

## Supplementary Materials

### A luminescent sensor based on Zn(II) coordination polymer behaves selective and sensitive detection for NACs and Fe<sup>3+</sup> ions

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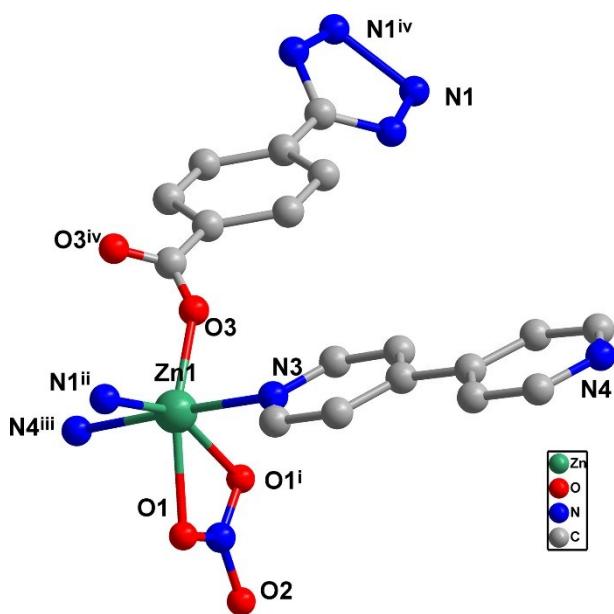
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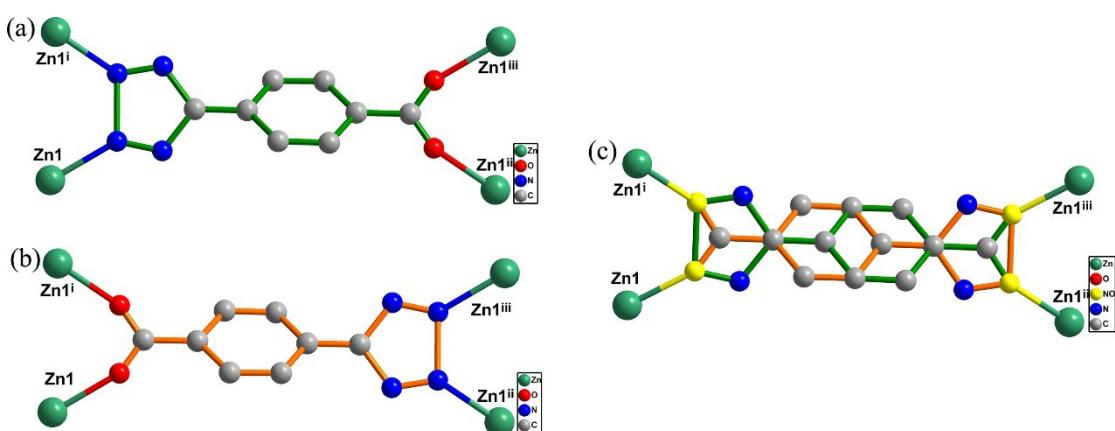
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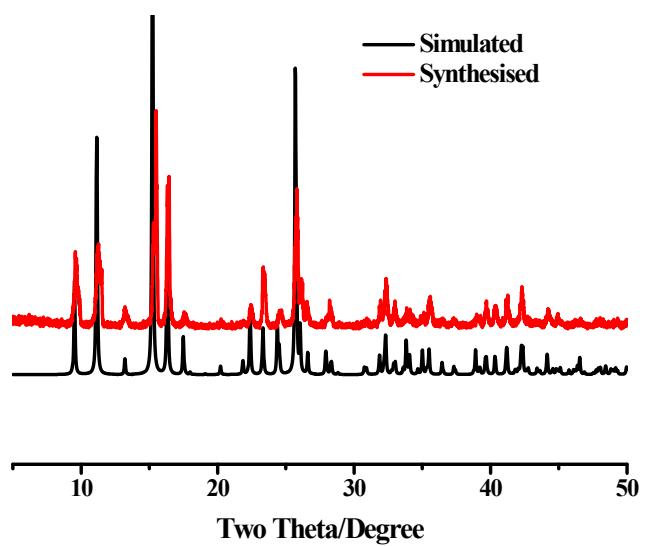


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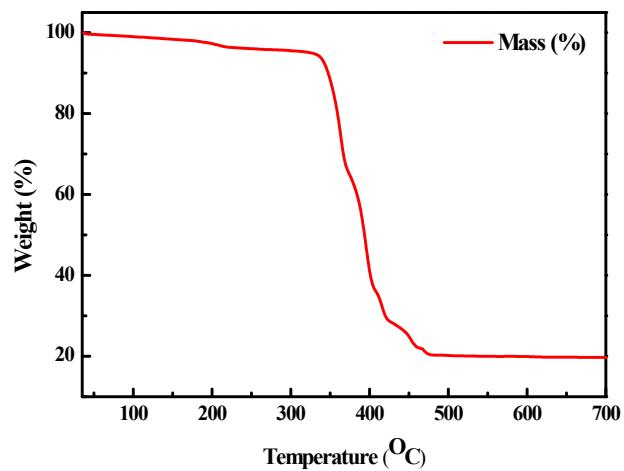
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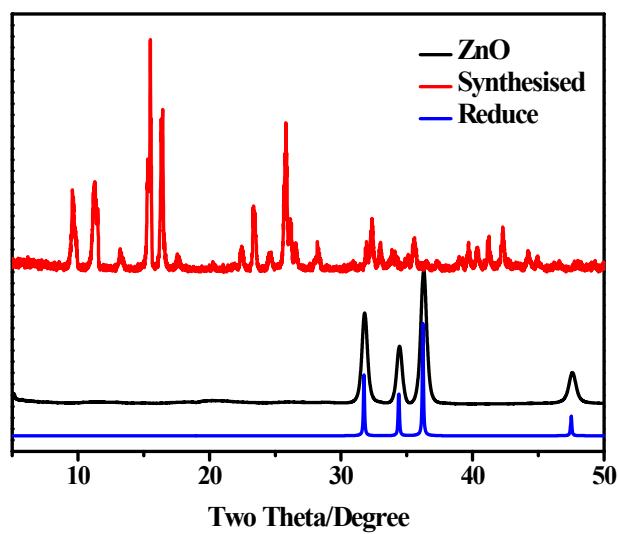
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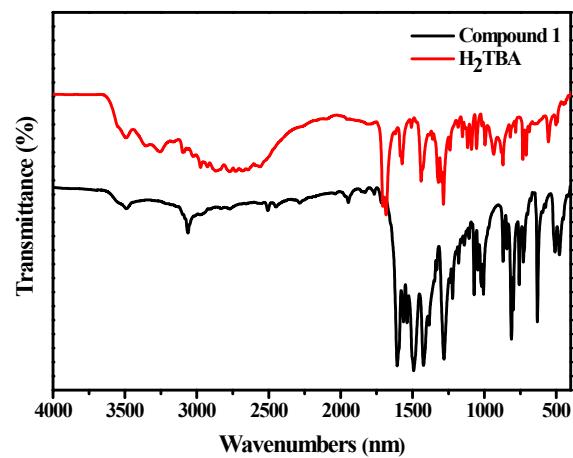
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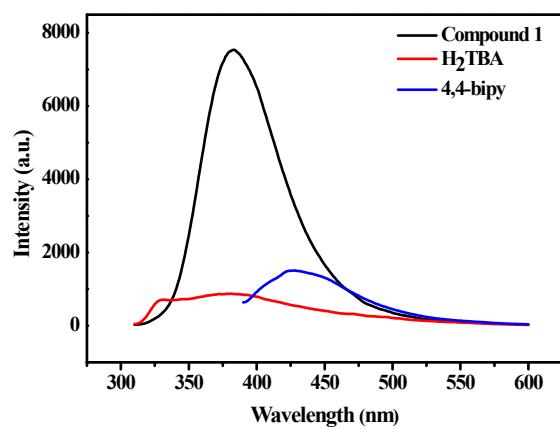
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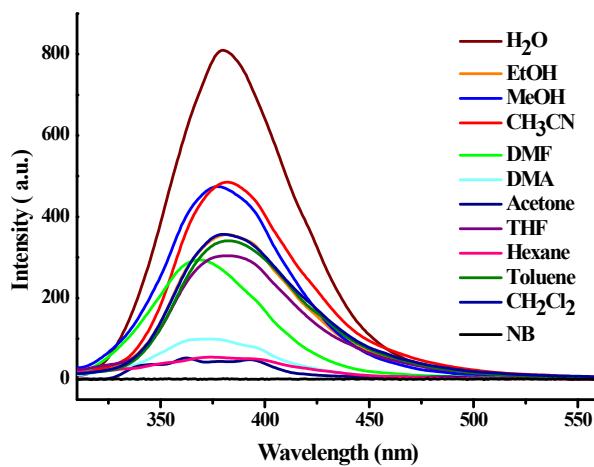
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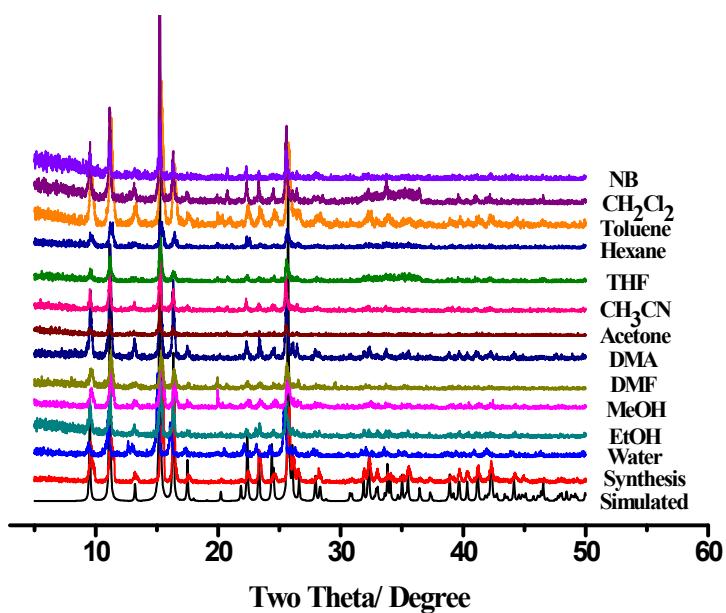
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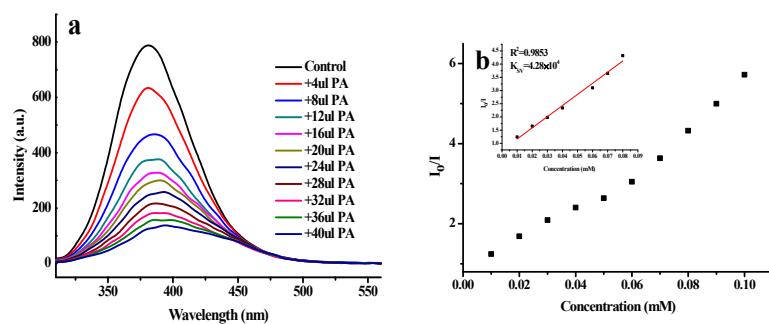
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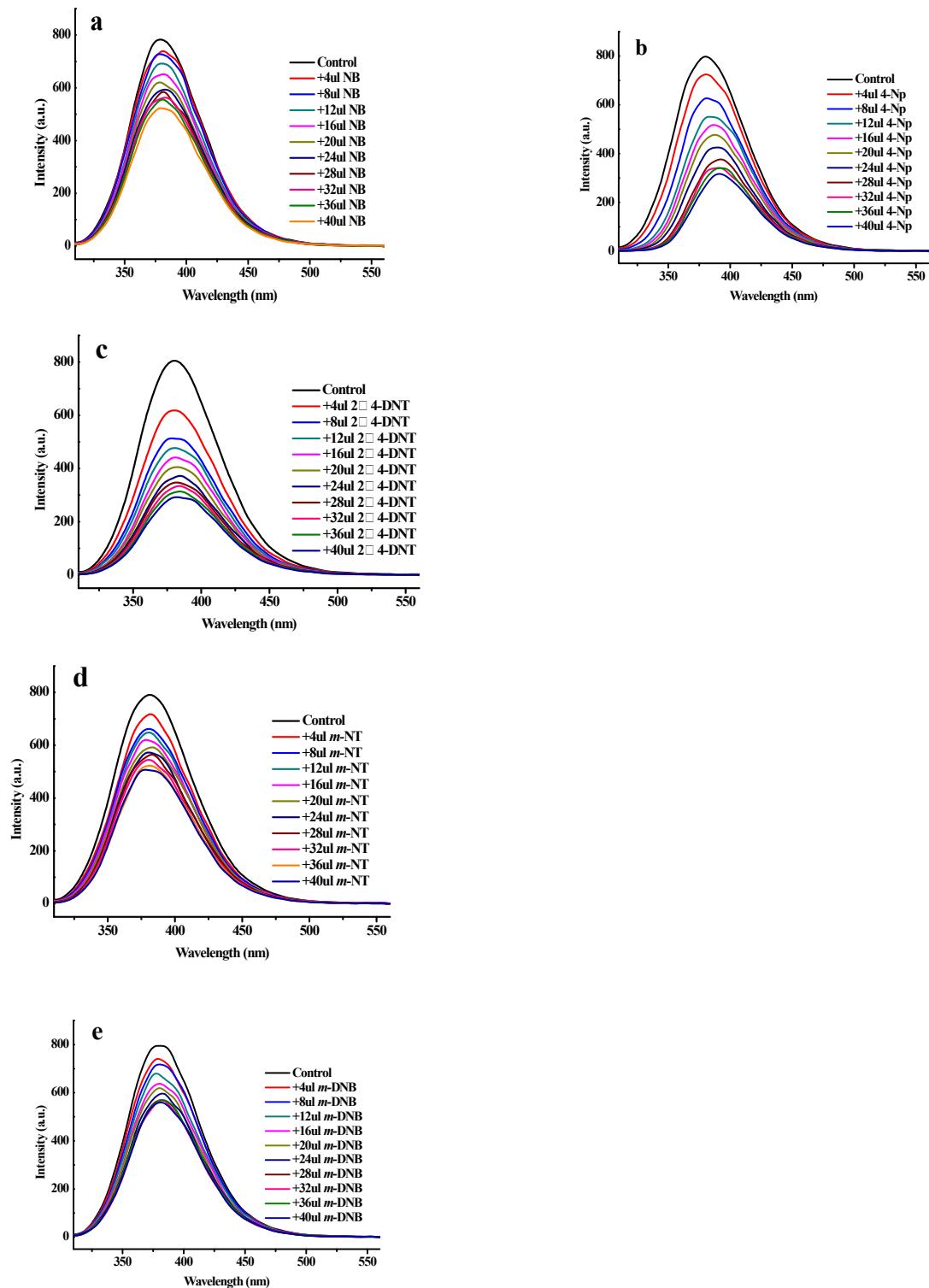
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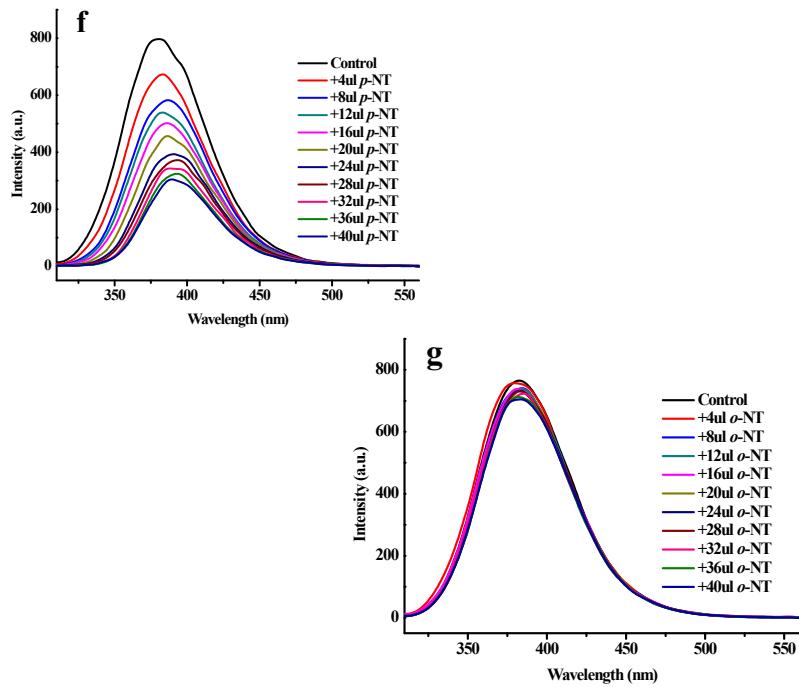


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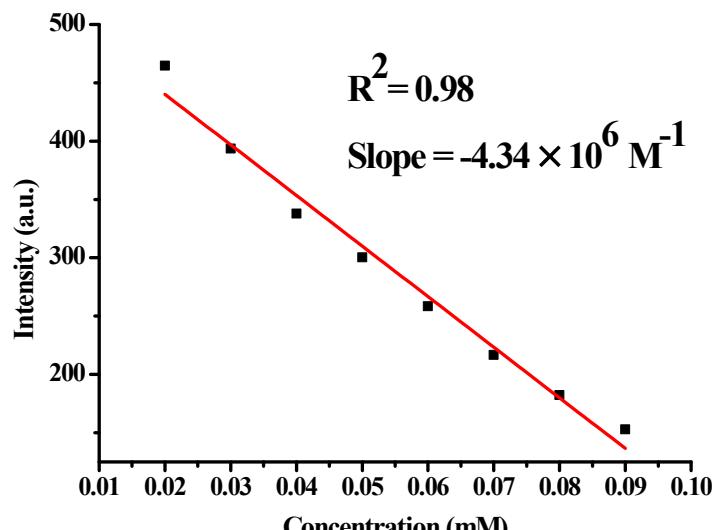


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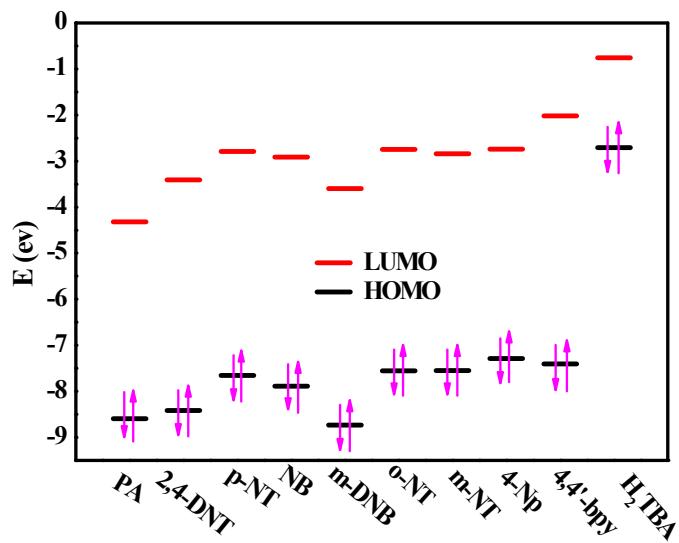


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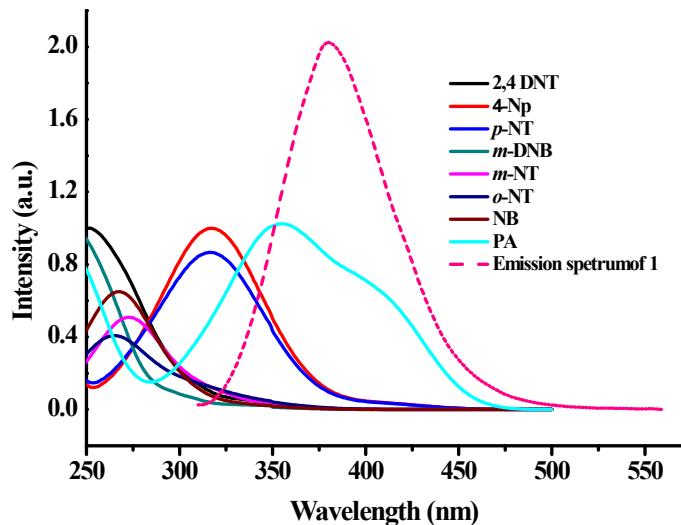
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$$\text{Limit detection} = 3\delta/\text{Slope} = 6.02 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$$

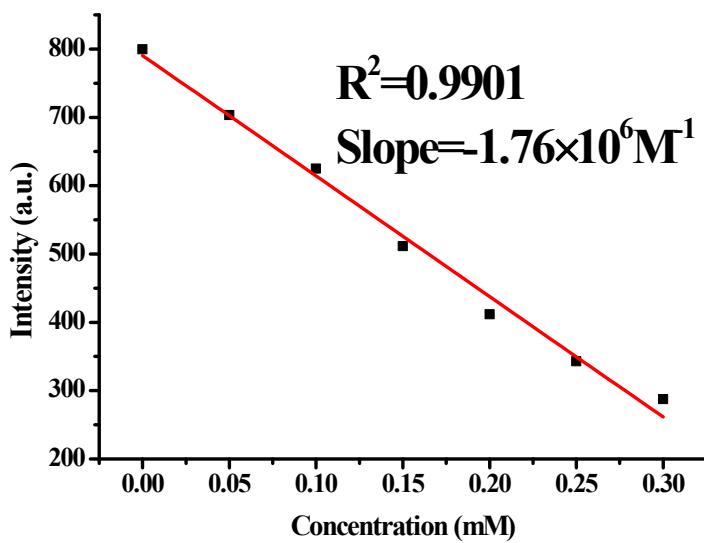
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$$\text{Linear Equation: } Y = -1763.85X + 790.53$$

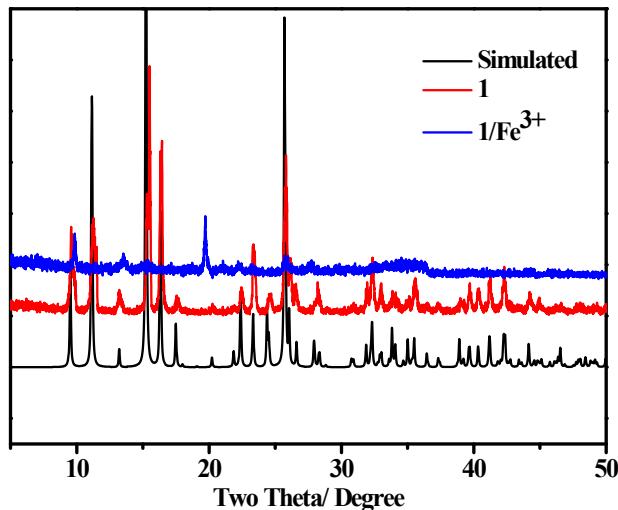
$$R = 0.9901$$

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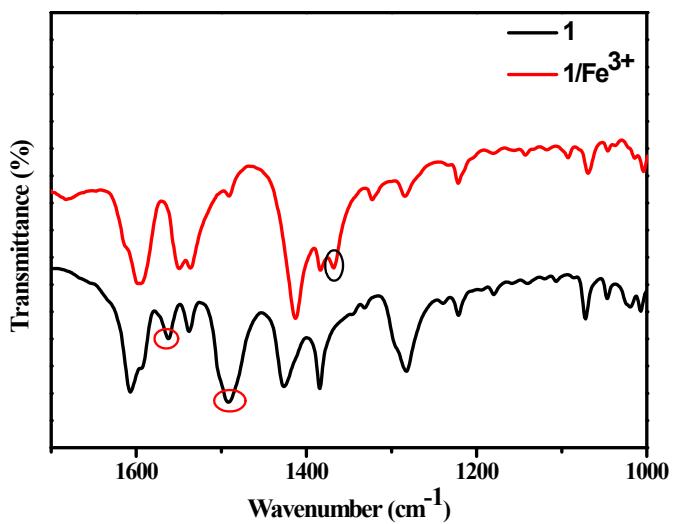
$$\delta = 4.21 \text{ (N=10)}$$

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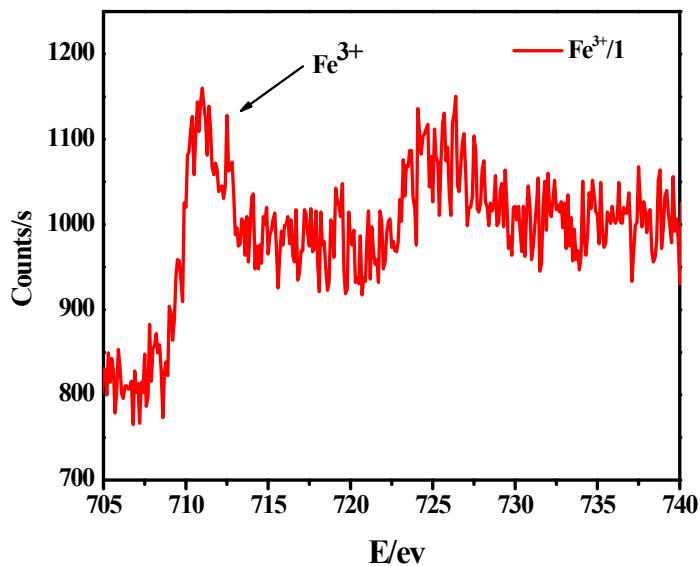
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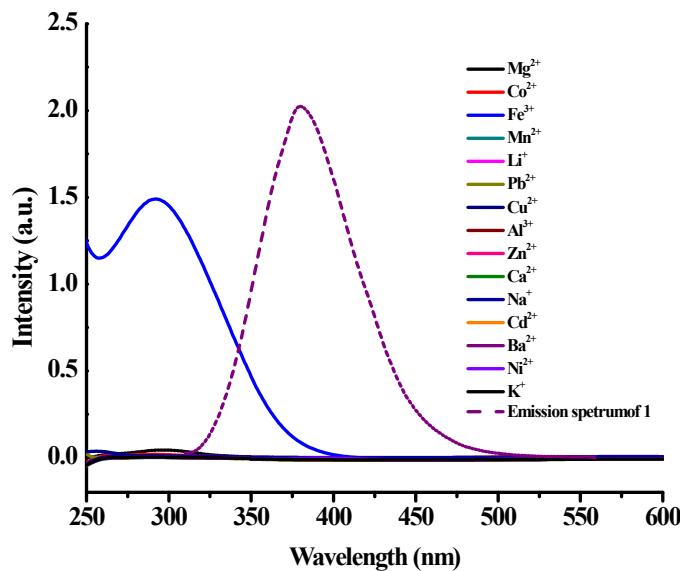
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Zn1-O1	2.202(6)	Zn1-N5	2.522(10)
O1-Zn1-N4 <sup>2</sup>	86.2(2)	O1 <sup>1</sup> -Zn1-N5	29.31(18)
N1-Zn1-O1	153.6(3)	N1-Zn1-N1 <sup>1</sup>	110.9(4)
N1 <sup>1</sup> -Zn1-N3	91.6(2)	N1 <sup>1</sup> -Zn1-N4 <sup>2</sup>	89.56(19)
O3 <sup>1</sup> -Zn1-O1 <sup>1</sup>	153.6(3)	N4 <sup>2</sup> -Zn1-N5	84.3(3)

Symmetry codes <sup>1</sup>+X,-Y,+Z; <sup>2</sup>-1+X,+Y,+Z; <sup>3</sup>-X,+Y,2-Z; <sup>4</sup>+X,1-Y,+Z; <sup>5</sup>1+X,+Y,+Z; <sup>6</sup>-X,1-Y,2-Z

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Nitro explosives	$K_{\text{SV}} (\text{M}^{-1})$
PA	$4.83 \times 10^4$
NB	$4.94 \times 10^3$
m-DNB	$5.5 \times 10^3$
o-NT	$7.68 \times 10^3$
m-NT	$5.00 \times 10^3$
p-NT	$1.61 \times 10^4$
2,4-DNT	$1.49 \times 10^4$
4-Np	$1.62 \times 10^4$

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Analytes	HOMO (ev)	LUMO (ev)	Bond gap
PA	-8.595166	-4.320934	4.27432
2,4-DNT	-8.41361	-3.409107	5.004502
p-NT	-7.655022	-2.79225	4.862798
NB	-7.887787	-2.912631	4.975156
m-DNB	-8.730522	-3.596104	5.134419
o-NT	-7.554773	-2.746777	4.807996
m-NT	-7.55031	-2.838932	4.711378
4-Np	-7.290064	-2.73967	4.550394
4,4'-bpy	-7.402589	-2.01690	5.273164
H2TBA	-2.7089546	-0.75771814	1.95123646

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