



Supporting Information

for

1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-1,4,5,8-tetraazaanthracene revisited: properties and structural evidence of aromaticity loss

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**Experimental and calculated IR spectra of 3, UV–vis
absorption spectra of 3 in toluene and its fitting with Pekarian
function, NMR spectra**

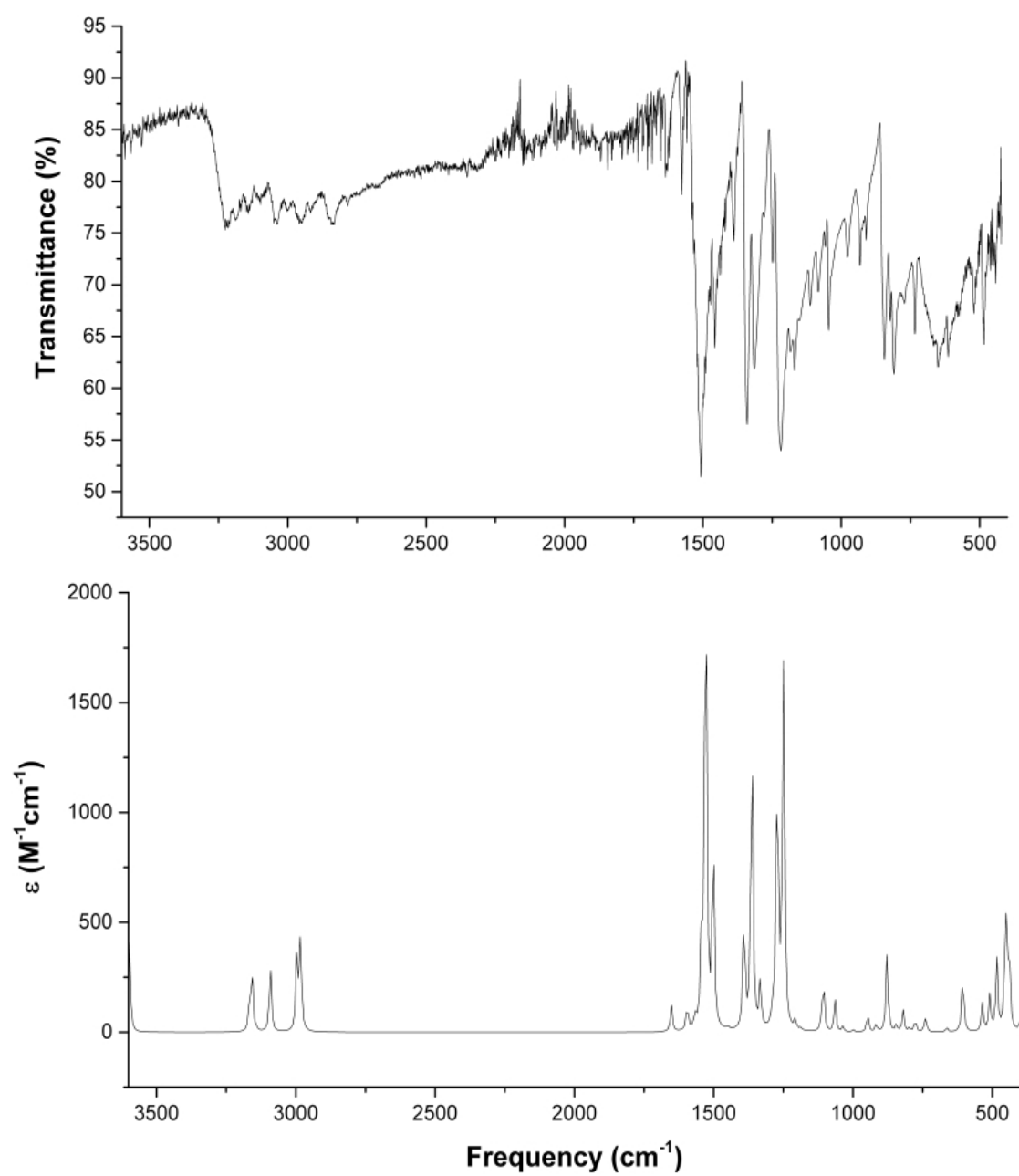


Figure S1. a) IR spectrum of solid sublimed **3**. Calculated by B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p).

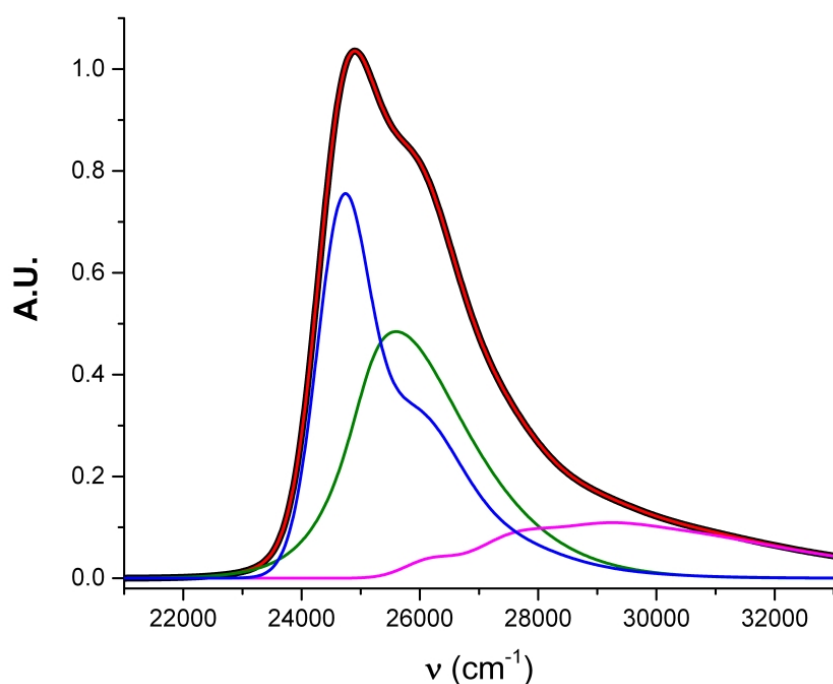


Figure S2. Fitting the experimental UV-Vis absorption spectrum of **3** in toluene at room temperature with Pekarian functions (PF), $R^2 = 0.99998$. Black: experimental spectrum; blue: PF1, 24671 cm^{-1} (405 nm), 44.3% area; green: PF2, 25197 cm^{-1} (397 nm), 38.4% area; PF3, 26140 cm^{-1} (383 nm), area 17.2%; red: the sum of PF1, PF2 and PF3.

Table S1. TD B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) calculated wavelengths (6 states) and oscillator strengths (f) for **3**.

Vacuum			Toluene	
Exc. State	Wavelength	f	Wavelength, f	
	λ , nm		λ , nm	
1 ^a	351.60	0.24	368.13	0.37
2	339.77	0.003	348.32	0.008
3	337.86	0.006	335.00	0.003
4	281.35	0.006	276.16	0.04
5	262.85	0.03	261.88	0.07
6	258.14	0.06	258.72	0.06

^a HOMO → LUMO transition

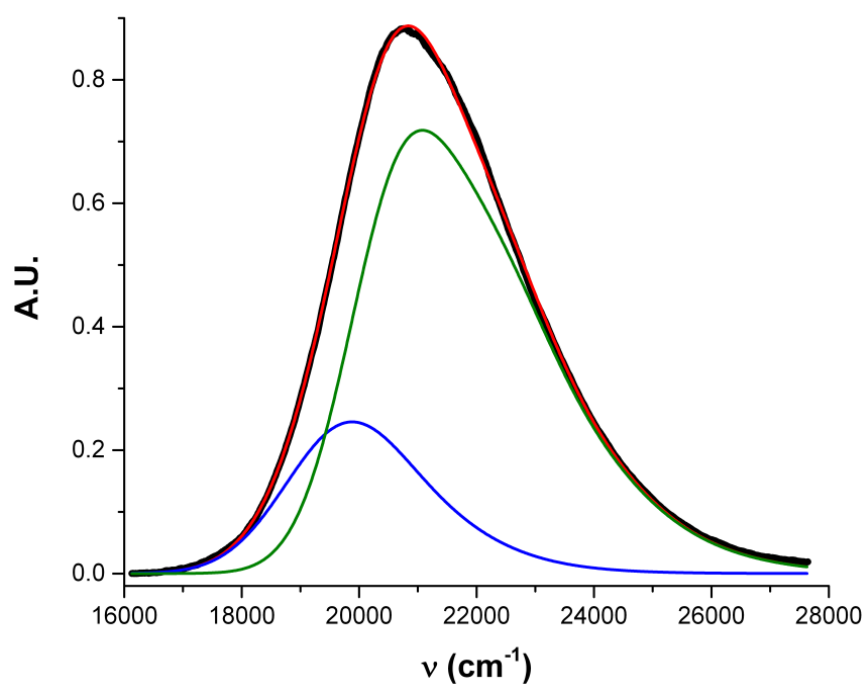


Figure S3. Fitting the experimental UV-Vis absorption spectrum of **6** in water at room temperature with Pekar functions (PF), $R^2 = 0.9998$. Black: experimental spectrum; blue: PF1, 19595 cm^{-1} (510 nm), 22% area; green: PF2, 20589 cm^{-1} (486 nm), 78% area; red: the sum of PF1 and PF2.

Table S2. TD B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) calculated wavelengths (6 states) and oscillator strengths (f) for **6**.

Vacuum			Ethanol	
Exc. State	Wavelength λ , nm	f	Wavelength, λ , nm	f
1	483.50	0.001	483.49	0.001
2 ^a	442.97	0.38	456.05	0.50
3	286.72	0.046	286.85	0.07
4	259.35	0.000	258.02	0.003
5	259.01	0.04	253.54	0.045
6	237.55	0.35	241.06	0.95

^a HOMO → LUMO transition

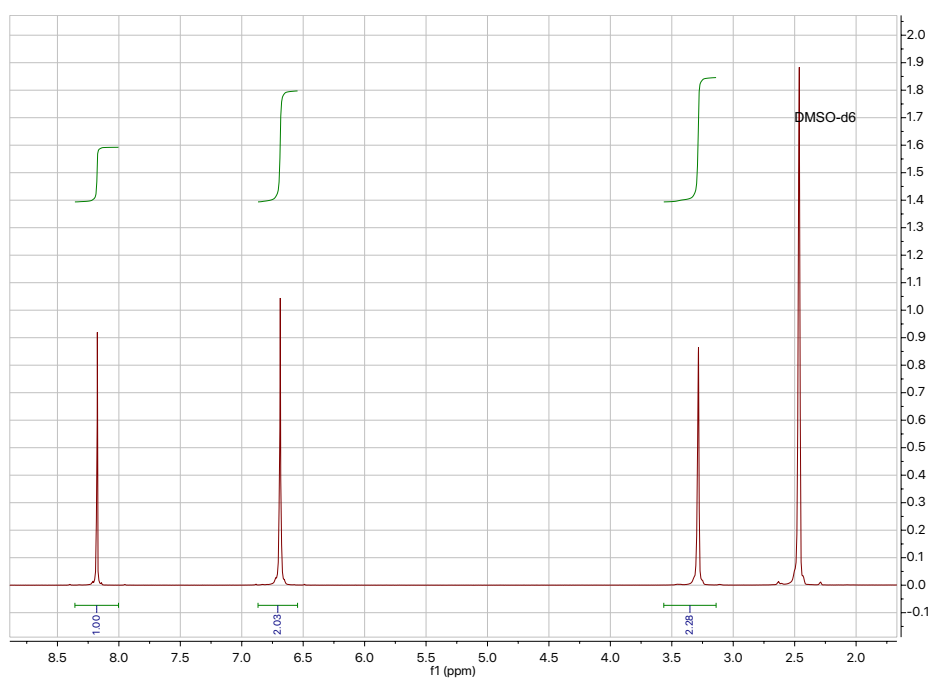


Figure S4. ¹H NMR of **3** in DMSO-*d*₆.

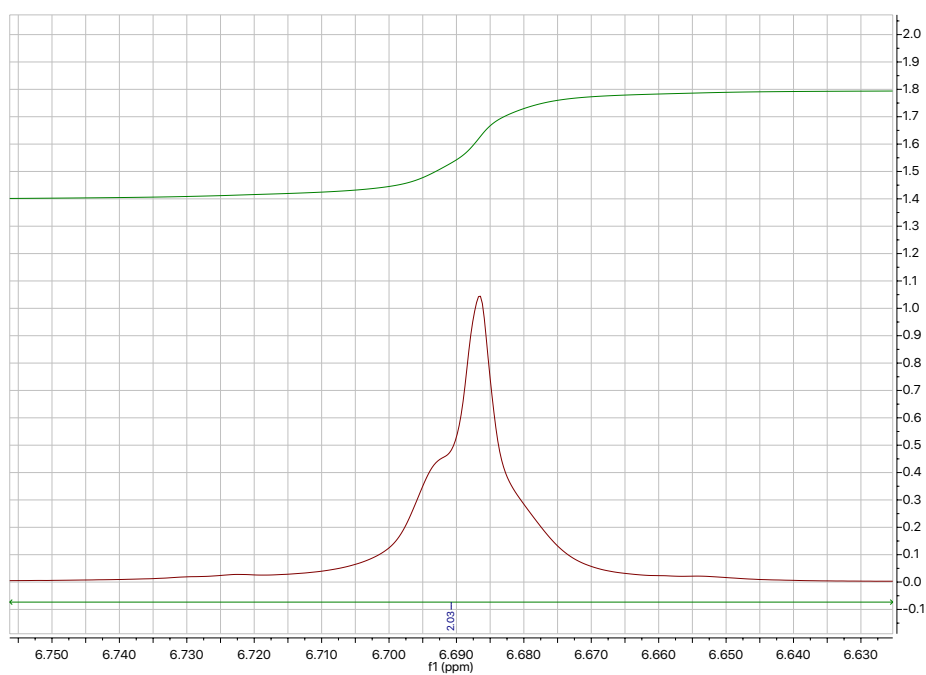


Figure S5. ¹H-NMR of **3** in DMSO-*d*₆, extension.

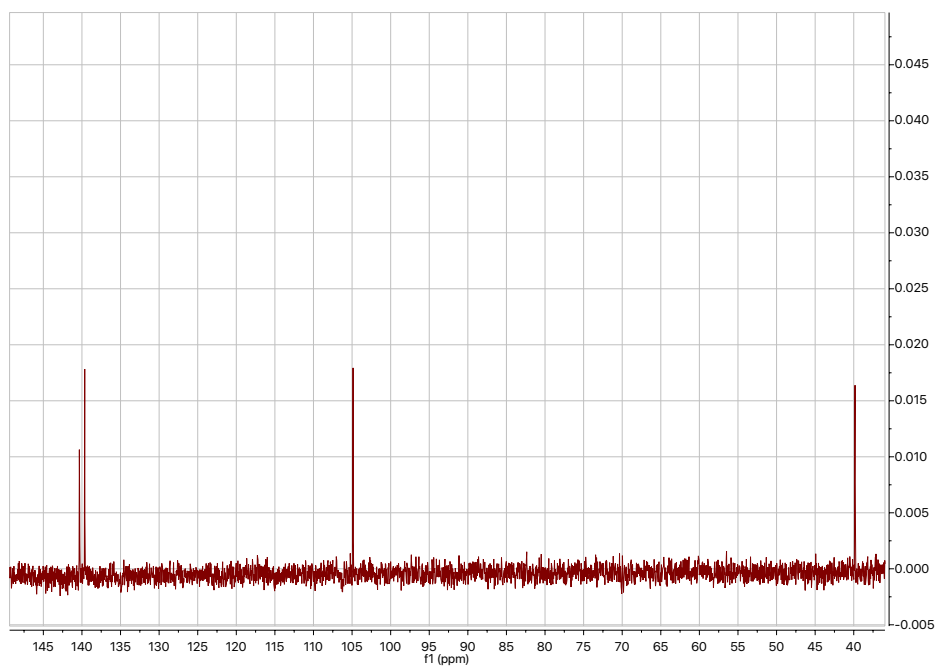


Figure S6. ^{13}C NMR of **3** in $\text{DMF-}d_7$.

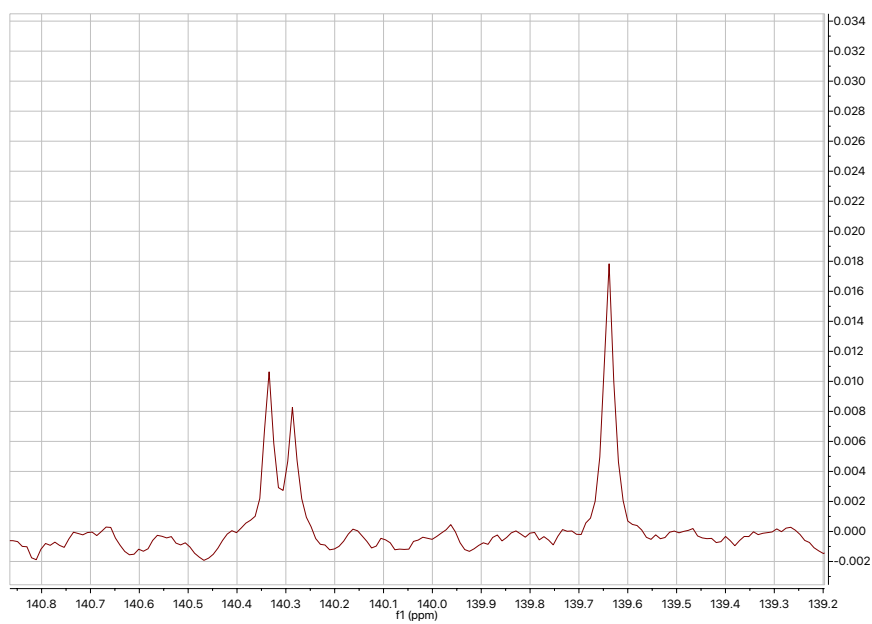


Figure S7. ^{13}C NMR of **3** in $\text{DMF-}d_7$ extension.

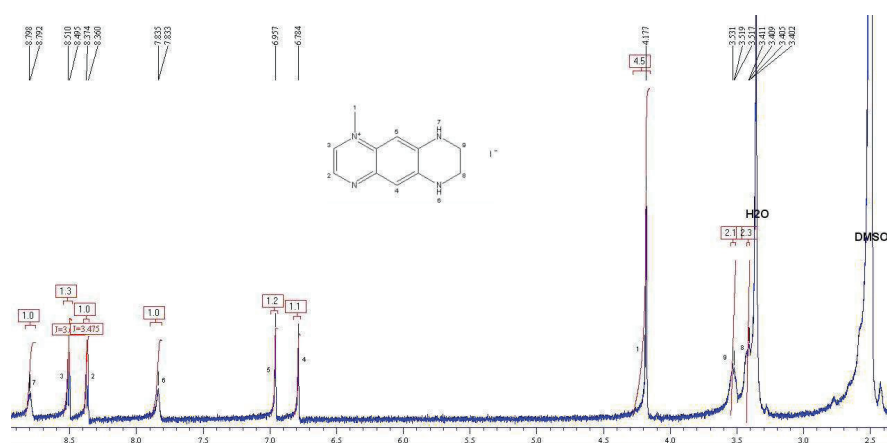


Figure S8. ^1H NMR of **7a** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$.

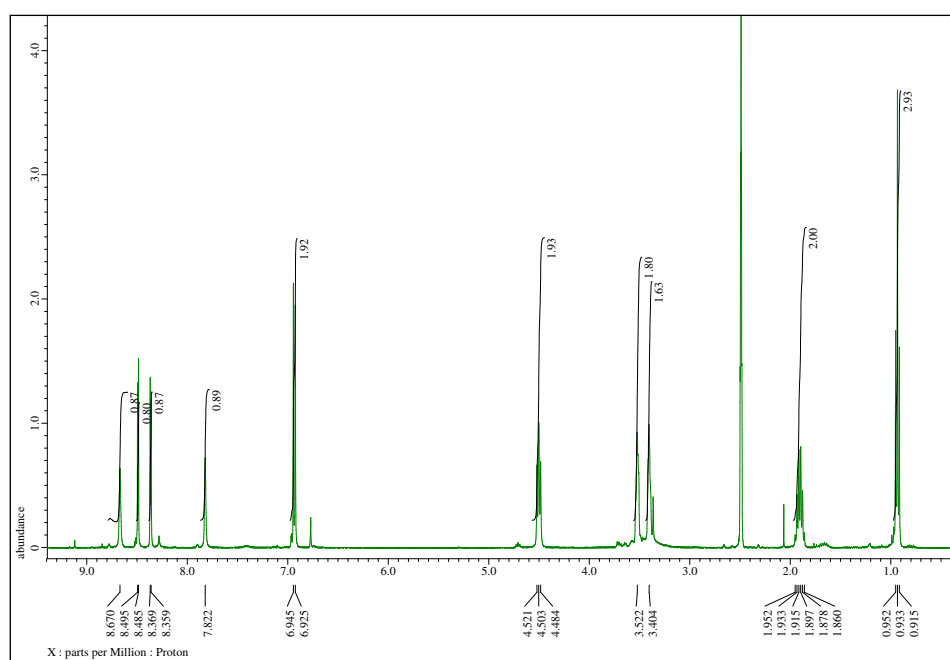


Figure S9. ^1H NMR of **7b** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$.

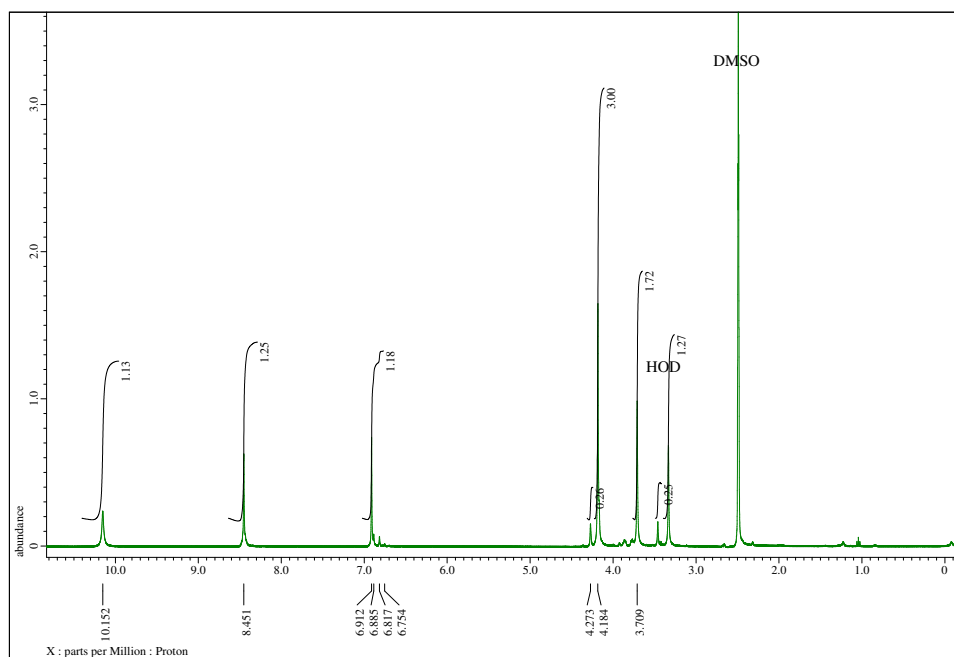


Figure S10. ¹H NMR of **8** in DMSO-*d*₆.

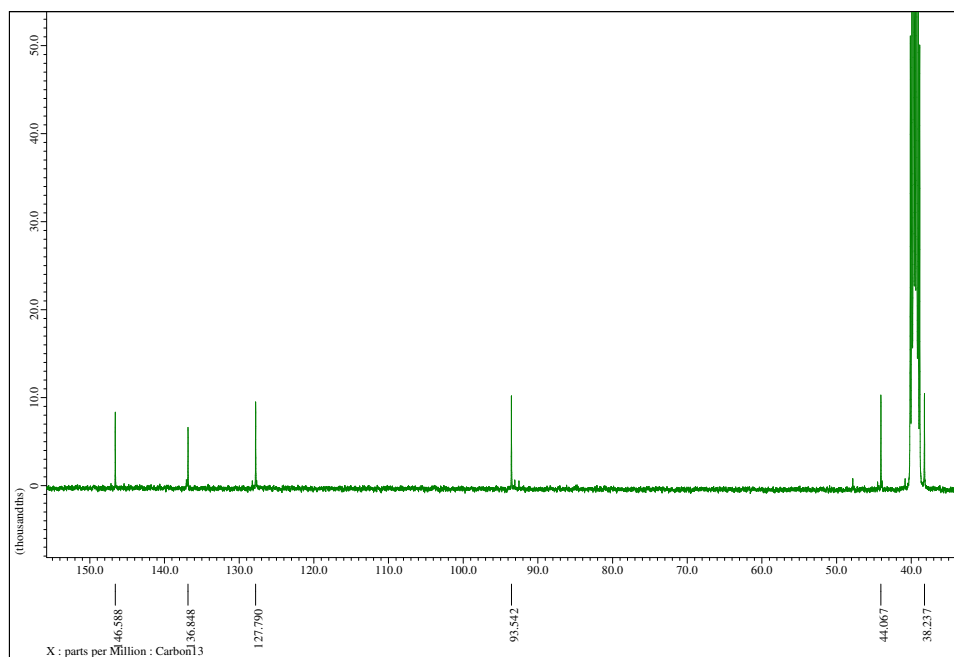


Figure S11. ¹³C NMR of **8** in DMSO-*d*₆.

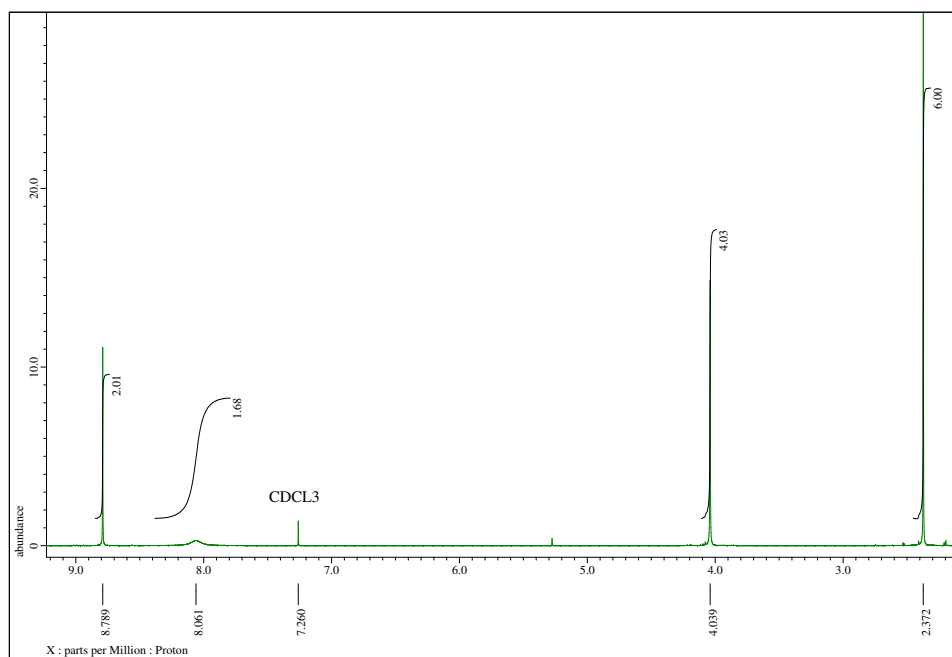


Figure S12. ¹H NMR of **9** in CDCl₃.

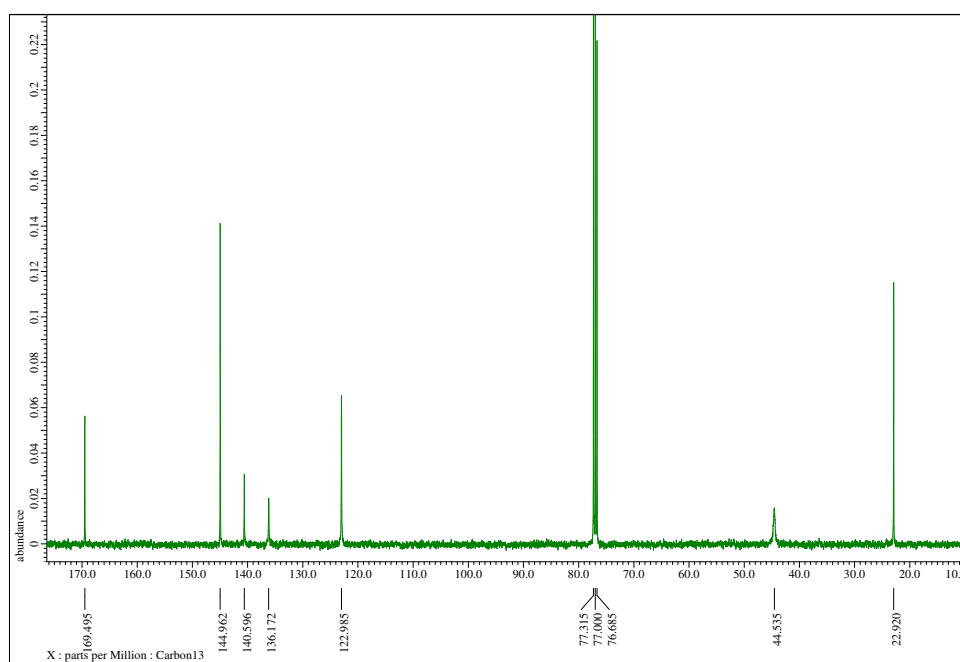


Figure S13. ¹³C NMR of **9** in CDCl₃.

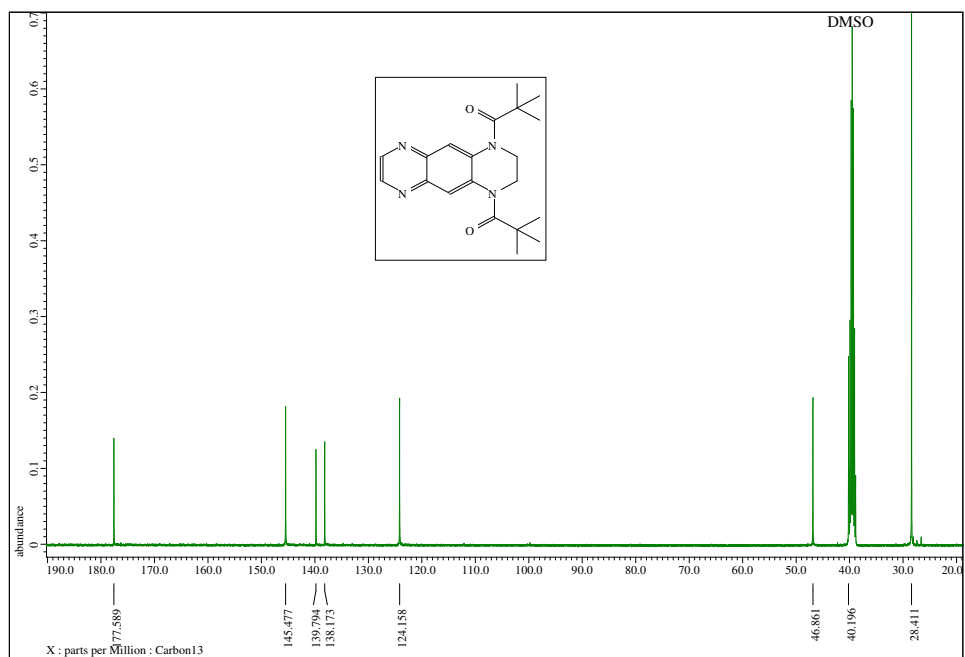


Figure S14. ¹H NMR of **10a** in DMSO-*d*₆.

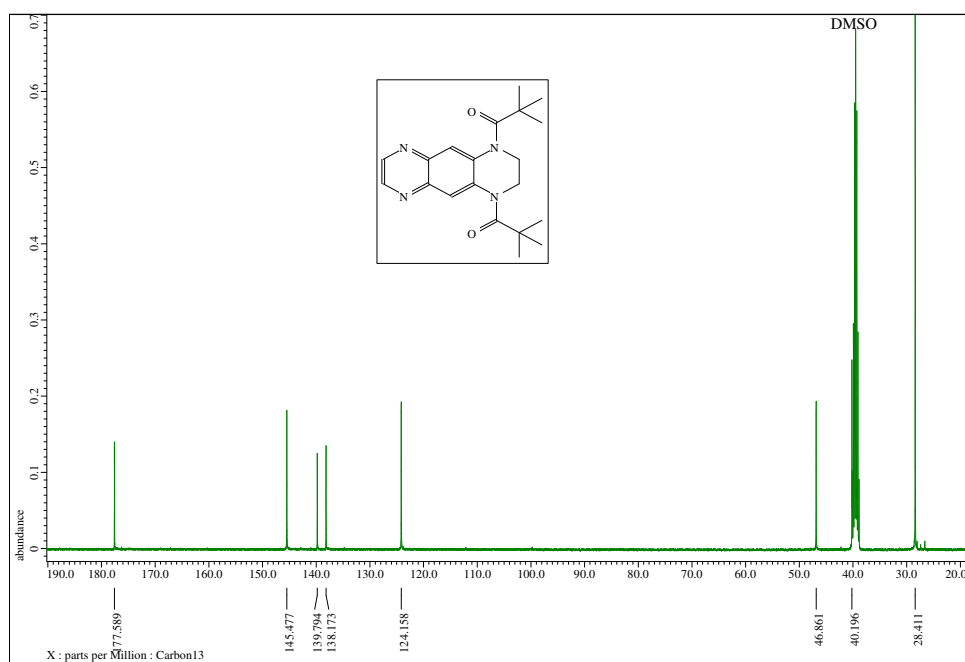


Figure S15. ¹³C NMR of **10a** in DMSO-*d*₆.

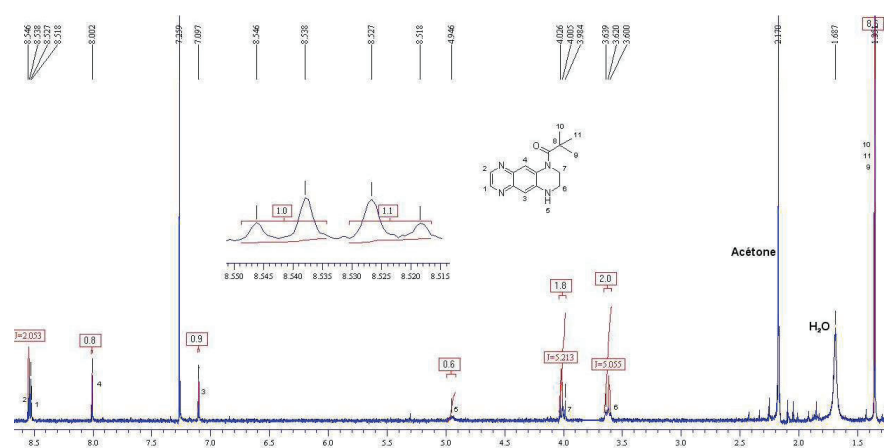


Figure S16. ^1H NMR of **10b** in CDCl_3 .