

## Supporting Information

### Aqua-friendly organometallic Ir-Pt complexes: pH responsive AIPE guided imaging of bacterial cells

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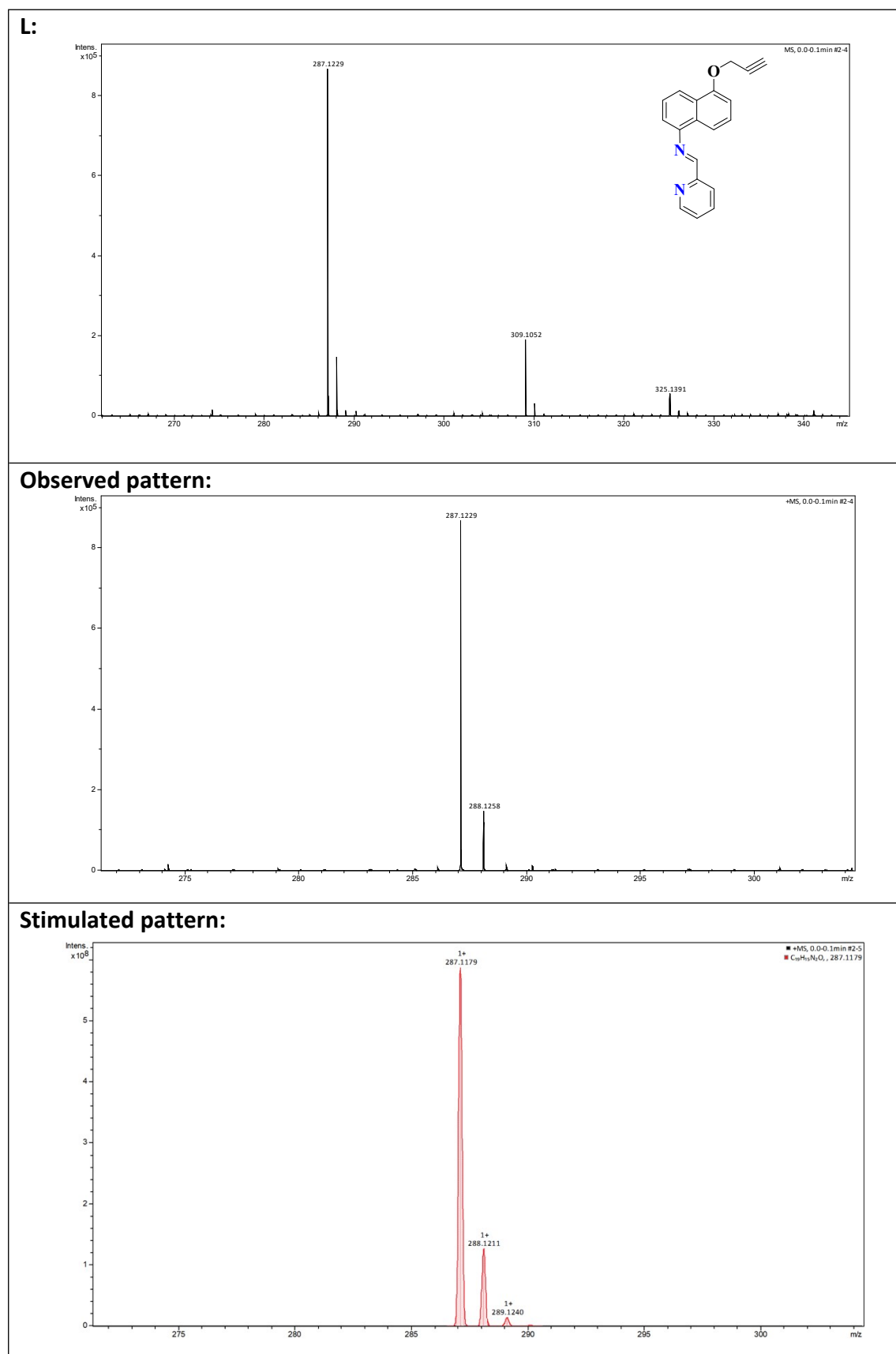
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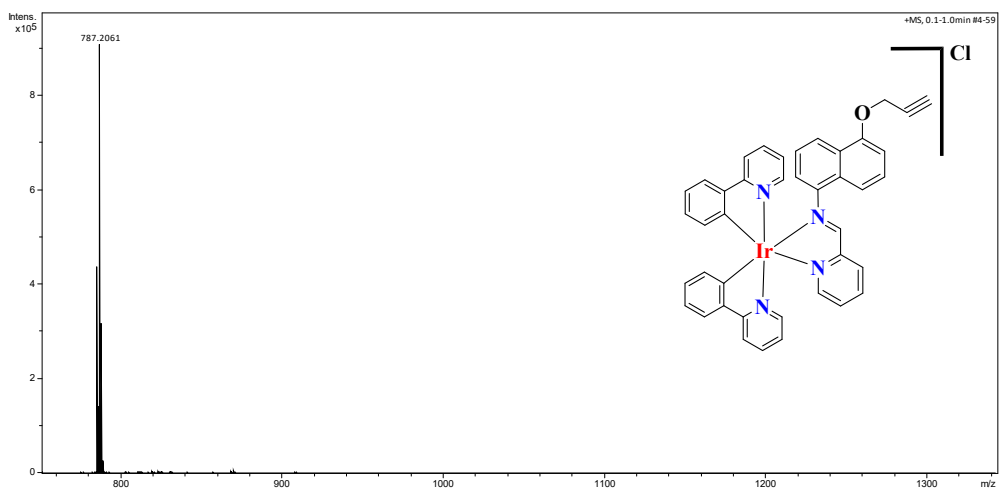
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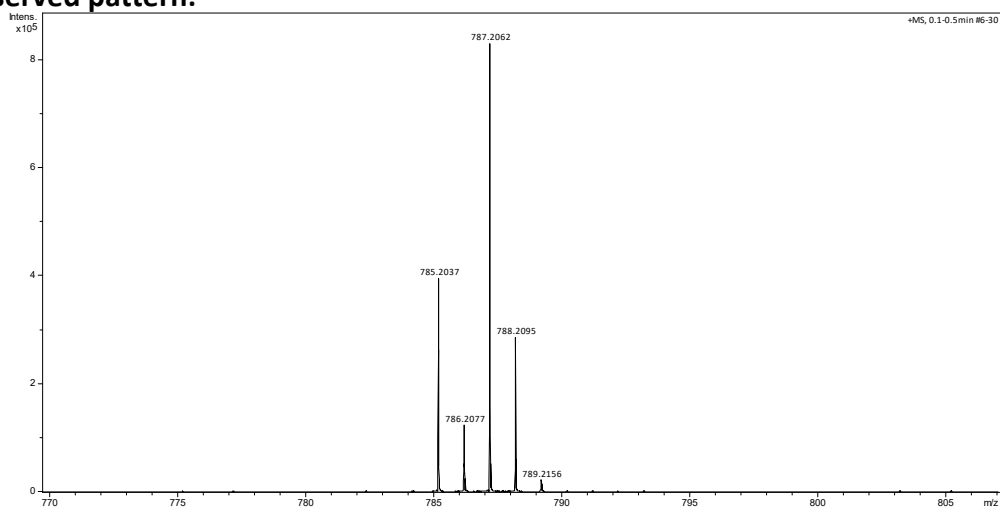
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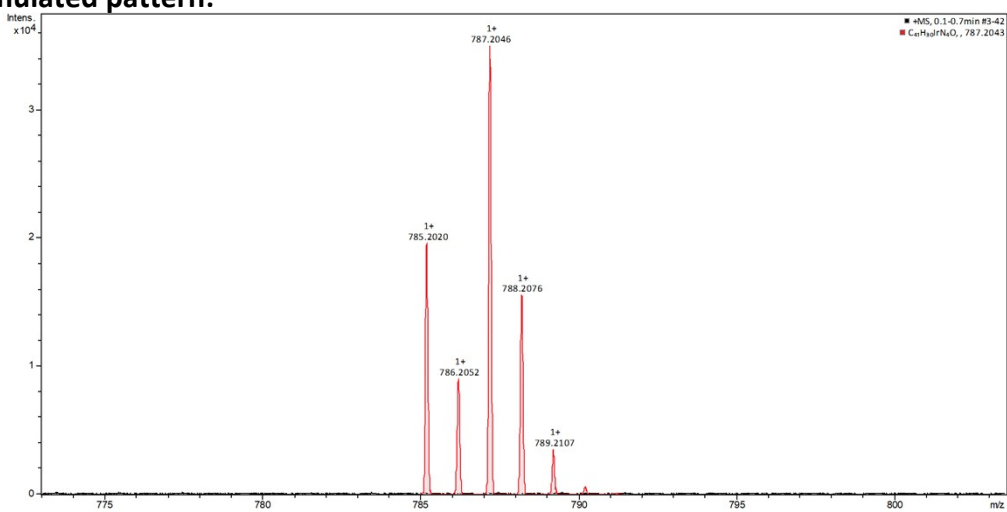
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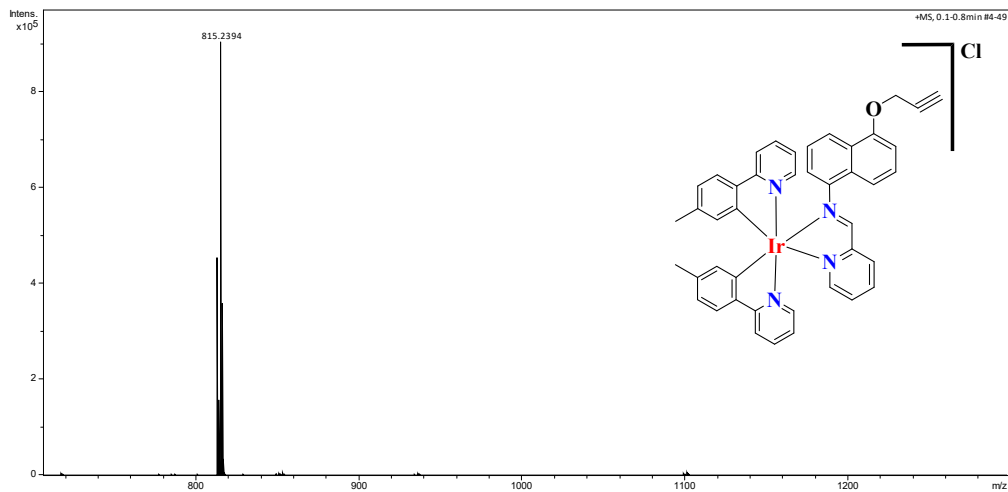
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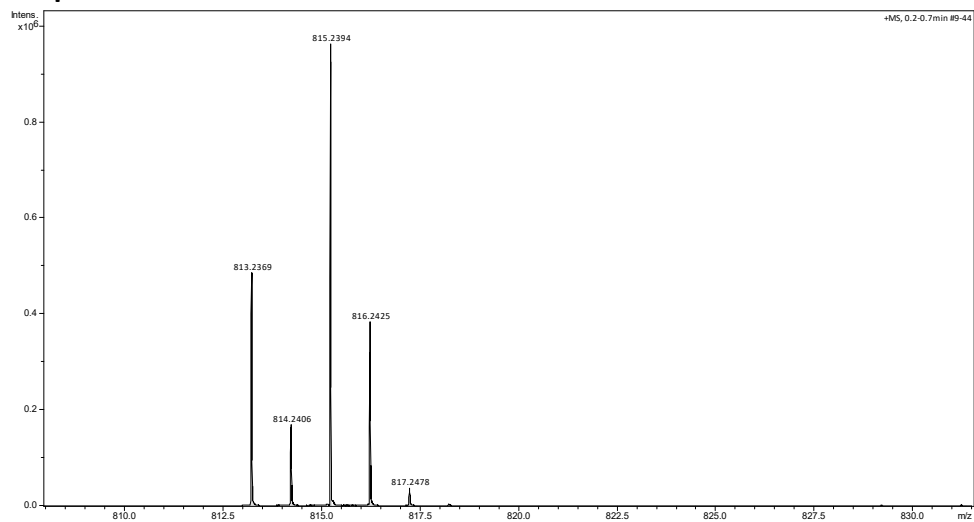
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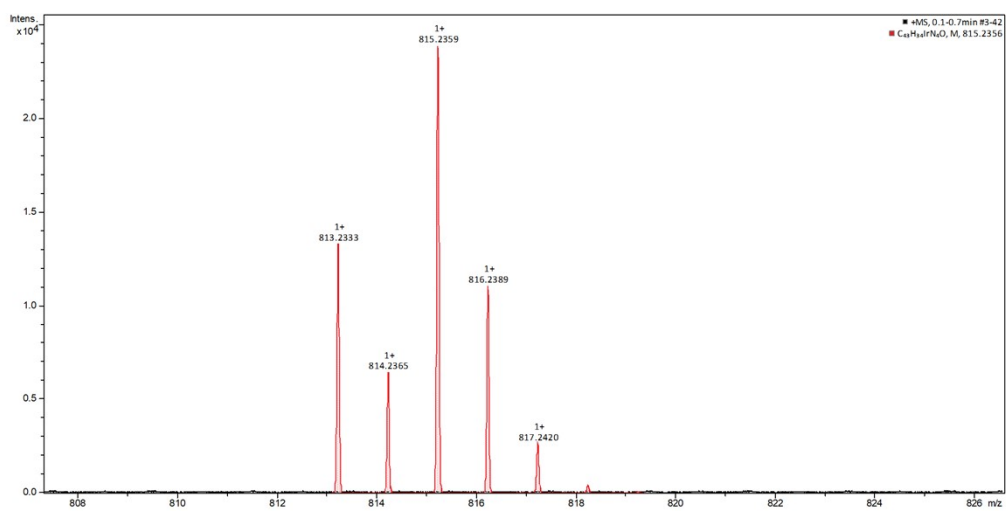
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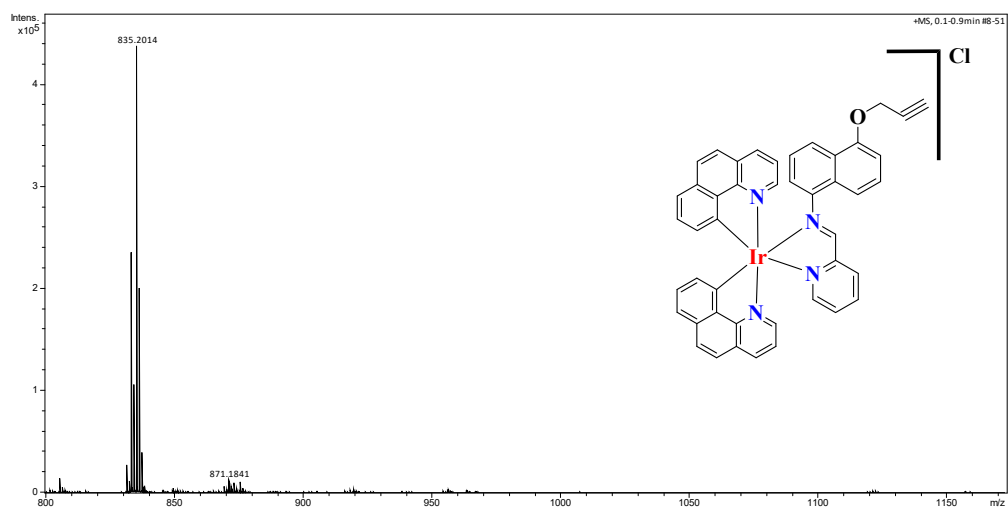
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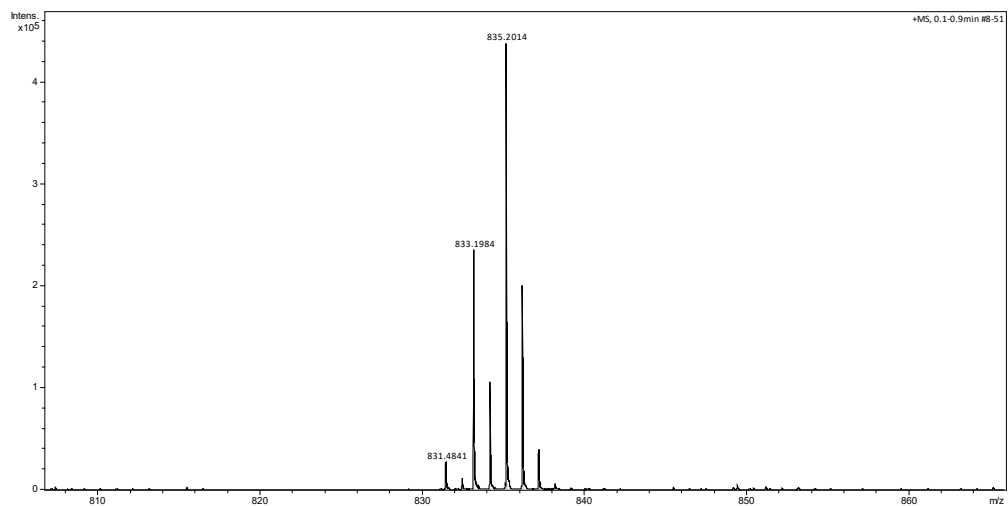
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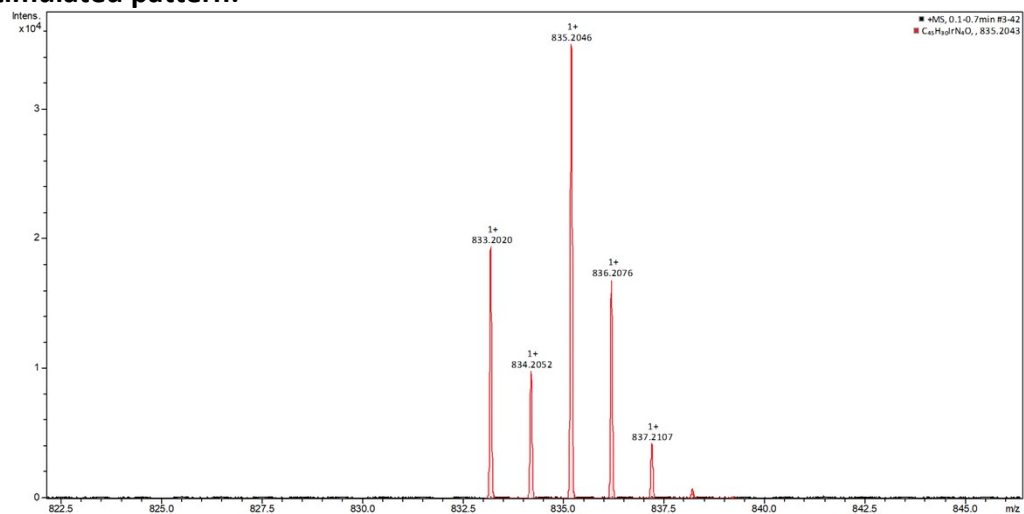
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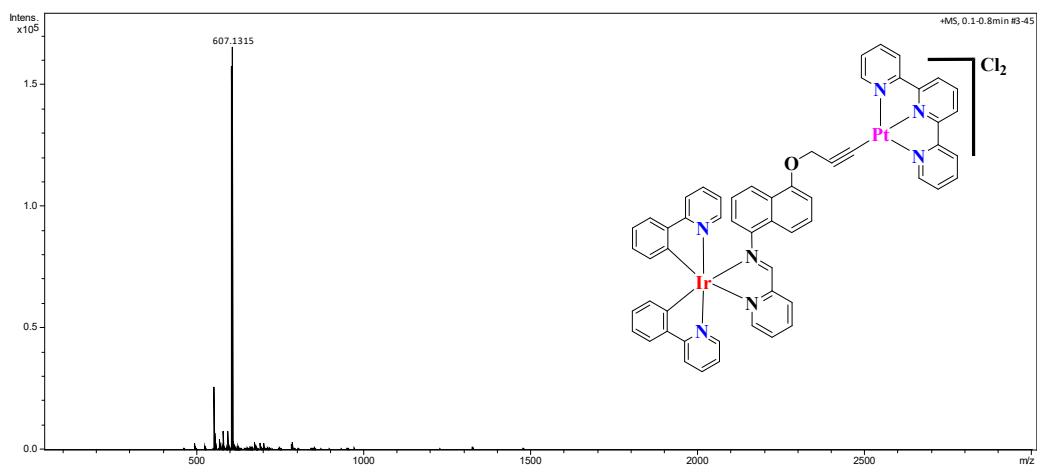
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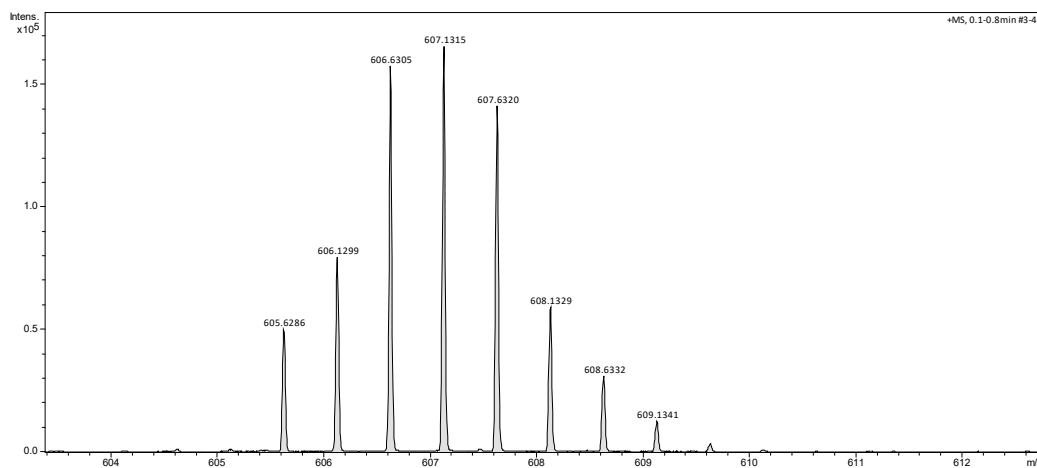
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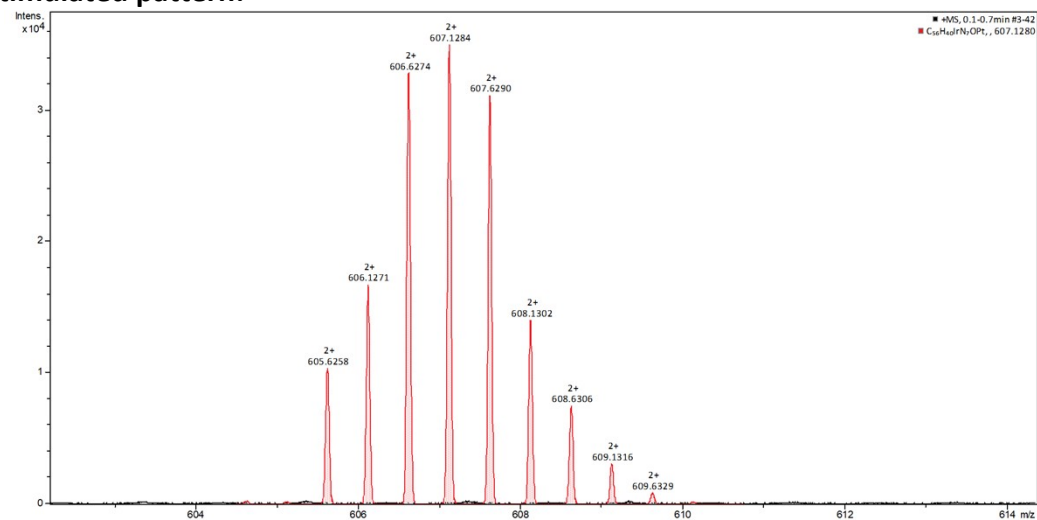
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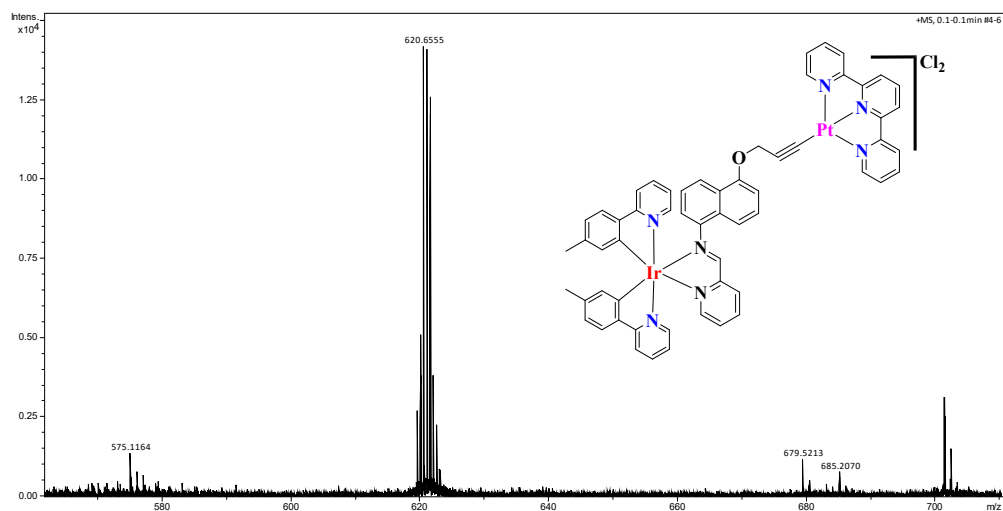
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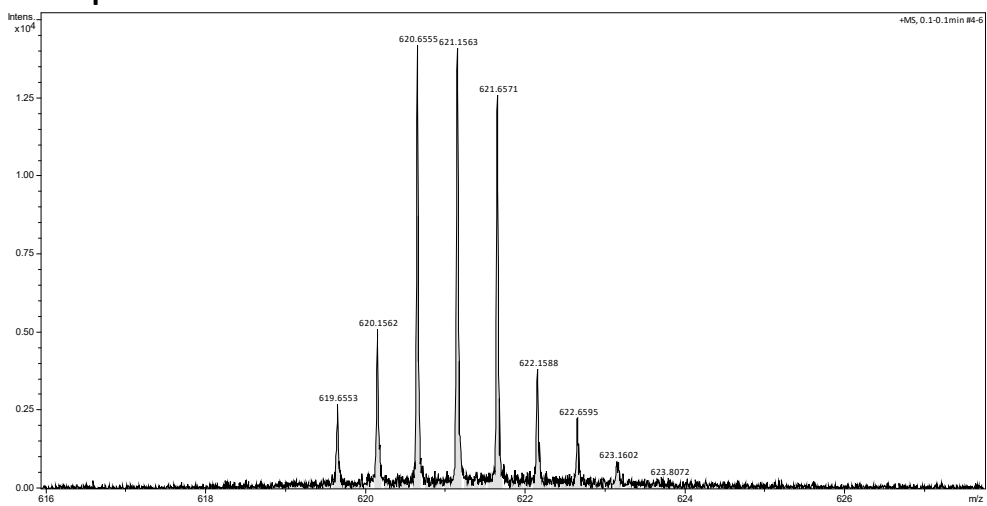
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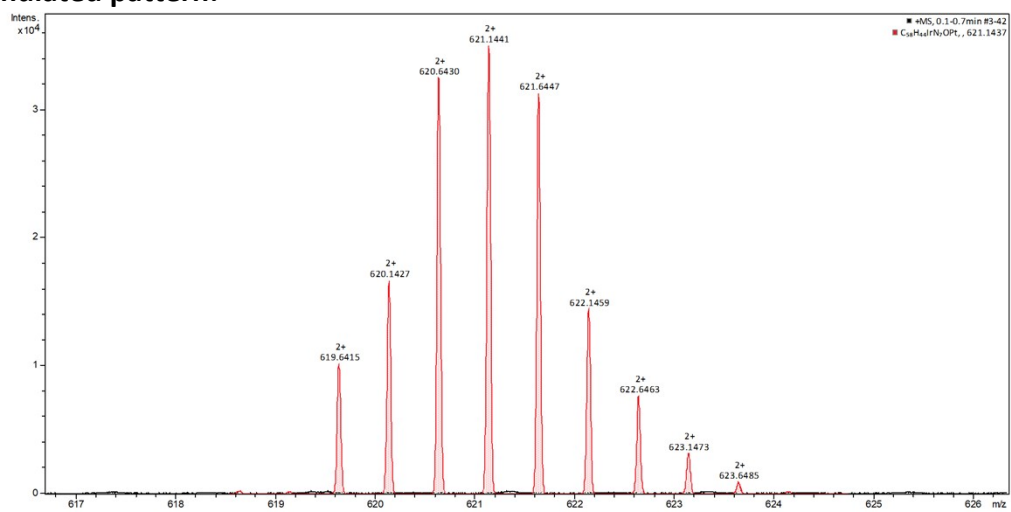
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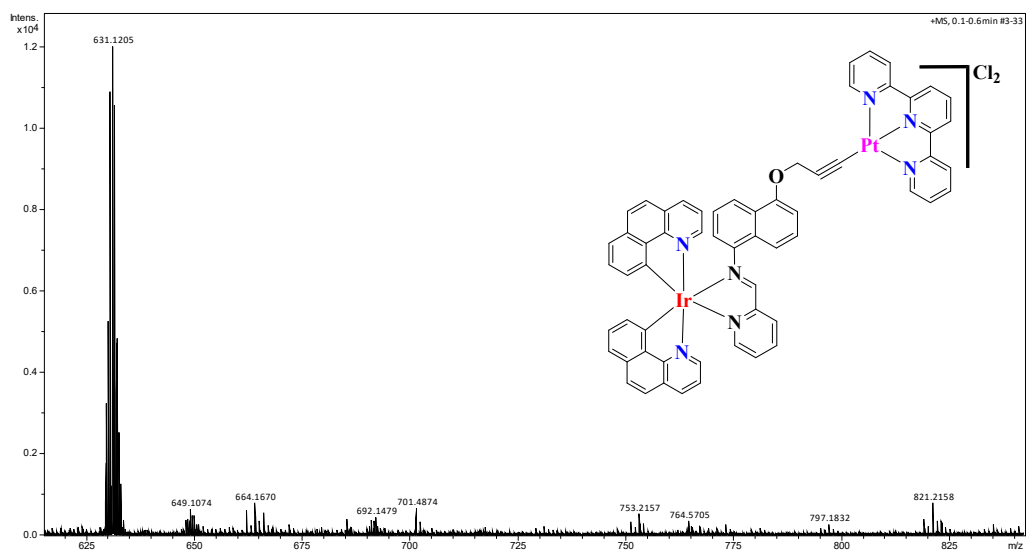
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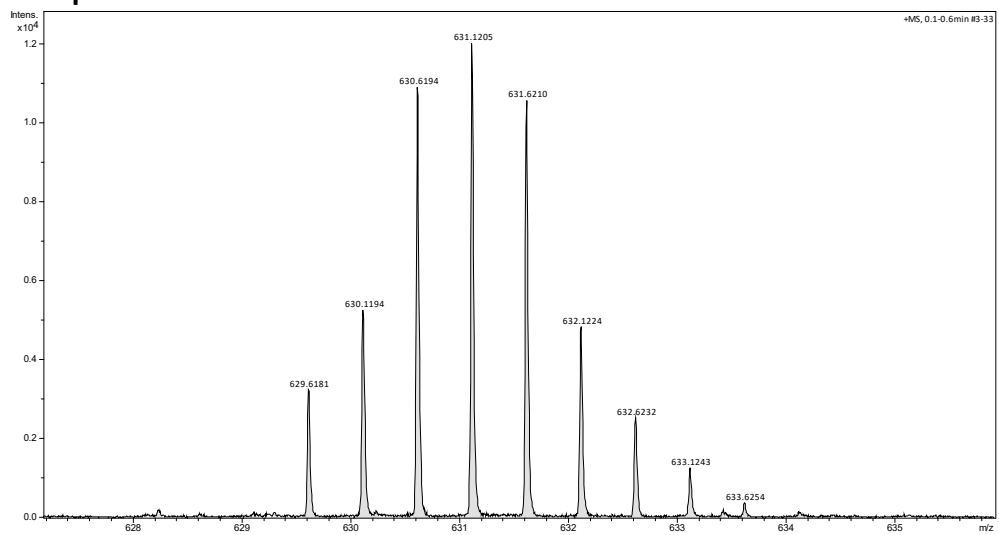
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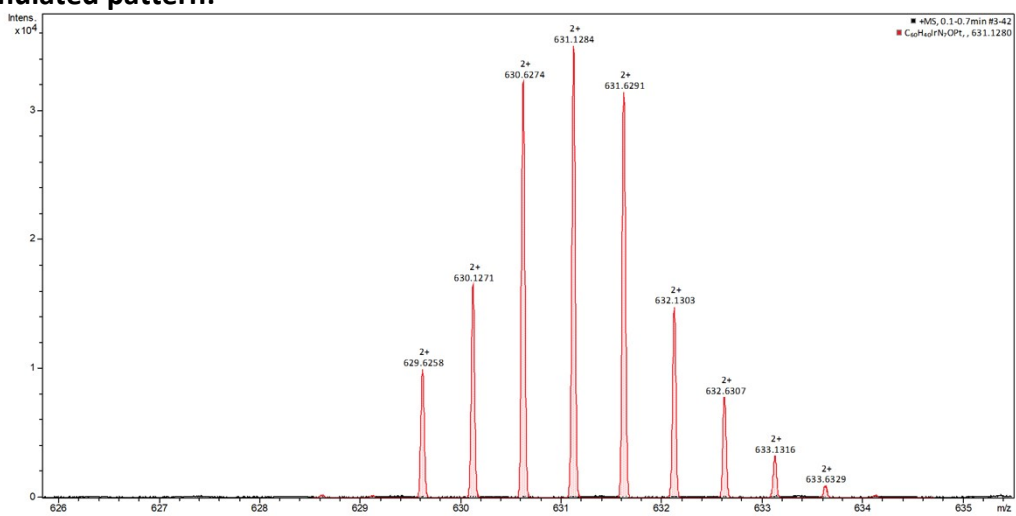
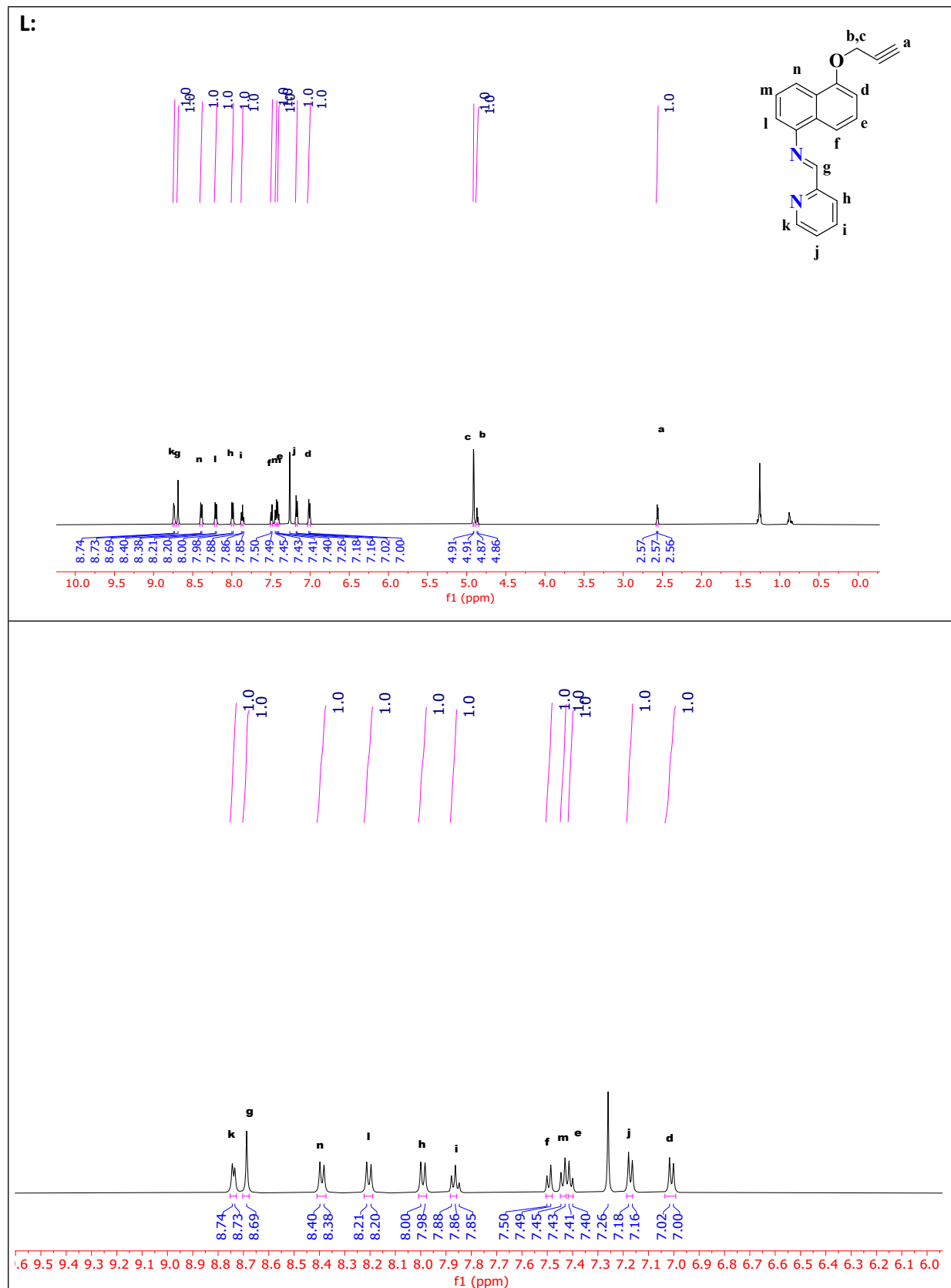


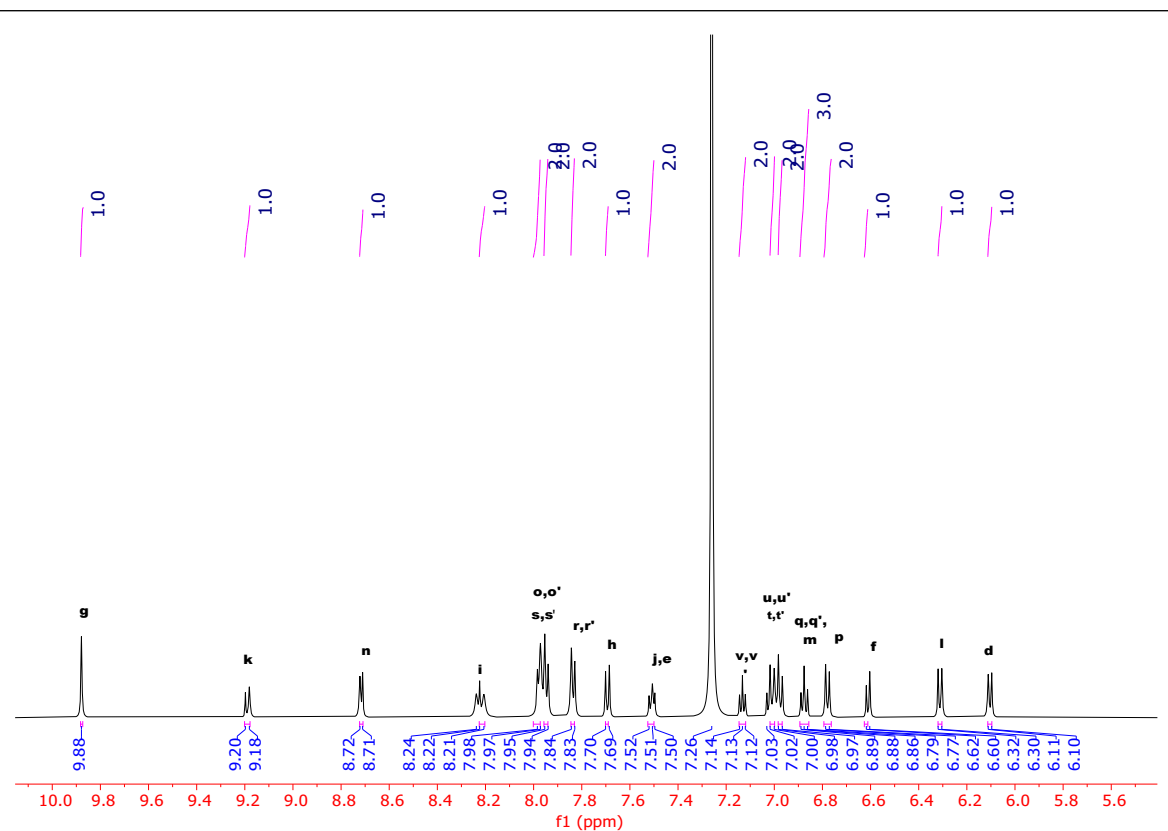
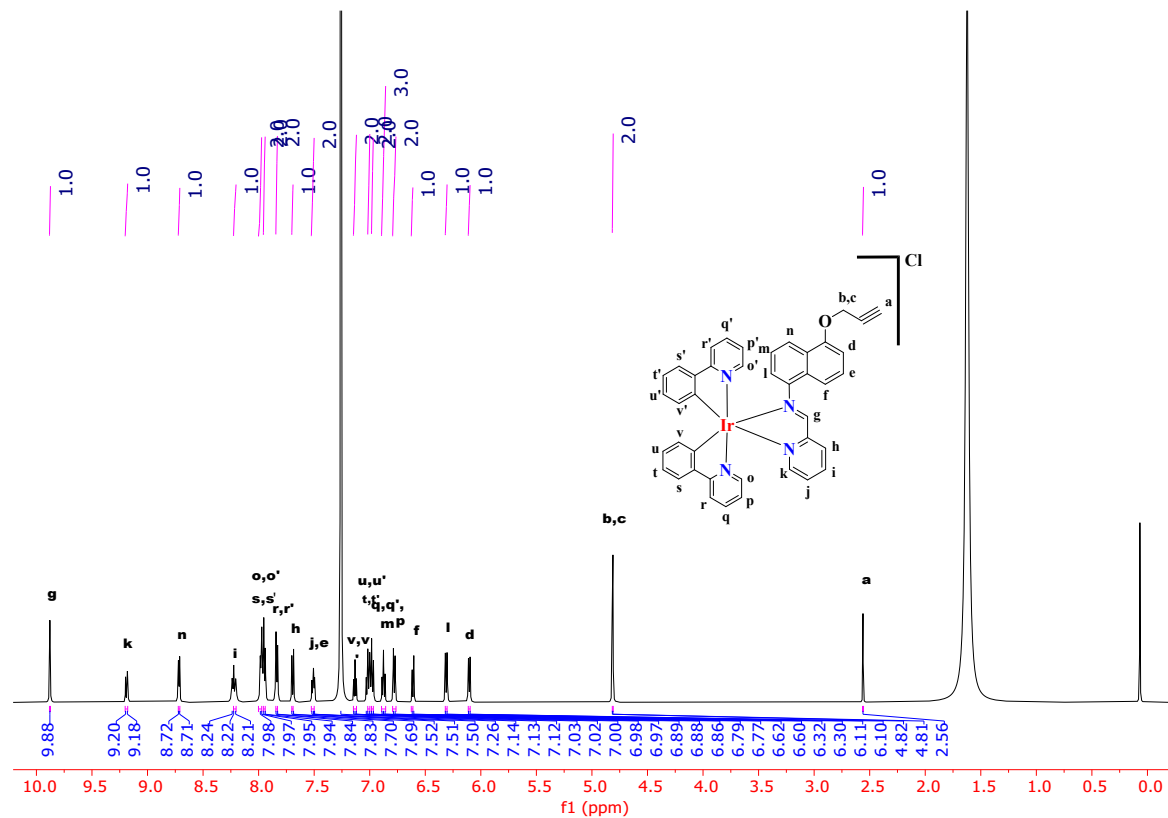


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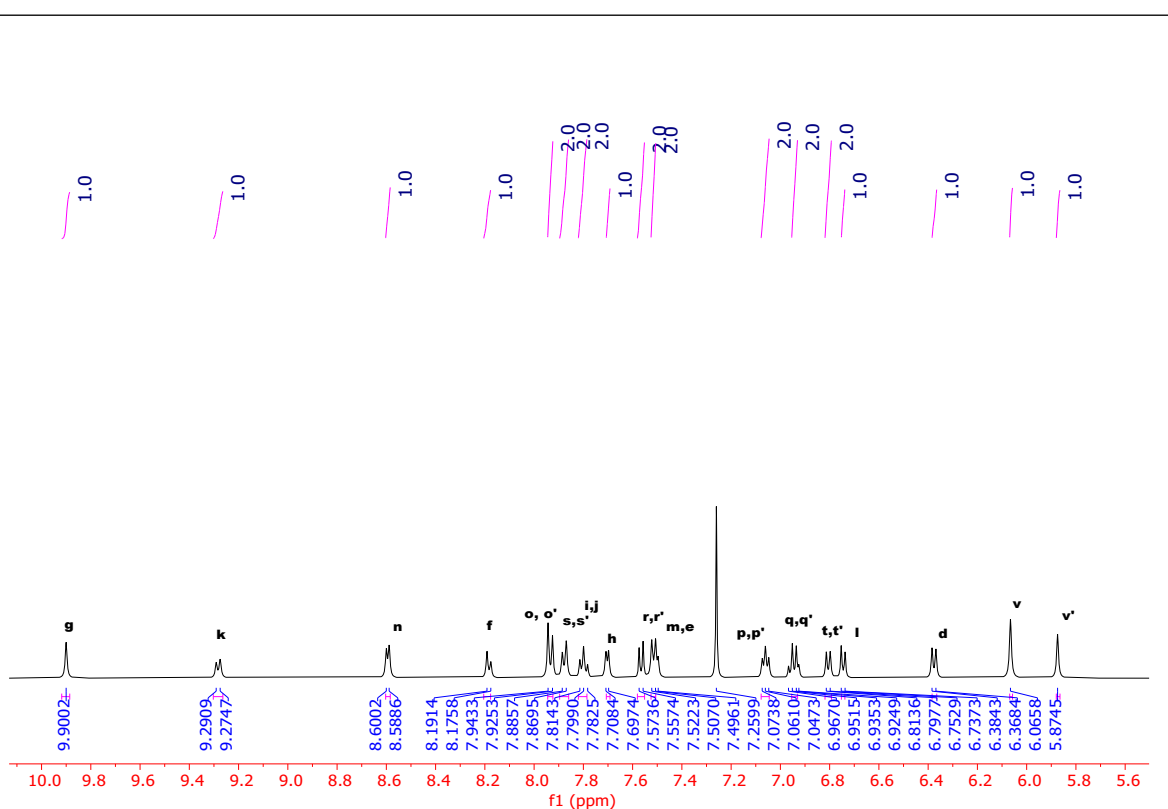
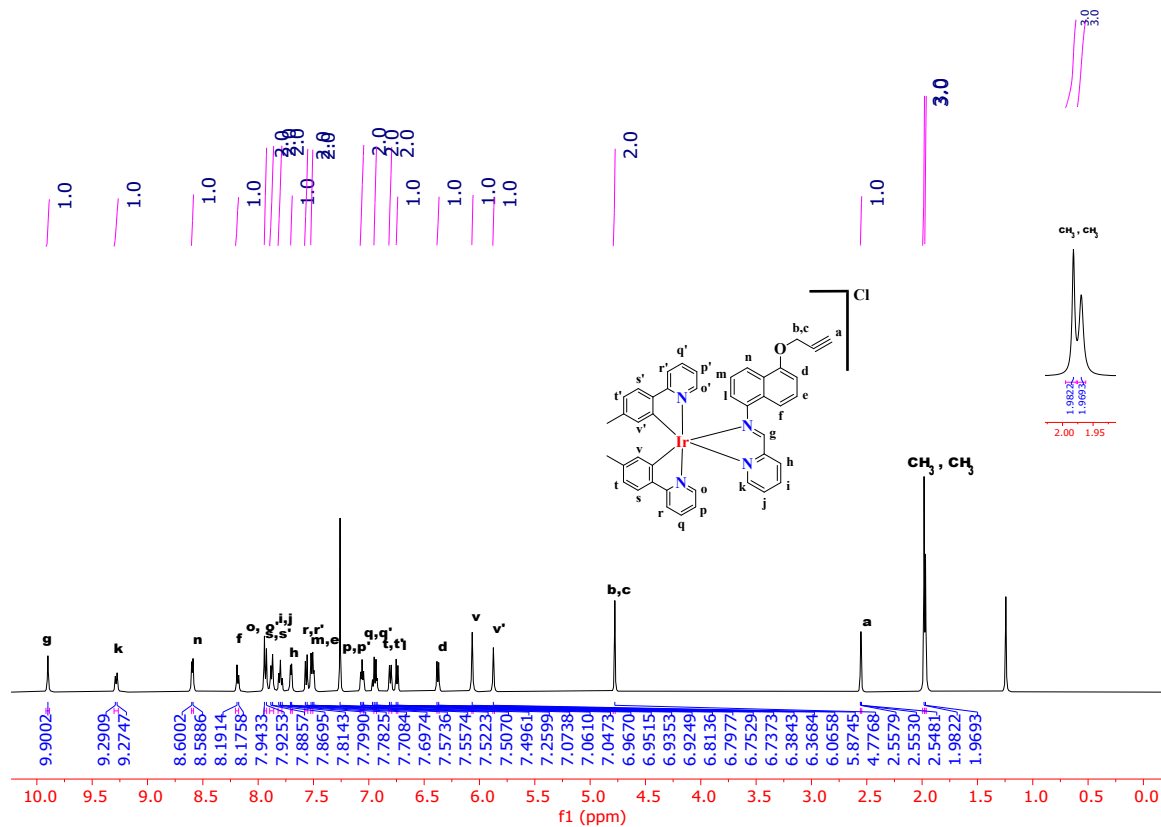
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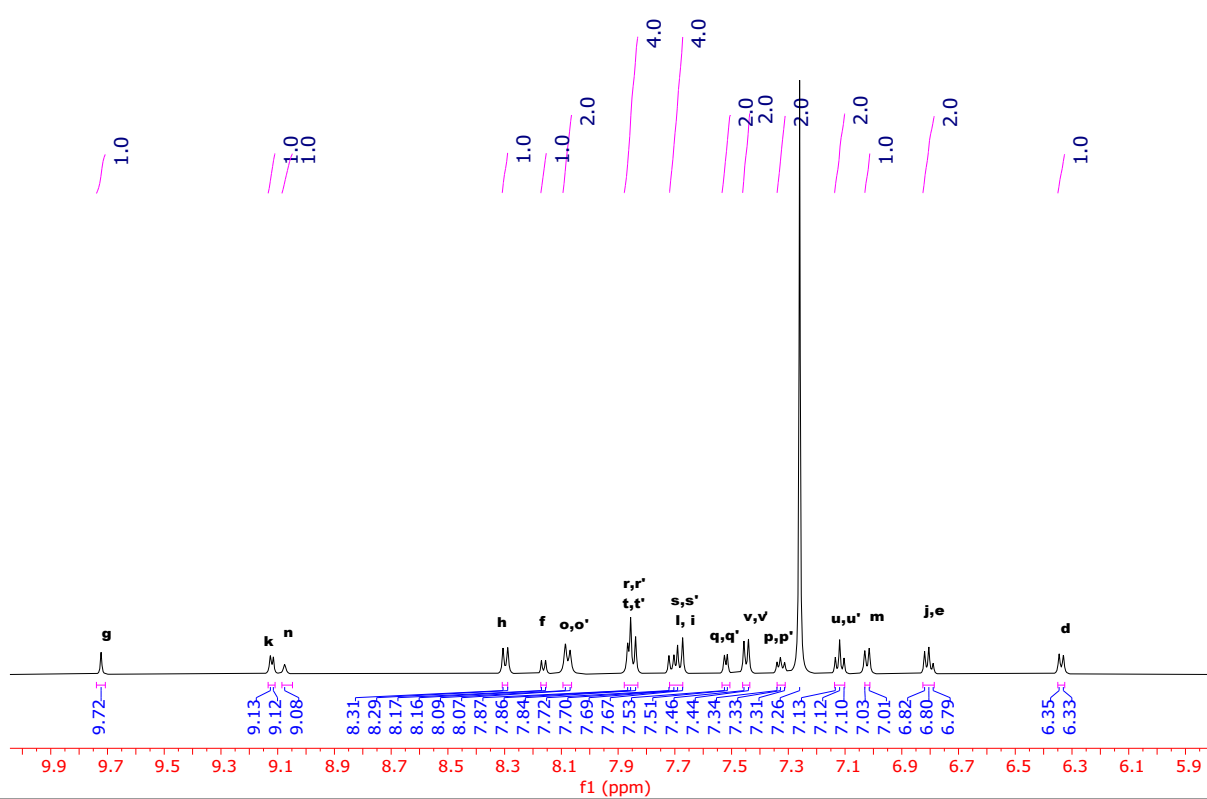
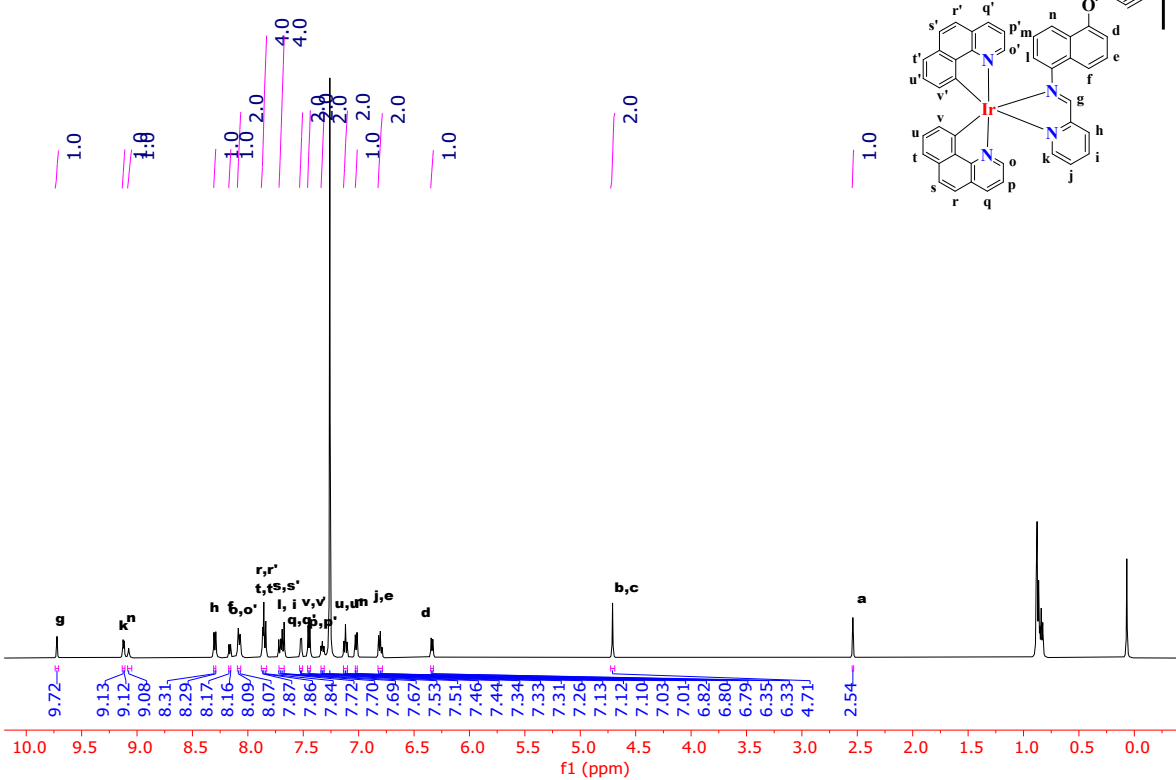
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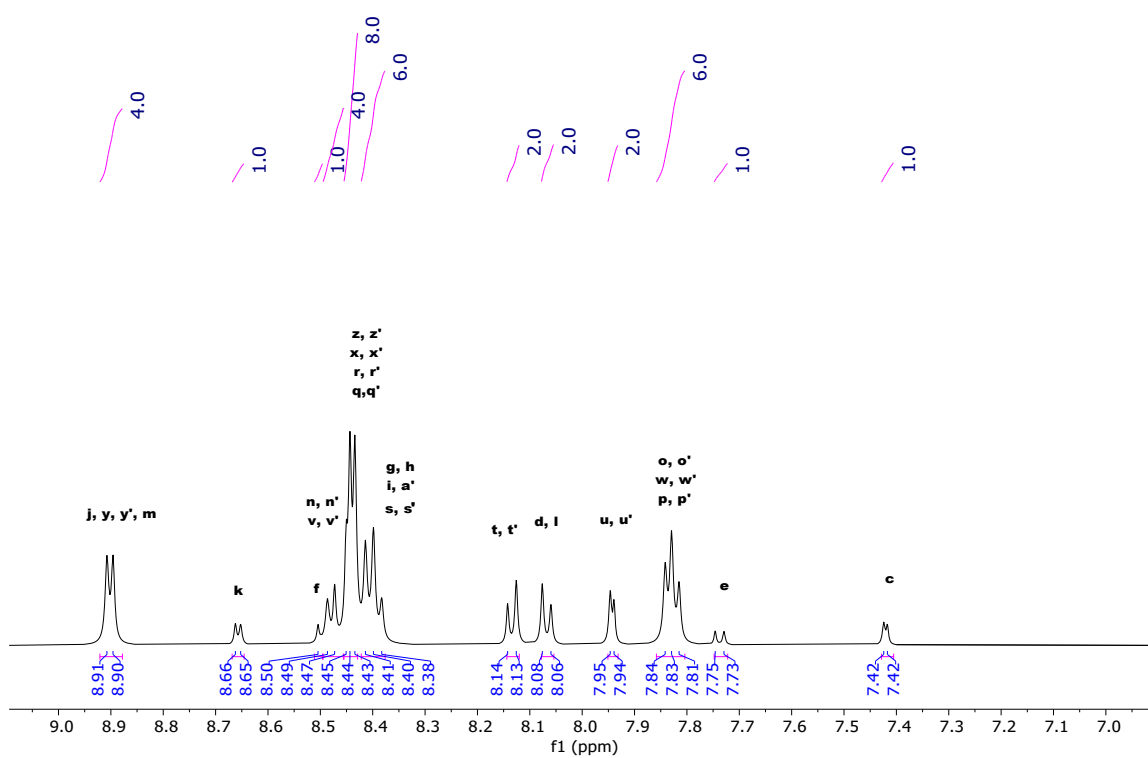
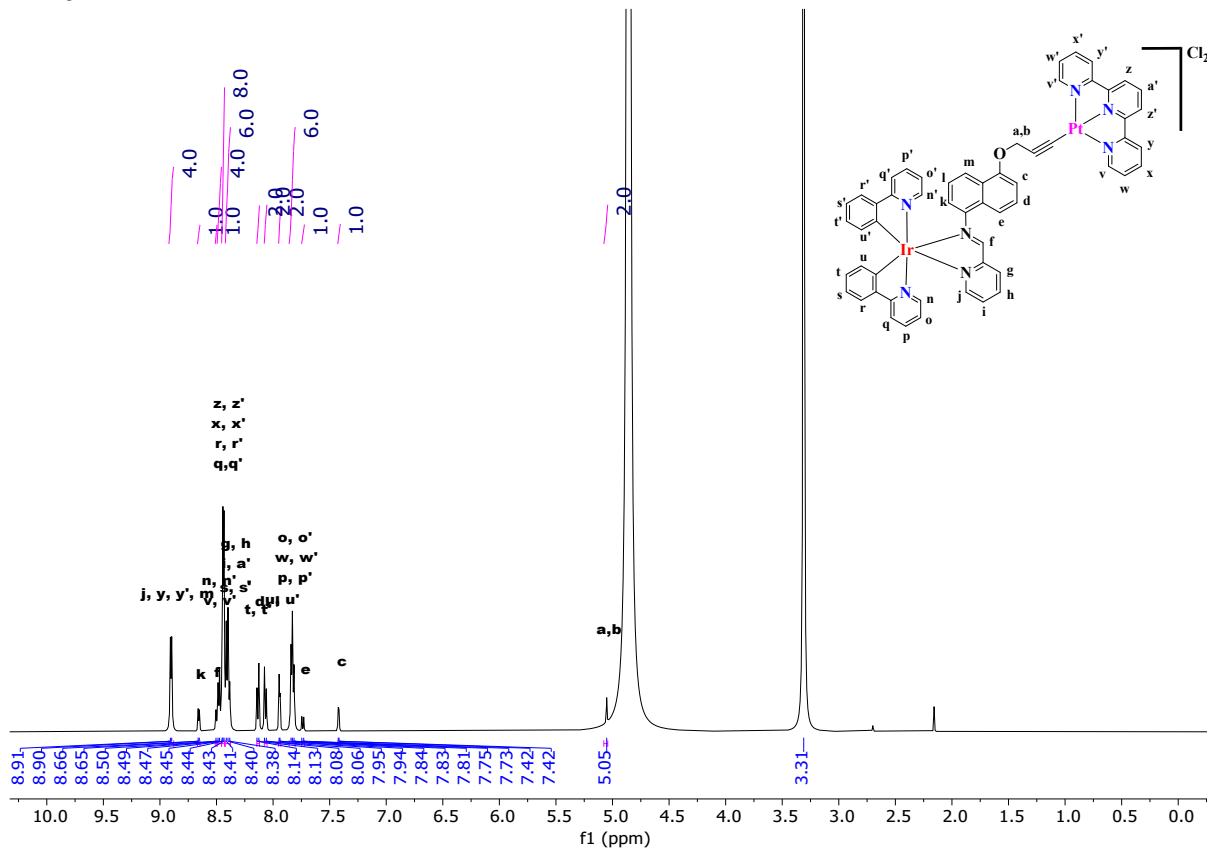
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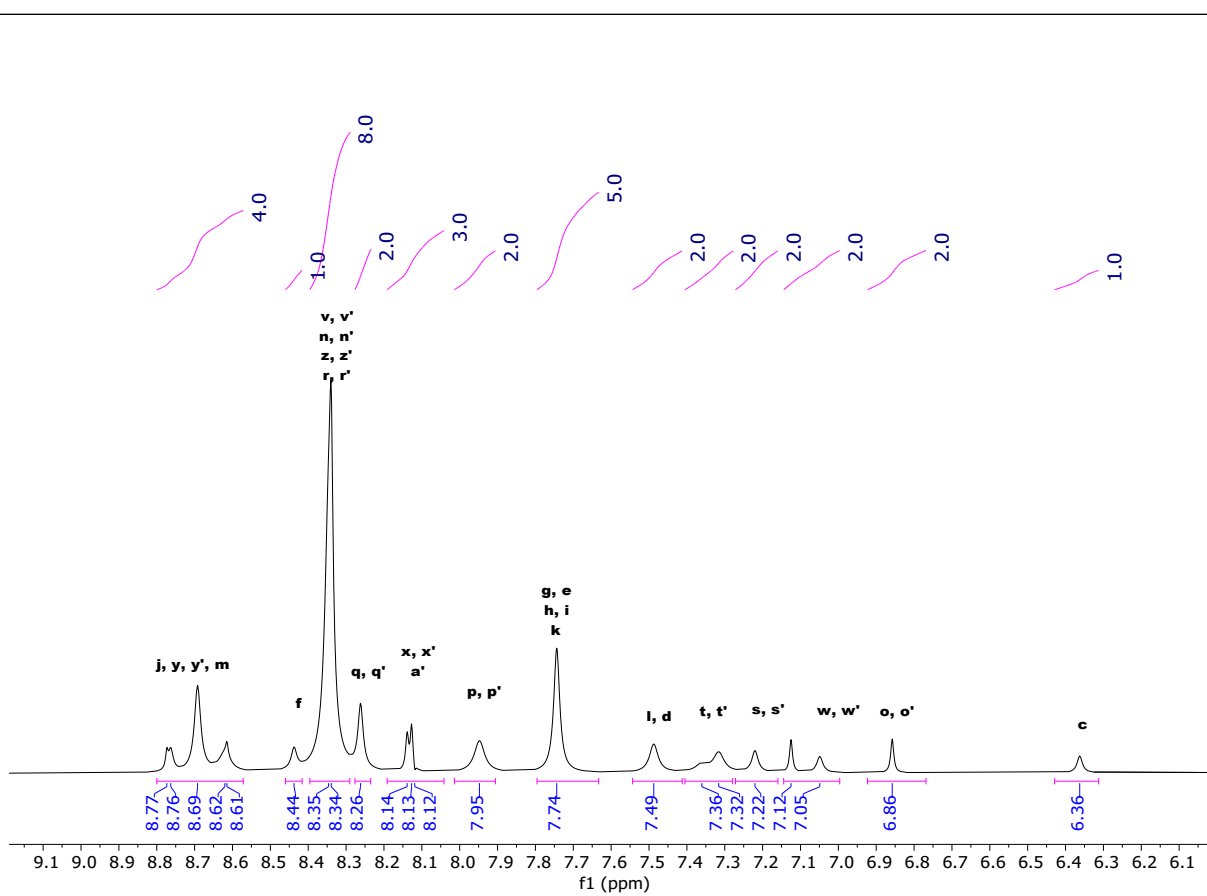
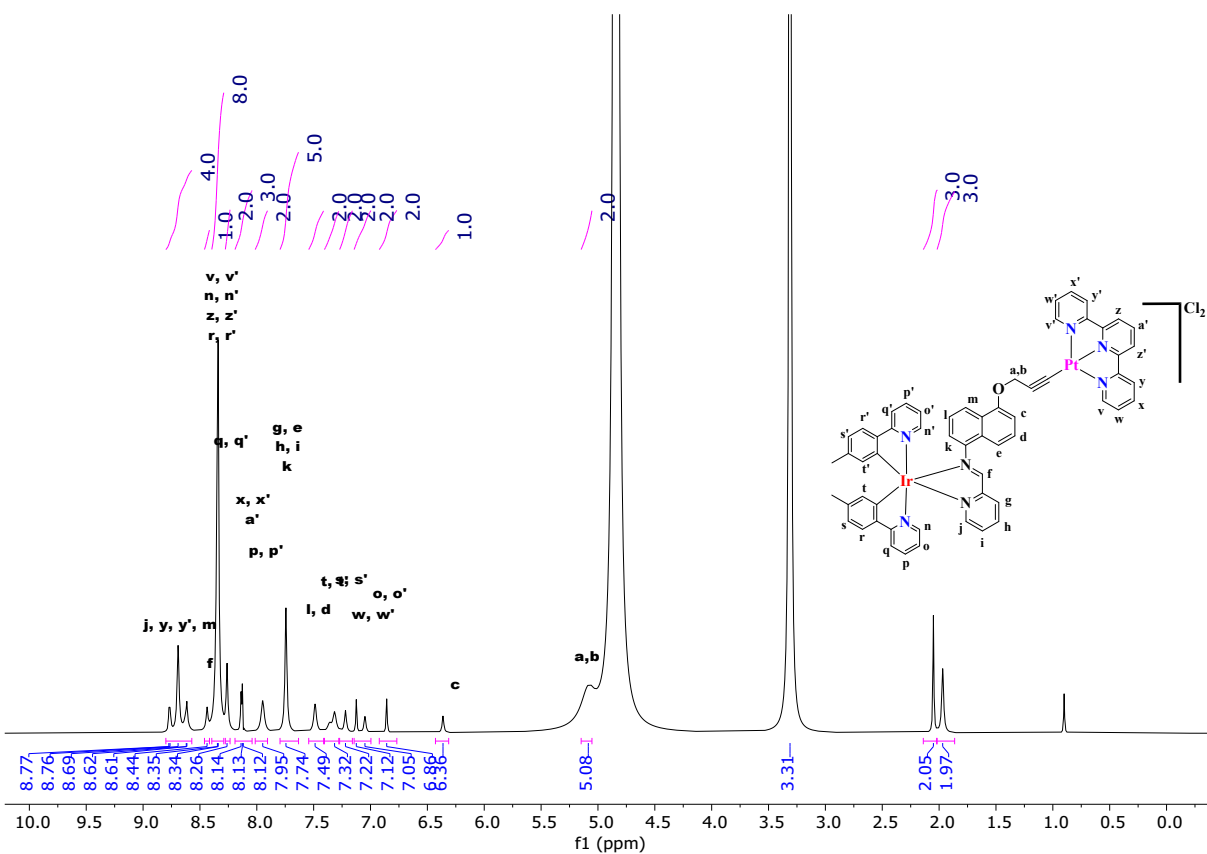
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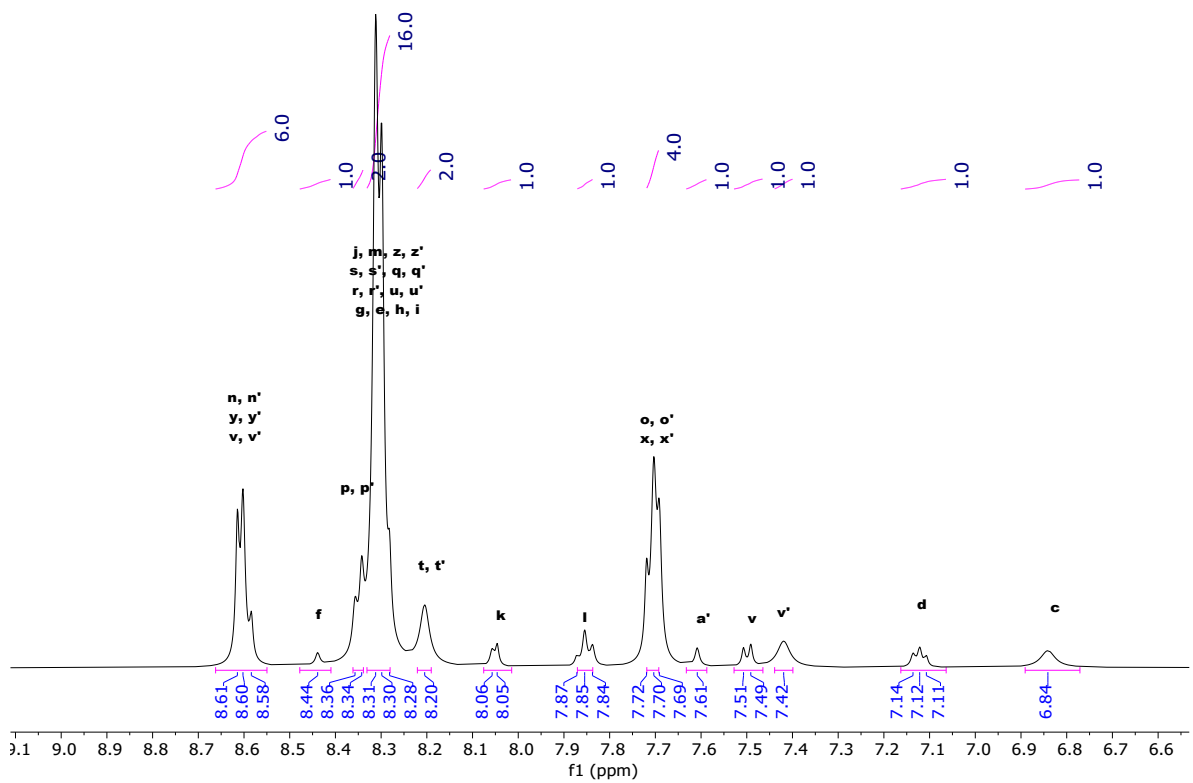
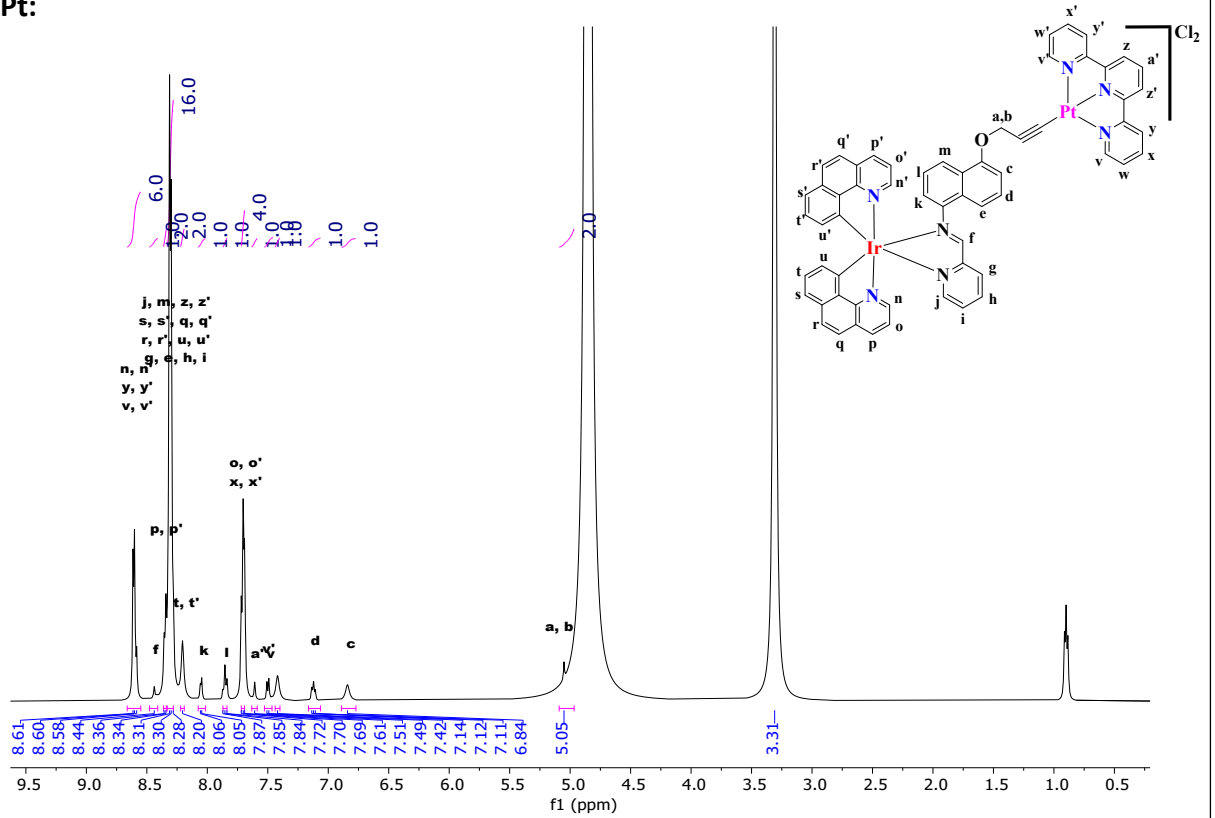
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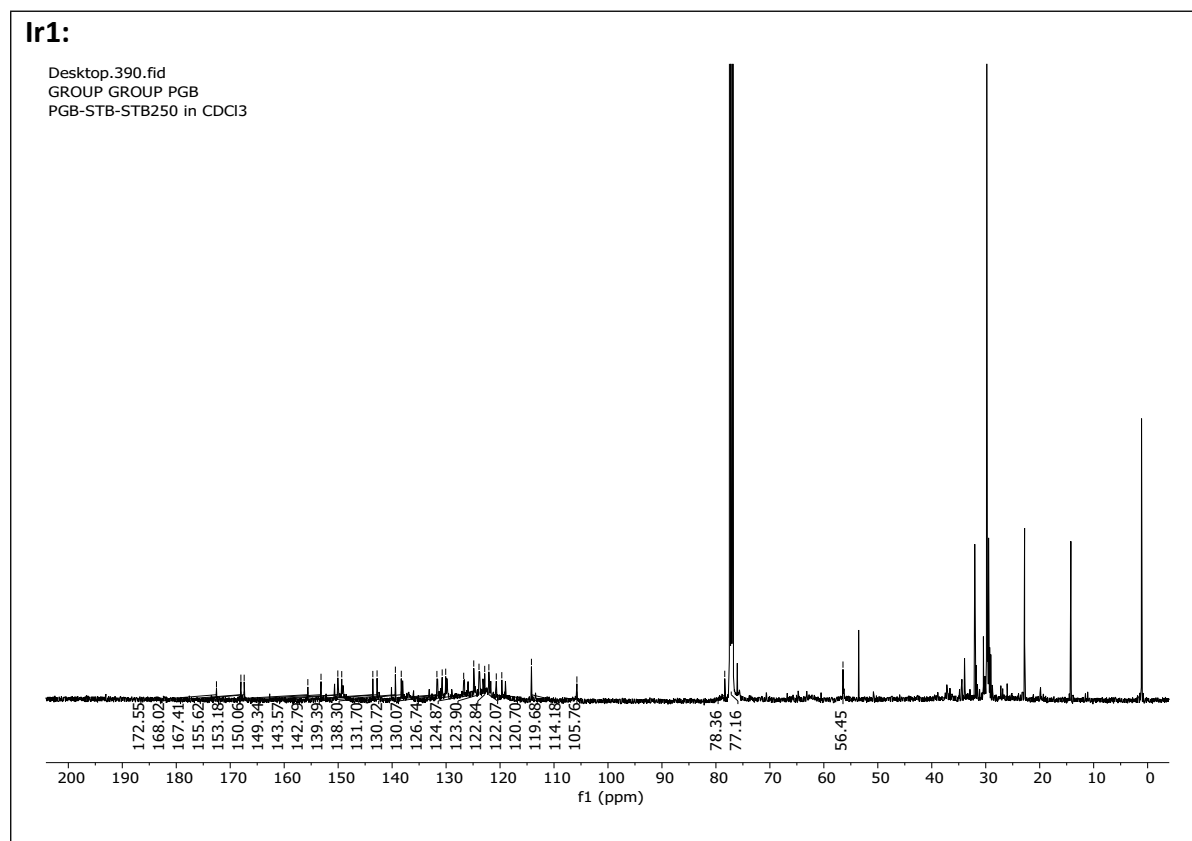
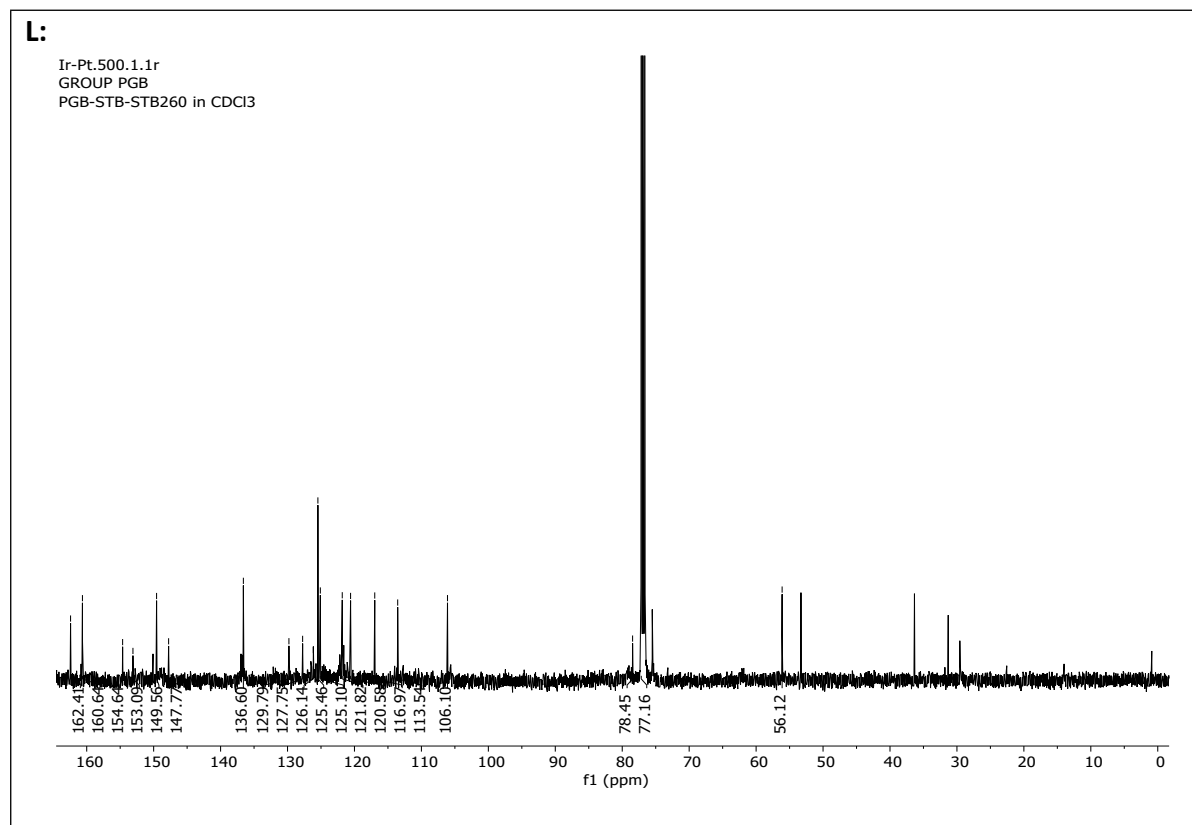
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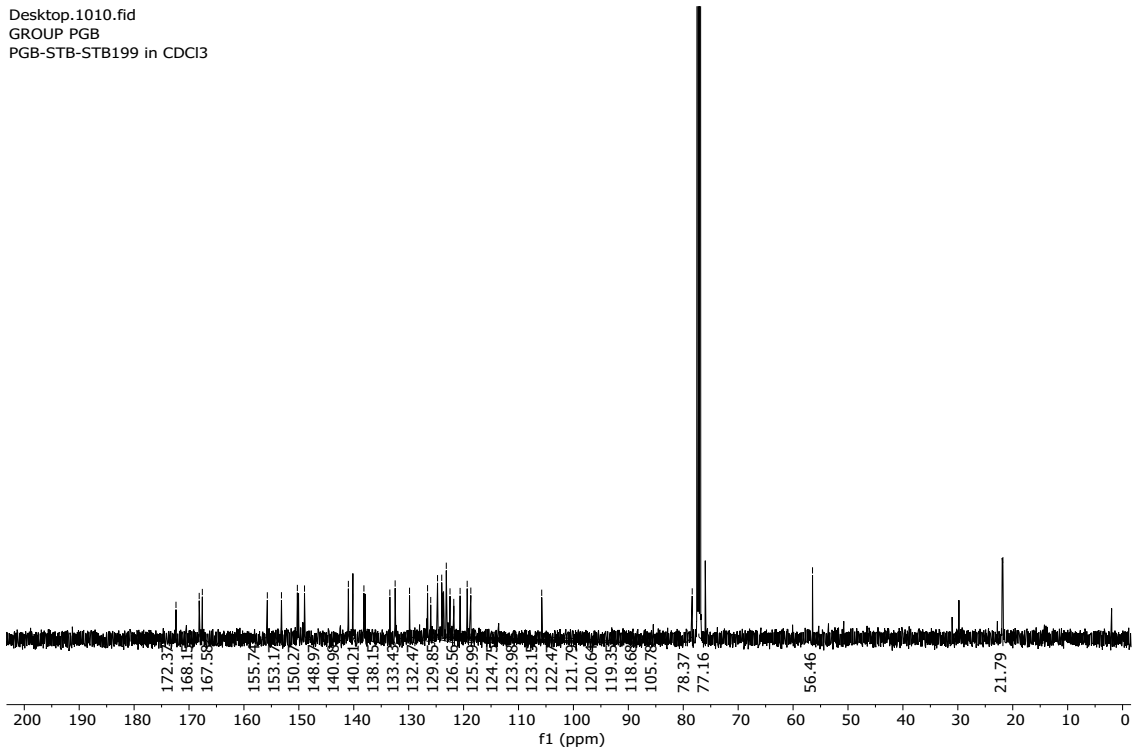
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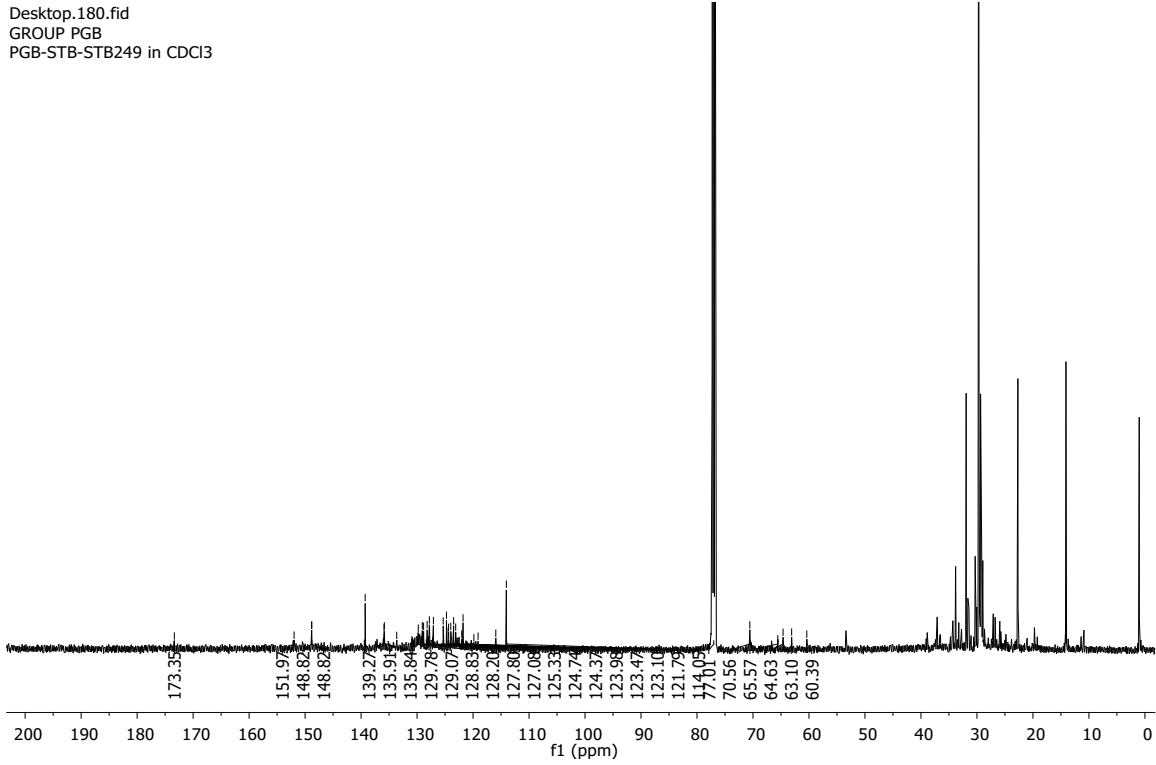
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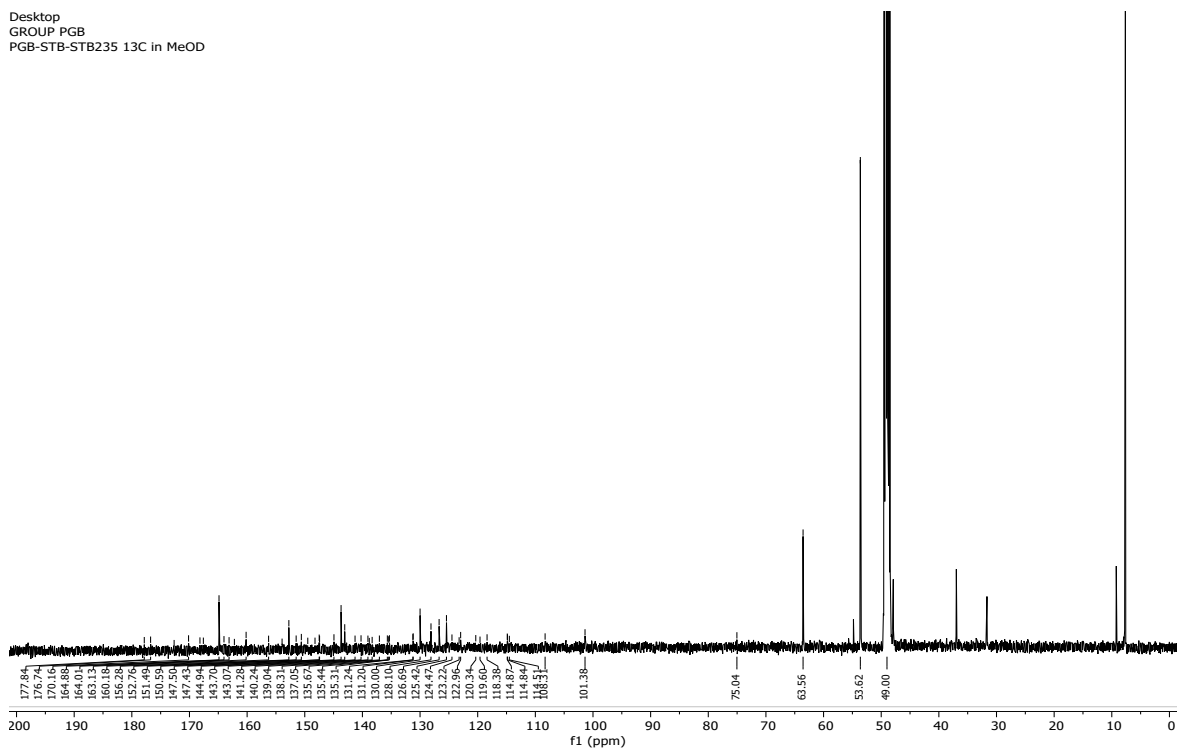
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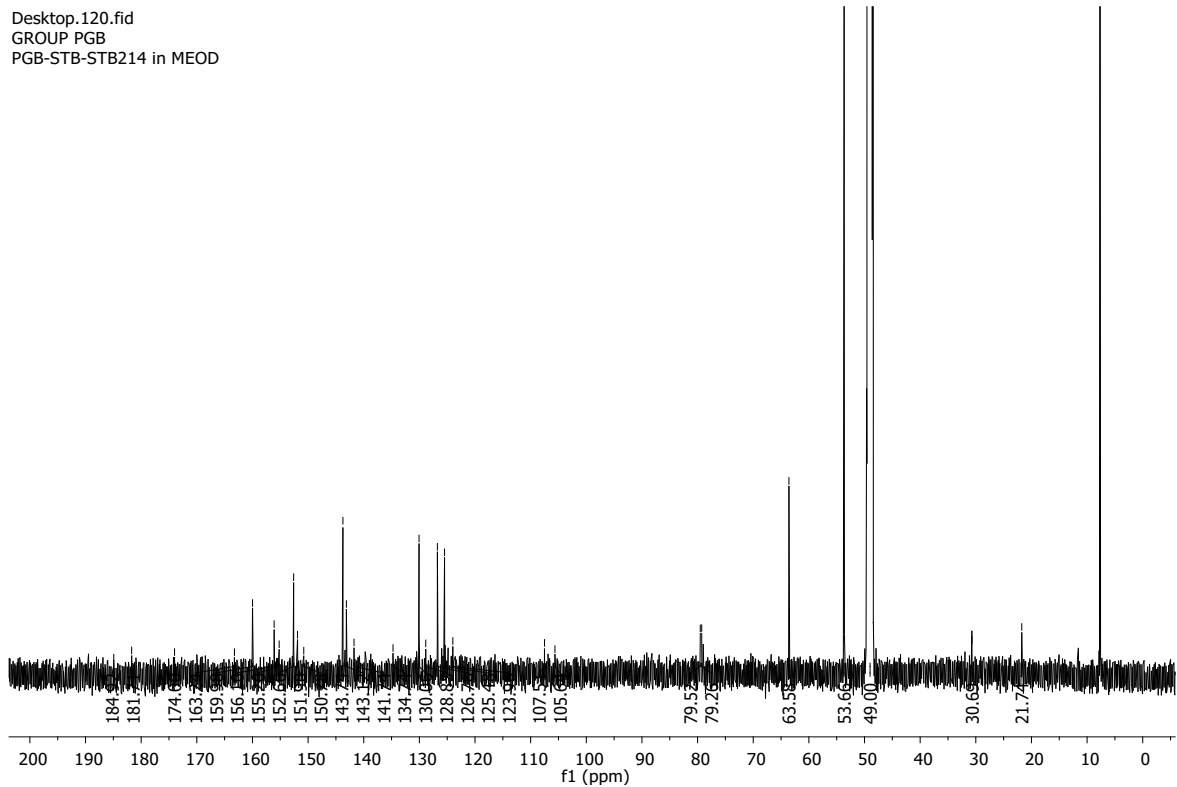
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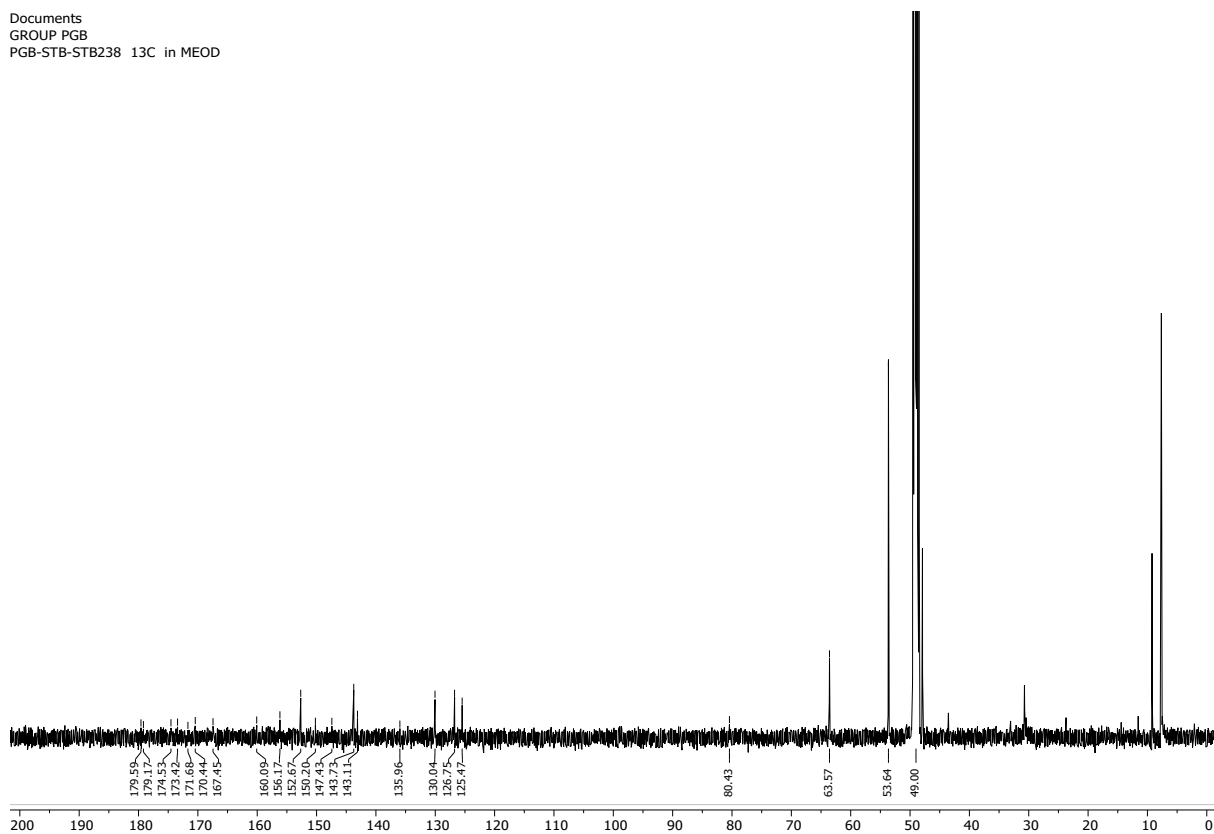
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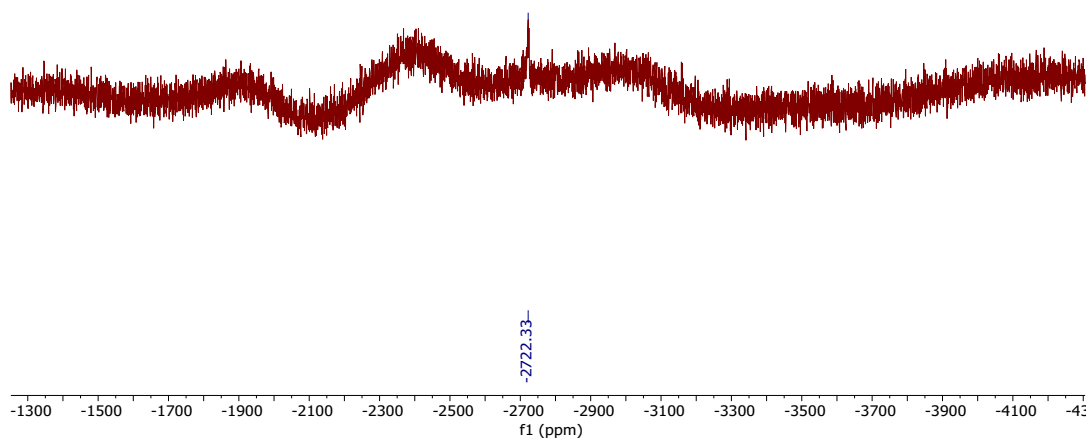
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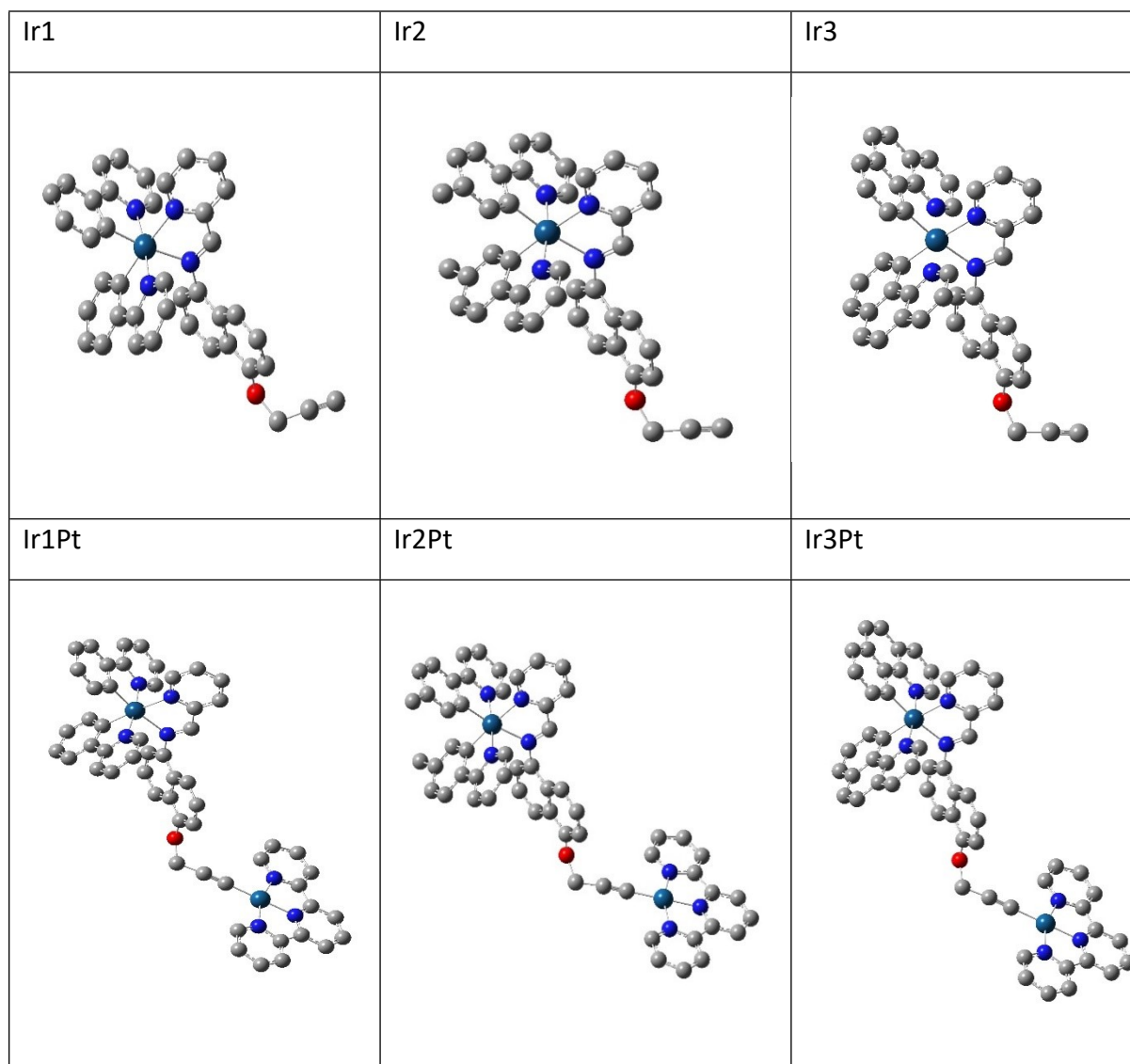


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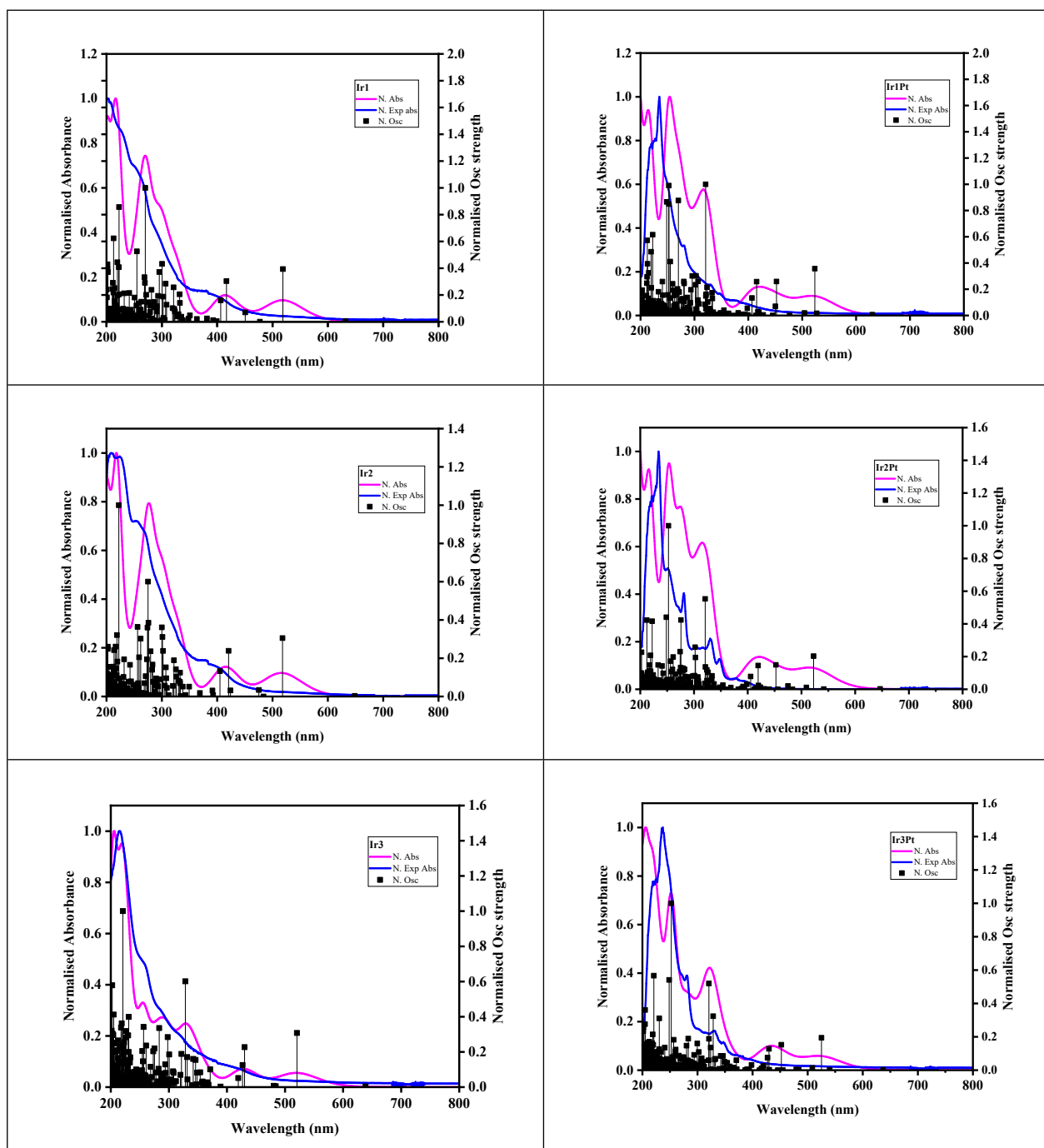
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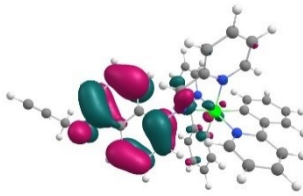
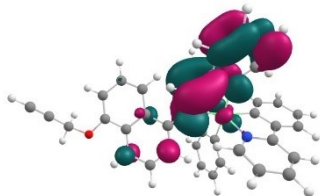
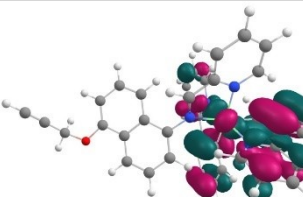
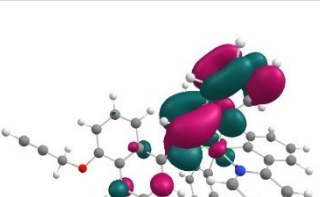
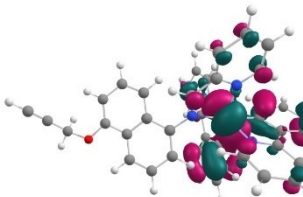
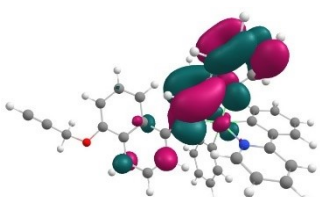
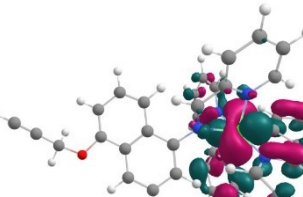
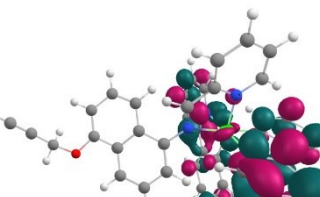
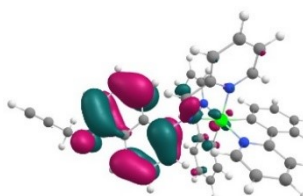
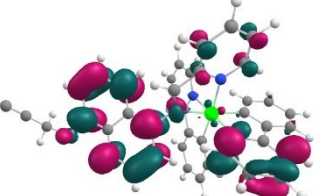
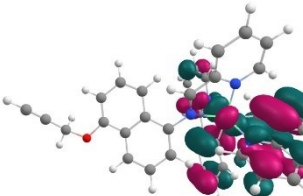
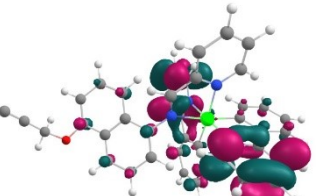


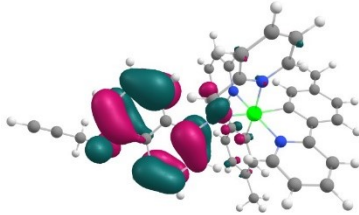
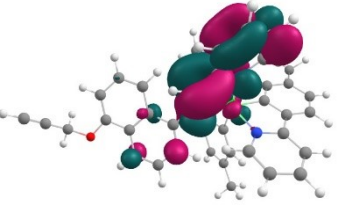
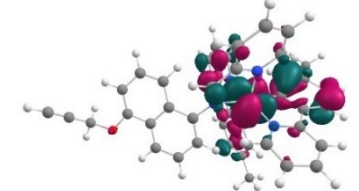
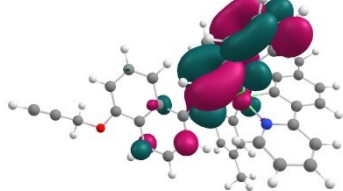
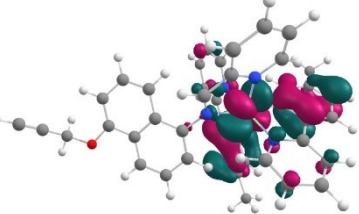
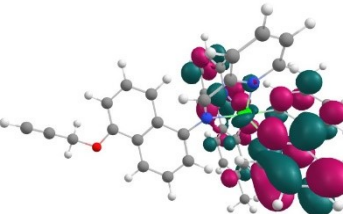
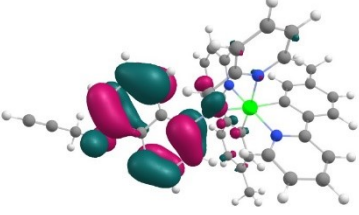
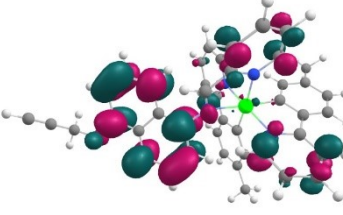
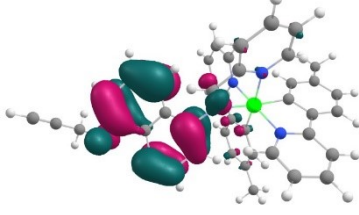
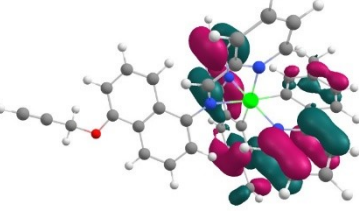
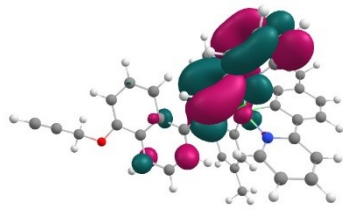
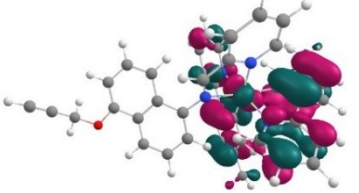
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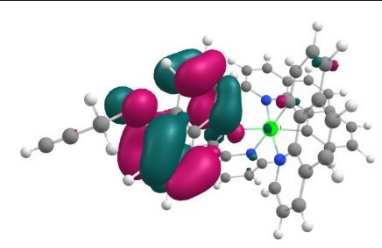
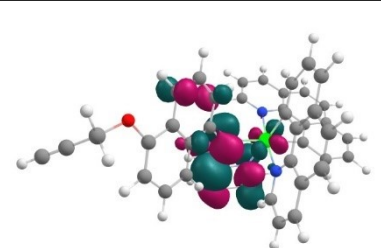
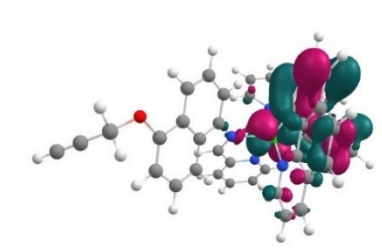
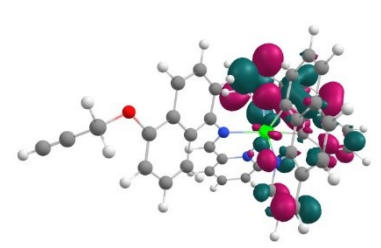
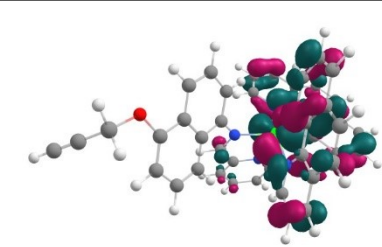
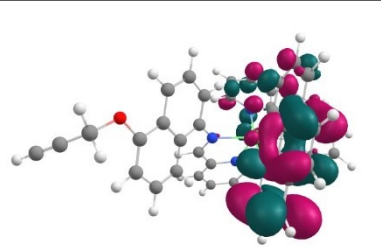
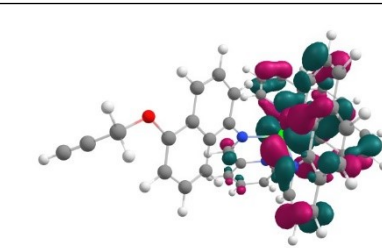
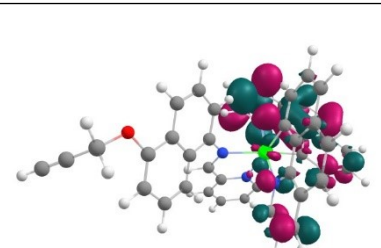
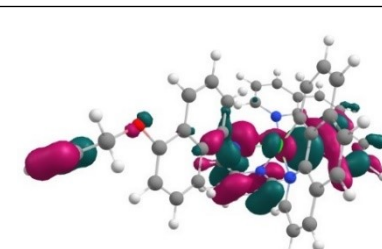
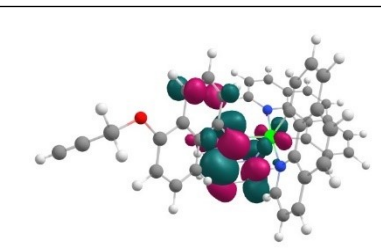
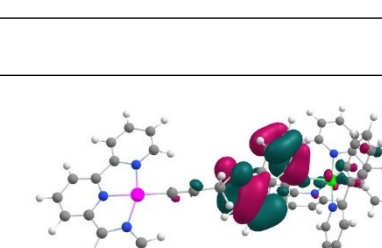
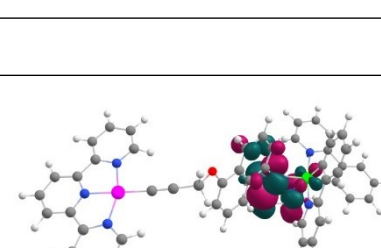
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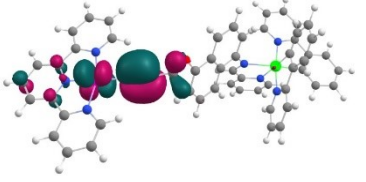
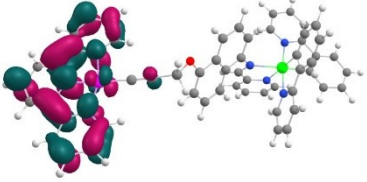
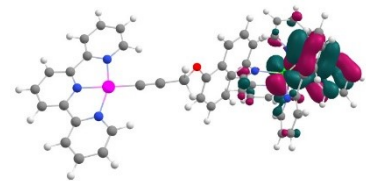
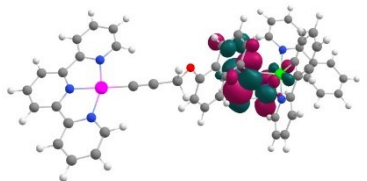
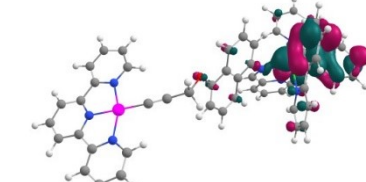
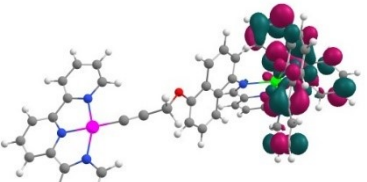
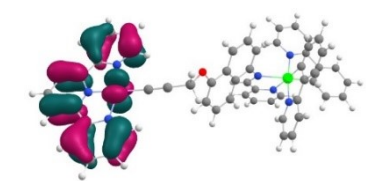
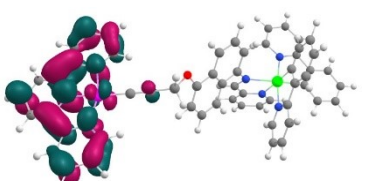
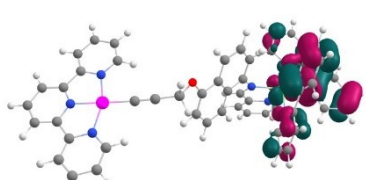
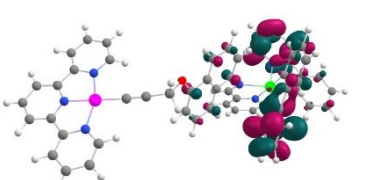
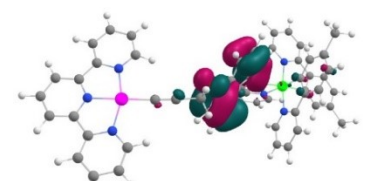
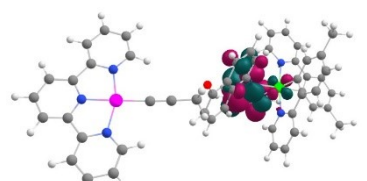
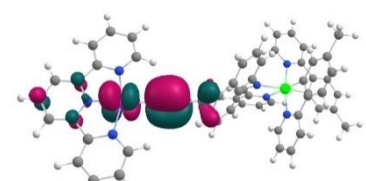
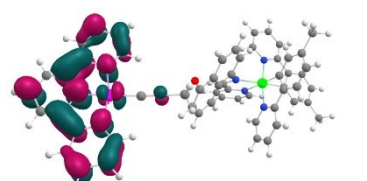
**Table S1:** Frontier orbital diagram of complexes Ir1, Ir2, Ir3, Ir1Pt, Ir2Pt and Ir3Pt

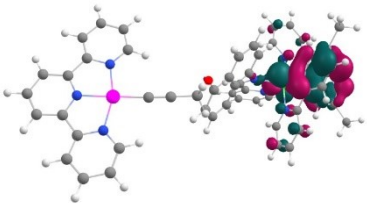
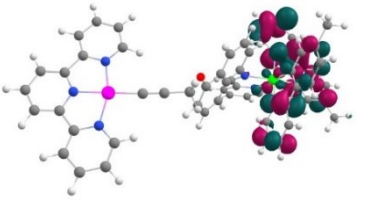
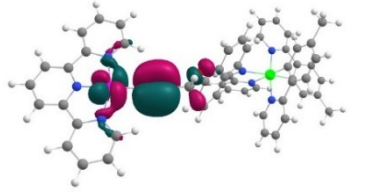
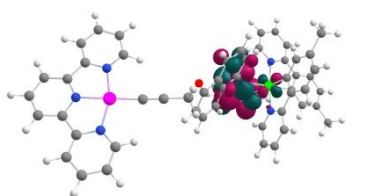
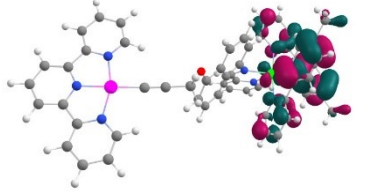
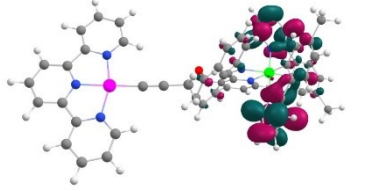
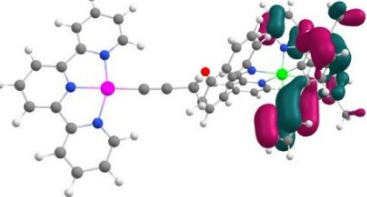
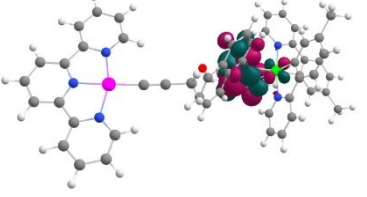
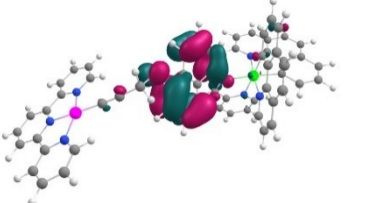
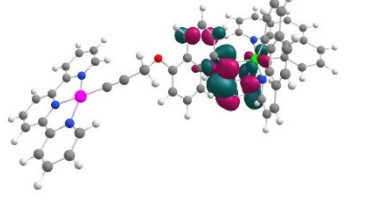
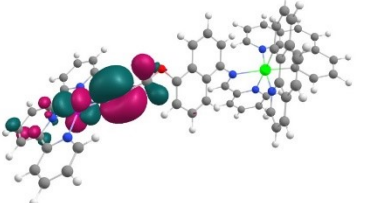
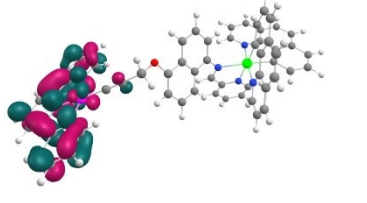
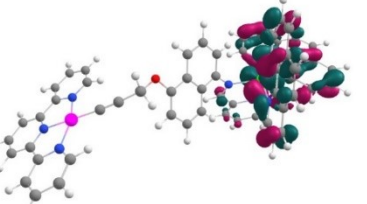
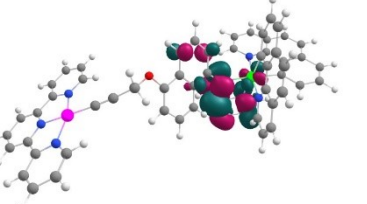
Absorption			
Ir1	Calculated $\lambda_{\text{Abs}}$ (nm, force constant)		
	518.8492 f = 0.1111 HOMO-1->LUMO		
	450.6713 f = 0.0198 HOMO-2->LUMO		
	416.7816 f = 0.0857 HOMO-4->LUMO		
	332.2103 f = 0.058 HOMO-3->LUMO+1		
	300.4803 f = 0.1221 HOMO-1->LUMO+4		
	270.1946 f = 0.2821 HOMO-2->LUMO+6		

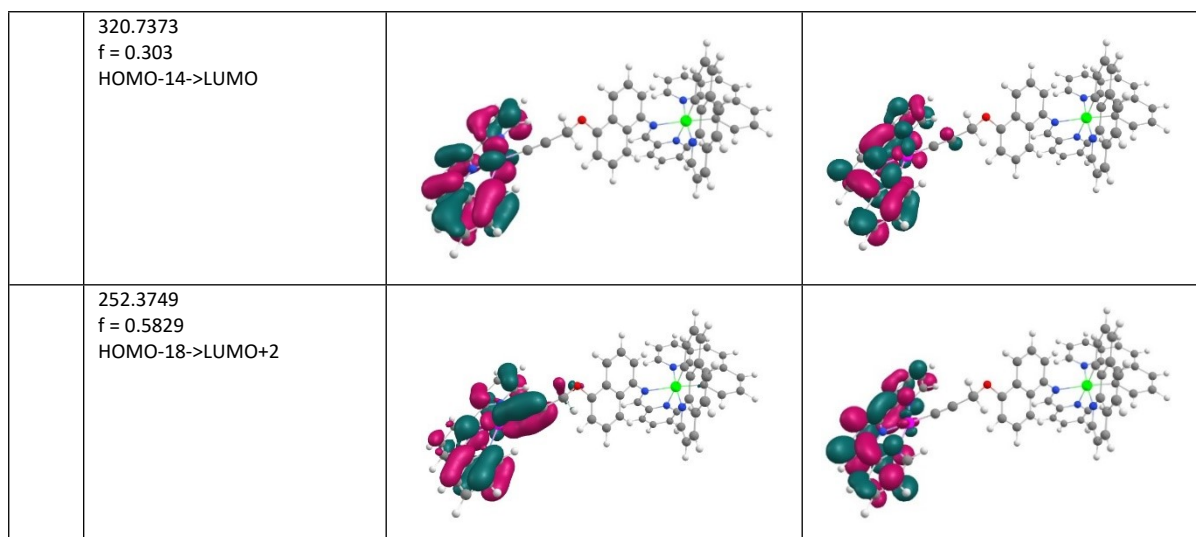
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	420.6419 f = 0.086 HOMO-5->LUMO		
	405.1109 f = 0.0478 HOMO->LUMO+1		
	300.0295 f = 0.1301 HOMO-1->LUMO+4		
		HOMO-1->LUMO+5	
	275.1108 f = 0.2161 HOMO-13->LUMO		
		HOMO-2->LUMO+6	

<b>Ir3</b>	Calculated $\lambda_{Abs}$ (nm, force constant)		
	520.5483 f = 0.103 HOMO-1->LUMO		
	426.9722 f = 0.042 HOMO->L+1		
	328.3045 f = 0.2012 H-4->L+2		
	H-4->L+1		
	283.3924 f = 0.1124 HOMO-13->LUMO		
<b>Ir1Pt</b>	Calculated $\lambda_{Abs}$ (nm, force constant)		
	523.4051 f = 0.1176 HOMO-1->LUMO+1		



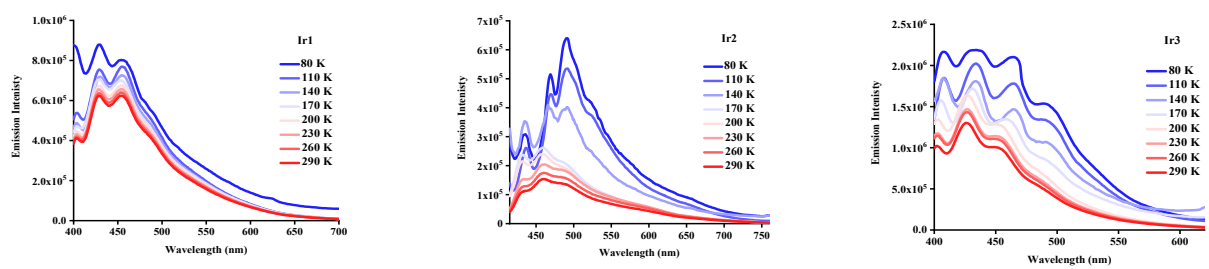
	452.398 f = 0.0854 HOMO-4->LUMO		
	415.4409 f = 0.085 HOMO-5->LUMO+1		
	406 f = 0.0441 HOMO>L+3		
	320.8452 f = 0.3298 HOMO-13->LUMO		
	270.3124 f = 0.289 HOMO-2->LUMO+10		
<b>Ir2Pt</b>	Calculated $\lambda_{Abs}$ (nm, force constant)		
	522.6108 f = 0.1205 HOMO-1->LUMO+1		
	452.5466 f = 0.0888 HOMO-4->LUMO		

	405.5217 f = 0.0465 HOMO->LUMO+3		
	353.7655 f = 0.0151 HOMO-8->LUMO+1		
	275.7288 f = 0.2522 HOMO-2->LUMO+10		
	HOMO-17->LUMO+1		
<b>Ir3Pt</b>	Calculated $\lambda_{\text{Abs}}$ (nm, force constant)		
	525.1342 f = 0.1131 HOMO-1->LUMO+1		
	452.2 f = 0.0889 HOMO-4->LUMO		
	429.7844 f = 0.0747 HOMO-5->LUMO+1		

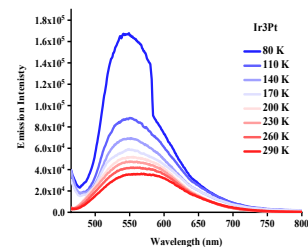


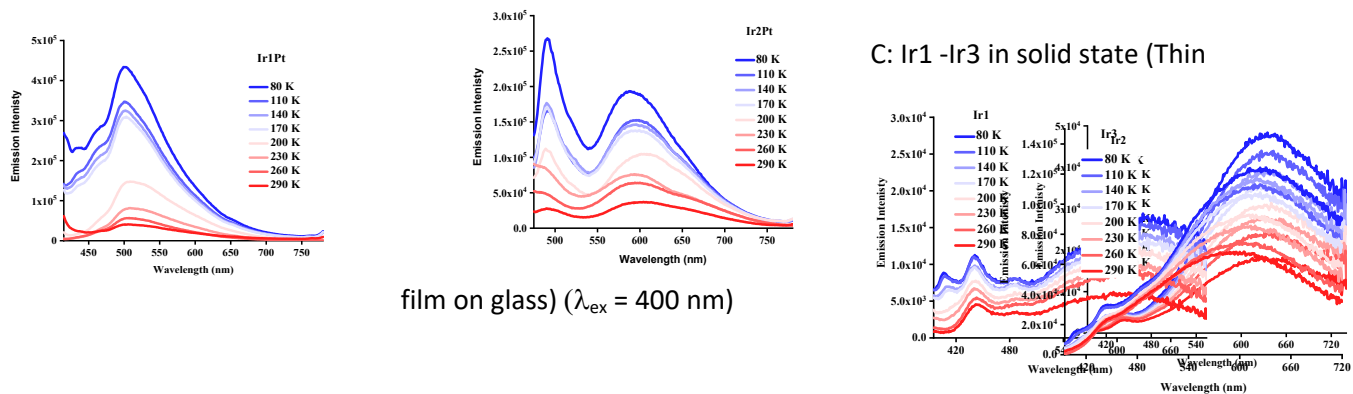
**Figure S5:** Temperature dependent (290 – 80 K) emission spectra of

A: Ir1 -Ir3 in Acetonitrile: MeTHF ( $\lambda_{ex} = 380 - 400$  nm)



B: Ir1Pt -Ir3Pt in Acetonitrile: MeTHF ( $\lambda_{ex} = 380 - 400$  nm)





D: Ir1Pt -Ir3Pt in solid state ( $\lambda_{ex} = 500 \text{ nm}$ , Thin film on glass)

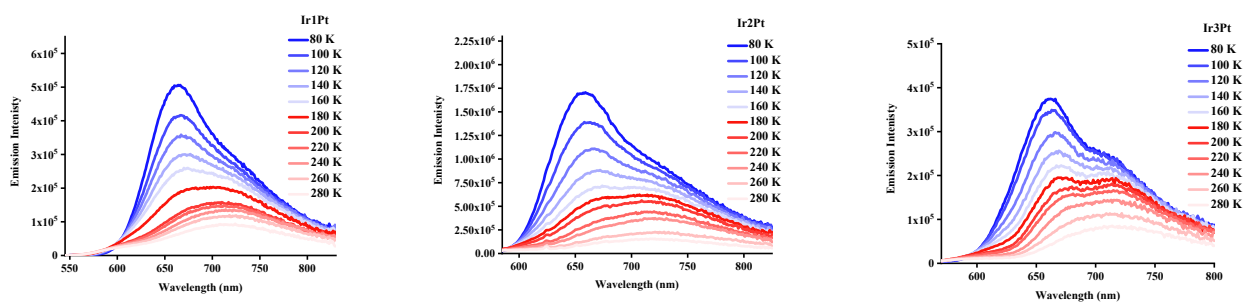


Figure S6: Concentration dependent AIE of Ir1Pt – Ir3Pt

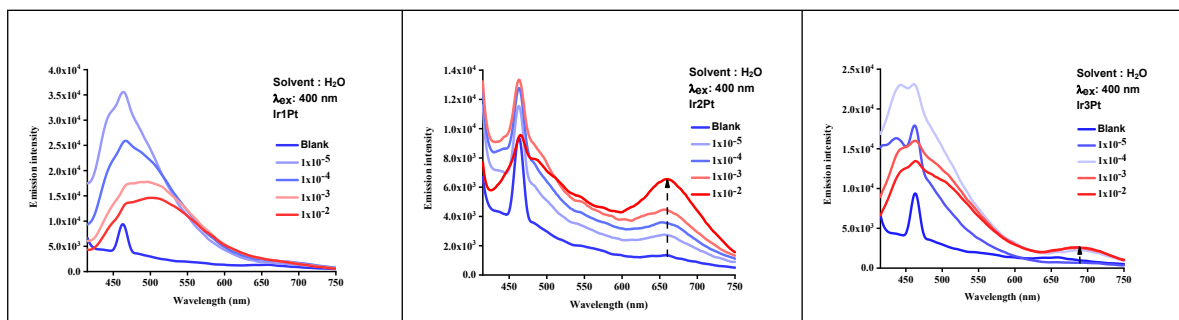


Figure S7: Toxicity of Ir1Pt, Ir2Pt & Ir3Pt on *E. coli* (DH5 $\alpha$ )

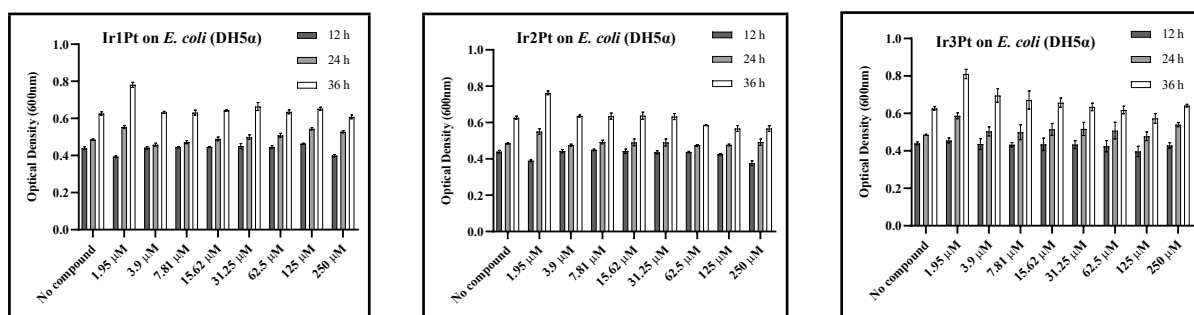
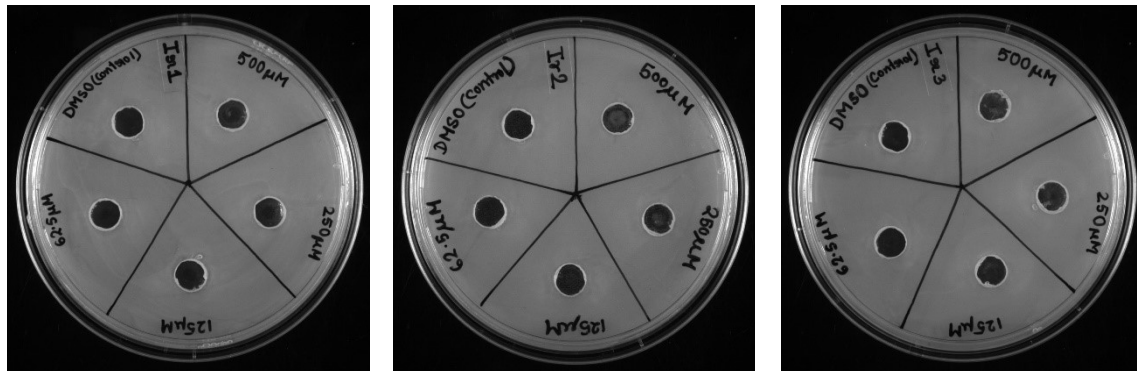
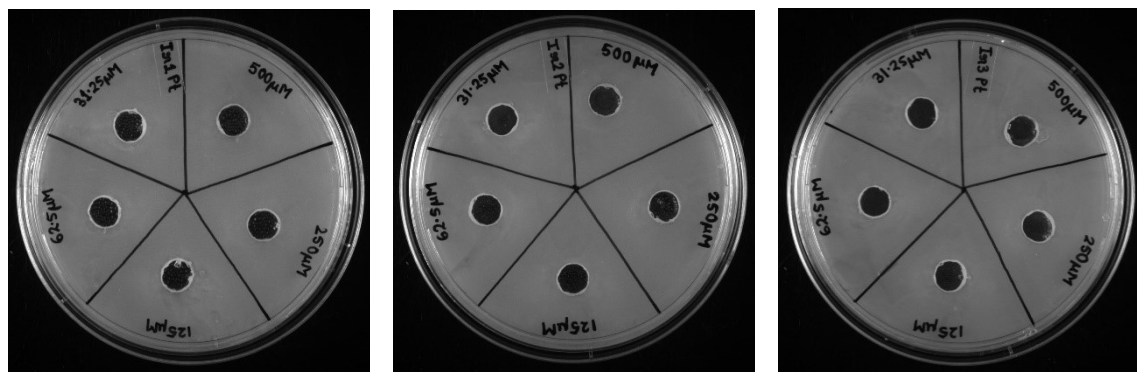


Figure S8: Agar well diffusion assay using A. mononuclear B. dinuclear complexes



A.



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