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Synthesis of Macrocyclic Heptaoxazole, A Potent G-Quadruplex Binder

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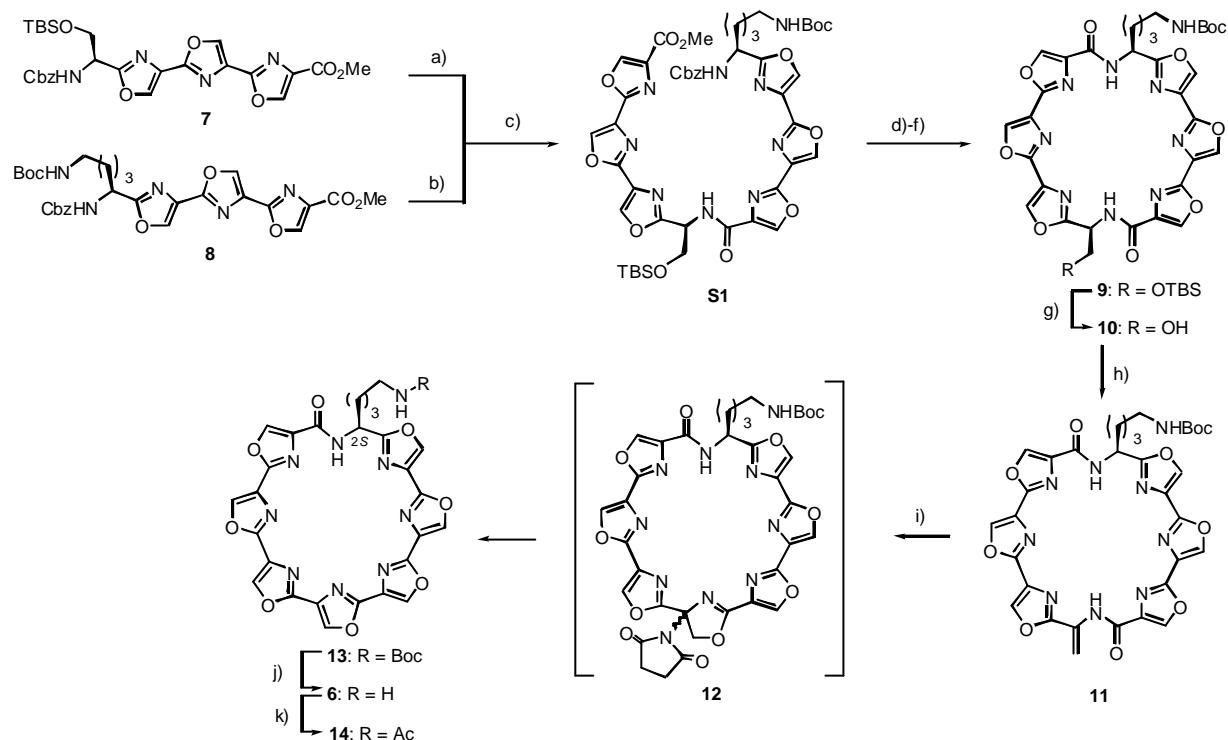
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## General

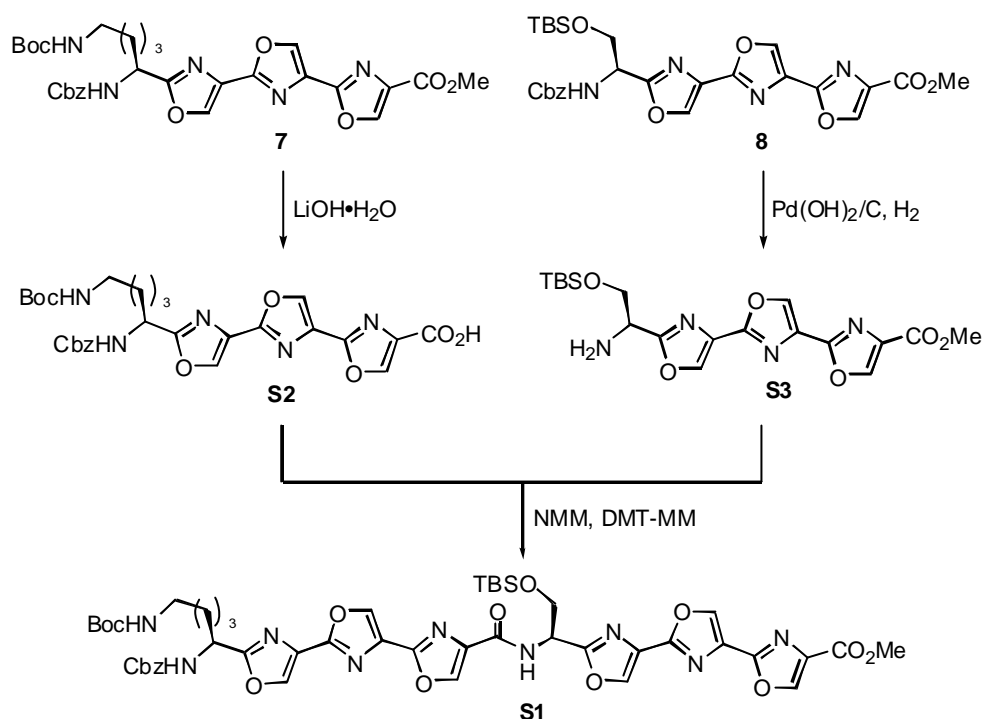
Flash chromatography was performed on Silica gel 60 (spherical, particle size 0.040 ~ 0.100  $\mu\text{m}$ ; Kanto). Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO DIP 1000 polarimeter, using the sodium D line.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-ECX 400. The spectra are referenced internally according to residual solvent signals of  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR;  $\delta = 7.26$  ppm,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR;  $\delta = 77.0$  ppm),  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR;  $\delta = 3.30$  ppm,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR;  $\delta = 49.0$  ppm),  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$  ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR;  $\delta = 2.50$  ppm,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR;  $\delta = 39.5$  ppm). Data for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm), multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet; br, broad), integration, coupling constant (Hz). Data for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm). Mass spectra were recorded on JEOL JMS-T100X spectrometer with ESI-MS mode using methanol as solvent. CD spectra were recorded on a JASCO-810 spectropolarimeter (Jasco, Easton, MD) using a quartz cell of 1-mm optical path length and an instrument scanning speed of 100 nm/min with a response time of 1 s, and over a wavelength range of 200-320 nm. Fluorescence was scanned with a phosphorimager (Typhoon 8600, Molecular Dynamics). All oligonucleotides purified were obtained from Sigma Genosys and dissolved in double-distilled water to be used without further purification.

# Synthesis of L1H1-7OTD (**6**) and L1A1-7OTD (**14**).



**Scheme S1.** Synthesis of L1H1-7OTD (**6**) and L1A1-7OTD (**14**). a) Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C, H<sub>2</sub>, THF/MeOH; b) LiOH•H<sub>2</sub>O, THF/H<sub>2</sub>O; c) DMT-MM, NMM, THF/H<sub>2</sub>O, 91% from **7** and **8**; d) LiOH•H<sub>2</sub>O, THF/H<sub>2</sub>O; e) Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C, H<sub>2</sub>, THF/MeOH; f) Et<sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>N, DMAP, DPPA, DMF/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 3 mM, 79% from **9**; g) HF•py, THF; h) MsCl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> then DBU, 96% from **10**; i) NBS, Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeCN, 65 °C, 31%; j) TFA, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 96%; k) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 64%.

## Bis-trioxazole **S1**



Synthesis of **S2**: To a solution of trioxazole **7** (1.07 g, 1.80 mmol) in THF- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3:1, 30 mL), was added LiOH (98.2 mg, 2.34 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring at room temperature for 45 min, Dowex<sup>®</sup> 50WX4 ion-exchange resin was added. The resulting mixture was filtered through a cotton with MeOH, to give carboxylic acid **S2** solution, which was used without further purification. TLC  $R_f$  = 0.1 (3:2:1  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{EtOAc}/\text{MeOH}$ )

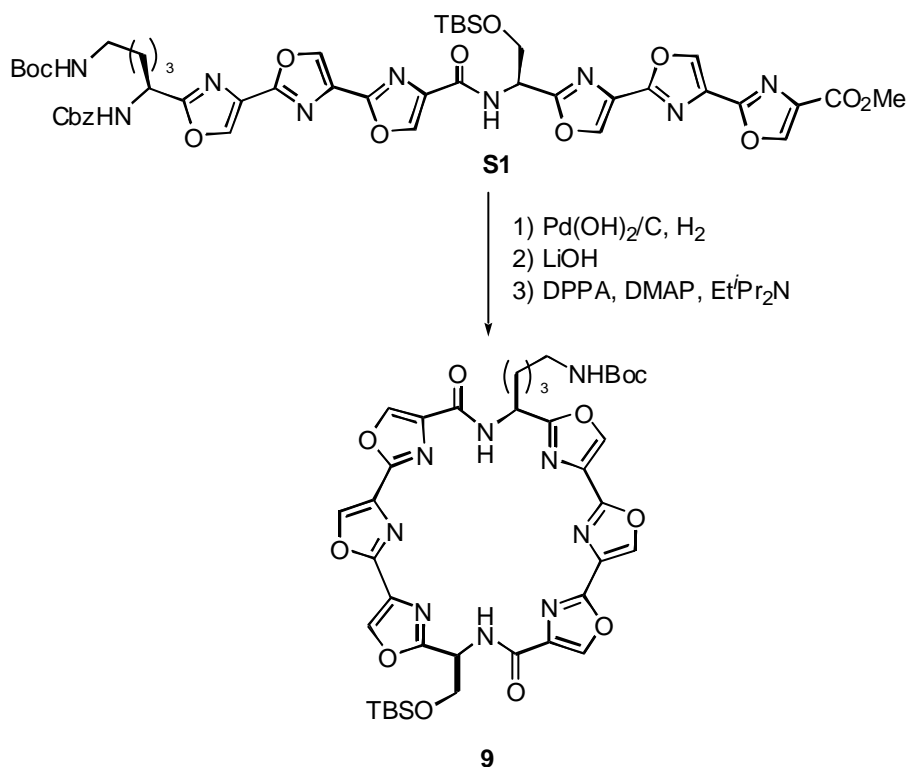
Synthesis of **S3**: to a solution of trioxazole **8** (1.02 g, 1.80 mmol) in MeOH-THF (1:1, 30 mL) was added 20%  $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2/\text{C}$  (30 mg) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under an atmosphere of hydrogen gas (balloon). After 14 h,  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and was filtered through a pad of celite and eluted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -MeOH (1:1). The solution was concentrated in vacuo to give amine **S3**, which was used without further purification. TLC  $R_f$  = 0.6 ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{EtOAc}/\text{MeOH}$  3:2:1)

Synthesis of **S1**: to a solution of carboxylic acid **S2** in THF- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ -MeOH (3:1:1), was added the amine **S3**, NMM (400  $\mu\text{L}$ , 3.60 mmol), and DMT-MM (986 mg, 3.60 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After stirring for 25 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated and the resulting mixture was extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The organic layer was washed with 0.1 N HCl and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtrated and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified on silica gel ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ -

AcOEt-MeOH = 3:2:1) to give bis-trioxazole **S1** (1.64 g, 91%, 3 steps). TLC  $R_f$  = 0.8 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/EtOAc/MeOH 3:2:1)

Spectral data for **S1**:  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = 11.9 (*c* 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) *d* 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.32 (m, 5H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (m, 5H), 5.56 (m, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 5.03 (m, 1H), 4.56 (br, 1H), 4.23 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.10 (br, 2H), 2.03 (br, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.40 (m, 13H), 0.84 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 3H), 0.00 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) *d* 165.5, 163.4, 161.2, 159.9, 156.0, 155.8, 155.4, 154.4, 143.9, 141.6, 139.7, 139.6, 139.3, 139.1, 136.7, 136.0, 134.4, 130.9, 130.8, 128.5, 128.2, 128.15, 79.2, 67.2, 64.1, 52.3, 49.3, 49.26, 39.8, 35.5, 29.5, 28.4, 25.7, 22.3, 18.1, -5.6; HRMS (ESI, M+Na) calcd for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>55</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>14</sub>SiNa 1020.3535, found 1020.3498.

#### Macrocyclic bisamide **10**

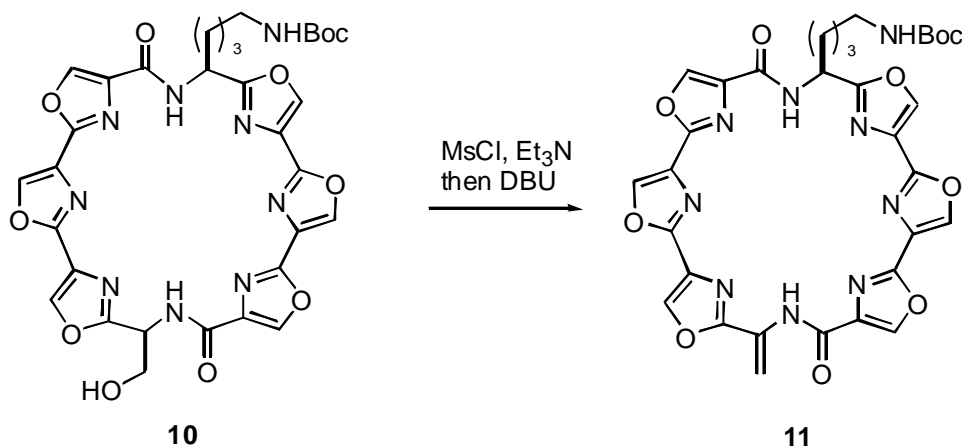


To a solution of bis-trioxazole **S1** (310 mg, 0.311 mmol) in MeOH/THF (1:1, 30 mL), and 20% Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (15 mg) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature under hydrogen (balloon) for 3 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrates were concentrated in vacuo to give amine. The crude amine was dissolved in THF-H<sub>2</sub>O (3:1, 10 mL) and lithium hydroxide (23.5 mg, 0.560 mmol) was added at 0 °C and was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. To the re-



Spectral data for **10**:  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -3.1$  ( $c$  2.1,  $\text{CHCl}_3\text{:MeOH} = 3\text{:}1$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$ )  $\delta$  9.13 (s, 1H), 9.12 (s, 1H), 9.11 (s, 1H), 9.10 (s, 1H), 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dt,  $J = 5.5, 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dt,  $J = 3.7, 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.29 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.91 (m, 2H), 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.07 (br, 1H), 1.90 (br, 1H), 1.32-1.28 (br, 12H), 1.05 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.5, 163.3, 158.7, 155.8, 155.7, 154.5, 142.5, 141.9, 141.1, 129.8, 128.5, 128.4, 79.1, 77.2, 61.9, 50.5, 47.5, 33.2, 29.1, 28.1, 21.0; HRMS (ESI,  $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_9\text{O}_{11}\text{Na}$  740.2041, found 740.2027.

## Enamide **11**



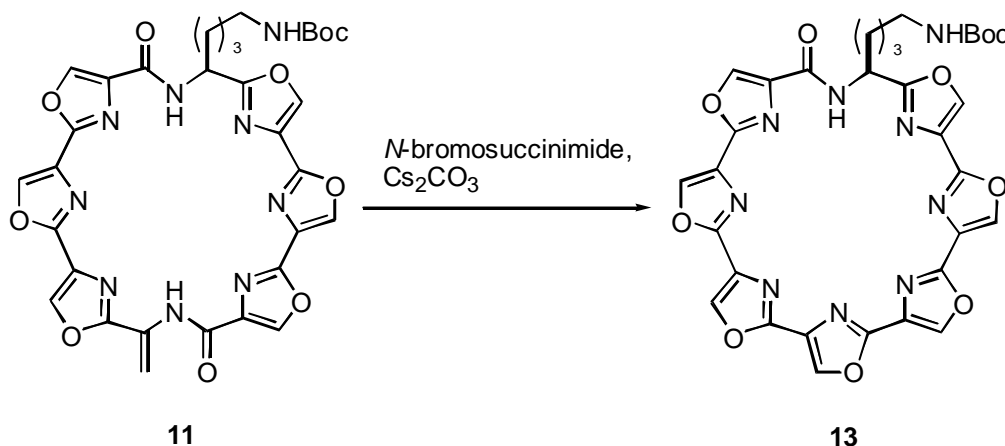
To a solution of **10** (198 mg, 0.275 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (60 mL), was added  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (300  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.75 mmol),  $\text{MsCl}$  (110  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.38 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. To the reaction mixture, was added DBU (420  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.75 mmol), the mixture was stirred for another 1 h at room temperature. To the reaction mixture was added 0.05 N HCl and the organic layer was extracted with  $\text{AcOEt}$ , dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{AcOEt}/\text{MeOH}$  3:2:1) to give Enamide **11** as a white solid (186 mg, 97%). TLC  $R_f = 0.7$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{EtOAc}/\text{MeOH}$  3:2:1).

Spectral data for **11**:  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -5.3$  ( $c$  1.8,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  2:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.72 (s, 1H), 8.63 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 8.28 (m, 6H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 5.40 (dt, 1H,  $J = 5.5, 7.2$  Hz), 4.58 (br, 1H), 3.04 (br, 2H), 2.15 (br, 1H), 1.95 (br, 1H), 1.42 (m, 13H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.7, 159.8, 159.4, 159.0, 156.1, 155.9, 155.8, 154.7, 154.6, 141.8, 140.8, 139.8, 139.5, 138.9, 138.5, 137.3, 136.9,



131.0, 130.9, 130.5, 129.6, 128.0, 104.7, 79.0, 48.0, 40.3, 34.1, 29.5, 28.3, 21.6; HRMS (ESI, M+Na) calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na 722.1935, found 722.1935.

### Heptaoxazole **13**

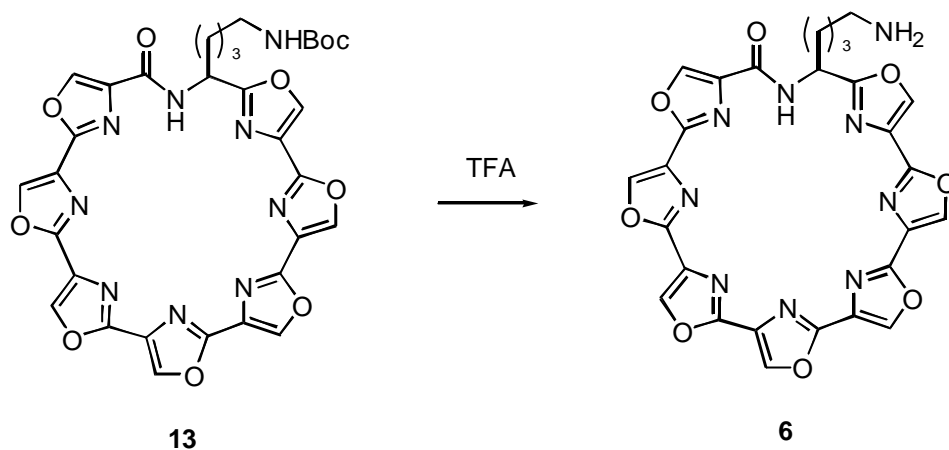


To a solution of **11** (25.3 mg, 36.0  $\mu$ mol) in MeCN (10 mL), was added Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (58.6 mg, 0.18 mmol), *N*-bromosuccinimide (7.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) at room temperature and was heated to 65 °C. After 14 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and eluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The residue was purified by silica gel (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/AcOEt/MeOH 3:2:1) to give heptaoxazole **13** as a pale yellow solid (9.0 mg, 36%). TLC *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/EtOAc/MeOH 3:2:2).

Spectral data for **12**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>]DMSO)  $\delta$  9.08 (s, 1H), 9.04 (s, 1H), 9.03 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.87 (s, 1H), 8.52 (br, 1H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (dt, *J* = 5.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.48 (m, 4H), 2.00 (br, 1H), 1.88 (br, 1H), 1.32-1.27 (br, 13H); HRMS (ESI, M+Na) calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>12</sub>Na 819.2098, found 819.2092. TLC *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.6 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/EtOAc/MeOH 3:2:2).

Spectral data for **13**: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = 14.1 (c 0.3, MeOH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO *d*-6)  $\delta$  9.00 (s, 1H), 8.95 (s, 1H), 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.90 (s, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H), 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.44 (br, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (br, 1H), 2.76 (dt, *J* = 5.0, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (br, 1H), 1.83 (br, 1H), 1.26 (br, 13H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  165.5, 161.6, 158.4, 157.9, 157.5, 157.3, 156.2, 144.5, 142.4, 142.3, 142.0, 141.2, 140.3, 139.8, 137.7, 131.4, 130.8, 130.6, 130.0, 79.7, 40.9, 35.0, 30.6, 28.7, 22.5; HRMS (ESI, M+Na) calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na 720.1779, found 720.1773.

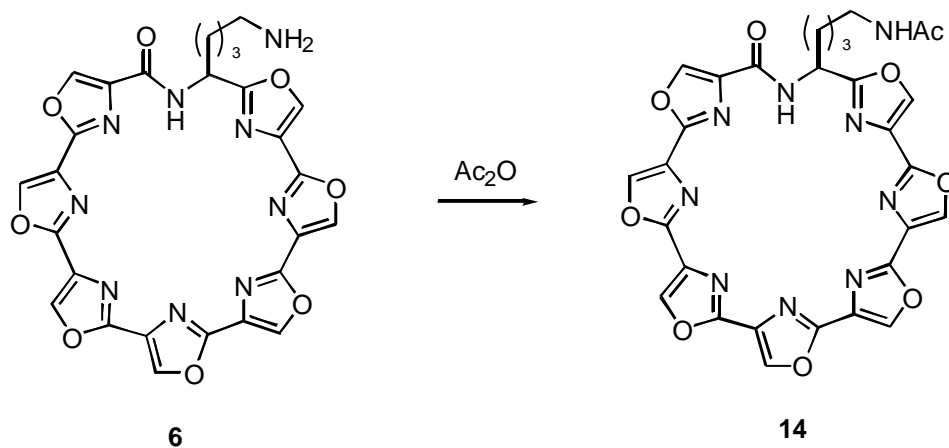
L1H1-7OTD (6)



To a solution of **13** (31.0 mg, 44.4  $\mu$ mol) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (9.5 mL), was added TFA (0.5 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo to give L1H1-7OTD (**6**) as a white solid (27.0 mg, 99%).

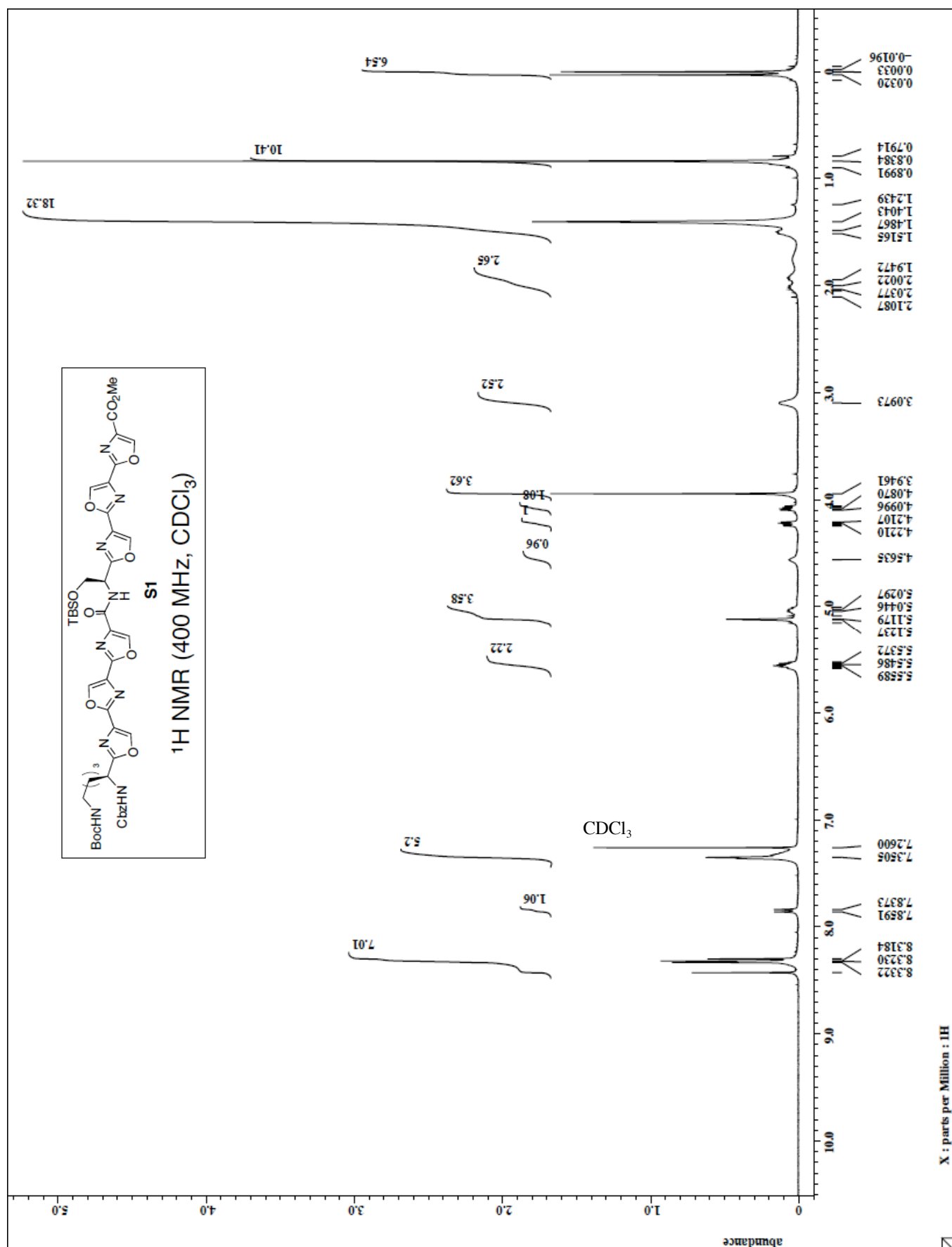
Spectral data for L1H1-7OTD (**6**):  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -77.2$  (c 0.9, MeOH);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$ )  $\delta$  8.97 (s, 1H), 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.83 (br, 2H), 8.71 (s, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.06 (br, 2H), 7.62 (br, 1H), 5.33 (dt,  $J = 4.6, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.22 (br, 2H), 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.70 (br, 3H), 1.24 (br, 1H), 0.91 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  163.1, 158.6, 155.7, 155.3, 155.2, 154.8, 154.2, 142.8, 142.6, 140.9, 140.8, 140.6, 140.4, 139.9, 139.7, 139.1, 139.0, 138.7, 138.5, 135.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 47.8, 47.6, 32.4, 26.5, 19.5; HRMS (ESI,  $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_9\text{O}_8$  598.1435, found 598.1467.

## L1A1-7OTD (14)

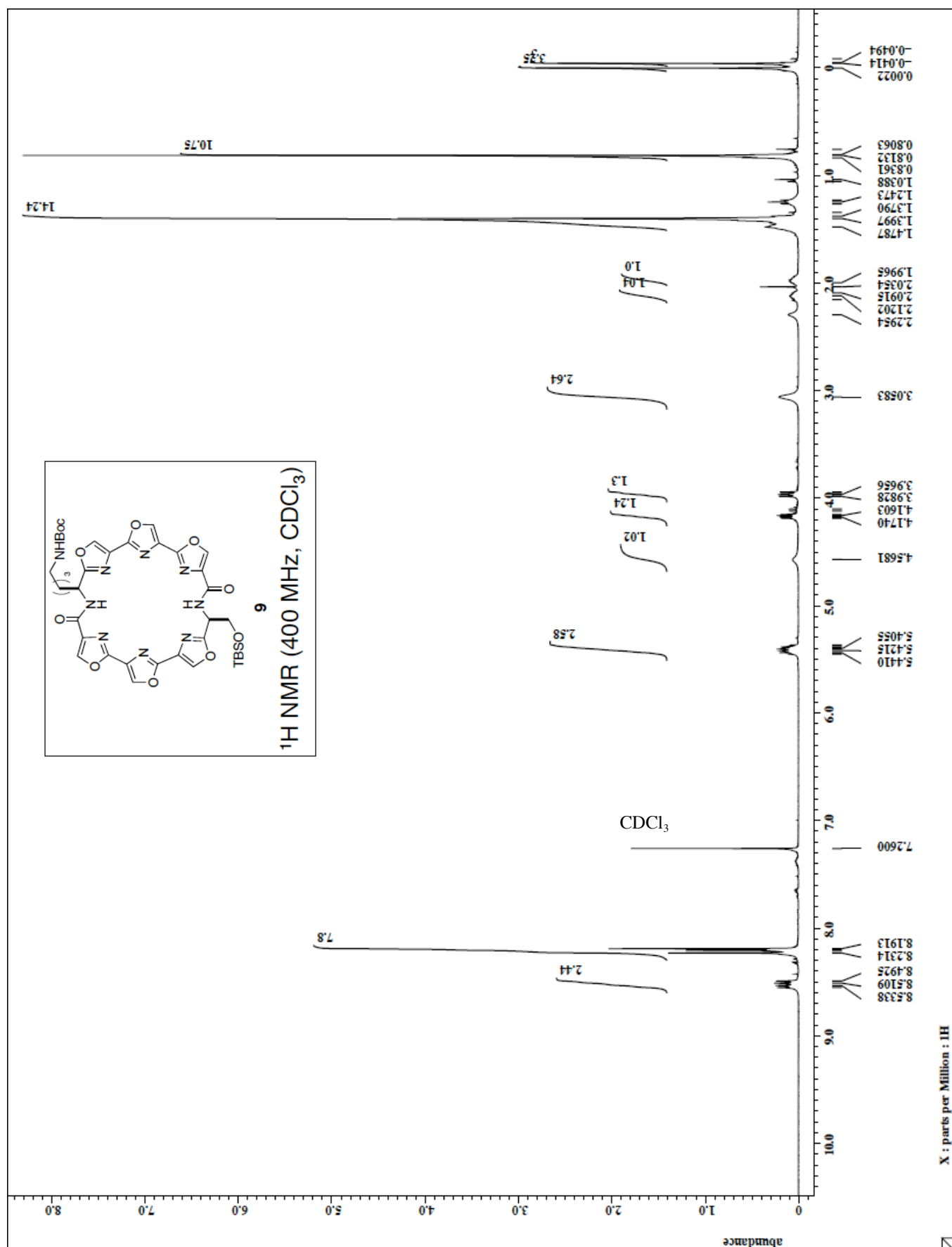


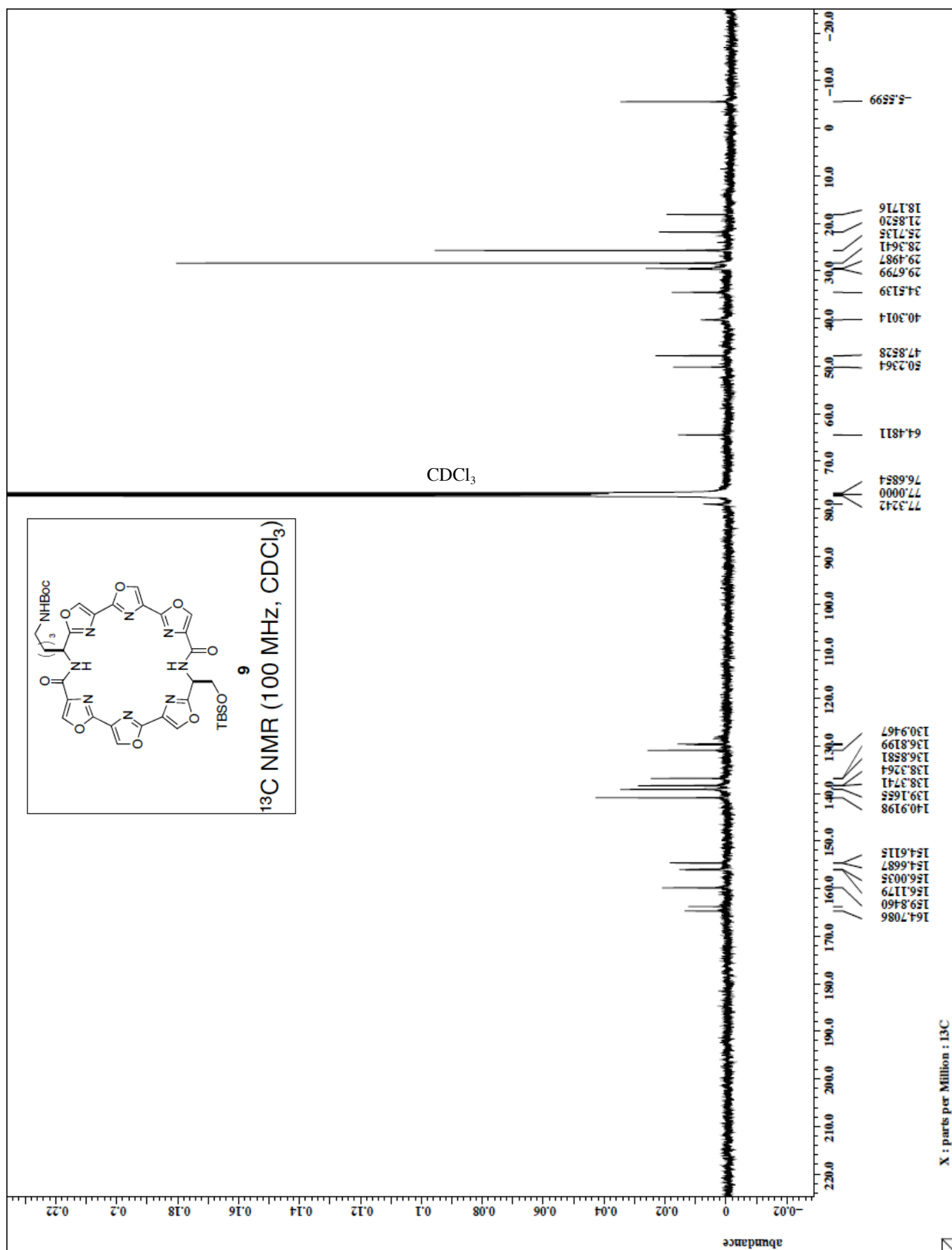
To a solution of **6** (18.0 mg, 30.1  $\mu$ mol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 mL) was added  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 70  $^\circ\text{C}$ . After 13 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  3:2) to give L1A1-7OTD (**14**) as a brown powder (11.5 mg, 64%). TLC  $R_f = 0.1$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{EtOAc}/\text{MeOH}$  3:2:2).  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$

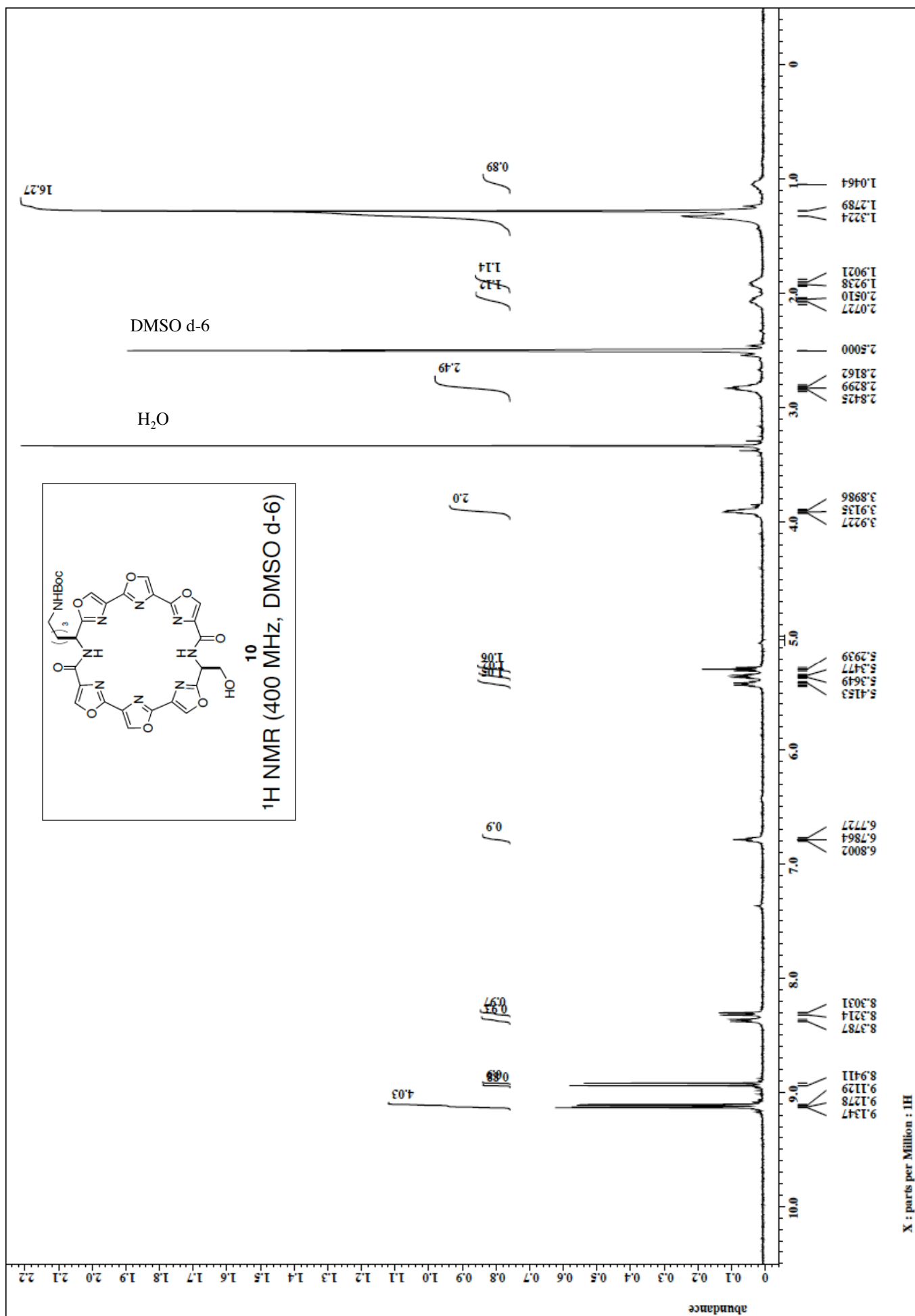
Spectral data for L1A1-7OTD (**14**):  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 1.3$  ( $c$  1.2,  $\text{CHCl}_3:\text{MeOH} = 5:1$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$ )  $\delta$  8.97 (s, 1H), 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.90 (s, 1H), 8.88 (s, 1H), 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.81 (m, 2H), 8.47 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dt,  $J = 5.5, 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dt,  $J = 5.2, 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.28 (br, 3H), 1.00 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.8, 163.8, 159.4, 155.7, 155.6, 155.4, 155.3, 155.2, 154.4, 143.2, 140.7, 139.7, 138.9, 138.5, 136.4, 129.8, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 47.6, 38.2, 33.7, 28.6, 22.5, 21.3; HRMS (ESI,  $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_9\text{O}_9\text{Na}$  662.1360, found 662.1343.



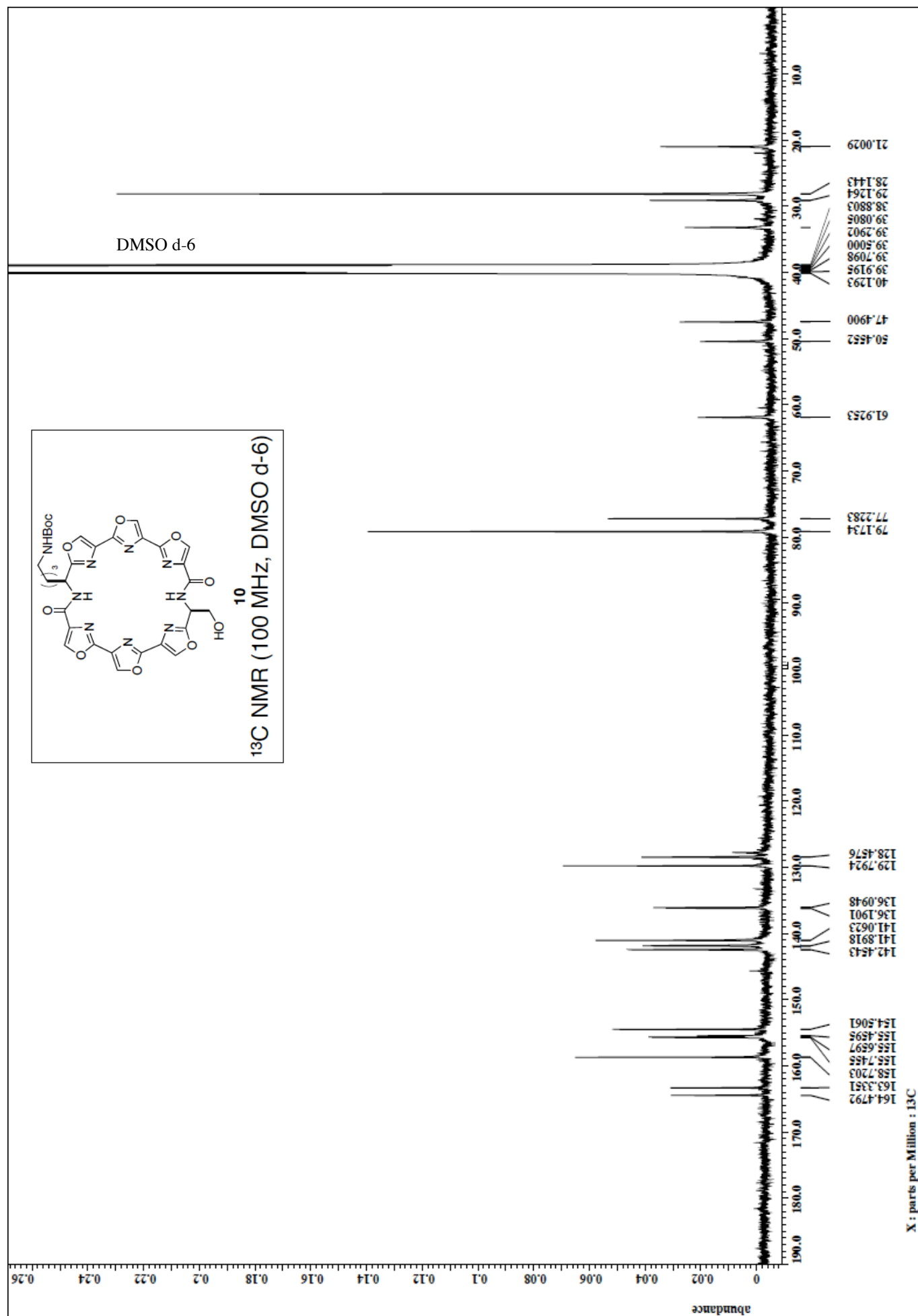




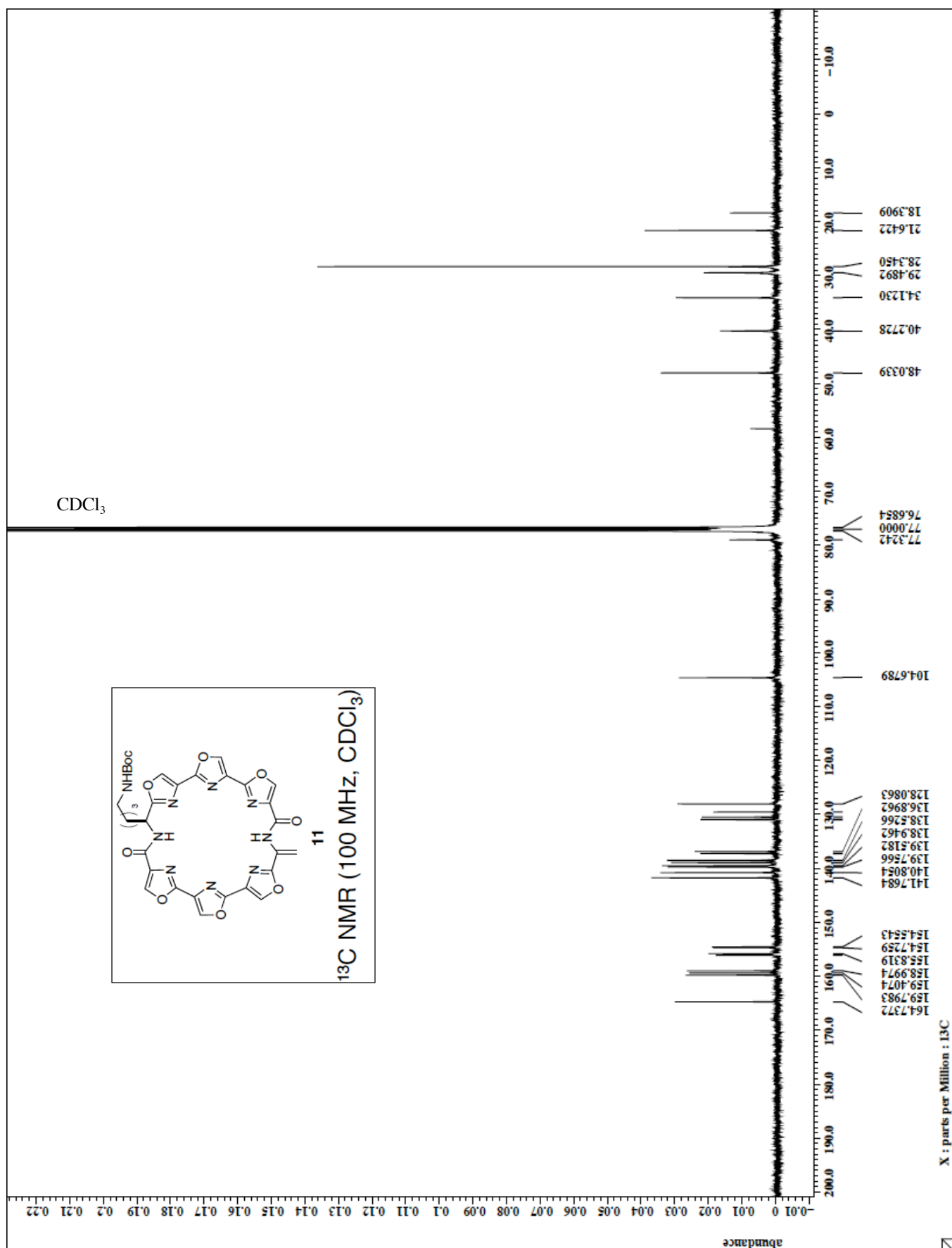


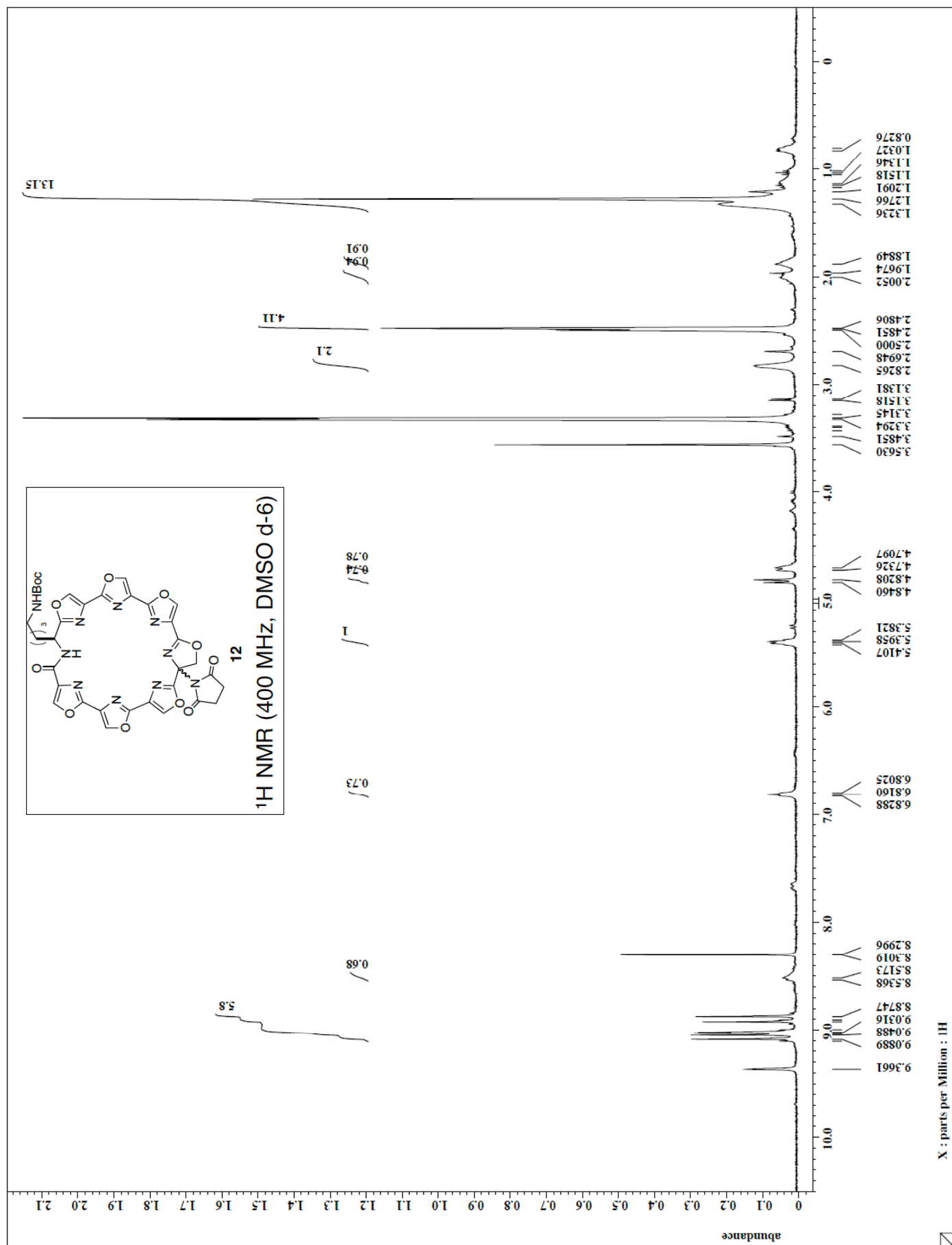


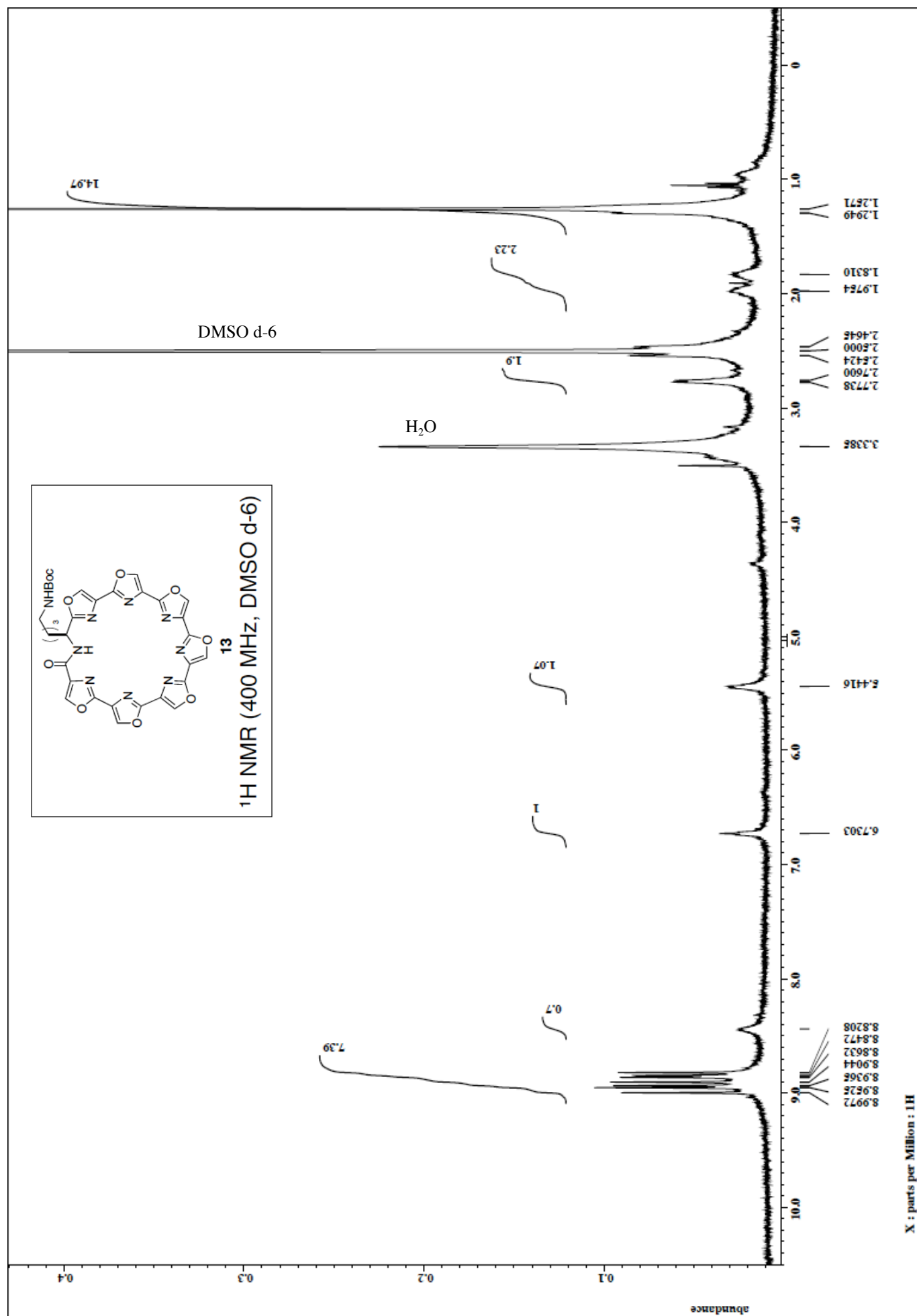


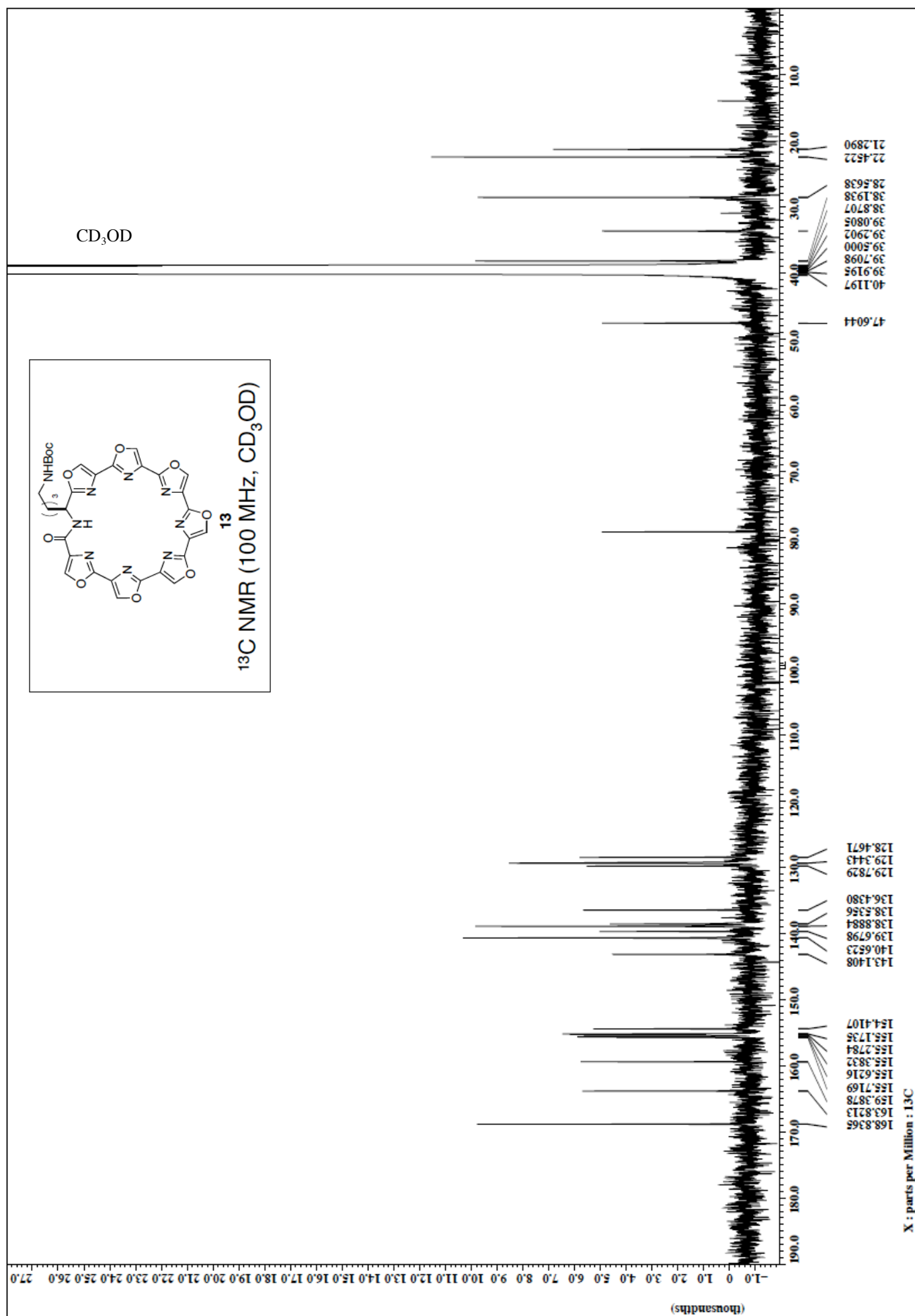




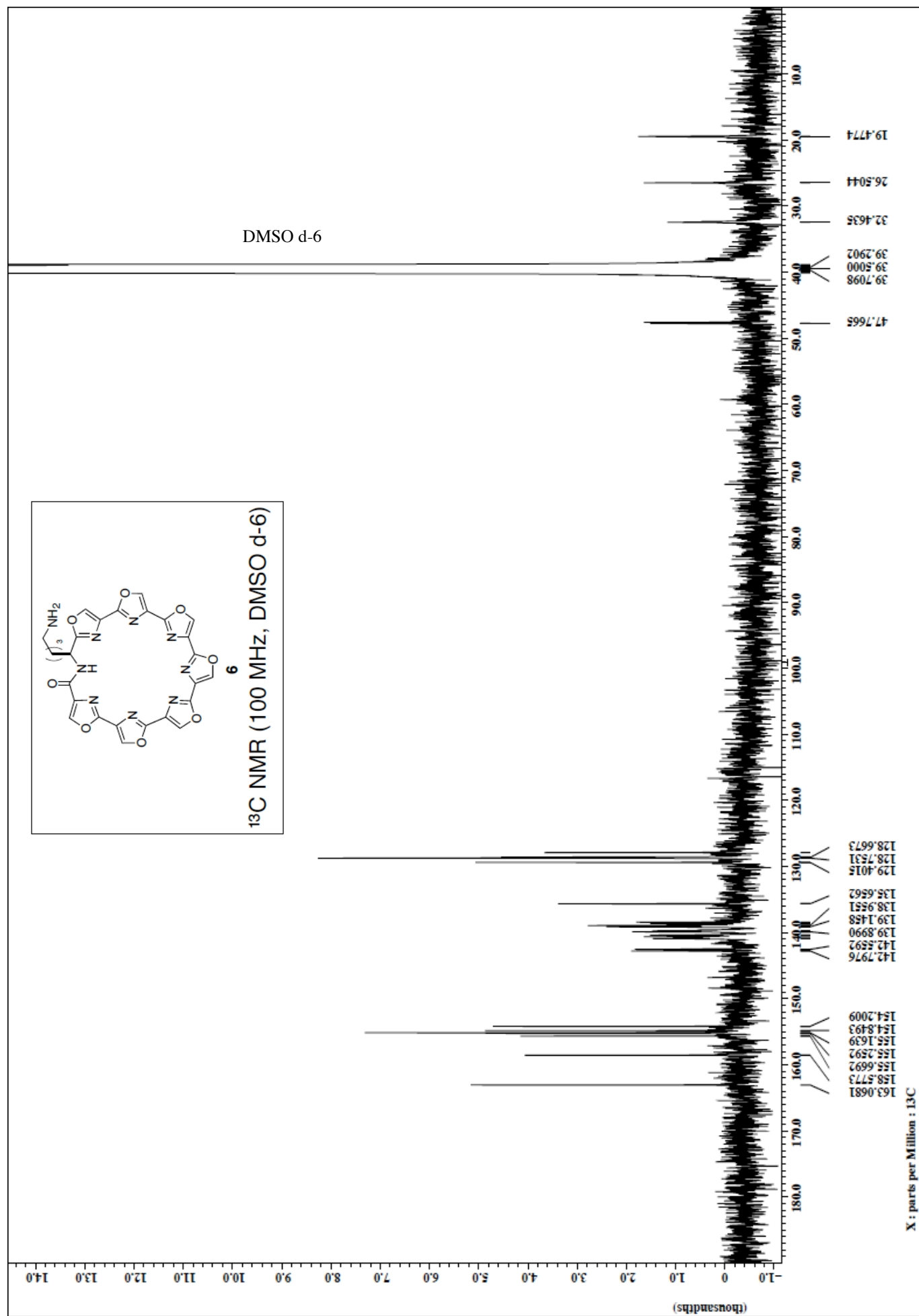




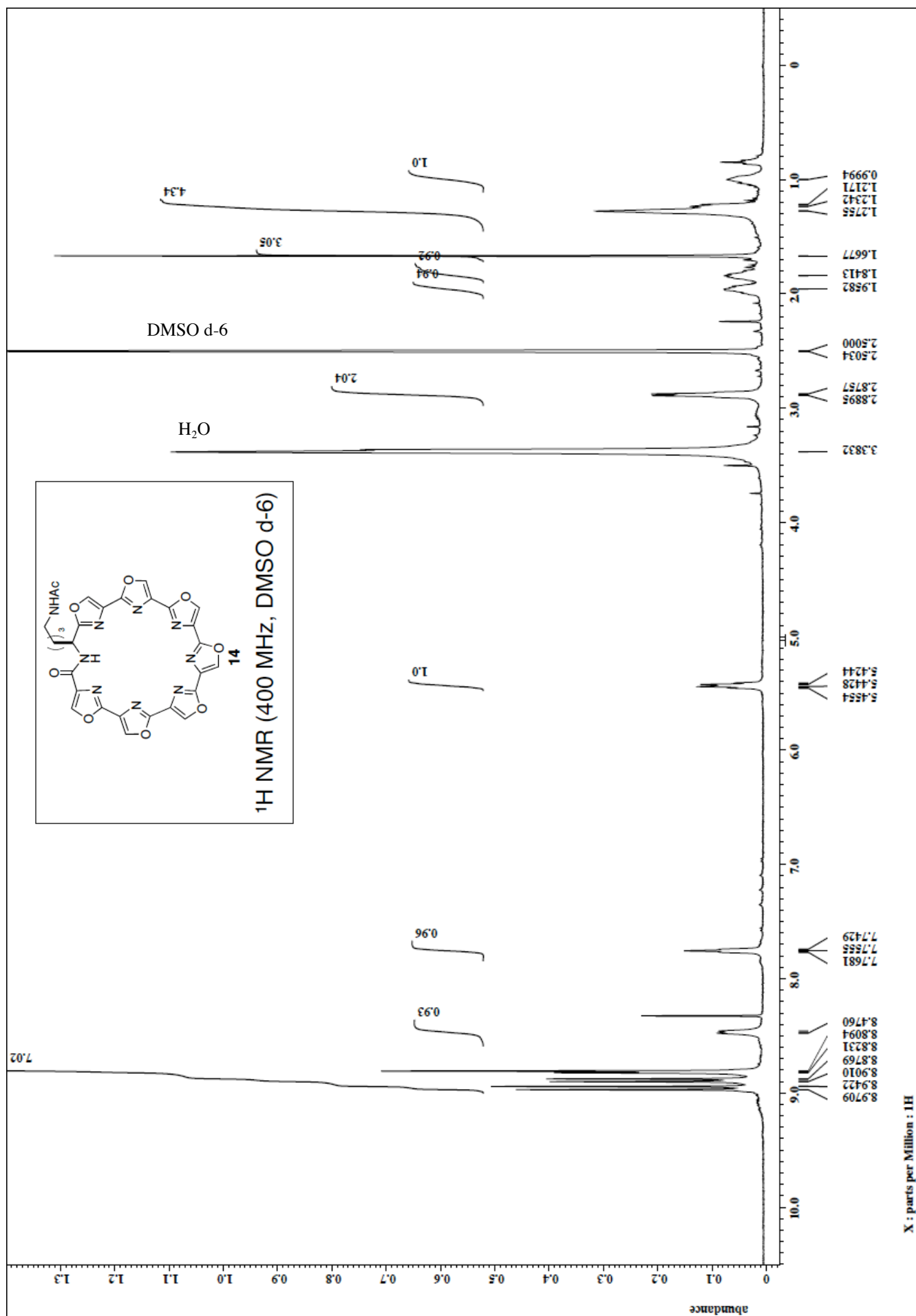














## CD experiment

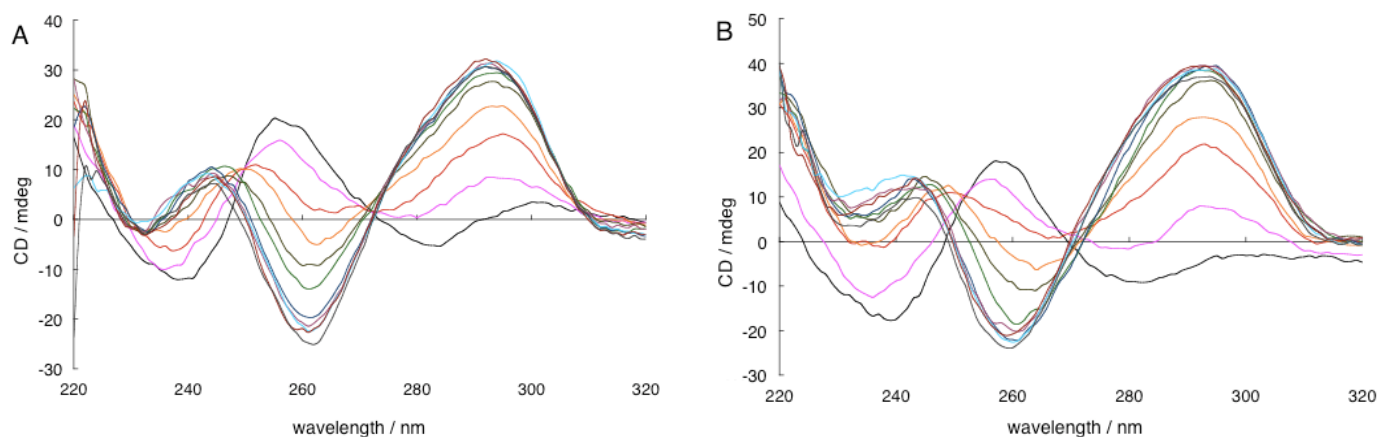


Figure S1. CD spectra of 10  $\mu\text{M}$  ss-telo24 in Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.6, no salt added) in the presence of (A) 5-50  $\mu\text{M}$  of L1H1-7OTD (**6**) and (B) 10-100  $\mu\text{M}$  of L1A1-7OTD (**14**). All CD spectra were a representation of three averaged scans taken at 25  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The signal baselines were corrected for signal contributions due to the buffer and DMSO for the samples containing **6** and **14**.

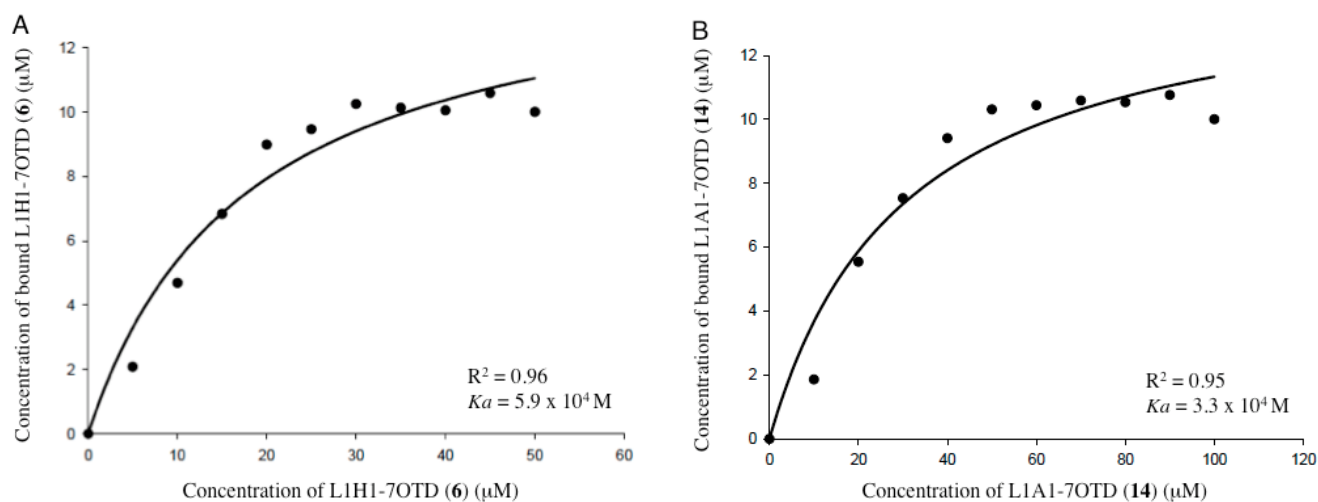


Figure S2.  $Ka$  values of L1H1-7OTD (**6**) and L1A1-7OTD (**14**) against ss-telo24 were calculated by one site saturation model of SigmaPlot<sup>R</sup> ver.11 on the basis of CD/mdeg values at 292 nm in figure S1. (A) The binding constant  $Ka$  of L1H1-7OTD (**6**) was obtained with  $5.9 \times 10^4 \text{ M}$ . (B) In the case of L1A1-7OTD (**14**),  $Ka$  was obtained with  $3.3 \times 10^4 \text{ M}$ .

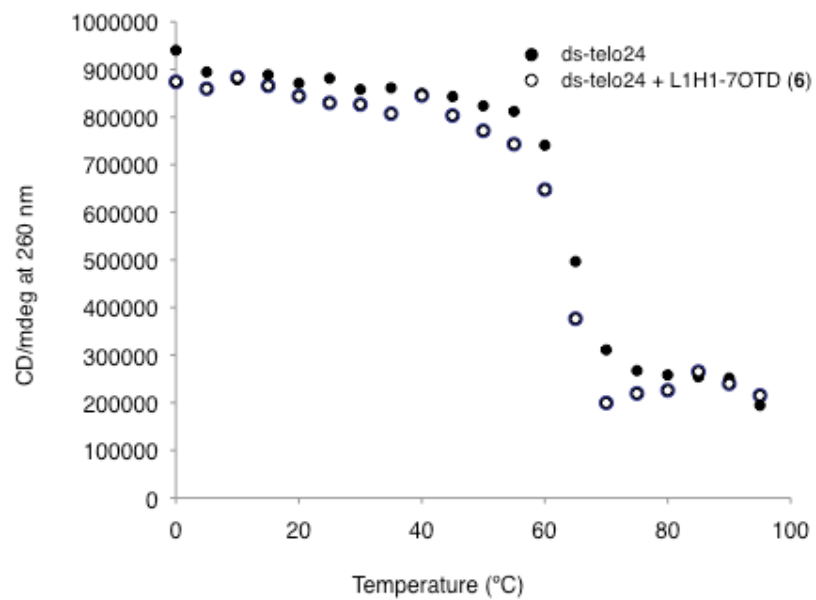


Figure S3. The CD melting curves of ds-telo24 (10  $\mu$ M) at 260 nm in the absence or presence of L1H1-7OTD (**6**) (50  $\mu$ M).

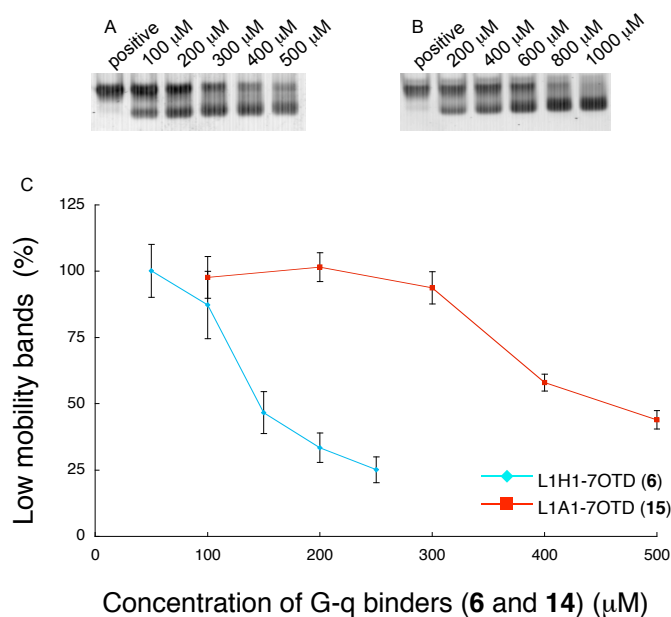


Figure S4. Effects of L1H1-7OTD (**6**) and L1A1-7OTD (**14**) on the formation of intramolecular G-quadruplex with ss-telo24 oligonucleotide. (A) ss-telo24 (50 μM) was incubated for 60 min with various concentrations of L1H1-6OTD (**6**) in 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.6). After incubation, samples were mixed with ficol 400 and run a 12% native PAGE with 1 x TBE at 4 °C. All oligonucleotides were stained by Stains-all. (B) L1A1-6OTD (**14**) was used as G-quadruplex ligand. (C) The quantification of the fluorescent intensity by using phosphorimager. The oligonucleotides were quantified using ImageQuant 5.1 from Molecular Dynamics. Results represent means  $\pm$  SEM of four independent experiments.  $EC_{50}$  values were calculated by the following equation. (intensity of the low mobility band in the presence of **6** or **14**) / (intensity of positive control band).

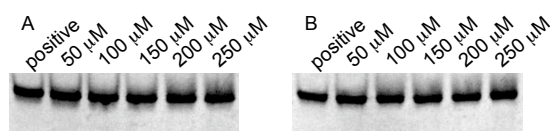


Figure S5. Evaluation of the interaction with ds-telo24 and L1H1-7OTD (**6**). EMSA of ds-telo24 (25 μM) in the presence of 7OTDs by native PAGE was performed. The ds-telo24 was incubated in the presence of various concentrations of (A) L1H1-7OTD (**6**) and (B) L1A1-7OTD (**14**) for 60 min in 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer. After incubation, samples were mixed with ficol 400 and run a 12% native PAGE with 1 x TBE at 4 °C. All oligonucleotides were stained by ethidium bromide.

## PCR stop assay

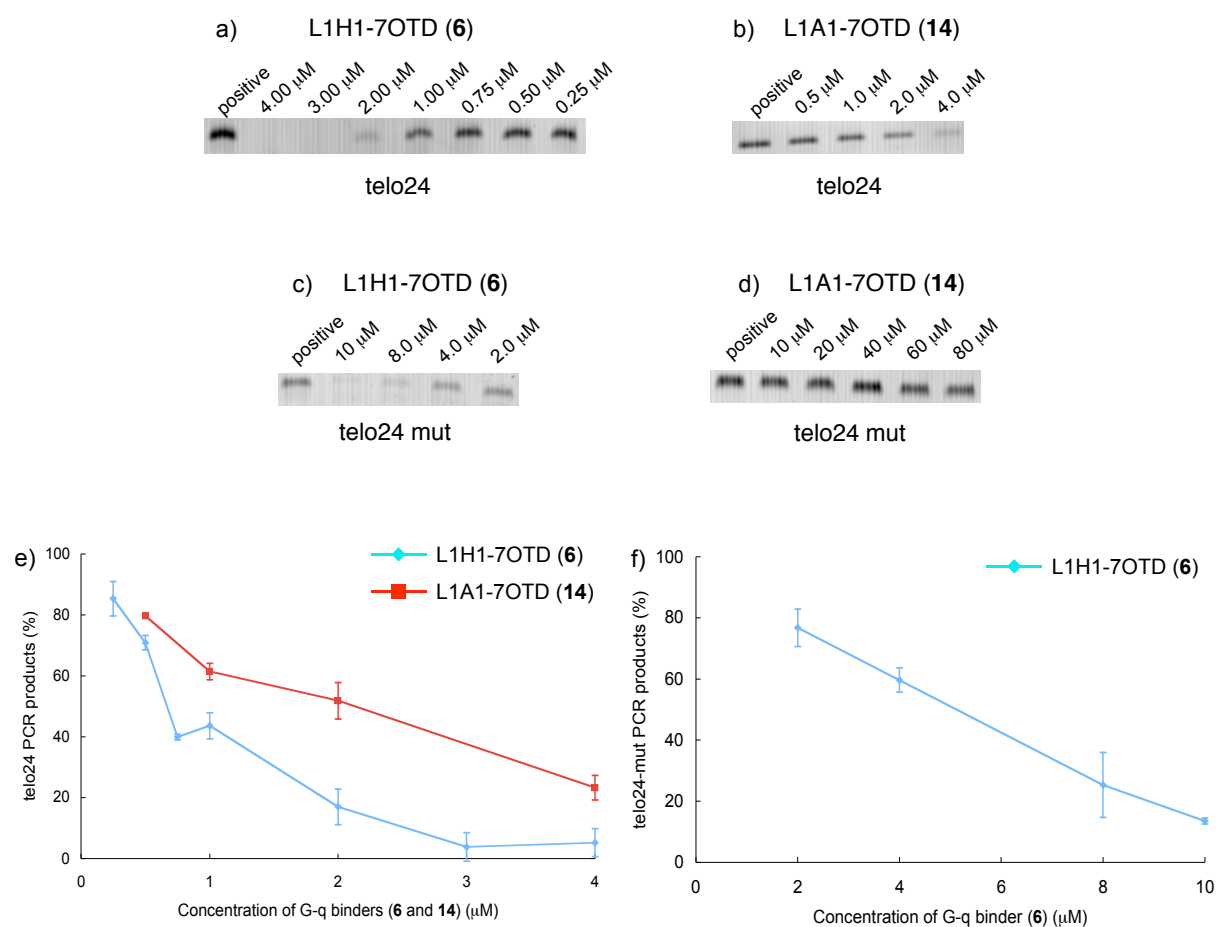


Figure S6. PCR stop assay of L1H1-7OTD (**6**) and L1A1-7OTD (**14**). Top panel presented the PCR product; a) **6**-telo24, b) **14**-telo24, c) **6**-telo24 mut, d) **14**-telo24 mut. Lower panel presented the quantification of the fluorescent intensity by using phosphorimager; e) (**6** and **14**)-telo24, f) **6**-telo24 mut. Results represent means  $\pm$  SD of three independent experiments. PCR inhibitory activities were calculated by the following equation. (intensity of the band in the presence of **6** or **14**) / (intensity of positive control band).

## MTT assay

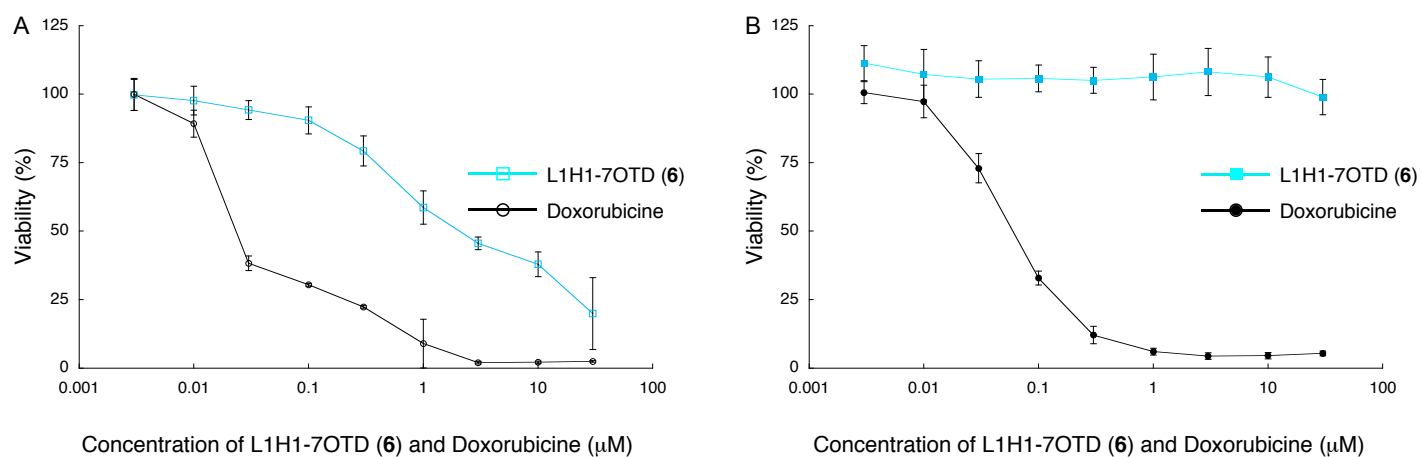


Figure S7. Dose-response curve of 6 days incubation of (A) HeLa cells and (B) Saos-2 cells in the presence of L1H1-7OTD (**6**) (open and blue squares) or Doxorubicine (open and black circles). Results represent means  $\pm$  SD of five independent experiments.