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### Luminescent sensing, DFT, extraction and monitoring of Cr<sup>3+</sup> and Al<sup>3+</sup> via the application of first derivative fluorescence spectroscopy

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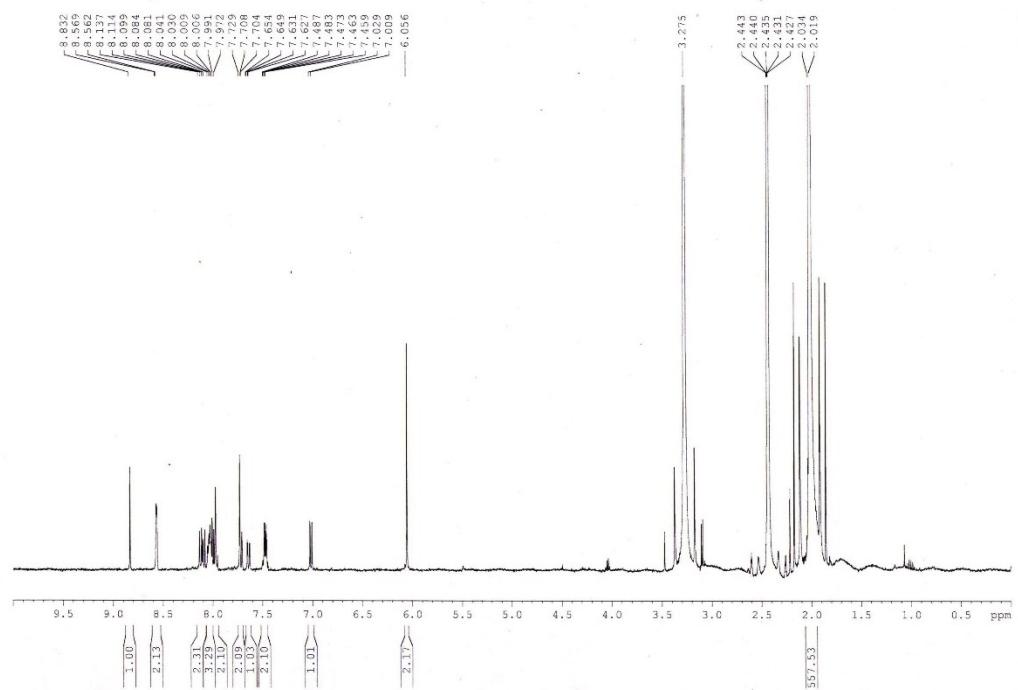
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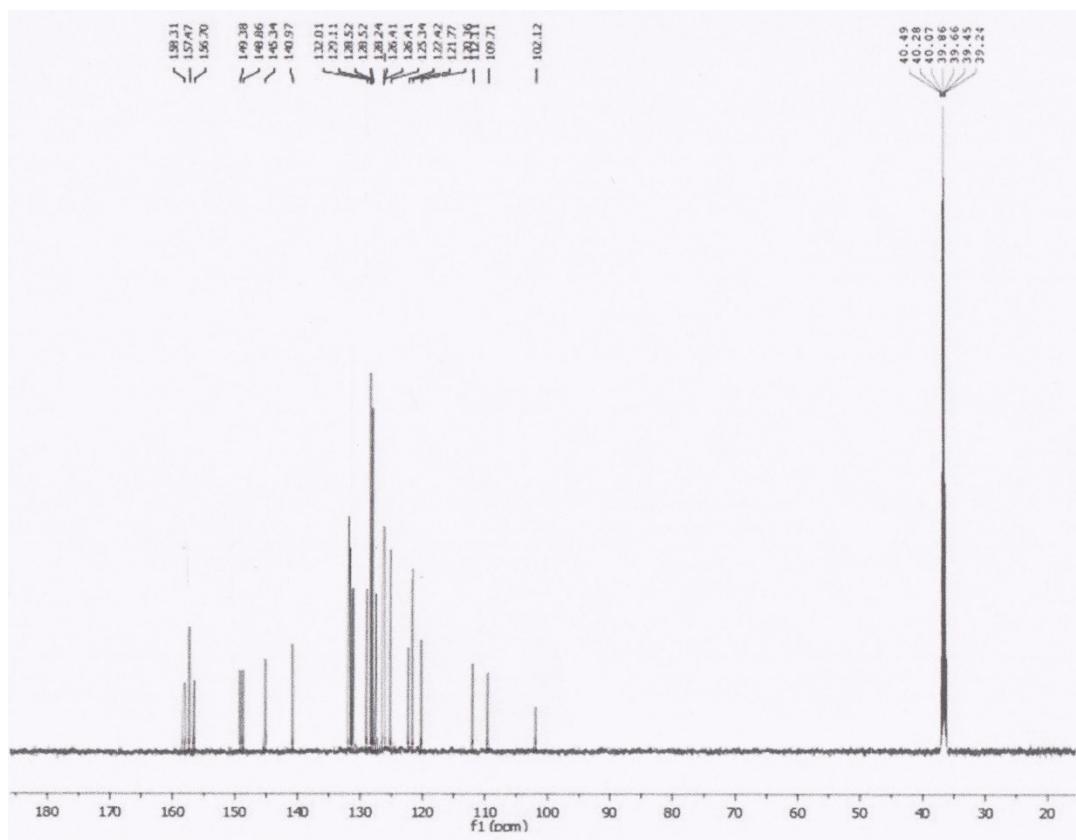
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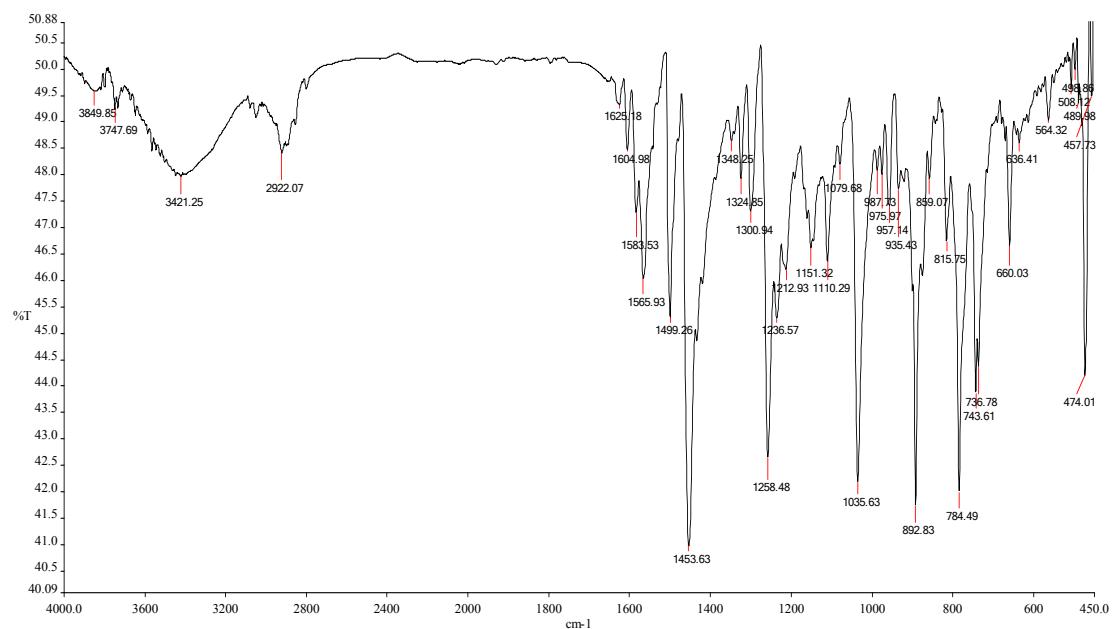
**Fig. S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of L in DMSO- $d_6$ .



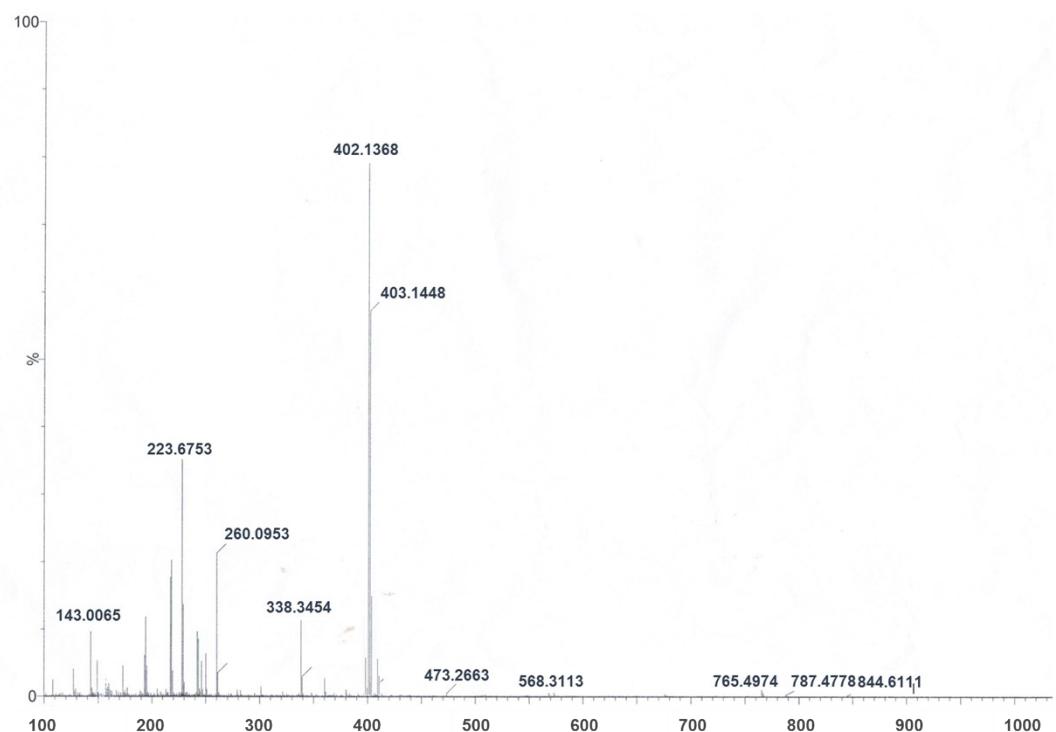
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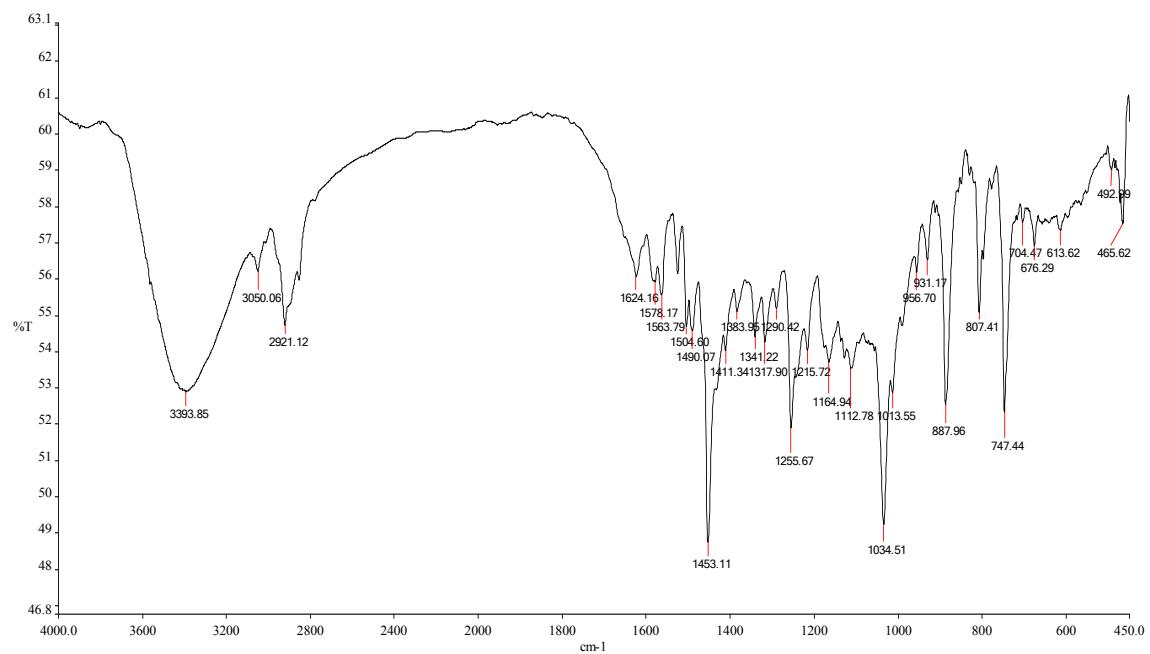
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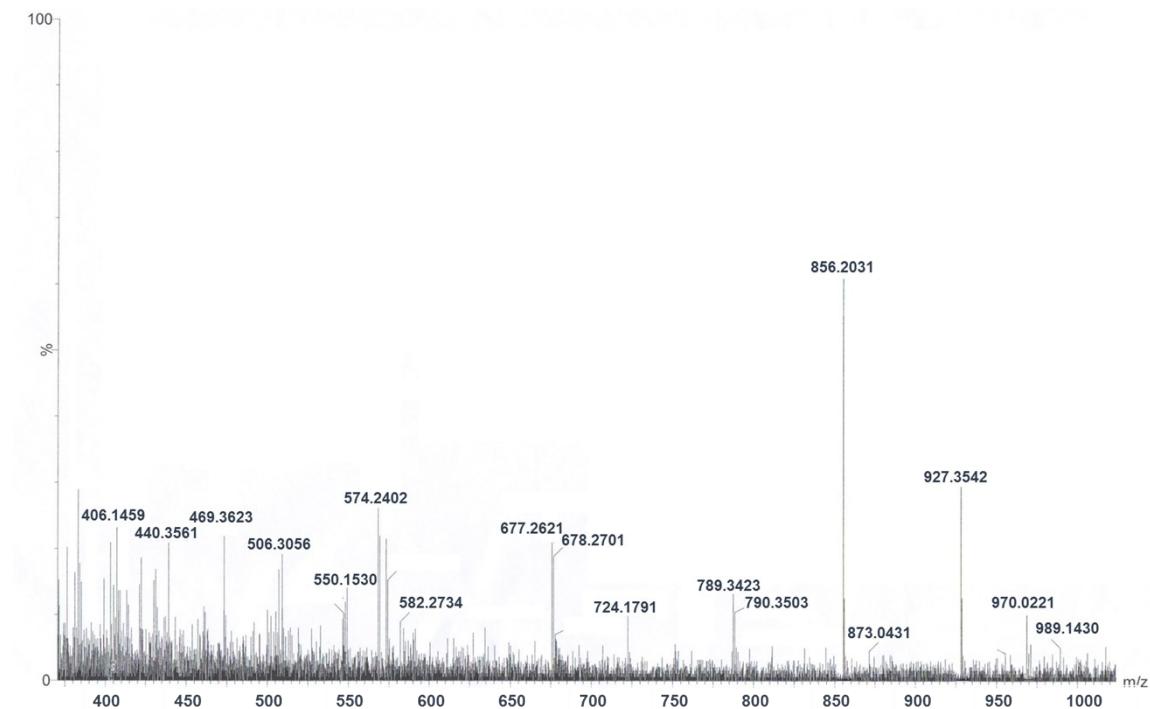
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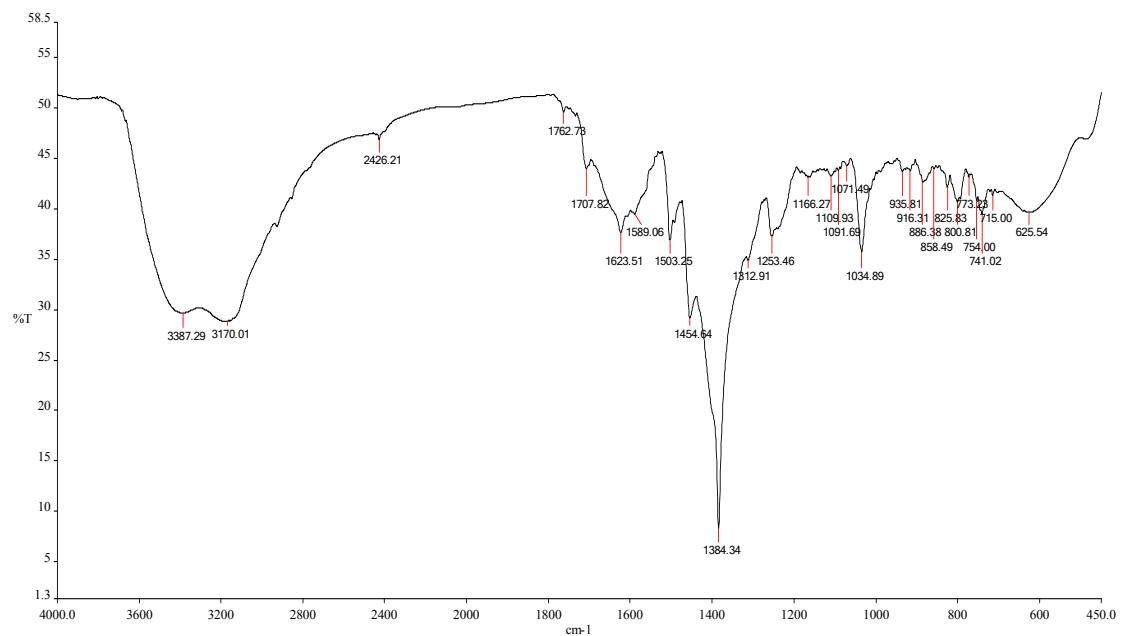
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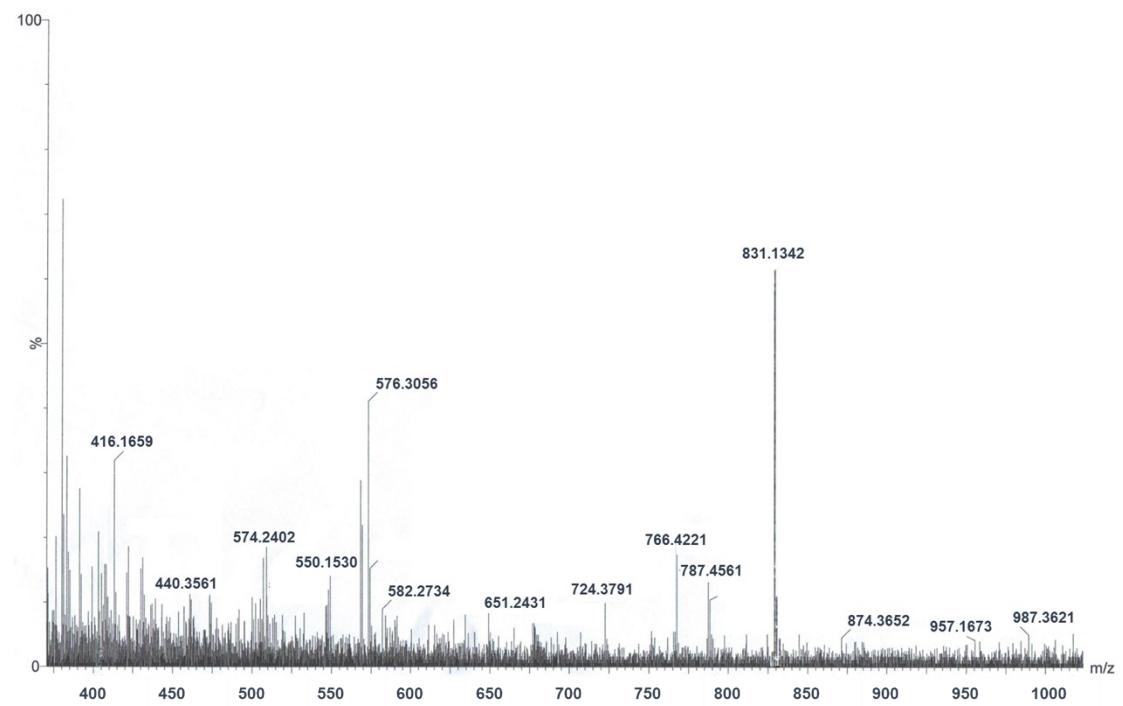
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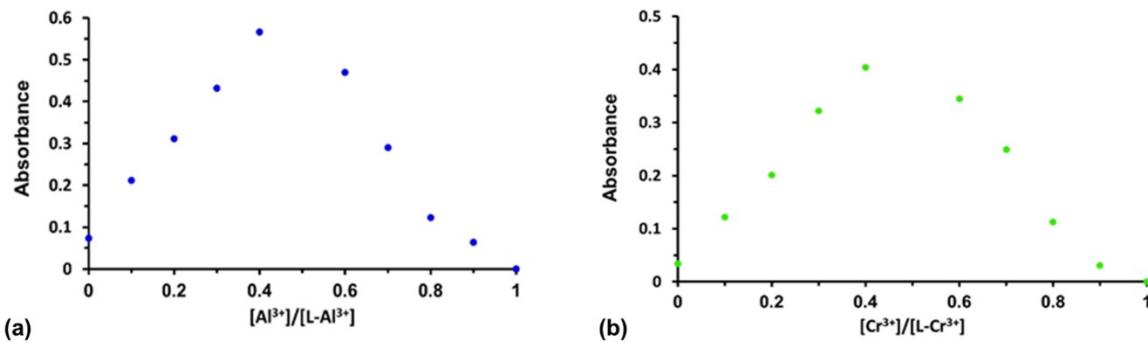


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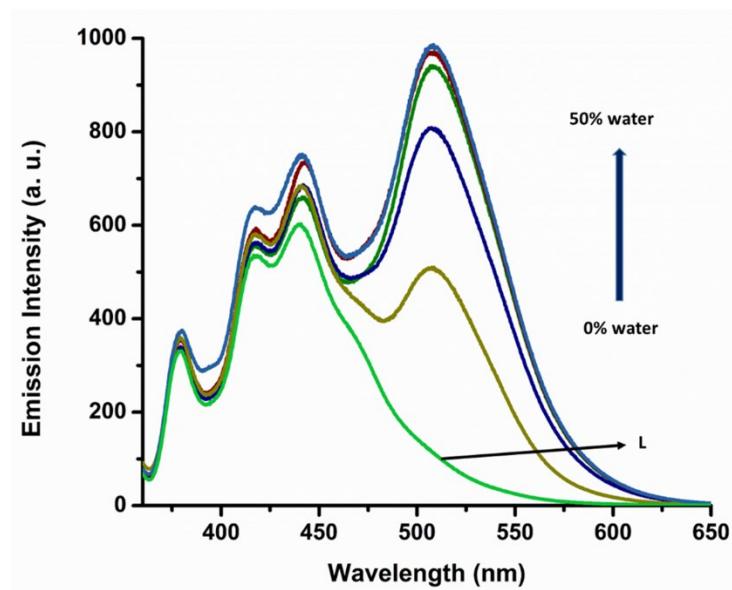


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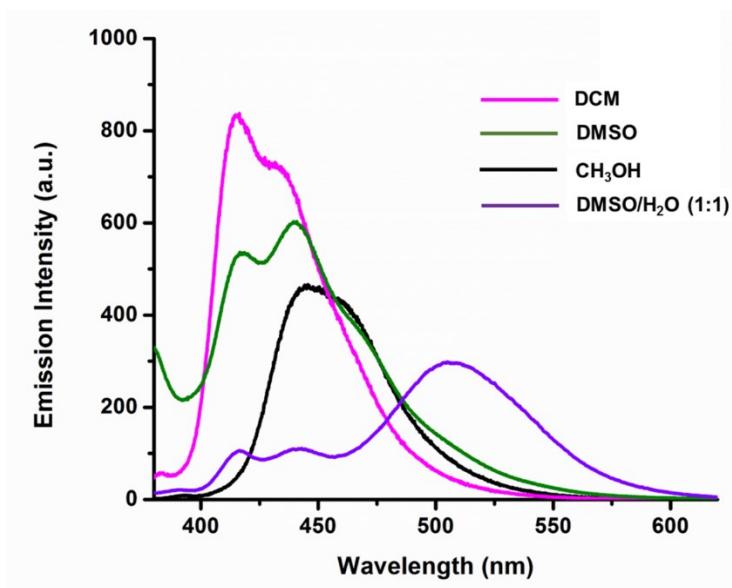




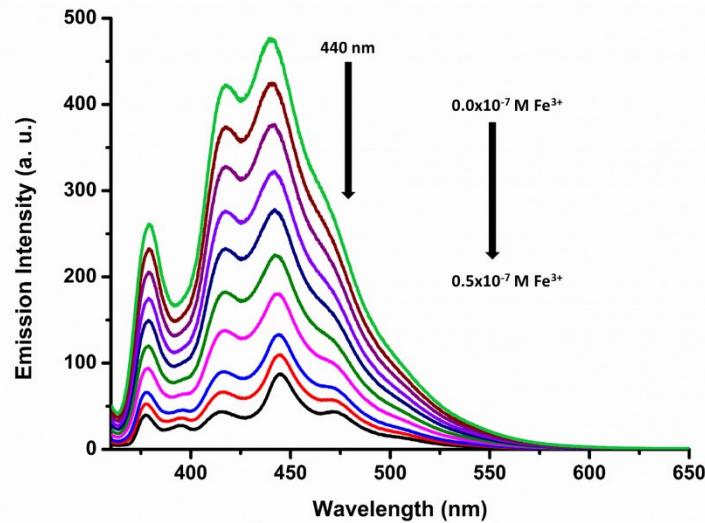
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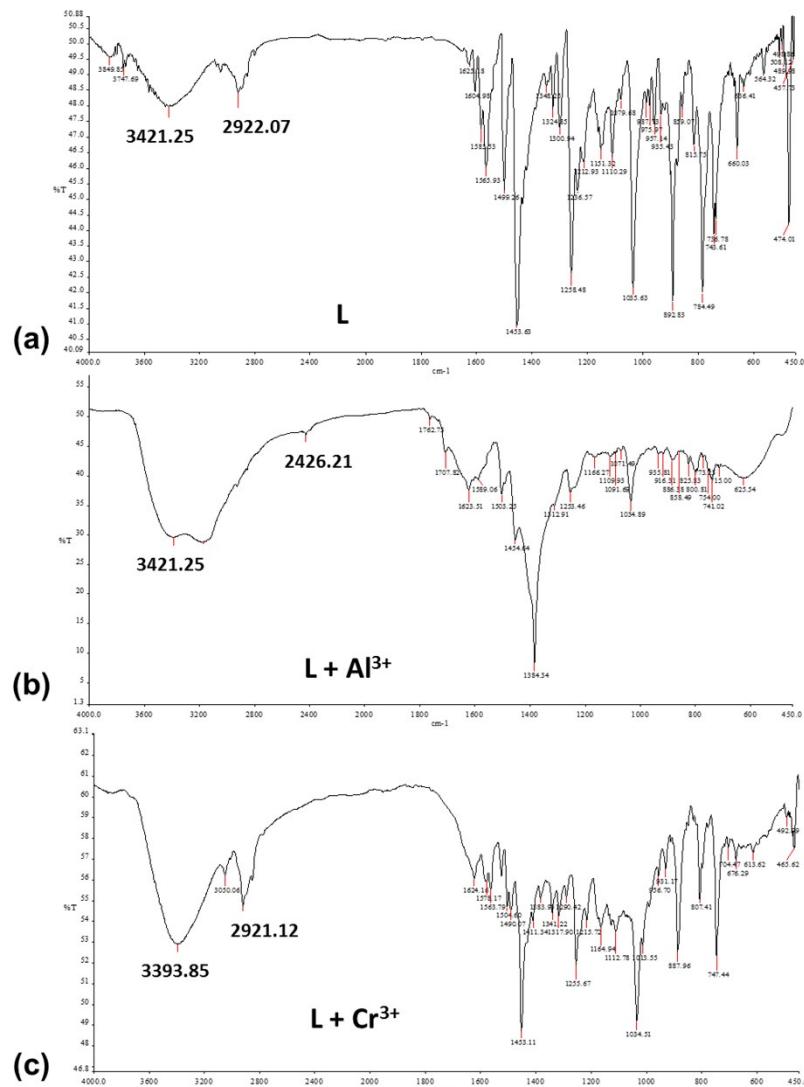
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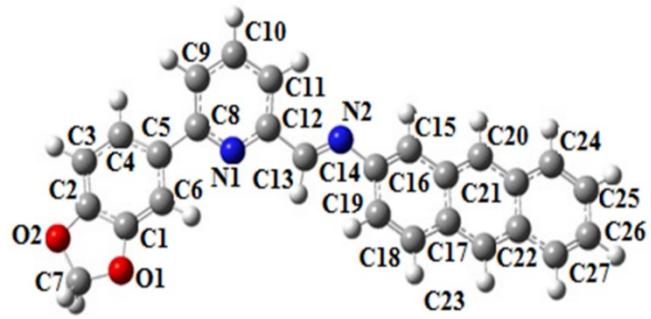
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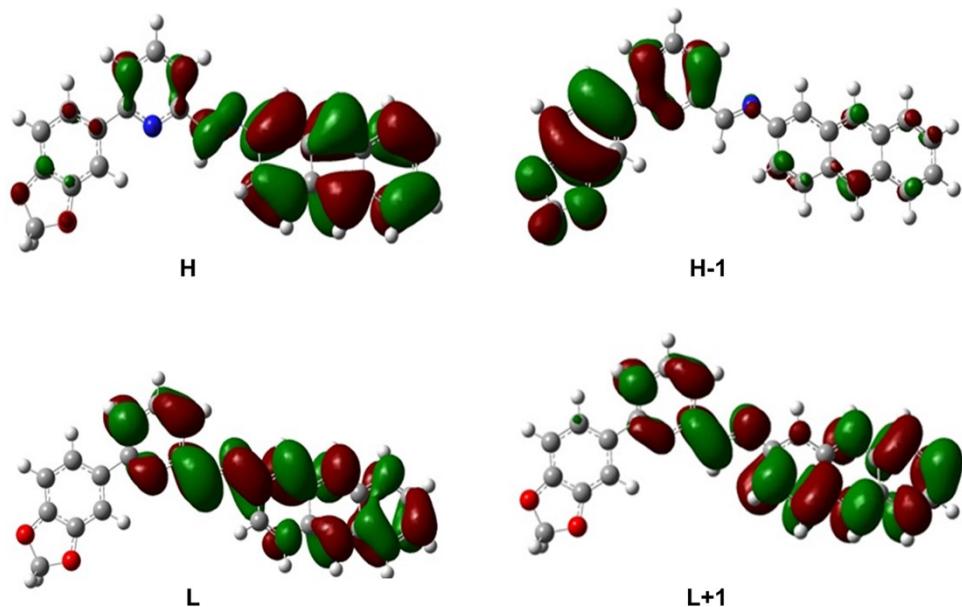
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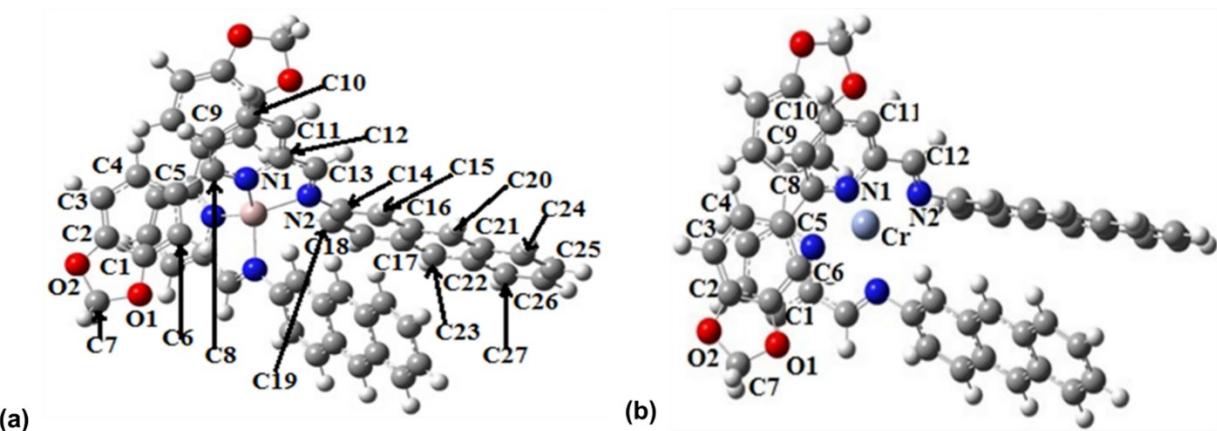
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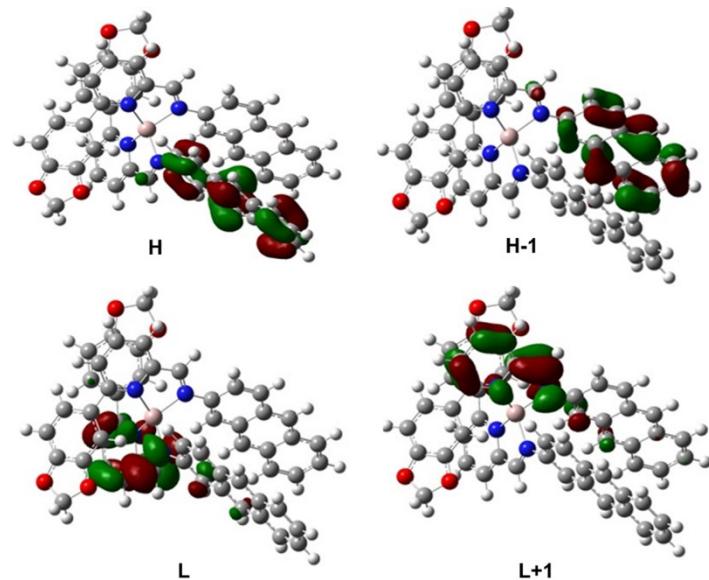
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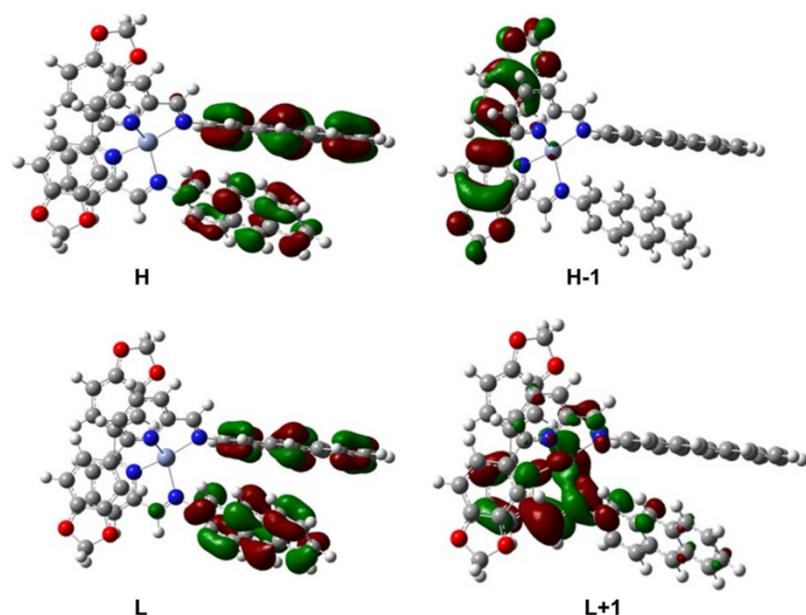
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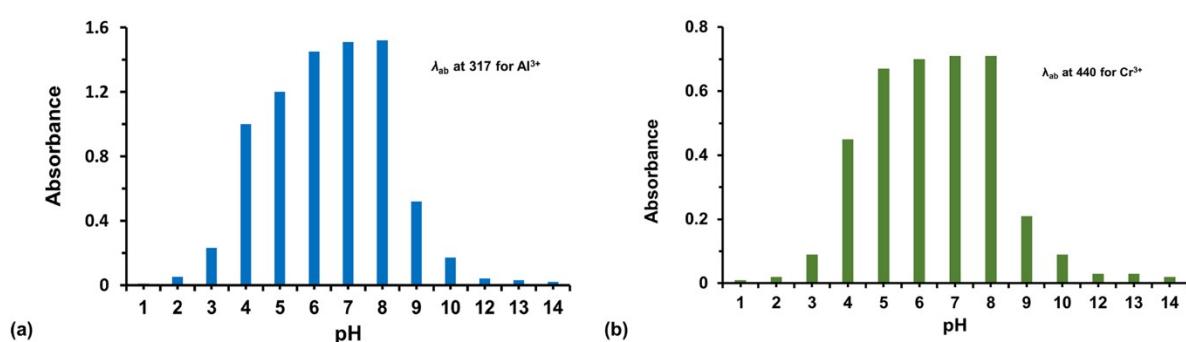
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