

Coumarin Derived Efficient Fluorescent Probe for Trace Level Determination of Hg (II) and Pb(II) in Environmental Samples: Experimental and Computational Studies

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Abstract : A coumarin based efficient fluorescent probe selective for Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} ions was synthesized by coupling 6-amino-coumarin with 2-hydroxy naphthaldehyde. The probe and its metal complexes were well characterized by different spectroscopic techniques. The probe could detect up to $1\mu\text{M}$ Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} in aqueous methanol solution. The method showed linearity up to $10\mu\text{M}$ for both Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} . Interference from other common cations is almost negligible. The probe showed a strong binding to Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} ions as evident from their binding constant values (2.2×10^4 and 1.4×10^4 respectively) estimated by Benesi-Hildebrand method. Computational studies (*Ab-initio*, Hartree Fock) indicated a molecular level interaction between the probe and Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} ions.

Keywords: Fluorescence, coumarin- naphthalene hybrid, Hg^{2+} , Pb^{2+} , environmental samples.

I. INTRODUCTION

Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} ions are the most hazardous toxic heavy metal ions. Even the low dose exposure of mercury may lead to digestive, heart, stomach, kidney and especially neurological diseases [1-2]. Several analytical techniques for the determination of mercury ions in various real samples have been reported which include spectrophotometry [3-4], neutron activation analysis [5], anodic stripping voltammetry [6], X-ray fluorescence spectrometry [7], inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry [8-11], electrothermal atomic absorption spectrometry [12-13] atomic fluorescence spectrometry [14] and cold vapor atomic absorption spectrometry [15]. Fluorescent chemosensors using chromoionophores [16] or polymers [17] have also been reported for Hg^{2+} detection. On the other hand, the fluorescence sensing method is nowadays a very efficient and popular method for low level monitoring of Hg^{2+} [18 - 25] due to its operational simplicity, high selectivity, sensitivity, rapidity, nondestructive methodology and direct visual perception [26-31].

The cumulative poisoning effect of lead causes hematological damage, anemia, kidney malfunctioning, brain damage, sore muscles, fatigue, irritation, and disturbances in the central nervous system [32]. The organic derivatives of

lead are highly toxic because of the ease of their absorption by the body through skin and mucus membranes [33]. Although very few fluorescent Pb(II) sensors [34- 42] have been reported so far but work in this field is highly demanding and deserves much attention.

On the other hand, coumarin derivatives are well known to have diverse applications such as anticoagulants, spasmolytics, anticancer drugs or as plant growth regulating agents [32, 43-44]. Coumarin and its derivatives [45-46] possess antibacterial [47], antithrombotic and vasodilatory [48], antimutagenic [49], lipoxygenase and cyclooxygenase inhibition [50-51] properties. They act as scavenger of reactive oxygen species [52-53].

Thus, from the above discussion, it was evident that applications of coumarin derivative as fluorescent probe for trace level determination of Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} ions in aqueous solution might be an important area of research.

Herein we present the synthesis, characterization, and application of a new Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} selective fluorescent sensor by anchoring naphthalene derivative to the coumarin backbone.

II. EXPERIMENTAL

Materials and Methods

2-hydroxynaphthaldehyde and coumarin were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. (USA) and S.D. Fine Chem. Ltd. (India) respectively. All other chemicals were of reagent grade and used without further purification. Spectroscopic grade solvents and Milli-Q 18Ω water were used throughout all the experiments. Stock solution of Pb(II) (1000 mg L^{-1} in 3% HNO_3) was obtained from **SOLUTIONS plus inc.** (Missouri, USA) which was tested vs. NIST SRM # 3108a. Then the solution was diluted 20 times for our practical work. All the working solutions were prepared by appropriate dilution with deionised water. Glass apparatus were soaked with $4\text{ mol L}^{-1}\text{HNO}_3$ overnight and cleaned with double distilled (d. d.) water. Certified reference materials analyzed were standard reference material (SRM) 1573 tomato leaves

from National Bureau of Standards; pond sediment (NIES 2) and igneous rock (JR-1) from National Institute for Environmental studies, Japan.

Physical measurements

Microanalytical data (C, H and N) were collected on Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHNS/O elemental analyzer. Spectroscopic data were obtained using the following instruments: UV-vis. spectra by Perkin Elmer UV-vis. spectrophotometer model Lambda 25; FTIR spectra (KBr disk, 4000-450 cm^{-1}) by Perkin Elmer FT-IR spectrophotometer model RX-1; Mass spectra were recorded in QTOF Micro YA 263 mass spectrometer in ES positive mode. Thermo gravimetric analysis was performed on a Perkin Elmer TG/DTA lab system 1 (Technology by SII). ^1H NMR spectra was recorded on Bruker (AC) 300 MHz. Fluorescence studies were carried at room temperature (298 K) in aqueous methanol solution (water: methanol = 1: 4, v/v) with a Hitachi F-4500 spectrofluorimeter. A domestic Samsung microwave oven (model CE2933) with a 2450 MHz frequency magnetron and 900W maximum power and a polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) reactor (115 mL internal volume, 1 cm cell wall thickness and hermetic screw caps) were used for digestion. Direct analysis of Pb^{2+} in road dust samples were performed using flame atomic absorption spectrometer (Varian A55, Australia) after microwave assisted digestion. Computational studies were carried out using Gaussian 03 software [54].

Synthesis of (6E)-6-((2-hydroxynaphthalen-3-yl)methyleneamino)-2H-chromen-2-one (L)

Scheme 1 showed the protocol for the synthesis of the probe. 6-Aminocoumarin (0.5 g, 3.1 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL dry methanol and mixed with 10 mL dry methanol solution of 2-hydroxynaphthaldehyde (0.5341g, 3.1 mmol). The mixture was refluxed for 4 h. slow evaporation of the solvent yielded a yellow color compound which was re-crystallized from methanol. Yield 90%; m. p. 190 ± 2 °C; ^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3) (Fig.S1): δ (ppm): 6.48 (d, J = 9.55, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 9.5, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.65, 1H), 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, 1H), 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.3 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, 1H), 6.39 (s, 1H). QTOF – MS ES^+ (Fig.S2): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 316$; FTIR (KBr, cm^{-1}) (Fig.S3) $\nu(\text{COO})$, 1721; $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$, 1623; UV-vis. (λ_{max} , nm (ϵ , $10^3\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$, CH_3OH) 383(1.241), 363 (1.358), 253(21.43), 212(22.72). Microanalytical data, calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3$: C, 76.18; H, 4.16; N, 4.44, found: C, 75.95; H, 4.11; N, 4.43.

Synthesis of L- Hg^{2+} complex [HgL_2](Scheme2)

A 10 mL methanolic solution of HgCl_2 (0.025 g, 0.0923 mmol) was added slowly to a magnetically stirred 10 mL methanol solution of L (0.058 g, 0.1846 mmol). Stirring was continued for 2 h to get a clear solution. Slow evaporation the solvent yielded a brown compound which was re-crystallized from methanol. QTOF–MS ES^+ (Fig.S4) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 831.15$. FTIR (KBr, cm^{-1}) (Fig. S5): $\nu(\text{COO})$, 1717;

$\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$, 1610, UV-vis. (λ_{max} , nm (ϵ , $10^3\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$, CH_3OH) 372 (1.7), 333 (1.56), 314 (1.73), 227 (8.25). Microanalytical data, for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{24}\text{HgN}_2\text{O}_4$ C, 57.94; H, 2.92; N, 3.38, found: C, 57.76, H, 2.88, N, 3.37.

Synthesis of L- Pb^{2+} complex [$\text{PbL}(\text{NO}_3)_2$](Scheme 2)

A 10 mL solution of $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ (0.025 g, 0.075mmol) in methanol was added slowly to a magnetically stirred 10 mL methanol solution of the L (0.047 g, 0.15 mmol). The mixture was stirred for another 2 h to have a clear solution. Slow evaporation of methanol yielded a very light brown color compound which was re-crystallized from methanol. QTOF–MS ES^+ (Fig.S6) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 647.08$. FTIR (cm^{-1}) (Fig.S7): $\nu(\text{COO})$, 1722; $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$, 1615, UV-vis. (λ_{max} , nm (ϵ , $10^3\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$, CH_3OH) 367 (2.39), 333 (2.22), 315 (2.43), 227 (10.87). Microanalytical data, for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}_9\text{Pb}$ C, 37.21; H, 1.87; N, 6.51, found: C, 37.09; H, 1.85; N, 6.49.

Measurement procedures

A 1×10^{-5} mol L^{-1} working solutions of Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} were obtained by serial dilution of their respective stock solutions. A 10^{-5} mol L^{-1} stock solution of L was prepared by dissolving appropriate amount of L in aqueous methanol (methanol: water = 4:1, v/v). Solutions of Hg^{2+} and L were mixed in different ratios for subsequent fluorescence measurements. Similar experiment was performed with Pb^{2+} . The fluorescence emission intensity was measured at 350 nm (λ_{em}) while excitation wavelength (λ_{ex}) was fixed at 253 nm. 1.00 cm quartz cell was used for fluorescence measurement.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Spectral characteristics

Upon addition of Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} ions, emission intensities of L show a gradual decrease at 350 nm. ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 253$ nm and slit width 10/10 nm). The changes in the fluorescence emission intensities of L ($[\text{L}] = 10^{-6}$ mol L^{-1}) as a function of externally added Hg^{2+} (from 0.2 μM to 10 μM) and Pb^{2+} ions (from 0.1 μM to 15 μM) were presented in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 respectively.

The plots of emission intensities vs externally added Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} ions (inset of Fig.1 and Fig.2) reveal that after a certain amount of externally added Hg^{2+} ion and Pb^{2+} ion, there is no further change in the emission intensity of the system. Up to 10 times of the externally added Hg^{2+} ion and Pb^{2+} ion, we observed linearity. Thus, by making use of this linear relationship (inset of Fig.1 and Fig.2), one can easily determine the concentration of any unknown Hg^{2+} ion and Pb^{2+} ion in aqueous solution.

Job's plot (Fig. 3) showed the stoichiometry of the complexes formed between L and Hg^{2+} as L: $\text{Hg}^{2+} = 2: 1$ (mole ratio) whereas for the L- Pb^{2+} (Fig.4) complex it was found as L: $\text{Pb}^{2+} = 1: 1$ (mole ratio). These compositions were in complete agreement with the mass spectra (Fig. S4 and Fig. S6) of the complexes.

Changes in the absorption spectra of **L** with externally added Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} in aqueous methanol (methanol: water = 4: 1, v/v, $[\text{L}] = 10^{-4} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$) were presented in Fig. S8. The UV-vis spectra of the Schiff bases contained hypochromic absorption bands in the ultraviolet region of the spectra corresponding to the $\pi\text{-}\pi^*$ transitions of the aromatic rings and of the conjugated system arising from the imine and coumarin moieties. Low intensity, broad bands, with absorption maxima at ca. 430 nm, were assigned to forbidden $n\text{-}\pi^*$ transitions associated with the azomethine group.

In the IR spectra of the Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} complexes the $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$ stretching vibration associated with the imine functional group of the ligand was shifted to a lower wavelength compared to that in the corresponding free ligand, indicating that coordination to the Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} ion occurs via the imine nitrogen. The $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$ stretching vibration of the carbonyl function in the lactone ring of the free ligands appeared as a strong sharp band in 1720 cm^{-1} . In the spectrum of most of the complexes, the position of this band remained largely unchanged, suggesting that the lactone carbonyl oxygen is not involved in coordination to the metal. For Pb^{2+} complexes stretching vibration at 1373 cm^{-1} denoted presence of nitro group.

Calculation of binding constant

Binding constant (K) values of **L** for Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} ions in aqueous methanol were determined (Fig.5 and Fig.6) using the Benesi-Hildebrand, equation, $I_0 / (I_0 - I) = 1/A + 1/KA \cdot 1/[Q]$, where I_0 is the fluorescence intensity of the free **L**, I is the fluorescence intensity of the complex, $[Q]$ is $[\text{Hg}^{2+}]$ and $[\text{Pb}^{2+}]$, A is a constant and K is the binding constant. Fairly strong binding between **L** and $[\text{Hg}^{2+}]$ or $[\text{Pb}^{2+}]$ was observed from their respective binding constant values viz. $2.2 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$ for $[\text{Hg}^{2+}]$ and $1.4 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$ for $[\text{Pb}^{2+}]$.

Selectivity

The selectivity of **L** for Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} over 3d metal ions was examined in aqueous methanol solution. Fig.7 indicated that Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} quenched the fluorescence intensity of **L** to the maximum extent whereas 3d metal ions could not achieve to that extent.

In a competitive environment, with ternary mixtures (**L** + Hg^{2+} / Pb^{2+} + $\text{M}^{n+} = 1:1:1$, mole ratio), interferences of 3d metal ions on the emission intensity of the $[\text{L-Hg}^{2+}]$ and $[\text{L-Pb}^{2+}]$ systems were insignificant (Fig.8 and Fig.9). It suggested that 3d metal ions could not compete with Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} to bind with the **L**.

Molecular level interaction

The geometry optimization for **L** was carried out using the hybrid *Ab-initio* (Hartree Fock) method with a 6-311G** basis set as shown in Fig.10. *Ab-initio* (Hartree Fock) method with LANL2DZ effective core potential (ECP) basis set provided a molecular level interaction between **L** and Hg^{2+} as well as **L** and Pb^{2+} have been shown in Fig.11 and Fig.12

respectively. Fig. 13 show the energy gap between highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) of the **L**, $[\text{L-Hg}^{2+}]$ and $[\text{L-Pb}^{2+}]$ systems. Distinct differential nature of HOMOs and LUMOs of **L** and its metal complexes indicated a molecular level interaction between **L** and these metal ions. Different parameters like, bond moments, dipole moments, quadruple moments along with optimized energies of **L**, $[\text{L-Hg}^{2+}]$ and $[\text{L-Pb}^{2+}]$ complexes were presented in the supplementary data (ESI).

IV. APPLICATION

The validity of this newly developed method for trace level determination of Hg^{2+} and $[\text{Pb}^{2+}]$ in environmental samples was checked by analyzing certified reference materials. Solid samples were digested in a microwave oven by the already described analytical procedure. The industrial waste water samples were collected from Damodar river (Durgapur-Raniganj Industrial belt, West Bengal, India) and filtered through $0.45 \mu\text{m}$ Milipore membrane filter followed by its analysis with the proposed chemosensor. The close proximity of the results of analysis of the certified reference materials by the present method clearly indicated its acceptability for the determination of Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} in real samples. The results were presented in Table 1 and Table 2 respectively. The observed results are in good agreement with the reported results; no significant differences have been observed (t- test, $P = 0.06$). The results of the analysis of road dust samples were also included in Table 2.

V. CONCLUSION

New fluorescent probe (**L**) was very efficient for trace level determination of Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} ions in aqueous solution. The binding constants of **L** with Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} ions were fairly high. FTIR and QTOF-MS ES^+ mass spectra of **L** and its Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} complexes clearly indicated the complexation process. Composition of the L-Hg^{2+} and L-Pb^{2+} complexes in solution were supported by the Job's method. The method was almost free from interferences from 3d metal ions. Finally, computational studies supported the structures and molecular level interactions of **L** with Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} ions. The analysis of certified reference materials and real samples were performed to validate this new method.

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APPENDIX A. SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) is available as a separate file which contains FTIR, ^1H NMR and TOF MS spectra of **L** and its Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} complexes. It also includes detail results of computational studies.

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Legends to Figures

Scheme1. Synthesis of the fluorescent probe (6E)-6-((2-hydroxynaphthalen-3-yl)methyleneamino)-2H-chromen-2-one (**L**) selective for Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} .

Scheme2. **L** binds with Hg^{2+} ion and Pb^{2+} ion.

Fig. 1. Changes in the fluorescence emission intensities of (**L**) upon gradual addition of Hg^{2+} ion. Inset plot shows the emission intensities of [**L**] (10 μM) as a function of externally added [Hg^{2+}] ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 253 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350 \text{ nm}$, [**L**] = $10^{-6} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$, methanol: water = 4:1, v/v).

Fig. 2. Changes in the fluorescence emission intensities of (**L**) upon gradual addition of Pb^{2+} ion. Inset plot shows the emission intensities of [**L**] (10 μM) as a function of externally added [Pb^{2+}] ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 253 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350 \text{ nm}$, [**L**] = $10^{-6} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$, methanol: water = 4:1, v/v).

Fig. 3. Job's plots for the determinations of the stoichiometry of the complexes formed between **L** and Hg^{2+} in solution.

Fig. 4. Job's plots for the determinations of the stoichiometry of the complexes formed between **L** and Pb^{2+} in solution.

Fig. 5. Determinations of binding constants of **L** with Hg^{2+} ions using Benesi- Hildebrand equation.

Fig. 6. Determinations of binding constants of **L** with Pb^{2+} ions using Benesi- Hildebrand equation.

Fig.7 . Effect of different metal ions (M^{n+}) on the emission intensity of **L** ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 253 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350 \text{ nm}$, [**L**] = [M^{n+}] = 1 μM , methanol: water = 4:1, v/v).

Fig. 8. Studies on interferences from 3d metal ions on the emission intensity of the [**L**- Hg^{2+}] systems. ([**L**] = 10 μM ; [Hg^{2+}] = [M^{n+}]). Inset plot shows pink bars represent emission intensity of **L** with Hg^{2+} ions whereas blue bars show the intensities of the [**L**- Hg^{2+}] systems upon addition of foreign metal ion. Red bars represent the extent of interferences.

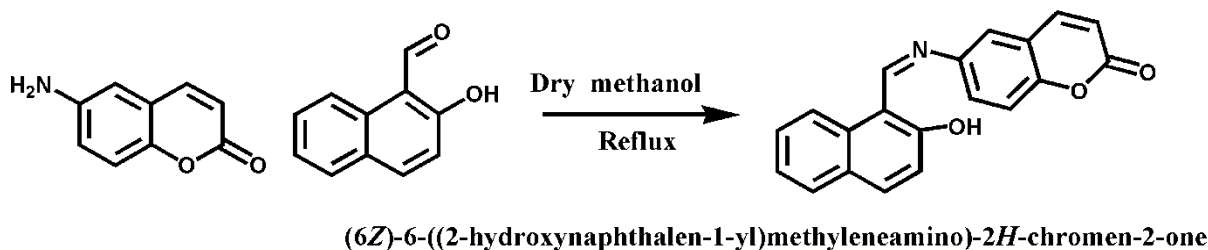
Fig. 9. Studies on interferences from 3d metal ions on the emission intensity of the [**L**- Pb^{2+}] systems. ([**L**] = 10 μM ; [Pb^{2+}] = [M^{n+}]). Inset plot shows pink bars represent emission intensity of **L** with Pb^{2+} ions whereas blue bars show the intensities of the [**L**- Pb^{2+}] systems upon addition of foreign metal ion. Red bars represent the extent of interferences.

Fig. 10. Stereoscopic view of the energy optimized geometry of **L** with *Ab-initio*, Hartree Fock) method using 6-311G* basis set.

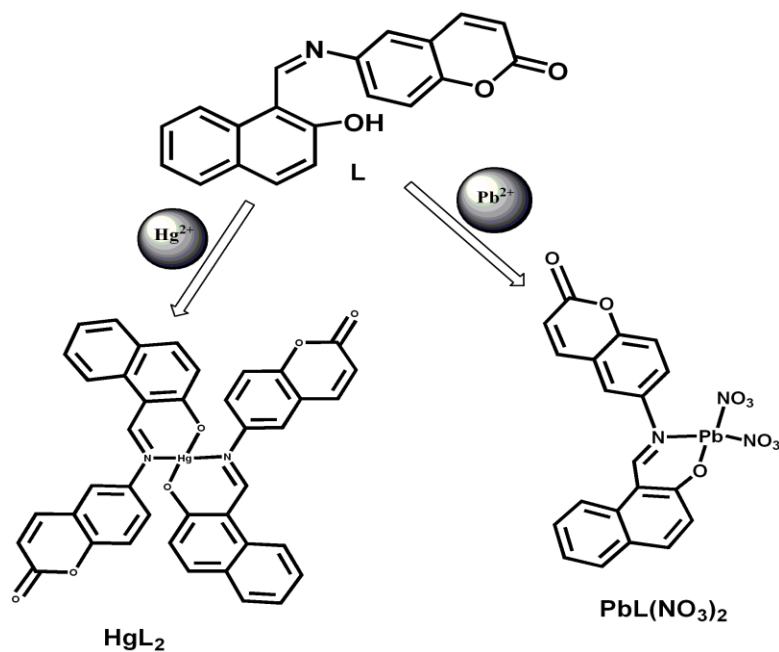
Figure 8. Stereoscopic view of the energy optimized geometry of [**L** - Hg^{2+}] complex with *Ab-initio*, Hartree Fock) method.

Figure 9. Stereoscopic view of the energy optimized geometry of [**L** - Pb^{2+}] complex with *Ab-initio*, Hartree Fock) method.

Figure10. HOMO- LUMO pictures of **L**, [**L**- Hg^{2+}] and [**L**+ Pb^{2+}] systems.



Scheme1



Scheme 2

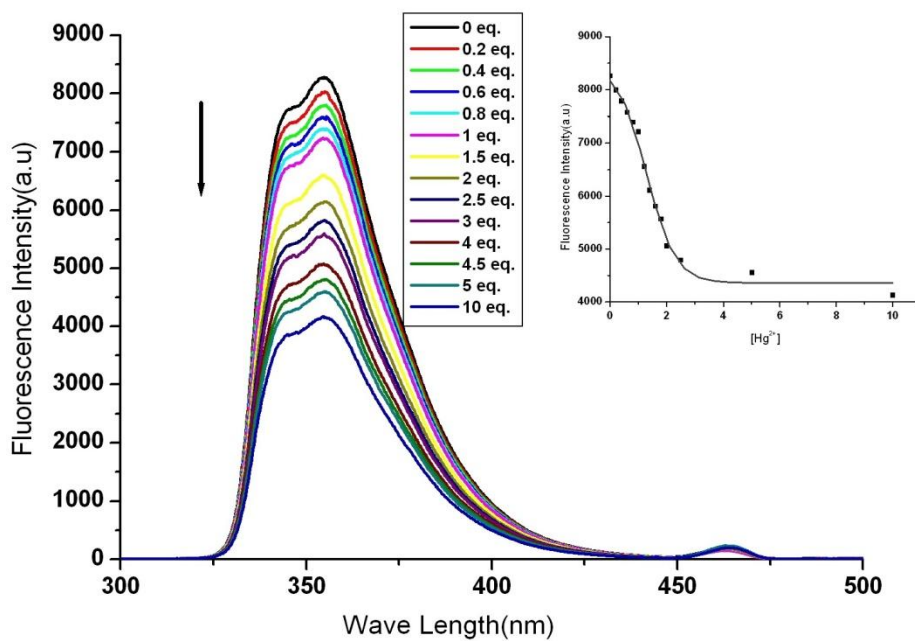


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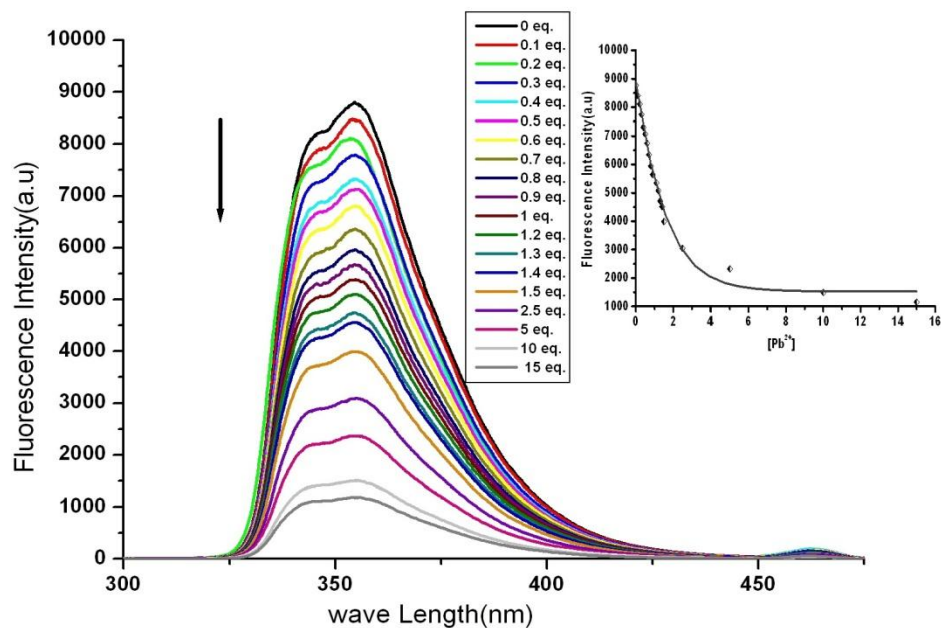


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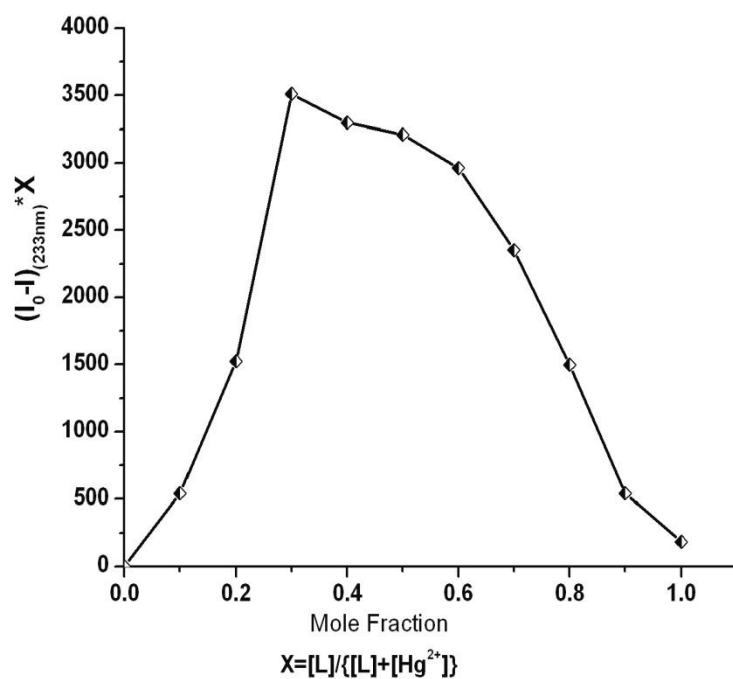


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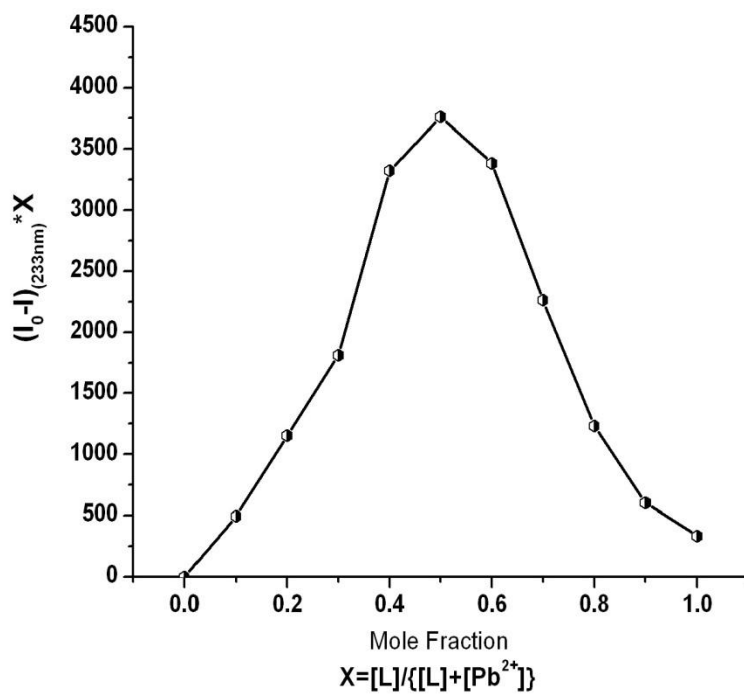


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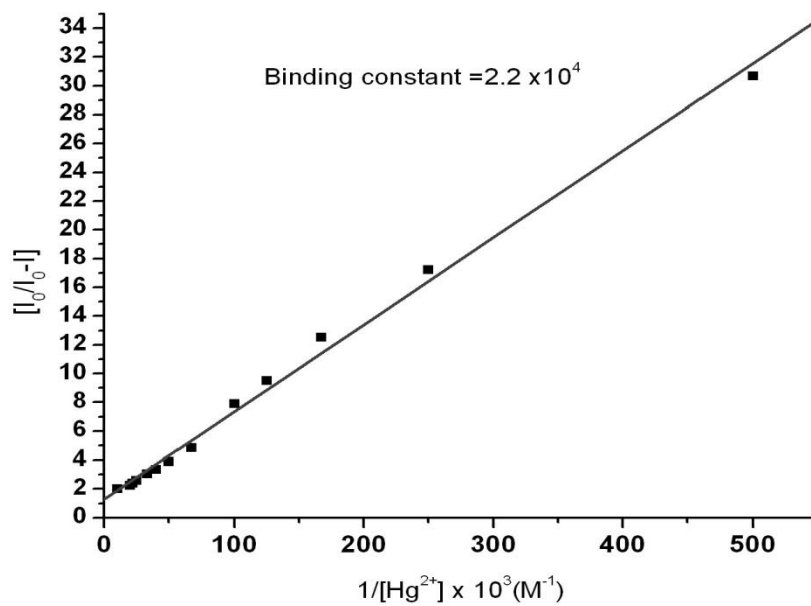


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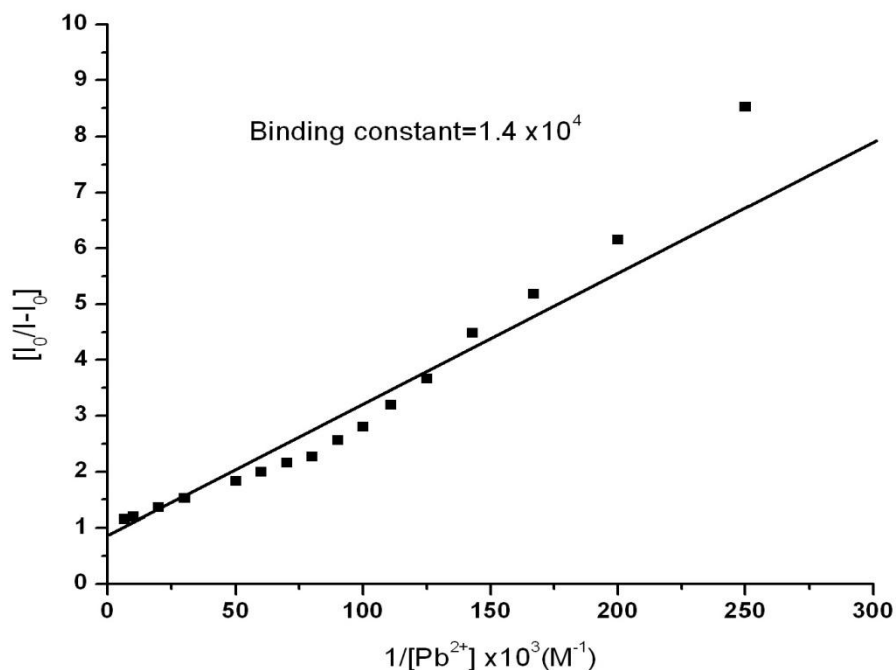


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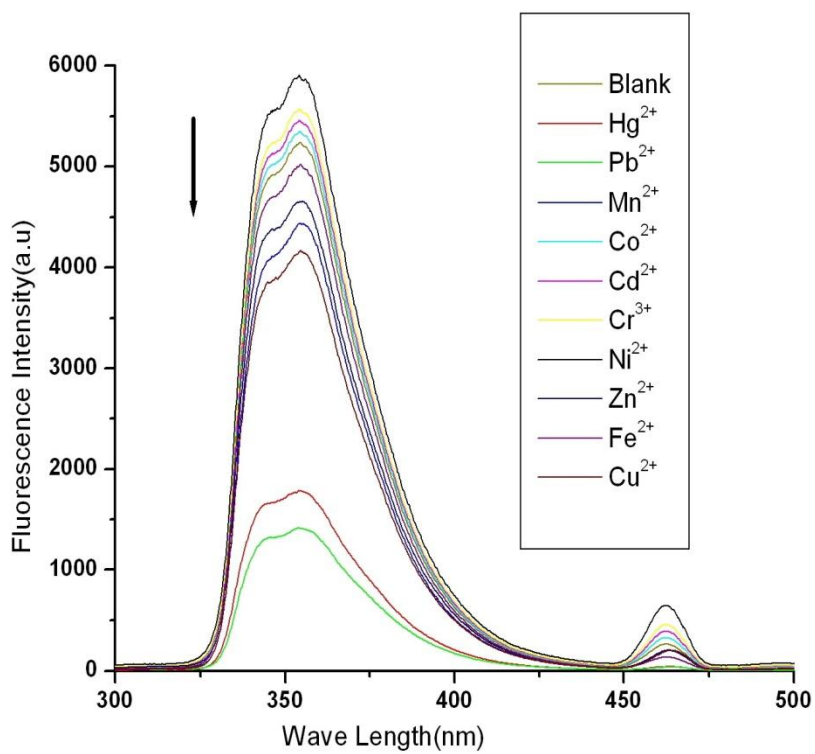


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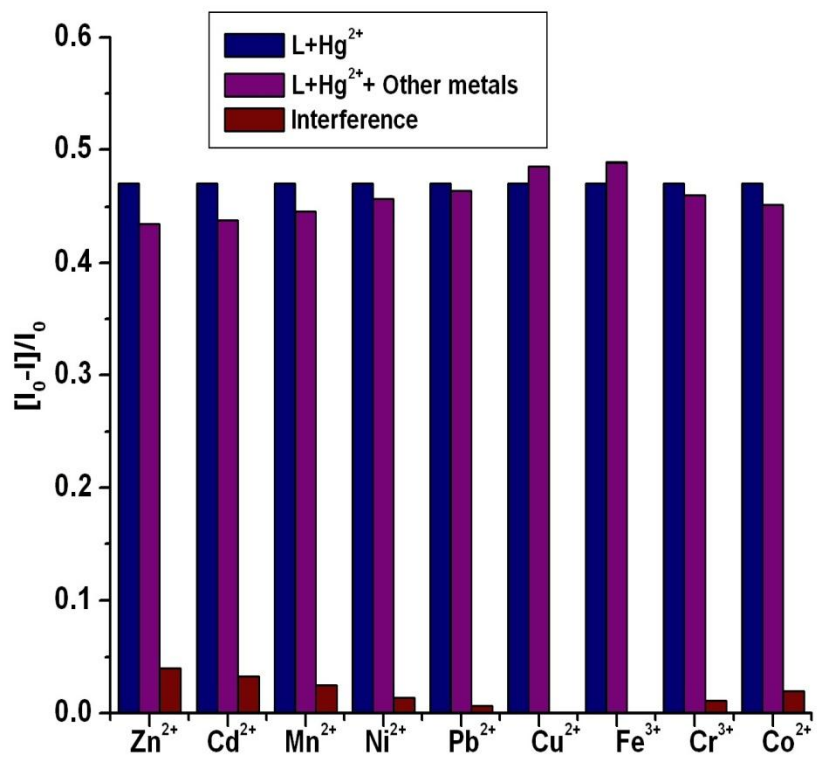


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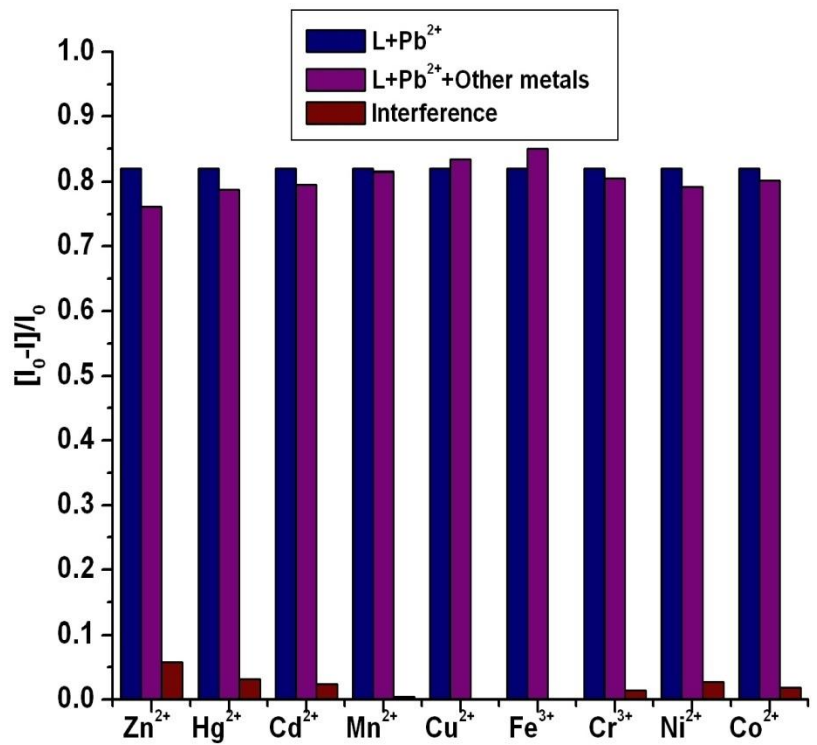


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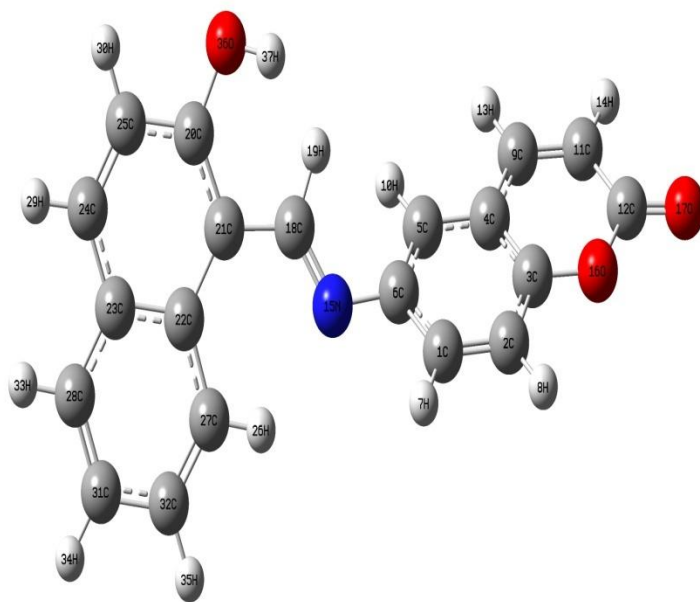


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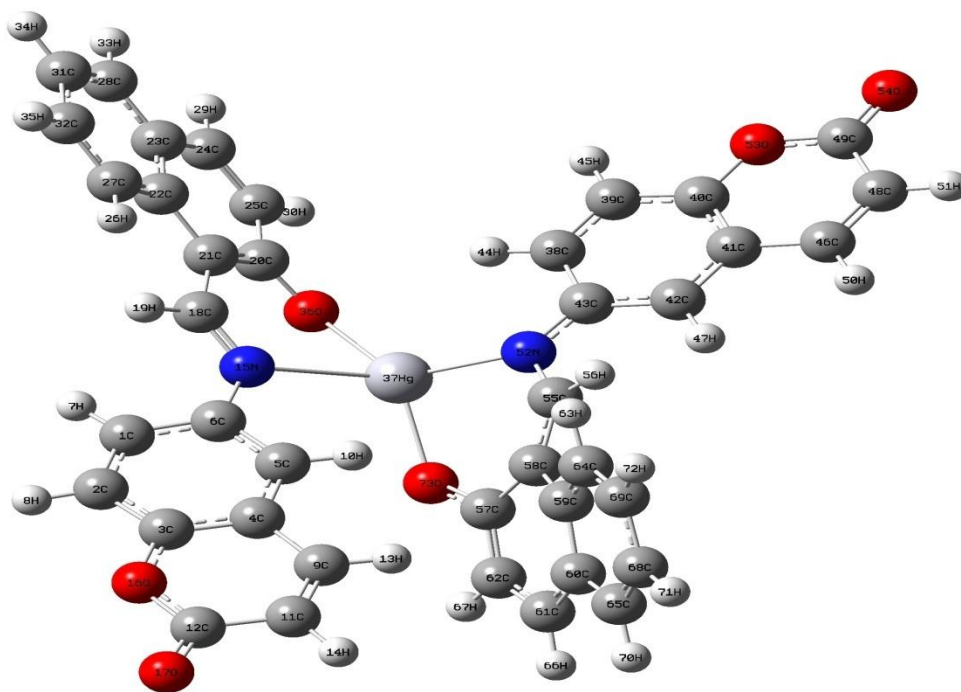


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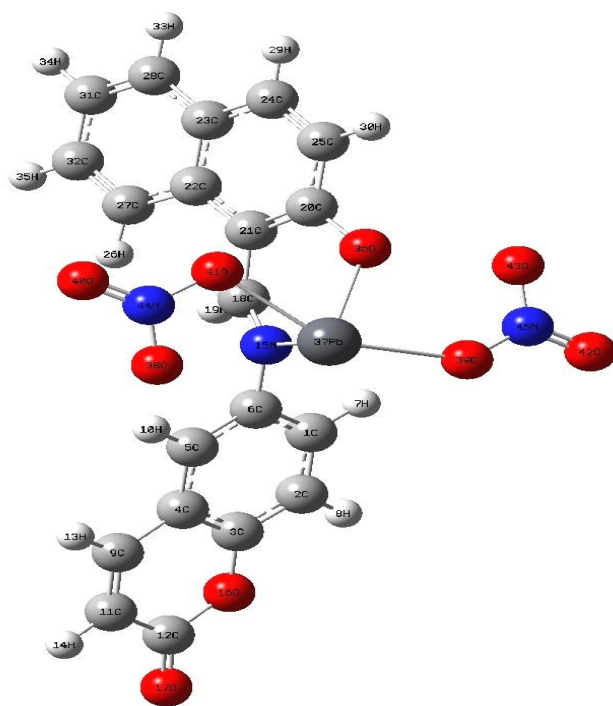


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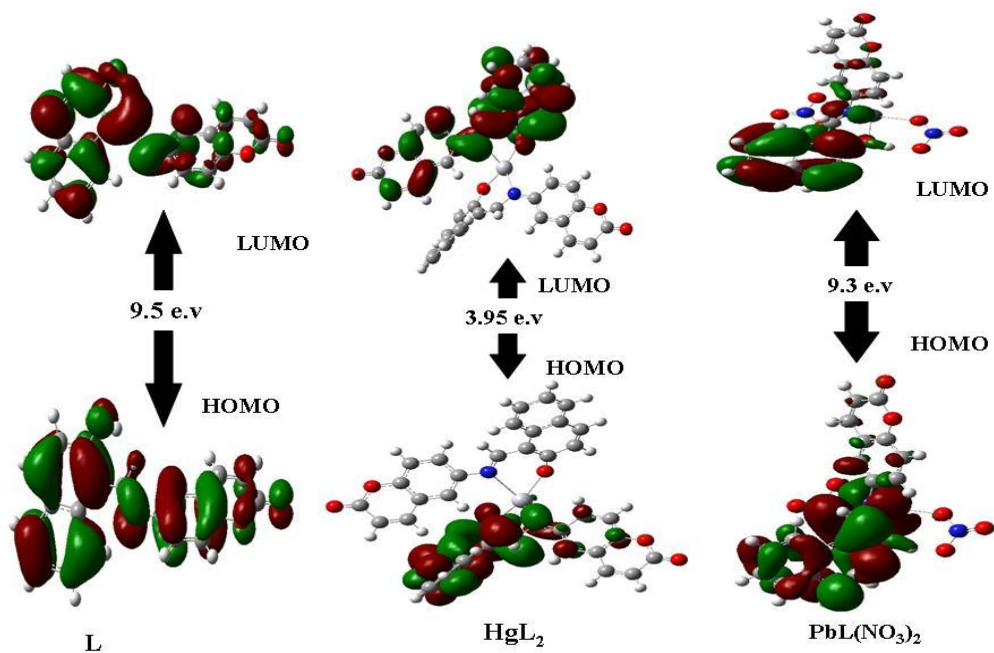
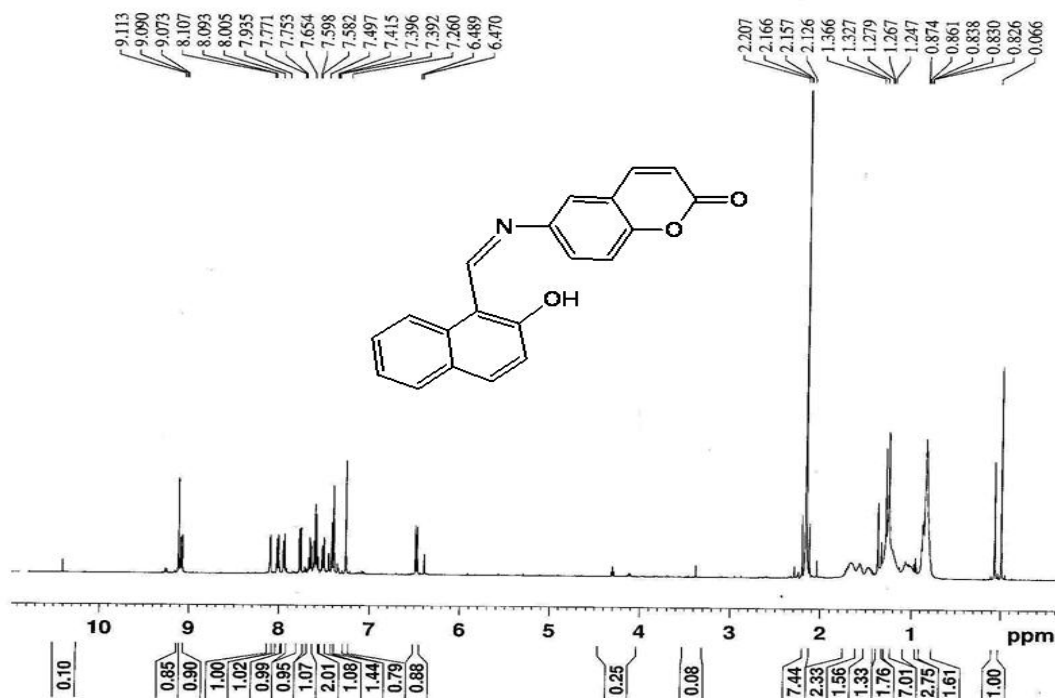
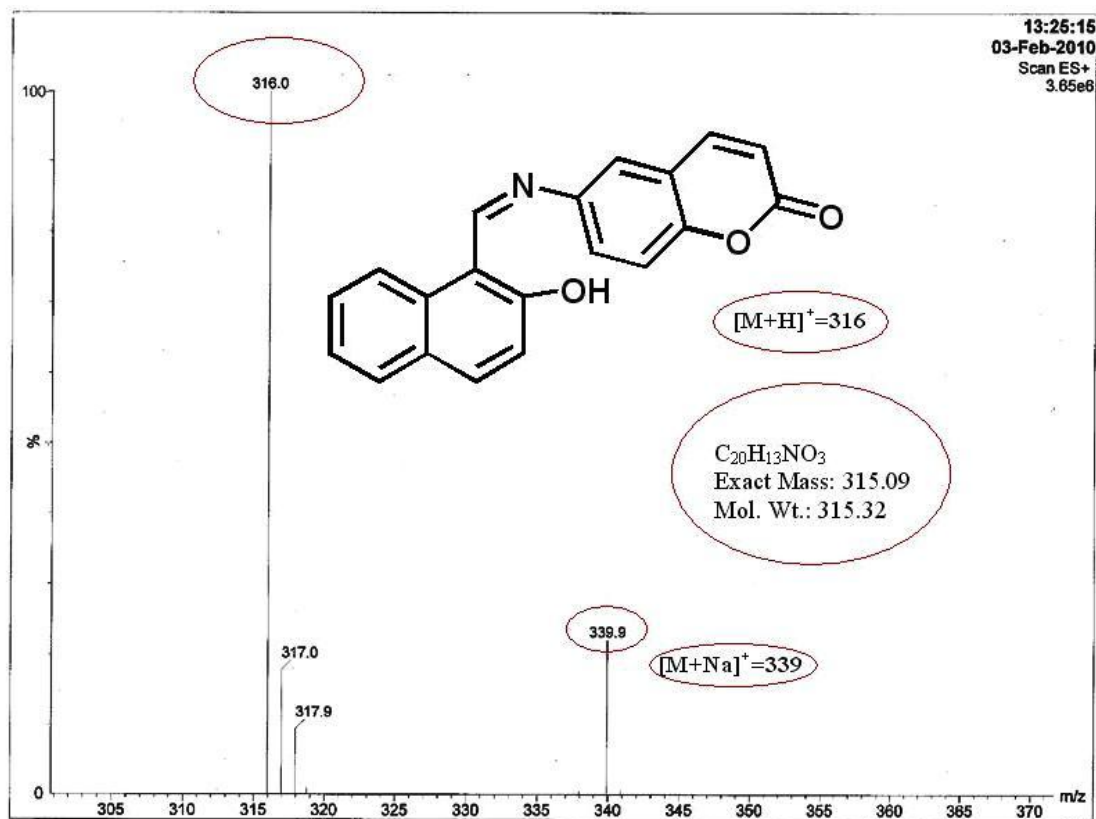


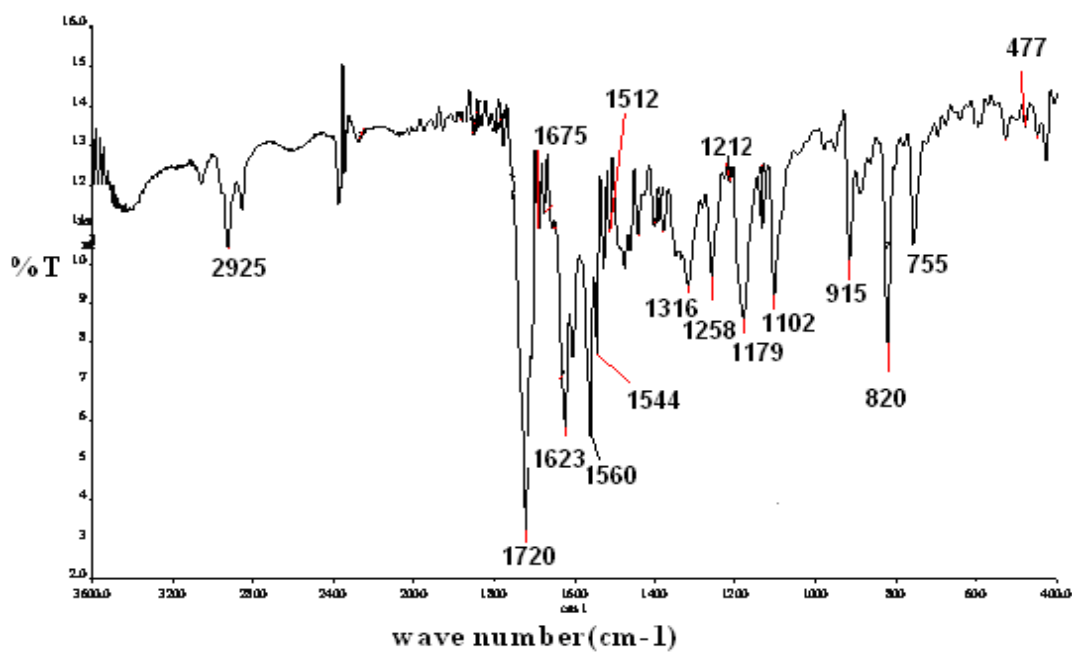
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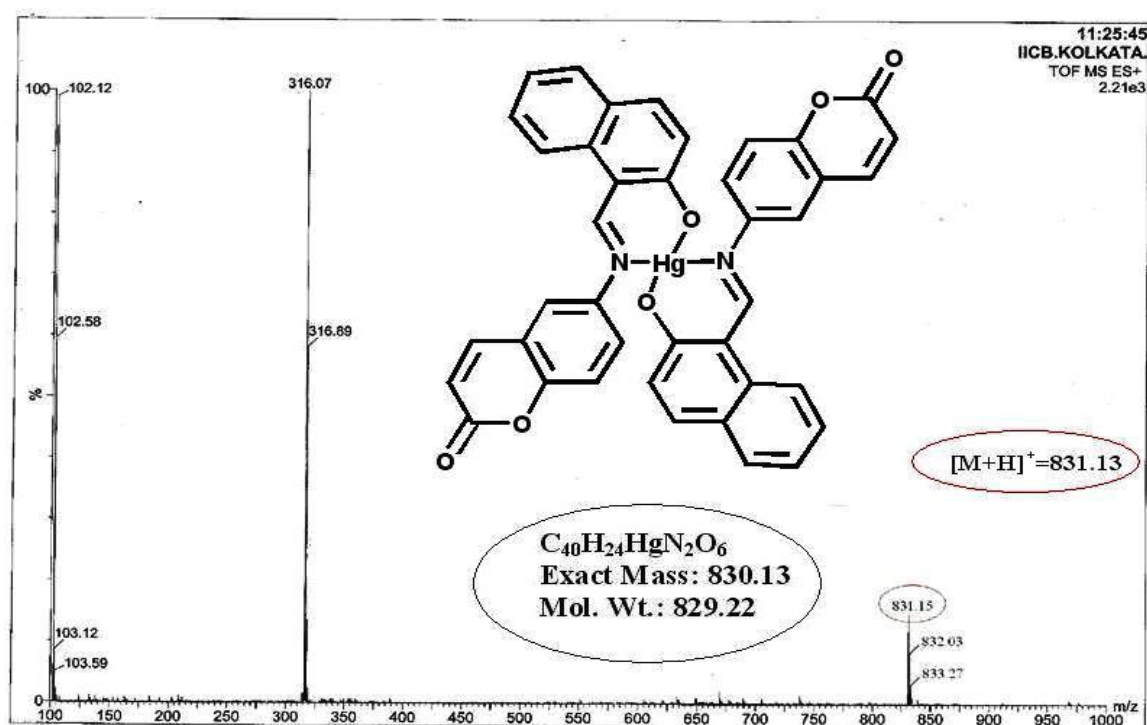
S1. ¹H-NMR spectra of L



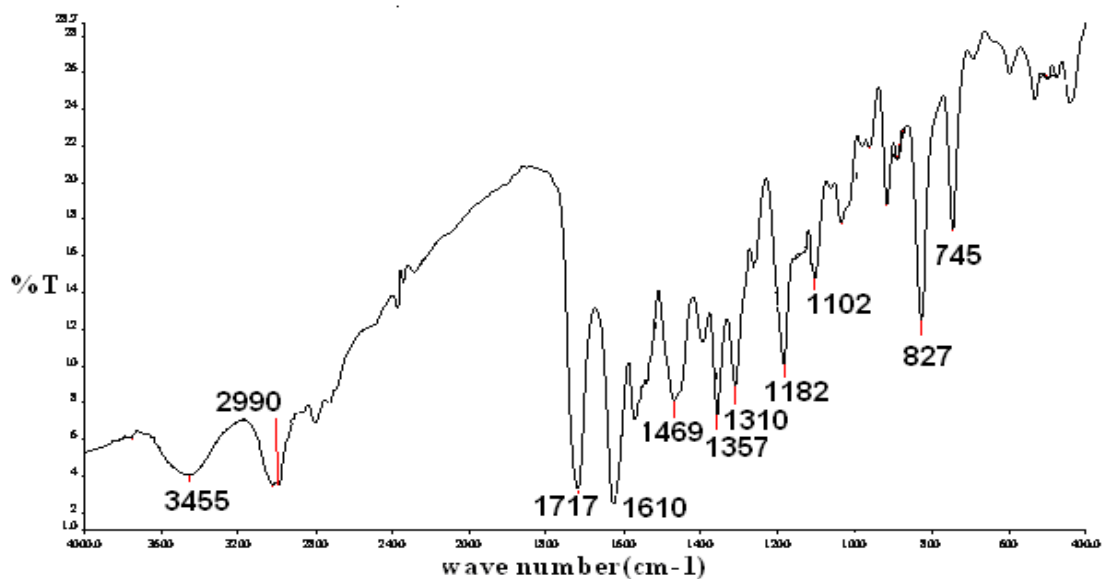
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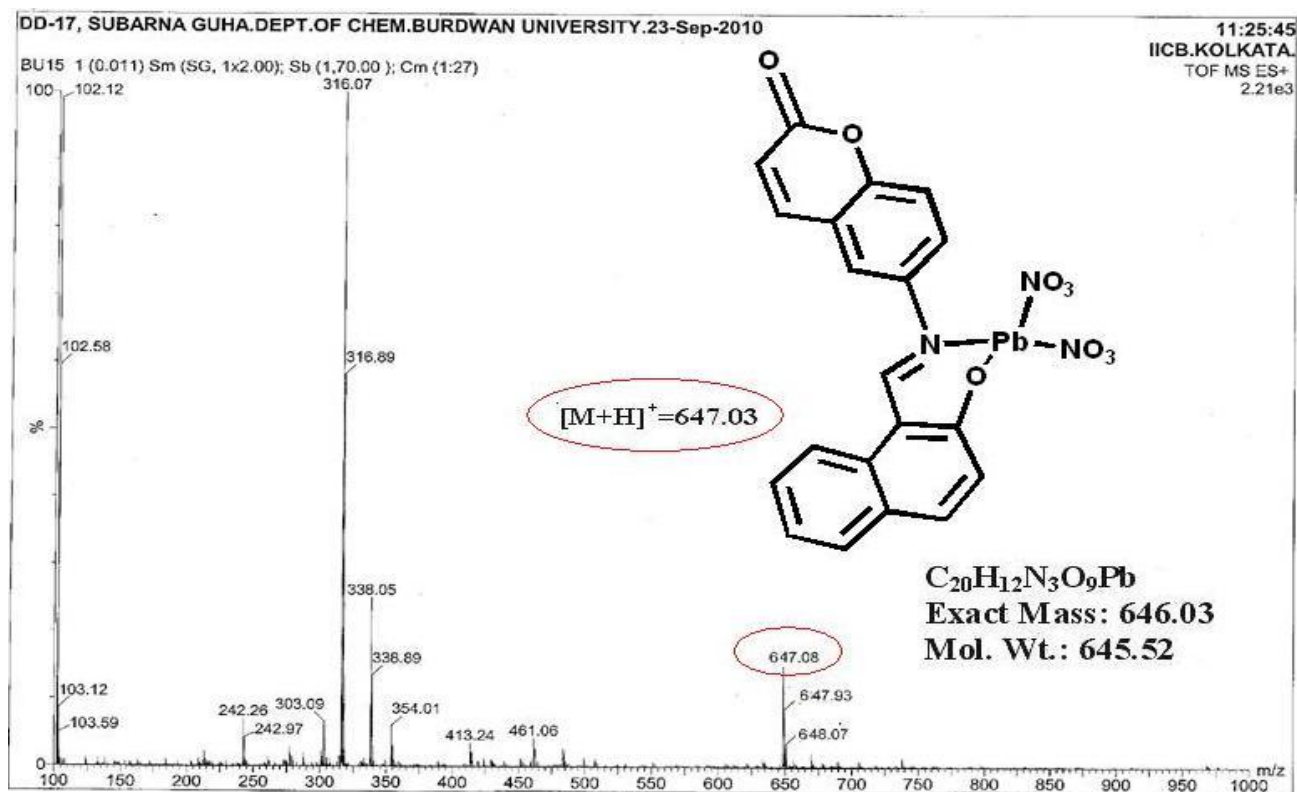
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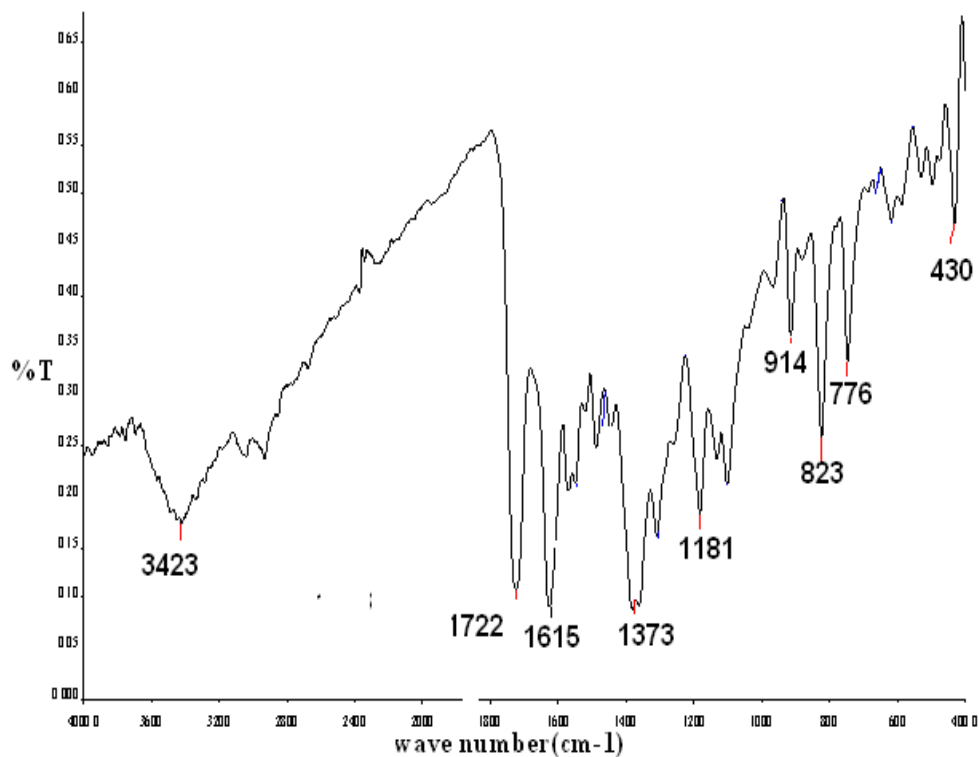
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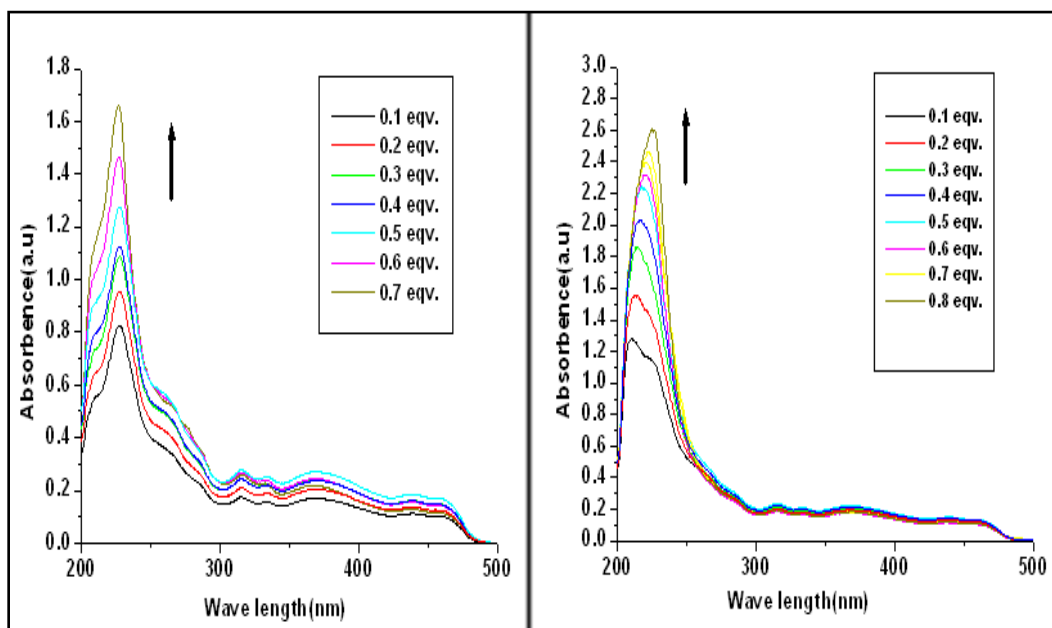
S5. FTIR spectra of the L- Hg²⁺ complex



S6. TOF MS ES (+) mass spectra of L+Pb²⁺



S7. FTIR spectra of the L- Pb^{2+} complex



S8. UV-Vis titration spectra of the L- Hg^{2+} and L- Pb^{2+} complex in methanol ($[\text{L}] = 10^{-4} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$; $[\text{Complex}] = 10^{-4} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$)

S9. Various bond lengths, angles and dihedral angles of L generated by *Ab-initio*, Hartree Fock method potential in conjunction with a 6-311G* basis set method

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S10. Physical parameters of the ligand L

Sum of Mulliken charges= 0.00000

Electronic spatial extent (au): $\langle R^2 \rangle = 11522.7781$

Charge= 0.0000 electrons

Dipole moment (field-independent basis, Debye):

X= -5.3877 Y= 1.3917 Z= -1.0861 Tot= 5.6696

Quadrupole moment (field-independent basis, Debye-Ang):

XX= -172.2051 YY= -133.4012 ZZ= -133.3438

XY= 5.7433 XZ= -5.1427 YZ= -1.1320

Traceless Quadrupole moment (field-independent basis, Debye-Ang):

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XY= 5.7433 XZ= -5.1427 YZ= -1.1320

Octapole moment (field-independent basis, Debye-Ang²):

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S11. Various bond lengths, angles and dihedral angles of L +Hg²⁺ generated by HF method

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43	No	43	C	42	41	40	1.4224664	121.5243409	-0.3097895	-2.5106980	-1.6430470	-0.0207200
44	No	44	H	38	37	36	1.0729000	51.2868259	4.5279882	-3.1867750	-0.3050860	-0.6611400
45	No	45	H	39	38	37	1.0721100	120.9219054	36.5104979	-5.5846580	-0.1339420	-0.4111760
46	No	46	C	41	40	39	1.4547352	116.6797732	178.8953092	-4.9195920	-4.4145190	1.0025090
47	No	47	H	42	41	40	1.0698412	119.0282534	177.3997599	-2.3205720	-3.6990880	0.6109660
48	No	48	C	46	41	40	1.3478992	121.5370234	0.4951056	-6.2467900	-4.6133760	1.1283410
49	No	49	C	48	46	41	1.4660781	121.2158408	0.0143357	-7.2068150	-	0.8264820

											3.5472530	
50	No	50	H	46	41	40	1.0732471	118.1817648	-	4.2301000	-	1.2276580
51	No	51	H	48	46	41	1.0694553	122.9944560	-	6.6686470	-	1.4494330
52	No	52	N	43	42	41	1.3549651	124.5232013	-	1.1971490	-	-0.1660380
53	No	53	O	49	48	46	1.3556454	116.2298956	-0.2514346	6.6818840	-	0.4135780
54	No	54	O	49	48	46	1.2277086	124.0834076	179.7359446	8.4243200	-	0.9271390
55	No	55	C	52	43	42	1.4335352	118.8866820	8.9629590	0.2179370	-	0.3188600
56	No	56	H	55	52	43	1.0761186	113.3427234	36.9807252	0.5066570	-	1.2353480
57	No	57	C	55	52	43	2.5528744	102.2078313	-	-	-	-1.4724920
58	No	58	C	55	52	43	1.3741585	129.7062862	-	-	-	-0.1958090
59	No	59	C	58	55	52	1.4932951	119.3197874	-	-	-	0.5650000
60	No	60	C	59	58	55	1.4486238	120.2461693	-	-	-	-0.1220740
61	No	61	C	60	59	58	1.3956437	119.8305526	-10.6596501	3.2489660	-	-1.4470600
62	No	62	C	57	55	52	1.3696979	142.4667385	153.5013122	-	-	-2.0525790
63	No	63	H	59	58	55	2.1406421	95.9166207	25.0468517	1.0602940	-	2.4886320
64	No	64	C	59	58	55	1.4094352	121.8862481	21.8064236	-	-	1.9519090
65	No	65	C	60	59	58	1.4414320	117.4087267	171.5904979	-	-	0.6305600
66	No	66	H	61	60	59	1.0752213	120.9167814	179.6167982	-	-	-1.9756410
67	No	67	H	62	57	55	1.0762120	116.1071020	-	-	-	-3.0155940
68	No	68	C	65	60	59	1.3724255	122.1560376	4.4373223	3.4082230	-	1.9698210
69	No	69	C	64	59	58	1.3899445	123.3904840	-	-	-	2.6674340
70	No	70	H	65	60	59	1.0765668	117.7084178	-	-	-	0.1112240
71	No	71	H	68	65	60	1.0773338	119.8454227	179.1696638	-	-	2.4990370
72	No	72	H	69	64	59	1.0747413	120.6547591	-	-	-	3.7275640
73	No	73	O	57	55	52	1.3826199	97.9554315	-14.3469473	1.1589730	-	-2.0943570

S12. Physical parameters of the ligand $L+Hg^{2+}$

Sum of Mulliken charges= -2.00000

Electronic spatial extent (au): $\langle R^2 \rangle = 36870.3946$

Charge= -2.0000 electrons

Dipole moment (field-independent basis, Debye):

X= 2.8965 Y= 16.5155 Z= 1.8719 Tot= 16.8717

Quadrupole moment (field-independent basis, Debye-Ang):

XX= -589.4212 YY= -403.5143 ZZ= -336.1079

XY= 11.3720 XZ= -4.6318 YZ= 2.9316

Traceless Quadrupole moment (field-independent basis, Debye-Ang):

XX= -146.4067 YY= 39.5002 ZZ= 106.9065

XY= 11.3720 XZ= -4.6318 YZ= 2.9316

Octapole moment (field-independent basis, Debye-Ang**2):

XXX= -68.2688 YYY= 268.2737 ZZZ= -182.5448 XYY= 28.2604

XXY= 543.6079 XXZ= -317.3793 XZZ= 49.0840 YZZ= 68.3999

YYZ= -73.3490 XYZ= 5.8736

Hexadecapole moment (field-independent basis, Debye-Ang**3):

XXXX=-48507.4190 YYYY=-24835.5593 ZZZZ= -3056.3848 XXXY= 4199.1679

XXXZ= -111.6962 YYYYX= -700.8153 YYYZ= 85.7174 ZZZX= -101.1828

ZZZY= -15.5247 XXYY= -9884.9675 XXZZ= -5445.1212 YYZZ= -4456.5520

XXYZ= 239.7763 YYXZ= -59.4178 ZZXY= -182.7533

N-N= 5.726967235681D+03 E-N=-1.650073956872D+04 KE= 2.118026131083D+03

S13. Various bond lengths, angles and dihedral angles of L +Pb²⁺ generated by HF method

Row	Highlight	Tag	Symbol	NA	NB	NC	Bond	Angle	Dihedral	X	Y	Z
1	No	1	C							- 2.0784510	0.2721820	-1.8683550
2	No	2	C	1			1.3879189			- 3.4222320	0.4988020	-2.1314420
3	No	3	C	2	1		1.3887601	118.8286005		- 4.2350440	0.9684400	-1.1080010
4	No	4	C	3	2	1	1.3949291	121.8068214	-0.4660367	- 3.7391660	1.2076970	0.1736730
5	No	5	C	4	3	2	1.3991332	118.9855219	0.6083334	- 2.3826730	0.9794100	0.4293790
6	No	6	C	5	4	3	1.3880775	119.6486877	0.3560583	- 1.5577180	0.5288780	-0.5920070
7	No	7	H	1	2	3	1.0713439	119.9610994	178.1338364	- 1.4413880	- 0.1183490	-2.6360880
8	No	8	H	2	1	6	1.0697318	121.6939854	- 179.8649964	- 3.8459230	0.3095540	-3.0952870
9	No	9	C	4	3	2	1.4590296	117.6335886	- 179.2702473	- 4.6772710	1.6851060	1.1840230
10	No	10	H	5	4	3	1.0716312	120.3147709	- 179.5475721	- 1.9806780	1.1492620	1.4081250
11	No	11	C	9	4	3	1.3416225	120.9597538	-0.2998142	- 5.9686900	1.8909740	0.8843460
12	No	12	C	11	9	4	1.4714472	121.3213175	-0.0760308	- 6.4880090	1.6459960	-0.4704420
13	No	13	H	9	4	3	1.0720412	118.5368211	179.5460396	- 4.3131860	1.8666330	2.1758710
14	No	14	H	11	9	4	1.0685713	123.0271111	179.8856659	- 6.6840720	2.2380350	1.5982240
15	No	15	N	6	5	4	1.4483277	119.3197195	- 179.2278698	- 0.1582520	0.2788060	-0.3152180
16	No	16	O	3	2	1	1.3767621	117.8425144	179.8722421	- 5.5640490	1.1887430	-1.3920540
17	No	17	O	12	11	9	1.2086551	125.3714755	- 179.5635365	- 7.6322010	1.8134770	-0.8220410
18	No	18	C	15	6	5	1.2864940	119.0964862	- 107.5029258	0.7257120	1.0916290	-0.7767300
19	No	19	H	18	15	6	1.0762130	116.9805106	1.6233835	0.3658280	1.9415070	-1.3302870
20	No	20	C	18	15	6	2.4892160	101.9672030	- 165.9175128	2.8289250	- 0.2035510	-0.4681850
21	No	21	C	20	18	15	1.3777270	29.9276563	- 159.2746732	2.1834130	1.0003610	-0.6471870
22	No	22	C	21	20	18	1.4449460	118.6621800	- 177.1779160	2.9777520	2.2010850	-0.7702980

23	No	23	C	22	21	20	1.4178140	118.8492808	1.8998145	4.3911140	2.0920810	-0.7434170
24	No	24	C	23	22	21	1.4233167	119.5100157	-0.8744027	4.9926000	0.8127620	-0.5779240
25	No	25	C	24	23	22	1.3649659	121.2240830	-0.4689008	4.2337250	-	-0.4347870
26	No	26	H	22	21	20	2.1784360	98.5225142	-	1.3559670	3.6517660	-0.8748040
27	No	27	C	22	21	20	1.4266583	123.4550669	-	2.4158480	3.5064290	-0.8955770
28	No	28	C	23	22	21	1.4227498	120.0480387	176.9695294	5.1979990	3.2572470	-0.8680840
29	No	29	H	24	23	22	1.0721247	118.8597052	-	6.0622050	0.7428360	-0.5554090
30	No	30	H	25	24	23	1.0700963	121.9255906	179.7734290	4.6738620	-	-0.2924190
31	No	31	C	28	23	22	1.3681342	120.9166250	178.9006581	4.6299420	1.2776830	-1.0071940
32	No	32	C	27	22	21	1.3715262	121.0735009	0.3775997	3.2167350	4.4940780	-1.0151560
33	No	33	H	28	23	22	1.0725045	118.6709099	179.7248019	6.2648140	4.6133910	-0.8460250
34	No	34	H	31	28	23	1.0711592	120.7322217	179.9288403	5.2402560	3.1491500	-1.0991430
35	No	35	H	32	27	22	1.0718414	119.6326328	179.8946954	2.7699730	5.3695460	-1.1051950
36	No	36	O	20	18	15	1.3869313	90.0908950	179.8309315	2.0930170	5.5835150	-0.3389640
37	No	37	H	36	20	18	1.0036509	117.0473176	17.9541155	2.1578660	1.3720200	-1.0875790
38	No	38	Pb	36	20	18	2.2948051	127.2720775	110.1187938	0.1978610	2.0373660	0.9155750
39	No	39	O	38	36	20	2.8099369	118.5169710	-45.3699487	0.4503690	1.6892680	2.8729770
40	No	40	O	38	36	20	2.5017467	72.6743648	-15.3844614	0.1288960	0.2196900	-1.2476790
41	No	41	O	39	38	36	2.2088923	114.8015101	139.5061309	1.2829590	2.9026510	3.9384120
42	No	42	O	39	38	36	2.1918496	54.7193467	-36.8289165	1.5826240	1.0797060	2.2751740
43	No	43	O	40	38	36	2.1967861	166.8040390	-32.6398047	0.0887750	0.3404670	-3.1606170
44	No	44	O	43	40	38	2.1972627	60.3908124	22.4799460	1.8518030	3.9605530	-2.2167670
45	No	45	N	41	39	38	1.2163109	28.9575793	-8.7525370	0.8126740	3.0501450	3.0780240
46	No	46	N	43	40	38	1.2176634	30.3708386	3.8507858	0.5875110	0.3600000	-2.2462970

S14. Physical parameters of the ligand L+Pb²⁺

Sum of Mulliken charges= 0.00000

Electronic spatial extent (au): <R**2>= 11625.9944

Charge= 0.0000 electrons

Dipole moment (field-independent basis, Debye):

X= -5.0783 Y= 1.5804 Z= -0.8466 Tot= 5.3855

Quadrupole moment (field-independent basis, Debye-Ang):

XX= -167.5175 YY= -129.9791 ZZ= -134.8556

XY= 6.6617 XZ= -2.6490 YZ= -2.6161

Traceless Quadrupole moment (field-independent basis, Debye-Ang):

XX= -23.4001 YY= 14.1383 ZZ= 9.2618

XY= 6.6617 XZ= -2.6490 YZ= -2.6161

Octapole moment (field-independent basis, Debye-Ang**2):

XXX= -468.8050 YYY= -16.4784 ZZZ= 8.3244 XYY= 7.3174

XXY= 41.2480 XXZ= -46.6094 XZZ= 47.2175 YZZ= 7.5823

YYZ= 0.9191 XYZ= -23.3809

Hexadecapole moment (field-independent basis, Debye-Ang**3):

XXXX=-15678.4650 YYY= -1819.8038 ZZZ= -568.0454 XXXY= 160.4176

XXXZ= -27.3360 YYX= 40.1345 YYZ= 11.9103 ZZX= -31.6943

ZZY= -25.4703 XXY= -2366.1211 XXZ= -2318.2821 YYZ= -385.2082

XXYZ= -30.0951 YYX= 24.4943 ZXY= -4.9634

N-N= 1.773209392887D+03 E-N=-5.994225155793D+03 KE= 1.046634600290D+03