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5-[(Pyren-9-ylmethyl)amino]isophthalic Acid with Nitrogen Containing Heterocycles: Stacking, N-H... π Interactions and Photoluminescence

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Spectroscopic data for the cocrystals:

H₂L·DMF: Isolated yield: 62 %. ¹HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO, ppm): 12.97 (2H, s), 8.46 (1H, d, J = 9.2 Hz), 8.29 (5 H, m), 8.16 (1H, s), 8.09 (2H, dt, J = 7.5, 3.6Hz), 7.95 (1H, s from C-H of DMF), 7.70 (1H, s), 7.47 (2H, s), 7.06 (1H, t, J = 5.5 Hz), 5.07 (2H, d, J = 5.4 Hz) 2.86 (s, N-Me), 2.76 (s N-Me). IR (KBr): 3502 (m), 3425 (s), 3124 (m), 1668 (s), 1601 (s), 1515 (s), 1424 (m), 1316 (m), 1262 (m), 1216 (s), 1089 (m), 924 (m), 837 (s), 810 (s), 755 (s), 708 (m), 667 (s), 539 (m), 486 (m). UV-vis (solid, λ_{max} , nm) 400 nm. ¹HNMR of crude sample of **H₂L** without DMF: ¹HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO, ppm) :12.97 (2H, bs), 8.46 (1H, d, J = 9.2 Hz), 8.29 (5H, m), 8.16 (1H, s), 8.11 – 8.07 (2H, m), 7.71 (1 H, s), 7.47 (2H, s), 7.05 (1H, t, J = 5.3 Hz), 5.07 (2H, d, J = 5.3 Hz).

H₂L·DMPA Isolated yield: 66 %. ¹HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO, ppm) :12.89 (2H, s), 8.47 (1H, d, J = 9.2 Hz), 8.38 – 8.21 (5H, m), 8.16 (1H, s), 8.09 (2H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.71 (1H, s), 7.48 (2H, s), 7.02 (1H, s), 6.33 (2H, d, J = 10.2 Hz), 5.07 (2H, d, J = 5.1 Hz), 2.16 (6H, s). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3506 (w), 3401 (w), 3294 (w), 3178 (m), 1883 (br,w), 1688(s), 1664 (s), 1599 (s), 1507 (w), 1459 (m), 1365 (s), 1269 (s), 851(s), 756 (s). UV-vis (solid, λ_{max}) 397 nm.

H₂L·Caffeine·3H₂O: Isolated yield of crystals: 15 %. ¹HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO, ppm): 12.97 (2H, s), 8.47 (1H, d, J = 9.2), 8.30 (5H, m), 8.16 (1H, d, J = 1.6 Hz), 8.12 – 8.07 (2H, m), 8.01 (1H, s), 7.70 (1H, s), 7.47 (2H, s), 7.06 (1H, t, J = 5.4 Hz), 5.08 (2H, d = 5.3 Hz), 3.87 (3H, s), 3.41 (3H, s), 3.21 (3H, s). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3506 (bw), 3277 (m), 2851 (m), 1665 (m), 1658 (m), 1636 (s), 1597 (s), 1526 (m), 1430 (s), 1354 (m), 1231 (s). UV-vis (solid, λ_{max}) 398 nm.

(H44'Bipyridine)⁺(HL)⁻: Isolated yield: 69 %. ¹HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO, ppm) :12.97 (2H, bs), 8.73 (4H, d, J = 6.0 Hz), 8.47 (1H, d, J = 9.2 Hz), 8.34-8.24 (5H, m), 8.17 (1H, s), 8.12 – 8.06 (2H, m), 7.84 (4H, dd, J = 4.5, 1.6 Hz), 7.70 (1H, s), 7.47 (2H, s), 7.05 (1H, t, J = 5.4 Hz), 5.08 (2H, d, J = 5.4 Hz). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3473 (w), 3361 (m), 3044 (w), 1699 (s), 1587 (s), 1527 (s), 1461 (s), 1407 (s), 1272 (m), 1208 (s), 840 (s), 795 (s). UV-vis (solid, λ_{max}) 328 nm, 420 nm.

H₂L·0.5Phen: Isolated yield: 68 %. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO) 12.94 (bs, 2H), 8.46 (1H, d, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 8.32 (2H, dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.7 Hz), 8.28 (5H, m), 8.16 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 8.12 – 8.05 (2H, m), 7.98 (2H dd, *J* = 6.7, 3.4 Hz), 7.70 (1H, s), 7.47 (2H, s), 7.05 (1H t, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 5.07 (2H, d, *J* = 5.4 Hz). IR (KBr): 3429 (w), 3130 (w, br), 1706 (s), 1695 (m), 1669 (m), 1608 (s), 1510 (s), 1467 (m), 1417 (w), 1366 (m), 1291 (m), 1182 (s), 1136 (s). UV-vis (solid, λ_{max}) 390-437 (br) nm.

H₂L·PTDA: Isolated yield: 61 %. ¹H NMR [(600 MHz, DMSO, ppm): 12.97 (2H, bs), 8.47 (1H, d, *J* = 9.2), 8.34 – 8.23 (5 H, m), 8.16 (1H, s), 8.13 – 8.04 (2H, m), 7.95 (2H, s), 7.70 (1H, s), 7.58-7.39 (5H, m), 7.04 (1H, t, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 6.77 (4H, s), 5.07 (2H, d, *J* = 5.4). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3437 (m), 3317 (m), 3178 (m, br), 1693 (s), 1620 (s), 1582 (s), 1529 (s), 1493 (m), 1391 (s), 1248 (s). UV-vis (solid, λ_{max}) 307 nm, 390 nm.

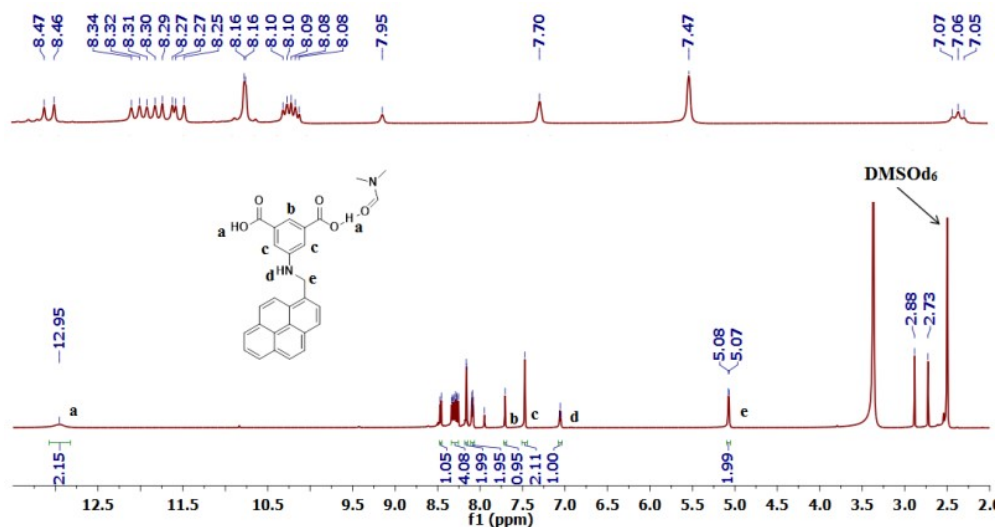


Figure 1S: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) spectra of **H₂L·DMF**.

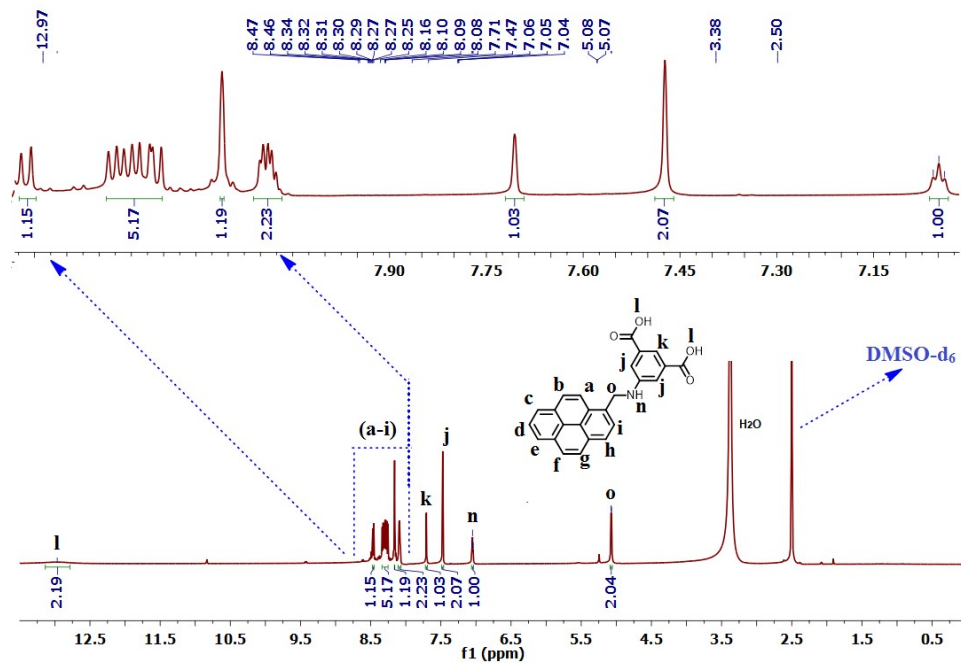


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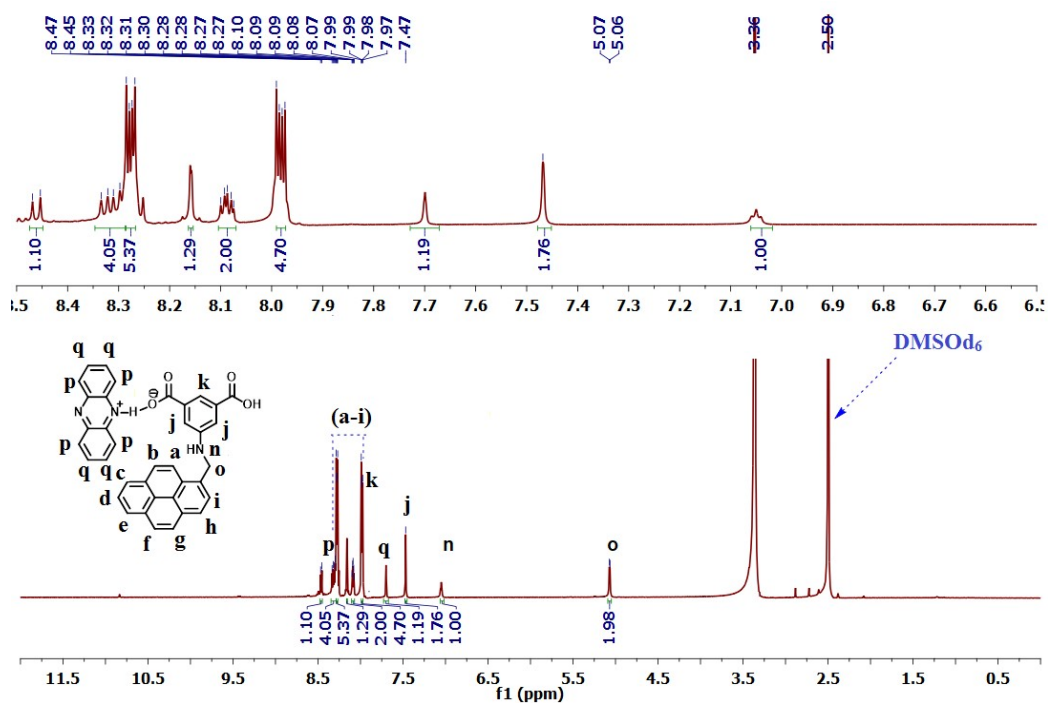


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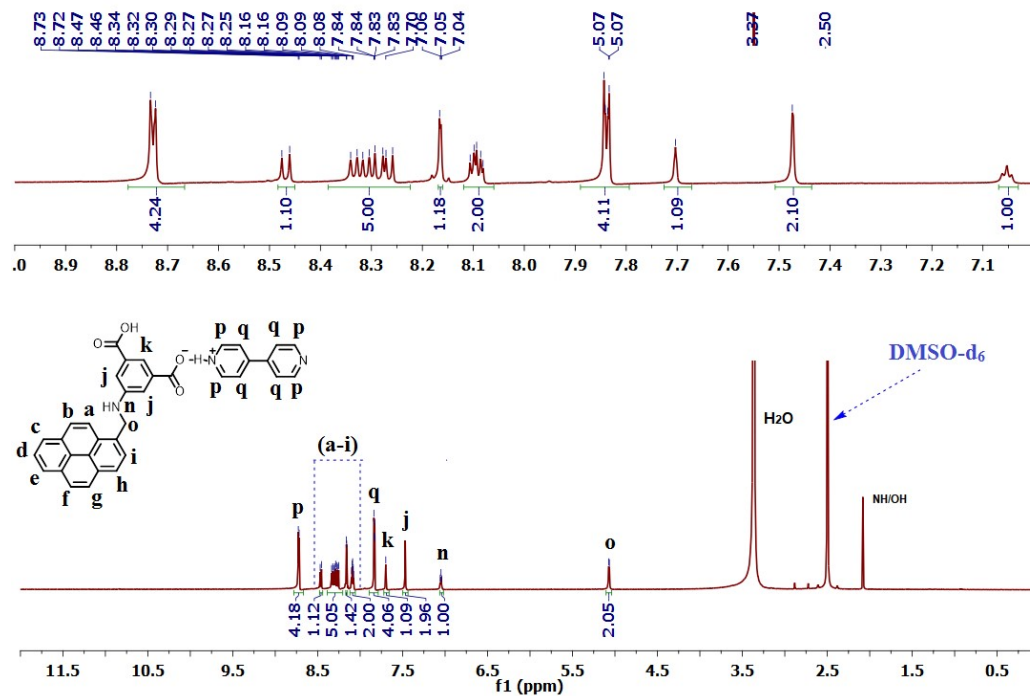


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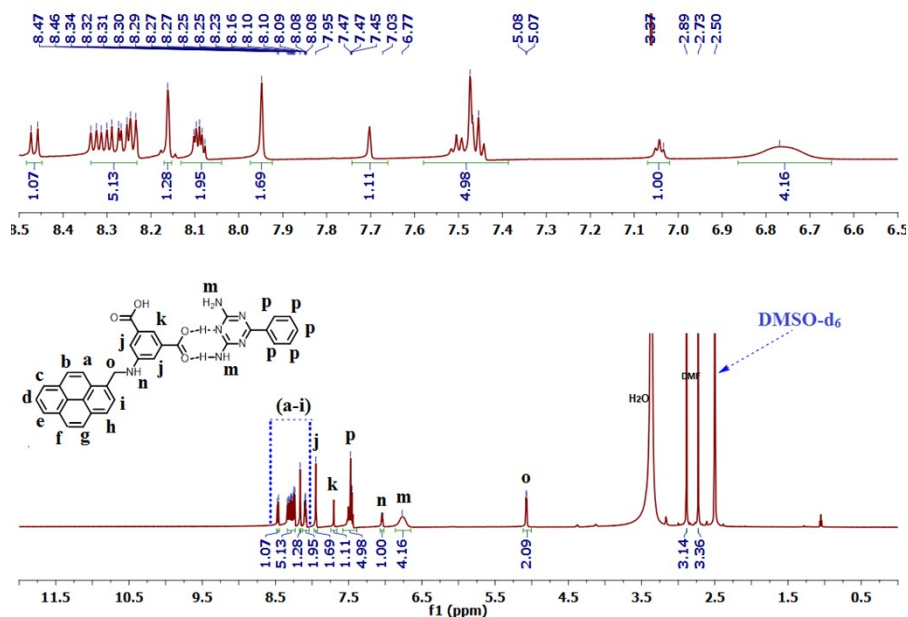


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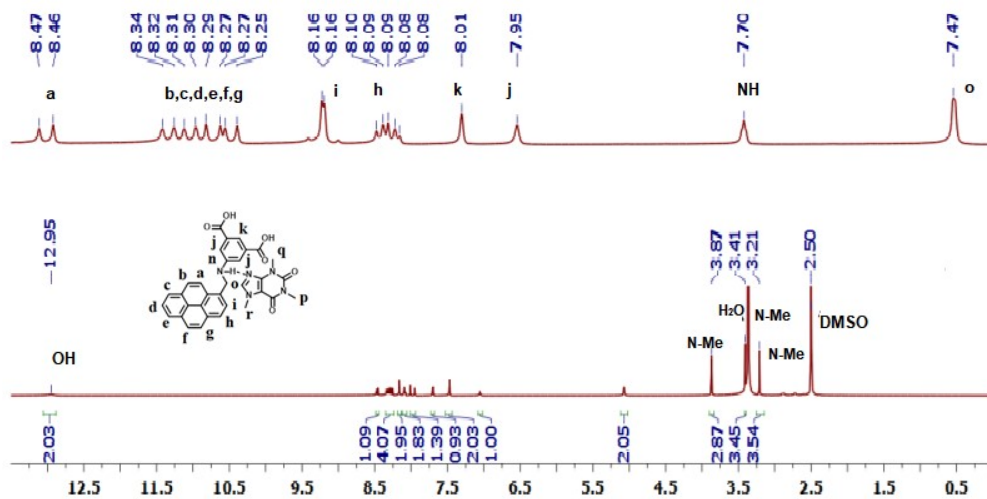


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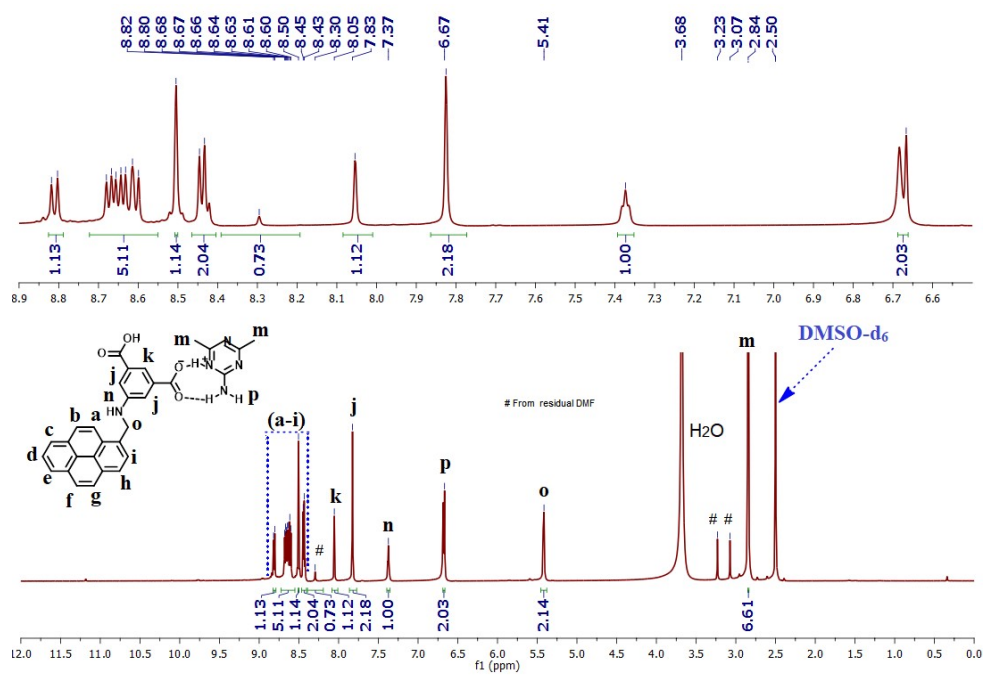
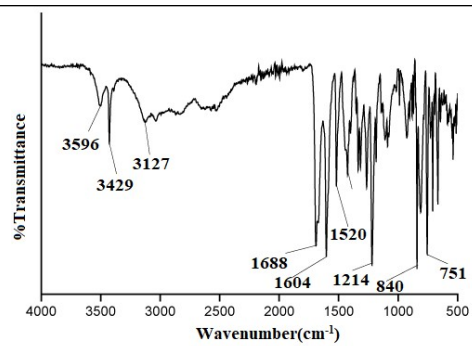
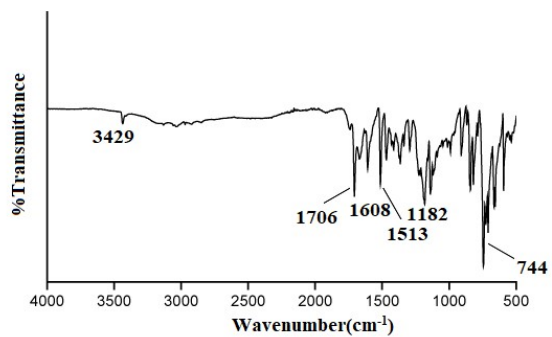


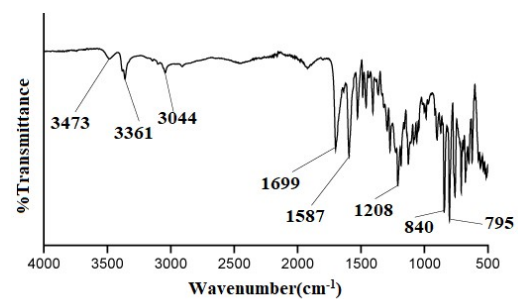
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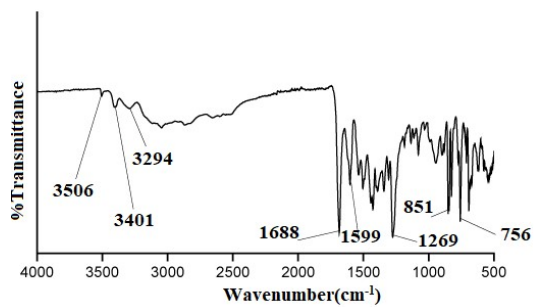
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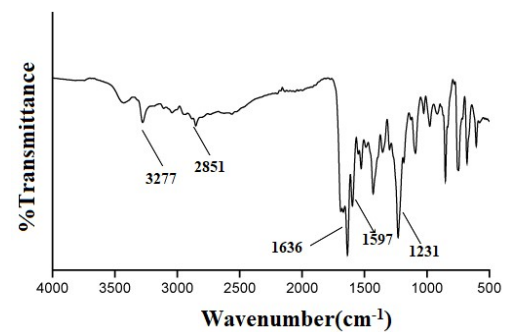
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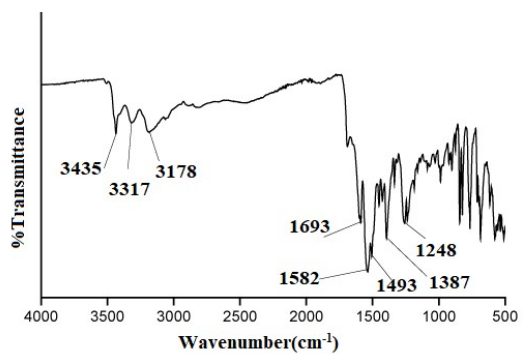
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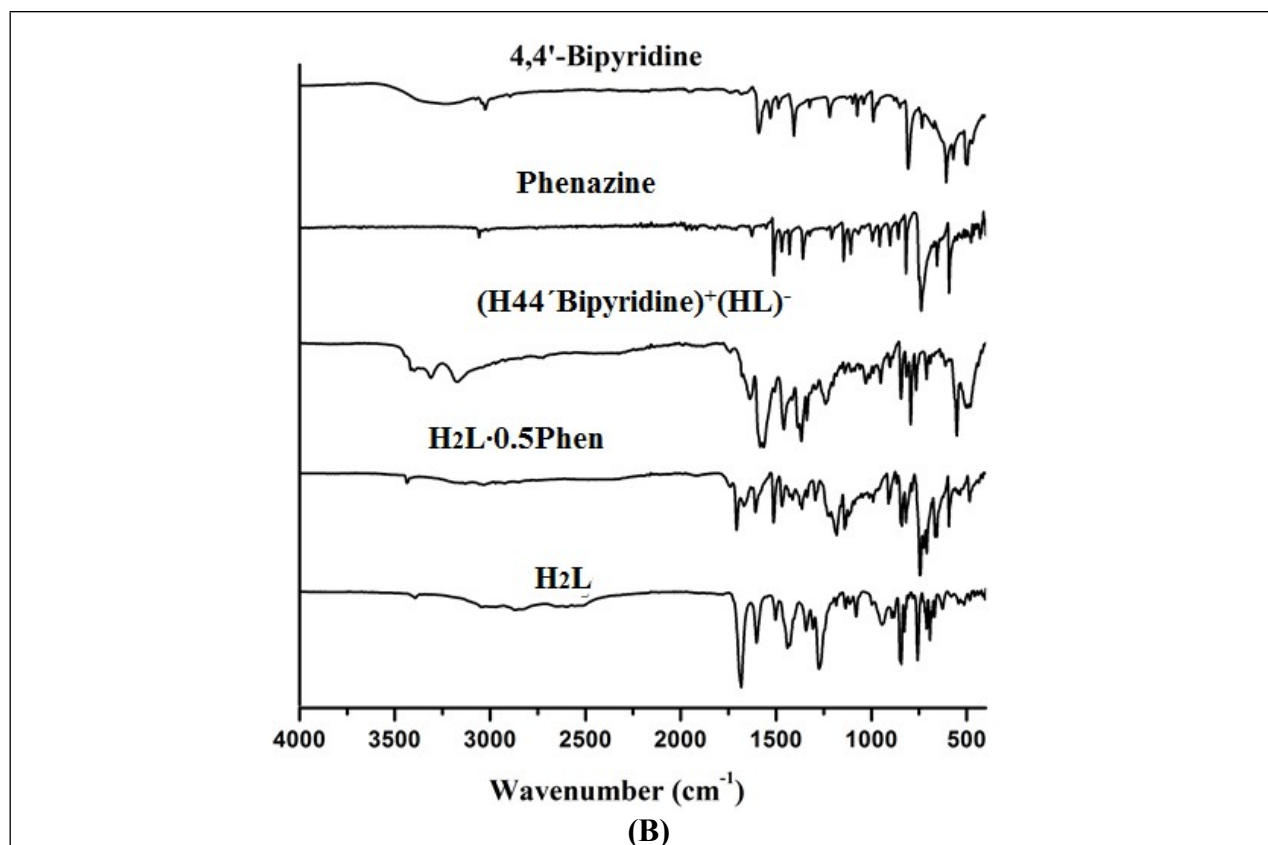


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Compound /Solvate/salt	IR-stretching (cm^{-1} , assignment)
$\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot\text{DMF}$	3502 ($\nu_{\text{O-H}}$)
	3425 ($\nu_{\text{N-H}}$)
	3102 ($\nu_{\text{C-H}}$)
	2500-2800 ($\nu_{\text{acid-aldehydic synthon}}$)
	1668 ($\nu_{\text{C=O, DMF}}$)
	1658 ($\nu_{\text{C=O, carboxylic acid}}$)
	1601 ($\nu_{\text{C=C}}$)
$\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot\text{PTDA}$	3437 ($\nu_{\text{N-H}}$)
	3178 ($\nu_{\text{C-H}}$)
	1693 ($\nu_{\text{C=O}}$)
	1620 ($\nu_{\text{C=C}}$)
	1601 ($\nu_{\text{C=C}}$)
$\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot 0.5\text{Phen}$	3429 ($\nu_{\text{N-H}}$)
	3130 ($\nu_{\text{C-H}}$)
	1706 ($\nu_{\text{O-H overtone}}$)
	1695 ($\nu_{\text{C=O}}$)
	1669 ($\nu_{\text{C=O}}$)

H₂L·DMPA	1608 ($\nu_{C=C}$) 3506 (ν_{O-H}) 3401 (ν_{N-H}) 3294 (ν_{C-H}) 1883 (ν_{amide}) 1688 ($\nu_{C=O}$) 1664 ($\nu_{C=O}$)
H₂L·Caffeine·3H₂O	3506 (ν_{O-H}) 3277 (ν_{N-H}) 2851 ($\nu_{acid-acid\ synthon}$) 1665 ($\nu_{C=O}$) 1658 ($\nu_{C=O}$) 1231 ($\nu_{C-H\ in\ plane\ deformation}$)
(H44'Bipyridine)⁺(HL)⁻	3473 (ν_{N+-H}) 3361 (ν_{O-H}) 3044 (ν_{C-H}) 1699 ($\nu_{C=O}$) 1587 ($\nu_{C=C}$) 1527 ($\nu_{ring\ bipyridine}$)

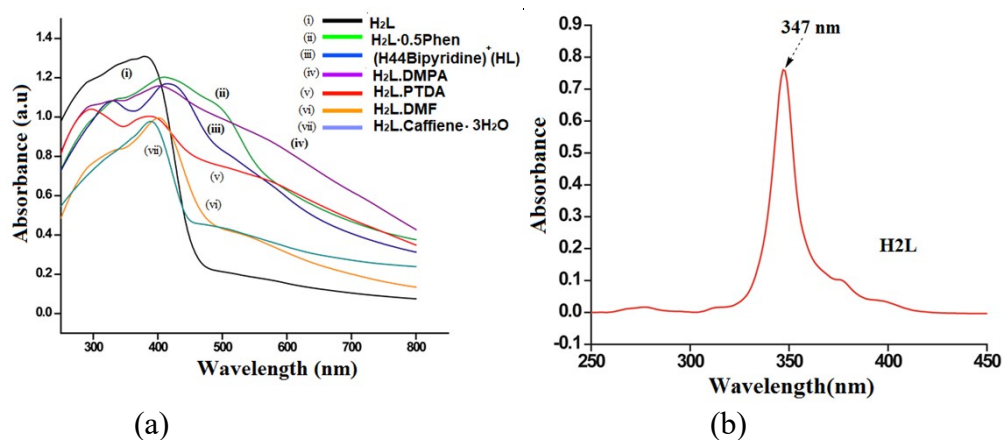
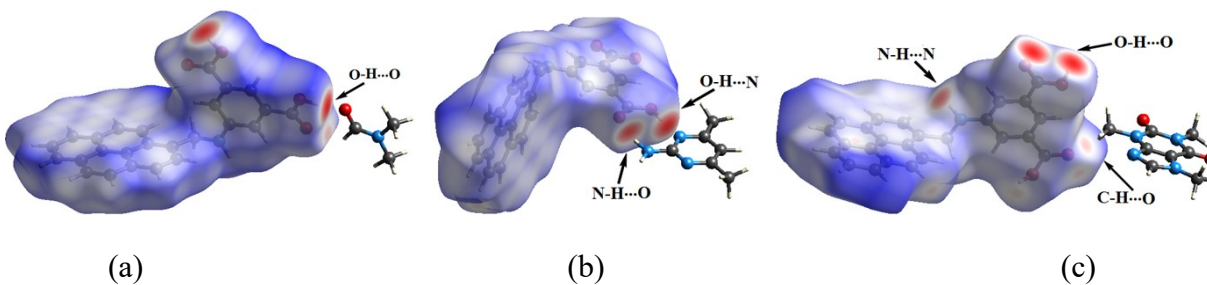


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Table 2S: Hydrogen bond parameters of solvate, co-crystals and salt of **H₂L**

Compound	D-H $\cdots$ A	d _{D-H} (Å)	d _{H$\cdots$A} (Å)	d _{D$\cdots$A} (Å)	$\angle$ D-H $\cdots$ A (°)
H₂L·DMF	O(1)-H(1A) $\cdots$ O(5) [-1+x,y,z]	0.82	1.77	2.584(4)	176
	O(4)-H(4) $\cdots$ O(2) [x,-1+y,z]	0.82	1.81	2.619(3)	167
	C(26)-H(26) $\cdots$ O(2) [1+x,y,z]	0.93	2.44	3.142(4)	133
H₂L·DMPA	O(1)-H(1A) $\cdots$ N(3) [x,-1+y,1+z]	0.89(3)	1.83(3)	2.708(3)	170(3)
	N(2)-H(2A) $\cdots$ O(3) [x,y,-1+z]	0.91(3)	1.94(3)	2.834(3)	168(2)
	N(2)-H(2B) $\cdots$ O(2) [x,1+y,-1+z]	0.89(3)	1.98(3)	2.844(3)	164(2)

	O(4)-H(4)⋯N(4) [x,y,1+z]	0.99(4)	1.68(4)	2.668(3)	173(3)
H₂L·Caffeine·3H₂O	N(1)-H(1)⋯N(4) [-1+x,y,z]	0.85(8)	2.24(8)	3.076(11)	169(9)
	O(1)-H(1A)⋯O(2) [-1-x,1-y,1-z]	0.82	1.83	2.652(10)	175
	O(3)-H(3)⋯O(1) [1+x,y,z]	0.82	2.60	3.316(11)	147
	O(7)-H(7A)⋯O(3) [1-x,1-y,1-z]	0.85	1.80	2.598(12)	156
	O(7)-H(7B)⋯O(8) [x,y,z]	0.85	1.94	2.785(19)	177
	C(16)-H(16)⋯O(2) [1+x,y,z]	0.93	2.50	3.356(13)	153
	C(28)-H(28B)⋯O(4) [1-x,1-y,1-z]	0.96	2.49	3.423(14)	163
	C(33)-H(33A)⋯O(5) [x,y,z]	0.96	2.50	3.182(15)	128
(H44' Bipyridine)⁺(HL)⁻	N(1)-H(1)⋯O(3) [3-x,1-y,1-z]	0.99(8)	2.13(7)	3.113(8)	174(7)
	O(1)-H(1A)⋯O(4) [3-x,1-y,-z]	0.93(6)	1.79(6)	2.698(7)	163(6)
	N(3)-H(3A)⋯O(4) [3-x,1-y,1-z]	0.88(6)	1.70(5)	2.570(8)	176(10)
	C(7)-H(7)⋯O(1) [3-x,1-y,-z]	0.93	2.38	3.232(8)	152
	C(33)-H(33)⋯O(2) [x,y,1+z]	0.93	2.34	3.223(9)	159
H₂L·0.5Phen	O(1)-H(1A)⋯N(2) [1-x,1-y,-z]	0.82	1.99	2.794(3)	165
	O(4)-H(4)⋯O(2) [1+x,y,z]	0.82	1.91	2.696(4)	161
	C(30)-H(30)⋯O(2) [1-x,1-y,-z]	0.93	2.41	3.308(4)	162
H₂L·PTDA	O(2)-H(2)⋯N(4) [-x,-y,1-z]	0.82	1.99	2.803(3)	171
	N(2)-H(2A)⋯O(4) [1+x,y,-1+z]	0.86	2.26	3.039(3)	151
	N(2)-H(2B)⋯O(4) [1-x,1-y,1-z]	0.86	2.05	2.871(3)	159
	O(3)-H(3A)⋯N(3) [1-x,1-y,1-z]	0.82	1.95	2.758(3)	170
	N(5)-H(5A)⋯O(1) [-x,-y,1-z]	0.90(3)	1.96(3)	2.857(4)	175(3)
	N(5)-H(5B)⋯O(1) [1+x,y,-1+z]	0.91(3)	2.10(3)	3.000(4)	168(3)



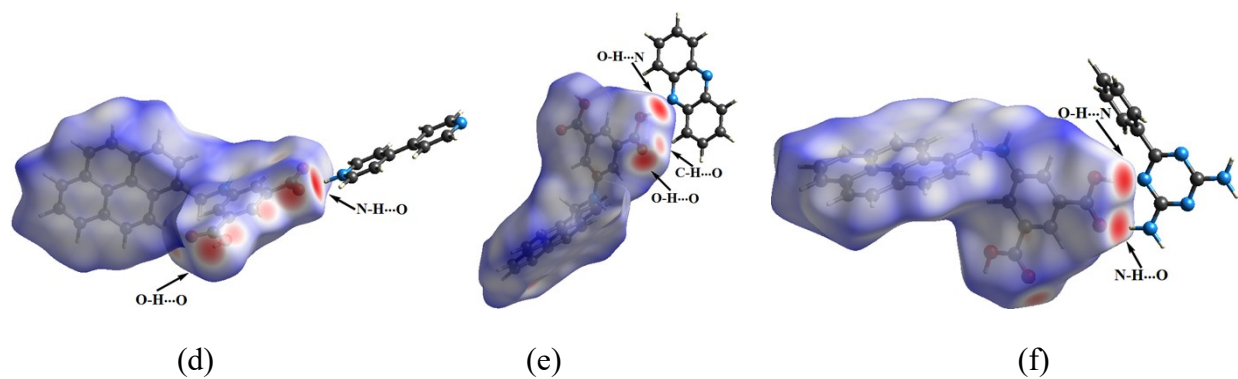


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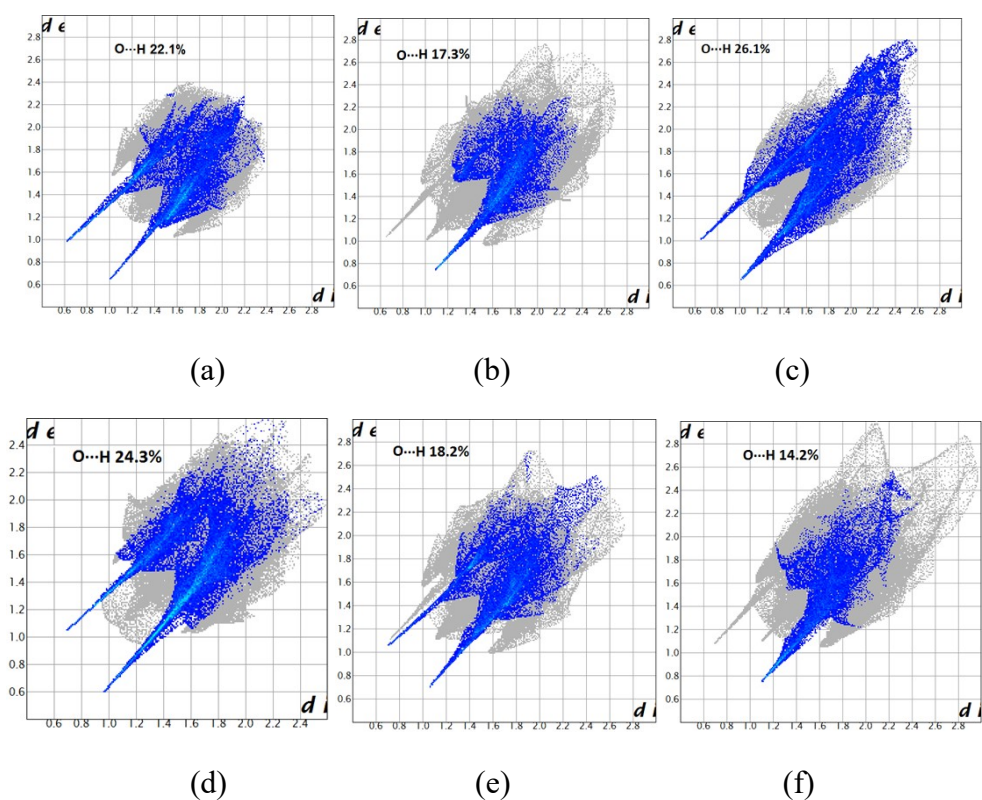
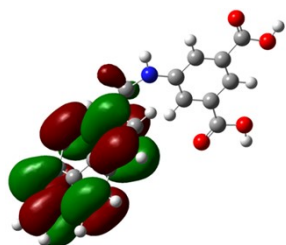


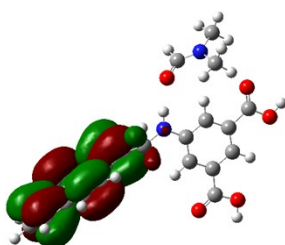
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Table 3S: Contributions from different interactions calculated from Hirshfeld surface analysis by using the CIF files of the **H₂L** solvate, cocrystals and salt

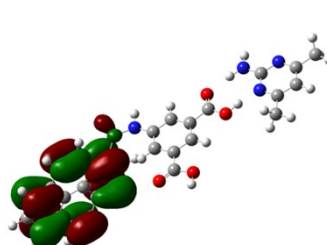
Bond	H ₂ L·DMF	H ₂ L· DMPA	H ₂ L· Caffeine ·H ₂ O	(H44'Bipyridine) ⁺ (HL) ⁻	H ₂ L·0.5Ph en	H ₂ L· PTDA
O...O	0.5	0.1	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.1
N...O	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7
C...O	1.0	0.8	3.3	0.9	1.5	2.2
H...O	22.1	17.3	26.1	24.3	18.2	14.2
C...N	0.2	1.0	3.5	0.4	1.2	0.8
N...H	0.2	4.2	2.2	1.3	1.9	5.4
C...H	26.1	25.3	17.8	25.8	26.2	34.9
C...C	10.2	7.8	6.5	8.4	11.6	4.2
H...H	39.3	43.2	39.4	38.2	38.6	37.4



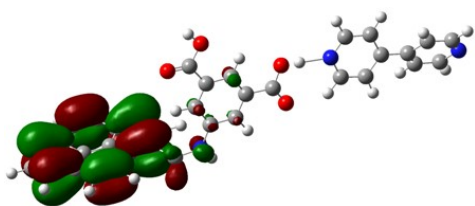
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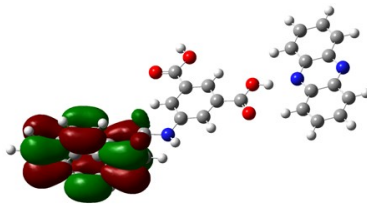
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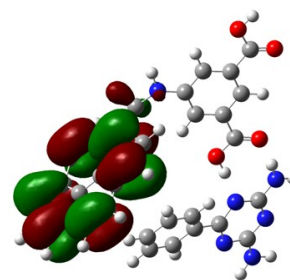
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(d)



(e)



(f)

Figure 12S: HOMO of (a) H_2L ; (b) $\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot\text{DMF}$; (c) $\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot\text{DMPA}$; (d) $(\text{H44}'\text{Bipyridine})^+(\text{HL})^-$; (e) $\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot 0.5\text{Phen}$ and (f) $\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot\text{PTDA}$.

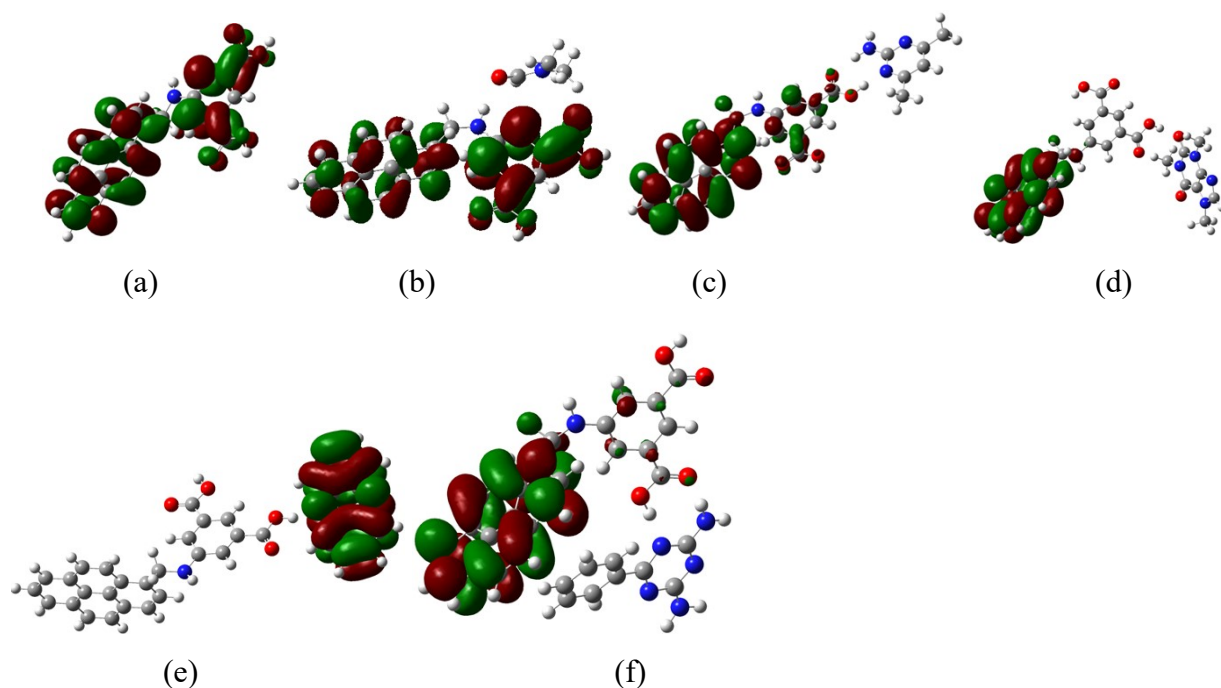


Figure 13S: LUMO of (a) H_2L ; (b) $\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot\text{DMF}$; (c) $\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot\text{DMPA}$; (d) $(\text{H44}'\text{Bipyridine})^+(\text{HL})^-$; (e) $\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot 0.5\text{Phen}$ and (f) $\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot\text{PTDA}$.

Table 4S: HOMO-LUMO energy obtained from DFT calculation for H_2L and its solvate, co-crystals and salt

Compounds	HOMO (eV)	LUMO (eV)	Energy difference = HOMO-LUMO (eV)
H_2L	-5.3304	-1.6272	3.7032
$\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot\text{DMF}$	-5.1543	-1.4797	3.6746
$\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot\text{DMPA}$	-5.2700	-1.5396	3.7304
$(\text{H44}'\text{Bipyridine})^+(\text{HL})^-$	-5.2790	-1.9994	3.2796
$\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot 0.5\text{Phen}$	-5.2621	-2.7298	2.5323
$\text{H}_2\text{L}\cdot\text{PTDA}$	-5.4218	-1.6892	3.7326

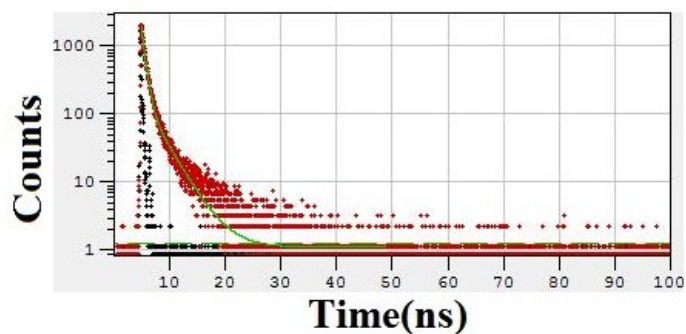


Figure 14S: Time resolved fluorescence emission of solid sample of **H₂L** ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 460 \text{ nm}$).

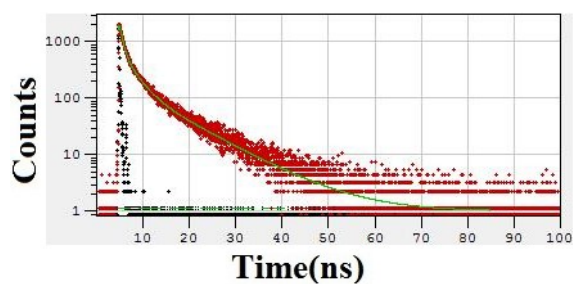


Figure 15S: Time resolved fluorescence emission of solid sample of **H₂L·DMF** ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 470 \text{ nm}$).

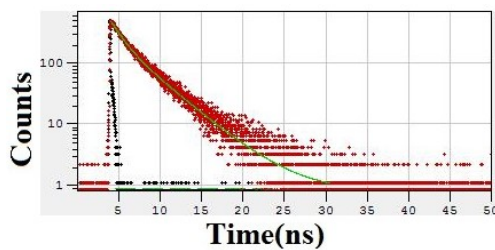


Figure 16S: Time resolved fluorescence emission of solid sample of **H₂L·Caffeine·3H₂O** ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 415 \text{ nm}$).

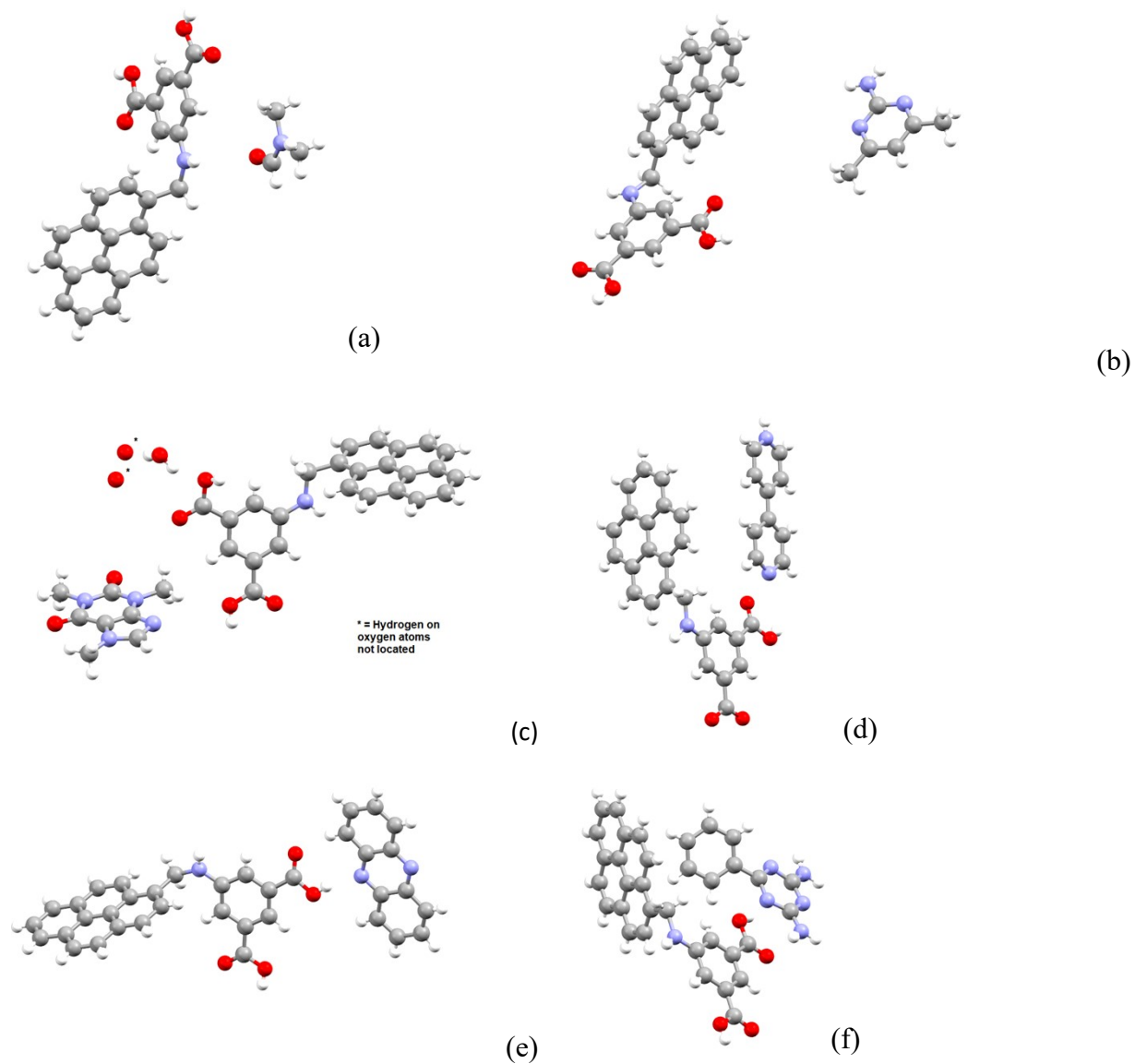


Figure 17S: The crystal structures drawn using POV-Ray of (a) **H₂L.DMF**; (b) **H₂L.DMPA**; (c) **H₂L.Caffeine·3H₂O**; (d) **(H44'Bipyridine)⁺(HL)⁻**; (e) **H₂L·0.5Phen** and (f) **H₂L·PTDA** (Color code : Red = Oxygen, Blue = Nitrogen, white = Hydrogen, cyan = Carbon atoms).

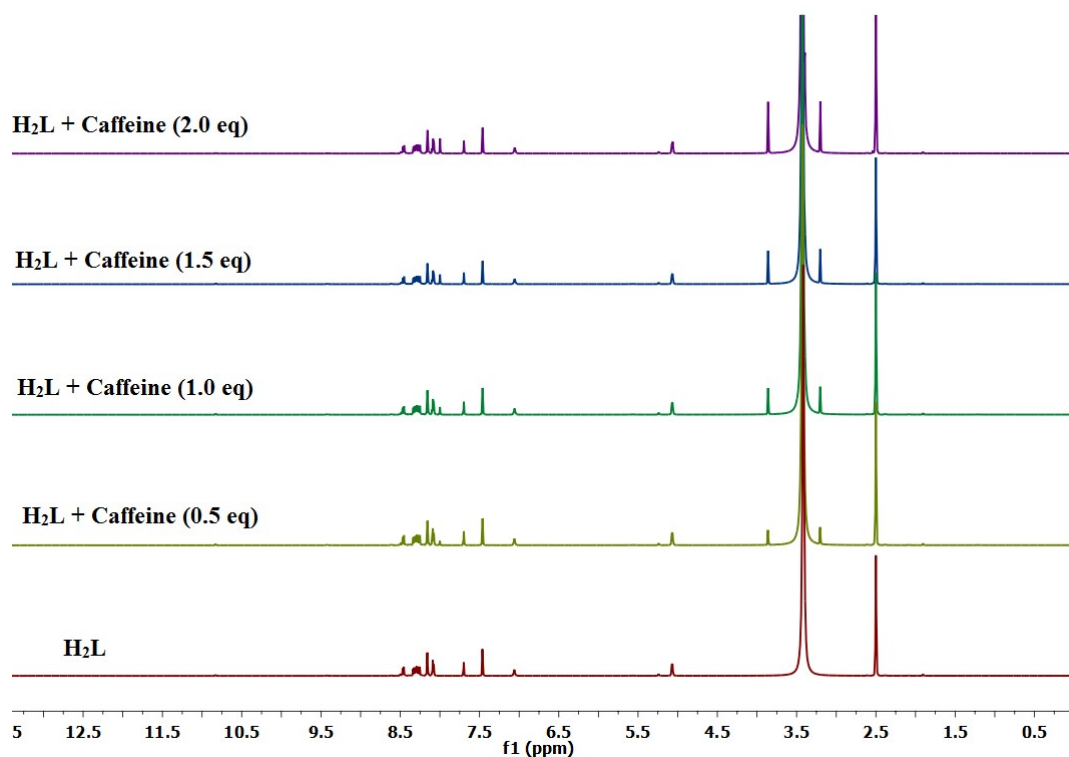


Figure 18S: ^1H NMR (600MHz, DMSO-d_6) titration of H_2L with different amounts of caffeine.

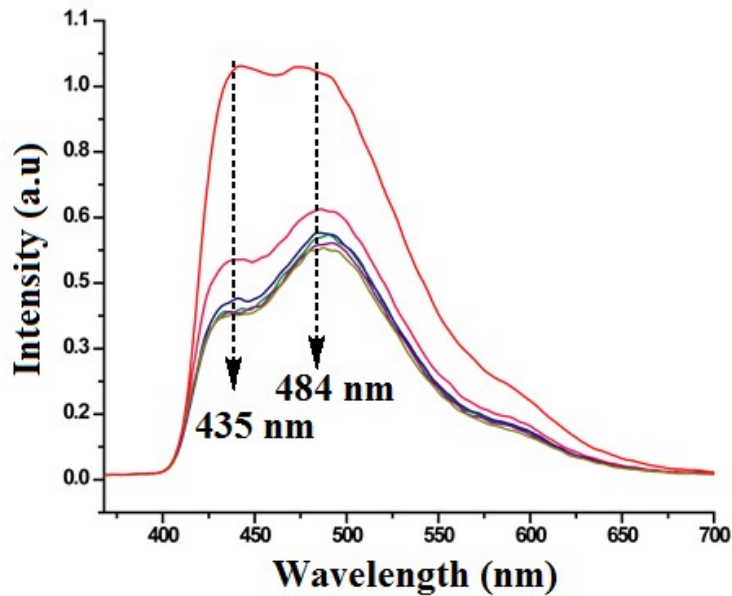


Figure 19S: (a) Decrease in the fluorescence emission intensities of H_2L in DMSO (10^{-3} M, 3 mL) upon addition of different aliquots of caffeine solution in DMSO (10^{-3} M, 20 μL in each aliquot).

Table 5S: Fluorescence life-time decay data for the **H₂L** and its solvate, co-crystals and salt

H ₂ L or Cocrystal	Exponential component	f _i (%)	τ _i (ns)	χ ²
H ₂ L	1	82.033	0.560	1.000
	2	17.967	3.078	
H ₂ L·DMF	1	24.107	0.526	0.999
	2	36.518	2.494	
	3	39.375	9.688	
H ₂ L·Caffeine·3H ₂ O	1	30.078	1.330	1.134
	2	69.922	3.911	

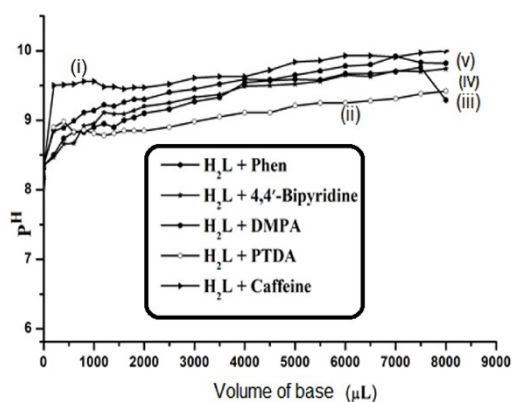


Figure 20S : The pH titrations of the **H₂L** (2 ml of 1mM in DMF) with (i) Caffeine, (ii) PTDA, (iii) Phenazine, (iv) 4,4'-Bipyridine, (v) DMPA, (vi) (1mM of respective compound in DMF).

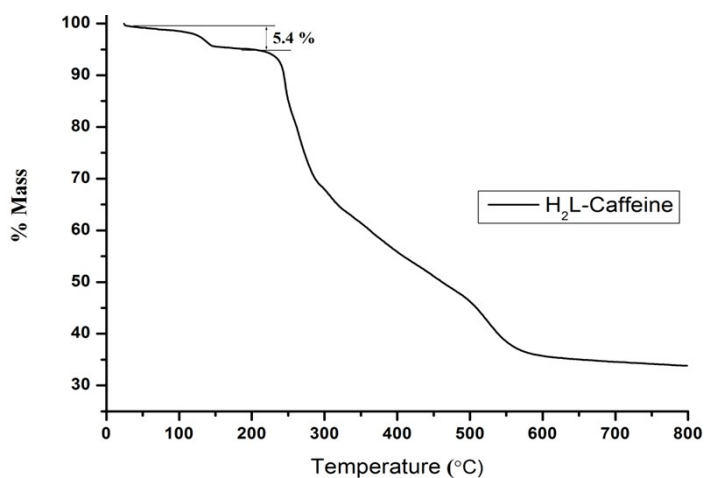


Figure 21S: The thermogram of **H₂L·Caffeine·3H₂O** (heating rate 10°C/min)

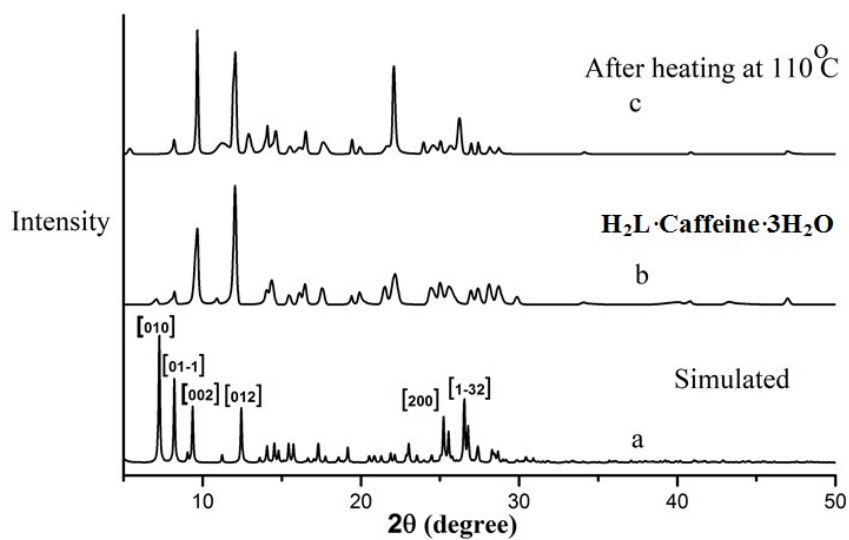


Figure 22S: The powder X-ray diffraction patterns of the $\text{H}_2\text{L} \cdot \text{Caffeine} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$, (a) simulate from the crystallographic information file and experimentally determined from powdered sample (a) in the hydrated form, (c) after heating the sample at 110°C for 2 hrs PXRD was recorded at room temperature.