

# New Class of Supramolecular Bowl-Shaped Columnar Mesogens Derived from Thiocalix[4]arene Exhibiting Gelation and Organic Light-Emitting Diodes Applications

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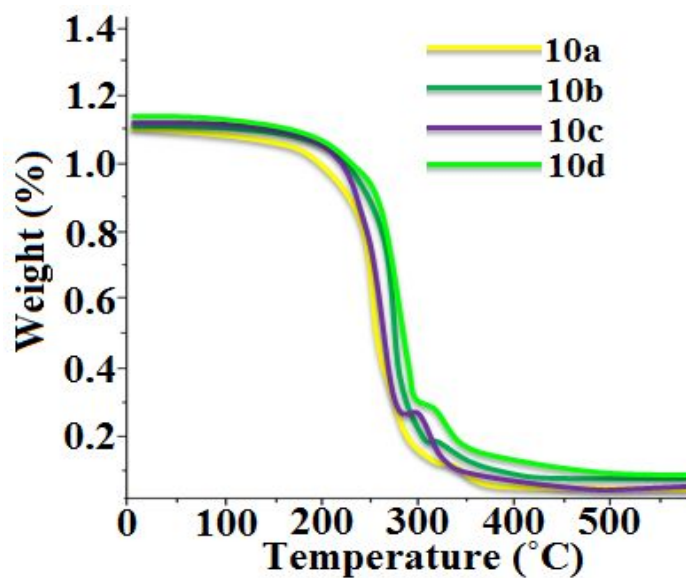
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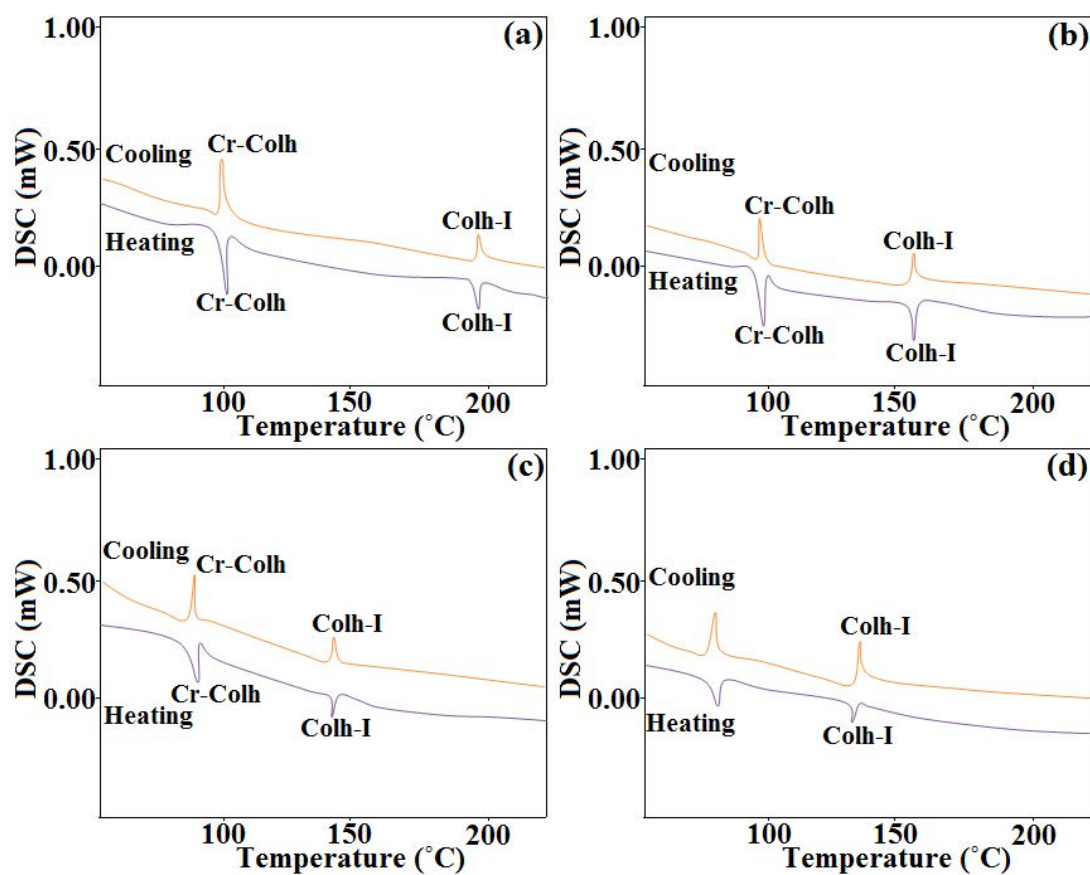
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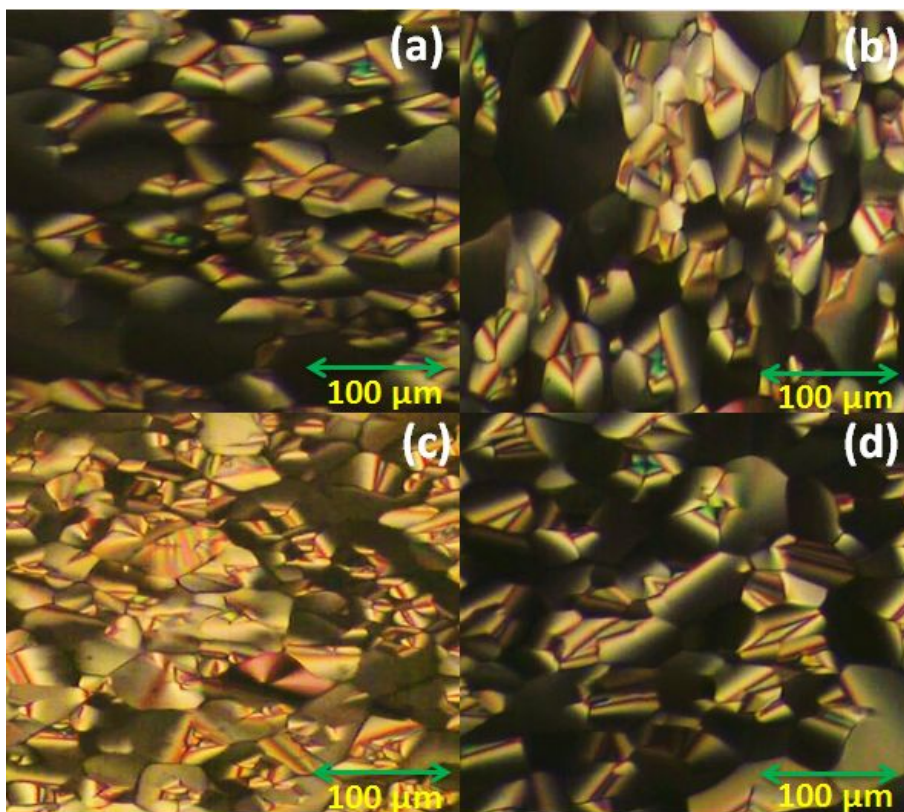
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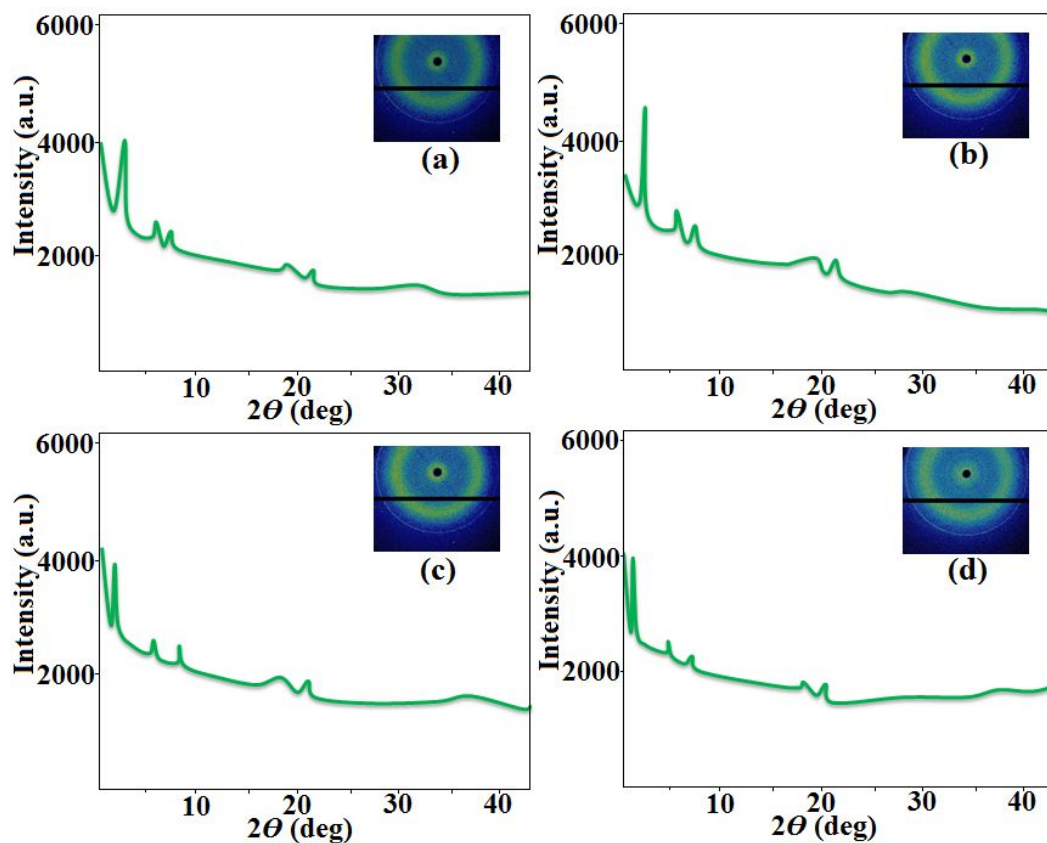
**Figure S1.** TGA curves of the compounds **10a-10d** carried out at a rate of 10°C/min.



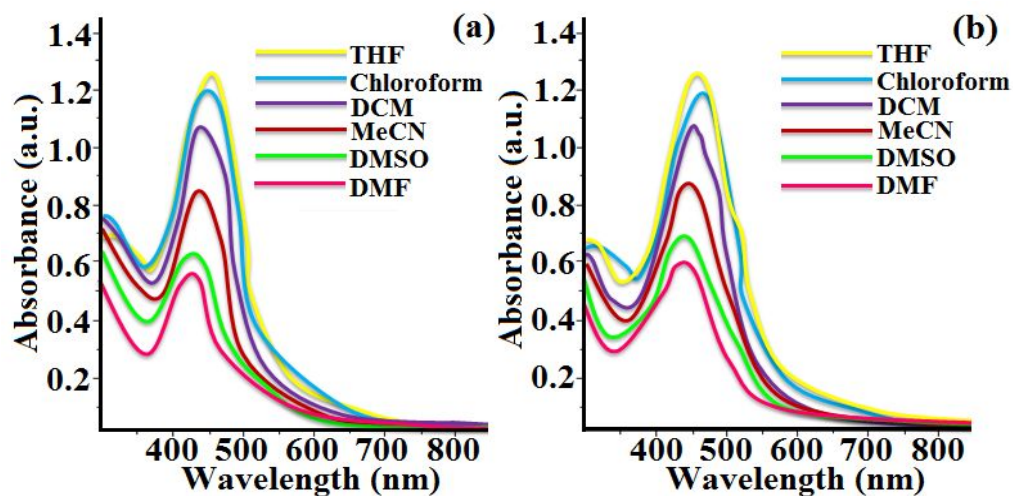
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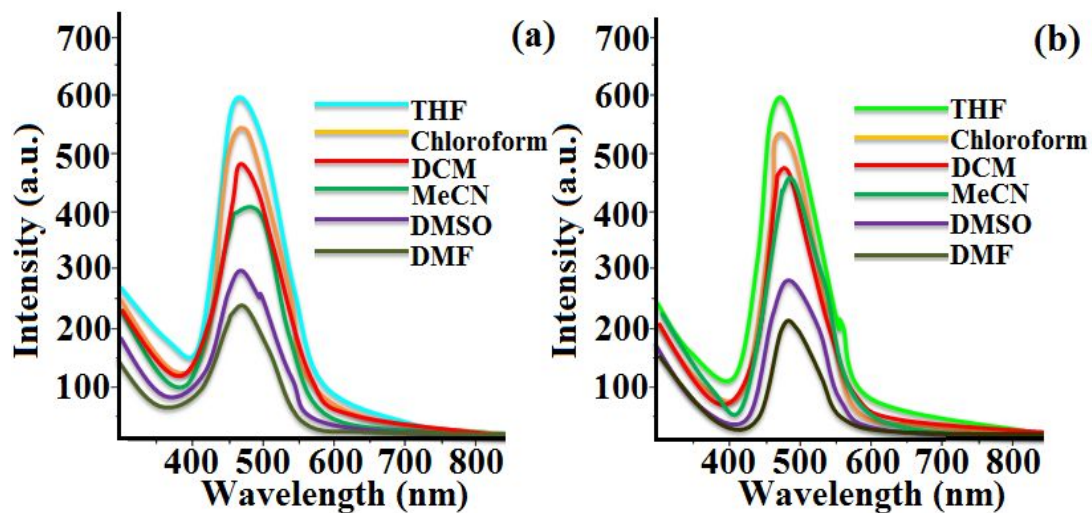
**Figure S3.** POM texture image of compound **10a** at 102.8 °C (a) compound **10b** at 94.8 °C (b) compound **10c** at 75.2 °C (c) and compound **10d** at 61.6 °C (d) on heating condition from solid crystalline state as seen under cross polarizers.



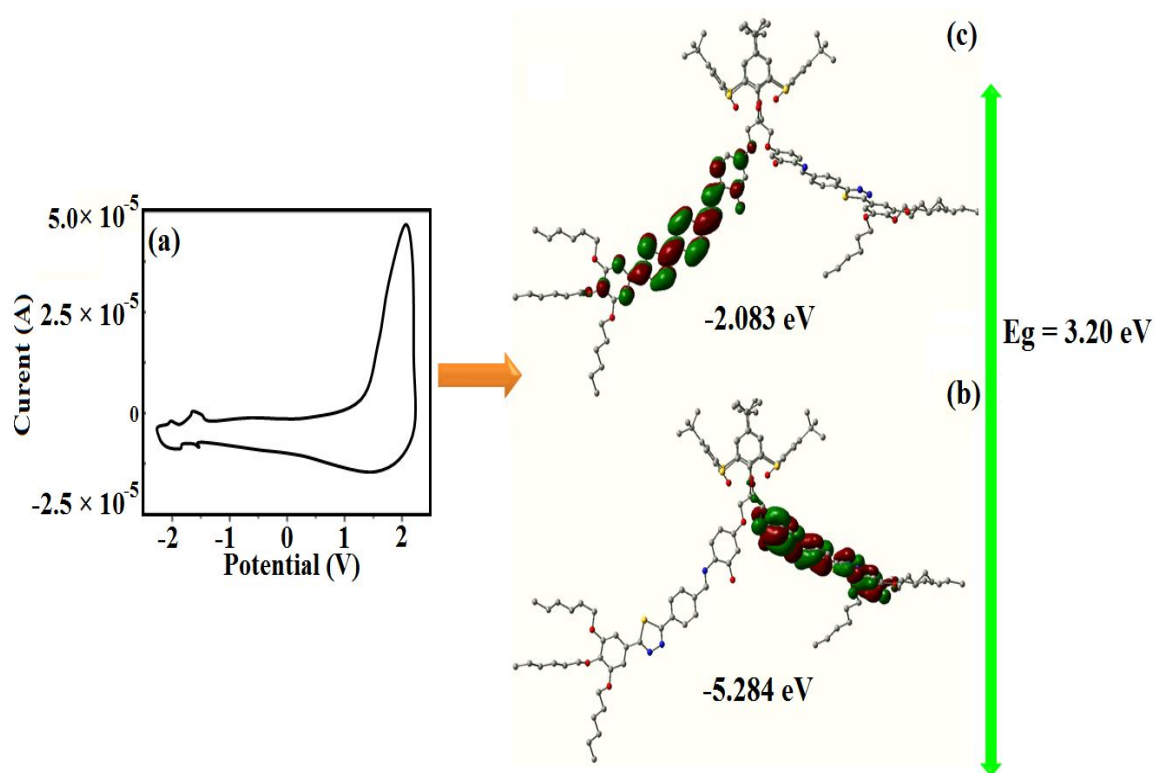
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**Figure S5.** Absorption spectra of compound **10a** (a); compound **10d** (b) in different solvents (0.05  $\mu\text{M}$ ).



**Figure S6.** Fluorescence spectra of compound **10a** (a); compound **10d** (b) in different solvents (0.05  $\mu\text{M}$ ).



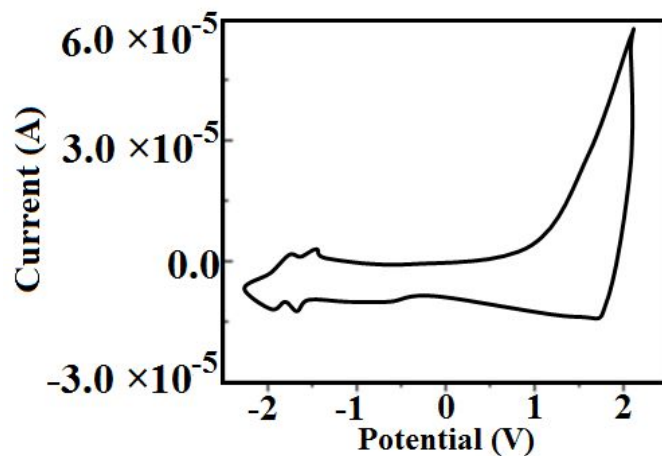
**Figure S7.** (a) Cyclic voltammogram of compound **10b** in anhydrous THF solution of TBAP (0.1 M) at a scanning rate of 0.5 mV/s. (b,c) The HOMO and LUMO levels of compound **10b** obtained from DFT calculation at the B3LYP/3-21G\* level using Gaussian 09. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.

**Table S<sub>1</sub>.** Electrochemical properties of compounds **10a-10d**

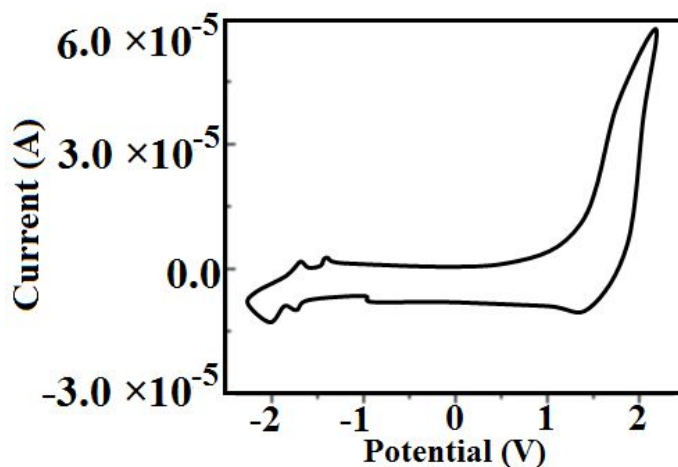
Comp.	E <sub>oxd</sub>	E <sub>red</sub>	E <sub>HOMO</sub>	E <sub>LUMO</sub>	ΔE <sub>g</sub> , CV
<b>10a</b>	1.59	-1.52	-5.82	-2.71	3.11
<b>10b</b>	1.57	-1.50	-5.80	-2.72	3.08
<b>10c</b>	1.58	-1.49	-5.81	-2.74	3.07
<b>10d</b>	1.61	-1.54	-5.85	-2.69	3.16

**Experimental conditions:** Ag/AgNO<sub>3</sub> as a reference electrode, platinum wire as counter electrode, glassy carbon as working electrode, tetrabutylammonium perchlorate (0.1 M) as supporting electrolyte, room temperature

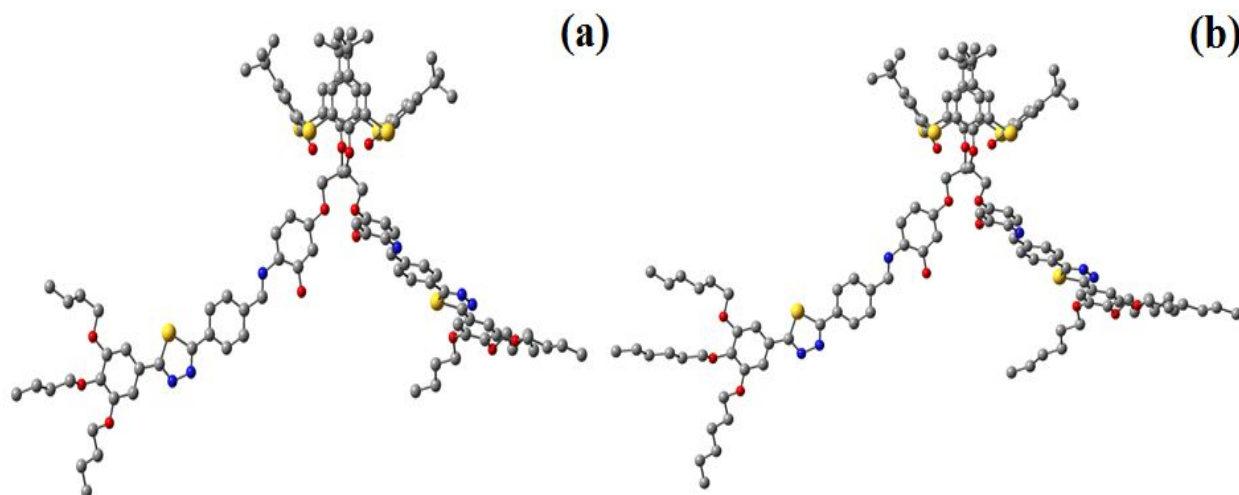




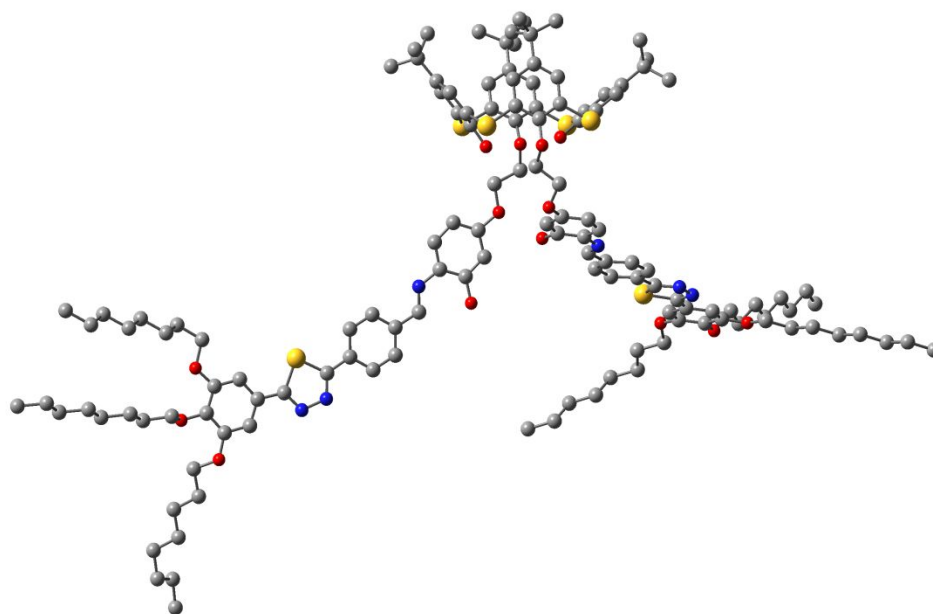
**Figure S8.** Cyclic voltammogram of compound **10c** in anhydrous THF solution of TBAP (0.1 M) at a scanning rate of 0.5 mV/s.



**Figure S9.** Cyclic voltammogram of compound **10d** in anhydrous THF solution of TBAP (0.1 M) at a scanning rate of 0.5 mV/s.

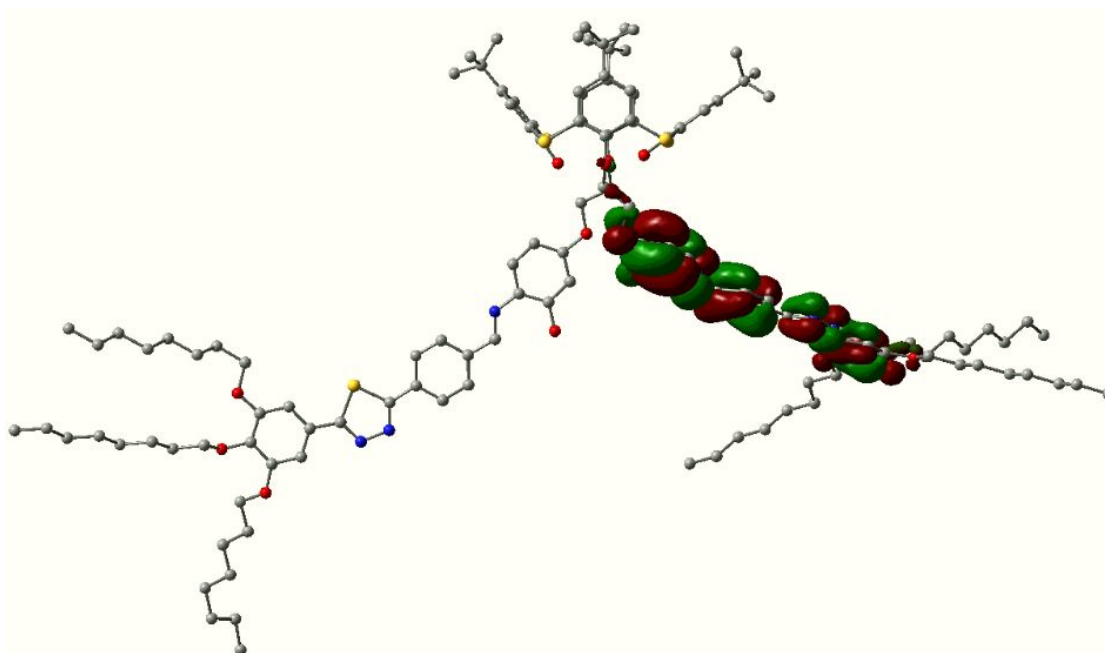


**Figure S10.** Optimized geometries of 1,3,4-thiadiazole based thiacalix[4]arene derivatives (a) **10a** (cone conformation); (b) **10b** (cone conformation) at B3LYP/3-21G level. Hydrogens were omitted for clarity.

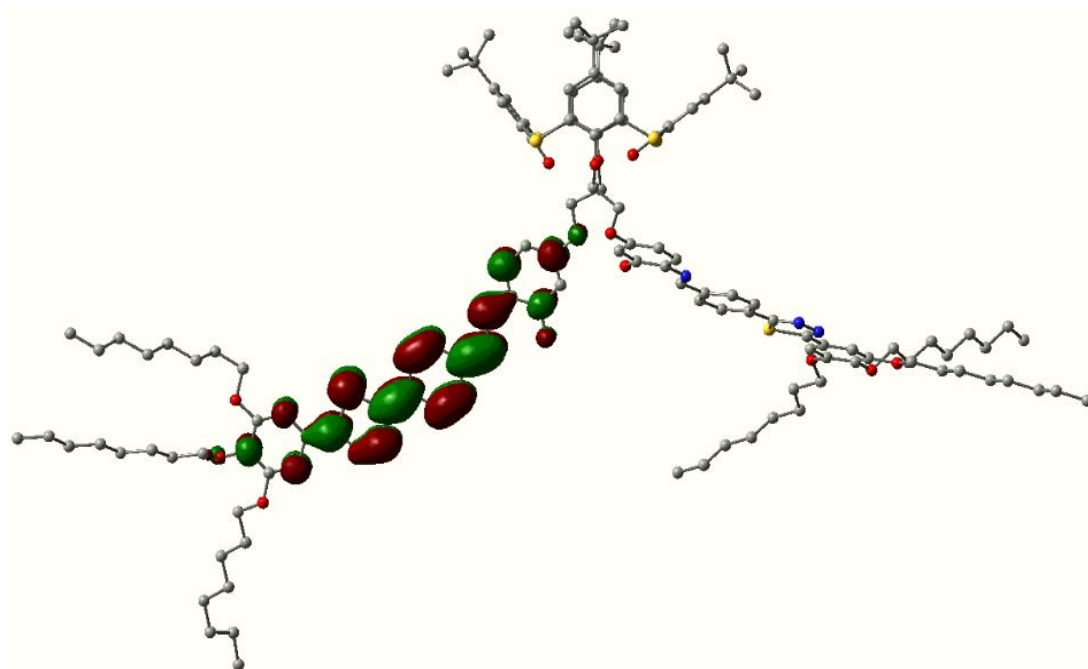


**Figure S11.** Optimized geometries of 1,3,4-thiadiazole based thiacalix[4]arene derivatives **10c** (cone conformation) at B3LYP/3-21G level. Hydrogens were omitted for clarity.

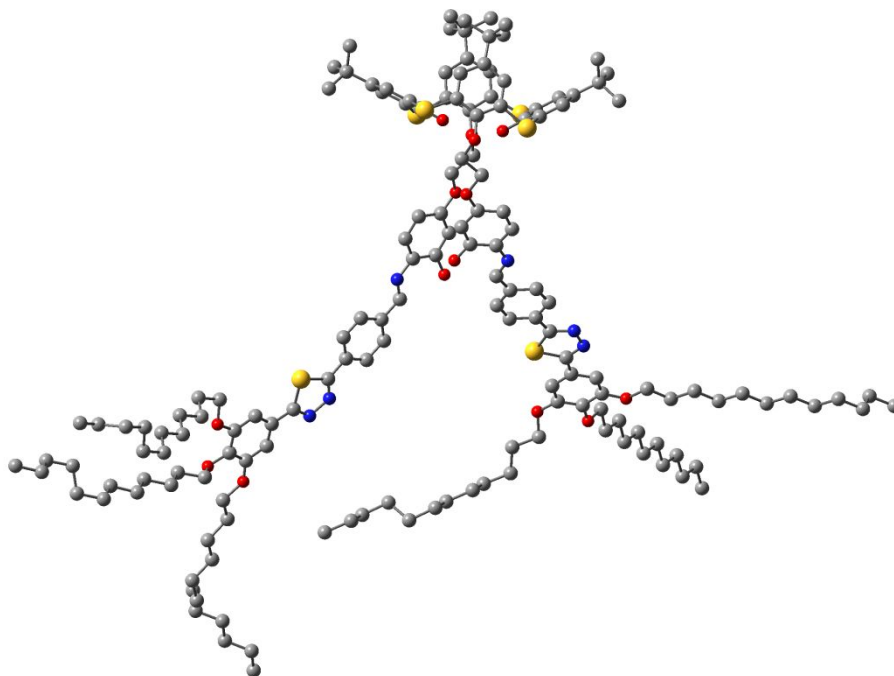




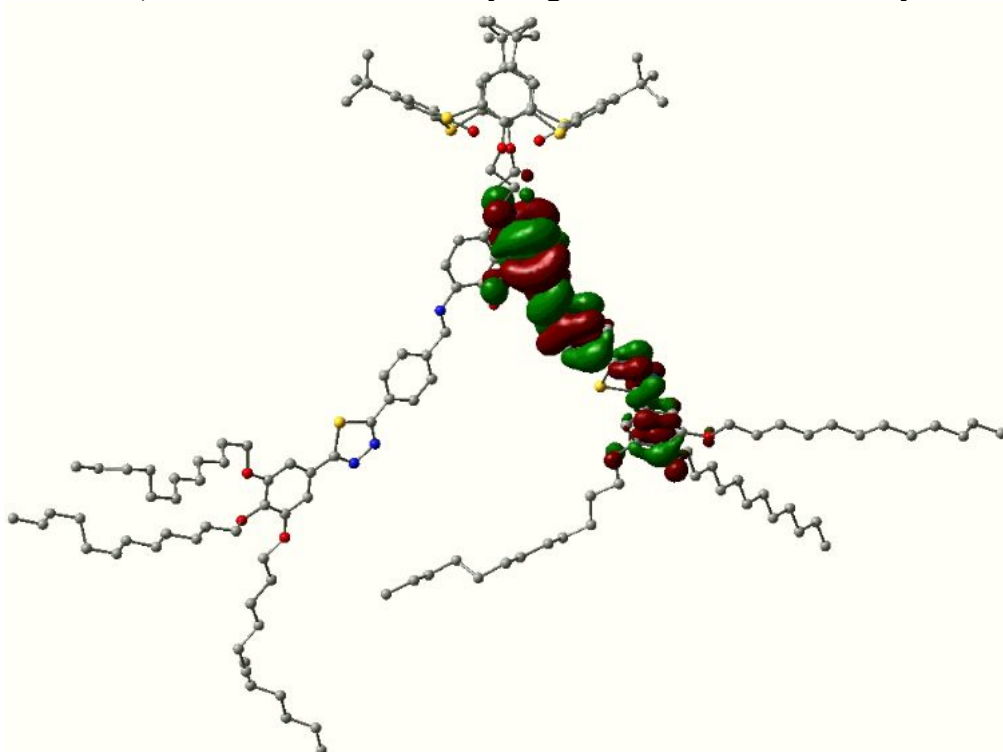
**Figure S12.** The HOMO energy levels of compound **10c** obtained from DFT calculation at the B3LYP/3-21G\* level. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.



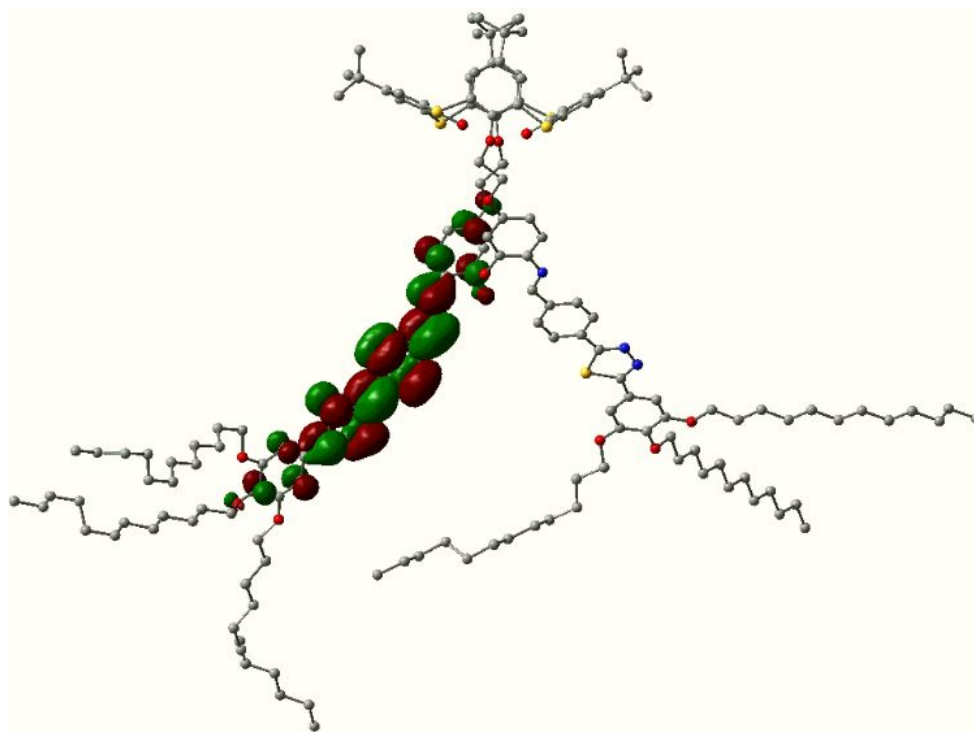
**Figure S13.** The LUMO energy levels of compound **10c** obtained from DFT calculation at the B3LYP/3-21G\* level. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.



**Figure S14.** Optimized geometries of 1,3,4-thiadiazole based thiacalix[4]arene derivatives **10d** (cone conformation) at B3LYP/3-21G level. Hydrogens were omitted for clarity.



**Figure S15.** The HOMO energy levels of compound **10d** obtained from DFT calculation at the B3LYP/3-21G\* level. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.



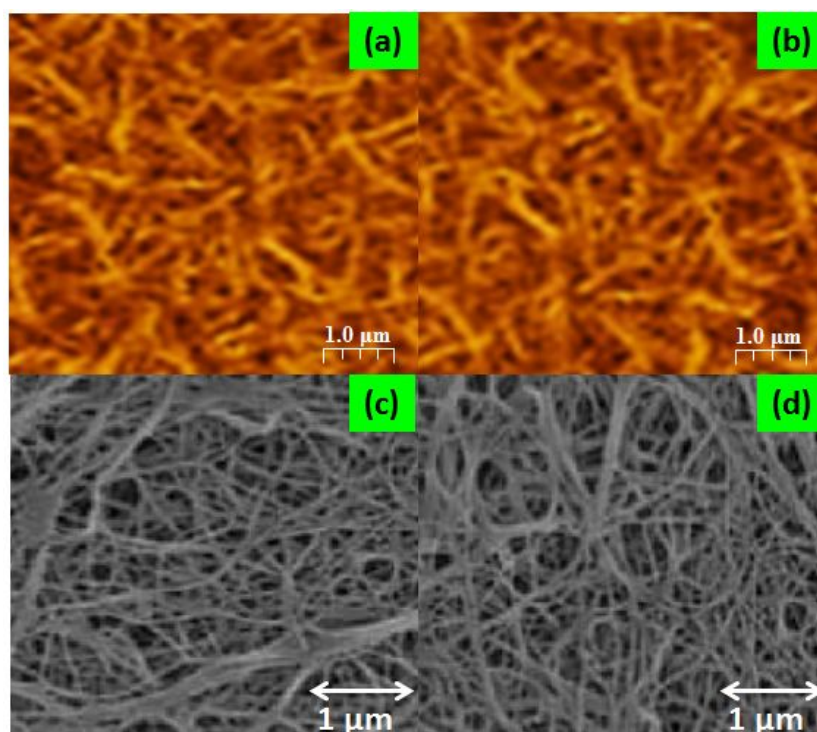
**Figure S16.** The LUMO energy levels of compound **10d** obtained from DFT calculation at the B3LYP/3-21G\* level. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.

**Table S<sub>2</sub>.** Gelation behaviour of compound **10c** and **10d**

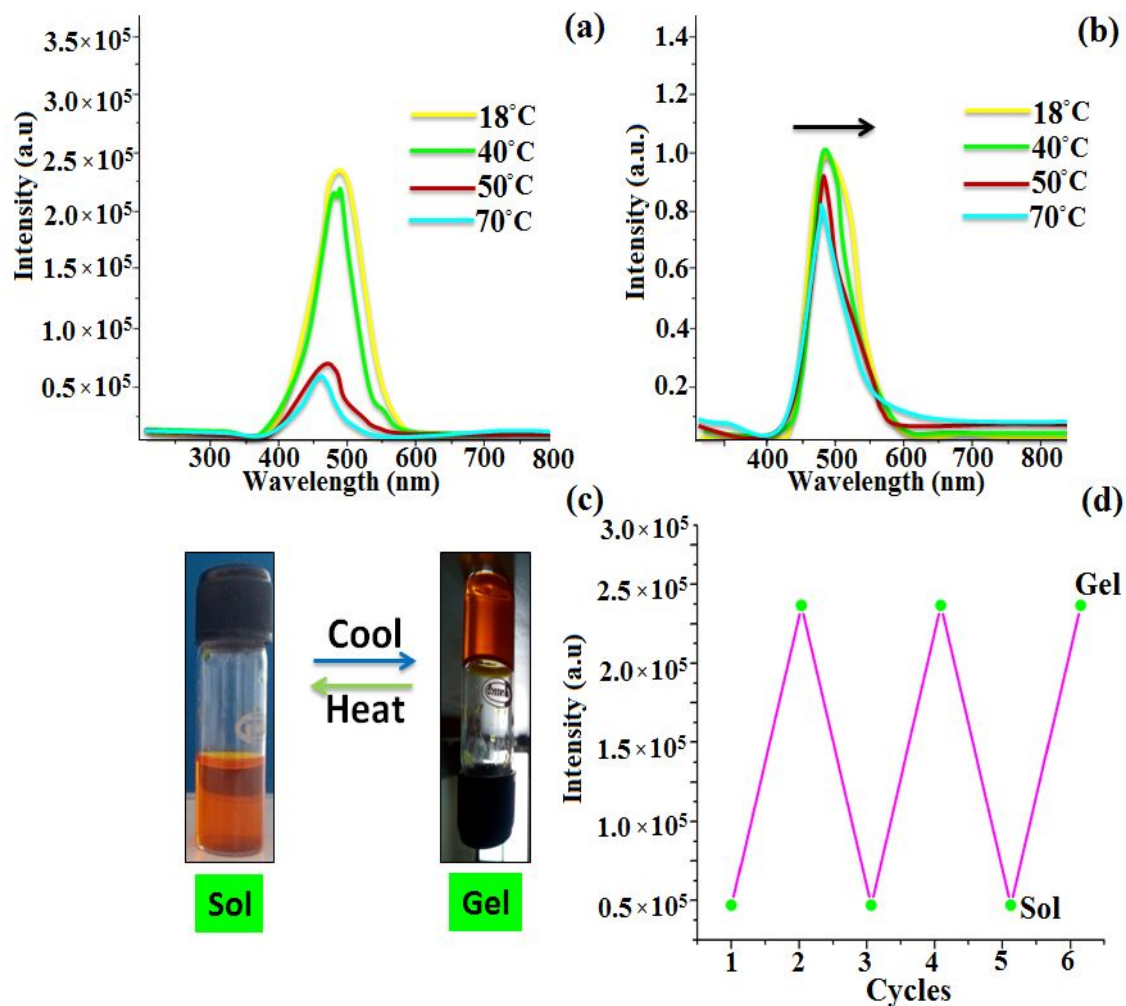
Sr.No.	Solvent	Comp.10c		Comp.10d	
		Properties	CGC (wt %)	Properties	CGC (wt %)
1	Decane	G(O)	1.6 wt %	G(O)	1.9 wt %
2	Dodecane	G(O)	1.1 wt %	G(O)	1.5 wt %
3	Toluene	S	-	S	-
4	Benzene	S	-	S	-
5	DCM	S	-	S	-

6	THF	S	-	S	-
7	Chloroform	S	-	S	-
8	Ethanol	P	-	P	-
9	Butanol	P	-	P	-
10	Methanol	P	-	P	-

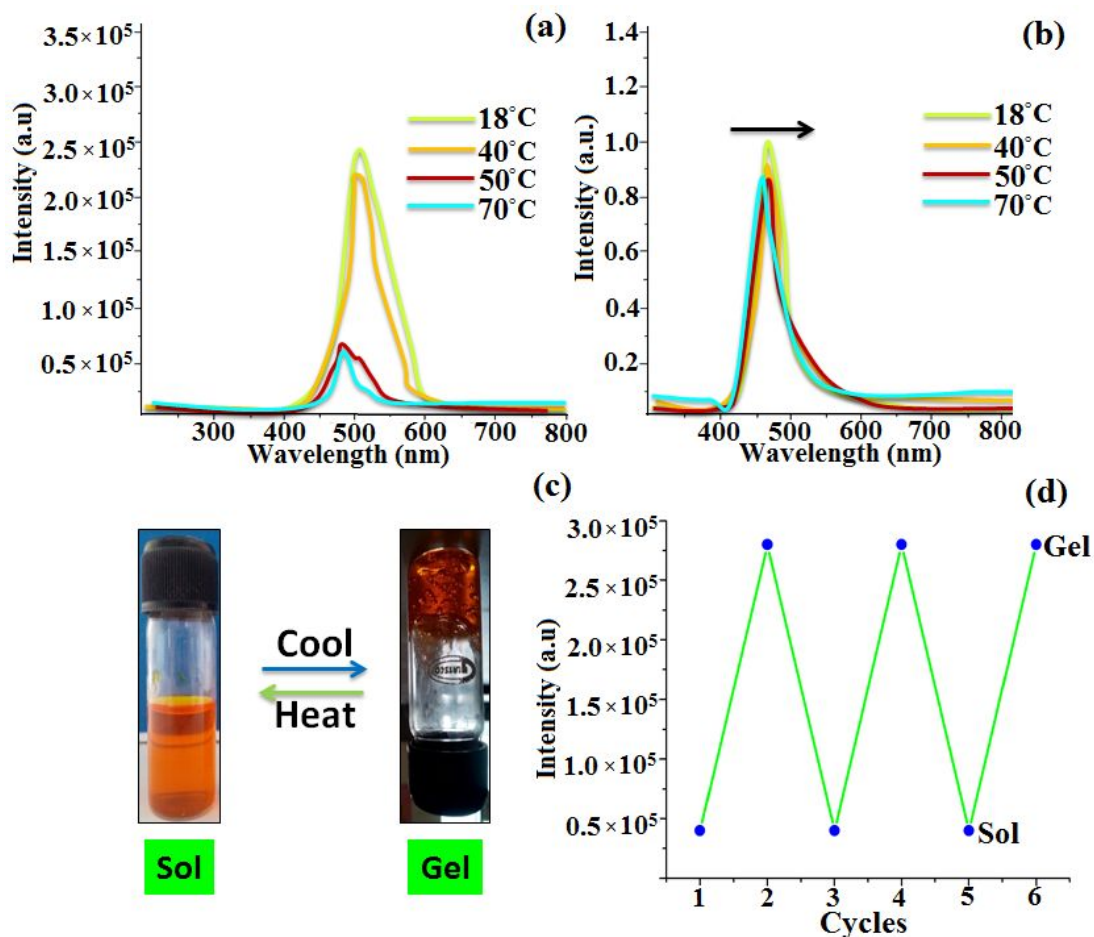
G = stable gel; P = precipitate; O = opaque; S = the critical gelation concentration (wt %) is the minimum concentration necessary for gelation.



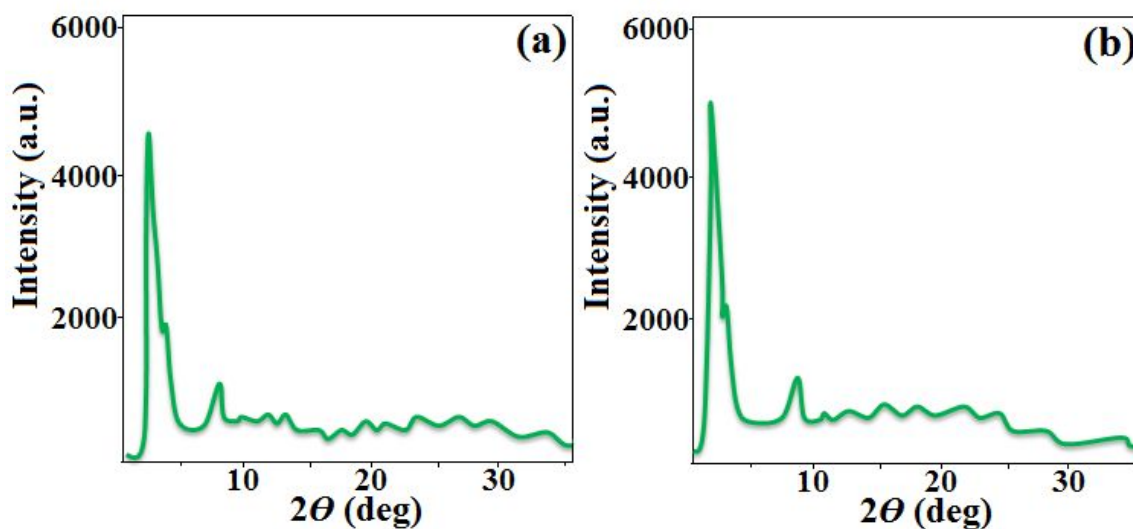
**Figure S17.** AFM and SEM images obtained for compound **10c** (a,c); compound **10d** (b,d) at 1mM in the dodecane solution (scale bar is 1μm).



**Figure S18.** Emission spectra of compound **10c** showing an increase in the emission intensity on decreasing temperature due to gelation (a); normalized emission spectra showing a red shift on gelation (b); image of formation of gel from solution (c); reproducible reversibility of emission intensity in solution to gel interconversion (d).



**Figure S19.** Emission spectra of compound **10d** showing an increase in the emission intensity on decreasing temperature due to gelation (a); normalized emission spectra showing a red shift on gelation (b); image of formation of gel from solution (c); reproducible reversibility of emission intensity in solution to gel interconversion (d).



**Figure S20.** XRD profile depicting the intensity against the  $2\theta$  obtained for the Col<sub>r</sub> phase of compounds **10c** (a); compound **10d** (b) in xerogels state.

**Table S<sub>3</sub>.** Results of (hkl) indexation of XRD profiles of the compound **10c** in xerogel state at room temperature.

Compound (D/Å)	Phase (T/°C)	dobs (Å)	Miller indices	Lattice Parameters (Å)
<b>10c</b>	Colr (RT)	32.76	200	
		20.26	110	
		10.38	340	a = 65.22
		7.05	240	b = 28.97
		4.49	440	
		3.77	520	
		3.18	630	

**Table S<sub>4</sub>.** Results of (hkl) indexation of XRD profiles of the compound **10d** in xerogel state at room temperature.

Compound (D/Å)	Phase (T/°C)	dobs (Å)	Miller indices	Lattice Parameters (Å)
		34.06	200	
		20.18	110	
		10.38	320	a = 63.72



<b>10d</b>	Colr (RT)	7.05	240	b = 28.85
		4.69	430	
		3.77	540	
		3.18	640	

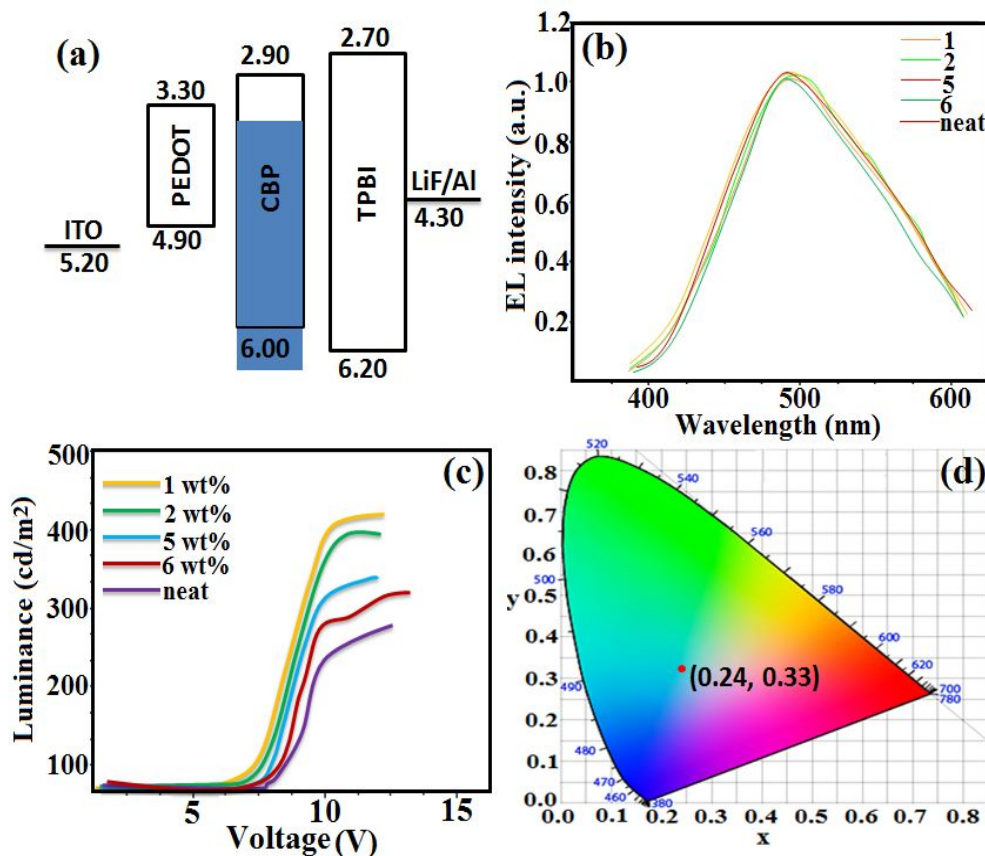


**Figure S21.** POM image of the xerogel showing a birefringent texture of comp.10C.

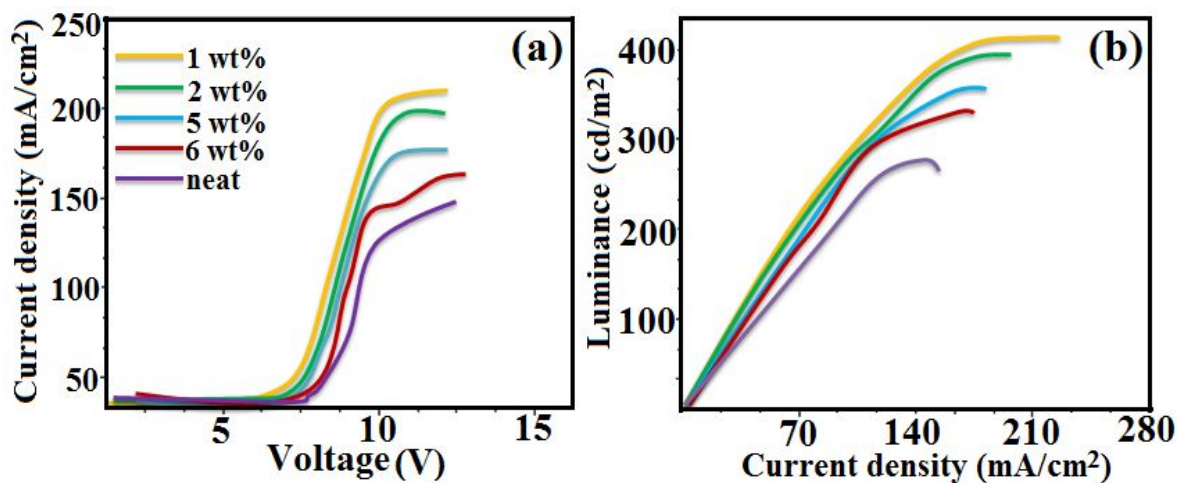
**Table S5.** Electroluminescent performance data of OLEDs<sup>a</sup>

Doping concentration (wt.%)	V <sub>onset</sub> <sup>b</sup> (V)	$\eta_p$ <sup>c</sup> (lmW <sup>-1</sup> )	$\eta_c$ <sup>d</sup> (cdA <sup>-1</sup> )	EQE <sup>e</sup> (%)	CIE (x,y) <sup>f</sup>	L <sub>max</sub> <sup>g</sup> (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	$\lambda_{em}$ <sup>h</sup> (nm)
1	6.2	0.2	0.6	0.8	(0.24, 0.33)	438	496
2	6.7	0.1	0.6	0.6	(0.24, 0.33)	407	494
5	7.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	(0.24, 0.33)	353	496
6	6.9	0.2	0.5	0.3	(0.24, 0.32)	314	482
Neat	7.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	(0.24, 0.31)	286	484

<sup>a</sup>: Device configuration ITO/PEDOT/emissive layer or doped with CBP/TPBi/LiF/Al, <sup>b</sup>V<sub>onset</sub>: turn-on voltage at luminance of 100 cd/m<sup>2</sup>. Power efficiency ( $\eta_p$ ), current efficiency ( $\eta_c$ ). EQE<sup>e</sup>: external quantum efficiency, CIE (x,y)<sup>f</sup>: Colour coordinates, L<sub>max</sub><sup>g</sup>: maximum luminance of the device,  $\lambda_{em}$ <sup>h</sup>: emission maximum wavelength.



**Figure S22.** (a) Energy-level diagram of the compound **10c** used for the fabrication of (CBP) host OLED device configuration as ITO/PEDOT/emissive layer/TPBi/LiF/Al, (b) EL spectra of OLED devices with various doping concentrations and neat film of compound **10c**, (c) luminance vs voltage plots of the solution proceed OLED device at different doping concentrations and (d) CIE chromatogram of dye doped compound **10c** (1 wt.%) of the device.



**Figure S23.** (a) Current density vs voltage, (b) luminance vs current density of OLED devices at different doping concentrations of compound **10c**.

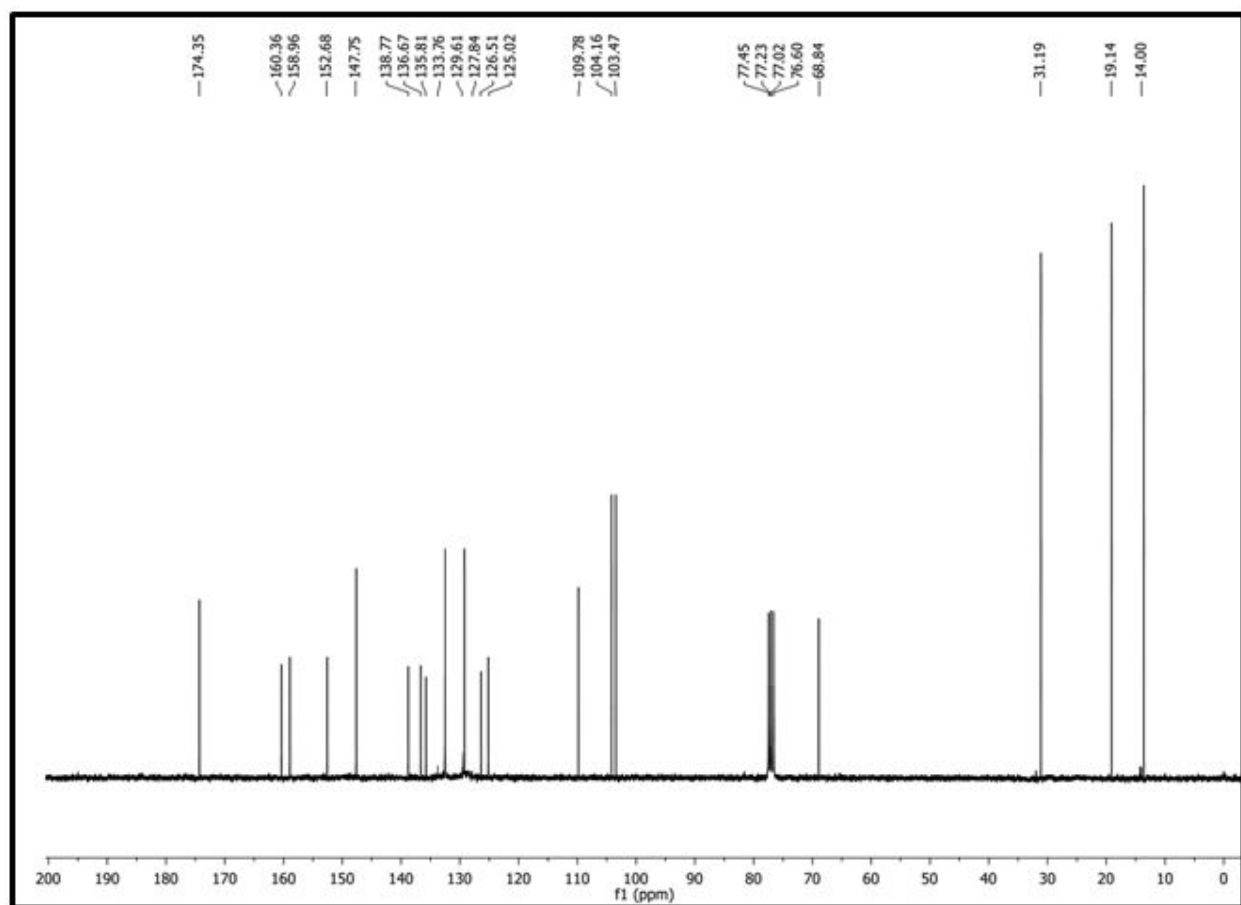
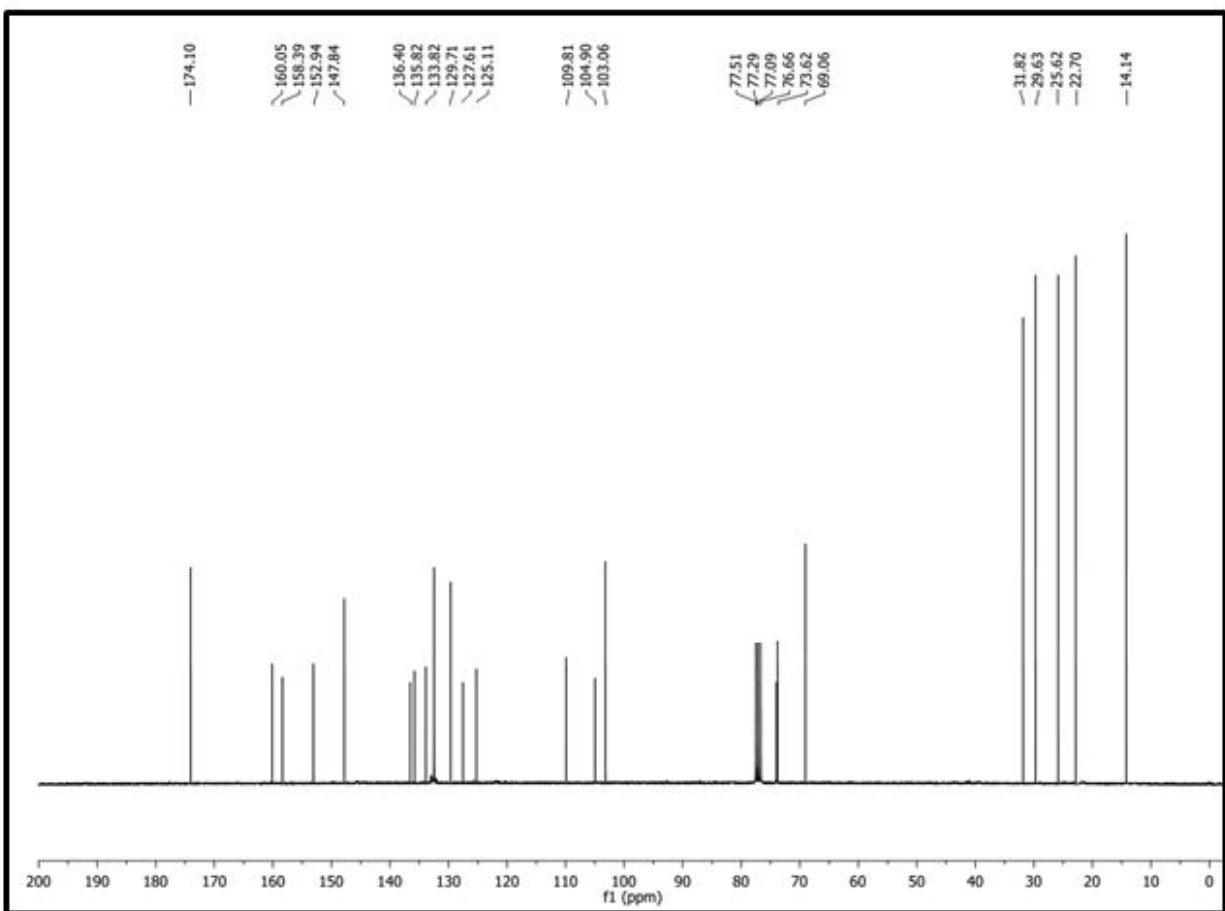


Figure S24.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound **8a**



**Figure S25.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound **8b**

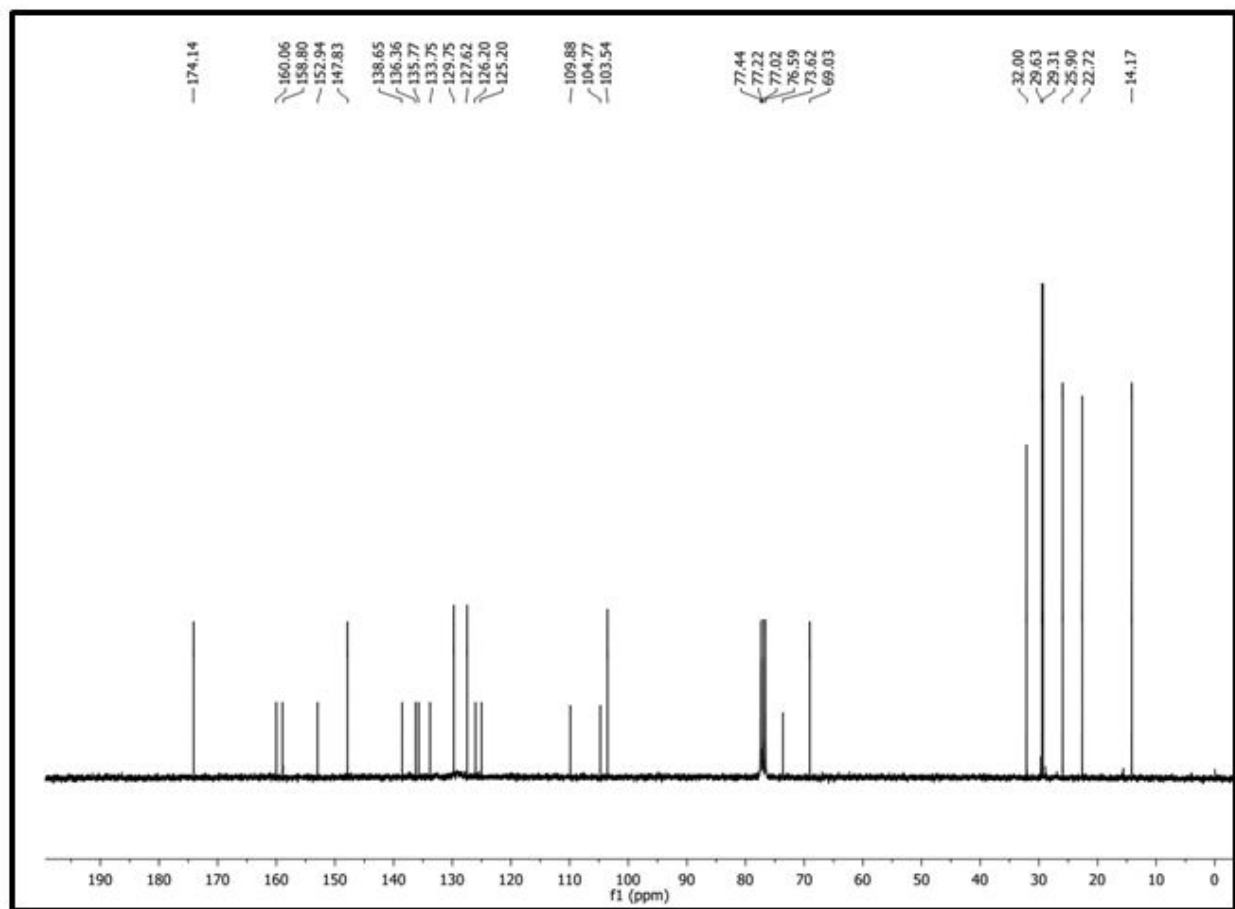
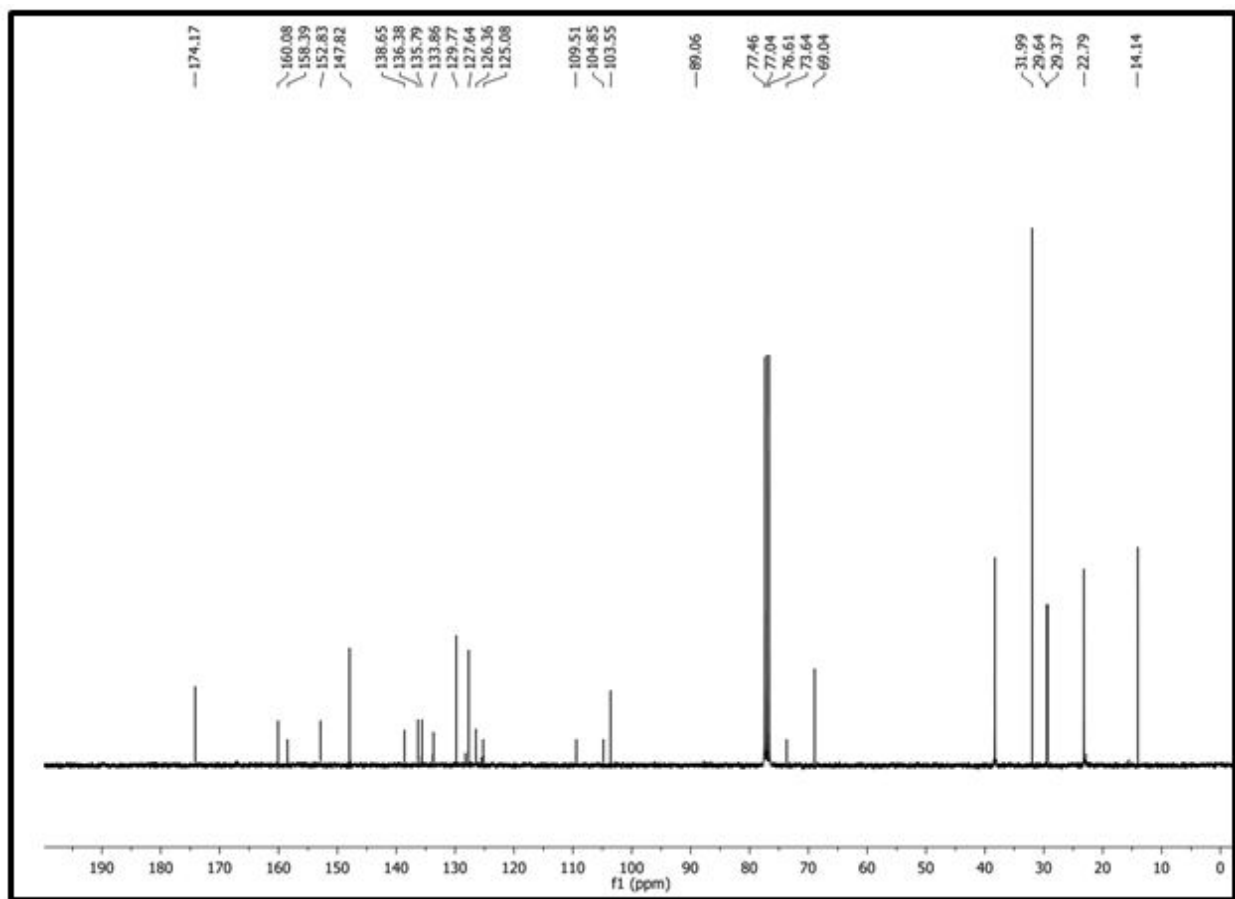
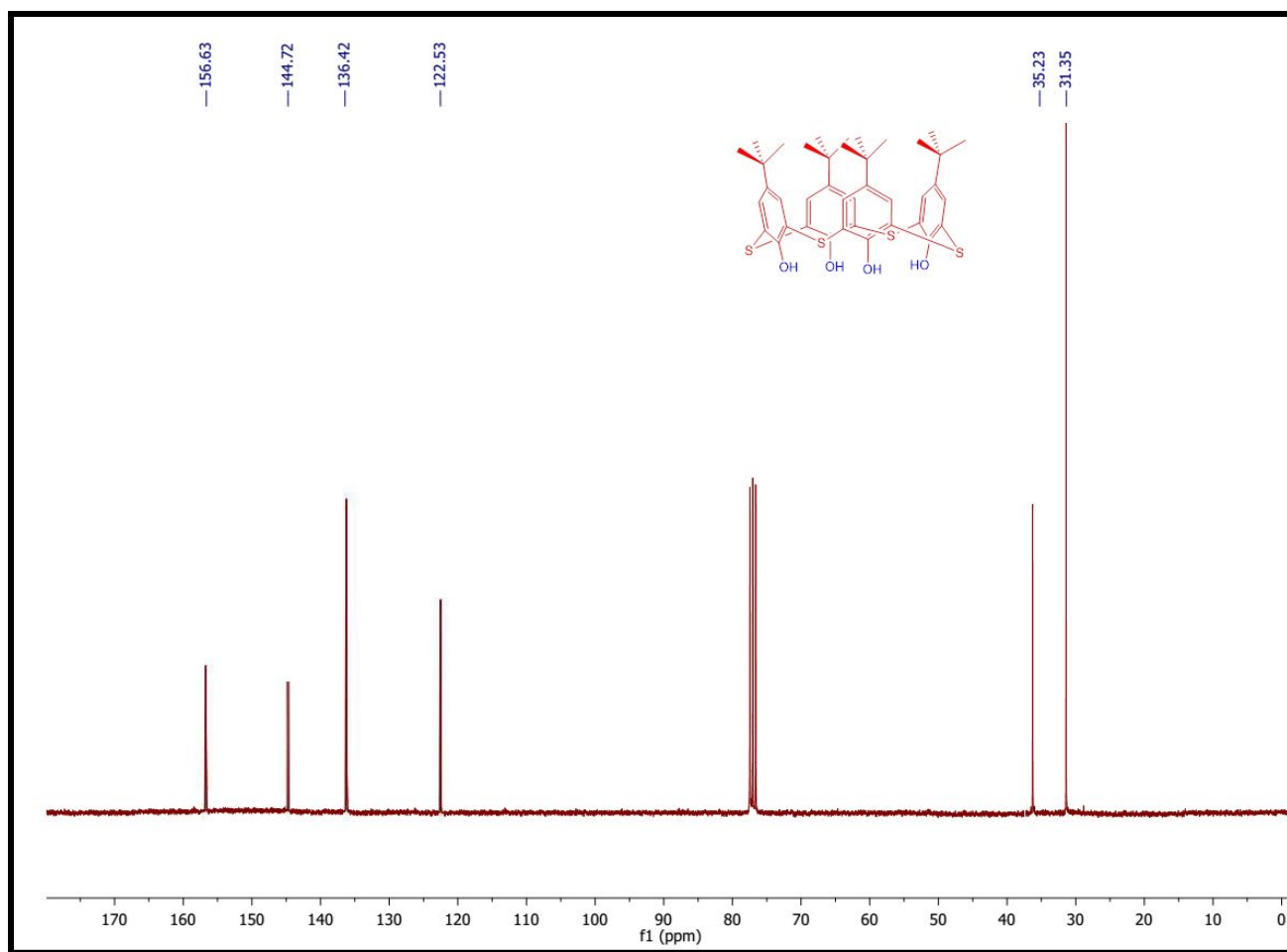


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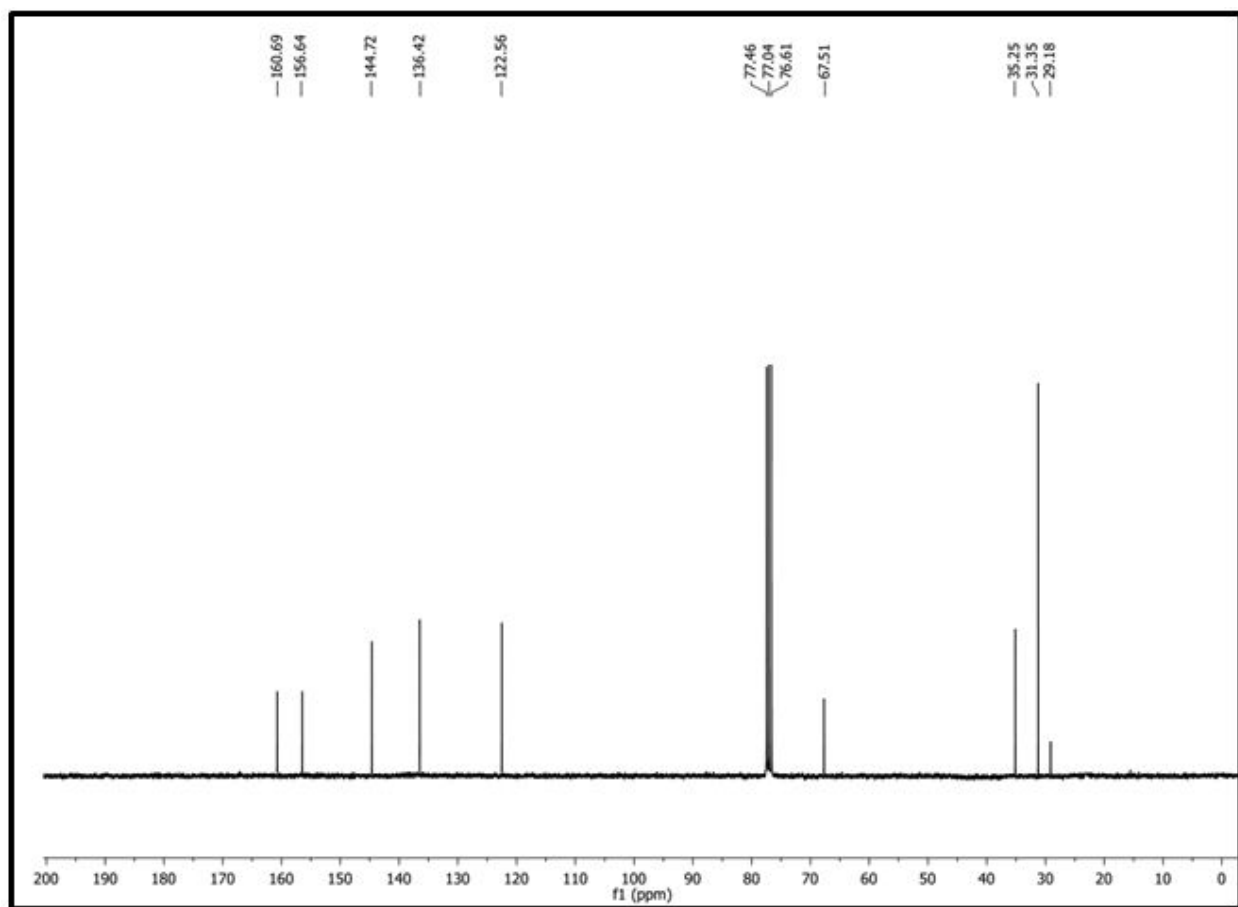


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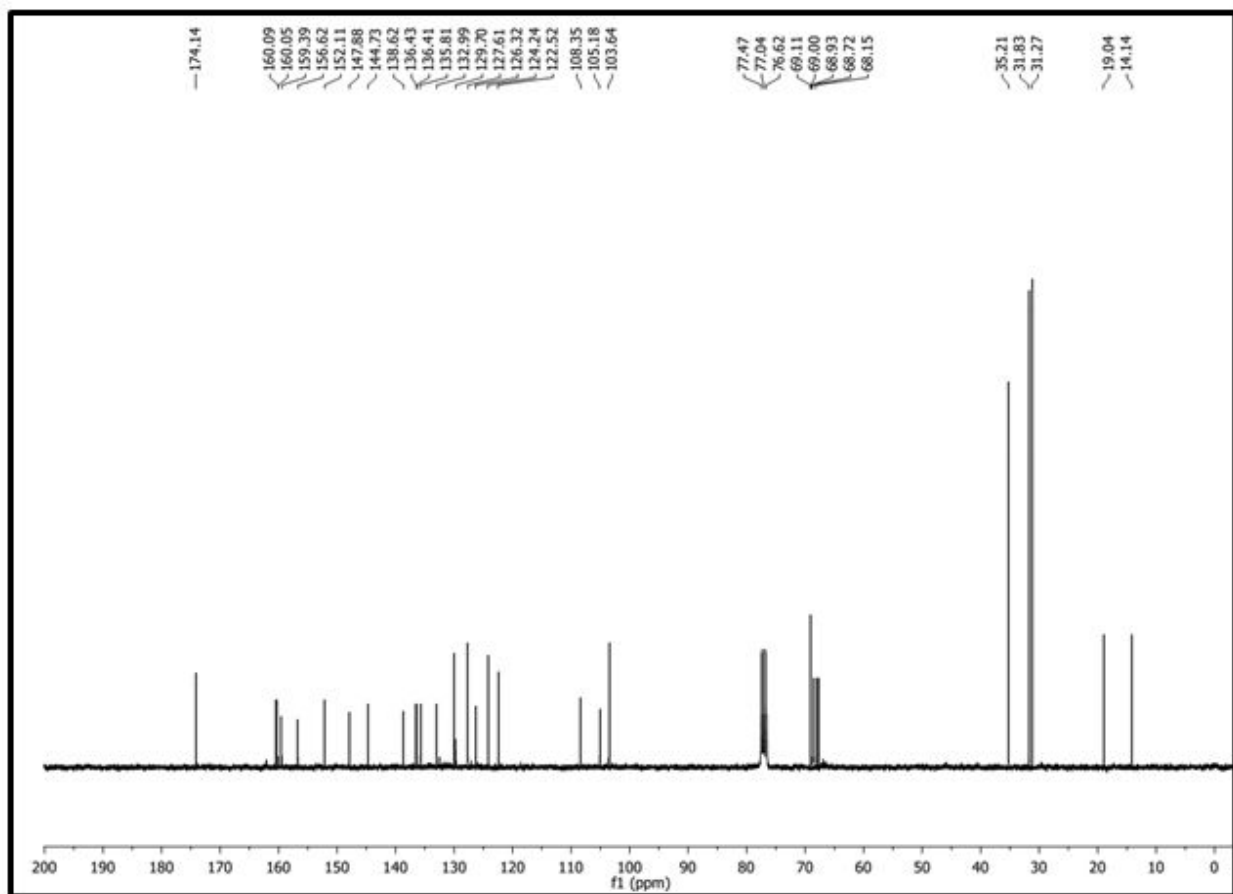




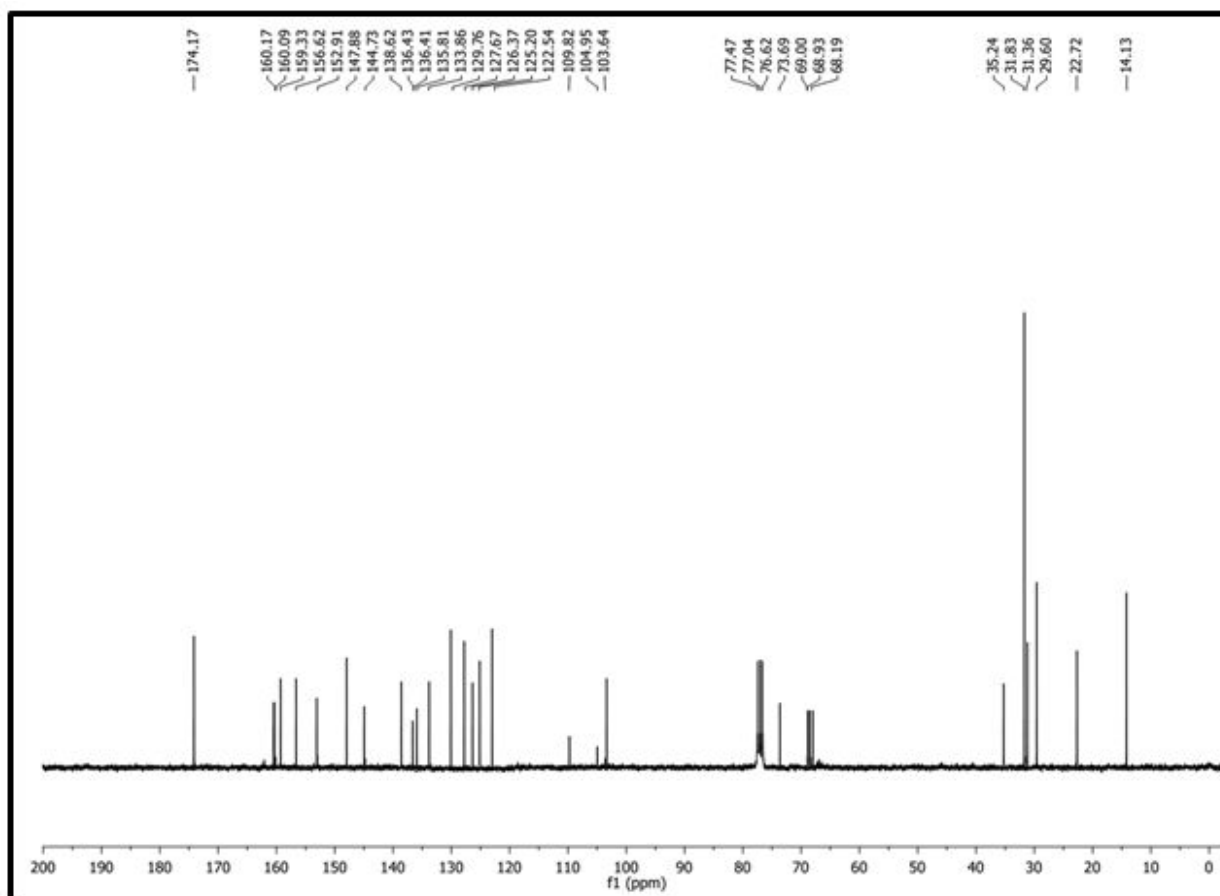
**Figure S28.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound **9**



**Figure S29.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound **9a**



**Figure S30.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound **10a**



**Figure S31.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound **10b**

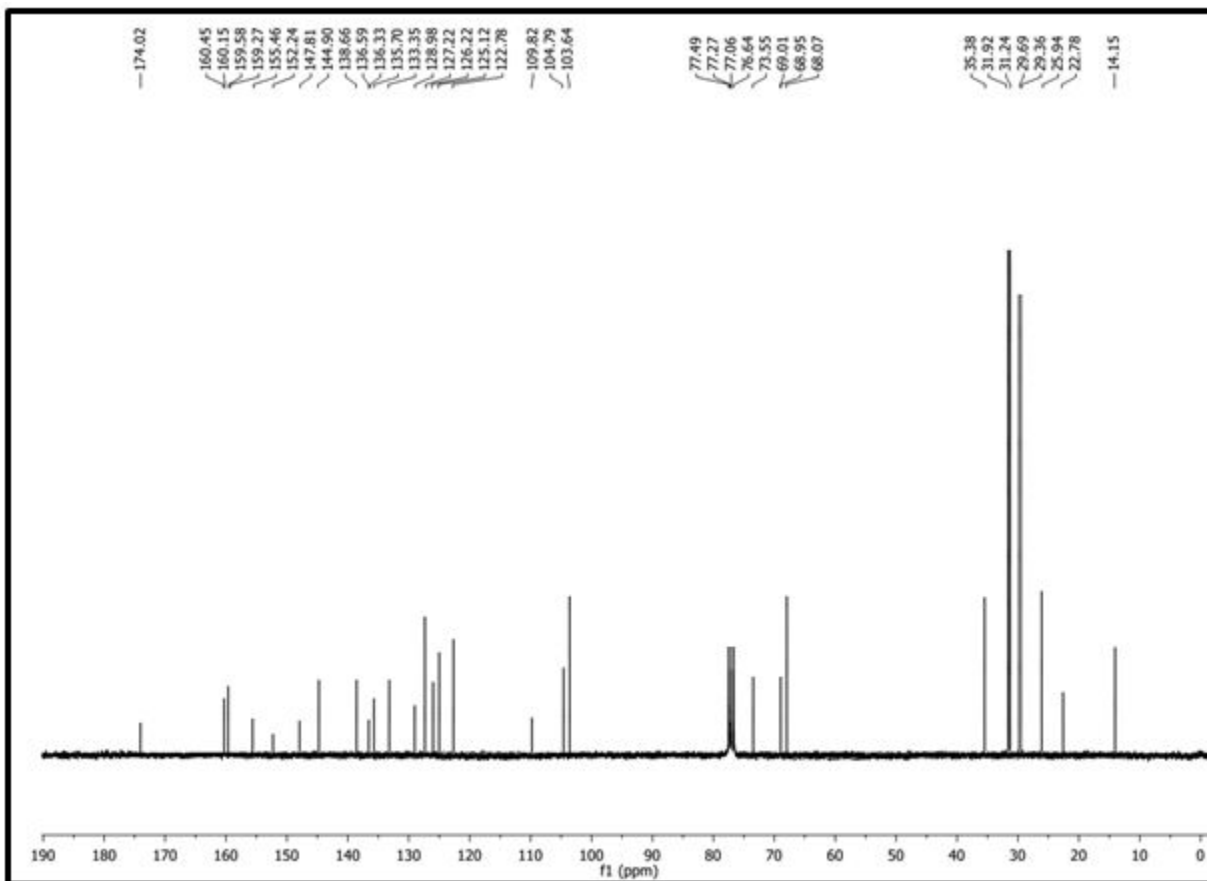
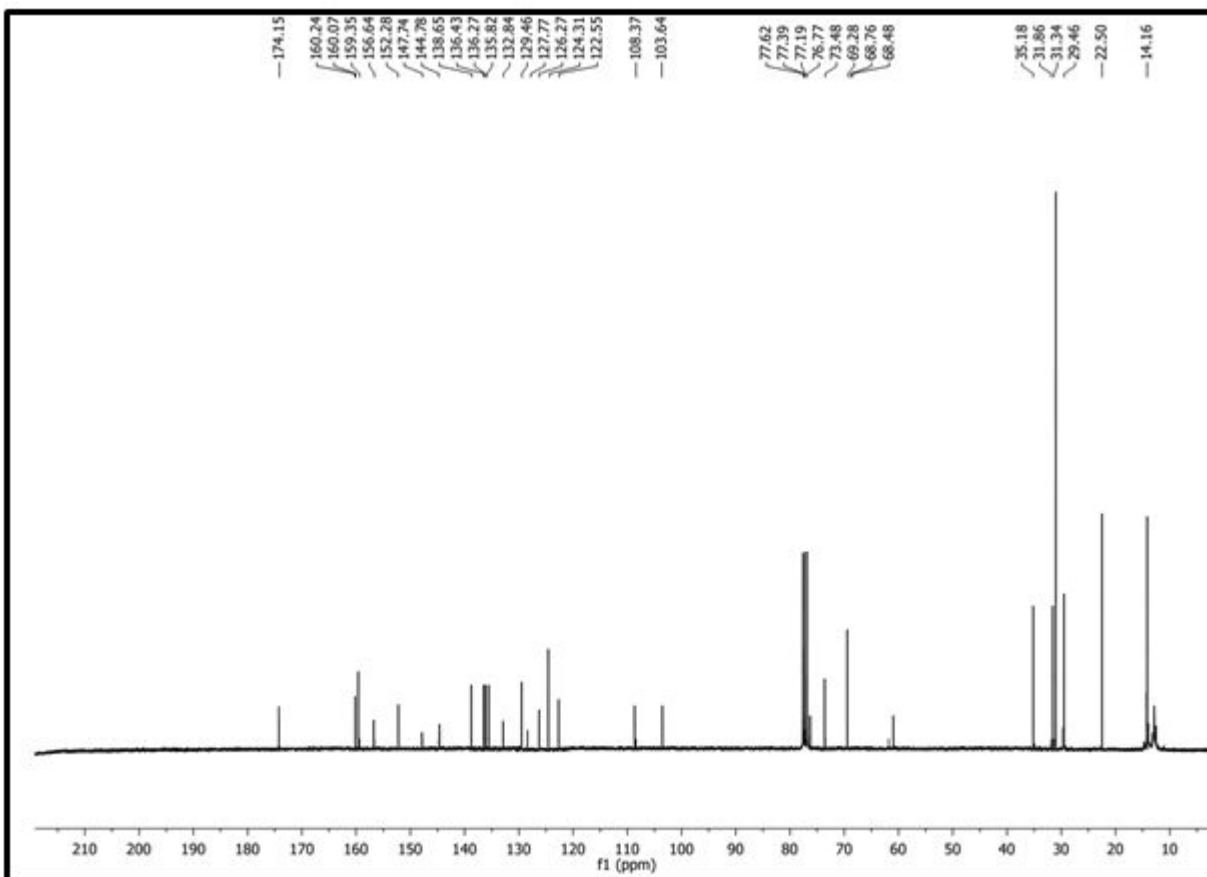


Figure S32.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound 10c



**Figure S33.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound **10d**

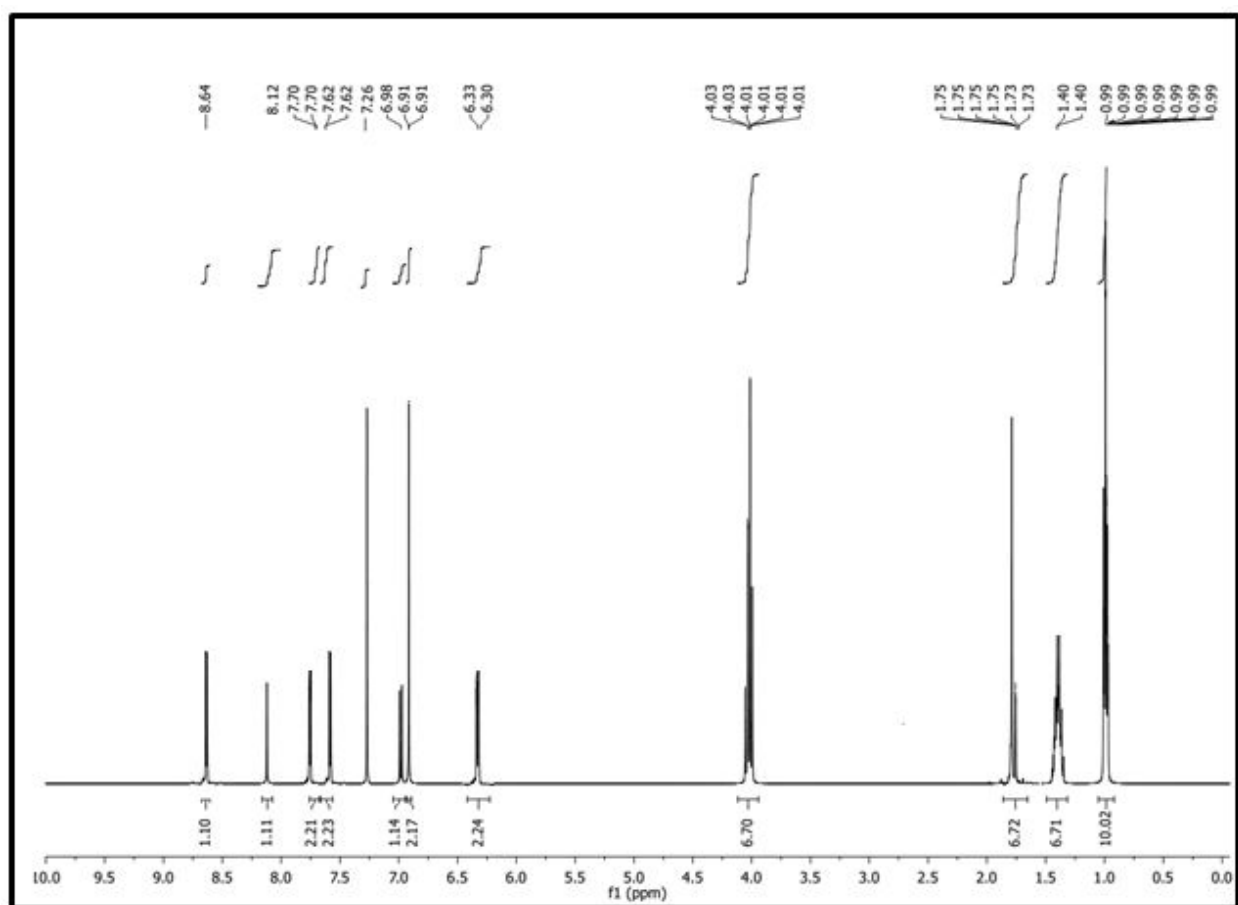
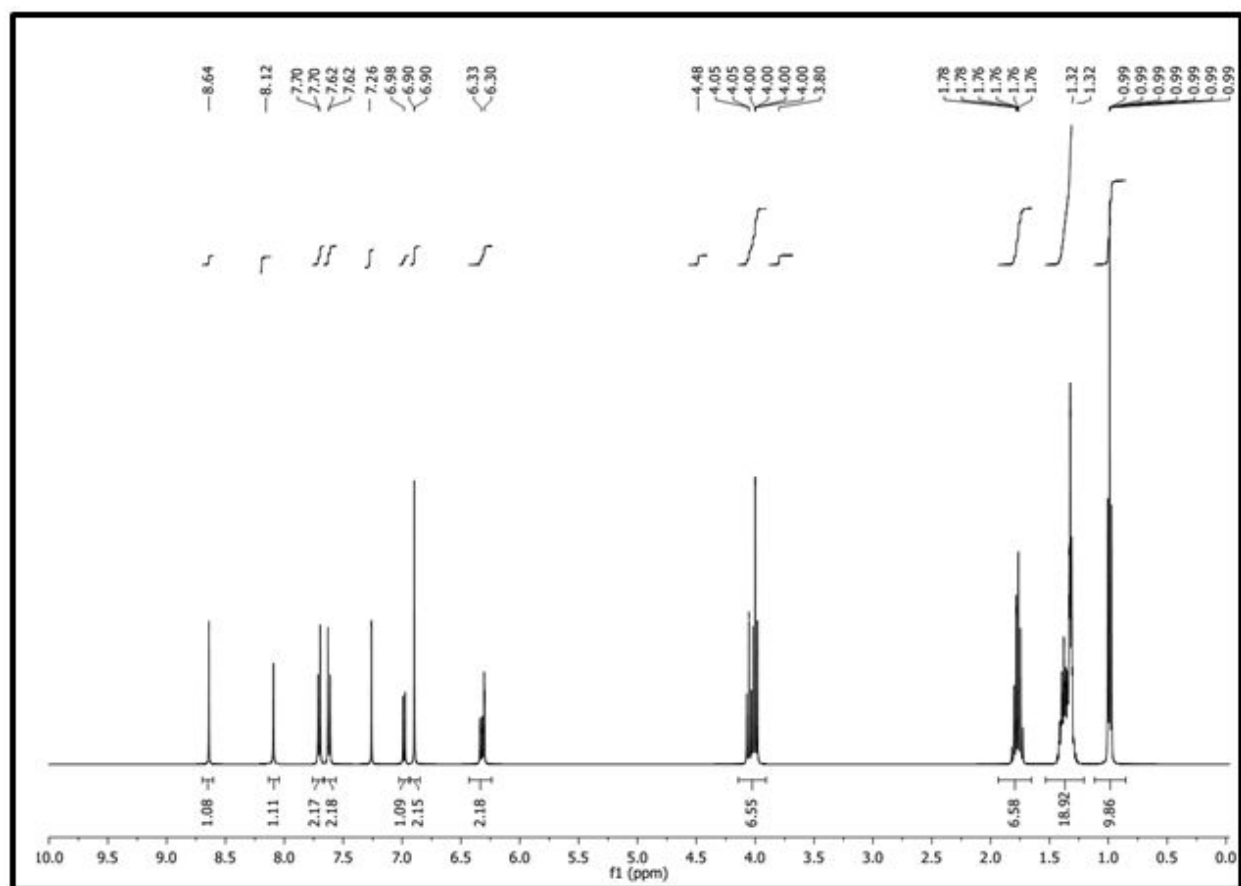


Figure S34.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound **8a**





**Figure S35.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound **8b**

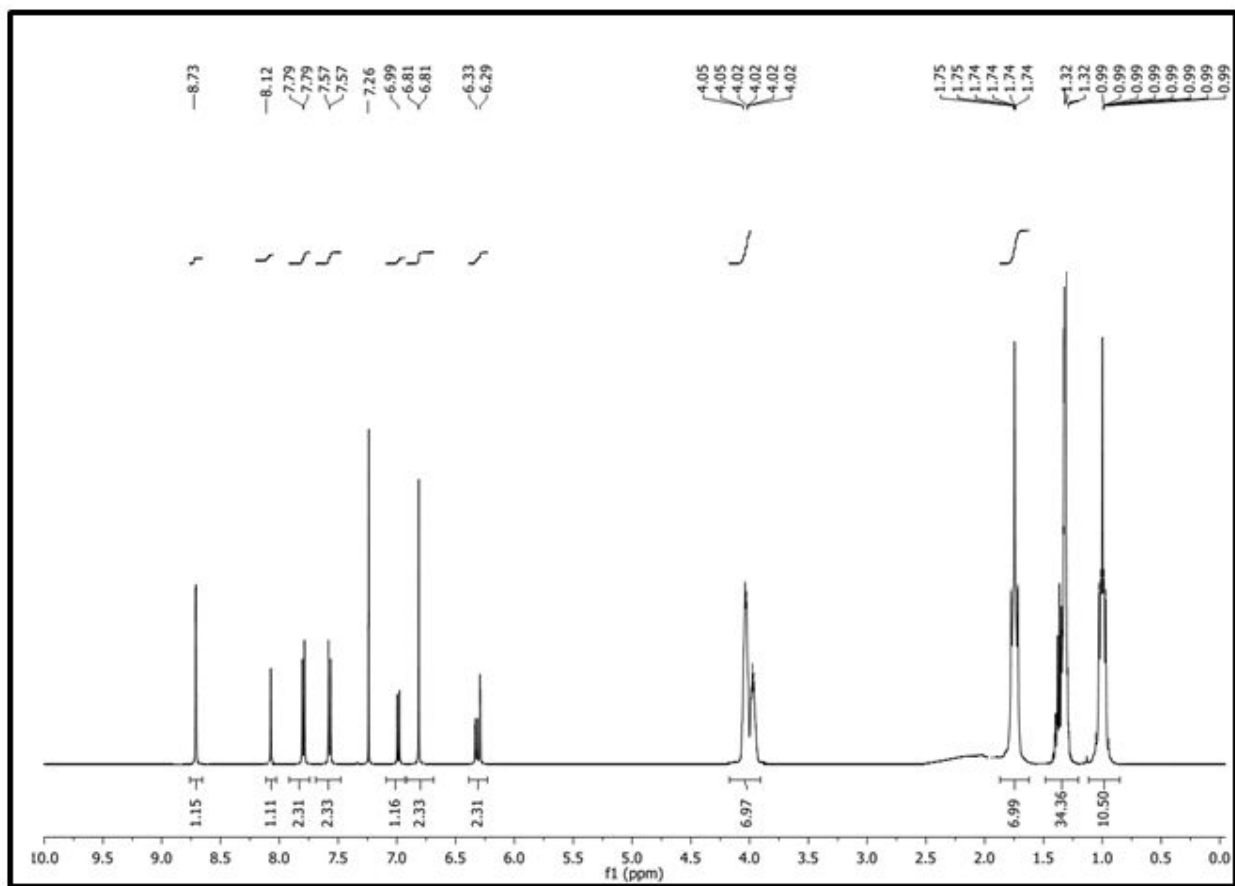
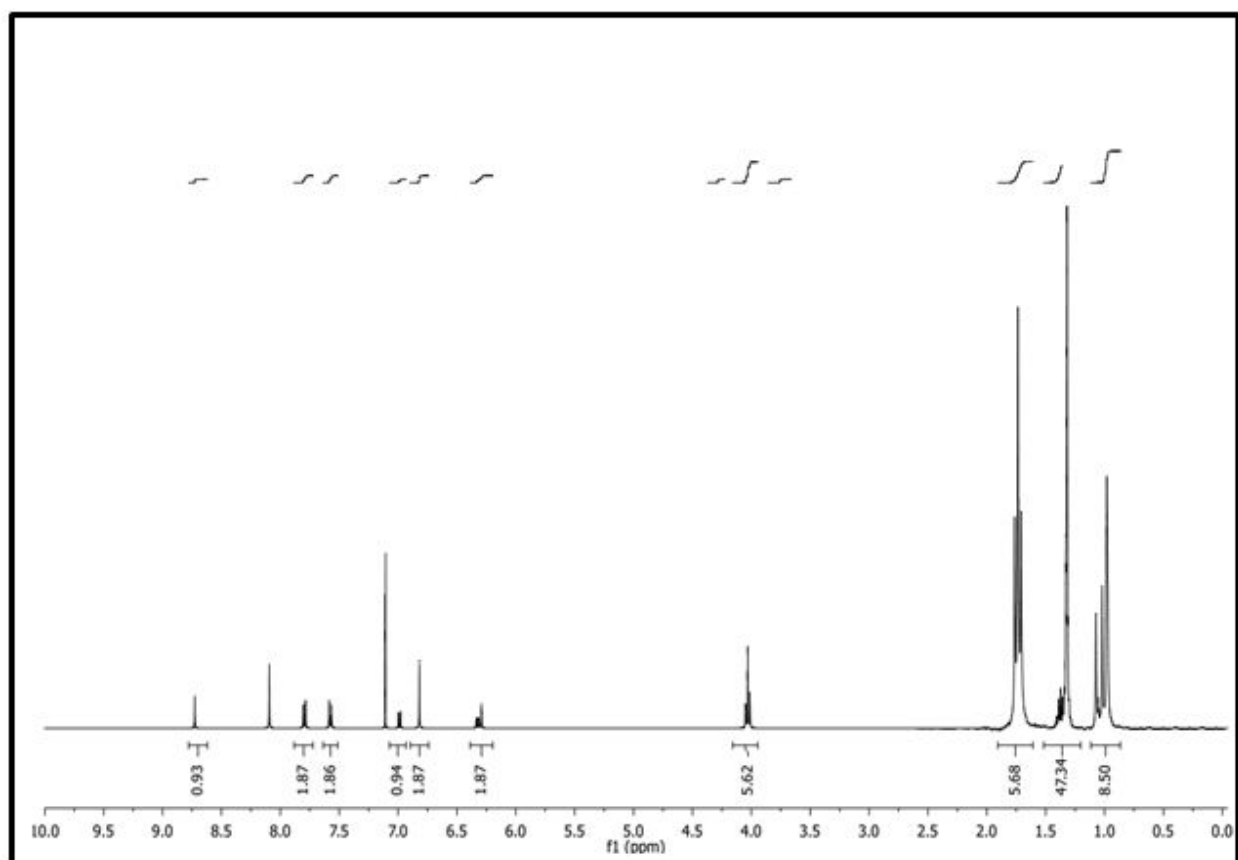
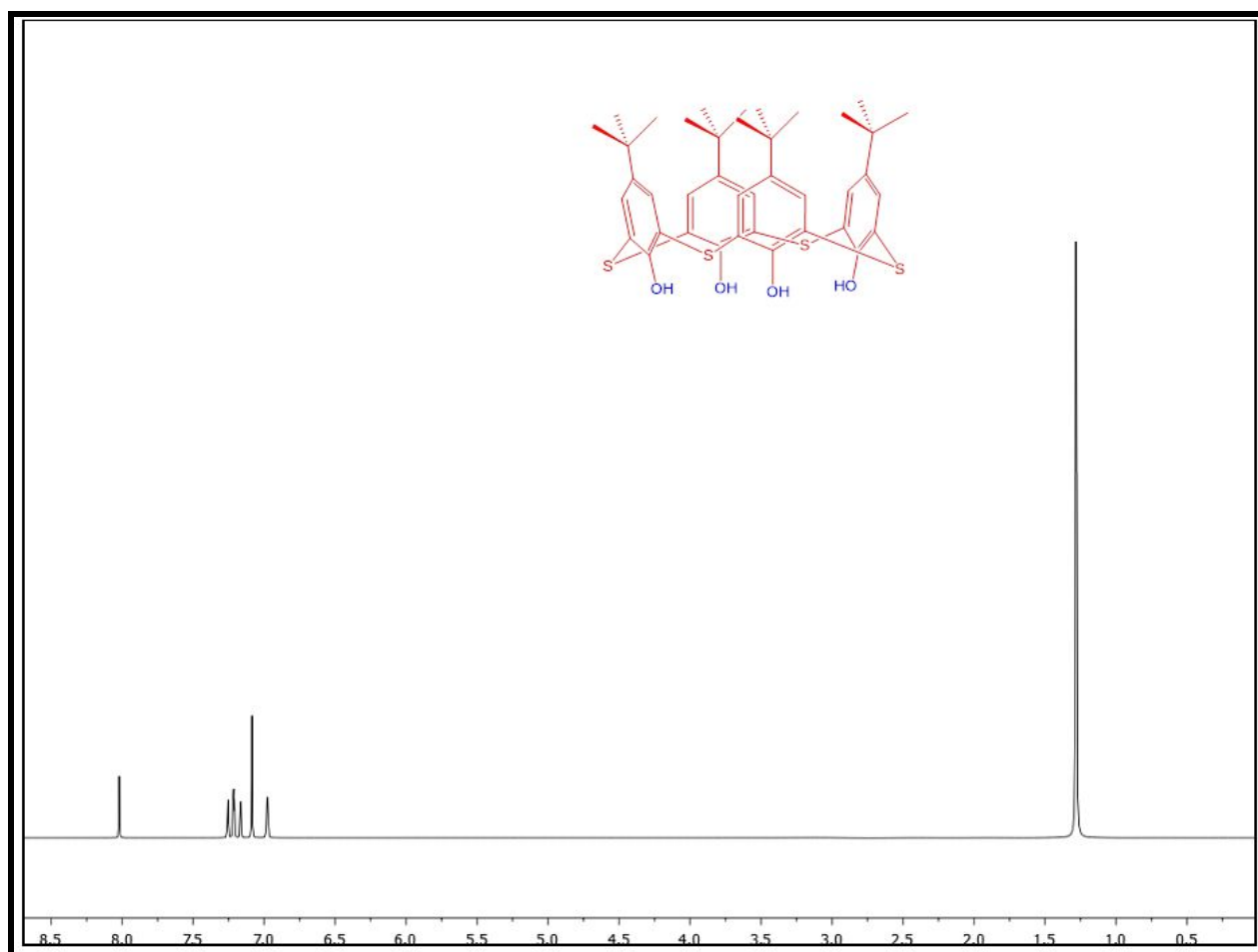


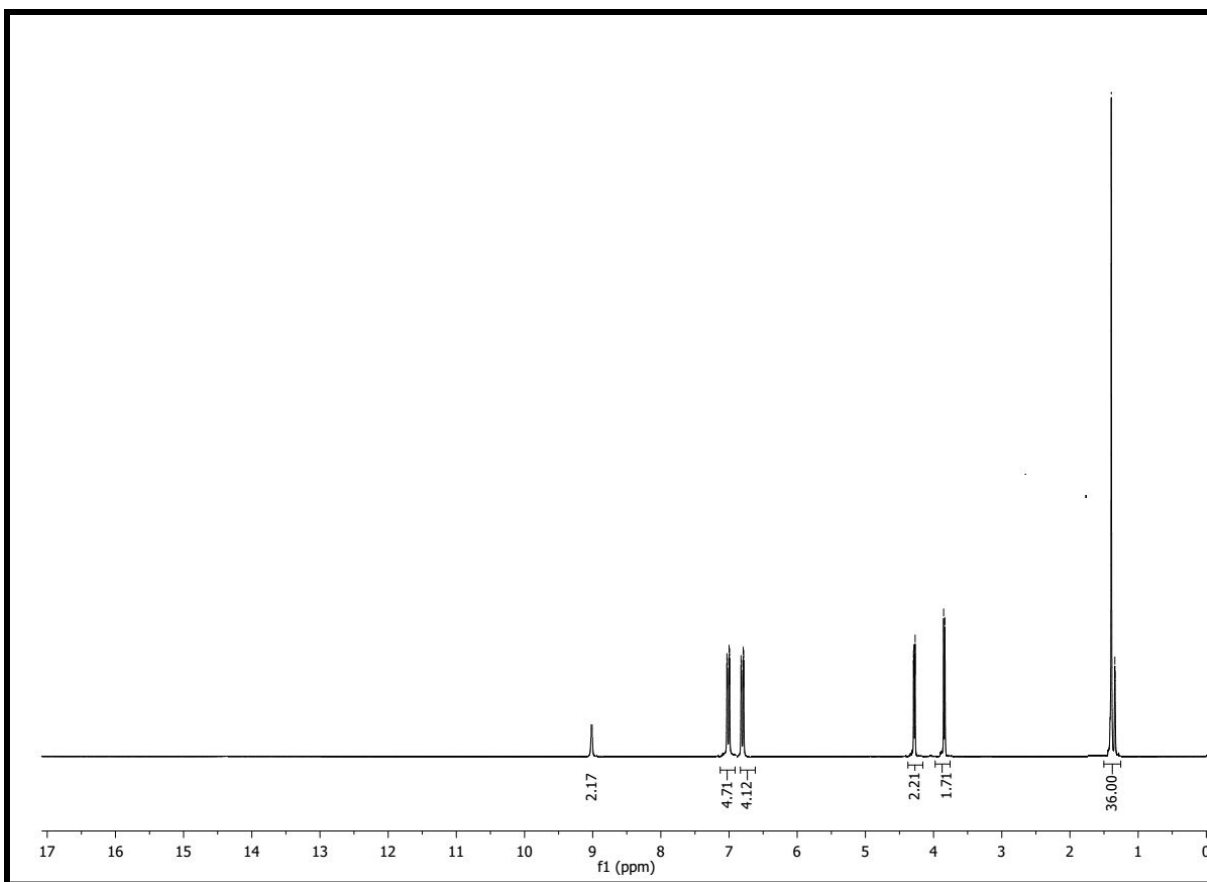
Figure S36. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound **8c**



**Figure S37.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound **8d**



**Figure S38.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound **9**



**Figure S39.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound **9a**

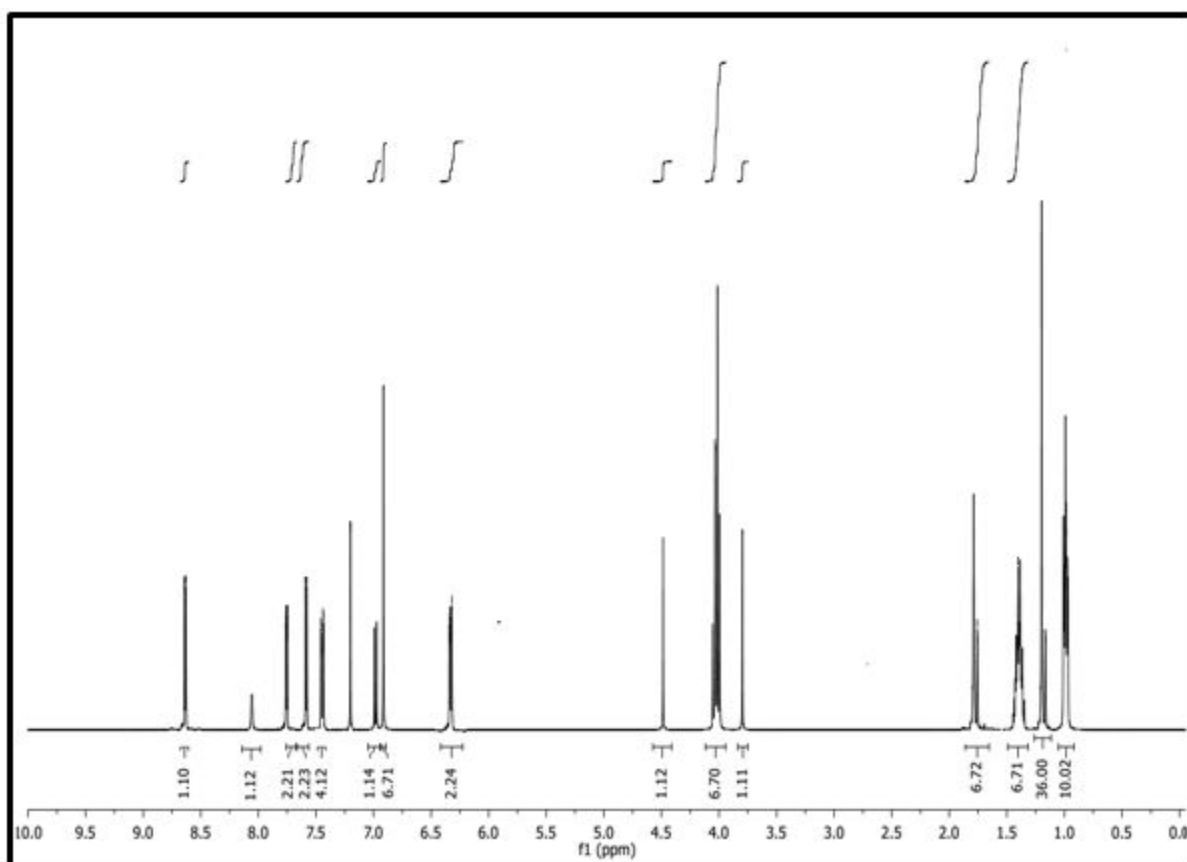
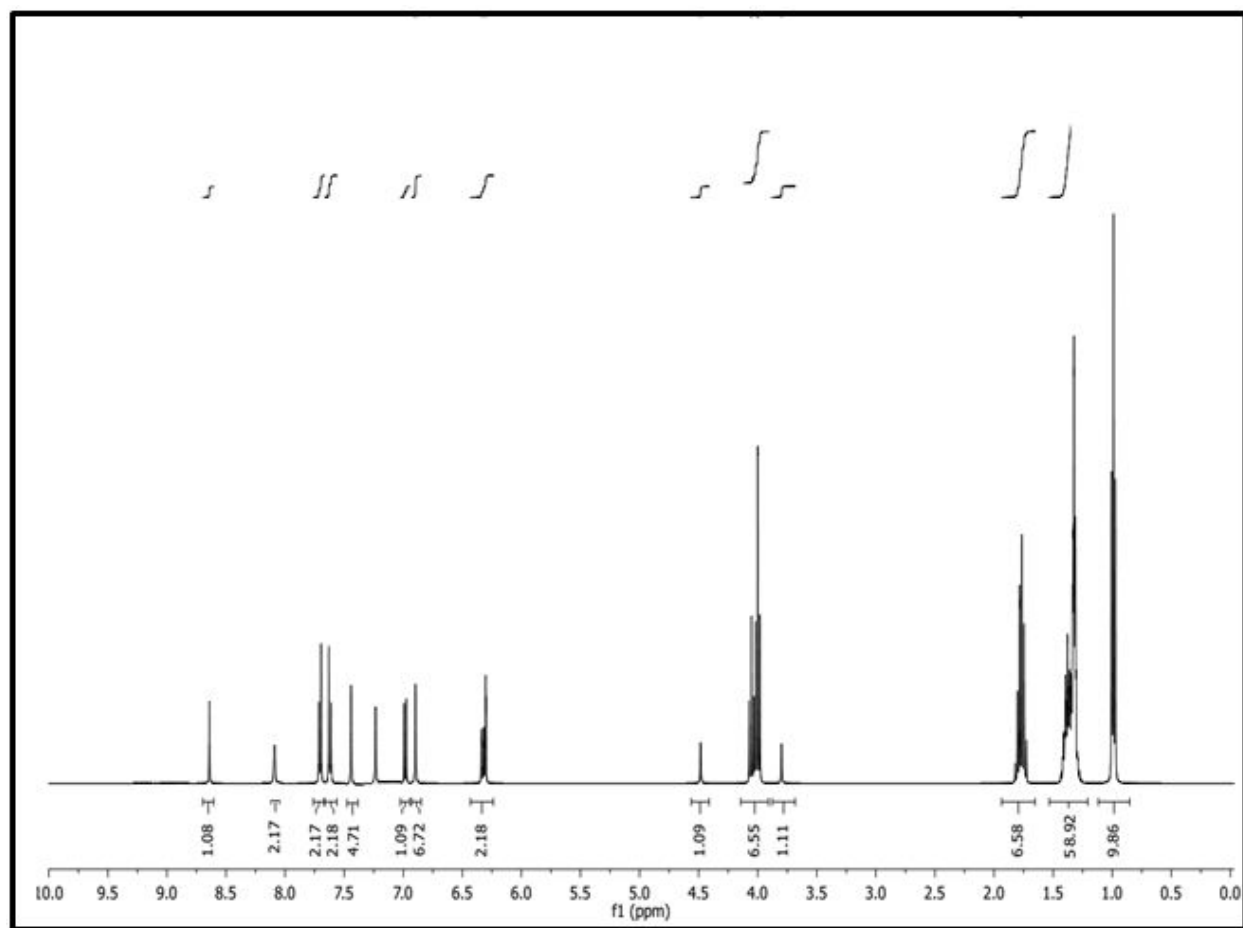
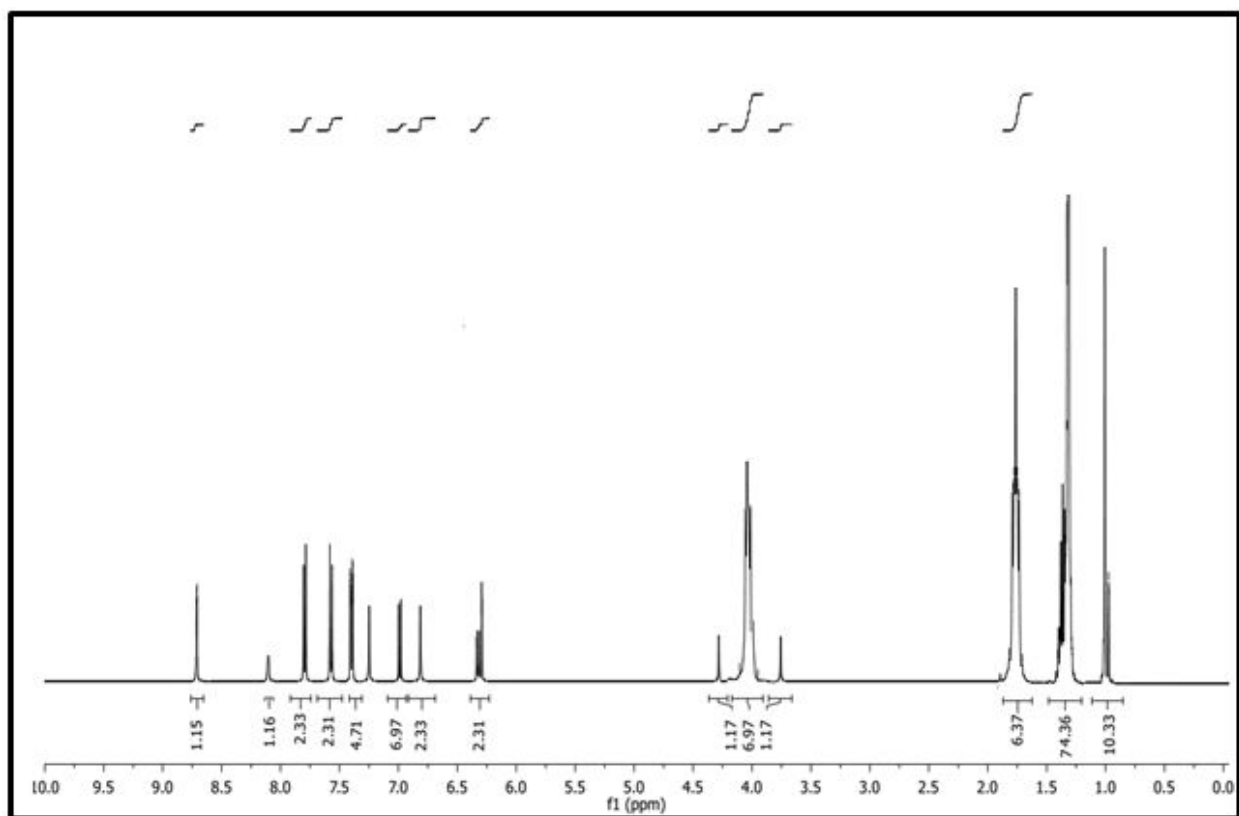


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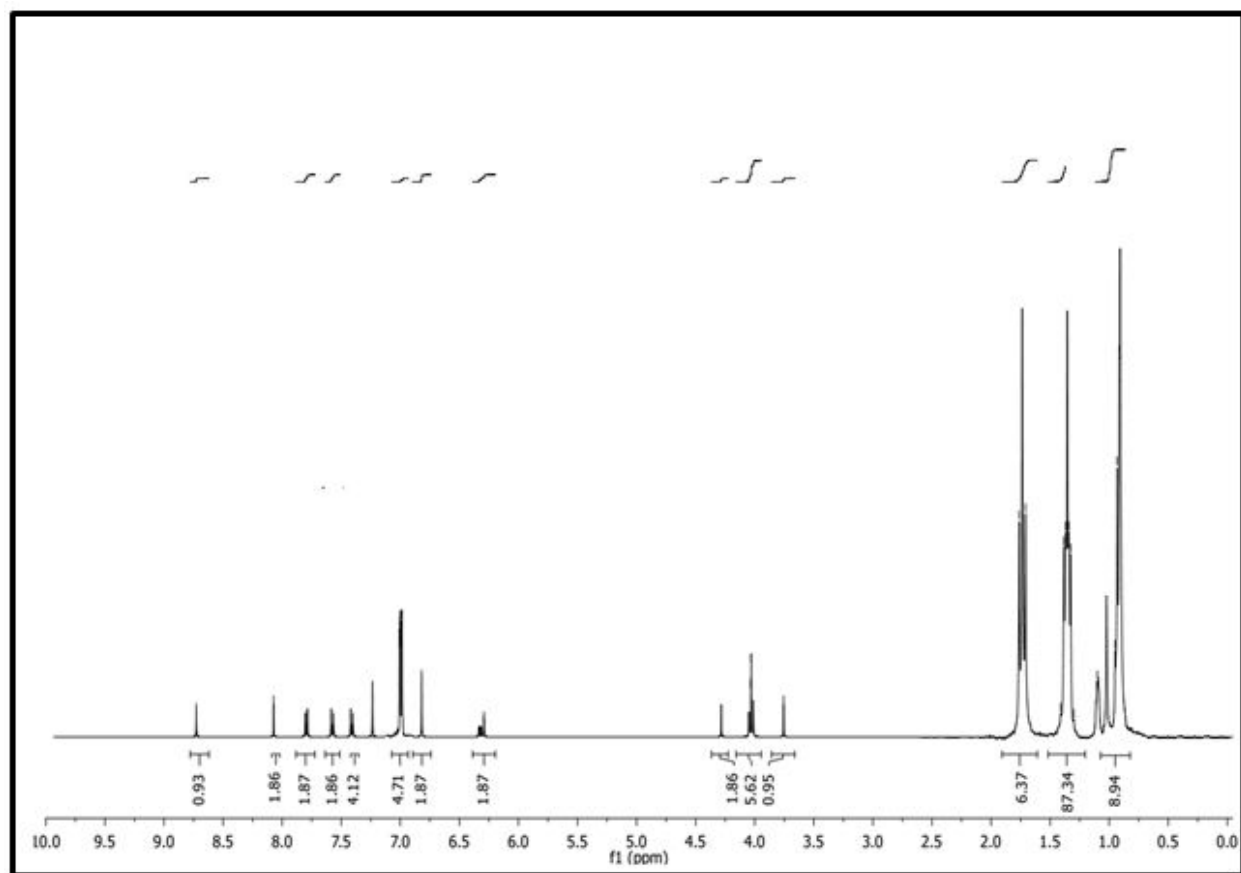


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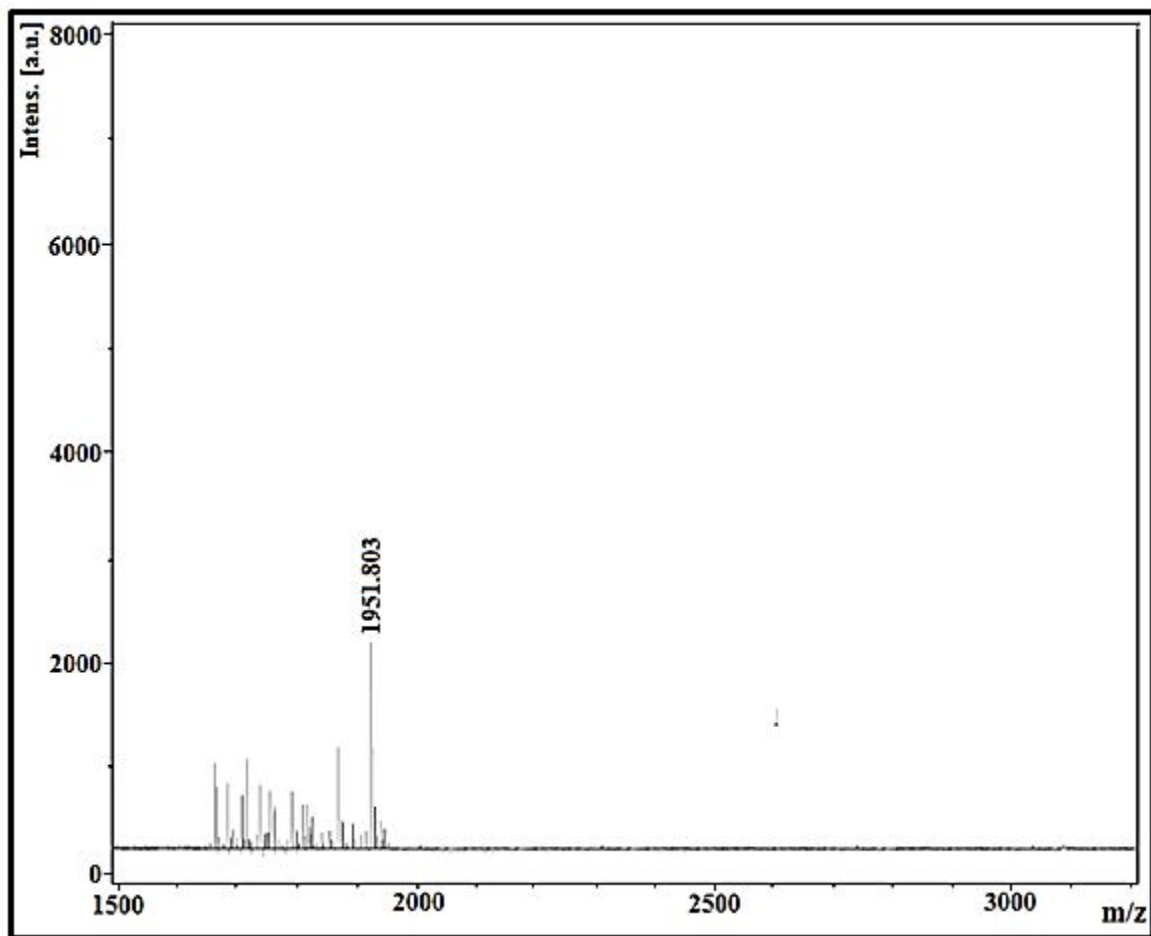




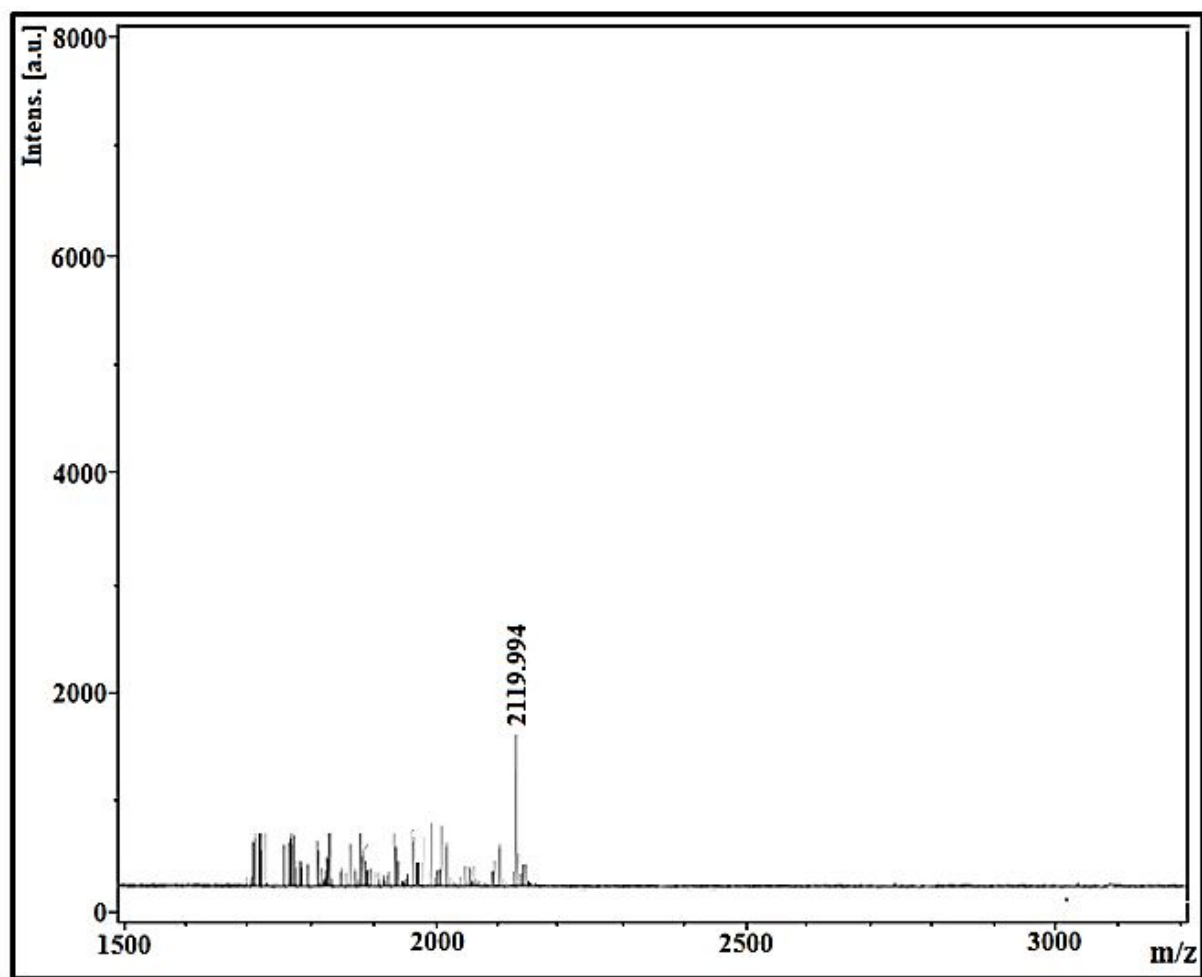
**Figure S42.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound **10c**



**Figure S43.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound **10d**



**Figure S44.** MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **10a**



**Figure S45.** MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **10b**

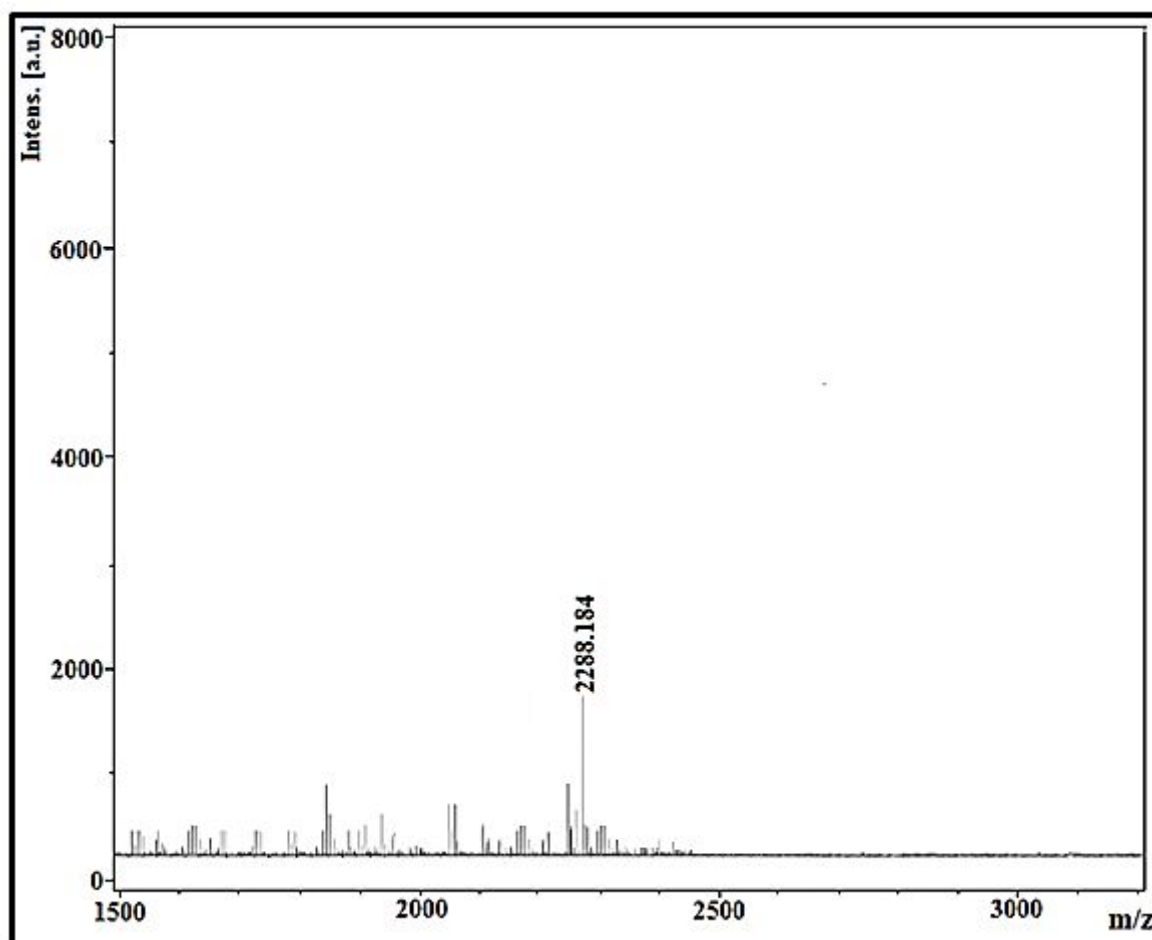
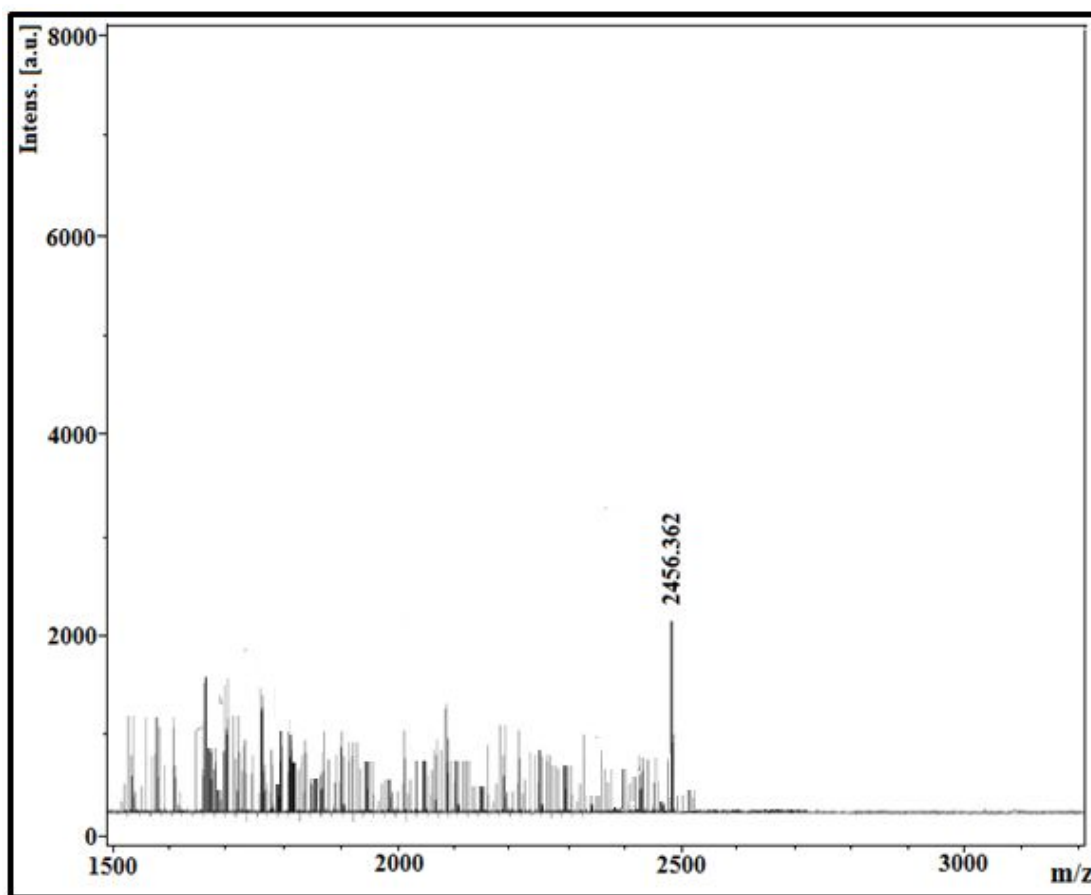


Figure S46. MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **10c**



**Figure S47.** MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **10d**

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