

# **Dioxabenzosapphyrin: a New Benzodifuran-derived Sapphyrin Analogue**

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## **Supplementary Material**

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## General Procedures and Synthetic Experimental

Proton and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were measured at 25 °C using Varian Unity Innova instruments at 400, 500, or 600 MHz. UV-vis spectra were recorded on a BECKMAN DU 640B spectrophotometer. High resolution CI mass spectra were obtained on a VG ZAB2-E mass spectrometer.

**Diethyl 3,6-dimethylbenzofuran-2,7-dicarboxylate (5)** Dicarboxylate **5** was obtained from the corresponding diethyl 2,2'-[1,2-phenylenebis(oxy)]bisacetoacetate in 5.7% yield according to the procedure of Nuth.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) [ppm] 1.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 2.63 (s, 6H), 4.45 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.49 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) [ppm] 9.5, 14.3, 61.03, 115.9, 126.5, 129.5, 139.1, 141.3, 159.9; HRMS (CI): m/z 331.1183 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_6$  331.1182.

**(3,6-Dimethylbenzofuran-2,7-yl)dimethanol (6)** Diester **5** (140 mg, 0.423 mmol in 5mL THF) was added slowly to a suspension of  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  (160 mg, 4.23 mmol in 20 mL anhydrous THF) under argon at 0 °C. After the addition was complete, the reaction was stirred for 1 h at 0 °C. The reaction was then stirred at room temperature overnight. Water was added carefully to quench the reaction. The resulting solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate and washings were washed with water and the organic layer was separated and dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  before the solvent was removed in vacuo. Compound **5** was isolated in this way without having to resort to column chromatography (70 mg, 70%).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) [ppm] 2.24(s, 6H), 4.57 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 5.31 (t,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) [ppm] 7.8, 53.8, 112.6, 114.7, 137.7, 152.4; HRMS (CI): m/z 229.0864 [ $\text{M}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ] $^+$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_6$  229.0865.

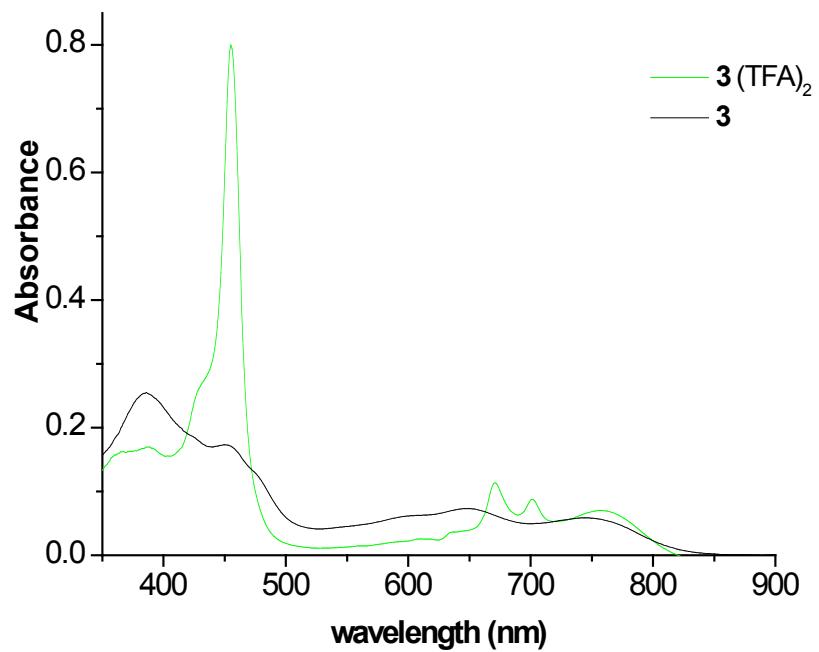
**Diethyl 3,6-dimethylbenzofuran-2,7-dialdehyde (7)**  $\text{MnO}_2$  (42 mg, 0.483) was added to a suspension of diol **6** (70 mg, 4.83 mmol in 10 mL anhydrous  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) under argon at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature overnight. The resulting solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The filtrate and washings were collected and solvent was removed in vacuo. Compound **7** could be isolated in this way without the need for column chromatography (52 mg, 75%).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) [ppm] 2.66 (s, 6H), 7.80 (s, 2H), 10.04 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) [ppm] 8.1, 117.8, 130.06, 139.2, 148.8, 180.0; HRMS (CI): m/z 243.0660 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_4$  243.0657.

**Dioxabenzosapphyrin (3)** Tetramethyldiethyltrypyromethane dicarboxylic acid **8** (18.7 mg, 0.041 mmol) was stirred with TFA (1 mL) under argon at room temperature for 2 min, after which dichloromethane (83 mL) and dialdehyde **7** (10 mg, 0.041 mmol) were added. The resulting solution was stirred in the dark under argon for 12 h. DDQ (24 mg, 0.10 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min. The solvents were then removed and the residue was purified directly by chromatography over silica gel, eluting with methanol-dichloromethane (0-5% MeOH in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ). The green fraction was collected and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting solid was further purified by recrystallizing from ethyl acetate, a purification procedure that

afforded dioxabenzosapphyrin **3** in the form of its bis-TFA salt (9.3 mg; 40%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> + *p*-TsOH + MeOH-*d*<sub>4</sub>) [ppm] -5.29 (bs, 2H), -2.56 (1.33 (bs, 1H), 2.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 12H), 4.33 (s, 6H), 4.77 (m, 8H), 4.88 (s, 6H), 4.17 (m, 8H), 4.88 (s, 6H), 10.08 (s, 2H), 11.81 (s, 2H), 12.08 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> + *p*-TsOH + MeOH-*d*<sub>4</sub>) [ppm] 12.9, 13.2, 17.8, 18.4, 21.1, 101.3, 122.10, 124.56, 128.0, 129.2, 133.2, 136.6, 138.90, 140.9, 145.6, 146.5, 147.2. HRMS (ESI): m/z 570.3121 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 570.3121. UV-vis (**3**·(TFA)<sub>2</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) max [nm] (ε, M<sup>-1</sup>·cm<sup>-1</sup>) 455 (83,000), 673 (12,300), 681 (9,200), 827 (7,400). This compound was further characterized by X-ray diffraction analysis.

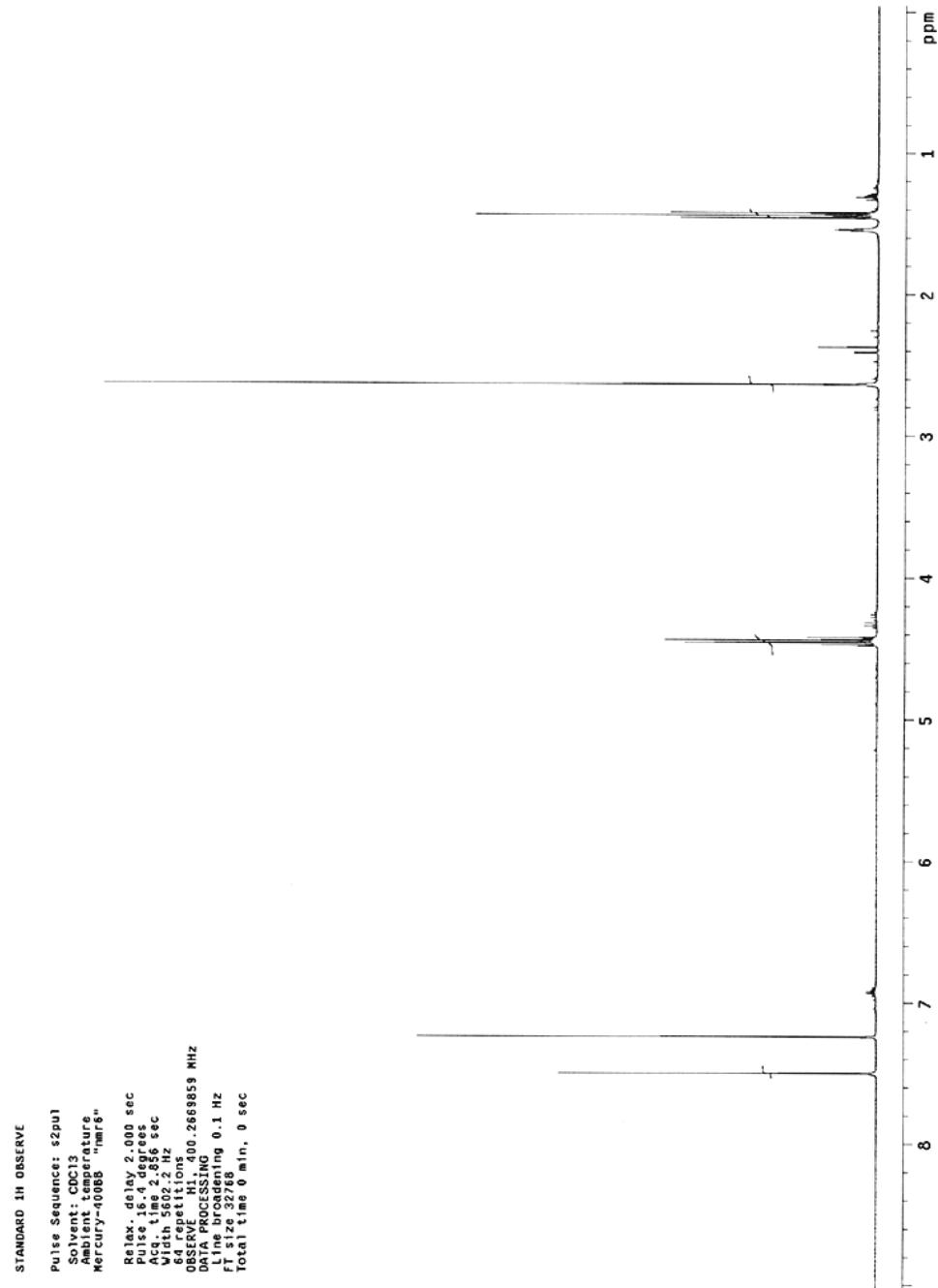
**Benzosapphyrin (4)** Tetramethyldiethyltrypyrrromethane dicarboxylic acid **8** (18.7 mg, 0.041 mmol) was stirred with TFA (1 mL) under argon at room temperature for 2 min, after which point dichloromethane (83 mL) and benzobipyrrolealdehyde (10 mg, 0.041 mmol) were added. The resulting solution was stirred in the dark under argon for 12 h. DDQ (10 mg, 0.044 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 30 min. The solvents were then removed under reduced pressure and the residue was then directly purified by chromatography over neutral alumina, eluting with methanol-dichloromethane (0-10% acetone in EtOAc). The green fraction was collected and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting mixture was further purified by preparative TLC, which consistently afforded pure benzosapphyrin **4**. The benzosapphyrin **4** obtained in this way was then dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and further washed with HCl (1 N). The organic solution was treated with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, the solvents were removed under reduced pressure; this yield the bis-hydrochloride salt of benzosapphyrin (4.0 mg; 17%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) [ppm] -4.40 (bs, 2H), -3.10 (bs, 1H), -2.36 (bs, 2H), 2.20 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.29 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 4.10 (s, 6H), 4.23 (s, 6H), 4.33 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 8H), 8.68 (s, 2H), 11.39 (s, 2H), 11.48 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) [ppm] 12.6, 12.7, 17.6, 18.4, 20.9, 92.8, 101.0, 121.5, 126.3, 130.1, 130.2, 134.4, 136.20, 136.80, 138.1, 142.5, 143.5. HRMS (CI): m/z 568.3434 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>5</sub> 568.3440.

## UV-vis Spectra of 3

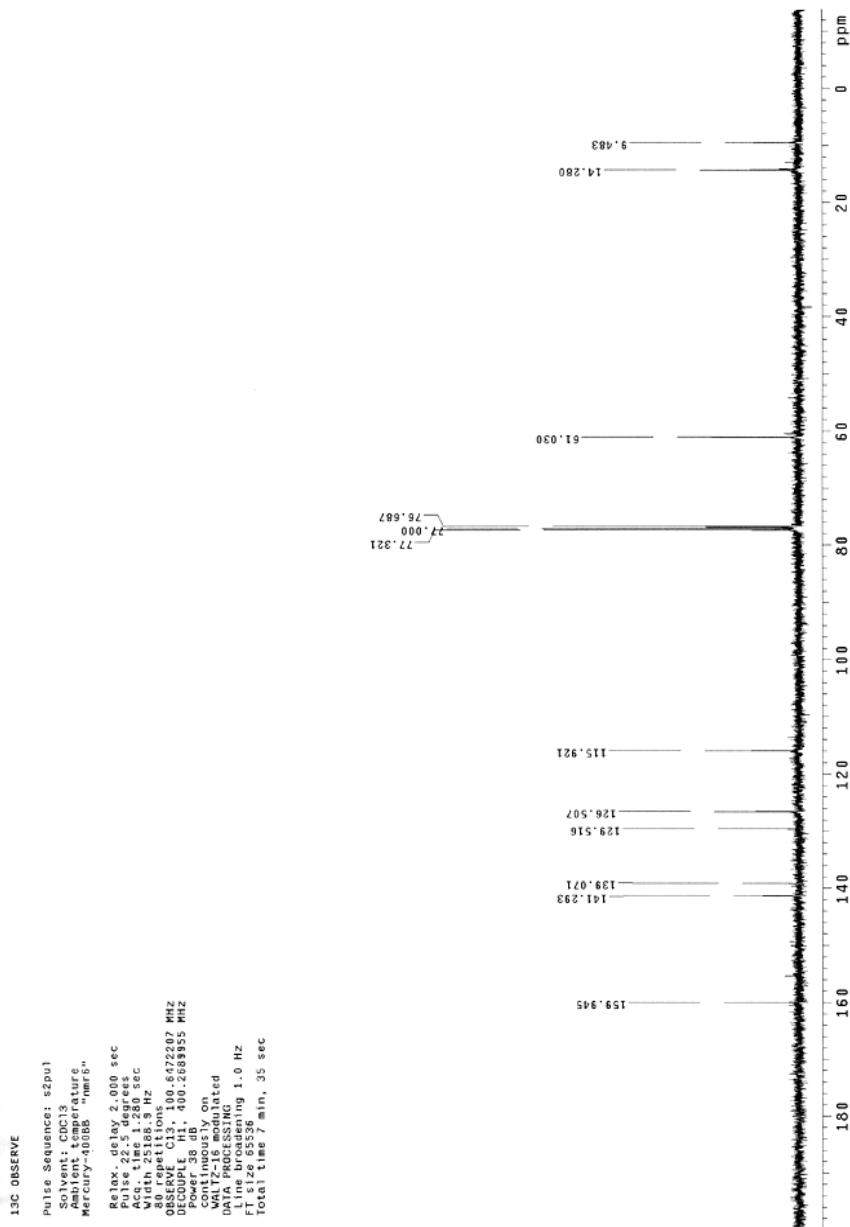


**Figure S1.** Uv-vis spectrum of dioxabenzosapphyrin **3** (black line) and **3**•(TFA)2 (green line) in dichloromethane. ( $[3] = [3$ •(TFA)2] =  $9.55 \times 10^{-6}$  M)

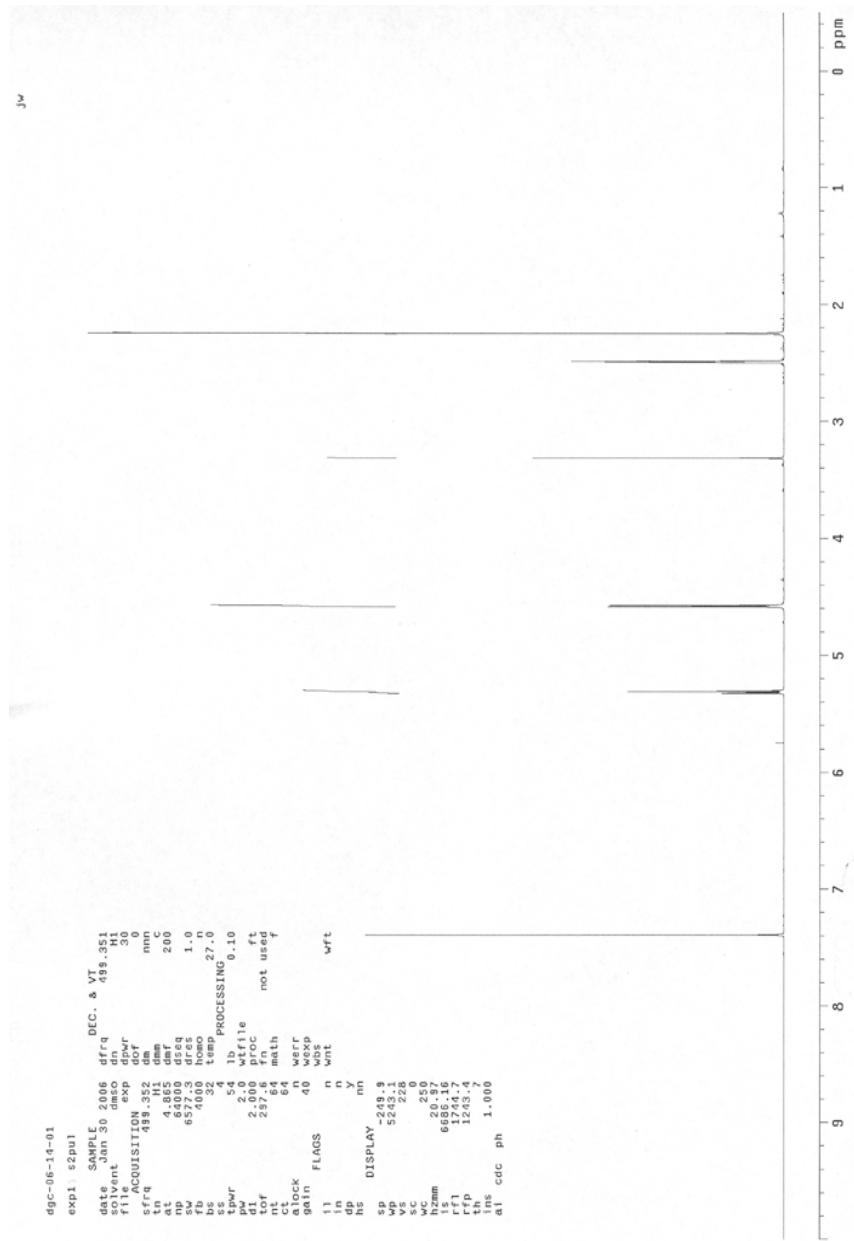
## NMR Spectra



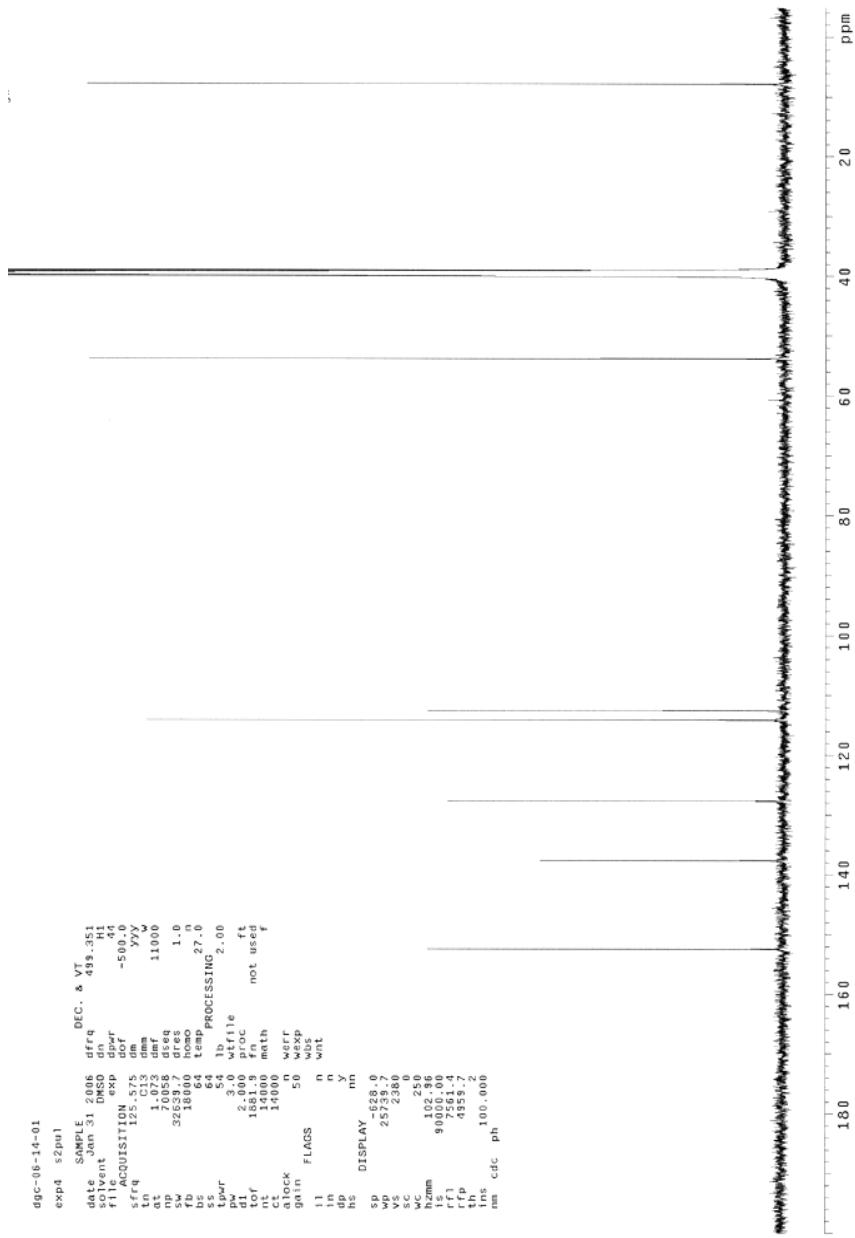
**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **5** recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



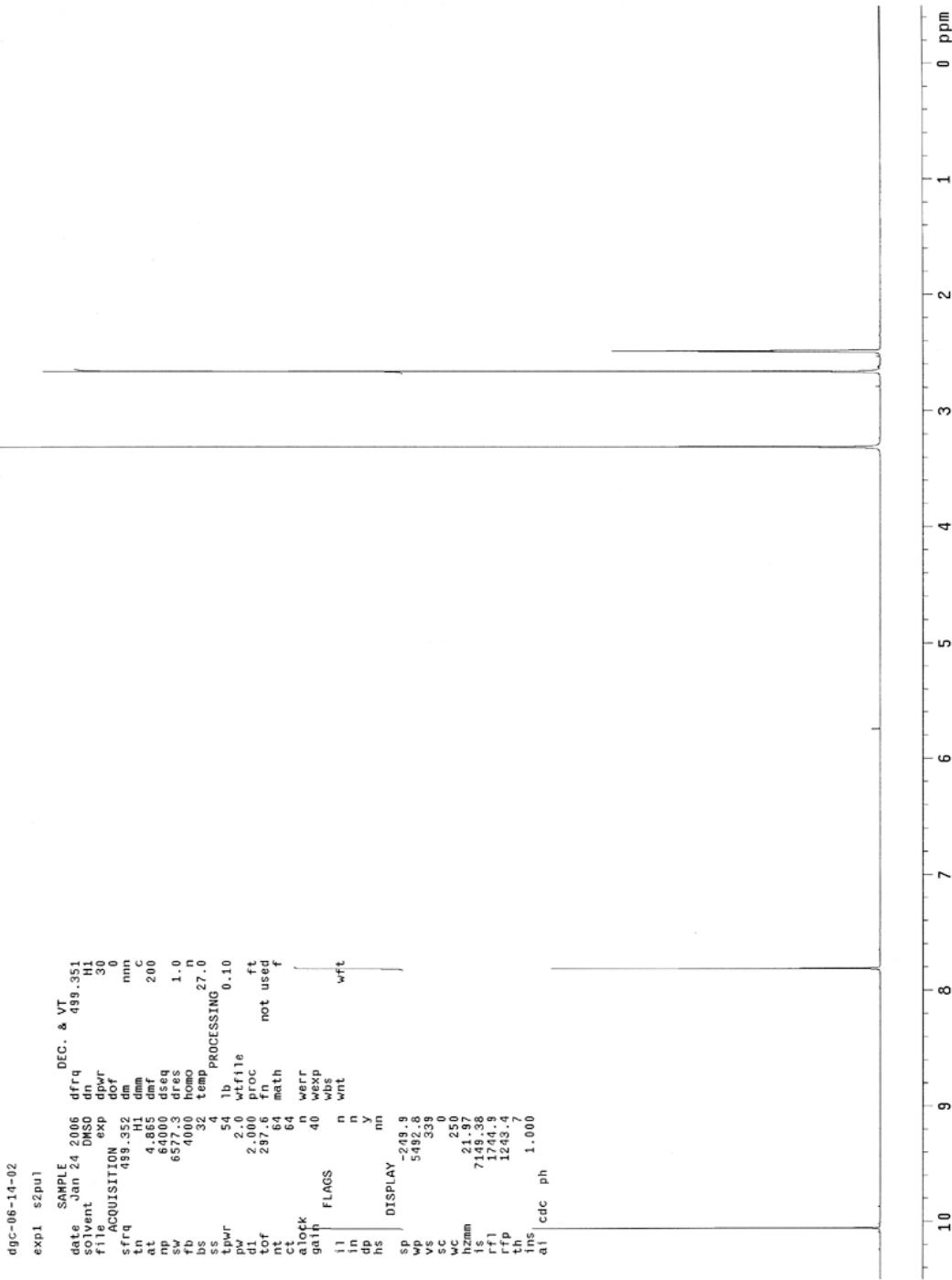
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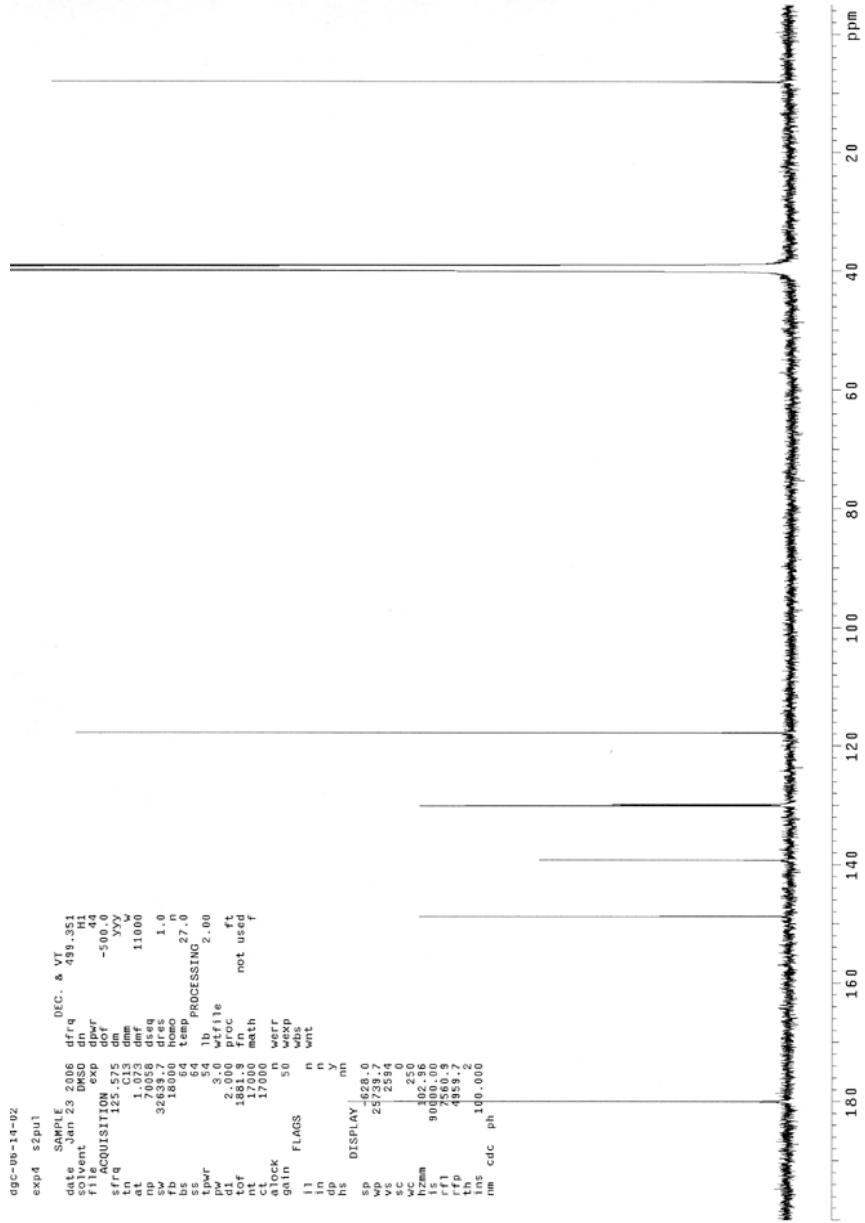
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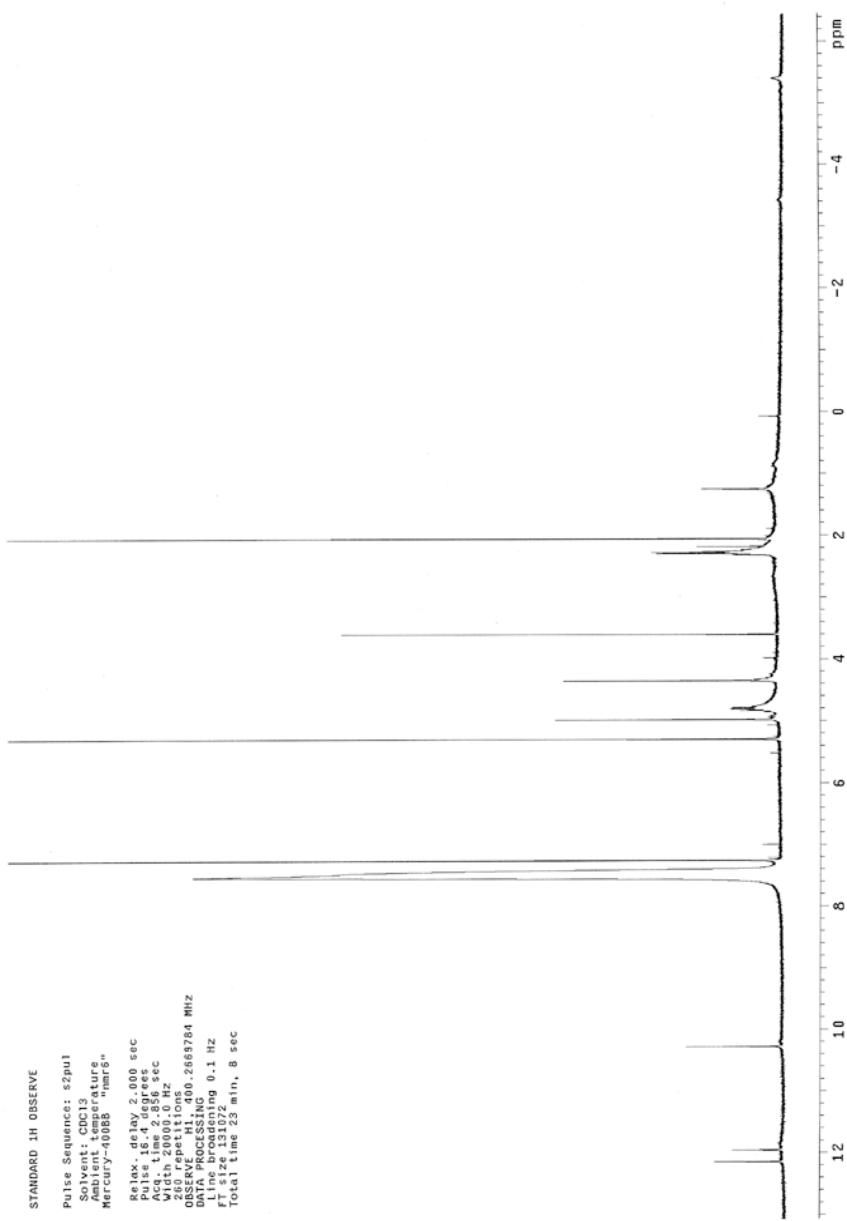
**Figure S5.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **6** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



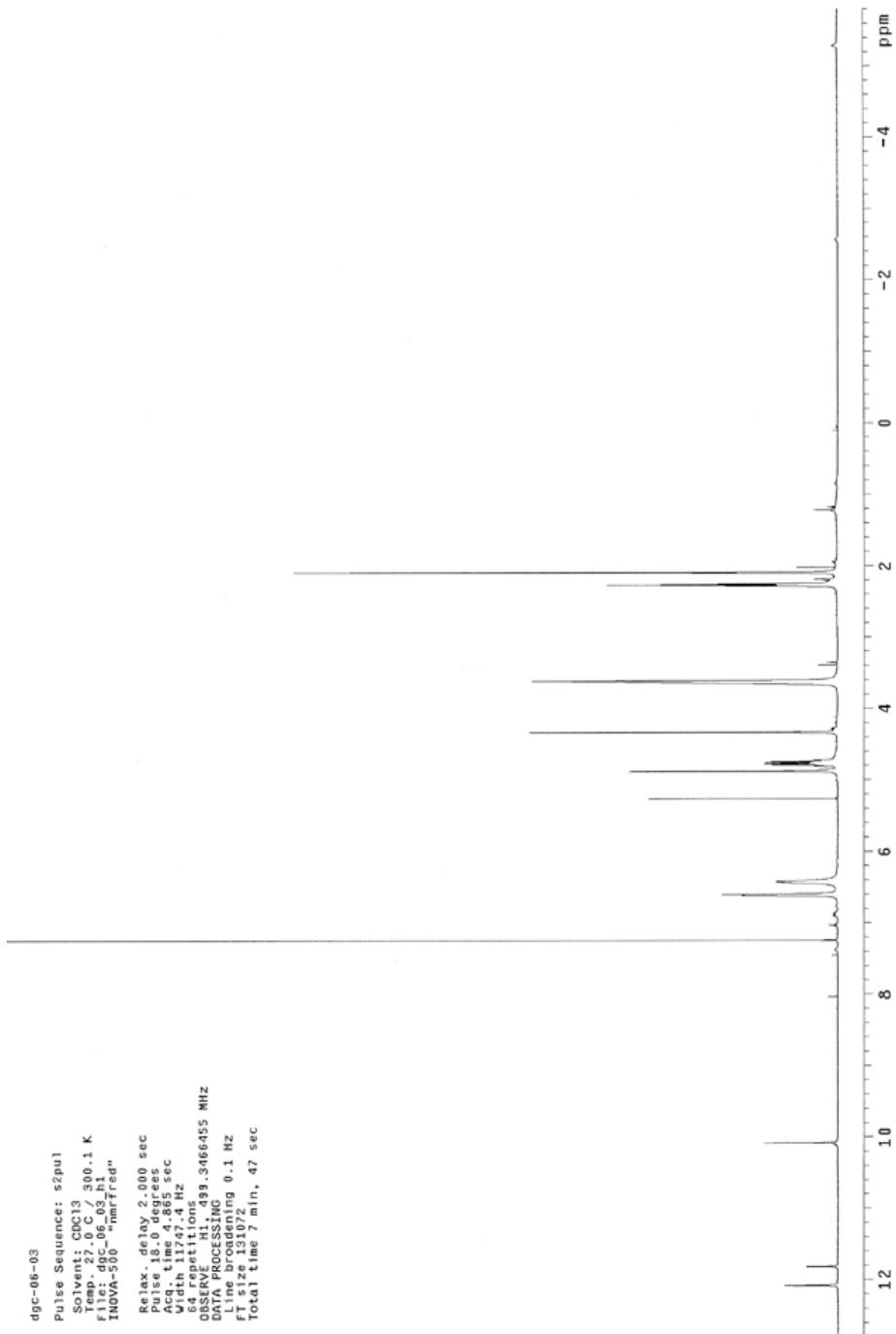
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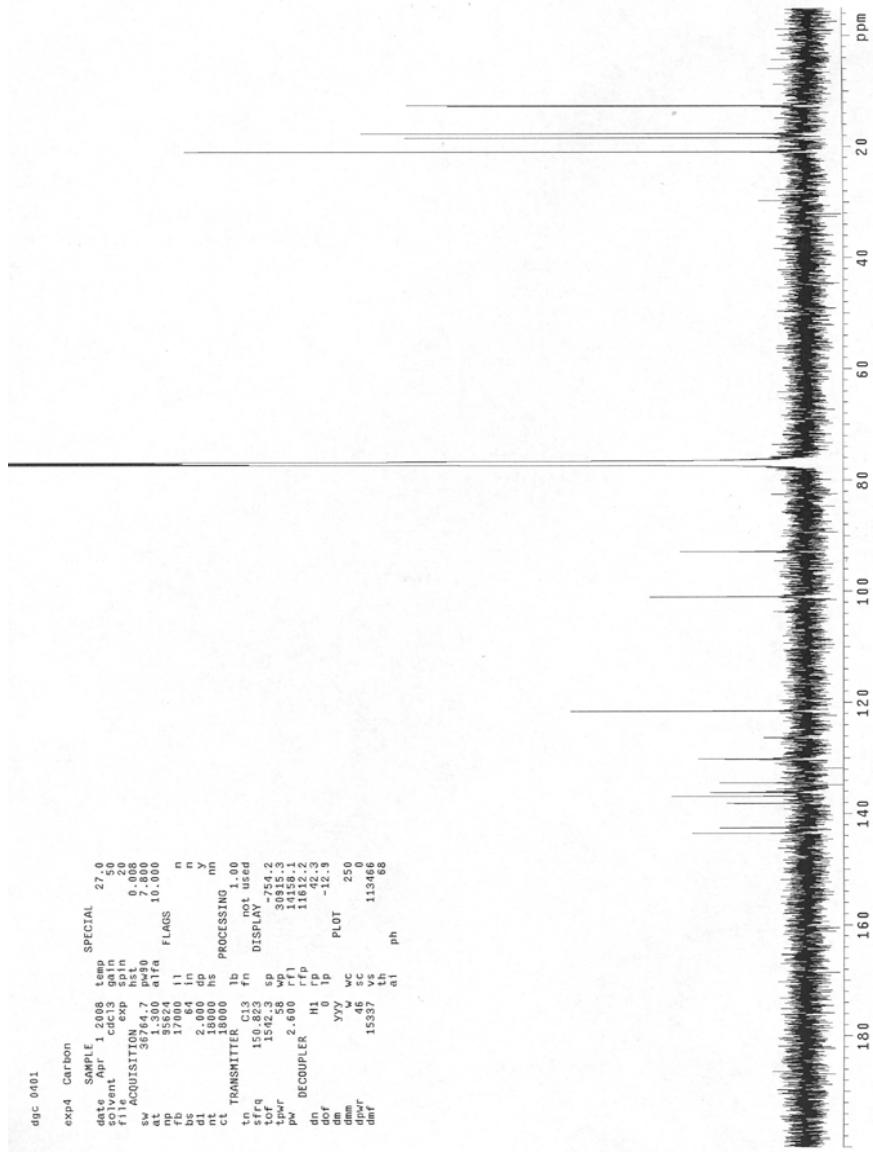
**Figure S7.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **8** recorded in DMSO



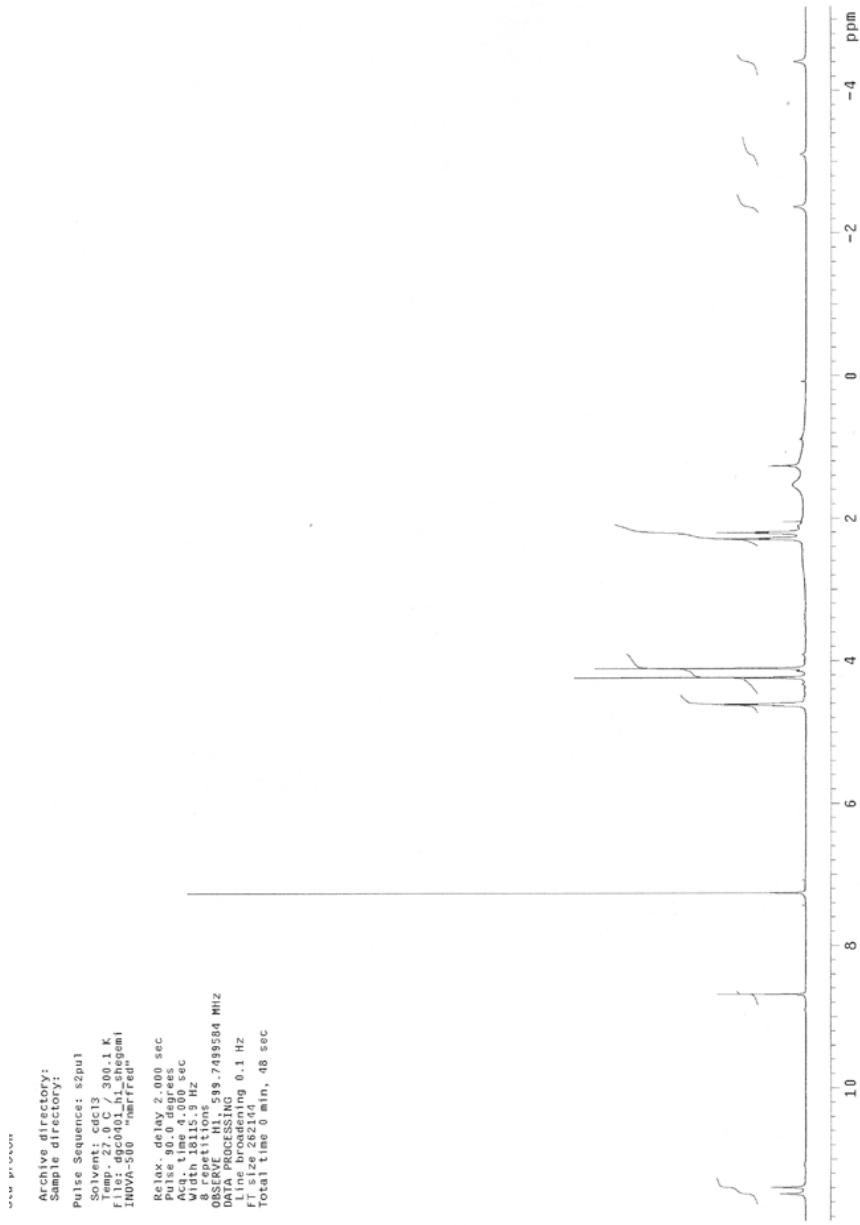
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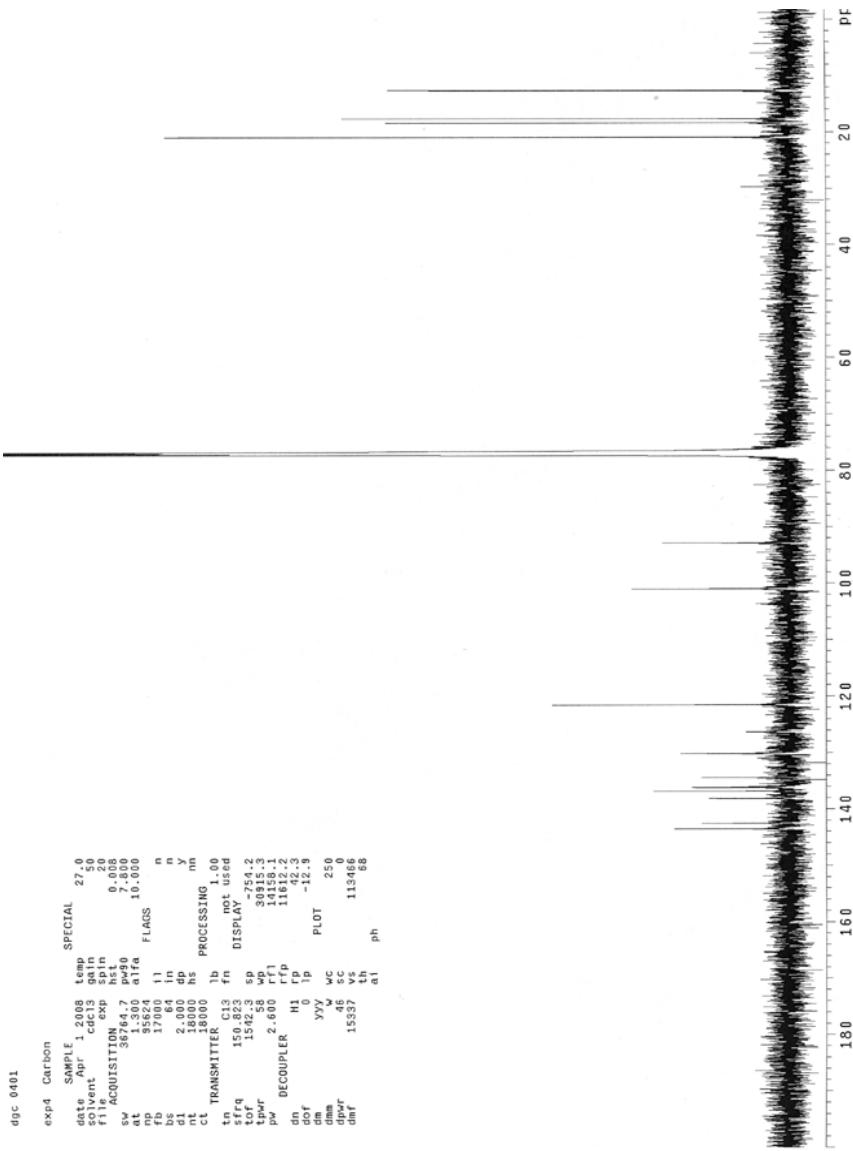
**Figure S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of dioxabenzosapphyrin **3** recorded in MeOH-*d*<sub>4</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> (excess *p*-TsOH).



**Figure S10.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of dioxabenzosapphyrin **3** recorded in  $\text{MeOH-}d_4/\text{CDCl}_3$  (excess *p*-TsOH)



**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S12.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **4** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

## HPLC analysis of 3 and 4

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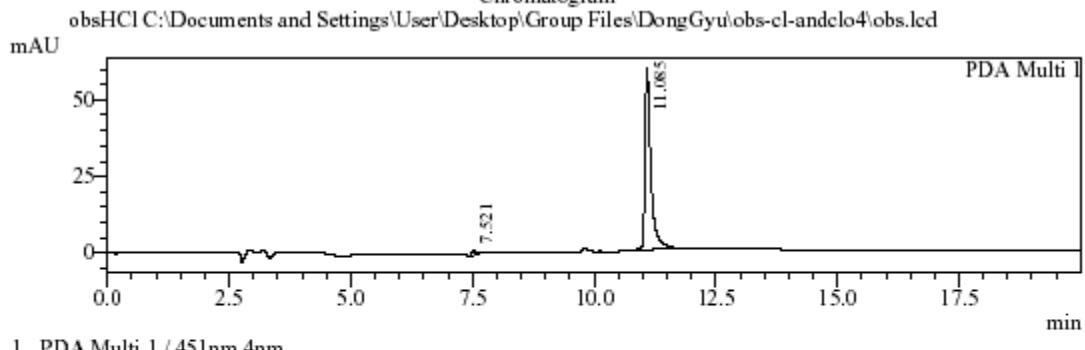
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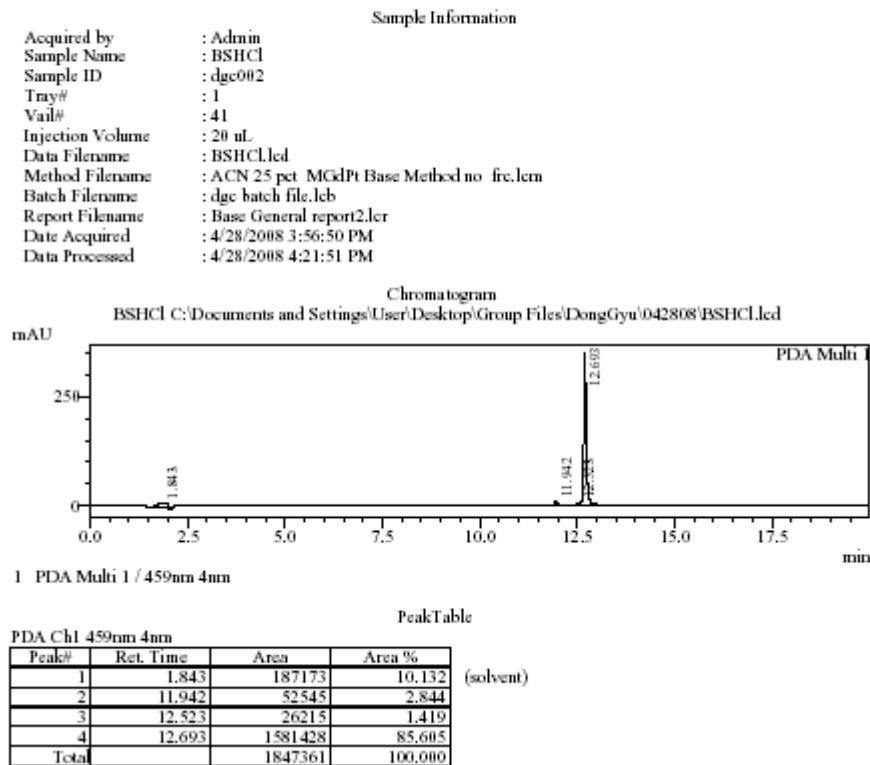
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**Figure S13.** HPLC analysis of 3 using 0.1% TFA in water and acetonitrile as the eluent

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**Figure S14.** HPLC analysis of **4** using 0.1% TFA in water and acetonitrile as the eluent.

## Anion Binding Studies

### UV-Vis Anion Recognition Study:

Stock solutions of the host molecule being studied were made up in dichloroethane or methanol with the final concentrations being between  $4.34 \times 10^{-5}$  M and  $3.99 \times 10^{-5}$  M. Stock solutions of the guest in question were prepared by dissolving 10 - 500 equivalents of the corresponding tetrabutylammonium salts in 5 mL of a stock solution of the host in question. Making up the anion source solutions in this way allowed the binding studies to be carried out without having to make mathematical corrections to account for changes in host concentration as the result of dilution effects.

The general procedure for the UV-Vis binding studies involved making sequential additions of titrant (anionic guest) using Hamilton pipettes to a 2 mL aliquot of the host stock solution in the spectrometric cell. The data was then collated and combined to produce plots that showed the changes in host spectral features as a function of changes in the concentration of the guest.

### Calculations of Equilibrium Constants, $K_a$

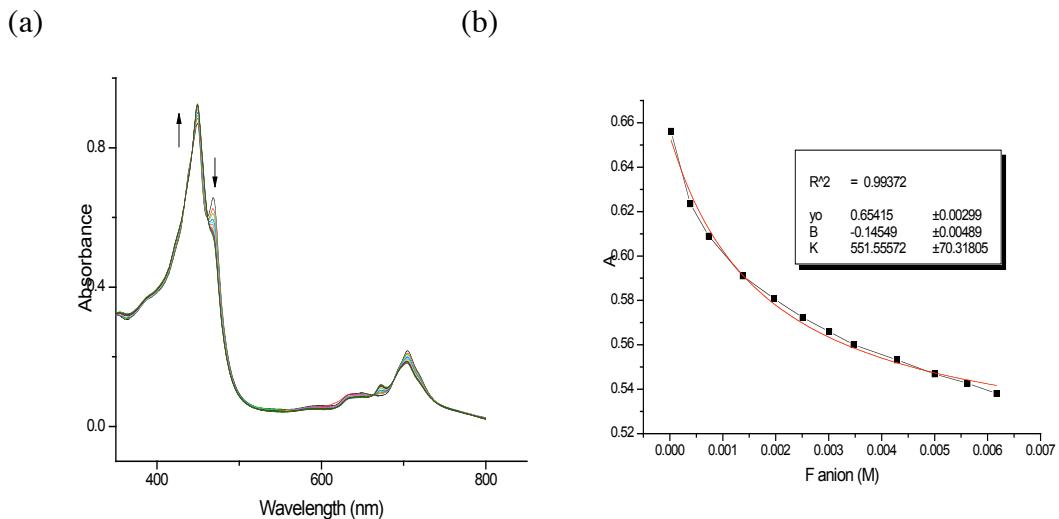
Equilibrium constants were calculated using equation 4.5 of Connors<sup>2</sup> where  $[L] = [\text{anion}]$ . The resulting equation, of the form,  $y = B \times x / (1 + K_a \times x)$  or  $y = (B \times x / (K_a \times x + 1)) + y_0$ , was computer fit using Origin version 7.0, where  $x = [\text{anion}]$ ,  $y = \Delta A$ ,  $B = \Delta \epsilon \times b$ ,  $K_a$  = the equilibrium constant. The change in absorbance,  $\Delta A$ , was calculated at a  $\lambda$  value where the spectral change was maximal.

### Data Plots:

Representative binding isotherms and calculated curve fits are shown below.

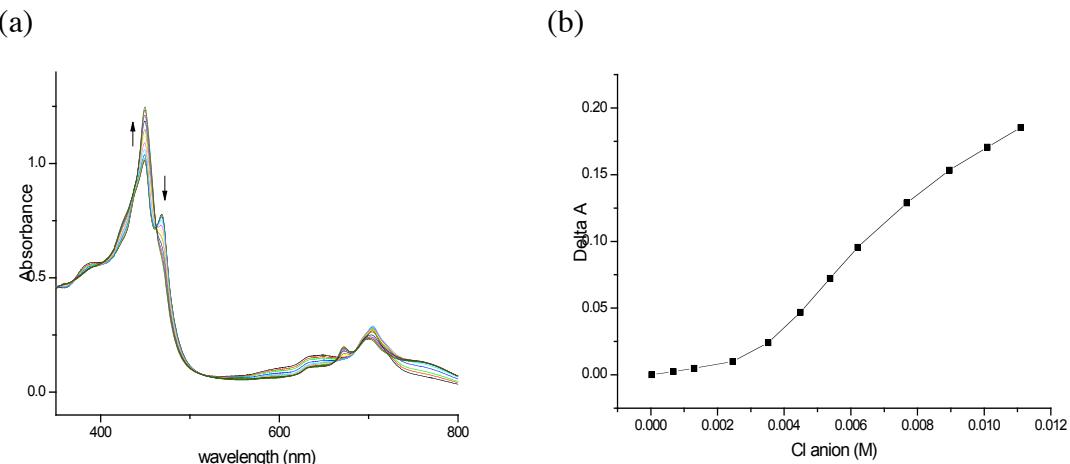
## Binding Studies of dioxabenzosapphyrin 3

### For F<sup>-</sup>



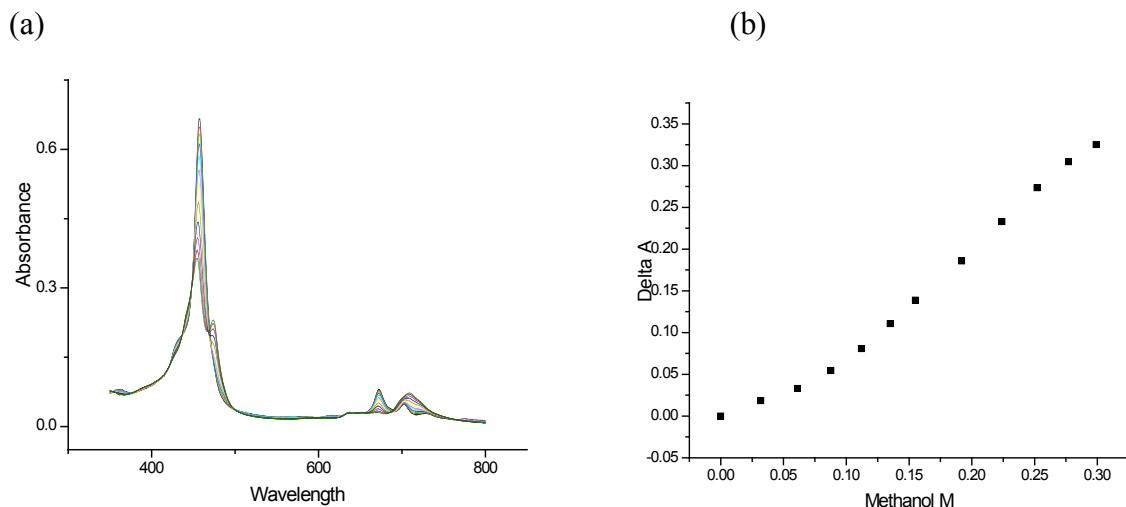
**Figure S15.** (a) Effect of the addition of TBAF on the absorption spectrum of dioxabenzosapphyrin in MeOH. The concentration of the dioxabenzosapphyrin used was  $1.21 \times 10^{-5}$  M, and the concentration range of anion was  $2.43 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $6.17 \times 10^{-3}$  M. (b) Plot of the absorption change of  $3\bullet(\text{HF})_2$  at 469 nm vs. the concentration of TBAF, overlaid by the calculated 1:1 binding profile (derived for a UV-vis titration).

### For Cl<sup>-</sup>



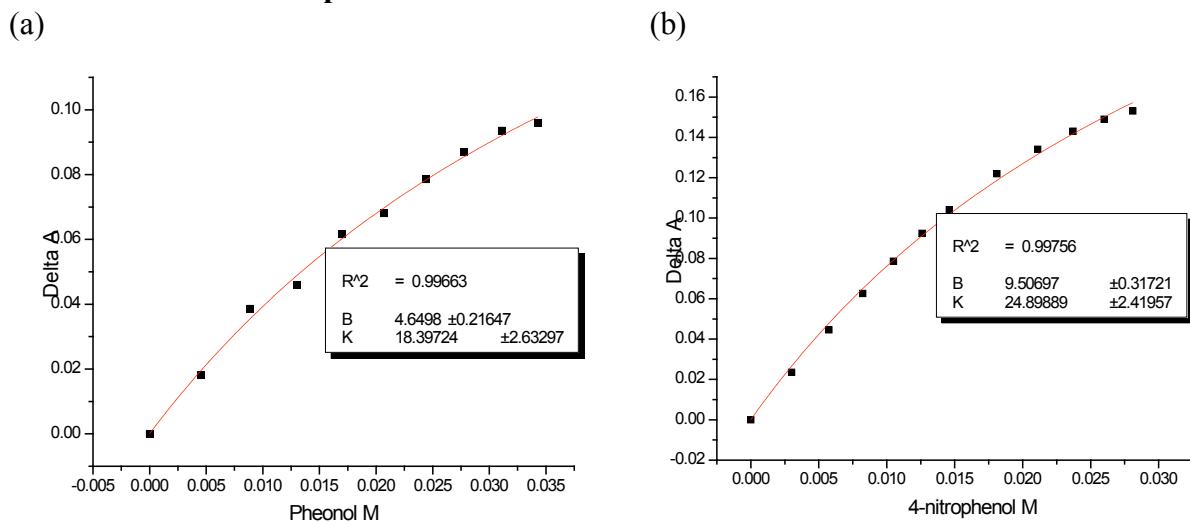
**Figure S16.** (a) Effect of Cl anion (as TBACl) titration on absorption spectra of  $3\bullet(\text{HCl})_2$  in MeOH. The concentration of the dioxabenzosapphyrin used was  $4.11 \times 10^{-5}$  M and the concentration range of anion was  $6.54 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $1.10 \times 10^{-2}$  M. (b) Abnormal looking chloride titration curve obtained from a titration in MeOH. Plot of the absorption change of  $3\bullet(\text{HClO}_4)_2$  at 469 nm vs. the concentration of TBACl.

## For MeOH



**Figure S17.** (a) Effect of the addition of MeOH on the absorption spectrum of dioxabenzosapphyrin ( $\text{HClO}_4\text{)}_2$ ) in MeOH. The concentration of the dioxabenzosapphyrin used was  $2.98 \times 10^{-6}$  M, and the concentration range of the anion was  $3.20 \times 10^{-2}$  to  $2.99 \times 10^{-1}$  M. (b) Plot of the absorption change of  $\text{3}^\bullet(\text{HClO}_4\text{)}_2$  at 457 nm vs. the concentration of MeOH.

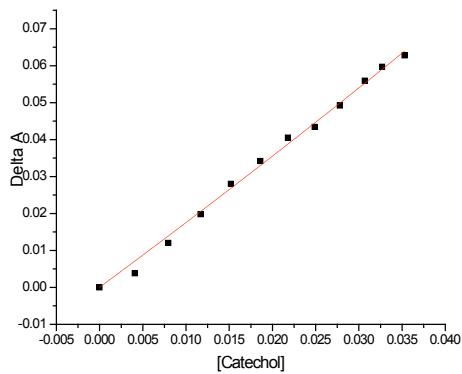
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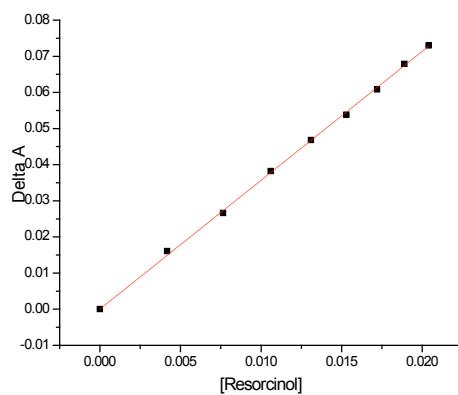
**Figure S18.** (a) Plot of the absorption change of  $\text{3}^\bullet(\text{HClO}_4\text{)}_2$  at 466 nm vs. the concentration of phenol in dichloroethane ( $3.24 \times 10^{-6}$  M), overlaid by the calculated 1 to 1 binding profile (b) Plot of the absorption change of  $\text{3}^\bullet(\text{HClO}_4\text{)}_2$  at 455 nm vs. the concentration of 4-nitrophenol ( $4.86 \times 10^{-6}$  M), overlaid by the calculated 1:1 binding profile (as derived for use with a UV-vis titration).

For phenol derivatives

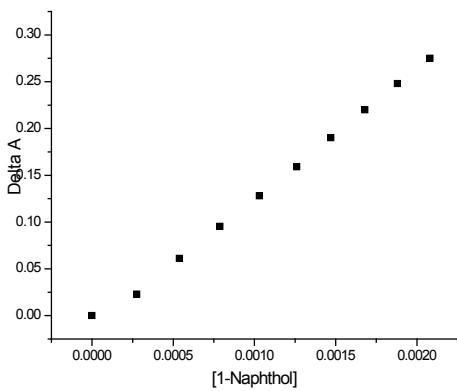
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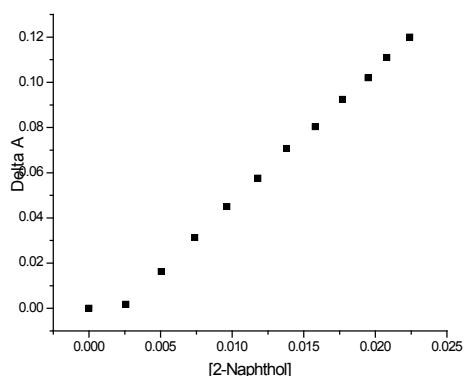
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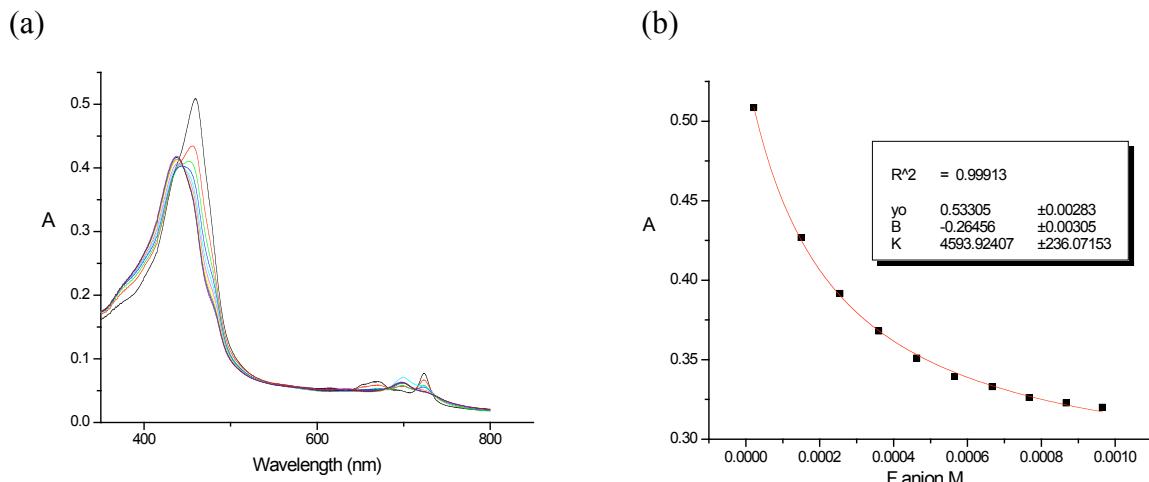


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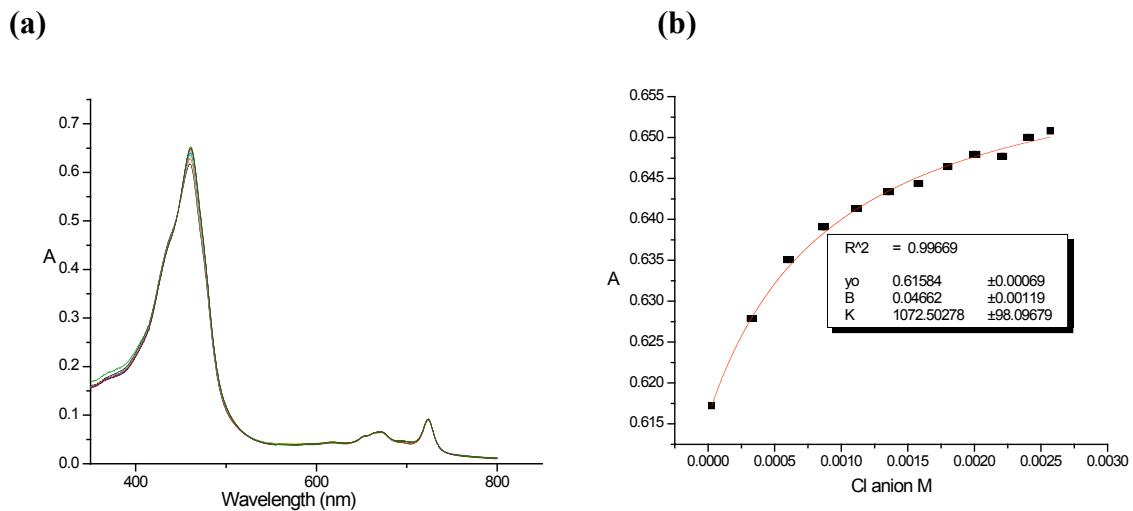
**Figure S19.** (a) Plot of the absorption change of  $3\bullet(\text{HClO}_4)_2$  at 455 nm vs. the concentration of catechol in dichloroethane ( $4.62 \times 10^{-6}$  M). (b) Plot of the absorption change of  $3\bullet(\text{HClO}_4)_2$  at 455 nm vs. the concentration of resorcinol in dichloroethane ( $4.62 \times 10^{-6}$  M). (c) Plot of the absorption change of  $3\bullet(\text{HClO}_4)_2$  at 459 nm vs. the concentration of 1-naphthol in dichloroethane ( $4.62 \times 10^{-6}$  M). (d) Plot of the absorption change of  $3\bullet(\text{HClO}_4)_2$  at 455 nm vs. the concentration of 2-naphthol in dichloroethane ( $4.62 \times 10^{-6}$  M).

## Binding Studies of Benzosapphyrin 4 For F<sup>-</sup>



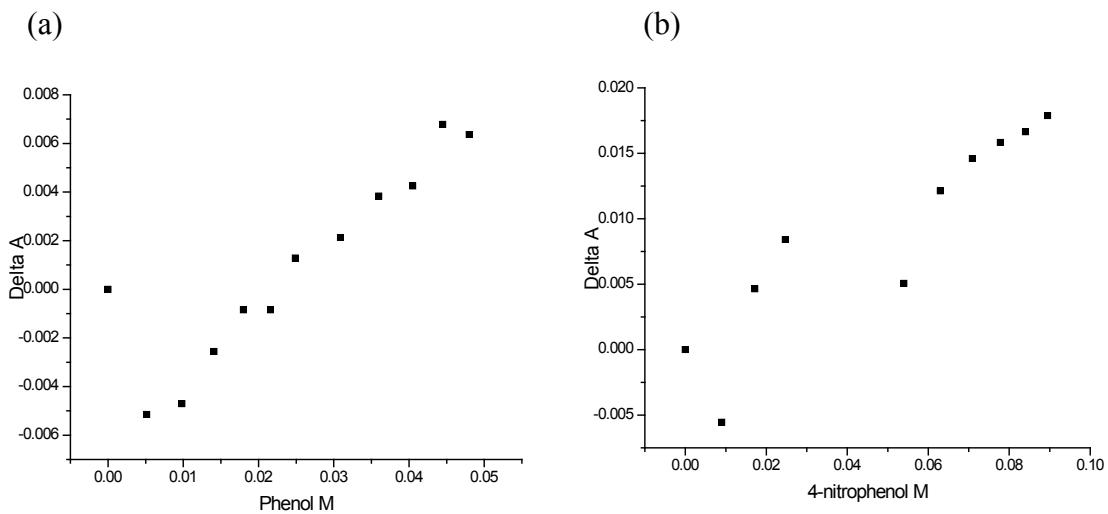
**Figure S20.** Effect of the addition of TBAF on the absorption spectrum of benzosapphyrin 4 in MeOH. The concentration of  $4\bullet(\text{HF})_2$  used was  $1.09 \times 10^{-5}$  M, and the concentration range of the anionic substrate was between  $2.17 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $9.65 \times 10^{-4}$  M. (b) Plot of the absorption change of  $3\bullet(\text{HF})_2$  at 460 nm vs. the concentration of TBAF, overlaid by the calculated 1 to 1 binding profile (derived for a UV-vis titration). A deviation from 1:1 binding was seen at markedly higher fluoride anion concentrations.

## For Cl<sup>-</sup>



**Figure S21.** (a) Effect of the addition of TBACl on the absorption spectrum of benzosapphyrin 4 in MeOH. The concentration of the  $4\bullet(\text{HCl})_2$  used was  $1.74 \times 10^{-5}$  M, and the concentration range of the anionic substrate was  $3.48 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $3.68 \times 10^{-3}$  M. (b) Plot of the absorption change of  $4\bullet(\text{HCl})_2$  at 461 nm vs. the concentration of TBACl, overlaid by the calculated 1 to 1 binding profile (derived for a UV-vis titration).

**For Phenol and 4-Nitrophenol:**

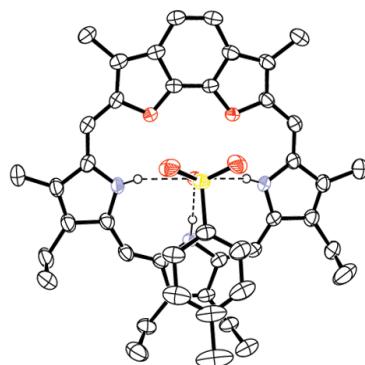


**Figure S22.** (a) Plot of the absorption change of  $4\bullet(\text{HClO}_4)_2$  ( $8.15 \times 10^{-6}$  M in dichloroethane) at 463 nm vs the concentration of phenol in dichloroethane. (b) Plot of the absorption change of  $4\bullet(\text{HClO}_4)_2$  ( $8.15 \times 10^{-6}$  M in dichloroethane) at 463 nm vs. the concentration of 4-nitrophenol.

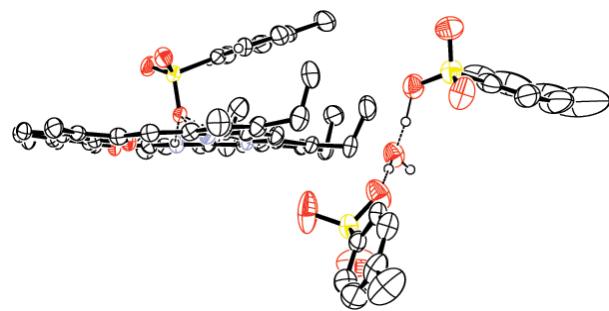
## X-ray Structure of 3 and Experimental

### X-ray crystal structure of $3 \cdot (p\text{-TsOH})_2$

(a)



(b)



**Figure 23.** X-ray crystal structure of  $3 \cdot (p\text{-TsOH})_2$ . (a) Top view; (b) Side view. Thermal ellipsoids are scaled to the 50% probability level. Most hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

**X-ray Experimental for  $(C_{38}H_{41}N_3O_2)^{2+} 2(C_7H_7SO_3)^{-} (C_7H_8SO_3)^{1-} - H_3O^+ - CHCl_3 - CH_2Cl_2$**

Crystals grew as very dark blue plates by slow vapor diffusion of hexane in a solution of  $CHCl_3$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ,  $MeOH$ ,  $p$ -TsOH. The data crystal was plate that had approximate dimensions;  $0.22 \times 0.18 \times 0.06$  mm. The data were collected on a Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer using a graphite monochromator with  $MoK\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073\text{\AA}$ ). A total of 282 frames of data were collected using  $\omega$ -scans with a scan range of  $2^\circ$  and a counting time of 266 seconds per frame. The data were collected at 153 K using an Oxford Cryostream low temperature device. Details of crystal data, data collection and structure refinement are listed in Table S1. Data reduction were performed using DENZO-SMN.<sup>3</sup> The structure was solved by direct methods using SIR97<sup>4</sup> and refined by full-matrix least-squares on  $F^2$  with anisotropic displacement parameters for the non-H atoms using SHELXL-97.<sup>5</sup> The hydrogen atoms on carbon were calculated in ideal positions with isotropic displacement parameters set to  $1.2 \times U_{eq}$  of the attached atom ( $1.5 \times U_{eq}$  for methyl hydrogen atoms). The hydrogen atoms on nitrogen and the water molecule were observed in a  $\Delta F$  map and refined with isotropic displacement parameters. One hydrogen atom near O1W was found halfway between the water molecule, O1W, and one of the oxygen atoms of a tosyl group, O1C. The function,  $\Sigma w(|F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2)^2$ , was minimized, where  $w = 1/[(\sigma(F_o))^2 + (0.045*P)^2 + (5.4073*P)]$  and  $P = (|F_o|^2 + 2|F_c|^2)/3$ .  $R_w(F^2)$  refined to 0.189, with  $R(F)$  equal to 0.0773 and a goodness of fit,  $S$ , = 1.03. Definitions used for calculating  $R(F)$ ,  $R_w(F^2)$  and the goodness of fit,  $S$ , are given below.<sup>6</sup> The data were checked for secondary extinction effects but no correction was necessary. Neutral atom scattering factors and values used to calculate the linear absorption coefficient are from the International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1992).<sup>7</sup> All figures were generated using SHELXTL/PC.<sup>8</sup>

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **3**

Empirical formula	C61 H68 Cl5 N3 O12 S3		
Formula weight	1308.61		
Temperature	153(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Triclinic		
Space group	P-1		
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 12.1159(2)$ Å	$\alpha = 89.461(1)^\circ$	
	$b = 16.7643(3)$ Å	$\beta = 72.917(1)^\circ$	
	$c = 17.1620(4)$ Å	$\gamma = 71.945(1)^\circ$	
Volume	$3155.18(11)$ Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	2		
Density (calculated)	1.377 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.392 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
F(000)	1368		
Crystal size	0.22 x 0.18 x 0.06 mm		
Theta range for data collection	1.87 to 27.40°.		
Index ranges	-15≤h≤15, -21≤k≤19, -22≤l≤20		
Reflections collected	23069		
Independent reflections	14287 [R(int) = 0.0473]		
Completeness to theta = 27.40°	99.5 %		
Absorption correction	None		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>		
Data / restraints / parameters	14287 / 0 / 781		
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.034		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0773, wR2 = 0.1503		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1761, wR2 = 0.1890		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.639 and -0.676 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>		

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 $R(F) = \{\sum (|F_O| - |F_C|)^2 / \sum |F_O|\}$  for reflections with  $|F_O| > 4(\sigma(F_O))$ .  
 $S = [\sum w(|F_O|^2 - |F_C|^2)^2 / (n - p)]^{1/2}$ , where n is the number of reflections and p is the number of refined parameters.
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