

Switching Ion Binding Selectivity of Thiacalix[4]arene Monocrowns at Liquid–Liquid and 2D-Confined Interfaces

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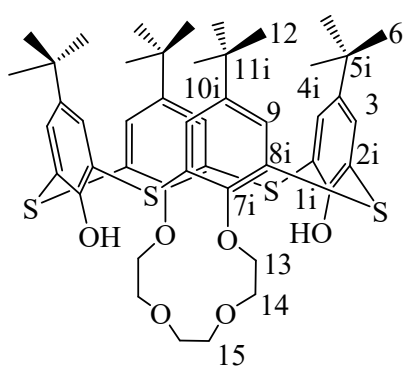
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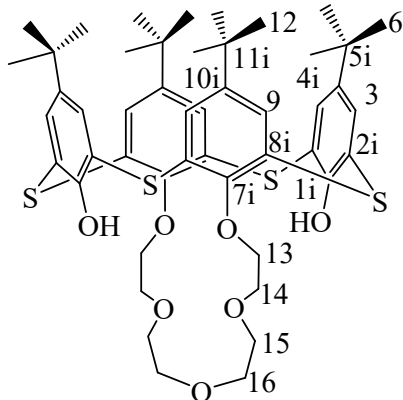
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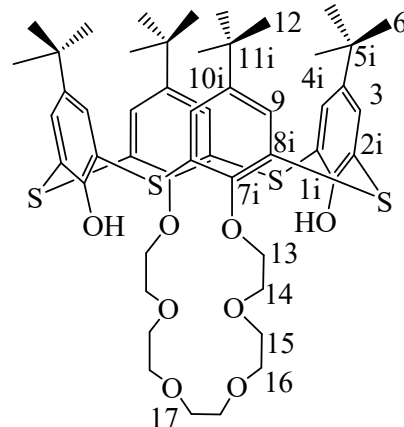
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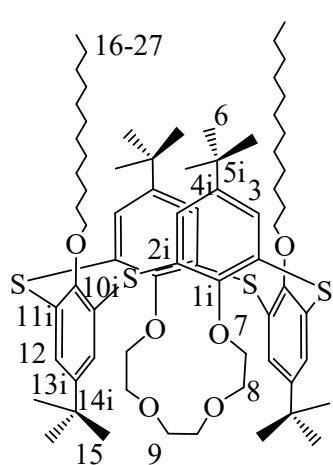
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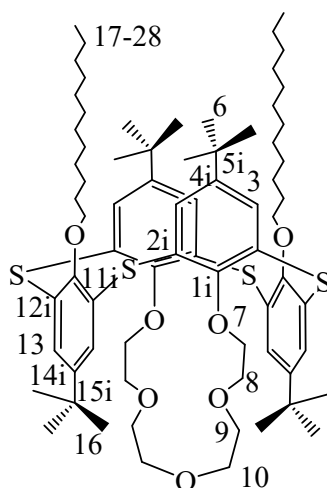
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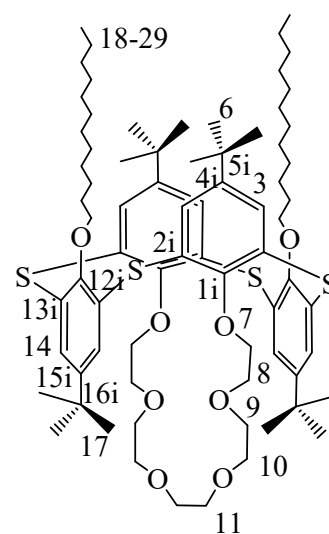
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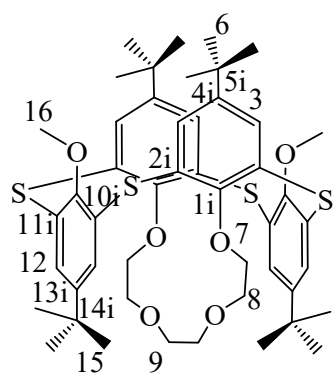
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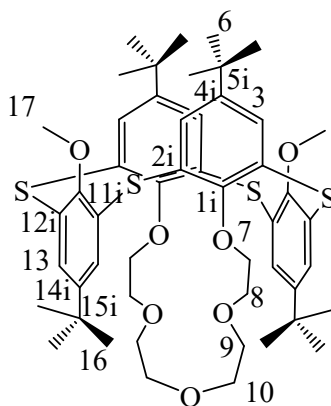
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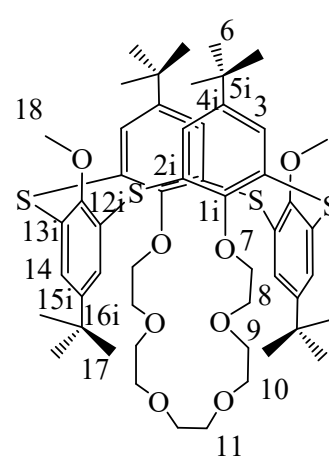
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Scheme S1. Structures of (thia)calix[4]arene-monocrown ethers and numbering of carbon atoms.

Physical characteristics of compounds 2, 5, and 6

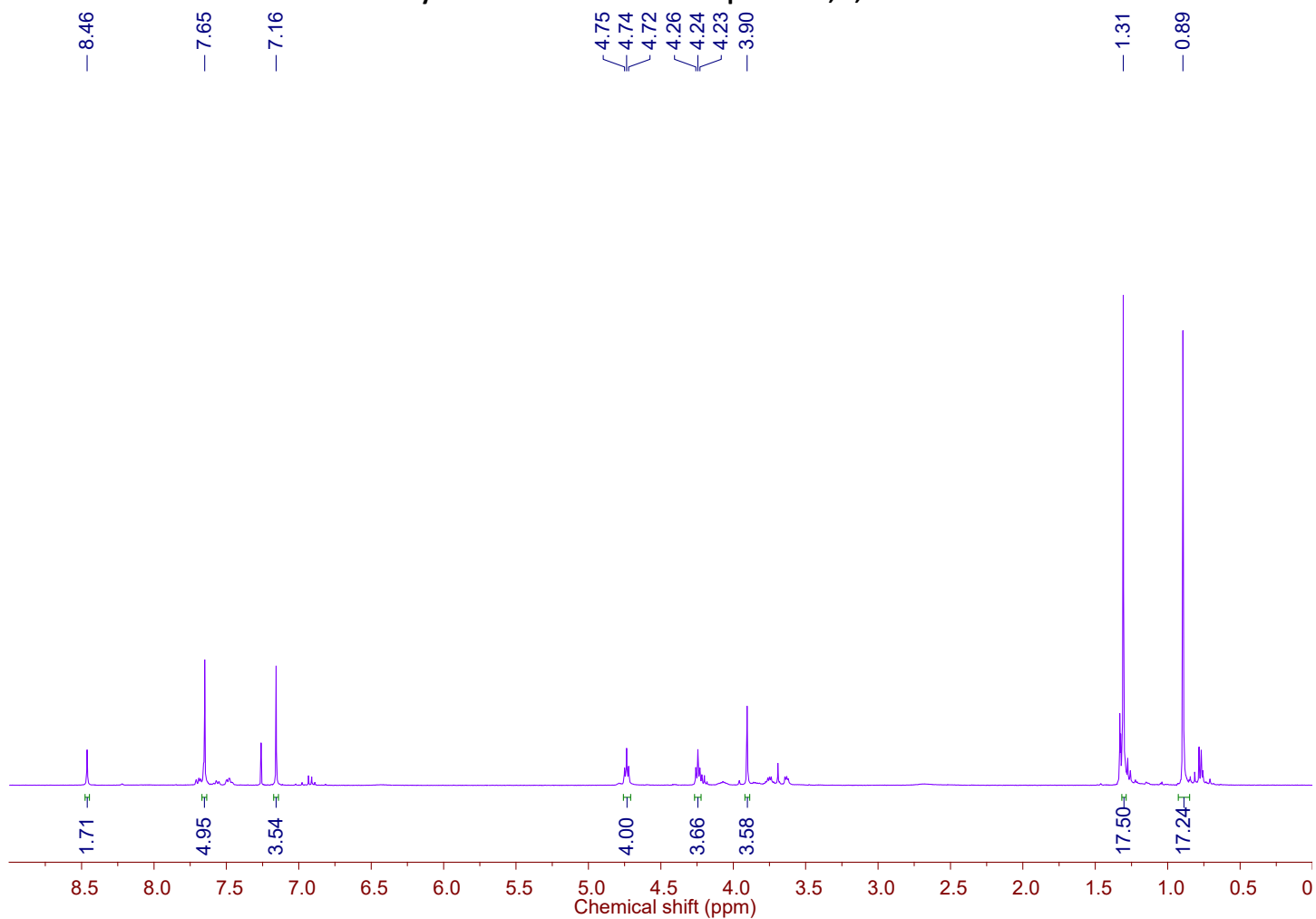


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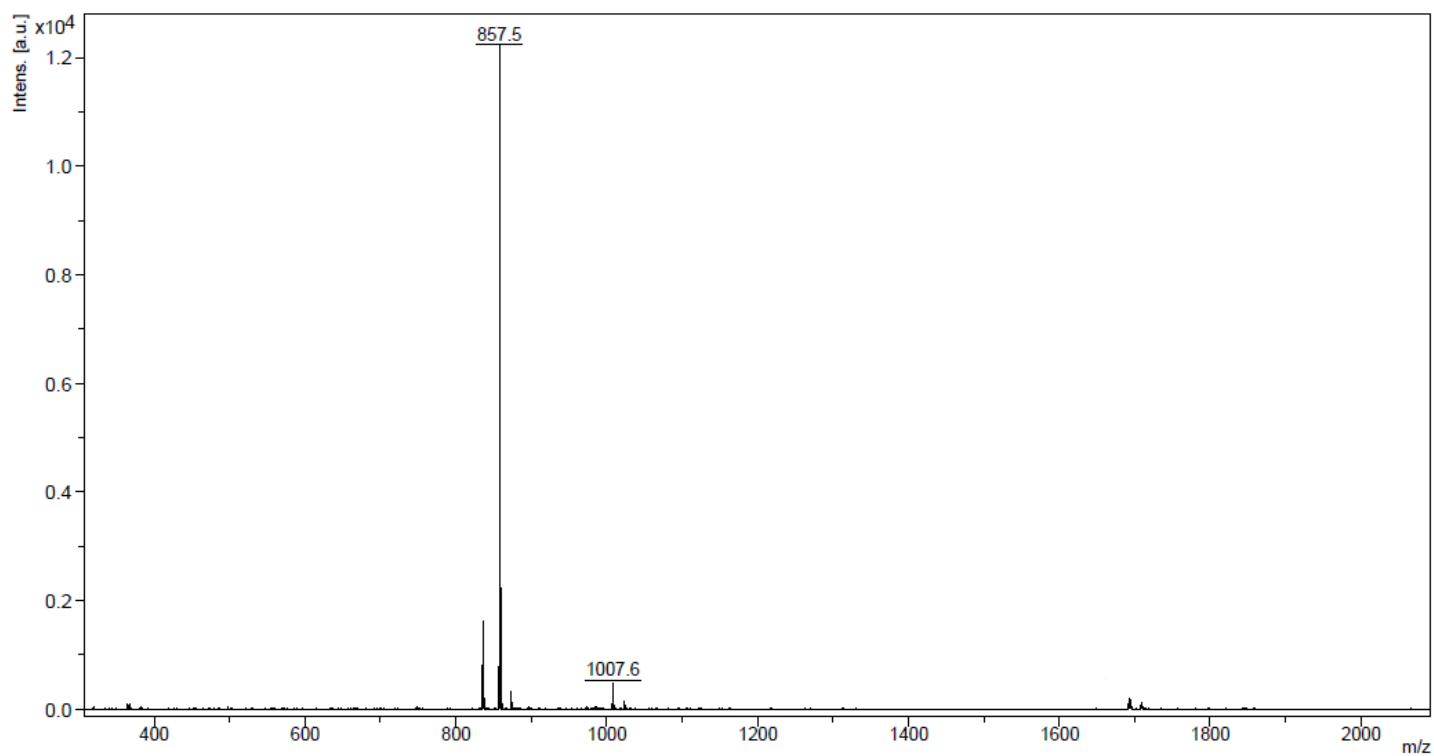


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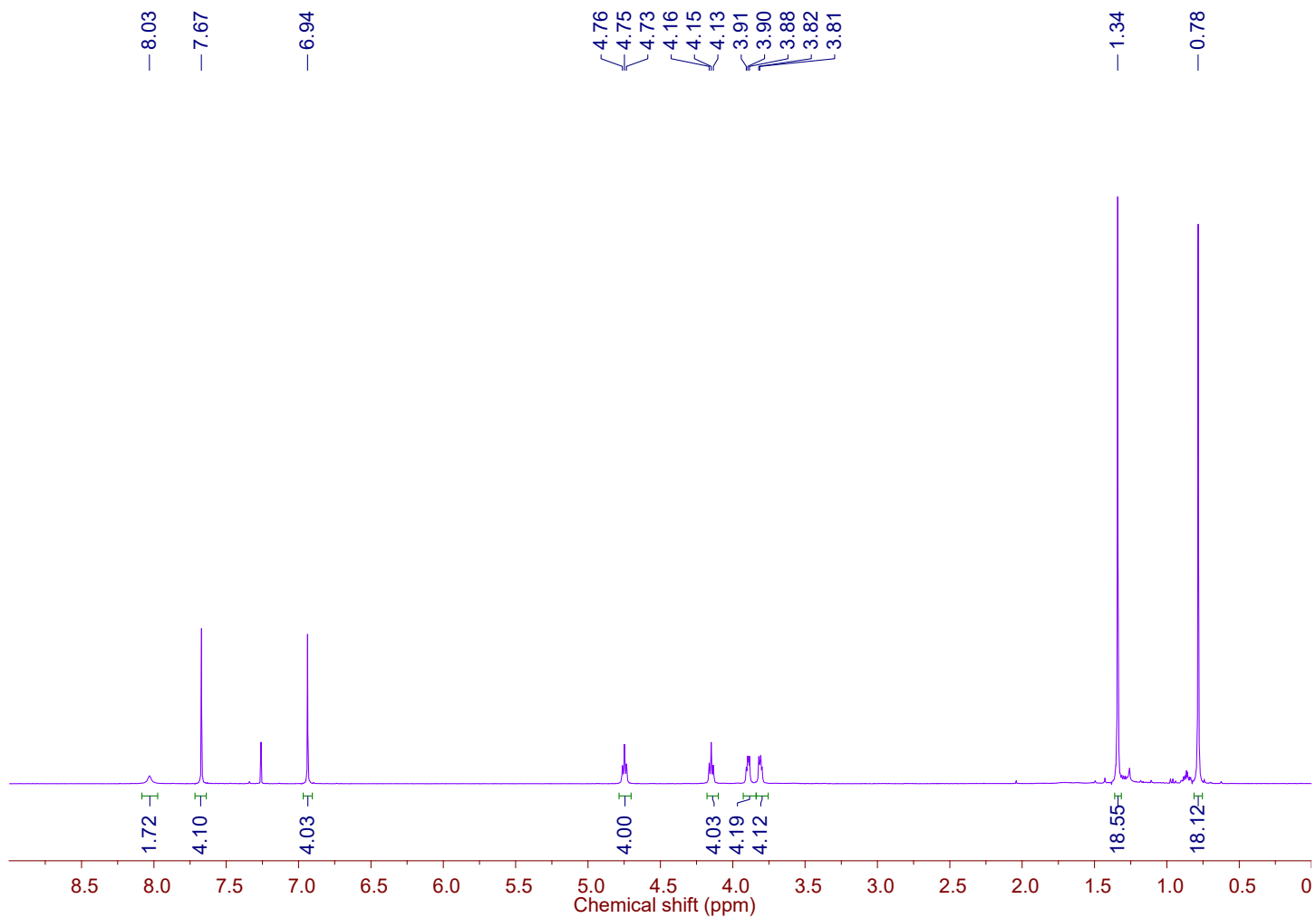


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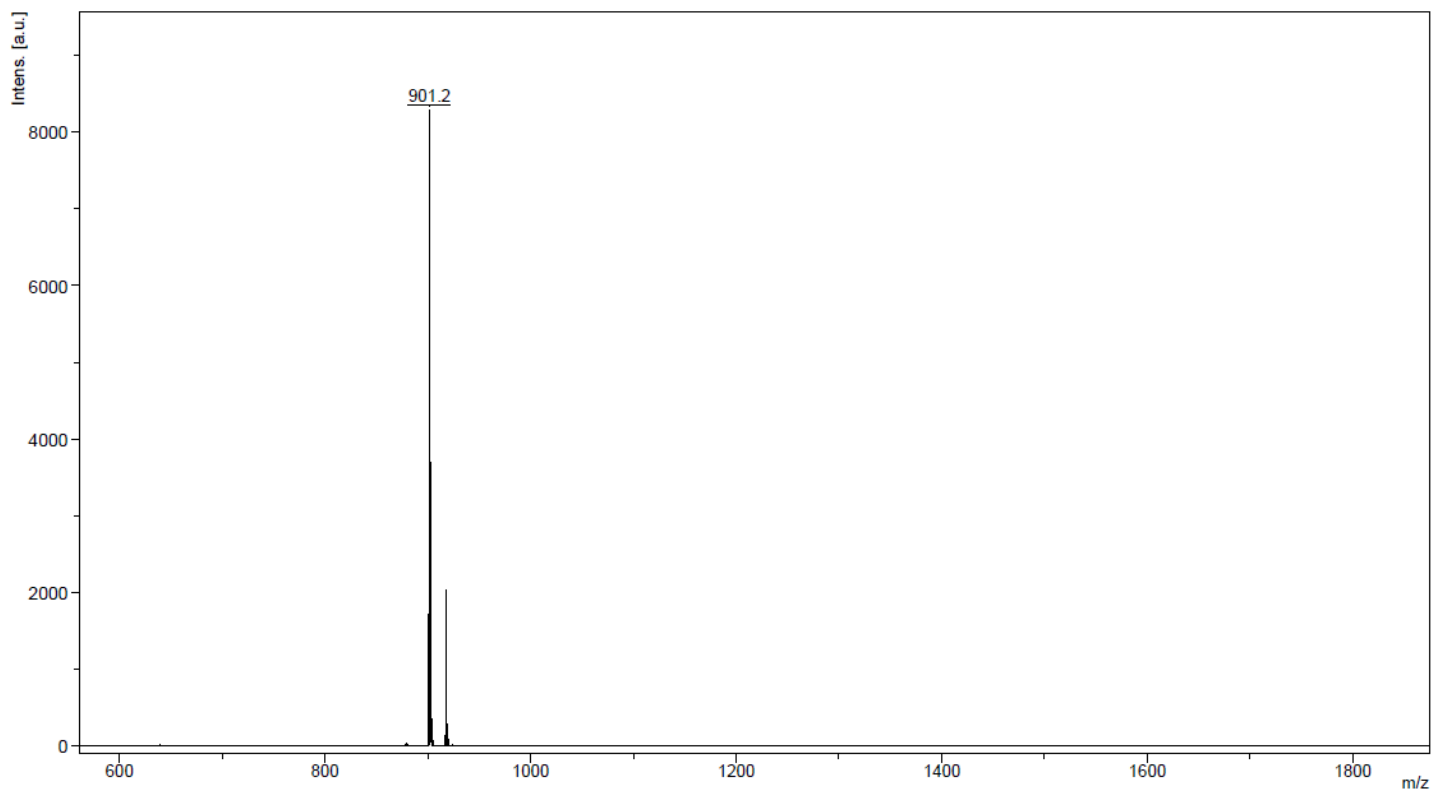


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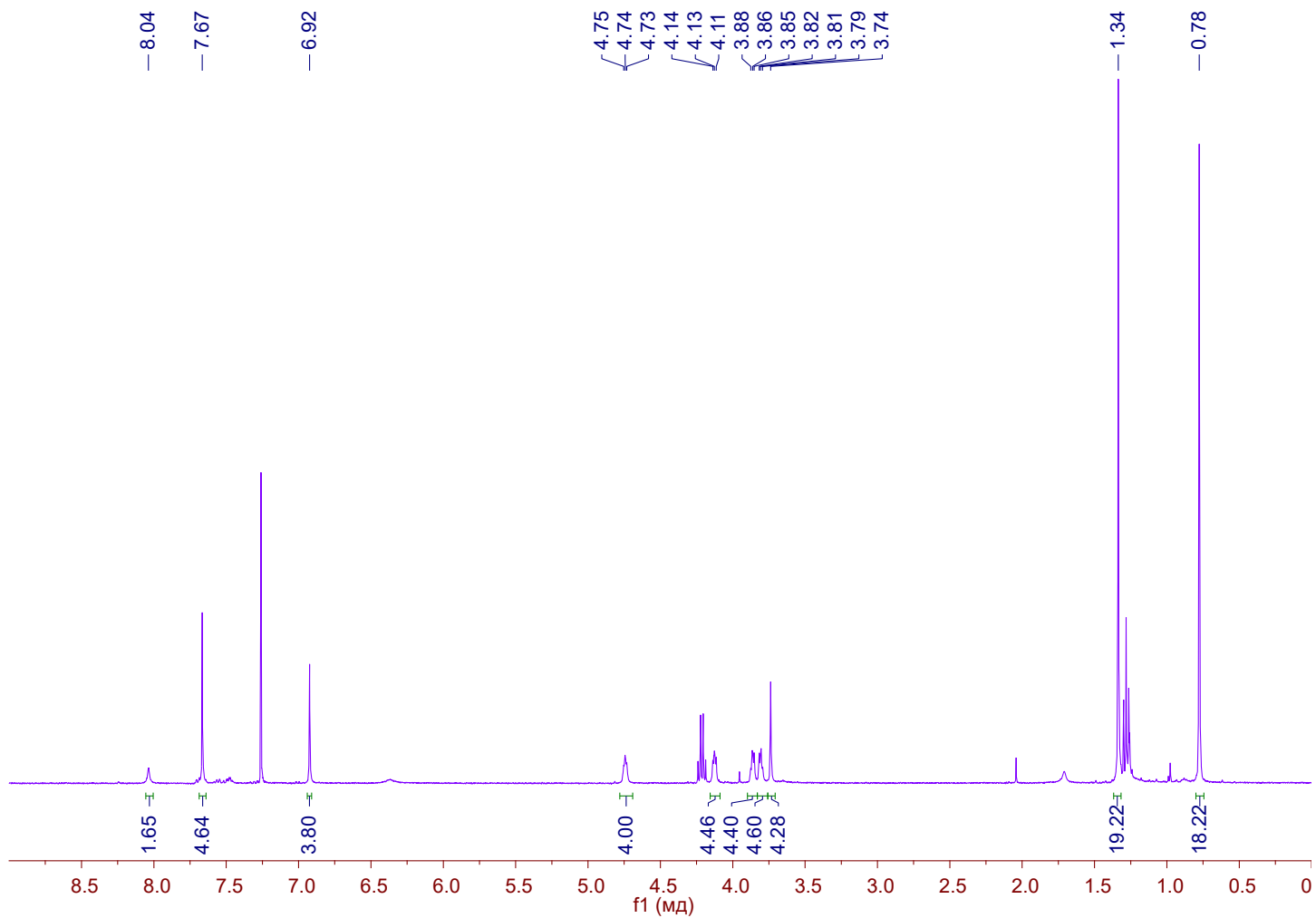


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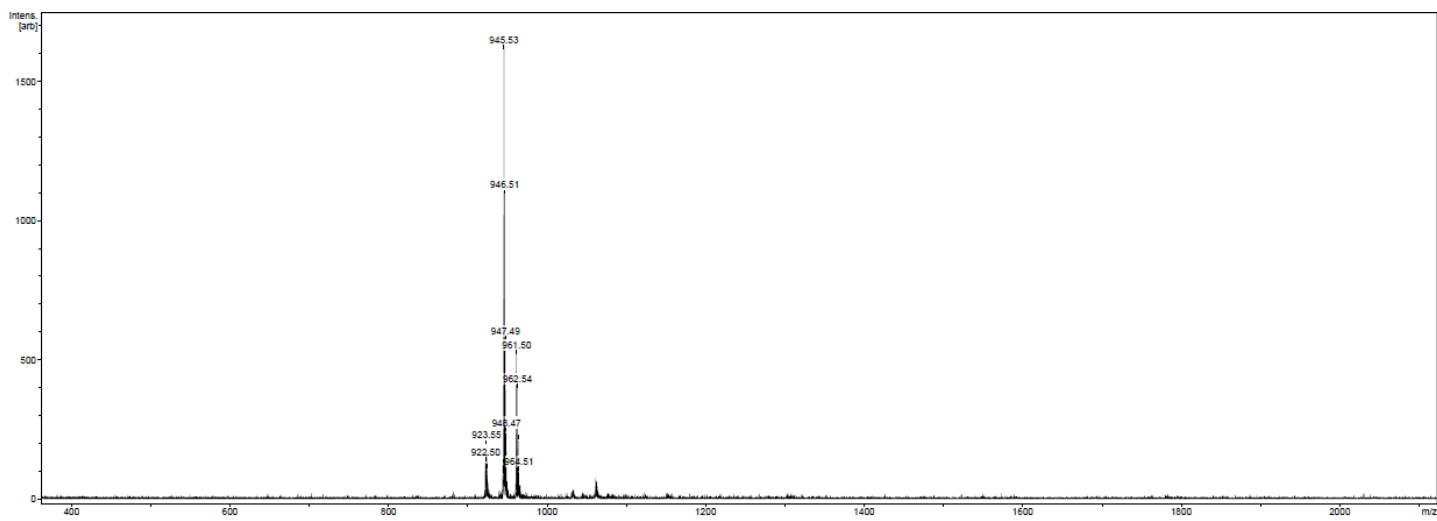


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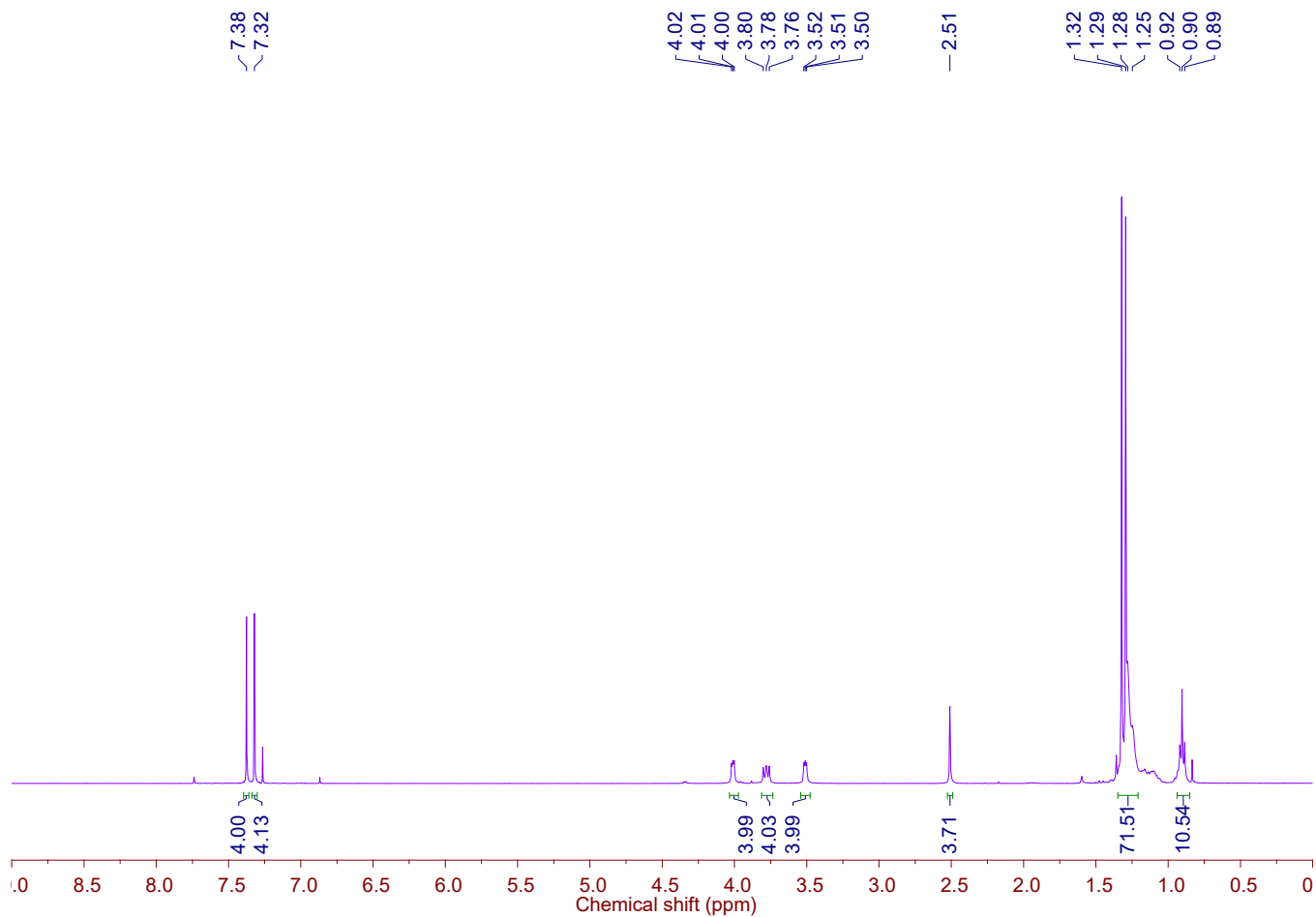


Fig. S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **5a** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 303 K).

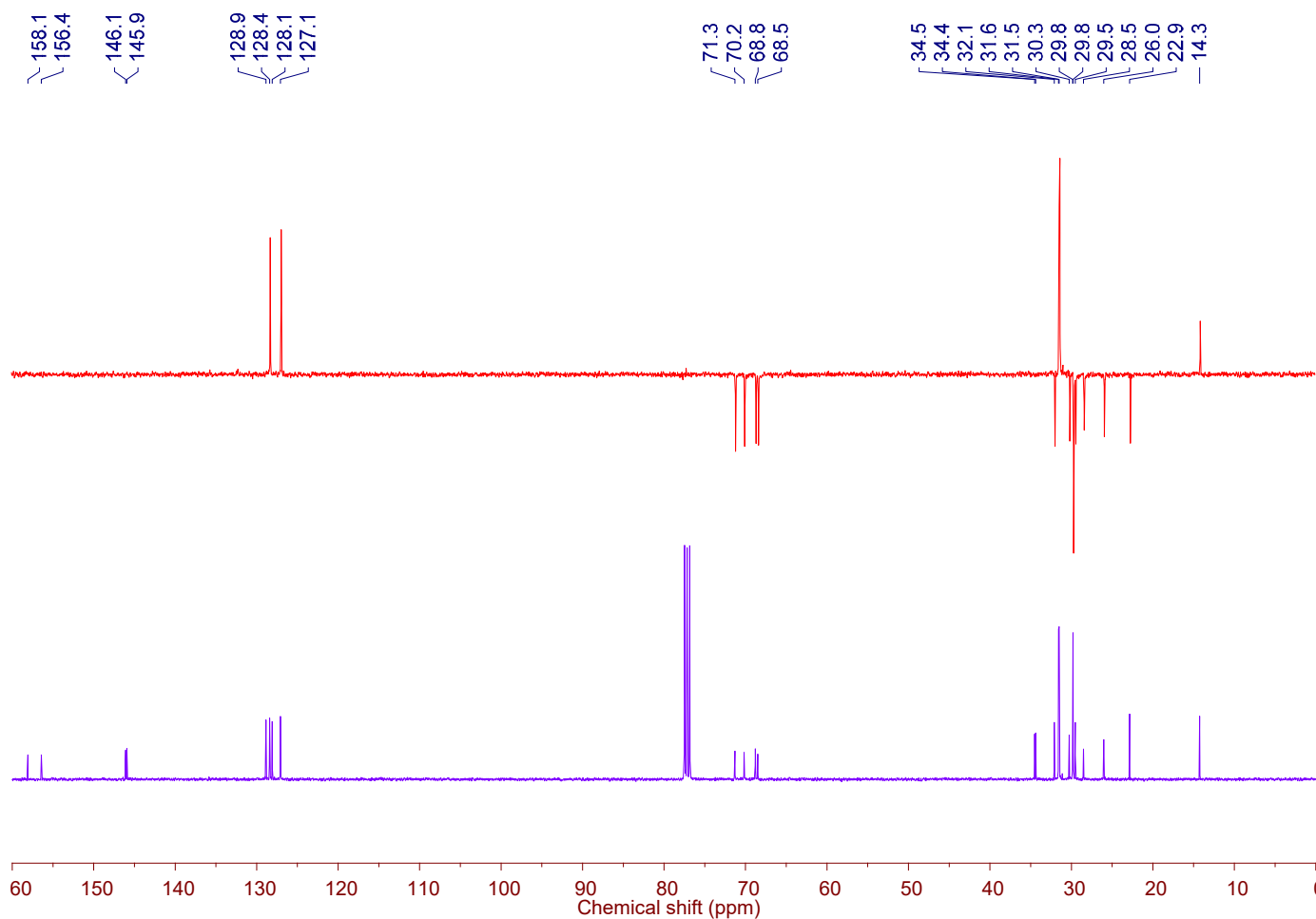


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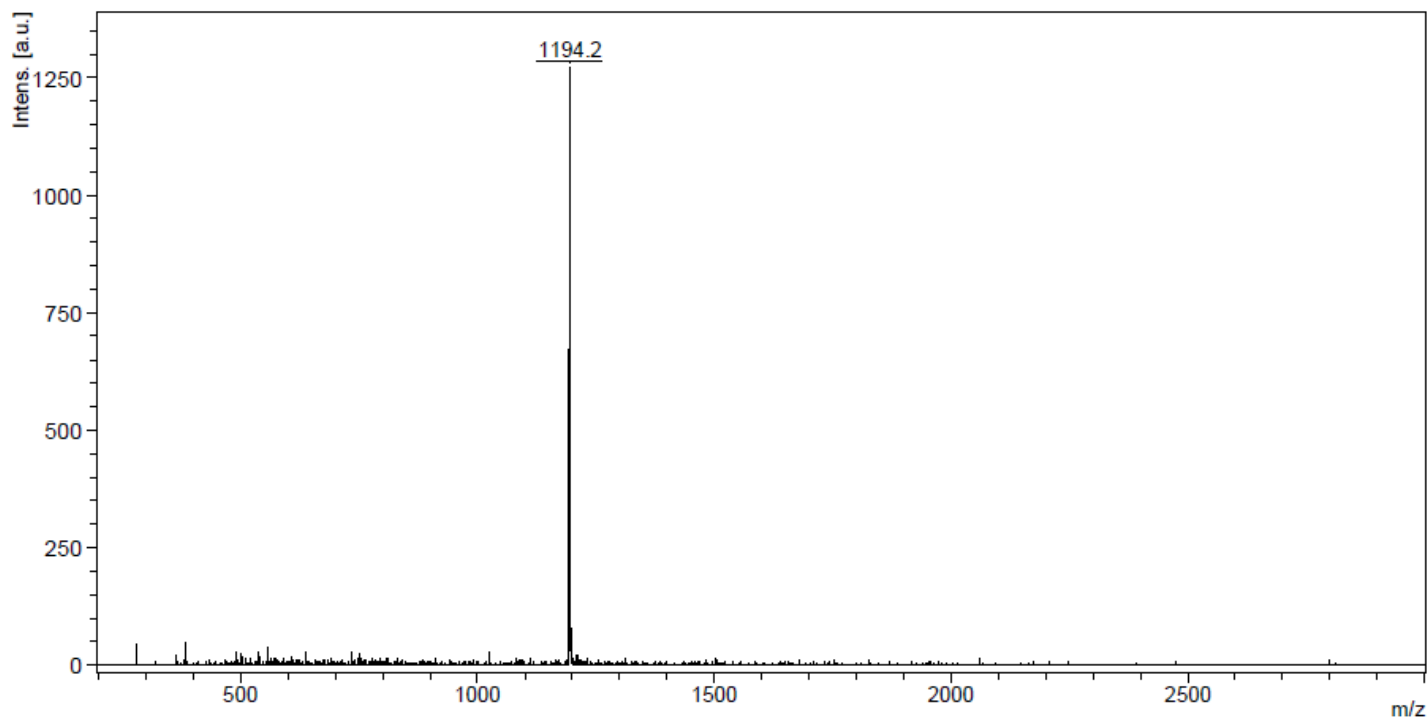


Fig. S9. MALDI mass spectrum of compound **5a** (*p*-nitroaniline matrix).

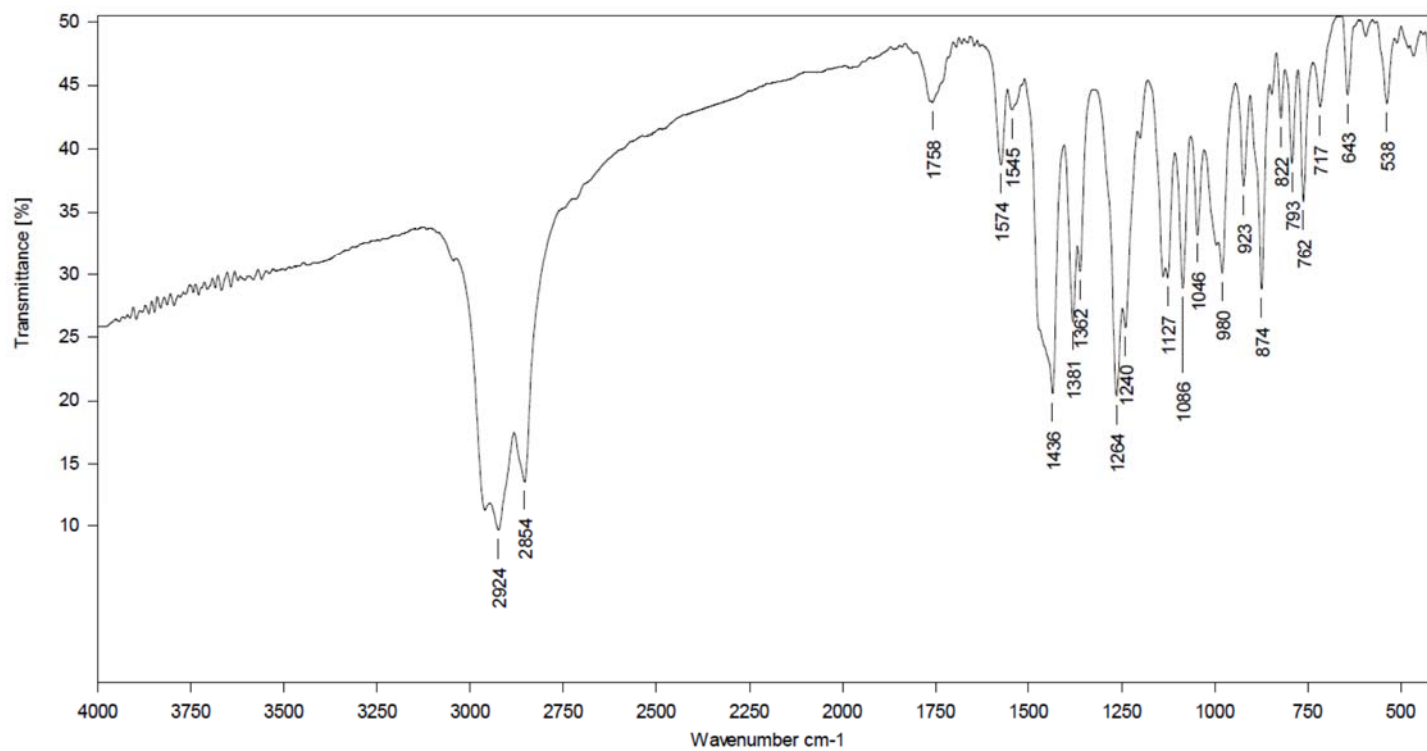


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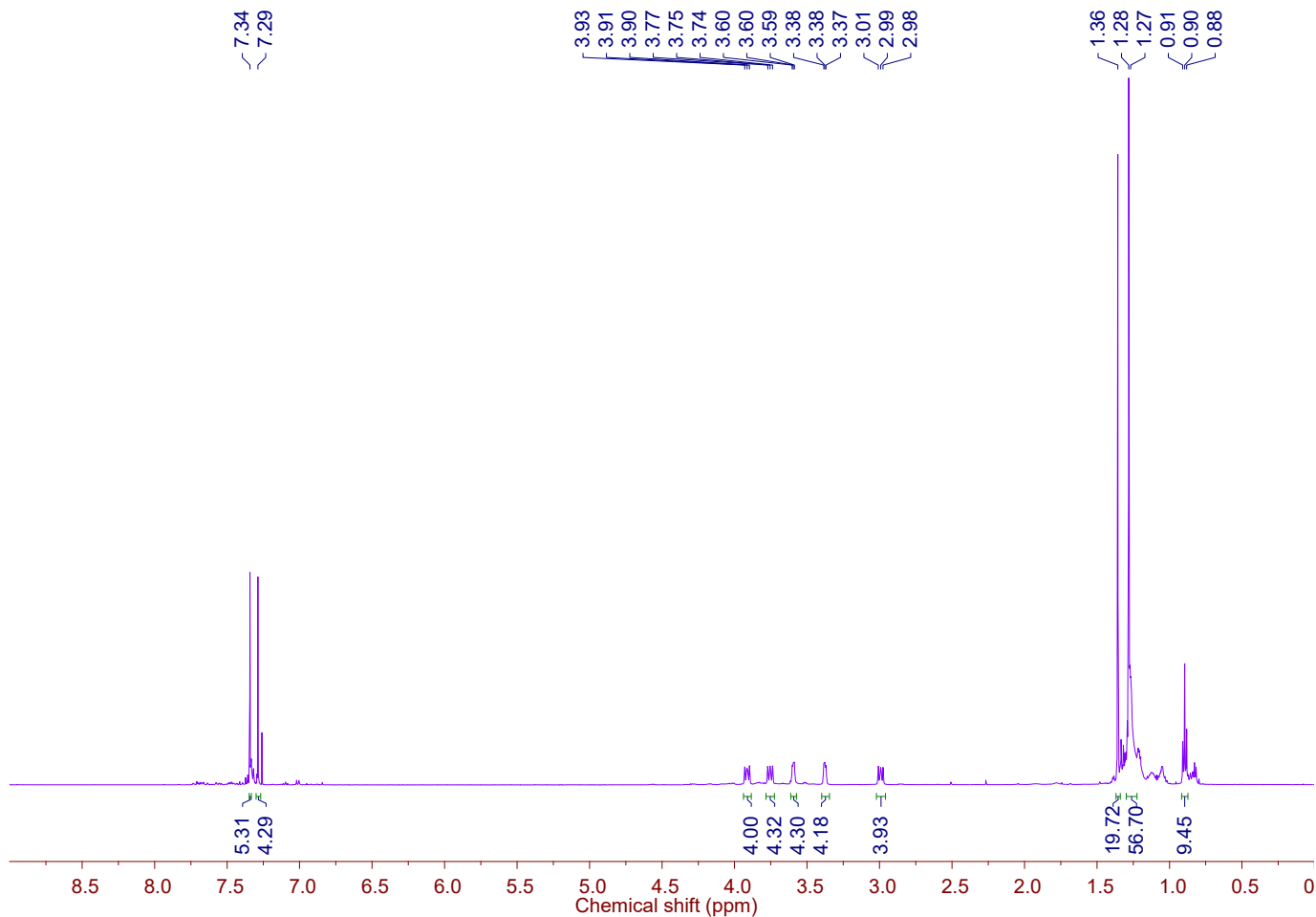


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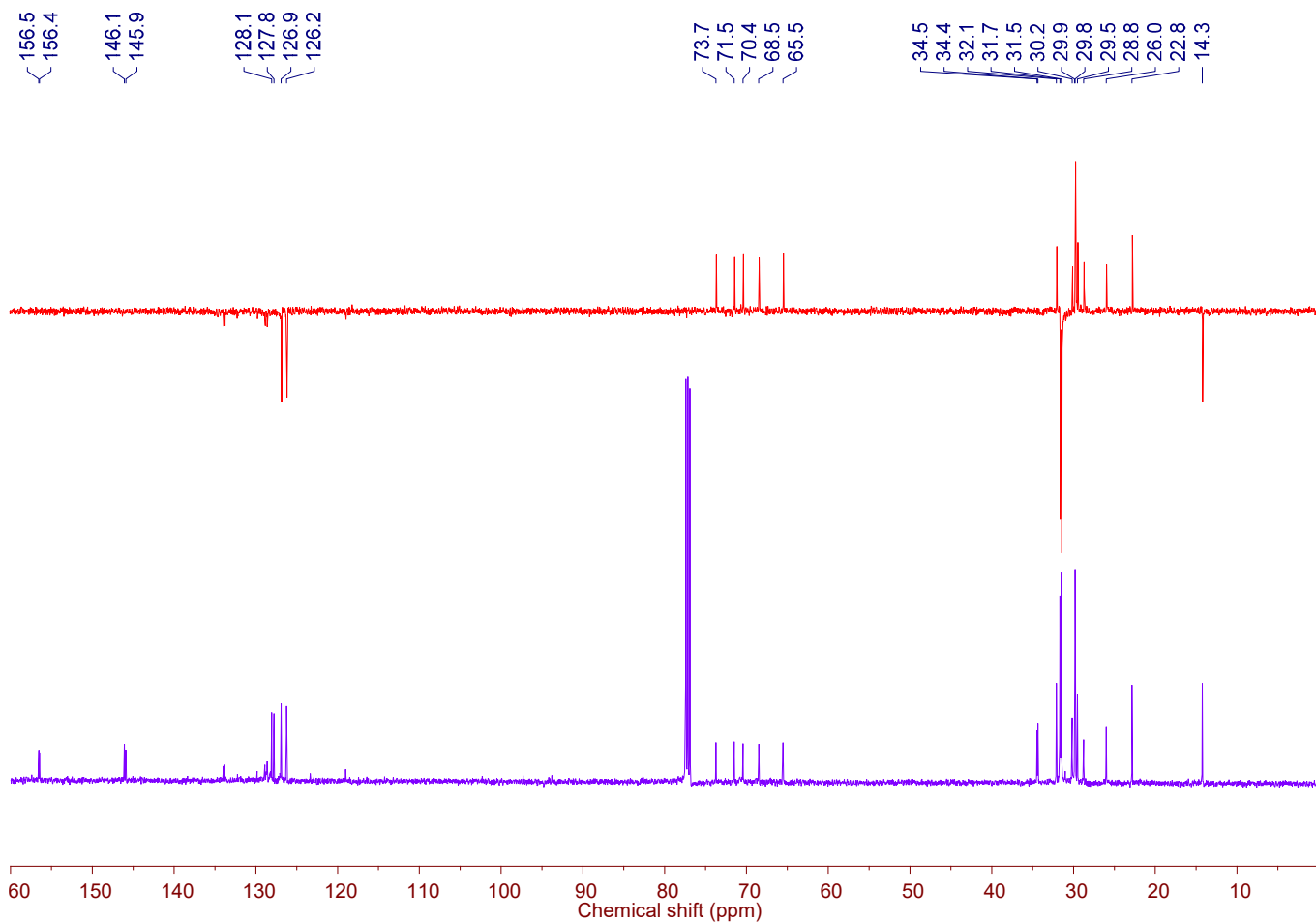


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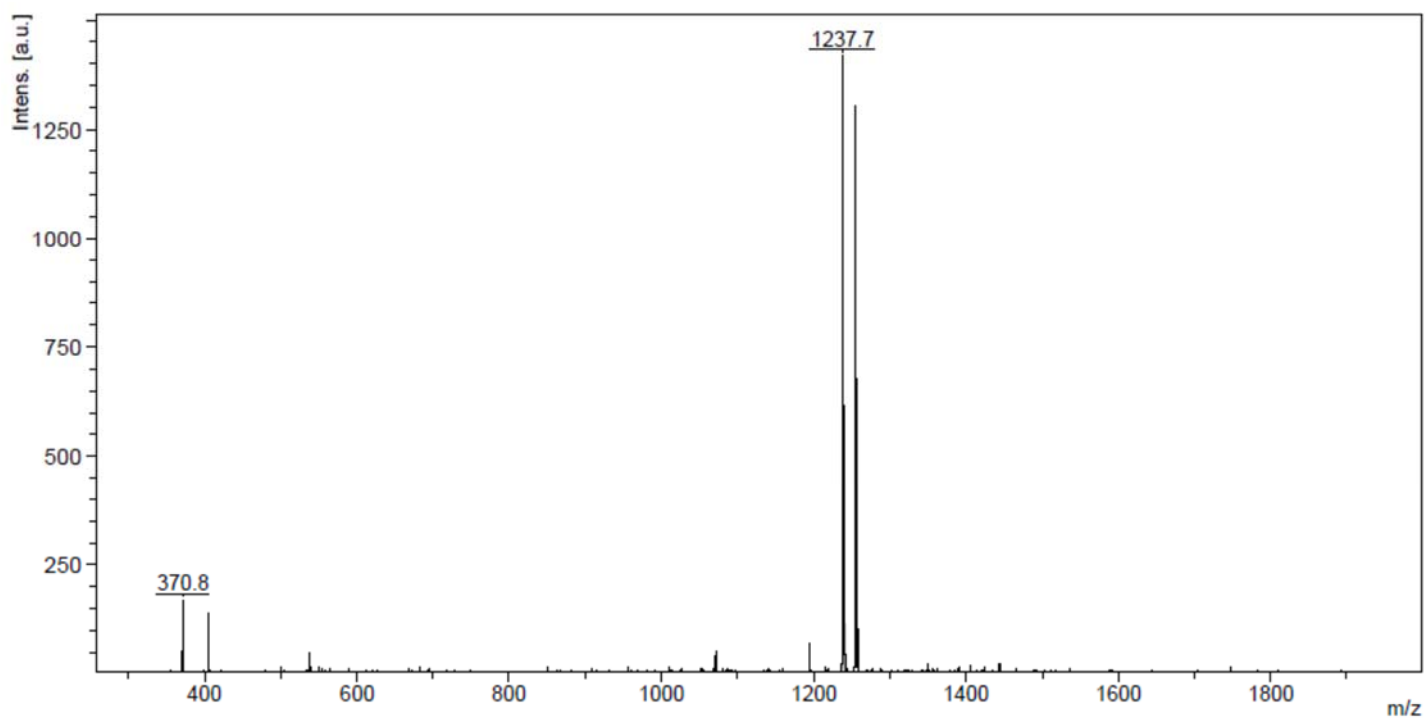


Fig. S13. MALDI mass spectrum of compound **5b** (*p*-nitroaniline matrix).

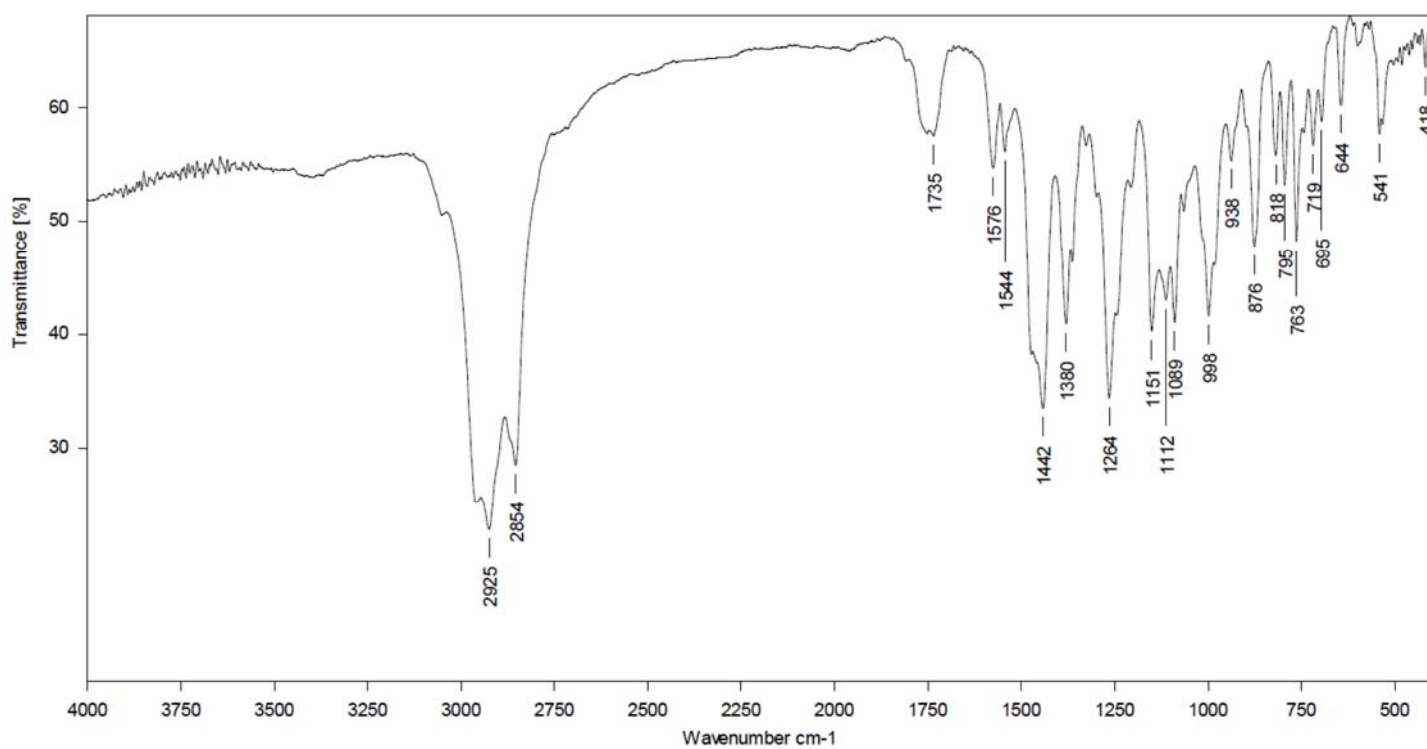


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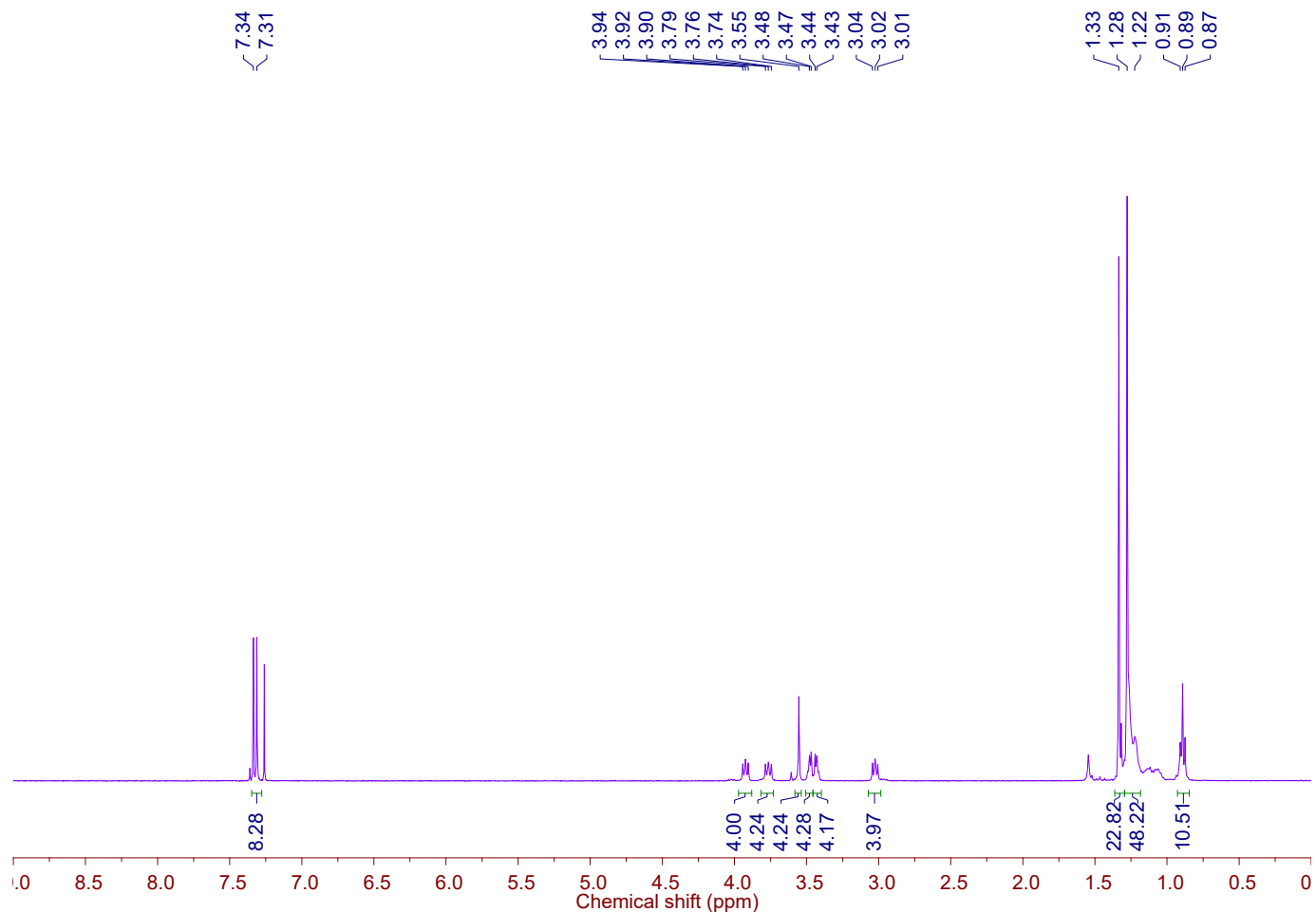


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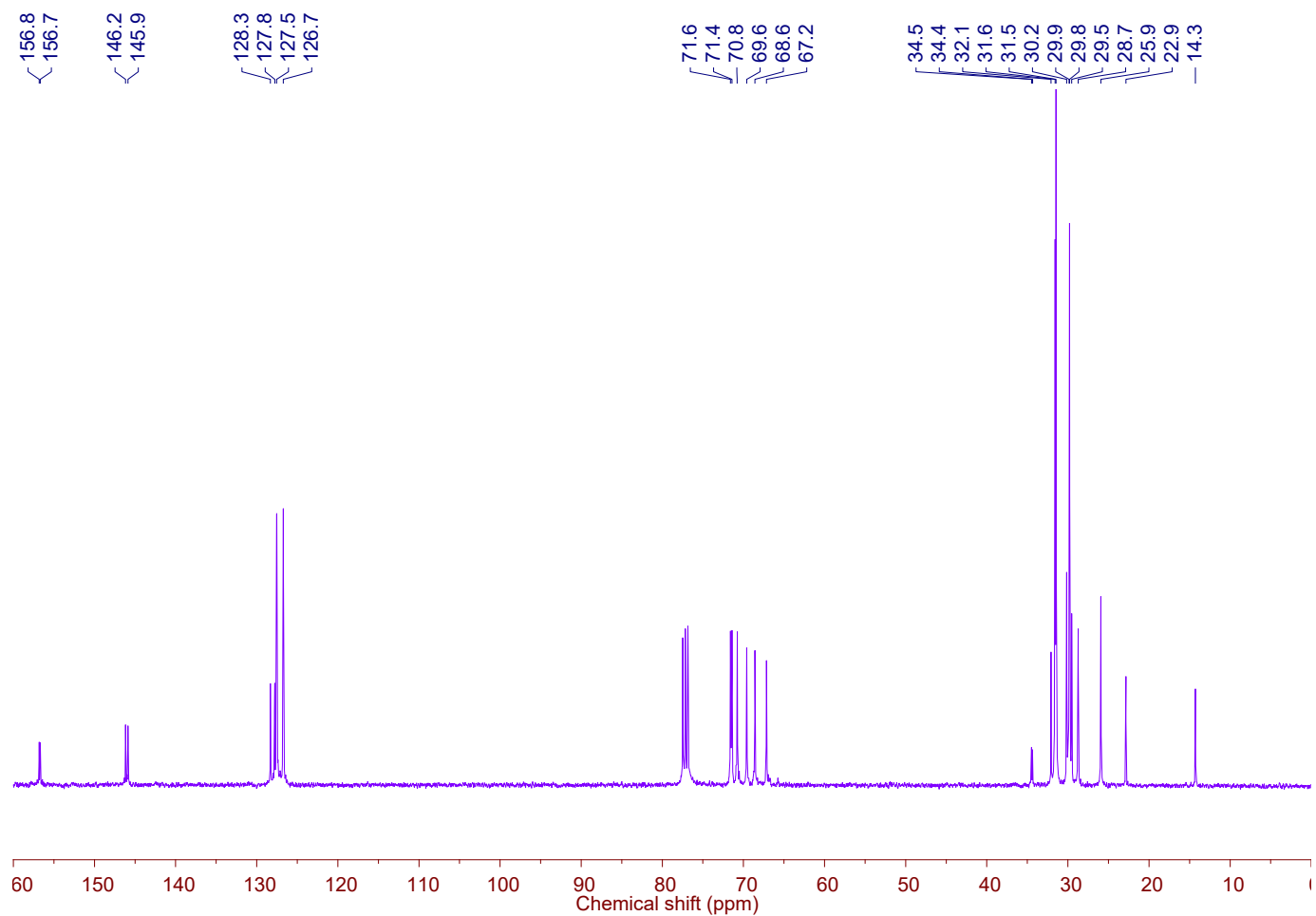


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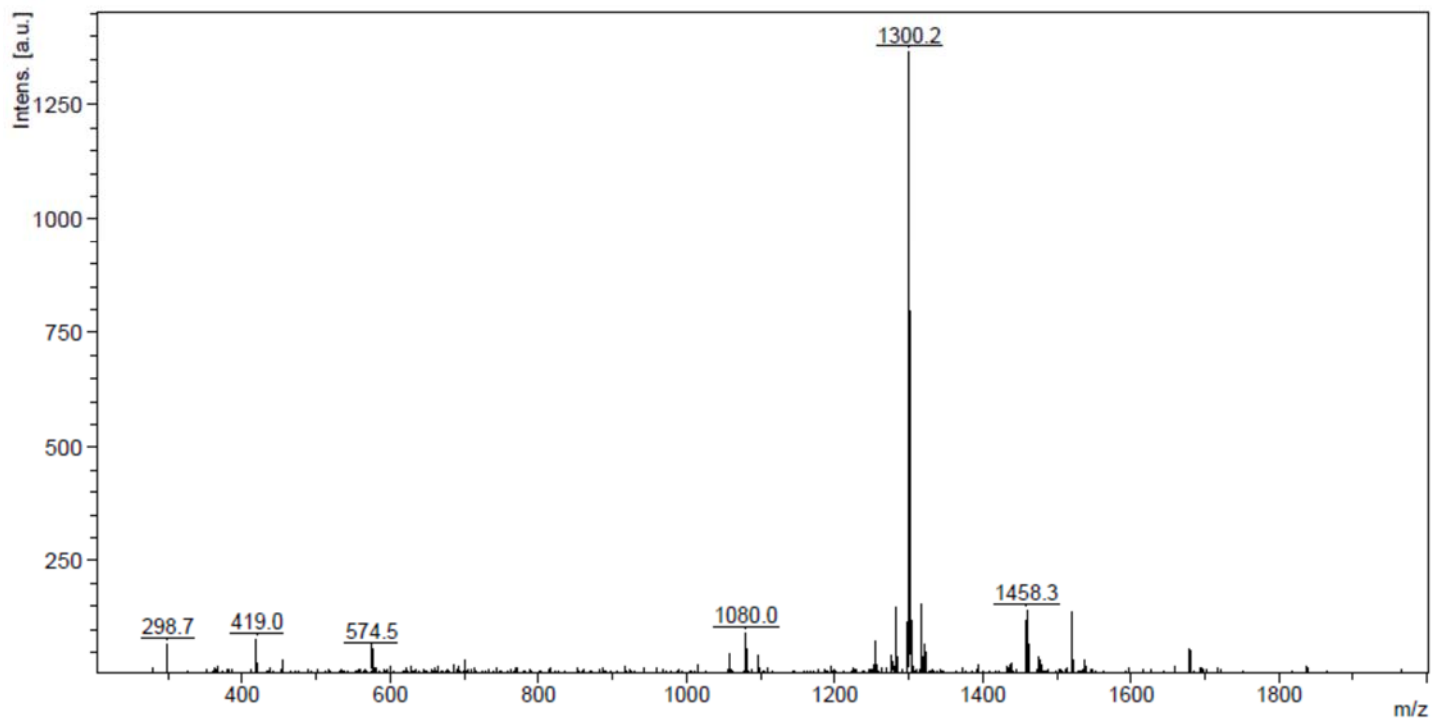


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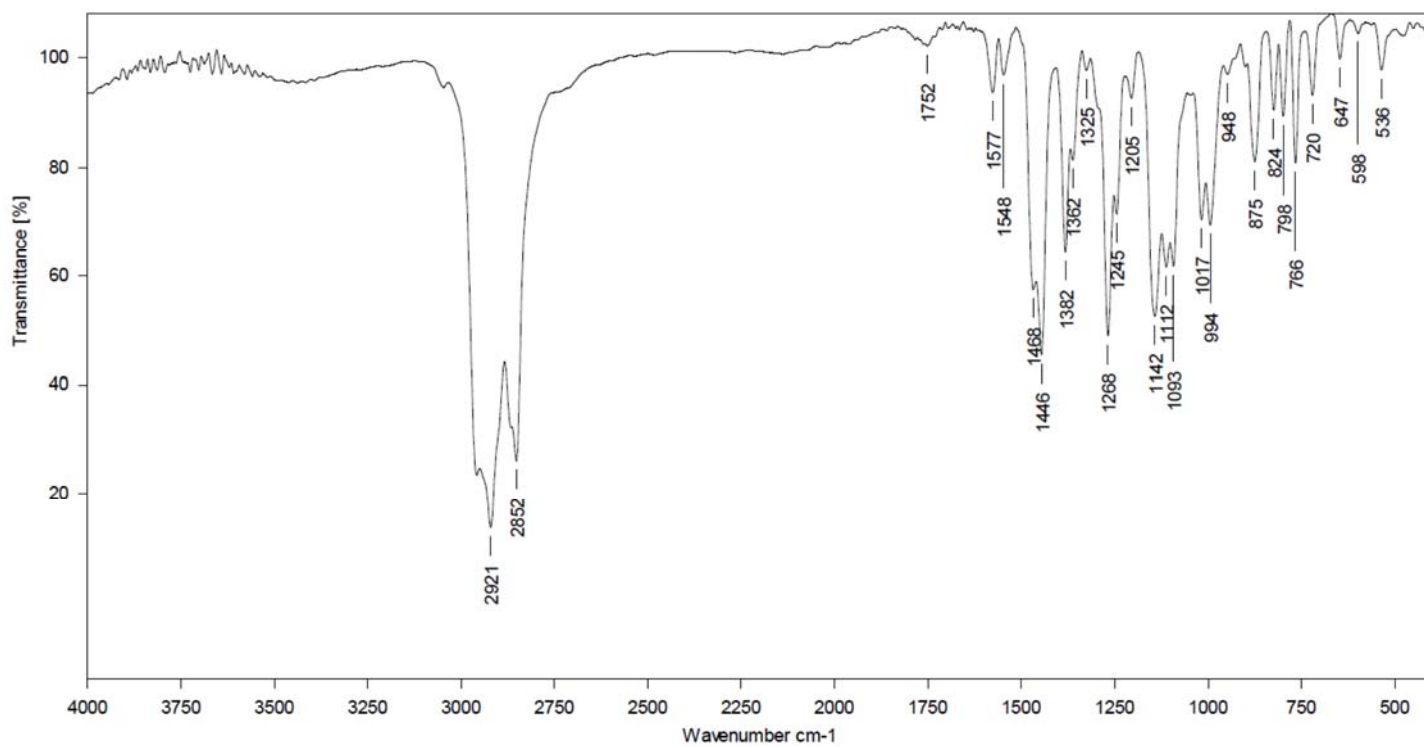


Fig. S18. IR spectrum of compound **5c** (KBr).

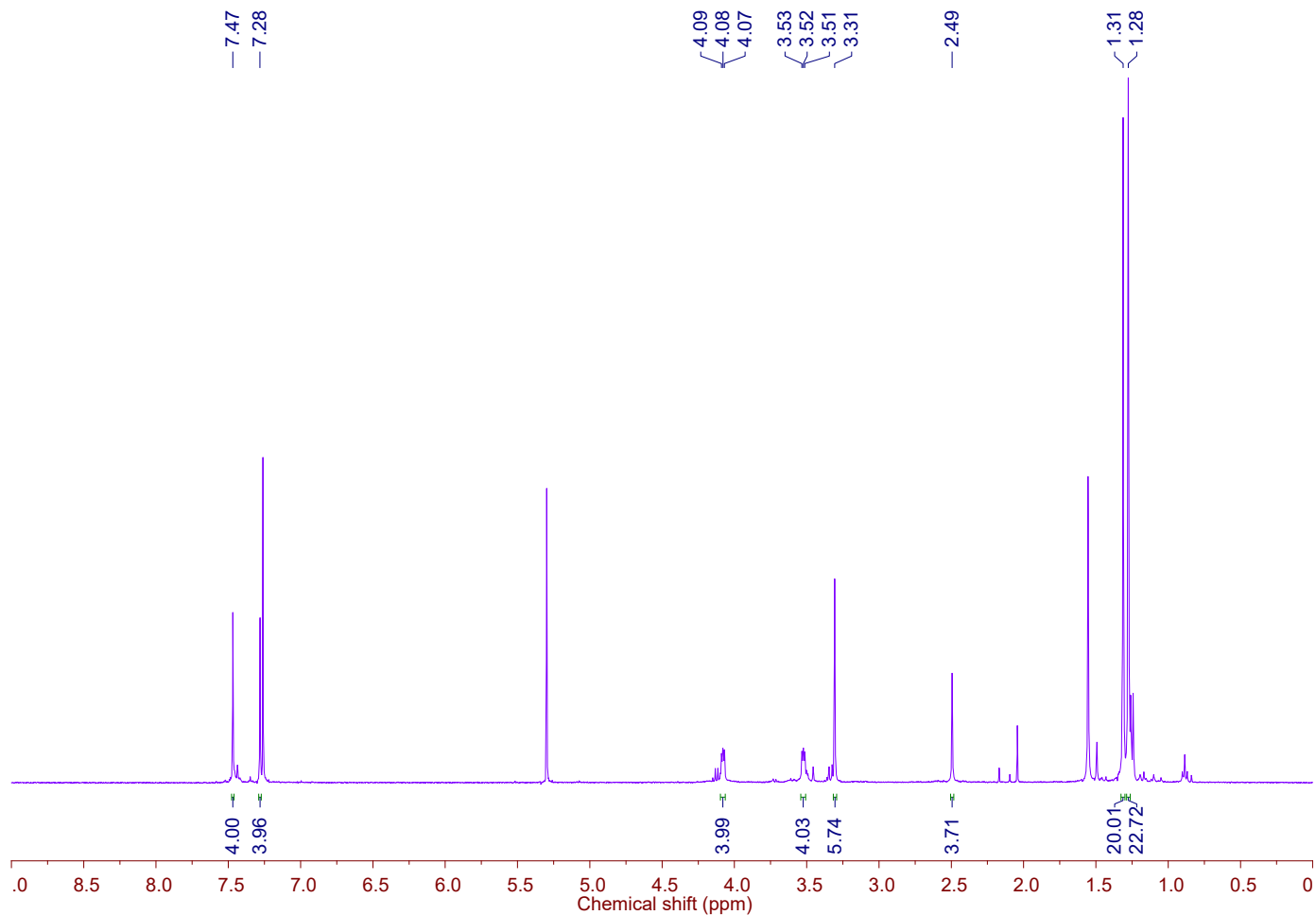


Fig. S19. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **6a** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 303 K).

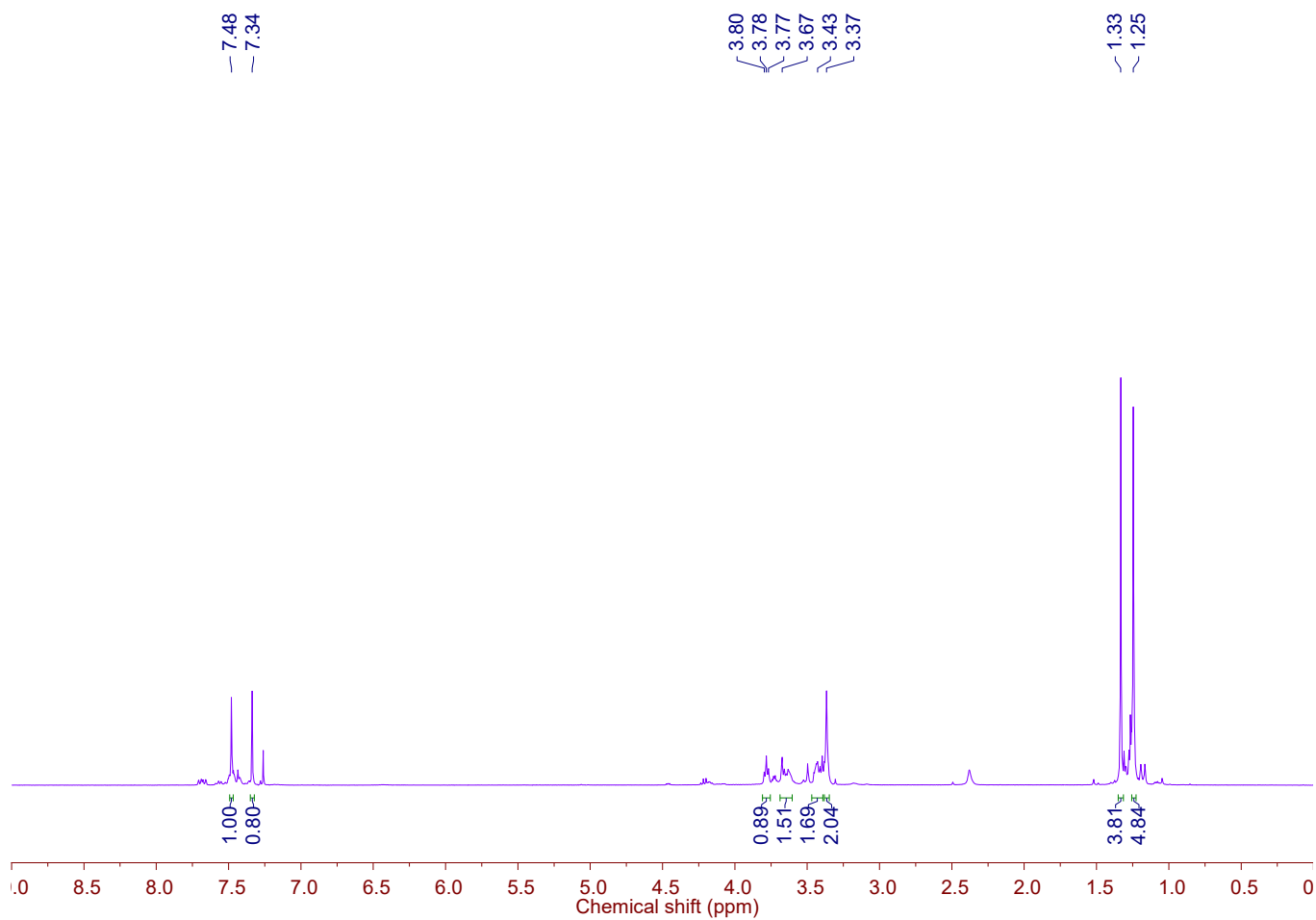


Fig. S20. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **6b** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 303 K).

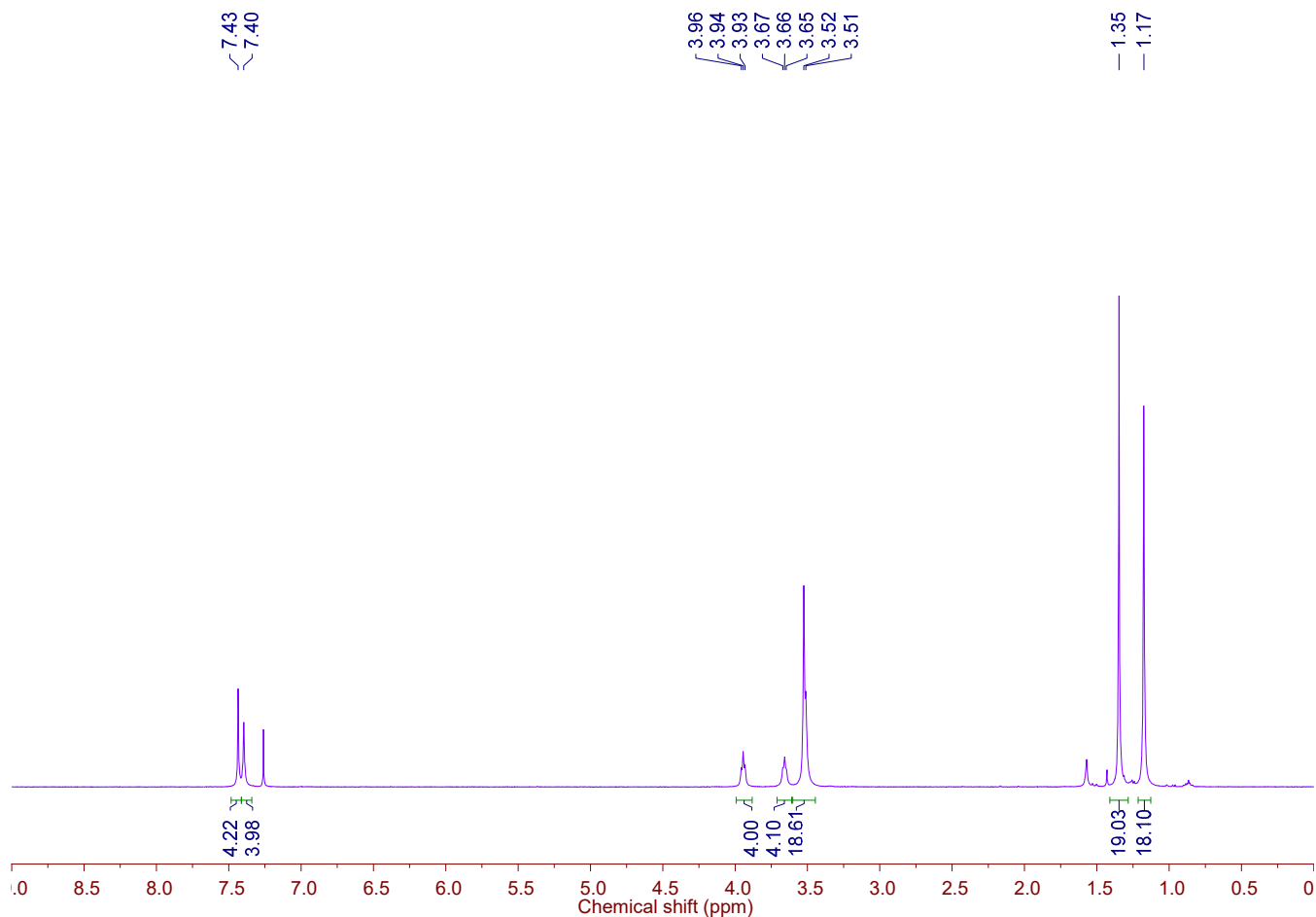


Fig. S21. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **6c** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 303 K).

Gas-phase complexation data of thiacalixcrown receptors

Table S1. MALDI mass peaks and relative abundancies of thiacalixcrowns **2** and **5** mixed with nitrate salts

Ion	2a	2b	2c	5a	5b	5c
Li^+	$[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+2\text{Li}-\text{H}]^+$ 6.4%	$[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+2\text{Li}-\text{H}]^+$ 28%	$[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$ 23% $[\text{M}+2\text{Li}-\text{H}]^+$ 100%	$[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 3.1%	$[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 3% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 8%	$[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$ 100%
Na^+	$[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 6% $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 100%	$[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ <1% $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 30%	$[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+2\text{Na}-\text{H}]^+$ 1.6% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 29%	$[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 1.2%	$[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 1.5% $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 37%	$[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 4.6%
K^+	$[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 66.5% $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 63% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 100%	$[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 3.8% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+2\text{K}-\text{H}]^+$ 1.4%	$[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 1.2% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+2\text{K}-\text{H}]^+$ 3%	$[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 3.3%	$[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 100%	$[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 3.7% $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 7% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 100%
Rb^+	$[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 78% $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 78% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 22% $[\text{M}+\text{Rb}]^+$ 100%	$[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 34% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 31% $[\text{M}+\text{Rb}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+2\text{Rb}-\text{H}]^+$ <1%	$[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 2.7% $[\text{M}+\text{Rb}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+2\text{Rb}-\text{H}]^+$ <1%	$[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 2% $[\text{M}+\text{Rb}]^+$ 4.5%	$[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ <1% $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ <1% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 5.3% $[\text{M}+\text{Rb}]^+$ 100%	$[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ <1% $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ <1% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ <1% $[\text{M}+\text{Rb}]^+$ 100%
Cs^+	$[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (7.2%) $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (99%) $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ (6.6%) $[\text{M}+\text{Cs}]^+$ (100%)	$[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 5% $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 18% $[\text{M}+\text{Cs}]^+$ 78% $[\text{M}+2\text{Cs}-\text{H}]^+$ <1%	$[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 7.3% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 2% $[\text{M}+\text{Cs}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+2\text{Cs}-\text{H}]^+$ <1%	$[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 3.5% $[\text{M}+\text{Cs}]^+$ 4.5%	$[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 5.5% $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 19% $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 100% $[\text{M}+\text{Cs}]^+$ 32%	$[\text{M}+\text{Cs}]^+$ 100%

Mg ²⁺	[M+H] ⁺ 10% [M+K] ⁺ 1.3% [M+Mg-H] ⁺ / [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+MgNO ₃ +Mg- 2H] ⁺ 4%	[M+K] ⁺ 4.7% [M+Mg-H] ⁺ / [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+MgNO ₃ +Mg- 2H] ⁺ 26%	[M+H] ⁺ 80% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 66%	[M+Na] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 1.4% [M+Na] ⁺ 16% [M+K] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 82% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 88% [M+MgNO ₃] ⁺ 55%
Ca ²⁺	[M+H] ⁺ 22.5% [M+Na] ⁺ 1.2% [M+Ca- H] ⁺ /[M+K] ⁺ 100%	[M+Na] ⁺ (4%) [M+Ca-H] ⁺ / [M+K] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 27% [M+Na] ⁺ 54% [M+Ca-H] ⁺ / [M+K] ⁺ 100% [M+CaNO ₃] ⁺ 12%	[M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 3.4% [M+CaNO ₃] ⁺ 7.5%	[M+H] ⁺ 18.5% [M+Na] ⁺ 33% [M+K] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 73% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 32% [M+CaNO ₃] ⁺ 89%
Sr ²⁺	[M+H] ⁺ 48% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 18% [M+Sr-H] ⁺ 23%	[M+H] ⁺ 34% [M+Na] ⁺ 31% [M+K] ⁺ 5% [M+Sr-H] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 21% [M+Na] ⁺ 4% [M+K] ⁺ 22% [M+Sr-H] ⁺ 100%	[M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 1%	[M+H] ⁺ 36% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 91%	[M+H] ⁺ 74% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 32%
Ba ²⁺	[M+H] ⁺ 20% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 49% [M+Ba-H] ⁺ 4.5%	[M+H] ⁺ 6% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 15% [M+Ba-H] ⁺ 10%	[M+H] ⁺ 14% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 88% [M+Ba-H] ⁺ 89%	[M+Na] ⁺ 100%	[M+Na] ⁺ 55.5% [M+K] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 14% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 89.5%
Pb ²⁺	[M+H] ⁺ 21% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 18% [M+Pb-H] ⁺ 67%	[M+H] ⁺ 4% [M+Na] ⁺ 78% [M+K] ⁺ 46% [M+Pb-H] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 4% [M+Na] ⁺ 57% [M+K] ⁺ 18% [M+Pb-H] ⁺ 100%	[M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 1%	[M+Na] ⁺ 92% [M+K] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 10.5% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 33%
Cu ²⁺	[M+H] ⁺ 100% [M+Na] ⁺ 11% [M+K] ⁺ 35% [M+Cu] ⁺ 22%	[M+H] ⁺ 99% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 31% [M+Cu] ⁺ 37%	[M+H] ⁺ 9% [M+Na] ⁺ 94% [M+K] ⁺ 57% [M+Cu] ⁺ 100% [M+2Cu-H] ⁺ 10%	[M+Na] ⁺ 5.5% [M+Cu] ⁺ 100%	[M+Na] ⁺ 6% [M+K] ⁺ 100% [M+Cu] ⁺ 33%	[M+Cu] ⁺ 100%
Ag ⁺	[M+Ag] ⁺ 100% [M+2Ag-H] ⁺ 1%	[M+Na] ⁺ 2.6% [M+Ag] ⁺ 100% [M+2Ag-H] ⁺ 8% [M+3Ag-2H] ⁺ <1%	[M+Ag] ⁺ 100% [M+2Ag-H] ⁺ 6% [M+3Ag-2H] ⁺ <1%	[M+Ag] ⁺ 100%	[M+Na] ⁺ 2.7% [M+K] ⁺ 20% [M+Ag] ⁺ 100%	[M+Na] ⁺ <1% [M+K] ⁺ <1% [M+Ag] ⁺ 100%
Eu ³⁺	[M+H] ⁺ 47% [M+Na] ⁺ 18% [M+K] ⁺ 12% [M+Eu-2H] ⁺ 100%	[M+Na] ⁺ 9% [M+Eu-2H] ⁺ 100% [M+EuNO ₃ -H] ⁺ 2.8%	[M+H] ⁺ 100% [M+Na] ⁺ 32% [M+K] ⁺ 79% [M+Eu-2H] ⁺ 69%	[M+Na] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 5% [M+Na] ⁺ 47% [M+K] ⁺ 100% [M+EuNO ₃ -H] ⁺ 4.3%	[M+H] ⁺ 100% [M+Na] ⁺ 53% [M+K] ⁺ 32% [M+EuNO ₃ -H] ⁺ 85%
Tb ³⁺	[M+H] ⁺ 88% [M+Na] ⁺ 3.9% [M+K] ⁺ 11% [M+Tb-2H] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 20% [M+Na] ⁺ 100% [M+K] ⁺ 9% [M+Tb-2H] ⁺ 70%	[M+H] ⁺ 100% [M+Na] ⁺ 58% [M+K] ⁺ 79% [M+Tb-2H] ⁺ 96%	[M+Na] ⁺ 100%	[M+Na] ⁺ 8.4% [M+K] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 100% [M+Na] ⁺ 41% [M+K] ⁺ 45%
Gd ³⁺	[M+H] ⁺ 27% [M+Na] ⁺ 10% [M+Gd-2H] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 8% [M+Na] ⁺ 98% [M+K] ⁺ 9% [M+Gd-2H] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 35% [M+Na] ⁺ 43% [M+K] ⁺ 27% [M+Gd-2H] ⁺ 100%	[M+Na] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 1.6% [M+Na] ⁺ 24% [M+K] ⁺ 100%	[M+H] ⁺ 34% [M+Na] ⁺ 72% [M+K] ⁺ 100%

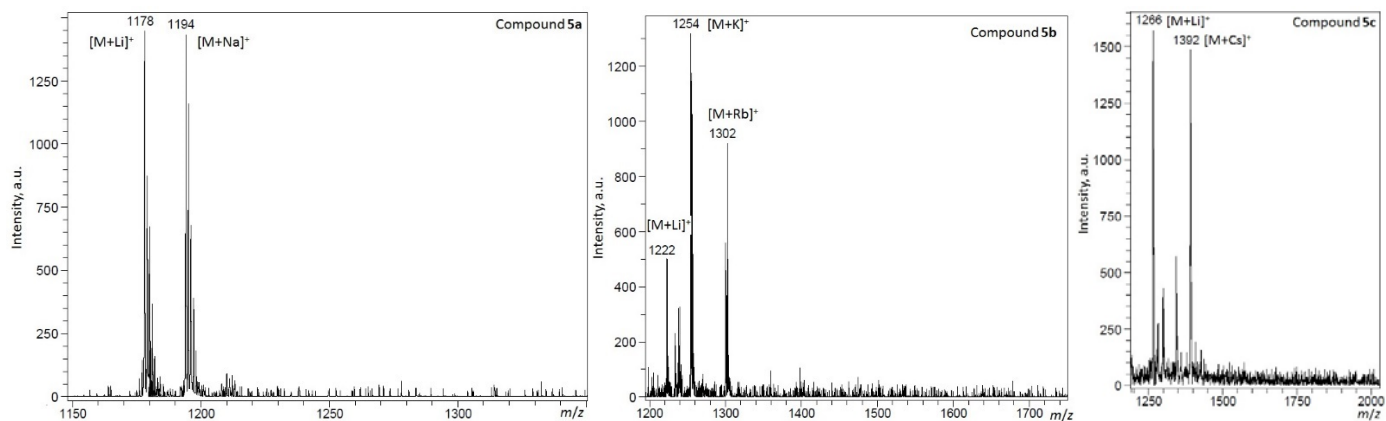


Fig. S22. MALDI mass spectra of the ligands **5a–c** mixed with metal nitrate salts.

Dynamic light scattering data of thiacalixcrown receptors

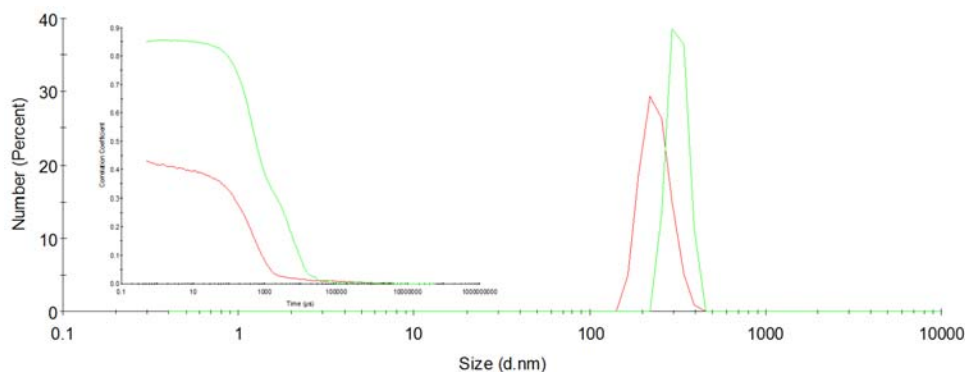


Fig. S23. Number-averaged particle size distribution plots and corresponding correlation functions of compound **2c** in organic phase (green line) and aqueous phase (red line) after extraction of CsNO_3 .

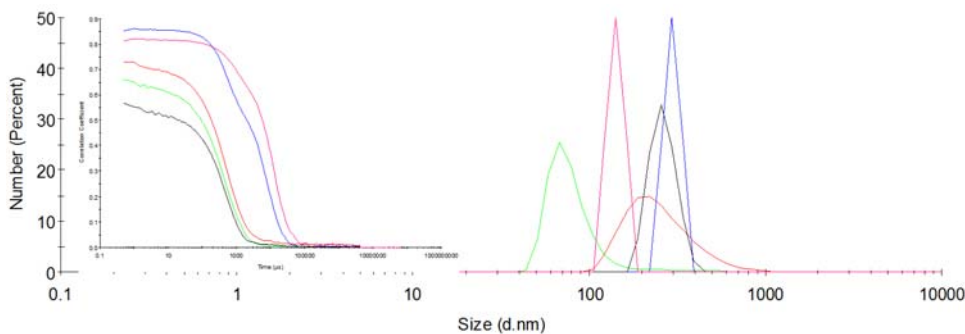


Fig. S24. Number-averaged PSD and corresponding correlation functions of compound **5c** in organic phase after mixing CH_2Cl_2 and water solvents (blue line); organic phase after extraction of CsPic (red line) and CsNO_3 (pink line); and aqueous phase after extraction of cesium picrate (green line) and cesium nitrate (black line).

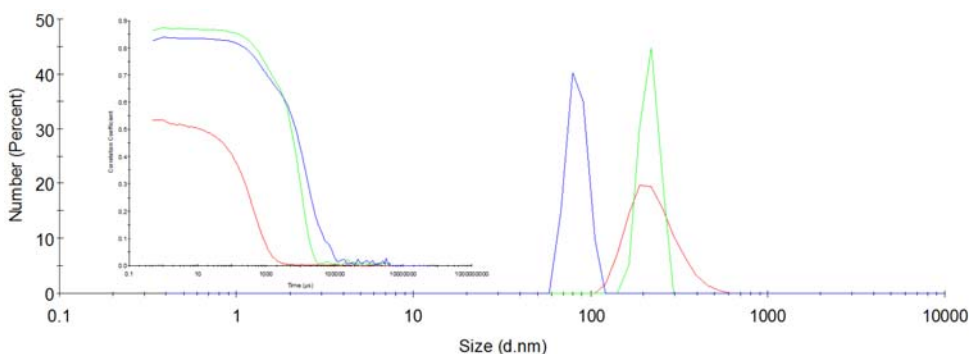


Fig. S25. Number-averaged PSD and corresponding correlation functions of compound **6c** in aqueous phase after mixing CH_2Cl_2 and water (red line) and organic phase after extraction of CsPic (blue line) and CsNO_3 (green line).

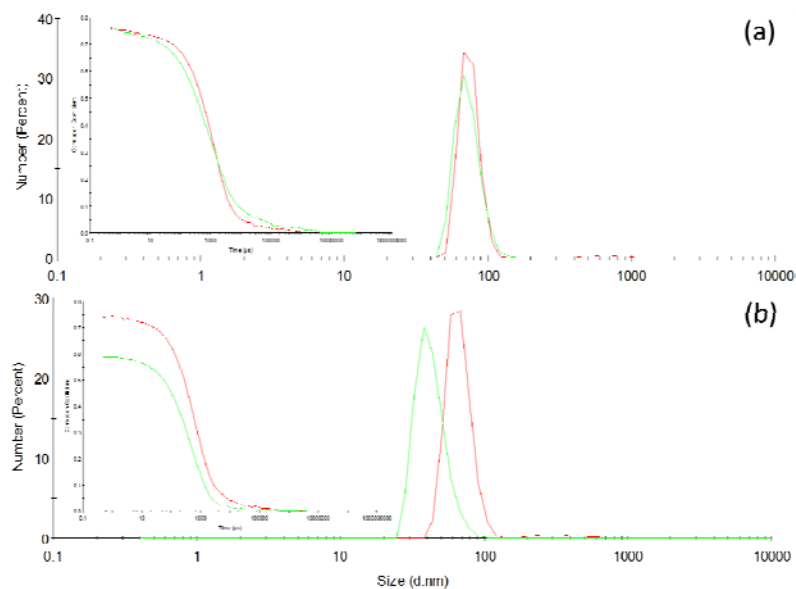


Fig. S26. Number-averaged PSD and corresponding correlation functions of compound (a) **2c** and (b) **5c** in aqueous phase after extraction of NaPic (red line) and RbPic (green line).

Computational data of thiacalix[4]monocrown-ethers

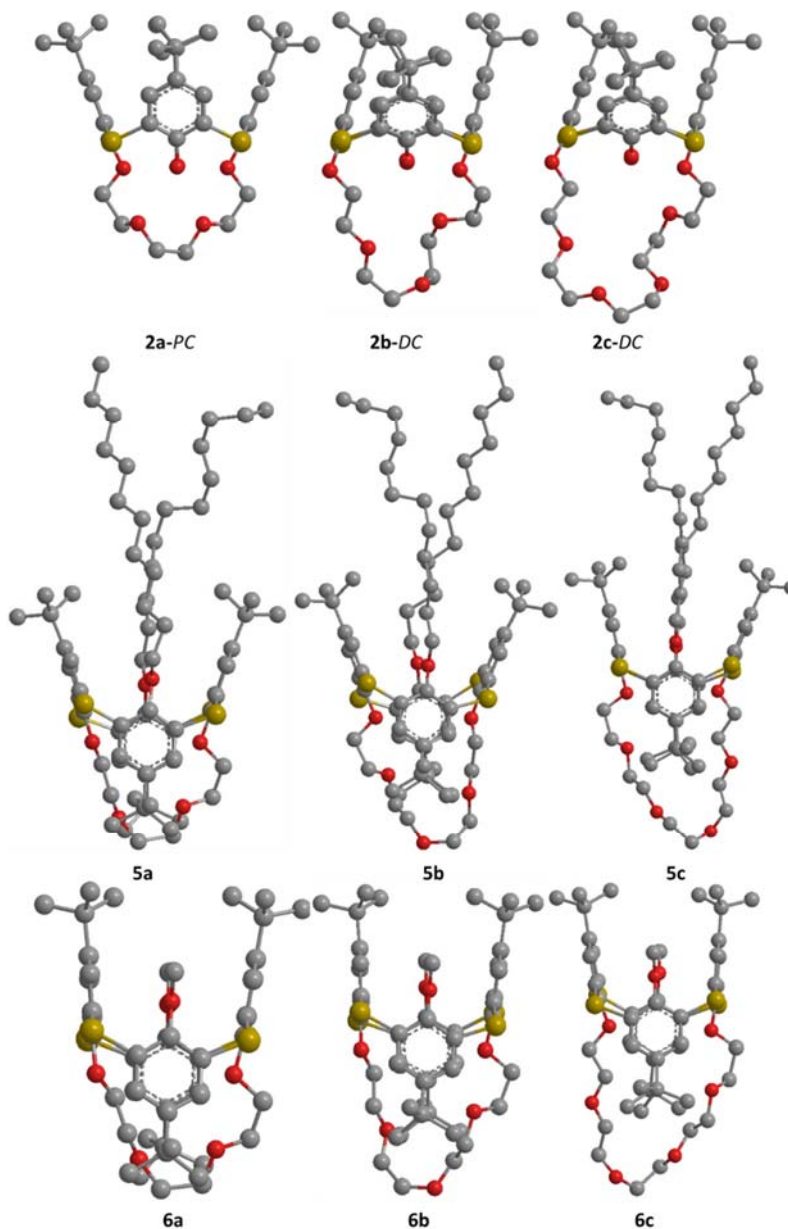


Fig. S27. MM+ minimized geometries of *PC/DC* stereoisomeric forms of ligands **2a–c** and *1,3-alternate* **5a–c** and **6a–c**.

Table S2. PBE/3z-calculated bond length values, Å, in lithium complexes of 12-crown-4 and compounds **2a** and **6a**.

Chemical bond	Compound		
Li–O1	1.95	2.14	1.95
Li–O2	2.02	2.16	2.01
Li–O3	2.01	2.09	2.40
Li–O4	2.03	2.45	3.29
O1–O4	2.68	4.01	4.60
O1–O2	2.68	2.70	2.62
Li–O5	–	–	1.93

Langmuir monolayer measurements of thiocalix[4]crown-ethers

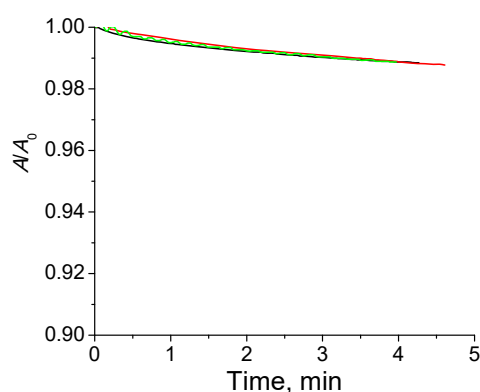


Fig. S28. Evolution of the mean molecular area of compounds **2a** (black, $\pi = 11$ mN/m), **2b** (red, $\pi = 15$ mN/m), and **2c** (green, $\pi = 20$ mN/m) in monolayers at constant surface pressure.

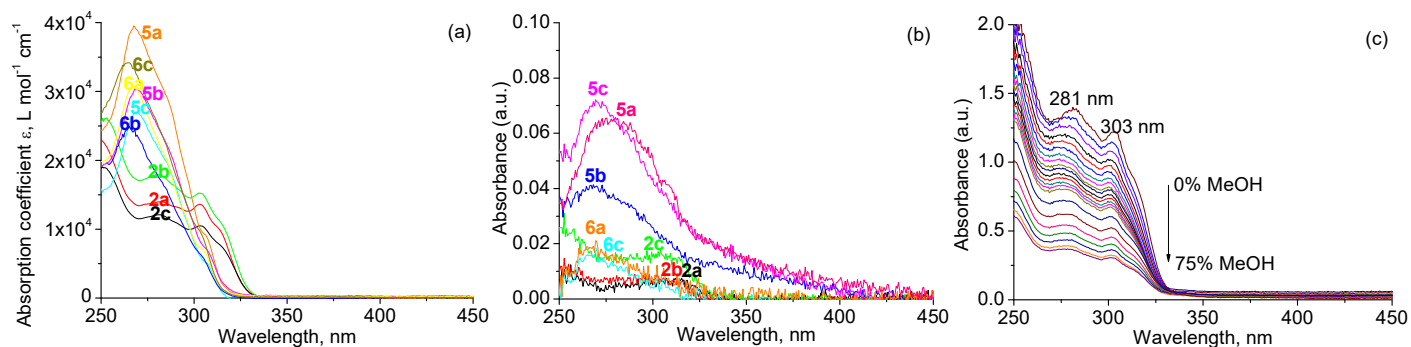


Fig. S29. (a) Electronic absorption spectra of compounds **2**, **5**, and **6** in CHCl_3 ($c = (1.0\text{--}5.0) \times 10^{-5}$ mol L^{-1}). (b) UVRAS spectra of compounds **2**, **5**, and **6** at the air–water interface ($c = 0.1$ mM (compounds **2** and **5**) and 0.01 mM (compounds **6**) in CHCl_3). (c) Electronic absorption spectra of **2c** in $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{--}(0\text{--}3)\text{MeOH}$. $c_0 = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ mol L^{-1} .

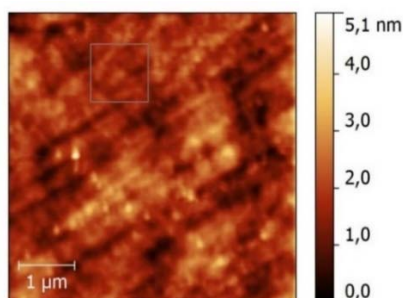


Fig. S30. Height image of bare quartz substrate (AFM, tapping mode, $5 \mu\text{m} \times 5 \mu\text{m}$).

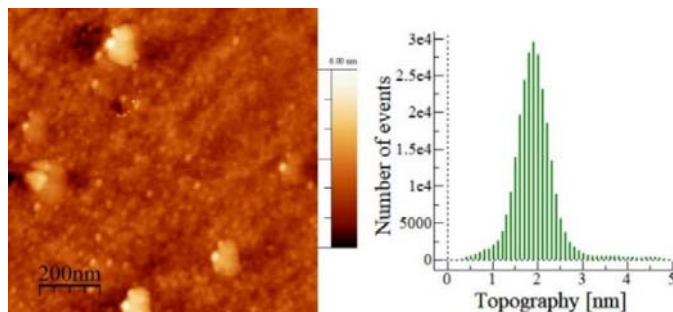


Fig. S31. Height image of quartz substrate with 1 monolayer of thiocalixcrown **2a** transferred at surface pressure of 10 mN/m (AFM, tapping mode, $1\ \mu\text{m} \times 1\ \mu\text{m}$) and the histogram corresponding to topography.

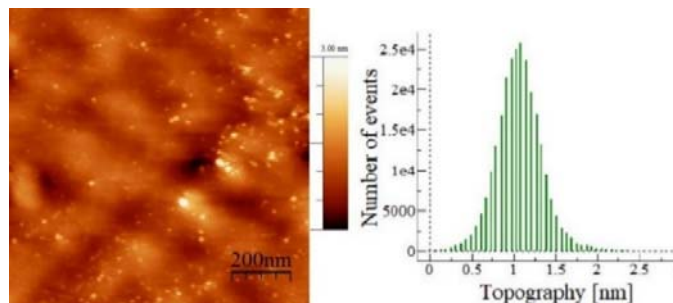


Fig. S32. Height image of quartz substrate with 1 monolayer of thiocalixcrown **2b** transferred at surface pressure of 12 mN/m (AFM, tapping mode, $1\ \mu\text{m} \times 1\ \mu\text{m}$) and the histogram corresponding to topography.

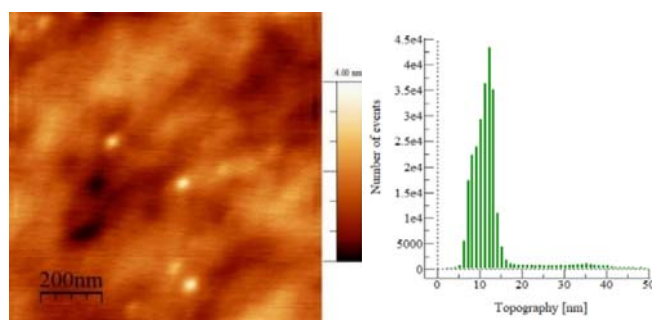


Fig. S33. Height image of quartz substrate with 1 monolayer of thiocalixcrown **5a** transferred at surface pressure of 6 mN/m (AFM, tapping mode, $1\ \mu\text{m} \times 1\ \mu\text{m}$) and the histogram corresponding to topography.

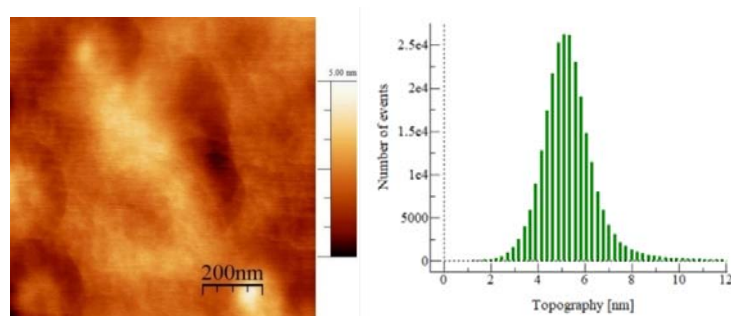


Fig. S34. Height image of quartz substrate with 1 monolayer of thiocalixcrown **5b** transferred at surface pressure of 6 mN/m (AFM, tapping mode, $1\ \mu\text{m} \times 1\ \mu\text{m}$) and the histogram corresponding to topography.

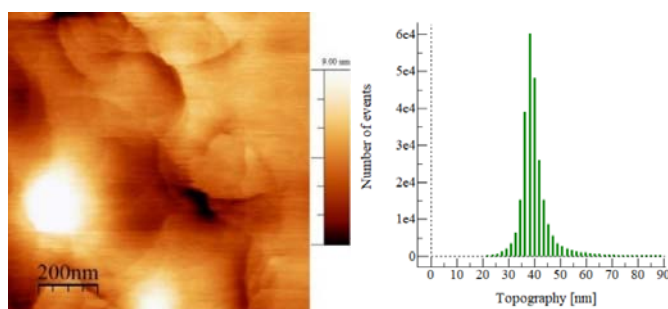


Fig. S35. Height image of quartz substrate with 1 monolayer of thiocalixcrown **6a** transferred at surface pressure of 10 mN/m (AFM, tapping mode, $1\ \mu\text{m} \times 1\ \mu\text{m}$) and the histogram corresponding to topography.

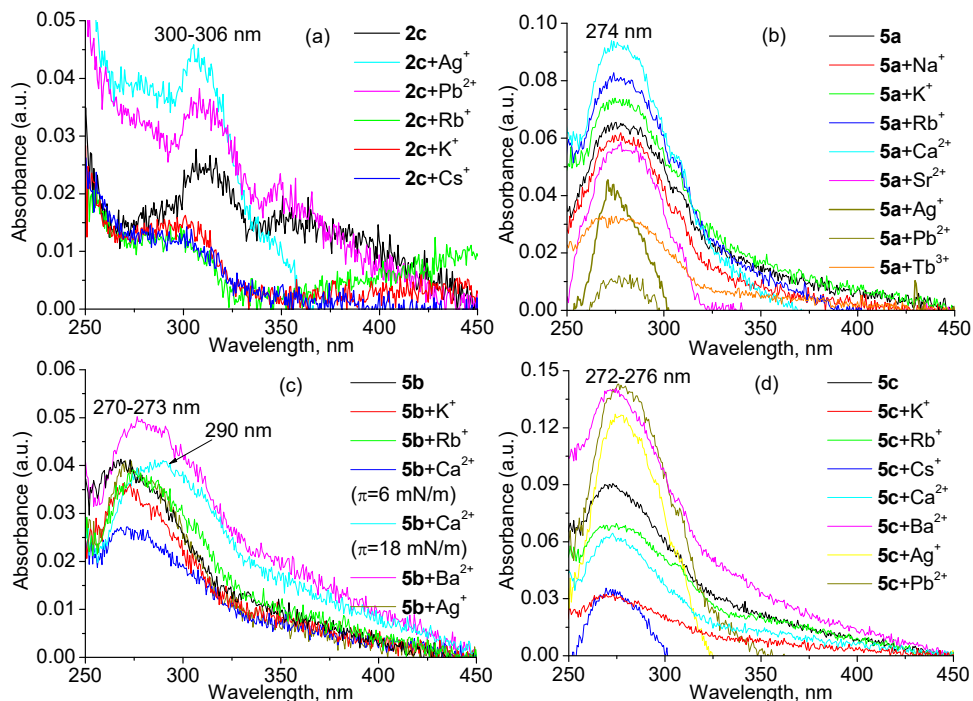


Fig. S36. UVRAS spectra of (a) **2c** and (b–d) **5a–c** at the air–0.01 M salt water interface ($c = 0.1$ mM in CHCl_3).

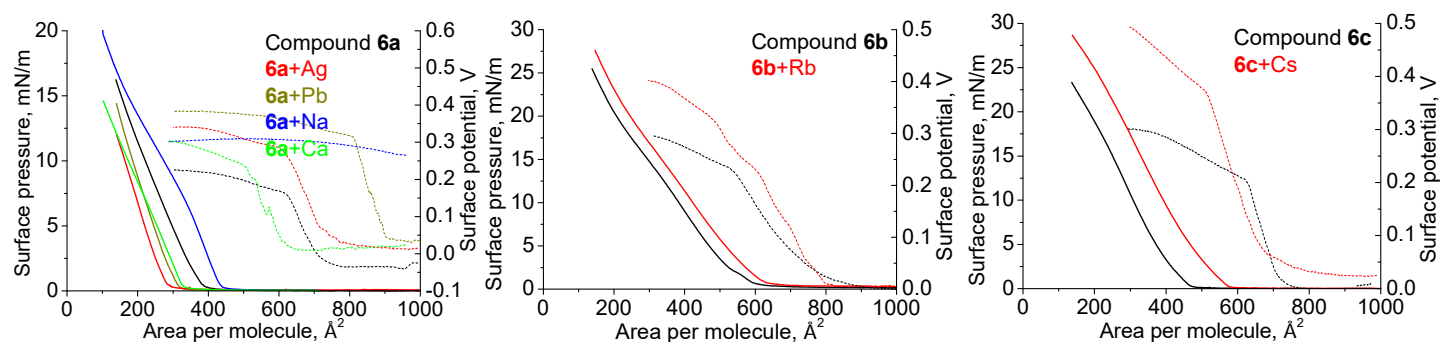


Fig. S37. Surface pressure/SPOT–molecular area isotherms of monolayers of thiocalixcrowns **6a–c** on water or 0.01 M salt water subphase. Concentration of the ligands in spreading solvent is 1×10^{-5} M.

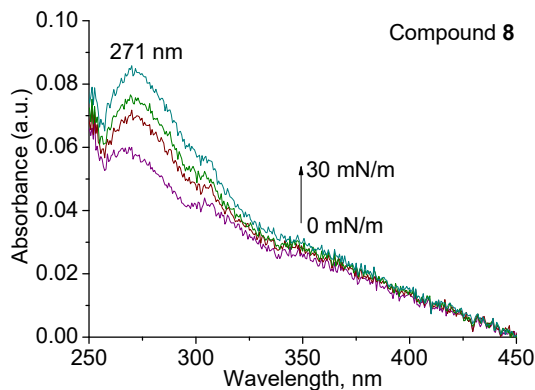


Fig. S38. UVRAS spectra of compound **8** at the air–water interface over monolayer compression ($c = 0.1$ mM in CHCl_3).

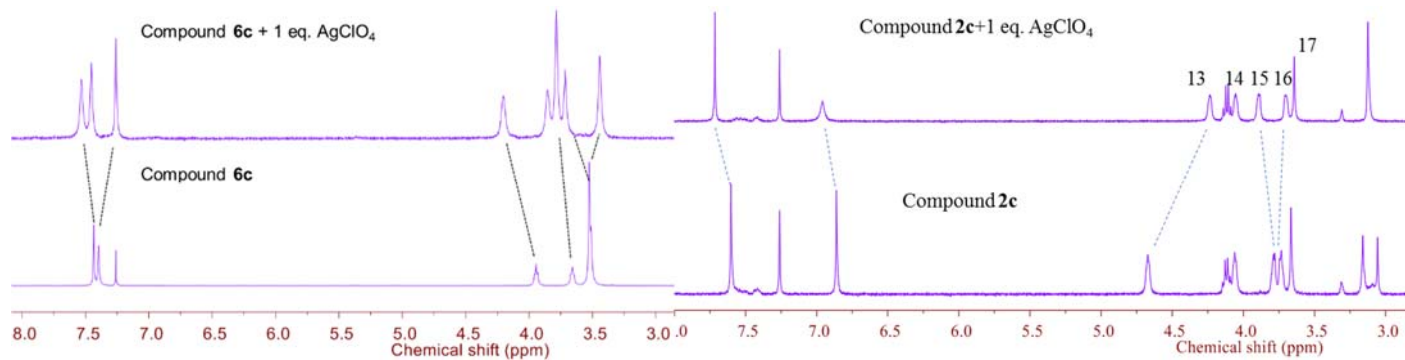


Fig. S39. Evolution of ^1H NMR spectra of compounds **6c** and **2c** on exposure to AgClO_4 in CDCl_3 (**6c**) and CDCl_3 : CD_3OD (10:1) (**2c**) (numbering of protons is given in Scheme S1).

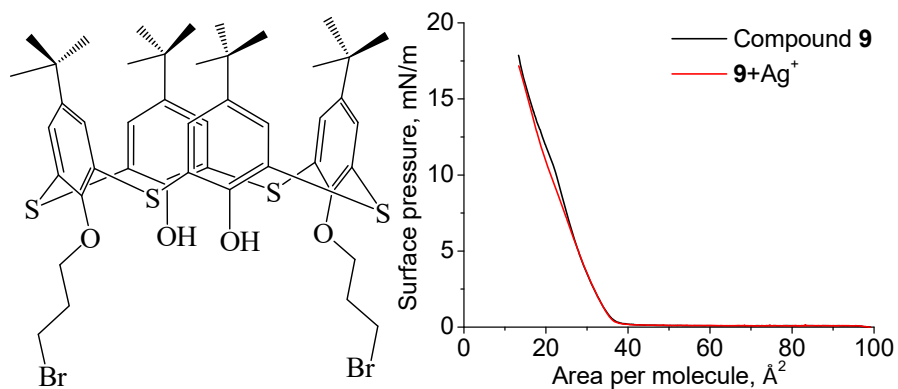


Fig. S40. The π -A isotherms of compound **9** on water or 0.01 M AgNO_3 subphase. $c = 1 \times 10^{-4}$ M in CHCl_3 .

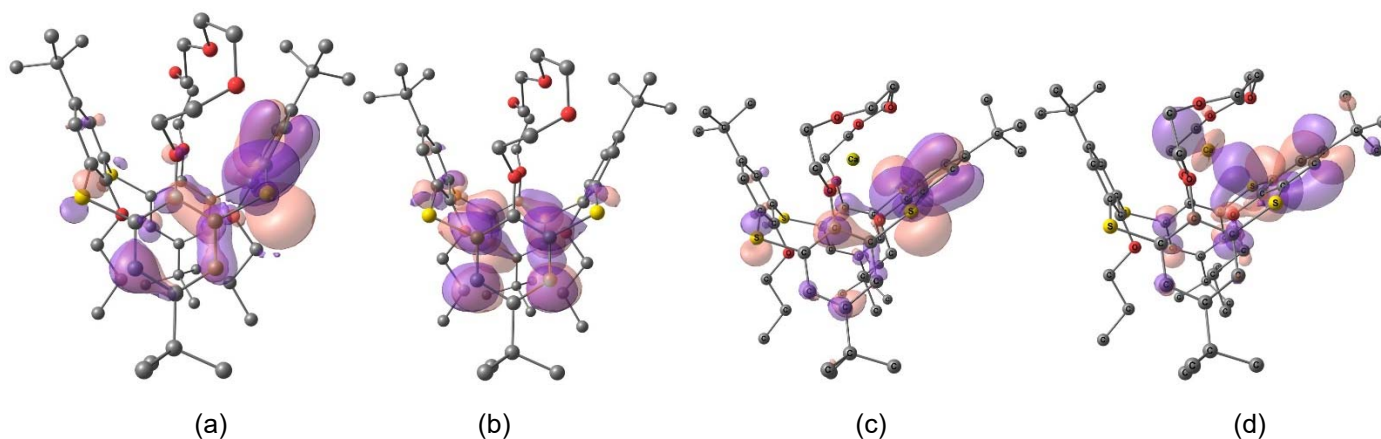


Fig. S41. Frontier molecular orbitals contributing to low-energy absorption bands: a) **5b'** HOMO, b) **5b'** LUMO + 1, c) **5b'**-Ca HOMO-2, d) **5b'**-Ca LUMO + 1,