

Achievement of enhanced solubility and improved optics in the molecular complexes based on sulfonate-pyridinium supramolecular synthon

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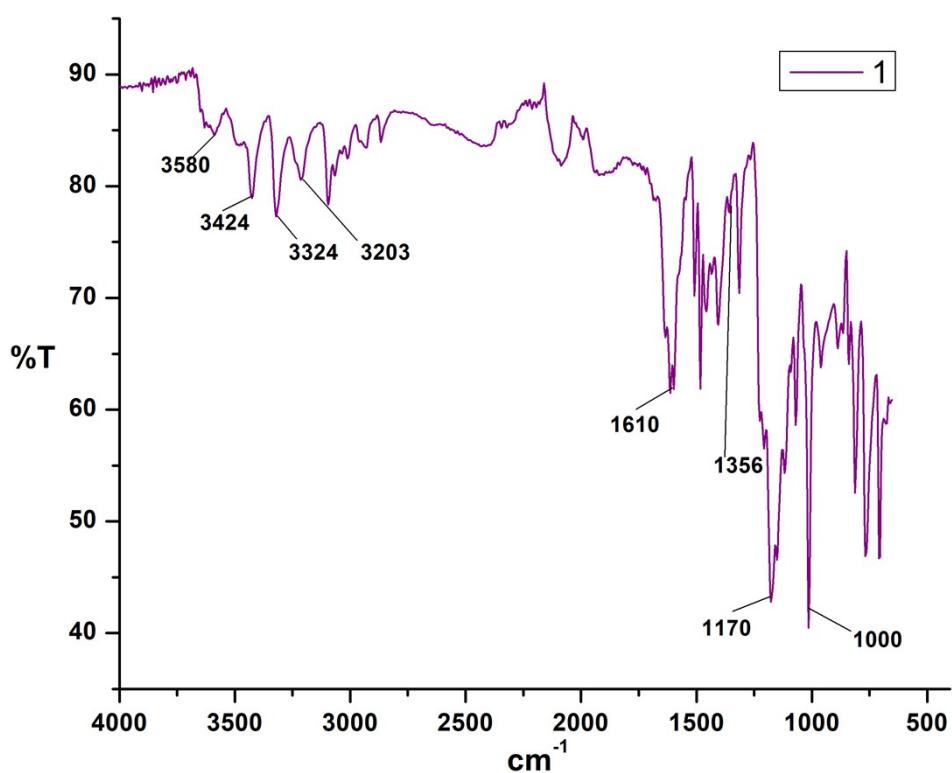


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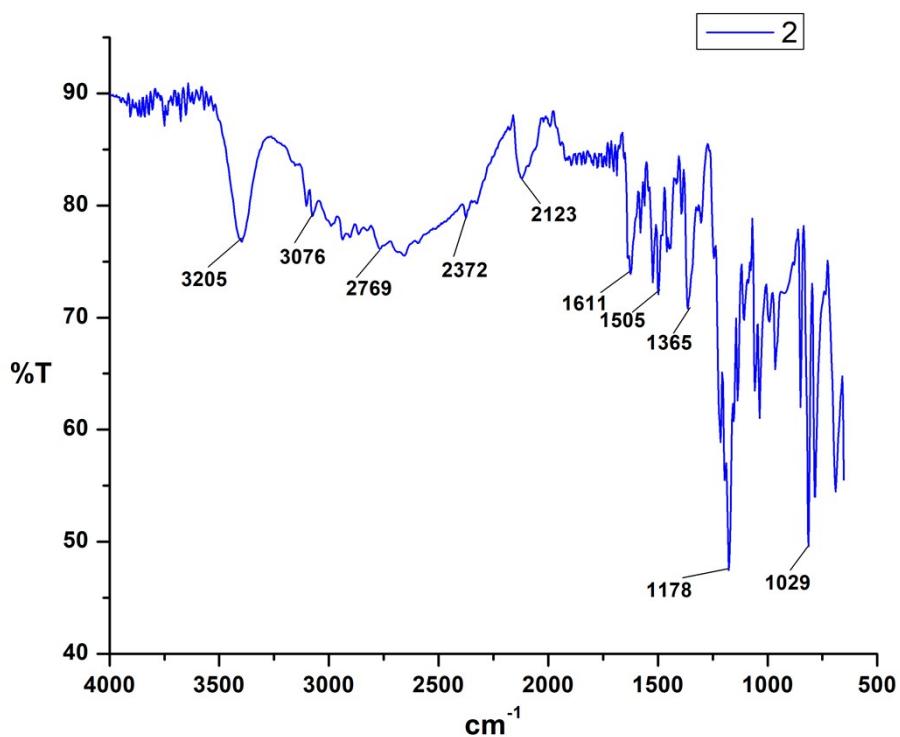


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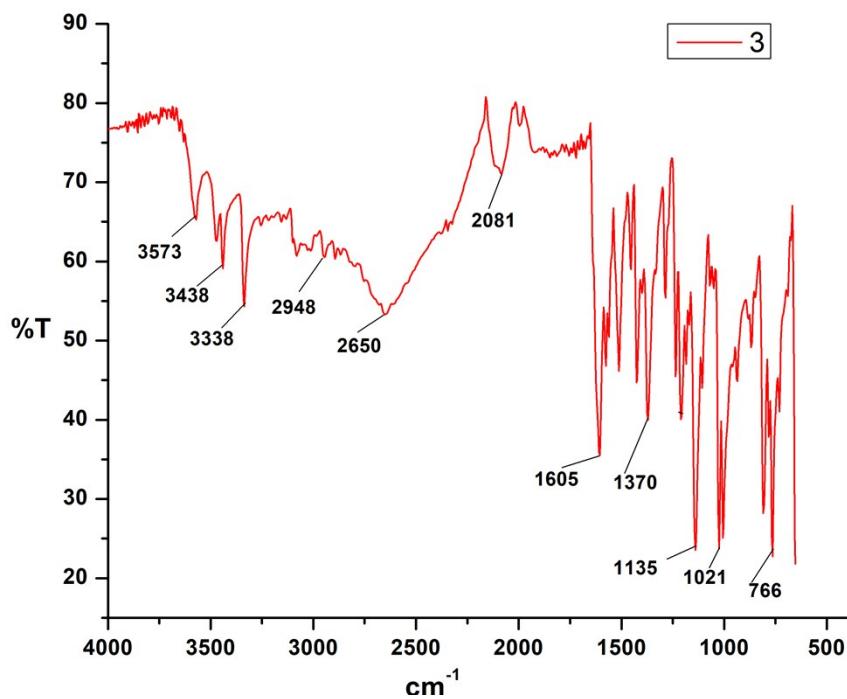


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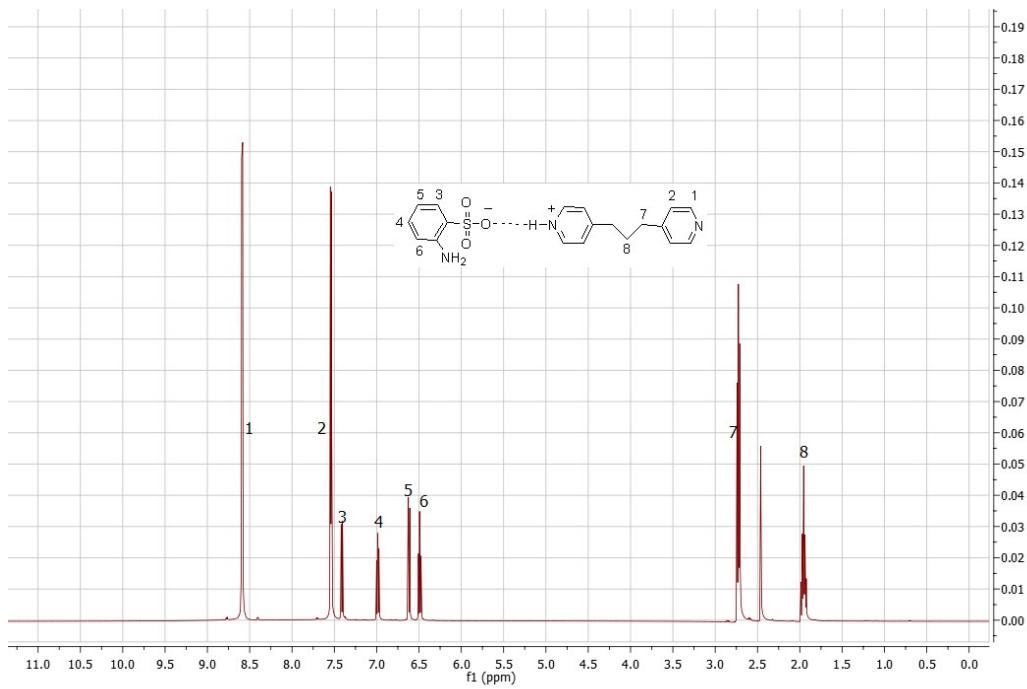


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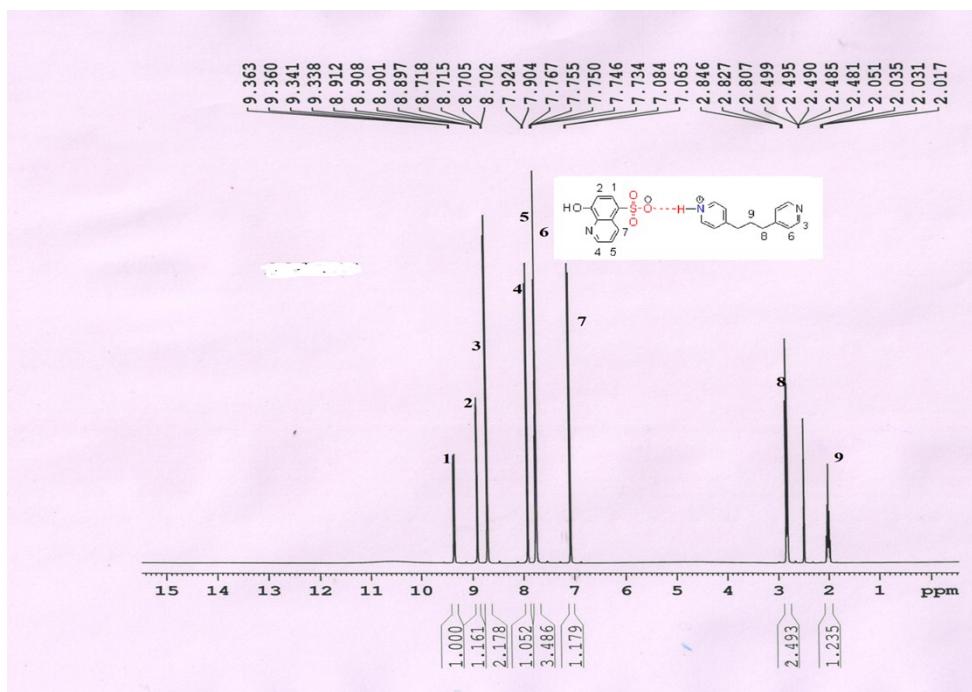


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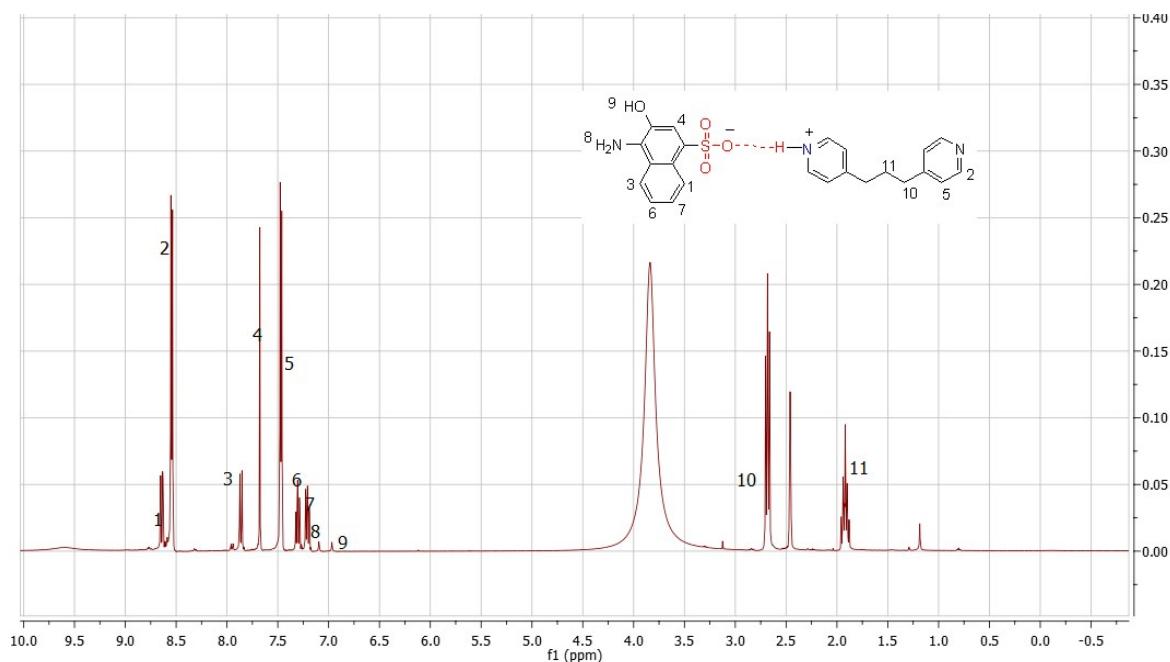


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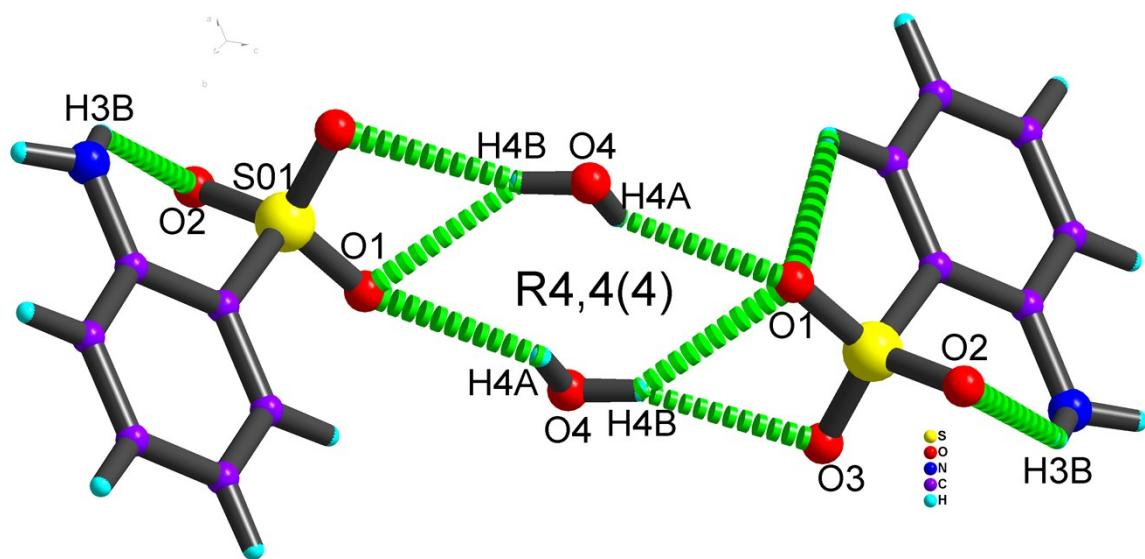


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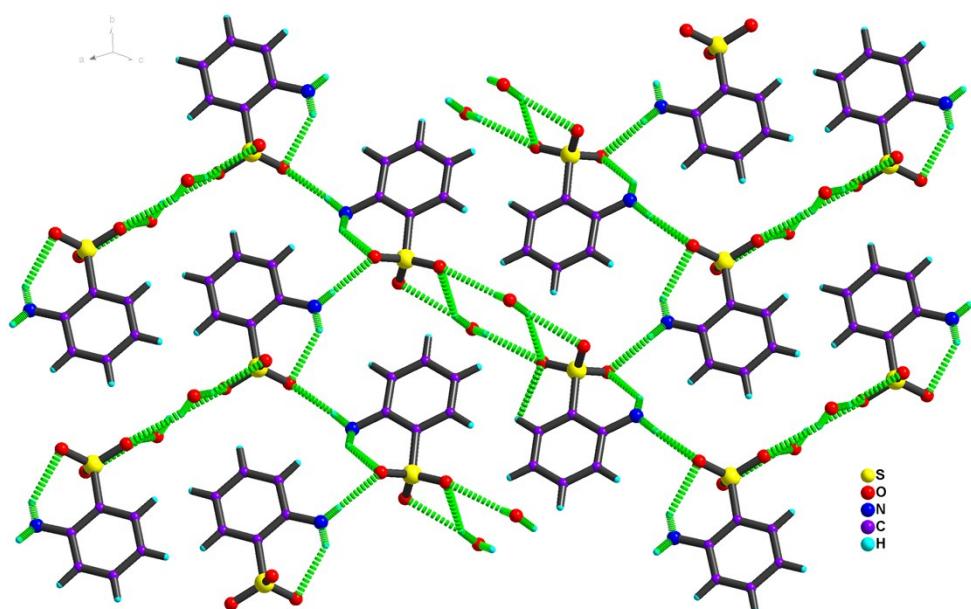


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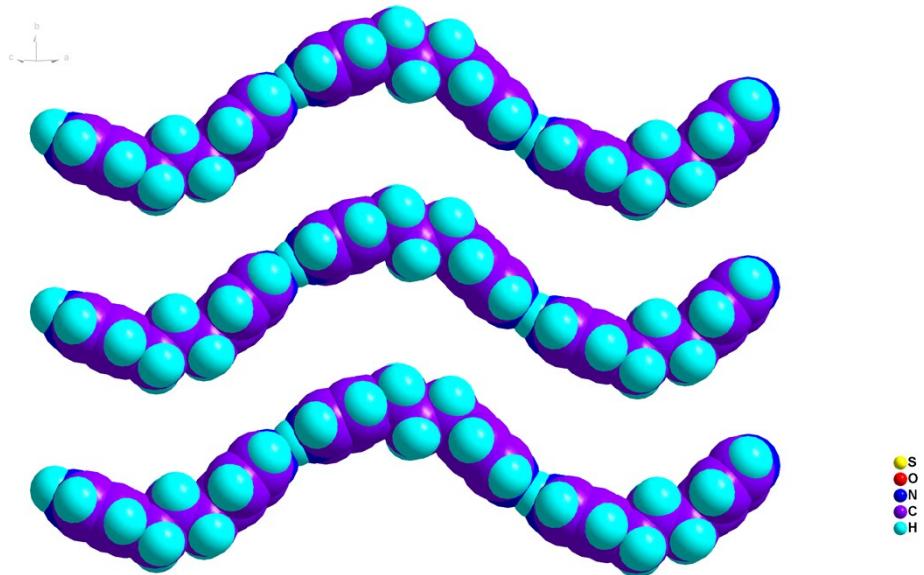


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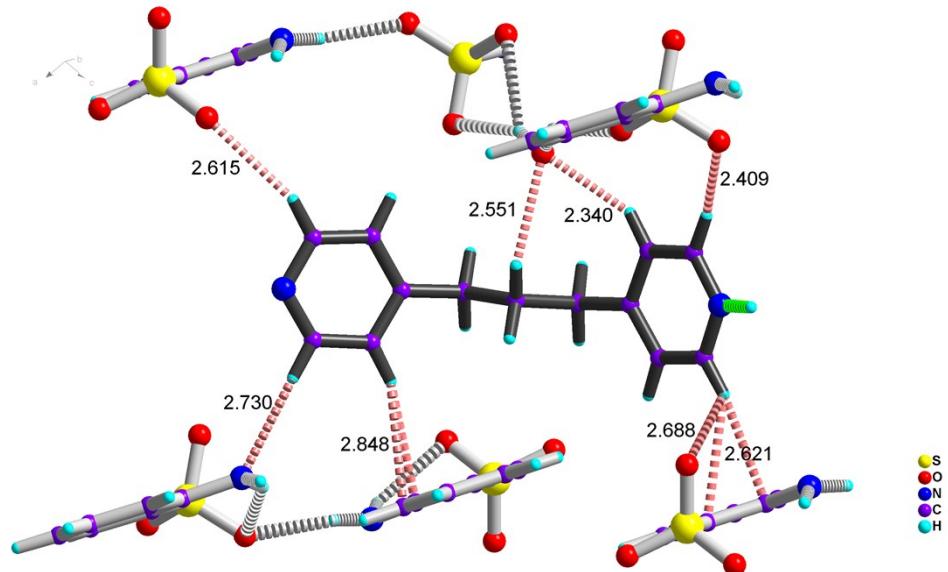


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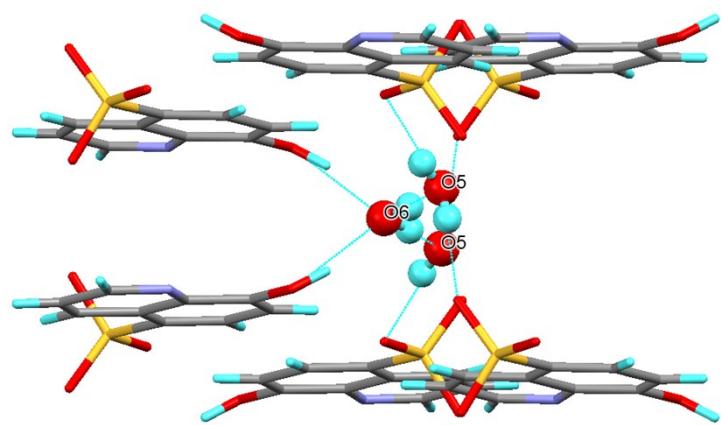


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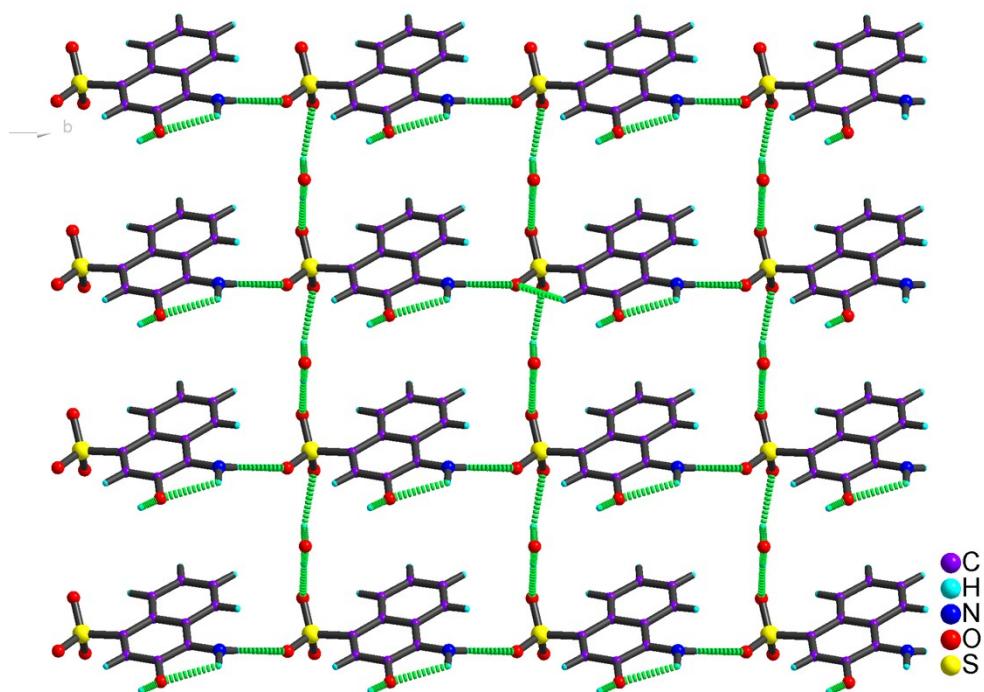


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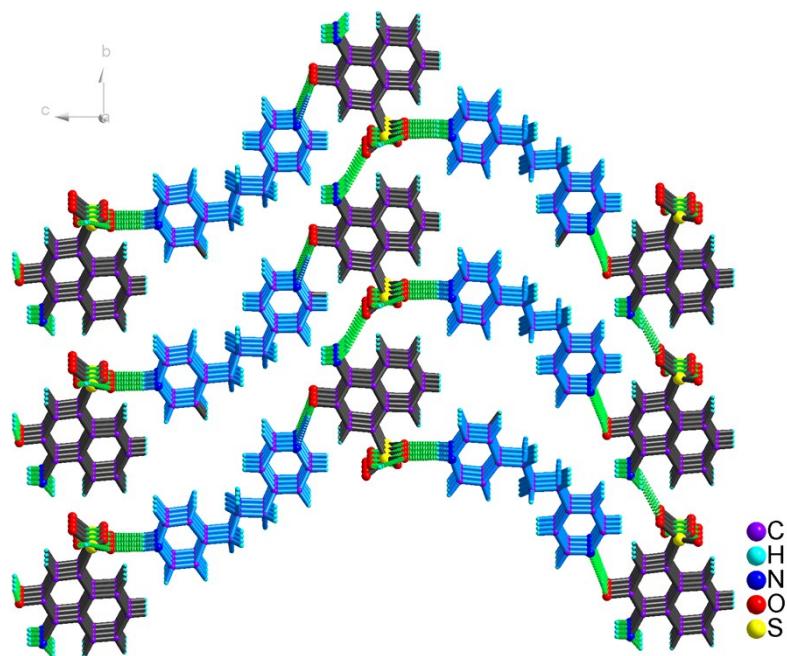


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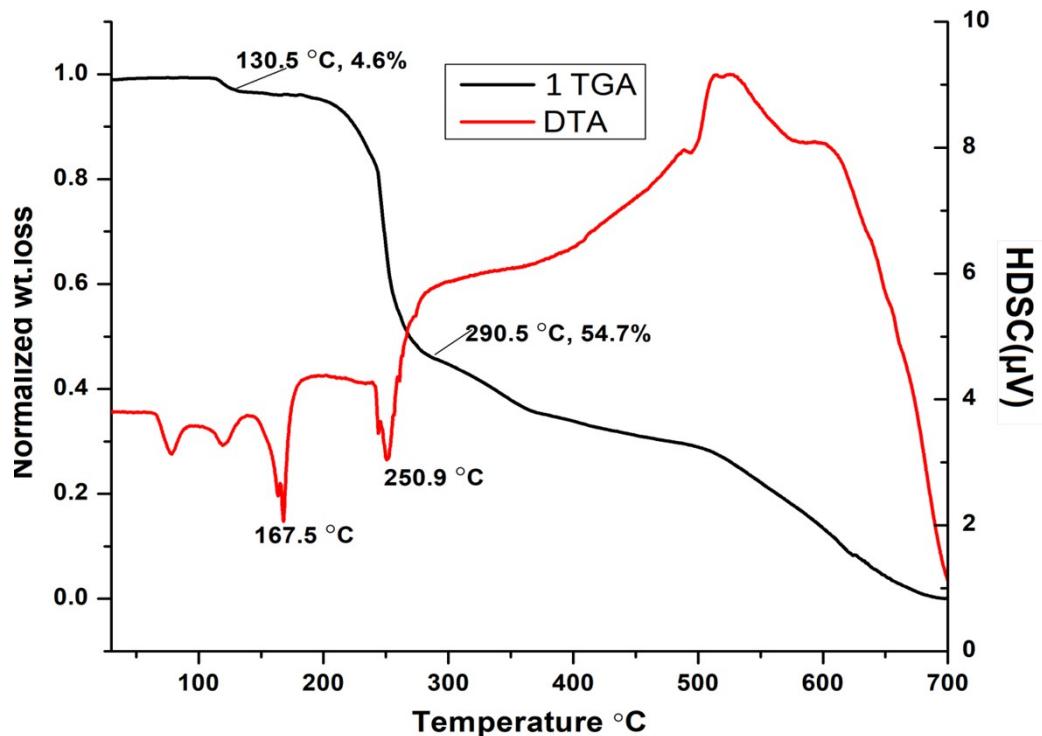


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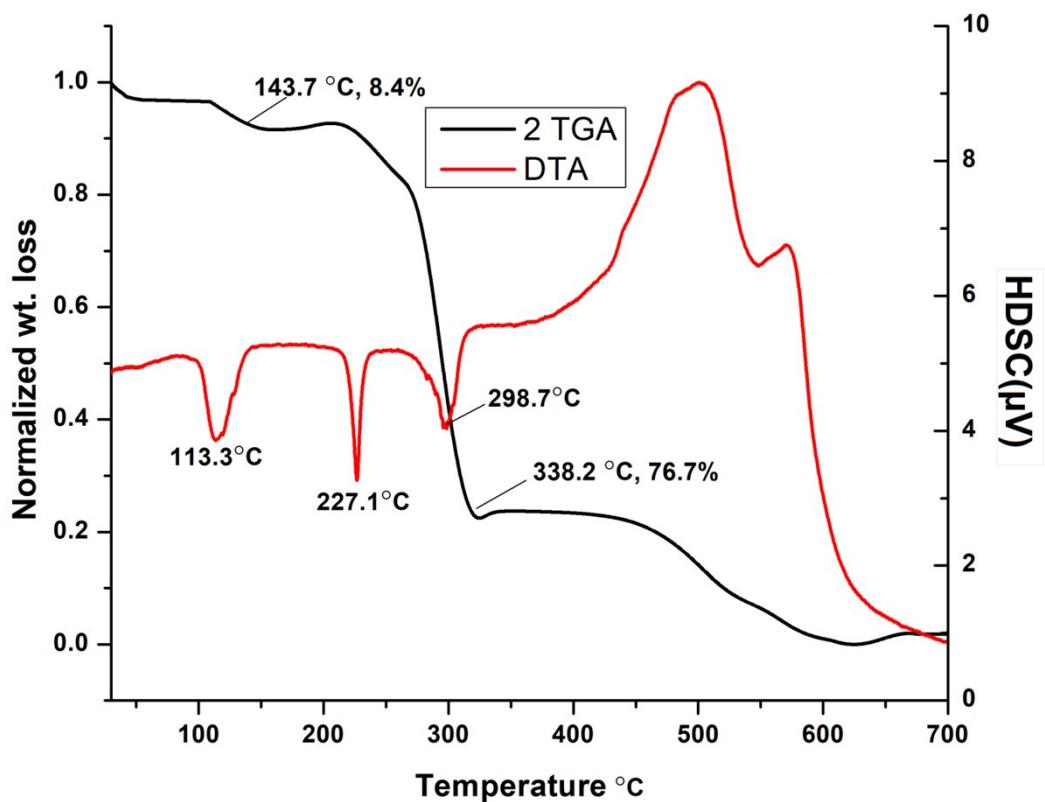


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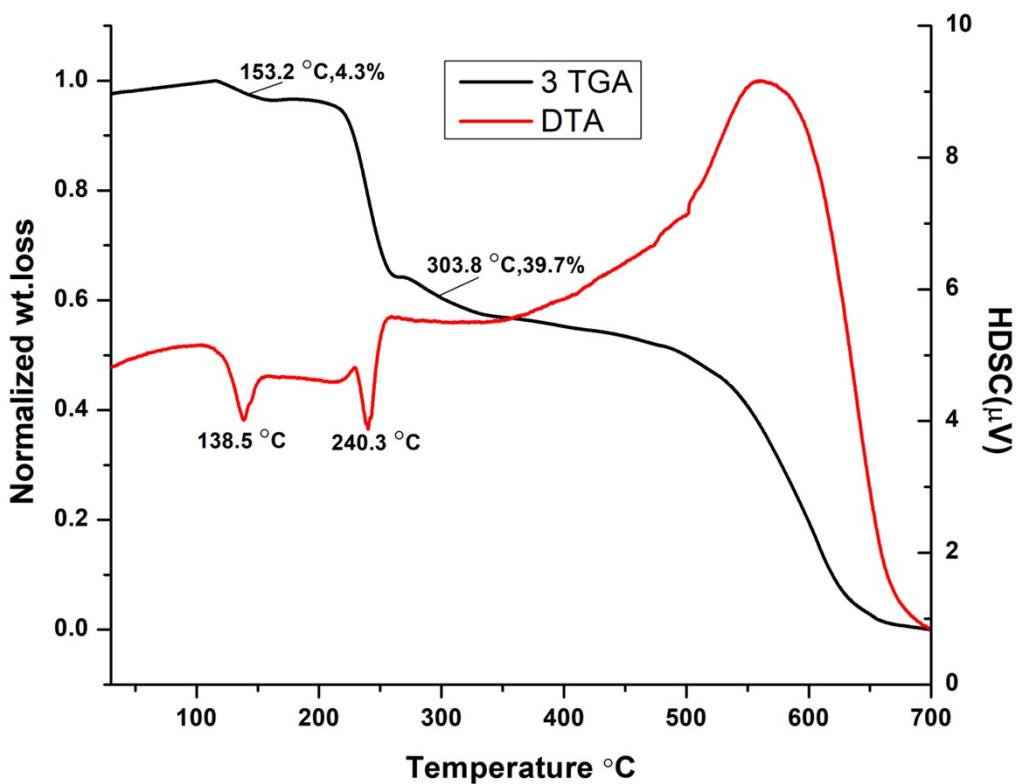


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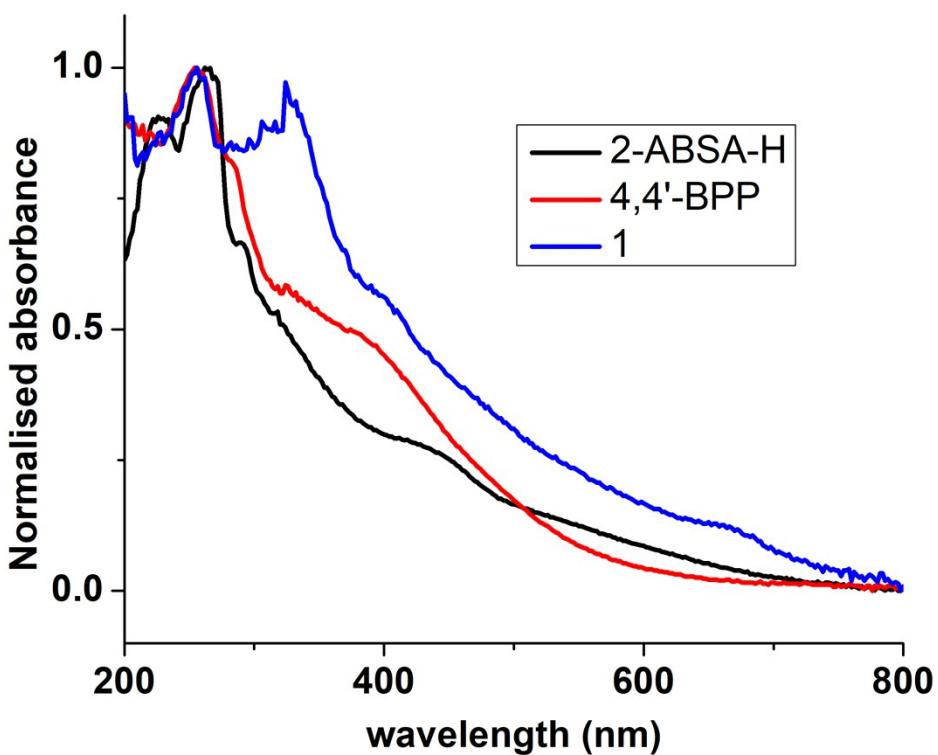


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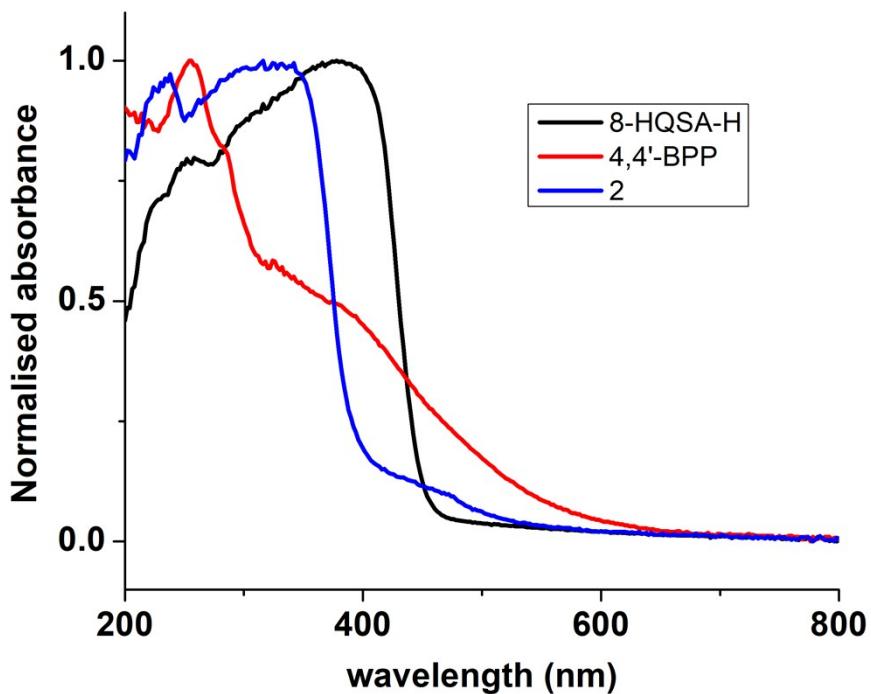


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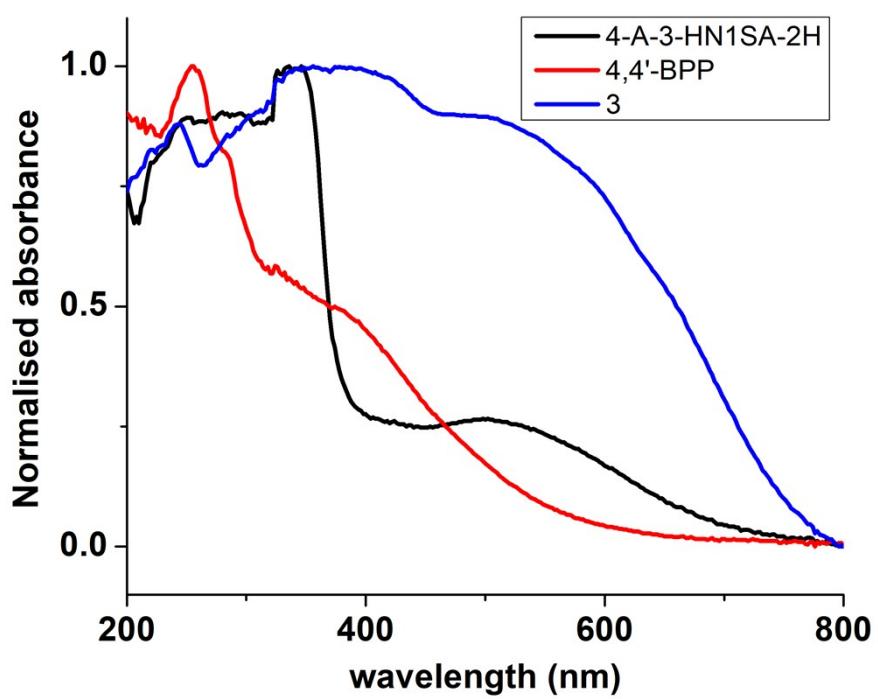


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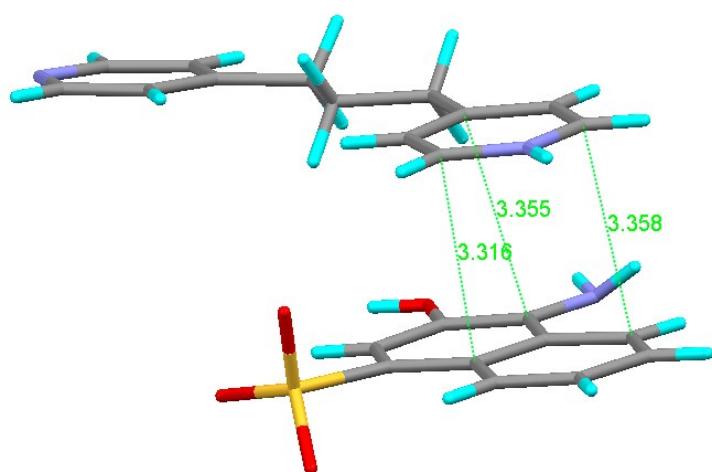


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Acid former	MP. °C	Base former	MP. °C	Molecular salt	MP. °C
C₆H₇NO₃S	>300	C₁₃H₁₄N₂	60	1	150
C₉H₇NO₃S	>300	C₁₃H₁₄N₂	60	2	205
C₁₀H₇O₄S	285	C₁₃H₁₄N₂	60	3	140

Table ESI-2. Solubility of compounds **1-3** in different solvents

Compound	CHCl ₃	Acetone	MeOH	EtOH	CH ₃ CN	DCM	H ₂ O	DMSO
1	insoluble	insoluble	soluble	soluble	insoluble	partial	soluble	soluble
2	insoluble	insoluble	soluble	soluble	insoluble	partial	soluble	soluble
3	insoluble	insoluble	insoluble	insoluble	insoluble	insoluble	soluble	soluble