

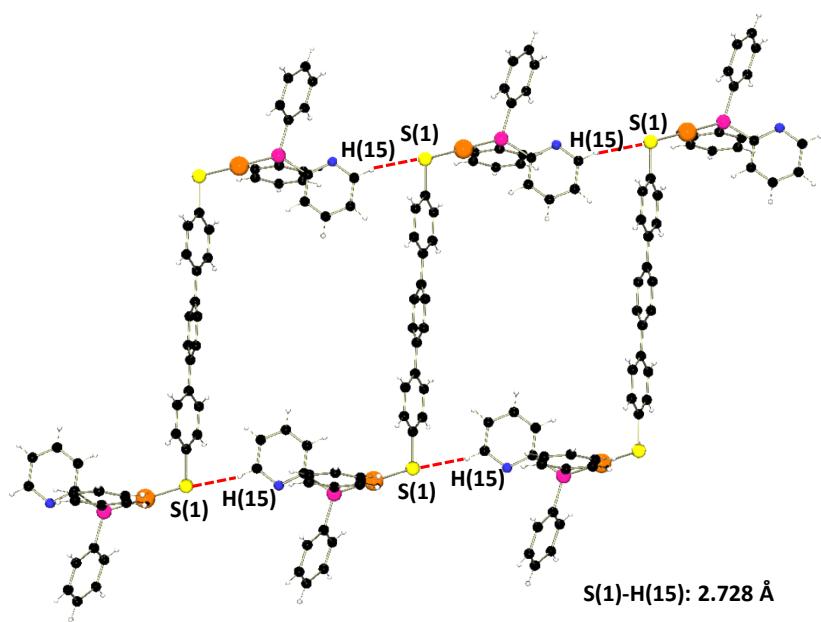
## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

# Different emissive properties in dithiolate gold(I) complexes as a function of the presence of phenylene spacers†

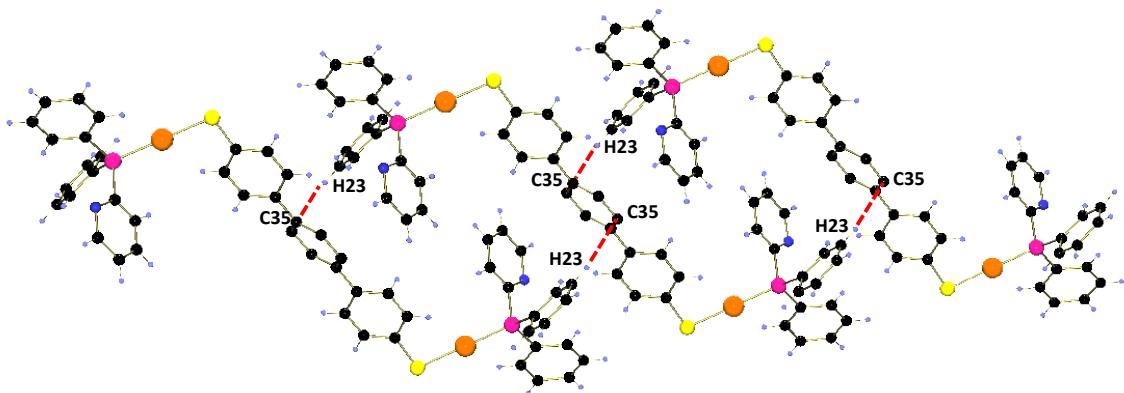
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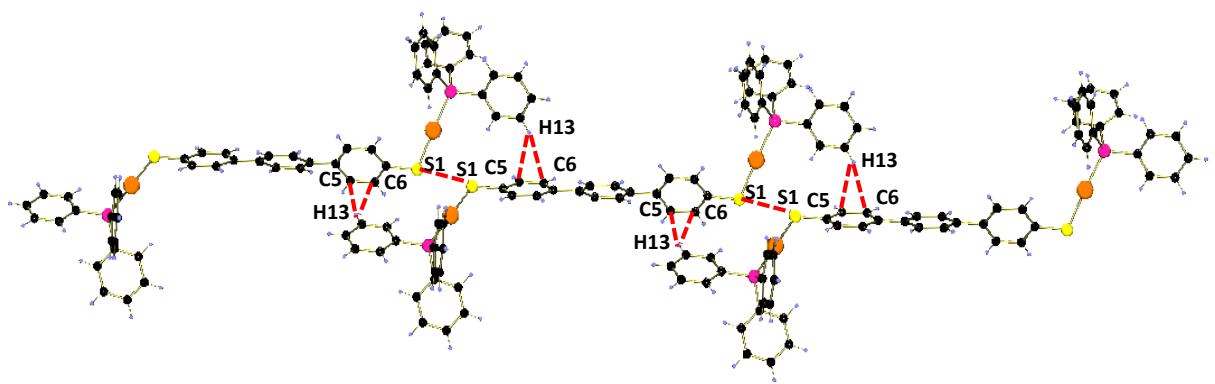




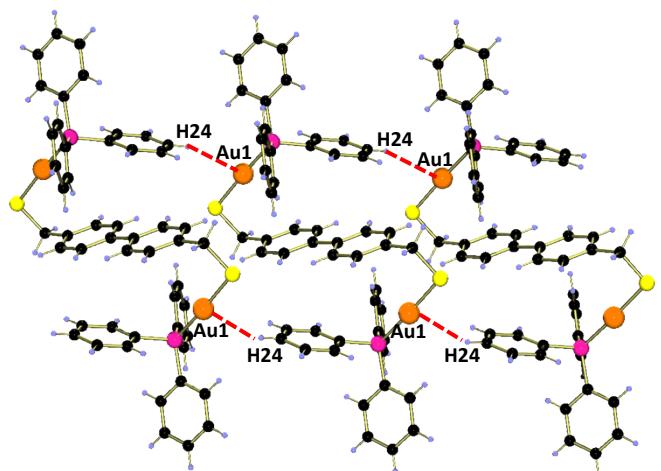
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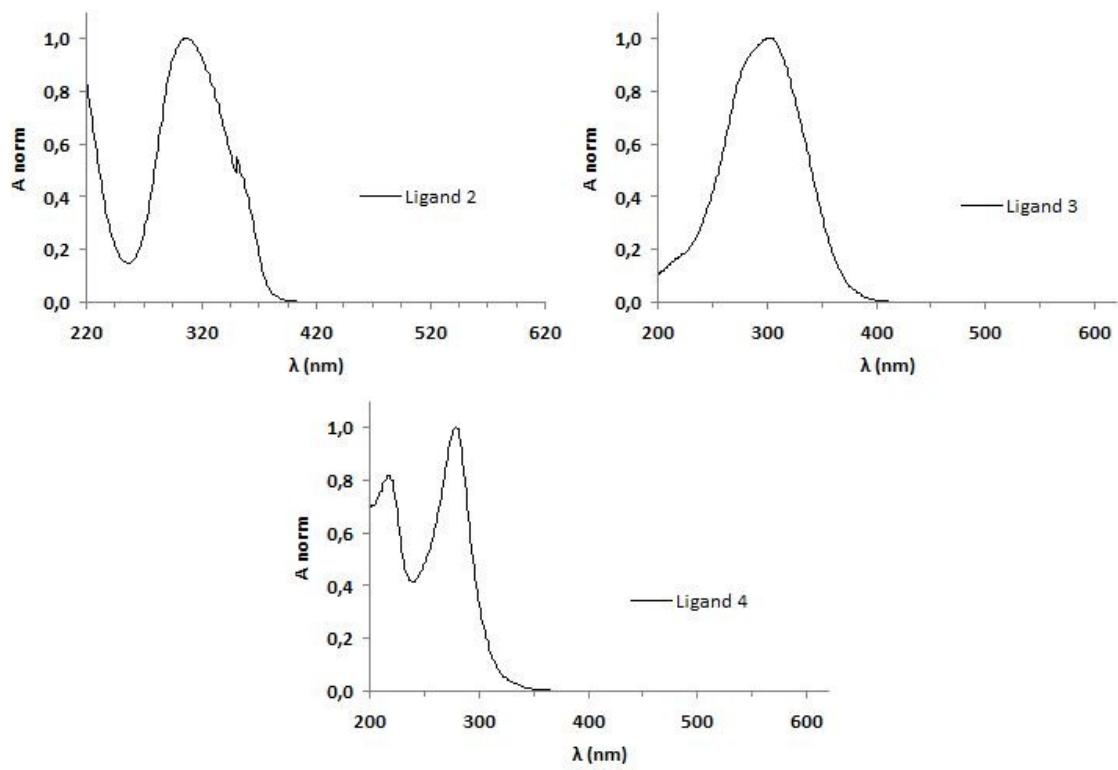
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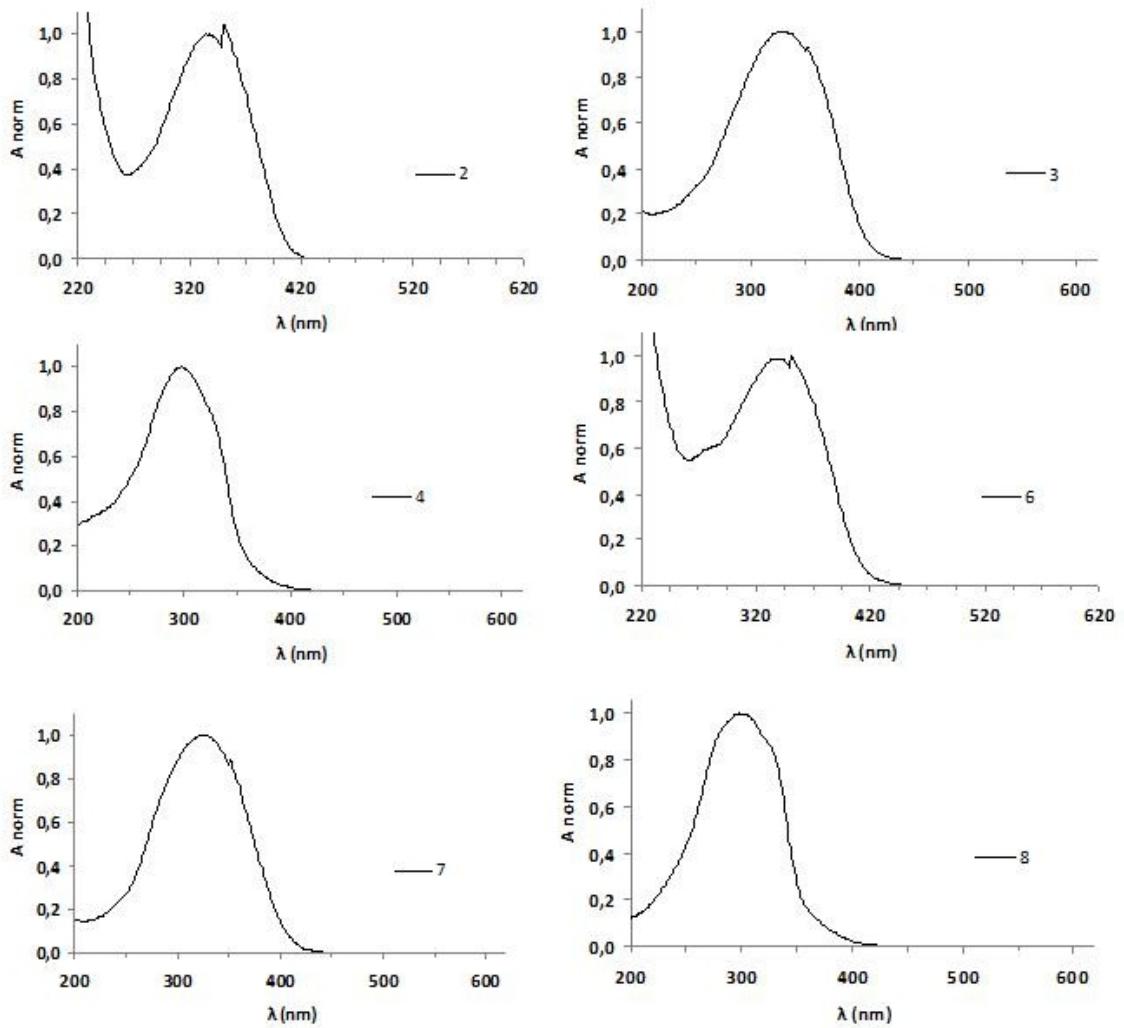
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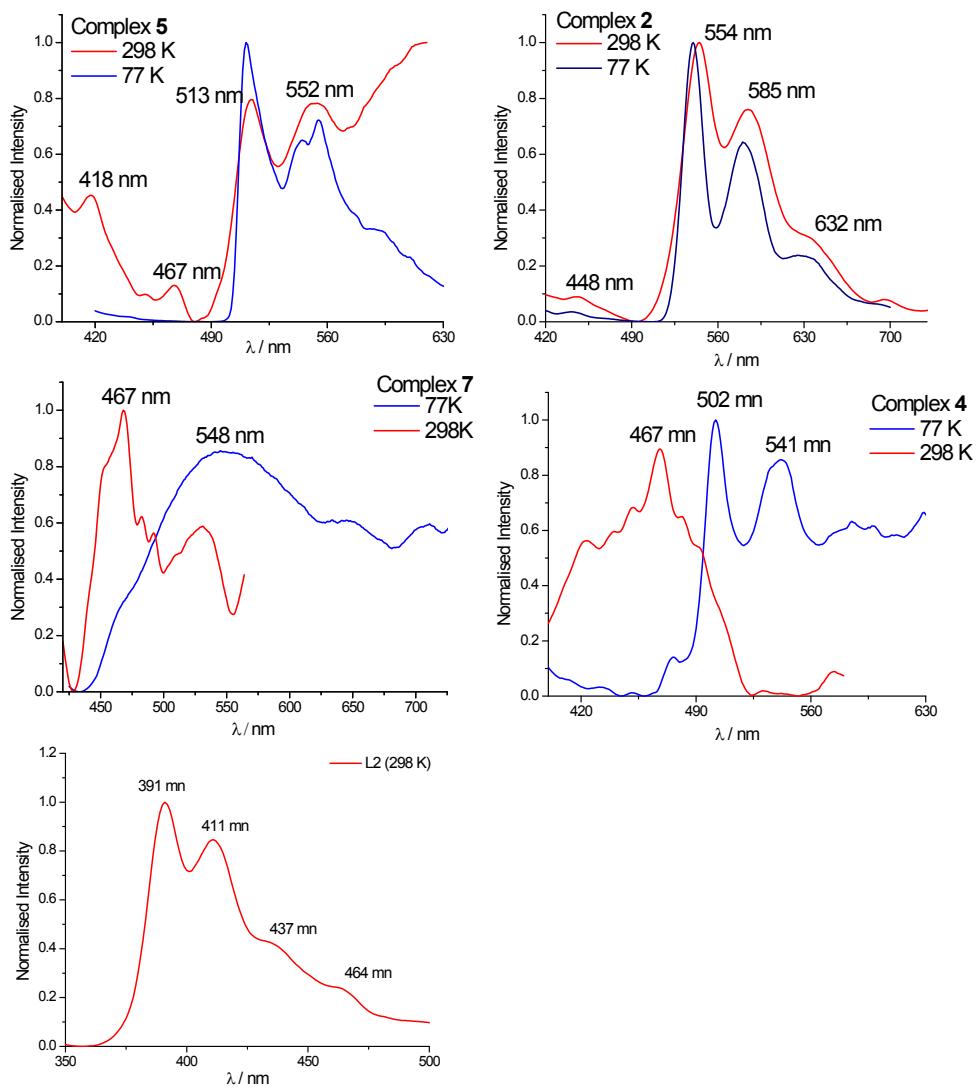
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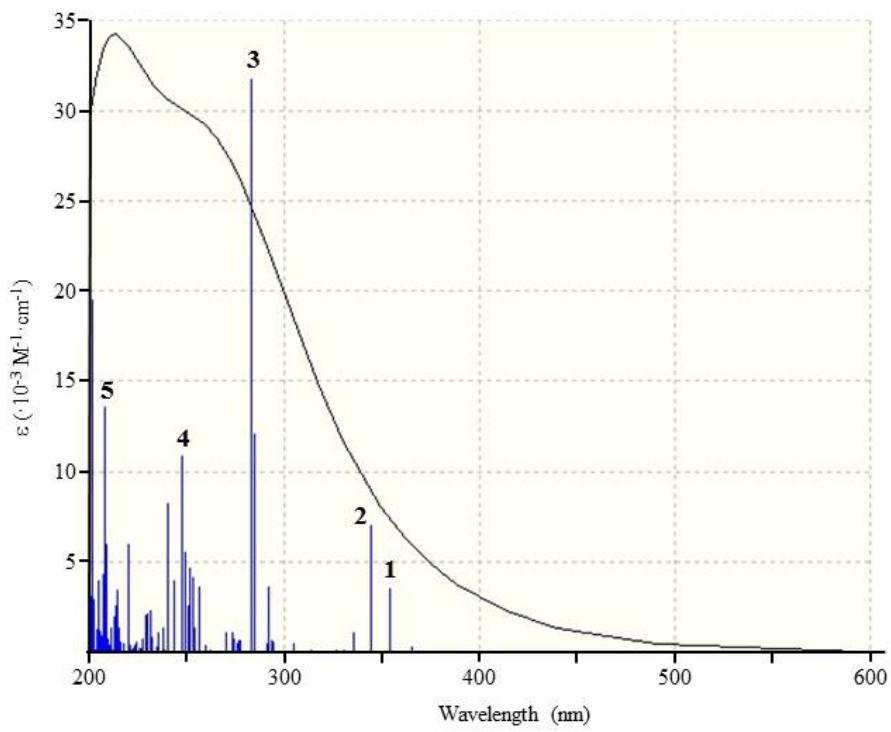
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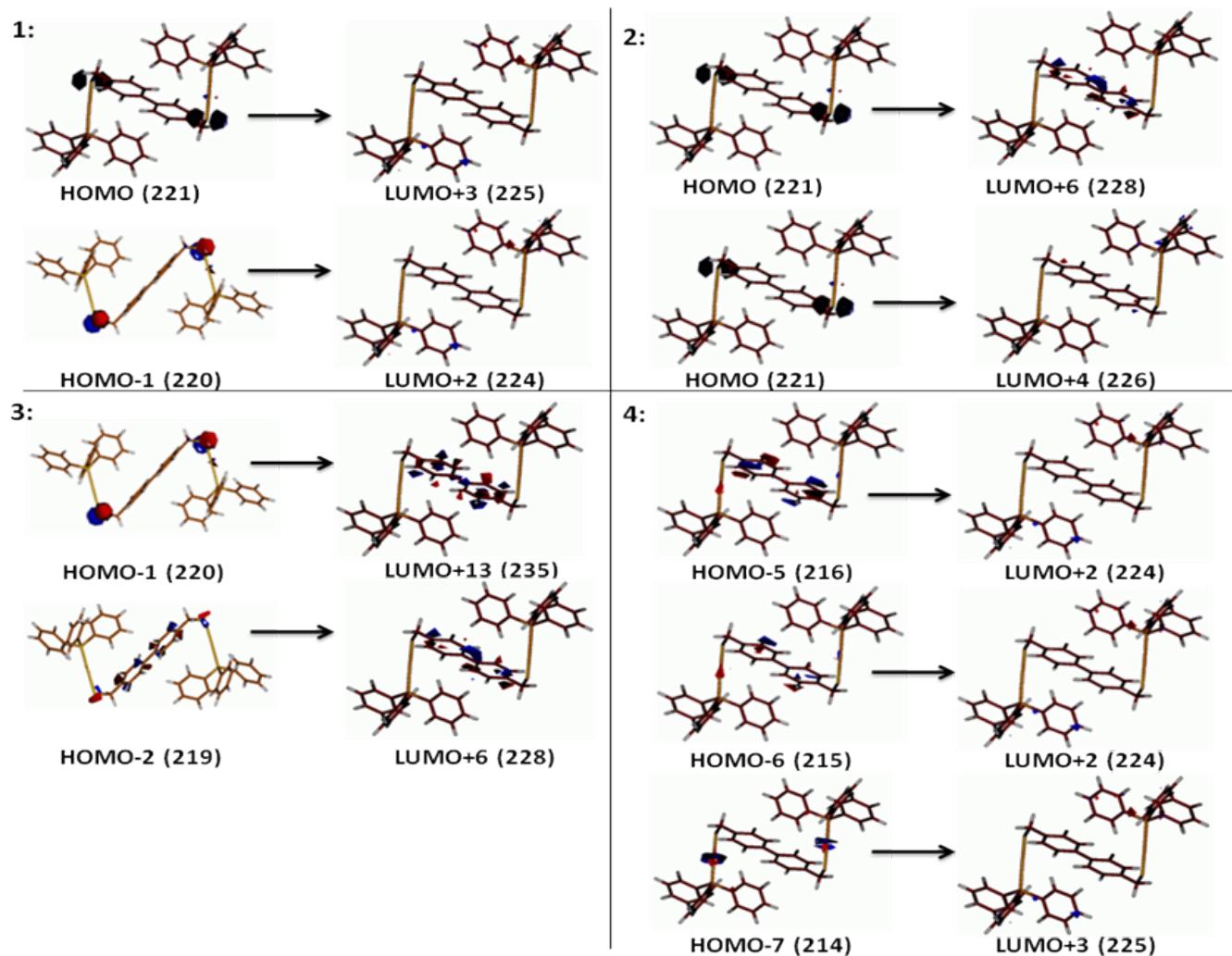
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