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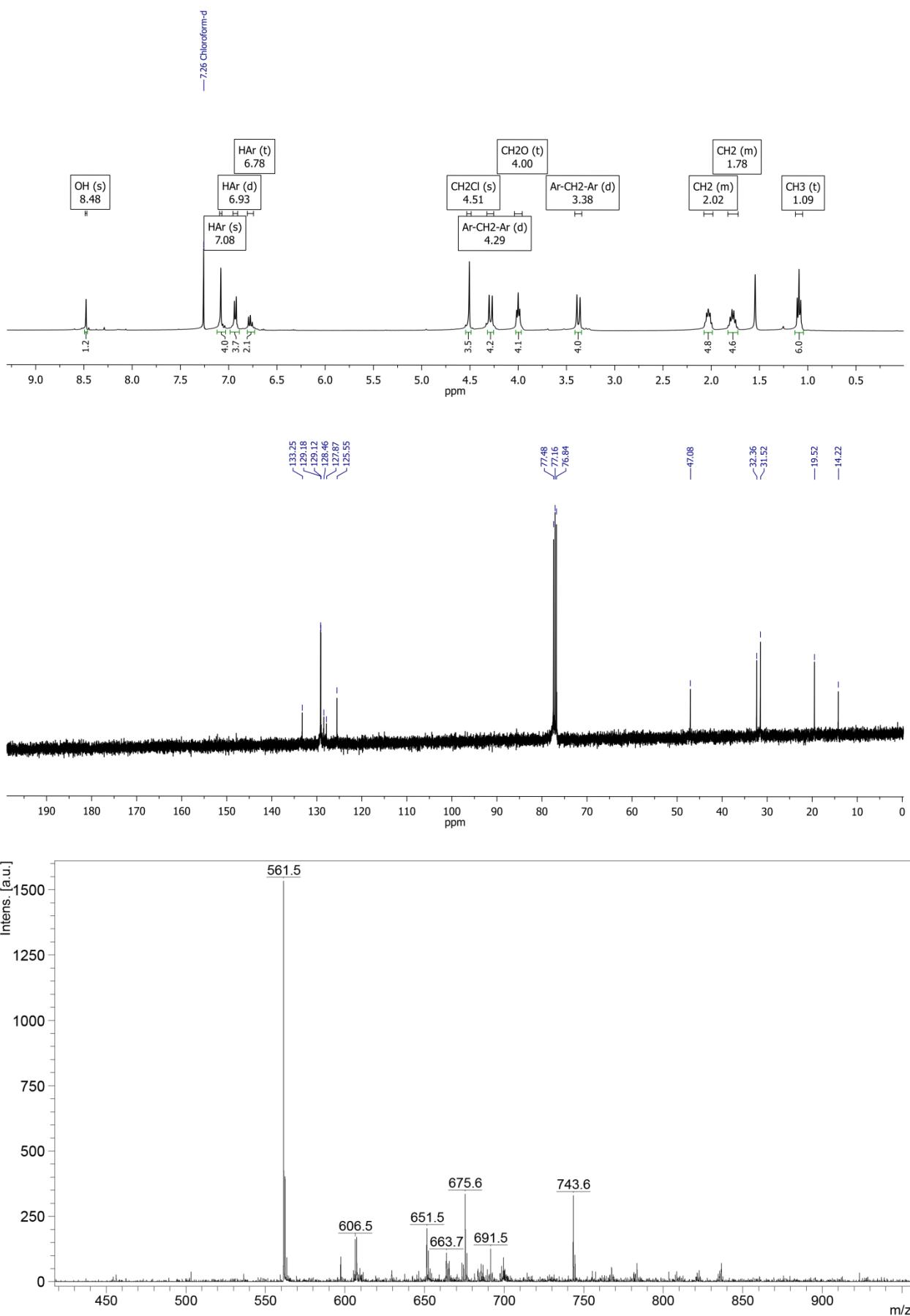


Fig. S1 NMR  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and MALDI-TOF spectra of 11,23-Di-chloromethyl-25,27-dihydroxy-26,28-dibutoxycalix[4]arene (**4**)

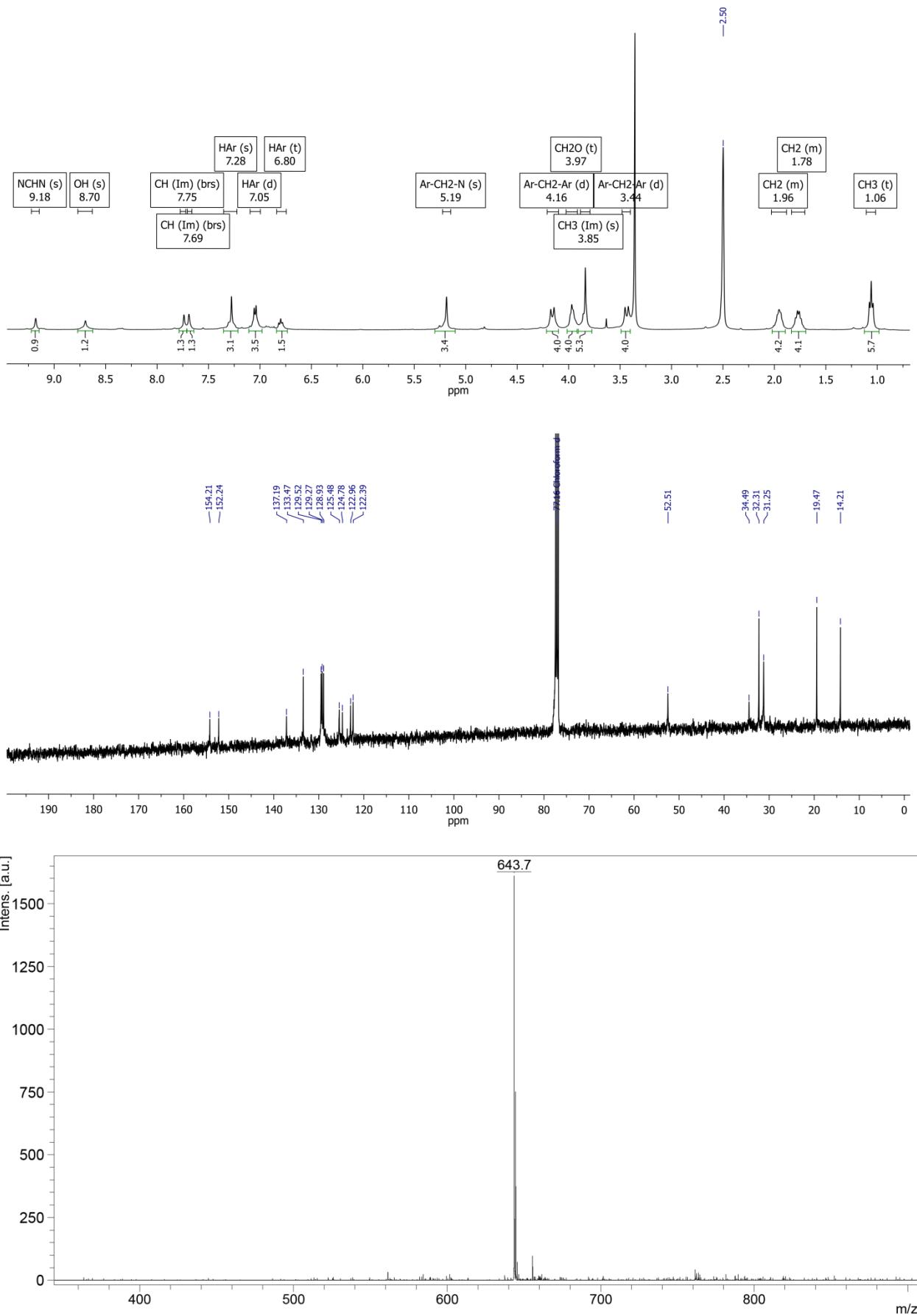


Fig. S2 NMR ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) and MALDI-TOF spectra of 11,23-bis[(3-methyl-1H-imidazolium-1-yl)methyl]-25,27-dihydroxy-26,28-dibutoxycalix[4]arene dichloride (**5**)

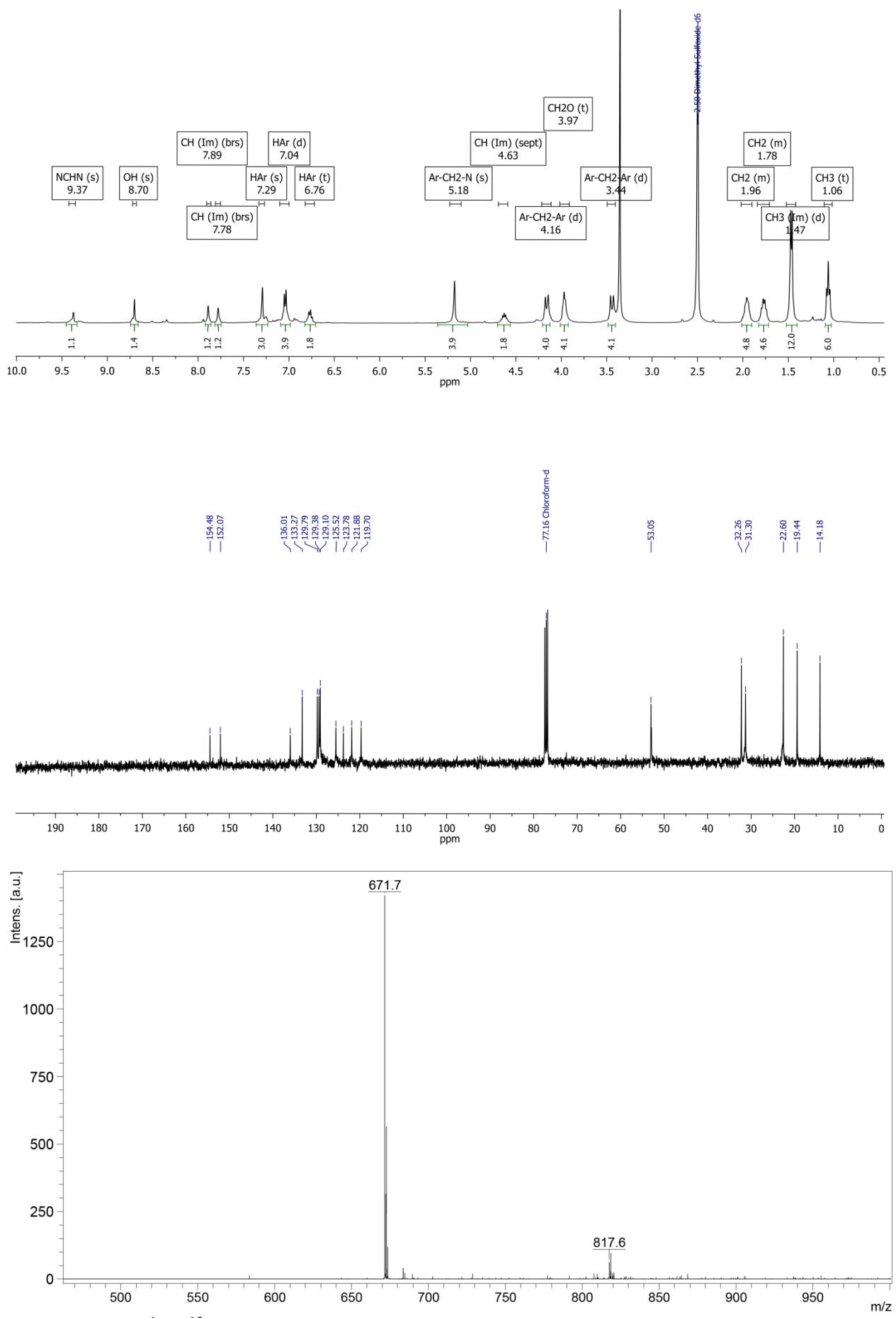


Fig. S3 NMR ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) and MALDI-TOF spectra of 11,23-bis[(3-isopropyl-1*H*-imidazolium-1-*l*l)methyl]-25,27-dihydroxy-26,28-dibutoxycalix[4]arene dichloride (**6**)

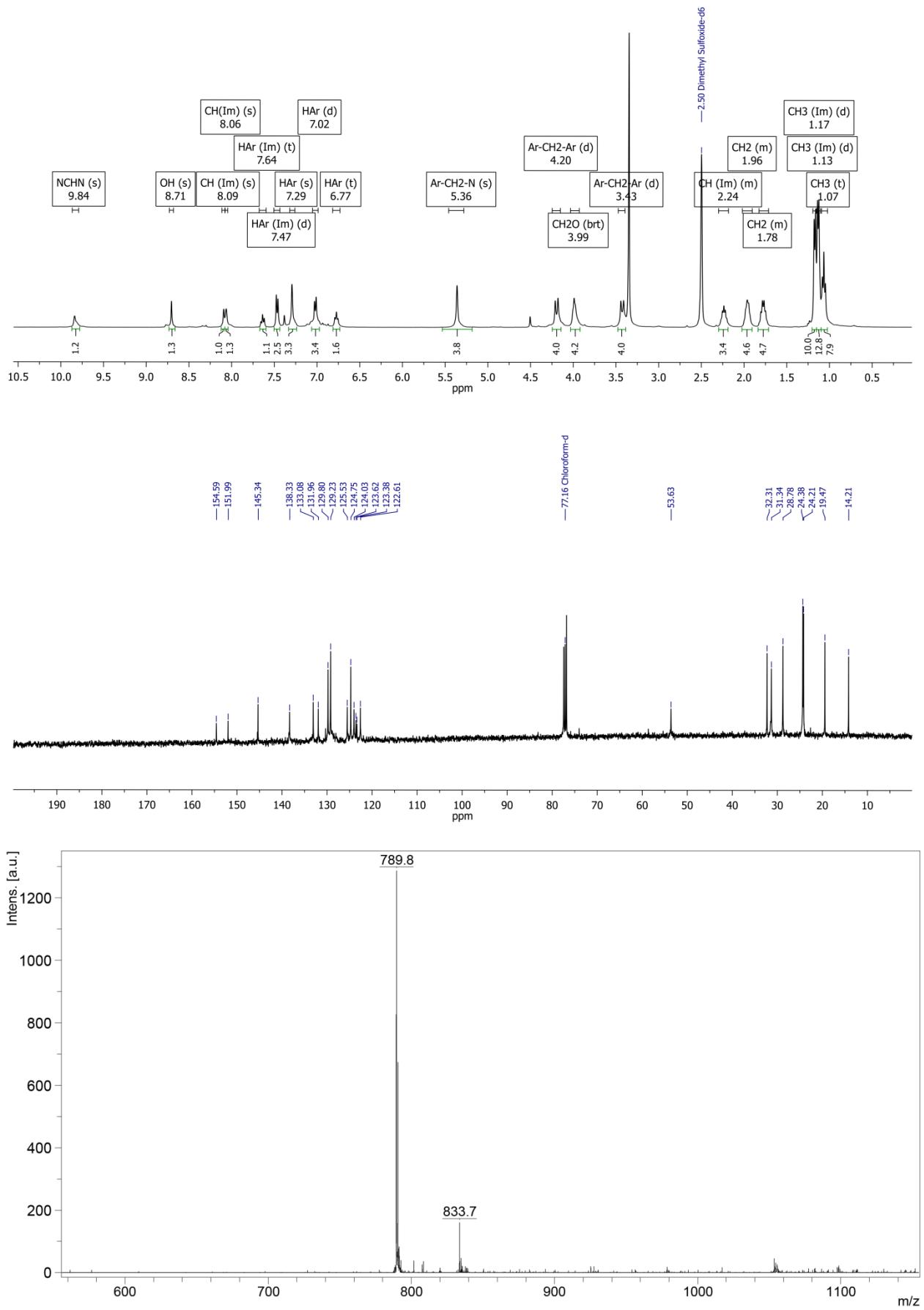


Fig. S4 NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C) and MALDI-TOF spectra of 11,23-bis[(3-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1H-imidazolium-1-yl)methyl]-25,27-dihydroxy-26,28-dibutoxycalix[4]arene dichloride (**7**)

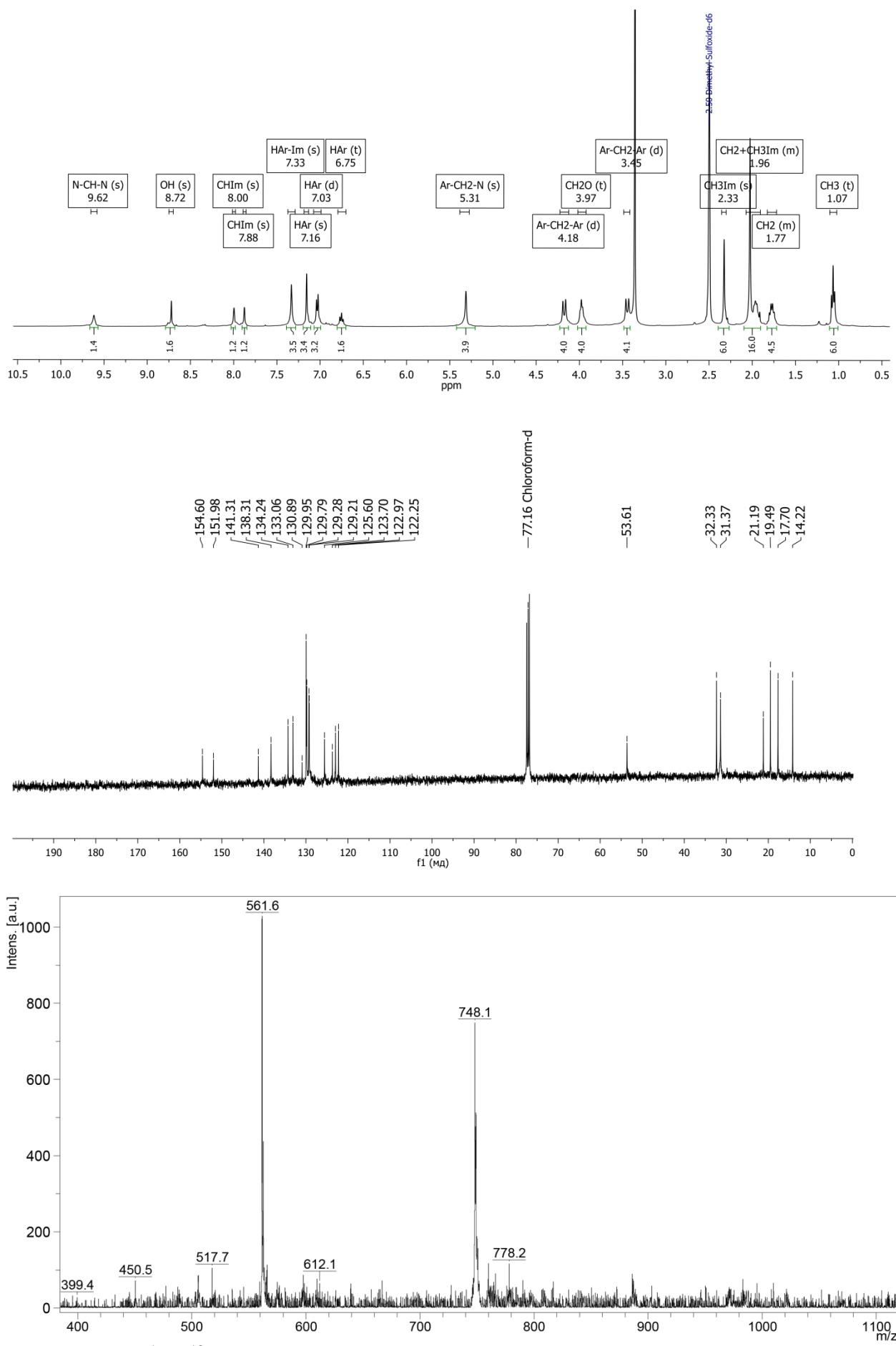


Fig. S5 NMR  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and MALDI-TOF spectra of 11,23-bis[(3-(mesityl)-1H-imidazolium-1-yl)methyl]-25,27-dihydroxy-26,28-dibutoxycalix[4]arene dichloride (**8**)

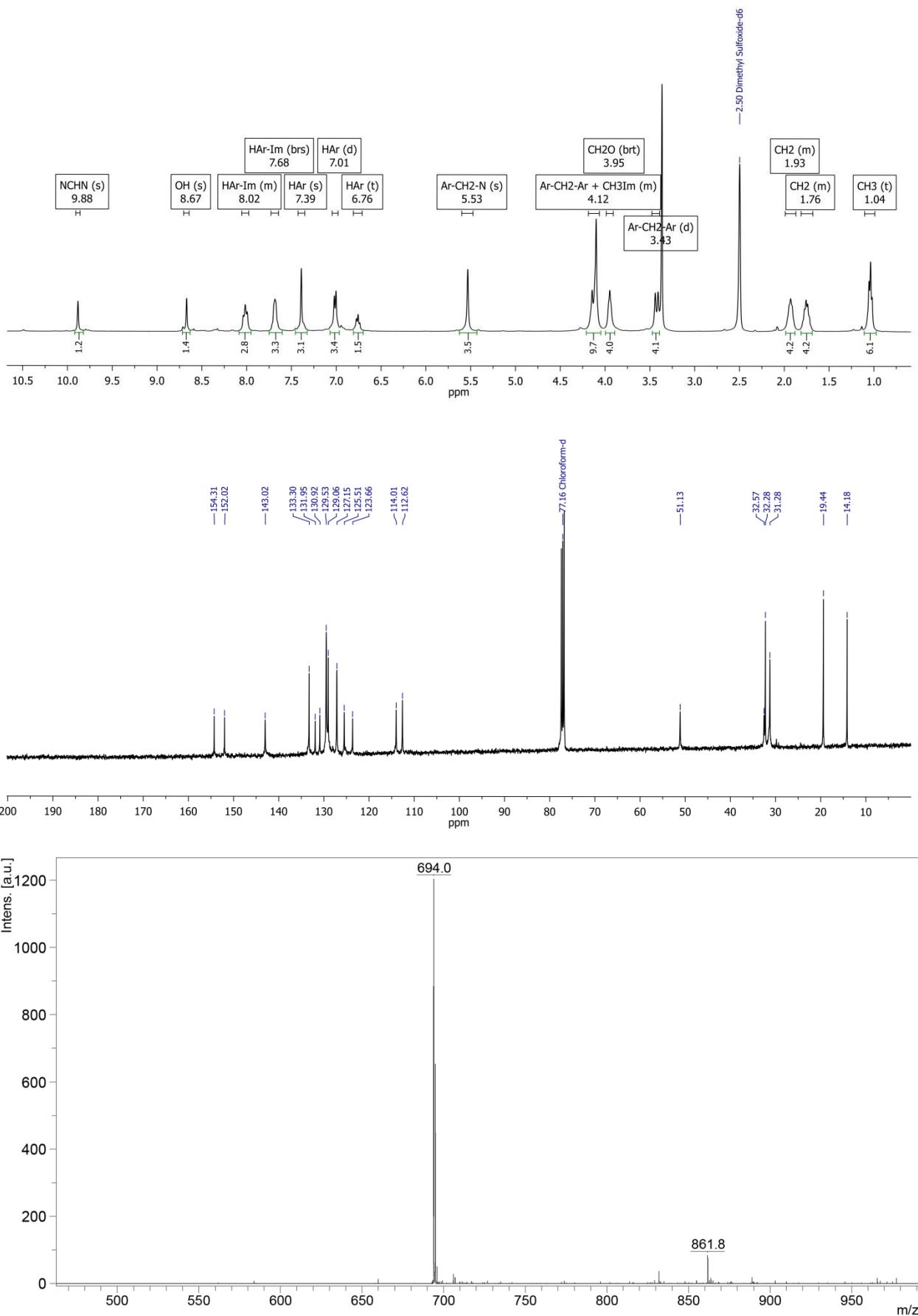
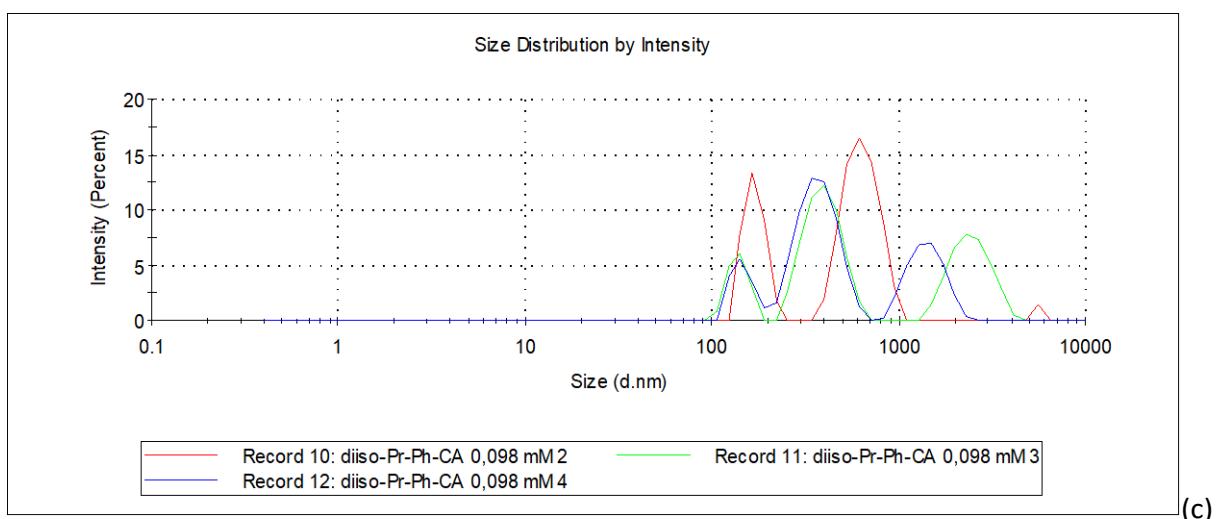
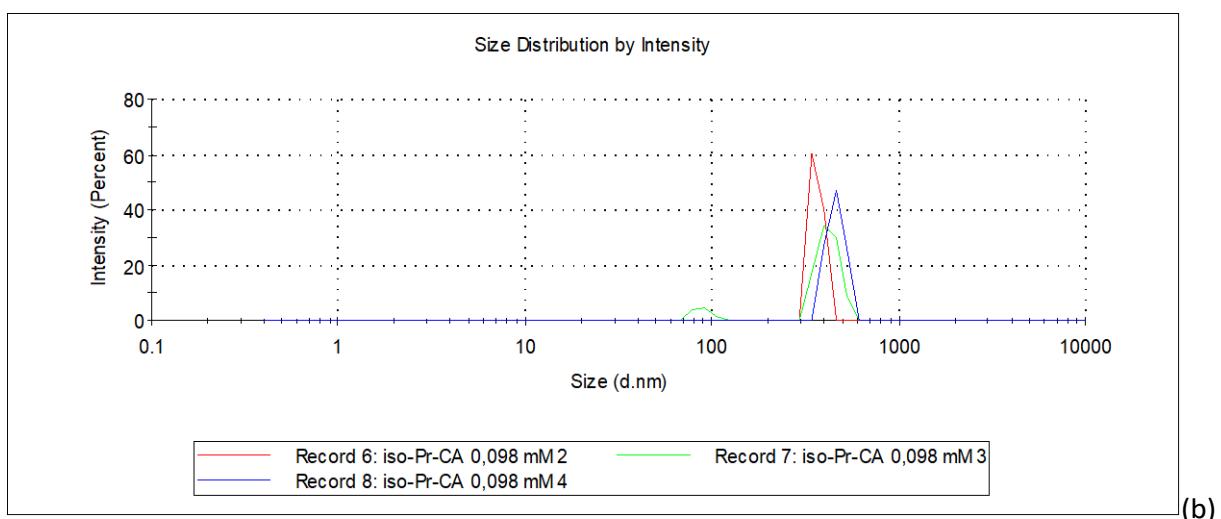
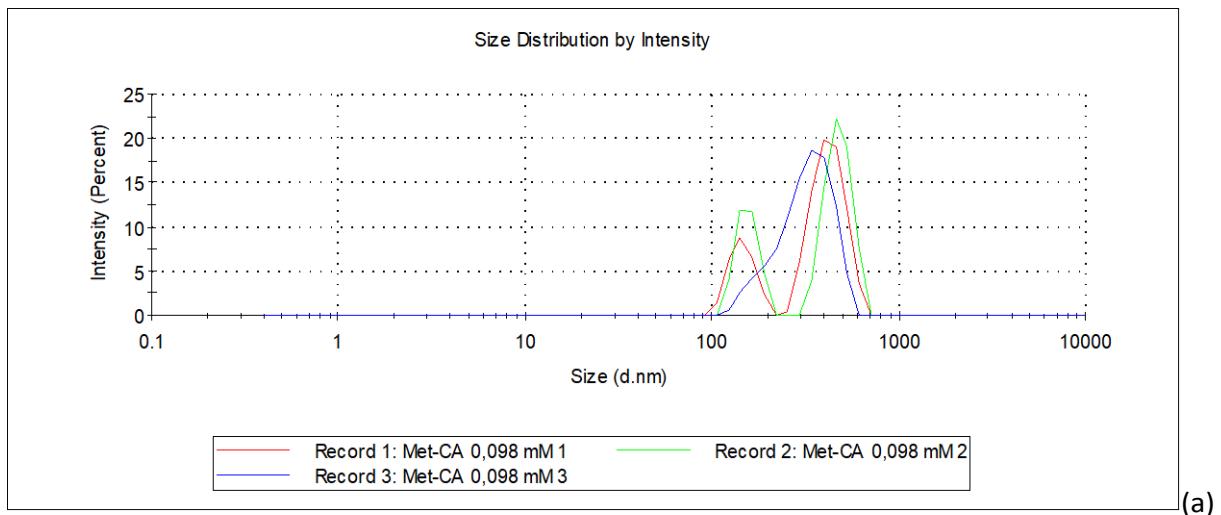


Fig. S6 NMR <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and MALDI-TOF spectra of 11,23-bis[(3-methyl-1H-benzimidazolium-1-yl)methyl]-25,27-dihydroxy-26,28-dibutoxycalix[4]arene dichloride (**9**)



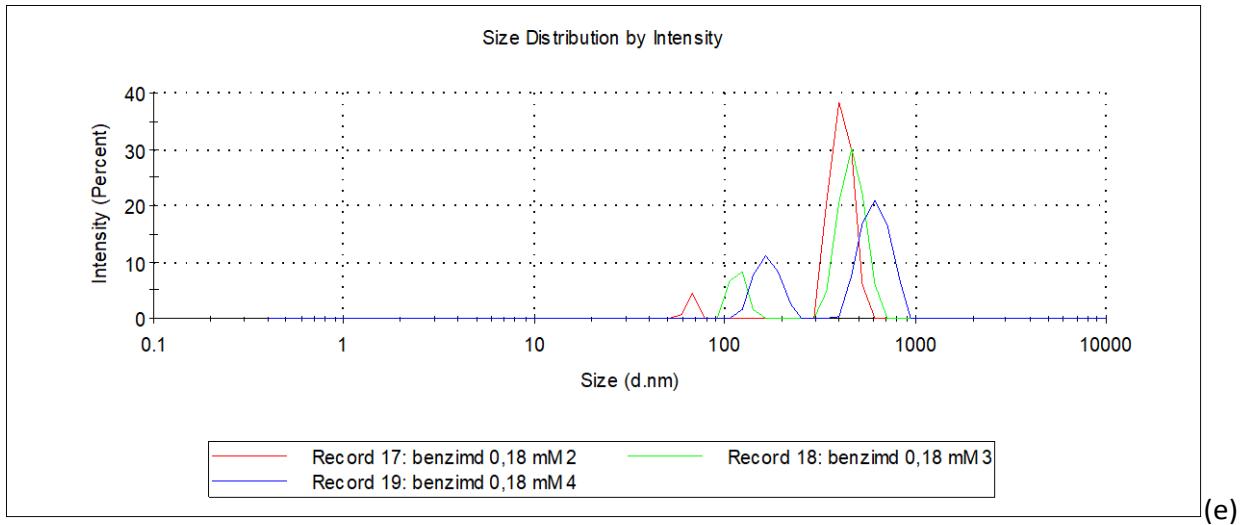
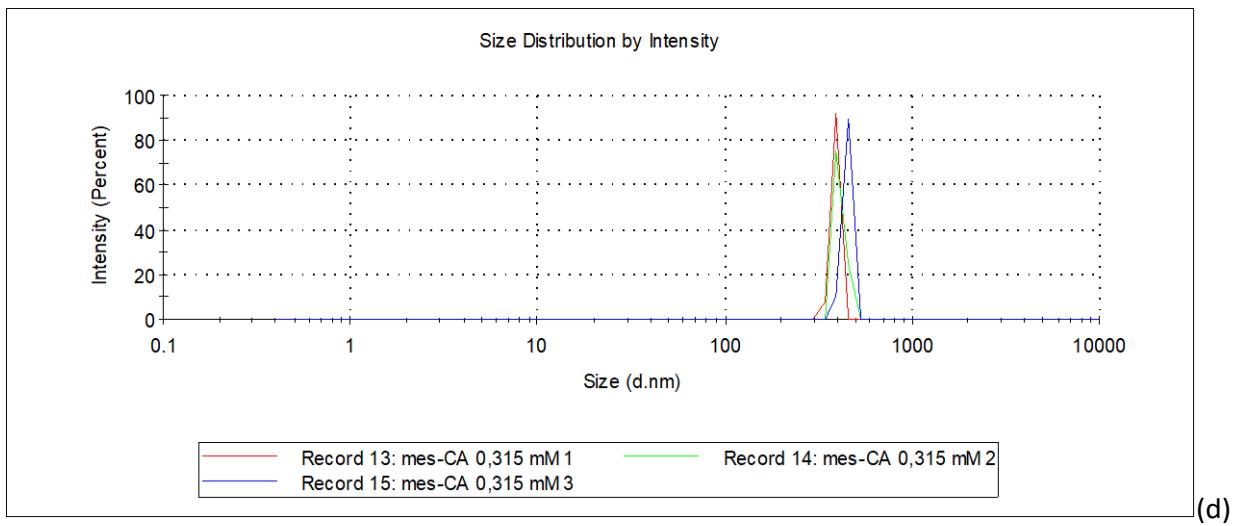
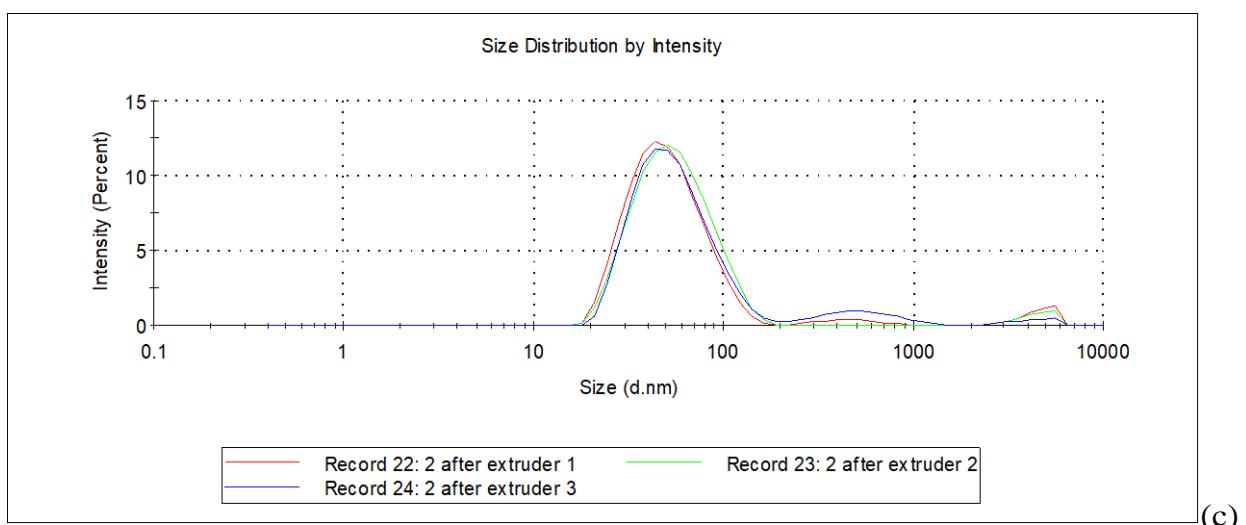
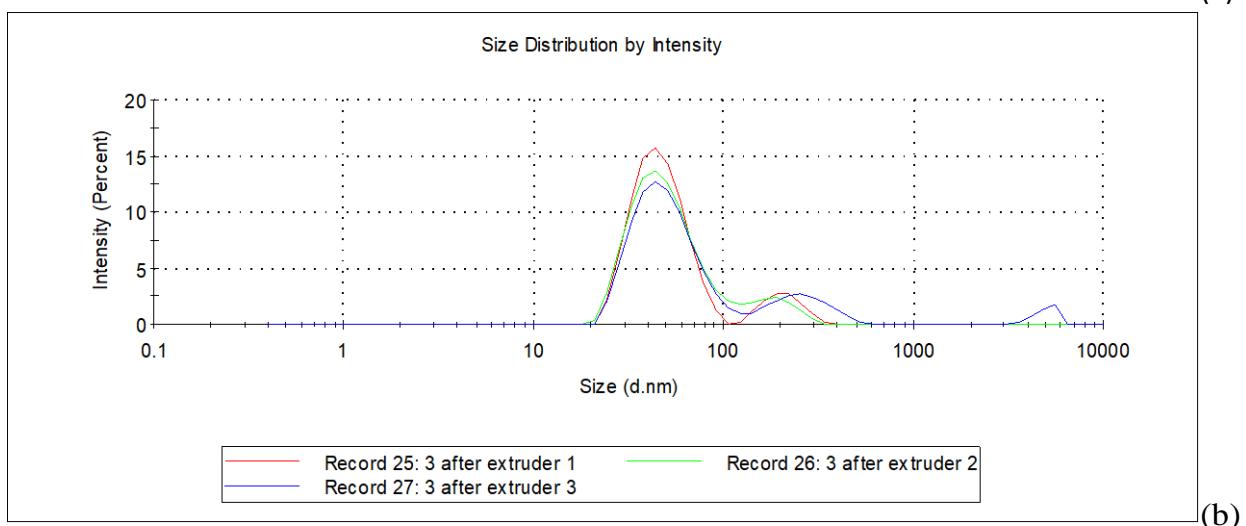
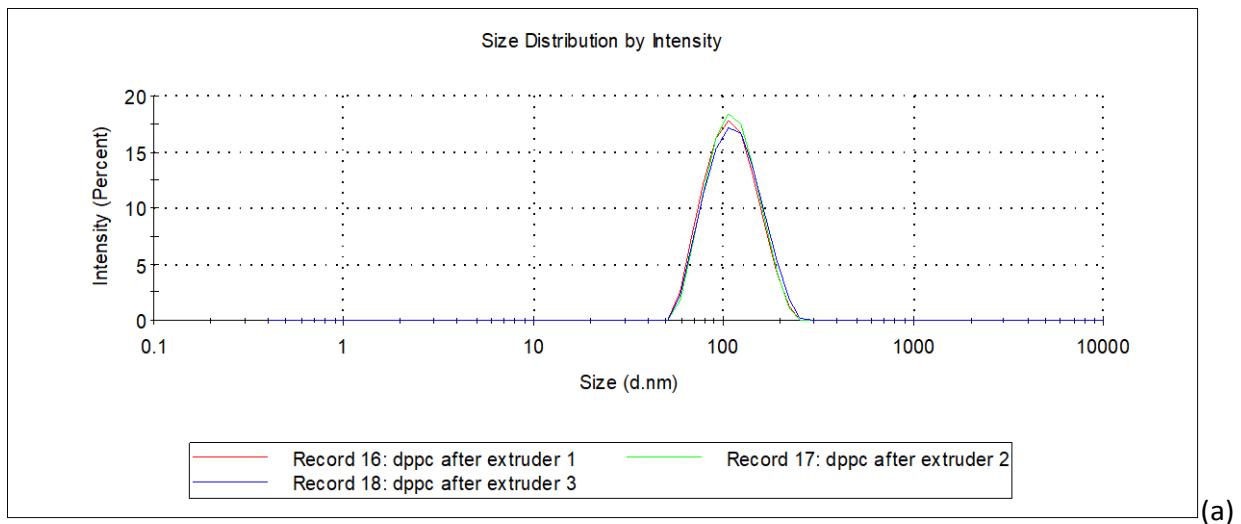


Fig. S7. DLS size graph of aggregates formed by **5(a)**, **6(b)**, **7(c)**, **8(d)**, **9(e)**, C(**5-9**) = 97, 33, 60, 80, 180  $\mu$ M.



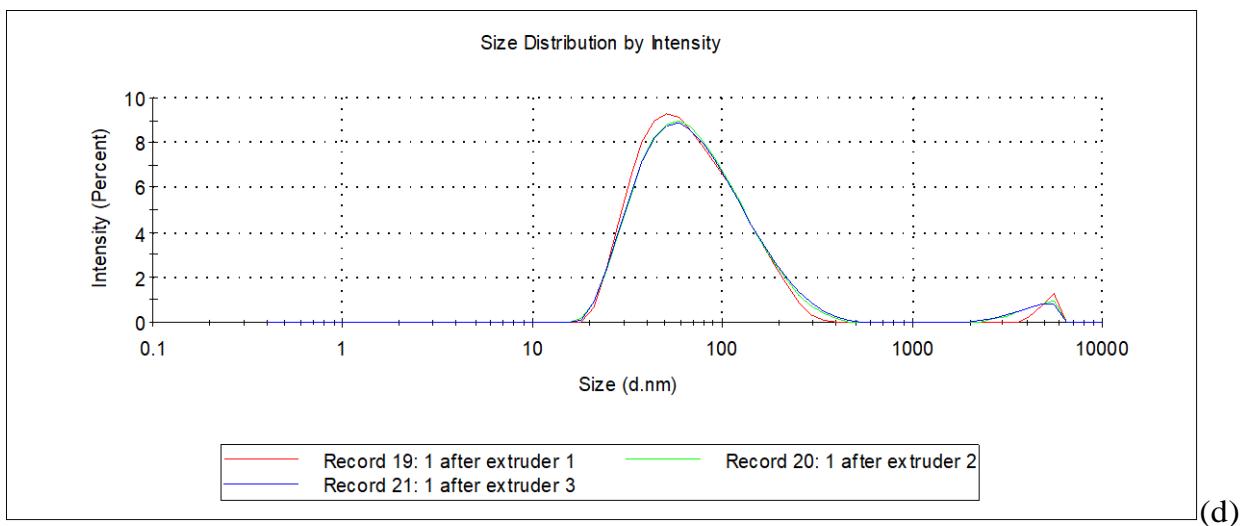
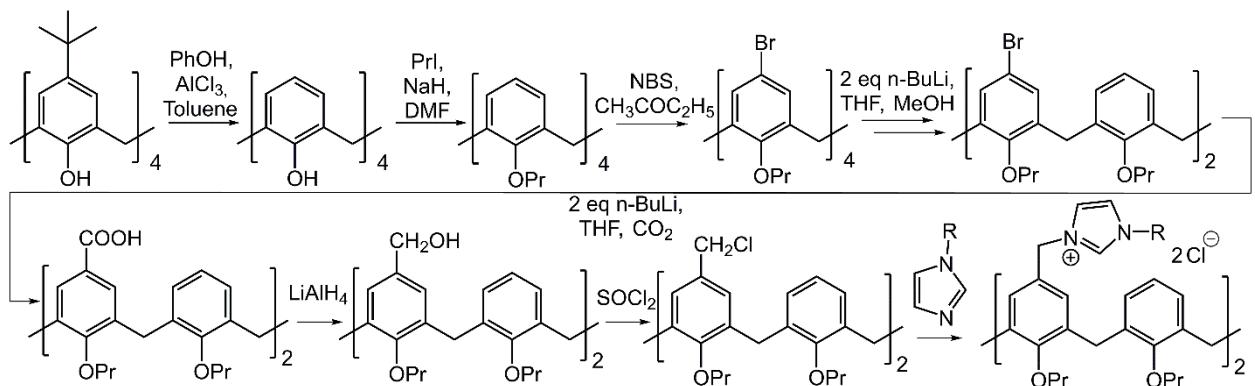


Fig. S8. DLS size graph of aggregates formed by DPPC (a) or DPPC mixed with **5**, C(DPPC) = 1 mM, C (**5**) = 0.043(b), 0.65(c), 0.98(d) mM.



Scheme S1. Known synthetic pathway for NHC-precursors made by Schatz group.

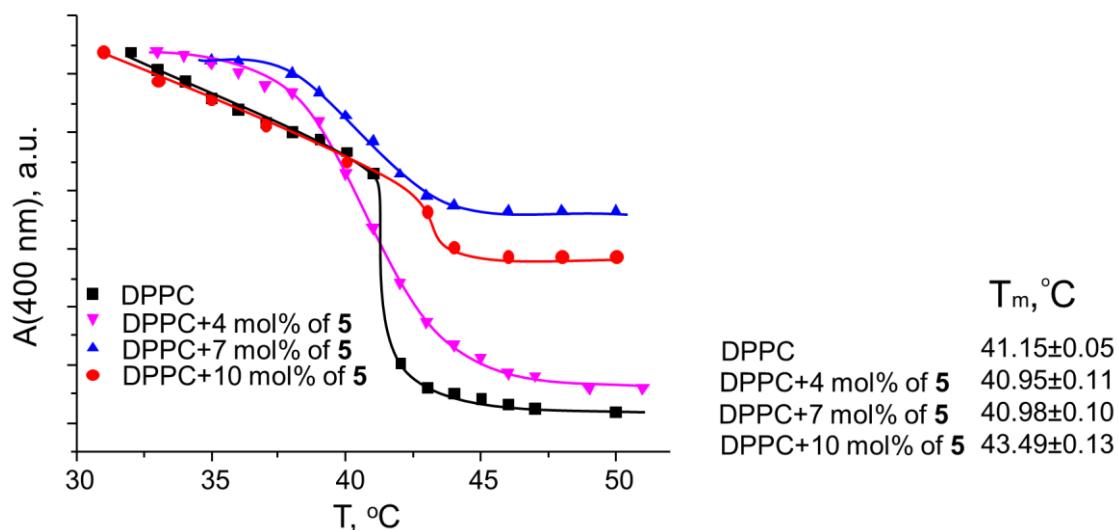


Fig. S9.  $T_m$  plots of DPPC and DPPC-**5** vesicles, C(DPPC) = 1 mM; C (**5**) = 43, 65 and 98  $\mu\text{M}$  for DPPC+ 4% (**5**), DPPC+ 7% (**5**) and DPPC+ 10% (**5**), respectively;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 26-50  $^\circ\text{C}$ .