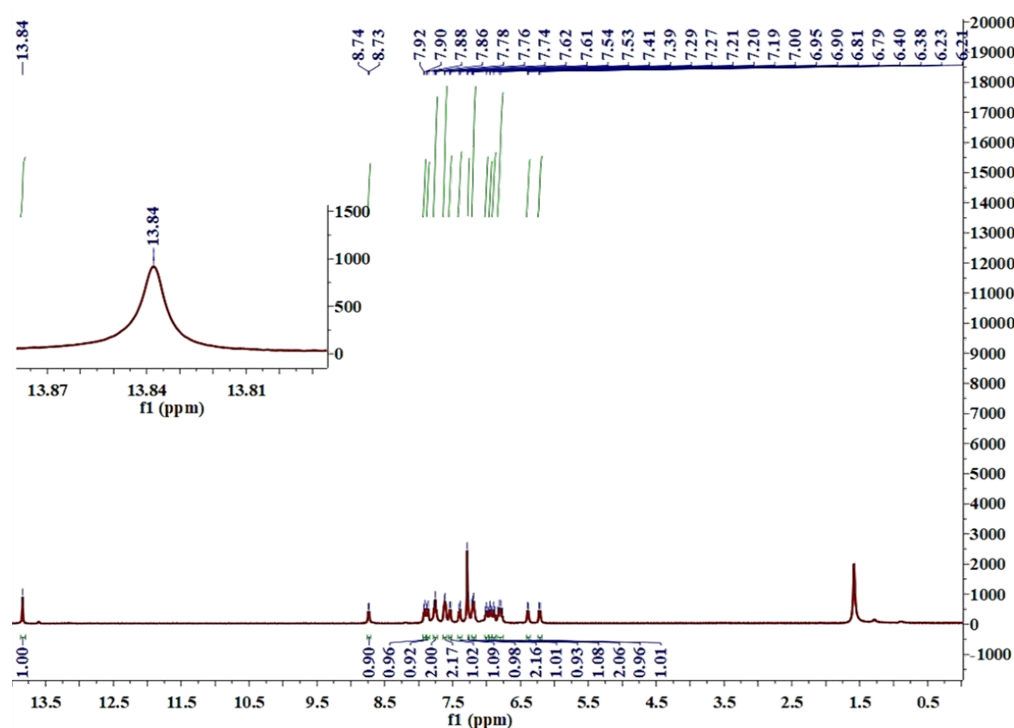


## **Multistimuli Responsive Heteroleptic Iridium (III) Complex: Role of Hydrogen Bonding in Probing Solvent, pH and Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)**

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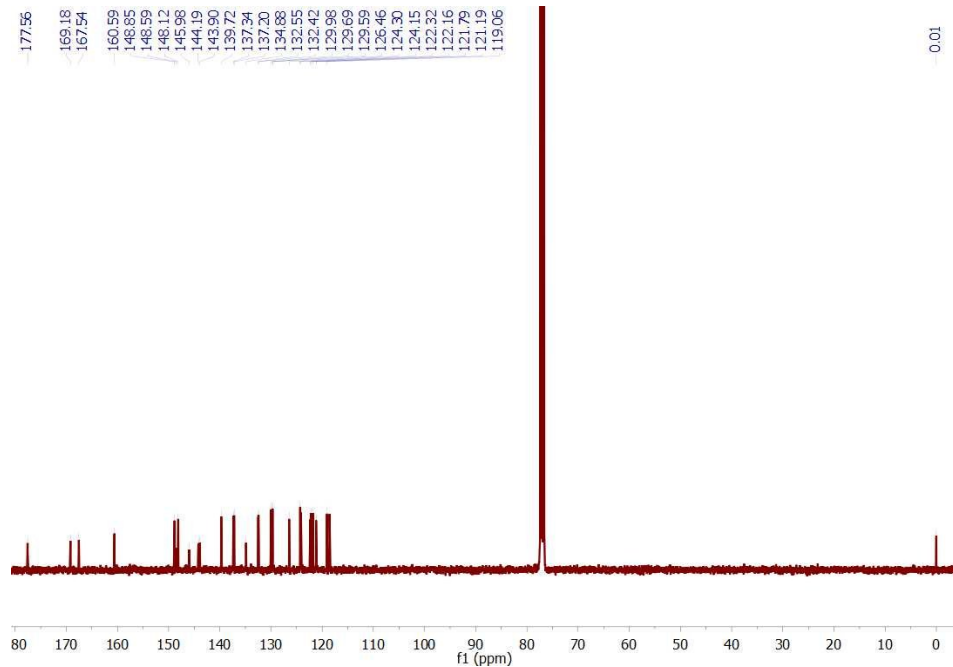
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$\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 13.84 (1 H, s), 8.74 (1 H, d,  $J$  5.2), 7.91 (1 H, d,  $J$  7.8), 7.87 (1 H, d,  $J$  8.1), 7.76 (1 H, t,  $J$  7.5), 7.62 (1 H, d,  $J$  3.4), 7.54 (1 H, d,  $J$  5.4), 7.40 (1 H, d,  $J$  8.1), 7.27 (1 H, s), 7.23 – 7.16 (1 H, m), 7.03 – 6.97 (1 H, m), 6.98 – 6.92 (1 H, m), 6.92 – 6.87 (1 H, m), 6.85 – 6.75 (1 H, m), 6.39 (1 H, d,  $J$  7.4), 6.22 (1 H, d,  $J$  7.5).

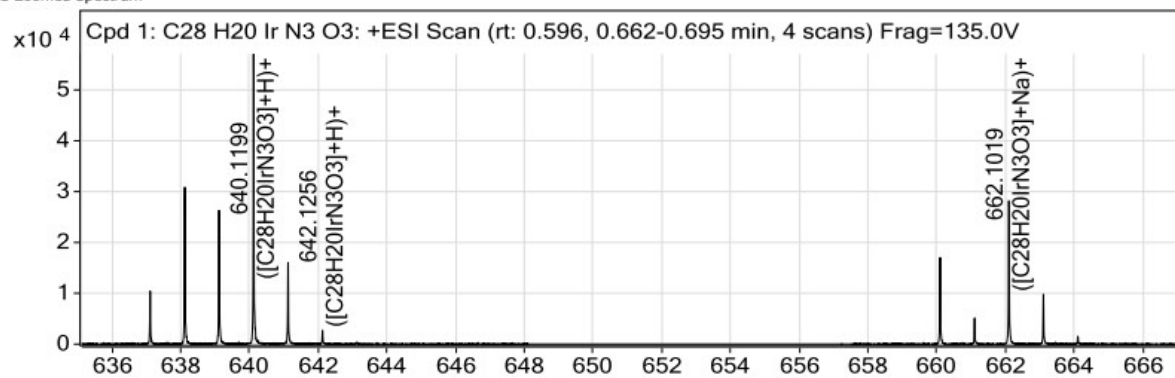
(a)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Complex 1



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  177.56, 169.18, 167.54, 160.59, 148.85, 148.59, 148.12, 145.98, 144.19, 143.90, 139.72, 137.34, 137.20, 134.88, 132.55, 132.42, 129.98, 129.69, 129.59, 126.46, 124.30, 124.15, 122.32, 122.16, 121.79, 121.19, 119.06, 118.55.

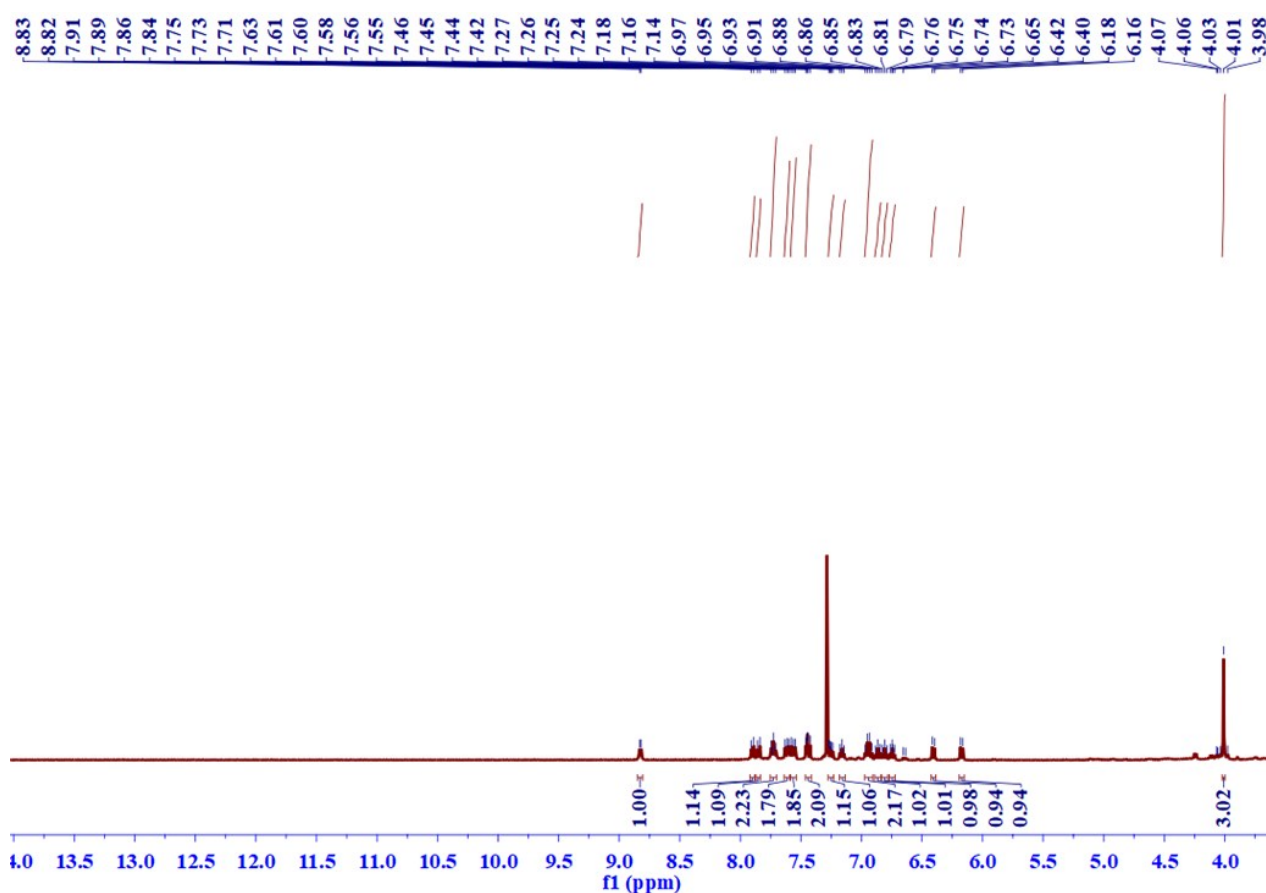
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MS Zoomed Spectrum

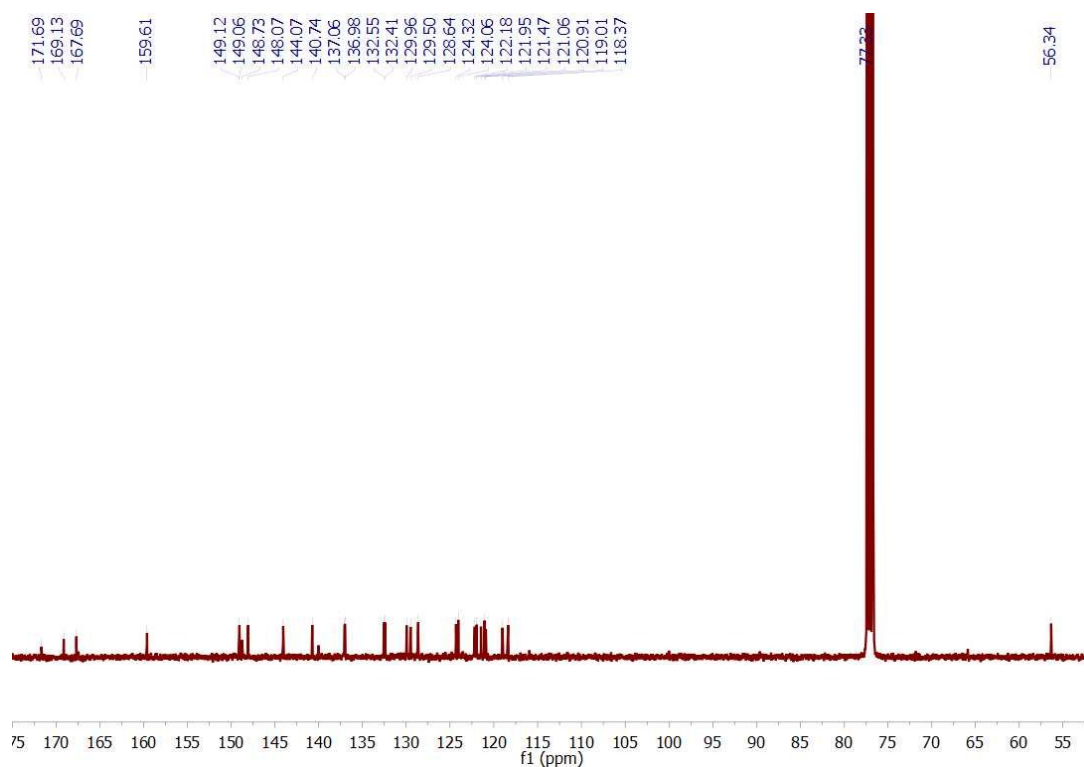


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**Fig S1.** Complex **1** (a) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (b) <sup>13</sup>C NMR & (c) HRMS



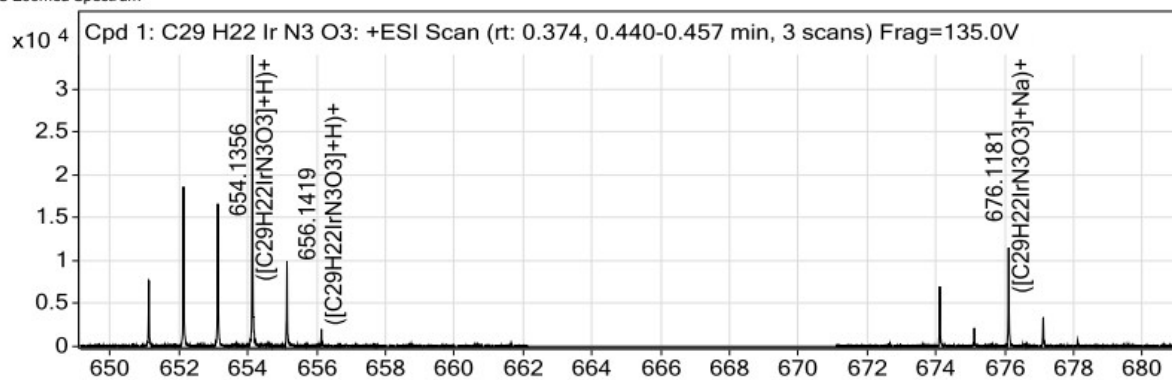
(a) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Complex **2**



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.69, 169.13, 167.69, 159.61, 149.12, 149.06, 148.73, 148.07, 144.07, 140.74, 137.06, 136.98, 132.55, 132.41, 129.96, 129.50, 128.64, 124.32, 124.06, 122.18, 121.95, 121.47, 121.06, 120.91, 119.01, 118.37, 77.33, 56.34.

(b)  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of Complex 2

MS Zoomed Spectrum



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**Fig S2.** Complex 2 (a)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (b)  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR & (c) HRMS

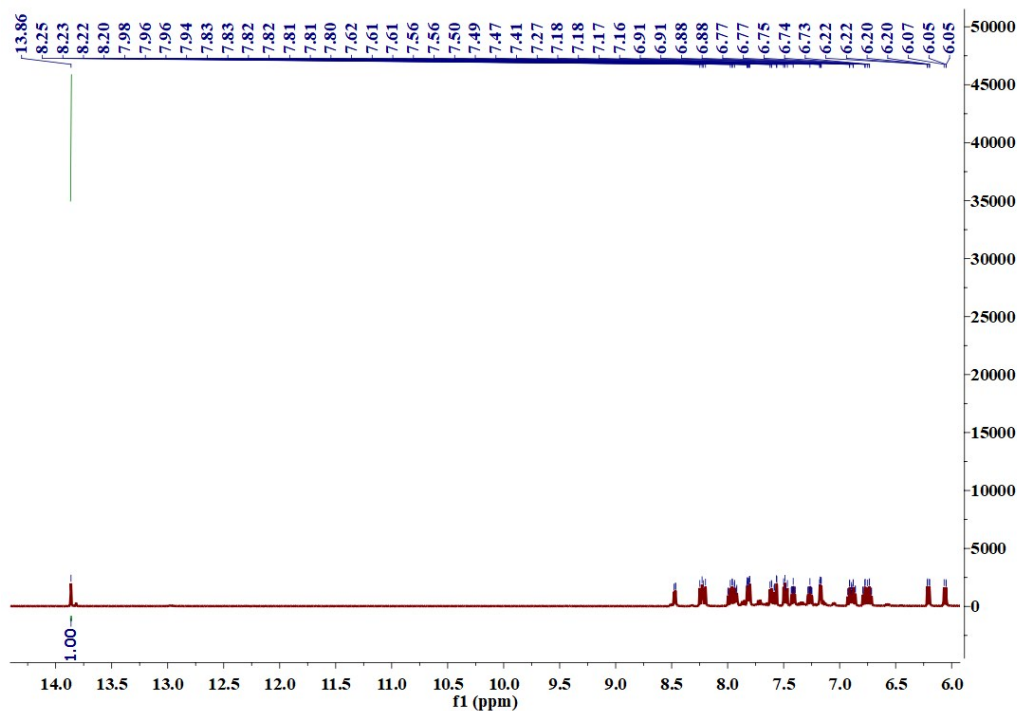
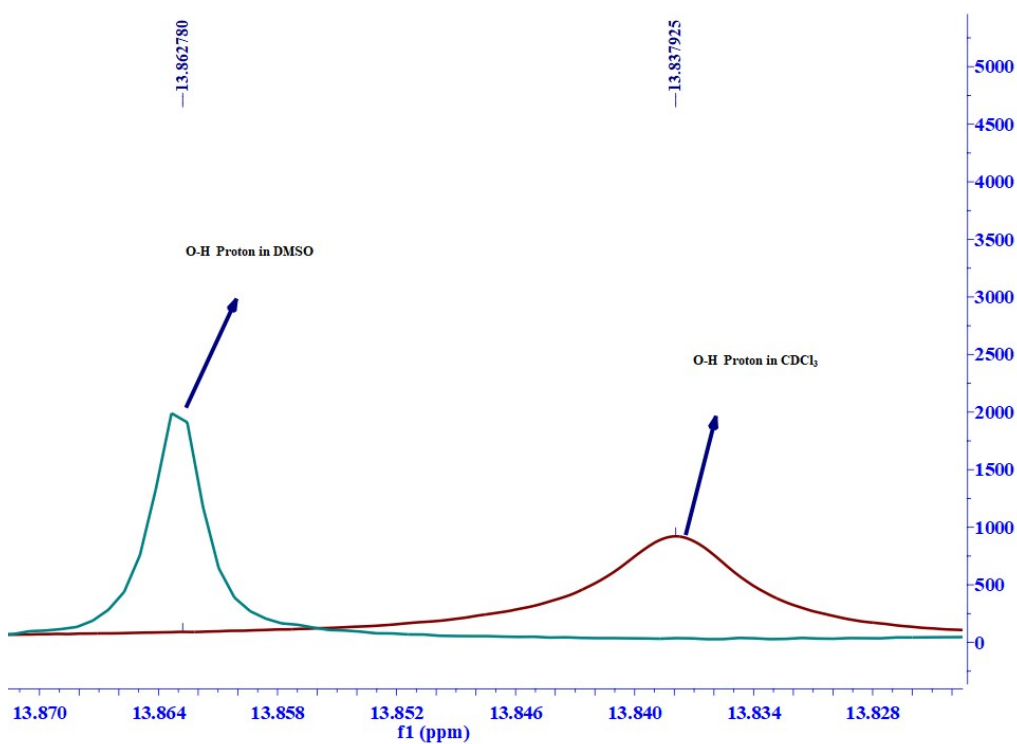


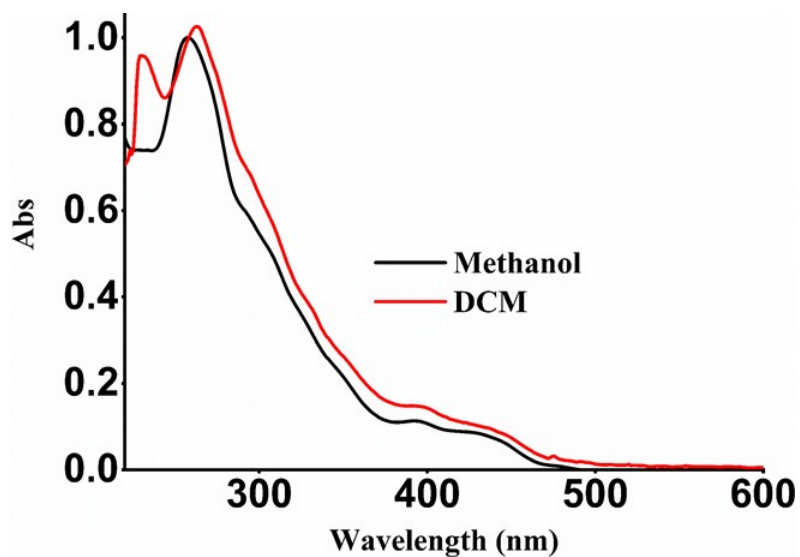
Fig S3  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of Compound **1** in DMSO



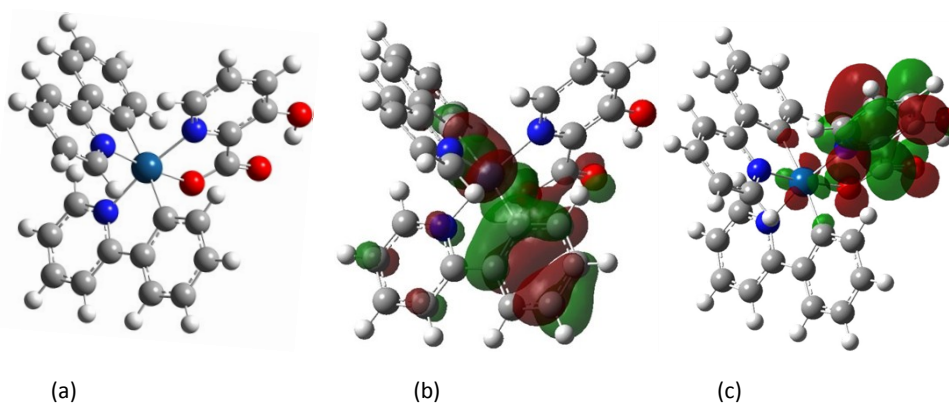
$$\Delta(\delta\Delta(\text{O-H}) \text{ DMSO} - \delta\Delta(\text{O-H}) \text{ CDCl}_3) = 0.0098.$$

$$A = 0.0065 + 0.133(\delta\Delta) = 0.0098$$

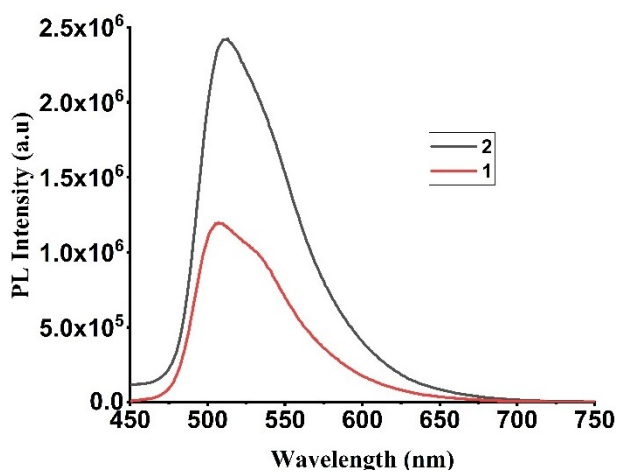
Fig S4 The chemical shift of -OH proton of **1** in  $\text{d}^6\text{-DMSO}$  &  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and calculation of Hydrogen Bond Acidity (A).



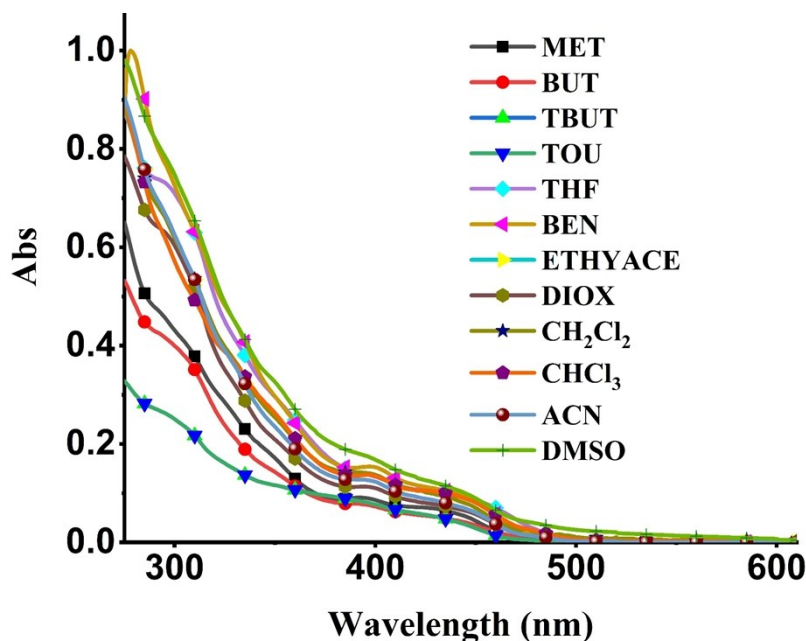
**Fig S5.** Absorbance spectra of Complex **1** in methanol and DCM ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M)



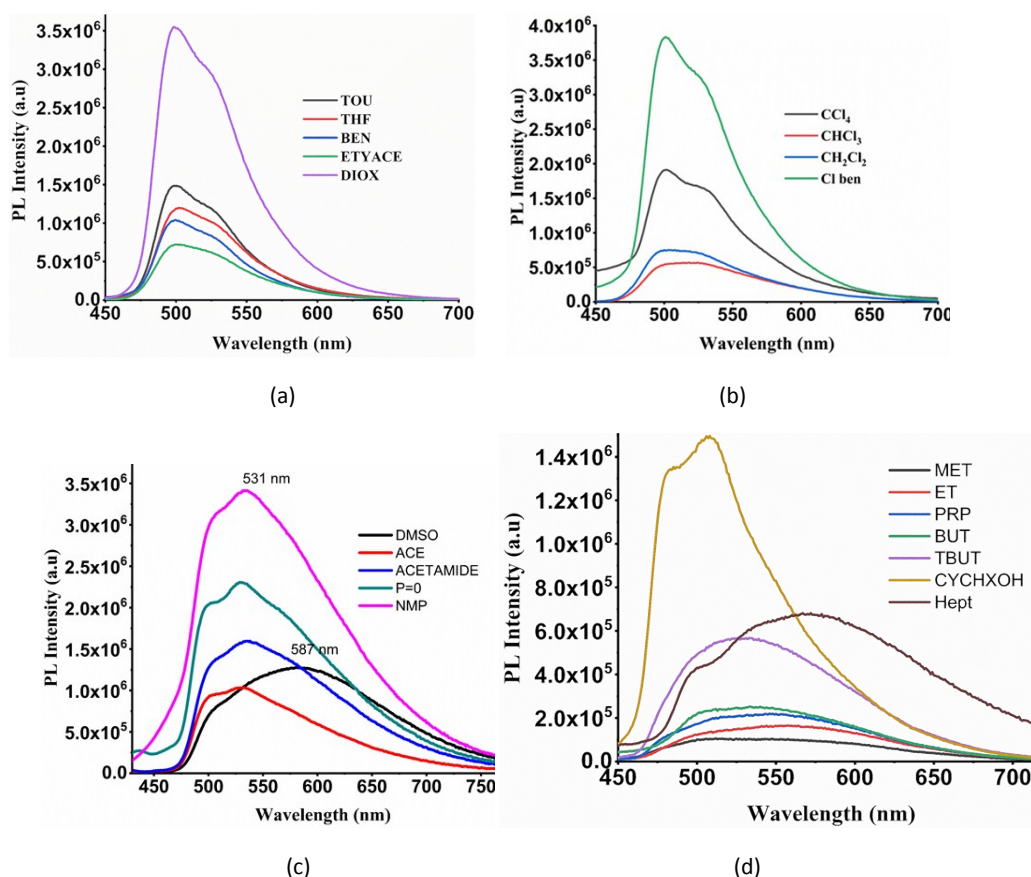
**Fig S6.** Frontier molecular orbital diagram of **1** a) optimized geometry b) HOMO and c) LUMO, calculated by using B3LYP/6-31G+ (d,p)\* and LANL2DZ as implemented on Gaussian 09.



**Fig S7.** PL spectra of the compound **1** and **2** in THF (tetrahydrofuran) ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) solutions.

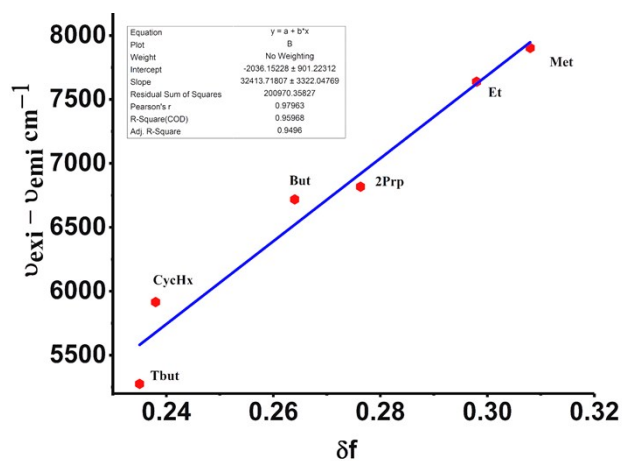


**Fig S8.** Absorption Spectra of complex **1** in different solvents ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$  M) (Met = Methanol, But = Butanol, TBUT = Tertiary butanol, Tou= Toluene, THF = Tetra hydrofuran , Ben = Benzene, Ethylace = Ethyl acetate, .Diox = Dioxane,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  = Di chloro methane,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ = chloroform,.ACN = Acetonitrile.DMSO = Dimethyl sulphoxide) .

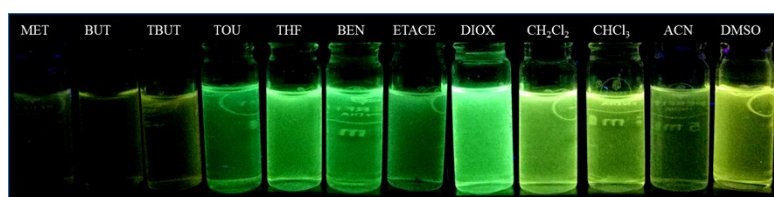


**Fig S9.** PL spectra of the **1** in the presence of (a) Nonhydrogen bonding (NHB) or weak hydrogen bonding acceptors solvents (WHB) (TOU= Toulene, THF = tetrahydrofuran, BEN = benzene, ETHYACE = ethylacetate, DIOX = dioxane) (b) Chlorinated solvent (c) Hydrogen bonding acceptors (HBA) solvents (DMSO = dimethyl sulfoxide, ACE = acetone, Acetamide , P=O = hexamethyl phosphoramidate, NMP = N-methyl pyrrolidine) (d) Hydrogen bond donating (HBD) solvents ( Met = methanol, ET = ethanol, PRP = propanol, BUT = butanol, TBUT = tertytiary butanol, CYCHXOH = cyclohexanol).



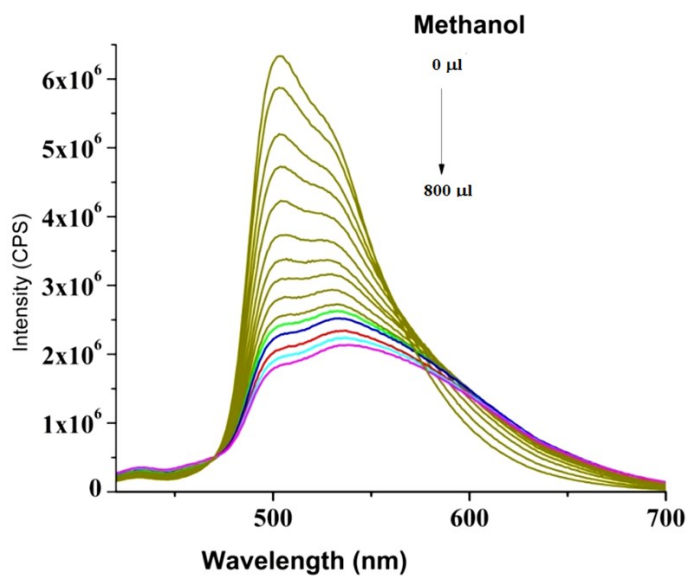


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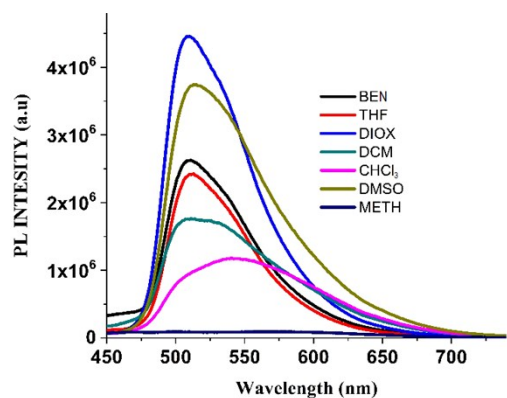
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**Fig S10.** (a)Lippert Mataga plot of **1** in alcohols between stokes shift vs  $f(\epsilon, \eta)$  (orientational polarizability) (b) Photoluminescence image of compound **1** in different solvents (Met = Methanol, But = Butanol, TBUT = Tertiary butanol, Tou= Toluene, THF = Tetra hydrofuran , Ben = Benzene, Ethylace = Ethyl acetate, .Diox = Dioxane, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = Di chloro methane, 9.CHCl<sub>3</sub>= chloroform,.ACN = Acetonitrile.DMSO = Dimethyl sulphoxide)

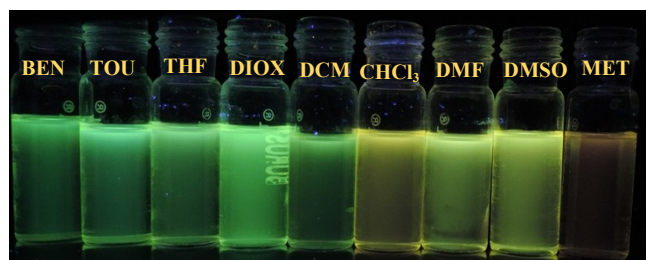


**Fig S11.** Emission spectra of **1** in THF ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) by gradually increasing the methanol concentration

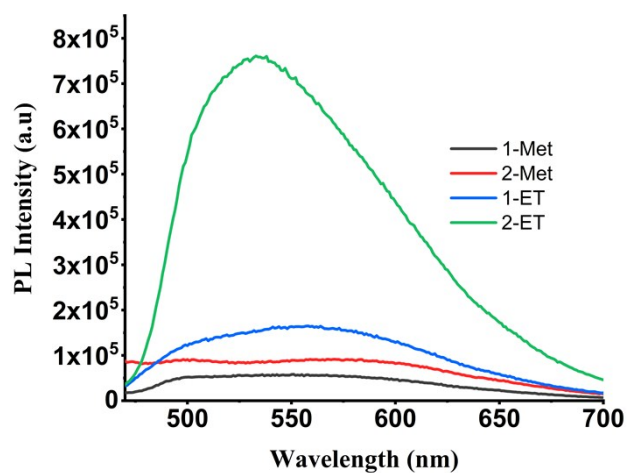




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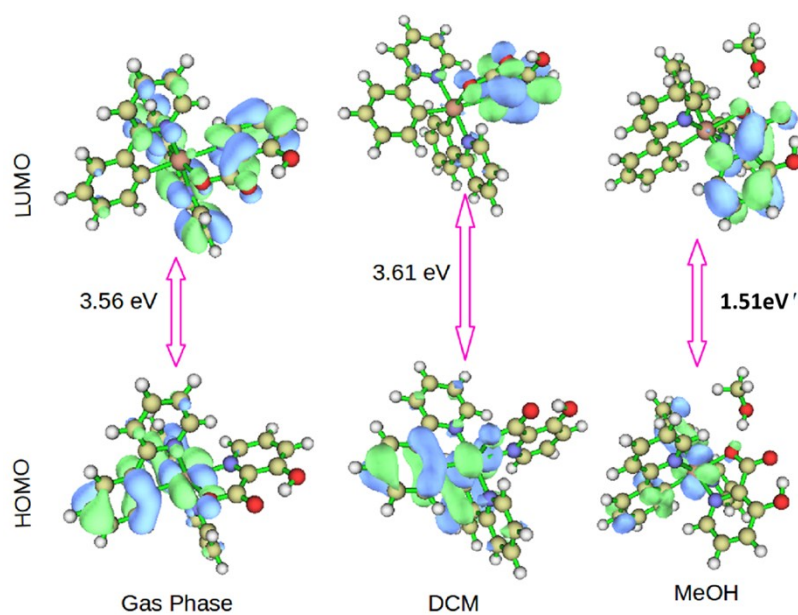


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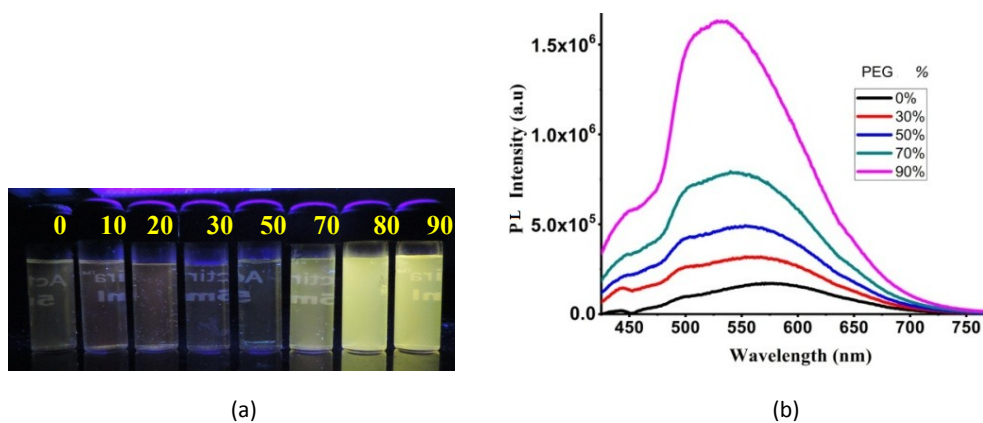


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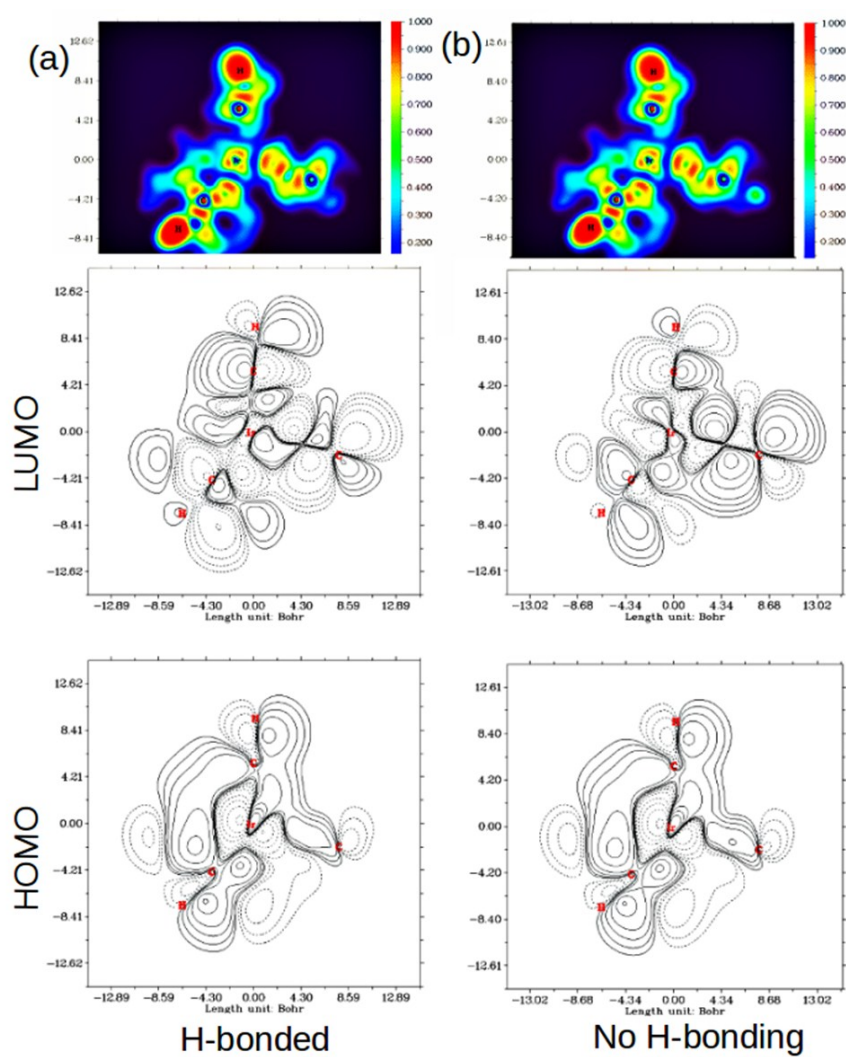
**Fig S12.** a) PL spectra of **2** in different solvents ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M), b) Emission color of **2** in different solvents excited under UV-lamp ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$ , 365 nm) c) Comparative emission spectra of **1** and **2** in solvents (methanol and ethanol)



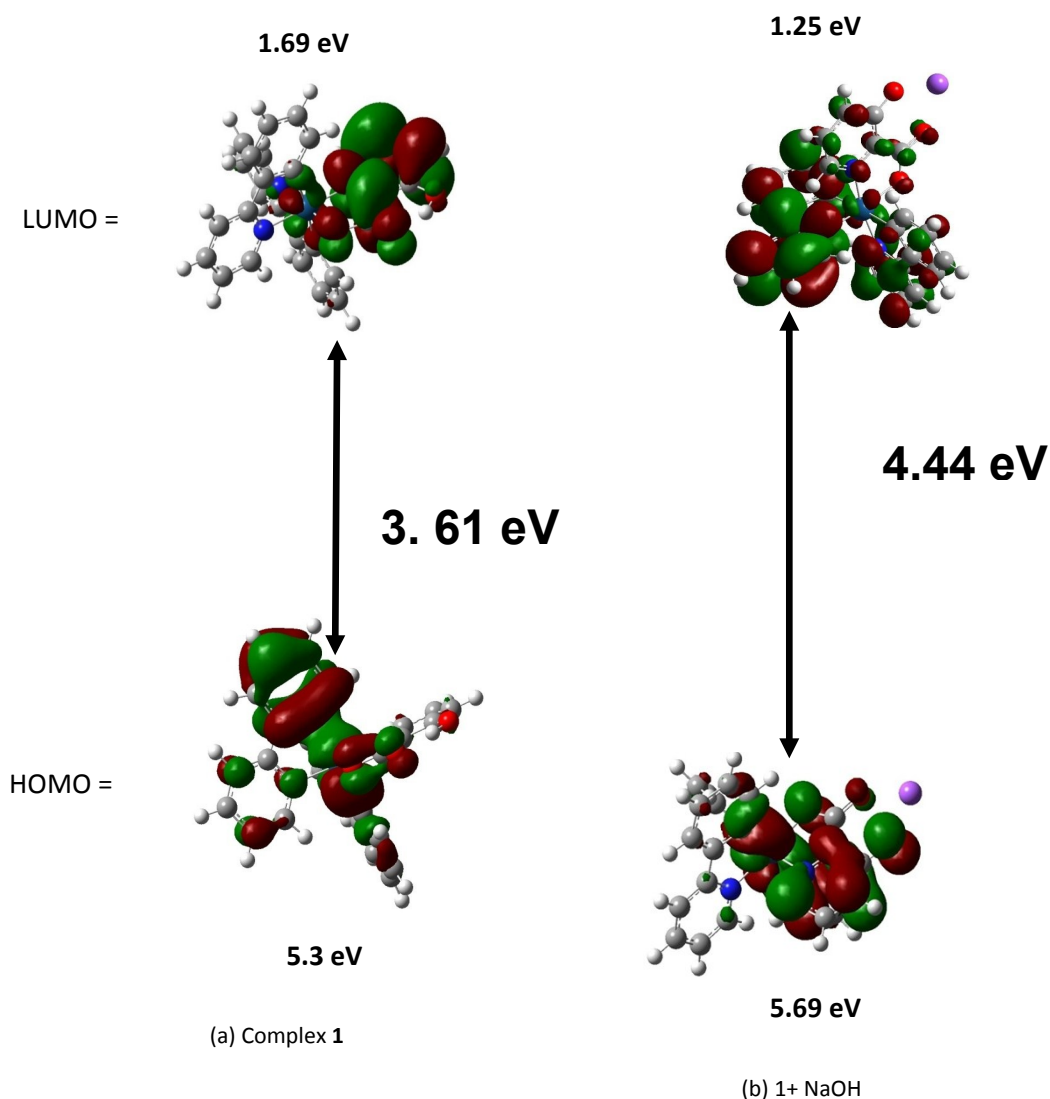
**Fig S13.** Frontier orbital diagram energy level from DFT of **1** in DCM and Methanol,



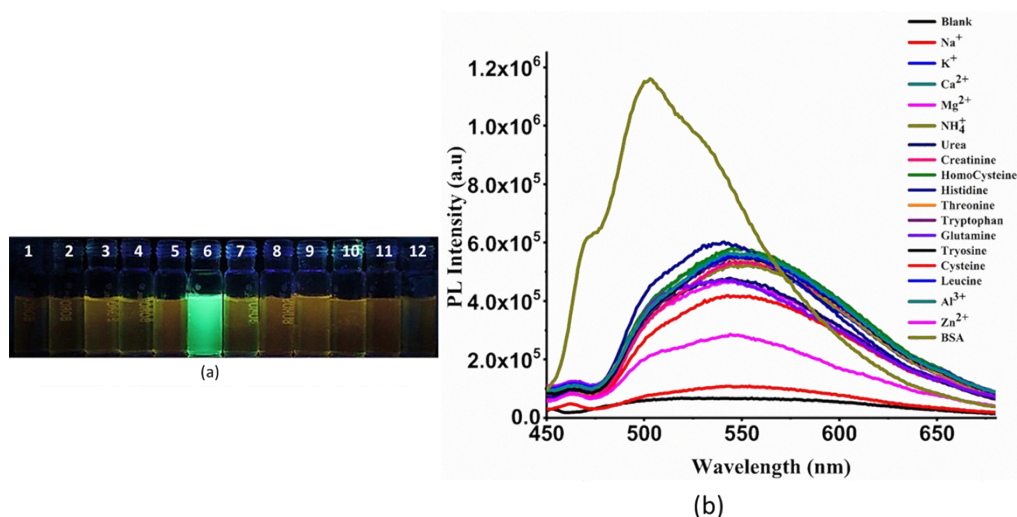
**Fig S14.** (a) PL emission image of **1** in different methanol/ water mixture under UV-lamp ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$ , 365 nm); (b) Emission spectra of **1** in methanol/PEG mixtures.



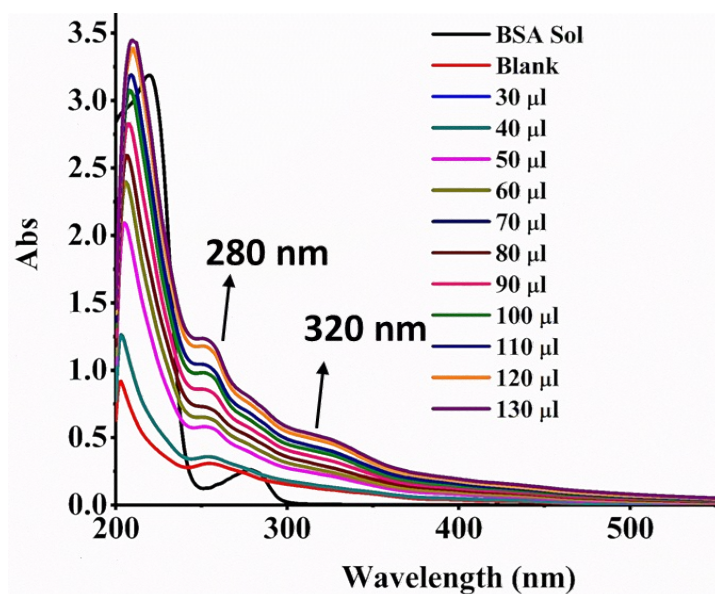
**Fig S15.** Electron localization function (ELF) and FMO contour maps for the H-bonded (left panel) and without H-bonded (right panel) forms of the complex **1**



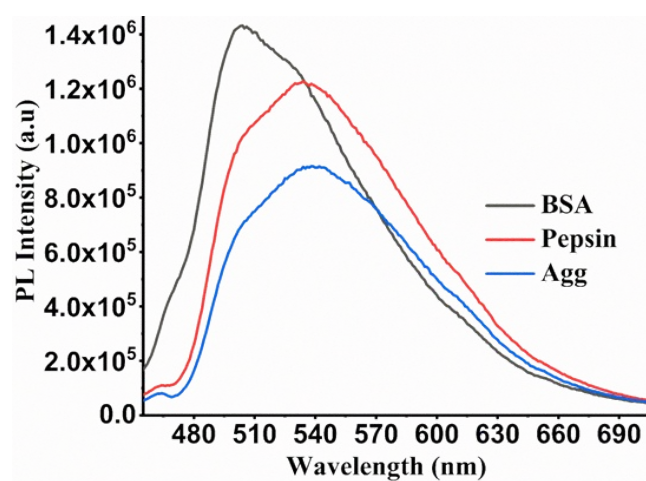
**Fig S16.** Frontier molecular orbital images of HOMO and LUMO energy levels of **1** and **1**+ base (NaOH), it indicates that the HOMO is getting stabilized while the LUMO is getting destabilized in the presence of a base.



**Fig S17.** (a) PL emission image of **1** ( $c = 10^{-5}M$ ) with 1 equivalent of different metals and proteins, respectively, from left to right (1- $Na_2SO_4$ , 2-  $MgSO_4$ , 3-  $ZnSO_4$ , 4- $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ , 5- Urea, 6-BSA, 7- Histidine, 8- Creatinine, 9- Cystine, 10- Tyrosine, 11- Lysine, 12-Tryptophan) (under exciting at 365nm with a UV lamp). (b) Emission spectra of **1** ( $c = 10^{-5}M$ ) with 1 equivalent of different metal salts [ $Na_2SO_4$ ,  $K_2SO_4$ ,  $CaSO_4$ ,  $MgSO_4$ ,  $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ ,  $Na_3PO_4$ ,  $ZnSO_4$ ,  $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ ], creatinine and BSA. (BSA results in green emission and remaining species produces weak yellow emission)



**Fig S18.** UV-Visible spectra of **1** by gradually increasing the BSA concentration



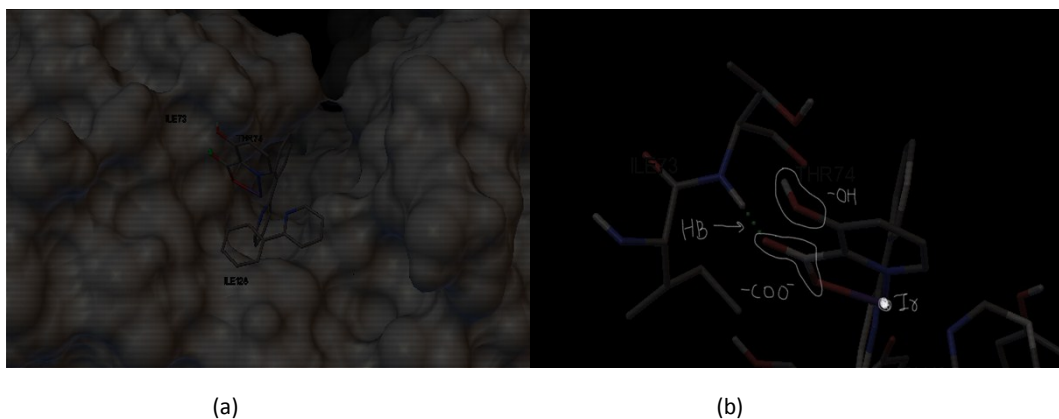
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**(b)**

**Fig. S19.** (a) PL spectra of **1** in presence of BSA, Protien and 90% methanol/water fraction. (b) Image of **1** in presence of BSA, Protien and 90% methanol/water fraction under UV-Lamp 365 nm.





**Fig. S20** (a) Binding of the complex within the hydrophobic pocket of pepsin; (b) It shows the absence of hydrogen bond with hydroxyl group of **1** and presence of hydrogen bond with the carbonyl of **1** in pepsin (used software for docking, AutoDock 4.2) <sup>(1,2)</sup>

Table S1 : It shows the binding energy for the complex **1** with BSA (Binding pockets of top 10 conformations of the complex **1**)

| S. No. | Chain identifier of the binding pocket | Binding Energy (kcal/mole) | Close Residues                                                 |
|--------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | B                                      | -6.4                       | Gln416, Ser418, Thr419, Thr466, Val468, Lys499, Lys533         |
| 2      | B                                      | -6.06                      | Arg194, Trp213, Arg217, Lys221, Lys294, Val342, Asp450, Cys447 |
| 3      | B                                      | -6.04                      | Pro415, Gln416, Ser418, Thr419, Thr466, Val468, Lys499, Lys533 |
| 4      | A                                      | -6.03                      | Arg194, Trp213, Arg217, Glu291, Val292, Lys294, Pro338, Val342 |
| 5      | A                                      | -5.9                       | Asp111, Pro420, Ile522                                         |
| 6      | B                                      | -5.52                      | Asp111, Lys114, Arg144                                         |
| 7      | B                                      | -5.26                      | Pro415, Gln416, Val468, Lys499, Tyr496, Ala500, Lys533         |
| 8      | B                                      | -5.16                      | Tyr155, Asn158, Gly162, Pro281, Leu283, Glu284                 |
| 9      | A                                      | -4.86                      | Glu17, His18, Pro281, Leu282, Leu283                           |
| 10     | B                                      | -4.69                      | Glu48, Phe49, Thr52, Glu73, Lys76                              |

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