

## Supplementary Information

# Photooxidative cleavage of zinc 20-substituted chlorophyll derivatives: conformationally *P*-helix–favored formation of regioselectively 19–20 opened linear tetrapyrroles

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**Table S1** Crystallographic Data for **6a**

<b>6a</b>	
Formula	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>38</sub> N <sub>4</sub> NiO <sub>5</sub>
FW	653.41
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 1
<i>a</i> , Å	10.232(6)
<i>b</i> , Å	12.112(7)
<i>c</i> , Å	12.793(8)
α, deg	76.70(2)
β, deg	79.05(2)
γ, deg	81.74(2)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	1506(2)
<i>Z</i>	2
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.442
μ, cm <sup>-1</sup>	6.954
2θ <sub>max</sub> , deg	55.0
temp, K	123
no. reflns collected	11627
no. reflns used	9082
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0458
no. of params	811
final <i>R</i> 1 ( <i>I</i> > 2θ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0579
<i>wR</i> 2 (all data)	0.0660
GOF	0.991

$$R1 = (\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||) / (\sum |F_o|).$$

$$wR2 = \{ [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / [\sum w(F_o^2)^2] \}^{1/2}.$$

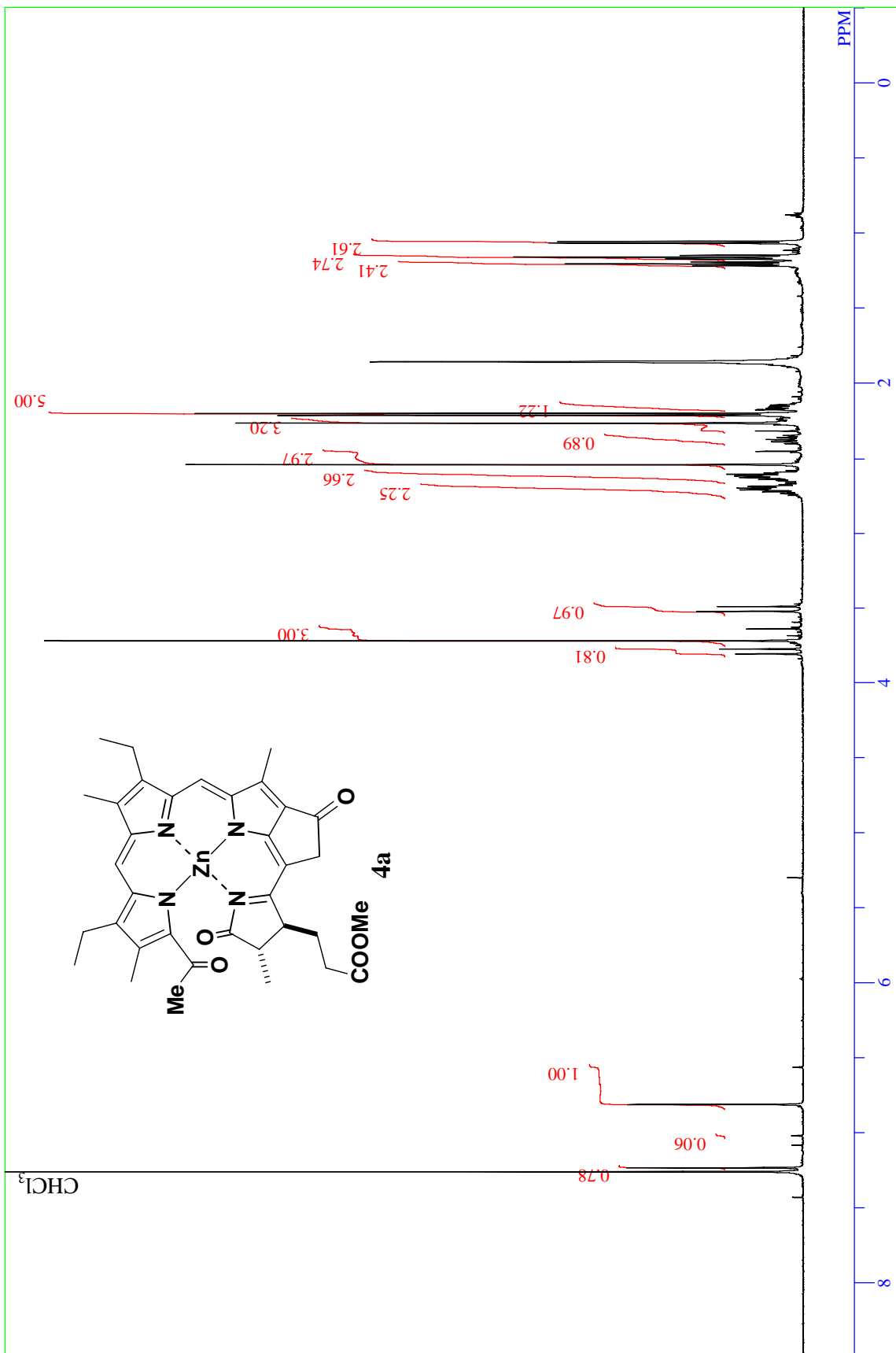


Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 4a in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

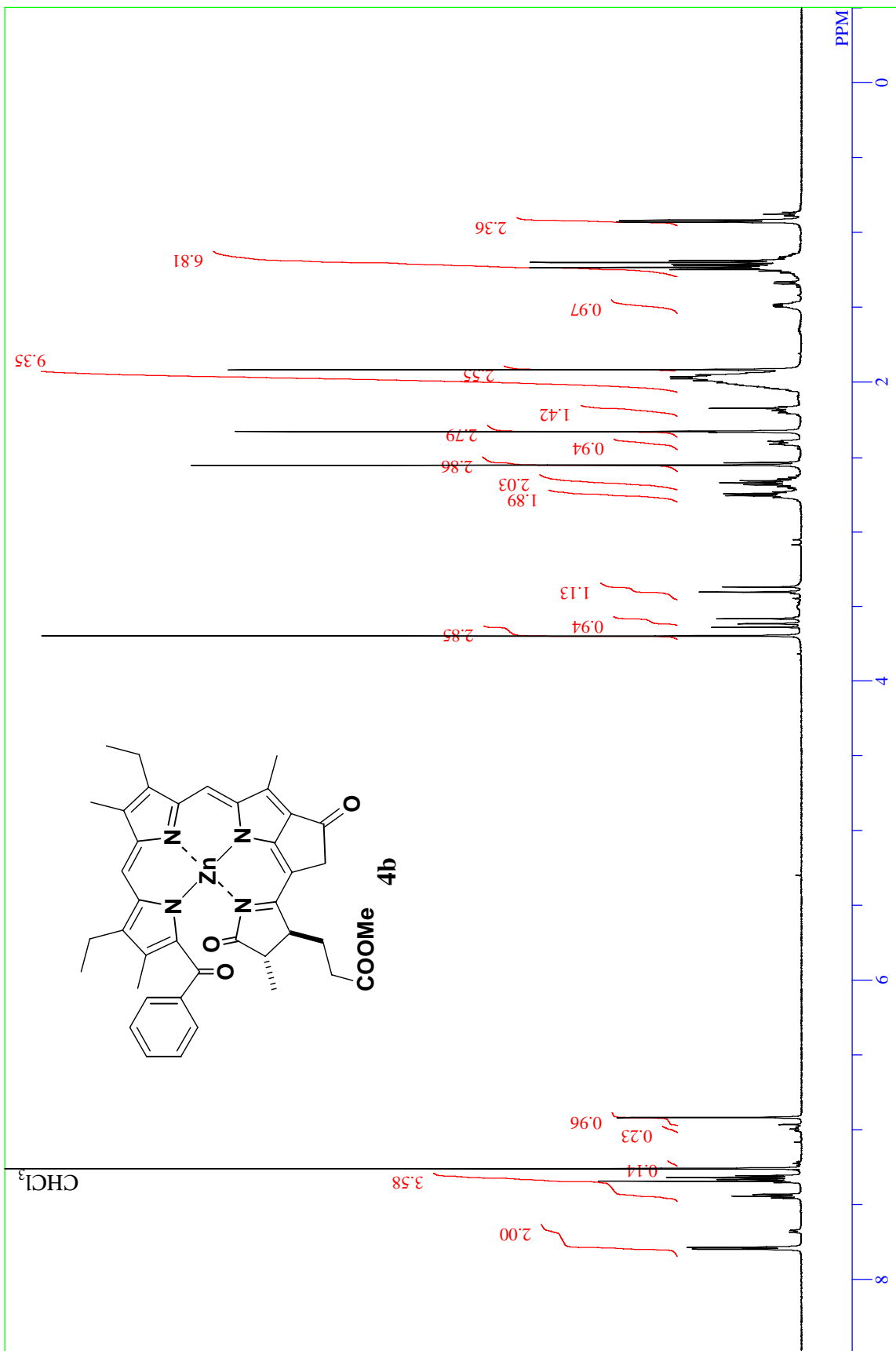


Fig. S2 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 4b in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

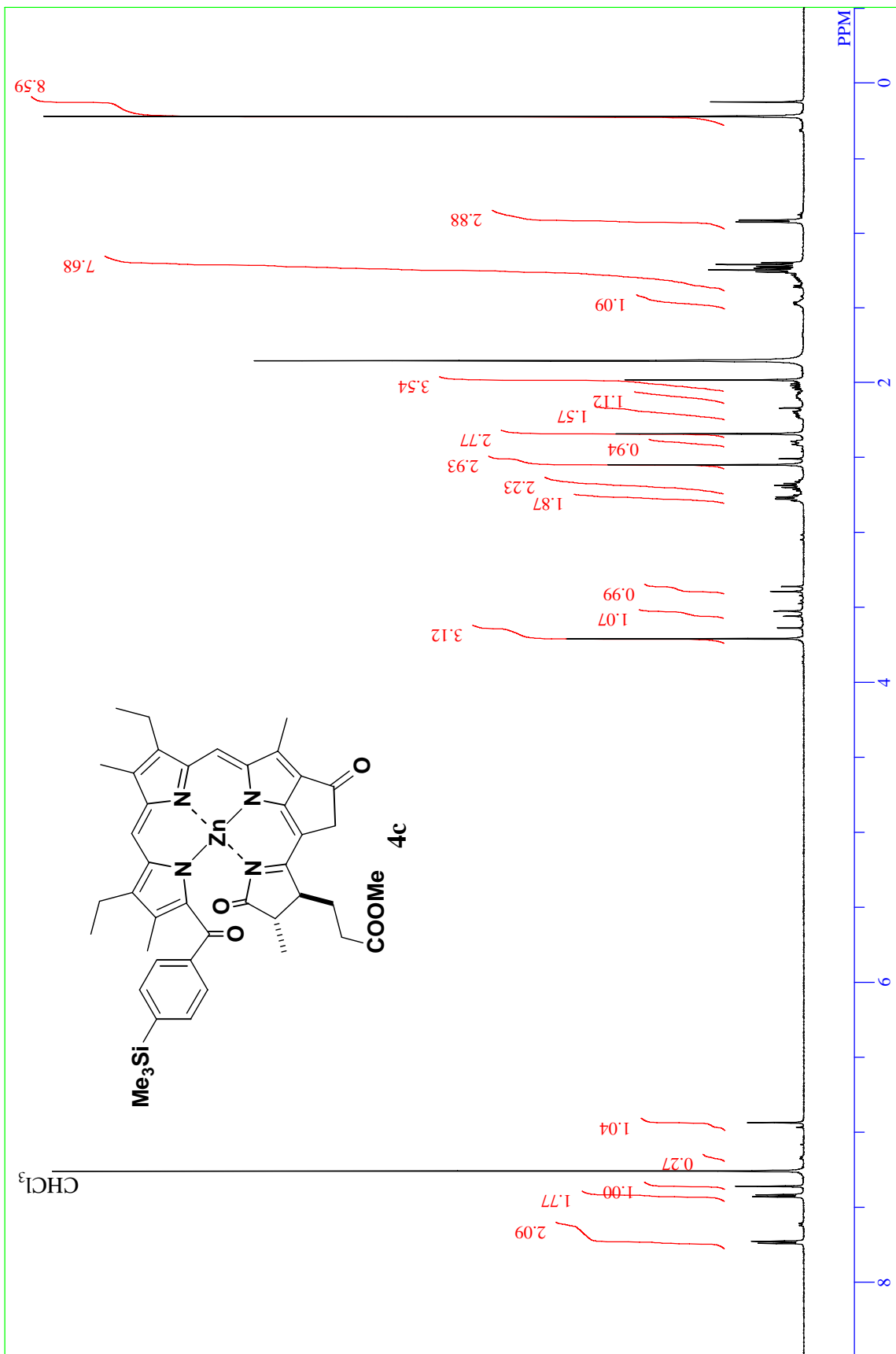
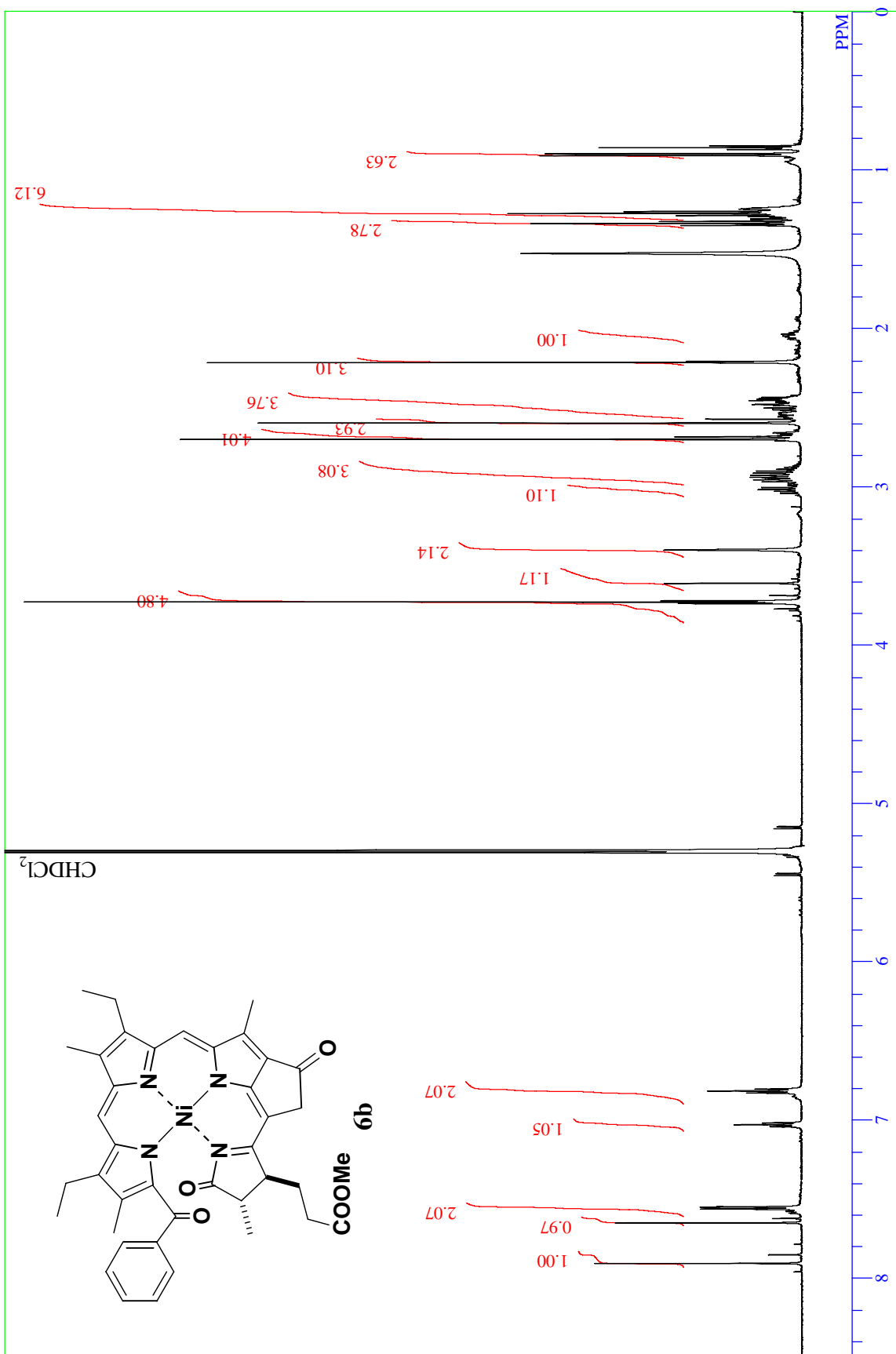


Fig. S3 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 4c in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S4** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **6b** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

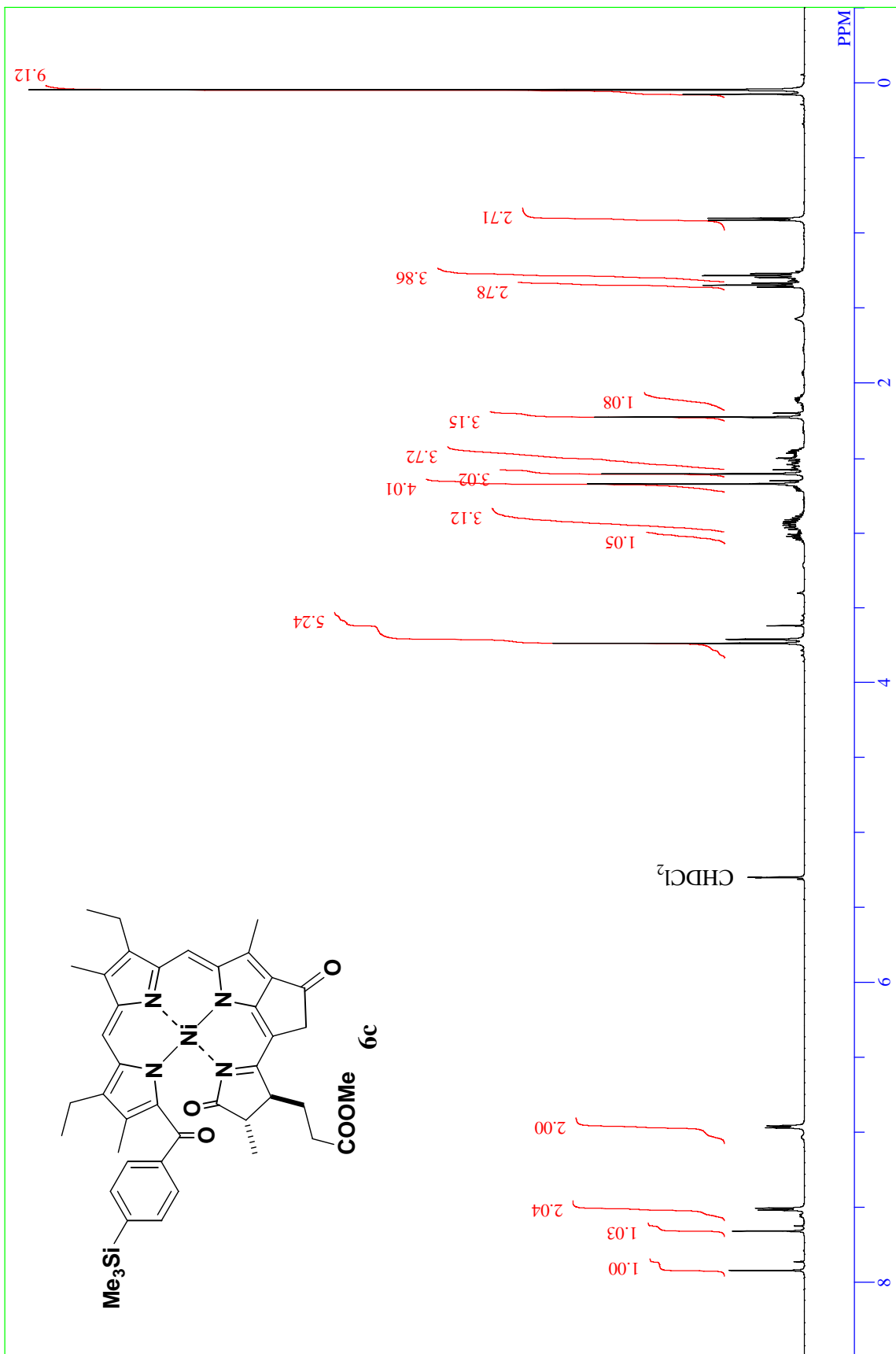


Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **6c** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

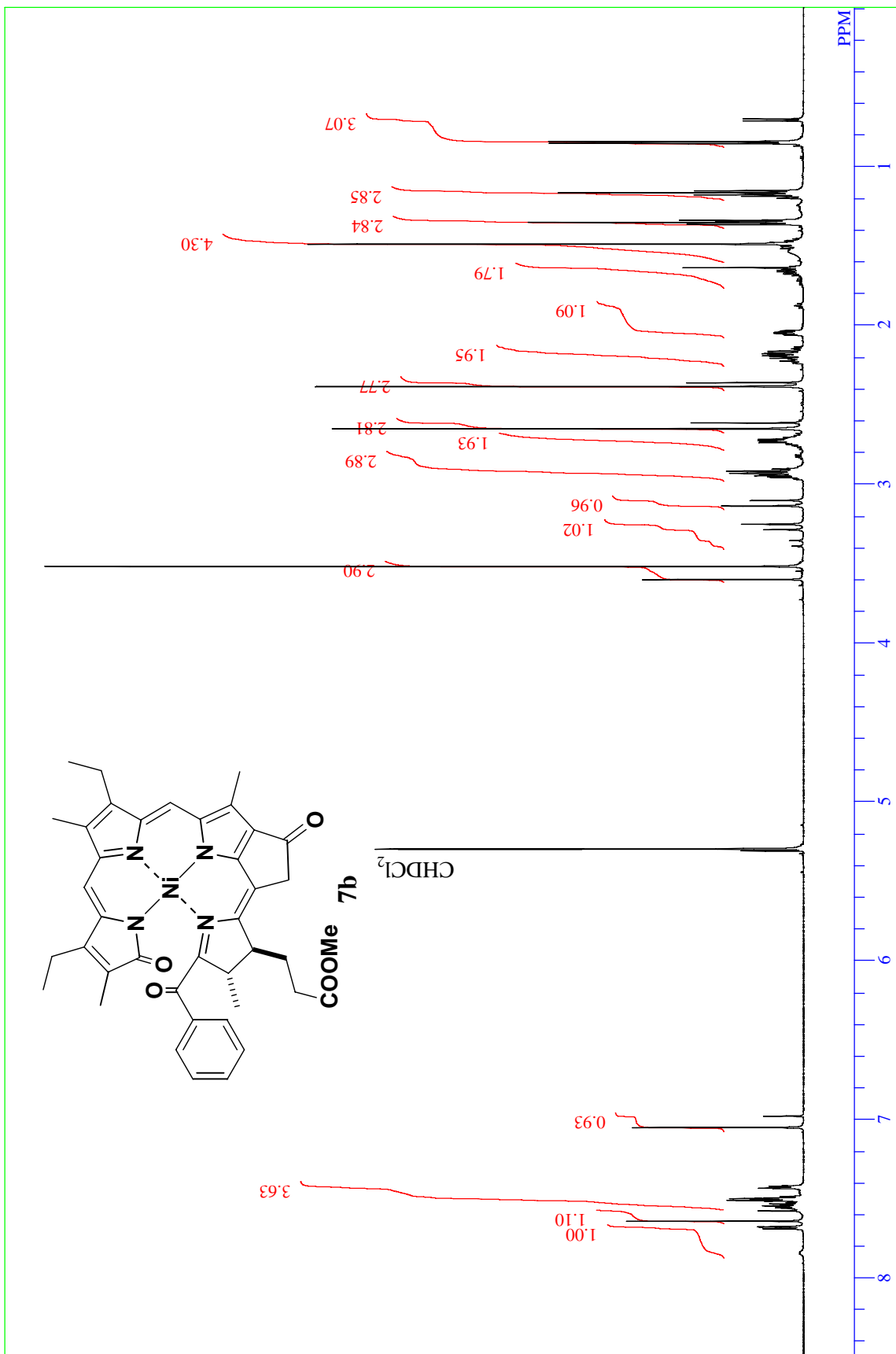


Fig. S6 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 7b in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



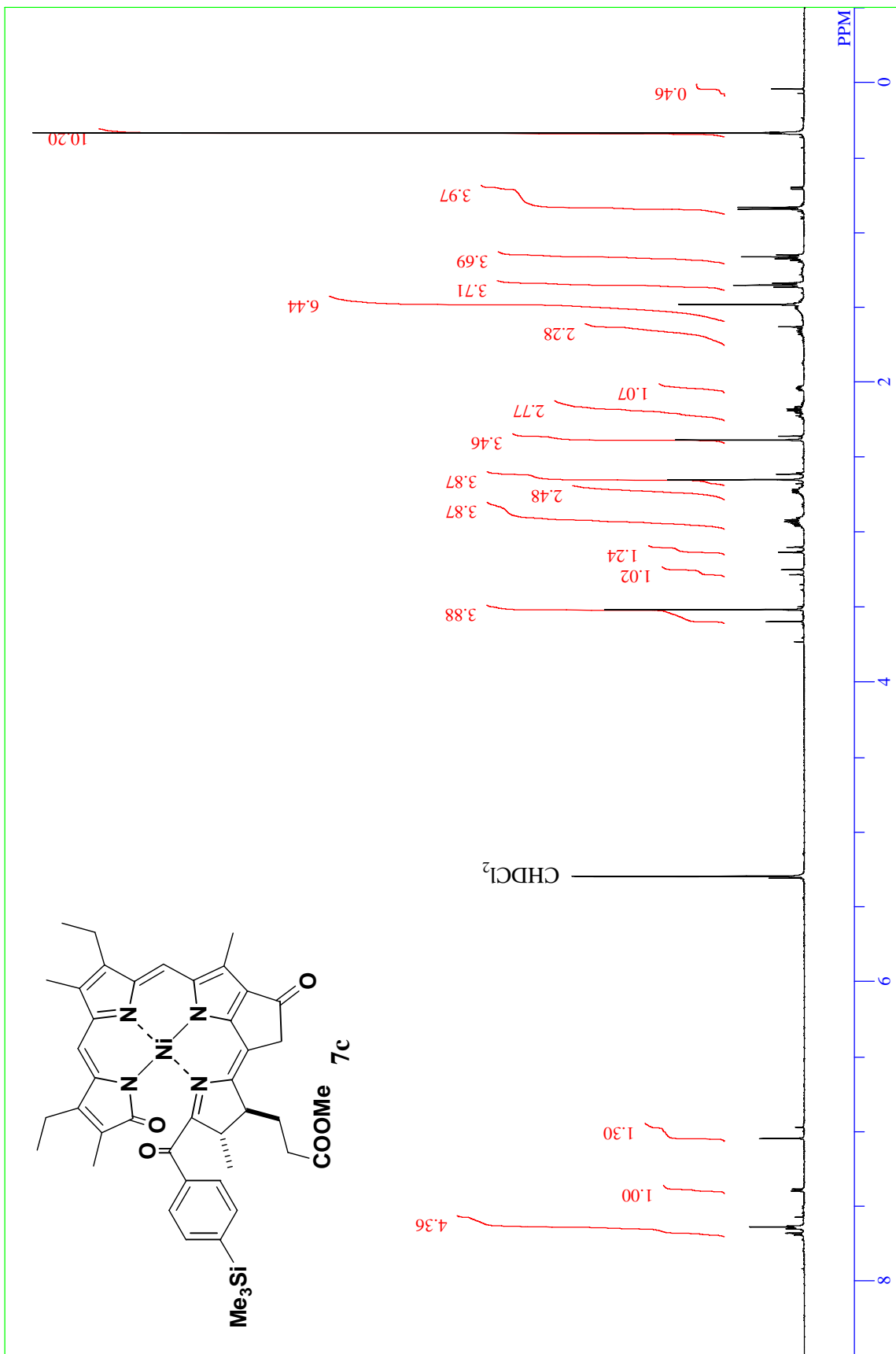
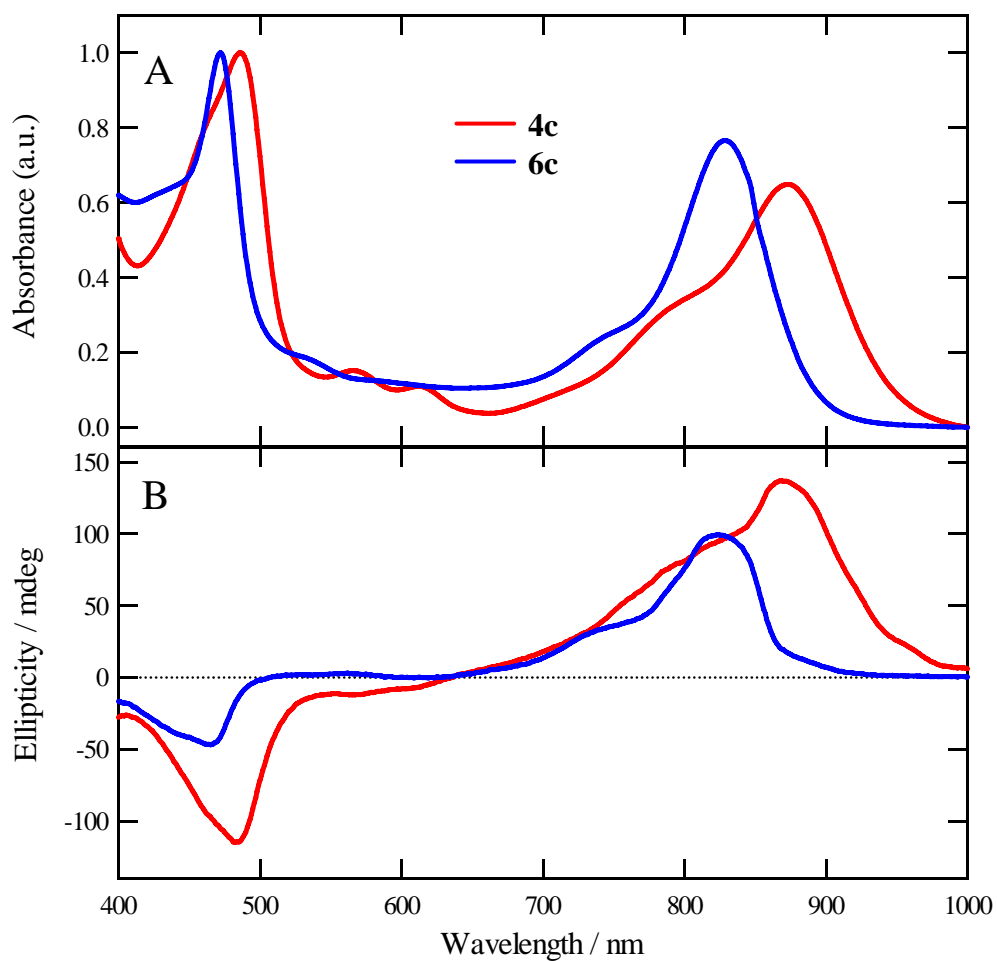
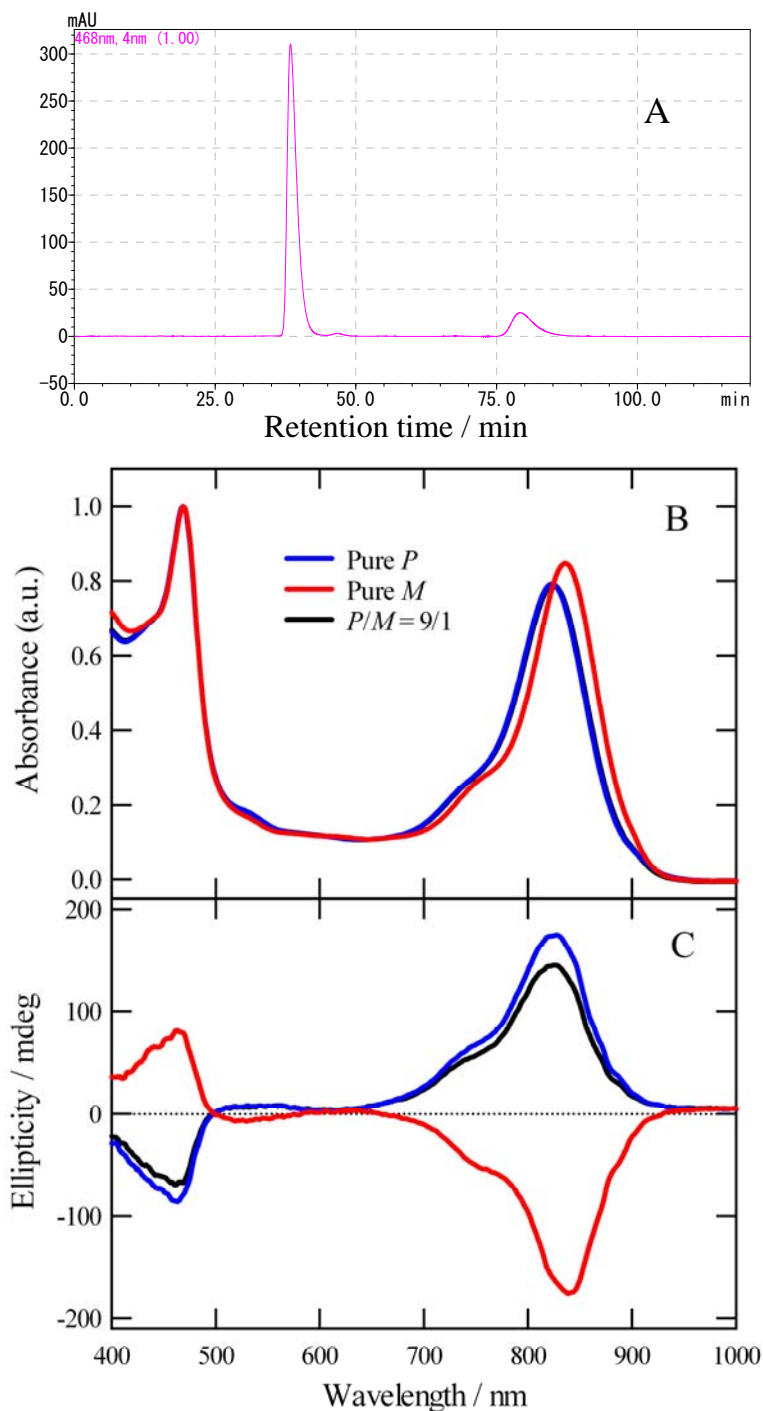


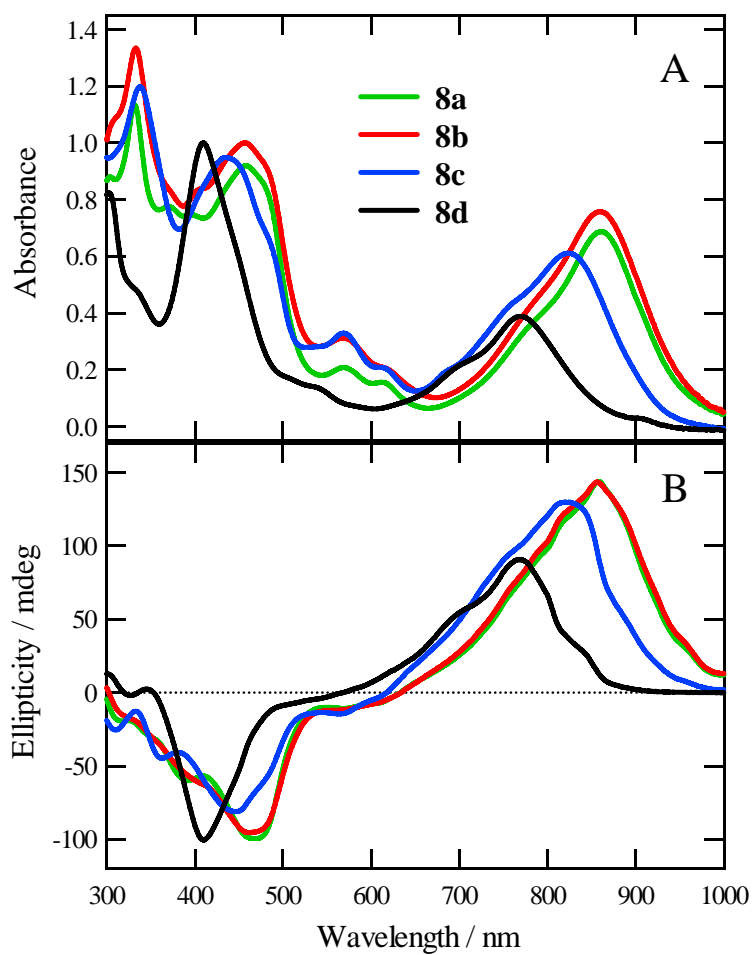
Fig. S7 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **7c** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S8** Electronic absorption (A) and CD spectra (B) of zinc and nickel complexes **4c** (red) and **6c** (blue) of 1-[4-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl-carbonyl]-19-oxo-bilatrine in dichloromethane. Both the spectra in A were normalized at the Soret maxima.



**Fig. S9** Chiral HPLC (A) of nickel 1-[4-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl-carbonyl]-19-oxo-bilatriene **6c**: column, Daicel Chiralpak IC 4.6 $\phi$  x 250 mm; eluent, methanol; flow rate, 0.8 ml min<sup>-1</sup>. Electronic absorption (B) and CD spectra (C) of **6c** in methanol: *P*- (blue) and *M*-helical conformers (red) as well as their 9:1 mixture (black). All the spectra in B were normalized at the Soret maxima.



**Fig. S10** Electronic absorption (A) and CD spectra (B) of zinc complexes **8a–d** of 1-formyl-19-oxo-bilatriene in dichloromethane. All the molecular structures are shown in Fig. 7.