

## Supplementary information

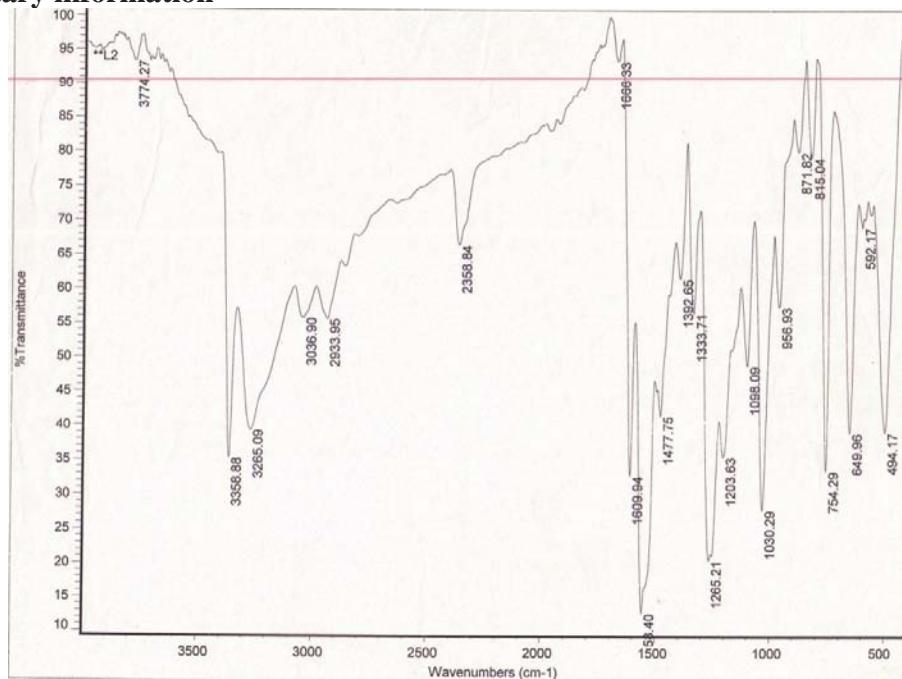


Fig. S1 IR spectrum of [H<sub>2</sub>-(Sal-mtsc)]

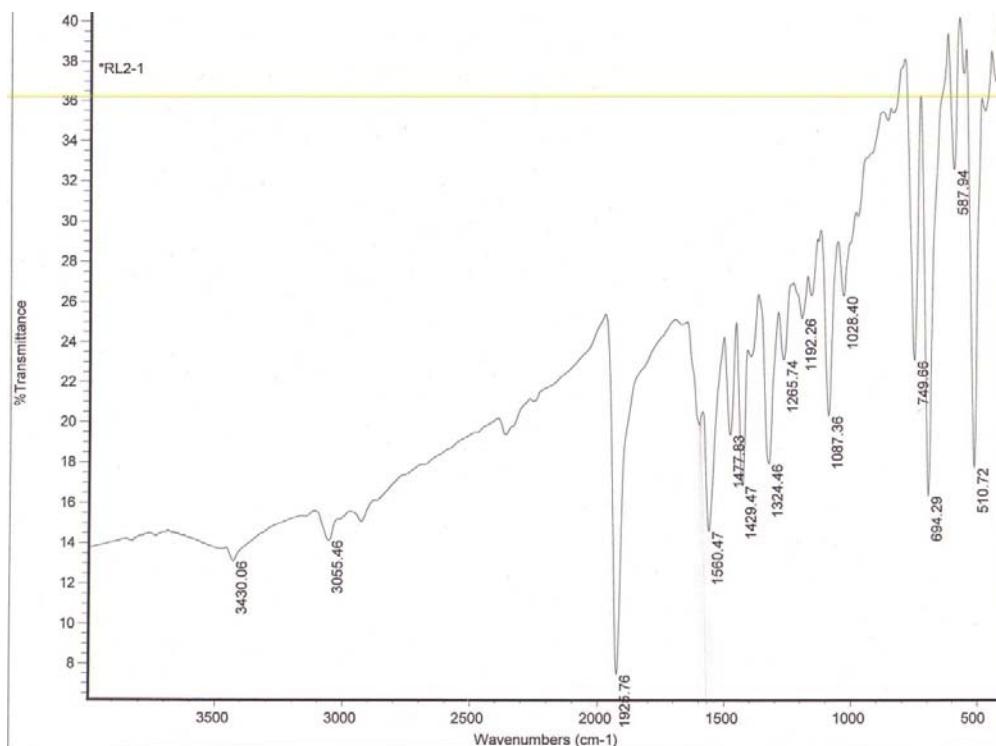
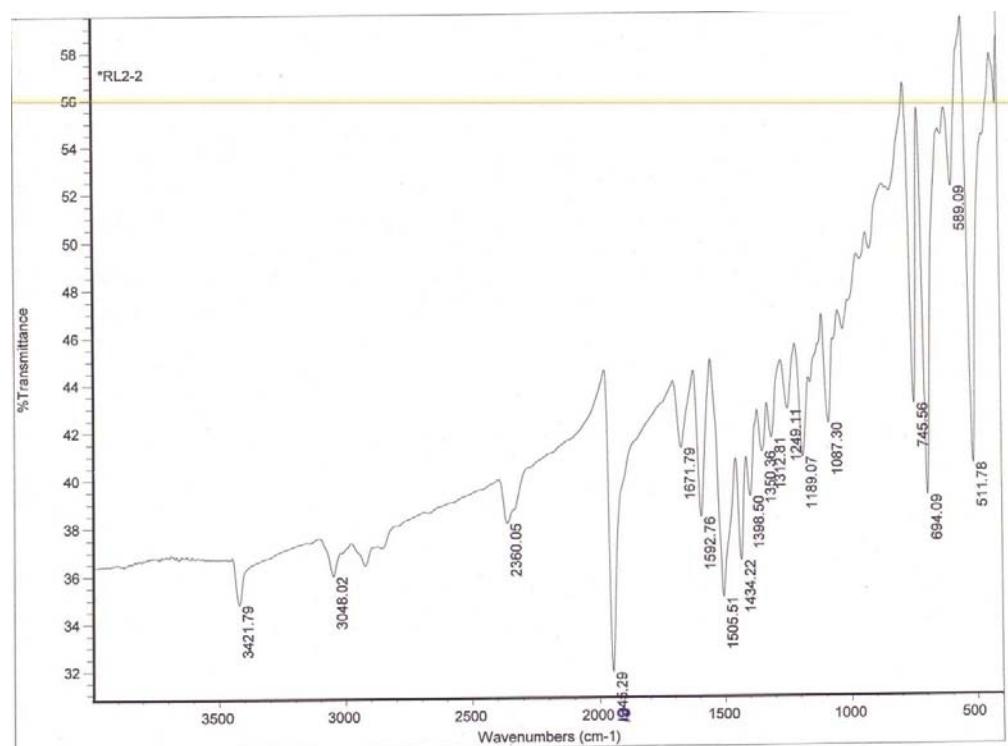
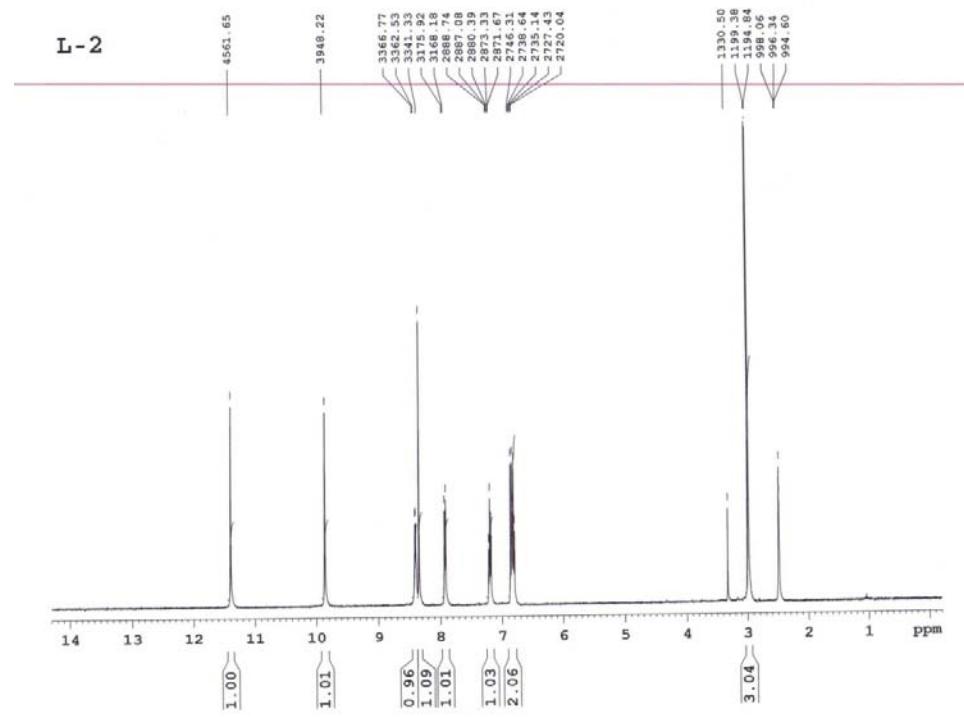


Fig. S2 IR spectrum of [Ru(H-Sal-mtsc)(CO)Cl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](1)



**Fig. S3** IR spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{Sal-mtsc})(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2](2)$



**Fig. S4** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of  $[\text{H}_2\text{-}(\text{Sal-mtsc})]$

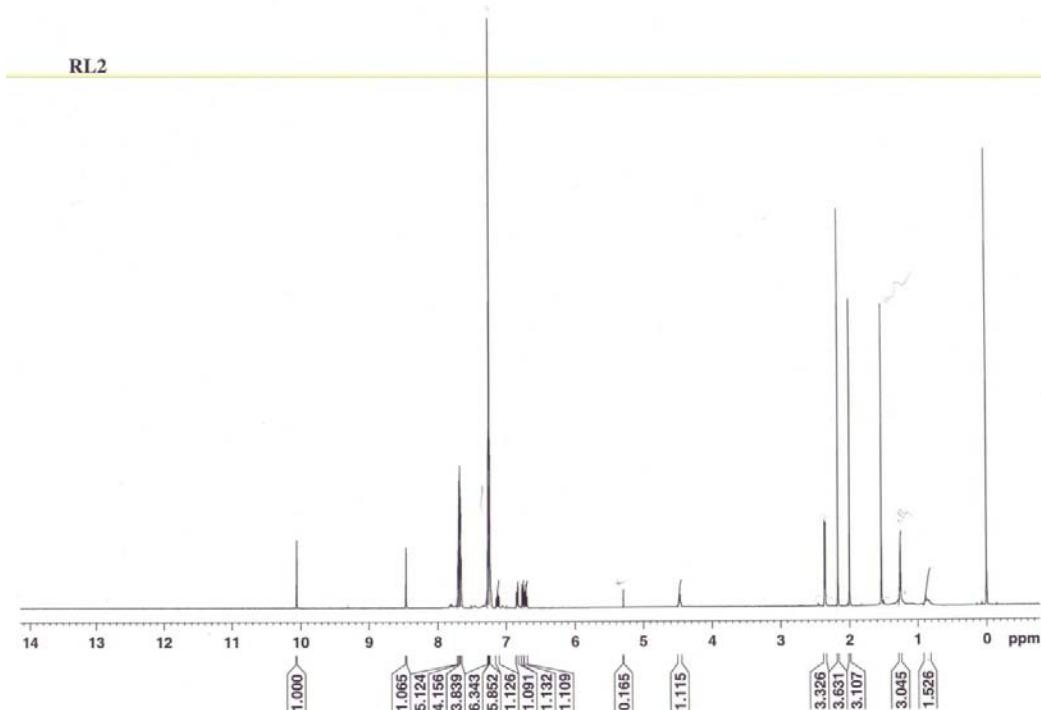


Fig. S5  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{H-Sal-mtsc})(\text{CO})\text{Cl}(\text{PPh}_3)_2](1)$

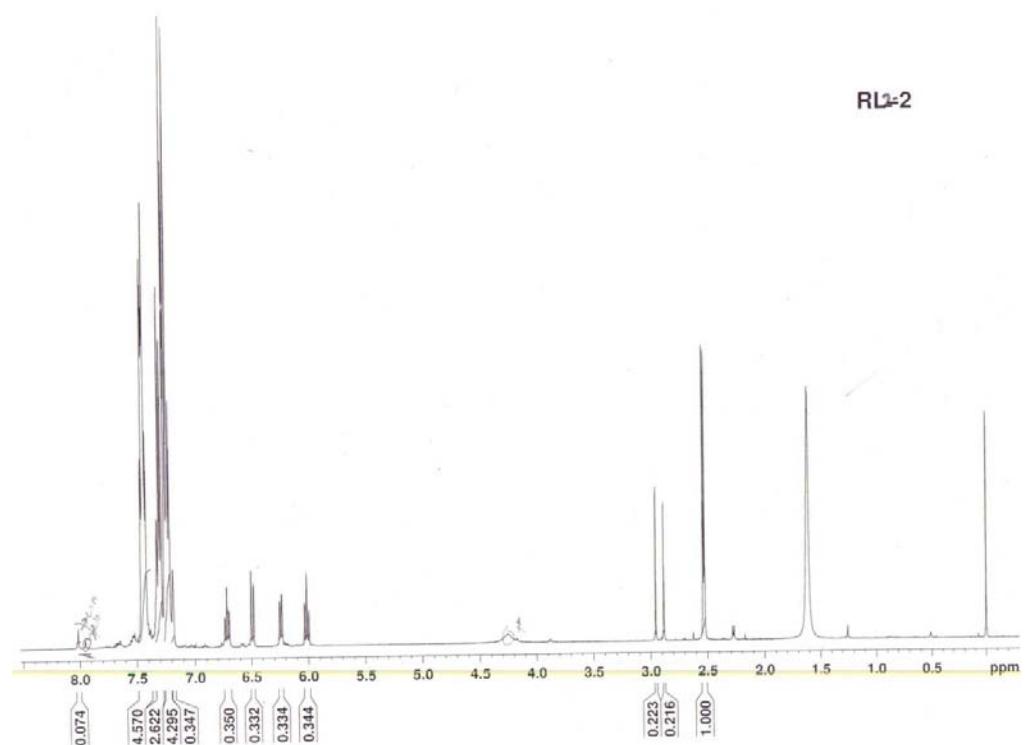
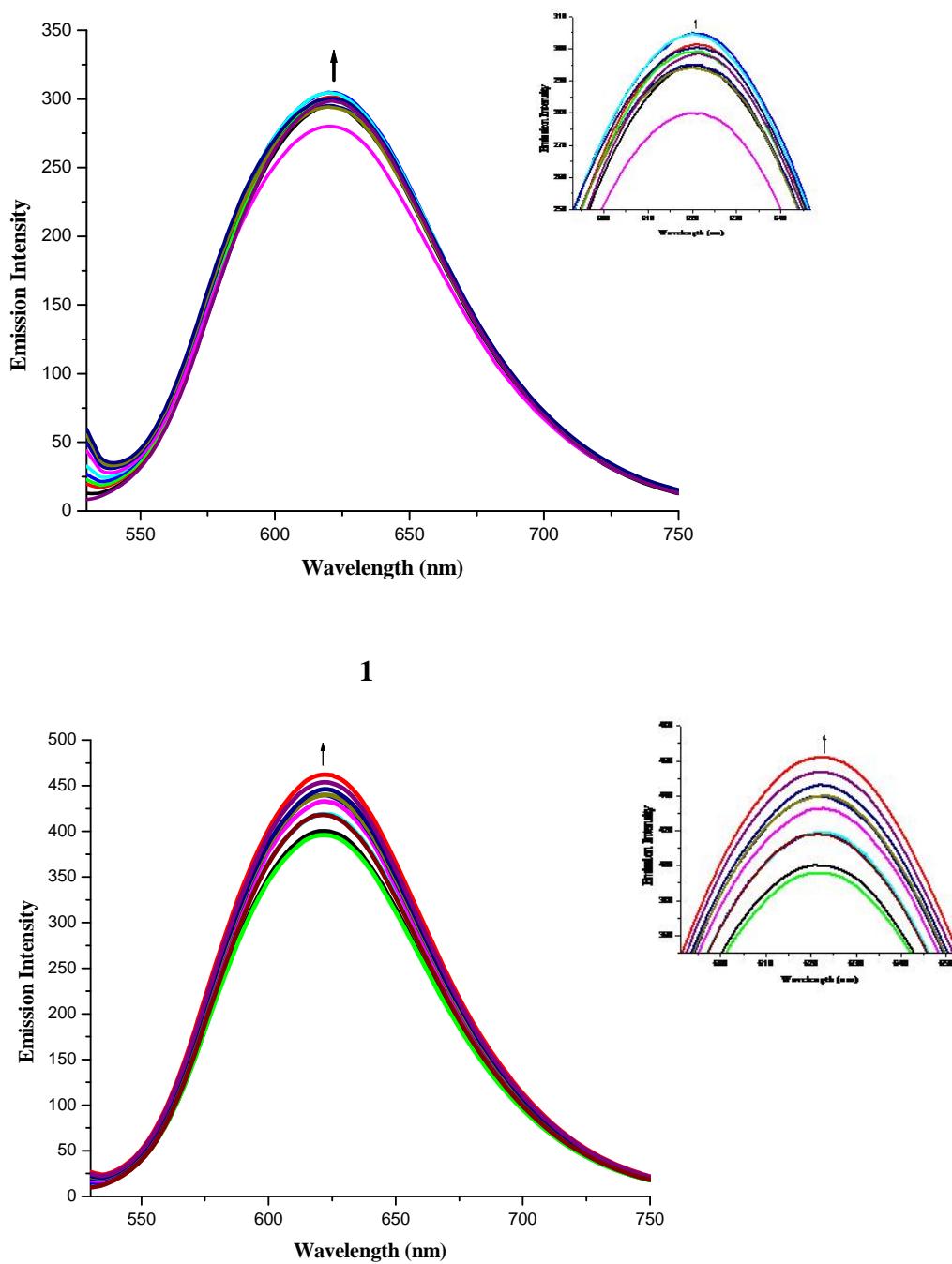
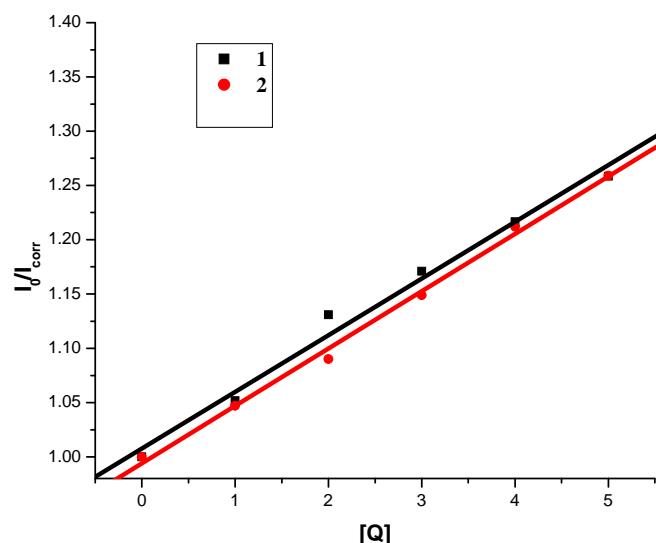


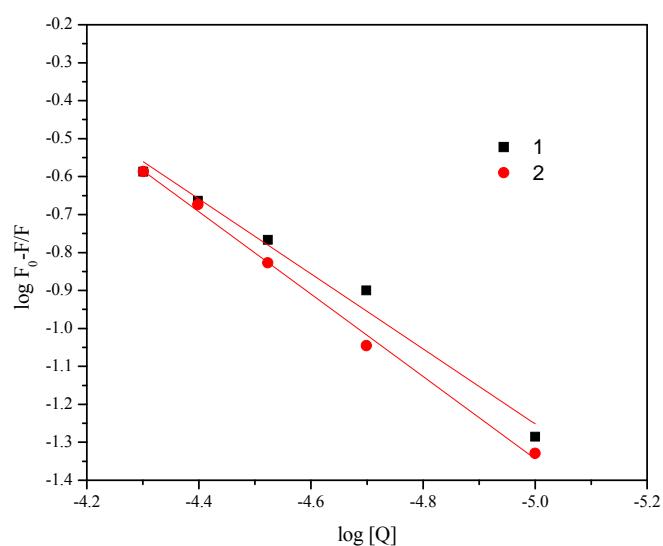
Fig. S6  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{Sal-mtsc})(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2](2)$



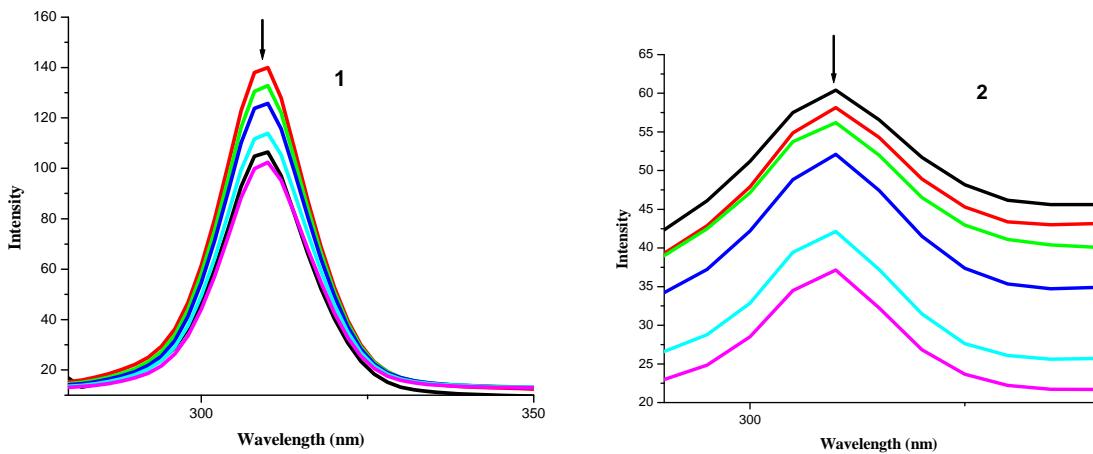
**Fig. S7** The emission spectra of the DNA-EB system ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 515 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 530\text{--}750 \text{ nm}$ ), in the presence of complex **1** and **2**.  $[\text{DNA}] = 10 \mu\text{M}$ ,  $[\text{Complex}] = 0\text{--}50 \mu\text{M}$ ,  $[\text{EB}] = 10 \mu\text{M}$ . The arrow shows the emission intensity changes upon increasing complex concentration.



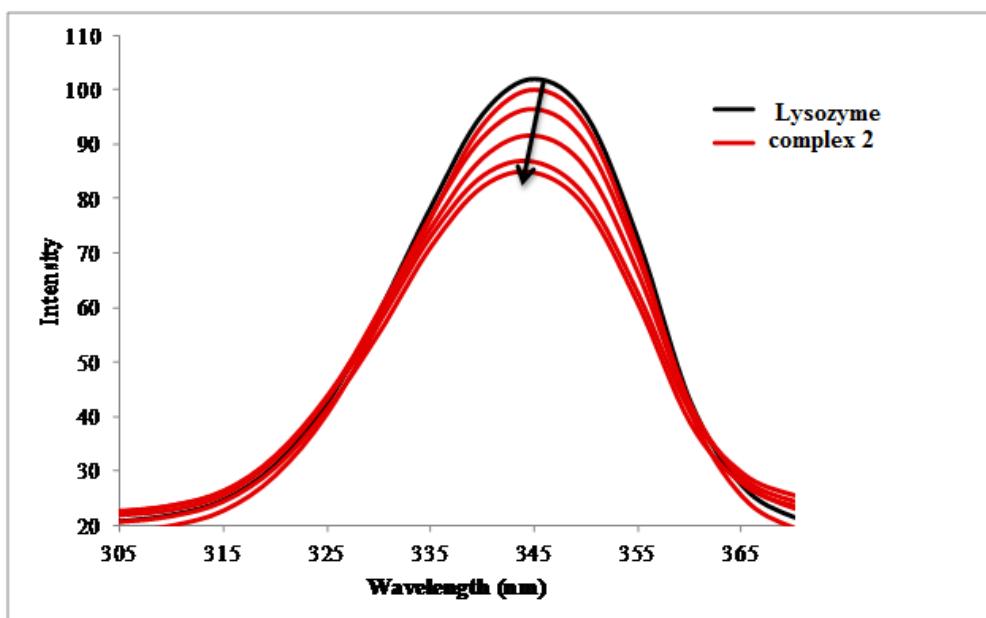
**Fig. S8** The stern Volmer curves of fluorescence quenching of lysozyme by Complexes 1 (square) and 2 (circle)



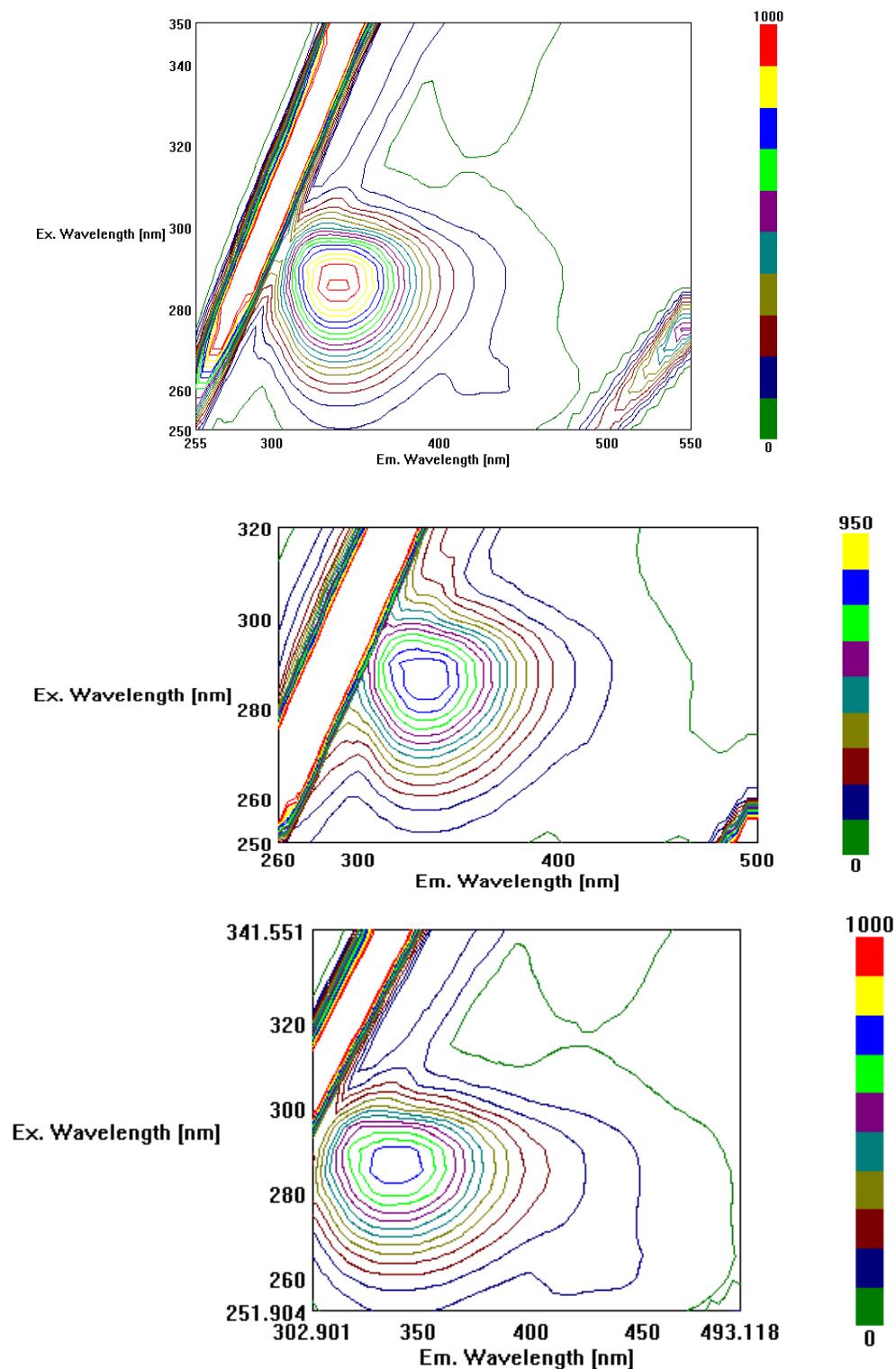
**Fig. S9** Double- log plot of complex 1 and 2 quenching effect on lysozyme at 25° C.



**Fig. S10** Synchronous spectra of lysozyme ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$  M) in the absence and presence of **1** and **2** ( $0\text{--}5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the wavelength difference of  $\Delta\lambda = 15$  nm



**Fig. S11** Synchronous spectra of lysozyme ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$  M) in the absence and presence of **2** ( $0\text{--}5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the wavelength difference of  $\Delta\lambda = 60$  nm



**Fig. S12** The three-dimensional fluorescence contour map of free Lysozyme (a) and presence of Complexes 1(b) and 2(c)