

Supporting Information

Trimethoxybenzene- and trimethylbenzene-based compounds bearing imidazole, indole and pyrrole groups as recognition units: Synthesis and evaluation of the binding properties towards carbohydrates

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1 Plots of the chemical shifts of the receptor resonances as a function of added carbohydrate (EQNMR program).

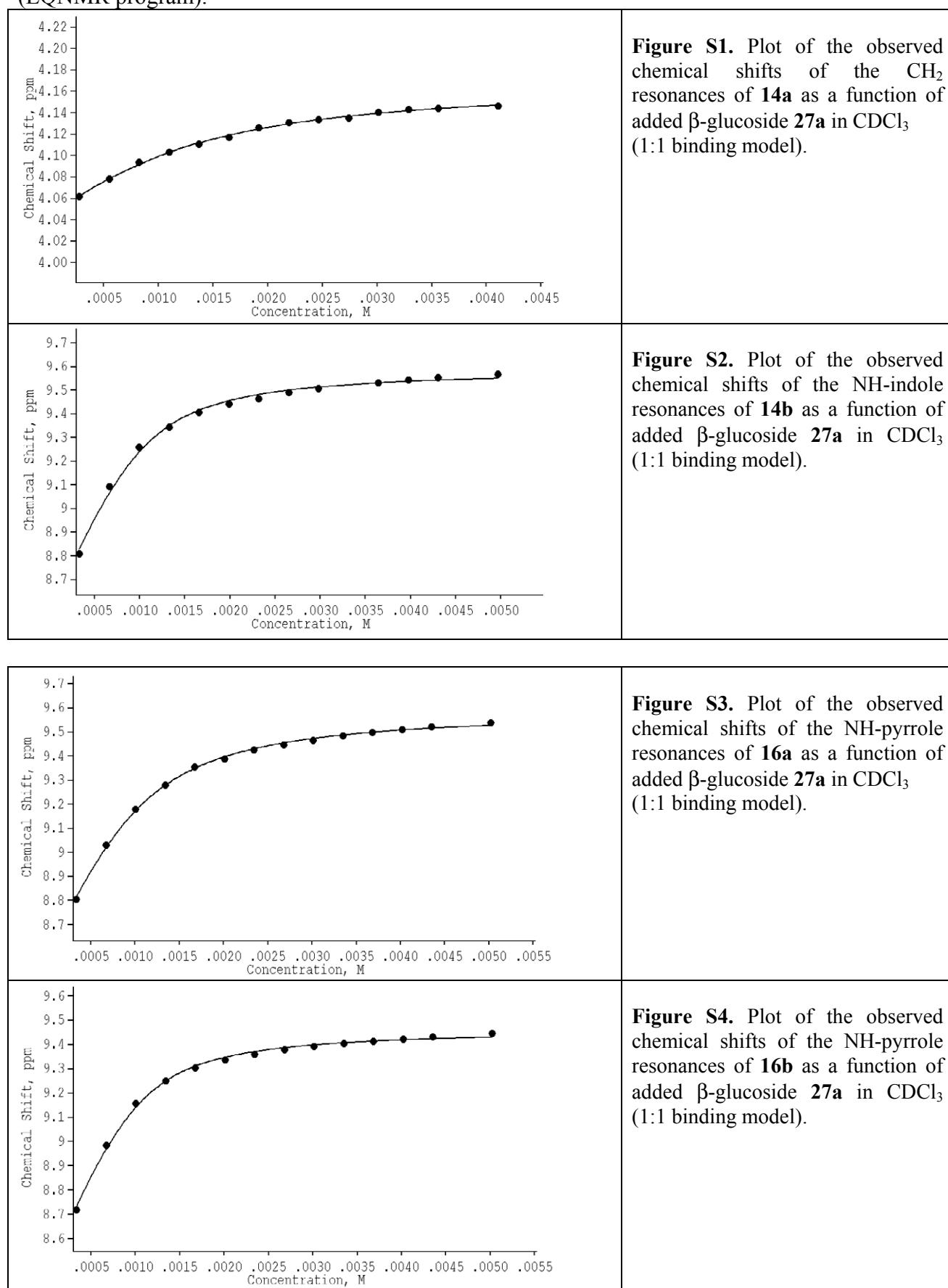


Figure S1. Plot of the observed chemical shifts of the CH_2 resonances of **14a** as a function of added β -glucoside **27a** in CDCl_3 (1:1 binding model).

Figure S2. Plot of the observed chemical shifts of the NH-indole resonances of **14b** as a function of added β -glucoside **27a** in CDCl_3 (1:1 binding model).

Figure S3. Plot of the observed chemical shifts of the NH-pyrrole resonances of **16a** as a function of added β -glucoside **27a** in CDCl_3 (1:1 binding model).

Figure S4. Plot of the observed chemical shifts of the NH-pyrrole resonances of **16b** as a function of added β -glucoside **27a** in CDCl_3 (1:1 binding model).

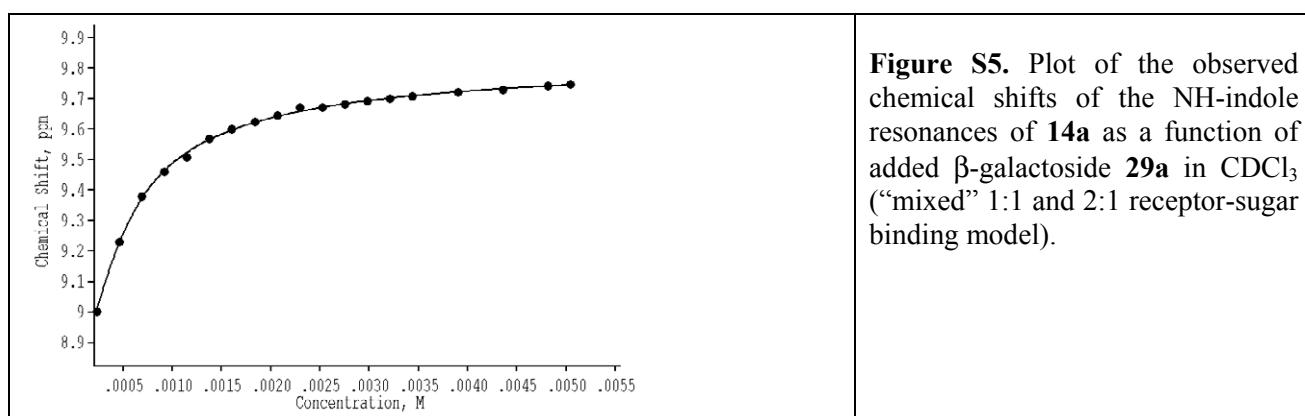


Figure S5. Plot of the observed chemical shifts of the NH-indole resonances of **14a** as a function of added β -galactoside **29a** in CDCl_3 (“mixed” 1:1 and 2:1 receptor-sugar binding model).

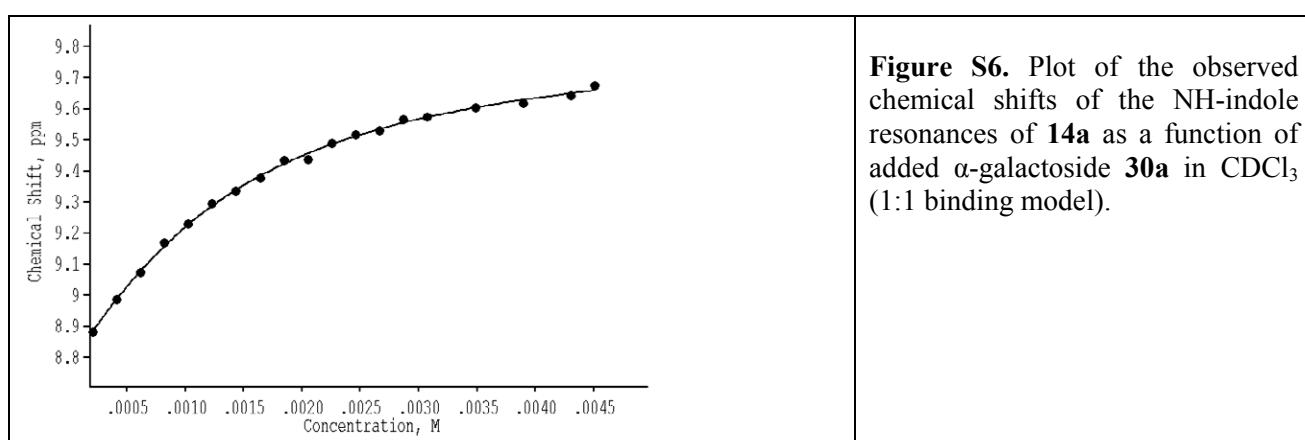


Figure S6. Plot of the observed chemical shifts of the NH-indole resonances of **14a** as a function of added α -galactoside **30a** in CDCl_3 (1:1 binding model).

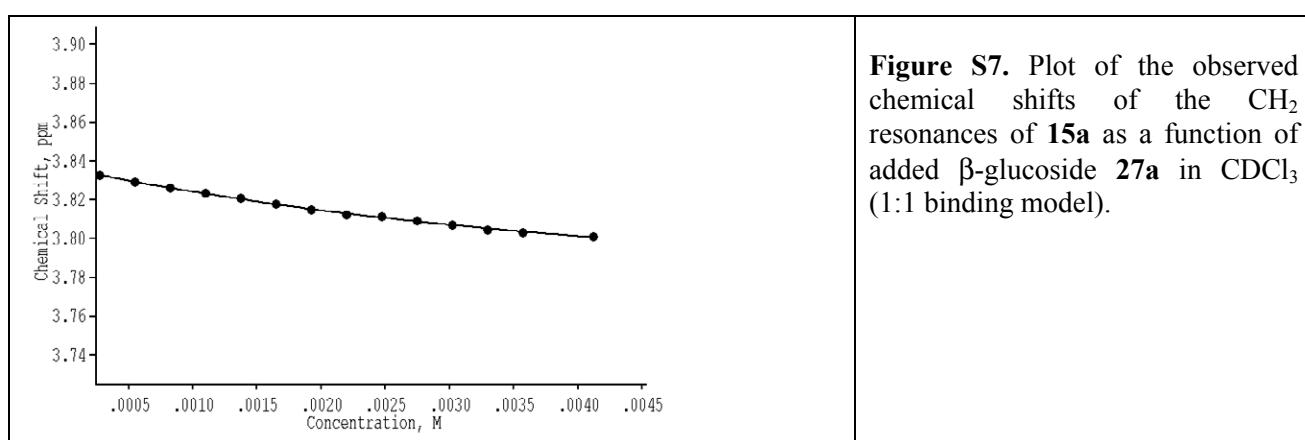


Figure S7. Plot of the observed chemical shifts of the CH_2 resonances of **15a** as a function of added β -glucoside **27a** in CDCl_3 (1:1 binding model).

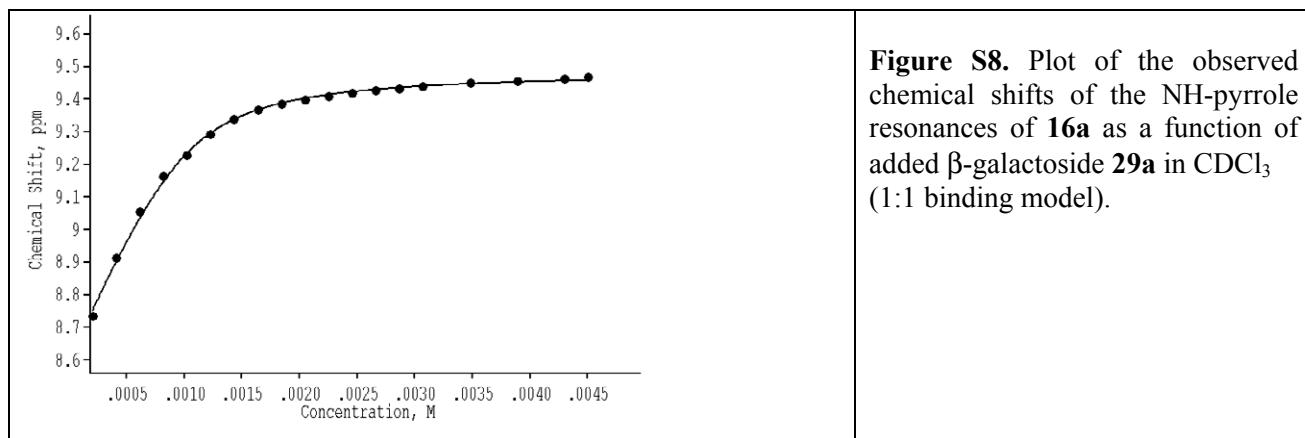


Figure S8. Plot of the observed chemical shifts of the NH-pyrrole resonances of **16a** as a function of added β -galactoside **29a** in CDCl_3 (1:1 binding model).

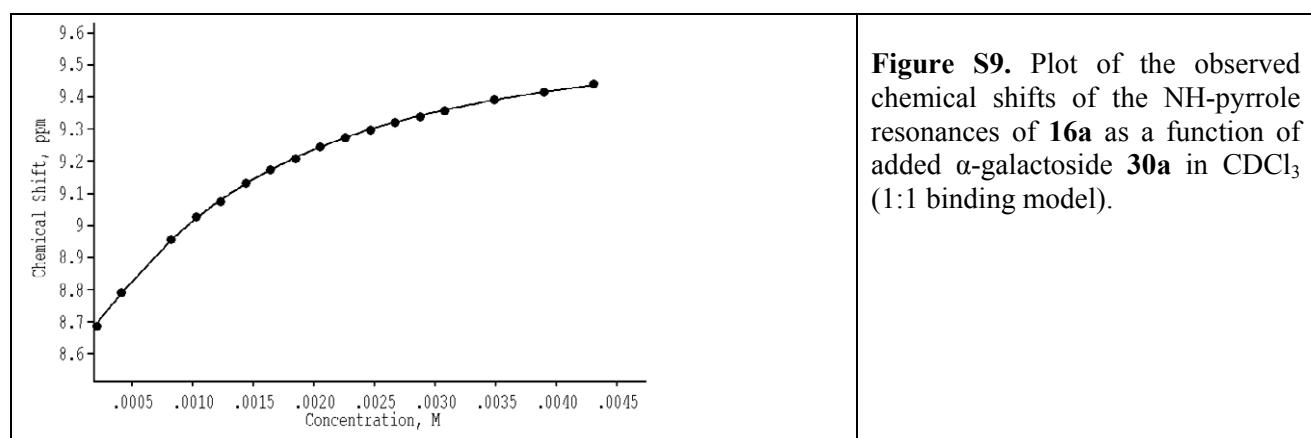


Figure S9. Plot of the observed chemical shifts of the NH-pyrrole resonances of **16a** as a function of added α -galactoside **30a** in CDCl_3 (1:1 binding model).

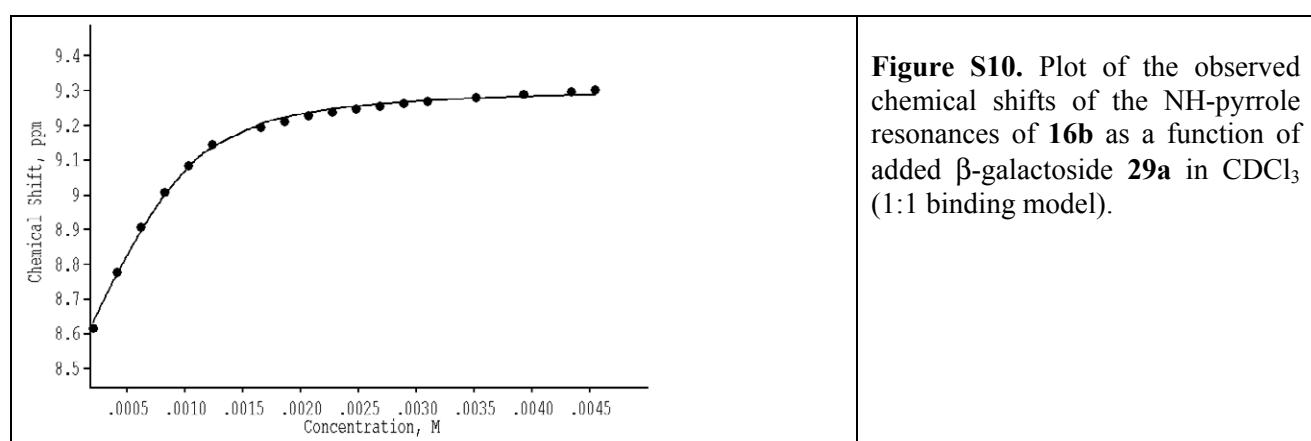


Figure S10. Plot of the observed chemical shifts of the NH-pyrrole resonances of **16b** as a function of added β -galactoside **29a** in CDCl_3 (1:1 binding model).

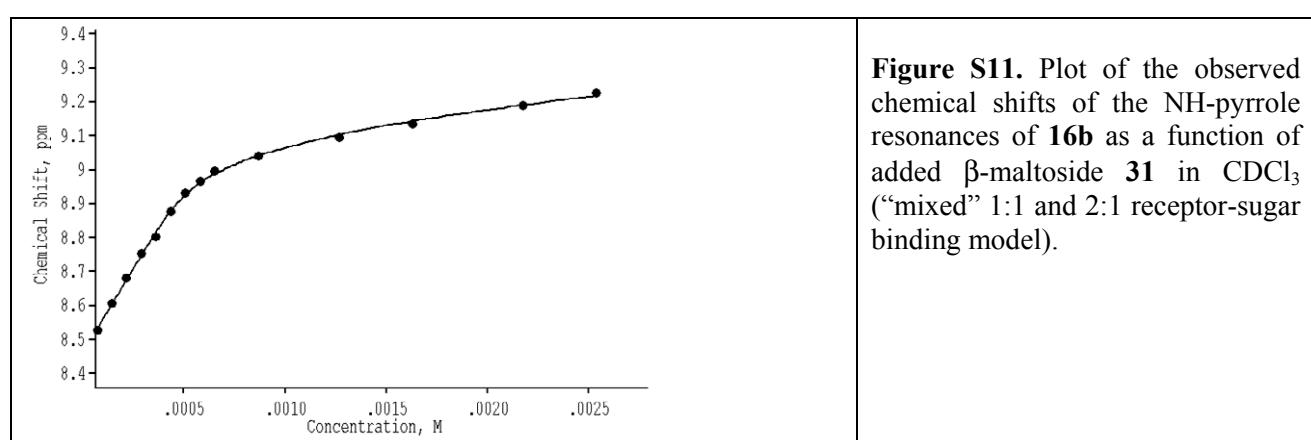


Figure S11. Plot of the observed chemical shifts of the NH-pyrrole resonances of **16b** as a function of added β -maltoside **31** in CDCl_3 (“mixed” 1:1 and 2:1 receptor-sugar binding model).

2 Representative mole ratio plots

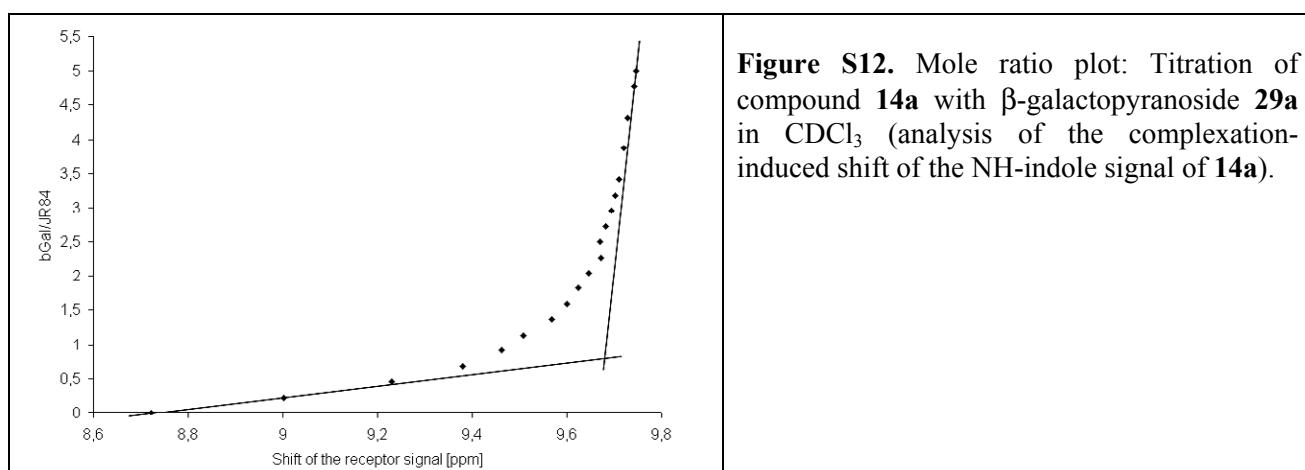


Figure S12. Mole ratio plot: Titration of compound **14a** with β -galactopyranoside **29a** in CDCl_3 (analysis of the complexation-induced shift of the NH-indole signal of **14a**).

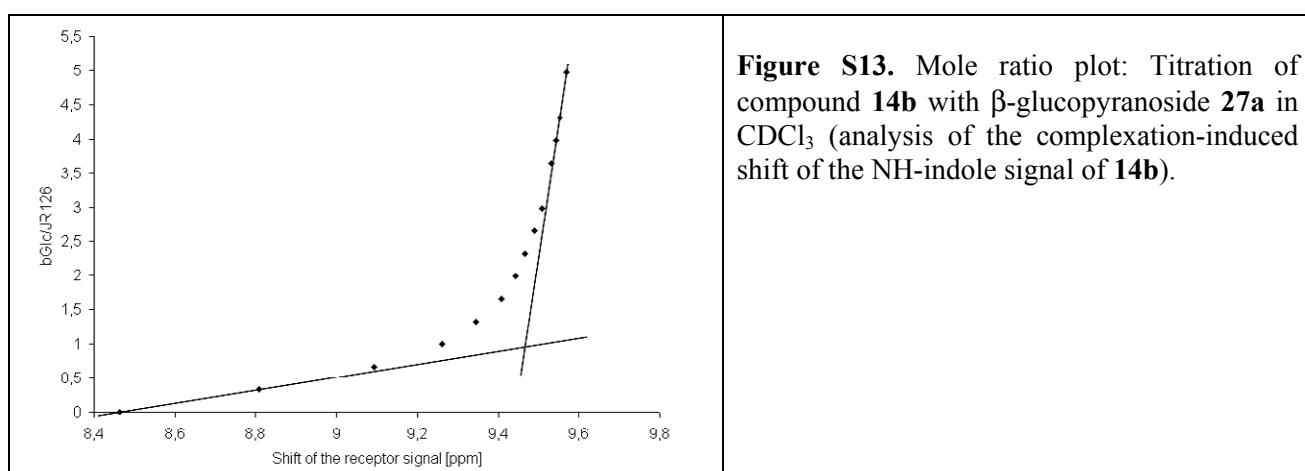


Figure S13. Mole ratio plot: Titration of compound **14b** with β -glucopyranoside **27a** in CDCl_3 (analysis of the complexation-induced shift of the NH-indole signal of **14b**).

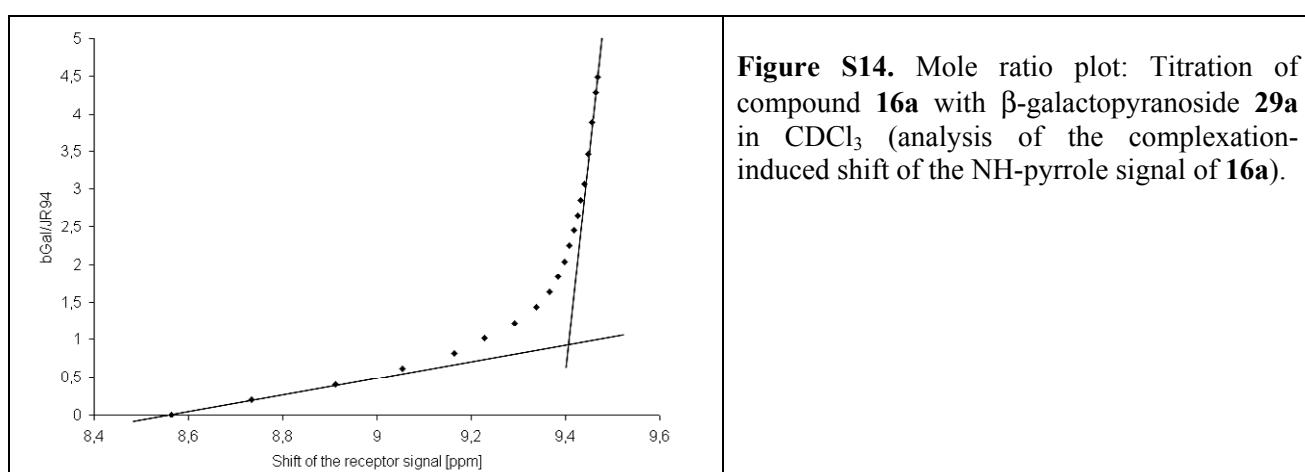


Figure S14. Mole ratio plot: Titration of compound **16a** with β -galactopyranoside **29a** in CDCl_3 (analysis of the complexation-induced shift of the NH-pyrrole signal of **16a**).

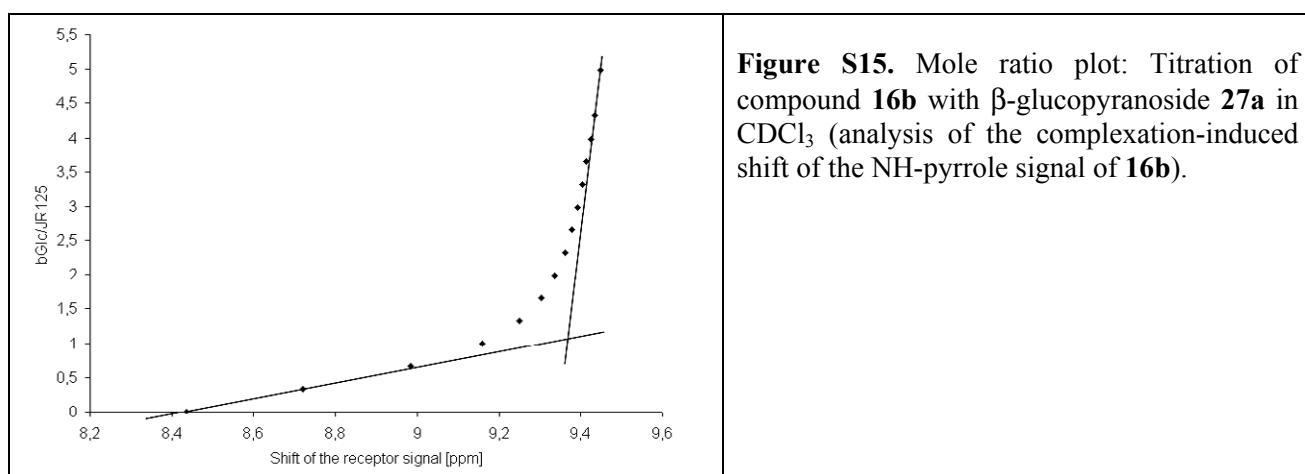


Figure S15. Mole ratio plot: Titration of compound **16b** with β -glucopyranoside **27a** in CDCl_3 (analysis of the complexation-induced shift of the NH-pyrrole signal of **16b**).

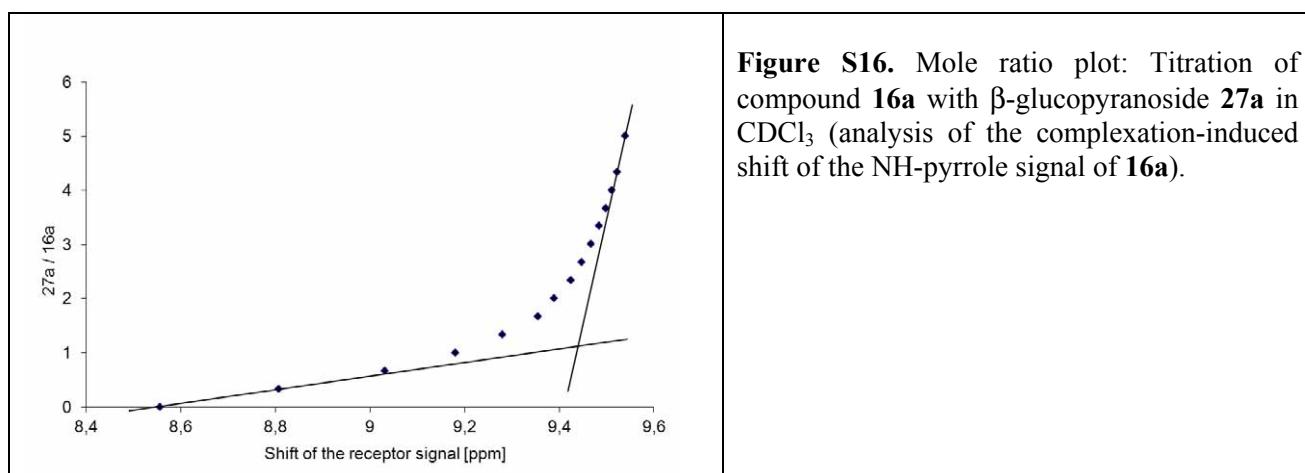


Figure S16. Mole ratio plot: Titration of compound **16a** with β -glucopyranoside **27a** in CDCl_3 (analysis of the complexation-induced shift of the NH-pyrrole signal of **16a**).

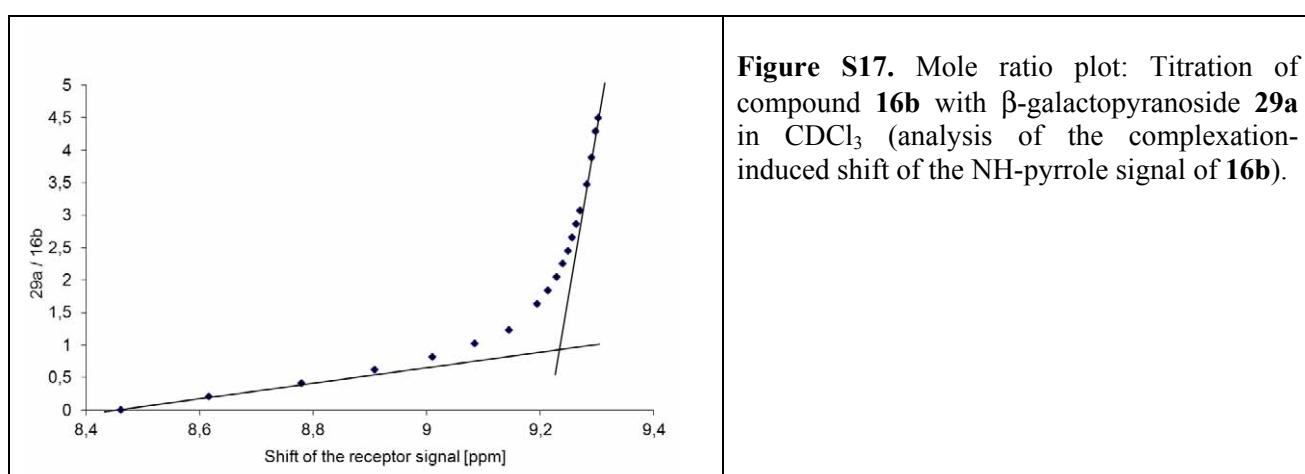
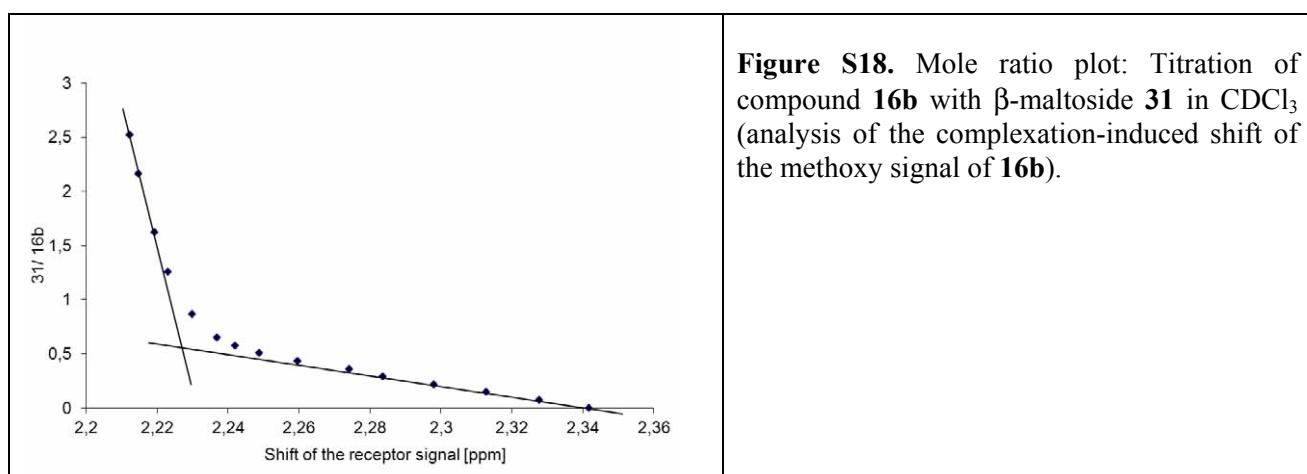
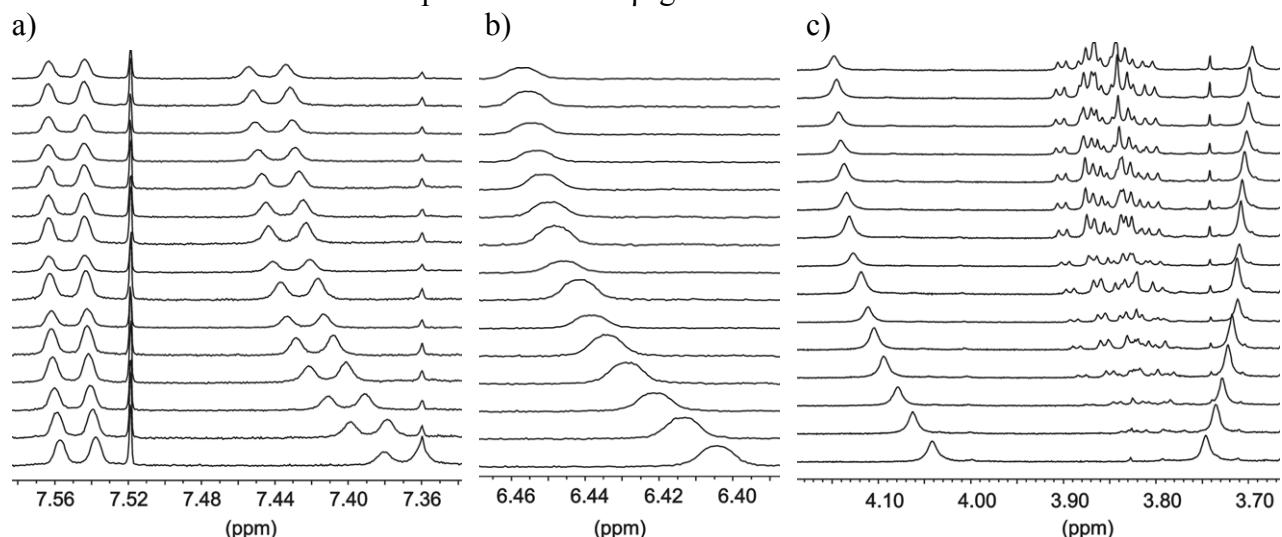


Figure S17. Mole ratio plot: Titration of compound **16b** with β -galactopyranoside **29a** in CDCl_3 (analysis of the complexation-induced shift of the NH-pyrrole signal of **16b**).



3 ^1H NMR titrations of compounds **14a**, **14b**, **16a** and **16b** with the tested carbohydrates.

3.1 ^1H NMR titrations of compound **14a** with β -glucoside **27a**.



3.2 ^1H NMR titrations of compound **14b** with β -glucoside **27a**.



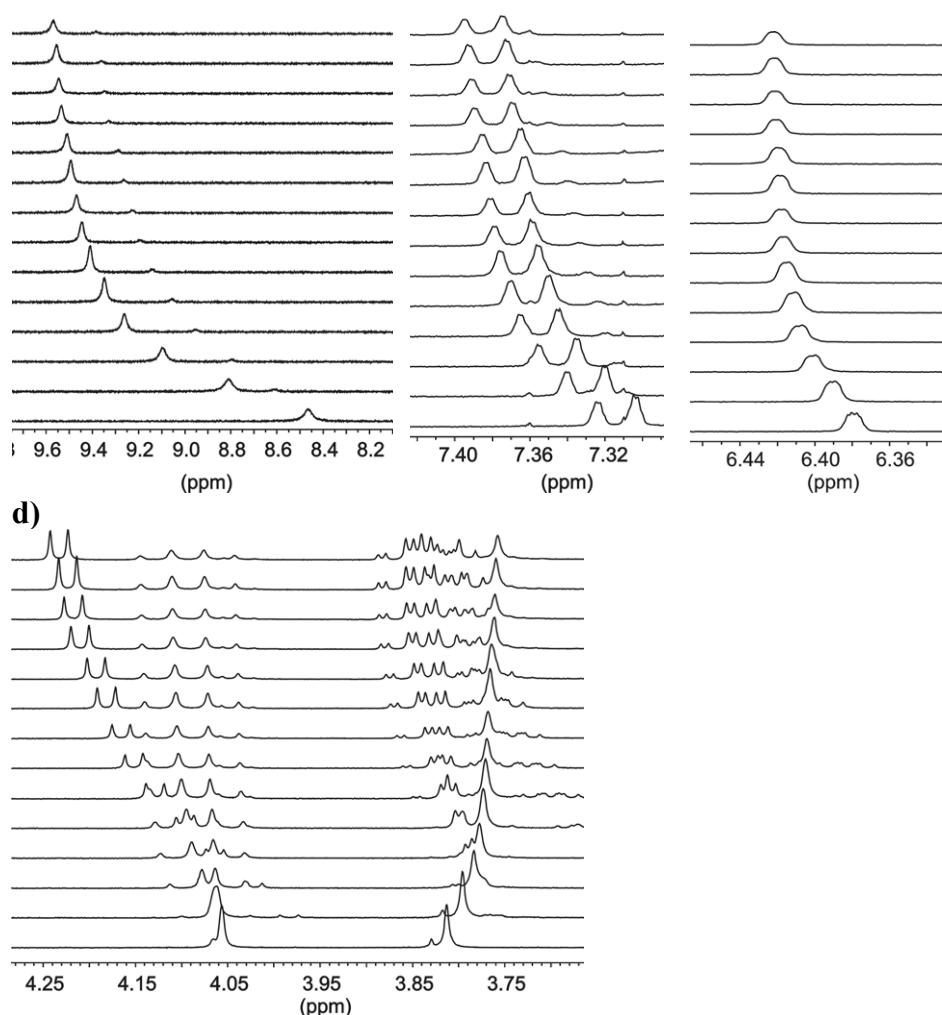


Figure S20. Partial ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of compound **14b** ($[\mathbf{14b}] = 1.00 \text{ mM}$) after addition of 0.00 – 4.97 equiv of β -glucoside **27a** in CDCl_3 . Shown are chemical shifts of the NH-indole (a), CH-indole (b,c) and CH_2 (d) signals of **14b**.

3.3 ^1H NMR titrations of compound **16a** with β -glucoside **27a**.

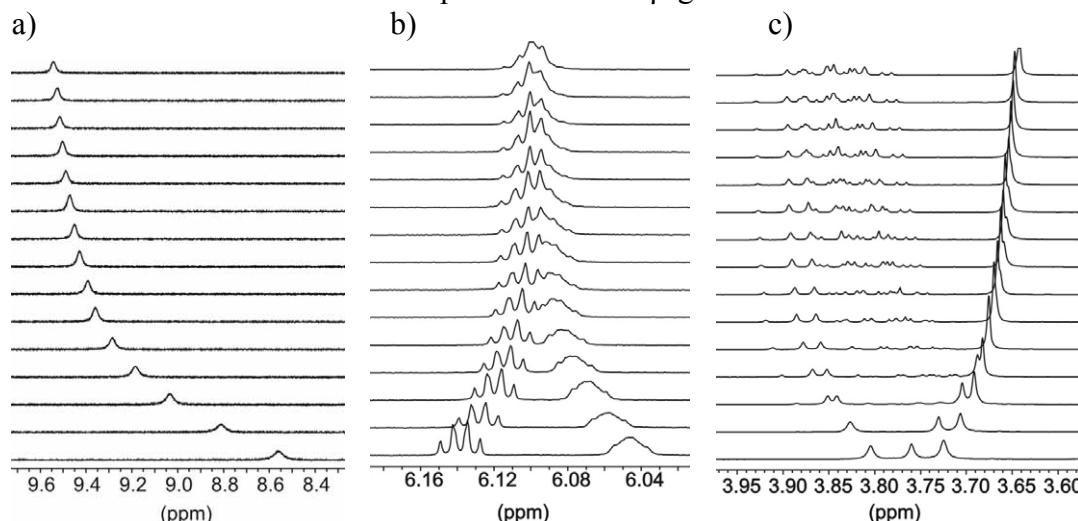


Figure S21. (a) Partial ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of compound **16a** ($[\mathbf{16a}] = 1.00 \text{ mM}$) after addition of 0.00 – 5.01 equiv of β -glucoside **27a** in CDCl_3 . Shown are chemical shifts of the NH-pyrrole (a), CH-pyrrole (b) and CH_2/OCH_3 (c) signals of **16a**.

3.4 ^1H NMR titrations of compound **16a** with β -galactoside **29a**.

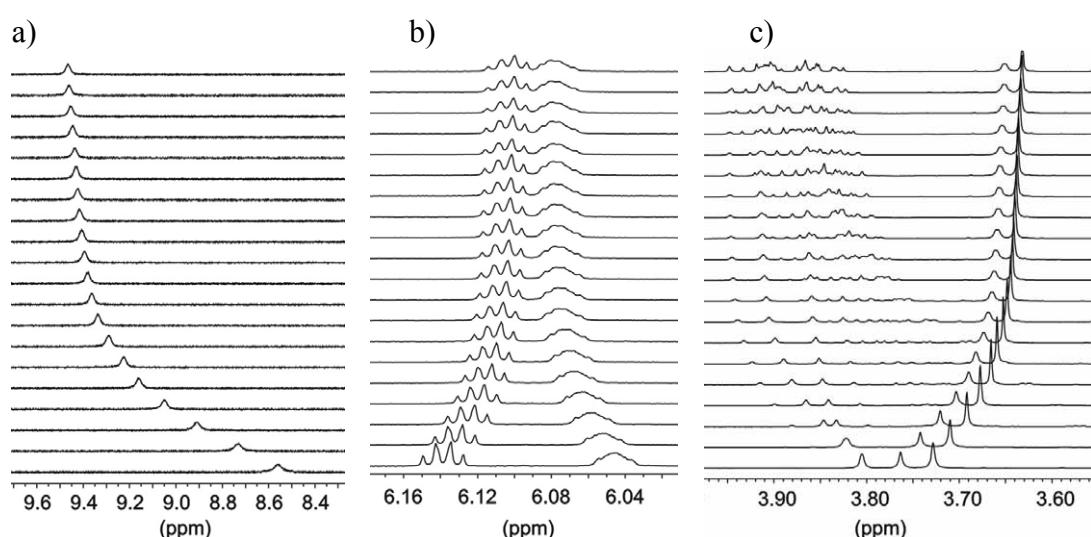


Figure S22. Partial ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of compound **16a** ($[\mathbf{16a}] = 1.00 \text{ mM}$) after addition of 0.00 – 4.49 equiv of β -galactoside **29a** in CDCl_3 . Shown are chemical shifts of the NH-pyrrole (a), CH-pyrrole (b) and CH_2/OCH_3 (c) signals of **16a**.

3.5 ^1H NMR titrations of compound **16b** with β -glucoside **27a**.

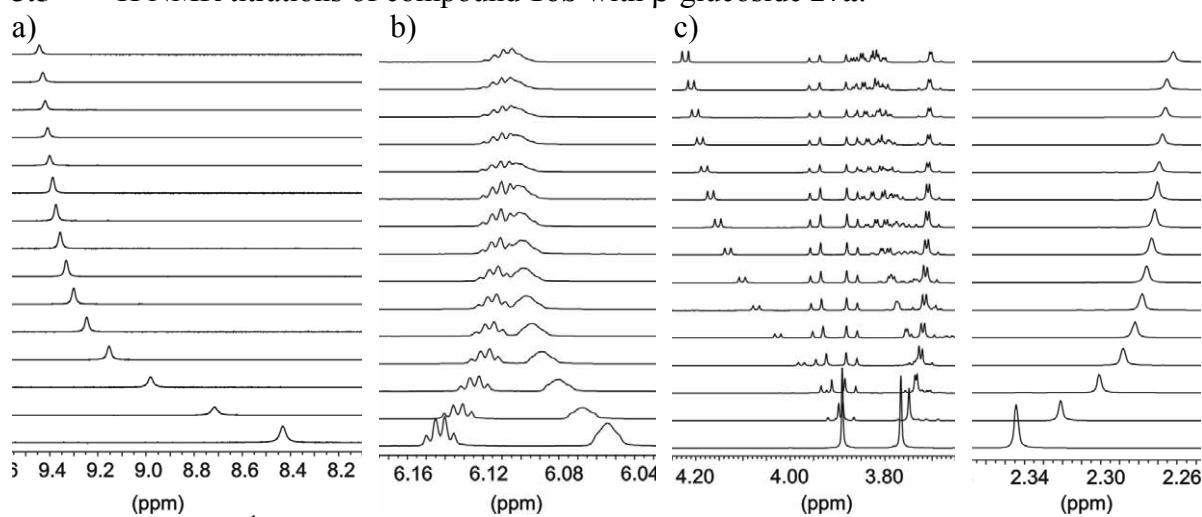


Figure S23. Partial ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of compound **16b** ($[\mathbf{16b}] = 1.01 \text{ mM}$) after addition of 0.00 – 4.98 equiv of β -glucoside **27a** in CDCl_3 . Shown are chemical shifts of the NH-pyrrole (a), CH-pyrrole (b) and CH_2/OCH_3 (c) signals of **16b**.

3.6 ^1H NMR titrations of compound **16b** with β -galactoside **29a**.

a) b) c)

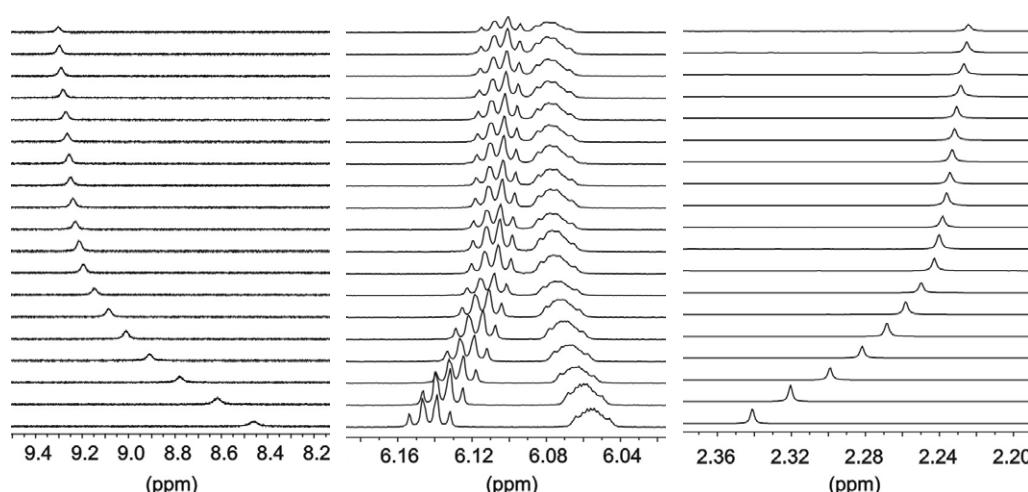
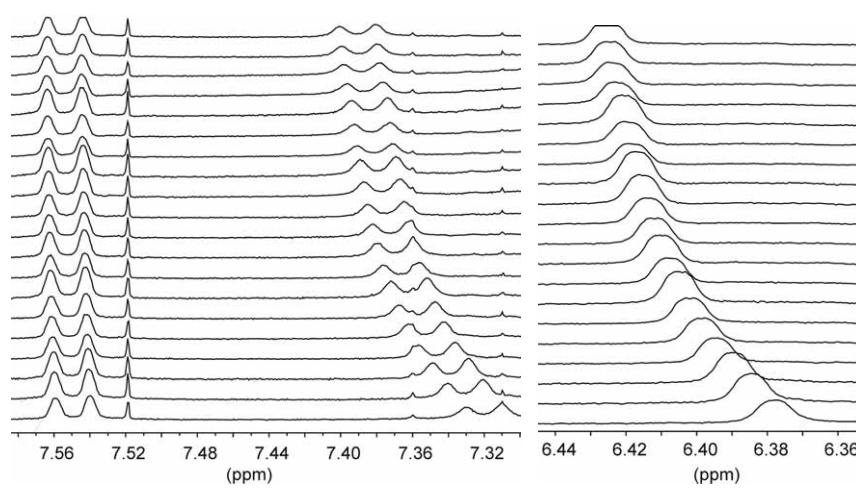


Figure S24. Partial ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of compound **16b** ($[\mathbf{16b}] = 1.01 \text{ mM}$) after addition of 0.00 – 4.49 equiv of β -galactoside **29a** in CDCl_3 . Shown are chemical shifts of the NH-pyrrole (a), CH-pyrrole (b) and OCH_3 (c) signals of **16b**.

3.7 ^1H NMR titrations of compound **14a** with α -galactoside **30a**.

a) b)



c)

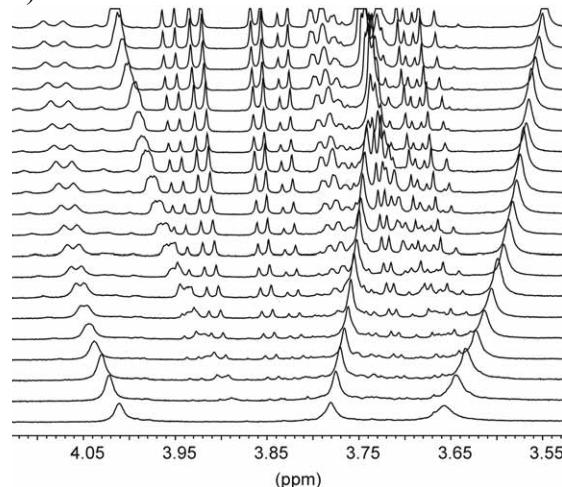


Figure S25. Partial ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of compound **14a** ($[\mathbf{14a}] = 1.00 \text{ mM}$) after addition of 0.00 – 4.51 equiv of α -galactoside **30a** in CDCl_3 . Shown are chemical shifts of the CH-indole (a,b), CH_2 and OCH_3 (c) signals of **14a**.

3.8 ^1H NMR titrations of compound **15a** with β -glucoside **27a**.

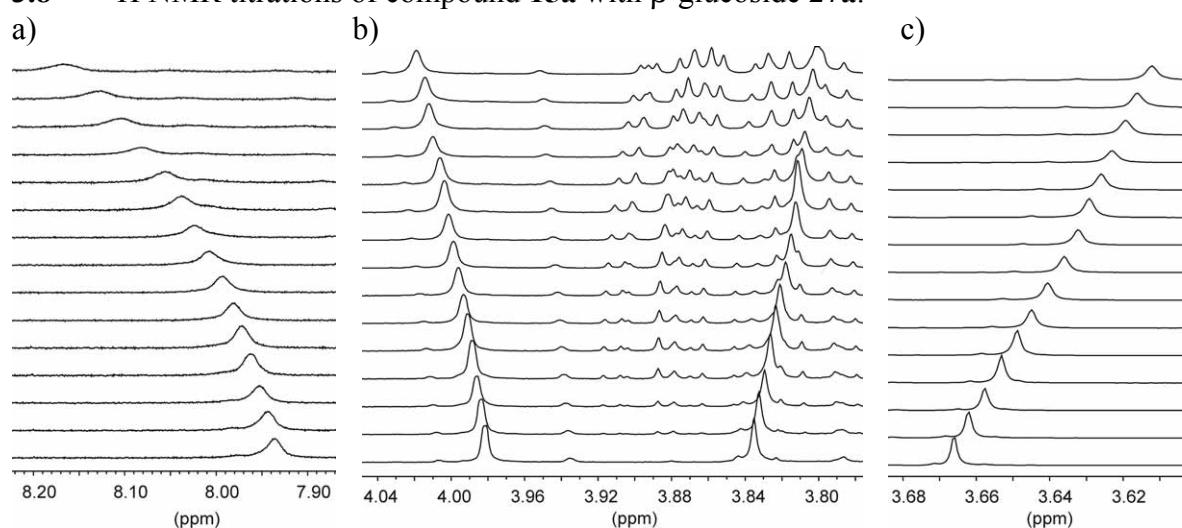


Figure S26. Partial ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of compound **15a** ($[\text{15a}] = 1.01 \text{ mM}$) after addition of 0.00 – 4.08 equiv of β -glucoside **27a** in CDCl_3 . Shown are chemical shifts of the NH- (a), CH_2 (b) and OCH_3 (c) signals of **15a**.

3.9 ^1H NMR titrations of compound **16a** with α -galactoside **30a**.

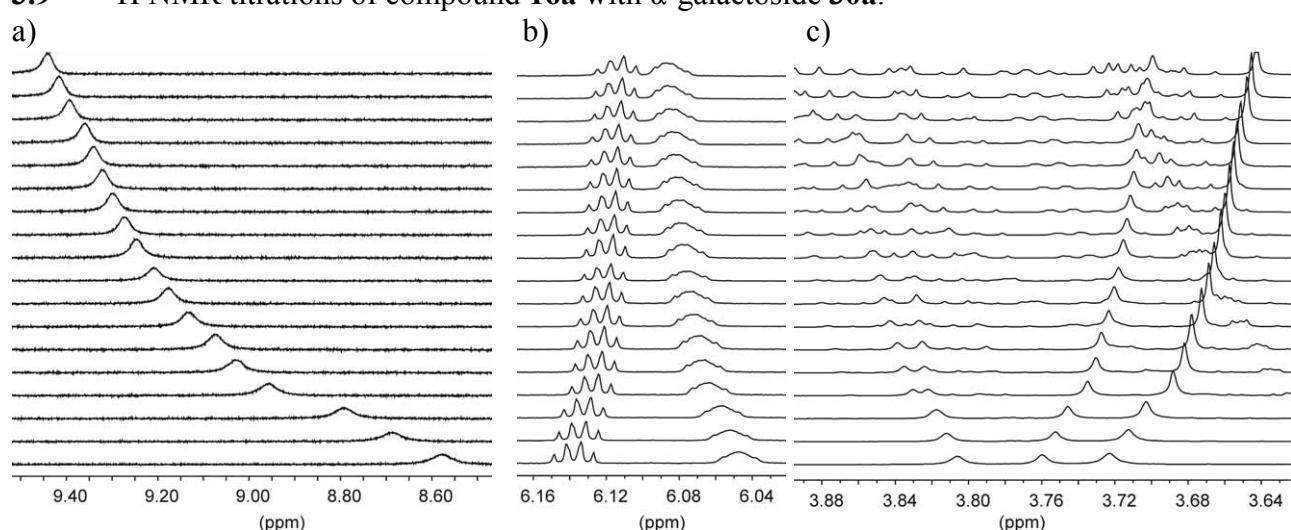


Figure S27. Partial ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of compound **16a** ($[\text{16a}] = 1.00 \text{ mM}$) after addition of 0.00 – 5.01 equiv of α -galactoside **30a** in CDCl_3 . Shown are chemical shifts of the NH- (a) , CH -pyrrole (b) , CH_2 and OCH_3 (c) signals of **16a**.

4 ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of imidazole-, indole- and pyrrole-based compounds **12a/b-16a/b**.

4.1 ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compound **12a**.

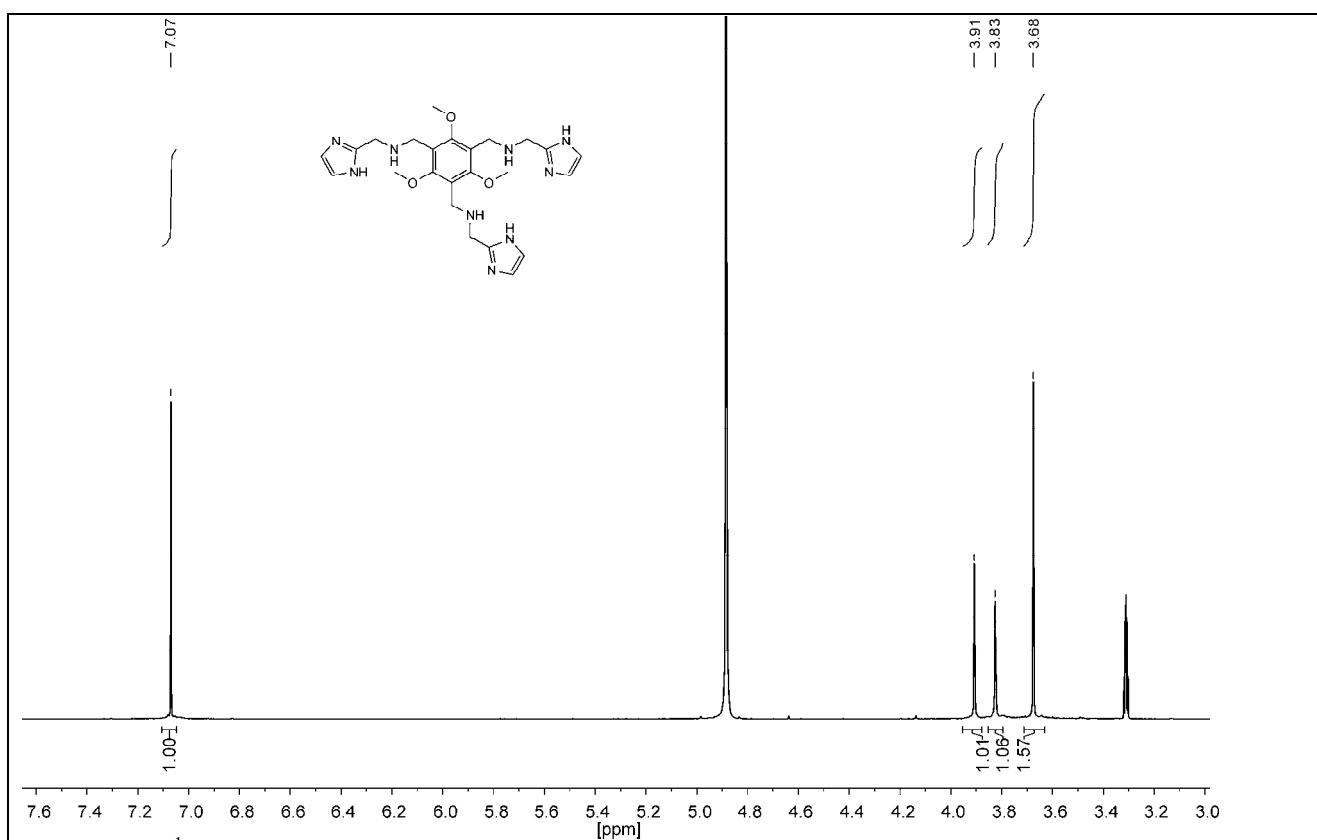


Figure S28. ¹H NMR spectrum of 12a in MeOD-d₄ (0.03 M).

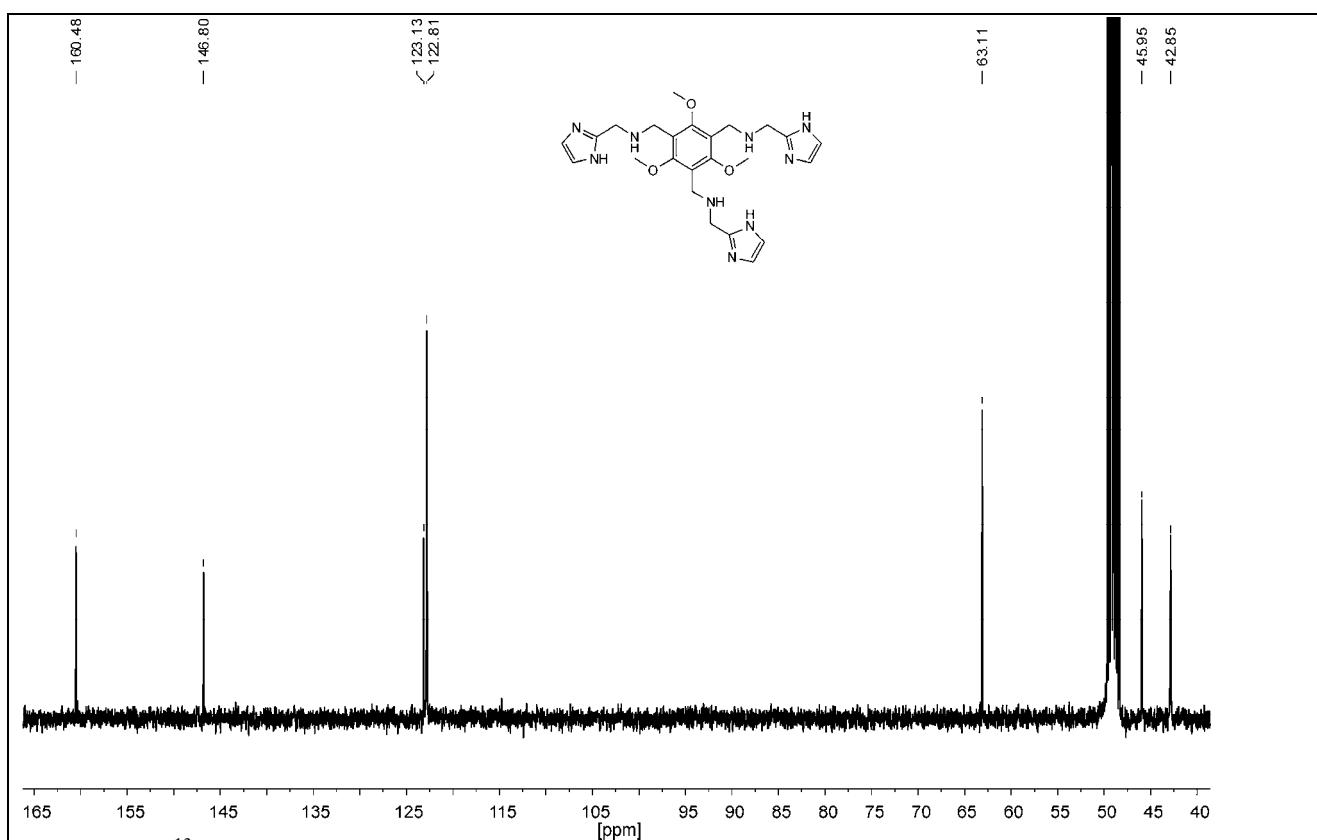


Figure S29. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 12a in MeOD-d₄.

4.2 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 13a.

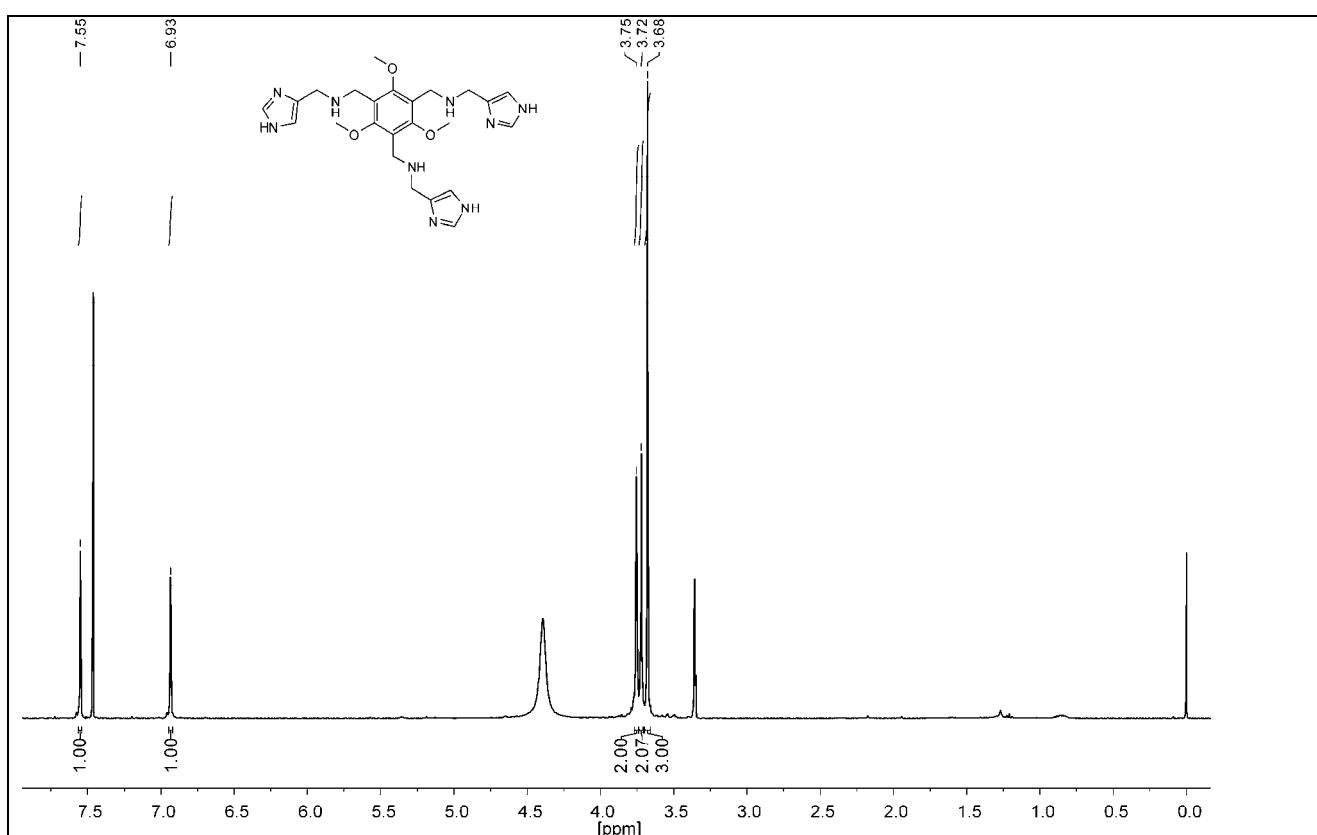


Figure S30. ¹H NMR spectrum of 13a in CDCl₃ + MeOD-d₄ (0.03 M).

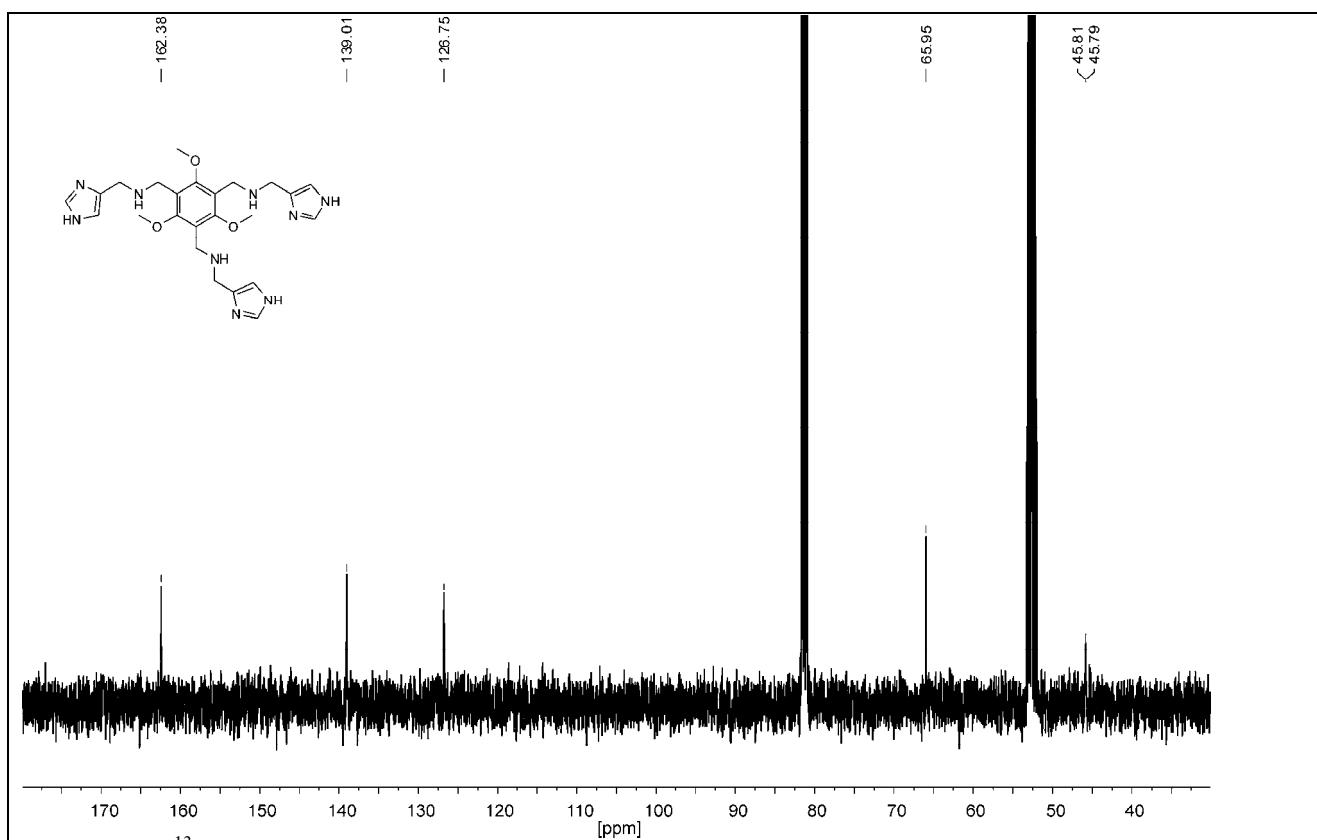


Figure S31. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 13a in CDCl₃ + MeOD-d₄.

4.3 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 14a.

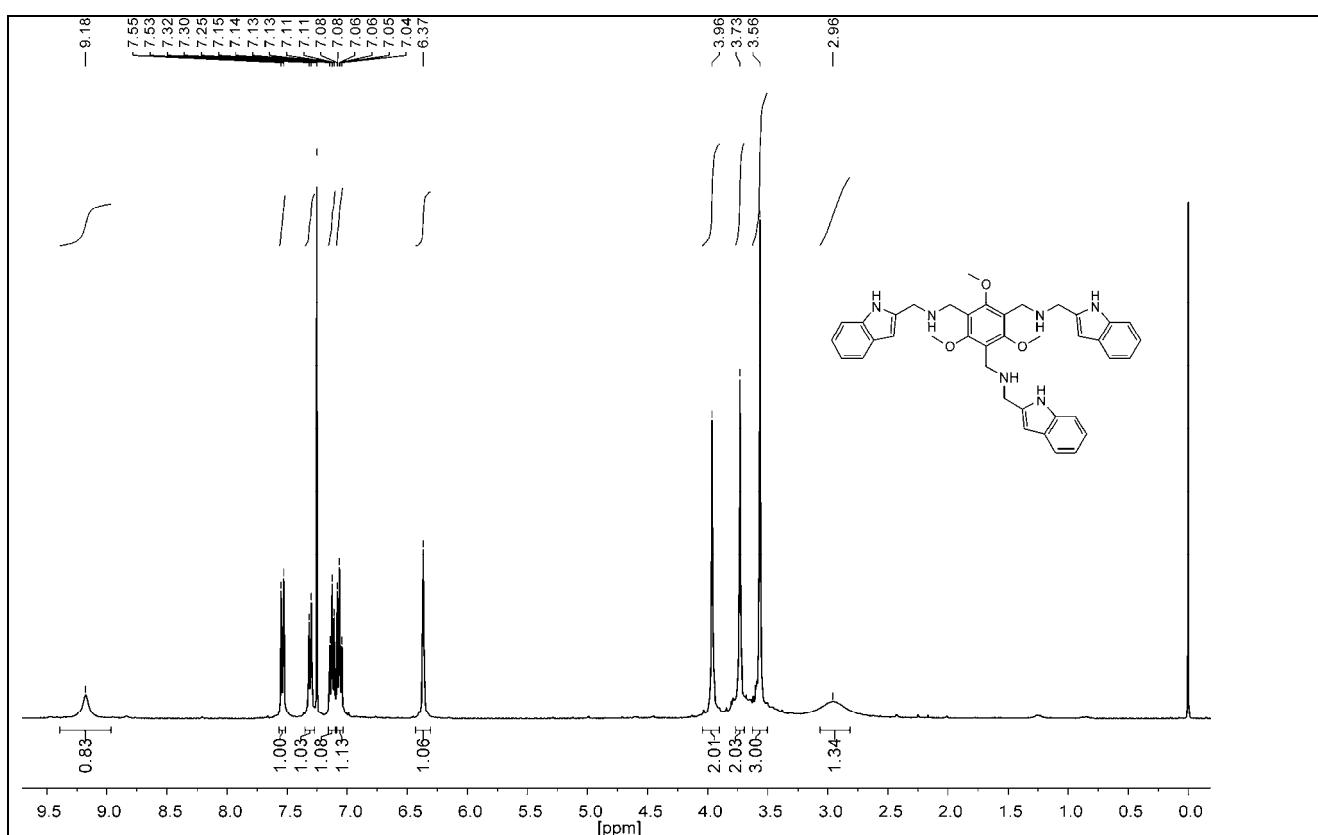


Figure S32. ¹H NMR spectrum of 14a in CDCl₃ (0.02 M).

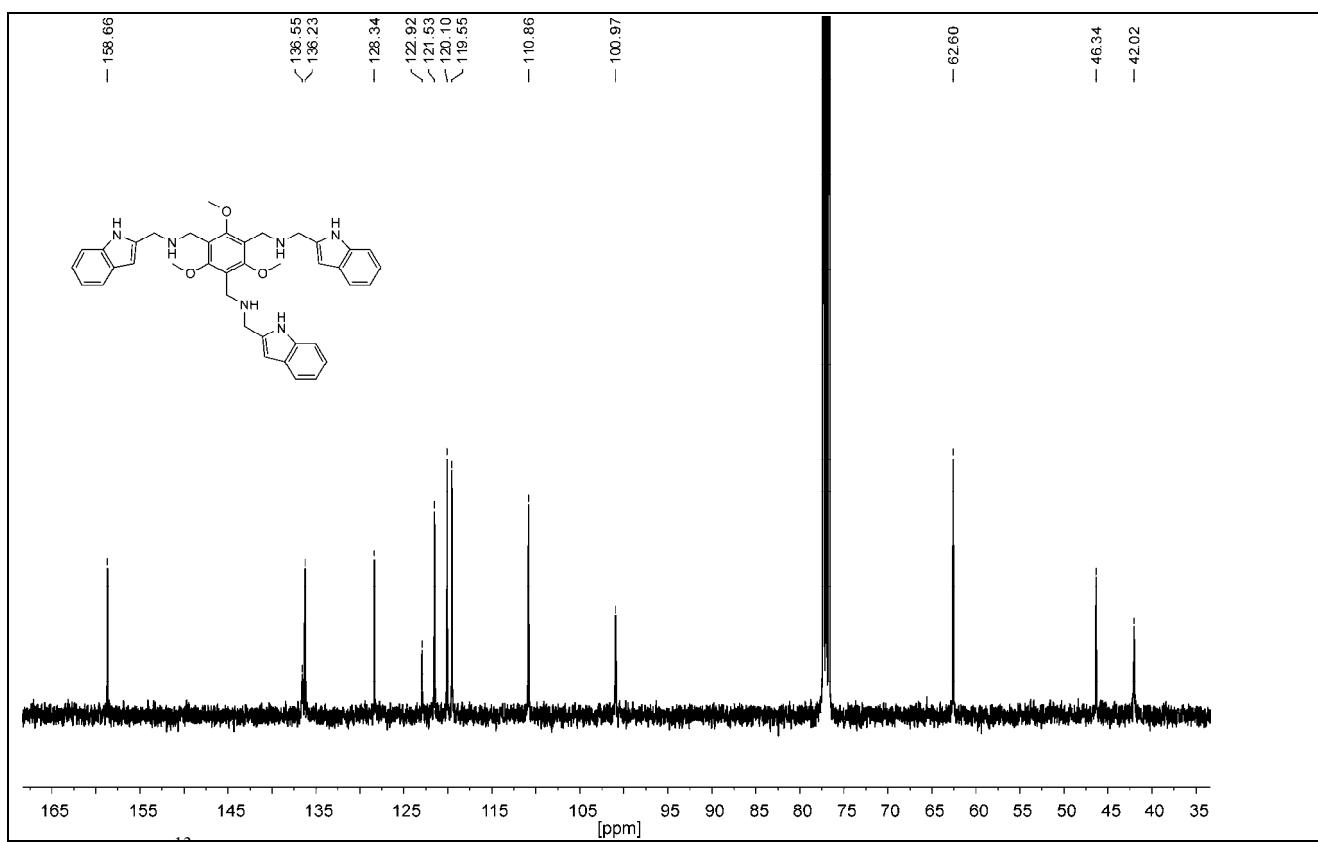


Figure S33. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 14a in CDCl₃.

4.4 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 15a.

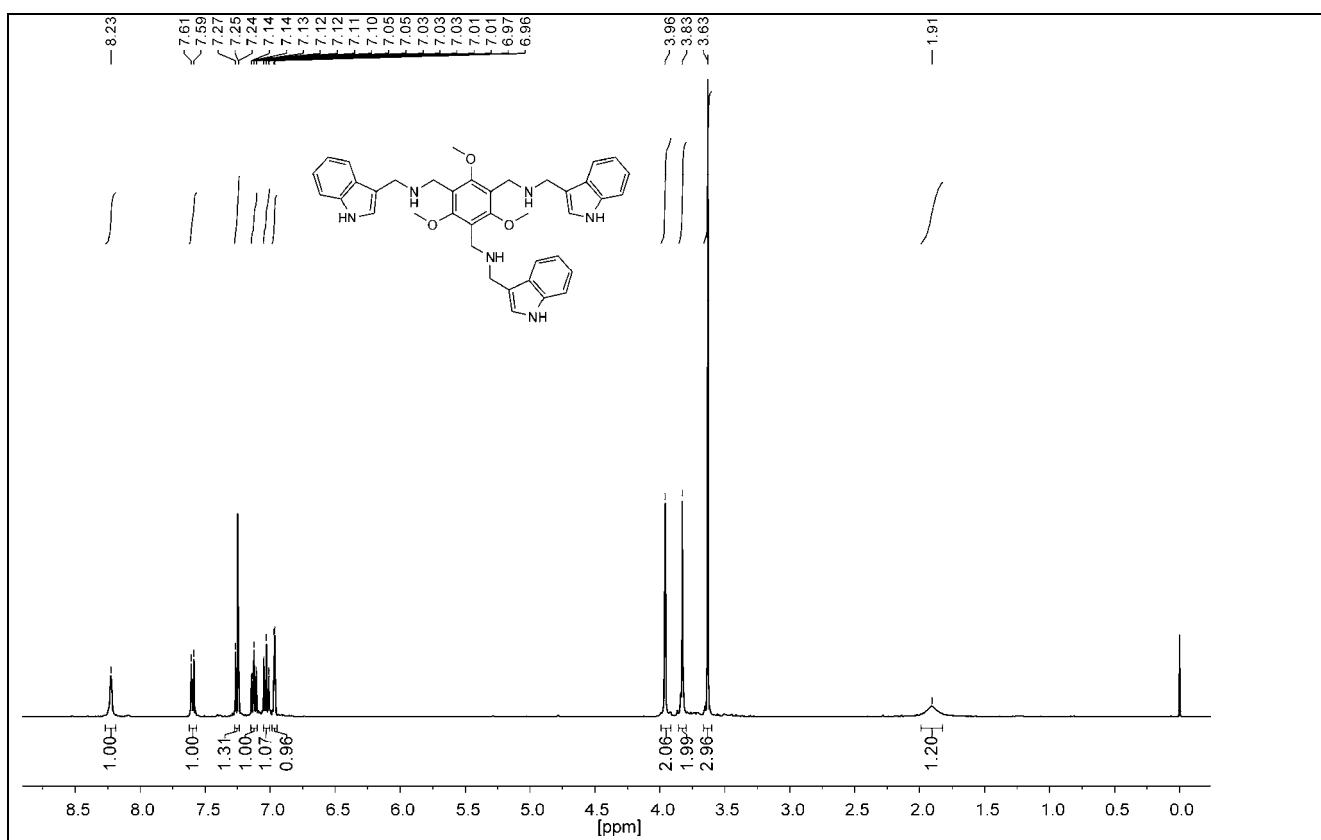


Figure S34. ¹H NMR spectrum of 15a in CDCl₃ (0.03 M).

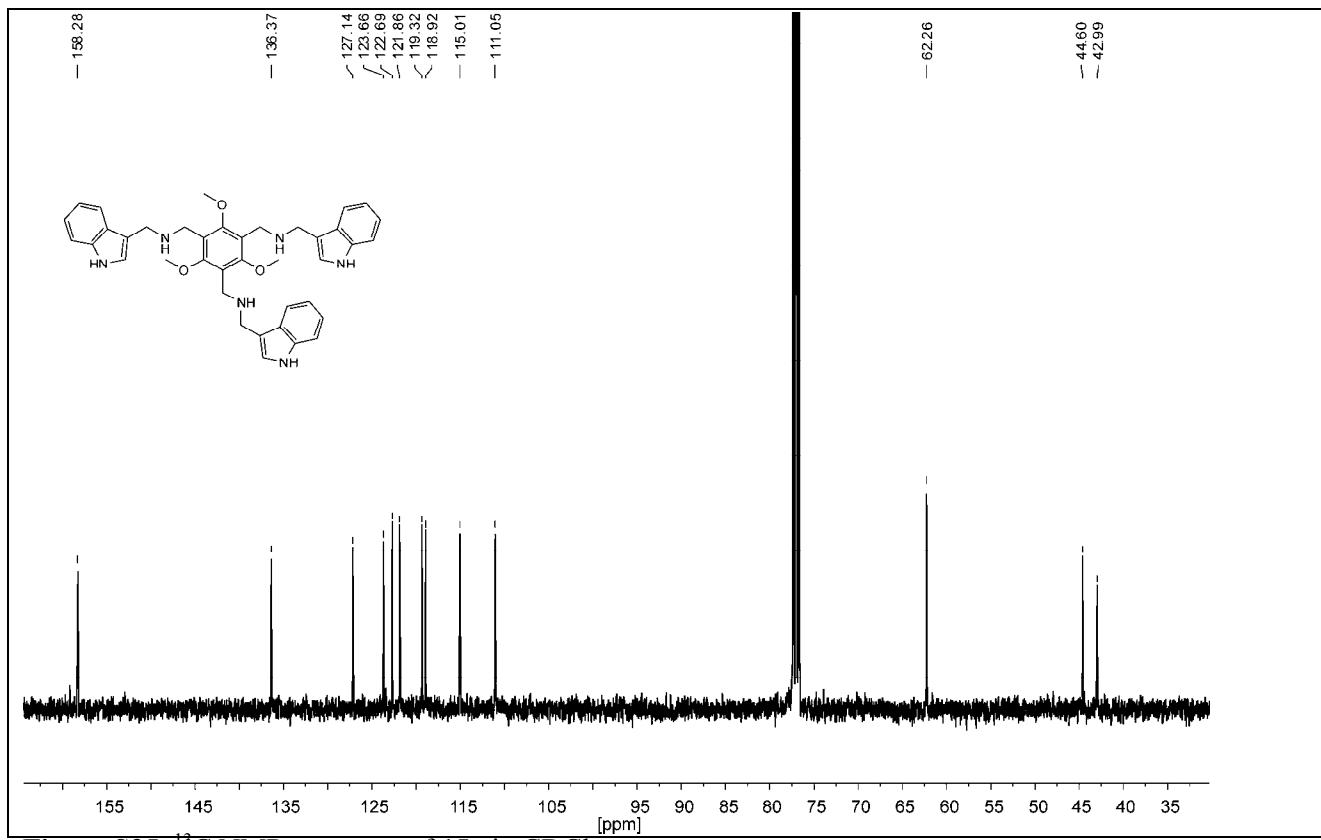


Figure S35. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 15a in CDCl₃.

4.5 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 16a.

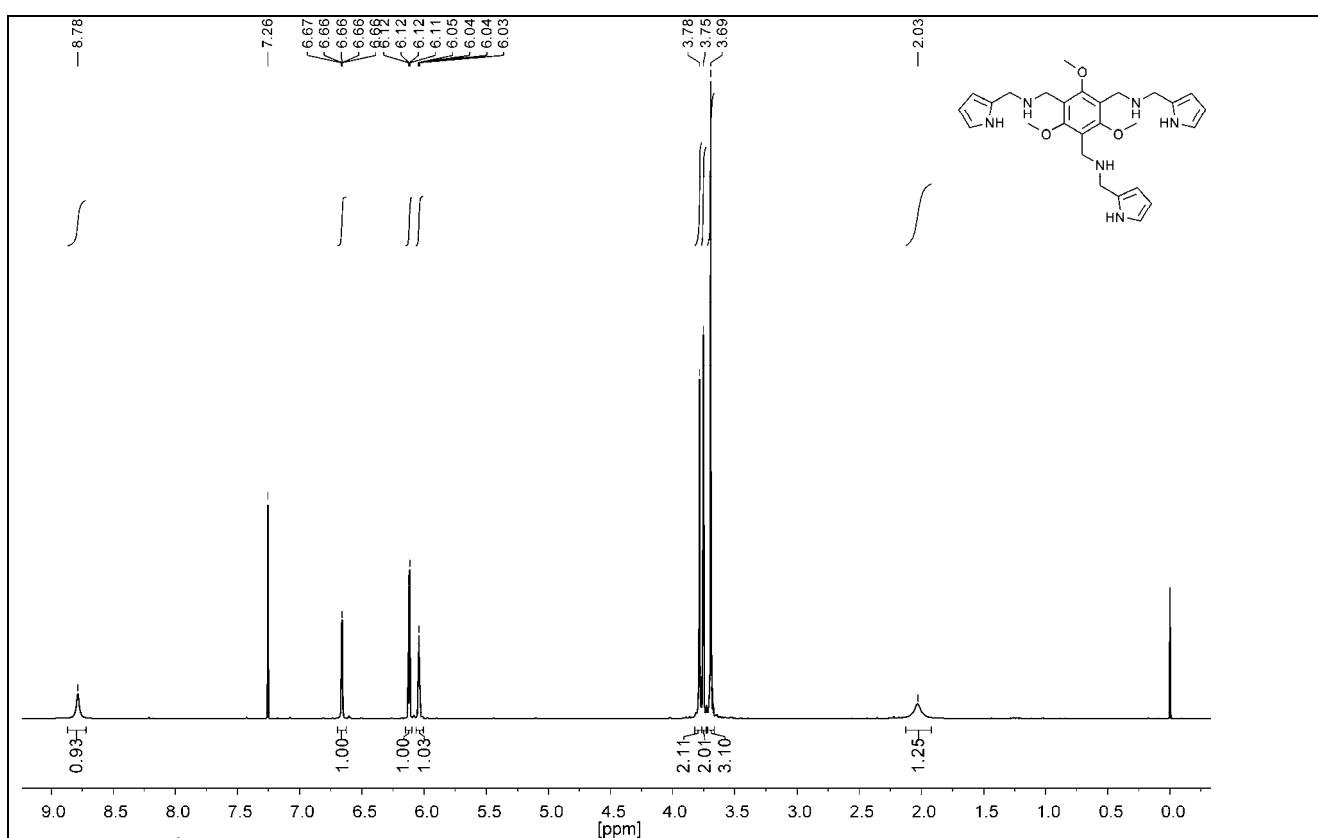


Figure S36. ¹H NMR spectrum of 16a in CDCl₃ (0.03 M).

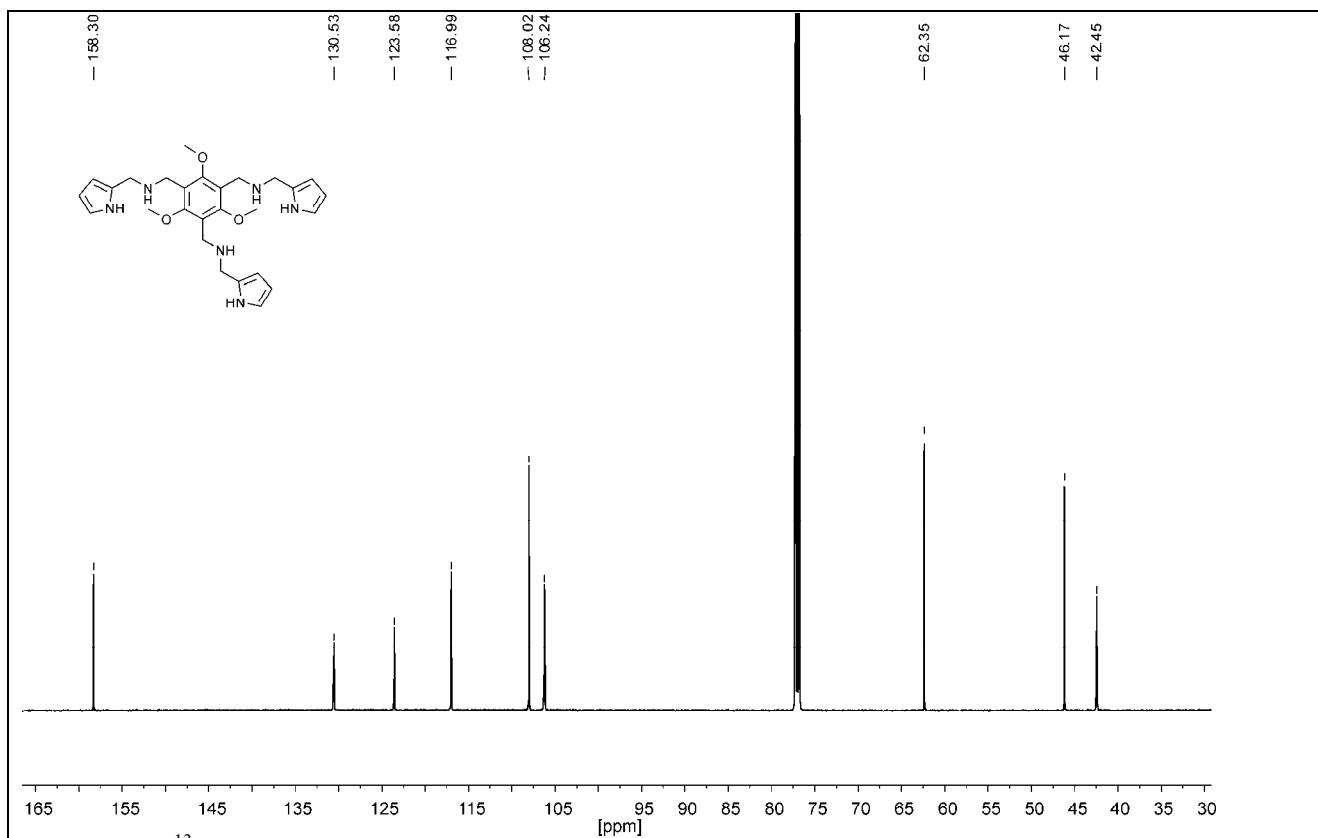


Figure S37. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 16a in CDCl₃.

4.6 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 12b.

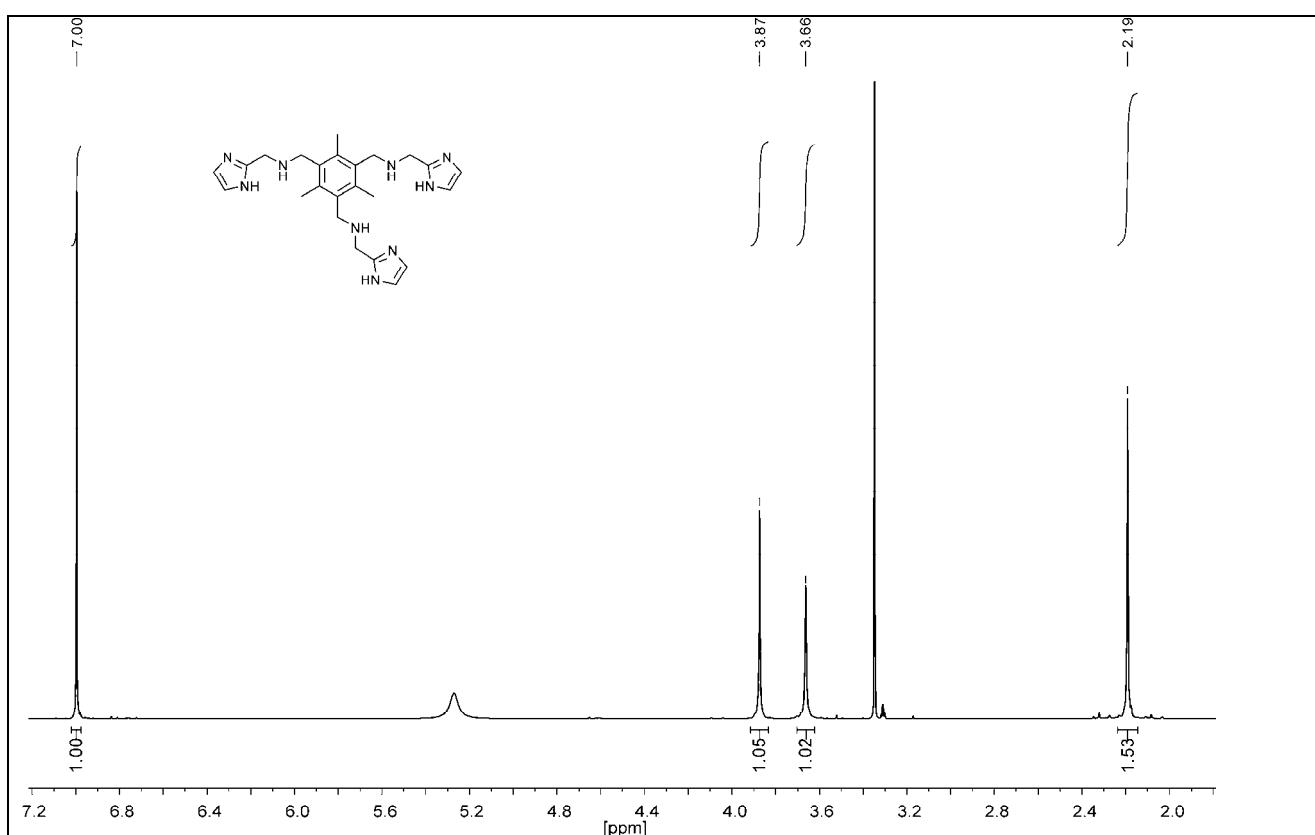


Figure S38. ¹H NMR spectrum of 12b in MeOD-d₄ (0.06 M).

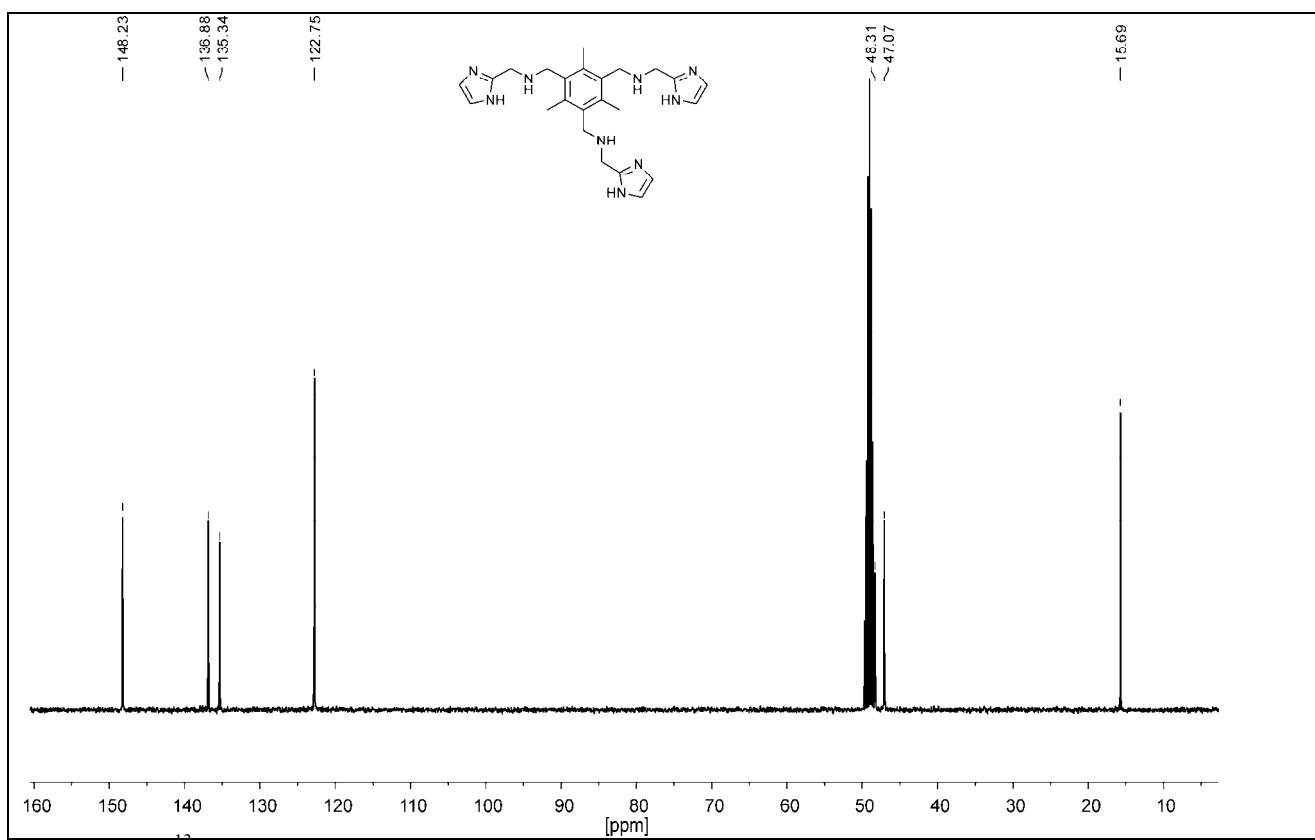


Figure S39. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 12b in MeOD-d₄.

4.7 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 13b.

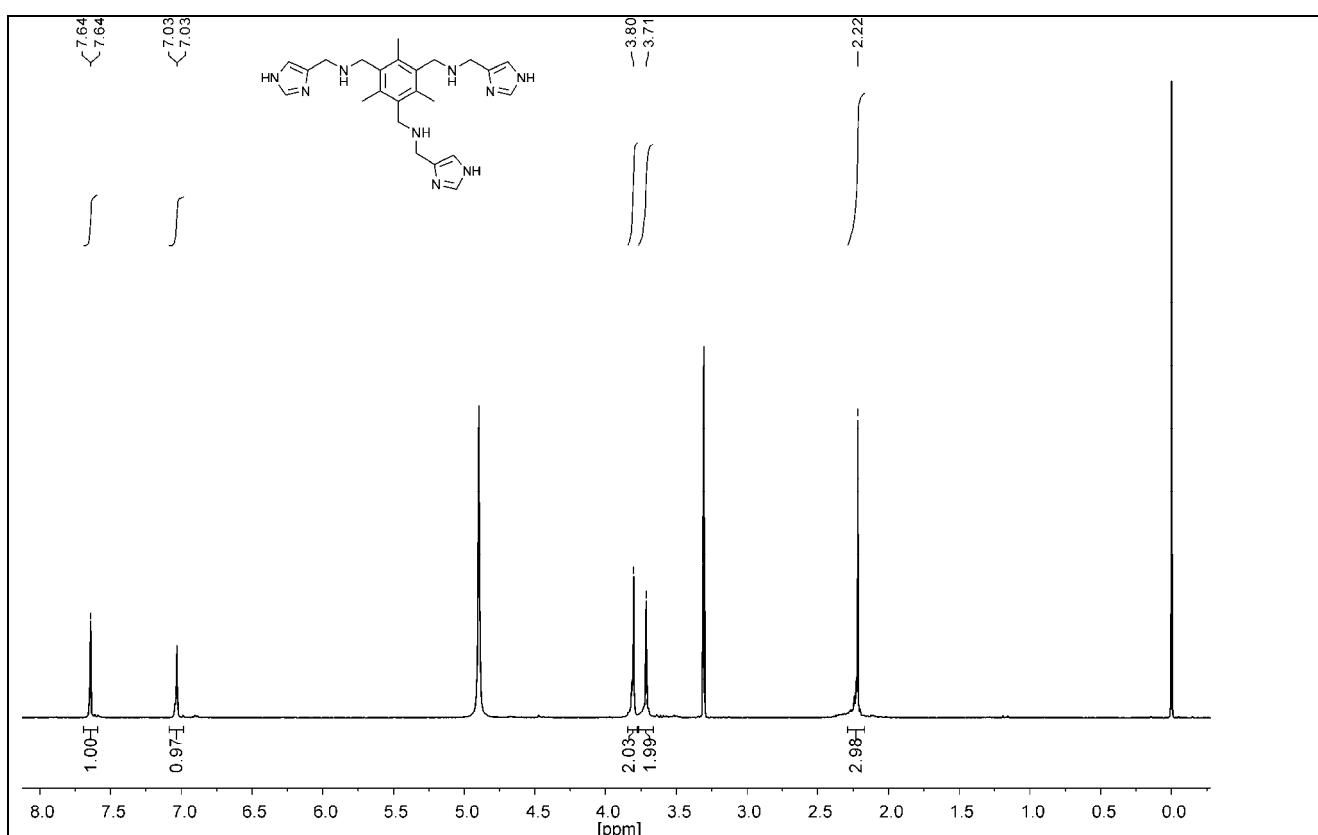


Figure S40. ¹H NMR spectrum of 13b in MeOD-d₄ (0.04 M).

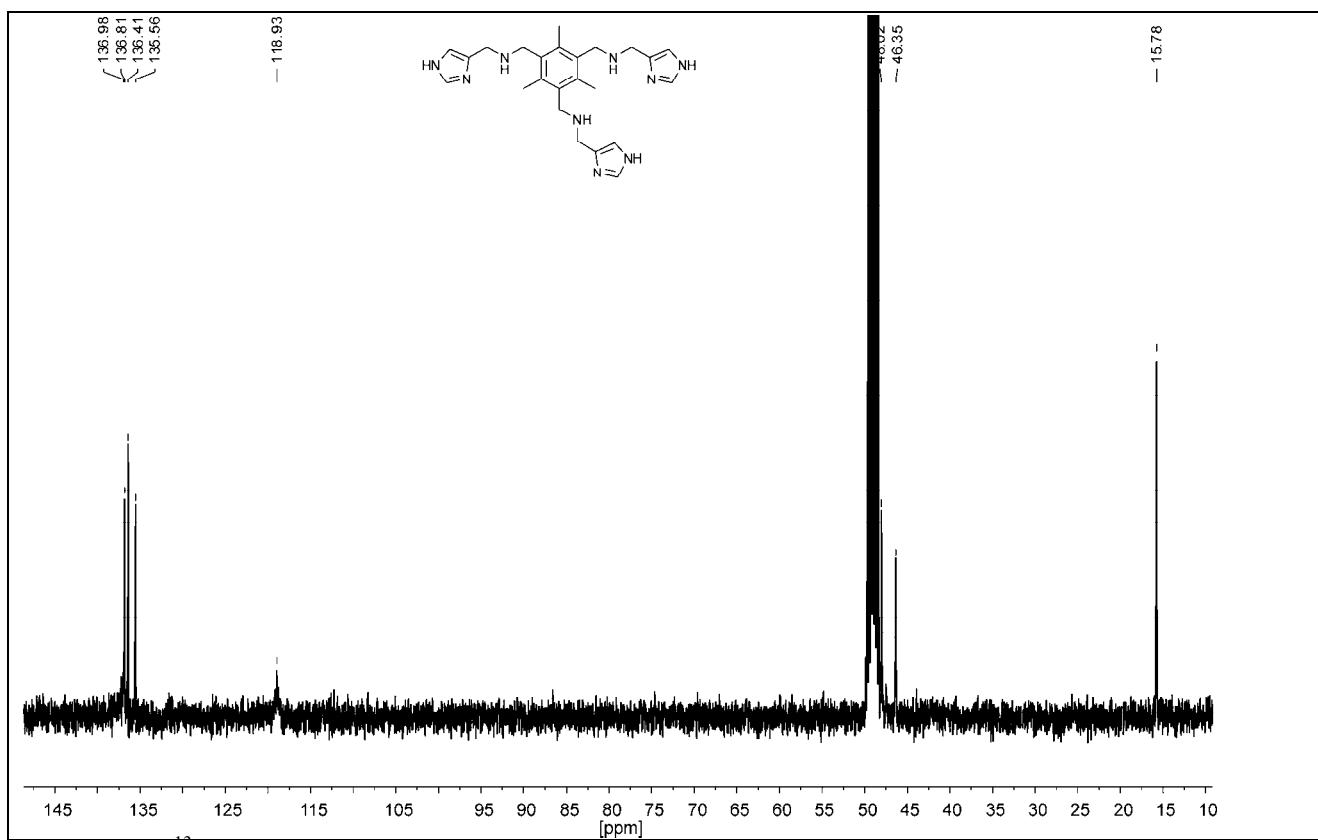


Figure S41. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 13b in MeOD-d₄.

4.8 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 14b.

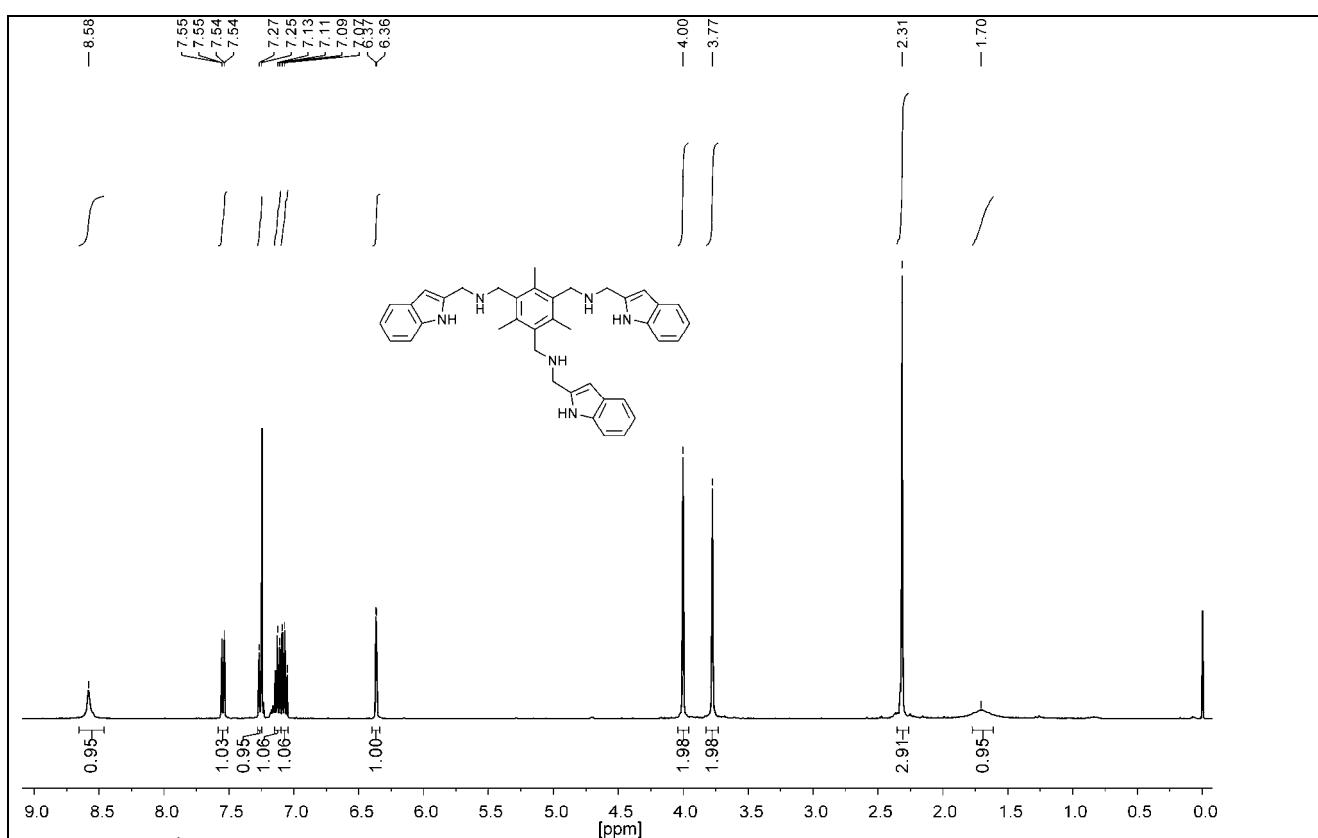


Figure S42. ¹H NMR spectrum of 14b in CDCl₃ (0.03 M).

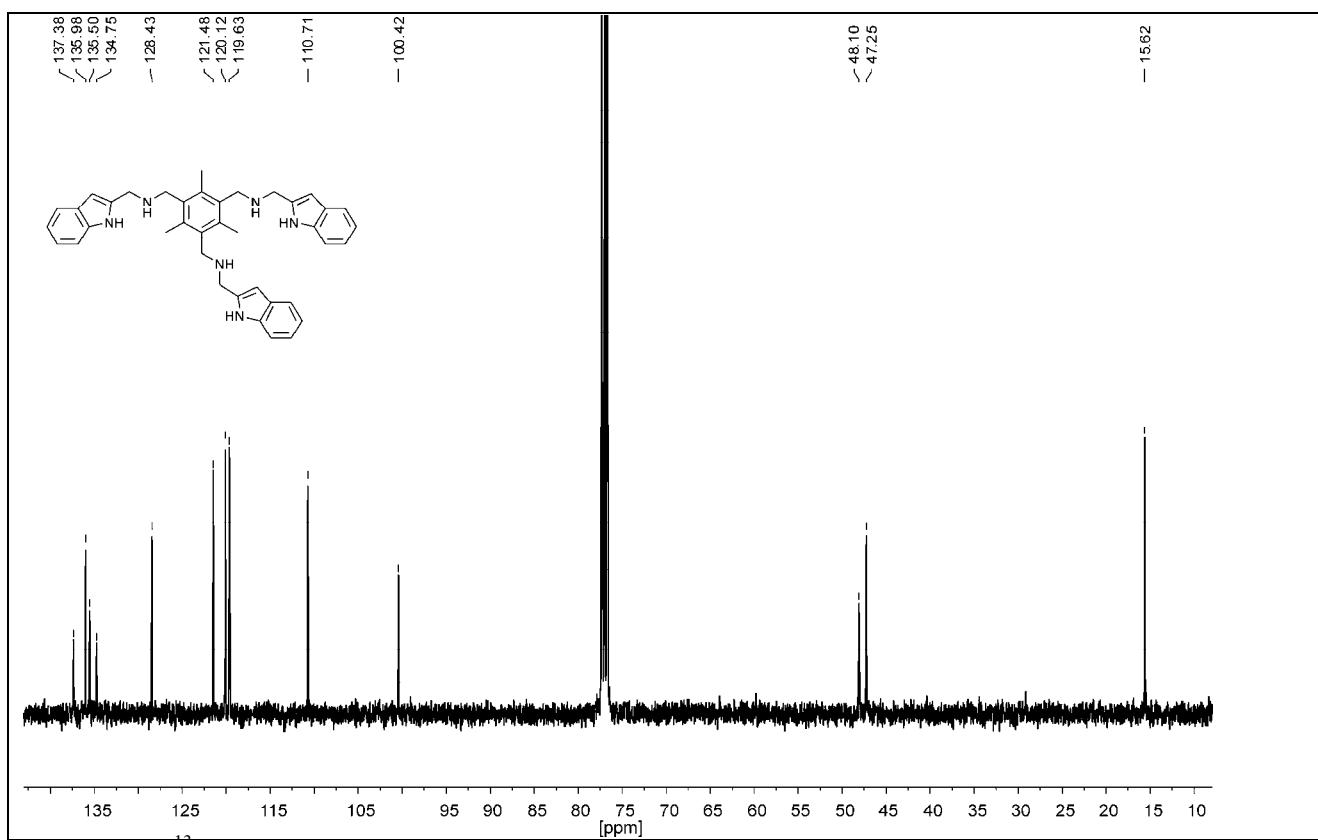


Figure S43. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 14b in CDCl₃.

4.9 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 15b.

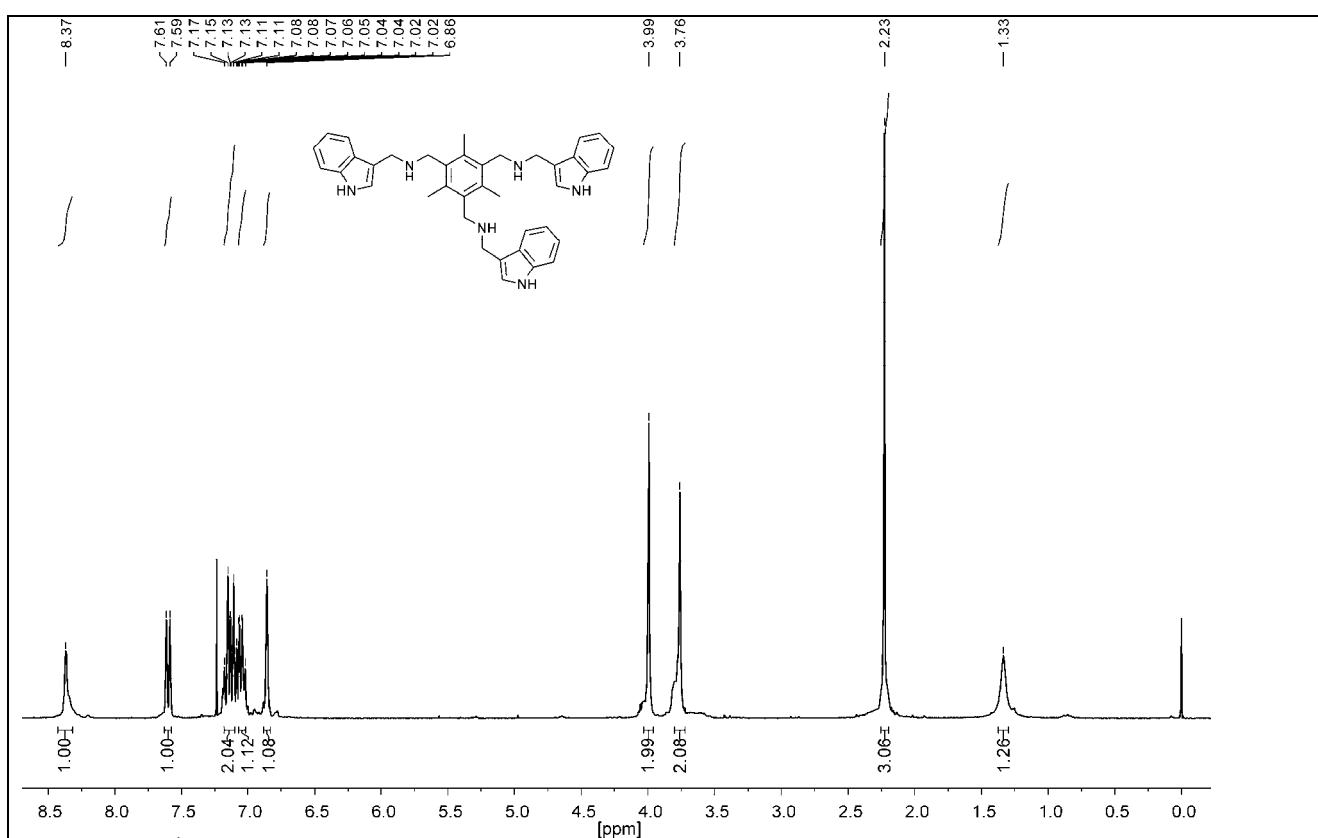


Figure S44. ¹H NMR spectrum of **15b** in CDCl₃ (0.02 M).

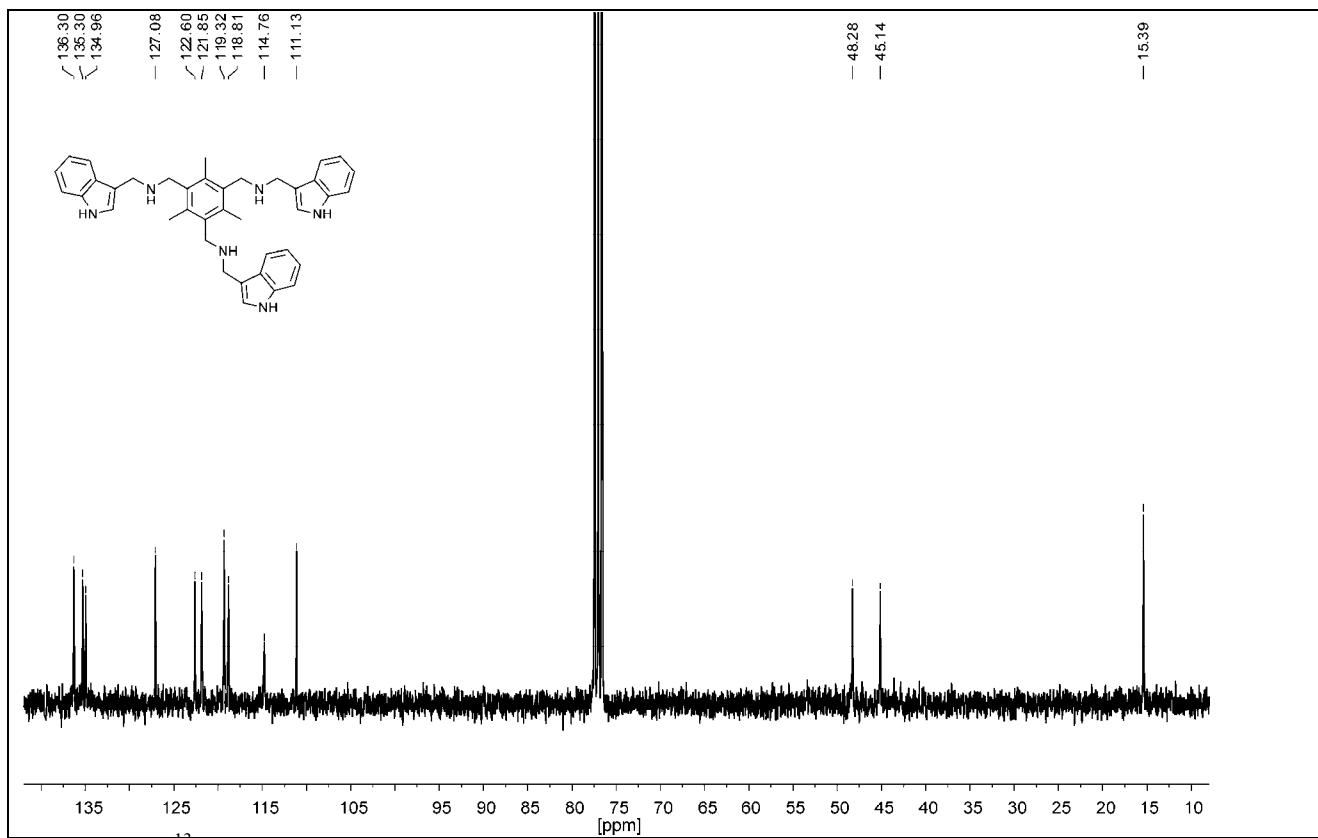


Figure S45. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **15b** in CDCl₃.

4.10 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **16b**.

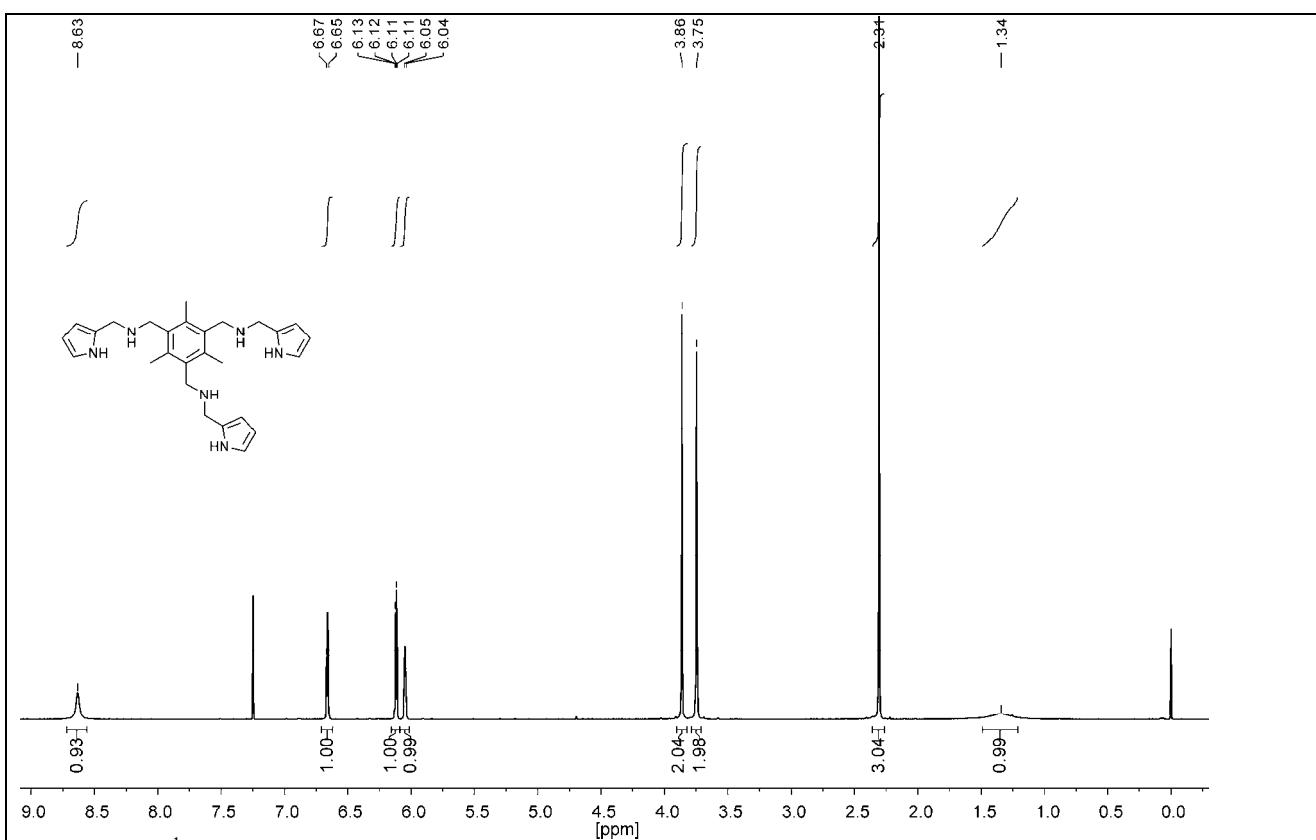


Figure S46. ¹H NMR spectrum of **16b** in CDCl₃ (0.04 M).

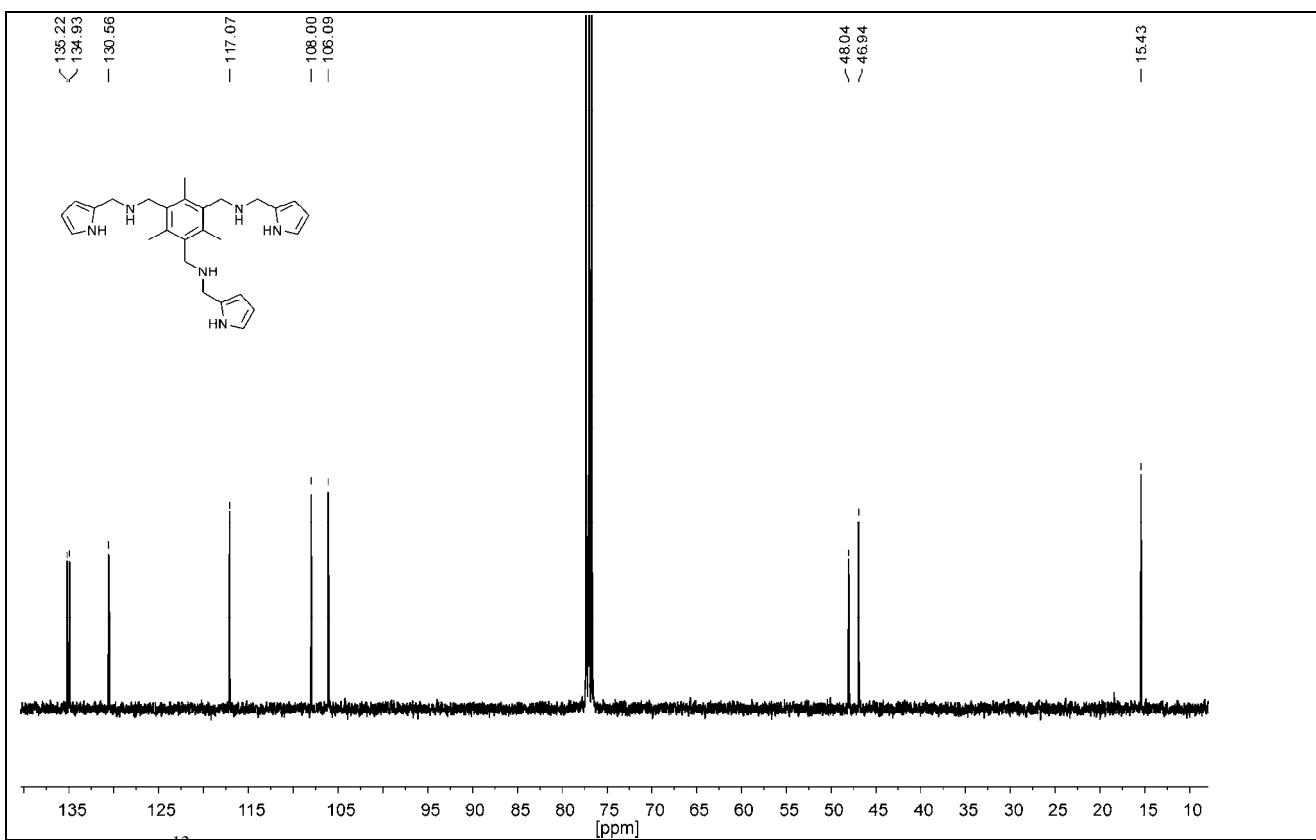


Figure S47. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **16b** in CDCl₃.

5 Partial ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compound **14a** and **14b** (chemical shifts of the amine-NH signals of the two compounds)

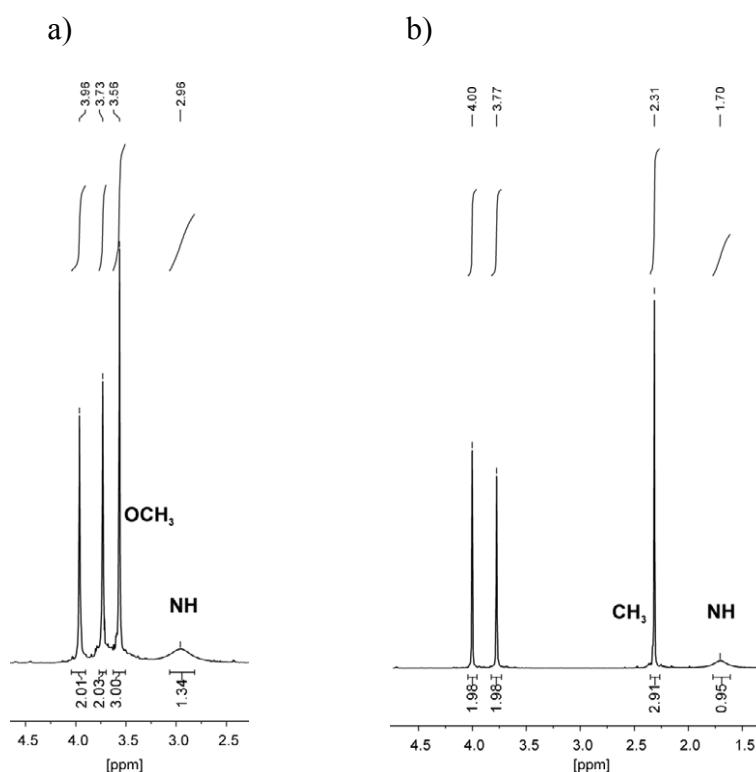


Figure 48. Partial ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of compound **14a** (a) and **14b** (b) in CDCl_3 . Shown are chemical shifts of the NH (2.96 ppm and 1.70 ppm in the case of **14a** and **14b**, respectively), CH_2 and OCH_3 / CH_3 signals of **14a** / **14b** ($[\mathbf{14a}] = [\mathbf{14b}]$).