

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Exploring solvent dependent catecholase activity in transition metal complexes: An experimental and theoretical approach

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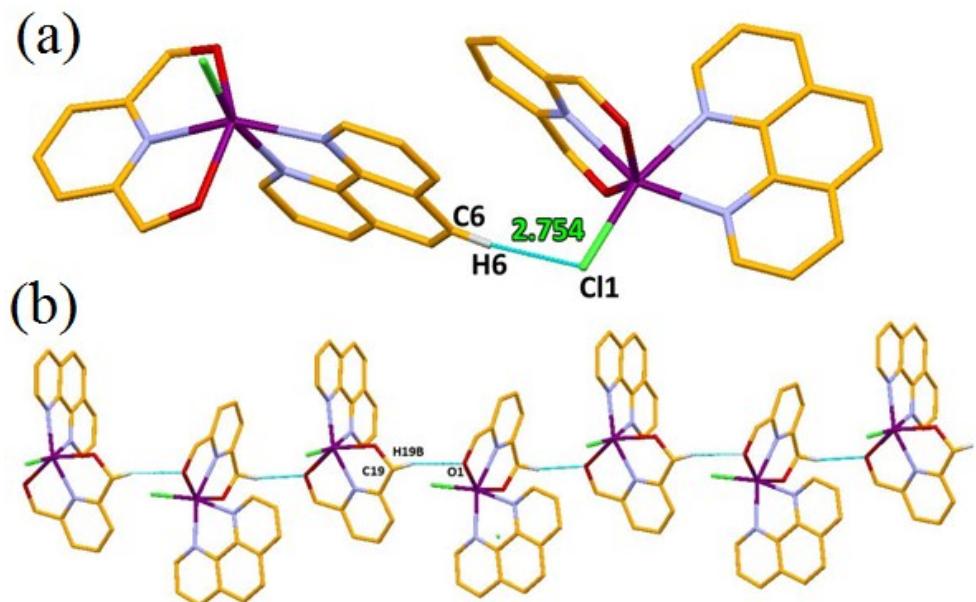


Fig. S1. (a) 1D chain formed through C-H $\cdots$ Cl interaction (b) 1D chain formed through C-H $\cdots$ O interaction in **1**.

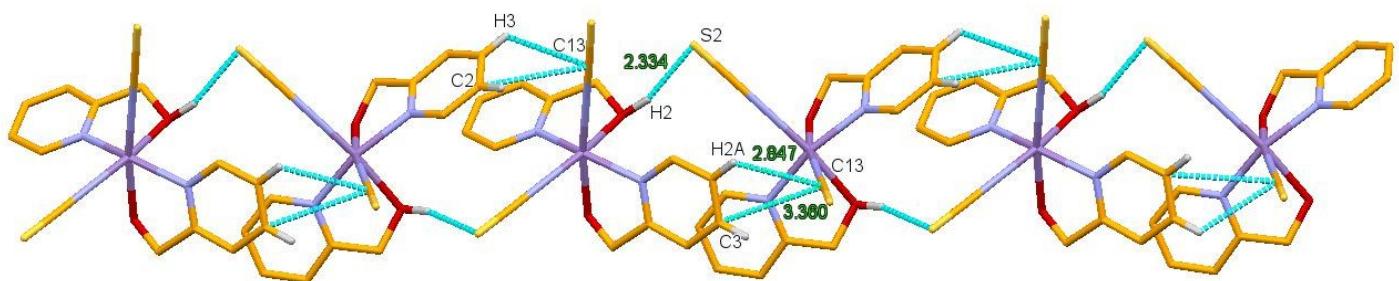


Fig. S2. 1D chain formed O-H $\cdots$ S, C-H $\cdots$ C and H-C $\cdots$  $\pi$  interactions in **2**.

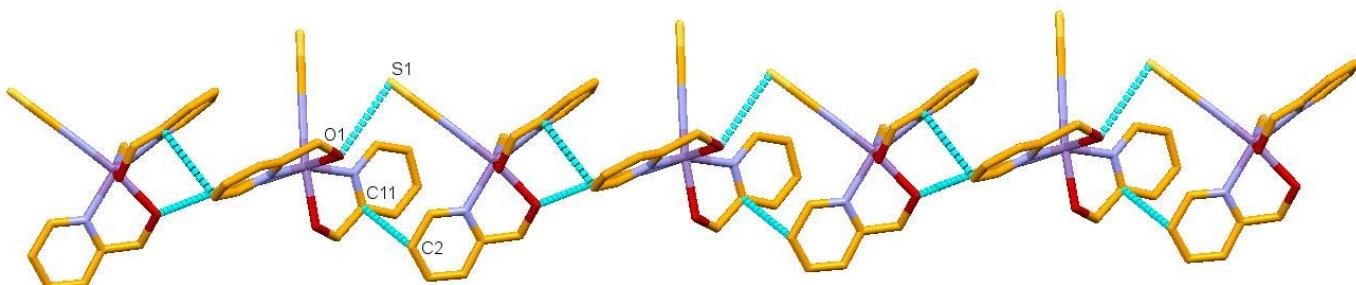


Fig. S3. 1D polymeric chain formed through  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking and O1 $\cdots$ S1 interactions in **2**.

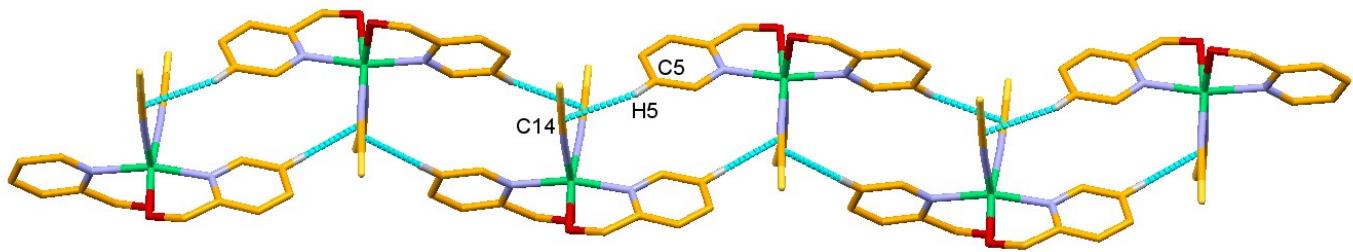


Fig. S4. Formation of 1D chain through C-H...C interaction in **3**.

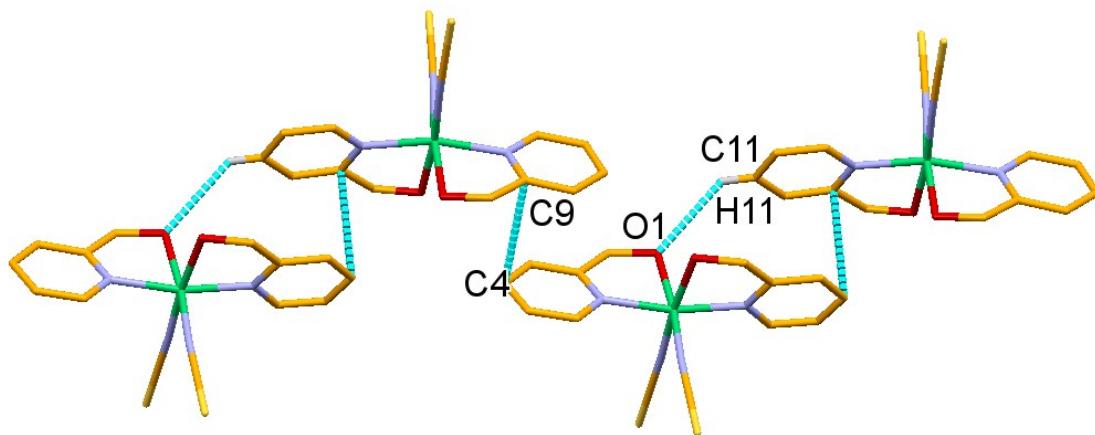


Fig. S5. Formation of 1D chain through  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking and C11-H11...O1 in **3**.

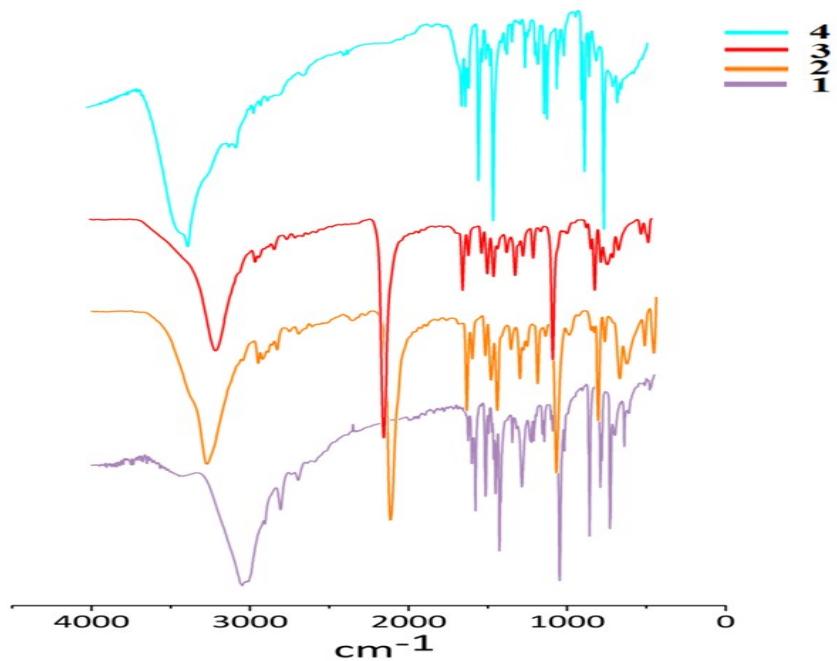


Fig. S6. FTIR spectra of **1–4**.

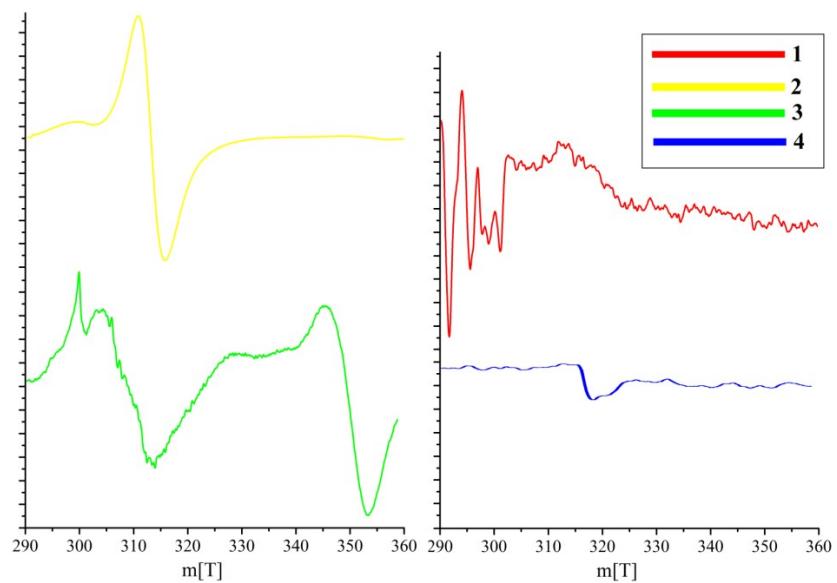


Fig. S7. EPR spectra of **1–4**.

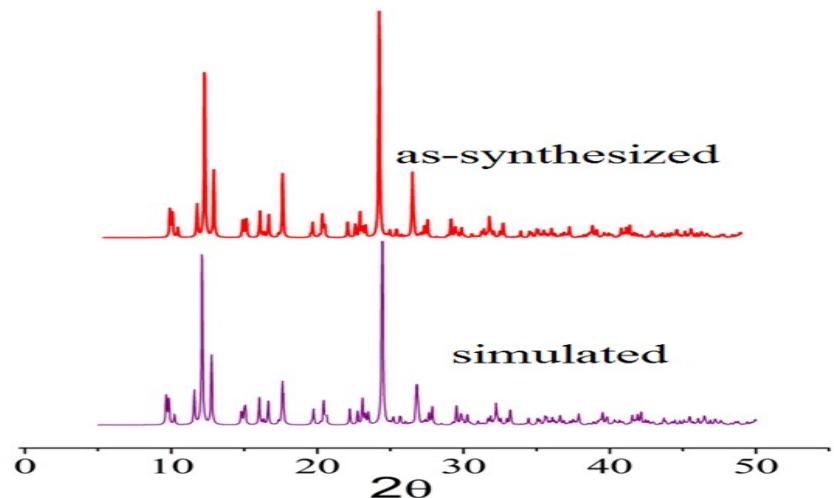


Fig. S8. PXRD pattern of **1**.

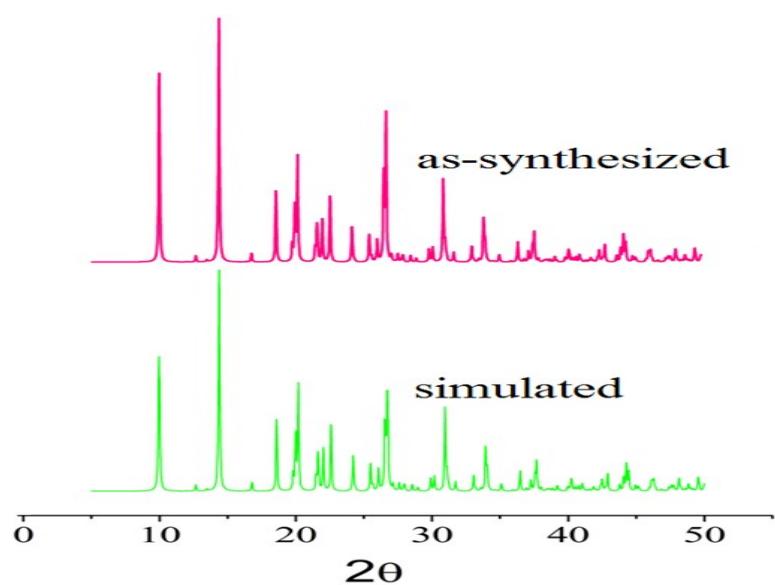


Fig. S9. PXRD pattern of **2**.

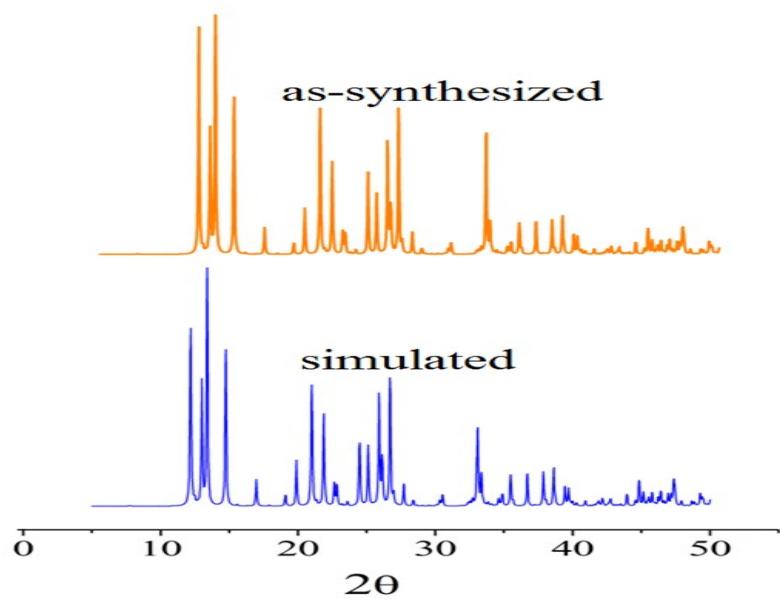


Fig. S10. PXRD pattern of **3**.

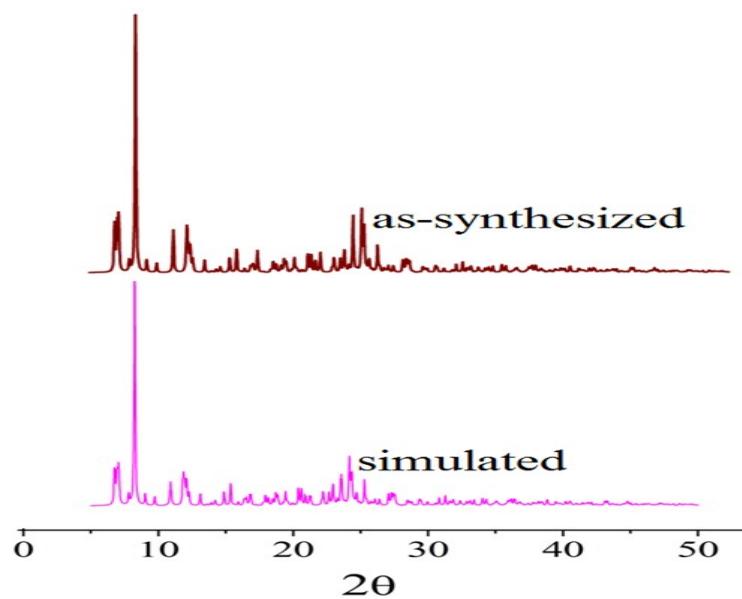


Fig. S11. PXRD pattern of **4**.

**TableS1.** Selected bond lengths and bond angles in **1–4**.

Bond Angle(°)							
1	2		3			4	
N1–Mn1–N3	88.48(7)	N4–Mn1–N3	97.92(12)	N2–Ni1–N2	94.88(11)	N4–Ni2–N4	93.95(11)
N1–Mn1–N2	72.82(7)	N4–Mn1–N2	97.18(12)	N2–Ni1–N1	94.99(7)	N4–Ni2–N3	95.37(7)
N1–Mn1–Cl1	166.45(5)	N3–Mn1–N2	99.64(12)	N1–Ni1–N1	168.14(10)	N4–Ni2–N3	93.70(7)
N1–Mn1–O1	86.56(7)	N4–Mn1–N1	99.82(12)	N2–Ni1–O1	172.20(7)	N4–Ni2–N3	93.70(7)
N1–Mn1–O2	90.28(8)	N3–Mn1–N1	96.81(12)	N1–Ni1–O1	93.38(6)	N4–Ni2–N3	95.37(7)
N2–Mn1–N3	155.82(7)	N2–Mn–N1	154.41(12)	O1–Ni1–O1	88.00(9)	N3–Ni2–N3	166.69(10)
N2–Mn1–Cl1	94.88(5)	N4–Mn–O2	172.18(11)	N2–Ni1–N1	93.03(7)	N4–Ni2–O2	88.94(7)
N2–Mn1–O2	92.87(7)	N3–Mn1–O2	85.10(11)	N2–Ni1–N1	93.03(7)	N4–Ni2–O2	173.12(6)
N2–Mn1–O1	121.04(7)	N2–Mn–O2	75.17(11)	N2–Ni1–N1	94.99(7)	N3–Ni2–O2	92.24(6)
O1–Mn1–O2	142.97(7)	N1–Mn1–O2	86.92(11)	N2–Ni1–O1	88.98(7)	N3–Ni2–O2	78.20(6)
N3–Mn1–O2	71.55(7)	N4–Mn1–O1	84.92(11)	N1–Ni1–O1	78.02(6)	N4–Ni2–O2	173.12(6)
N3–Mn1–O1	71.48(7)	N3–Mn1–O1	171.79(11)	N2–Ni1–O1	88.98(7)	N4–Ni2–O2	88.94(7)
N3–Mn1–Cl1	104.86(5)	O2–Mn1–O1	93.08(10)	N2–Ni1–O1	172.20(7)	N3–Ni2–O2	78.20(6)
O2–Mn1–Cl1	96.12(7)	N2–Mn1–O1	87.59(11)	N1–Ni1–O1	93.38(6)	N3–Ni2–O2	92.24(6)
O1–Mn1–Cl1	95.34(5)	N1–Mn1–O1	75.08(11)	N1–Ni1–O1	78.02(6)	O2–Ni2–O2	88.89(9) 2
							N6–Zn1–N5
							77.50(13)

Bond length(Å)							
1	2		3		4		
Mn1–N1	2.2987(19)	Mn1–N1	2.093(3)	Ni1–N1	2.0558(17)	Zn1–N1	2.161(3)
Mn1–N2	2.2443(19)	Mn1–N2	2.091(3)	Ni1–N2	2.034(2)	Zn1–N2	2.184(3)
Mn1–N3	2.2238(19)	Mn1–N3	2.038(3)	Ni2–N3	2.0595(17)	Zn1–N3	2.167(3)
MN1–O1	2.2318(18)	Mn1–N4	2.037(3)	Ni2–N4	2.0220(19)	Zn1–N4	2.151(3)
Mn1–O2	2.1936(19)	Mn1–O1	2.230(3)	Ni1–O1	2.1243(16)	Zn1–N5	2.146(3)
MN1–Cl1	2.4134(8)	Mn1–O2	2.230(3)	Ni2–O2	2.1204(15)	Zn1–N6	2.180(3)

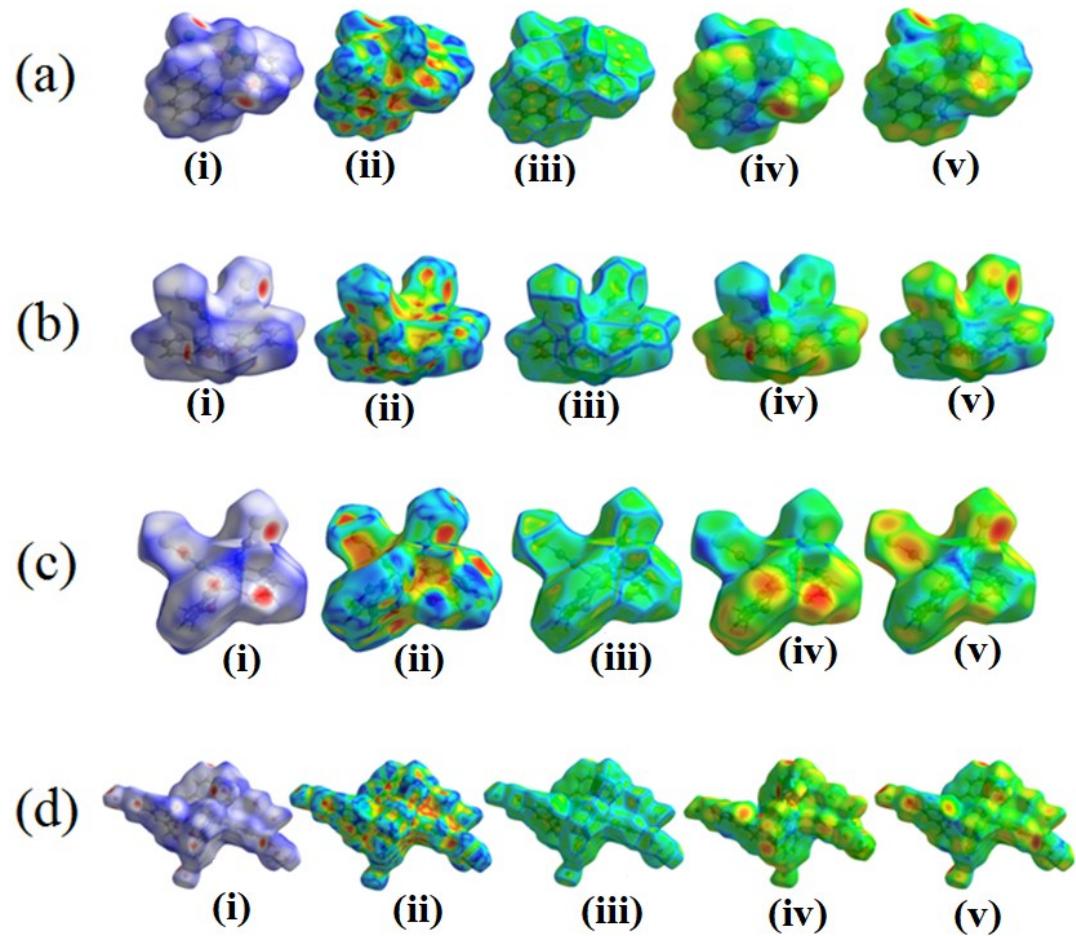


Fig. S12. Molecular Hirshfeld surfaces mapped over (i)  $d_{norm}$  (ii) shape index, (iii) curvedness,(iv)  $d_i$ and (v)  $d_e$ of  
(a) **1** (b) **2** (c) **3** (d) **4**.

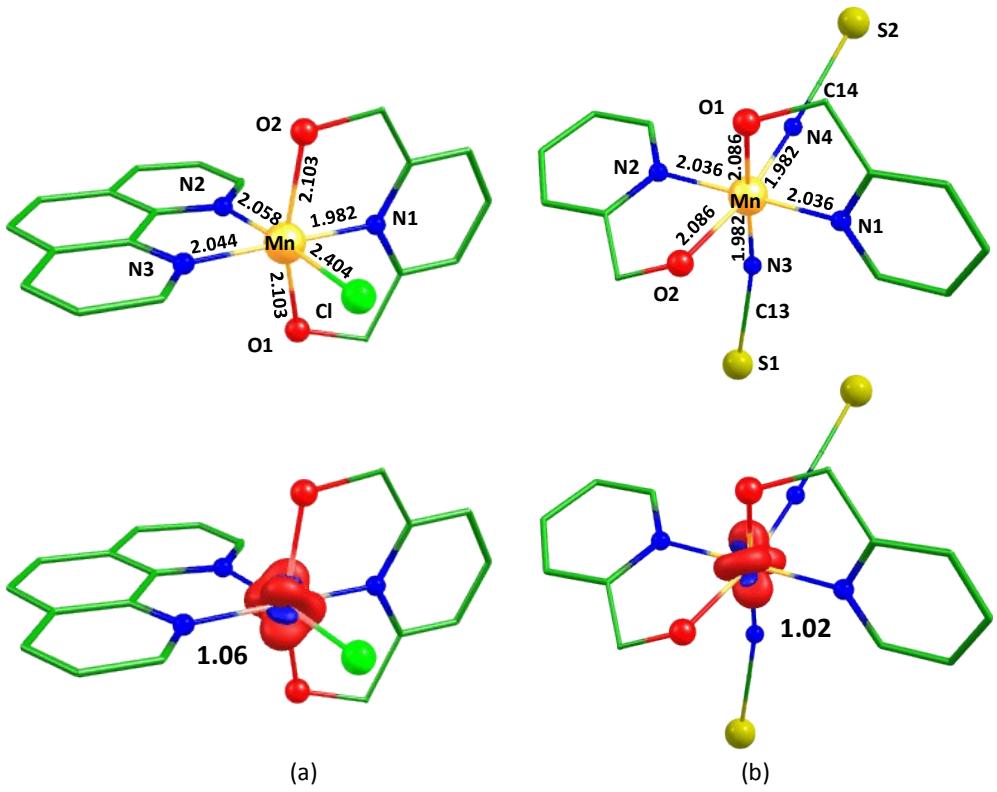


Fig. S13. B3LYP optimized structures and their corresponding spin density plots of the low spin state of (a) **1** and (b) **2**.

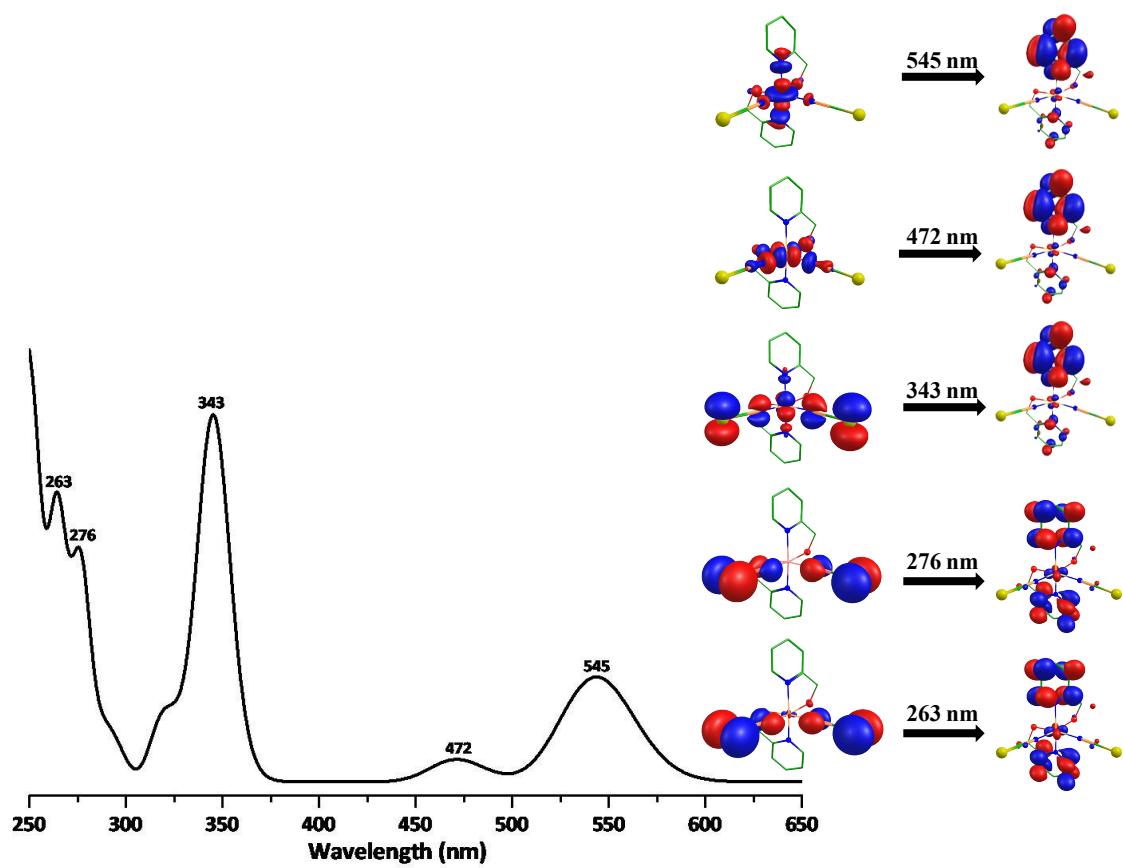


Fig. S14. B3LYP – TD-DFT simulated electronic absorption spectra of high spin state ( $S=5/2$ ) of **2** and its corresponding orbitals involved in the transitions.

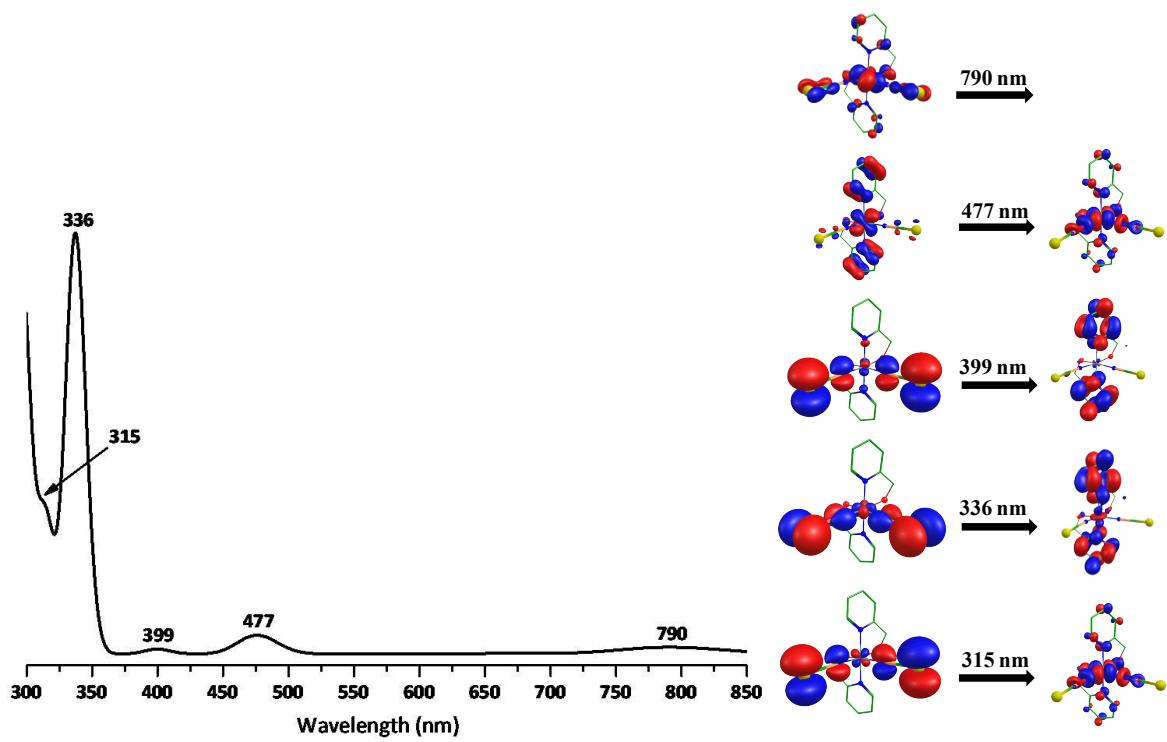


Fig. S15. B3LYP – TD-DFT simulated electronic absorption spectra of high spin state ( $S=1$ ) of **3** and its corresponding orbitals involved in the transitions.

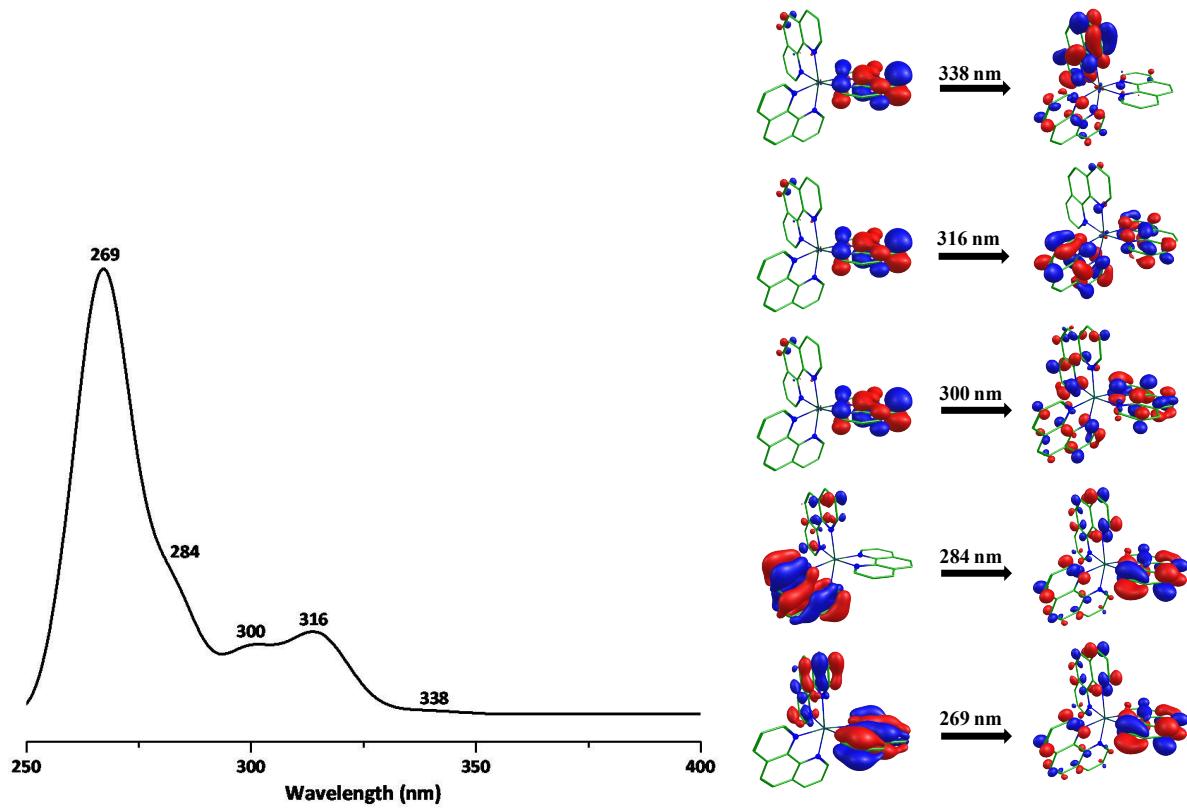


Fig. S16. B3LYP – TD-DFT simulated electronic absorption spectra of **4** and its corresponding orbitals involved in the transitions.