## **Supporting Information**

## Nano Molar Detection of Al<sup>3+</sup> in Aqueous Medium and Acidic Soil using Chromone based Fluorescent Organic Nanoparticles (FONPs)

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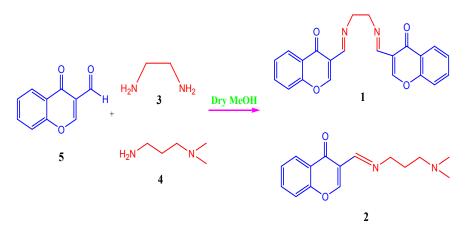
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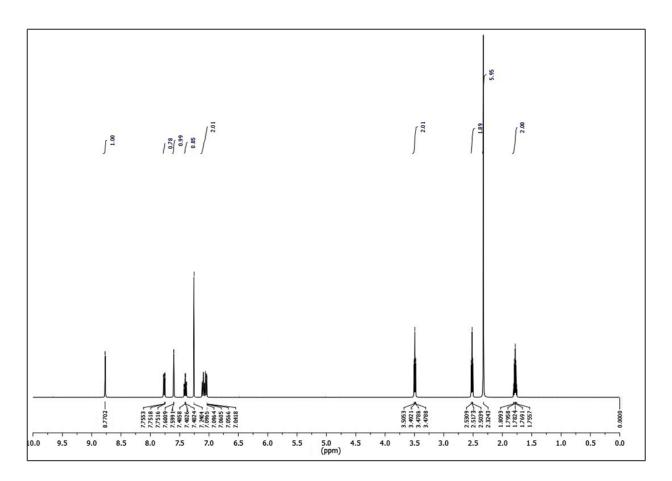


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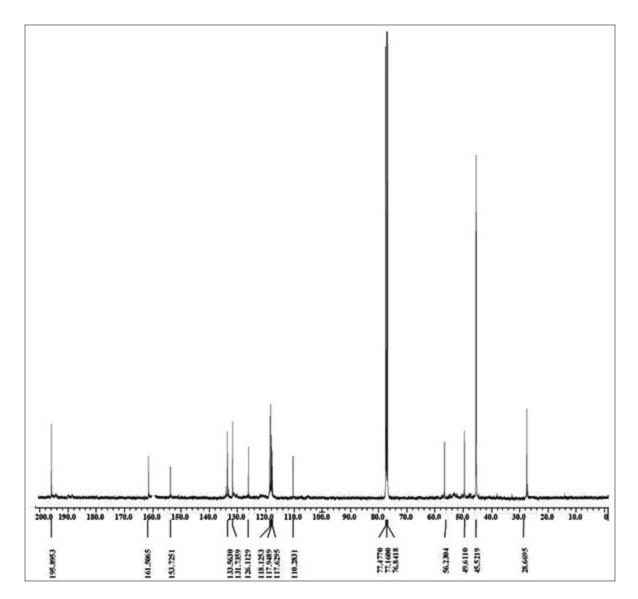


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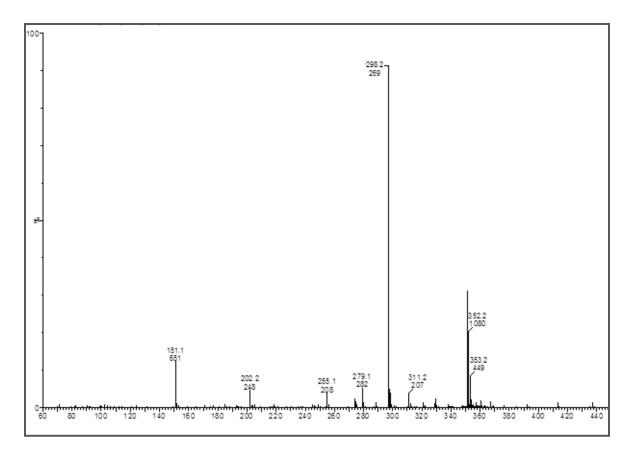
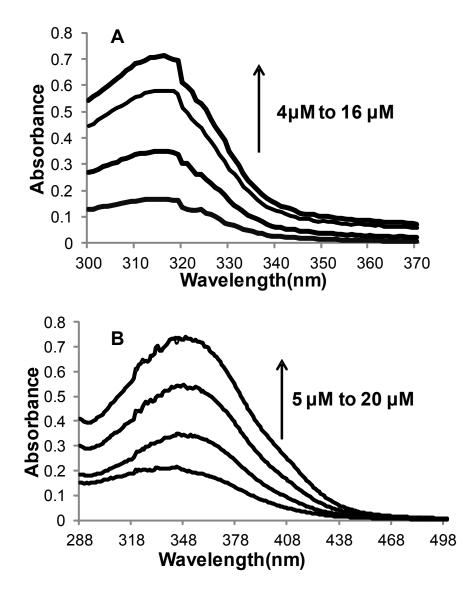


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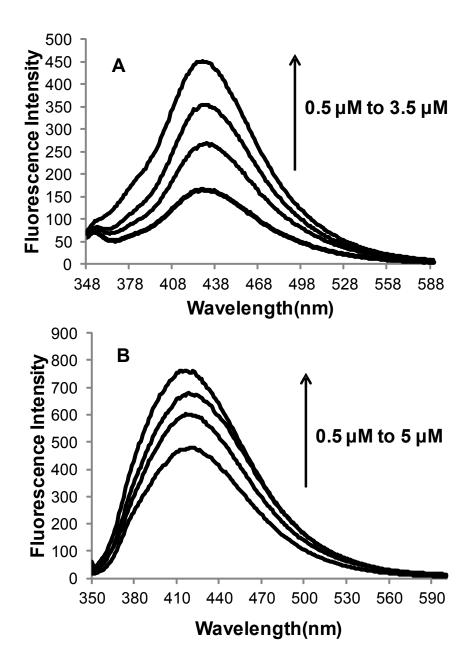
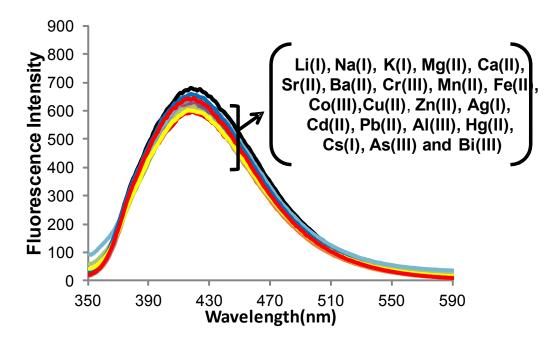


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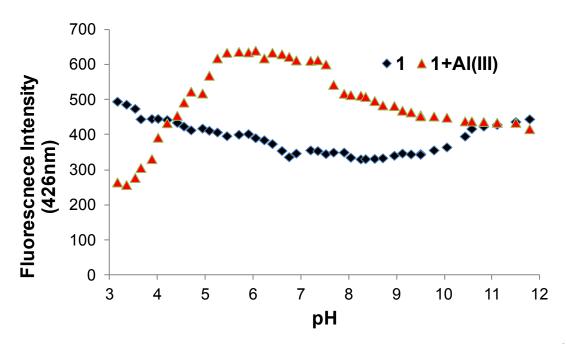
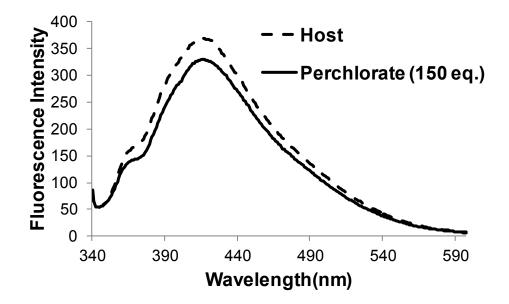
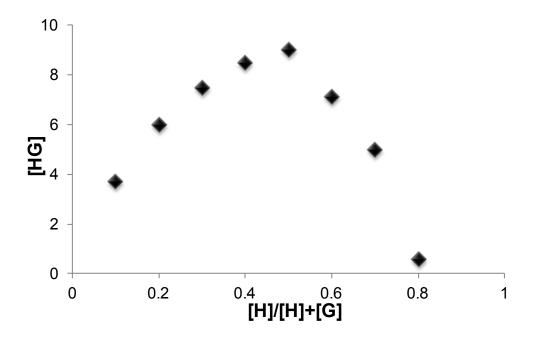


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