

## Supplementary Materials

**A novel multi-functional Zn-MOF fluorescent probe demonstrating unique sensitivity and selectivity for detection of PA and Fe<sup>3+</sup> ions in water solution**

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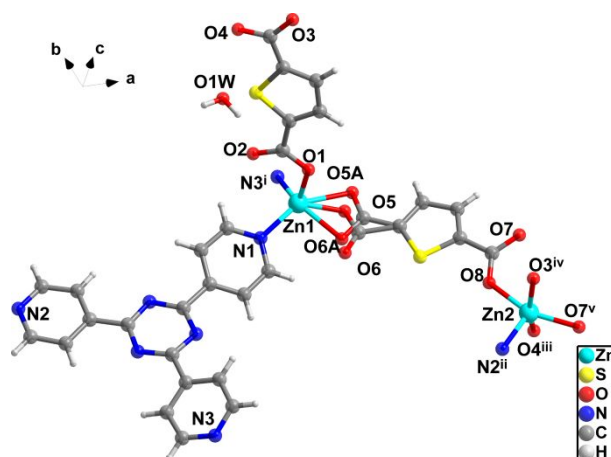
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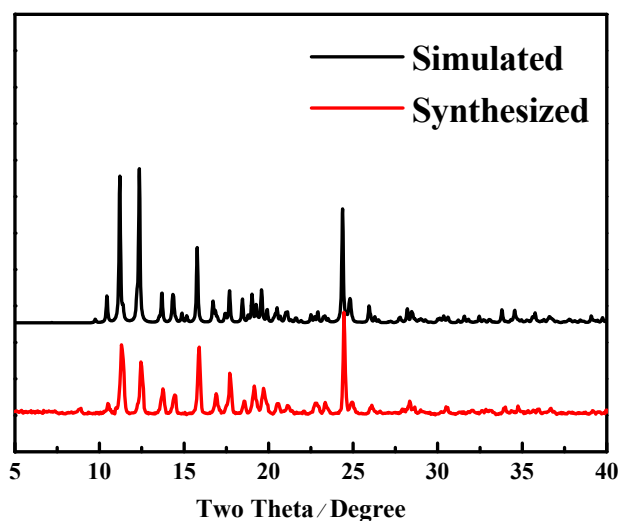
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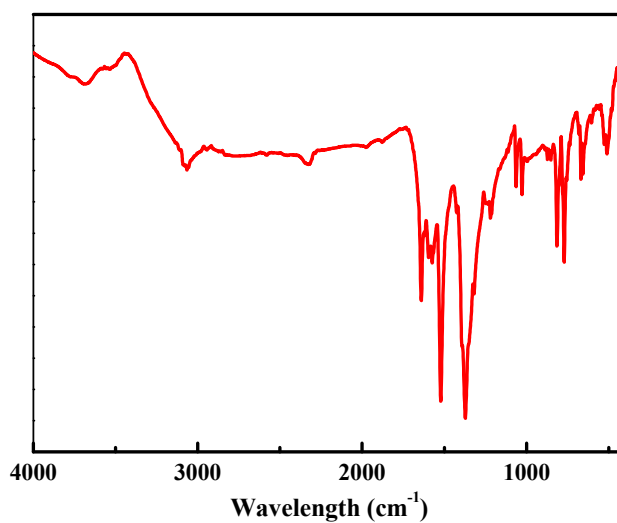
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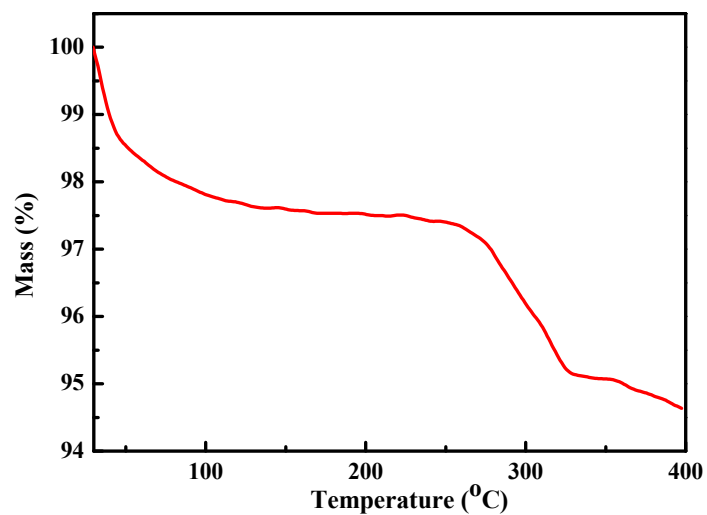
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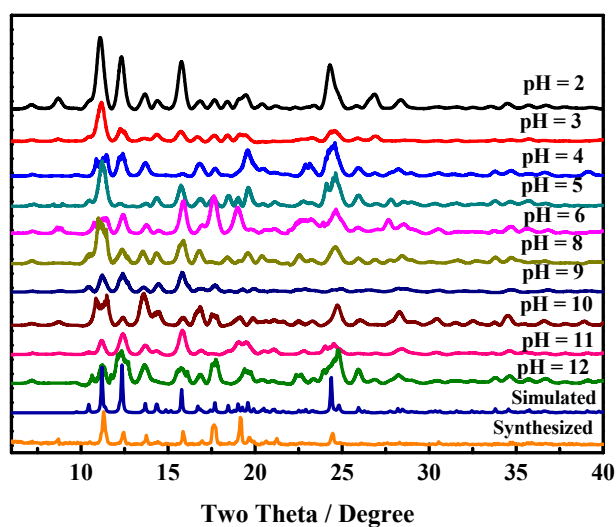
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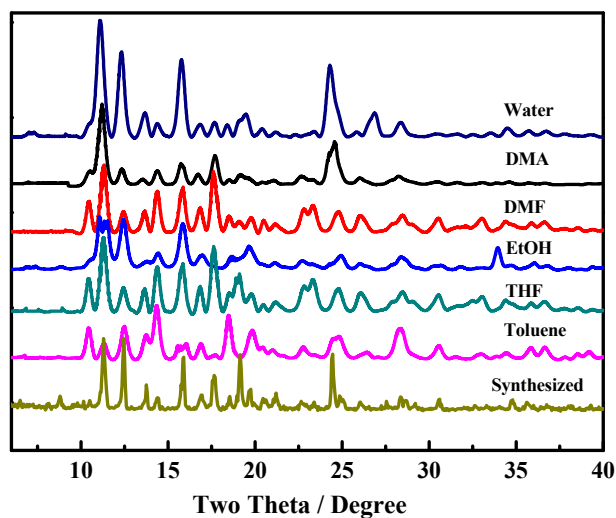
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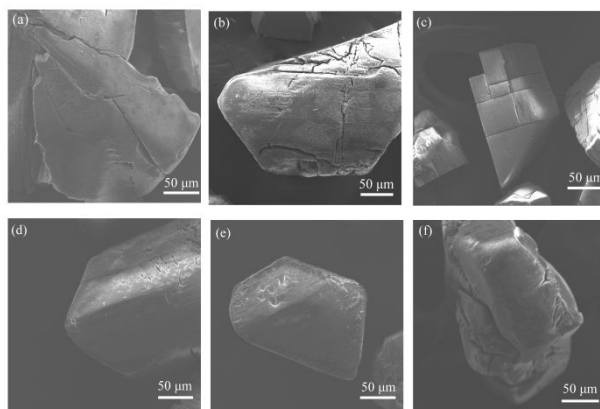


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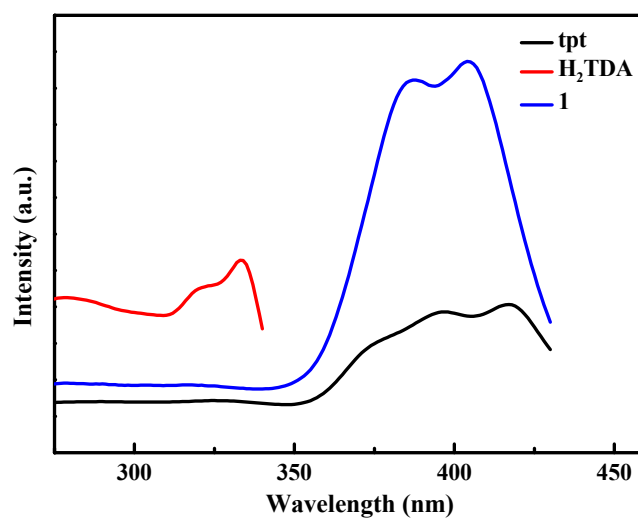


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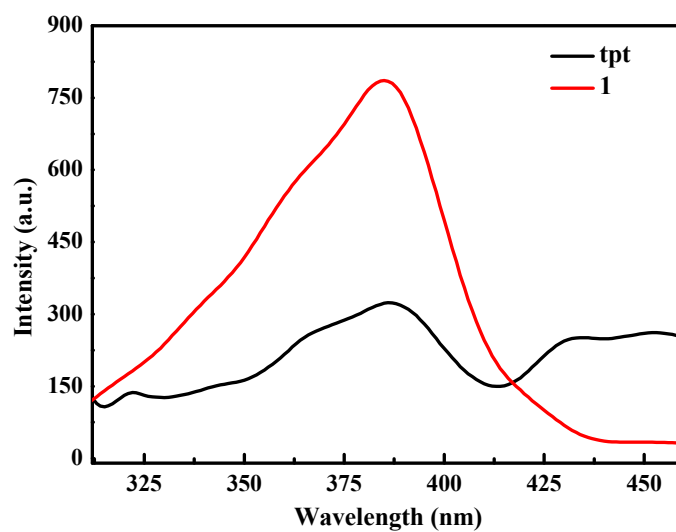
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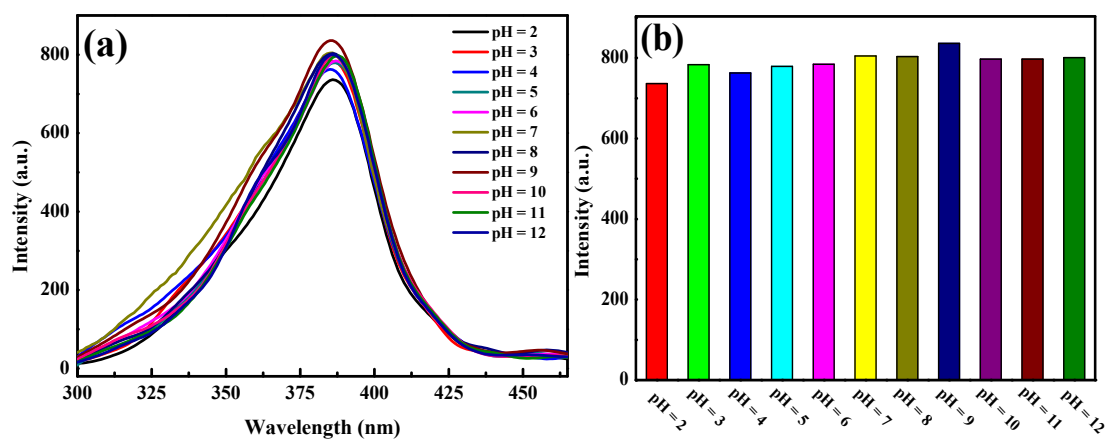
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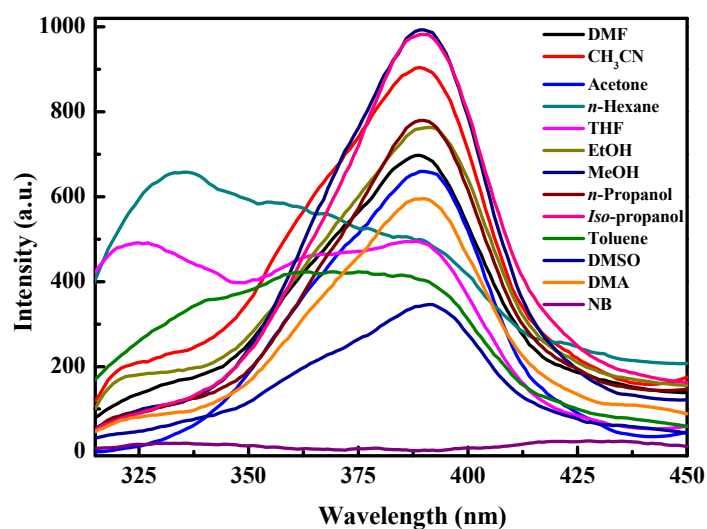
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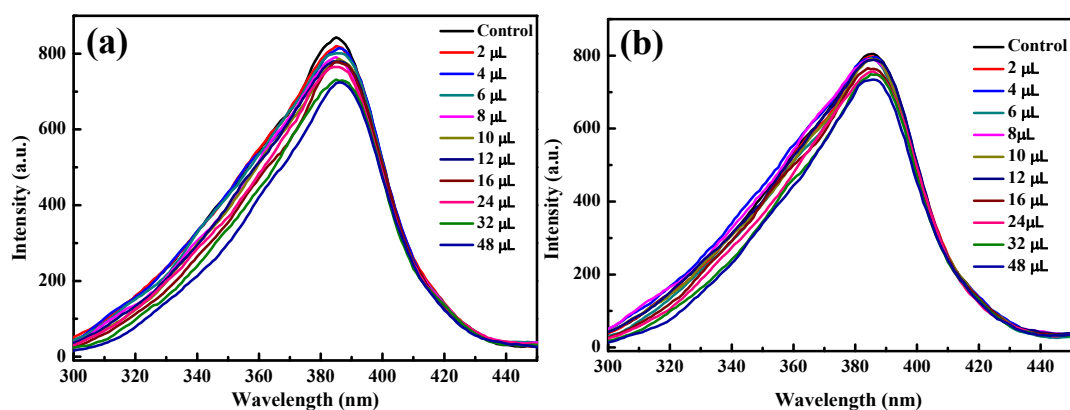
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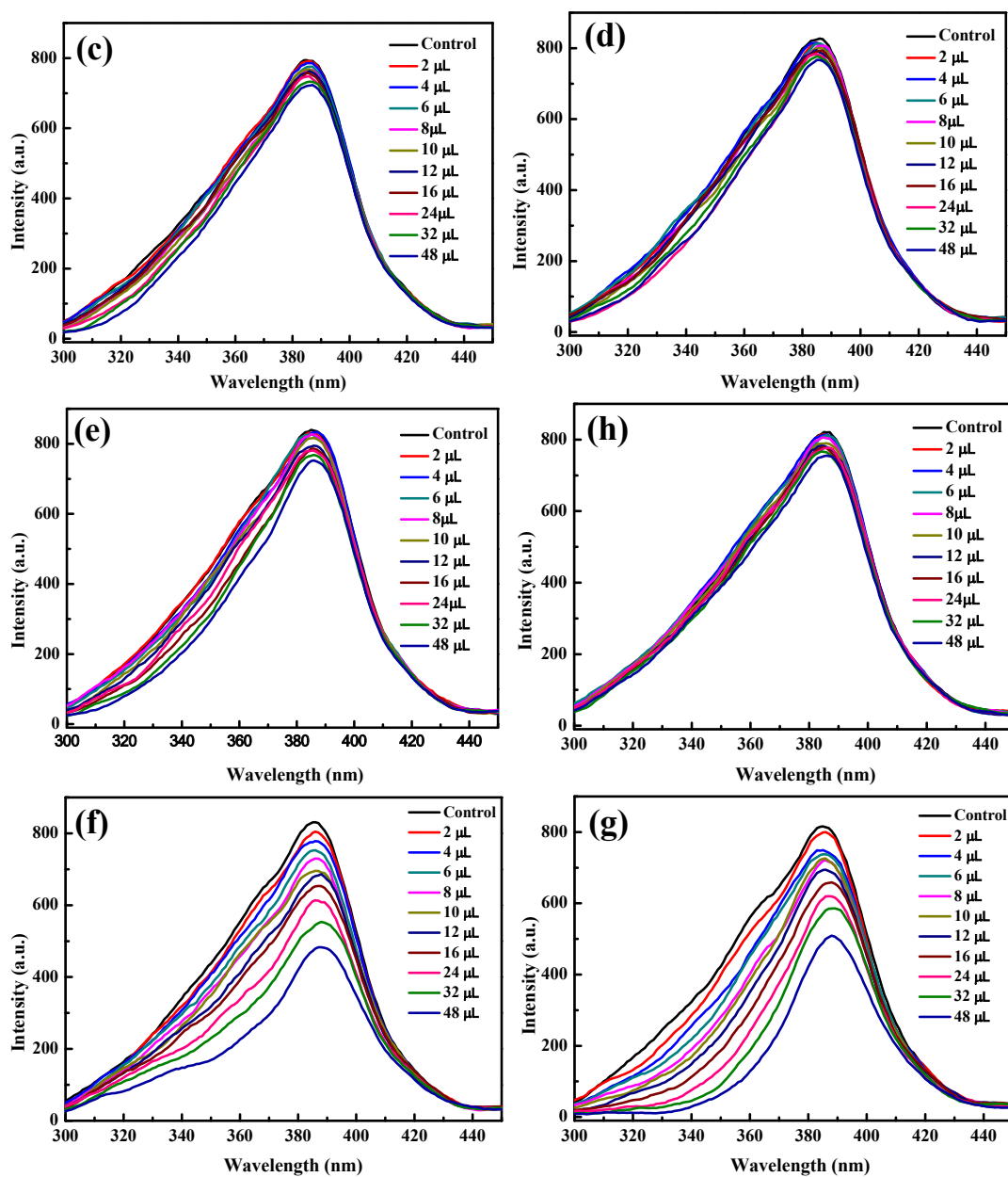


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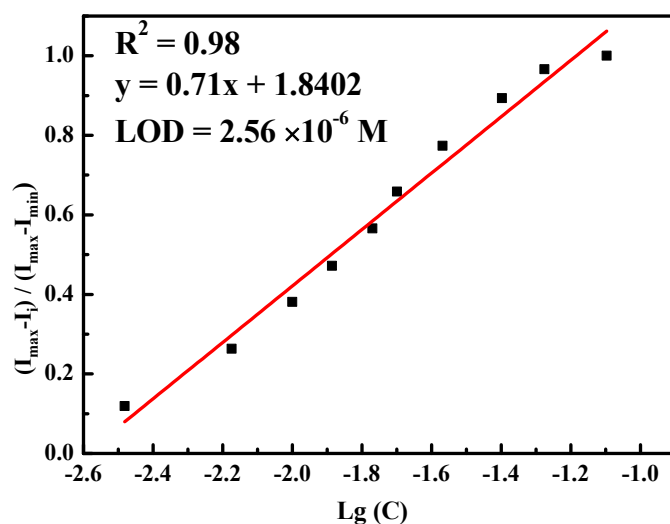
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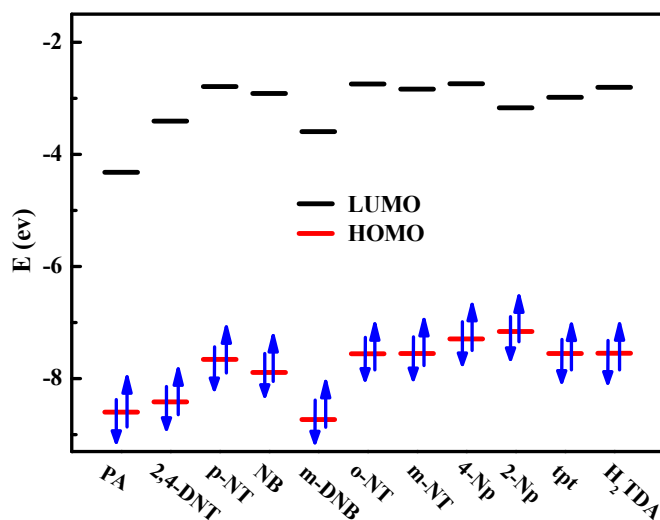


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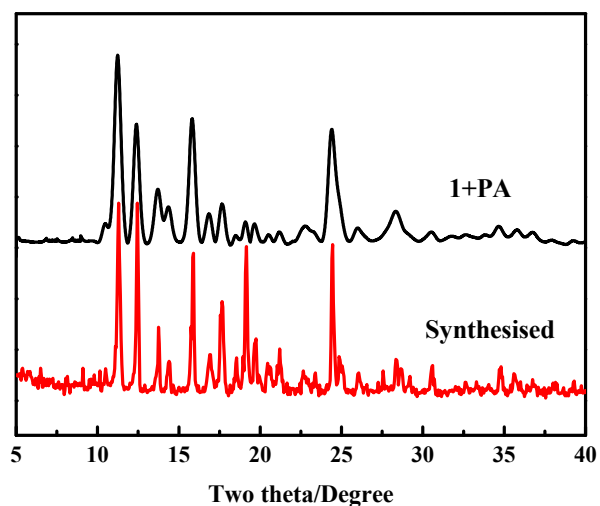




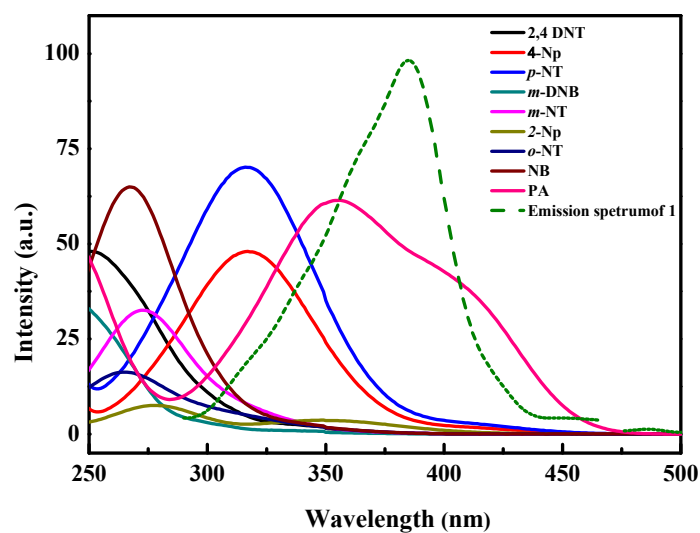
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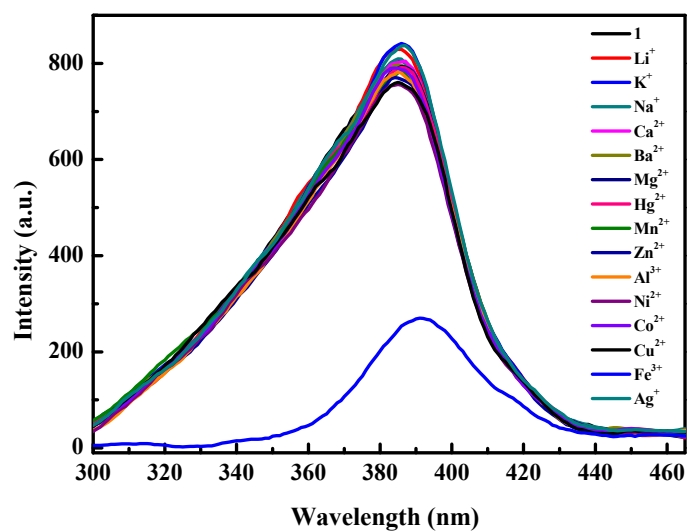
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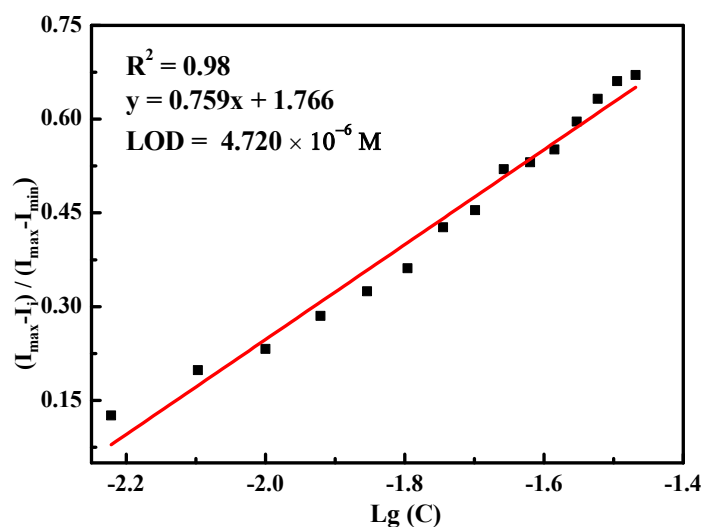
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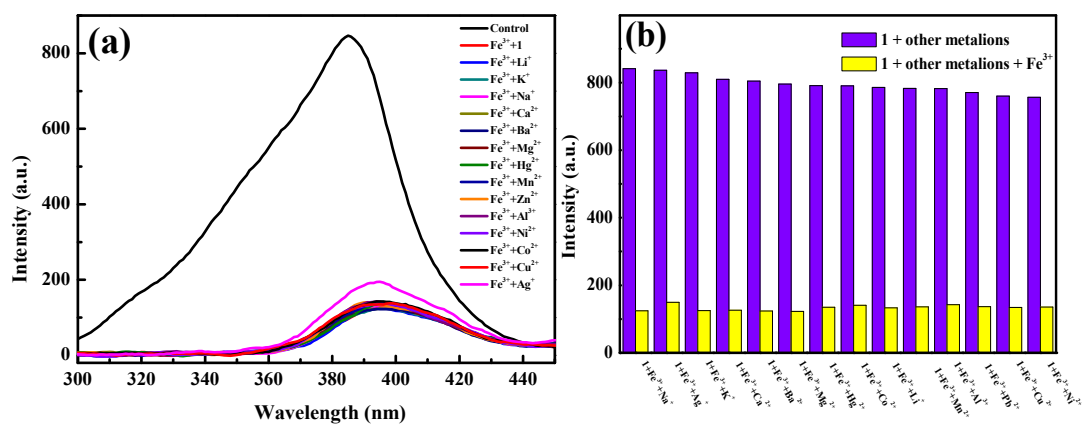
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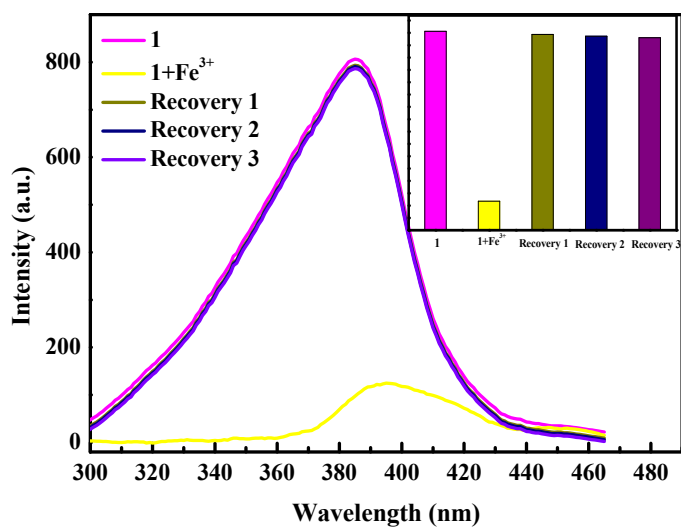
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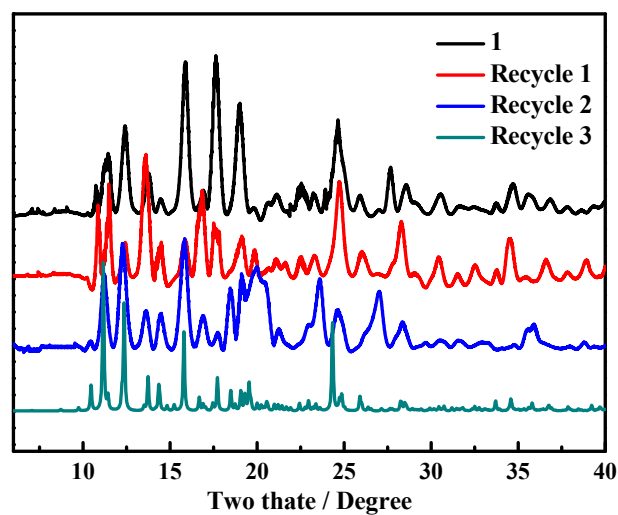
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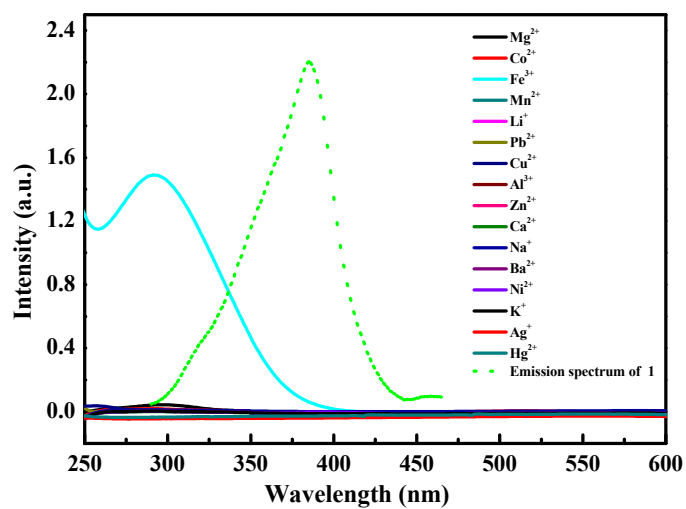
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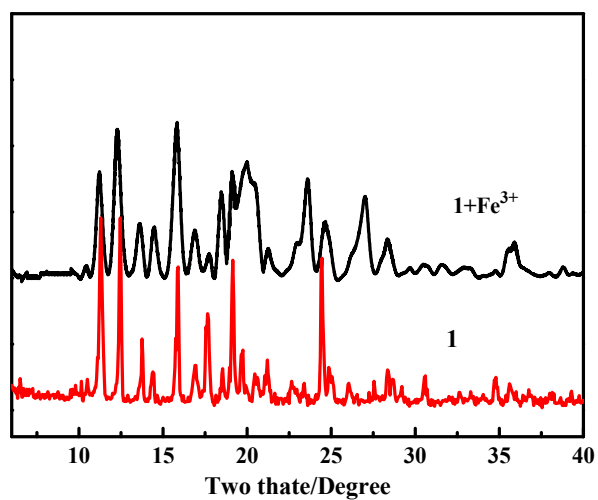
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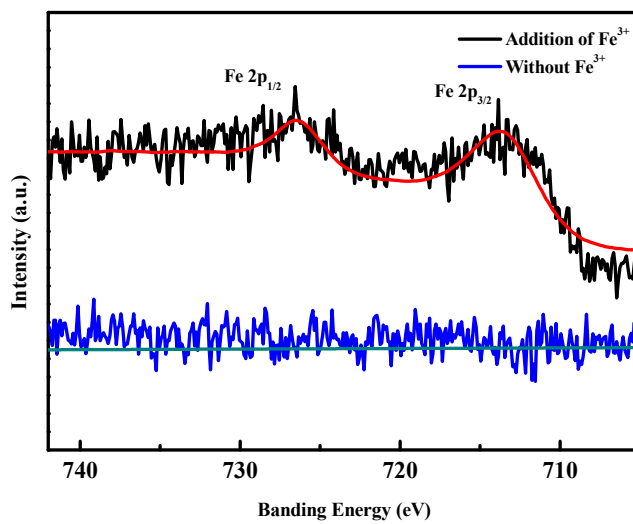
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Zn1-O5	1.901(6)	Zn2-O3 <sup>3</sup>	2.027(2)
Zn1-N1	2.0464(19)	Zn2-O7 <sup>2</sup>	2.0388(18)
Zn1-N3 <sup>1</sup>	2.067(2)	Zn2-O8	2.0358(19)
Zn1-O6A	2.188(11)	Zn2-N2 <sup>5</sup>	2.0601(18)
O1-Zn1-N1	111.82 (8)	O1-Zn1-C7	93.5 (2)
O1-Zn1-O5A	88.9 (3)	O5-Zn1-N1	129.8 (3)
N1-Zn1-N3 <sup>1</sup>	100.6 (3)	N1-Zn1-O5A	149.4 (3)
O3 <sup>2</sup> -Zn2-O8	88.40 (9)	O4 <sup>4</sup> -Zn2-N2 <sup>5</sup>	108.98 (8)

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PA	-8.59516	-4.32093	4.27432
2,4-DNT	-8.41361	-3.40910	5.00450
<i>p</i> -NT	-7.65502	-2.79225	4.86279
NB	-7.88778	-2.91263	4.97515
<i>m</i> -DNB	-8.73052	-3.59610	5.13441
<i>o</i> -NT	-7.55477	-2.74677	4.80799
<i>m</i> -NT	-7.55031	-2.83893	4.71137
4-Np	-7.29006	-2.73967	4.55039

2-Np	-7.16037	-3.17267	3.98770
tpt	-7.55367	-2.98348	4.57019
H <sub>2</sub> TDA	-7.54931	-2.80524	4.74407

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