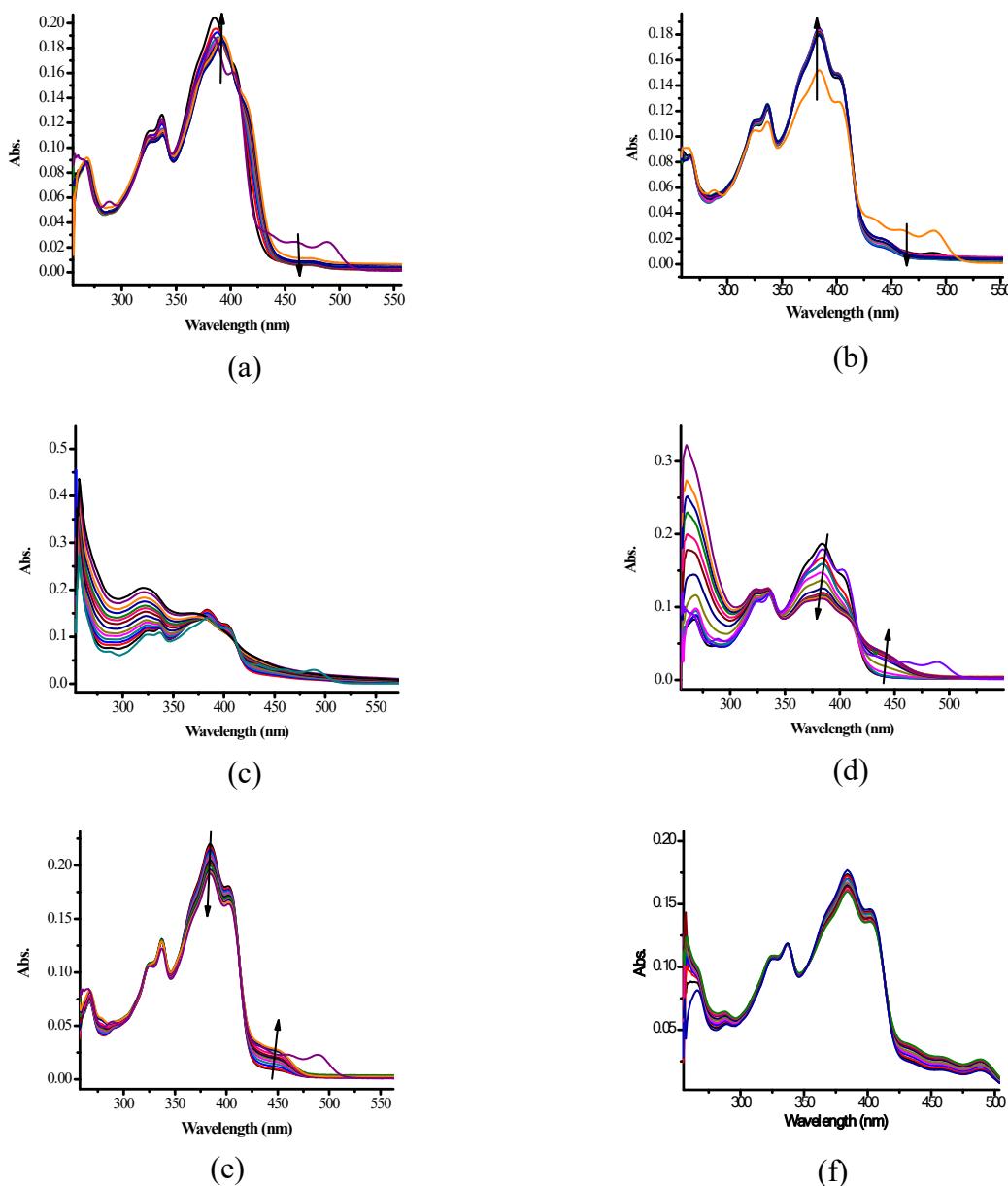


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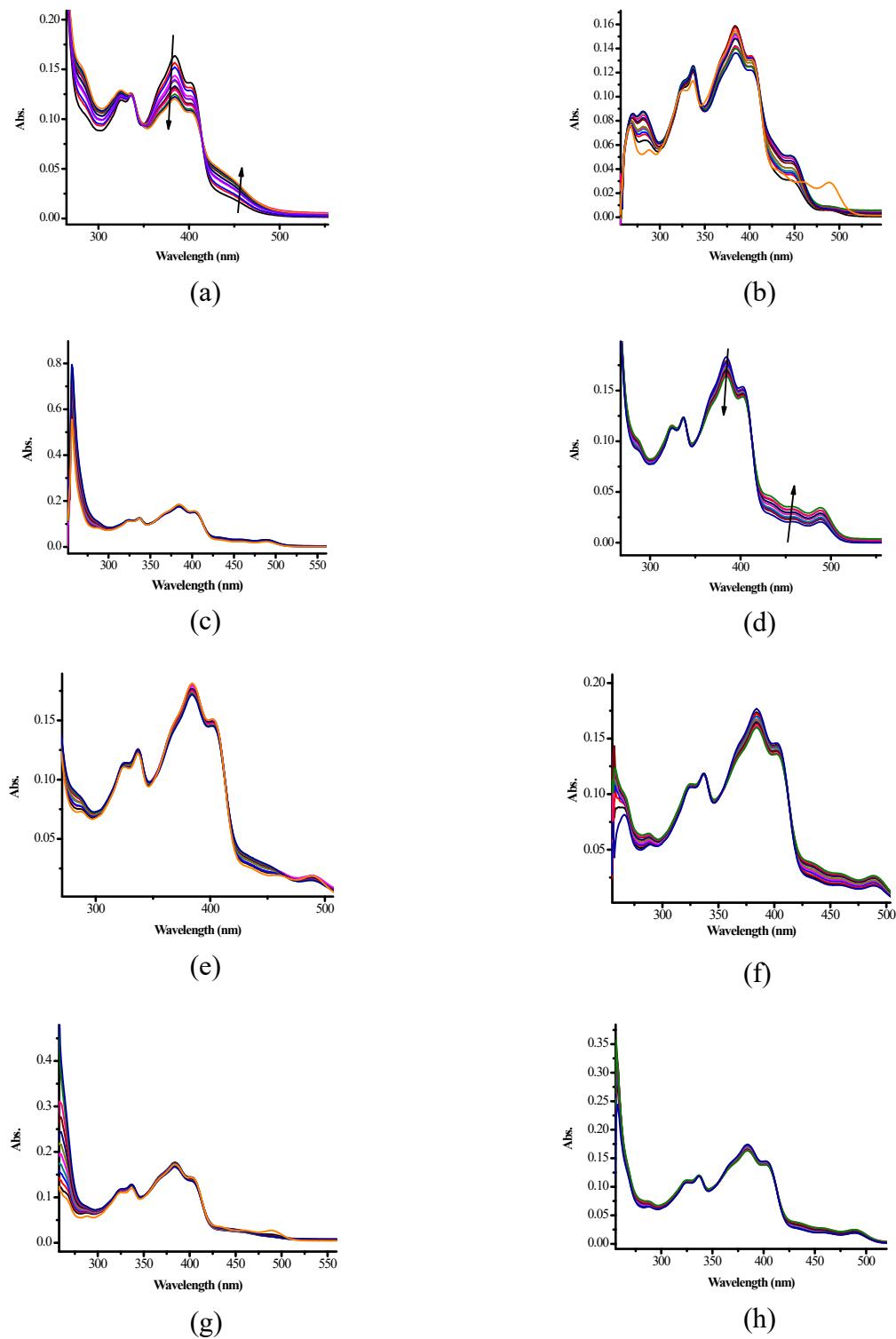
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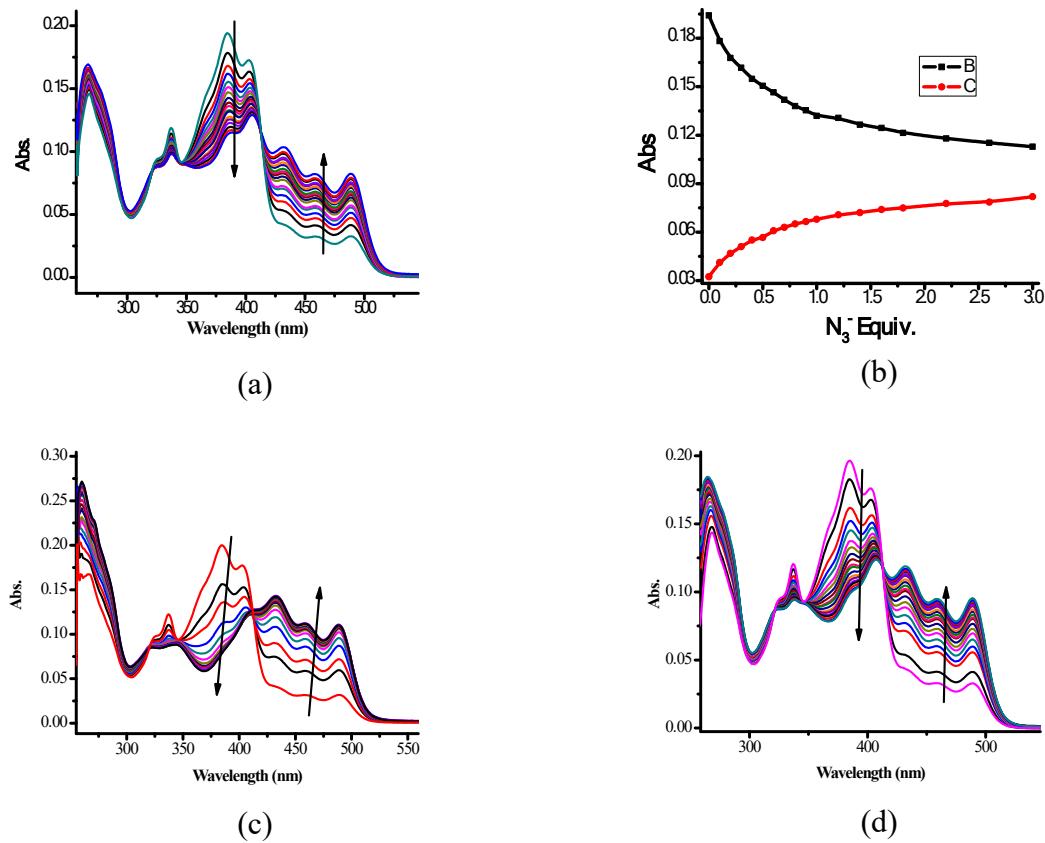
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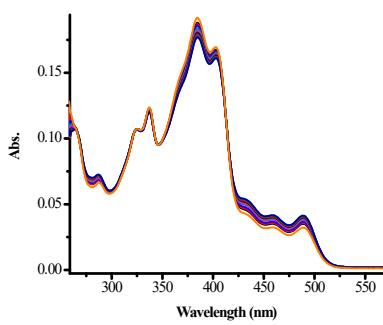
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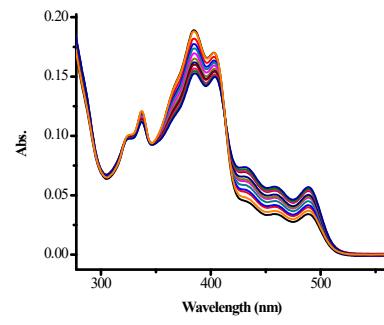
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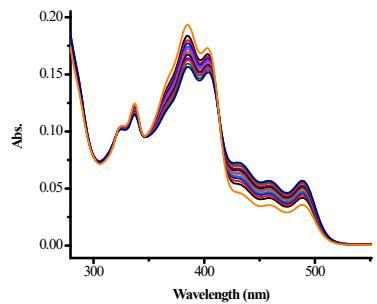
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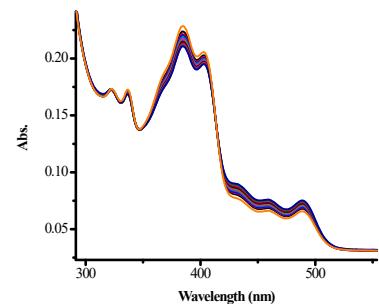
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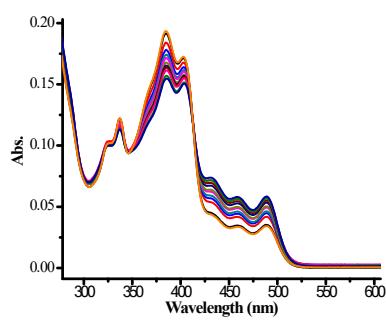
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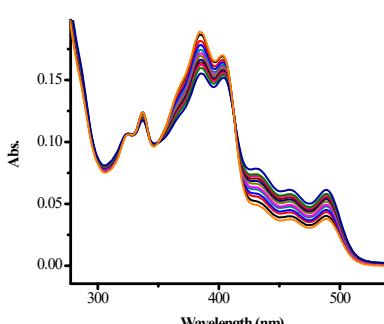
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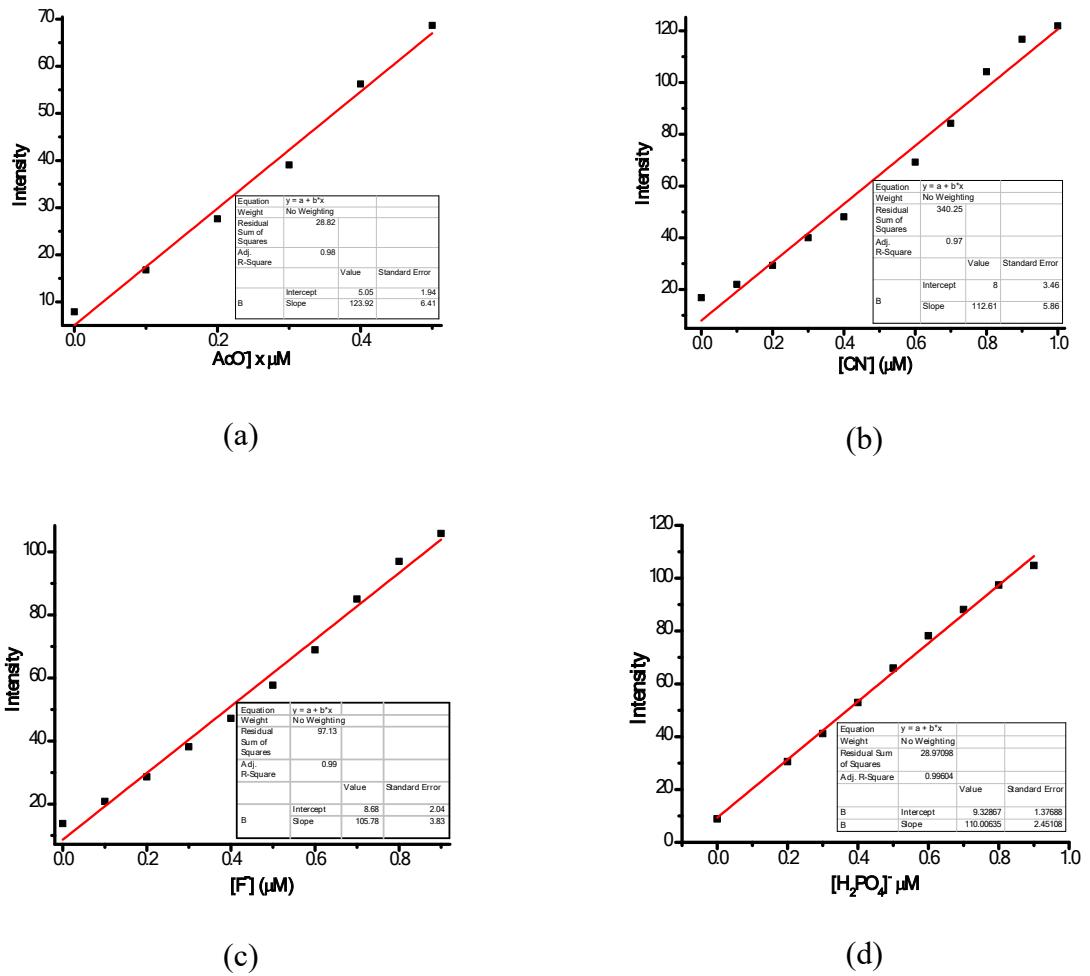


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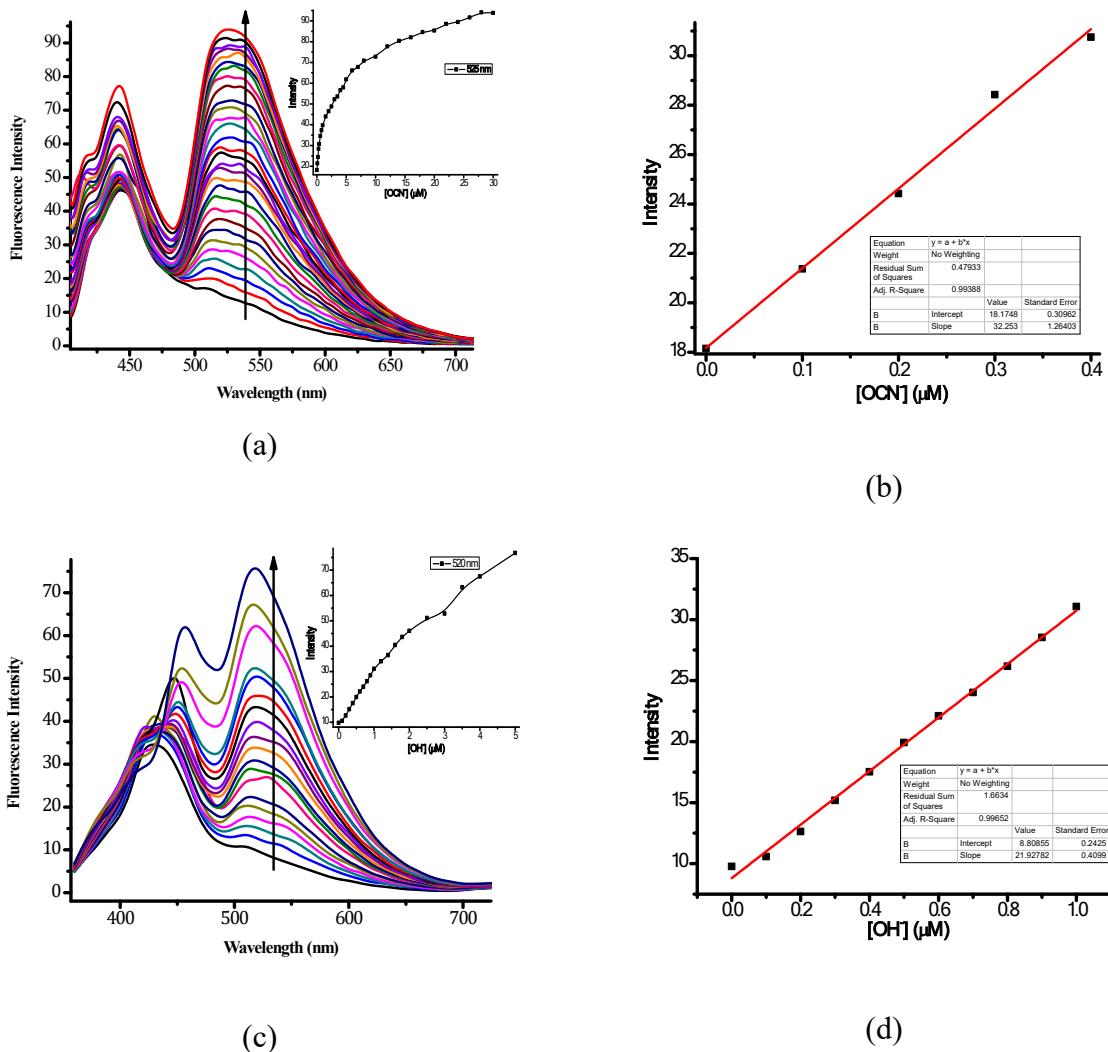


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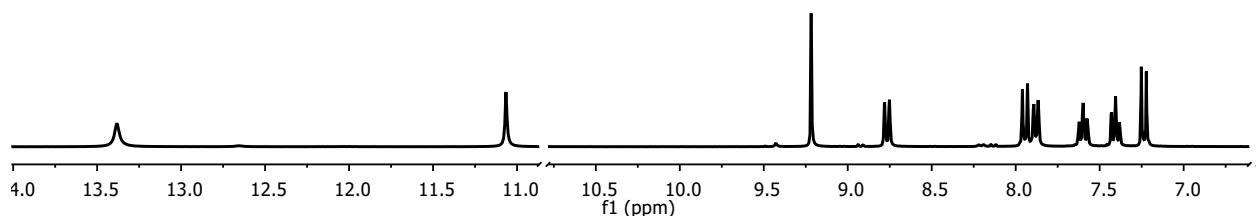
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**Figure S5:** The Fluorescence signals of M ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O, to changing conc. of (a) AcO<sup>-</sup> (0-0.5 μM) at 515, (b) CN<sup>-</sup> (0-1.0 μM), (c) F<sup>-</sup> (0-1.0 μM), at 520, and (d) H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> (0-1.0 μM) at 530 nm.



**Figure S6:** The Fluorescence titration spectra of **M** ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O, (a) upon the addition of 25 equiv. of OCN<sup>-</sup> and (b) Fluorescence signals of **M** to changing conc. of OCN<sup>-</sup> (0-0.4  $\mu$ M) at 525 nm, (c) upon the addition of 5 equiv. of OH<sup>-</sup>, and (d) Fluorescence signals of **M** to changing conc. of OH<sup>-</sup> (0-1.0  $\mu$ M), at 520.



**Figure S7:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral of **M** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>

