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## Assembly of unusual Zn-cluster compounds based on pyridinealcohol platforms

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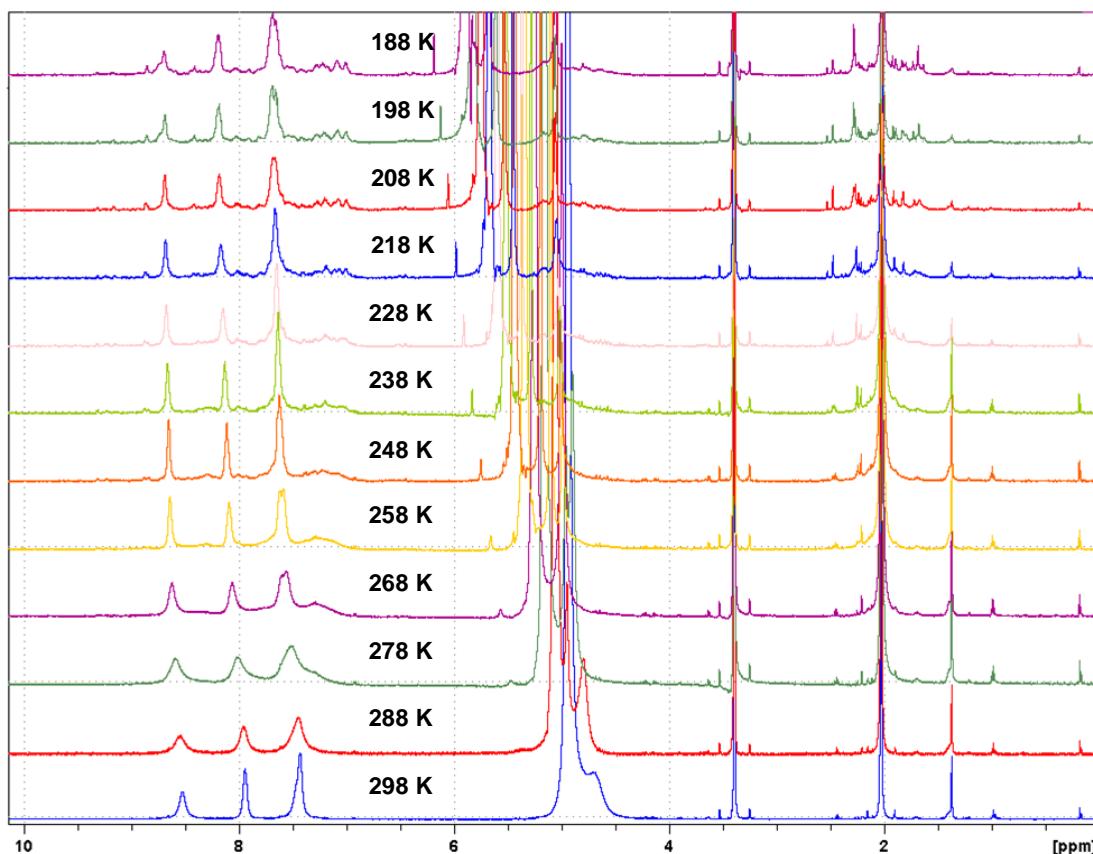
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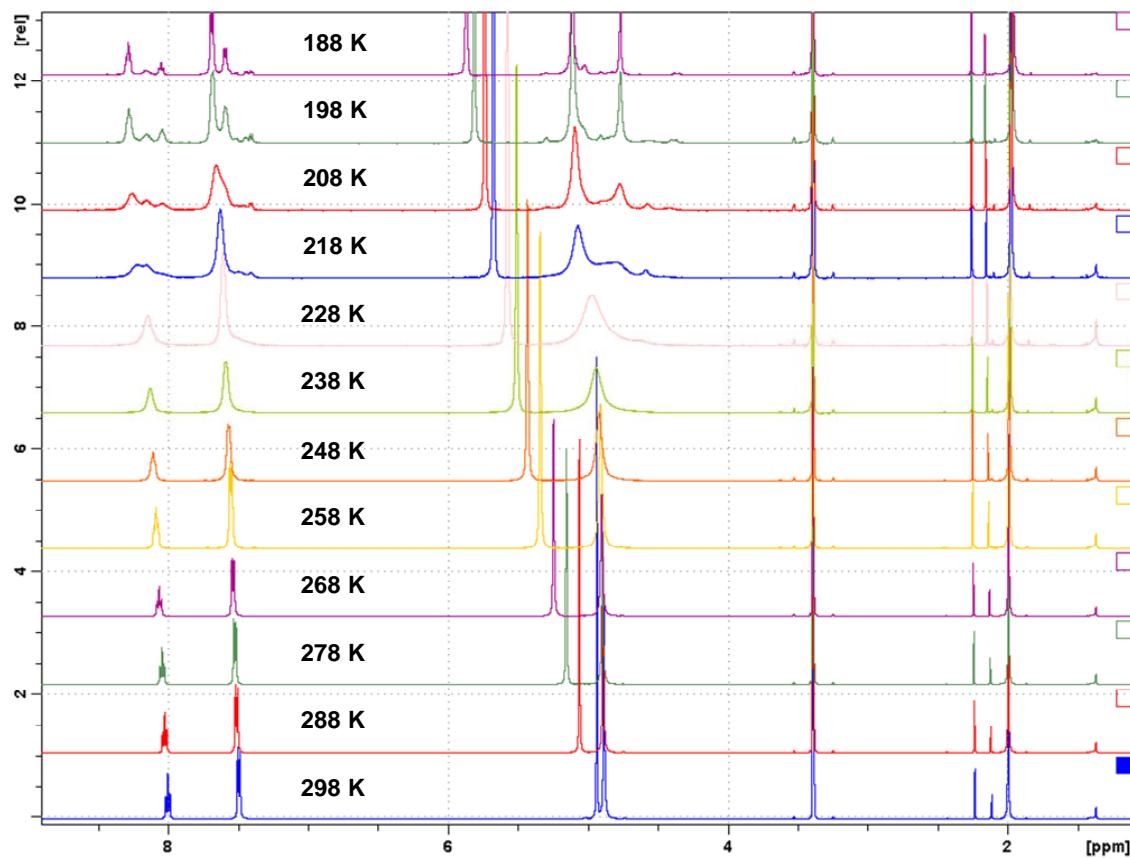
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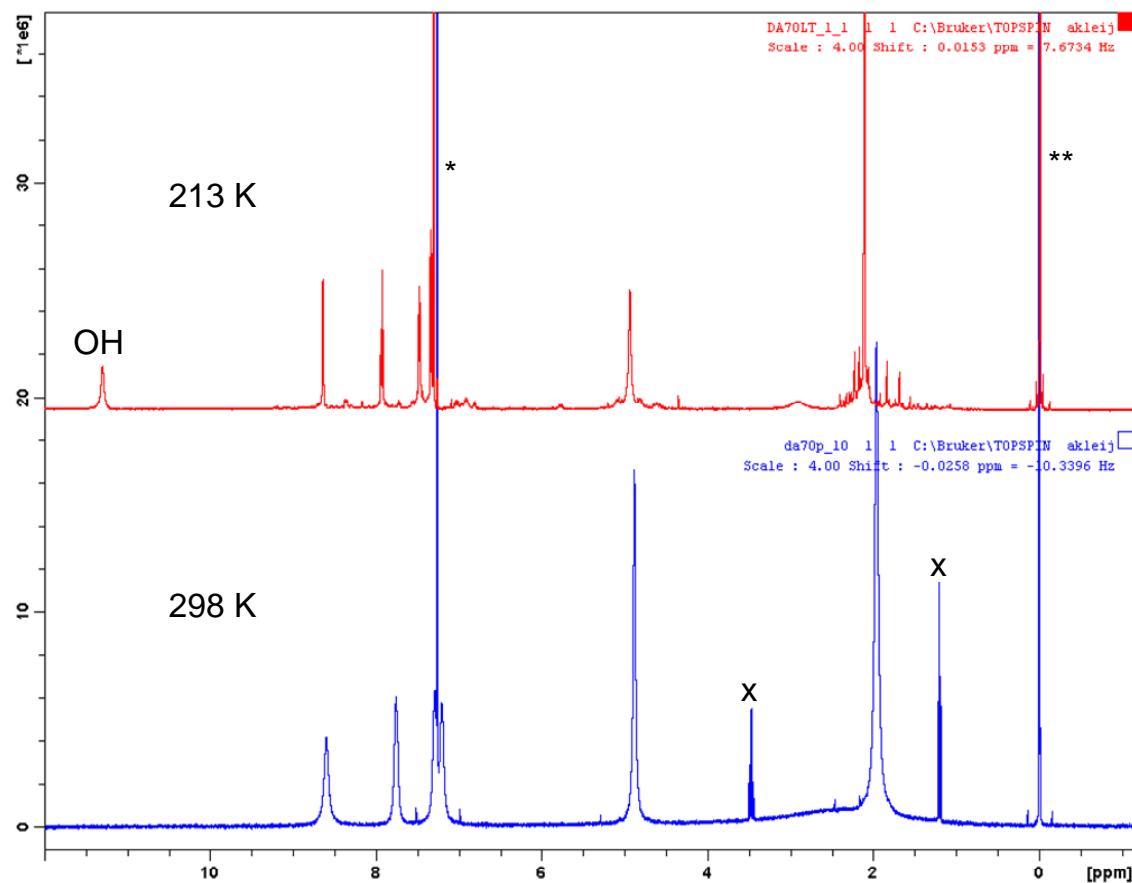
Variable temperature NMR spectra for complex **5** in  $d_4$ -MeOH.



Variable temperature NMR spectra for complex **7** in *d*<sub>4</sub>-MeOH.



Variable temperature NMR spectra for complex **5** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



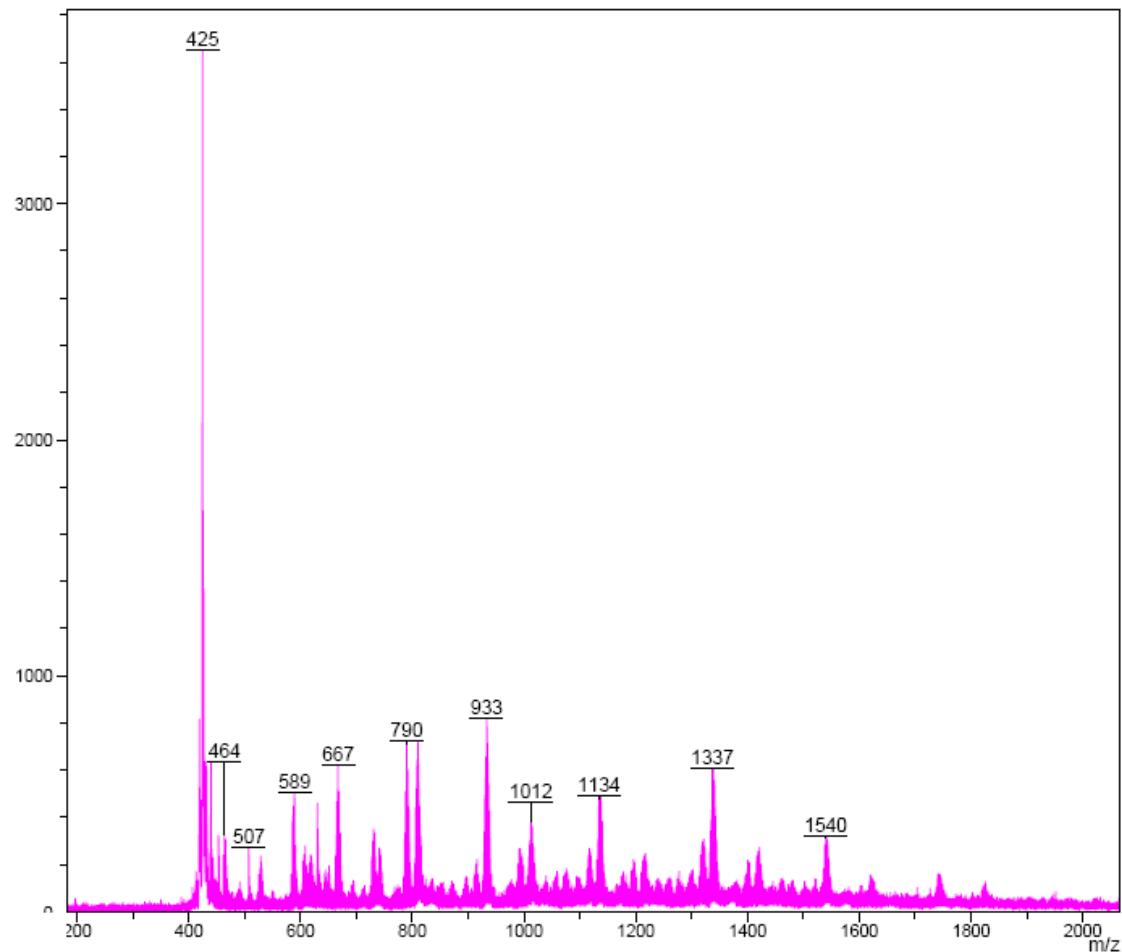
\* Solvent residual peak

\*\* TMS

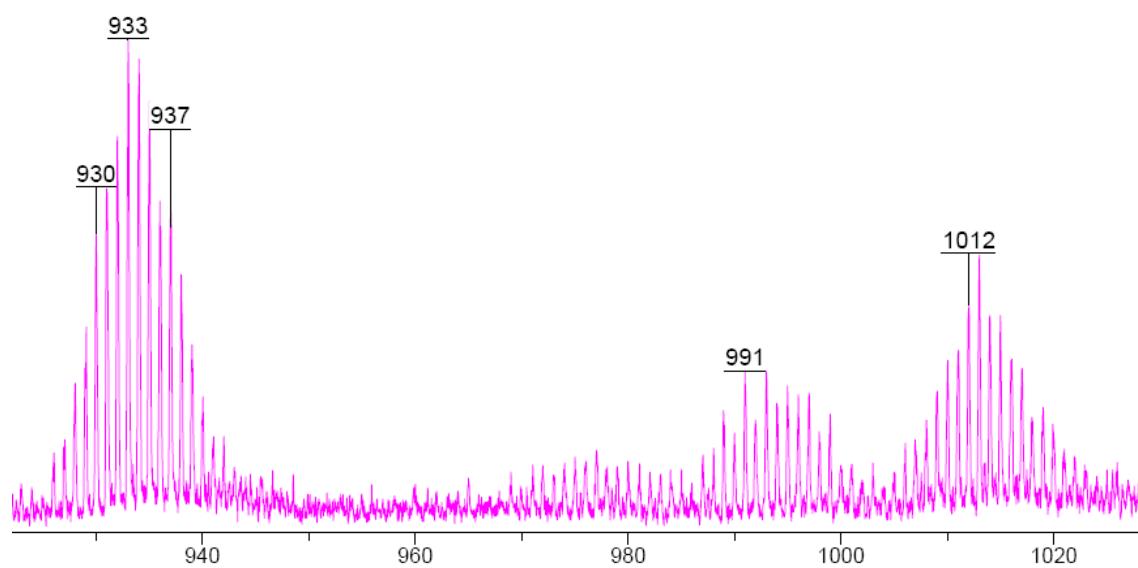
X Diethyl ether impurity.

## Mass spectrometric data for complex 7.

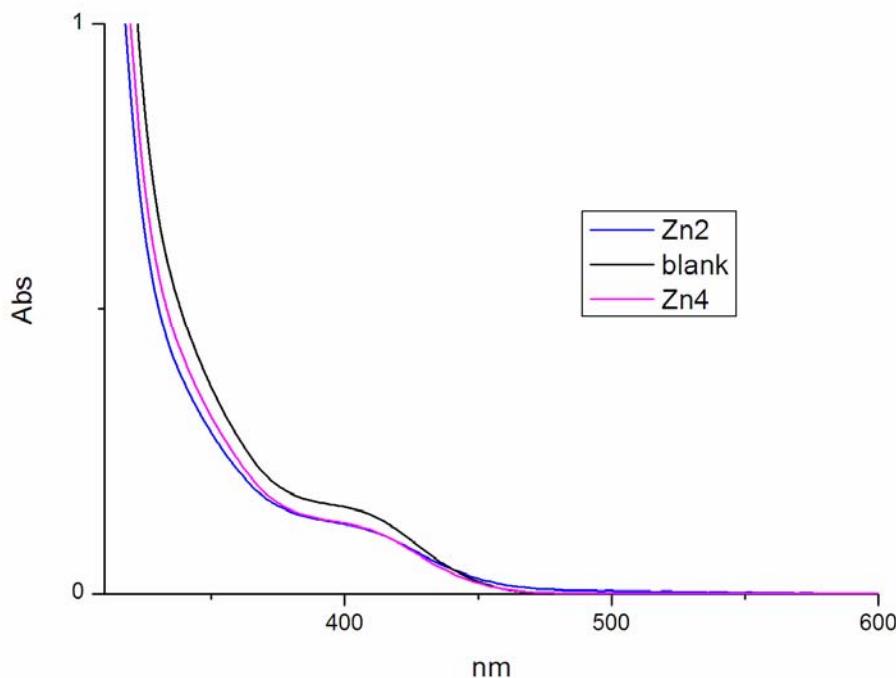
Full mass spectrum for compound 7.



Selected region of mass spectrum of 7:



UV-vis analysis of attempted phosphoester cleavage reactions.



<b>General conditions:</b> TRIS = 0.01 M NaClO <sub>4</sub> ·xH <sub>2</sub> O = 0.09 M Dinuclear complex = 0.25 mM Tetranuclear complex = 0.125 mM Paraoxon = 0.82 mM Solvent = H <sub>2</sub> O/MeCN 1:1 3.0 mL in quartz cuvette for UV-vis	<b>Blank reaction:</b> 9 ml H <sub>2</sub> O/MeCN 1:1 11.3 mg of TRIS (0.093 mmol, 0.01 M) 108.3 mg of NaClO <sub>4</sub> (0.77 mmol, 0.085 M) 2.5 mg of paraoxon 0.009 mmol (1mM)
<b>Zn<sub>2</sub> hydrolysis:</b> 9 ml H <sub>2</sub> O/MeCN 1:1 1.2 mg of Zn <sub>2</sub> , 0.0022 mmol, 0.25 mM 10.8 mg of TRIS, 0.089 mmol, 0.009 M 108.7 mg of NaClO <sub>4</sub> , 0.77 mmol, 0.086 M 2.2 mg of paraoxon, 0.008mmol, 0.88 mM	<b>Zn<sub>4</sub> hydrolysis</b> 9 ml H <sub>2</sub> O/MeCN 1:1 1.4 mg of Zn <sub>4</sub> , 0.0013 mmol, 0.148 mM 10.7 mg of TRIS, 0.088 mmol, 0.01 M 114.6 mg of NaClO <sub>4</sub> , 0.81 mmol, 0.09 M 2.3 mg of paraoxon, 0.008 mmol, 0.92 mM