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Conformational analysis and synthetic approaches to polydentate perhydro-diazepine ligands for the complexation of gallium(III)

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**ESI Figure 1** VT 1H NMR spectra of  $[H_2L^{4a}]^{2+}$  (D<sub>2</sub>O, pD 2.4, 600MHz) showing the coalescence of the NCH<sub>2</sub>CCH<sub>2</sub>N methylene protons at 3.61 and 3.47 ppm (298K) as the temperature increases from 298K to 358K.



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**ESI Figure 2** *upper:* Variation of the chemical shift of the endocyclic NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N protons in  $[H_2L^1]$ as a function of the meter-reading pH (pD = pH (meter reading) + 0.41: P. K. Glasoe and F. A. Long, *J. Phys. Chem.* 1960, **64**, 188.); *lower:* depicting the change of chemical shift with pH for the NCH<sub>2</sub>CCH<sub>2</sub>N protons. A value for the apparent pK<sub>a</sub> was determined by fitting the data to the line shown, using iterative non-linear least squares methods: pK<sub>a</sub> = 5.58 (±0.10) (D<sub>2</sub>O, 295K).



Details of the related variation of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shift with pH for the ligand resonances in  $L^{4a}$  in D<sub>2</sub>O (295K) have been reported in the ESI of reference 3.