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Luminescent silver(I) complexes with pyrazole-tetraphenylethene ligand: turn-on fluorescence due to the coordination-driven rigidification and solvent-oriented structural transformation

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Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinements for Ag complexes.

Compound	1	2
Formula	C ₃₉ H ₃₀ Cl ₂ F ₁₂ N ₈ P ₂ Ag ₂	C ₄₀ H ₂₈ F ₆ N ₈ O ₆ S ₂ Ag ₂
Formula weight	1187.29	1110.56
Crystal system	monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>P-1</i>
a (Å)	20.5979(11)	10.9590(11)
b (Å)	12.0244(7)	11.9156(12)
c (Å)	17.0561(9)	19.0477(19)
α(°)	90	104.755(3)
β(°)	97.202(2)	91.935(3)
γ(°)	90	105.054(3)
V (Å ³)	4191.1(4)	2309.4(4)
Z	4	2
D _{calc} (g cm ⁻³)	1.882	1.597
μ (mm ⁻¹)	6.925	5.631
F (000)	2344	1104
Reflections collected	15509	31081
Unique reflections	3786	8321
Data/restraints/parameters	3786 / 72 / 349	8321 / 0 / 650
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.047	1.016
R ₁ ^a [I > 2σ(I)]	0.0335	0.0296
wR ₂ ^b [I > 2σ(I)]	0.0855	0.0840
R ₁ [all data]	0.0351	0.0316
wR ₂ [all data]	0.0866	0.0857
CCDC#		
^a R ₁ = Σ <i>F</i> _o - <i>F</i> _c /Σ <i>F</i> _o .		
^b wR ₂ = Σw(<i>F</i> _o ² - <i>F</i> _c ²)/Σ w(<i>F</i> _o) ² ^{1/2} , where w = 1/[σ ² (<i>F</i> _o) ² + (<i>aP</i>) ² + <i>bP</i>]. P = (<i>F</i> _o) ² + 2 <i>F</i> _c ² /3.		

	3	4
Formula	C ₈₀ H ₅₆ Ag ₄ F ₁₂ N ₁₆ O ₁₂ S ₄ Ag ₄	C ₁₁₄ H ₈₄ N ₂₄ F ₁₈ P ₃ Ag ₃
Formula weight	2221.12	2548.59
Crystal system	Triclinic	Cubic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>I</i> 4 ₁ 32
a (Å)	14.1282(7)	28.6728(6)
b (Å)	14.4177(7)	28.6728(6)
c (Å)	14.7363(7)	28.6728(6)
α(°)	85.093(2)	90
β(°)	68.925(2)	90
γ(°)	73.243(2)	90
V (Å ³)	2681.5(2)	23572.8(15)
Z	1	8
D _{calc} (g cm ⁻³)	1.375	1.355
μ (mm ⁻¹)	4.849	3.272
F (000)	1104	9720
Reflections collected	35849	85814
Unique reflections	9433	3619
Data/restraints/parameters	9433 / 0 / 577	3619 / 78 / 237
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.19	1.148
R ₁ ^a [I > 2σ(I)]	0.0869	0.057
wR ₂ ^b [I > 2σ(I)]	0.2014	0.1528
R ₁ [all data]	0.1003	0.0633
wR ₂ [all data]	0.2083	0.1597
CCDC#		
^a R ₁ = Σ <i>F</i> _o - <i>F</i> _c /Σ <i>F</i> _o .		
^b wR ₂ = [Σw(<i>F</i> _o ² - <i>F</i> _c ²)/Σw(<i>F</i> _o) ²] ^{1/2} , where w = 1/[σ ² (<i>F</i> _o) ² + (<i>aP</i>) ² + <i>bP</i>]. P = (<i>F</i> _o) ² + 2 <i>F</i> _c ² /3.		

	6	7
Formula	C ₁₁₄ H ₈₄ N ₂₇ O ₉ Ag ₃	C ₃₈ H ₂₈ N ₁₀ O ₆ Ag ₂
Formula weight	2299.71	936.44
Crystal system	Cubic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>I</i> 4 ₁ 32	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
a (Å)	28.4267(7)	9.953(2)
b (Å)	28.4267(7)	13.918(3)
c (Å)	28.4267(7)	25.775(5)
α(°)	90	90
β(°)	90	90
γ(°)	90	90
V (Å ³)	22971.0(17)	3570.5(13)
Z	8	4
D _{calc} (g cm ⁻³)	1.294	1.742
μ (mm ⁻¹)	3.094	1.161
F (000)	9112	1872
Reflections collected	77455	33591
Unique reflections	3545	8197
Data/restraints/parameters	3545 / 0 / 227	8197 / 0 / 505
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.112	1.033
R ₁ ^a [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0478	0.0431
wR ₂ ^b [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.1265	0.0826
R ₁ [all data]	0.0491	0.0853
wR ₂ [all data]	0.1272	0.1015
CCDC#		
^a R ₁ = Σ <i>F</i> _o - <i>F</i> _c /Σ <i>F</i> _o .		
^b wR ₂ = Σw(<i>F</i> _o ² - <i>F</i> _c ²)/Σ w(<i>F</i> _o) ² ^{1/2} , where w = 1/[σ ² (<i>F</i> _o ²) + (<i>aP</i>) ² + <i>bP</i>]. P = (<i>F</i> _o ² + 2 <i>F</i> _c ²)/3.		

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for Ag complexes.

1			
Ag(1)-N(1)#1	2.129(3)	Ag(1)-N(4)	2.133(3)
N(1)#1-Ag(1)-N(4)	174.51(9)		
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+1,y,-z+1/2;			
2			
Ag(1)-N(5)	2.156(2)	Ag(1)-O(5)	2.578(6)
Ag(1)-N(1)	2.161(2)	Ag(2)-N(4)	2.174(2)
Ag(1)-O(5')	2.581(6)	Ag(2)-N(8)	2.192(2)
N(5)-Ag(1)-N(1)	175.26(8)	N(5)-Ag(1)-O(5)	86.85(15)
N(5)-Ag(1)-O(5')	92.35(16)	N(1)-Ag(1)-O(5)	90.51(15)
N(1)-Ag(1)-O(5')	86.45(16)	N(4)-Ag(2)-N(8)	177.59(8)
3			
Ag(1)-N(1)	2.187(9)	Ag(2)-N(4)	2.195(7)
Ag(1)-N(8)	2.190(8)	Ag(2)-N(5)	2.195(8)
N(1)-Ag(1)-N(8)	175.0(3)	N(4)-Ag(2)-N(5)	169.3(3)
4			
Ag(1)-N(1)	2.385(6)	Ag(1)-N(4)#2	2.402(8)
N(1)#1-Ag(1)-N(1)	88.6(3)	N(4)#2-Ag(1)-N(4)#3	116.0(4)
N(1)-Ag(1)-N(4)#2	90.4(2)	N(1)-Ag(1)-N(4)#3	138.8(3)
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 z-3/4,-y+5/4,x+3/4; #2 -y+1/2,-z+1,x+1/2; #3 x-1/4,z+1/4,-y+5/4			
6			
Ag(1)-N(2)#1	2.374(6)	Ag(1)-N(4)	2.385(6)
N(2)#1-Ag(1)-N(2)#2	115.8(3)	N(2)#1-Ag(1)-N(4)	139.5(2)
N(4)#3-Ag(1)-N(4)	88.0(3)	N(2)#2-Ag(1)-N(4)	90.3(2)
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+1/2,y,-z; #2 x-1/4,z+1/4,-y+1/4; #3 -x+1/4,-z+1/4,-y+1/4			
7			
Ag(1)-N(8)#1	2.210(5)	Ag(2)-N(2)	2.205(7)
Ag(1)-N(6)	2.217(6)	Ag(2)-O(2)	2.318(7)
Ag(1)-O(4)	2.487(6)	Ag(2)-O(1)	2.550(6)

N(8)#1-Ag(1)-N(6)	146.6(2)	N(2)-Ag(2)-O(2)	157.7(2)
N(8)#1-Ag(1)-O(4)	118.0(2)	N(2)-Ag(2)-O(1)	139.4(2)
N(6)-Ag(1)-O(4)	94.2(2)	O(2)-Ag(2)-O(1)	52.78(19)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 $x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+1$;

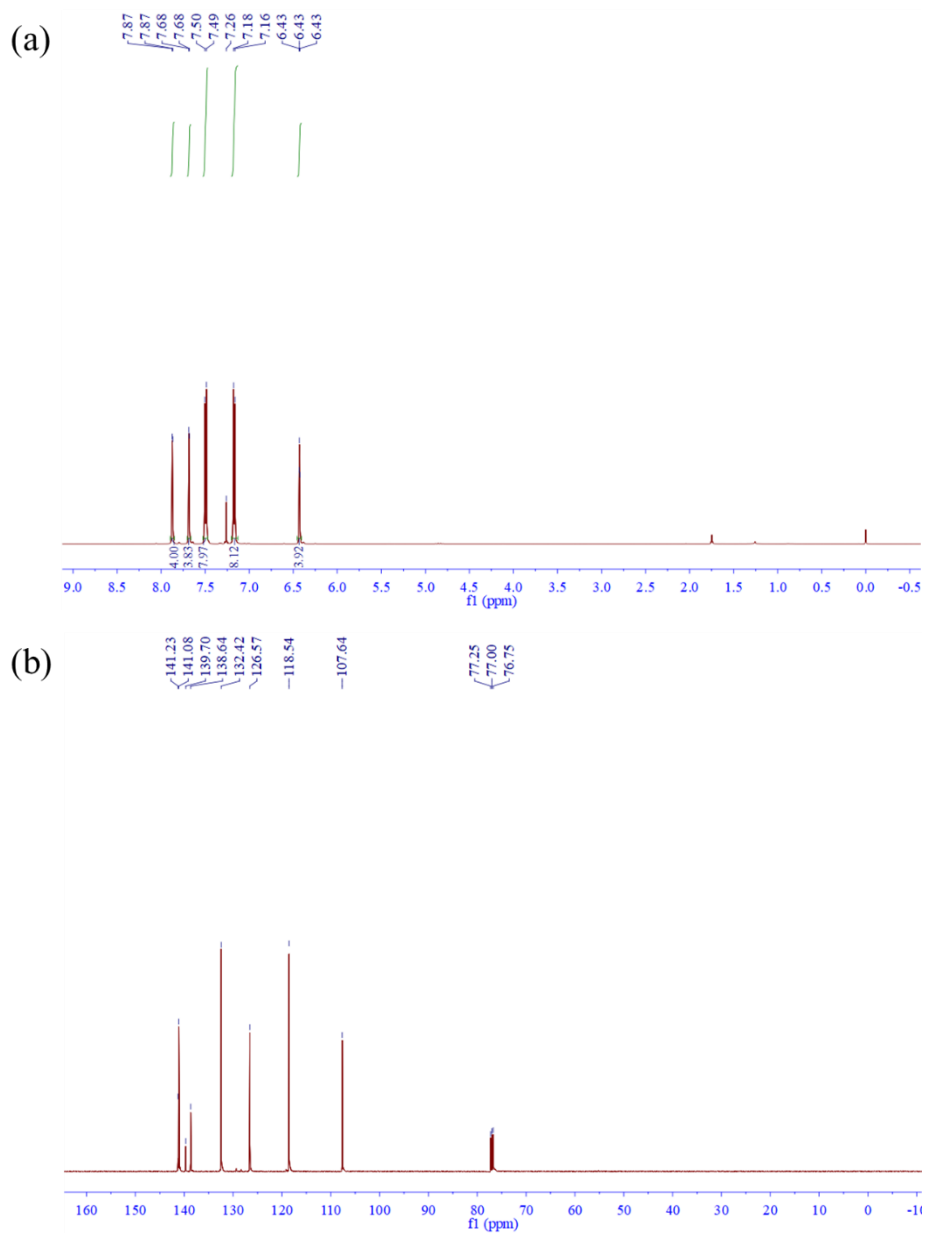


Fig. S1 ^1H NMR (a) and ^{13}C NMR spectra (b) of ligand **L** in CDCl_3 .

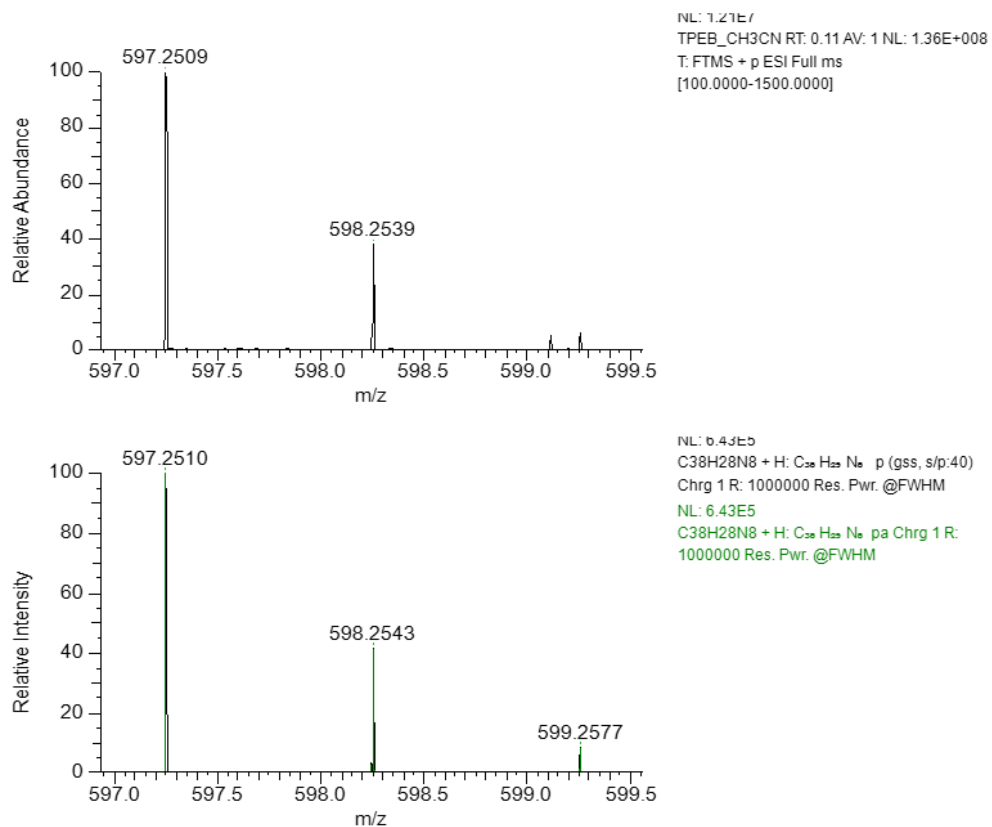


Fig. S2 High resolution mass spectrum of ligand **L** in acetonitrile (upper) and simulated ion $[\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_8 + \text{H}]^+$ (below).

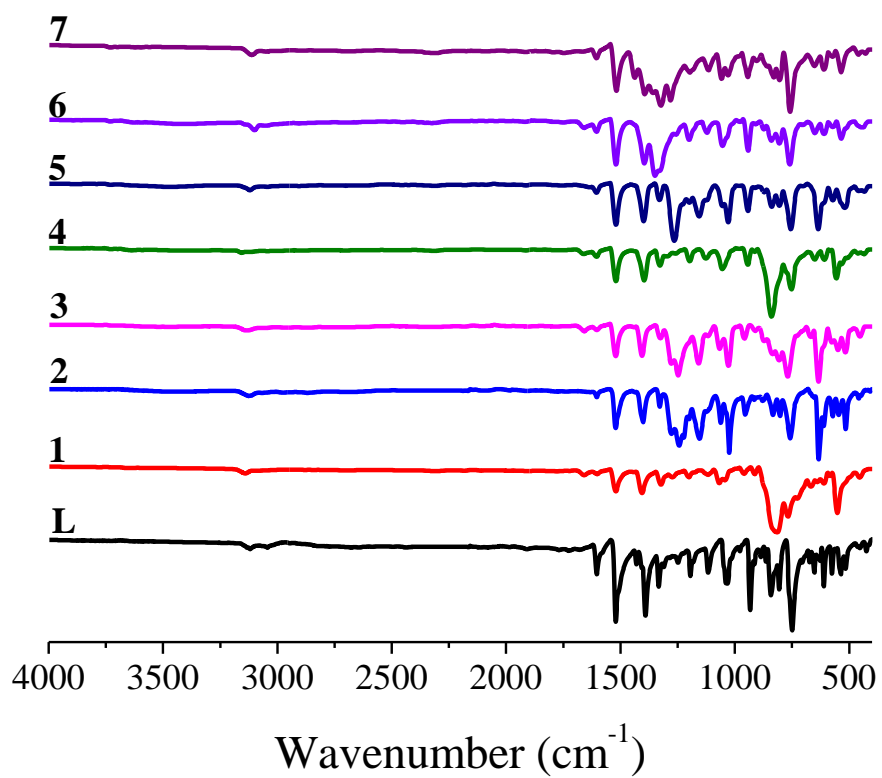


Fig. S3 FT-IR spectra of ligand **L** and Ag complexes.

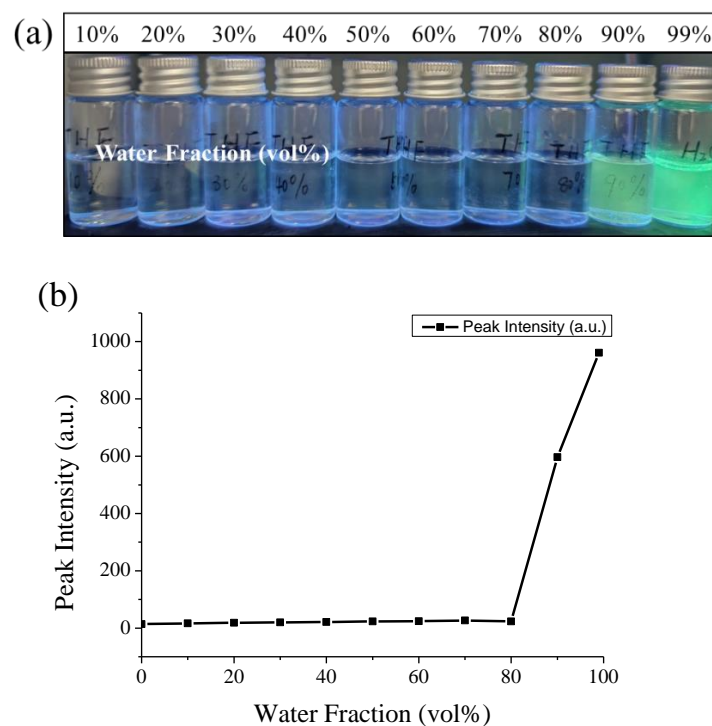


Fig. S4 (a) Images of **L** in THF with the increasing water fraction under UV light. (b) Plots of fluorescence intensity in mixtures of THF/water by varying H₂O content in the range of 0–99%.

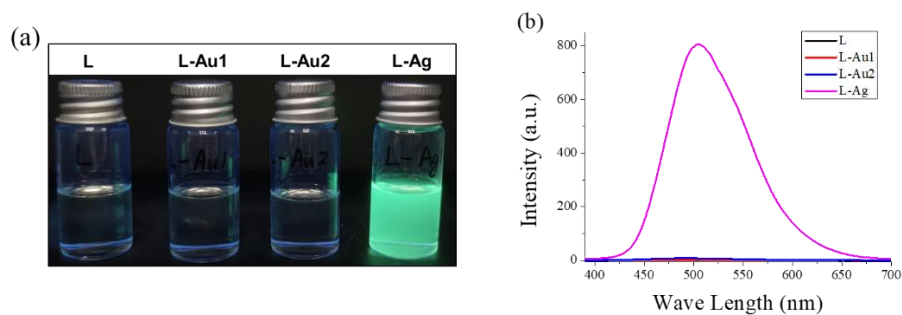


Fig. S5 (a) Images of **L** in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mg/5 mL) with addition of 2 equivalents chloro(dimethylsulfide)gold(I) (Me₂SAuCl, **Au1**), chloro(triphenylphosphine)gold(I) (Ph₃PAuCl, **Au2**) and AgCF₃SO₃ under UV light. (b) Fluorescence spectra of **L** in CH₂Cl₂ in absence and presence of **Au1**, **Au2** and AgCF₃SO₃ ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 367$ nm).

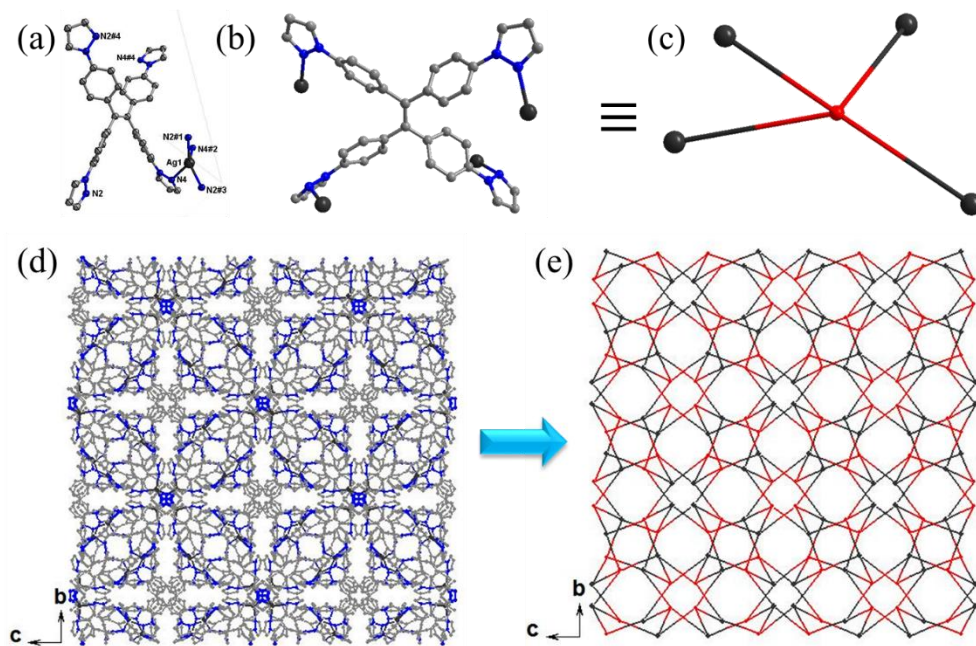


Fig. S6 Crystal structures and simplified schematic diagram of **6**.

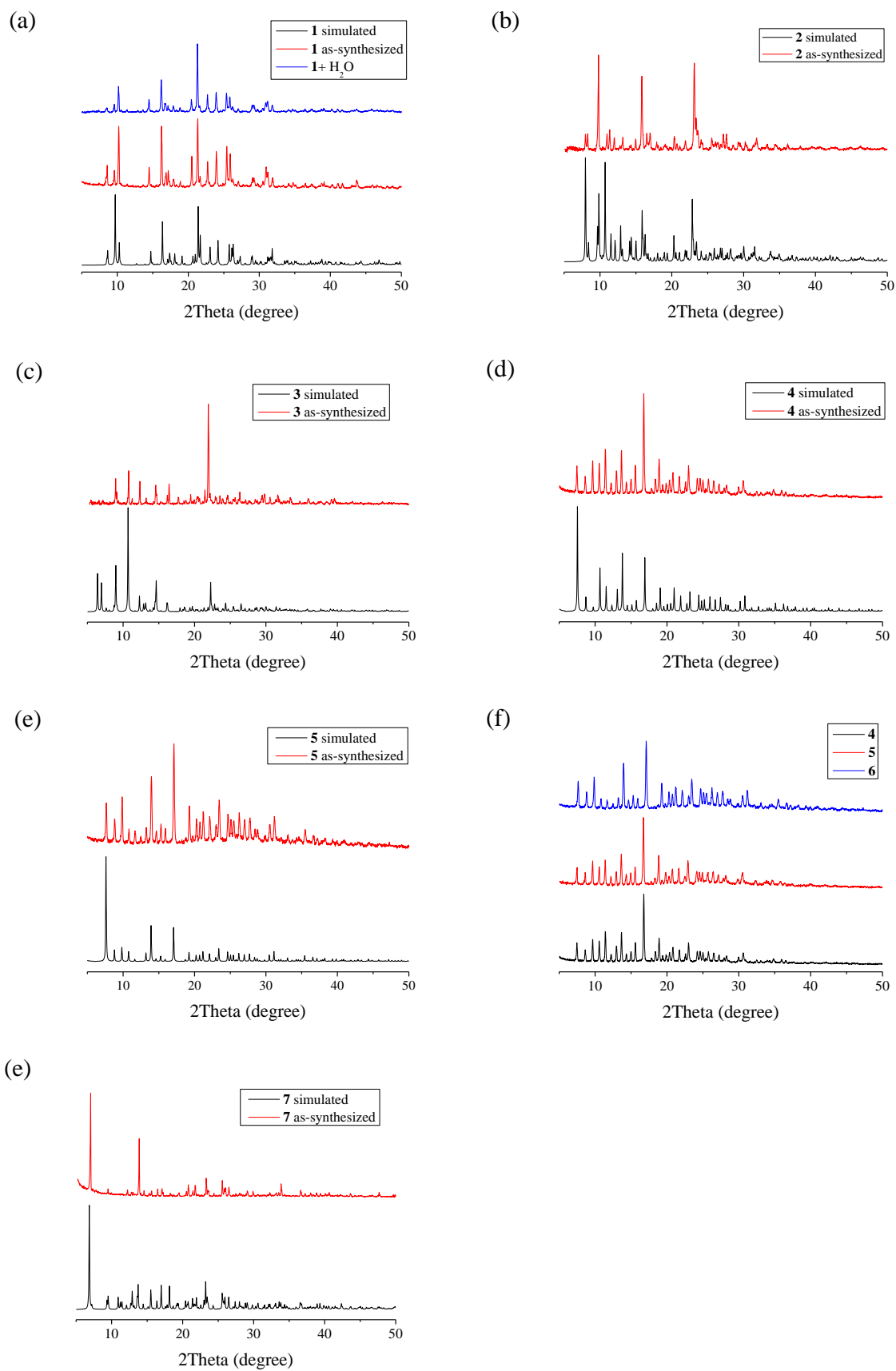


Fig. S7 PXRD patterns of Ag complexes.

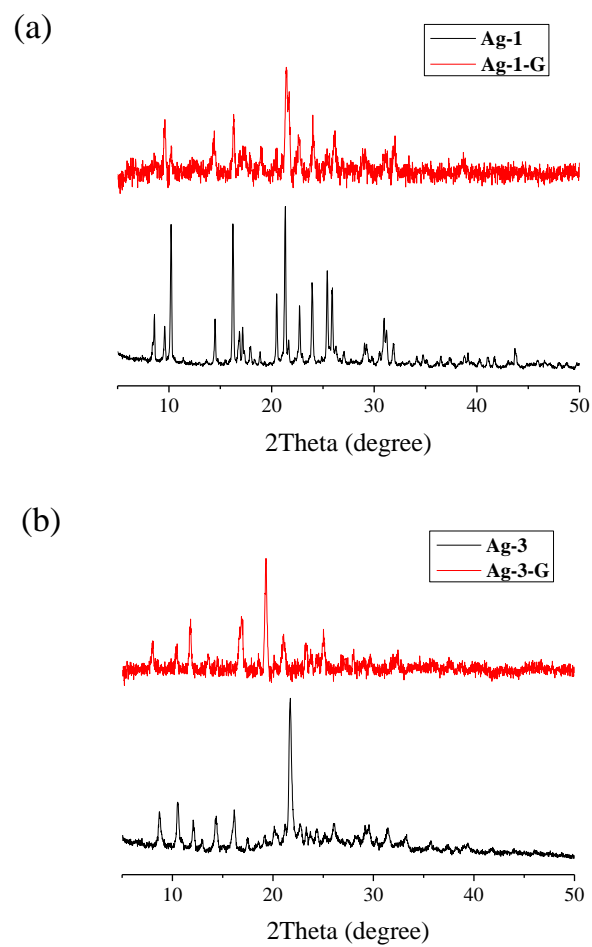


Fig. S8 (a) PXR D patterns of **1** before and after grinding. (b) PXR D patterns of **3** before and after grinding.

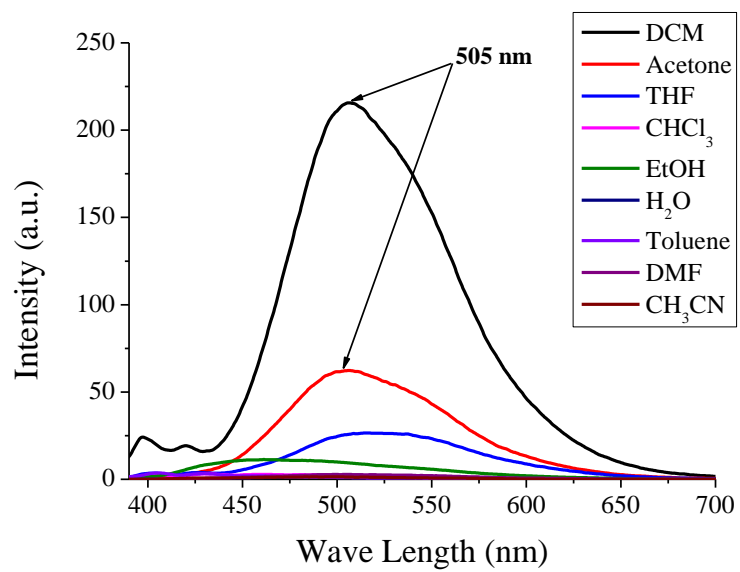


Fig. S9 Emission spectra of the filtered solutions for **1** dispersed in different solvents (2 mg/5 mL).

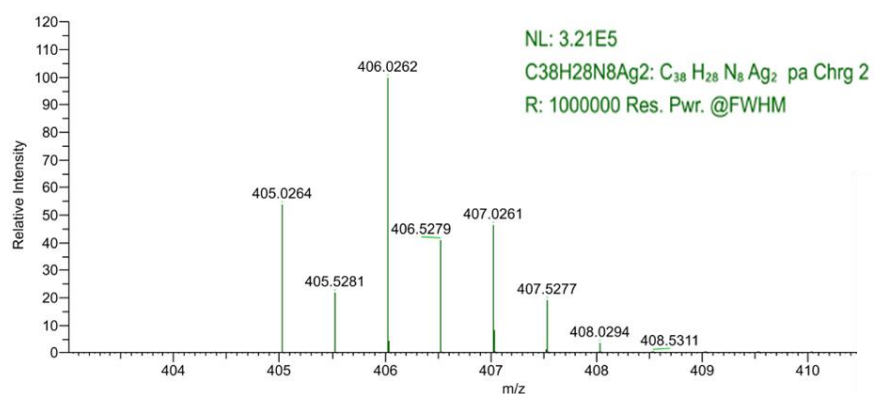
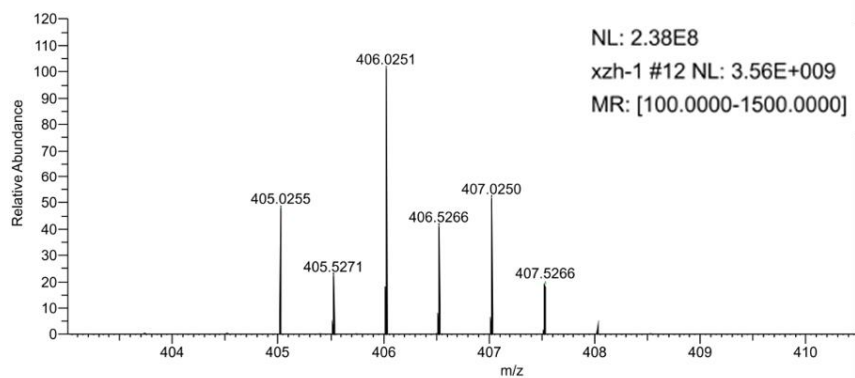


Fig. S10 High resolution mass spectrum of **1** in acetonitrile (upper) and simulated ion $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{L})]^{2+}$ (below).

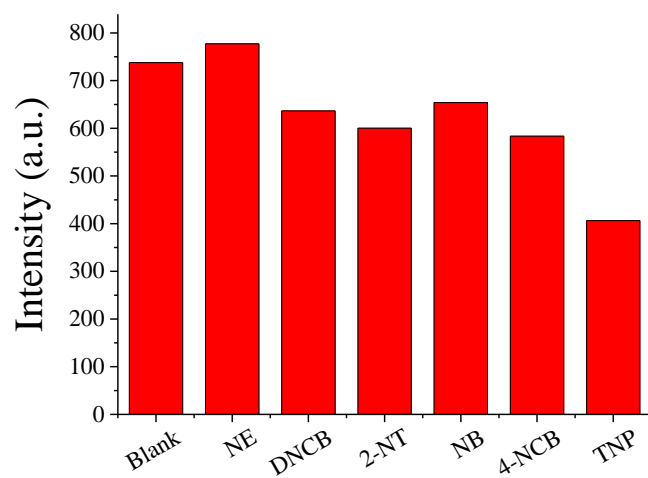


Fig. S11 Fluorescence intensity of the CH_2Cl_2 solution of **1** (2 mg/5 mL) upon addition of CH_2Cl_2 solution of different nitro-compounds (400 μL , 5 mM).