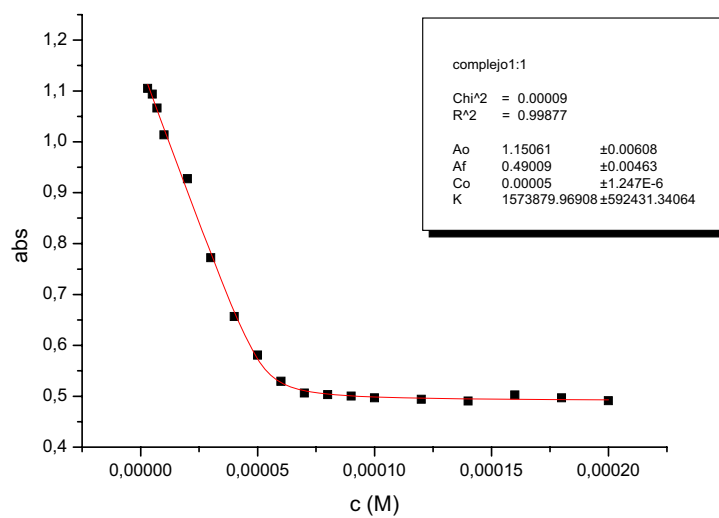


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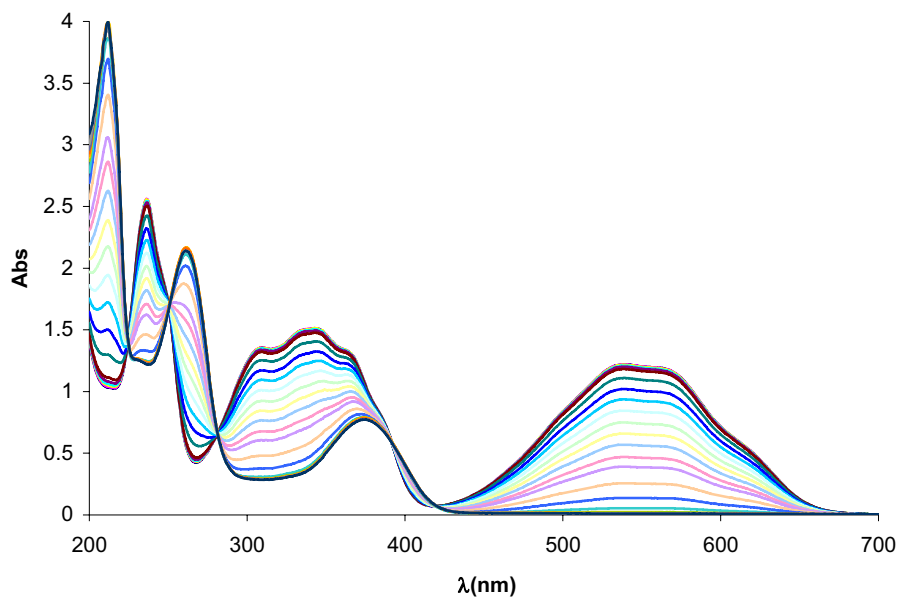


Fig. 52. UV titration of **2** (10⁻⁴ M, CH₃CN) with CN⁻

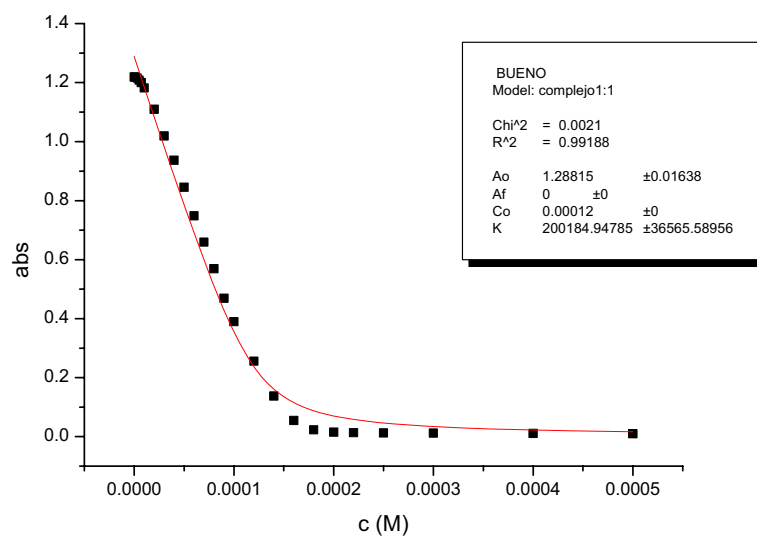


Fig. 53. Titration profile of **2** (10⁻⁴ M, CH₃CN) with CN⁻



Fig. 54. Colour changes induced by the addition of 10 eq of different anions to a solution of receptor **4** (10^{-4} M in acetonitrile). From left to right: none, F^- , Cl^- , Br^- , I^- , BzO^- , NO_3^- , $H_2PO_4^-$, HSO_4^- , AcO^- , CN^- , SCN^- .

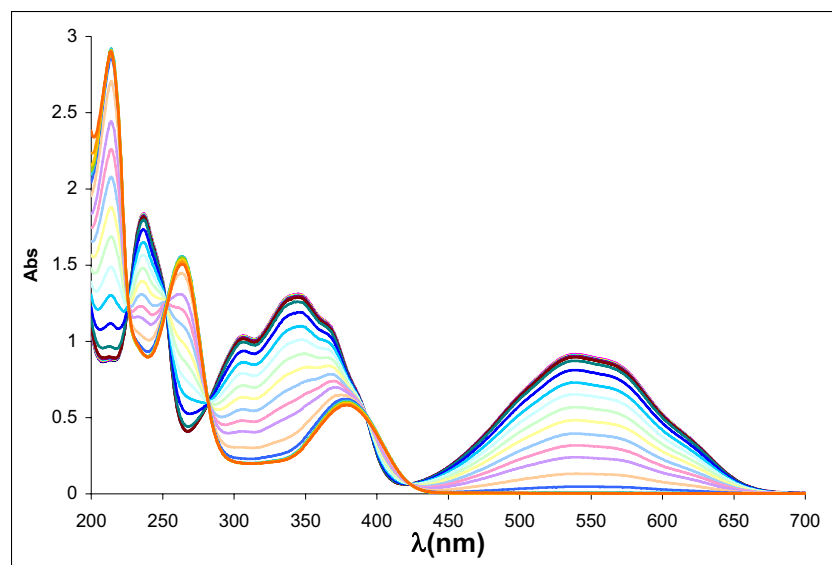


Fig. 55. UV titration of **4** (10^{-4} M, CH_3CN) with CN^-

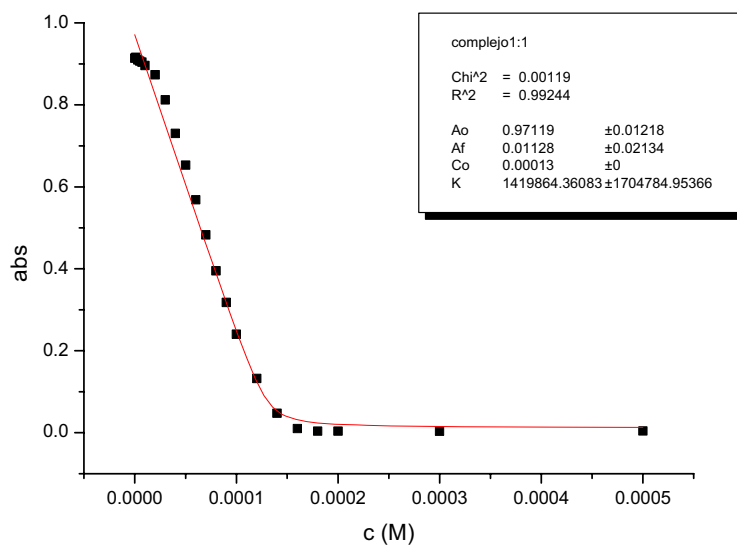


Fig. 56. Titration profile of **4** (10^{-4} M, CH_3CN) with CN^-

Job's plot analysis of 4 and 9 (10^{-4} M in MeCN) with Cu^{2+} and Hg^{2+}

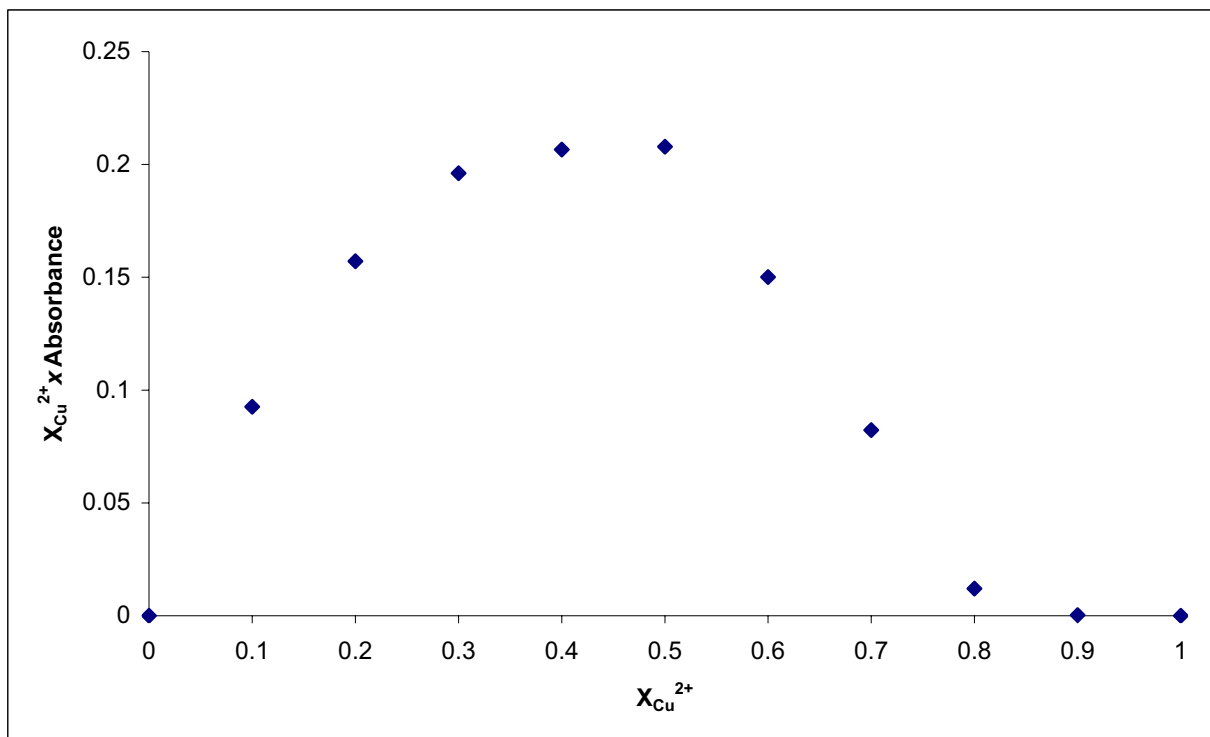


Fig. 57. Job plot analysis of 4 (10^{-4} M in MeCN) with Cu^{2+}

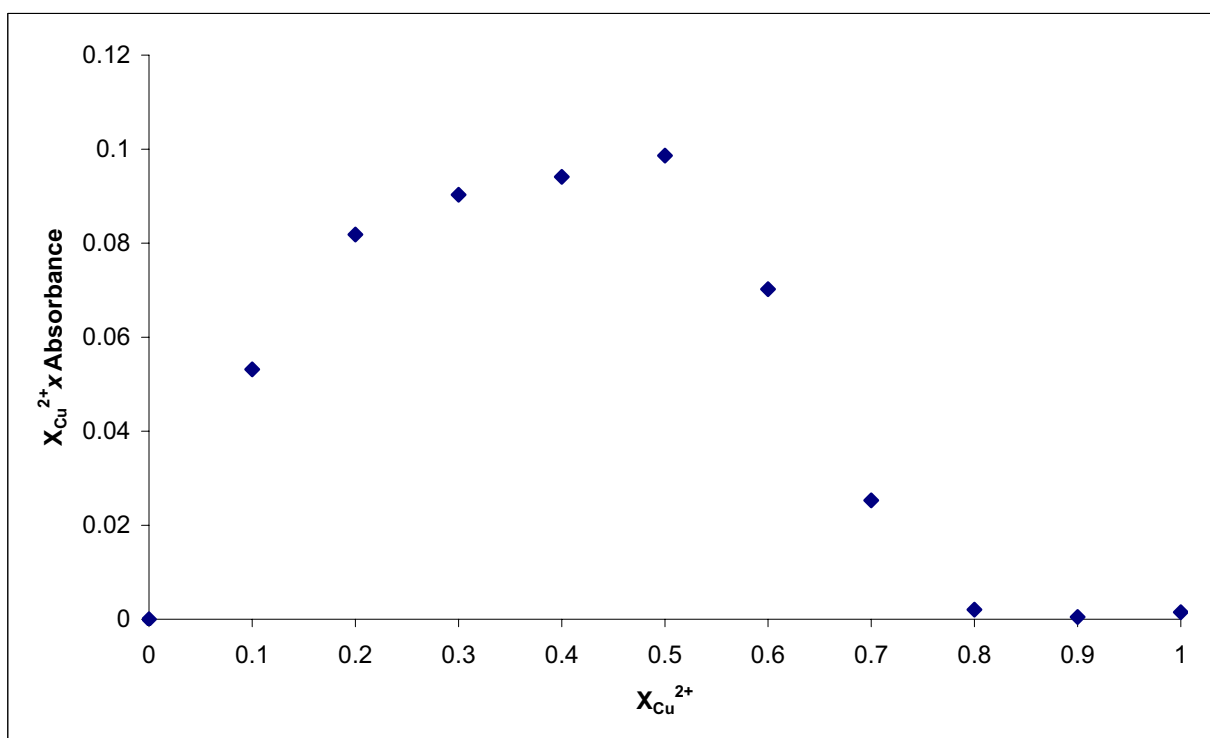


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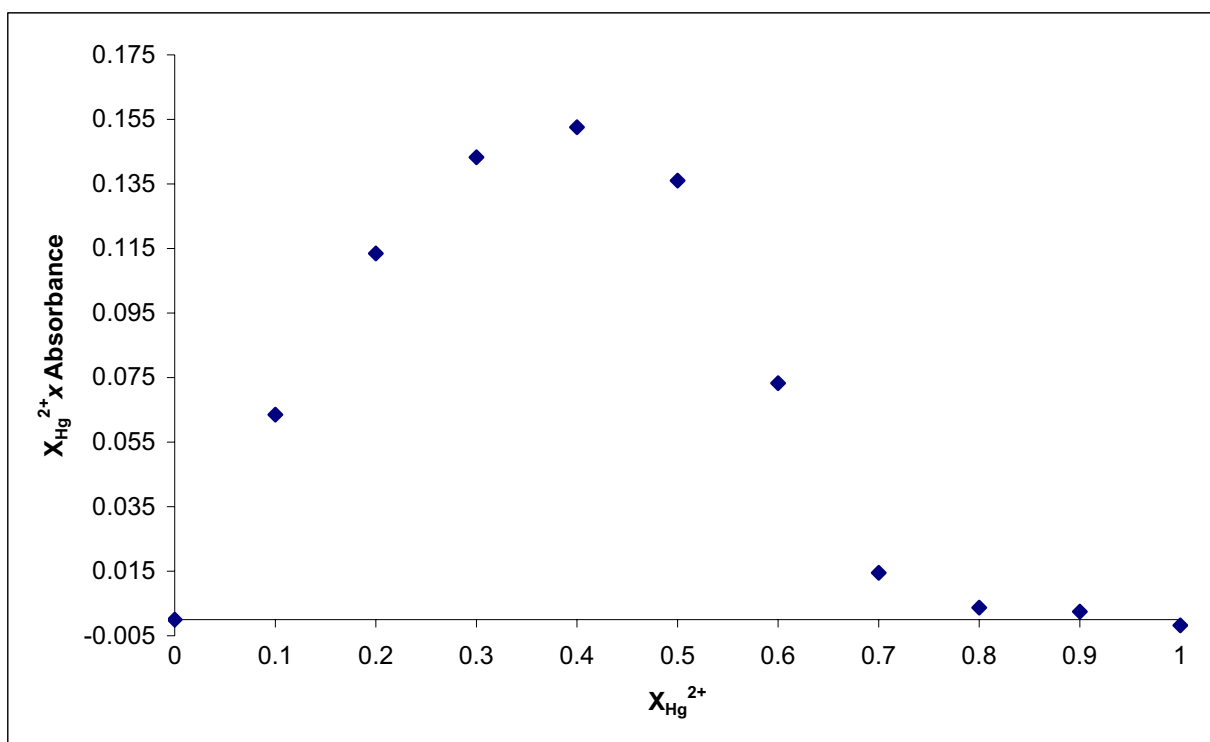


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5. Reversibility studies:

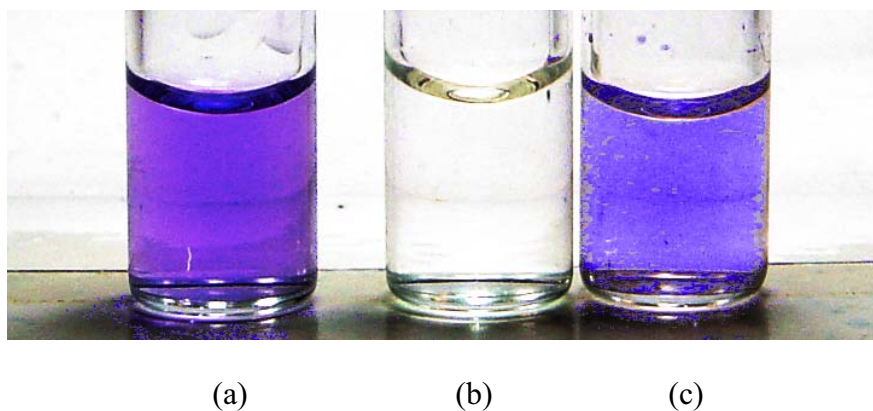


Fig. 60. (a) A solution of **4** (10^{-4} M in MeCN). (b) Addition of 4 eq of $\text{Cu}^{2+} (\text{ClO}_4^-)_2$ to solution (a). (c) Addition of 2 equiv of 3,6-dioxa-1,8-octanedithiole to solution (b).

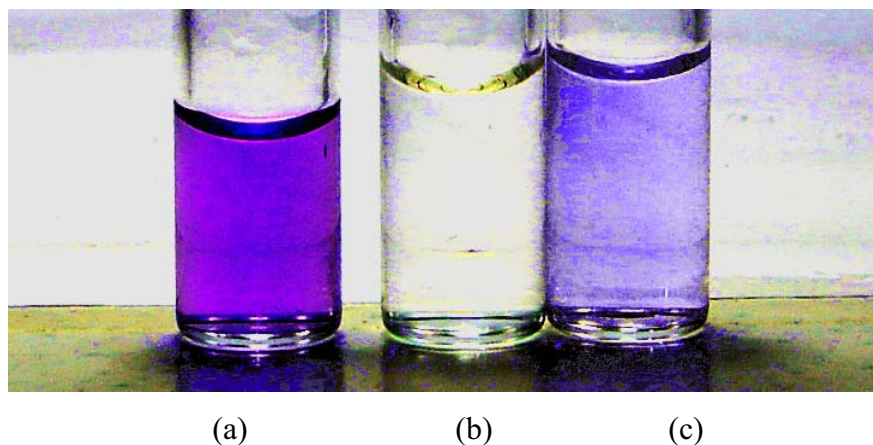
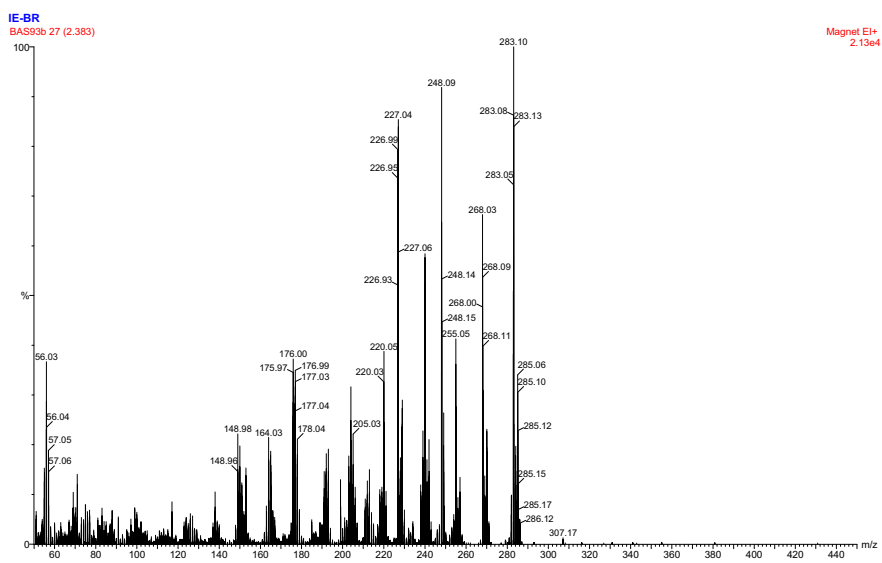
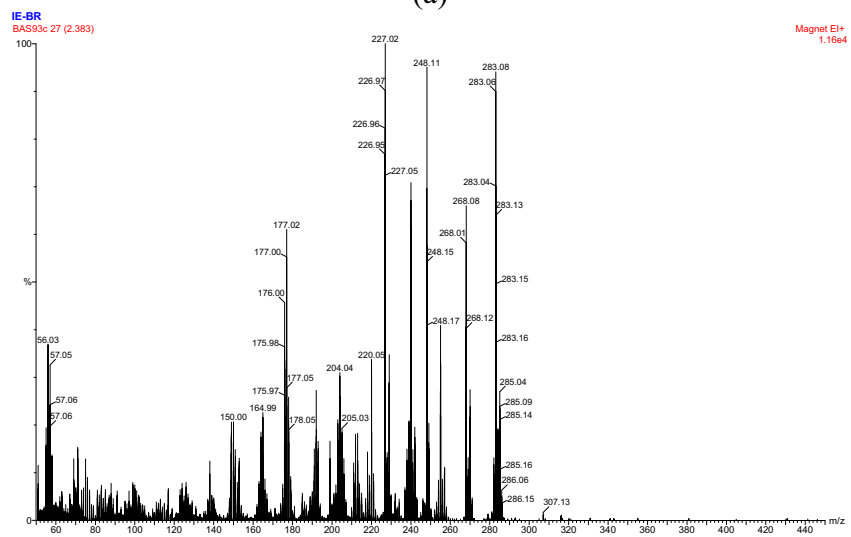


Fig. 61. (a) A solution of **2** (10^{-4} M in MeCN). (b) Addition of 4 eq of $\text{CN}^- \text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+$ to solution (a). (c) Addition of 4 equiv of $\text{Ag}^+ \text{ClO}_4^-$ to solution (b).

MS titration experiments.



(a)



(b)

Fig. 62. (a) EIMS spectrum of **2**. (b) EIMS spectrum of **2** + 2 equiv CN⁻

6. ^1H NMR titration studies

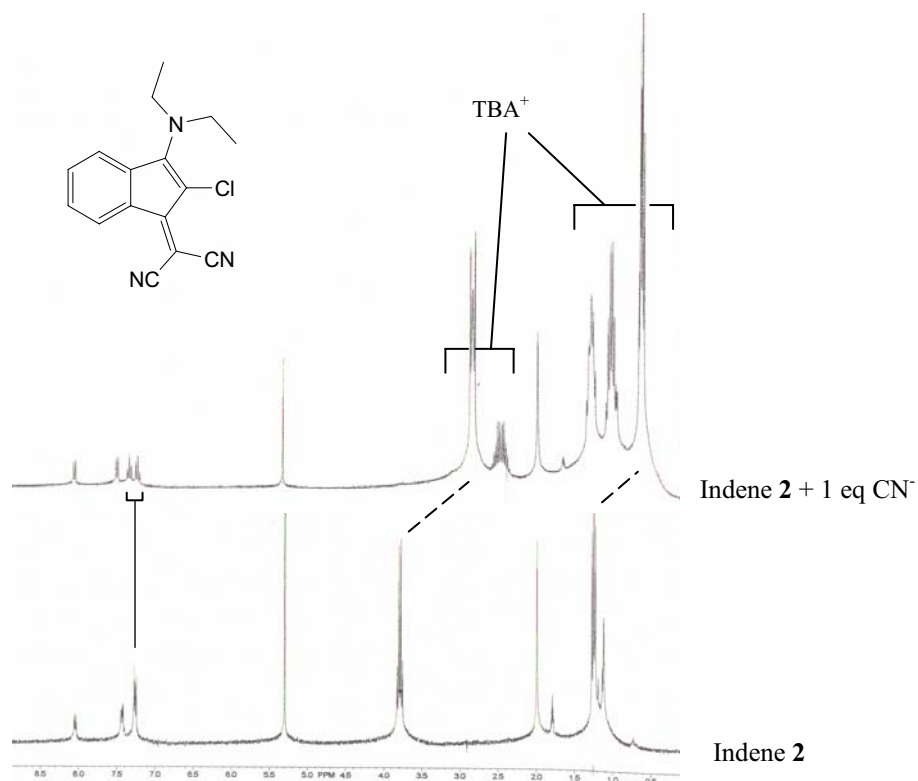


Fig. 63. Changes induced in the ^1H NMR spectra of **2** (200 MHz, 23 mM, CD_3CN , 20°C) upon addition of 1 eq of TBA CN .

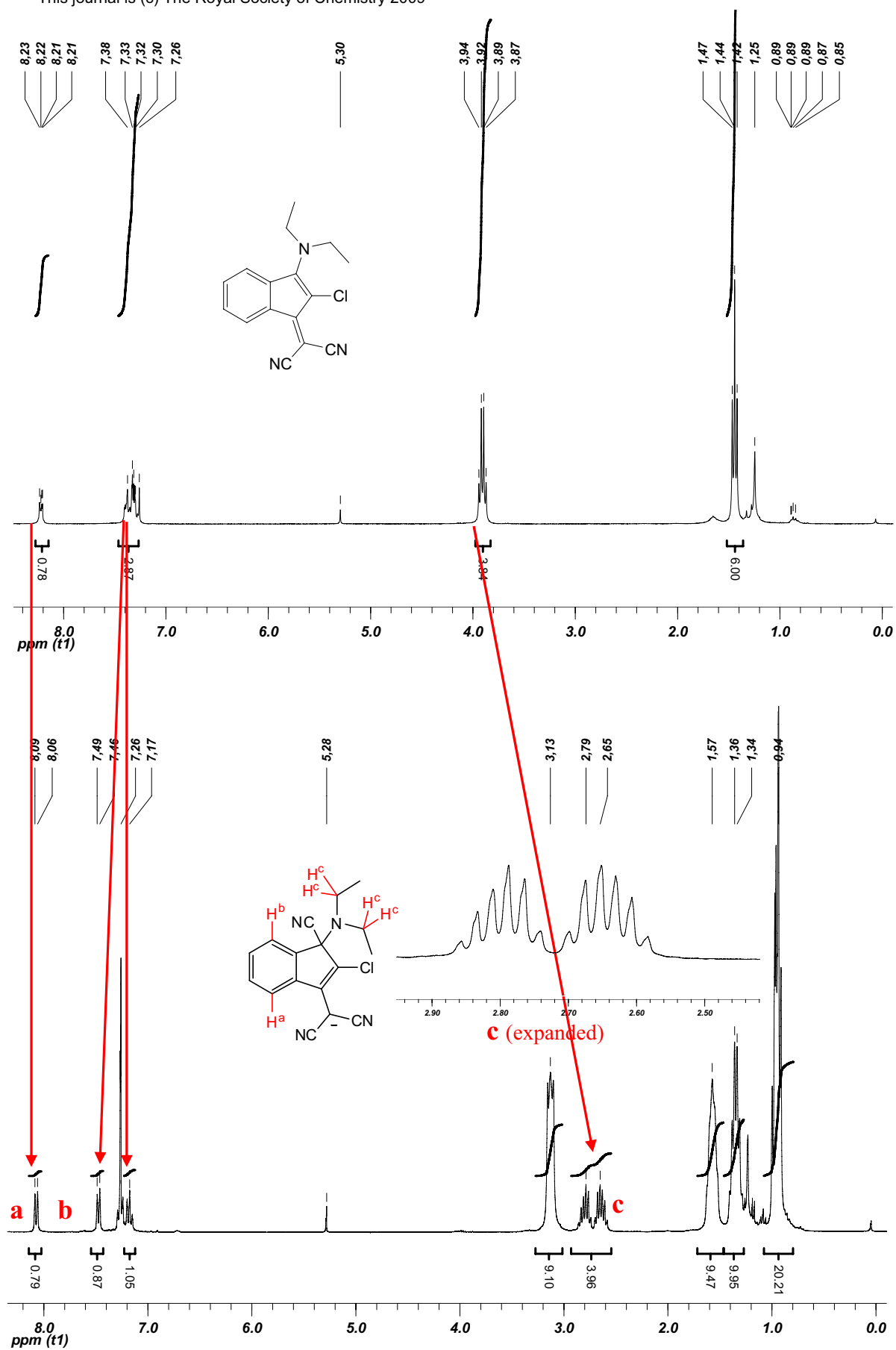


Fig. 64. A detailed comparison between ^1H NMR spectra of **2** before and after addition of 1 equiv CN^- (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz)

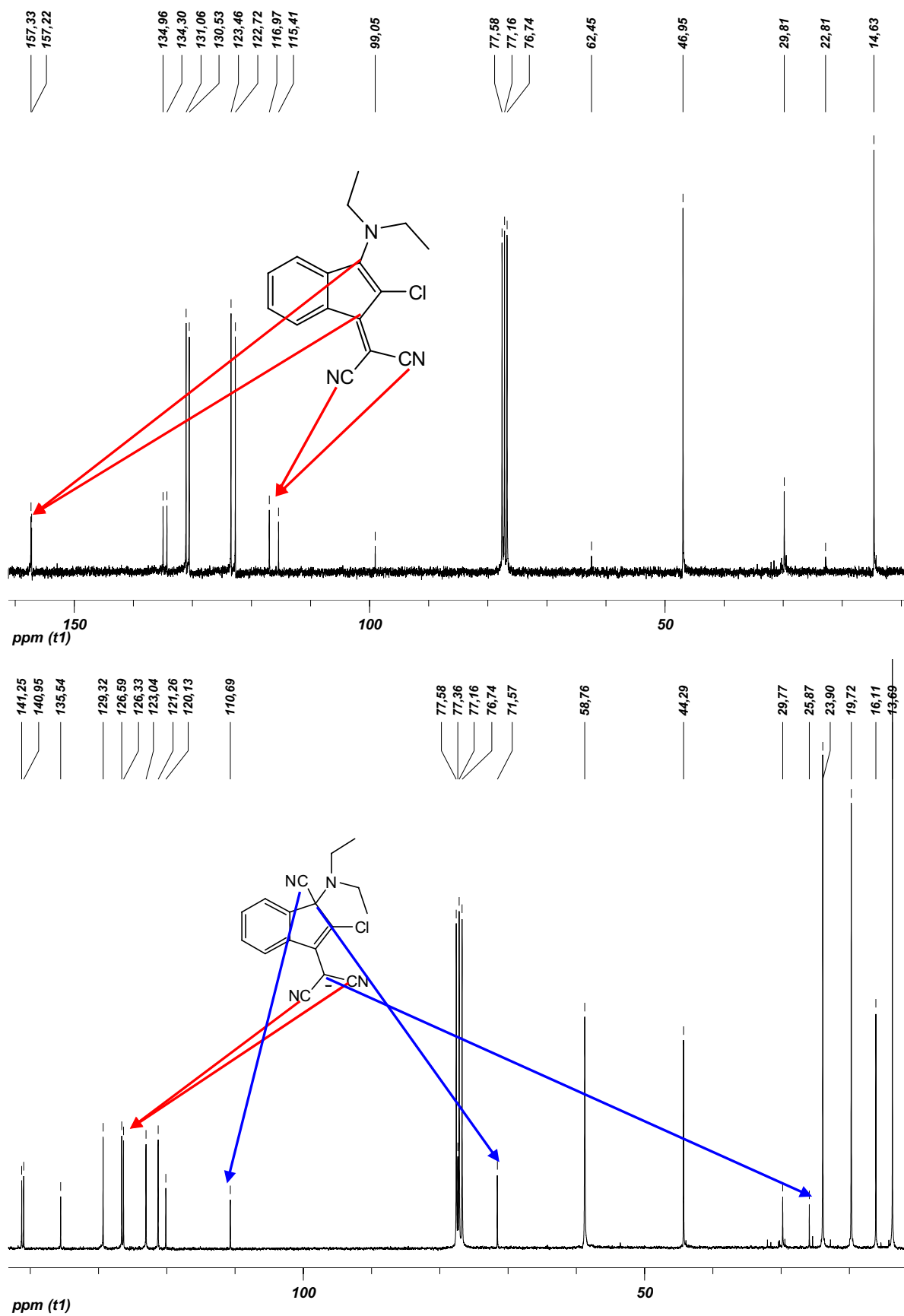


Fig. 65. A detailed comparison between ^{13}C NMR spectra of **2** before and after addition of 1 equiv CN^- (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz)

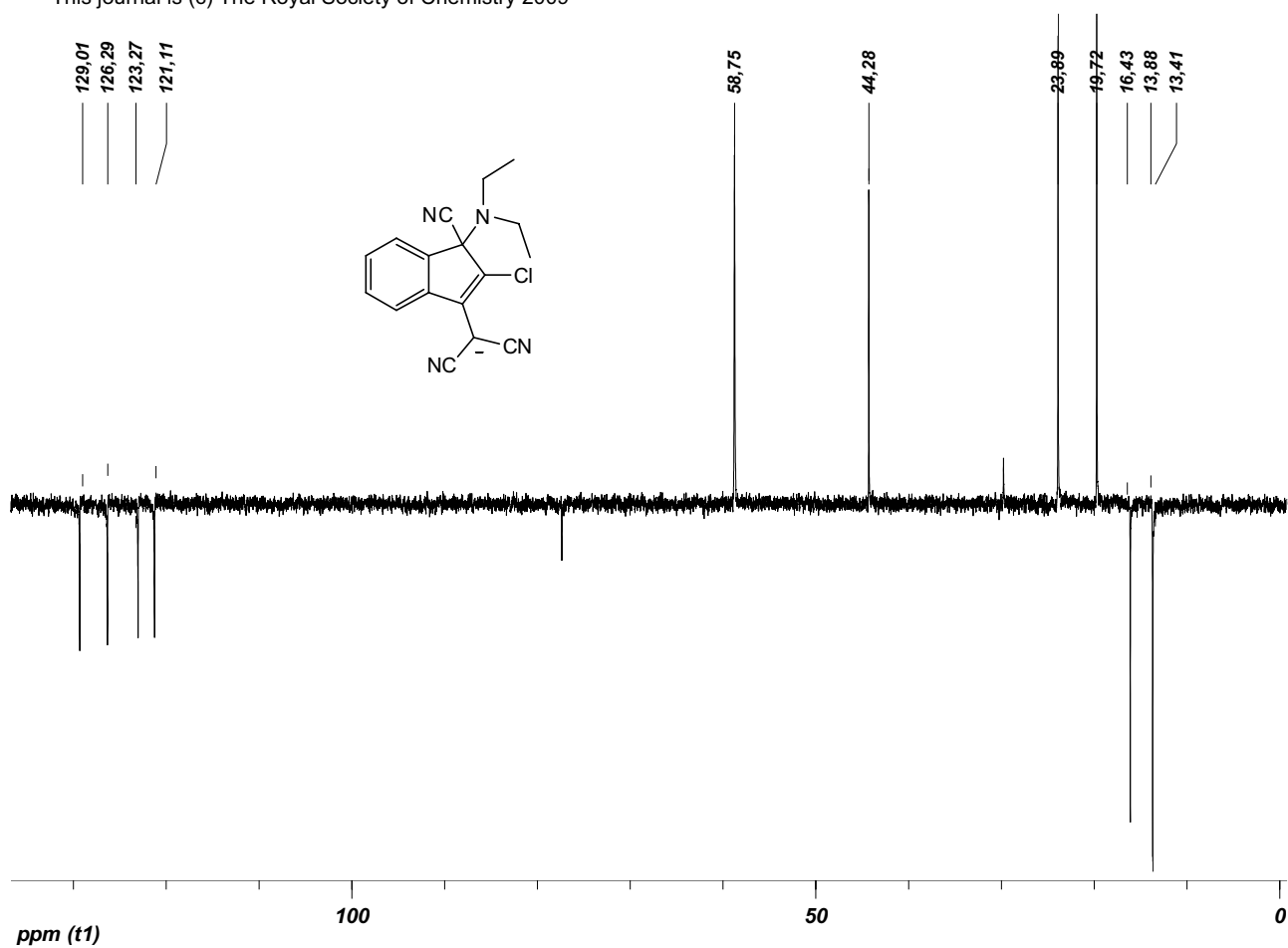


Fig. 66. DEPT experiment spectrum of **2** after addition of 1 equiv CN^- (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz)

7. Kinetic studies: First order kinetics of reaction of **2** and CN^-

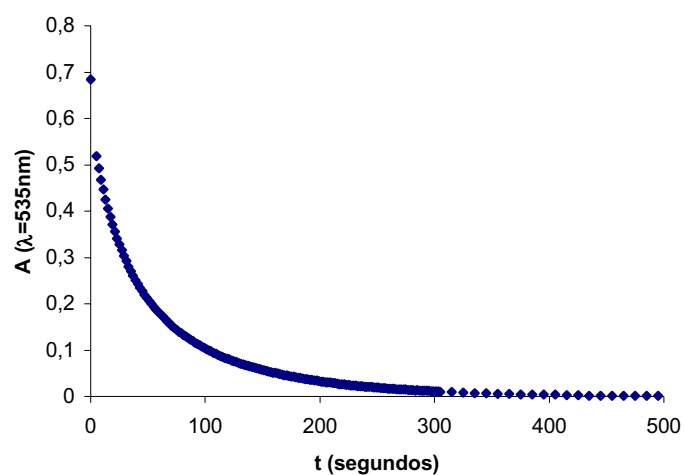


Fig. 67. Plot of evolution of absorbance and time of a mixture of **2** and CN^- (1:1), 10^{-4}M in CH_3CN

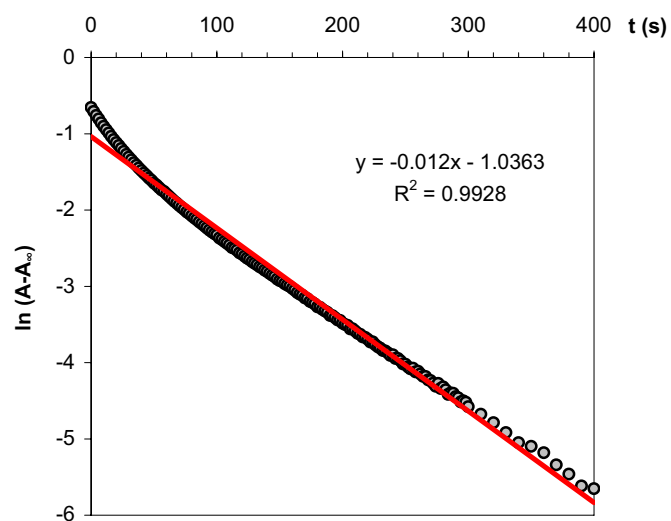


Fig. 68. Plot of a first order kinetics of $\ln(A - A_{\infty})$ and $t(\text{s})$ of a mixture of **2** and CN^- (1:1), 10^{-4}M in CH_3CN that afforded the constant: $K_v = 0.012\text{s}^{-1}$