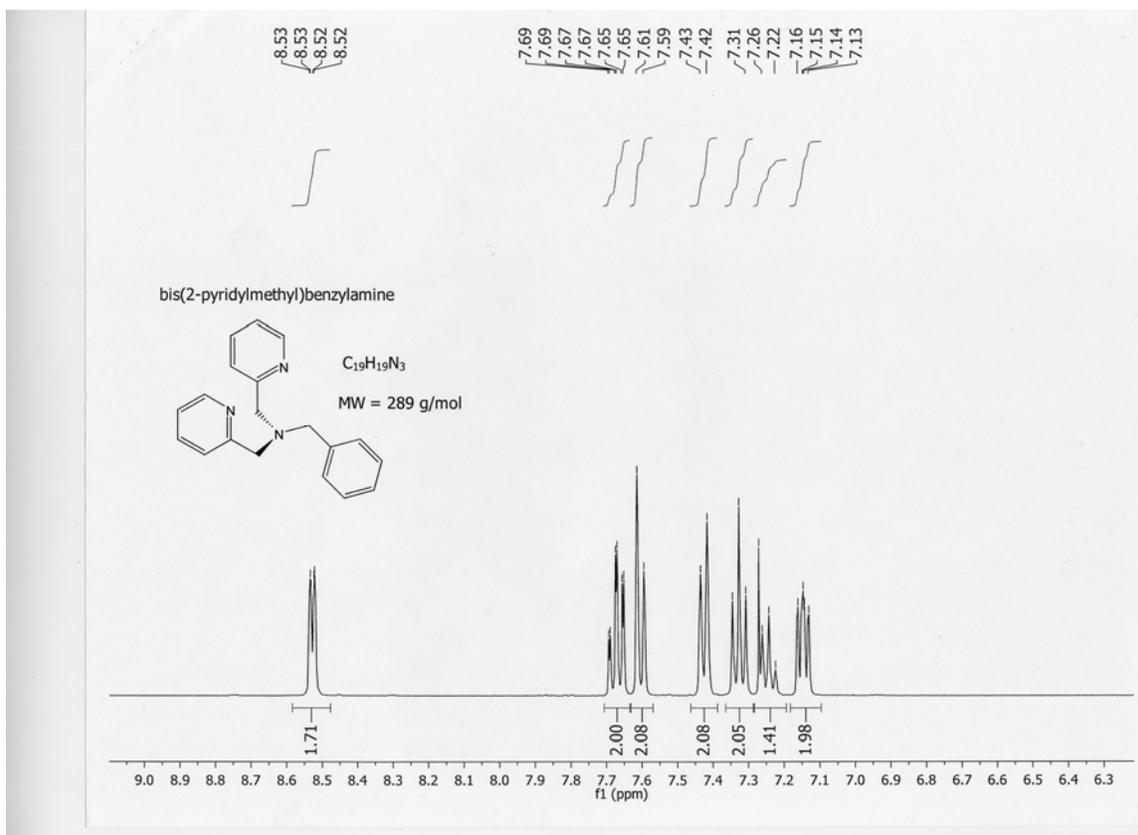


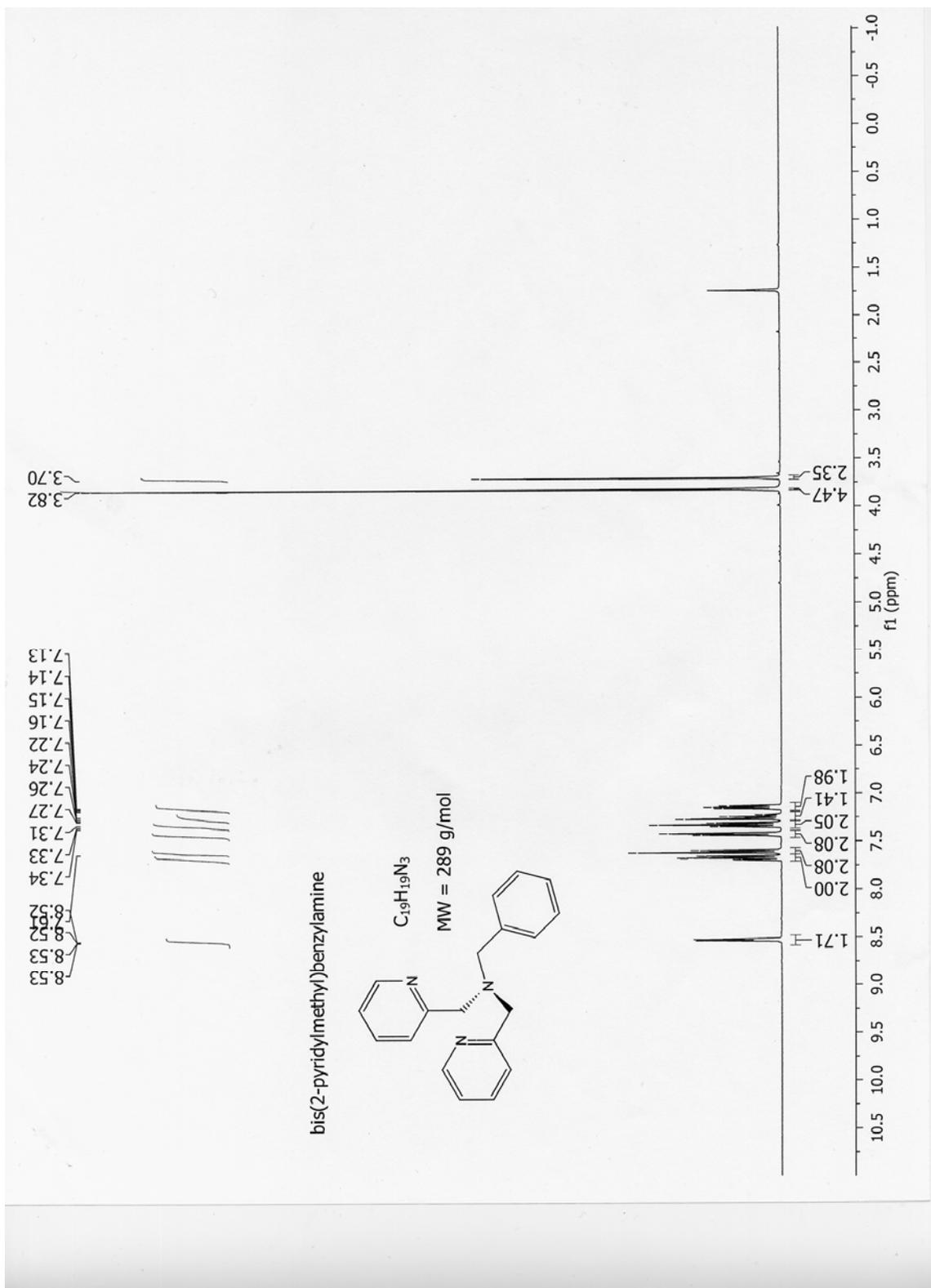
# Solvent Induced Cooperativity of Zn(II) Complexes Cleaving a Phosphate Diester RNA Analog in Methanol.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of ligand **4** (Bis(2-pyridylmethyl)benzylamine)





**Table 1S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [4:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 8.0$  (4-Ethylmorpholine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Values of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 8S.

[4:Zn(II)] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.1	0.0000073
0.2	0.000011
0.3	0.000024
0.5	0.000057
1.0	0.00014
1.5	0.00022

**Table 2S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [4:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 8.5$  (4-Ethylmorpholine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Values of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 9S.

[4:Zn(II)] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.1	0.000025
0.2	0.000068
0.3	0.00013
0.5	0.00029
1.0	0.00071
1.5	0.0011

**Table 3S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [4:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 9.1$  (4-Ethylmorpholine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Values of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 10S.

[4:Zn(II)] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.1	0.00010
0.2	0.00025
0.3	0.00045
0.5	0.0010
1.0	0.0025
1.5	0.0038

**Table 4S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [4:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 10.1$  (triethylamine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Values of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 11S.

[4:Zn(II)] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	k <sub>obs</sub> (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.1	0.00038
0.2	0.00088
0.3	0.0020
0.5	0.0040
1.0	0.010
1.5	0.016

**Table 5S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants (k<sub>obs</sub>) vs. [4:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at <sup>s</sup>pH = 10.8 (triethylamine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and T=25.0 ± 0.1 °C. Values of k<sub>obs</sub> are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 12S.

[4:Zn(II)] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	k <sub>obs</sub> (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.1	0.00069
0.2	0.0026
0.3	0.0035
0.5	0.0078
1.0	0.022
1.5	0.032

**Table 6S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants (k<sub>obs</sub>) vs. [4:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at <sup>s</sup>pH = 11.3 (triethylamine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and T=25.0 ± 0.1 °C. Values of k<sub>obs</sub> are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 13S.

[4:Zn(II)] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	k <sub>obs</sub> (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.1	0.0016
0.2	0.0042
0.3	0.0078
0.5	0.017
1.0	0.041
1.5	0.061

**Table 7S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants (k<sub>obs</sub>) vs. [4:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at <sup>s</sup>pH = 12.1 (2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and T=25.0 ± 0.1 °C. Values of k<sub>obs</sub> are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 14S.

[4:Zn(II)] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	k <sub>obs</sub> (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.1	0.0013
0.2	0.0034

0.3	0.0043
0.5	0.012
1.0	0.031
1.5	0.047

**Table 8S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [N-ethylmorpholine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05mM) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) (1.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in N-ethylmorpholine buffer ( $\text{pH} = 8.0$ ) at  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.

[N-ethylmorpholine] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
5	0.00013
10	0.00012
20	0.00012

**Table 9S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [N-ethylmorpholine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) (1.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in N-ethylmorpholine buffer ( $\text{pH} = 8.5$ ) at  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.

[N-ethylmorpholine] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
5	0.00075
10	0.00075
15	0.00071
20	0.00071

**Table 10S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [N-ethylmorpholine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) (1.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in N-ethylmorpholine buffer ( $\text{pH} = 9.1$ ) at  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.

[N-ethylmorpholine] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
5	0.0023
10	0.0024
15	0.0025
20	0.0025

**Table 11S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [triethylamine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) (1.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in Triethylamine buffer ( $\text{pH} = 10.1$ ) at  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.

[triethylamine] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
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5	0.0096
10	0.010
15	0.010
20	0.010

**Table 12S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [triethylamine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) (1.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in Triethylamine buffer ( $\text{pH} = 10.8$ ) at  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.

[triethylamine] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
5	0.0150
10	0.0130
15	0.0126

**Table 13S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [triethylamine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) (1.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in triethylamine buffer ( $\text{pH} = 11.3$ ) at  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.

[triethylamine] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
5	0.029
10	0.026
15	0.023

**Table 14S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [2,2,6,6,-tetramethylpiperidine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) (1.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in 2,2,6,6,-Tetramethylpiperidine buffer ( $\text{pH} = 12.1$ ) at  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.

[2,2,6,6,-tetramethylpiperidine] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
5	0.029
10	0.024
15	0.021
20	0.020

**Table 15S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [DBP] for the inhibition of the cleavage of **6** (0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) (1.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) by DBP, sodium salt. Determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 11.0$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. The data were fit according to eqn. (S1) to give  $K_i = 0.18 \pm 0.6 \times 10^{-3}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.

[DBP] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
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0.0	0.019
0.4	0.011
0.8	0.0082
1.2	0.0062
1.5	0.0050
2.0	0.0038
3.0	0.0026
4.0	0.0018

**Table 16S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) for the cleavage of  $5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  HPNPP (**1**) catalyzed by  $5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  **4**:Zn(II) as a function of  $^s\text{pH}$ .

$^s\text{pH}$	$k_{\text{obs}} (\text{s}^{-1})$
8.36	0.000020
8.74	0.000052
9.15	0.00010
9.89	0.0011
10.60	0.0033
10.85	0.0034
11.26	0.0025
11.94	0.0022

**Table 17S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [**5**:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $^s\text{pH} = 7.6$  (2,6-lutidine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Values of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 25S.

[ <b>5</b> :Zn(II)] ( $\text{mmol dm}^{-3}$ )	$k_{\text{obs}} (\text{s}^{-1})$
0.1	0.000028
0.2	0.000083
0.3	0.00028
0.5	0.0012
0.75	0.0022
1.0	0.0036
1.5	0.0069
2.0	0.011

**Table 18S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [**5**:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $^s\text{pH} = 8.3$  (N-ethylmorpholine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Values of

$k_{\text{obs}}$  are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 26S.

[ <b>5</b> :Zn(II)] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.1	0.000086
0.2	0.00041
0.3	0.0012
0.5	0.0040
0.75	0.0085
1.0	0.013
1.5	0.026
2.0	0.038

**Table 19S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [**5**:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $^{\text{s}}\text{pH} = 8.6$  (N-ethylmorpholine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Values of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 27S.

[ <b>5</b> :Zn(II)] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.1	0.00023
0.2	0.00094
0.3	0.0026
0.5	0.0089
0.75	0.017
1.0	0.026
1.5	0.045
2.0	0.064

**Table 20S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [**5**:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $^{\text{s}}\text{pH} = 8.9$  (N-ethylmorpholine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Values of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 28S.

[ <b>5</b> :Zn(II)] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.1	0.00052
0.2	0.0021
0.3	0.0045
0.5	0.013
0.75	0.025
1.0	0.038
1.5	0.077
2.0	0.10

**Table 21S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [5:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $^{\text{s}}\text{pH} = 9.9$  (N-methylpiperidine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Values of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 29S.

[5:Zn(II)] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.1	0.00092
0.2	0.0029
0.3	0.0063
0.5	0.016
0.75	0.034
1.0	0.053
1.5	0.10
2.0	0.15

**Table 22S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [5:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $^{\text{s}}\text{pH} = 10.4$  (triethylamine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Values of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 30S.

[5:Zn(II)] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.1	0.00071
0.2	0.0020
0.3	0.0035
0.5	0.0072
0.75	0.016
1.0	0.024
1.5	0.051
2.0	0.081

**Table 23S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [5:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $^{\text{s}}\text{pH} = 10.9$  (triethylamine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Values of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 31S.

[5:Zn(II)] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.1	0.00077
0.2	0.0020
0.3	0.0033
0.5	0.0061
0.75	0.011

1.0	0.016
1.5	0.030
2.0	0.050

**Table 24S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs.  $[\mathbf{5}:\text{Zn}(\text{II})]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP ( $\mathbf{1}$ ,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $^{\text{s}}\text{pH} = 11.2$  (triethylamine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Values of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 32S.

$[\mathbf{5}:\text{Zn}(\text{II})] (\text{mmol dm}^{-3})$	$k_{\text{obs}} (\text{s}^{-1})$
0.1	0.00089
0.2	0.0019
0.3	0.0030
0.5	0.0060
0.75	0.011
1.0	0.016
1.5	0.024
2.0	0.043

**Table 25S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs.  $[\mathbf{5}:\text{Zn}(\text{II})]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP ( $\mathbf{1}$ ,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $^{\text{s}}\text{pH} = 12.0$  (2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Values of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  are corrected for the effect of buffer on the basis of the buffer inhibition data in Table 33S.

$[\mathbf{5}:\text{Zn}(\text{II})] (\text{mmol dm}^{-3})$	$k_{\text{obs}} (\text{s}^{-1})$
0.1	0.00016
0.2	0.00037
0.3	0.00055
0.5	0.0011
0.75	0.0018
1.0	0.0026
1.5	0.0044
2.0	0.0075

**Table 26S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [2,6-lutidine] for the cleavage of HPNPP ( $\mathbf{1}$ ,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by  $\mathbf{5}:\text{Zn}(\text{II})$  ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in 2,6-Lutidine buffer ( $^{\text{s}}\text{pH} = 7.6$ ) at  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

[2,6-Lutidine] ( $\text{mmol dm}^{-3}$ )	$k_{\text{obs}} (\text{s}^{-1})$
5	0.0039
10	0.0036
20	0.0036

**Table 27S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [N-ethylmorpholine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in N-ethylmorpholine buffer ( $\text{pH} = 8.3$ ) at  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

[N-ethylmorpholine] ( $\text{mmol dm}^{-3}$ )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )
5	0.0073
10	0.0071
20	0.0068

**Table 28S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [N-ethylmorpholine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in N-ethylmorpholine buffer ( $\text{pH} = 8.6$ ) at  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

[N-ethylmorpholine] ( $\text{mmol dm}^{-3}$ )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )
5	0.018
10	0.019
20	0.019

**Table 29S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [N-ethylmorpholine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in N-ethylmorpholine buffer ( $\text{pH} = 8.9$ ) at  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

[N-ethylmorpholine] ( $\text{mmol dm}^{-3}$ )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )
5	0.030
10	0.031
20	0.033

**Table 30S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [N-methylpiperidine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in N-methylpiperidine buffer ( $\text{pH} = 9.9$ ) at  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

[N-methylpiperidine] ( $\text{mmol dm}^{-3}$ )	$k_{\text{obs}}$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )
5	0.051
10	0.046
20	0.041

**Table 31S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [triethylamine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in Triethylamine buffer ( $\text{pH} = 10.4$ ) at  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

[triethylamine] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	k <sub>obs</sub> (s <sup>-1</sup> )
5	0.038
10	0.040
20	0.039

**Table 32S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants (k<sub>obs</sub>) vs. [triethylamine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) (1.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in Triethylamine buffer (s pH = 10.9) at T=25.0 ± 0.1 °C.

[triethylamine] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	k <sub>obs</sub> (s <sup>-1</sup> )
20	0.015
30	0.013
50	0.011

**Table 33S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants (k<sub>obs</sub>) vs. [triethylamine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) (1.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in Triethylamine buffer (s pH = 11.2) at T=25.0 ± 0.1 °C.

[triethylamine] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	k <sub>obs</sub> (s <sup>-1</sup> )
5	0.016
10	0.012
20	0.0093

**Table 34S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants (k<sub>obs</sub>) vs. [2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) (1.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in 2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidine buffer (s pH = 12.0) at T=25.0 ± 0.1 °C.

[2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidine] (mmol dm <sup>-3</sup> )	k <sub>obs</sub> (s <sup>-1</sup> )
20	0.0028
30	0.0024
50	0.0018

**Table 35S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants (k<sub>obs</sub>) vs. [DBP] for the inhibition of the cleavage of **6** (0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) (1.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) by DBP, sodium salt. Determined in anhydrous methanol at s pH = 11.0 and T=25.0 ± 0.1 °C. The data were fit according to eqn. (S1) to give K<sub>i</sub> = 0.18 ± 0.6 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.

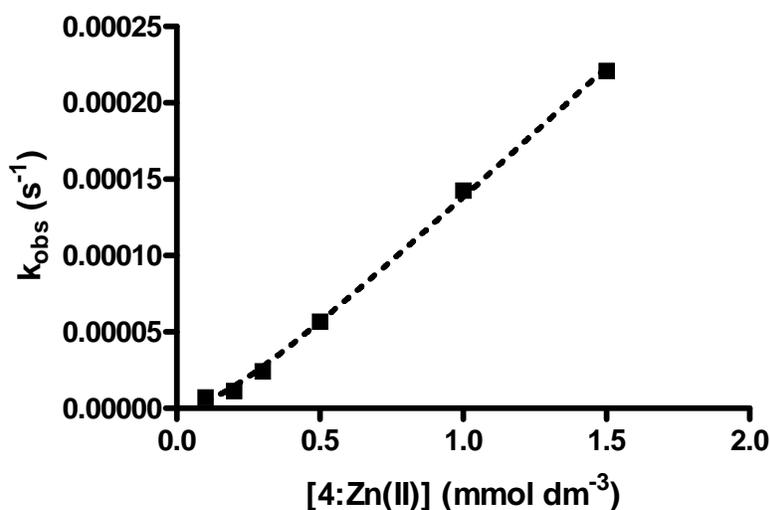
[DBP] (mM)	k <sub>obs</sub> (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.0	0.049
0.4	0.033

0.8	0.021
1.2	0.012
1.5	0.0070
2.0	0.0028
3.0	0.00062

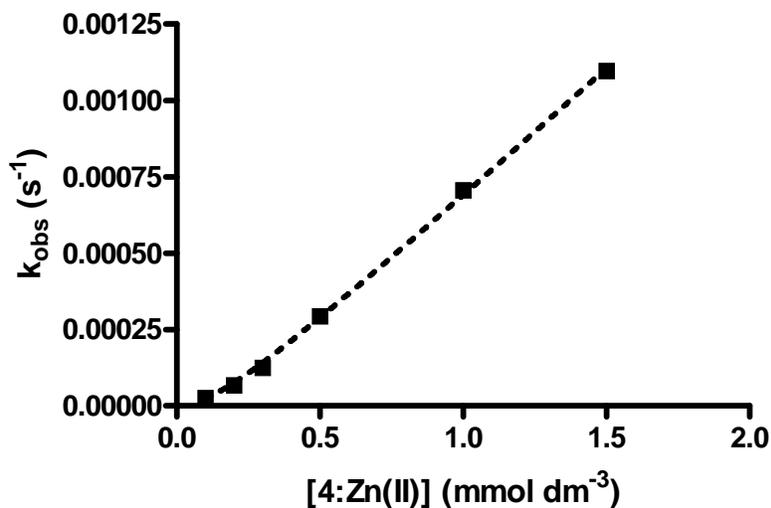
**Table 36S.** Average observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) for the cleavage of  $5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  HPNPP (**1**) Catalyzed by  $5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  **5**:Zn(II) as a function of  $^{\text{s}}\text{pH}$ .

$^{\text{s}}\text{pH}$	$k_{\text{obs}} (\text{s}^{-1})$
7.60	0.000022
8.30	0.000083
8.64	0.00020
8.94	0.00033
9.90	0.00091
10.39	0.0013
10.80	0.0023
10.85	0.0016
12.00	0.00046

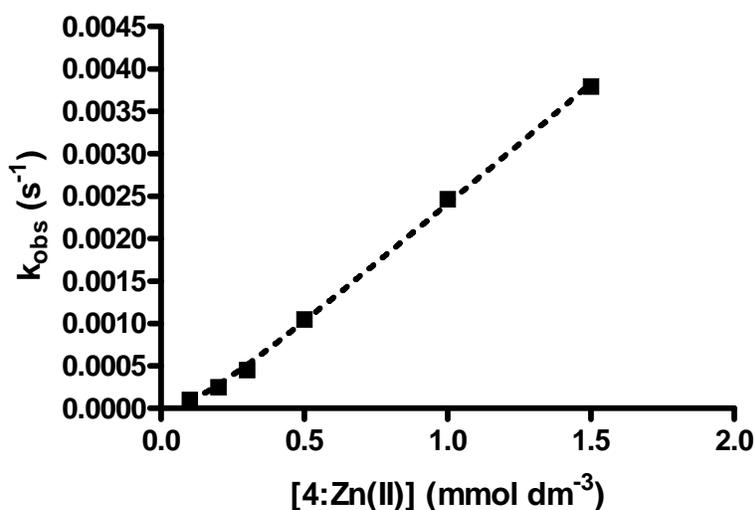
**Figure 1S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\mathbf{4}:\text{Zn(II)}]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $^{\text{s}}\text{pH} = 8.0$  (4-Ethylmorpholine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.



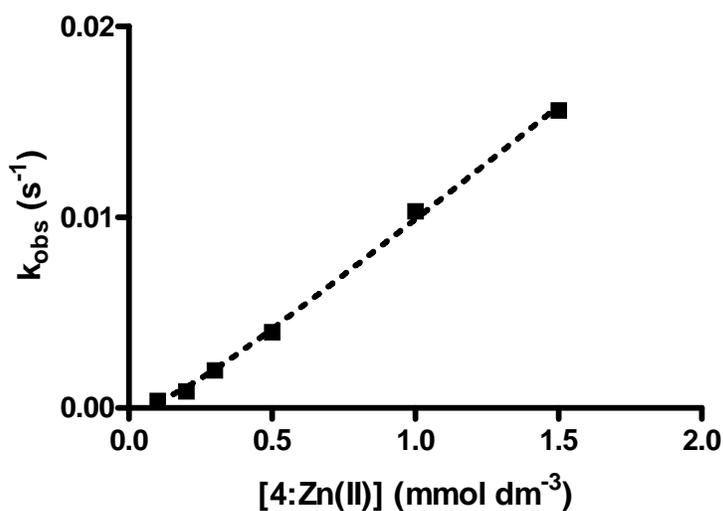
**Figure 2S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs. [4:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 8.5$  (4-Ethylmorpholine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.



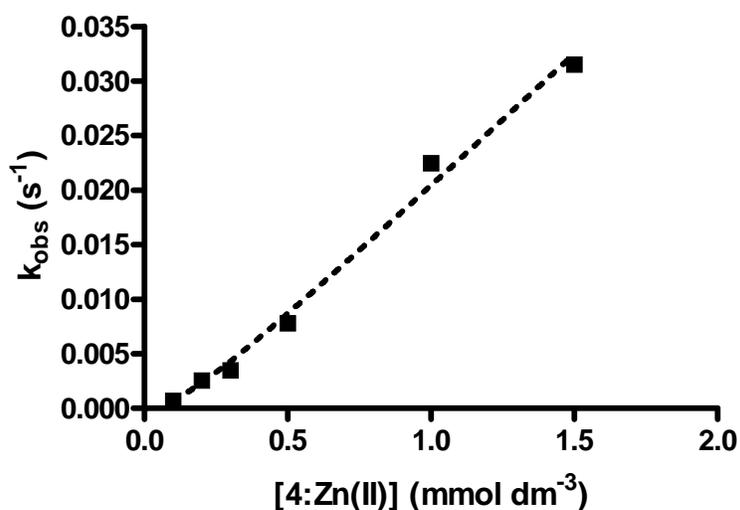
**Figure 3S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs. [4:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 9.1$  (4-Ethylmorpholine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.



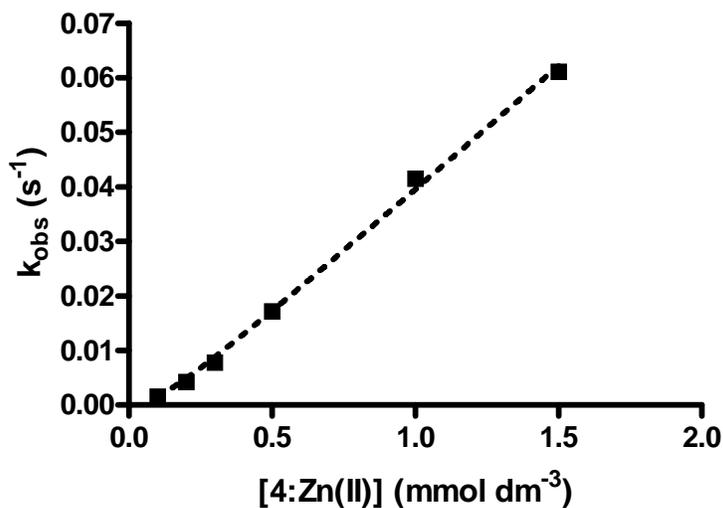
**Figure 4S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs. [4:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 10.1$  (triethylamine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.



**Figure 5S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs. [4:Zn(II)] for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**, 0.05 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 10.8$  (triethylamine buffer, 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.

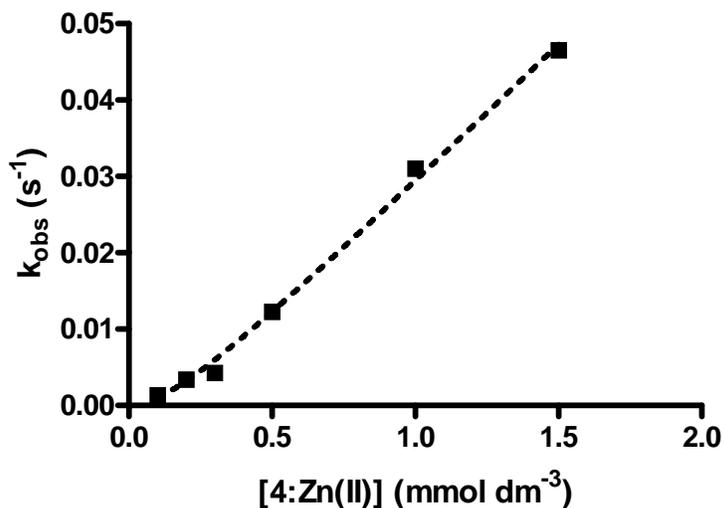


**Figure 6S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[4:\text{Zn(II)}]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $^{\text{s}}\text{pH} = 11.3$  (triethylamine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.

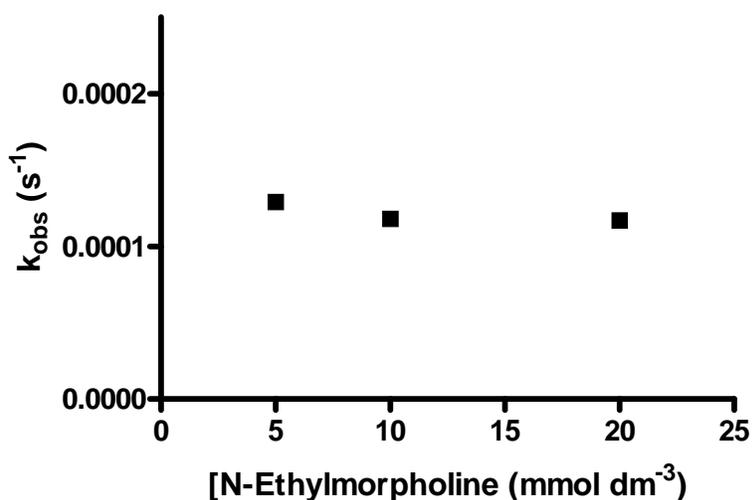


**Figure 7S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[4:\text{Zn(II)}]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $^{\text{s}}\text{pH} = 12.1$  (2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Data corrected for buffer inhibition as

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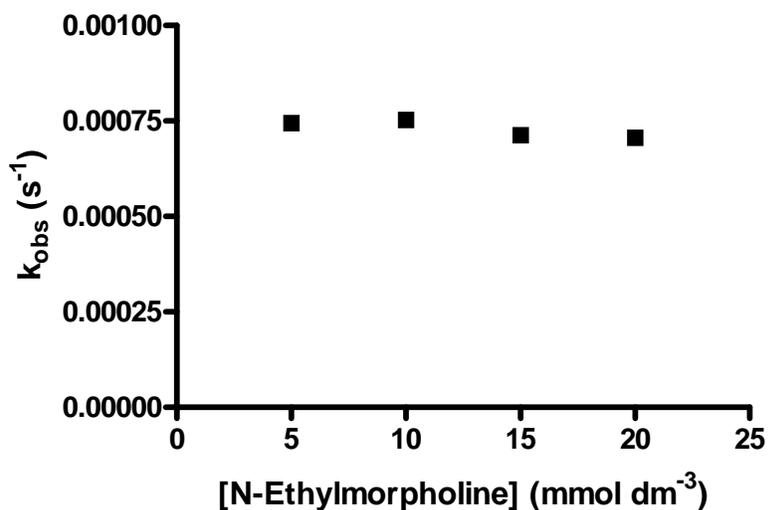


**Figure 8S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo-first order rate constants ( $k_{obs}$ ) vs. [N-ethylmorpholine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **4:Zn(II)** ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in N-ethylmorpholine buffer at  $pH = 8.0$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.

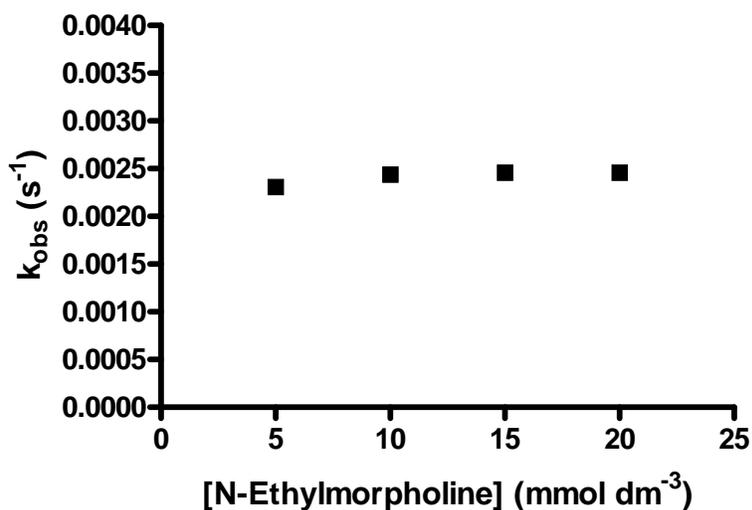


**Figure 9S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{obs}$ ) vs. [N-ethylmorpholine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed

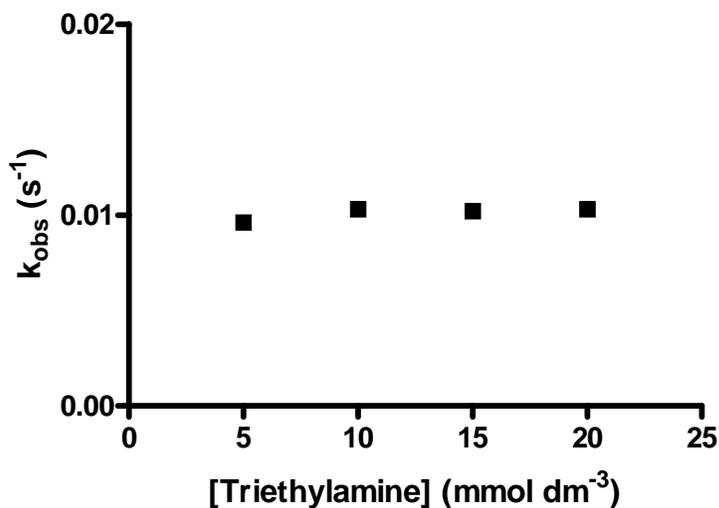
by **4**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in N-ethylmorpholine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 8.5$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.



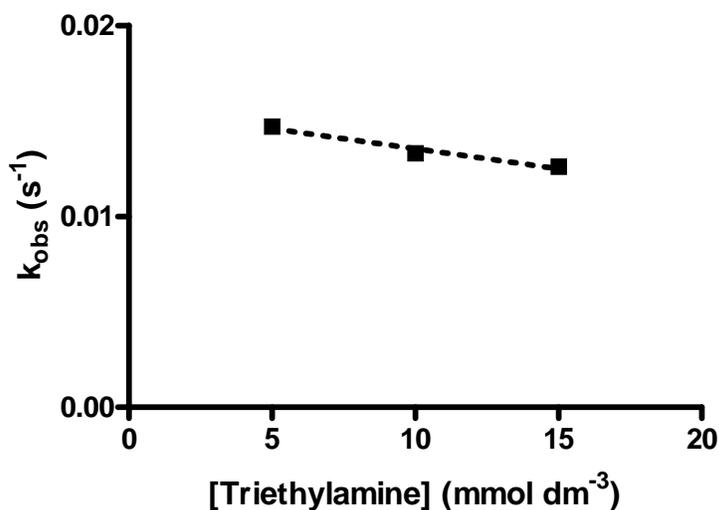
**Figure 10S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [N-ethylmorpholine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in N-ethylmorpholine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 9.1$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.



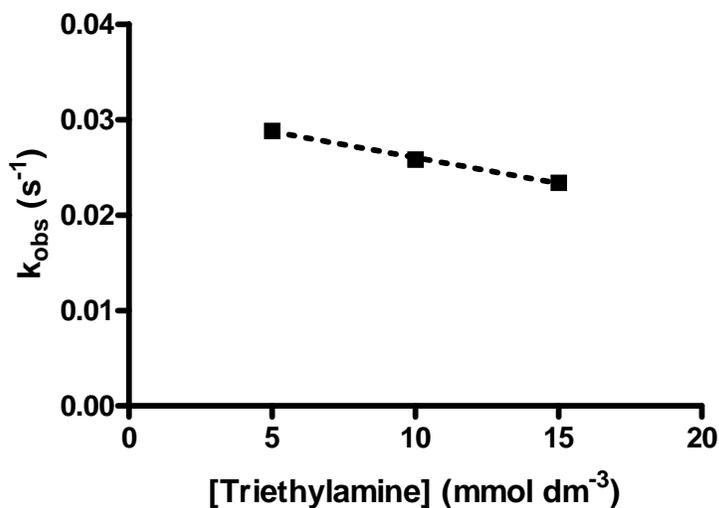
**Figure 11S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [triethylamine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in triethylamine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 10.1$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



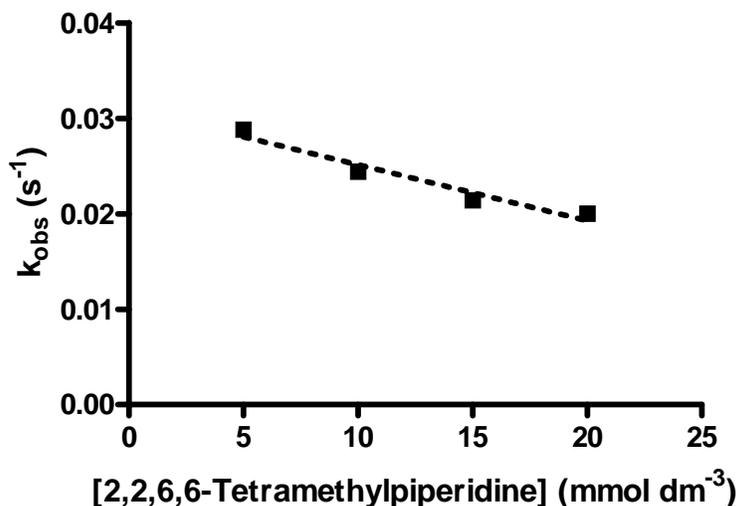
**Figure 12S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [triethylamine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in triethylamine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 10.8$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



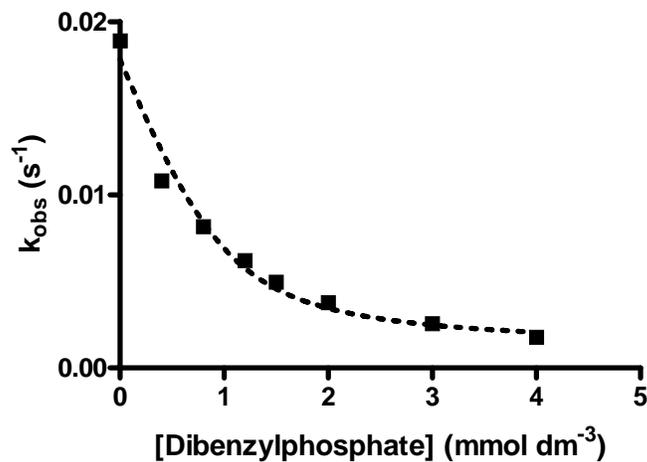
**Figure 13S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [triethylamine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in triethylamine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 11.3$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure 14S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 12.1$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure 15S.** Plot of ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [DBP] for the inhibition of the cleavage of **6** ( $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **4**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) by DBP, sodium salt. Determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 11.0$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Dashed line through the data points represents the fit to eqn. (S1).



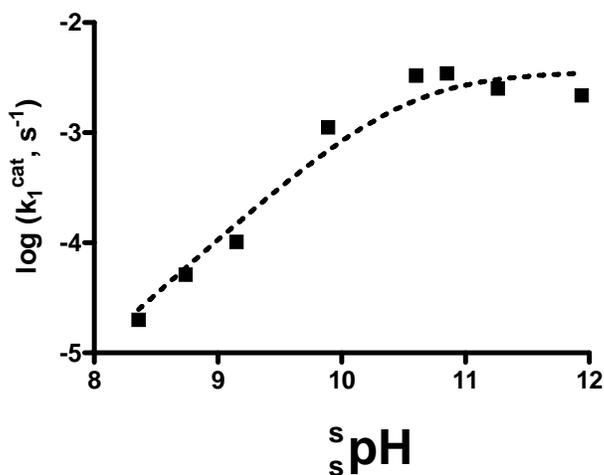
**Eqn. S1.**

$$k_{\text{obs}} = k_{\text{cat}}(1 + K_{\text{B}} \times [S] + [\text{In}] \times K_{\text{B}} - X) / (2K_{\text{B}}) / [S] \times (1 + K_{\text{B}} \times [S] + [\text{In}] \times K_{\text{B}} - X) / (2K_{\text{B}}) / [S]$$

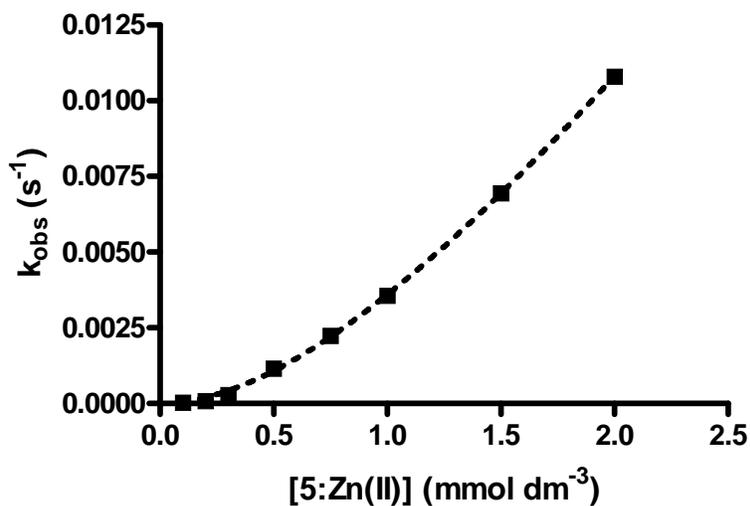
where:

$$X = (1 + 2K_{\text{B}} \times [S] + 2 \times [\text{In}] \times K_{\text{B}} + K_{\text{B}}^2 \times [S]^2 - 2 \times K_{\text{B}}^2 \times [\text{In}][S] + [\text{In}]^2 \times K_{\text{B}}^2)^{0.5}$$

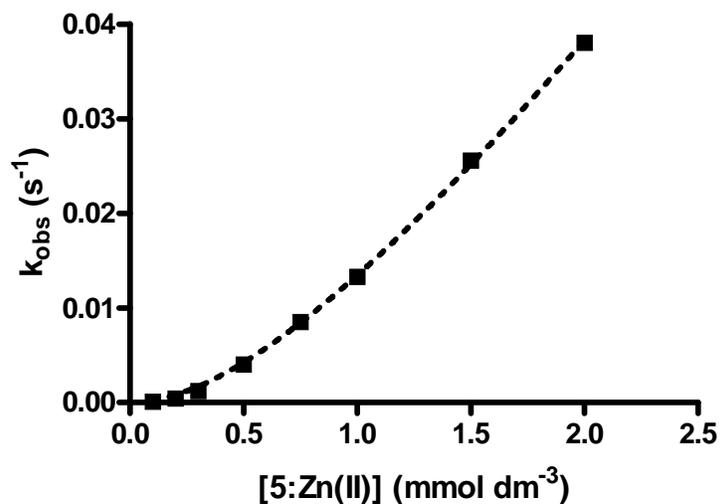
**Figure 16S.** Plot of  $\log k_1^{\text{cat}}$  vs  $^s\text{pH}$  for the cyclization of **1** ( $5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **4:Zn(II)** ( $5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) in buffered methanol at  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (2) in the main text which gave  $^s\text{pK}_a = 10.5 \pm 0.2$  and  $k_1^{\text{max}} = 0.004 \pm 0.001 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .



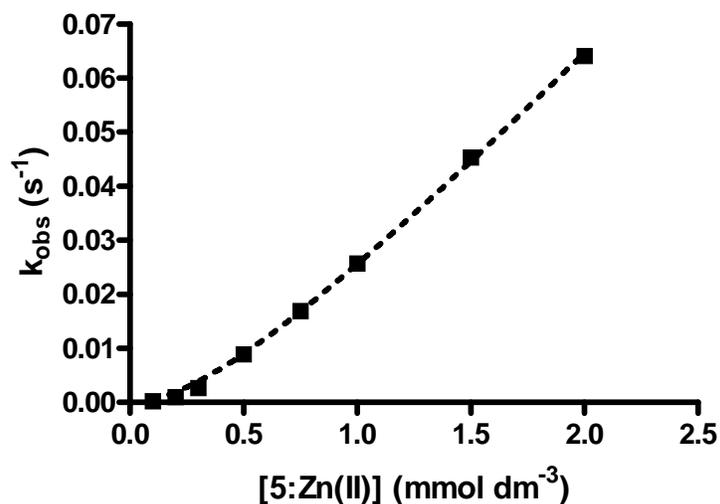
**Figure 17S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\text{5:Zn(II)}]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $^s\text{pH} = 7.6$  (2,6-Lutidine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T=25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.



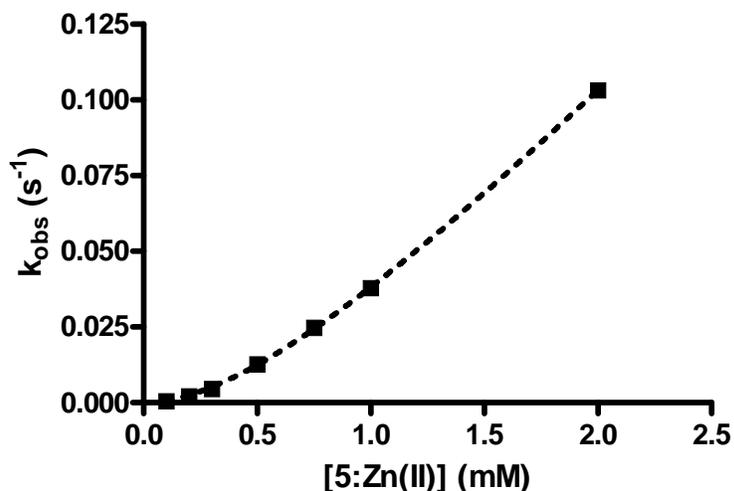
**Figure 18S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[5:\text{Zn(II)}]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 8.3$  (N-ethylmorpholine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.



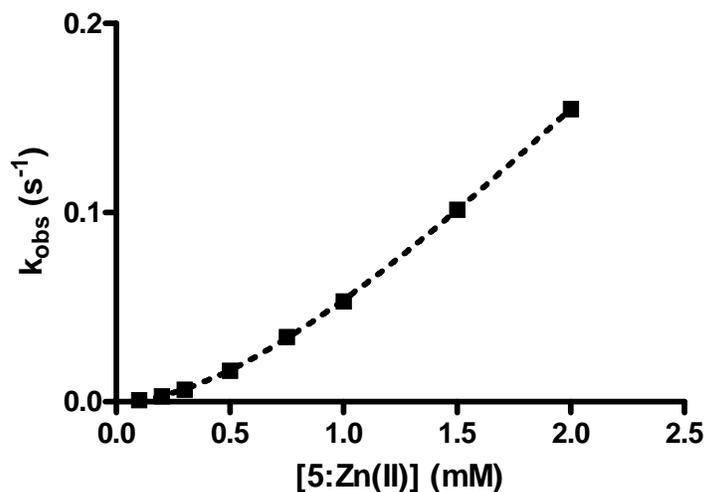
**Figure 19S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[5:\text{Zn(II)}]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 8.6$  (N-ethylmorpholine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.



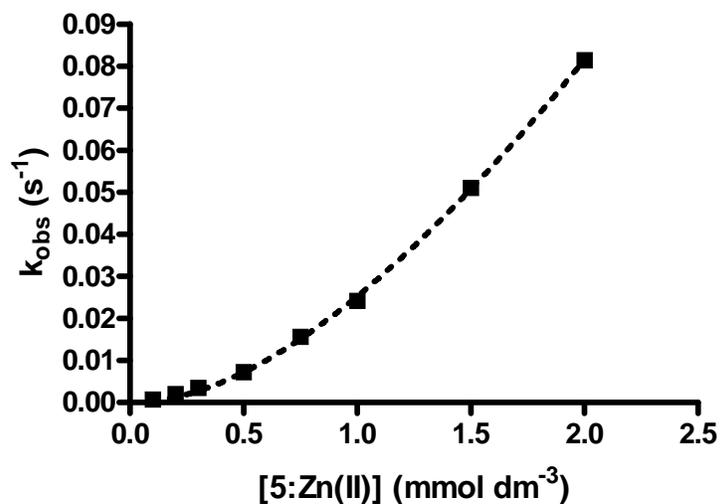
**Figure 20S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\text{5:Zn(II)}]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 8.9$  (N-ethylmorpholine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.



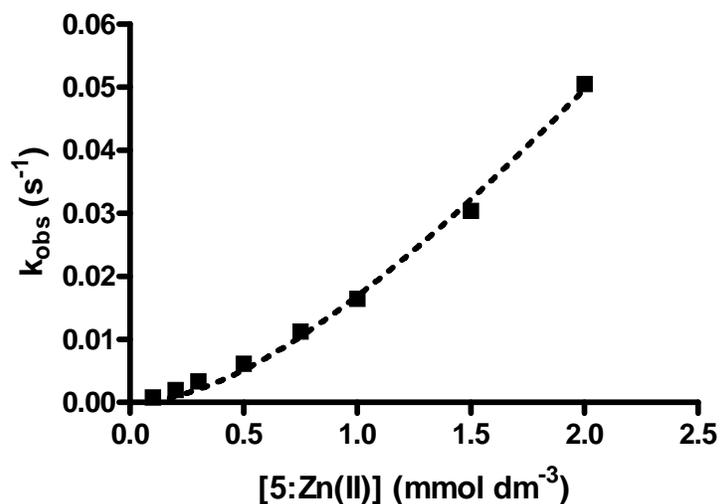
**Figure 21S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\text{5:Zn(II)}]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 9.9$  (N-methylpiperidine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.



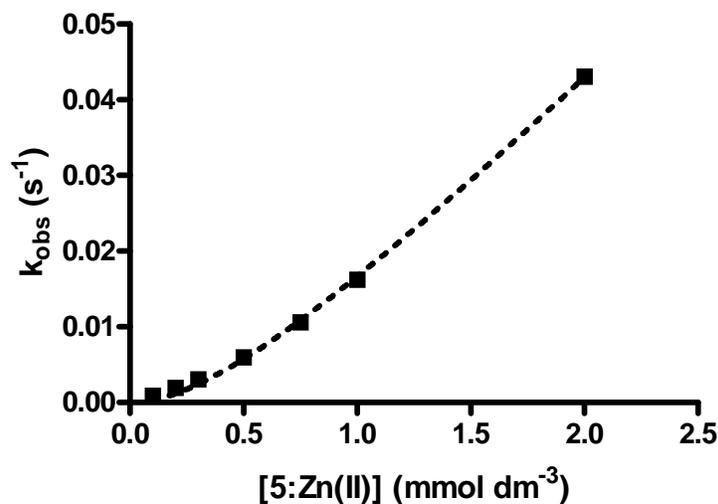
**Figure 22S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\text{5:Zn(II)}]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 10.4$  (triethylamine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.



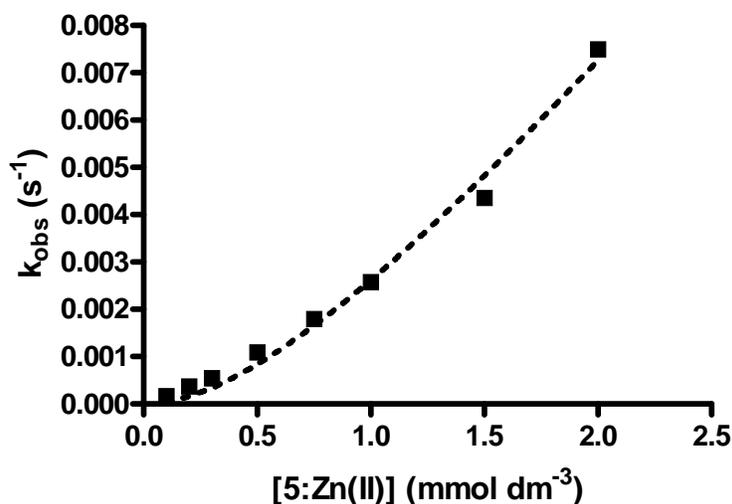
**Figure 23S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\text{5:Zn(II)}]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 10.9$  (triethylamine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.



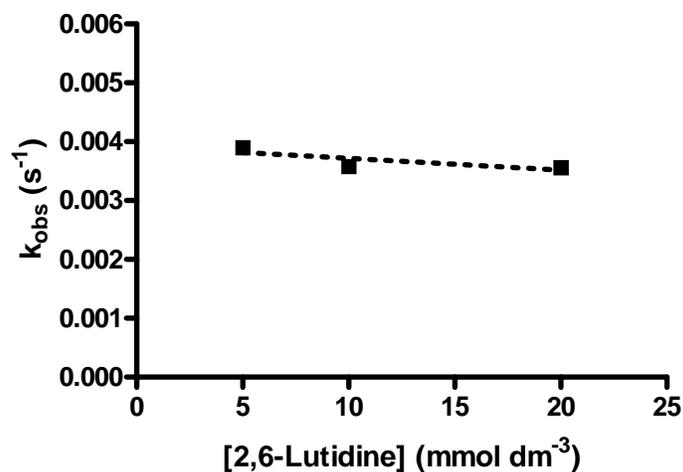
**Figure 24S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[5:\text{Zn}(\text{II})]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 11.2$  (triethylamine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.



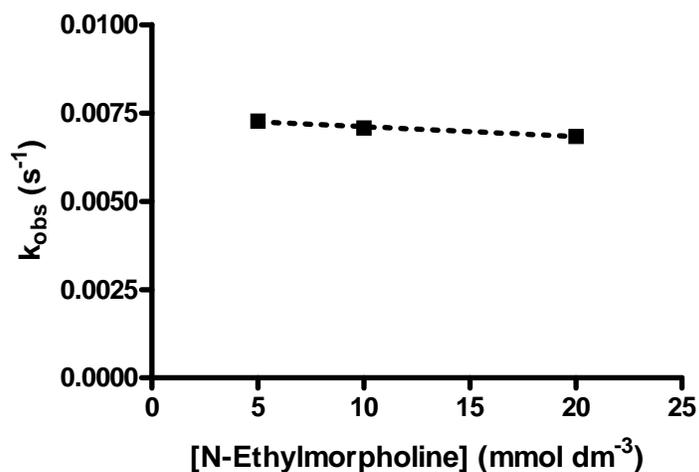
**Figure 25S.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[5:\text{Zn}(\text{II})]$  for the catalyzed cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 12.0$  (2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidine buffer,  $20 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Data corrected for buffer inhibition as described in the article text. Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (1) in the main text.



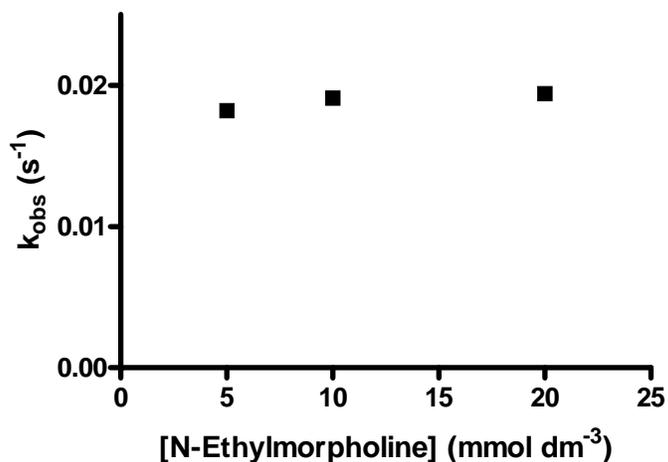
**Figure 26S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [2,6-Lutidine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in 2,6-Lutidine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 7.6$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



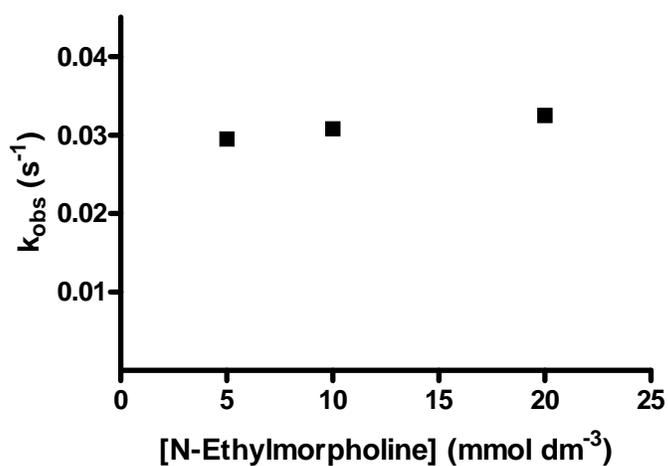
**Figure 27S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [N-ethylmorpholine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in N-ethylmorpholine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 8.3$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



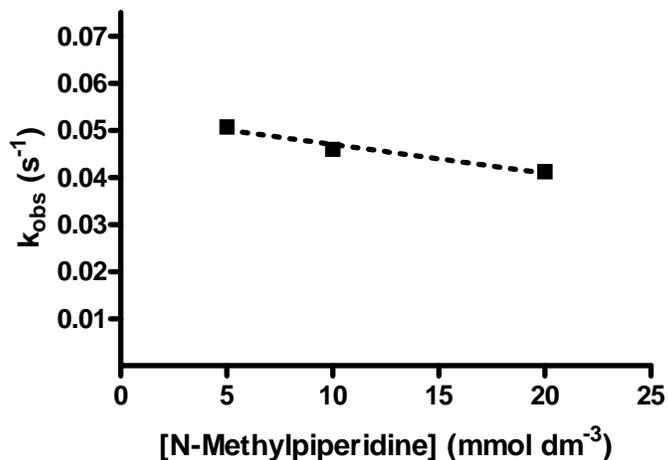
**Figure 28S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [N-ethylmorpholine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in N-ethylmorpholine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 8.6$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.



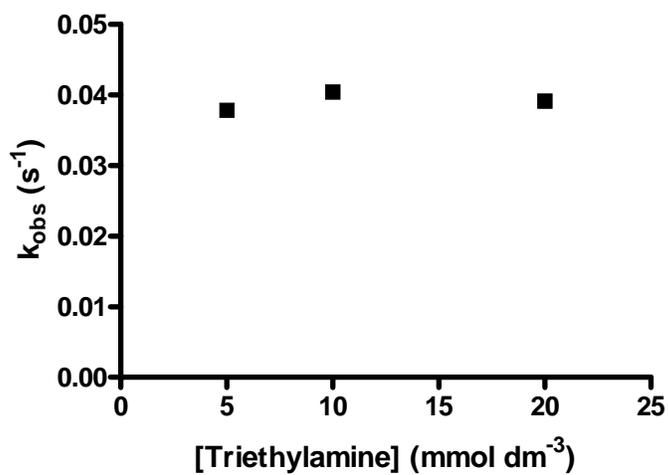
**Figure 29S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [N-ethylmorpholine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in N-ethylmorpholine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 8.9$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.



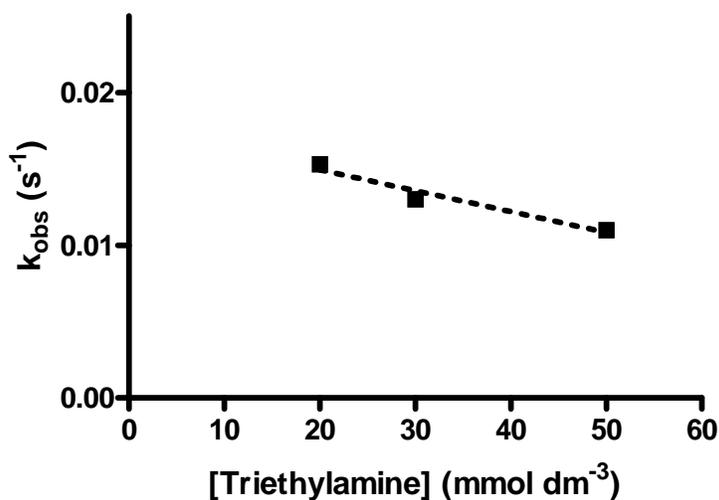
**Figure 30S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [N-methylpiperidine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in N-methylpiperidine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 9.9$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.



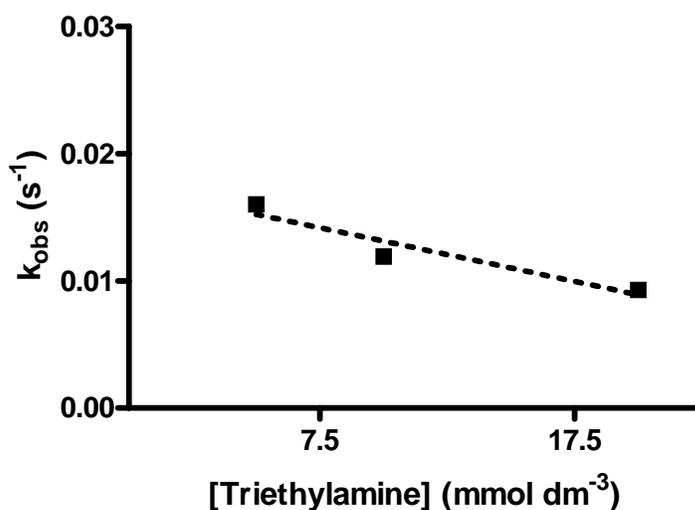
**Figure 31S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [triethylamine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in Triethylamine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 10.4$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C.



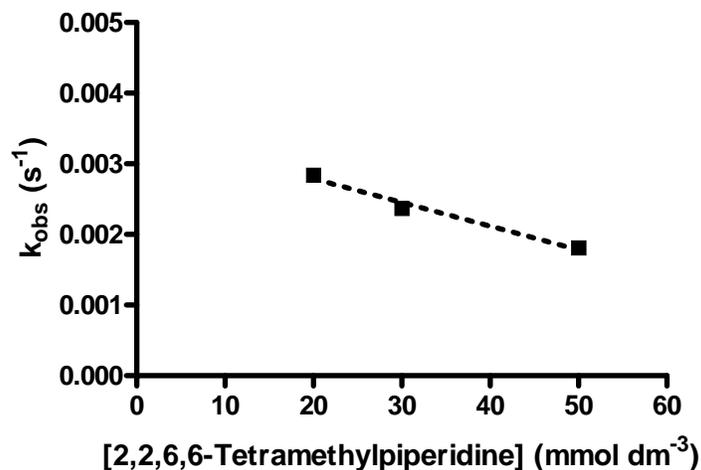
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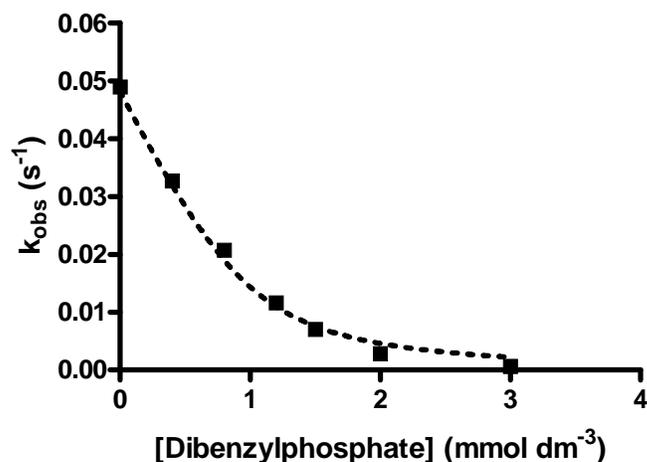
**Figure 33S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [triethylamine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in triethylamine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 11.2$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



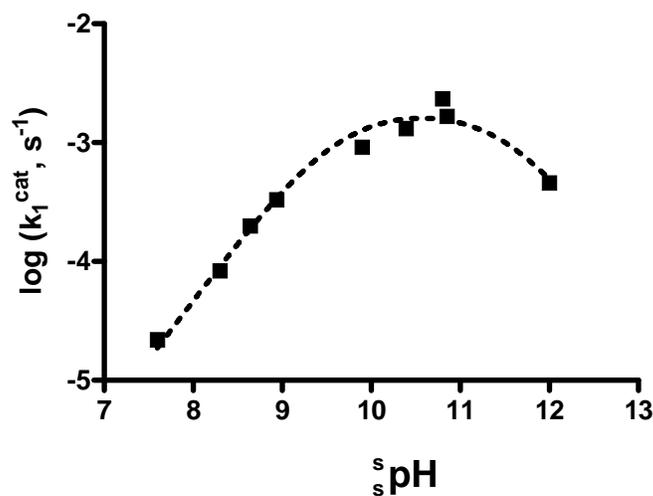
**Figure 34S.** Buffer inhibition plot showing observed pseudo first order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine] for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**,  $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine buffer at  $\text{pH} = 12.0$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



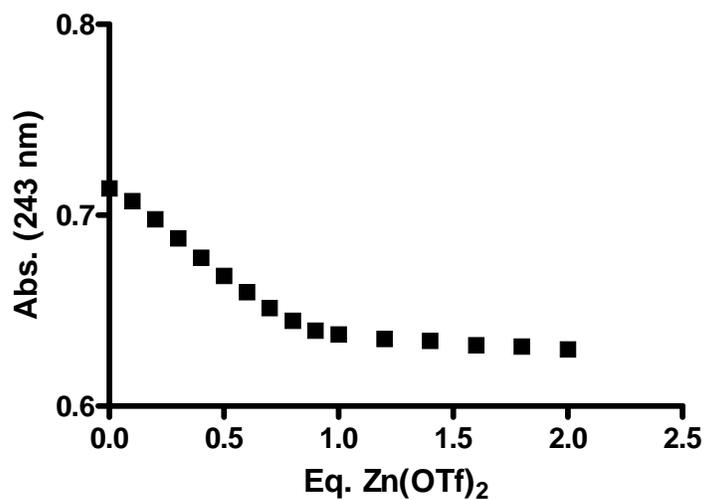
**Figure 35S.** Plot of ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. [DBP] for the inhibition of the cleavage of **6** ( $0.05 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $1.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) by DBP, sodium salt. Determined in anhydrous methanol at  $\text{pH} = 10.2$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Dashed line through the data points represents the fit to eqn. (S1).



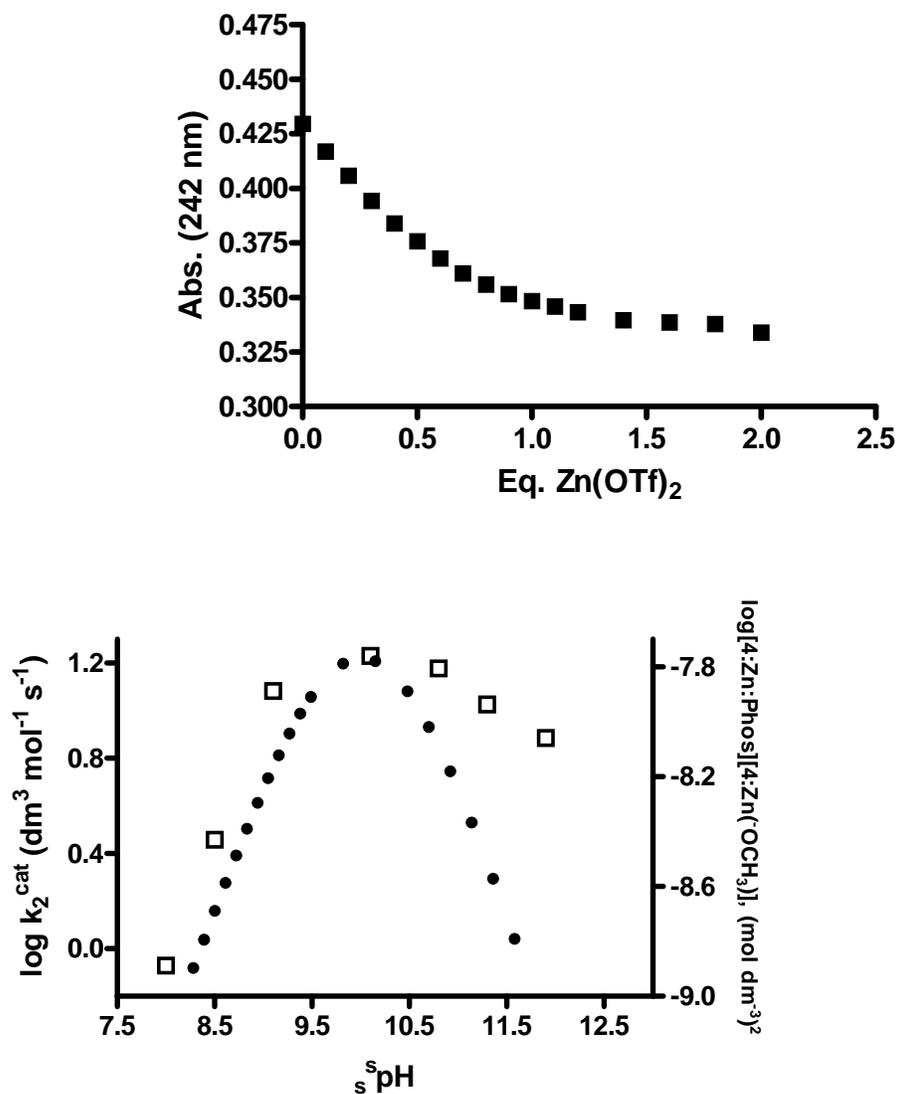
**Figure 36S.** Plot of  $\log k_1^{\text{cat}}$  vs  $^s\text{pH}$  for the cyclization of **1** ( $5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) catalyzed by **5**:Zn(II) ( $5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) in buffered methanol at  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Dashed line through the data represents fit to eqn. (3) in the main text which gave values of  $^s\text{pK}_a^1 = 9.6 \pm 0.1$ ,  $^s\text{pK}_a^2 = 11.5 \pm 0.2$ , and  $k_1^{\text{max}} = 0.0020 \pm 0.0003 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .



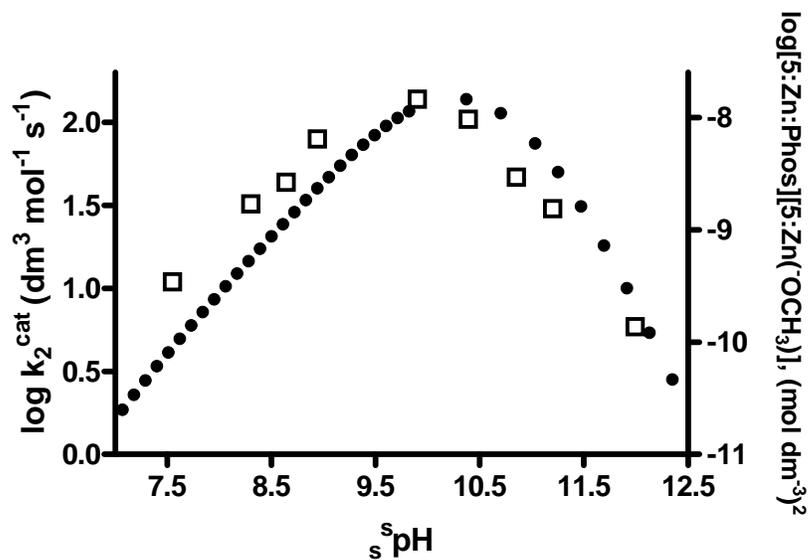
**Figure 37S.** Spectrophotometric titration of **4** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) with  $\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$  in methanol buffered at  $^s\text{pH} = 9.1$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure 38S.** Spectrophotometric titration of **5** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) with  $\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$  in methanol buffered at  $^s\text{pH} = 10.0$  and  $T = 25.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure 39S.** Plot of  $\log k_2^{\text{cat}}$  vs.  $^s\text{pH}$  for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**) ( $5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) by  $[4:\text{Zn}(\text{II})]$  (□). Data superimposed on the figure as (●) are computed  $\log [4:\text{Zn}:\mathbf{6}][4:\text{Zn}(\text{OCH}_3)]$  in accordance with the bimolecular reaction pathway given in Scheme 1 (main text) at  $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure 40S.** Plot of  $\log k_2^{\text{cat}}$  vs.  $s_{\text{pH}}$  for the cleavage of HPNPP (**1**) ( $5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) by  $[5:\text{Zn}(\text{II})]$  ( $\square$ ). Data superimposed on the figure as ( $\bullet$ ) are  $\log [5:\text{Zn}:\mathbf{6}][5:\text{Zn}(\text{OCH}_3)]$  in accordance with the bimolecular reaction pathway given in Scheme 1 (main text) at 25 °C.