## **Electronic Supplementary Information: 6-Oxopyriphlorins**

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Figure S1. UV-Visible Spectra of free base oxopyriphlorins **6a-c** in chloroform.



Figure S2. UV-Visible Spectra of 6-oxopyriphlorin **6a** in chloroform with 0-100 equiv. TFA.



Figure S3. UV-Visible Spectra of **6a** free base in chloroform and progressively protonated forms in TFA-chloroform.



Figure S4. UV-Visible Spectra of **6b** free base in chloroform and progressively protonated forms in TFA-chloroform.



Figure S5. UV-Visible Spectra of **6a** free base in chloroform and the formation of a monoprotonated species with 50-500 equiv TFA.



Figure S6. UV-Visible Spectra of **6b** in chloroform free base), chloroform with 30 equiv. TFA and 10% TFA-chloroform.



Figure S7. UV-visible spectra of **6c** in chloroform with 0-30 equiv. of TFA showing the formation of a monoprotonated species.



Figure S8. UV-vis spectrum of 6-oxopyriphlorin **6c** (green line) and the red decomposition product (red line).



Figure S9. UV-Visible Spectrum of nickel(II) complex 28a in chloroform.



Figure S10. UV-Visible Spectrum of palladium(II) complex **28b** in chloroform.



Figure S11. 500 MHz proton NMR spectrum of tripyrrane 20b in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S12. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of tripyrrane 20b in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S13. 125 MHz carbon-13 NMR spectrum of tripyrrane 20b in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and HSQC NMR spectra of tripyrrane **20b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Figure S15. Partial assignments for the proton and carbon-13 NMR spectra of tripyrrane dibenzyl ester **20b** based on the foregoing data.



Figure S16. 500 MHz proton and 125 MHz carbon-13 NMR spectra of oxopyriphlorin **6a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S17. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of oxopyriphlorin 6a in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and HSQC NMR spectra of oxopyriphlorin **6a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

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Figure S19. Selected nOe difference proton NMR spectra of oxopyriphlorin 6a in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S20. Partial assignments for the proton and carbon-13 NMR spectra of 6-oxopyriphlorin **6a** based on the foregoing data.





Figure S22. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of oxopyriphlorin 6a in TFA-CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S23. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and HSQC NMR spectra of oxopyriphlorin **6a** in TFA-CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S24. Selected nOe difference proton NMR spectra of **6a** in TFA-CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S25. Partial assignments for the proton and carbon-13 NMR spectra of 6-oxopyriphlorin **6a** in TFA-CDCl<sub>3</sub> based on the foregoing data.



Figure S26. Partial 500 MHz proton NMR spectrum of free base 6a in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



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Figure S27. Partial 500 MHz proton NMR spectrum of protonated 6a in TFA-CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S28. 500 MHz proton NMR spectrum of **6a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with a higher concentration of TFA showing a downfield shift to the NH resonances.



Figure S29. 500 MHz proton and 125 MHz carbon-13 NMR spectra of 6b in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S30. Details of the upfield and downfield regions for the 500 MHz proton NMR spectrum of **6b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

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Figure S31. Selected nOe difference proton NMR spectra of **6b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S32. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of **6b** in  $CDCl_3$ . \* = trace acetone



Figure S33. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and HSQC NMR spectra of **6b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S34. Partial assignments for the proton and carbon-13 NMR spectra of 6-oxopyriphlorin **6b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> based on the foregoing data.



9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.0 4.0 3.0 2.5 2.0 6.5 5.5 5.0 4.5 3.5 1.5 ppm Figure S35. Proton NMR spectrum of oxopyriphlorin 6b in TFA-CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



<sup>10.0</sup> 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 ppm
Figure S36. 500 MHz proton NMR spectrum of **6b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with a higher concentration of TFA showing a downfield shift to the NH resonances. One of the NH peaks is overlapped with the TFA signal.

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Figure S37. Selected nOe difference proton NMR spectra of **6b** in TFA-CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S38. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of **6b** in TFA-CDCl<sub>3</sub>. \* = trace acetone.



Figure S39. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and HSQC NMR spectra of **6b** in TFA-CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S40. 125 MHz carbon-13 NMR spectrum of **6b** in TFA-CDCl<sub>3</sub>. \* = impurity peaks



Figure S41. Partial assignments for the proton and carbon-13 NMR spectra of 6-oxopyriphlorin **6b** in TFA-CDCl<sub>3</sub> based on the foregoing data.



Figure S42. 500 MHz proton and 125 MHz carbon-13 NMR spectra of oxopyriphlorin **6c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S43. 500 MHz proton and 125 MHz carbon-13 NMR spectra of nickel(II) complex **28c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S44. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of nickel(II) complex 28a in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S45. COSY and HSQC NMR spectra of nickel complex 28a in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Figure S46. Partial assignments for the proton and carbon-13 NMR spectra of nickel(II) complex **28a** based on the foregoing data.



Figure S47. 500 MHz proton and 125 MHz carbon-13 NMR spectra of palladium(II) complex **28b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S48. Selected nOe difference proton NMR spectra of palladium complex 28b in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S49. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of palladium(II) complex 28b in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S50. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and HSQC NMR spectra of palladium(II) complex **28b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S51. Partial assignments for the proton and carbon-13 NMR spectra of palladium(II) complex **28b** based on the foregoing data.



Figure S52. Electron impact mass spectrum of tripyrrane 20b.

100- %- 468.1 4 468.0	169.3 470.1 47. 470.0 472.0	2.4 <u>474.1</u> ) 474.0	475.9 476.0	47 477.3 478.3 478.0	9.3 480.3 480.0	81.3 <u>482.3 483.34</u> 482.0 48	<u>84.2 485.3</u> 4.0 4	<u> </u>	488.2 489.2 490 488.0 490.0	0.3 490.9 17 491.7 17 491.0 10 492.0
Minimum: Maximum:		5.0	10.0	-1.5 150.0						
Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	i-FIT	Formula				
479.2813	479.2811	0.2	0.4	16.5	4.9	C31 H35	5 N4 (	c		

Figure S53. ESI MS of 6-oxopyriphlorin 6a.



Figure S54. ESI MS of 6-oxopyriphlorin 6b.

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Figure S55. ESI MS of 6-oxopyriphlorin 6c.

100 % 526.75	27.3 <u>528.3</u> 528.0	529.3 530.3 530.0	531.0 531.7 53	532.3 533.2 2.0	534.2 535	.2 536.2 535.9 536.0	537.2	538.2 538.0	539.2 540.2 540.0	541.2.541.4 m/z
Minimum: Maximum:		5.0	10.0	-1.5 150.0						
Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	i-FIT	Formula				
534.1919	534.1930 534.1970	-1.1 -5.1	-2.1 -9.5	18.5 29.5	37.8 201.7	C31 H32 C39 H24	N4 N3	O Ni		

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![](_page_42_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure S56. ESI MS of nickel(II) complex 28a.

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Figure S57. Electron impact mass spectrum of nickel(II) complex 28a.

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Figure S58. Electron impact mass spctrum of palladium(II) complex 28b.