

Supporting information for

Emission response towards three Anions (F^- , HSO_4^- and AcO^-) by a luminescent europium ternary complex with a 2-arylimidazole–1,10-phenanthroline conjugate

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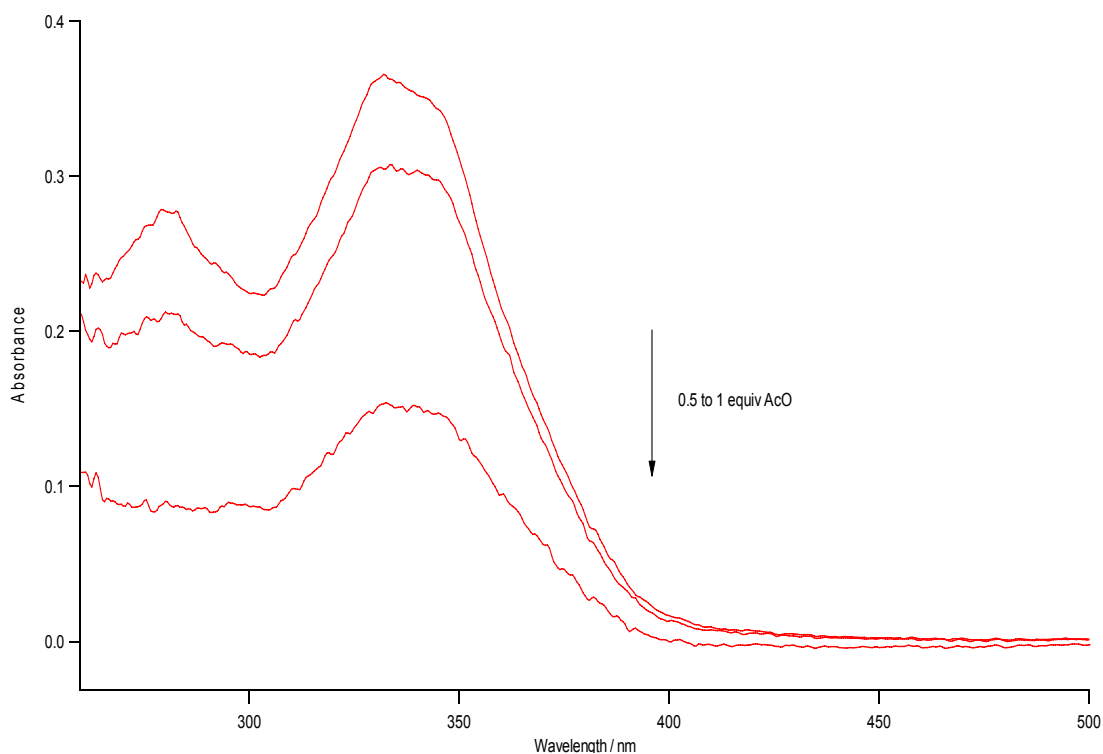


Figure S1 UV-vis spectra of Eu(TTA)₃(1) (10^{-5} M in DMSO) upon addition of 0.5-1 equiv. of acetate anions.

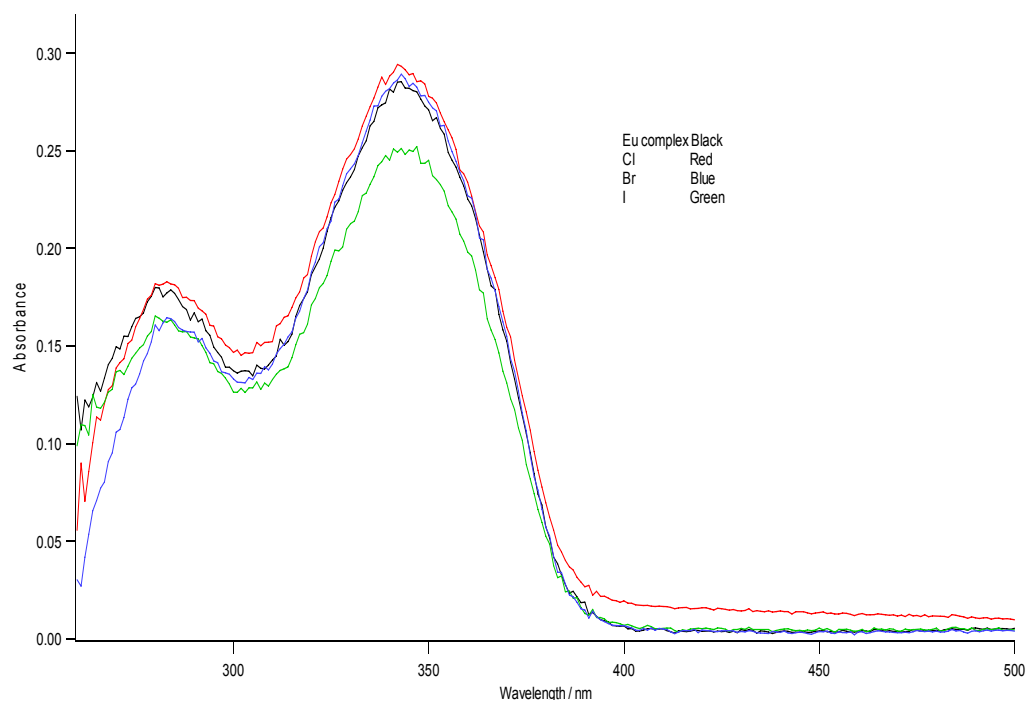


Figure S2 UV-vis spectra of Eu(TTA)₃(**1**) (10^{-5} M in DMSO) upon addition of 10 equiv. of Cl⁻, Br⁻ and I⁻ anions.

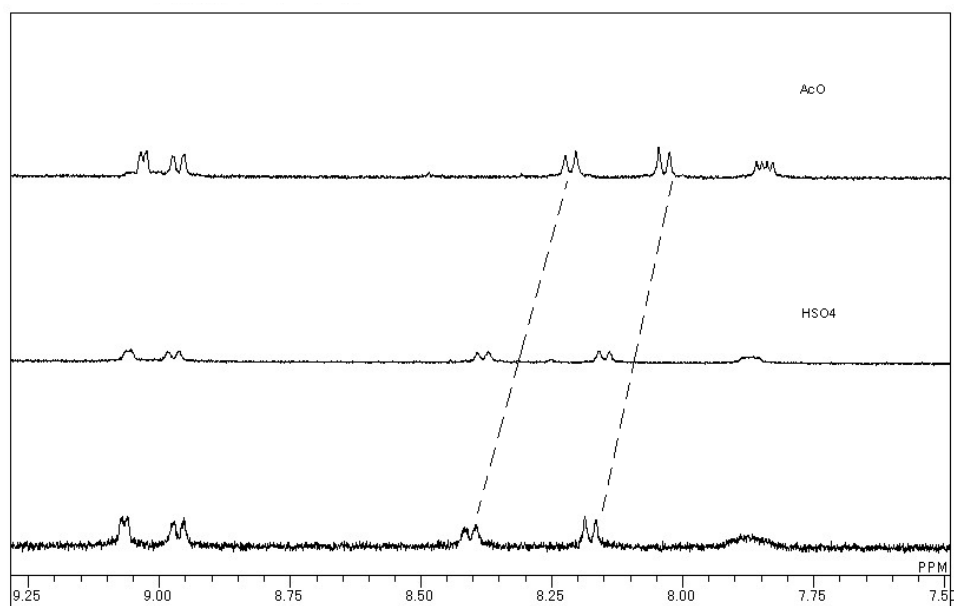


Figure S3 ¹H-NMR spectra measured by titration of a DMSO-d₆ solution of pure **1** (1 mM) with 2 equiv. of [Bu₄N]HSO₄ or 1 equiv. of [Bu₄N]AcO.

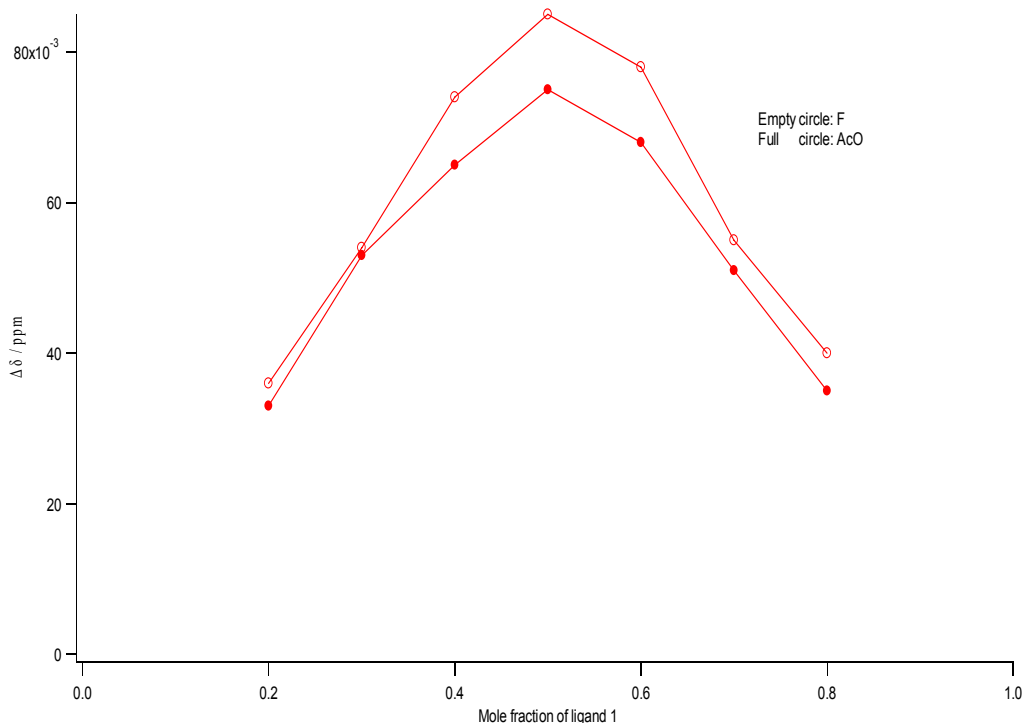


Figure S4 Job's plots of host **1** and $[\text{Bu}_4\text{N}]\text{F}$ or $[\text{Bu}_4\text{N}]\text{AcO}$ in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ with the total concentration of 2×10^{-3} M. $\Delta\delta = \delta$ (without $[\text{Bu}_4\text{N}]\text{F}$) — δ (with $[\text{Bu}_4\text{N}]\text{F}$).

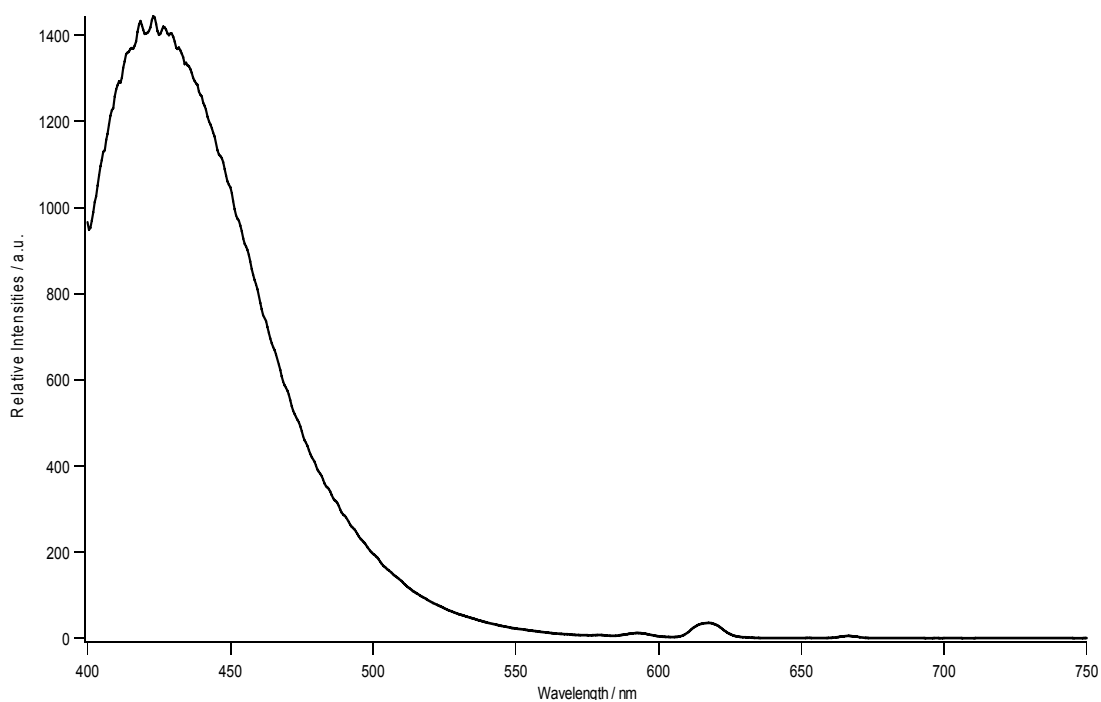


Figure S5 Emission spectra of $\text{Eu}(\text{TTA})_3(\mathbf{1})$ (10^{-6} M in DMSO) excited at 350 nm upon

addition of 1equiv. of $[\text{Bu}_4\text{N}]\text{HSO}_4$.

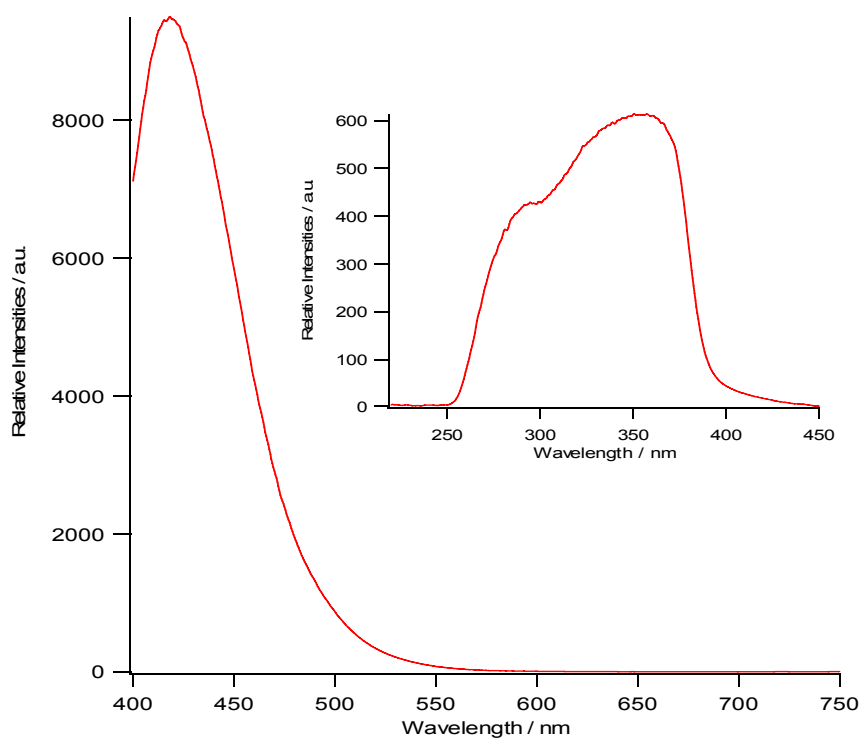


Figure S6 Emission (Ex = 350 nm) and excitation spectra (inset, Em = 420 nm) of **1** (DMSO, 10^{-6} M).

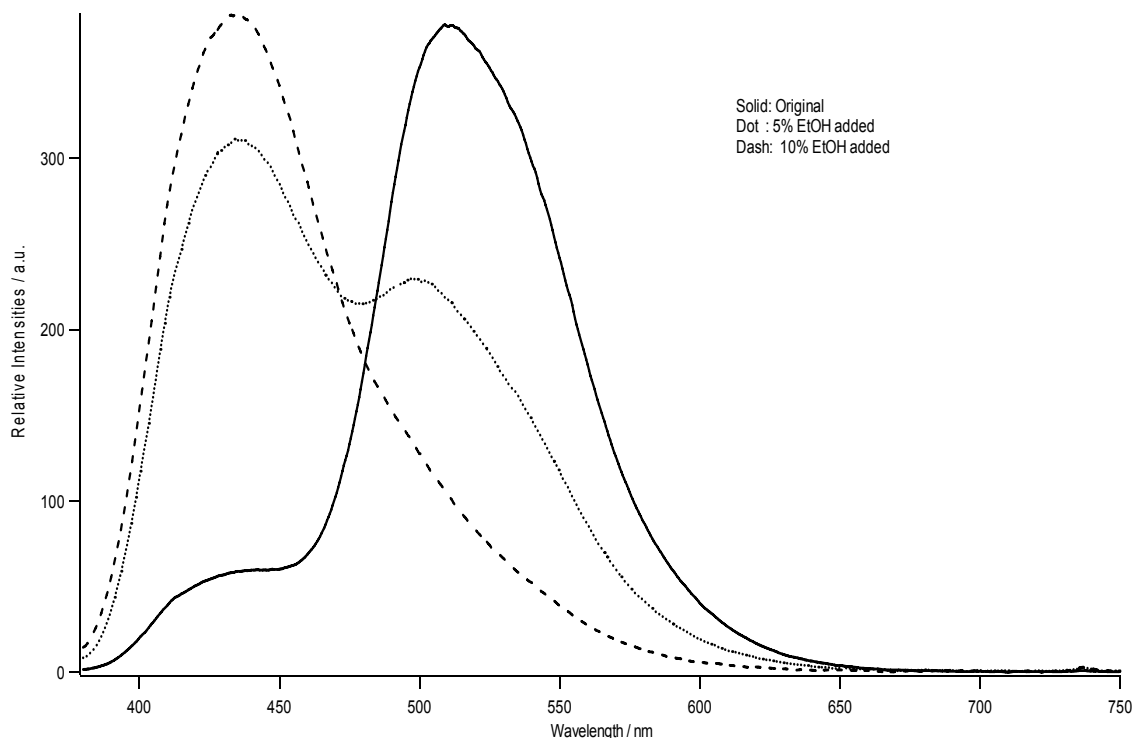


Figure S7 Emission spectra of $\text{Eu}(\text{TTA})_3(\mathbf{1})$ with 1 equiv. of fluoride upon addition of 0 (solid), 5 (dotted) and 10 % ethanol (dashed).



Figure S8 $\text{Eu}(\text{TTA})_3(\mathbf{1})$ in DMSO (10^{-6} M) excited by UV light at 365 nm with 1 equiv. of $[\text{Bu}_4\text{N}]\text{AcO}$.

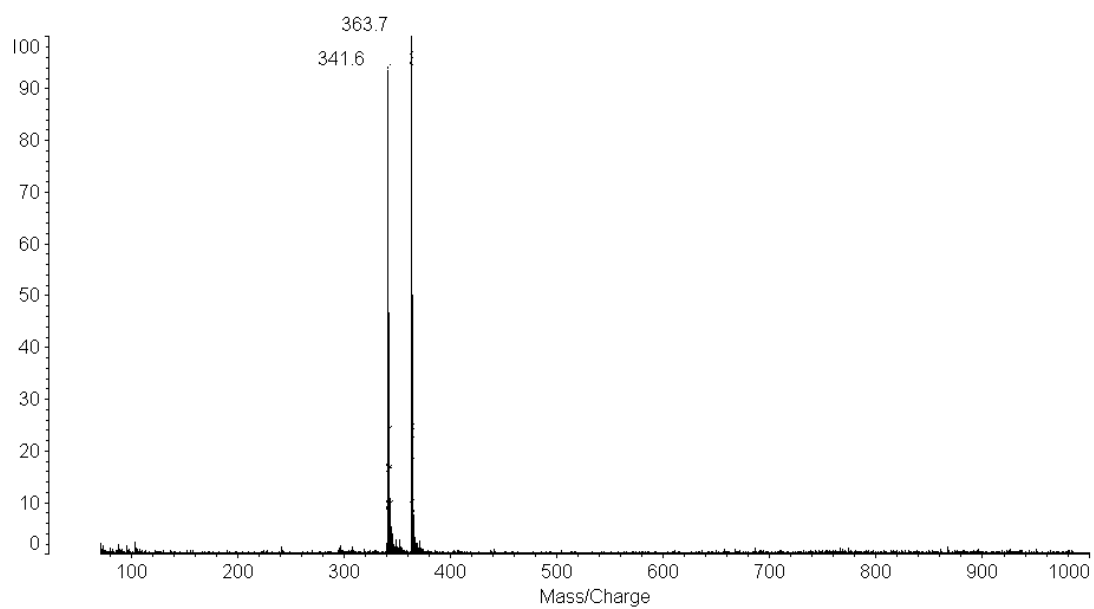
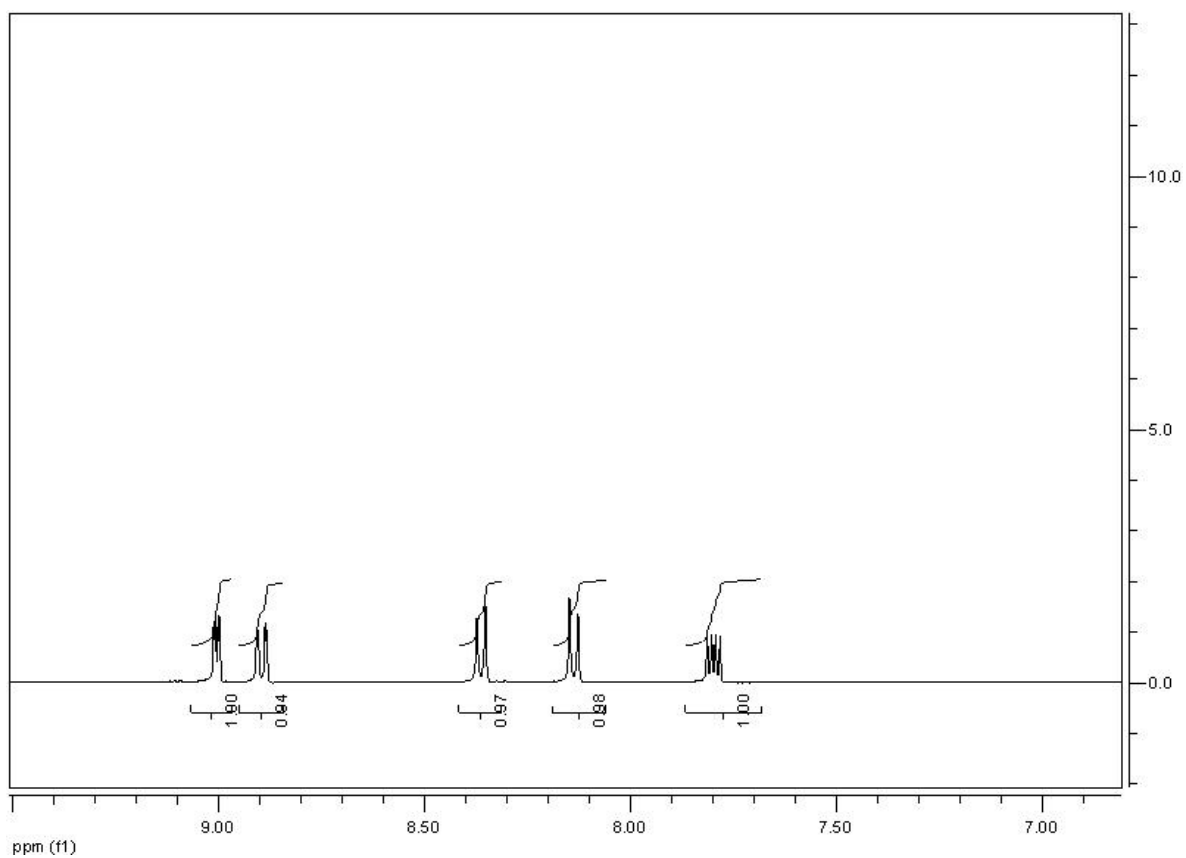


Figure S9 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (upper) and mass spectra of **1** (lower).