

1 Original Research Article  
2 **Structural Characterization Using FT-IR and NMR of**  
3 **Newly Synthesized 1,3-bis(3-formylphenoxyethyl)-**  
4 **2,4,5,6-tetrachlorobenzene and 1,3-bis(3-(2-**  
5 **hydroxyphenyliminomethyl)phenoxyethyl)-2,4,5,6-**  
6 **tetrachlorobenzene.**

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8 **ABSTRACT**

**Aims:** To synthesize a new aromatic dialdehyde using 1 equivalent of 2, 4, 5, 6-tetrachloro-1,3-bis(chloromethyl)benzene and 2 equivalent of 3-hydroxybenzaldehyde. The dialdehyde obtained is to be reacted with 2 equivalent of 2-aminophenol to obtain the corresponding di-imine from the dialdehyde. Both the dialdehyde and the di-imine were to be structurally characterized by FT-IR and NMR spectroscopic study. The synthesis is to proceed to the di-imine after the dialdehyde has been structurally studied by FT-IR and NMR and confirmed to have been synthesized.

**Study Design:** Synthesizing new macromolecular ligands using simple available starting materials and determining their chemical structure via FT-IR and NMR spectroscopy.

**Place and Duration of Study:** Department of Chemistry Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey. Between January 2013 to May 2014.

**Methodology:** The synthesis is carried out by convectional heating method using combine heating and magnetic stirring device and a three necked reaction flask and under Argon atmosphere.

**Result:** Ligands were synthesized, their structures were determined and spectroscopy was carried out, presented and discussed.

**Conclusion:** Synthesis and structural determination of the new 1,3-bis(3-formylphenoxyethyl)-2,4,5,6-tetrachlorobenzene and 1,3-bis(3-(2-hydroxyphenyliminomethyl)phenoxyethyl)-2,4,5,6-tetrachlorobenzene ligands was successful.

9 *Keywords: Dialdehyde, Di-imine, FT-IR, NMR, Spectroscopy.*

10 **1. INTRODUCTION**

11 Synthesis of macromolecular ligands is regarded as one of the largest research area in coordination  
12 and organic chemistry, many of such new ligands are been discovered and there is still growing  
13 interest by many researchers to discover more [1-3].

14 Research in the synthesis of macromolecular and macrocyclic compounds was attributed to the fact  
15 that nature prefers such molecules for many fundamental biological functions like transport of oxygen  
16 in mammalian, photosynthesis, energy storage and respiratory systems. Di-imines (di-aza or Schiff  
17 base) were among the synthetic analogues of these macromolecular natural products synthesized to  
18 mimic their biological activities where applicable [4-9].

19 Modified macromolecular ligands with suitable mimicry to some important natural carrier molecules  
20 and enzymes were used in recognizing and transporting some specific metal cations, as well as  
21 understanding and reproducing the catalytic activities of metallo-enzymes [10-12]

22 They are also applied as chelating agents to biology and medicine as well as in chemical techniques  
23 like Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and imaging with radio isotopes and radiotherapy, due to  
24 their high kinetic and thermodynamic stability to ward release of metal ions [13].

25 Macrocyclic di-imine with more than one donor centres has exciting possibility toward construction of  
26 novel supramolecular arrangements that are capable of highly specific and important molecular  
27 function. A good example is the precise molecular specification and recognition between the ligands  
28 and their guest molecule which are usually the transition metals ions and biomolecule (such as  
29 nucleic acids and proteins), This provides a good opportunity for studying the key aspect of  
30 supramolecular chemistry and also significant in various other disciplines like bioorganic chemistry,  
31 biocoordination chemistry, biology and related science [14-19].

32 Dated back to the discovery of *cis*-platin as an antitumor agent, emphasis have been given to the  
33 preparation of coordination compounds of di-imines with suitable metal ions in both lanthanide and  
34 the transition series to produce complex compounds of desired medical and pharmaceutical  
35 importance [20-25].

36 Transition metal complexes of di-imine donor ligand have received much attention as catalyst in  
37 oxidation and epoxidation processes, those containing Manganese and copper centre have been  
38 prepared to study cyclic voltammetry and biological activity [26-29].

39 In this article, we presented the total synthesis of two new ligands (dialdehyde and its corresponding  
40 di-imine) as well as their structural characterization using both proton and carbon NMR, and Frontier  
41 Transformed Infrared Spectroscopy (FT-IR).

42 Convectional heating method was used in both the synthesis of the dialdehyde and the di-imine using  
43 combine heater and magnetic stirrer device. Product were analysed in their pure form, the purification  
44 was carried out in every stage of intermediary products as well as the crude product. Crude product  
45 were usually obtained in solution and had to be precipitated in pure, cold and distilled water.

46 The FT-IR and NMR analysis were carried out after the samples were vacuum dried at temperature  
47 lower than their melting point so as to obtain very dry samples for the structural characterization. For  
48 the NMR, ligands were found to be very soluble in both  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  and hence any of the  
49 solvents can be used for taking NMR analysis.

## 50 2. EXPERIMENTAL

### 51 2.1 Chemistry

52 All reagents and solvents are of standard grade and were used as without purification. Electro-thermal  
53 9100 melting point apparatus was used in determining the Melting points of the new ligands. FT-IR  
54 spectra were recorded on the Bruker Alpha-P in the range of  $4000\text{-}400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Routine  $^1\text{H}$  (400 MHz)  
55 and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz) spectra were recorded in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  or  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at ambient temperature on a Bruker  
56 Ultrashield Plus 400MHz instrument. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are expressed in units of parts per million  
57 relative to TMS.

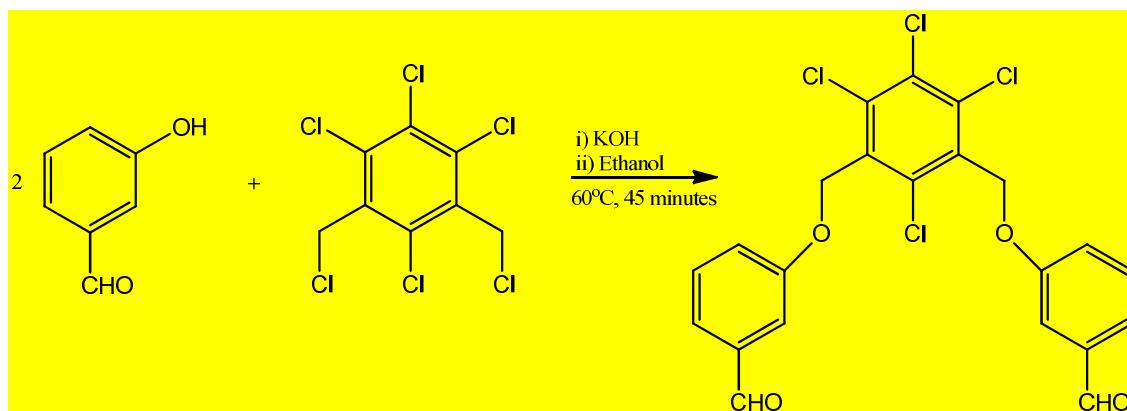
### 58 2.2 Synthesis

59 As mentioned earlier, convectional heating method was used in both the synthesis of the dialdehyde  
60 and the di-imine using combine heater and magnetic stirrer device. The crude products were purified  
61 by washing in fresh portion of ethanol three times at room temperature, TLC was carried out and a  
62 single spot was observed which confirm the purity of the final products

#### 63 2.2.1 Synthesis of 1,3-bis(3-formylphenoxyethyl)-2,4,5,6-tetrachlorobenzene (Dialdehyde)

64 To a solution of KOH (600mg, 10.70mmol) in ethanol (20mL) was added 3-hydroxybenzaldehyde  
65 (1.30g, 10.60mmol) and stirred at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  for 45 minutes in an external oil bath. 2, 4, 5, 6-tetrachloro-  
66 1,3-bis(chloromethyl)benzene (1.0 g, 3.20 mmol) was then added slowly in 30 minutes interval and  
67 the mixture was stirred overnight at the same temperature. The resulting product was stirred in cold  
68 distilled water, in order to remove unreacted starting materials. The purification was repeated two  
69 more times and a white solid was obtained.  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_4\text{O}_4$ : 1.25 g, yield 78%, MP:  $172\text{-}173^\circ\text{C}$ . FT-IR  
70 (solid  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $3078\text{ }\nu(\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{H})$ ,  $2820$  and  $2739\text{ }\nu(\text{CHO})$ ,  $1686\text{ }\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ ,  $1599\text{ }\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$ ,  $1249\text{ }\nu(\text{C}-\text{O})$ ,  $745$   
71  $\delta(\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{H})$ .  $^1\text{H}$ NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  ppm: 5.42 (s, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.48 (s, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.03$   
72 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 2.01$  Hz, 2H), 10.01 (s, 2H, CHO).  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  ppm: 66.62 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ),  
73 112.83, 122.30, 124.52, 130.33, 132.41, 132.59, 137.06, 137.38, 137.91, 159.14, 191.93 (CHO).

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80 **Scheme 1. Schematic synthesis of 1,3-bis(3-formylphenoxy)methyl-2,4,5,6-tetrachlorobenzene**  
 81 **(Dialdehyde)**

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83 **2.2.2 Synthesis of 1,3-bis(3-(2-hydroxyphenyliminomethyl)phenoxy)methyl-2,4,5,6-tetra-**  
 84 **chlorobenzene (Di-imine)**

85 To a stirred solution of 2-aminophenol (150 mg, 1.37 mmol) in methanol (7 mL) was added the  
 86 dialdehyde (synthesized in 2.2.1 above, see figure 1) (300 mg, 0.62 mmol). The reaction mixture was  
 87 stirred for 3 hours at 70 °C. The resulting product was cooled, filtered and cleaned two times with  
 88 methanol (5 mL). A pure pale yellow solid di-imines was obtained.  $C_{34}H_{24}Cl_4N_2O_4$ : 350 mg, yield 70%.  
 89 Mp: 110-111°C, FT IR: (solid,  $cm^{-1}$ ) 3365  $\nu$ (OH), 3035  $\nu$ (C=C-H), 1625  $\nu$ (C=N), 1587  $\nu$ (C=C), 1262  
 90  $\nu$ (C-O), 747  $\delta$ (C=C-H).  $^1H$ NMR (DMSO),  $\delta_H$  ppm: 5.46 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.86 (t,  $J$  = 7.40 Hz, 2H), 6.92  
 91 (d,  $J$  = 7.78 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 1.76 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.91 Hz, 2H),  
 92 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 7.53 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (s, 2H), 8.74 (s, 2H, CHN), 9.03 (s, 2H, OH).  $^{13}C$ NMR (DMSO),  $\delta_C$   
 93 ppm: 66.51 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 113.03, 116.03, 118.10, 118.78, 119.45, 123.07, 127.65, 129.91, 131.06, 133.17,  
 94 136.19, 136.73, 137.31, 138.00, 151.42, 158.55

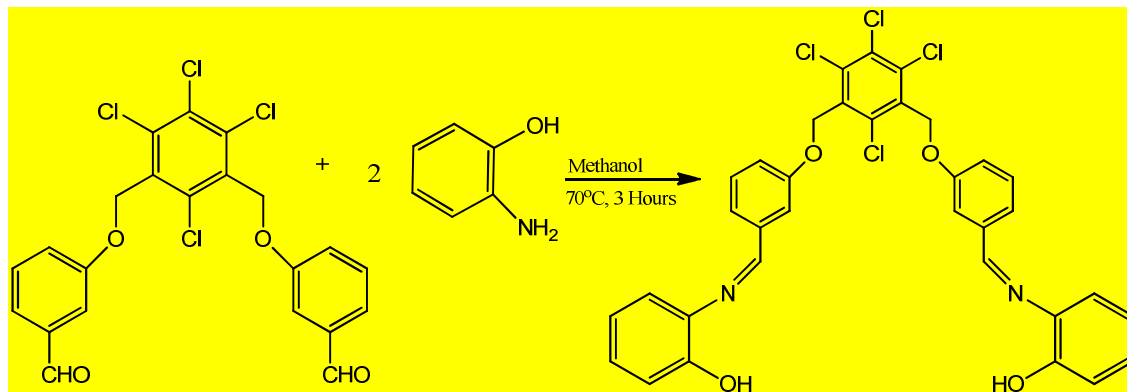
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103 **Scheme 2. Schematic synthesis of 1,3-bis(3-(2-hydroxyphenyliminomethyl)phenoxy)methyl-**  
 104 **2,4,5,6-tetra-chlorobenzene (Di-imine)**

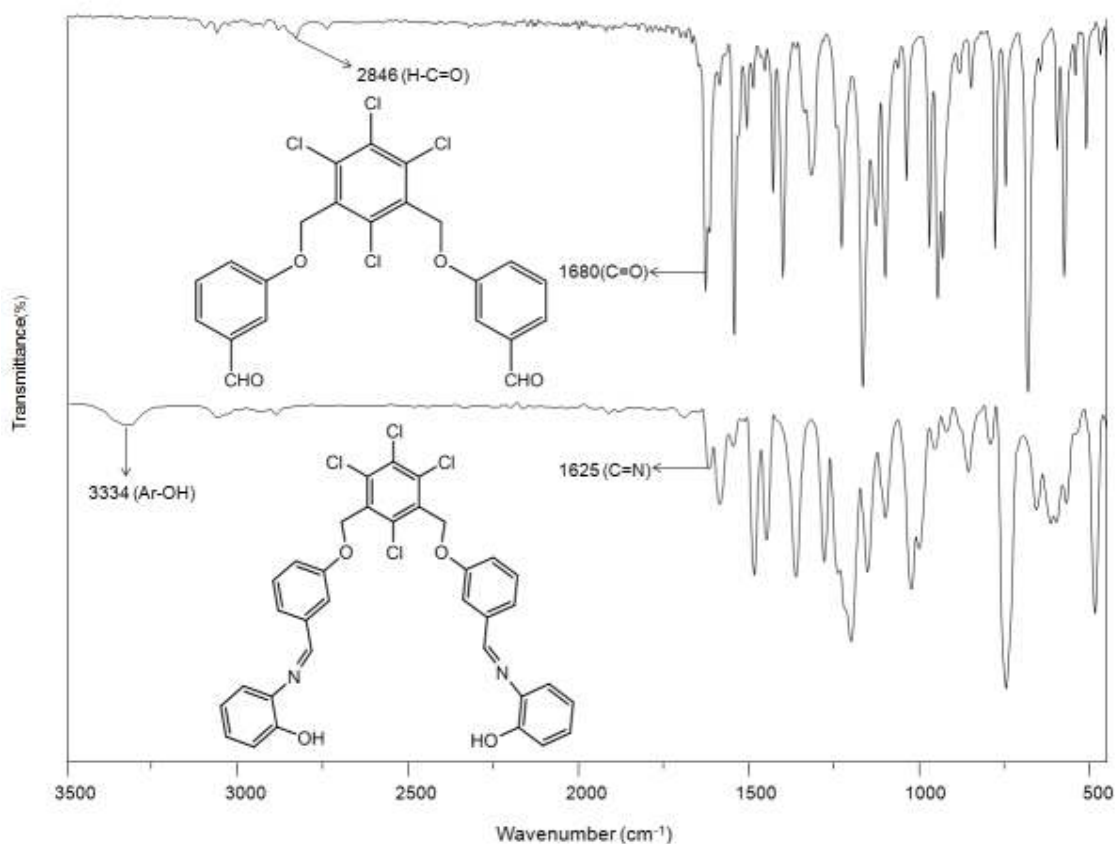
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106 **3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

107 **3.1 FT-IR Analysis**

108 The vibrational Spectra of the dialdehyde and the di-imine were studied in comparison in order to point  
109 out clearly the synthesis of the later from the former by reacting the dialdehyde with 2-aminophenol  
110 there by indicating the success of the reaction pathways. The comparative FT-IR Spectra show the  
111 following success:

112 Vibrational spectroscopy of dialdehyde is studied in terms of the following important peaks: 2750-  
113 2850  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  weak for aldehydic  $\nu(\text{C-H})$  which are always two peaks. 1685-1700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  strong for  
114 Carbonyl  $\nu(\text{C=O})$ . 1580-1600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  strong for aromatic  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$ , 1200-1250  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for  $\nu(\text{C-O})$  and finally  
115 strong peak around 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for  $\delta(\text{C}=\text{C-H})$ . Disappearance of strong  $\nu(\text{O-H})$  vibrations of phenyl  
116 (OH) groups of hydroxybenzaldehyde within the region of 3160-3250  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  also confirm the formation  
117 of the dialdehyde ligand. The  $\nu(\text{C=O})$  of the hydroxybenzaldehyde which was at around 1673  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   
118 slightly shift to 1685  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the dialdehyde. See figures 1.



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124 **3.1 NMR Analysis**

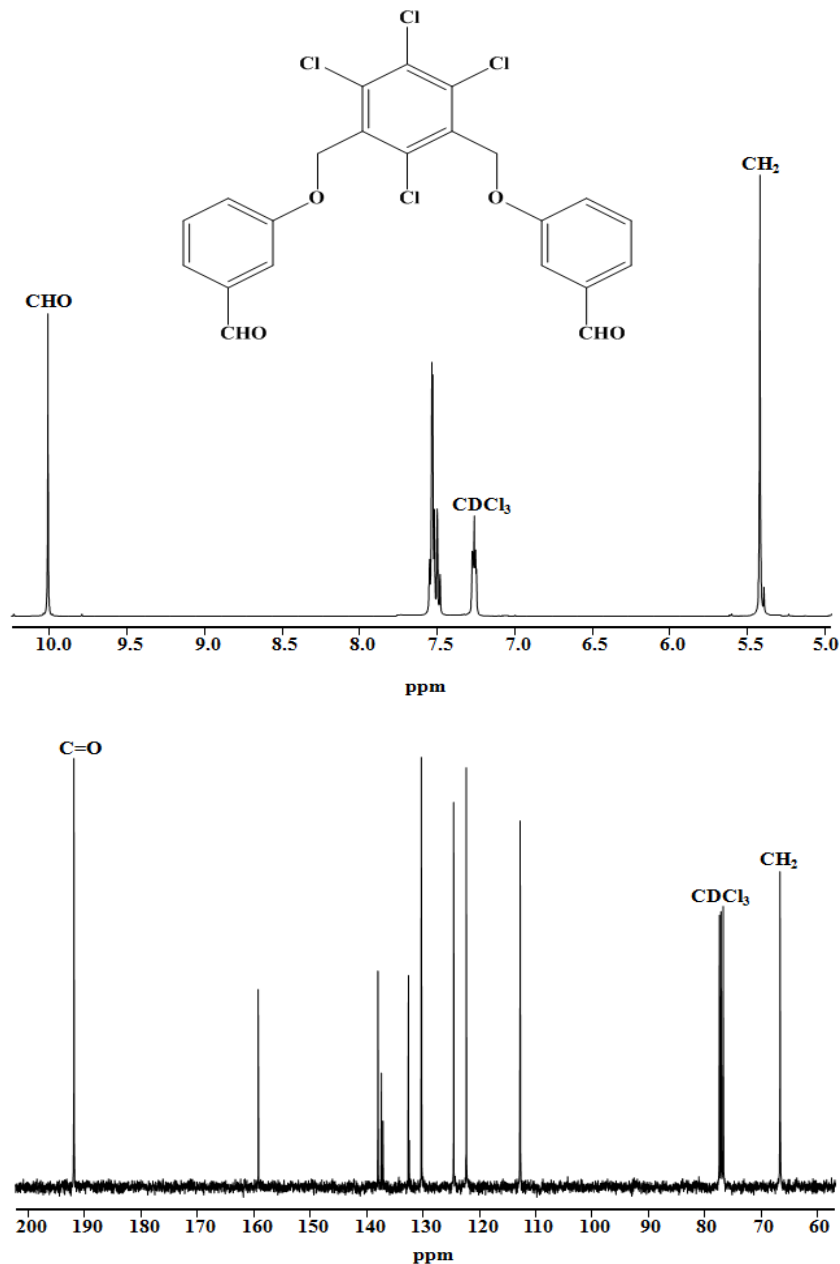
125  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of dialdehyde shows a singlet for ethylene ( $\text{CH}_2$ ) protons at around 5 - 5.20 ppm, and (CHO)  
126 protons at around 10 - 10.50 ppm. The integration for aromatic protons is significantly consistent with

127 the structure of the dialdehyde.<sup>13</sup>C NMR of the dialdehyde shows 10 different carbons atoms as  
128 expected in the chemical structure. See figure 2.

129 Deuterium exchange was carried out in di-imine to ascertain and differentiate the peaks for CHN and  
130 OH protons which appear in close ppm values.

131 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of di-imines shows singlet for ethylene (CH<sub>2</sub>) protons, around 5.2 - 5.50 ppm, and a new  
132 peak for (HC=N) protons at ~ 8.70 ppm while the (OH) protons were observed within the region of  
133 9.00 - 9.20 ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of di-imine shows 15 expected number of carbon atoms as in the chemical  
134 structure, with prominent (c=o) at around 192 ppm while the (CH<sub>2</sub>) at around 66 ppm. See figure 3.

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Fig. 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of dialdehyde in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

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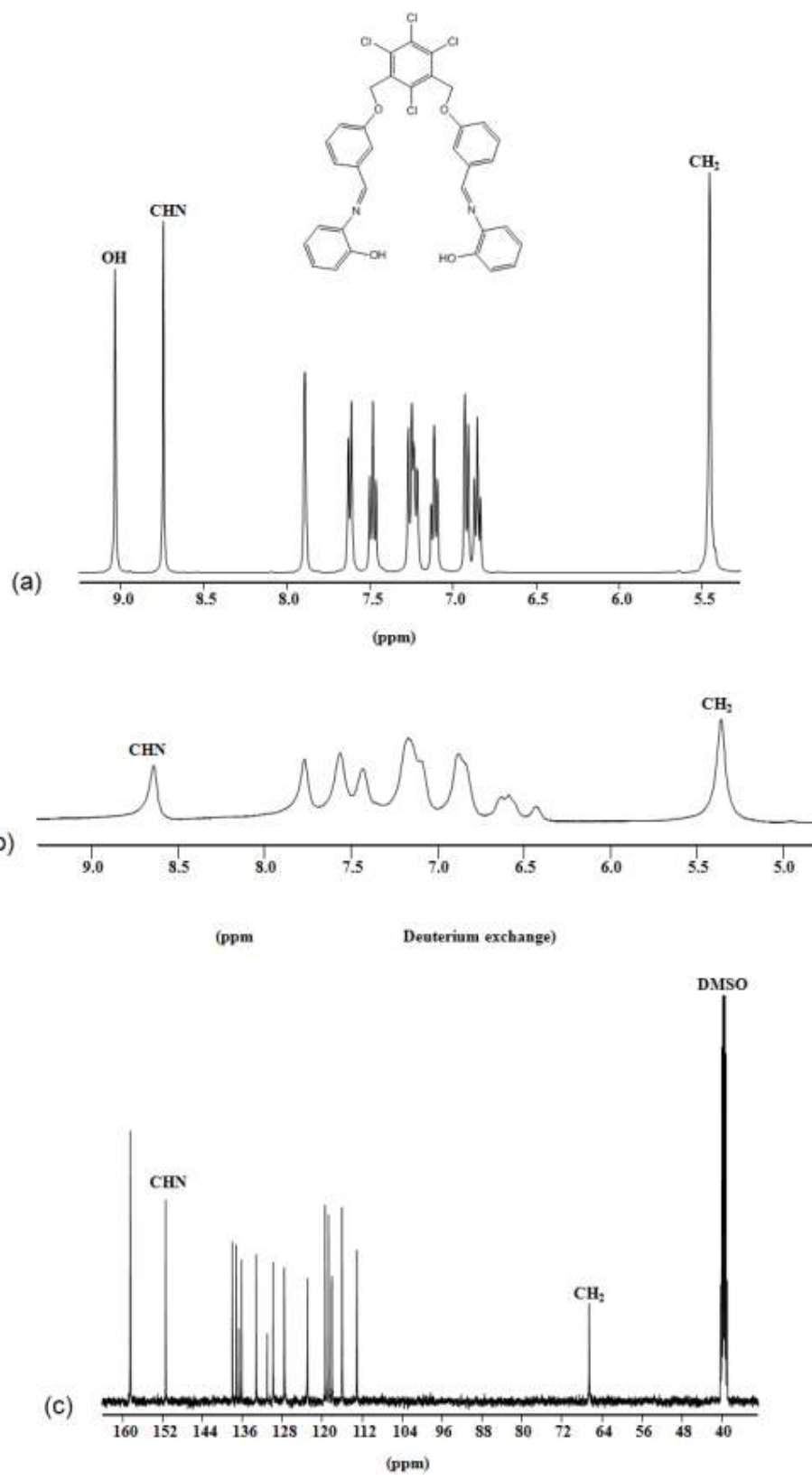


Fig. 3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of di-imine in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

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143 **4. CONCLUSION**

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145 formylphenoxyethyl)-2,4,5,6-tetrachlorobenzene and 1,3-bis(3-(2-  
146 hydroxyphenyliminomethyl)phenoxyethyl)-2,4,5,6-tetrachlorobenzene have been accounted for. The  
147 synthetic steps have been carefully monitored and observed. The FT-IR and the NMR of the  
148 dialdehyde and the di-imine have been compared in order to assure the success of the synthesis of  
149 one ligand from the other. All instrumental analysis were carried out using purified samples of the  
150 compounds.

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