

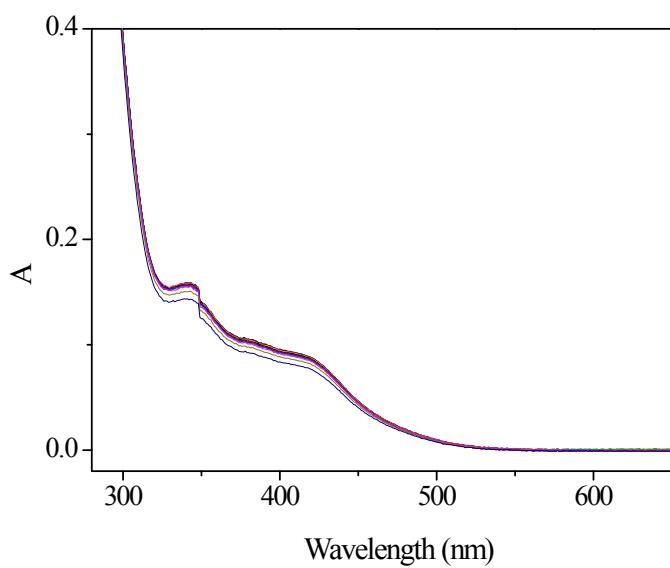
## Ternary assemblies comprising metal-salophen complexes and 4,4'-bipyridine

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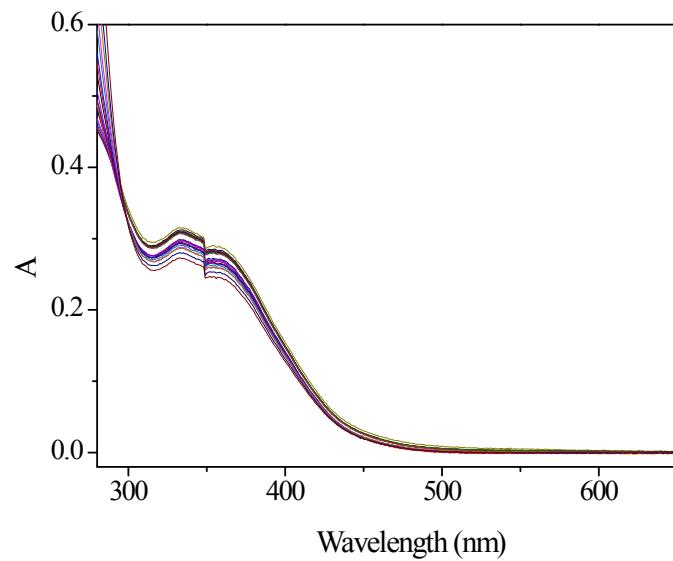
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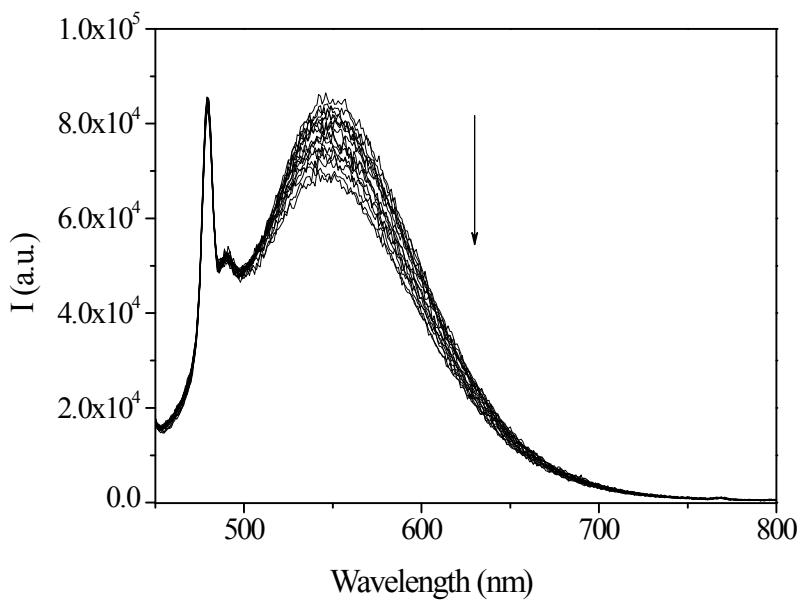
## Supporting Information



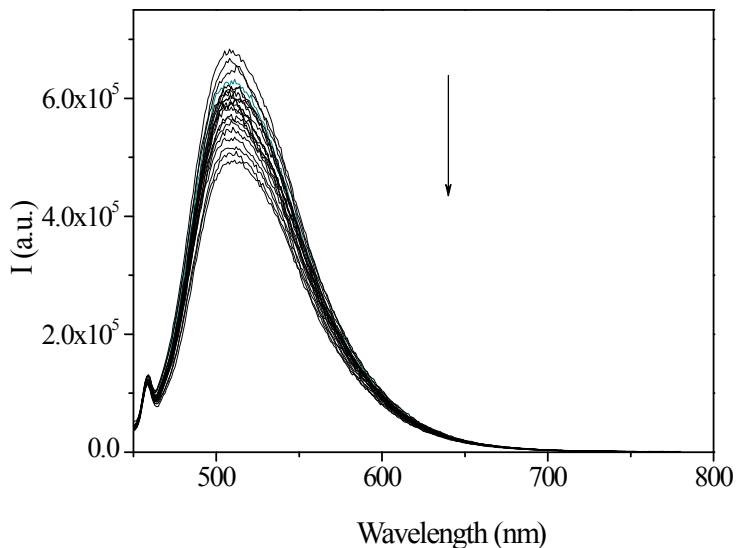
**Figure S1.** Absorption spectra of *ca.*  $9 \cdot 10^{-6}$ M solutions of **2B** in ethanol in the presence of increasing amounts of 4,4'-bipyridine.



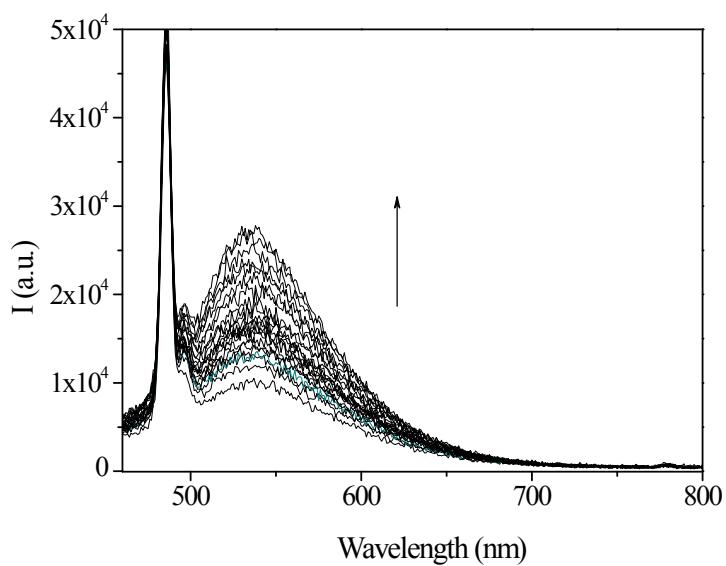
**Figure S2.** Absorption spectra of *ca.*  $9 \cdot 10^{-6}$ M solutions of **2C** in ethanol in the presence of increasing amounts of 4,4'-bipyridine.



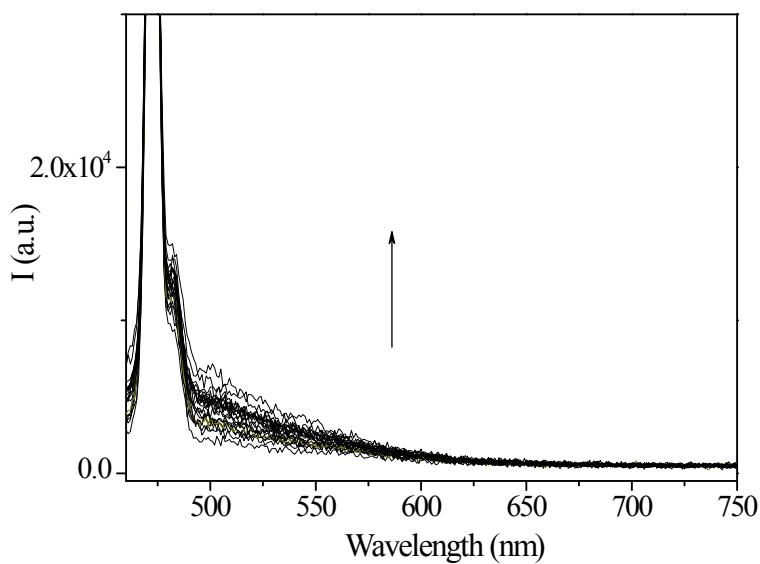
**Figure S3.** Emission spectra of *ca.*  $9 \cdot 10^{-6}$ M solutions of **1A** in ethanol in the presence of increasing amounts of 4,4'-bipyridine.



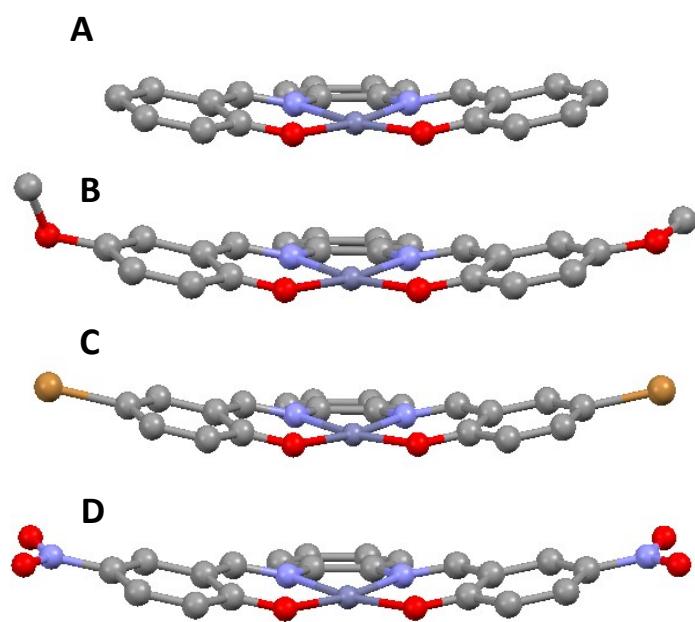
**Figure S4** Emission spectra of *ca.*  $9 \cdot 10^{-6}$ M solutions of **2A** in ethanol in the presence of increasing amounts of 4,4'-bipyridine.



**Figure S5.** Emission spectra of *ca.*  $9 \cdot 10^{-6}$ M solutions of **1B** in ethanol in the presence of increasing amounts of 4,4'-bipyridine.



**Figure S6.** Emission spectra of *ca.*  $9 \cdot 10^{-6}$ M solutions of **2B** in ethanol in the presence of increasing amounts of 4,4'-bipyridine.



**Figures S7.** Side view of the minimum energy geometry calculated for the mononuclear Zn model (A), **1A** (B), **2A** (C) and **3A** (D).