

## Supporting Information – To be published in [New Journal of Chemistry]

### Oxygen mediated highly efficient cobalt(II) porphyrin-catalyzed reduction of functional chromones: Experimental and Computational studies

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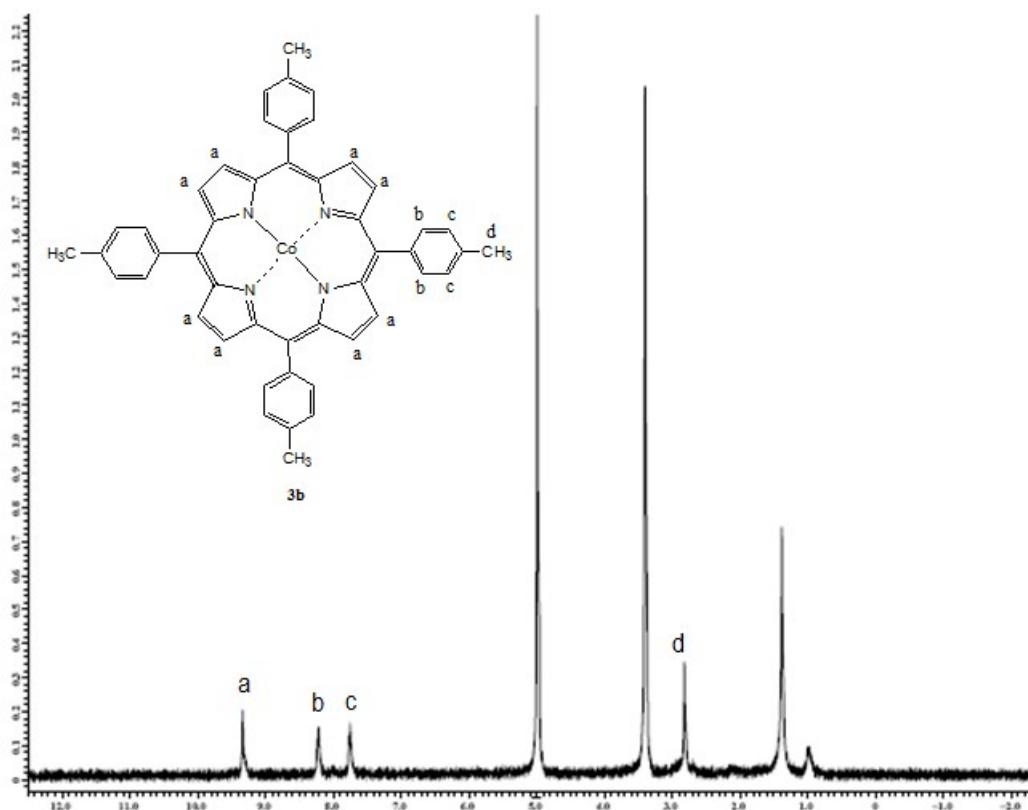
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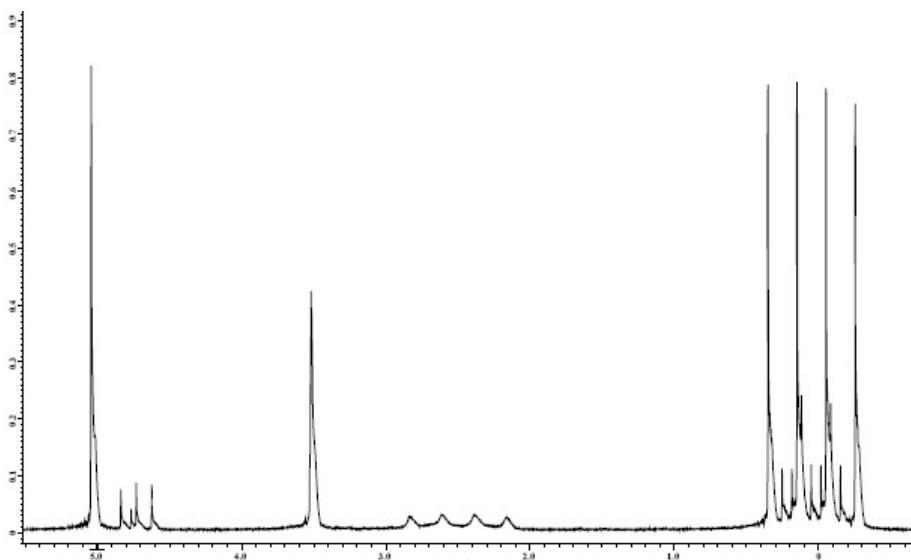
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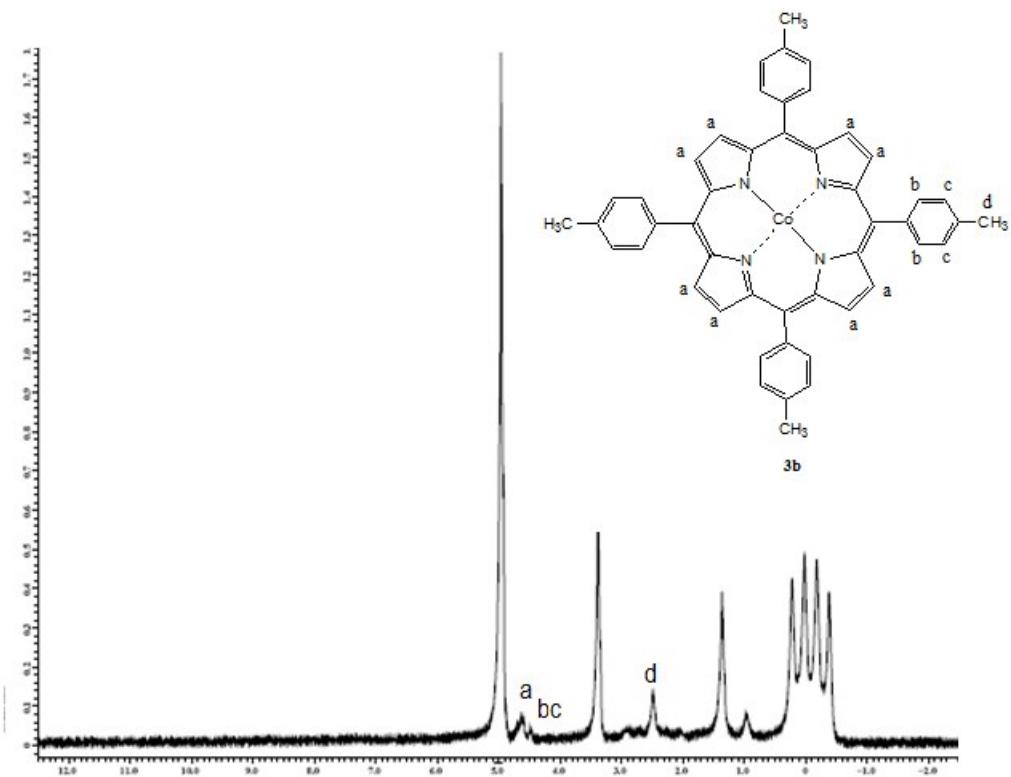
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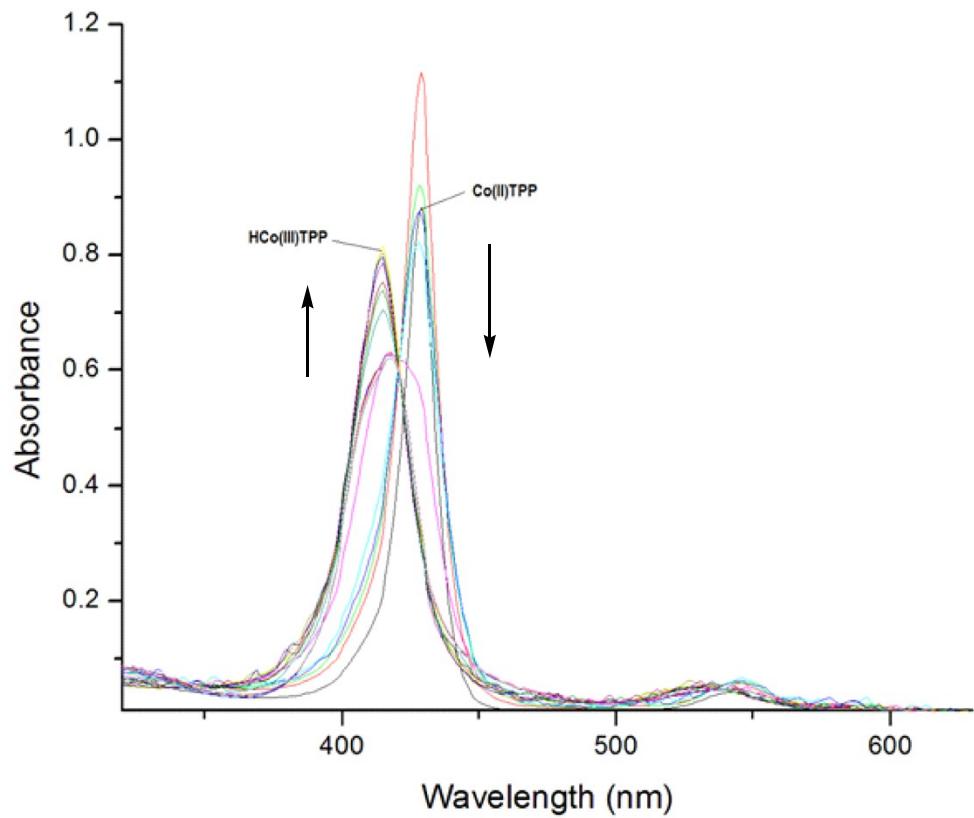
**Fig. 1.** NMR spectrum of Co<sup>II</sup>TPP **3b** in MeOD under oxygen atmosphere



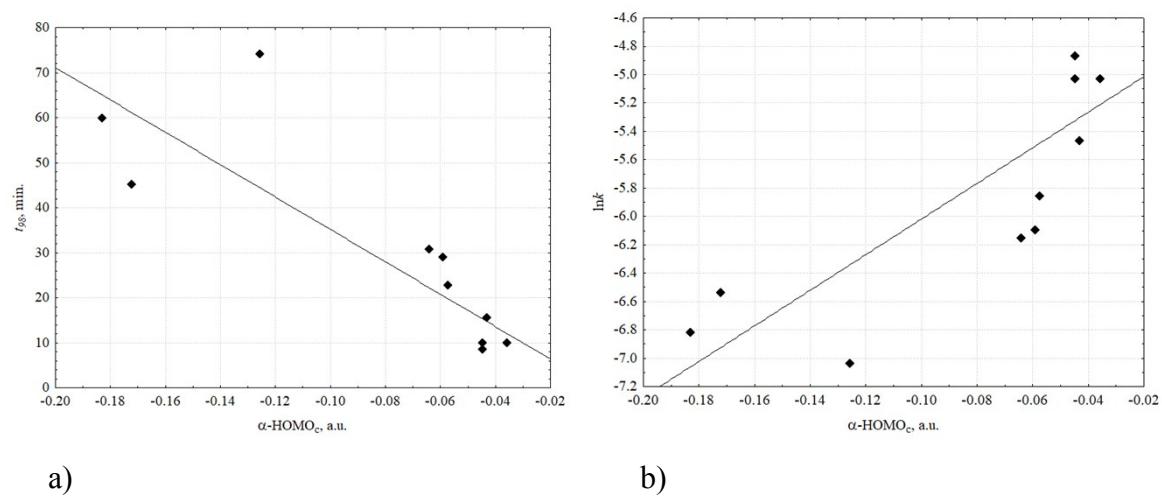
**Fig. 2.** NMR spectrum of NaBH<sub>4</sub> in MeOD



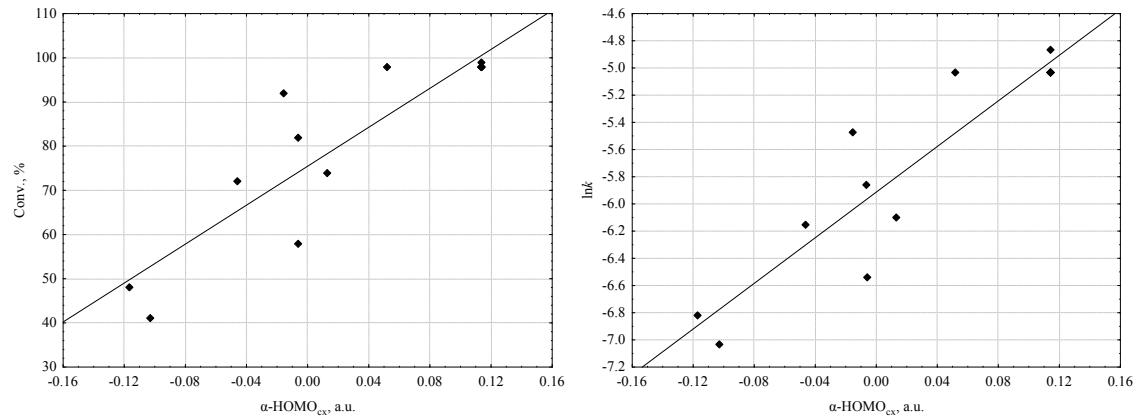
**Fig. 3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of Co<sup>II</sup>TPP **3b** on addition of NaBH<sub>4</sub> in MeOD



**Fig 4.** UV-vis spectra of **3b** in methanol on addition of  $\text{NaBH}_4$  in methanol at an interval of 1 min. catalysis.



**Fig. 5.** Relationships: a) 98% conversion times with  $\alpha\text{-HOMO}_c$ ; b) logarithms of the rate constant



a)

b)

**Fig. 6.** Relationships: a) conversions; b) logarithms of the rate constant with  $\alpha$ -HOMO<sub>cx</sub>