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Perfluorinated Zinc Porphyrin Sensitized Photoelectrosynthetic Cells for Enhanced TEMPO-Mediated Benzyl Alcohol Oxidation

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^1H - and ^{19}F -NMR spectra of dyes and precursors

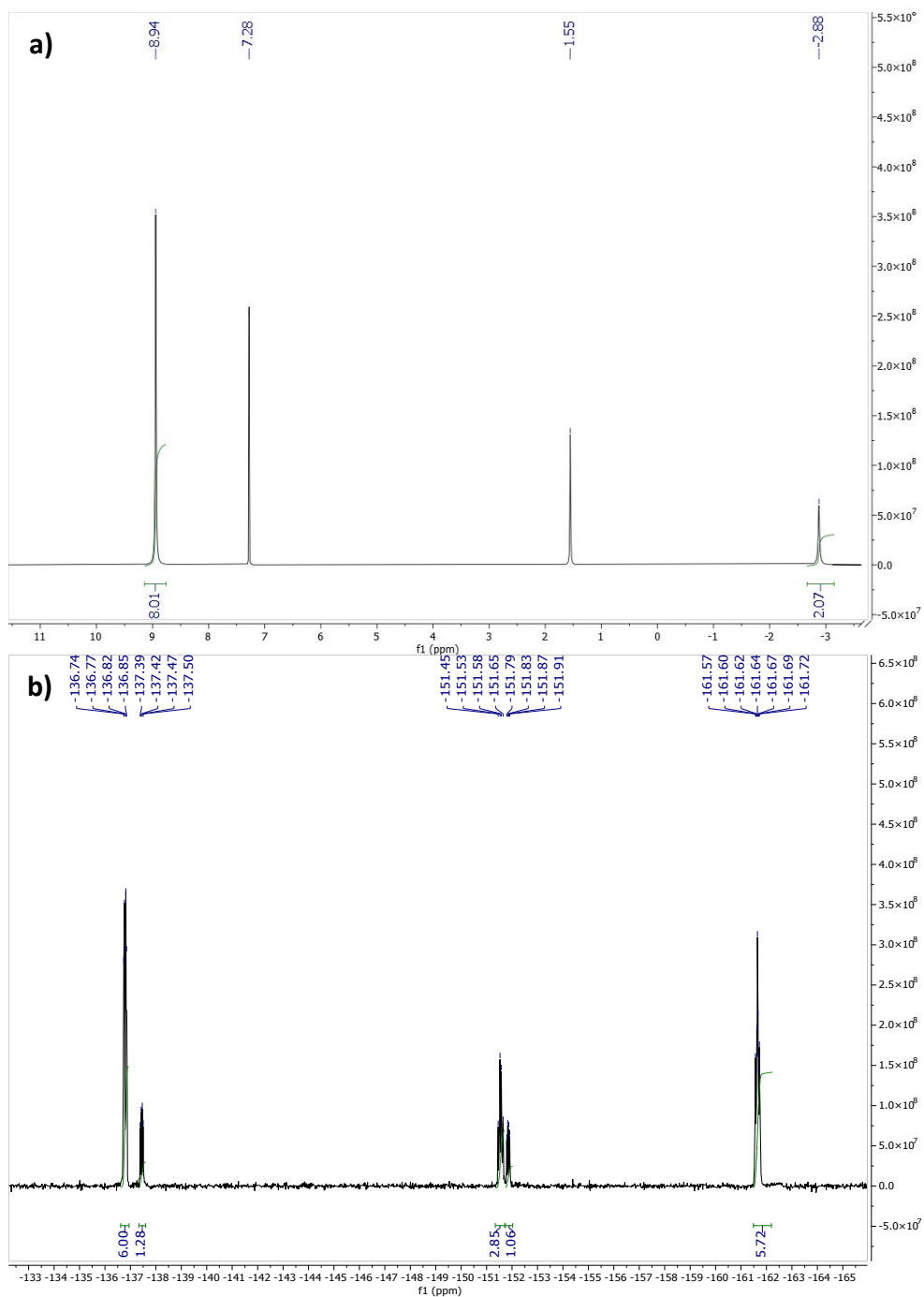


Figure S1: ^1H -NMR (a) and ^{19}F -NMR (b) spectra of TFP- N_3

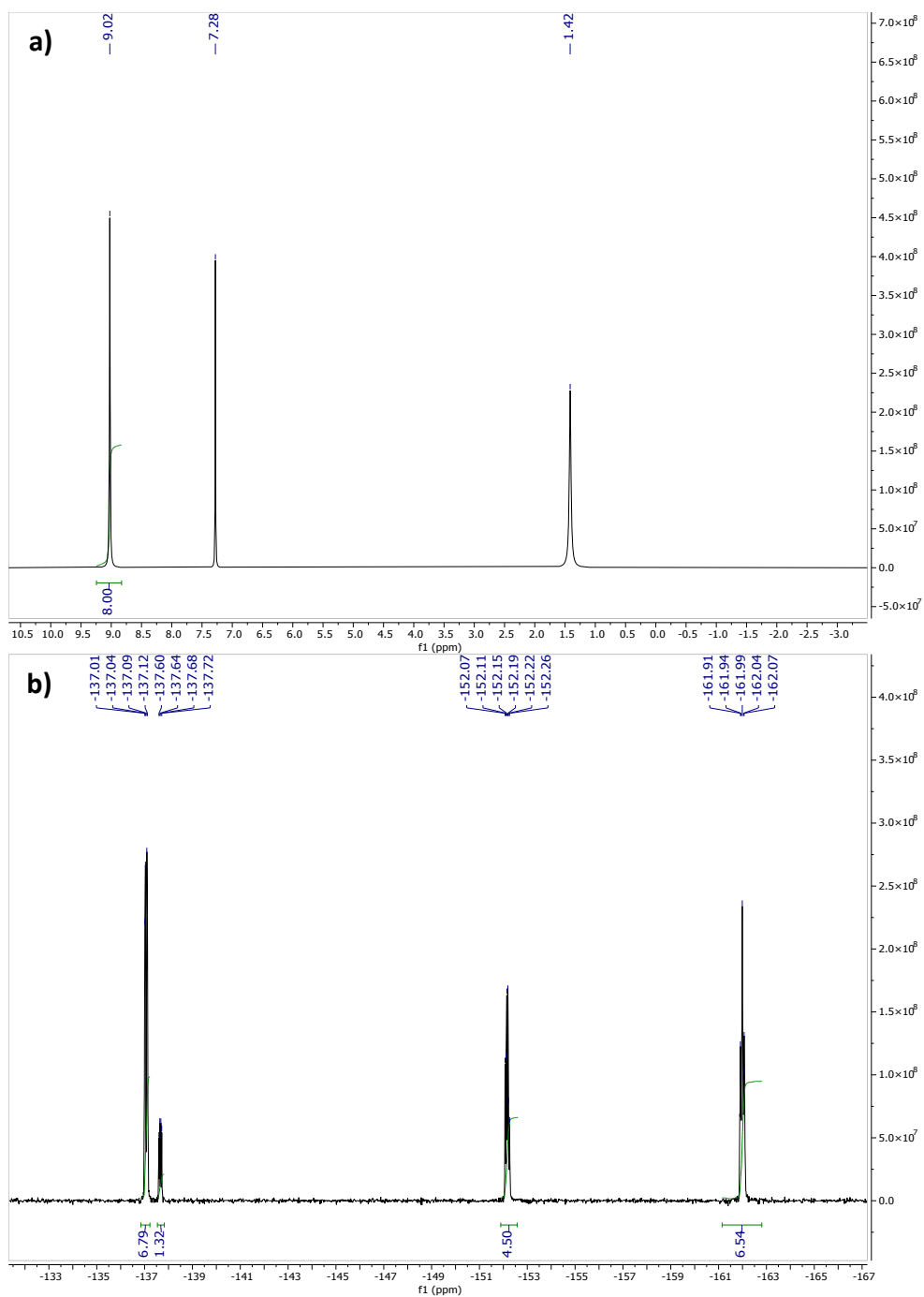


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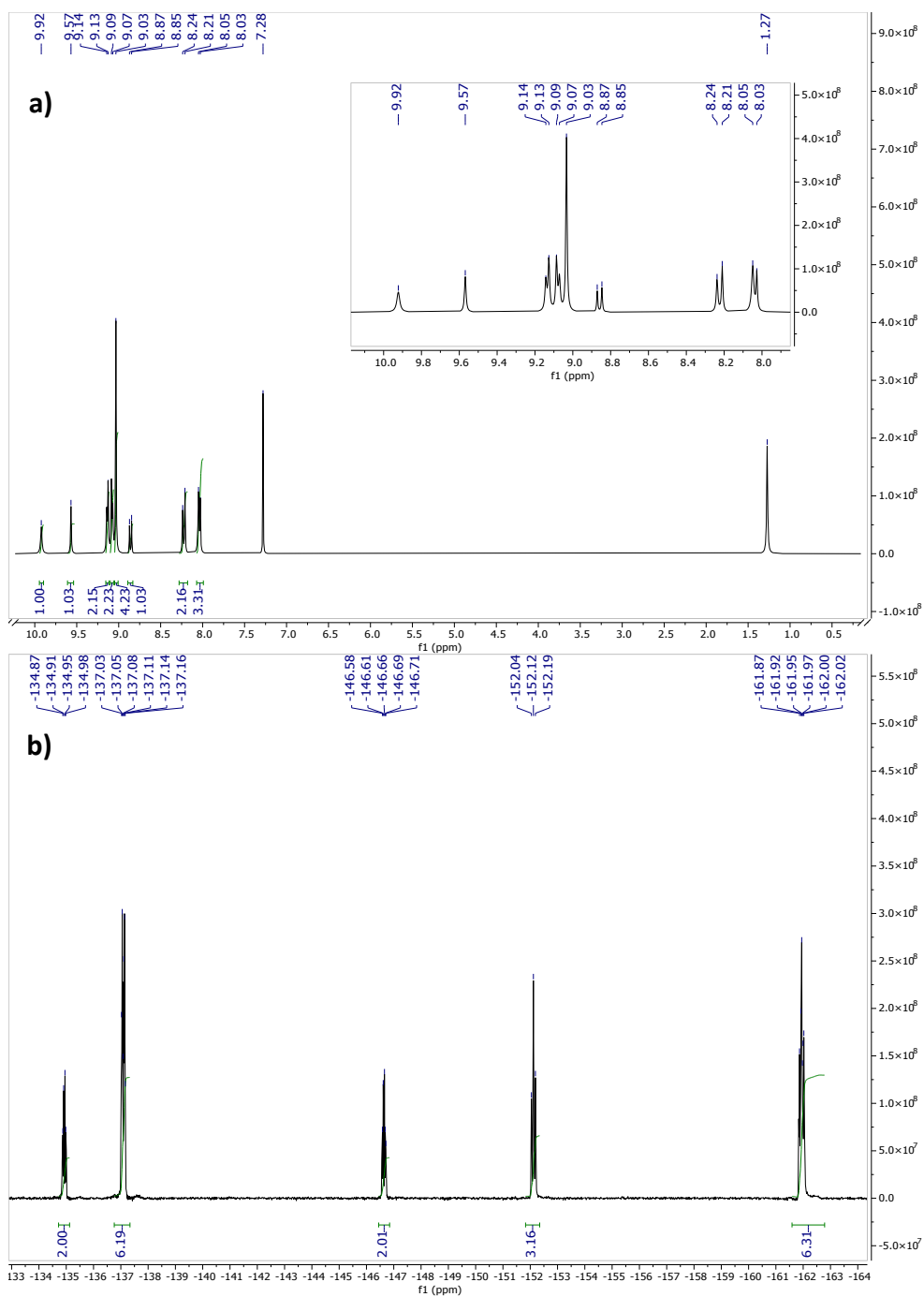


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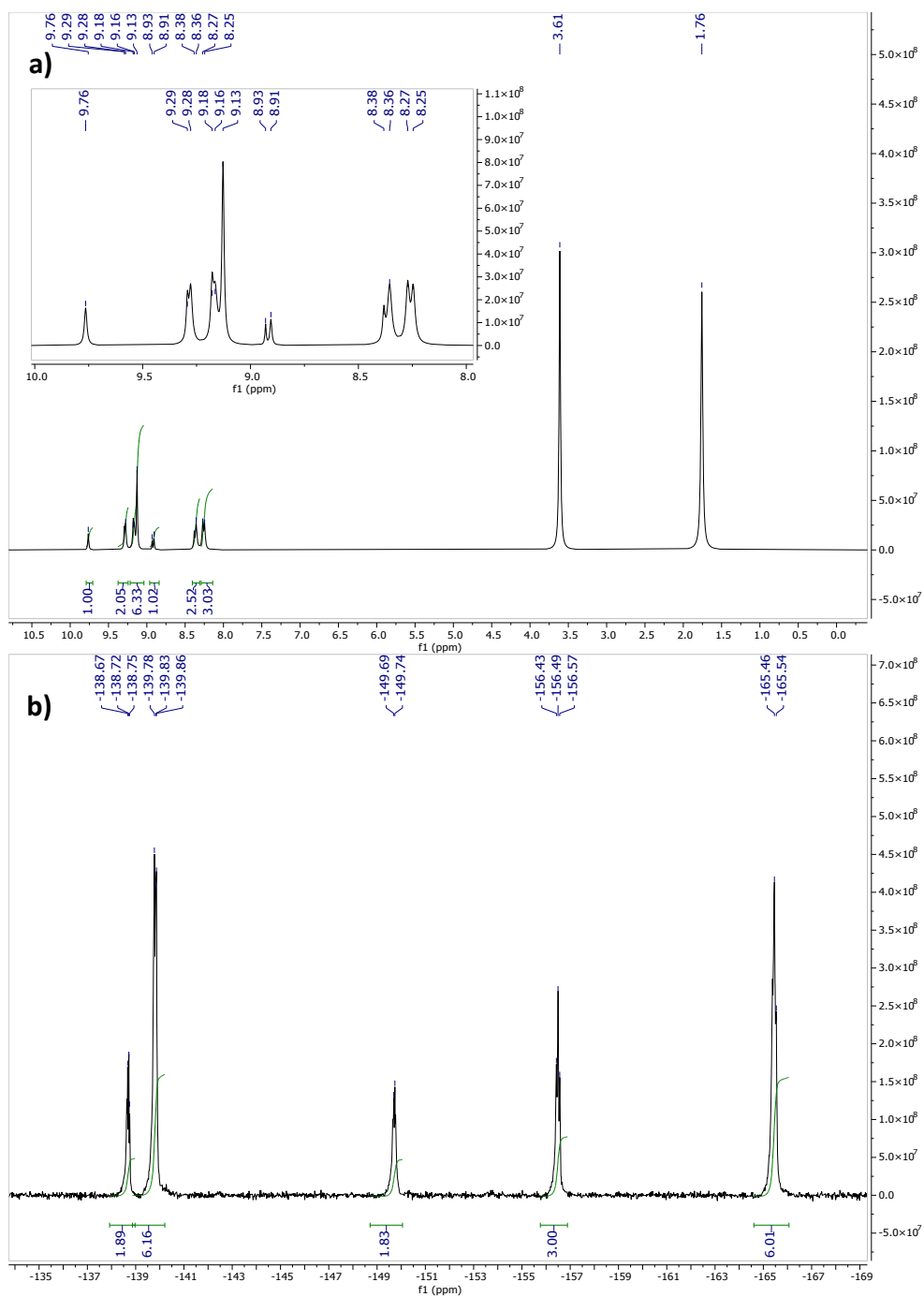


Figure S4: $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (a) and $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (b) spectra of CLICK-3

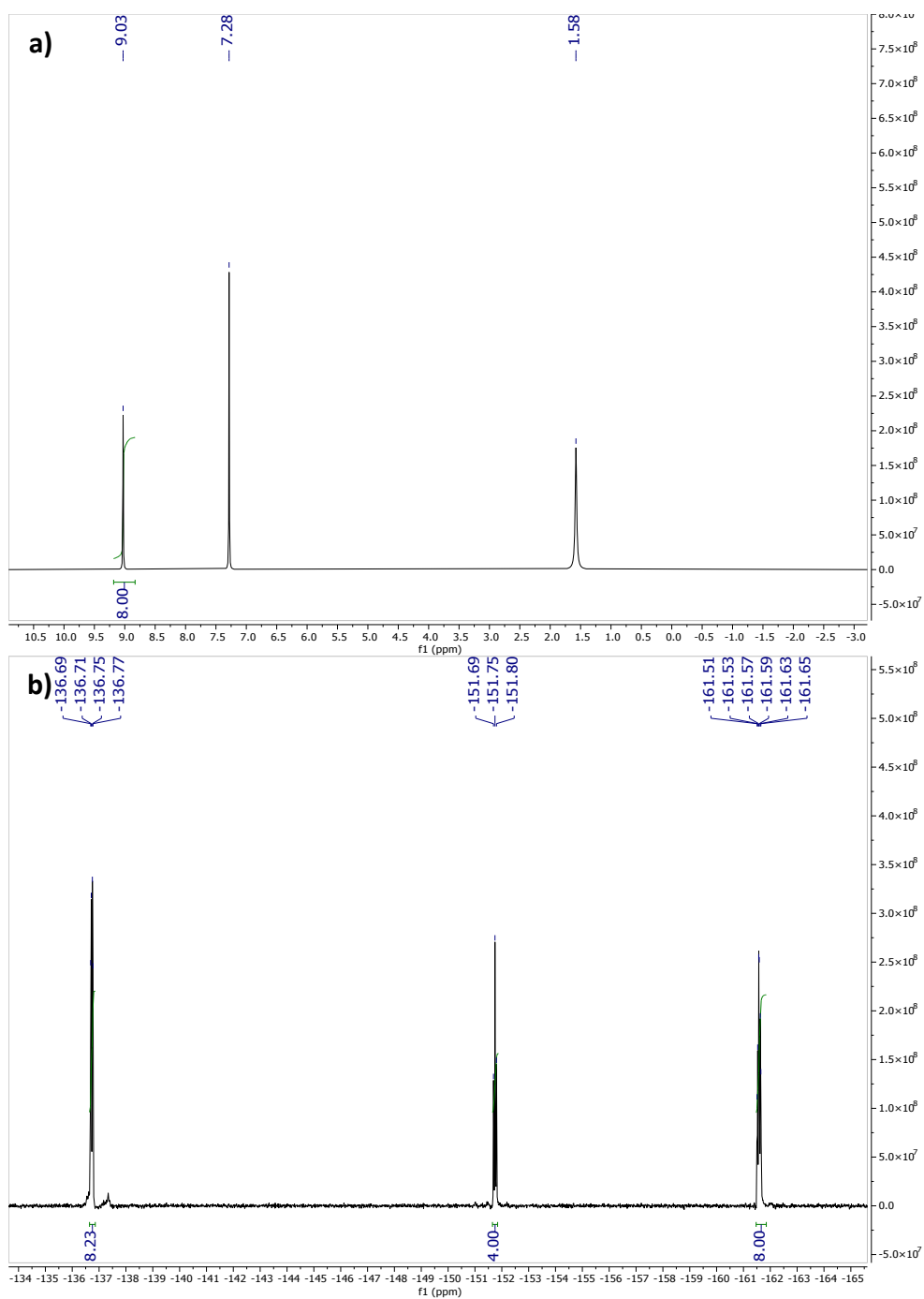


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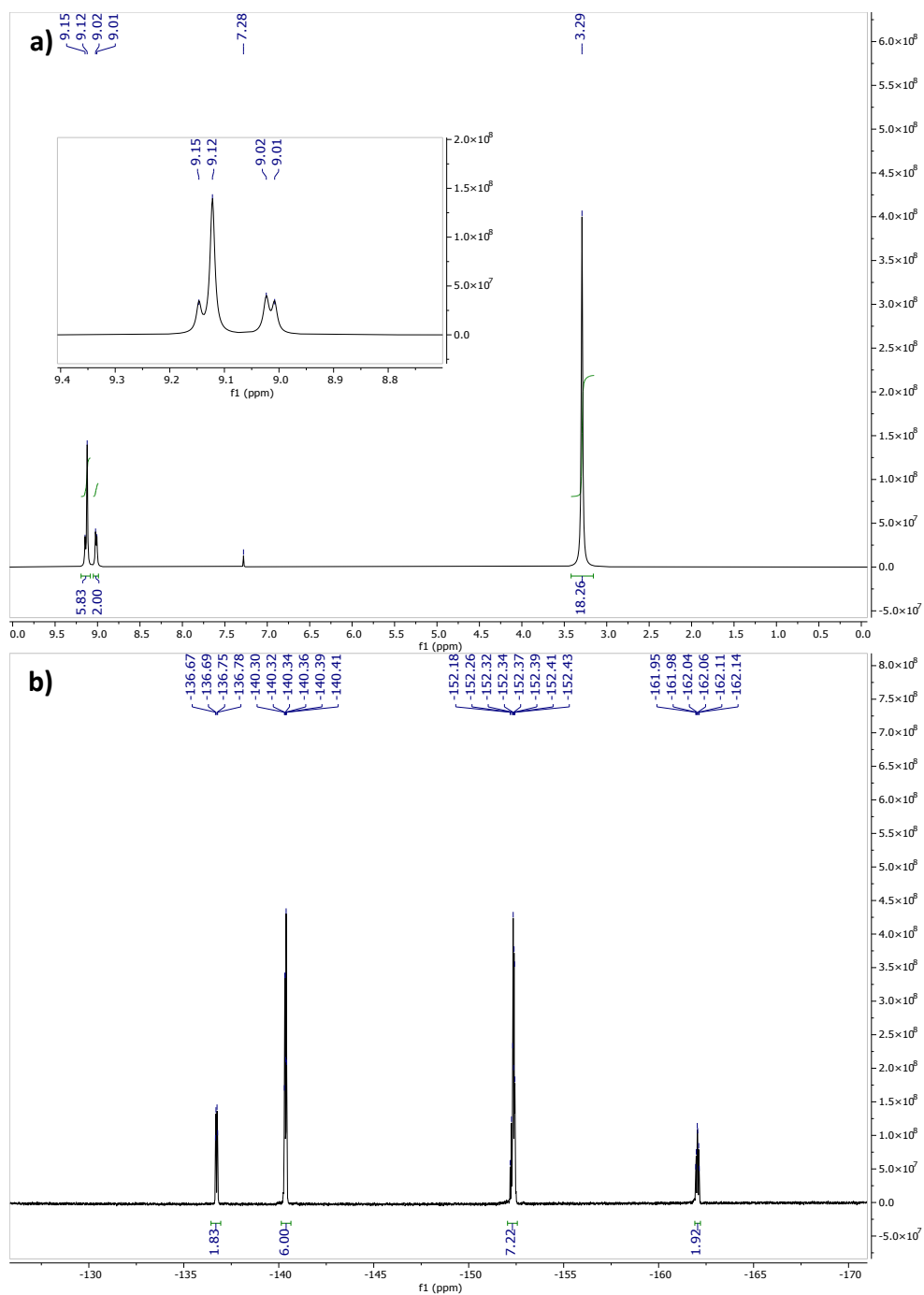


Figure S6: $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (a) and $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (b) spectra of Zn3DP

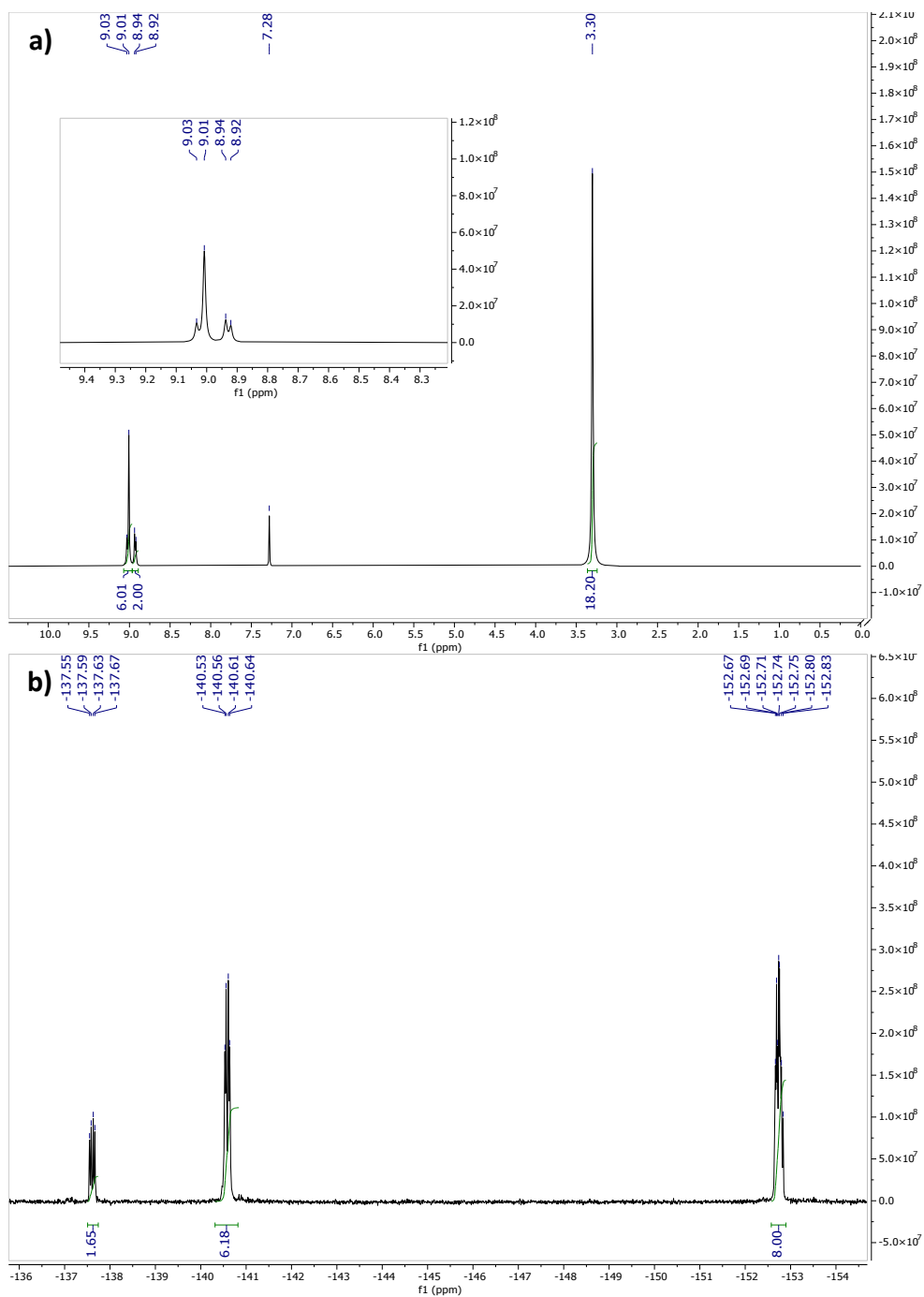


Figure S7: $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (a) and $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (b) spectra of $\text{Zn}_3\text{DP-N}_3$

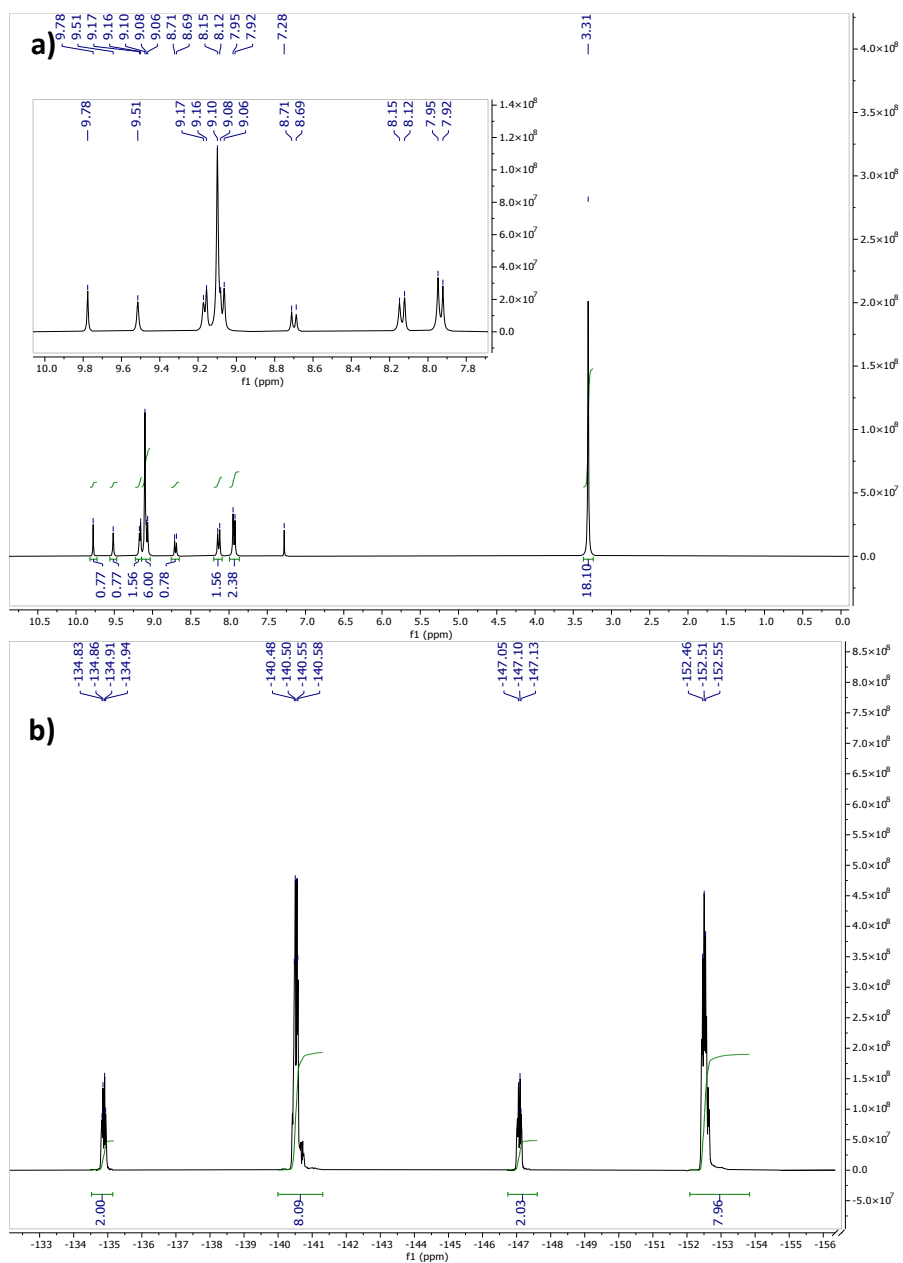


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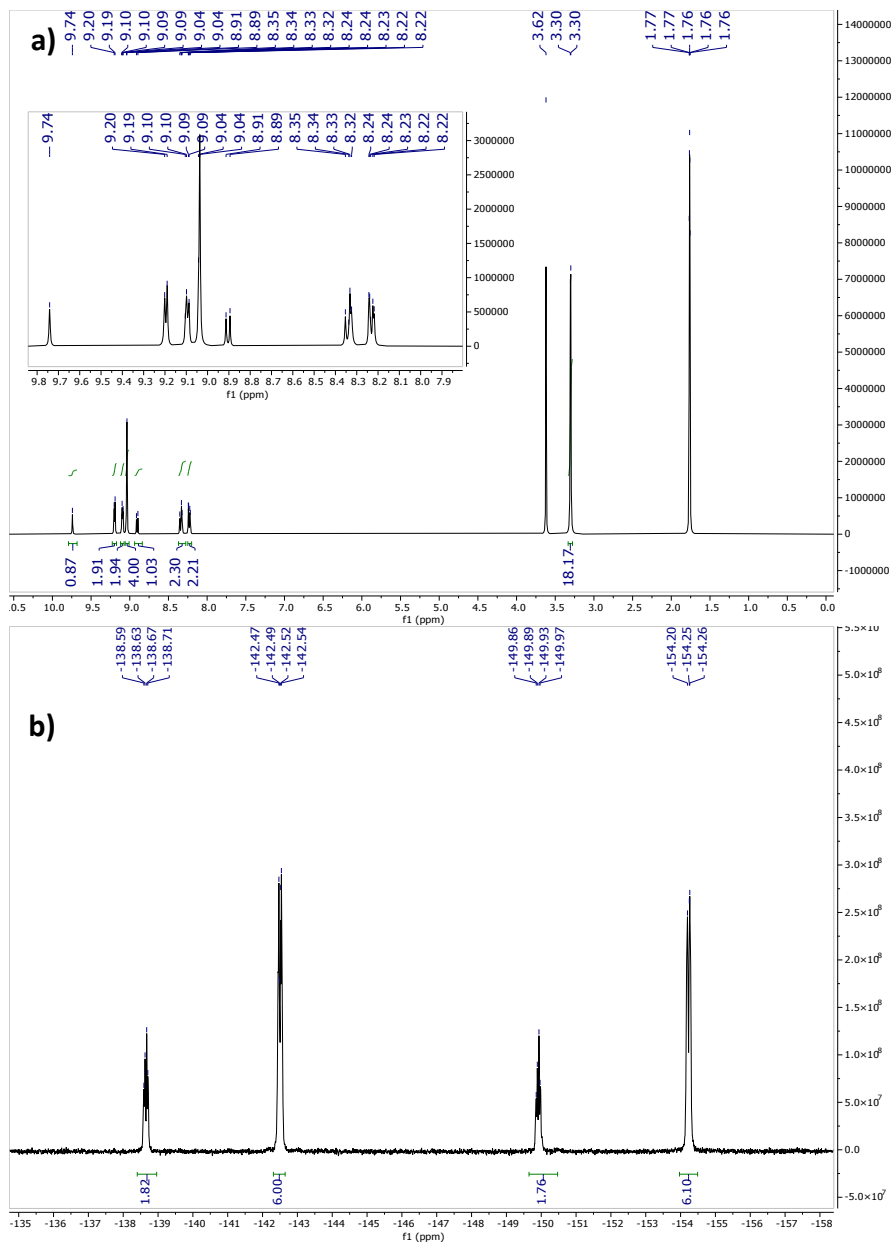


Figure S9: $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (a) and $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (b) spectra of CLICK-4

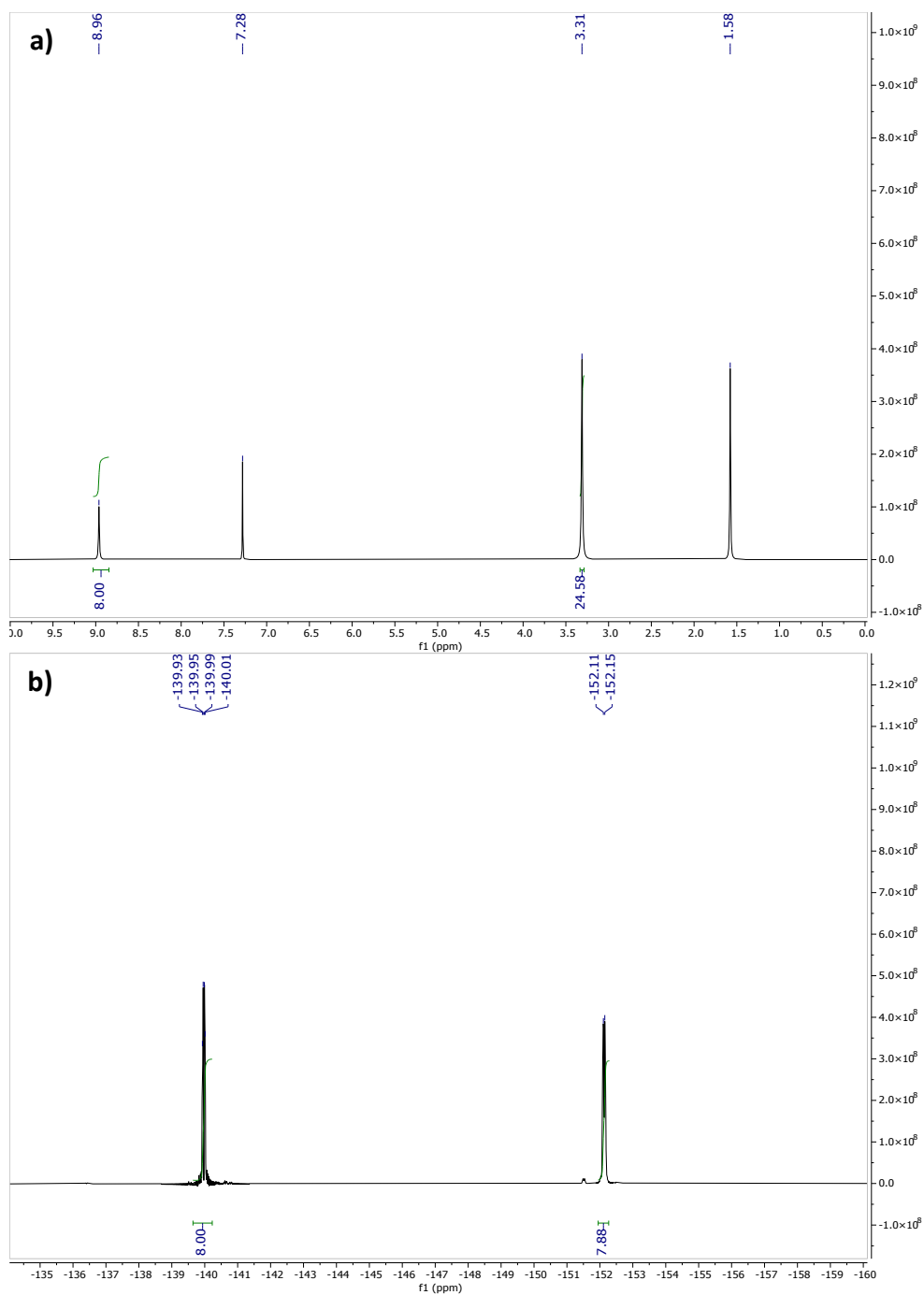


Figure S10: $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (a) and $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (b) spectra of ZnA4P

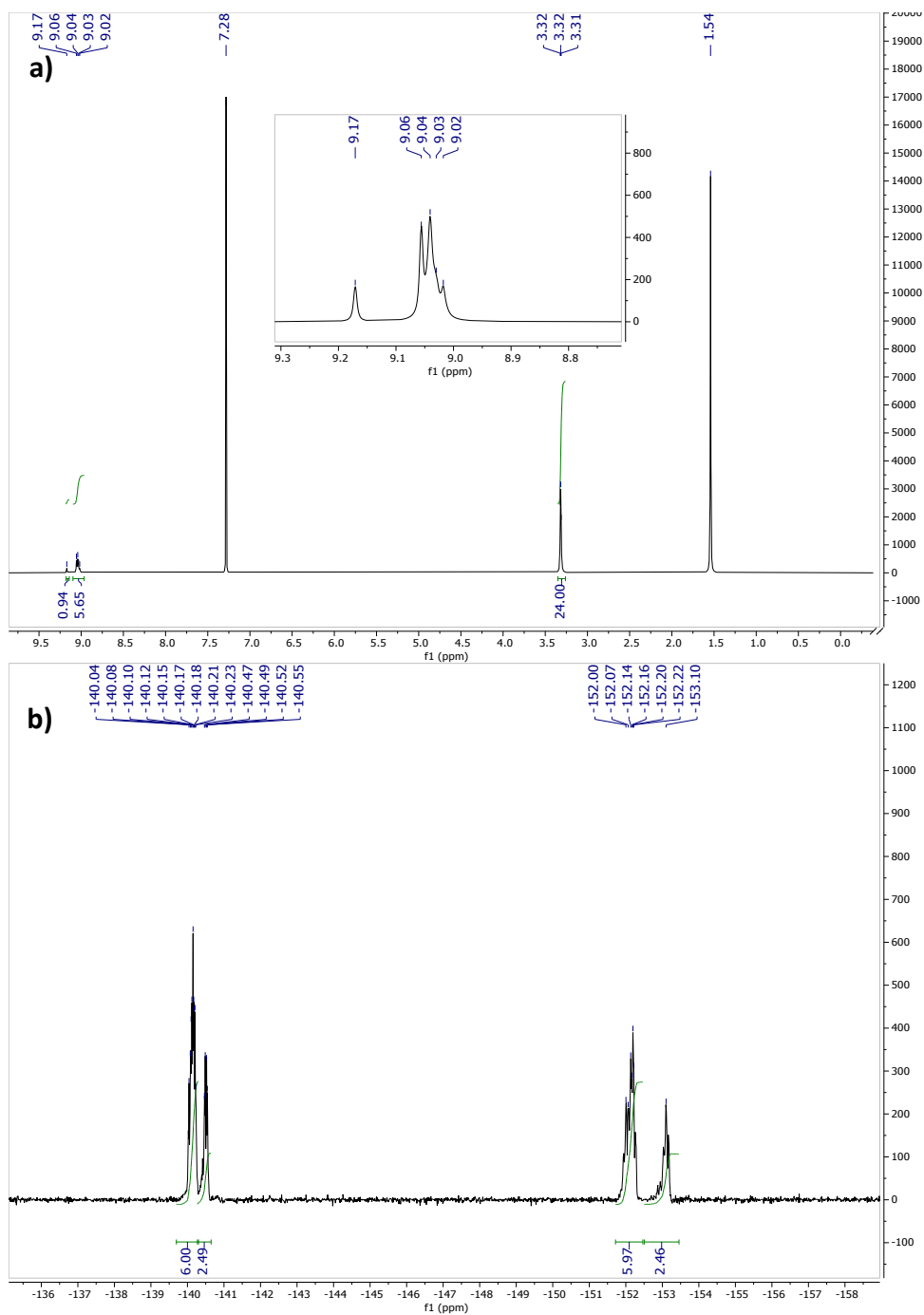


Figure S11: $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (a) and $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (b) spectra of Zn4DP-Br

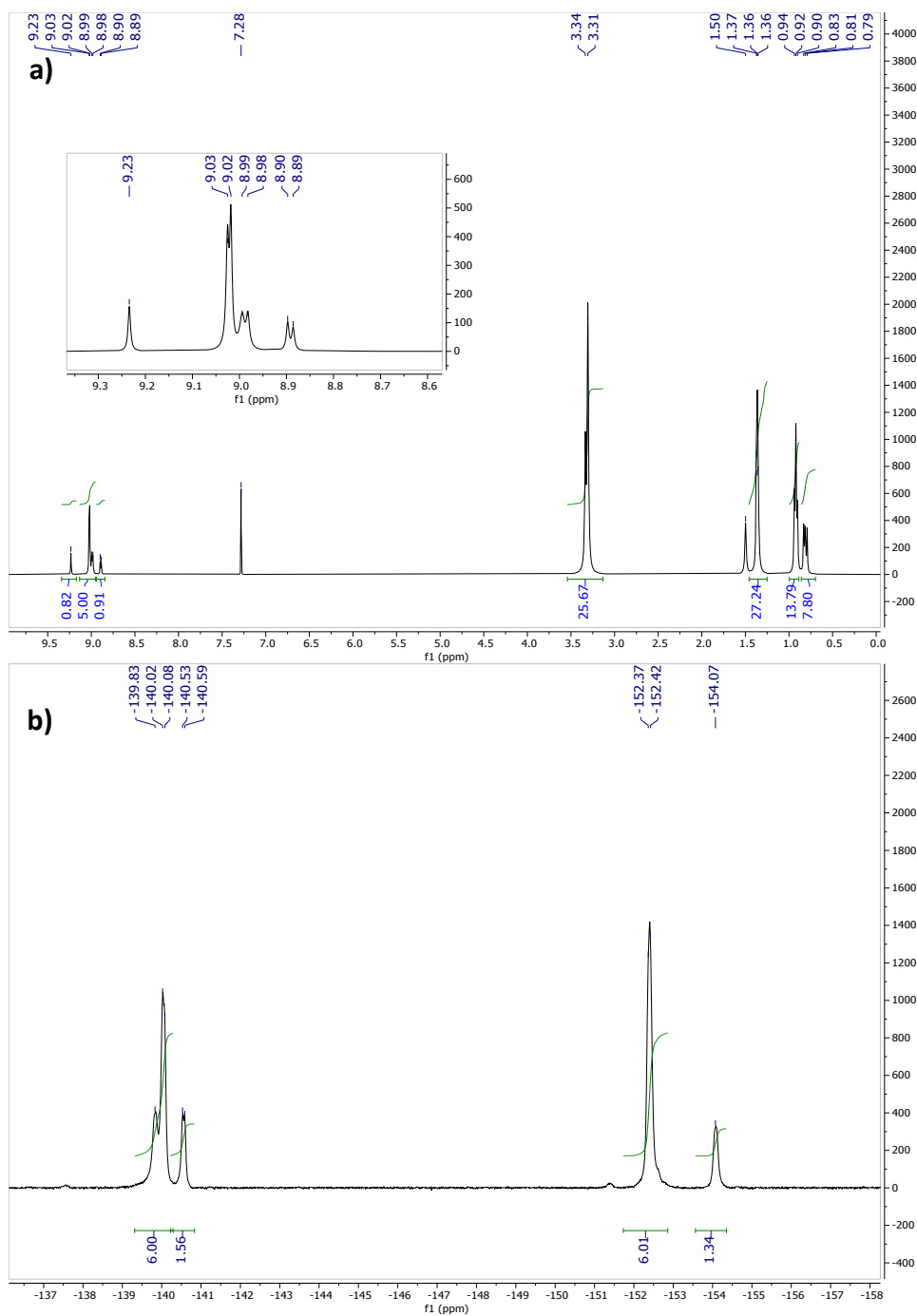


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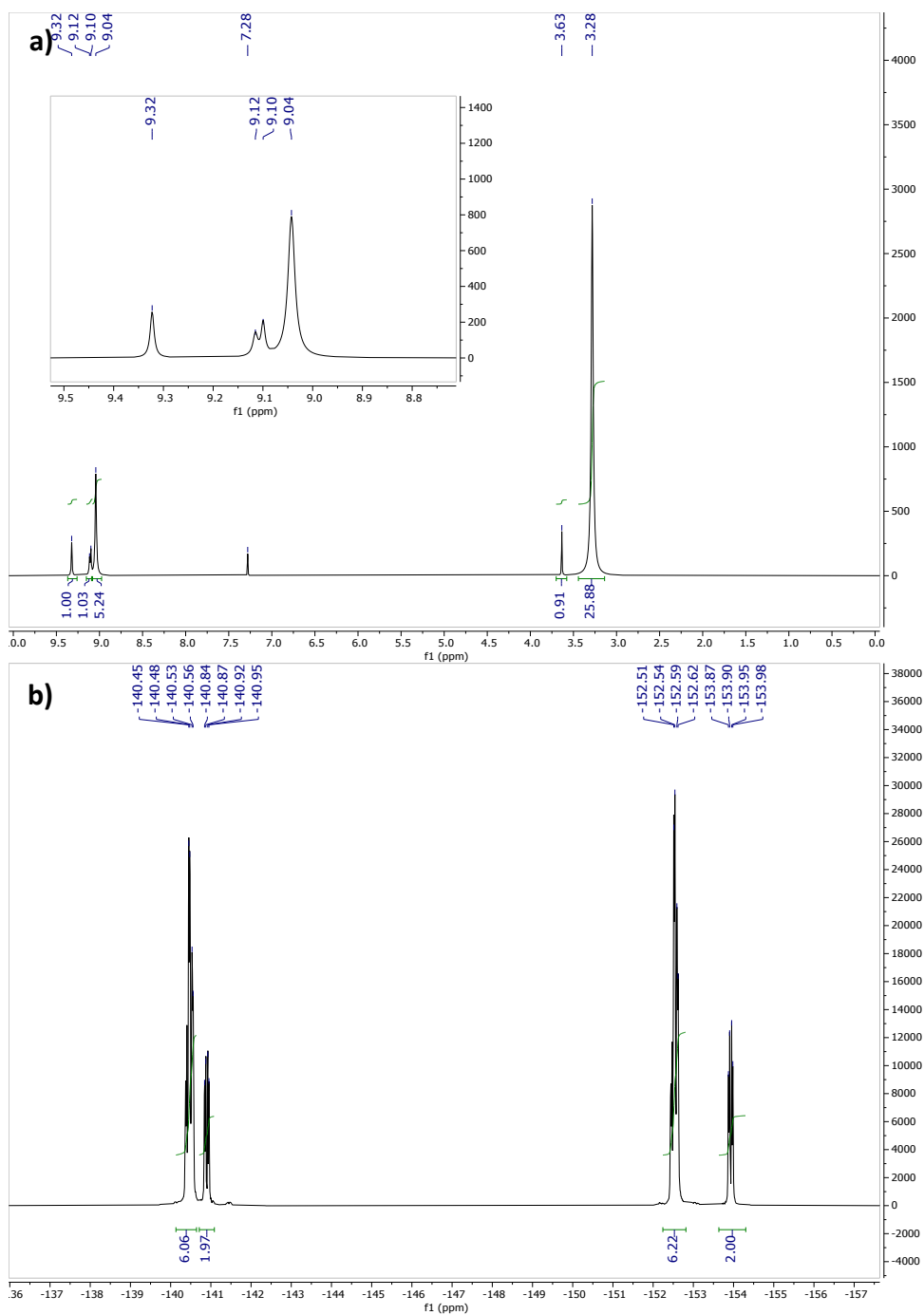


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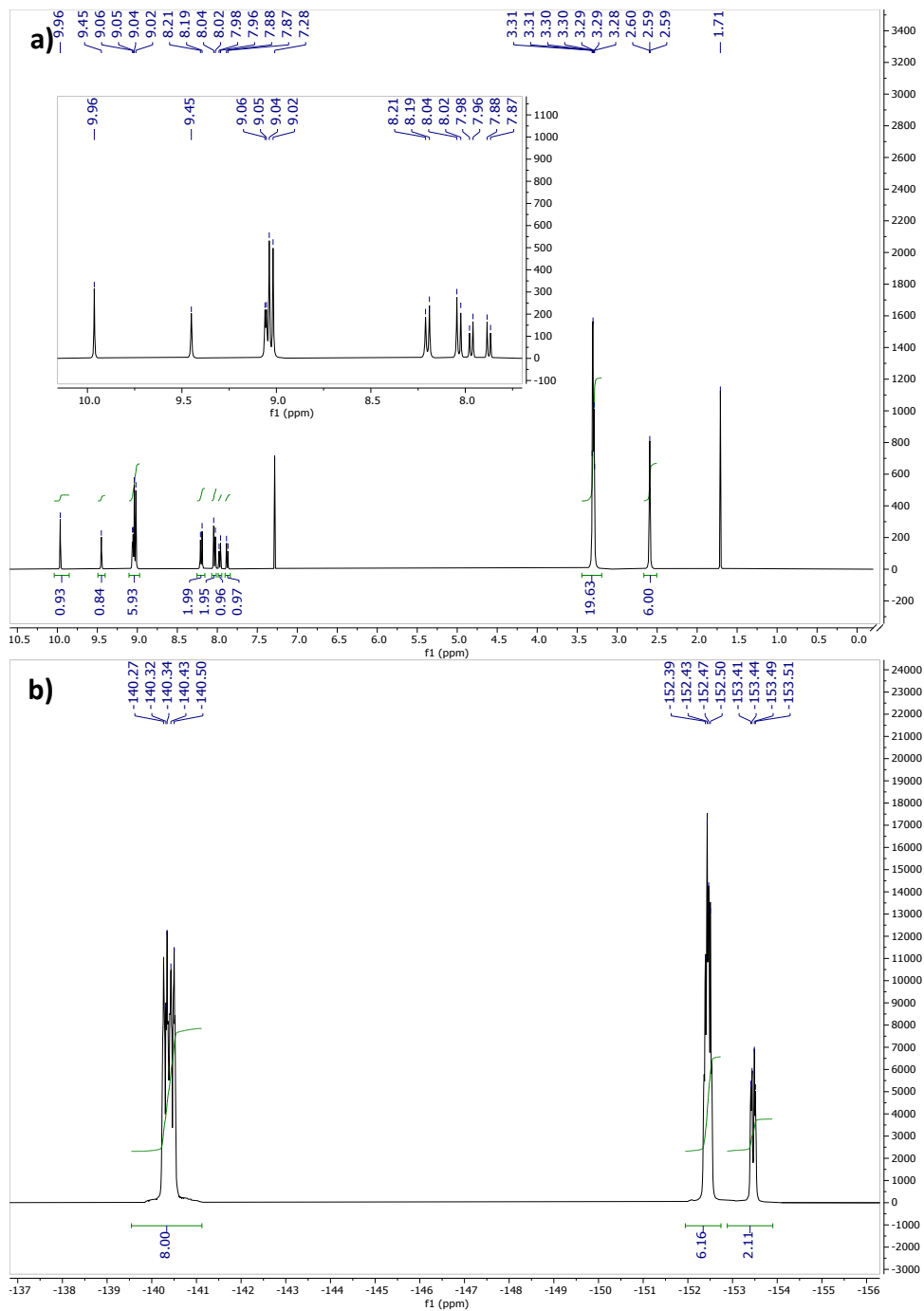


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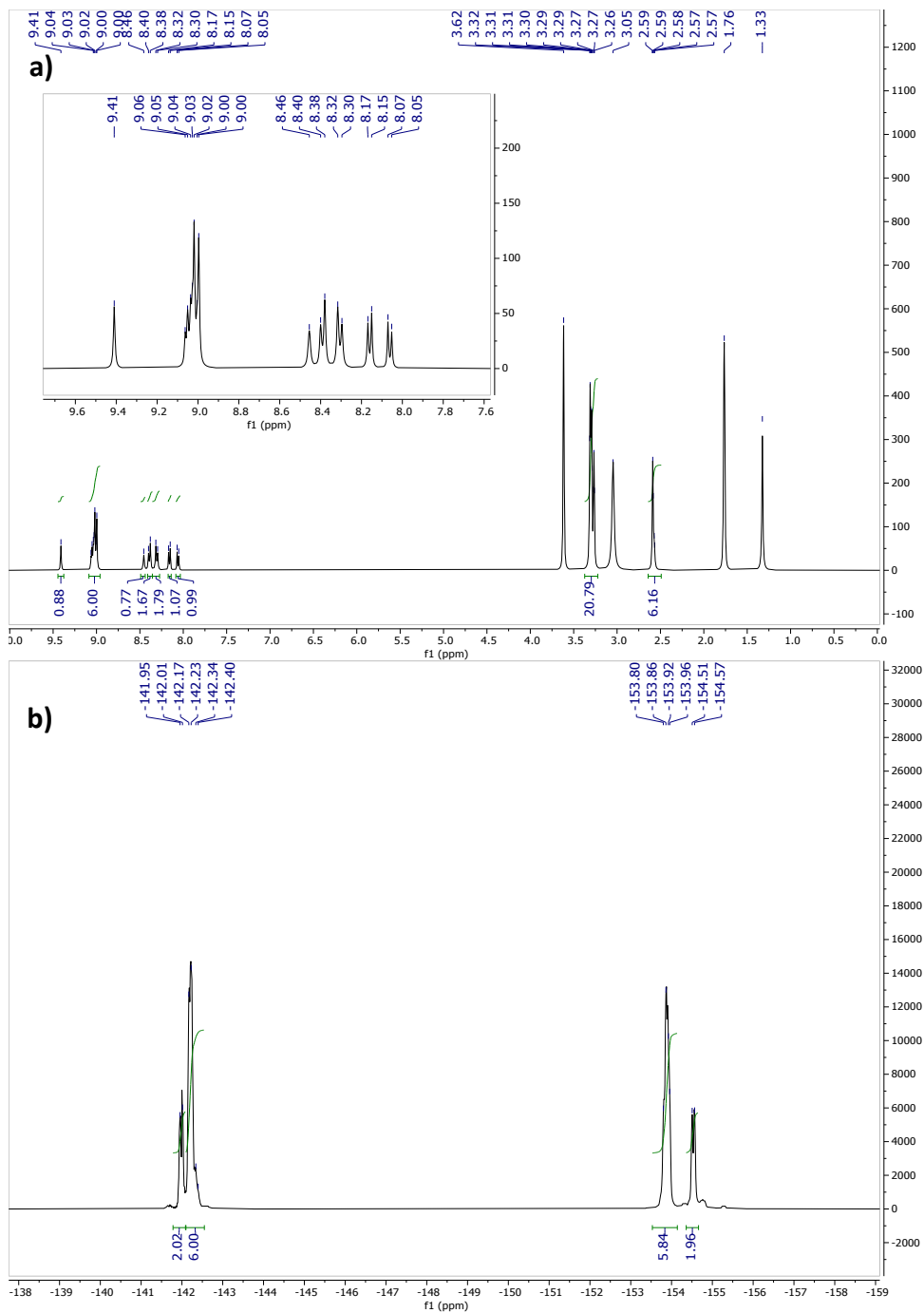


Figure S15: $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (a) and $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (b) spectra of BETA-4

Absorption and emission properties of the dyes in solution

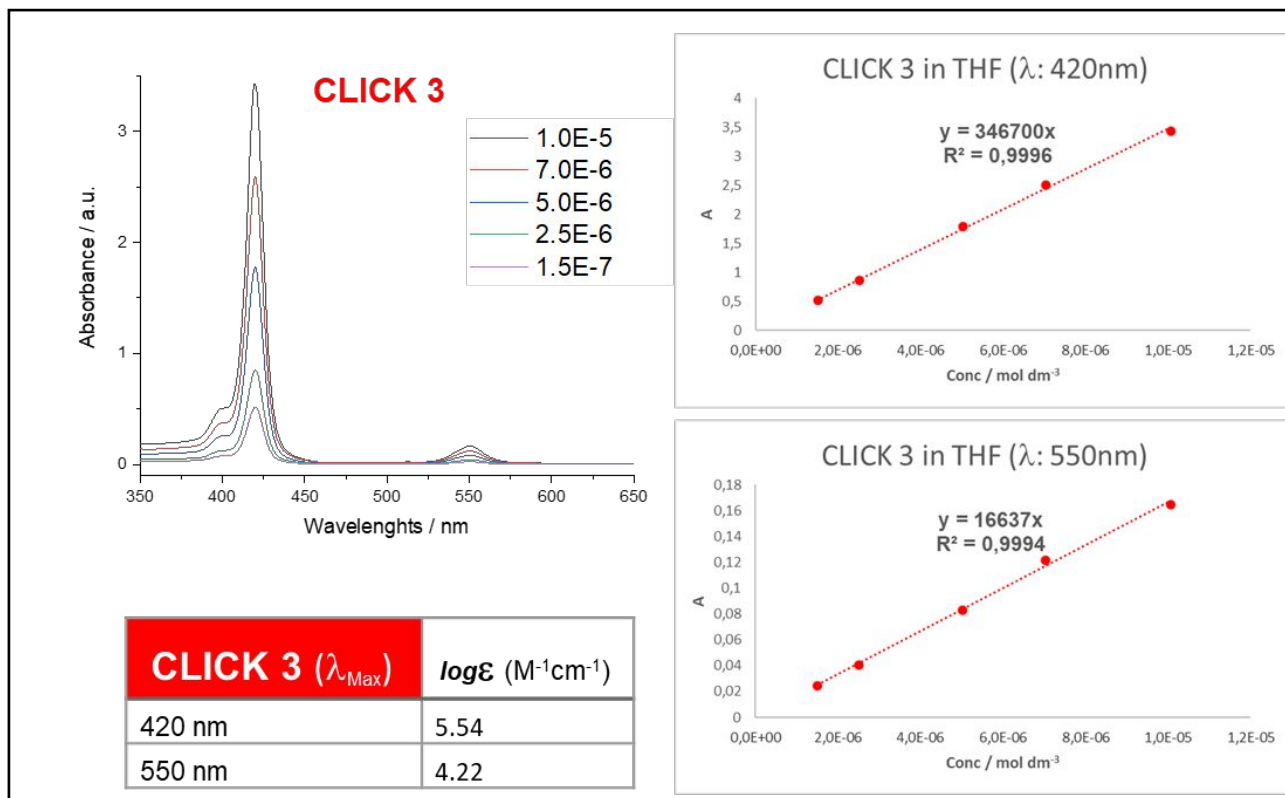


Figure S16: Uv-Vis spectra of CLICK-3 diluted solutions and ϵ -coefficients of the main absorption bands.

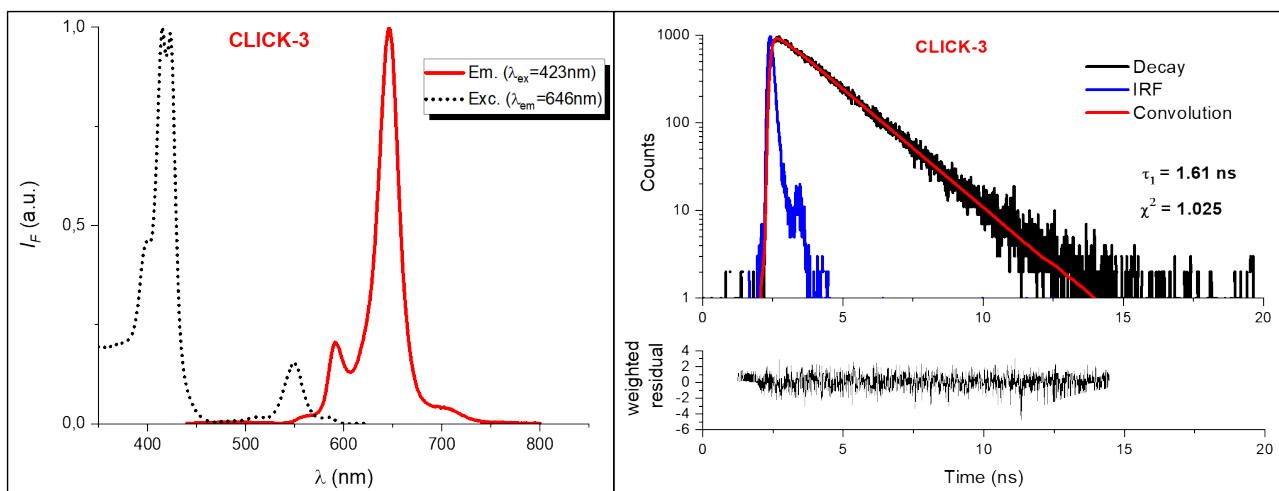


Figure S17: Excitation and emission spectra of CLICK-3 diluted solutions and the Fluorescence decay of the main emission band.

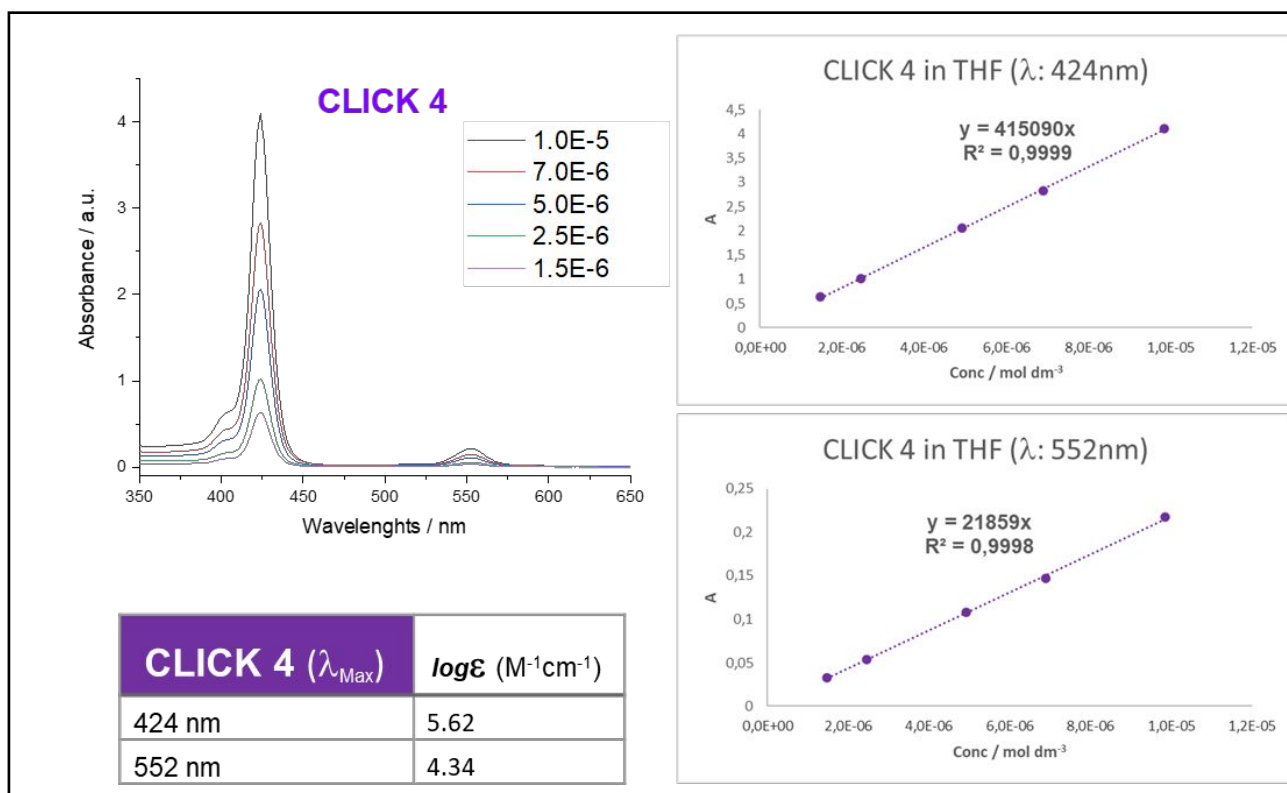


Figure S18: Uv-Vis spectra of CLICK-4 diluted solutions and ϵ -coefficients of the main absorption bands.

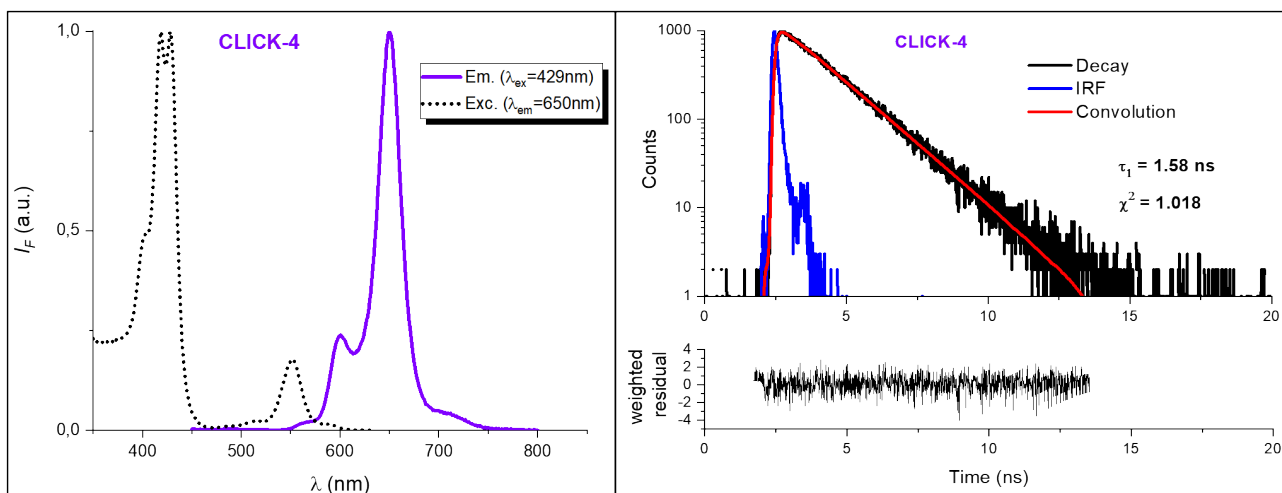


Figure S19: Excitation and emission spectra of CLICK-4 diluted solutions and the Fluorescence decay of the main emission band.

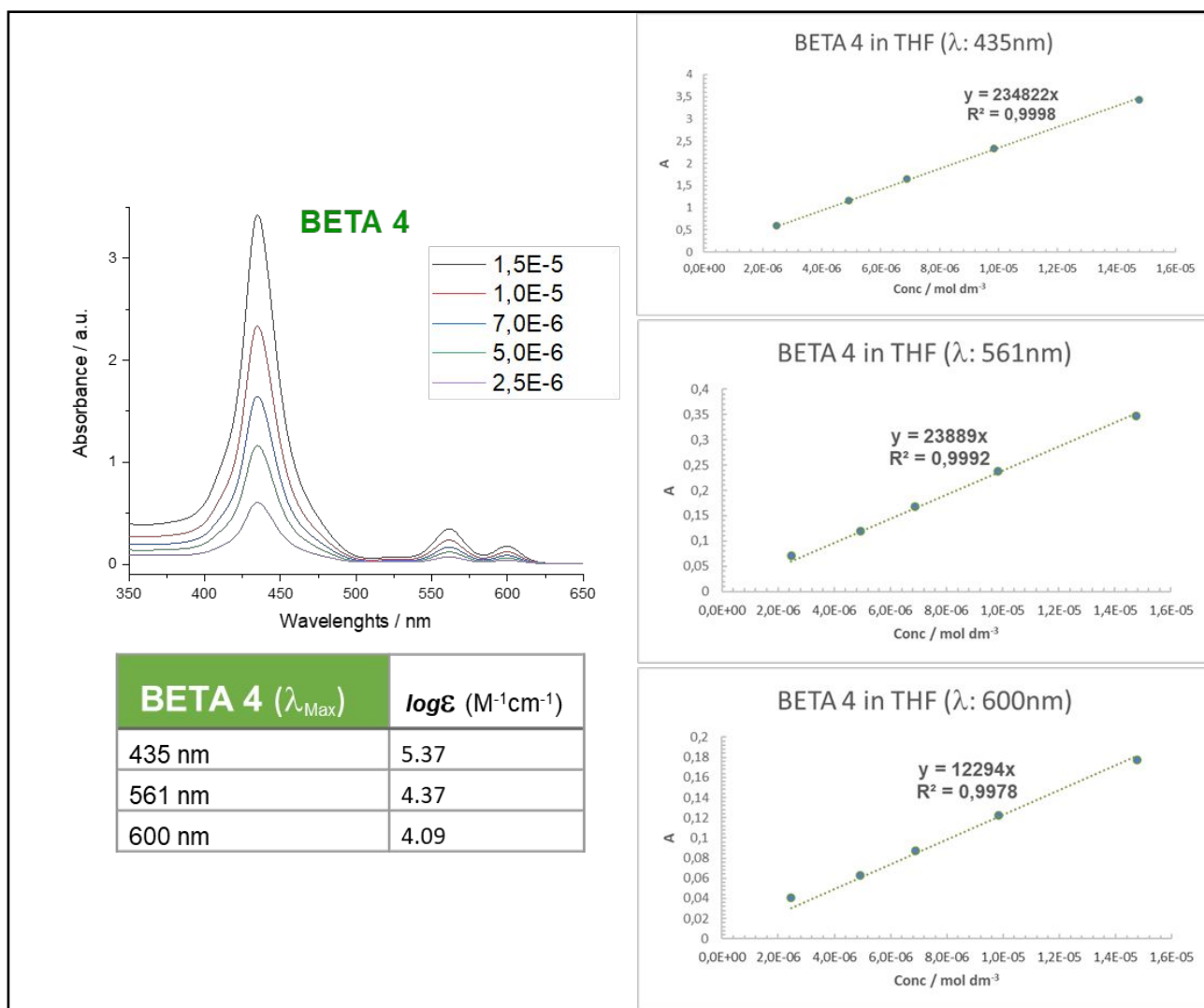


Figure S20: UV-Vis spectra of BETA-4 diluted solutions and ϵ -coefficients of the main absorption bands.

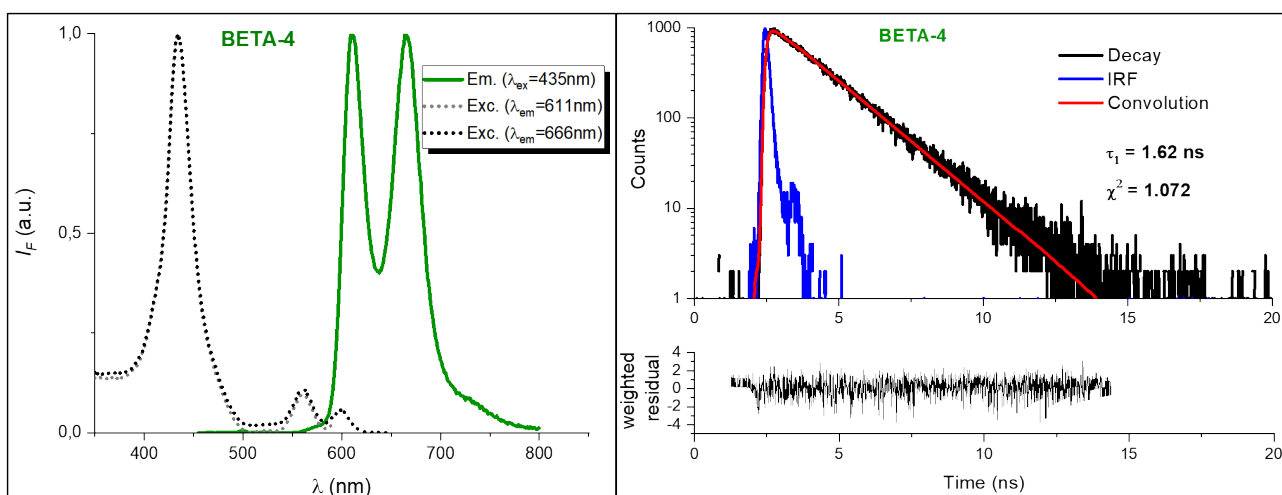


Figure S21: Excitation and emission spectra of BETA-4 diluted solutions and the fluorescence decay of the main emission band.

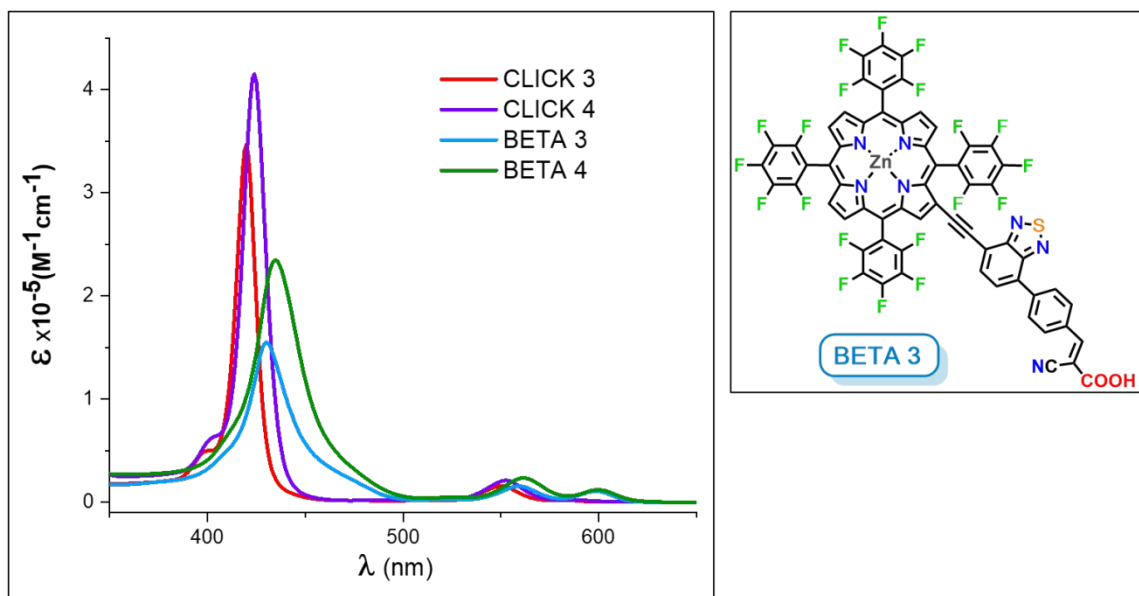


Figure S22: ϵ -normalized absorption spectra in THF solution of the synthesized dyes compared with the reference dye BETA 3.¹

Electrochemical Features of the Dyes in solution

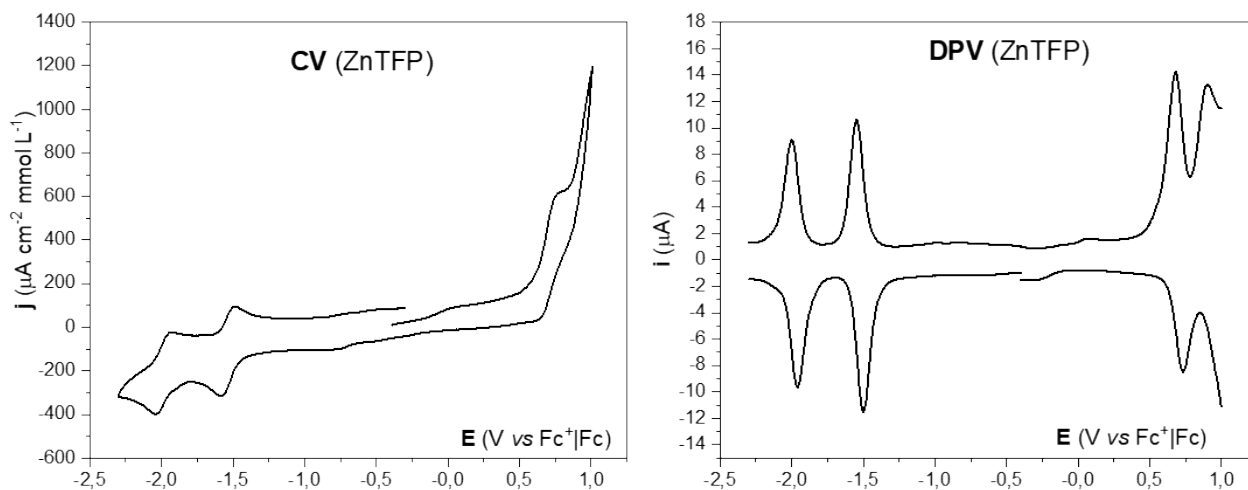
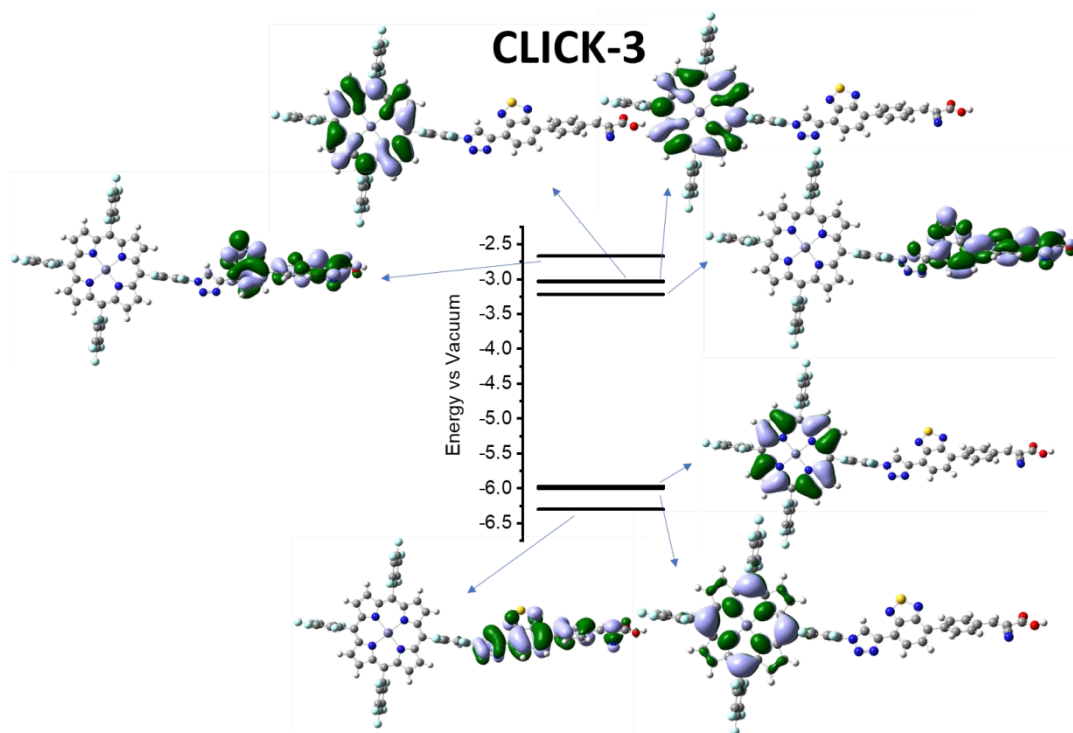


Figure S23: CV and DPV features of the unsubstituted porphyrins ZnTFP

Computational Details



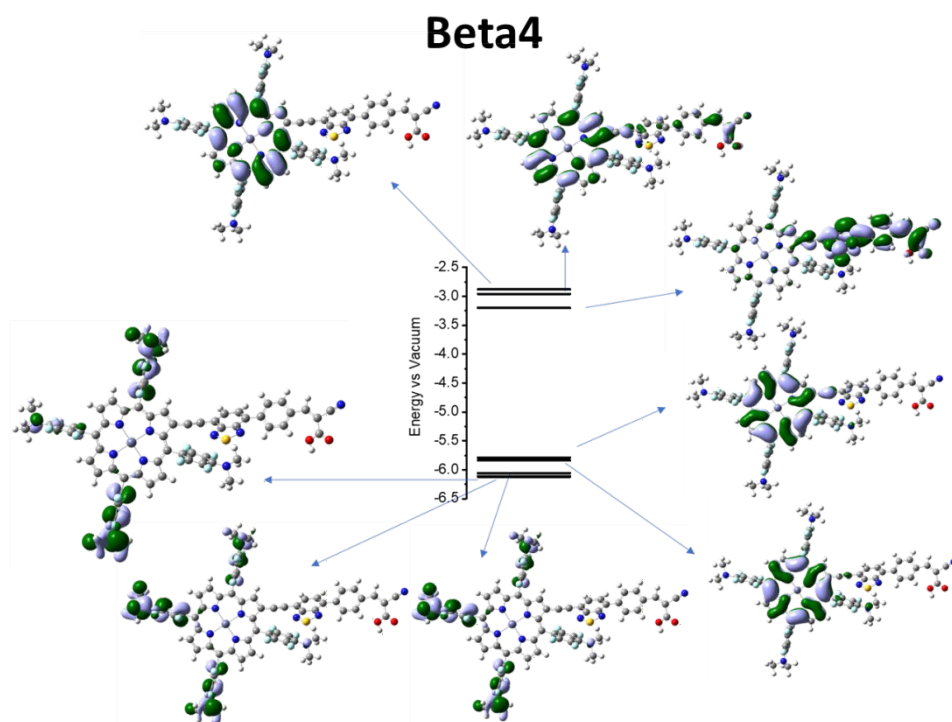
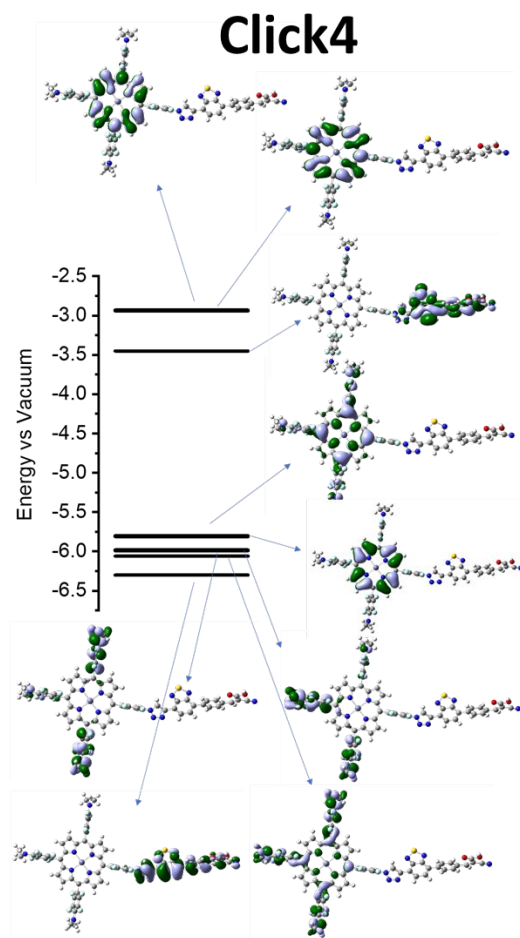


Figure S24: Energy levels of the KS orbitals for our family of porphyrins, along with their corresponding isodensity surfaces.

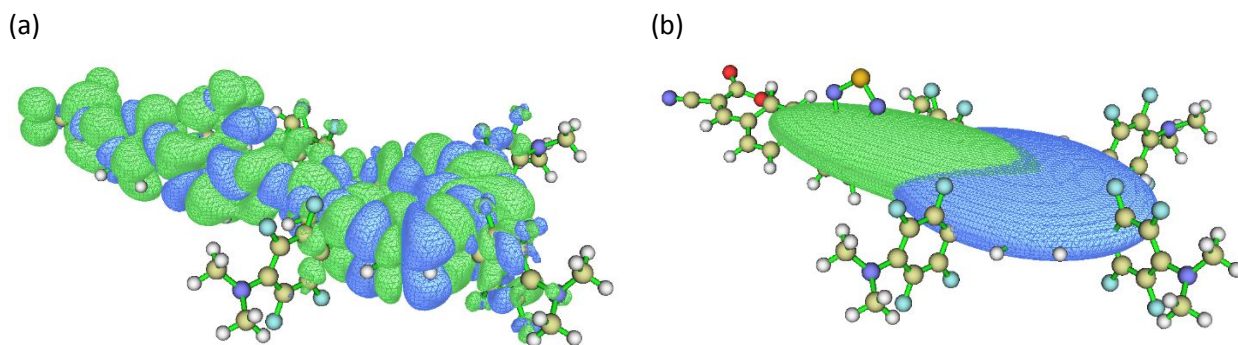


Figure S25: Graphical representation of (a) the dipole moment density along the X-axis and (b) the centroids of charge (C_+ and C_-) for the lowest transition for **BETA-4**.

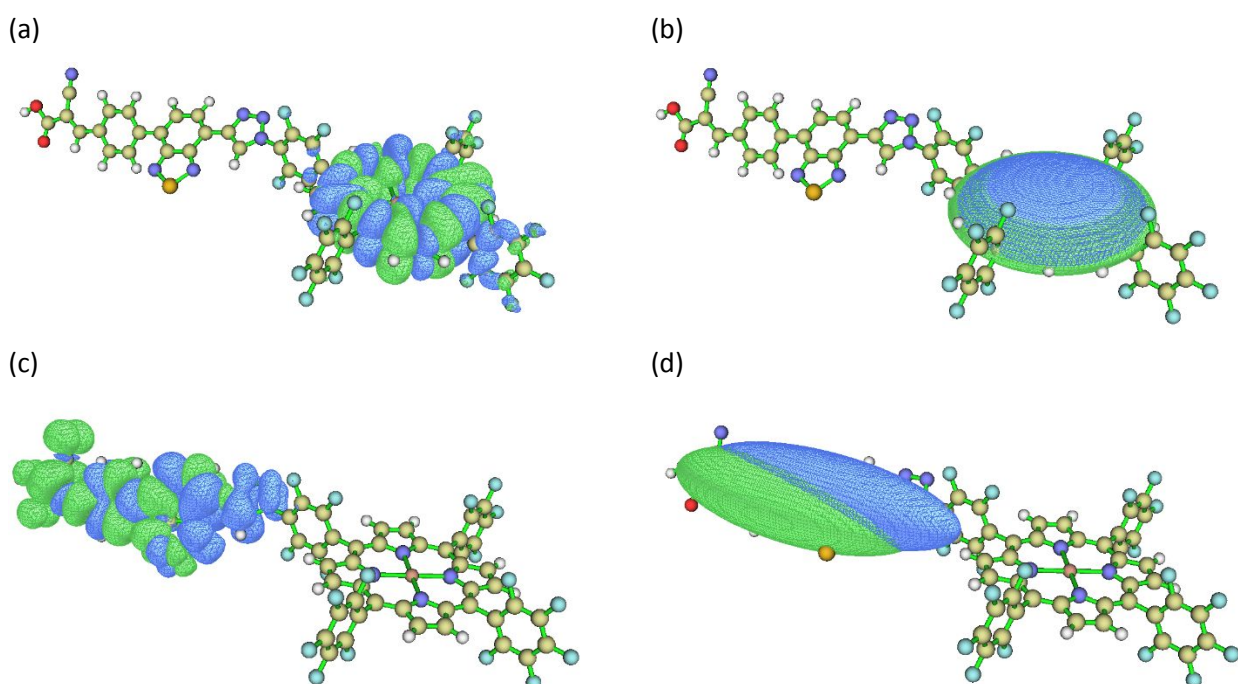
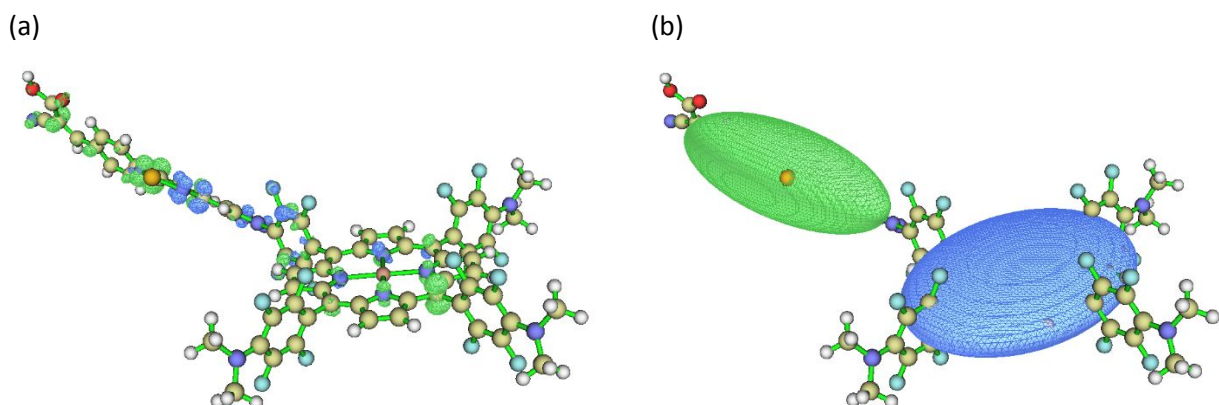


Figure S26: Graphical representation of the dipole moment density along the X-axis and the centroids of charge (C_+ and C_-) for the (a-b) lowest and (c-d) the fifth lowest transitions for **CLICK-3**.



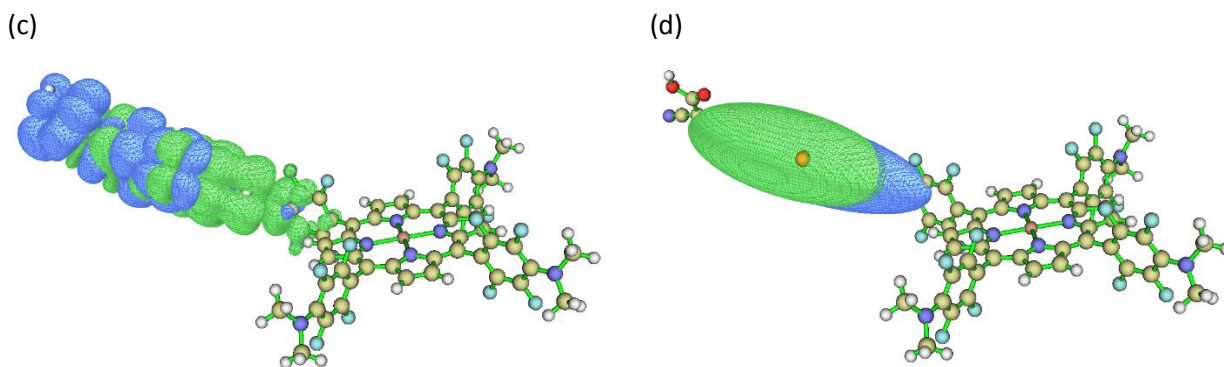


Figure S27: Graphical representation of the dipole moment density along the X-axis and the centroids of charge (C_+ and C_-) for the (a-b) lowest and (c-d) the seventh lowest transitions for **CLICK-4**.

Spectroscopic and Electrochemical Characterization on Thin Film

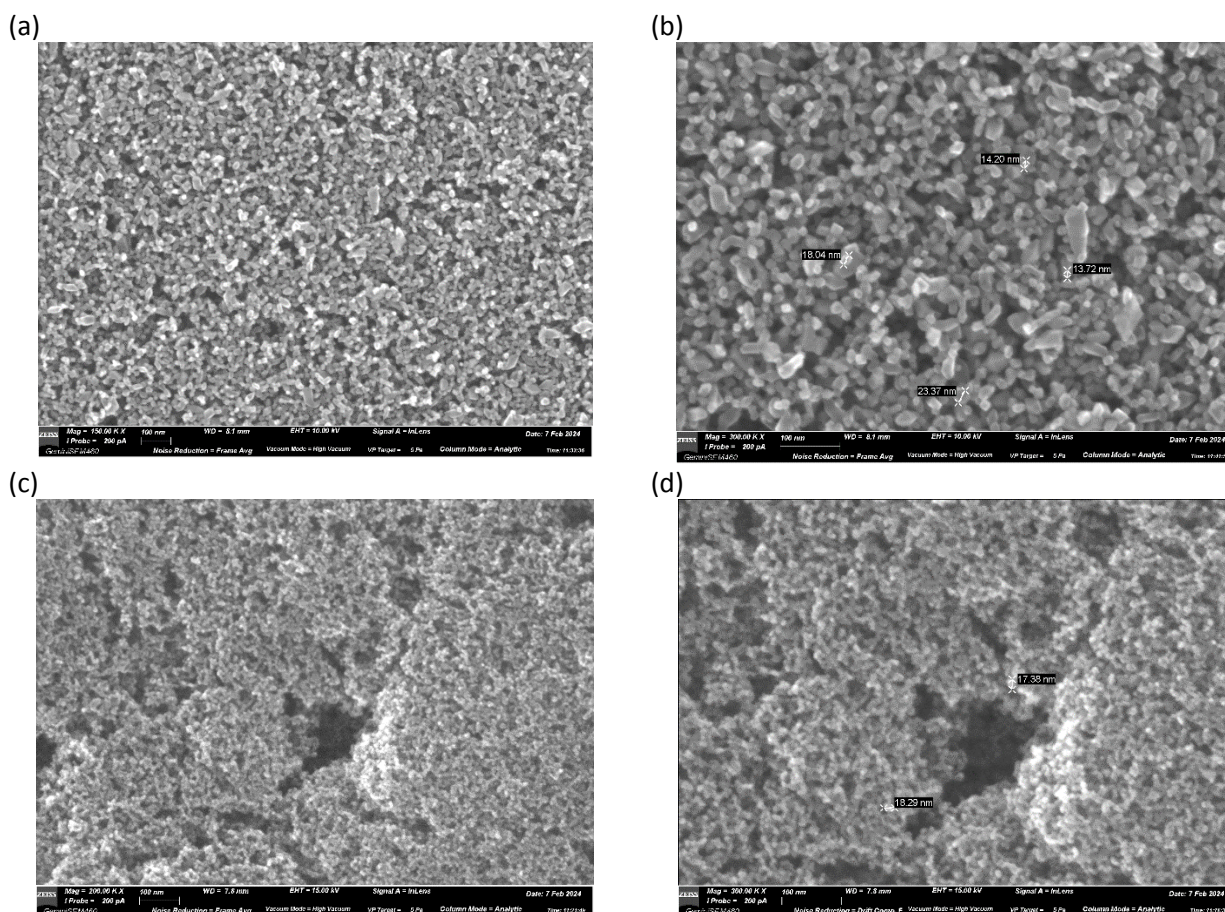


Figure S28: SEM images for (a-b) TiO_2 and (c-d) $\text{SnO}_2/\text{TiO}_2$. The images were collected at 200K and 300K magnification.

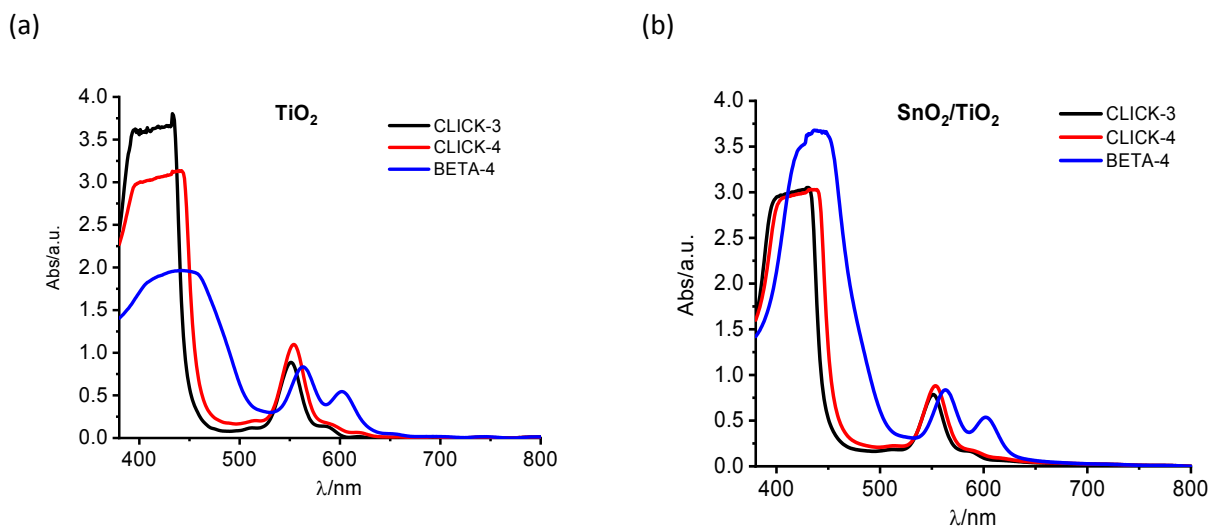


Figure S29: Absorption spectra for **CLICK-3**, **CLICK-4**, and **BETA-4** supported onto (a) TiO₂ and (b) SnO₂/TiO₂. The spectra were collected against an undyed electrode.

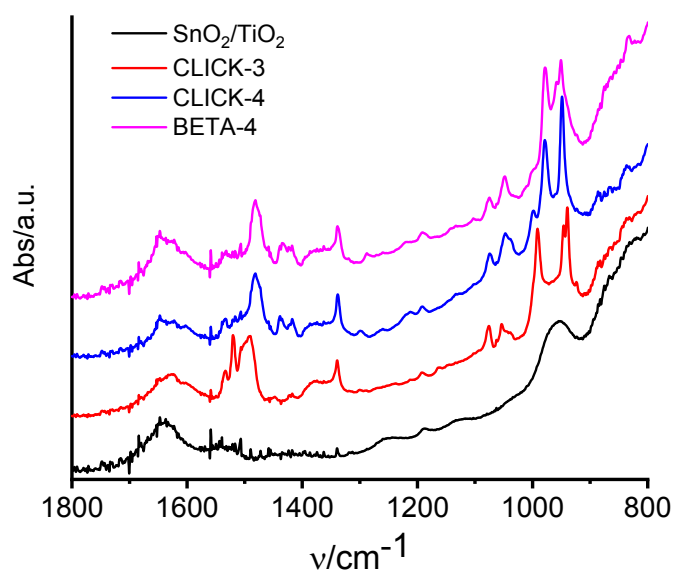


Figure S30: ATR-FTIR spectra for **CLICK-3**, **CLICK-4**, and **BETA-4** supported onto SnO₂/TiO₂. The spectrum of undyed SnO₂/TiO₂ is reported for comparison.

Transient absorption spectroscopy

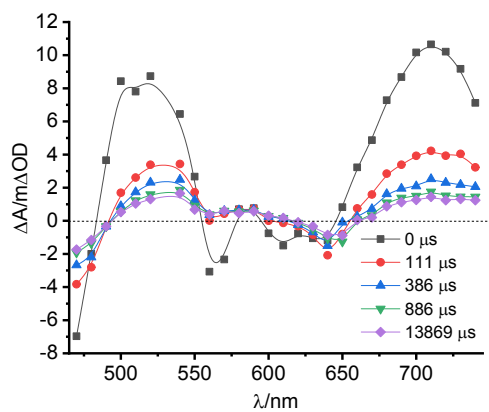
Table S1: Lifetimes for the Zinc porphyrins in toluene:ethanol 1:1 solution. The lifetime was calculated by averaging three different wavelengths.

Entry	$\tau_{T1-50}/\mu\text{s}$
CLICK-3	66
CLICK-4	11
BETA-4	65

Table S2: Transient absorption ratio for our series anchored onto ZrO_2 and $\text{SnO}_2/\text{TiO}_2$.

Entry	ZrO_2	$\text{SnO}_2/\text{TiO}_2$
CLICK-3	$\frac{A_{460}}{A_{700}} = 15$	$\frac{A_{460}}{A_{700}} = 4.27$
CLICK-4	$\frac{A_{460}}{A_{700}} = 7$	$\frac{A_{460}}{A_{700}} = 2.97$
BETA-4	$\frac{A_{510}}{A_{730}} = 2.02$	$\frac{A_{510}}{A_{730}} = 1.05$

(a)



(b)

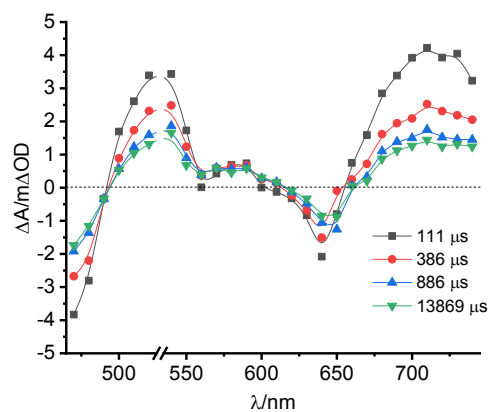


Figure S31: (a) Transient absorption spectra for **BETA-4** onto SnO₂/TiO₂ in contact with 0.1M LiClO₄/ACN on a longer time scale. (b) Magnification of the 111 μs - 13869 μs delay. P=29 mJ/cm²/pulse. 10 KΩ input impedance.

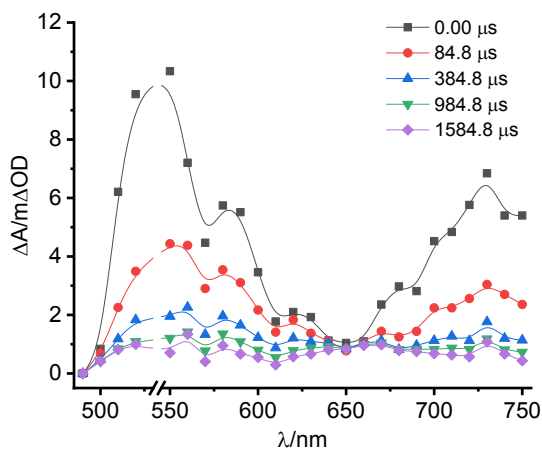


Figure S32: Transient absorption spectra for **BETA-4** onto ZrO₂ in contact with 0.1 M ascorbate pH 5. P=29 mJ/cm²/pulse. 10 KΩ input impedance.

Photoelectrochemical Characterization

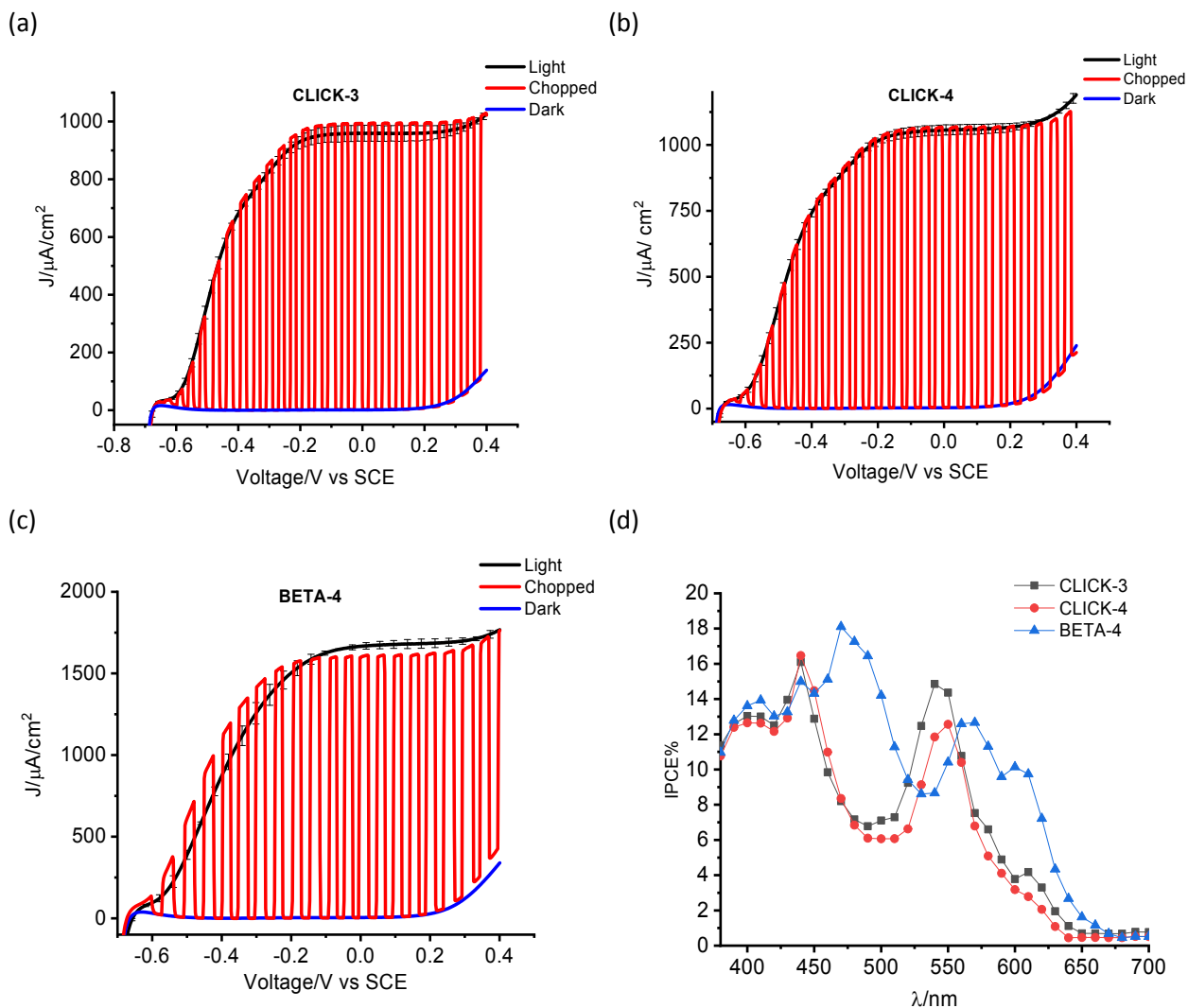


Figure S33: (a)-(c) Photocurrent density – Voltage curves for **CLICK-3**, **CLICK-4** and **BETA-4** onto TiO₂ in contact with 0.1 M Sodium Ascorbate pH 5. Black, red and blue lines represent the Photocurrent density under AM1.5G conditions, under chopped illumination and in dark. JVs were collected in the presence of a 420 nm cut-off (d) IPCE of the same dyed electrode under 0.10V Vs SCE polarization.

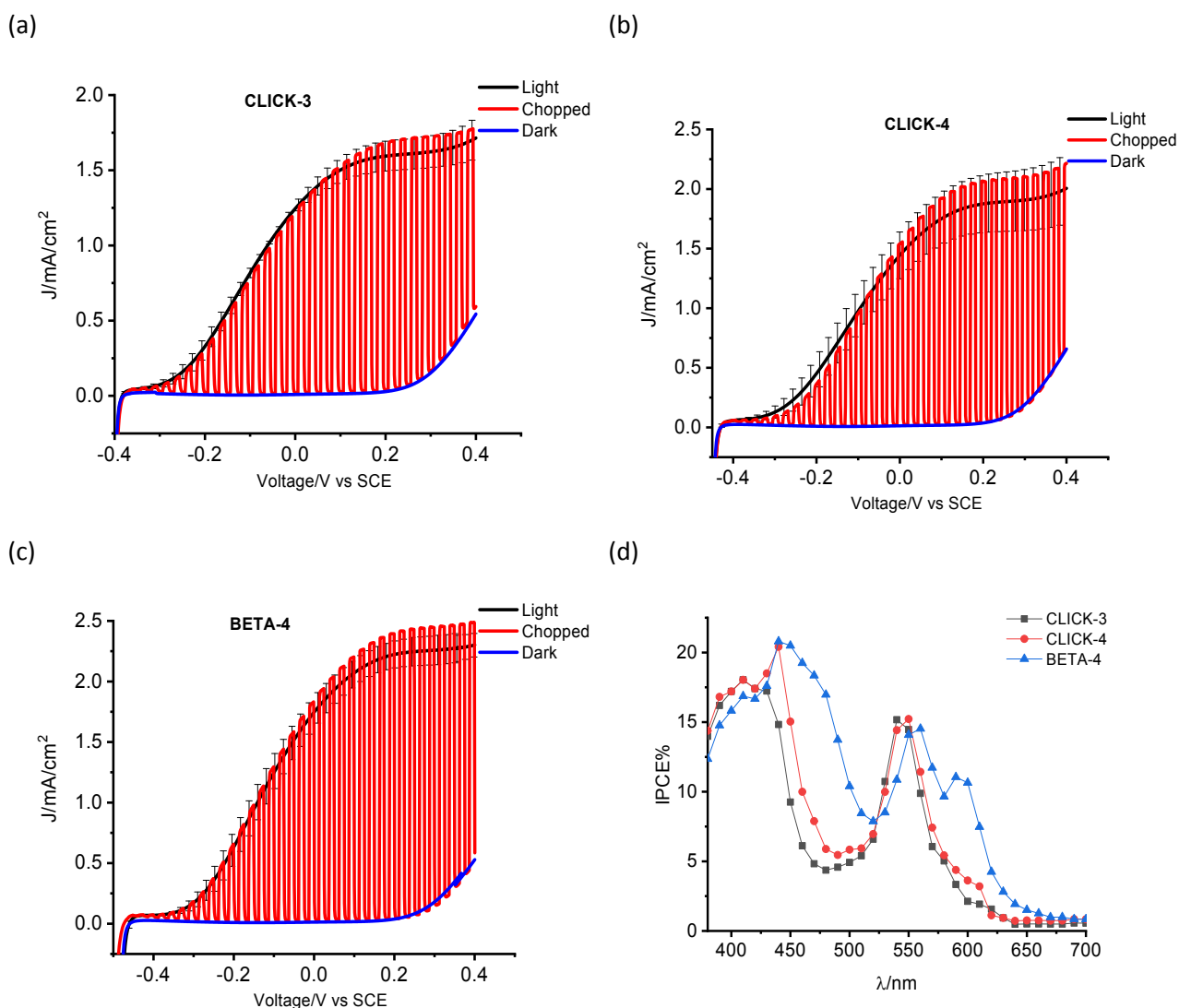


Figure S34: (a)-(c) Photocurrent density – Voltage curves for **CLICK-3**, **CLICK-4** and **BETA-4** onto $\text{SnO}_2/\text{TiO}_2$ in contact with 0.1 M Sodium Ascorbate pH 5. Black, red and blue lines represent the Photocurrent density under AM1.5G conditions, under chopped illumination and in dark. JVs were collected in the presence of a 400 nm cut-off (d) IPCE of the same dyed electrode under 0.15V Vs SCE polarization.

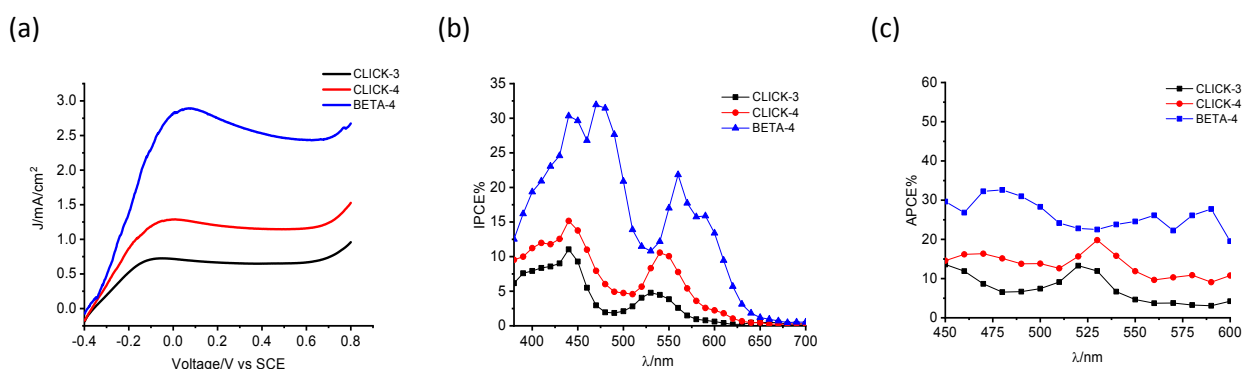


Figure S35: (a) Photocurrent density – Voltage curves for **CLICK-3**, **CLICK-4**, and **BETA-4** onto $\text{SnO}_2/\text{TiO}_2$ in contact with 0.1 M LiI/ACN. JVs were collected in the presence of a 400 nm cut-off (b) IPCE% and (c) APCE% spectra of the electrodes reported in (a).

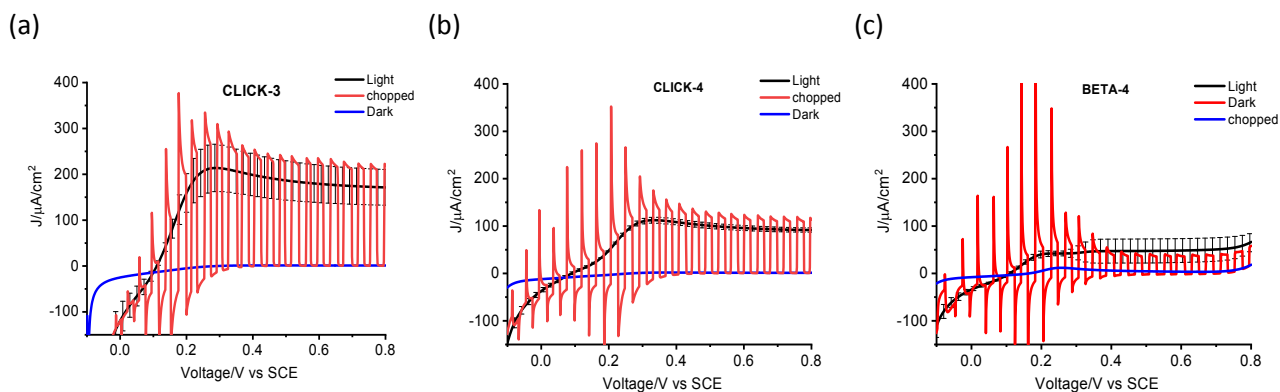


Figure S36: Photocurrent density – Voltage curves for (a) **CLICK-3**, (b) **CLICK-4**, and (c) **BETA-4** onto $\text{SnO}_2/\text{TiO}_2$ in contact with 0.1 M HBr/0.3 M NaBr water solution. JVs were collected in the presence of a 400 nm cut-off.

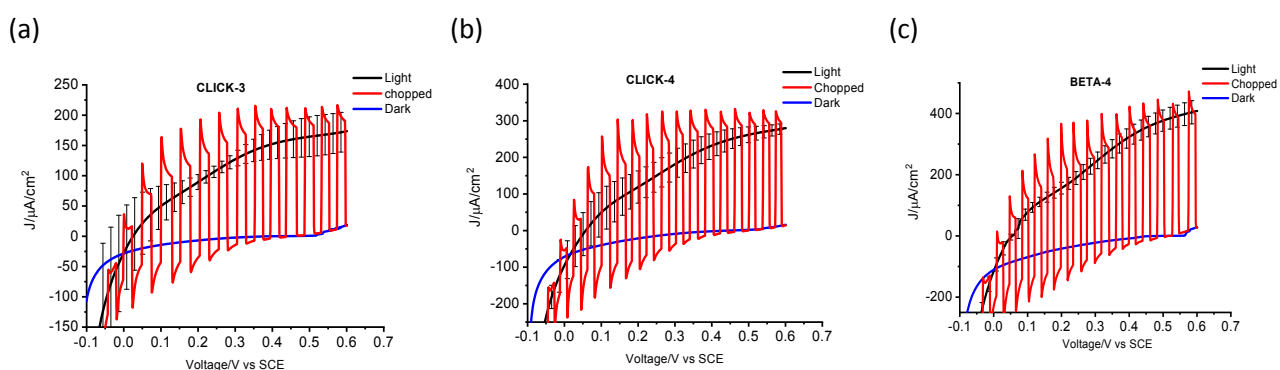


Figure S37: Photocurrent density – Voltage curves for (a) **CLICK-3**, (b) **CLICK-4**, and (c) **BETA-4** onto $\text{SnO}_2/\text{TiO}_2$ in contact with 10 mM TEMPO/ACN. The electrodes were illuminated from the front side. JVs were collected in the presence of a 400 nm cut-off.

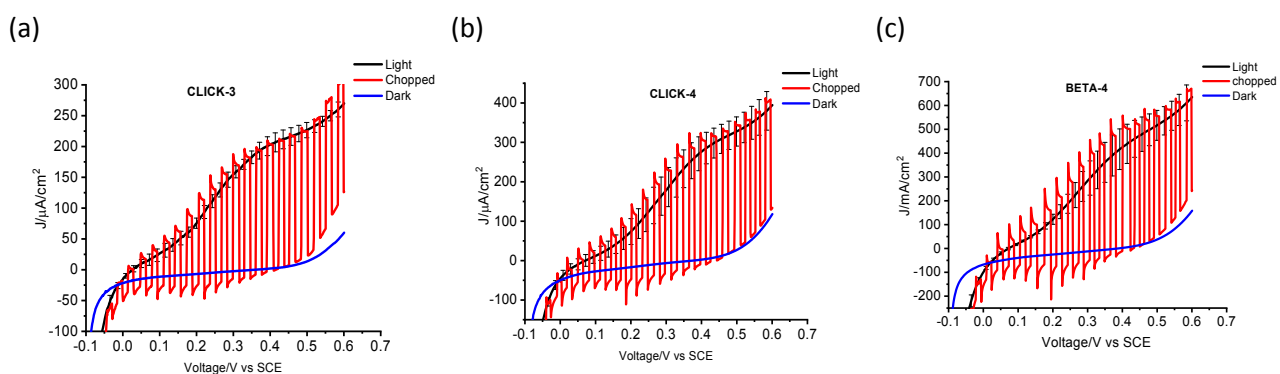


Figure S38: Photocurrent density – Voltage curves for (a) **CLICK-3**, (b) **CLICK-4**, and (c) **BETA-4** onto $\text{SnO}_2/\text{TiO}_2$ in contact with 50 mM TEMPO/ACN. The electrodes were illuminated from the back side. JVs were collected in the presence of a 400 nm cut-off.

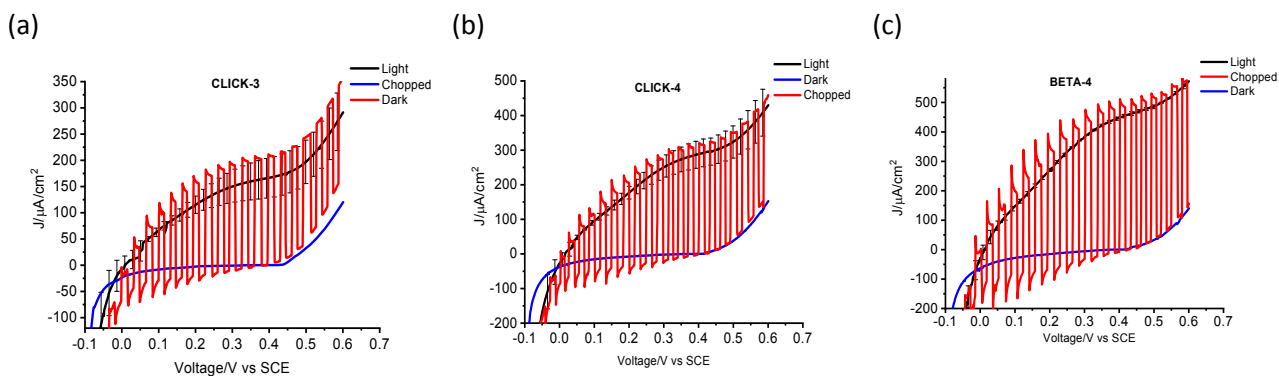


Figure S39: Photocurrent density – Voltage curves for (a) **CLICK-3**, (b) **CLICK-4**, and (c) **BETA-4** onto $\text{SnO}_2/\text{TiO}_2$ in contact with 100 mM TEMPO/ACN. The electrodes were illuminated from the back side. JVs were collected in the presence of a 400 nm cut-off.

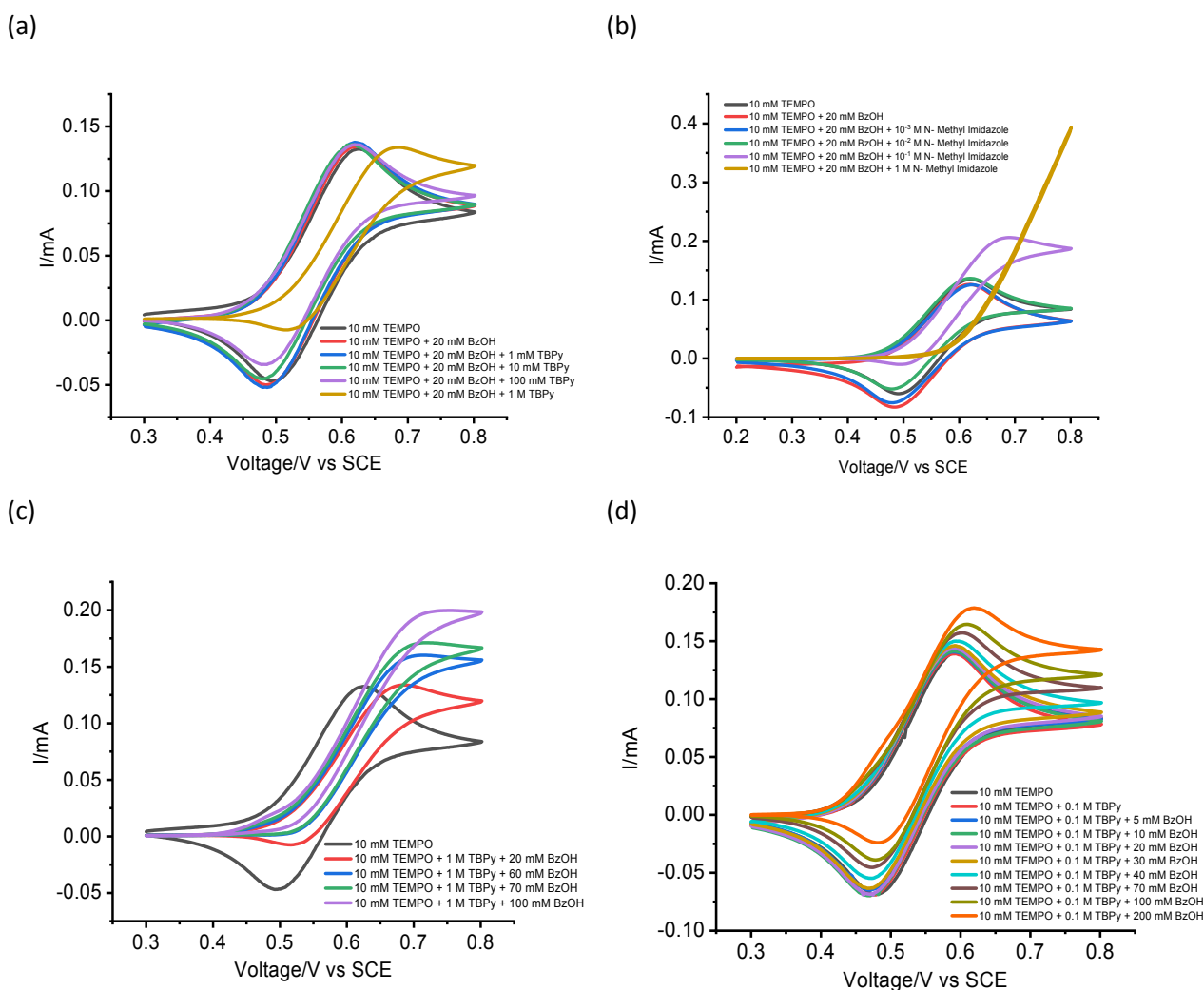


Figure S40: Electro catalysis experiments performed with a glassy carbon in a 10 mM TEMPO/ACN solution by increasing (a) concentration of TBPY, (b) concentration of N-Methyl Imidazole, (c) concentration of BzOH with 1 M TBPY, and (d) concentration of BzOH with 0.1 M TBPY.

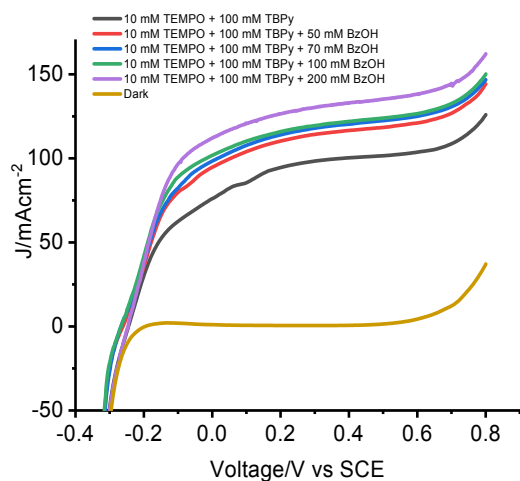


Figure S41: JV curves for **BETA-4** on $\text{SnO}_2/\text{TiO}_2$ by increasing the BzOH concentration in the presence of a 400 nm cut-off.

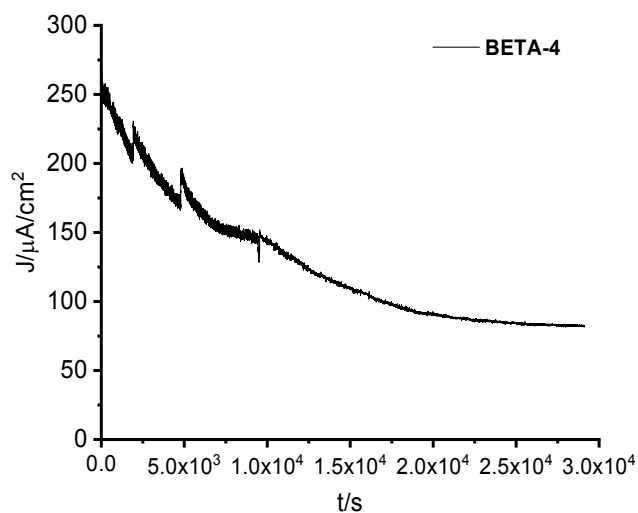


Figure S42: Representative bulk electrolysis for **BETA-4** onto $\text{SnO}_2/\text{TiO}_2$ electrodes in a two-compartment cell at 0.4 V. vs SCE. Anolyte: 10 mM TEMPO/70 mM BzOH/0.1 M LiClO_4 /0.1 M TBPY/ACN. Catholyte: 10 mM TEMPO/0.1 M LiClO_4 /ACN. The electrolysis was collected in the presence of a 400 nm cut-off. To speed up the reaction the electrolysis was recorded under 2 SUN.

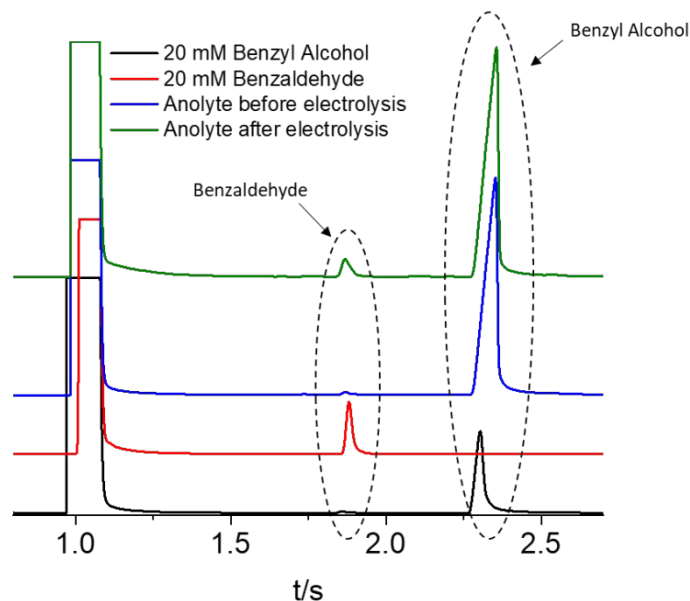


Figure S43: Chromatogram of 20 mM Benzyl Alcohol (BzOH) acetonitrile solution (black line), 20 mM Benzaldehyde acetonitrile solution (red line), Analyte before electrolysis (10 mM TEMPO/70 mM BzOH/0.1 M LiClO₄/0.1 M TBPY/ACN) (blue line) and a representative Analyte after the electrolysis (green line).

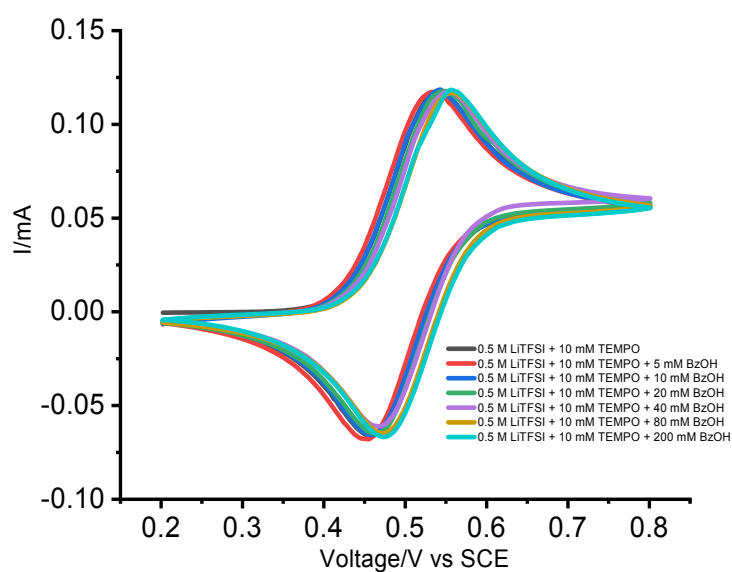


Figure S44: Electrocatalysis experiments performed with a glassy carbon in a 10 mM TEMPO/0.5M LiTFSI/ACN solution by increasing the BzOH concentration.

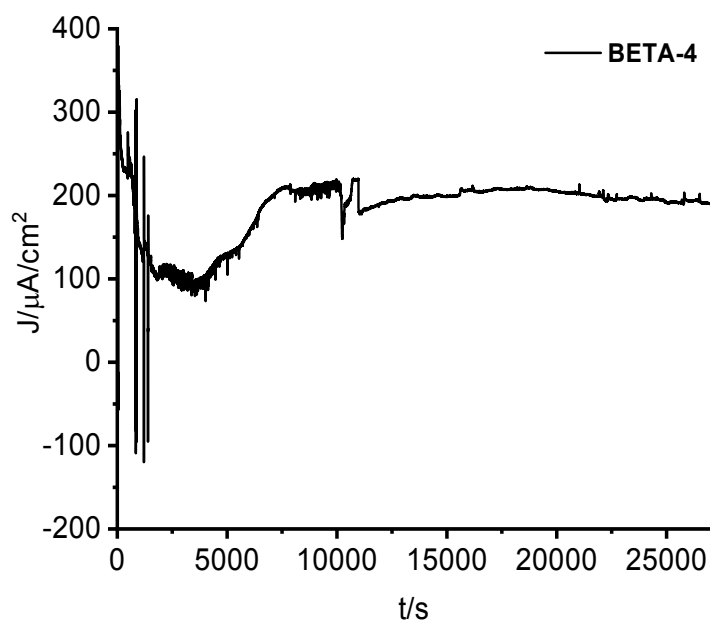


Figure S45: Representative bulk electrolysis for **BETA-4** onto SnO₂/TiO₂ electrodes in a two-compartment cell at 0.4 V. vs SCE. Anolyte: 10 mM TEMPO/70 mM BzOH/0.5 M/ACN. Catholyte: 10 mM TEMPO/0.5 M LTFSI/ACN. The electrolysis was collected at 1 SUN in the presence of a 400 nm cut-off.

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