

**A new fluorescent probe for Al<sup>3+</sup> ion sensing in solution phase and CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup> in solid state with aggregation induced emission (AIE) activity**

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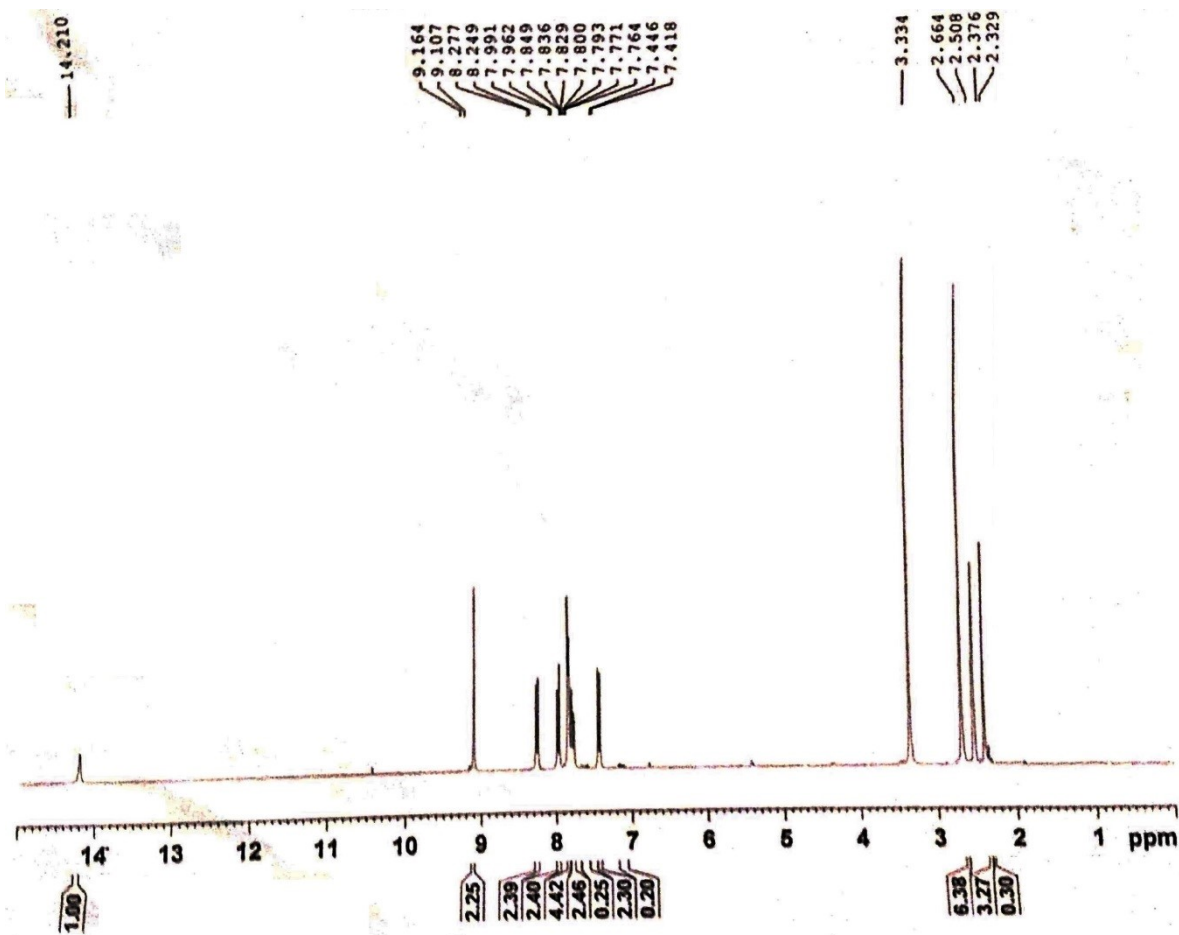


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of DFP-AMQ in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ .

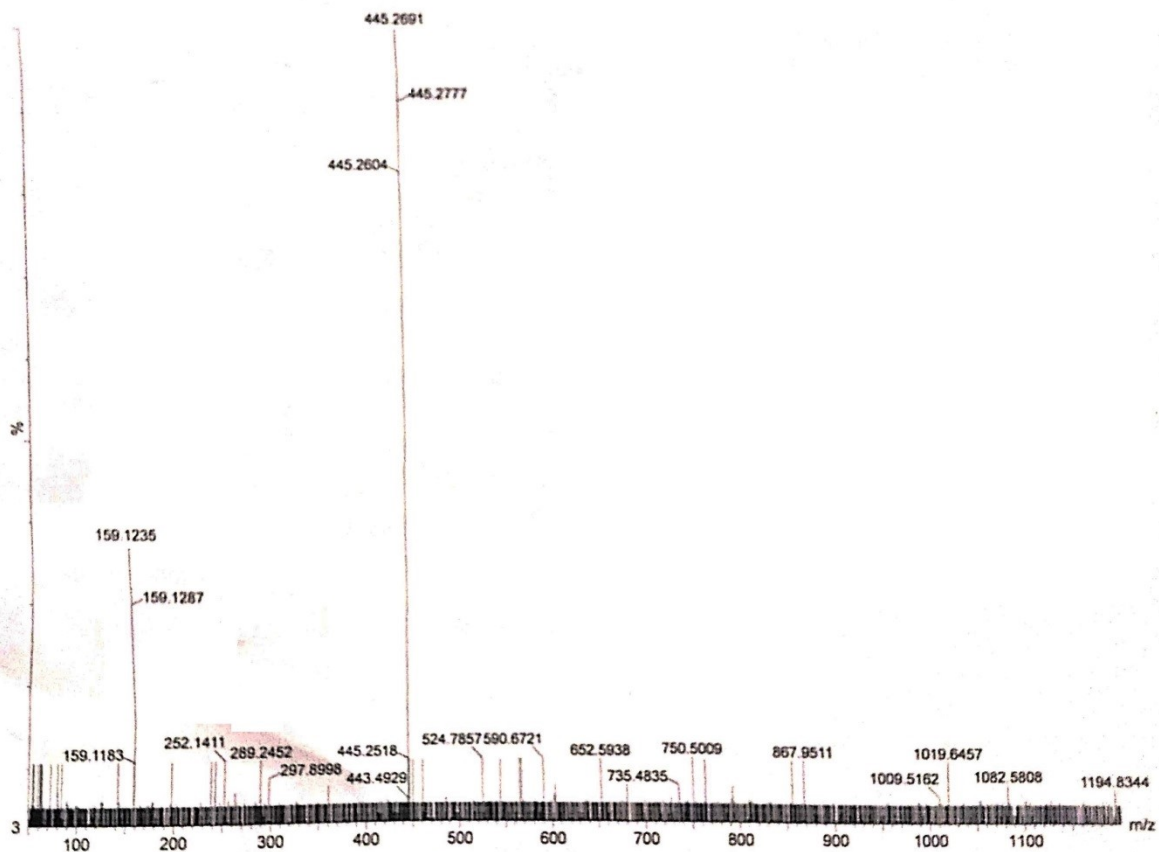
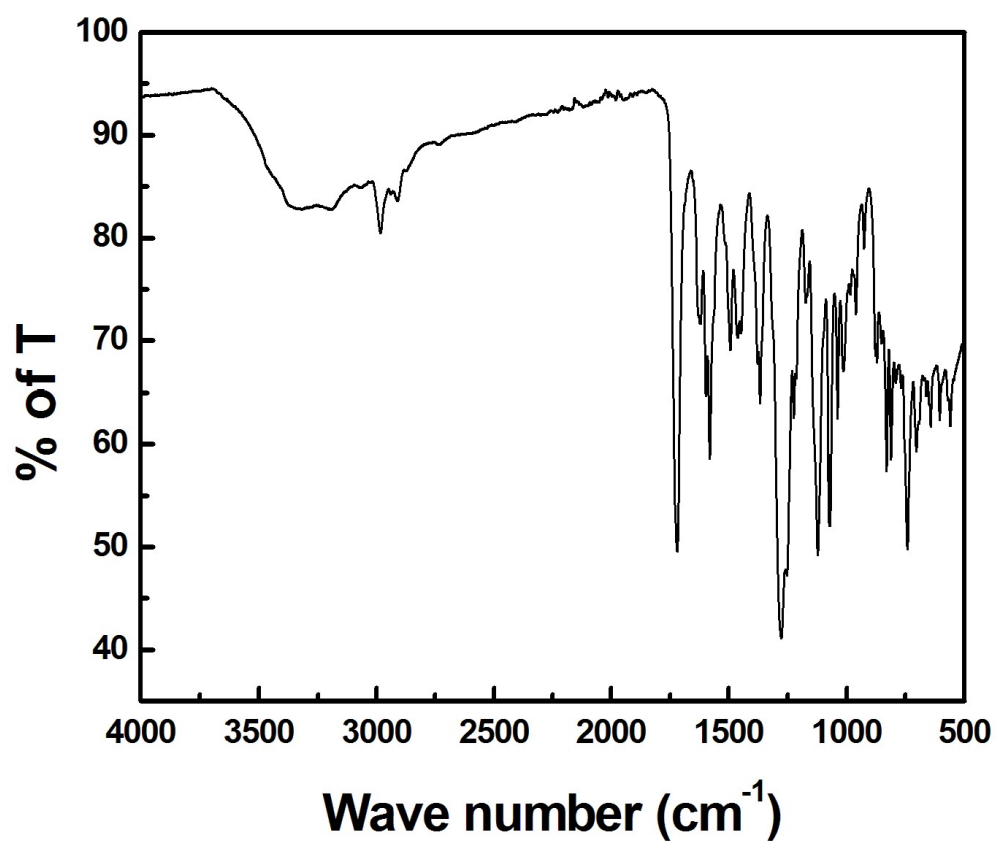
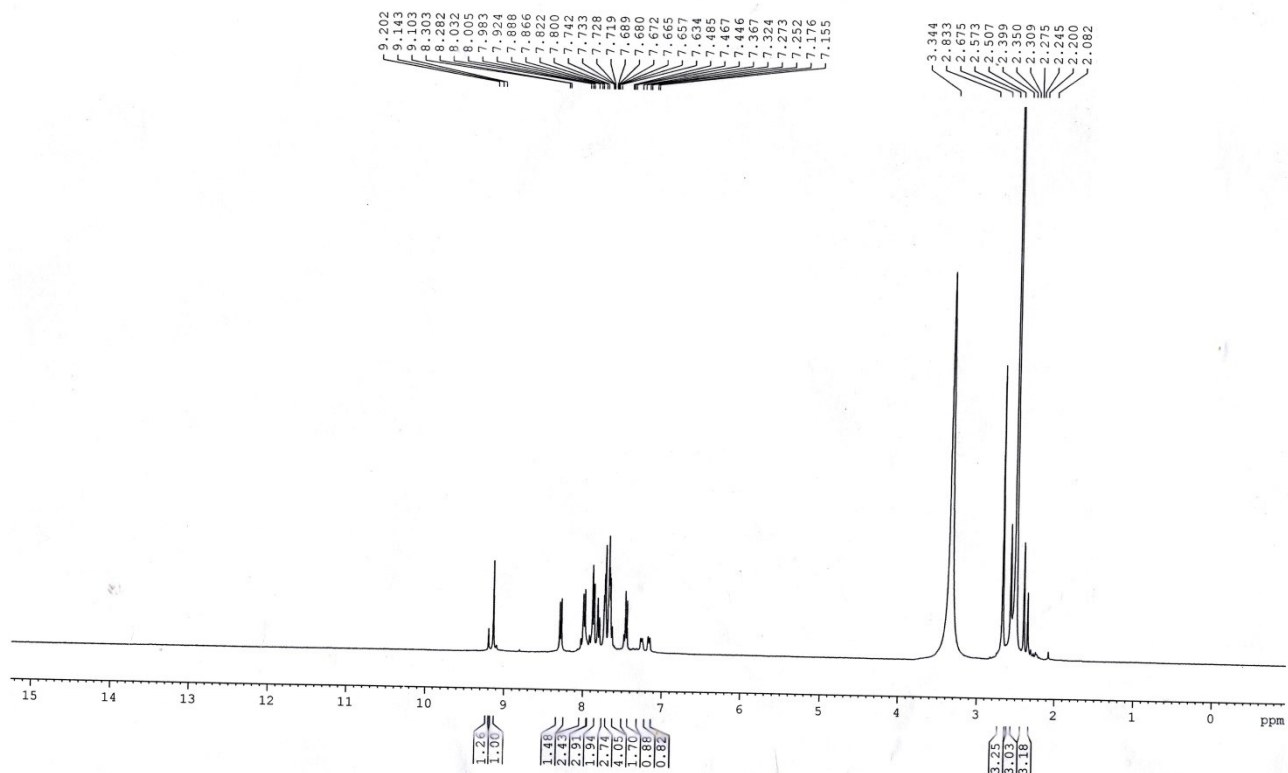


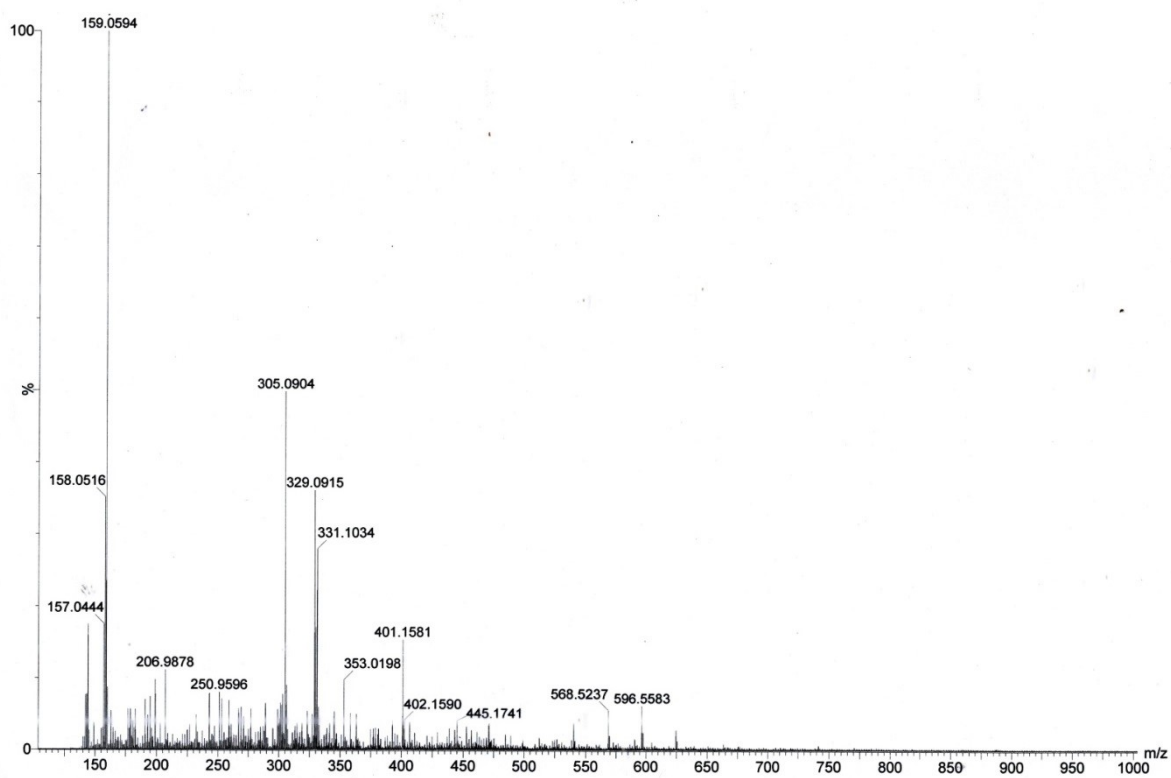
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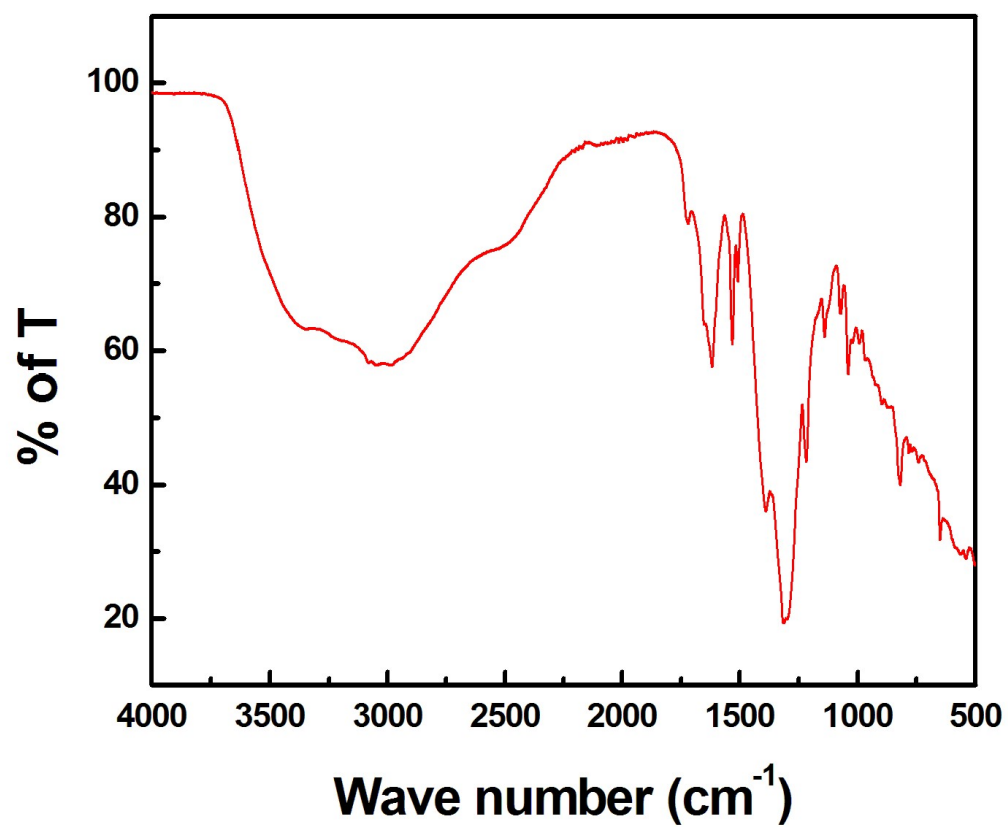
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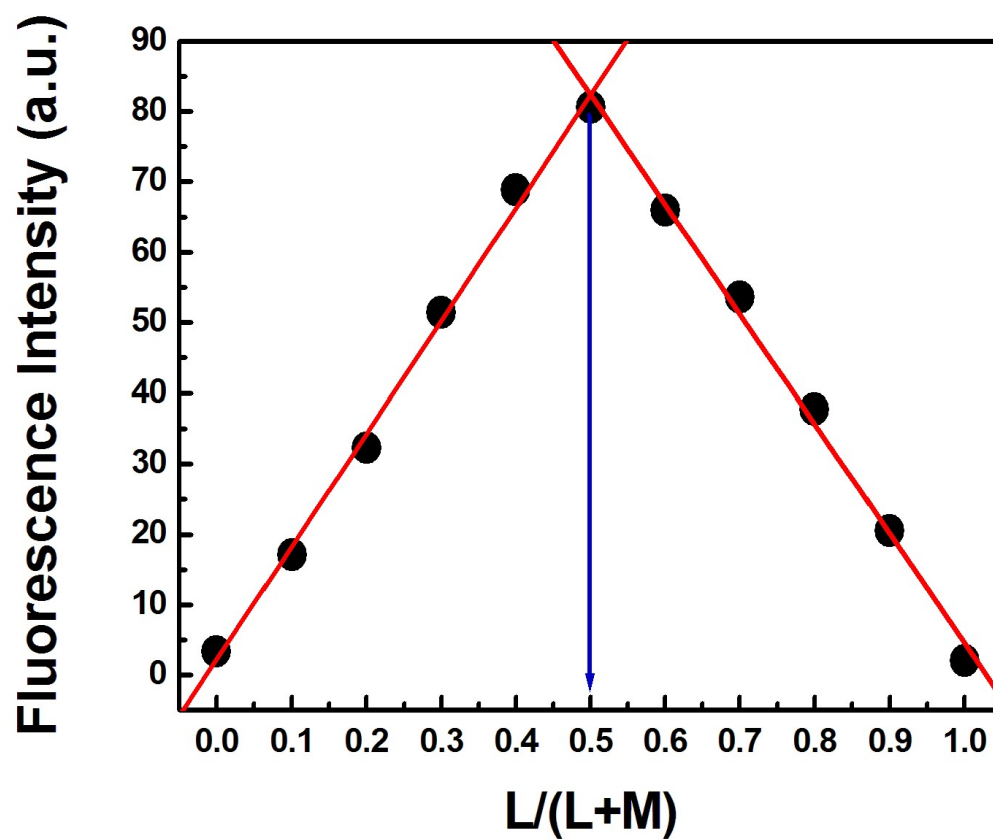
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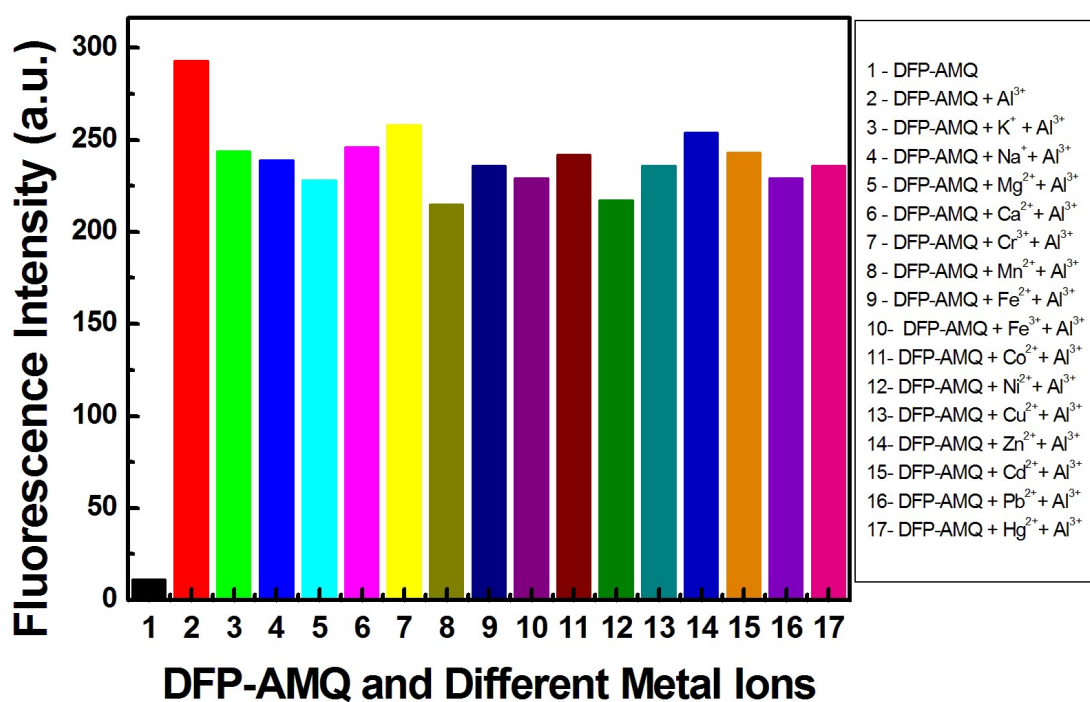
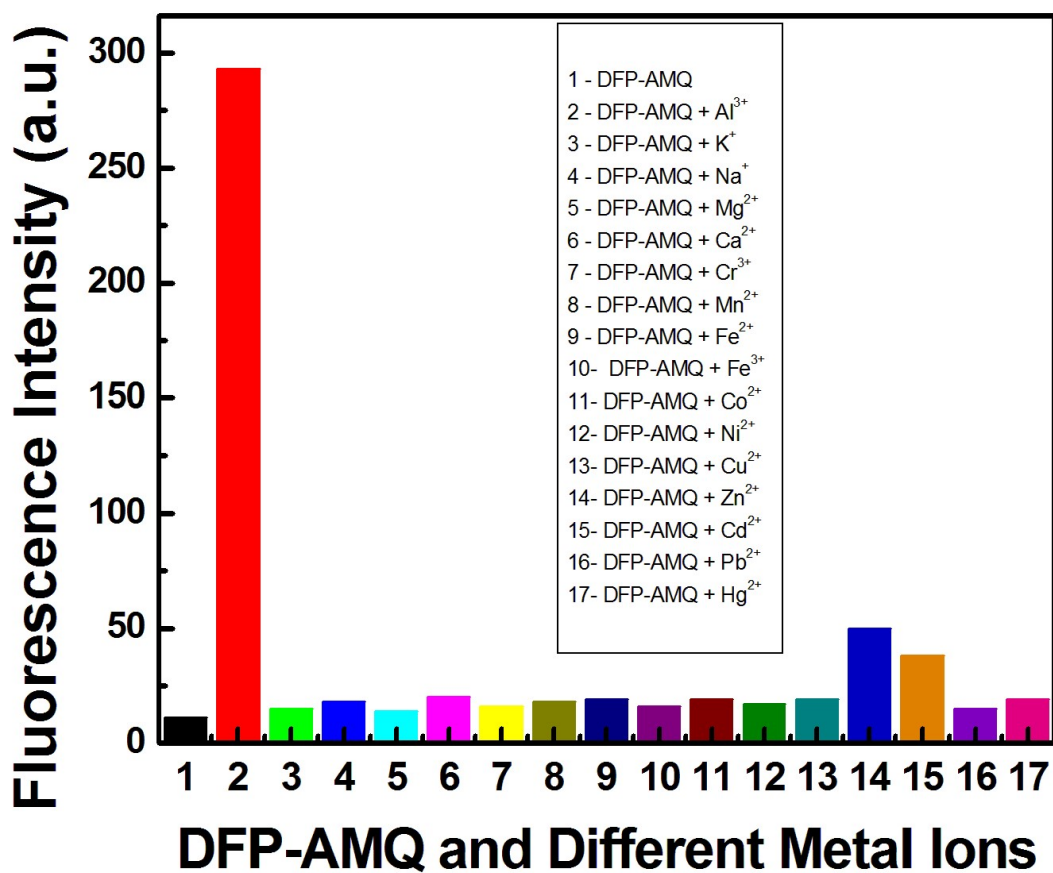


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**Figure S7.** Job's plot for the determination of the composition of the DFP-AMQ-Al<sup>3+</sup> complex.





**Figure S8.** Fluorescence emission of DFP-AMQ (20 μM) induced by different cations (100 μM)

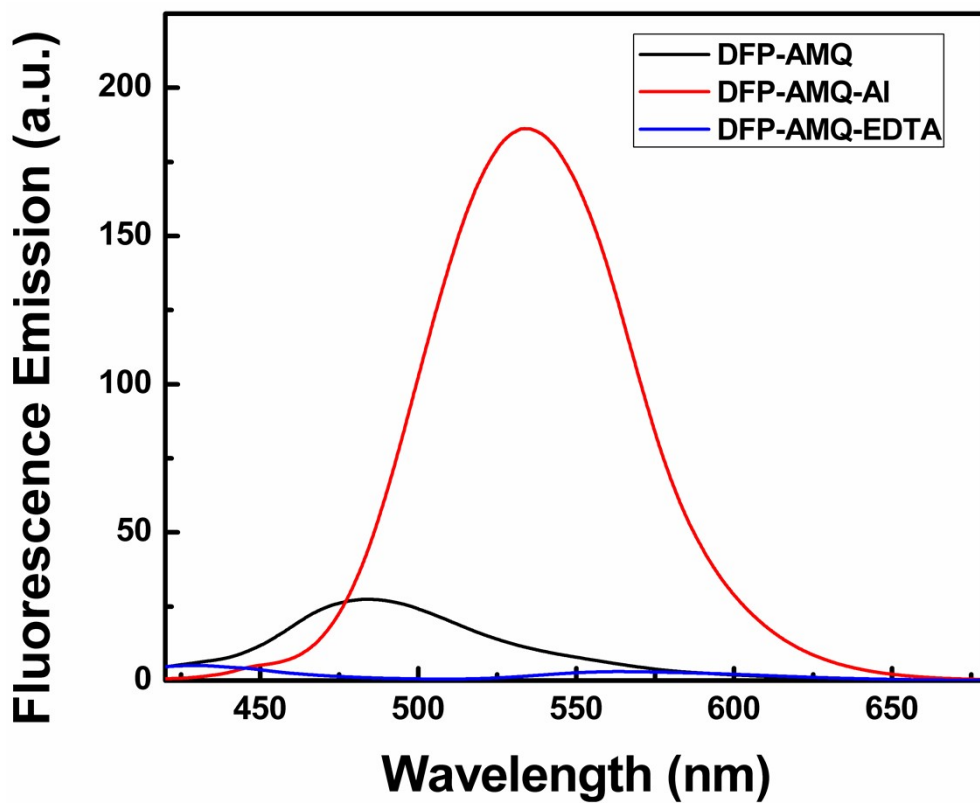


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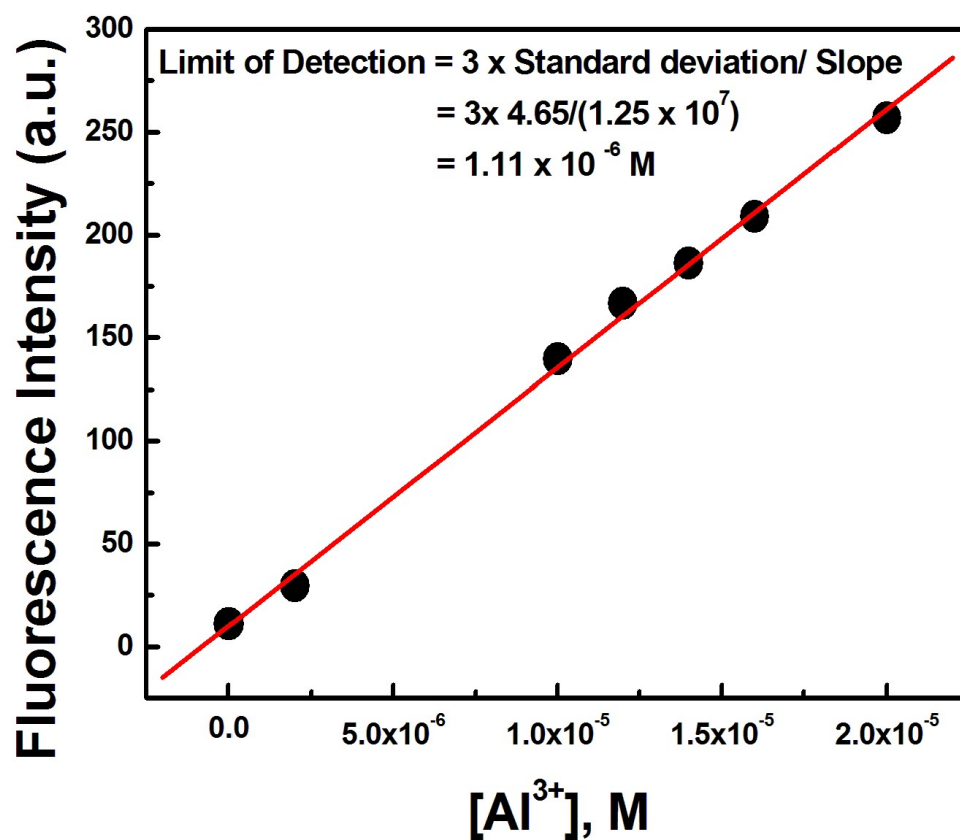


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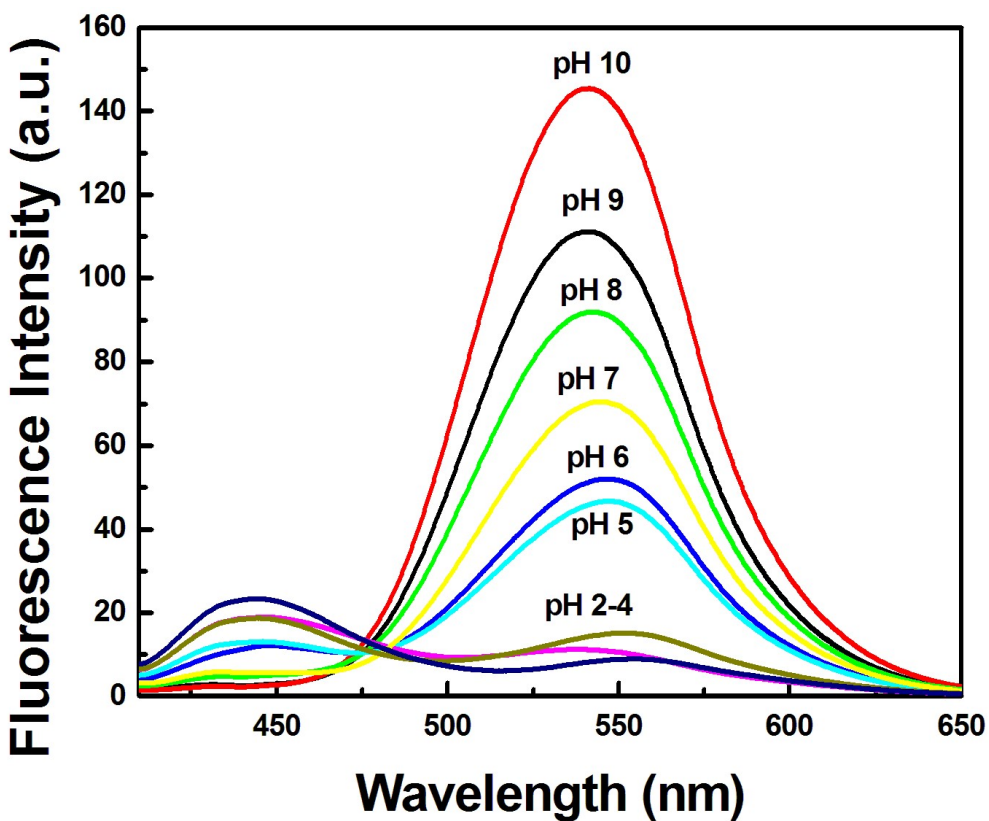
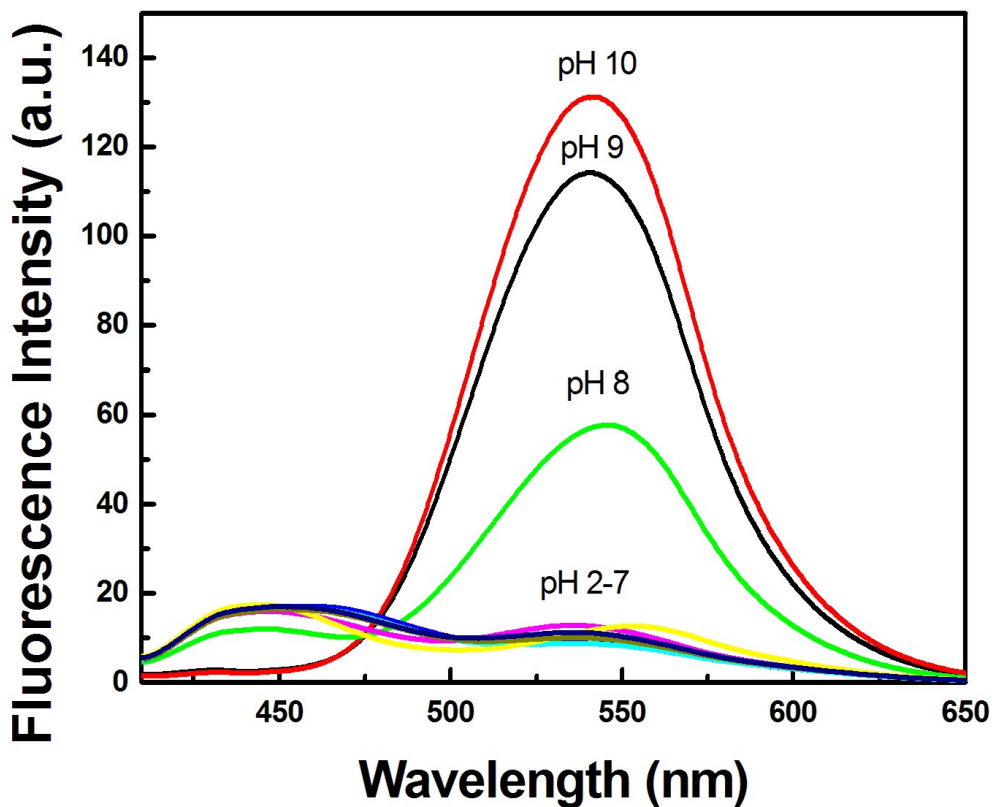
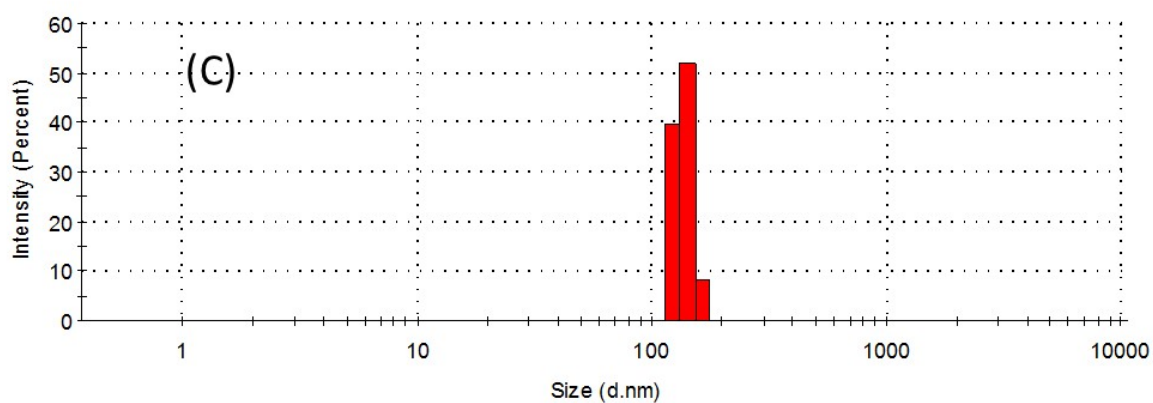
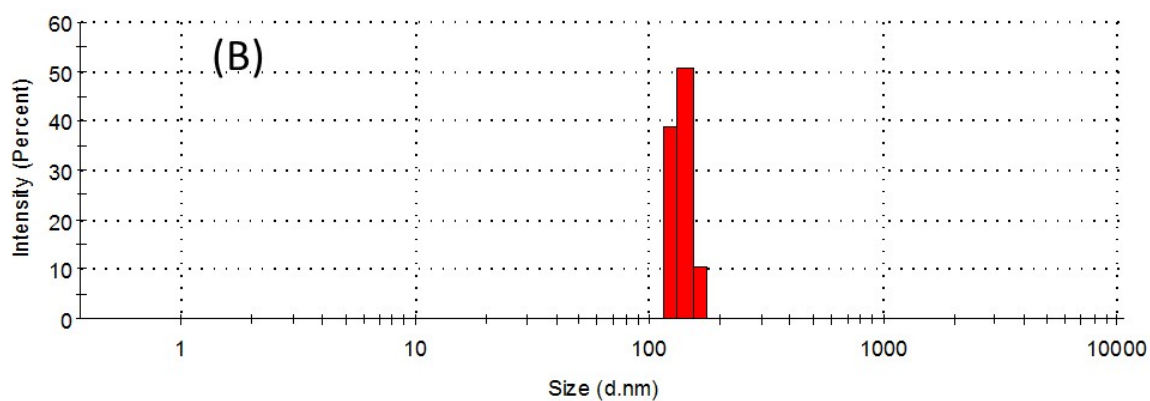
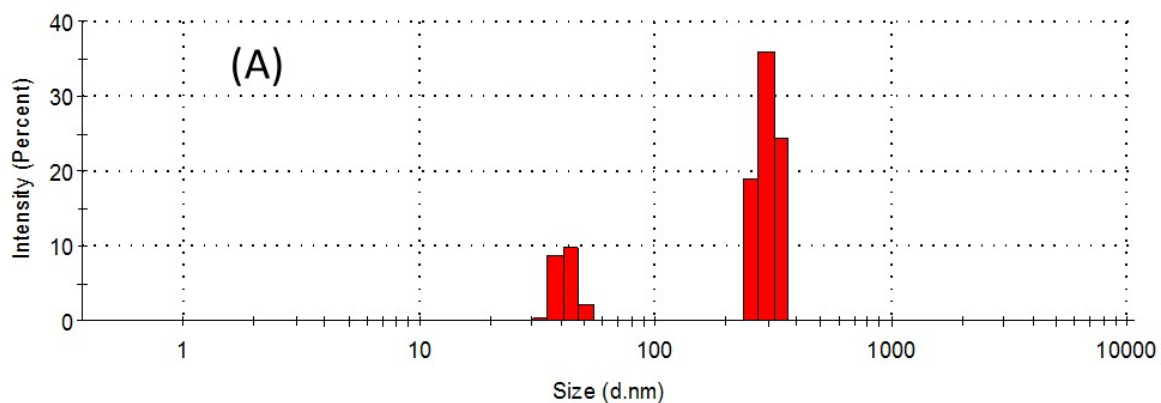
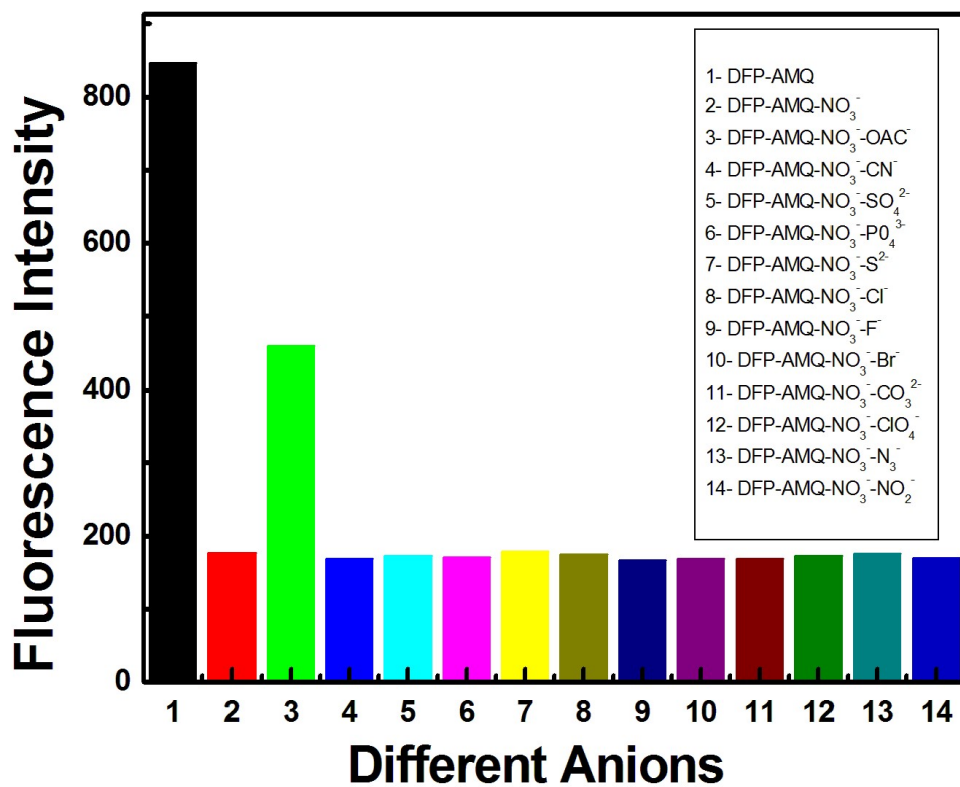


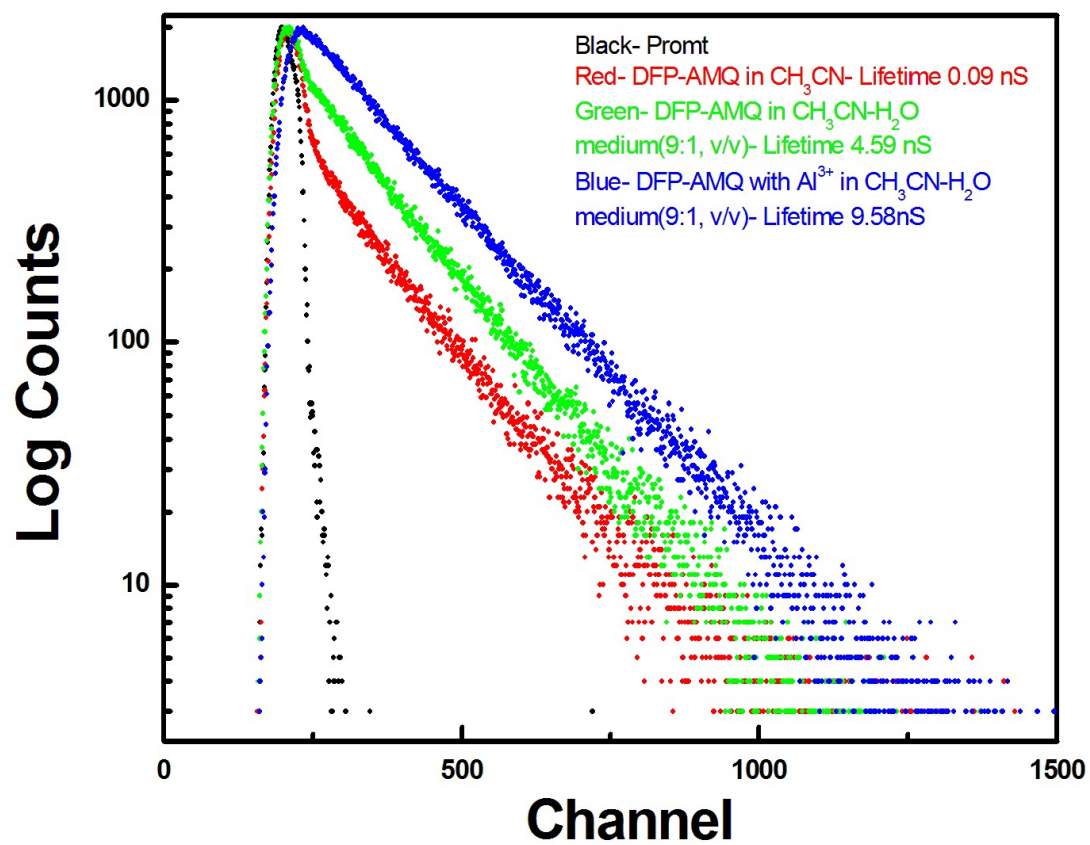
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