

## **Tetrakis((ethyl-4(4-butyryl)oxyphenyl)porphyrinato Zinc Complexes with 4,4'-bipyridin: Synthesis, Characterization, and its catalytic degradation of Calmagite**

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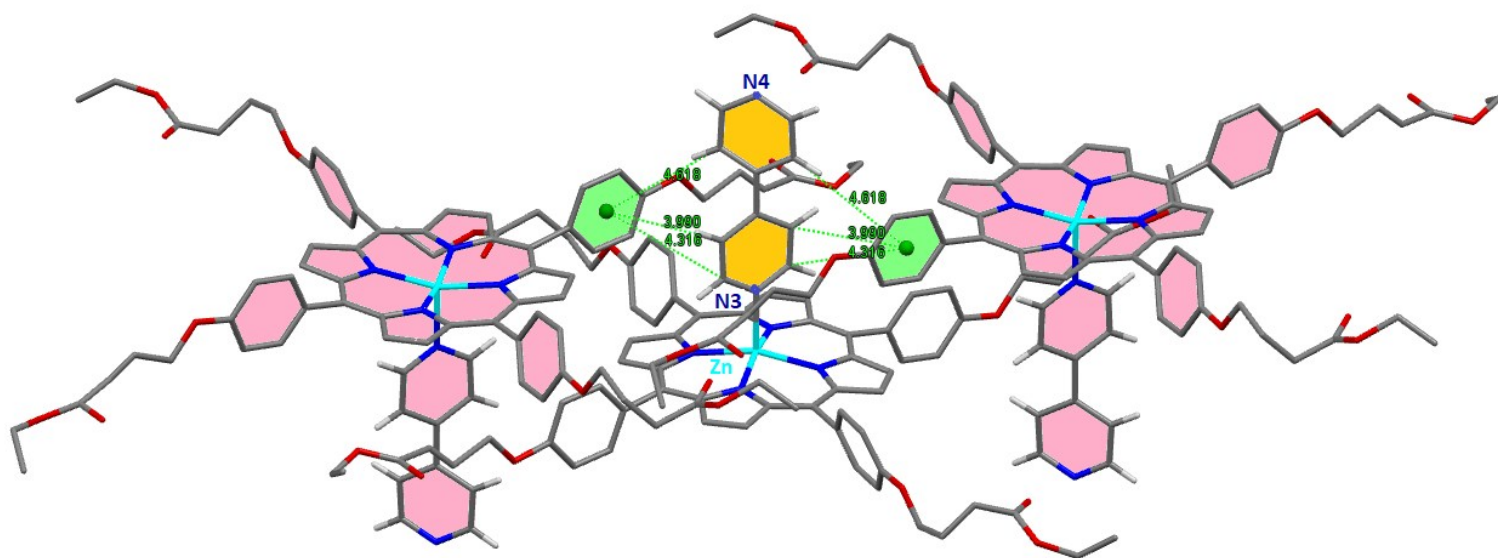
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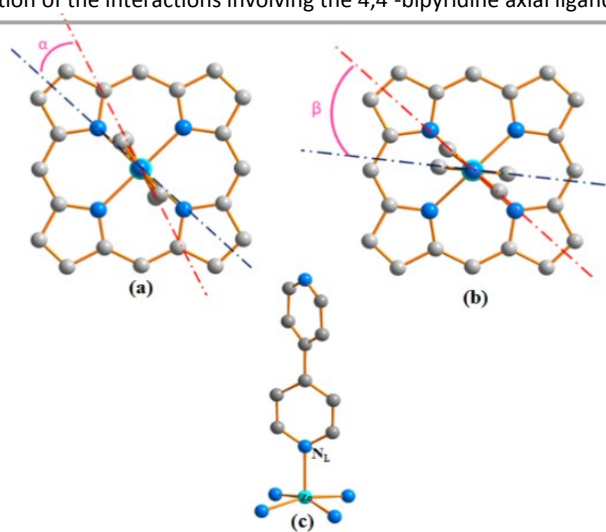
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## 1. X-Ray



**Figure S1.** Schematic representation of the interactions involving the 4,4'-bipyridine axial ligand of complex **3**.



**Figure S2.** Drawings showing (a) : the  $\alpha$  dihedral angle between the “N<sub>p</sub>-M-N<sub>L</sub>” plan (N<sub>p</sub> is the closed pyrrole nitrogen atom) and the first pyridyl moiety of the 4,4'-bipyridine axial ligand, (b) : the  $\beta$  dihedral angle between the two pyridyl rings of the 4,4'-bipyridine and (c) : the coordination geometry of the Zn<sup>2+</sup> cation in complex **3**.

**Table S1.** Crystal and refinement data of [Zn(TEBOP)(4,4'-bpy)] (3).

Parameters	Complex 3
Empirical formula	C <sub>78</sub> H <sub>76</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>12</sub> Zn
Formula weight	1354.87
Cryst. Sym	Monoclinic
Space group	C 2/c
a(Å)	25.890(5)
b(Å)	18.024(5)
c(Å)	18.699(5)
β (°)	127.821(5)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	6893(3)
Z	4
D <sub>calc</sub> , (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.306
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.424
Max./min. trans.	1.000/0.624
F(000)	2848
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.49 x 0.41x 0.27
T (K)	200(2)
θ range (°)	2.55-26.37
Limiting indices	-32 ≤ h ≤ 29, -21 ≤ k ≤ 22, -23 ≤ l ≤ 23
Reflec. collec/unique	46070/7020
Parameters	570
S [Goodness of fit]	1.119
R <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> , wR <sub>2</sub> [Fo > 4σ(Fo)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0798, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2129
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1130, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2634
Min./max. res. (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.956 and -0.875
CCDC	1060414

$$a. R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}; b. wR_2 = \left[ \frac{\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2}{\sum w(F_o^2)} \right]^{1/2}.$$

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) in the molecular structure s of [Zn(TEBOP)(4,4'-bpy)] (3).

Complex 3	
<b>Zinc coordination polyhedron</b>	
Zn–N1	2.057 (3)
Zn–N2	2.078 (3)
Zn–N3	2.152 (5)
N1–Zn–N2	88.62 (14)
N1–Zn–N3	97.69 (10)
N2–Zn–N3	99.73 (11)
<b>4,4'-bipyridine ligand</b>	
N3–C38	1.324 (6)
C38–C39	1.387 (7)
C39–C40	1.377 (7)
C40–C41	1.517 (11)
C41–C42	1.394 (10)
C42–C43	1.382 (11)
N4–C43	1.344 (12)

**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **3**, and some 4,4'-bipyridine porphyrinic and non-porphyrinic complexes.

Complexes	M–N <sub>p</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Zn–N <sub>L</sub> <sup>b</sup>	α (°)	β (°)	Ref.
<b>Zn-(4,4'-bpy) porphyrin complexes</b>					
[Zn(TEBOP)(4,4'-bpy)] ( <b>3</b> )	2.0675(3)	2.151(2)	37	36	Current work
[Zn(TOHP) <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-bpy)] <sup>c</sup>	2.041 2.030	2.134 2.144	3	1	[1]
[Zn(TPP) <sub>3</sub> (4,4'-bpy) <sub>2</sub> ]	2.049(8)	2.185(8)	23	24	[2]
[Zn(TPP) <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-bpy)]	2.055 2.065 2.081	2.490 2.169(6) 2.270(7)	4 5 7	38 46	[2]
<b>M-(4,4'-bpy) porphyrin complexes (M = Co, Fe)</b>					
[Co(TPP)(4,4'-bpy)]	1.993	2.342	12	38	[3]
{[Co(TpivPP)(4,4'-bpy) <sub>2</sub> ]} <sub>n</sub> <sup>d</sup>	1.984 <sup>e</sup>	2.312 <sup>e,f</sup>	19	38	[3]
	1.976 <sup>e</sup>	2.311 <sup>e,f</sup>	23	35	
[Fe(TPP)(bpy)]	1.990	1.985	33	30	[4]
<b>Zn-(4,4'-bpy) non-porphyrin complexes</b>					
[Zn(4,4'-bpy) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ](ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·(4,4'-bpy)	-	2.117(2)	-	2	[5]
{[Zn(μ <sub>2</sub> -4,4'-bpy)(μ <sub>4</sub> -BPTC)] <sub>n</sub> } <sup>g</sup>	-	2.044	-	0	[6]
{[Zn(μ <sub>2</sub> -4,4'-bpy) <sub>2</sub> (μ-FA)] <sub>n</sub> } <sup>h</sup>	-	2.114 <sup>i</sup>	-	48	[7]

<sup>a</sup>: Average equatorial zinc–nitrogen pyrrole distance.<sup>b</sup>: N-coordinated zinc atom of the axial ligand L<sup>c</sup>: TOHPP = 5,10,15,20-tetrakis(4-hydroxyphenyl)porphyrinato.<sup>d</sup>: TpivPP = *meso*-4,4'-tetrapivalamidophenylporphyrinato.<sup>e</sup>: The asymmetric unit contains two [Co(TpivPP)(4,4'-bpy)<sub>2</sub>] molecules.<sup>f</sup>: Average values of the two Co–N(bpy) distances.<sup>g</sup>: BPTC = biphenyl-3,3',5,5'-tetracarboxylato.<sup>h</sup>: FA = format-O (CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>).<sup>i</sup>: Average values of the two Zn–N(bpy) distances.**Table S4.** Selected hydrogen bonds and intermolecular C–H...Cg π interactions of complex [Zn(TEBOP)(4,4'-bpy)] (**3**)

D <sup>a</sup> –H...A <sup>b</sup>	Symmetry of A	D...A (Å)	D–H...A (°)
C19–H19B...O1	x, y, z	2.825(11)	106
C21–H21b...O2	x, y, z	2.57(2)	103
C33A–H33B...O5A	x, y, z	2.85(5)	104
C37A–H37C...O5A	x, y, z	2.95(5)	113
C37A–H37C...O2	–x, y, –z+1/2	3.40(4)	139
C43–H43...O5A	–x+1/2, y+1/2, –z+3/2	3.37(3)	140
C15–H15...Cg1	x+3/2, y+1/2, z+1	3.503(5)	138
C18–H18A...Cg9	x+3/2, y+1/2, z+1	3.80(11)	170
C18–H18B...Cg2	–x+1/2, y+1/2, –z–1/	3.773(9)	138
C32A–H32A...Cg7	–x+1/2, –y+1/2, –z+1	3.543(11)	135
C32A–H32A...Cg7	x–1/2, –y+1/2, z–3/2	3.543(11)	135
C25B–H25B...Cg2	–x+1/2, –y+1/2, –z+1	3.34(2)	145
C37B–H37D...Cg9	–x, y, –z+1/2	3.82(3)	143

atom.

<sup>b</sup>: A = acceptor atom.Complex **3**: Cg1, Cg2, Cg7 and Cg9 are the centroids of the N1–C1/C4, N2–C6/C9, N3–C38–C39–C40–C38A–C39A–C40A, C11/C16 rings respectively.<sup>a</sup>: D = donor

## 2. $^1\text{H}$ NMR

### 2.1. $^1\text{H}$ NMR Spectra of ethyl-4-(4-butyryl)oxyphenylaldehyde

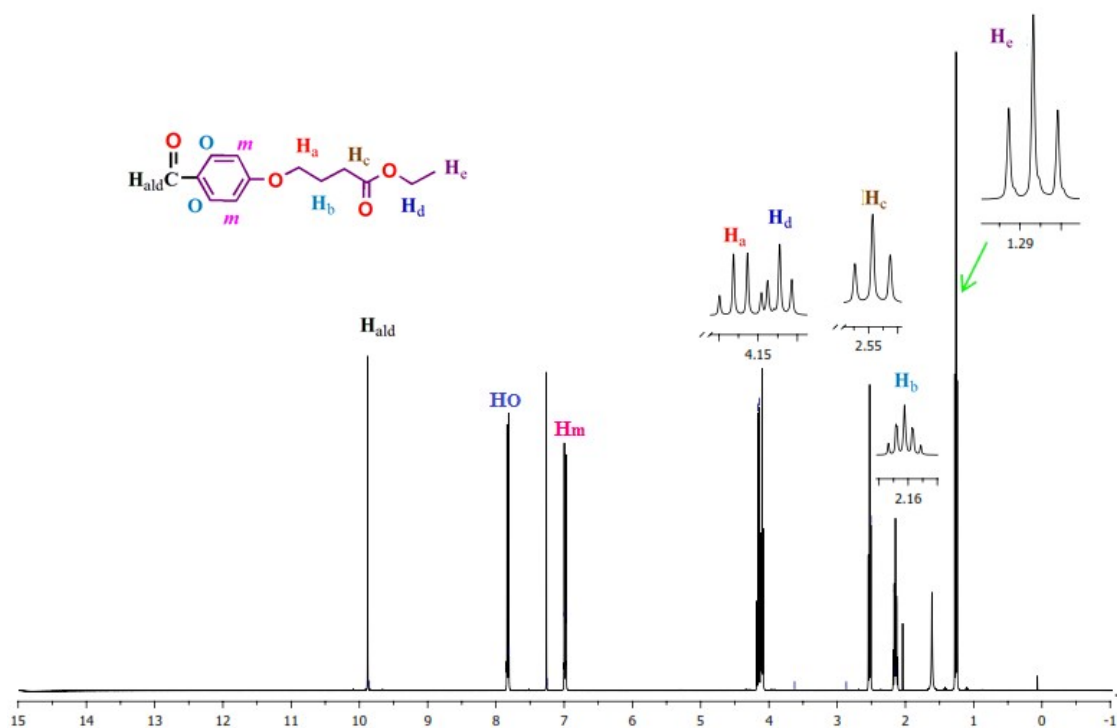


Figure S3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of ethyl-4-(4-butyryl)oxyphenylaldehyde in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

### 2.1. $^1\text{H}$ NMR Spectra of compound (3)

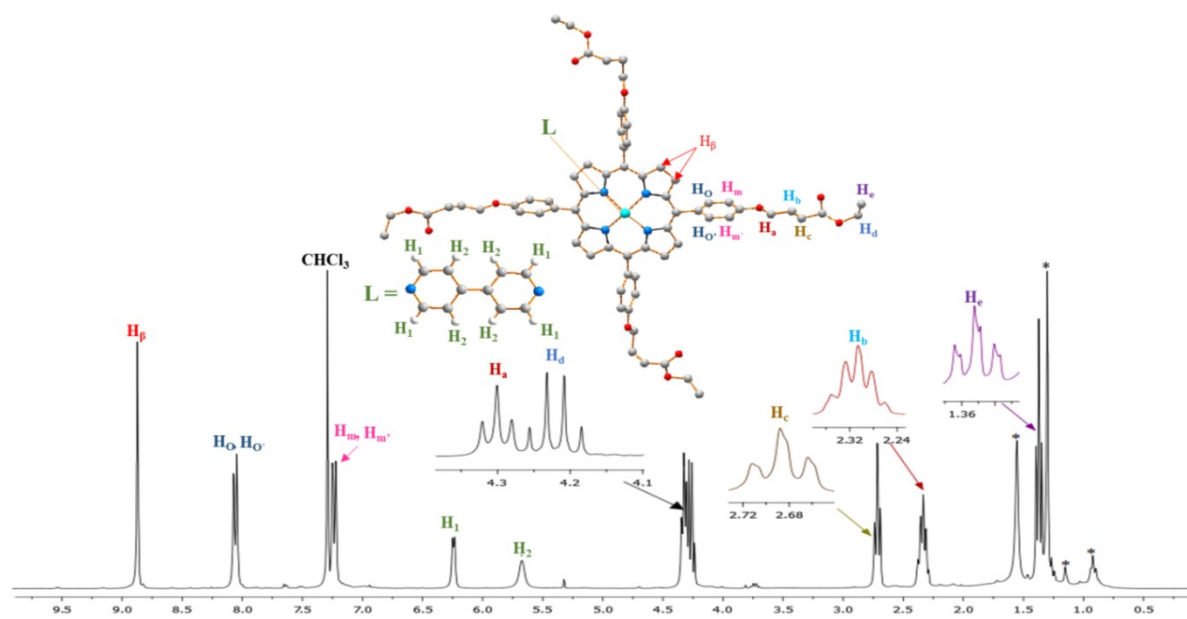


Figure S4.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex 3 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

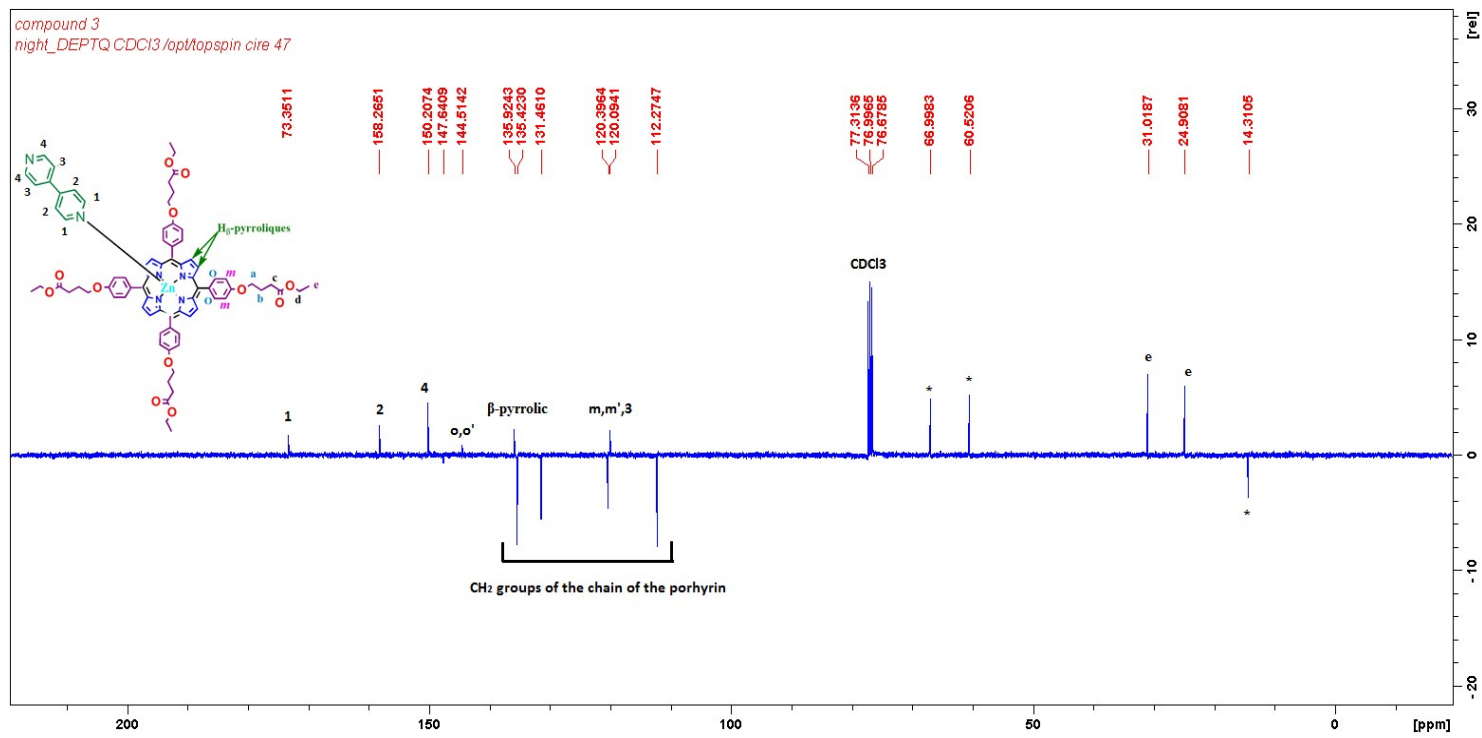


Figure S5.  $^{13}\text{C}$  DEPT spectrum of complex 3 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

**Table S5.** Electrochemical data for complex 3 and a selection of related zinc metalloporphyrins in dichloromethane (exceptions are indicated).

	Ring oxidations									Ring reductions				Ref		
	1 <sup>st</sup> oxidation (O1, R1)			2 <sup>nd</sup> oxidation (O2, R2)			3 <sup>th</sup> oxidation (O3, R3)			1 <sup>st</sup> reduction		2 <sup>nd</sup> reduction				
	E <sub>pa</sub> <sup>b</sup>	E <sub>pc</sub> <sup>c</sup>	E <sub>1/2</sub> <sup>d</sup>	E <sub>pa</sub>	E <sub>pc</sub>	E <sub>1/2</sub>	E <sub>pa</sub>	E <sub>pa</sub>	E <sub>1/2</sub>	E <sub>pc</sub>	E <sub>pa</sub>	E <sub>1/2</sub>	E <sub>pc</sub>		E <sub>pa</sub>	E <sub>1/2</sub>
H <sub>2</sub> TPP	-	-	1.02	-	-	1.26	-	-	-	-	-	-1.20	-	-	-1.55	[8]
H <sub>2</sub> TPP	-	-	1.08	-	-	1.35	-	-	-	-	-	-1.21	-	-	-	[9]
H <sub>2</sub> TTP <sup>e</sup>	-	-	0.62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.12	-	-	-1.54	[10]
H <sub>2</sub> TEBOP (1)	-	-	0.96	-	-	1.13	-	-	-	-	-	-1.26	-	-	-1.60	this work
[Zn(TPP)]	-	-	0.84*	-	-	1.13*	-	-	-	-	-	-1.31*	-	-	-1.75 *	[11]
[Zn(TEBOP)] (2)	-	-	0.64	-	-	0.94	-	-	-	-	-	-1.42	-	-	-	this work
[Zn(TDCPP)]	-	-	1.06	-	-	1.36	-	-	-	-	-	-1.20	-	-	-1.68 *	[11]
[Zn(TPFPP)] <sup>f</sup>	-	-	1.37	-	-	1.58	-	-	-	-	-	-0.95	-	-	-1.37	[11]
[Zn(TEBOP)(4,4'-bpy)] (3)	0.68	0.61	0.64	0.98	0.90	0.94	1.41	1.25	1.33	-1.50	-1.42	-1.46	-	-	-	this work
[Zn(TPP)(HIm)]	-	-	0.70*	-	-	1.40*	-	-	-	-	-	-1.40*	-	-	-1.75 *	[11]
[Zn(TPP)(2-Meim)]	-	-	0.71*	-	-	1.37*	-	-	-	-	-	-1.45*	-	-	-1.75 *	[11]
[Zn(TMP)(HIm)]	-	-	0.63*	-	-	1.26*	-	-	-	-	-	-1.55*	-	-	-	[11]
[Zn(TPP)(2-Meim)]	-	-	0.63*	-	-	1.23*	-	-	-	-	-	-1.60*	-	-	-	[11]

<sup>a</sup>: The potentials are reported versus SCE.

<sup>b</sup>: E<sub>pa</sub> = anodic peak potential.

<sup>c</sup>: E<sub>pc</sub> = cathodic peak potential.

<sup>d</sup>: E<sub>1/2</sub> = half wave potential.

<sup>e</sup>: in THF.

<sup>f</sup>: TPFPP : is the dianion of the tetrapentafluorophenylporphyrin.

\* : Irreversible wave.

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