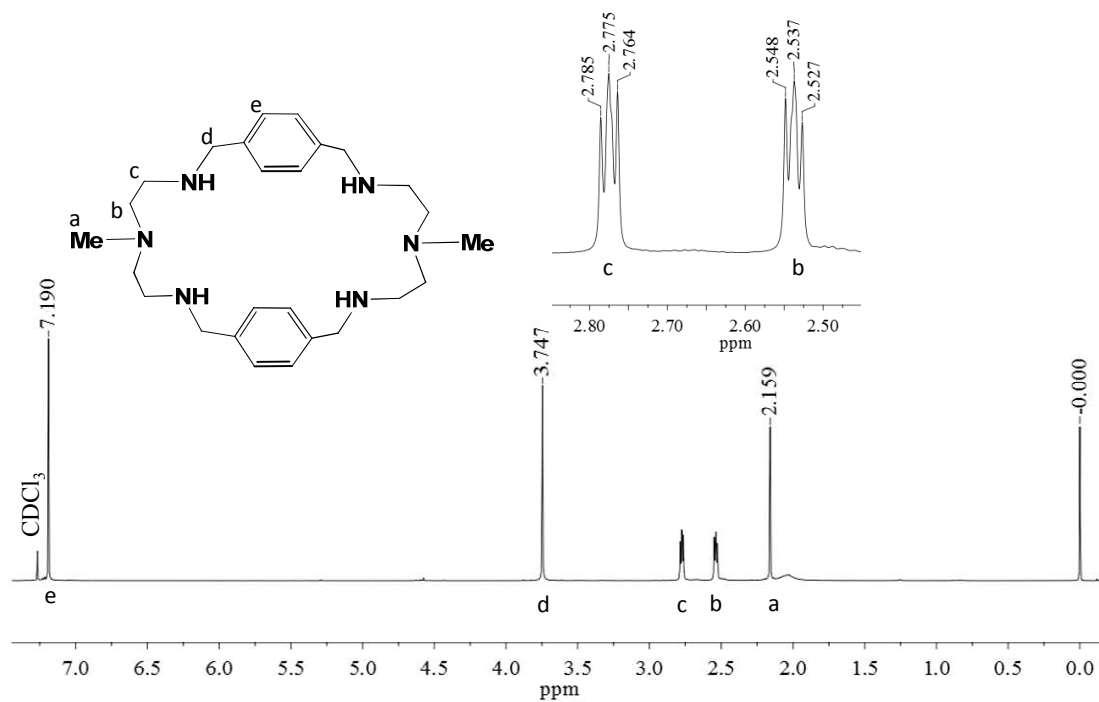


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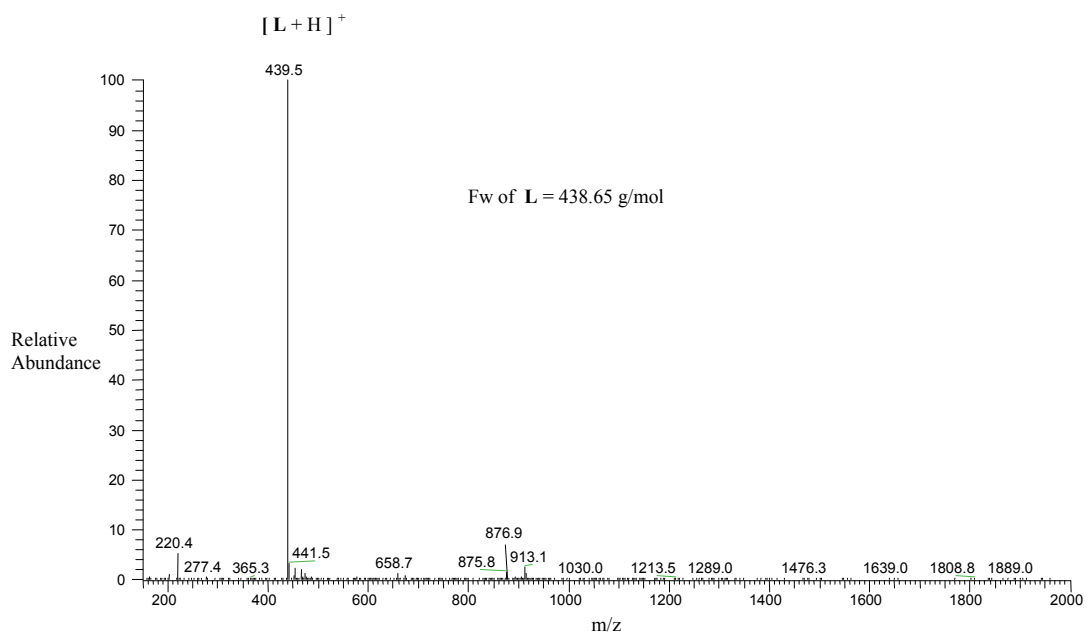
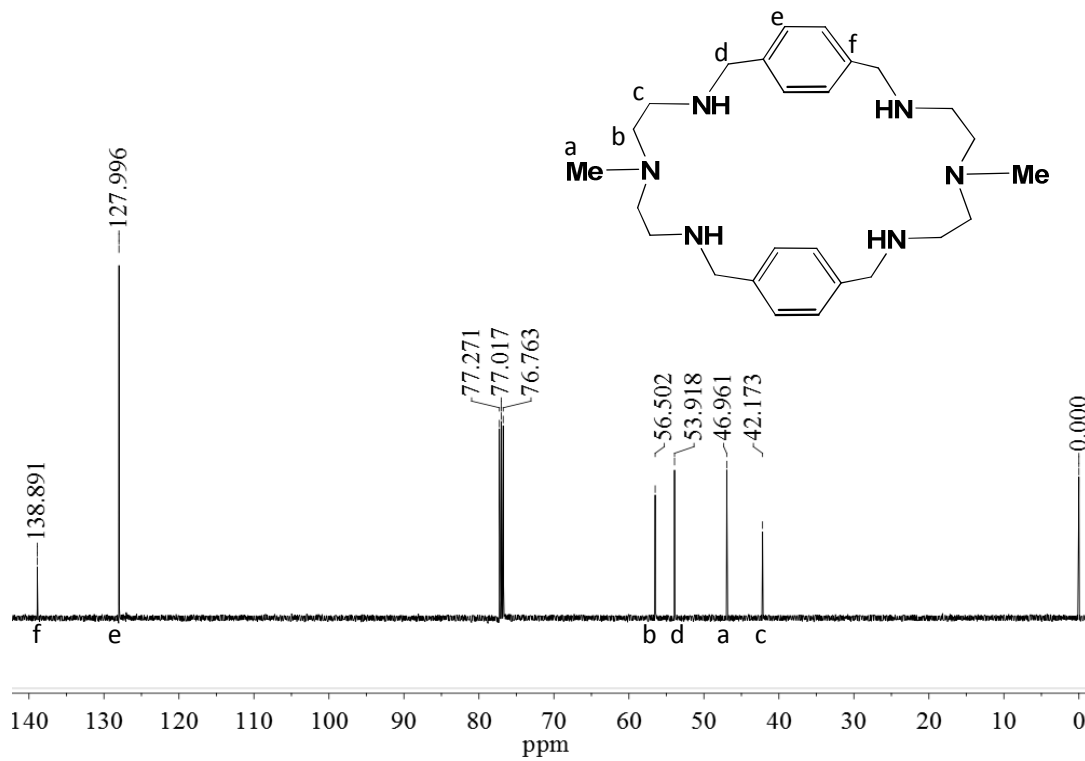
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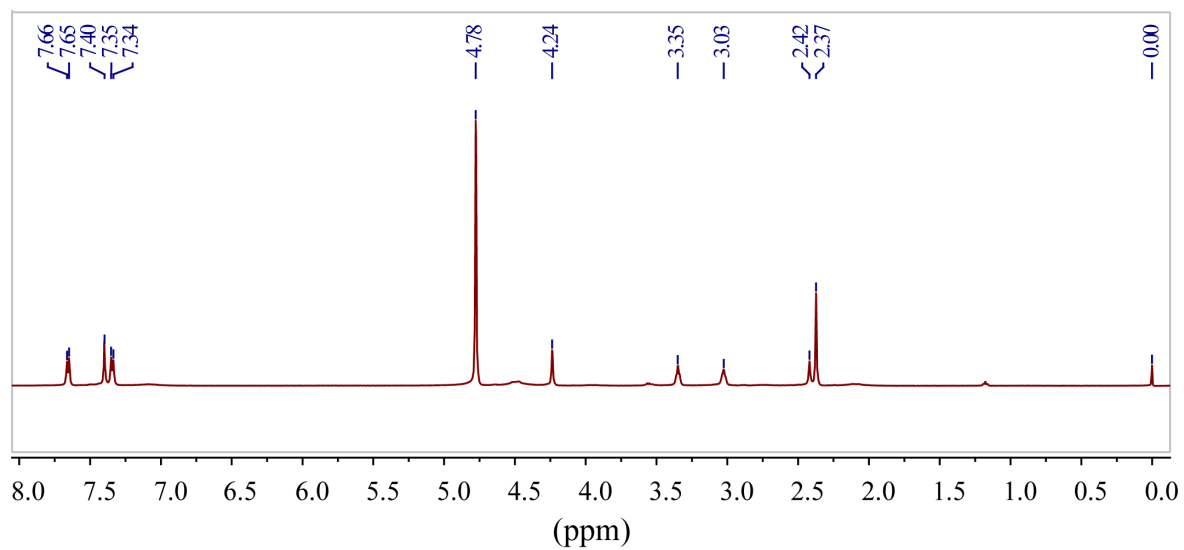
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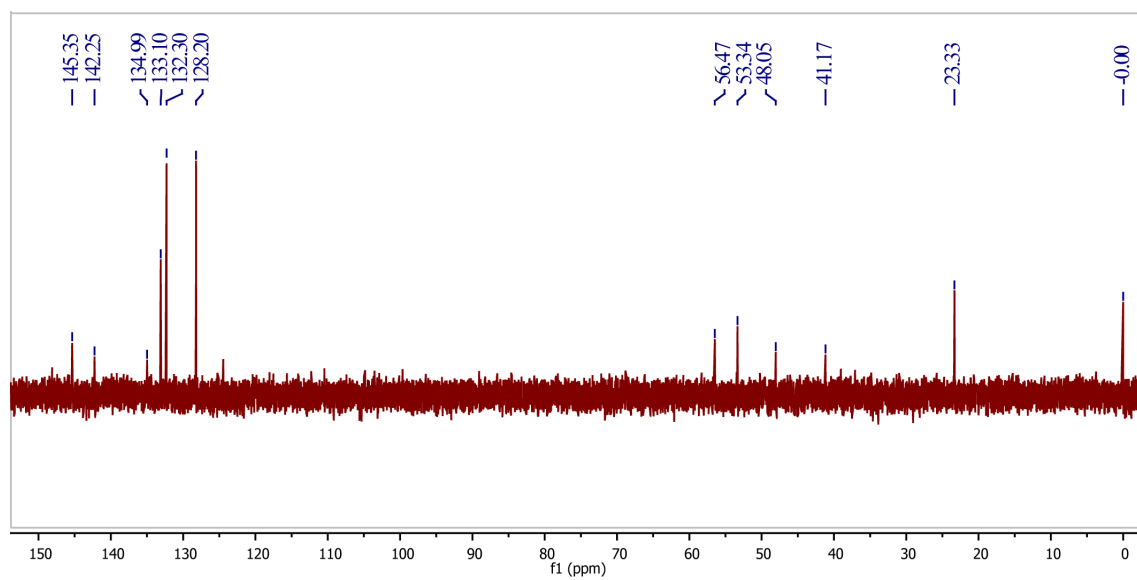


**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L in D<sub>2</sub>O.

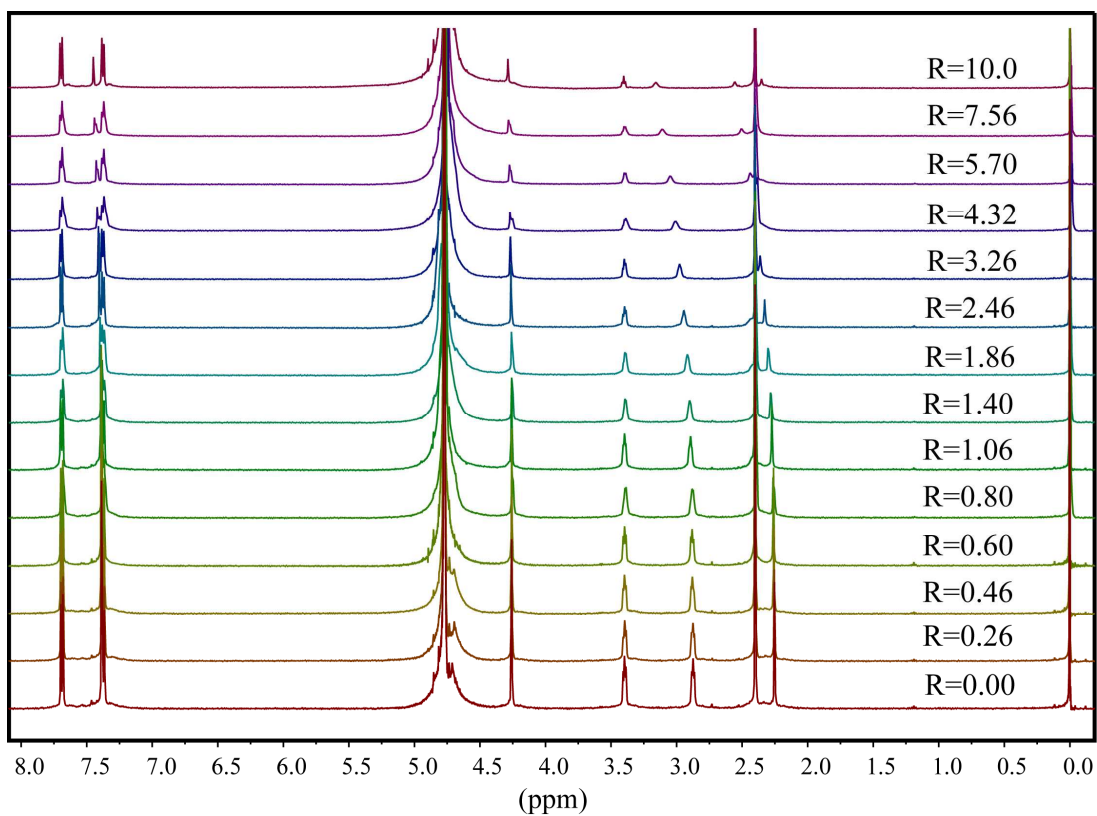




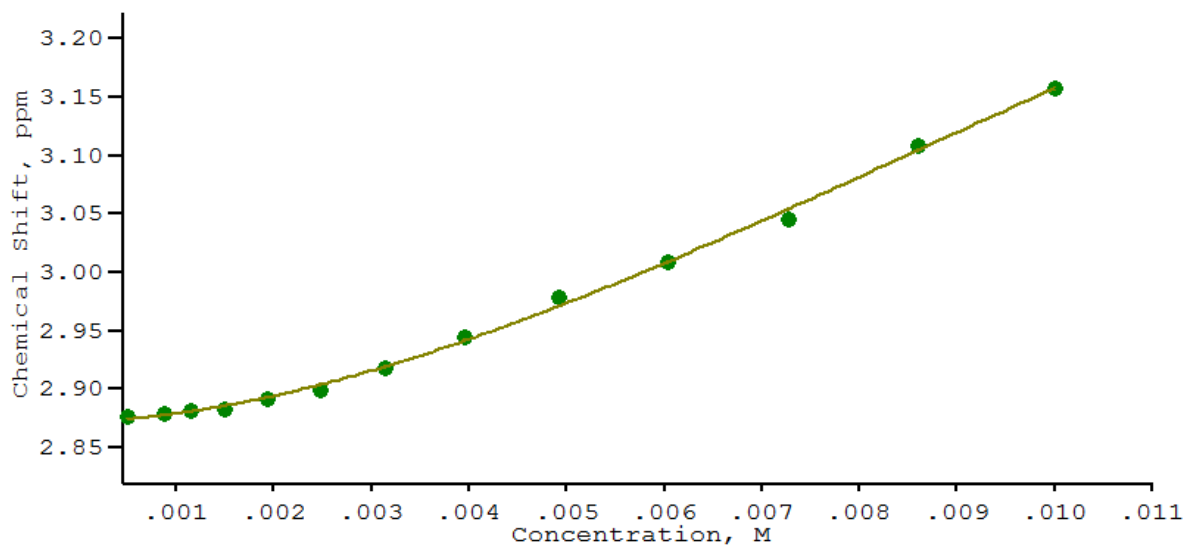
**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of L-TsO complex in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ .



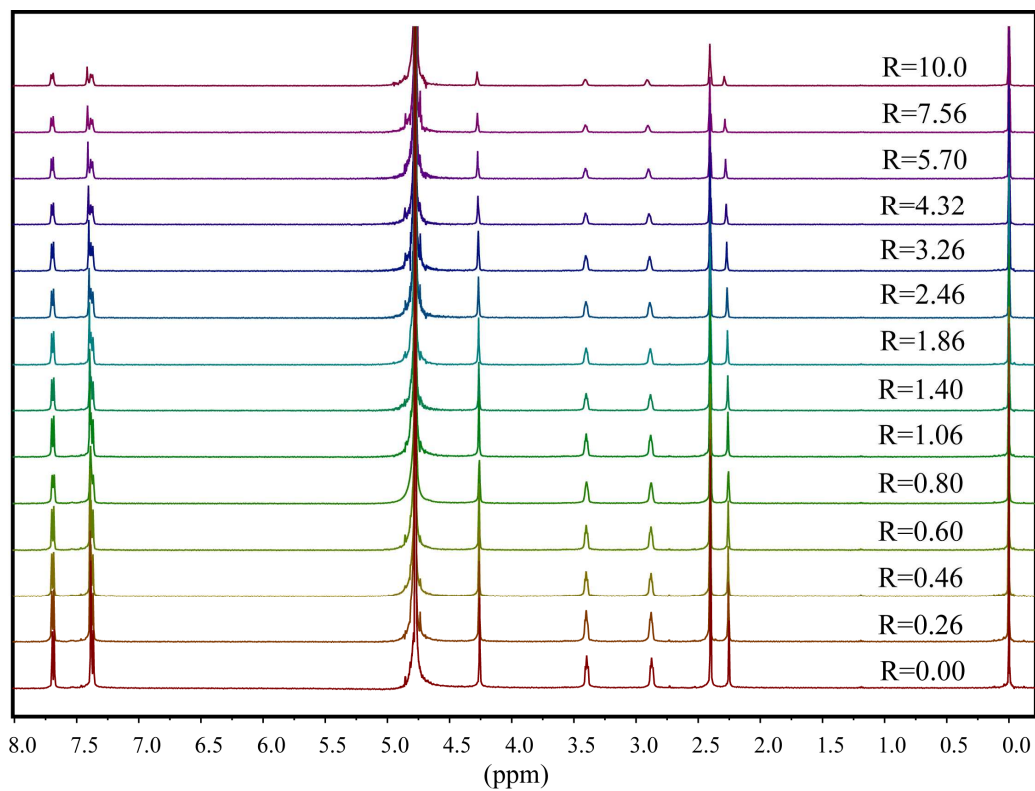
**Figure S5.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of L-TsO complex in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ .



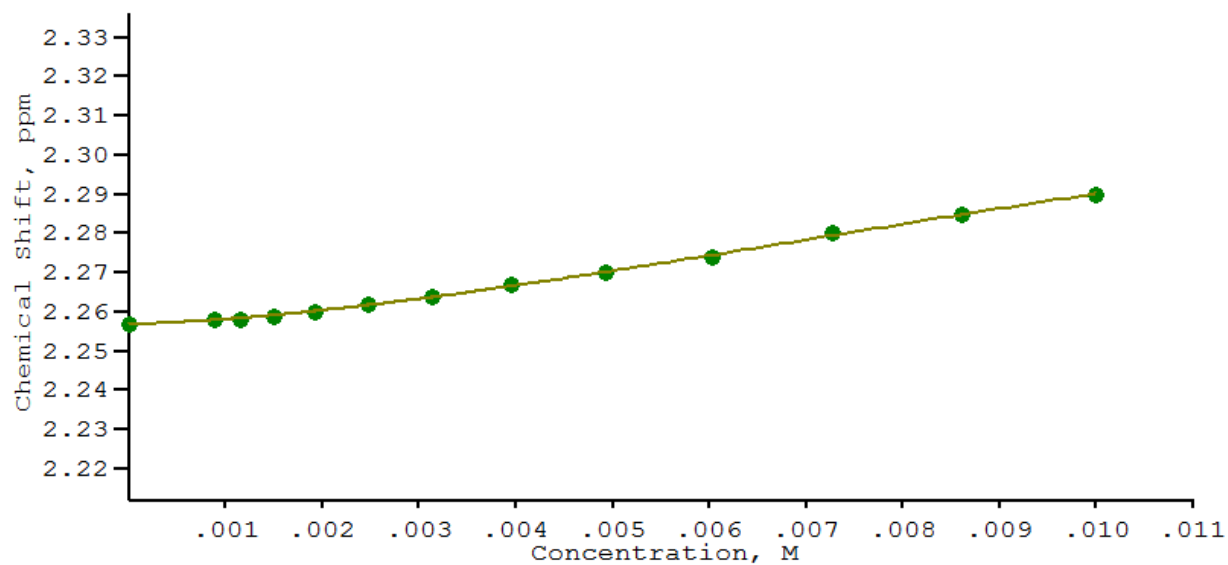
**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of L (2 mM) with an increasing amount of NaF ( $R = [\text{NaF}]_0/[\text{L}]_0$ ) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at  $\text{pH} = 2.1$ .



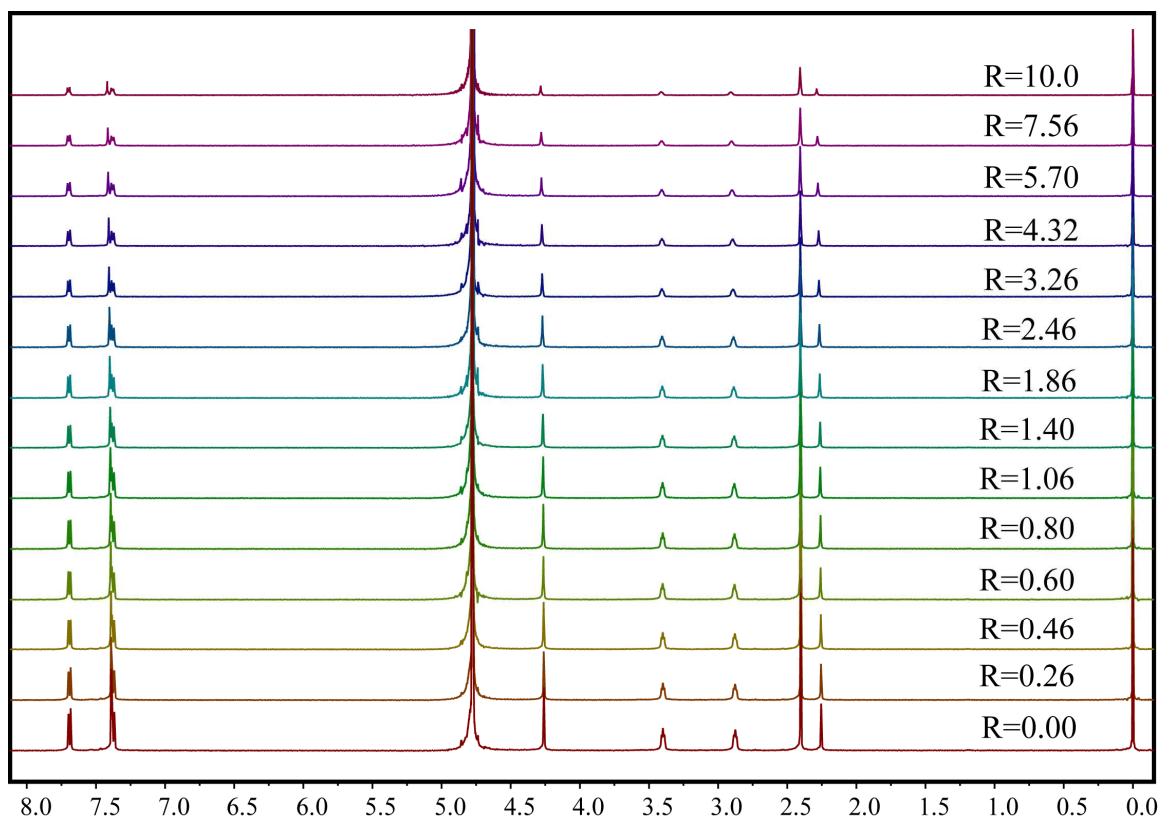
**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR titration curve of L with NaF showing the change in the chemical shifts of aliphatic  $\text{CH}_3\text{NCH}_2$  against an increasing amount of anions in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at  $\text{pH} = 2.1$ .



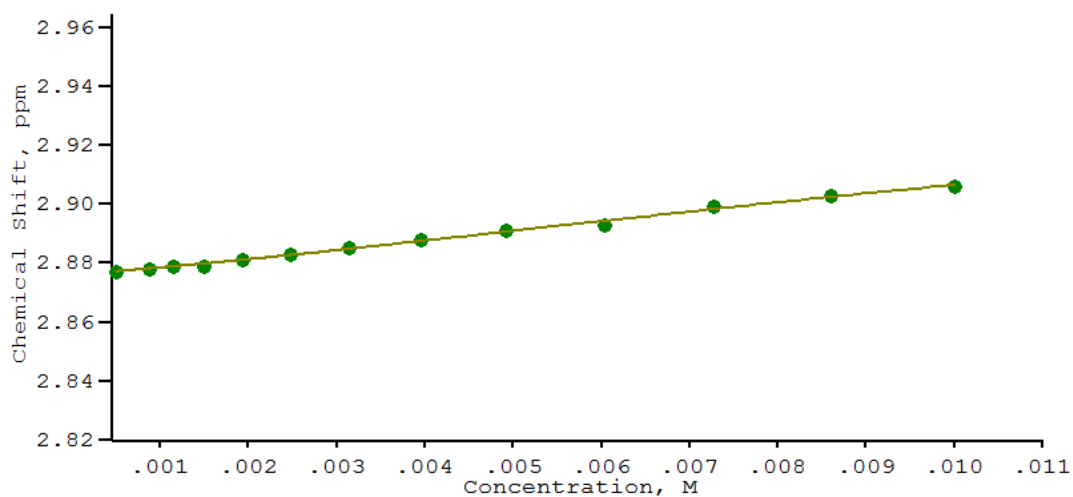
**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of L (2 mM) with an increasing amount of NaCl ( $R = [\text{NaCl}]_0/[\text{L}]_0$ ) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at pH = 2.1.



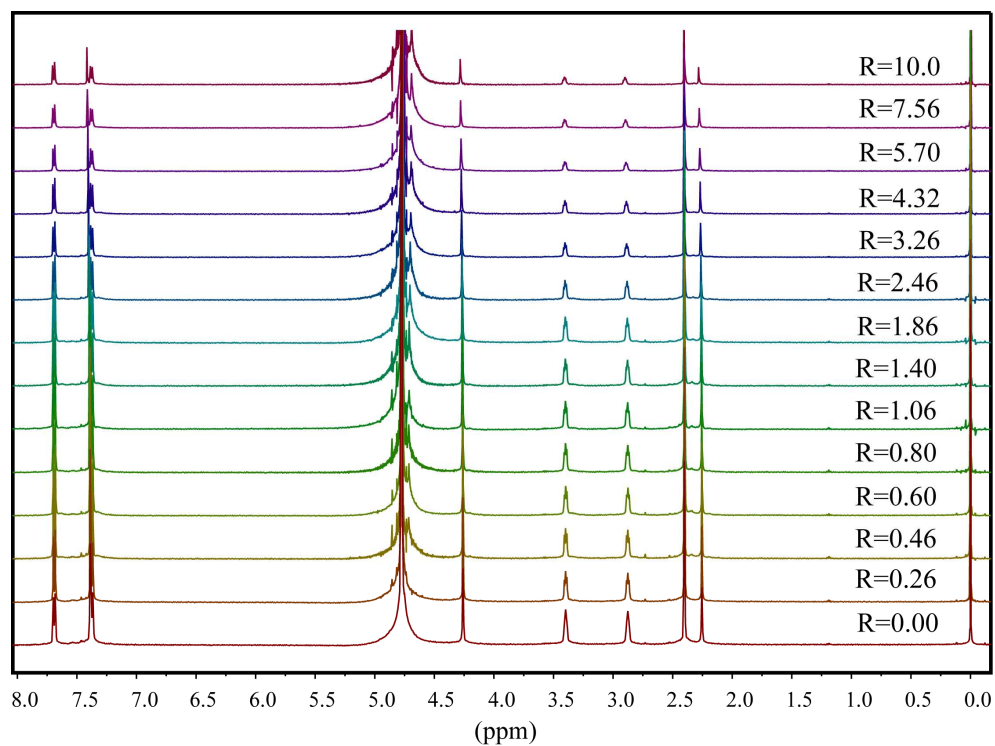
**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR titration curve of L with NaCl showing the change in the chemical shifts of aliphatic  $\text{NCH}_3$  against an increasing amount of anions in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at pH = 2.1.



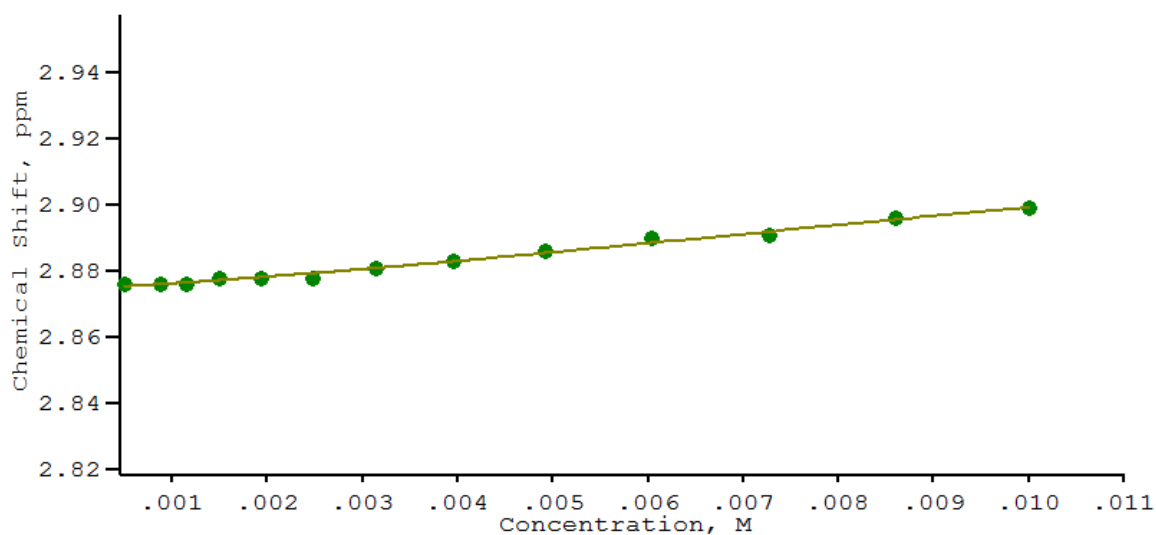
**Figure S10.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of L (2 mM) with an increasing amount of NaBr ( $R = [\text{NaBr}]_0/[\text{L}]_0$ ) in D<sub>2</sub>O at pH = 2.1.



**Figure S11.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration curve of L with NaBr showing the change in the chemical shifts of aliphatic NCH<sub>3</sub> against an increasing amount of anions in D<sub>2</sub>O at pH = 2.1.



**Figure S12.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of L (2 mM) with an increasing amount of NaI ( $R = [\text{NaI}]_0/[\text{L}]_0$ ) in D<sub>2</sub>O at pH = 2.1.



**Figure S13.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration curve of L with NaI showing the change in the chemical shifts of aliphatic NCH<sub>3</sub> against an increasing amount of anions in D<sub>2</sub>O at pH = 2.1.

**Table S1.** Cartesian coordinates (in Å) and total energy (in au) for  $[\text{H}_6\text{L}]^{6+}$  in gas phase.  
Total energy: -1345.295874 au.

1	N1	-4.3950160	1.8780200	-0.2751620
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4	H4	-5.9268750	0.9294320	0.8452930
5	H5	-4.2864410	0.6296500	1.4480040
6	C6	-4.8097390	-0.6238650	-0.2529760
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**Table S2.** Cartesian coordinates (in Å) and total energy (in au) for  $[\text{H}_6\text{L}(\text{F})]^{5+}$  in gas phase.  
Total energy: -1445.828645 au.

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**Table S3.** Cartesian coordinates (in Å) and total energy (in au) for  $[\text{H}_6\text{L}(\text{Cl})]^{5+}$  in gas phase.  
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79	H79	7.4938610	-0.0004500	-0.8468720
80	H80	6.3848360	-0.8890570	-1.9318240
81	Cl81	-2.0937250	0.0000400	0.2567330

**Table S4.** Cartesian coordinates (in Å) and total energy (in au) for  $[\text{H}_6\text{L}(\text{Br})]^{5+}$  in gas phase.  
Total energy: -3920.175348 au.

1	C1	-0.4070760	-4.1172020	-1.2153220
2	H2	-0.9042850	-4.0969070	-2.1787080
3	C3	-1.1530020	-4.1367900	-0.0351850
4	C4	-0.4943330	-4.2349410	1.1917980
5	H5	-1.0518420	-4.3339540	2.1184690
6	C6	-2.6643350	-4.1097630	-0.1071260
7	H7	-3.0067010	-4.1531760	-1.1412290
8	H8	-3.1201820	-4.9332860	0.4469370
9	N9	-3.2093970	-2.8174650	0.4815200
10	H10	-2.6162870	-2.0170810	0.1649340
11	H11	-3.0996320	-2.8526750	1.4998280
12	C12	-4.6507760	-2.5445800	0.1430690
13	H13	-5.2366650	-3.3786810	0.5349040
14	H14	-4.7301010	-2.5706610	-0.9443110
15	C15	-5.1878940	-1.2432130	0.7530620
16	H16	-4.7362010	-1.0646850	1.7313240
17	H17	-6.2664090	-1.3391970	0.8981720
18	N18	-4.9706520	0.0006850	-0.0835410
19	H19	-3.9655950	0.0003900	-0.3694350

20	C20	-5.1866650	1.2438430	0.7544660
21	H21	-4.7336340	1.0642450	1.7319180
22	H22	-6.2649700	1.3398040	0.9011370
23	C23	-4.6503100	2.5458930	0.1452910
24	H24	-4.7323550	2.5740870	-0.9418250
25	H25	-5.2348320	3.3795350	0.5401540
26	N26	-3.2080160	2.8174180	0.4809490
27	H27	-3.0961250	2.8509120	1.4990910
28	H28	-2.6159250	2.0171470	0.1621900
29	C29	-2.6633360	4.1103260	-0.1065980
30	H30	-3.1190800	4.9332450	0.4484620
31	H31	-3.0060240	4.1547340	-1.1405520
32	C32	-1.1519920	4.1373230	-0.0349180
33	C33	-0.4061900	4.1200660	-1.2151490
34	H34	-0.9034750	4.1019260	-2.1785390
35	C35	-0.4931850	4.2329980	1.1921860
36	H36	-1.0506240	4.3302540	2.1190910
37	C37	-5.8408850	0.0016830	-1.3089840
38	H38	-5.6261010	0.8827590	-1.9089560
39	H39	-6.8859260	0.0034870	-0.9977770
40	H40	-5.6291370	-0.8806900	-1.9081480
41	C41	0.8963890	4.2598720	1.2452690
42	H42	1.3888620	4.3653760	2.2064350
43	C43	1.6405230	4.2262750	0.0633150
44	C44	0.9810170	4.1820650	-1.1676410
45	H45	1.5348290	4.2445670	-2.1008350
46	C46	3.1463650	4.2462870	0.1100970
47	H47	3.5378340	4.4802870	1.1009690
48	H48	3.5959920	4.9110650	-0.6303390
49	N49	3.6504480	2.8197710	-0.2377640
50	H50	3.0723030	2.1872490	0.3236320
51	H51	3.3833980	2.6556250	-1.2153010
52	C52	5.1269380	2.5697860	-0.0470870
53	H53	5.6431010	3.3874510	-0.5568070
54	H54	5.3426910	2.6698280	1.0185940
55	C55	5.6321060	1.2574470	-0.6663910
56	H56	5.1244690	1.0557560	-1.6124190
57	H57	6.6971150	1.3654220	-0.8867200
58	N58	5.5174300	-0.0004490	0.1973500
59	H59	4.6005240	-0.0003150	0.6515660
60	C60	5.6317650	-1.2584560	-0.6662920
61	H61	5.1241330	-1.0566950	-1.6123070
62	H62	6.6967370	-1.3666870	-0.8866570
63	C63	5.1262800	-2.5706240	-0.0468770
64	H64	5.3418460	-2.6705710	1.0188500
65	H65	5.6423680	-3.3884540	-0.5564110

66	N66	3.6497810	-2.8203410	-0.2377890
67	H67	3.3829630	-2.6561170	-1.2153720
68	H68	3.0716000	-2.1877290	0.3234800
69	C69	3.1453260	-4.2467510	0.1099060
70	H70	3.5947660	-4.9115560	-0.6306240
71	H71	3.5367160	-4.4810110	1.1007460
72	C72	1.6394810	-4.2262880	0.0631130
73	C73	0.8952460	-4.2620170	1.2449350
74	H74	1.3876290	-4.3693070	2.2059470
75	C75	0.9801000	-4.1795840	-1.1678270
76	H76	1.5339510	-4.2404700	-2.1011110
77	C77	6.5636450	-0.0005480	1.2970830
78	H78	6.4414760	-0.8887580	1.9145250
79	H79	7.5469390	-0.0009700	0.8254140
80	H80	6.4420810	0.8880320	1.9141110
81	Br81	-1.7363020	-0.0005580	-0.2588780

**Table S5.** Cartesian coordinates (in Å) and total energy (in au) for  $[\text{H}_6\text{L}(\text{I})]^{5+}$  in gas phase. Total energy: -1357.336447 au.

1	C1	-0.4162350	-4.2882410	-1.1828150
2	H2	-0.9241700	-4.3044760	-2.1406910
3	C3	-1.1475860	-4.2837990	0.0059800
4	C4	-0.4773950	-4.3392740	1.2290360
5	H5	-1.0261240	-4.4194740	2.1627430
6	C6	-2.6580040	-4.2433310	-0.0447970
7	H7	-3.0231660	-4.3455390	-1.0668760
8	H8	-3.1209990	-5.0152310	0.5735150
9	N9	-3.1563720	-2.8973290	0.4705780
10	H10	-2.5133580	-2.1524150	0.1309390
11	H11	-3.0554550	-2.8864000	1.4909620
12	C12	-4.5779610	-2.5729110	0.1007290
13	H13	-5.2034110	-3.3693110	0.5103970
14	H14	-4.6465580	-2.6325210	-0.9856110
15	C15	-5.0783210	-1.2396930	0.6696480
16	H16	-4.6742650	-1.0757910	1.6714020
17	H17	-6.1668660	-1.2849540	0.7534760
18	N18	-4.7651290	-0.0019840	-0.1493750
19	H19	-3.7401220	-0.0014300	-0.3334780
20	C20	-5.0798110	1.2358010	0.6689740
21	H21	-4.6760910	1.0727100	1.6709950
22	H22	-6.1684310	1.2801050	0.7522880
23	C23	-4.5803650	2.5691960	0.0996470
24	H24	-4.6481070	2.6280320	-0.9867910
25	H25	-5.2069540	3.3652280	0.5082820
26	N26	-3.1593960	2.8952610	0.4704040

27	H27	-3.0592060	2.8849830	1.4908650
28	H28	-2.5154120	2.1508440	0.1315430
29	C29	-2.6620060	4.2415070	-0.0453220
30	H30	-3.1257410	5.0132430	0.5726350
31	H31	-3.0270420	4.3430860	-1.0675110
32	C32	-1.1516300	4.2831630	0.0057060
33	C33	-0.4201070	4.2875220	-1.1829840
34	H34	-0.9279130	4.3029190	-2.1409410
35	C35	-0.4816610	4.3397160	1.2288360
36	H36	-1.0305880	4.4200000	2.1624190
37	C37	-5.4941750	-0.0027250	-1.4638670
38	H38	-5.2153900	0.8775630	-2.0375020
39	H39	-6.5674530	-0.0034260	-1.2705120
40	H40	-5.2141720	-0.8828000	-2.0372340
41	C41	0.9079490	4.3417550	1.2679800
42	H42	1.4127750	4.4134270	2.2258160
43	C43	1.6384710	4.3207580	0.0775400
44	C44	0.9680780	4.3229080	-1.1479400
45	H45	1.5153770	4.3964490	-2.0840020
46	C46	3.1437670	4.2955370	0.1106870
47	H47	3.5506560	4.5119410	1.0993260
48	H48	3.6065230	4.9509730	-0.6299650
49	N49	3.6014380	2.8574850	-0.2489450
50	H50	3.0126890	2.2354500	0.3141450
51	H51	3.3197270	2.7044960	-1.2243000
52	C52	5.0735250	2.5764320	-0.0736860
53	H53	5.6003390	3.3850460	-0.5868150
54	H54	5.3012970	2.6712550	0.9898170
55	C55	5.5490960	1.2565470	-0.6987770
56	H56	5.0233340	1.0598060	-1.6359280
57	H57	6.6119570	1.3486210	-0.9361690
58	N58	5.4315830	0.0017870	0.1676680
59	H59	4.5117590	0.0008670	0.6164820
60	C60	5.5518120	-1.2531140	-0.6982830
61	H61	5.0273980	-1.0572690	-1.6363730
62	H62	6.6151560	-1.3442430	-0.9338850
63	C63	5.0765810	-2.5731900	-0.0733750
64	H64	5.3033940	-2.6675480	0.9903820
65	H65	5.6044770	-3.3815540	-0.5857930
66	N66	3.6048600	-2.8553900	-0.2498920
67	H67	3.3240170	-2.7032960	-1.2256350
68	H68	3.0151400	-2.2333710	0.3121920
69	C69	3.1478540	-4.2934910	0.1104400
70	H70	3.6109350	-4.9490800	-0.6298720
71	H71	3.5548600	-4.5091980	1.0991820
72	C72	1.6425610	-4.3195230	0.0774100



73	C73	0.9122160	-4.3403910	1.2679670
74	H74	1.4172360	-4.4112790	2.2257600
75	C75	0.9719850	-4.3226950	-1.1479690
76	H76	1.5191830	-4.3963170	-2.0840810
77	C77	6.4738980	0.0030220	1.2701510
78	H78	6.3524380	-0.8857450	1.8866730
79	H79	7.4588230	0.0059040	0.8018430
80	H80	6.3480880	0.8896820	1.8888300
81	I81	-1.2270690	-0.0001450	-0.1241800

**Table S6.** Cartesian coordinates (in Å) and total energy (in au) for  $[\text{H}_6\text{L}(\text{F})_2]^{4+}$  in gas phase. Total energy: -1546.315507 au.

1	C1	0.5728670	3.6526120	-1.2339990
2	H2	1.0095810	3.7673450	-2.2197800
3	C3	1.3912940	3.5460540	-0.1097410
4	C4	0.8053600	3.4454640	1.1523360
5	H5	1.4114260	3.4282680	2.0536720
6	C6	2.8905490	3.6371030	-0.2716040
7	H7	3.1676660	3.6615510	-1.3256590
8	H8	3.2942020	4.5289860	0.2141550
9	N9	3.5975350	2.4473550	0.3352800
10	H10	3.2023980	1.5363650	-0.0285450
11	H11	3.4245700	2.4487680	1.3436410
12	C12	5.0814440	2.4518630	0.0927480
13	H13	5.4842210	3.3688030	0.5262520
14	H14	5.2241220	2.5048900	-0.9879000
15	C15	5.8029460	1.2524200	0.7129130
16	H16	5.4017030	1.0447320	1.7067160
17	H17	6.8615260	1.4939940	0.8298320
18	N18	5.6899460	-0.0001070	-0.1127100
19	H19	4.6573560	-0.0001110	-0.4544940
20	C20	5.8029490	-1.2526150	0.7129530
21	H21	5.4017440	-1.0448840	1.7067620
22	H22	6.8615280	-1.4942020	0.8298410
23	C23	5.0813880	-2.4520520	0.0928420
24	H24	5.2239860	-2.5050630	-0.9878180
25	H25	5.4841840	-3.3690040	0.5263030
26	N26	3.5975000	-2.4474720	0.3354820
27	H27	3.4246300	-2.4491170	1.3438570
28	H28	3.2024740	-1.5363040	-0.0281580
29	C29	2.8903760	-3.6369860	-0.2716460
30	H30	3.2939760	-4.5290420	0.2138460
31	H31	3.1674220	-3.6611930	-1.3257250
32	C32	1.3911250	-3.5458980	-0.1097100
33	C33	0.5726650	-3.6530770	-1.2338840

34	H34	1.0093590	-3.7682300	-2.2196250
35	C35	0.8052220	-3.4447270	1.1523350
36	H36	1.4112900	-3.4270490	2.0536590
37	C37	6.6563220	-0.0001310	-1.2525000
38	H38	6.4963040	-0.8839060	-1.8672670
39	H39	7.6741190	-0.0001030	-0.8607740
40	H40	6.4962780	0.8835920	-1.8673340
41	C41	-0.5774280	-3.4231300	1.2876570
42	H42	-1.0138240	-3.3581110	2.2779830
43	C43	-1.3953790	-3.5459080	0.1651060
44	C44	-0.8094370	-3.6746620	-1.0946180
45	H45	-1.4182640	-3.8367110	-1.9797600
46	C46	-2.8941470	-3.6209570	0.3298800
47	H47	-3.1765650	-3.6011390	1.3826480
48	H48	-3.3038000	-4.5262750	-0.1241060
49	N49	-3.5848620	-2.4467720	-0.3270480
50	H50	-3.2055540	-1.5281810	0.0365240
51	H51	-3.3710210	-2.4678230	-1.3277300
52	C52	-5.0759260	-2.4511400	-0.1384540
53	H53	-5.4637130	-3.3693270	-0.5827400
54	H54	-5.2580710	-2.5002090	0.9365250
55	C55	-5.7729140	-1.2526860	-0.7878680
56	H56	-5.3313720	-1.0447320	-1.7642640
57	H57	-6.8258390	-1.4938250	-0.9477200
58	N58	-5.6938620	0.0000330	0.0417770
59	H59	-4.6793260	-0.0000110	0.4255980
60	C60	-5.7727180	1.2526740	-0.7879980
61	H61	-5.3310380	1.0445840	-1.7643030
62	H62	-6.8256050	1.4938500	-0.9480330
63	C63	-5.0757570	2.4511800	-0.1386430
64	H64	-5.2580100	2.5003930	0.9363110
65	H65	-5.4634790	3.3693200	-0.5830840
66	N66	-3.5846760	2.4467400	-0.3270930
67	H67	-3.3707510	2.4676030	-1.3277600
68	H68	-3.2054610	1.5281520	0.0366490
69	C69	-2.8939970	3.6210170	0.3296810
70	H70	-3.3036330	4.5262690	-0.1244560
71	H71	-3.1764530	3.6013650	1.3824410
72	C72	-1.3952150	3.5459710	0.1649830
73	C73	-0.5772910	3.4238240	1.2876260
74	H74	-1.0137120	3.3592740	2.2779700
75	C75	-0.8092420	3.6741410	-1.0947840
76	H76	-1.4180440	3.8356920	-1.9800350
77	C77	-6.7068420	0.0001590	1.1408420
78	H78	-6.5730550	0.8839560	1.7618660
79	H79	-7.7072280	0.0003950	0.7064820

80	H80	-6.5734320	-0.8838010	1.7617180
81	F81	3.2569500	-0.0001730	-0.3916370
82	F82	-3.2679700	0.0000290	0.4091150

**Table S7.** Cartesian coordinates (in Å) and total energy (in au) for  $[\text{H}_6\text{L}(\text{Cl})_2]^{4+}$  in gas phase. Total energy: -2267.041014 au.

1	C1	0.6305920	4.0625610	-1.1746830
2	H2	1.1088540	4.2218170	-2.1344840
3	C3	1.3978560	3.8849140	-0.0245930
4	C4	0.7628470	3.7188180	1.2063060
5	H5	1.3331910	3.6416130	2.1275230
6	C6	2.9038550	3.9316410	-0.1192030
7	H7	3.2290680	4.0265260	-1.1554390
8	H8	3.3316900	4.7519920	0.4618640
9	N9	3.5148490	2.6485710	0.4116050
10	H10	2.9979810	1.8316990	0.0011550
11	H11	3.3510180	2.6065590	1.4213200
12	C12	4.9823290	2.5094740	0.1274840
13	H13	5.4823220	3.3757800	0.5650760
14	H14	5.1006220	2.5712240	-0.9551490
15	C15	5.6069180	1.2428880	0.7209880
16	H16	5.2070760	1.0565250	1.7202540
17	H17	6.6843890	1.3926960	0.8200900
18	N18	5.3991020	-0.0047600	-0.1011650
19	H19	4.3830820	-0.0031420	-0.4109630
20	C20	5.6027750	-1.2528190	0.7213720
21	H21	5.2027450	-1.0650690	1.7203070
22	H22	6.6797510	-1.4056270	0.8213140
23	C23	4.9751390	-2.5178870	0.1278420
24	H24	5.0940630	-2.5804090	-0.9546760
25	H25	5.4725150	-3.3853500	0.5661240
26	N26	3.5070830	-2.6530650	0.4109620
27	H27	3.3425940	-2.6097130	1.4205160
28	H28	2.9925630	-1.8352300	-0.0004610
29	C29	2.8935320	-3.9351880	-0.1190720
30	H30	3.3197990	-4.7560070	0.4625040
31	H31	3.2185850	-4.0313550	-1.1552390
32	C32	1.3875970	-3.8858110	-0.0245130
33	C33	0.6200670	-4.0656670	-1.1740770
34	H34	1.0981200	-4.2279440	-2.1334790
35	C35	0.7528170	-3.7156830	1.2059600
36	H36	1.3232010	-3.6366160	2.1269930
37	C37	6.2483290	-0.0062810	-1.3353940
38	H38	6.0180730	-0.8863790	-1.9314440
39	H39	7.2995330	-0.0082090	-1.0460010

40	H40	6.0213090	0.8747740	-1.9312840
41	C41	-0.6332840	-3.6922640	1.2839870
42	H42	-1.1116150	-3.5612780	2.2480710
43	C43	-1.4006880	-3.8840760	0.1357300
44	C44	-0.7663490	-4.0868340	-1.0896380
45	H45	-1.3414100	-4.2973890	-1.9868800
46	C46	-2.9056300	-3.9046750	0.2296330
47	H47	-3.2398120	-3.9064690	1.2675160
48	H48	-3.3434090	-4.7611130	-0.2873720
49	N49	-3.4865200	-2.6556610	-0.4094630
50	H50	-2.9988710	-1.8190990	-0.0028780
51	H51	-3.2507150	-2.6666050	-1.4062200
52	C52	-4.9686340	-2.5087820	-0.2285700
53	H53	-5.4422970	-3.3780720	-0.6884770
54	H54	-5.1610290	-2.5574990	0.8441380
55	C55	-5.5440080	-1.2446740	-0.8746410
56	H56	-5.0651540	-1.0596560	-1.8387210
57	H57	-6.6102320	-1.3936160	-1.0589750
58	N58	-5.4015740	0.0041970	-0.0397620
59	H59	-4.4143340	0.0017180	0.3475310
60	C60	-5.5354160	1.2515480	-0.8781680
61	H61	-5.0512870	1.0624160	-1.8388240
62	H62	-6.6000660	1.4030350	-1.0692860
63	C63	-4.9600590	2.5159940	-0.2326520
64	H64	-5.1564570	2.5679000	0.8391570
65	H65	-5.4302910	3.3850840	-0.6964270
66	N66	-3.4770530	2.6593710	-0.4088560
67	H67	-3.2381500	2.6675710	-1.4049170
68	H68	-2.9925600	1.8223370	0.0005380
69	C69	-2.8953800	3.9085750	0.2289430
70	H70	-3.3320600	4.7647520	-0.2894530
71	H71	-3.2300450	3.9121220	1.2666600
72	C72	-1.3904170	3.8864120	0.1354920
73	C73	-0.6232940	3.6969720	1.2843160
74	H74	-1.1018040	3.5690960	2.2487290
75	C75	-0.7557910	4.0853590	-1.0903620
76	H76	-1.3305690	4.2941910	-1.9881990
77	C77	-6.3495090	0.0087930	1.1205690
78	H78	-6.1621610	0.8843230	1.7380380
79	H79	-7.3727420	0.0214710	0.7444780
80	H80	-6.1817440	-0.8769470	1.7290750
81	Cl81	2.4783660	-0.0004470	-0.7497490
82	Cl82	-2.5219960	-0.0000730	0.7988490

**Table S8.** Cartesian coordinates (in Å) and total energy (in au) for  $[\text{H}_6\text{L}(\text{Br})_2]^{4+}$  in gas phase.

Total energy: -6494.993578 au.

1	C1	0.6903180	4.1148160	-1.1585490
2	H2	1.1941860	4.2688020	-2.1059880
3	C3	1.4259680	3.9458870	0.0132710
4	C4	0.7579760	3.7881630	1.2276770
5	H5	1.3041410	3.7181200	2.1640160
6	C6	2.9344910	3.9800280	-0.0392260
7	H7	3.2906370	4.0875080	-1.0640060
8	H8	3.3554560	4.7845440	0.5681540
9	N9	3.5116900	2.6785720	0.4873340
10	H10	2.9815060	1.8818880	0.0544900
11	H11	3.3280860	2.6272020	1.4931910
12	C12	4.9785150	2.5053060	0.2241300
13	H13	5.4915400	3.3626740	0.6642410
14	H14	5.1122330	2.5577920	-0.8572000
15	C15	5.5651940	1.2281640	0.8344250
16	H16	5.1295820	1.0451310	1.8192110
17	H17	6.6407050	1.3624400	0.9703340
18	N18	5.3726760	-0.0180540	0.0050610
19	H19	4.3721320	-0.0111000	-0.3439840
20	C20	5.5460760	-1.2649300	0.8373650
21	H21	5.1058420	-1.0752100	1.8188400
22	H22	6.6191340	-1.4104910	0.9808420
23	C23	4.9499720	-2.5374140	0.2263790
24	H24	5.0889630	-2.5939390	-0.8540530
25	H25	5.4524400	-3.3986350	0.6711080
26	N26	3.4802170	-2.6964150	0.4825740
27	H27	3.2918810	-2.6389000	1.4872570
28	H28	2.9592330	-1.8967570	0.0445930
29	C29	2.8947160	-3.9954760	-0.0405250
30	H30	3.3100880	-4.8007530	0.5697090
31	H31	3.2508460	-4.1084750	-1.0647050
32	C32	1.3864370	-3.9518900	0.0114230
33	C33	0.6497750	-4.1205230	-1.1598160
34	H34	1.1527700	-4.2800420	-2.1068070
35	C35	0.7193790	-3.7870200	1.2253940
36	H36	1.2659390	-3.7170560	2.1615240
37	C37	6.2613560	-0.0256790	-1.2017680
38	H38	6.0400800	-0.9017060	-1.8072310
39	H39	7.3023320	-0.0390600	-0.8780780
40	H40	6.0618210	0.8592280	-1.8019280
41	C41	-0.6681630	-3.7548660	1.2656740
42	H42	-1.1718010	-3.6263400	2.2170960
43	C43	-1.4051150	-3.9315130	0.0950470
44	C44	-0.7388010	-4.1320160	-1.1135490

45	H45	-1.2905420	-4.3320810	-2.0276300
46	C46	-2.9126380	-3.9345520	0.1475930
47	H47	-3.2743920	-3.9303010	1.1762090
48	H48	-3.3476690	-4.7854070	-0.3808120
49	N49	-3.4597420	-2.6771920	-0.5062590
50	H5	-2.9648370	-1.8540310	-0.0819680
51	H51	-3.2044380	-2.6919040	-1.4980380
52	C52	-4.9408540	-2.4997770	-0.3500420
53	H53	-5.4233310	-3.3676860	-0.8031460
54	H54	-5.1473630	-2.5266850	0.7208970
55	C55	-5.4824550	-1.2339490	-1.0225980
56	H56	-4.9644080	-1.0524730	-1.9667940
57	H57	-6.5410410	-1.3769290	-1.2501870
58	N58	-5.3708710	0.0166530	-0.1849370
59	H59	-4.4106970	0.0079470	0.2617610
60	C60	-5.4520280	1.2628080	-1.0320510
61	H61	-4.9174230	1.0675830	-1.9642530
62	H62	-6.5042570	1.4155240	-1.2814890
63	C63	-4.9084800	2.5284710	-0.3603470
64	H64	-5.1257320	2.5636080	0.7081160
65	H65	-5.3800340	3.3972540	-0.8231080
66	N66	-3.4247400	2.6940770	-0.5041280
67	H67	-3.1613860	2.7027380	-1.4939180
68	H68	-2.9396470	1.8683220	-0.0738490
69	C69	-2.8730940	3.9499980	0.1480920
70	H70	-3.3034160	4.8017920	-0.3827050
71	H71	-3.2361370	3.9496040	1.1762540
72	C72	-1.3655920	3.9397300	0.0966080
73	C73	-0.6297290	3.7628440	1.2678540
74	H74	-1.1341620	3.6397120	2.2195760
75	C75	-0.6981410	4.1335030	-1.1124630
76	H76	-1.2487720	4.3337440	-2.0271980
77	C77	-6.3790630	0.0321080	0.9246240
78	H78	-6.2004460	0.8936230	1.5642500
79	H79	-7.3798050	0.0776620	0.4943220
80	H80	-6.2685720	-0.8664510	1.5276440
81	Br81	2.3359140	0.0001410	-0.8637290
82	Br82	-2.4262570	0.0001780	0.9557340

Table S9. Cartesian coordinates (in Å) and total energy (in au) for  $[\text{H}_6\text{L}(\text{I})_2]^{4+}$  in gas phase.  
Total energy: -1369.310255 au.

1	C1	-0.7391300	-4.1973010	-1.1308140
2	H2	-1.2808380	-4.3383860	-2.0591270
3	C3	-1.4263470	-4.0353570	0.0707590

4	C4	-0.7116680	-3.8931170	1.2601840
5	H5	-1.2219670	-3.8278210	2.2169440
6	C6	-2.9355980	-4.0453430	0.0775750
7	H7	-3.3355670	-4.1683840	-0.9292040
8	H8	-3.3480850	-4.8245480	0.7223200
9	N9	-3.4633660	-2.7171180	0.5947840
10	H10	-2.9235620	-1.9536250	0.1205190
11	H11	-3.2399220	-2.6461670	1.5915320
12	C12	-4.9318950	-2.5100340	0.3728470
13	H13	-5.4506820	-3.3541020	0.8316190
14	H14	-5.0961590	-2.5650850	-0.7041640
15	C15	-5.4768280	-1.2201420	0.9947820
16	H16	-5.0148510	-1.0438360	1.9687970
17	H17	-6.5511220	-1.3344320	1.1567270
18	N18	-5.2872600	0.0254970	0.1627560
19	H19	-4.2996950	0.0147070	-0.2103220
20	C20	-5.4444860	1.2700740	1.0027520
21	H21	-4.9683740	1.0815840	1.9676710
22	H22	-6.5140520	1.3988620	1.1837360
23	C23	-4.8912800	2.5559530	0.3795550
24	H24	-5.0668050	2.6179320	-0.6952340
25	H25	-5.3952240	3.4040600	0.8472700
26	N26	-3.4182800	2.7447490	0.5873980
27	H27	-3.1863580	2.6693380	1.5819340
28	H28	-2.8923070	1.9747960	0.1079980
29	C29	-2.8792090	4.0672830	0.0681780
30	H30	-3.2850240	4.8509590	0.7117710
31	H31	-3.2779600	4.1922420	-0.9388360
32	C32	-1.3701020	4.0448120	0.0623280
33	C33	-0.6803010	4.1994280	-1.1387280
34	H34	-1.2198760	4.3426400	-2.0679500
35	C35	-0.6578380	3.8999450	1.2528870
36	H36	-1.1696990	3.8403300	2.2092030
37	C37	-6.1885700	0.0399640	-1.0350920
38	H38	-5.9555000	0.9064510	-1.6496460
39	H39	-7.2254600	0.0730360	-0.7001210
40	H40	-6.0081560	-0.8517780	-1.6310530
41	C41	0.7298160	3.8707320	1.2403580
42	H42	1.2701000	3.7542300	2.1730620
43	C43	1.4201960	4.0274370	0.0389050
44	C44	0.7090470	4.2113750	-1.1462400
45	H45	1.2260990	4.3951810	-2.0835810
46	C46	2.9282830	4.0153610	0.0346580
47	H47	3.3278880	4.0305870	1.0491590
48	H48	3.3556420	4.8456630	-0.5312270
49	N49	3.4341750	2.7320980	-0.6065220

50	H50	2.9115530	1.9379170	-0.1659100
51	H51	3.1712960	2.7383980	-1.5965480
52	C52	4.9085870	2.5087470	-0.4515100
53	H53	5.4160320	3.3600890	-0.9089750
54	H54	5.1158710	2.5350560	0.6192720
55	C55	5.4140830	1.2265240	-1.1210960
56	H56	4.8900590	1.0555870	-2.0640590
57	H57	6.4757640	1.3414990	-1.3508060
58	N58	5.2784590	-0.0241260	-0.2849470
59	H59	4.3201480	-0.0108630	0.1550810
60	C60	5.3659620	-1.2645070	-1.1417180
61	H61	4.8112760	-1.0695950	-2.0623450
62	H62	6.4170190	-1.3905250	-1.4107480
63	C63	4.8632470	-2.5510220	-0.4776870
64	H64	5.0922720	-2.5944900	0.5879230
65	H65	5.3532970	-3.4008170	-0.9563200
66	N66	3.3840620	-2.7572950	-0.6082280
67	H67	3.1057460	-2.7576900	-1.5941210
68	H68	2.8779360	-1.9571730	-0.1588830
69	C69	2.8720700	-4.0356580	0.0365840
70	H70	3.2919310	-4.8699200	-0.5291510
71	H71	3.2742670	-4.0519400	1.0500480
72	C72	1.3639250	-4.0372320	0.0439050
73	C73	0.6761610	-3.8733430	1.2458710
74	H74	1.2184620	-3.7589270	2.1776730
75	C75	0.6500300	-4.2187980	-1.1399700
76	H76	1.1647100	-4.4081250	-2.0775530
77	C77	6.2681400	-0.0510050	0.8414090
78	H78	6.0561810	-0.8998550	1.4874430
79	H79	7.2741950	-0.1237370	0.4277260
80	H80	6.1673650	0.8556900	1.4334980
81	I81	-2.1121120	0.0007590	-1.0658340
82	I82	2.1466370	-0.0020850	1.0721770