

## Supporting information

### Photophysical behavior of symmetric and asymmetric zinc phthalocyanines, surface assembled onto gold nanotriangles

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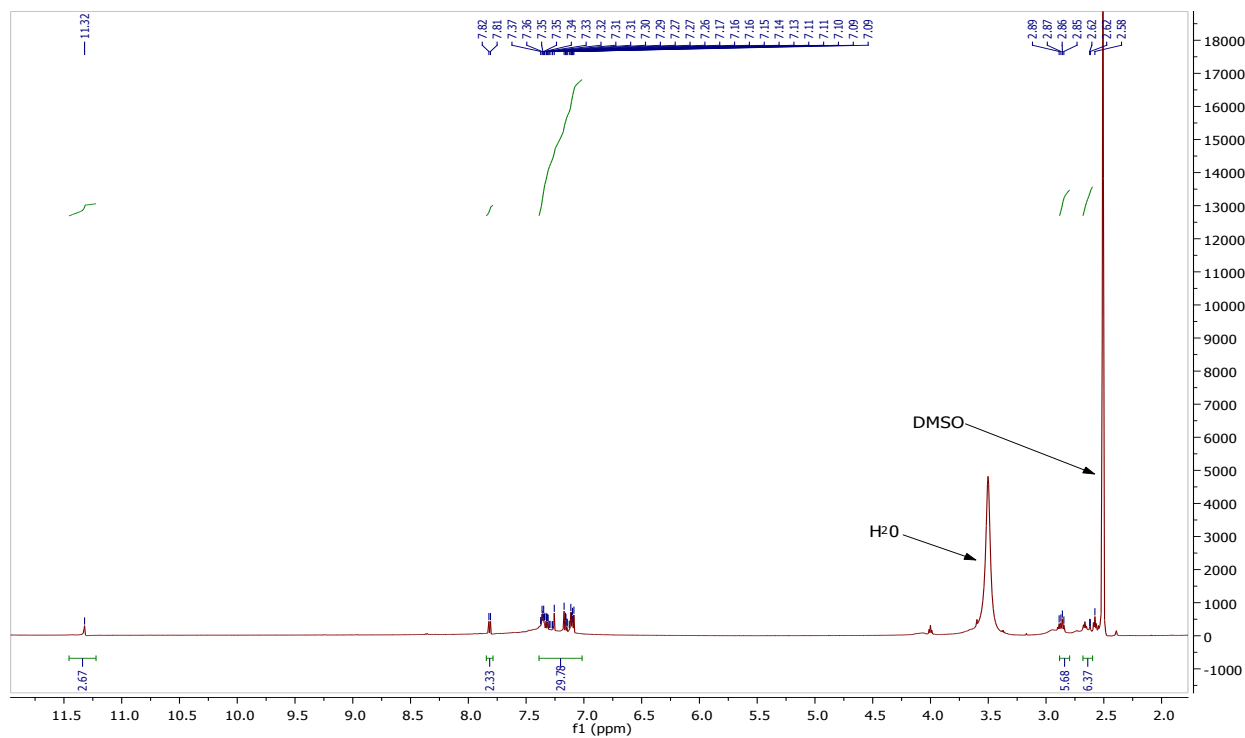


Fig. S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of complex 3.

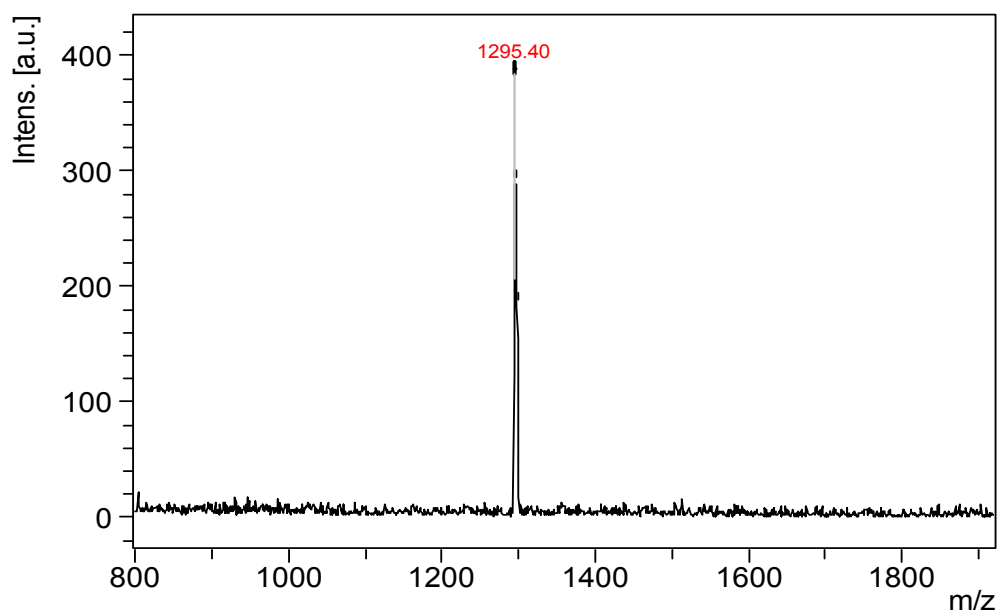
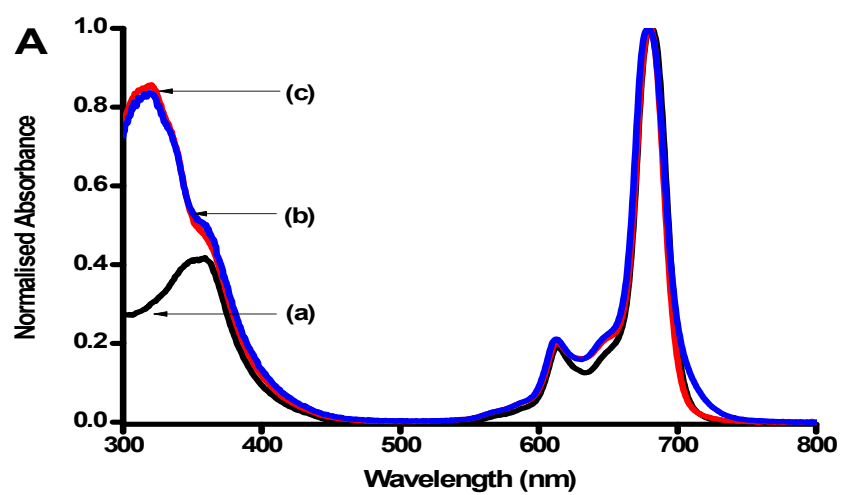
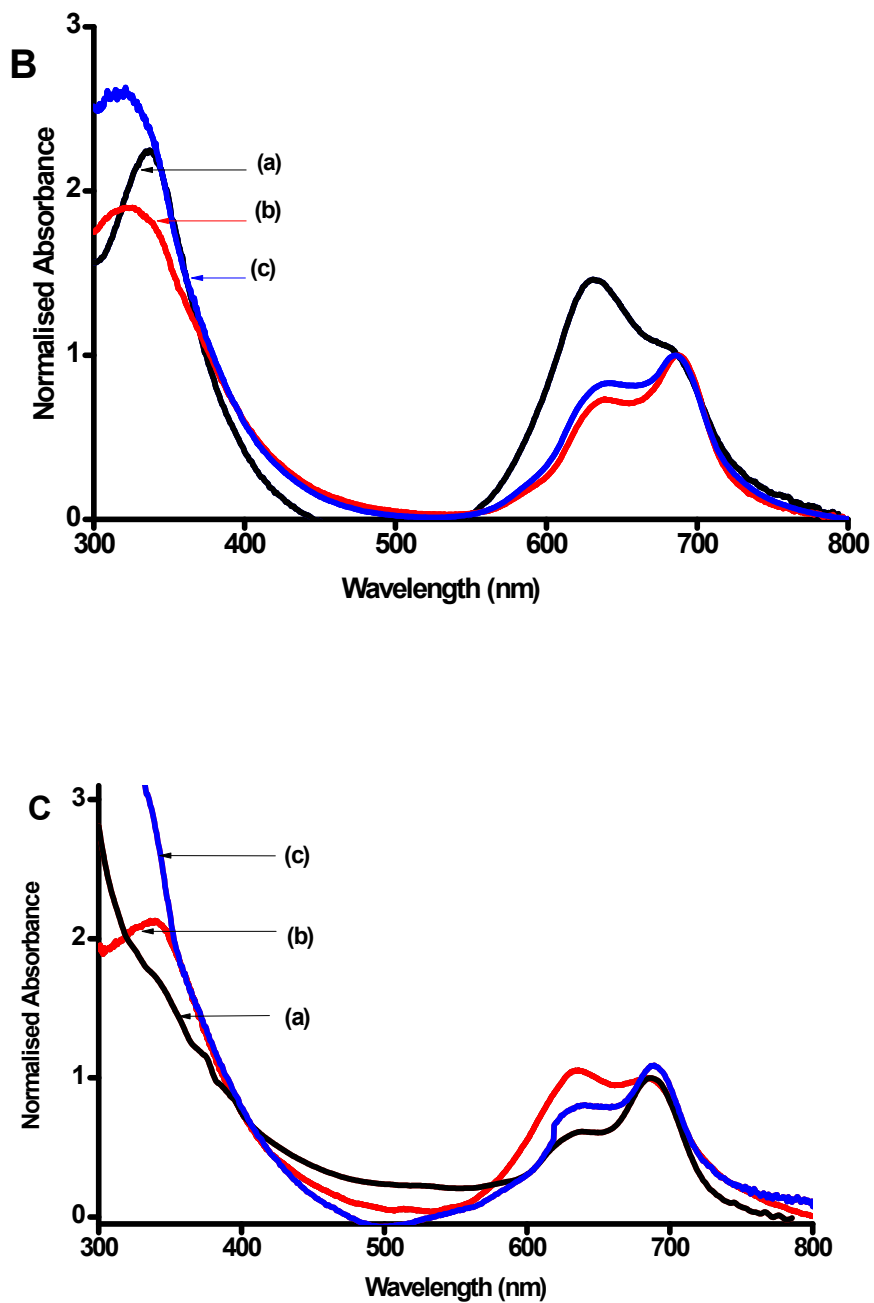


Fig .S2. MS (MALDI-TOF) of complex 3.





**Fig. S3.** UV-vis absorption of complexes **3** (a), **4** (b) and **5** (c) in (A) DMSO, and (B) water containing 0.5% DMSO. (C) represents the absorption spectra of **3**-AuNT (a), **4**-AuNT (b) **5**-AuNT (c) in water containing 0.5% DMSO.

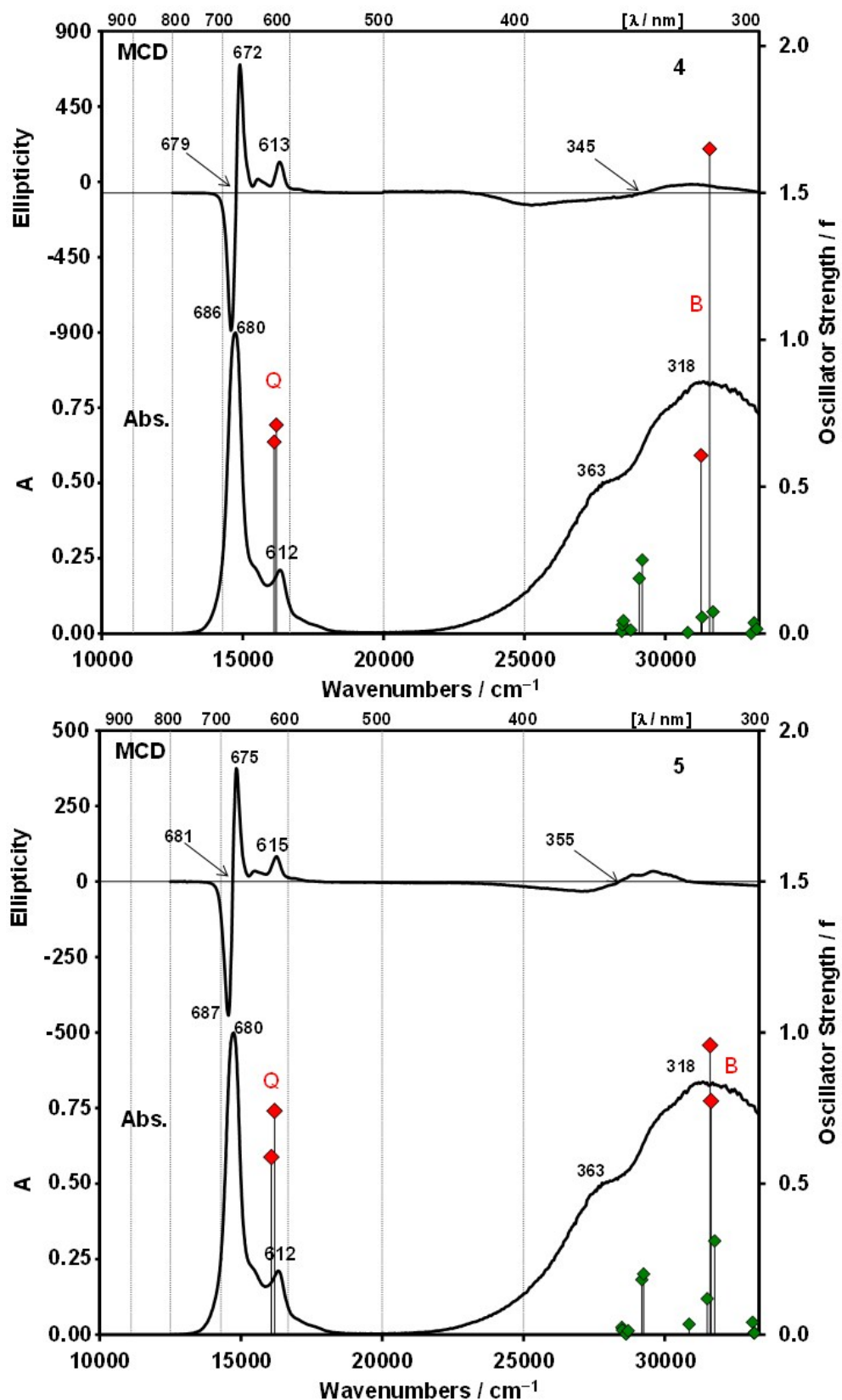


Fig. S4. Absorption and MCD spectra of complexes **4** and **5** in DMSO. The calculated TD-DFT spectrum of the 4-fold symmetric isomers of **4** and **5** are plotted against a secondary axis. Red diamonds are used to highlight bands associated with the Q and B bands of Guterman's 4-orbital model.

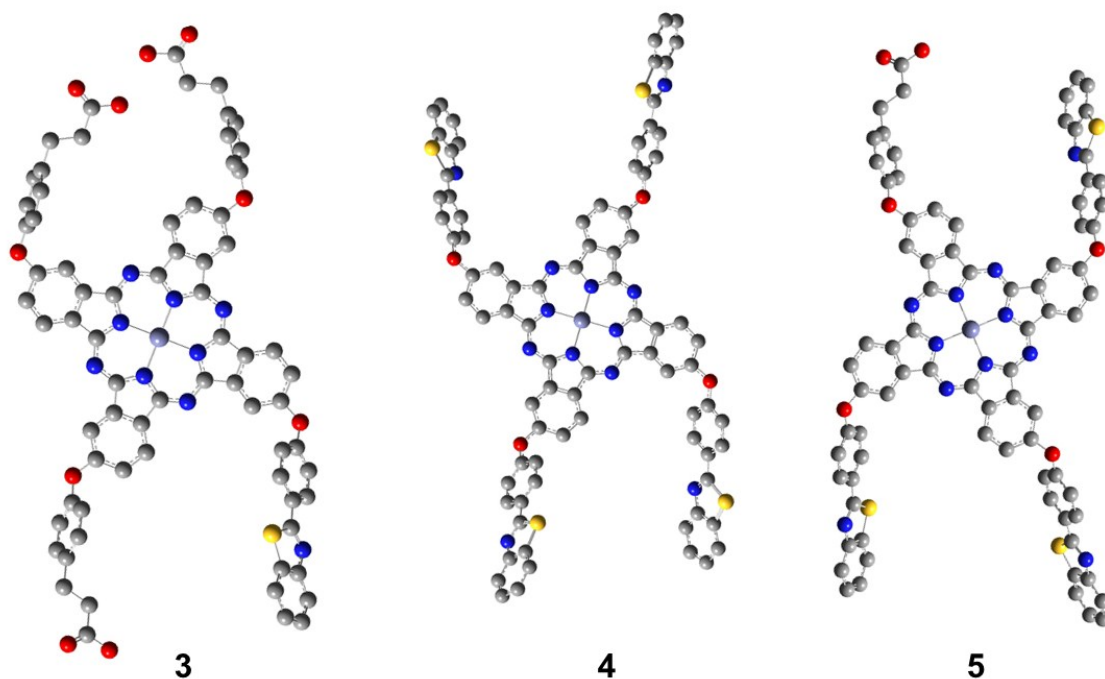
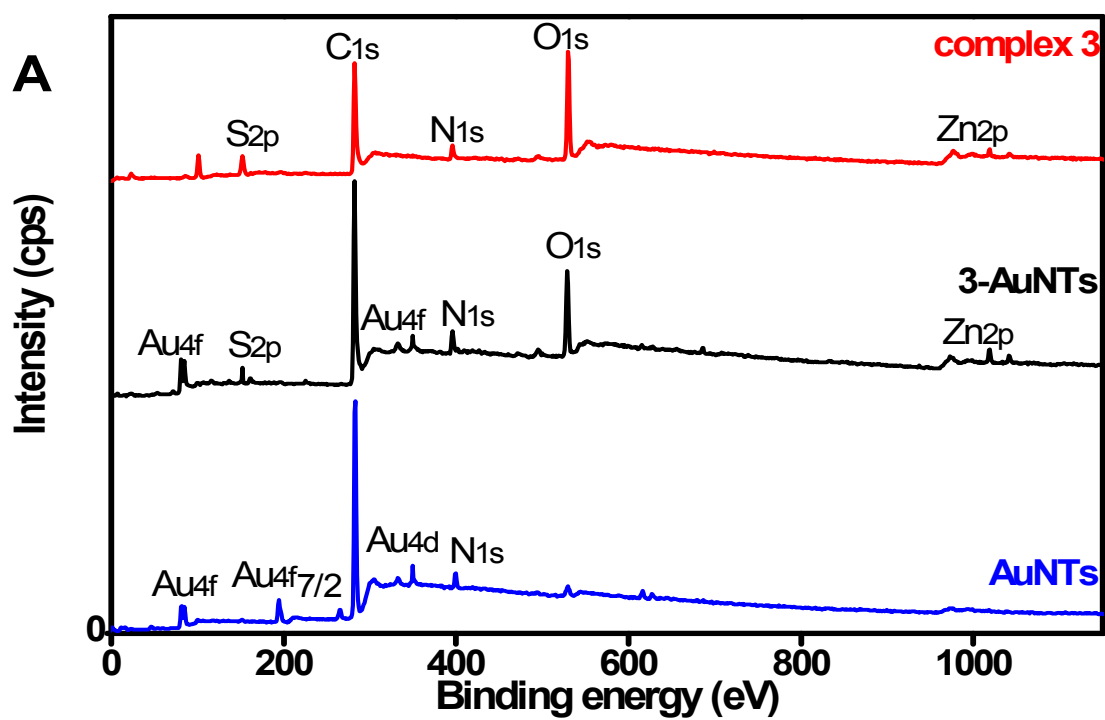


Fig. S5. Optimized geometries of the 4-fold symmetric isomers of 3-5 at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.



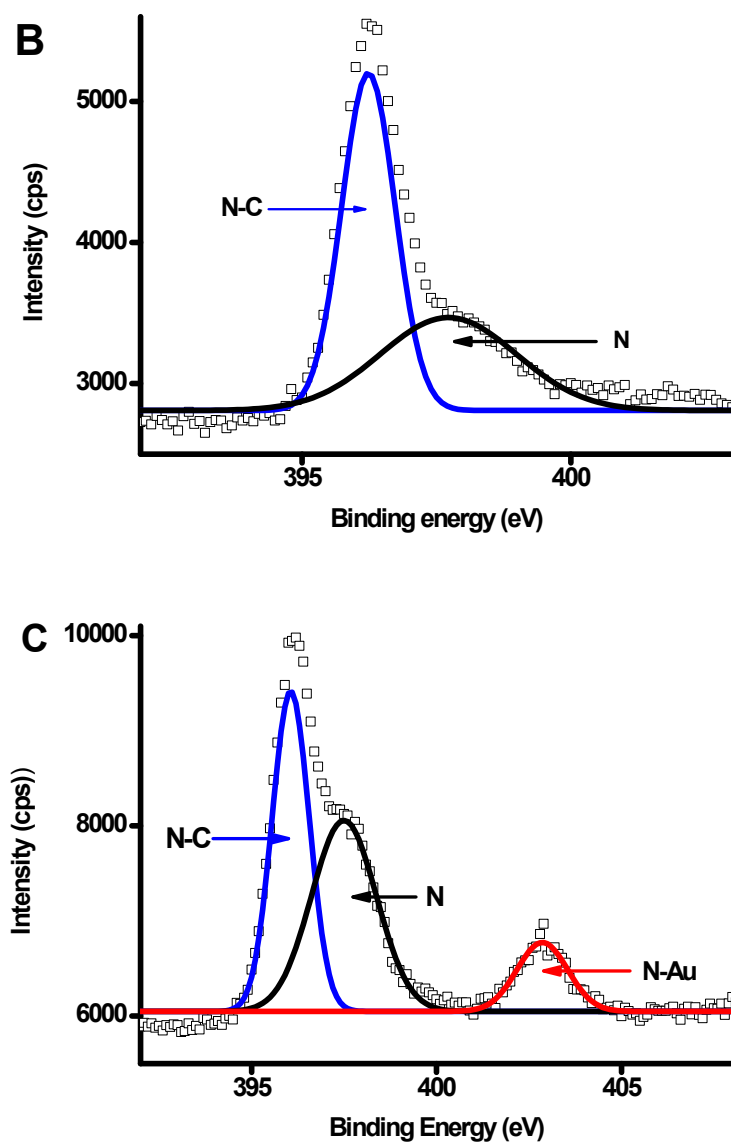
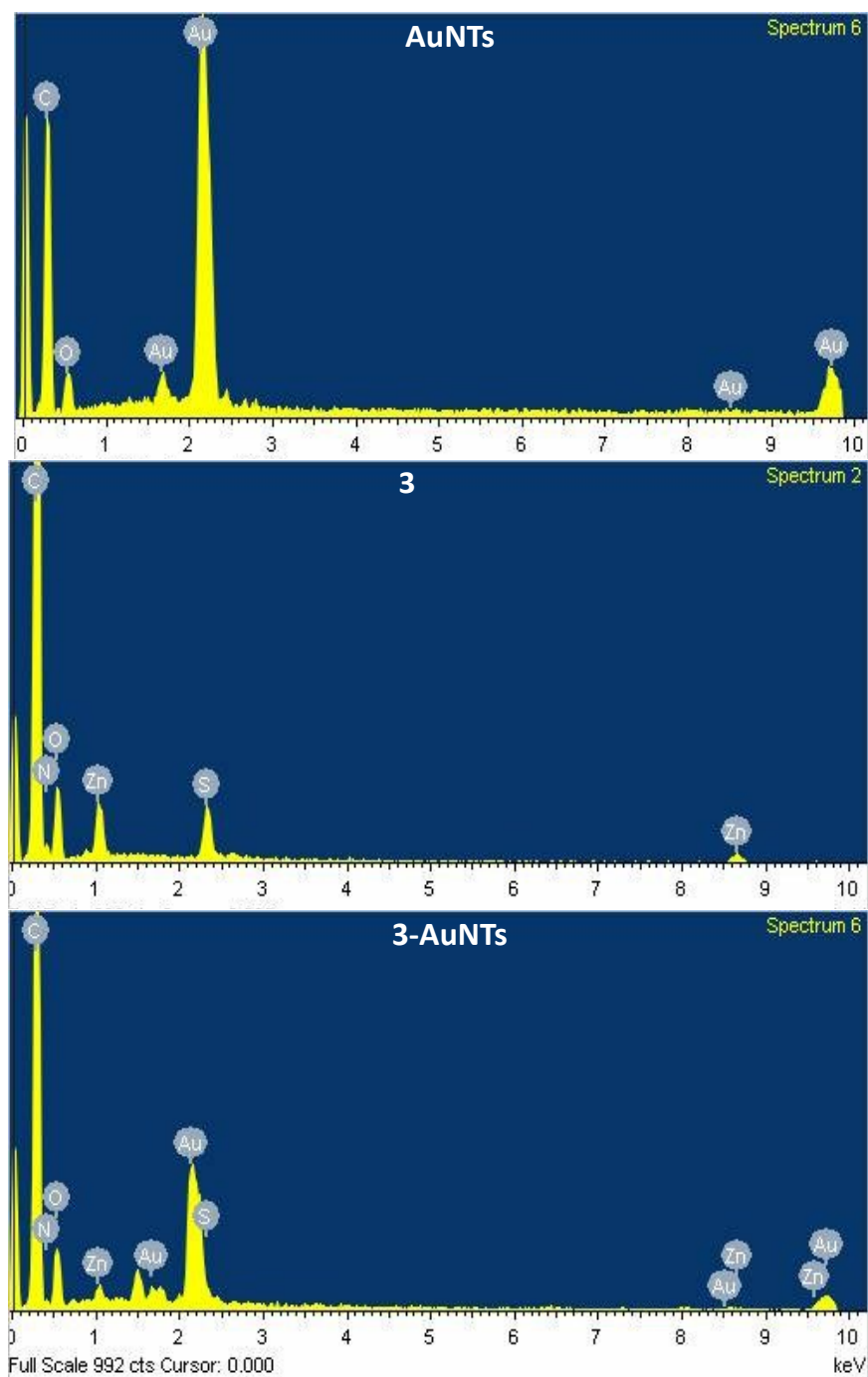


Fig. S6. XPS spectra: (A) survey spectra of complex 3, 3-AuNTs, AuNTs and high resolution spectra (B) N 1s for complex 3, (C) N 1s for 3-AuNTs.



**Fig. S7.** EDX spectra for AuNTs, complex **3** and **3-AuNTs** (as examples).

**Table S1.** TD-DFT spectra of the B3LYP optimized geometries for **3-5** calculated with the CAM-B3LYP functional and 6-31G(d) basis sets.

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Band <sup>a</sup> # <sup>b</sup>	Calc <sup>c</sup>		Exp <sup>d</sup>		Wave Function <sup>e</sup> =	
<b>Q</b>	<b>1</b>	16.0 624 (0.55)	14.7	681	<b>94% a→-a/-s; ...</b>	
	<b>2</b>	15.7 616 (0.68)			<b>93% a→-a/-s; ...</b>	
<b>B</b>	<b>12</b>	30.9 310 (0.78)	27.9	359	45% H-3 <sup>BT</sup> →-a/-s; <b>26% s→-a/-s; ...</b>	
	<b>13</b>	30.9 309 (0.80)			<b>66% s→-a/-s; .....</b>	
<b>4</b>						
Band <sup>a</sup> # <sup>b</sup>	Calc <sup>c</sup>		Exp <sup>d</sup>		Wave Function <sup>e</sup> =	
<b>Q</b>	<b>1</b>	16.1 620 (0.65)	14.7	680	<b>94% a→-a/-s;...</b>	
	<b>2</b>	16.2 618 (0.71)			<b>94% a→-a/-s;...</b>	
<b>B</b>	<b>10</b>	31.3 320 (0.61)	27.5	363	55% H-4 <sup>BT</sup> →-a/-s; 18% H-9 <sup>BT</sup> →-a/-s; <b>8% s→-a/-s; ...</b>	
	<b>12</b>	31.6 317 (1.65)			42% H-2 <sup>BT</sup> →-a/-s; <b>27% s→-a/-s; 14% H-4<sup>BT</sup>→-a/-s; ...</b>	
<b>5</b>						
Band <sup>a</sup> # <sup>b</sup>	Calc <sup>c</sup>		Exp <sup>d</sup>		Wave Function <sup>e</sup> =	
<b>Q</b>	<b>1</b>	16.2 622 (0.59)	14.7	680	<b>93% a→-a/-s;...</b>	
	<b>2</b>	16.4 617 (0.74)			<b>93% a→-a/-s;...</b>	
<b>B</b>	<b>11</b>	30.4 316 (0.96)	28.1	363	38% H-3 <sup>BT</sup> →-a/-s; 13% H-8 <sup>BT</sup> →-a/-s; 9% H-4 <sup>BT</sup> →-a/-s; <b>8% s→-a/-s; ...</b>	
	<b>12</b>	30.9 316 (0.77)			48% H-1 <sup>BT</sup> →-a/-s; <b>25% s→-a/-s; ...</b>	

a – Band assignment described in the text. b – The number of the state assigned in terms of ascending energy within the TD-DFT calculation. c – Calculated band energies ( $10^3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), wavelengths (nm) and oscillator strengths in parentheses (f). d – Observed energies ( $10^3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and wavelengths (nm). e – The wave functions based on the eigenvectors predicted by TD-DFT with one electron transitions associated with Gouterman's 4-orbital model highlighted in bold. The **a**, **s**, **-a** and **-s** terminology of Michl<sup>[S1]</sup> is adopted in this context, which correspond to MOs with  $1a_{1u}$ ,  $1a_{2u}$  and  $1e_g^*$  symmetry within Gouterman's 4-orbital model, respectively, if the ligand had  $D_{4h}$  symmetry. Only one-electron transitions that contribute at least 10% are included. BT as a superscript denotes an MO that is largely localized on the aminophenoxy substituents.

## References

[S1] Michl, J. *Tetrahedron* **1984**, *40*, 3845-3934.