

Electronic Supplementary Information

Zn²⁺ and Cu²⁺ complexes of a Fluorescent Scorpiand-type Oxadiazole Azamacrocyclic Ligand: Crystal Structures, Solution Study and Optical Properties

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	[ZnL](ClO ₄) ₂	[CuL](ClO ₄) ₂
Empirical formula	C ₂₇ H ₃₂ Cl ₂ ZnN ₈ O ₉	C ₂₇ H ₃₂ Cl ₂ CuN ₈ O ₉
Formula weight	748.87	747.04
Temperature (K)	100	110
Wavelength (Å)	1.54184	1.54184
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, Pbca	Orthorhombic, Pbca
Unit cell dimensions (Å)	a = 12.4453(2) b = 14.3947(3) c = 33.7578(4)	a = 12.3325(3) b = 14.5161(4) c = 33.7255(7)
Volume (Å ³)	6047.6(2)	6037.5(3)
Z, D _c (mg/cm ³)	8, 1.645	8, 1.644
μ (mm ⁻¹)	3.352	3.249
F(000)	3088	3080
Crystal size (mm)	0.35x0.28x0.25	0.28x0.24x0.23
θ range (°)	8.828 – 143.798	8.884-144.158
Reflections collected / unique	22850 / 5793	16740 / 5774
Data / parameters	5793 / 520	5774 / 520
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.068	1.053
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0432, wR2 = 0.1127	R1 = 0.0381, wR2 = 0.0991
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0659, wR2 = 0.1287	R1 = 0.0495, wR2 = 0.1086

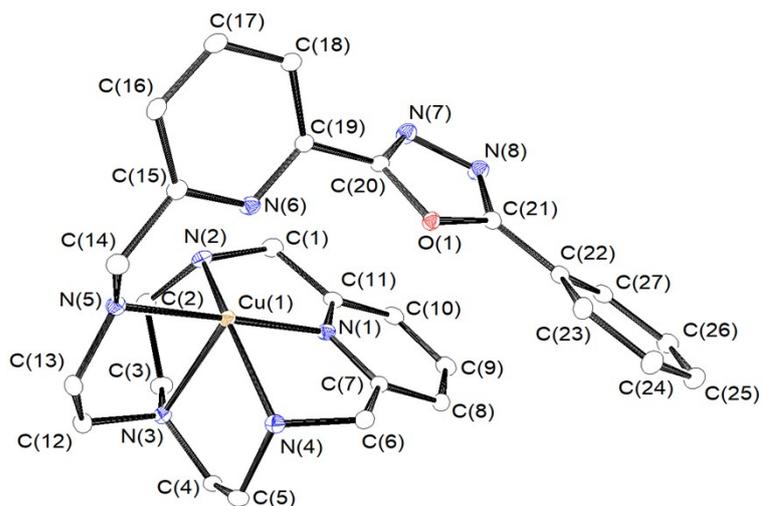
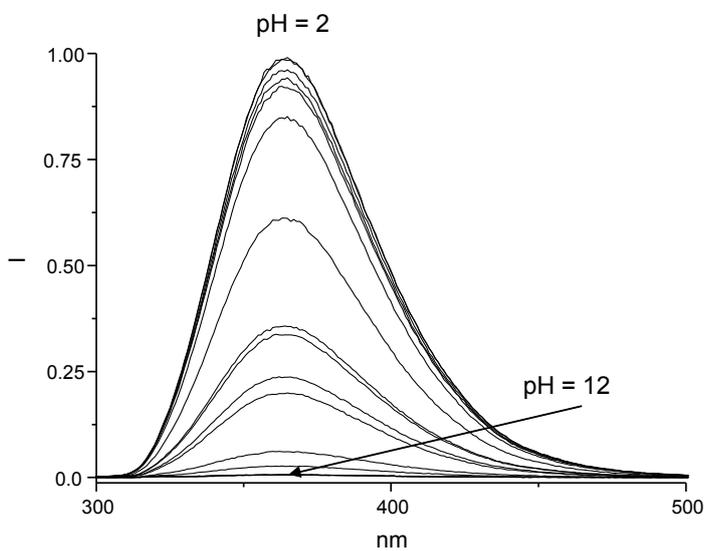
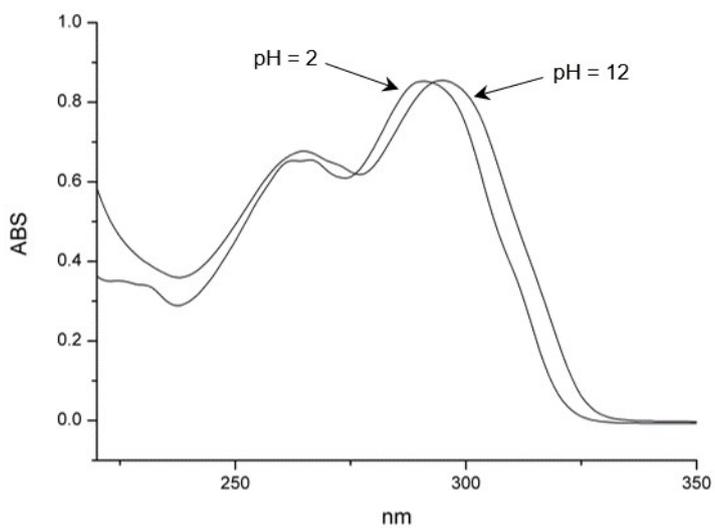


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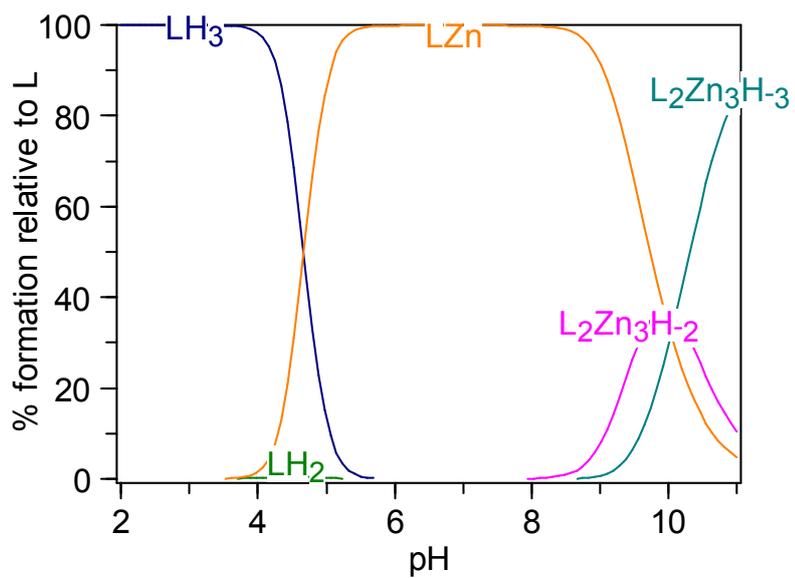


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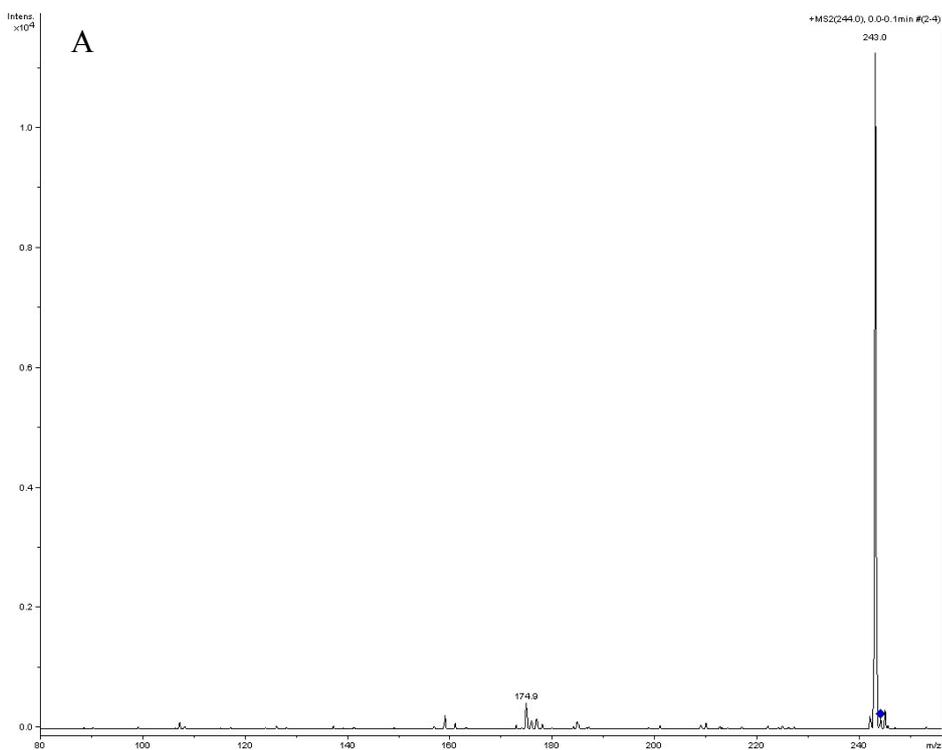
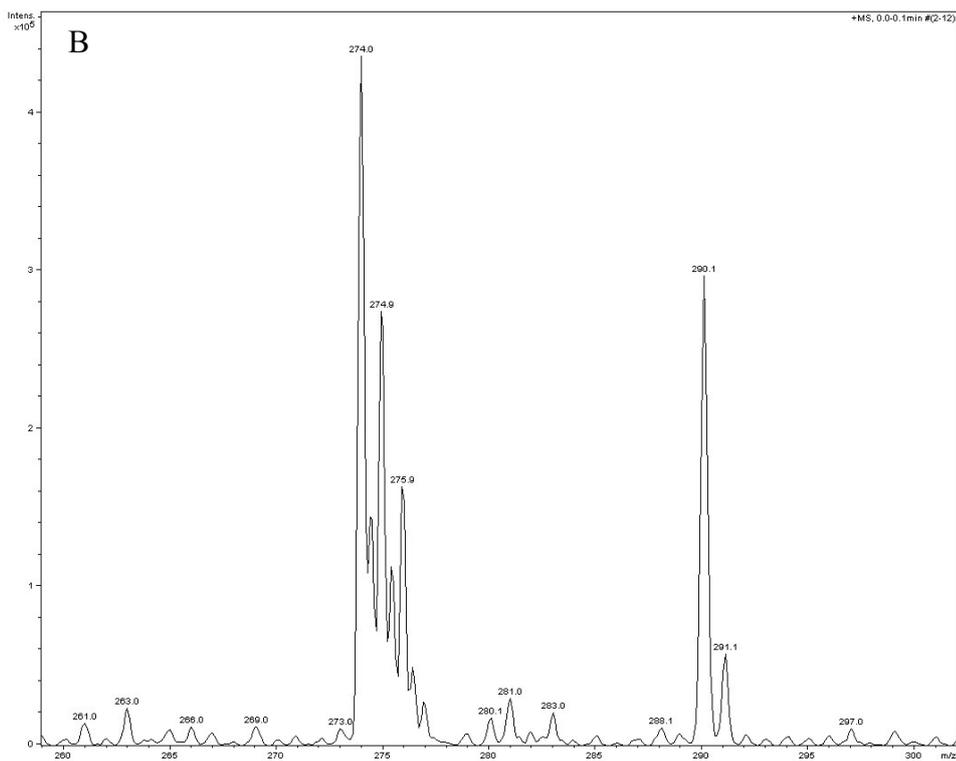


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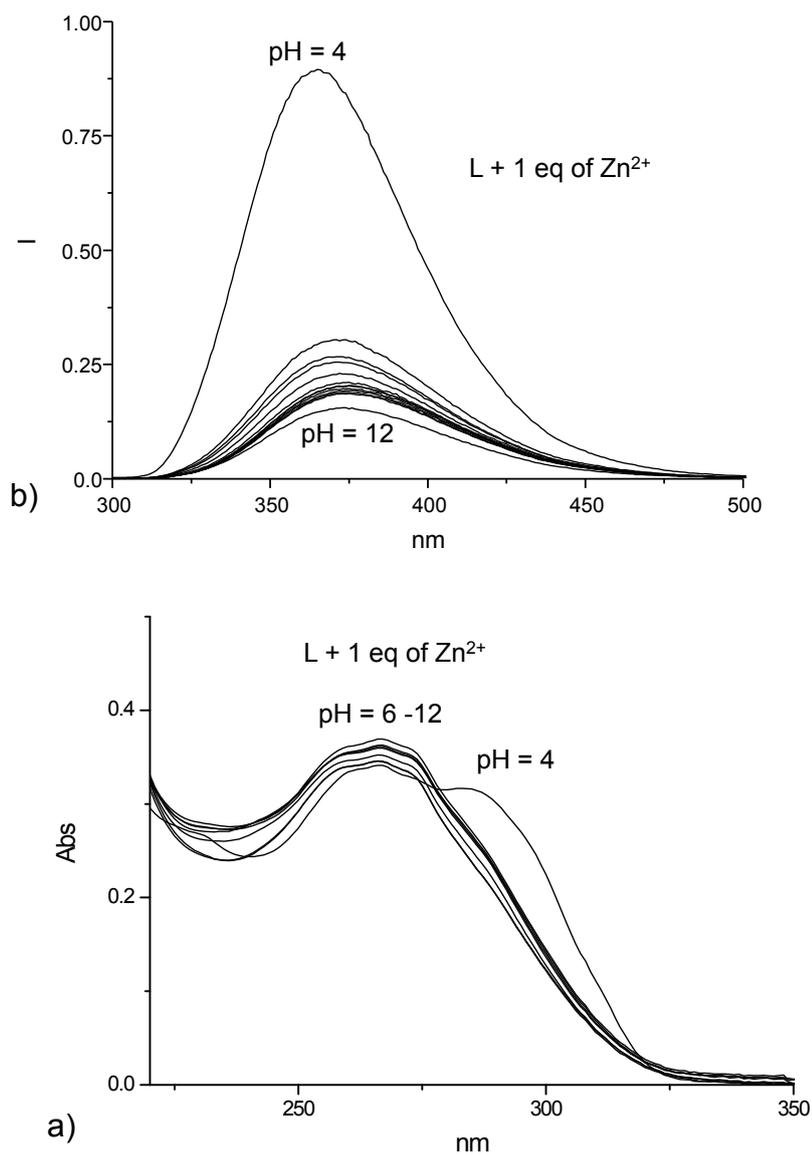


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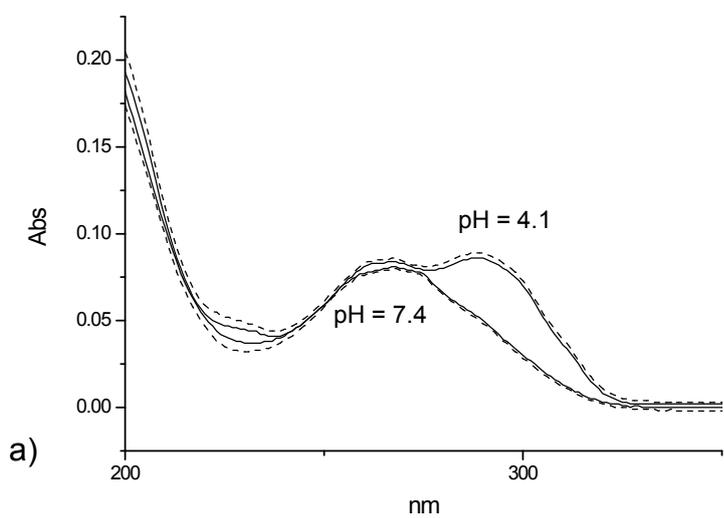
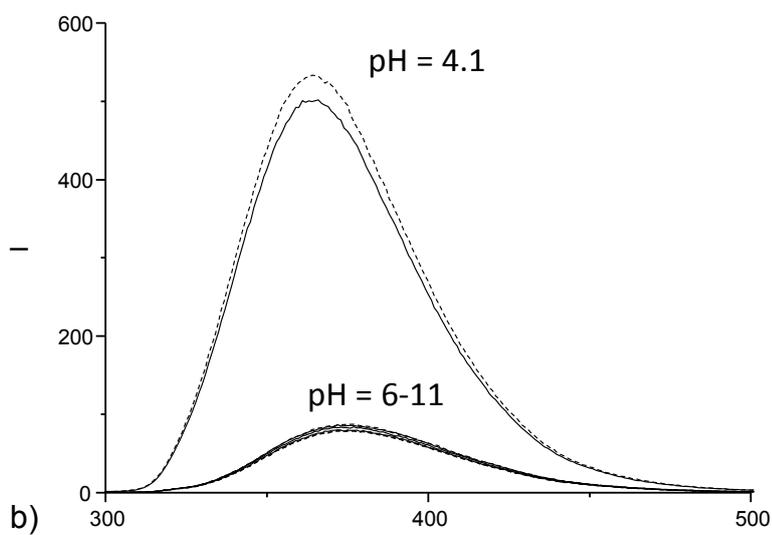


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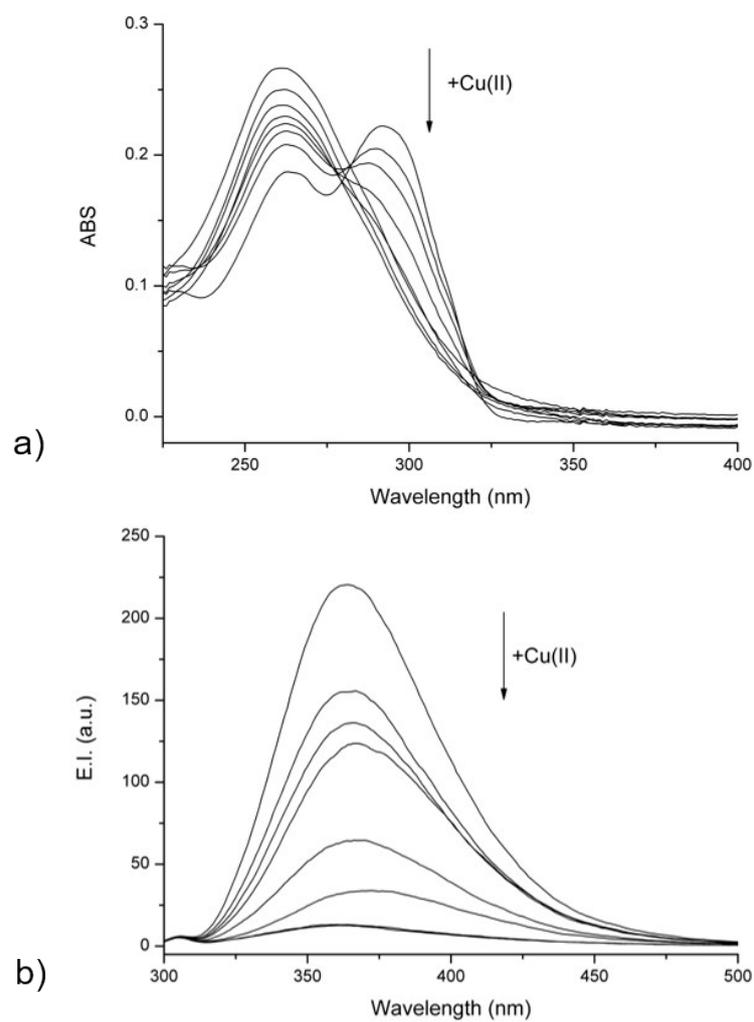


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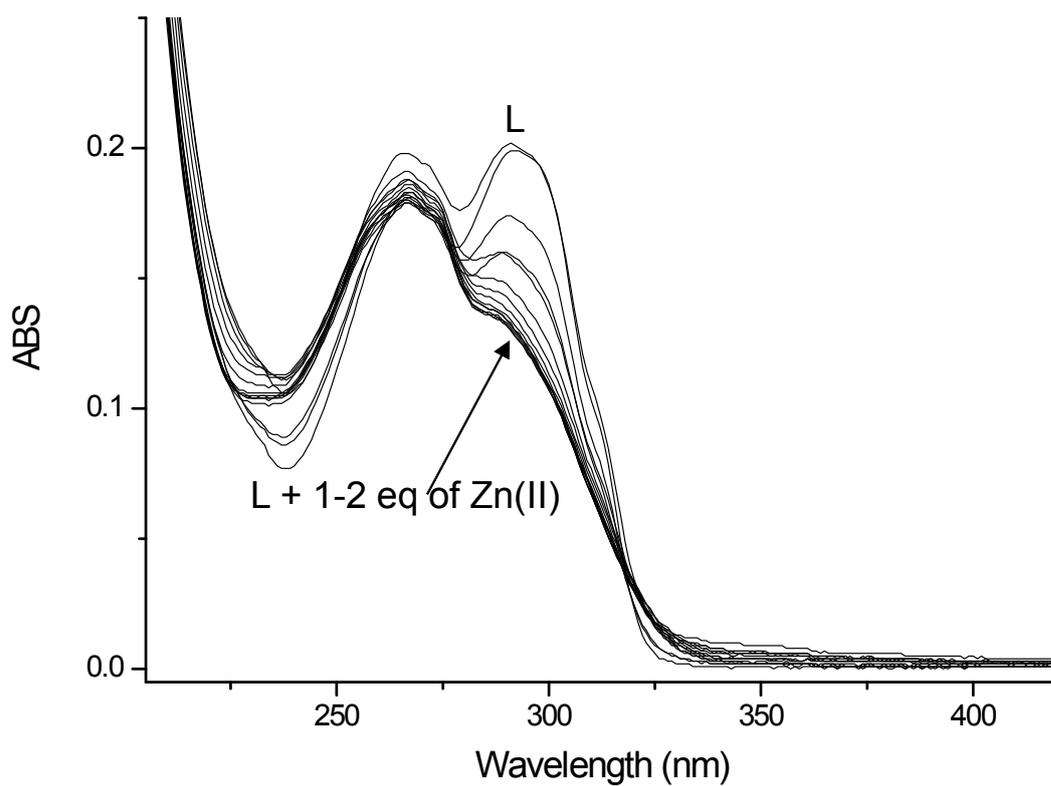


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