

# Supplementary Information

## Synthesis, Characterization, Photophysics, and Anion Binding Properties of Platinum(II) Acetylide Complexes with Urea Group

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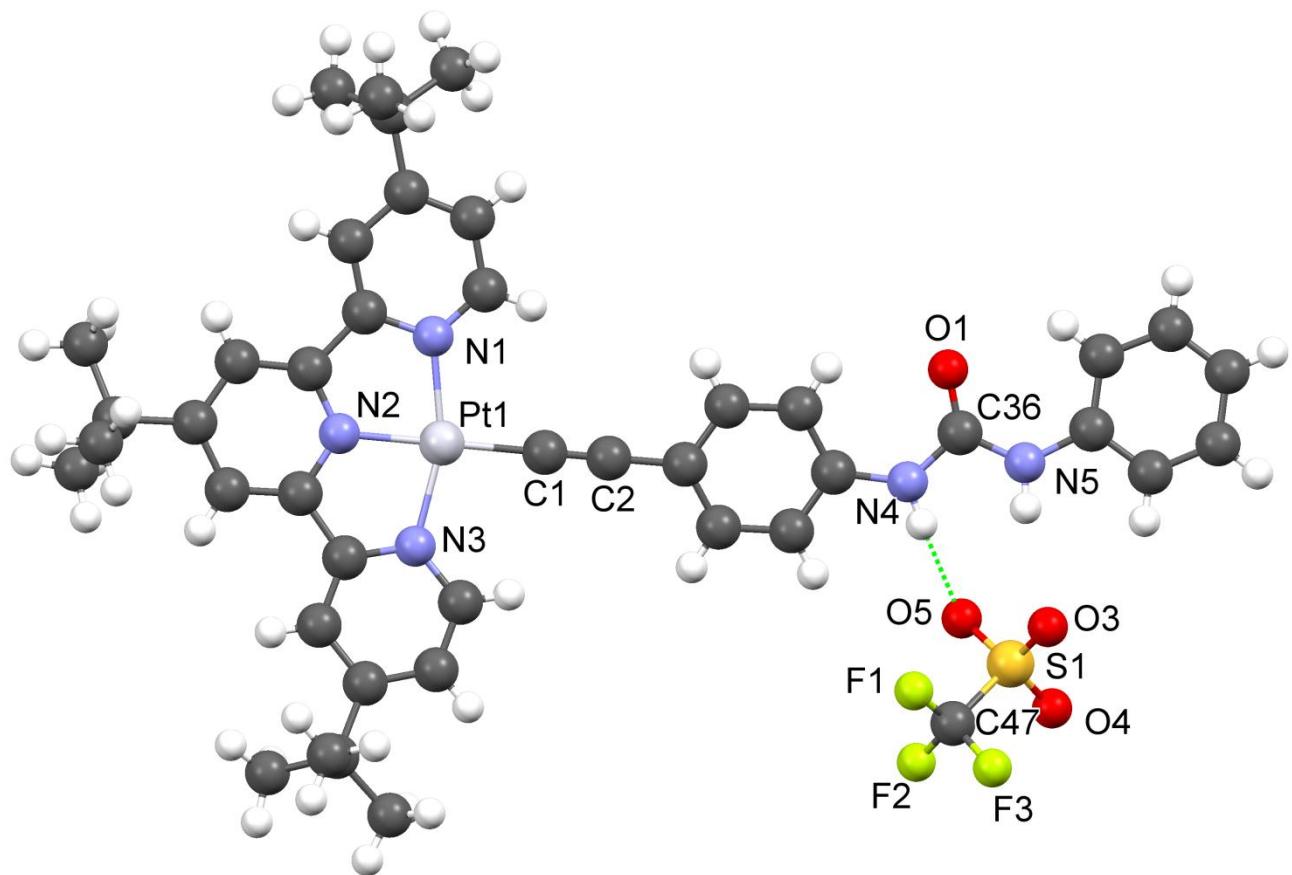
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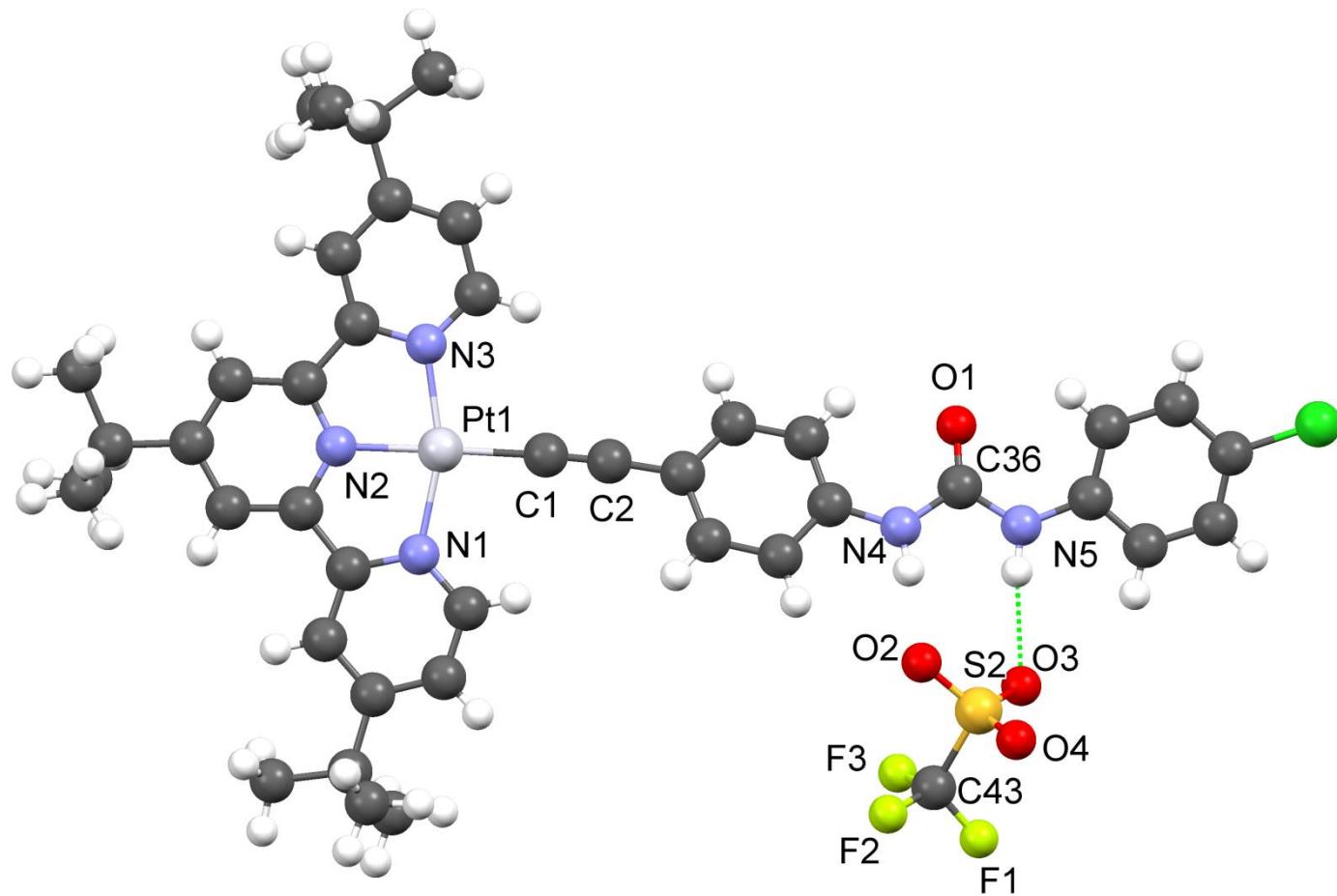
**Table S1.** Crystallographic data of **3a**, **3a DMF THF**, **3b CH<sub>3</sub>CN**, and **3c CH<sub>3</sub>CN**

	<b>3a</b>	<b>3a DMF THF</b>	<b>3b CH<sub>3</sub>CN</b>	<b>3c CH<sub>3</sub>CN</b>
Formula	C <sub>43</sub> H <sub>46</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>4</sub> PtS	C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>46</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub> PtS	C <sub>45</sub> H <sub>45</sub> ClF <sub>3</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> PtS	C <sub>46</sub> H <sub>48</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> PtS
Formula weight	981.01	1111.10	1053.49	1090.05
Temperature/K	150.0	298.0	150.0	173.0
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P-1	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
a/Å	9.3035(4)	12.1155(3)	14.3112(8)	14.39500(10)
b/Å	12.0230(5)	29.9363(5)	14.7141(7)	14.86570(10)
c/Å	20.6666(5)	15.1278(4)	20.9907(8)	21.4413(2)
α/°	88.269(3)	90.00	90.00	90.00
β/°	87.144(2)	112.253(3)	95.457(1)	95.4310(10)
γ/°	79.980(3)	90.00	90.00	90.00
V/Å <sup>3</sup>	2273.04(14)	5078.1(2)	4400.1(4)	4567.66(6)
Z	2	4	4	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> (mg/mm <sup>3</sup> )	1.4332	1.4532	1.5902	1.585
Refns collected	21510	27099	30853	23402
Indep reflns	9422	7758	9644	7249
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0505	0.0659	0.0607	0.0357
GOF	1.193	1.146	1.026	1.026
R, <sup>a</sup> R <sub>w</sub> <sup>b</sup> [ $\geq 2\sigma$ (I)]	0.0576, 0.1619	0.0559, 0.1447	0.0474, 0.1412	0.0329, 0.0816

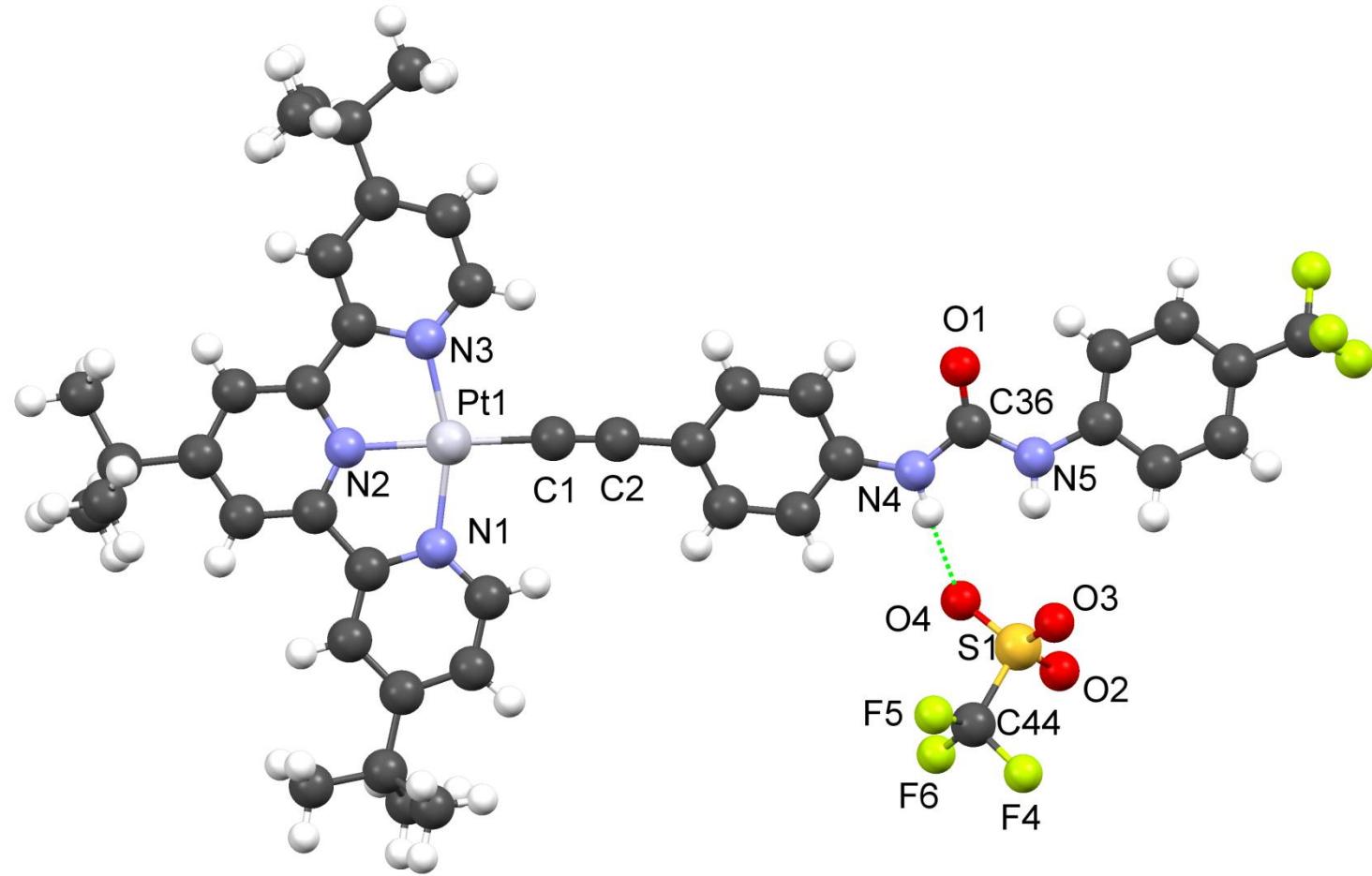
<sup>a</sup>R = Σ(|F<sub>o</sub>| - |F<sub>c</sub>|) / Σ|F<sub>o</sub>|. <sup>b</sup>R<sub>w</sub> = [Σw(|F<sub>o</sub>| - |F<sub>c</sub>|)<sup>2</sup> / Σw|F<sub>o</sub>|<sup>2</sup>]<sup>1/2</sup>



**Figure S1.** Perspective view of **3a**·DMF·THF. Solvent molecules have been omitted for clarity.



**Figure S2.** Perspective view of **3b** in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ . Solvent molecules have been omitted for clarity.



**Figure S3.** Perspective view of **3c** in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ . Solvent molecules have been omitted for clarity.

**Table S2.** Hydrogen bond parameters (N–H  $\cdots$  O) of **3a**, **3a DMF · THF**, **3b CH<sub>3</sub>CN** and **3c CH<sub>3</sub>CN** ( $\text{\AA}$  and  $\circ$ )

complex	D–H $\cdots$ A	d(D–H)	d(H $\cdots$ A)	d(D $\cdots$ A)	$\angle$ (DHA)
<b>3a</b>	N(4)–H(7) $\cdots$ O(3) <sup>a</sup>	0.880	2.192	3.062	169.84
<b>3a DMF · THF</b>	N(4)–H(30) $\cdots$ O(5) <sup>b</sup>	0.860	2.111	2.953	166.30
<b>3b CH<sub>3</sub>CN</b>	N(4)–H(37) $\cdots$ O(2) <sup>b</sup>	0.880	2.022	2.887	166.81
<b>3c CH<sub>3</sub>CN</b>	N(4)–H(1A) $\cdots$ O(4) <sup>b</sup>	0.880	2.065	2.927	169.61

<sup>a</sup>Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:  $-x, -y, -z$ .

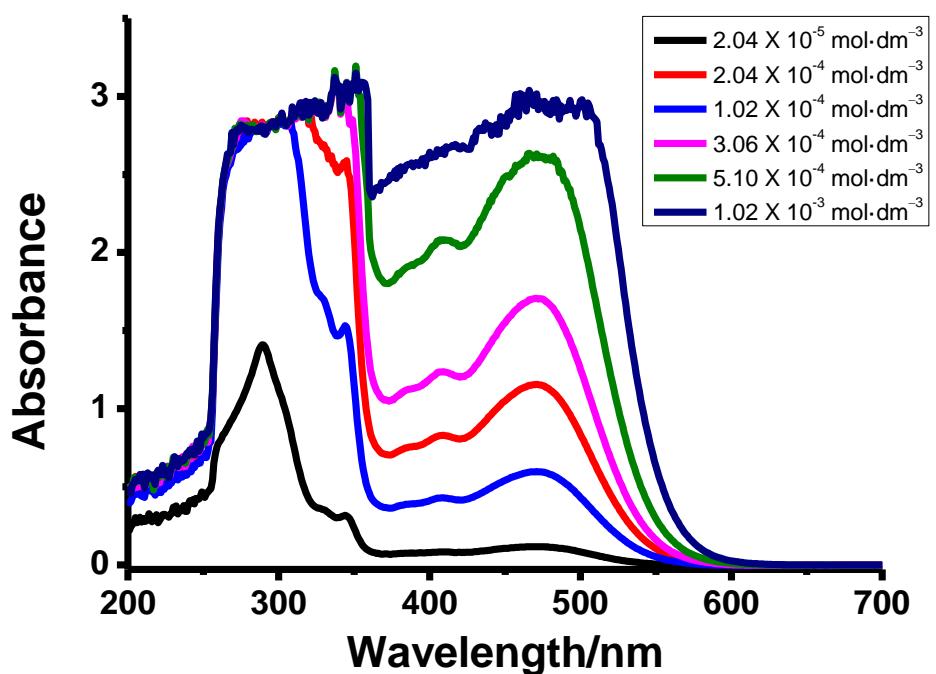
<sup>b</sup>Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:  $1/2-x, 1/2+y, 1/2-z$ .

**Table S3.** Photophysical data of ligands **1a–1d** at 298 K

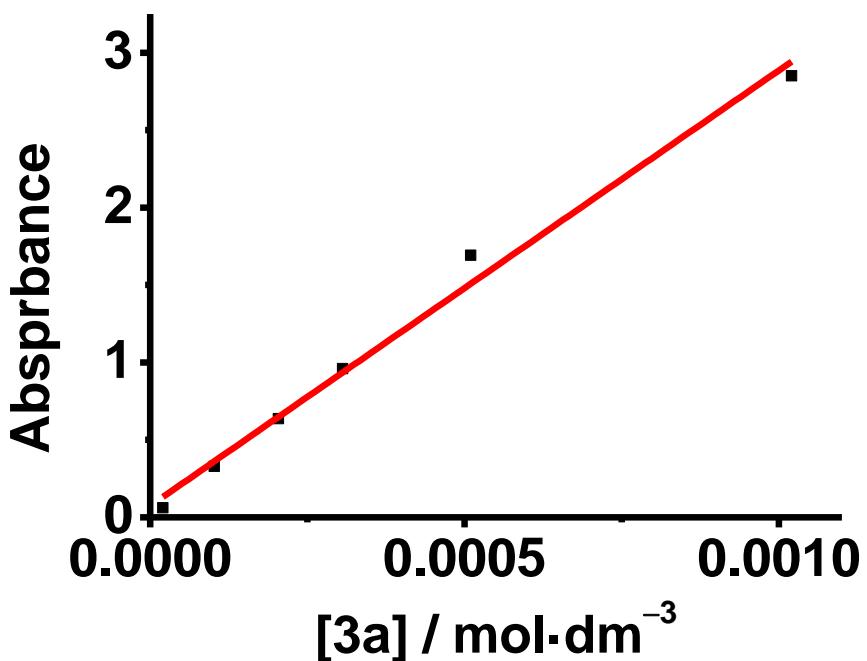
compound	medium	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}/\text{nm} (\varepsilon/\text{dm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1})$	$\lambda_{\text{em}}/\text{nm}$
<b>1a</b>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	274 (50300)	318, 398
<b>1b</b>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	275 (53860)	316, 406
<b>1c</b>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	276 (67440)	314, 413
<b>1d</b>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	263 (29160), 333 (28000)	Non-emissive

**Table S4.** The low-energy absorption maximum (nm) of **3a** and **3b** in various solvents at 298 K and the corresponding dielectric constant of the solvents

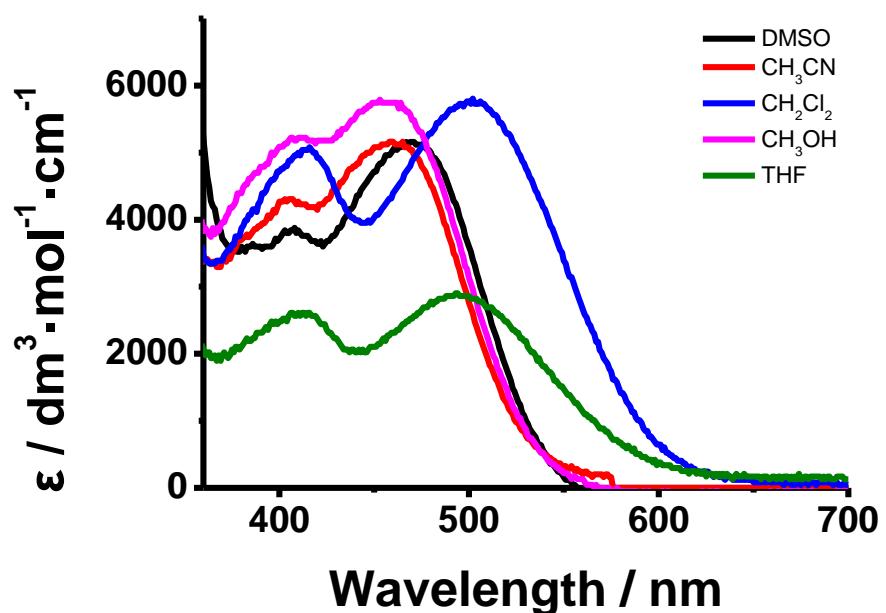
	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	THF	CH <sub>3</sub> C(O)CH <sub>3</sub>	DMSO	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	CH <sub>3</sub> OH
<b>3a</b>	498	492	476	472	464	458
<b>3b</b>	502	493	-	469	460	453
dielectric constant	8.9	7.6	20.7	46.7	37.5	24.5



**Figure S4.** The electronic absorption spectral changes of **3a** as the concentration increase from  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$  at 298 K.

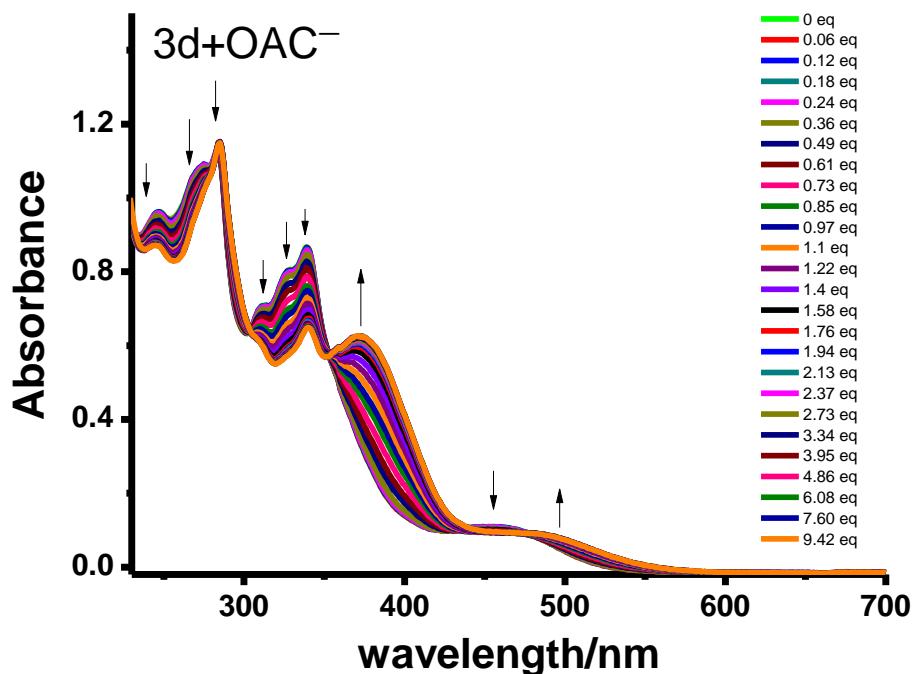


**Figure S5.** Plot of the absorbance at 510 nm as a function of concentration.

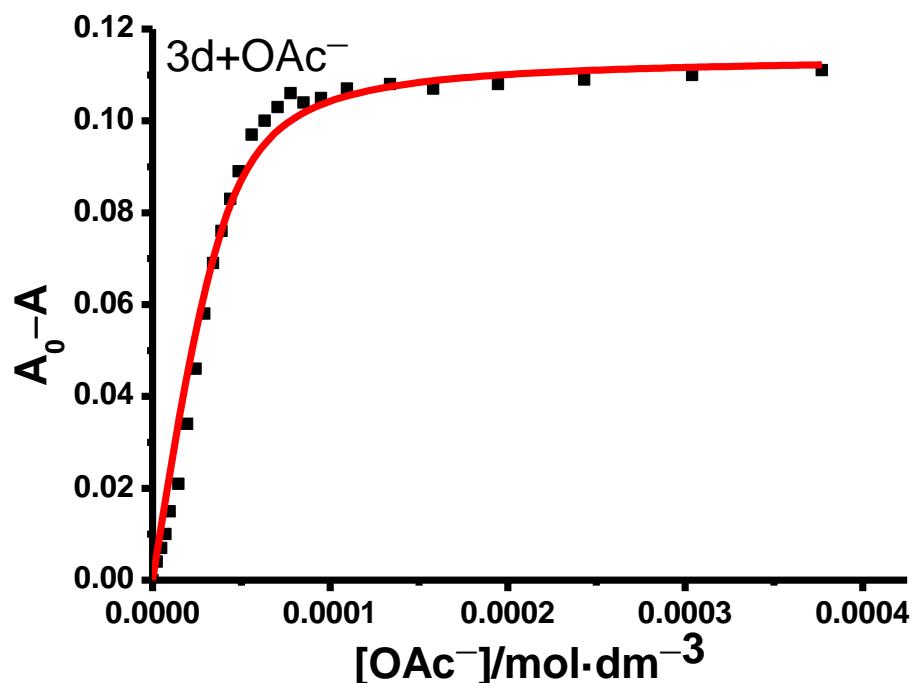


**Figure S6.** Electronic absorption spectrum of **3b** in various solutions at 298 K at 360-700 nm

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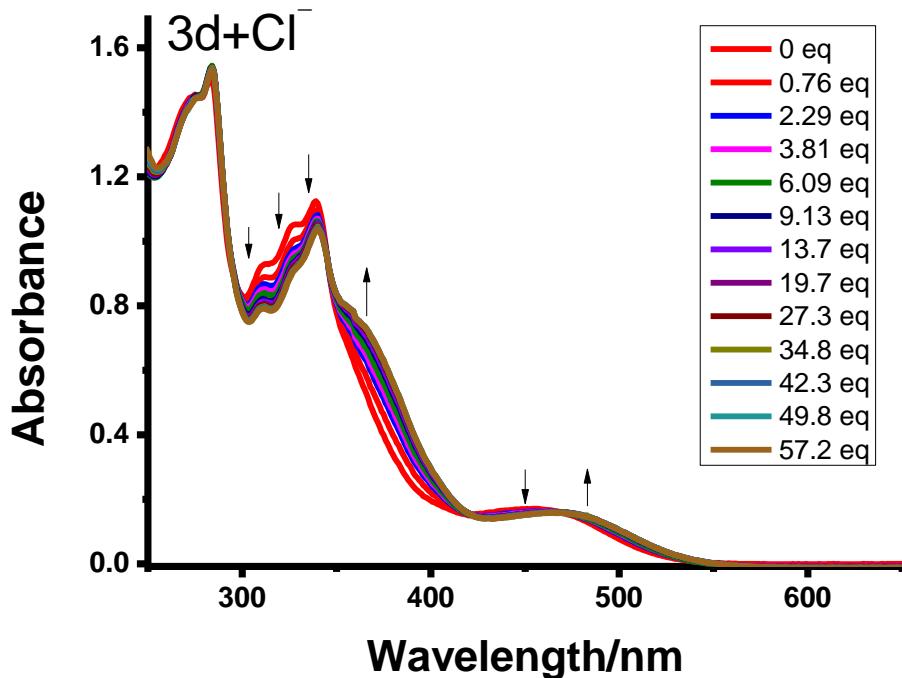


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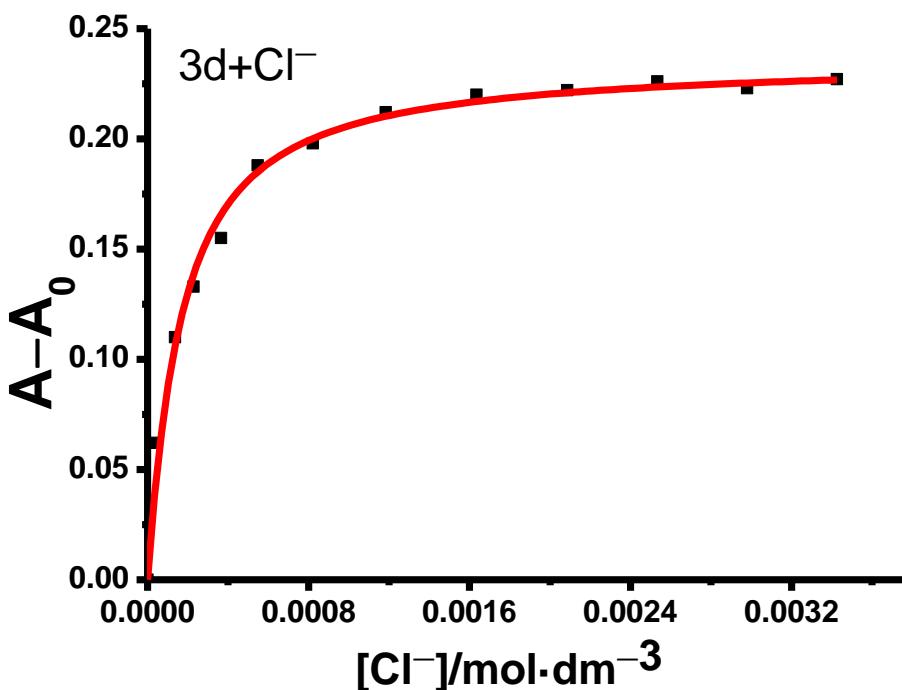


**Figure S7.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3d** ( $4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{OAc}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 254 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{OAc}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3d** with  $\text{OAc}^-$ .

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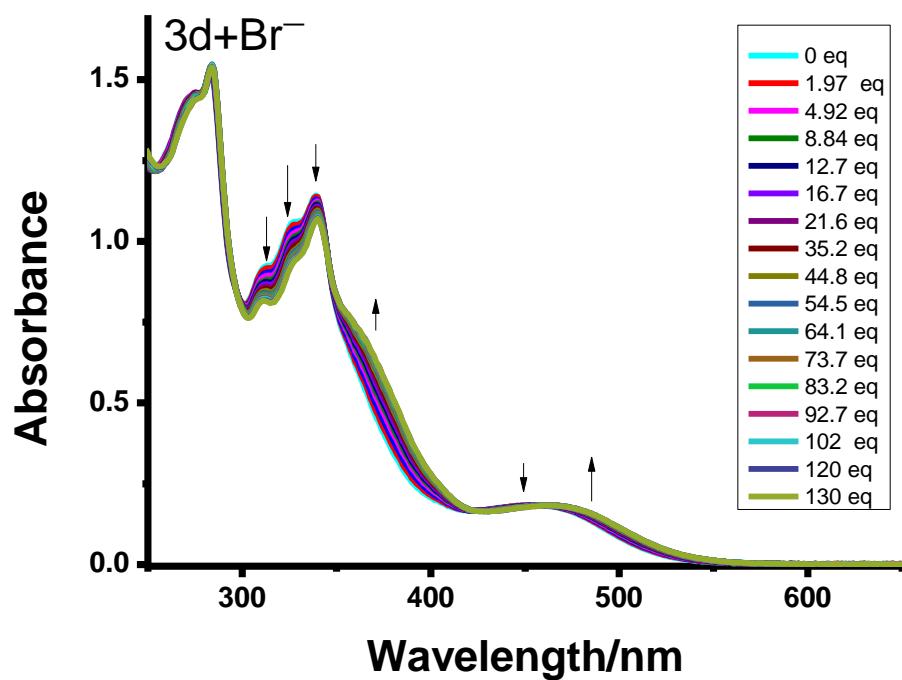


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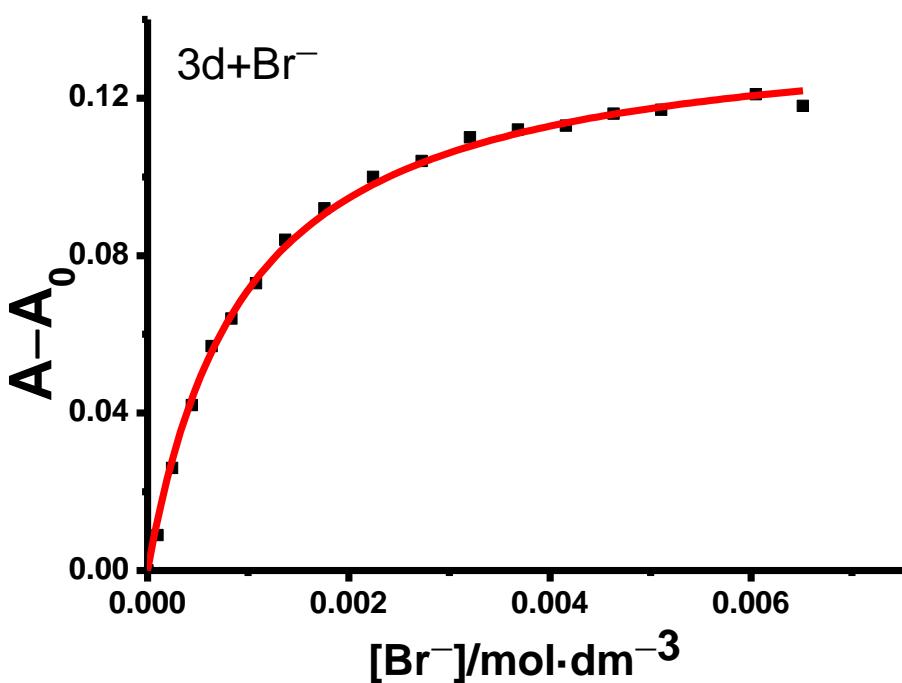


**Figure S8.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3d** ( $4 \times 10^{-5}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN upon addition of Cl<sup>-</sup>. (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 370 nm as a function of the concentration of Cl<sup>-</sup> and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3d** with Cl<sup>-</sup>.

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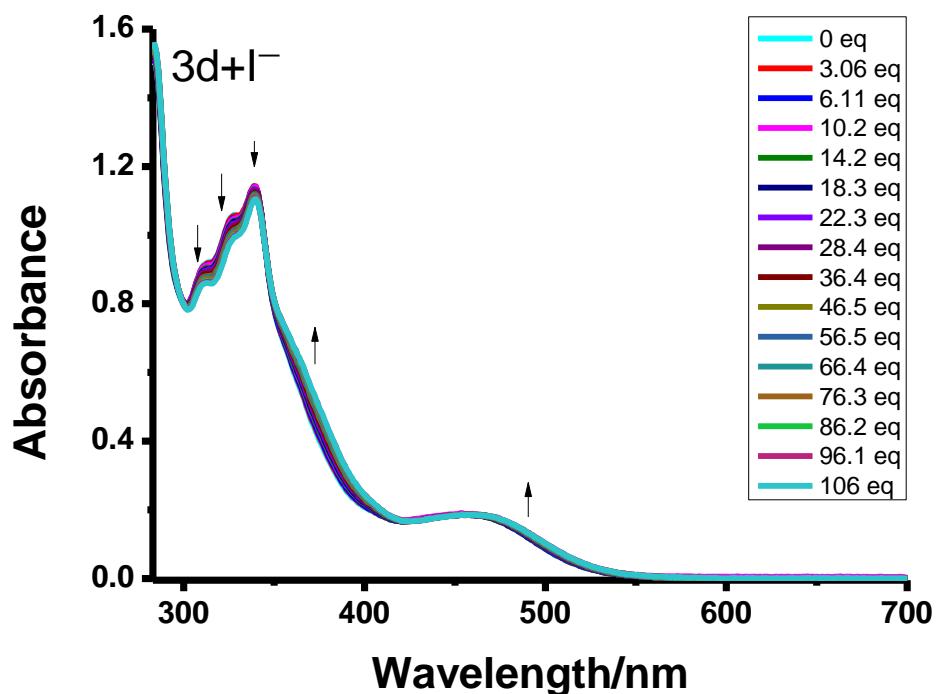


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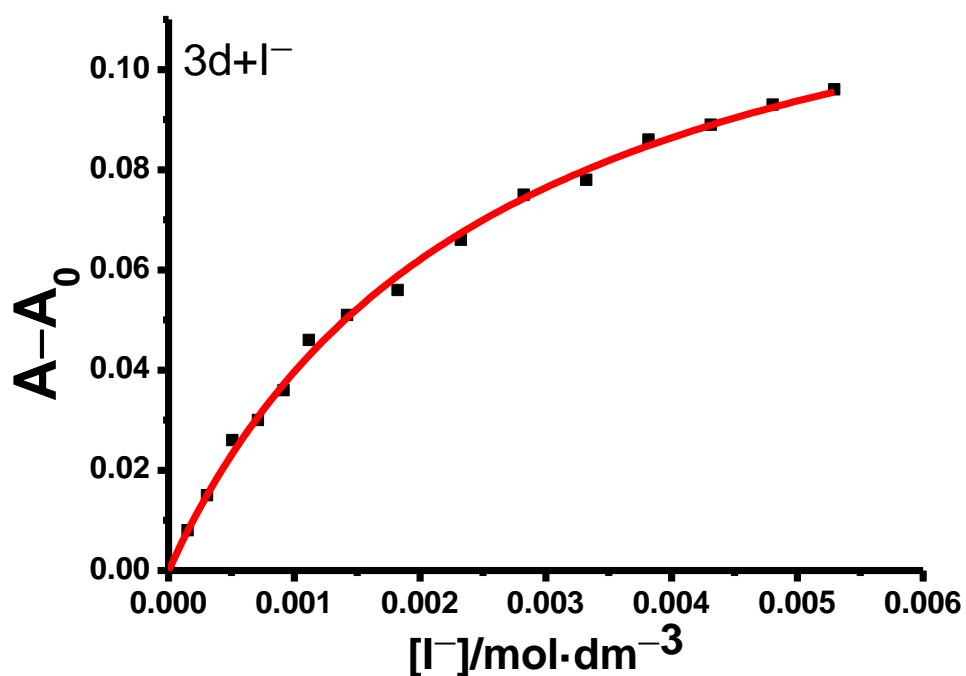


**Figure S9.** (a) UV–vis spectral changes of **3d** ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN upon addition of Br $^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 360 nm as a function of the concentration of Br $^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3d** with Br $^-$ .

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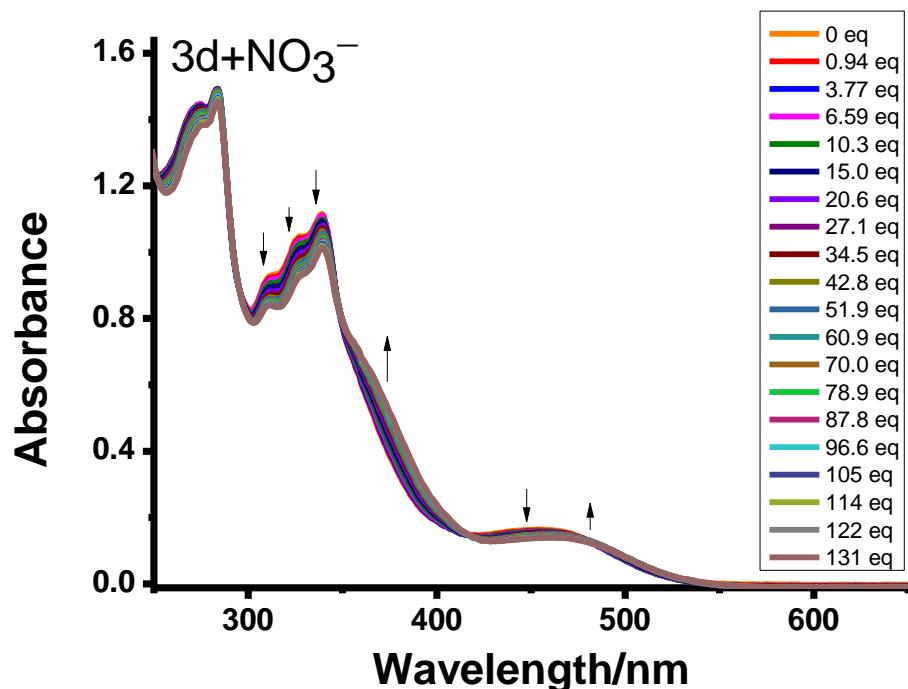


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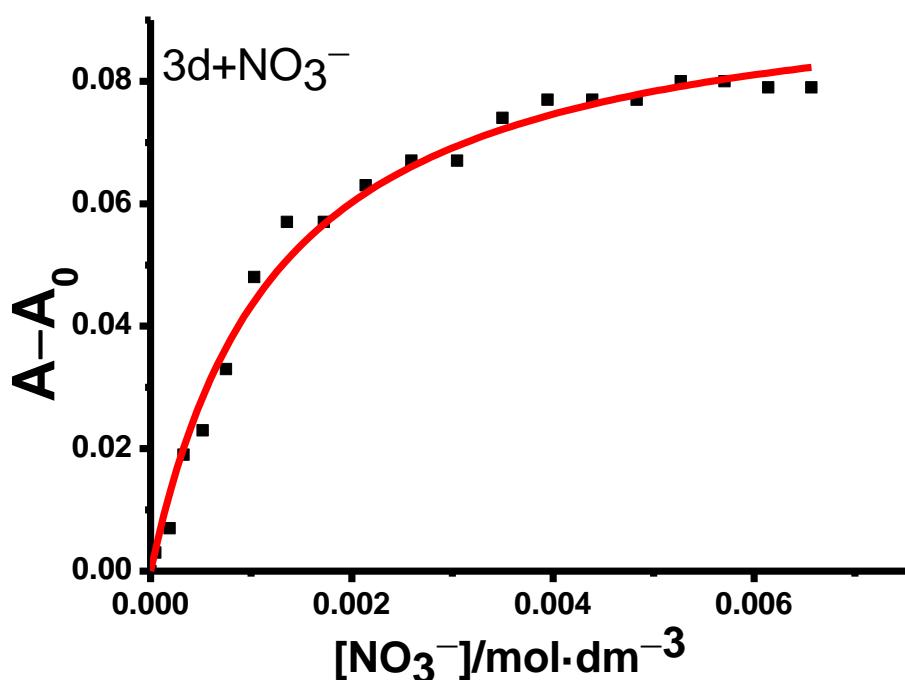


**Figure S10.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3d** ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN upon addition of I<sup>-</sup>. (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 370 nm as a function of the concentration of I<sup>-</sup> and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3d** with I<sup>-</sup>.

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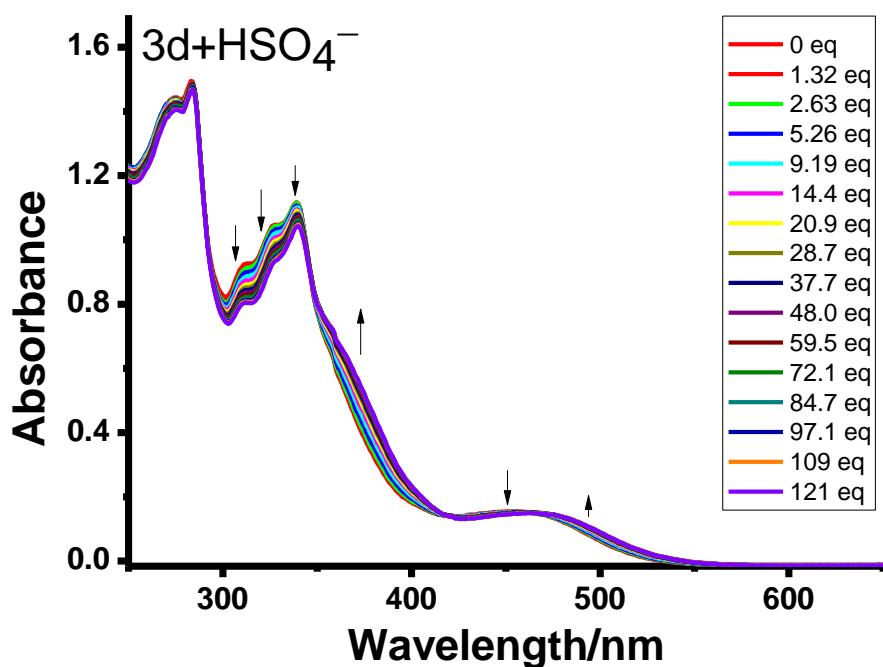


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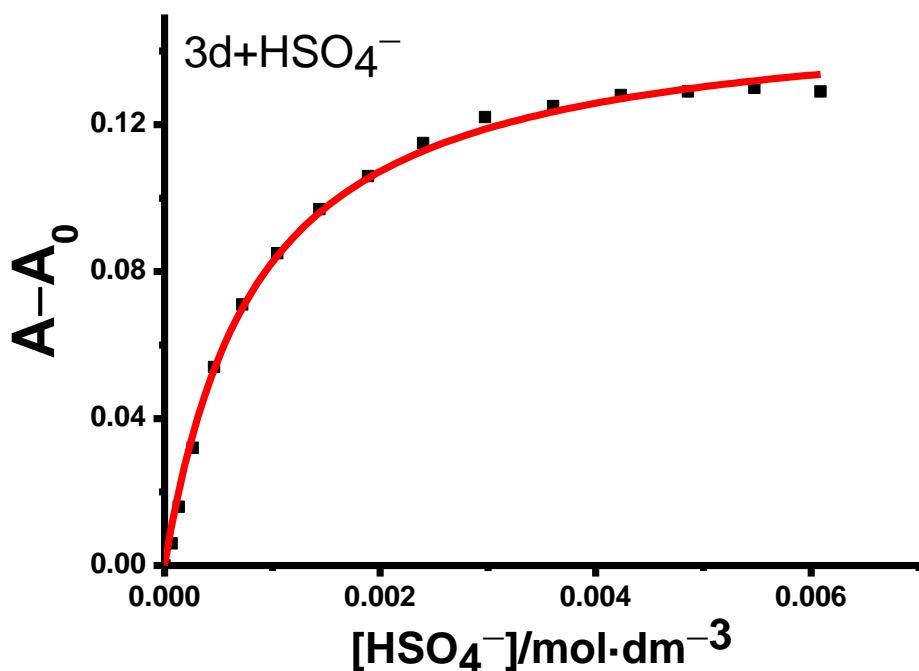


**Figure S11.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3d** ( $5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{NO}_3^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 360 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{NO}_3^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3d** with  $\text{NO}_3^-$ .

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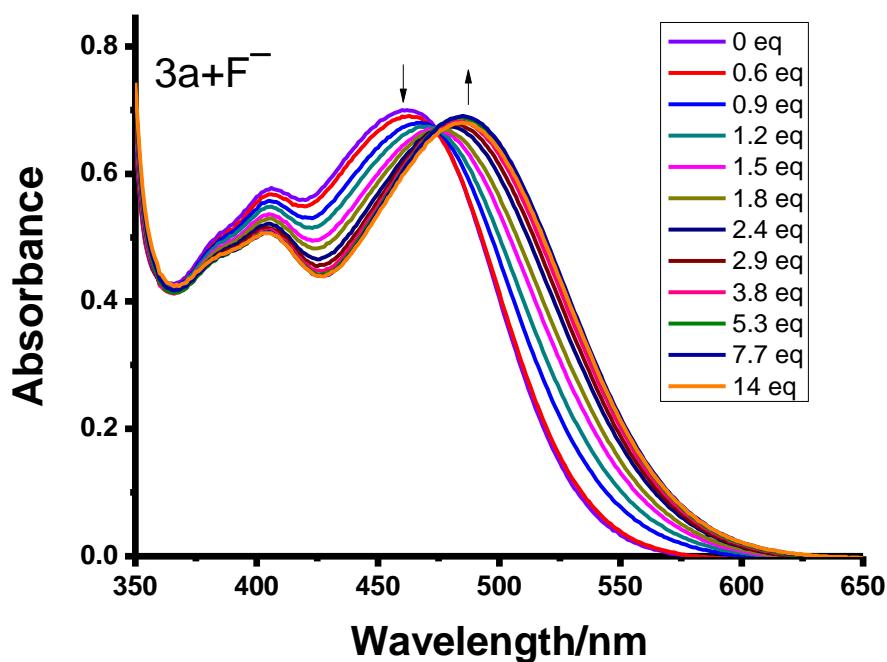


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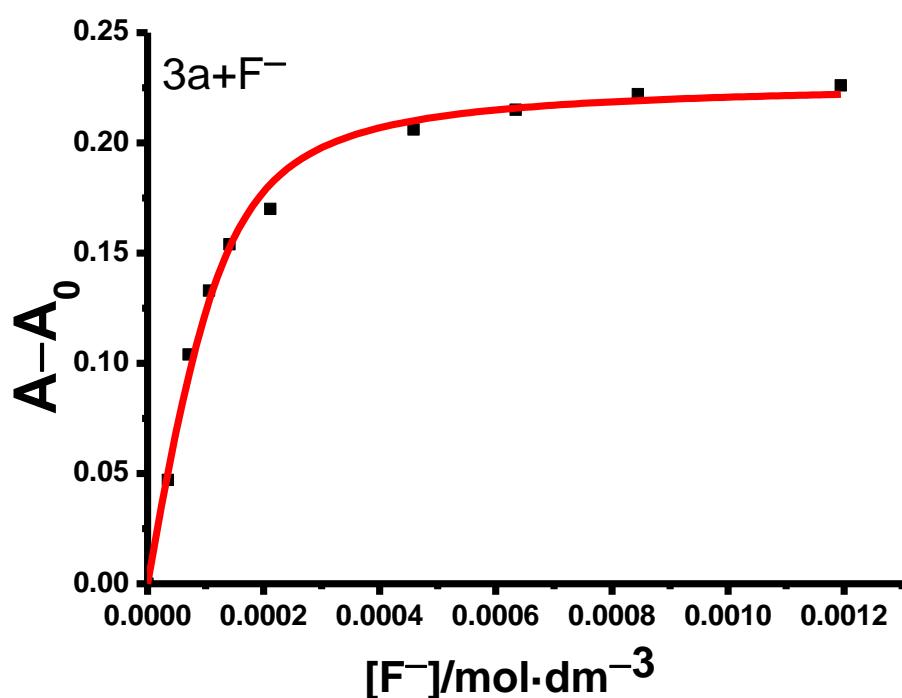


**Figure S12.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3d** ( $5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 368 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{HSO}_4^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3d** with  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ .

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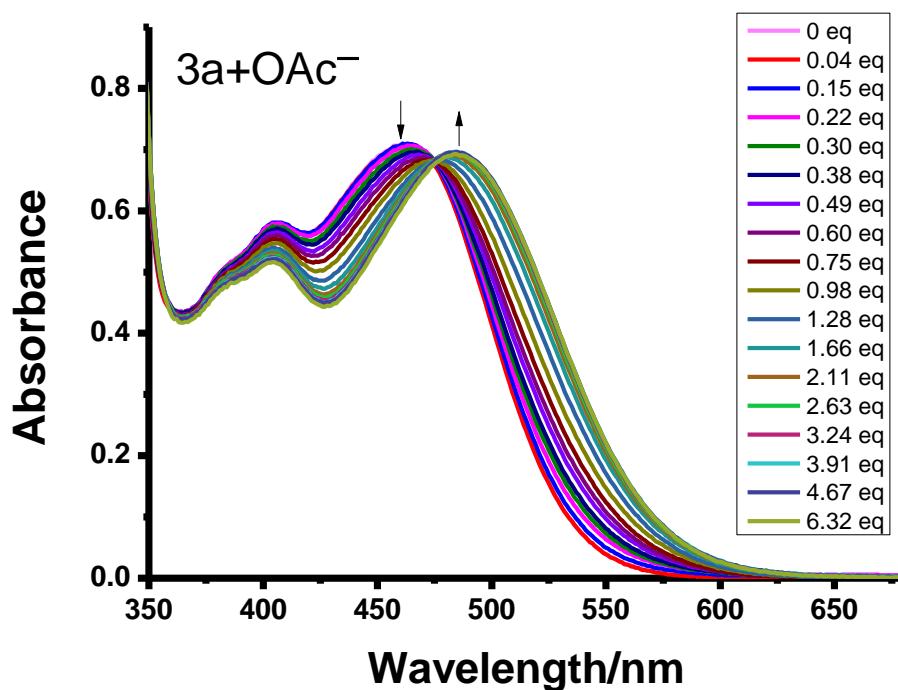


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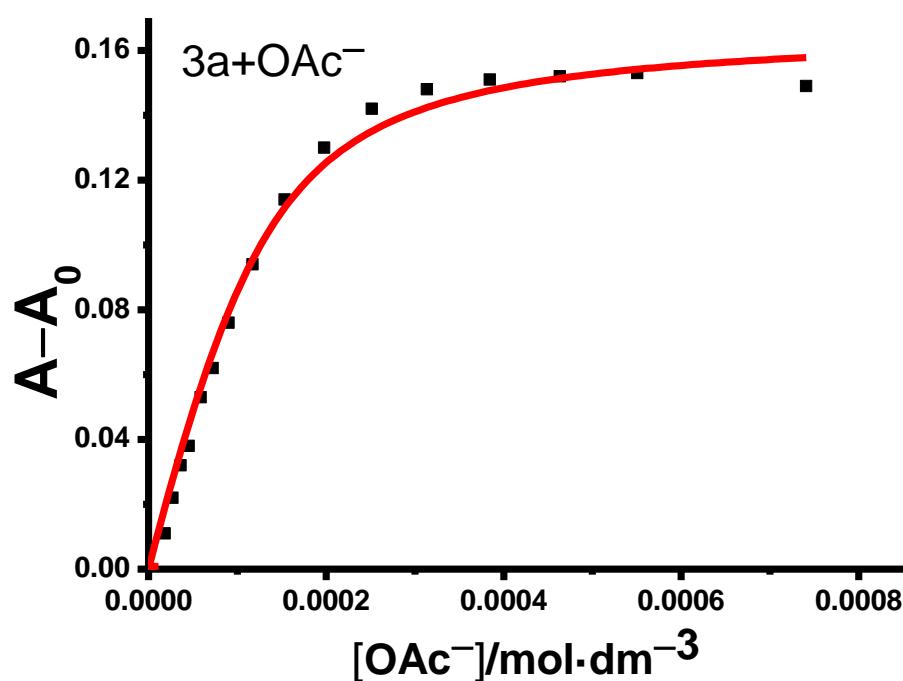


**Figure S13.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3a** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{F}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 510 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{F}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3a** with  $\text{F}^-$ .

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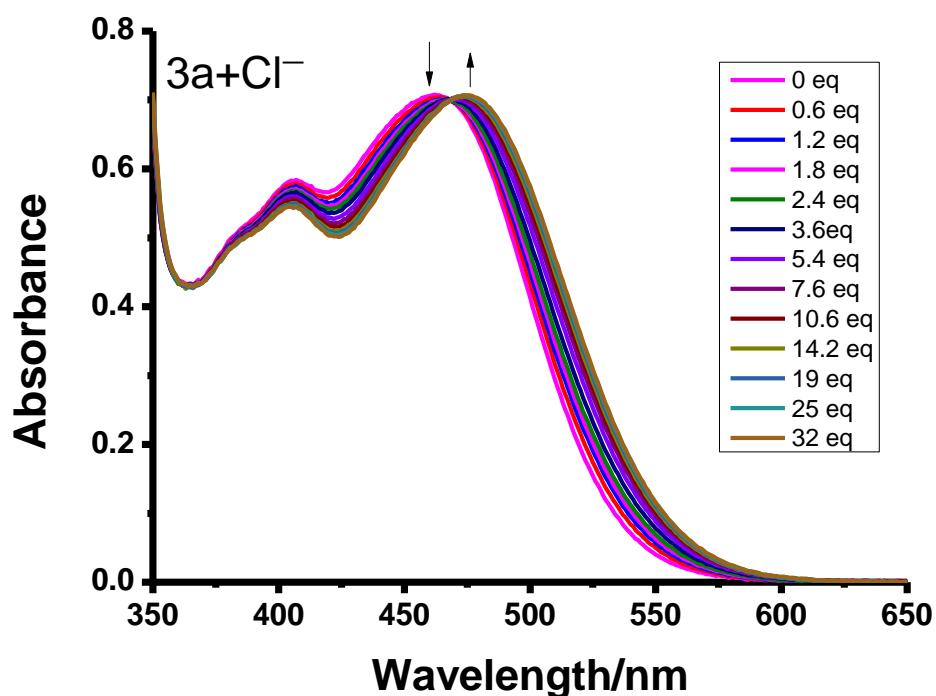


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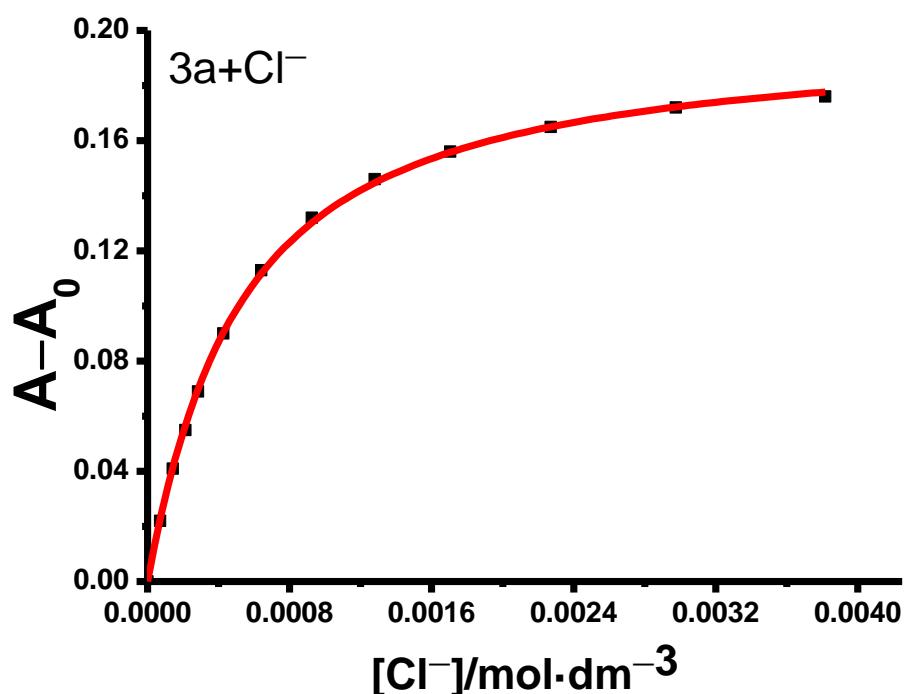


**Figure S14.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3a** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{OAc}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 490 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{OAc}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3a** with  $\text{OAc}^-$ .

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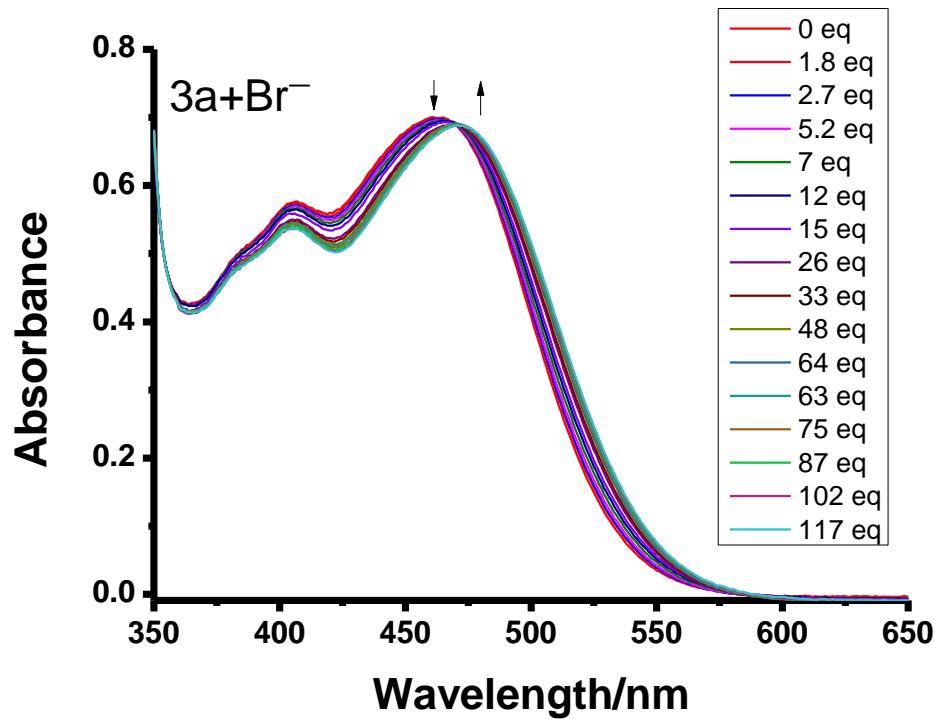


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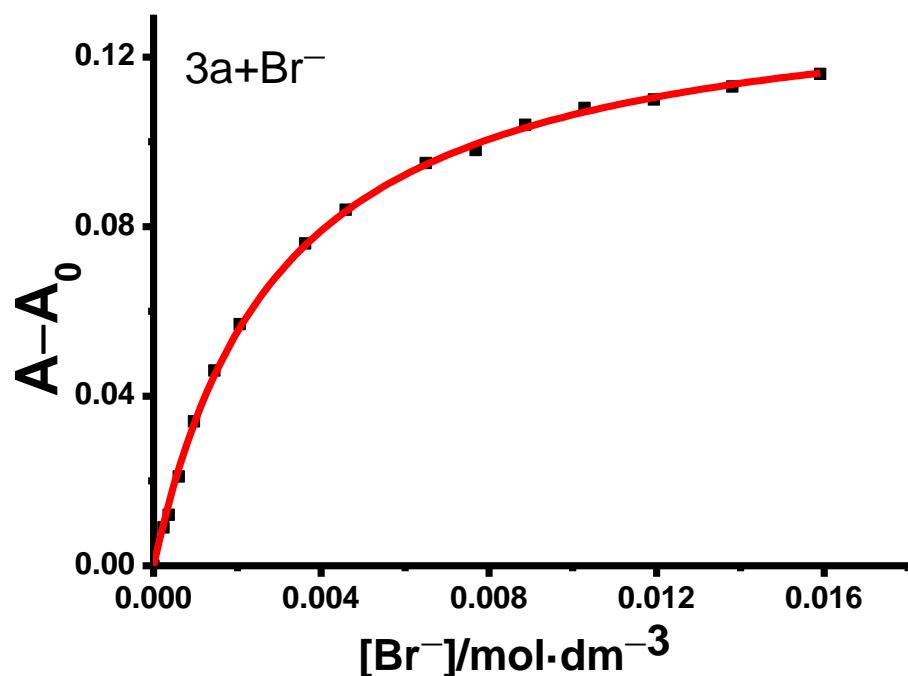


**Figure S15.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3a** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN upon addition of Cl<sup>-</sup>. (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 510 nm as a function of the concentration of Cl<sup>-</sup> and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3a** with Cl<sup>-</sup>.

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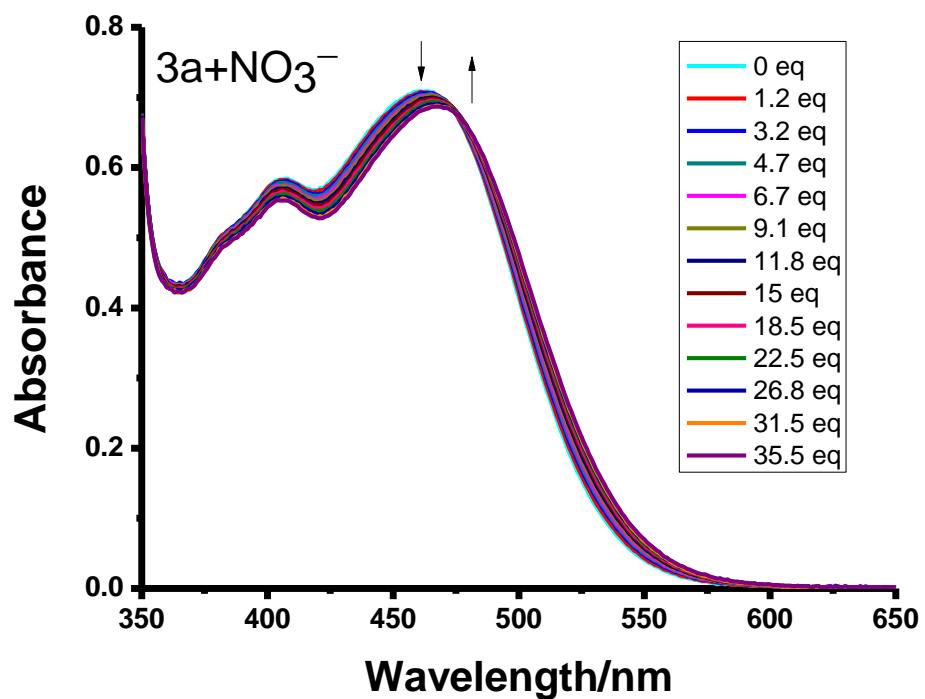


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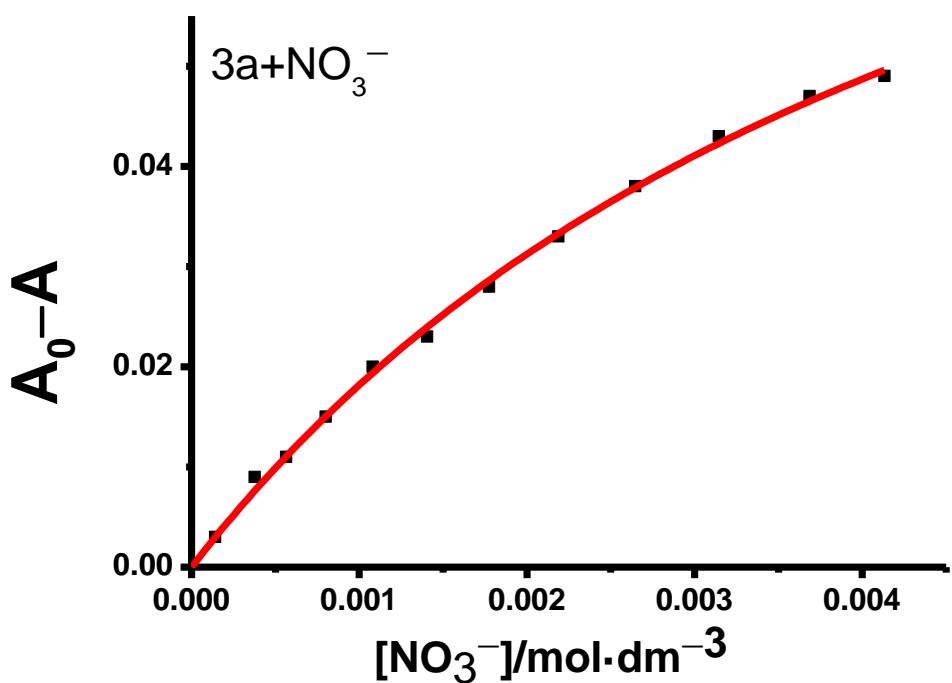


**Figure S16.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3a** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN upon addition of Br $^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 510 nm as a function of the concentration of Br $^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3a** with Br $^-$ .

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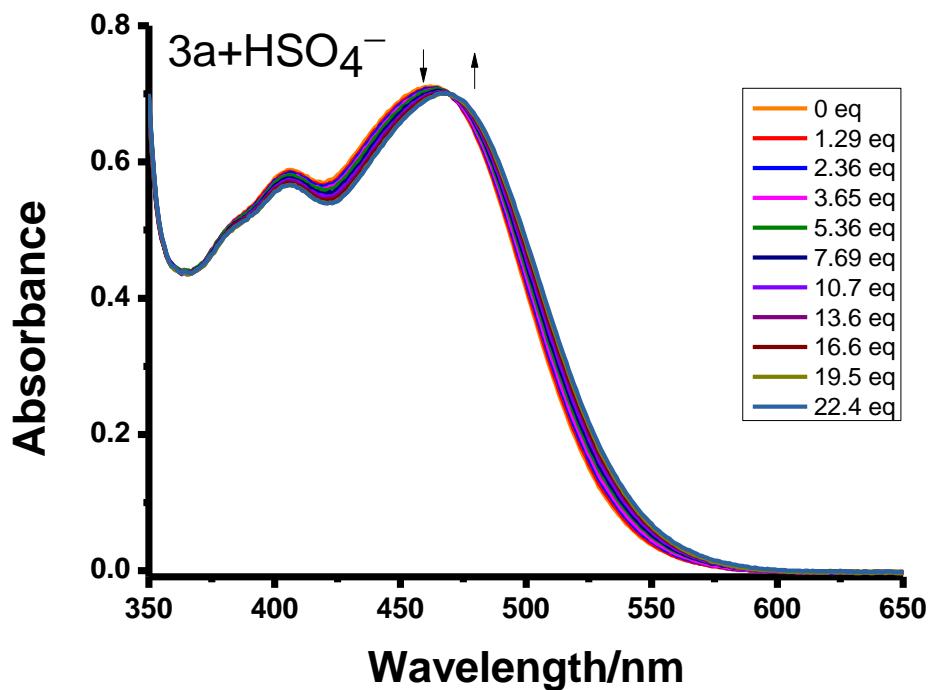


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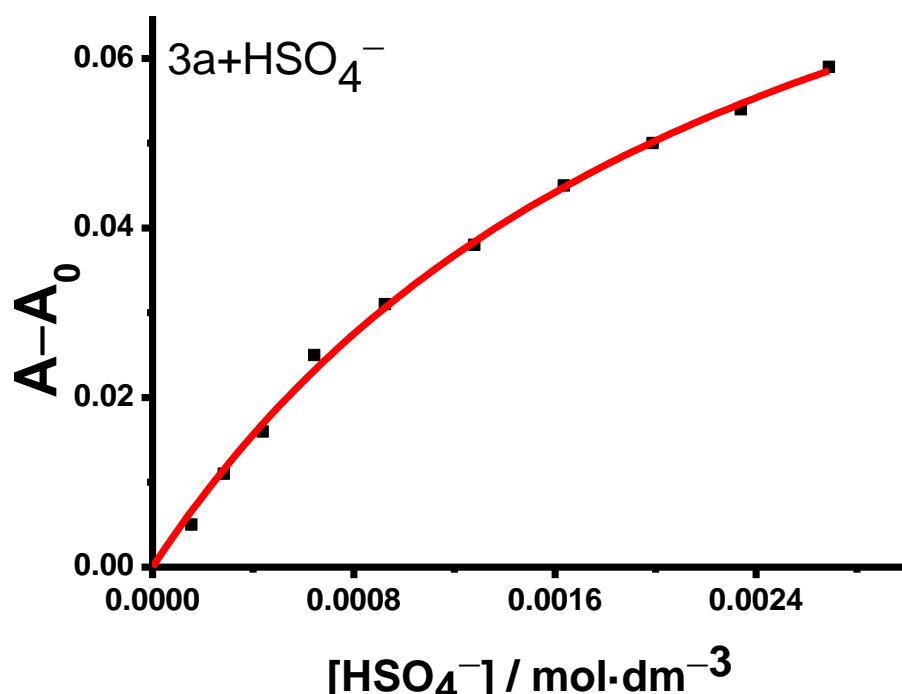


**Figure S17.** (a) UV–vis spectral changes of **3a** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{NO}_3^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 430 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{NO}_3^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3a** with  $\text{NO}_3^-$ .

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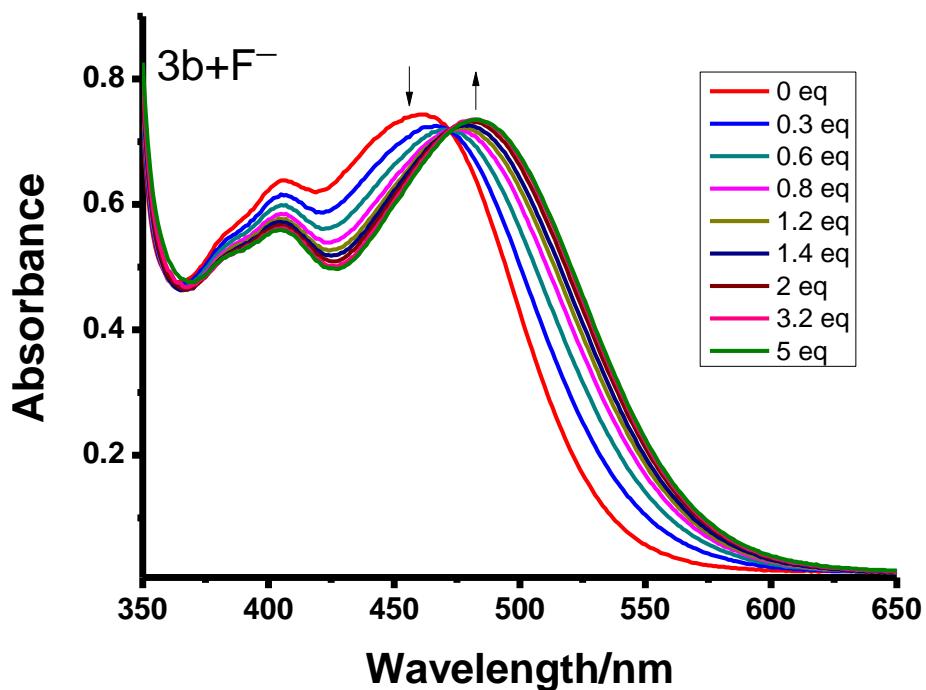


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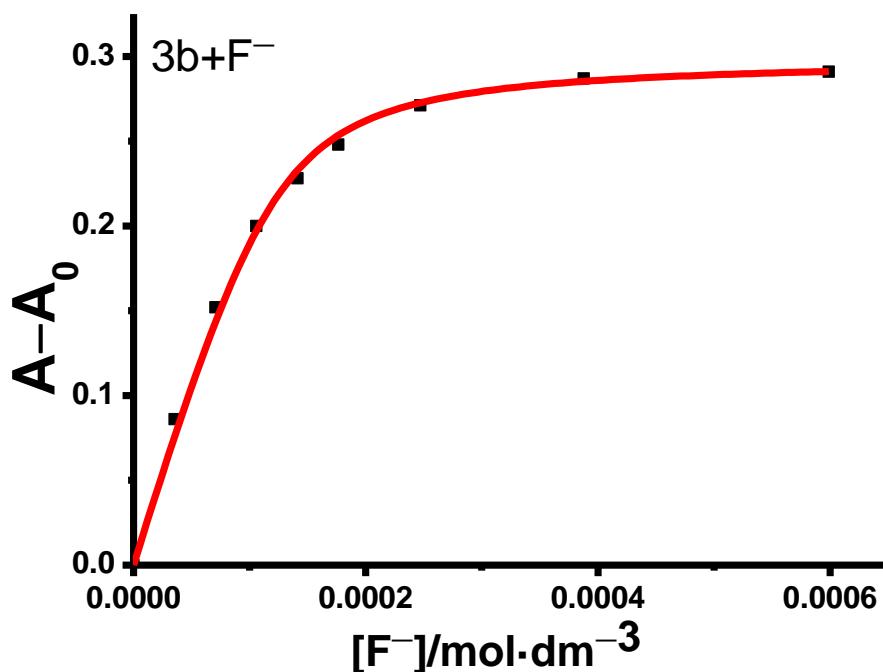


**Figure S18.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3a** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN upon addition of HSO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>. (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 530 nm as a function of the concentration of HSO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3a** with HSO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>.

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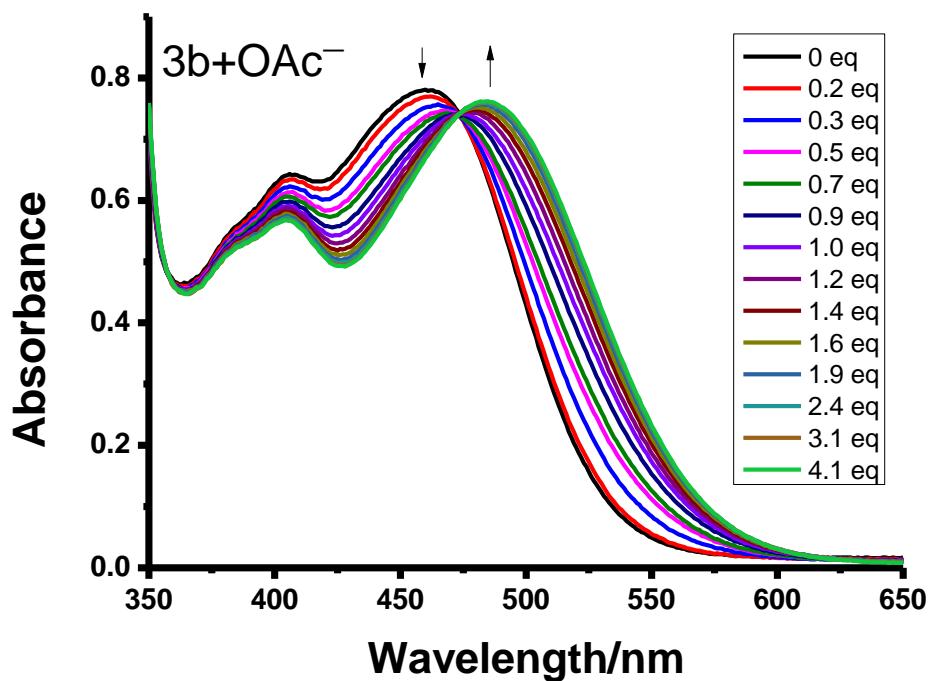


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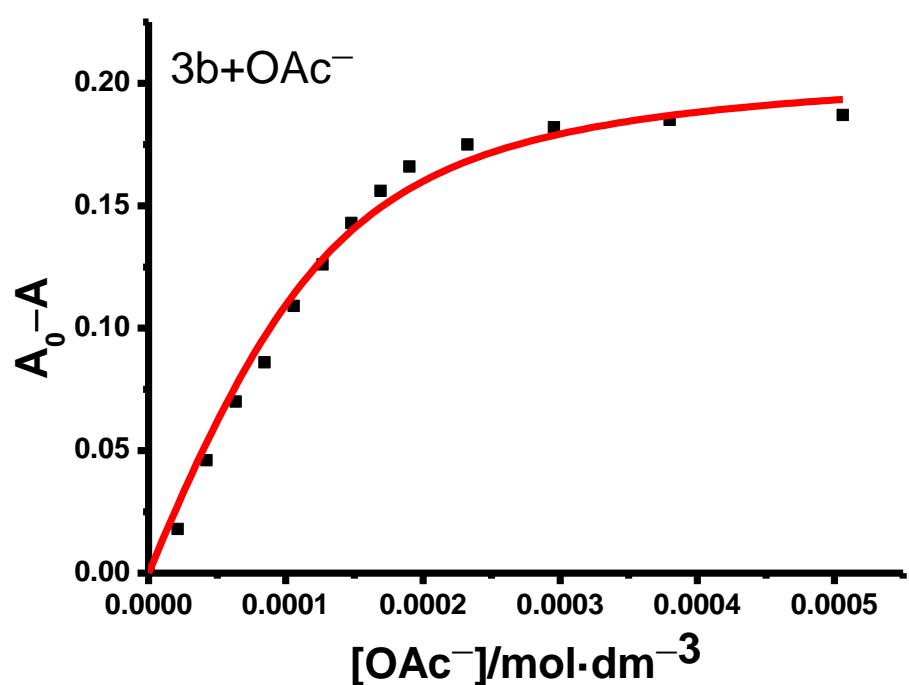


**Figure S19.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3b** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{F}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 510 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{F}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3b** with  $\text{F}^-$ .

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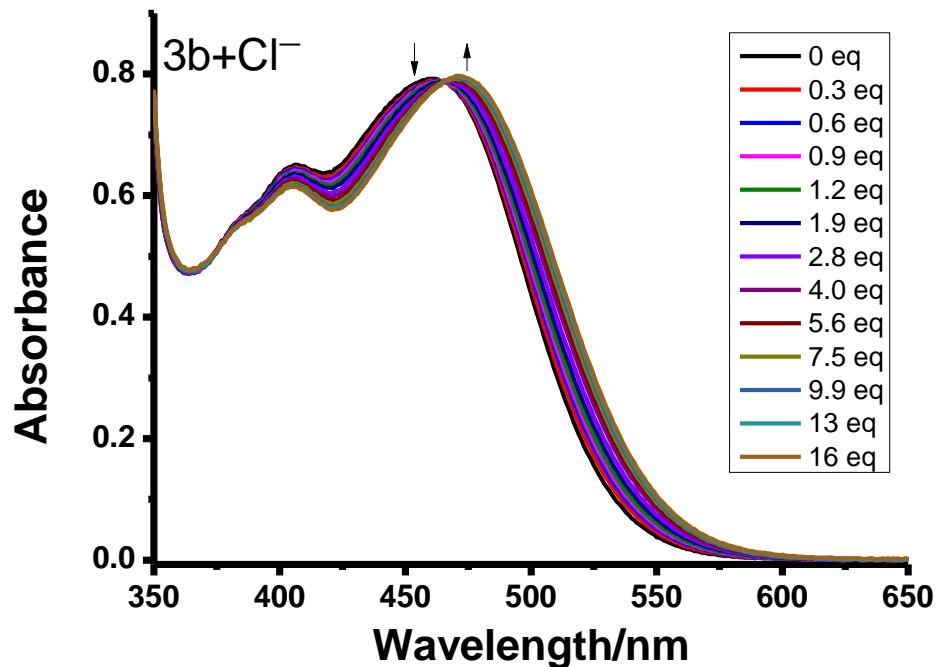


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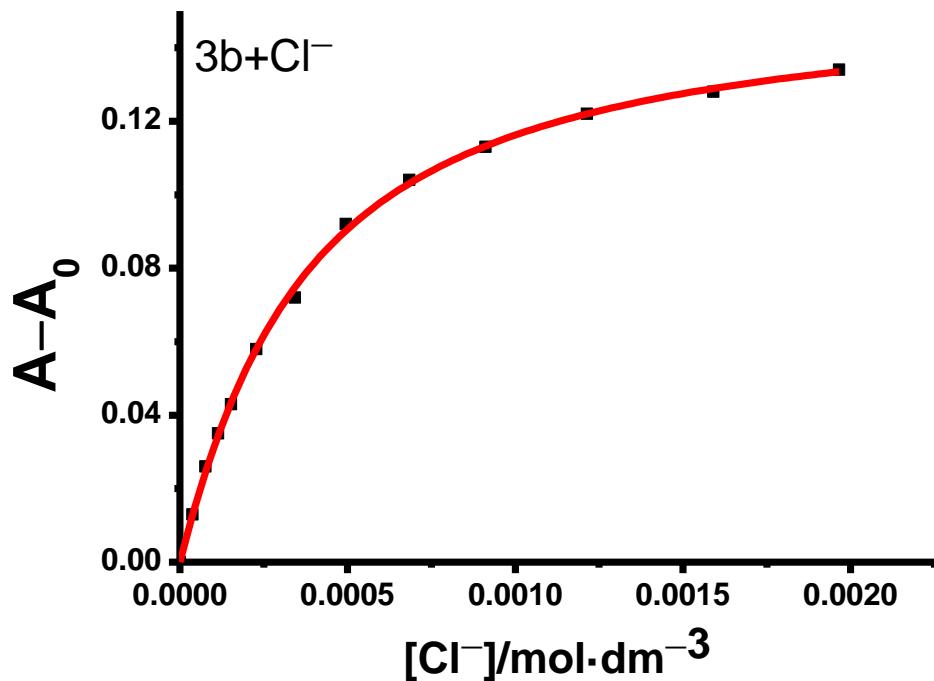


**Figure S20.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3b** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{OAc}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 440 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{OAc}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3b** with  $\text{OAc}^-$ .

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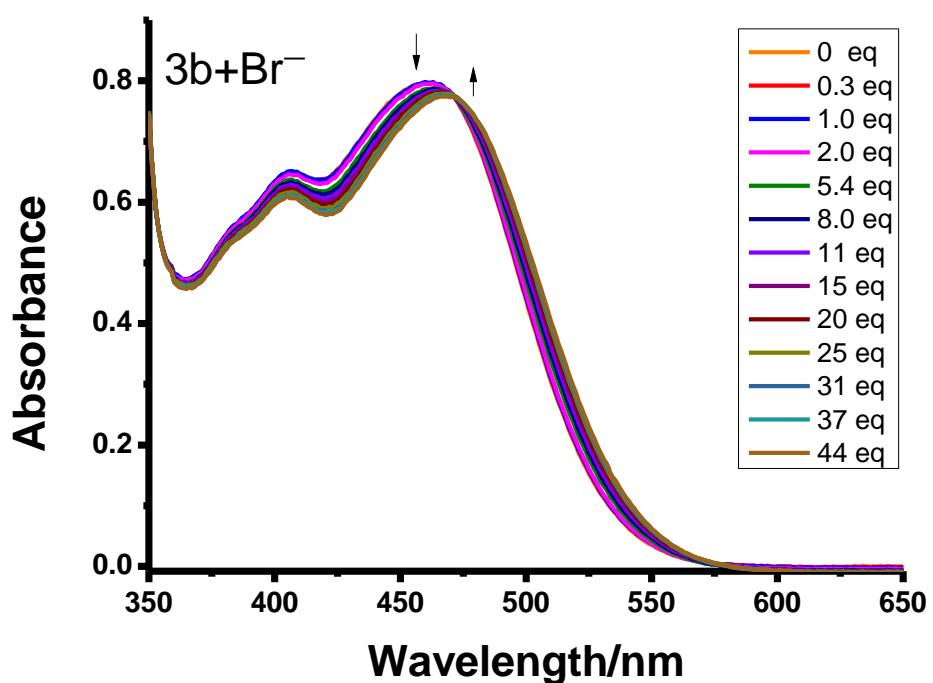


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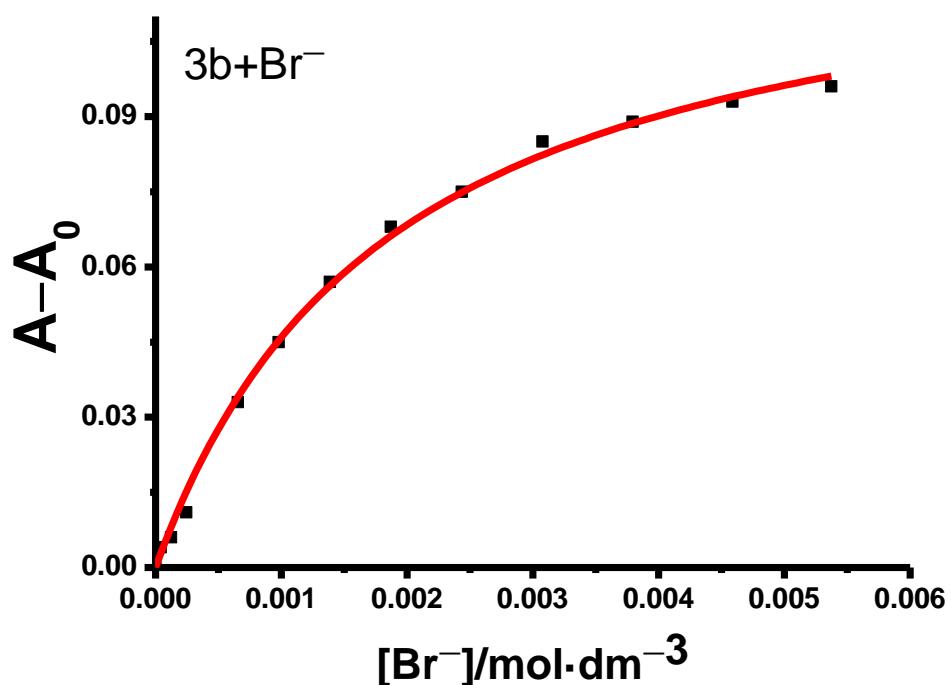


**Figure S21.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3b** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{Cl}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 490 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{Cl}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3b** with  $\text{Cl}^-$ .

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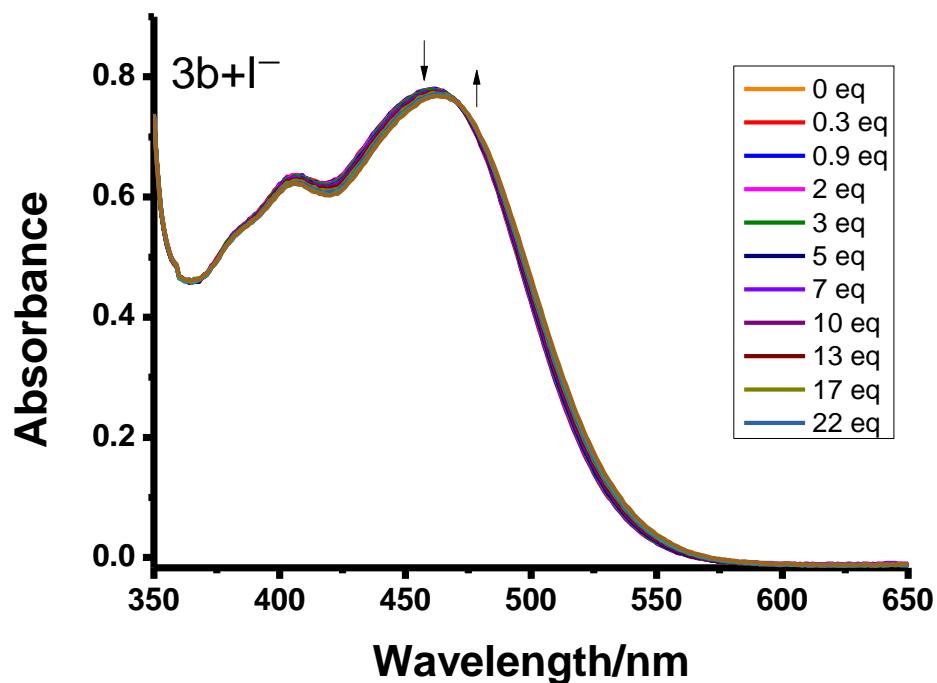


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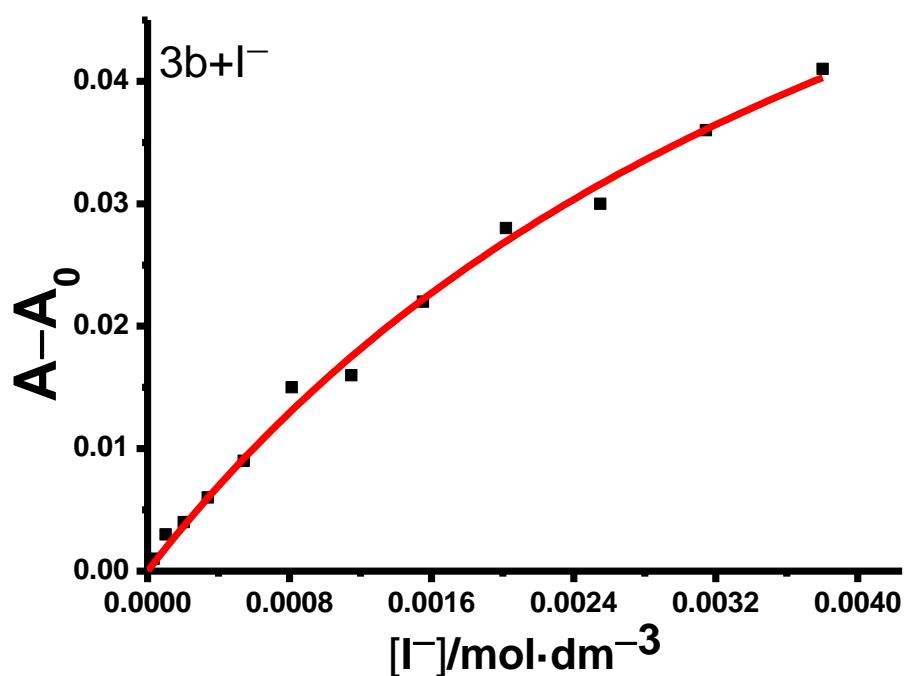


**Figure S22.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3b** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{Br}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 500 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{Br}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3b** with  $\text{Br}^-$ .

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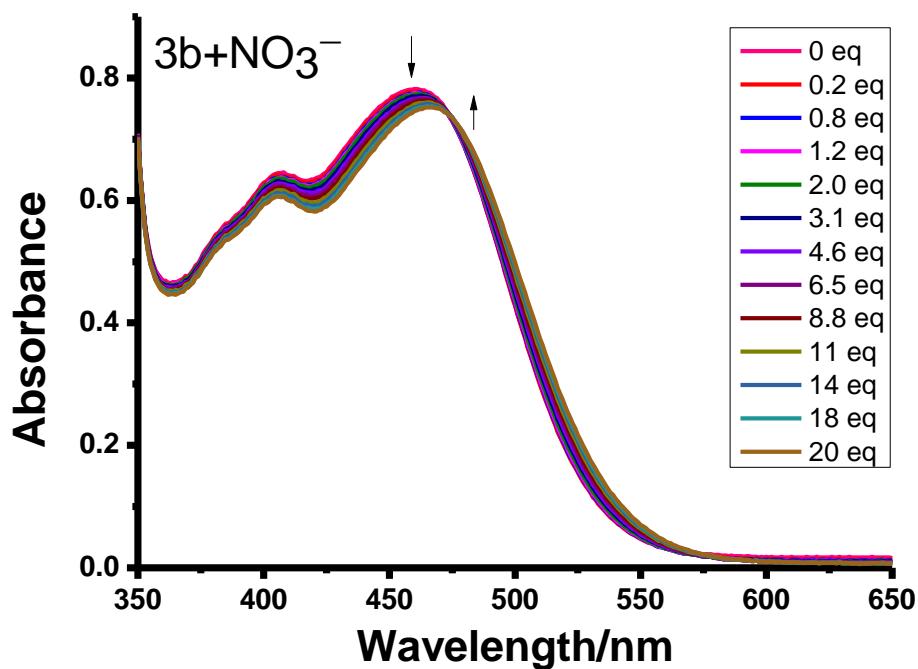


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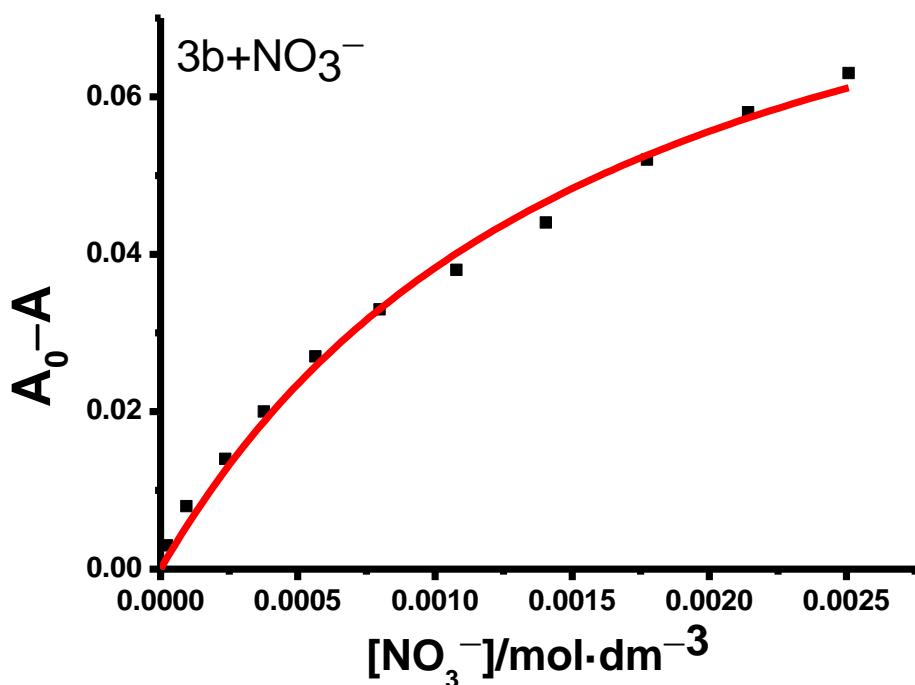


**Figure S23.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3b** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN upon addition of I<sup>-</sup>. (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 500 nm as a function of the concentration of I<sup>-</sup> and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3b** with I<sup>-</sup>.

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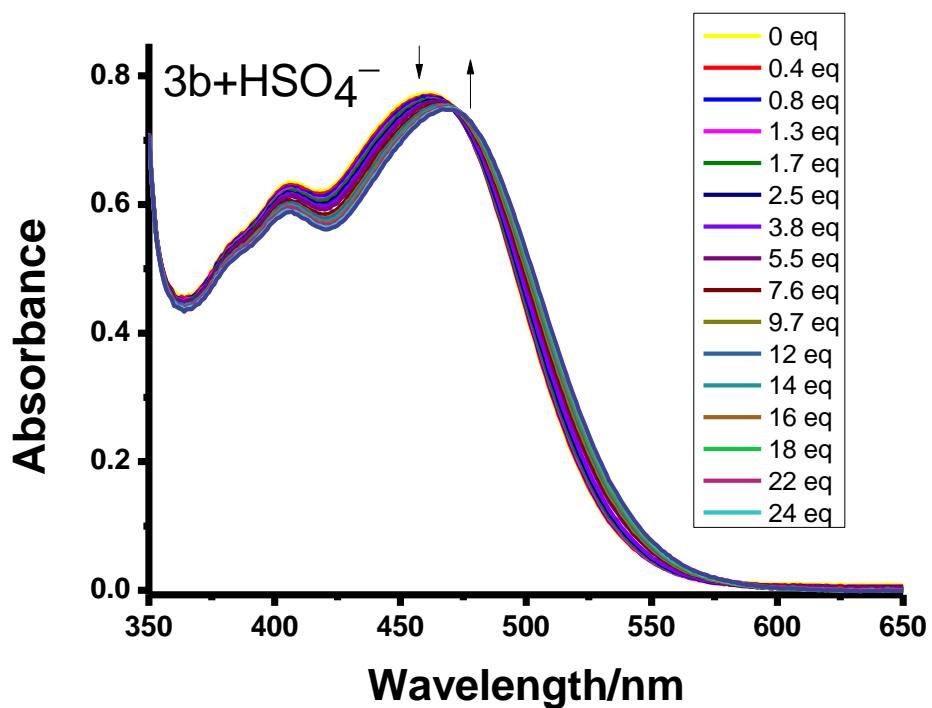


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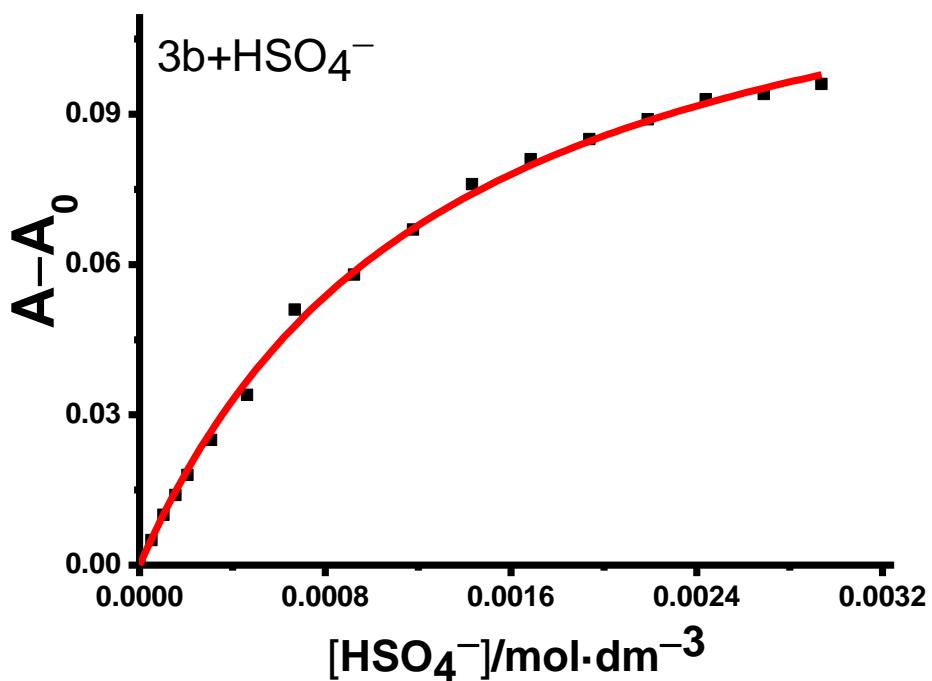


**Figure S24.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3b** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{NO}_3^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 440 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{NO}_3^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3b** with  $\text{NO}_3^-$ .

(a)

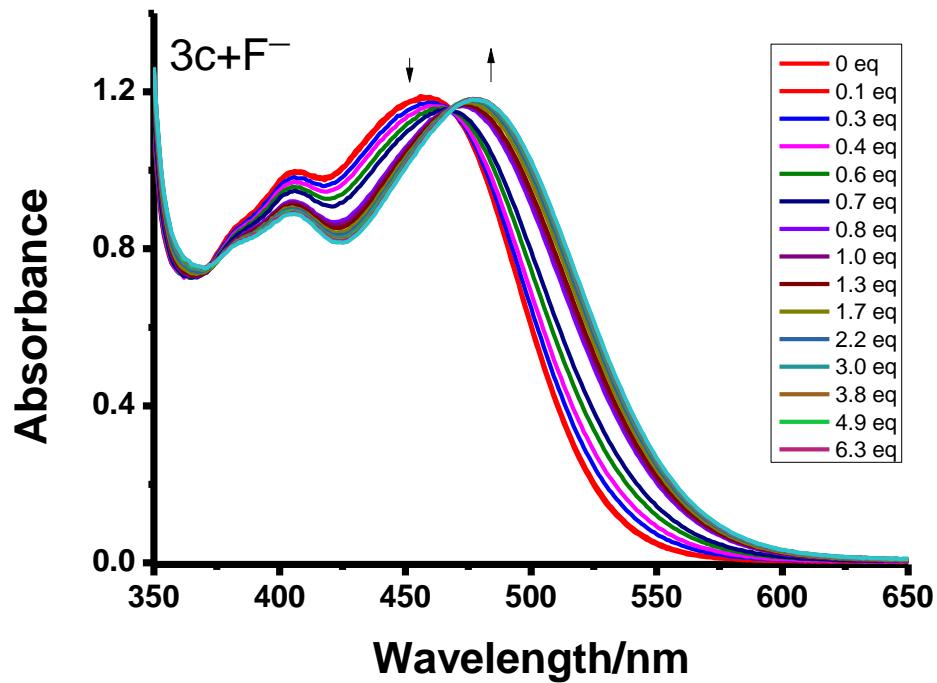


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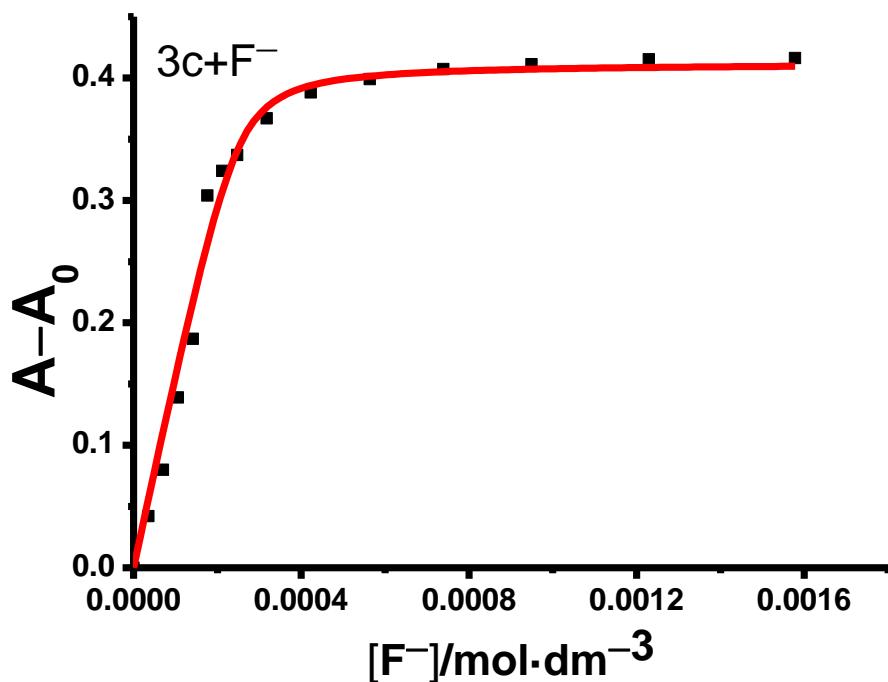


**Figure S25.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3b** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 500 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{HSO}_4^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3b** with  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ .

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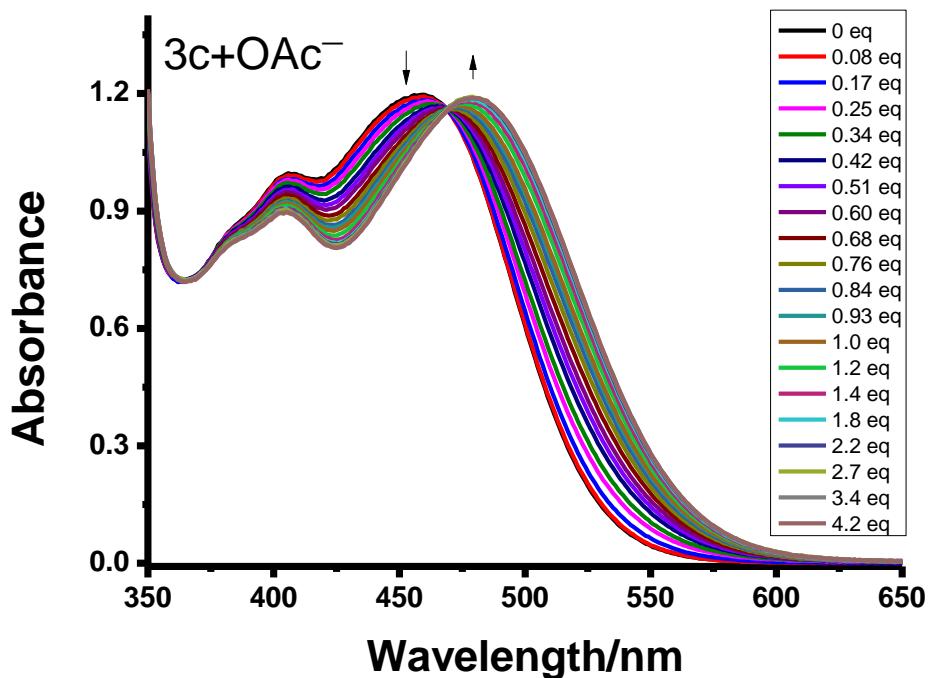


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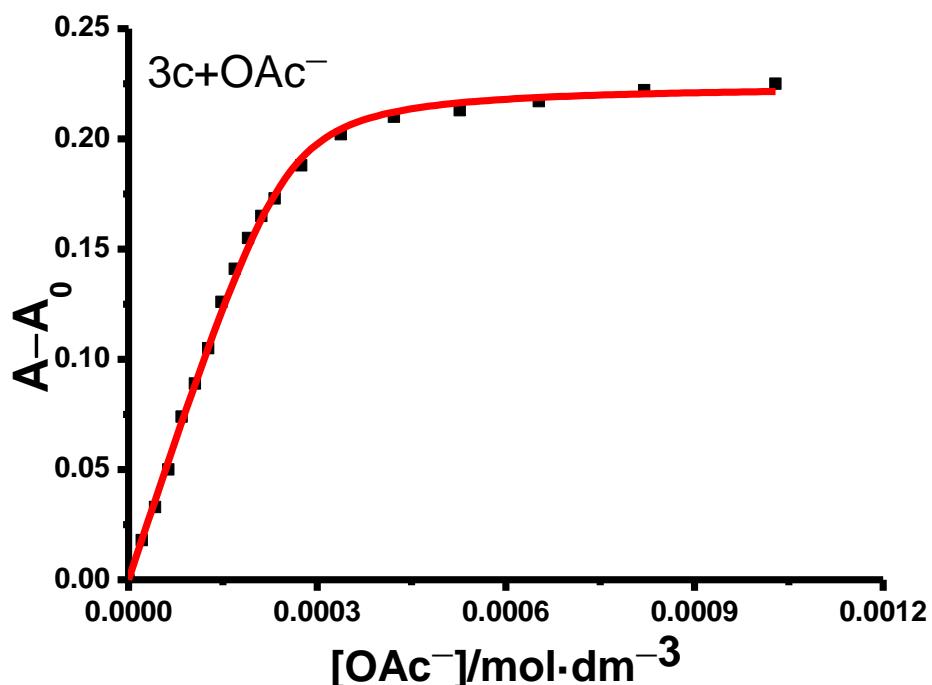


**Figure S26.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of  $\text{3c}$  ( $2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{F}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 500 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{F}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex  $\text{3c}$  with  $\text{F}^-$ .

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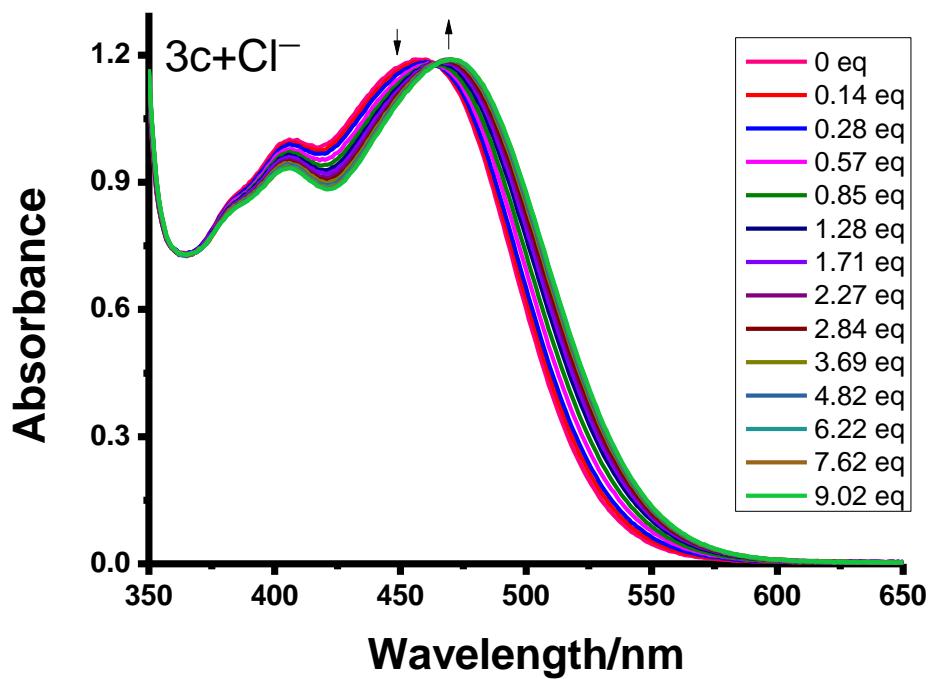


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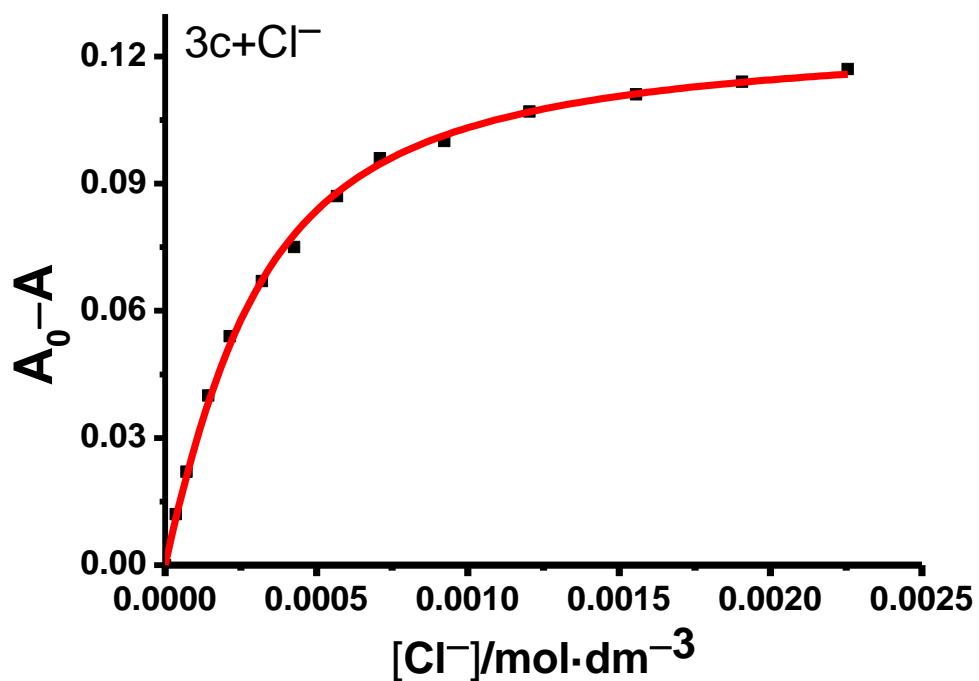


**Figure S27.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3c** ( $2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{OAc}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 430 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{OAc}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3c** with  $\text{OAc}^-$ .

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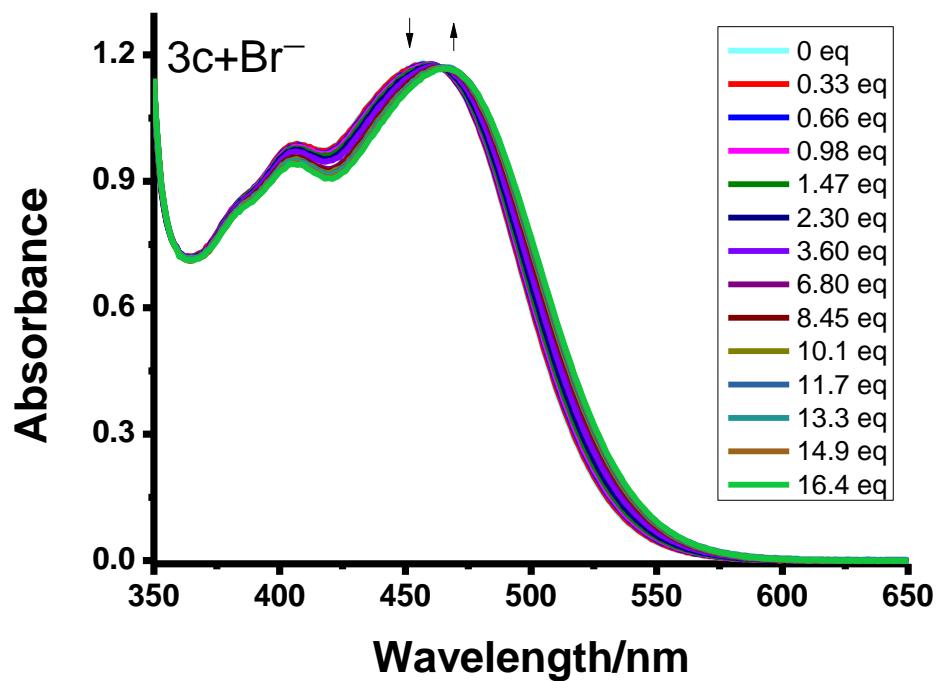


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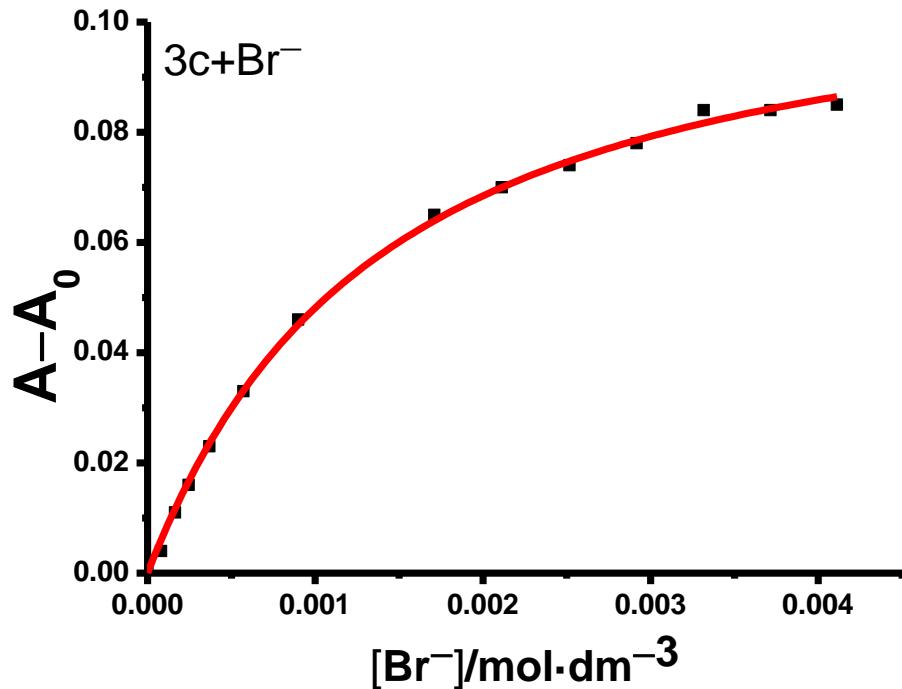


**Figure S28.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3c** ( $2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{Cl}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 440 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{Cl}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3c** with  $\text{Cl}^-$ .

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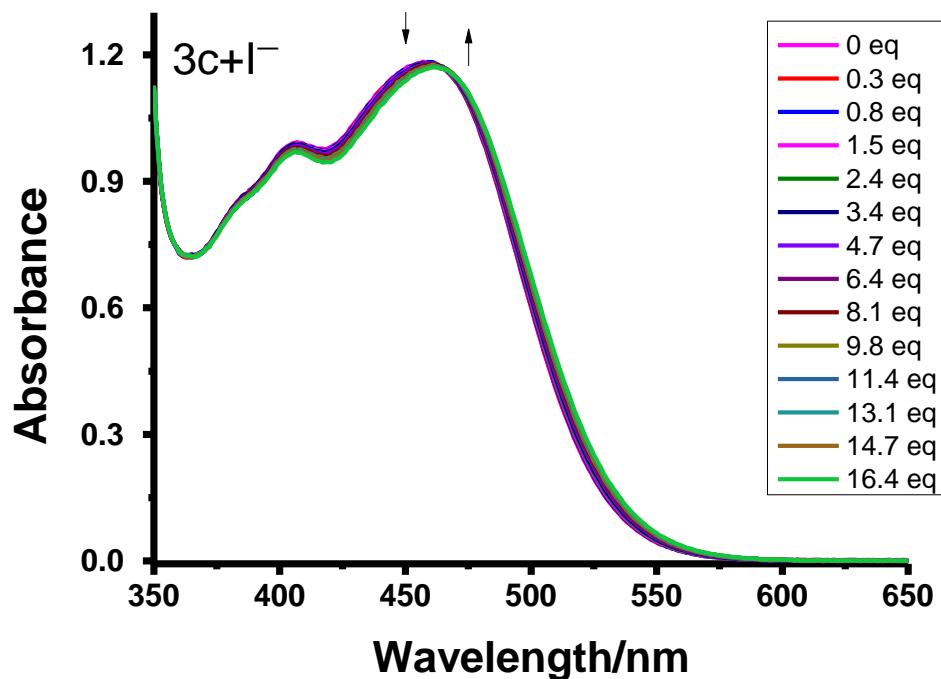


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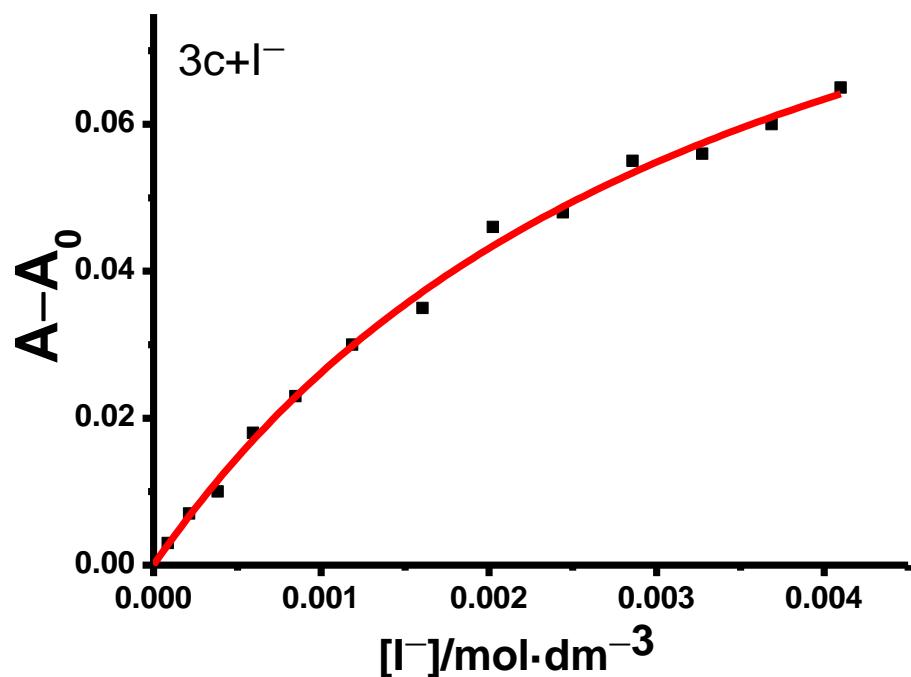


**Figure S29.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3c** ( $2.5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{Br}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 480 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{Br}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3c** with  $\text{Br}^-$ .

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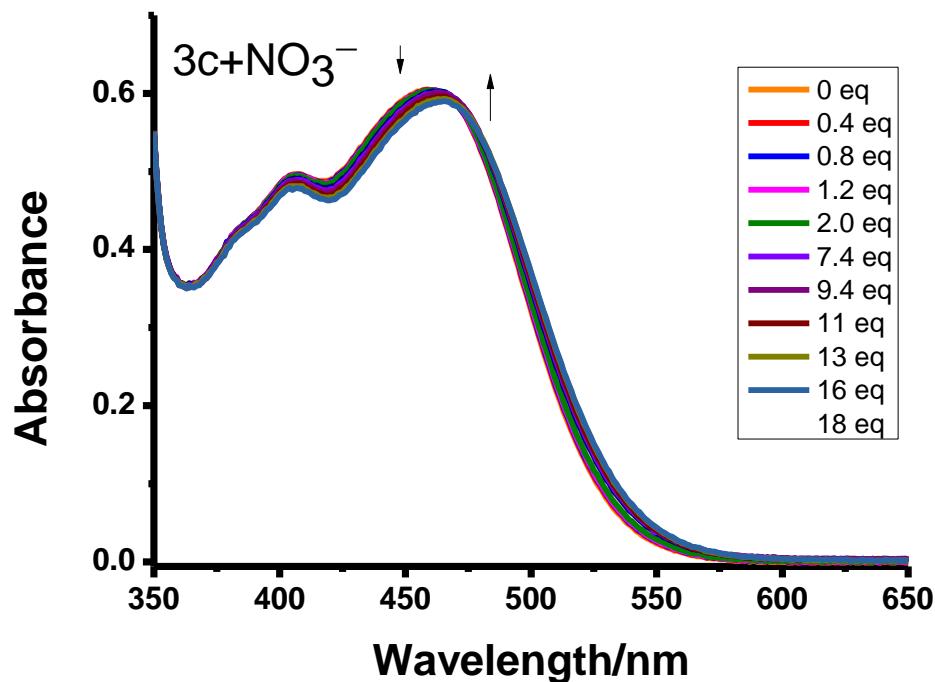


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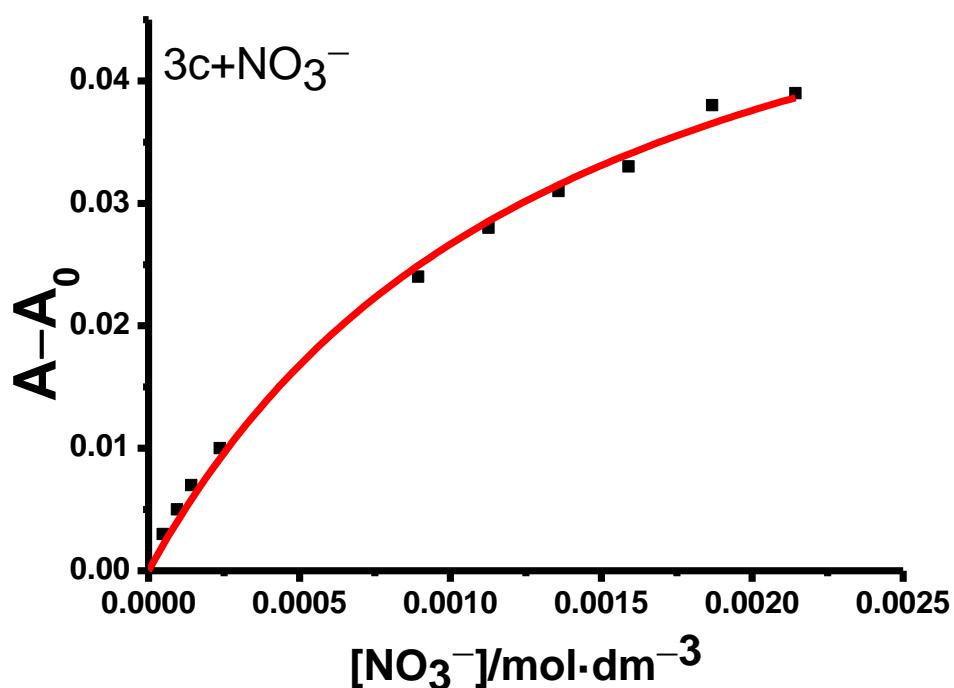


**Figure S30.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3c** ( $2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{I}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 490 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{I}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3c** with  $\text{I}^-$ .

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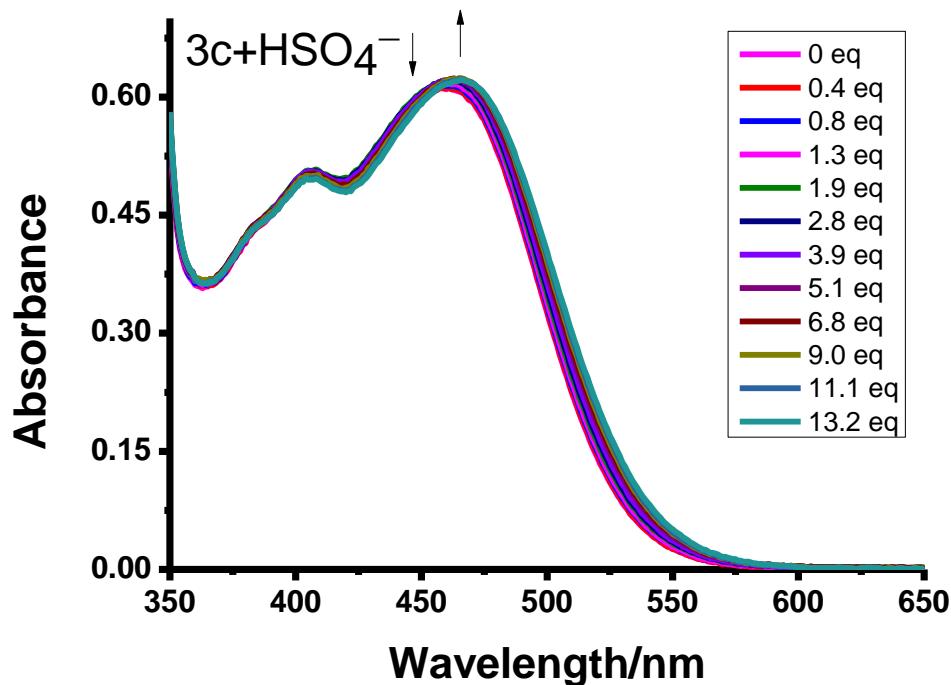


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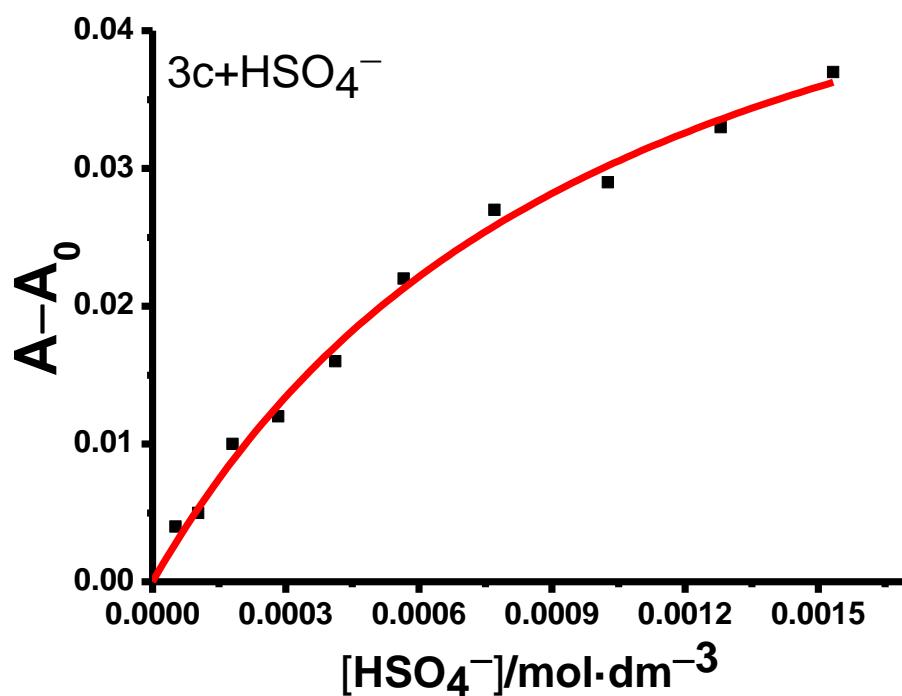


**Figure S31.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3c** ( $2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  upon addition of  $\text{NO}_3^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 530 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{NO}_3^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3c** with  $\text{NO}_3^-$ .

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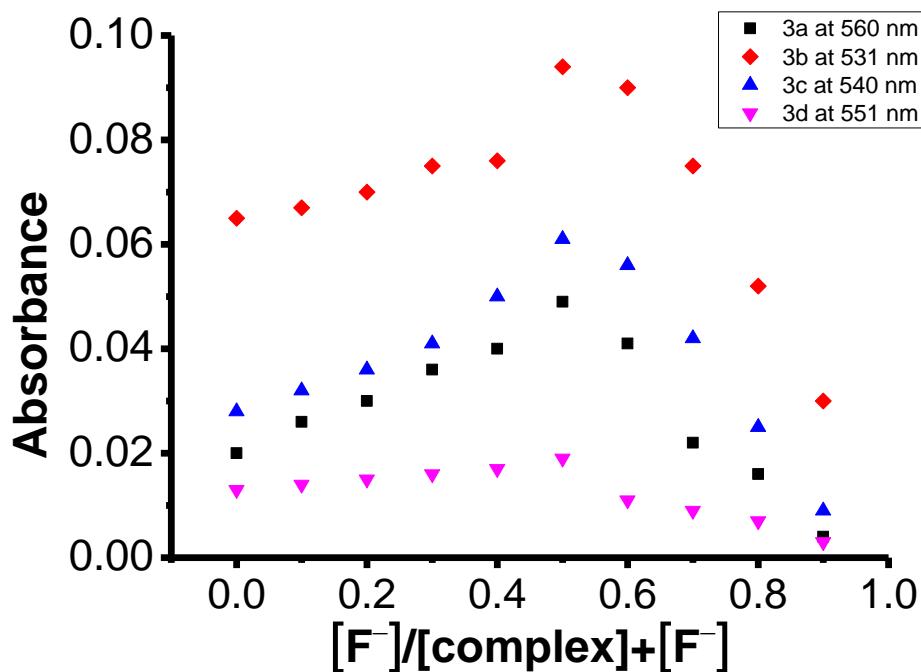


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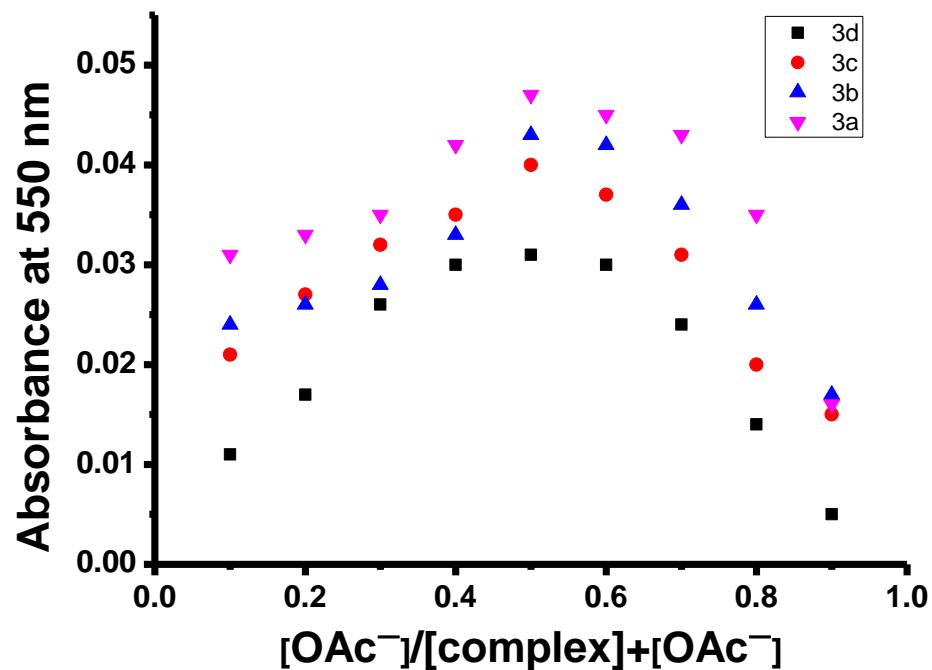


**Figure S32.** (a) UV–vis spectral changes of **3c** ( $2.5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN upon addition of  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 540 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{HSO}_4^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3c** with  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ .

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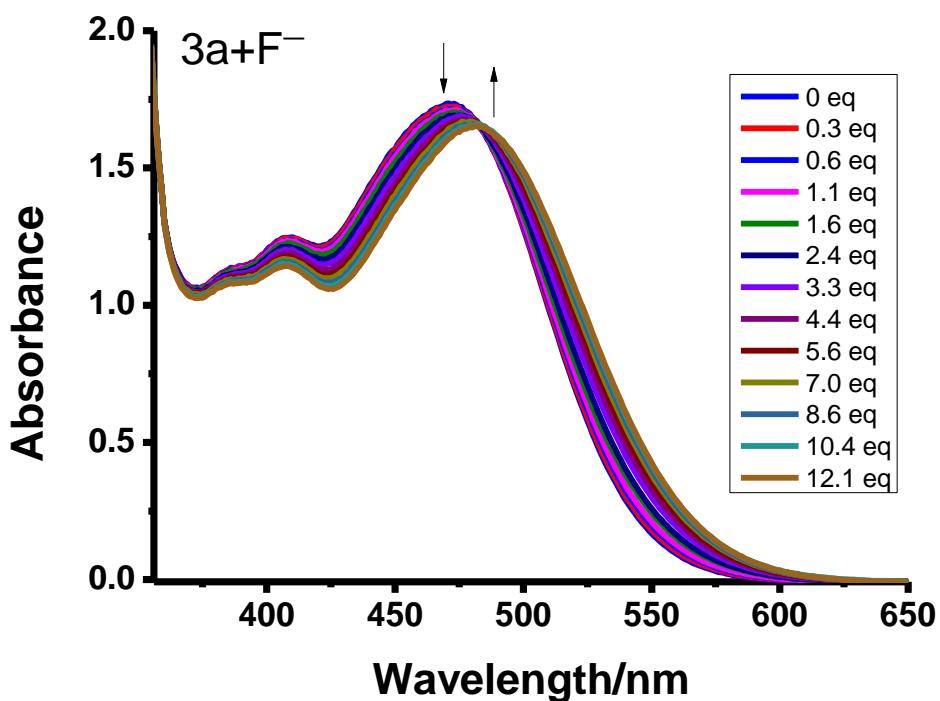


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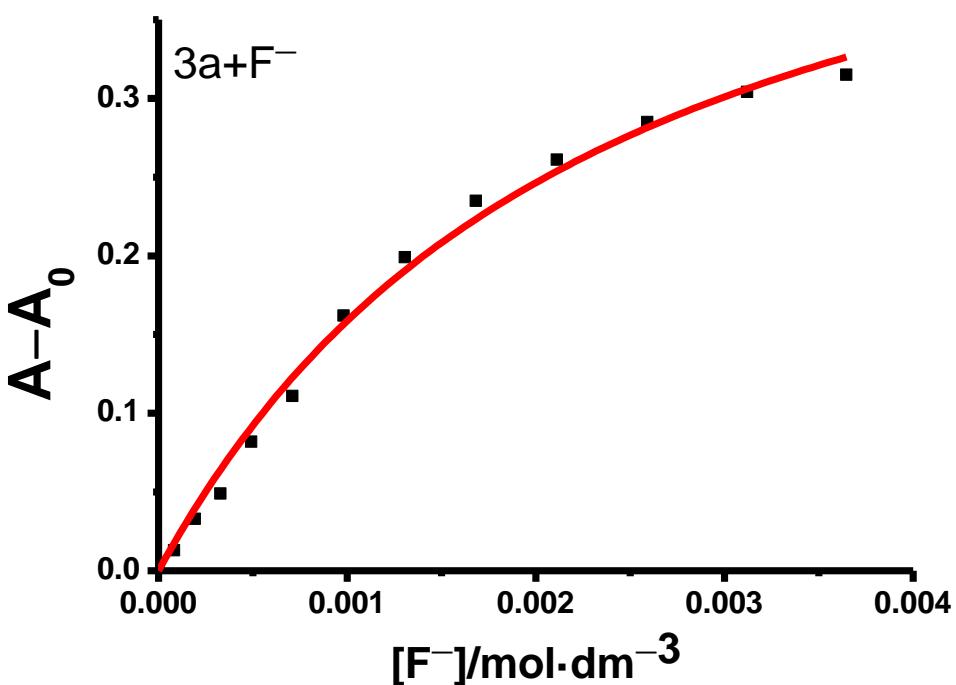


**Figure S33.** (a) Job's plots of complexes **3a–3c** with  $F^-$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  ( $[\text{complex}] + [F^-] = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{dm}^{-3}$ ) ; (b) Job's plots of complexes **3a–3d** with  $OAc^-$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  ( $[\text{complex}] + [OAc^-] = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{dm}^{-3}$ )

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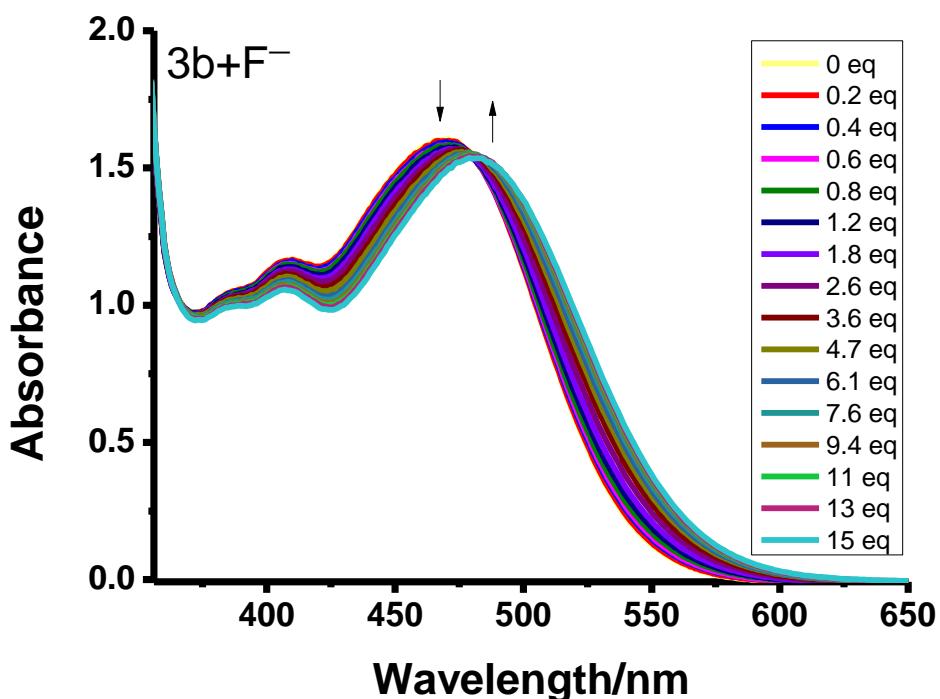


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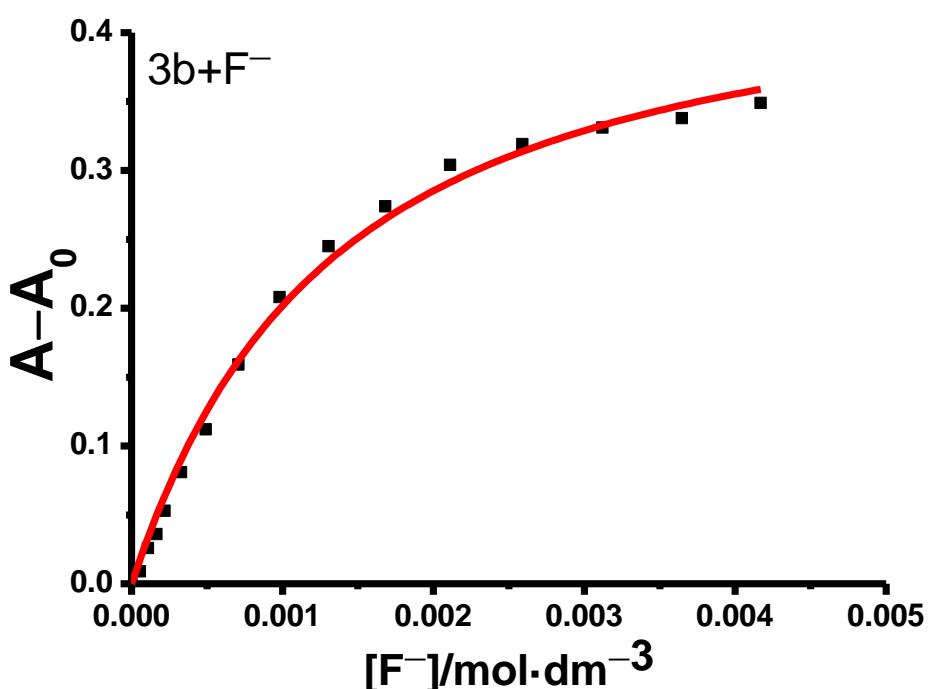


**Figure S34.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3a** ( $3 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in DMSO upon addition of  $F^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 510 nm as a function of the concentration of  $F^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3a** with  $F^-$ .

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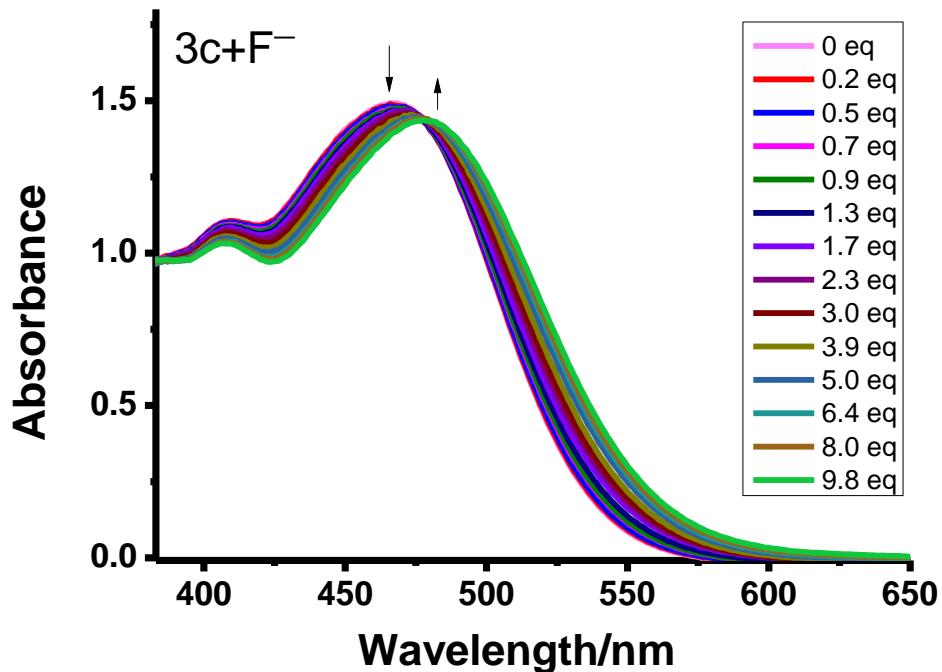


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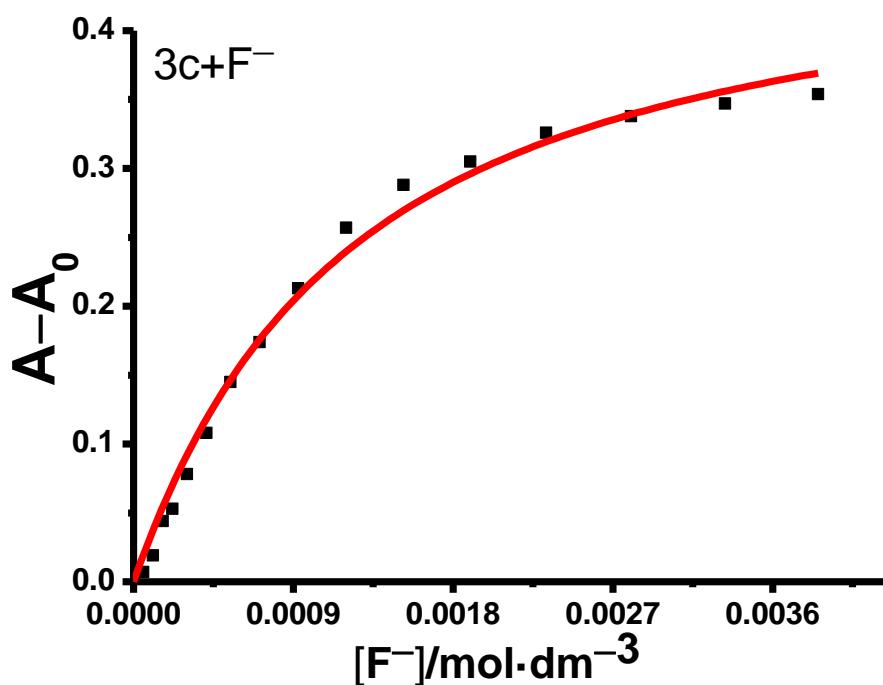


**Figure S35.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3b** ( $2.76 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{F}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 510 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{F}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3b** with  $\text{F}^-$ .

(a)



(b)



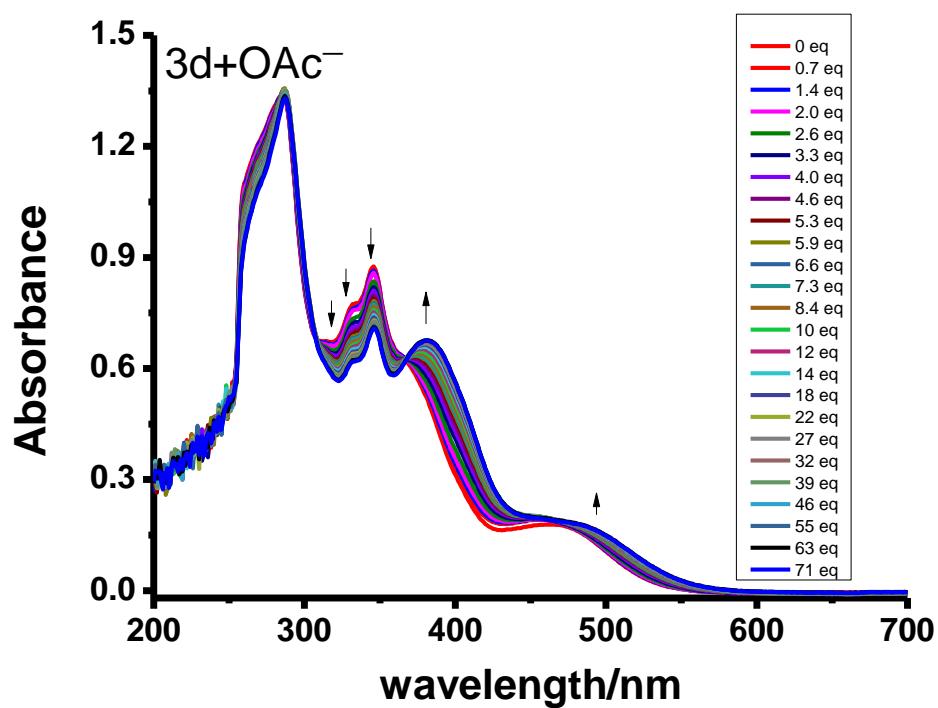
**Figure S36.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3c** ( $2.38 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{F}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 510 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{F}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3c** with  $\text{F}^-$ .

**Table S5** Binding constants ( $\log K$ ) of **3a–3d** with anions in DMSO<sup>a</sup>

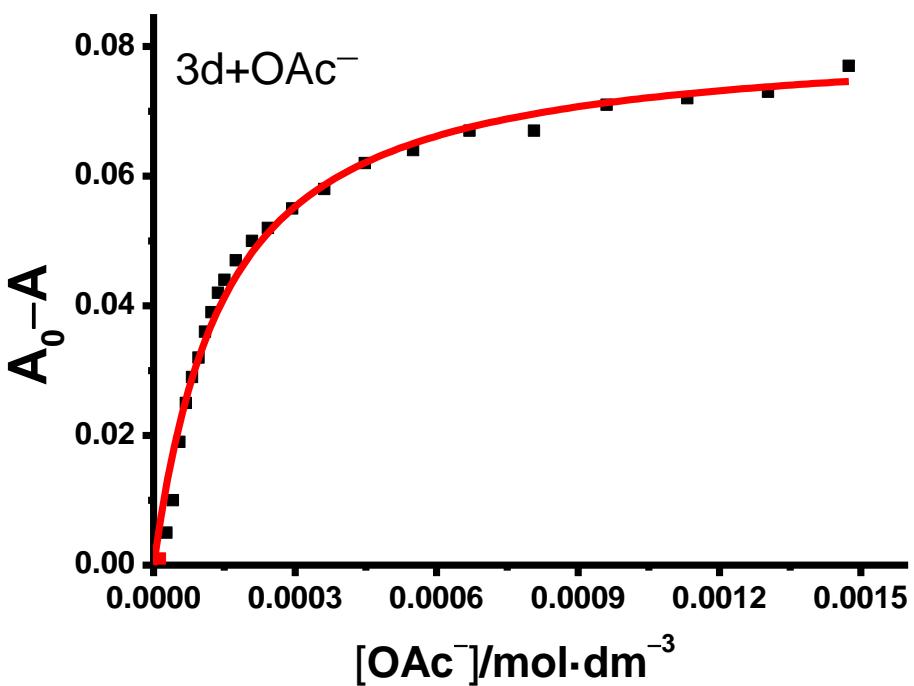
Complex	F <sup>-</sup>	OAc <sup>-</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	HSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>
<b>3a</b>	2.68±0.12	2.85±0.11	b	b	b	b
<b>3b</b>	2.94±0.09	3.25±0.11	b	b	b	b
<b>3c</b>	2.97±0.10	3.38±0.16	b	b	b	b
<b>3d</b>	c	3.87±0.06	b	b	b	b

<sup>a</sup>Binding constants were determined by 1:1 model using nonlinear fitting methods. <sup>b</sup>Spectral changes were not suitable for accurate measurement of binding constant. <sup>c</sup>Deprotonation occurred.

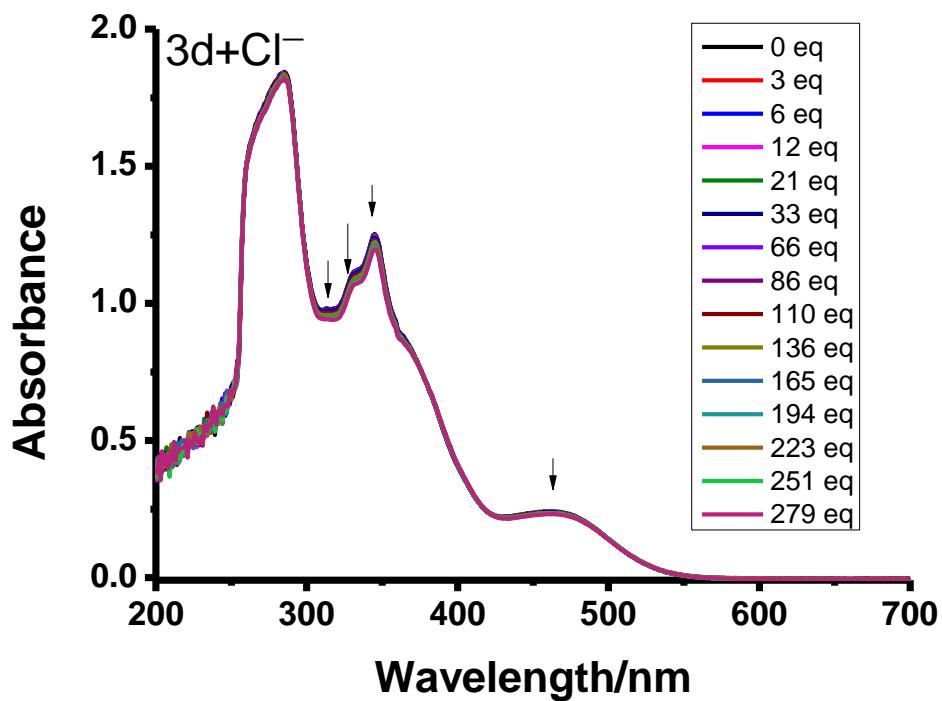
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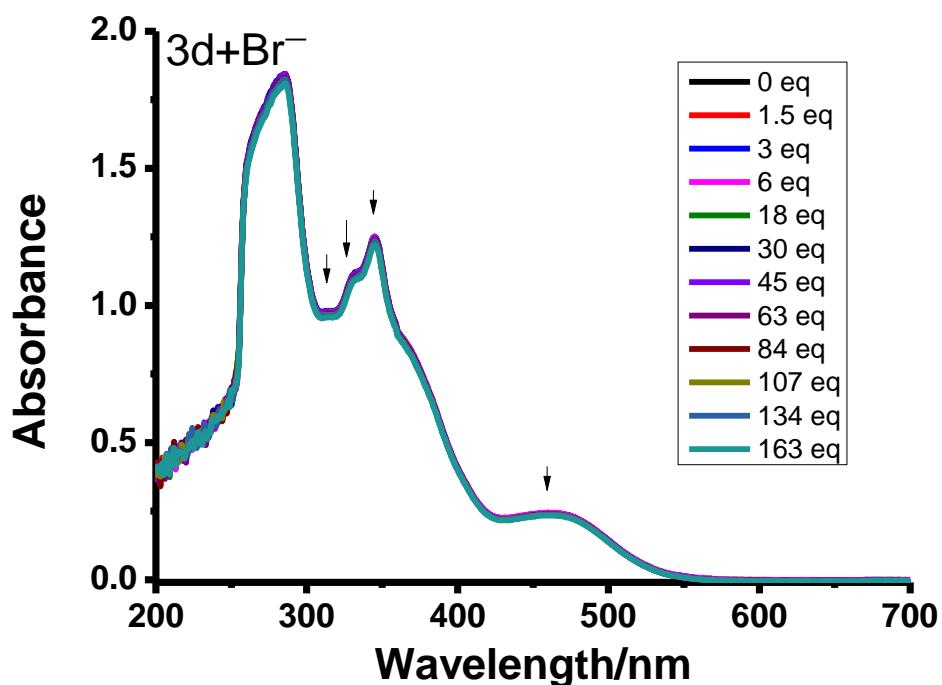
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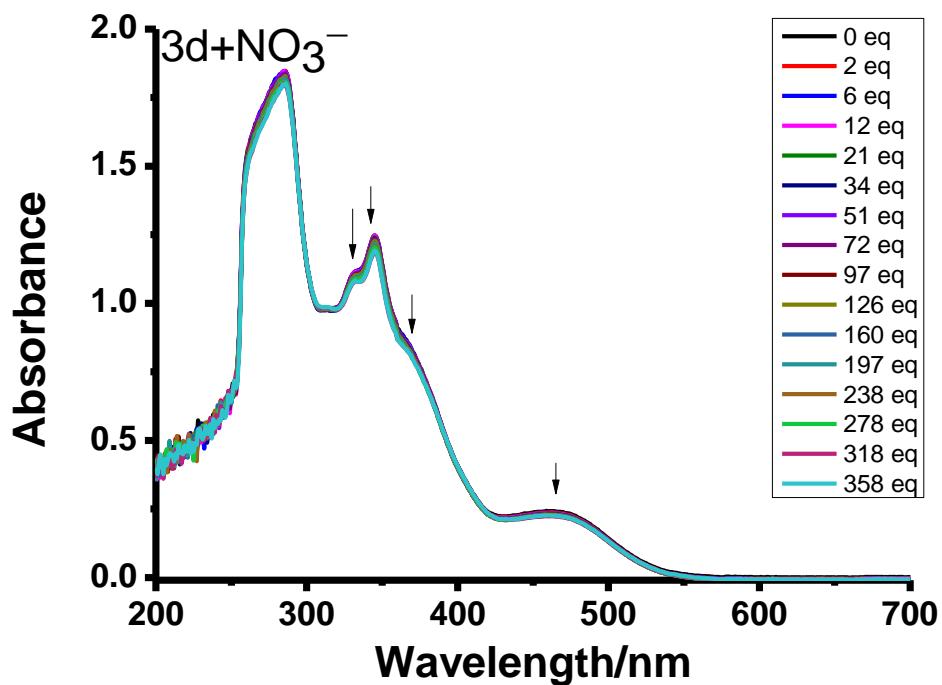
**Figure S37.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3d** ( $2.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{OAc}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 316 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{OAc}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3d** with  $\text{OAc}^-$ .



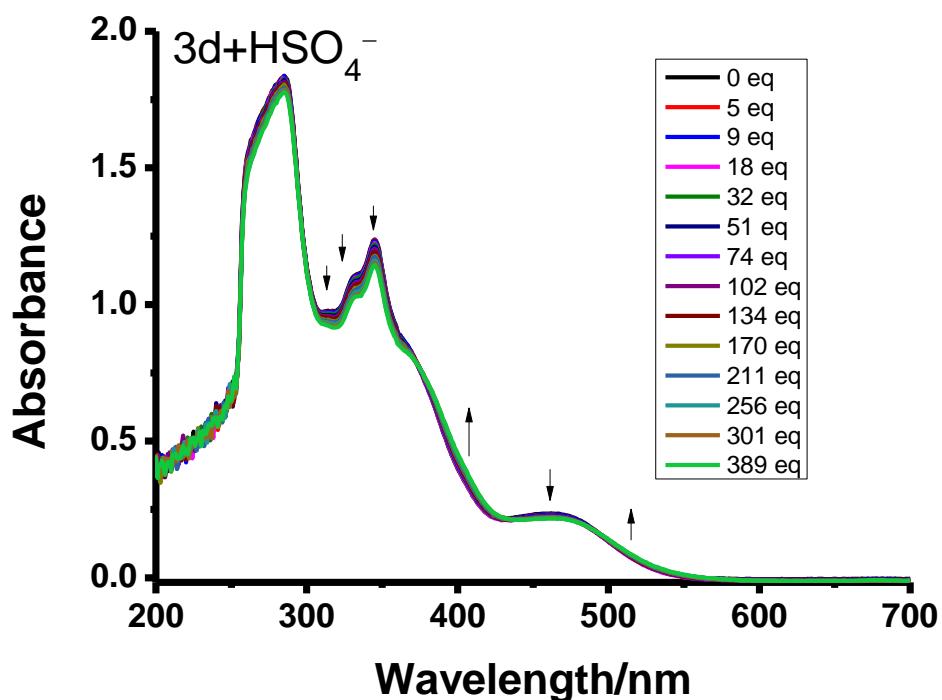
**Figure S38.** UV–vis spectral changes of **3d** ( $2.81 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{Cl}^-$ .



**Figure S39.** UV–vis spectral changes of **3d** ( $2.81 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{Br}^-$ .

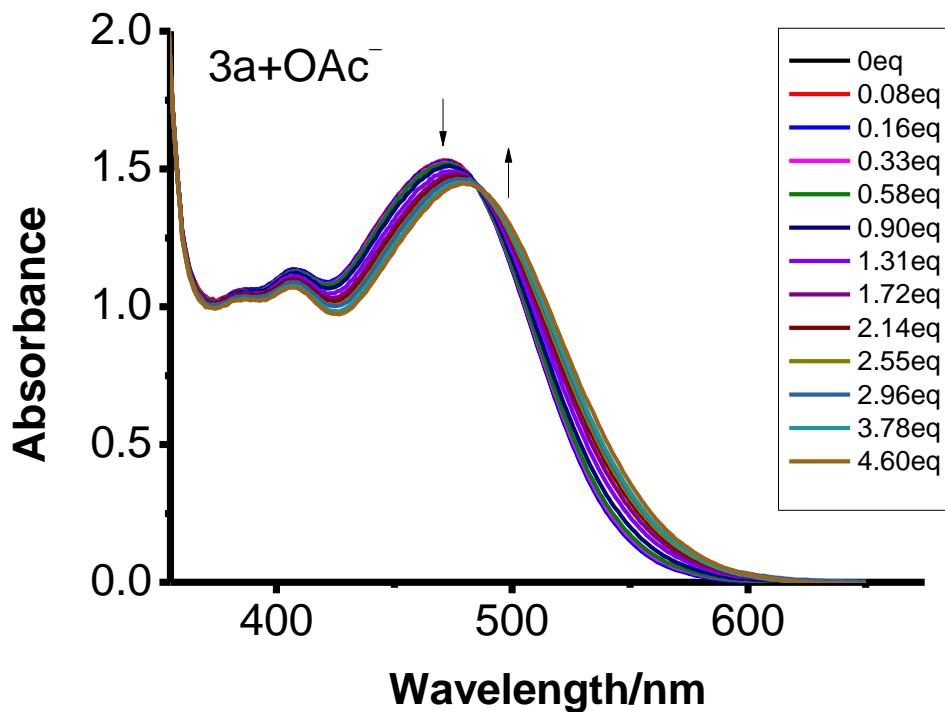


**Figure S40.** UV-vis spectral changes of **3d** ( $2.81 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{NO}_3^-$ .

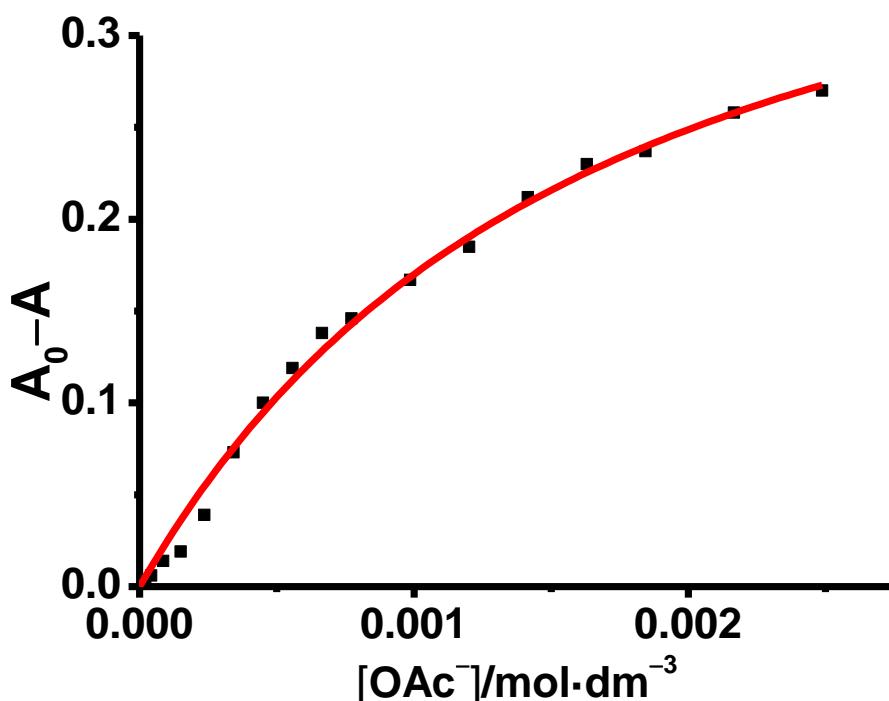


**Figure S41.** UV-vis spectral changes of **3d** ( $2.81 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ .

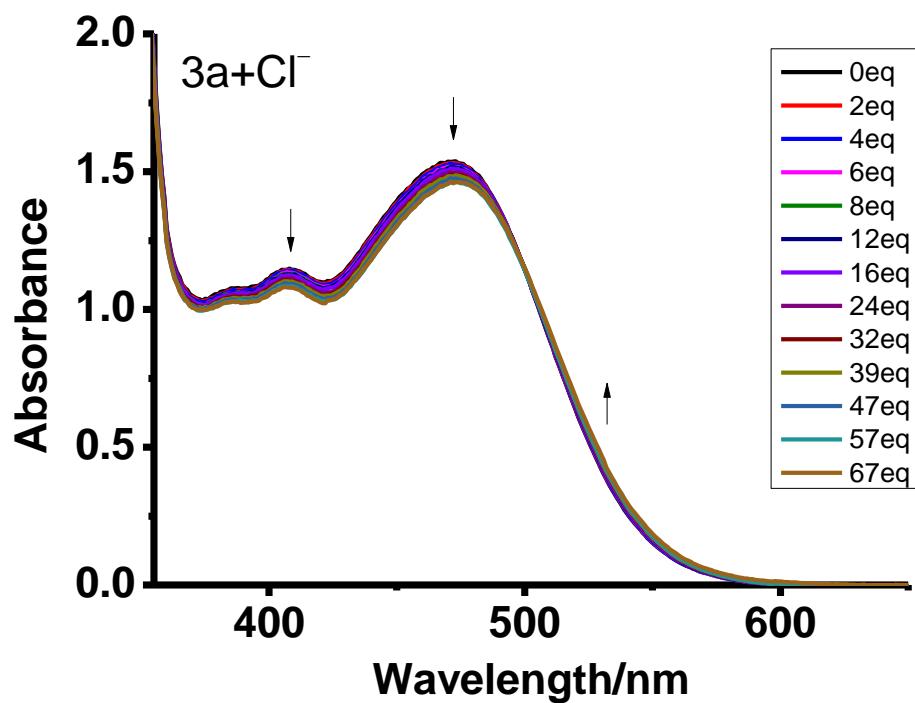
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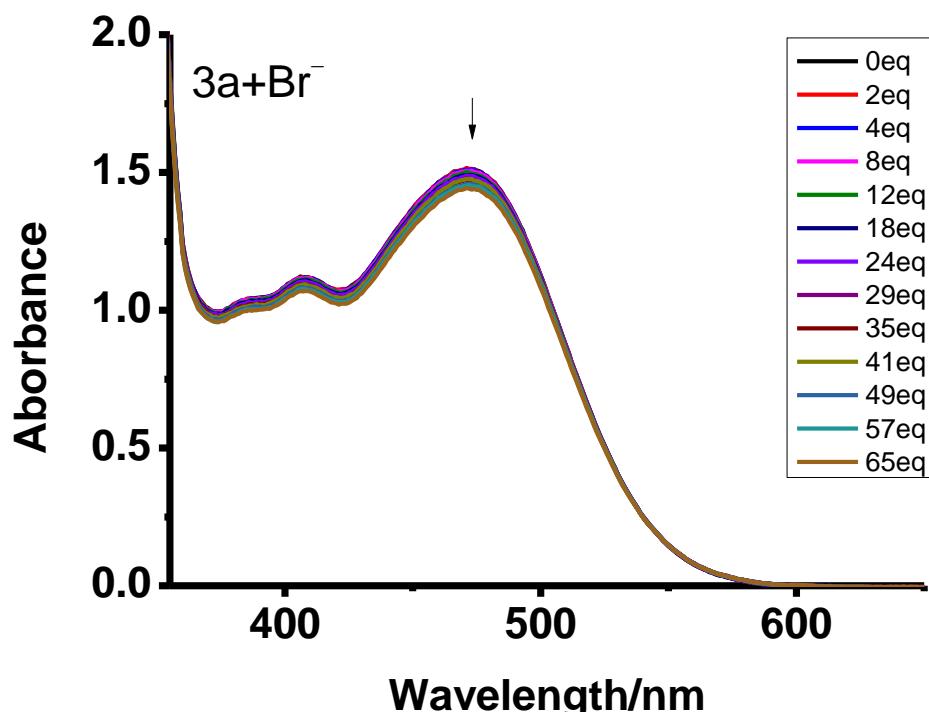
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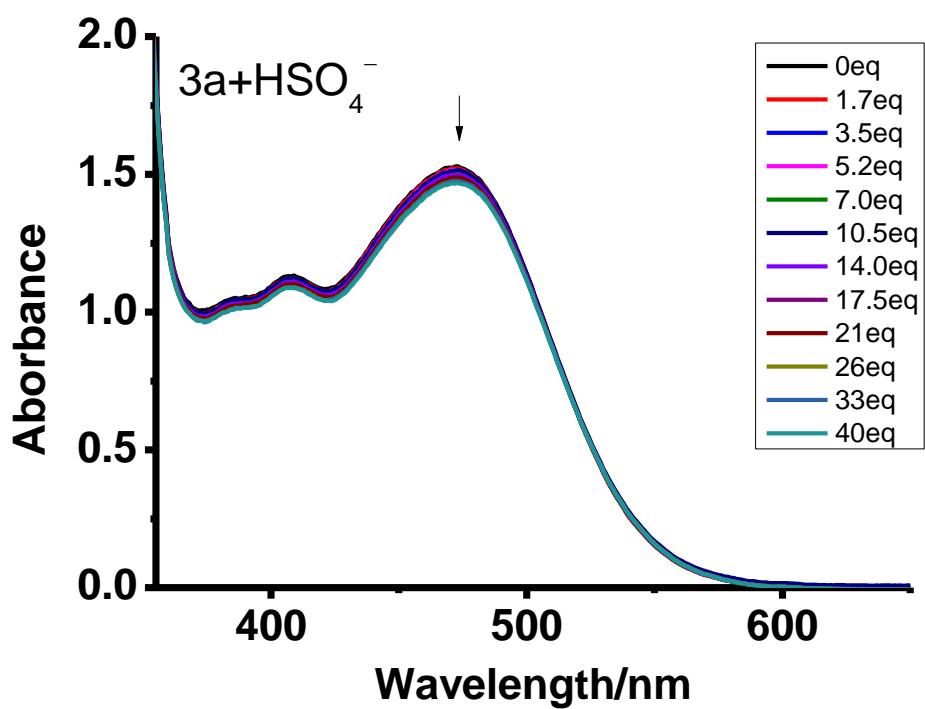
**Figure S42.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3a** ( $3 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{OAc}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 440 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{OAc}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3a** with  $\text{OAc}^-$ .



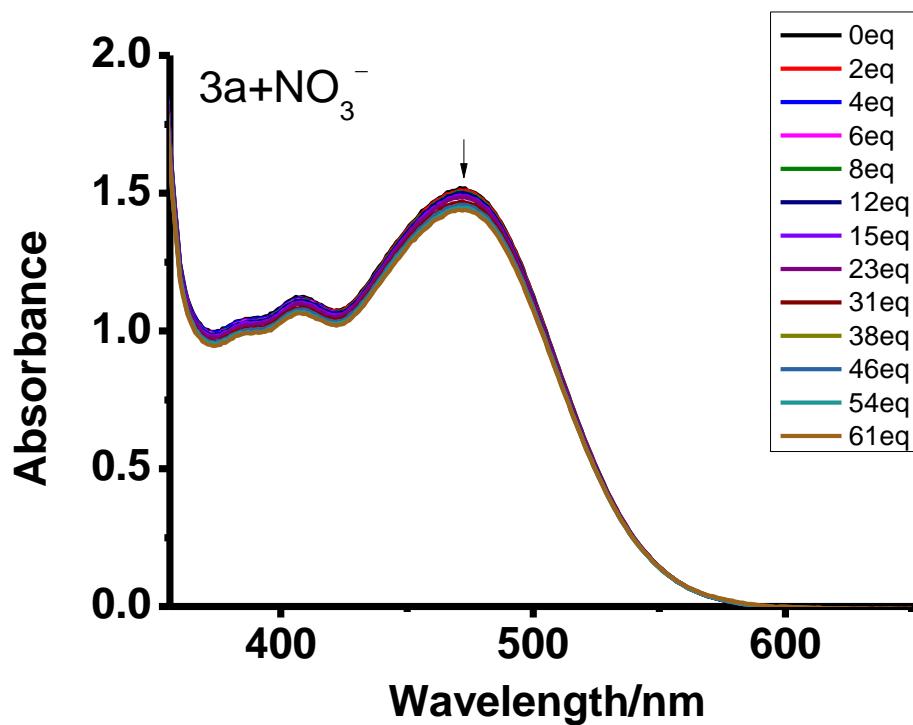
**Figure S43.** UV-vis spectral changes of **3a** ( $3 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{Cl}^-$ .



**Figure S44.** UV-vis spectral changes of **3a** ( $3 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{Br}^-$ .

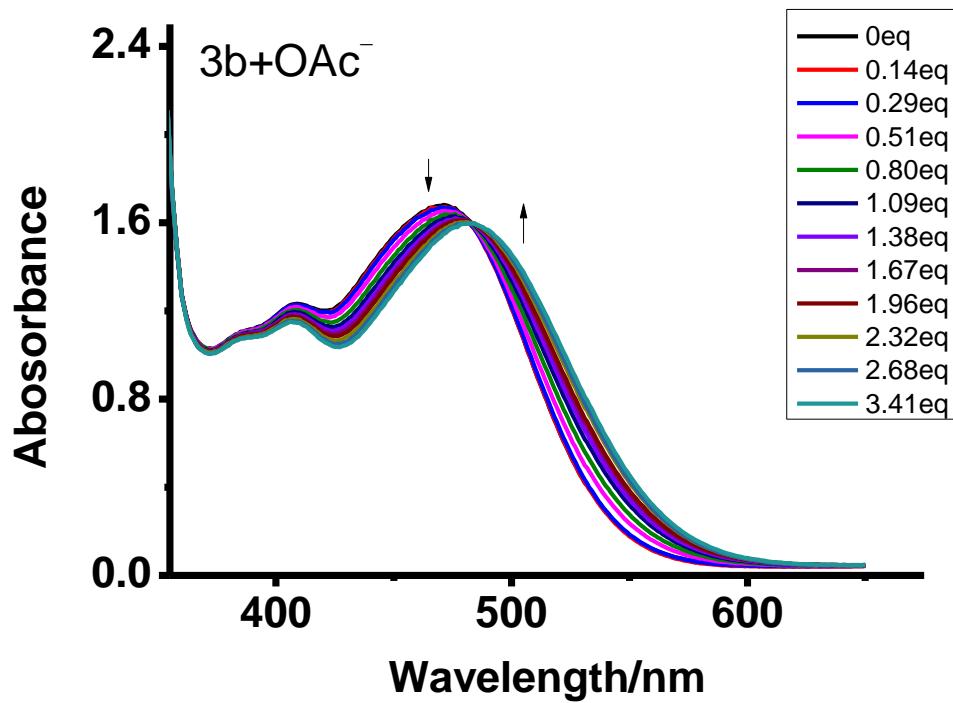


**Figure S45.** UV-vis spectral changes of **3a** ( $3 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ .

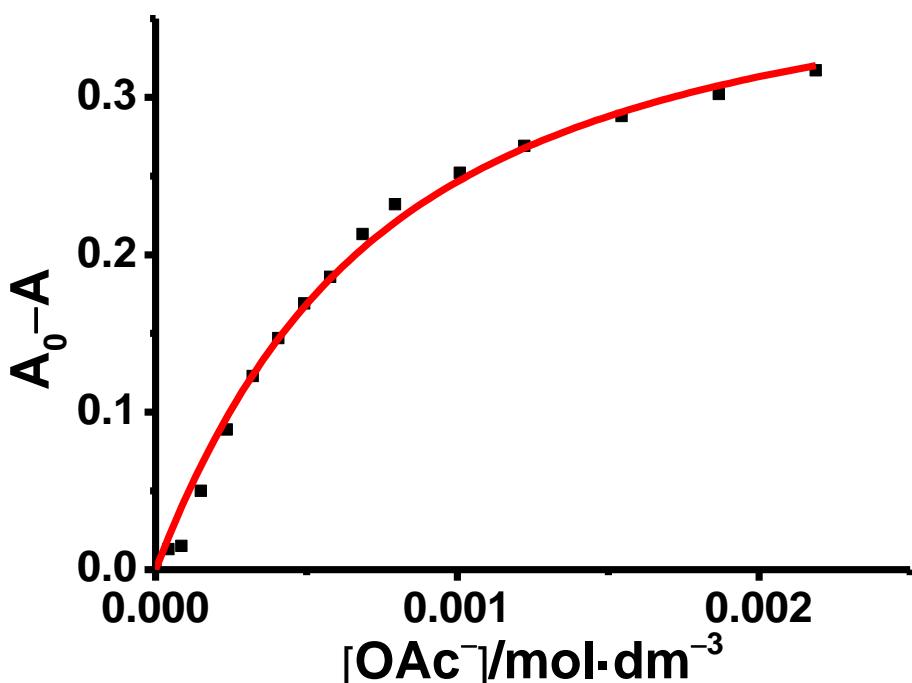


**Figure S46.** UV-vis spectral changes of **3a** ( $3 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{NO}_3^-$ .

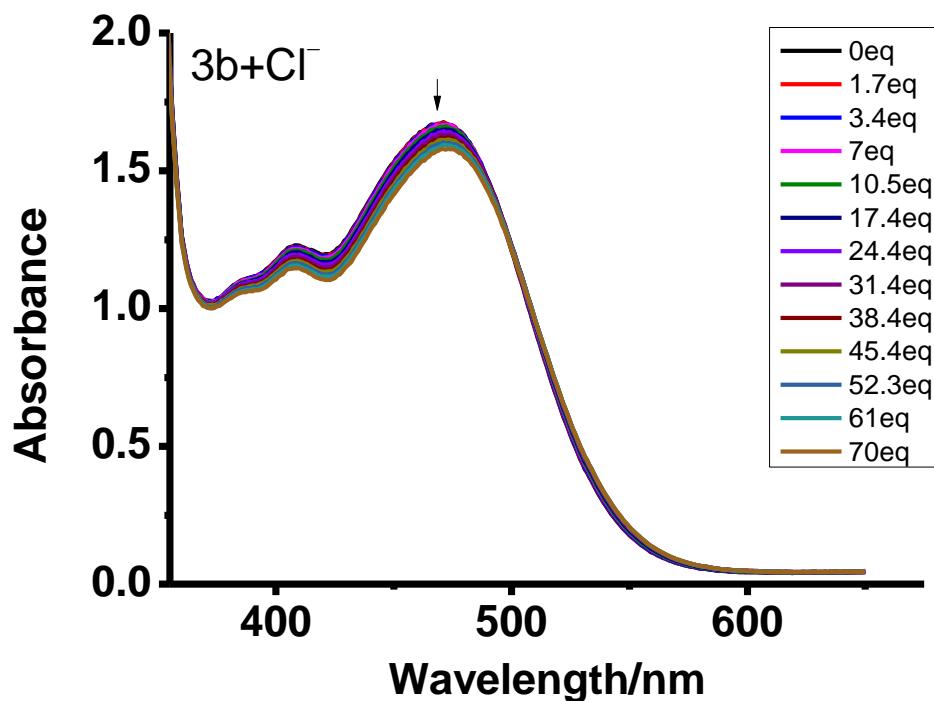
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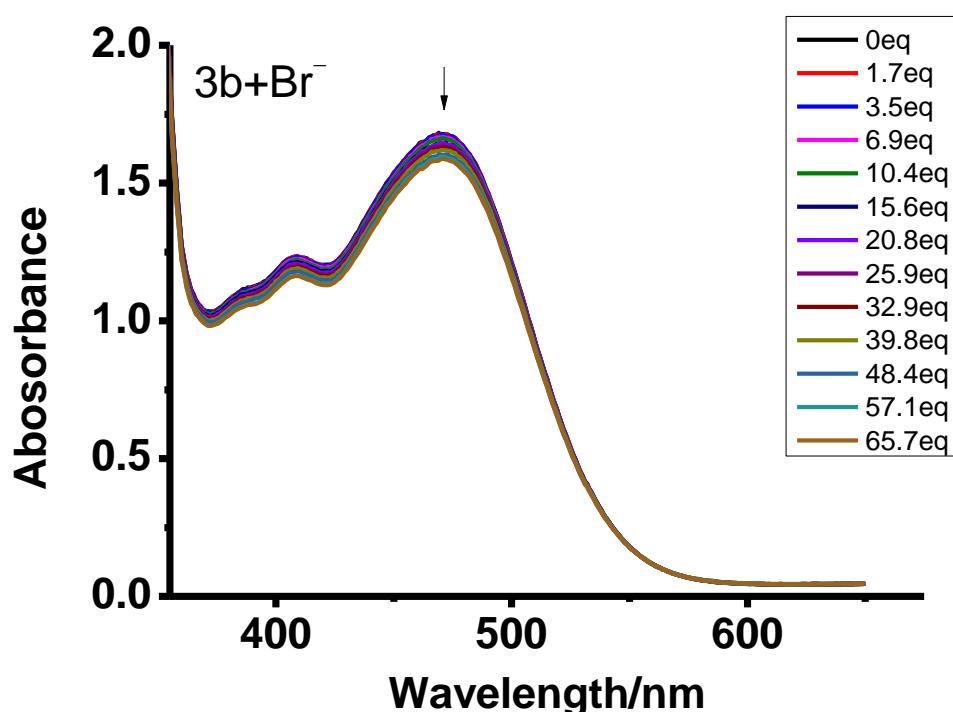
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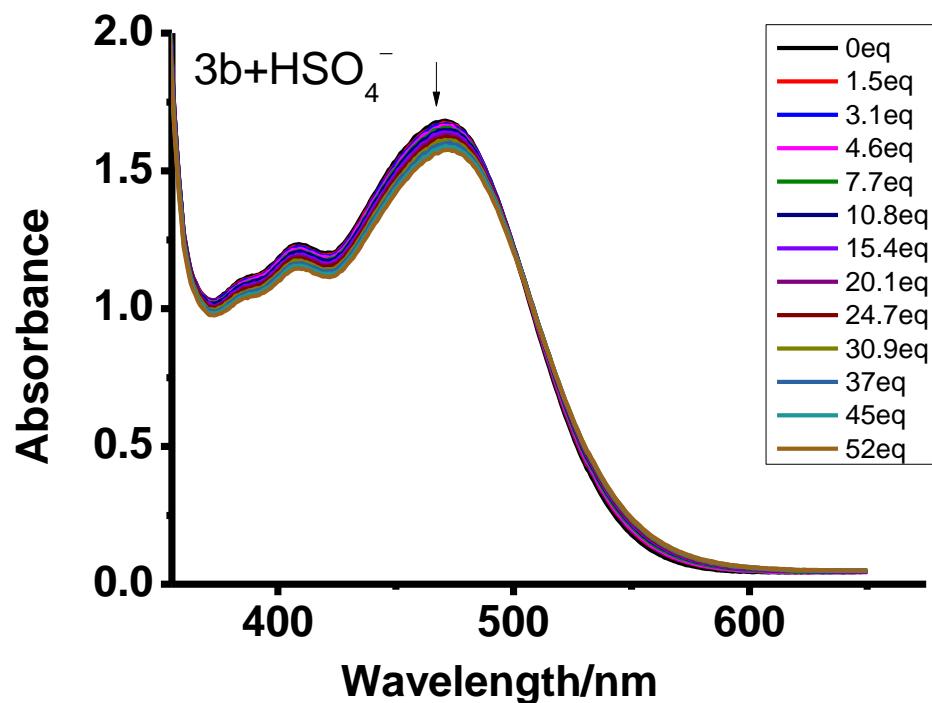
**Figure S47.** (a) UV–vis spectral changes of **3b** ( $2.76 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{OAc}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 449 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{OAc}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3b** with  $\text{OAc}^-$ .



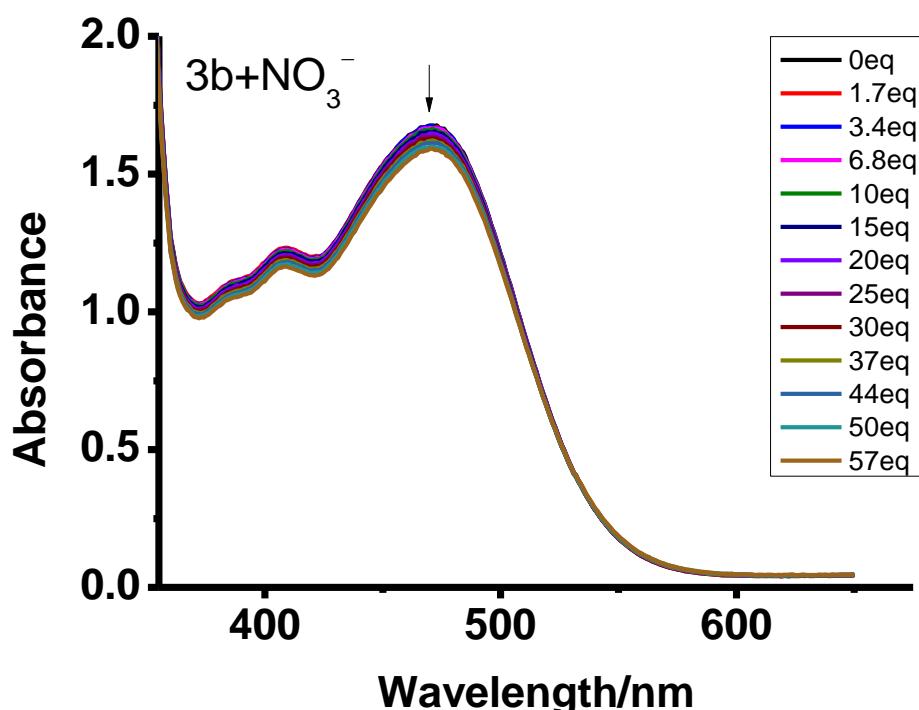
**Figure S48.** UV–vis spectral changes of **3b** ( $2.76 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in DMSO upon addition of Cl<sup>-</sup>.



**Figure S49.** UV–vis spectral changes of **3b** ( $2.76 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in DMSO upon addition of Br<sup>-</sup>.

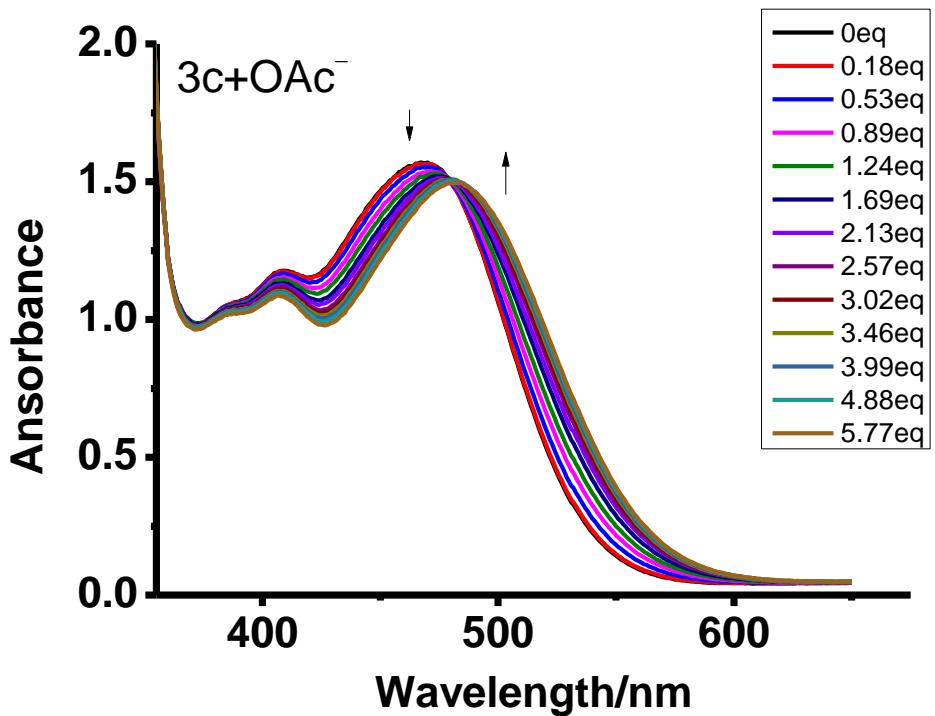


**Figure S50.** UV–vis spectral changes of **3b** ( $2.76 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ .

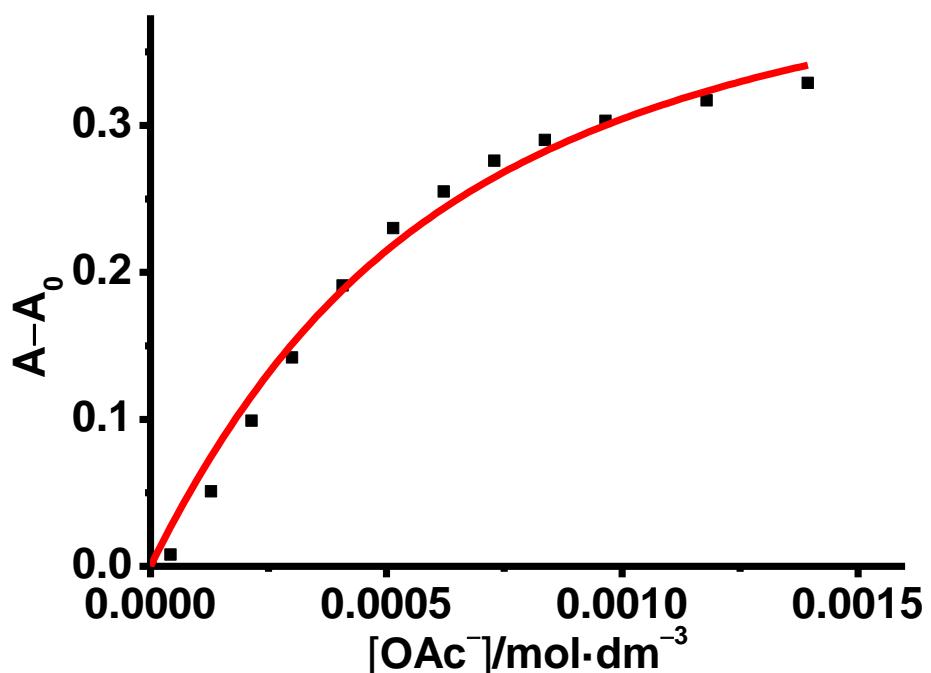


**Figure S51.** UV–vis spectral changes of **3b** ( $2.76 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{NO}_3^-$ .

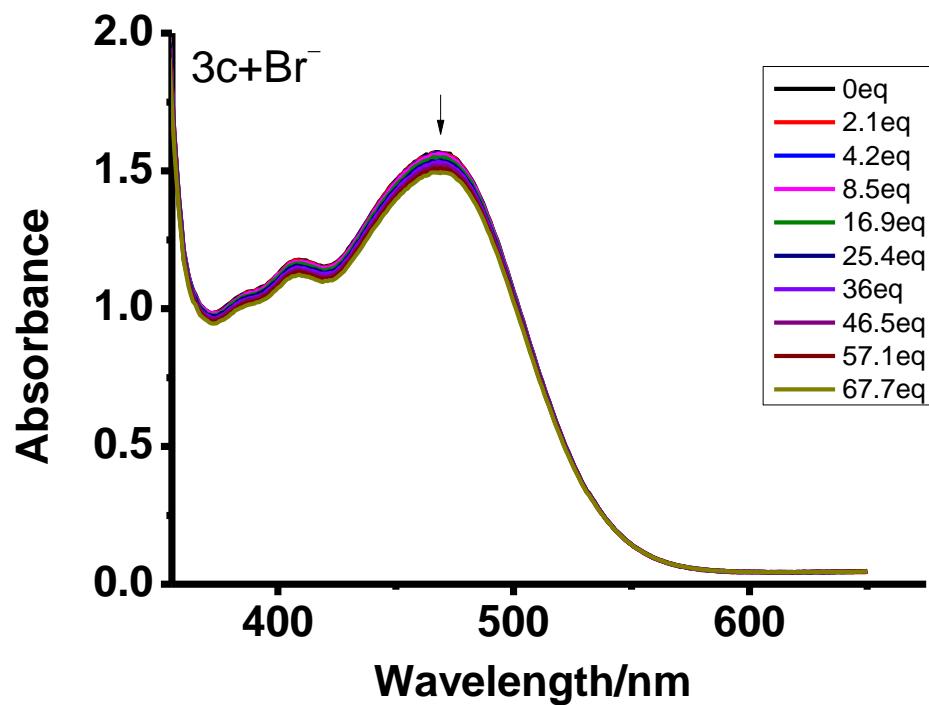
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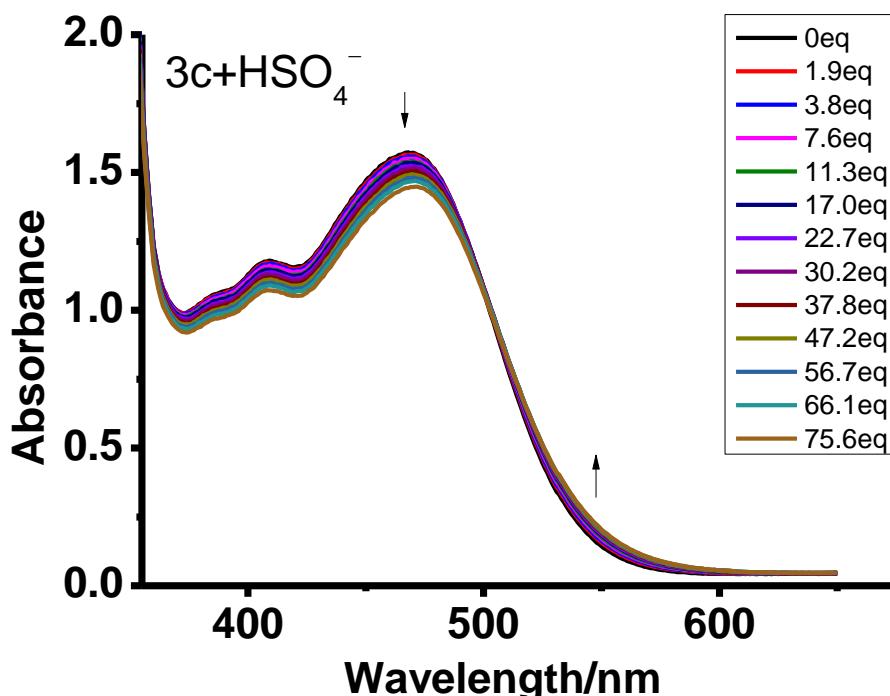
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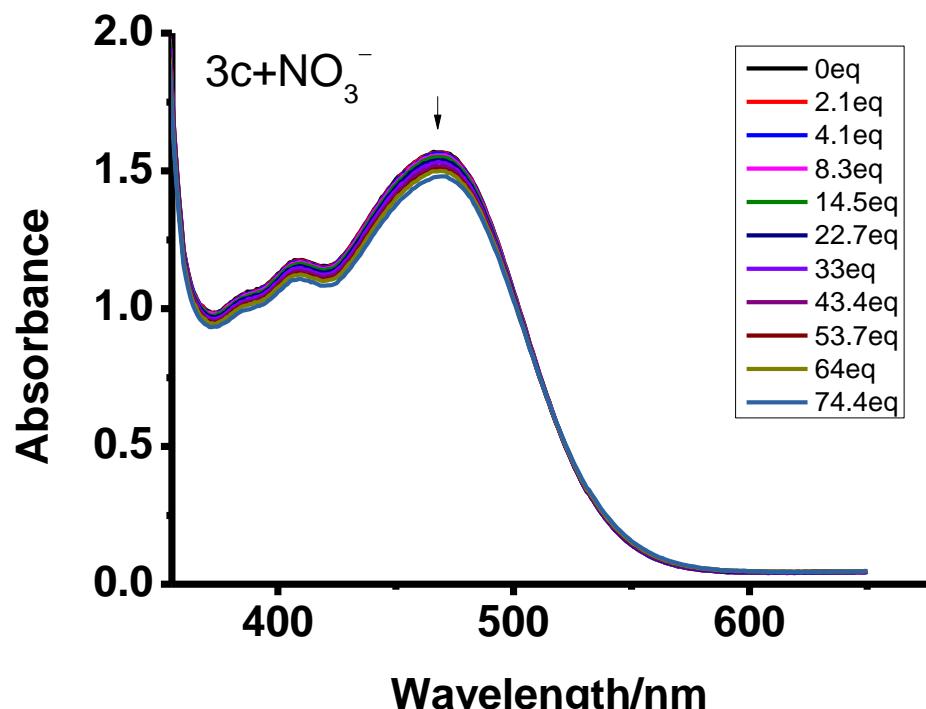
**Figure S52.** (a) UV-vis spectral changes of **3c** ( $2.38 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm $^{-3}$ ) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{OAc}^-$ . (b) A plot of the absorbance change at 540 nm as a function of the concentration of  $\text{OAc}^-$  and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of complex **3c** with  $\text{OAc}^-$ .



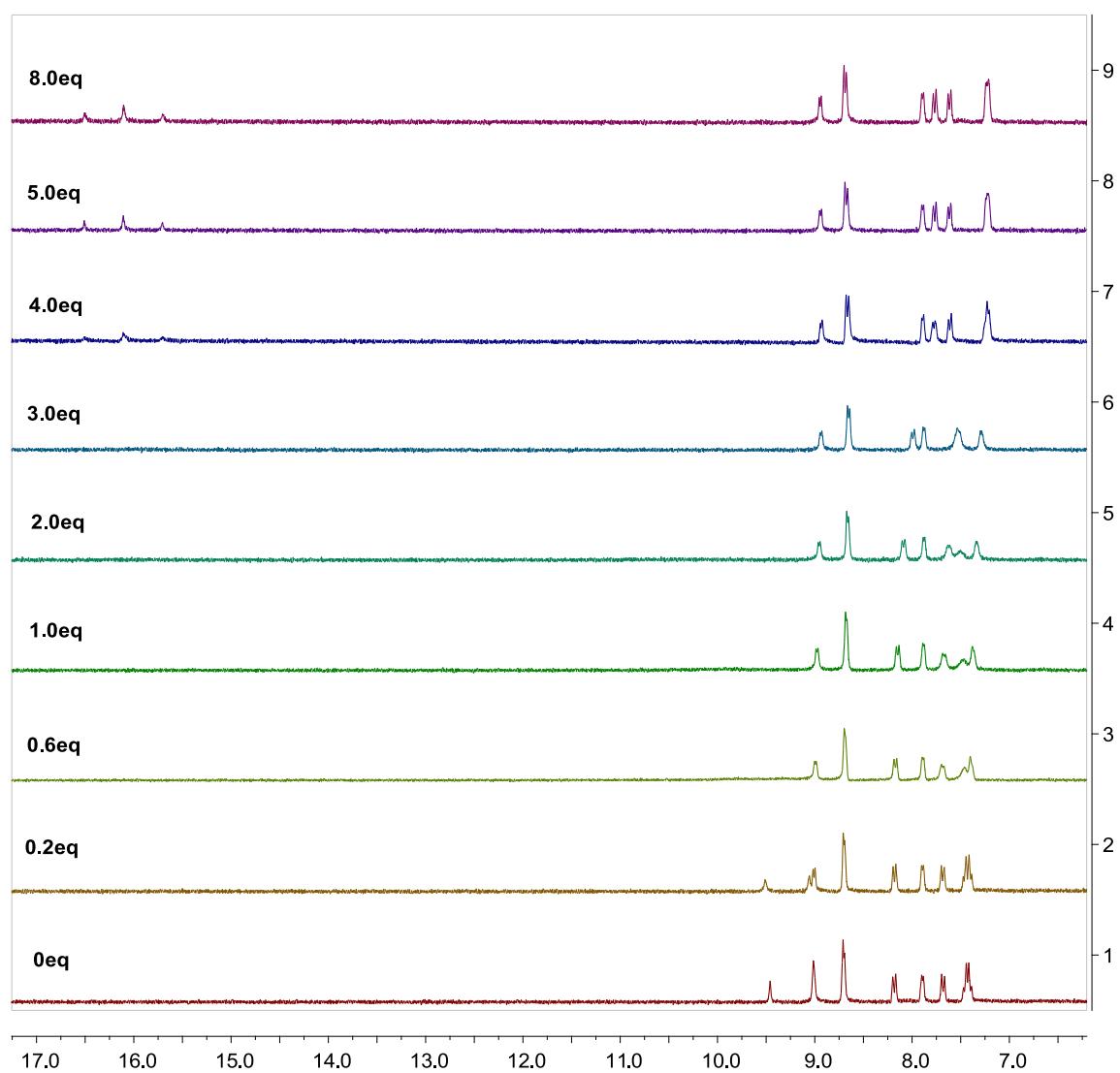
**Figure S53.** UV–vis spectral changes of **3c** ( $2.38 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in DMSO upon addition of Br<sup>-</sup>.



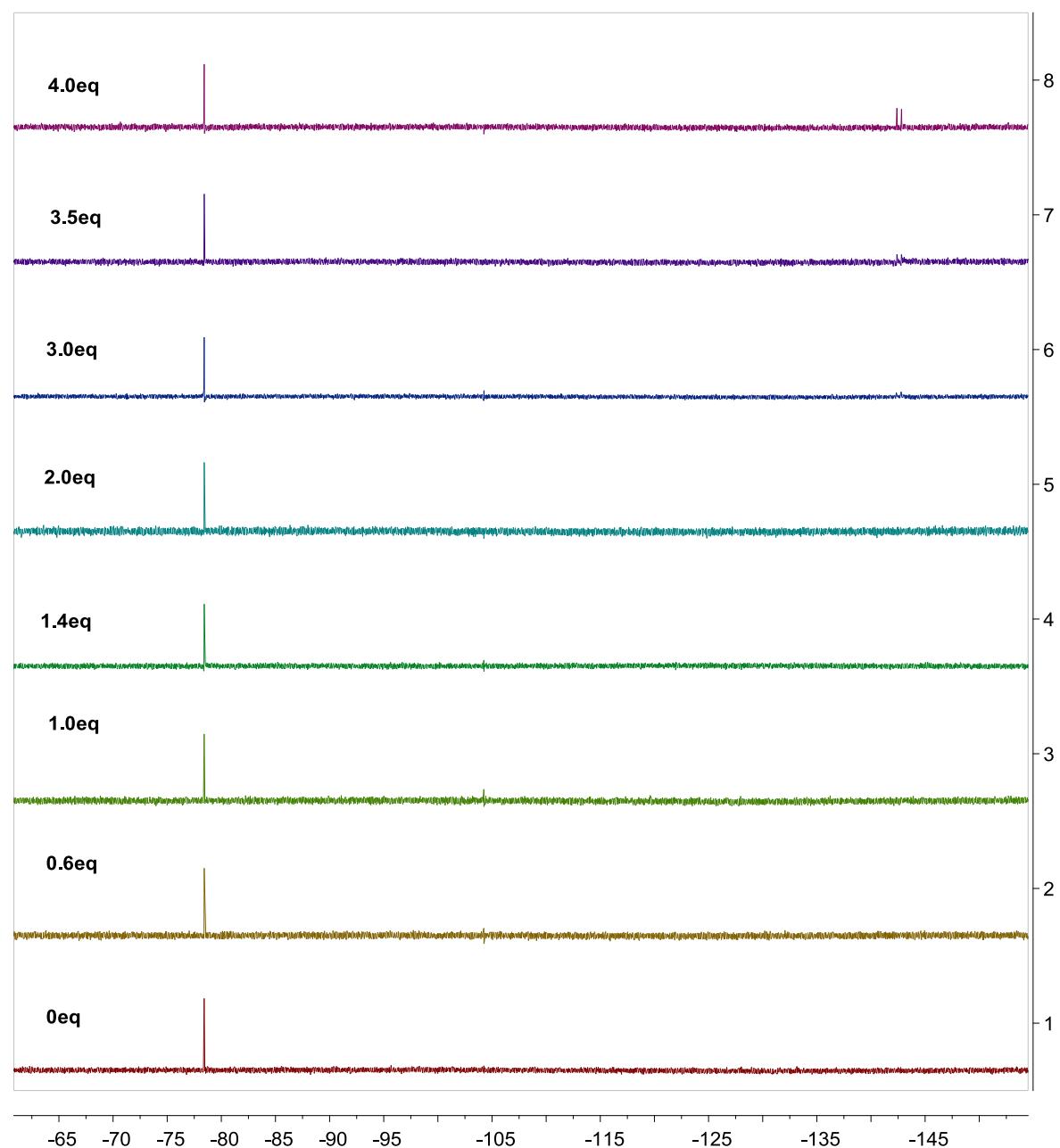
**Figure S54.** UV–vis spectral changes of **3c** ( $2.38 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in DMSO upon addition of HSO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>.



**Figure S55.** UV-vis spectral changes of **3c** ( $2.38 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>) in DMSO upon addition of  $\text{NO}_3^-$ .



**Figure S56.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral changes of **3d** upon addition of F<sup>-</sup> in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 6.25–17.25 ppm



**Figure S57.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectral changes of **3d** upon addition of  $\text{F}^-$  in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ . The singlet at  $-78.42\text{ ppm}$  comes from the triflate anion.