

## Supporting Information

### Synthesis, Characterization, Photophysics, and Anion Binding Properties of Gold(I) Acetylide Complexes with Amide Group

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**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for **3a**

Formula	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>24</sub> AuN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> P
M (g/mol)	724.48
cryst syst	Triclinic
space group	P -1
a (Å)	8.7748(18)
b (Å)	9.1491(18)
c (Å)	17.558(4)
α (°)	93.54(3)
β (°)	97.12(3)
γ (°)	98.33(3)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1379.4(5)
Z	2
D <sub>c</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.744
T (K)	173(2)
reflns collected	10395
indep reflns	5257
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0385
R <sup>a</sup> , R <sub>w</sub> <sup>b</sup> [I > 2σ(I)]	0.0345, 0.0854
GOF	0.768

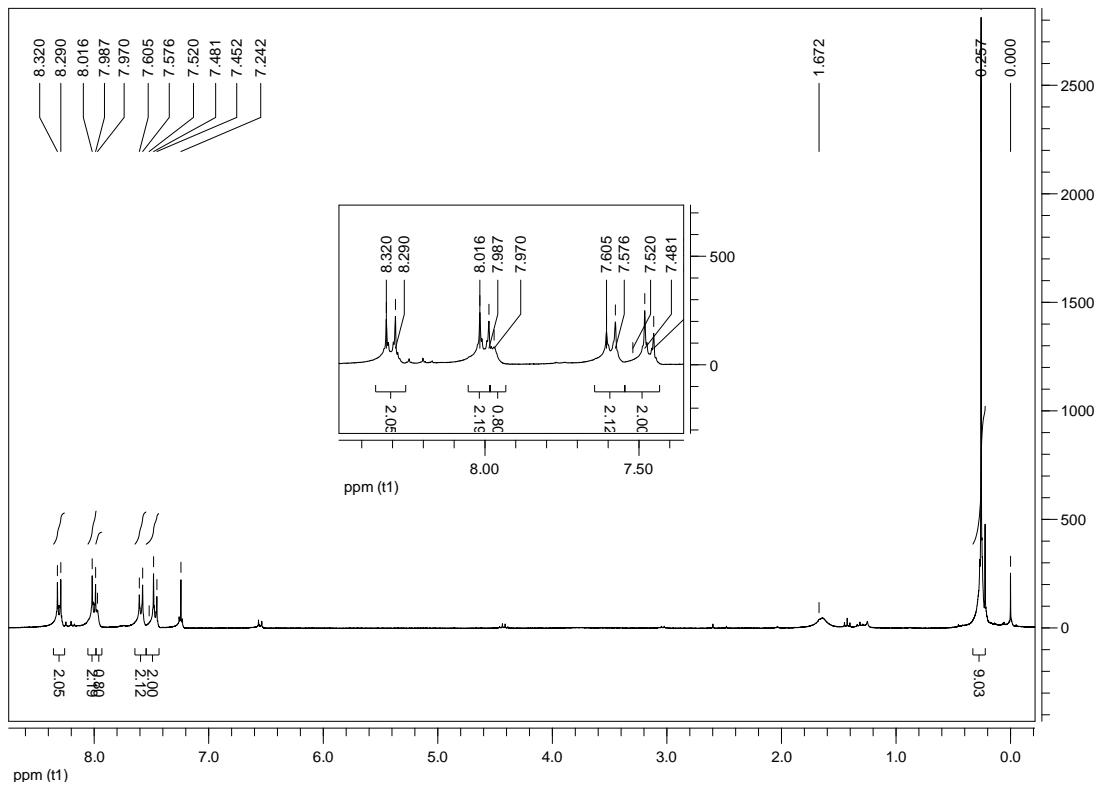
<sup>a</sup>R = Σ(|F<sub>o</sub>| - |F<sub>c</sub>|) / Σ|F<sub>o</sub>|. <sup>b</sup>R<sub>w</sub> = [Σw(|F<sub>o</sub>| - |F<sub>c</sub>|)<sup>2</sup> / Σw|F<sub>o</sub>|<sup>2</sup>]<sup>1/2</sup>.

**Table S2.** Binding constants of **4a–4d** with anions in  $\text{CDCl}_3^a$ 

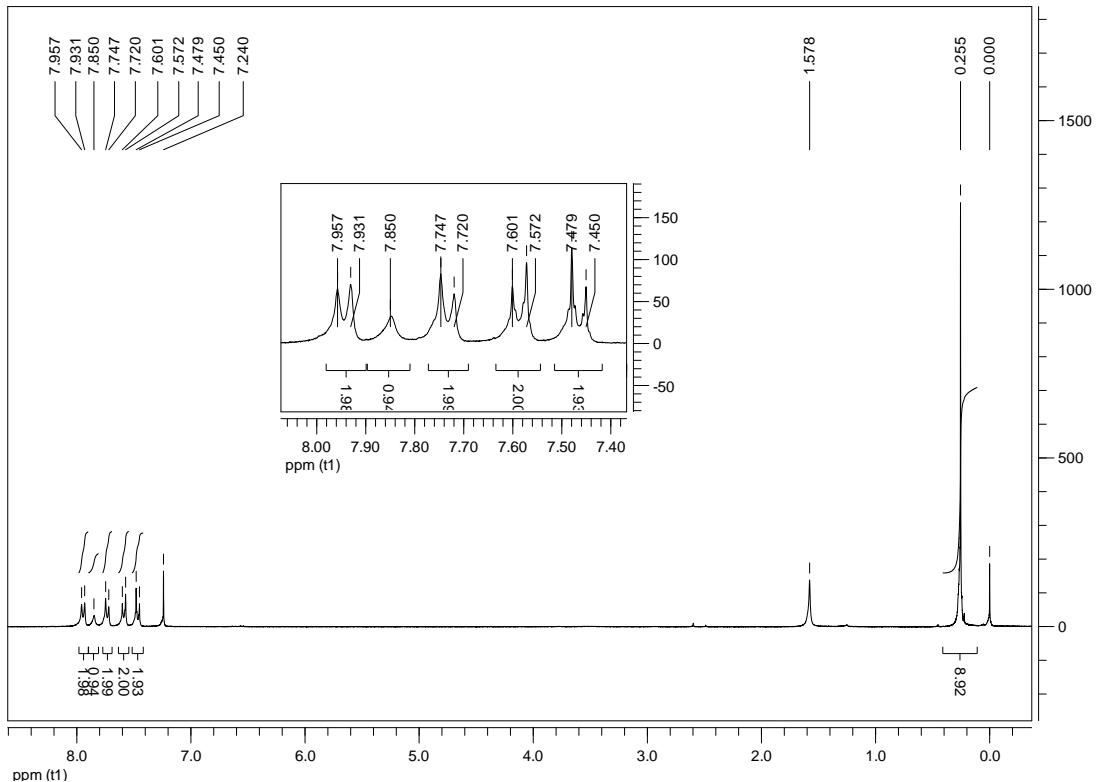
ligand	$\text{F}^-$	$\text{Cl}^-$	$\text{OAc}^-$	$\text{Br}^-$	$\text{I}^-$
<b>4a</b>	<sup>b</sup>	$220.81 \pm 15.22$	$188.82 \pm 13.14$	$167.21 \pm 16.58$	$71.03 \pm 4.75$
<b>4b</b>	<sup>b</sup>	$97.15 \pm 7.7$	$54.22 \pm 3.04$	$46.74 \pm 7.30$	$31.56 \pm 2.12$
<b>4c</b>	<sup>b</sup>	$28.43 \pm 2.62$	$22.13 \pm 2.69$	$18.82 \pm 1.62$	$3.83 \pm 2.45$
<b>4d</b>	<sup>b</sup>	$33.13 \pm 1.64$	$20.53 \pm 1.27$	$19.1500 \pm 1.75$	$13.00 \pm 0.61$

<sup>a</sup>Binding constants were determined by 1:1 model using nonlinear fitting methods.

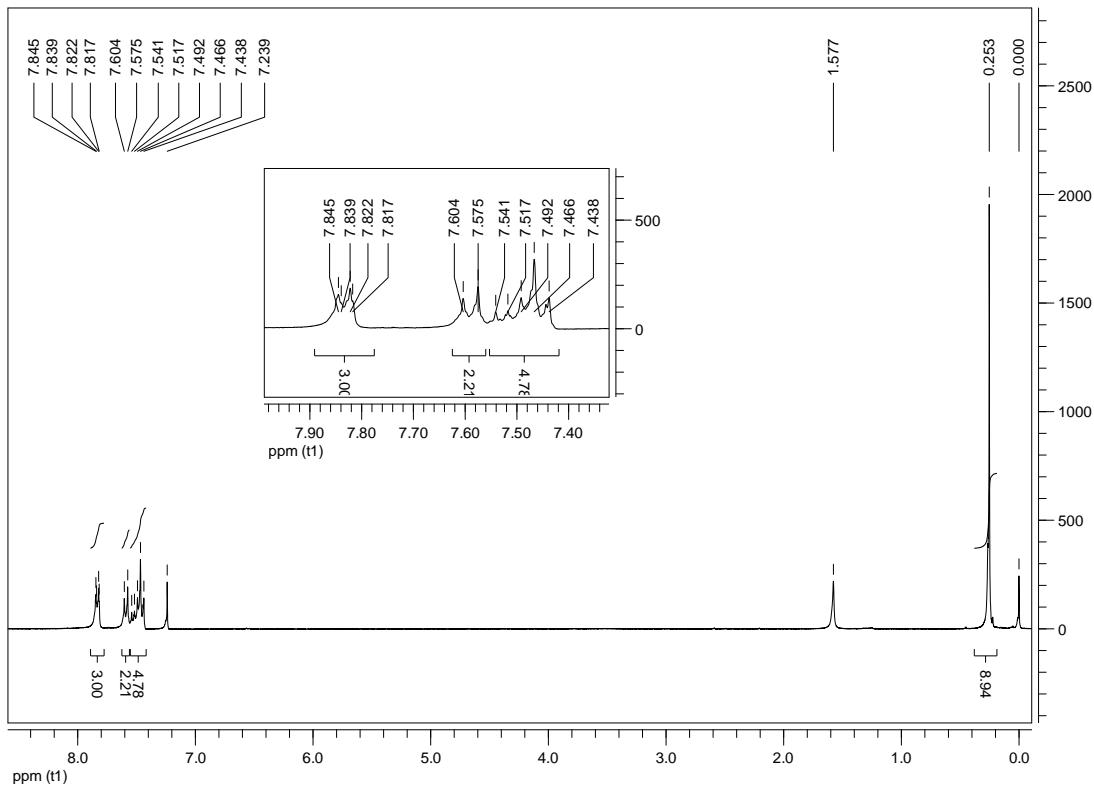
<sup>b</sup>Chemical shifts were not suitable for accurate measurement of binding constant.



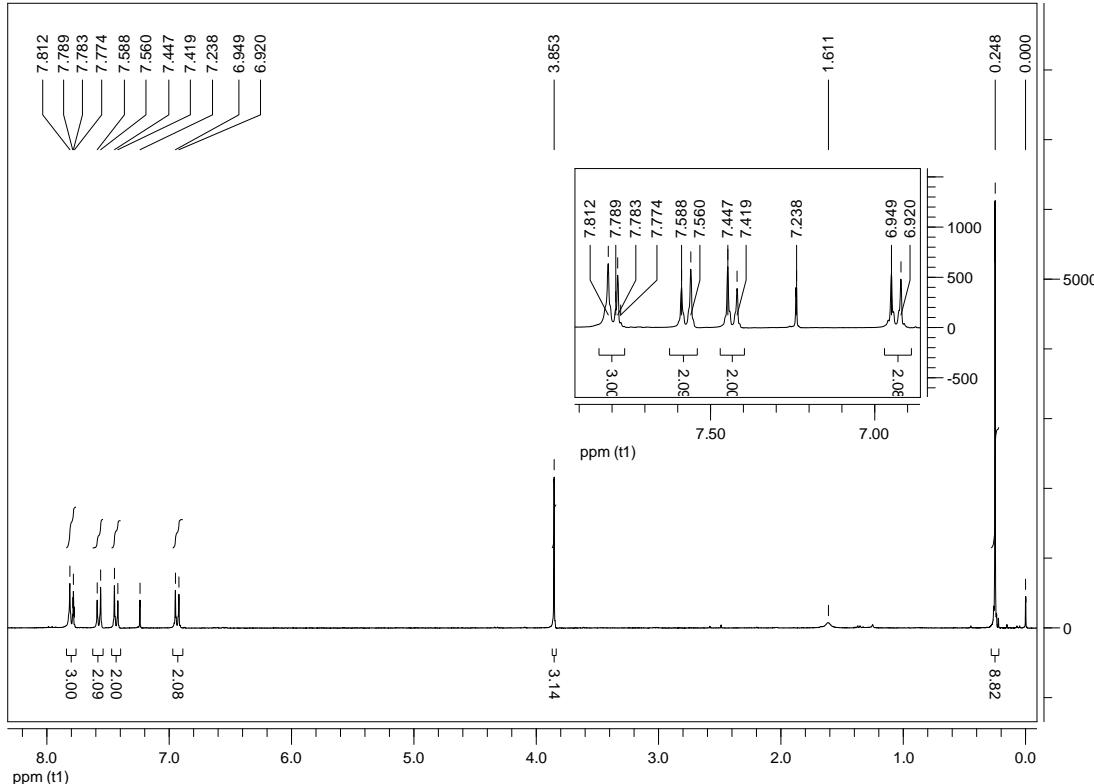
**Figure S1.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



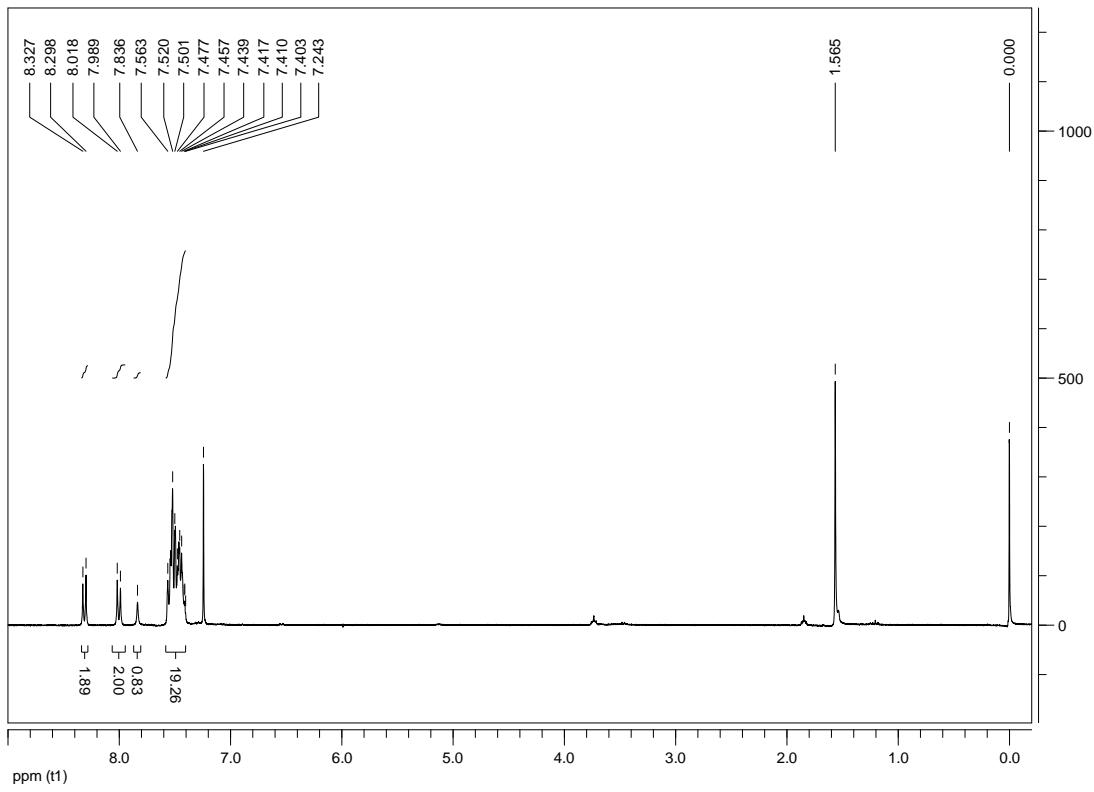
**Figure S2.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



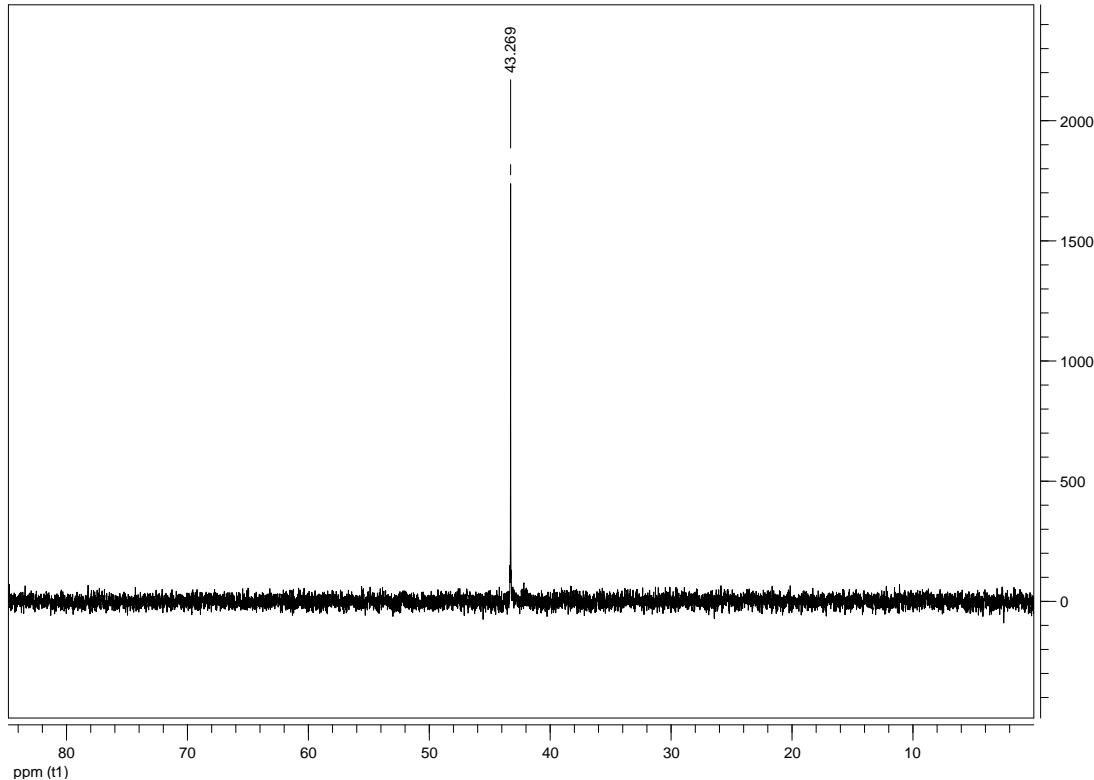
**Figure S3.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2c** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



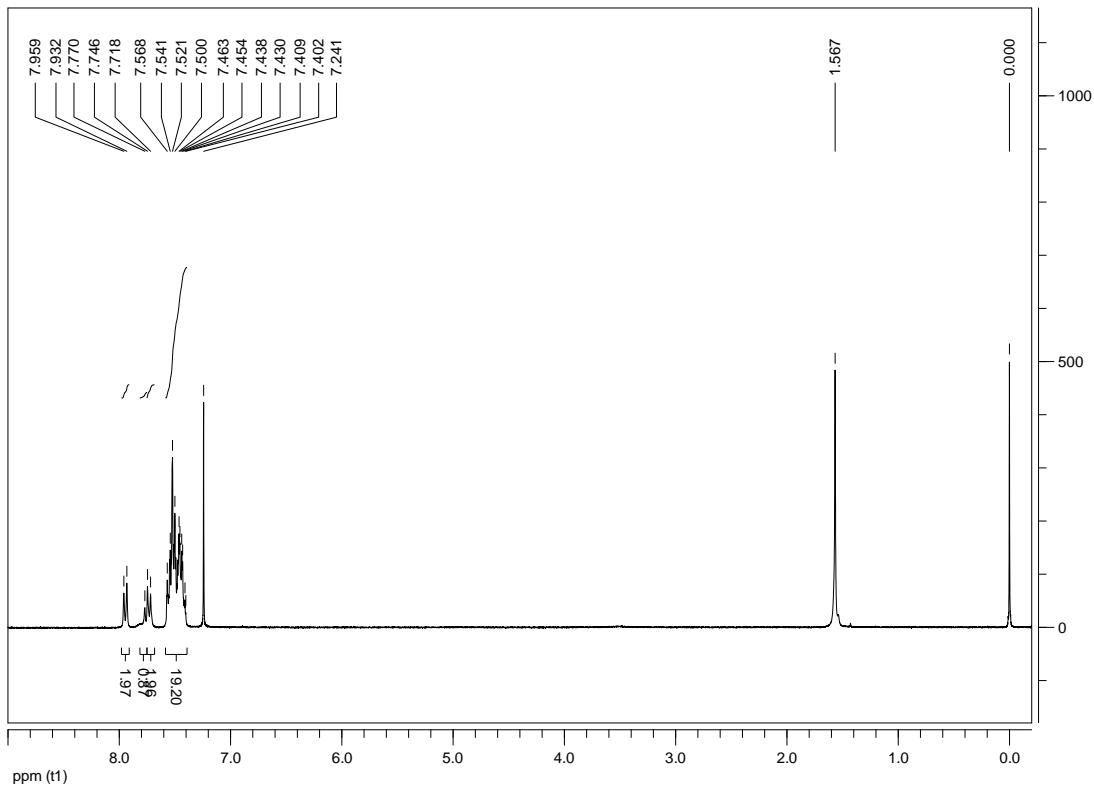
**Figure S4.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2d** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



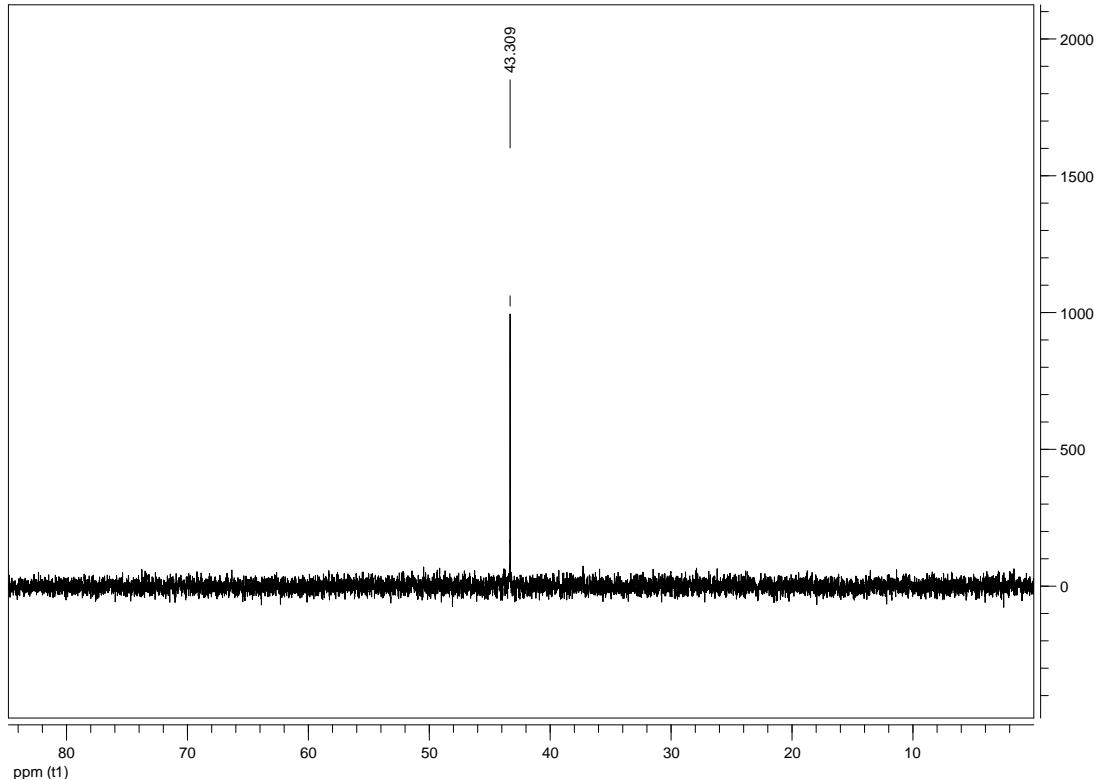
**Figure S5.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



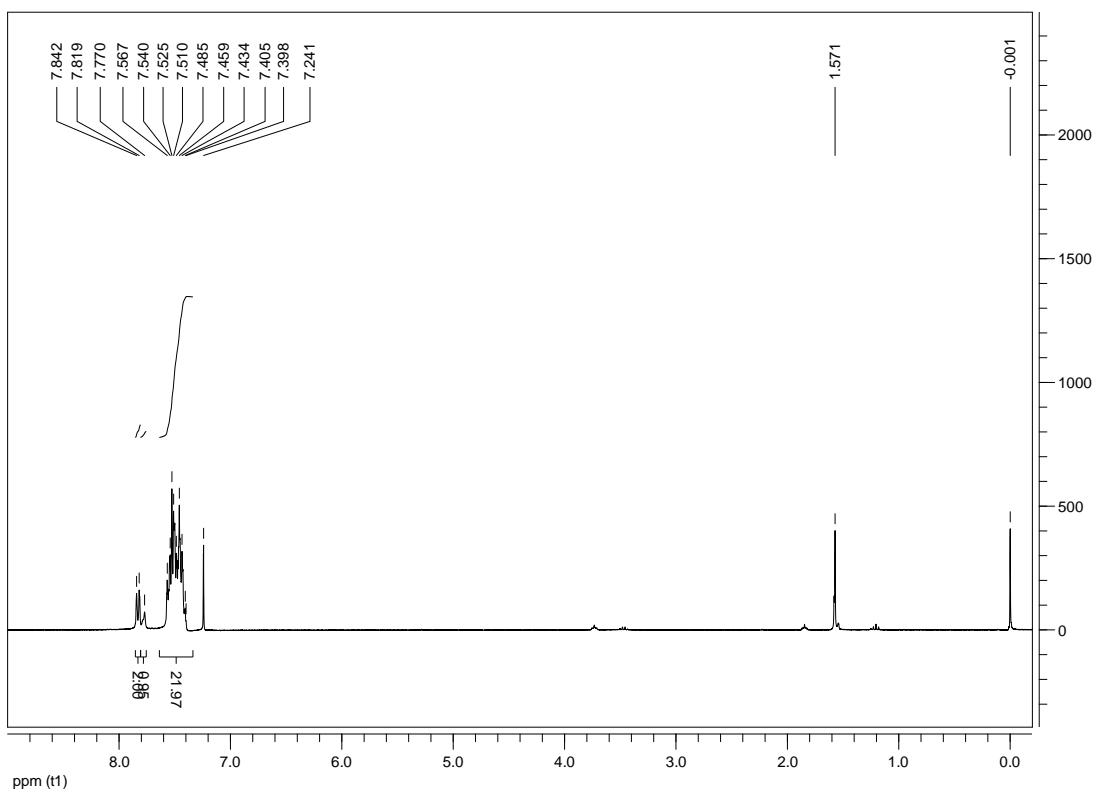
**Figure S6.** The  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of **3a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



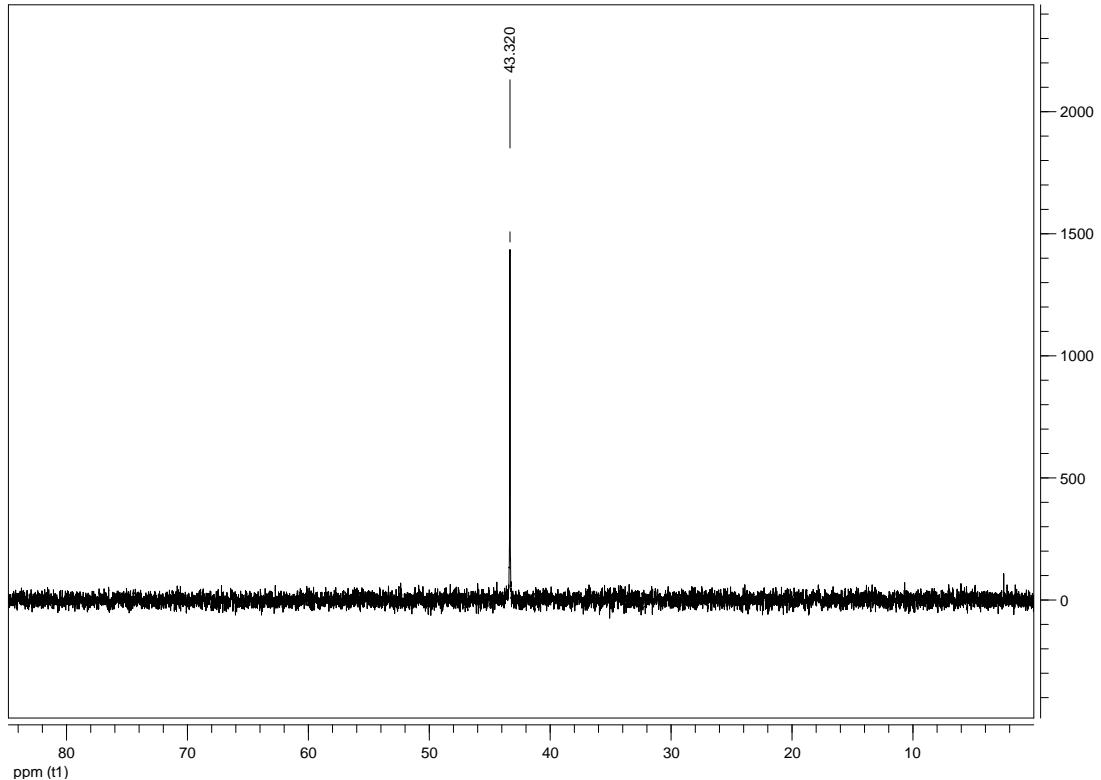
**Figure S7.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



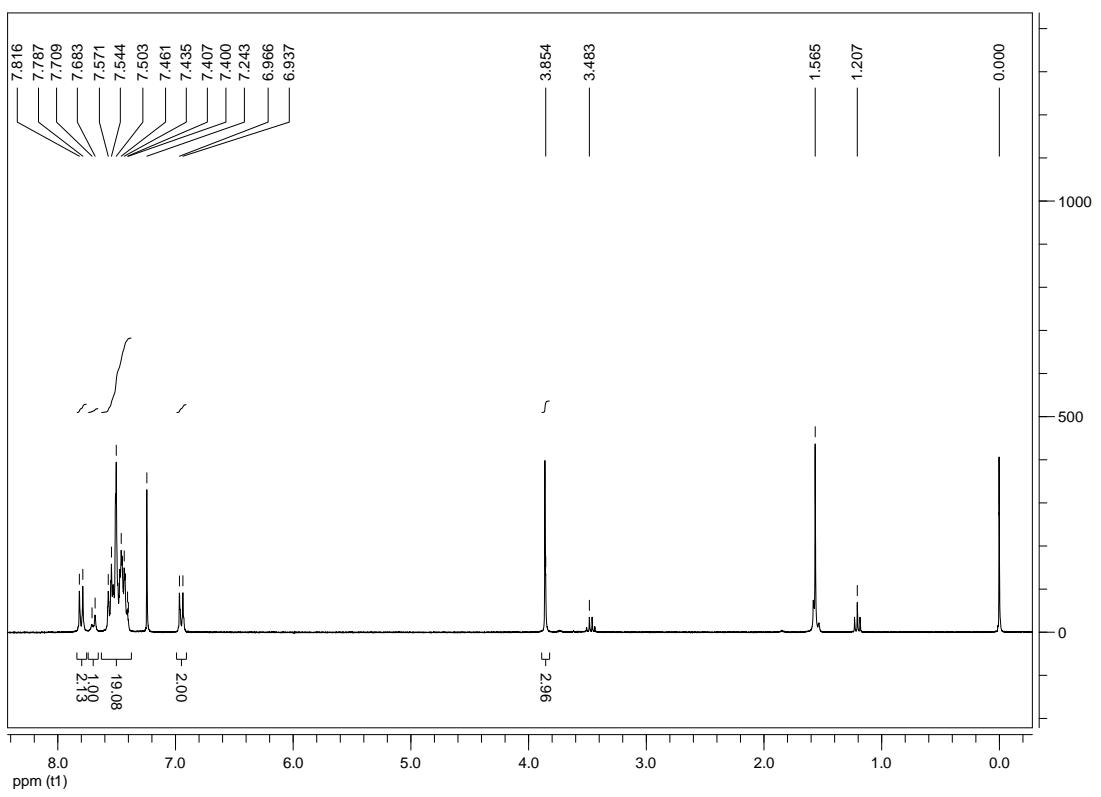
**Figure S8.** The  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of **3b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



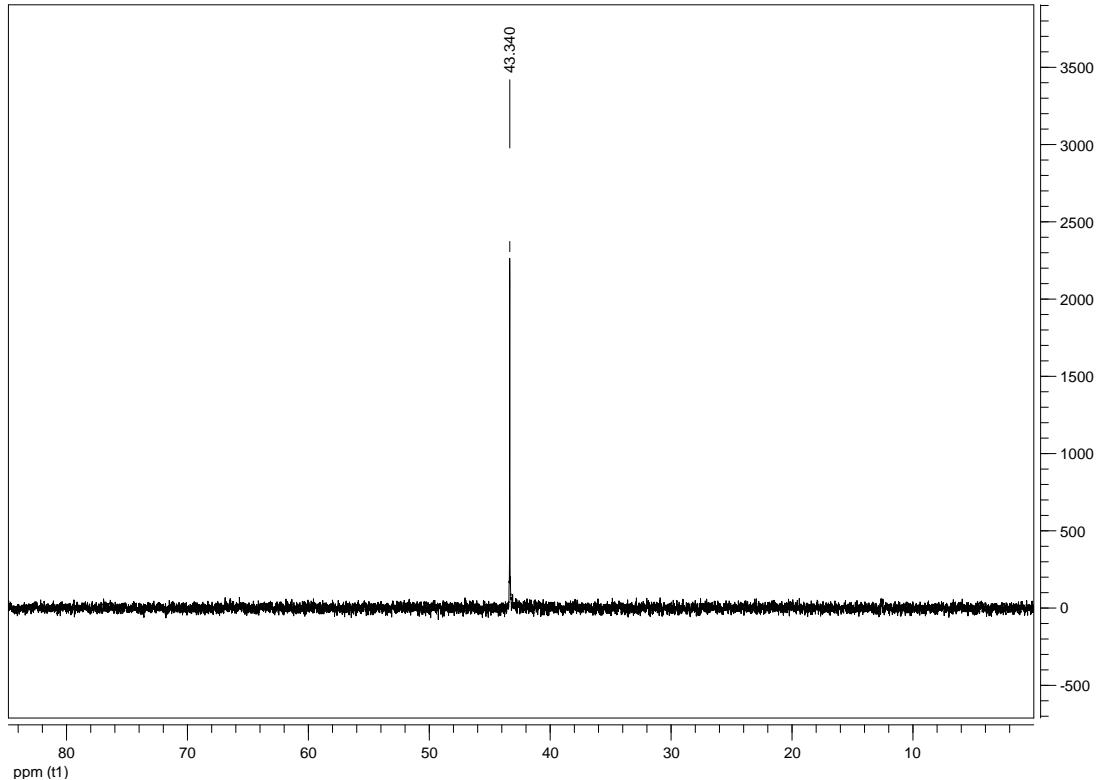
**Figure S9.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3c** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



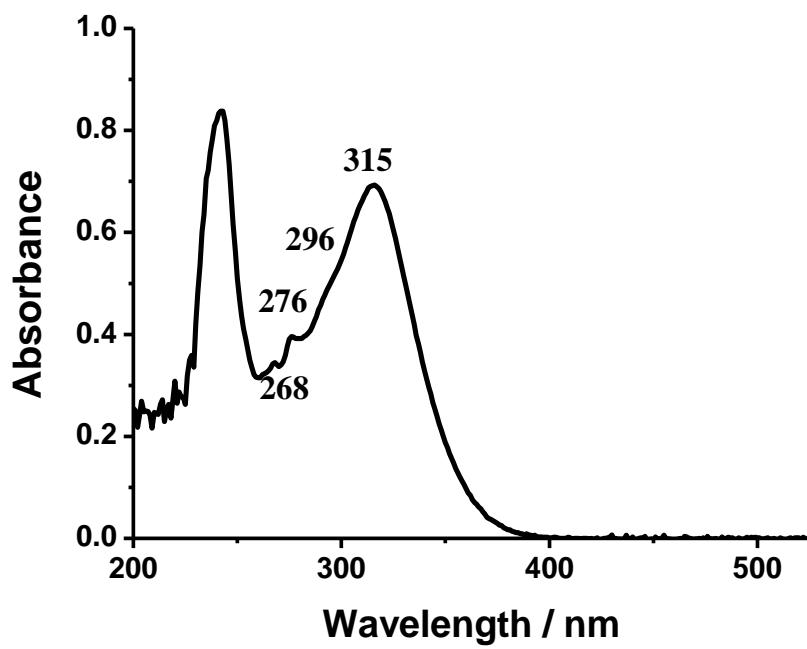
**Figure S10.** The  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of **3c** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



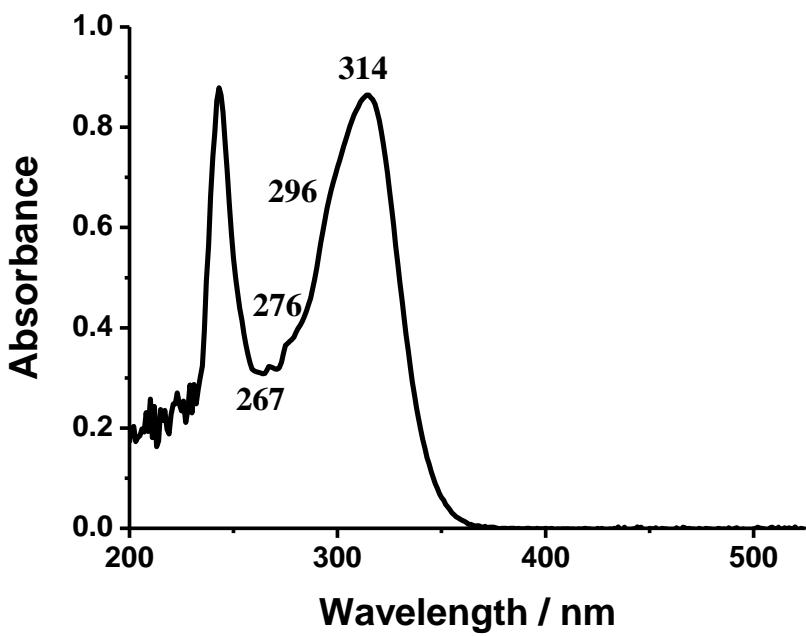
**Figure S11.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3d** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



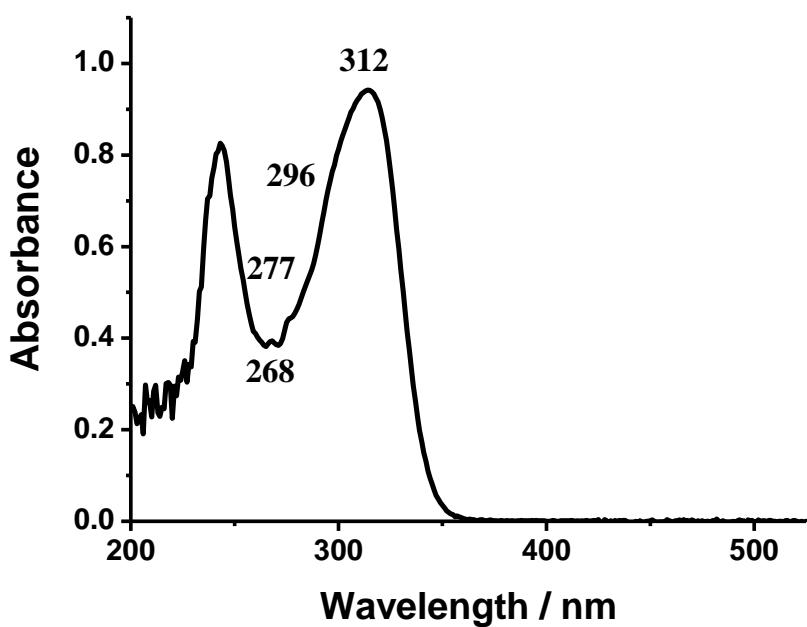
**Figure S12.** The  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of **3d** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



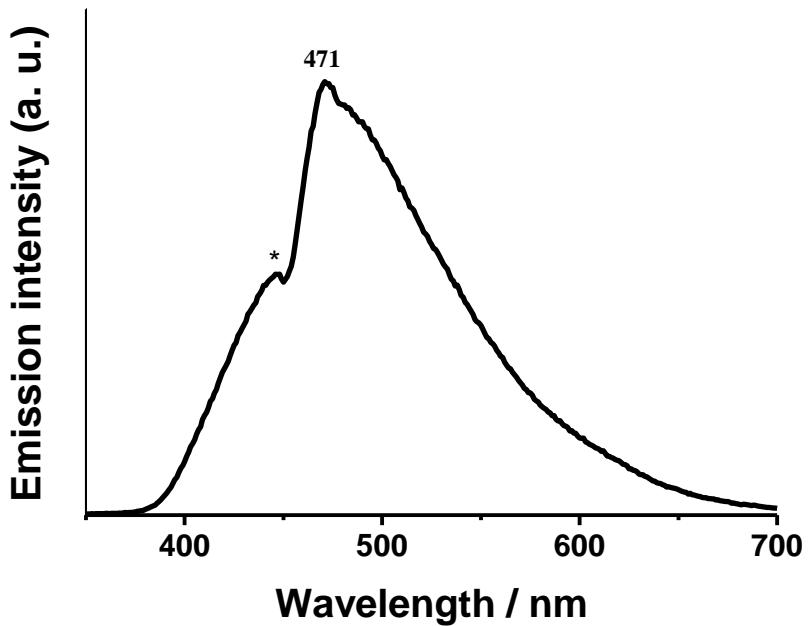
**Figure S13.** Electronic absorption spectrum of **3b** ( $1.98 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm $^{-3}$ ) in THF at 298 K.



**Figure S14.** Electronic absorption spectrum of **3c** ( $1.98 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm $^{-3}$ ) in THF at 298 K.

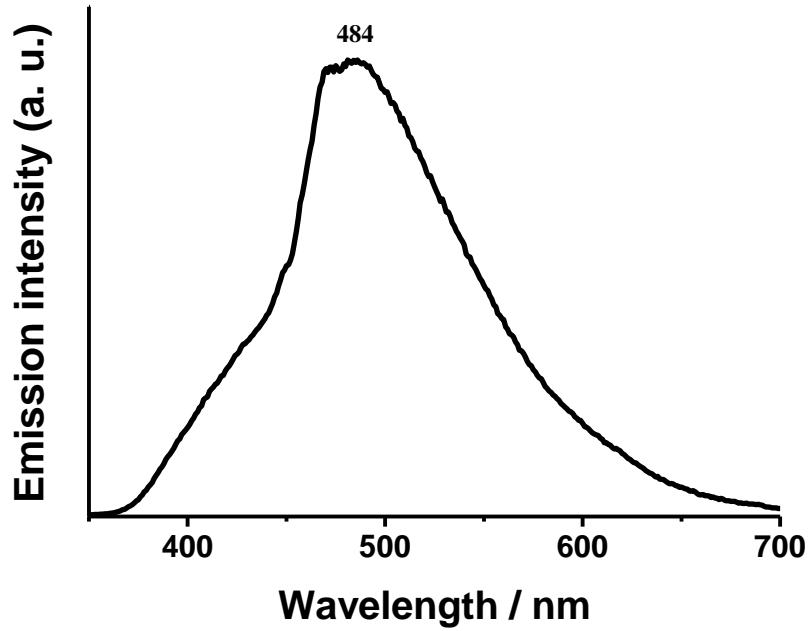
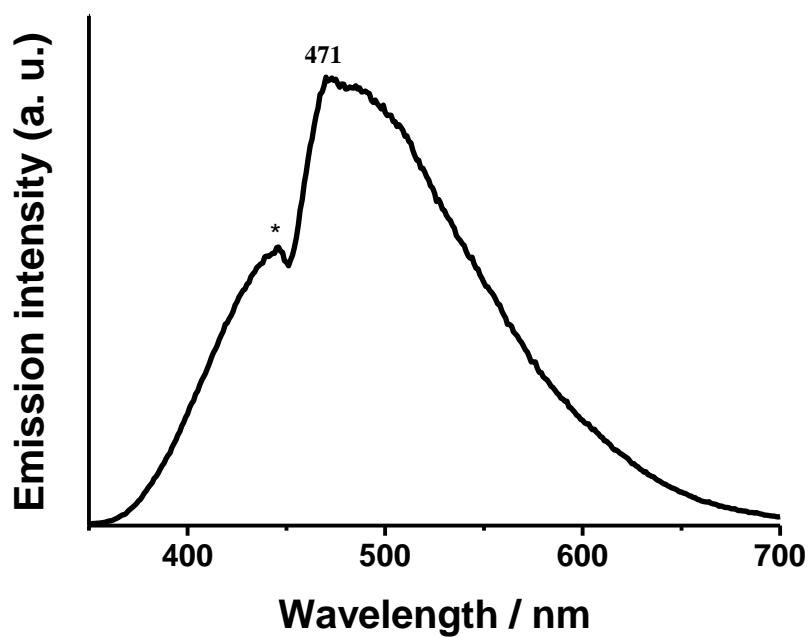


**Figure S15.** Electronic absorption spectrum of **3d** ( $1.98 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm $^{-3}$ ) in THF at 298 K.

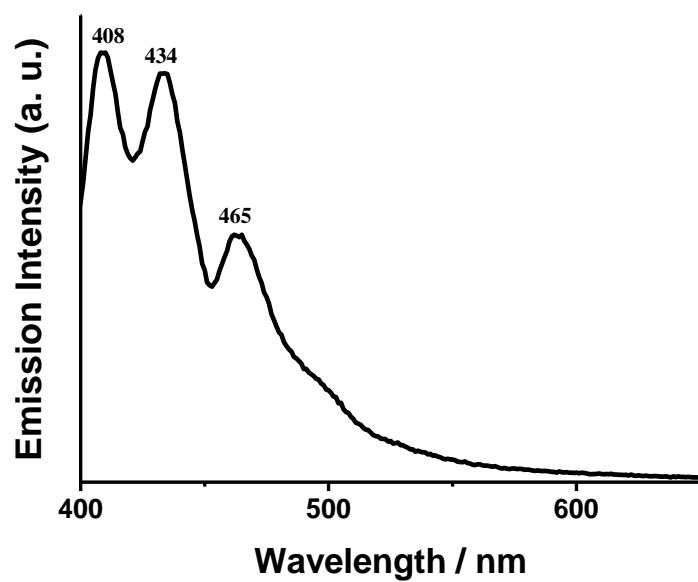


**Figure S16.** Emission spectrum of **3b** in the solid state at 298 K ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330$  nm).

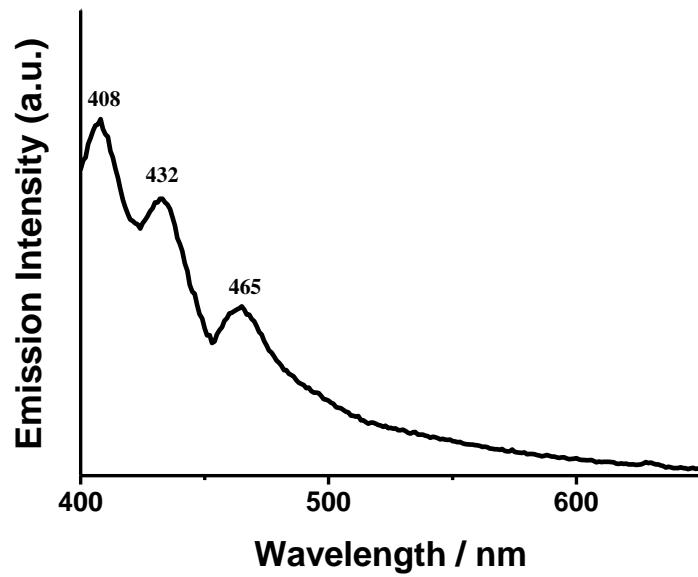
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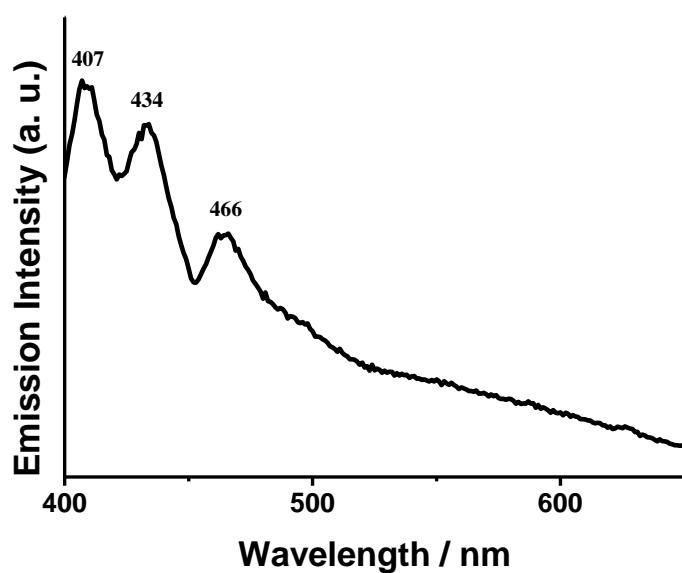
**Figure S17.** Emission spectrum of **3c** in the solid state at 298 K ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 315 \text{ nm}$ ).



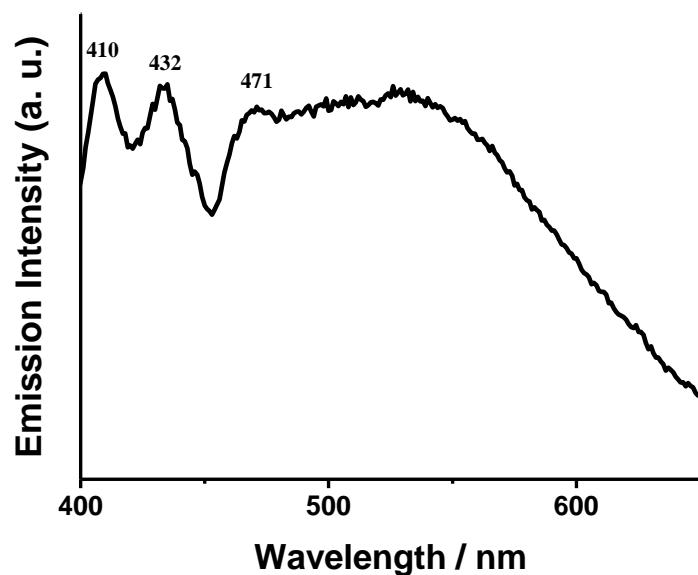
**Figure S19.** Emission spectrum of **3a** ( $1.98 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm $^{-3}$ ) in THF at 298 K ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330$  nm).



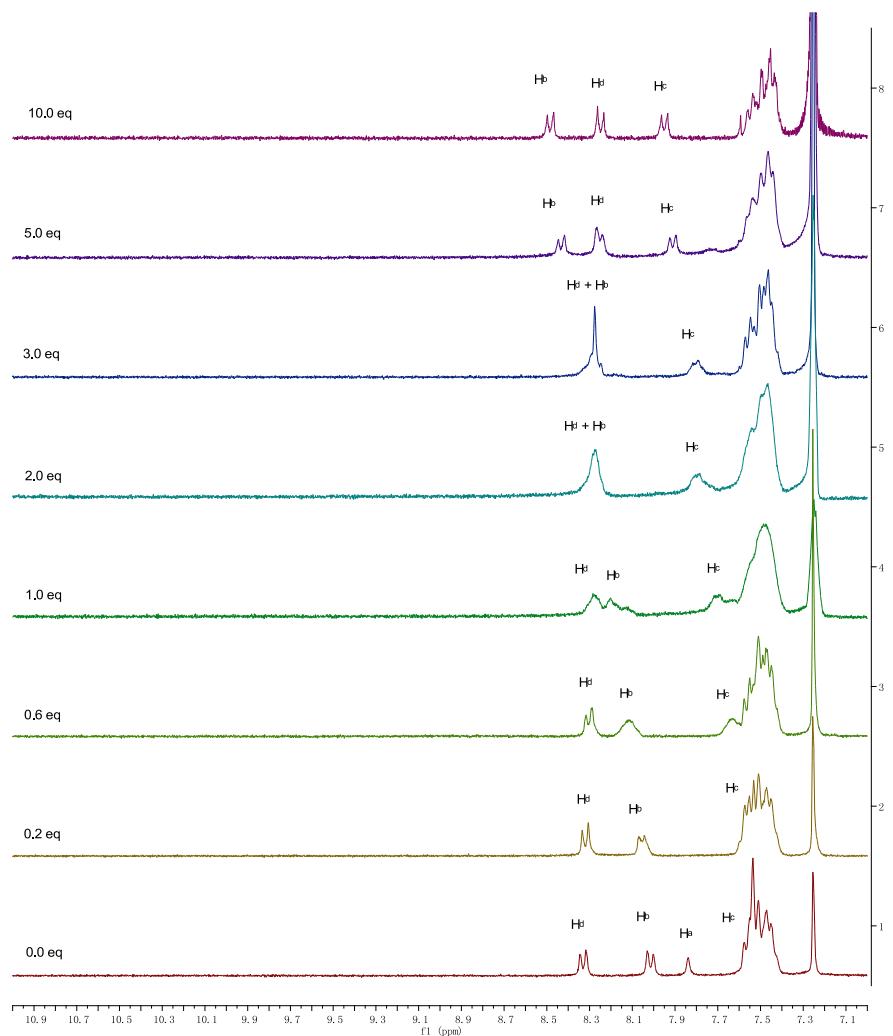
**Figure S20.** Emission spectroscopy of **3b** ( $1.98 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm $^{-3}$ ) in THF at 298 K ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 315$  nm).



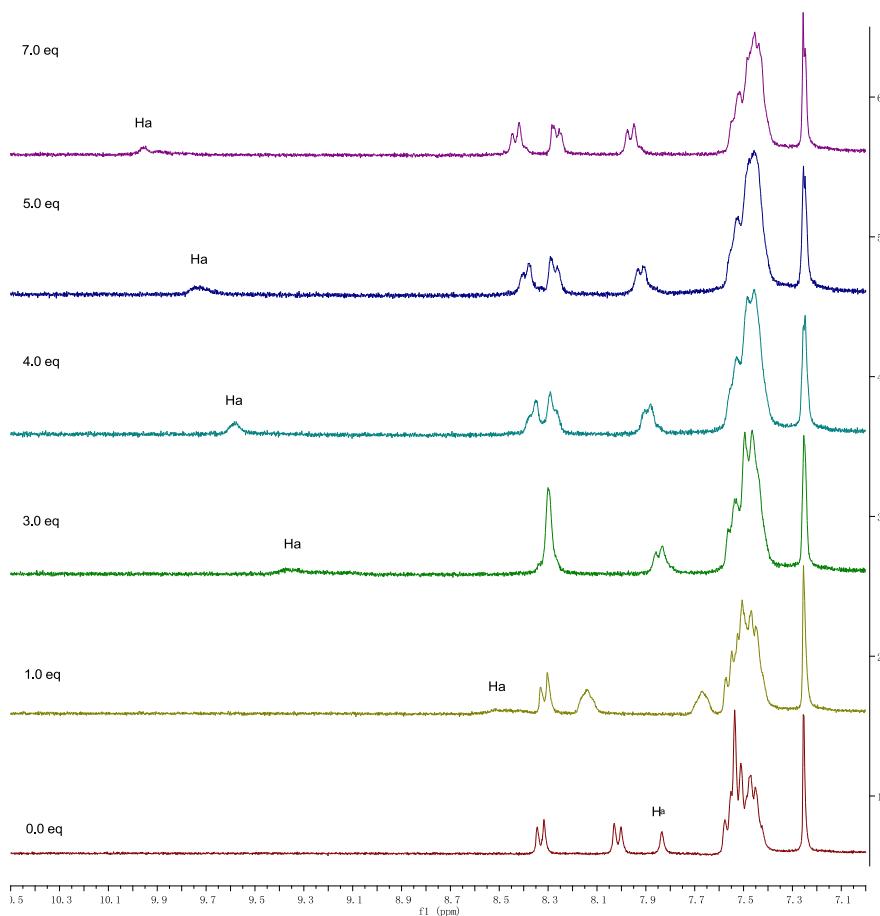
**FigureS21.** Emission spectrum of **3c** ( $1.98 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm $^{-3}$ ) in THF at 298 K ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 315$  nm).



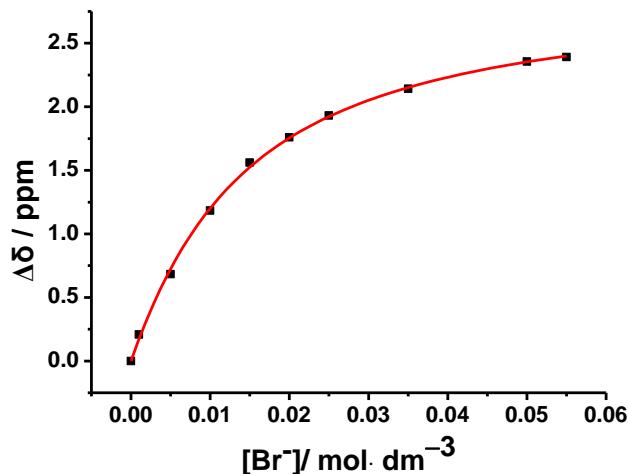
**FigureS22.** Emission spectrum of **3d** ( $1.98 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm $^{-3}$ ) in THF at 298 K ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 315$  nm).



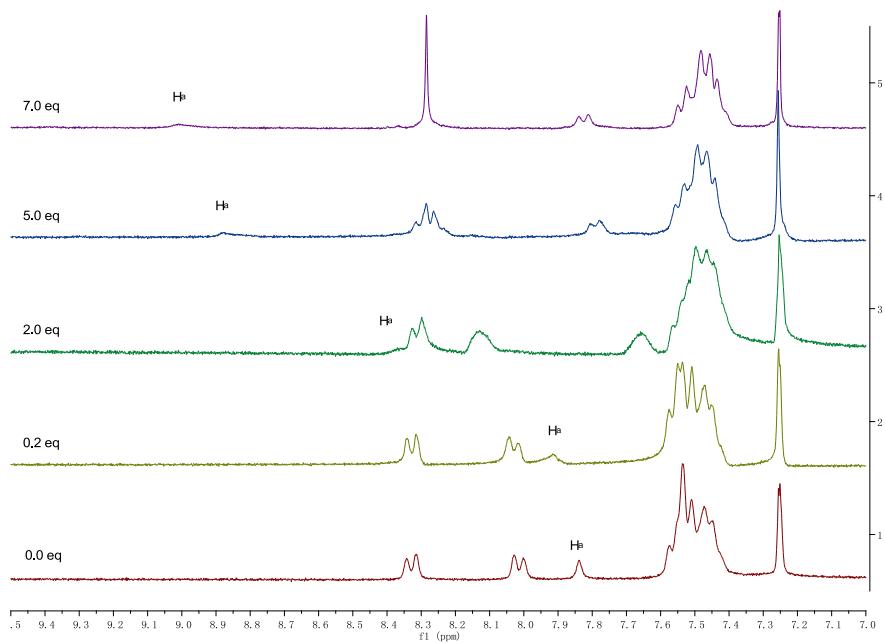
**Figure S23.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral changes of **3a** upon addition of  $\text{F}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



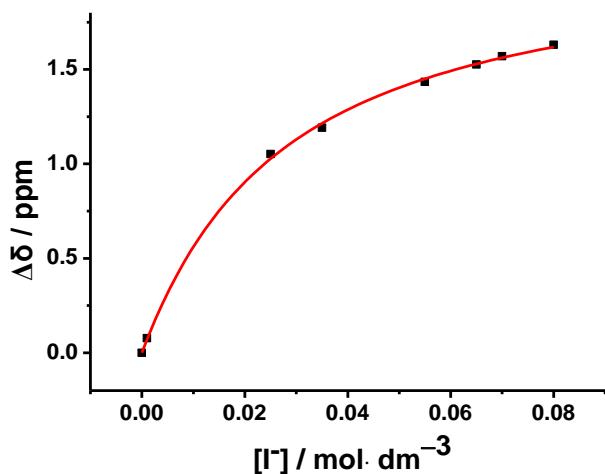
**Figure S24.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral changes of **3a** upon addition of  $\text{Br}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



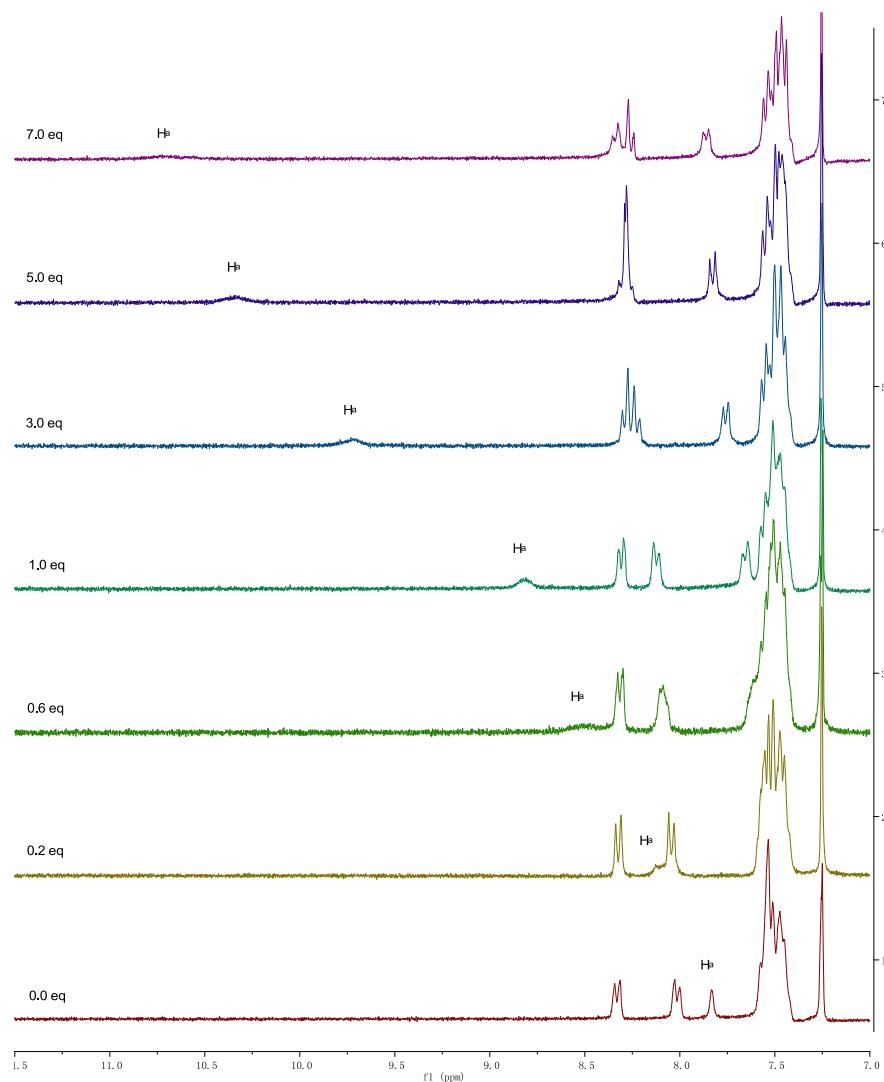
**Figure S25.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton H<sub>a</sub> as a function of  $[\text{Br}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **3a** with  $\text{Br}^-$ .



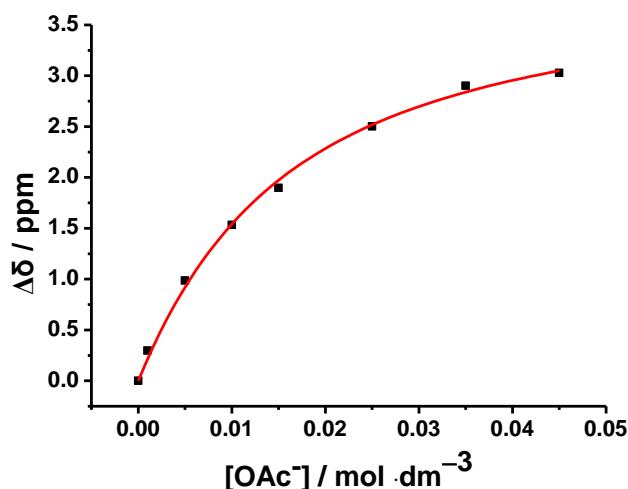
**Figure S26.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral changes of **3a** upon addition of  $\text{I}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



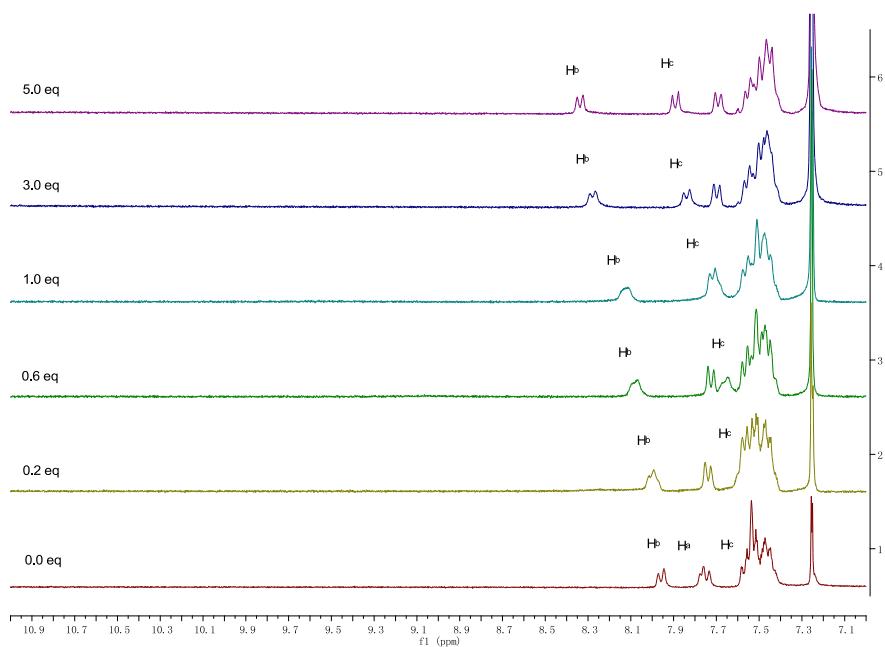
**Figure S27.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_a$  as a function of  $[\text{I}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **3a** with  $\text{I}^-$ .



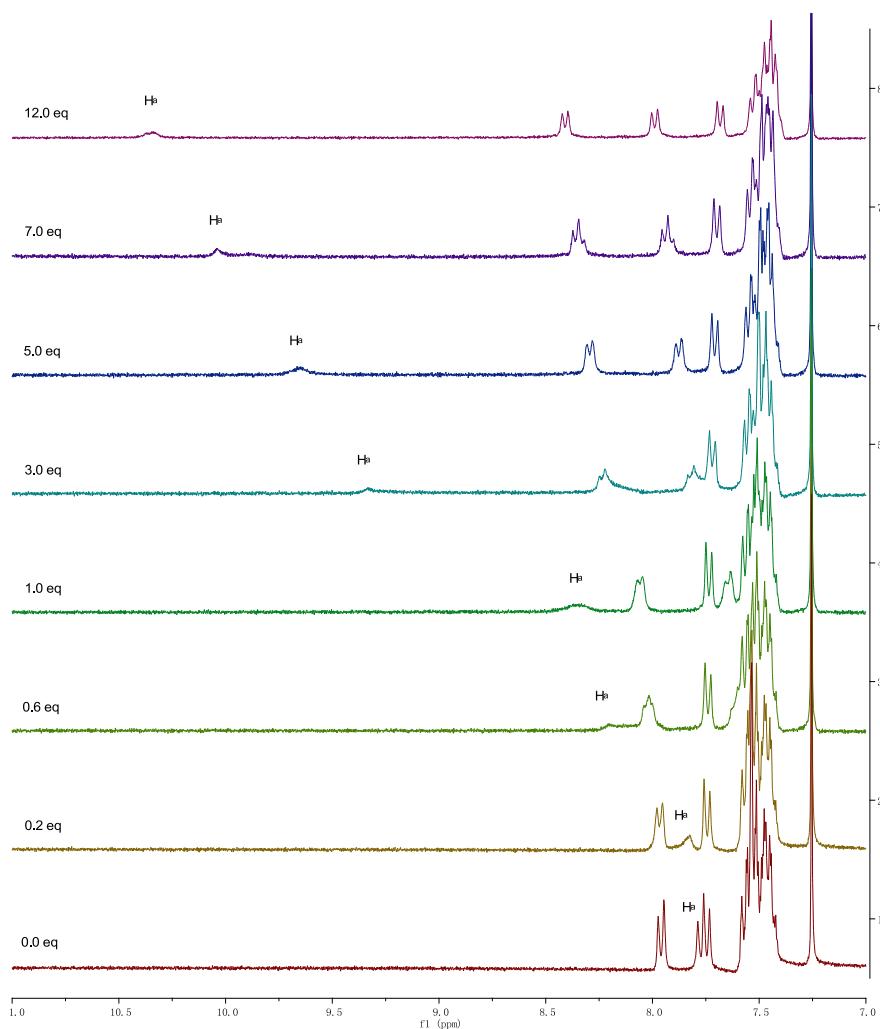
**Figure S28.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral changes of **3a** upon addition of  $\text{OAc}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



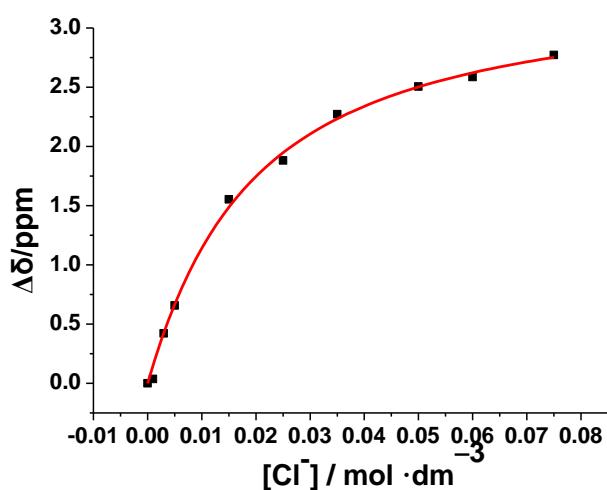
**Figure S29.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_\alpha$  as a function of  $[\text{AcO}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **3a** with  $\text{AcO}^-$ .



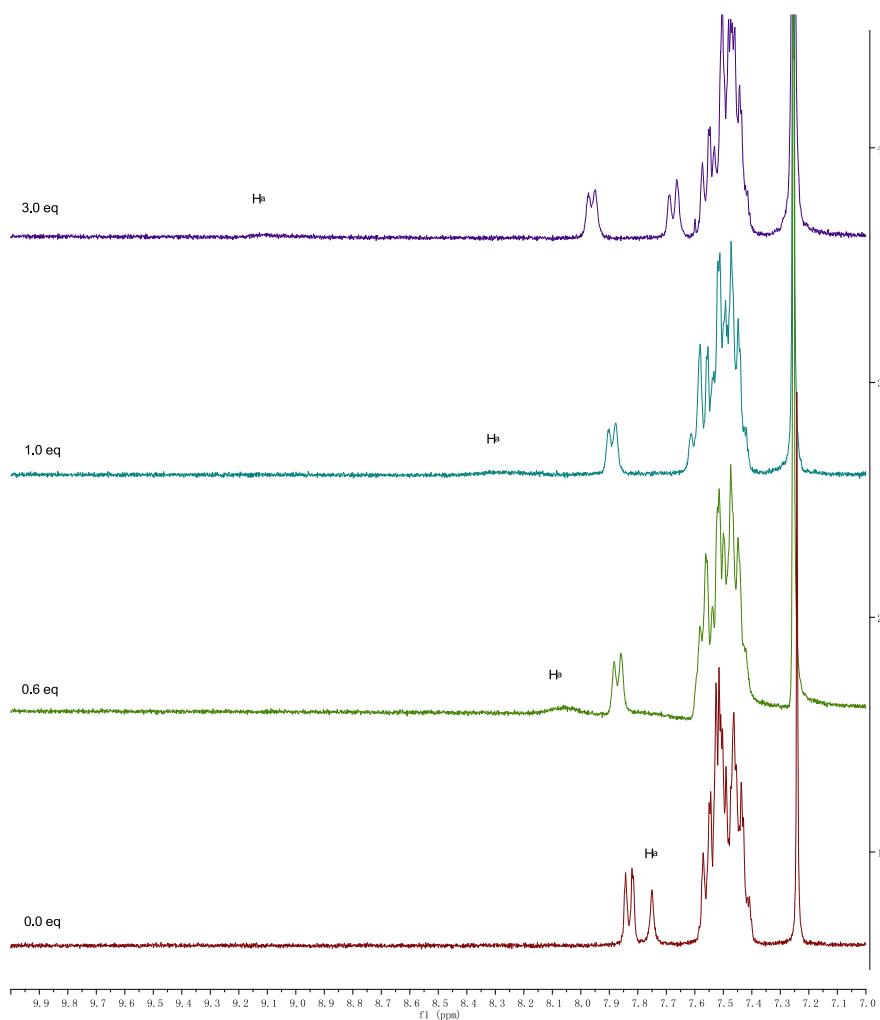
**Figure S30.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral changes of **3b** upon addition of  $\text{F}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



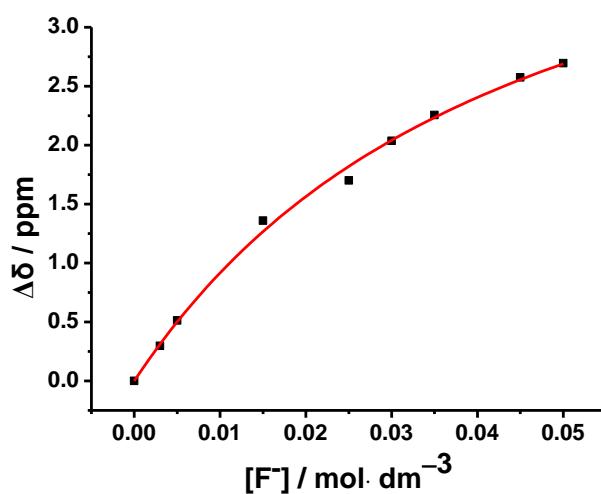
**Figure S31.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral changes of **3b** upon addition of  $\text{Cl}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



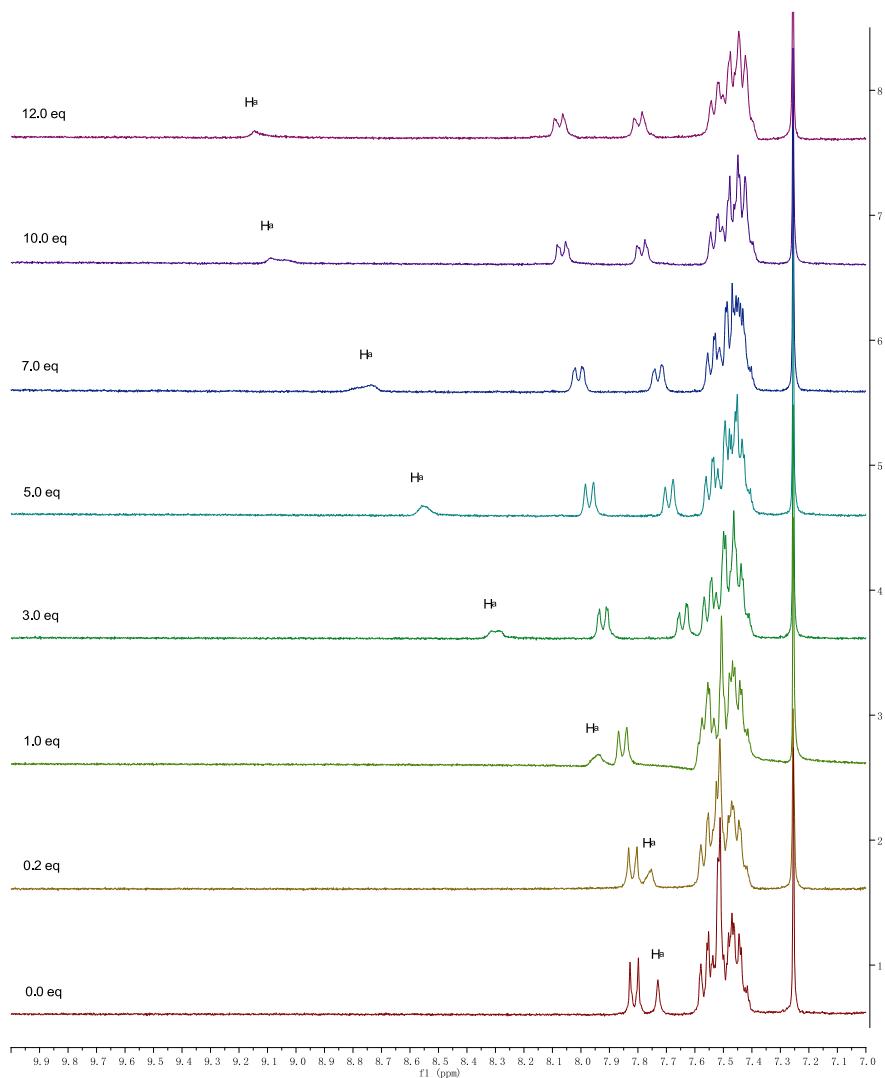
**Figure S32.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_a$  as a function of  $[\text{Cl}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **3b** with  $\text{Cl}^-$ .



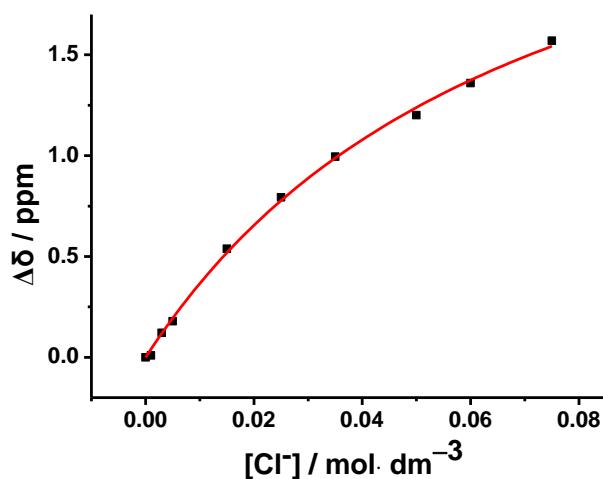
**Figure S33.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral changes of **3c** upon addition of  $\text{F}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



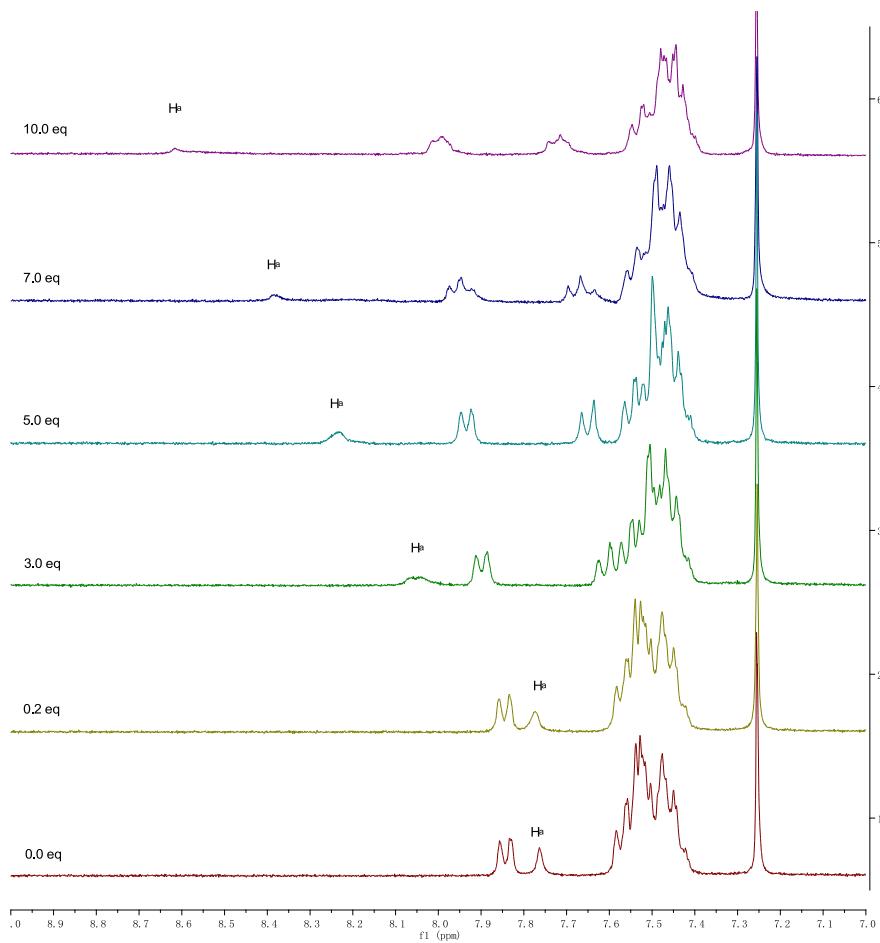
**Figure S34.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_\text{a}$  as a function of  $[\text{F}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **3c** with  $\text{F}^-$ .



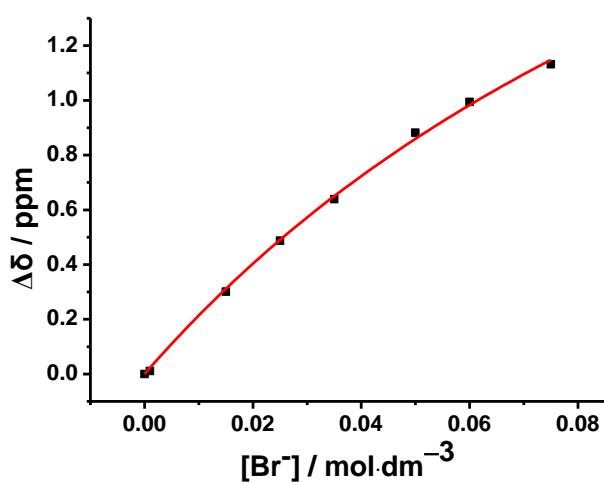
**Figure S35.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral changes of **3c** upon addition of  $\text{Cl}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



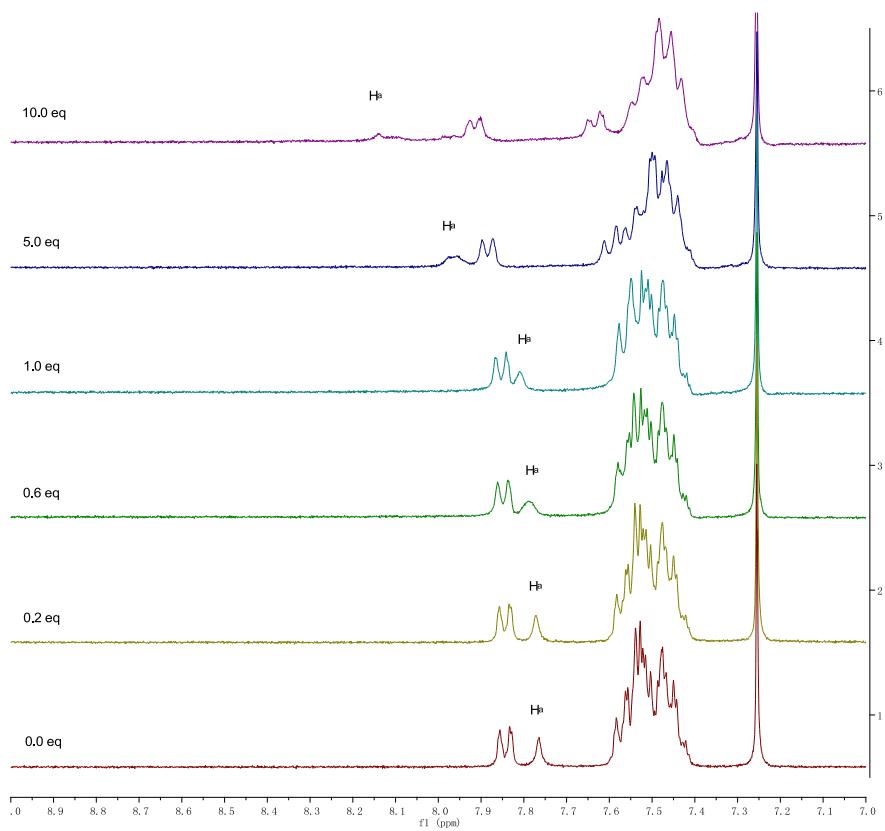
**Figure S36.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_\text{a}$  as a function of  $[\text{Cl}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **3c** with  $\text{Cl}^-$ .



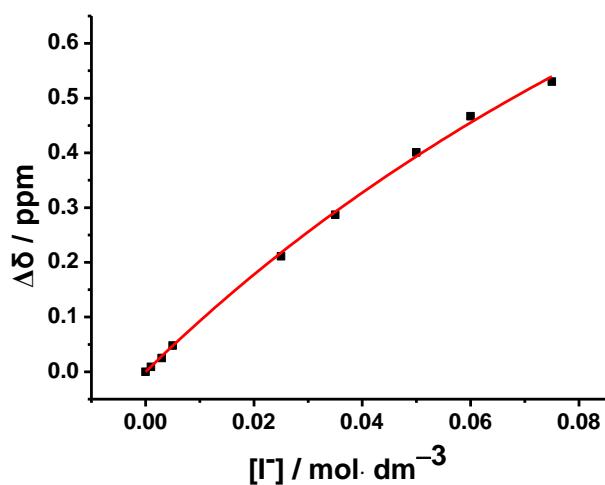
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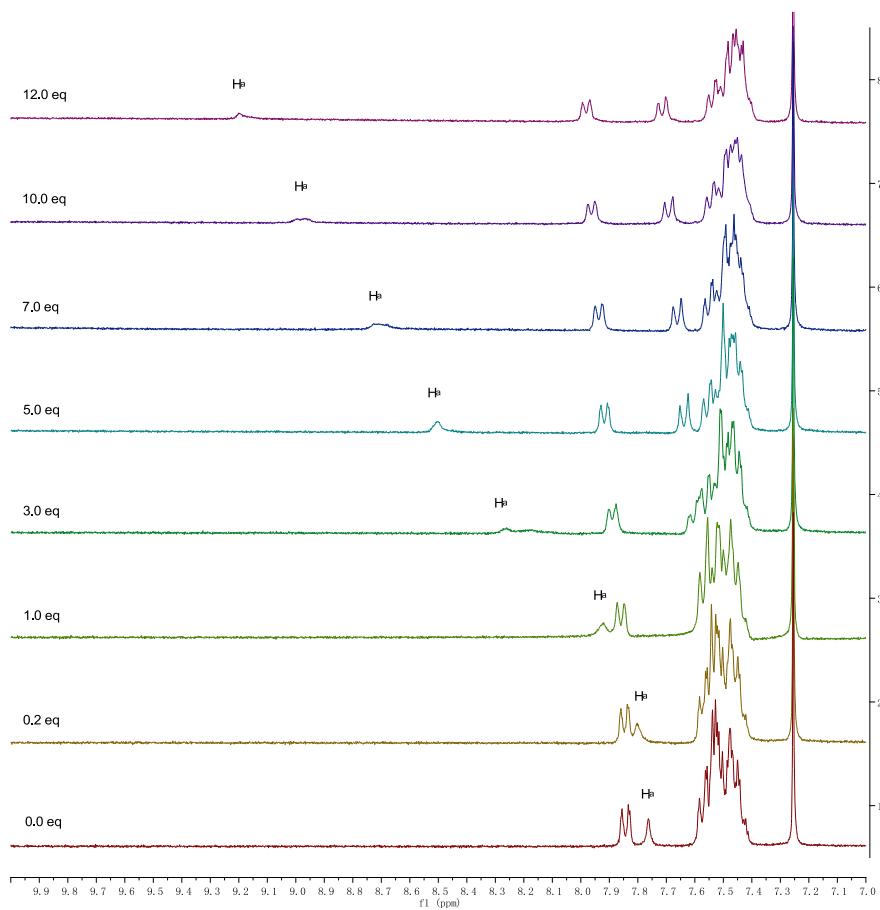
**Figure S38.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_\alpha$  as a function of  $[\text{Br}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **3c** with  $\text{Br}^-$ .



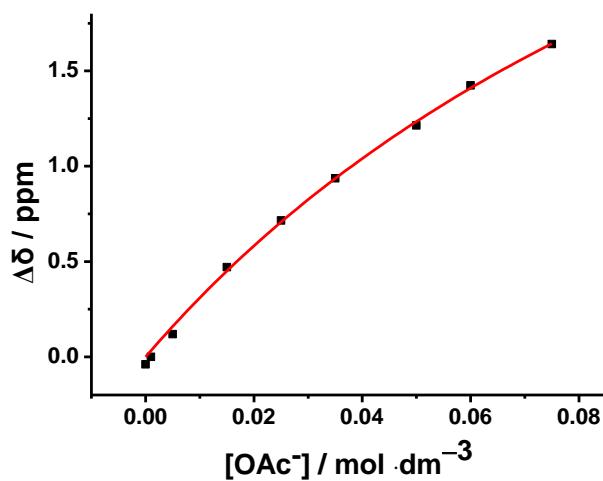
**Figure S39.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral changes of **3c** upon addition of  $\text{I}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



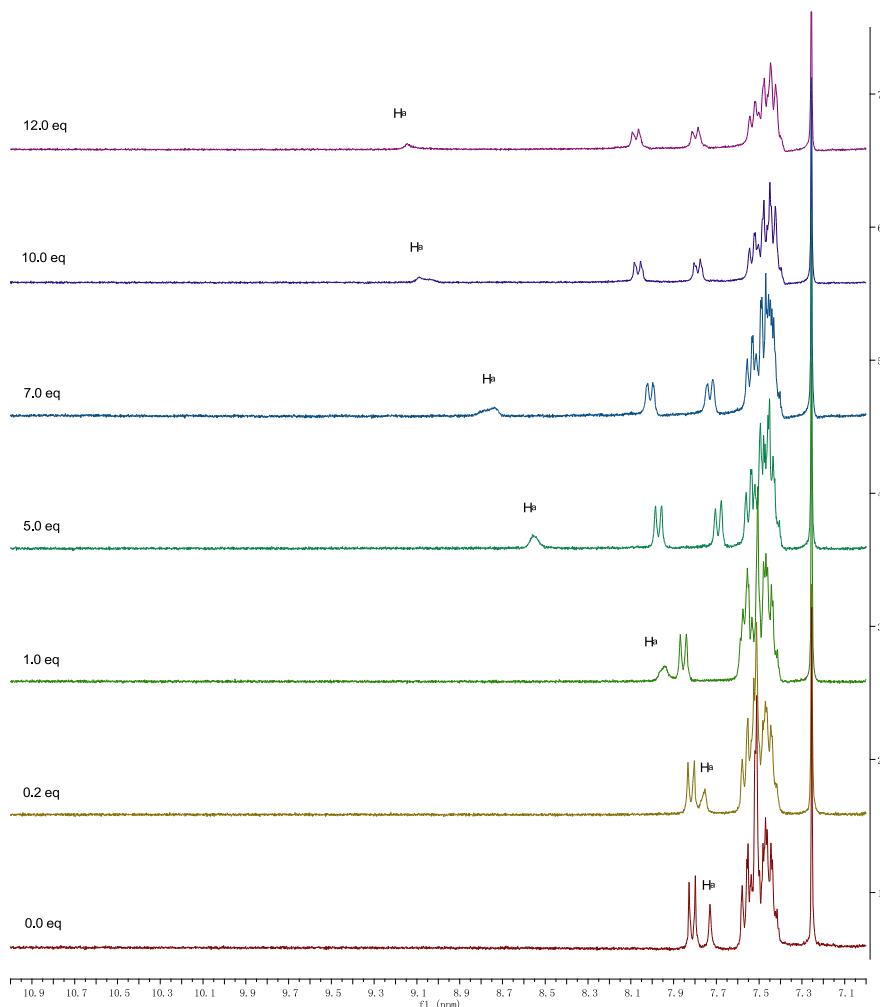
**Figure S40.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_\text{a}$  as a function of  $[\text{I}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **3c** with  $\text{I}^-$ .



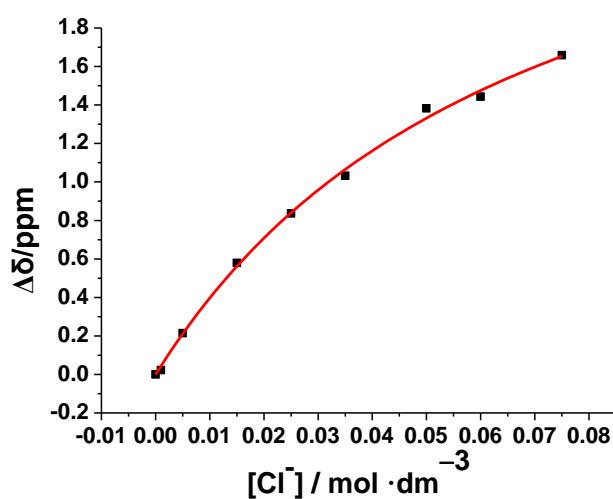
**Figure S41.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral changes of **3c** upon addition of  $\text{OAc}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



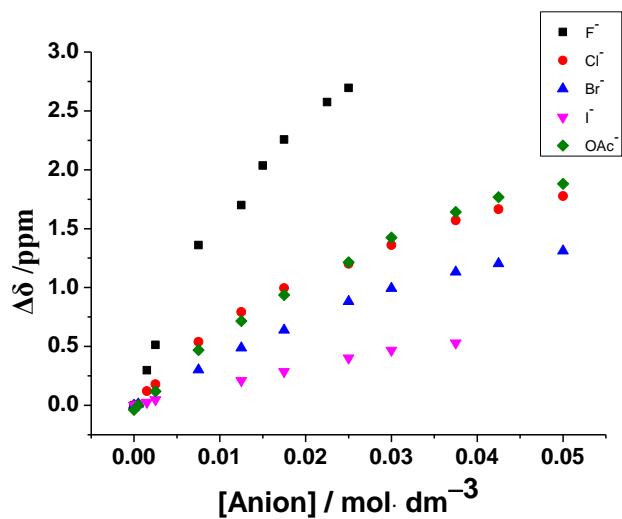
**Figure S42.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_\alpha$  as a function of  $[\text{AcO}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **3c** with  $\text{AcO}^-$ .



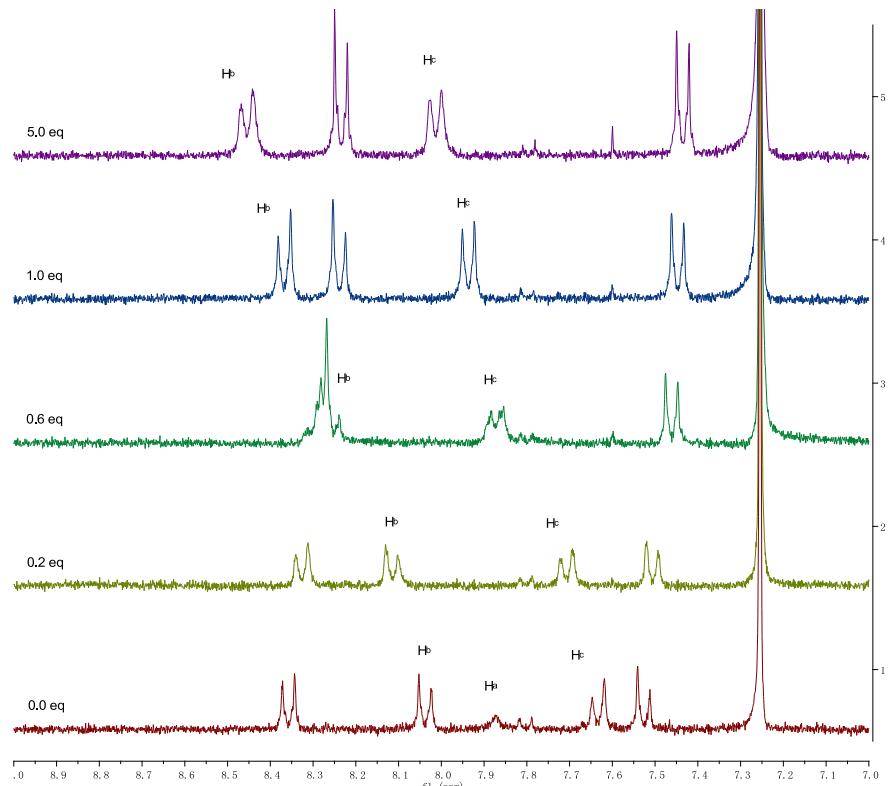
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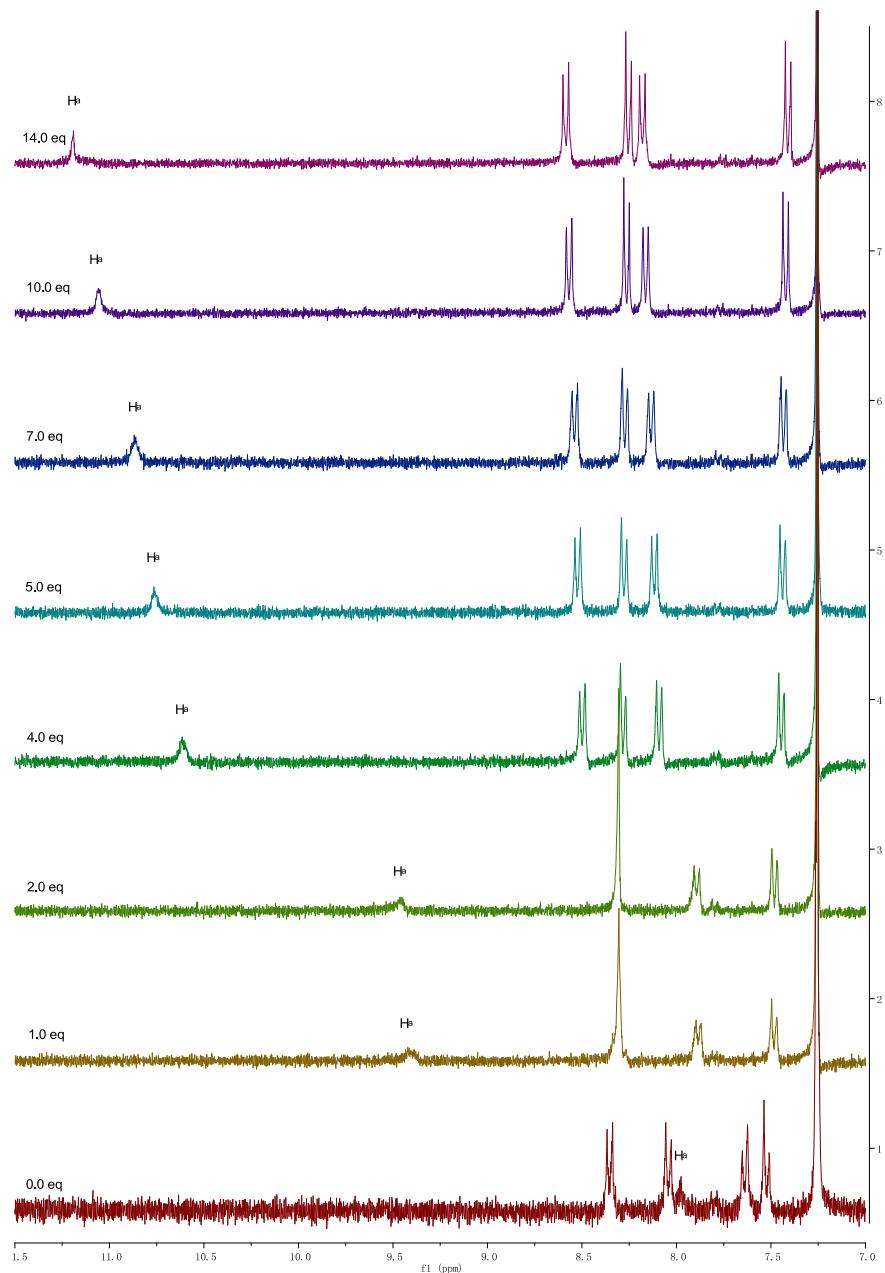
**Figure S44.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_a$  as a function of  $[\text{Cl}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **3d** with  $\text{Cl}^-$ .



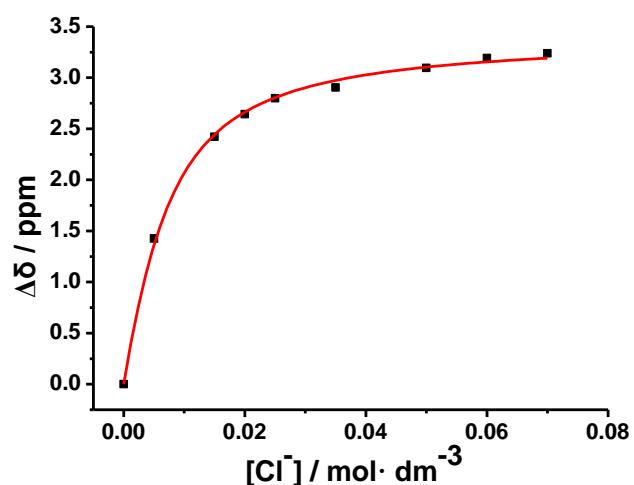
**Figure S45.** The shifts of the signals of amide N–H ( $\text{H}_\text{a}$ ) of **3c** upon addition of different anions with different concentrations in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



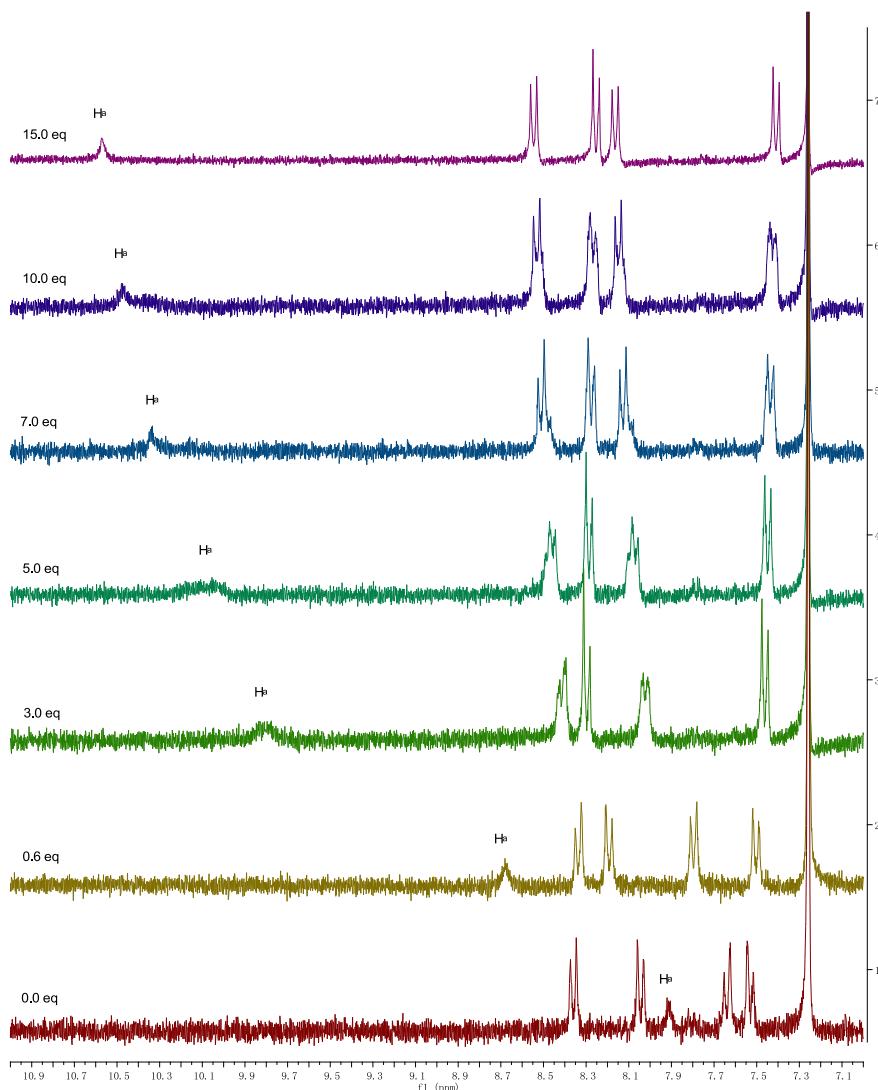
**Figure S46.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral changes of **4a** upon addition of  $\text{F}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



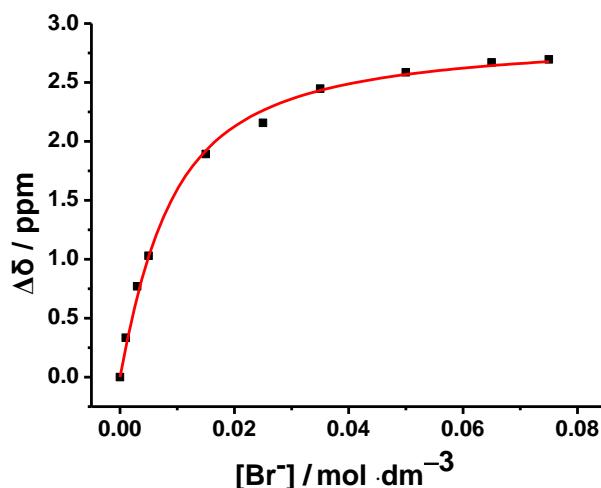
**Figure S47.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral changes of **4a** upon addition of  $\text{Cl}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



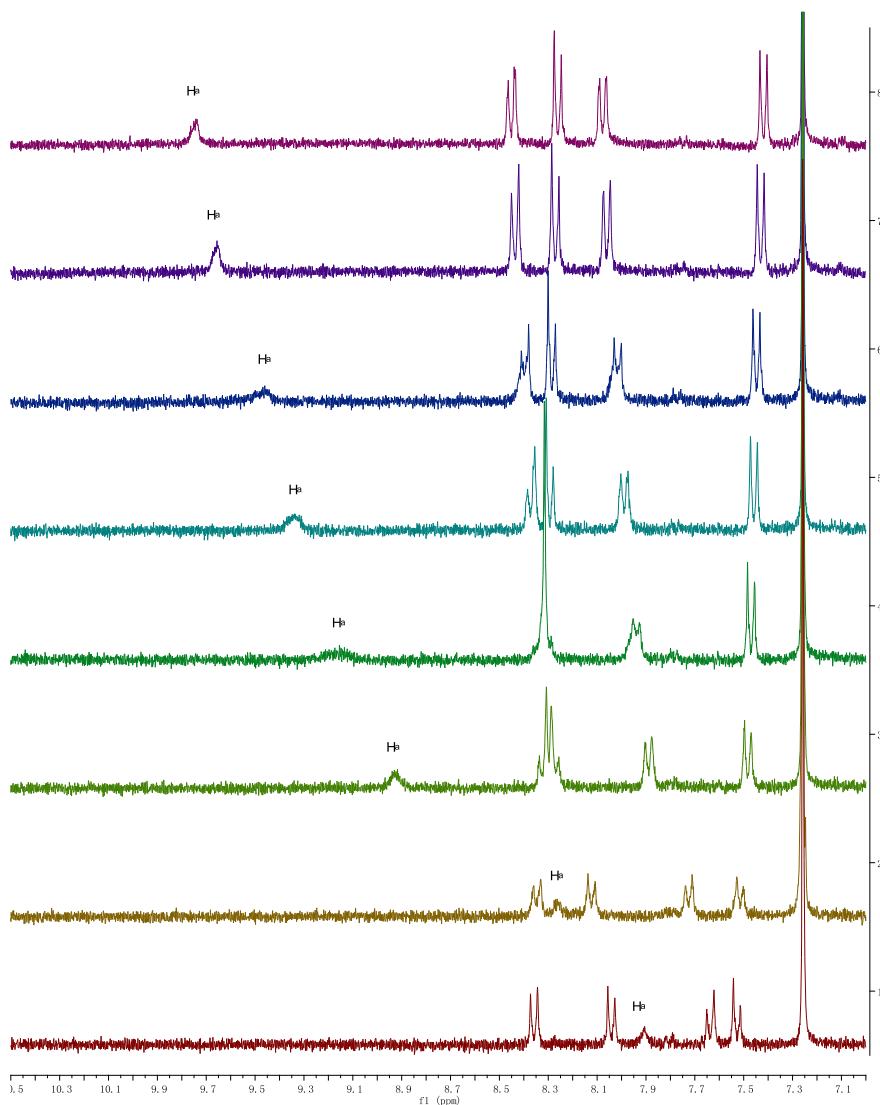
**Figure S48.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_a$  as a function of  $[\text{Cl}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **4a** with  $\text{Cl}^-$ .



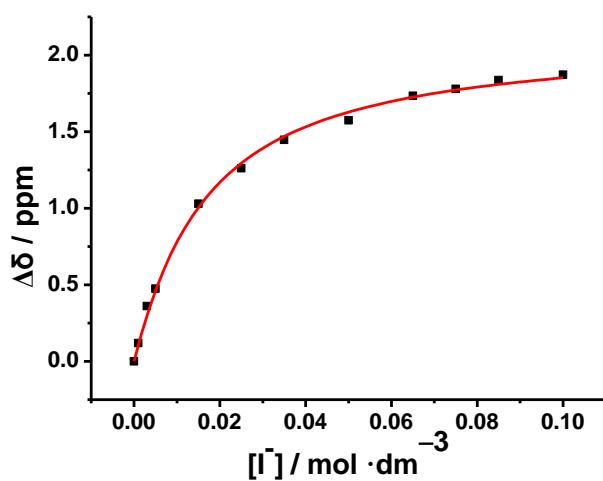
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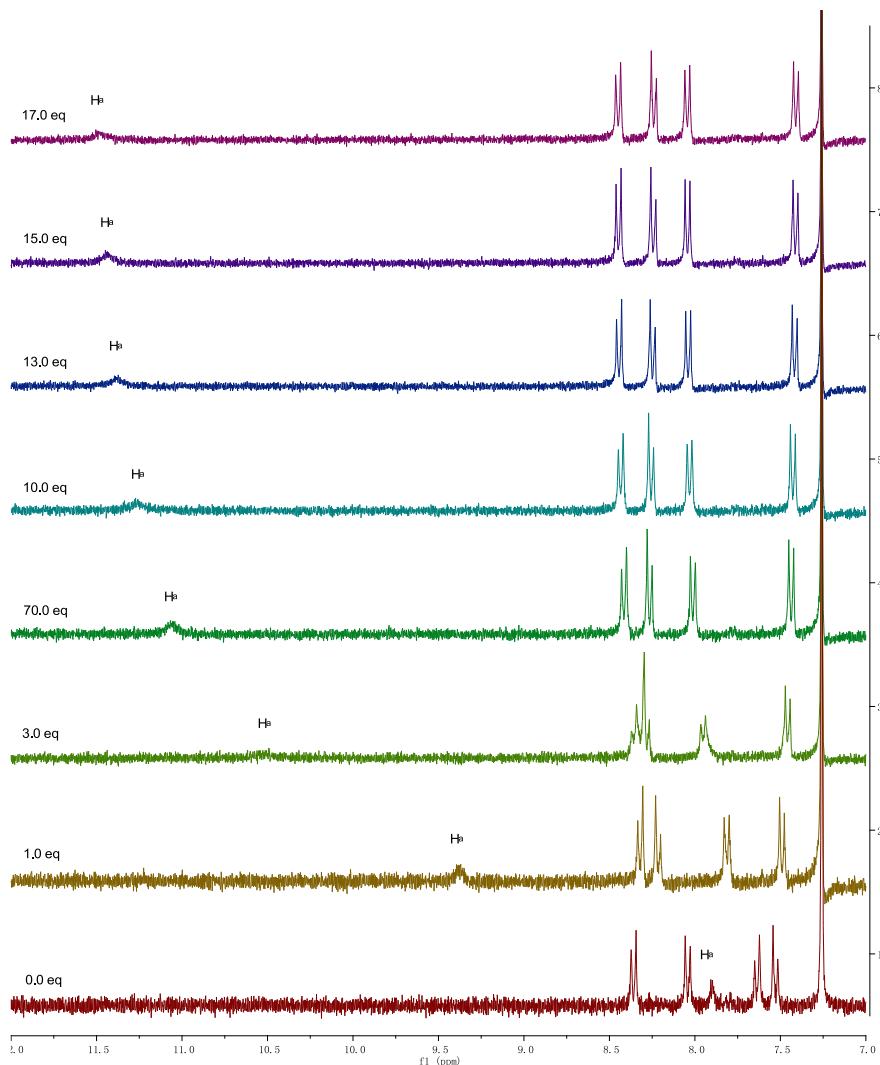
**Figure S50.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_a$  as a function of  $[\text{Br}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **4a** with  $\text{Br}^-$ .



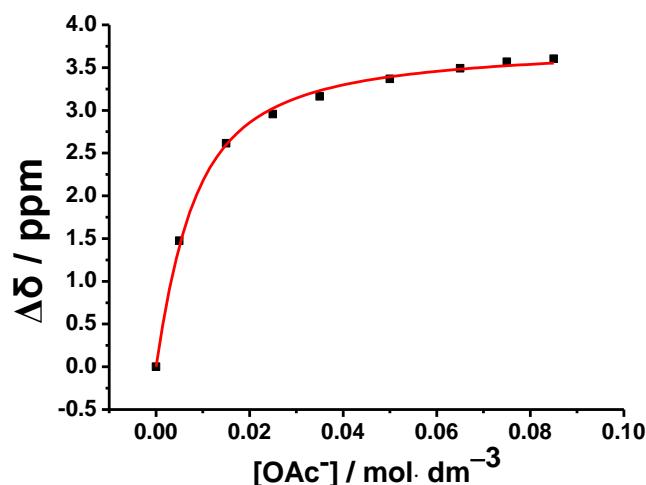
**Figure S51.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral changes of **4a** upon addition of  $\text{I}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



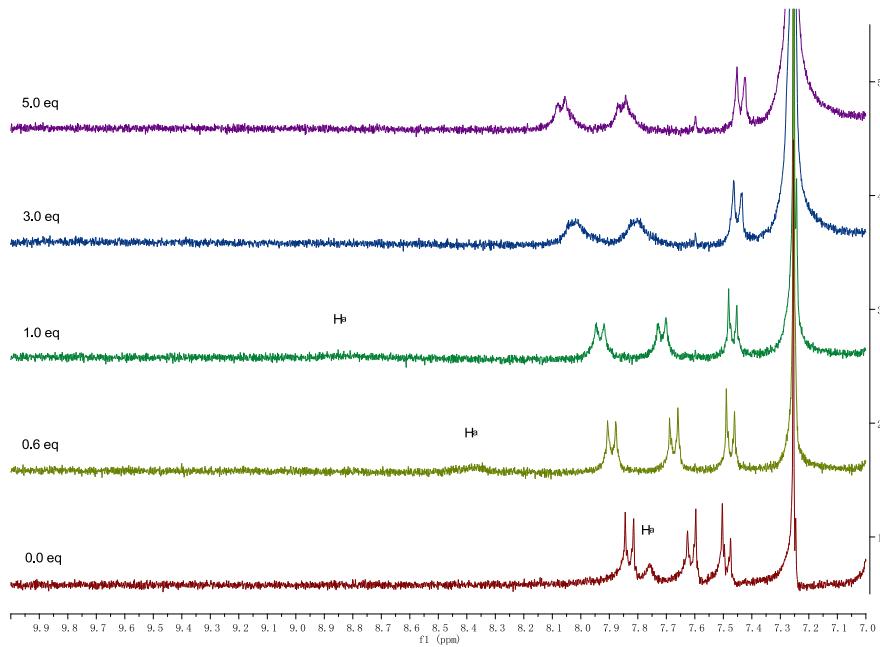
**Figure S52.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton H<sub>a</sub> as a function of  $[\text{I}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **4a** with  $\text{I}^-$ .



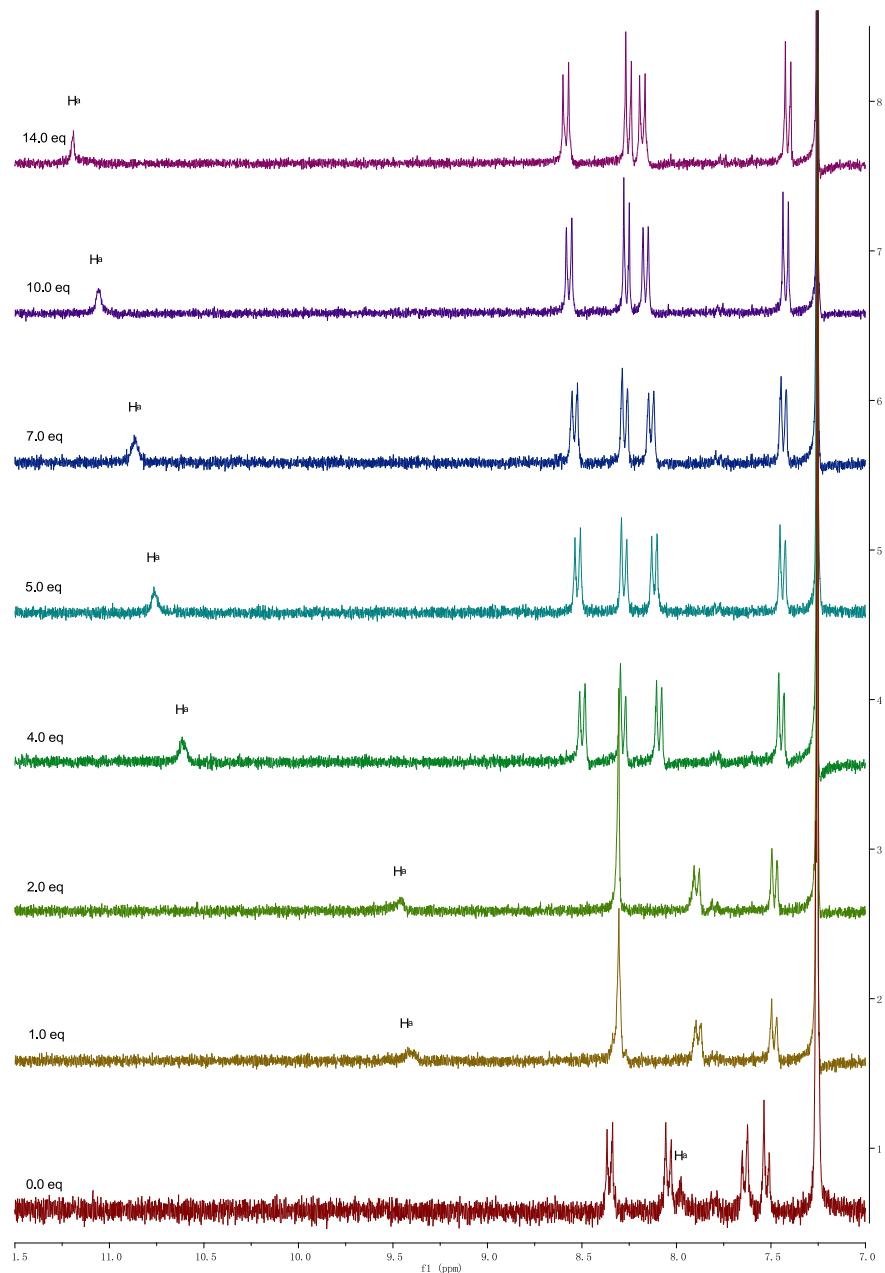
**Figure S53.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral changes of **4a** upon addition of  $\text{OAc}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



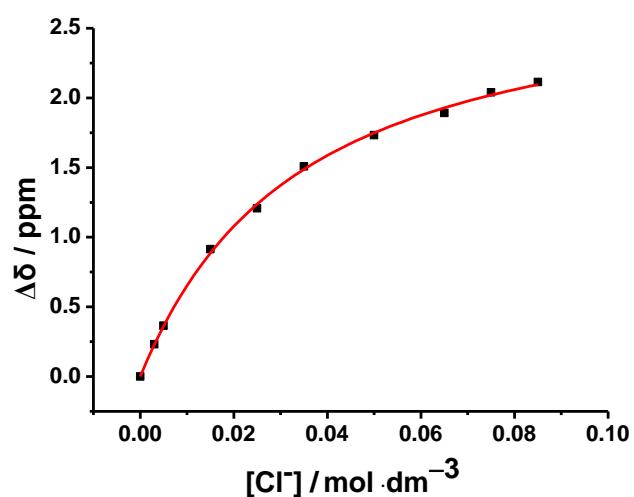
**Figure S54.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_a$  as a function of  $[\text{AcO}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **4a** with  $\text{AcO}^-$ .



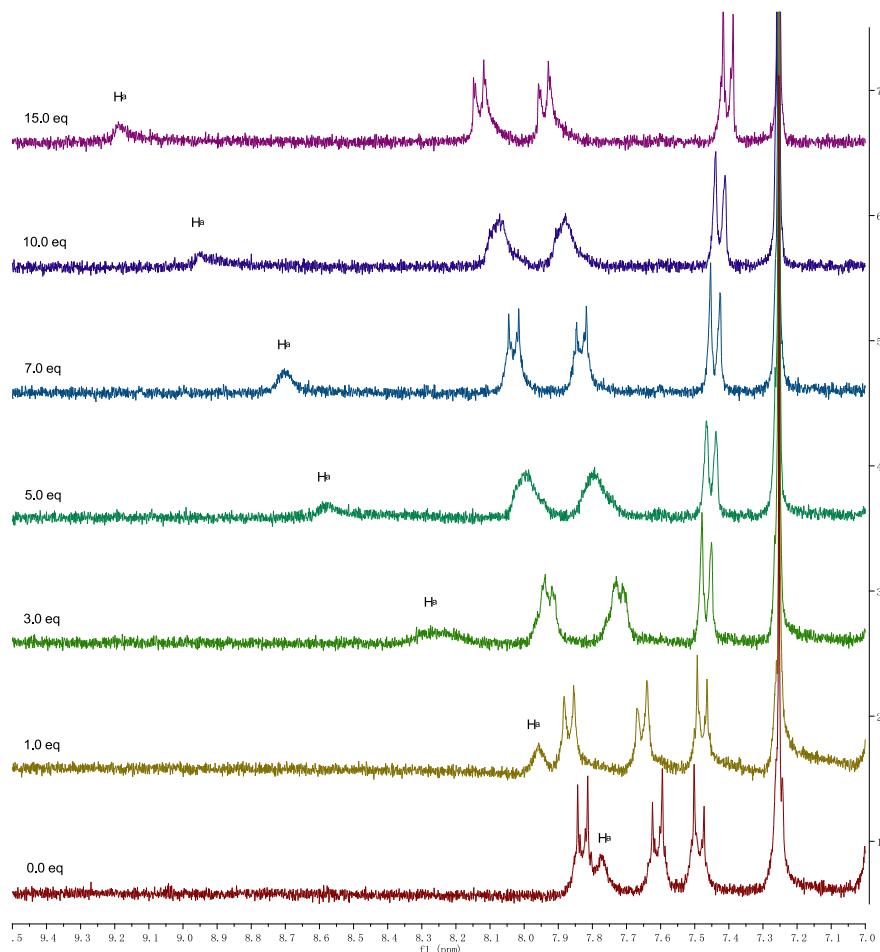
**Figure S55.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral changes of **4d** upon addition of  $\text{F}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



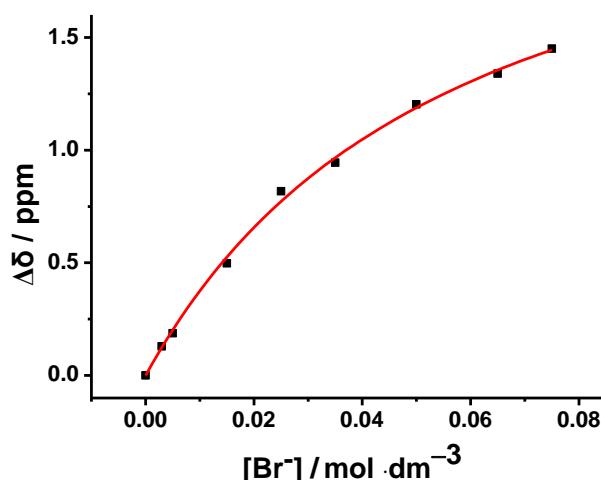
**Figure S56.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral changes of **4d** upon addition of  $\text{Cl}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



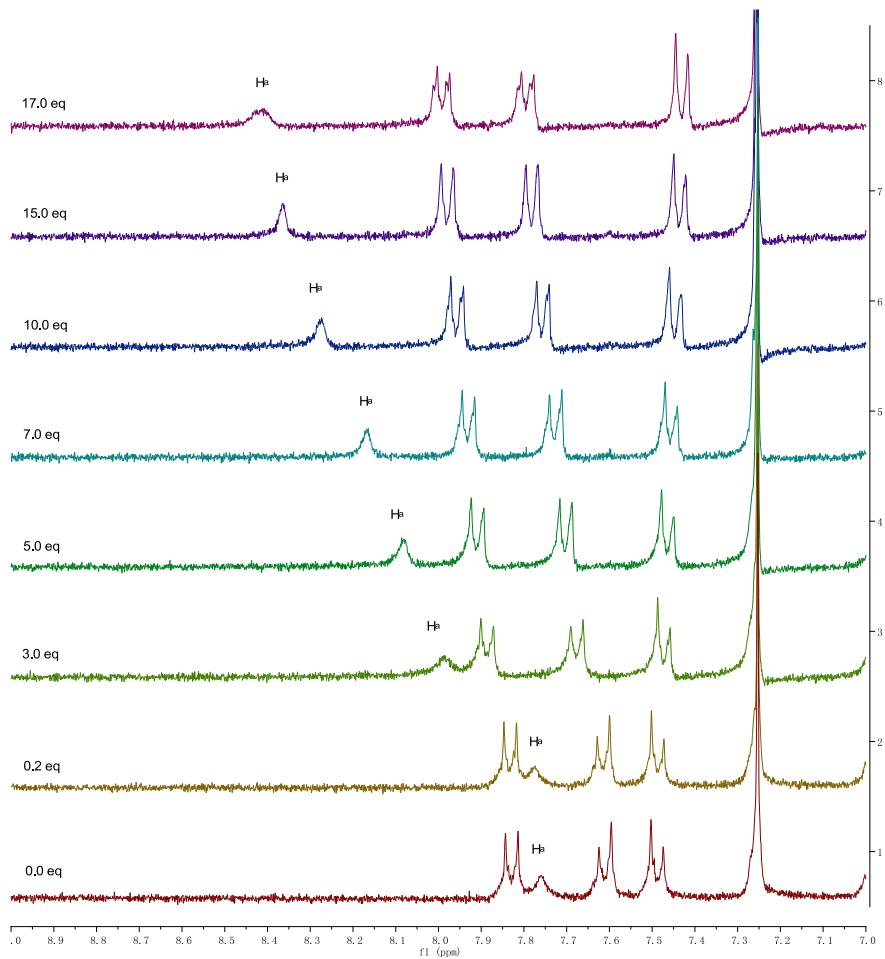
**Figure S57.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton H<sub>a</sub> as a function of [Cl<sup>-</sup>] and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **4d** with Cl<sup>-</sup>.



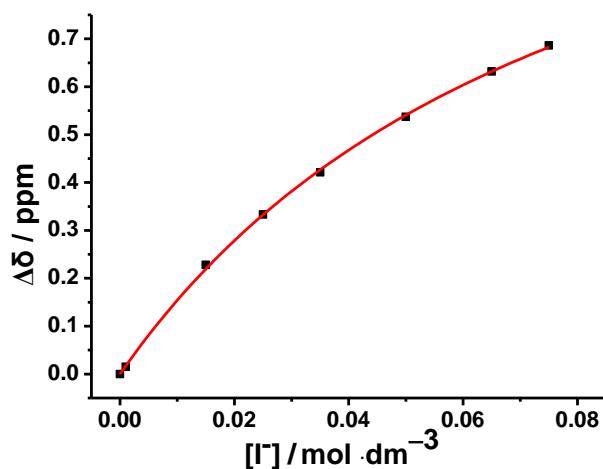
**Figure S58.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral changes of **4d** upon addition of  $\text{Br}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



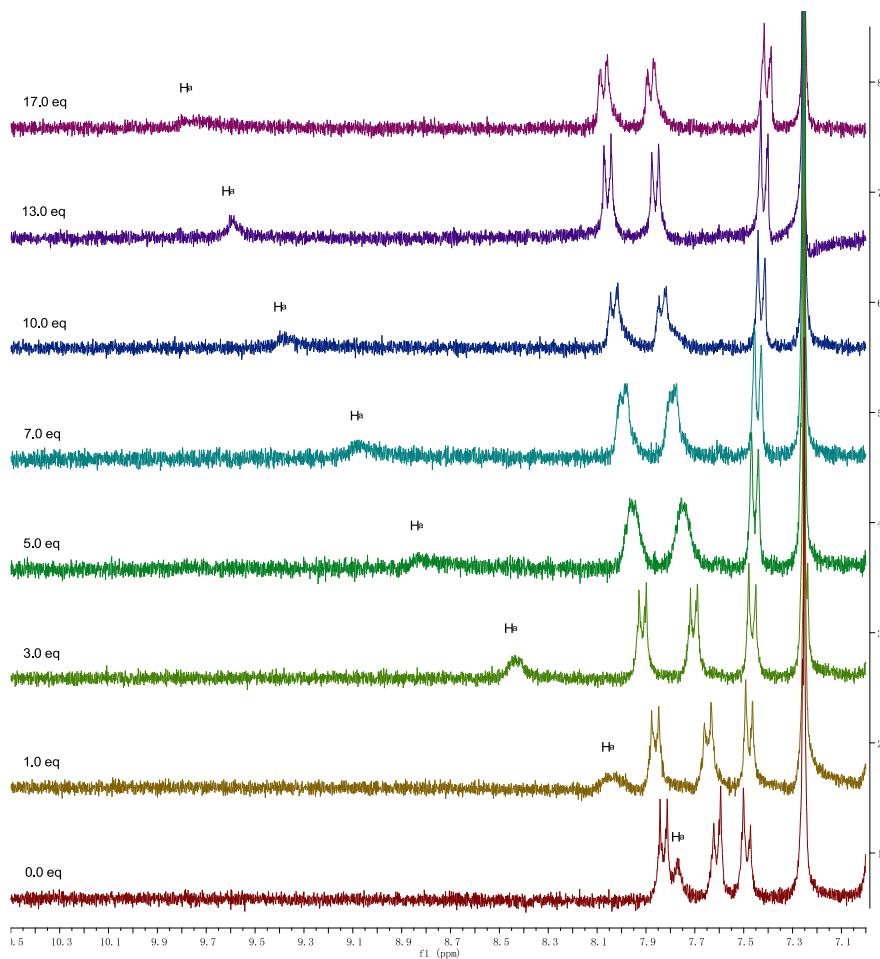
**Figure S59.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton H<sub>a</sub> as a function of  $[\text{Br}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **4d** with  $\text{Br}^-$ .



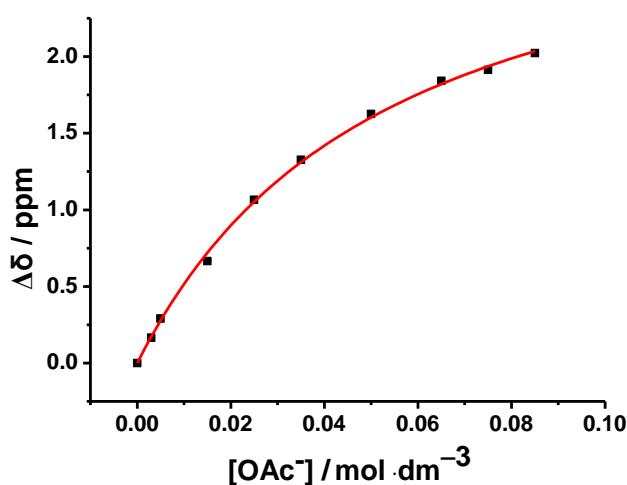
**Figure S60.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral changes of **4d** upon addition of  $\text{I}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298K.



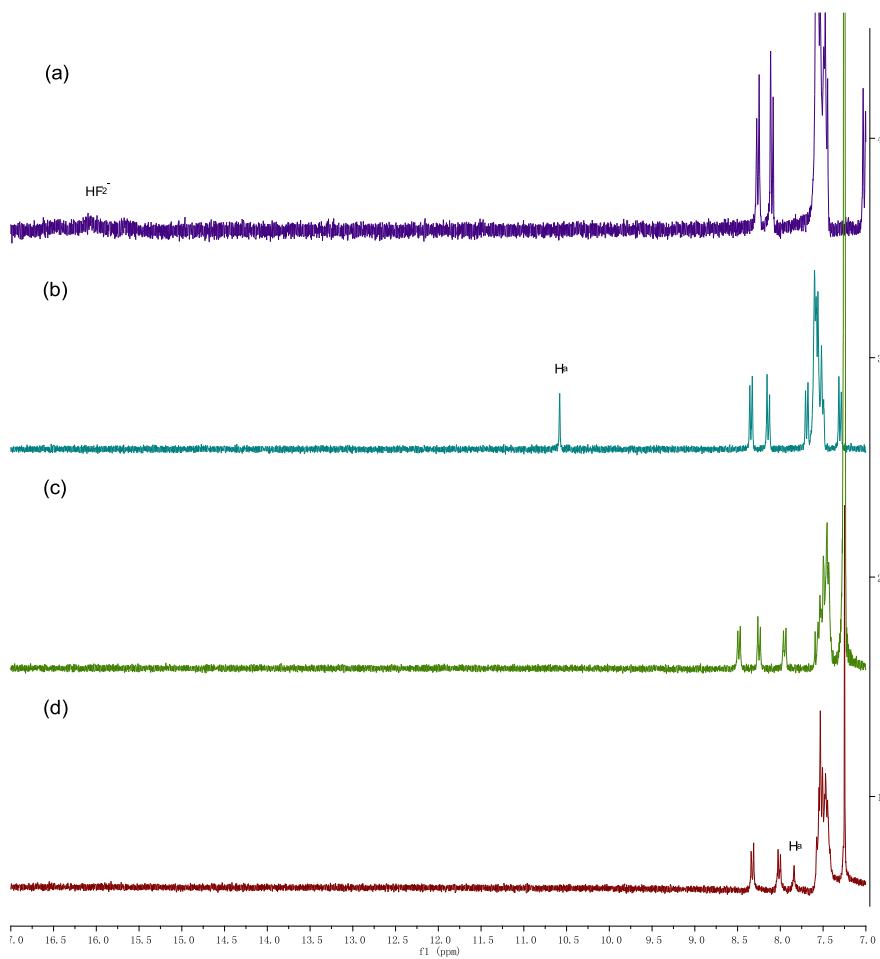
**Figure S61.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_a$  as a function of  $[\text{I}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **4d** with  $\text{I}^-$ .



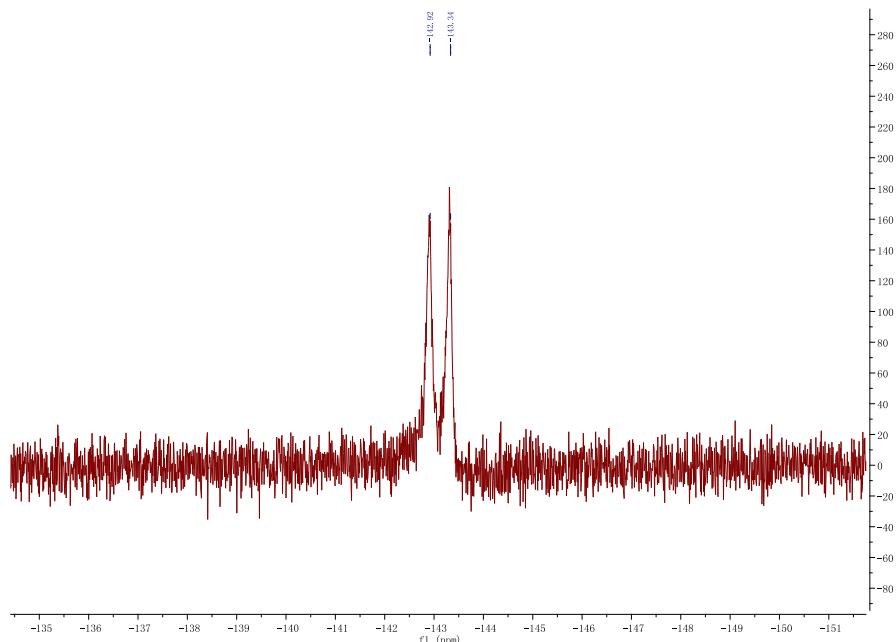
**Figure S62.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral changes of **4d** upon addition of  $\text{OAc}^-$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 298 K.



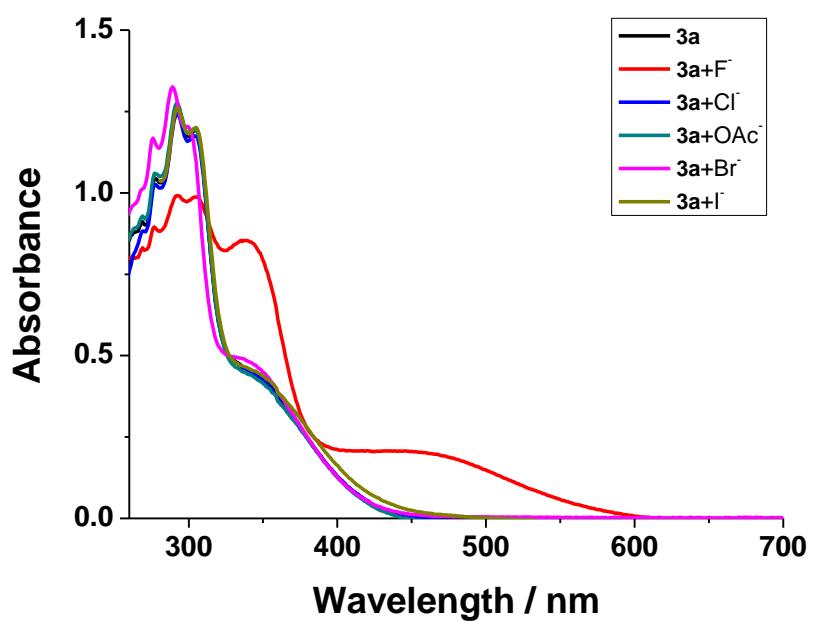
**Figure S63.** A plot of the chemical shift change of amide proton  $\text{H}_a$  as a function of  $[\text{AcO}^-]$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of **4d** with  $\text{AcO}^-$ .



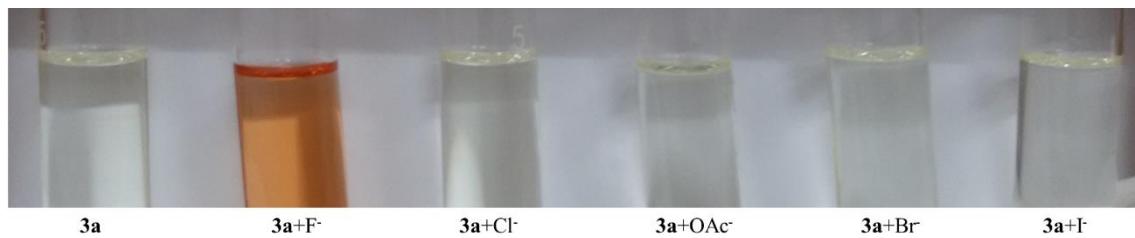
**Figure S64.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of (a) **3a** + 10 eq of  $\text{F}^-$  ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 298 K), (b) **3a** ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 298 K), (c) **3a** + 10 eq of  $\text{F}^-$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K), and (d) **3a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K), ( $[\mathbf{3a}] = 5.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ).



**Figure S65.** The  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **3a** ( $5.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) + 10 eq of  $\text{F}^-$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 298 K.



**Figure S66.** The UV–vis spectra of **3a** ( $3.96 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in DMSO in the presence of 50 eq of F<sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, or OAc<sup>-</sup>.



**Figure S67.** Colors of **3a** ( $3.96 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in DMSO in the presence of 50 eq of F<sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, or OAc<sup>-</sup>.