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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Links Between peptide and Mn oxide: Nano-sized manganese oxide embedded in a peptide matrix

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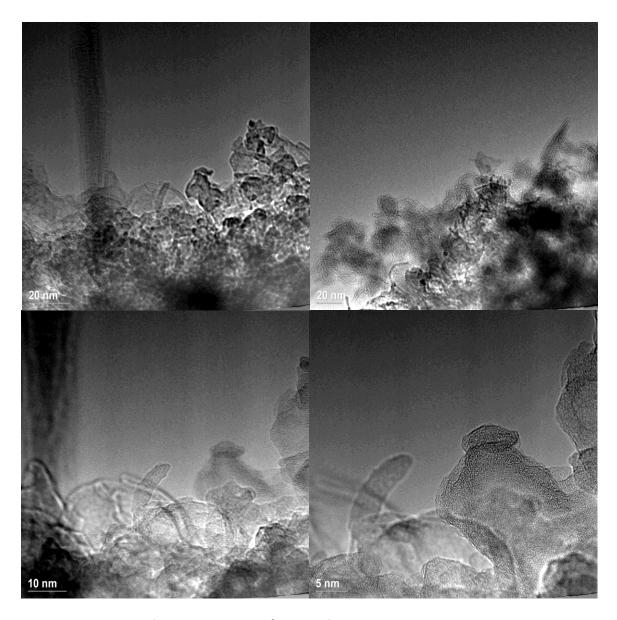


Fig. S1 TEM and HRTEM images of Mn oxide.

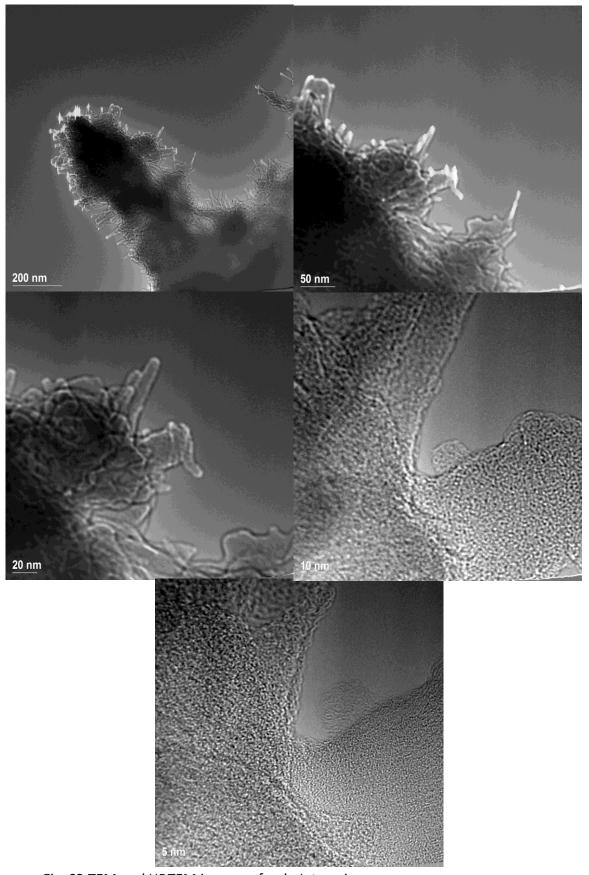


Fig. S2 TEM and HRTEM images of poly-L-tyrosine.

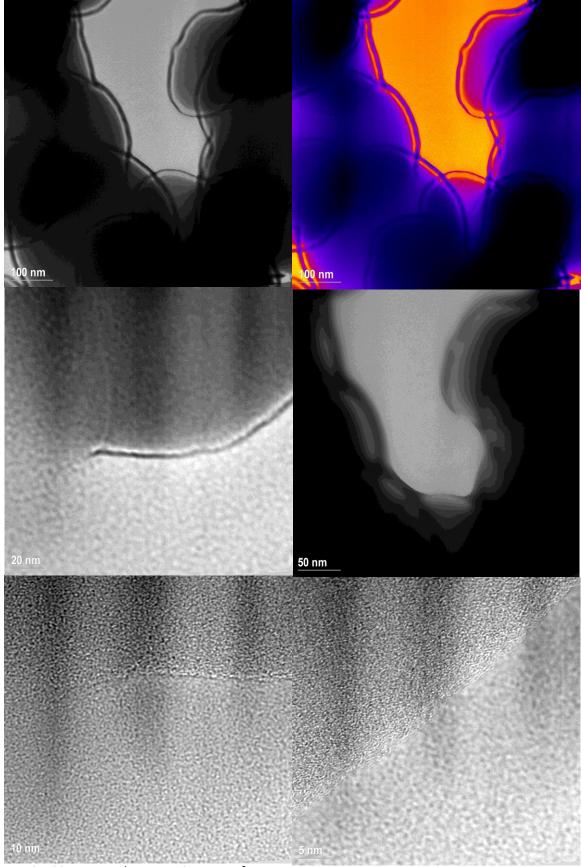


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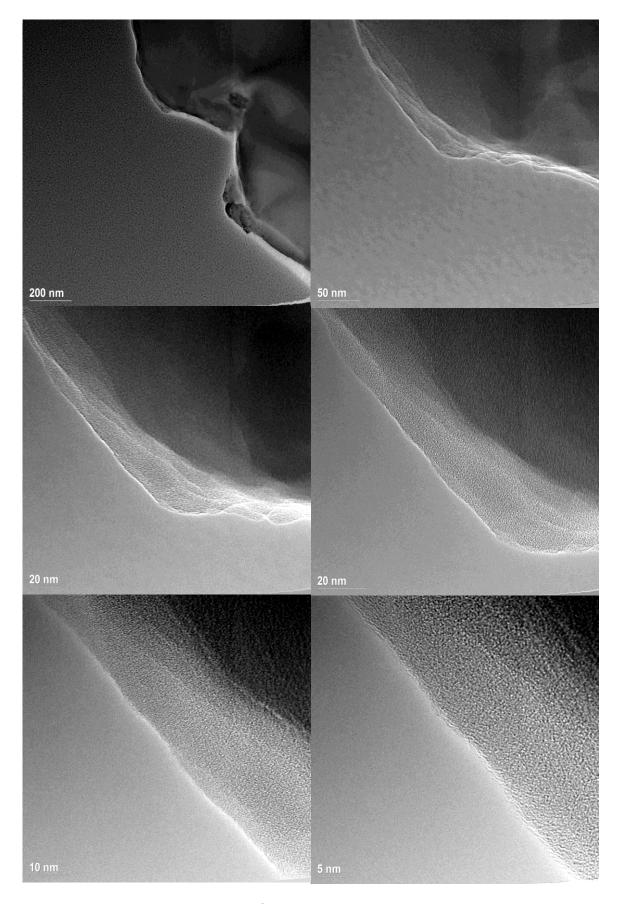


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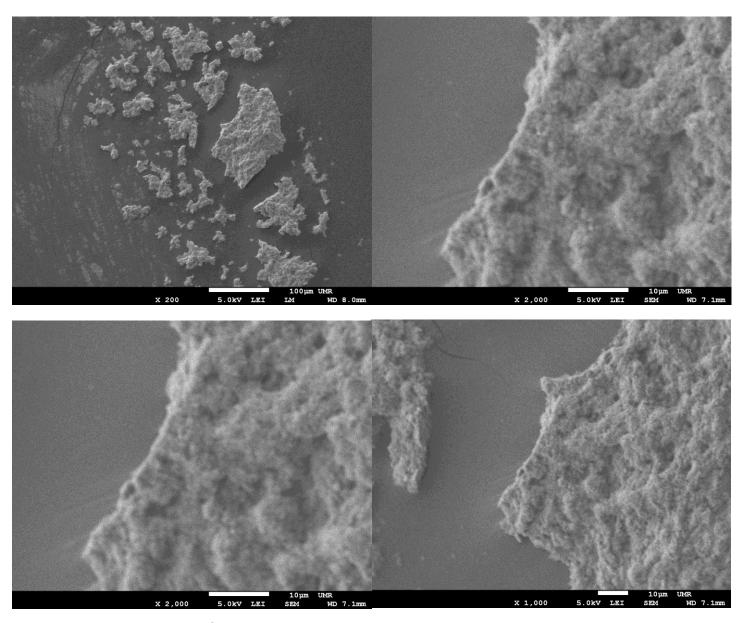


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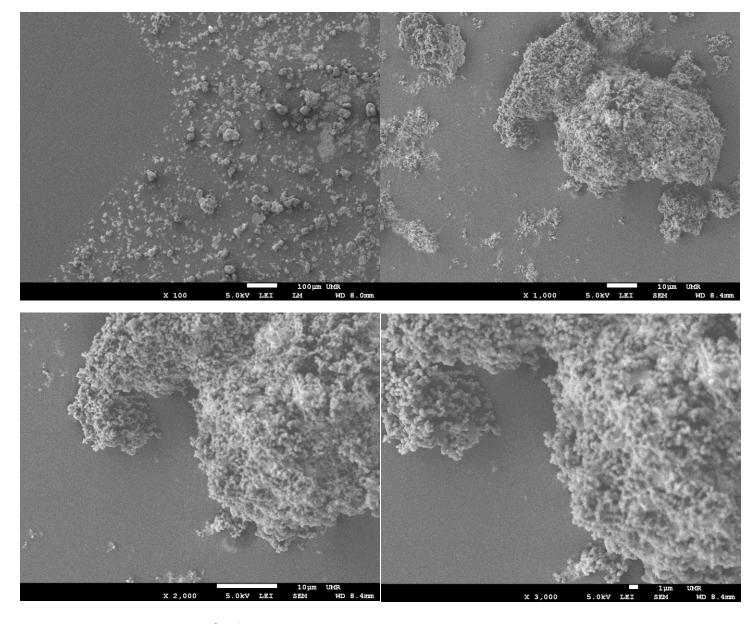


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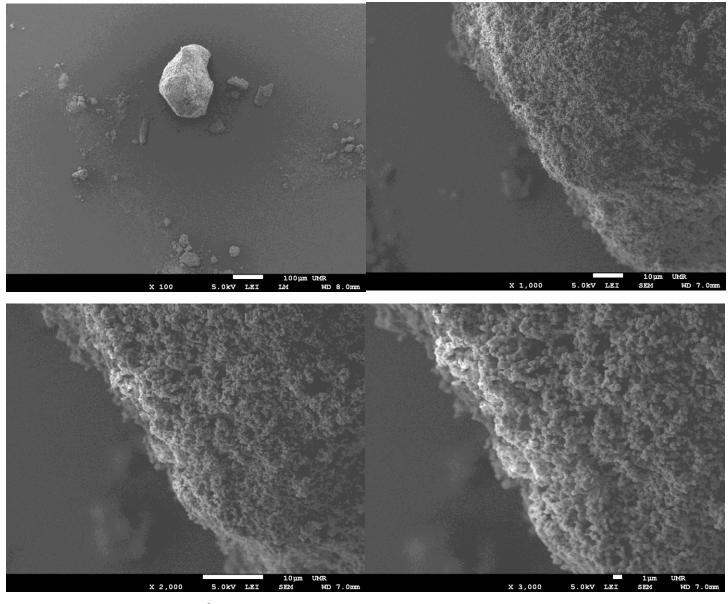


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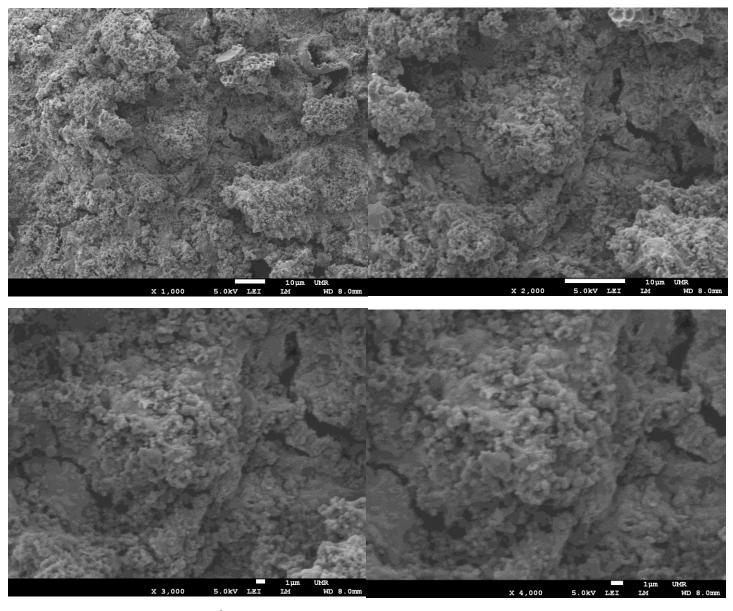


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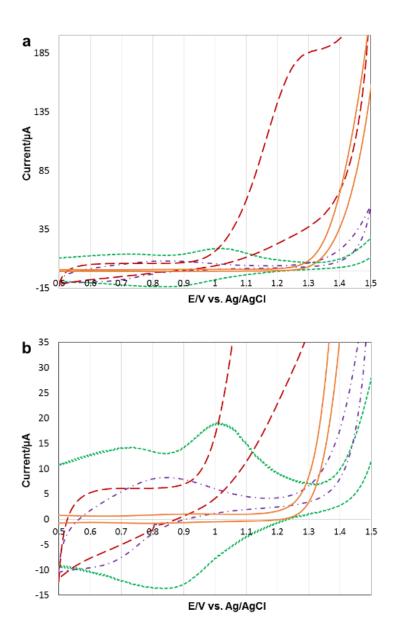
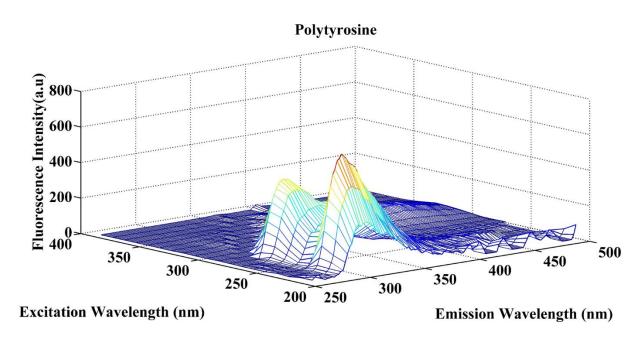


Fig. S9 Cyclic voltammograms of PTyr (orange), Mn oxide (green),  $\bf 1$  (blue) and  $\bf 2$  (red). Cyclic voltammograms are for the solutions in LiClO<sub>4</sub> (0.25 M in water, pH= 6.3).



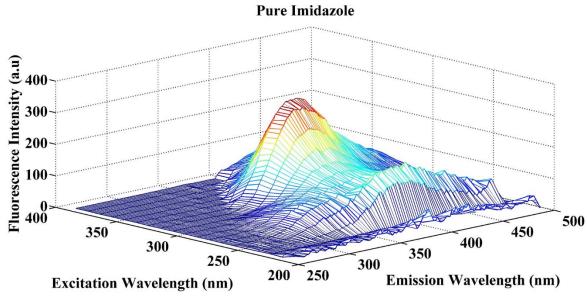
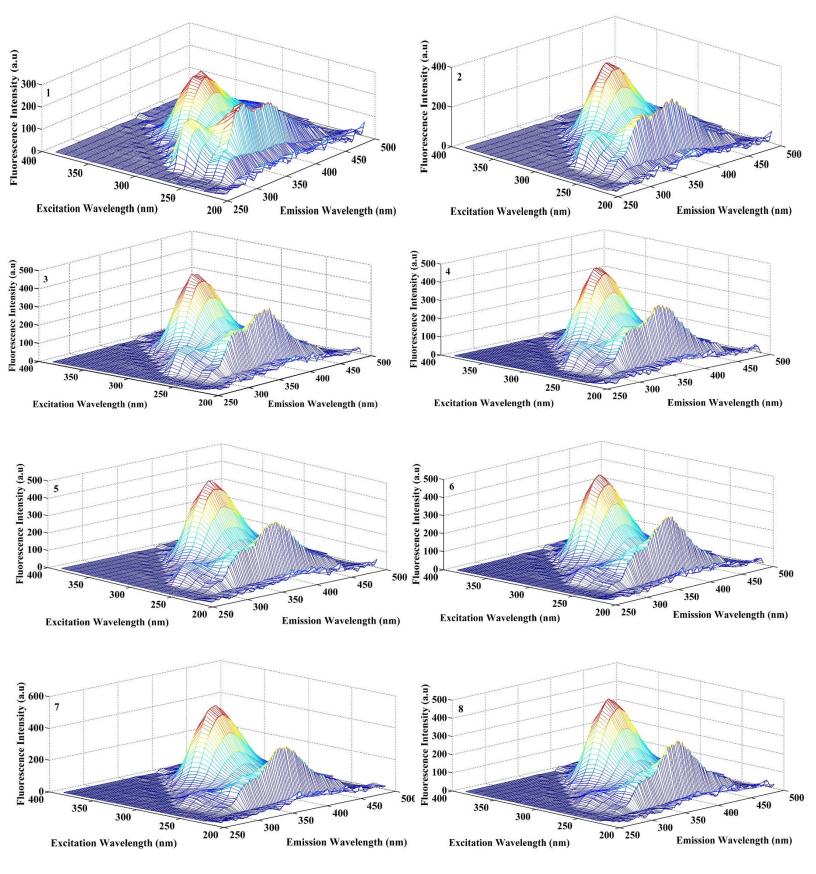


Fig. S10 The excitation-emission spectra of poly-L-tyrosine and pure imidazole.



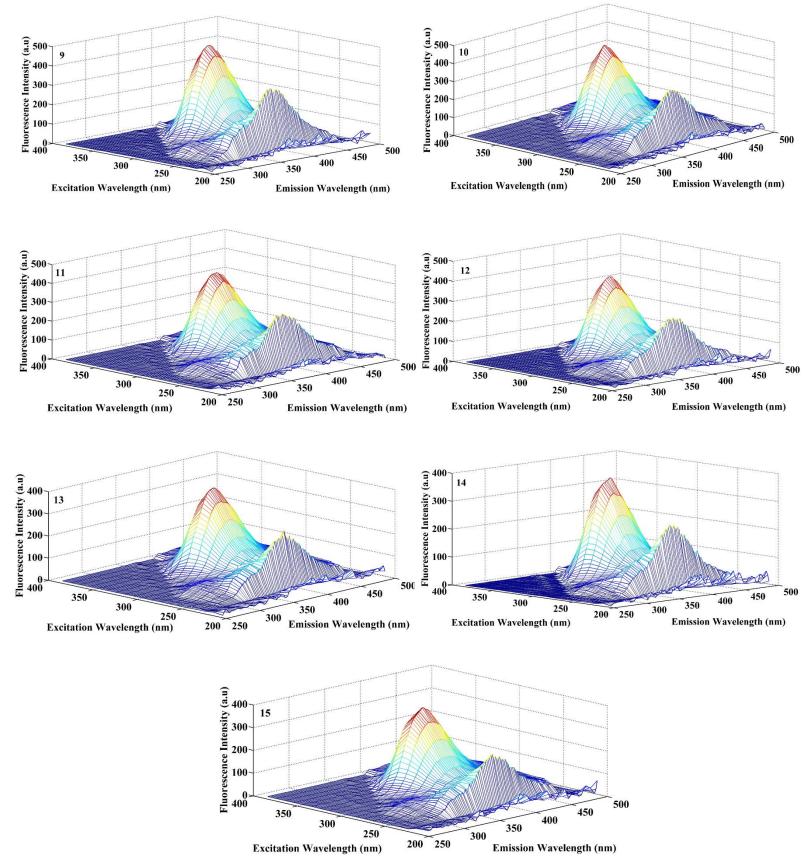


Fig. S11 The excitation-emission profiles of poly-L-tyrosine (initial volume = 25 ml and C = 0.1 mg/ml) titration with imidazole (initial volume = 25 ml, C = 4 mg/ml and volume added for any experiment = 50  $\mu$ l until 15 step) (continue).

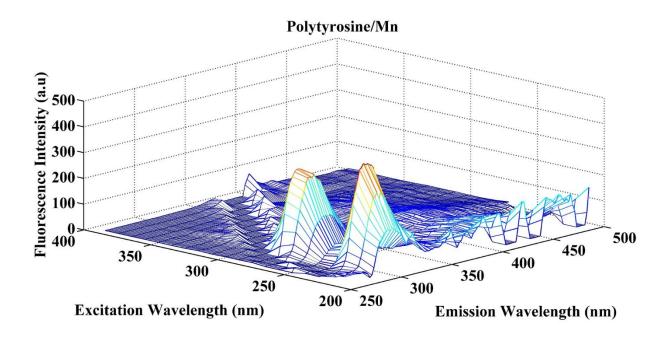


Fig. S12 The excitation-emission profiles of poly-L-tyrosine/Mn and pure imidazole.

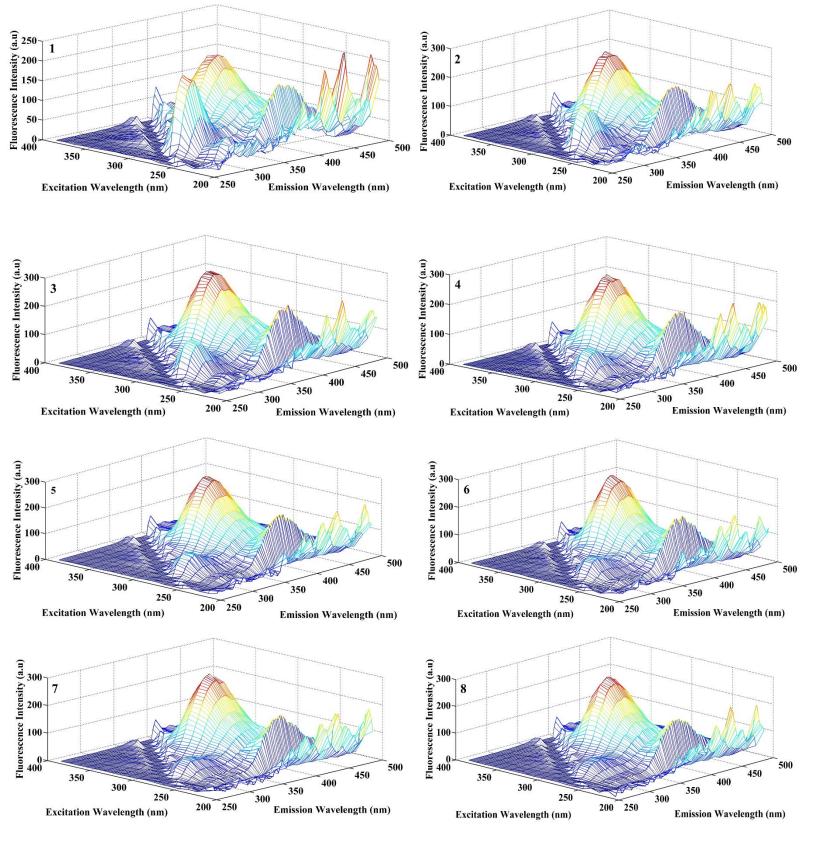
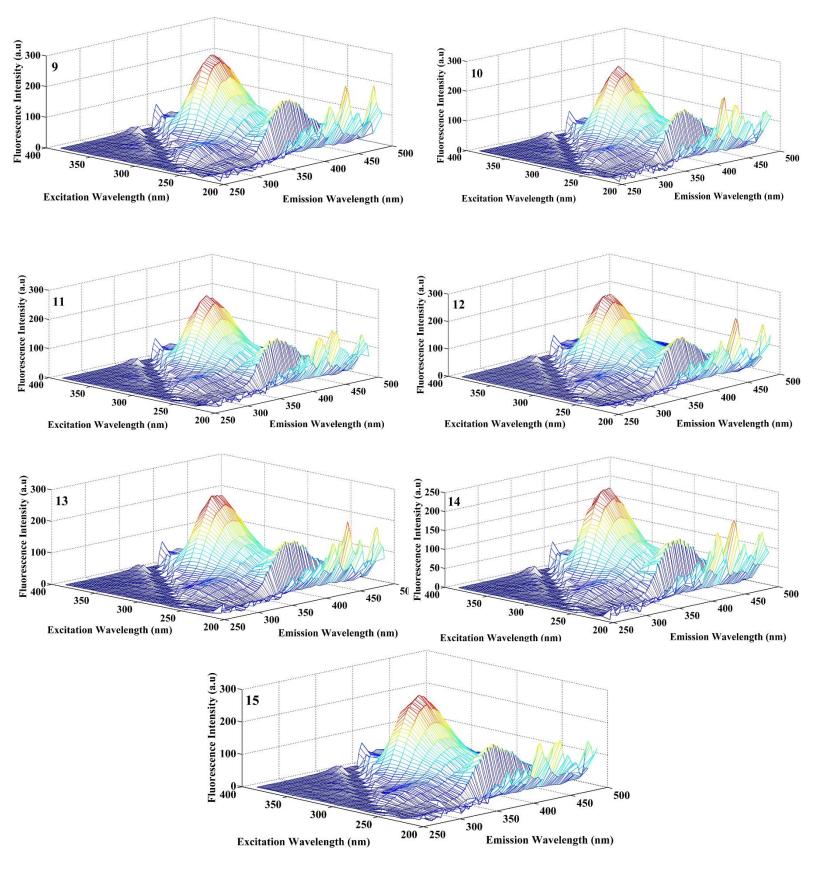


Fig. S13 The excitation-emission profiles of Mn oxide/poly-L-tyrosine (initial volume= 25 ml and C = 0.3 mg/ml) on titration with imidazole (initial volume = 25 ml, C = 4 mg/ml and volume added for any experiment = 50  $\mu$ l until the 15th step).



**Fig. S13** The excitation-emission profiles of Mn oxide/poly-L-tyrosine (initial volume= 25 ml and C = 0.3 mg/ml) on titration with imidazole (initial volume = 25 ml, C = 4 mg/ml and volume added for any experiment =  $50 \, \mu l$  until the 15th step) (continue).

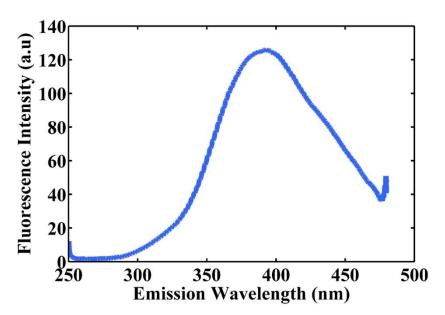


Fig. S14 Emission spectra for pure imidazole.