

## Supplementary information

# New insights on the blue intrinsic fluorescence of oxidized PAMAM dendrimers considering their use as bionanomaterials

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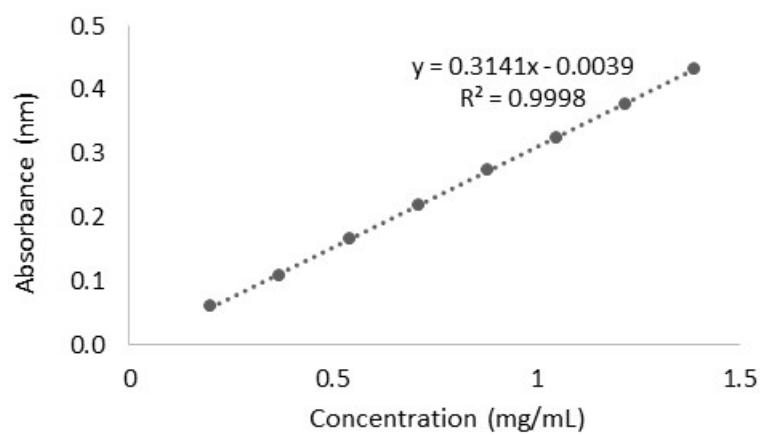
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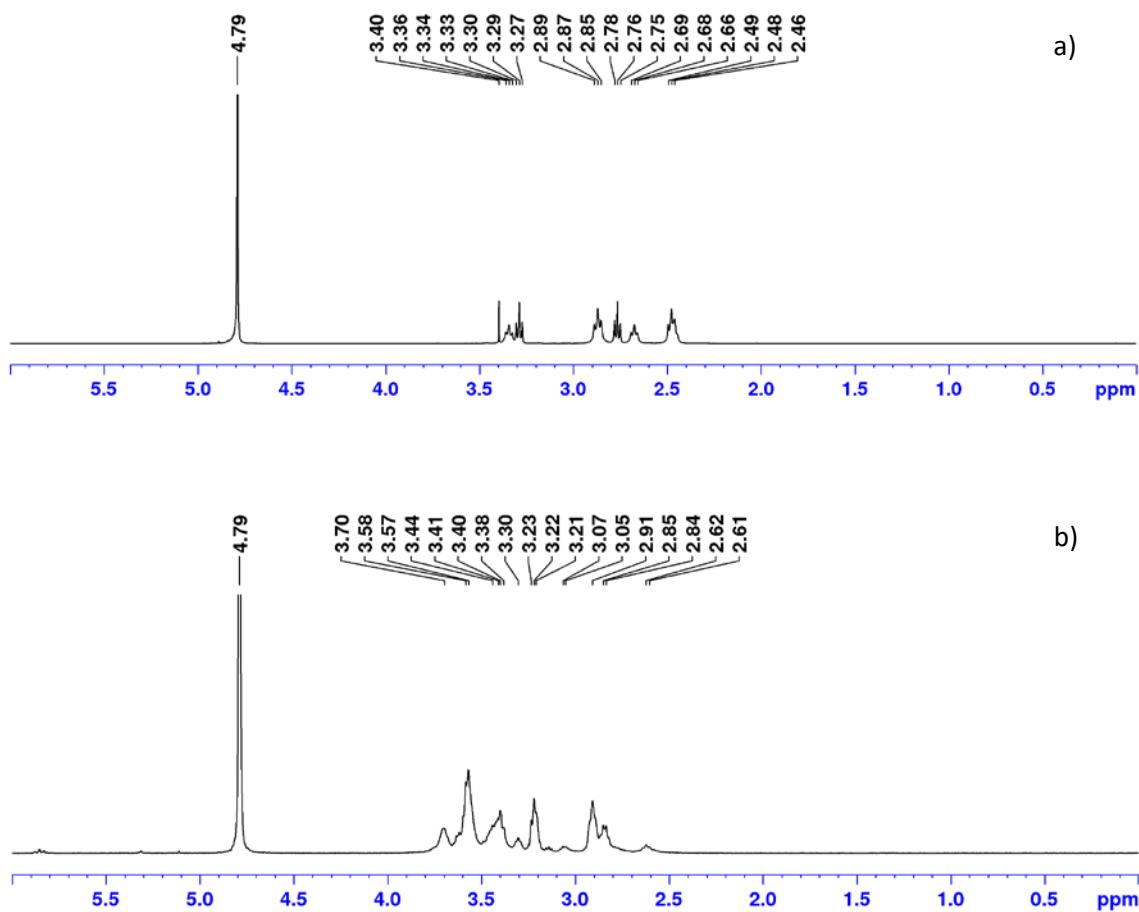
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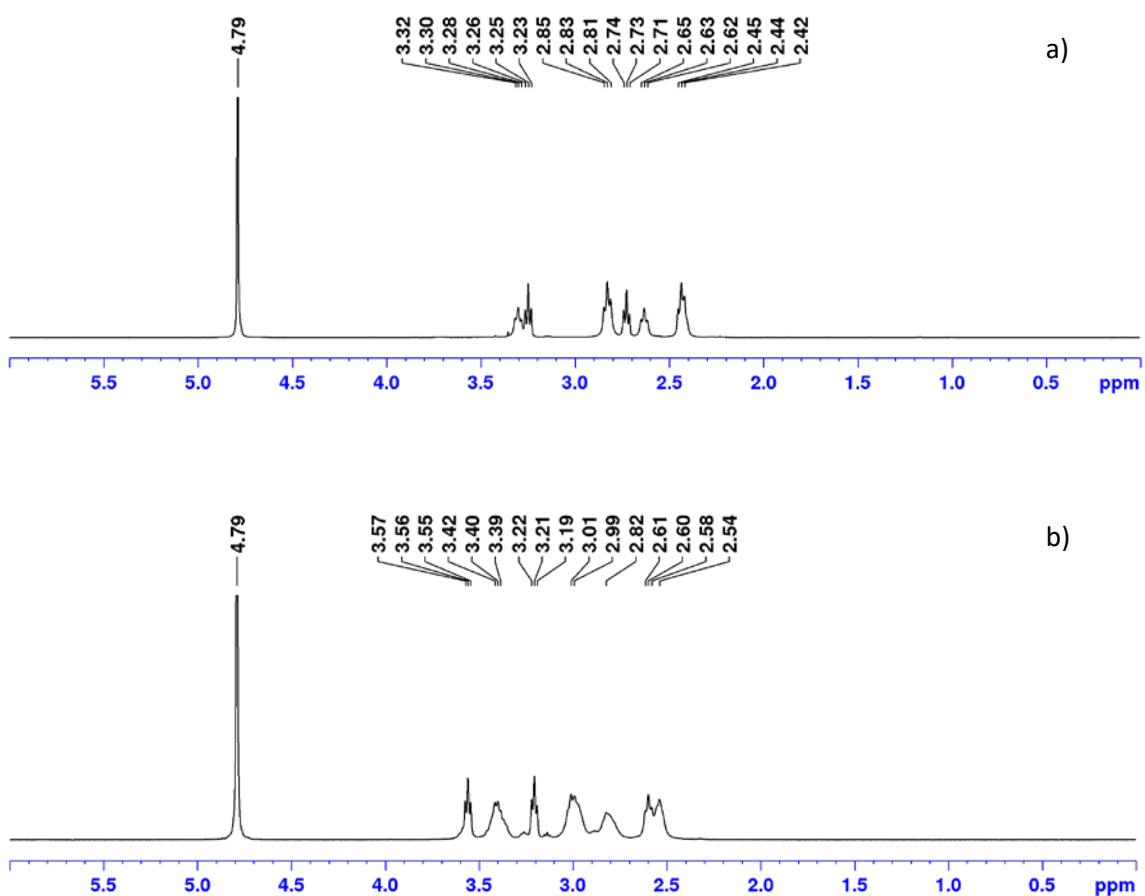
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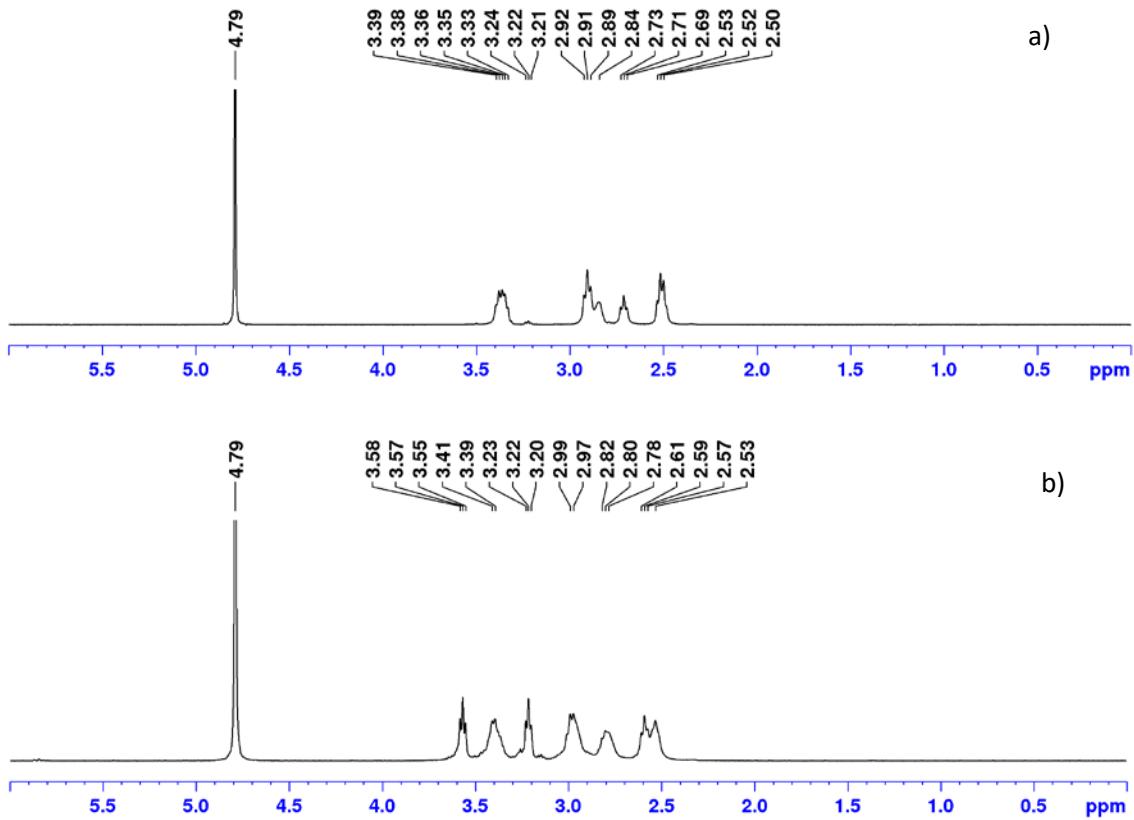
**Figure S1:** Standard curve for hemoglobin using several concentrations: 0.2; 0.37; 0.54; 0.71; 0.88; 1.05; 1.22 and 1.39mg/ml. The absorbance was measured at 550nm.



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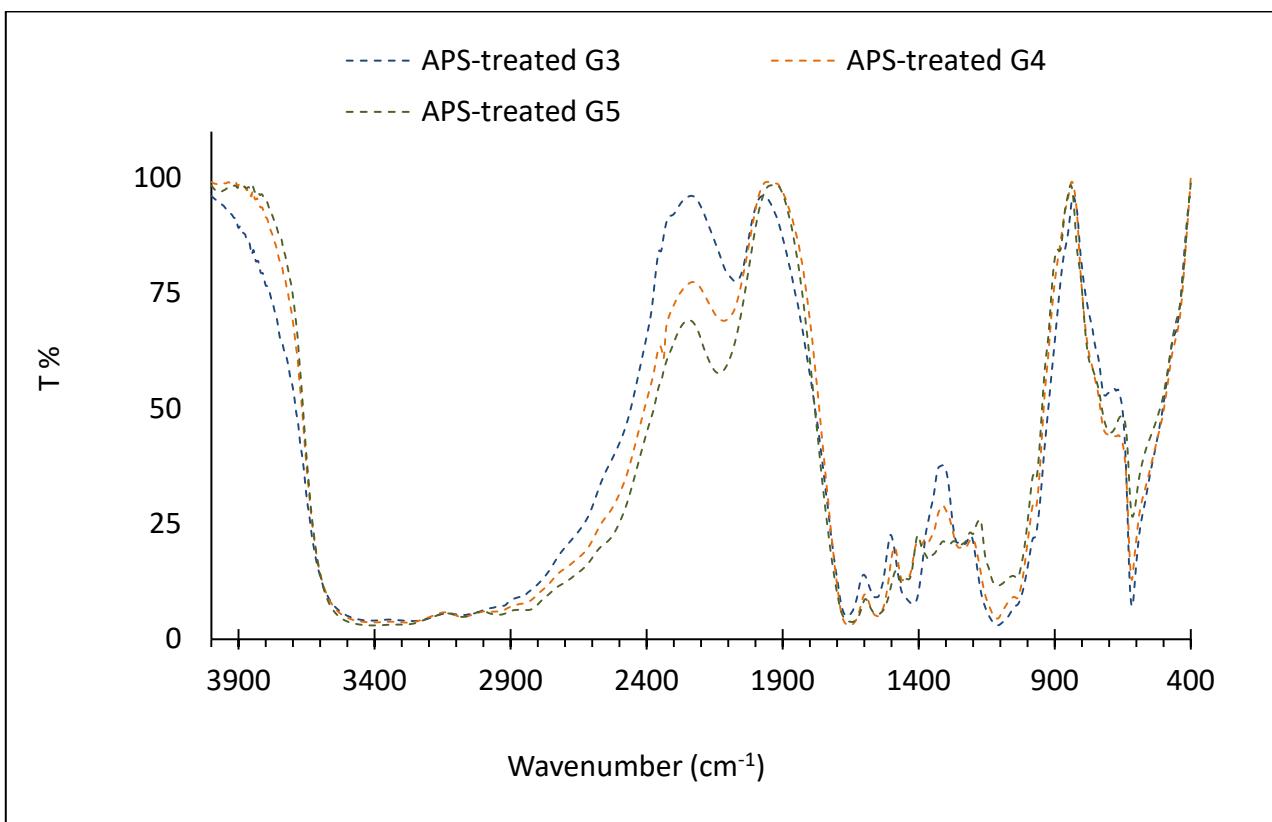
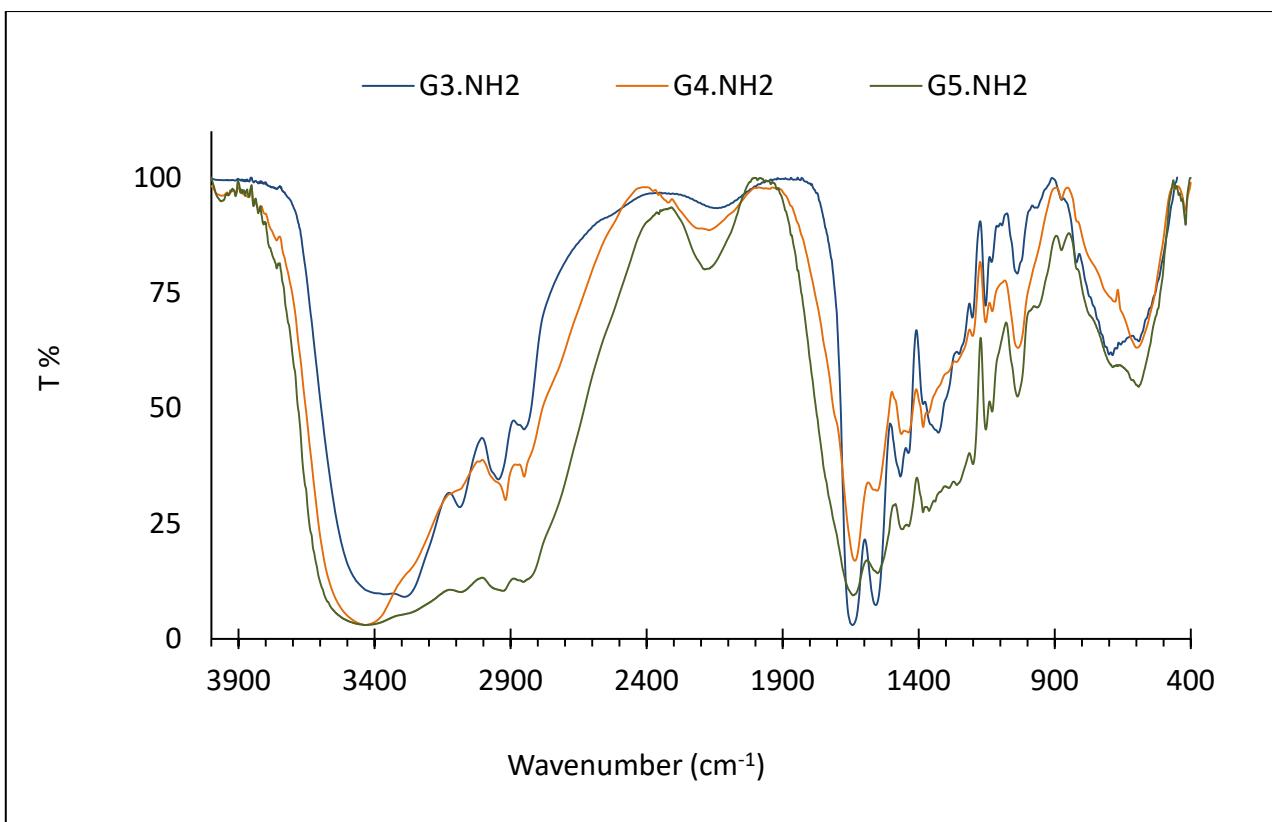


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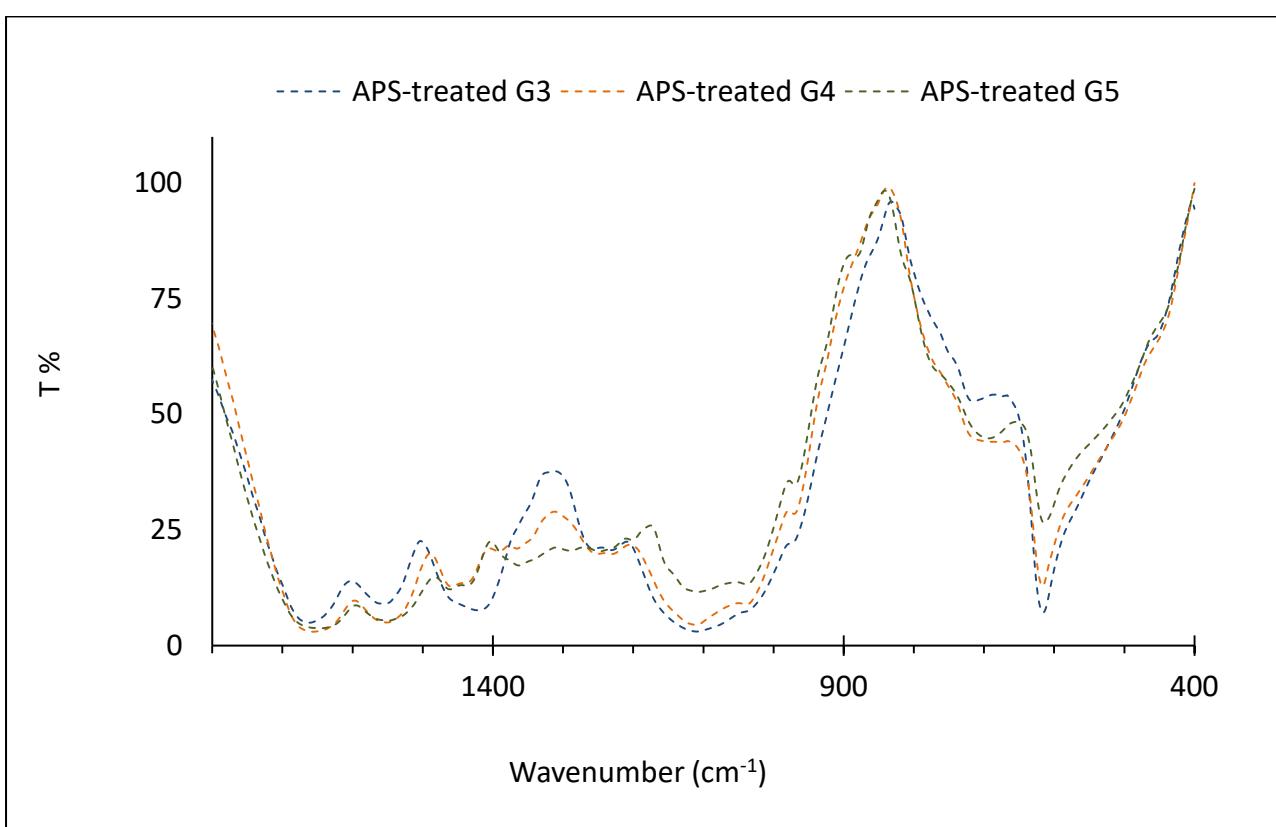
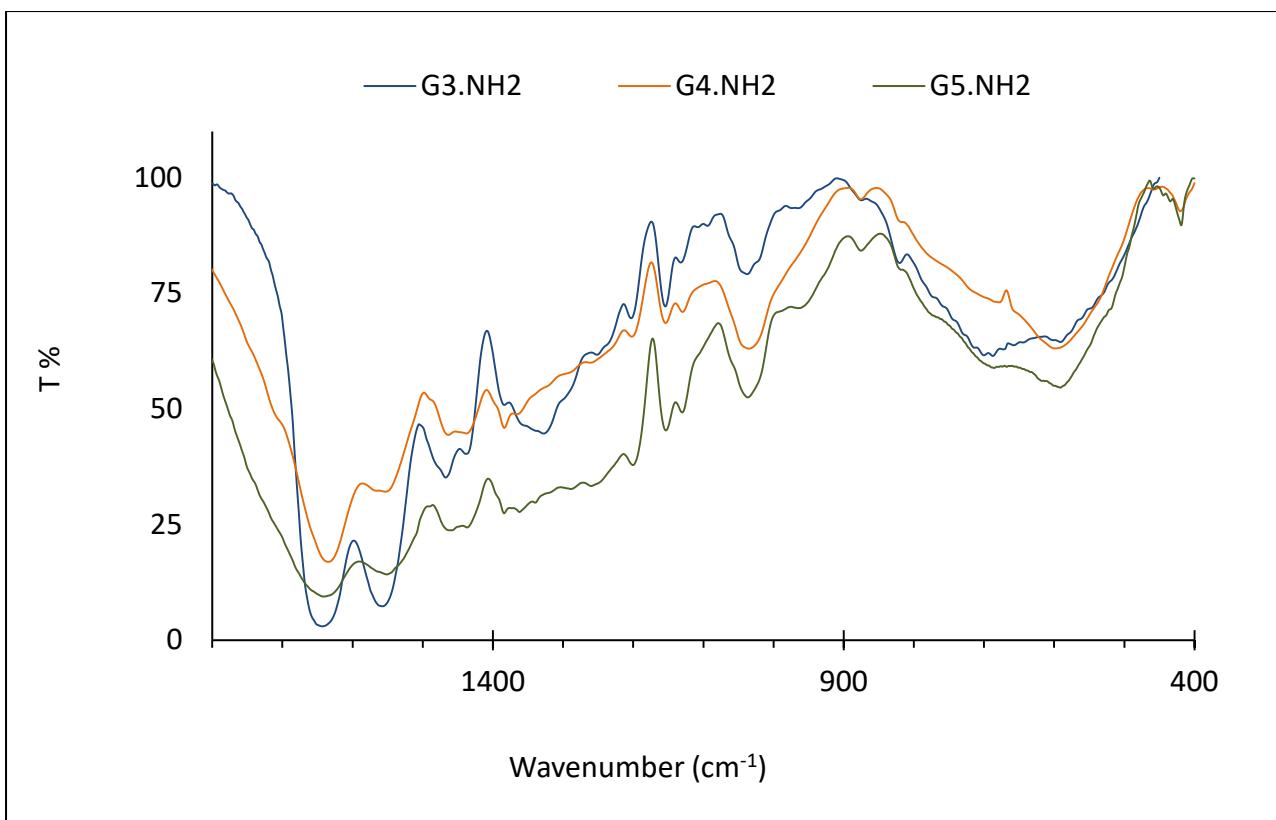
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<i>Chemical structure</i>	<i>G3.NH<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>APS-treated G3.NH<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>G4.NH<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>APS-treated G4.NH<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>G5.NH<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>APS-treated G5.NH<sub>2</sub></i>
-NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CONH-	2.47	2.85	2.43	2.59	2.51	2.57
-CONHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> N-	2.67	3.22	2.63	2.87	2.71	2.80
-CONHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	2.76	<b>3.40</b>	2.73	<b>3.20</b>	2.84	<b>3.21</b>
-NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CONH-	2.87	<b>3.30</b>	2.83	<b>3.04</b>	2.90	<b>2.97</b>
-CONHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	3.28	<b>3.69</b>	3.25	<b>3.56</b>	3.36*	<b>3.58</b>
-CONHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> N-	3.36	<b>3.57</b>	3.28	<b>3.40</b>	3.36*	<b>3.39</b>

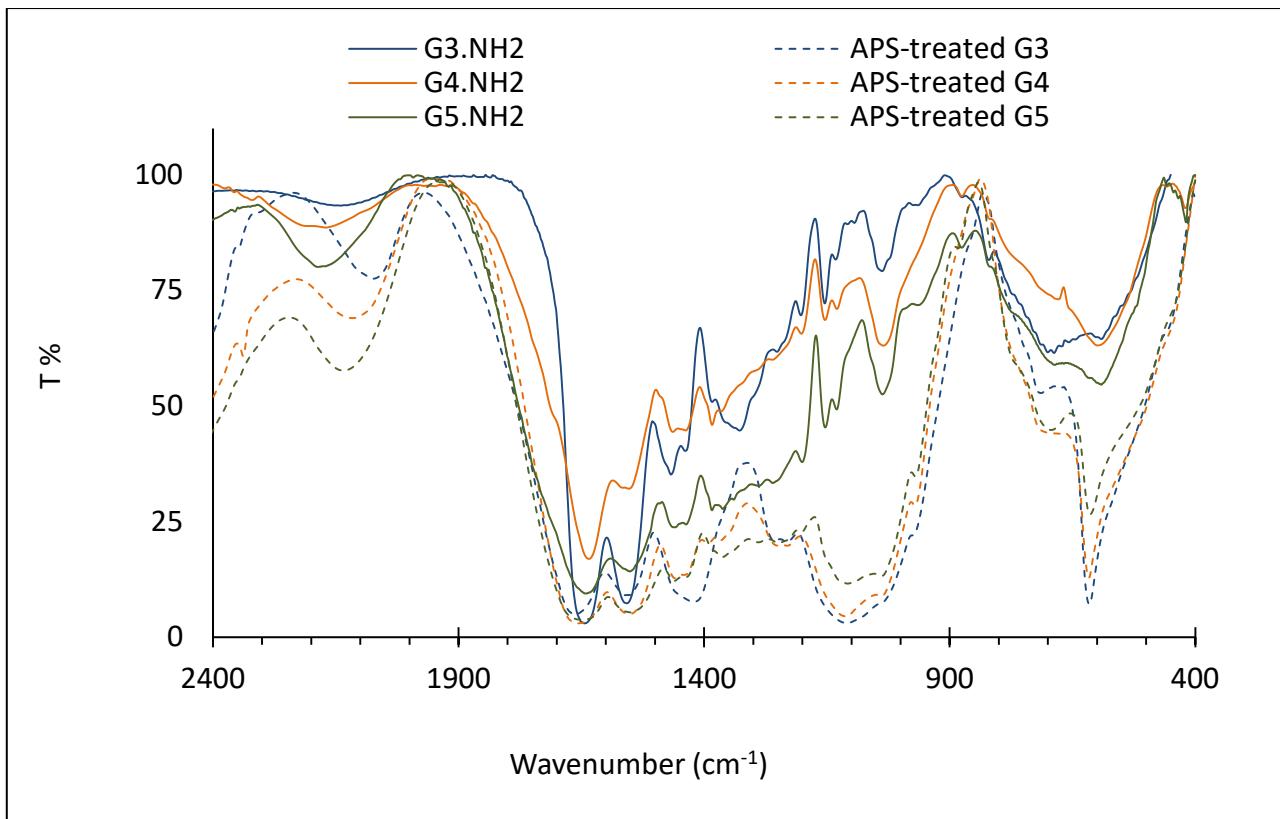
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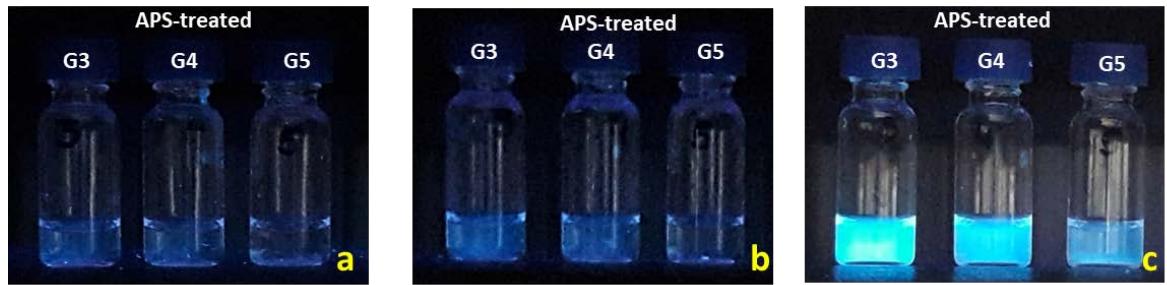
**Figure S5-A:** FT-IR spectra of generations 3, 4, and 5 of the pristine/APS-treated PAMAM dendrimers (recorded in KBr pellets) – full scale.



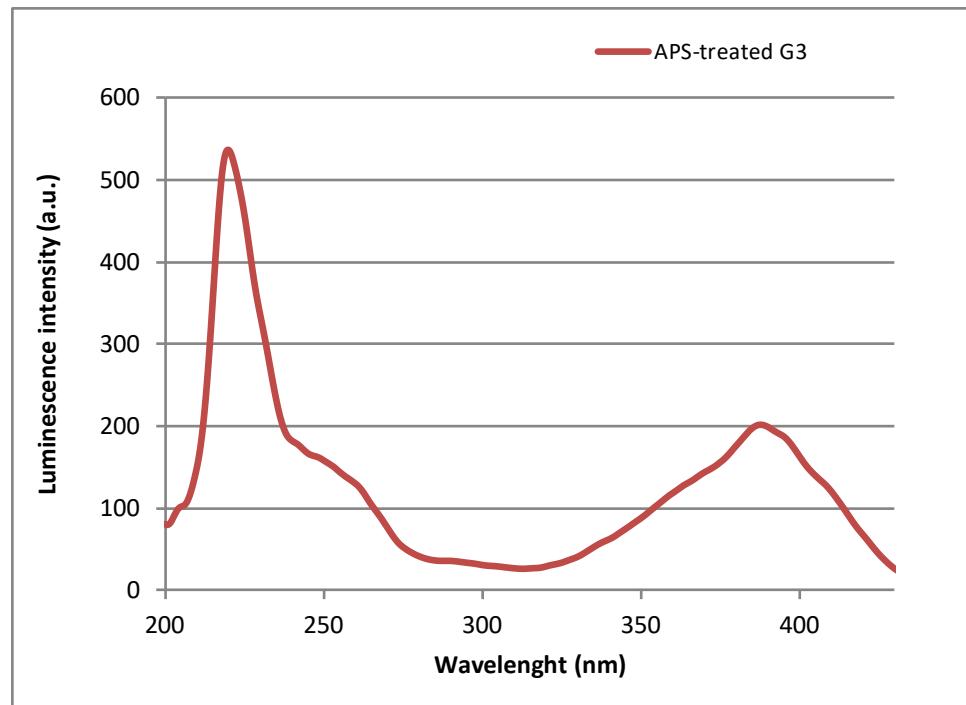
**Figure S5-B:** FT-IR spectra of generations 3, 4, and 5 of the pristine/APS-treated PAMAM dendrimers (recorded in KBr pellets) – enlarged scale.



**Figure S5-C:** FT-IR spectra of generations 3, 4, and 5 of the pristine/APS-treated PAMAM dendrimers (recorded in KBr pellets) – enlarged scale (comparison among spectra).



**Figure S6:** APS-treated PAMAM dendrimers under UV irradiation at 366nm with a concentration of a)  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  M, b)  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M, and c) 4.3mg/600 $\mu$ l (APS-treated G3:  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M, APS-treated G4:  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  M and APS-treated G5:  $2.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in ultrapure water.



**Figure S7:** Enlarged excitation spectrum of generation 3 APS-treated dendrimers ( $\lambda_{em} = 450$ nm) showing a band ca. 250nm. The spectrum was recorded at a concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M in ultrapure water. The sharp band at 225nm is due to second-order scattering.