Supporting Information

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Direct observation of aluminum ions produced via pulsed laser ablation in liquid: a 'turn-on' fluorescence study

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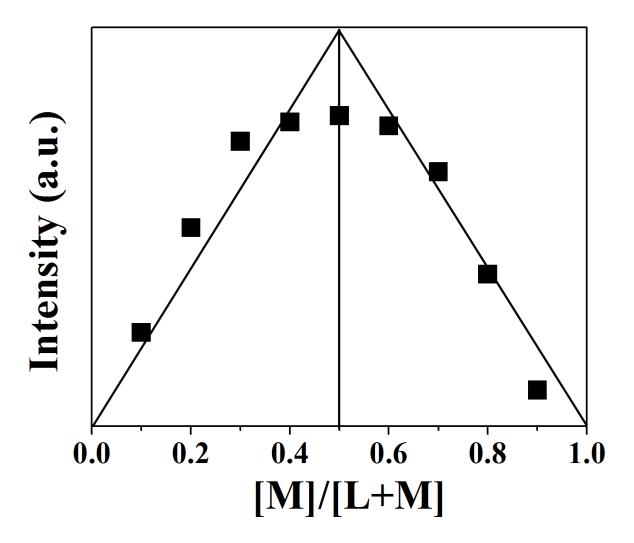
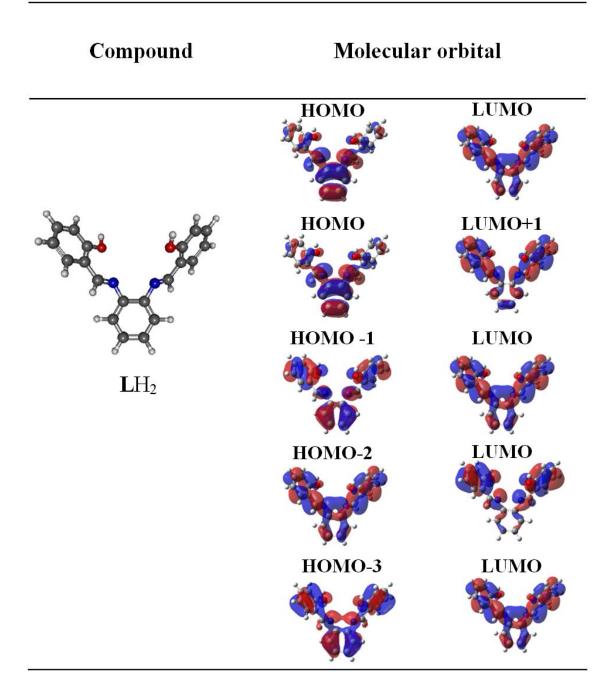


Figure S1: Job's plot analysis of the fluorescence titration spectra for the complexation of Al^{3+} with LH_2 , showing a maximum at a mole fraction of 0.5 with a symmetrical peak. This indicates a 1:1 complex, $[AlL]^+$, between ligand L^{2-} and the Al^{3+} ion.



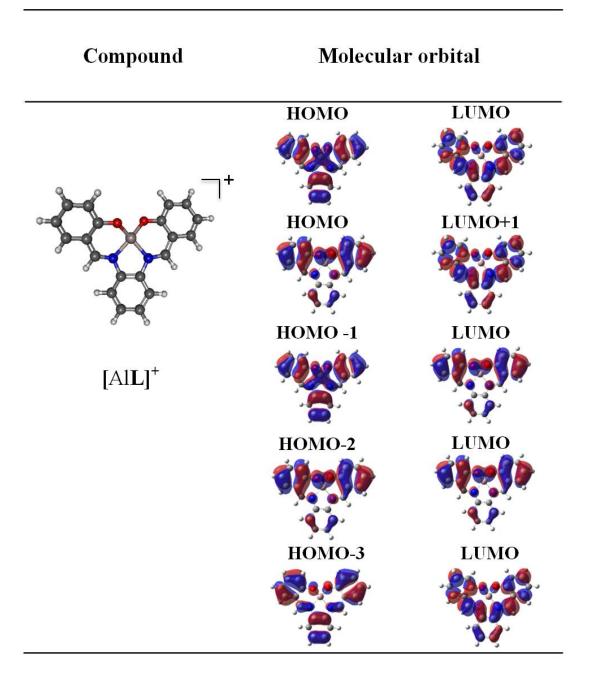


Figure S2: Optimized structures and molecular orbitals of \mathbf{LH}_2 and $[Al\mathbf{L}]^+$ calculated by TD-DFT method at the B3LYP/6-31G* level using Gaussian 09.

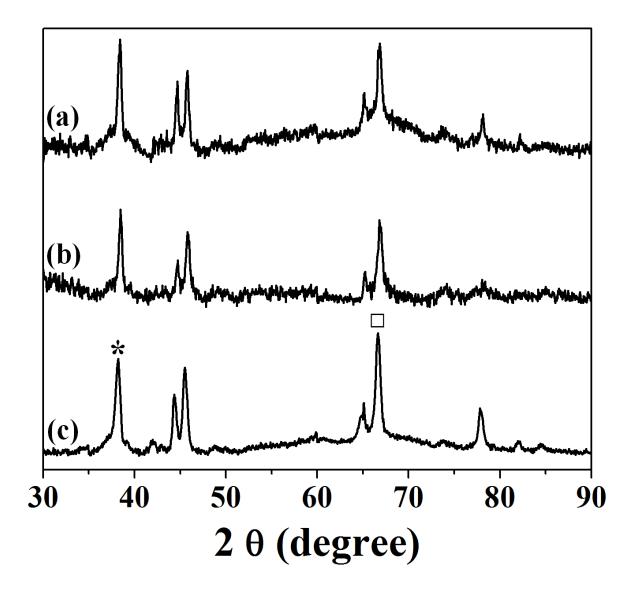


Figure S3: XRD patterns of the nanoparticles produced by PLAL with (a) degassing, (b) O_2 bubbling, and (c) H_2 bubbling conditions. The major peaks of Al and γ -Al₂O₃ nanoparticles are marked by an asterisk and square, respectively.