

RECOGNITION OF ACHIRAL AND CHIRAL AMMONIUM SALTS BY NEUTRAL DITOPIC
RECEPTORS BASED ON CHIRAL SALEN-UO₂ MACROCYCLES

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Determination of Stoichiometry. Complexes stoichiometry was determined by the Job plot method^[6] using spectrophotometric measurements. The samples were prepared by mixing appropriate host and guest equimolar stock solutions (2×10^{-4} M) to cover the whole range of molar fractions keeping constant the total concentration. The UV absorbance was recorded at 341 nm and the changes in absorbance, compared to uncomplexed host species (ΔA), were calculated and reported versus the host mole fraction. These plots show invariably a maximum at 0.5 mol fraction of host indicating the formation of 1:1 complexes with guests.

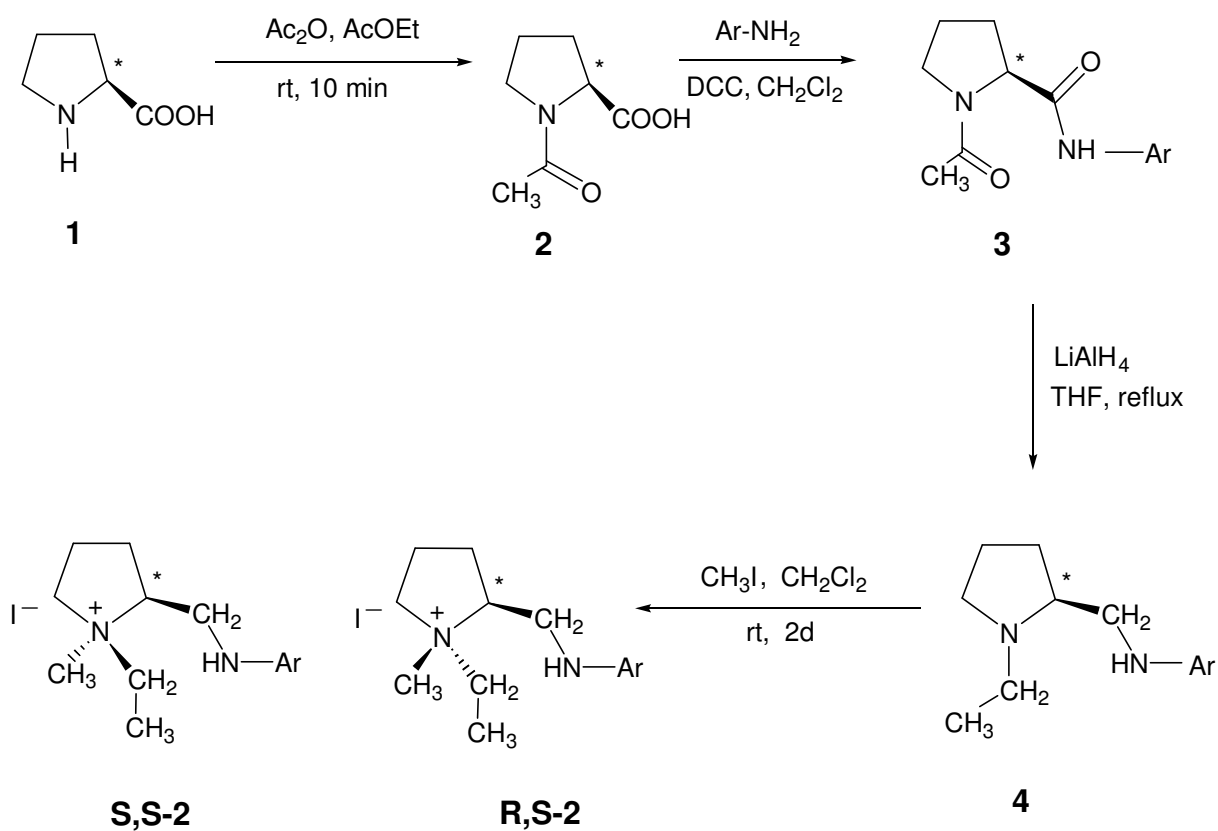
¹H NMR Complexation Experiments. Typically, solutions with host/guest molar ratios in the 0.2/1- 10/1 range were prepared (the final concentration of the guest solution was 1.00×10^{-3} M). The following stock solutions were used: [M40] = [M20] = 20 mM in CDCl₃; [guest] = 2 mM in CDCl₃. However, in the case of **S,S-2** and **R,R-2** guests, because their poor solubility in CDCl₃, stock solutions were prepared in water. Then, the pertinent aliquots containing the appropriate amounts of the **S,S-2** and **R,R-2** guest were frozen dry. The subsequent treatment of the white solid obtained with appropriate volume of host stock solution in CDCl₃ gave complete solubilization due to host/guest complexation.

Titration data points were fitted by eq. 1, which is a standard binding isotherm for the case of 1:1 association.

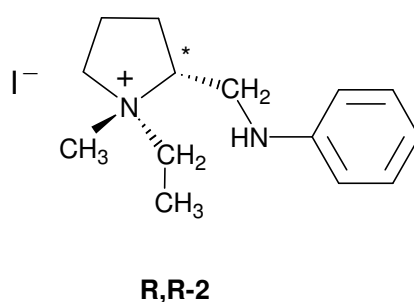
$$\Delta\delta = \frac{\Delta\delta_{\infty} \cdot K \cdot [H]}{1 + K \cdot [H]} \quad (\text{eq. 1})$$

The upfield shift of the guest fully saturated by the host ($-\Delta\delta_{\infty}$) and the binding constants values (K) were obtained as best fit parameters in a nonlinear least square fitting procedure.^[7]

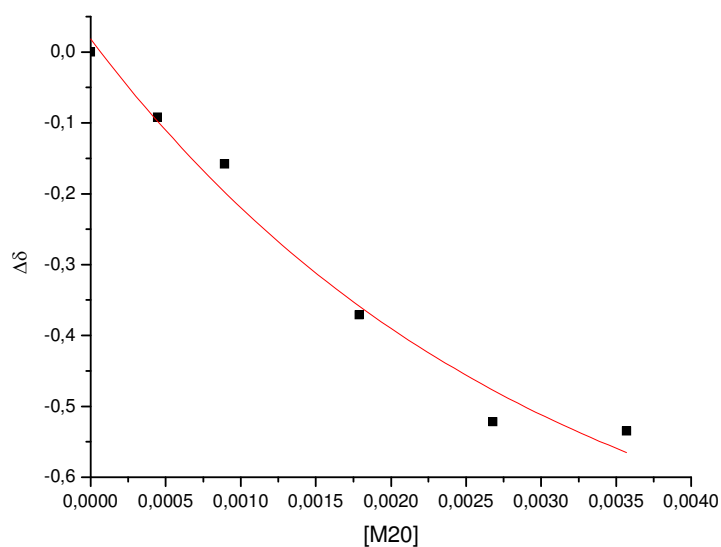
SCHEME S1. Synthesis of *S*-2-Anilinomethyl-*S*-1-ethylmethylpyrrolidinium iodide and *S*-2-Anilinomethyl-*R*-1-ethylmethylpyrrolidinium iodide



The same experimental procedure reported above was followed to synthesize the *R*-2-Anilinomethyl-*R*-1-ethylmethylpyrrolidinium iodide and *R*-2-Anilinomethyl-*S*-1-ethylmethylpyrrolidinium iodide. Only the *R,R* stereoisomer (**R,R**-2) was obtained as pure compound.



M20/TBACl

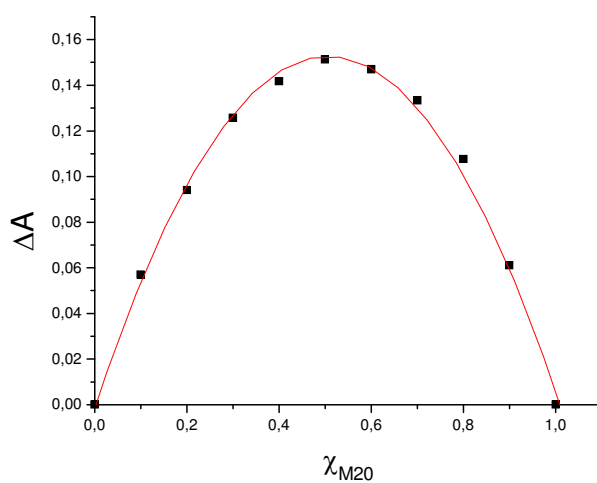


(a)

$$K = 169 \pm 15$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -0.505$$

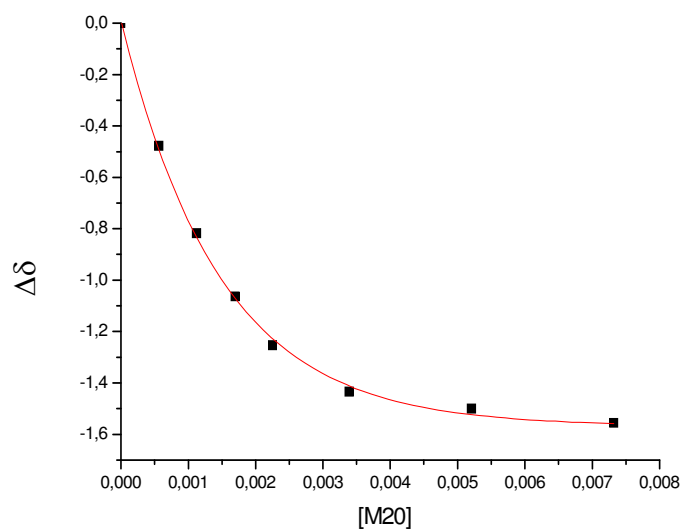
$$R^2 = 0.98$$



(b)

Figure S1. (a) ^1H NMR titration curve of 1 mM **TBACl** with receptor **M20** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.2-3.5 mM) in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **TBACl** monitoring N- CH_3 protons; (b) Job plot of **M20** and **TBACl** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M20}] + [\text{TBACl}] = 0.1\text{mM}$)

M20/ TMACl

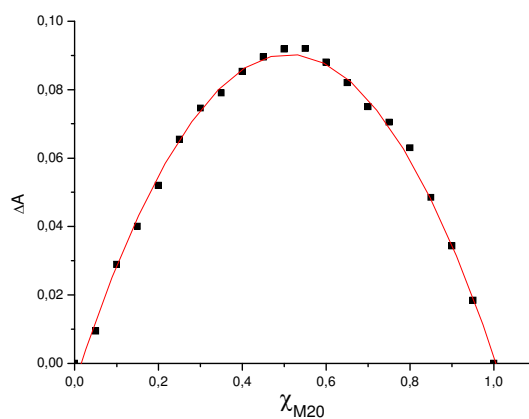


(a)

$$K = 476 \pm 42$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -1.93$$

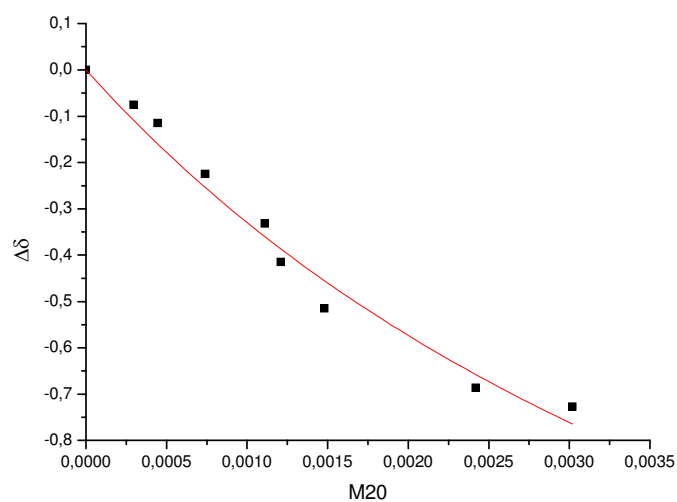
$$R^2 = 0.991$$



(b)

Figure S2. (a) ^1H NMR titration curve of 1 mM TMACl with receptor M20 (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.4-7.5 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of TMACl monitoring N- CH_3 protons; (b) Job plot of M20 and TMACl in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M20}] + [\text{TMACl}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$)

M20/TEACl

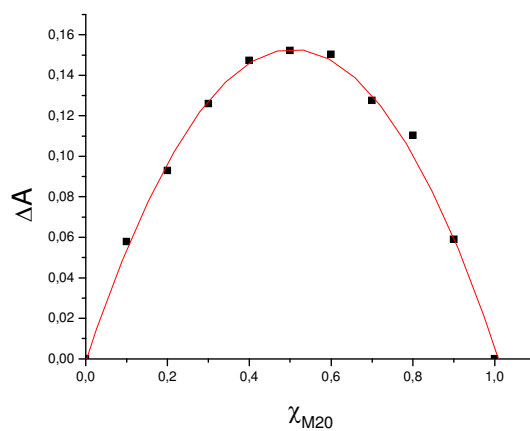


(a)

$$K = 175 \pm 68$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -2.2 \pm 0.63$$

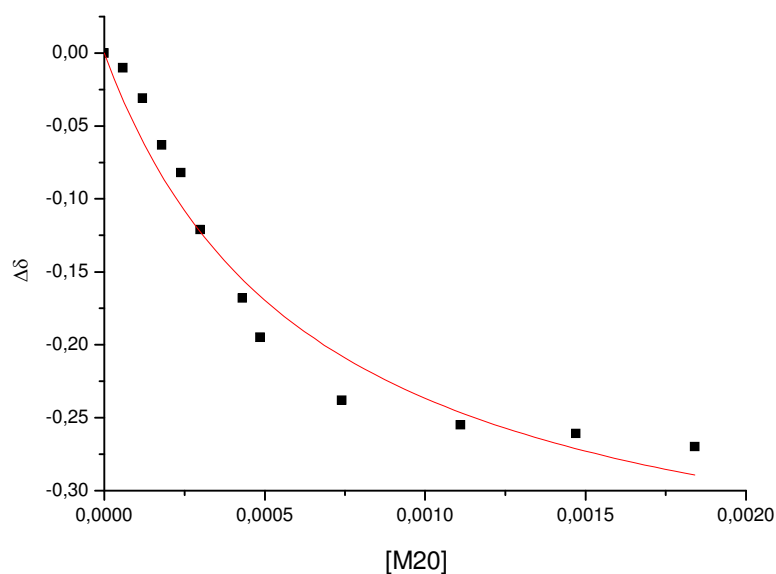
$$R^2 = 0.98$$



(b)

Figure S3. (a) ^1H NMR titration curve of 1 mM **TEACl** with receptor (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.2-3.0 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **TEACl** monitoring N- CH_2 protons; (b) Job plot of **M20** and **TEACl** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M20}] + [\text{TEACl}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$).

M20/TMeACl



$$K = 1512 \pm 351$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -0.39 \pm 0.07$$

$$R^2 = 0.96$$

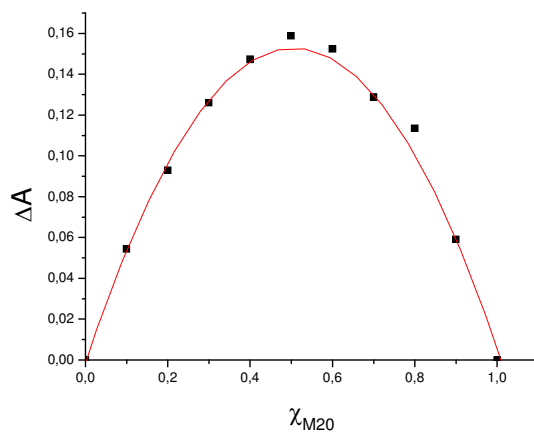
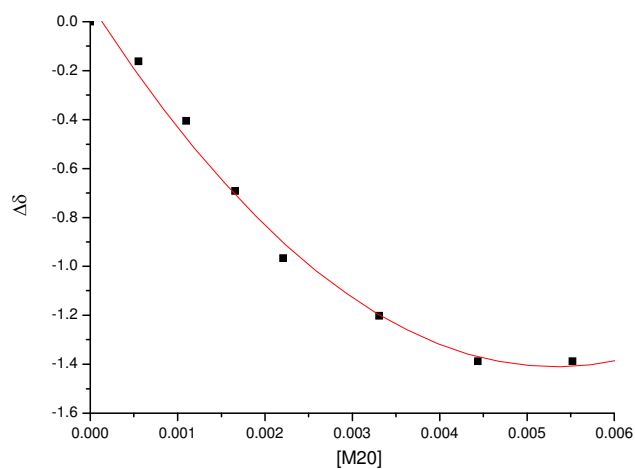


Figure S4. (a) ^1H NMR titration curve of 1 mM **TMeACl** with receptor **M20** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.1-2.0 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **TMeACl** monitoring N- CH_3 protons; (b) Job plot of **M20** and **TMeACl** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M20}] + [\text{TMeACl}] = 1 \text{ mM}$).

M20/AChCl

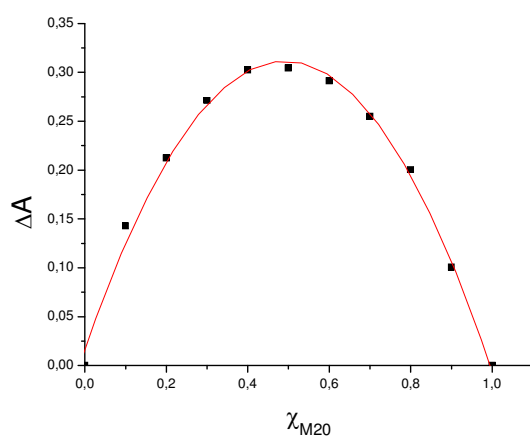


(a)

$$K = 112 \pm 3$$

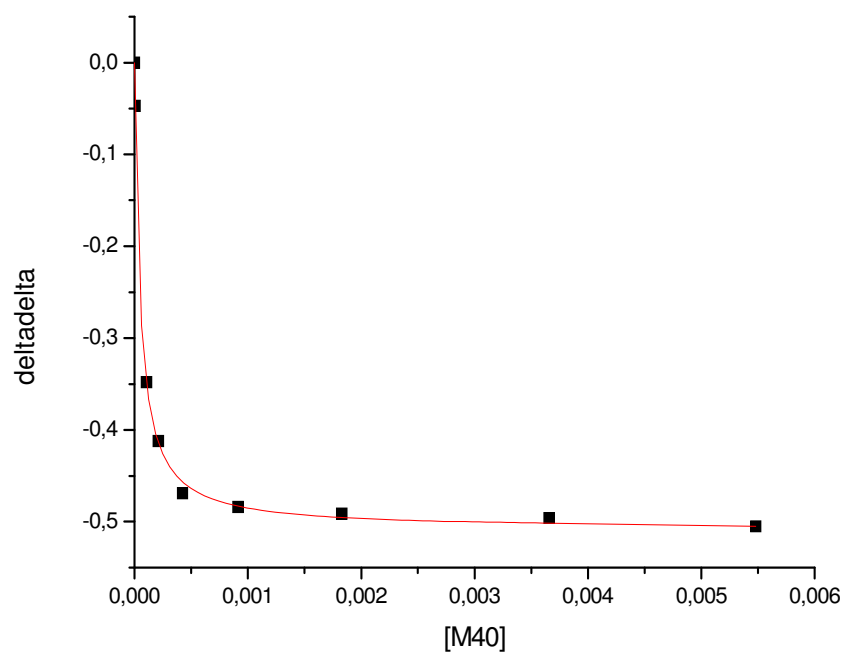
$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -1.39 \pm 0.08$$

$$R^2 = 0.96$$



(b)

Figure S5. (a) ^1H NMR titration curve of 1 mM **AChCl** with receptor **M20** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.4-7.5 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **AChCl** monitoring N- CH_3 protons; (b) Job plot of **M20** and **AChCl** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M20}] + [\text{AChCl}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$)

M40/TBACl**(a)**

$$K = 20826 \pm 1011$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -0.506 \pm 0.003$$

$$R^2 = 0.99$$

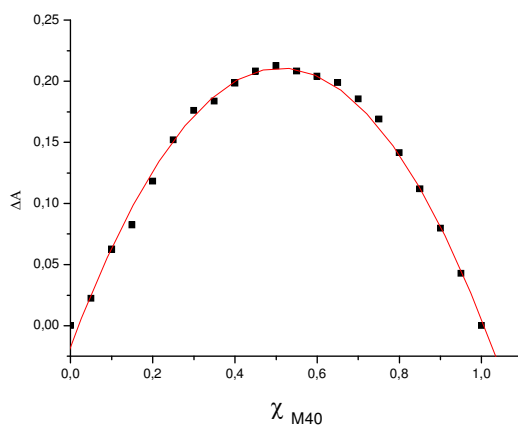
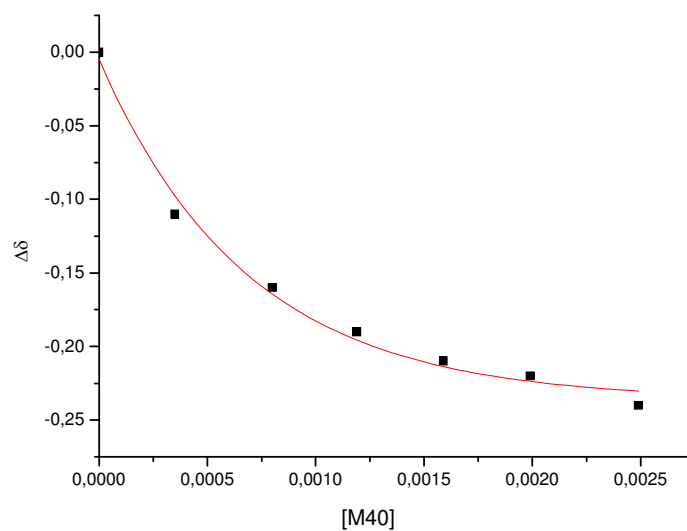
**(b)**

Figure S6. (a) ^1H NMR titration curve of 1 mM **TBACl** with receptor **M40** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.1-5.5 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **TBACl** monitoring N-CH_3 protons ; (b) Job plot of **M40** and **TBACl** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M40}] + [\text{TBACl}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$).

M40/TBABr**(a)**

$$K = 1574 \pm 130$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -0.294 \pm 0.008$$

$$R^2 = 0.99$$

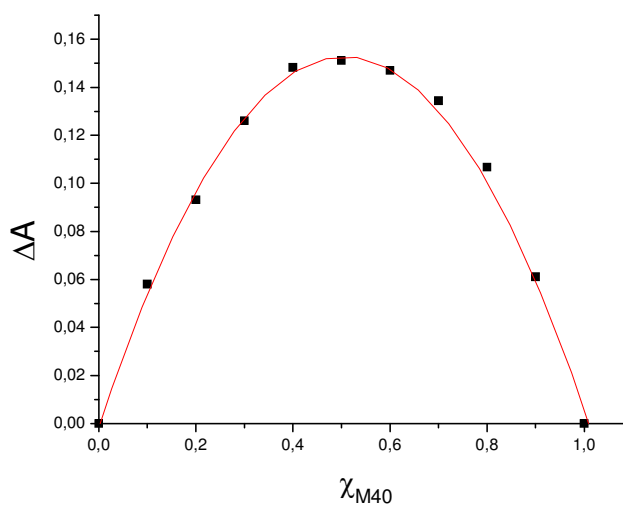
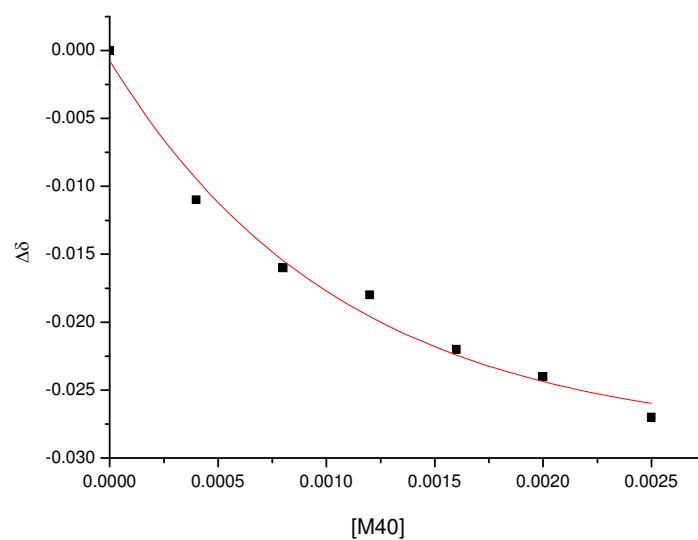
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Figure S7. (a) ^1H NMR titration curve of 1 mM **TBABr** with receptor **M40** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.2-2.5 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **TBABr** monitoring N- CH_3 protons; (b) Job plot of **M40** and **TBABr** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M40}] + [\text{TBABr}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$)

M40/TBAI**(a)**

$$K = 808 \pm 126$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -0.0383 \pm 0.0026$$

$$R^2 = 0.993$$

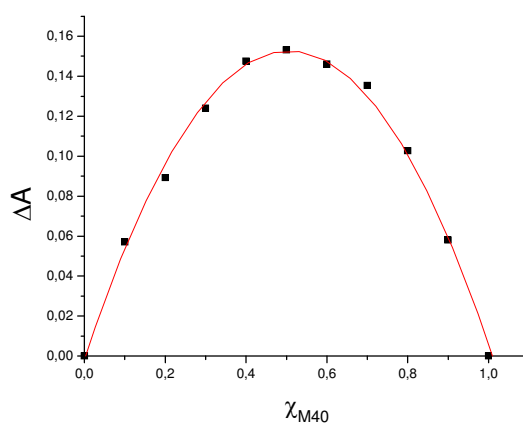
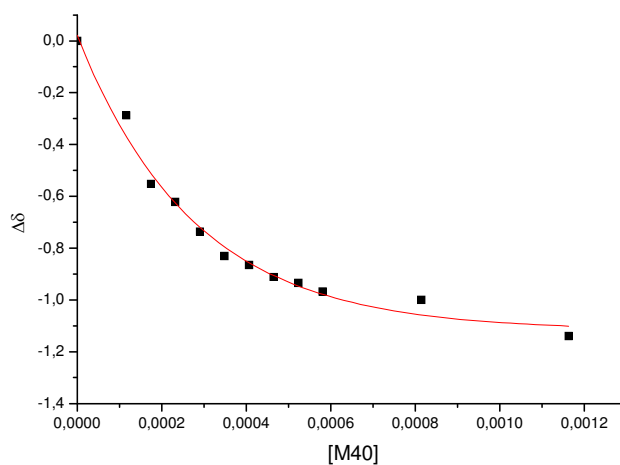
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Figure S8. (a) ^1H NMR titration curve of 1 mM **TBAI** with receptor **M40** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.2-2.5 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **TBAI** monitoring N- CH_3 protons; (b) Job plot of **TBAI** and **M40** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M40}] + [\text{TBAI}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$)

M40/TMACI**(a)**

$$K = 3354 \pm 465$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -1.44 \pm 0.07$$

$$R^2 = 0.980$$

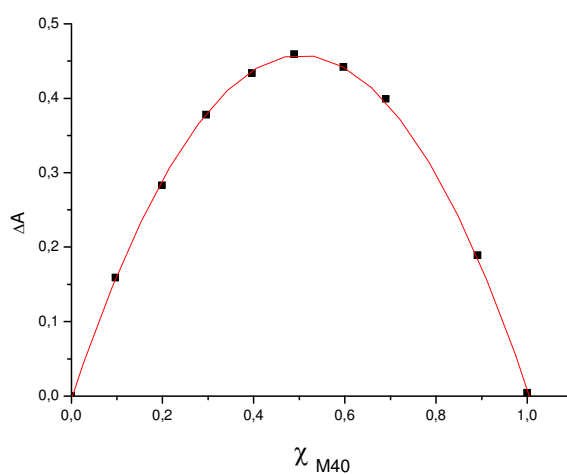
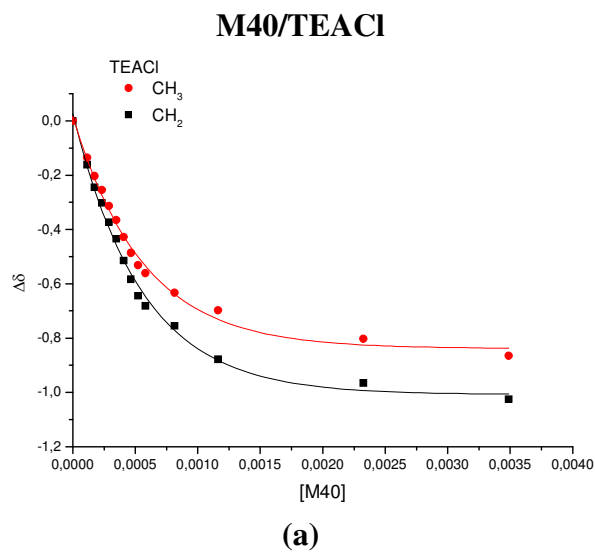
**(b)**

Figure S9. (a) ^1H NMR titration curve of 1 mM **TMACI** with receptor **M40** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.1-1.0 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **TMACI** monitoring N- CH_3 protons; (b) Job plot of **M40** and **TMACI** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M40}] + [\text{TMACI}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$)



CH₂ Signal

$$K = 1745 \pm 170$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -1.23 \pm 0.05$$

$$R^2 = 0.982$$

CH₃ Signal

$$K = 1731 \pm 150$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -1.03 \pm 0.04$$

$$R^2 = 0.985$$

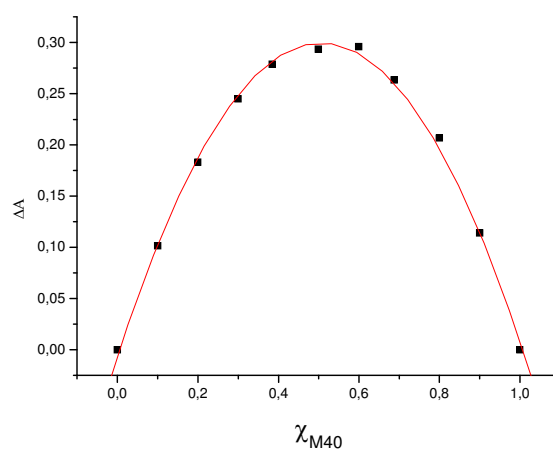
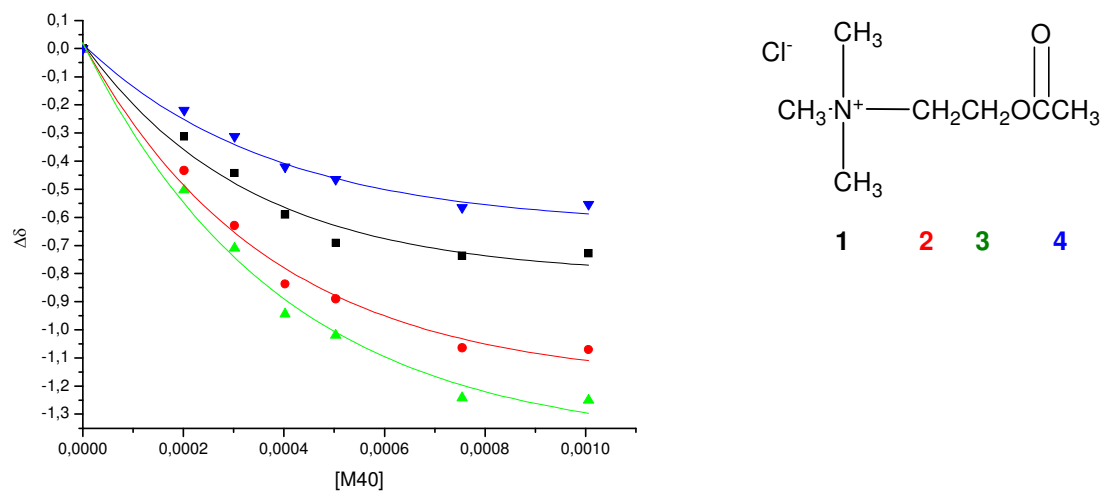


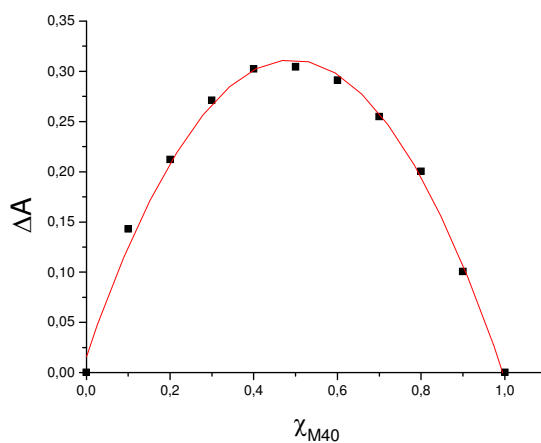
Figure S10. (a) ¹H NMR titration of 1 mM **TEACl** with receptor **M40** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.1-1.0 mM), in CDCl₃ at 27 °C, Δδ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **TEACl** monitoring N-CH₂ and CH₂-CH₃ protons; (b) Job plot of **M40** and **TEACl** in CHCl₃ at 27 °C ([**M40**] + [**TEACl**])=0.1 mM)

M40/ AChCl



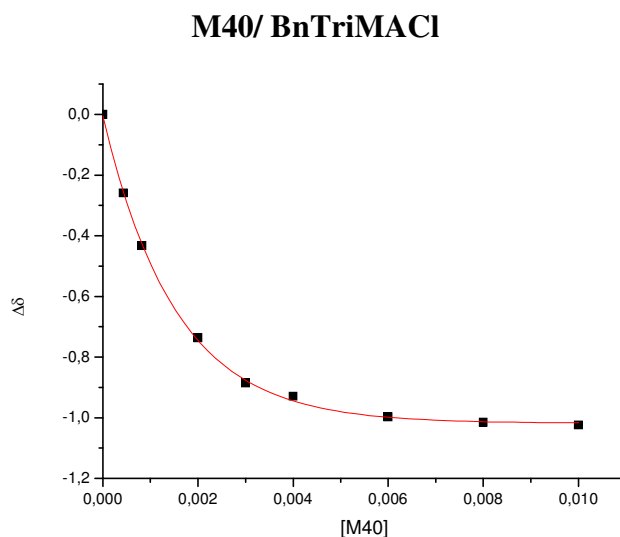
(a)

N-CH ₃	N-CH ₂	NCH ₂ -CH ₂ -	-CO-CH ₃
K = 2568±534	K = 2204±513	K = 2020±432	K = 1967±514
$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -1.08$	$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -1.63$	$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -1.96$	$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -0.89$
R ² = 0.98	R ² = 0.98	R ² = 0.98	R ² = 0.98



(b)

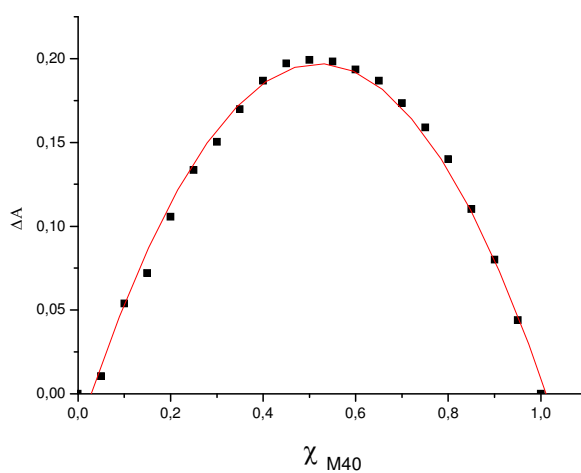
Figure S11. (a) ¹H NMR titration of 1 mM AChCl with receptor M40 (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.2-1.0 mM), in CDCl₃ at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of TEACl monitoring N-CH₃, N-CH₂, NCH₂-CH₂, CH₂-O-CO-CH₃ protons; (b) Job plot of M40 and AChCl in CHCl₃ at 27 °C ([M40] + [AChCl])=0.1 mM).



$$K = 621 \pm 81$$

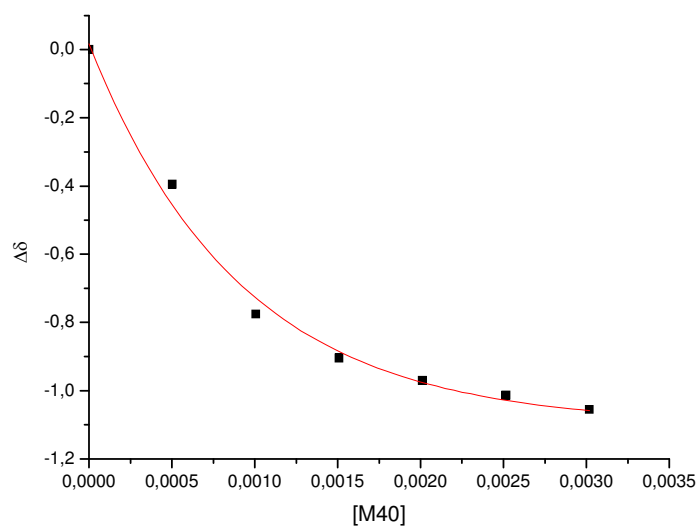
$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -1.318$$

$$R^2 = 0.98$$



(b)

Figure S12. (a) ^1H NMR titration curve of 1 mM **BnTriMACl** with receptor **M40** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.5-10 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **BnTriMACl** monitoring N- CH_3 protons ; (b) Job plot of **M40** and **BTMACl** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M40}] + [\text{BnTriMACl}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$)

M40/R-1**(a)**

$$K = 968 \pm 115$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -1.454 \pm 0.115$$

$$R^2 = 0.98$$

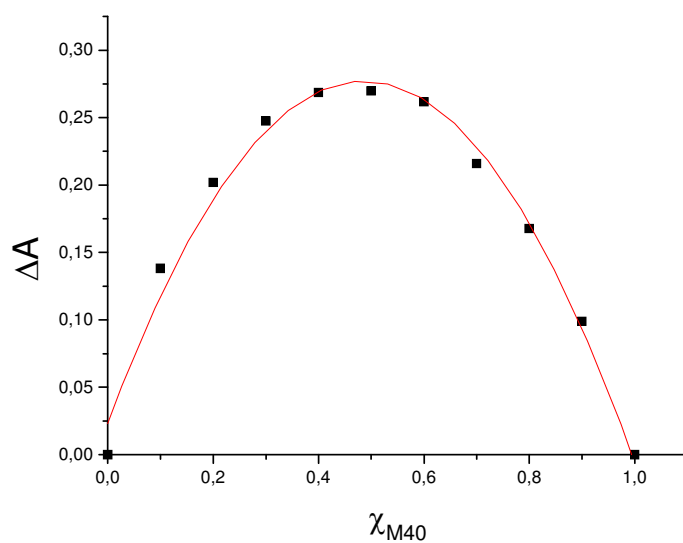
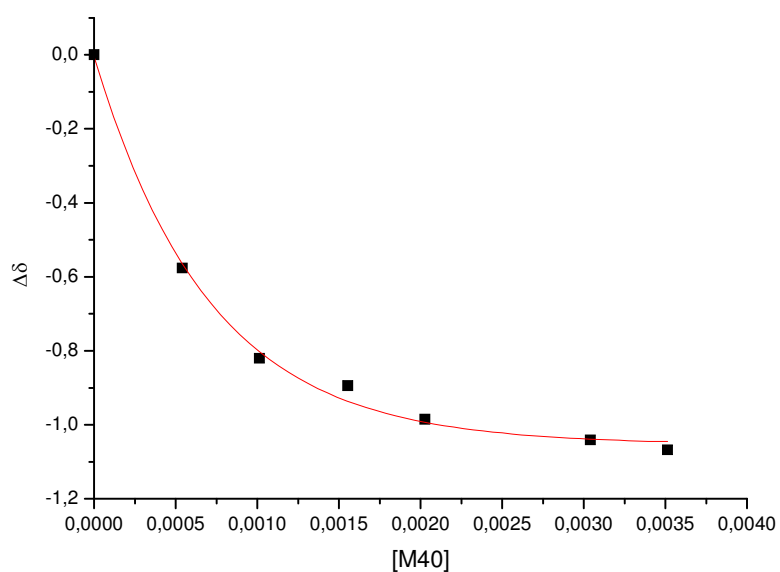
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Figure S13. (a) ^1H NMR titration of 1 mM of **R-1** with receptor **M40** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.5-3.5 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **R-1** monitoring N- CH_3 protons; (b) Job plot of **M40** and **R-1** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M40}] + [\text{R-1}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$)

M40/S-1**(a)**

$$K = 1668 \pm 135$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -1.250 \pm 0.115$$

$$R^2 = 0.98$$

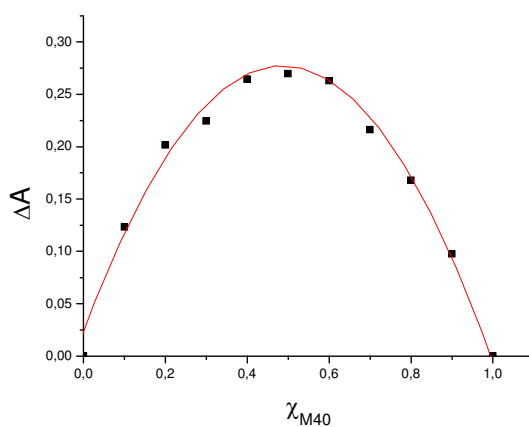
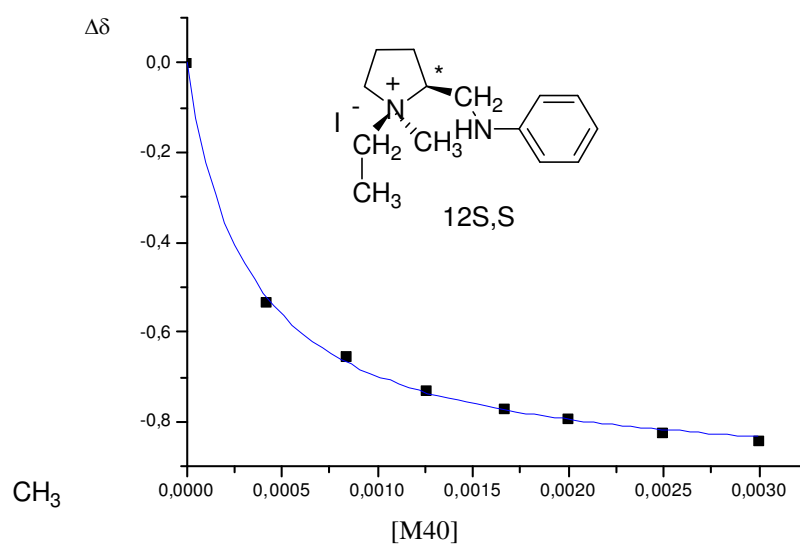
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Figure S14. (a) ^1H NMR titration of 1 mM of **S-1** with receptor **M40** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.5-4.0 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **S-1** monitoring N- CH_3 protons ; (b) Job plot of **M40** and **S-1** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M40}] + [\text{S-1}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$)

M40/S,S-2**(a)**

$$K = 3092 \pm 462$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -0.83$$

$$R^2 = 0.99$$

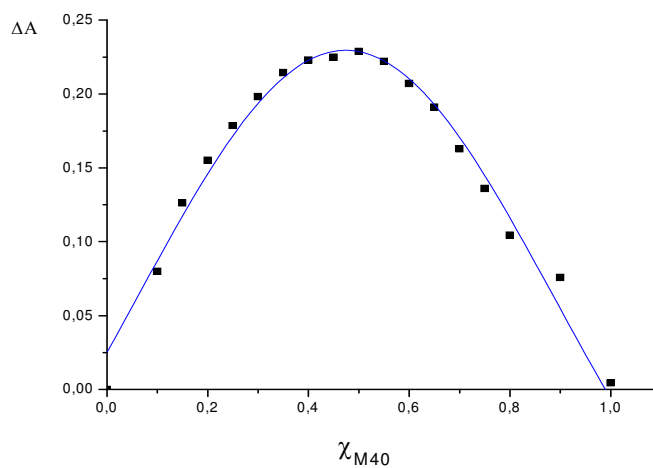
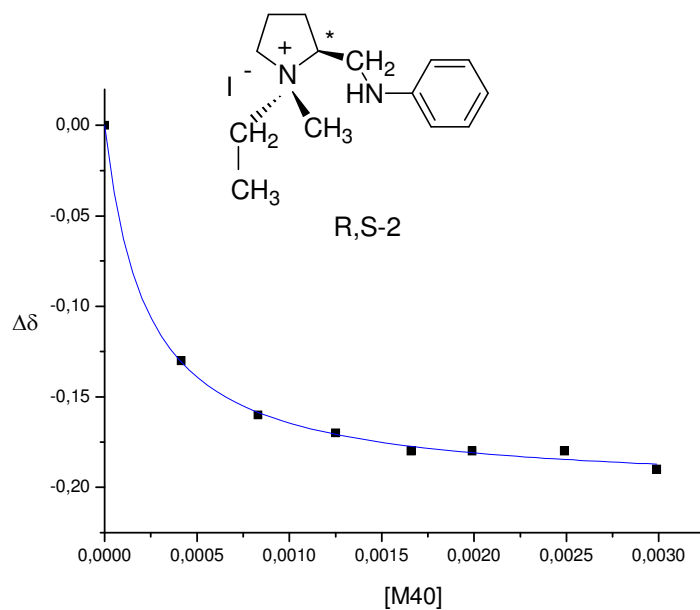
**(b)**

Figure S15. (a) ^1H NMR titration of 1 mM of **S,S-2** with receptor **M40** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.2-3.0 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, , $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **S,S-2** monitoring N-CH₃ protons ; (b) Job plot of **M40** and **S,S-2** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M40}] + [\text{S,S-2}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$)

M40/R,S-2**(a)**

$$K = 3923 \pm 388$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -0.17$$

$$R^2 = 0.995$$

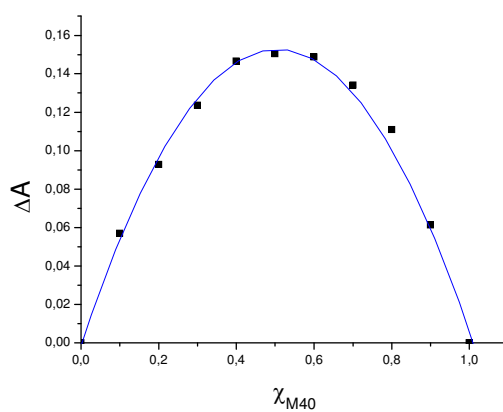
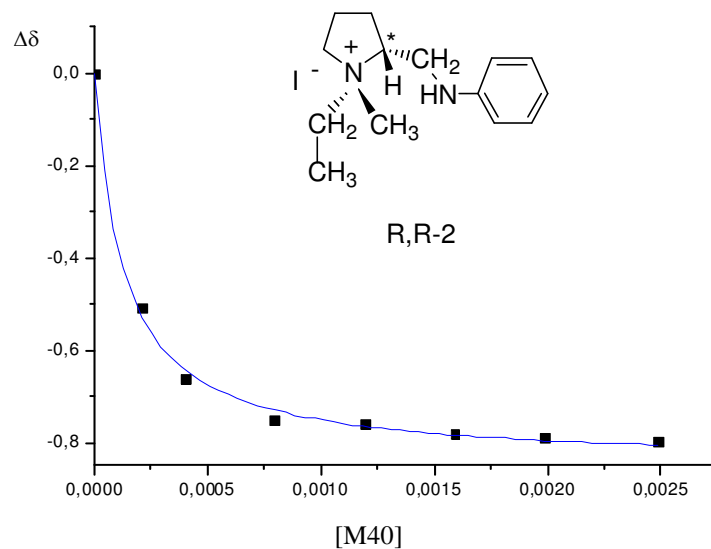
**(b)**

Figure S16. (a) ^1H NMR titration of 1 mM of **R,S-2** with receptor **M40** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.3-3.0 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **R,S-2** monitoring N- CH_3 protons ; (b) Job plot of **M40** and **R,S-2** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M40}] + [\text{R,S-2}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$).

M40/R,R-2**(a)**

$$K = 7847 \pm 687$$

$$\Delta\delta_{\infty} = -0.8$$

$$R^2 = 0.99$$

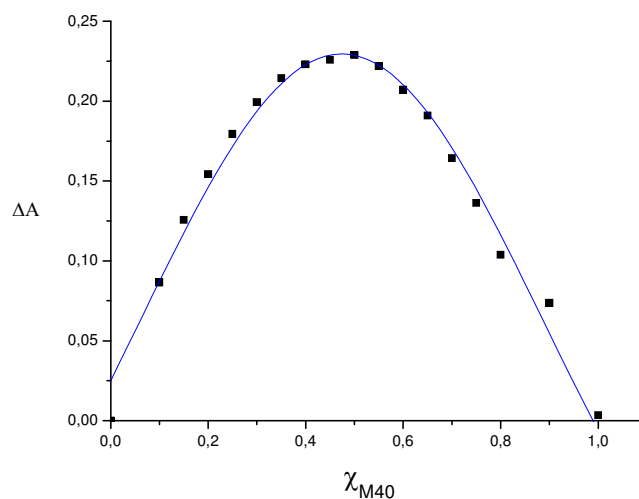
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Figure S17. (a) ^1H NMR titration of 1 mM of **R,R-2** with receptor **M40** (Host concentrations in the titration experiments are in the range 0.2-2.5 mM), in CDCl_3 at 27 °C, $\Delta\delta$ is the chemical shift difference in ppm of **R,R-2** monitoring N- CH_3 protons; (b) Job plot of **M40** and **R,R-2** in CHCl_3 at 27 °C ($[\text{M40}] + [\text{R,R-2}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$).

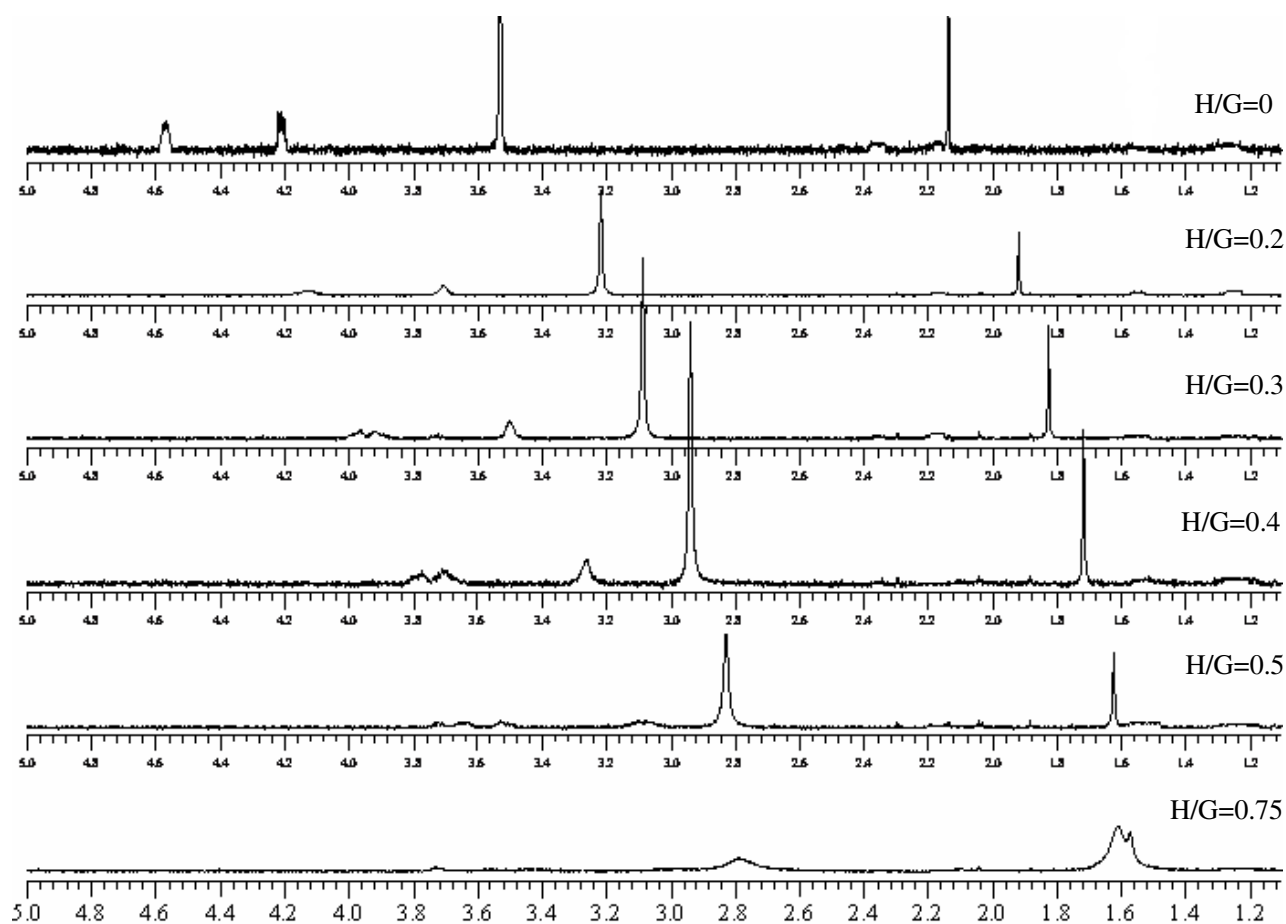


Figure S18. Portion of ^1H NMR titration spectra of **M40/AChCl** (500 MHz; CDCl_3 at 27 °C)

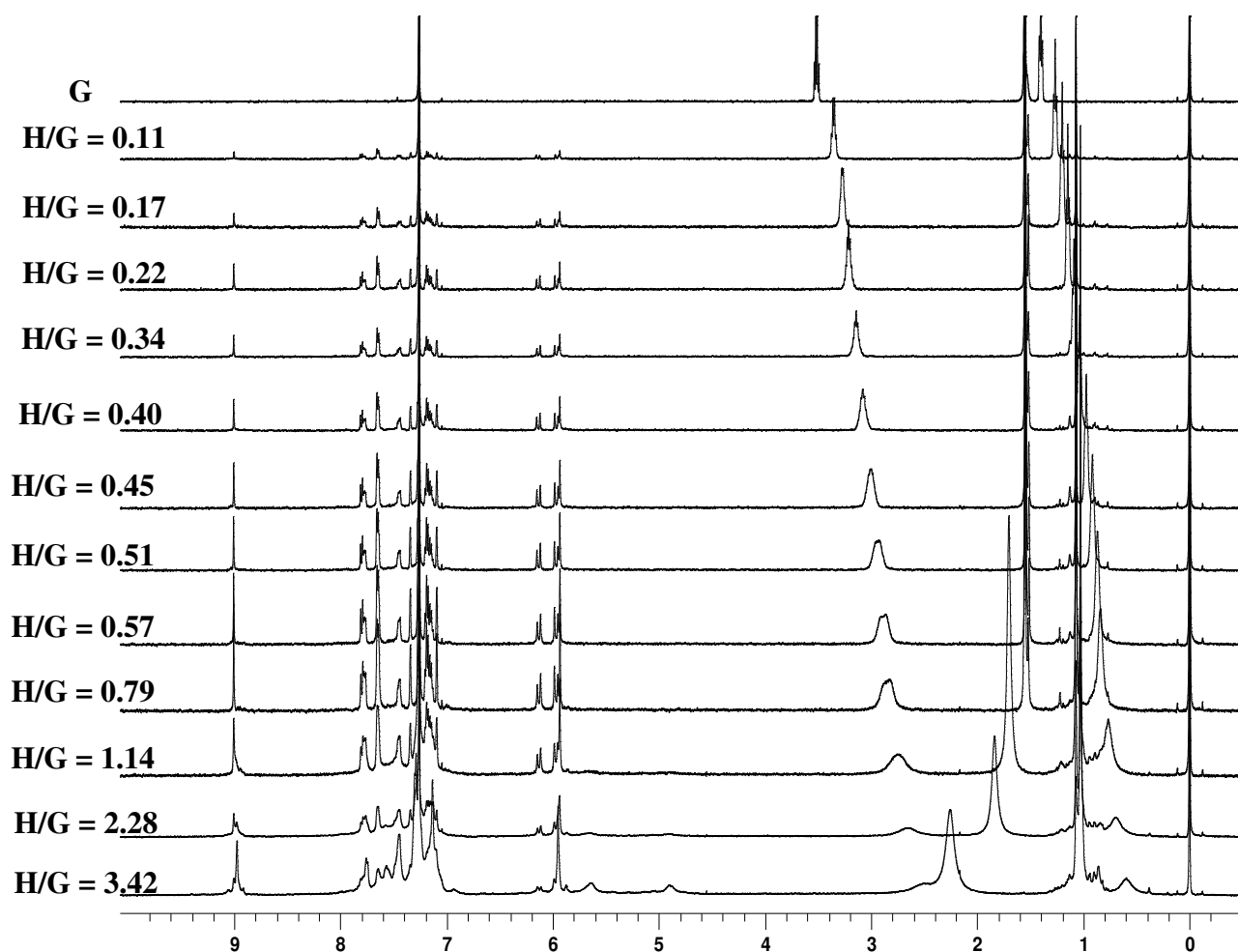
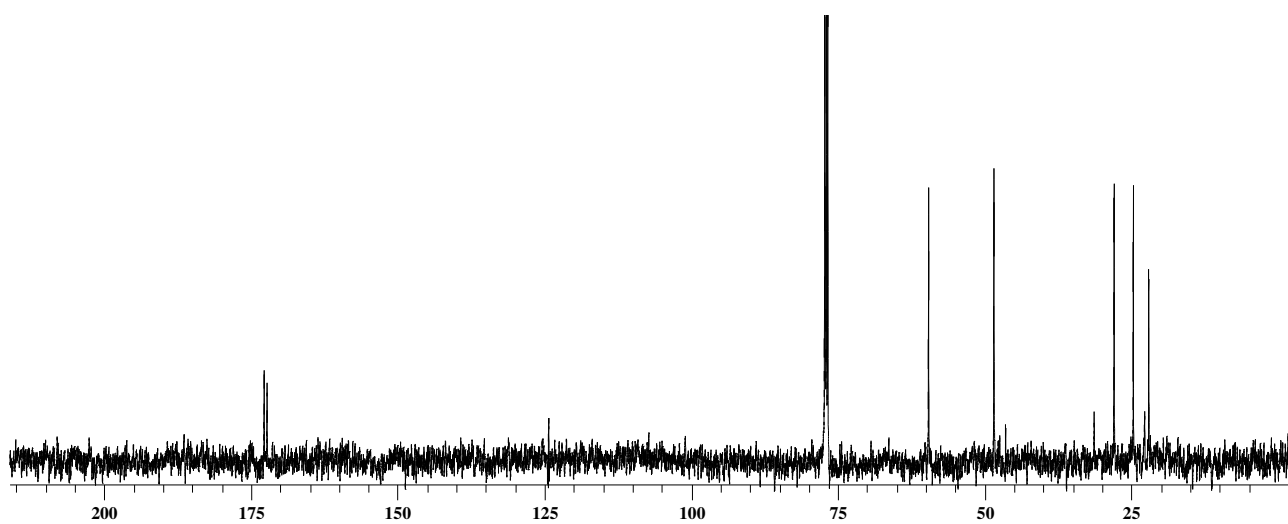
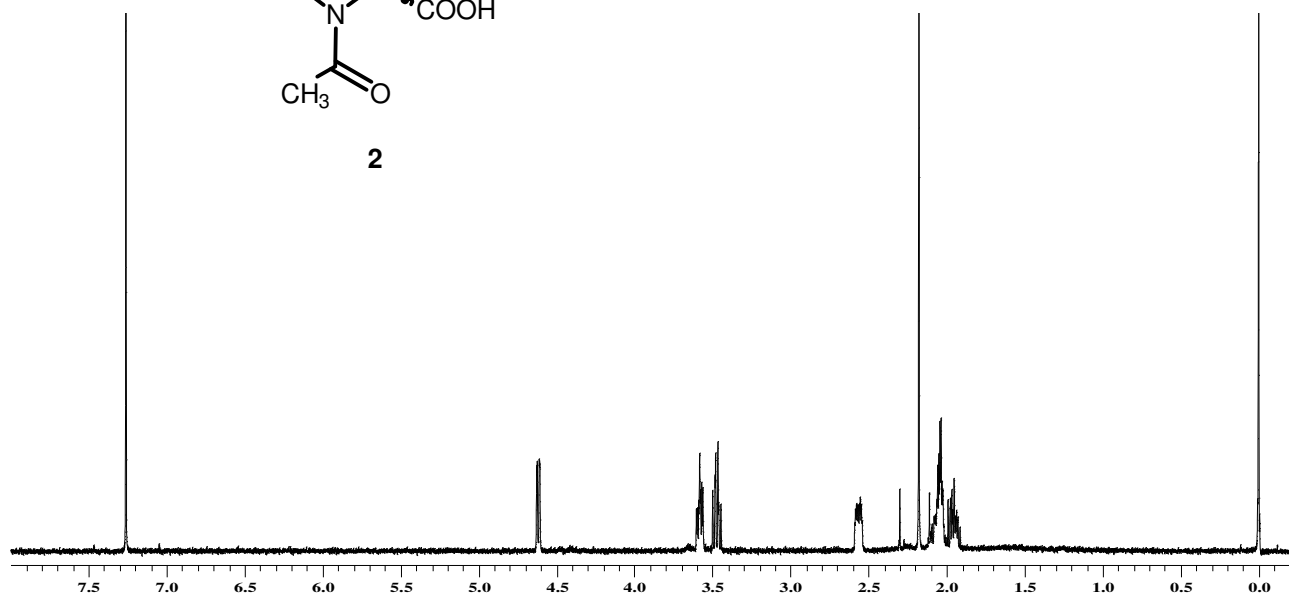
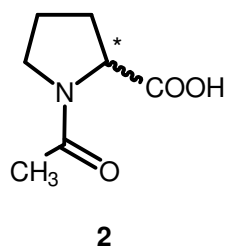
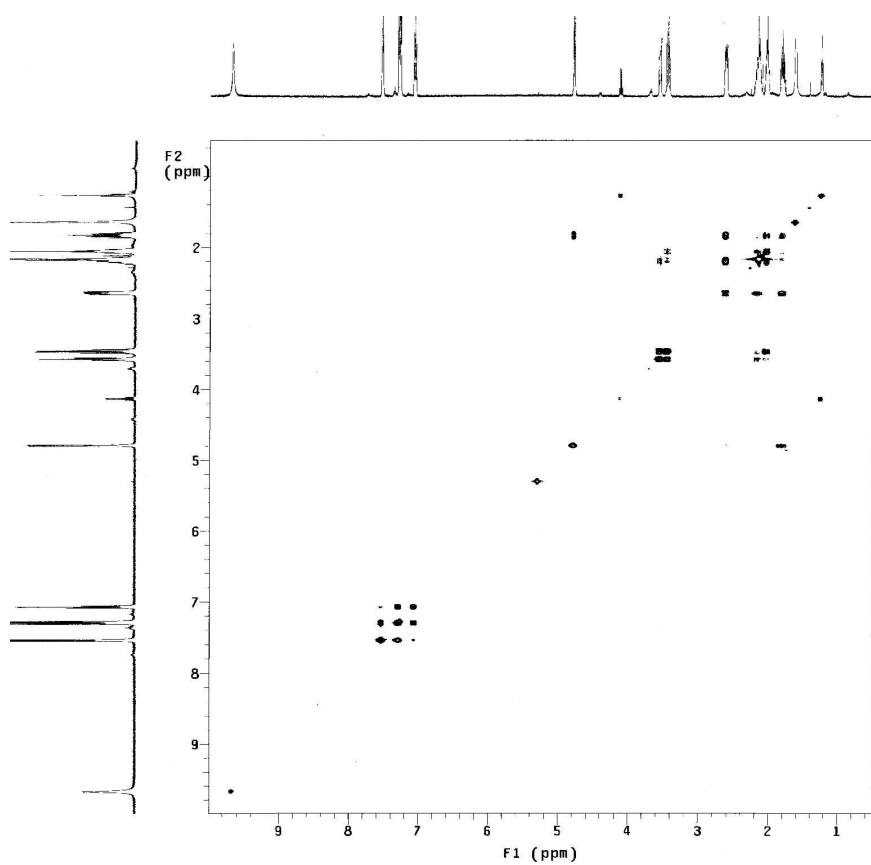
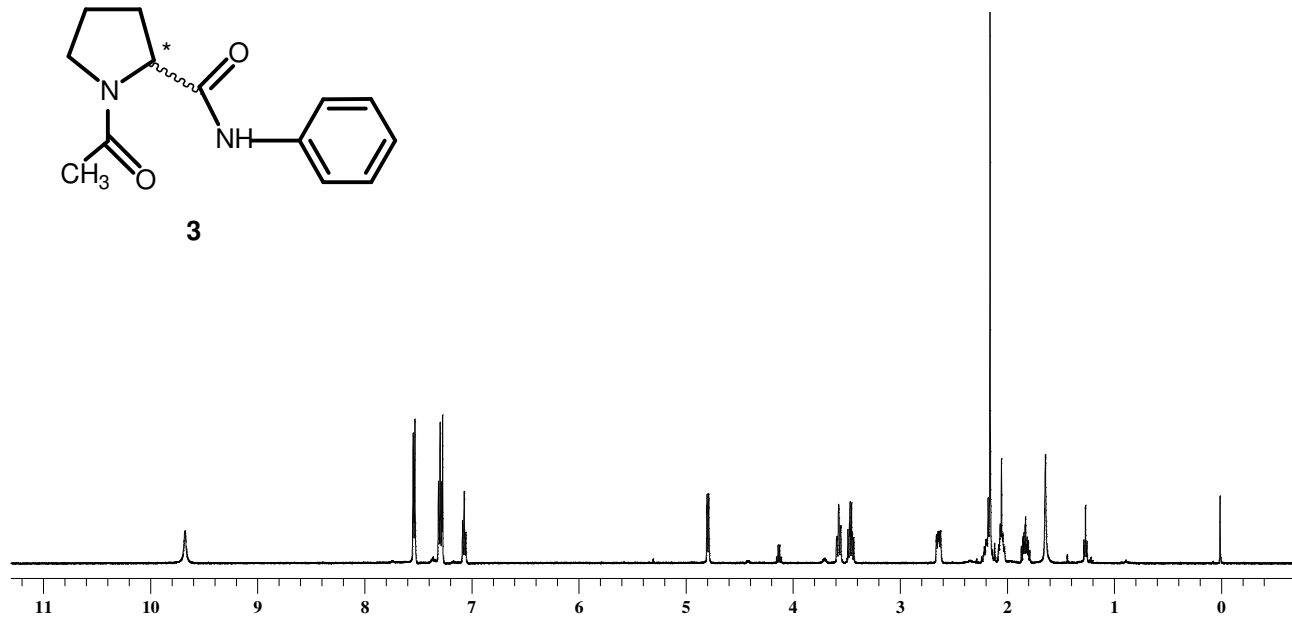
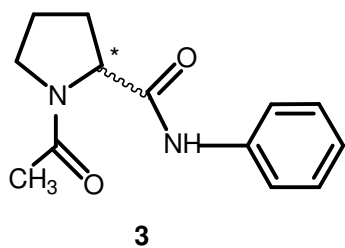


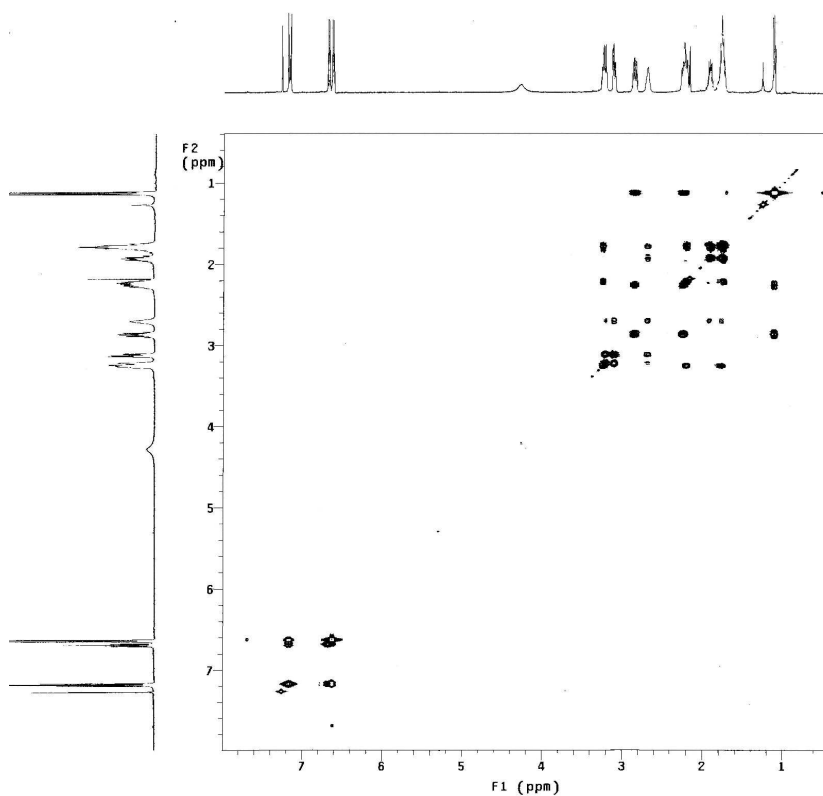
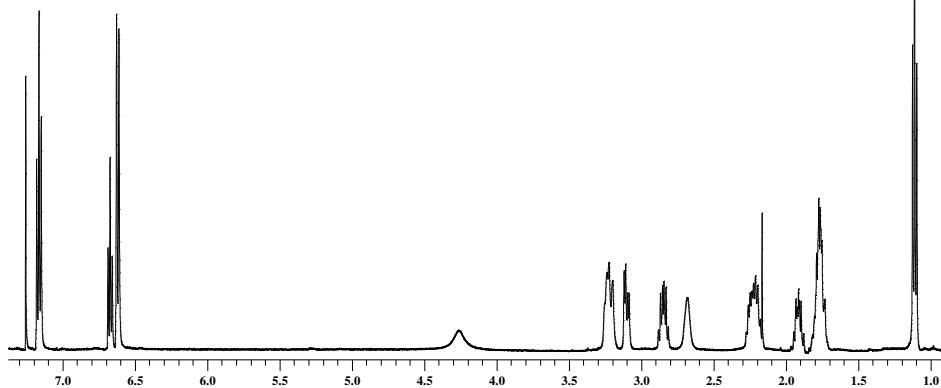
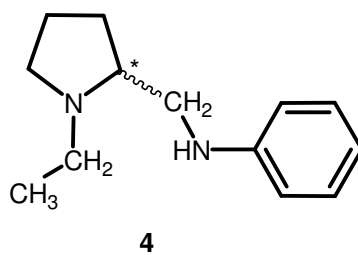
Figure S19. ^1H NMR titration spectra of **M40/TEACl** (500 MHz; CDCl_3 at 27 °C)



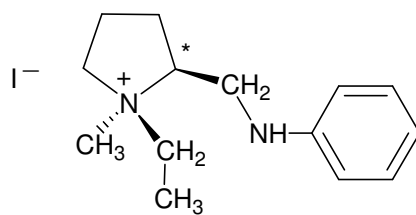
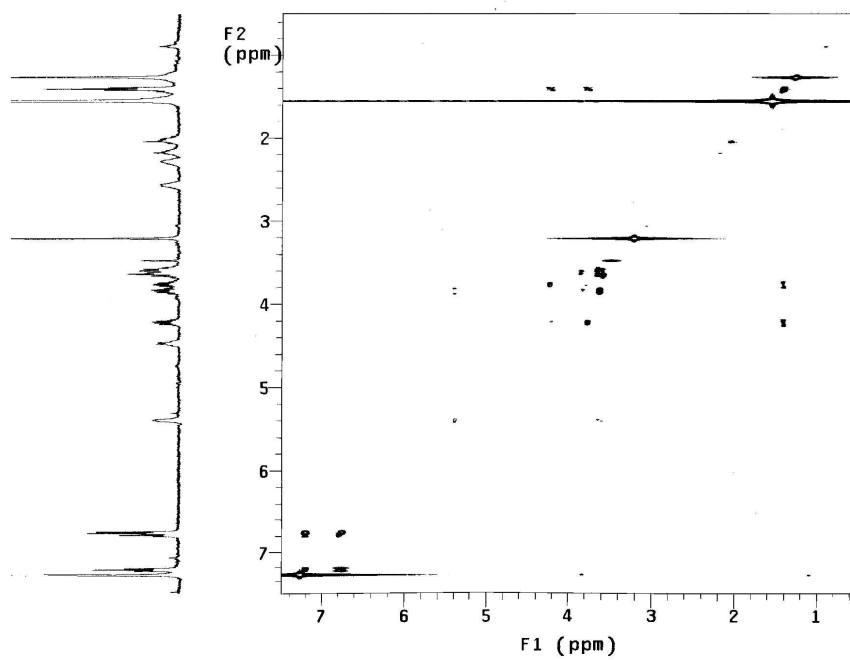
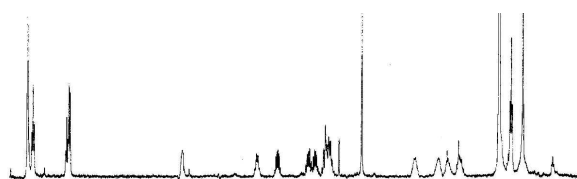
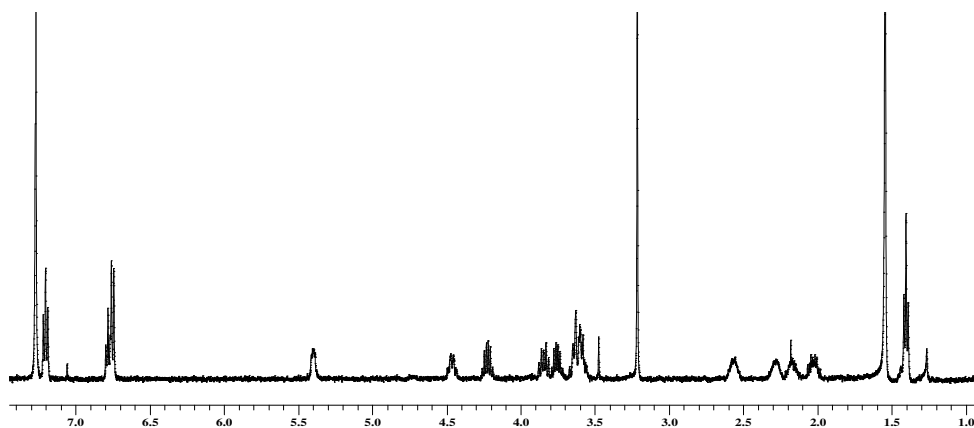
^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compound **2** (500 MHz, CDCl_3)

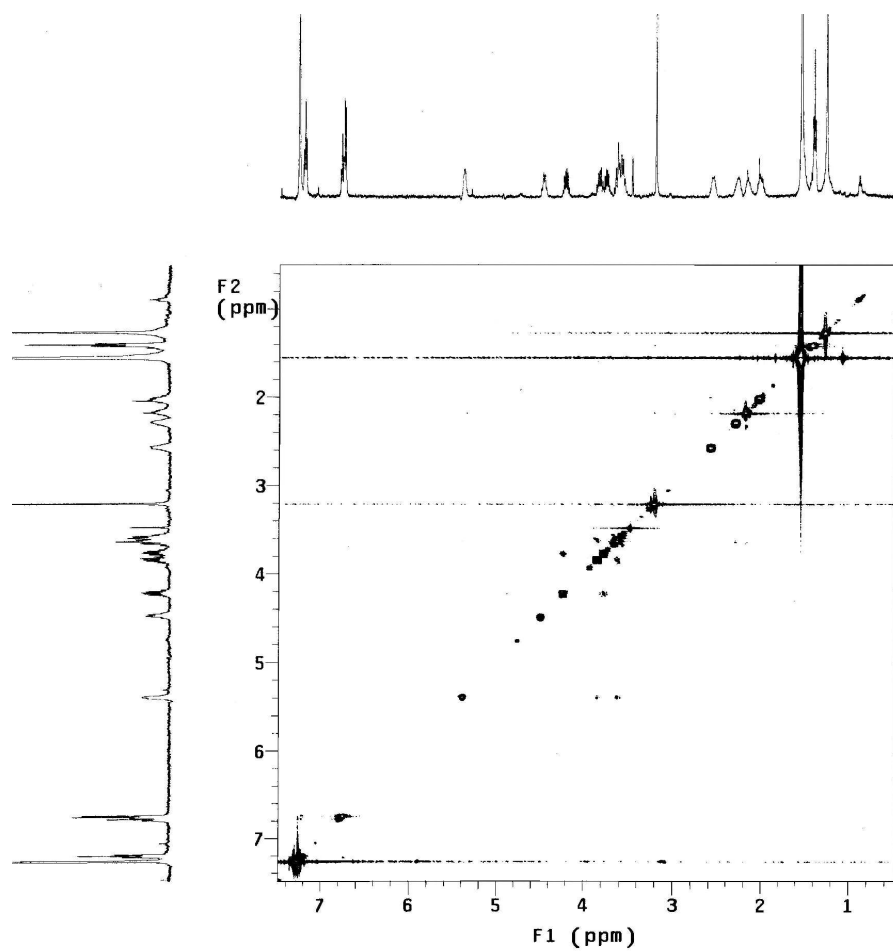


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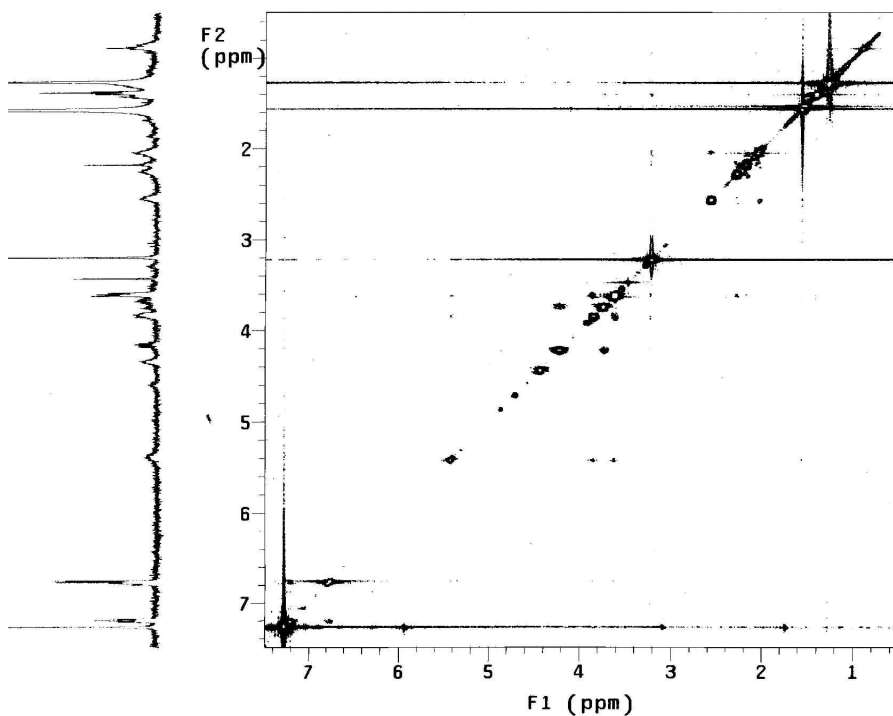
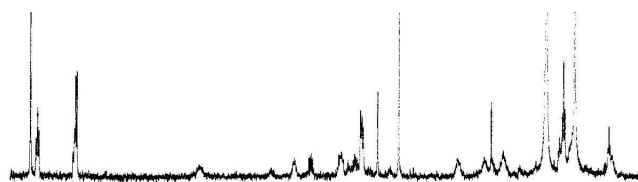
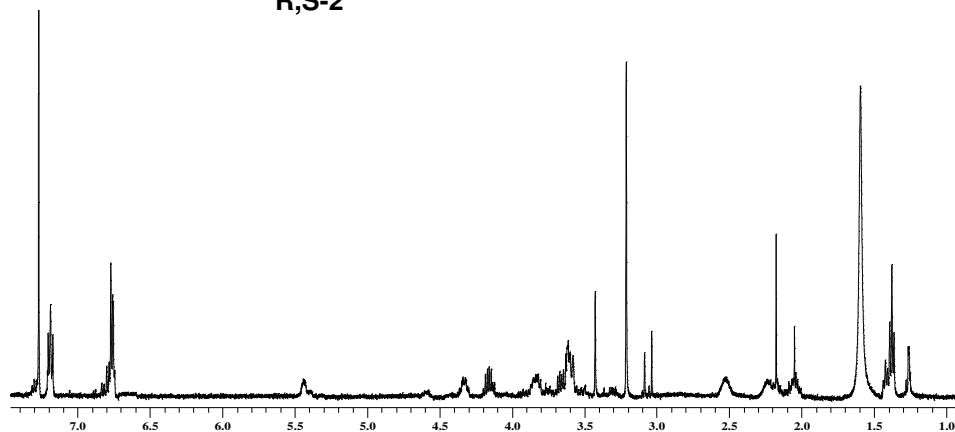
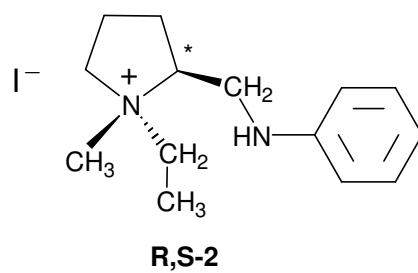


^1H NMR and 2D NMR gCOSY spectra of compound **4** (500 MHz, CDCl_3)

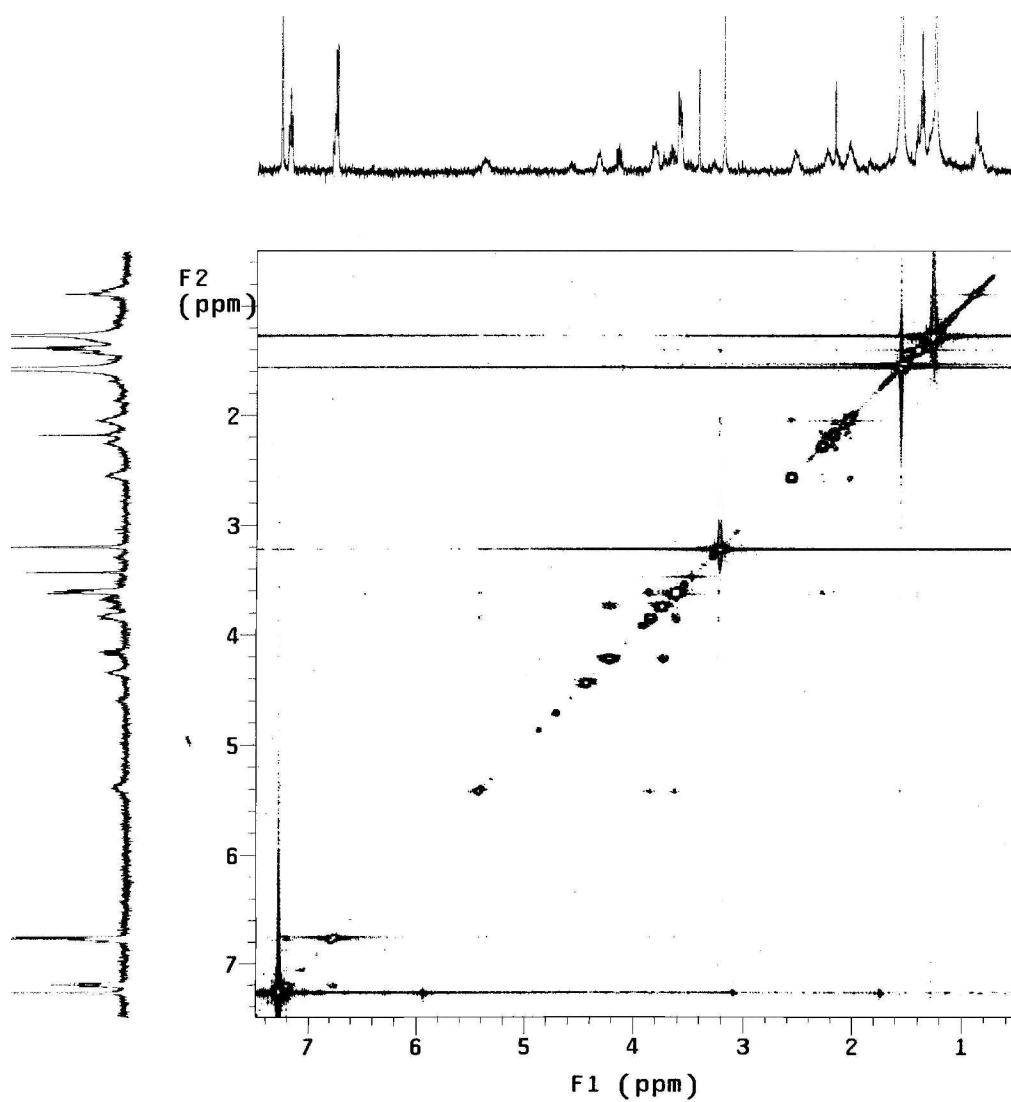
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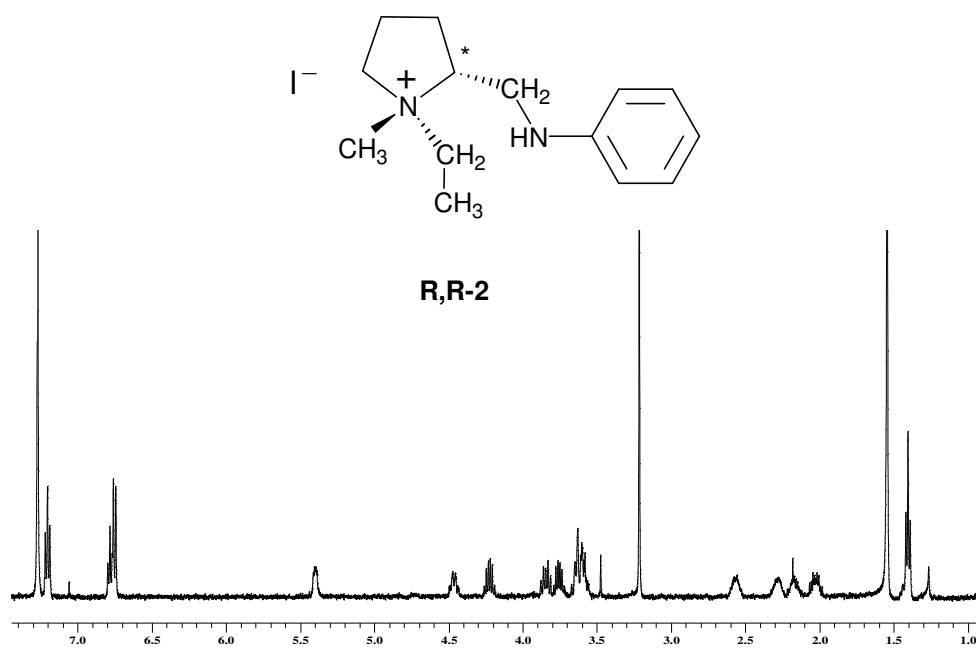
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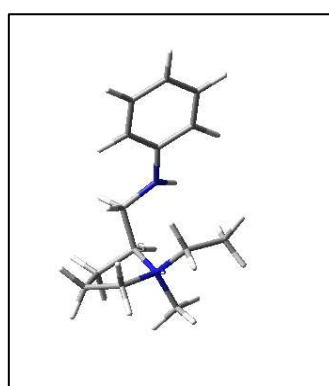
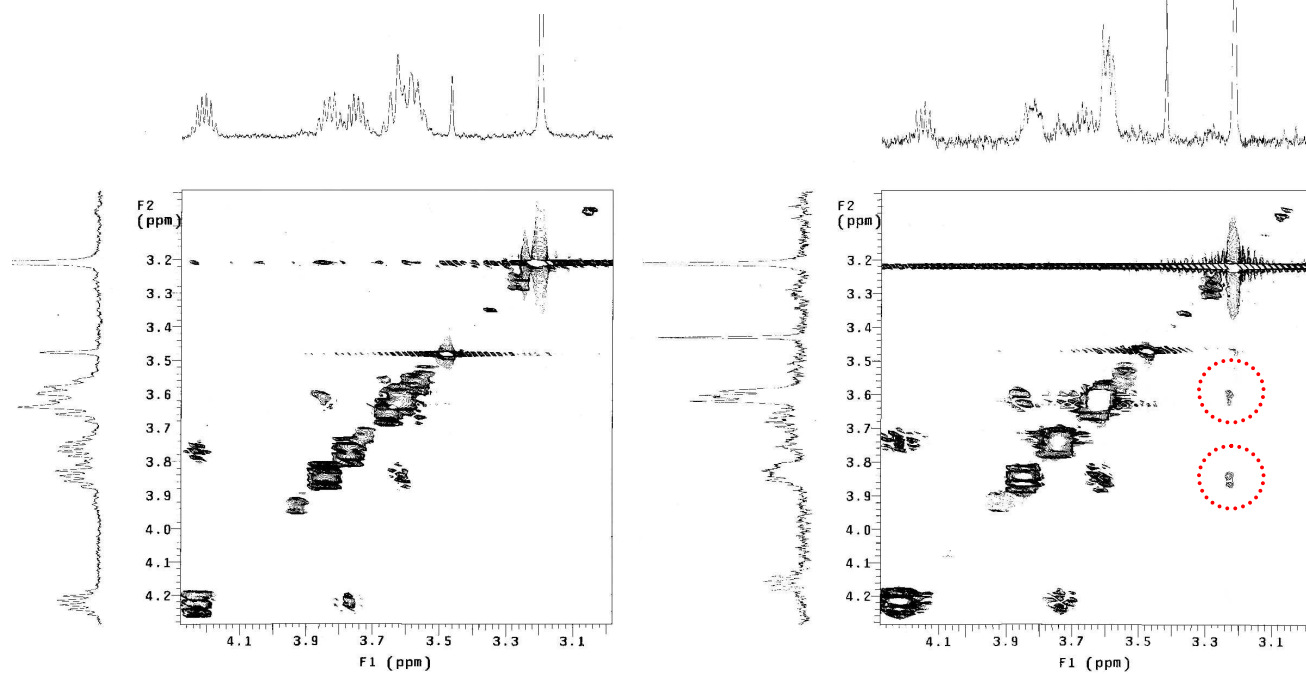
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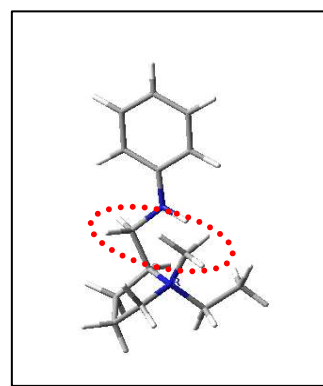
2D NMR NOESY spectrum of compound **R,S-2** (500 MHz, CDCl_3)



^1H NMR spectrum of compound **R,R-2** (500 MHz, CDCl_3)



S,S-2



R,S-2

Selected portion of 2D-NMR NOESY spectra of compounds **S,S-2** and **R,S-2** to assign absolute configuration.