## **Supporting information**

# Yellow-to-brown and yellow-to-green electrochromic devices

### based on complexes of transition metal ions with triphenylamine-

### based ligand

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Figure S18. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of ligand L in d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO.



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115 110 f1 (ppm)


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