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ESIPT active Multi-color Aggregation Induced Emission features of Triphenylamine-Salicylaldehyde based Unsymmetrical Azine Family

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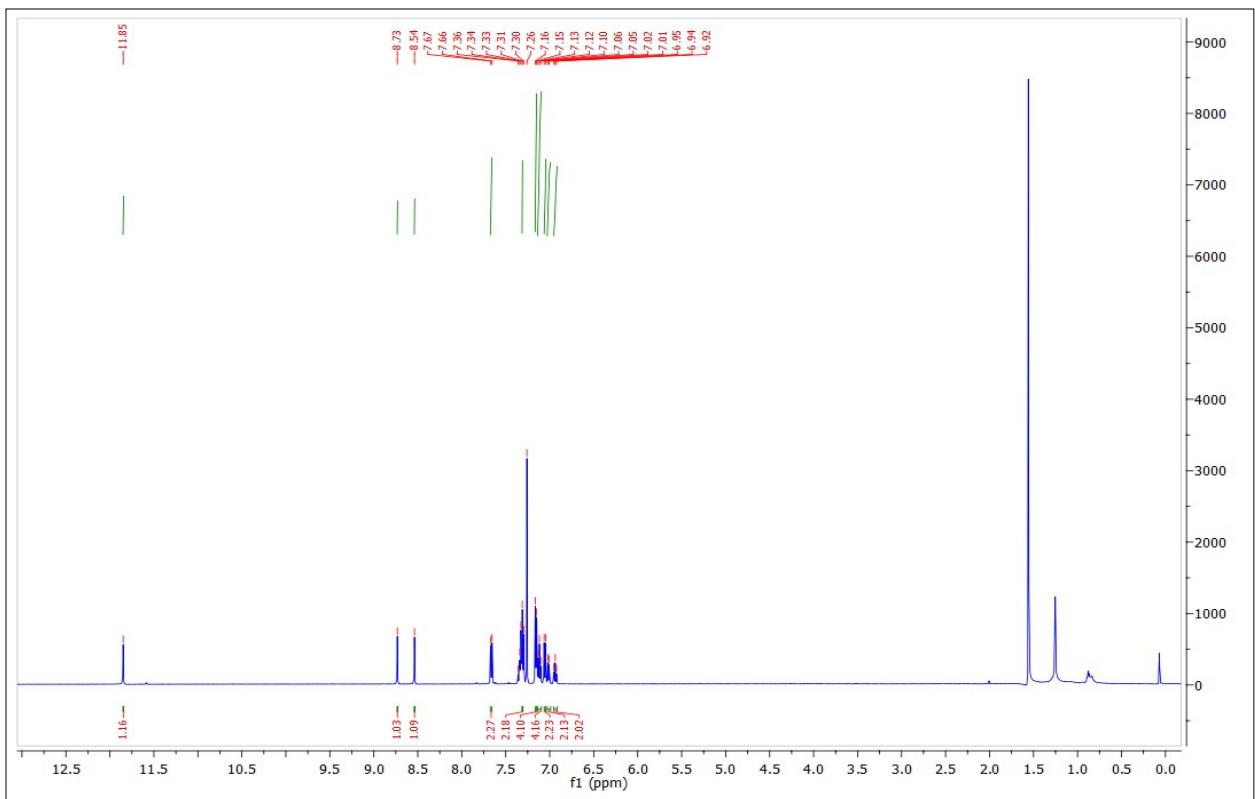


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectra of L₁.

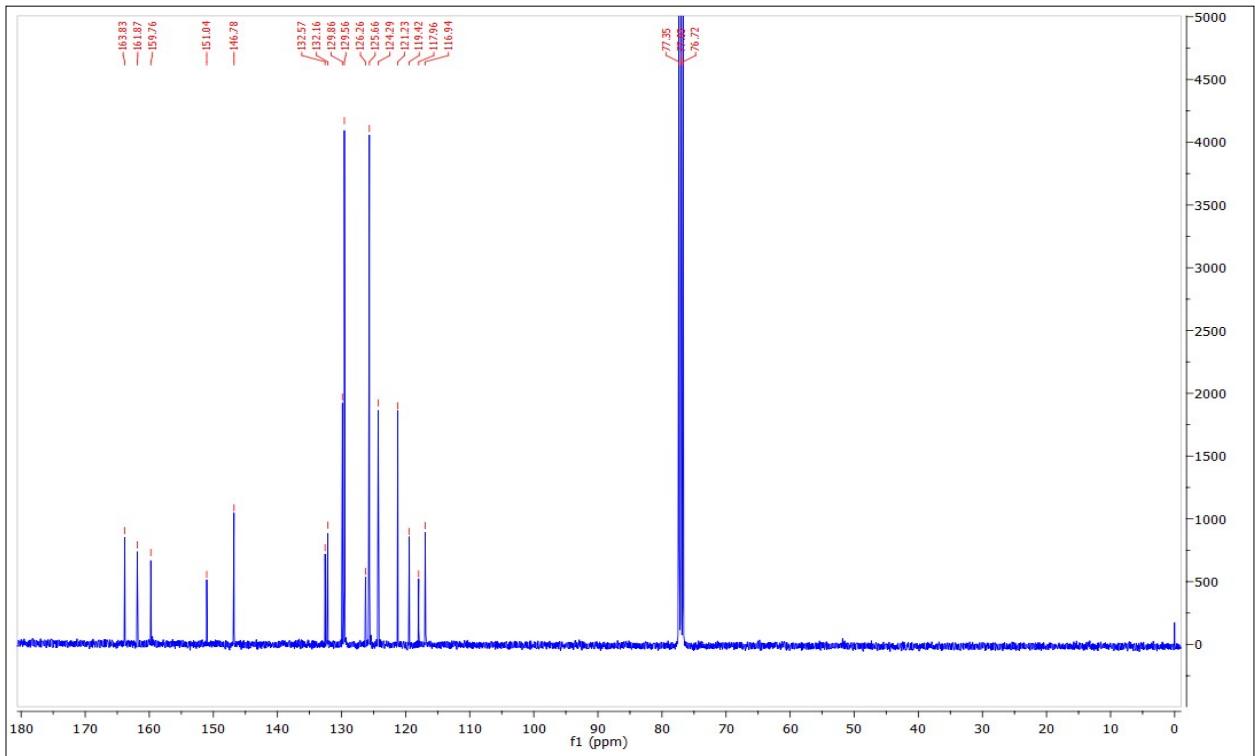


Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectra of L₁.

Single Mass Analysis

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Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

19 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass)

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C: 25-30 H: 20-25 N: 0-5 O: 0-5

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TOF MS AP+

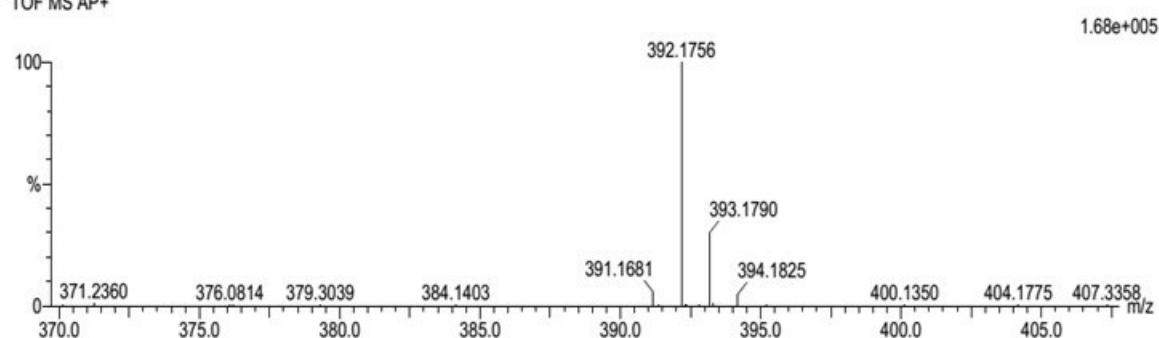


Figure S3. Mass spectra of L_1 .

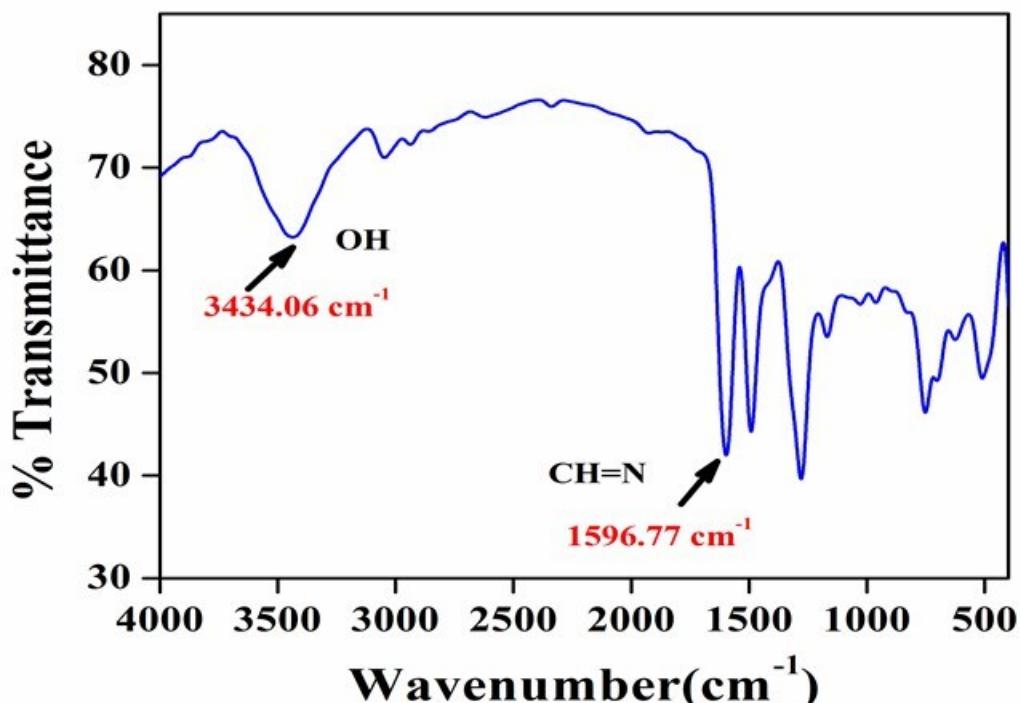


Figure S4. FT-IR spectra of L_1 .

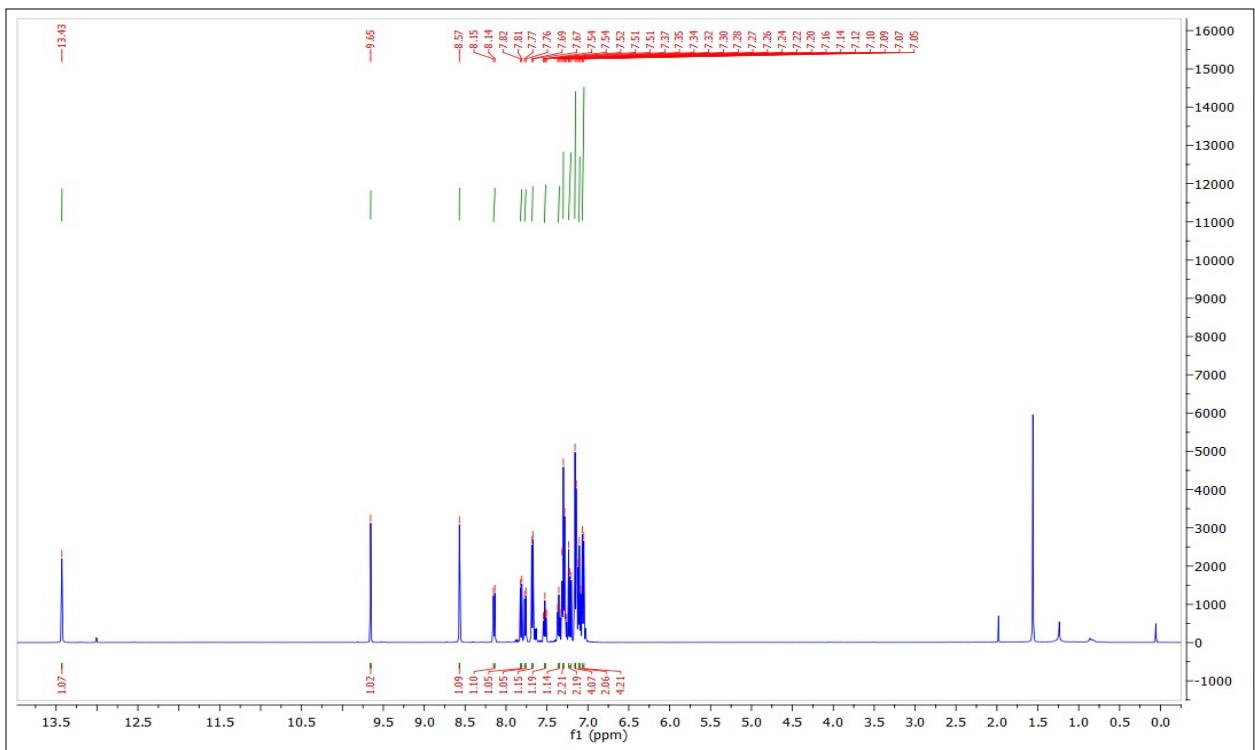


Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectra of L₂.

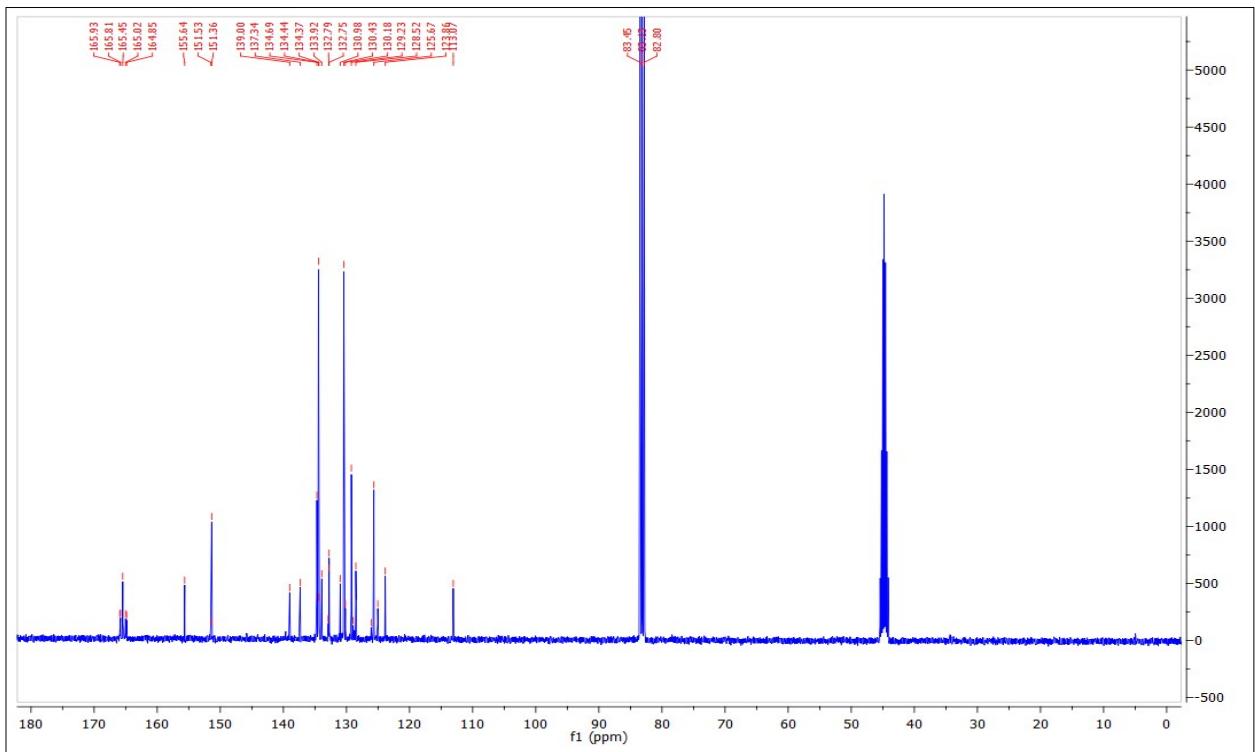


Figure S6. ¹³C NMR spectra of L₂.

Elemental Composition Report**Page 1****Single Mass Analysis**

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Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 2

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

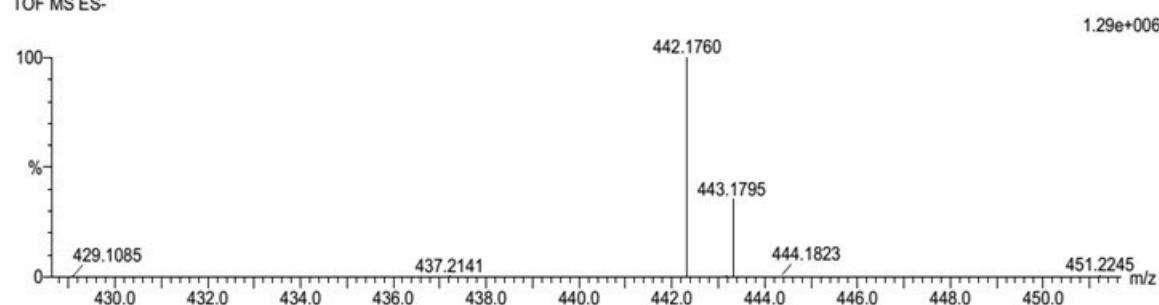
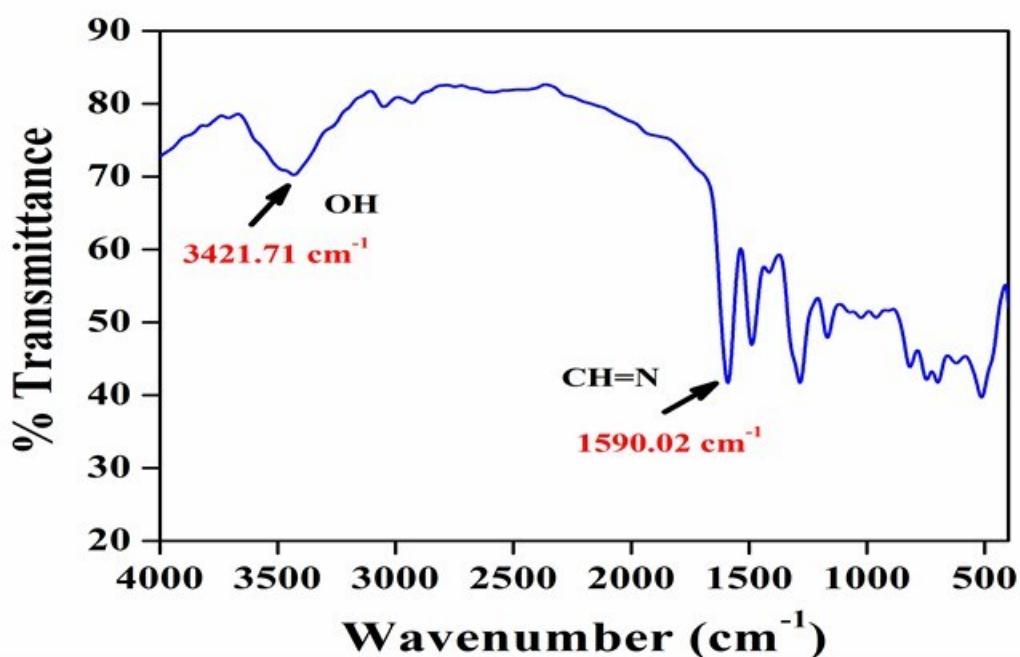
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2P-20 55 (1.821) Cm (1:61)

TOF MS ES-

Figure S7. Mass spectra of L_2 .Figure S8. FT-IR spectra of L_2 .

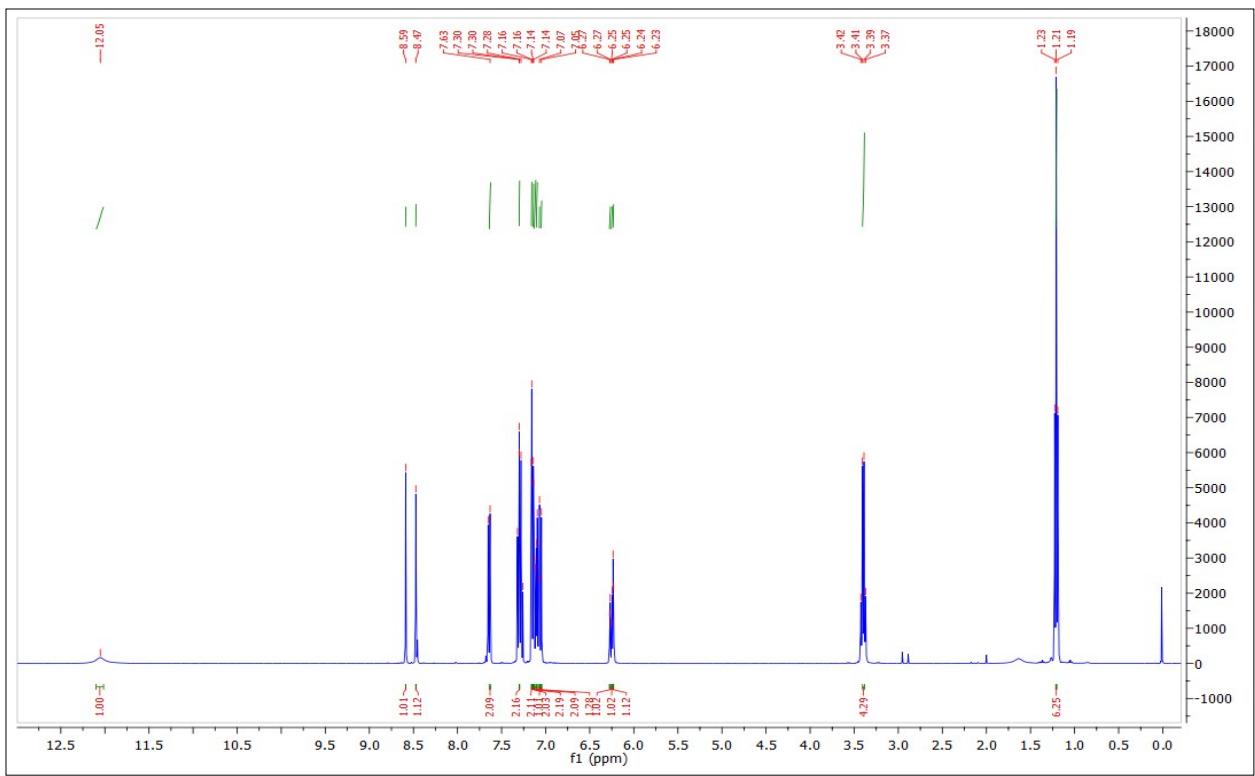


Figure S9. ¹H NMR spectra of L₃.

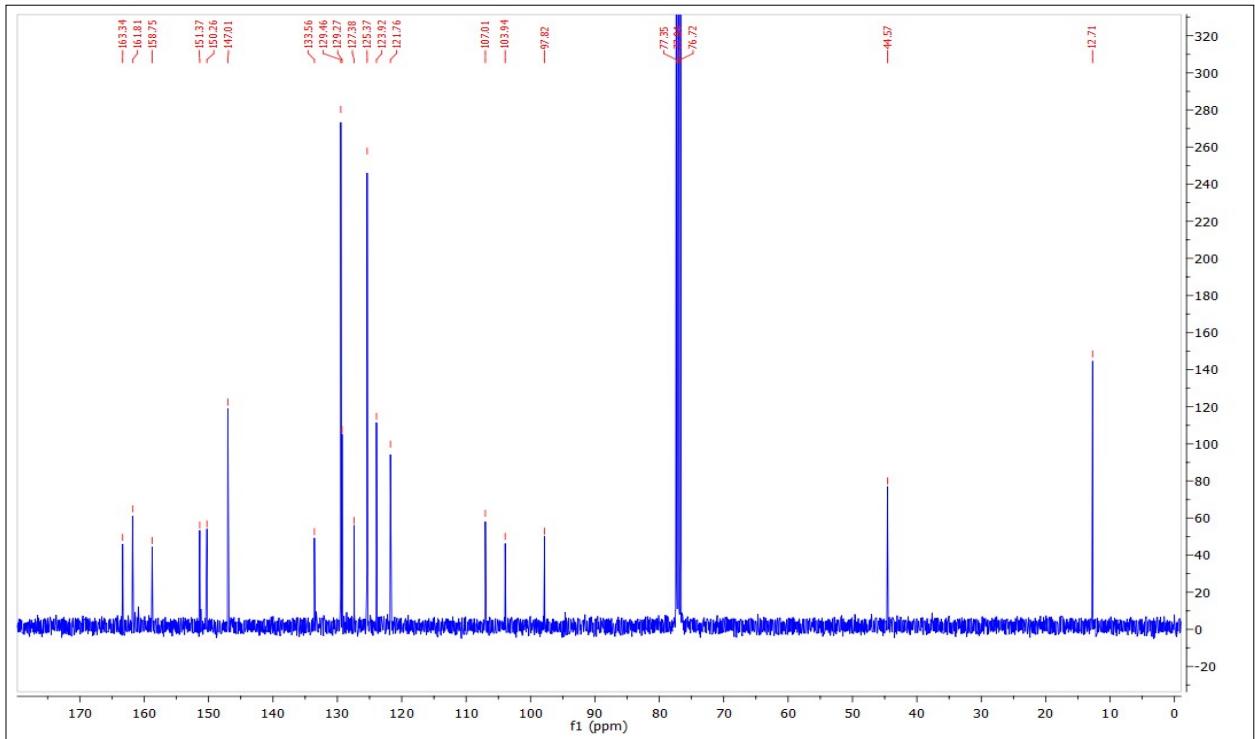


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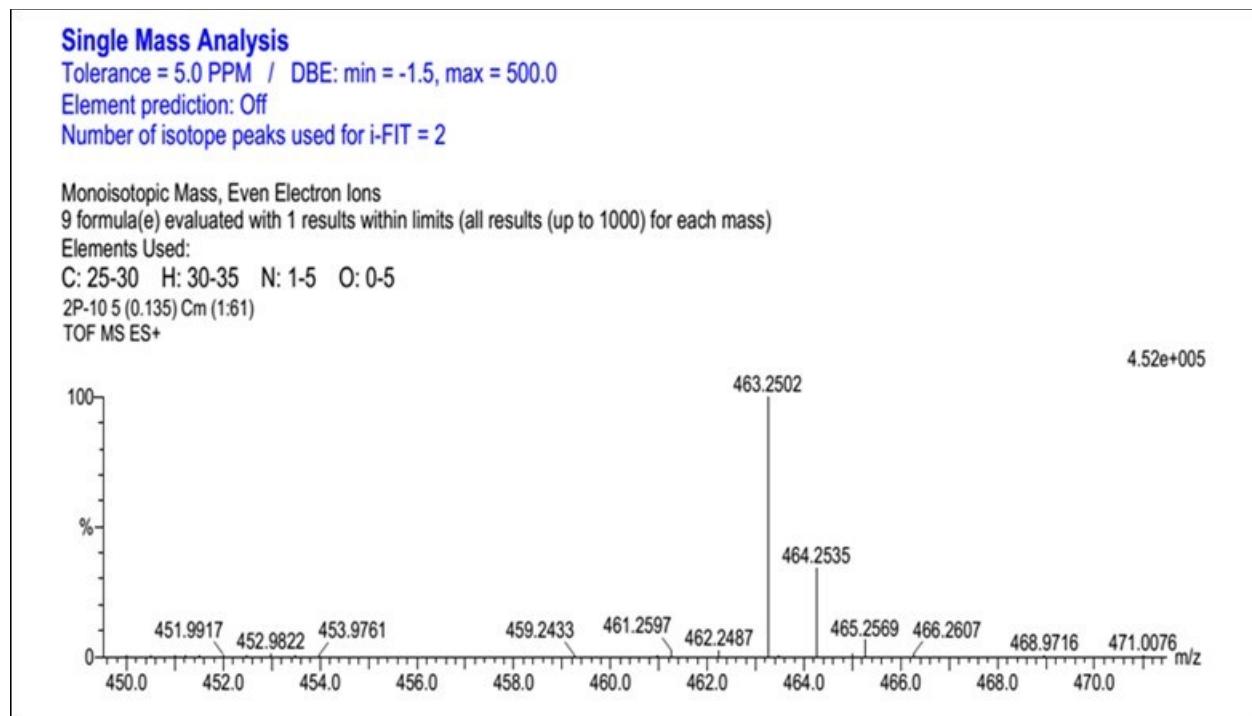


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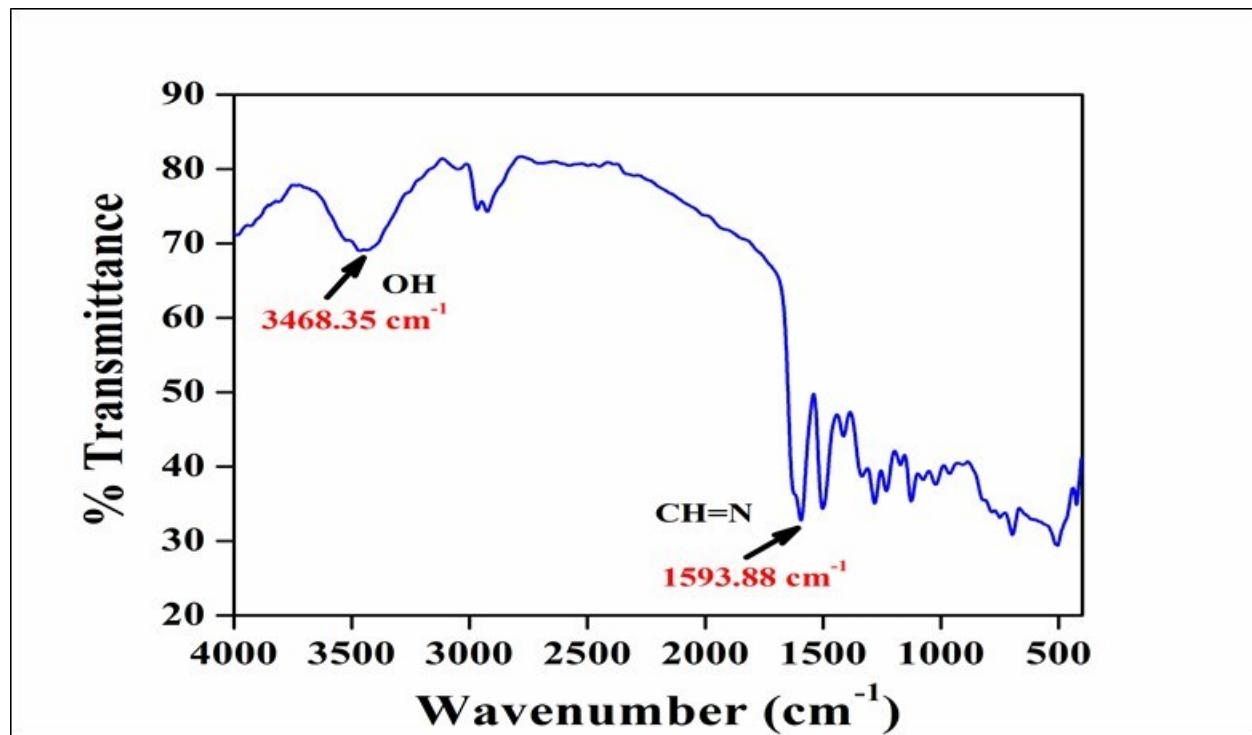


Figure S12. FT-IR spectra of L_3 .

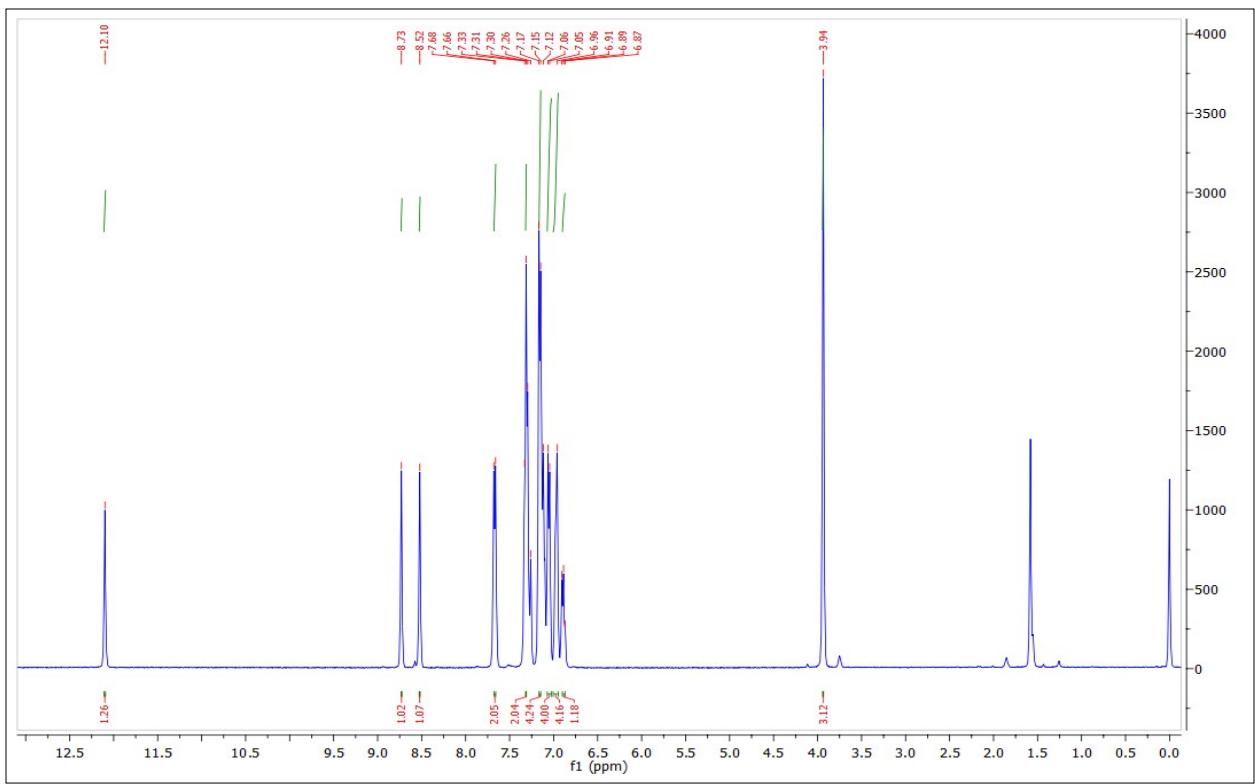


Figure S13. ¹H NMR spectra of L₄.

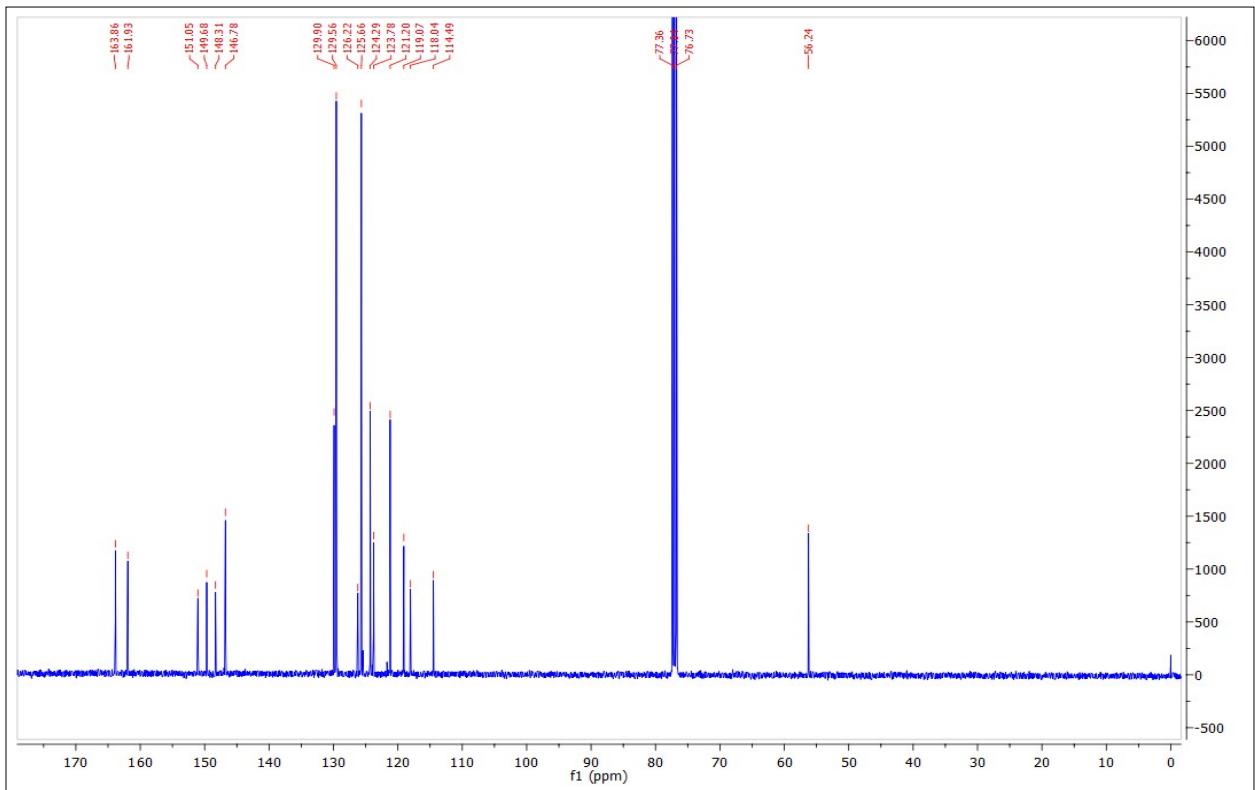


Figure S14. ¹³C NMR spectra of L₄.

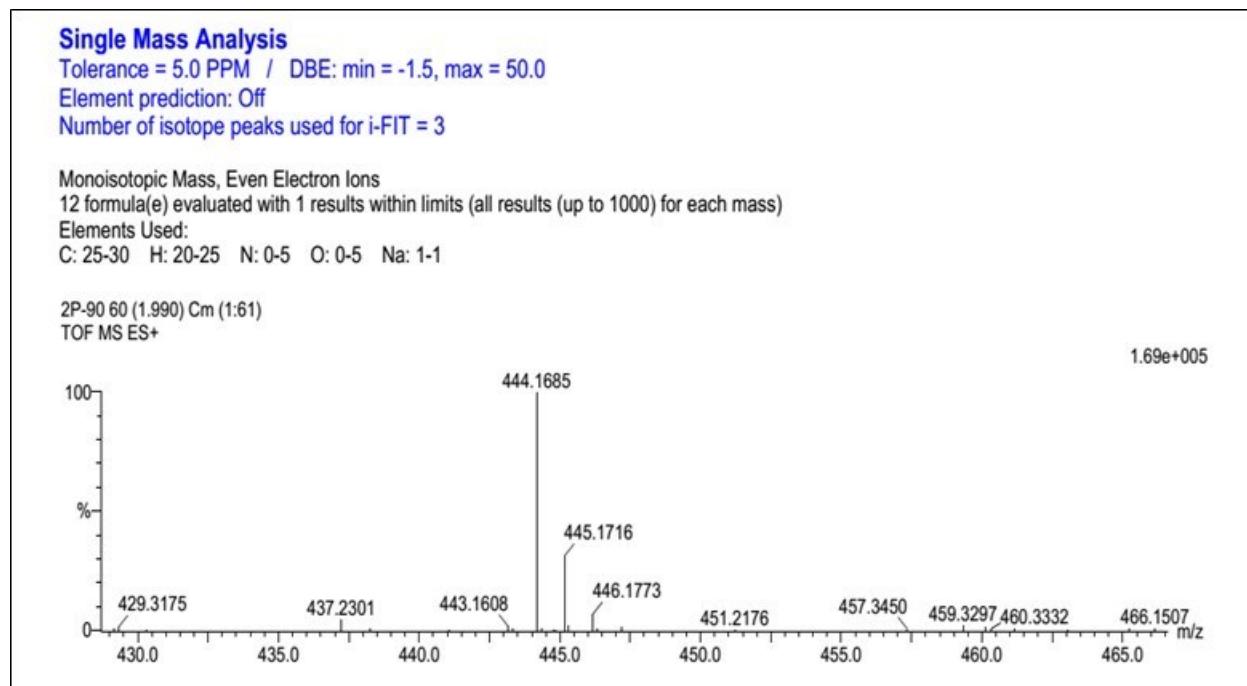


Figure S15. Mass spectra of L₄.

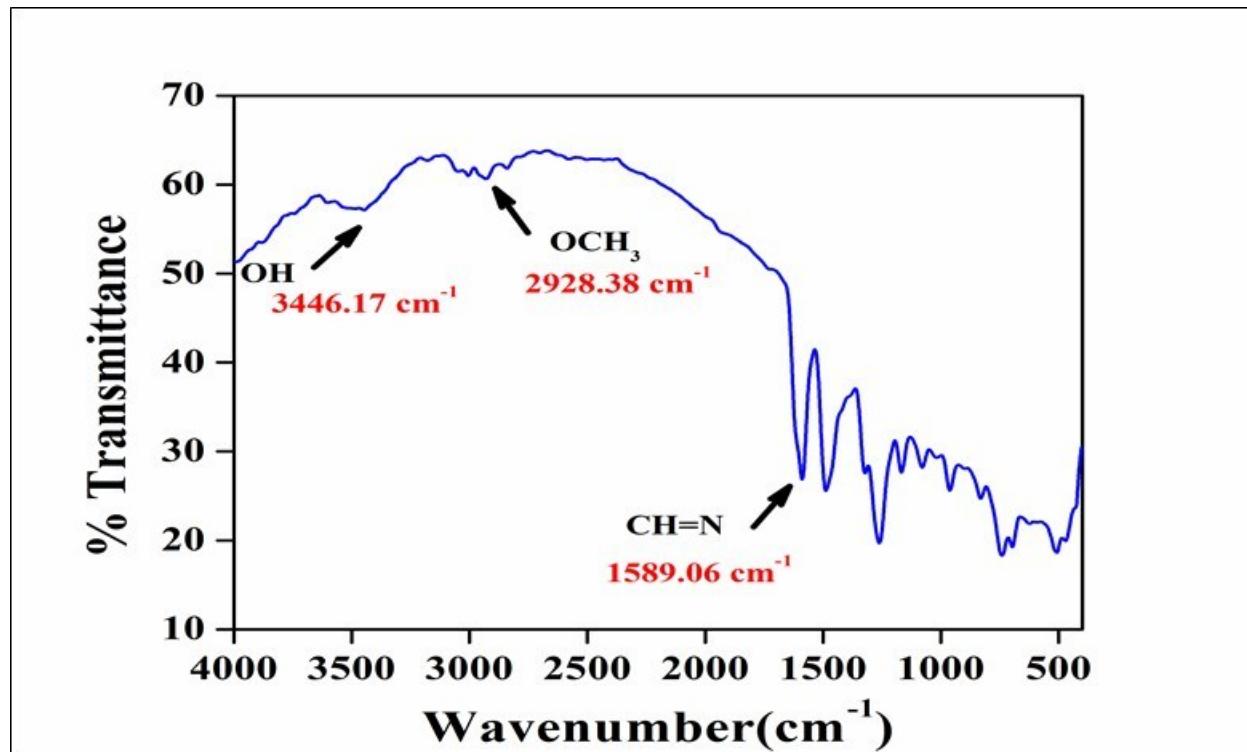


Figure S16. FT-IR spectra of L₄.

Table S1. Optical transitions of **L₁ – L₄** in different solvents.

| Solvents | L ₁ | | | | L ₂ | | | | L ₃ | | | | L ₄ | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | λ _{abs} | λ _{em} | Φ _F | τ(ns) | λ _{abs} | λ _{em} | Φ _F | τ(ns) | λ _{abs} | λ _{em} | Φ _F | τ(ns) | λ _{abs} | λ _{em} | Φ _F | τ(ns) |
| Toluene | 391 | 548, | 0.015 | 0.18 | 410 | 514, | 0.048 | 0.10 | 407 | 465, | 0.043 | 0.20 | 364 | 452 | 0.001 | - |
| | | 568 | | | | 542 | | | | 487 | | | | | | |
| CHCl₃ | 398 | 542, | 0.052 | 0.22 | 412 | 527, | 0.102 | 0.38 | 410 | 476(s), | 0.077 | 0.25 | 364 | 513 | 0.029 | 0.12 (54.47) |
| | | 568(s) | | | | 547(s) | | | | 501 | | | | | | 3.82(45.53) |
| ACN | 389 | 559 | 0.028 | 0.25 | 405 | 554(b) | 0.086 | 0.30 | 406 | 481, | 0.056 | 0.19 | 364 | 553 | 0.001 | 0.13(84.94) |
| | | | | | | | | | | 494(s) | | | | | | 2.16(15.06) |
| THF | 391 | 542, | 0.011 | 0.07 | 408 | 520, | 0.033 | 0.11 | 407 | 469, | 0.034 | 0.21 | 364 | 486 | 0.005 | 0.13(50.06) |
| | | 568(s) | | | | 540(s) | | | | 487 | | | | | | 1.54(49.93) |
| DMSO | 393 | 578, | 0.023 | 0.38 | 408 | 583(b) | 0.080 | 0.49 | 413 | 488 | 0.073 | 0.29 | 364 | 514 | 0.012 | 0.10(95.23) |
| | | 606(s) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2.59(4.77) |
| MeOH | 392 | 555 | 0.013 | 0.10 | 405 | 567(b) | 0.026 | 0.20 | 414 | 536 | 0.082 | 0.45 | 369 | 489, | 0.002 | 0.28((98.21) |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 554 | | 3.11(1.79) |

Abbreviations: λ_{ab}= absorption maximum, λ_{em}= emission maximum, Φ_F= fluorescence quantum yield, τ(ns)= Life time and s= shoulder peak.

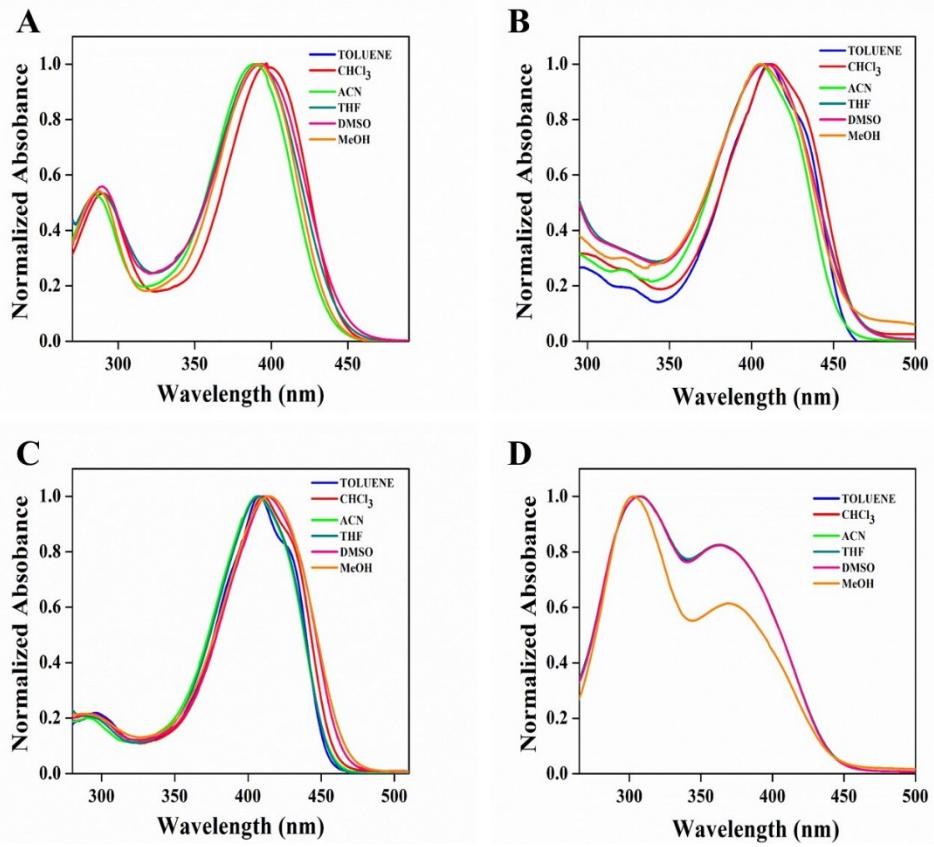


Figure S17. Normalized absorption spectra of the compounds (10 μ M) (A) L₁ (B) L₂ (C) L₃ and (D) L₄ in organic solvents with varying polarities.

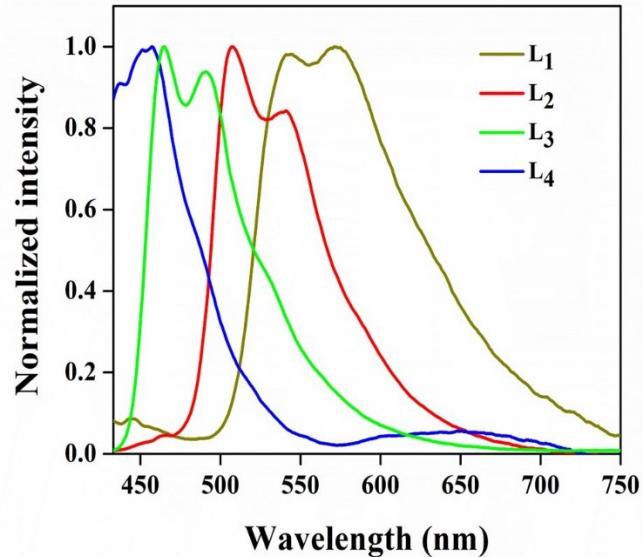


Figure S18. Normalized emission spectra of the compounds L₁-L₄ in cyclohexane.

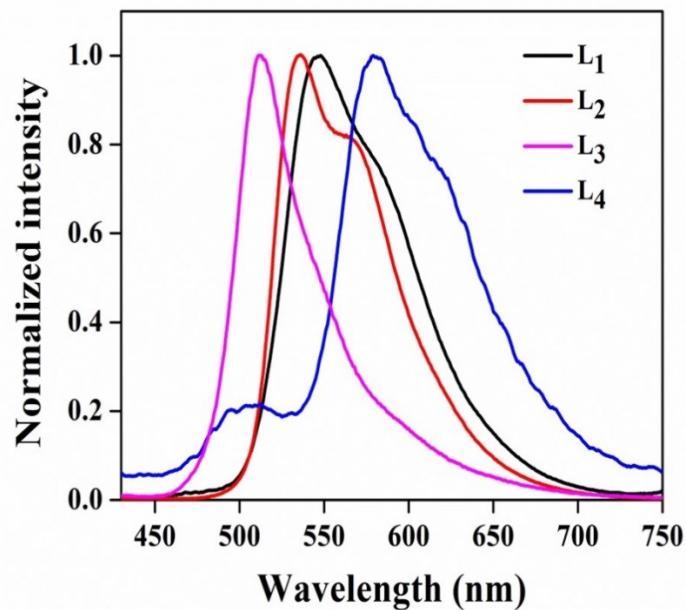


Figure S19. Normalized solid state emission spectra of the compounds L₁-L₄.



Figure S20. Fluorescence photographs of (A) L₁ (B) L₂ (C) L₃ and (D) L₄ in various organic solvents ranging from low polarity to high polarity (10 μ M) under UV lamp (365 nm). Toluene; chloroform; tetrahydrofuran; dimethyl sulfoxide; acetonitrile; methanol.

Table S2. Aggregation induced emission life time values of the L₁-L₄.

| Azine molecules | Lifetime in THF τ (ns) | Lifetime in 90% water :10% THF τ (ns) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| L₁ | 0.12 | 0.34 (89.29) 2.97 (10.71) |
| L₂ | 0.11 | 0.49 (74.60) 1.44 (25.40) |
| L₃ | 0.21 | 0.12(93.99) 1.48(6.01) |
| L₄ | 0.13(50.06) 1.54(49.93) | 0.53 (56.31) 5.64 (43.69) |

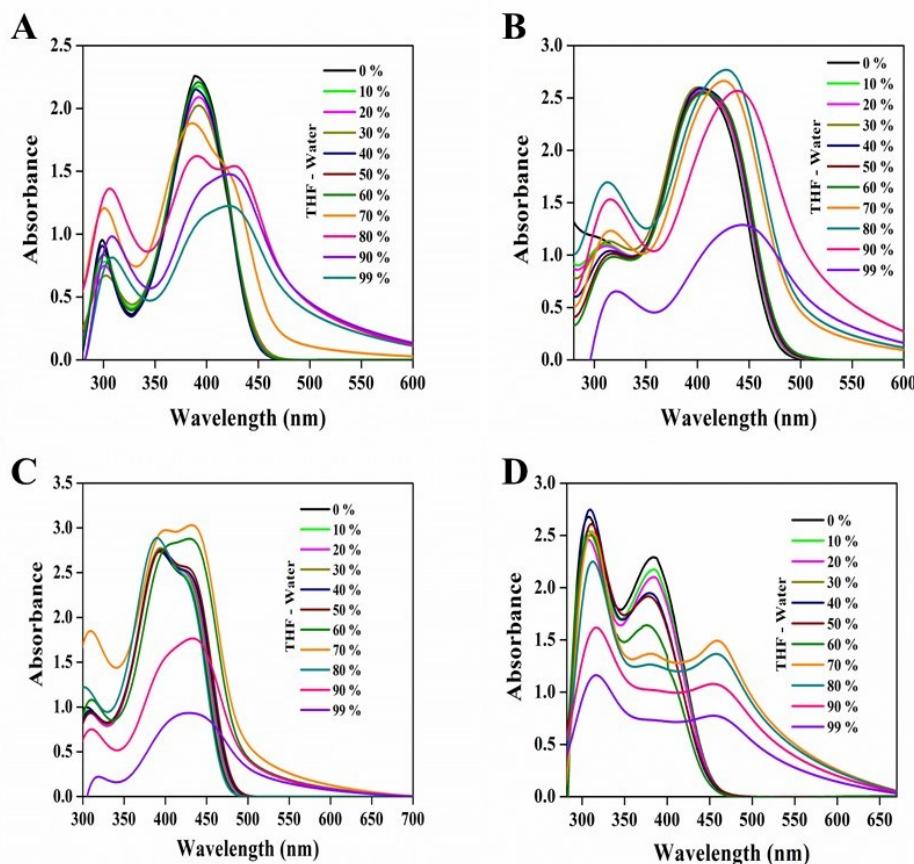


Figure S21. Absorption spectra of the compounds L₁-L₄ (100 μ M) in THF-water mixture with various water fractions. 0-99%.

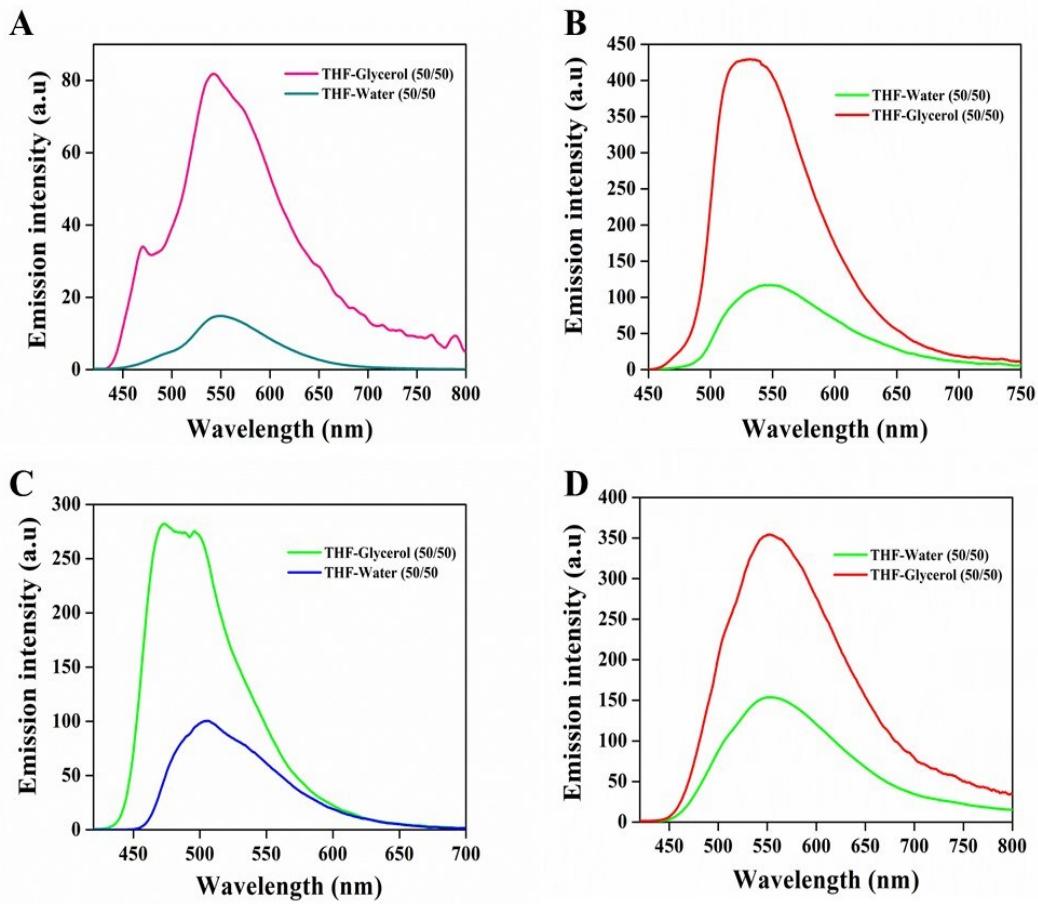


Figure S22. Fluorescence spectra of compounds (100 μ M) (A) L₁ (B) L₂ (C) L₃ and (D) L₄ in THF-water and THF-glycerol mixture.

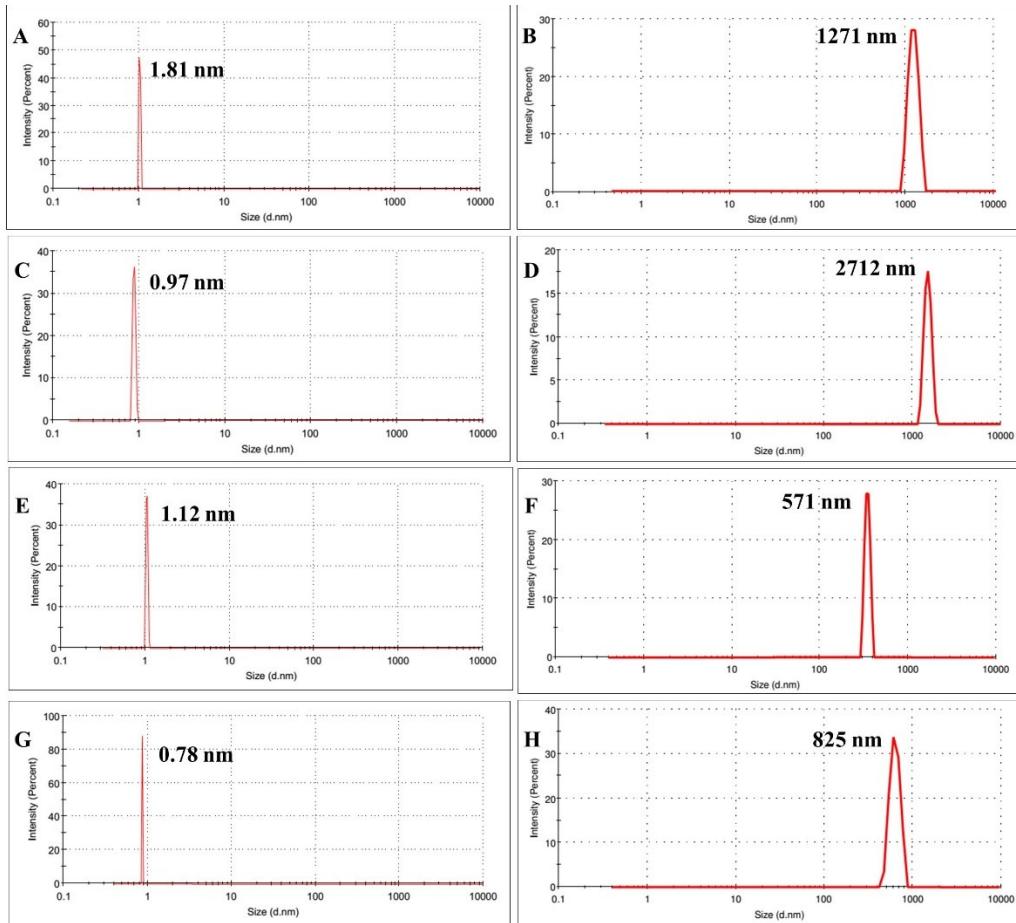


Figure S23. Dynamic light scattering measurements of compounds with particle size distribution in THF-water mixture A), B) L₁ (0 and 90 %), C), D) L₂ (0 and 90 %) E), F) L₃ (0 and 70%) and G), H) L₄ (0 and 90 %).

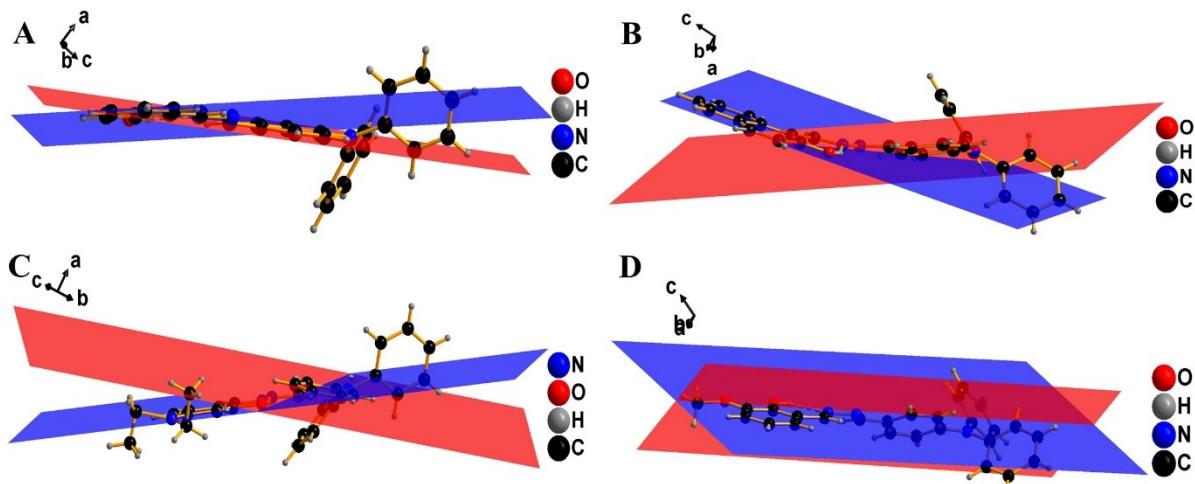


Figure S24. Non planar nature of molecular structure of L₁-L₄.

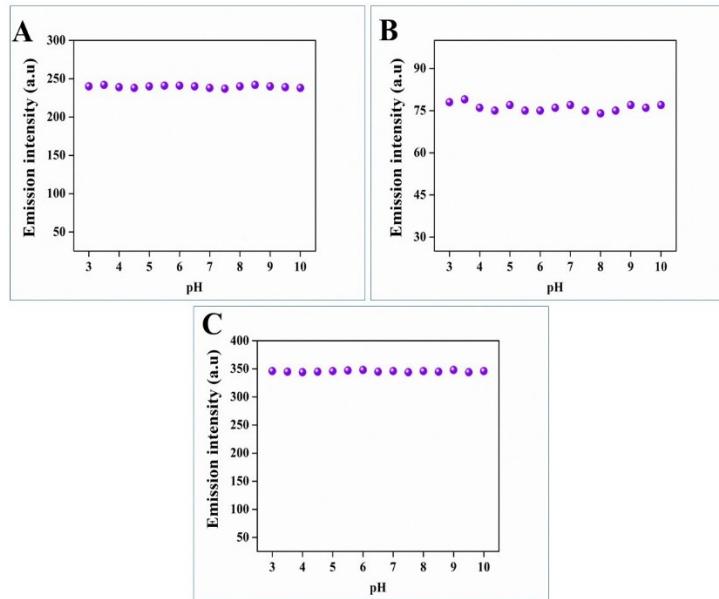


Figure S25. Emission curves intensities of compounds as a function of pH values A) L₁ B) L₂ and C) L₄.

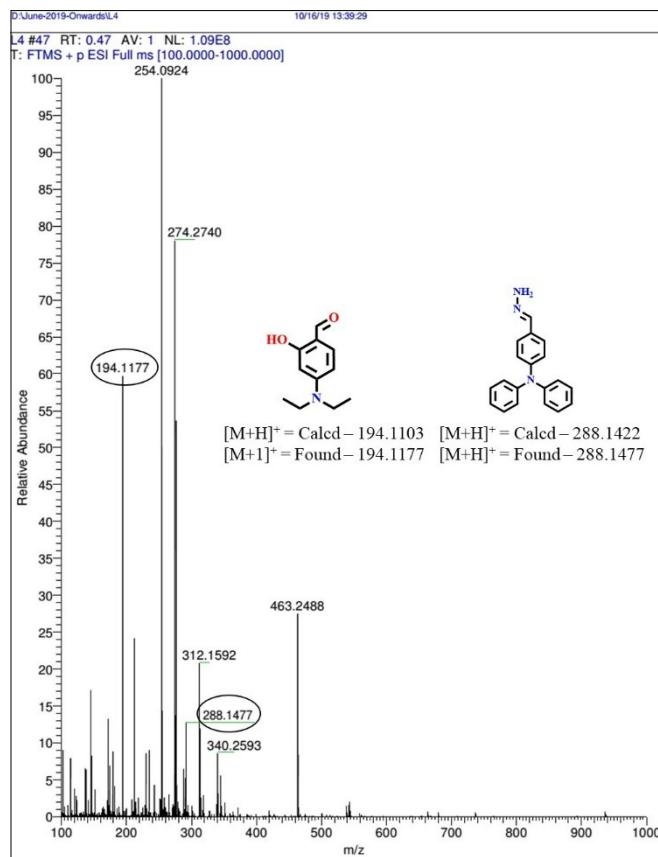


Figure S26. Positive ESI mass spectra of L₃ in MeOH after the addition of a drop of TFA acid.

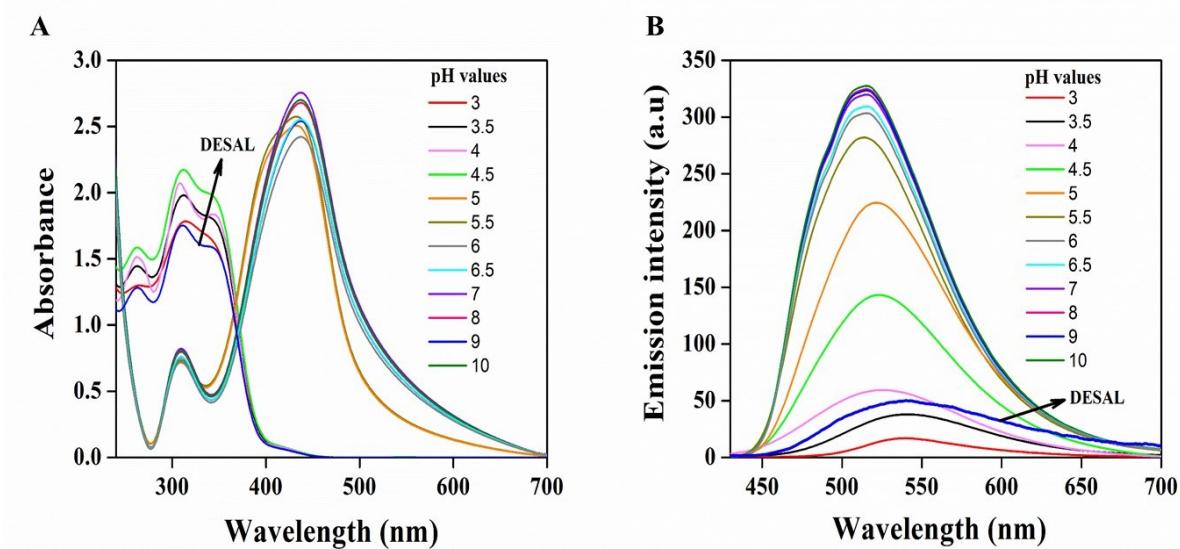


Figure S27. A) Absorption titration of L_3 as a function of pH values. B) Emission titration of L_3 as a function of pH values.

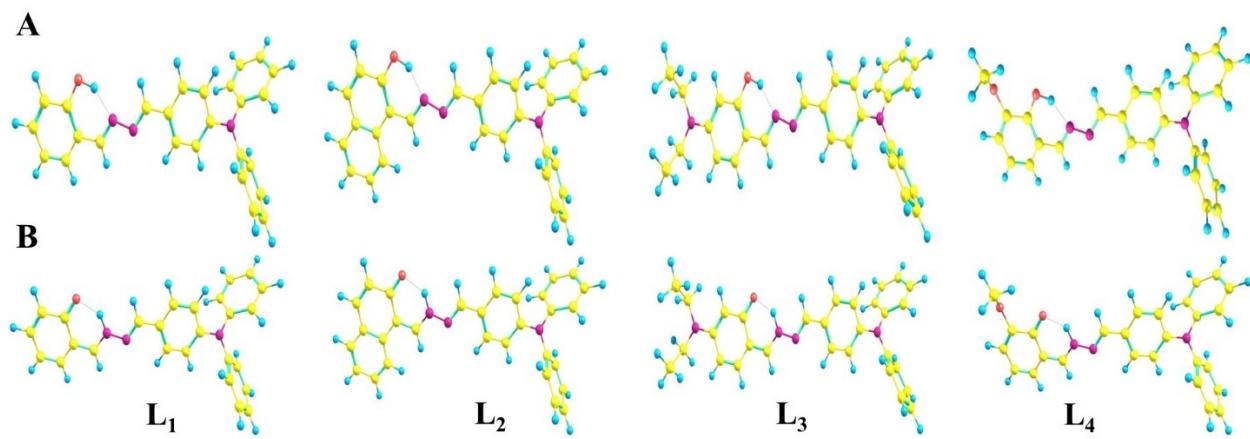


Figure S28. Optimized molecular structures of the compounds L_1 - L_4 (A) Enol form and (B) Keto form.

Table S3. Crystal data and details of the structure determination of L₁, L₂, L₃ and L₄.

| | L₁ | L₂ | L₃ | L₄ |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Empirical formula | C ₂₆ H ₂₁ N ₃ O | C ₃₀ H ₂₃ N ₃ O | C ₃₀ H ₃₀ N ₄ O | C ₂₇ H ₂₃ N ₃ O ₂ |
| Formula weight | 391.46 | 441.51 | 462.58 | 421.48 |
| Temperature | 296(2) K | 296(2) K | 296(2) K | 296(2) K |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | 0.71073 Å | 0.71073 Å | 0.71073 Å |
| Crystal system | Triclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Triclinic |
| Space group | P-1 | P2 ₁ /c | P2 ₁ /n | P-1 |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 7.4345(6) Å b = 7.7857(7) Å c = 18.3205(16) Å α = 81.464(5)° β = 87.016(5)° γ = 86.135(5)° | a = 9.7349(2) Å b = 26.4673(4) Å c = 9.6839(2) Å α = 90° β = 110.1070(10)° γ = 90° | a = 9.5818(3) Å b = 9.2966(3) Å c = 29.1439(9) Å α = 90° β = 96.654(2)° γ = 90° | a = 9.0523(2) Å b = 9.4796(3) Å c = 15.3386(4) Å α = 101.215(2)° β = 96.659(2)° γ = 117.266(2)° |
| Volume | 1045.36(16) Å ³ | 2343.05(8) Å ³ | 2578.60(14) Å ³ | 1115.46(6) Å ³ |
| Z | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Density (calculated) | 1.244 Mg/m ³ | 1.252 Mg/m ³ | 1.192 Mg/m ³ | 1.255 Mg/m ³ |
| Absorption coefficient | 0.077 mm ⁻¹ | 0.077 mm ⁻¹ | 0.074 mm ⁻¹ | 0.080 mm ⁻¹ |
| F(000) | 412 | 928 | 984 | 444 |
| Crystal size | 0.2 x 0.15 x 0.15 mm ³ | 0.2 x 0.1 x 0.1 mm ³ | 0.3 x 0.2 x 0.2 mm ³ | 0.15 x 0.1 x 0.1 mm ³ |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.250 to 28.304°. | 2.228 to 28.298°. | 1.407 to 28.478° | 2.513 to 28.312° |
| Index ranges | -9<=h<=8, -10<=k<=10, -24<=l<=24 | -12<=h<=12, -35<=k<=34, -8<=l<=12 | -12<=h<=12, -10<=k<=12, -36<=l<=39 | -12<=h<=12, -12<=k<=12, -20<=l<=19 |
| Reflections collected | 16787 | 19851 | 25223 | 20856 |
| Independent reflections | 5150 [R(int) = 0.0273] | 5232 [R(int) = 0.0926] | 6472 [R(int) = 0.0556] | 5541 [R(int) = 0.0367] |
| Completeness to theta = 25.242° | 99.8 % | 86.7 % | 100.0 % | 99.9 % |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivalents | Semi-empirical from equivalents | Semi-empirical from equivalents | Semi-empirical from equivalents |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.7457 and 0.7184 | 0.7457 and 0.6879 | 0.7457 and 0.6679 | 0.7457 and 0.7015 |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 5150 / 0 / 271 | 5232 / 0 / 307 | 6472 / 0 / 316 | 5541 / 0 / 289 |
| Goodness-of-fit on | 0.999 | 0.777 | 1.059 | 1.015 |

| F ² | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] | R1 = 0.0459, wR2 = 0.1293 | R1 = 0.0480, wR2 = 0.0960 | R1 = 0.0707, wR2 = 0.1926 | R1 = 0.0490, wR2 = 0.1110 |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.0870, wR2 = 0.1549 | R1 = 0.1827, wR2 = 0.1255 | R1 = 0.1542, wR2 = 0.2428 | R1 = 0.1179, wR2 = 0.1356 |
| Extinction coefficient | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.164 and -0.171 e. \AA^{-3} | 0.124 and -0.129 e. \AA^{-3} | 0.369 and -0.346 e. \AA^{-3} | 0.128 and -0.174 e. \AA^{-3} |