

Supplementary information for:

Water soluble sapphyrins: potential fluorescent sensors for phosphate anions.  
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The effective equilibrium constants for sapphyrins **1-6** with phosphate (cf. Table 1) were determined from fluorescence emission titration studies carried out in aqueous solutions containing 25 mM PIPES buffer (pH 7.0) and 150 mM NaCl. The emission intensity at 690 nm was observed while using an excitation wavelength of 450 nm. Data fits were performed using the computer software package KaleidaGraph 3.52 assuming a 1:1 binding model. Specifically, equation 12.5 of ref. 26 was computer fit using  $F/F_0$  and  $[P_i]$  as the dependent and independent variables, respectively:

$$F/F_0 = (1+(k_{11}/k_s)K_{11}[L]) / (1+K_{11}[L])$$

This equation in terms of the variables used in the computer program fit is:

$$y = (1+m1 * m2 * m0) / (1+m2 * m0) \text{ where}$$

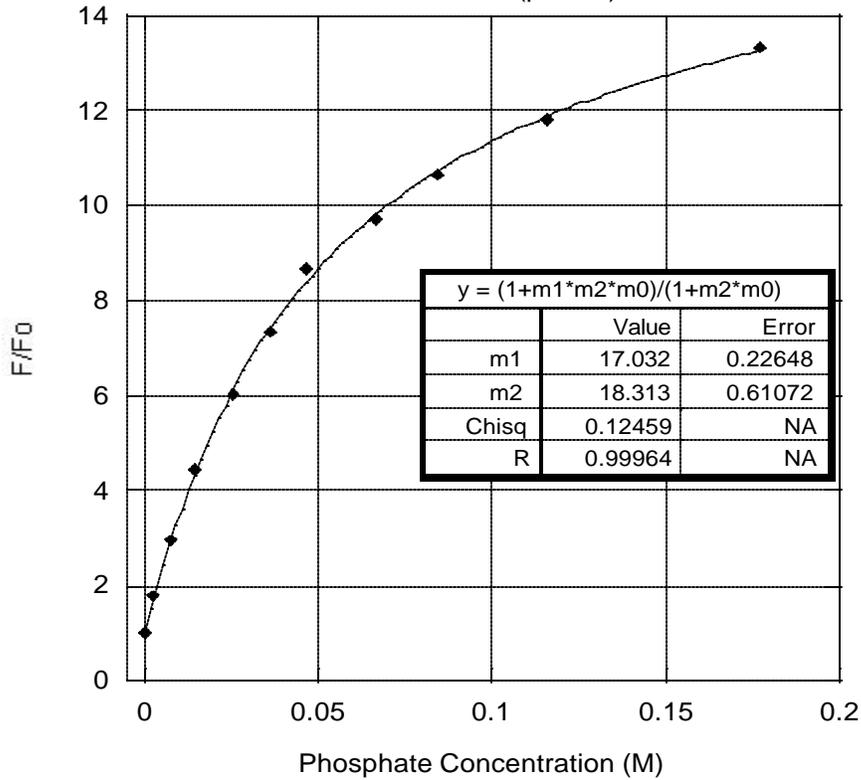
$y = F/F_0$  = ratio of emission intensity over initial emission intensity

$m0 = [L] = [P_i]$  = phosphate concentration. Within the concentration regime used ( $[P_i] \gg [Sap]$ ), the simplifying assumption that  $[P_i] \sim [P_i]_0$  holds.

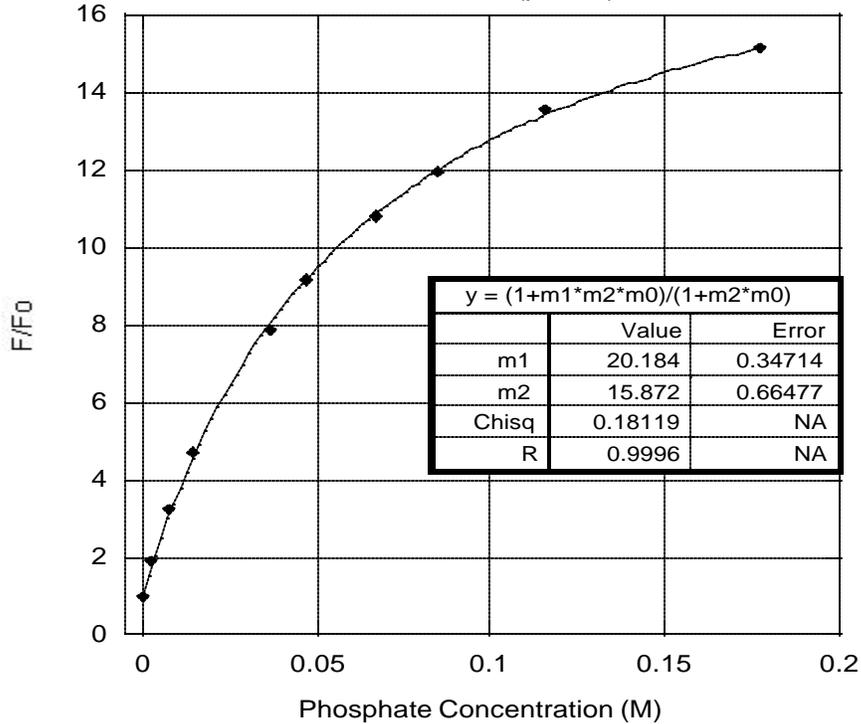
$m1 = k_{11}/k_s$  = ratio of the proportionality constants connecting the intensities and concentrations of the species ( $k_{11}$  for the sapphyrin-phosphate anion complex,  $k_s$  for the unbound, aggregated sapphyrin)

$m2 = K_{11} = K$  = effective equilibrium constant

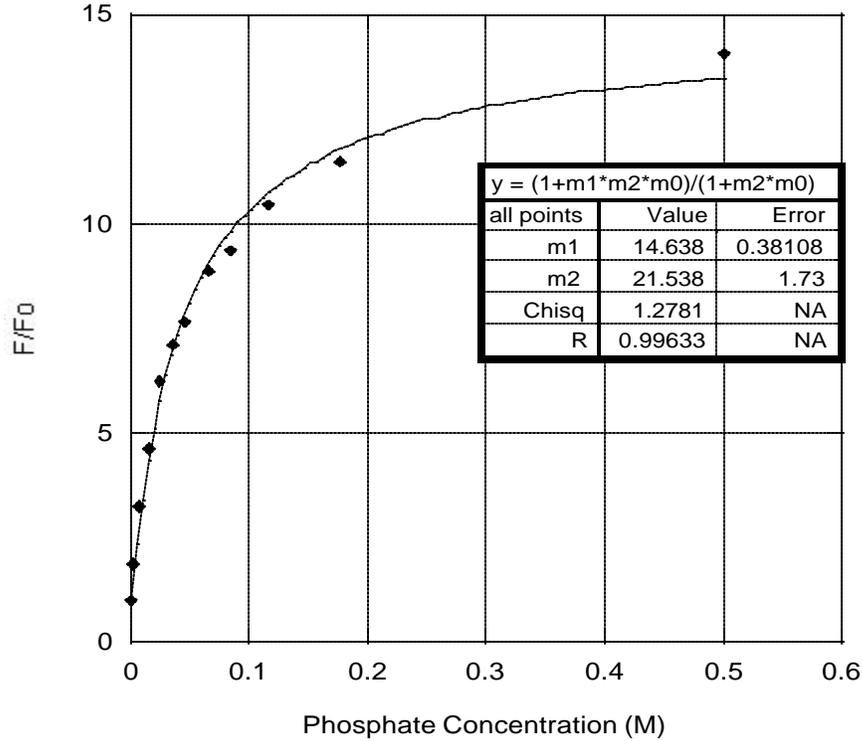
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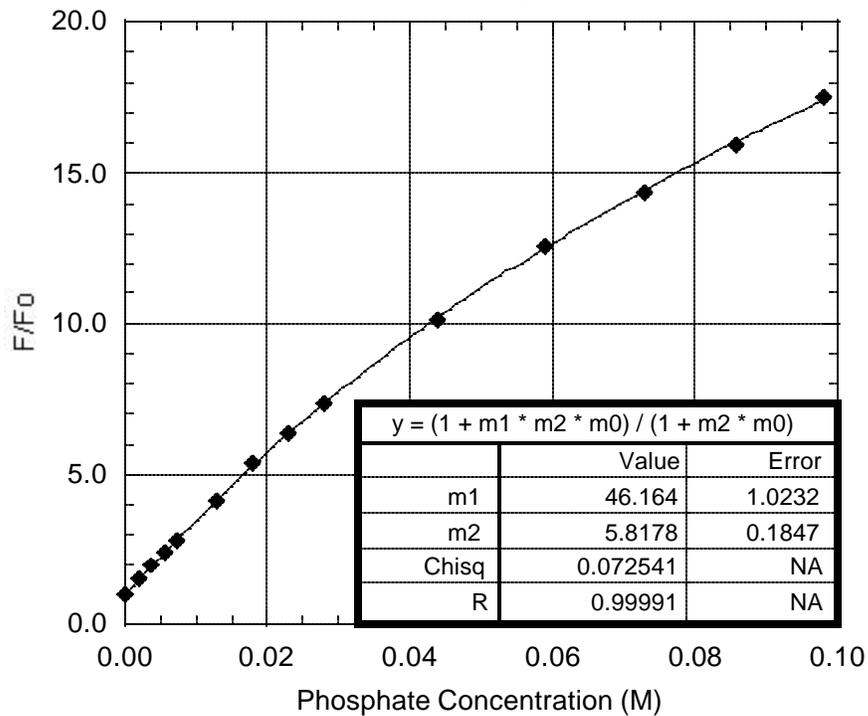
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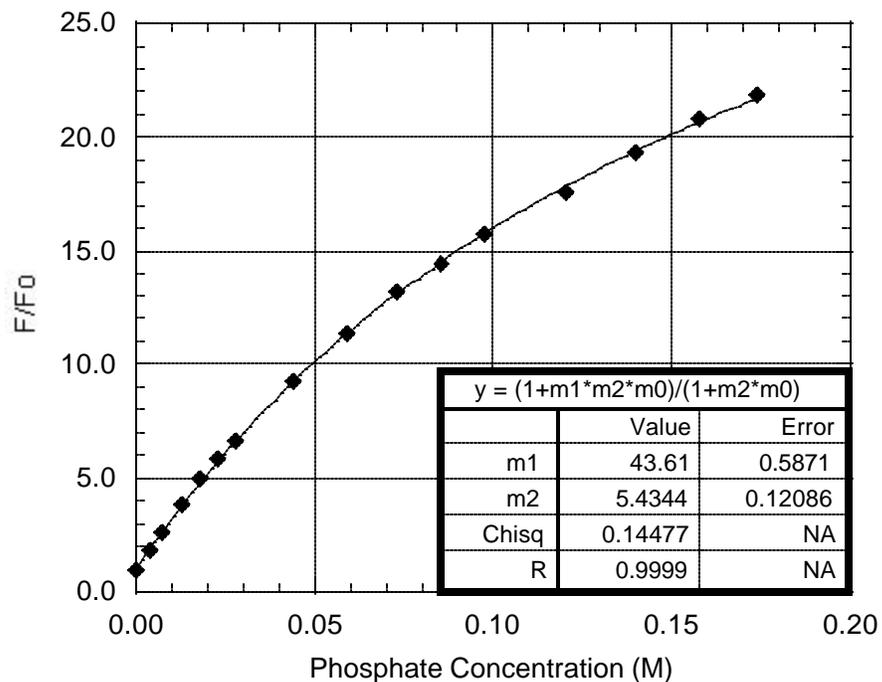
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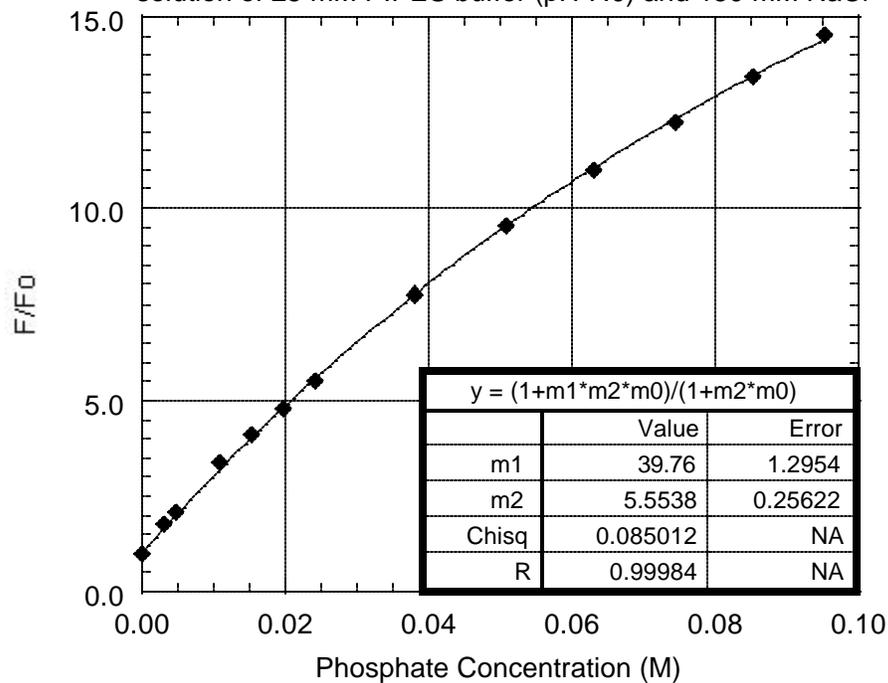
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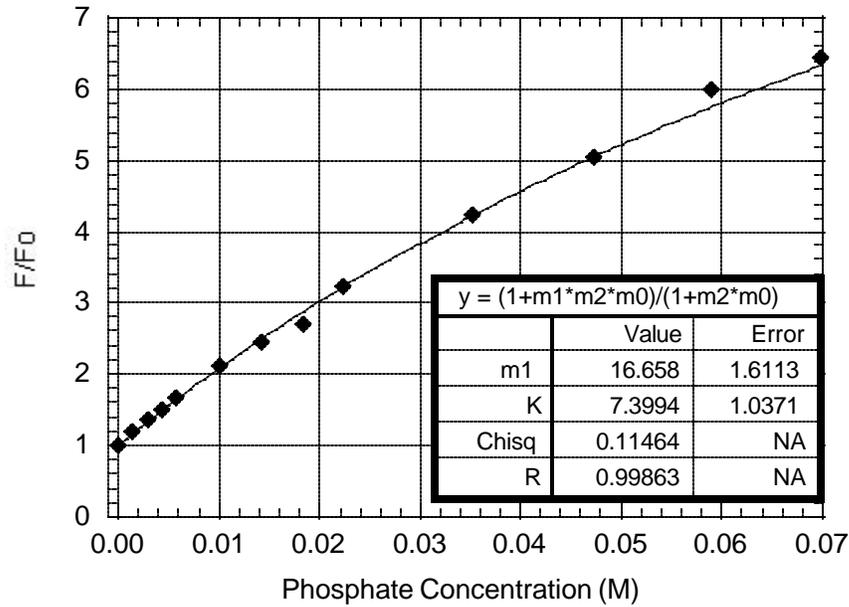
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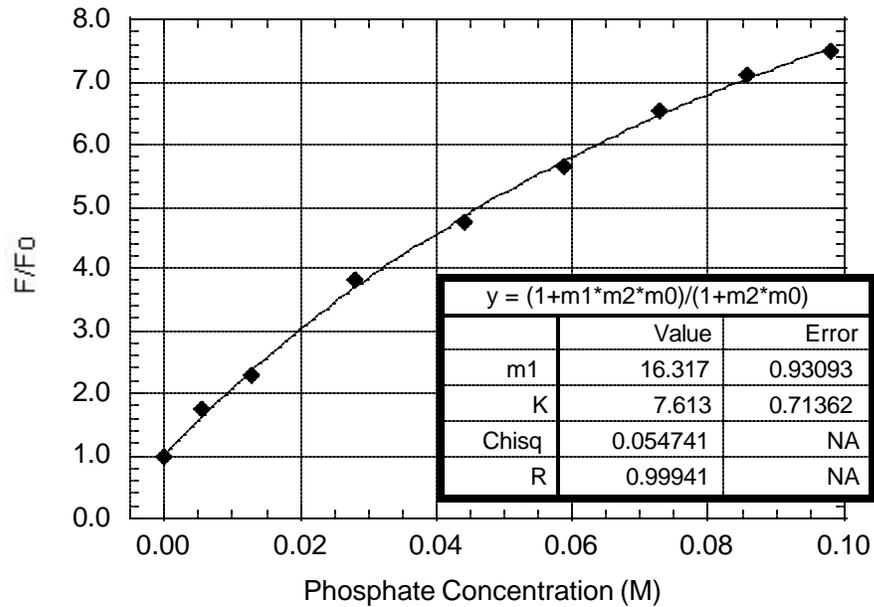
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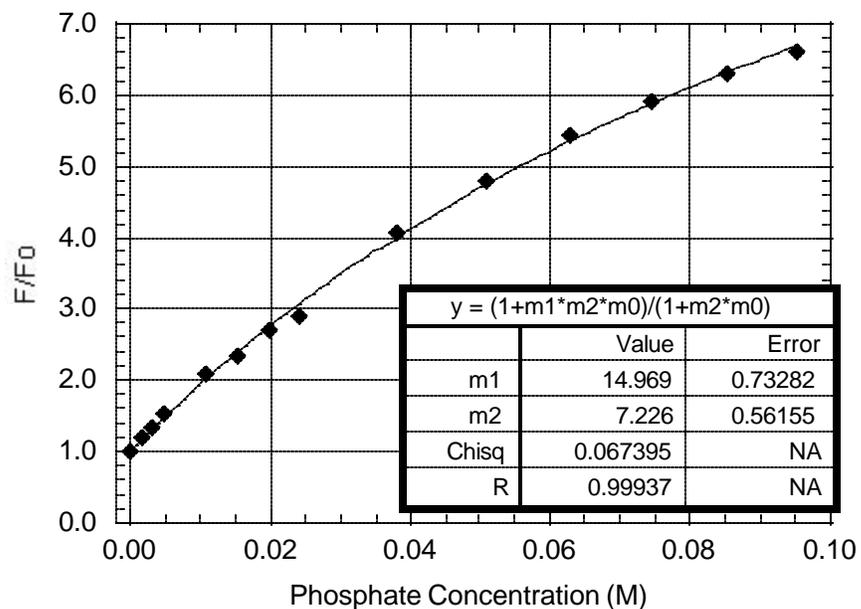
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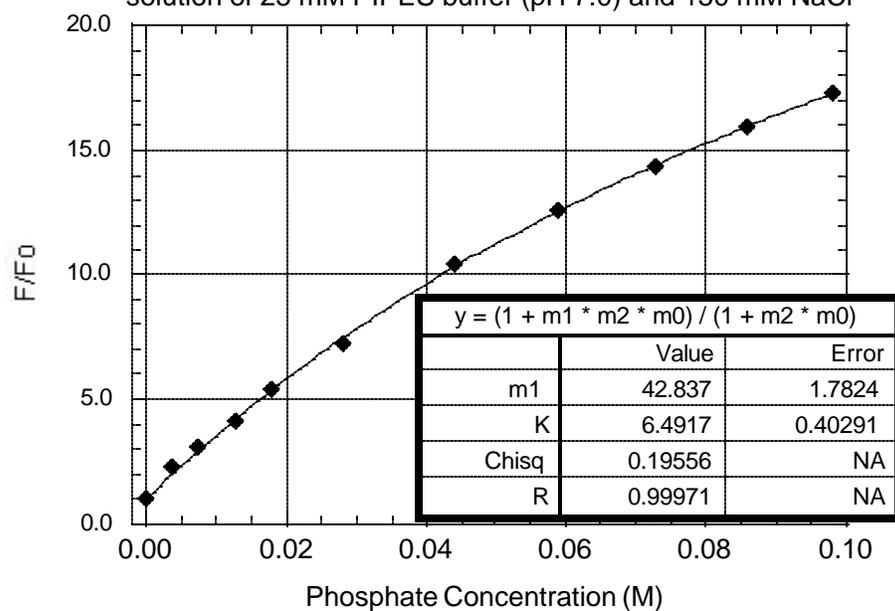
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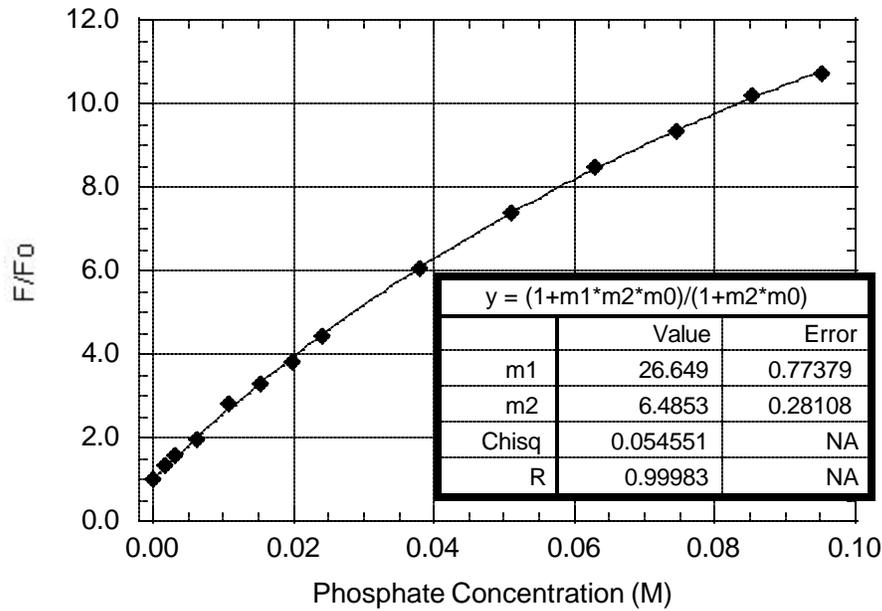
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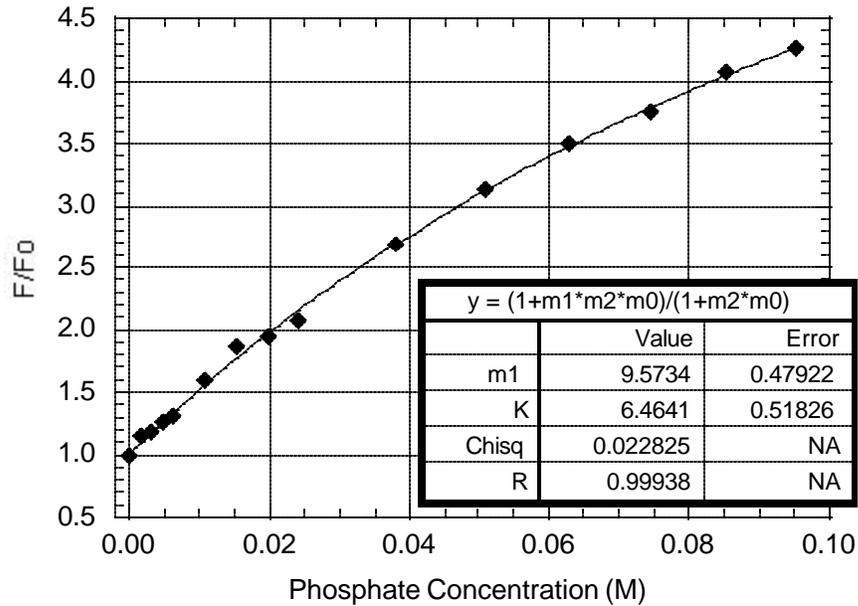
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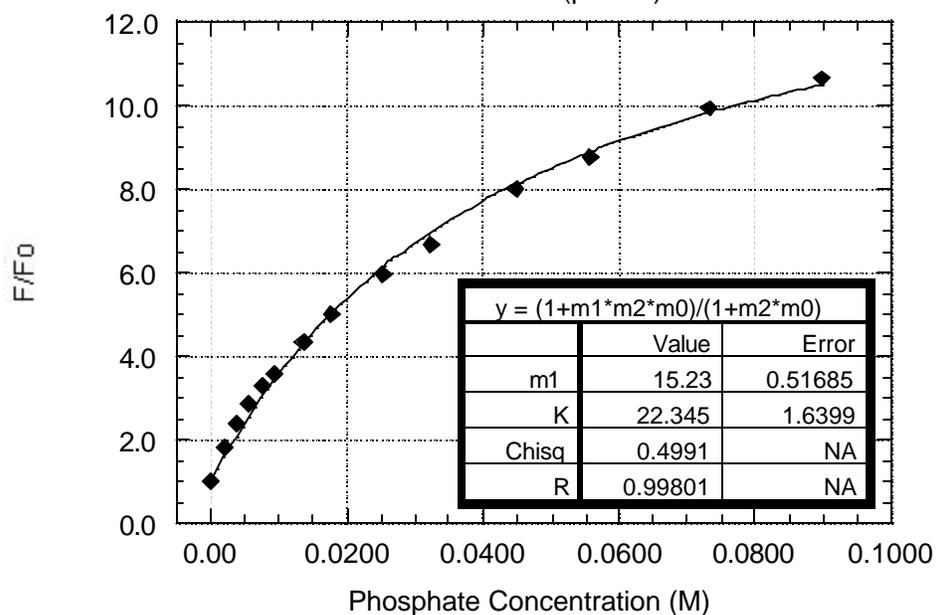
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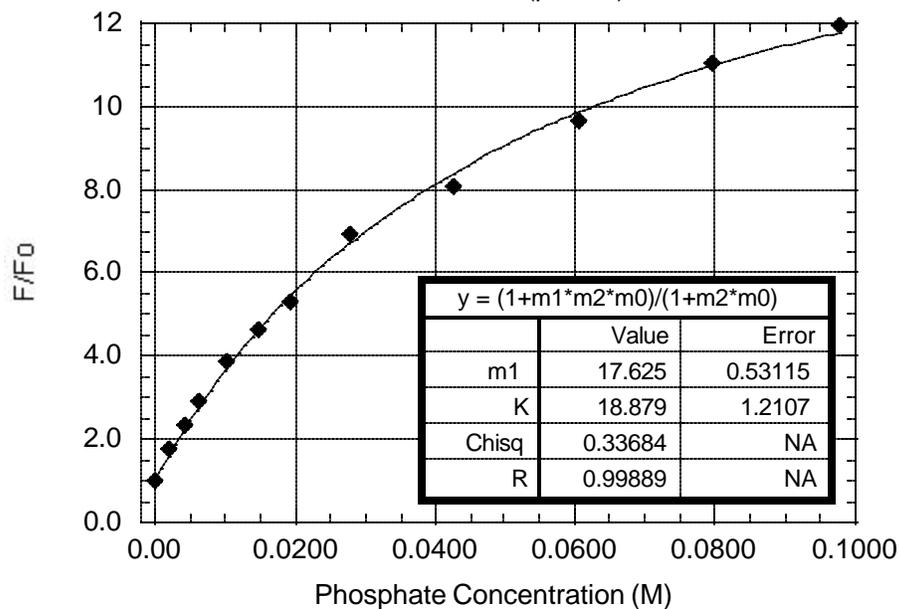
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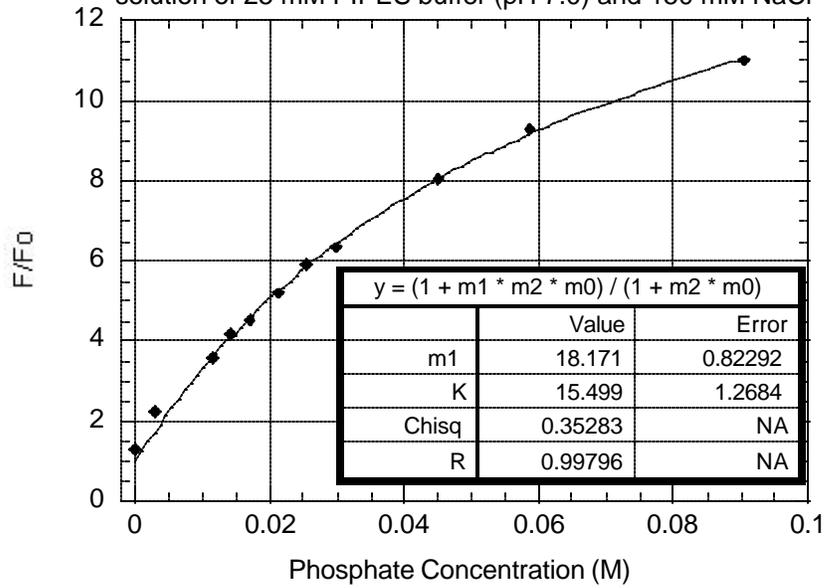
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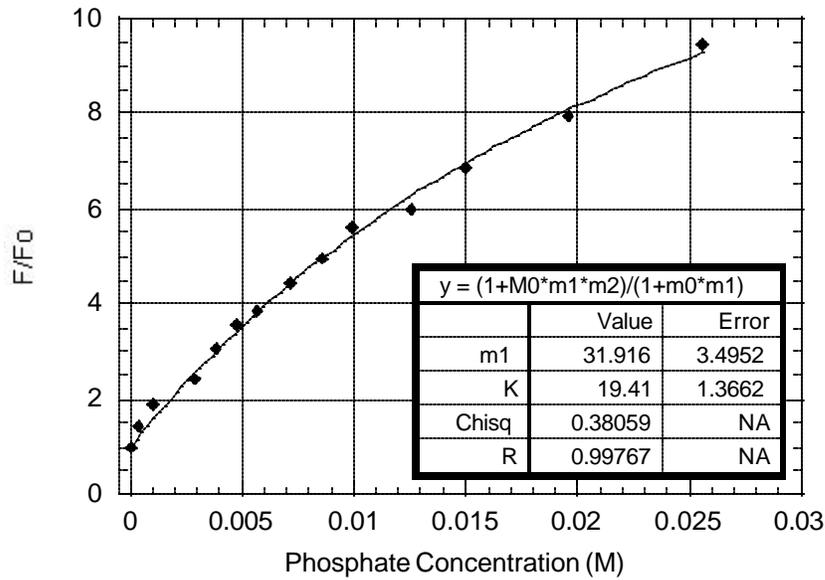
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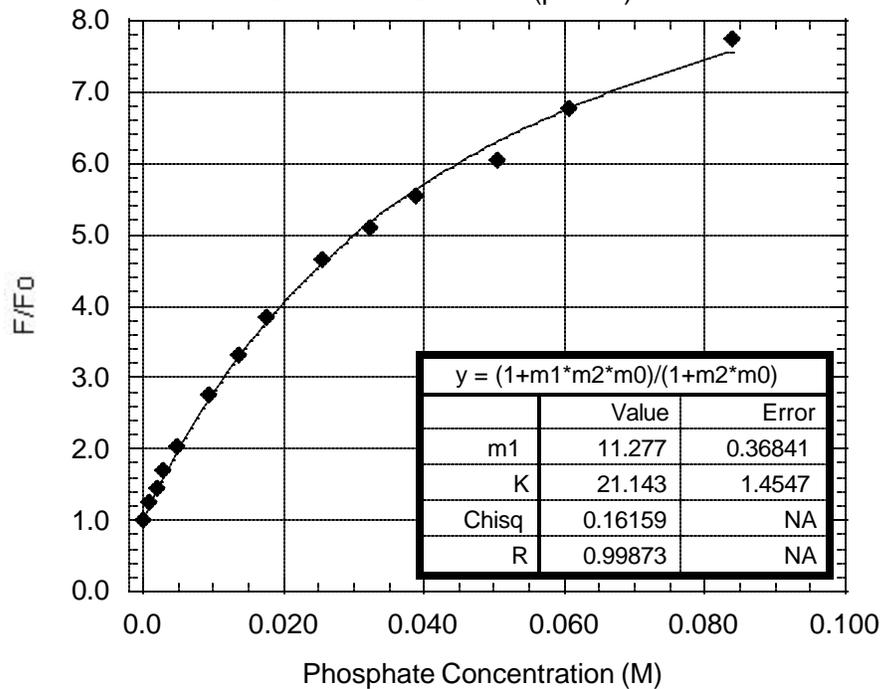
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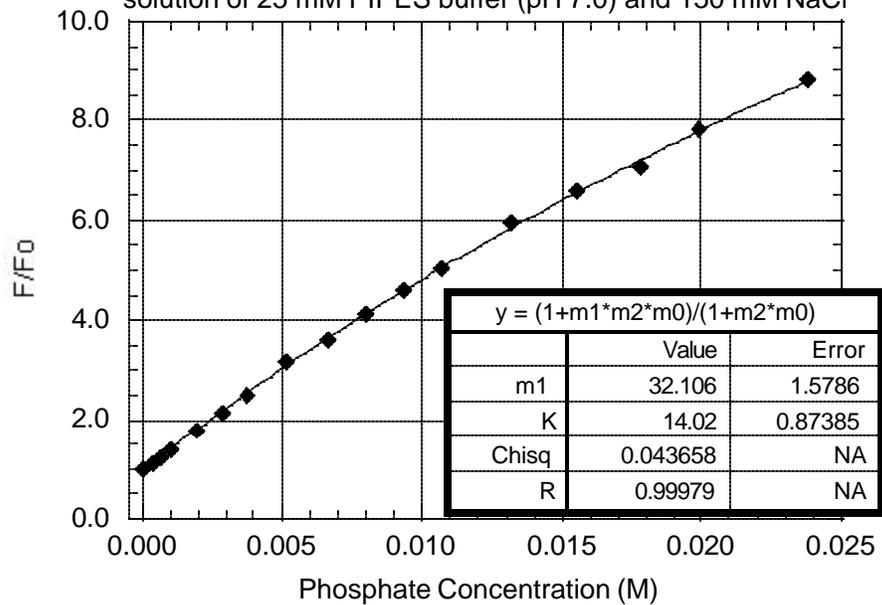
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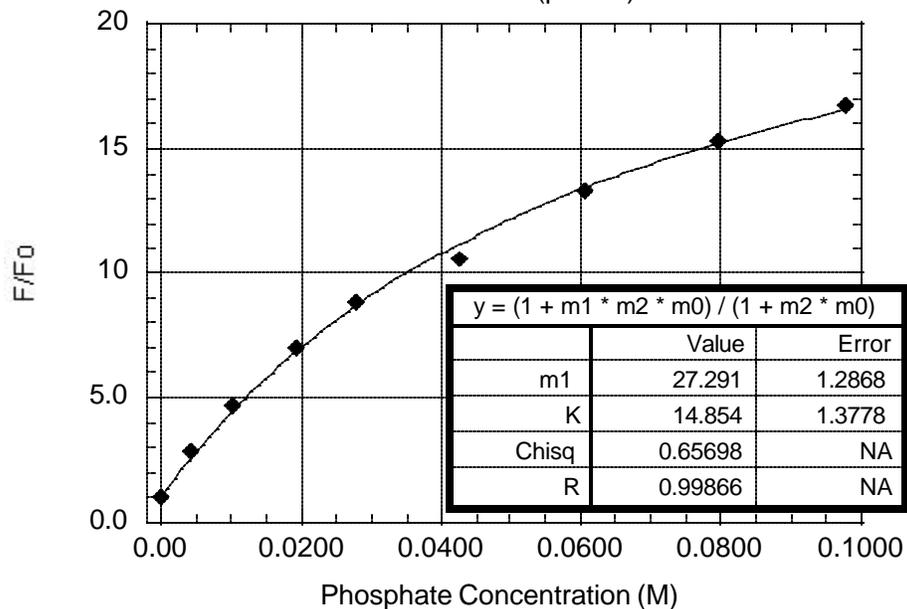
Sapphyrin **5** titrated with 0-100 mM phosphate in a solution of 25 mM PIPES buffer (pH 7.0) without chloride



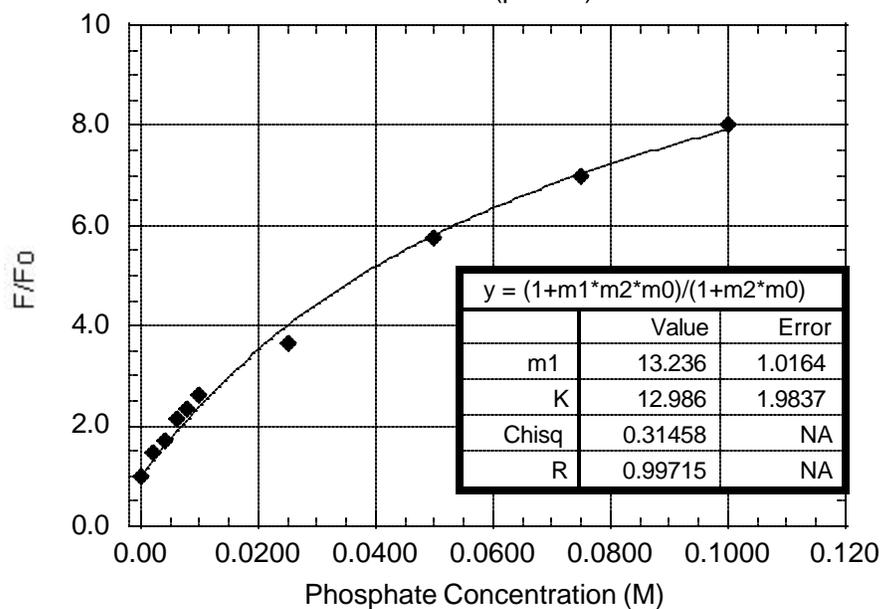
Sapphyrin **6** titrated with 0-25 mM phosphate in a solution of 25 mM PIPES buffer (pH 7.0) and 150 mM NaCl



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Sapphyrin **6** titrated with 0-100 mM phosphate in a solution of 25 mM PIPES buffer (pH 7.0) and 150 mM NaCl



The dimerization constants of sapphyrins **7-9** in methanol, reported in Table 2, were determined using the method of Pasternack.<sup>29</sup> Specifically, equation 8 of ref. 29 was computer fit with Kaleidagraph 3.52 using Ao-A and [Sap] as the dependent and independent variables, respectively:

$$Ao-A = (2\epsilon_{\text{monomer}} - \epsilon_{\text{dimer}})(4KCo+1-(1+8KCo)^{0.5})/8K$$

This equation in terms of the variables used in the computer program fit is:

$$y = m1*((4*m2*m0+1-(1+8*m2*m0)^{0.5})/(8*m2) \text{ where}$$

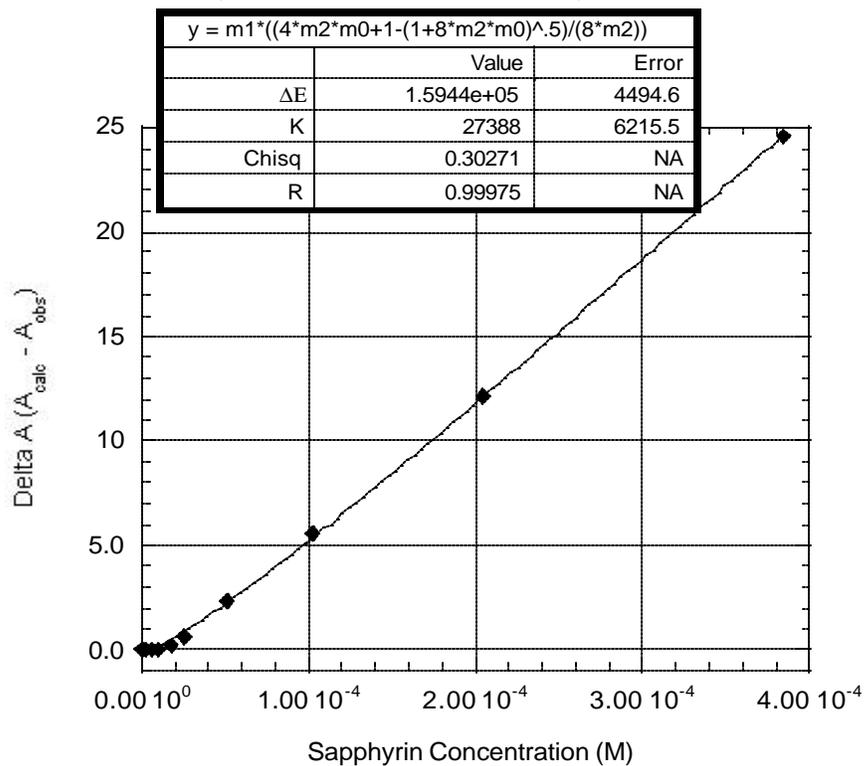
$y = Ao-A = \Delta A = A_{\text{calc}}-A_{\text{obs}}$  = difference between extrapolated absorbance (if all sapphyrin was monomeric) and the observed absorbance

$m0 = Co$  = total sapphyrin concentration

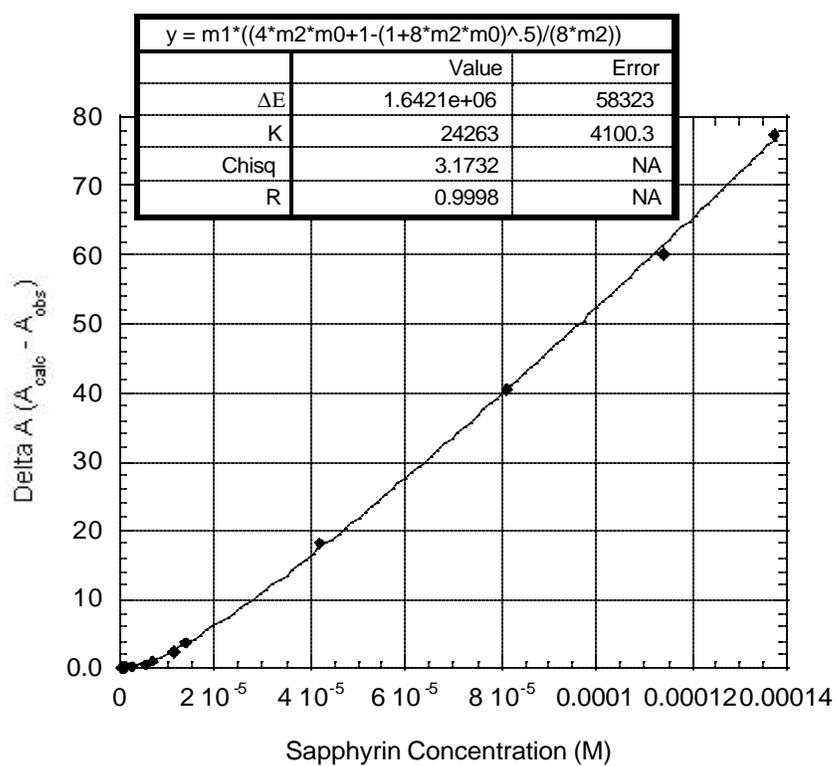
$m1 = (2\epsilon_{\text{monomer}} - \epsilon_{\text{dimer}}) = \Delta\epsilon$  = difference between the molar absorptivity of two equivalents of the sapphyrin monomer and one equivalent of the sapphyrin dimer.

$m2 = K$  = dimerization constant

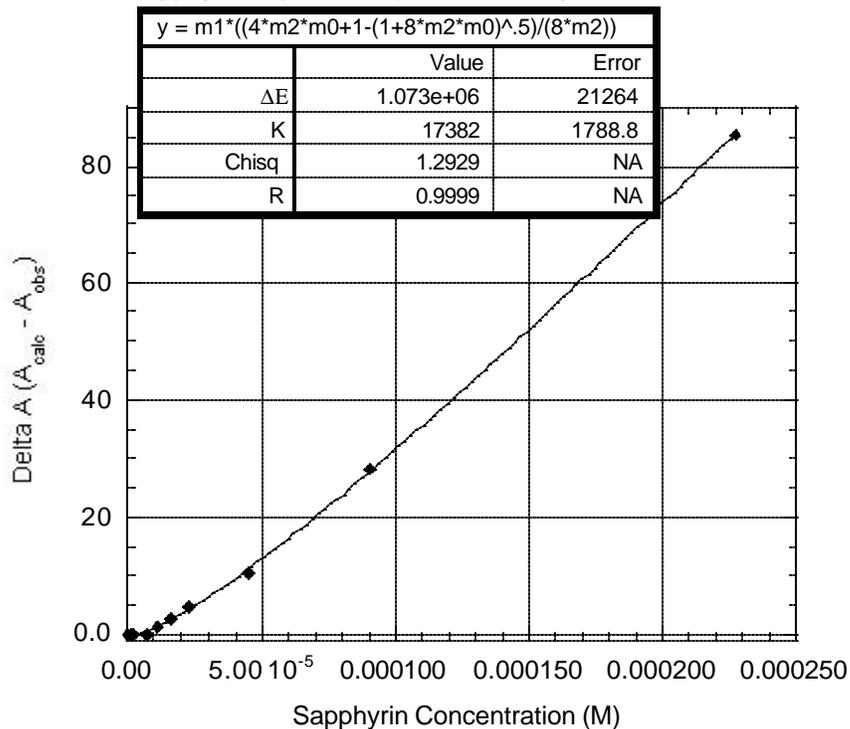
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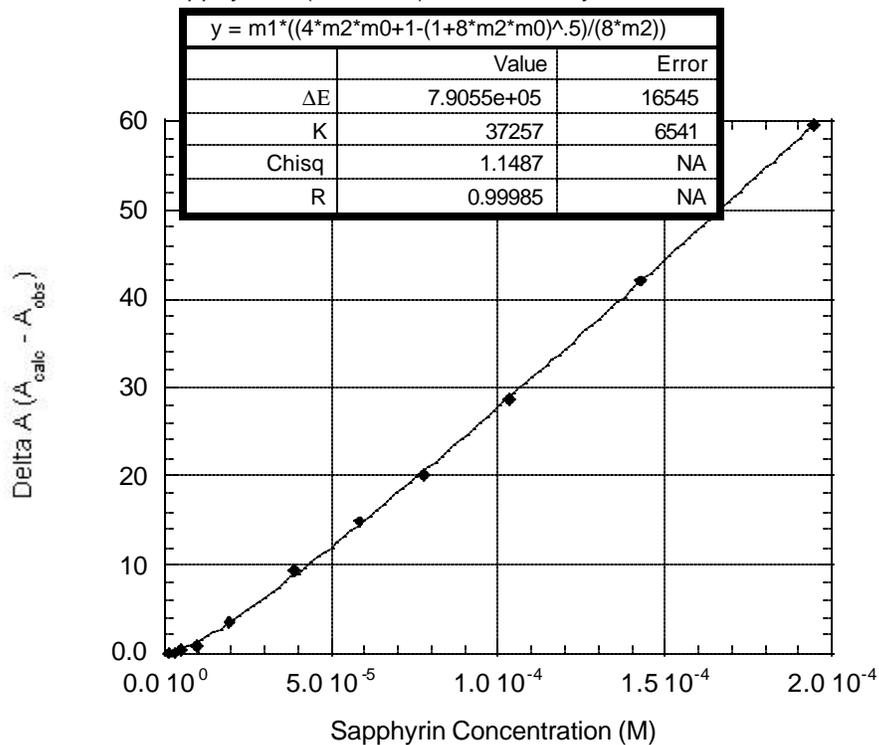
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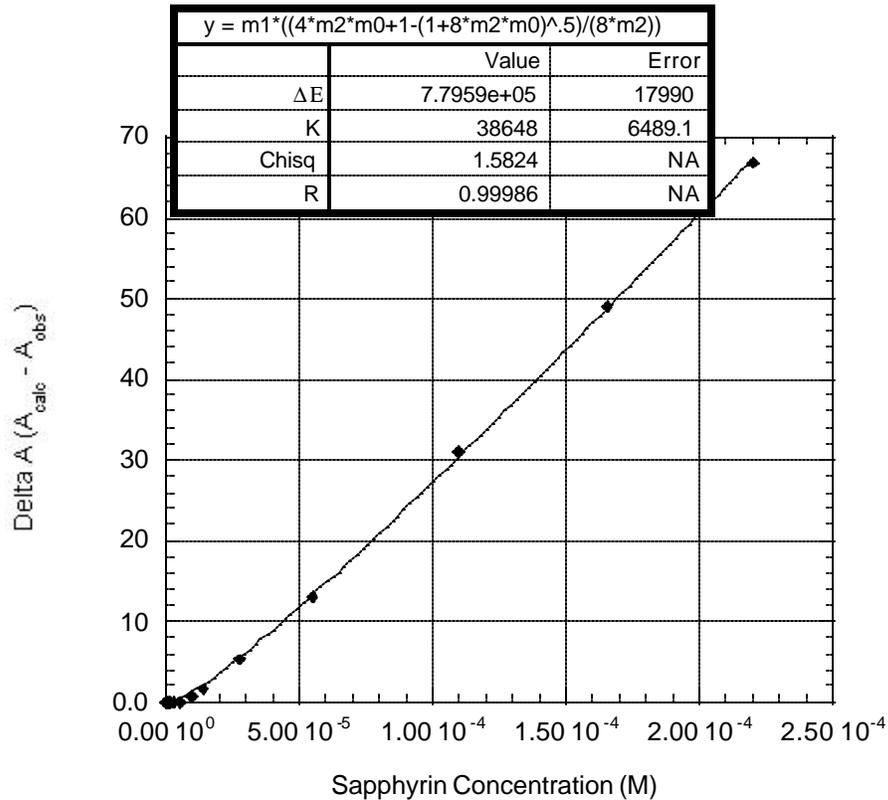
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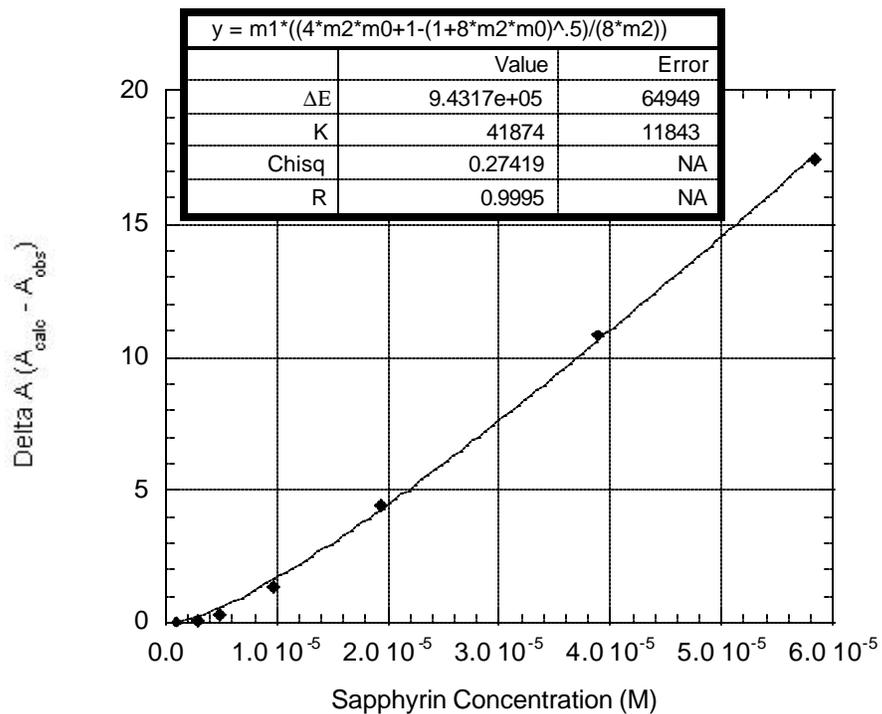
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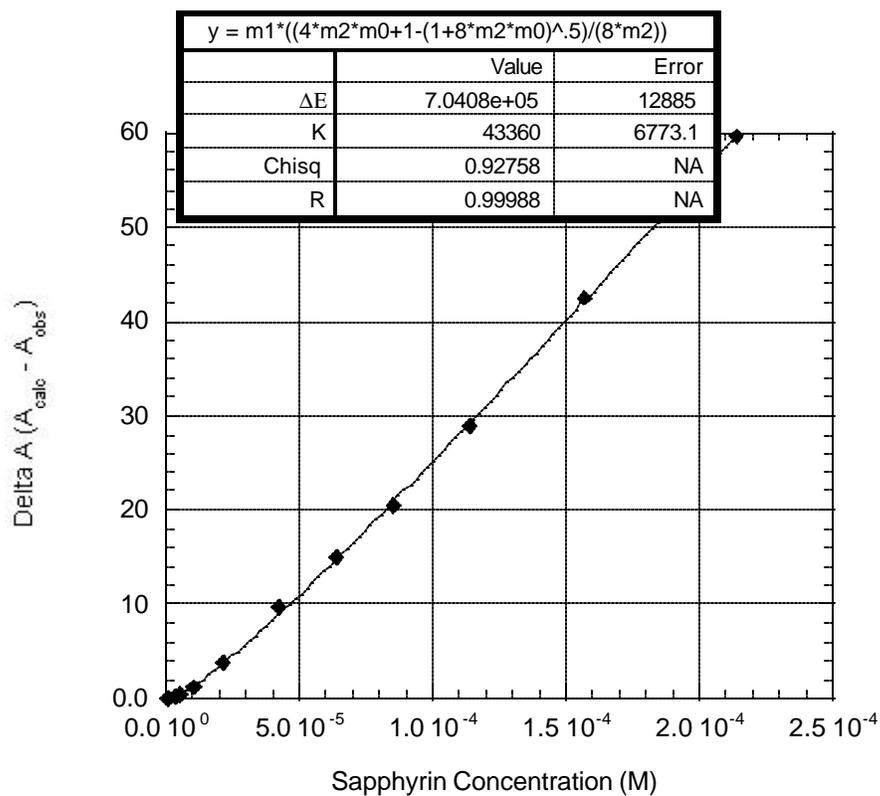
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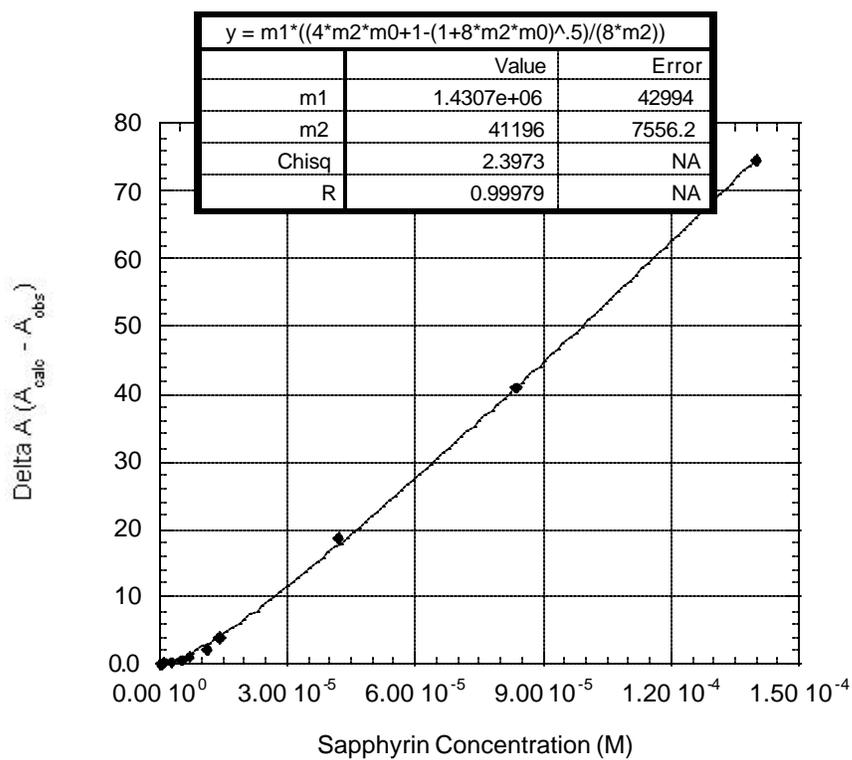
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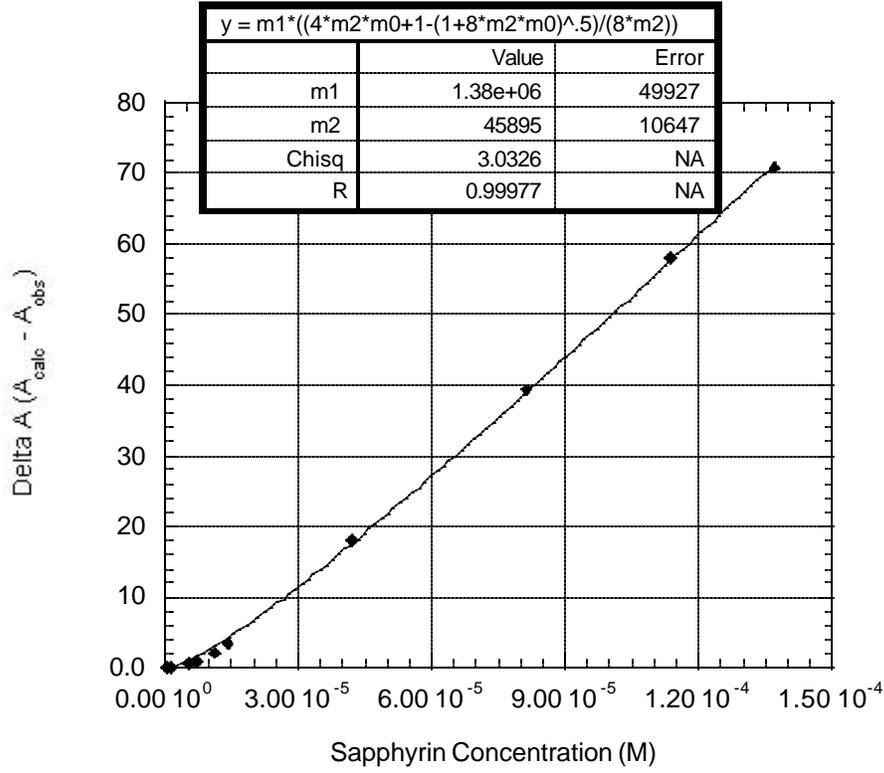
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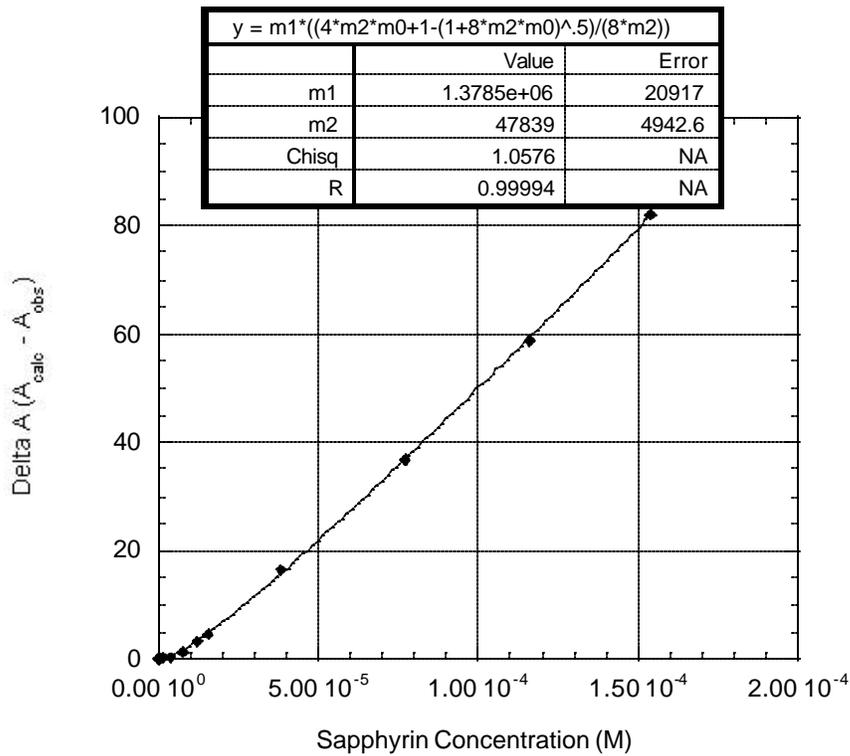
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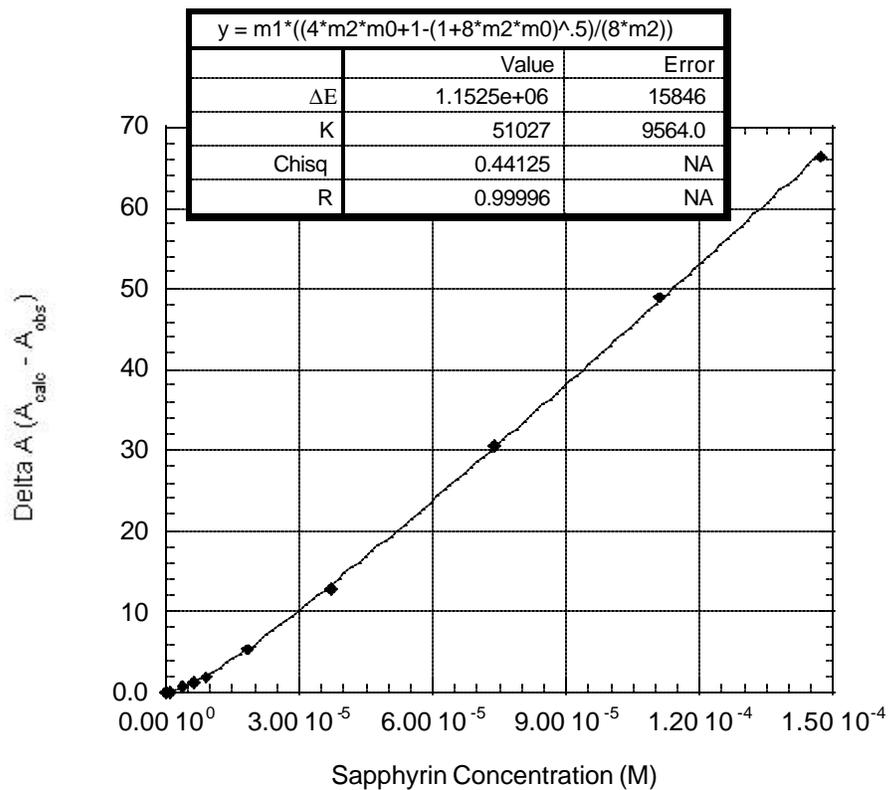
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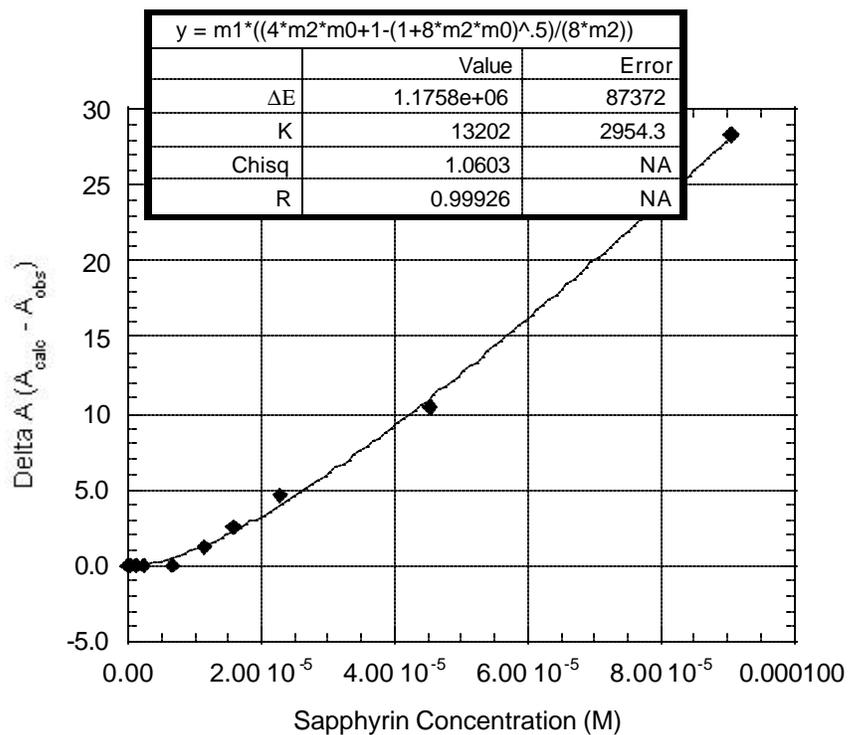
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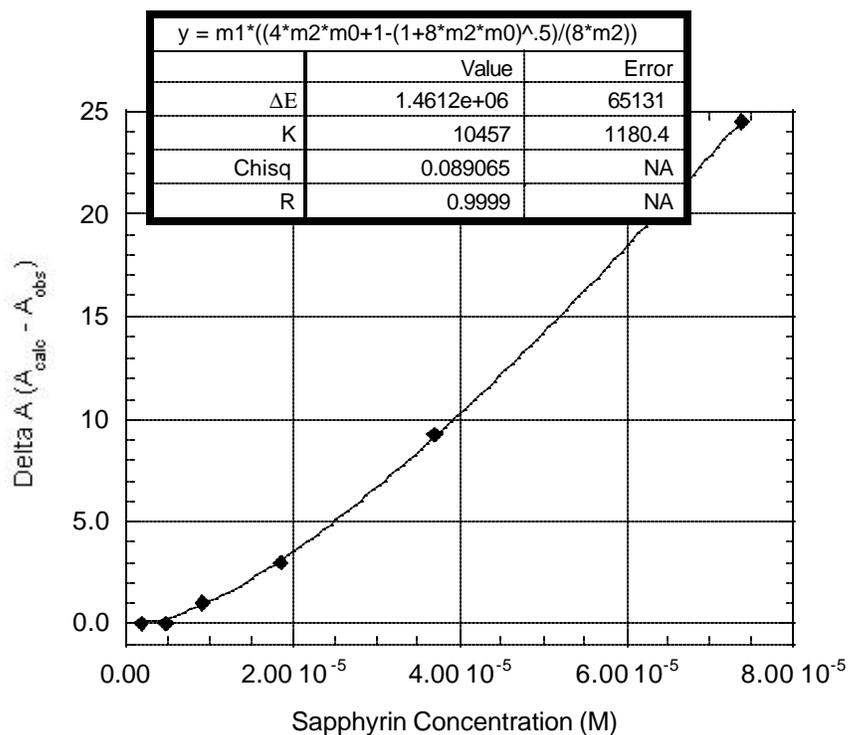
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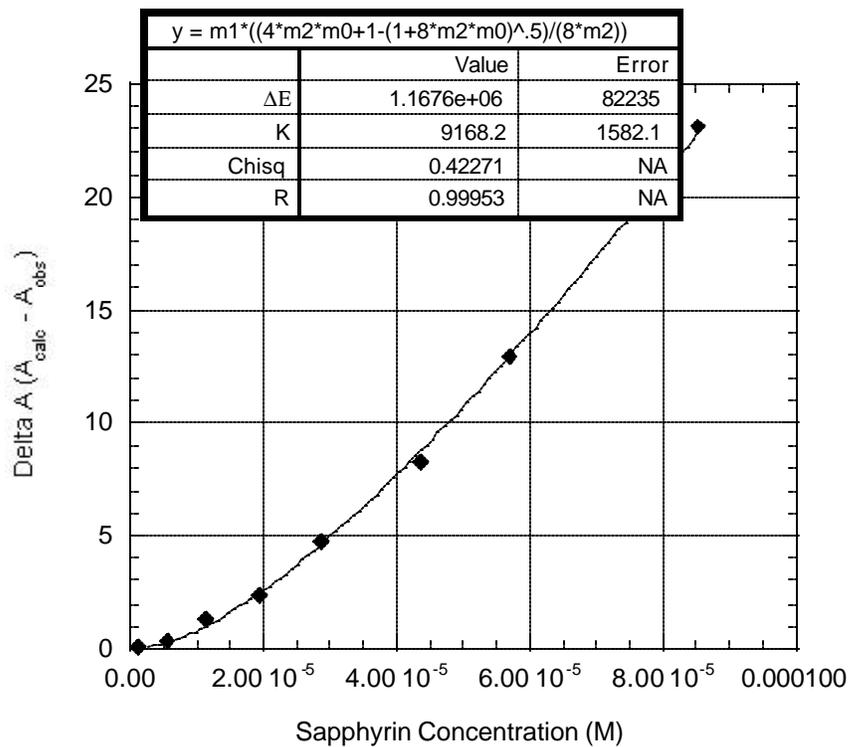
### Sapphyrin 9 (2HCl salt) Dilution Study in Methanol



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$y = m1*((4*m2*m0+1-(1+8*m2*m0)^.5)/(8*m2))$		
	Value	Error
$\Delta E$	5.8905e+05	70729
K	8366.9	2551.9
Chisq	0.16476	NA
R	0.99939	NA

