

Electronic Supporting Information

Selective inclusion of PO_4^{3-} within persistent dimeric capsules of a tris(thiourea) receptor and evidence of cation/solvent sealed unimolecular capsules

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Characterization of receptor L:

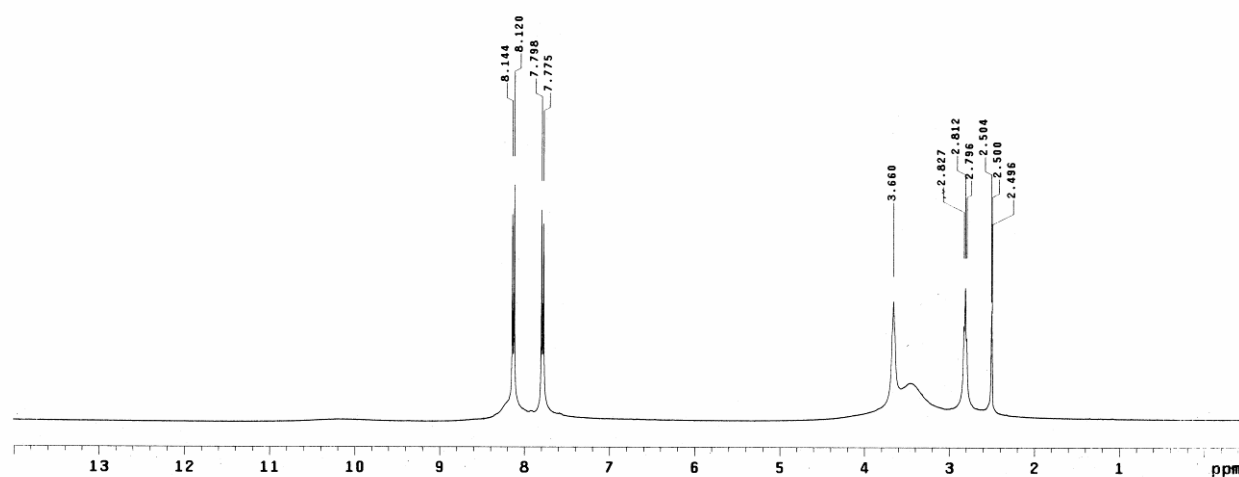


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of L in DMSO-*d*₆ at 298 K.

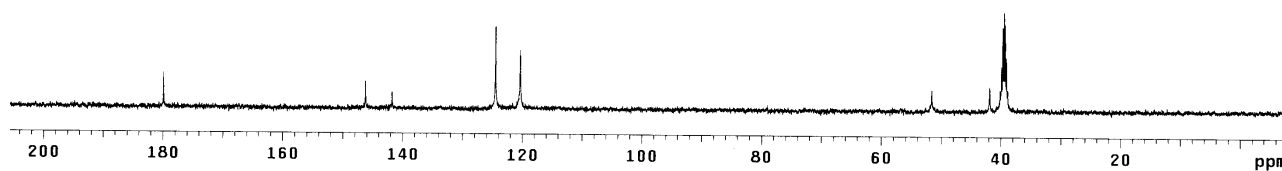


Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum of L in DMSO-*d*₆ at 298 K.

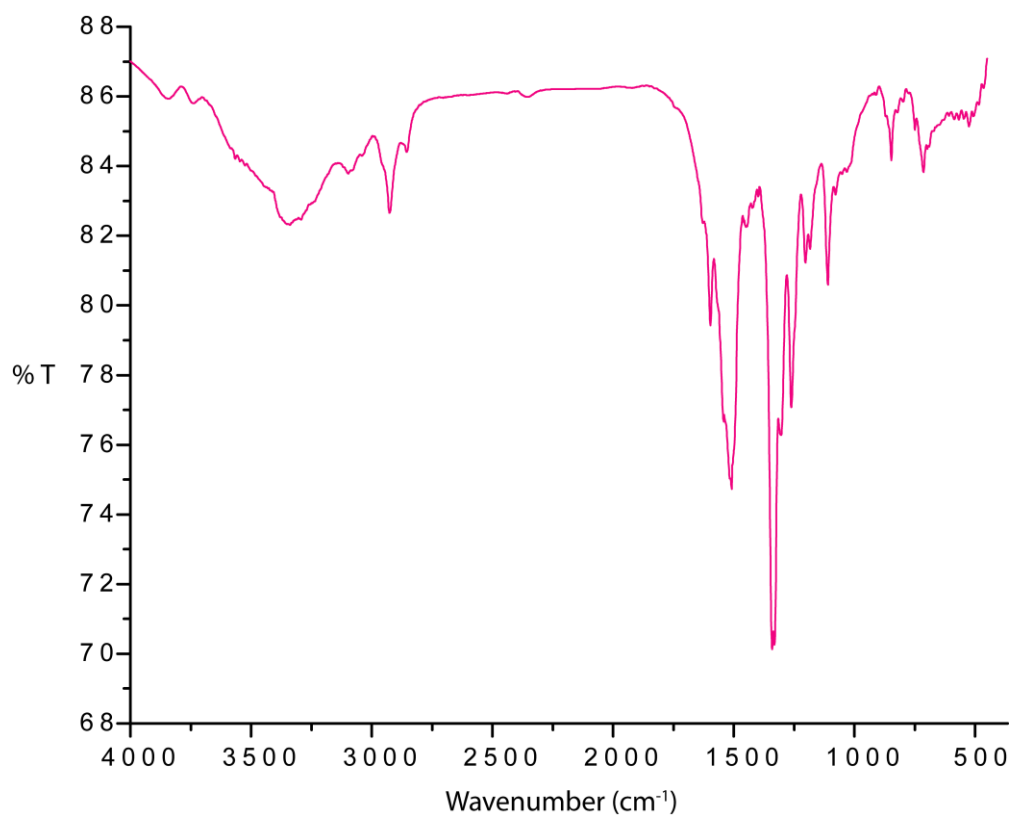


Figure S3. FT-IR spectrum of receptor L recorded in KBr pellet.

Characterization of HPO_4^{2-} -complex, $[\text{2}(\text{HL})^+ \cdot \text{HPO}_4^{2-}] \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**1a**):

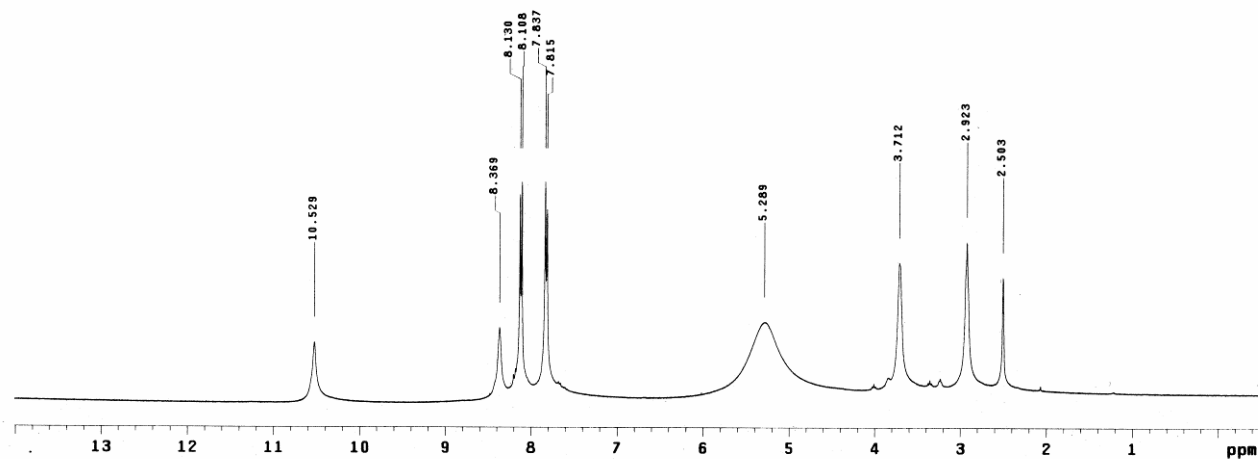


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectrum of complex **1a** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 298 K.

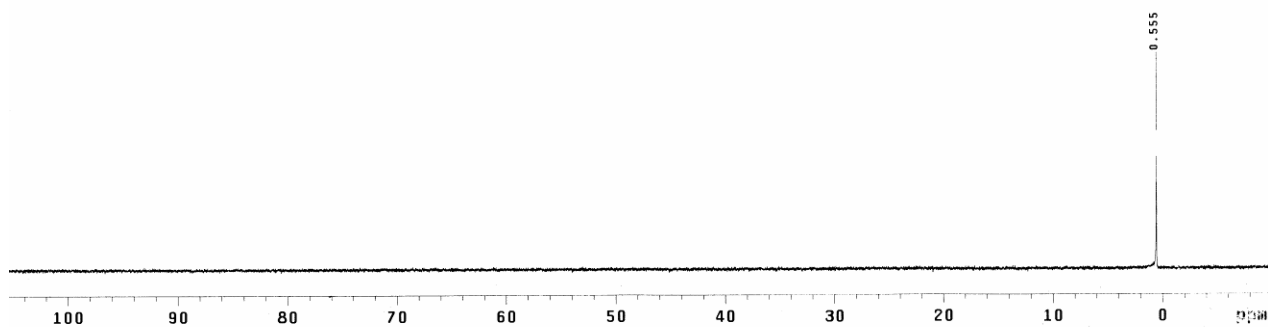


Figure S5. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of complex **1a** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 298 K.

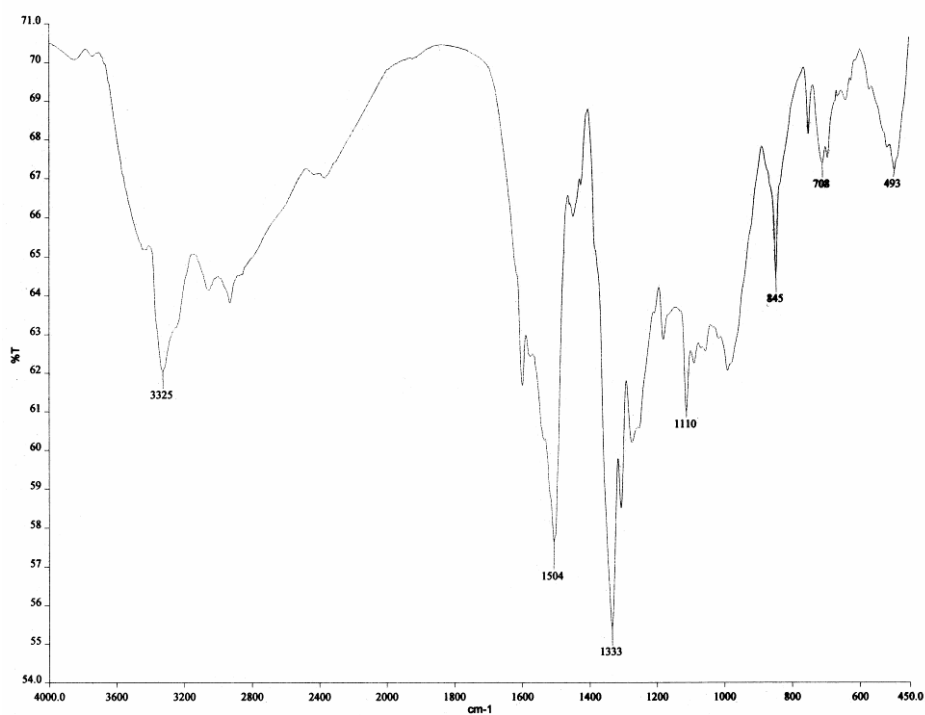


Figure S6. FT-IR spectrum of complex **1a** recorded in KBr pellet.

Characterization of PO_4^{3-} -encapsulated complex, $3\text{TBA}^+[\text{2L}(\text{PO}_4^{3-})]_2\text{MeCN}$ (**1**):

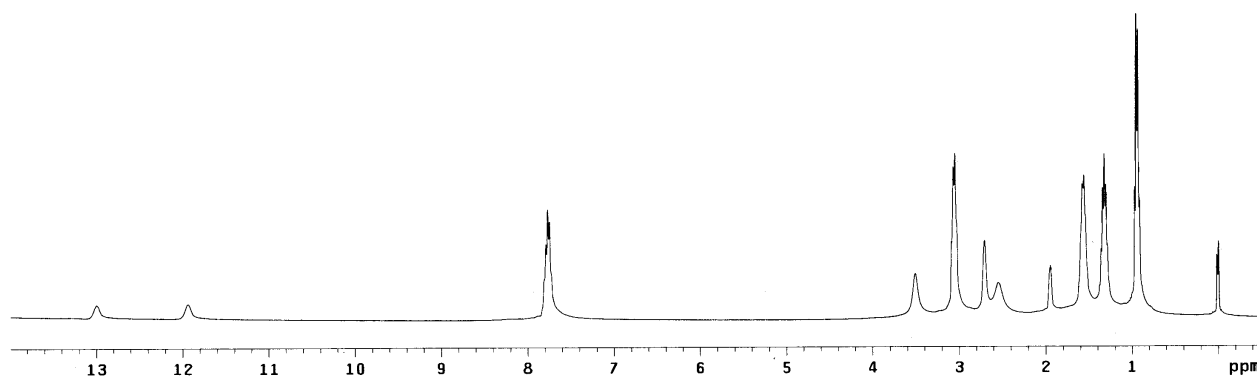


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of complex **1** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 298 K.

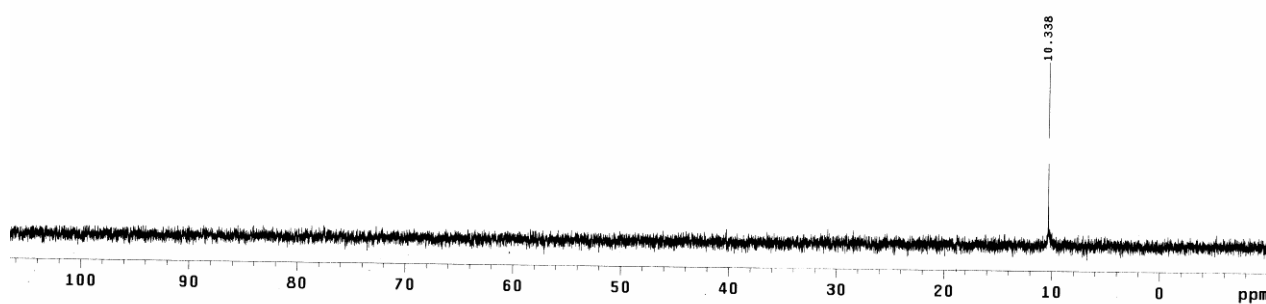


Figure S8. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of complex **1** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 298 K.

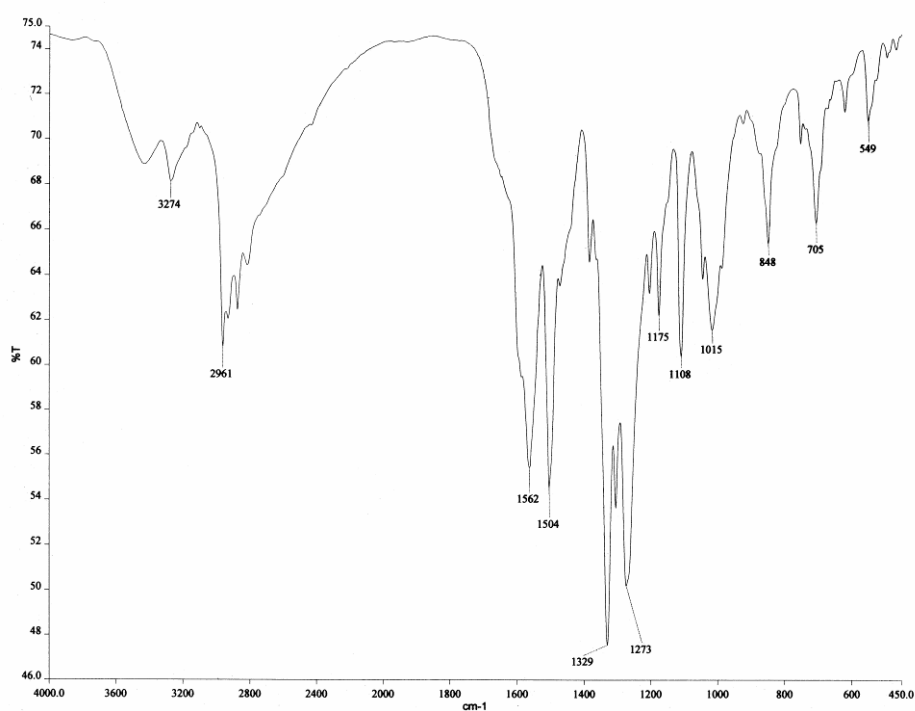


Figure S9. FT-IR spectrum of complex **1** recorded in KBr pellet.

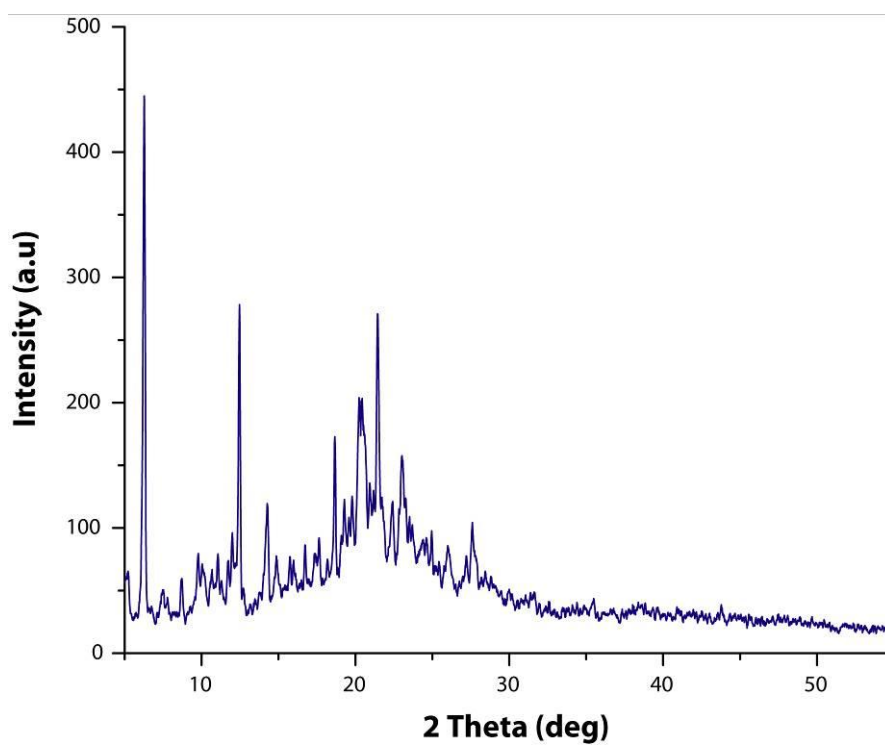


Figure S10. Powder XRD patterns of complex **1** recorded with dried crystalline powders.

Characterization of PO_4^{3-} -encapsulated complex, $3\text{TEA}^+[\text{2L}(\text{PO}_4^{3-})]$ (1b**):**

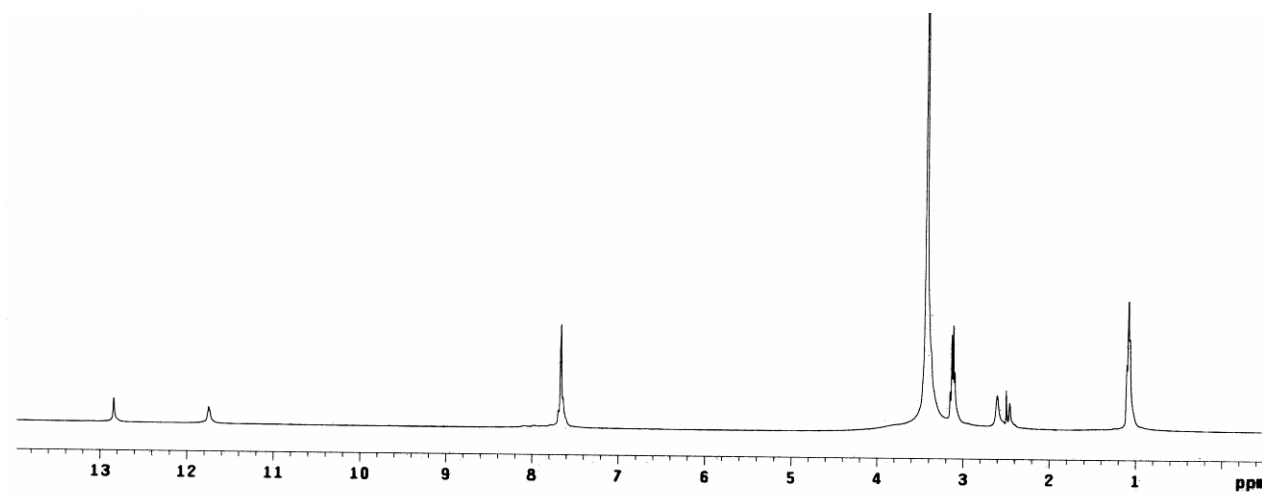


Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectrum of complex **1b** in DMSO-*d*₆ at 298 K.

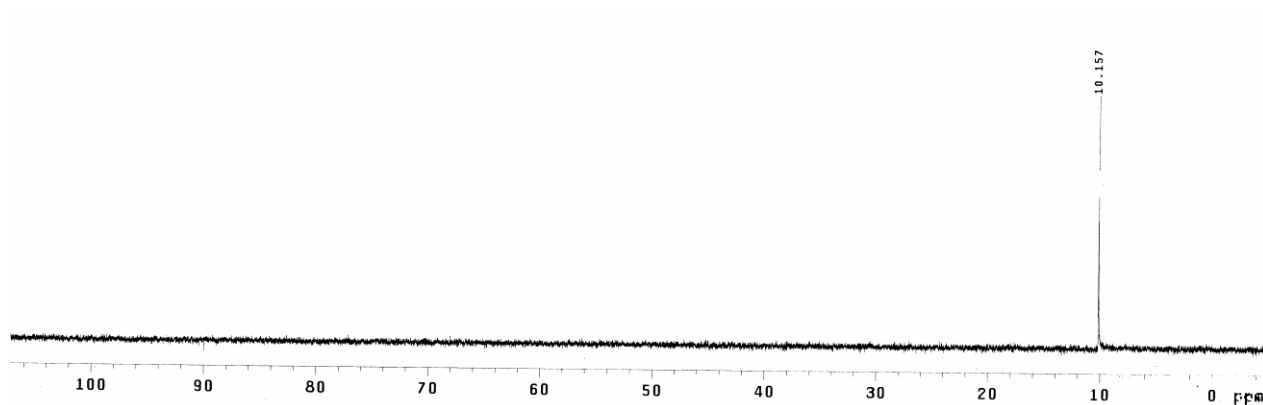


Figure S12. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of complex **1b** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 298 K.

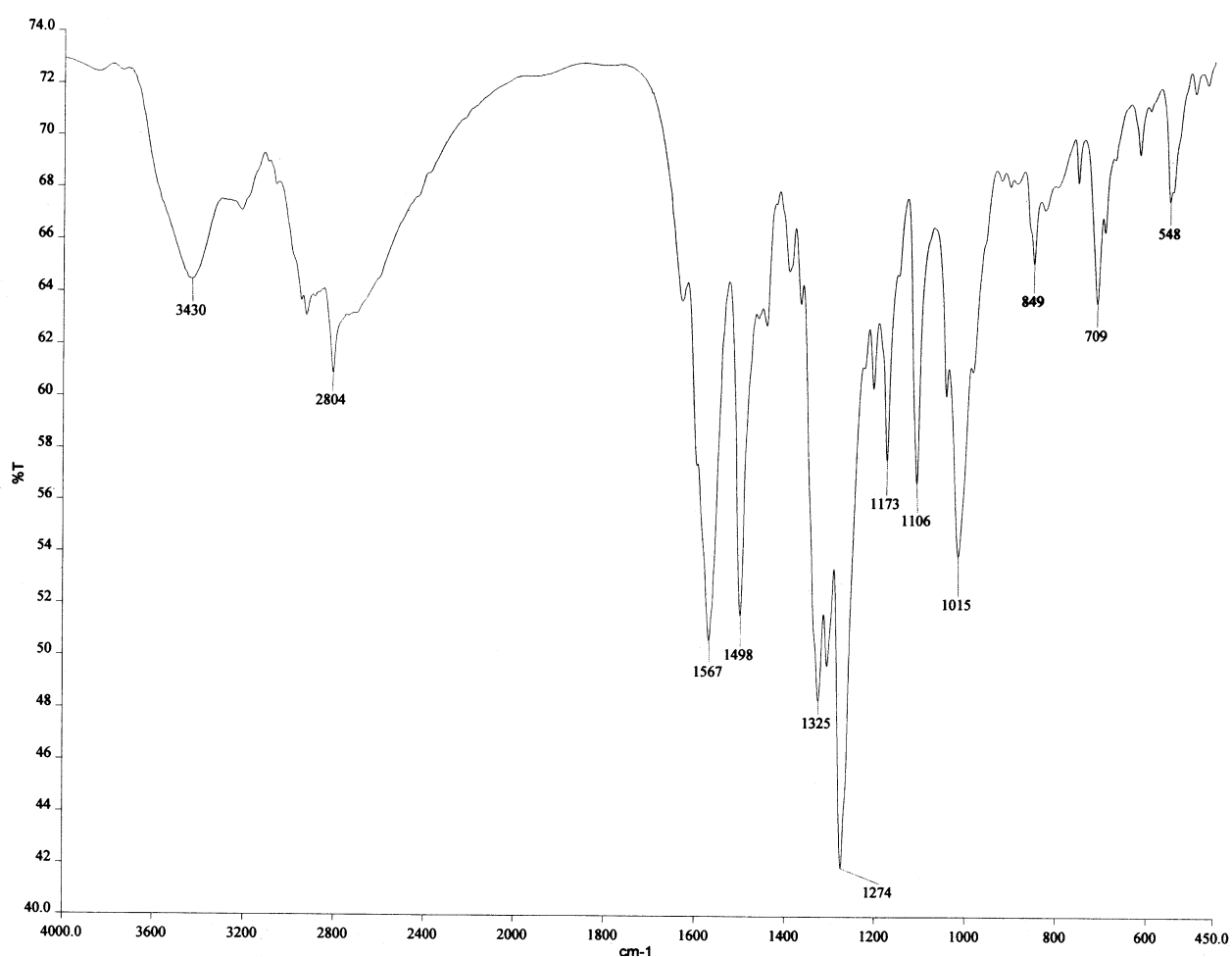


Figure S13. FT-IR spectrum of complex **1b** recorded in KBr pellet.

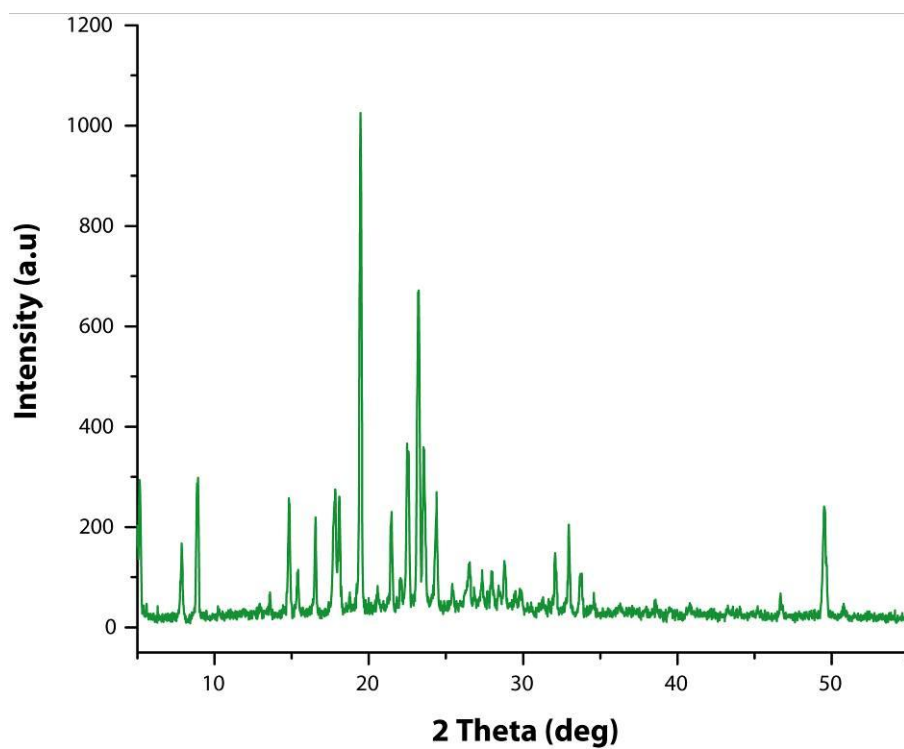


Figure S14. Powder XRD patterns of complex **1b** recorded with dried crystalline powders.

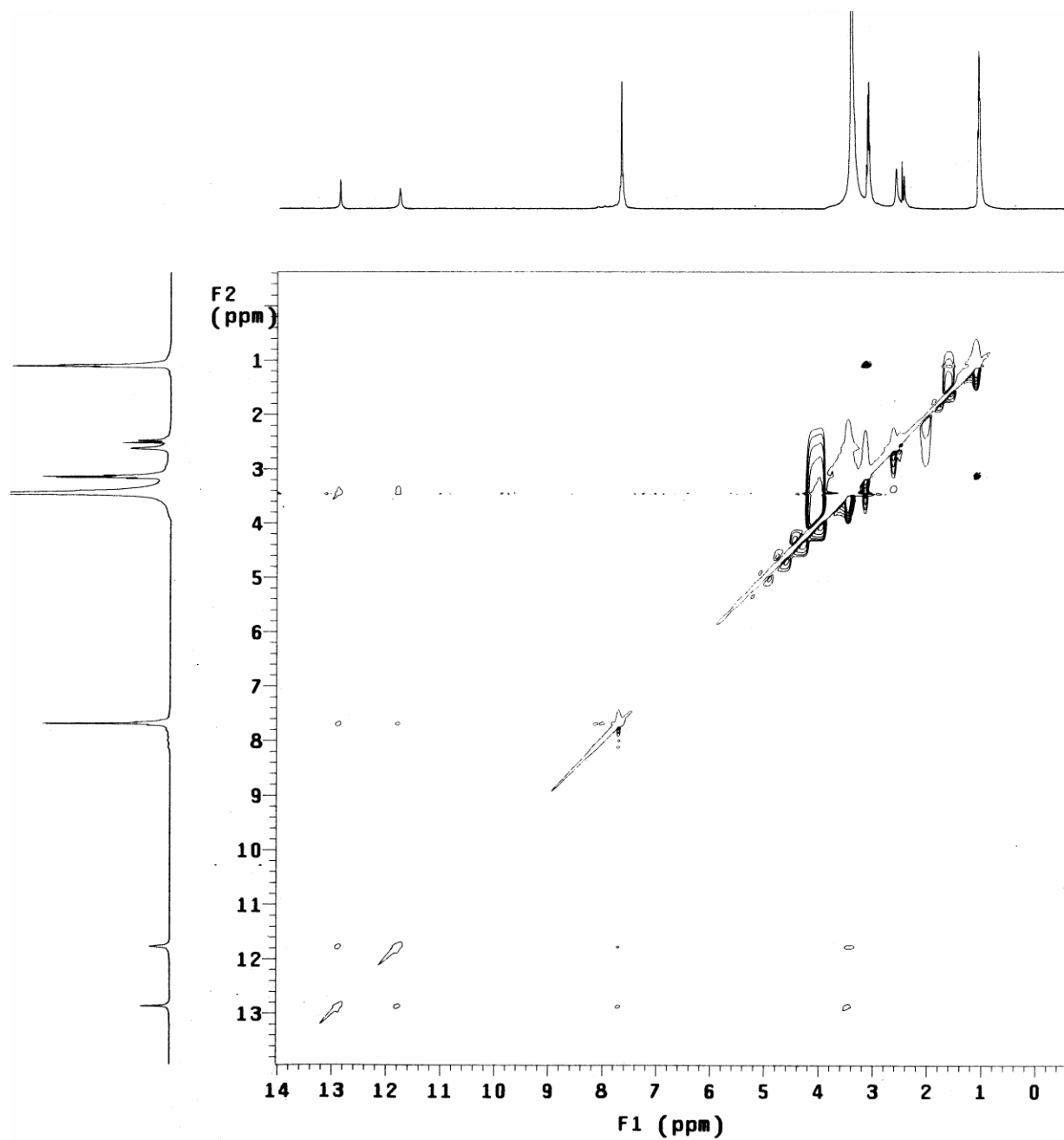


Figure S15. 2D-NOESY NMR spectrum of complex **1b** in DMSO-*d*₆ at 298 K.

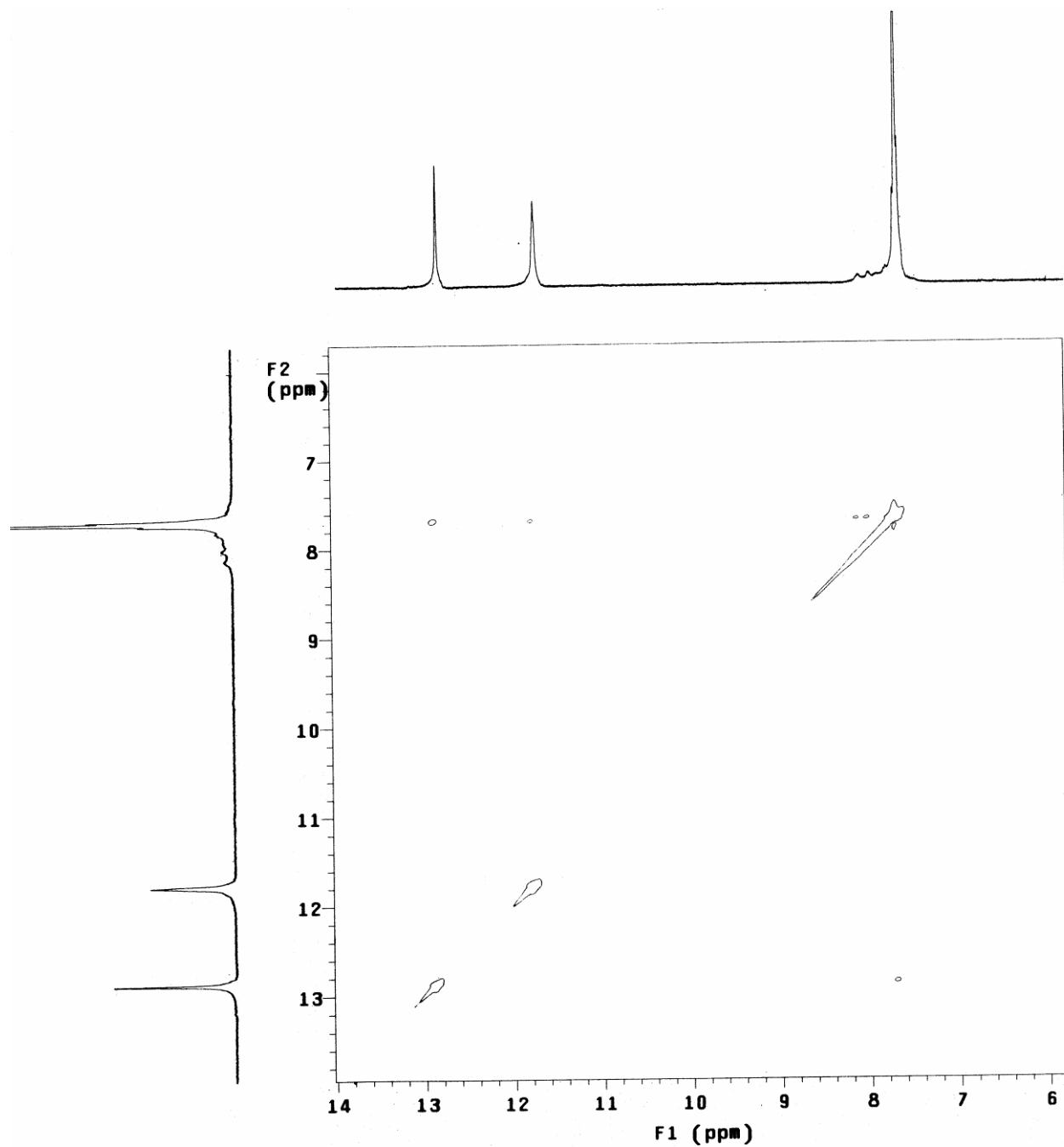


Figure S16. Partial (aromatic region) 2D-NOESY NMR spectrum of complex **1b** in DMSO- d_6 at 298 K, in presence of 0.5 equivalent 2:1 mixture of TBA(OH) and TBA(H₂PO₄).

Characterization of F⁻-encapsulated complex, TBA⁺[L(F)]•2DMSO (2a):

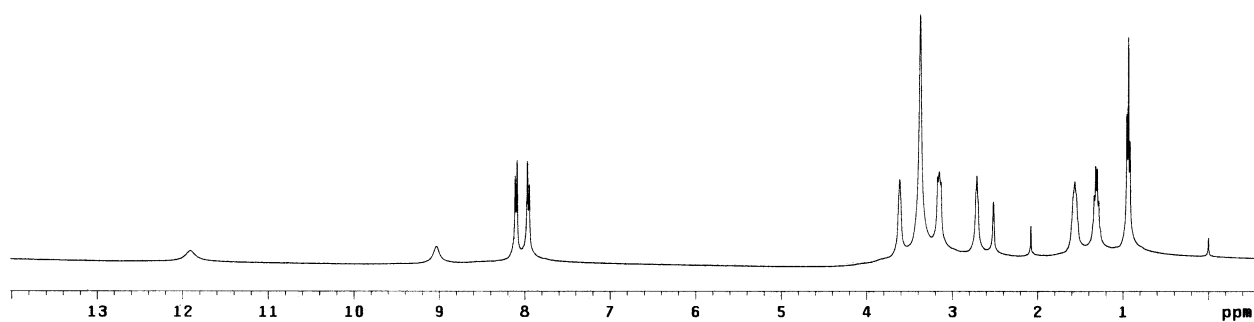


Figure S17. ¹H NMR spectrum of complex **2a** in DMSO-*d*₆ at 298 K.

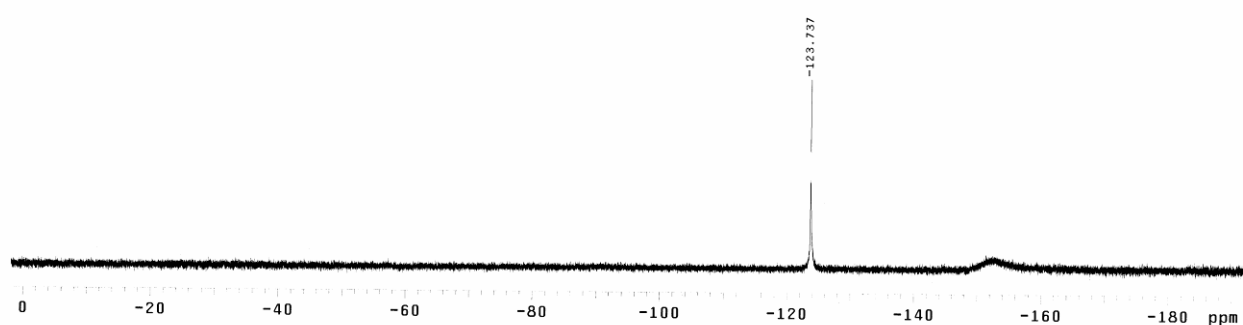


Figure S18. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of complex **2a** in DMSO-*d*₆ at 298 K.

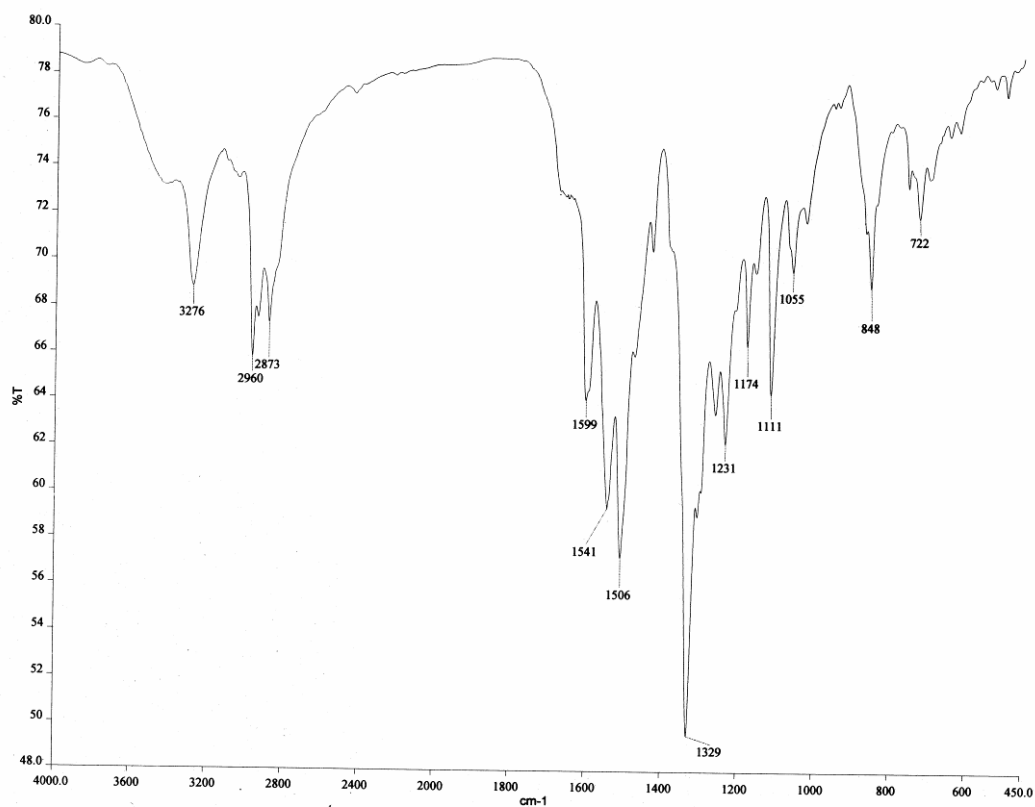


Figure S19. FT-IR spectrum of complex **2a** recorded in KBr pellet.

Characterization of CO_3^{2-} -encapsulated complex, $2\text{TEA}^+[\text{2L}(\text{CO}_3^{2-})]$ (**3**):

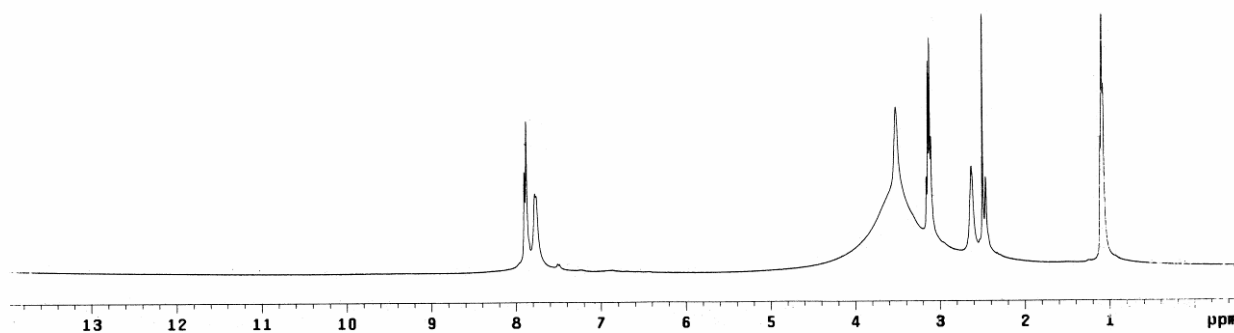


Figure S20. ^1H NMR spectrum of complex **3** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 298 K.

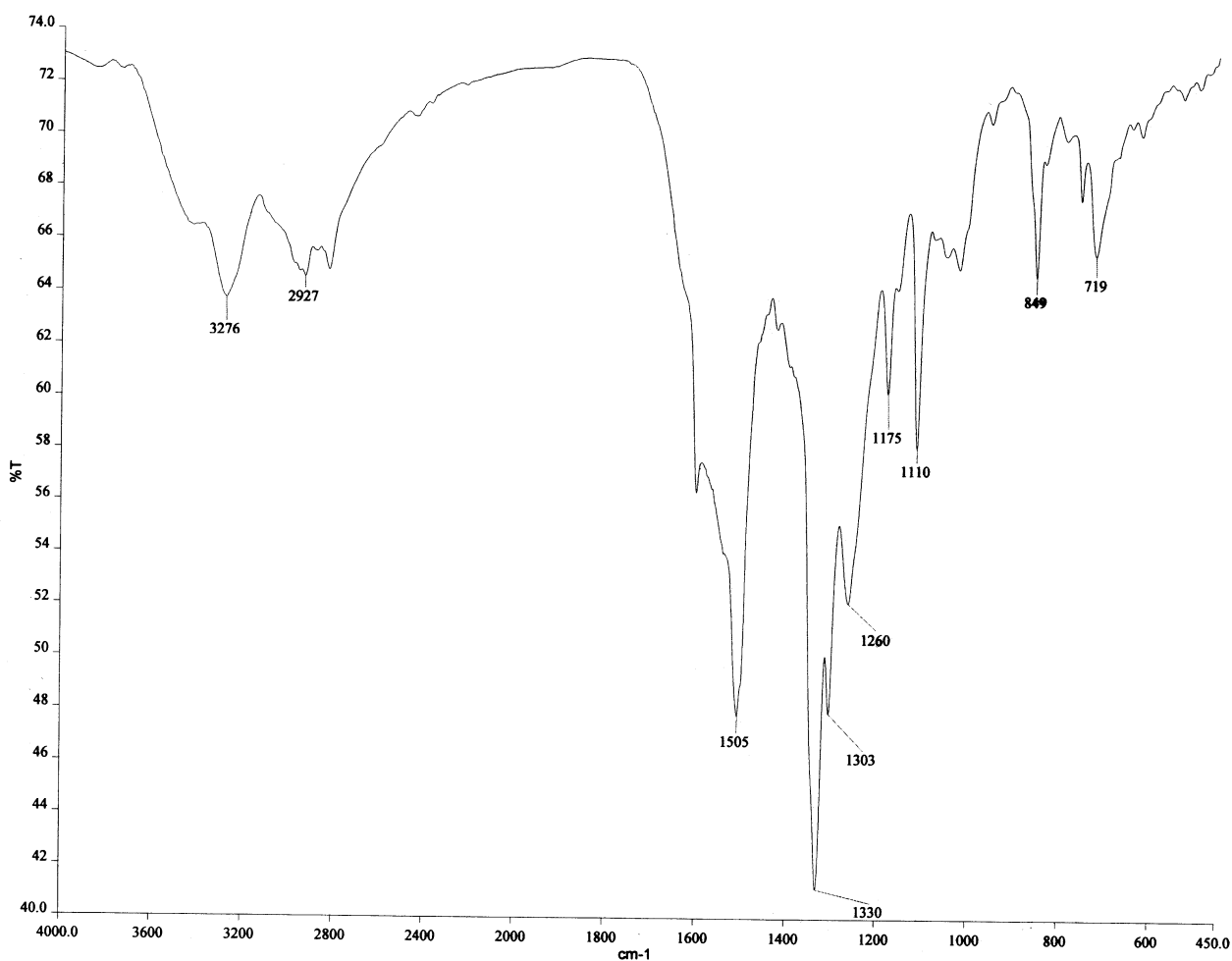


Figure S21. FT-IR spectrum of complex **3** recorded in KBr pellet.

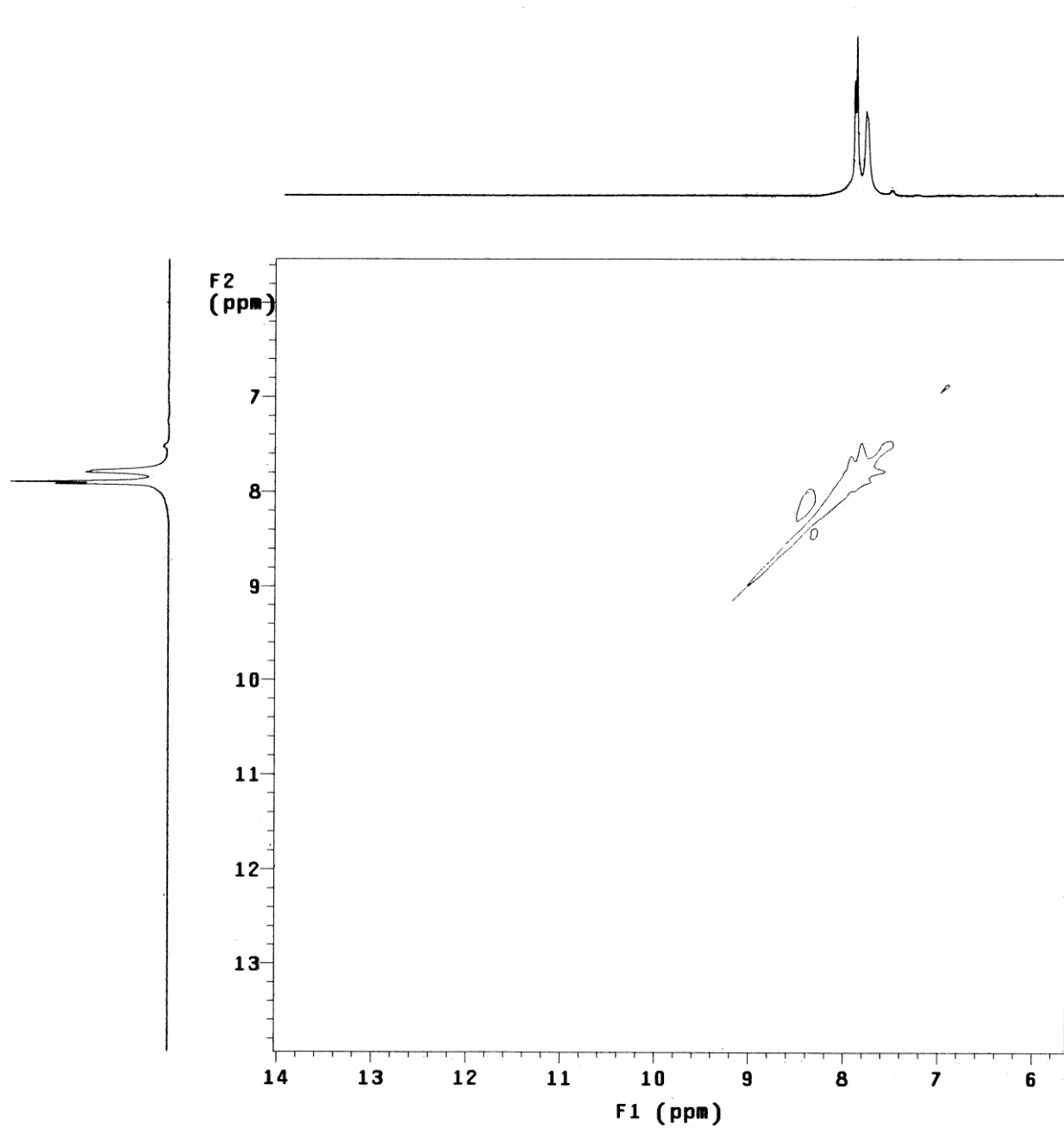


Figure S22. Partial (aromatic region) 2D-NOESY NMR spectrum of complex **3** in DMSO-*d*₆ at 298 K.

Characterization of SO_4^{2-} -encapsulated complex, $2\text{TBA}^+[\text{L}(\text{SO}_4^{2-})]$ (**4**):

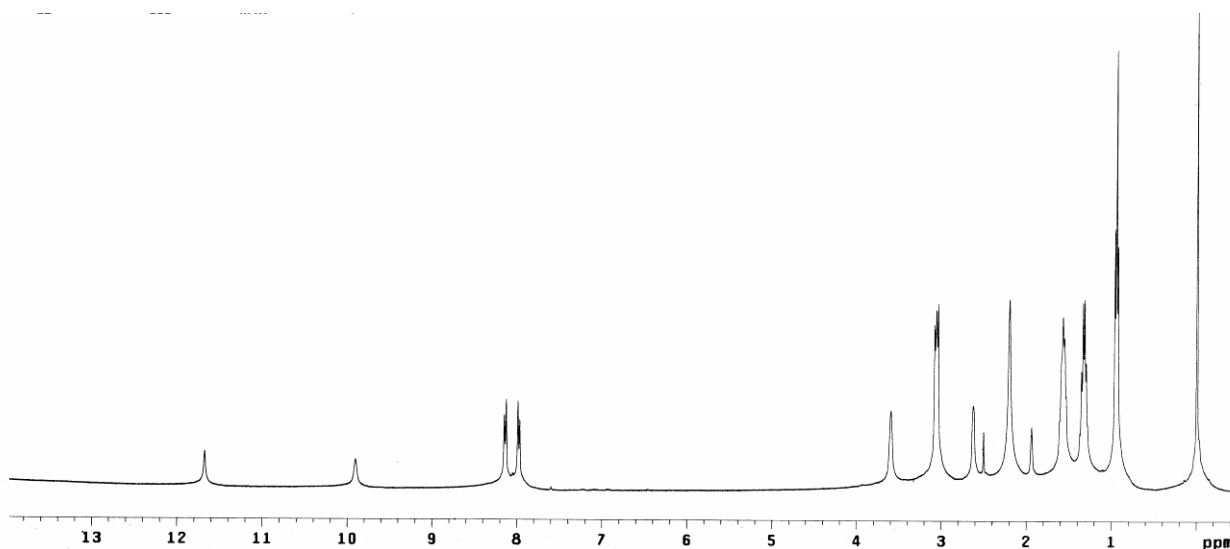


Figure S23. ^1H NMR spectrum of complex **4** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ at 298 K.

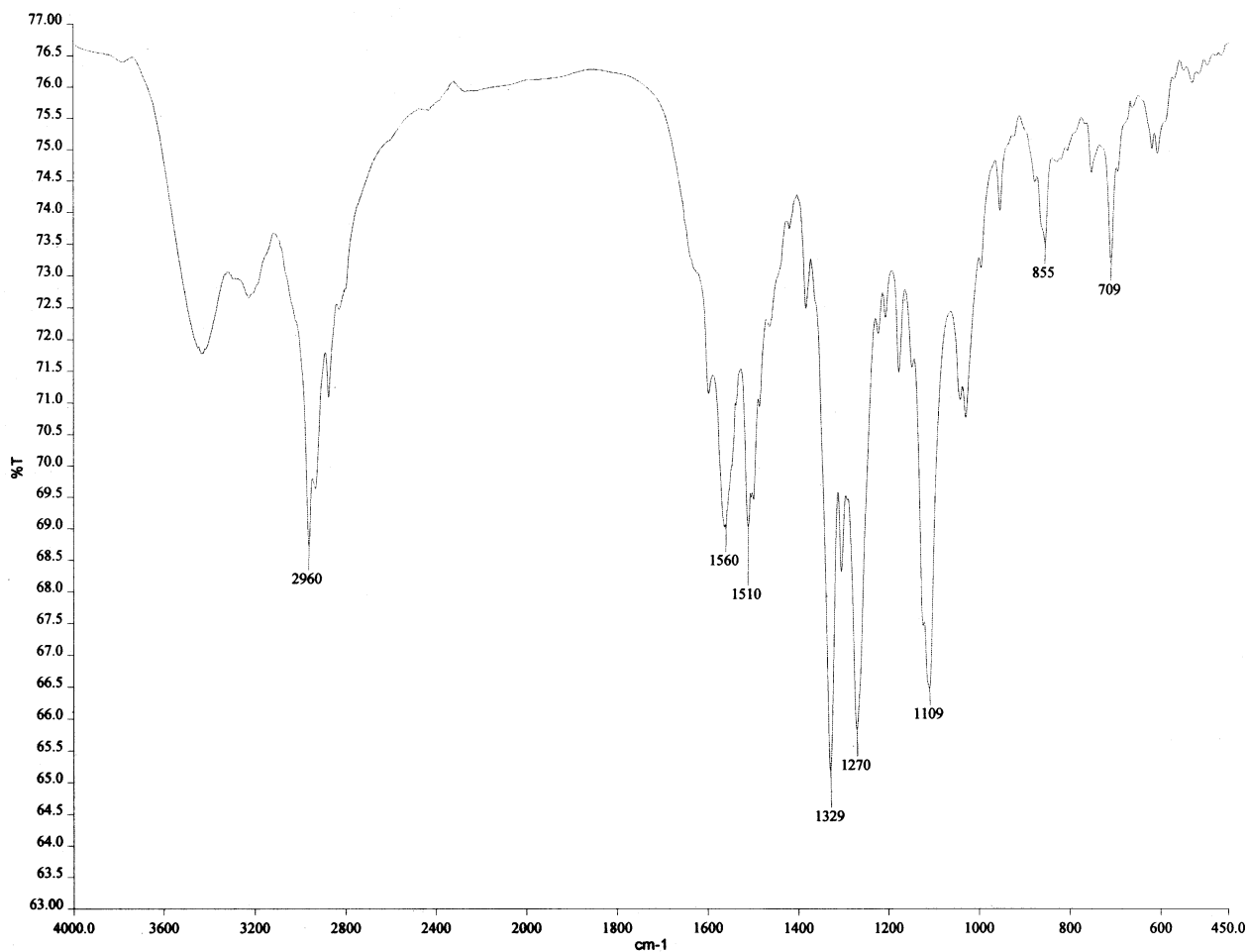


Figure S24. FT-IR spectrum of complex **4** recorded in KBr pellet.

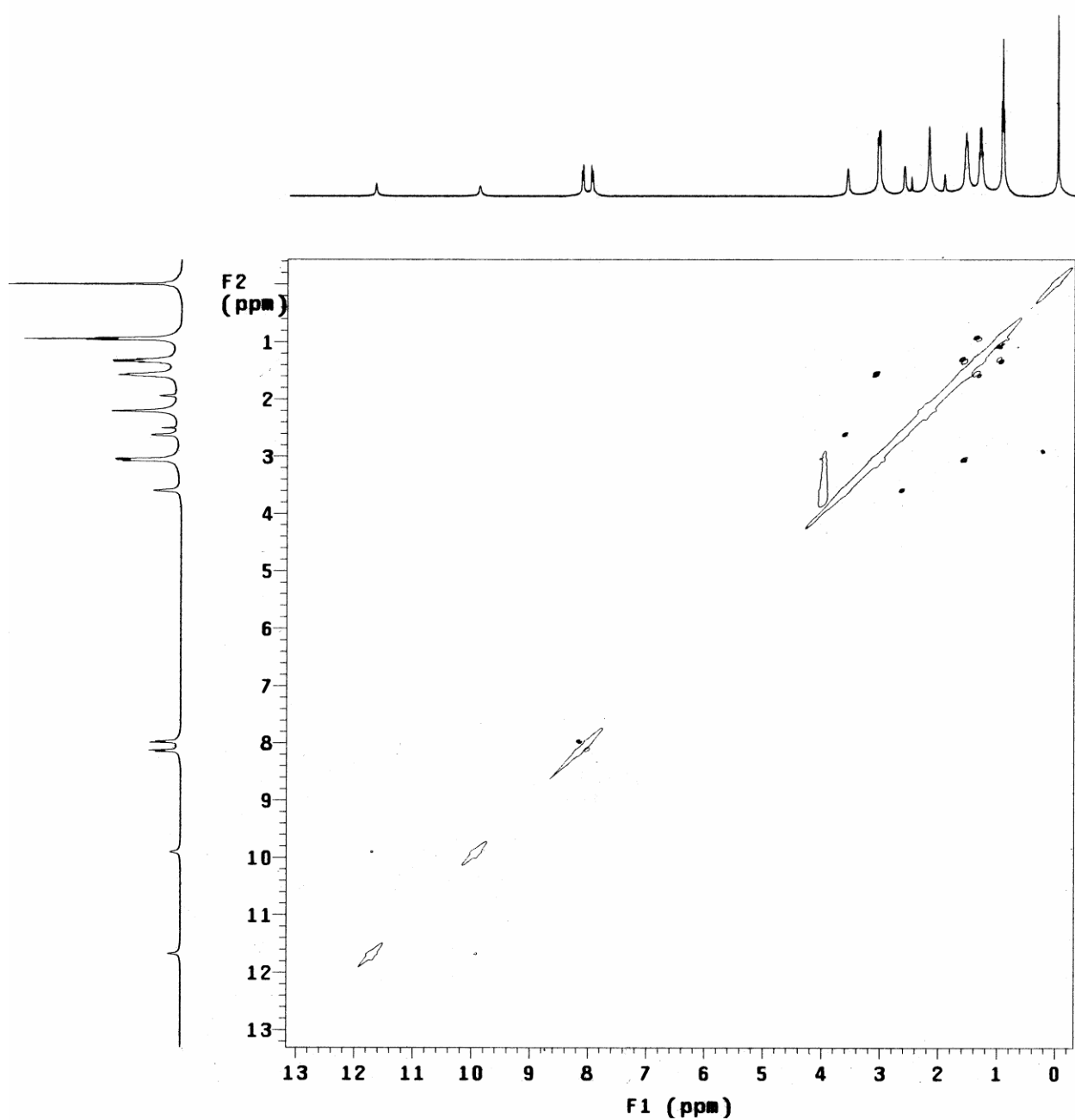


Figure S25. 2D-NOESY NMR spectrum of complex 4 in DMSO- d_6 at 298 K.

Characterization of Cl⁻-complex, [(HL)⁺·Cl⁻]·DMF (5):

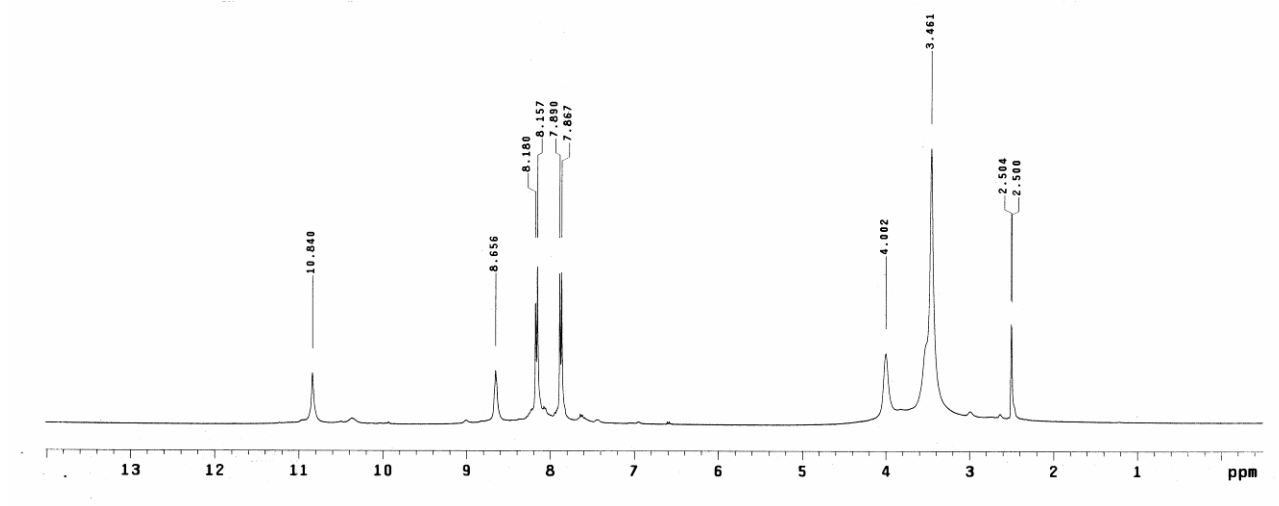


Figure S26. ¹H NMR spectrum of complex 5 in DMSO-*d*₆ at 298 K.

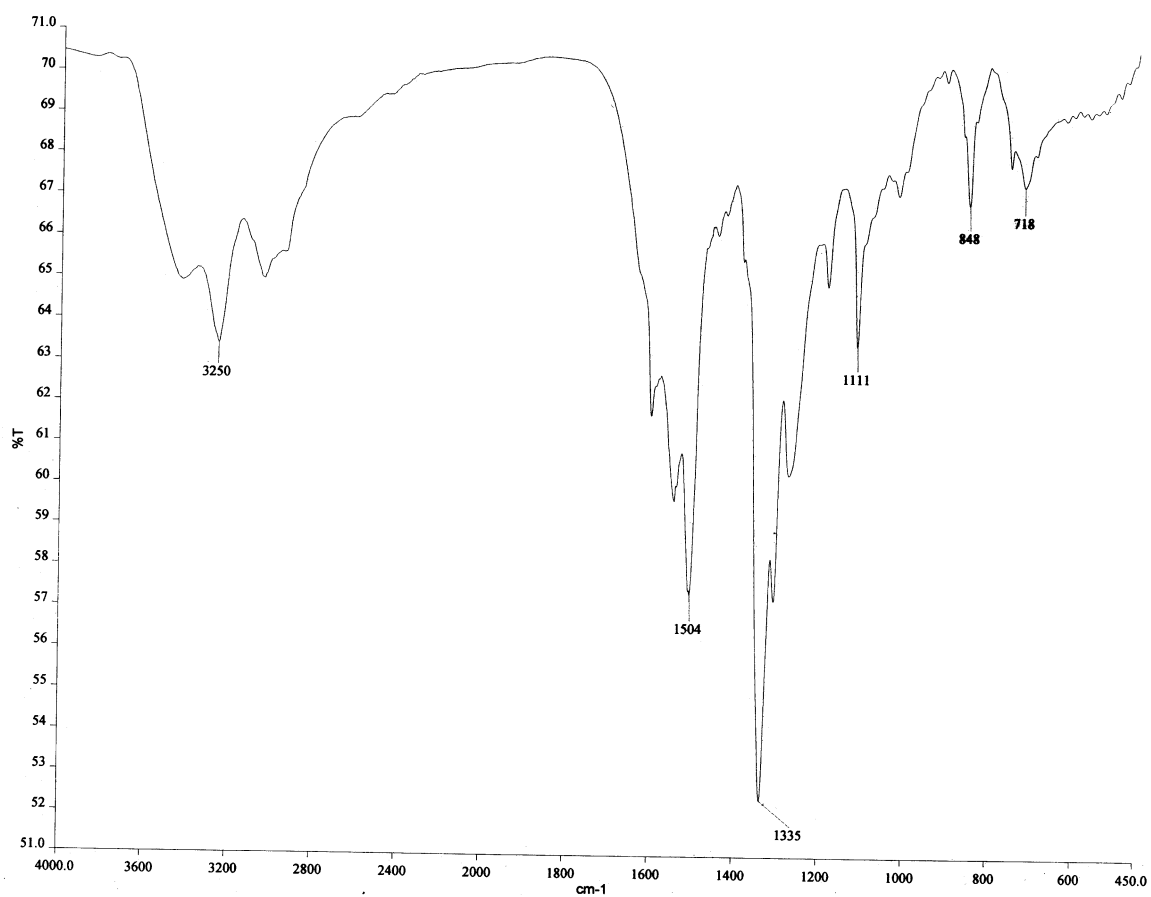


Figure S27. FT-IR spectrum of complex 5 recorded in KBr pellet.

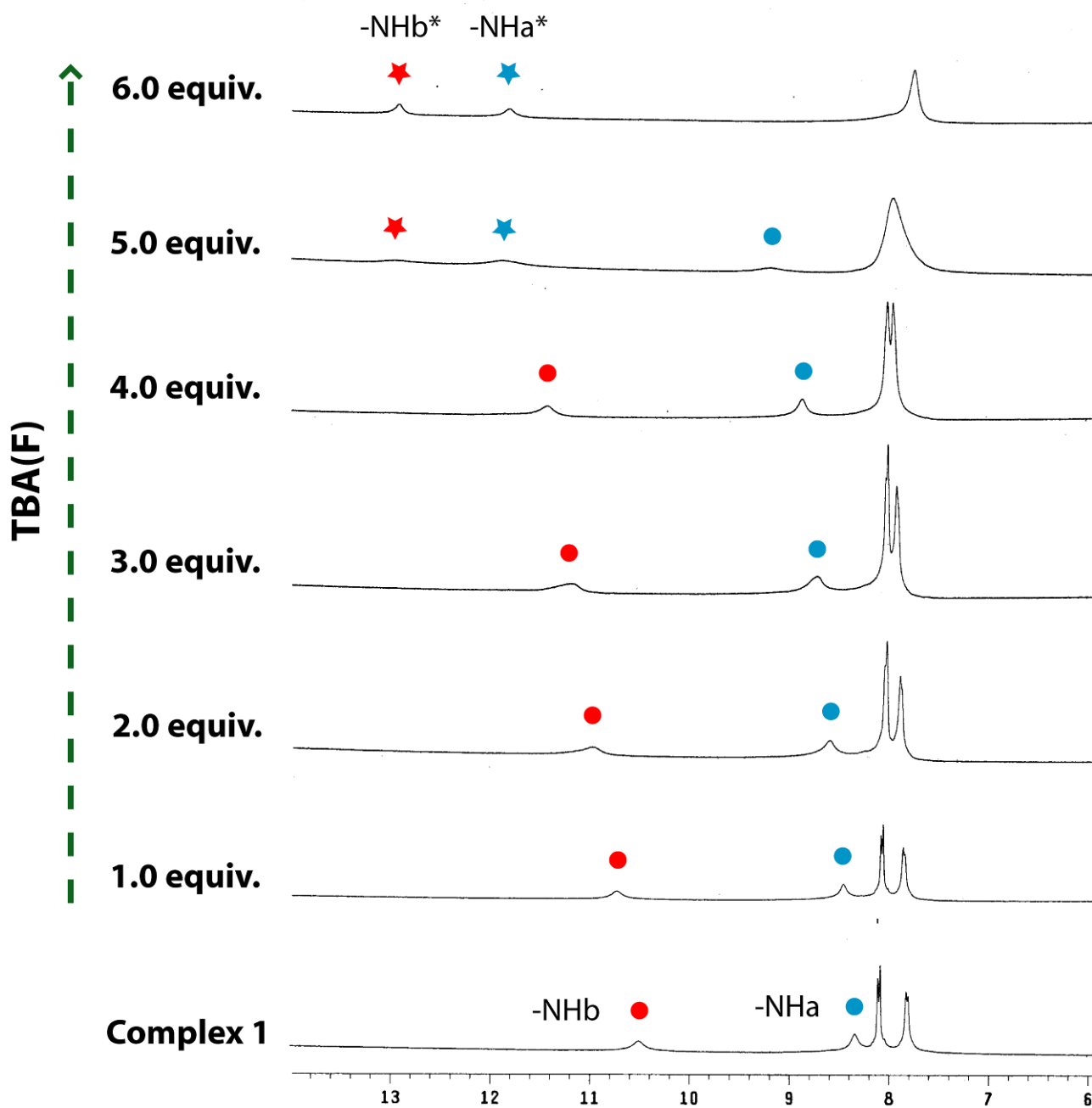


Figure S28. Expanded ¹H NMR spectra of **1a** obtained upon titration with increasing equivalents of TBAF in DMSO-*d*₆ showing the selective formation of phosphate capsule (**1**) in solution.

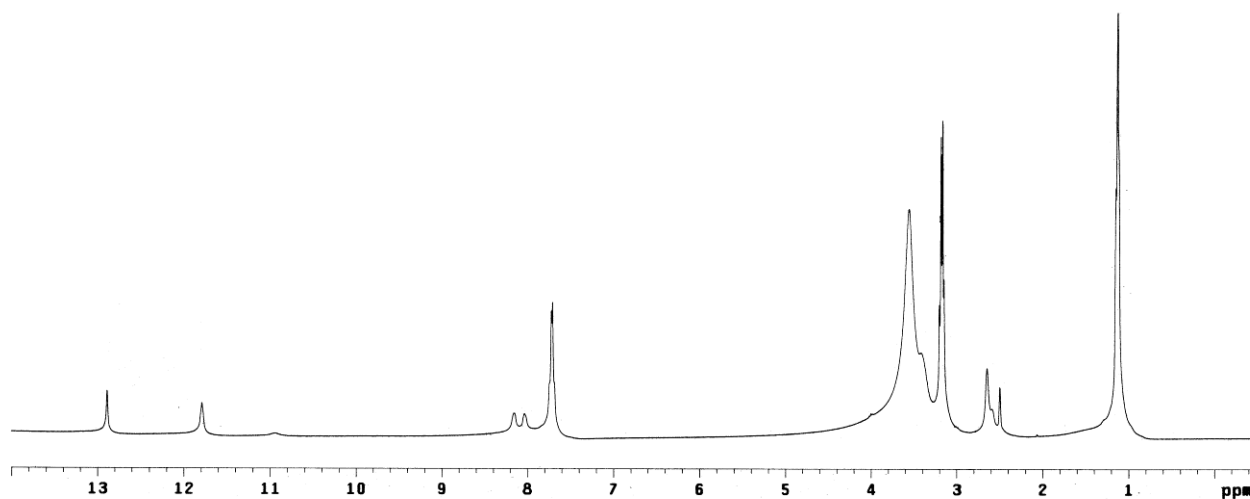


Figure S29. ¹H NMR spectrum of complex **1a** in presence of excess TEA(AcO) in DMSO-*d*₆ showing the selective formation of phosphate capsule (**1b**) in solution.

Additional Crystallographic data:

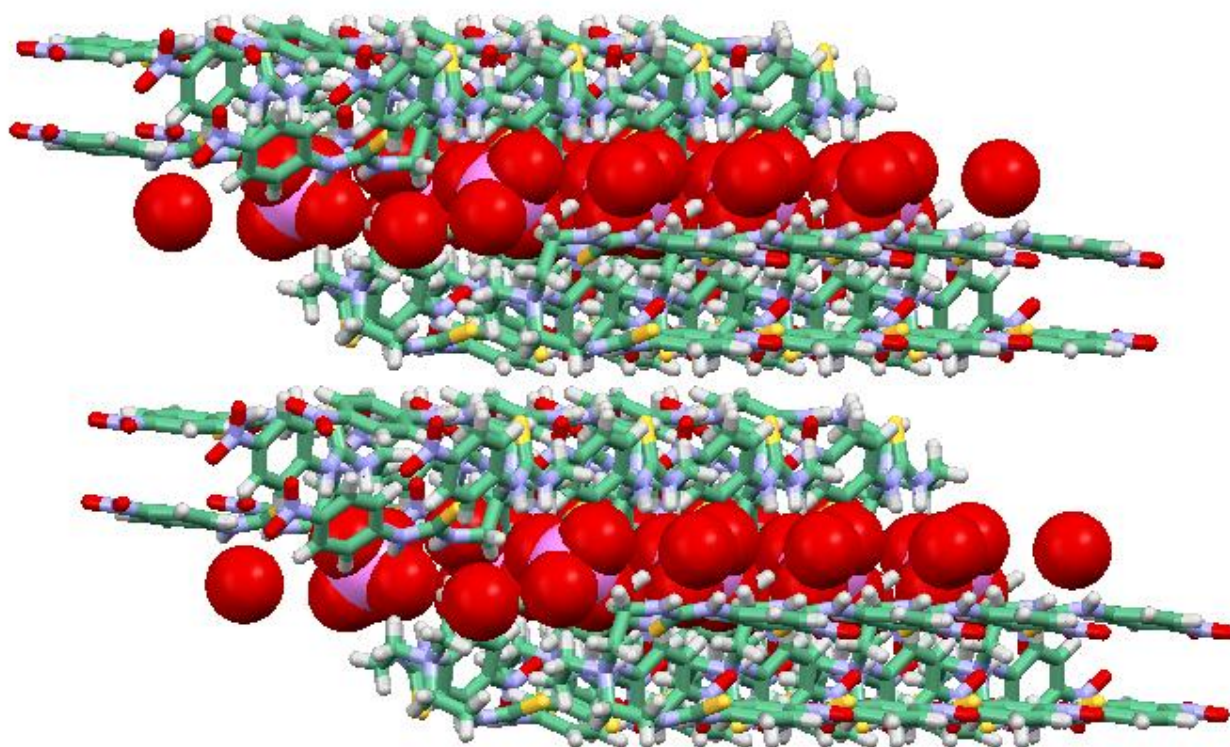


Figure 30. Crystal packing diagram of complex **1a** (view down the crystallographic *c*-axis).

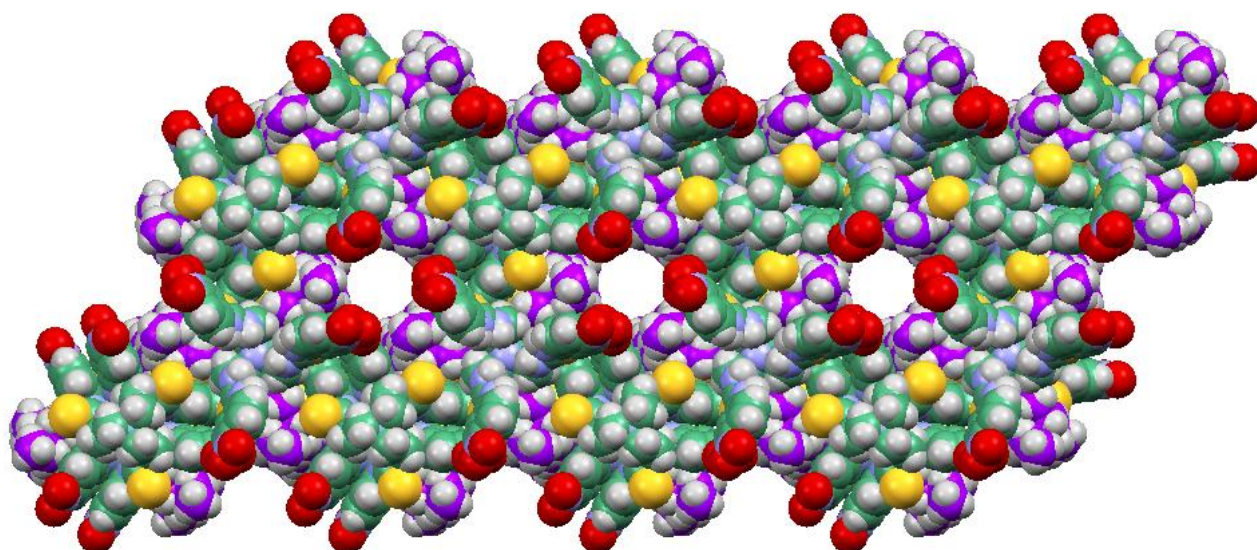


Figure 31. Crystal packing diagram of complex **1b**, showing the cylindrical voids of 568 Å³ (view down the crystallographic c-axis).

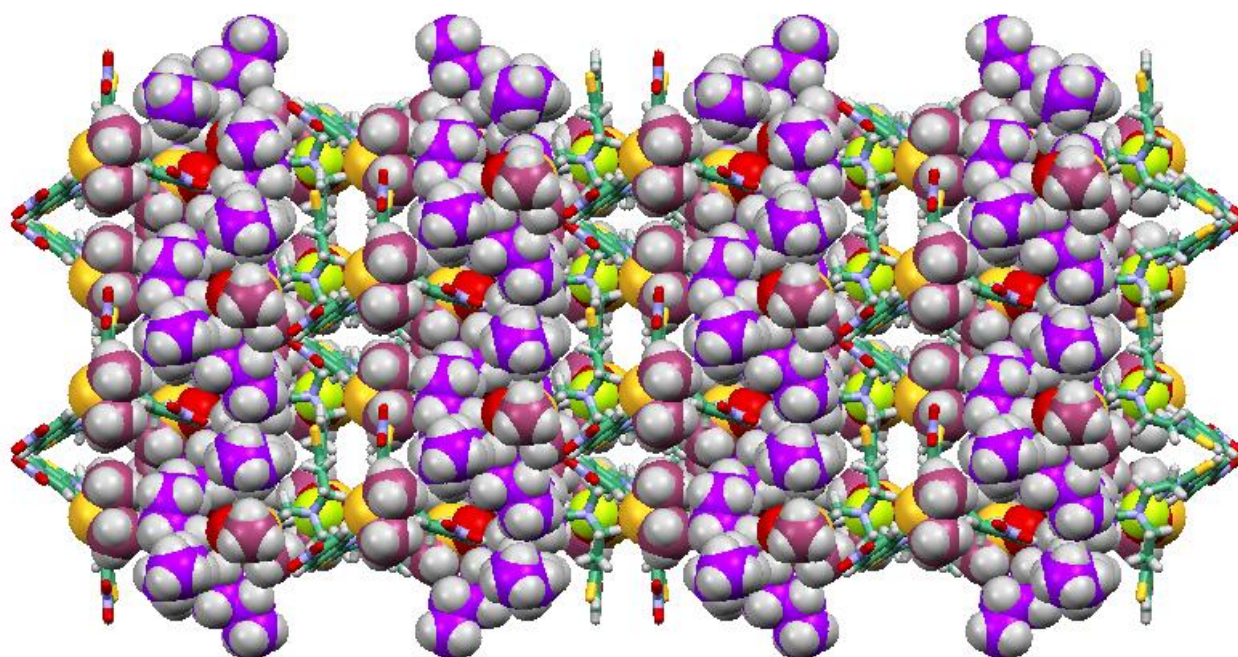


Figure 32. Crystal packing diagram of complex **2a** (view down the crystallographic c-axis).

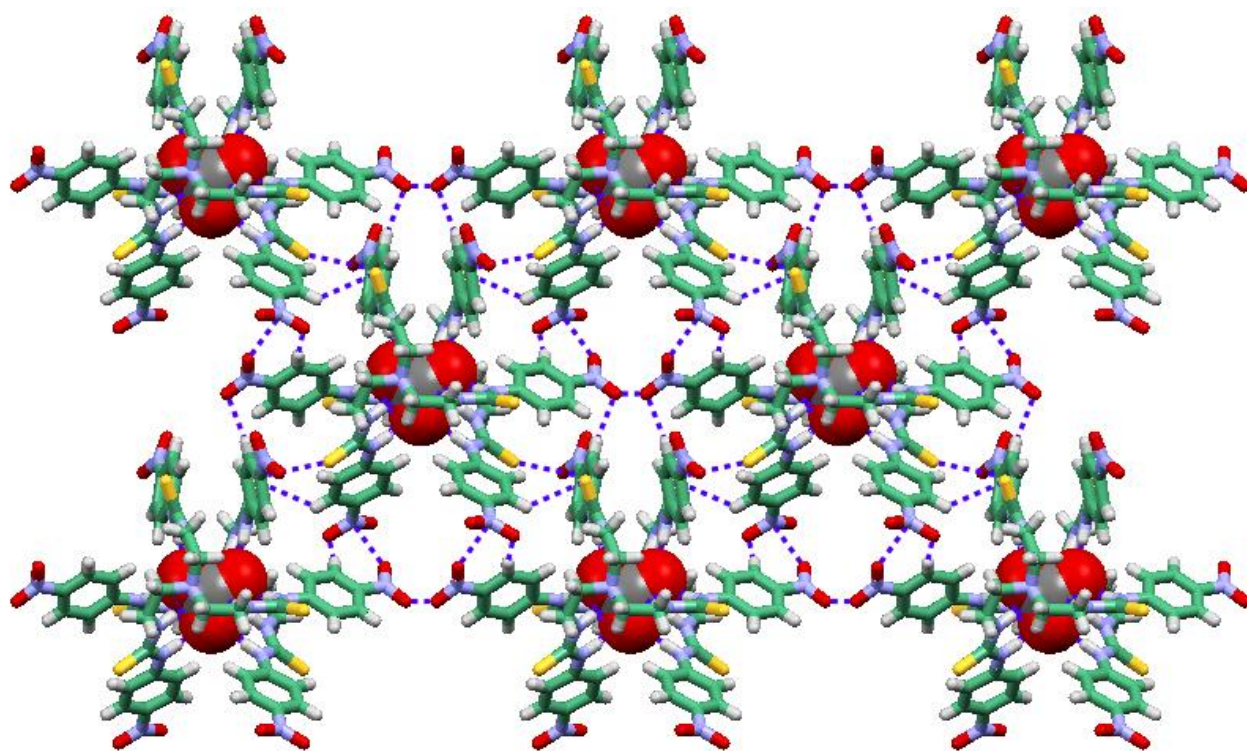


Figure 33. Crystal packing diagram of complex **3** (view down the crystallographic c-axis).

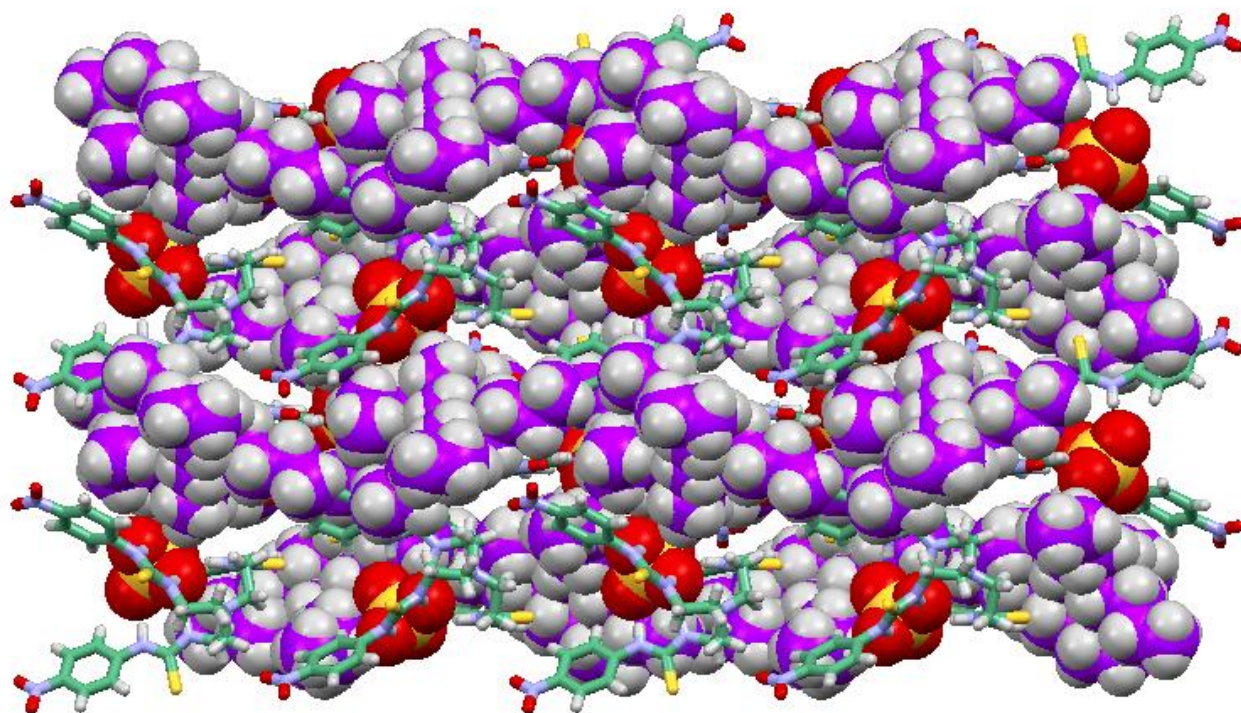


Figure 34. Crystal packing diagram of complex **4** (view down the crystallographic a-axis).

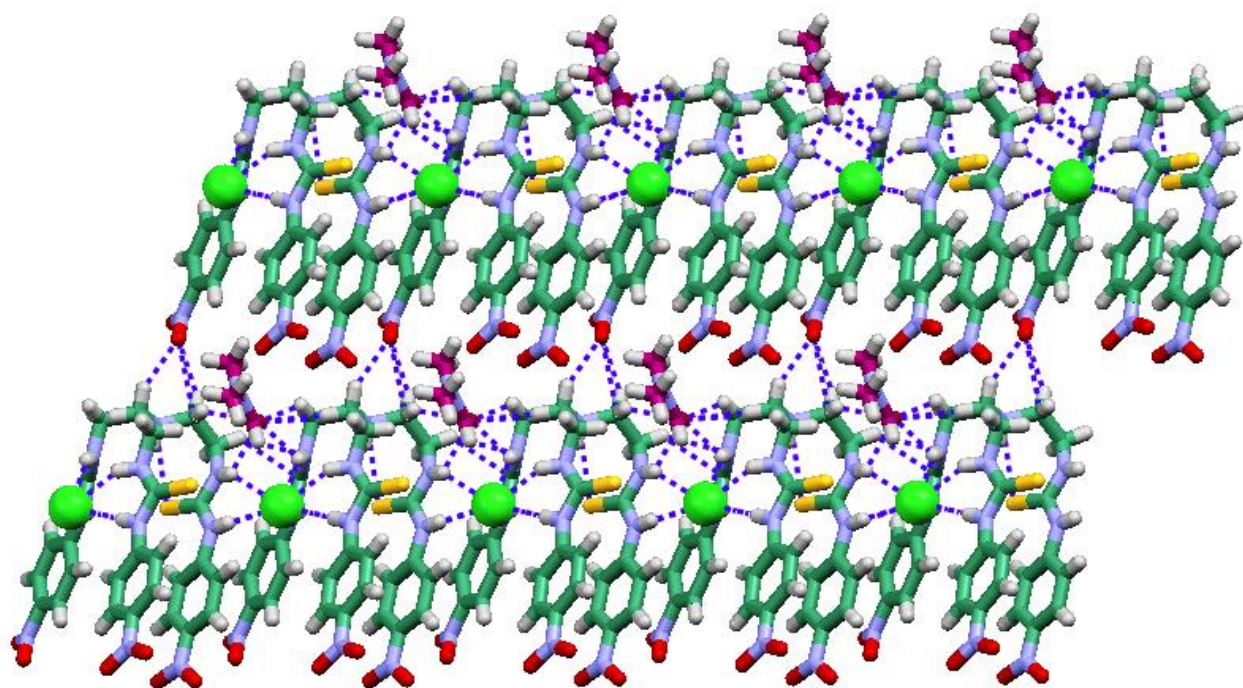


Figure 35. Crystal packing diagram of complex 5 (view down the crystallographic b-axis).