

Supplementary materials

Insight into the Anticancer Activity of Copper(II) 5-Methylenetrimethylammonium-Thiosemicarbazonates and Their Interaction with Organic Cation Transporters

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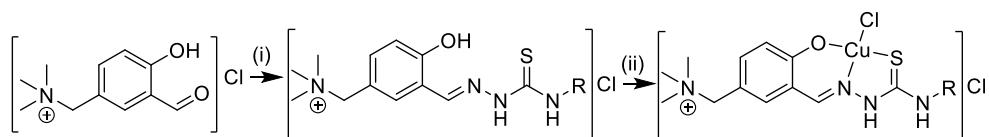
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Scheme S1. Reaction pathway to [H₂L¹⁻⁴]Cl and copper(II) complexes **1-4**, R = H, Me, Et or Ph.
Reaction conditions: (i) corresponding thiosemicarbazide, MeOH/H₂O = 1:3, 65 °C, 20 min. (ii)
CuCl₂·2H₂O, H₂O, 50 °C.

Table S1. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **2**.

	A	B
Cu1-Cl1	2.2397(10)	2.2361(11)
Cu1-S1	2.2577(10)	2.2453(10)
Cu1-O1	1.910(2)	1.898(2)
Cu1-N1	1.960(2)	1.968(3)
S1-C8	1.706(3)	1.707(4)
O1-C1	1.305(4)	1.310(4)
N1-N2	1.380(4)	1.378(4)
N1-C7	1.294(4)	1.291(4)
N2-C8	1.338(4)	1.349(4)
N3-C8	1.317(4)	1.304(5)
N3-C9	1.453(4)	1.371(10)
N4-C10	1.533(4)	1.523(4)
N4-C11	1.494(5)	1.483(5)
N4-C12	1.490(5)	1.493(4)
N4-C13	1.497(5)	1.503(5)
C1-C2	1.401(4)	1.403(5)
C1-C6	1.427(4)	1.428(4)
C2-C3	1.383(5)	1.368(5)
C3-C4	1.401(5)	1.406(5)
C4-C5	1.370(5)	1.363(5)
C4-C10	1.504(4)	1.500(4)
C5-C6	1.413(4)	1.410(4)
C6-C7	1.420(4)	1.418(4)
N3-C9X	-	1.282(9)
		A
Cl1-Cu1-S1	91.41(4)	92.04(5)
O1-Cu1-Cl1	90.44(7)	91.26(8)
O1-Cu1-S1	175.84(7)	171.93(8)
O1-Cu1-N1	92.44(10)	92.18(10)
N1-Cu1-Cl1	176.49(8)	168.21(9)
N1-Cu1-S1	85.85(8)	86.06(8)
C8-S1-Cu1	97.25(11)	97.11(12)
C1-O1-Cu1	128.8(2)	129.1(2)
N2-N1-Cu1	117.53(19)	116.8(2)
C7-N1-Cu1	126.3(2)	126.4(2)
C7-N1-N2	116.1(3)	116.7(3)
C8-N2-N1	119.3(3)	119.3(3)
C8-N3-C9	123.9(3)	130.2(5)
C11-N4-C10	111.0(3)	110.7(3)
C11-N4-C13	109.1(3)	109.8(4)
C12-N4-C10	107.2(3)	107.8(3)
C12-N4-C11	109.6(3)	109.2(3)
C12-N4-C13	109.0(3)	108.6(3)
C13-N4-C10	110.8(3)	110.8(3)
O1-C1-C2	119.4(3)	119.1(3)
O1-C1-C6	123.3(3)	123.4(3)
C2-C1-C6	117.3(3)	117.5(3)
C3-C2-C1	121.7(3)	121.7(3)
C2-C3-C4	121.3(3)	121.3(3)
C3-C4-C10	119.8(3)	120.9(3)
C5-C4-C3	118.1(3)	117.9(3)
C5-C4-C10	122.1(3)	121.1(3)
C4-C5-C6	122.2(3)	122.8(3)
C5-C6-C1	119.4(3)	118.7(3)
C5-C6-C7	116.6(3)	117.6(3)
C7-C6-C1	124.0(3)	123.6(3)
N1-C7-C6	125.1(3)	125.2(3)
N2-C8-S1	120.0(2)	119.6(3)

	N3-C8-S1	122.7(2)	122.0(3)	
	N3-C8-N2	117.3(3)	118.4(4)	
	C4-C10-N4	115.3(3)	115.3(3)	

Table S2. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 3.

Cu1-Cl1	2.240(2)	N4-C11	1.466(9)	Cl1-Cu1-S1	89.72(8)	O1-C1-C2	119.1(6)
Cu1-S1	2.245(2)	N4-C12	1.491(8)	O1-Cu1-Cl1	91.74(16)	O1-C1-C6	124.1(6)
Cu1-O1	1.899(5)	N4-C13	1.500(8)	O1-Cu1-S1	175.94(15)	C6-C1-C2	116.8(6)
Cu1-N1	1.979(5)	C1-C2	1.408(10)	O1-Cu1-N1	92.5(2)	C3-C2-C1	122.5(6)
S1-C8	1.697(8)	C1-C6	1.405(9)	N1-Cu1-Cl1	171.61(15)	C2-C3-C4	121.3(6)
O1-C1	1.311(8)	C2-C3	1.369(9)	N1-Cu1-S1	86.51(17)	C3-C4-C10	120.5(6)
N1-N2	1.370(7)	C3-C4	1.390(9)	C8-S1-Cu1	97.0(3)	C5-C4-C3	117.9(6)
N1-C7	1.285(8)	C4-C5	1.365(9)	C1-O1-Cu1	128.4(4)	C5-C4-C10	121.6(6)
N2-C8	1.354(9)	C4-C10	1.497(8)	N2-N1-Cu1	116.5(4)	C4-C5-C6	122.2(6)
N3-C8	1.317(9)	C5-C6	1.434(8)	C7-N1-Cu1	125.6(5)	C1-C6-C5	119.2(6)
N3-C9	1.465(9)	C6-C7	1.433(8)	C7-N1-N2	117.7(6)	C1-C6-C7	123.9(5)
N4-C10	1.533(7)	C9-C14	1.477(12)	C8-N2-N1	119.3(6)	C7-C6-C5	116.8(5)
			¹ 1 - x, + y, ³ /2 - z	C8-N3-C9	122.4(7)	N1-C7-C6	125.1(6)
				C11-N4-C10	110.3(5)	N2-C8-S1	120.6(6)
				C11-N4-C12	109.5(6)	N3-C8-S1	122.2(6)
				C11-N4-C13	110.9(6)	N3-C8-N2	117.2(7)
				C12-N4-C10	107.7(5)	N3-C9-C14	109.8(7)
				C12-N4-C13	108.5(5)	C4-C10-N4	115.4(5)
				C13-N4C10	110.0(5)		

Table S3. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 4.

Cu1-Cl1	2.2653(11)	C1-C2	1.409(6)	S1-Cu1-Cl1	92.65(4)	C3-C2-C1	121.6(4)
Cu1-S1	2.2562(12)	C1-C6	1.416(5)	O1-Cu1-Cl1	89.87(8)	C2-C3-C4	122.0(4)
Cu1-O1	1.908(3)	C2-C3	1.369(6)	O1-Cu1-S1	177.45(9)	C3-C4-C15	120.4(4)
Cu1-N1	1.971(3)	C3-C4	1.395(5)	O1-Cu1-N1	91.49(12)	C5-C4-C3	117.2(4)
S1-C8	1.712(4)	C4-C5	1.374(5)	N1-Cu1-Cl1	171.12(10)	C5-C4-C15	122.4(4)
O1-C1	1.311(4)	C4-C15	1.498(5)	N1-Cu1-S1	85.96(9)	C4-C5-C6	122.7(4)
N1-N2	1.385(4)	C5-C6	1.410(5)	C8-S1-Cu1	97.13(14)	C1-C6-C7	123.4(4)
N1-C7	1.290(5)	C6-C7	1.429(5)	C1-O1-Cu1	128.9(3)	C5-C6-C1	119.3(4)
N2-C8	1.339(5)	C9-C10	1.386(6)	N2-N1-Cu1	117.2(2)	C5-C6-C7	117.3(3)
N3-C8	1.317(5)	C9-C14	1.383(6)	C7-N1-Cu1	127.0(3)	N1-C7-C6	124.8(3)
N3-C9	1.432(5)	C10-C11	1.363(6)	C7-N1-N2	115.8(3)	N2-C8-S1	120.3(3)
N4-C15	1.519(5)	C11-C12	1.360(7)	C8-N2-N1	119.0(3)	N3-C8-S1	119.5(3)
N4-C16	1.496(5)	C12-C13	1.387(7)	C8-N3-C9	128.2(3)	N3-C8-N2	120.2(3)
N4-C17	1.491(5)	C13-C14	1.382(6)	C16-N4-C15	110.9(3)	C10-C9-N3	117.3(4)
N4-C18	1.486(5)			C17-N4-C15	108.5(3)	C14-C9-N3	121.9(4)
				C17-N4-C16	109.0(4)	C14-C9-C10	120.5(4)
				C18-N4-C15	110.5(3)	C11-C10-C9	120.2(5)
				C18-N4-C16	109.0(3)	C12-C11-C10	120.4(5)

	C18-N4-C17	108.9(3)	C11-C12-C13	119.9(5)
	O1-C1-C2	119.1(4)	C14-C13-C12	120.8(5)
	O1-C1-C6	123.8(4)	C13-C14-C9	118.3(5)
	C2-C1-C6	117.1(4)	C4-C15-N4	114.8(3)

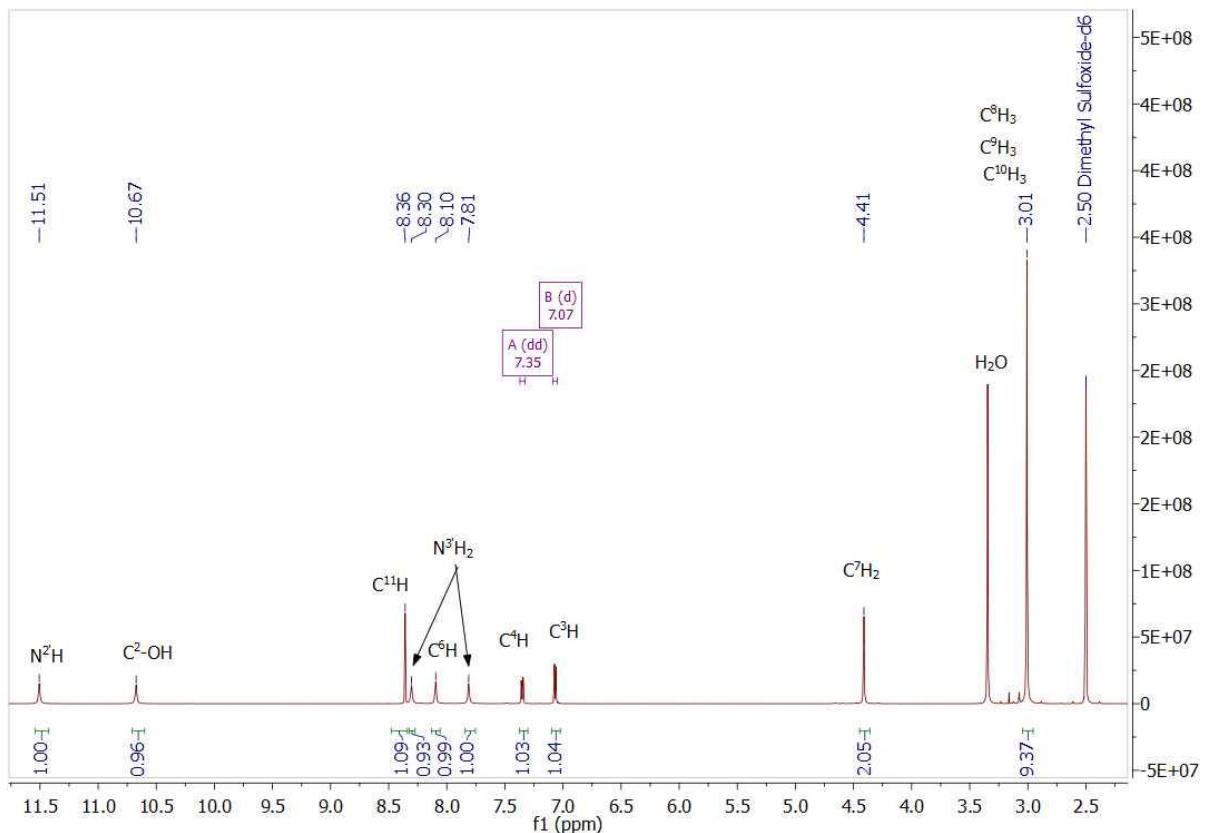


Figure 1. ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^\text{H}] \text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

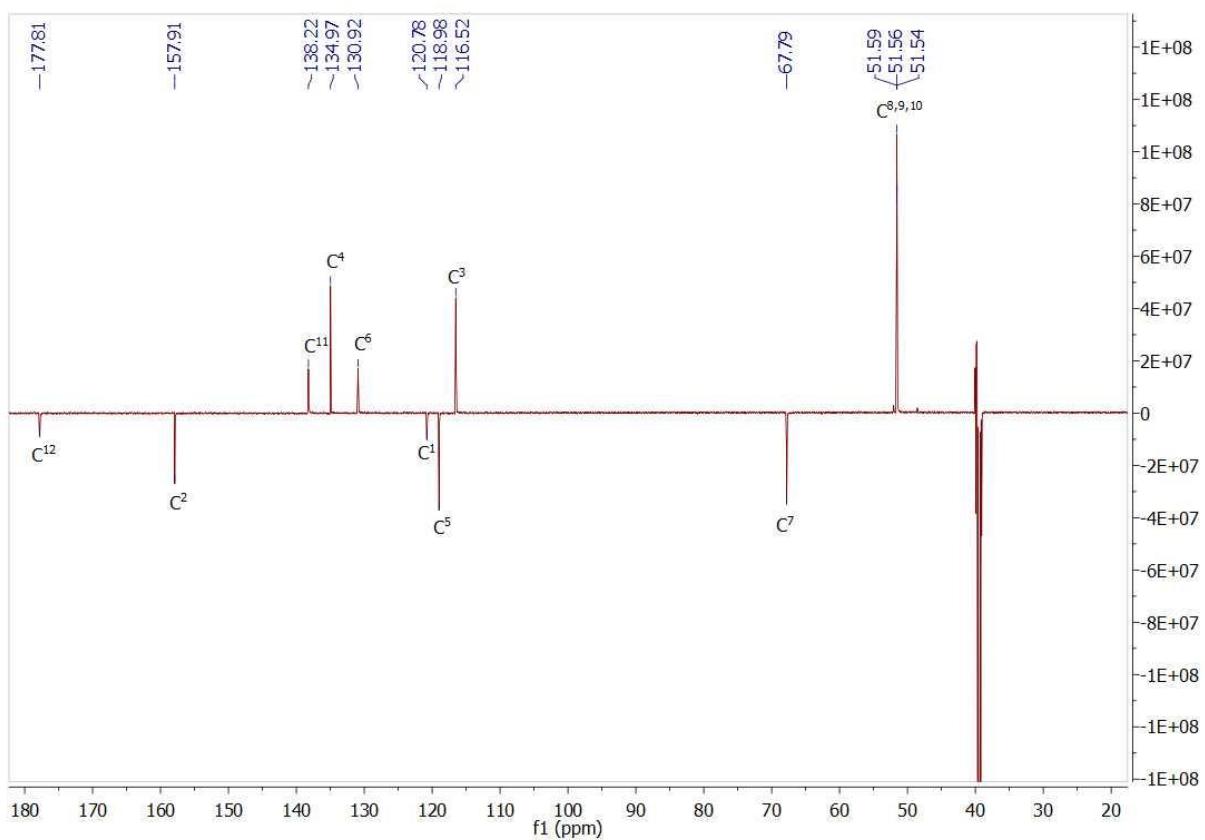


Figure 2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{H}}]\text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

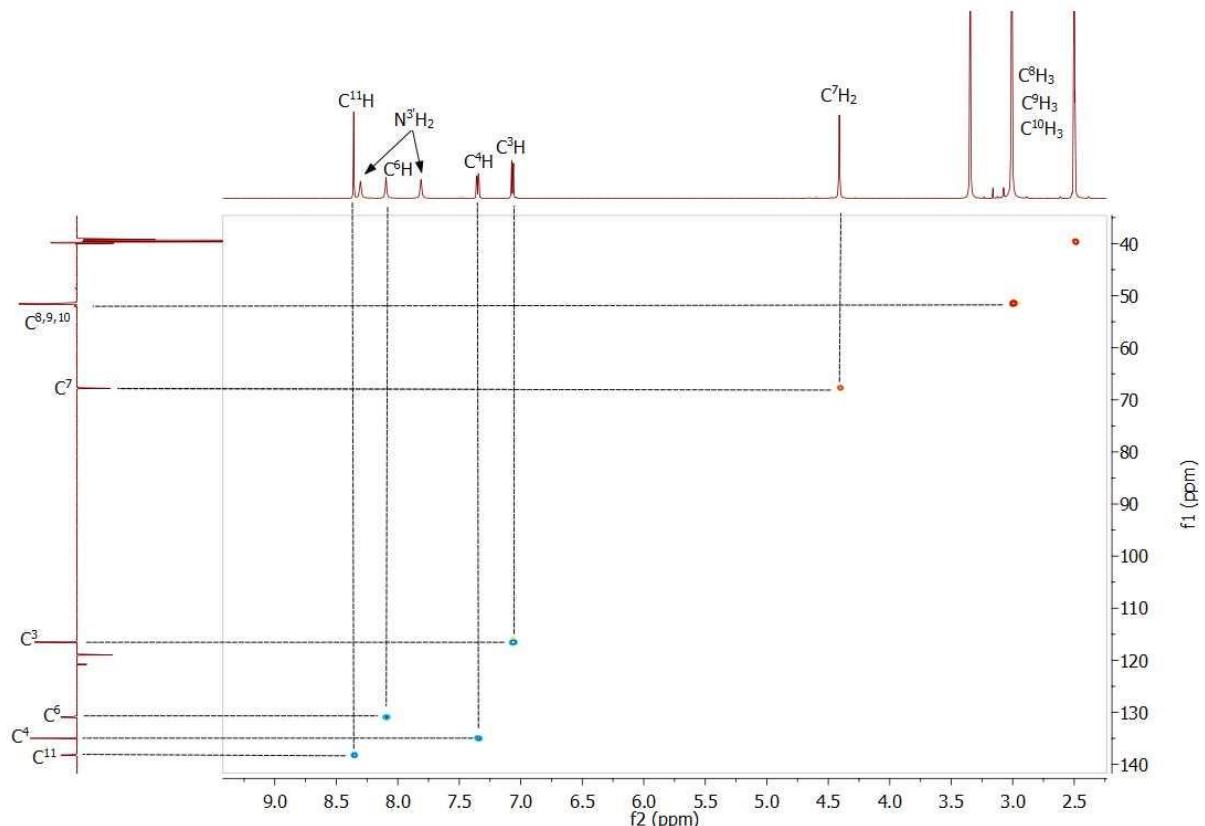


Figure 3. $^1\text{H}, ^{13}\text{C}$ HSQC NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{H}}]\text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

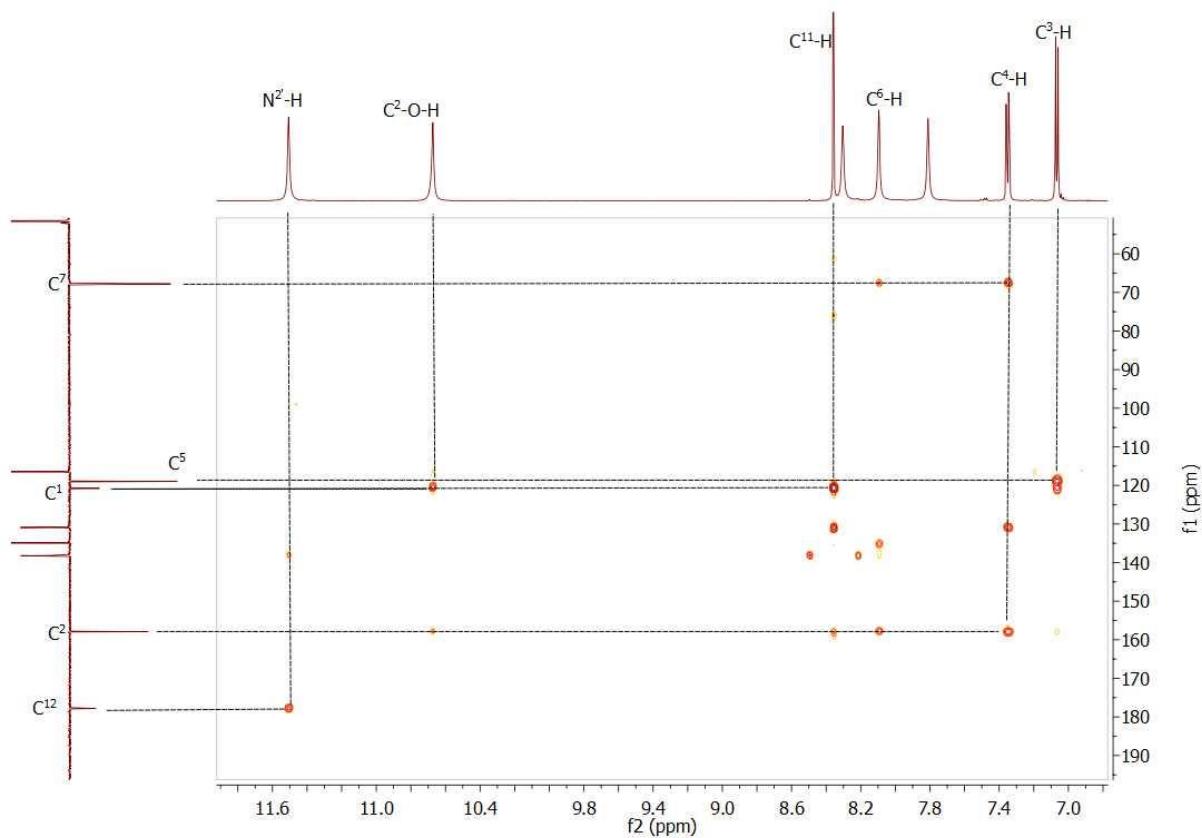


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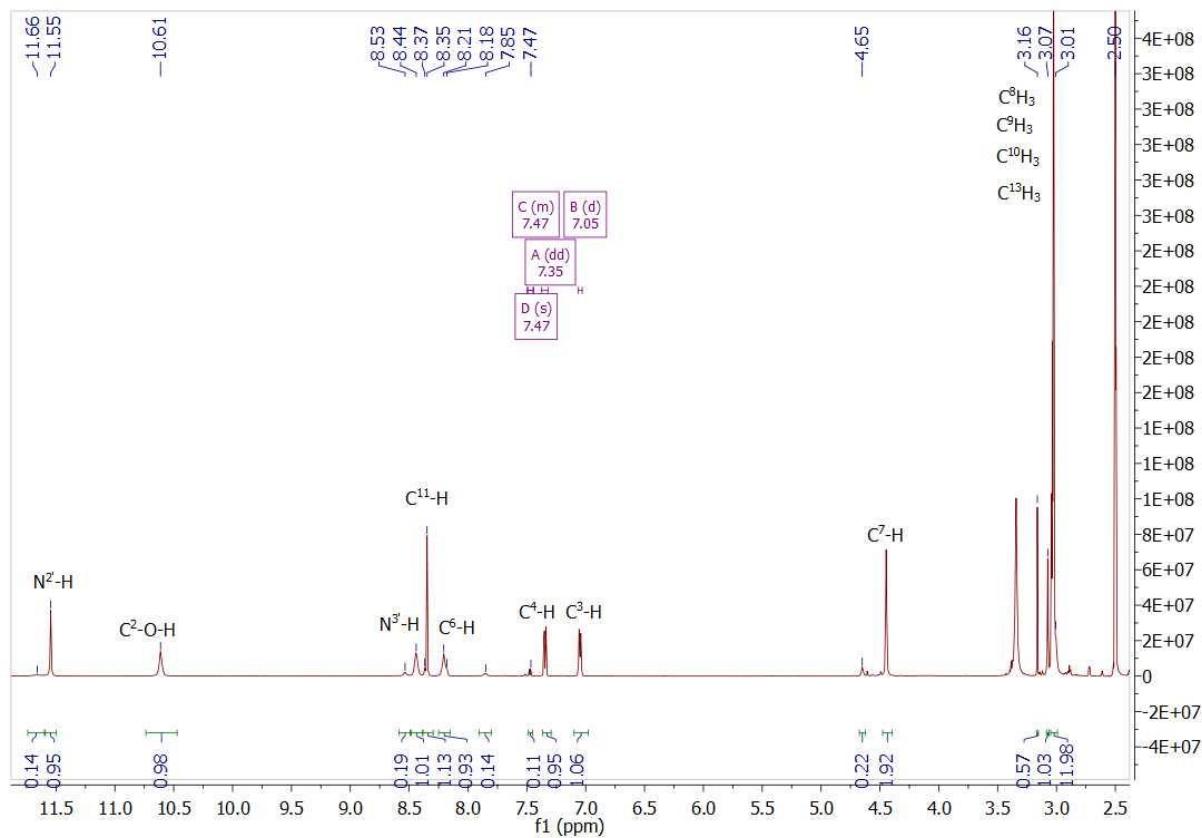


Figure 5. ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^\text{Me}] \text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

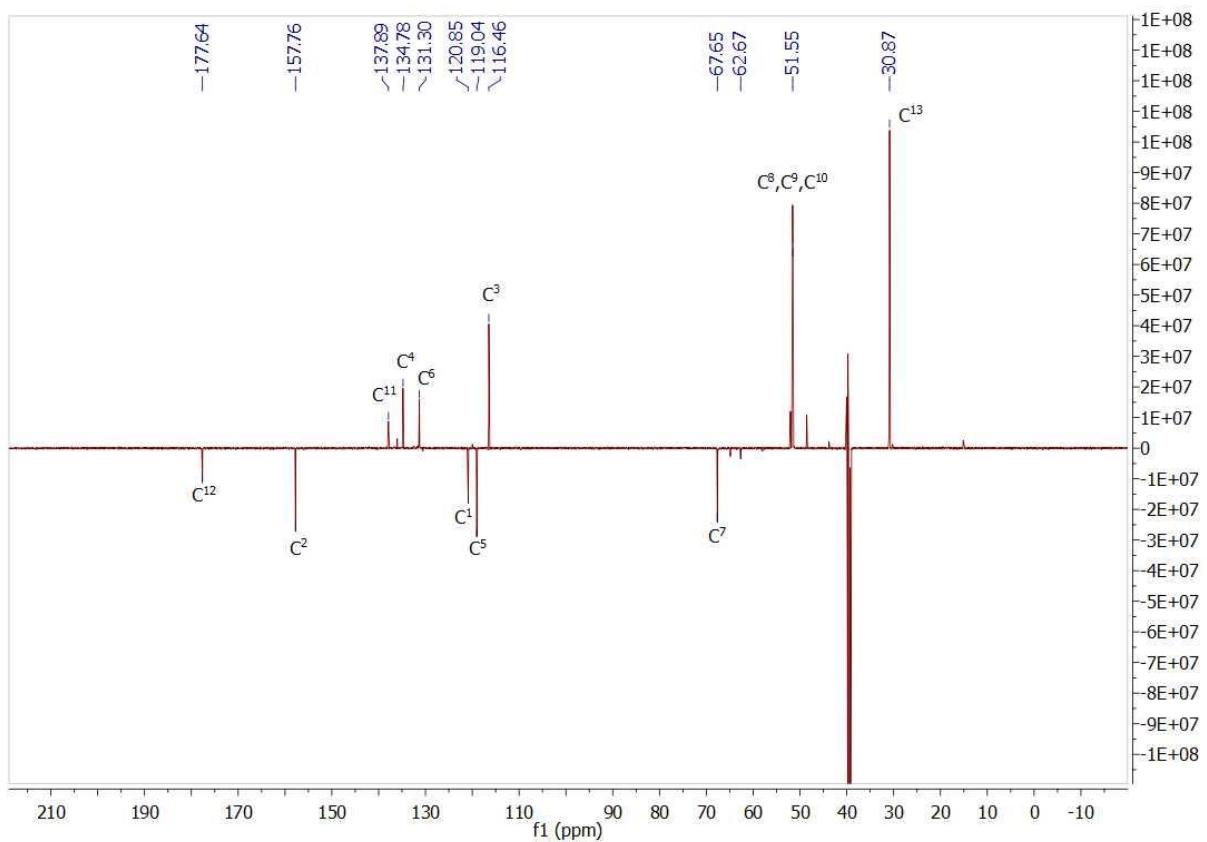


Figure 6. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{Me}}]\text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

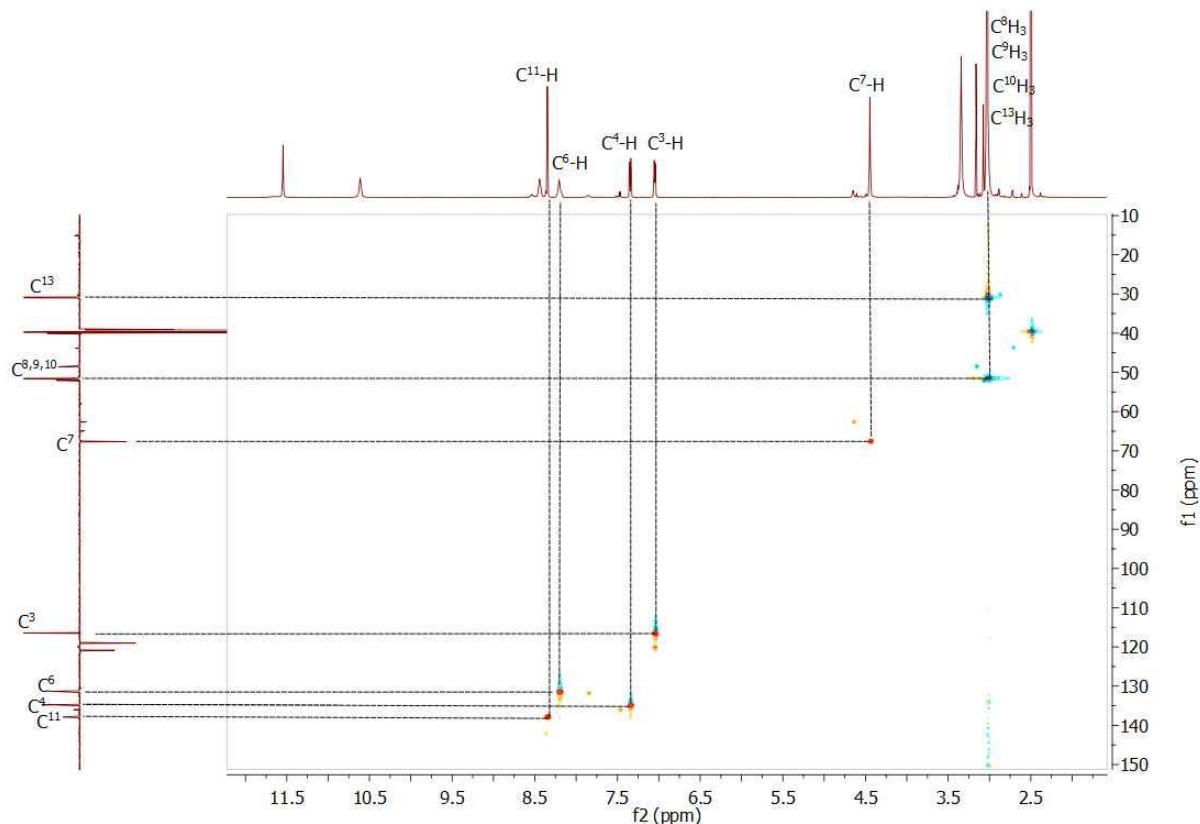


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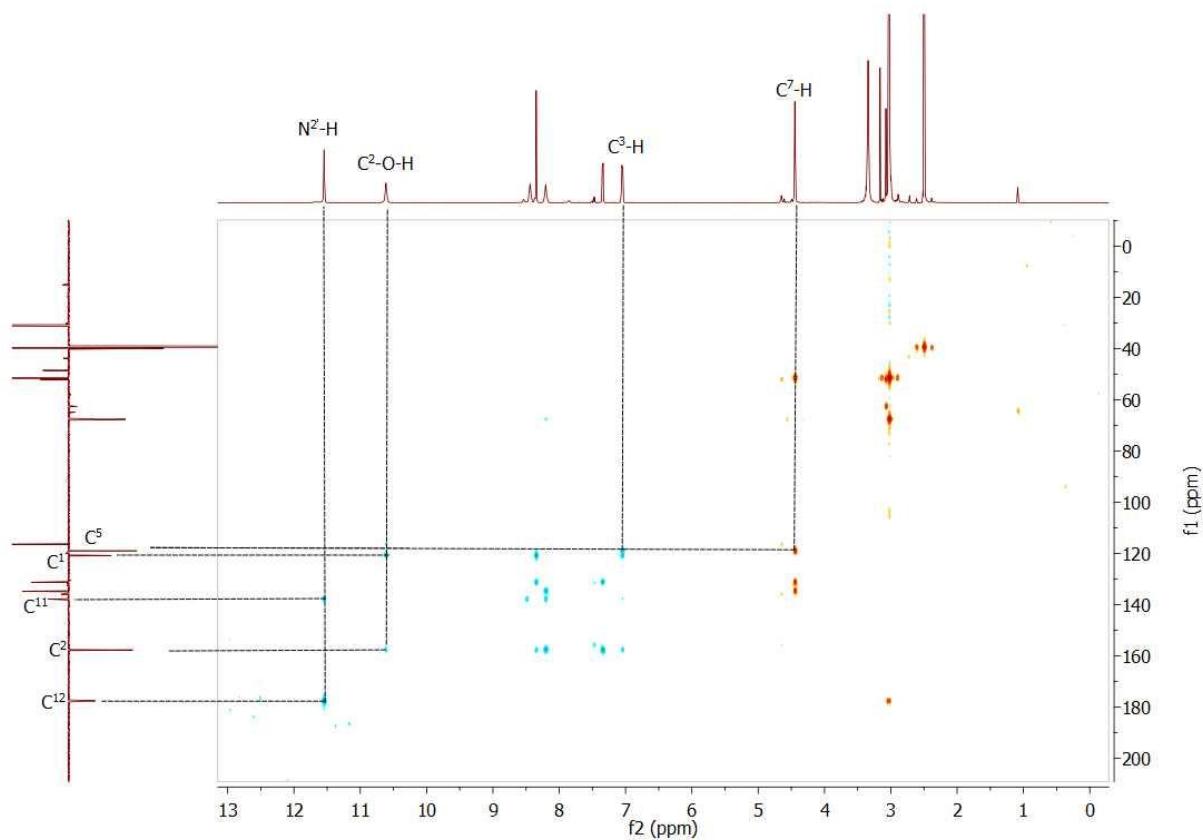


Figure 8. ^1H , ^{13}C HMBC NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{Me}}]\text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

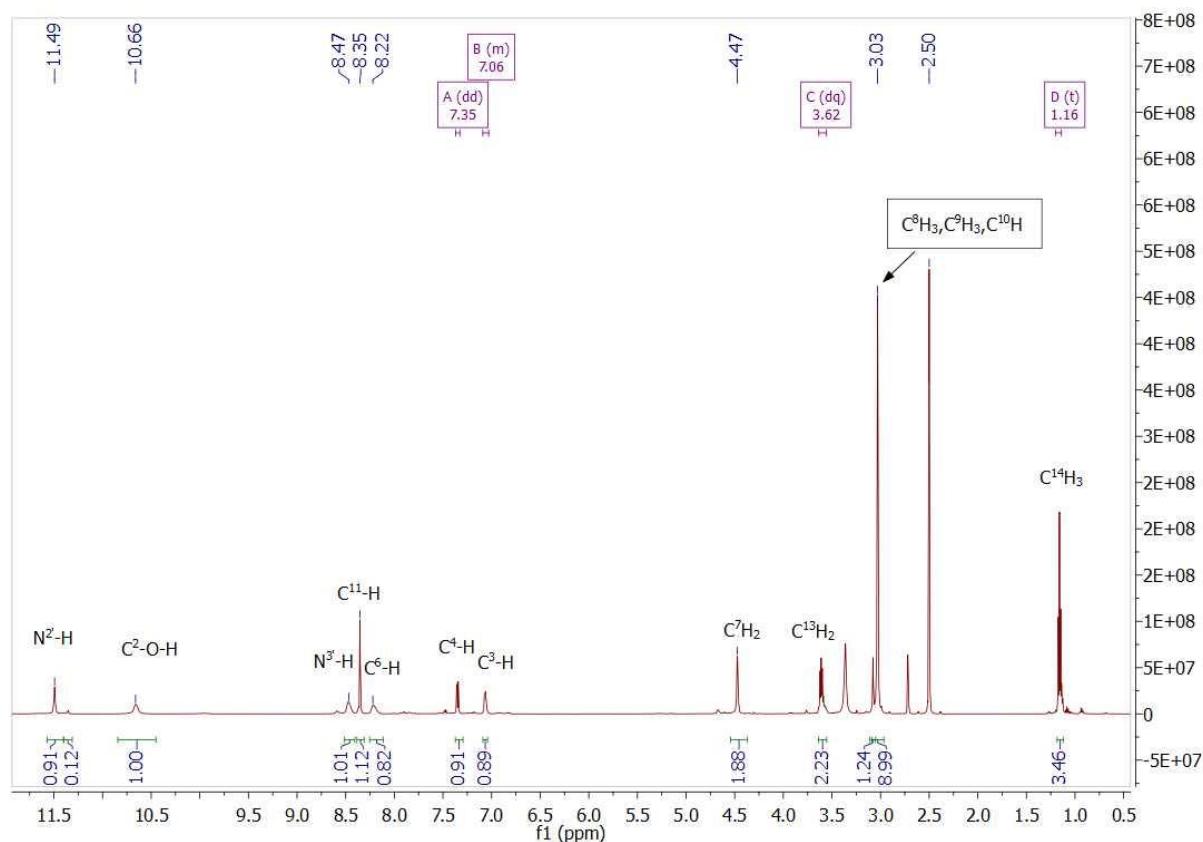


Figure 9. ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{Fe}}]\text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

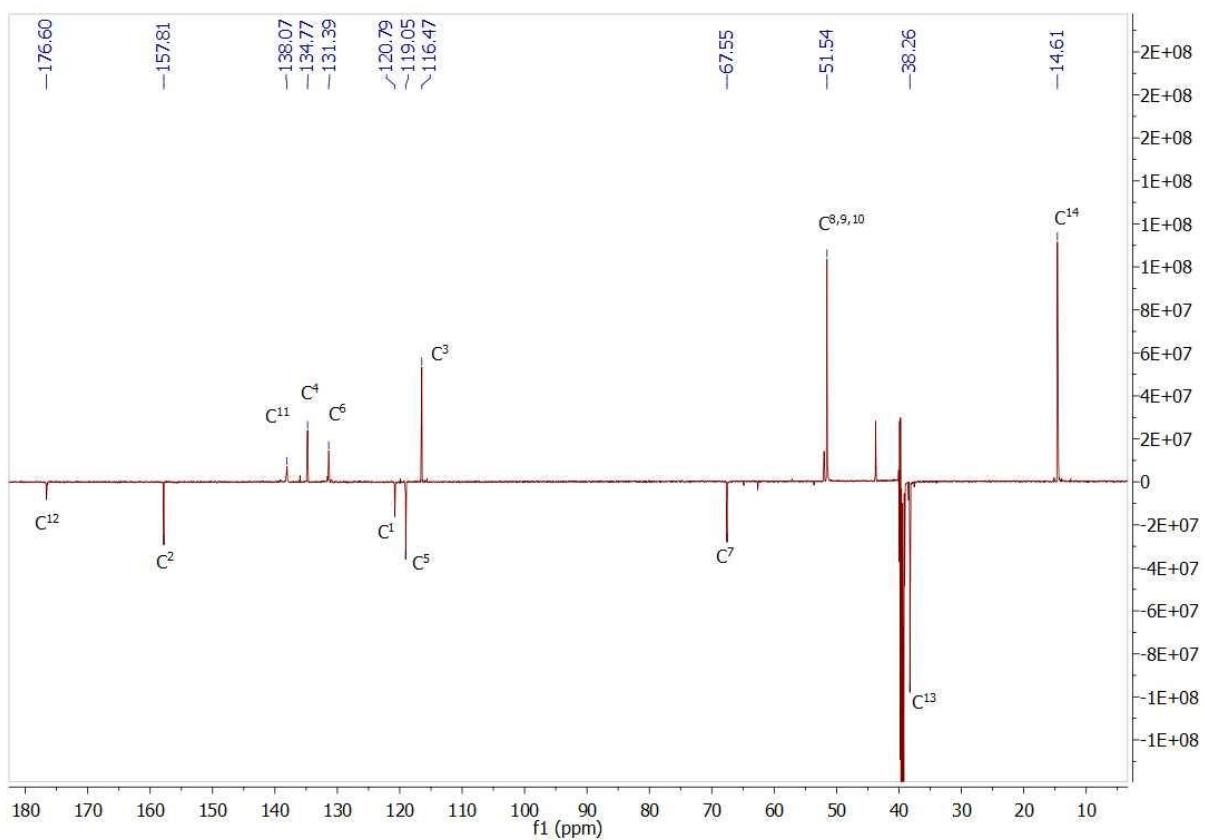


Figure 10. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{Et}}]\text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

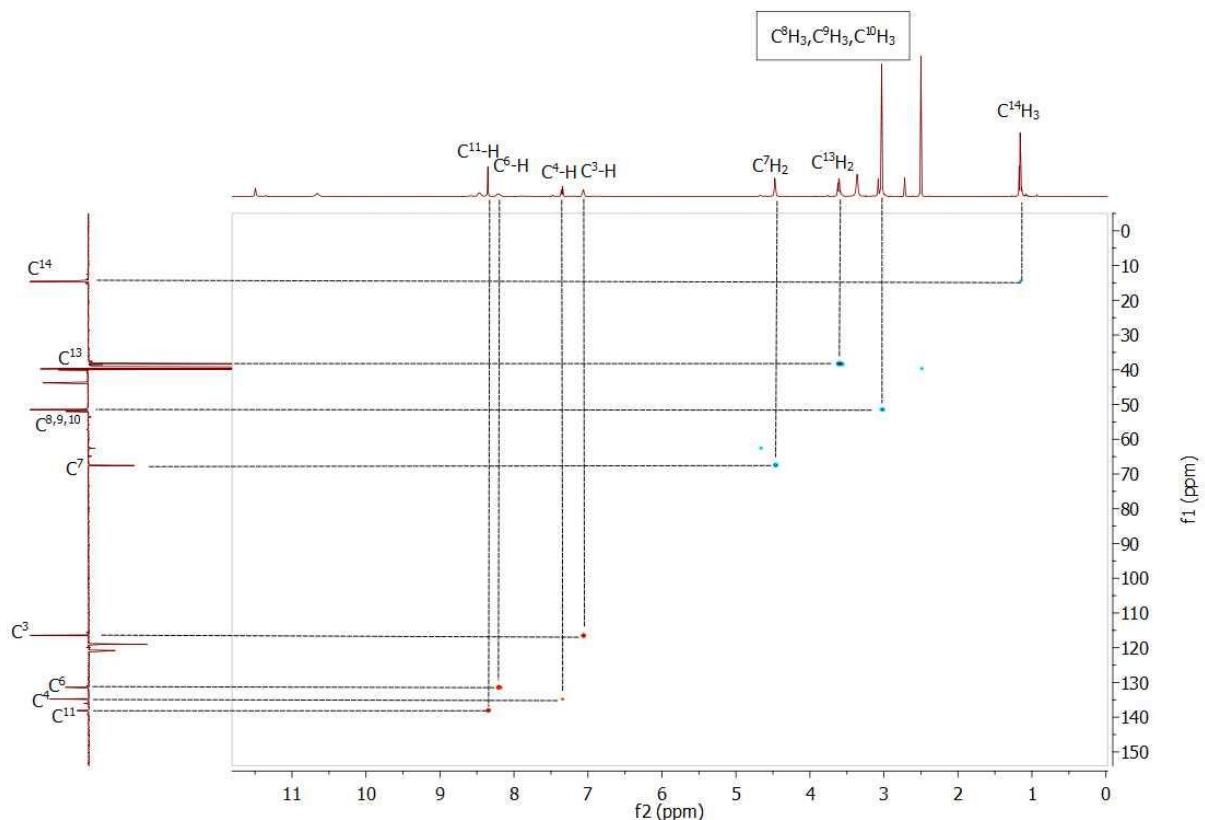


Figure 11. $^1\text{H}, ^{13}\text{C}$ HSQC NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{Et}}]\text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

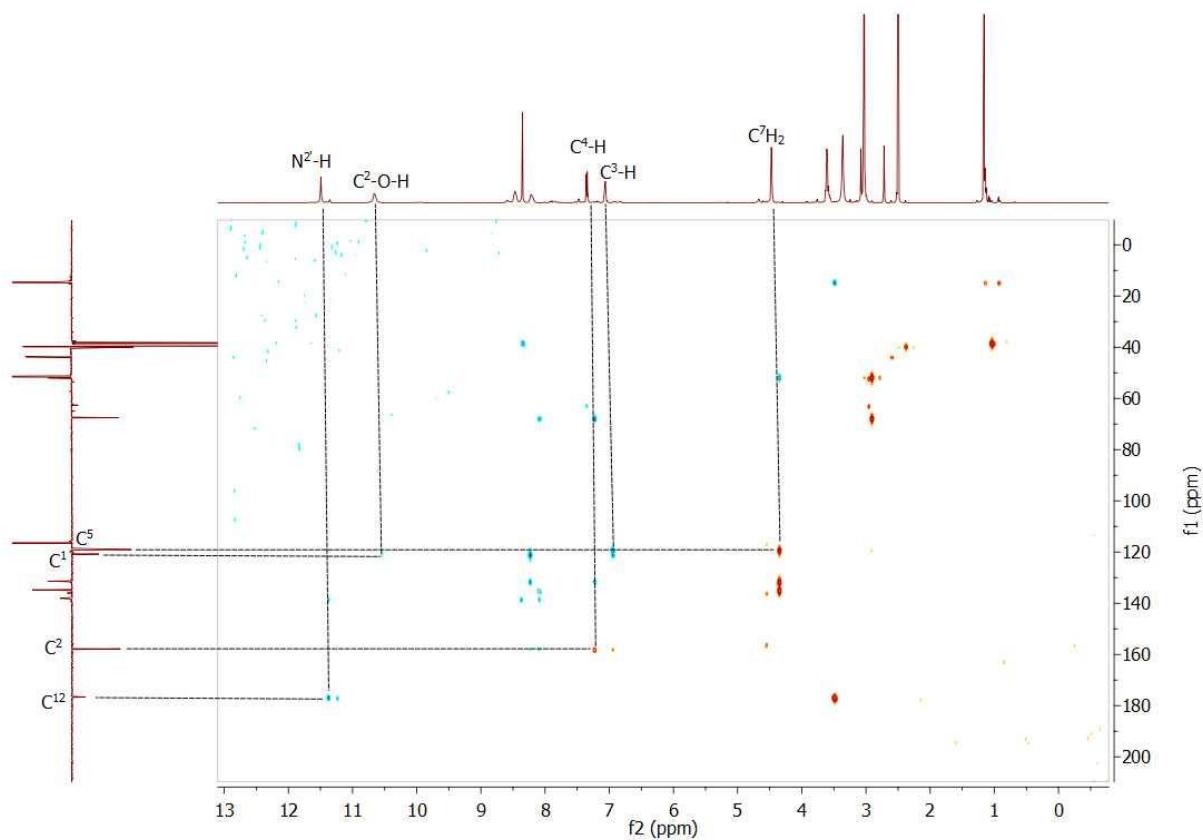


Figure 12. ^1H , ^{13}C HMBC NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{Et}}]\text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

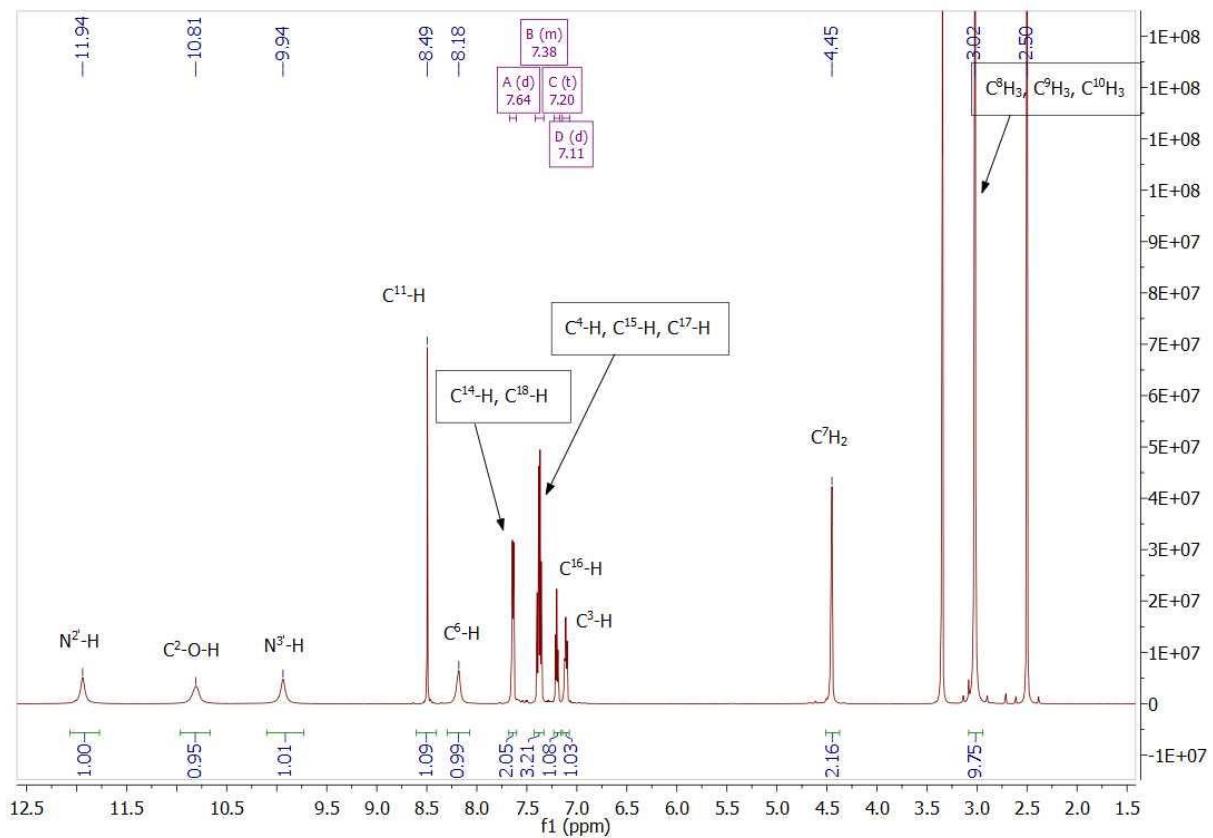


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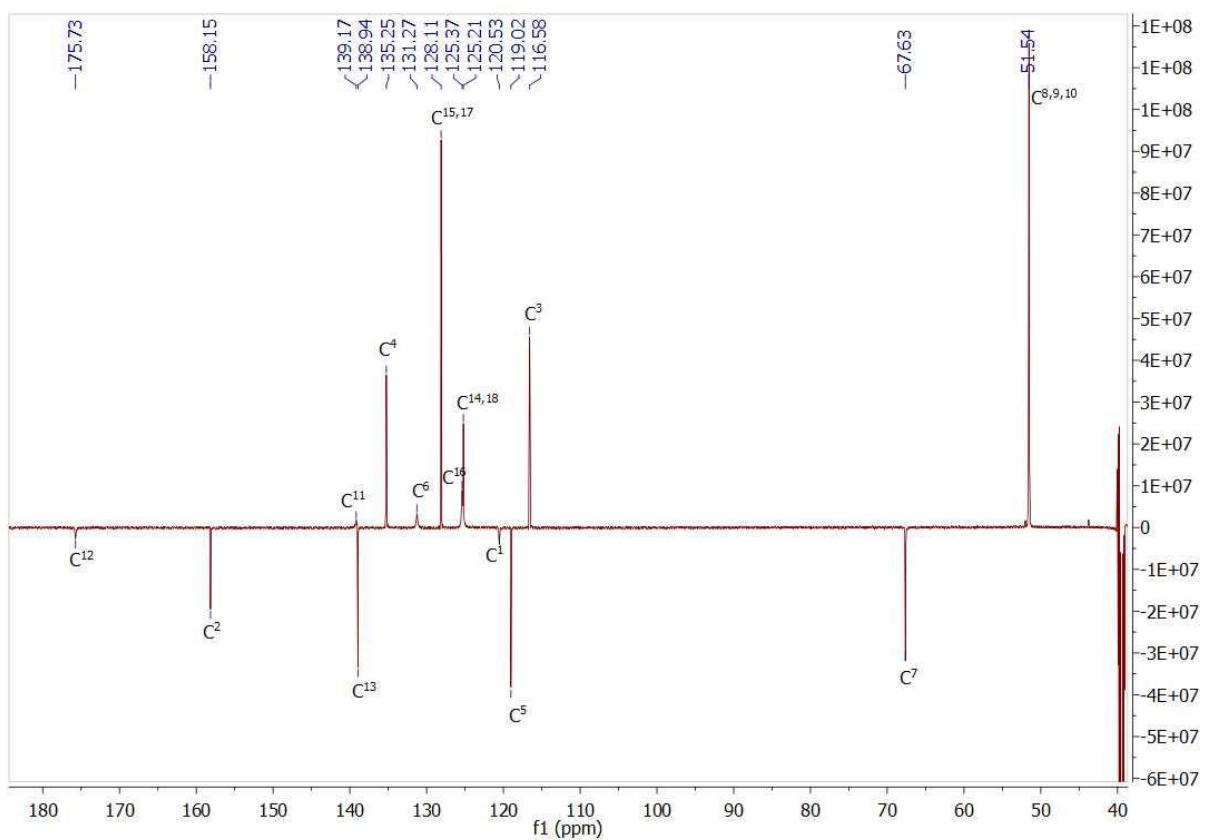


Figure 14. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{Ph}}]\text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

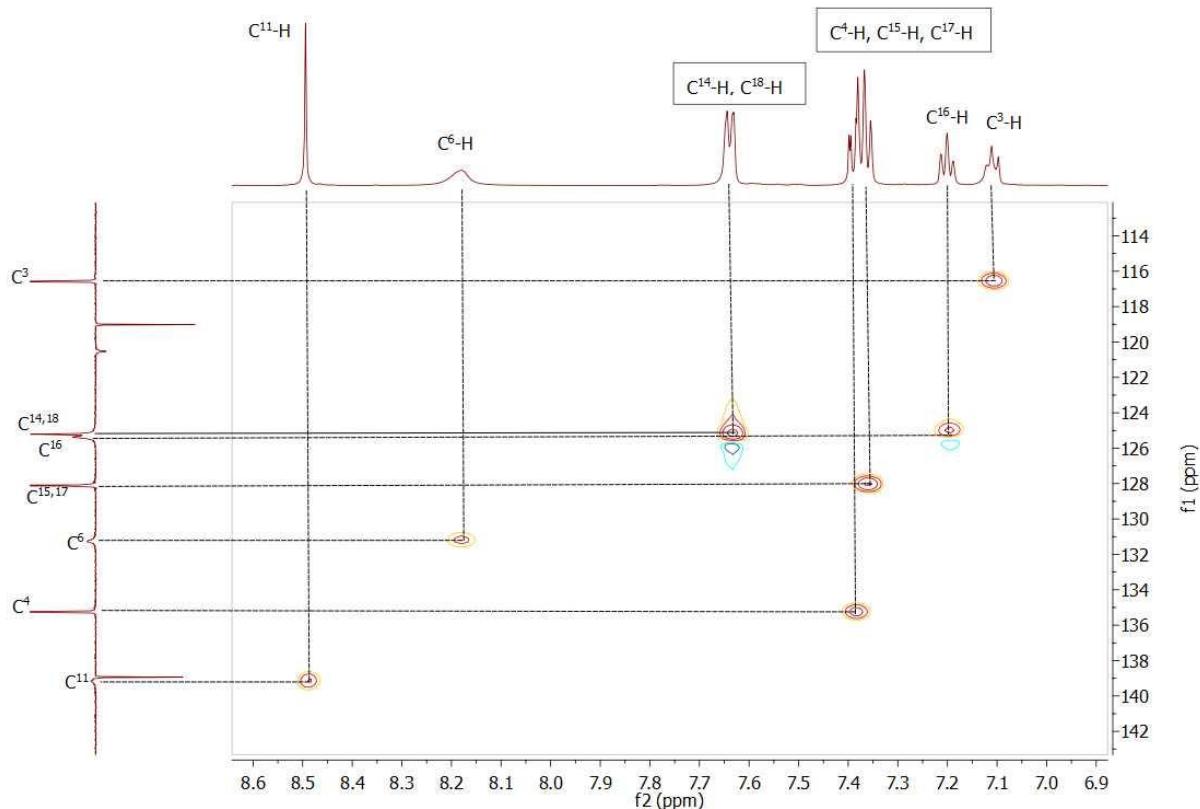


Figure 15. $^1\text{H}, ^{13}\text{C}$ HSQC NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{Et}}]\text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

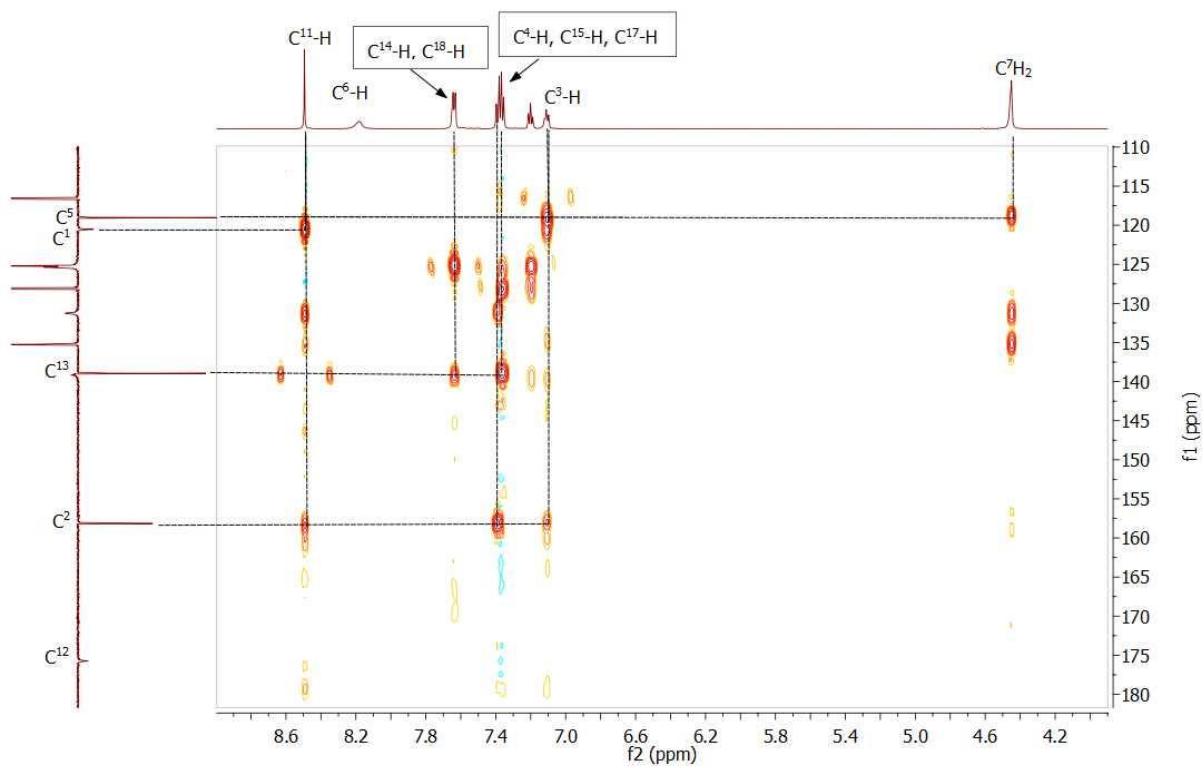


Figure 16. The fragment of $^1\text{H}, ^{13}\text{C}$ HMBC NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{Ph}}]\text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

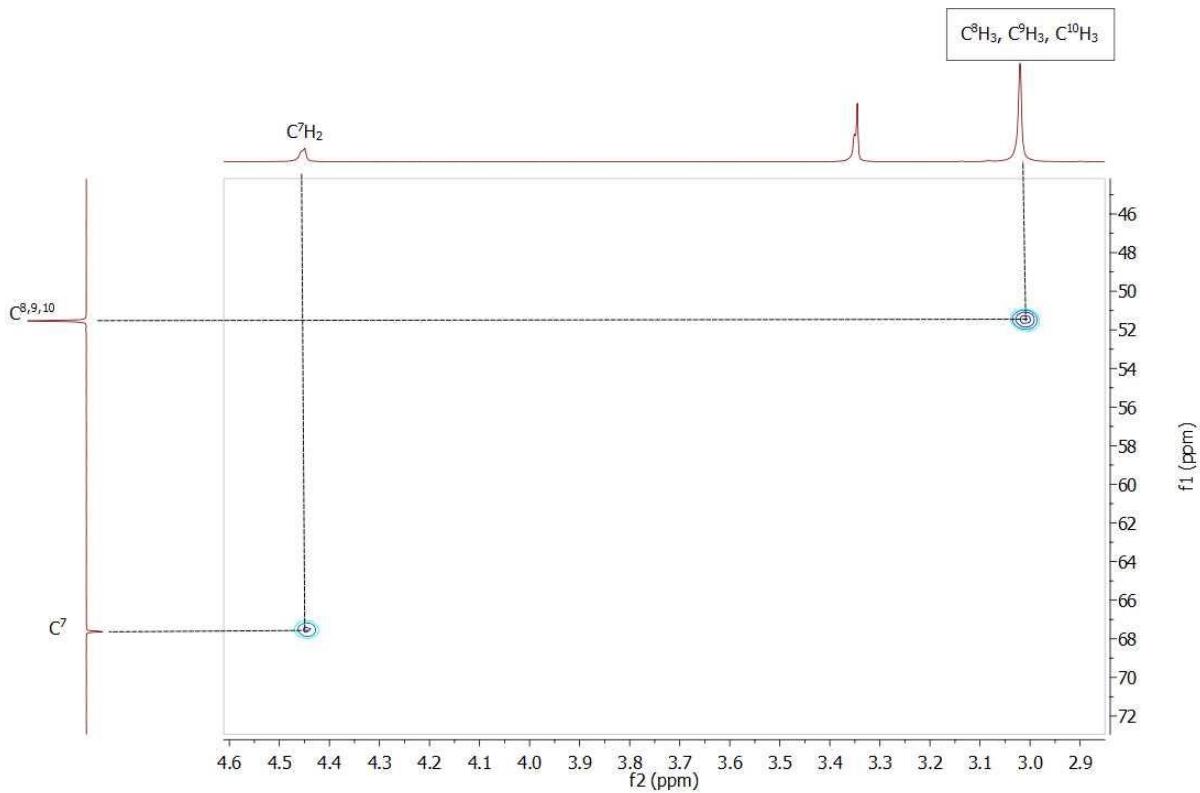


Figure 17. The fragment of $^1\text{H}, ^{13}\text{C}$ HMBC NMR spectrum of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{Ph}}]\text{Cl}$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$.

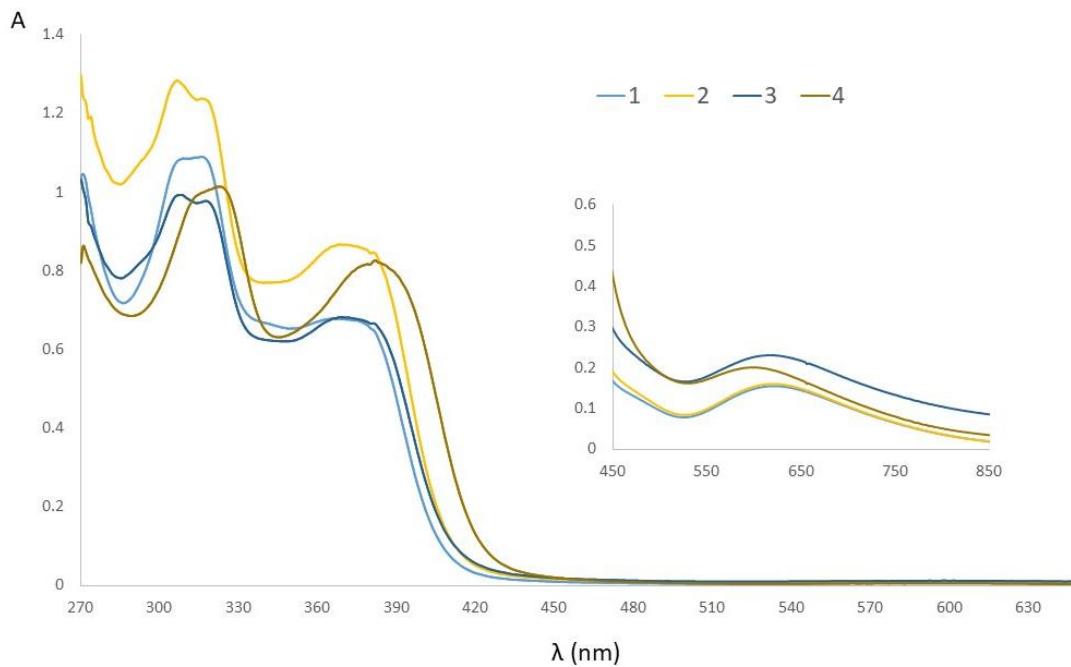


Figure 18. UV/Vis absorption spectra of copper(II) complexes **1** ($c_1 = 59 \mu\text{M}$), **2** ($c_2 = 51 \mu\text{M}$), **3** ($c_3 = 56 \mu\text{M}$) and **4** ($c_4 = 50 \mu\text{M}$) in aqueous solutions (path length 1 cm).

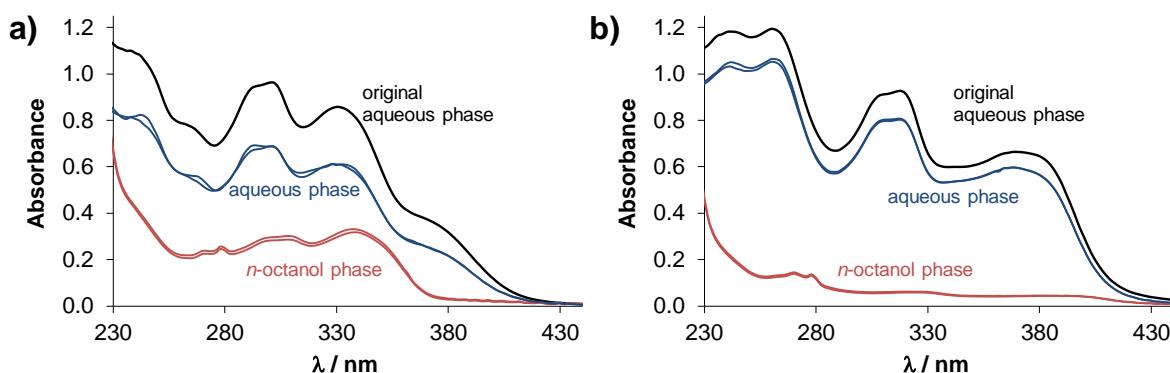


Figure 19. (a) UV/Vis absorption spectra recorded for proligand $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{Me}}]\text{Cl}$ and (b) its copper(II) complex **2** in aqueous solution before (black line) and after (blue lines) partitioning and in the *n*-octanol phase (red lines) after the partitioning ($\text{pH} = 7.4$ (20 mM PBS); $I = 0.1 \text{ M}$ (KCl); $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$).

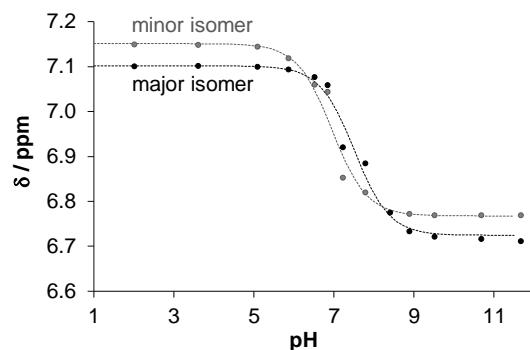


Figure 20. Chemical shifts of the $\text{CH}(4)$ proton of the major (●) and minor (○) isomers of $[\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{H}}]\text{Cl}$ plotted against the pH values in addition to the fitted curves (dashed lines) ($c_{\text{L}} = 200 \mu\text{M}$; $I = 0.1 \text{ M}$ (KCl); $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$; 10% (v/v) $\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$).

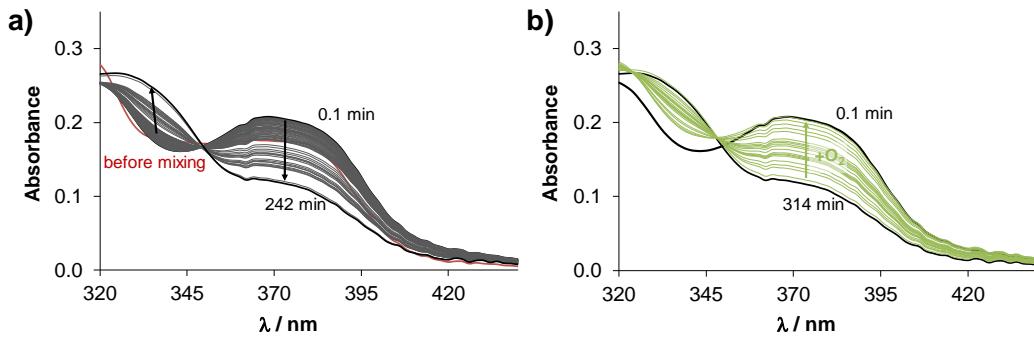


Figure 21. (a) Time-dependent UV/Vis absorption spectra of complex **1** in the presence of 50 equiv GSH before (red line) and after mixing their solutions (black lines) in a tandem cuvette. (b) Absorbance changes after bubbling oxygen into the reaction mixture (green lines); ($\text{pH} = 7.4$ (50 mM HEPES); $c_{\text{complex}} = 25 \mu\text{M}$; $c_{\text{GSH}} = 1.25 \text{ mM}$; $I = 0.1 \text{ M}$ (KCl); $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$).

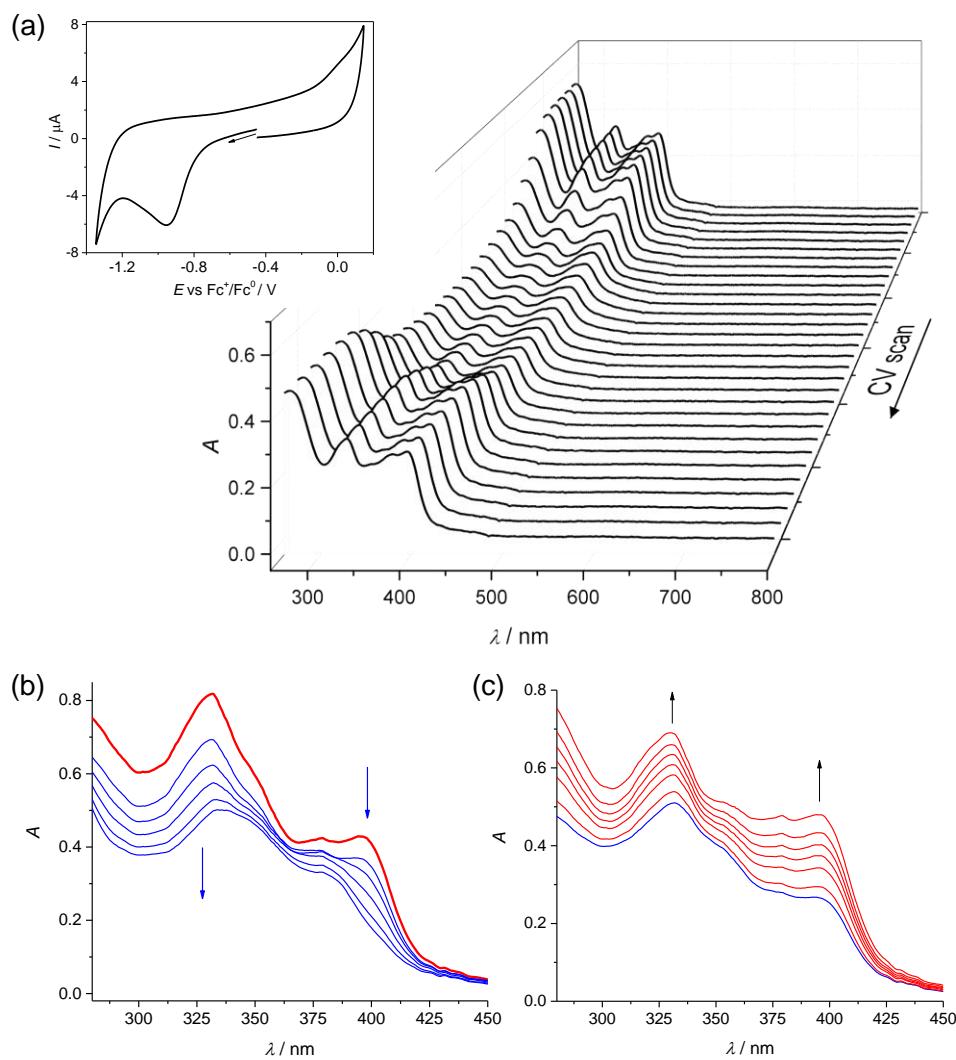


Figure 22. (a) UV/Vis spectra measured during cyclic voltammetry of **2** in MeCN/0.1 M $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ (Inset: the corresponding *in situ* cyclic voltammogram) and (b) during prolonged cathodic reduction of **3** in MeCN/0.1 M $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ at the first reduction peak and (c) their recovery observed upon reoxidation during reverse scan (scan rate 10 mV s^{-1}).

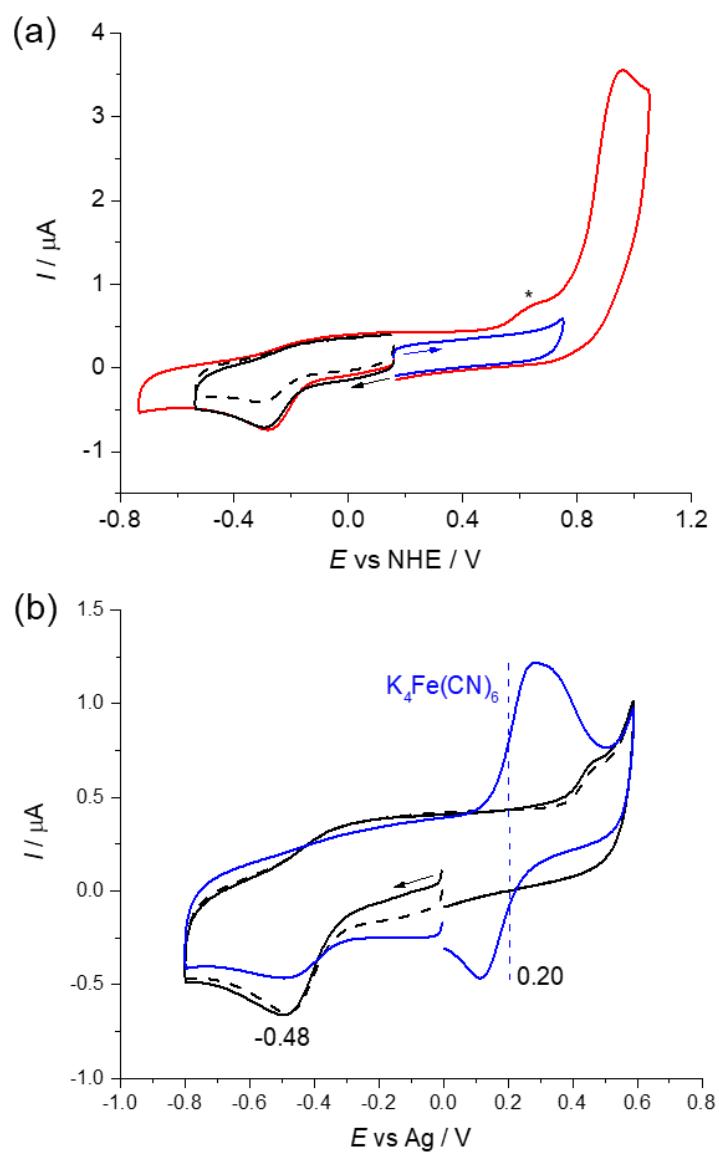


Figure 23. Cyclic voltammograms of (a) **1** and (b) **3** in phosphate buffer in the presence of 0.1 M KCl (pH 7) using a glassy carbon disc electrode at scan rate of 100 mV s⁻¹.

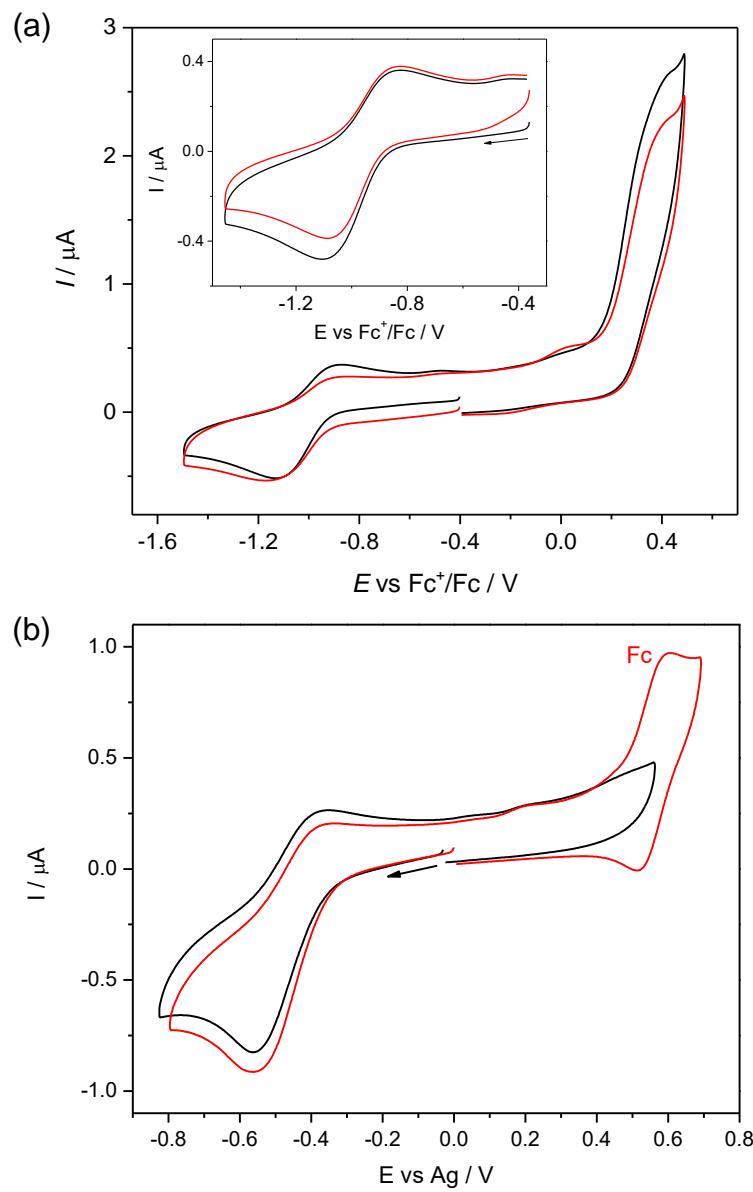


Figure 24. (a) Cyclic voltammograms of **2** in DMSO/ $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ using a glassy carbon disc working electrode. Inset: the cyclic voltammograms in the cathodic part (two consecutive scans, scan rate of 100 mV s^{-1}). (b) Cyclic voltammograms of **2** in DMSO/ $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ using a Pt-disc working electrode in the absence (black line) and in the presence (red line) of ferrocene.

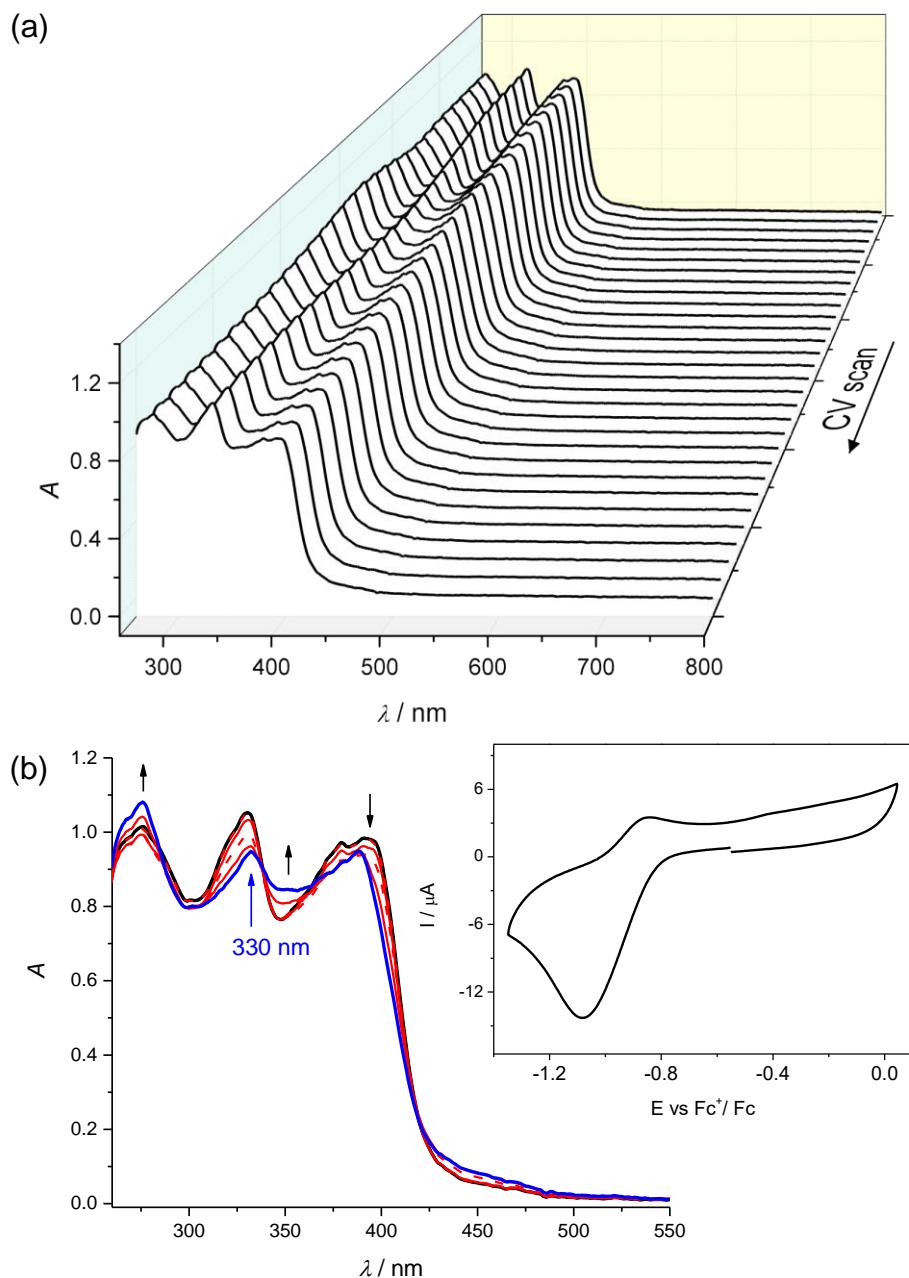


Figure 25. (a) UV/Vis spectra measured during cyclic voltammetry of **2** in DMSO/0.1 M $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$. (b) Selected UV/Vis spectra measured during the forward scan. Inset: the corresponding in situ cyclic voltammogram (scan rate 10 mV s⁻¹).

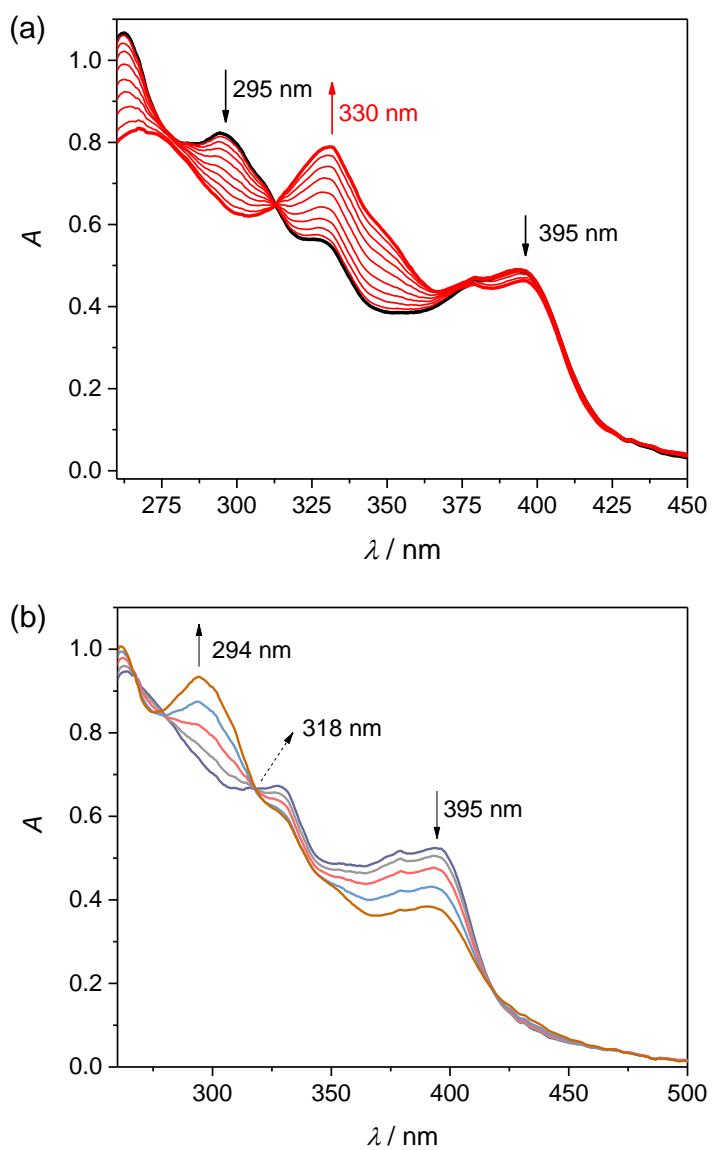


Figure 26. UV/Vis spectra measured upon (a) cathodic reduction and (b) anodic oxidation of **3** in MeCN/0.1 M $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ (forward scans, scan rate 10 mV s^{-1}).

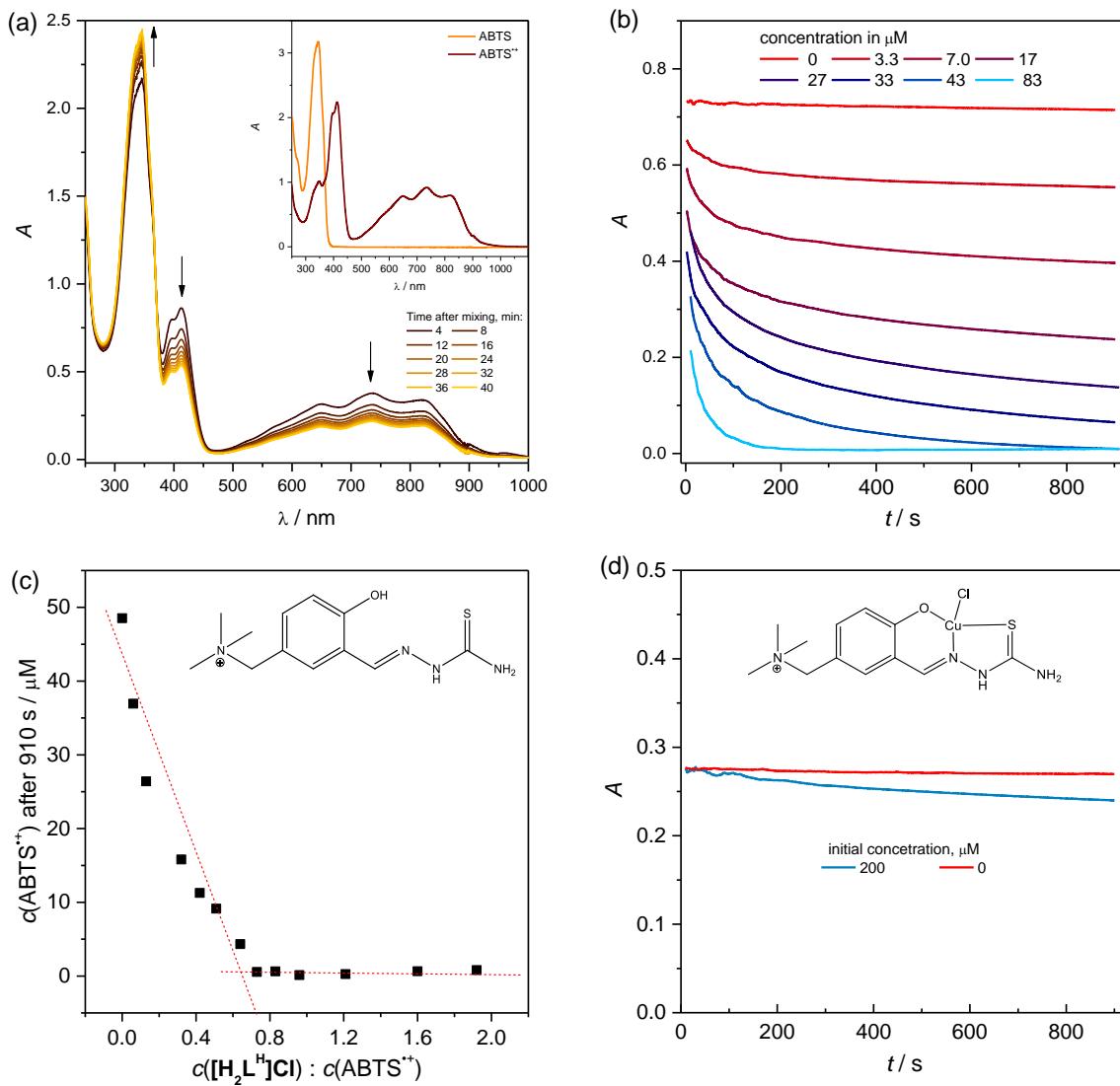


Figure 27. (a) Set of electronic absorption spectra of ABTS^{•+} measured after mixing in $[H_2L^H]Cl$ system ($c_{in}(ABTS^{•+}) = 48.5 \mu M$; $c_{in,[H_2L^H]Cl} = 10 \mu M$, DMSO content 20% (v/v)); inset in (a) represents the electronic absorption spectra of ABTS^{•+} radical cation and its parent molecule ABTS in mixed solvent water: DMSO (20% (v/v)); (b) Changes in ABTS^{•+} absorption at 735 nm monitored after mixing $[H_2L^H]Cl$ DMSO solutions with ABTS^{•+} ($c_{in}(ABTS^{•+}) = 48.5 \mu M$; The initial concentrations of $[H_2L^H]Cl$ are marked in Figure; DMSO content 20% (v/v)); (c) Concentration of ABTS^{•+} measured 910 s after mixing with $[H_2L^H]Cl$ quoted upon increasing initial molar ratios $[H_2L^H]Cl / ABTS^{•+}$; (d) Changes in ABTS^{•+} absorption at 735 nm monitored after mixing DMSO solutions of **1** with ABTS^{•+} ($c_{in}(ABTS^{•+}) = 18 \mu M$; The initial concentrations of **1** are indicated in the Figure; DMSO content 20% (v/v)).