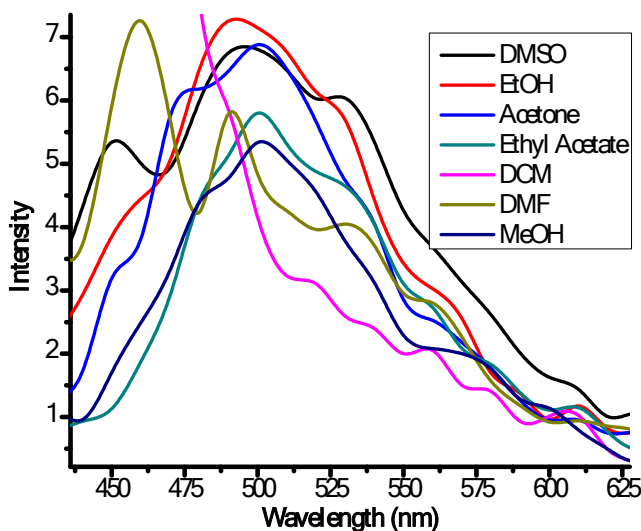


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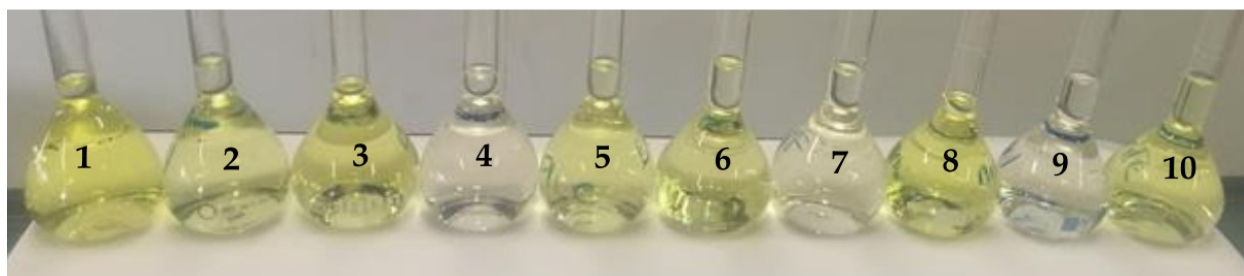
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**Figure S1:** Fluorescence spectra of **J** ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in different solvents, for solvatochromism ( $400 \text{ nm}_{\text{ex}}$ ), at room temperature



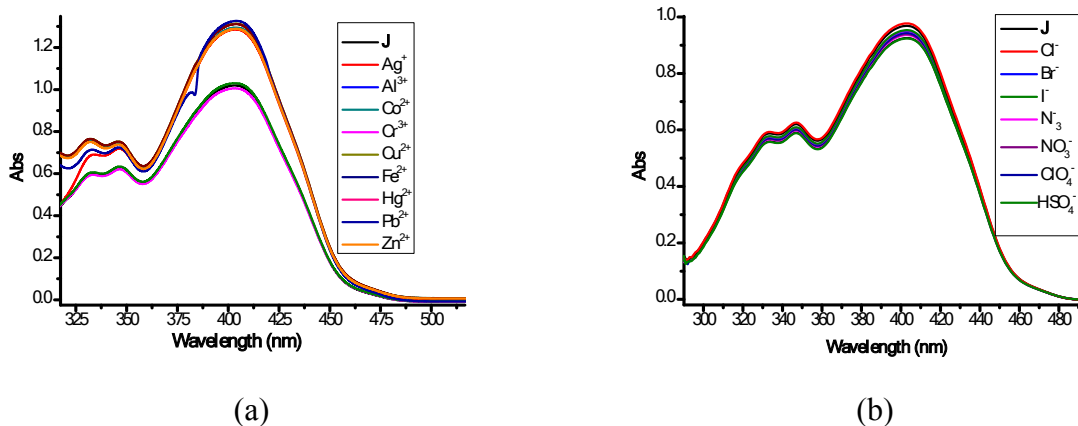
**Figure S2:** Photographic pictures of **J** in different solvents: (1) EtOH, (2) MeOH, (3) Chloroform, (4) DMF, (5) Ethyl acetate, (6) DMSO, (7) THF, (8) DCM, (9) Isopropyl Alcohol, (10) CH<sub>3</sub>CN, all at room temperature

$$E_g \text{ (eV)} = h\nu = hc/\lambda \text{ ----- (1)}$$

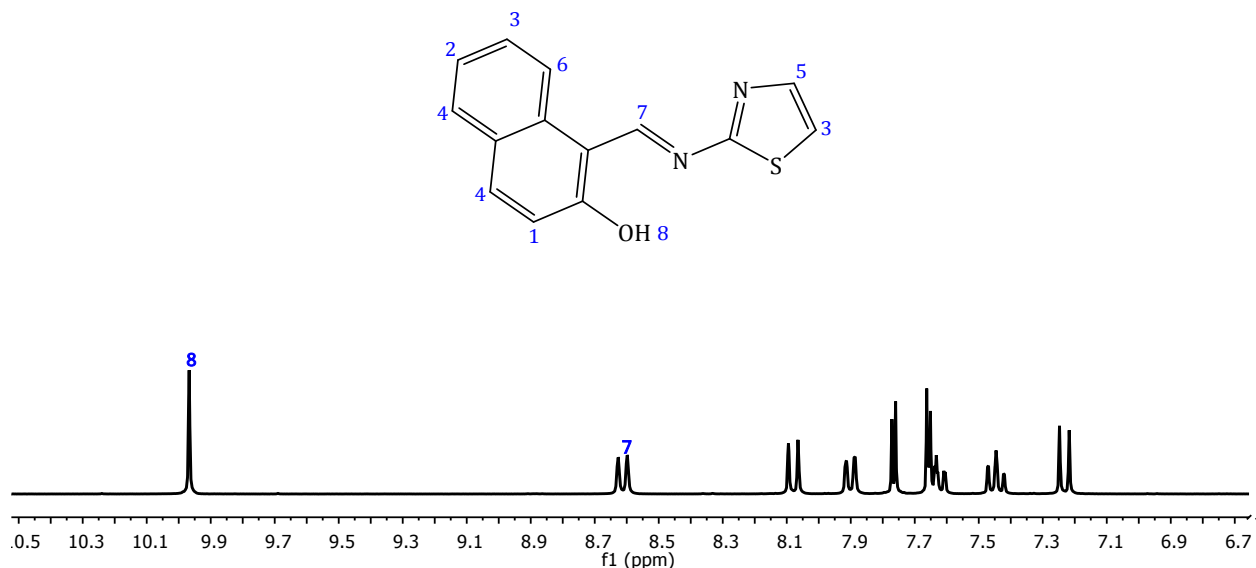
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$$E_{\text{H-L}} \text{ (eV)} = 1240/\lambda \text{ (nm)} \text{ ----- (2)}$$

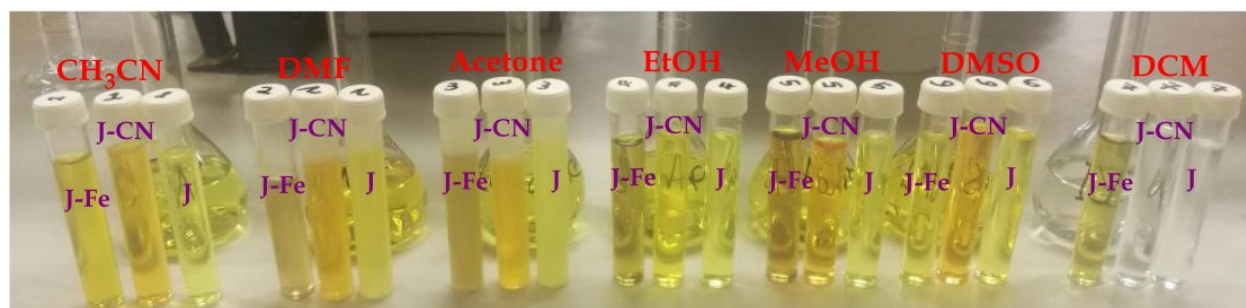
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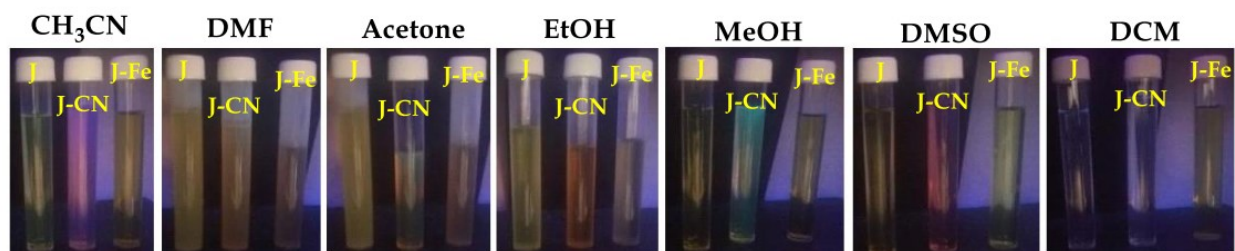
**Figure S4:** UV-vis changes of **J** ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN of all other (a) cations and (b) anions (5 equiv.), combined in one graph



**Figure S5:** The plot of <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration spectra for **J** ( $1 \times 10^{-2}$  M) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> at 25°C



(a)



(b)

**Figure S5:** Comparisons of photographic pictures of **J** ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) displaying colour changes upon equimolar (5 equiv.) of CN<sup>-</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup> respectively, under (a) daylight and (b) UV-light conditions, displayed in different solvents