

**Supplementary material for:**

**Evaluation of the *tert*-butyl group as a probe for NMR studies of macromolecular complexes**

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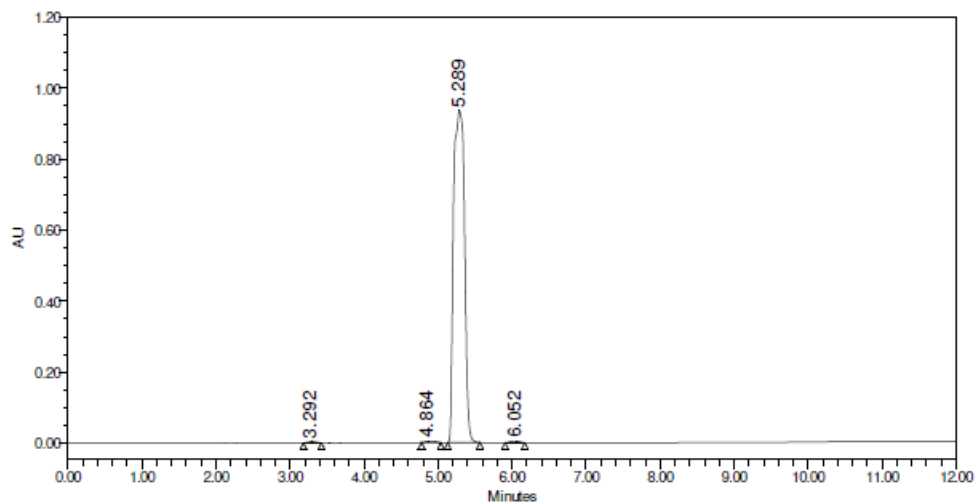
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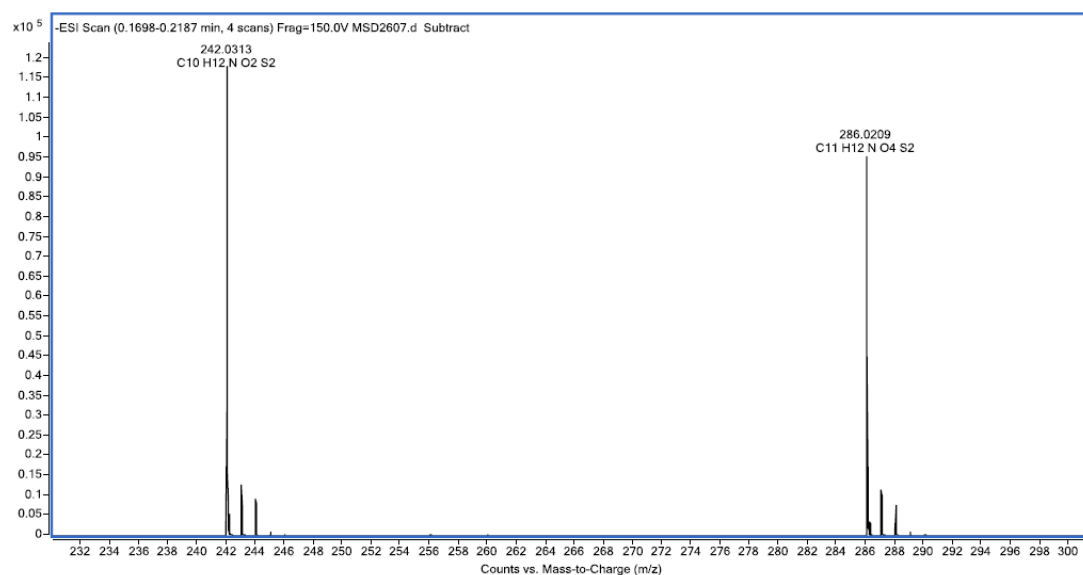
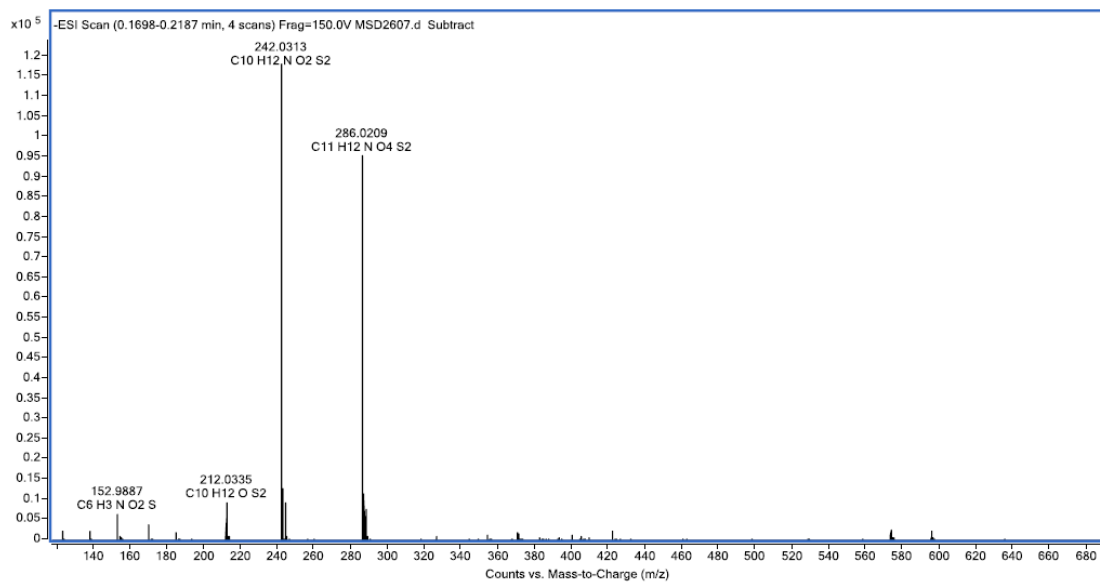
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**Supplementary Figure 1.** HPLC-PDA of purified 5-(*tert*-butyldisulfanyl)-2-nitrobenzoic acid. Column: Xbridge BEH 130 C18 3,5 $\mu$ m 4,6x100mm; Eluent: water with 0,045% of TFA and ACN with 0,036% of TFA; Gradient: 40 to 100% of ACN in 8 minutes, Flow 1 mL/min. Purity 98,96 % at 220 nm. Retention time 5,289 min.

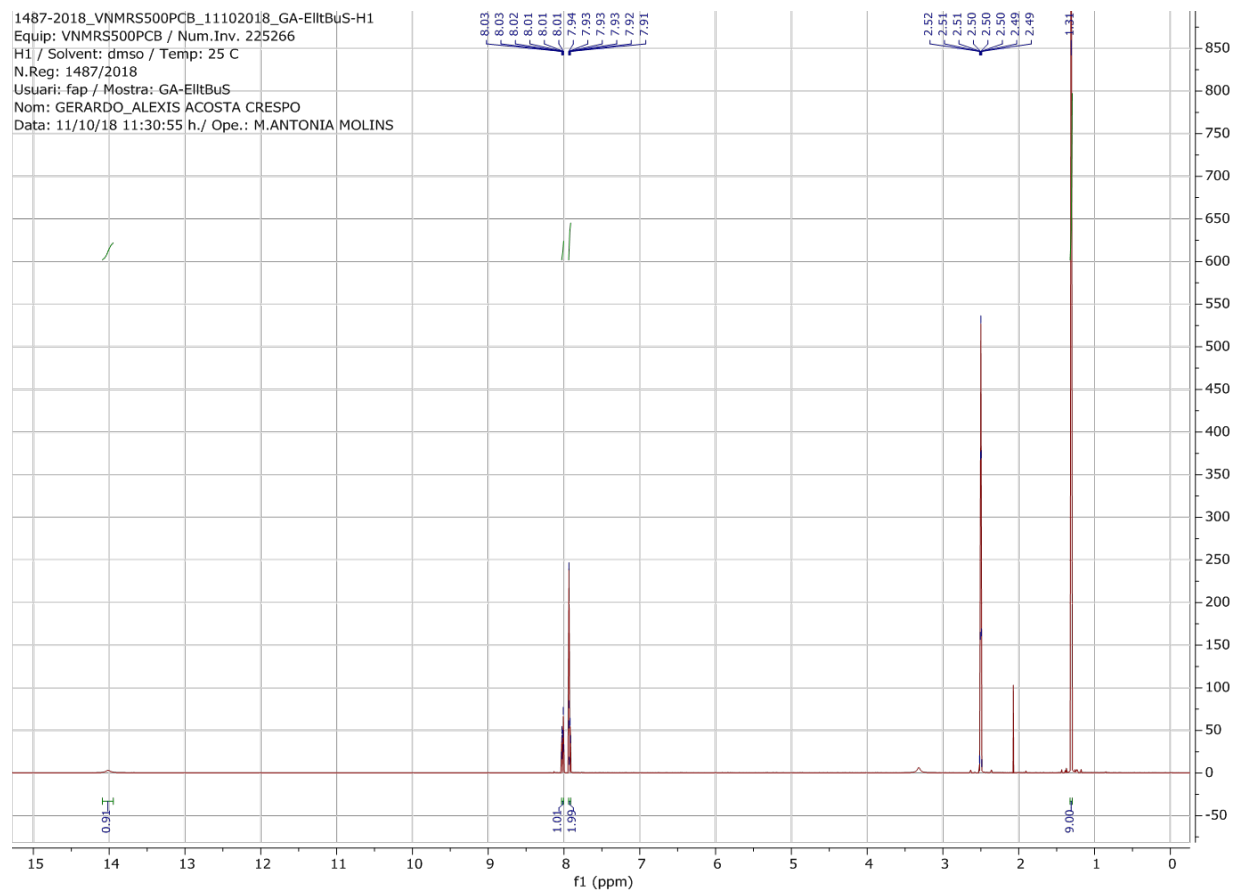


**Supplementary Figure 2.** HR-MS: HR-MS –ESI of 5-(tert-butylidisulfanyl)-2-nitrobenzoic acid. Calculated

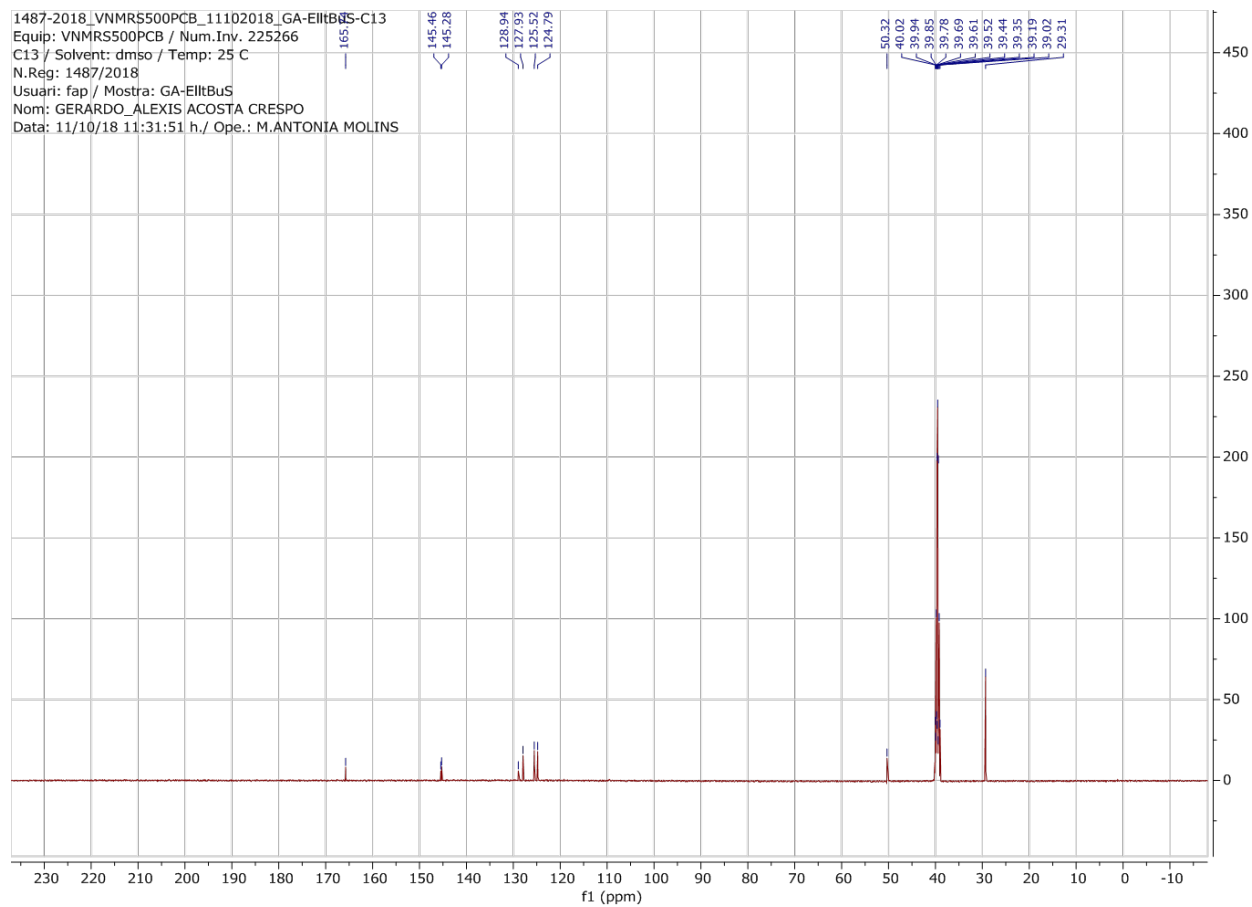
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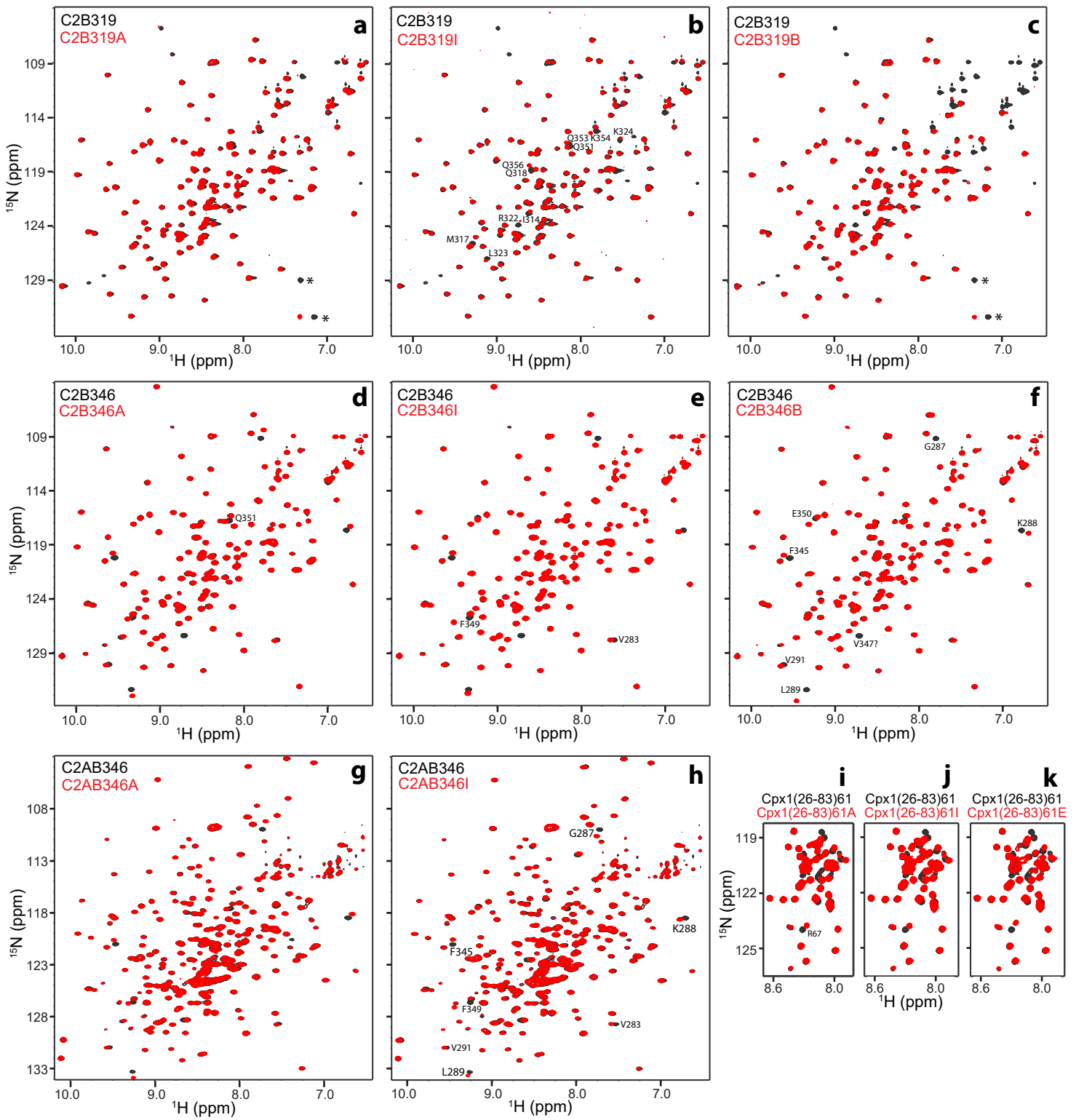
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Supplementary Figure 3. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 5-(*tert*-butylidisulfanyl)-2-nitrobenzoic acid.

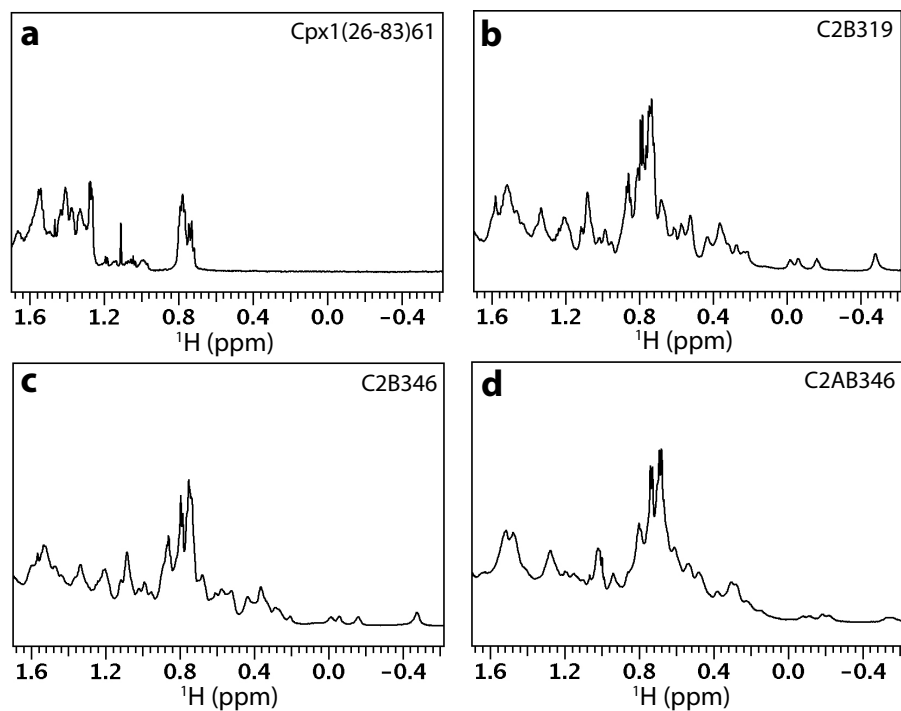


**Supplementary Figure 4.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of 5- (*tert*-butylidisulfanyl)-2-nitrobenzoic acid.



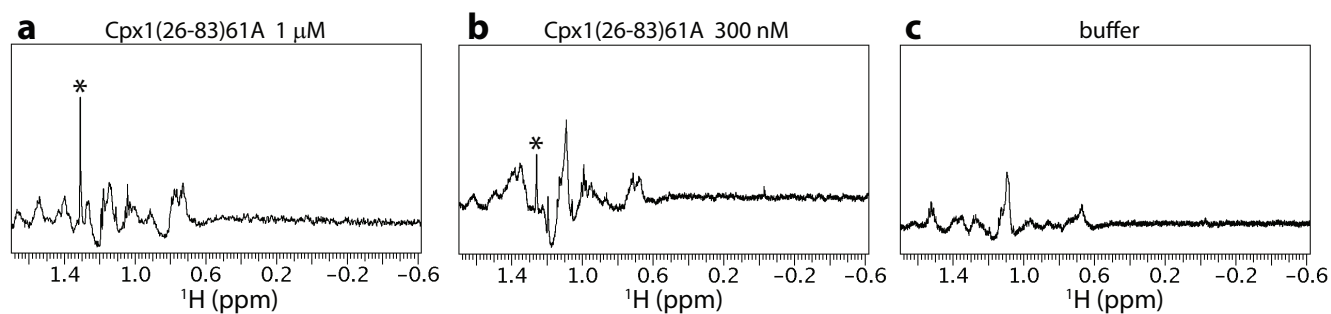
Supplementary Figure 5

**Supplementary Figure 5.**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC spectra illustrating cross-peak shifts caused by  $^t\text{Bu}$  tagging.  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC spectra of Syt1 C<sub>2</sub>B domain N319C (**a-c**), Syt1 C<sub>2</sub>B domain E346C (**d-f**), Syt1 C<sub>2</sub>AB E346C (**g-h**) and Cpx1(26-83) V61c (**i-k**) before (black contours) and after (red contours) tagging with a  $^t\text{Bu}$  group via the acrylate (**a, d, g, i**), iodoacetamide (**b, e, h, j**) or BDSNB (**c, f, k**) reaction. Selected cross-peaks that shifted in the spectra of the Syt1 C<sub>2</sub>B domain or C<sub>2</sub>AB fragment mutants due to tagging with the  $^t\text{Bu}$  group using the corresponding reactions are labeled in panels (**b, f, h**), and additional cross-peaks that shifted due to tagging with other reactions are labeled in the corresponding panels. All the perturbed cross-peaks correspond to residues in close proximity to the site tagged with a  $^t\text{Bu}$  group in the three-dimensional structure of the C<sub>2</sub>B domain. For Cpx1(26-83) V61C, only one well-resolved cross-peak that shifts due to tagging (corresponding to R67) can be unambiguously assigned. The  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC spectrum of C2B319B (red contours in panel **c**) was acquired by mistake with a TROSY-enhanced pulse sequence and hence it does not contain the cross-peaks corresponding to the Asn and Gln side chains, but the spectra is still useful to monitor shifts in the backbone NH groups. Note also that we did not acquire a  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC spectrum from C<sub>2</sub>AB346B, but tagging of the protein with  $^t\text{Bu}$  was confirmed by the sharp resonance observed at the same chemical shift observed for the  $^t\text{Bu}$  group of C<sub>2</sub>B346B (Figure 4c, d).



**Supplementary Figure 6.** Expansions corresponding to the methyl region of 1D <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of Cpx1(26-83) V61C mutant [Cpx1(26-83)61] (a), Syt1 C<sub>2</sub>B domain N319C mutant (C2B319) (b), Syt1 C<sub>2</sub>B domain E346C mutant (C2B346) (c) and Syt1 C<sub>2</sub>AB E346C mutant (C2AB346) (d).





**Supplementary Figure 7.** 1D  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 1  $\mu\text{M}$  Cpx1(26-83)A (**a**), 300 nM Cpx1(26-83)A (**b**) and the buffer used to dissolve these samples (**c**), which contained 20 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 125 mM KCl and 10%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . The spectra of (**a**) and (**c**) were acquired in 1 hr and were plotted at the same vertical scale. The spectrum of (**b**) was acquired in 3 hr and plotted at a vertical scale 3.3 time higher than those of (**a**, **c**).