

Ni<sup>II</sup> and Cu<sup>II</sup> complexes of a salen ligand bearing ferrocenes in its secondary coordination sphere

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Supporting Information

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## Mass spectrometry

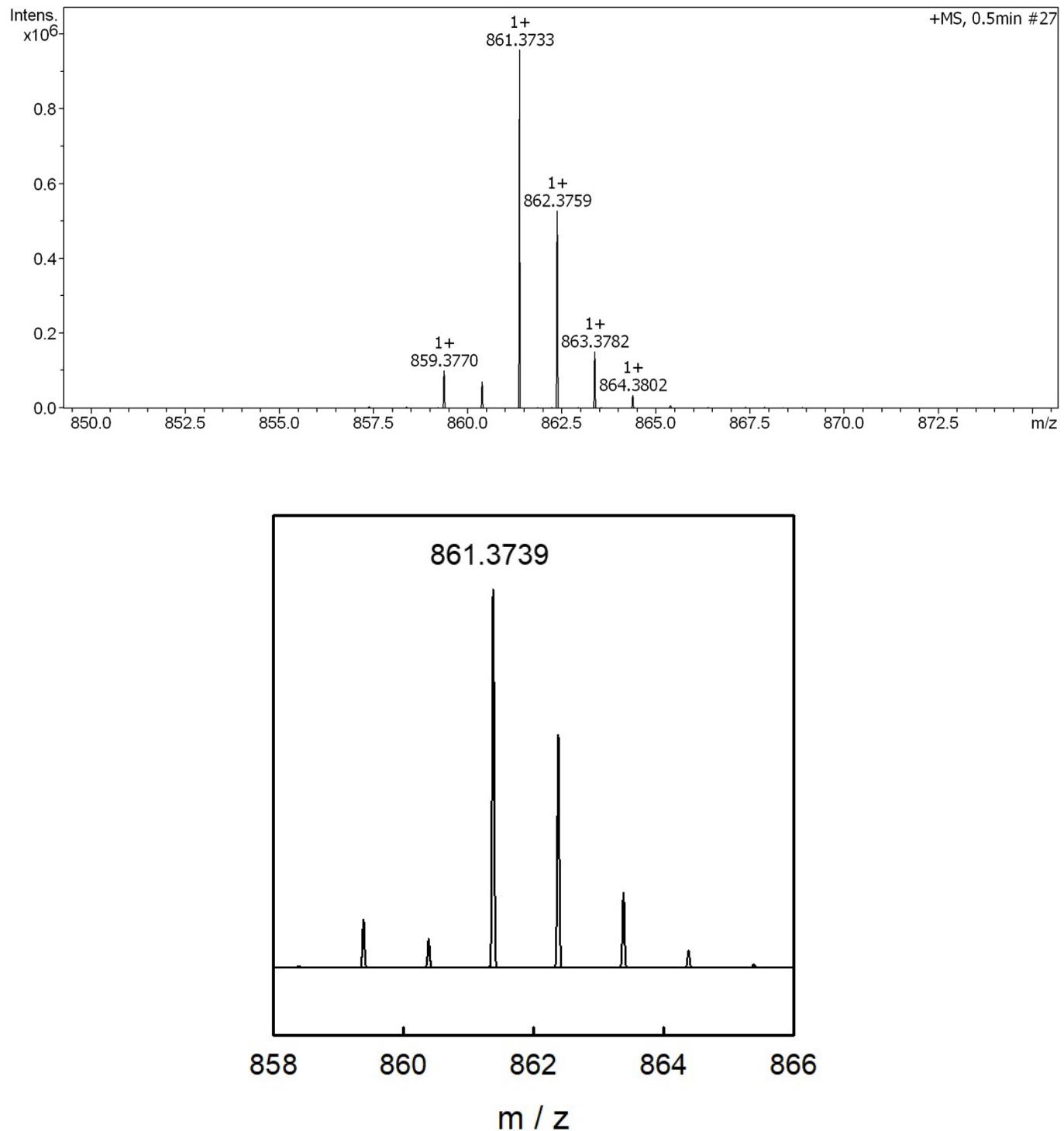


Figure S1. Experimental (top) and simulated (bottom) mass spectrum of  $\text{H}_2(\text{Sal})^{\text{Fc}}$ .

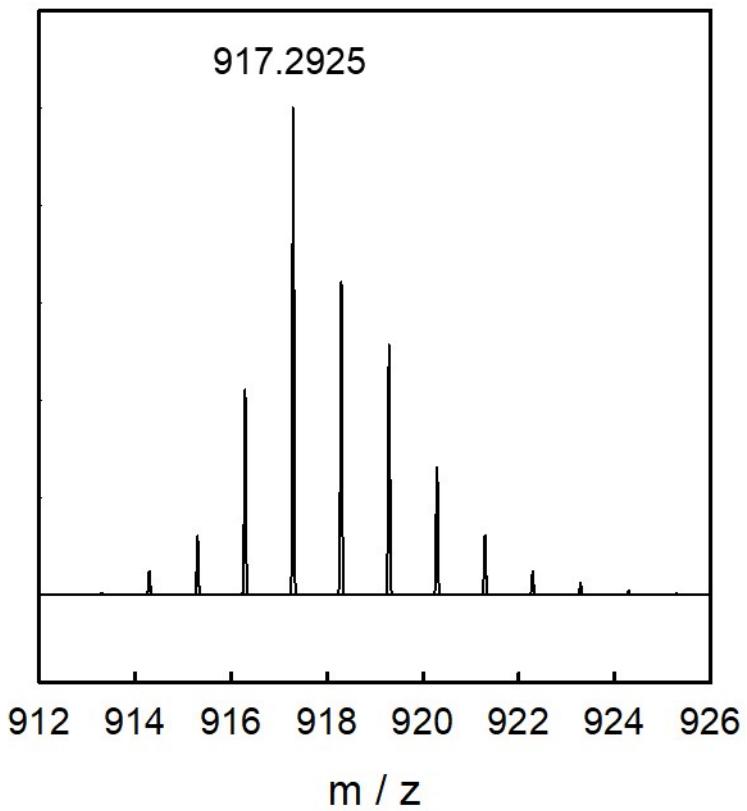
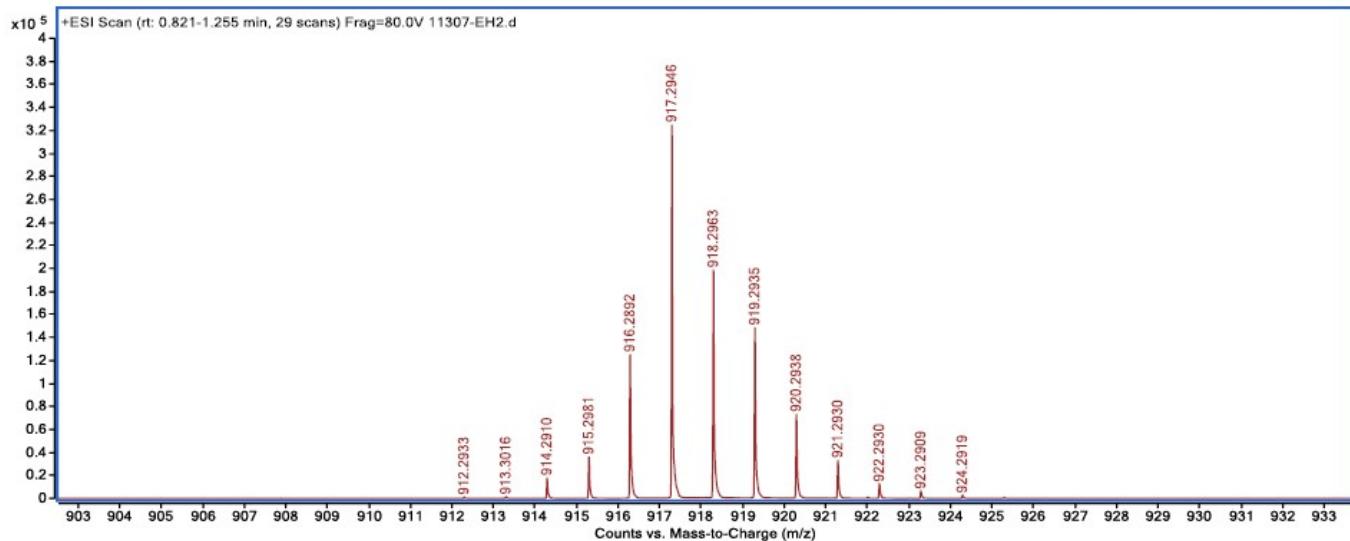


Figure S2. Experimental (top) and simulated (bottom) mass spectrum of Ni(Sal)<sup>Fc</sup>.

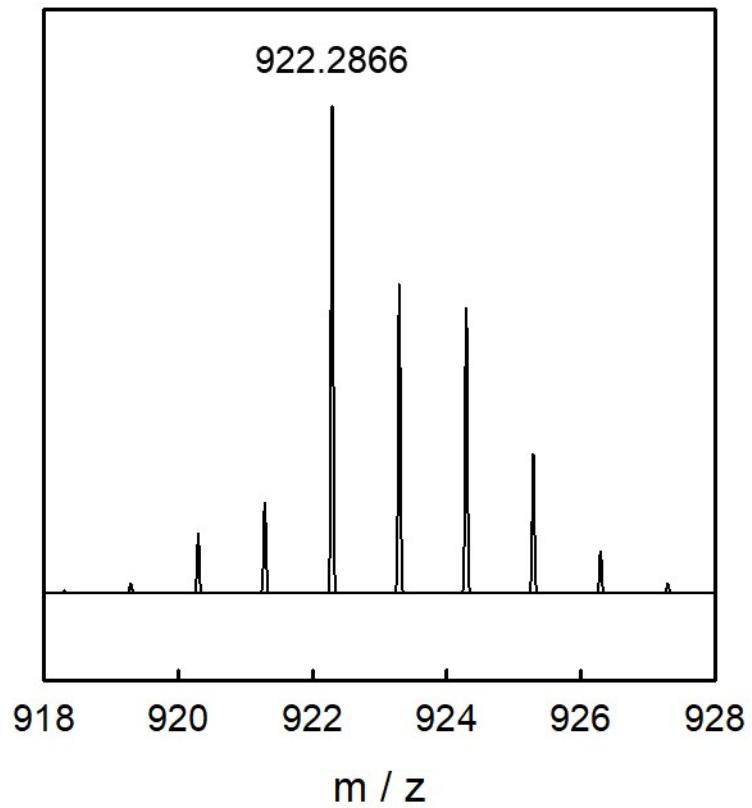
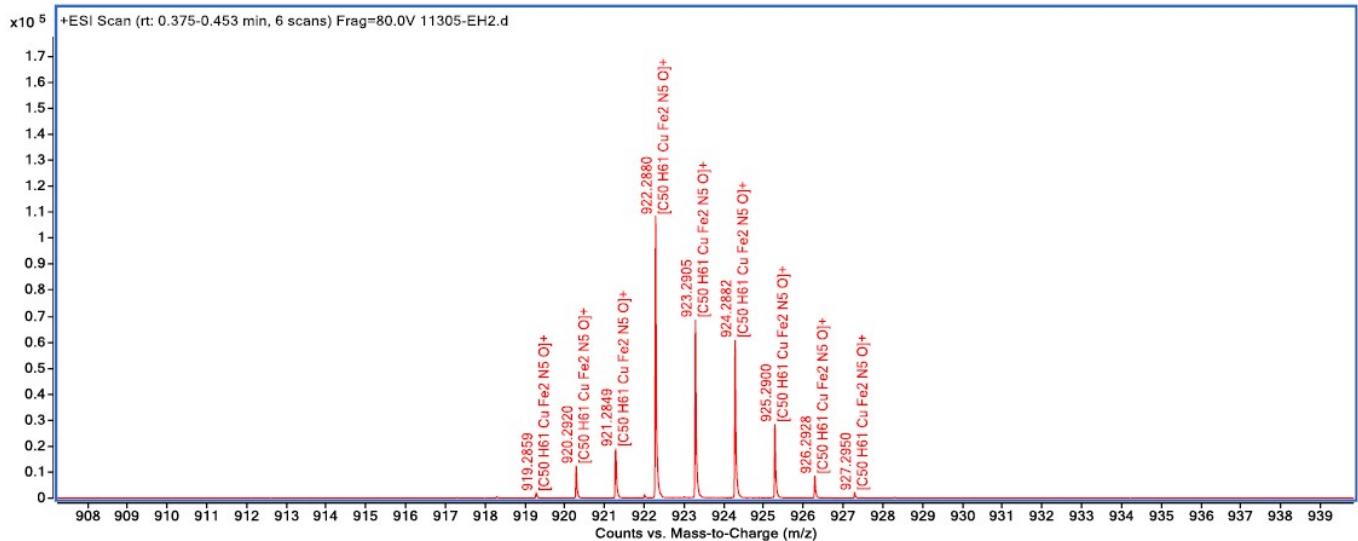


Figure S3. Experimental (top) and simulated (bottom) mass spectrum of **Cu(Sal)<sup>Fc</sup>**.

NMR spectroscopy:

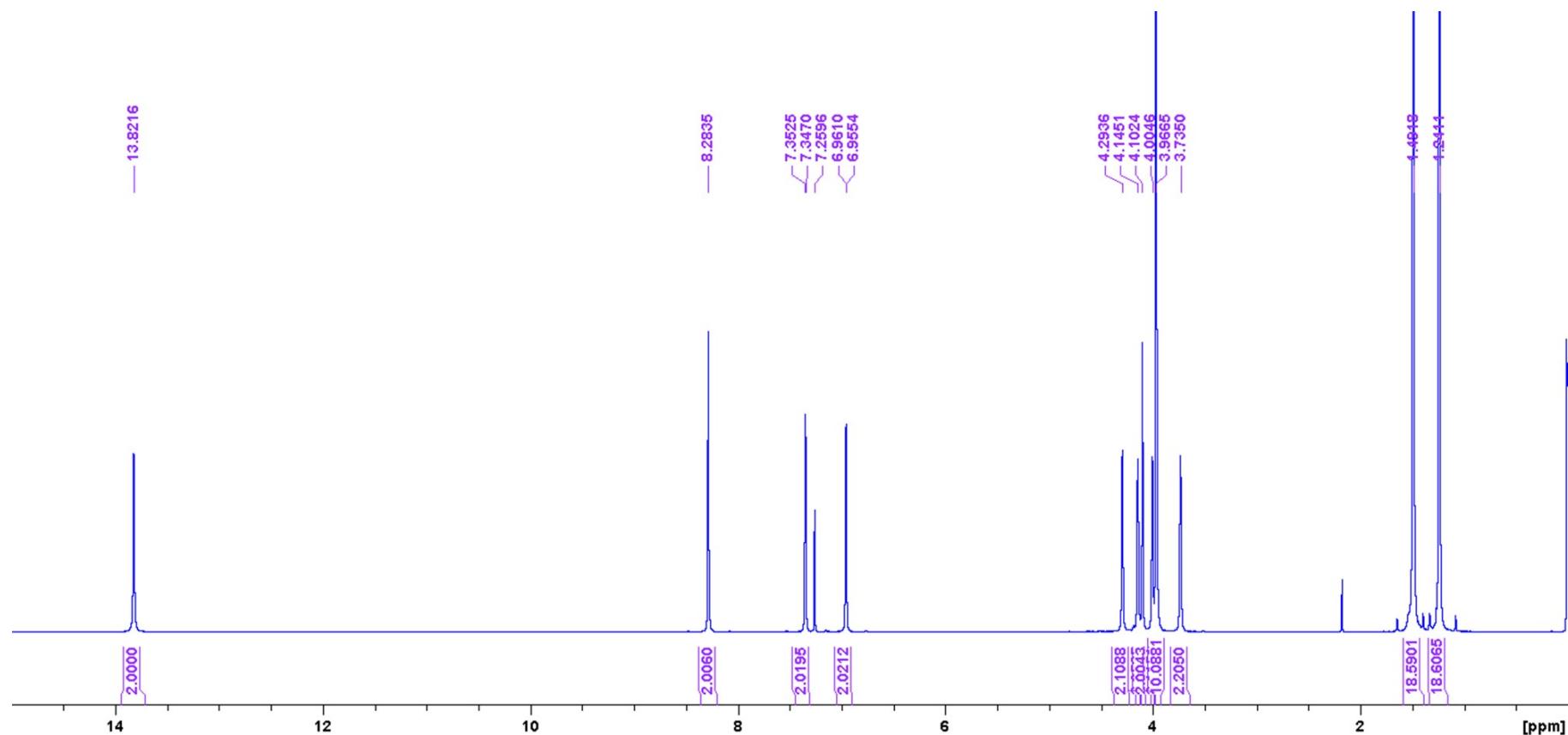


Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of H<sub>2</sub>(Sal)<sup>Fc</sup> recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 298 K.

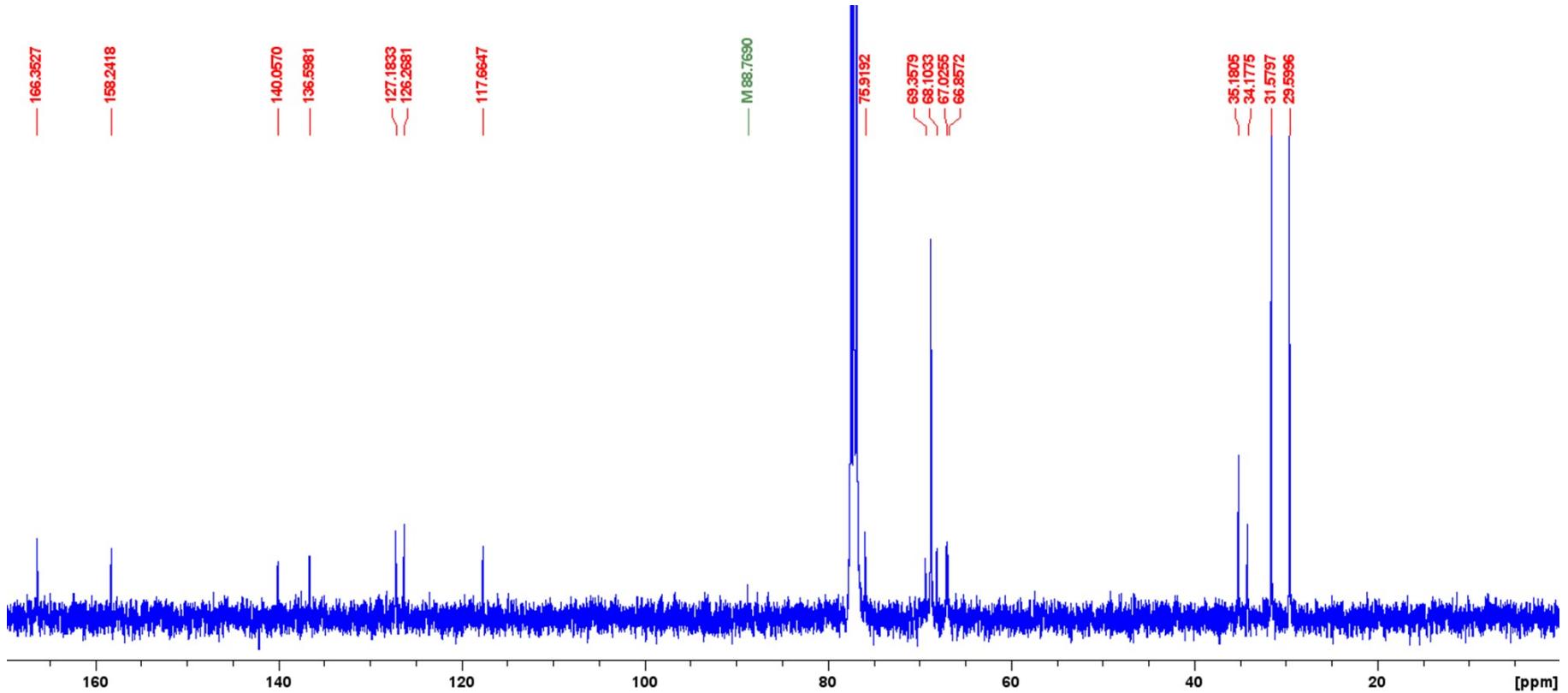


Figure S5.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{H}_2(\text{Sal})^{\text{Fc}}$  recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.

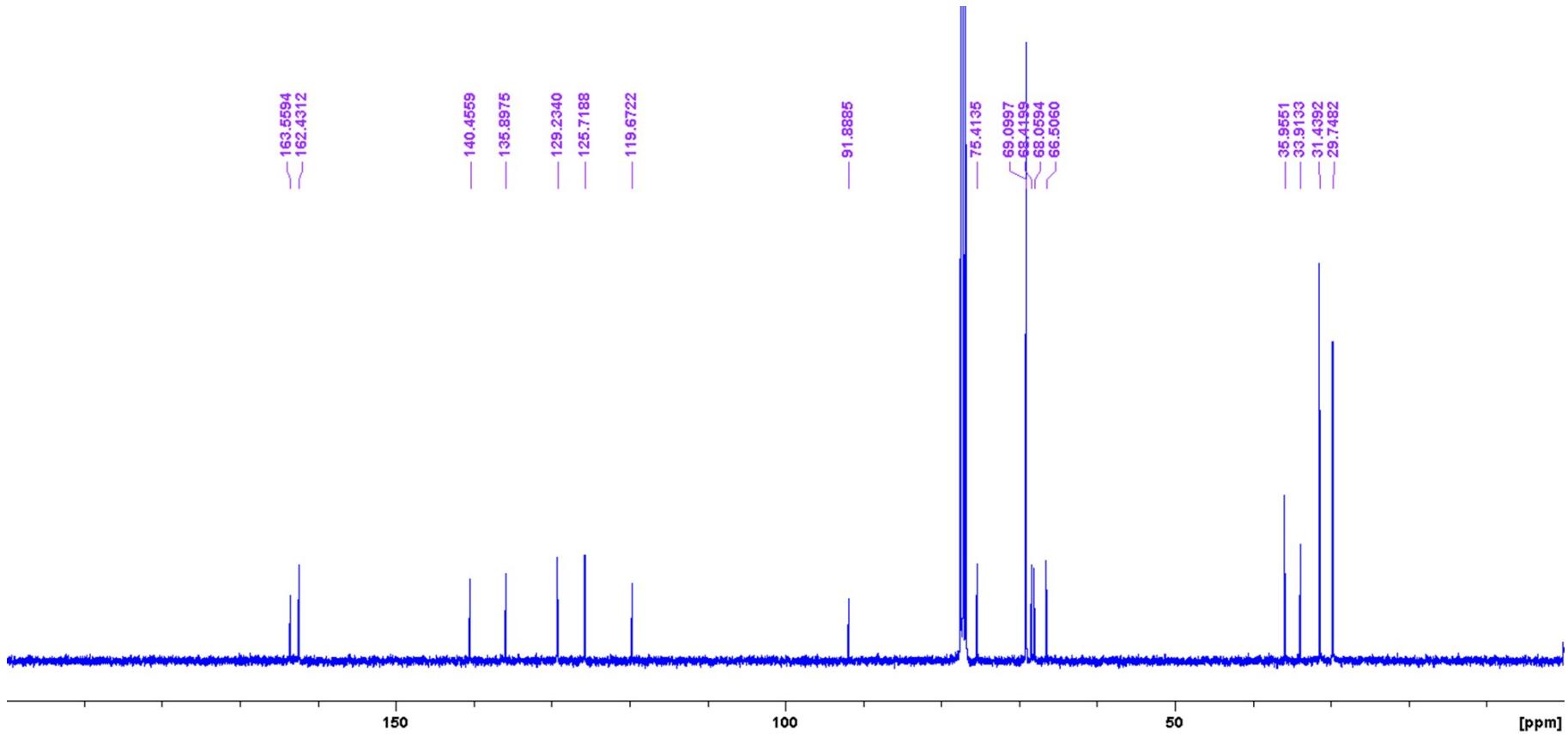


Figure S6.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{Ni}(\text{Sal})^{\text{Fc}}$  recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.

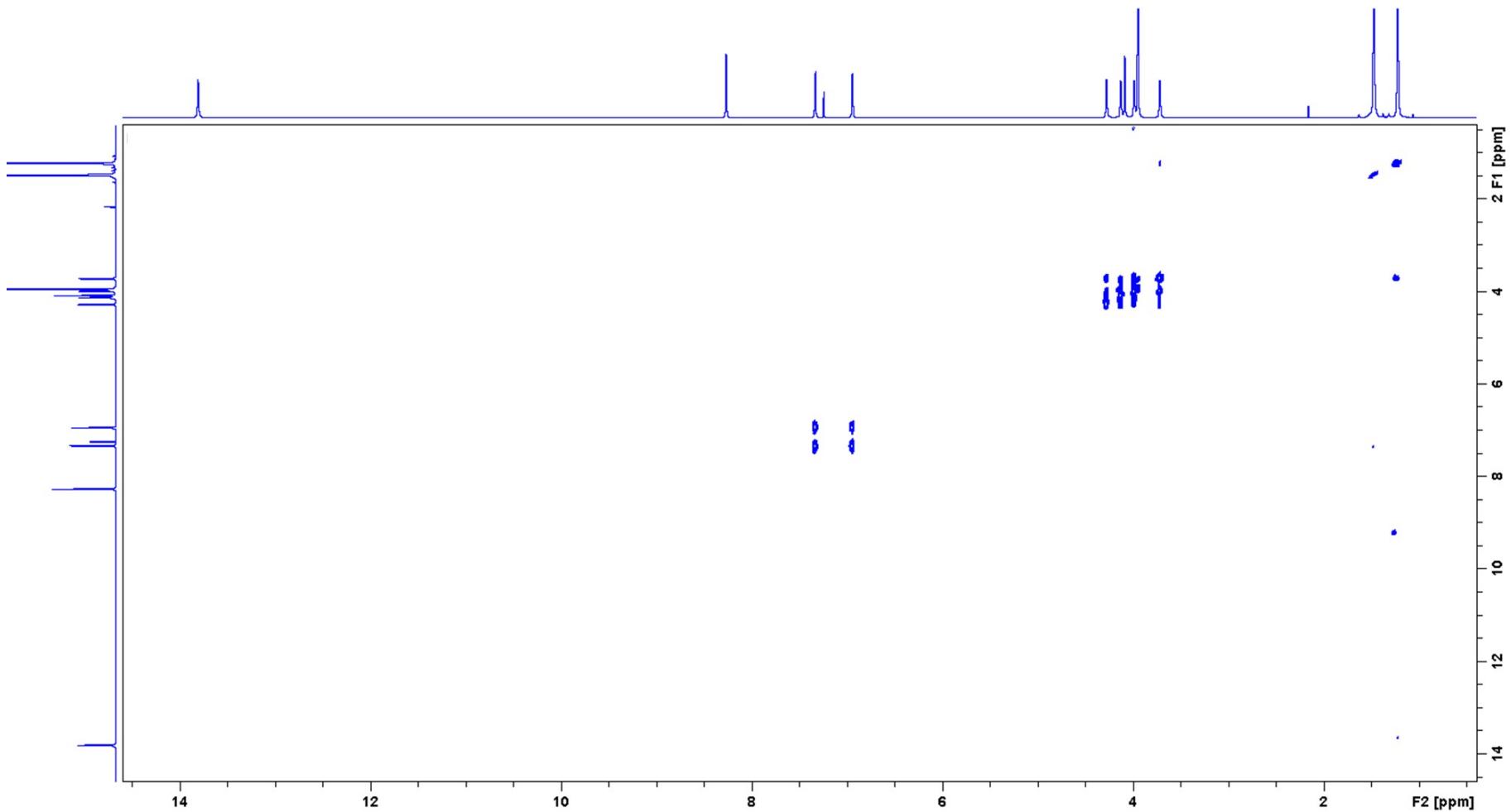


Figure S7. Full <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum of  $\mathbf{H}_2(\text{Sal})^{\text{Fc}}$  recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.

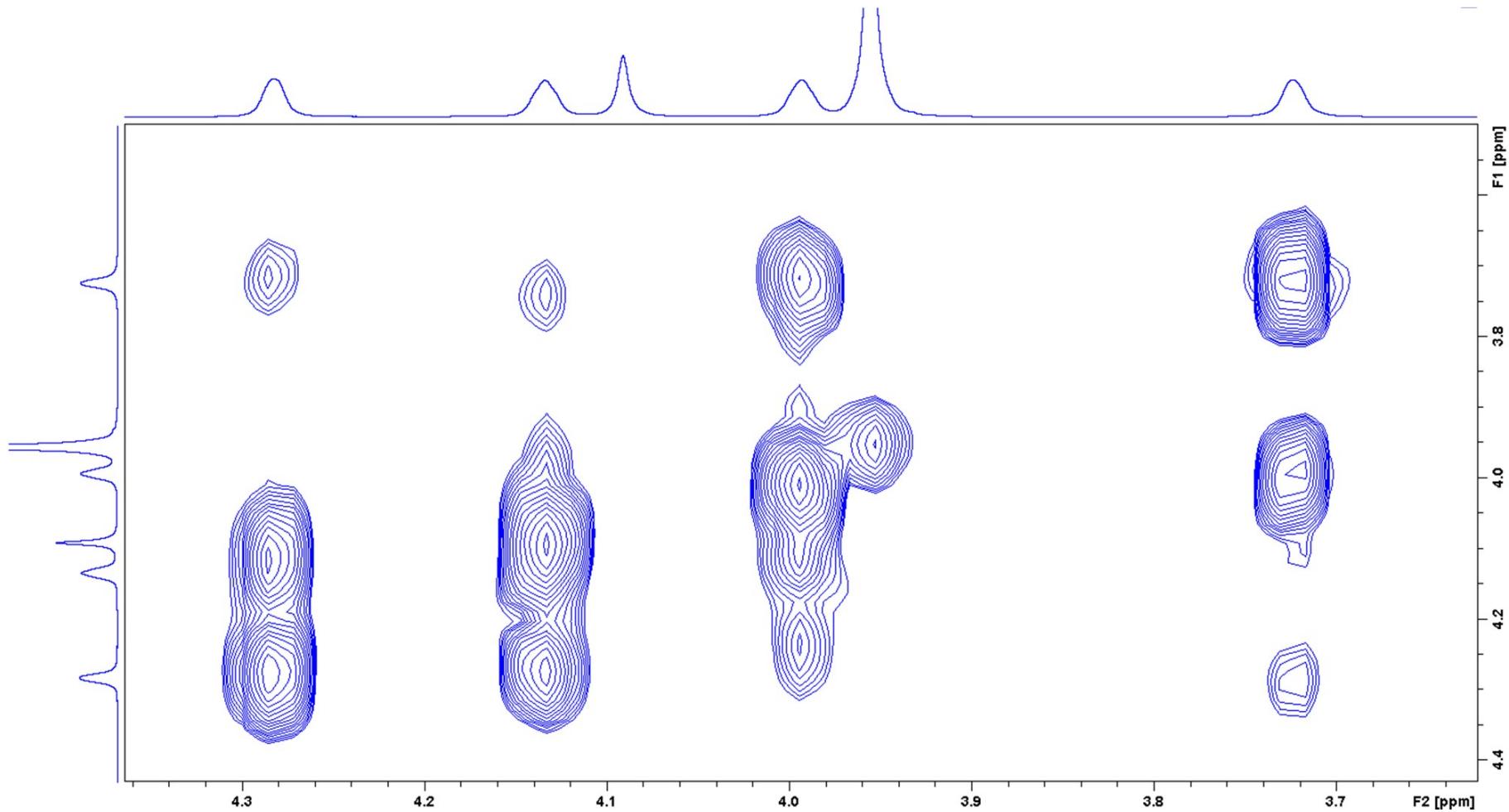


Figure S8. Magnified  ${}^1\text{H}$ - ${}^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum of  $\mathbf{H}_2(\text{Sal})^{\text{Fc}}$  recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.

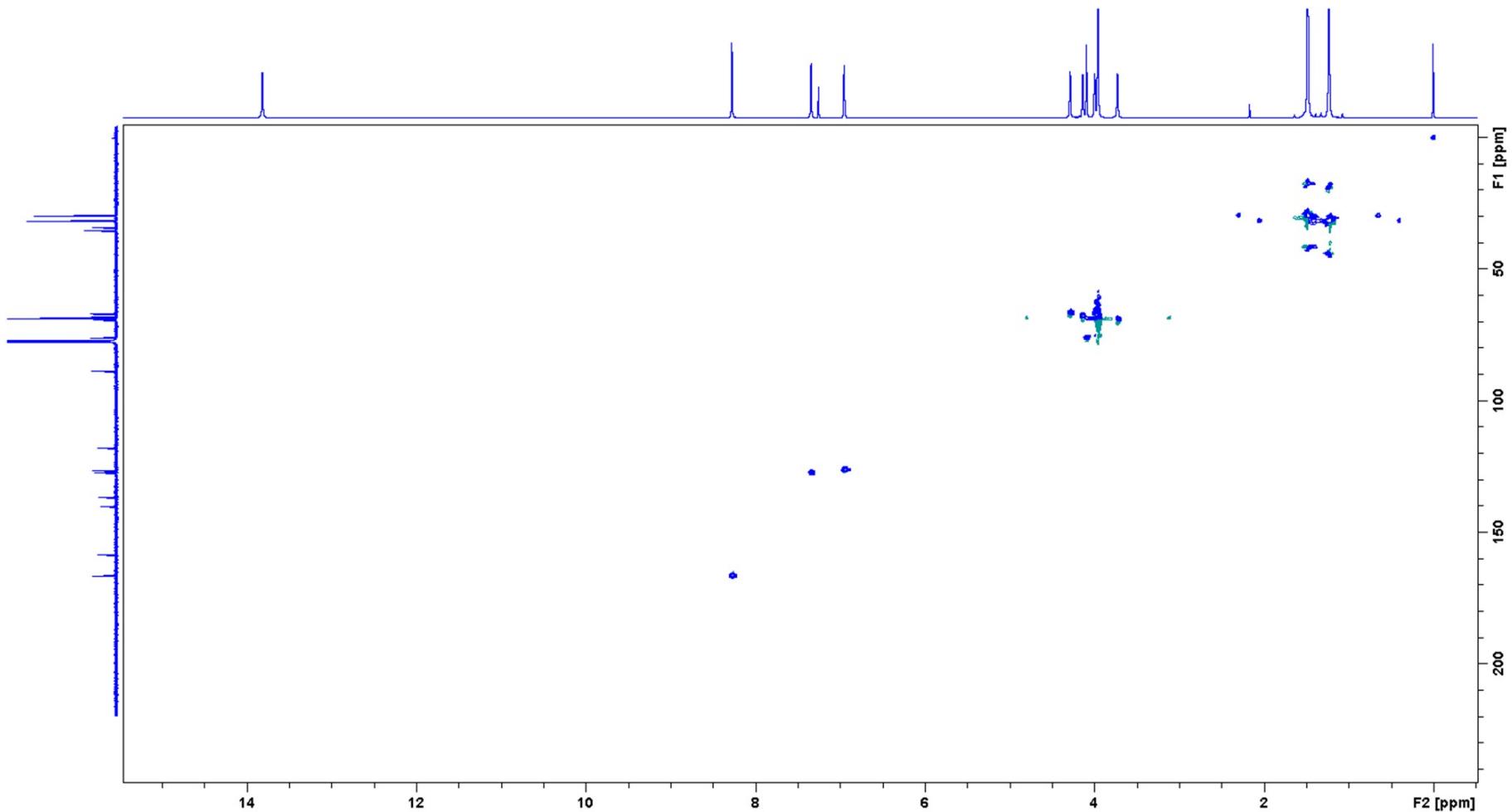


Figure S9. Full <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HSQC spectrum of H<sub>2</sub>(Sal)<sup>Fc</sup> recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 298 K.

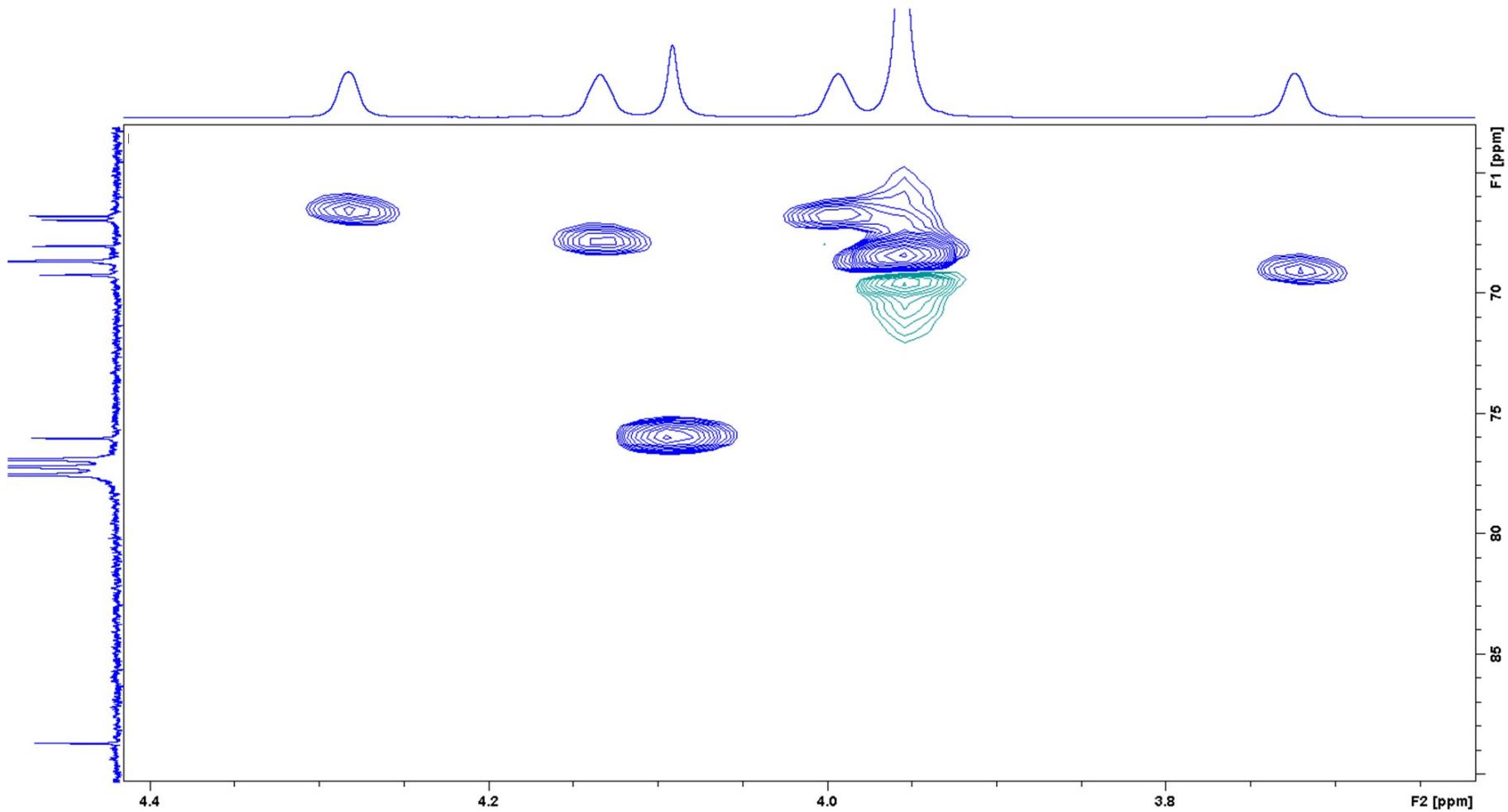


Figure S10. Magnified <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HSQC spectrum of  $\text{H}_2(\text{Sal})^{\text{Fc}}$  recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.

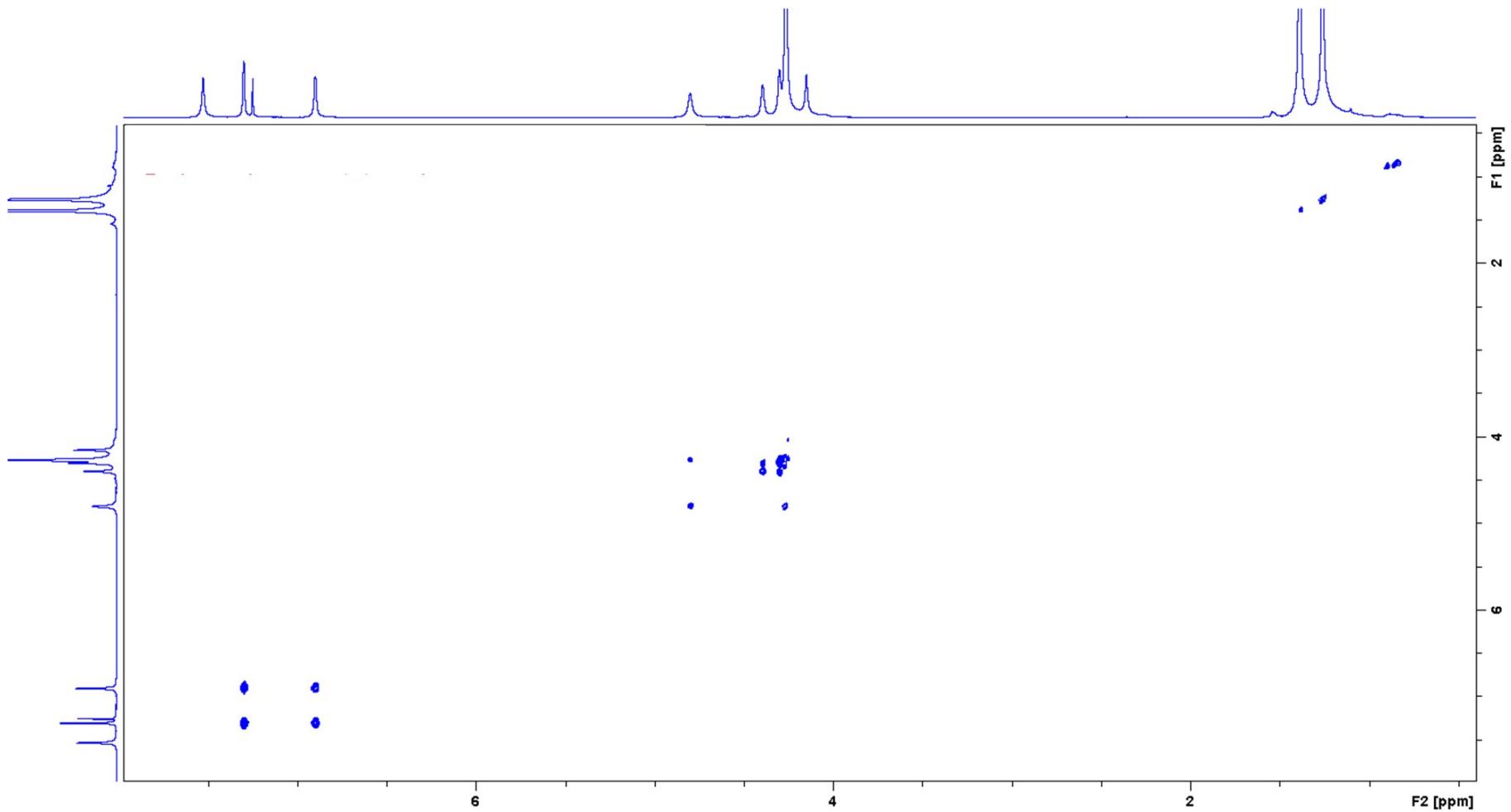


Figure S11. Full <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum of **Ni(Sal)<sup>Fc</sup>** recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 298 K.

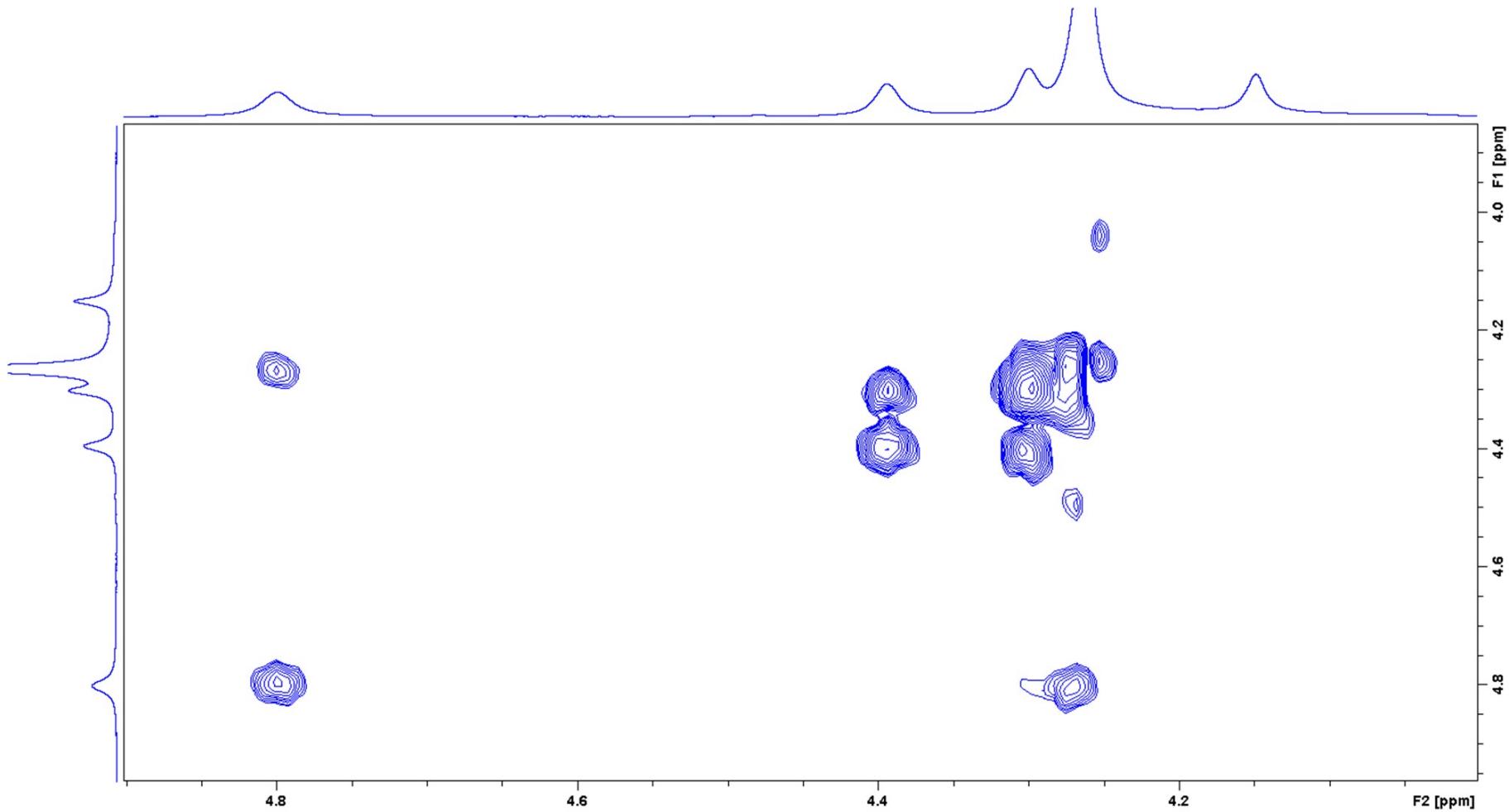


Figure S12. Magnified  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum of  $\text{Ni}(\text{Sal})^{\text{Fc}}$  recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.

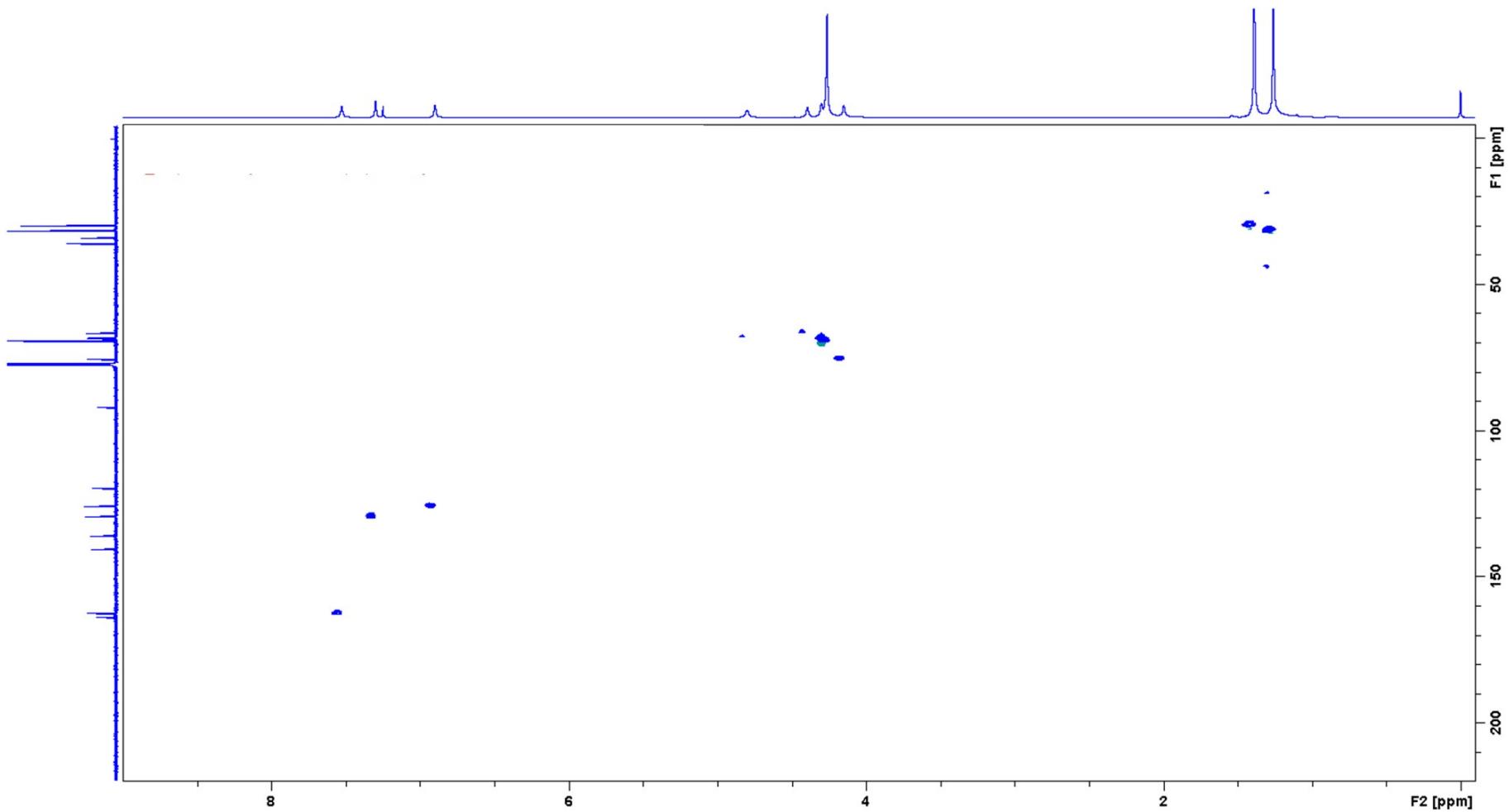


Figure S13. Full <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HSQC spectrum of **Ni(Sal)<sup>Fc</sup>** recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 298 K.

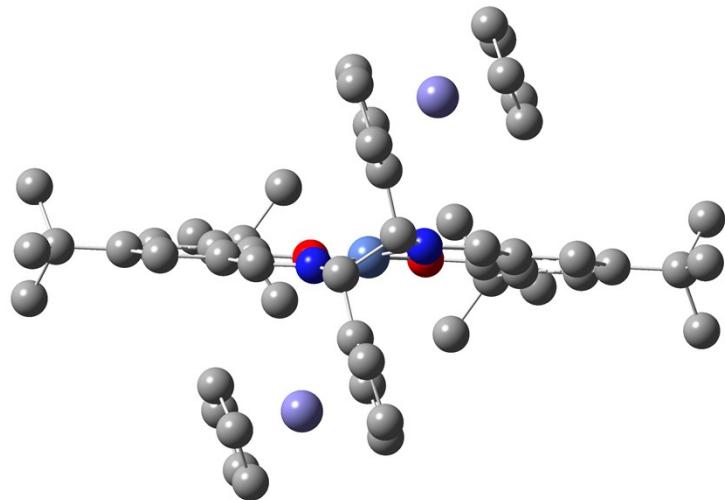


Figure S14. DFT optimized structure of **Ni(Sal)<sup>Fc</sup>**. H-atoms have been omitted for clarity.

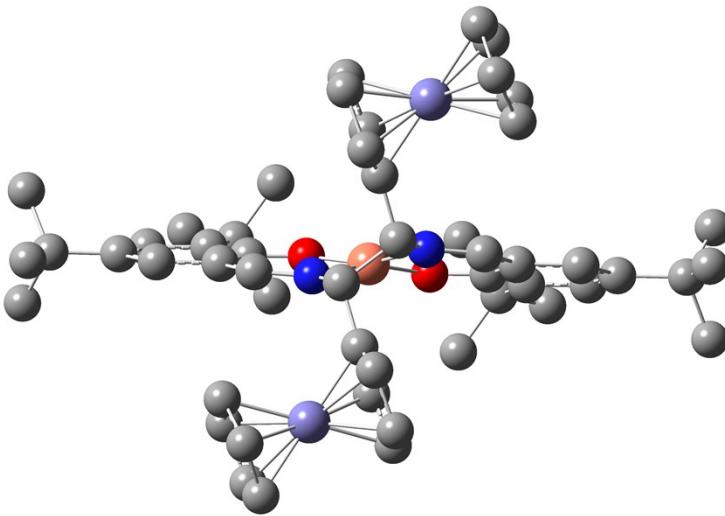


Figure S15. DFT optimized structure of **Cu(Sal)<sup>Fc</sup>**. H-atoms have been omitted for clarity.

Table S1. Select DFT computed bond distances (Å). See experimental section for computational details.

Bond	<b>Ni(Sal)<sup>Fc</sup></b>	<b>Ni(Sal)<sup>Ph</sup></b>	<b>Cu(Sal)<sup>Fc</sup></b>	<b>Cu(Sal)<sup>Ph</sup></b>
M-N1	1.842	1.843	1.928	1.931
M -N2	1.842	1.843	1.928	1.930
M -O1	1.856	1.857	1.904	1.904
M -O2	1.856	1.857	1.904	1.905
C1-O1	1.309	1.309	1.306	1.305
C7-O2	1.308	1.309	1.306	1.305

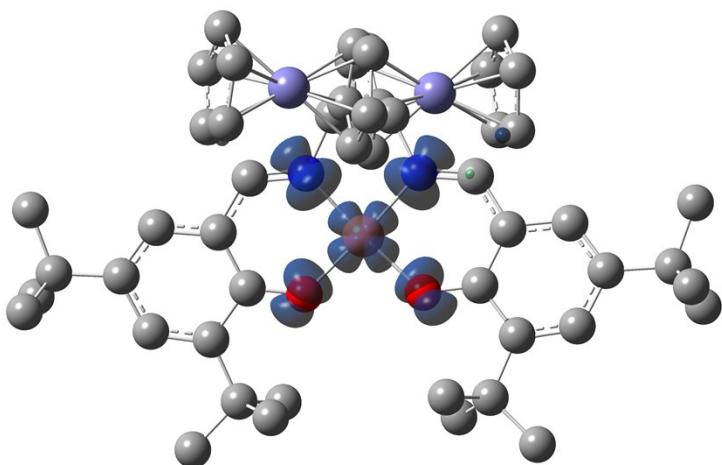


Figure S16. Spin density plot of  $\mathbf{Cu}(\text{Sal})^{\text{Fc}}$  (Isovalue: 0.0021).

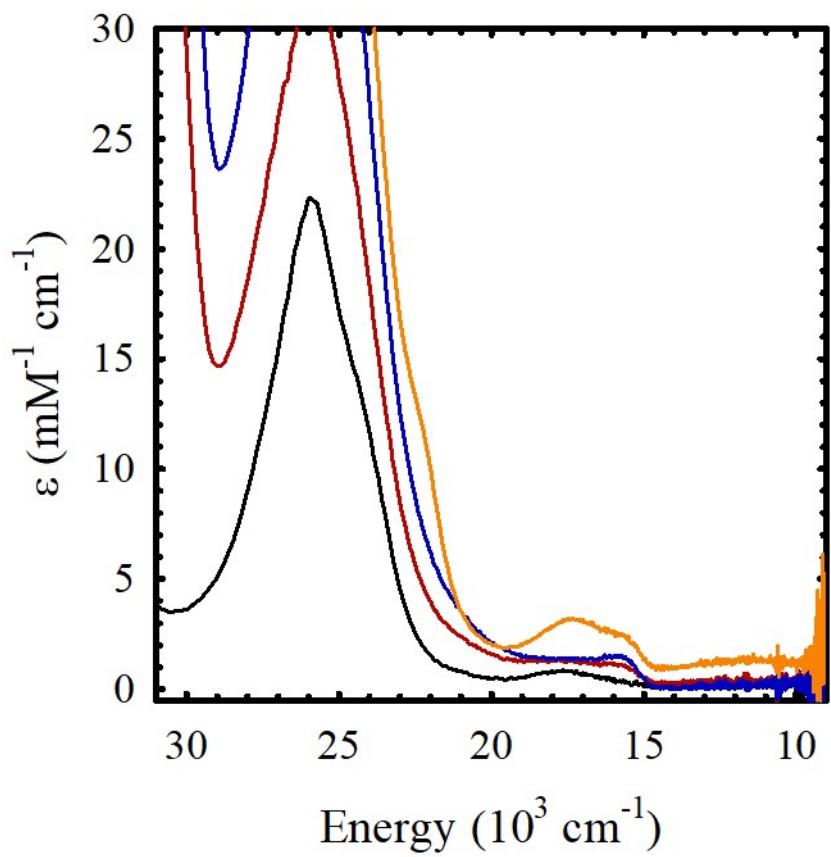


Figure S17. Sequential chemical oxidation of  $\mathbf{Ni}(\text{Sal})^{\text{Fc}}$  (black) to its one-electron oxidized (red), two-electron oxidized (blue), and three-electron oxidized (orange) species. Inset: Near-IR region. Conditions: 0.4 mM  $\mathbf{Ni}(\text{Sal})^{\text{Fc}}$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 195 K.

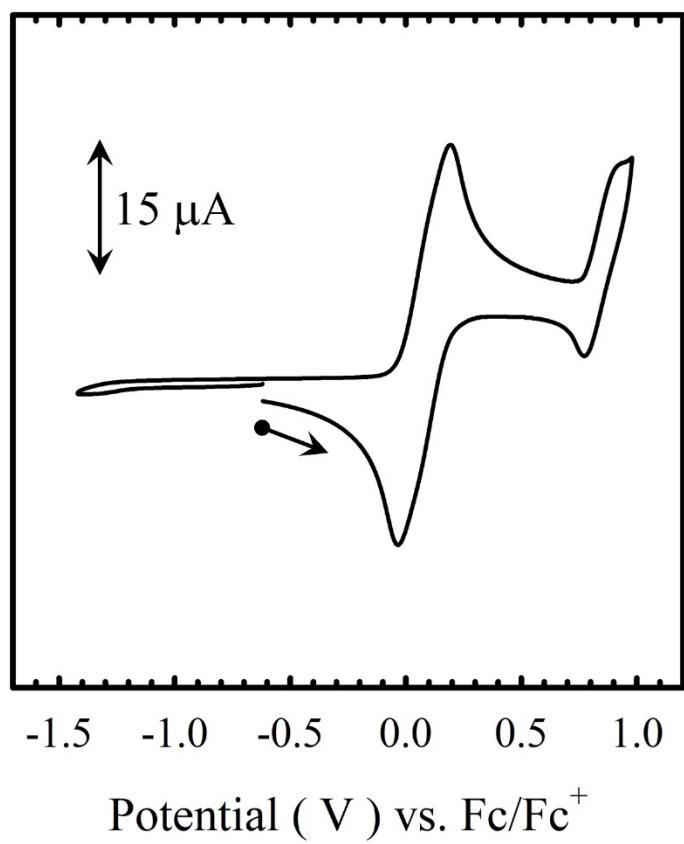


Figure S18. Cyclic voltammograms of *ca.* 1.5 mM solutions of  $\mathbf{H}_2(\mathbf{Sal})^{\mathbf{Fc}}$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

Optimized XYZ Coordinates of neutral **M(Sal)<sup>Fc</sup>** using the B3LYP functional with PCM = CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

<b>Ni(Sal)<sup>Fc</sup></b>				<b>Cu(Sal)<sup>Fc</sup></b>		
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C(Fragment=2)	5.30680033	1.52017716	-1.34744980	C(Fragment=2)	5.41570977	1.45885622
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