

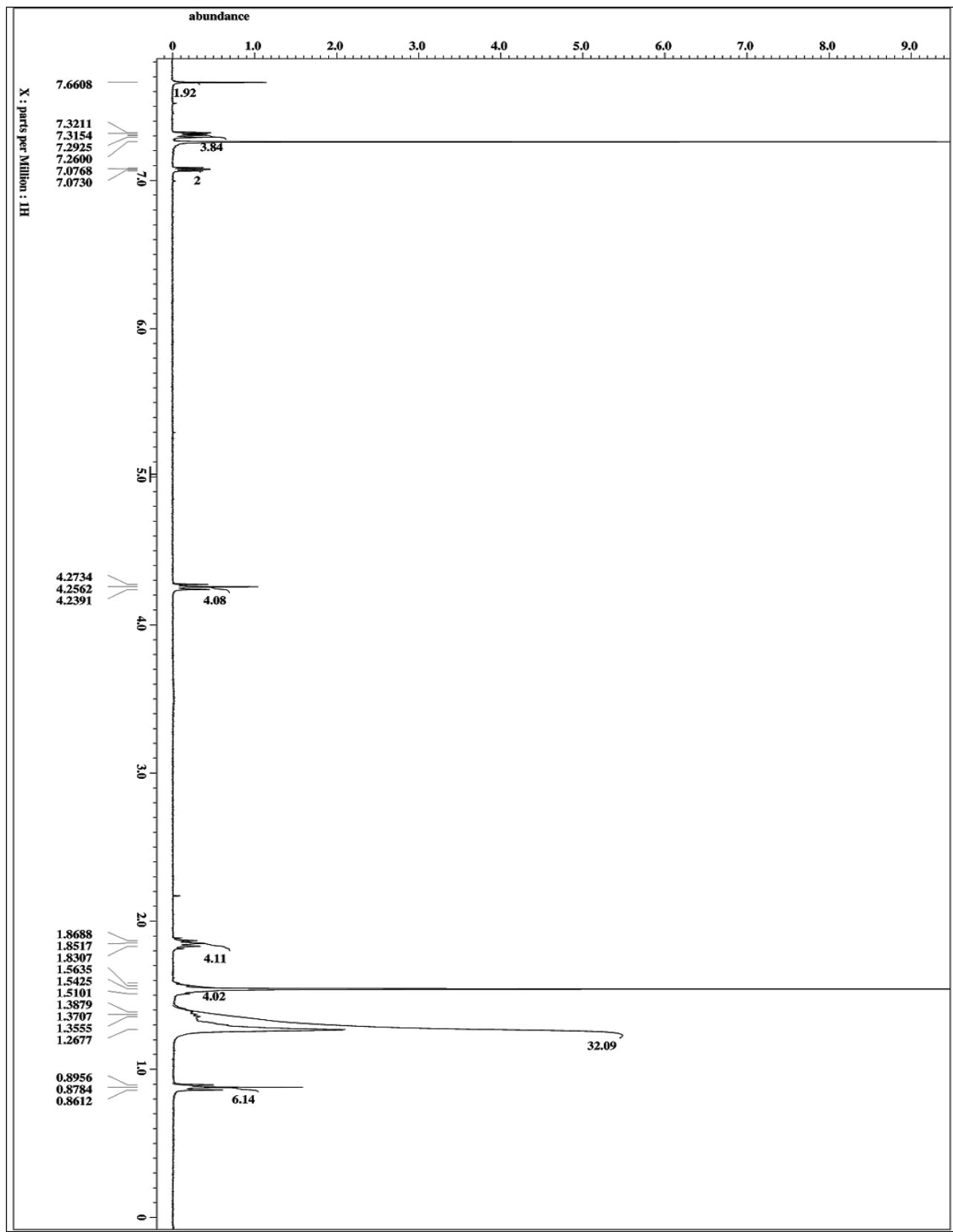
# Benzodithiophene based $\pi$ -conjugated macrocycle: synthesis, morphology and electrochemical characterization

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**Fig. S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound 3

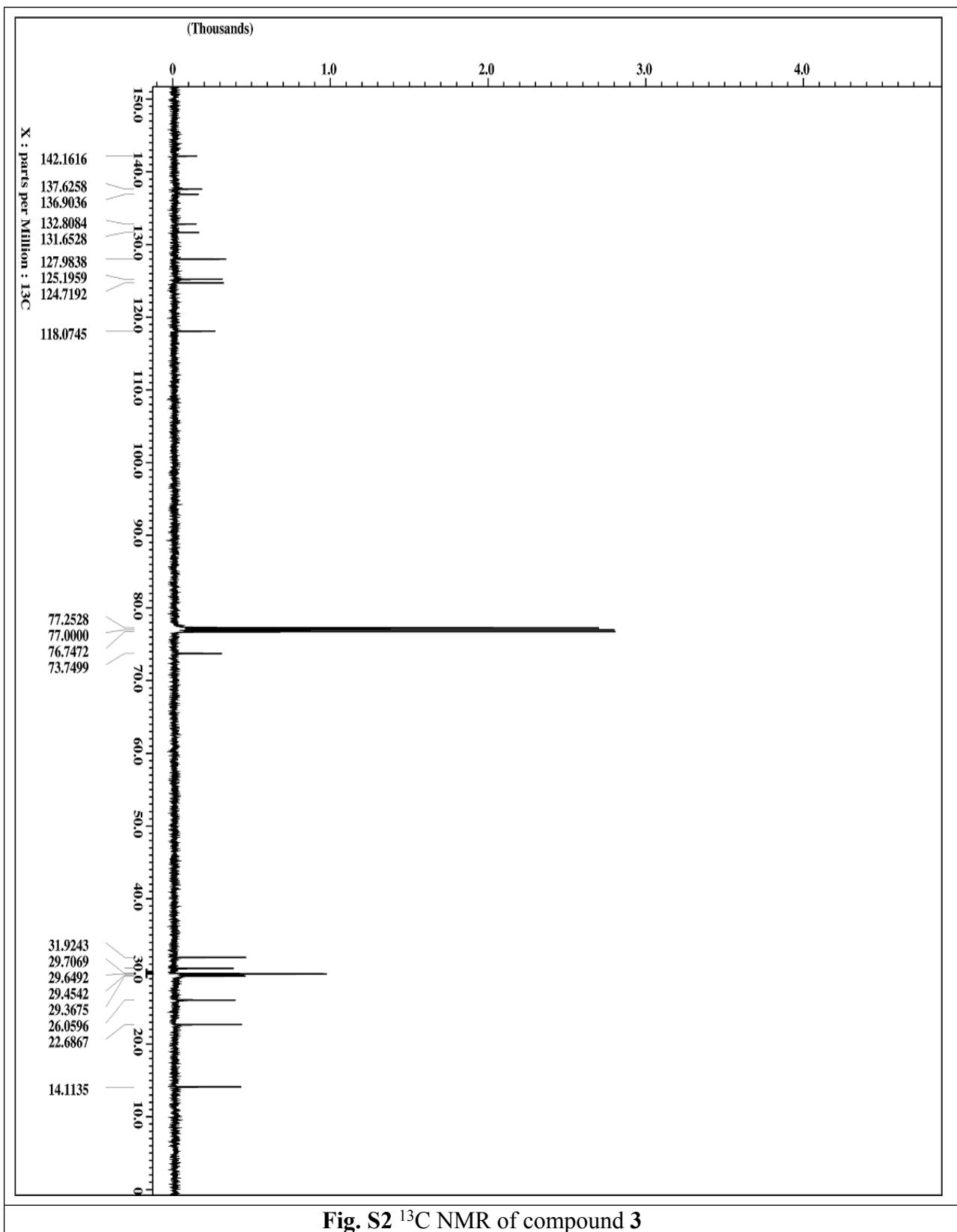
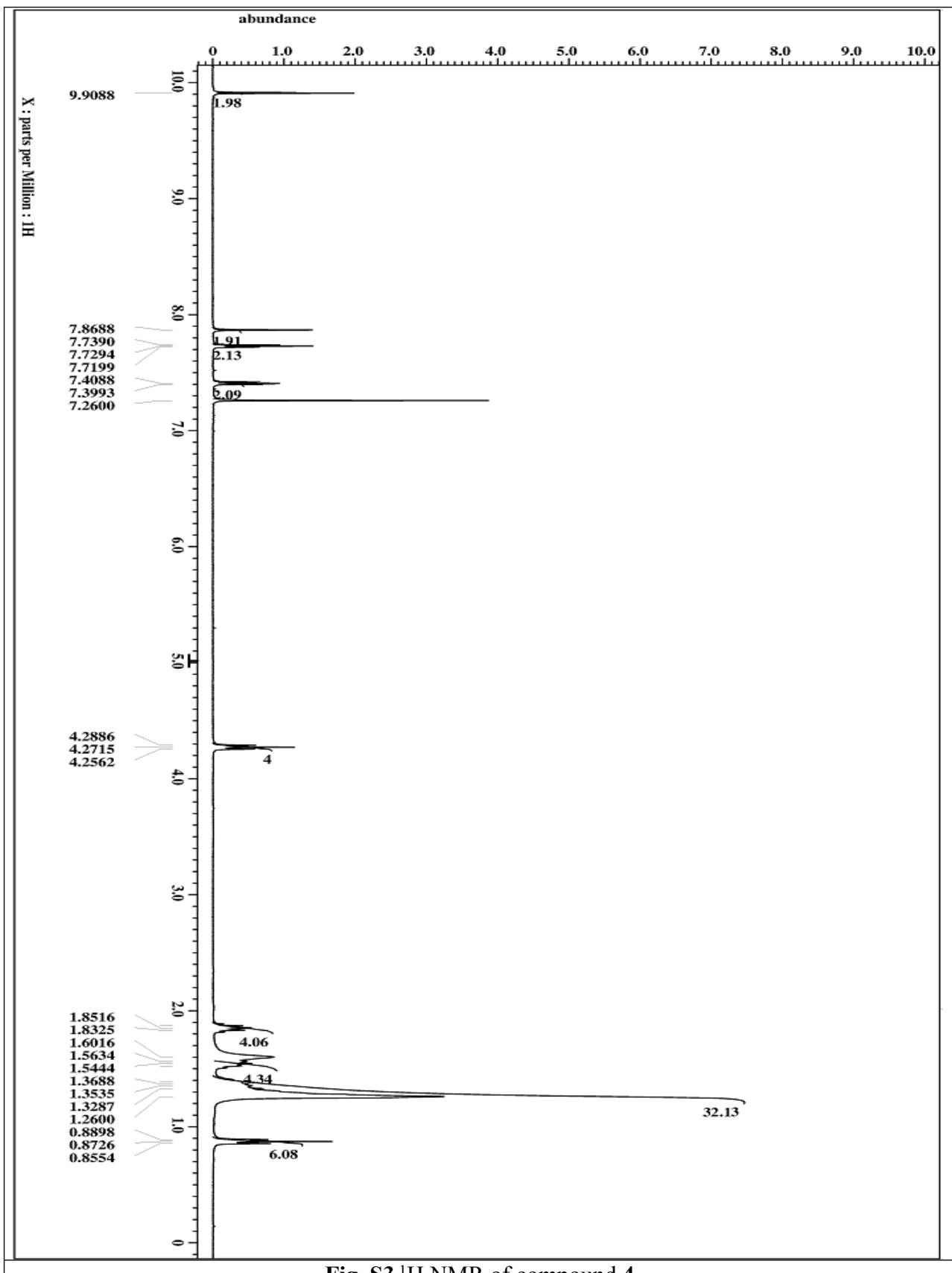


Fig. S2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound 3



**Fig. S3**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound 4

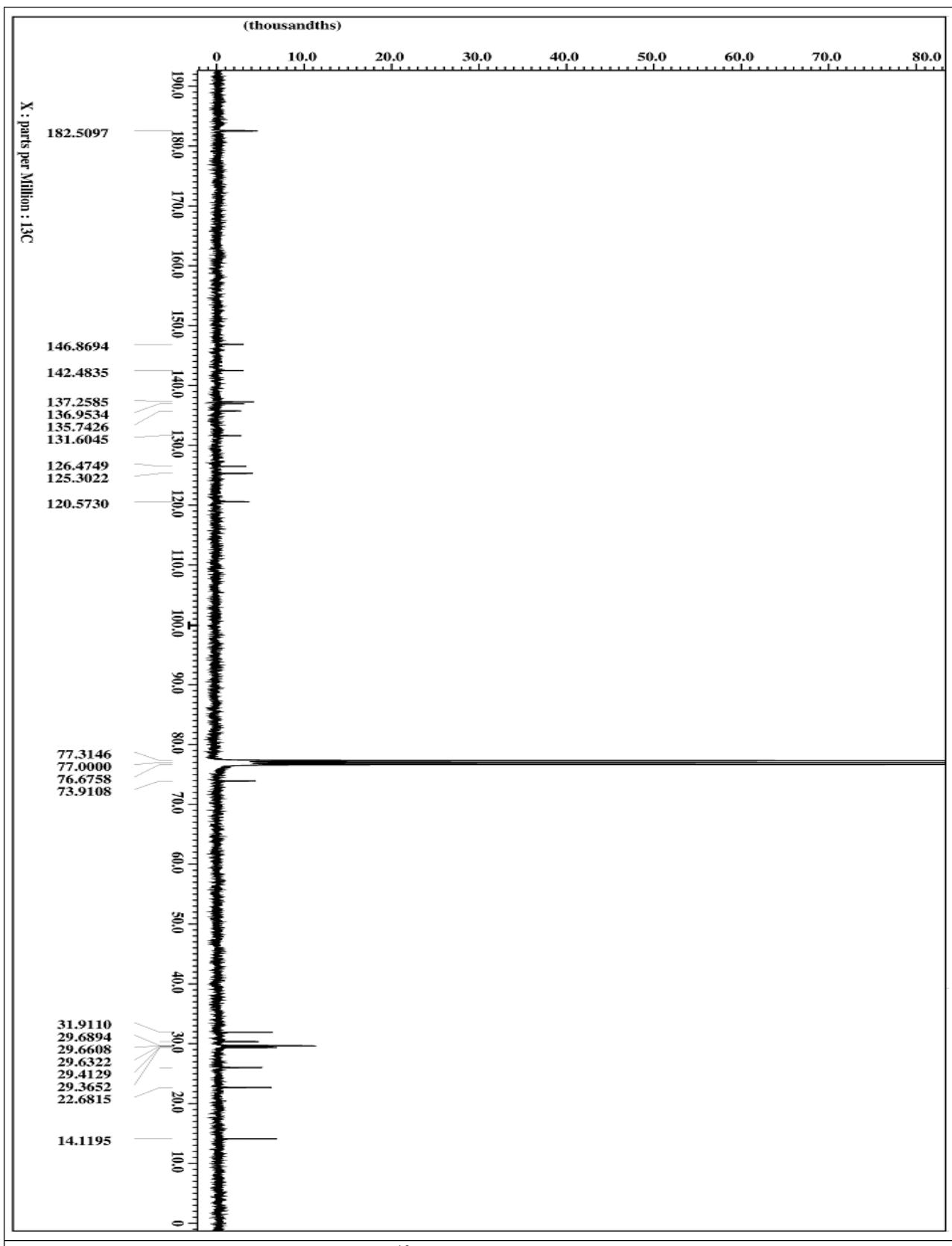
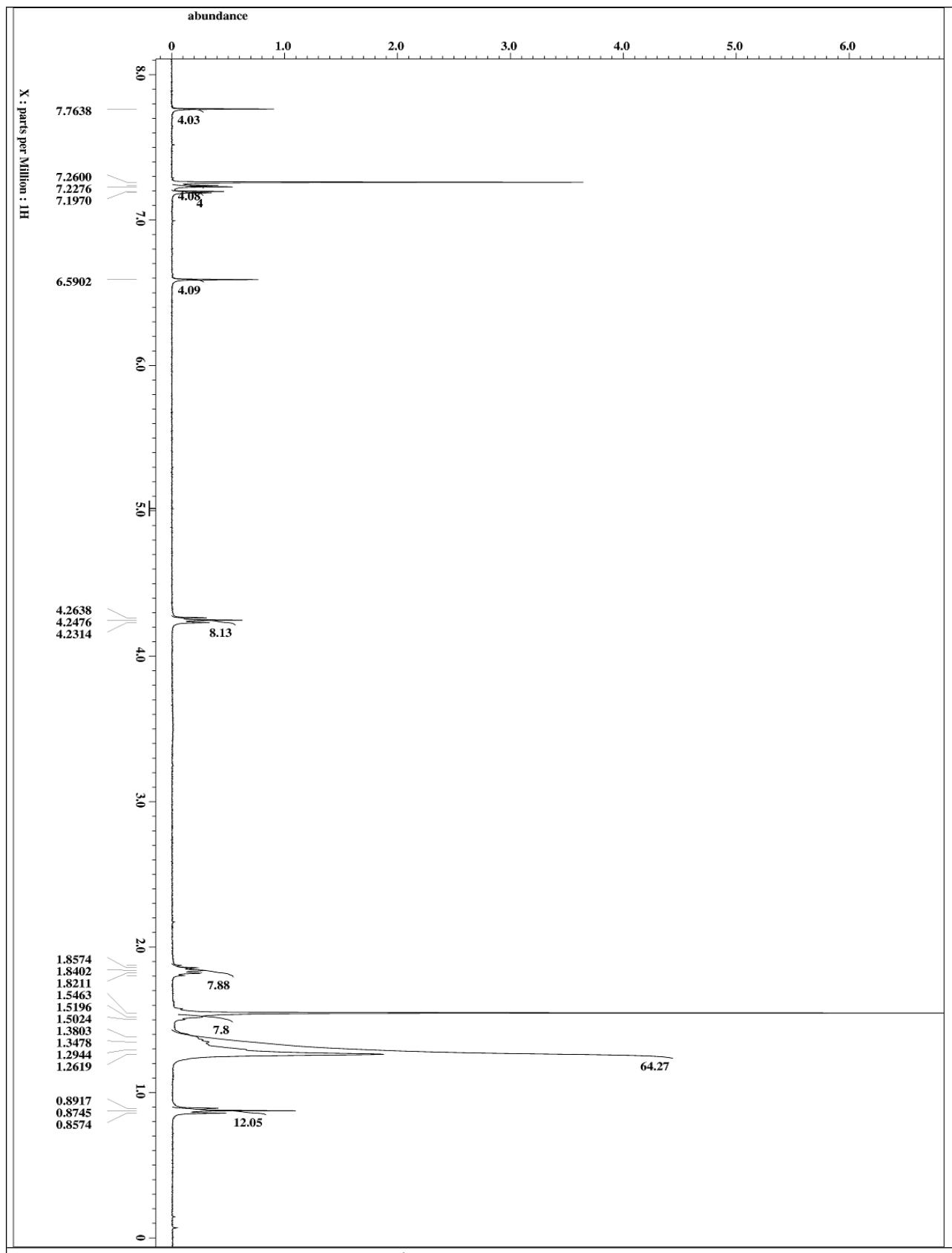


Fig. S4  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound 4



**Fig. S5**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound 5

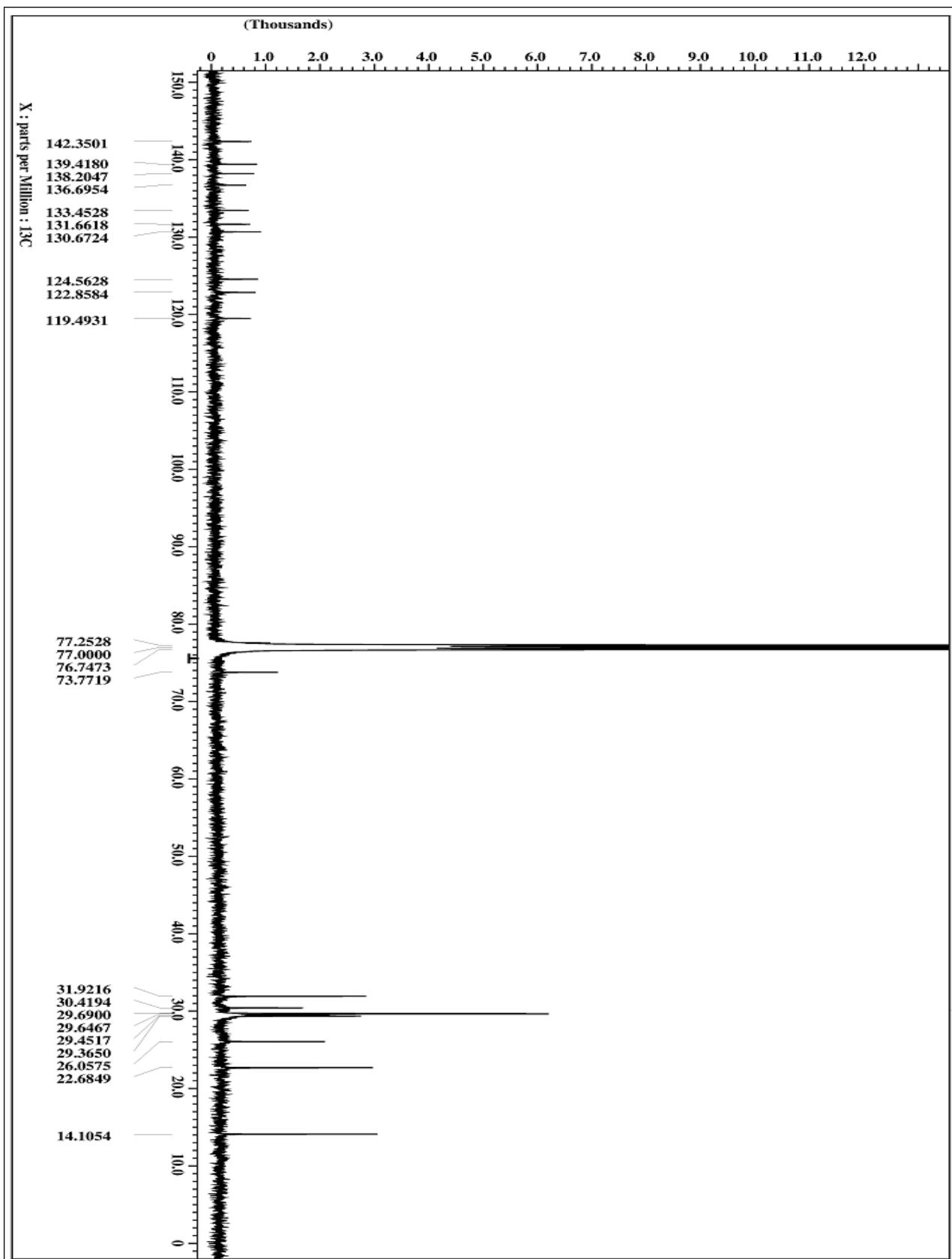


Fig. S6  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound 5

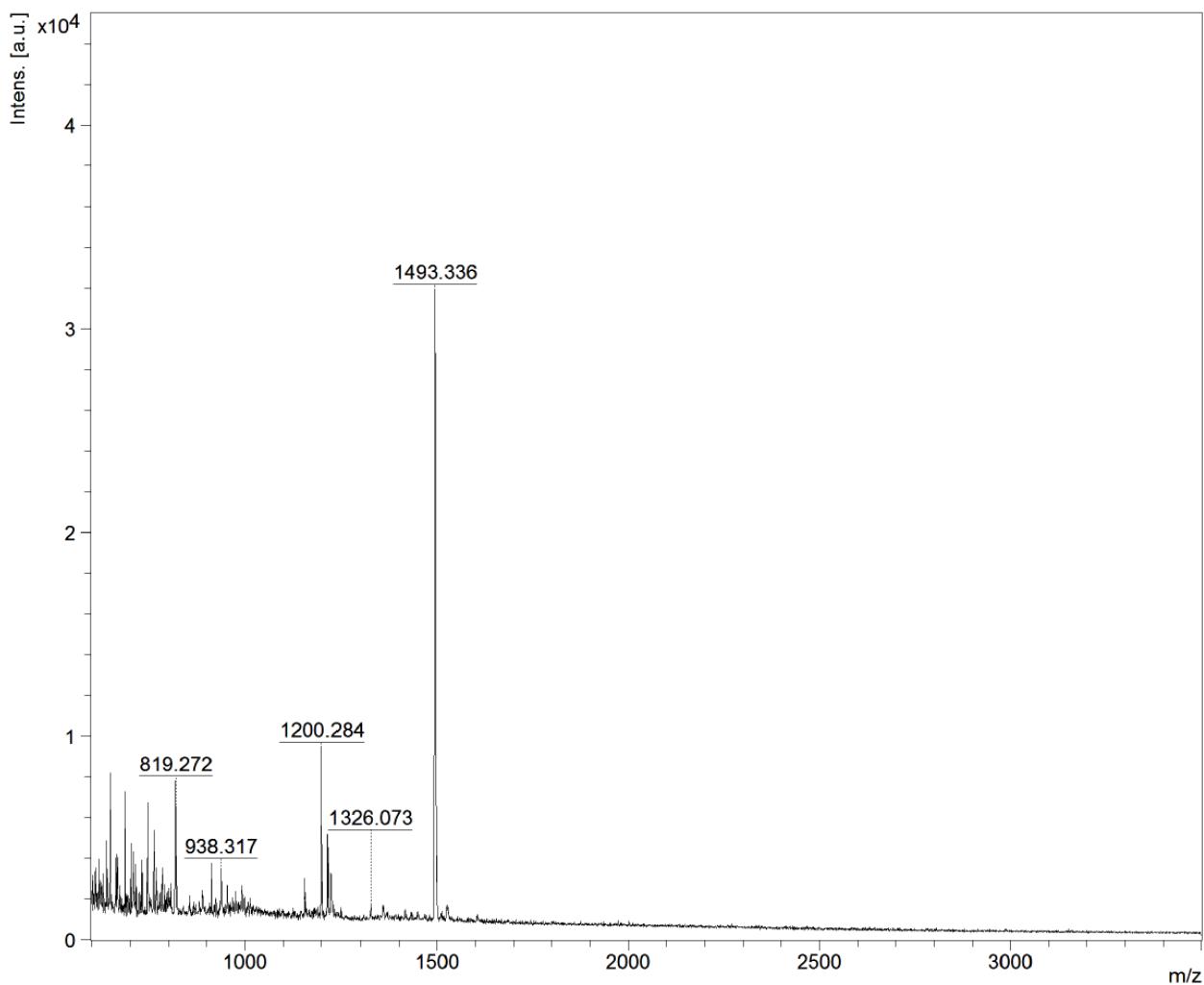


Fig. S7 MALDI-TOF Mass spectrometry of **5**

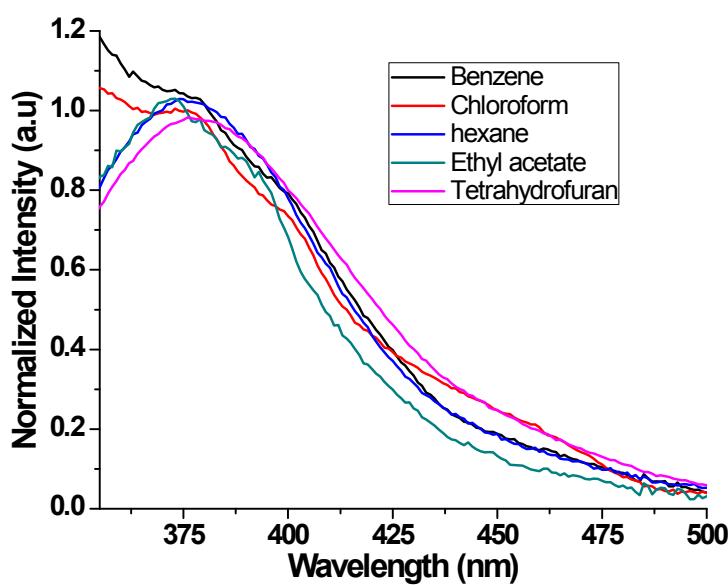
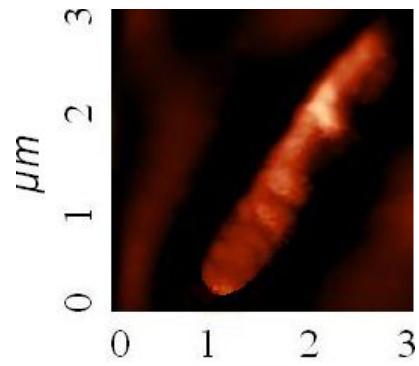
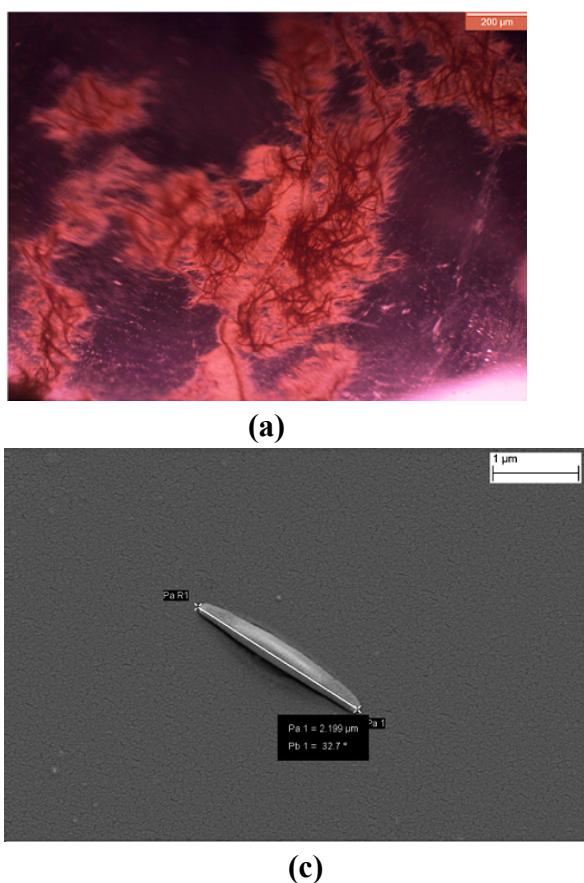


Fig. S8 UV-vis spectra of the macrocycle (**5**) in various solvents.



(b)

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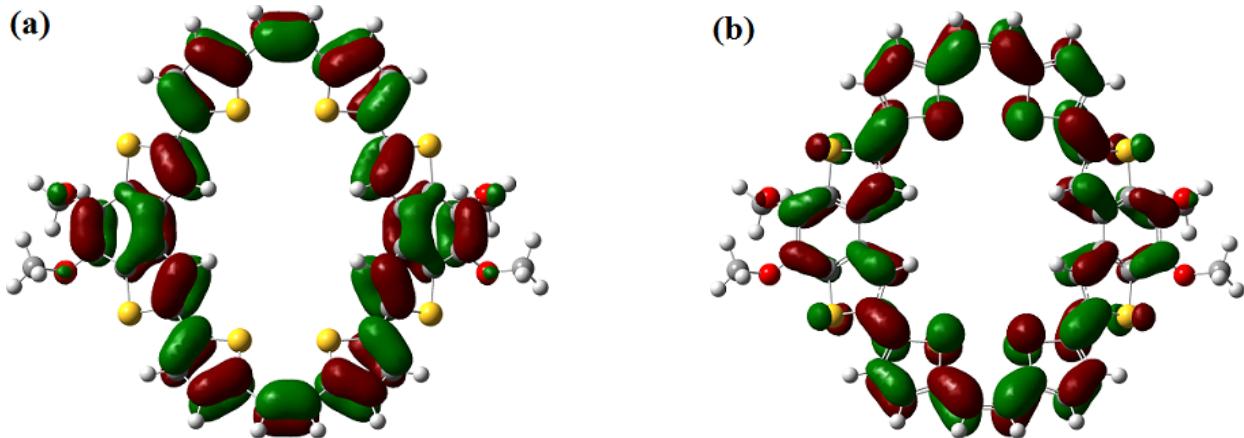
(c)

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Position of Bq	0	1	2	-1	-2
NICS value	1.7	1.6	1.2	1.3	0.7

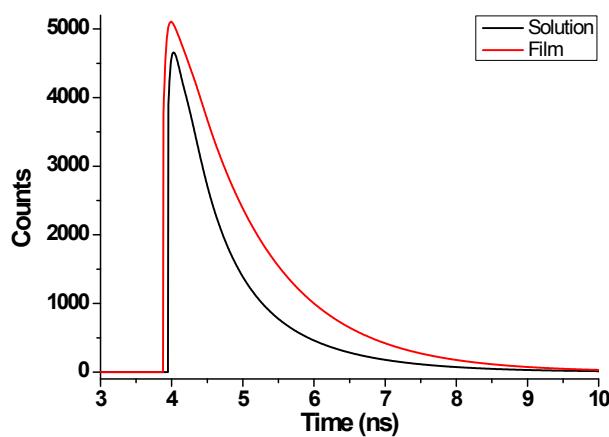
<sup>a</sup> The coordinates of Bq(0) to get NICS(0) was calculated by averaging the coordinates of four hydrogen and four sulfur atoms of the inside periphery of the macrocycle **5**. Bq(1, 2, -1, -2) were placed with respect to Bq(0).



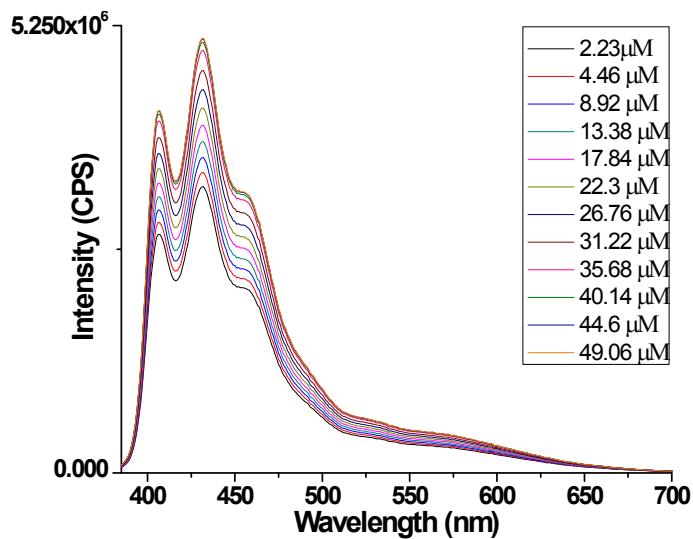
**Fig. S10** Optimized structure of the frontier orbitals; (a) HOMO and (b) LUMO of the macrocycle.

#### Fluorescence decay:

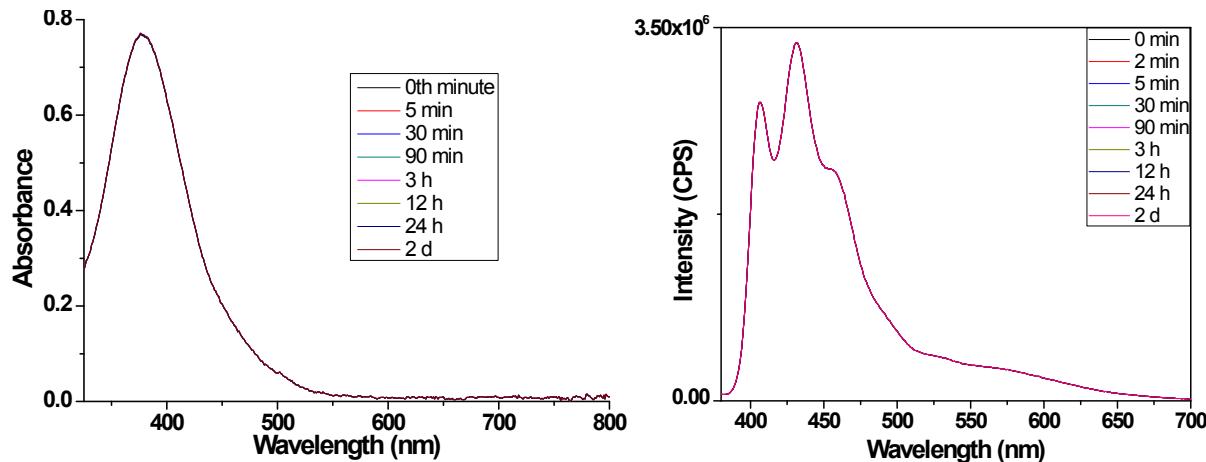
The fluorescence decay for compound **5** was also studied to confirm the formation of the excimer. This needed a single exponential fit in solution but required a double exponential fit in solid state. In solution, a sole component of **5** with a lifetime ( $\tau_1$ ,  $x^2 = 1.26$ ) of 1.15 ns was present. But, in film two components were present with lifetime of 445 ps ( $\tau_1$ , 37%,  $x^2 = 1.17$ ) and 1.12 ns ( $\tau_2$ , 63%,  $x^2 = 1.17$ ). As the higher lifetime is believed to be found from the excimer species, the excimers dominated the fluorescent behavior of the compound in solid to shift the  $\lambda_{max}^{em}$  by 200 nm to the lower energy.



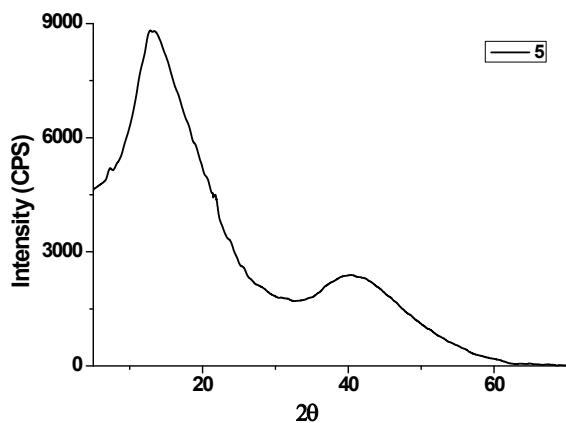
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**Fig. S12** Concentration dependent fluorescence spectra of **5** in THF.



**Fig. S13** Time-dependent absorption (left) and fluorescence (right) spectra of macrocycle **5** in THF.



**Fig. S14** Powder XRD pattern of compound **5**

## Coordinates for optimized geometry of 5 at B3LYP/6-31G(d)

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	-5.701480	1.364236	0.815192
2	6	0	-4.595882	0.710376	0.227023
3	6	0	-3.657474	1.643719	-0.319830
4	6	0	-4.032895	2.955895	-0.169483
5	6	0	-6.785758	0.685042	1.396778
6	6	0	-4.599742	-0.713365	0.206384
7	6	0	-5.698393	-1.378830	0.794448
8	6	0	-6.773375	-0.711058	1.406377
9	6	0	-4.033287	-2.951277	-0.226025
10	6	0	-3.662619	-1.636085	-0.360482
11	1	0	-2.756061	1.350814	-0.847503
12	1	0	-2.765428	-1.333248	-0.889738
13	16	0	-5.562420	-3.115525	0.652647
14	16	0	-5.565369	3.103454	0.706552
15	6	0	-3.385557	-4.150147	-0.712340
16	6	0	-3.984283	-5.347956	-1.054680
17	16	0	-1.648835	-4.249806	-0.937808
18	6	0	-3.072622	-6.319645	-1.508622
19	1	0	-5.056704	-5.501861	-1.004085
20	6	0	-1.746629	-5.907842	-1.515281
21	1	0	-3.363920	-7.313963	-1.831018
22	6	0	-3.385043	4.163181	-0.633770
23	6	0	-3.983942	5.366598	-0.955858
24	16	0	-1.648367	4.267178	-0.857180
25	6	0	-3.072583	6.346082	-1.393080
26	1	0	-5.056329	5.519613	-0.902236
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36	6	0	3.657474	1.643725	-0.319830
37	16	0	5.565367	3.103460	0.706557
38	6	0	4.595883	0.710383	0.227021
39	1	0	2.756061	1.350821	-0.847503
40	6	0	5.701481	1.364242	0.815191
41	6	0	4.599745	-0.713359	0.206376
42	6	0	6.785760	0.685048	1.396776
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60	6	0	-9.059457	1.338994	1.278724
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83	6	0	0.681169	-6.782413	-1.937786
84	1	0	1.102333	-7.706735	-2.331698

The optimized energy for the macrocycle (**5**) was obtained to be – 5179.86 a.u.

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