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Step-wise Conversion of Two Pyrrole Moieties of Octaethylporphyrin to
Pyridin-3-ones: Synthesis, Mass Spectral and Photophysical Properties
of Mono- and Bis(oxypyri)porphyrins

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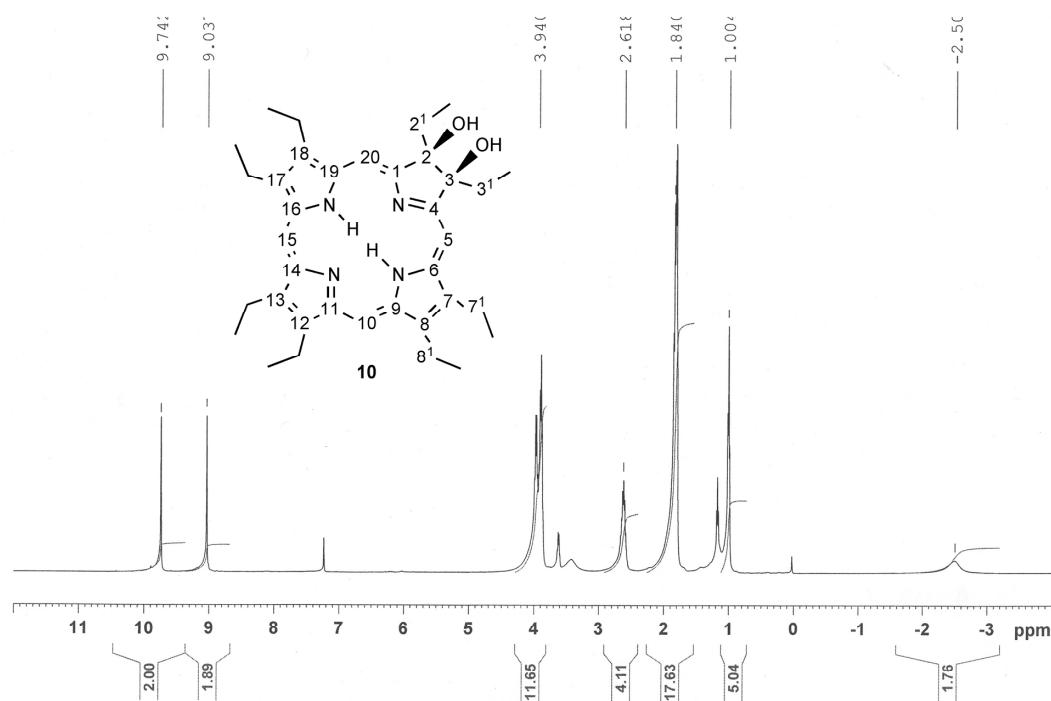


Figure S1. ^1H NMR (CHCl_3 , 400 MHz) of **10**.

Known compound (C. G. Chang, C. Sotiriou, *J. Org. Chem.* **1987**, *52*, 926, included for comparison.): δ = 9.74 (s, 2H, 10,15-H), 9.03 (s, 2H, 5,20-H), 4.01-3.98 (m, 12H, 7¹,8¹,12¹,13¹,17¹,18¹-CH₂), 2.62 (m, 4H, 2¹,3¹-CH₂), 1.9-1.8 (m, 18 H, 7¹,8¹,12¹,13¹,17¹,18¹-CH₃), 1.00 (m, 6H, 2¹,3¹-CH₃), -2.5 (br s, 2H, NH; exchangeable with D₂O). The assignments of the proton signals in **10** are commensurate with those made by Tamiaki (H. Tamiaki, S. Kimura, T. Kimura, *Tetrahedron</*

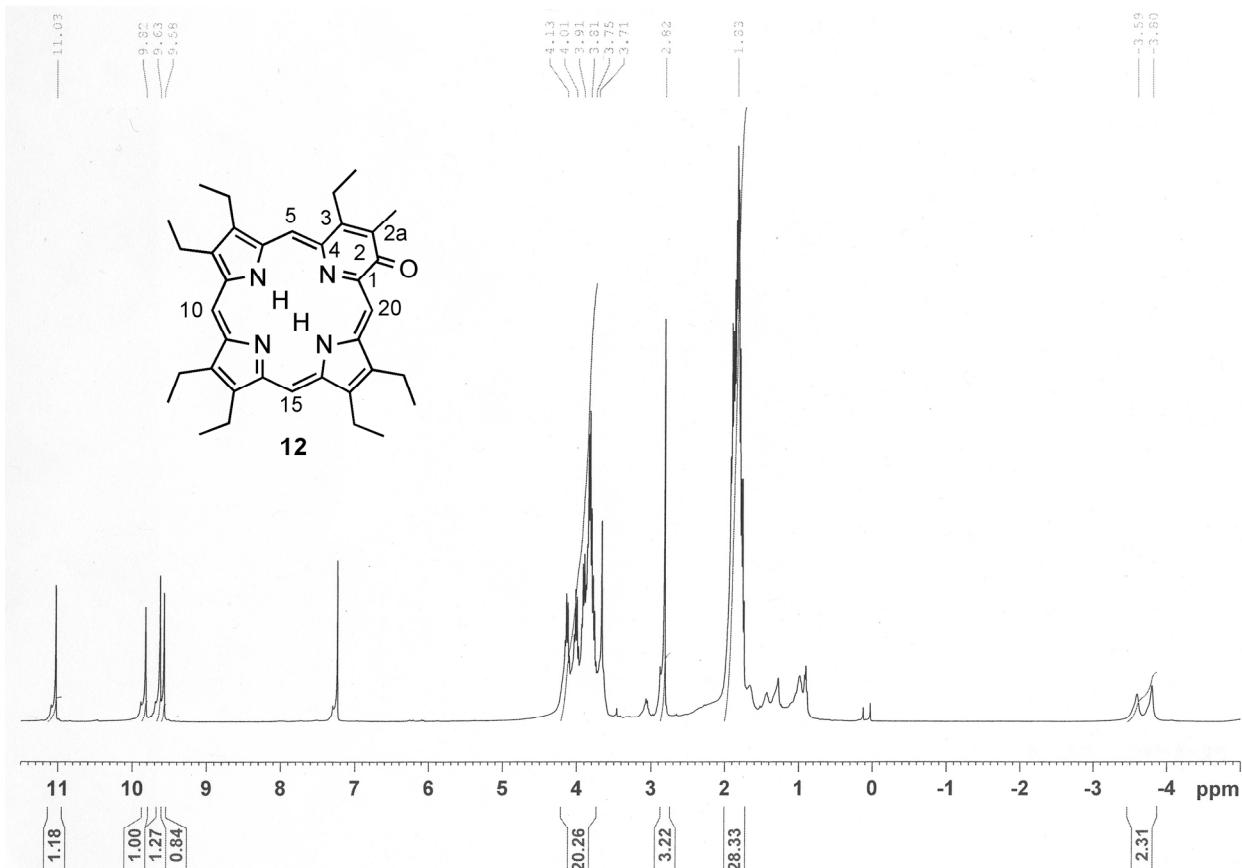


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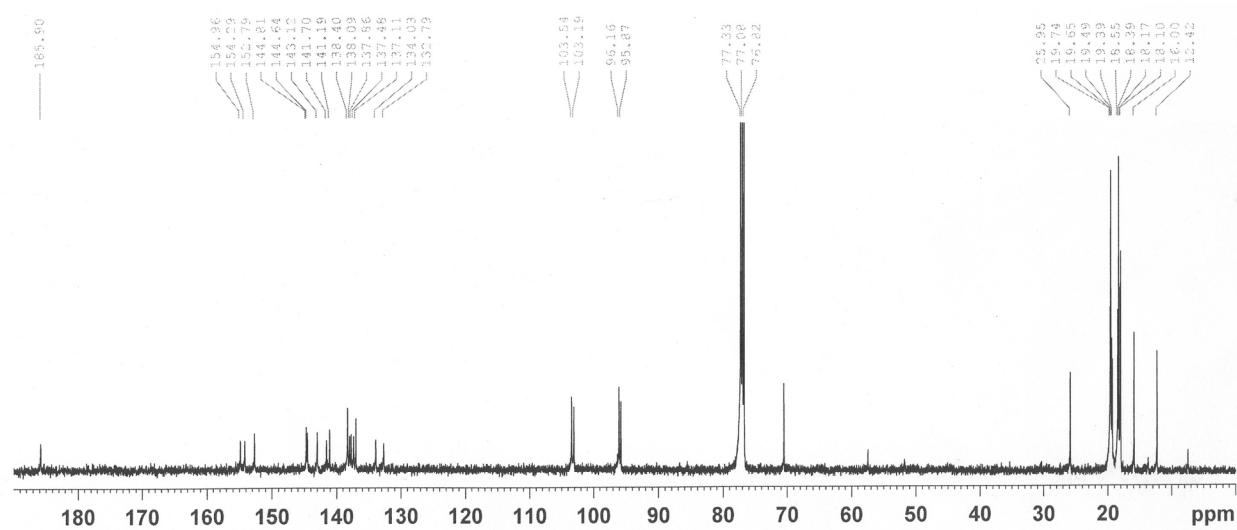


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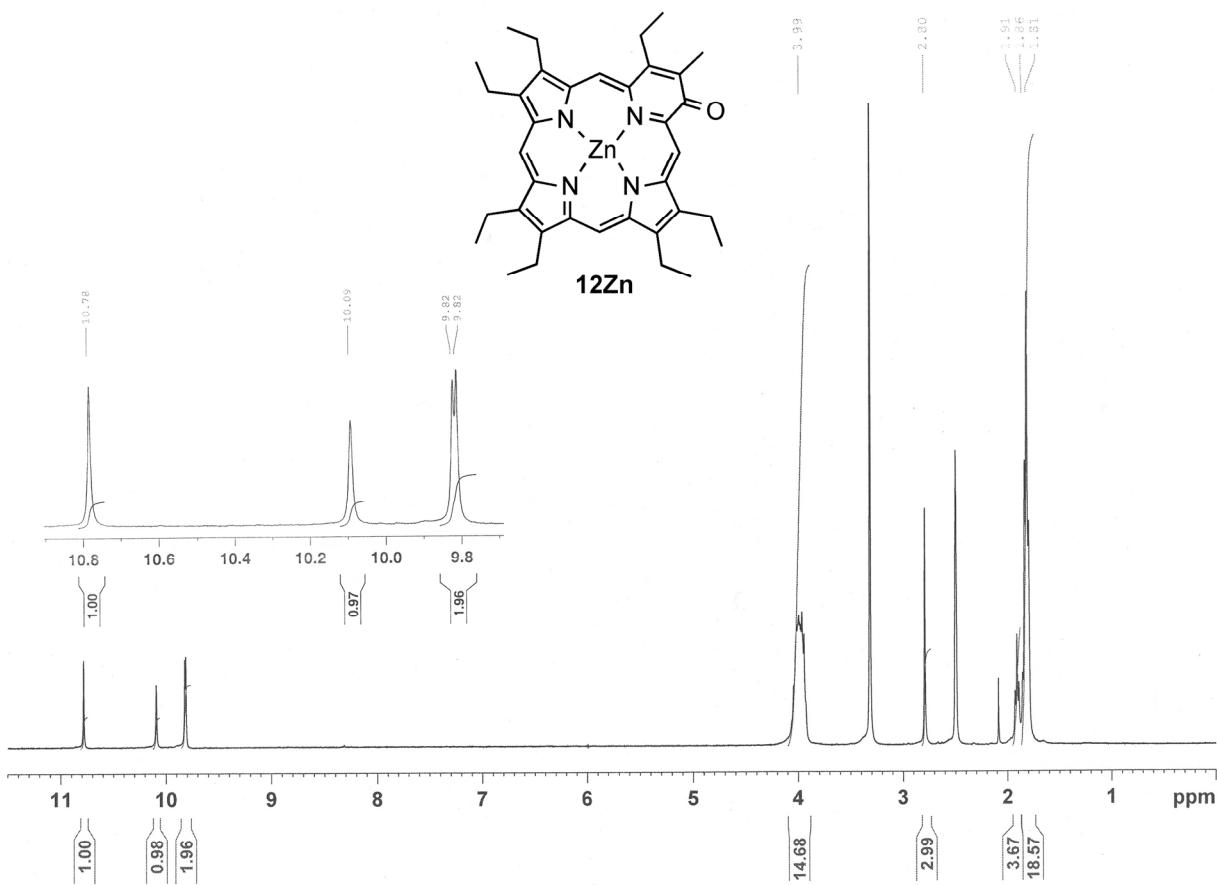


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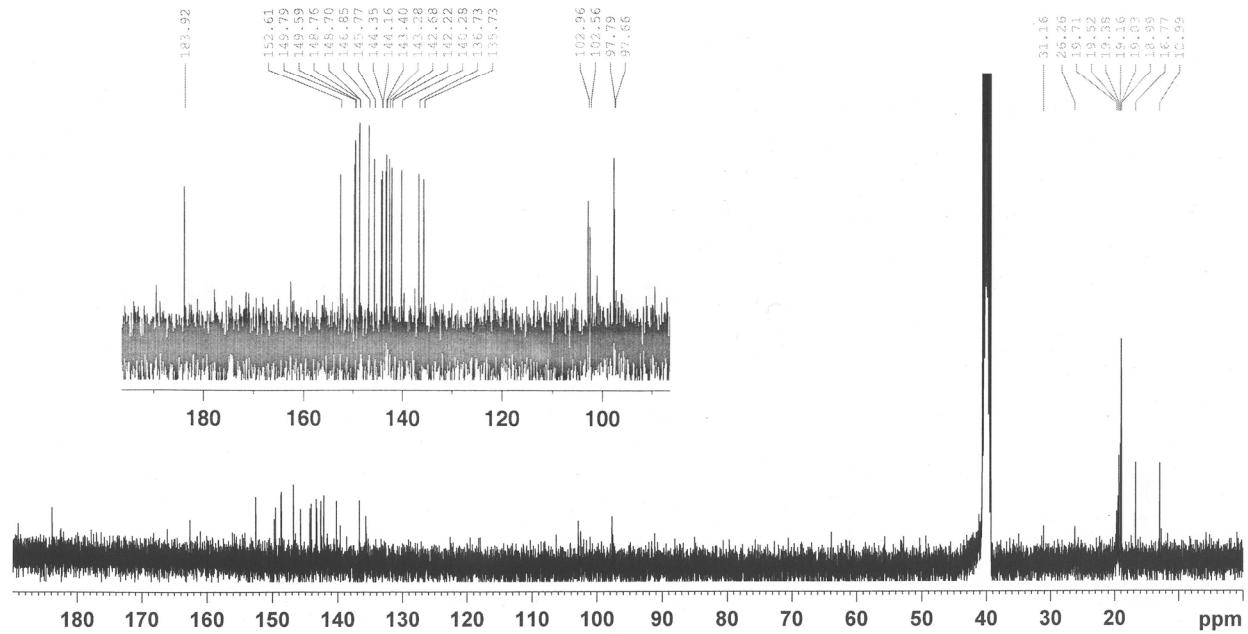


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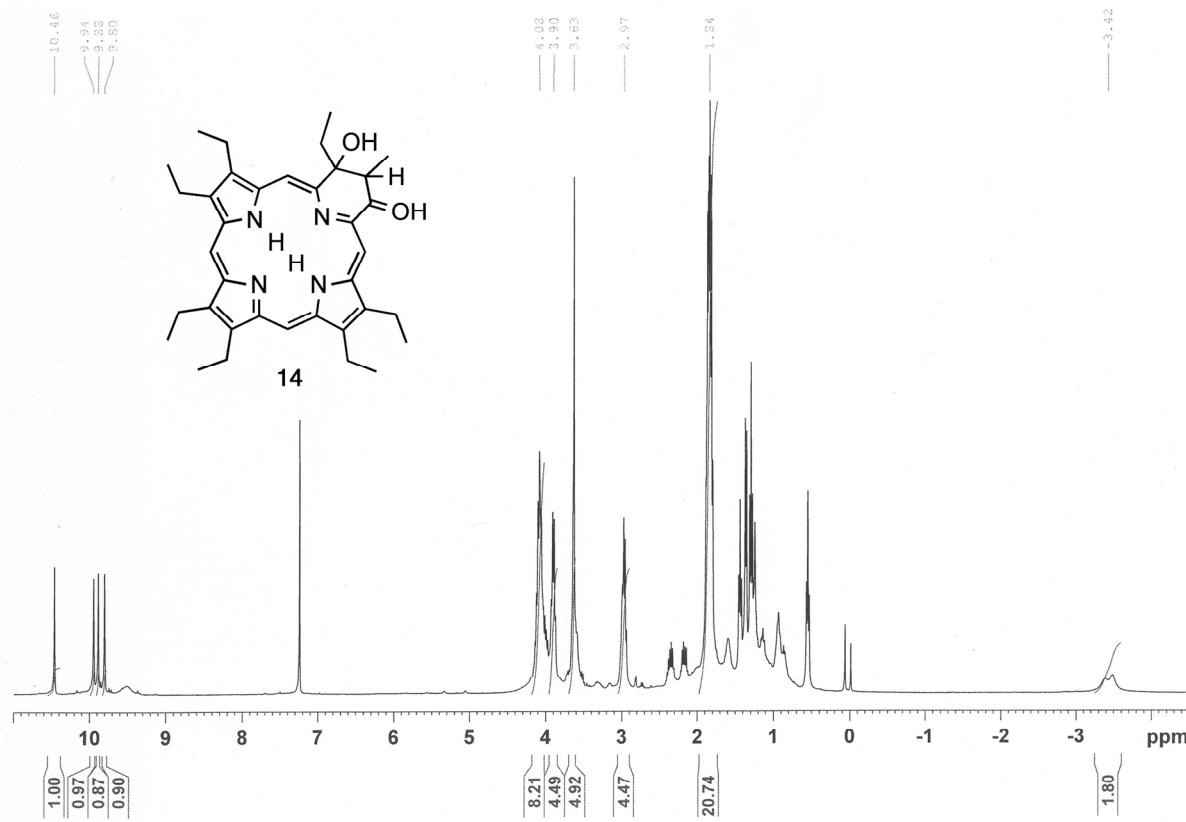


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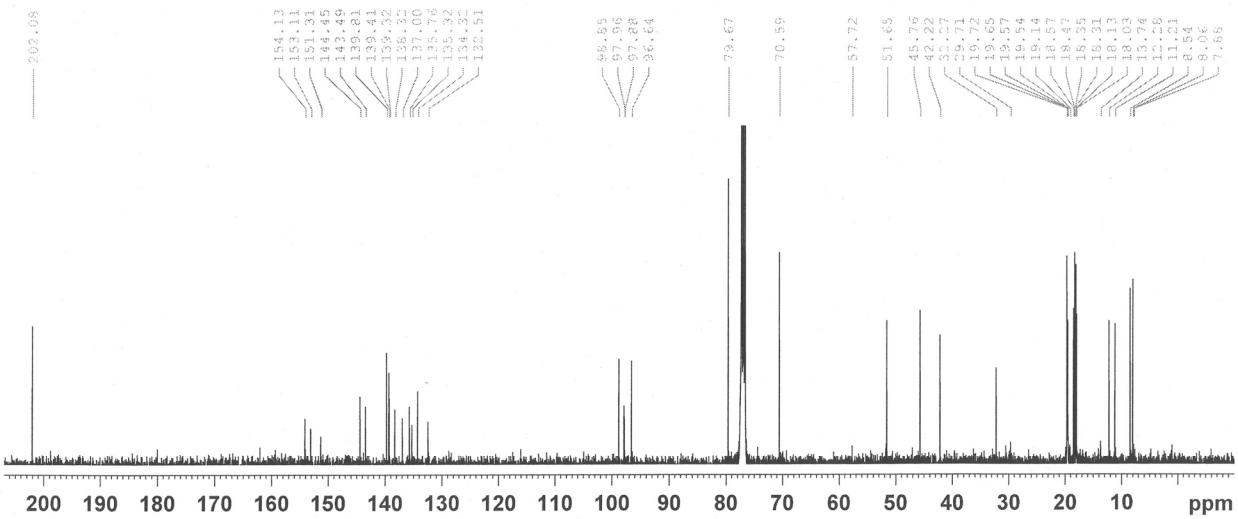


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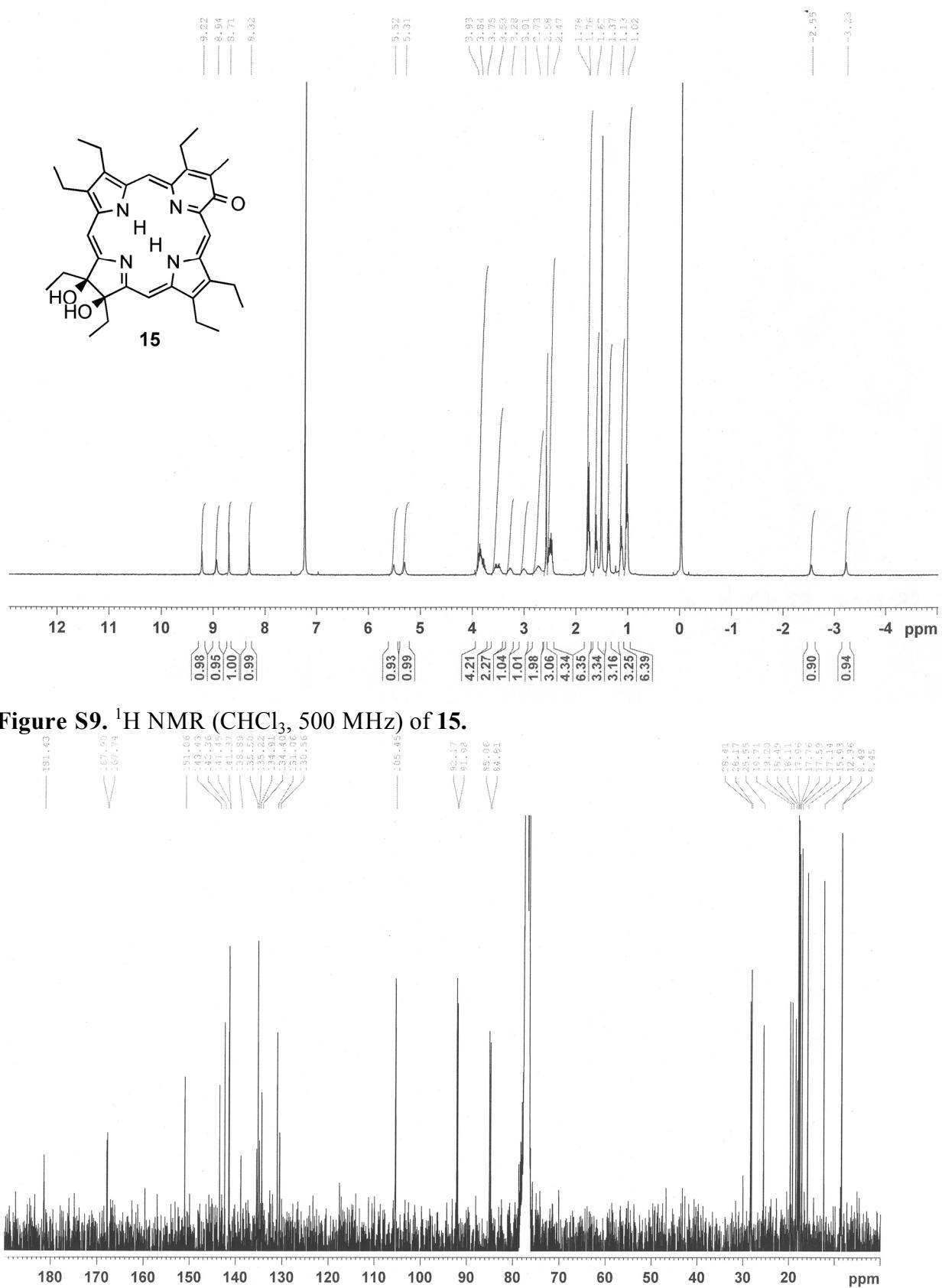


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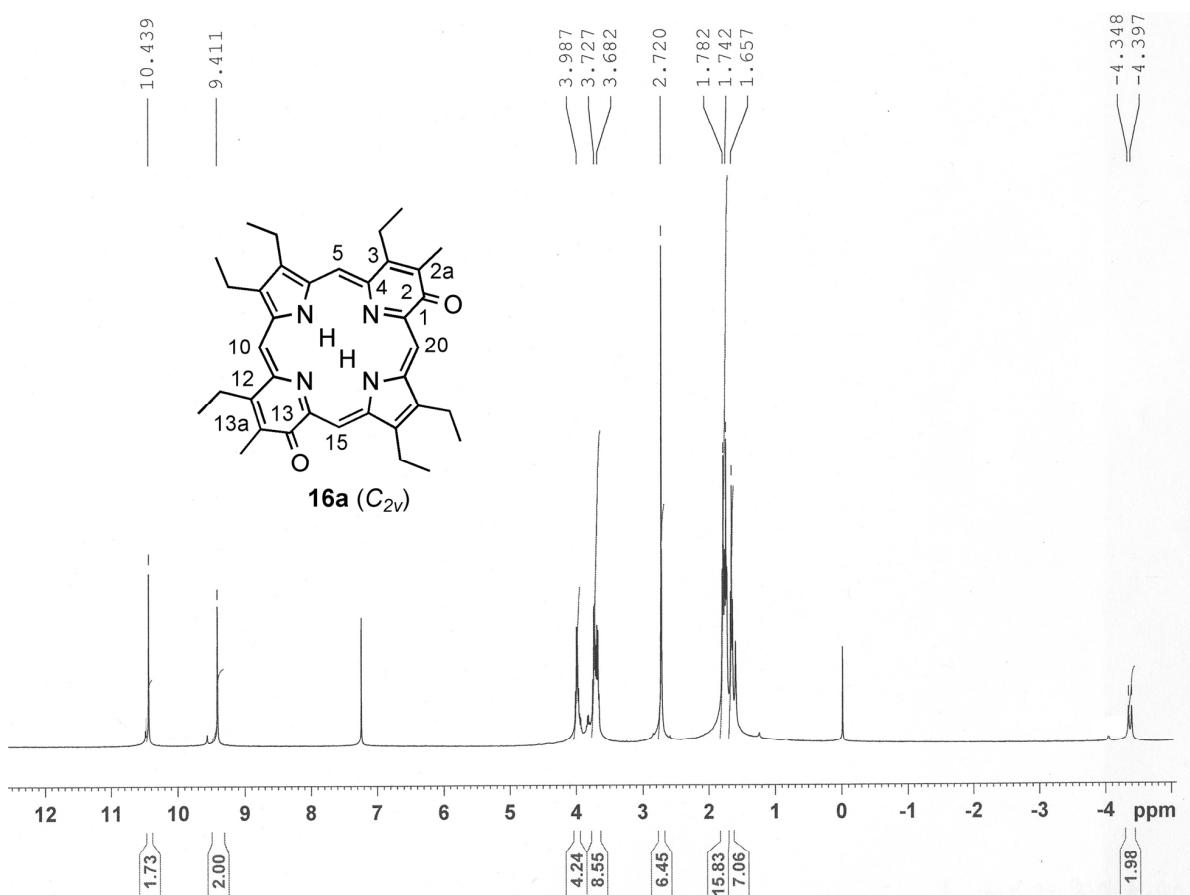


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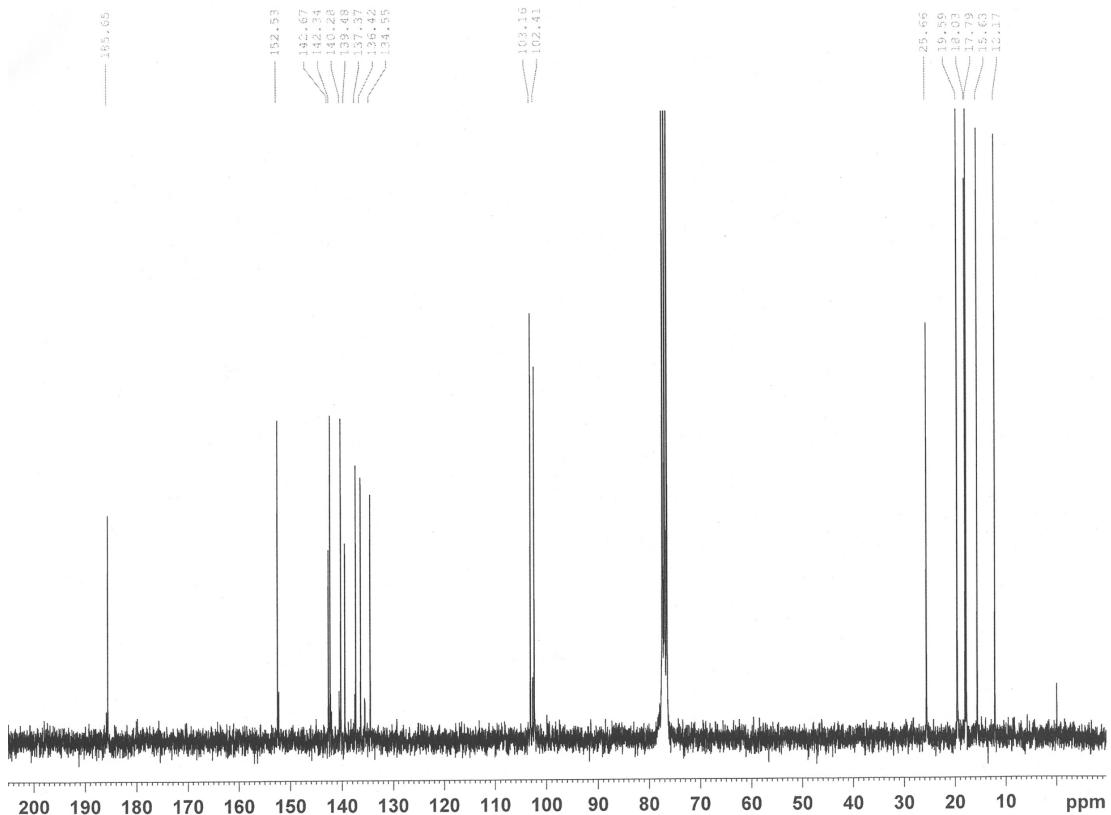


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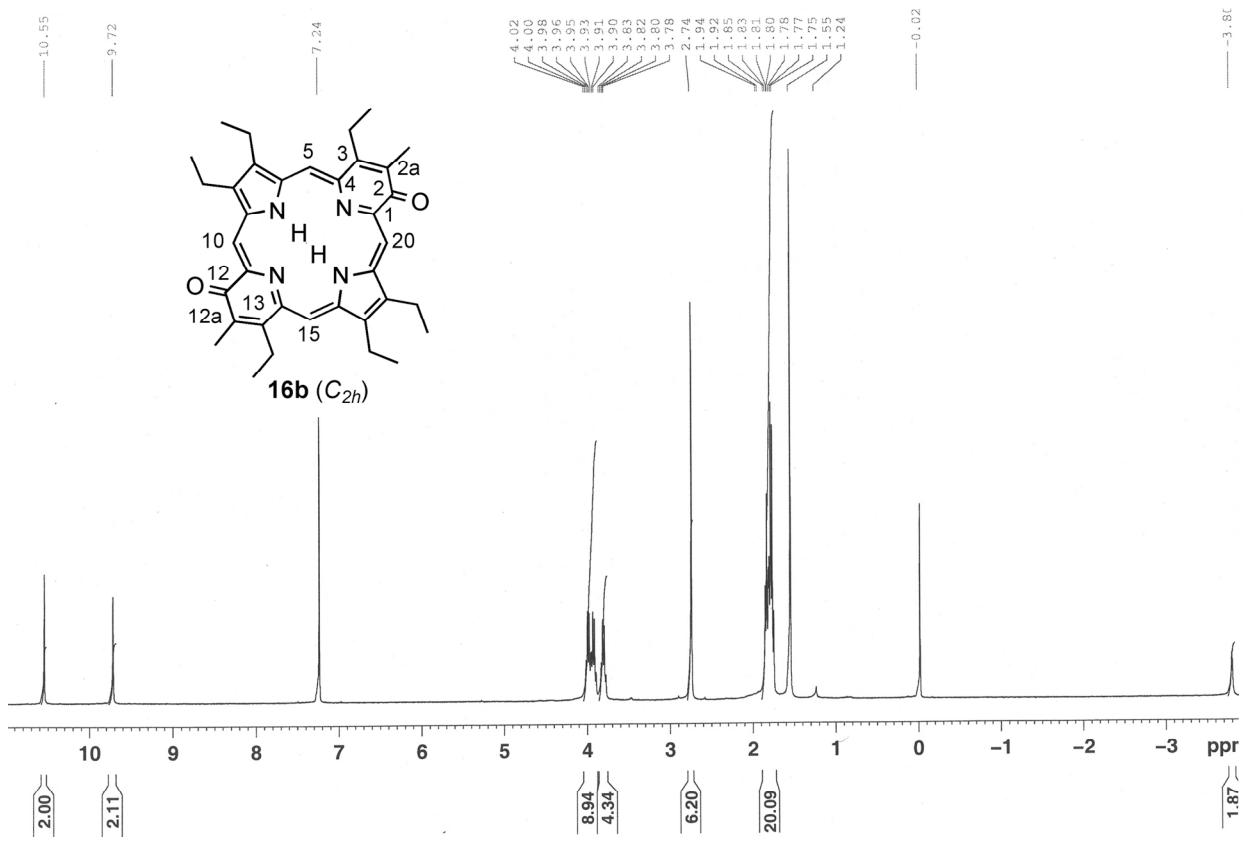


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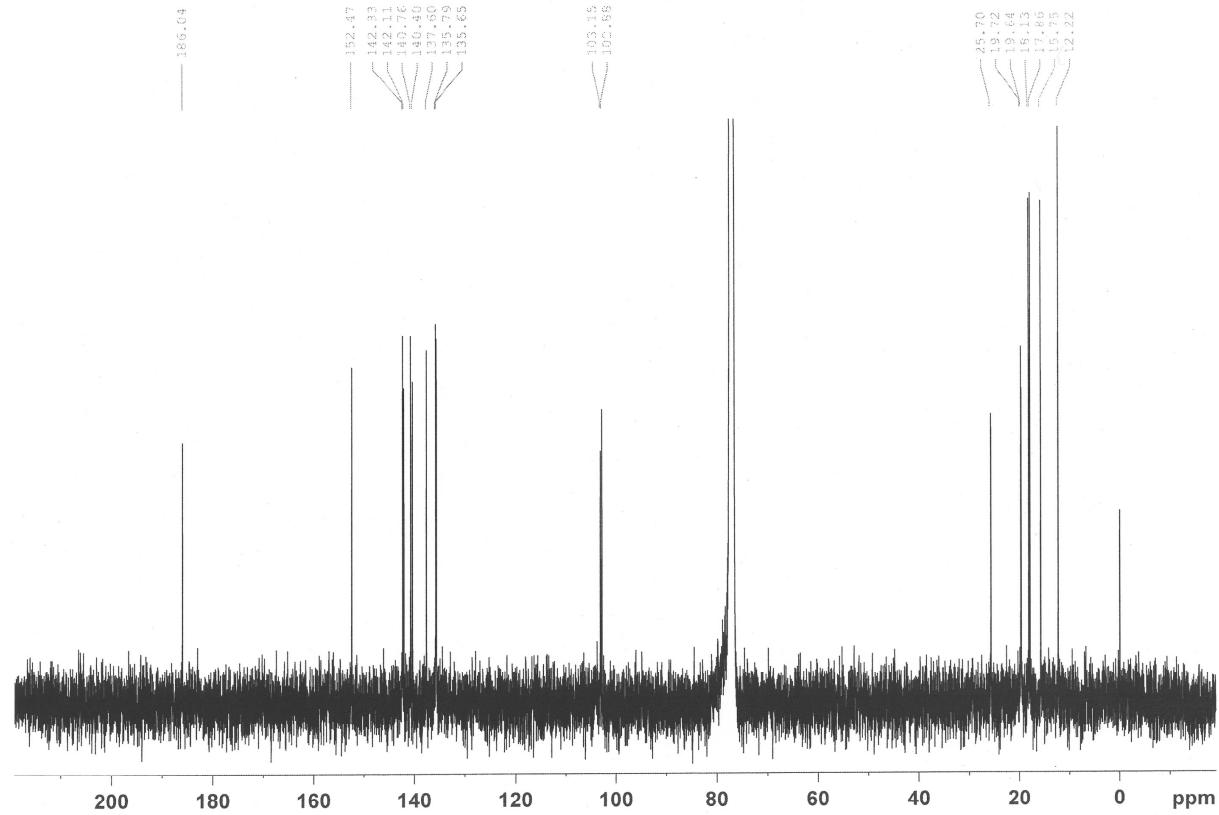


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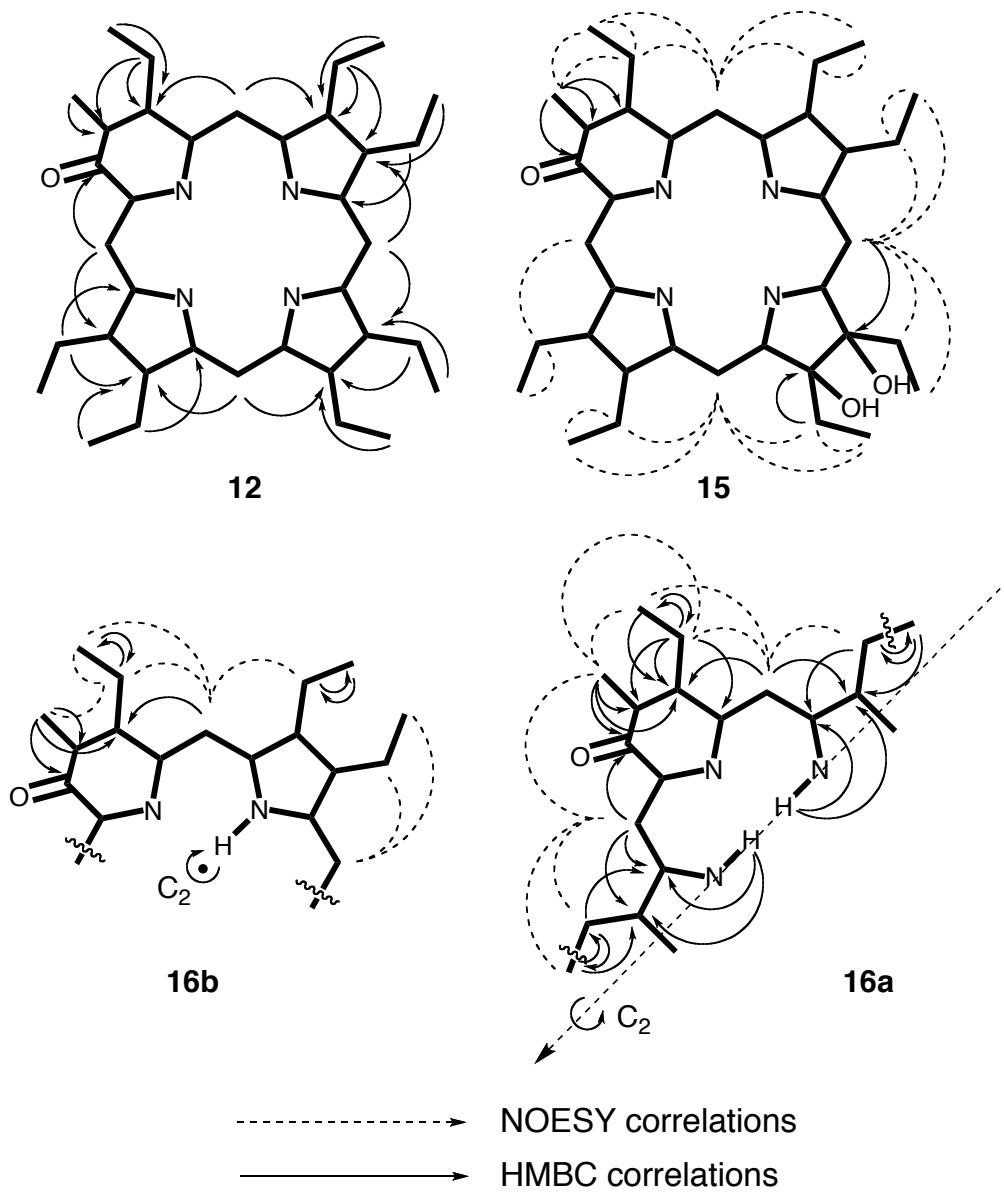


Figure S15. Summary of the HQMC and NOESY correlation data upon which the peak assignments rested. (all CHCl_3 , 500/125 MHz).

Tabel S1. Solvent-dependent UV-vis spectra of **12**

Solvent	λ_{\max} (rel. intensity)
C₆H₆	403 (0.30), 425 (1.00), 443 (0.33), 545 (0.04), 581 (0.08), 617 (0.05), 677 (0.14)
DMSO	403 (0.23), 426 (1.00), 446 (0.30), 547 (0.04), 578 (sh), 587 (0.08), 615 (0.07), 672 (0.11)
C₆H₁	379 (0.22), 400 (1.00), 418 (0.47), 435 (0.33), 583 (0.08), 615 (0.09), 667 (0.07)

Tabel S2. Solvent-dependent UV-vis spectra of **12Zn**

Solvent	λ_{\max} (rel. intensity)
CHCl₃ (EtOH stabilized)	434 (1.00), 454 (0.56), 577 (0.06), 627 (0.16)
CHCl₃ (HPLC)	428 (1.00), 446 (0.96), 633 (0.22)
CHCl₃/Pentane (3:1)	428 (1.00), 446 (0.97), 633 (0.23)
CHCl₃/Pentane (1:1)	427 (0.90), 445 (1.00), 633 (0.24)
CHCl₃/Pentane (1:3)	428 (0.84), 445 (1.00), 633 (0.27)
Pentane	428 (sh), 444 (1.00), 633 (0.26)

Tabel S3. Solvent-dependent UV-vis spectra of **15**

Solvent	λ_{\max} (rel. intensity)
CHCl₃	402 (0.27), 426 (1.00), 449 (0.29), 541 (0.04), 575 (sh), 587 (0.08), 613 (0.07), 669 (0.10)
C₆H₆	403 (0.30), 425 (1.00), 443 (0.33), 545 (0.04), 581 (0.08), 617 (0.05), 677 (0.14)
DMSO	403 (0.23), 426 (1.00), 446 (0.30), 547 (0.04), 578 (sh), 587 (0.08), 615 (0.07), 672 (0.11)
C₆H₁₂	379 (0.22), 400 (1.00), 418 (0.47), 4435 (0.33), 583 (0.08), 615 (0.09), 667 (0.07)

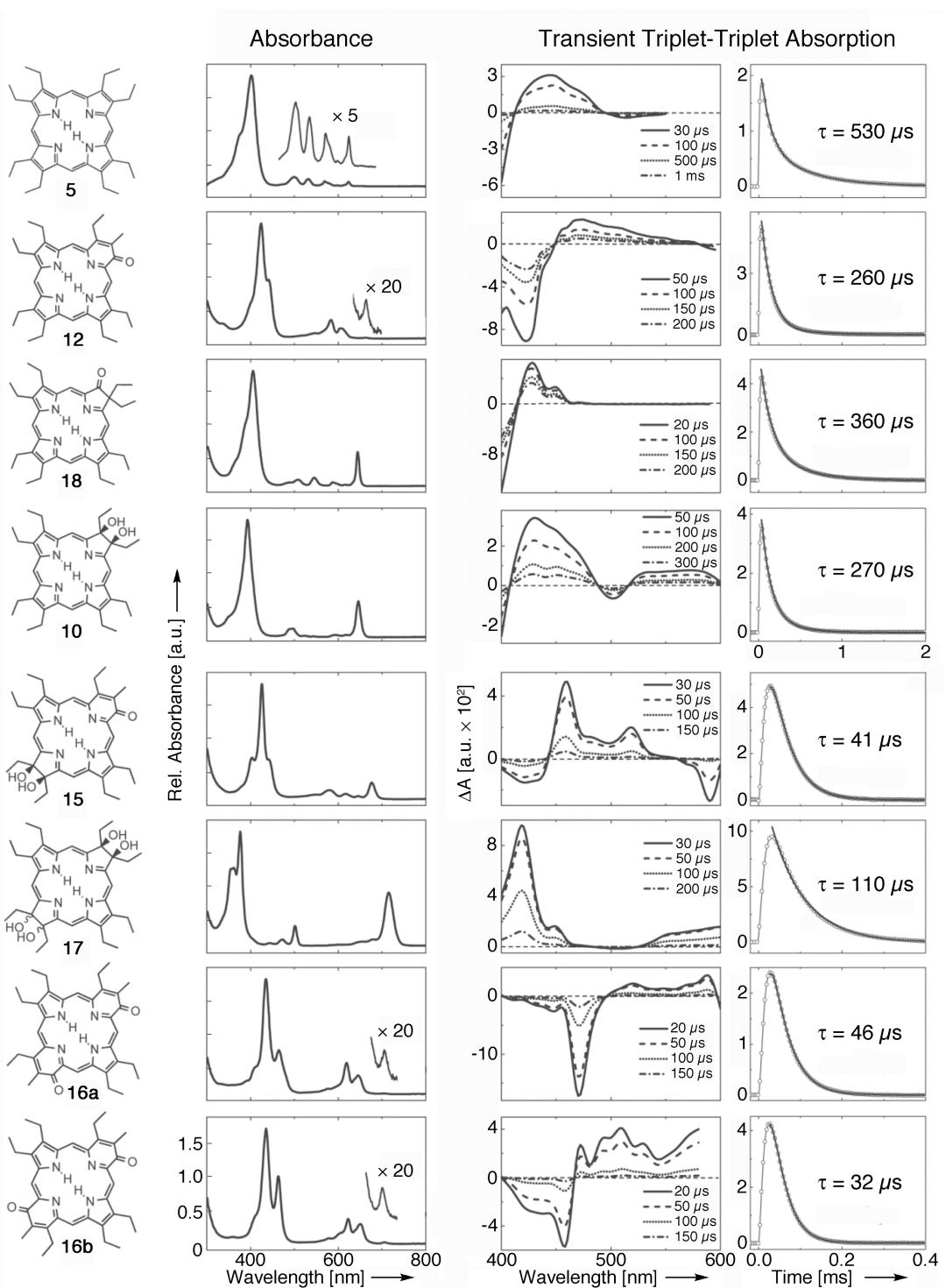


Figure S16: Normalized absorption and fluorescence emission spectra and triplet life-times of **5**, **12**, **18**, **10**, **15**, **17**, **16a**, and **16b** (all at ambient T, degassed toluene), together with their transient triplet-triplet transient spectra and the kinetic traces used for the triplet lifetime determination (solid line represents the fitted trace). The triplet excited state lifetimes were calculated as mean of at least eight decay constants of the decay kinetics taken at different wavelengths (440 nm for **5**, 470 nm for **12**, 470 nm for **18**, 430 nm for **10**, 460 nm for **15**, 420 nm for **17**, 520 nm for **16a** and 510 nm for **16b**). For the lifetimes in different solvent systems, see Table S4.

Table S4. Triplet Relaxation Time (τ) in toluene and 2-MeTHF.

Molecule	Solvent	τ [ms]
5	Toluene	530 \pm 25
	2-MeTHF	530 \pm 30
12	Toluene	260 \pm 40
10	Toluene	270 \pm 40
	2-MeTHF	350 \pm 10
18	Toluene	360 \pm 20
	2-MeTHF	650 \pm 20
15	Toluene	41 \pm 7
	2-MeTHF	100 \pm 5
17	Toluene	110 \pm 10
	2-MeTHF	120 \pm 10
16a	Toluene	46 \pm 4
16b	Toluene	32 \pm 2

Spectrophotometric Titrations (Only the Q-band region is shown):

Conditions: Porphyrin indicated in CH₂Cl₂ (spectrograde) at ambient temperature. Aliquots (10-100 µL) of a 0.1 M TFA solution in CH₂Cl₂ were added until no further significant changes in the spectrum were observed. Concentration of acid (2% to 0.02%) and volume of porphyrin solution (3 to 10 mL) were chosen such that the dilution error at the point of highest [TFA] did not exceed 5%.

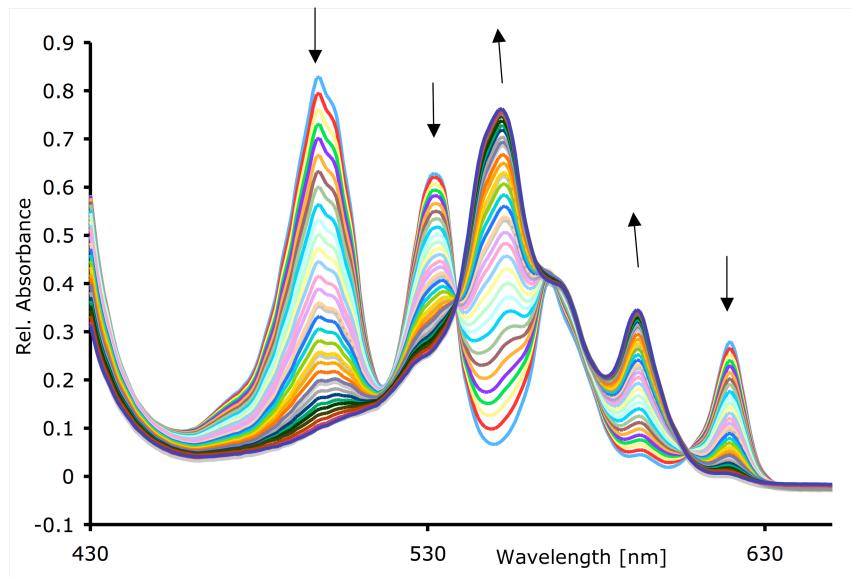


Figure S17: UV-vis Spectrophotometric titration of **OEP (5)** (Q-band region).

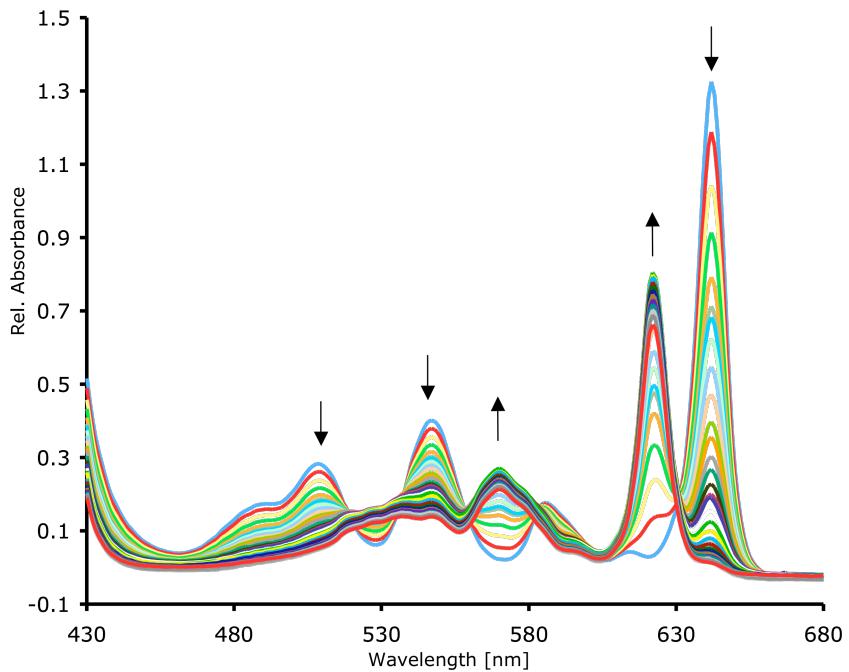


Figure S18: UV-vis Spectrophotometric titration of oxochlorin **18** (Q-band region).

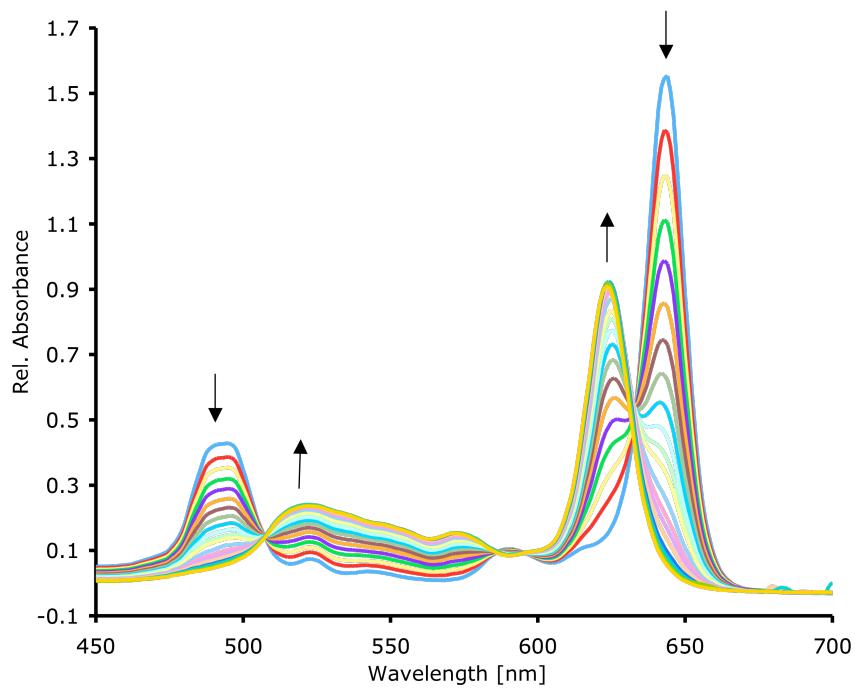


Figure S19: UV-vis Spectrophotometric titration of diol chlorin **10** (Q-band region).

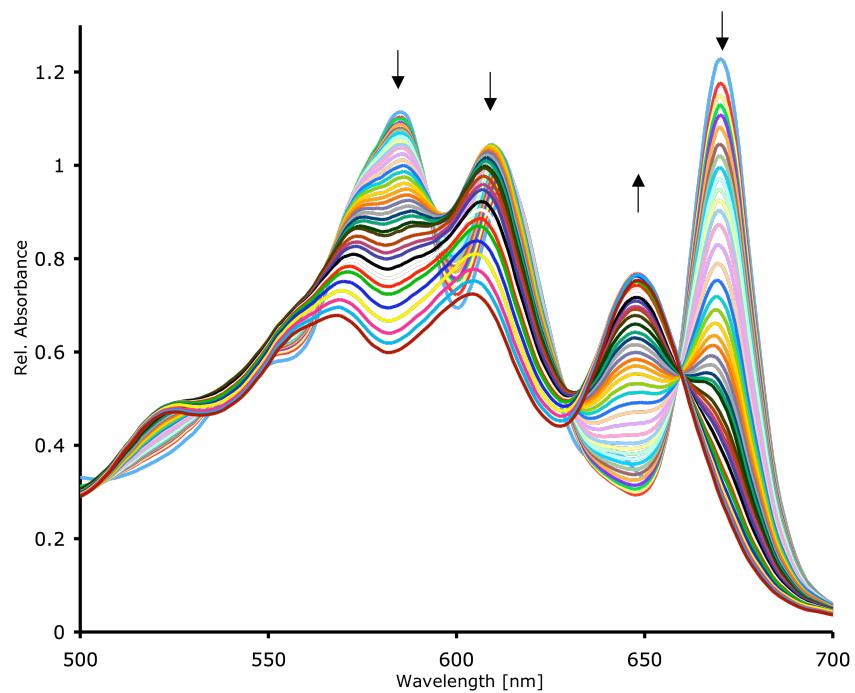


Figure S20: UV-vis Spectrophotometric titration of 12,13-dihydro,dihydroxyoxypyriporphyrin **15** (Q-band region).

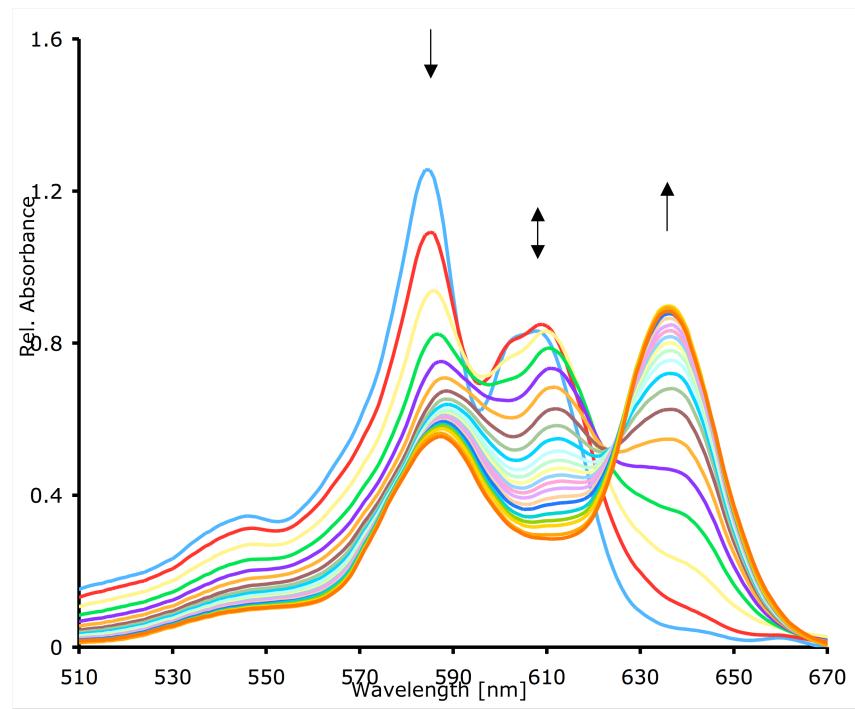


Figure S21: UV-vis Spectrophotometric titration of oxypyriporphyrin **12** (Q-band region).

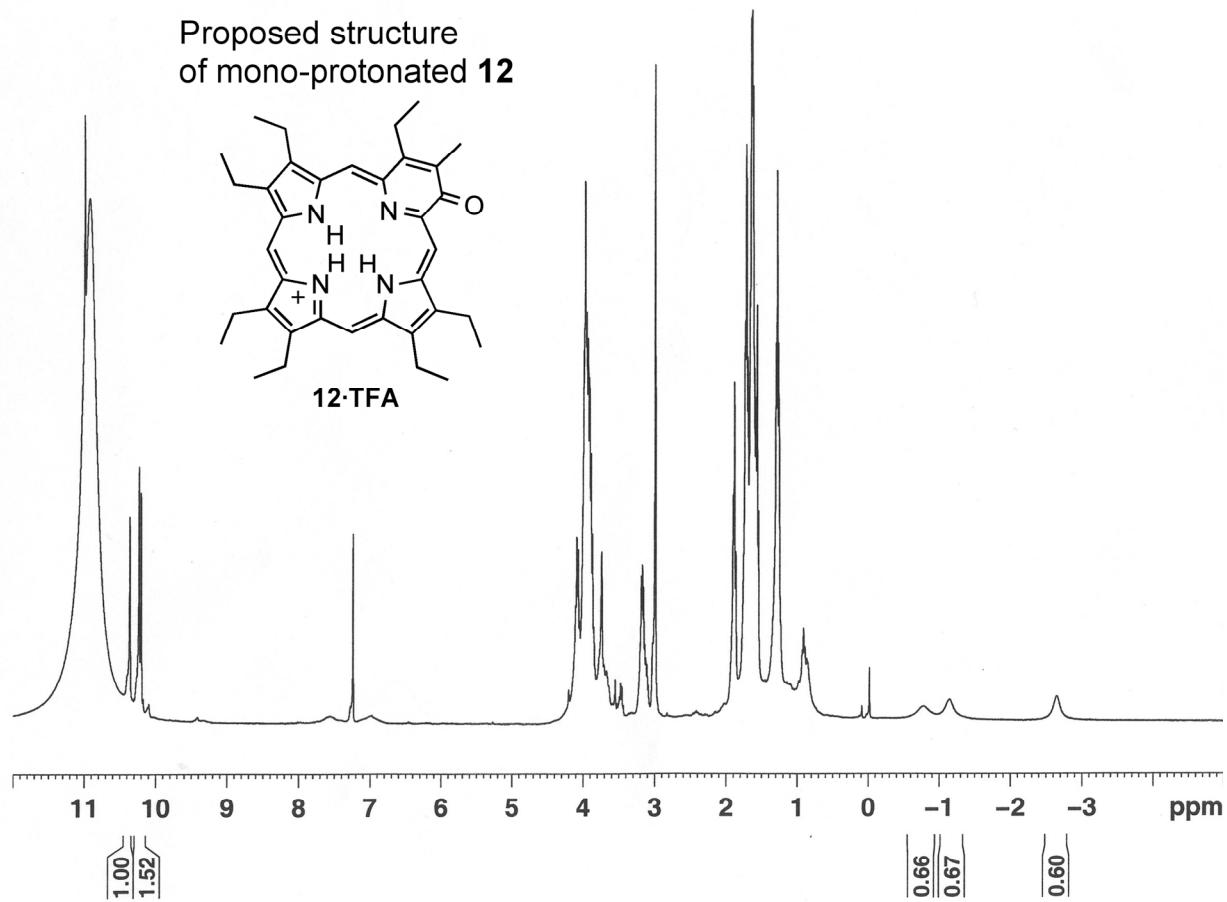


Figure S22: ^1H NMR of **12** ($\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{traces TFA}$, 400 MHz).

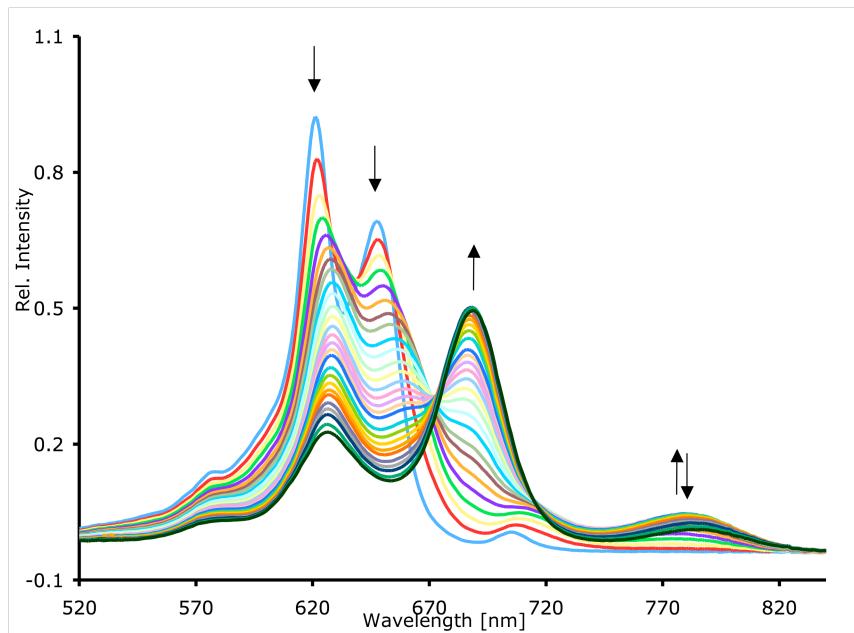


Figure S23: UV-vis Spectrophotometric titration of bis(oxypyri) porphyrin **16a** (Q-band region).

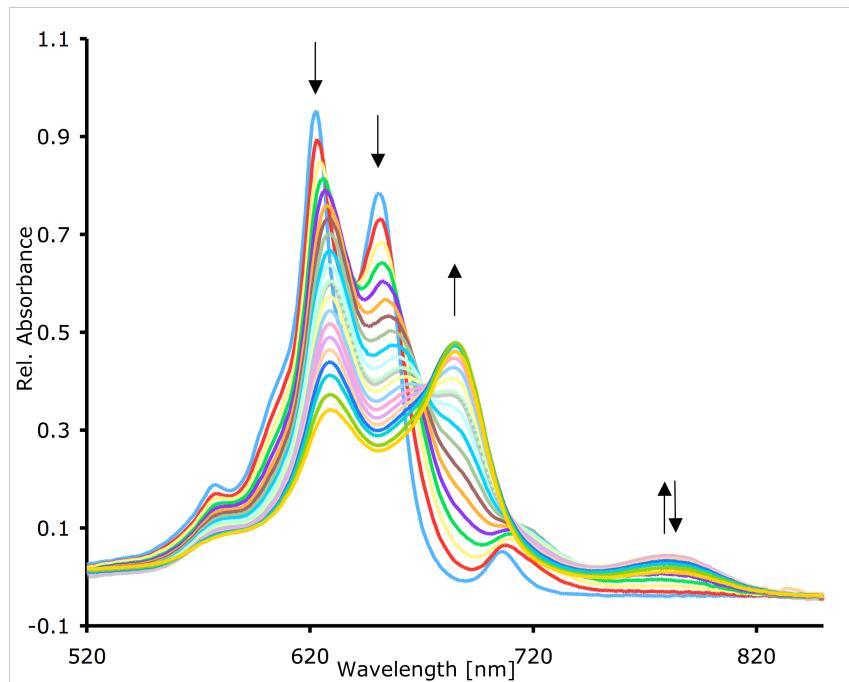


Figure S24: UV-vis Spectrophotometric titration of bis(oxypyri) porphyrin **16b** (Q-band region).

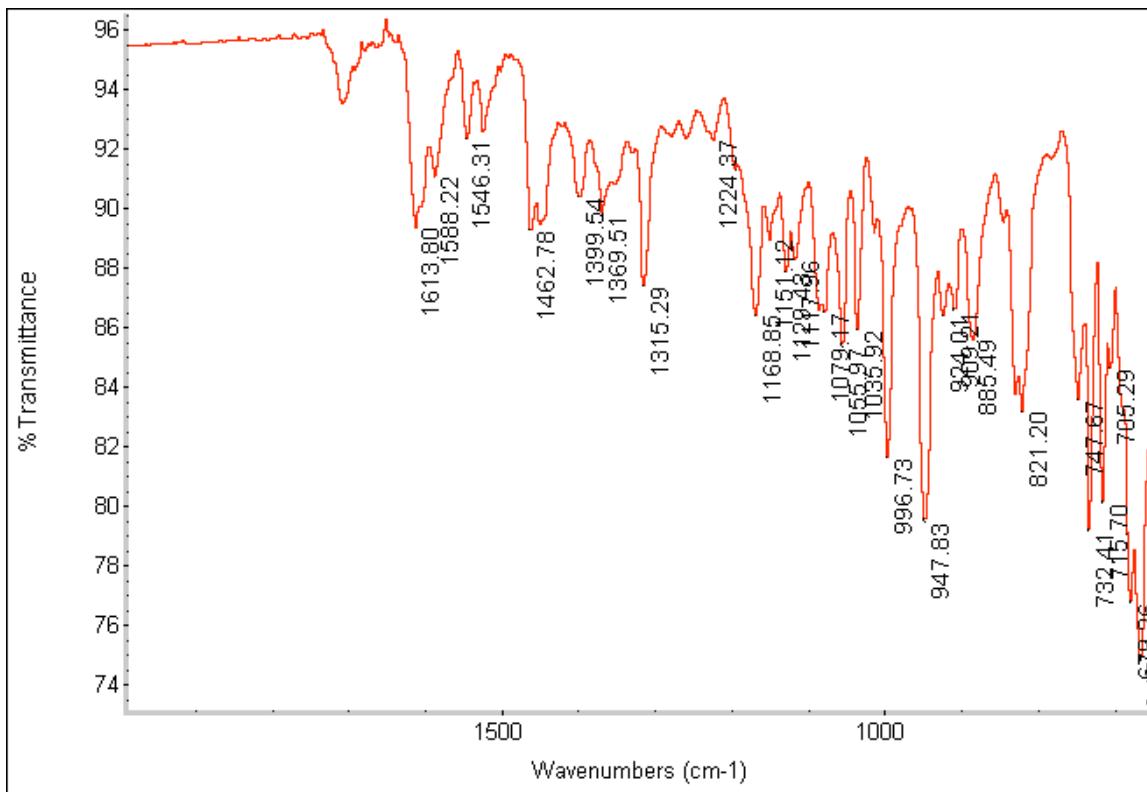


Figure S25: FT-IR Spectra (diffuse reflectance, neat sample) of **10** (for comparison)

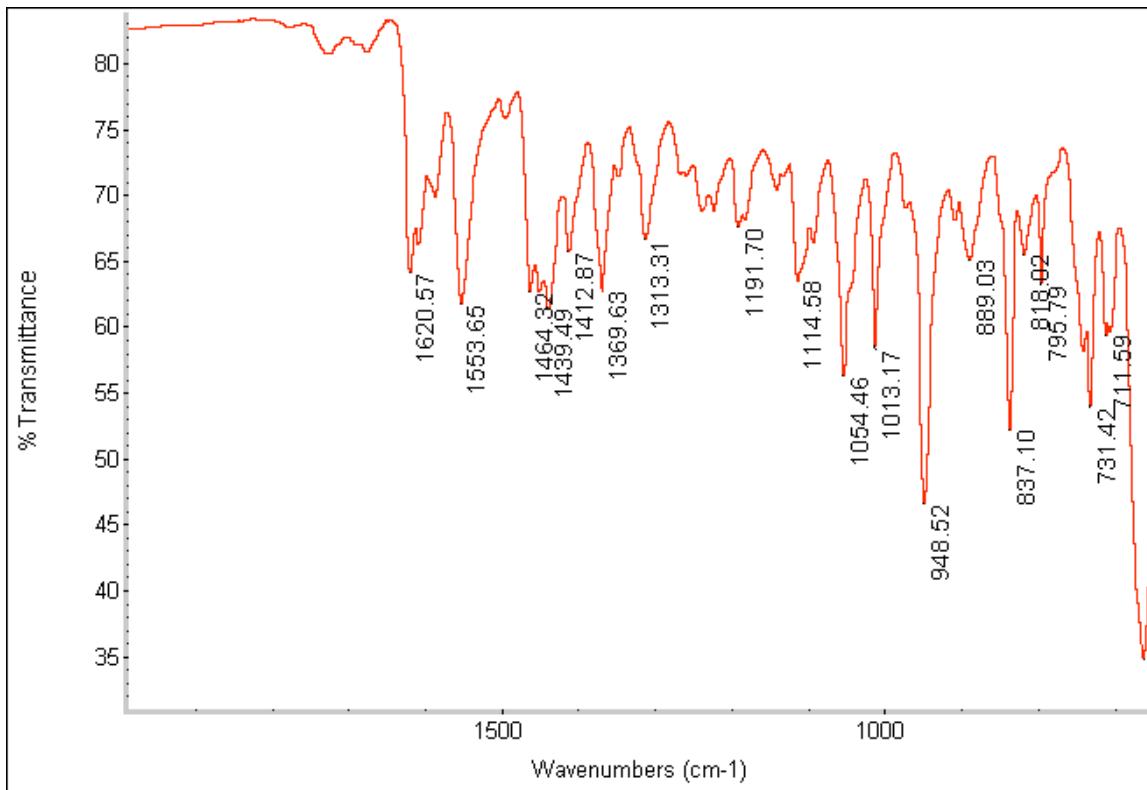


Figure S26: FT-IR Spectra (diffuse reflectance, neat sample) of **12**

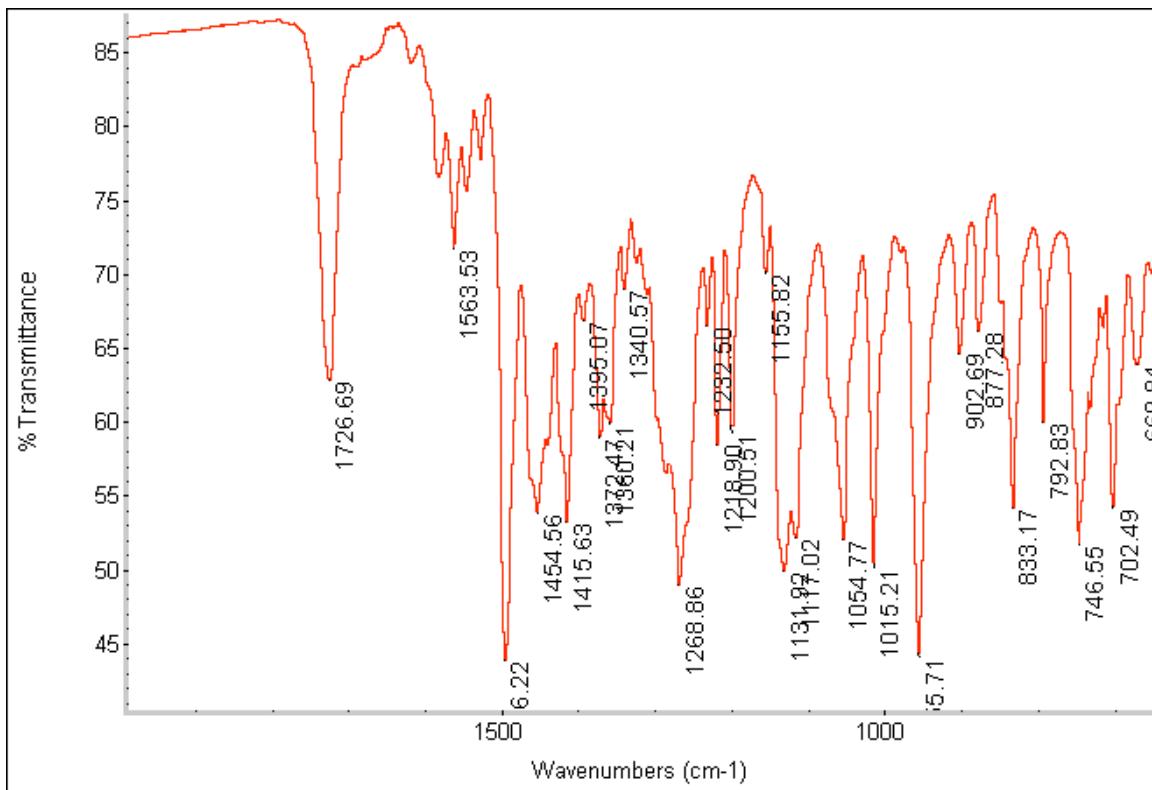


Figure S27: FT-IR Spectra (diffuse reflectance, neat sample) of 12Zn

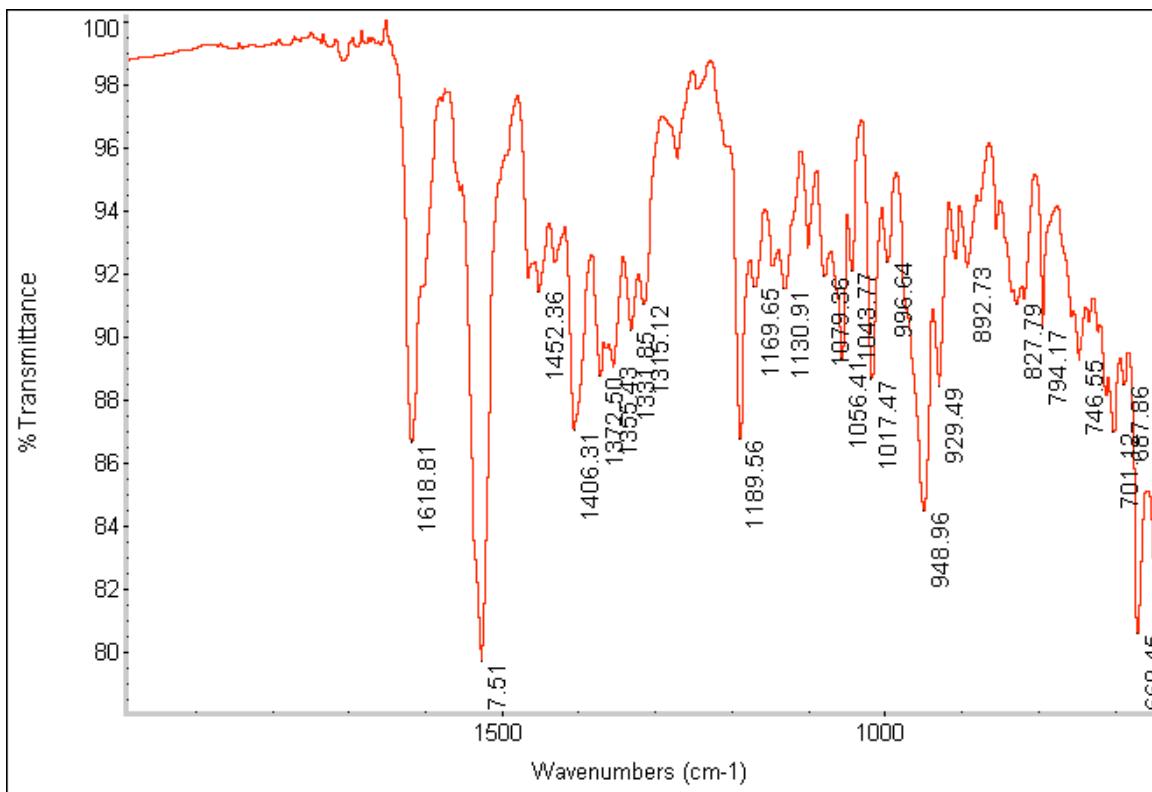


Figure S28: FT-IR Spectra (diffuse reflectance, neat sample) of **15**

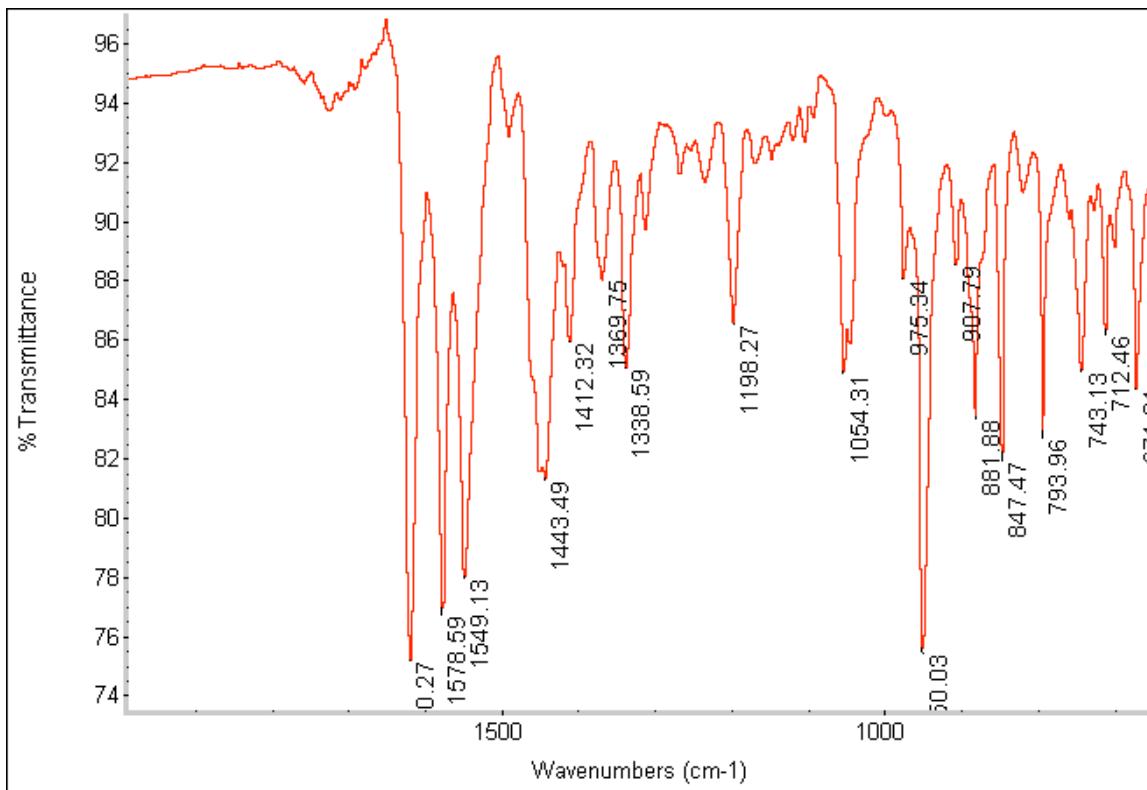


Figure S29: FT-IR Spectra (diffuse reflectance, neat sample) of **16a**

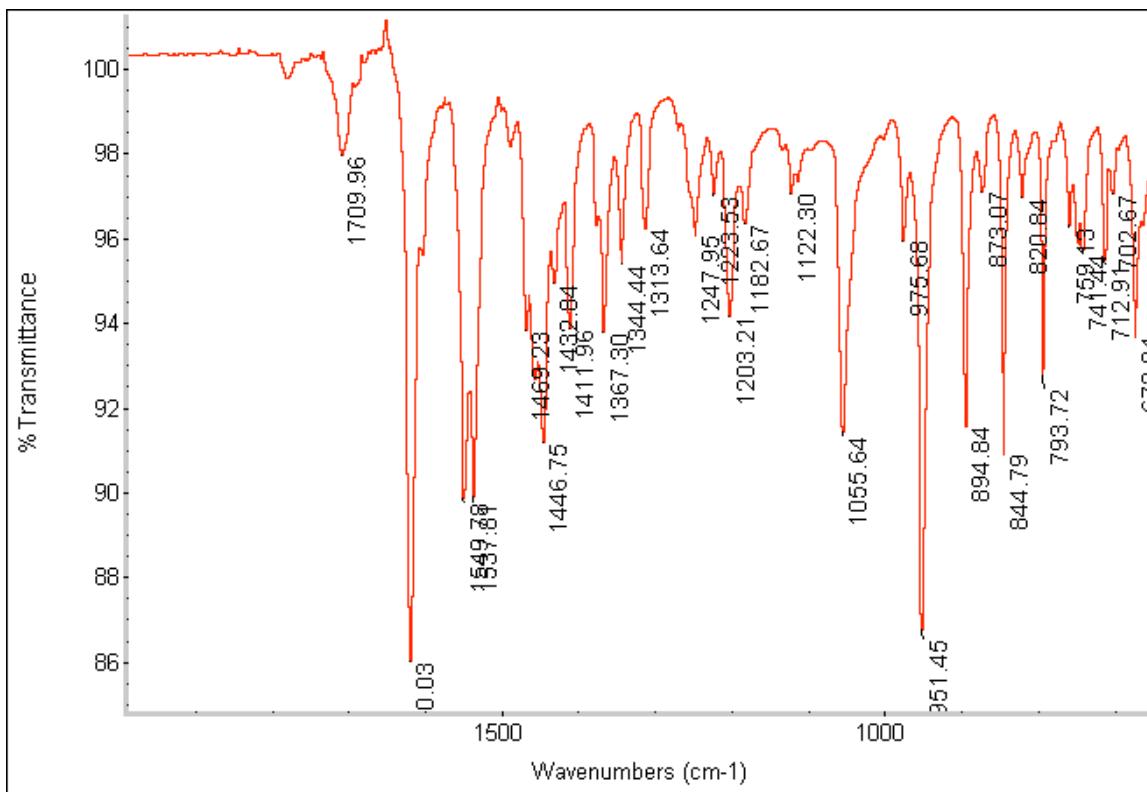


Figure S30: FT-IR Spectra (diffuse reflectance, neat sample) of **16b**

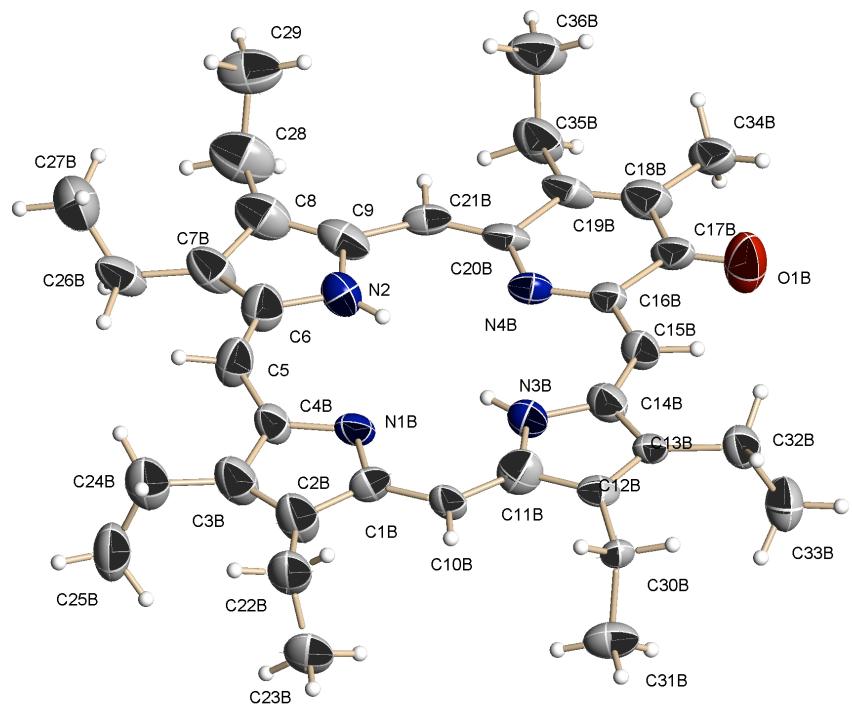


Figure S31: ORTEP (30% occupancy) representation of the structure of **12** with numbering system used in the structural analysis (note that this numbering differs from the numbering used in the NMR analyses).

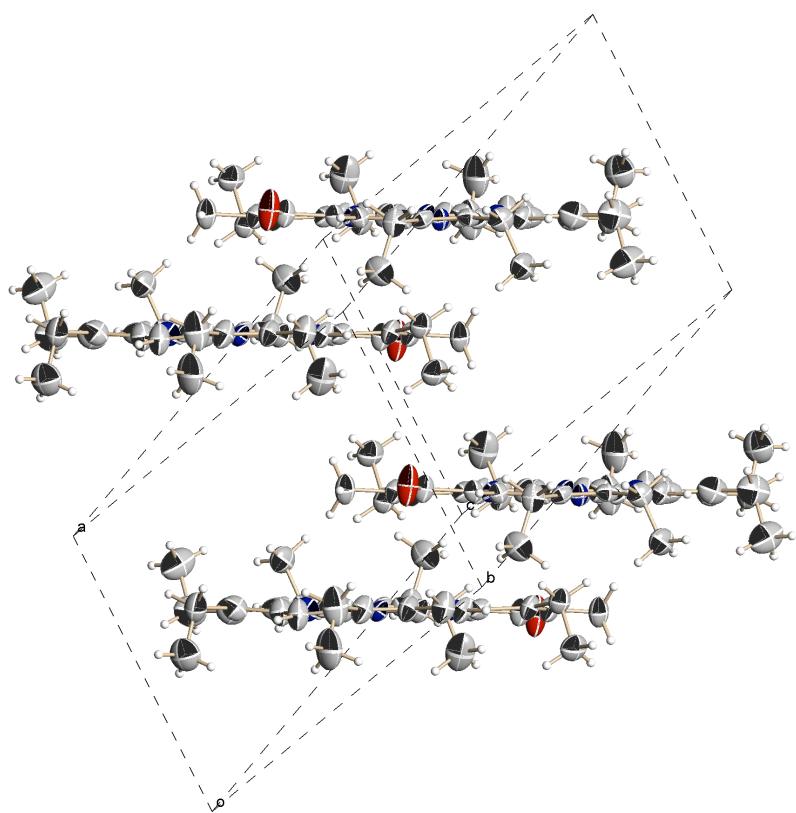


Figure S32: Packing diagram for **12**.