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3 **Synthesis, structures and electronic properties of Co(III) complexes with**  
4 **2-quinolinecarboxaldehyde thio- and selenosemicarbazone: a combined experimental**  
5 **and theoretical study**

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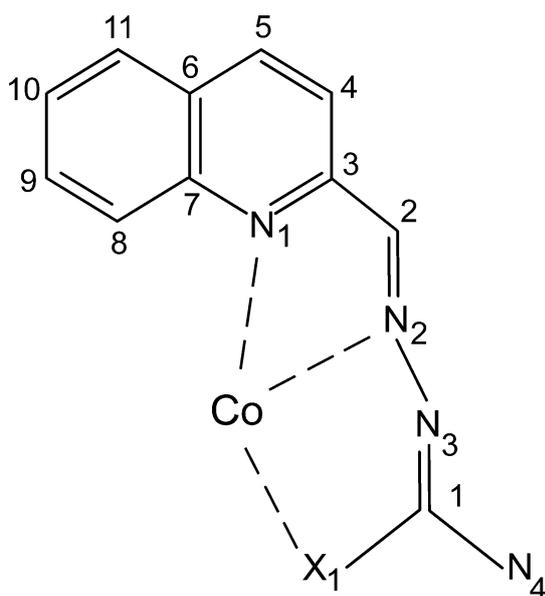
TABLE S-I. Crystal data and structure refinement for complexes **1** and **2**.

Complex	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>18</sub> CoN <sub>8</sub> S <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> ×ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ×OH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>18</sub> CoN <sub>8</sub> Se <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> ×ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ×OH <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	634.96	726.74
Temperature, K	293(2)	293(2)
Wavelength, Å	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
Unit cell dimensions		
<i>a</i> / Å	9.4673(4)	9.5870(5)
<i>b</i> / Å	10.9731(3)	11.2021(6)
<i>c</i> / Å	13.9826(4)	13.9356(6)
$\alpha$ / °	70.668(3)	71.128(4)
$\beta$ / °	87.653(3)	87.977(4)
$\gamma$ / °	72.439(3)	72.076(5)
Volume, Å <sup>3</sup>	1304.01(8)	1343.99(13)
<i>Z</i>	2	2
Density (calculated), Mg m <sup>-3</sup>	1.617	1.801
Absorption coefficient, mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.97	3.50
F(000)	648	720
Theta range for data collection, °	2.6 to 29.1	2.5 to 29.0
Reflections collected	28698	20644
Independent reflections	6312 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0250]	6379 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0243]
Completeness to theta = 26.320°	99.9 %	99.9 %
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	6312 / 4 / 364	6379 / 4 / 366
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.05	1.007
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2sigma( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0359, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0916	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0370, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0976
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0430, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0963	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0475, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1037
Largest diff. peak and hole, e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.48 and -0.41	0.91 and -0.51

40 TABLE S–II. Hydrogen bond (Å) and  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interaction parameters (angle, ° and distance, Å) in  
 41 the crystal structure of complexes **1** and **2**.

H–bond parameters					
D–H···A	D–H / Å	H···A / Å	D···A / Å	D–H···A / °	symmetry operation on A
<b>complex 1</b>					
N4A–H41A···N3A	0.845(17)	2.357(18)	3.166(2)	161(2)	1 – x, 1 – y, 1 – z
N4A–H42A···N3B	0.857(17)	2.441(19)	3.252(3)	158(2)	1 – x, – y, 1 – z
N4B–H41B···O5	0.862(17)	2.28(2)	3.054(4)	150(3)	1 – x, – y, 1 – z
N4B–H42B···O4	0.872(18)	2.302(19)	3.158(4)	167(3)	2 – x, – y, 1 – z
<b>complex 2</b>					
N4A–H41A···N3A	0.849(19)	2.32(2)	3.122(4)	157(4)	1 – x, 1 – y, 1 – z
N4A–H42A···N3B	0.860(18)	2.59(2)	3.408(4)	158(4)	1 – x, – y, 1 – z
N4B–H41B···O5	0.871(19)	2.23(3)	3.041(6)	154(4)	1 – x, – y, 1 – z
N4B–H42B···O4	0.870(19)	2.35(2)	3.212(8)	169(4)	2 – x, – y, 1 – z
$\pi$ – $\pi$ interaction parameters					
Cg(I),Cg(J) <sup>a</sup>	$\alpha^c / ^\circ$	$\beta^d / ^\circ$	$\gamma^e / ^\circ$	slippage <sup>f</sup> / Å	symmetry operation on J
Cg–Cg <sup>b</sup> / Å					
<b>complex 1</b>					
Cg1, Cg1 4.184(16)	0.00(13)	21.9	21.9	1.560	1 – x, 1 – y, – z
Cg2, Cg2 3.7319(17)	0.02(14)	17.9	17.9	1.150	– x, 1 – y, – z
Cg3, Cg3 3.6062(14)	0.03(11)	18.3	18.3	1.132	– x, 1 – y, 1 – z
<b>complex 2</b>					
Cg1, Cg1 4.506(3)	0.0(2)	21.8	21.8	1.673	1 – x, 1 – y, – z
Cg2, Cg2 3.759(3)	0.0(2)	20.0	20.0	1.285	– x, 1 – y, – z
Cg3, Cg3 3.630(2)	0.03(17)	19.9	19.9	1.233	– x, 1 – y, 1 – z

42 <sup>a</sup> Planes of the rings I/J: ring (1) = N(1A),C(3A),C(4A),C(5A),C(6A),C(7A); ring (2) =  
 43 C(6A),C(7A),C(8A),C(9A),C(10A),C(11A); ring (3) = C(6B),C(7B),C(8B),C(9B),C(10B),C(11B); <sup>b</sup>  
 44 Cg–Cg = distance between ring centroids (Å); <sup>c</sup>  $\alpha$  = dihedral angle between planes I and J (°); <sup>d</sup>  $\beta$  =  
 45 angle between Cg(I),Cg(J) vector and normal to plane I (°); <sup>e</sup>  $\gamma$  = angle between Cg(I), Cg(J) vector  
 46 and normal to plane J (°); <sup>f</sup> Slippage = distance between Cg(I) and perpendicular projection of Cg(J)  
 47 on ring I (Å).



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50 Fig. S-1. Atomic numbering for investigated molecules (X=S for **1** and X=Se for **2**).

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52 TABLE S-III. Comparison of average values of the theoretically calculated Co–N and Co–Se bond  
 53 lengths (Å) obtained for the complex **2**, using two DFT/B3LYP with two basis sets and experimental  
 54 measured values.

Basis sets / Bond	Co–N <sub>2</sub>	Co–N <sub>1</sub>	Co–Se <sub>1</sub>
6-311g(d,p) <sup>a</sup>	1.925	2.099	2.380
cc-pVTZ / 6-311g(d) <sup>b</sup>	1.940	2.120	2.398
Measured <sup>c</sup>	1.913	2.056	2.335

55 <sup>a</sup> B3LYP functional with 6-311g(d,p) on all atoms; <sup>b</sup>B3LYP functional with cc-pVTZ on Co and 6-  
 56 311g(d) on all others atoms; <sup>c</sup> Experimental measured bond lengths

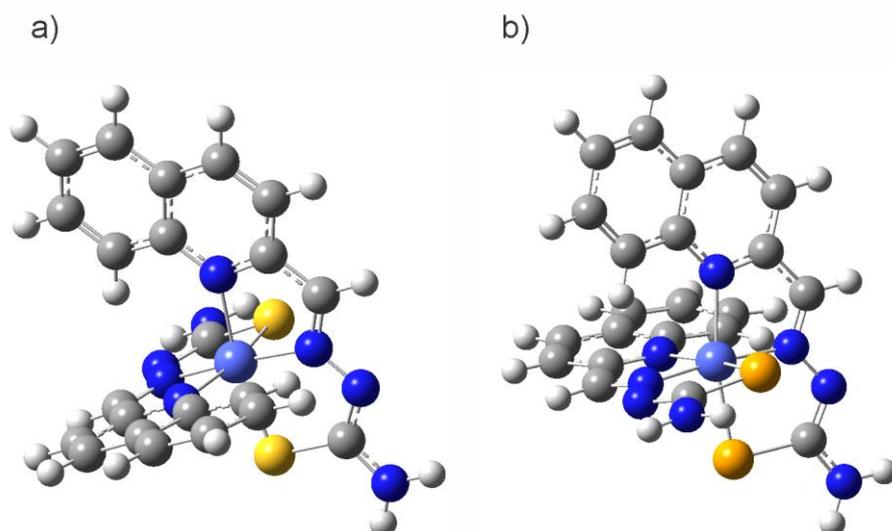
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58 TABLE S-IV. Comparison average values of the experimental and the theoretical calculated Co–N,  
 59 Co–S and Co–Se bond lengths (Å) obtained for the complexes **1** and **2**.

Compound / Bond, Å	Co–N <sub>2</sub>		Co–N <sub>1</sub>		Co–S <sub>1</sub>	
<b>1</b>	1.901 <sup>a</sup>	1.914 <sup>b</sup>	2.058 <sup>a</sup>	2.081 <sup>b</sup>	2.224 <sup>a</sup>	2.267 <sup>b</sup>
<b>2</b>	Co–N <sub>2</sub> 1.913 <sup>a</sup> 1.925 <sup>b</sup>		Co–N <sub>1</sub> 2.056 <sup>a</sup> 2.099 <sup>b</sup>		Co–Se <sub>1</sub> 2.335 <sup>a</sup> 2.380 <sup>b</sup>	

60 <sup>a</sup> Crystal structure data obtained by XRD in the presentwork; <sup>b</sup> Optimized geometries parameters  
 61 obtained by the use of DFT/B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)

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65 Fig. S-2. The ground state geometries of a) complex **1** and b) complex **2**.

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67 TABLE S-V. TD-DFT electronic transitions (absorption maxima, nm), oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) and  
68 major MO contributors in percent of complexes **1** in DMSO.

Complex	No.	$\lambda$ / nm	$f$	MO major contributors, %					
				Transition		Transition			
<b>1</b>	1	715	0.0004	H-1→L+2	33	H-5→L+2	25	H-13→L+2	14
	2	526	0.0017	HOMO→L+2	46	HOMO→L+1	28		
	3	507	0.0000	H-1→L+3	32	HOMO→L+1	13	H-1→LUMO	11
	4	<b>500</b>	<b>0.0318</b>	HOMO→LUMO	91	H-1→L+1	3		
	5	493	0.0081	H-12→L+3	23	HOMO→L+3	12	H-11→L+2	11
	6	476	0.0008	HOMO→L+1	39	HOMO→L+2	30	H-1→LUMO	21
	7	<b>453</b>	<b>0.1186</b>	H-1→LUMO	45	HOMO→L+1	16		
	8	<b>444</b>	<b>0.1238</b>	H-1→L+1	73	H-1→L+2	12		
	9	439	0.0250	HOMO→L+3	52	H-1→L+1	13	H-1→L+2	11
	10	438	0.0416	H-1→L+3	23	H-1→LUMO	13	H-5→L+3	11
	11	411	0.0003	H-1→L+2	28	HOMO→L+3	27	H-12→L+3	12
	12	394	0.0153	H-2→L+2	48	H-2→L+1	24	H-5→LUMO	6
	13	<b>390</b>	<b>0.0523</b>	H-2→LUMO	87	H-5→L+1	4		
	14	381	0.0488	H-2→L+2	23	H-3→LUMO	17	H-5→LUMO	12
	15	379	0.0128	H-2→L+1	34	H-3→LUMO	26	H-2→L+2	19
	16	376	0.0167	H-3→L+1	52	H-3→L+2	11	H-5→L+2	10

17	371	0.0008	H-3→LUMO	54	H-2→L+1	14	H-11→L+3	6
18	368	0.0695	H-4→LUMO	82	H-3→L+1	6		
19	360	0.0038	H-3→L+1	31	H-5→L+1	18	H-4→LUMO	12
20	<b>359</b>	<b>0.1652</b>	H-5→LUMO	53	H-2→L+1	22	H-2→L+2	5
21	357	0.0339	H-4→L+1	88	H-6→L+2	2		
22	<b>354</b>	<b>0.1253</b>	H-5→L+1	48	H-3→L+2	11	H-13→L+2	9
23	349	0.0493	H-3→L+2	41	H-2→L+3	26	H-5→L+1	10
24	346	0.0312	H-5→L+3	42	H-1→L+3	30	H-13→L+3	10
25	343	0.0403	H-2→L+3	68	H-3→L+2	20	H-5→L+1	3
26	337	0.0067	H-4→L+2	84	H-6→L+1	5	H-6→L+2	3
27	330	0.0028	H-6→LUMO	86	H-7→L+1	3		
28	324	0.0008	H-6→L+1	58	H-7→LUMO	20	H-9→LUMO	5
29	316	0.0012	H-3→L+3	72	HOMO→L+4	6	H-13→L+3	5
30	312	0.0176	HOMO→L+5	66	H-7→L+1	9	H-13→L+2	7
31	312	0.0445	HOMO→L+4	50	H-7→LUMO	17	H-7→LUMO+3	14
32	<b>309</b>	<b>0.1095</b>	HOMO→L+5	26	H-13→L+2	20	H-5→L+2	18
33	308	0.0204	H-7→LUMO	38	HOMO→L+4	29	H-6→L+1	13
34	303	0.0020	H-4→L+3	81	H-7→L+1	6	H-12→L+3	4
35	301	0.0403	H-6→L+2	56	H-10→L+2	16	H-12→L+2	6
36	298	0.0994	H-1→L+4	89				
37	<b>296</b>	<b>0.1203</b>	H-1→L+5	84	H-7→LUMO	4	HOMO→L+4	4

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71 TABLE S-VI. TD-DFT electronic transitions (absorption maxima, nm), oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) and  
72 major MO contributors in percent of complexes **2** in DMSO.

Complex	No.	$\lambda$ / nm	$f$	MO major contributors, %					
				Transition		Transition		Transition	
<b>2</b>									
	1	748	0.0003	H-1→L+2	39	H-13→L+2	13	H-4→L+2	10
	2	590	0.0008	HOMO→L+1	54	HOMO→L+2	44		
	3	<b>570</b>	<b>0.0189</b>	HOMO→LUMO	97				
	4	535	0.0001	H-1→L+3	24	H-1→LUMO	19	H-13→L+3	15
	5	530	0.0089	HOMO→L+2	39	HOMO→L+1	29	H-1→L+3	16
	6	513	0.0053	H-12→L+3	33	HOMO→L+3	20	H-14→L+2	7
	7	482	0.0609	H-1→LUMO	60	H-14→L+3	5		
	8	478	0.0005	HOMO→L+3	71	H-14→L+2	3	H-11→L+2	4
	9	<b>466</b>	<b>0.0914</b>	H-1→L+1	80	H-1→L+2	10		

10	460	0.0302	H-1→L+3	28	H-1→LUMO	14	H-12→L+2	11
11	429	0.0010	H-1→L+2	26	H-12→L+3	18	H-4→L+2	6
12	417	0.0082	H-2→L+2	38	H-2→L+1	32		
13	<b>408</b>	<b>0.0790</b>	H-2→LUMO	84	H-3→L+2	4	H-3→L+1	3
14	396	0.0083	H-2→L+2	37	H-2→L+1	34	H-3→LUMO	24
15	389	0.0588	H-12→L+2	17	H-4→LUMO	14	H-2→L+2	12
16	386	0.0147	H-3→L+1	50	H-3→L+2	24	H-4→L+1	10
17	376	0.0448	H-3→LUMO	48	H-4→LUMO	31	H-2→L+1	14
18	<b>371</b>	<b>0.1849</b>	H-3→LUMO	48	H-4→LUMO	18		
19	370	0.0440	H-5→LUMO	59	H-13→L+2	9	H-4→L+1	8
20	<b>367</b>	<b>0.1496</b>	H-4→L+1	44	H-3→L+1	24	H-4→L+2	8
21	366	0.0180	H-5→LUMO	31	H-13→L+2	16	H-2→L+3	14
22	360	0.0370	H-5→L+1	88	HOMO→L+4	3		
23	359	0.0431	H-2→L+3	35	H-3→L+2	21	H-4→L+1	13
24	352	0.0630	H-2→L+3	42	H-3→L+	24	H-4→L+2	12
25	348	0.0175	H-3→L+3	38	H-1→L+3	24	H-13→L+3	15
26	339	0.0115	H-6→LUMO	81				
27	339	0.0006	H-5→L+2	61	H-6→L+1	19		
28	335	0.0252	HOMO→L+4	62	H-6→L+1	13	H-7→LUMO	12
29	335	0.0296	HOMO→L+5	92				
30	331	0.0372	H-6→L+1	33	H-5→L+2	27	HOMO→L+4	15
31	325	0.0038	H-3→L+3	42	H-4→L+3	28	H-13→L+3	13
32	324	0.0501	H-4→L+2	38	H-7→L+1	18	H-13→L+2	18
33	320	0.0019	H-7→LUMO	65	H-6→L+1	20		
34	313	0.0033	H-7→L+1	62				
35	311	0.0020	H-5→L+3	28	H-6→L+3	25	H-12→L+3	22
36	<b>309</b>	<b>0.0574</b>	H-6→L+2	57	H-12→L+1	9	H-12→L+2	9
37	<b>306</b>	<b>0.0543</b>	H-1→L+4	92				

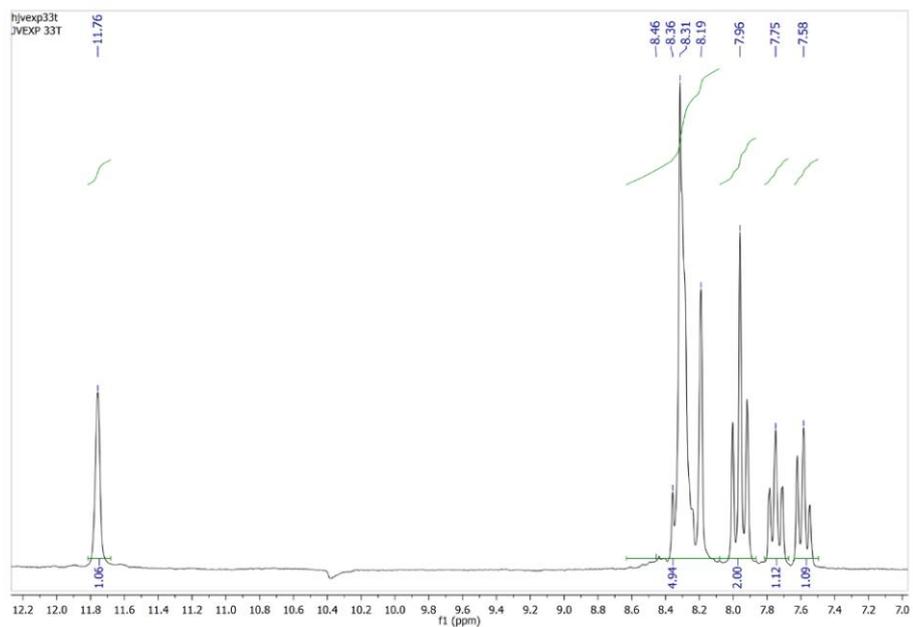
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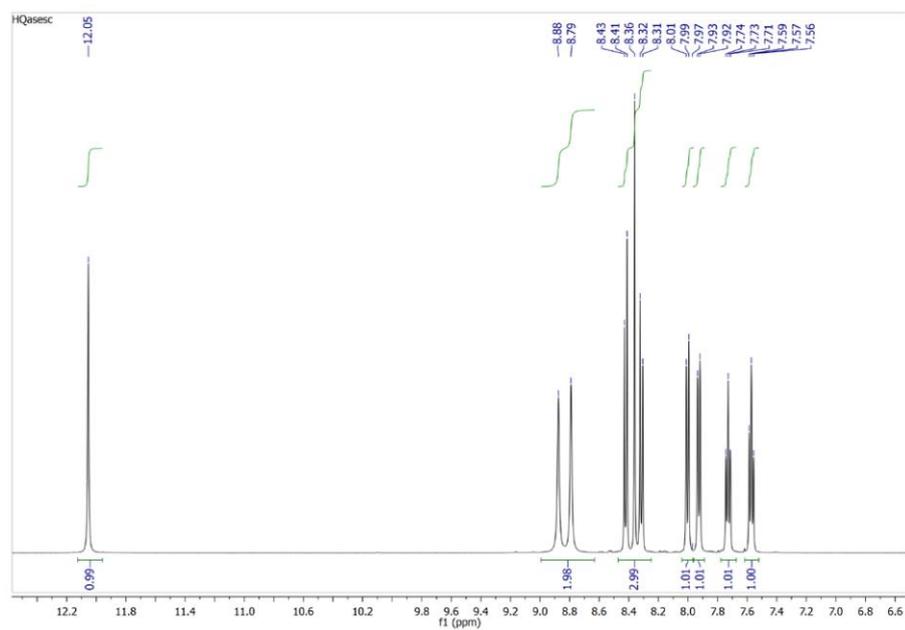
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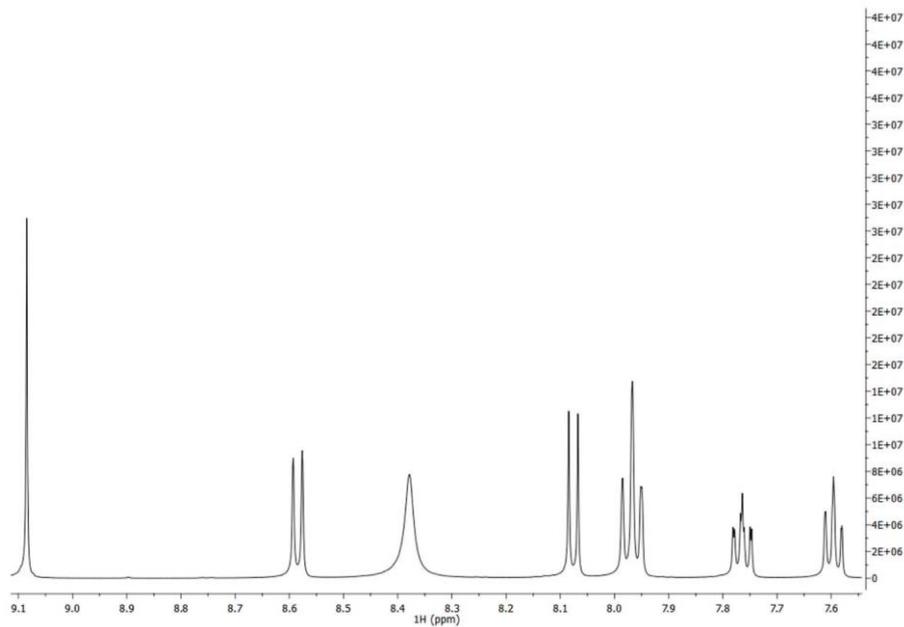
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Fig. S-3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of H2qatsc in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



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Fig. S-4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of H2qasesc in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



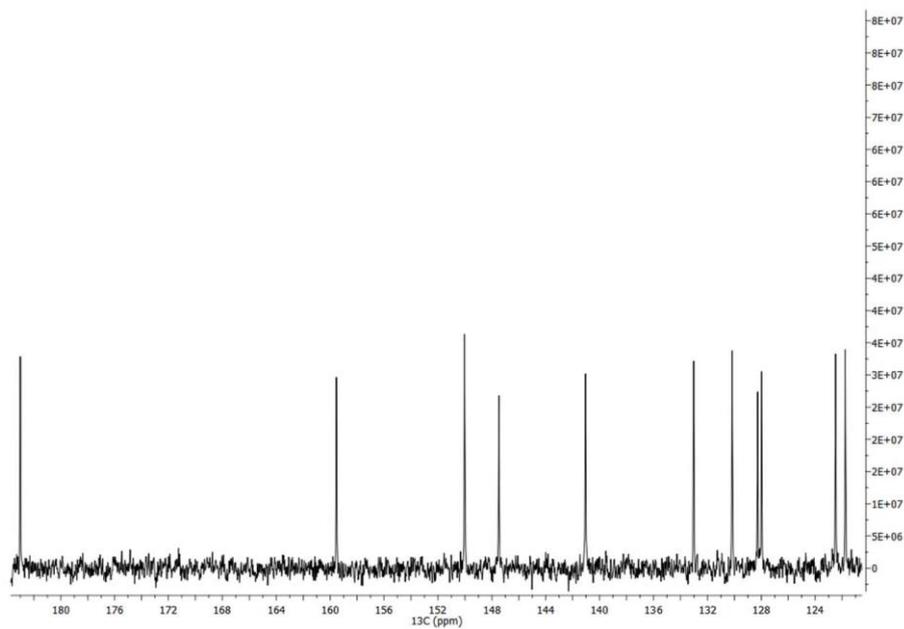
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Fig. S-5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .

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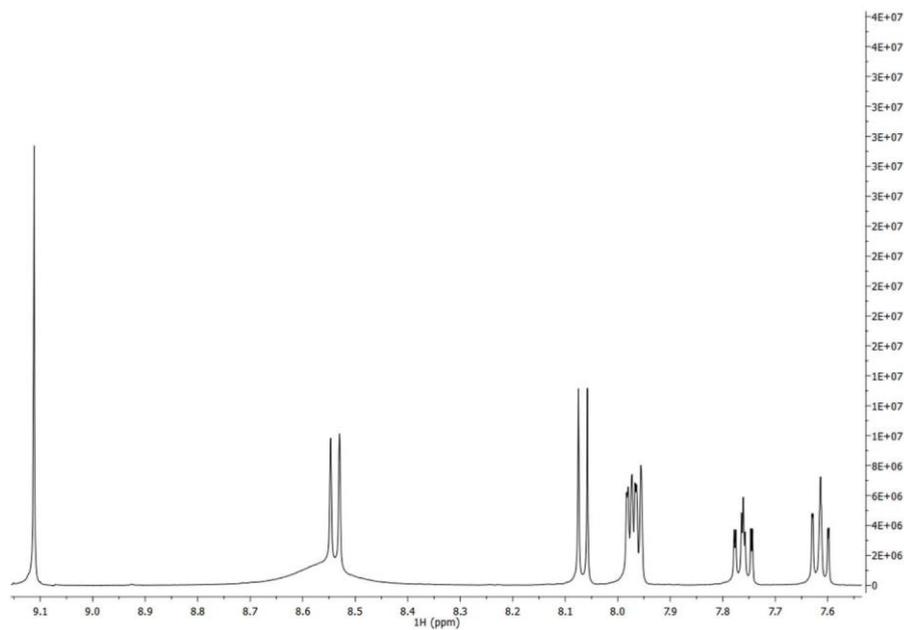
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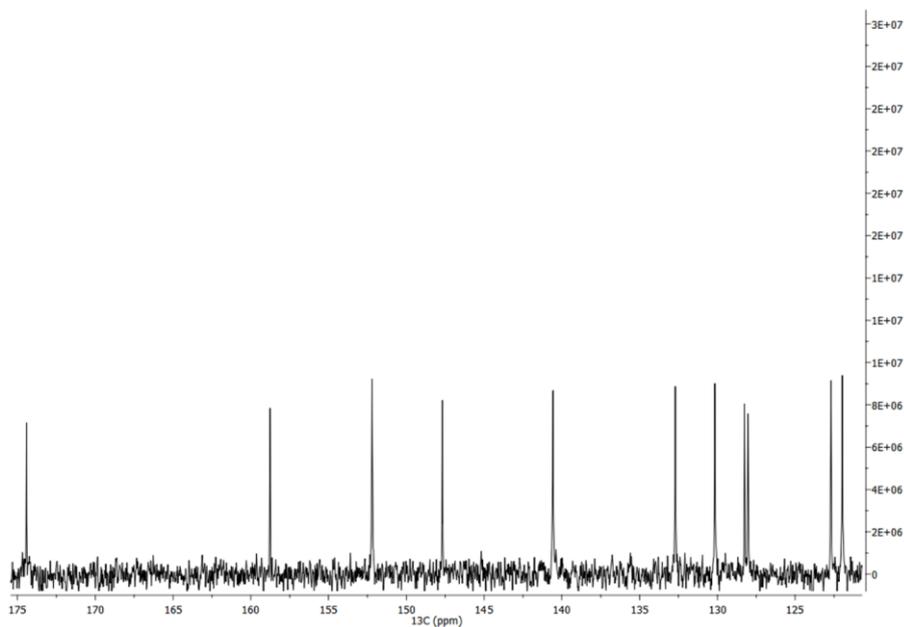
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Fig. S-7.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



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Fig. S-8.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **2** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .