

Supporting Information

“Modeling Pyran Formation in the Molybdenum Cofactor: Protonation of Quinoxalyl-Dithiolene Promotes Pyran Cyclization”

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Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of BMOQO in chloroform-d.

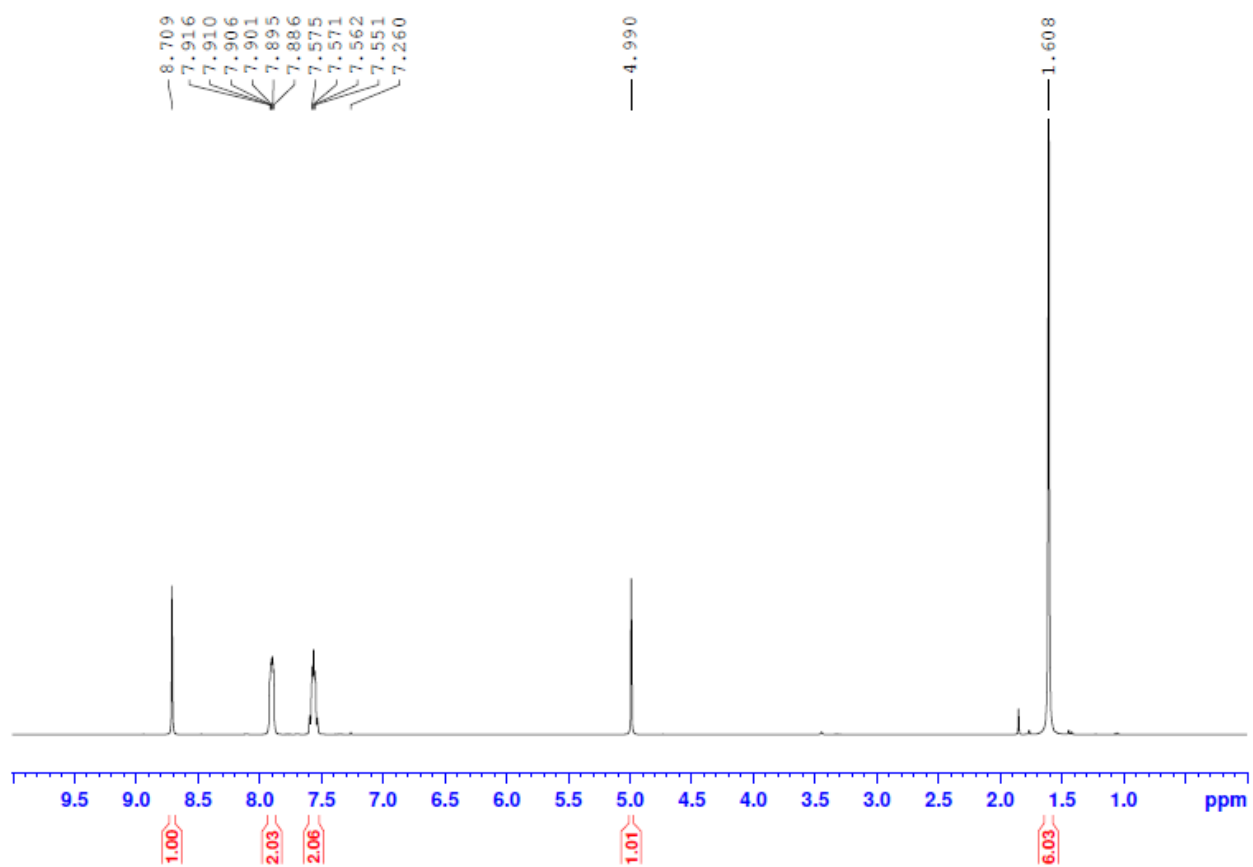


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{TEA}][\text{Tp}^*\text{Mo}(\text{O})(\text{S}_2\text{BMOQO})] \mathbf{2}$ in chloroform- d .

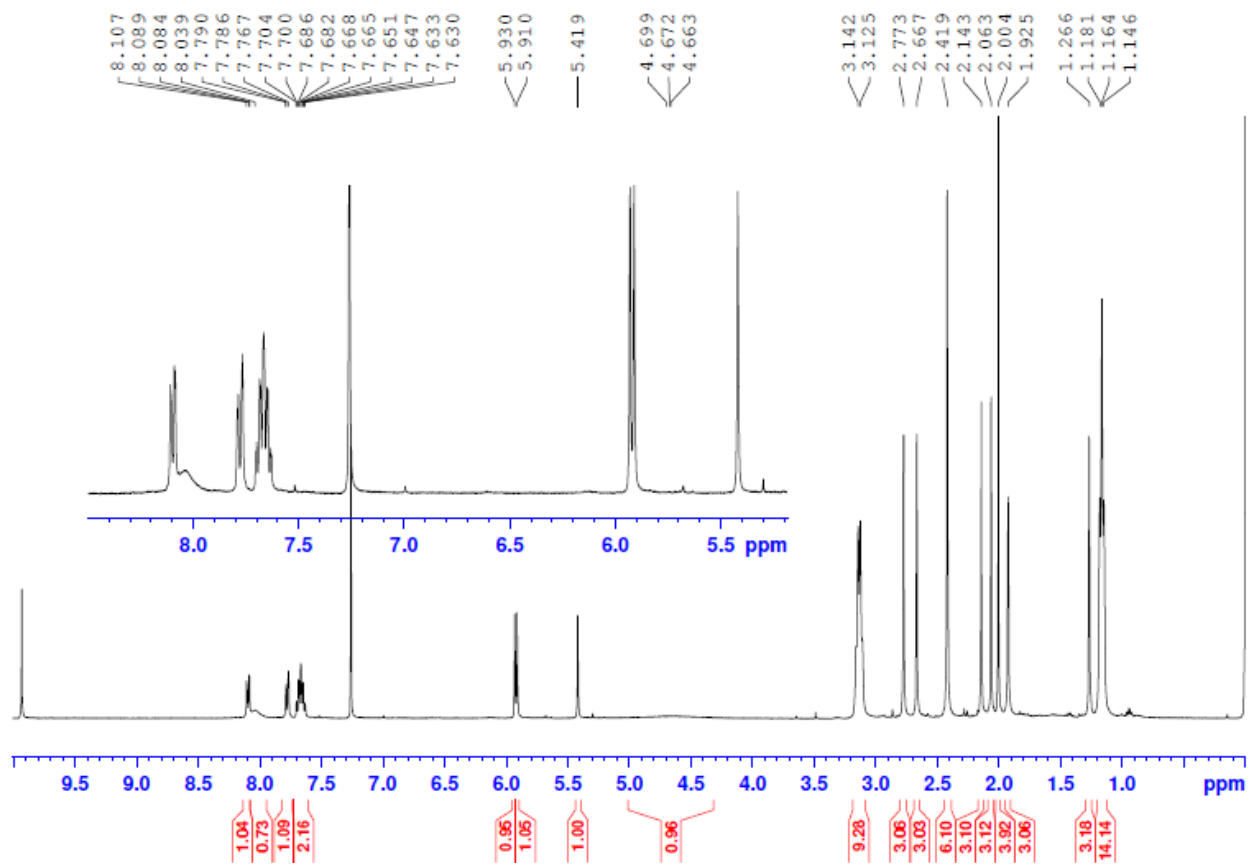


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{TEA}][\text{Tp}^*\text{Mo}(\text{O})(\text{S}_2\text{BMOQO})]$ **2** in acetonitrile- d_3 .

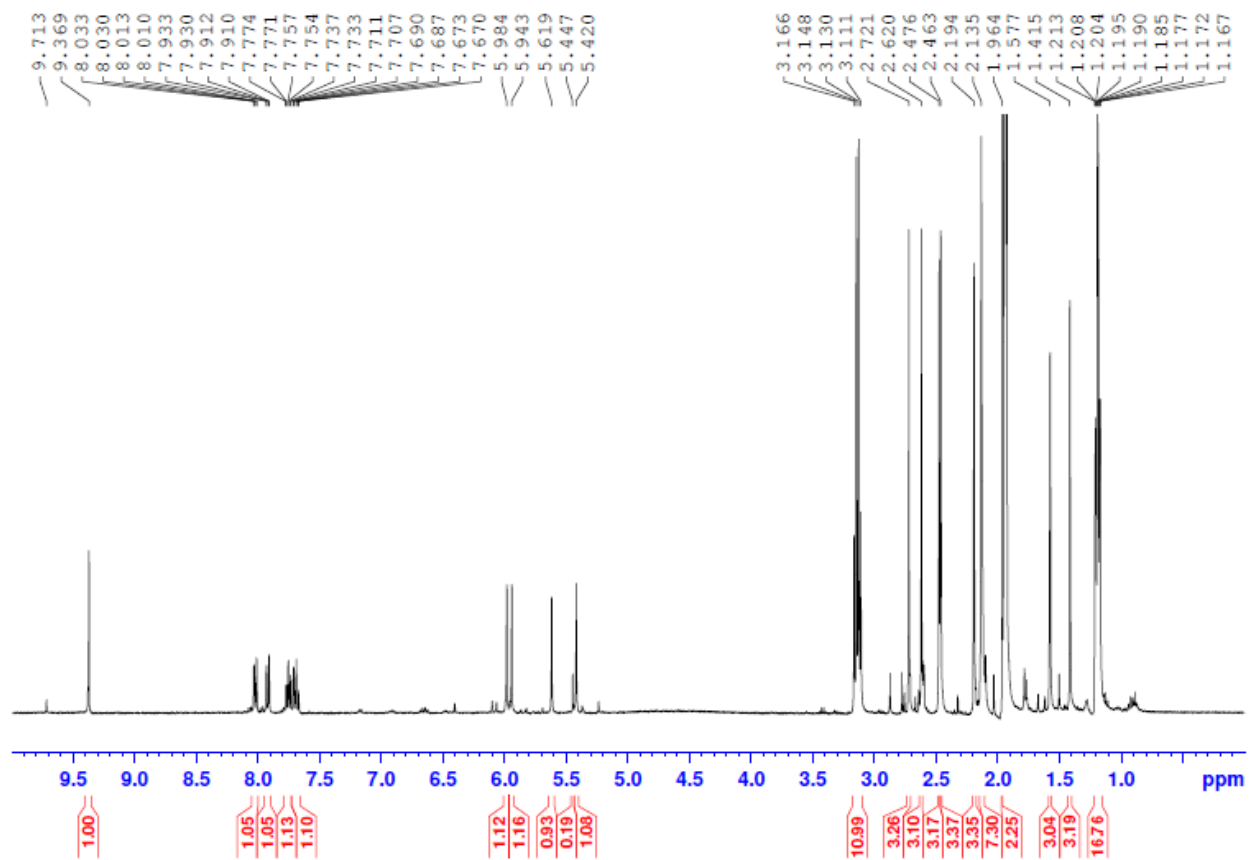


Figure S4. HSQC of [TEA][Tp*Mo(O)(S₂BMOQO)] **2** in chloroform-d.

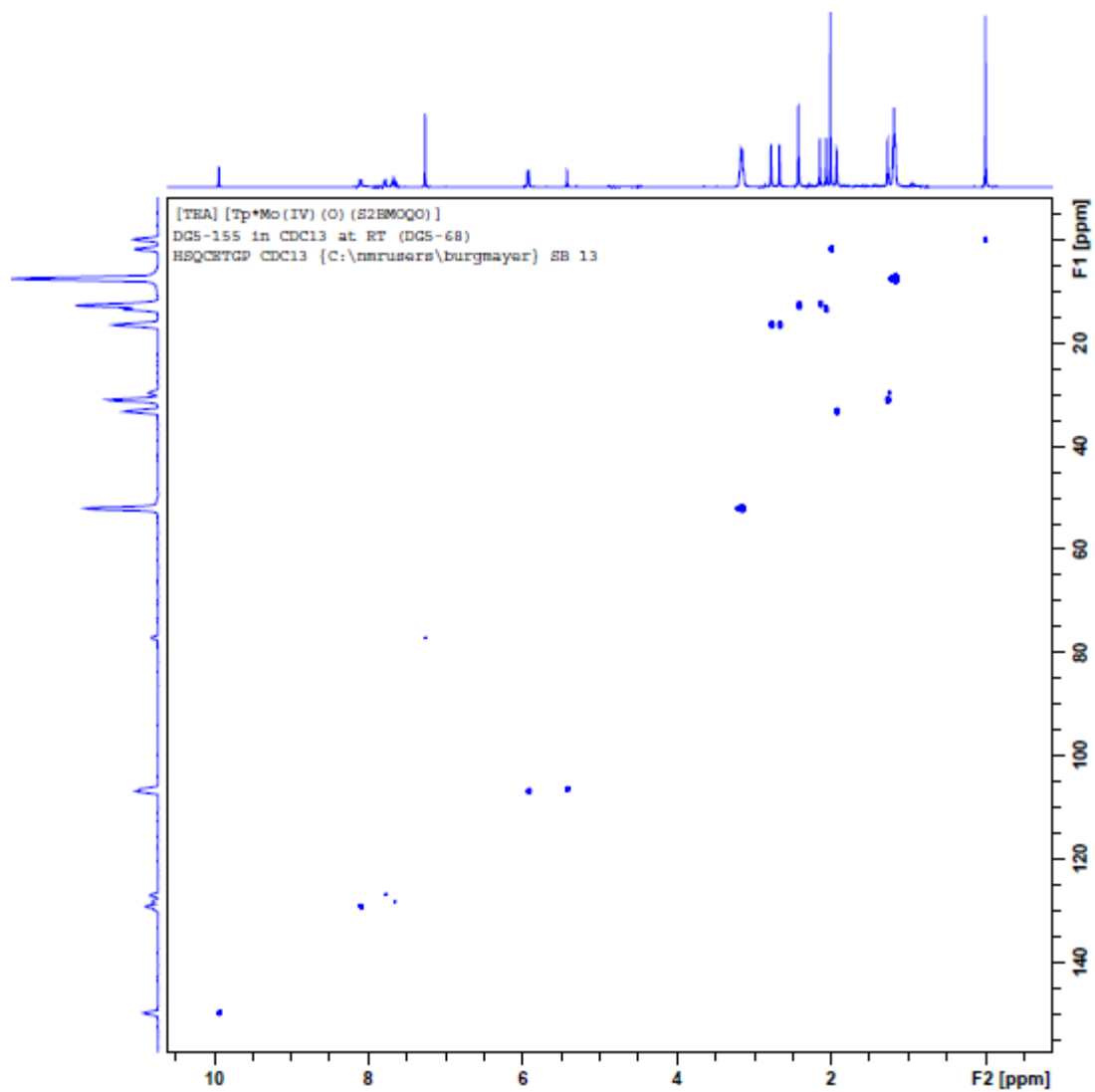


Figure S5. HSQC of [TEA][Tp*Mo(O)(S₂BMOQO)] **2** in acetonitrile-d³.

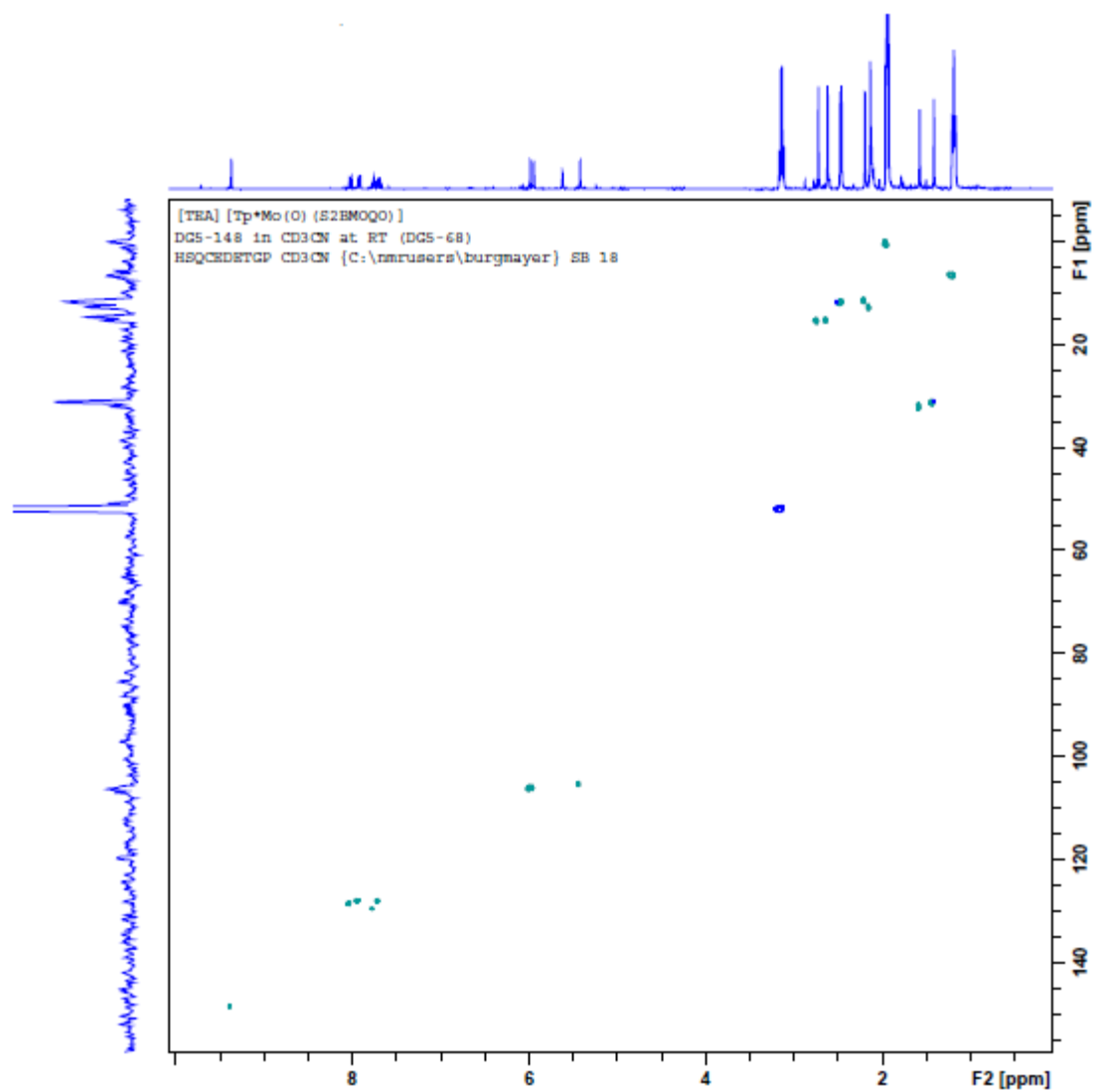


Figure S6. ^1H NMR spectrum of BDMQO in chloroform-d.

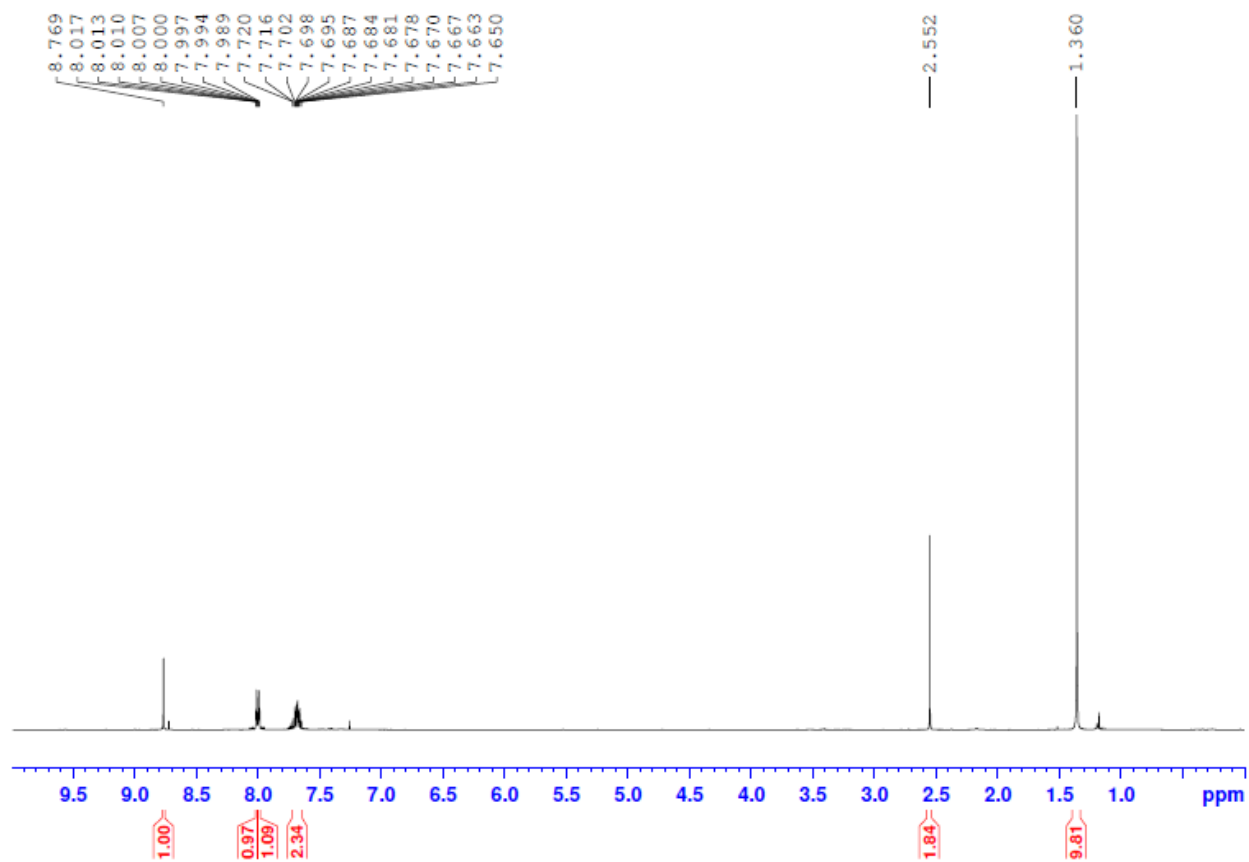


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{TEA}][\text{Tp}^*\text{Mo}(\text{O})(\text{S}_2\text{BDMQO})]$ **4** in chloroform-d.

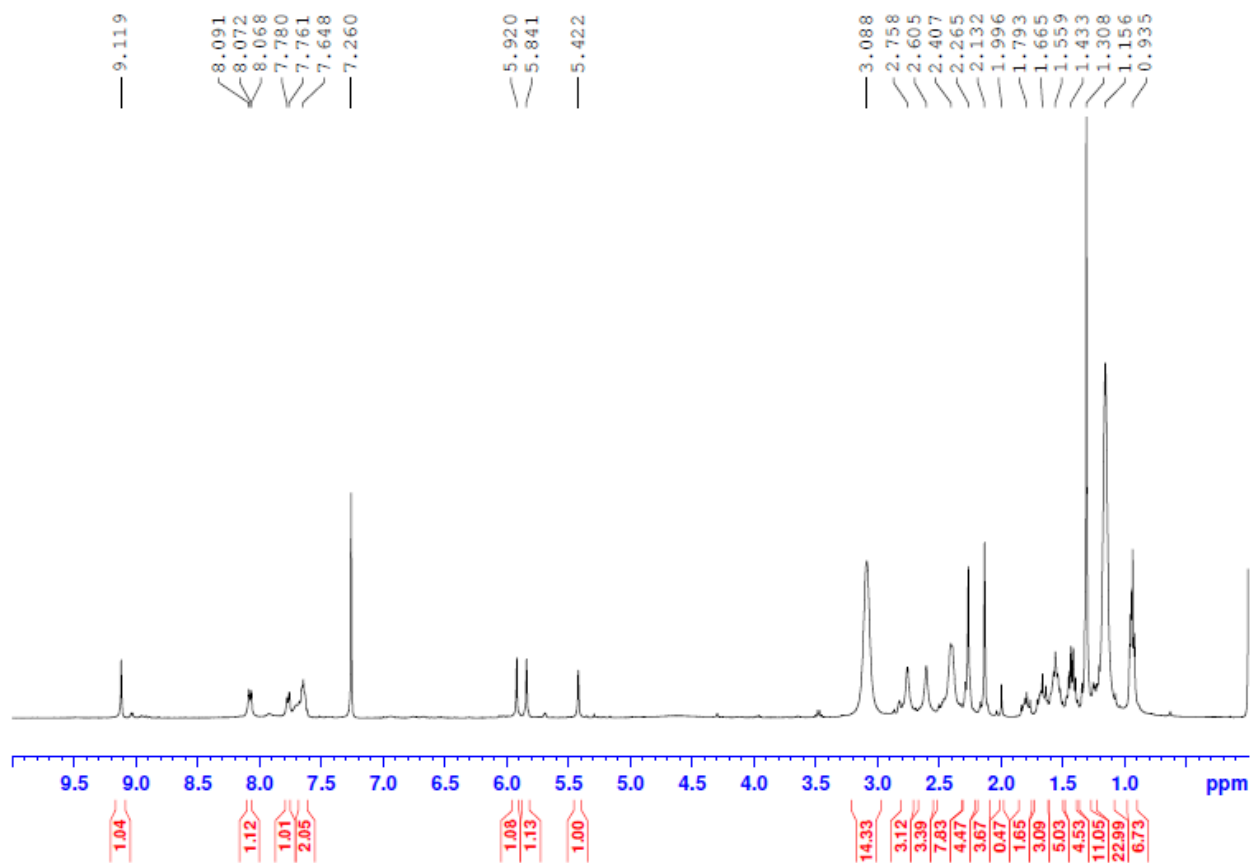


Figure S8. ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{TEA}][\text{Tp}^*\text{Mo}(\text{O})(\text{S}_2\text{BDMQO})]$ **4** in acetonitrile- d^3 .

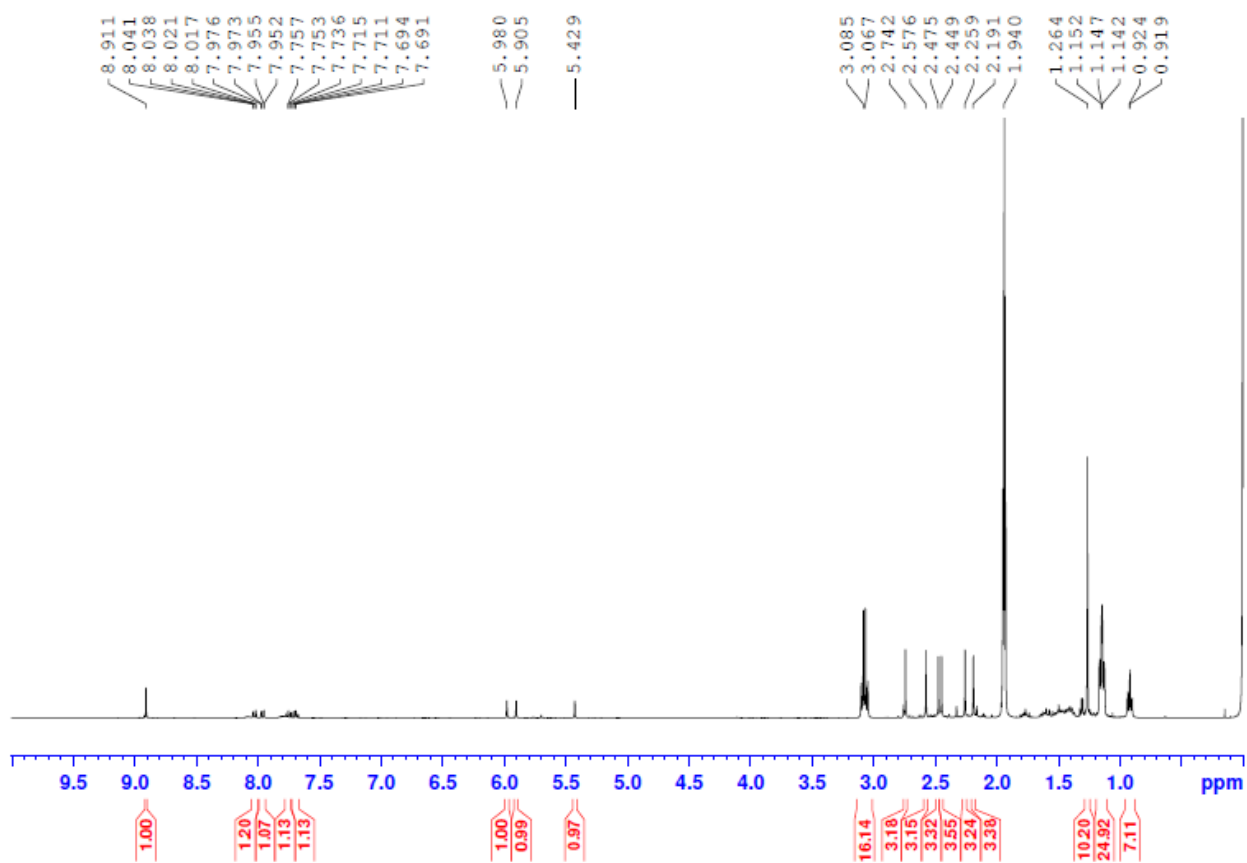


Figure S9. HSQC of [TEA][Tp*Mo(O)(S₂BDMQO)] **4** in chloroform-d.

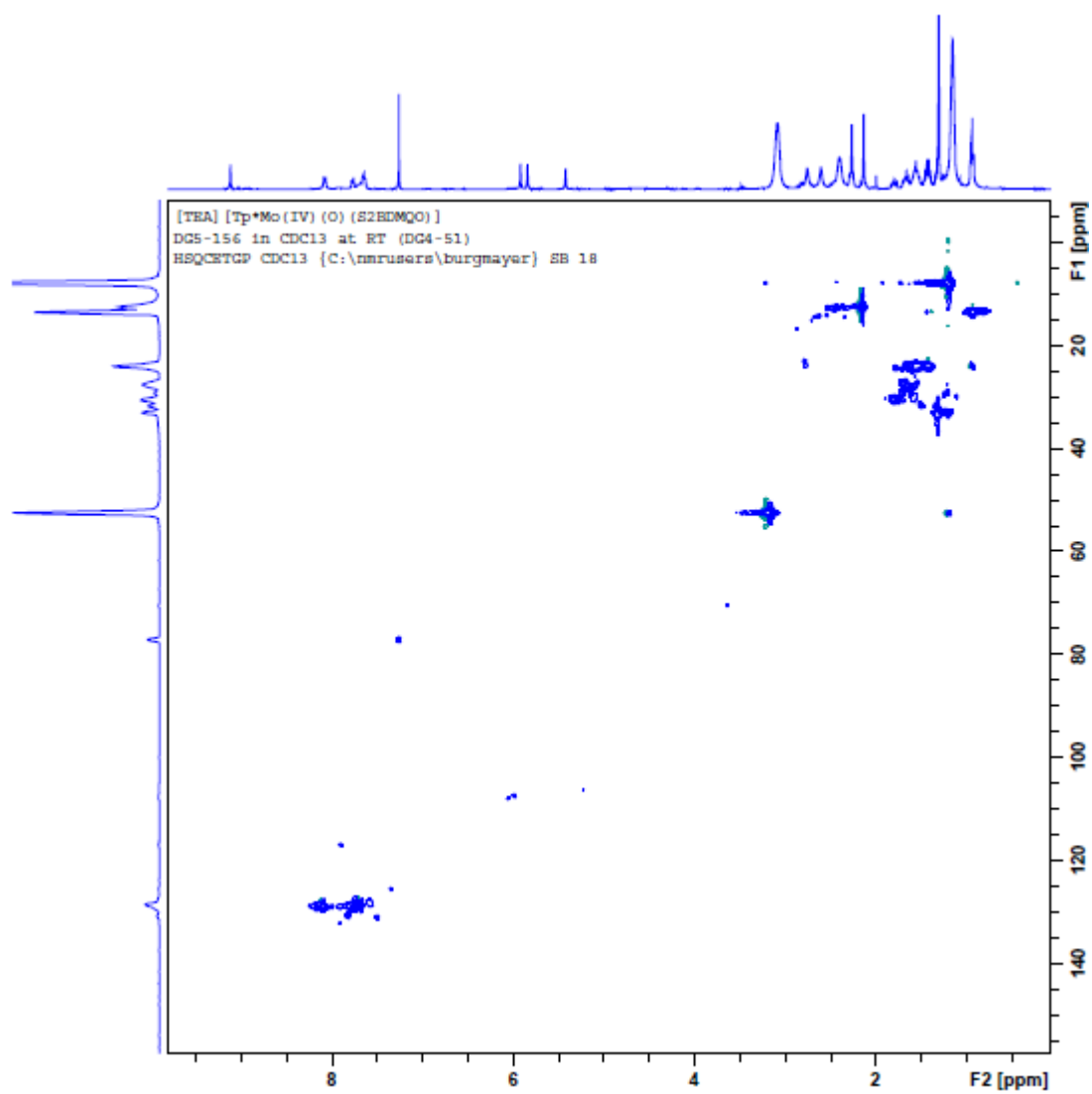


Figure S10. HSQC of [TEA][Tp*Mo(O)(S₂BDMQO)] **4** in acetonitrile-d³.

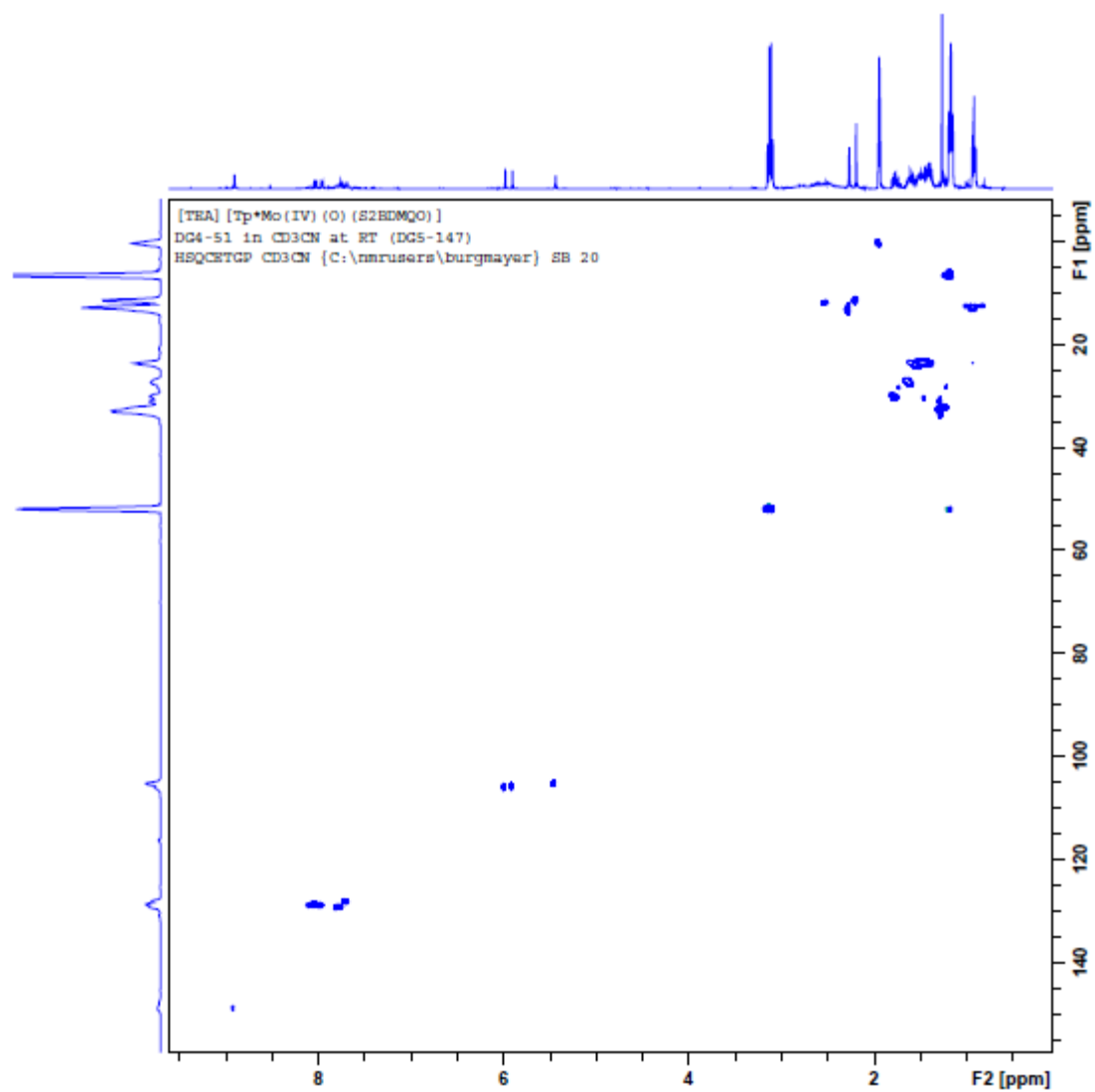


Figure S11. HSQC of Tp*Mo(O)(pyrano-H-S₂BMOQO) **7** after TFAA addition yielding pyran ring formation in acetonitrile-d³.

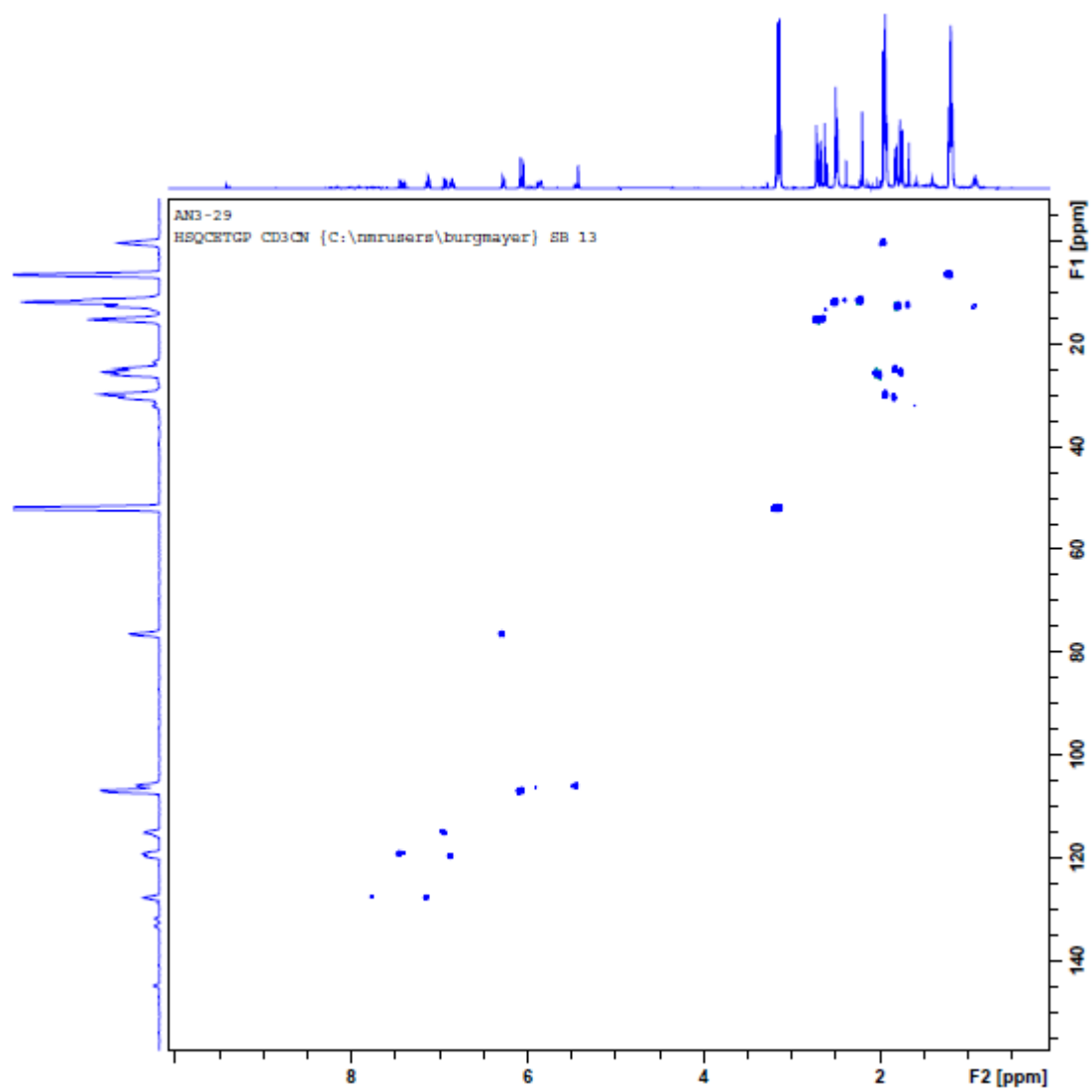


Figure S12. HSQC of Tp*Mo(O)(pyrrolo-S₂BMOQO) **8** after TFAA addition yielding pyrrole ring formation in acetonitrile-d³.

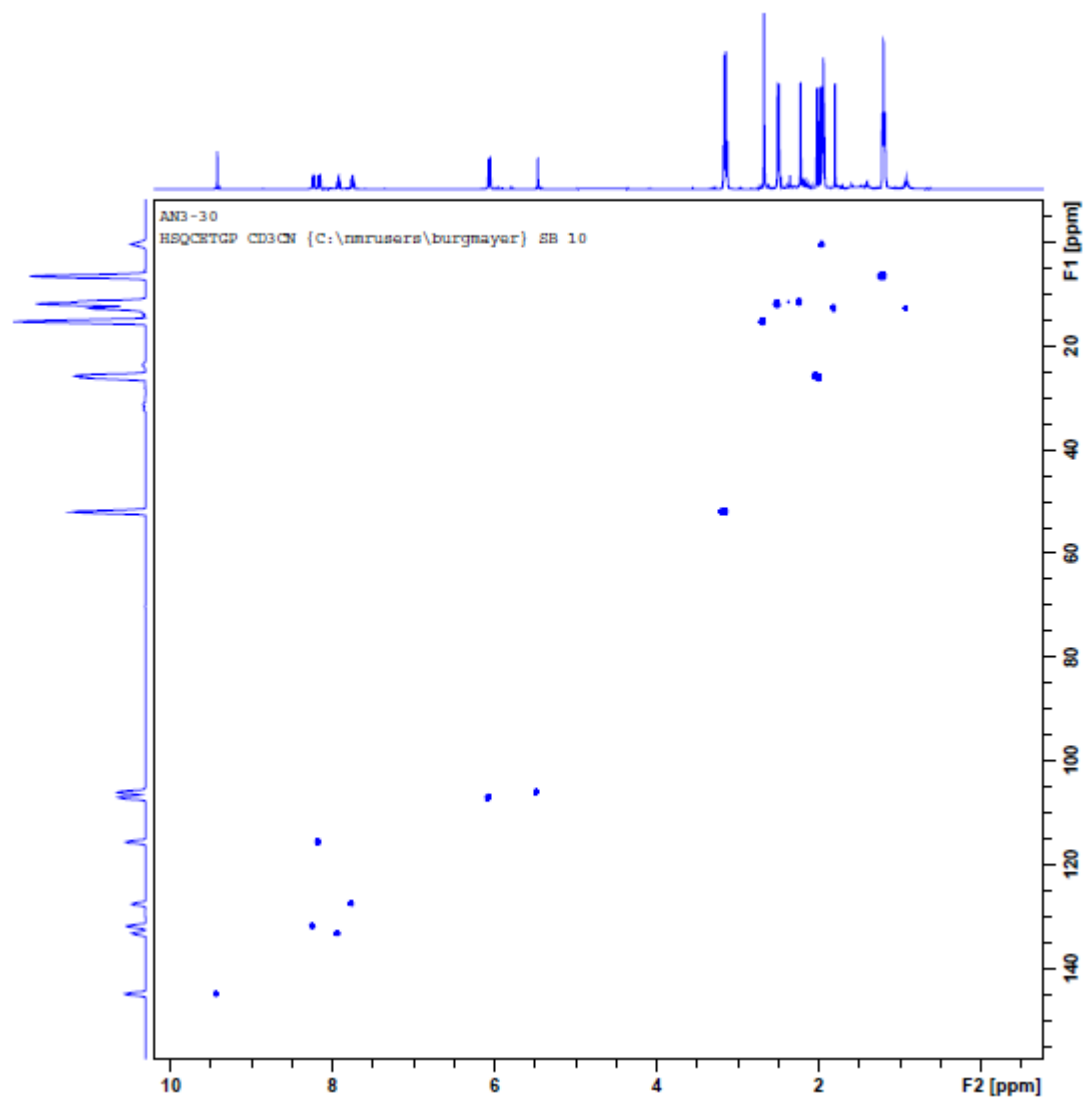


Figure S13. UV-vis overlay of **1** (blue) and **2** (red) in acetonitrile at 3.00×10^{-5} M.

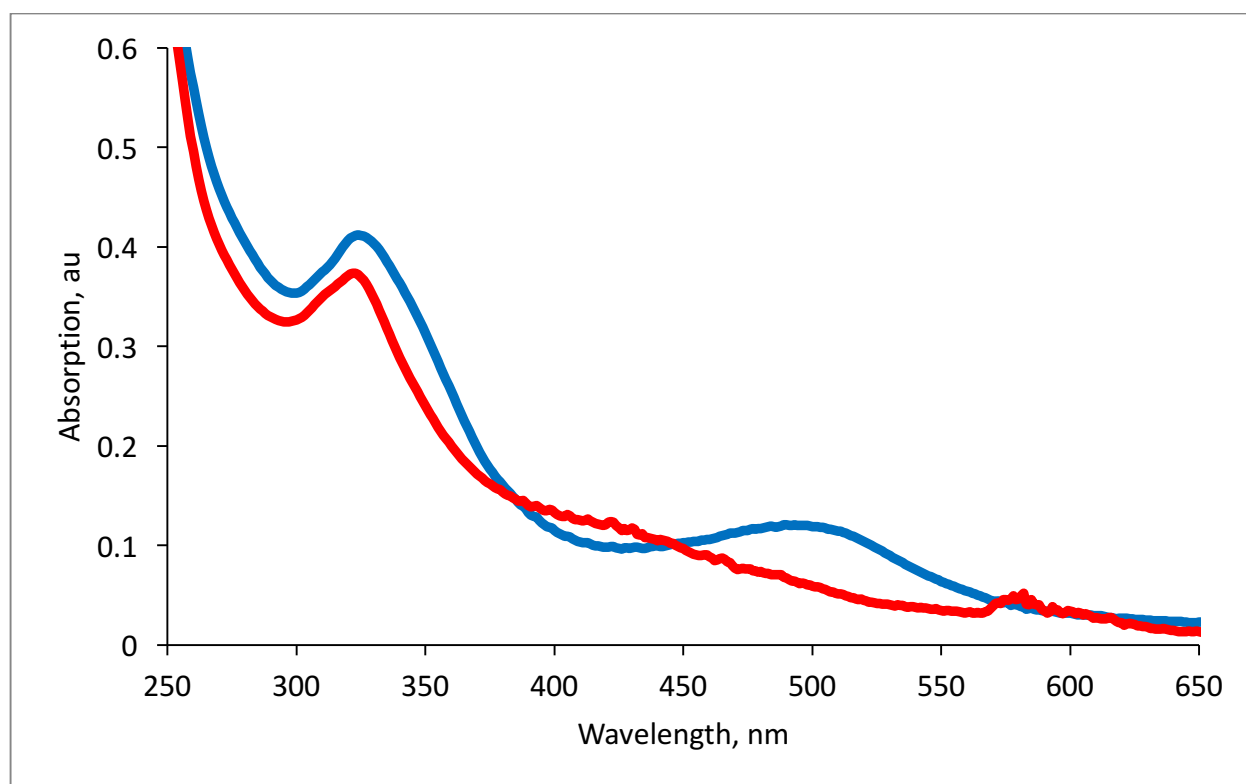
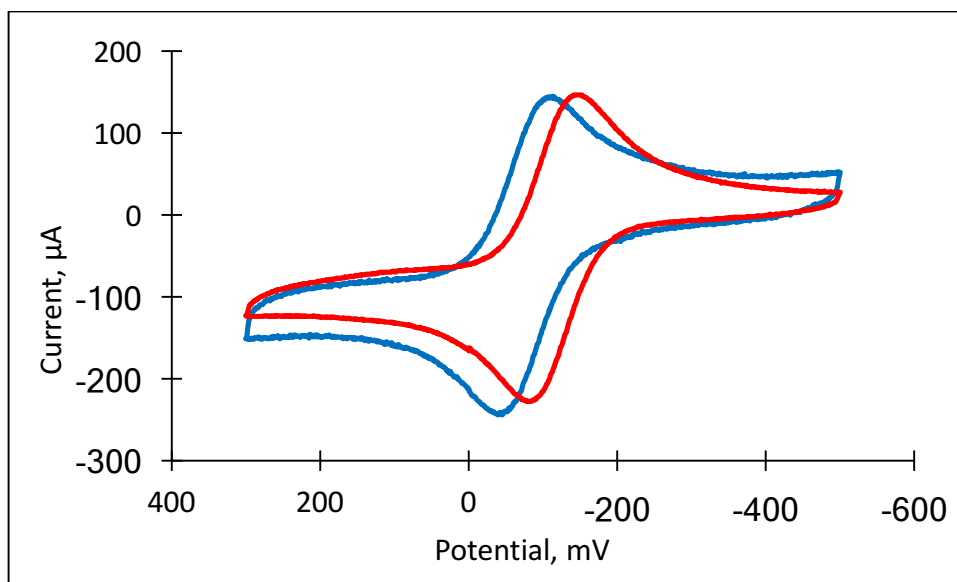


Figure S14. Cyclic voltammogram overlay of **1** (blue) and **2** (red) in acetonitrile.



Cyclic voltammograms of the Mo^{IV}/Mo^V couple of **2** (blue) and **4** (red) in 0.10 M (*n*-Bu₄N)(ClO₄)/CH₃CN vs. Ag/AgCl at a Pt working electrode, scan rate 100 mV/s. Mo^{IV}/Mo^V potentials: **1** -566 mV, **2** -681 mV vs. Fc/Fc⁺.

Table S1. Cyclic voltammometric data for **2** and **4** in acetonitrile.

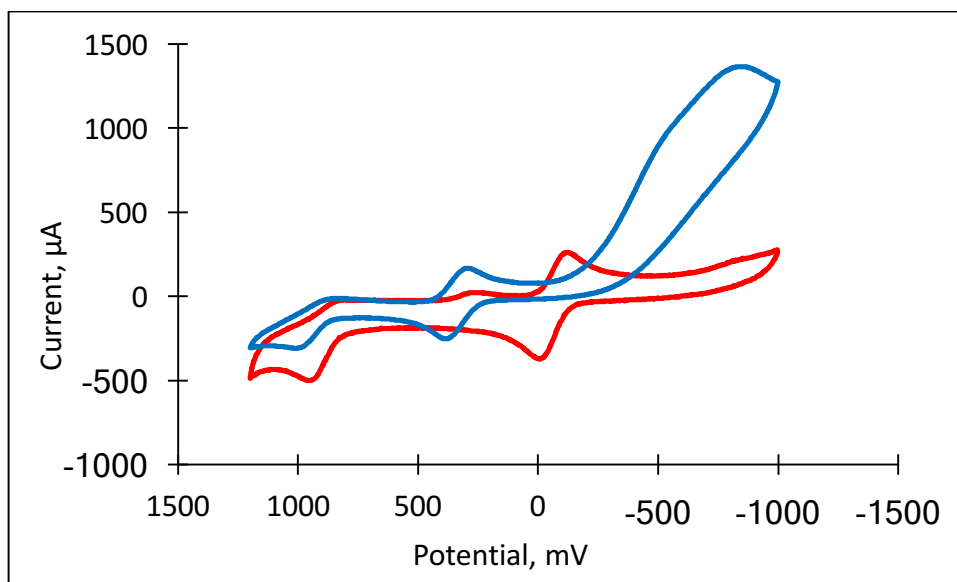
Complex (solvent)	Scan rate, mV/s	E(1/2), mV ^a	p _c – p _a , mV ^b	i _c /i _a , ^c
2 (CH ₃ CN)	25	-502	75	1.04
2 (CH ₃ CN)	100	-503	69	1.03
2 (CH ₃ CN)	400	-500	63	0.99
2 (CH ₃ CN)	800	-500	68	1.00
Fc ⁺ /Fc (CH ₃ CN)	100	+429	66	1.05
4 (CH ₃ CN)	25	-556	69	0.95
4 (CH ₃ CN)	100	-552	65	1.05
4 (CH ₃ CN)	400	-557	61	1.06
4 (CH ₃ CN)	800	-557	71	1.01
Fc ⁺ /Fc (CH ₃ CN)	100	+438	80	1.08

^a Fc⁺/Fc vs. Ag/AgCl

^b difference between cathodic and anodic potentials

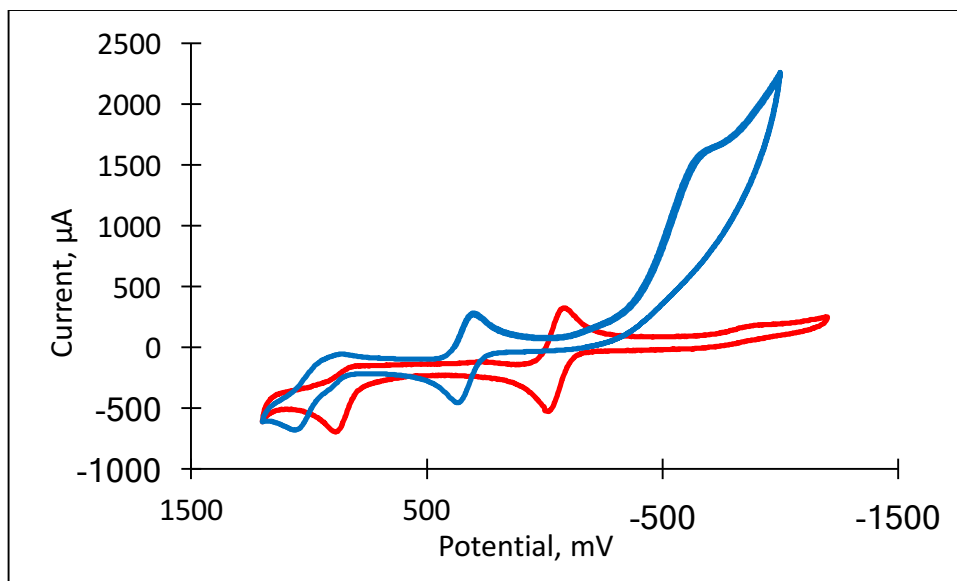
^c ratio of cathodic to anodic currents

Figure S15. Cyclic voltammogram overlay of protonated and non-protonated forms of **2** in chloroform.



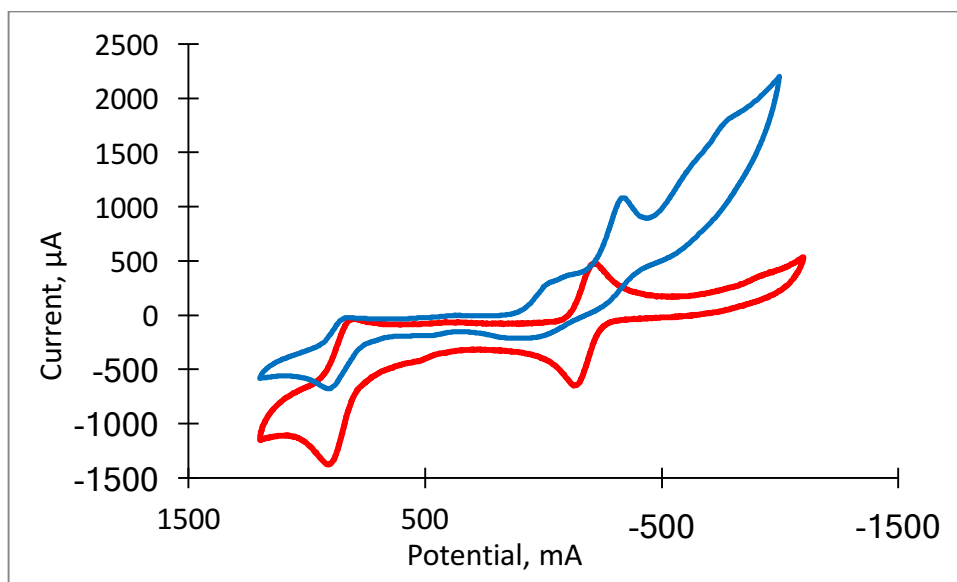
Cyclic voltammograms of the protonated form of **2** (blue) and the non-protonated form of **2** (red) in 0.10 M $(n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N})(\text{ClO}_4)/\text{CHCl}_3$ vs. Ag/AgCl at a Pt working electrode, scan rate 100 mV/s. $\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}/\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}$ potentials: protonated **2** -231 mV, non-protonated **2** -566 mV vs. Fc/Fc^+ .

Figure S16. Cyclic voltammogram overlay of protonated and non-protonated forms of **2** in acetonitrile.



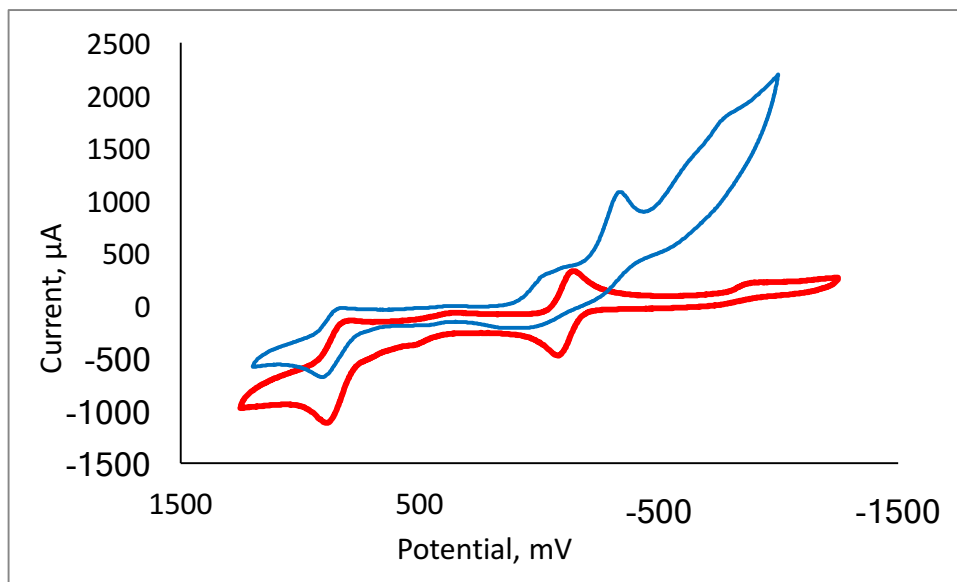
Cyclic voltammograms of the protonated form of **2** (blue) and the non-protonated form of **2** (red) in 0.10 M $(n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N})(\text{ClO}_4)/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ vs. Ag/AgCl at a Pt working electrode, scan rate 100 mV/s. $\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}/\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}$ potentials: protonated **2** -135 mV, non-protonated **2** -501 mV vs. Fc/Fc^+ .

Figure S17. Cyclic voltammogram overlay of protonated and non-protonated forms of **4** in chloroform.



Cyclic voltammograms of the protonated form of **4** (blue) and the non-protonated form of **4** (red) in 0.10 M (*n*-Bu₄N)(ClO₄)/CHCl₃ vs. Ag/AgCl at a Pt working electrode, scan rate 100 mV/s.

Figure S18. Cyclic voltammogram overlay of protonated and non-protonated forms of **4** in acetonitrile.



Cyclic voltammograms of the protonated form of **4** (blue) and the non-protonated form of **4** (red) in 0.10 M (*n*-Bu₄N)(ClO₄)/CH₃CN vs. Ag/AgCl at a Pt working electrode, scan rate 100 mV/s.

Table S1. Summary of X-ray crystal structure data for complexes **2** and **4**.

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Formula	C ₃₈ H ₅₈ BCl ₂ MoN ₉ O ₂ S ₂	C ₃₇ H ₅₆ BMoN ₉ OS ₂
Fw	914.70	813.77
Cryst Syst	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
space group:	Pbcn	Pbcn
<i>a</i> (Å)	27.8479 (14)	30.2788 (14)
<i>b</i> (Å)	19.8016 (10)	19.0169 (8)
<i>c</i> (Å)	17.9310 (9)	18.1264 (8)
<i>α</i> (deg)	90	90
<i>β</i> (deg)	90	90
<i>γ</i> (deg)	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	9887.7 (9)	10437.3 (8)
<i>Z</i>	8	8
<i>ρ</i> _{calc} (g/cm ⁻³)	1.229	1.036
<i>T</i> (K)	200	200
radiation, λ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Abs coeff (mm ⁻¹)	0.497	0.363
wR ₂ (%)	16.02	18.08
R ₁ (%)	5.38	5.46
GOF	1.033	1.025

Figure S19. UV-Vis time course study over 22 hours for reactions resulting from the protonation of **2** upon addition of 1 eq. of TFAA in CHCl_3 . Red line: spectrum recorded immediately after 1 eq TFAA is added to **2** in CHCl_3 corresponding to **7**. Blue line: spectrum of final product **8**.

