

Supporting Information for

From 1D Helix to 0D Loop: Nitrite Anion Induced Structural Transformation Associated with Unexpected Ligand *N*-Nitrosation of Amine Ligand

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Chart S1 The Two Lewis Resonance Forms of Nitrosamines

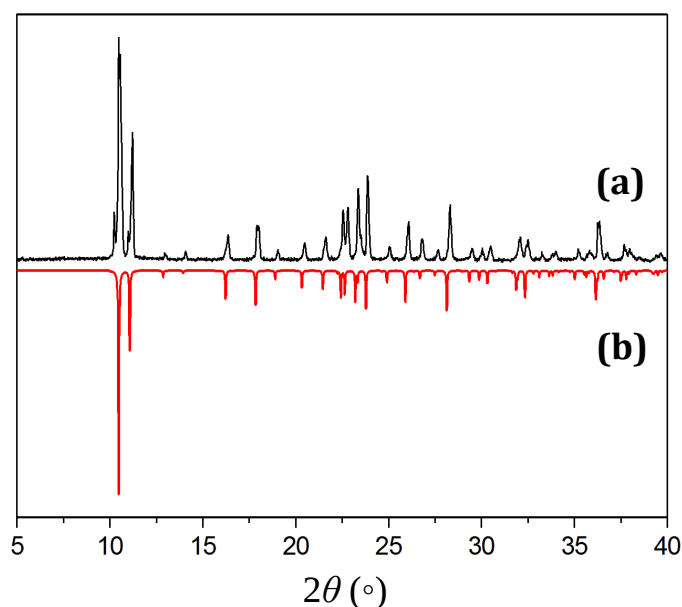
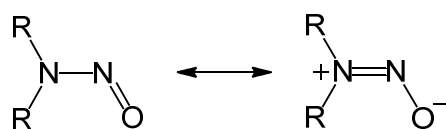


Figure S1. X-ray powder diffraction (XRPD) patterns of **1**: (a) a freshly grounded sample at room temperature; (b) simulated from the single-crystal data.

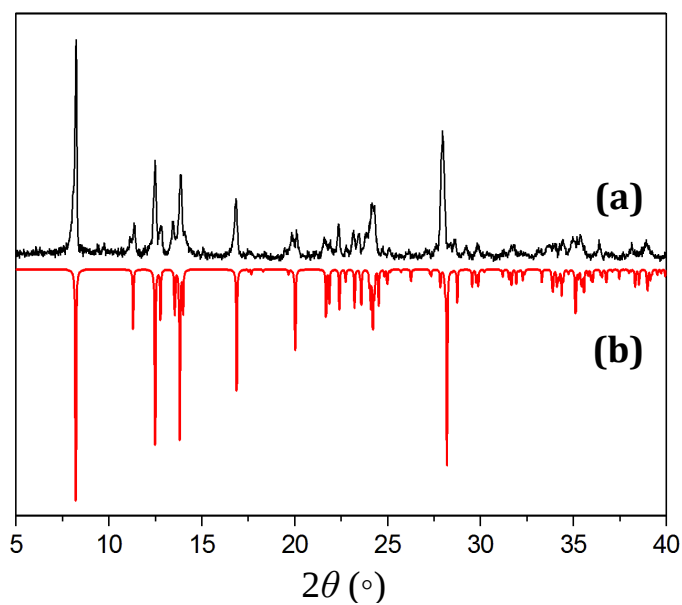


Figure S2. X-ray powder diffraction (XRPD) patterns of **2**: (a) a freshly grounded sample at room temperature; (b) simulated from the single-crystal data.

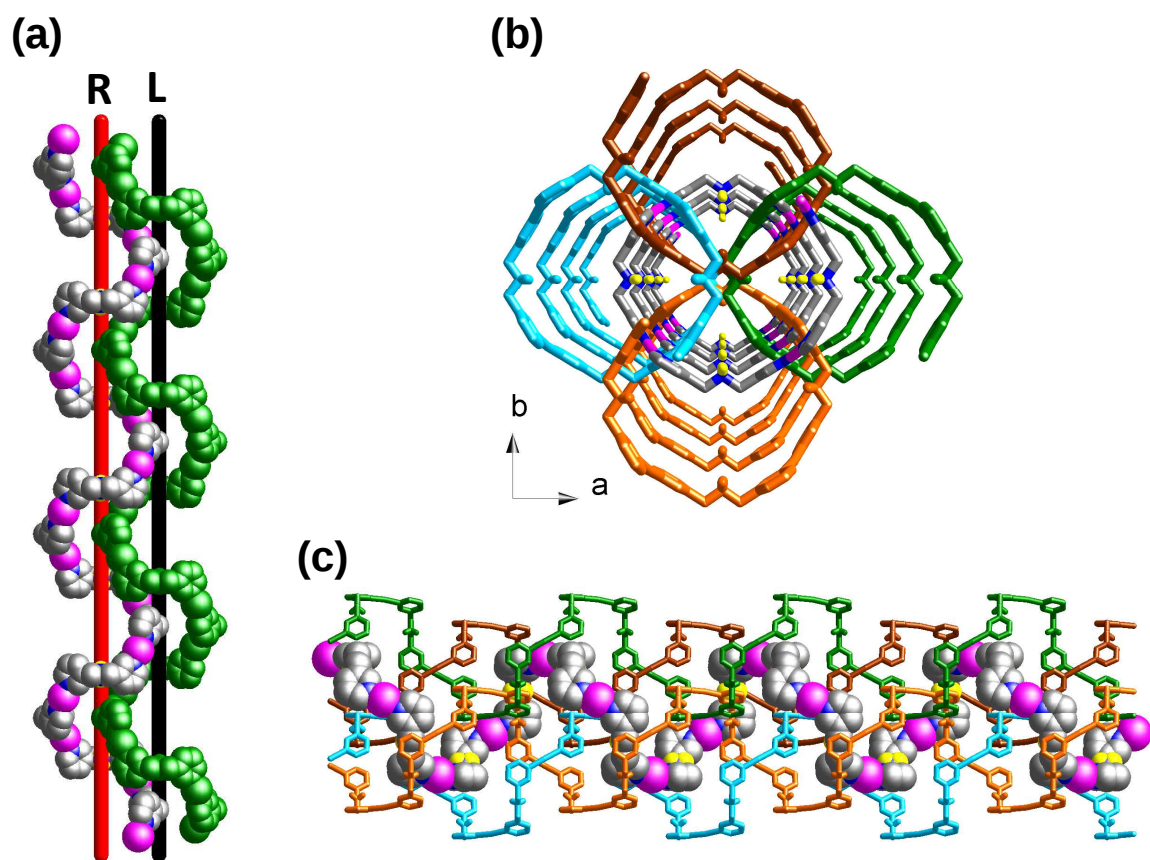


Figure S3. (a) Two opposite-handed 4_1 -helices, showing that they are not interweaved with each other. (b) Top- and (c) side-view of the heterochiral 4_1 -helices, showing that each 4_1 -helix is surrounded by four opposite-handed 4_1 -helical chains.

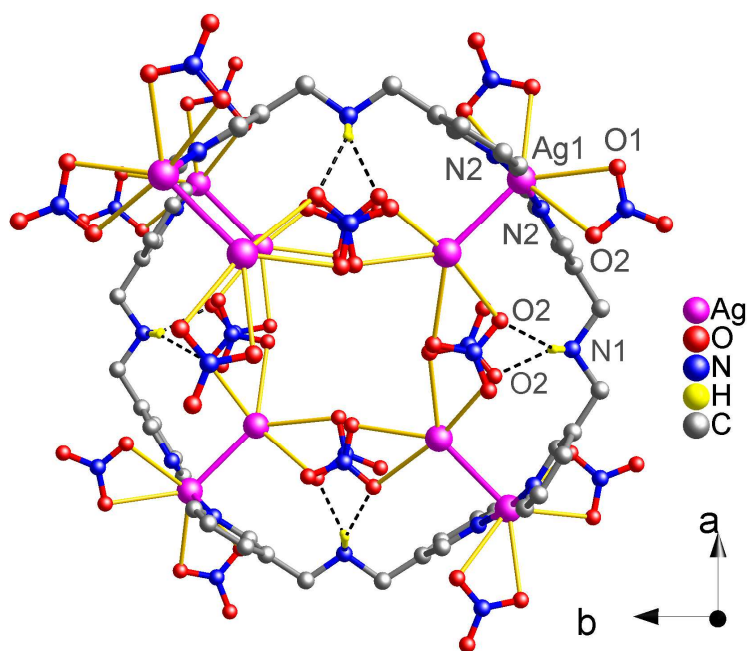


Figure S4. A single 4_1 -helix chain structure of **1**, showing weak $\text{Ag}\cdots\text{O}_3\text{N}$ interactions (yellow lines; $\text{Ag1}-\text{O1}$, 2.92 Å and $\text{Ag1}-\text{O2}$, 2.95 Å), hydrogen-bonding interactions (black dashed lines; $\text{N1}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O2}$, 2.992(6) Å), and intermolecular argentophilic interactions (pink lines; 3.0679(6) Å).

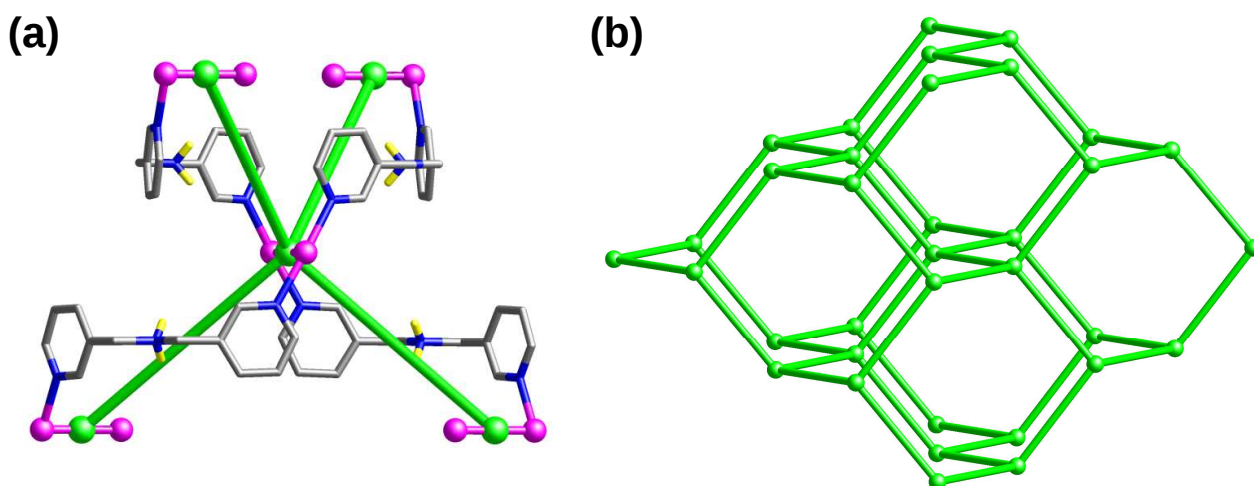


Figure S5. (a) The dinuclear $\text{Ag}_2(\text{Hdpma})_4$ secondary building units in **1**, showing the Ag_2 units as tetrahedral junctions (green balls) and the Hdpma ligands as linear linkers (green lines). Color scheme: pink, Ag; blue, N; gray, C; yellow, H. (b) Topological view of a single diamondoid-like net in **1**.

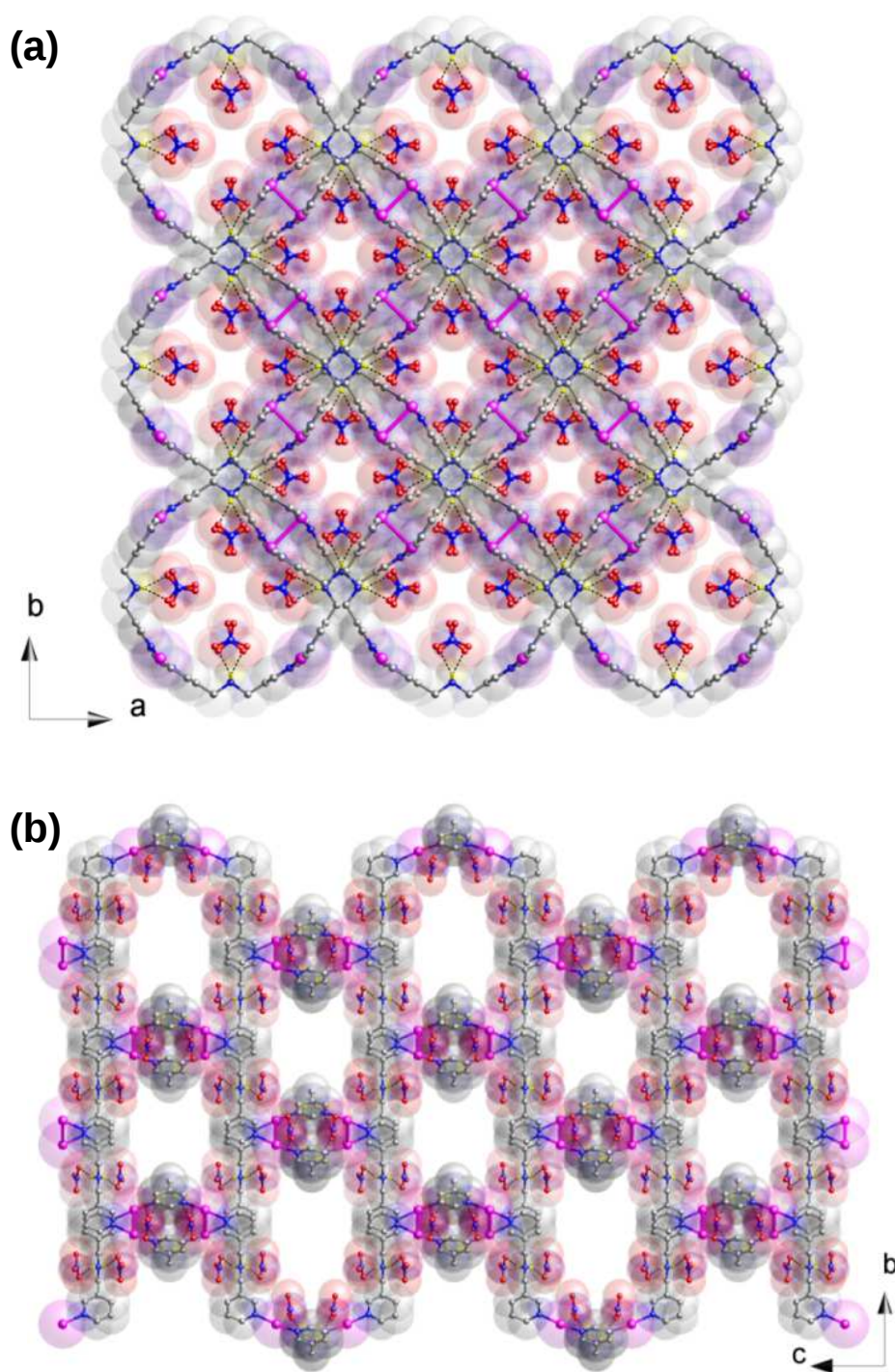


Figure S6. A single network structure of **1** viewed down the crystallographic (a) c and (b) a axes, showing one-dimensional open channels. Color scheme: pink, Ag; red, O; blue, N; gray, C; yellow, H.

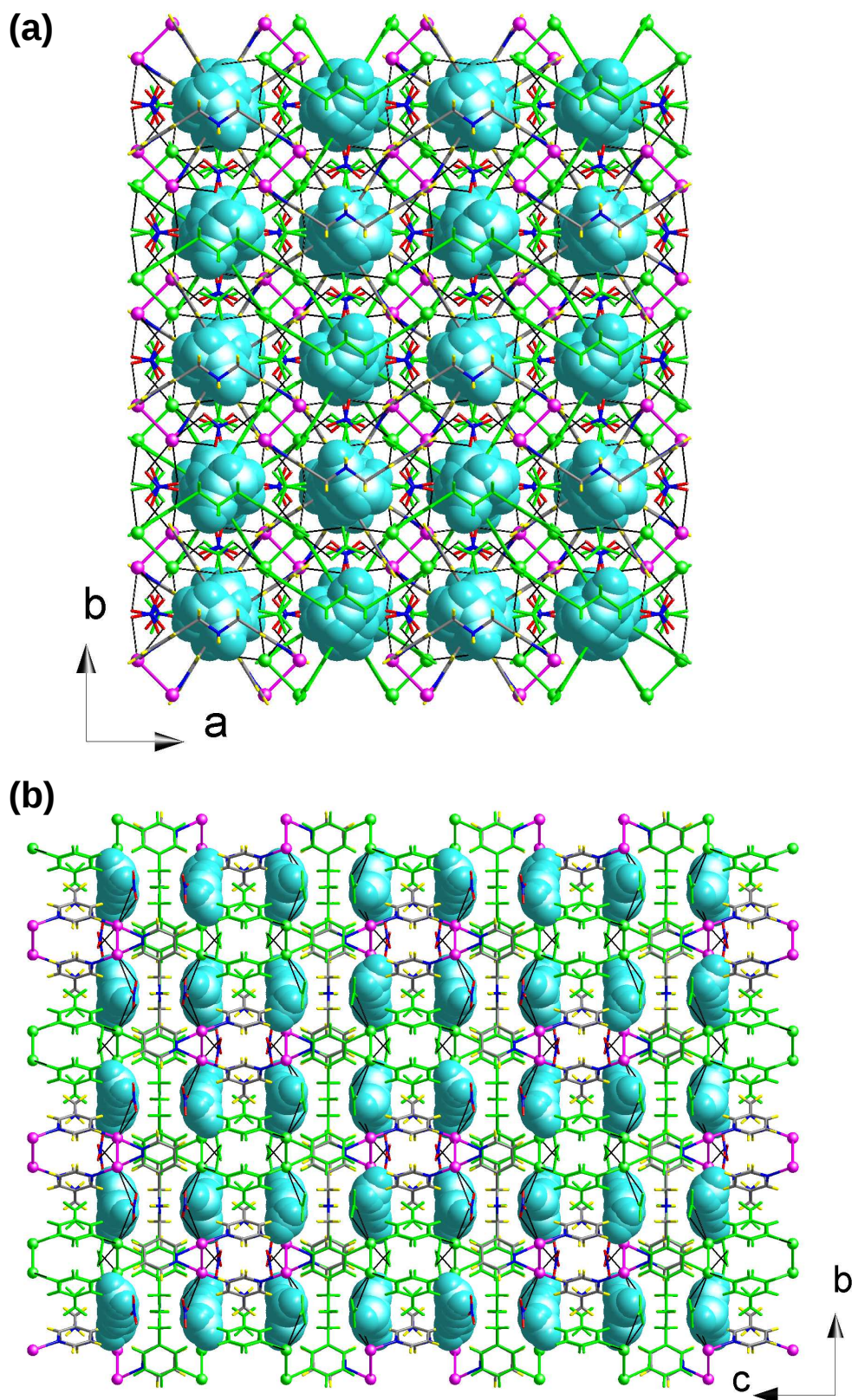


Figure S7. Packing diagrams of **1** viewed down the crystallographic (a) c and (b) a axes, showing the two-fold interpenetrating nets of opposite-chiralities, each of which consists of five-fold interweaved homochiral 4_1 -helical chains locked by ligand-unsupported argentophilic interactions, and lattice water molecules (space-filling model) resided the inter-net void spaces. Color scheme: pink, Ag; red, O; blue, N; gray, C; yellow, H.

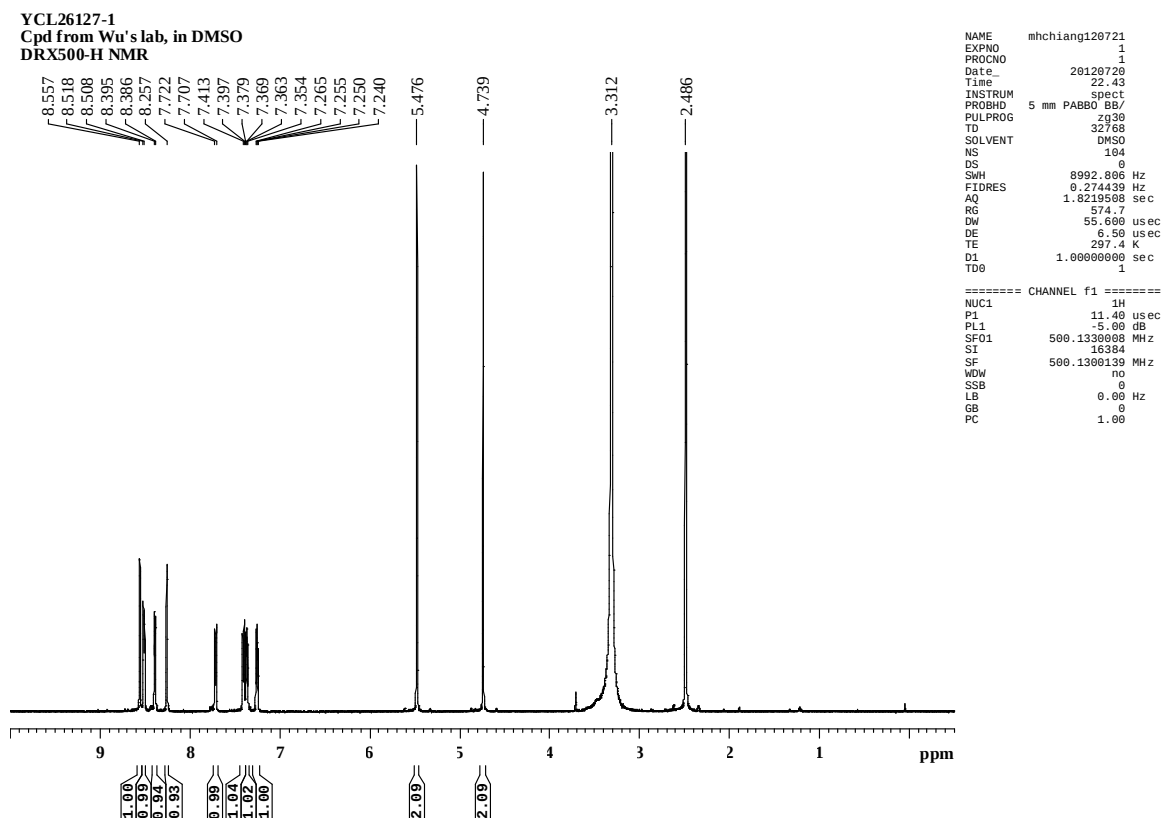


Figure S8. ^1H NMR spectrum of molecular loop 2 in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at room temperature.

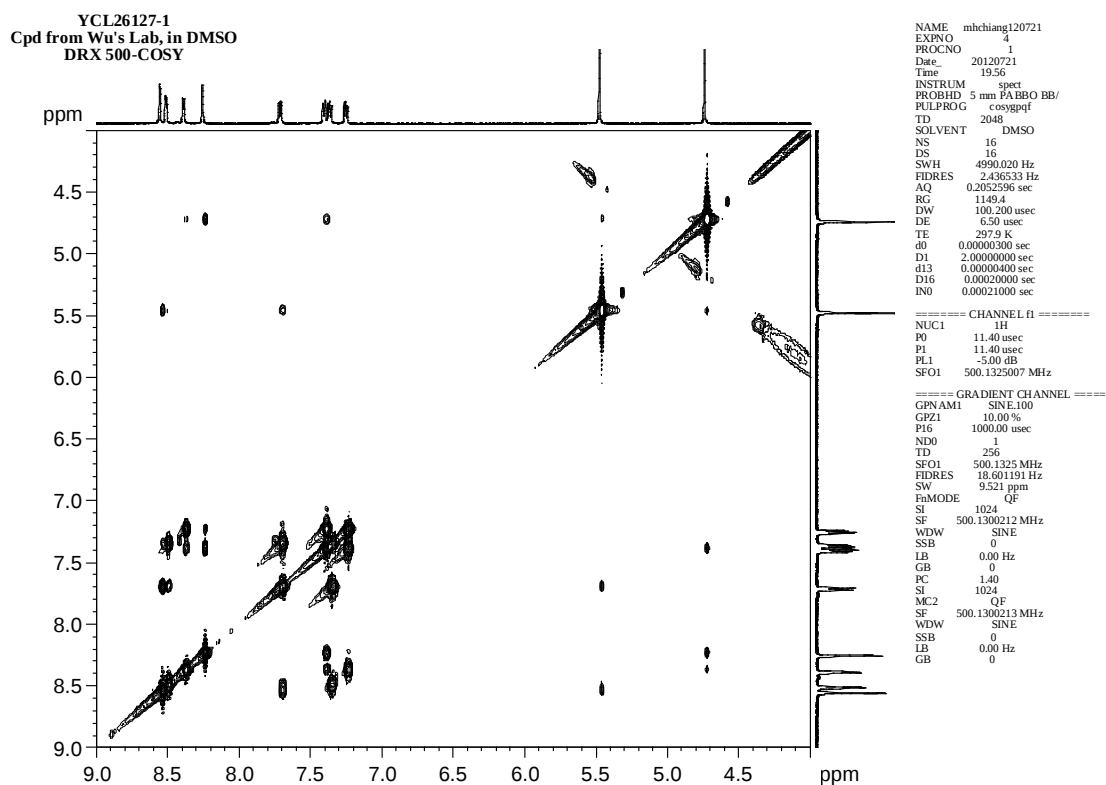


Figure S9. ^1H - ^1H COSY NMR spectrum of molecular loop 2 in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at room temperature.

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DRX 500-13C NMR

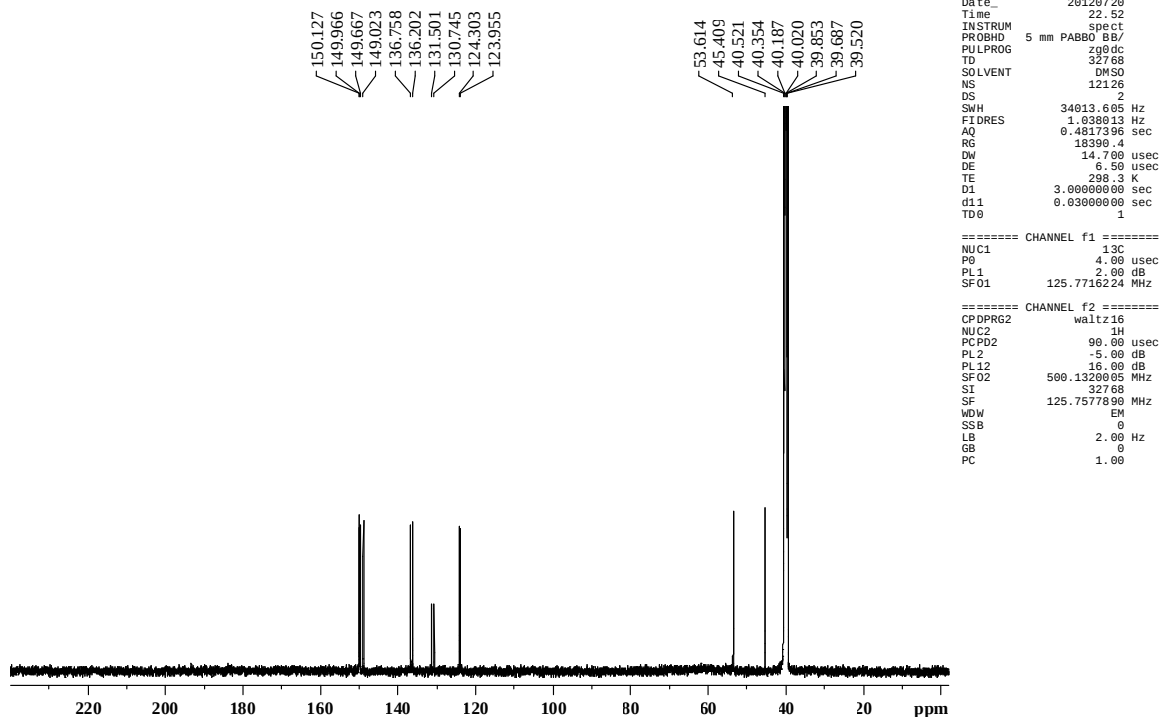


Figure S10. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of molecular loop **2** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at room temperature.

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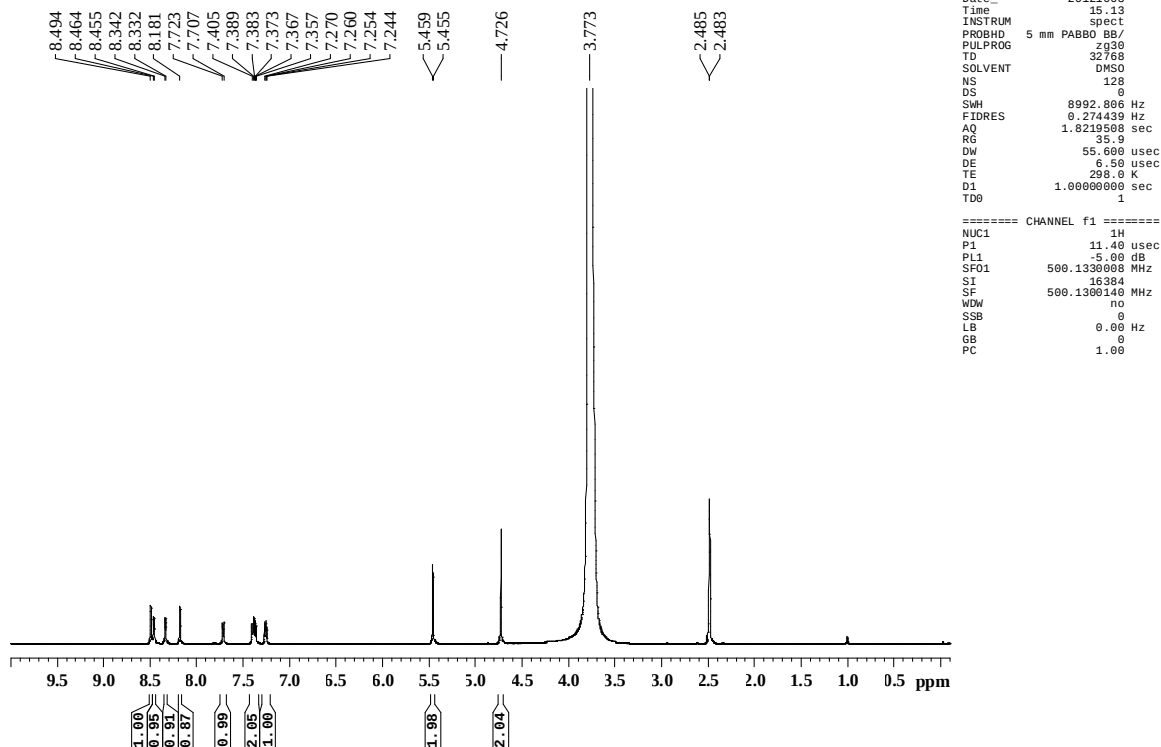
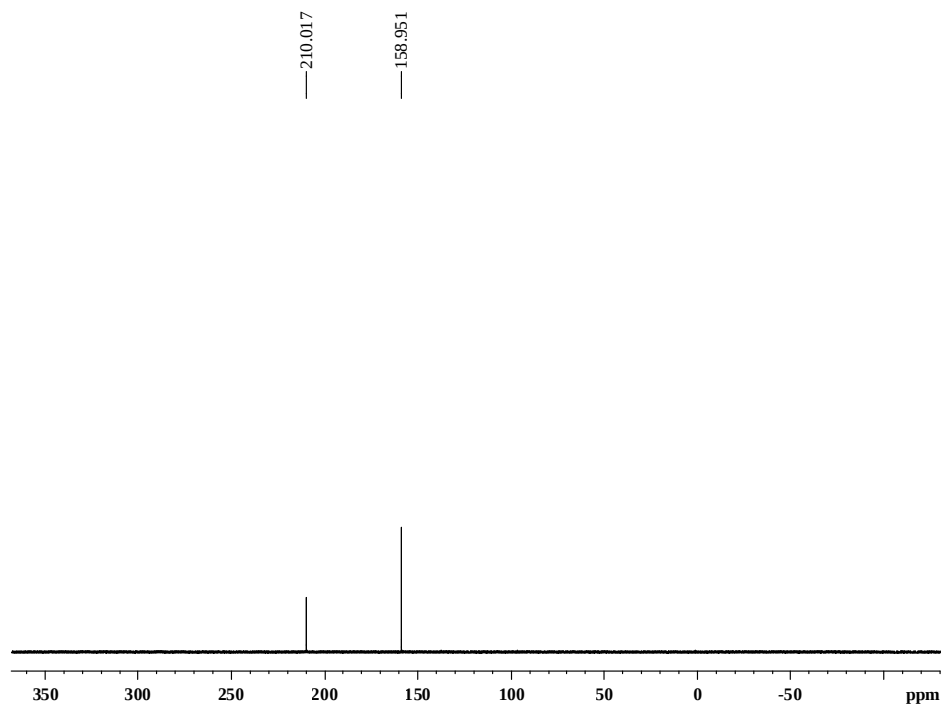


Figure S11. ^1H NMR spectrum of ^{15}N -labeled *N*-nitroso molecular loop **2'** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at room temperature.

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Sample from Wu's lab, in DMSO
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AV500-15N NMR



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Figure S12. $^{15}\text{N}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of ^{15}N -labeled *N*-nitroso molecular hop **2'** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at room temperature, with referenced to external nitromethane (= 0 ppm).

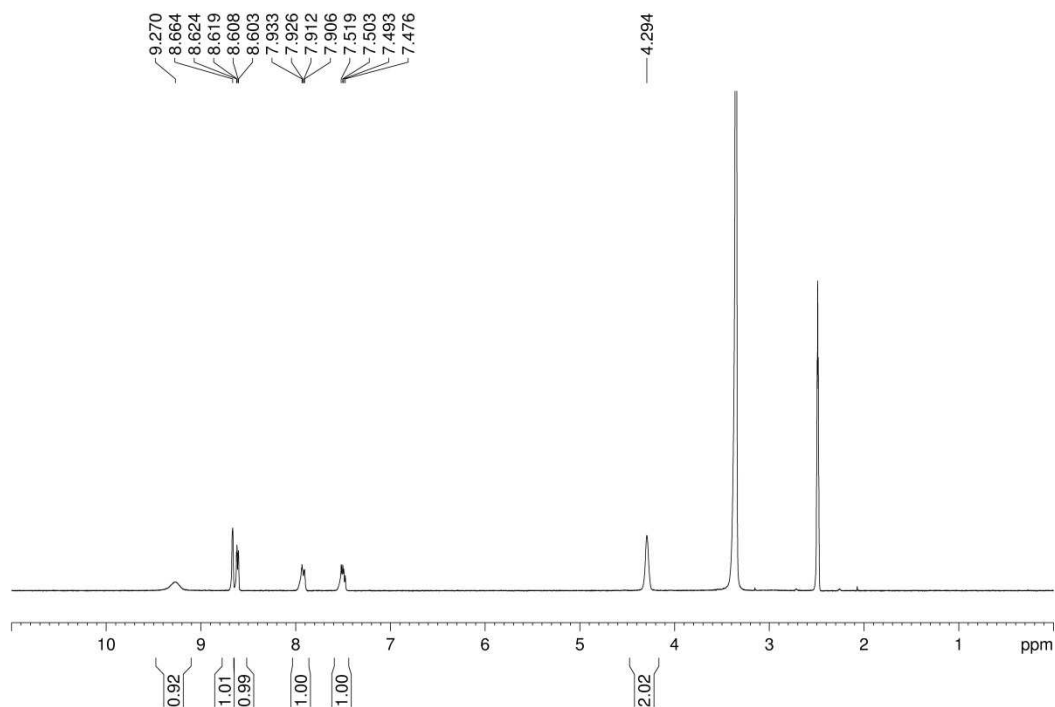


Figure S13. ^1H NMR spectrum of helix **1** immersed in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at room temperature for 1 day.

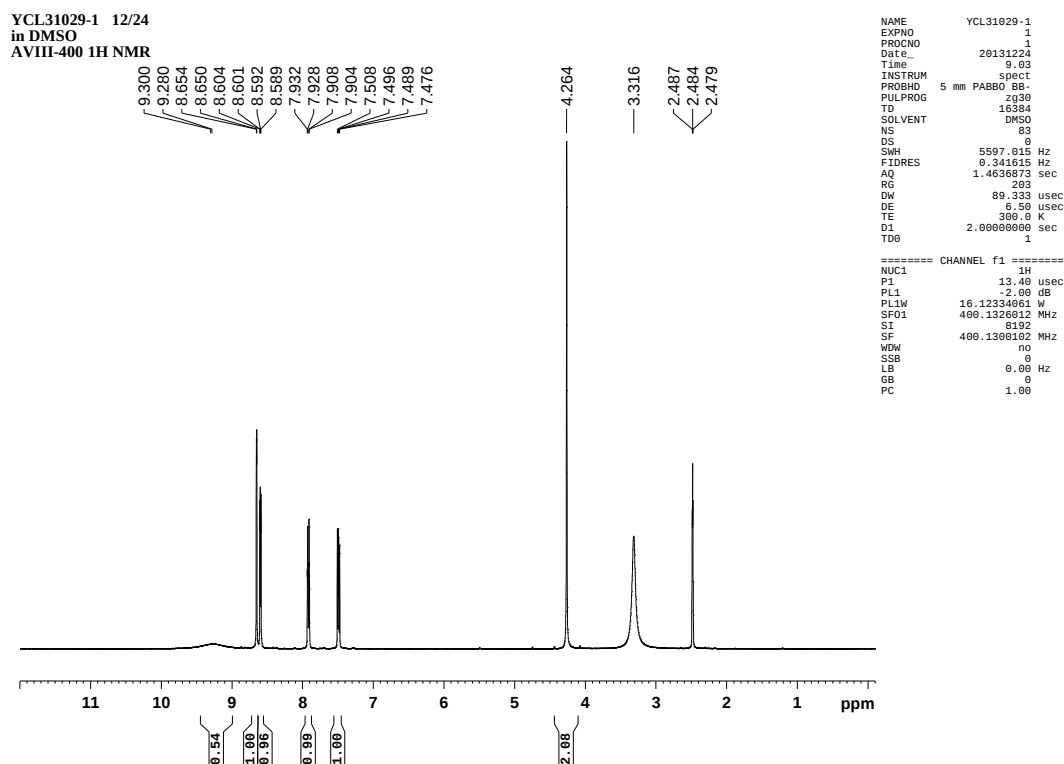


Figure S14. ^1H NMR spectrum ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) of the powdered samples (intermediate **1**) of immersed **1** in NaNO_2 aqueous solution at room temperature after 3 hours.

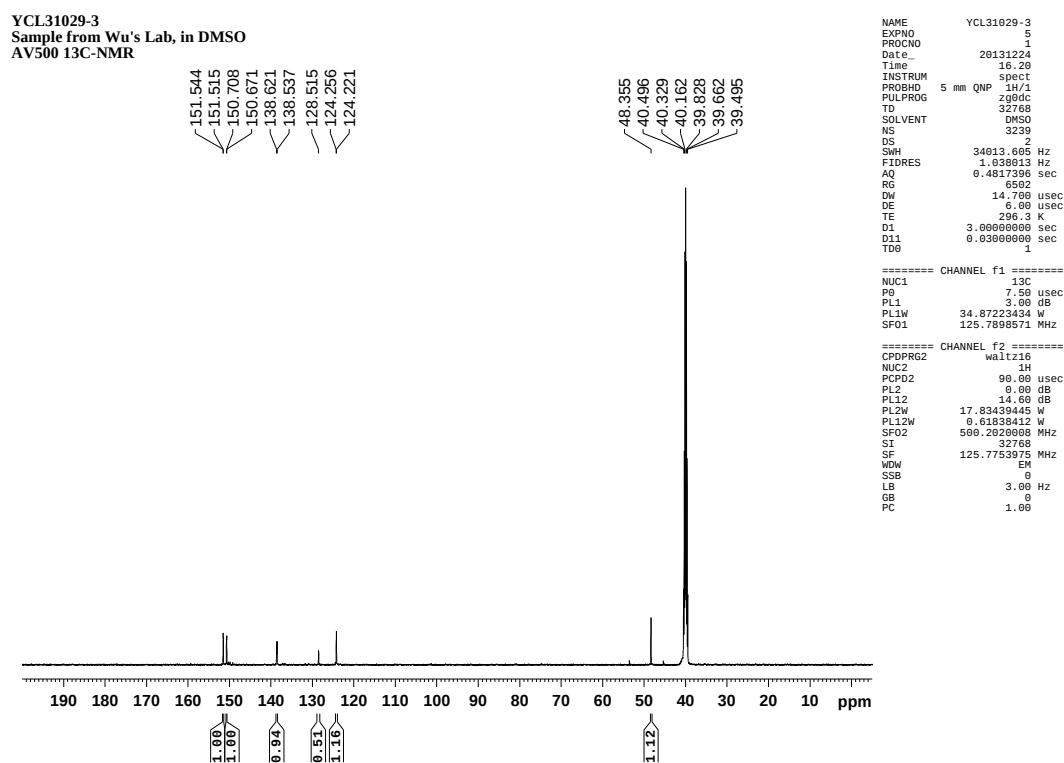


Figure S15. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) of the powdered samples (intermediate **1**) of immersed **1** in NaNO_2 aqueous solution at room temperature after 3 hours.

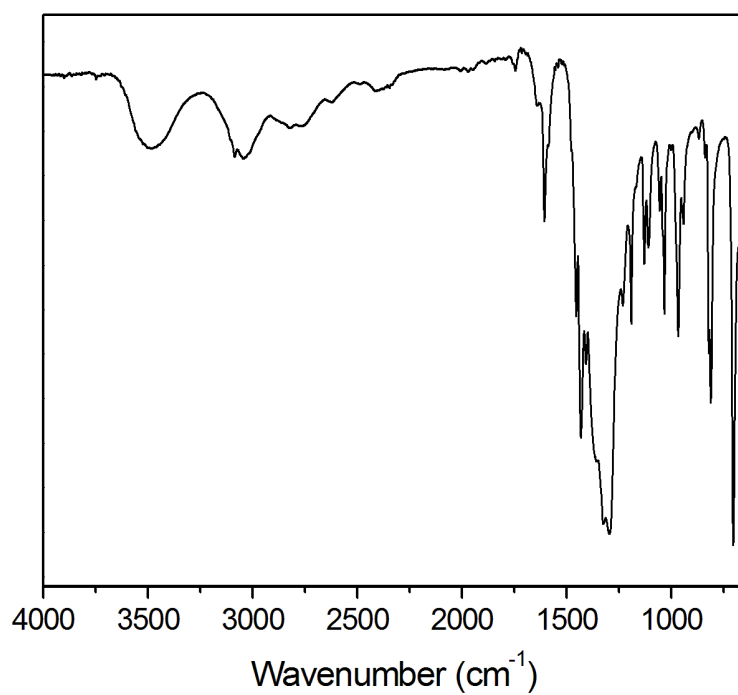


Figure S16. Solid-state IR spectrum of helix **1**.

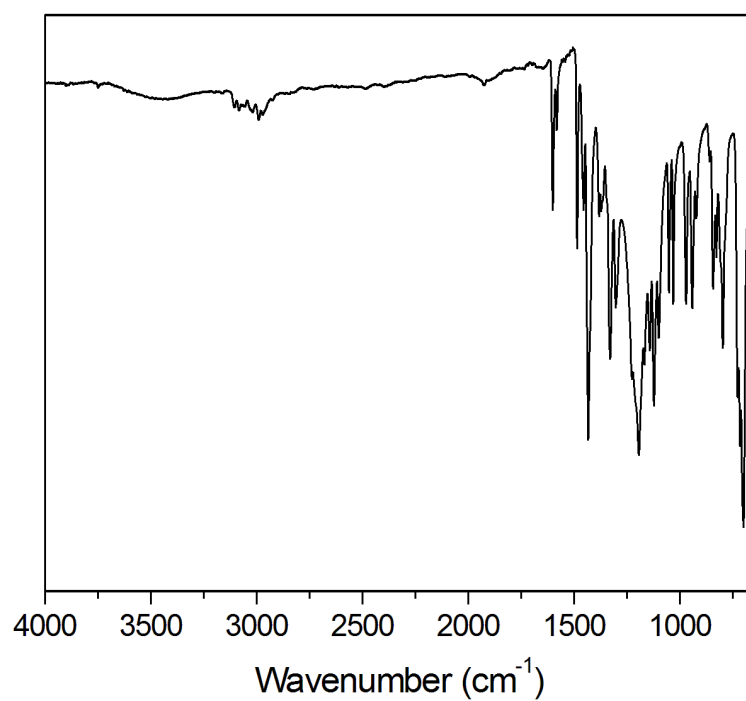


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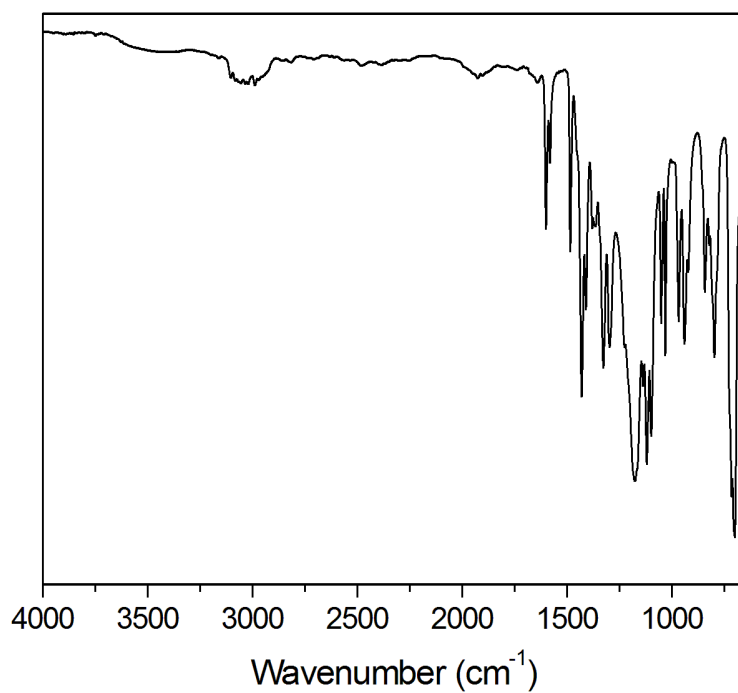


Figure S18. Solid-state IR spectrum of ¹⁵N-labeled *N*-nitroso molecular loop **2'**.

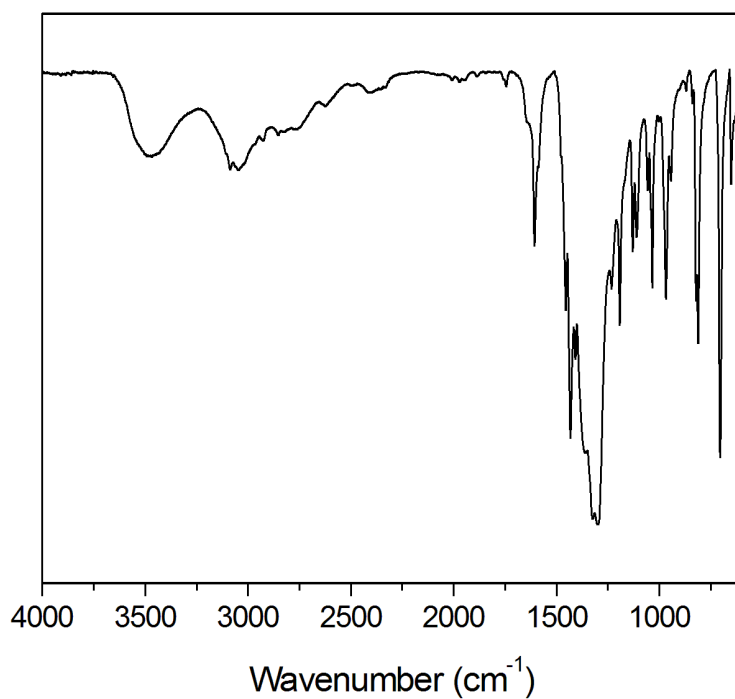


Figure S19. Solid-state IR spectrum of the powdered samples (intermediate **I**) of immersed **1** in NaNO₂ aqueous solution at room temperature for 3 hours.

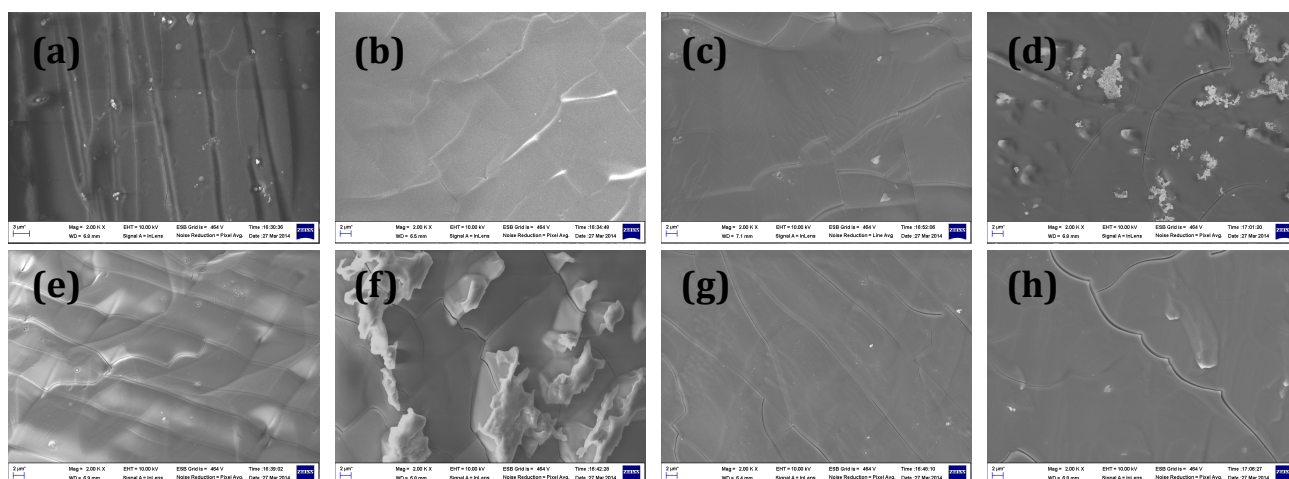
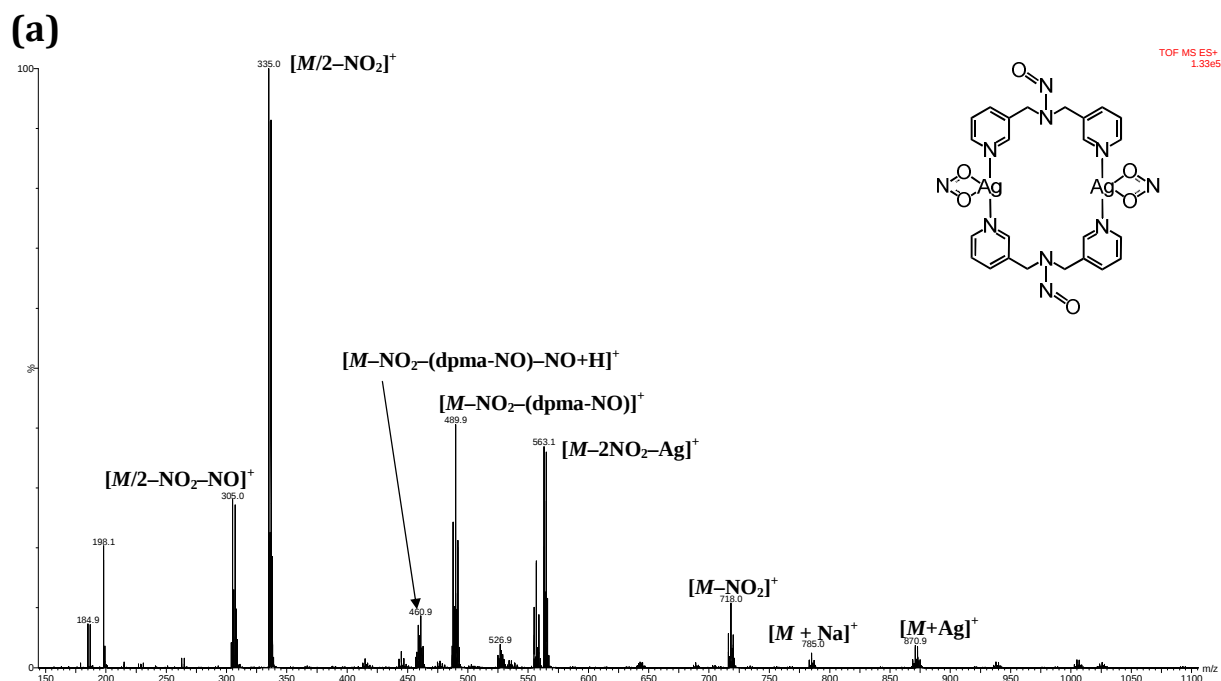
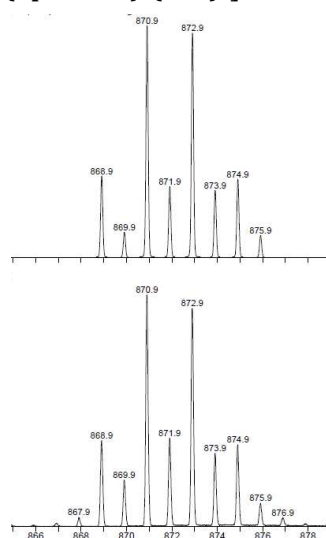


Figure S20. SEM images of crystals of helix **1** (a) before and (b–g) after anion exchange by immersion in an aqueous solution of NaNO_2 at room temperature for 5 min, 8 h, 20 h, 3 d, 4 d and 6 d, and (h) of crystal of molecular loop **2**.



Peaks (<i>m/z</i>)	Assigned fragments	Composition	Calcd value (<i>m/z</i>)
870.9	$[M+Ag]^+$	$[C_{24}H_{24}N_{10}O_6Ag_3]^+$	870.9
785.0	$[M+Na]^+$	$[C_{24}H_{24}N_{10}O_6Ag_2Na]^+$	787.0
718.0	$[M-NO_2]^+$	$[C_{24}H_{24}N_9O_4Ag_2]^+$	718.0
563.1	$[M-2NO_2-Ag]^+$	$[C_{24}H_{24}N_8O_2Ag]^+$	563.1
489.9	$[M-NO_2-(dpma-NO)]^+$	$[C_{12}H_{12}N_5O_3Ag_2]^+$	489.9
460.9	$[M-NO_2-(dpma-NO)-NO+H]^+$	$[C_{12}H_{13}N_4O_2Ag_2]^+$	460.9
335.0	$[M/2-NO_2]^+$	$[C_{12}H_{12}N_4OAg]^+$	335.0
305.0	$[M/2-NO_2-NO]^+$	$[C_{12}H_{12}N_3Ag]^+$	305.0

(b) $[M+Ag]^+ = [Ag_3(dpma-NO)_2(NO_2)_2]^+$



$[M-NO_2]^+ = [Ag_2(dpma-NO)_2(NO_2)]^+$

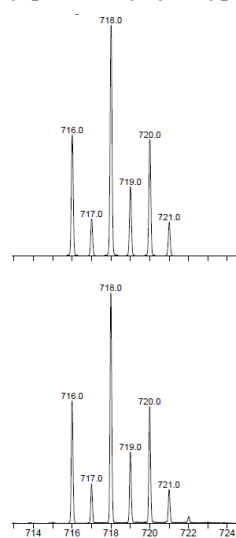
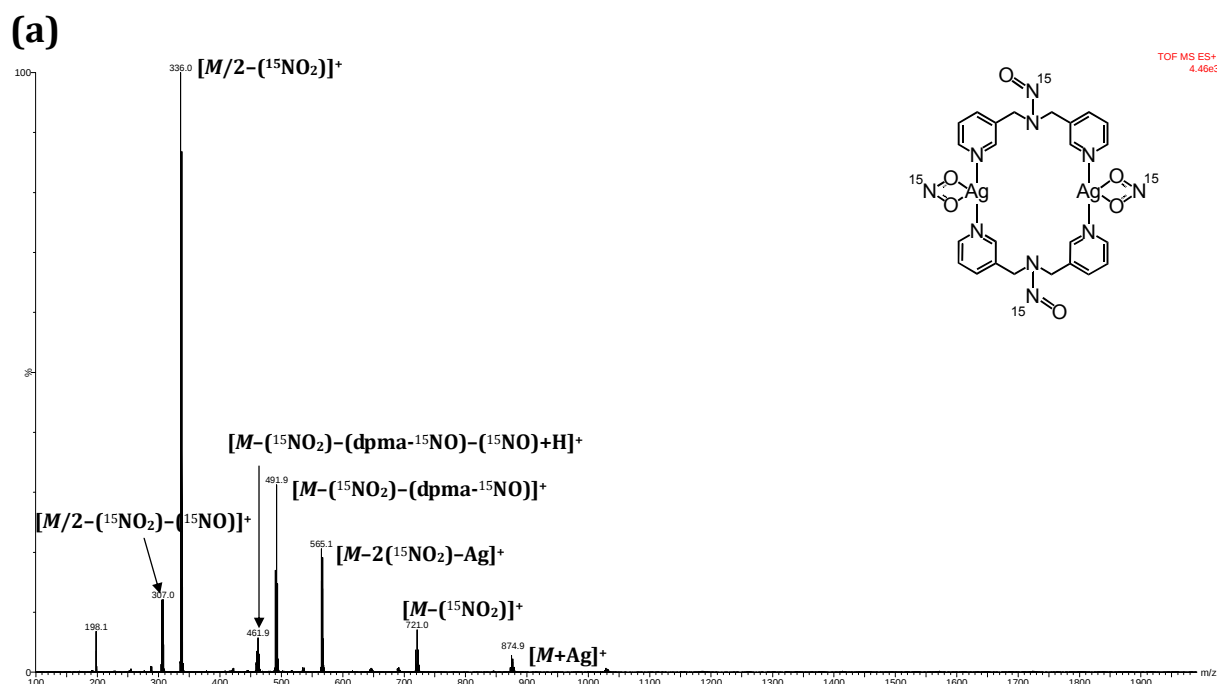
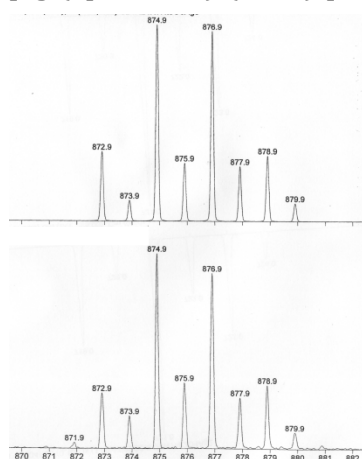


Figure S21. (a) ESI mass spectra of molecular loop 2 in DMSO, along with peak assignments. (b) Theoretical (top) and experimental (bottom) isotopic distribution patterns of fragments $[M+Ag]^+$ ($[Ag_3(dpma-NO)_2(NO_2)_2]^+$, $m/z = 870.9$, left) and $[M-NO_2]^+$ ($[Ag_2(dpma-NO)_2(NO_2)]^+$, $m/z = 718.0$, right), where $M = [Ag(dpma-NO)(NO_2)]_2 = C_{24}H_{24}(^{14}N)_{10}O_6Ag_2 = 764.0$.



Peaks (m/z)	Assigned fragments	Composition	Calcd value (m/z)
874.9	$[M+Ag]^+$	$[C_{24}H_{24}(^{14}N)_6(^{15}N)_4O_6Ag_3]^+$	874.9
721.0	$[M-(^{15}\text{NO}_2)]^+$	$[C_{24}H_{24}(^{14}N)_6(^{15}N)_3O_4Ag_2]^+$	721.0
565.1	$[M-2(^{15}\text{NO}_2)-Ag]^+$	$[C_{24}H_{24}(^{14}N)_6(^{15}N)_2O_2Ag]^+$	565.1
491.9	$[M-(^{15}\text{NO}_2)-(dpma-^{15}\text{NO})]^+$	$[C_{12}H_{12}(^{14}N)_6(^{15}N)_2O_3Ag_2]^+$	491.9
461.9	$[M-(^{15}\text{NO}_2)-(dpma-^{15}\text{NO})-(^{15}\text{NO})+H]^+$	$[C_{12}H_{13}(^{14}N)_6(^{15}N)_1O_2Ag_2]^+$	461.9
336.0	$[M/2-(^{15}\text{NO}_2)]^+$	$[C_{12}H_{12}(^{14}N)_3(^{15}N)_1OAg]^+$	336.0
307.0	$[M/2-(^{15}\text{NO}_2)-(^{15}\text{NO})]^+$	$[C_{12}H_{12}(^{14}N)_3Ag]^+$	305.0

(b) $[M+Ag]^+ =$
 $[Ag_3(dpma-^{15}\text{NO})_2(^{15}\text{NO}_2)_2]^+$



$[M-NO_2]^+ =$
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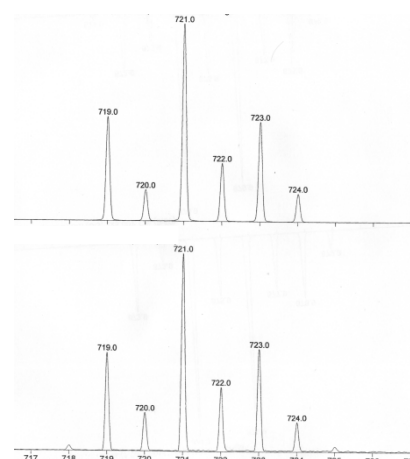
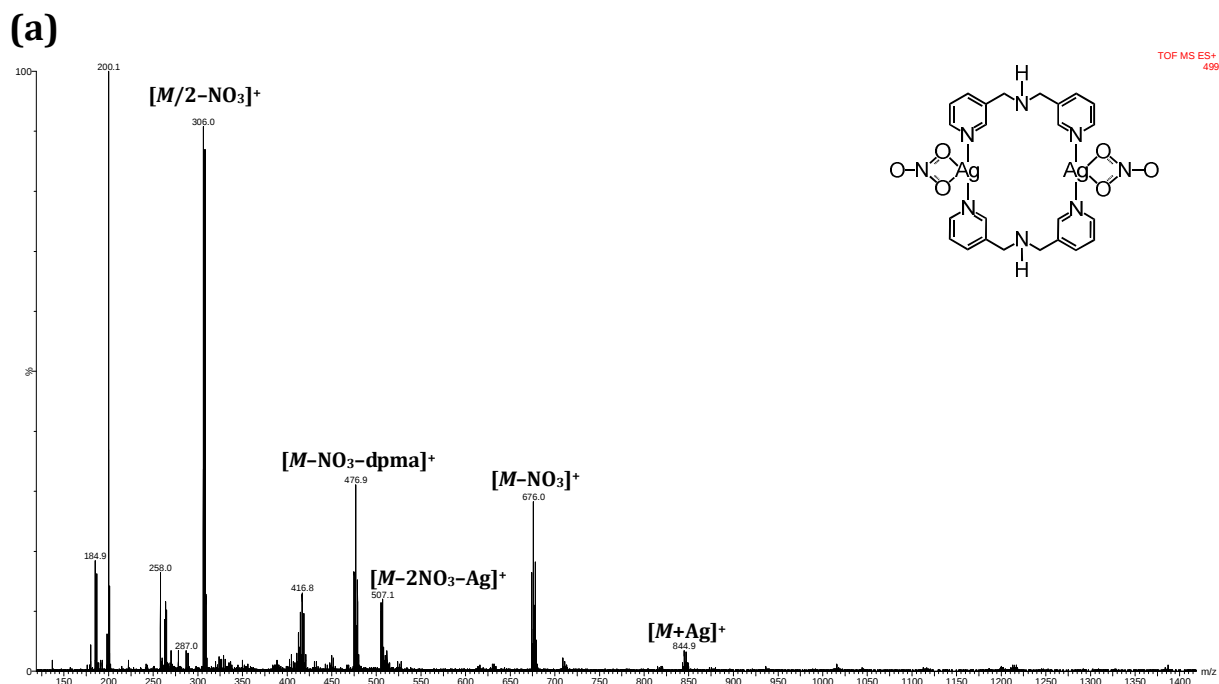
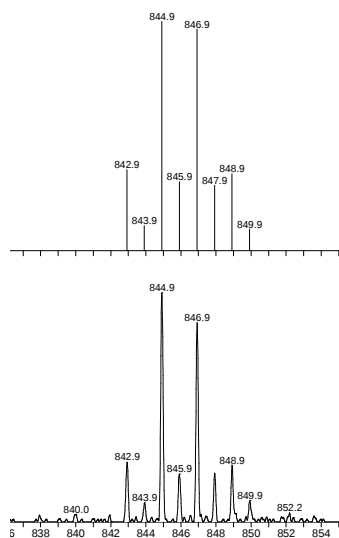


Figure S22. (a) ESI mass spectra of ^{15}N -labeled *N*-nitroso molecular loop **2'** in DMSO, along with peak assignments. (b) Theoretical (top) and experimental (bottom) isotopic distribution patterns of fragments $[M+Ag]^+$ ($[Ag_3(dpma-^{15}\text{NO})_2(^{15}\text{NO}_2)_2]^+$, $m/z = 874.9$, left) and $[M-NO_2]^+$ ($[Ag_2(dpma-^{15}\text{NO})_2(^{15}\text{NO}_2)]^+$, $m/z = 721.0$, right), where $M = [Ag(dpma-^{15}\text{NO})(^{15}\text{NO}_2)]_2 = C_{24}H_{24}(^{14}N)_6(^{15}N)_4O_6Ag_2 = 768.0$



Peaks (<i>m/z</i>)	Assigned fragments	Composition	Calcd value (<i>m/z</i>)
844.9	$[M+Ag]^+$	$[C_{24}H_{26}N_8O_6Ag_3]^+$	844.9
676.0	$[M-NO_3]^+$	$[C_{24}H_{26}N_7O_3Ag_2]^+$	676.0
507.1	$[M-2NO_3-Ag]^+$	$[C_{24}H_{24}N_6Ag]^+$	505.1
476.9	$[M-NO_3-dpma]^+$	$[C_{12}H_{13}N_4O_3Ag_2]^+$	476.9
306.0	$[M/2-NO_3]^+$	$[C_{12}H_{13}N_3Ag]^+$	306.0

(b) $[M+Ag]^+ =$
 $[Ag_3(dpma)_2(NO_3)_3]^+$



$[M-NO_3]^+ =$
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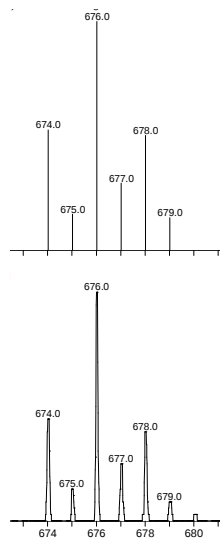


Figure S23. (a) ESI mass spectra (in DMSO) of the powdered samples (intermediate **1**) of immersed **1** in $NaNO_2$ aqueous solution at room temperature for 3 hours, along with peak assignments. (b) Theoretical (top) and experimental (bottom) isotopic distribution patterns of fragments $[M+Ag]^+$ ($[Ag_3(dpma)_2(NO_3)_2]^+$, $m/z = 844.9$, left) and $[M-NO_3]^+$ ($[Ag_2(dpma)_2(NO_3)]^+$, $m/z = 676.0$, right), where $M = [Ag(dpma)(NO_3)]_2 = C_{24}H_{26}N_8O_6Ag_2 = 738.0$.

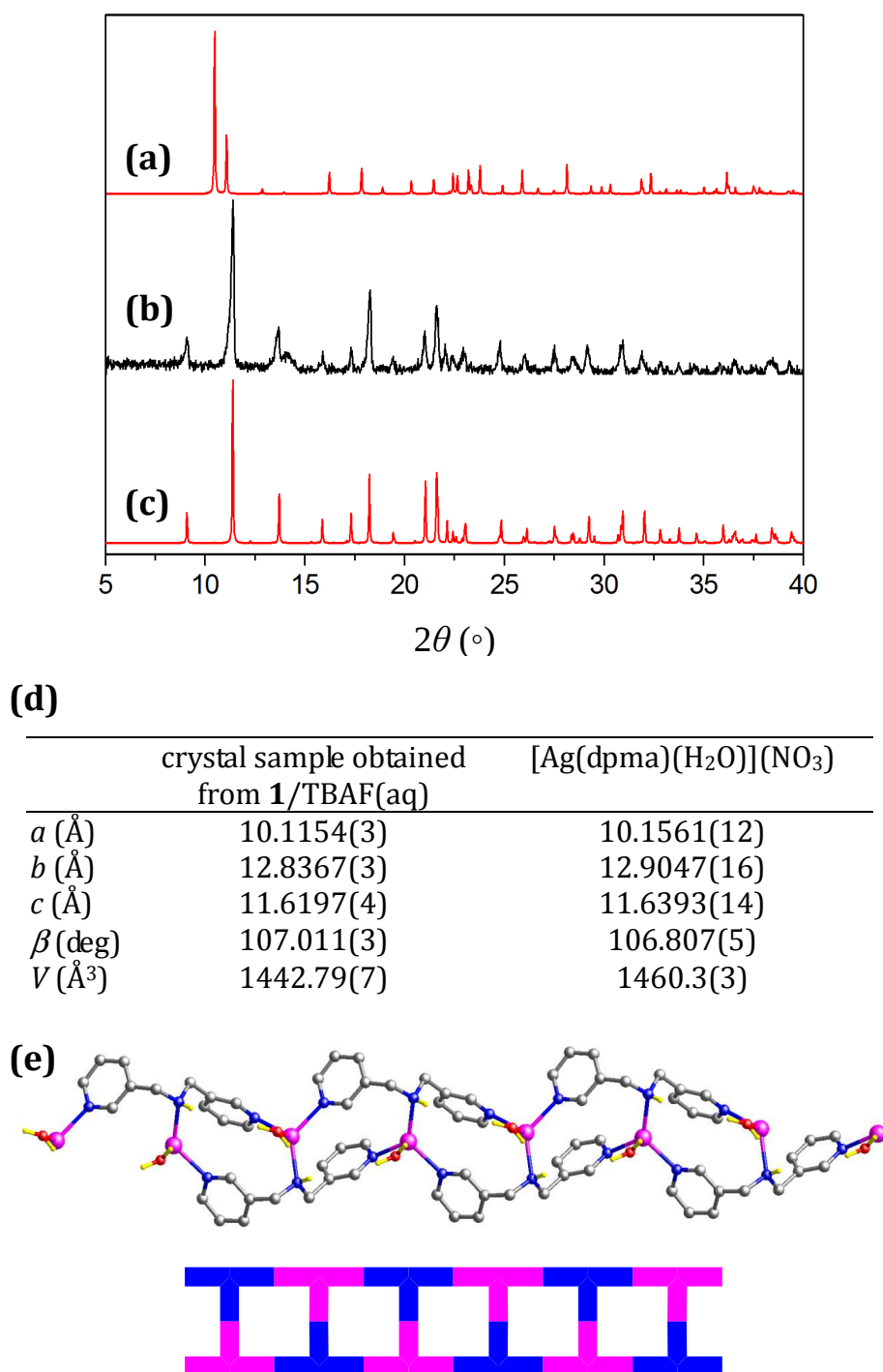


Figure S24. (a) Simulated XRPD pattern of helix **1**. (b) Experimental XRPD pattern of the powdered samples of helix **1** immersed in an aqueous solution of TBAF. (c) Simulated XRPD pattern of [Ag(dpma)(H₂O)](NO₃) (ref 18). (d) Comparison of unit cell parameters between crystal samples obtained from an aqueous solution of **1**/TBAF and [Ag(dpma)(H₂O)](NO₃). (e) Perspective and topologic views of the one-dimensional Ag–dpma binodal ladder-like chain structure including coordinated aqua ligands in [Ag(dpma)(H₂O)](NO₃). Nitrate counteranions and carbon-bound hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

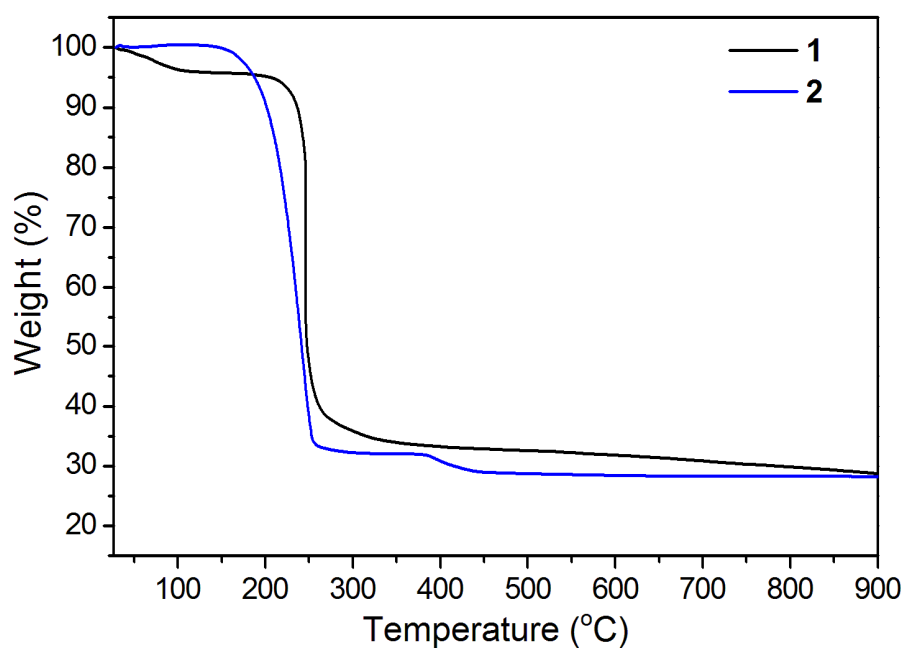


Figure S25. Thermogravimetric (TG) analyses of helix **1** (black) and molecular loop **2** (blue).

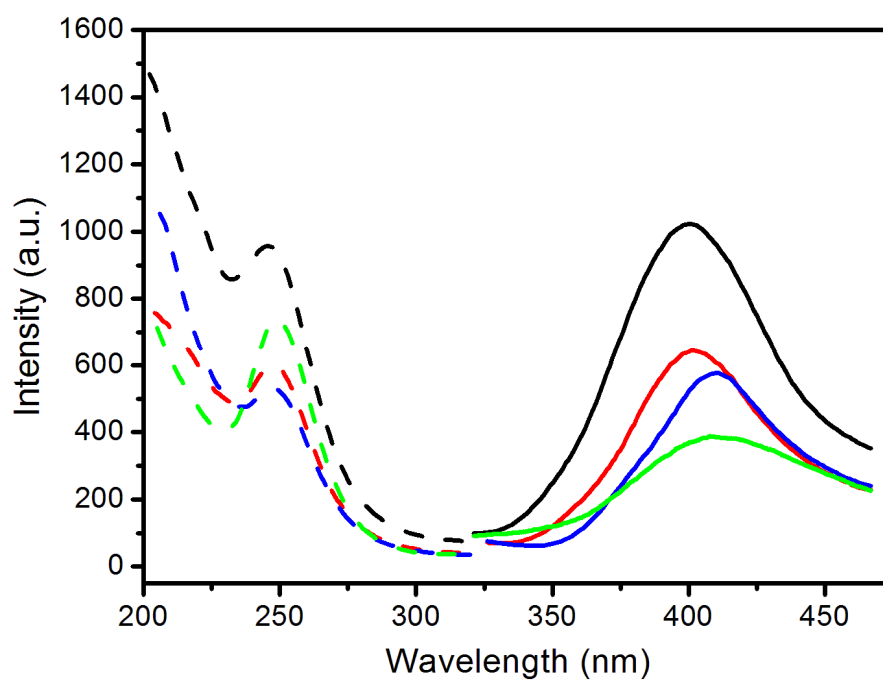


Figure S26. Solid-state excitation (dashed lines, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 400 \text{ nm}$) and emission (solid lines, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 240 \text{ nm}$) spectra of helix **1** (black), intermediate **I** (red), molecular loop **2** (blue), and ladder-like $[\text{Ag}(\text{dpma})(\text{H}_2\text{O})](\text{NO}_3)$ (green) at room temperature. Reproduced with permission from ref 18. Copyright 2013, American Chemical Society.