

Supporting Information

New class of tunable choline bromide-based hydrophobic deep eutectic solvents for the extraction of bioactive compounds of varying polarity from a plant matrix

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Solvatochromic dye methods

The choice of dyes employed in calculating Kamlet-Taft solvent parameters are based on a previous approach.¹ Equations 1-4 were used to determine the (E_{NR}) values and Kamlet-Taft solvent parameters:

$$E_{NR} (\text{kcal/mol}) = 28591 / \Lambda_{\text{max}} (\text{nm}) \quad (1)$$

$$\alpha = (19.9657 - 1.0241\pi^* - \nu_{NR}) / 1.6078 \quad (2)$$

$$\beta = (1.035 \nu_{\text{DENA}} + 2.64 - \nu_{4\text{-NA}}) / 2.80 \quad (3)$$

$$\pi^* = 0.314 (27.52 - \nu_{\text{DENA}}) \quad (4)$$

$$\text{where } \nu = 1 / (\Lambda_{\text{max}} \times 10^{-4})$$

The Abraham solvation parameter model

To relate chromatographic retention of analytes to individual solute-solvent interactions, the Abraham solvation parameter model (equation 5) was employed.

$$\text{Log } k = c + eE + sS + aA + bB + lL \quad (5)$$

In equation 5, k represents the retention factor of each probe molecule calculated using the dead time and the retention time of each chromatographic column. The solute descriptors (E , S , A , B , and L) are specific to analytes and represent the excess molar refraction, dipolarity/polarizability, hydrogen bond acidity, hydrogen bond basicity, and gas-hexadecane partition coefficient at 298 K, respectively. The system constants (e , s , a , b , and l) represent specific solvation interactions of the DES stationary phase, where e measures $n-\pi$ and $\pi-\pi$ interactions, s the dipolarity/polarizability, a the hydrogen bond basicity, b the hydrogen bond acidity, and l provides a measure of dispersive-type interactions.

Stability of HDESs during the extraction

Due to its capacity in undergoing hydrogen bonding, water is supposed to undergo interaction with the hydrogen bonding network of DESs.² For this reason, it is important to verify their stability when performing applications involving aqueous solutions. In the DSLME method, an aqueous solution of 30% KBr is used as co-solvent to form a dispersion of the HDES in the sample. To verify that the HDES remains intact during extraction, its ¹H NMR profile was compared before and after extraction. To avoid interference of the plant and analytes in the NMR spectra, the extraction was carried out by substituting the plant material with 2 mL of KBr aqueous solution. The extraction was then carried out as reported in Figure 2 and the recovered HDESs diluted in deuterated solvent and subjected to NMR measurements. For all HDESs, ¹H NMR spectra showed the presence of both the HBA and HBD after the extraction, confirming that hydrogen bonding is intact after dispersion in water and that the entire HDES is responsible for the extraction. The molar ratio between the HBA and HBD was also monitored and showed to be stable after extraction. The only exception was the [N_{3 3 3} (2OH)⁺] : 2 Thymol HDES, where the molar ratio between [N_{3 3 3} (2OH)⁺] and Thymol changed after the extraction process. In fact, part of [N_{3 3 3} (2OH)⁺] dissolved in the water phase during the extraction and it was therefore found in lower relative amounts in the HDES phase. This behavior appears to be linked to its higher hydrophilicity, already observed in the measurement of water content. The ¹H NMR spectra of [N_{3 3 3} (2OH)⁺] : 2Thymol and [N_{1 1 16} (2OH)⁺] : 2 Thymol before and after the extraction are shown as representative examples in the supporting information.

Table S1. Reaction conditions of the [Ch⁺][Br⁻]-modified salts synthesized in the study.

| ChBr-modified salts | Reagent 1 | Reagent 2 | Solvent | Molar ratio | Purification | Yield (%) | Characterization | Ref. |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------|--|-----------|--|------|
| [N _{1 1 10 (2OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] | Dimethylammino ethanol | 1-Bromodecane | Hexane | 1 : 1.1 | Wash with hexane | 50% | ¹ H and ¹³ C NMR | 18 |
| [N _{1 1 12 (2OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] | Dimethylammino ethanol | 1-Bromododecane | Hexane | 1 : 1.1 | Wash with hexane | 70% | ¹ H and ¹³ C NMR | 18 |
| [N _{1 1 14 (2OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] | Dimethylammino ethanol | 1-Bromotetradecane | Hexane | 1 : 1.1 | Wash with hexane | 70% | ¹ H and ¹³ C NMR | 18 |
| [N _{1 1 16 (2OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] | Dimethylammino ethanol | 1-Bromohexadecane | Hexane | 1 : 1.1 | Wash with hexane | 70% | ¹ H and ¹³ C NMR | 18 |
| [N _{3 3 3 (2OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] | Tripropylamine | Bromoethanol | Toluene | 1 : 1 | Rotary evaporation + wash with diethyl ether | 30% | ¹ H and ¹³ C NMR | 17 |
| [N _{6 6 6 (2OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] | Trihexylamine | Bromoethanol | Toluene | 1.2 : 1 | Rotary evaporation, wash with diethyl ether + crystallization in ethyl acetate | 30% | ¹ H and ¹³ C NMR | 17 |

Table S2. Melting peak/glass transition temperatures of 25 HDESs as measured by a Thermal Advantage DSC Q2000 instrument.

| HDES | T _g (°C) | T _m (°C) |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| [N _{1 1 10 2(OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] : 2 Thymol | -64.2 | - |
| [N _{1 1 16 2(OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] : 2 Thymol | -84.0 | 6.9 |
| [N _{3 3 3 2(OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] : 2 Thymol | -44.1 | - |
| [N _{4 4 4 4} ⁺][Br ⁻] : 2 Thymol | -43.2 | - |
| [N _{6 6 6 2(OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] : 2 Thymol | -89.9 | - |

“-” No T_m/T_g peak was observed/reported

Table S3. Viscosity data obtained at 21.6 °C for all HDESs.

| HDES/neat HBDs | Viscosity (cP) |
|--|----------------|
| [N _{1 1 10 2(OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] : 2 Thymol | 138.96 |
| [N _{1 1 16 2(OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] : 2 Thymol | 96.14 |
| [N _{3 3 3 2(OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] : 2 Thymol | 1856.33 |
| [N _{4 4 4 4} ⁺][Br ⁻] : 2 Thymol | 2228.33 |
| [N _{1 1 1 2(OH)} ⁺][Br ⁻] : 2 Thymol ([Ch ⁺][Br ⁻]) : 2 Thymol | - ^a |

^a HDES resembled a chunky solid at 21.6 °C

Table S4. List of all probe molecules and their corresponding solute descriptors employed in this study.

| Probe Molecule | E | S | A | B | L |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Acetophenone | 0.818 | 1.01 | 0 | 0.48 | 4.501 |
| Benzaldehyde | 0.82 | 1 | 0 | 0.39 | 4.008 |
| Benzene | 0.61 | 0.52 | 0 | 0.14 | 2.786 |
| Benzonitrile | 0.742 | 1.11 | 0 | 0.33 | 4.039 |
| Bromoethane | 0.366 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.12 | 2.62 |
| 1-Bromooctane | 0.339 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.12 | 5.09 |
| 1-Butanol | 0.224 | 0.42 | 0.37 | 0.48 | 2.601 |
| 1-Chlorobutane | 0.21 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.1 | 2.722 |
| 1-Chlorohexane | 0.201 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.1 | 3.777 |
| 1-Chlorooctane | 0.191 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.1 | 4.772 |
| Cyclohexanol | 0.46 | 0.54 | 0.32 | 0.57 | 3.758 |
| Cyclohexanone | 0.403 | 0.86 | 0 | 0.56 | 3.792 |
| 1,2-Dichlorobenzene | 0.872 | 0.78 | 0 | 0.04 | 4.518 |
| <i>N,N</i> -Dimethylformamide | 0.367 | 1.31 | 0 | 0.74 | 3.173 |
| 1,4-Dioxane | 0.329 | 0.75 | 0 | 0.64 | 2.892 |
| Ethyl Acetate | 0.106 | 0.62 | 0 | 0.45 | 2.314 |
| Ethyl benzene | 0.613 | 0.51 | 0 | 0.15 | 3.778 |
| 1-Iodobutane | 0.628 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.15 | 4.13 |
| Methyl Caproate | 0.067 | 0.6 | 0 | 0.45 | 3.844 |
| Naphthalene | 1.34 | 0.92 | 0 | 0.2 | 5.161 |
| Nitrobenzene | 0.871 | 1.11 | 0 | 0.28 | 4.557 |
| 1-Nitropropane | 0.242 | 0.95 | 0 | 0.31 | 2.894 |
| Octylaldehyde | 0.16 | 0.65 | 0 | 0.45 | 4.361 |
| 1-Pentanol | 0.219 | 0.42 | 0.37 | 0.48 | 3.106 |
| 2-Pentanone | 0.143 | 0.68 | 0 | 0.51 | 2.755 |
| Ethyl phenyl ether | 0.681 | 0.7 | 0 | 0.32 | 4.242 |
| Propionitrile | 0.162 | 0.9 | 0.02 | 0.36 | 2.082 |
| Pyridine | 0.631 | 0.84 | 0 | 0.52 | 3.022 |
| Pyrrole | 0.613 | 0.73 | 0.41 | 0.29 | 2.865 |
| Toluene | 0.601 | 0.52 | 0 | 0.14 | 3.325 |
| <i>m</i> -Xylene | 0.623 | 0.52 | 0 | 0.16 | 3.839 |
| <i>o</i> -Xylene | 0.663 | 0.56 | 0 | 0.16 | 3.939 |
| <i>p</i> -Xylene | 0.613 | 0.52 | 0 | 0.16 | 3.839 |
| 2-Propanol | 0.212 | 0.36 | 0.33 | 0.56 | 1.764 |
| 2-Nitrophenol | 1.015 | 1.05 | 0.05 | 0.37 | 4.76 |
| 1-Bromohexane | 0.349 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.12 | 4.13 |
| 1-Decanol | 0.191 | 0.42 | 0.37 | 0.48 | 5.628 |
| Methanol | 0.278 | 0.44 | 0.43 | 0.47 | 0.97 |
| Ethanol | 0.246 | 0.42 | 0.37 | 0.48 | 1.485 |
| Nitromethane | 0.313 | 0.95 | 0.06 | 0.31 | 1.892 |
| Cyclopentanol | 0.427 | 0.54 | 0.32 | 0.56 | 3.241 |
| Cycloheptanol | 0.513 | 0.54 | 0.32 | 0.58 | 4.407 |
| Phenylethyne | 0.679 | 0.58 | 0.12 | 0.24 | 3.692 |

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|-------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1-Hexanol | 0.21 | 0.42 | 0.37 | 0.48 | 3.61 |
| Bromobutane | 0.36 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.12 | 3.105 |
| Iodoethane | 0.64 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.15 | 2.573 |
| Methylacetate | 0.142 | 0.64 | 0 | 0.45 | 1.911 |
| 2-Butanol | 0.217 | 0.36 | 0.33 | 0.56 | 2.338 |
| 1-Propanol | 0.236 | 0.42 | 0.37 | 0.48 | 2.031 |
| Pyrazine | 0.629 | 0.95 | 0 | 0.62 | 2.920 |
| 2-Methylpyrazine | 0.629 | 0.90 | 0 | 0.64 | 3.254 |
| <i>N,N</i> -Dimethylacetamide | 0.363 | 1.33 | 0 | 0.78 | 3.717 |

Table S5. Combinations and molar ratio of [Ch⁺][Br⁻]-modified salts and HBDs tested to form HDESSs. In green, DESs liquid at RT, in yellow the one liquid at 40-50 °C and in orange the one that did not form.

| HBA \ HBD | Octanoic acid | Decanoic acid | Dodecanoic acid | Eugenol | Linoleic acid | (+/-) Menthol | Phenylpropanoic acid | Phenylacetic acid | Terpinen-4-ol | Thymol |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------|
| [N ₃₃₃ (2OH)] ⁺ [Br ⁻] | 1:4 | | | 1:2 | 1:4 | | | | | 1:2 |
| [N ₆₆₆ (2OH)] ⁺ [Br ⁻] | 1:4 | 1:2 | 1:2 | 1:2 | 1:2 | | 1:3 | | 1:2 | 1:2 |
| [N ₁₁₁₀ (2OH)] ⁺ [Br ⁻] | 1:3 | | | 1:3 | 1:2 | | 1:2 | 1:2 | 1:2 | 1:2 |
| [N ₁₁₁₂ (2OH)] ⁺ [Br ⁻] | 1:3 | | | 1:3 | 1:3 | | 1:2 | 1:2 | 1:4 | 1:2 |
| [N ₁₁₁₄ (2OH)] ⁺ [Br ⁻] | 1:3 | | | 1:3 | | | 1:3 | 1:3 | 1:4 | 1:2 |
| [N ₁₁₁₆ (2OH)] ⁺ [Br ⁻] | 1:4 | | | 1:4 | | | 1:3 | 1:3 | 1:4 | 1:2 |

Table S6. Retention factors of various probe molecules at 60 °C measured on deep eutectic solvents comprised of choline chloride and choline acetate hydrogen bond acceptors.

| Probe | DESs | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| | [N _{1 1 10 2(OH)⁺}][Br ⁻] : 4 TEG | [N _{1 1 16 2(OH)⁺}][Br ⁻] : 4 TEG | [N _{3 3 3 2(OH)⁺}][Br ⁻] : 4 TEG | [N _{4 4 4 4⁺}][Br ⁻] : 4 TEG | [N _{6 6 6 2(OH)⁺}][Br ⁻] : 4 TEG |
| Methanol | 0.84 | 0.62 | 1.02 | 1.07 | 0.67 |
| Ethanol | 1.01 | 0.80 | 1.21 | 1.33 | 0.88 |
| 1-Propanol | 2.13 | 1.80 | 2.26 | 2.56 | 1.042 |
| 1-Butanol | 4.30 | 3.96 | 4.26 | 5.29 | 5.40 |
| 1-Pentanol | 8.87 | 8.70 | 7.95 | 10.52 | 11.18 |
| Cyclopentanol | 12.67 | 11.80 | 12.30 | 14.50 | 15.17 |
| 1-Hexanol | 18.41 | 19.03 | 13.99 | 20.84 | 29.58 |
| Cyclohexanol | 26.14 | 25.92 | 23.29 | 29.00 | 31.94 |
| Napthalene | 48.52 | 55.40 | 49.76 | 59.75 | 61.90 |
| Nitrobenzene | 55.35 | 50.97 | 55.07 | 69.72 | 75.04 |
| Acetophenone | 44.55 | 40.80 | 44.74 | 51.85 | 54.07 |
| Benzonitrile | 28.54 | 25.55 | 30.43 | 37.43 | 36.66 |
| Benzaldehyde | 18.91 | 16.89 | 20.05 | 22.44 | 22.76 |
| <i>N,N</i> - Dimethylformamide (<i>N,N</i> -DMF) | 18.72 | 16.07 | 21.19 | 19.77 | 21.72 |
| <i>N,N</i> - Dimethylacetamide (<i>N,N</i> -DMAC) | 37.04 | 35.80 | 42.45 | 40.84 | 48.04 |

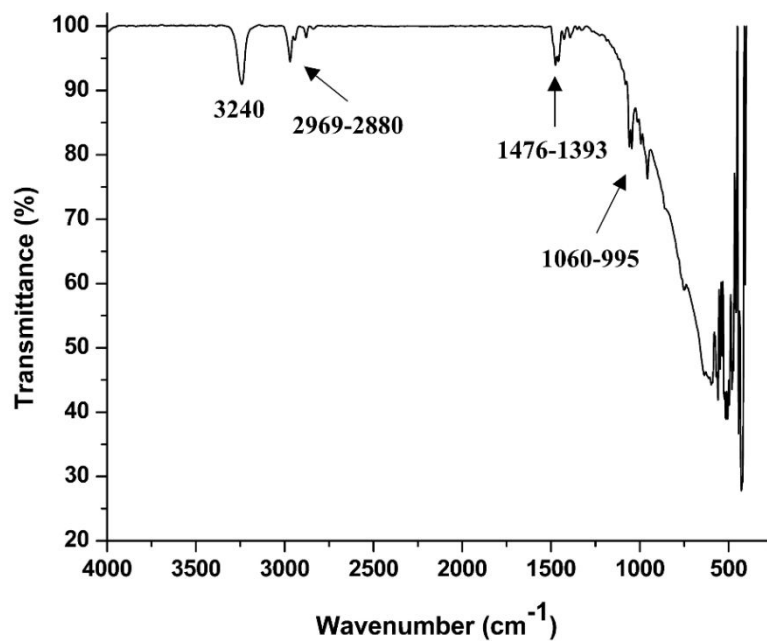


Figure S1. The ATR-FTIR spectrum for the [N_{3,3,3,2(OH)⁺][Br⁻] HBA obtained under ambient conditions.}

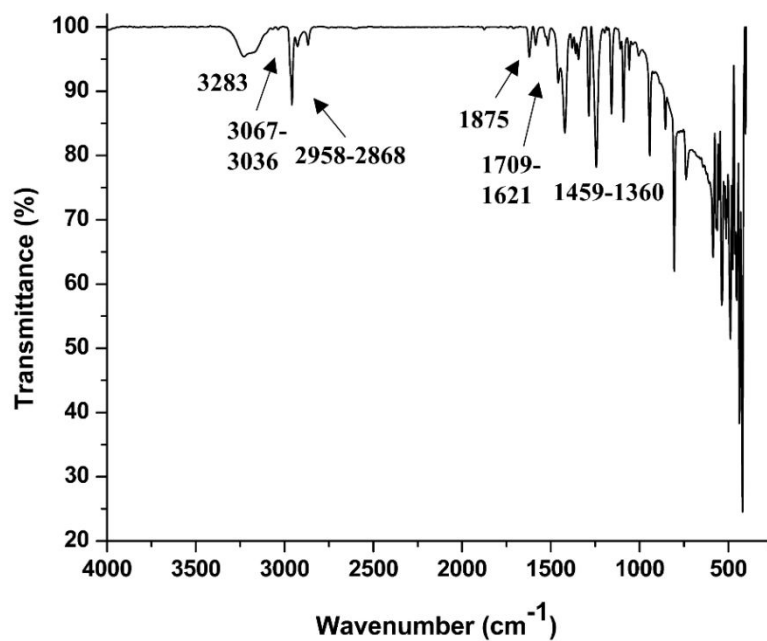


Figure S2. The ATR-FTIR spectrum for the thymol HBD obtained under ambient conditions.

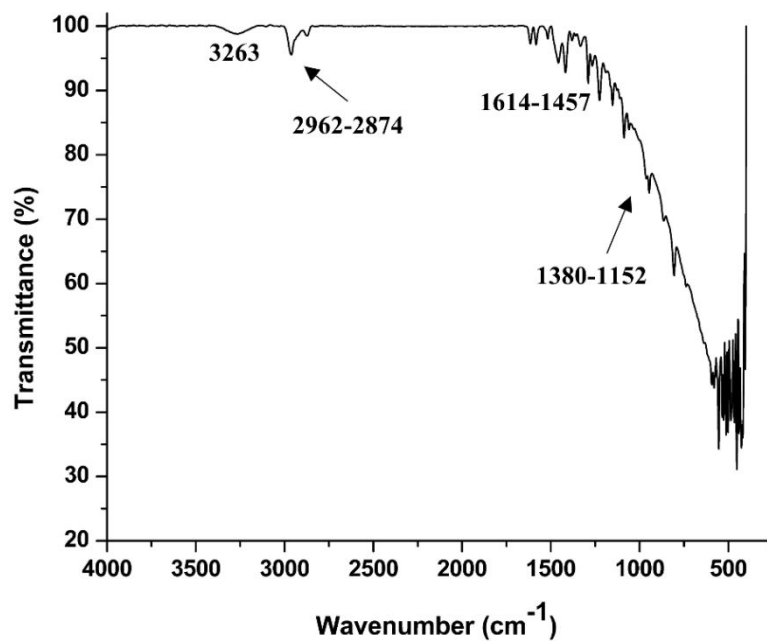


Figure S3. The ATR-FTIR spectrum for the $[N_{3,3,3,2(OH)^+}][Br^-] : 2$ Thymol DES obtained under ambient conditions.

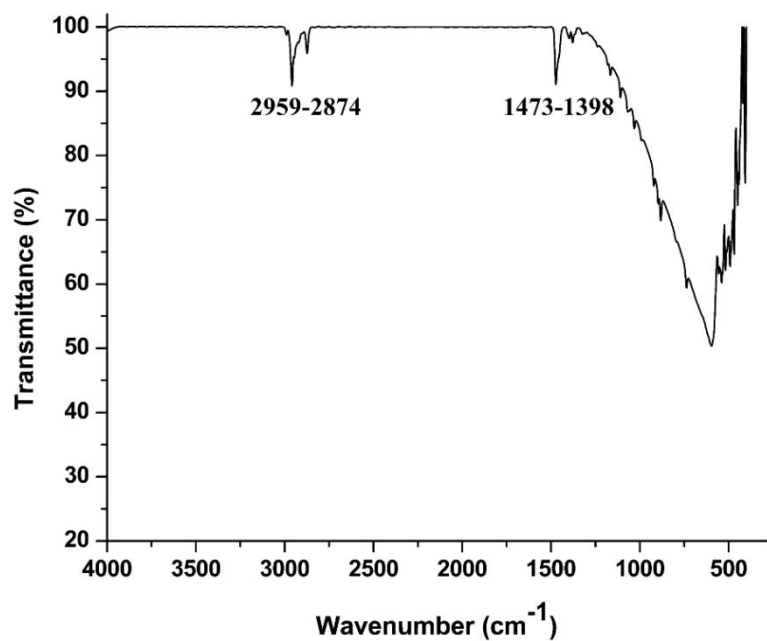


Figure S4. The ATR-FTIR spectrum for the $[N_{4,4,4,4}^+][Br^-]$ HBA obtained under ambient conditions.

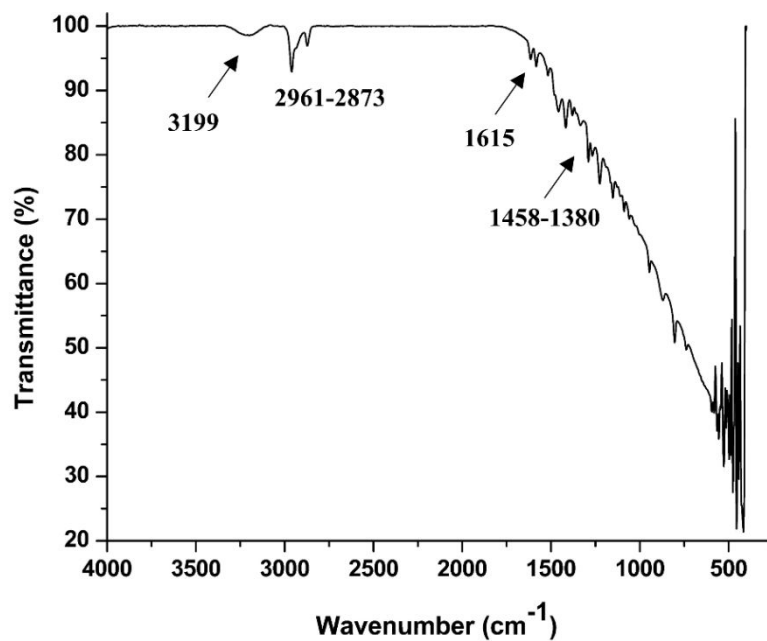


Figure S5. The ATR-FTIR spectrum for the $[N_{4.4.4.4}^+][Br^-] : 2$ Thymol DES obtained under ambient conditions.

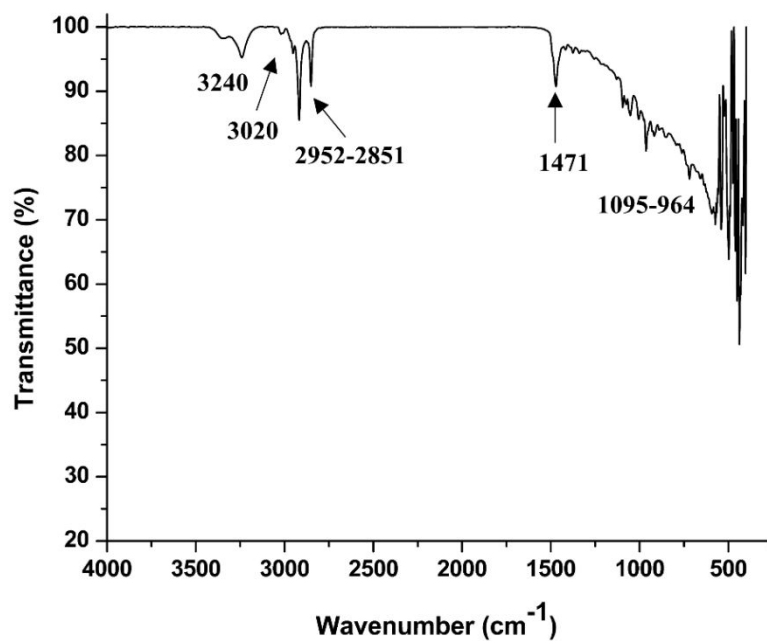


Figure S6. The ATR-FTIR spectrum for the $[N_{1.1.10.2(OH)}^+][Br^-]$ HBA obtained under ambient conditions.

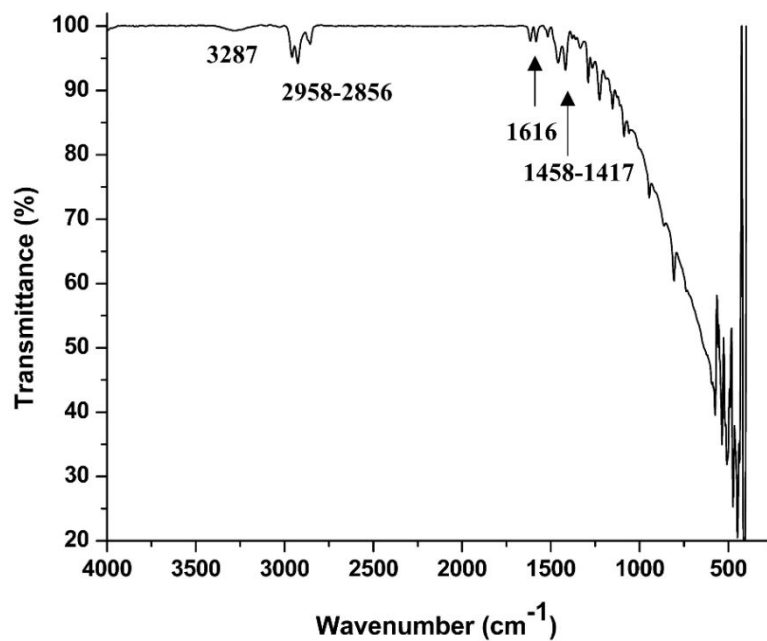


Figure S7. The ATR-FTIR spectrum for the $[N_{11102(OH)}^+][Br^-] : 2$ Thymol DES obtained under ambient conditions.

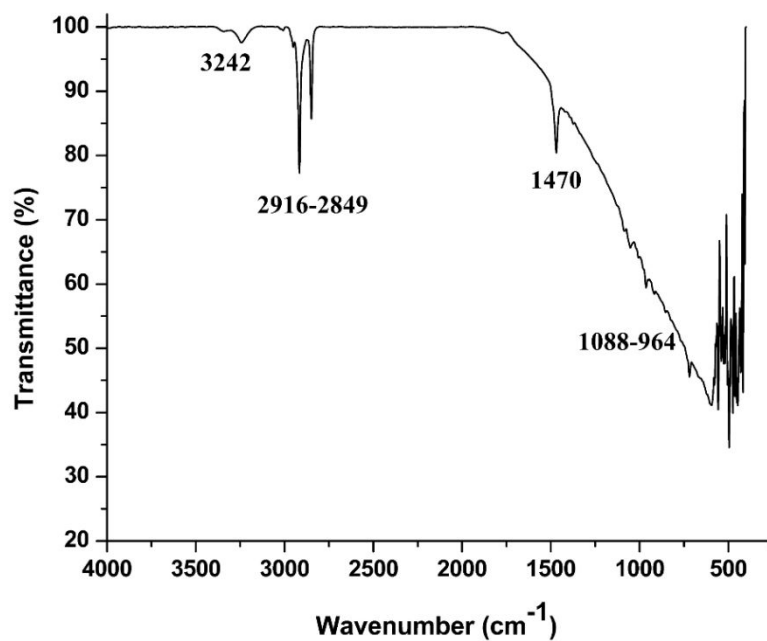


Figure S8. The ATR-FTIR spectrum for the $[N_{11162(OH)}^+][Br^-]$ HBA obtained under ambient conditions.

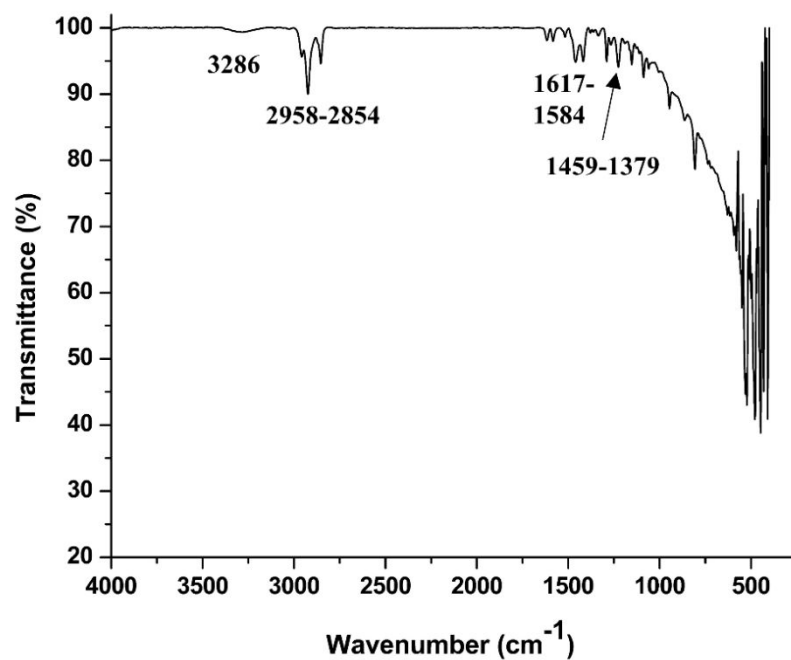


Figure S9. The ATR-FTIR spectrum for the $[N_{1,16,2(OH)^+}][Br^-] : 2$ Thymol DES obtained under ambient conditions.

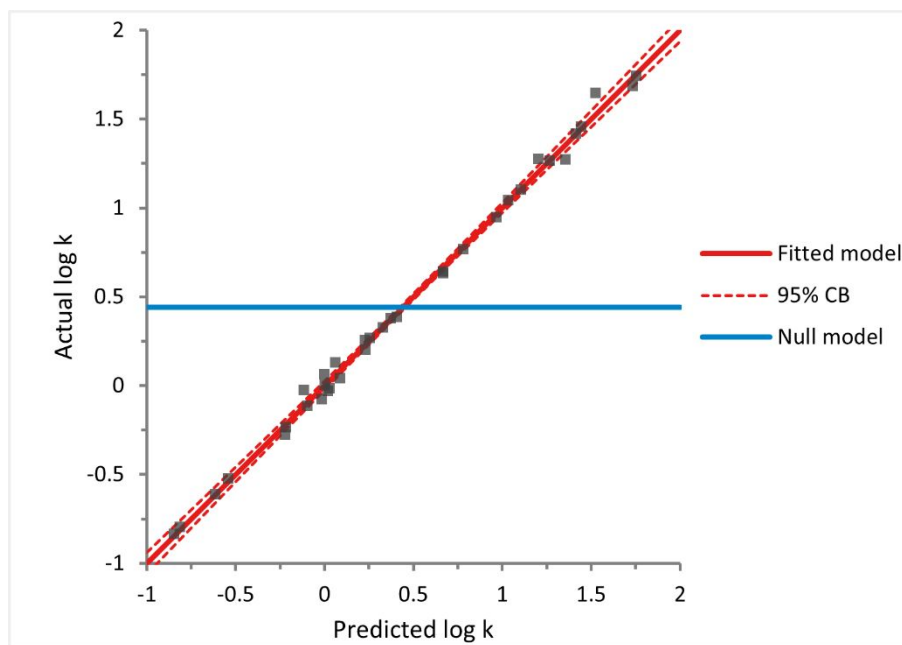


Figure S10. Multiple linear regression plot ($R^2 = 0.99$) for the $[N_{1,1,10,2(OH)^+}][Br^-]$: 4 TEG DES at 60 °C. Solute descriptors and retention factors of 35 analytes are evaluated by multiple linear regression analysis to generate the system constants for the Abraham solvation parameter model (equation 5).

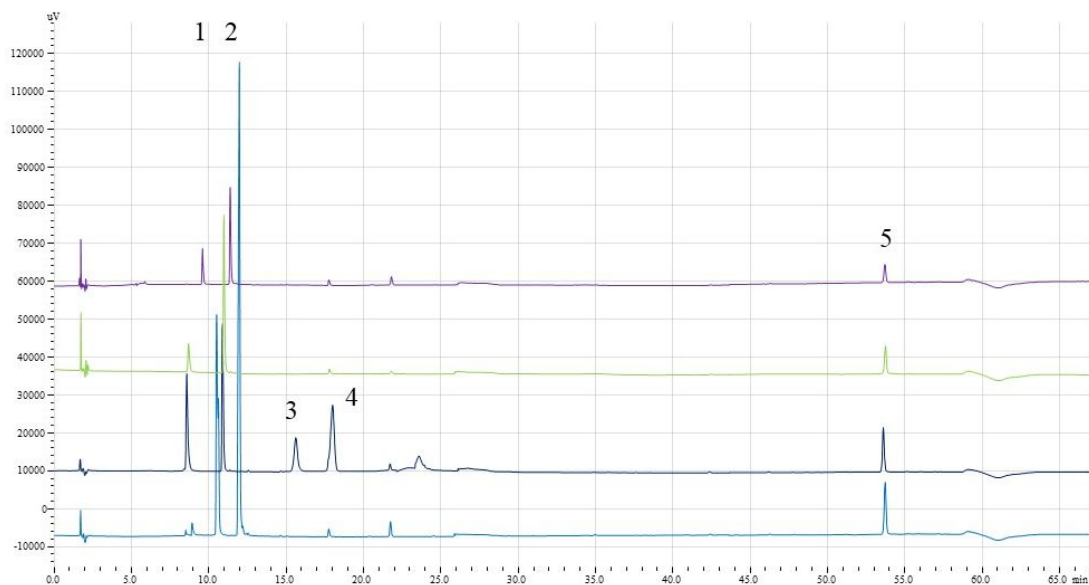


Figure S11. Chromatographic profiles at 340 nm of the DSLME of luteolin-7-*O*-glucuronide, apigenin-7-*O*-glucuronide and CBDA standard compounds, using $[N_{1110}(2OH)^+][Br^-]$: 2 Thymol (light blue), $[N_{1116}(2OH)^+][Br^-]$: 2 Thymol (blue), $[N_{333}(2OH)^+][Br^-]$: 2 Thymol (green) and $[N_{444}^+][Br^-]$: 2 Thymol (purple) as solvents. Peaks identification: 1. luteolin-7-*O*-glucuronide, 2. apigenin-7-*O*-glucuronide, 3. luteolin, 4. apigenin, 5. CBDA. The shift of the peaks in the first part of the chromatogram is due to the interference given by the salts used as HBAs.

NMR Spectra

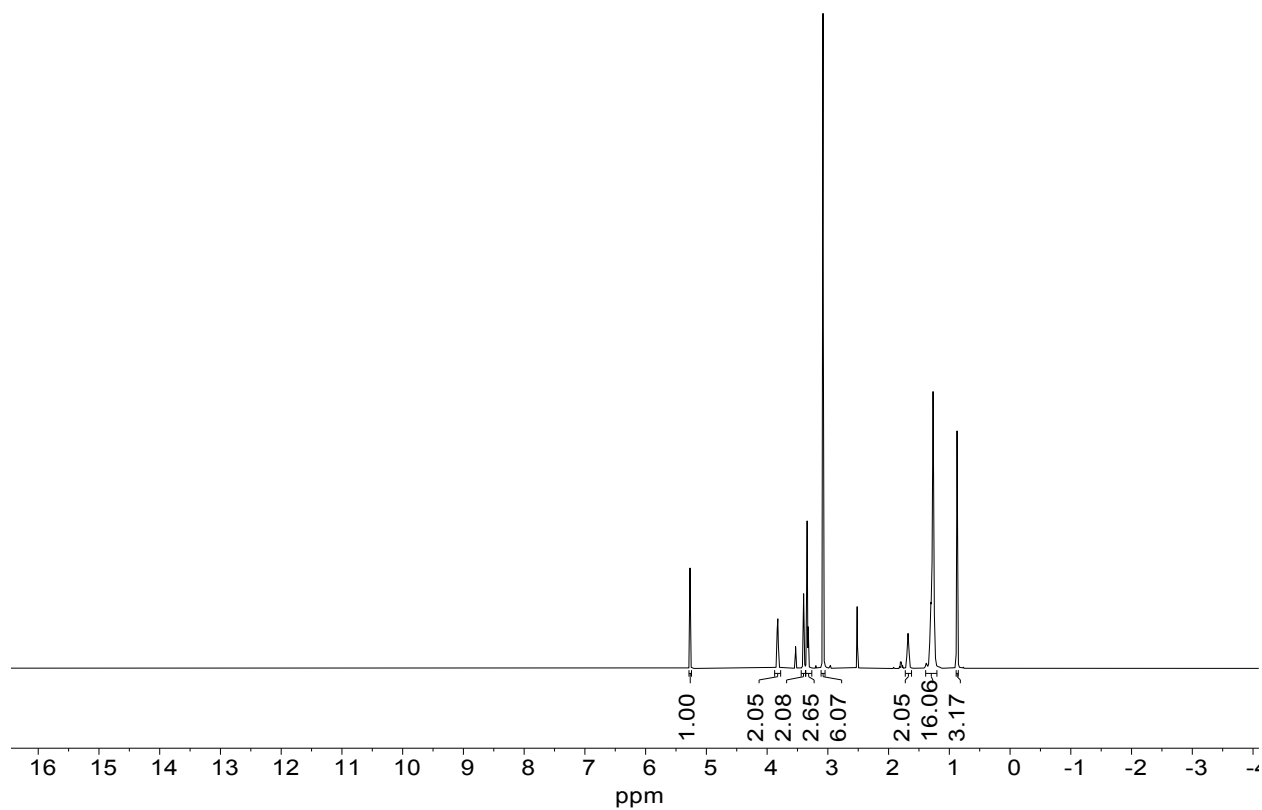


Figure S12: ¹H NMR of [N₁₁₁₀(2OH)]⁺[Br⁻]

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO) δ 5.27 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (tdd, $J = 7.0, 4.9, 2.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.44 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 3.37 – 3.26 (m, 3H), 3.08 (s, 6H), 1.73 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.29 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz, 16H), 0.87 (td, $J = 7.0, 2.5$ Hz, 3H).

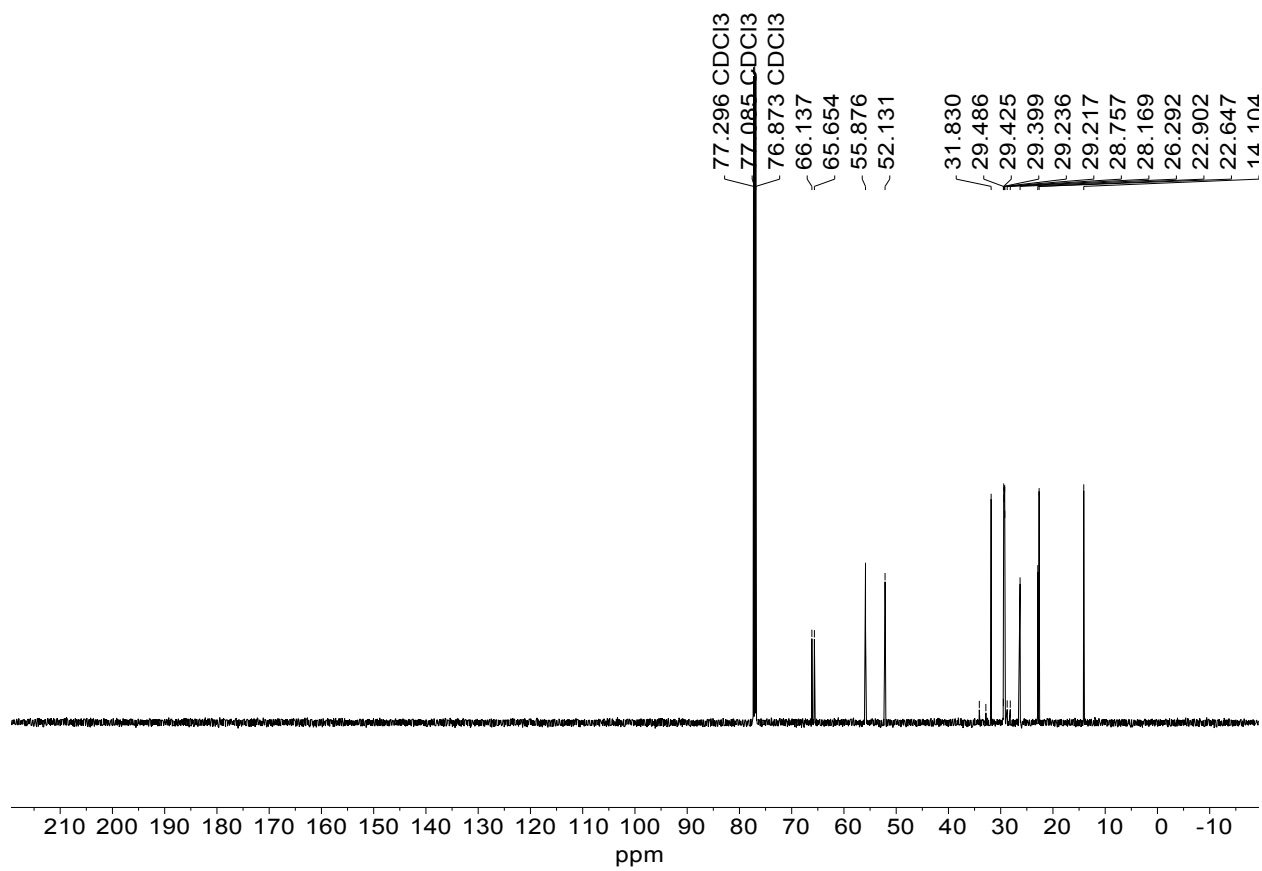


Figure S13: ^{13}C NMR of $[\text{N}_{1110}(\text{2OH})^+][\text{Br}^-]$

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 66.14, 65.65, 55.88, 52.13, 31.83, 29.43, 29.40, 29.24, 29.22, 28.76, 26.29, 22.90, 22.65, 14.10.

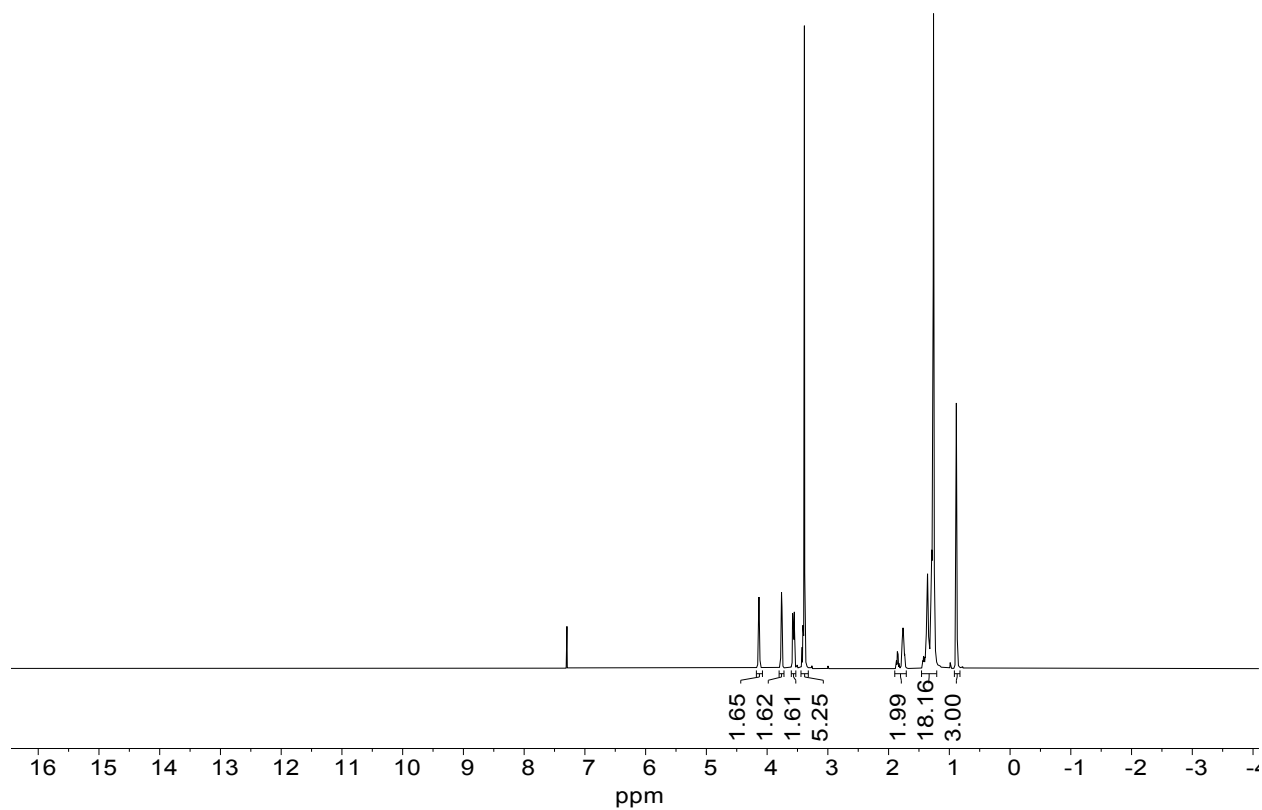


Figure S14: ^1H NMR of $[\text{N}_{1112}(\text{2OH})]^+[\text{Br}^-]$

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.18 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 3.80 – 3.72 (m, 2H), 3.60 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.39 (s, 5H), 1.90 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.21 (m, 18H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H).

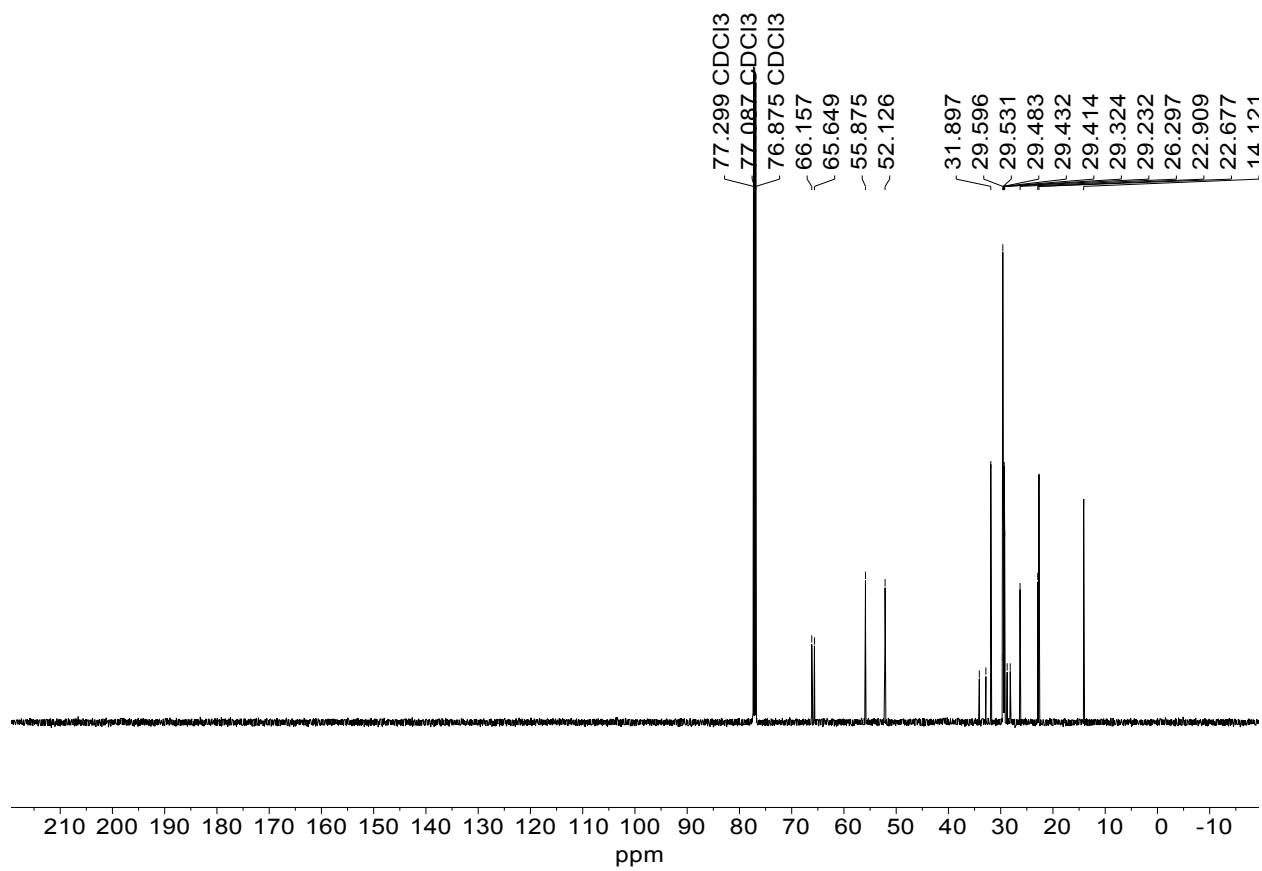


Figure S15: ^{13}C NMR of $[\text{N}_{1112}(\text{2OH})^+][\text{Br}^-]$

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 66.16, 65.65, 55.88, 52.13, 34.09, 32.84, 31.90, 29.60, 29.53, 29.48, 29.43, 29.41, 29.32, 29.23, 28.76, 28.17, 26.30, 22.91, 22.68, 14.12.

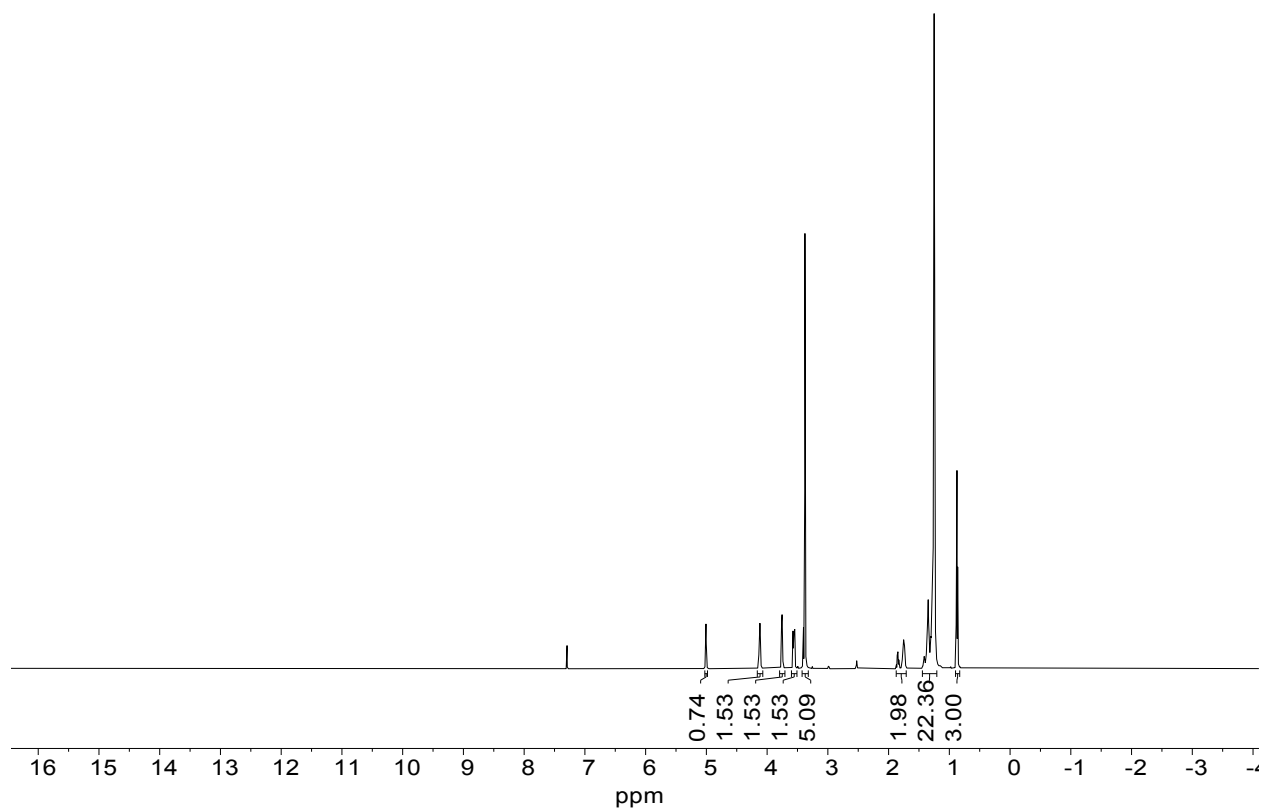


Figure S16: ¹H NMR of [N₁₁₁₄(2OH)]⁺[Br⁻]

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.01 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 – 3.71 (m, 2H), 3.60 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 3.38 (s, 5H), 1.87 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.21 (m, 22H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

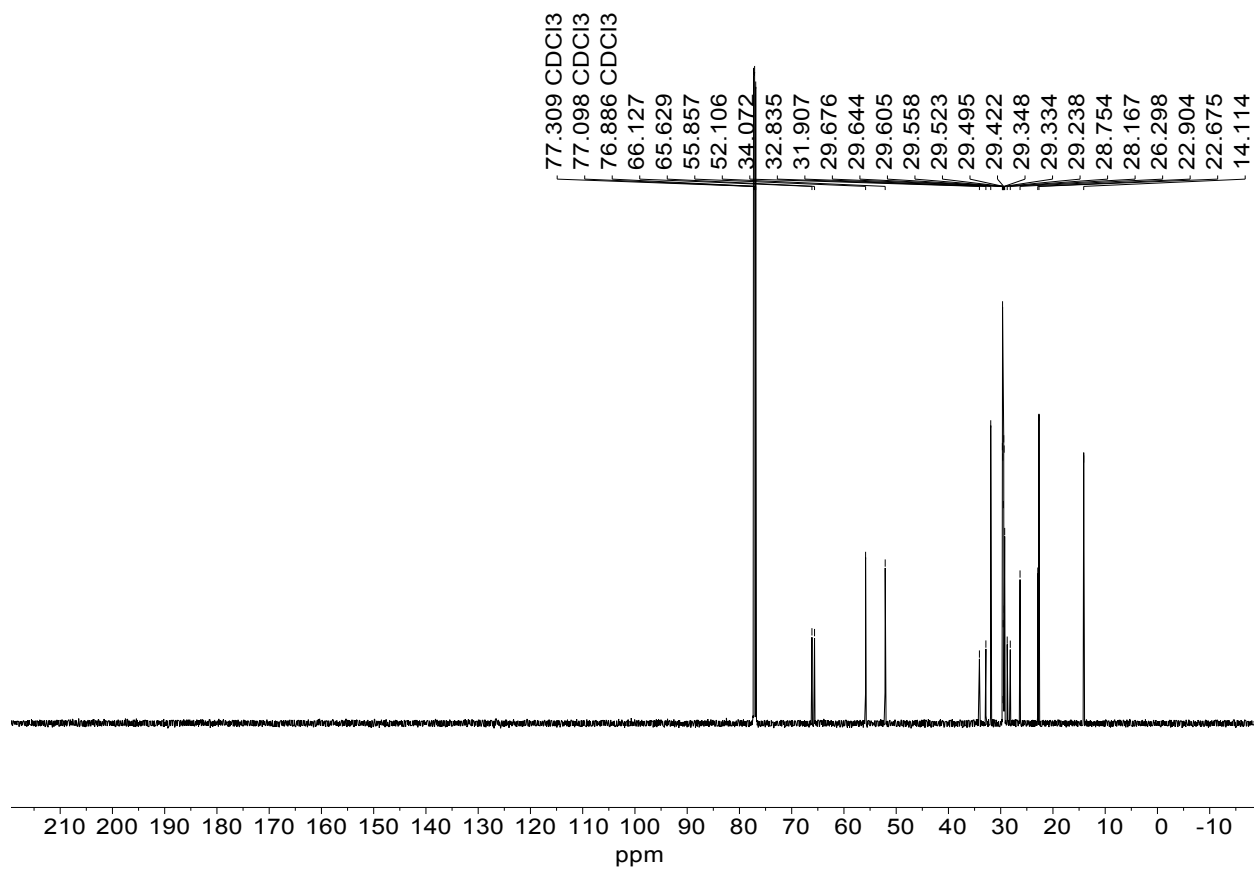


Figure S17: ^{13}C NMR of $[\text{N}_{1114}(\text{2OH})^+][\text{Br}^-]$

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 66.13, 65.63, 55.86, 52.11, 34.07, 32.84, 31.91, 29.68, 29.64, 29.60, 29.52, 29.50, 29.42, 29.35, 29.33, 29.24, 28.75, 28.17, 26.30, 22.90, 22.67, 14.11.

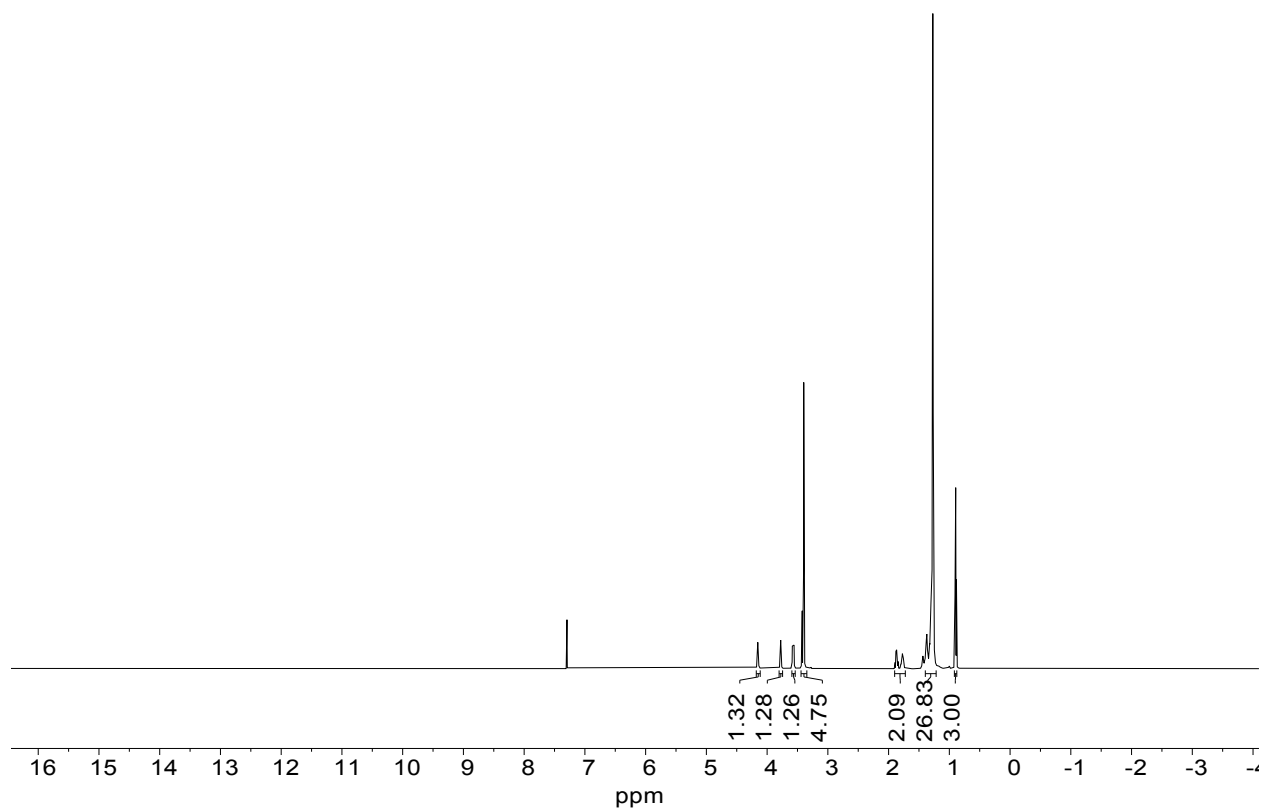


Figure S18: ¹H NMR of [N₁₁₁₆(2OH)]⁺[Br⁻]

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.18 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.80 – 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.59 – 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 5H), 1.90 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.22 (m, 27H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

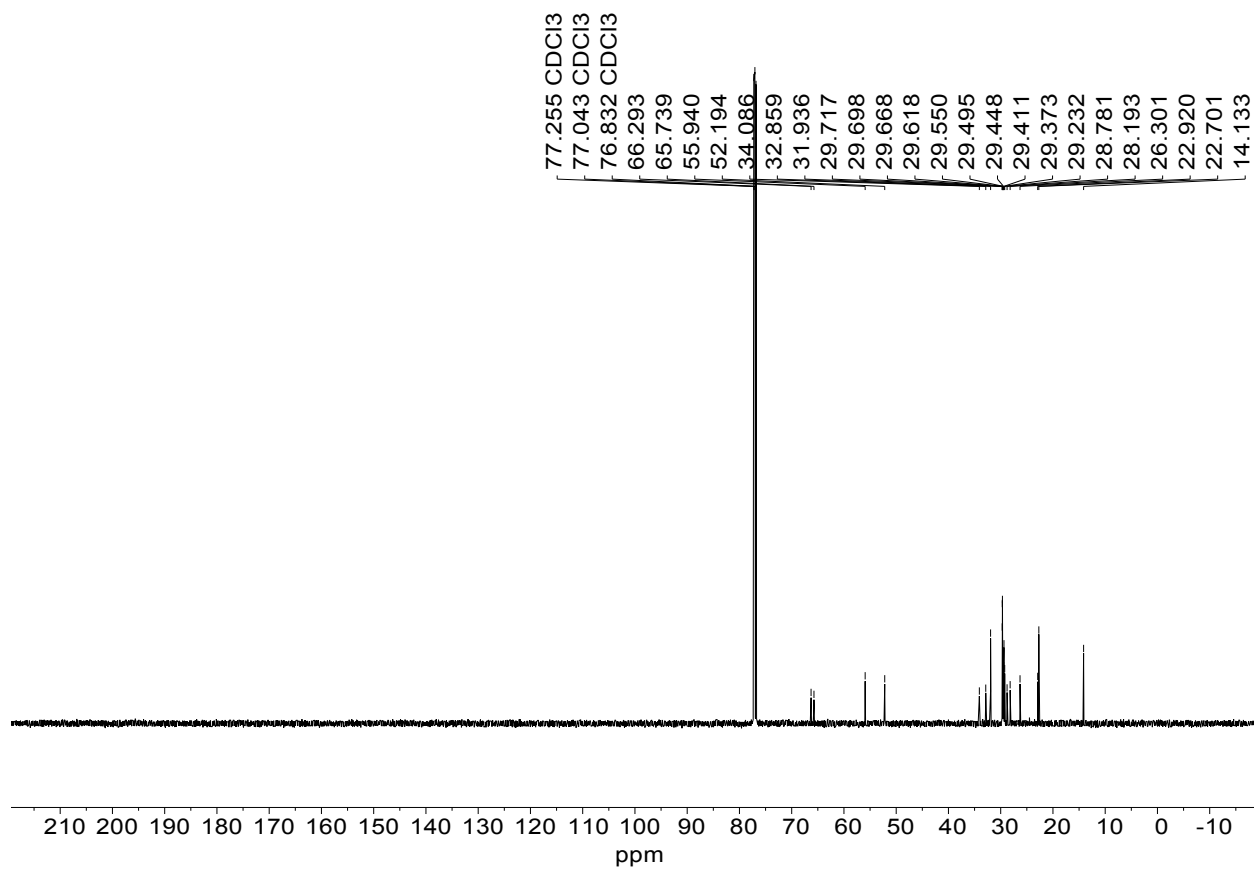


Figure S19: ¹³C NMR of [N₁₁16(2OH)⁺][Br⁻]

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 66.29, 65.74, 55.94, 52.19, 34.09, 32.86, 31.94, 29.72, 29.70, 29.67, 29.62, 29.55, 29.49, 29.45, 29.41, 29.37, 29.23, 28.78, 28.19, 26.30, 22.92, 22.70, 14.13.

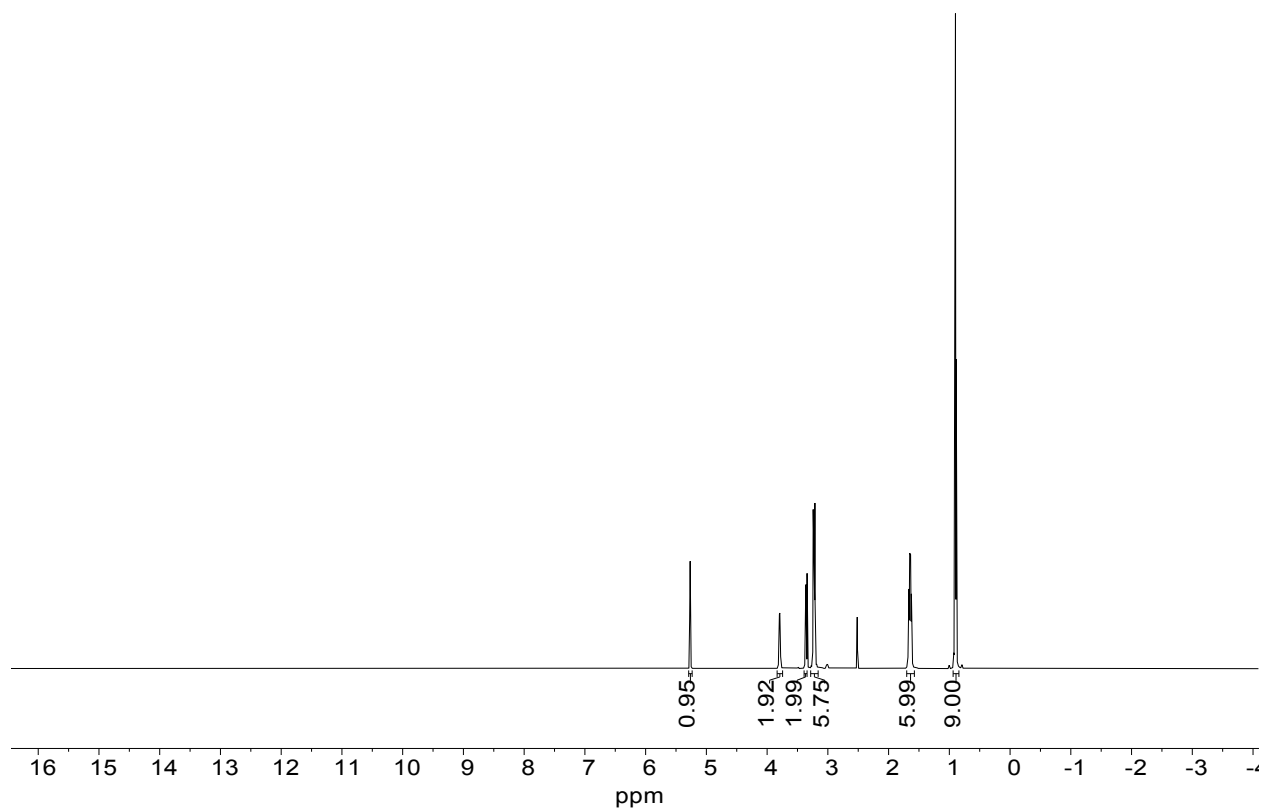


Figure S20: ^1H NMR of $[\text{N}_{333}(\text{2OH})^+][\text{Br}^-]$

^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO) δ 5.27 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (q, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.36 (dd, $J = 6.1, 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.28 – 3.16 (m, 6H), 1.70 – 1.58 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 9H).

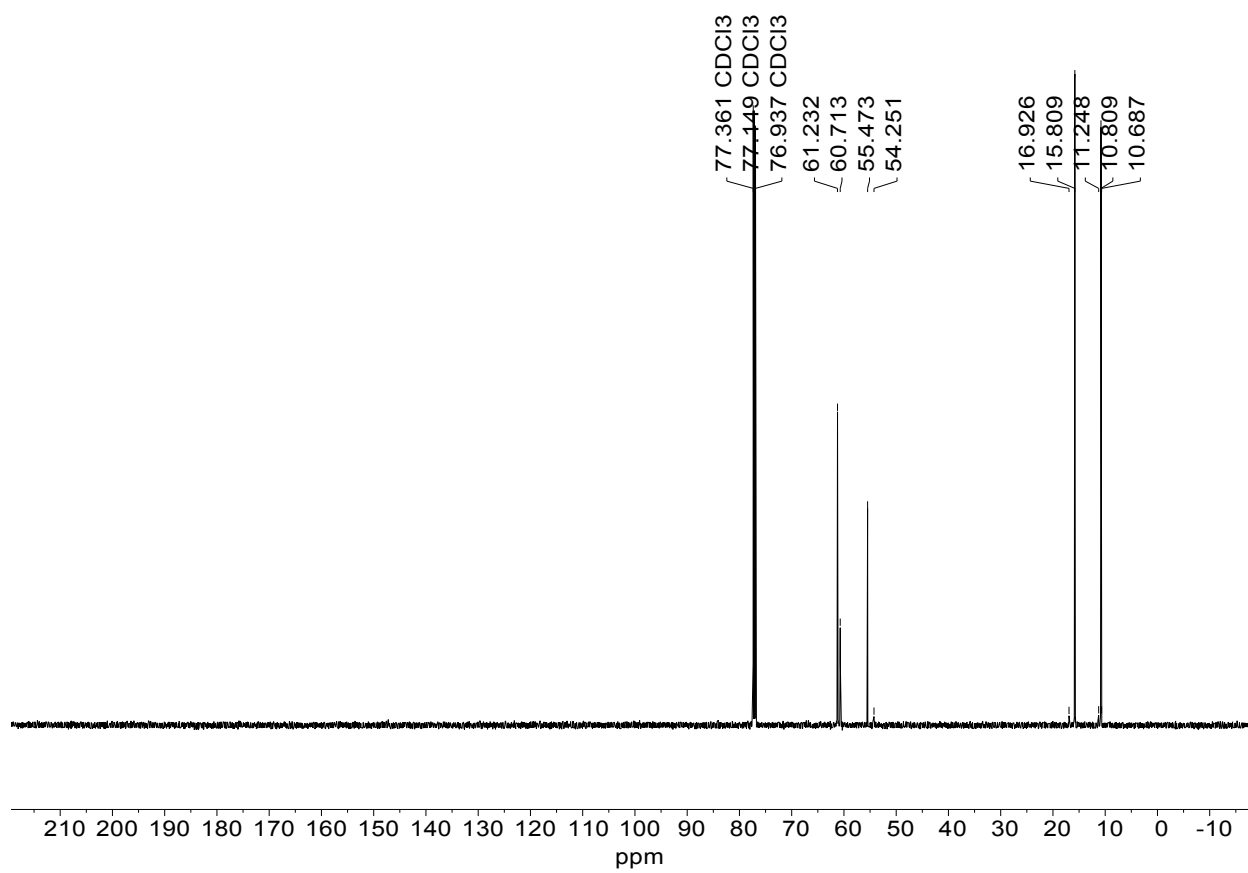


Figure S21: ¹³C NMR of [N₃₃₃(2OH)⁺][Br⁻]

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 61.23, 60.71, 55.47, 15.81, 10.81.

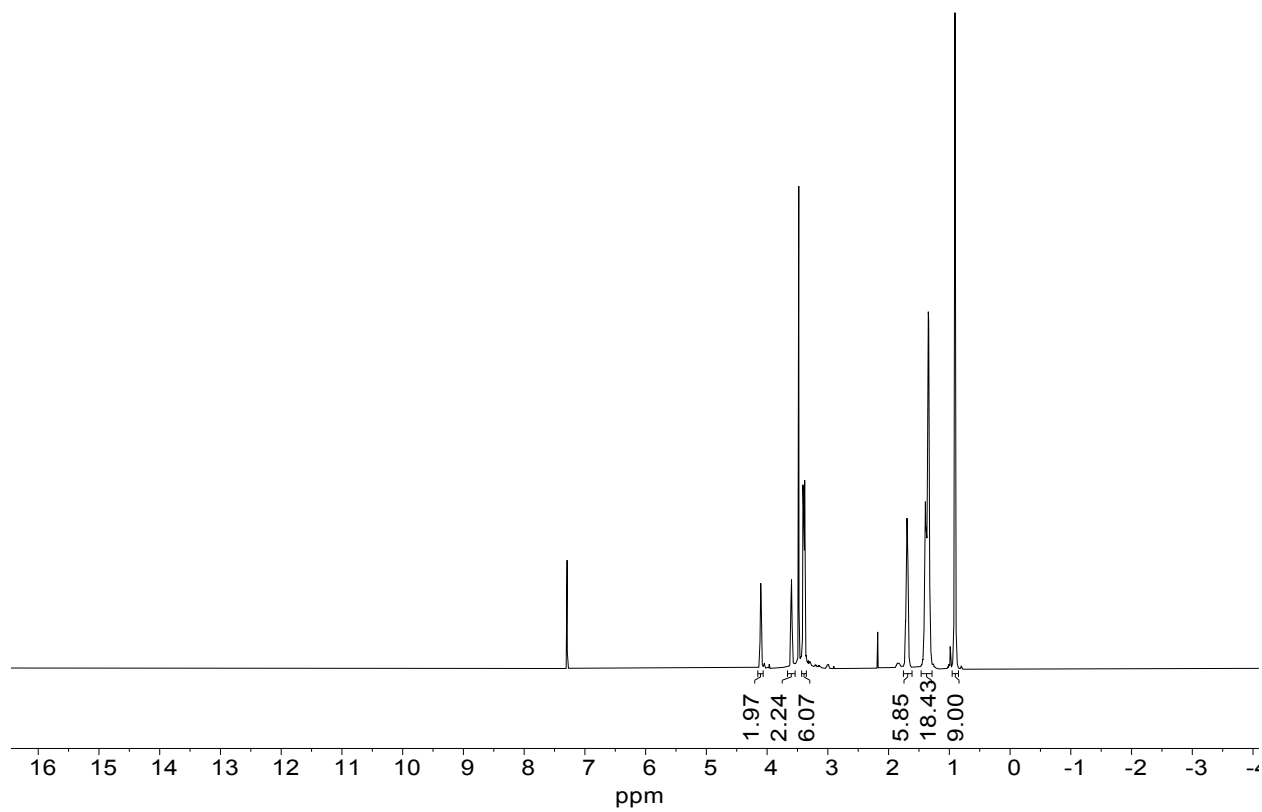


Figure S22: ¹H NMR of [N₆₆₆(2OH)⁺][Br⁻]

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.11 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.66 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.43 – 3.35 (m, 6H), 1.76 – 1.61 (m, 6H), 1.46 – 1.28 (m, 18H), 0.95 – 0.85 (m, 9H).

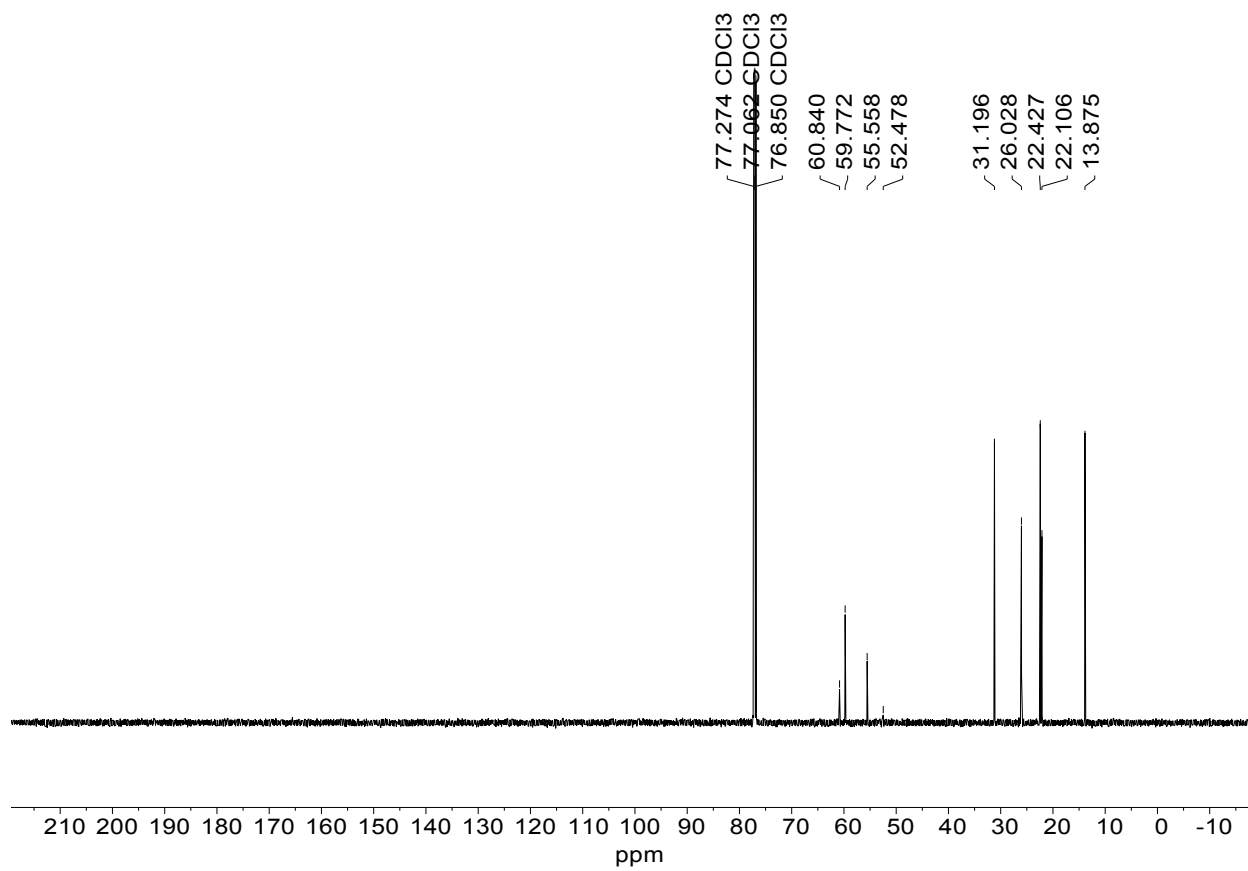


Figure S23: ¹³C NMR of [N₆₆₆(2OH)]⁺[Br⁻]

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 60.84, 59.77, 55.56, 31.20, 26.03, 22.43, 22.11, 13.88.

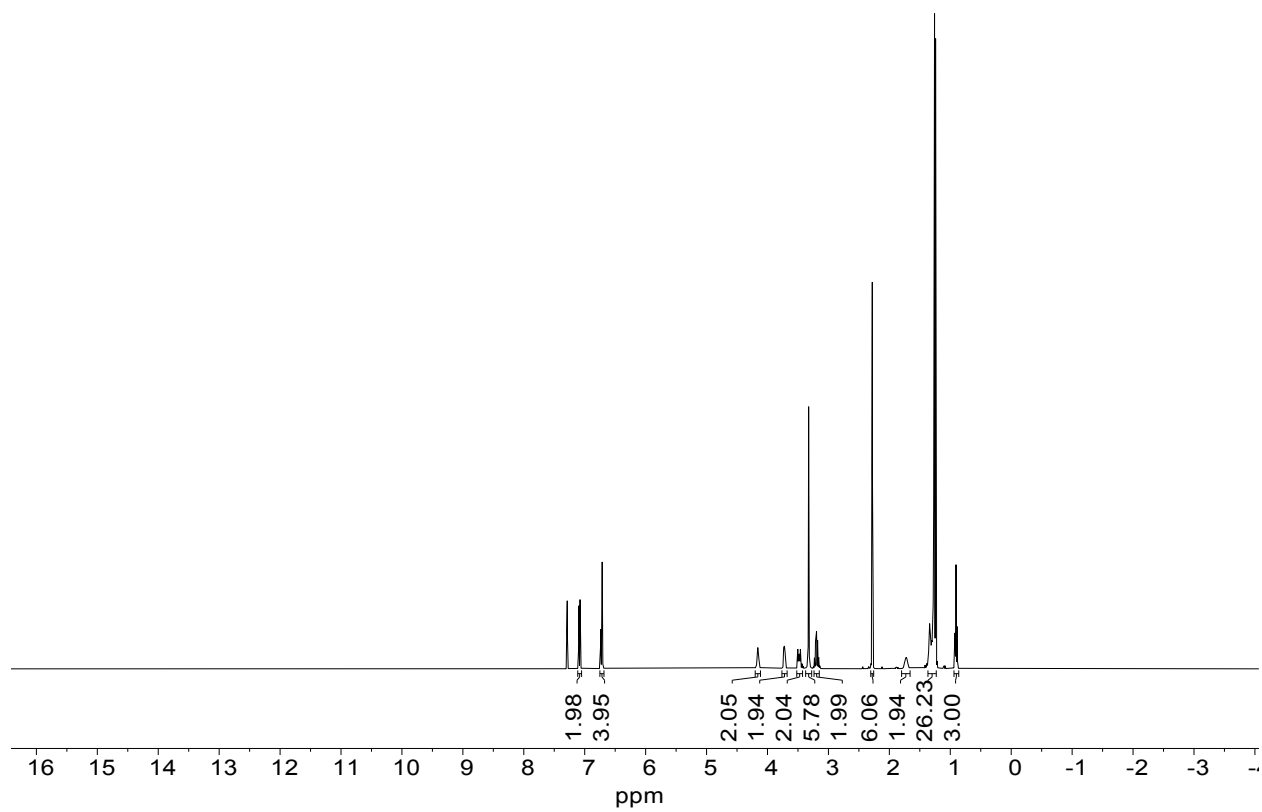


Figure S24: ¹H NMR of [N₁₁₁₀(2OH)⁺][Br⁻] : 2 Thymol HDES

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.75 – 6.68 (m, 4H), 4.16 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.76 – 3.68 (m, 2H), 3.52 – 3.42 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 6H), 3.19 (p, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 6H), 1.80 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.23 (m, 26H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

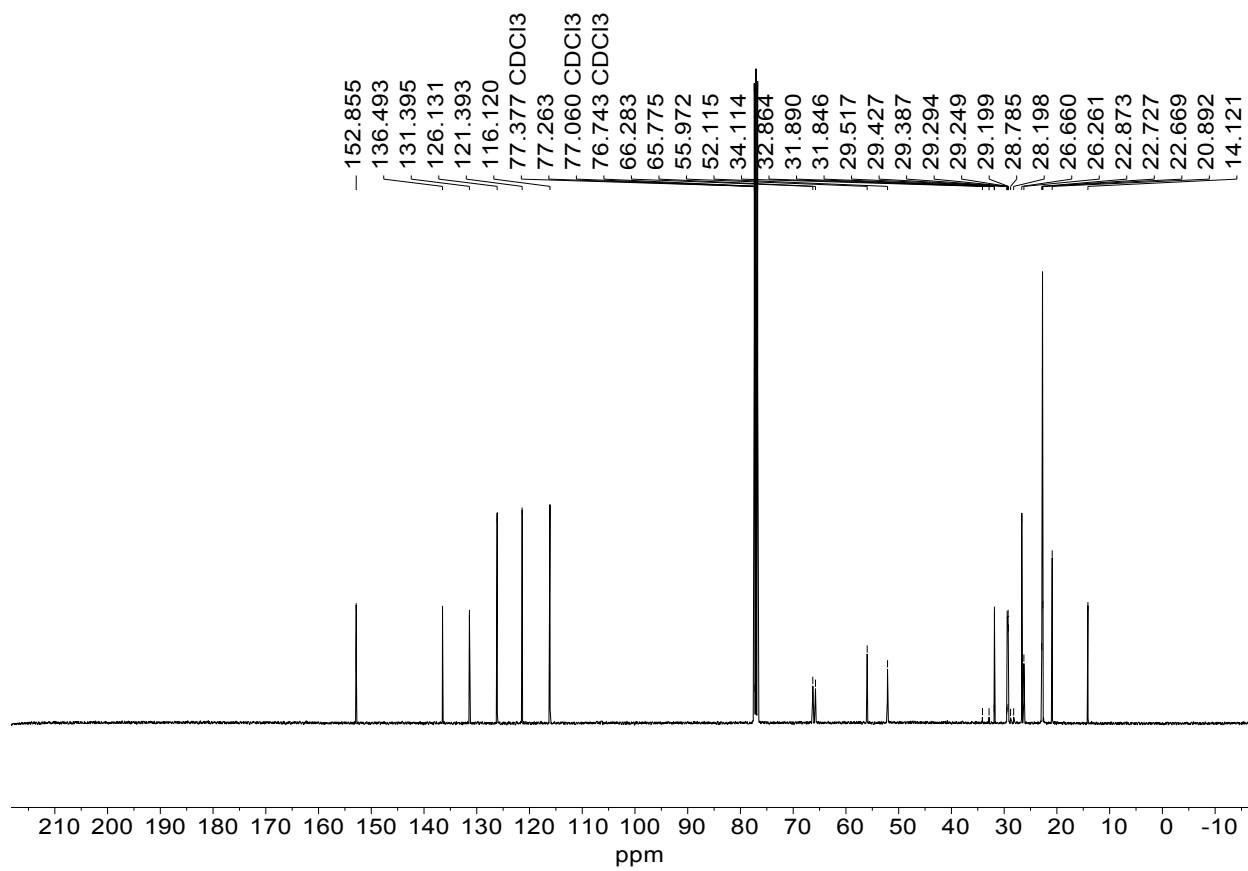


Figure S25: ^{13}C NMR of $[\text{N}_{1110(2\text{OH})}^+][\text{Br}^-]$: 2 Thymol HDES

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.86, 136.49, 131.39, 126.13, 121.39, 116.12, 77.26, 66.28, 65.78, 55.97, 52.11, 31.85, 29.43, 29.39, 29.25, 29.20, 26.66, 26.26, 22.87, 22.73, 22.67, 20.89, 14.12.

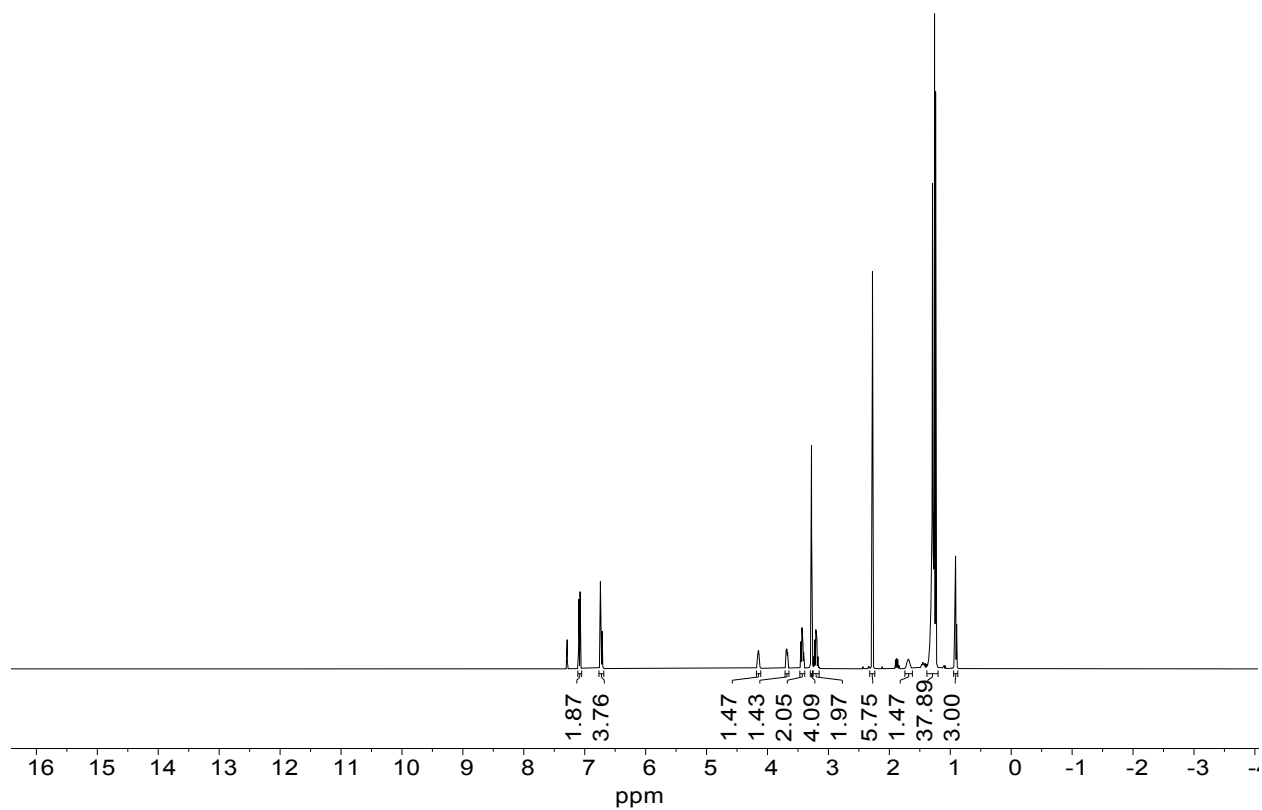


Figure S26: ¹H NMR of [N₁₁₁₆(2OH)⁺][Br⁻] : 2 Thymol HDES

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.77 – 6.69 (m, 4H), 4.18 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.71 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.47 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 3.28 (s, 4H), 3.20 (h, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 6H), 1.69 (dq, *J* = 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.38 – 1.20 (m, 38H), 0.94 – 0.88 (m, 3H).

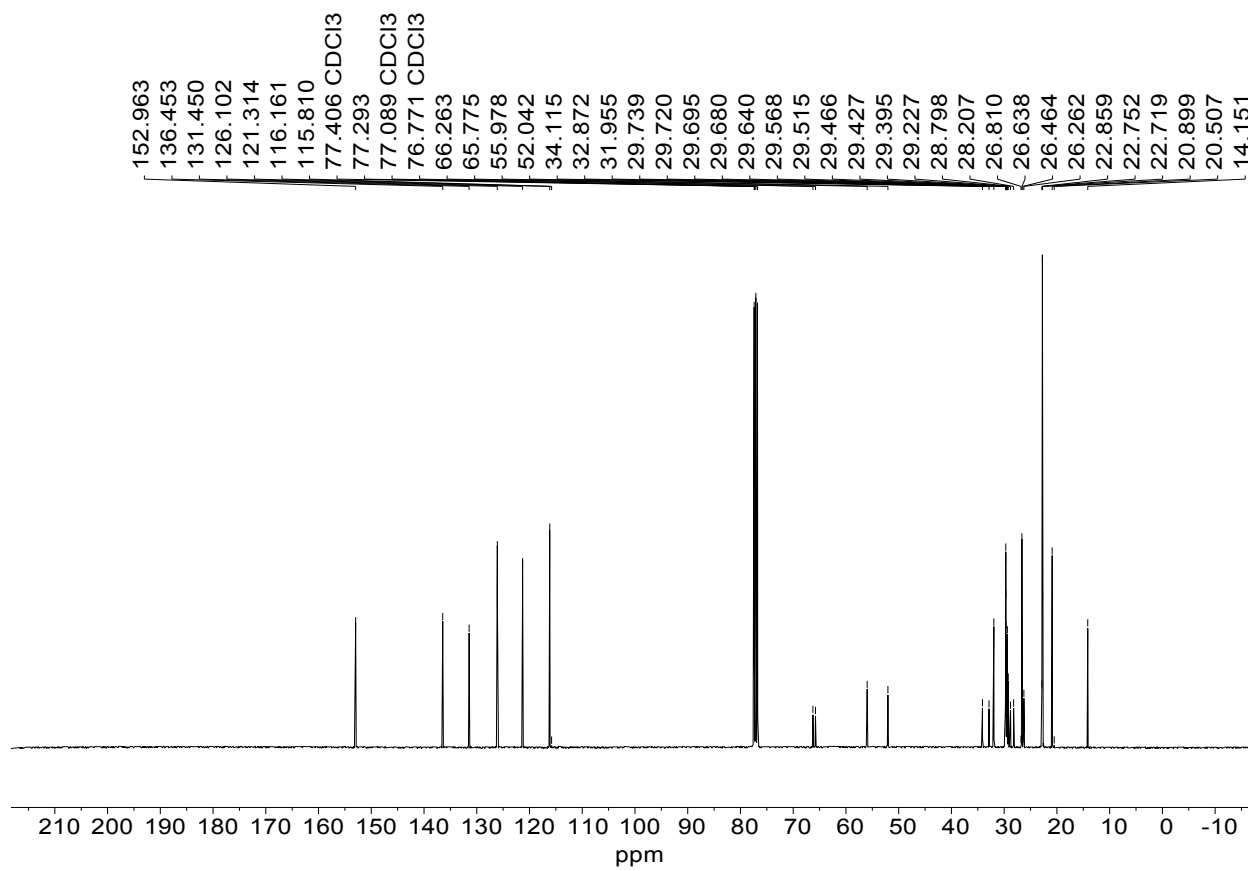


Figure S27: ^{13}C NMR of $[\text{N}_{1116}(\text{2OH})^+][\text{Br}^-]$: 2 Thymol HDES

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.96, 136.45, 131.45, 126.10, 121.31, 116.16, 77.29, 66.26, 65.78, 55.98, 52.04, 34.12, 32.87, 31.95, 29.74, 29.72, 29.69, 29.68, 29.64, 29.57, 29.52, 29.47, 29.43, 29.39, 29.23, 28.80, 28.21, 26.64, 26.26, 22.86, 22.75, 22.72, 20.90, 14.15.

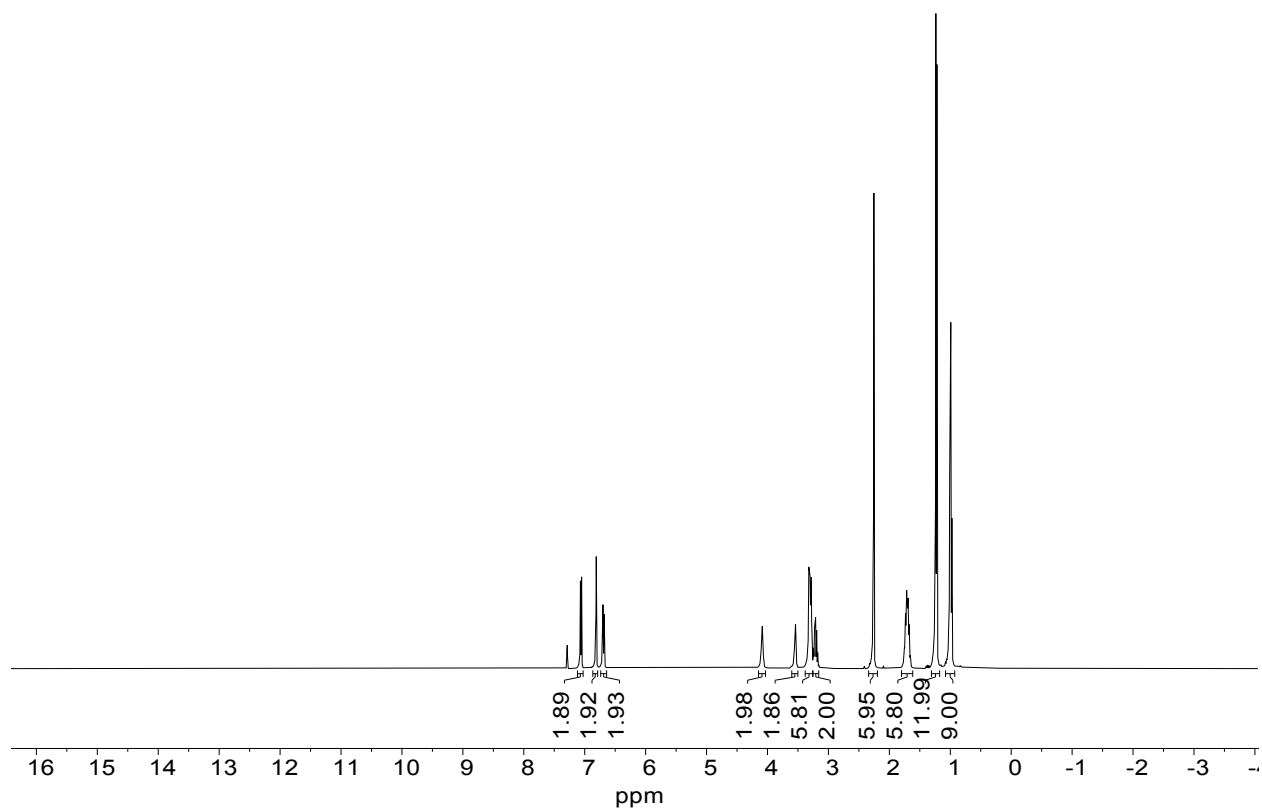


Figure S28: ¹H NMR of [N₃₃₃(2OH)⁺][Br] : 2 Thymol HDES

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 4.15 – 4.03 (m, 2H), 3.60 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 3.38 – 3.26 (m, 6H), 3.20 (h, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 6H), 1.80 – 1.62 (m, 6H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 12H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 9H).

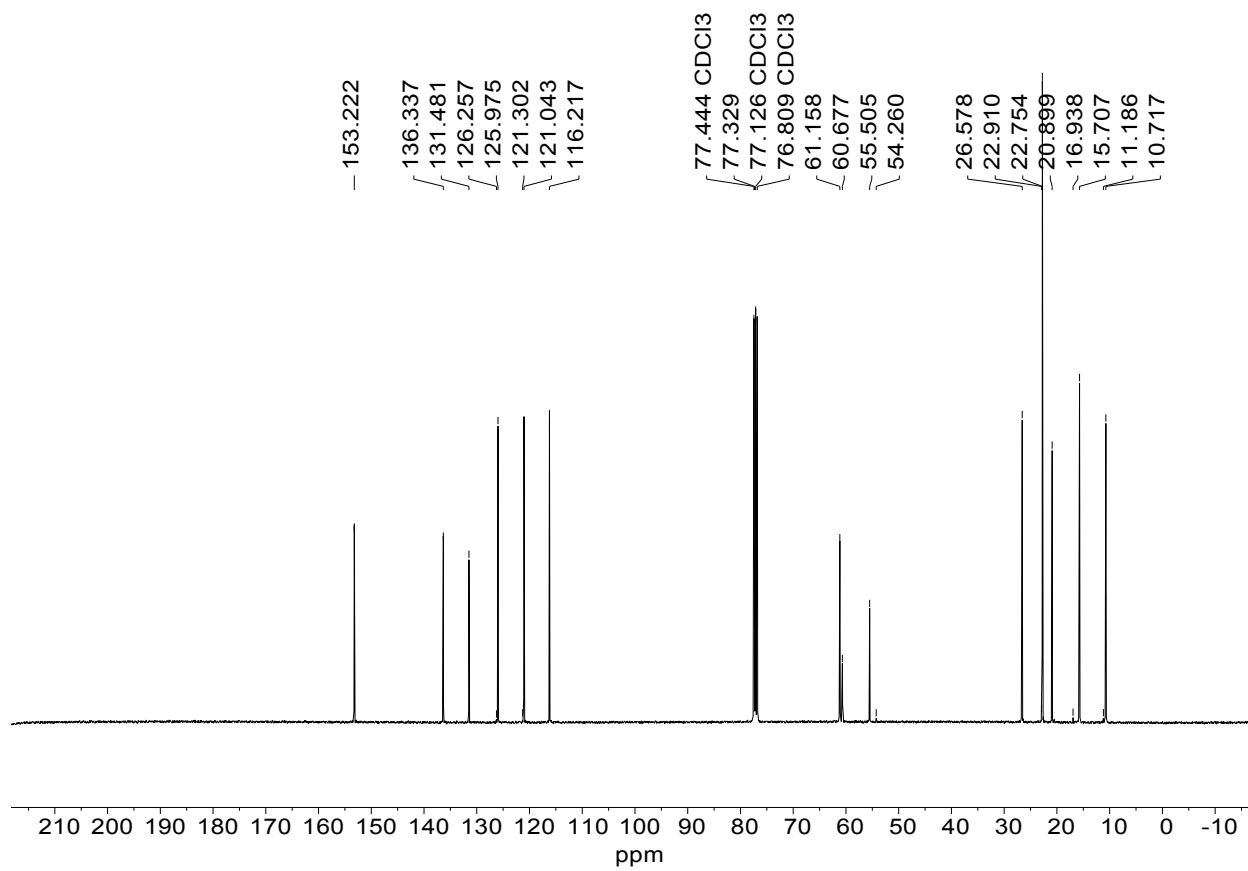


Figure S29: ^{13}C NMR of $[\text{N}_{333}(\text{2OH})^+][\text{Br}^-]$: 2 Thymol HDES

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.22, 136.34, 131.48, 125.97, 121.04, 116.22, 61.16, 60.68, 55.50, 26.58, 22.75, 20.90, 15.71, 10.72.

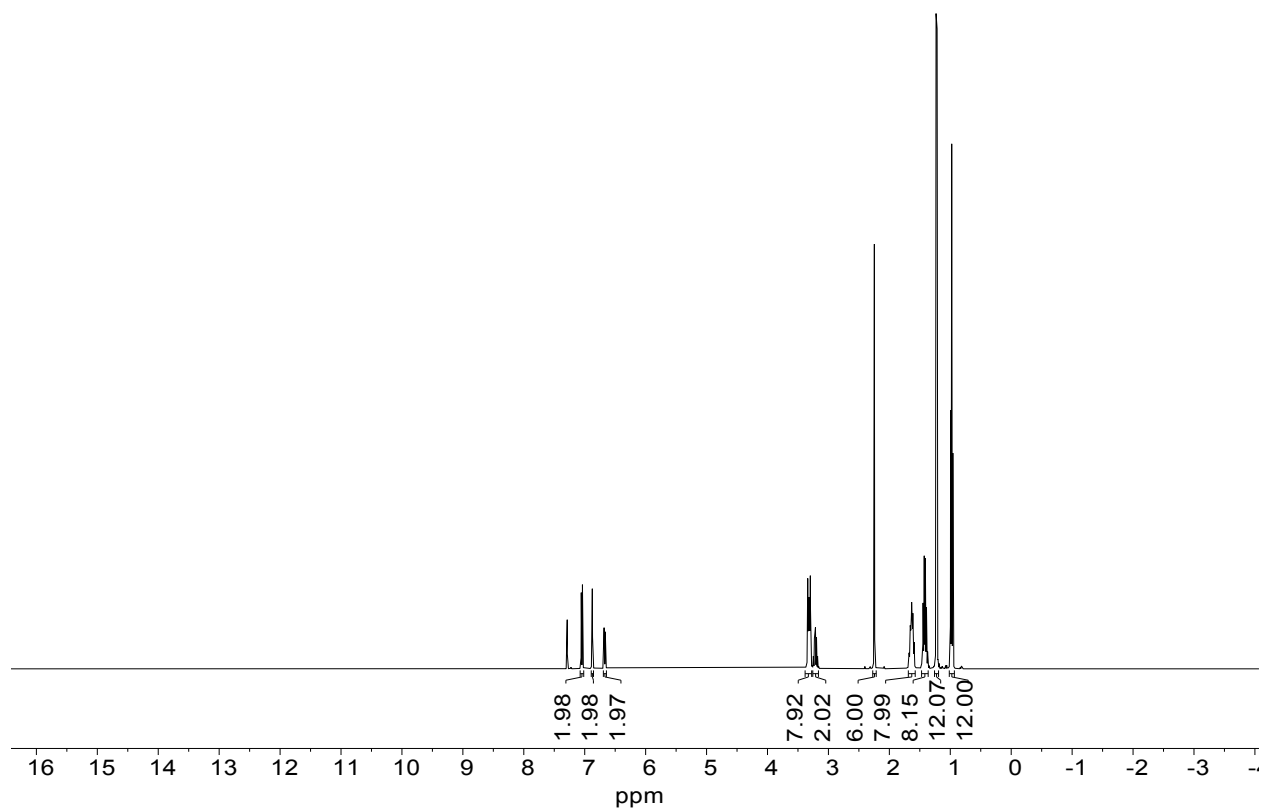


Figure S30: ¹H NMR of [N₄₄₄₄⁺][Br⁻] : 2 Thymol HDES

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 6.69 – 6.64 (m, 2H), 3.38 – 3.28 (m, 8H), 3.21 (p, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 6H), 1.63 (dq, *J* = 11.9, 7.6 Hz, 8H), 1.42 (h, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 8H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 12H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 12H).

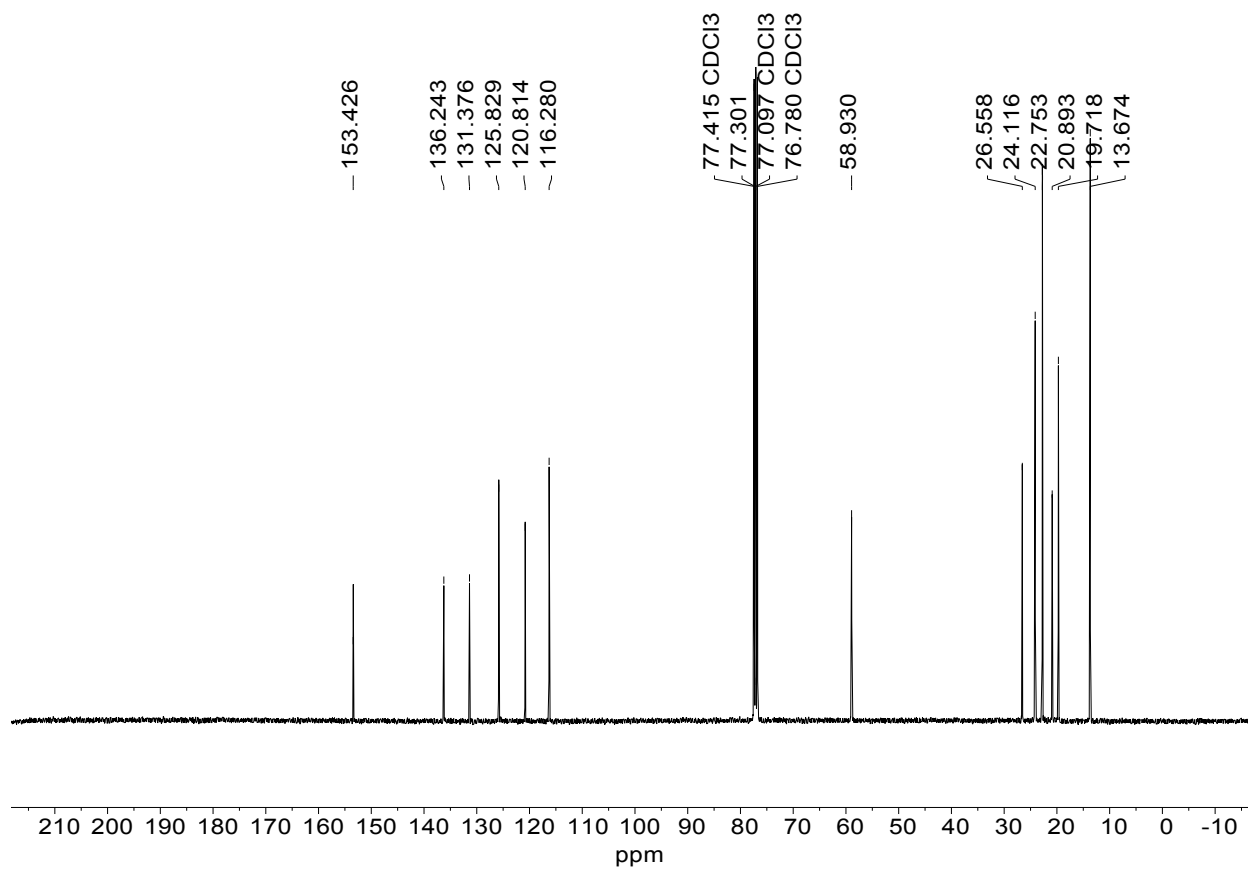


Figure S32: ^{13}C NMR of $[\text{N}_{4444}^+][\text{Br}] : 2$ Thymol HDES

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.43, 136.24, 131.38, 125.83, 120.81, 116.28, 77.30, 58.93, 26.56, 24.12, 22.75, 20.89, 19.72, 13.67.

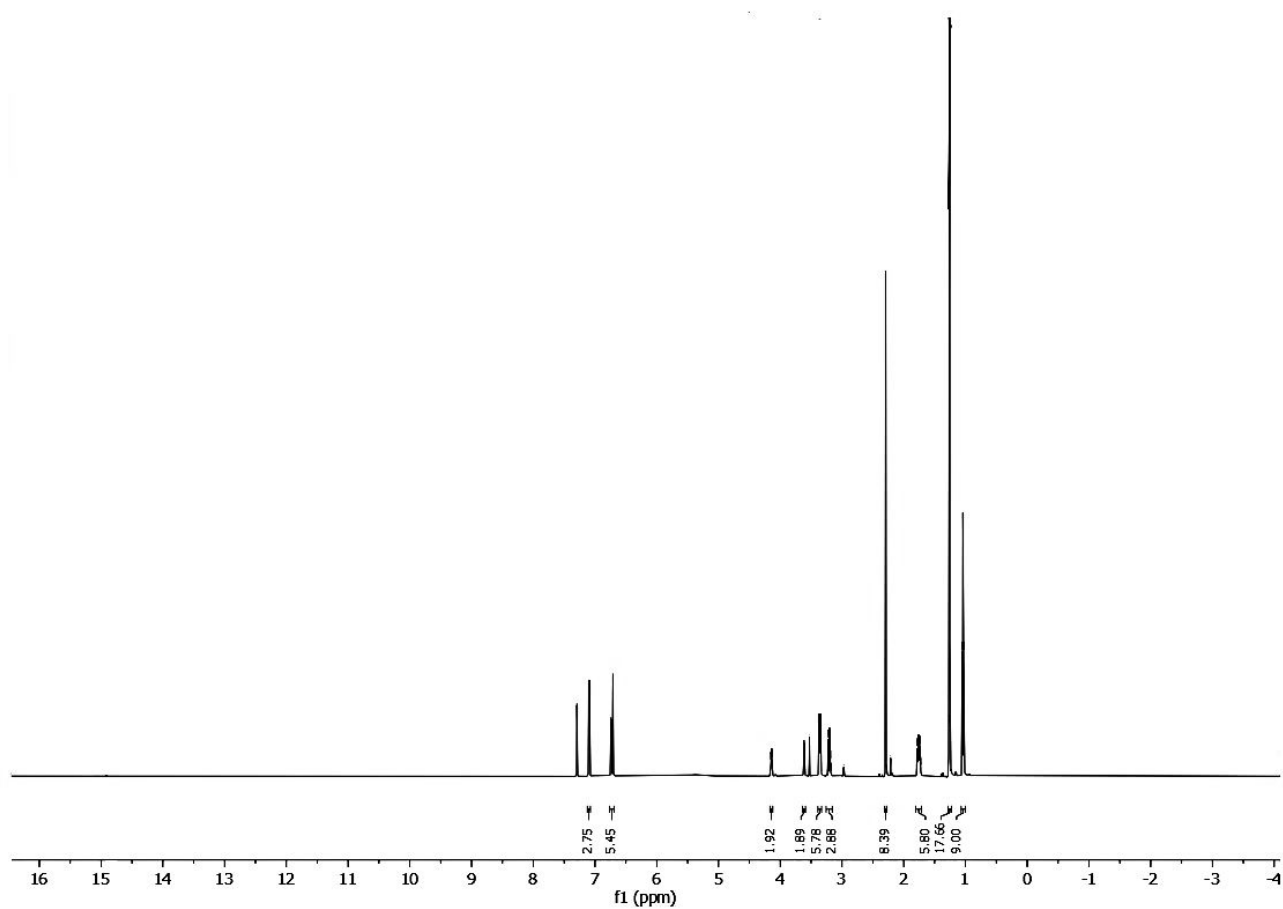


Figure S33: ¹H NMR of [N_{333(2OH)}⁺][Br⁻] : 2 Thymol HDES before extraction in KBr 30% aqueous solution

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 6H), 4.15 – 4.03 (m, 2H), 3.60 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 3.38 – 3.26 (m, 6H), 3.20 (h, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 2.25 (s, 9H), 1.80 – 1.62 (m, 6H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 18H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 9H).

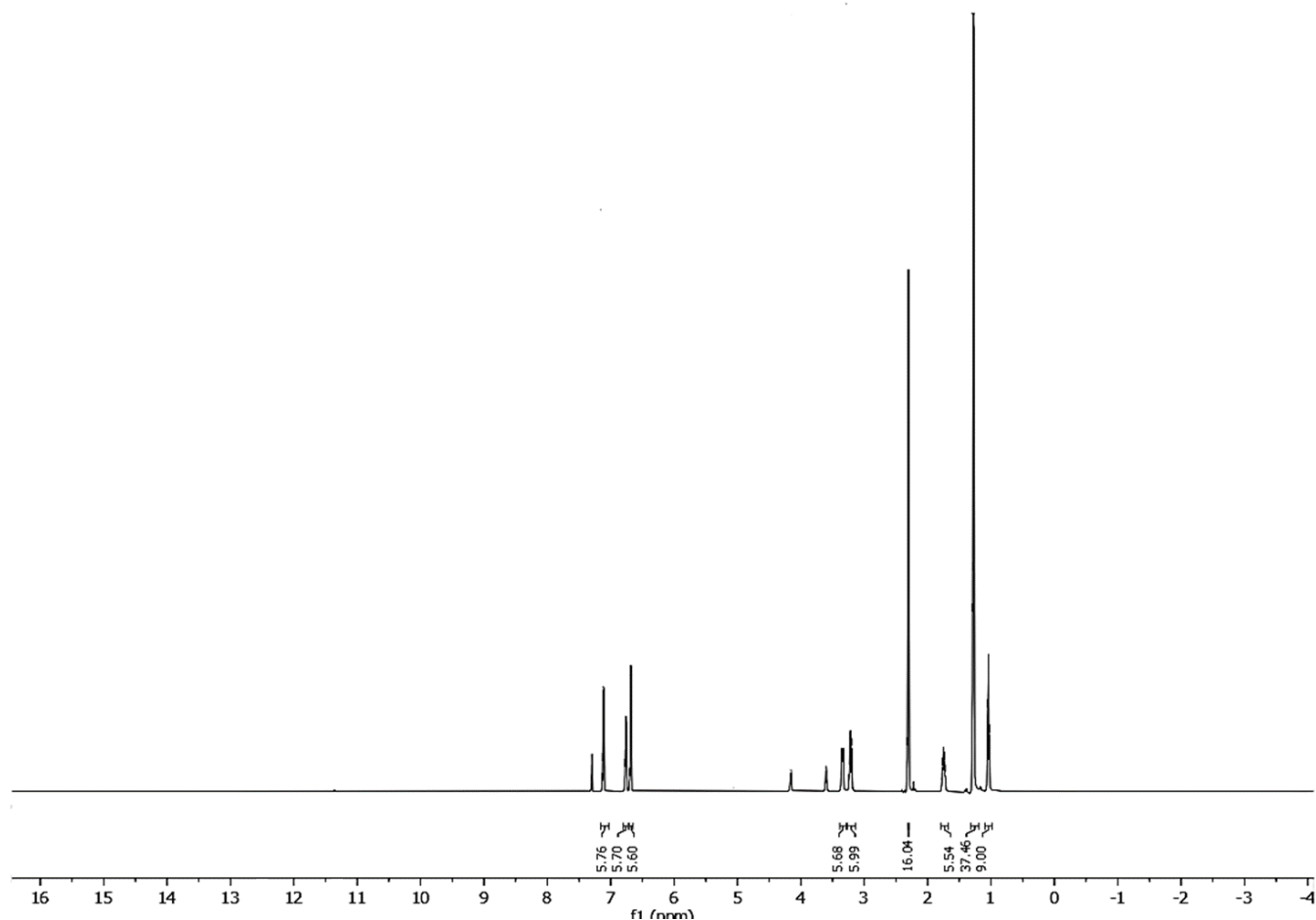


Figure S34: ^1H NMR of $[\text{N}_{333}(\text{2OH})^+][\text{Br}^-]$: 2 Thymol HDES after extraction in KBr 30% aqueous solution

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.10 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 6H), 6.80 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 6H), 6.67– 6.54 (m, 2H), 3.40 (m, 6H), 3.33 (h, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H), 2.30 (s, 16H), 1.79 – 1.65 (m, 6H), 1.34 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 37H), 0.99 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 9H).

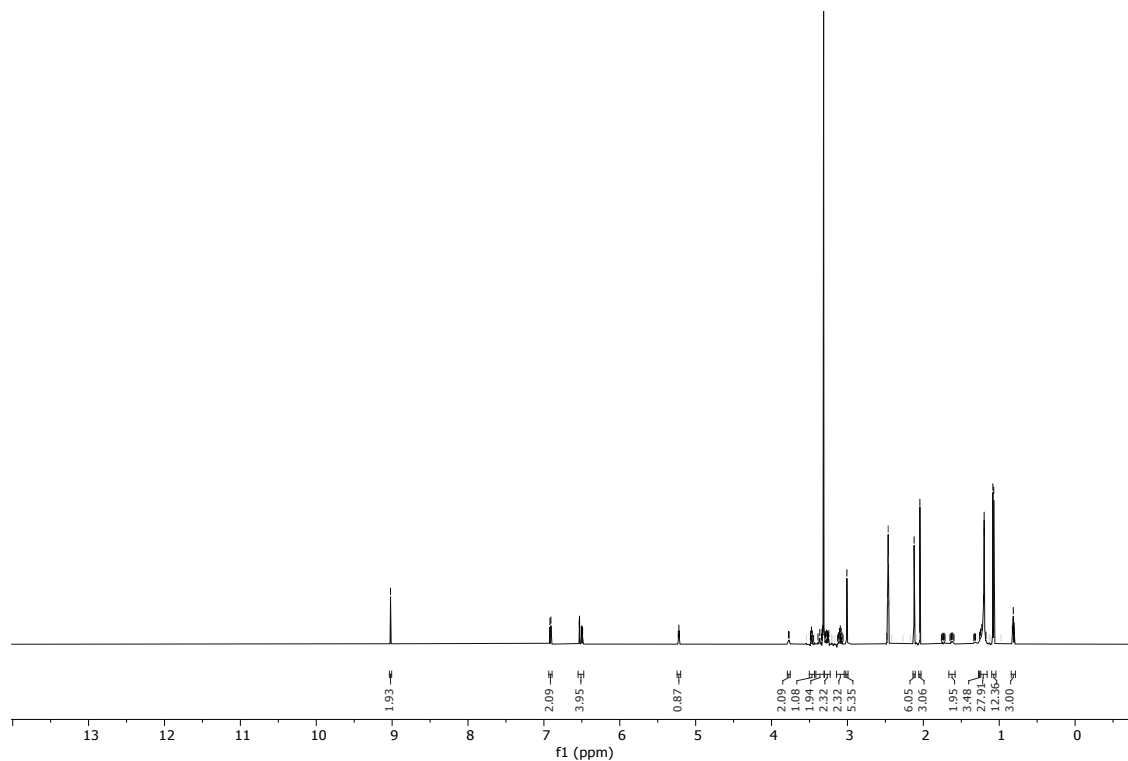


Figure S35: ^1H NMR of $[\text{N}_{1116}(\text{2OH})^+][\text{Br}^-]$: 2 Thymol HDES before extraction in KBr 30% aqueous solution

^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 9.02 (s, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.55 – 6.48 (m, 4H), 5.22 (t, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.50 – 3.43 (m, 1H), 3.42 – 3.31 (m, 2H), 3.30 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.09 (p, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.01 (s, 5H), 2.12 (s, 6H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.62 (dq, $J = 15.0, 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 28H), 1.08 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 12H), 0.81 (td, $J = 7.1, 0.9$ Hz, 3H).

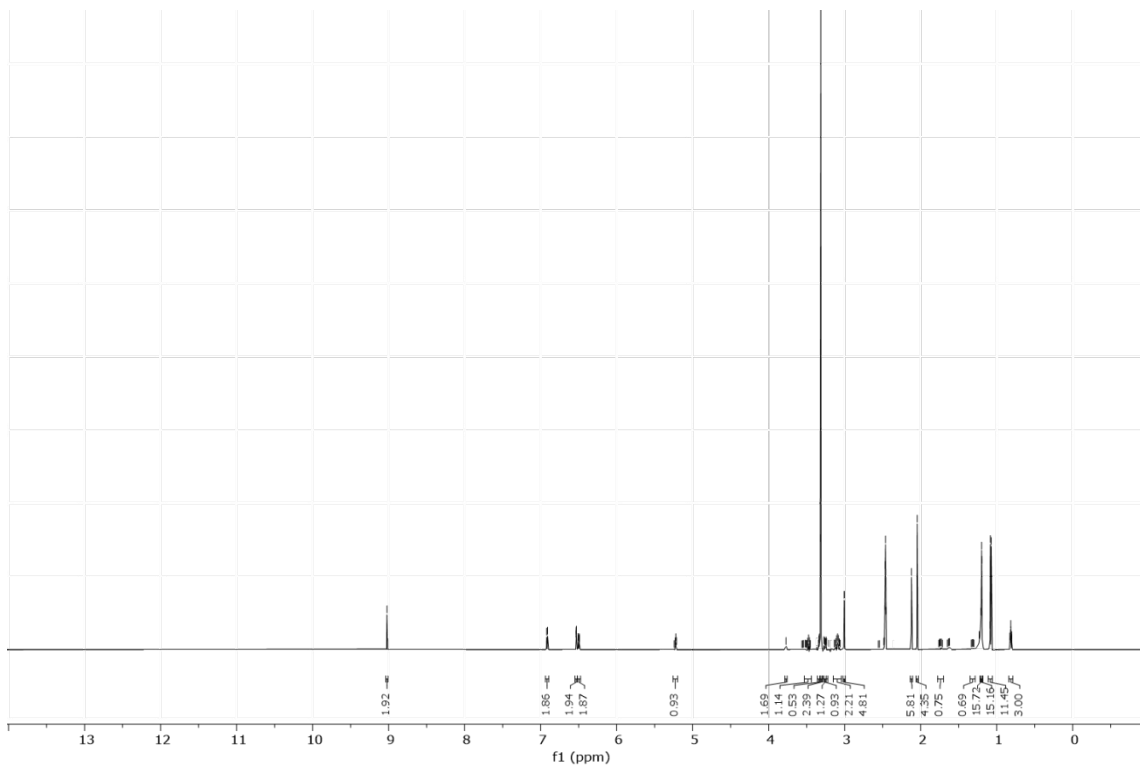


Figure S36: ^1H NMR of $[\text{N}_{1116}(\text{2OH})^+][\text{Br}^-]$: 2 Thymol HDES after extraction in KBr 30% aqueous solution

^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 9.02 (s, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.53 (dd, $J = 1.7, 0.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.52 – 6.48 (m, 2H), 5.22 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 3.53 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.34 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 2H), 3.26 (s, 1H), 3.25 (dd, $J = 16.5, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dq, $J = 14.0, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.01 (s, 5H), 2.12 (s, 6H), 2.05 (s, 4H), 1.74 (dt, $J = 14.5, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.32 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 16H), 1.20 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 15H), 1.08 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 11H), 0.84 – 0.79 (m, 3H).

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