

Supporting Information (ESI)

Thiophene anchored naphthalene derivative: Cr³⁺ selective turn-on fluorescent probe for living cell imaging

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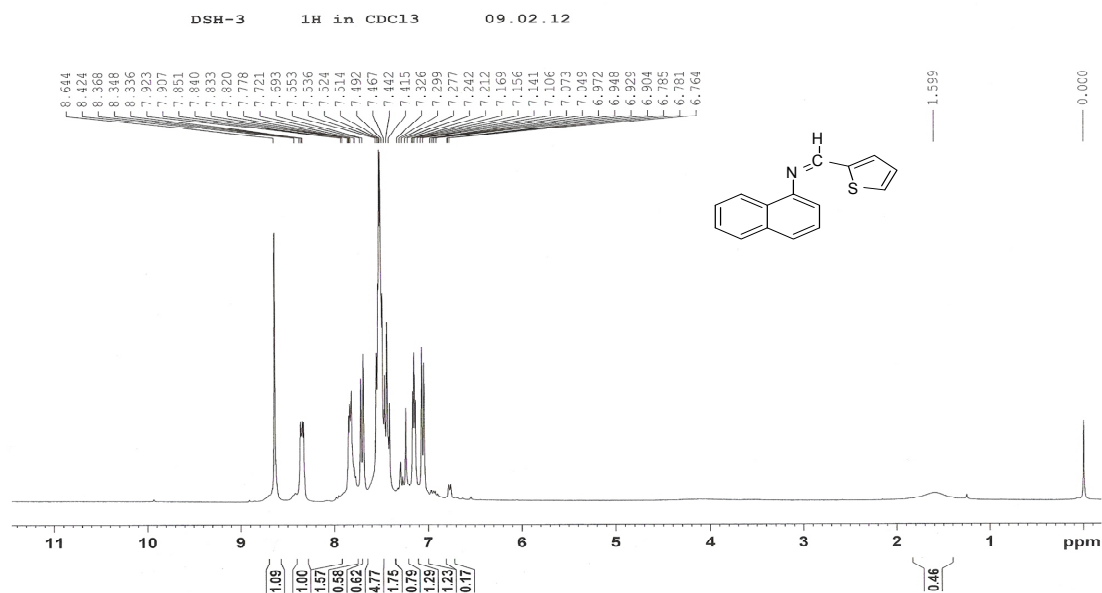


Fig. S1a. ¹H NMR spectrum of L in CDCl₃.

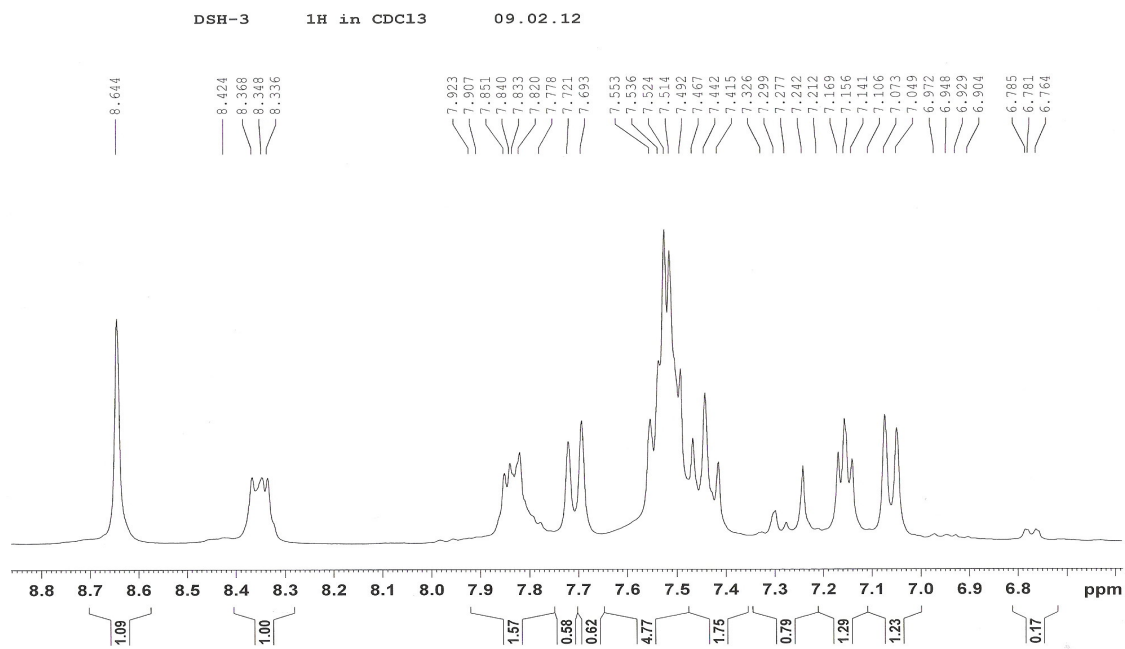


Fig. S1b. ^1H NMR spectrum (expanded to aromatic region) of **L** in CDCl_3 .

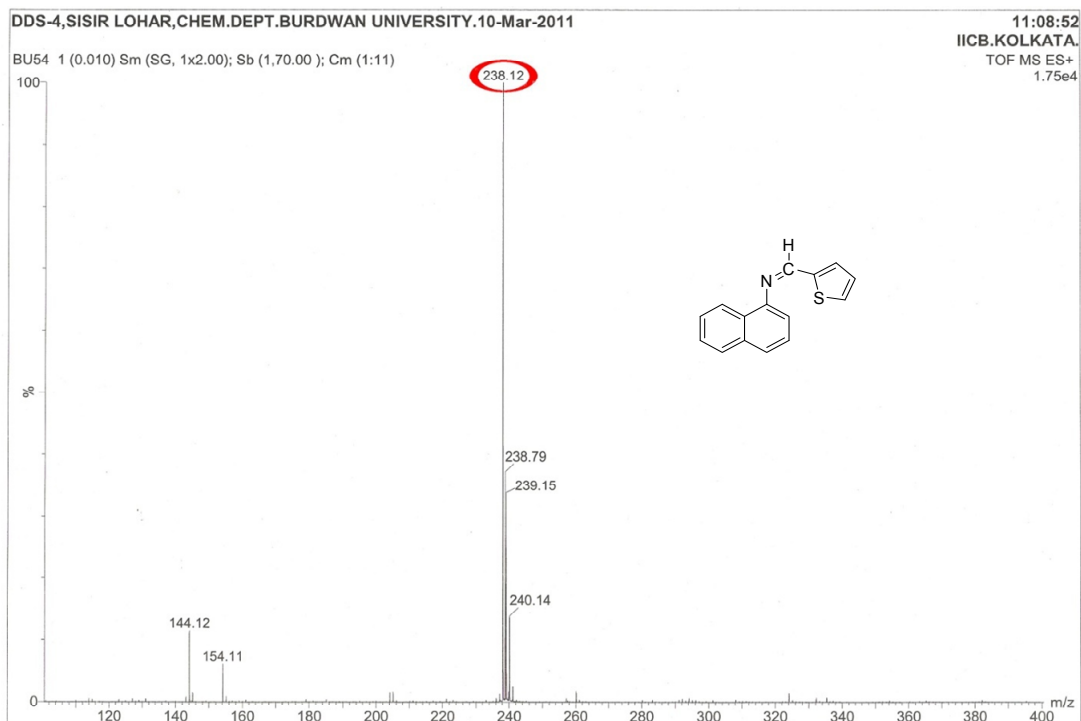


Fig. S2. Mass spectrum of **L**.

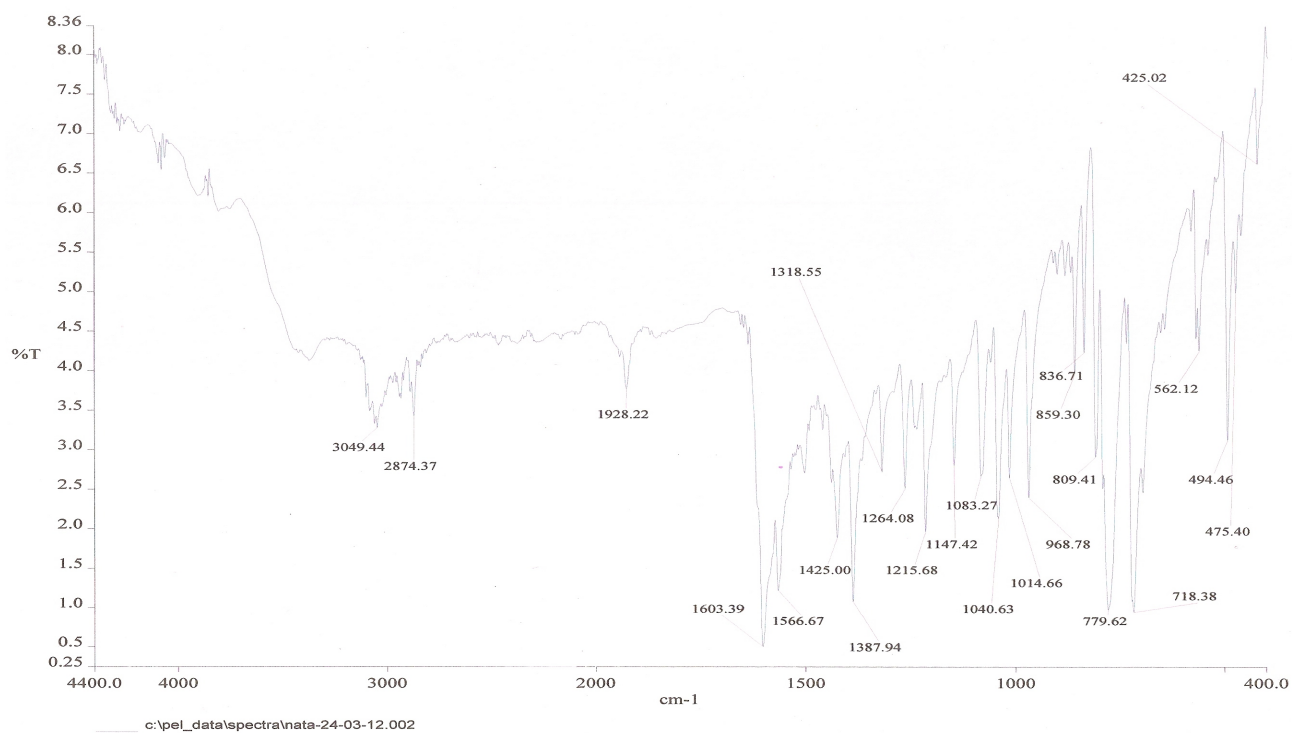


Fig. S3. FTIR spectrum of L.

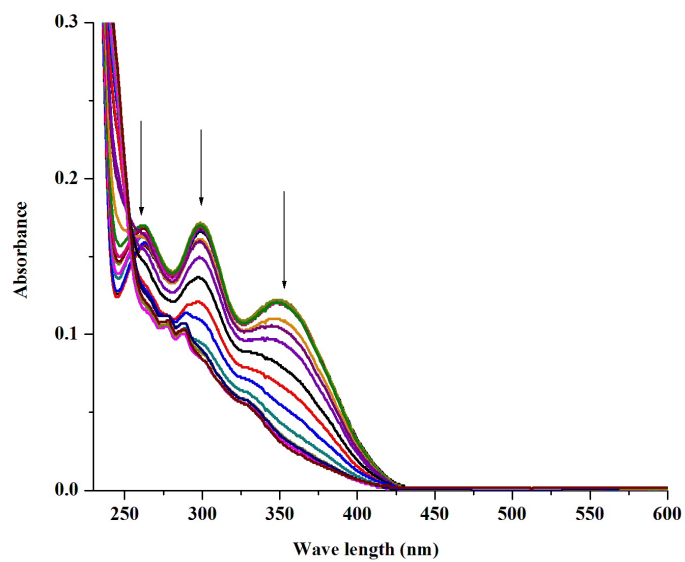


Fig. S4. UV-Vis spectral changes of L (10 μ M) with gradual addition of 0.1 to 5.5 times [Cr³⁺] from top to bottom.

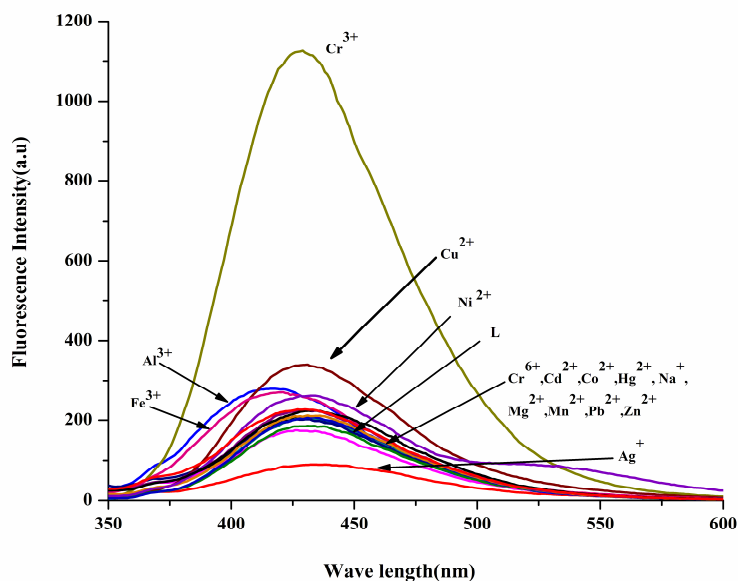


Fig. S5. Fluorescence spectra of **L** (10 μ M), **L** + Cr³⁺ (45 μ M) and **L** (10 μ M) + Mⁿ⁺ (300 μ M), where Mⁿ⁺ = Na⁺, Mg²⁺, Cr⁶⁺ (Cr₂O₇²⁻), Mn²⁺, Fe³⁺, Co²⁺, Ni²⁺, Cu²⁺, Zn²⁺, Hg²⁺, Pb²⁺, Cd²⁺, Ag⁺, Al³⁺ (λ_{em} : 435 nm, λ_{ex} : 330 nm).

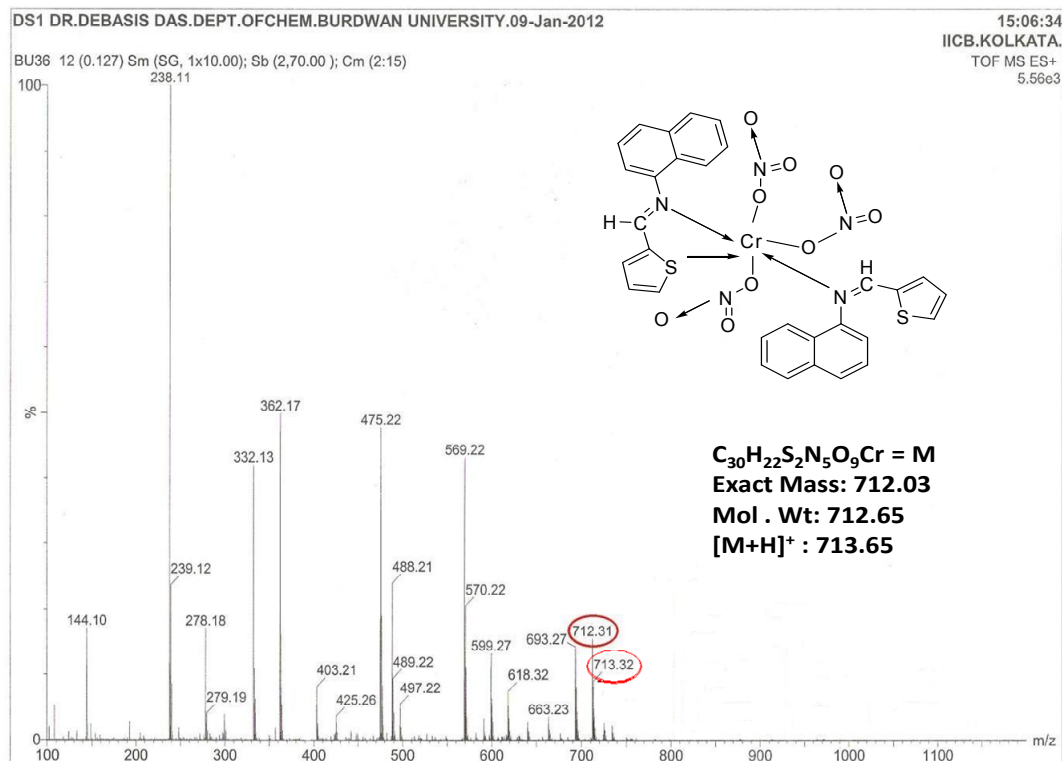


Fig. S6 Mass spectrum of L-Cr³⁺ complex.

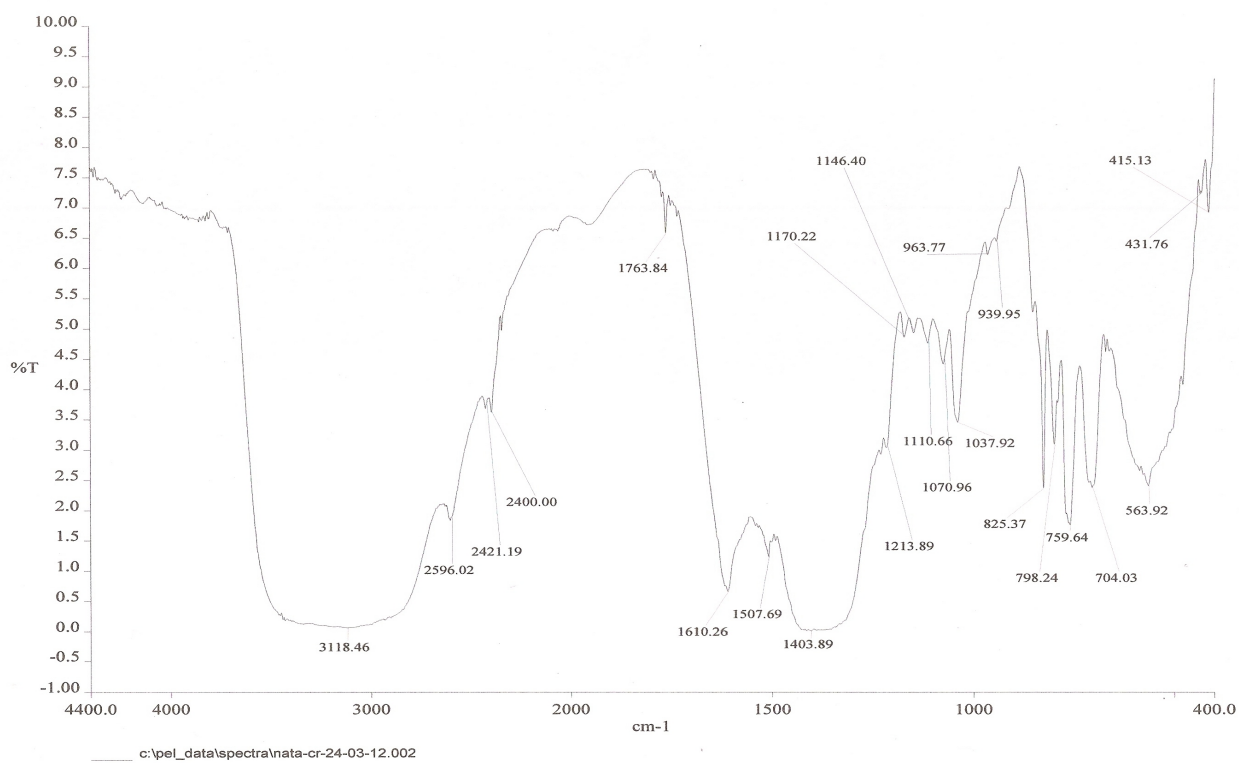


Fig. S7 FTIR spectrum of L-Cr³⁺ complex.

Table S1. Bond lengths of L			
Bond	Length (Å)	Bond	Length (Å)
C ₁ C ₂	1.377(3)	C ₈ C ₉	1.371(3)
C ₁ N ₁	1.415(2)	C ₈ H ₈	0.9500
C ₁ C ₁₀	1.429(2)	C ₉ C ₁₀	1.421(3)
C ₂ C ₃	1.403(3)	C ₉ H ₉	0.9500
C ₂ H ₂	0.9500	C ₁₁ N ₁	1.281(2)
C ₃ C ₄	1.367(3)	C ₁₁ C ₁₂	1.445(3)
C ₃ H ₃	0.9500	C ₁₁ H ₁₁	0.9500
C ₄ C ₅	1.417(3)	C ₁₂ C ₁₃	1.374(3)
C ₄ H ₄	0.9500	C ₁₂ S ₁	1.7268(19)
C ₅ C ₆	1.413(3)	C ₁₃ C ₁₄	1.408(3)
C ₅ C ₁₀	1.428(3)	C ₁₃ H ₁₃	0.9500
C ₆ C ₇	1.361(3)	C ₁₄ C ₁₅	1.356(3)
C ₆ H ₆	0.9500	C ₁₄ H ₁₄	0.9500
C ₇ C ₈	1.413(3)	C ₁₅ S ₁	1.7194(19)
C ₇ H ₇	0.9500	C ₁₅ H ₁₅	0.9500

Table S2: Bond angles of L			
Bond Angle	(^o)	Bond Angle	(^o)
C ₂ C ₁ N ₁	123.11(16)	C ₇ C ₈ H ₈	119.8
C ₂ C ₁ C ₁₀	119.91(16)	C ₈ C ₉ C ₁₀	120.47(19)
N ₁ C ₁ C ₁₀	116.98(15)	C ₈ C ₉ H ₉	119.8
C ₁ C ₂ C ₃	120.67(17)	C ₁₀ C ₉ H ₉	119.8
C ₁ C ₂ H ₂	119.7	C ₉ C ₁₀ C ₅	118.70(16)
C ₃ C ₂ H ₂	119.7	C ₉ C ₁₀ C ₁	122.50(17)
C ₄ C ₃ C ₂	120.81(17)	C ₅ C ₁₀ C ₁	118.80(16)
C ₄ C ₃ H ₃	119.6	N ₁ C ₁₁ C ₁₂	122.30(17)
C ₂ C ₃ H ₃	119.6	N ₁ C ₁₁ H ₁₁	118.8
C ₃ C ₄ C ₅	120.54(18)	C ₁₂ C ₁₁ H ₁₁	118.8
C ₃ C ₄ H ₄	119.7	C ₁₃ C ₁₂ C ₁₁	127.31(17)
C ₅ C ₄ H ₄	119.7	C ₁₃ C ₁₂ S ₁	111.43(14)
C ₆ C ₅ C ₄	121.86(17)	C ₁₁ C ₁₂ S ₁	121.16(14)
C ₆ C ₅ C ₁₀	119.02(16)	C ₁₂ C ₁₃ H ₁₃	123.7
C ₄ C ₅ C ₁₀	119.11(17)	C ₁₄ C ₁₃ H ₁₃	123.7
C ₇ C ₆ C ₅	120.94(18)	C ₁₅ C ₁₄ C ₁₃	112.69(17)
C ₇ C ₆ H ₆	119.5	C ₁₅ C ₁₄ H ₁₄	123.7
C ₅ C ₆ H ₆	119.5	C ₁₃ C ₁₄ H ₁₄	123.7
C ₆ C ₇ C ₈	120.43(18)	C ₁₄ C ₁₅ S ₁	112.38(15)
C ₆ C ₇ H ₇	119.8	C ₁₄ C ₁₅ H ₁₅	123.8
C ₈ C ₇ H ₇	119.8	S ₁ C ₁₅ H ₁₅	123.8
C ₉ C ₈ C ₇	120.41(18)	C ₁₁ N ₁ C ₁	118.28(15)
C ₉ C ₈ H ₈	119.8	C ₁₅ S ₁ C ₁₂	90.98(10)
C ₁₂ C ₁₃ C ₁₄	112.53(18).		

General method of UV-Vis and fluorescence titration

Path length of the cells used for absorption and emission studies was 1 cm. For UV-vis and fluorescence titrations, stock solution of **L** (10 μM) was prepared in methanol water. Working solutions were prepared from their respective stock solutions. Fluorescence measurements were performed using 5 nm \times 5 nm slit width.

Calculation of Quantum Yield

Fluorescence quantum yields (Φ) were estimated by integrating the area under the fluorescence curves using the equation¹,

$$\phi_{\text{sample}} = \phi_{\text{ref}} \times \frac{\text{OD}_{\text{ref}} \times A_{\text{sample}} \times \eta_{\text{sample}}^2}{\text{OD}_{\text{sample}} \times A_{\text{ref}} \times \eta_{\text{ref}}^2}$$

where, **A** was the area under the fluorescence spectral curve, **OD** was optical density of the compound at the excitation wavelength and η was the refractive indices² of the solvent. Anthracene was used as quantum yield standard (quantum yield is 0.27 in ethanol)³ for measuring the quantum yields at 330 nm.

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Job's plot using fluorescence data

A series of solutions containing **L** and Cr^{3+} were prepared such that the total concentration of Cr^{3+} and **L** remain constant ($10\ \mu\text{M}$) in all the sets. The mole fraction (X) of **L** was varied from 0.1 to 0.9. The fluorescence intensity at 435 nm was plotted against the mole fraction of **L**.