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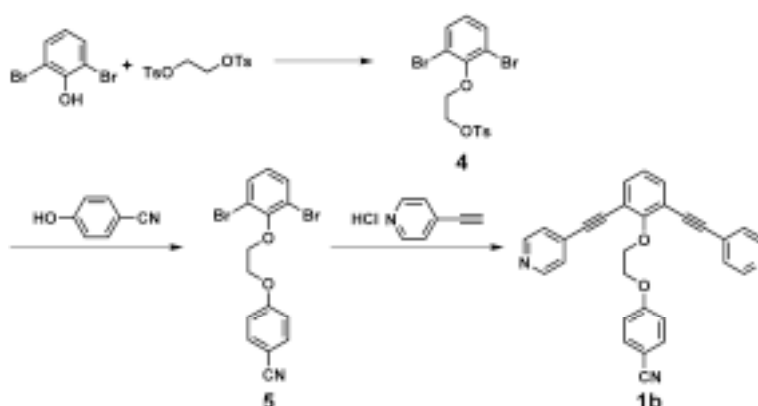
NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-500 (500 MHz) spectrometer. The chemical shift values reported here are with respect to an internal TMS standard for CD_3Cl and $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, and an external TMS standard for CD_3CN . CSI-MS (cold-spray ionization mass spectroscopy) spectra were measured on a four-sector (BE/BE) tandem mass spectrometer (JMS-700C, JEOL) equipped with a CSI source. IR measurements were carried out as KBr pellets using a DIGILAB Scimitar FTS-2000 instrument. Solvents and reagents were purchased from TCI Co., Ltd., WAKO Pure Chemical Industries Ltd., and Sigma-Aldrich Co. All the chemicals were of reagent grade and used without any further purification.

Synthesis of 2,6-bis(4-pyridylethynyl)toluene (1a)



Tri-*t*-butylphosphine (0.076 mL, 0.30 mmol; 10% solution in hexane) and diisopropylamine (0.68 mL, 4.8 mmol) was added to a mixture of 2,6-dibromotoluene (0.50 g, 2.0 mmol), 4-ethynylpyridine hydrochloride (0.67 g, 4.8 mmol), Pd(PhCN)₂Cl₂ (46.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and copper (I) iodide (15 mg, 0.080 mmol), and the mixture was stirred in dioxane (2 mL) at room temperature for 17 h under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and filtered. After dilution with water (100 mL), the mixture was washed with ethylenediamine (2 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:ethyl acetate = 2:1) to give the title compound as a white solid (0.48 g, 1.6 mmol) in 81% yield. mp 102 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 27 °C) δ 8.65 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 4H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 4H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 27 °C) δ 150.0 (CH), 142.2 (C), 133.2 (CH), 129.9 (C), 126.6 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 122.0 (C), 91.5 (C), 91.0 (C), 18.9 (CH₃). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3037, 2209, 1591, 1538, 1488, 1401, 1201, 988, 817, 799, 710. Elemental Analysis Calcd for C₂₁H₁₄N₂: C, 85.69; H, 4.79; N, 9.52. Found: C, 85.45; H, 5.08; N, 9.22.

Ligand 1b was synthesized as follows:



Synthesis of 1,3-dibromo-2-[2-(*p*-toluenesulfonyloxy)ethoxy]benzene (4) A mixture of 2,6-dibromophenol (10.0 g, 39.7 mmol), 1,2-bis(tosyloxy)ethane (20.0 g, 54.0 mmol) and potassium carbonate (8.72 g, 63.2 mmol) was stirred in acetone (300 mL) under argon atmosphere at 55 °C for 1 d. After dilution with water, the reaction mixture was extracted with CHCl₃. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium

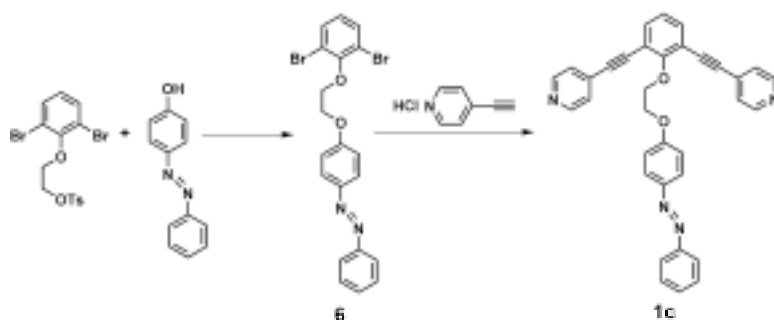
sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane: ethyl acetate = 2:1) to give the title compound as a white powder (15 g, 33 mmol) in 82% yield. mp 52 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 27 °C) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.42-4.46 (m, 2H), 4.20-4.24 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 27 °C) δ 152.5 (C), 144.9 (C), 132.8 (C), 132.7 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 118.1 (C), 70.1 (CH₂), 68.4 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3084, 2930, 1597, 1441, 1349, 1248, 1172, 1020, 921, 909, 816. Elemental Analysis Calcd for C₁₅H₂₂Br₂O₅: C, 40.75; H, 5.02. Found: C, 40.51; H, 5.29.

Synthesis of 1,3-dibromo-2-[4-(p-cyanophenyl)-1,4-dioxabutyl]benzene (5) A mixture of compound **4** (0.90 g, 2.0 mmol), 4-cyanophenol (0.28 g, 3.0 mmol) and potassium carbonate (0.83 g, 6.0 mmol) was stirred in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (50 mL) under argon atmosphere at 100 °C for 1 d. After dilution with water, the reaction mixture was extracted with CHCl₃. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CHCl₃: hexane = 1:1) to give the title compound as a white powder (1.0 g, 2.6 mmol) in 87% yield. mp 85 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 27 °C) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.42 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 27 °C) δ 161.9 (C), 152.8 (C), 134.0 (CH), 132.8 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 119.1 (C), 118.3 (C), 115.4 (CH), 104.3 (C), 70.9 (CH₂), 67.2 (CH₂). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3079, 2929, 2226, 1605, 1507, 1428, 1367, 1244, 1173, 1042, 933, 830. Elemental Analysis Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁NBr₂O₂·0.3H₂O: C, 44.76; H, 2.91; N, 3.48. Found: C, 45.03; H, 2.91; N, 3.18.

Synthesis of 2-[4-(p-cyanophenyl)-1,4-dioxabutyl]-1,3-bis(4-pyridylethynyl)benzene (1b) Tri-*t*-butylphosphine (0.12 mL, 0.48 mmol) and diisopropylamine (0.68 mL, 4.8 mmol) was added to a mixture of compound **5** (1.0 g, 2.5 mmol), 4-ethynylpyridine hydrochloride (1.0 g, 7.2 mmol), Pd(PhCN)₂Cl₂ (76.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and copper (I) iodide (25.9 mg, 0.14 mmol), and the mixture was stirred in dioxane (9 mL) at 100 °C for 40 h under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and filtered. After dilution with water, the mixture was washed with ethylenediamine (2 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CHCl₃:methanol = 50:1) to give the title compound as a pale yellow solid (1.0 g, 2.3 mmol) in 92% yield. mp 134 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 27 °C) δ 8.59 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 4H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz,

2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 4H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.70-4.73 (m, 2H), 4.45-4.48 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 27 °C) δ 161.7 (C), 161.1 (C), 149.8 (CH), 134.9 (CH), 134.1 (CH), 129.8 (C), 125.1 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 119.0 (C), 116.0 (C), 115.4 (CH), 102.9 (C), 91.3 (C), 89.1 (C), 72.7 (CH₂), 68.2 (CH₂). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3045, 2945, 2224, 1597, 1504, 1429, 1294, 1246, 1171, 1068, 930, 840. Elemental Analysis Calcd for C₂₉H₁₉N₃O₂: C, 78.90; H, 4.34; N, 9.52. Found: C, 78.77; H, 4.54; N, 9.34.

Ligand 1c was synthesized as follows:

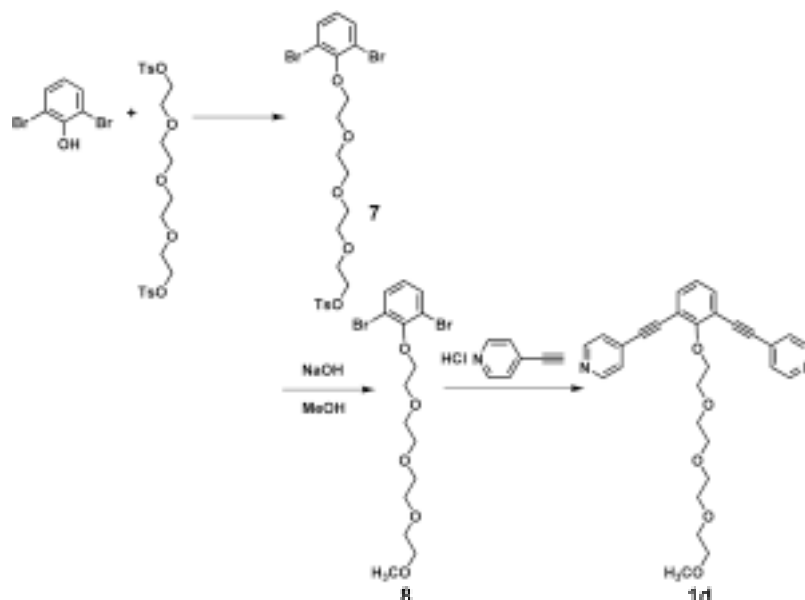


Synthesis of 4-[2-(2,6-dibromophenoxy)ethoxy]azobenzene (6) A mixture of compound **4** (1.0 g, 2.3 mmol), *p*-phenylazobenzene (0.68 g, 3.4 mmol) and potassium carbonate (1.0 g, 7.4 mmol) was stirred in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (50 mL) under argon atmosphere at 90 °C for 1 d. After dilution with water, the reaction mixture was extracted with CHCl₃. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CHCl₃) to give the title compound as a dark orange powder (1.1 g, 2.3 mmol) in 99% yield. mp 99.6-100.3 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 27 °C) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.5-4.9 (m, 2H), 4.5-4.9 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 27 °C) δ 161.1 (C), 153.1 (C), 152.8 (C), 147.2 (C), 132.8 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 122.6 (CH), 118.4 (C), 114.9 (CH), 71.2 (CH₂), 67.2 (CH₂) IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3062, 2974, 2870, 2360, 1601, 1583, 1557, 1500, 1439, 1369, 1299, 1240, 1196, 1146, 1110, 1071, 1042, 932, 907, 838, 760, 721, 688, 615. Elemental Analysis Calcd for C₂₀H₁₆Br₂N₂O₂: C, 50.45; H, 3.39; N, 5.88. Found: C, 50.42; H, 3.56; N, 5.87.

Synthesis of 1,3-bis(4-pyridylethynyl)-2-[2-(4-phenylazophenoxy)ethoxy]benzene (1c) *Ti-t*-butylphosphine (0.038 mL, 0.13 mmol) and diisopropylamine (1.5 mL, 11 mmol) was added to a mixture of compound **6** (0.50 g, 1.1 mmol), 4-ethynylpyridine hydrochloride (0.45 g, 3.2 mmol), Pd(PhCN₂)Cl₂ (26 mg, 0.068 mmol)

and copper (I) iodide (8.8 mg, 0.046 mmol), and the mixture was stirred in dioxane (3 mL) at 50 °C for 27 h under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and filtered. After dilution with water, the mixture was washed with ethylenediamine (2 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CHCl_3) to give the title compound as an orange solid (0.49 g, 0.95 mmol) in 90% yield. mp 167.6-168.4 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , 27 °C) δ 8.57 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 4H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 4H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.76-4.74 (m, 2H), 4.49-4.47 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3 , 27 °C) δ 161.4 (C), 160.9 (C), 152.7 (C), 149.9 (CH), 147.3 (C), 134.6 (CH), 131.0 (CH), 130.5 (C), 129.1 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 122.6 (CH), 117.0 (C), 114.8 (CH), 91.6 (C), 89.3 (C), 72.7 (CH_2), 67.9 (CH_2). IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3038, 3020, 2940, 2218, 1918, 1823, 1596, 1537, 1499, 1453, 1424, 1412, 1324, 1306, 1294, 1258, 1242, 1213, 1159, 1143, 1106, 1068, 1031, 989, 967, 927, 889, 849, 811, 789, 778, 693. Elemental Analysis Calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 75.82; H, 4.87; N, 10.40. Found: C, 75.88; H, 4.63; N, 10.05.

Ligand 1d was synthesized as follows:



Synthesis of 1,3-dibromo-2-(12-tosyloxy-1,4,7,10-tetraoxadodecyl)benzene (7) A mixture of 2,6-dibromophenol (2.6 g, 10 mmol), tetra(ethylene glycol) di-*p*-toluenesulfonate (9.4 g, 19 mmol) and potassium carbonate (2.7 g, 20 mmol) was stirred in acetone (80 mL) under argon atmosphere at 55 °C for 1 d. The reaction mixture was treated with water (100 mL) and the products were extracted with CHCl_3 . The combined

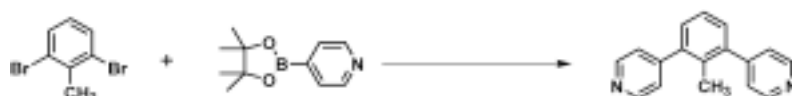
organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CHCl_3) to give the title compound as colorless oil (4.1 g, 7.1 mmol) in 68% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , 27 °C) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.91-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.74-3.77 (m, 2H), 3.68-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.64-3.67 (m, 2H), 3.58-3.60 (m, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3 , 27 °C) δ 153.3 (C), 144.8 (C), 133.0 (C), 132.7 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 118.4 (Cq), 72.4 (CH_2), 70.8 (CH_2), 70.7 (CH_2), 70.7 (CH_2), 70.6 (CH_2), 70.1 (CH_2), 69.2 (CH_2), 68.7 (CH_2), 21.6 (CH_3). IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 2937, 1599, 1440, 1356, 1247, 1177, 1113, 920. Elemental Analysis Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_7\text{S}$: C, 43.32; H, 4.50. Found: C, 43.51; H, 4.71.

Synthesis of 1,3-dibromo-2-(1,4,7,10,13-pentaoxatetradecyl)benzene (8) A mixture of compound **7** (0.80 g, 1.4 mmol), and sodium hydrate (1.1 g, 27 mmol) was stirred in methanol (40 mL) under argon atmosphere at 90 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was treated with water (80 mL) and the products were extracted with CHCl_3 . The combined organic layer was evaporated to give the title compound as colorless oil (0.59 g, 1.3 mmol) in 97% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , 27 °C) δ 7.50 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.76-3.79 (m, 2H), 3.68-3.72 (m, 4H), 3.64-3.68 (m, 4H), 3.54-3.57 (m, 2H), 3.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3 , 27 °C) δ 153.3 (C), 132.7 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 118.4 (C), 72.4 (CH_2), 71.9 (CH_2), 70.8 (CH_2), 70.7 (CH_2), 70.7 (CH_2), 70.6 (CH_2), 70.5 (CH_2), 70.1 (CH_2), 59.0 (CH_3). IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 2963, 1440, 1260, 1094, 1068, 1017, 863, 798. Elemental Analysis Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_5$: C, 40.75; H, 5.02. Found: C, 40.51; H, 5.29.

Synthesis of 2-(1,4,7,10,13-pentaoxatetradecyl)-1,3-bis(4-pyridylethynyl) benzene (1d) Tti-*t*-butylphosphine (0.076 mL, 0.30 mmol) and diisopropylamine (1.5 mL, 11 mmol) was added to a mixture of compound **8** (0.54 g, 1.2 mmol), 4-ethynylpyridine hydrochloride (0.48 g, 3.4 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{PhCN})_2\text{Cl}_2$ (28 mg, 0.074 mmol) and copper (I) iodide (9.4 mg, 0.049 mmol), and the mixture was stirred in dioxane (2.5 mL) at 90 °C for 1d under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and filtered. After dilution with water, the mixture was washed with ethylenediamine (2 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CHCl_3 :methanol = 50:1) to give the title compound as colorless oil (0.47 g, 0.97 mmol) in 81% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3CN , 27 °C) δ 9.47 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 4H), 8.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.33 (d, J = 6.2 Hz,

4H), 8.05 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.31-5.34 (m, 2H), 4.72-4.75 (m, 2H), 4.46-4.49 (m, 2H), 4.32-4.37 (m, 8H), 4.25-4.28 (m, 2H), 4.10 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CD_3CN , 27 °C) δ 162.5 (C), 150.9 (CH), 135.6 (CH), 131.5 (C), 126.1 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 117.6 (C), 92.0 (C), 90.0 (C), 74.7 (CH_2), 72.4 (CH_2), 71.4 (CH_2), 71.2 (CH_2), 71.1 (CH_2), 71.0 (CH_2), 71.0 (CH_2), 70.8 (CH_2), 58.7 (CH_3). IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 2877, 2215, 1594, 1407, 1238, 1105, 989, 820. Elemental Analysis Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5 \cdot 0.6\text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 70.03; H, 6.32; N, 5.63. Found: C, 70.25; H, 6.53; N, 5.34.

Synthesis of 2,6-bis(4-pyridyl)toluene (3)



A mixture of 2,6-dibromotoluene (0.25 g, 1.0 mmol), 4-pyridylboronic acid pinacol ester (0.62 g, 3.0 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (0.11 g, 0.10 mmol), and potassium phosphate (1.7 g, 8.0 mmol) was refluxed in 1,4-dioxane (30 mL) for 2 d under argon atmosphere. After dilution with water, the reaction mixture was extracted with CHCl_3 . The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CHCl_3 :methanol = 10:1) to give the title compound as a white solid (0.19 g, 0.77 mmol) in 77% yield. mp 149 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , 27 °C) δ 8.66 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.41-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.09 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 27 °C) δ 149.6 (CH), 148.9 (C), 140.0 (C), 131.9 (C), 129.4 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 124.3 (CH), 18.1 (CH_3). IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3062, 2013, 1595, 1542, 1410, 1215, 1069, 990, 822, 797. Elemental Analysis Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$: C, 82.90; H, 5.73; N, 11.37. Found: C, 82.70; H, 5.85; N, 11.10.

Synthesis of 2a Compound **1a** (5.9 mg, 0.02 mmol) was treated with $\text{Pd}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ (2.3 mg, 0.01 mmol) in dimethyl sulfoxide (1.0 mL) at 70 °C for 4 h. The quantitative formation of **2a** was confirmed by ^1H NMR. By addition of diethyl ether to the resulting solution, precipitated a white solid, which was separated by centrifugation and dried *in vacuo* to give the title complex (6.4 mg, 78% yield). mp >260 °C (decomposed). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 27 °C) δ 9.24 (br, 96H), 7.90 (br, 96H), 7.68 (br, 48H), 7.39 (br, 24H), 2.67 (s, 72H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 27 °C) δ 151.0 (CH), 143.8 (C), 134.4 (C), 134.1 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 121.2 (C), 95.9 (C), 89.7 (C), 18.7 (CH_3). IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3088, 2208, 1608, 1497, 1316, 1270, 1204, 973, 825, 795, 709. Mass spectrometry was performed after **2a** was converted to its CF_3SO_3^- salt by adding NaCF_3SO_3 to the DMSO solution of **2a**. CSI-MS (CF_3SO_3^- salt, $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}:\text{DMSO} = 20:1$): m/z 1837.1 $[\text{M}-6(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-)]^{6+}$, 1553.2 $[\text{M}-7(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-)]^{7+}$, 1340.3 $[\text{M}-8(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-)]^{8+}$, 1174.8

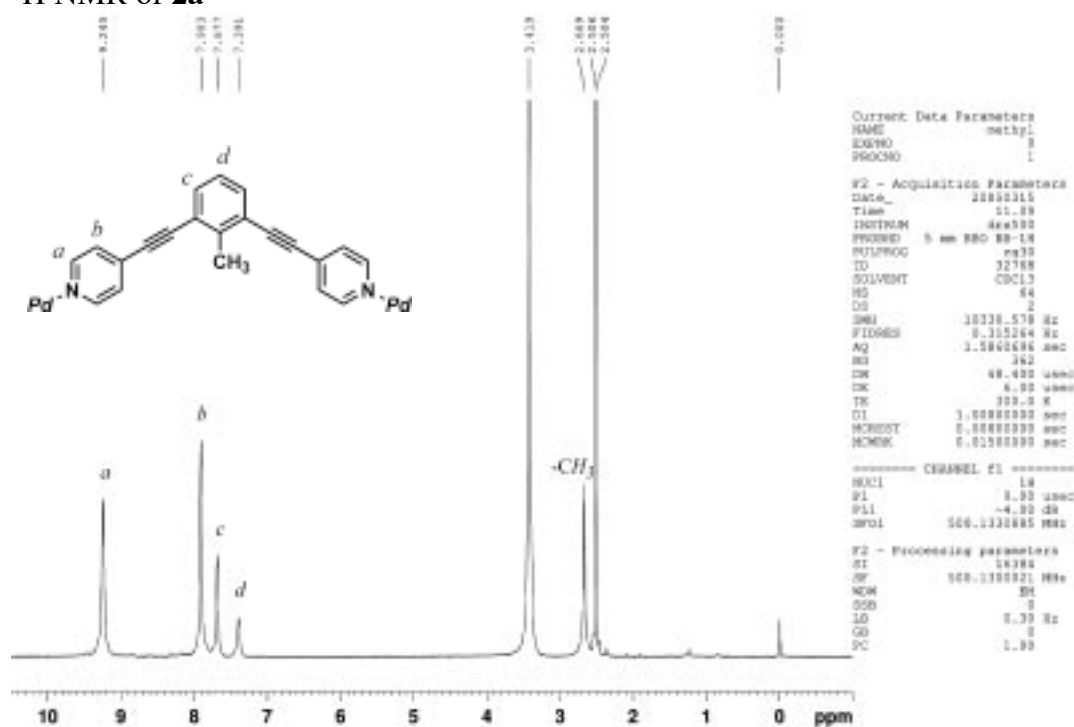
$[M-9(CF_3SO_3^-)]^{9+}$, 1058.2 $[M-10(CF_3SO_3^-)+2(DMSO)]^{10+}$, 955.7
 $[M-11(CF_3SO_3^-)+3(DMSO)]^{11+}$, 870.1 $[M-12(CF_3SO_3^-)+4(DMSO)]^{12+}$, 809.5
 $[M-13(CF_3SO_3^-)+7(DMSO)]^{13+}$, 746.5 $[M-14(CF_3SO_3^-)+8(DMSO)]^{14+}$.

Synthesis of 2b Compound **1b** (8.8 mg, 0.02 mmol) was treated with $Pd(NO_3)_2$ (2.3 mg, 0.01 mmol) in dimethyl sulfoxide (1.0 mL) at 70 °C for 4 h. Isolated yield was 78 % (NMR yield 100 %). mp >270 °C (decomposed). 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 27 °C) δ 9.23 (br s, 96H), 7.75 (br s, 96H), 7.68 (br s, 24H), 7.44 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 24H), 7.29 (br s, 24H), 6.94 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 24H), 4.70 (br s, 48H), 4.43 (br s, 48H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 27 °C) δ 163.3 (C), 162.6 (C), 152.0 (CH), 137.1 (CH), 135.1 (C), 134.9 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 120.0 (C), 116.6 (CH), 116.2 (C), 103.8 (C), 94.9 (C), 90.9 (C), 74.2 (CH₂), 69.4 (CH₃). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3097, 2941, 2221, 1610, 1504, 1429, 1383, 1262, 1173, 1062, 926, 837. Elemental Analysis Calcd for C₆₉₆H₃₃₆N₇₂O₇₂Pd₁₂·32DMSO, C, 57.55; H, 4.12; N, 8.48. Found: C, 57.71; H, 4.22; N, 8.22. Mass spectrometry was performed after **2b** was converted to its $CF_3SO_3^-$ salt by adding $NaCF_3SO_3$ to the DMSO solution of **2b**. CSI-MS ($CF_3SO_3^-$ salt, CH₃CN:DMSO = 20:1): m/z 2058.3 $[M-7(CF_3SO_3^-)]^{7+}$, 1781.1 $[M-8(CF_3SO_3^-)]^{8+}$, 1575.3 $[M-9(CF_3SO_3^-)+2(DMSO)]^{9+}$, 1410.7 $[M-10(CF_3SO_3^-)+2(DMSO)]^{10+}$, 1276.11 $[M-11(CF_3SO_3^-)+3(DMSO)]^{11+}$, 1163.8 $[M-12(CF_3SO_3^-)+4(DMSO)]^{12+}$.

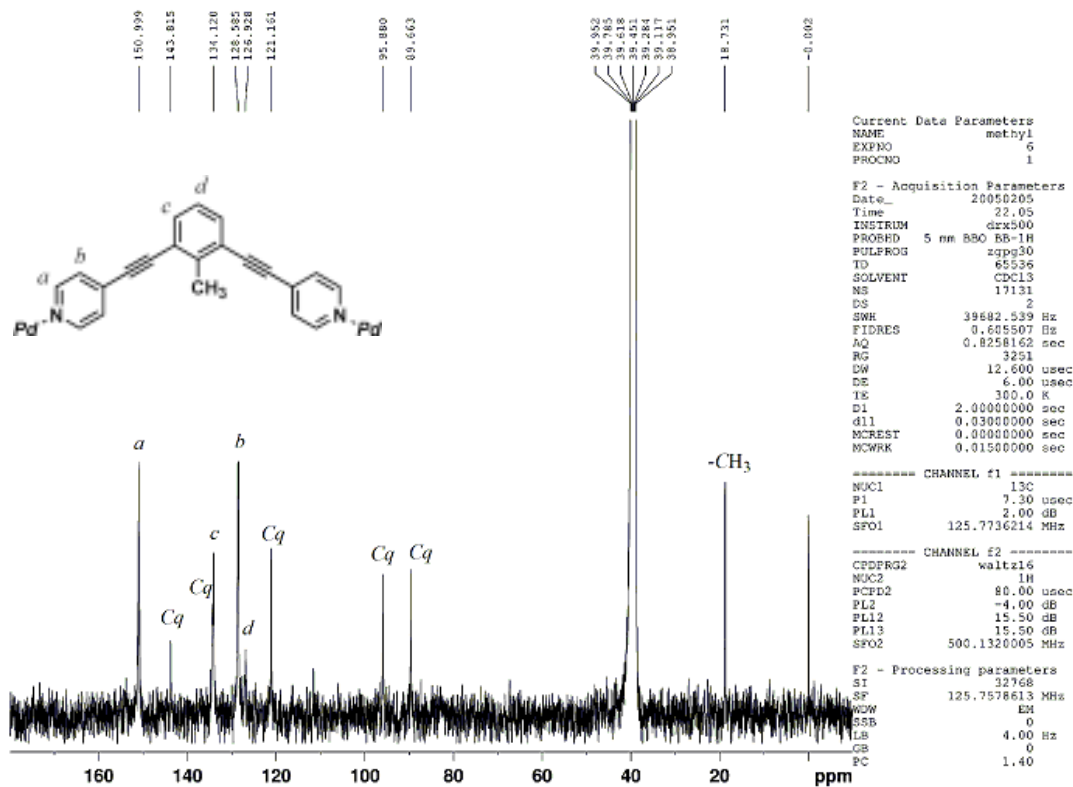
Synthesis of 2c Compound **1c** (7.3 mg, 0.014 mmol) was treated with $Pd(NO_3)_2$ (1.6mg, 0.007 mmol) in dimethyl sulfoxide (0.7 mL) at 70 °C for 12 h. Isolated yield was 98 % (NMR yield 100 %). mp >194 °C (decomposed). 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 27 °C) δ 9.23 (br s, 96H), 7.82 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 48H), 7.76 (br s, 96H), 7.64 (br s, 48H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 48H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 48H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 24H), 7.26 (br s, 24H) 6.81 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 48H), 4.59 (br s, 48H), 4.34 (br s, 48H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 27 °C) δ 161.9 (C), 160.6 (C), 151.9 (C), 151.0 (CH), 146.1 (C), 135.9 (CH), 134.1 (C), 130.8 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 124.24 (CH), 124.16 (CH), 122.1 (CH), 115.2 (C), 114.8 (CH), 93.7 (C), 89.8 (C), 72.8 (CH₂), 67.9 (CH₂). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3094, 3048, 3015, 2214, 1612, 1582, 1538, 1500, 1454, 1432, 1384, 1369, 1338, 1320, 1270, 1256, 1224, 1205, 1142, 1105, 1064, 1040, 1031, 1001, 926, 838, 788, 770, 722, 690. Elemental Analysis Calcd for C₈₁₆H₅₇₆N₁₂₀O₁₂₀Pd₁₂·30DMSO, C, 59.77; H, 4.34; N, 9.55. Found: C, 59.92; H, 4.11; N, 9.27. Mass spectrometry was performed after **2c** was converted to its $CF_3SO_3^-$ salt by adding $NaCF_3SO_3$ to the DMSO solution of **2c**. CSI-MS ($CF_3SO_3^-$ salt, CH₃CN): m/z 2019.6 $[M-8(CF_3SO_3^-)]^{8+}$, 1778.5 $[M-9(CF_3SO_3^-)]^{9+}$, 1585.6 $[M-10(CF_3SO_3^-)]^{10+}$, 1428.2 $[M-11(CF_3SO_3^-)]^{11+}$.

Synthesis of 2d Compound **1d** (9.7 mg, 0.02 mmol) was treated with Pd(CF₃SO₃)₂(CH₃CN)₄ (5.7 mg, 0.01 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.0 mL) at 50 °C for 12 h. The quantitative formation of **2d** was confirmed by ¹H NMR. The solution was dried *in vacuo* and recrystallized from acetonitrile to give the title complex (11 mg, 78% yield) as an orange solid. mp >270 °C (decomposed). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN, 27 °C) δ 9.87 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 96H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 96H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 48H), 8.04 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 24H), 5.24-5.27 (m, 48H), 4.69-4.72 (m, 48H), 4.45-4.48 (m, 48H), 4.35-4.38 (m, 48H), 4.27-4.30 (m, 48H), 4.21-4.24 (m, 48H), 4.17-4.20 (m, 47H), 4.07-4.10 (m, 48H), 3.94 (s, 72H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃CN, 27 °C) δ 163.6 (C), 151.8 (CH), 137.0 (CH), 136.4 (C), 129.61 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 116.6 (C), 95.4 (C), 90.5 (C), 75.1 (CH₂), 72.3 (CH₂), 71.4 (CH₂), 71.2 (CH₂), 71.0 (CH₂), 70.9 (CH₂), 70.9 (CH₂), 70.8 (CH₂), 58.7 (CH₃). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2864, 2208, 1610, 1431, 1275, 1247, 1205, 1027, 836. CSI-MS (CF₃SO₃⁻ salt, CH₃CN:DMSO = 1:1): *m/z* 1916.8 [M-8(CF₃SO₃⁻)]⁸⁺, 1687.4 [M-9(CF₃SO₃⁻)]⁹⁺, 1503.6 [M-10(CF₃SO₃⁻)]¹⁰⁺, 1353.4 [M-11(CF₃SO₃⁻)]¹¹⁺, 1228.1 [M-12(CF₃SO₃⁻)]¹²⁺, 1128.2 [M-13(CF₃SO₃⁻)+(DMSO)]¹³⁺, 1042.4 [M-14(CF₃SO₃⁻)+2(DMSO)]¹⁴⁺.

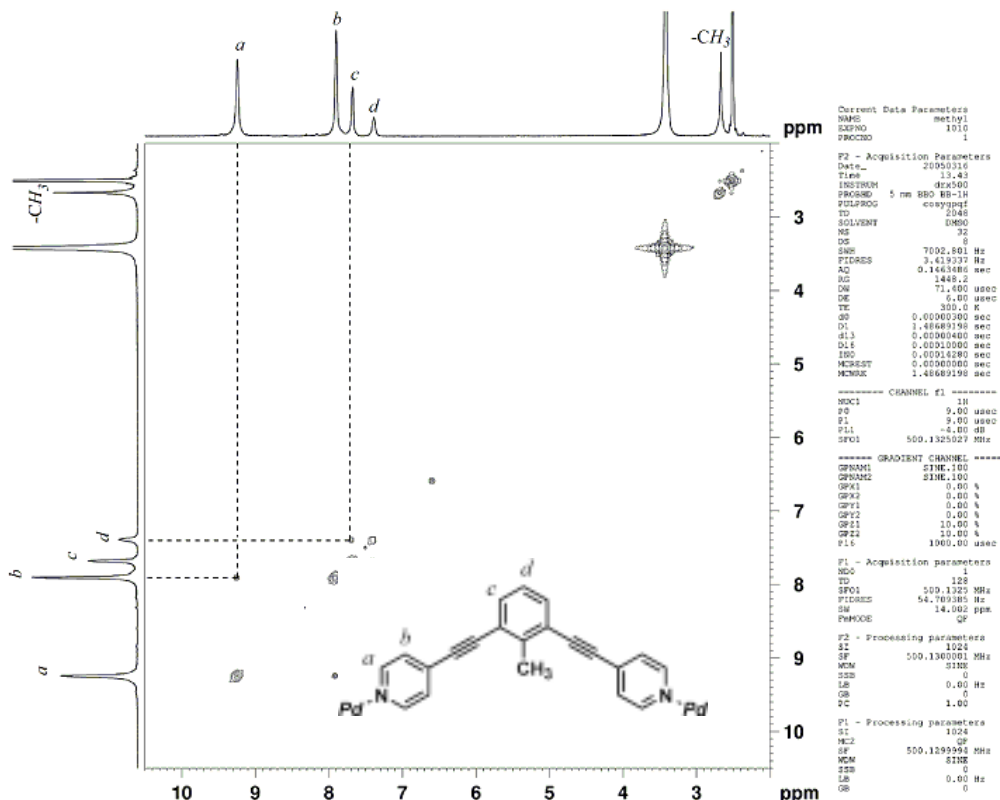
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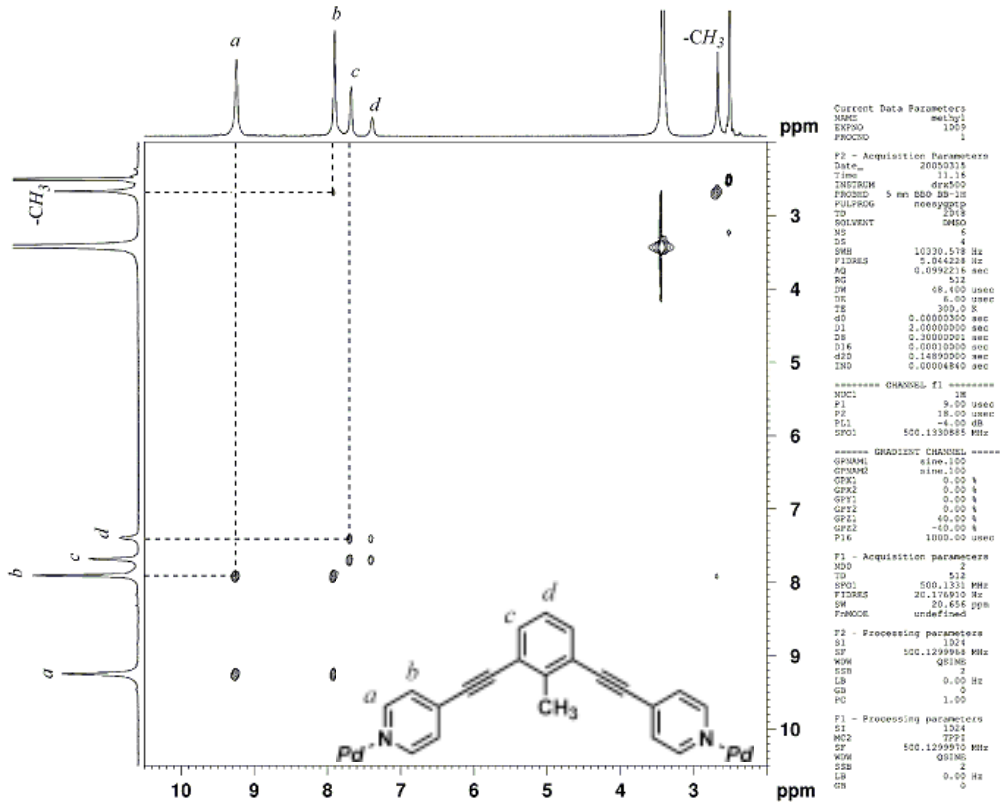
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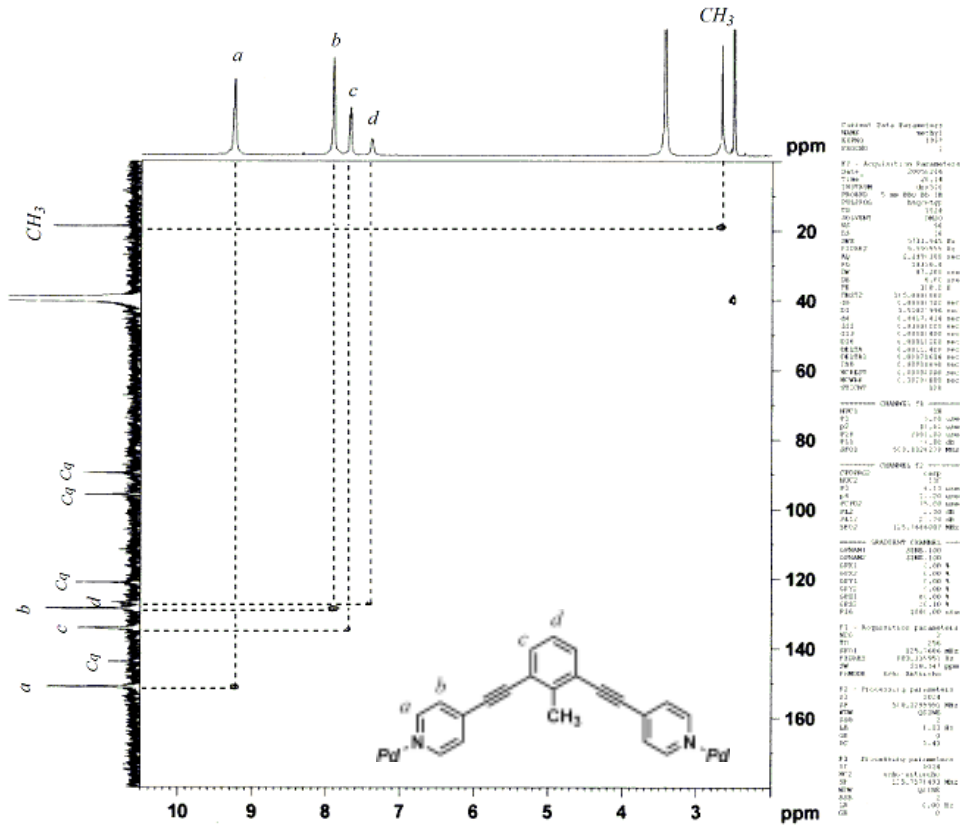
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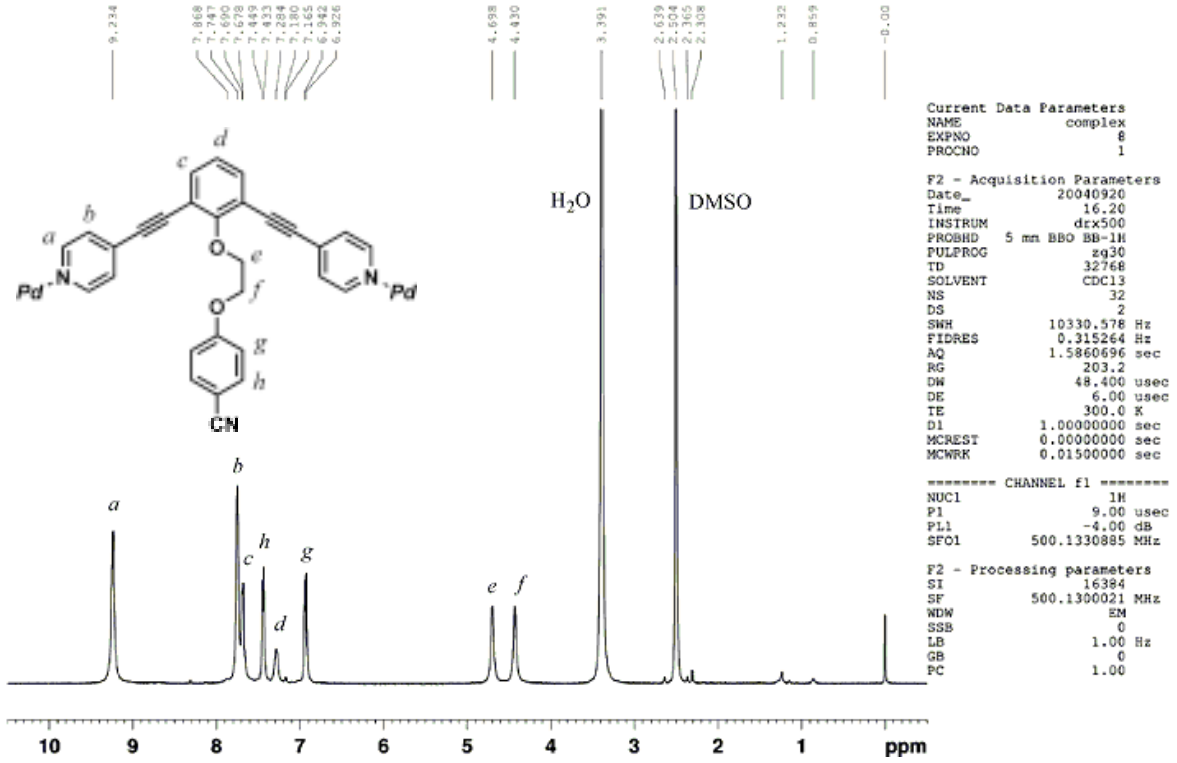
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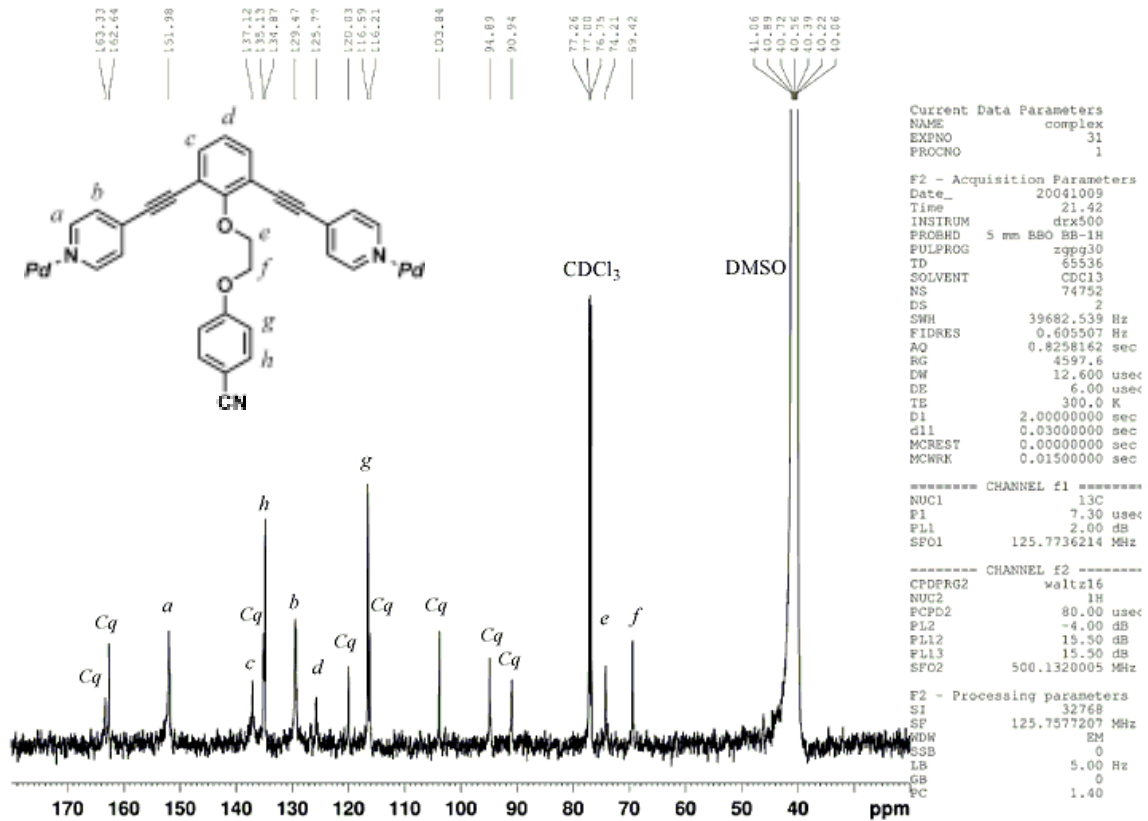
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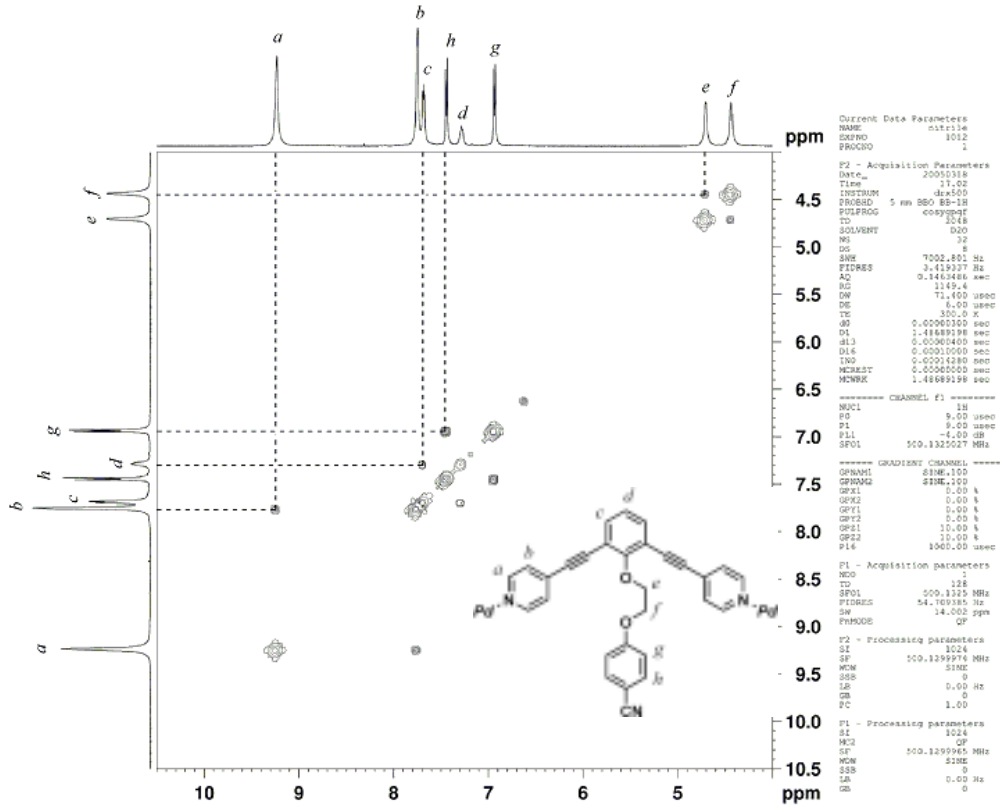
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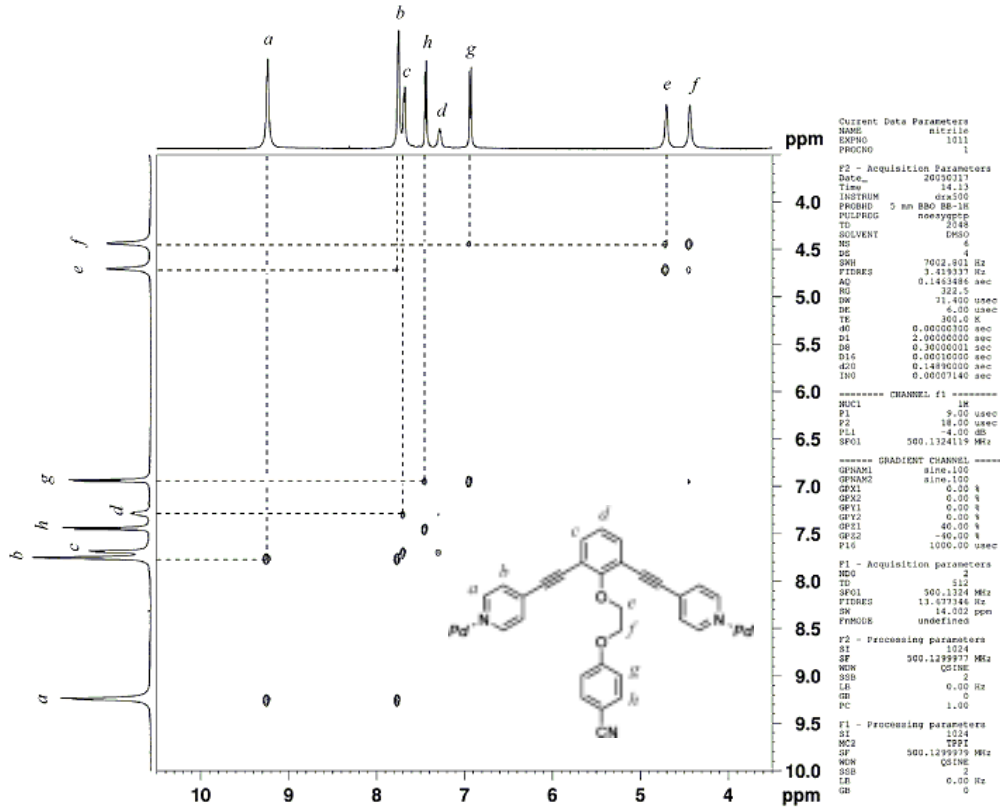
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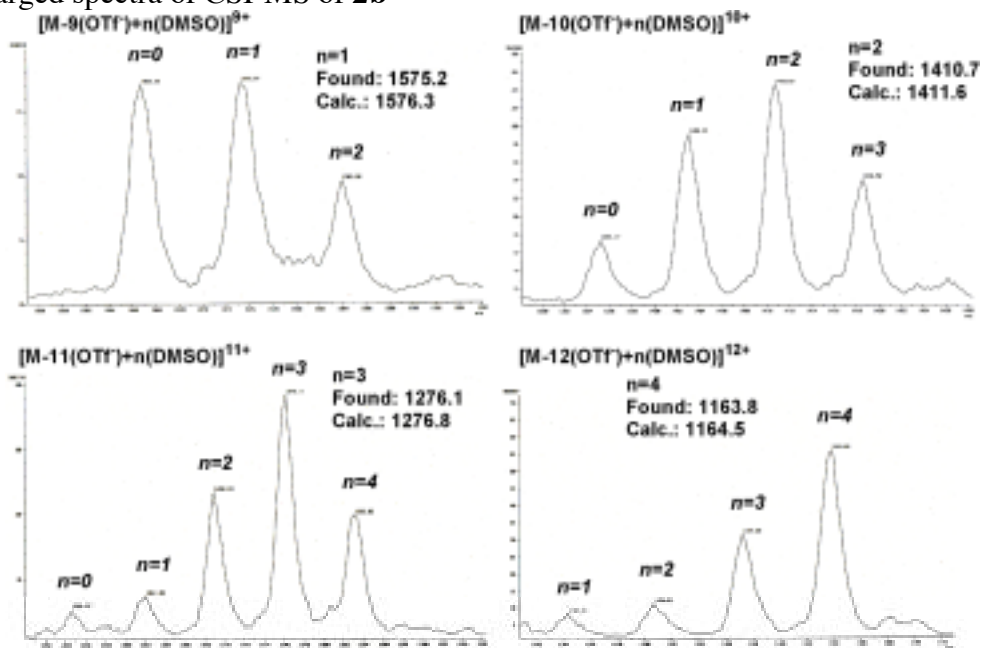
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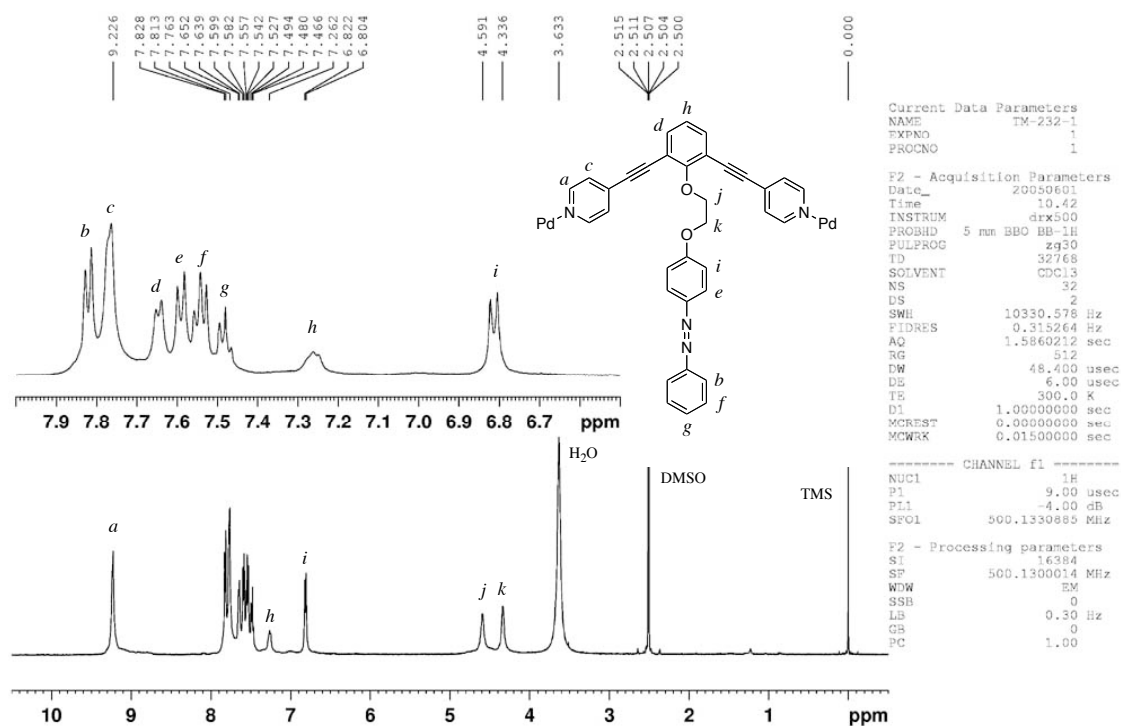
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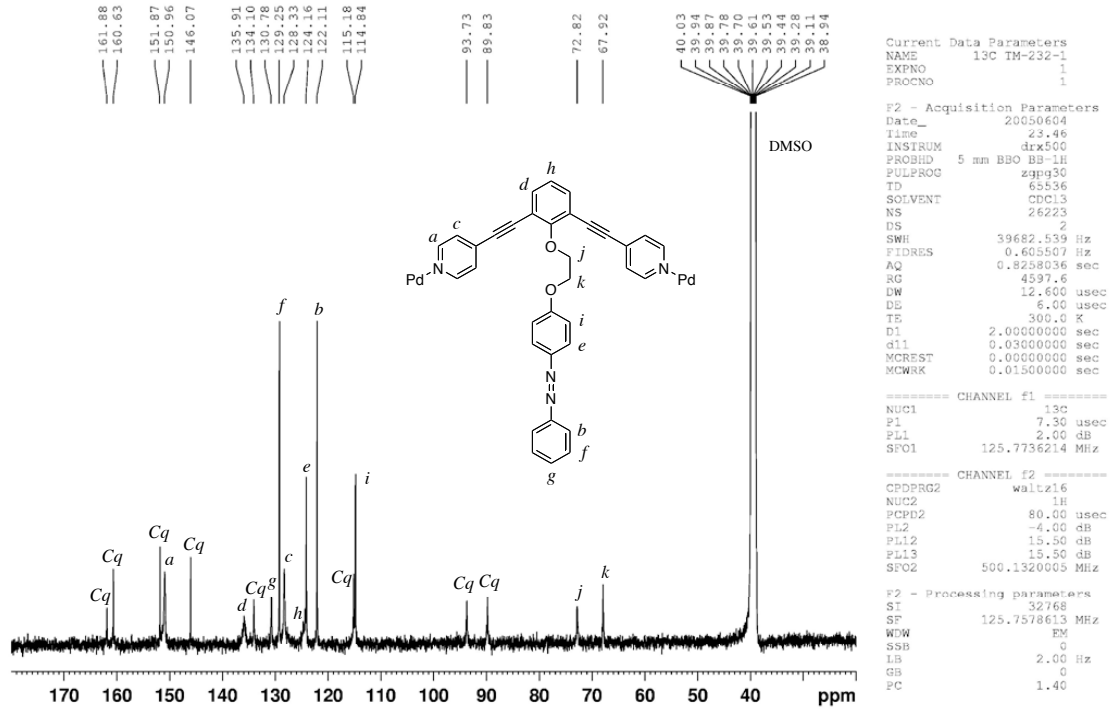
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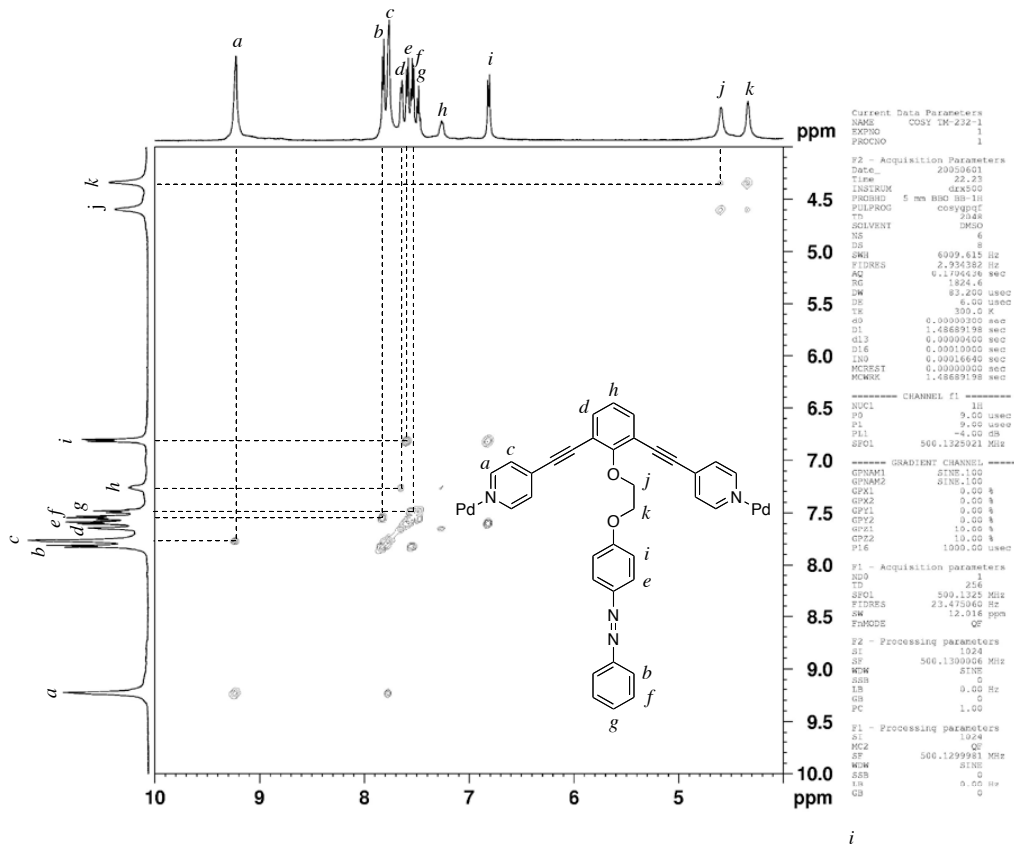
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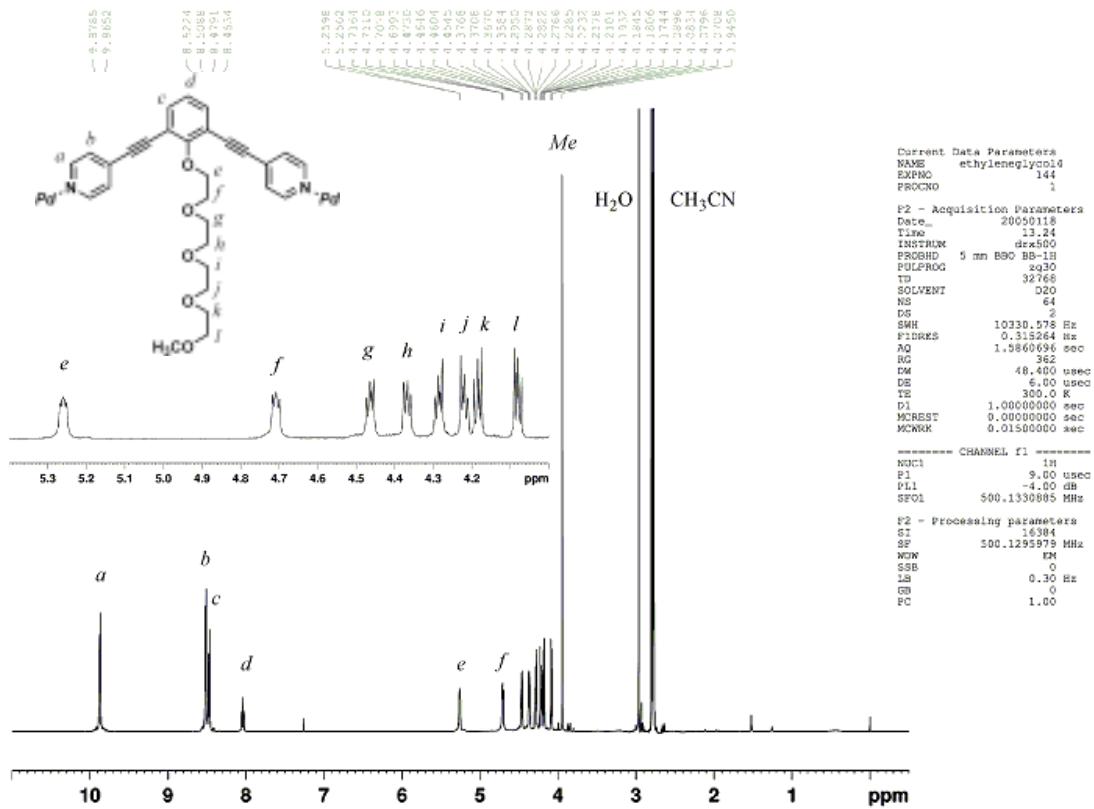
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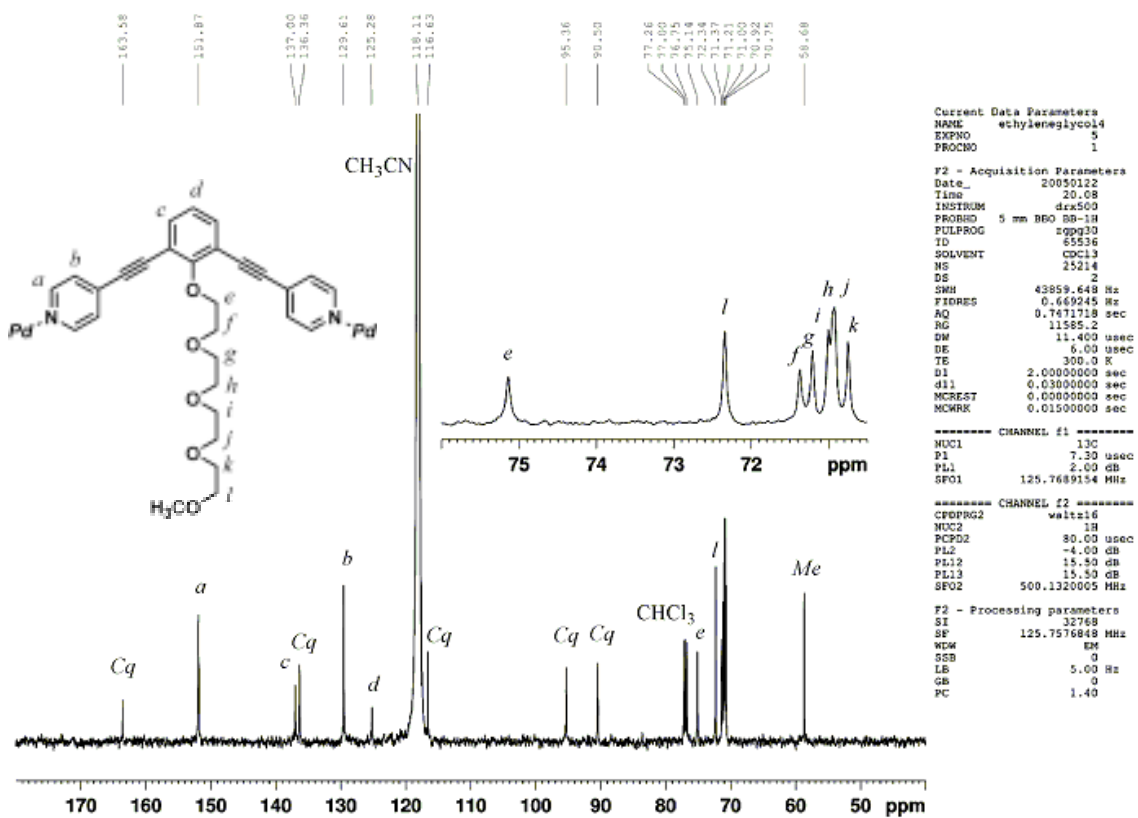
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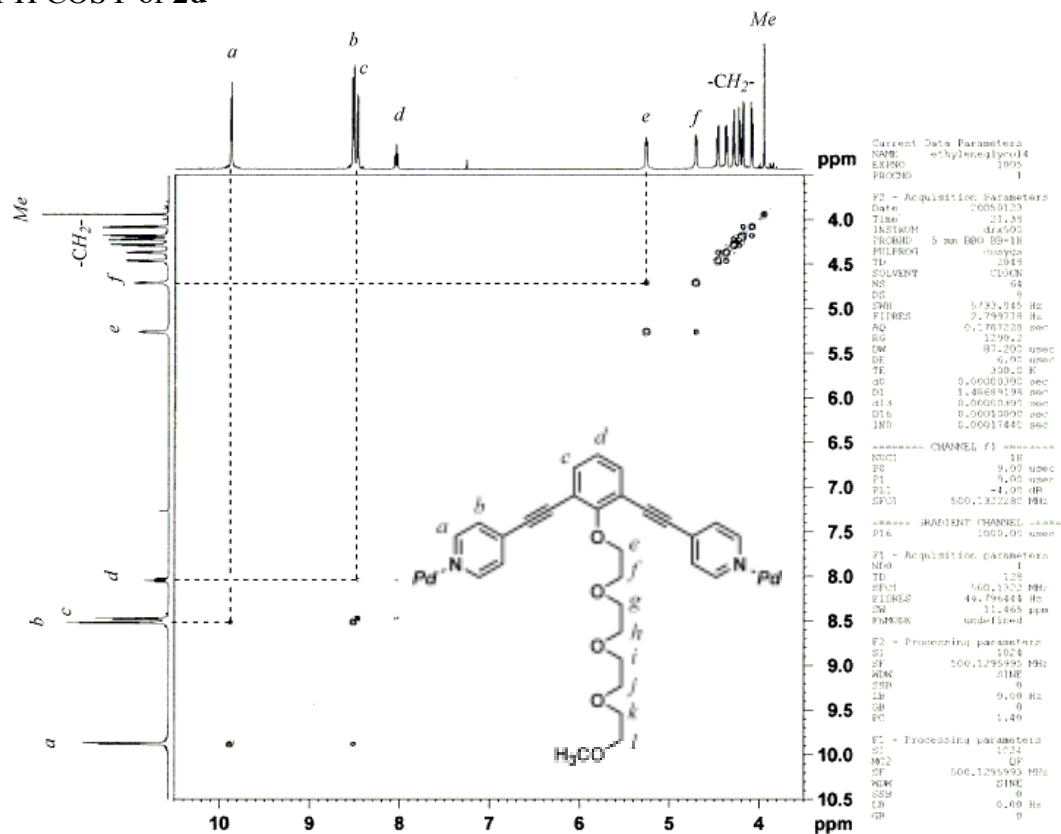
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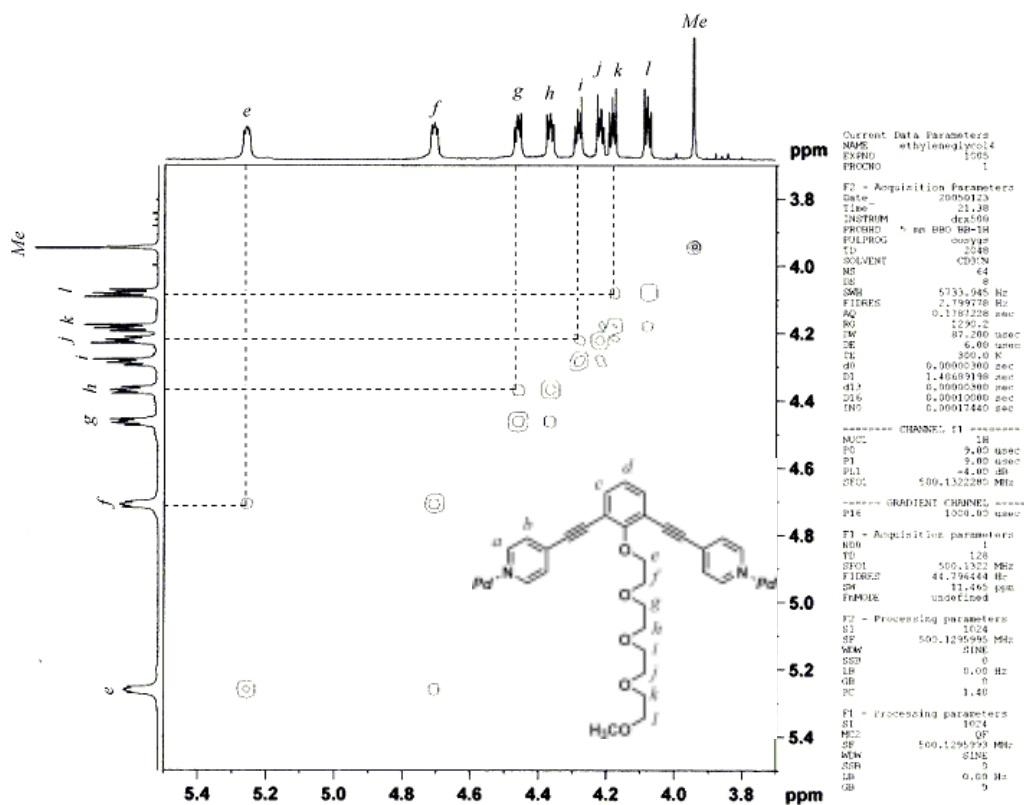
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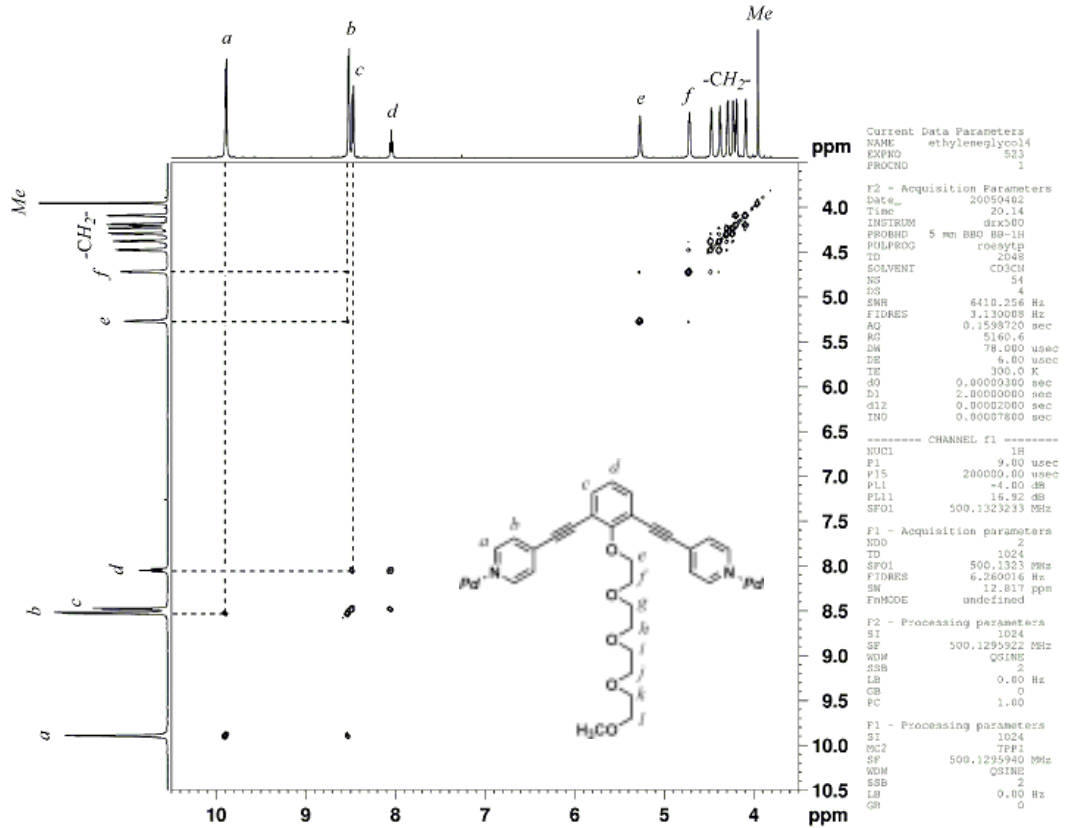
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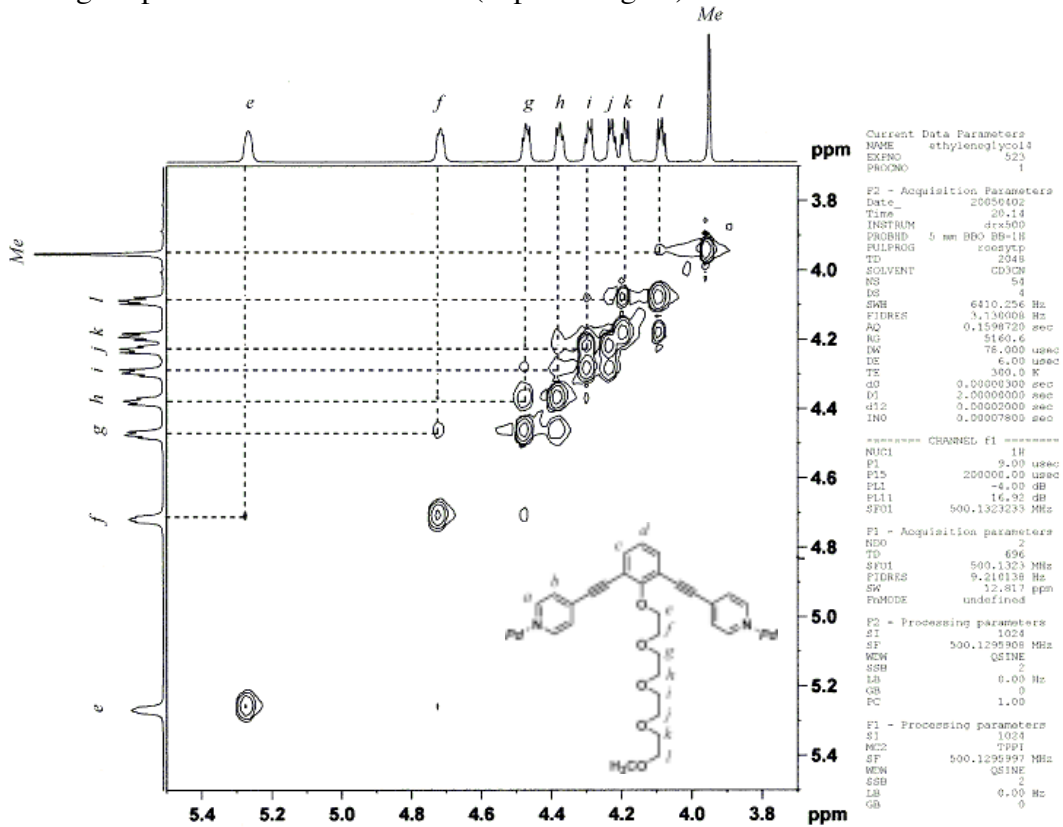
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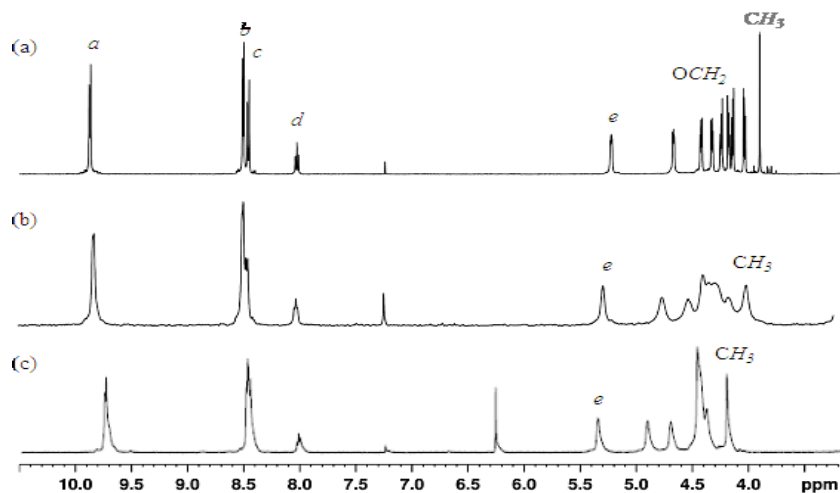
Enlarged spectrum of ROESY of 2d (aliphatic region)



^1H NMR spectra of **2d mixed with $\text{La}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_3$ and $\text{Ca}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2$.**

Metal ions such as Ca^{2+} and La^{3+} were absorbed within complex **2d**.

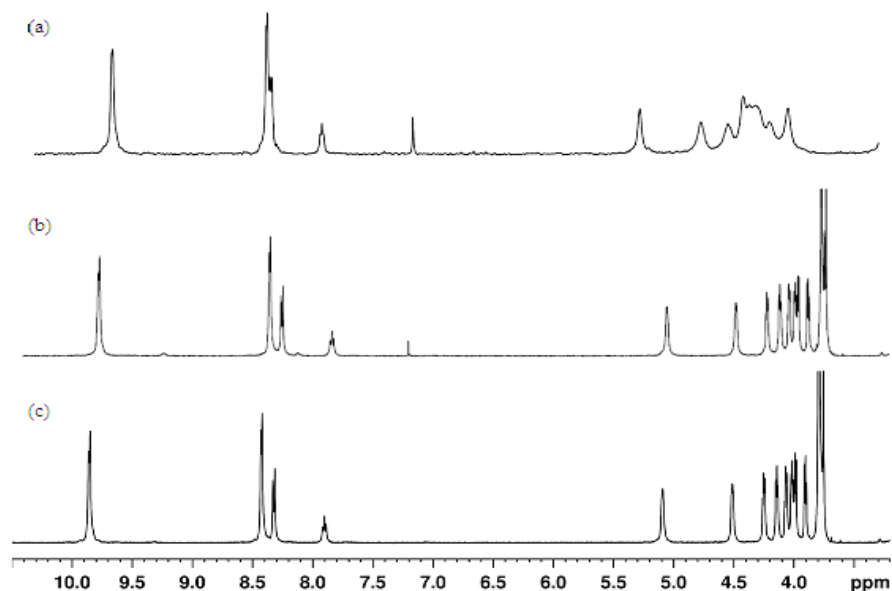
^1H NMR spectra of a) **2d** (0.83 mM) in CD_3CN , b) $\text{La}(\text{OTf})_3/\mathbf{2d}$ (0.42 mM/0.83mM) in CD_3CN , c) $\text{Ca}(\text{OTf})_2/\mathbf{2d}$ (0.42 mM/0.83mM) in CD_3CN .



^1H NMR spectra when DMSO was added to the mixture of **2d and $\text{La}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_3$.**

The absorbed metal ions were expelled by addition of a coordinative solvent such as DMSO.

^1H NMR spectra of a) $\text{La}(\text{OTf})_3/\mathbf{2d}$ (0.42 mM/0.83mM) in CD_3CN (sample **a**), b) Addition of DMSO (5 vol%) to sample **a**, c) **2d** (0.83mM) in 5 vol% of $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$.

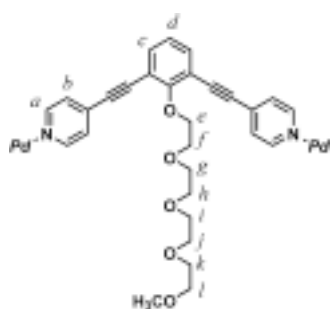
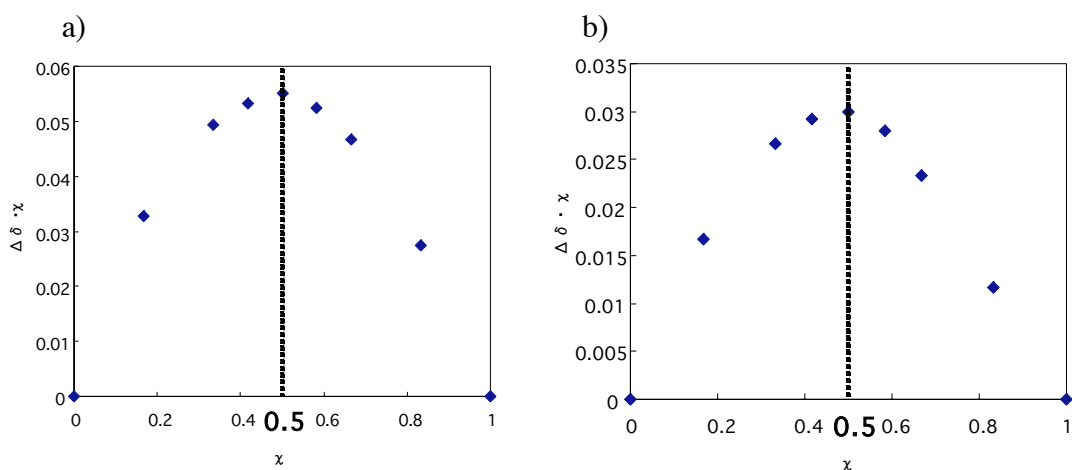


¹H NMR Job's plots for the complexation between ethyleneoxide chain of 2d and La³⁺ ions.

Plots of $\Delta\delta \cdot \chi$ versus χ : $\chi = [(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_4\text{OCH}_3] / \{[(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_4\text{OCH}_3] + [\text{La}^{3+}]\}$.

The sum of concentration of $[(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_4\text{OCH}_3] + [\text{La}^{3+}]$ was kept to be 2.5 mM.

(a) Job's plot based on the shift value of the chemical shift of CH₃ group, (b) Job's plot based on the shift value of the chemical shift of H_e.



Complex 2d