

Fluorinated oxacalix[6]azacryptands: synthesis and complexation with propargyl alcohol

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1. General information

Octafluorotoluene was obtained from P&M Invest (Dolgoprudny, Russia). Resorcinol was obtained from AppliChem Panreac. Ethyl 3,5-dihydroxybenzoate was synthesized from 3,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid according to the standard procedure.

The ^{19}F spectra were recorded for solutions in CDCl_3 , acetone- d_6 and C_6D_6 on a Bruker AV300 spectrometer at 282.36 MHz, ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-600 instrument at 600.18 MHz and 150.9 MHz. Chemical shifts are given in δ ppm from CCl_3F (^{19}F) and TMS (^{13}C), J values in Hz; C_6F_6 (–162.9 ppm from CCl_3F), CDCl_3 (76.90 ppm from TMS), C_6D_6 (128.39 ppm from TMS) were used as internal standards. IR spectra were taken on a Bruker Vector 22 IR spectrophotometer.

Gas chromatographic–mass spectrometric analysis (GC-MS) was performed on a Hewlett Packard HP 5890 Series II chromatograph coupled with an HP 5971 mass-selective detector [HP-5MS capillary column, 30 m \times 0.25 mm, film thickness 0.25 μm ; carrier gas helium, flow rate 1 mL/min; oven temperature programming from 50 $^\circ\text{C}$ (2 min) to 280 $^\circ\text{C}$ at a rate of 10 deg/min and finally 5 min at 280 $^\circ\text{C}$; injector temperature 280 $^\circ\text{C}$; ion source temperature 175 $^\circ\text{C}$; electron impact, 70 eV; 1.2 scan/s, a.m.u. range 30–800].

The X-ray diffraction experiments for complex **2·8**· $4.5\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ were carried out on a Bruker KAPPA APEX II diffractometer with graphite monochromated $\text{MoK}\alpha$ ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) radiation. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares method against all F^2 in anisotropic approximation using the SHELXT-2014 and SHELXL-2018 set of programs. Absorption corrections were applied using the empirical multi-scan method with the SADABS program.

The elemental compositions of macrocycles **2** and **6** were determined by classical method and for diaryloxybenzene **7** from the high-resolution mass spectra (electron impact, 70 eV) which were obtained with a Thermo Scientific DFS instrument. The progress of reactions was monitored by TLC on silica gel 60 F254 plates (Merck). Silica gel with a particle size of 0.063–0.200 mm (Merck) was used for column chromatography.

Experimental section

Synthesis of 1,3-bis(3-ethoxy-2,4,5-trifluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)benzene 7.

a) A solution of 23.6 g (0.1 mmol) of octafluorotoluene in 10 ml of ethanol was added dropwise under stirring at 5 °C to a solution of 4.1 g (0.1 mmol) of NaOH in 60 ml of ethanol. The mixture was stirred 4 h at 20°C and 0.5 h at 50°C, treated with 100 mL of 5% HCl, and then by CH₂Cl₂ (3x50 mL). The extract was dried with CaCl₂ and evaporated. Vacuum distillation of the residue yielded 22.2 g (85%) of pure 4-ethoxyheptafluorotoluene (NMR ¹⁹F, ¹H, GC–MS, M⁺ 262). The ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of the product coincides with the spectrum of 4-ethoxyheptafluorotoluene described in the literature [L. S. Kobrina, G. G. Furin, G. G. Yakobson, *Zh. Org. Khim.*, 1970, **6**, 512 (in Russian)].

b) Potassium carbonate (2.76 g, 20 mmol) was added with stirring to a solution of 4-ethoxyheptafluorotoluene (1.97 g, 7.5 mmol), resorcinol (0.41 g, 3.7 mmol) and 18-crown-6 ether (complex with MeCN, 0.23 g, 0.75 mmol) in 40 ml of acetone. The mixture was stirred at 56 °C for 30 h and the solvent was evaporated. Silica gel column chromatography (eluent CCl₄) gave 1.34 g of a viscous material containing (GC–MS, NMR ¹⁹F, ¹H) 93% of diaryloxybenzene **7** and 6% of 4-ethoxyheptafluorotoluene. HRMS, m/z: M⁺ 594.0690. Calculated C₂₄H₁₄F₁₂O₄ M⁺ 594.0695. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃), δ: -154.3 (dd, 2F, J_{F(4)-F(5)} 21 Hz, J_{F(4)-F(2)} 4 Hz, F-4,4'), -145.4 (dd, 2F, J_{F(2)-F(5)} 9 Hz, J_{F(2)-F(4)} 4 Hz, F-2,2'), -141.8 (qdd, 2F, J_{F(5)-CF₃} 25 Hz, J_{F(5)-F(4)} 21 Hz, J_{F(5)-F(2)} 9 Hz F-5,5'), -55.4 (d, 6F, J_{CF₃-F(5)} 25 Hz, CF₃(6,6')). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ: 1.42 (t, 6H, CH₃), 4.40 (q, 4H, OCH₂), 6.58 (m, 2H, H-4,6), 6.61 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.22 (t, 1H, H-5). NMR ¹H ((CD₃)₂CO), δ: 1.40 (t, 6H, CH₃), 4.44 (q, 4H, CH₂), 6.75 (m, 1H, H-2), 6.77 (m, 2H, H-4,6), 7.33 (t, 1H, H-5).

Synthesis of oxalix[6]azacryptand 2

Tris(2-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)ethyl)amine 1. To *tert*-butyl alcohol (15 mL), finely ground NaOH (0.30 g, 7.5 mmol) and triethanolamine (0.30 g, 2 mmol) were added sequentially. The mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at 80 °C, octafluorotoluene (2.12 g, 9 mmol) was added and this was stirred further for 14 h. Solvent was evaporated. Silica gel column chromatography (eluent CCl₄/CHCl₃ 1:1) gave 1.25 g (78%) of tris(2-aryloxyethyl)amine **1** as a viscous material. IR (film) ν, cm⁻¹: w 2958, w 2896, w 2846 (C-H); s 1656, m 1614, vs 1504 (Ar_F); vs 1340, vs 1232 (Ar-O); s 1186-995 (group, C-F). ¹⁹F NMR (CCl₄+CDCl₃), δ: -157.3 (m, 6F, F-2,6), -142.6 (m, 6F, F-3,5), -57.0 (t, 9F, J 21.6 Hz, CF₃). ¹H NMR (CCl₄+CDCl₃), δ: 3.17 (t, 6H, NCH₂), 4.42 (t, 6H, OCH₂). Found, %: C 40.53; H 1.58; F 50.11; N 1.78. M 794. C₂₇H₁₂F₂₁NO₃. Calculated, %: C 40.67; H 1.52; F 50.04; N 1.76. M 797.

2,13,14,24,25,36,42,43-Octafluoro-12,26,40-tris(trifluoromethyl)-4,10,16,22,28,34,37-hepta-oxa-19-azaheptacyclo[17.17.3.1^{3,35}.1^{5,9}.1^{11,15}.1^{23,27}.1^{29,33}]tetratetraconta-1,3(40),5(44),6,8,11(43),12,14,23(42),24,26,29(41),30,32,35-pentadecaene 3. Potassium carbonate (2.10 g, 15 mmol) and 18-crown-6 ether (0.31 g, 1 mmol) were added under stirring to a solution of tris(aryloxy)ethylamine **1** (1.09 g, 1.3 mmol) and resorcinol (0.61 g, 5.5 mmol) in 300 mL acetonitrile. The mixture was stirred at 82 °C for 30 h, filtered and the solvent evaporated. Silica gel column chromatography (eluent CCl₄, then CHCl₃) gave 1.09 g of a product mixture containing (¹⁹F NMR, ¹H) 17% oxalix[6]azacryptand **2** and 83% bicycle **3**. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃), δ: -156.5 (d, 2F, J 20 Hz, F-14,24), -144.6 (m, 2F, F-42,43), -143.2 (s, 2F, F-2,36), -141.4 (m, 2F, F-13,25), -56.8 (d, 6F, J 27 Hz, CF₃-12,26), -56.6 (s, 3F, CF₃-40). ¹H NMR

(CDCl₃), δ : 3.09, 3.13 (m, 6H, NCH₂-18,20,39); 4.28, 4.33 (m, 6H, OCH₂-17,21,38); 6.12 (m, 2H, H-41,44); 6.92-7.00 (m, 4H, H-6,8,30,32); 7.35 (t, 2H, H-7,31).

2,12,14,24,26,36-Hexafluoro-47,49,51-tris(trifluoromethyl)-4,10,16,22,28,34,37,43,46-nonaoxa-40-azanonacyclo[23.11.7.3^{13,40}.1^{3,35}.1^{5,9}.1^{11,15}.1^{17,21}.1^{23,27}.1^{29,33}]dopentaconta-1,3(47),5(52),6,8,11(51),12,14,17(50),18,20,23(49),24,26,29(48),30,35-octadecaene 2.

a) Potassium carbonate (3.01 g, 22 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium chloride monohydrate (0.42 g, 1.5 mmol) were added under stirring to a solution of tris(aryloxy)ethylamine **1** (0.66 g, 0.8 mmol) and resorcinol (0.79 g, 7.2 mmol) in 200 mL acetonitrile. The mixture was stirred at 82 °C for 30 h, filtered and the solvent evaporated. Silica gel column chromatography (eluent CCl₄, then CHCl₃) gave 0.41 g (51%, 0.41 mmol) of pure oxacalix[6]azacryptand **2** (¹⁹F NMR, ¹H). White powder. Mp not determined, gradual softening. IR (KBr) ν , cm⁻¹: w 2964, w 2939, w 2883, w 2844 (C-H); m 1641, m 1614, m 1598, vs 1481 (Ar, Ar_F); s 1330, vs 1303, s 1249, s 1222 (Ar-O); s 1160-995 (group, C-F). ¹⁹FNMR (CDCl₃), δ : -143.1 (s, 6F, F-2,12,14,24,26,36); -56.6 (s, 9F, CF₃). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃), δ : 3.21 (m, 6H, NCH₂-39,41,44); 4.48 (m, 6H, OCH₂-38,42,45); 6.46 (m, 3H, H-48,50,52); 6.94 (dd, 6H, *J* 8.2 Hz, *J* 2.3 Hz, H-6,8,18,20,30,32); 7.36 (t, 3H, *J* 8.2 Hz, H-7,19,31). NMR ¹H (acetone-d₆), δ : 3.31 (m, 6H, NCH₂-39,41,44); 4.59 (m, 6H, OCH₂-38,42,45); 6.56 (m, 3H, H-48,50,52); 7.01 (dd, 6H, *J* 8.2 Hz, *J* 2.3 Hz, H-6,8,18,20,30,32); 7.48 (t, 3H, *J* 8.2 Hz, H-7,19,31). ¹³CNMR (CDCl₃), δ : 62.21 (s, NCH₂); 76.07 (s, OCH₂); 98.97 (s, C-48,50,52); 109.08 (q, *J*_{C(47)-F(CF₃)} 31.6 Hz, C-47,49,51); 112.27 (s, C-6,8,18,20,30,32); 122.06 (q, *J*_{C-F} 275 Hz, CF₃); 130.57 (s, C-7,19,31); 137.54 (d, *J*_{C(3)-F} 10 Hz, C-3,11,15,23,27,35); 137.54 (t, *J*_{C(1)-F} 8 Hz, C-1,13,25); 142.48 (d, *J*_{C(2)-F} 251 Hz, C-2,12,14,24,26,36); 156.47 (s, C-5,9,12,21,29,33). Found, %: C 53.65; H 2.50; N 1.32; F 28.08. C₄₅H₂₄F₁₅NO₉. Calculated, %: C 53.64; H 2.40; N 1.39; F 28.28. M 1007.

b) Potassium carbonate (1.40 g, 10 mmol) and 18-crown-6 ether (0.10 g, 0.33 mmol) were added under stirring to a solution of resorcinol (0.16 g, 1.5 mmol) and mixture (0.80 g), containing 10% of oxacalix[6]azacryptand **2** and 90% of bicycle **3**, in 200 mL acetonitrile. The mixture was stirred at 82 °C for 25 h, filtered and the solvent evaporated. Silicagel column chromatography (eluent CCl₄, then CHCl₃) gave 0.63 g of oxacalix[6]azacryptand **2** (¹⁹F NMR, ¹H).

Triethyl 2,12,14,24,26,36-hexafluoro-47,49,51-tris(trifluoromethyl)-4,10,16,22,28,34,37,43,46-nonaoxa-40-azanonacyclo[23.11.7.3^{13,40}.1^{3,35}.1^{5,9}.1^{11,15}.1^{17,21}.1^{23,27}.1^{29,33}]dopentaconta-1,3(47),5(52),6,8,11(51),12,14,17(50),18,20,23(49),24,26,29(48),30,32,35-octadecaene-7,19,31-tricarboxylate 6. Potassium carbonate (2.10 g, 15 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium chloride monohydrate (0.30 g, 1 mmol) were added under stirring to a solution of tris(aryloxy)ethylamine **1** (1.24 g, 1.5 mmol) and ethyl 3,5-dihydroxybenzoate (1.09 g, 6 mmol) in 300 mL acetonitrile. The mixture was stirred at 82 °C for 24 h, then potassium carbonate (1.38 g, 10 mmol) and ethyl 3,5-

dihydroxybenzoate (0.72 g, 4 mmol) were added and stirred at 82 °C for another 30 h. The mixture was filtered and the solvent evaporated. Silicagel column chromatography (eluent CCl₄, then CHCl₃) gave 0.65 g (36%, 0.53 mmol) of pure oxacalix[6]azacryptand **6** (¹⁹F NMR, ¹H). White powder. Mp not determined, gradual softening. ¹⁹FNMR (CDCl₃), δ: -142.7 (s, 6F, F-2,12,14,24,26,36); -56.5 (s, 9F, CF₃). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃), δ: 1.40 (t, 9H, OCH₂CH₃); 3.22 (m, 6H, NCH₂); 4.40 (q, 6H, OCH₂CH₃); 4.48 (m, 6H, OCH₂); 6.59 (m, 3H, H-48,50,52); 7.62 (d, 6H, *J* 2.3 Hz, H-6,8,18,20,30,32). Found, %: C 53.45; H 3.29; N 1.17; F 23.27. C₅₄H₃₆F₁₅NO₁₅. Calculated, %: C 53.00; H 2.97; N 1.14; F 23.29. M 1223.

NMR data for complex **2·8**

Pure propargyl alcohol **8**: ¹HNMR (C₆D₆), δ: 0.66 (t, OH); 1.98 (t, 1H, H-C≡); 3.71 (d, 2H, CH₂). ¹³CNMR (C₆D₆), δ: 50.94 (s, CH₂); 73.76 (s, ≡C-H); 83.01 (s, ≡C-CH₂).

Pure oxacalix[6]azacryptand **2**: ¹HNMR (C₆D₆), δ: 2.46 (m, 6H, NCH₂-39,41,44); 4.12 (m, 6H, OCH₂-38,42,45); 6.59 (m, 3H, H-48,50,52); 6.85 (m, 6H, H-6,8,18,20,30,32); 6.88 (m, 3H, H-7,19,31). ¹³CNMR (C₆D₆), δ: 62.09 (s, NCH₂); 76.40 (s, OCH₂); 99.54 (s, C-48,50,52); 109.84 (q, C-47,49,51); 113.23 (s, C-6,8,18,20,30,32); 123.28 (q, CF₃); 131.62 (s, C-7,19,31); 138.43 (d, C-3,11,15,23,27,35); 141.26 (t, C-1,13,25); 143.25 (d, C-2,12,14,24,26,36); 157.60 (s, C-5,9,12,21,29,33). NMR ¹⁹F (C₆D₆), δ: -142.38 (s, 6F, F-2,12,14,24,26,36); -55.61 (s, 9F, CF₃).

Mixture of **8** and **2** (**8:2** = 1:2.2): ¹HNMR (C₆D₆) of **8**, δ: 1.96 (t, 1H, H-C≡); 3.48 (d, 2H, CH₂). NMR ¹³C (C₆D₆) of **8**, δ: 50.41 (s, CH₂); 72.25 (s, ≡C-H); 83.69 (s, ≡C-CH₂).

¹HNMR (C₆D₆) of **2**, δ: 2.42 (m, 6H, NCH₂-39,41,44); 4.10 (m, 6H, OCH₂-38,42,45); 6.65 (m, 3H, H-48,50,52). ¹³CNMR (C₆D₆) of **2**, δ: 62.53 (s, NCH₂); 76.24 (s, OCH₂); 99.64 (s, C-48,50,52); 109.92 (q, C-47,49,51); 113.17 (s, C-6,8,18,20,30,32); 123.38 (q, CF₃); 131.57 (s, C-7,19,31); 138.43 (d, C-3,11,15,23,27,35); 141.24 (t, C-1,13,25); 143.36 (d, C-2,12,14,24,26,36); 157.72 (s, C-5,9,12,21,29,33). ¹⁹FNMR (C₆D₆) of **2**, δ: -142.80 (s, 6F, F-2,12,14,24,26,36); -55.65 (s, 9F, CF₃).

Mixture of **8** and **2** (**8:2** = 1:1.2): ¹HNMR (C₆D₆) of **8**, δ: 1.97 (t, 1H, H-C≡); 3.50 (d, 2H, CH₂). ¹³CNMR (C₆D₆) of **8**, δ: 50.47 (s, CH₂); 72.44 (s, ≡C-H); 83.62 (s, ≡C-CH₂).

¹HNMR (C₆D₆) of **2**, δ: 2.40 (m, 6H, NCH₂-39,41,44); 4.08 (m, 6H, OCH₂-38,42,45); 6.70 (m, 3H, H-48,50,52). ¹³CNMR (C₆D₆) of **2**, δ: 62.83 (s, NCH₂); 76.15 (s, OCH₂); 99.72 (s, C-48,50,52); 110.01 (q, C-47,49,51); 113.13 (s, C-6,8,18,20,30,32); 123.44 (q, CF₃); 131.53 (s, C-7,19,31); 138.45 (d, C-3,11,15,23,27,35); 141.27 (t, C-1,13,25); 143.46 (d, C-2,12,14,24,26,36); 157.82 (s, C-5,9,12,21,29,33). ¹⁹FNMR (C₆D₆) of **2**, δ: -143.11 (s, 6F, F-2,12,14,24,26,36); -55.70 (s, 9F, CF₃).

Mixture of **8** and **2** (**8:2** = 1:0.7): ^1H NMR (C_6D_6) of **8**, δ : 1.97 (t, 1H, H-C \equiv); 3.55 (d, 2H, CH $_2$). ^{13}C NMR (C_6D_6) of **8**, δ : 50.57 (s, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2$); 72.70 (s, $\equiv\text{C}\text{-H}$); 83.50 (s, $\equiv\text{C}\text{-CH}_2$).

^1H NMR (C_6D_6) of **2**, δ : 2.38 (m, 6H, NCH $_2$ -39,41,44); 4.07 (m, 6H, OCH $_2$ -38,42,45); 6.73 (m, 3H, H-48,50,52). ^{13}C NMR (C_6D_6) of **2**, δ : 63.05 (s, NCH $_2$); 76.06 (s, OCH $_2$); 99.78 (s, C-48,50,52); 110.07 (q, C-47,49,51); 113.10 (s, C-6,8,18,20,30,32); 123.49 (q, CF $_3$); 131.50 (s, C-7,19,31); 138.45 (d, C-3,11,15,23,27,35); 141.29 (t, C-1,13,25); 143.52 (d, C-2,12,14,24,26,36); 157.89 (s, C-5,9,12,21,29,33). ^{19}F NMR (C_6D_6) of **2**, δ : -143.32 (s, 6F, F-2,12,14,24,26,36); -55.73 (s, 9F, CF $_3$).

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Spectral data of obtained compounds

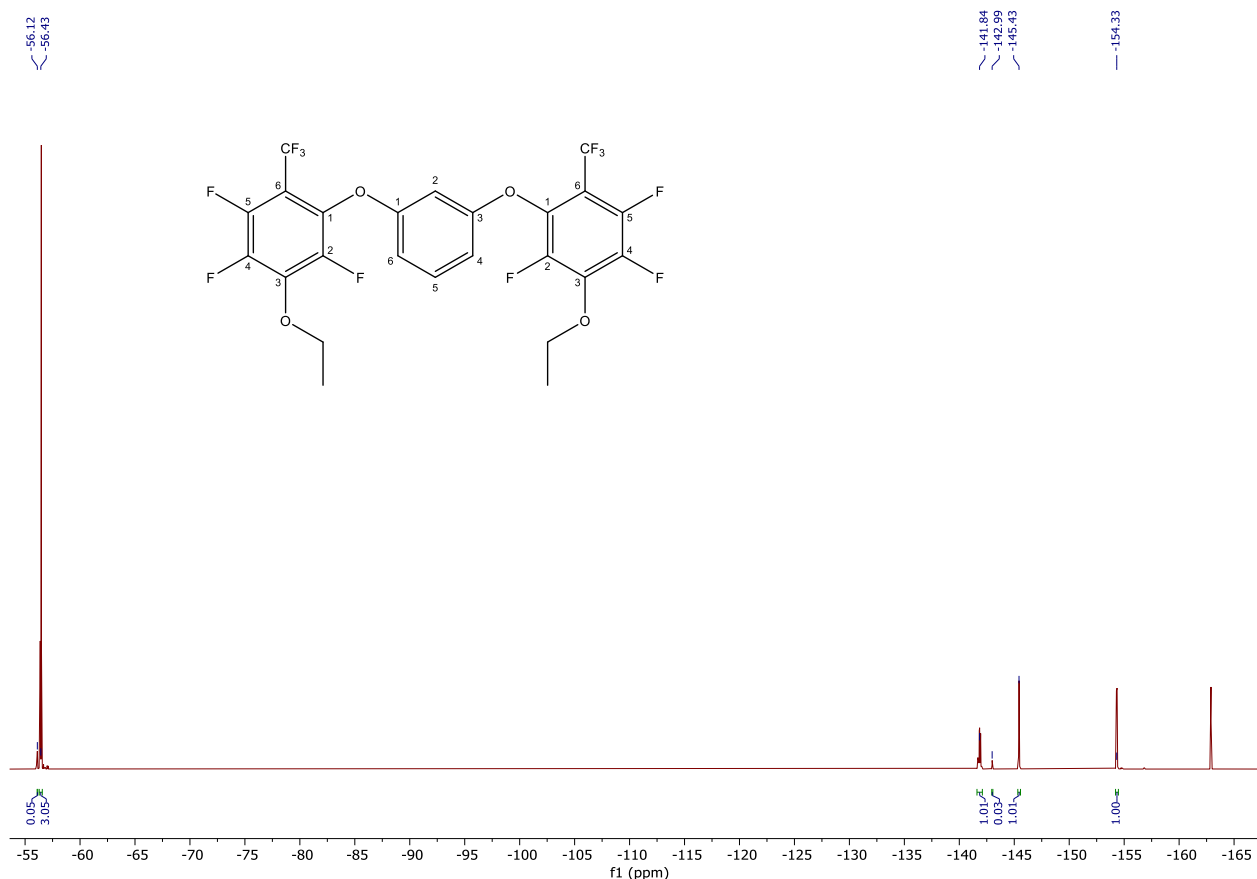


Figure S1. ^{19}F NMR spectrum (CDCl_3) of 1,3-bis(3-ethoxy-2,4,5-trifluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)benzene **7**.

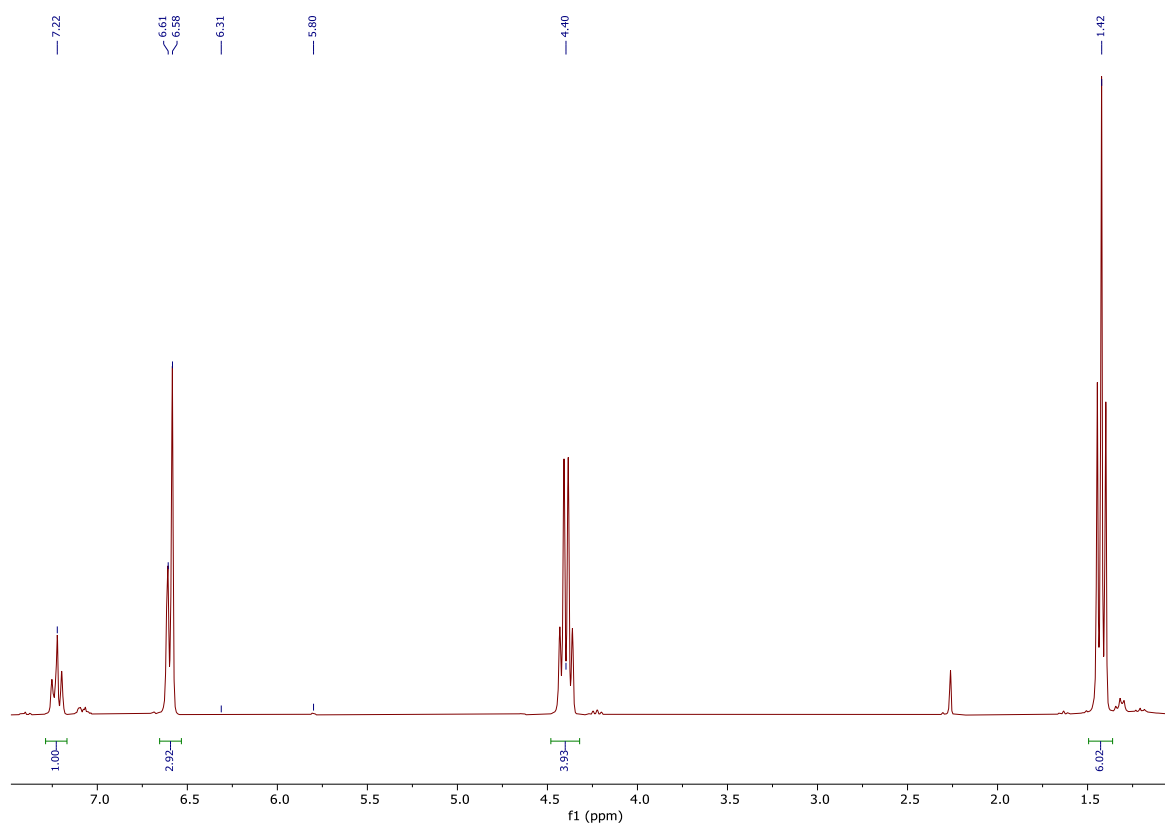


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3) of 1,3-bis(3-ethoxy-2,4,5-trifluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)benzene **7**.

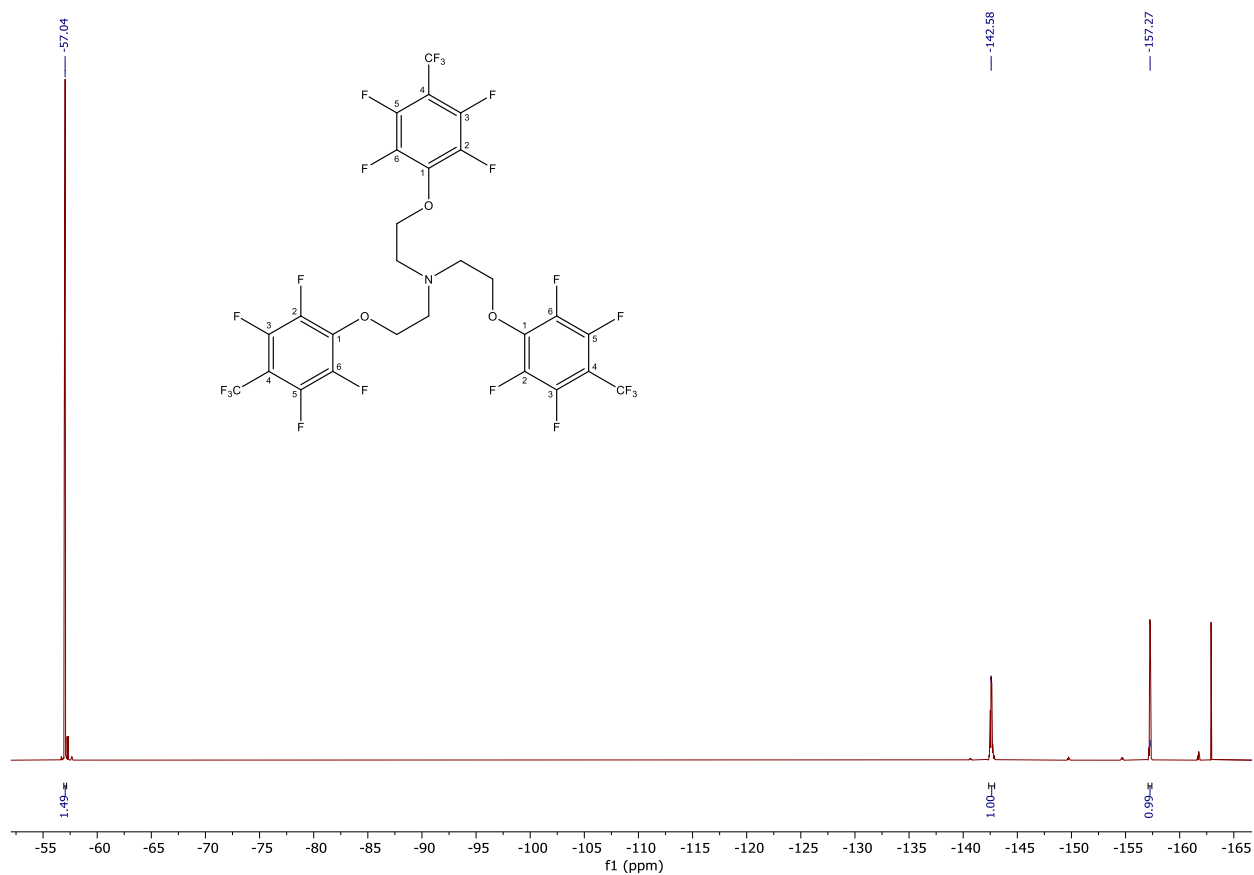


Figure S3. ^{19}F NMR spectrum ($\text{CCl}_4 + \text{CDCl}_3$) of tris(2-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)ethyl)amine **1**.

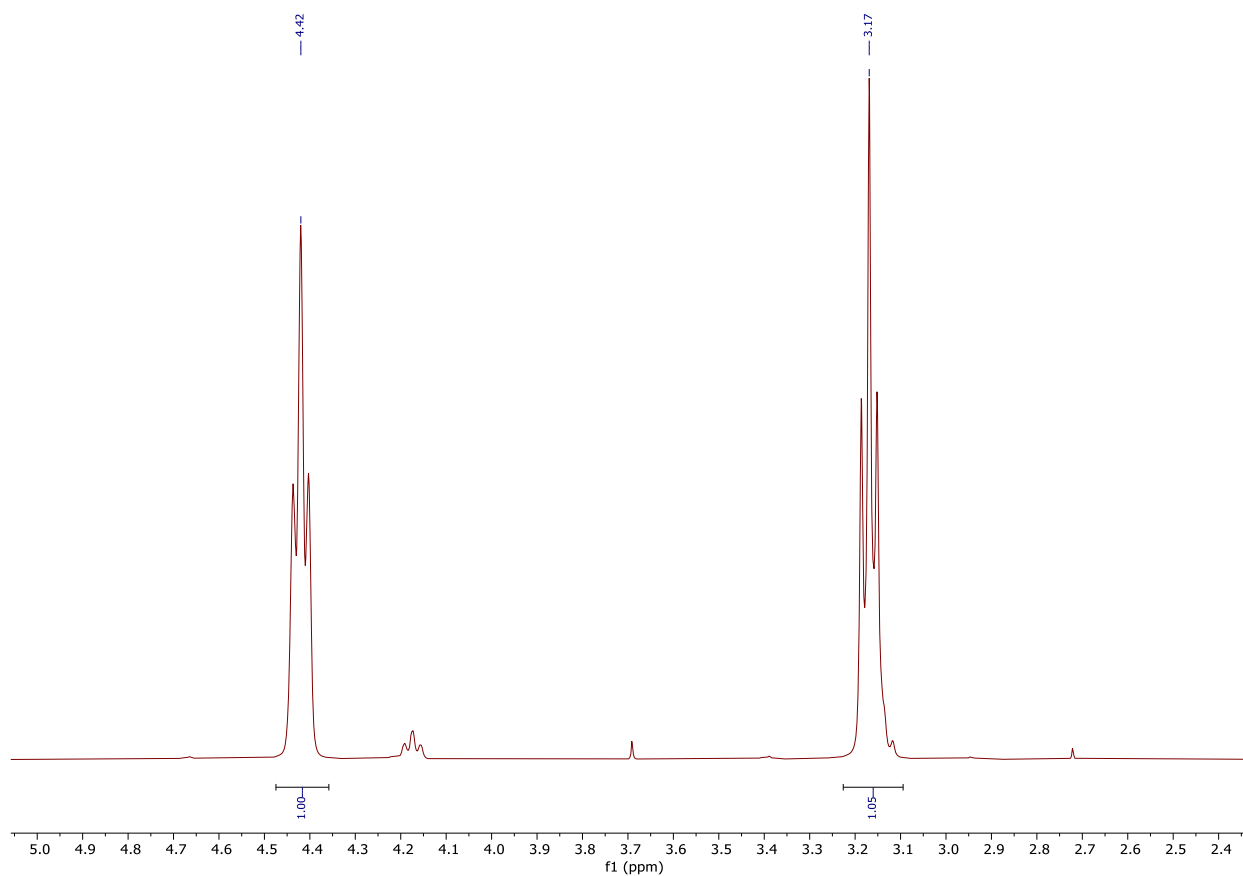


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectrum ($\text{CCl}_4 + \text{CDCl}_3$) of tris(2-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)ethyl)amine **1**.

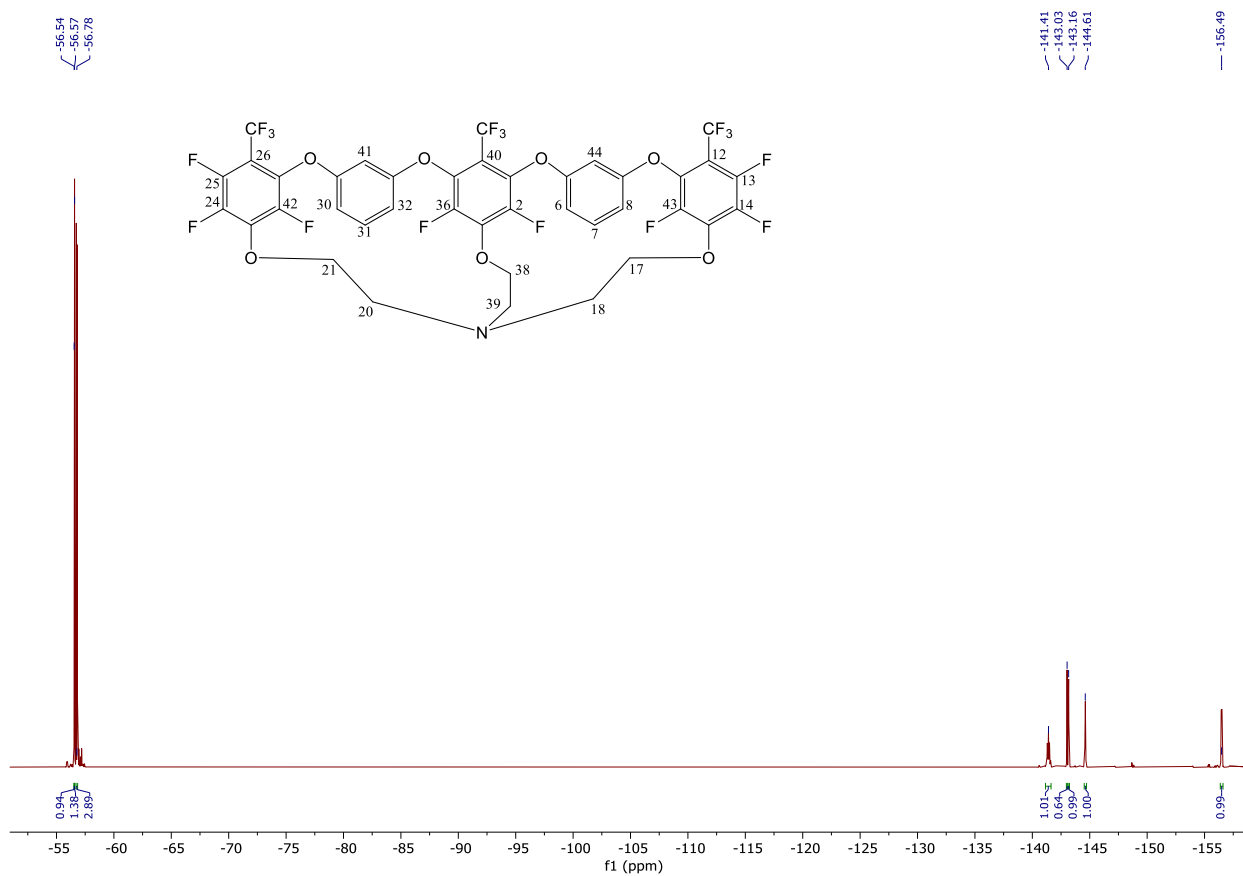


Figure S5. ^{19}F NMR spectrum (CDCl_3) of mixture bicyclic **3** and oxalix[6]azacryptand **2** (**3:2** = 83:17)

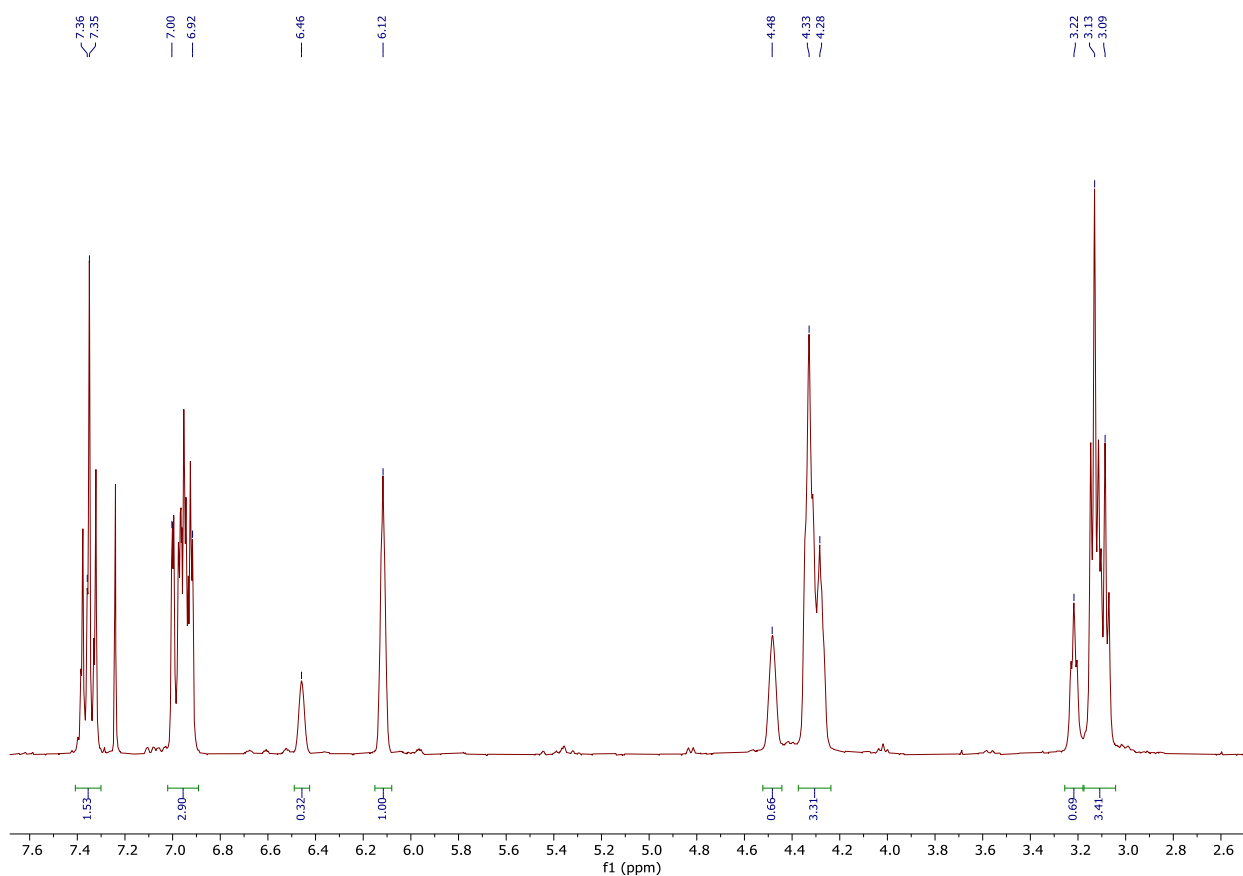


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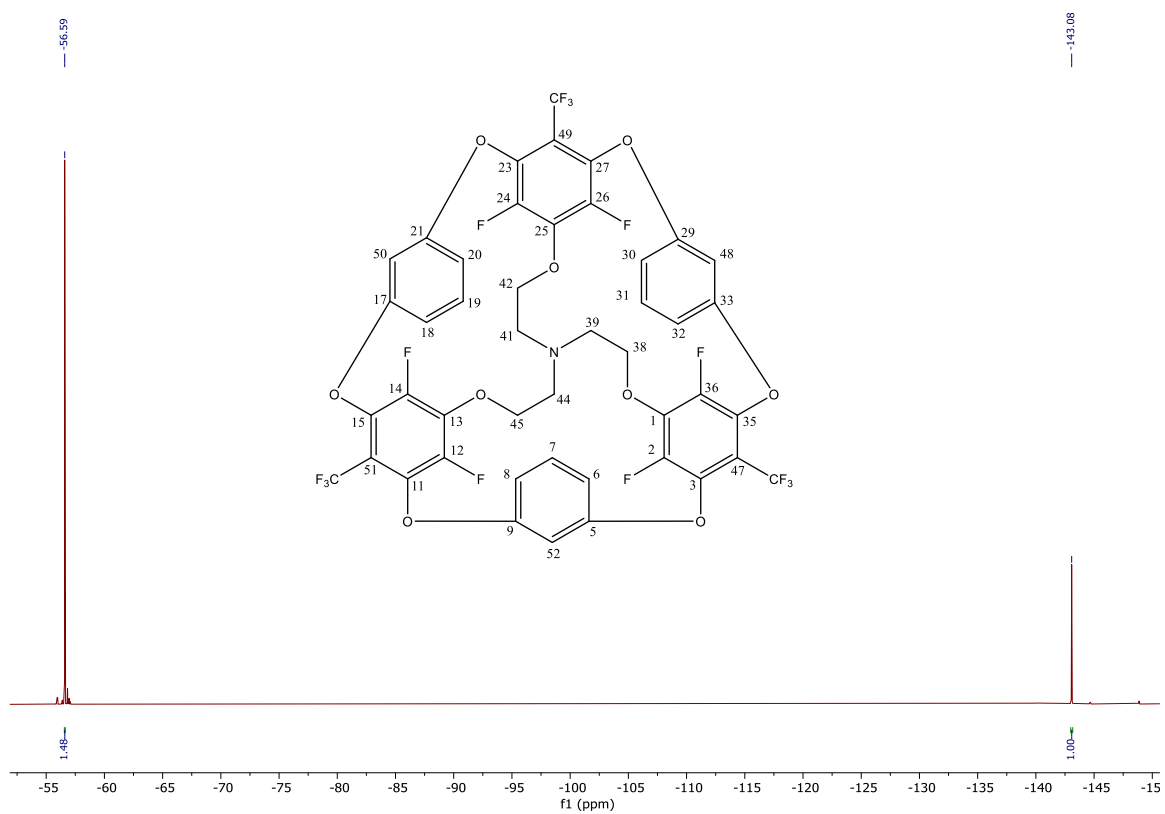


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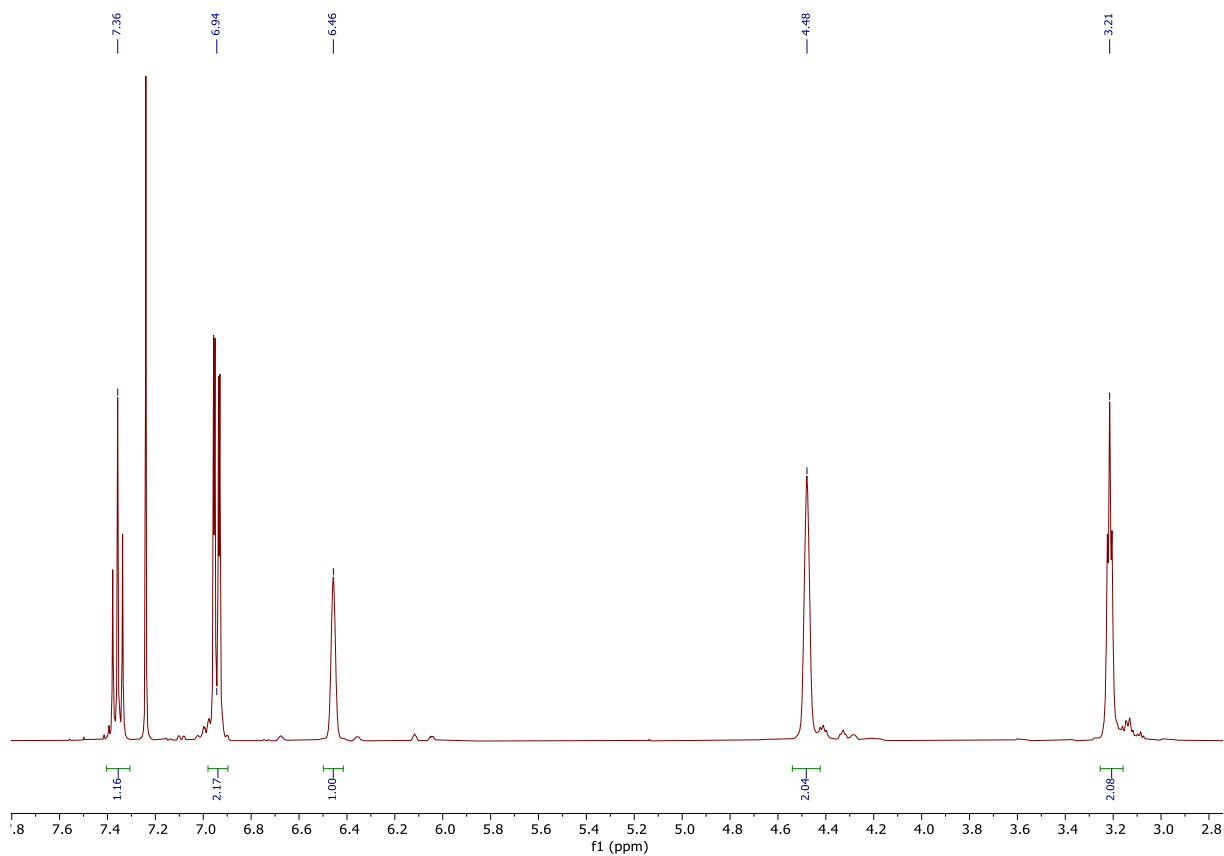


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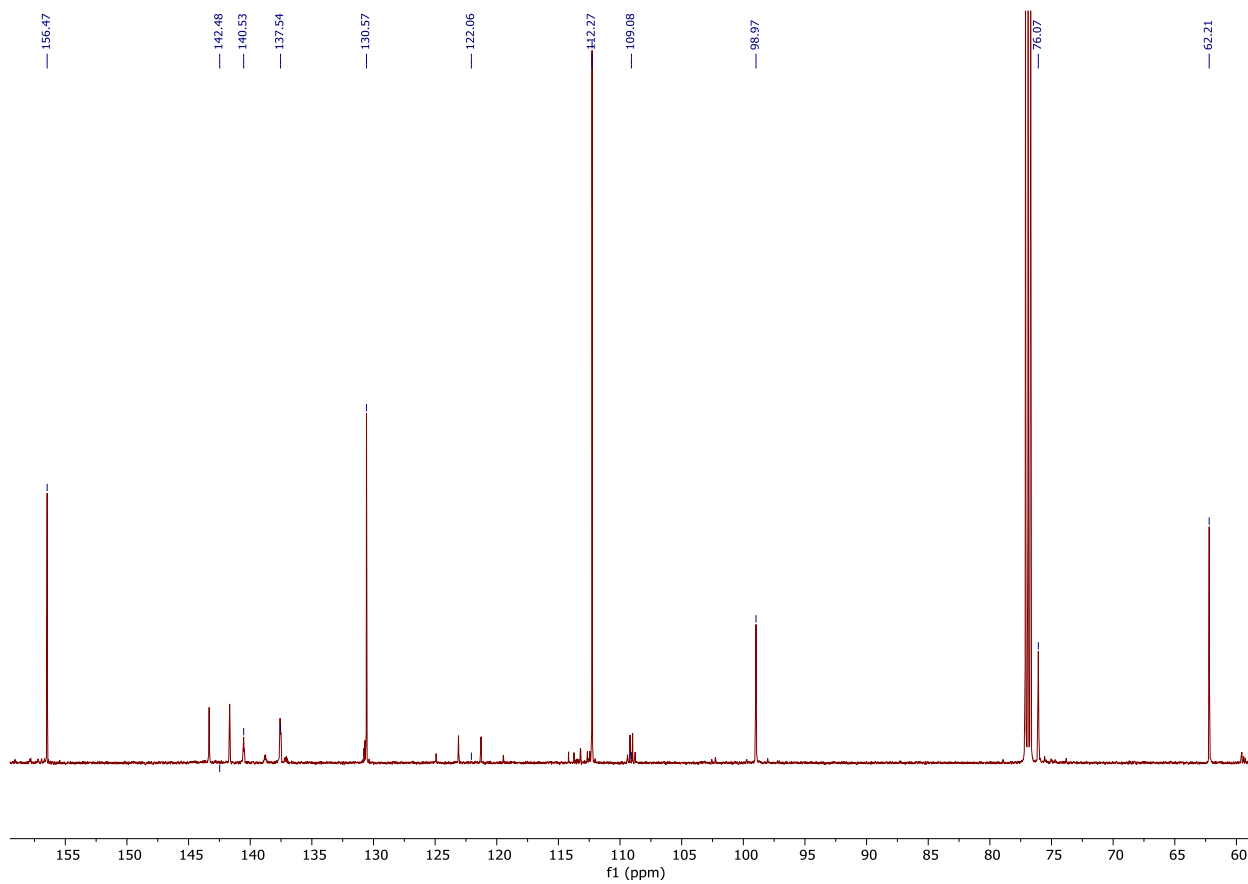


Figure S9. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3) of oxalix[6]azacryptand **2**

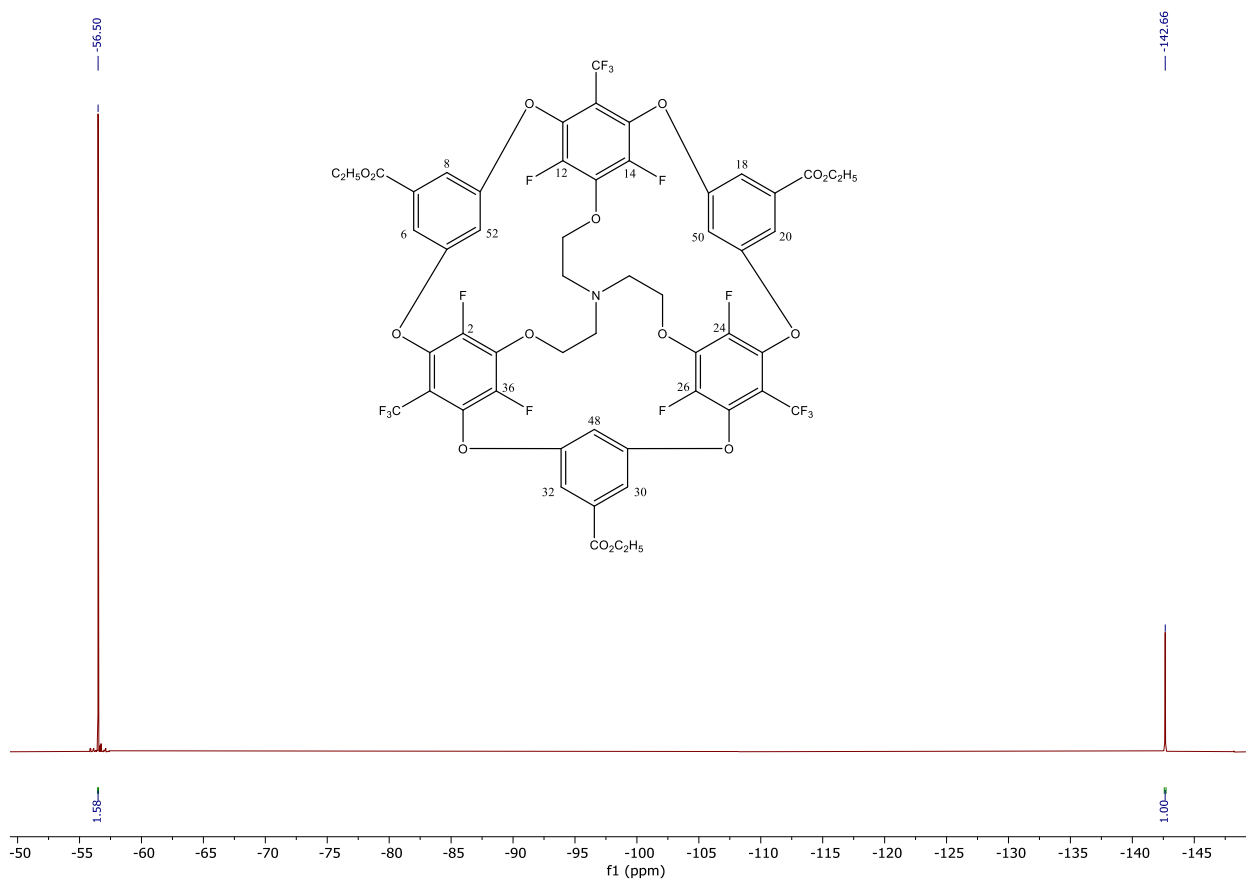


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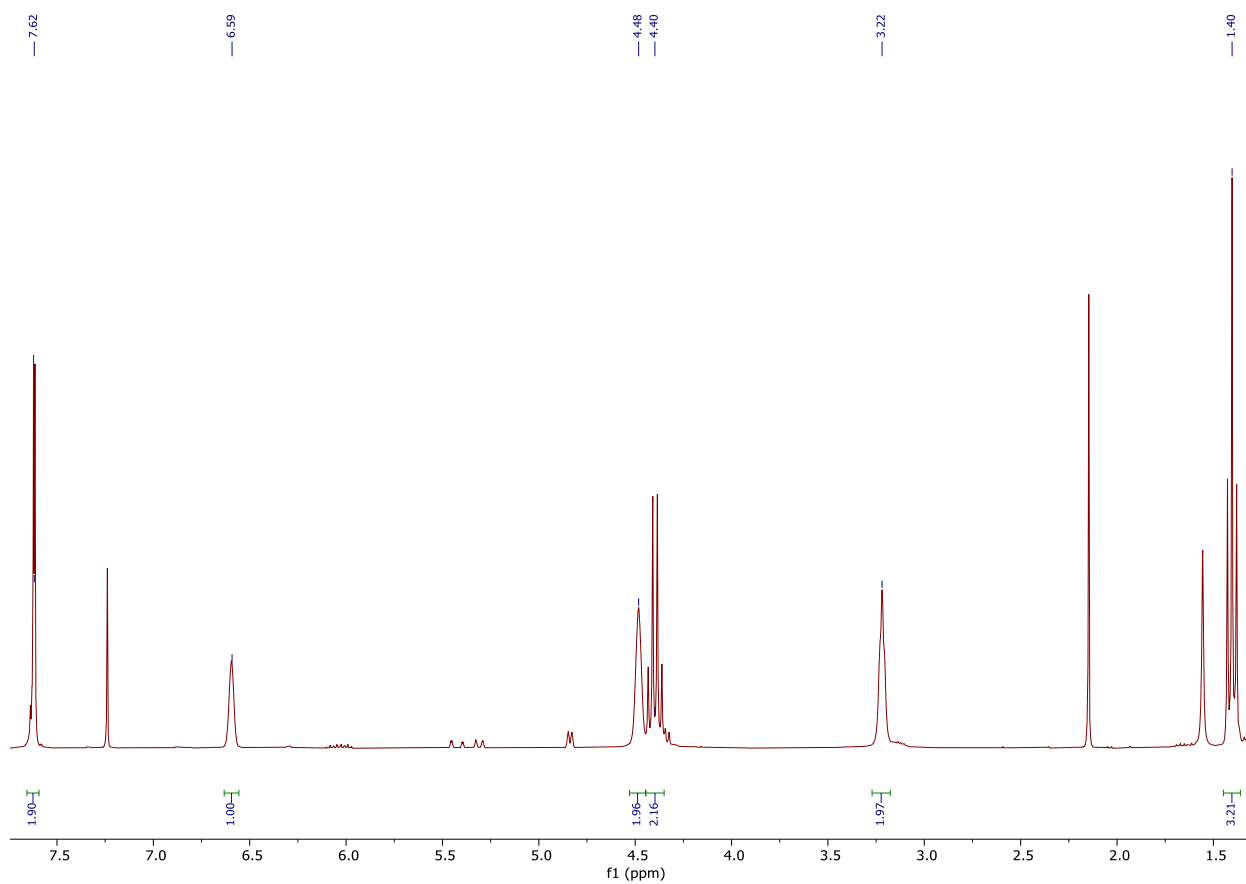


Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of oxalix[6]azacryptand **6**

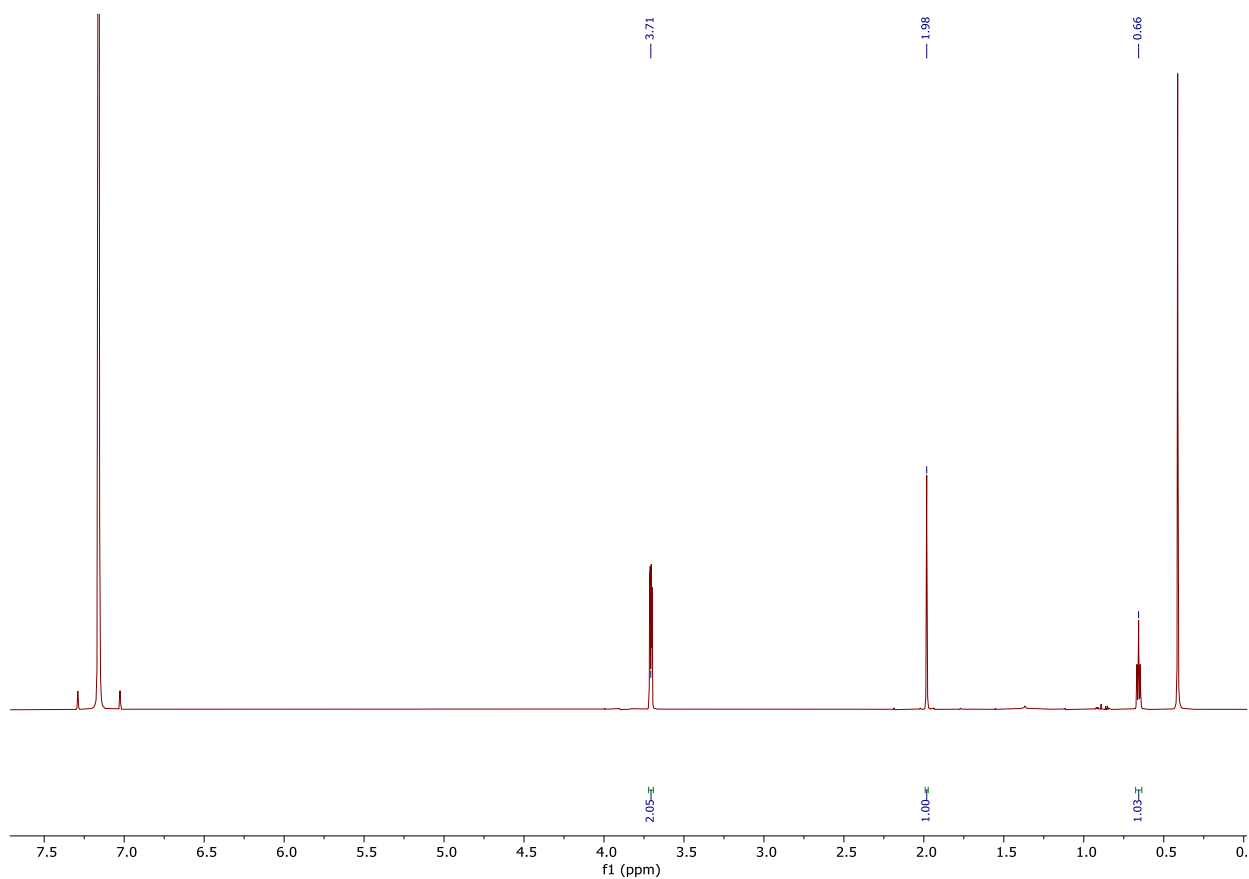


Figure S12. ¹H NMR spectrum (C₆D₆) of propargyl alcohol **8**

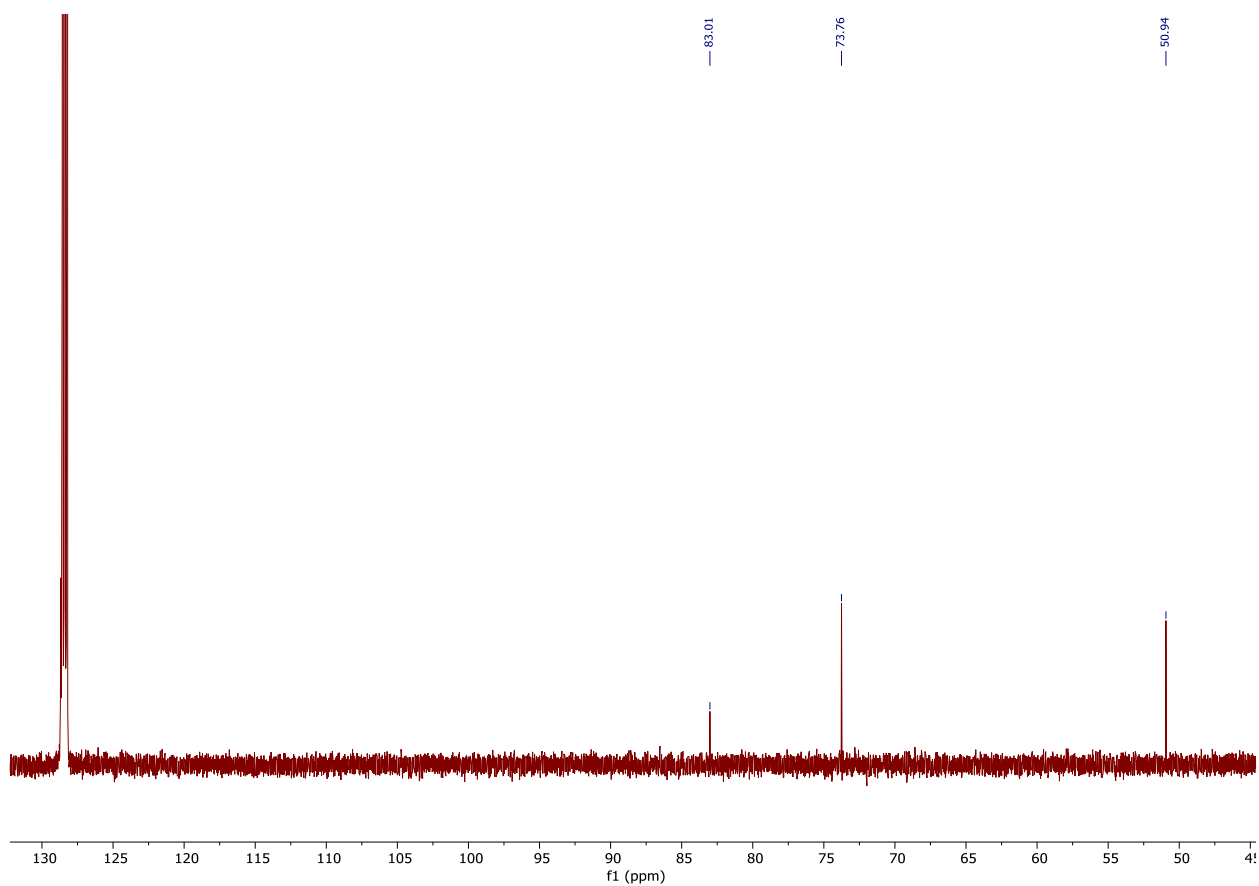


Figure S13. ¹³C NMR spectrum (C₆D₆) of propargyl alcohol **8**

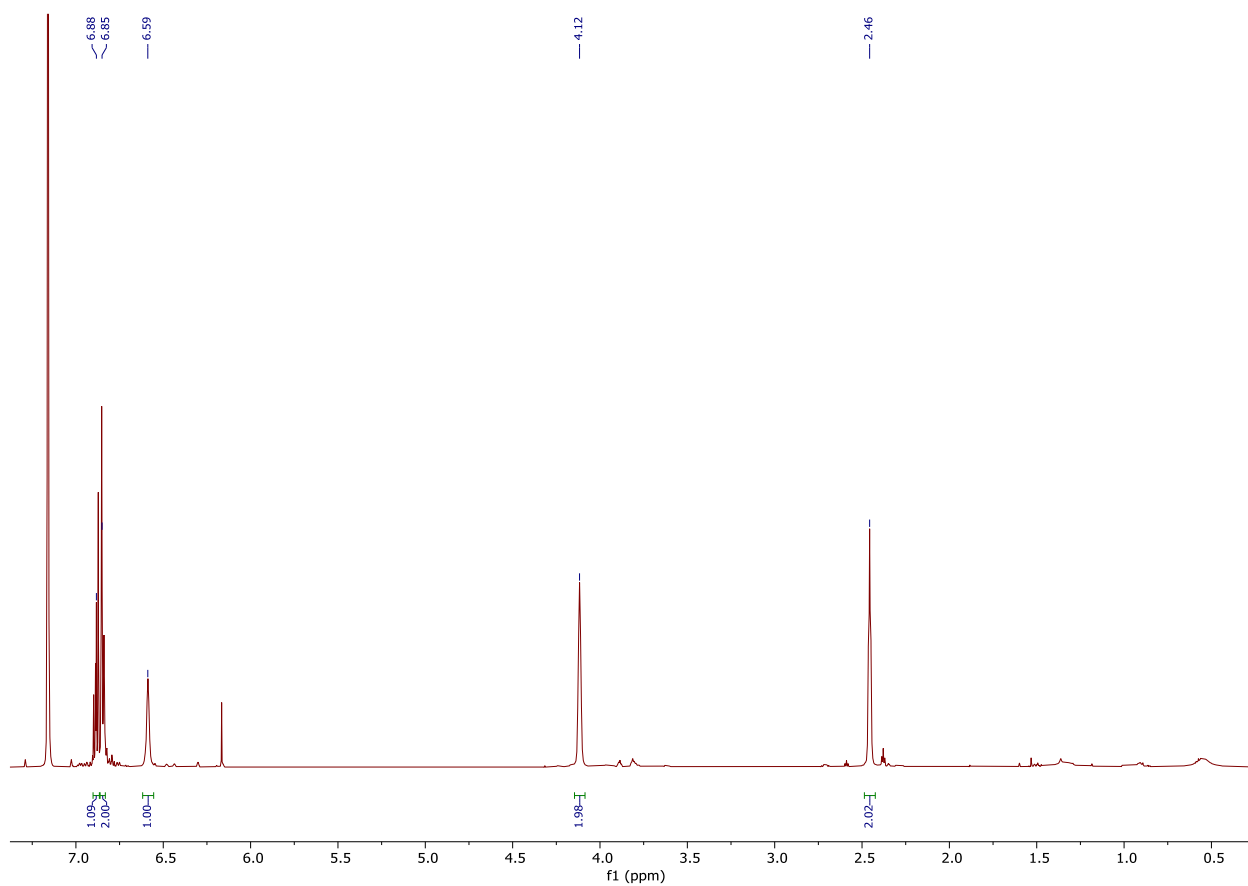


Figure S14. ^1H NMR spectrum (C_6D_6) of oxacalix[6]azacryptand **2**

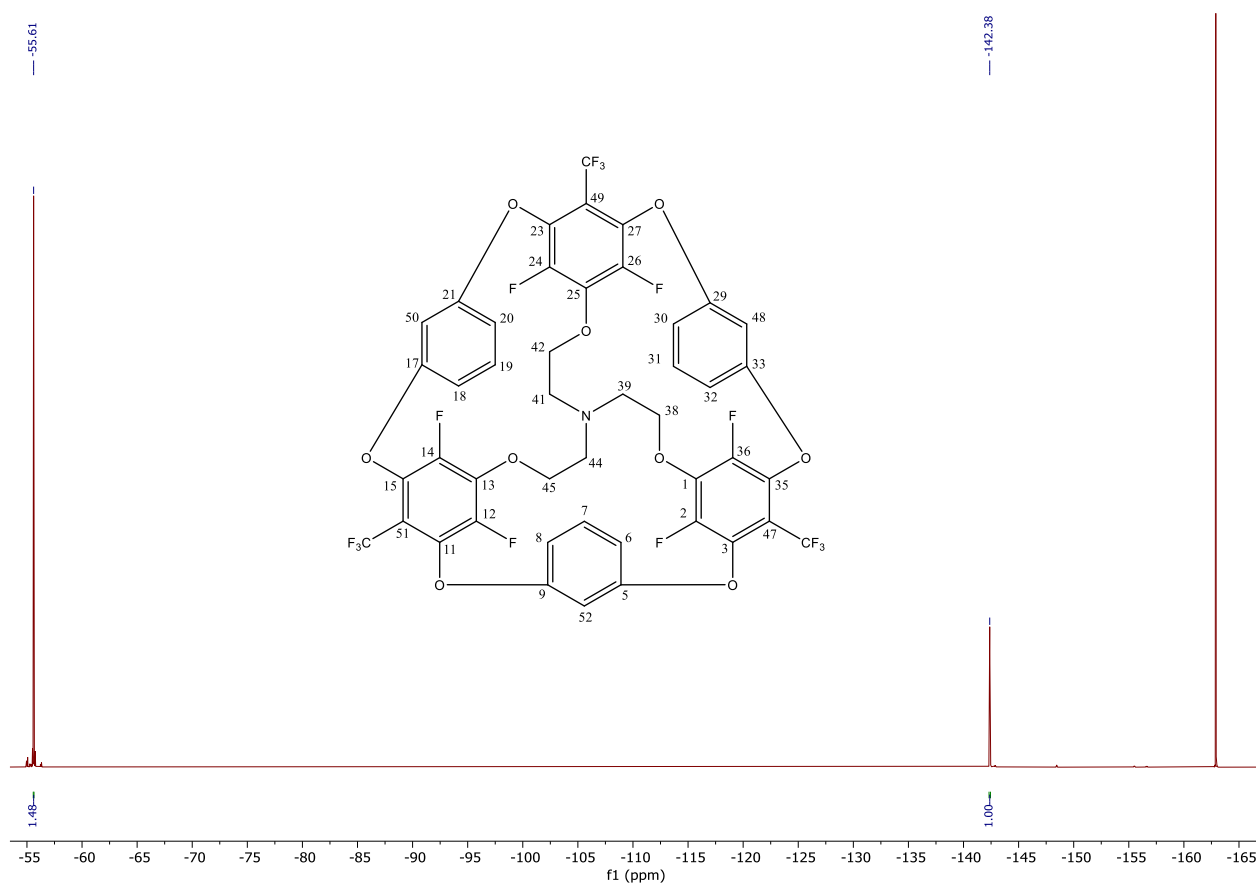


Figure S15. ^{19}F NMR spectrum (C_6D_6) of oxacalix[6]azacryptand **2**

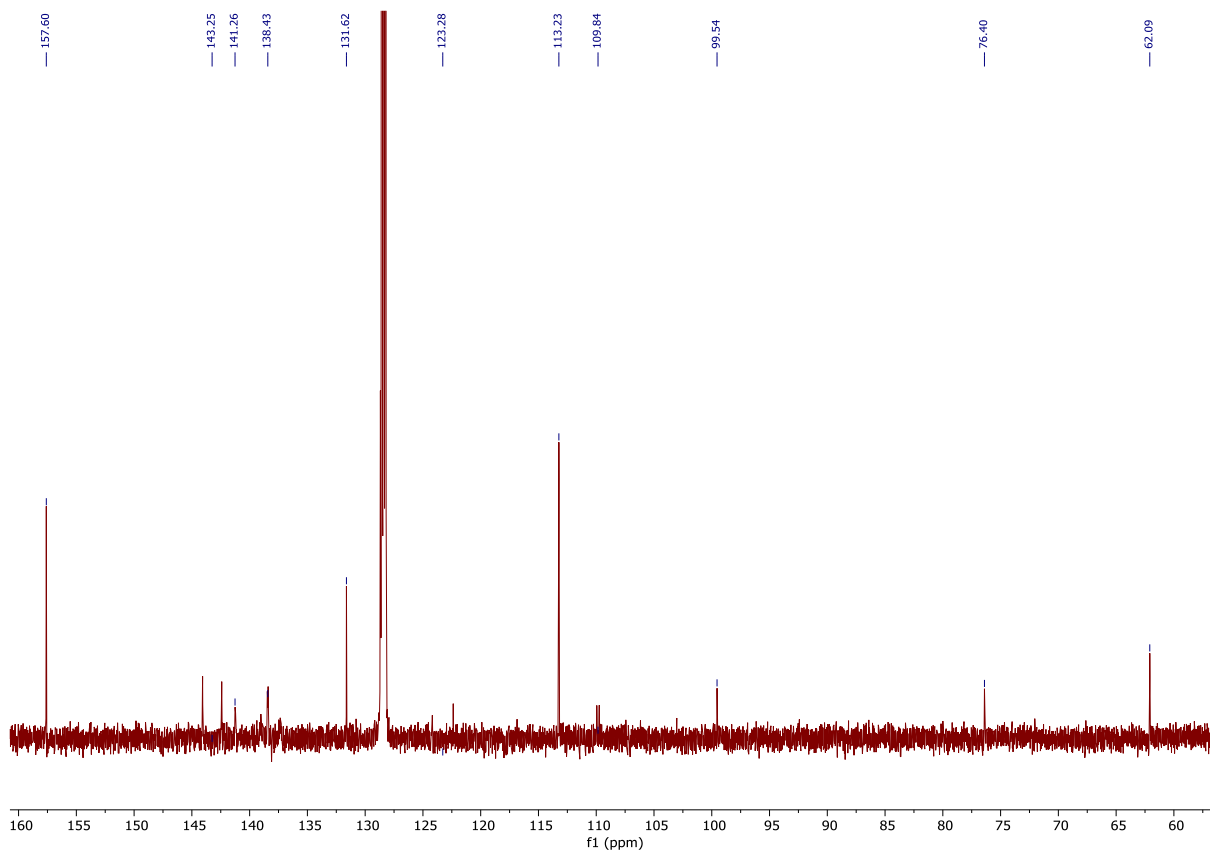


Figure S16. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (C_6D_6) of oxacalix[6]azacryptand **2**

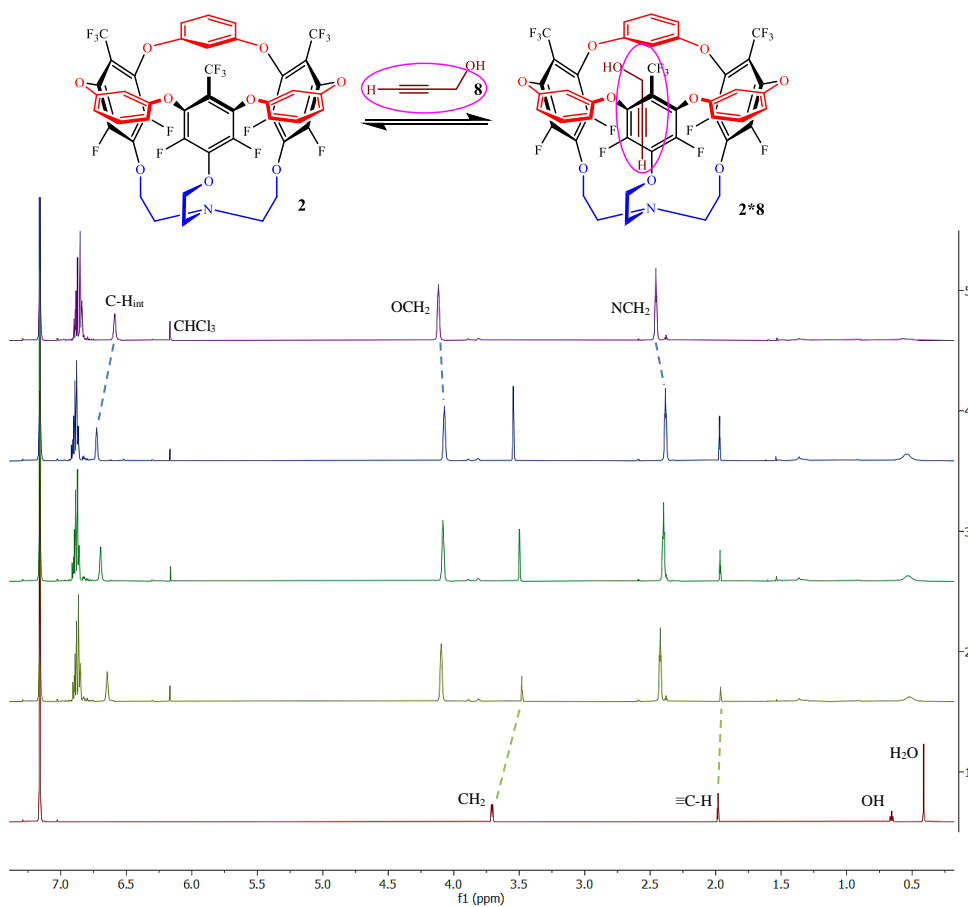


Figure S17. ^1H NMR spectra ($\text{benzene } d_6$): 1. propargyl alcohol **8**; 2-4. mixture of propargyl alcohol **8** and oxacalix[6]azacryptand **2** (2. **8**:**2** = 1:2.2, 3. **8**:**2** = 1:2, 4. **8**:**2** = 1:0.7); 5. oxacalix[6]azacryptand **2**.

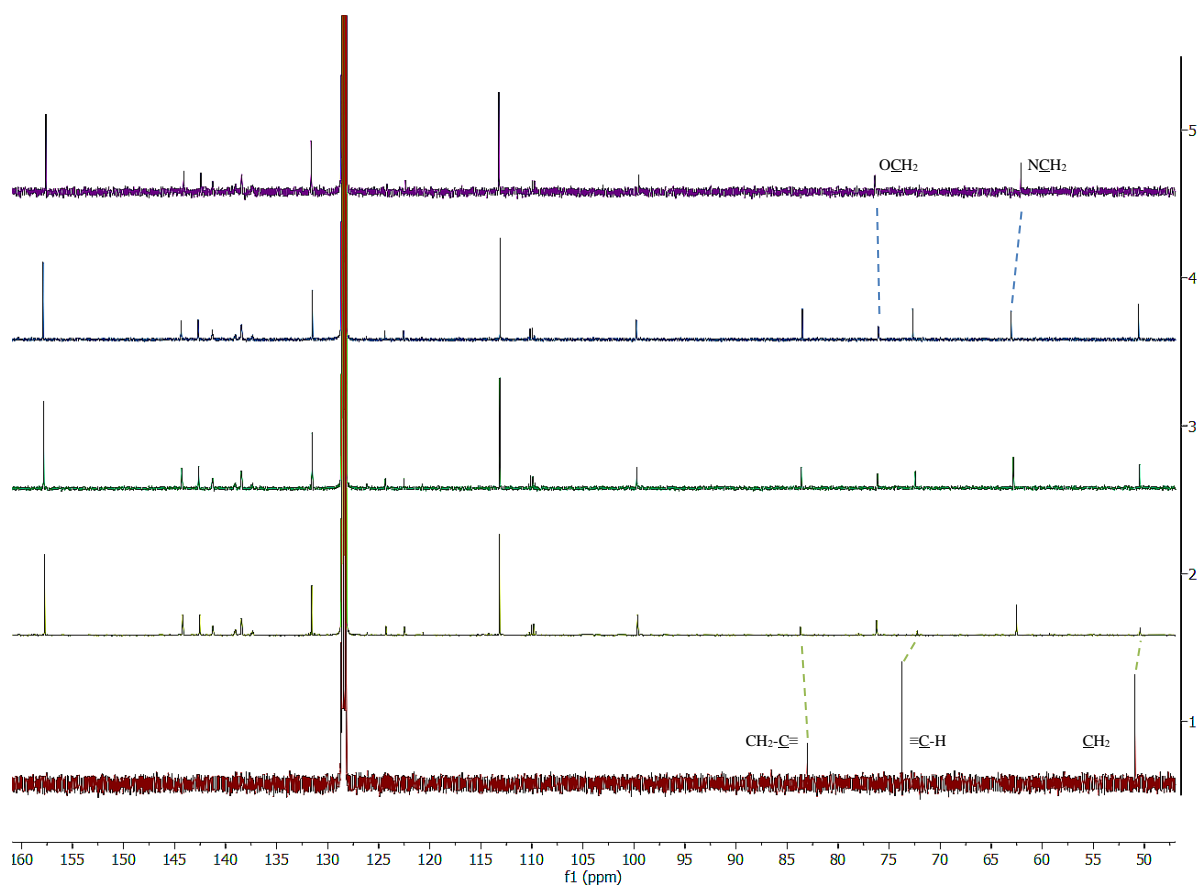


Figure S18. ^{13}C NMR spectra (benzene d_6): 1. propargyl alcohol **8**; 2-4. mixture of propargyl alcohol **8** and oxacalix[6]azacryptand **2** (2. **8**:**2** = 1:2.2, 3. **8**:**2** = 1:2, 4. **8**:**2** = 1:0.7); 5. oxacalix[6]azacryptand **2**.

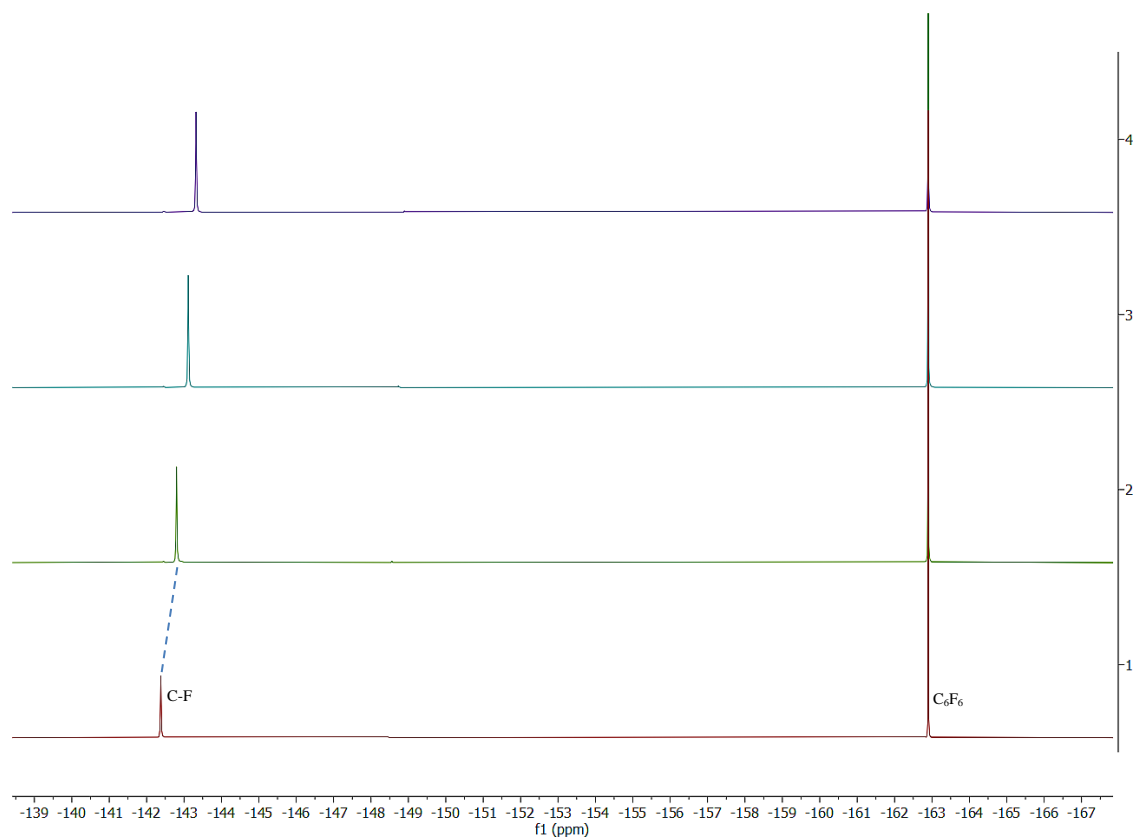


Figure S19. ^{19}F NMR spectra (benzene d_6): 1. oxacalix[6]azacryptand **2**; 2-4. mixture of propargyl alcohol **8** and oxacalix[6]azacryptand **2** (2. **8**:**2** = 1:2.2, 3. **8**:**2** = 1:2, 4. **8**:**2** = 1:0.7).