

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Aqueous Emissive Cyclometalated Iridium Photoreductant: Synthesis, Computational and Photocatalytic Reduction of 4-nitrophenol

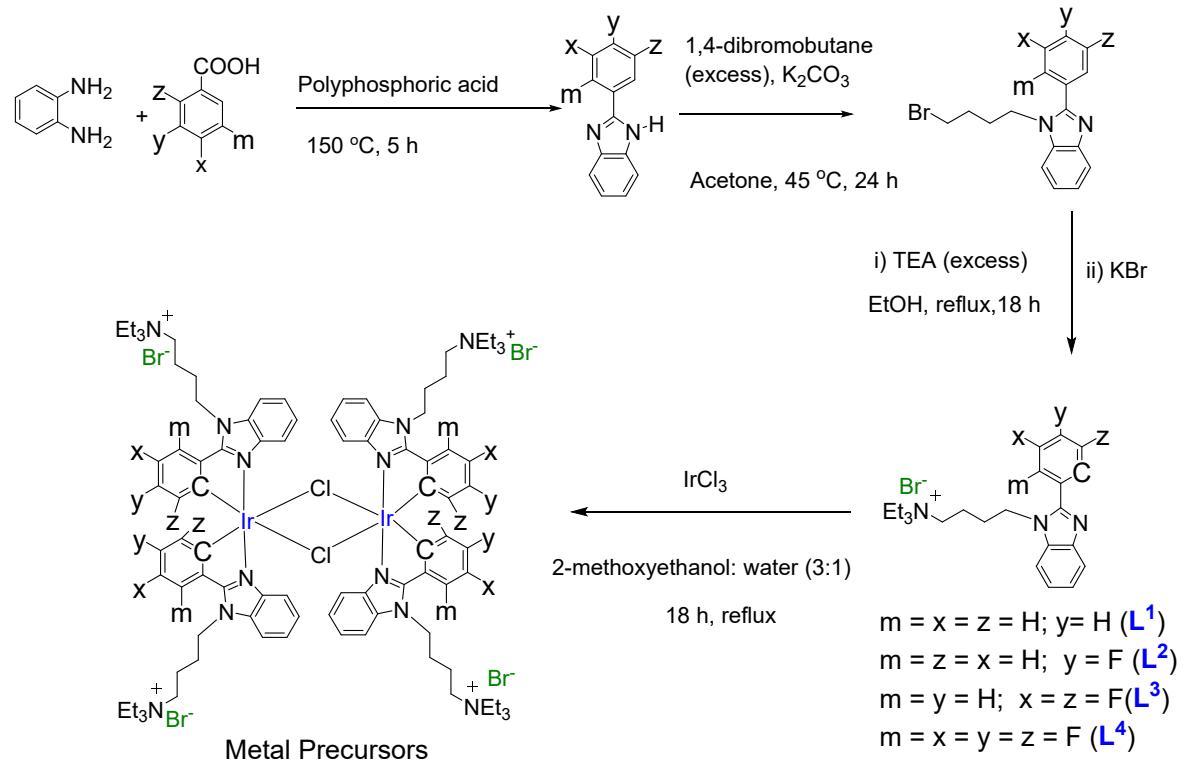
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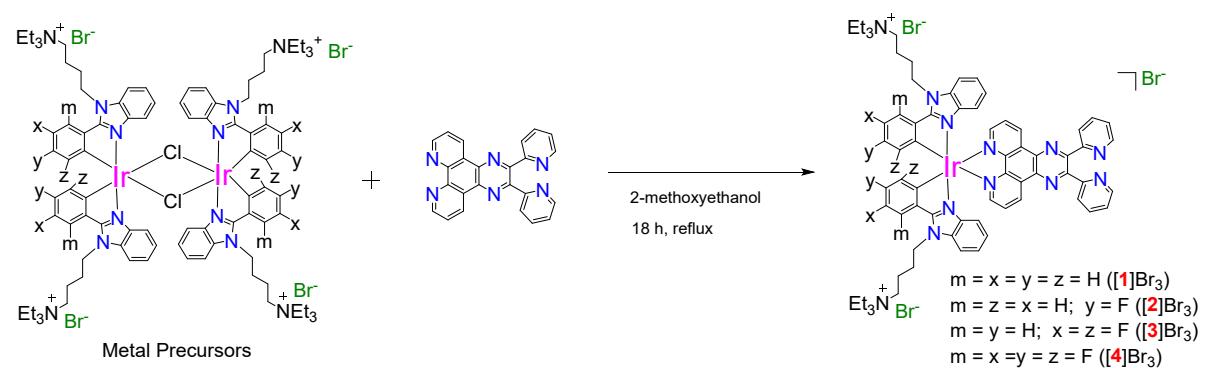
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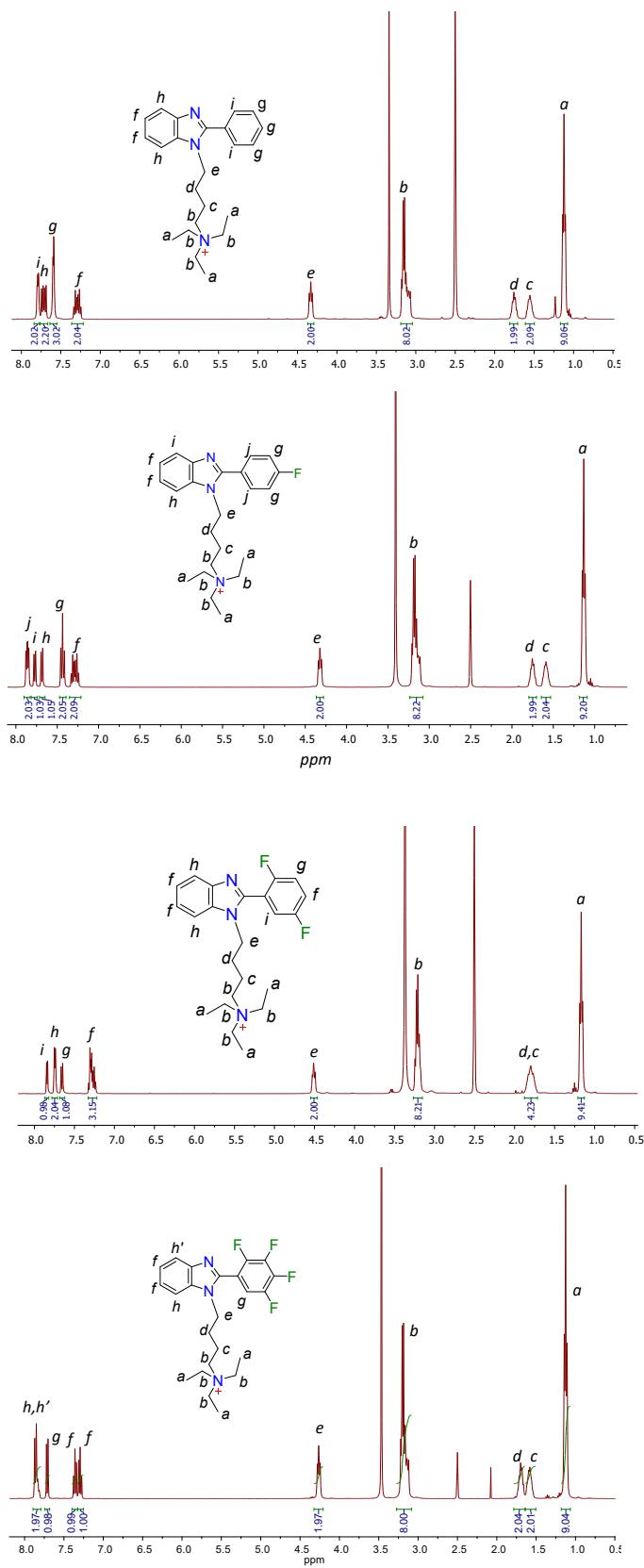
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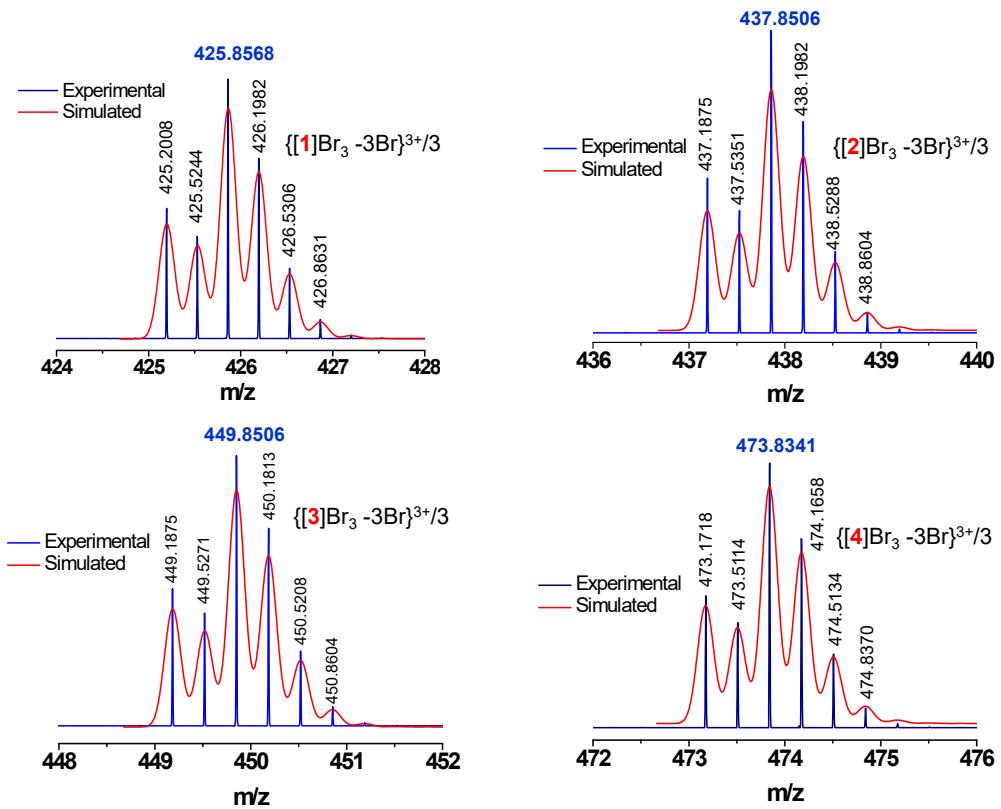
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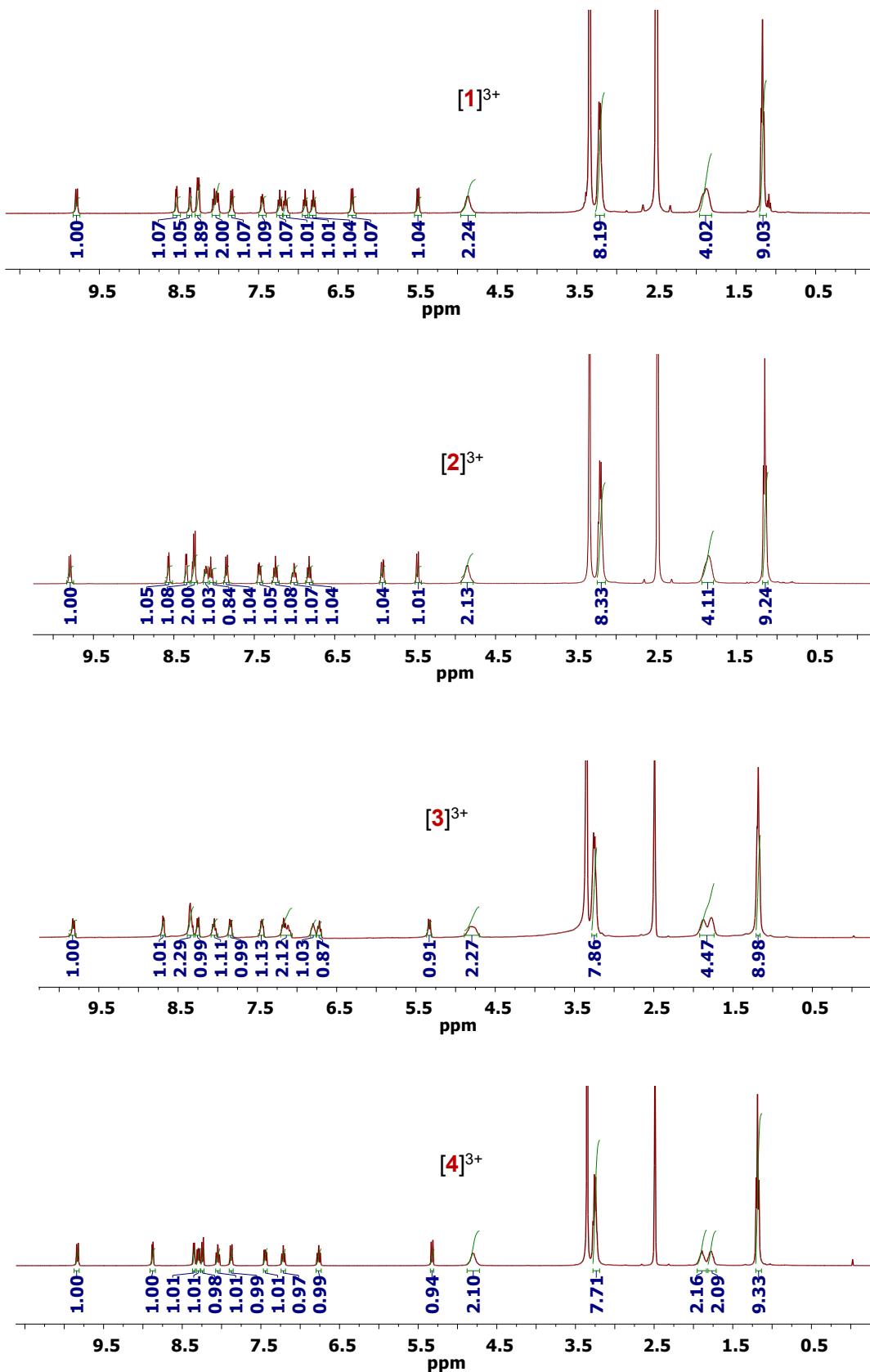
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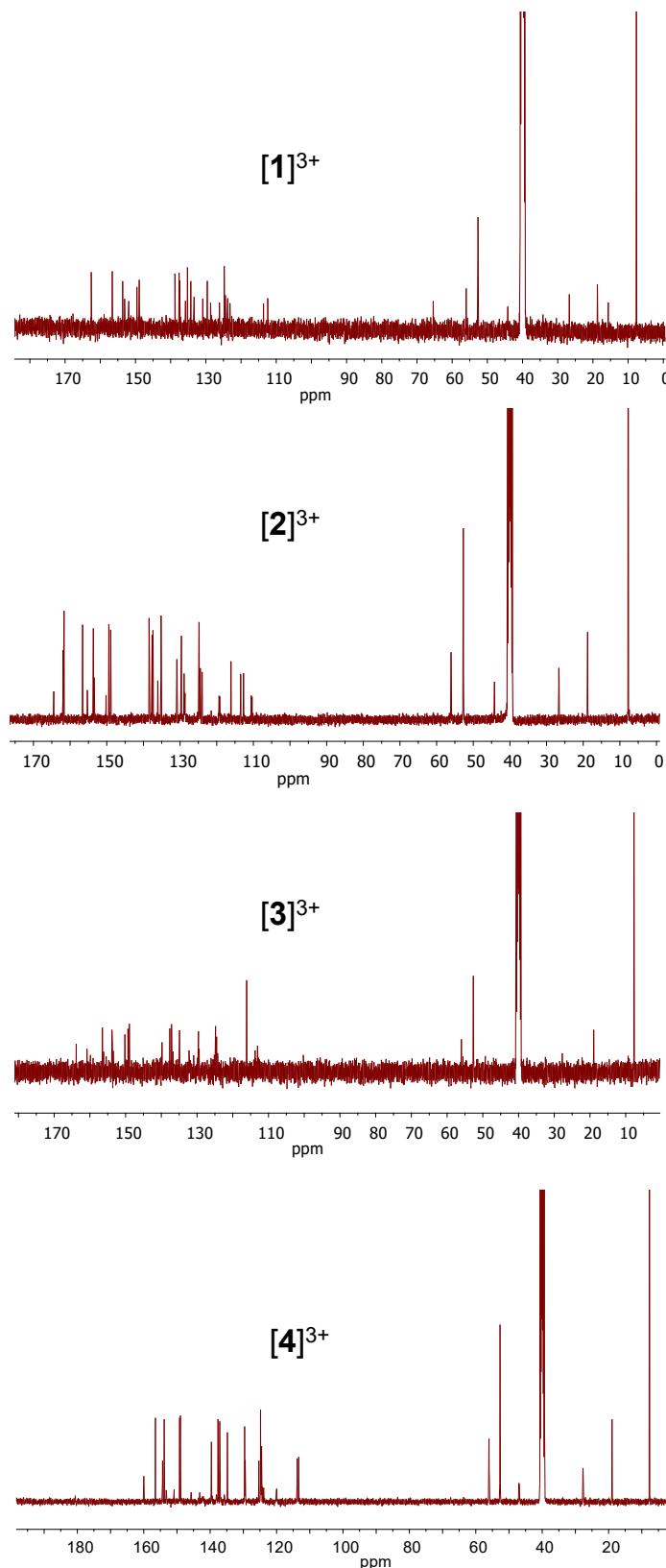
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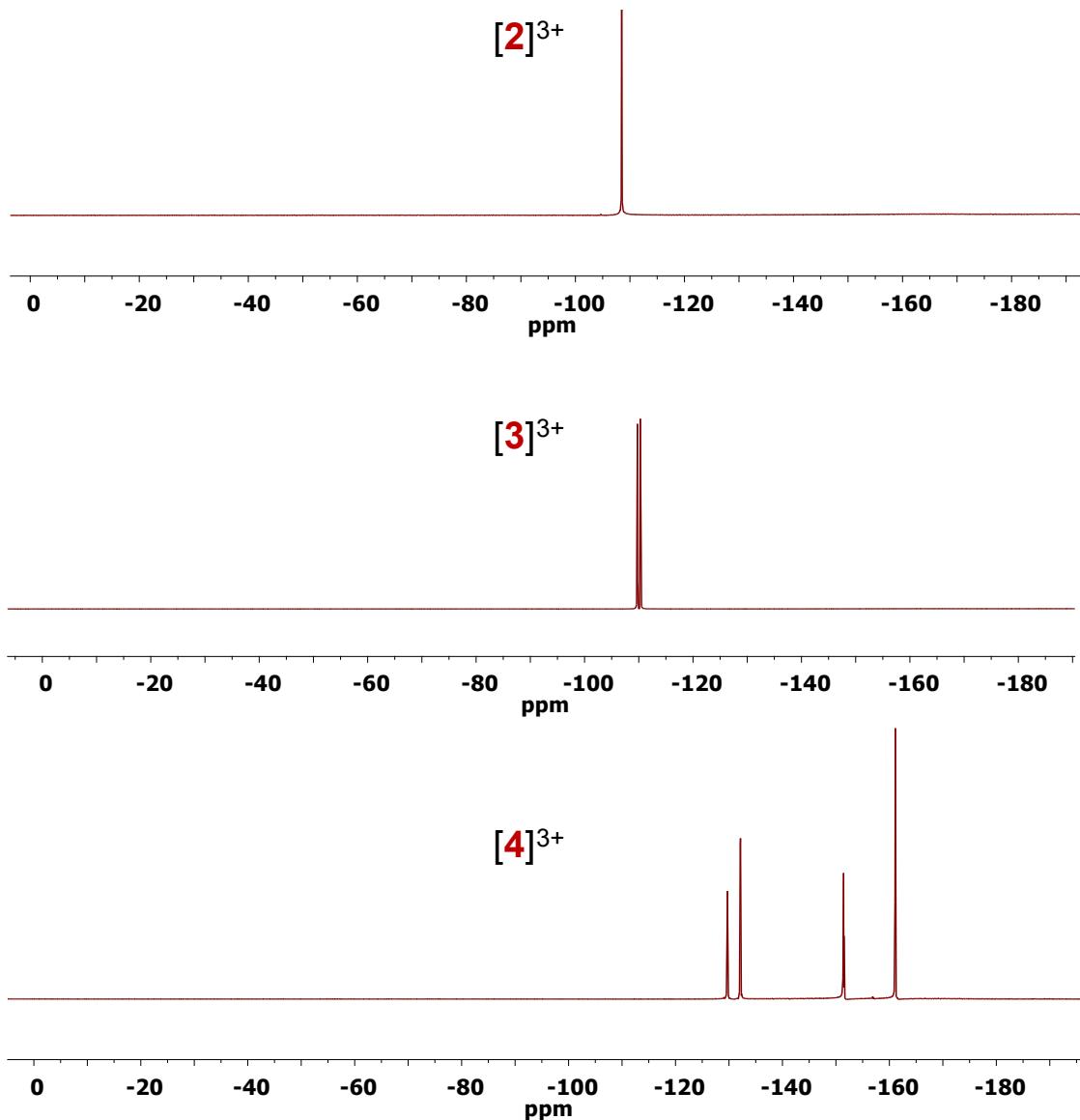
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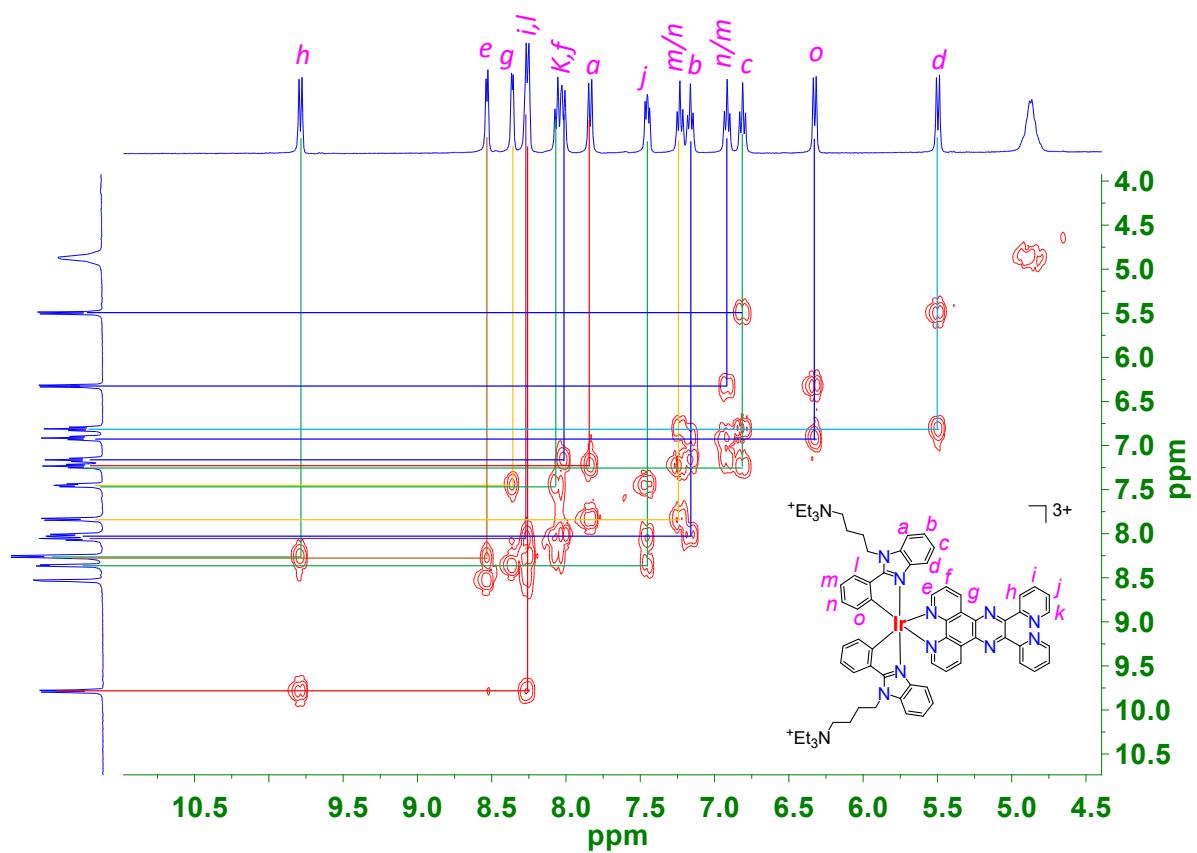
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**Table S1.** B3LYP optimised coordinates of complex [1]<sup>3+</sup> in gas phase.

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**Table S2.** B3LYP optimised coordinates of complex [2]<sup>3+</sup> in gas phase.

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25	1	-1.250842	1.011005	-2.856076	67	6	-2.577854	8.113623	2.283117
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**Table S3.** B3LYP optimised coordinates of complex [3]<sup>3+</sup> in gas phase.

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24	1	-1.16633	1.098534	-2.748837	67	6	-2.686275	9.358557	2.65738
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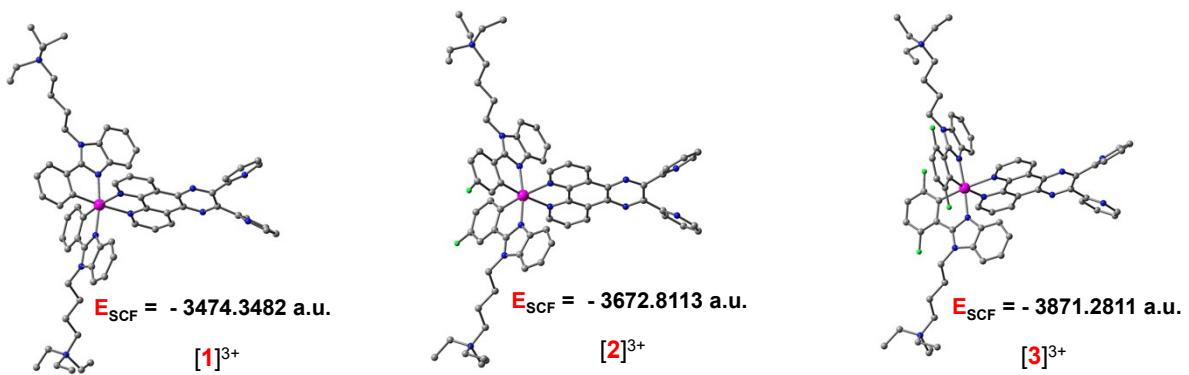
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99	6	7.473861	-3.255813	0.478426	144	1	9.463283	-4.904908	1.411623
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**Table S4.** B3LYP optimised coordinates of complex [4]<sup>3+</sup> in gas phase.

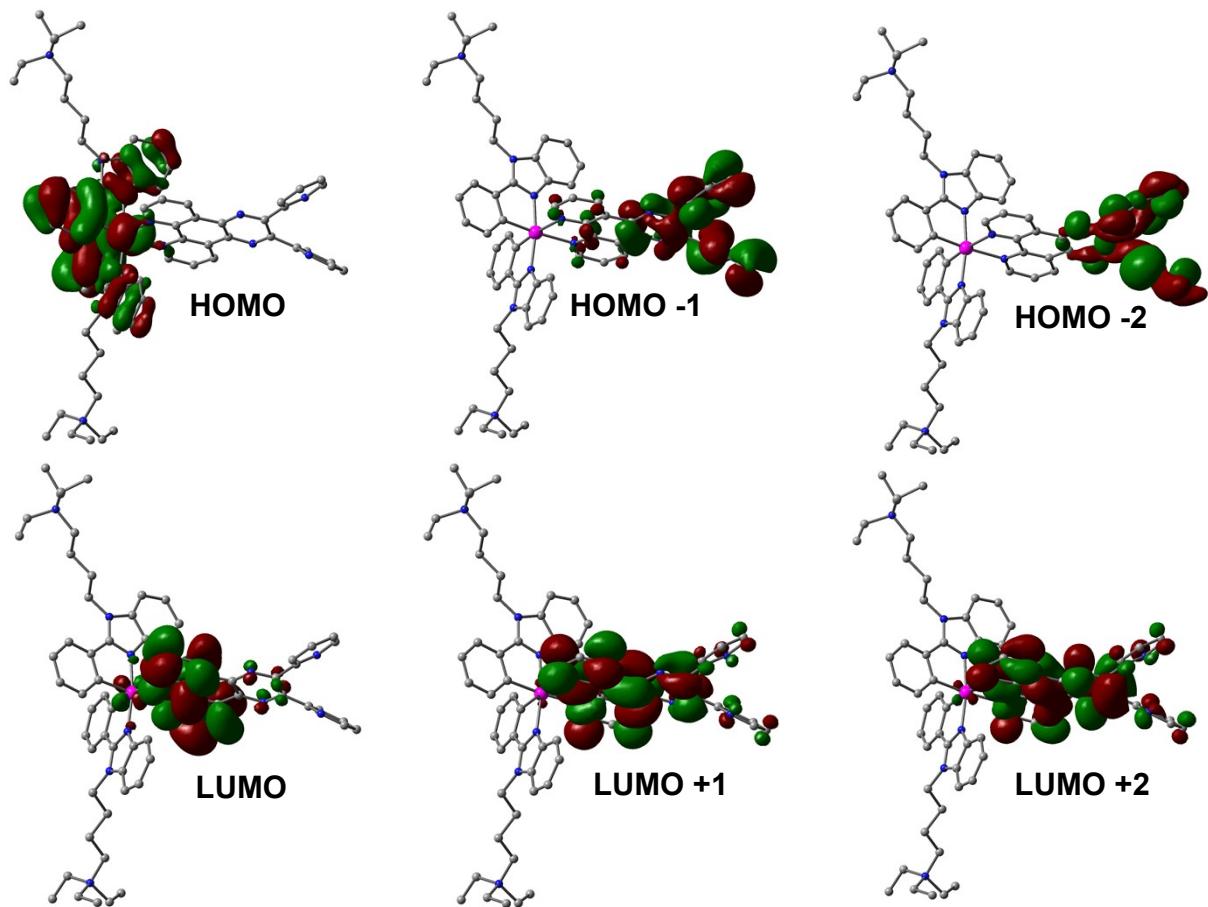
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9	7	-1.17284	6.032802	1.023179	54	1	1.922939	4.591673	-2.68141
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11	7	1.10701	9.375471	0.004761	56	6	0.245475	4.923931	-0.55487
12	6	1.042723	-1.91206	-1.03838	57	6	-0.63464	4.894992	0.541476
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15	6	1.360966	-3.49607	-2.88599	60	6	0.875974	8.482804	-0.97092
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23	6	2.807594	1.506667	4.00793	68	1	1.935159	11.19742	0.49013
24	1	2.465466	2.286112	4.681472	69	6	-1.58849	8.389783	0.882524
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101	1	7.509678	-3.52244	1.740666	139	1	8.927396	-4.02424	-3.0529
102	6	8.589932	-2.7244	0.027444	140	1	-8.78337	-5.57296	-1.61089
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107	7	9.635061	-3.80759	-0.24233	145	1	-11.0141	-2.92576	-0.34072
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109	6	9.040967	-4.95941	-1.06537	147	1	-10.9872	-3.55791	-2.42715
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113	6	-9.03987	-5.42091	0.966068	151	1	-10.12	-2.27064	1.93176
114	6	-9.69812	-5.01441	-1.40336	152	9	0.990036	-2.36835	2.703863
115	6	-10.8017	-3.69588	0.401872	153	9	-4.16571	-3.52634	1.37159
116	1	-8.13794	-5.86676	0.544036	154	9	-0.70125	-2.48831	-2.57317
117	6	-10.0593	-6.50894	1.288746	155	9	4.525636	-3.18775	-1.19597
118	1	-8.7543	-4.88216	1.871705	156	9	3.484434	-4.48218	-3.25746
119	1	-10.3378	-7.11214	0.420928	157	9	0.853916	-4.1402	-3.93448
120	1	-10.9664	-6.12348	1.760736	158	9	-0.41472	-4.11941	4.10555
121	1	-9.58718	-7.18665	2.00756	159	9	-3.00897	-4.69491	3.451812
122	1	9.268307	-4.82787	1.569211					
123	1	10.41954	-3.49675	1.694848					
124	6	11.28487	-5.36562	1.022422					
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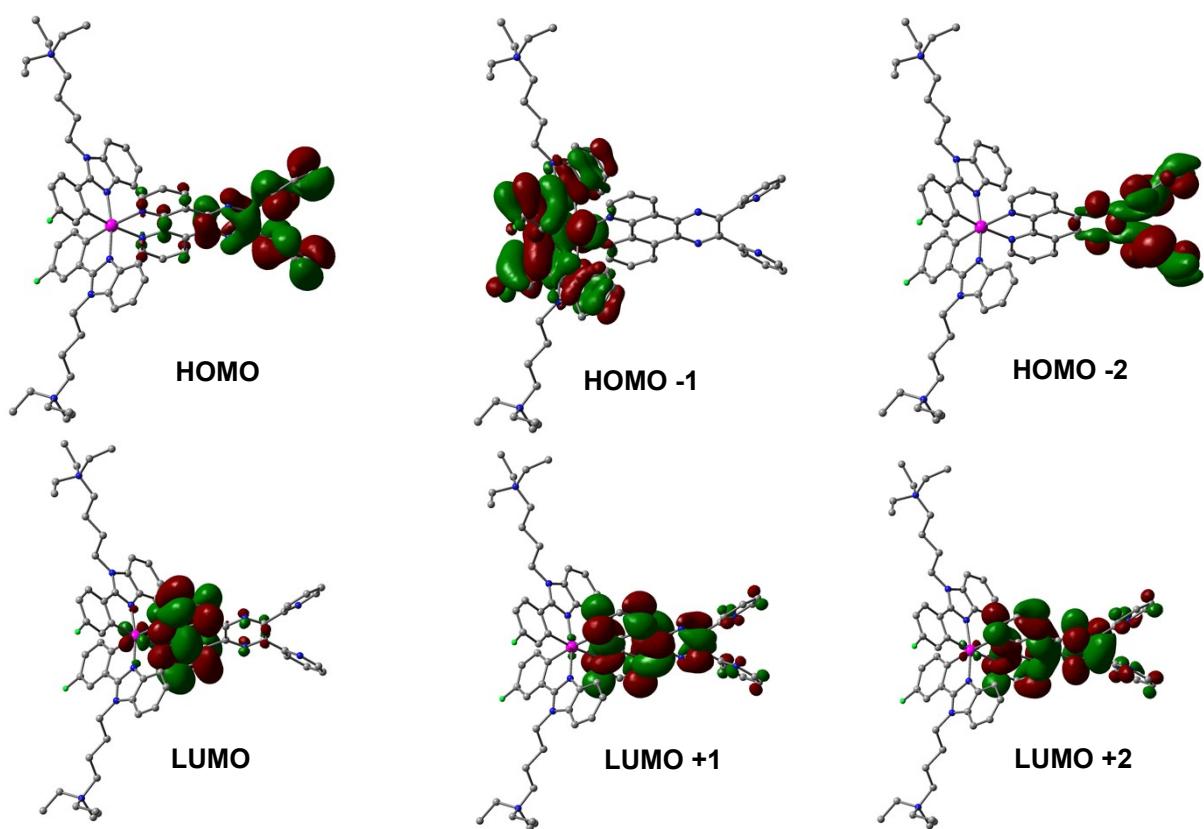
**Figure S7.** B3LYP optimised geometry of the complexes **[1]<sup>3+</sup>** – **[3]<sup>3+</sup>** and their SCF energies in gas phase.



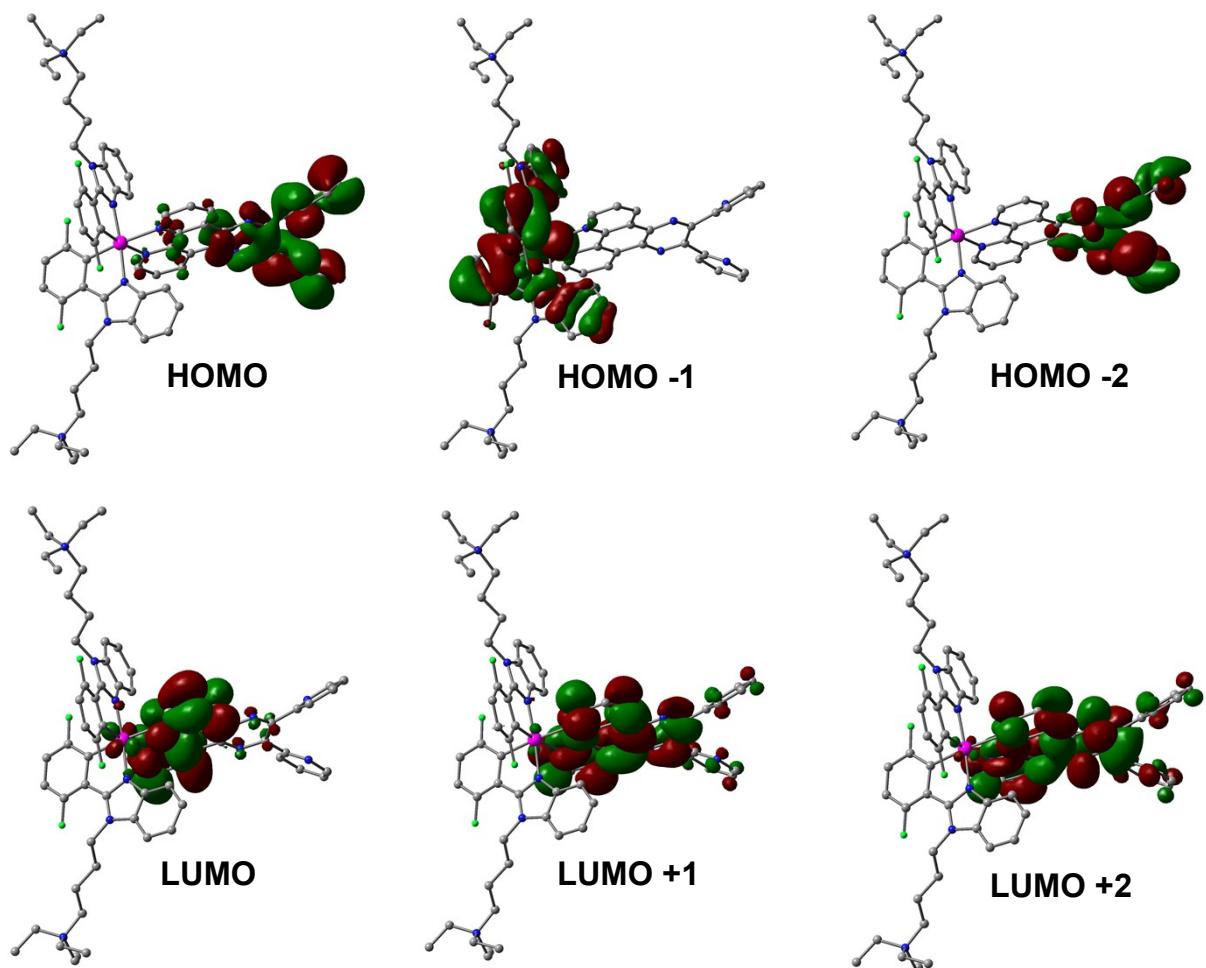
**Figure S8.** DFT optimised frontier orbitals of complex  $[1]^{3+}$  in gas phase.



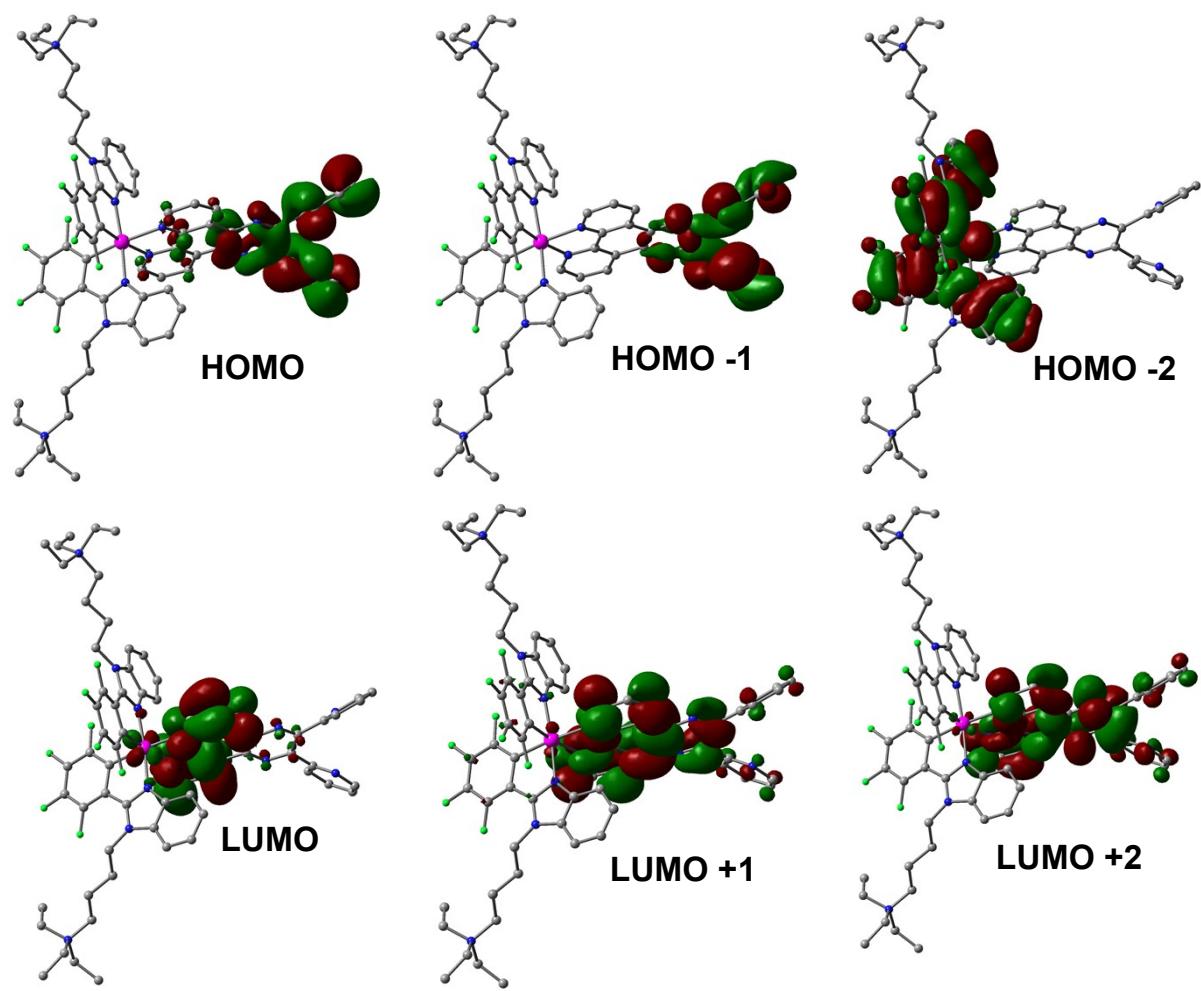
**Figure S9.** DFT optimised frontier orbitals of complex  $[2]^{3+}$  in gas phase.



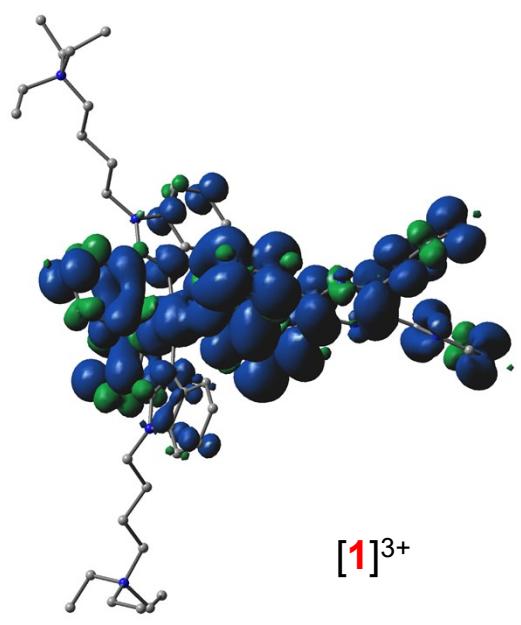
**Figure S10.** DFT optimised frontier orbitals of the complex  $[3]^{3+}$  in gas phase.



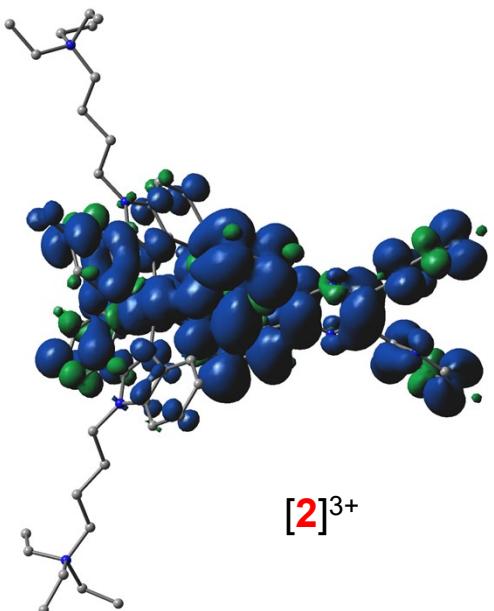
**Figure S11.** DFT optimised frontier orbitals of the complex  $[4]^{3+}$  in gas phase.



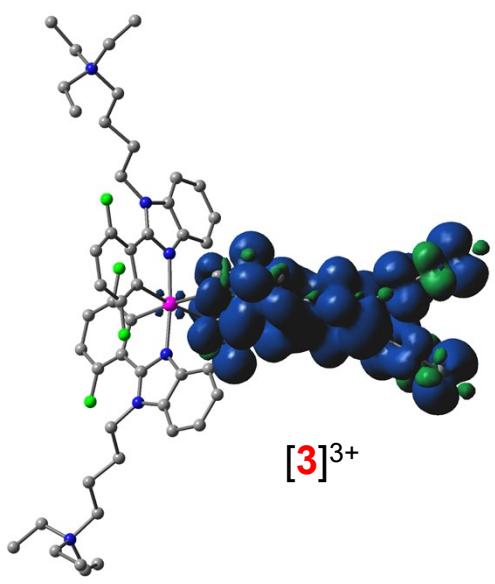
**Figure S12.** Spin density plot (T1 state) for complexes  $[1]^{3+}$  -  $[4]^{3+}$ .



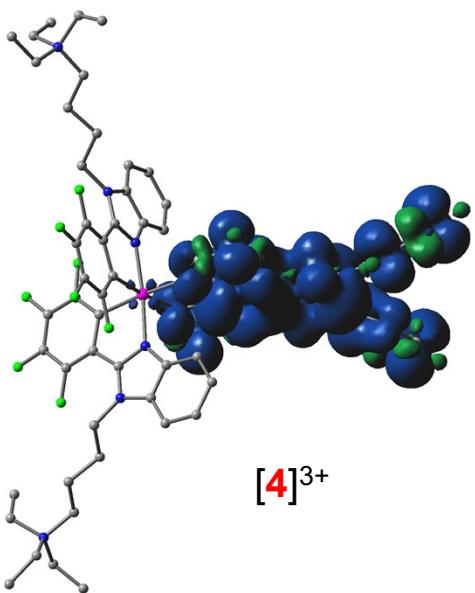
$[1]^{3+}$



$[2]^{3+}$



$[3]^{3+}$



$[4]^{3+}$

**Table S5.** Molecular orbital composition of the complexes  $[1]^{3+}$

MOs	eV	imd2	phpy	imd1	Ir
L+10	-4.65	40	8	43	8
L+9	-4.79	53	3	39	5
L+8	-4.83	44	5	41	10
L+7	-4.84	37	7	49	6
zL+6	-5.07	5	89	5	2
L+5	-5.3	0	99	0	0
L+4	-6.22	48	2	47	3
L+3	-6.37	48	1	49	2
L+2	-6.57	0	99	0	1
L+1	-6.74	1	98	1	0
<b>LUMO</b>	<b>-7.02</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>HOMO</b>	<b>-10.28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>
H-1	-10.32	0	100	0	0
H-2	-10.58	0	100	0	0
H-3	-10.61	40	2	39	19
H-4	-10.78	0	99	0	0
H-5	-10.8	29	3	30	38
H-6	-10.94	0	100	0	0
H-7	-11.06	37	5	33	25
H-8	-11.14	40	1	43	16
H-9	-11.31	1	98	1	0
H-10	-11.38	49	2	49	1

**Table S6.** Molecular orbital composition of the complexes [2]<sup>3+</sup>

<b>MO</b>	<b>eV</b>	<b>Phpy</b>	<b>imd1</b>	<b>imd2</b>	<b>Ir</b>
L+10	-4.76	7	14	67	12
L+9	-4.89	2	73	18	6
L+8	-4.95	7	17	69	7
L+7	-5.02	15	69	8	7
L+6	-5.15	78	12	8	2
L+5	-5.37	99	0	0	0
L+4	-6.32	2	79	16	2
L+3	-6.52	1	17	80	2
L+2	-6.63	99	0	0	1
L+1	-6.81	98	1	1	0
<b>LUMO</b>	<b>-7.1</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>HOMO</b>	<b>-10.36</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
H-1	-10.39	1	27	40	32
H-2	-10.62	100	0	0	0
H-3	-10.68	2	55	28	15
H-4	-10.82	99	1	0	0
H-5	-10.94	5	16	41	37
H-6	-10.98	97	0	1	1
H-7	-11.16	5	53	15	27
H-8	-11.27	2	21	61	16
H-9	-11.35	98	1	1	0
H-10	-11.53	4	44	50	3

**Table S7.** Molecular orbital composition of the complexes **[3]<sup>3+</sup>**

	<b>eV</b>	<b>imd2</b>	<b>imd1</b>	<b>phpy</b>	<b>lr</b>
L+10	-4.72	14	15	69	2
L+9	-4.74	45	47	4	4
L+8	-5	46	35	4	15
L+7	-5.03	35	47	5	14
L+6	-5.2	2	2	95	2
L+5	-5.43	0	0	99	0
L+4	-6.46	49	43	4	3
L+3	-6.52	45	51	1	3
L+2	-6.7	0	0	99	1
L+1	-6.89	1	2	96	0
<b>LUMO</b>	<b>-7.19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>HOMO</b>	<b>-10.39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>
H-1	-10.62	32	31	2	35
H-2	-10.65	0	0	99	0
H-3	-10.82	48	35	2	15
H-4	-10.85	34	47	1	18
H-5	-10.86	0	0	99	0
H-6	-11.02	0	0	100	0
H-7	-11.17	58	25	1	16
H-8	-11.18	25	58	2	14
H-9	-11.28	49	49	2	1
H-10	-11.38	0	0	99	0

**Table S8.** Molecular orbital composition of the complexes [4]<sup>3+</sup>

<b>MOs</b>	<b>eV</b>	<b>lr</b>	<b>phpy</b>	<b>imd1</b>	<b>imd2</b>
L+10	-4.97	5	3	41	51
L+9	-5.02	2	4	51	43
L+8	-5.23	28	4	34	35
L+7	-5.32	25	11	29	35
L+6	-5.35	3	90	3	3
L+5	-5.56	0	99	0	0
L+4	-6.7	3	5	51	41
L+3	-6.77	2	1	43	54
L+2	-6.83	1	99	0	0
L+1	-7.05	0	96	2	2
<b>LUMO</b>	<b>-7.37</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HOMO</b>	<b>-10.48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
H-1	-10.73	0	100	0	0
H-2	-10.86	28	1	36	35
H-3	-10.94	0	100	0	0
H-4	-11.02	10	1	43	46
H-5	-11.1	1	98	1	1
H-6	-11.13	22	4	39	35
H-7	-11.37	13	2	9	75
H-8	-11.39	14	1	76	9
H-9	-11.46	0	99	0	0
H-10	-11.64	2	2	46	50

**Table S9.** TDDFT calculated vertical transition of complex [1]<sup>3+</sup>

Wavelength (nm)				
Observed	Computed	Osc. Strength	Major contribution	Character
400	433.59	0.0668	H-1 → LUMO (97%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
400	411.98	0.0314	H-3 → LUMO (95%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{\text{d}\pi} \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*};$
400	394.53	0.0494	H-2 → LUMO (30%), H-1 → L+1 (67%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}; \text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
400	391.75	0.0778	H-1 → L+2 (78%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
400	385.79	0.1078	HOMO → L+3 (94%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{\text{d}\pi} \rightarrow \text{imd}_{\pi^*}$
358	379.50	0.0568	H-2 → L+1 (80%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
358	371.97	0.061	H-4→LUMO (84%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
358	352.95	0.0225	H-7 → LUMO (36%), H-5 → L+1 (53%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{\text{d}\pi} \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}; \text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{\text{d}\pi} \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
358	345.29	0.0322	H-3 → L+2 (89%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{\text{d}\pi} \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
319	333.86	0.3266	H-6 → L+1 (68%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
319	332.858	0.0272	H-5 → L+2 (20%), H-5 → L+3 (32%), H-3 → L+4 (36%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{\text{d}\pi} \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}; \text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{\text{d}\pi} \rightarrow \text{imd}_{\pi^*};$ $\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{\text{d}\pi} \rightarrow \text{imd}_{\pi^*};$
319	326.19	0.0272	H-5 → L+3 (24%), H-1 → L+4 (61%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{\text{d}\pi} \rightarrow \text{imd}_{\pi^*}; \text{phpy}_{\text{d}\pi} \rightarrow \text{imd}_{\pi^*}$

**Table S10.** TDDFT calculated vertical transition of complex [2]<sup>3+</sup>

Wavelength (nm)		Osc. Strength	Major contributions	Character
Observed	Computed			
396	439.9255	0.0577	HOMO → LUMO (98%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
396	412.2911	0.0292	H-3 → LUMO (93%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{d\pi} \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
396	399.1250	0.0489	H-2 → LUMO (24%), HOMO → L+1 (73%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}; \text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
396	394.8164	0.0801	HOMO → L+2 (74%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
396	386.5928	0.1085	H-1 → L+3 (95%)	$\text{phpy}_{d\pi} \rightarrow \text{imd}_{\pi^*}$
396	382.7499	0.0571	H-2 → L+1 (79%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
358	376.1542	0.062	H-4 → LUMO (86%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
358	355.3167	0.0224	H-7 → LUMO (74%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{d\pi} \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
358	350.8821	0.0256	H-4 → L+2 (75%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
358	344.9659	0.0187	H-3 → L+3 (71%), HOMO → L+3 (20%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{d\pi} \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}; \text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
322	336.2009	0.3227	H-6 → L+1 (65%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
322	328.3479	0.0623	H-5 → L+3 (49%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{d\pi} \rightarrow \text{imd}_{\pi^*}$

**Table S11.** TDDFT calculated vertical transition of complex [3]<sup>3+</sup>

Wavelength (nm)				Character
Observed	computed	Osc. Strength	Major contributions	
394	447.8065	0.0462	HOMO → LUMO (98%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
394	407.2265	0.0275	H-4 → LUMO (29%), H-3 → LUMO (65%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{dn} \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*};$ $\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{dn} \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*};$
394	404.6614	0.0471	HOMO → L+1 (80%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
394	398.1381	0.0631	HOMO → L+2 (71%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
394	386.8461	0.0594	H-2 → L+1 (77%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
394	381.6659	0.0659	H-5 → LUMO (89%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
356	379.8535	0.0222	H-2 → L+2 (81%)	$\text{phpy}_\pi \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
356	367.9929	0.0774	H-1 → L+3 (90%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{dn} \rightarrow \text{imd}_{\pi^*}$
356	353.3723	0.0233	H-5 → L+2 (78%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{dn} \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$
356	339.4966	0.3281	H-6 → L+1 (60%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{dn} \rightarrow \text{phpy}_{\pi^*}$

**Table S12.** TDDFT calculated vertical transition of complex [4]<sup>3+</sup>

Wavelength (nm)				Character
Observed	Computed	Osc. Strength	Major contributions	
396	463.3678538	0.0387	HOMO → LUMO (99%)	$\text{ph}\text{py}_\pi \rightarrow \text{ph}\text{py}_{\pi^*}$
396	414.7709643	0.0467	HOMO → L+1 (90%)	$\text{ph}\text{py}_\pi \rightarrow \text{ph}\text{py}_{\pi^*}$
396	405.6117272	0.0698	HOMO → L+2 (62%)	$\text{ph}\text{py}_\pi \rightarrow \text{ph}\text{py}_{\pi^*}$
396	394.6879847	0.0362	H-1 → L+1 (72%)	$\text{ph}\text{py}_\pi \rightarrow \text{ph}\text{py}_{\pi^*}$
396	392.3647477	0.0912	H-3 → LUMO (78%)	$\text{ph}\text{py}_\pi \rightarrow \text{ph}\text{py}_{\pi^*}$
396	386.0244618	0.0231	H-1 → L+2 (84%)	$\text{ph}\text{py}_\pi \rightarrow \text{ph}\text{py}_{\pi^*}$
363	364.1962713	0.0946	H-2 → L+3 (91%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{d\pi} \rightarrow \text{imd}_{\pi^*}$
363	361.5728686	0.0141	H-7 → LUMO (85%)	$\text{imd}_\pi/\text{Ir}_{d\pi} \rightarrow \text{ph}\text{py}_{\pi^*}$

**Table S13.** Calculated triplet states for complex  $[1]^{3+}$

Triplet states	Computed Wavelength (nm)	Major contributions	Transition	Nature
T <sub>1</sub>	486.728	HOMO → LUMO (70%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpy <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>2</sub>	474.999	H-1 → L+1 (47%), HOMO → LUMO (27%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpy <sub>π*</sub> ; imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpy <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC; <sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>3</sub>	466.211	H-1 → LUMO (62%), H-1 → L+2 (25%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpy <sub>π*</sub> ; phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpy <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC; <sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>4</sub>	452.315	H-3 → L+4 (25%), HOMO → L+3 (57%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub> ; imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT; <sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>5</sub>	448.276	H-3 → L+3 (33%), HOMO → L+4 (30%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub> ; imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT; <sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>6</sub>	446.548	H-1 → L+2 (38%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpy <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>7</sub>	425.492	H-3 → LUMO (61%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpy <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>8</sub>	420.456	H-2 → LUMO (20%), H-2 → L+2 (44%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpy <sub>π*</sub> ; phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpy <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC; <sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>9</sub>	415.524	HOMO → L+1 (90%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpy <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>10</sub>	415.121	H-5 → LUMO (64%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpy <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT

**Table S14.** Calculated triplet states for complex  $[2]^{3+}$

Triplet states	Computed Wavelength (nm)	Major contributions	Transition	Nature
T <sub>1</sub>	486.7278805	HOMO → LUMO (70%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>2</sub>	474.9988239	H-1 → L+1 (47%), HOMO → LUMO (27%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub> ; phpyp <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT; <sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>3</sub>	466.2111492	H-1 → LUMO (62%), H-1 → L+2 (25%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub> ; imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT; <sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>4</sub>	452.3154683	H-3 → L+4 (25%), HOMO → L+3 (57%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub> ; phpyp <sub>π</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT; <sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>5</sub>	448.2760612	H-3 → L+3 (33%), HOMO- → L+4 (30%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub> ; phpyp <sub>π</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC; <sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>6</sub>	446.5485072	H-1 → L+2 (38%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>7</sub>	425.4922716	H-3 → LUMO (61%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>8</sub>	420.4564332	H-2 → LUMO (20%), H-2 → L+2 (44%)	phpyp <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub> ; phpyp <sub>π</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC; <sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>9</sub>	415.5244755	HOMO → L+1 (90%)	phpyp <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>10</sub>	415.1210132	H-5 → LUMO (64%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT

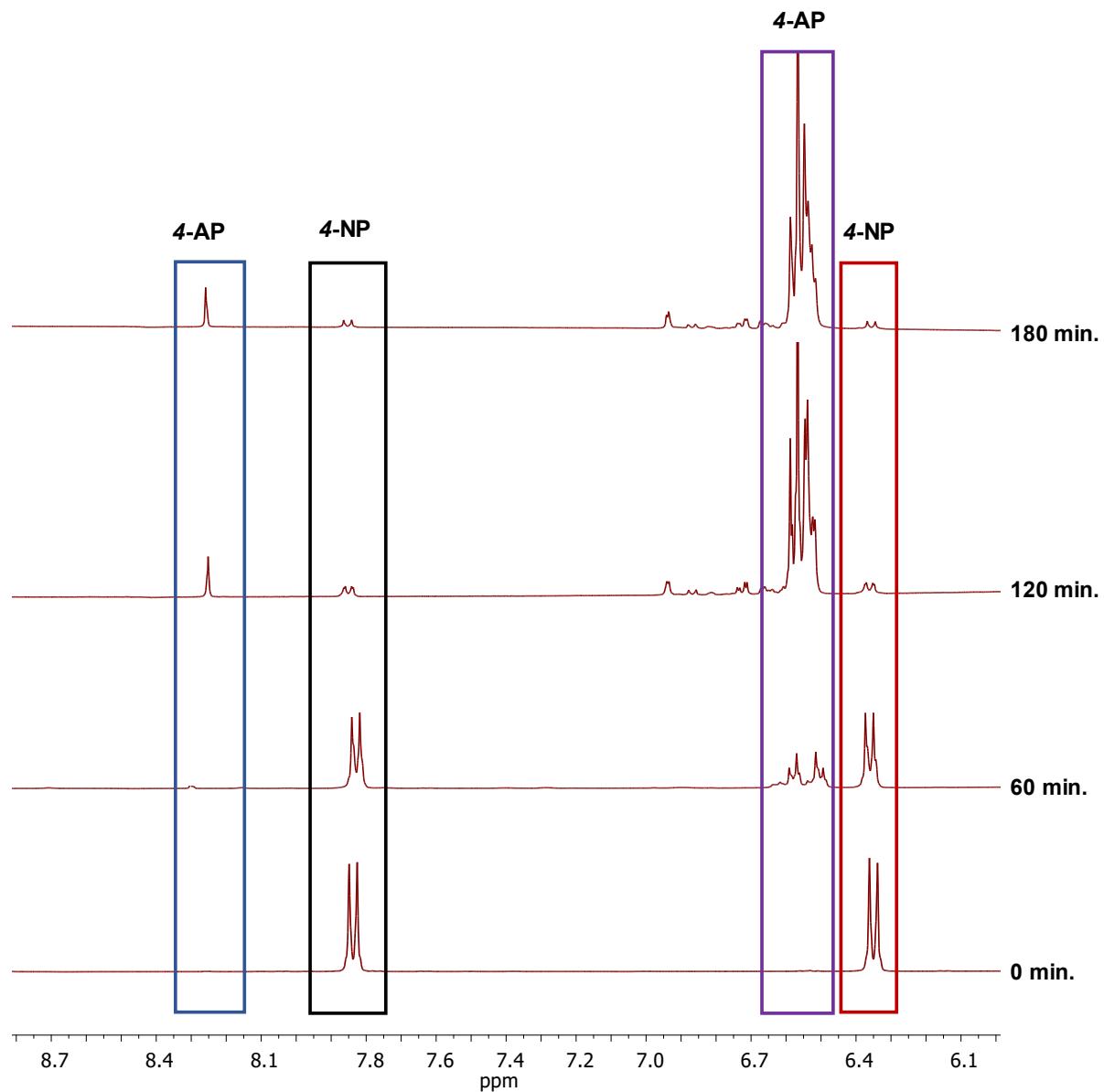
**Table S15.** Calculated triplet states for complex [3]<sup>3+</sup>

Triplet states	Computed Wavelength (nm)	Major contributions	Transitions	Nature
T <sub>1</sub>	483.8785193	HOMO → L+1 (61%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>2</sub>	476.9907014	HOMO → LUMO (72%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>3</sub>	454.6541731	H-1 → LUMO (89%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>4</sub>	450.1314007	HOMO → L+2 (63%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>5</sub>	446.8059858	H-4 → L+3 (20%), H-3 → L+4 (34%), H-1 → L+3 (29%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub> ; imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub> ; imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT; <sup>3</sup> MLLCT; <sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>6</sub>	446.4681059	H-3 → L+3 (38%), H-1 → L+4 (24%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub> ; imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT; <sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>7</sub>	425.3463001	H-2 → LUMO (33%), H-2 → L+2 (40%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub> ; phpyp <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC; <sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>8</sub>	420.0433412	H-3 → LUMO (80%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>9</sub>	415.1766166	H-4 → LUMO (69%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>10</sub>	402.689899	H-2 → L+1 (64%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC

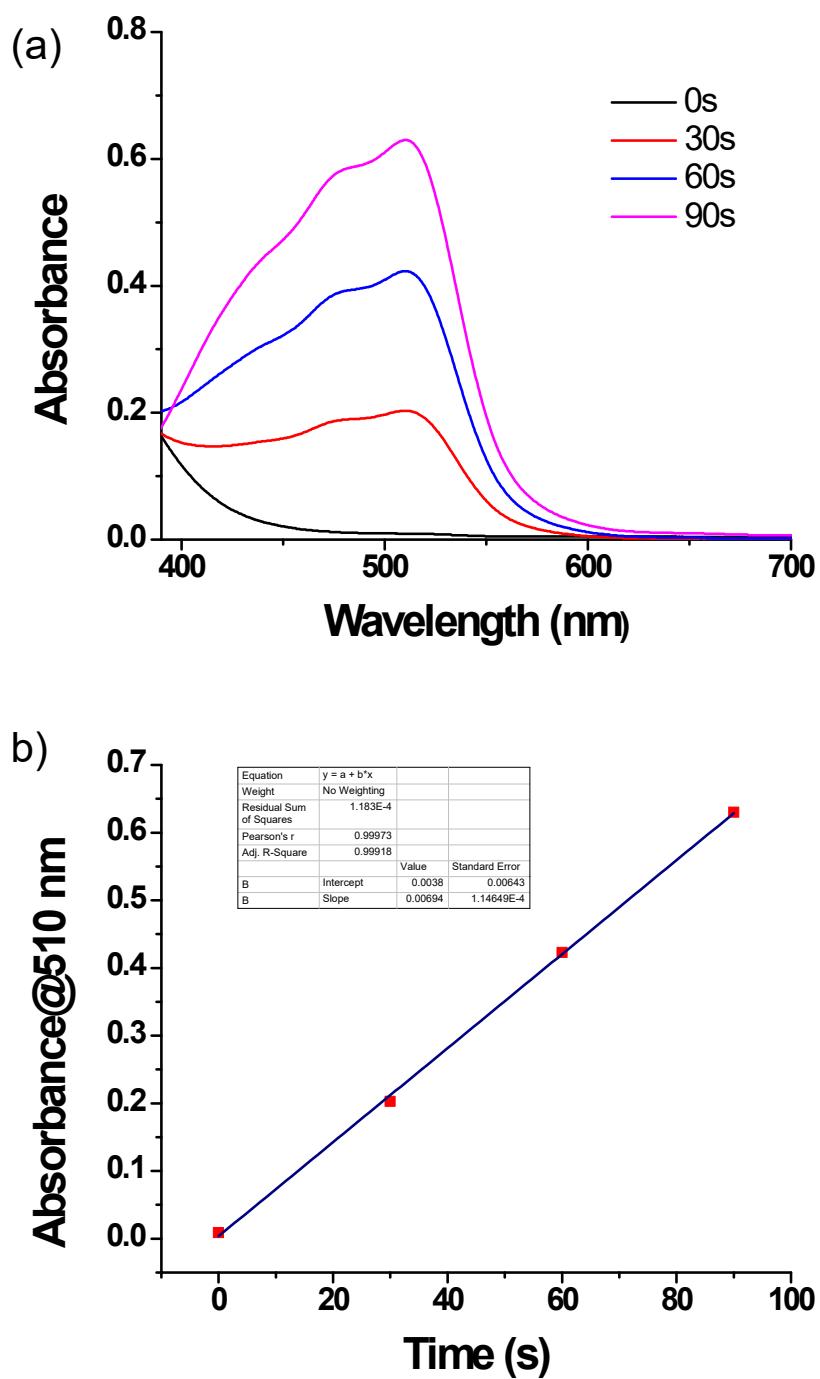
**Table S16.** Calculated triplet states for complex  $[4]^{3+}$

Triplet states	Computed Wavelength (nm)	Major contributions	Transition	Nature
T <sub>1</sub>	490.4438	HOMO → LUMO (79%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>2</sub>	489.3598	HOMO → L+1 (65%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>3</sub>	456.7983	HOMO → L+2 (73%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>4</sub>	452.299	H-4 → L+4 (26%), H-2 → L+3 (34%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub> ; imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT; <sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>5</sub>	451.0813	H-4 → L+3 (31%), H-2 → L+4 (28%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub> ; imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT; <sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>6</sub>	442.3268	H-2 → LUMO (89%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>7</sub>	433.0569	H-1 → LUMO (52%), H-1 → L+2 (30%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub> ; imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → imd <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT; <sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>8</sub>	414.7877	H-4 → LUMO (69%)	imd <sub>π</sub> /Ir <sub>dπ</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> MLLCT
T <sub>9</sub>	411.9761	H-1 → LUMO (38%), H-1 → L+2 (23%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub> ; phpyp <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC; <sup>3</sup> LC
T <sub>10</sub>	410.4893	H-1 → L+1 (62%)	phpy <sub>π</sub> → phpyp <sub>π*</sub>	<sup>3</sup> LC

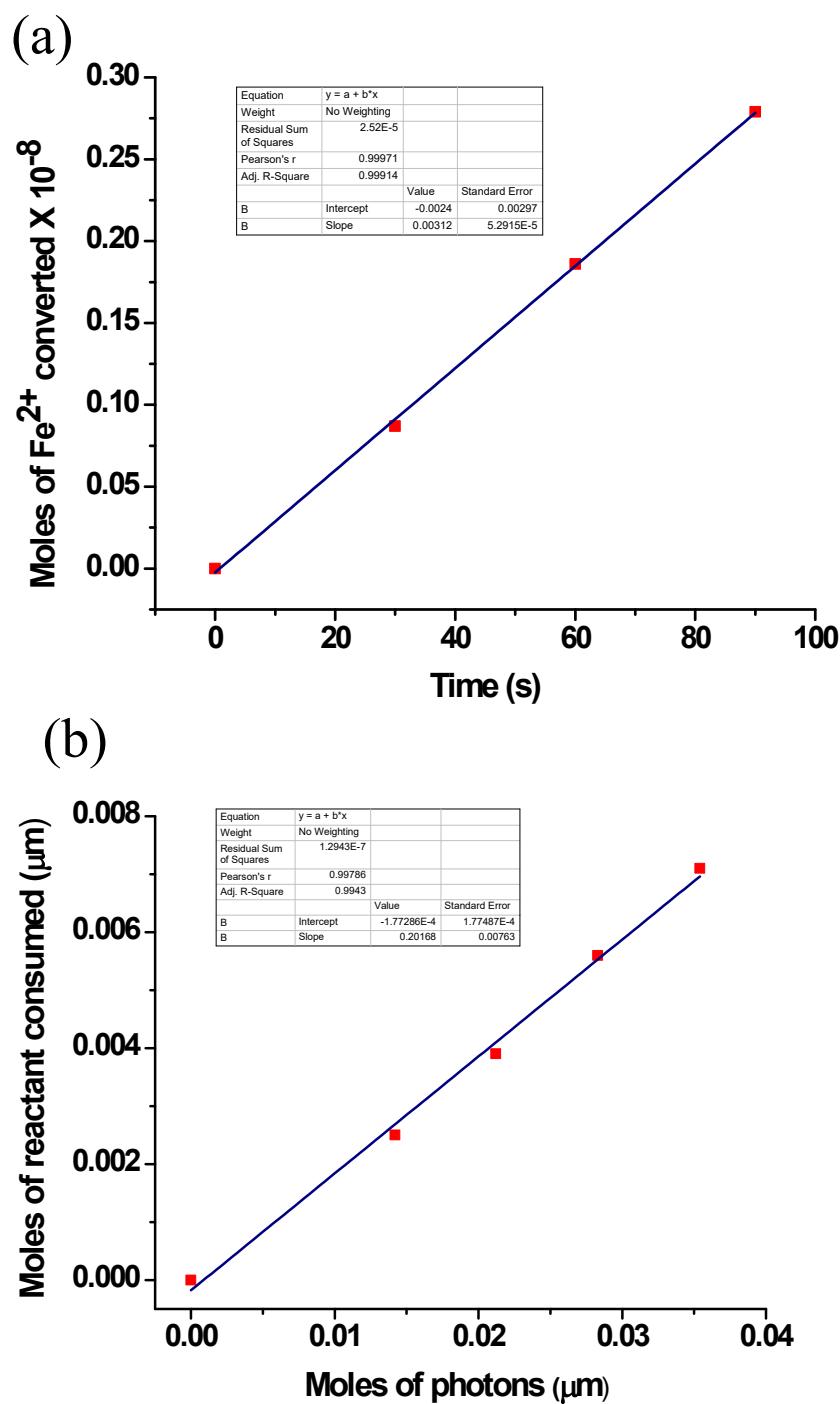
**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of photocatalytic reduction of 4-nitrophenol to 4-aminophenol at different time interval. The reaction mixture consists of 4-nitrophenol (10 mM),  $[\mathbf{4}]^{3+}$  (0.1 mM) and  $\text{NEt}_3$  (1.0 M) in tris buffer (pH-9.1) solution.



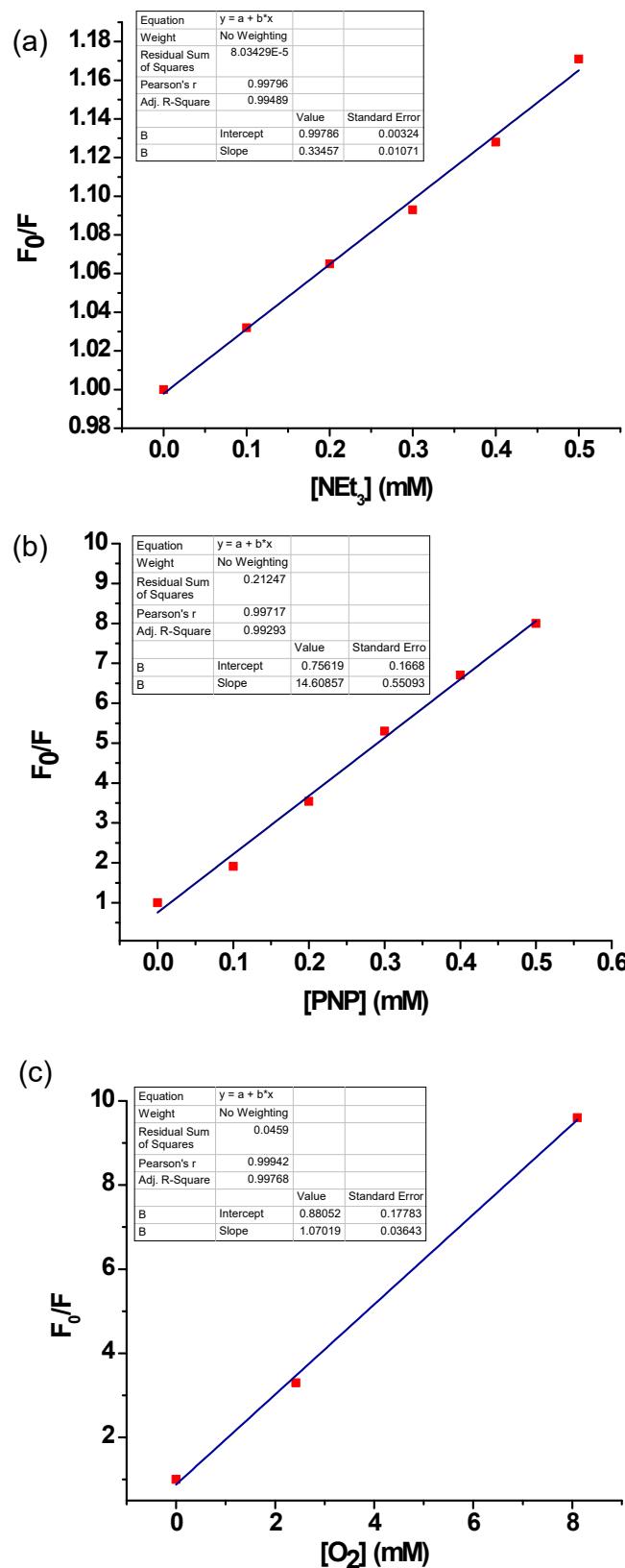
**Figure S14.** Plot for the (a) Absorption spectra of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{Phen})_3]^{2+}$  and (b) absorbance of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{Phen})_3]^{2+}$  (at 510 nm) at different time interval



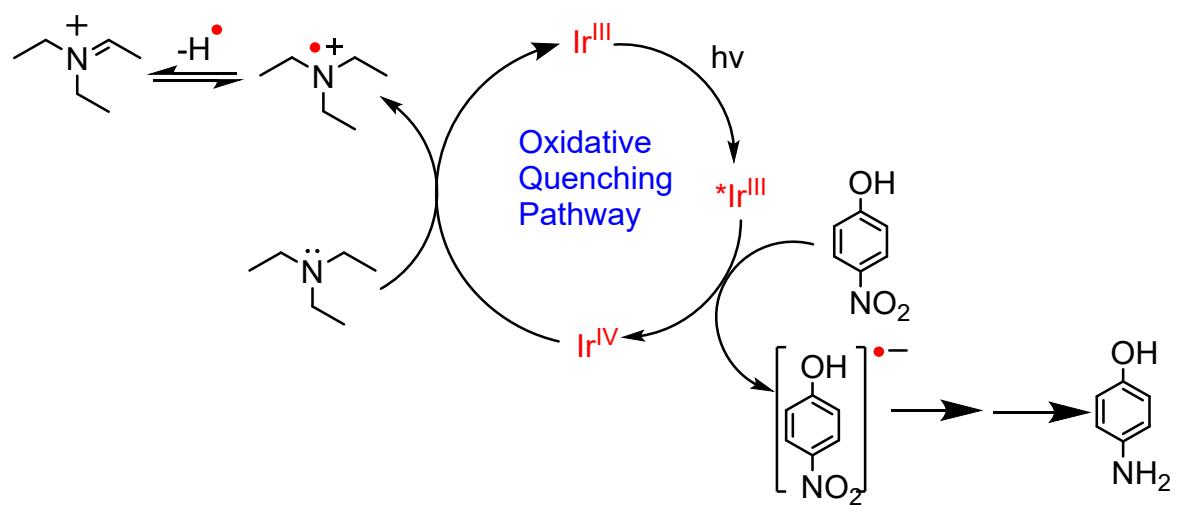
**Figure S15.** Plot for the (a) number of moles of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  formed with respect to time (b) number of moles of 4-nitrophenol reduced with respect to the moles of photons absorbed by the complex  $[\mathbf{4}]^{3+}$ .



**Figure S16.** Stern-Volmer plot for fluorescence quenching of  $[4]^{3+}$  in the presence of (a)  $\text{NEt}_3$  and (b) 4-nitrophenol and (c) dioxygen in pH-9.1 buffer solution.



**Figure S17.** Plausible mechanism for the reduction of 4-nitrophenol by  $[4]^{3+}$ .<sup>1</sup>



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