

## Electronic supplementary information

### Smart Emissive Hybrid Dynamer and Nanocomposite Made of Complementary Organic and Inorganic Emitters Combined *via* a Supramolecular Janus Synthon

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# 1. NMR spectra

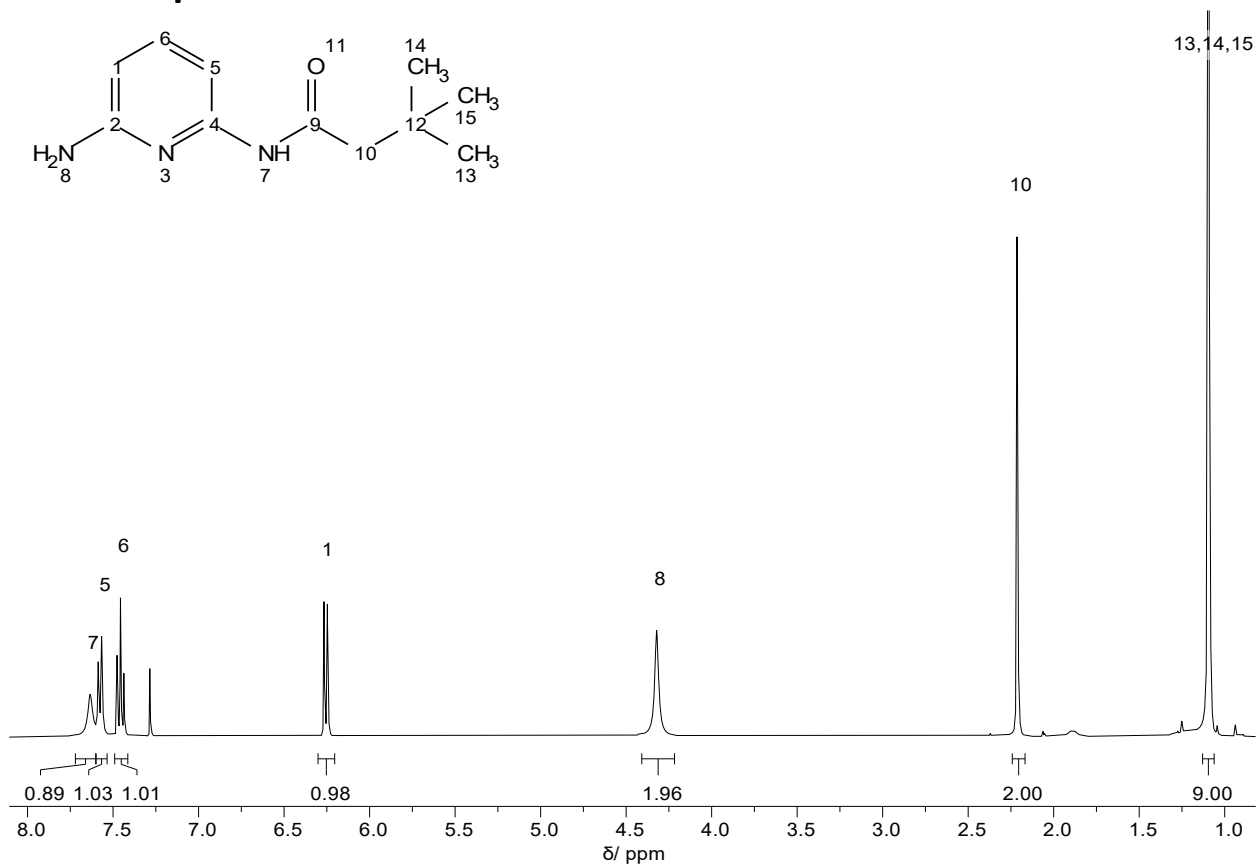


Figure S1. 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of 2

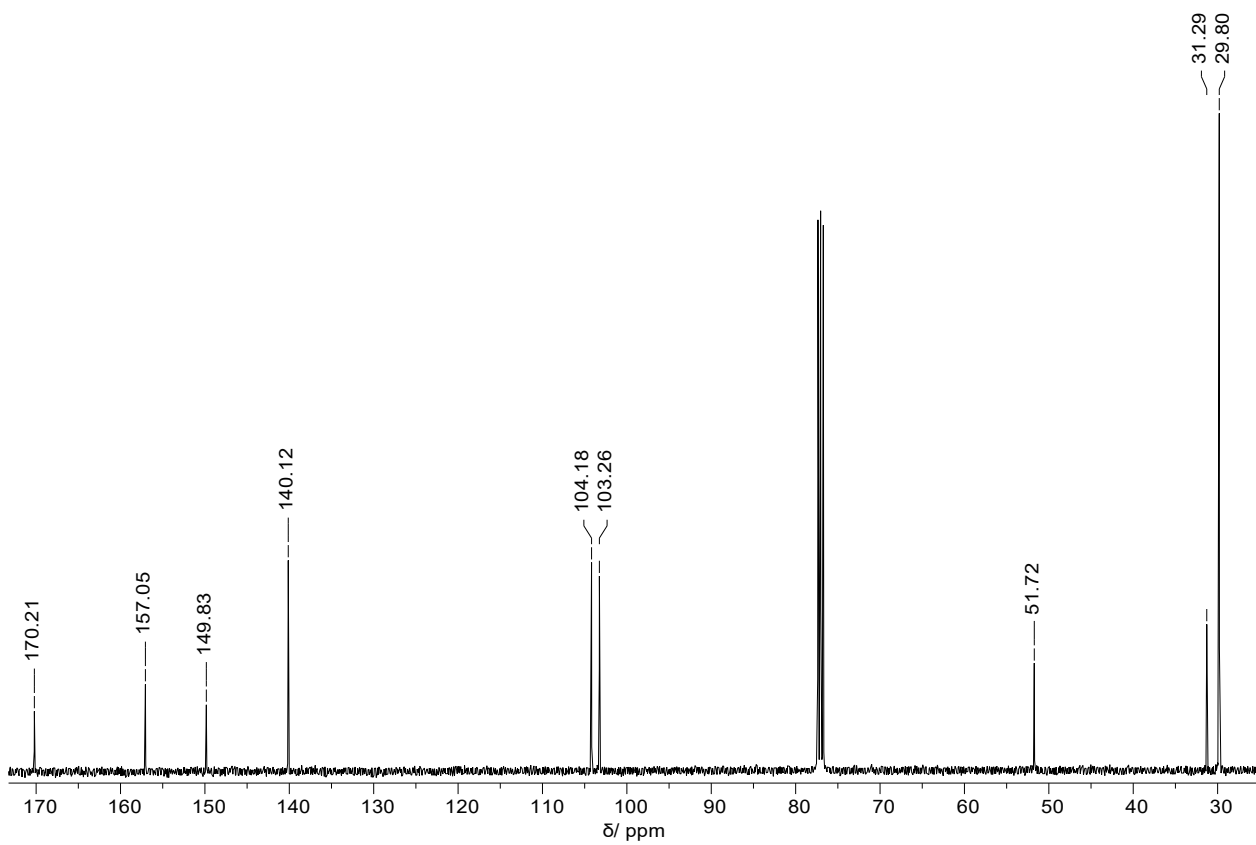


Figure S2. 101 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of 2

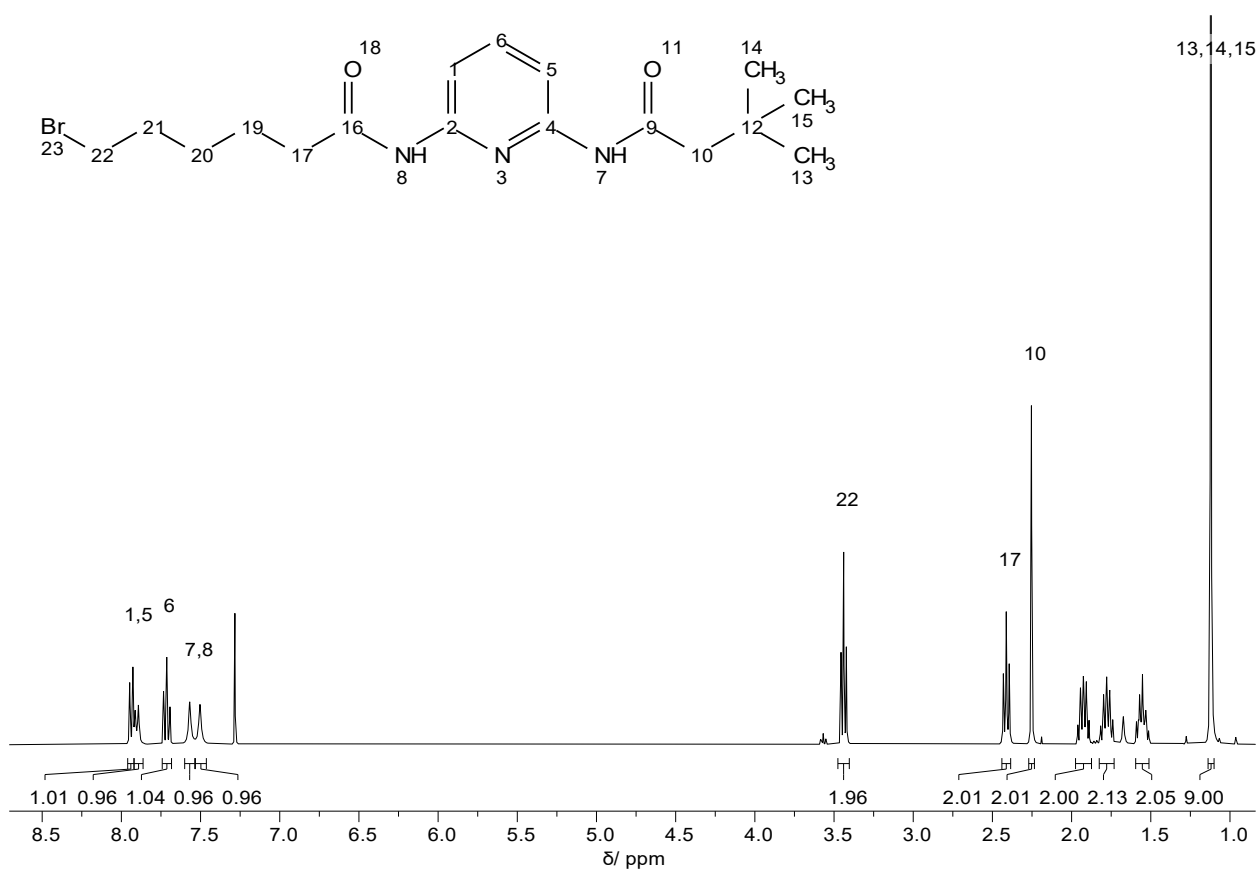


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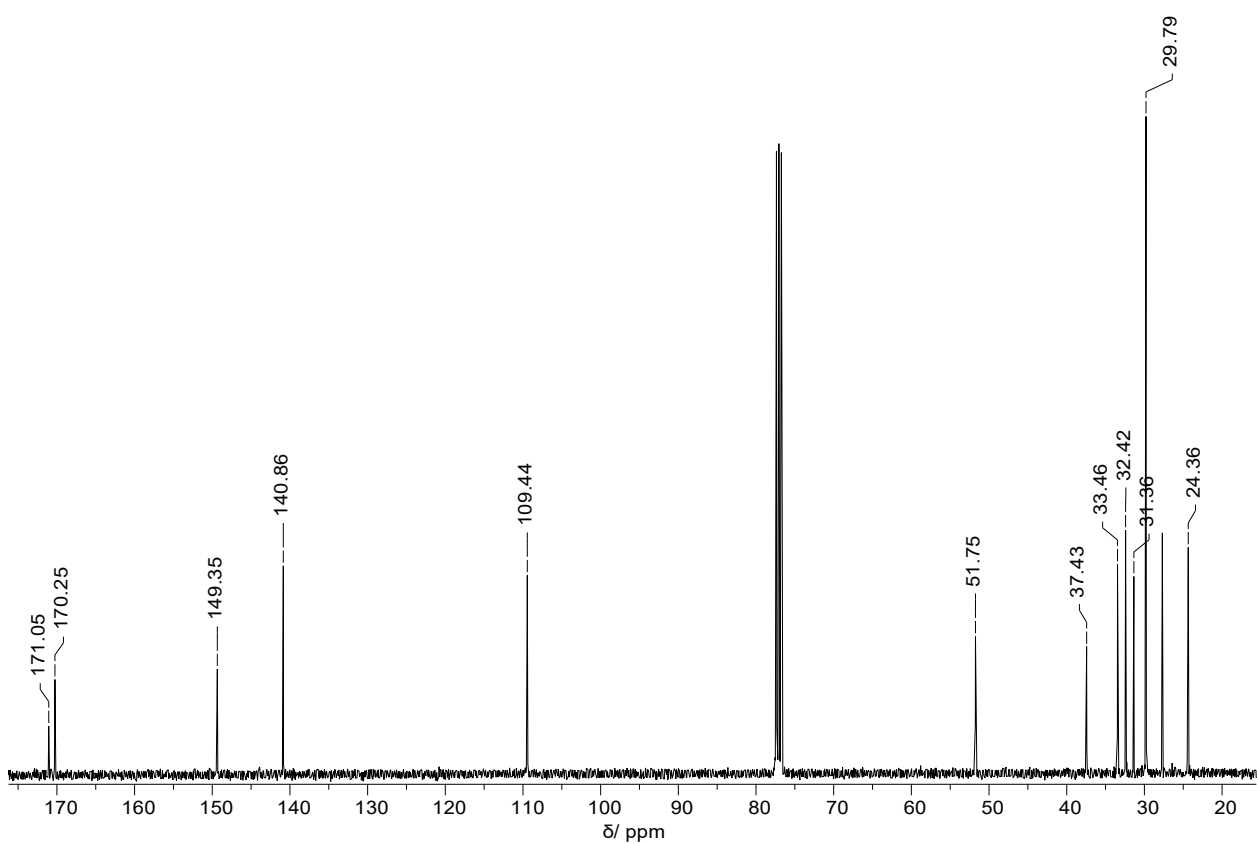


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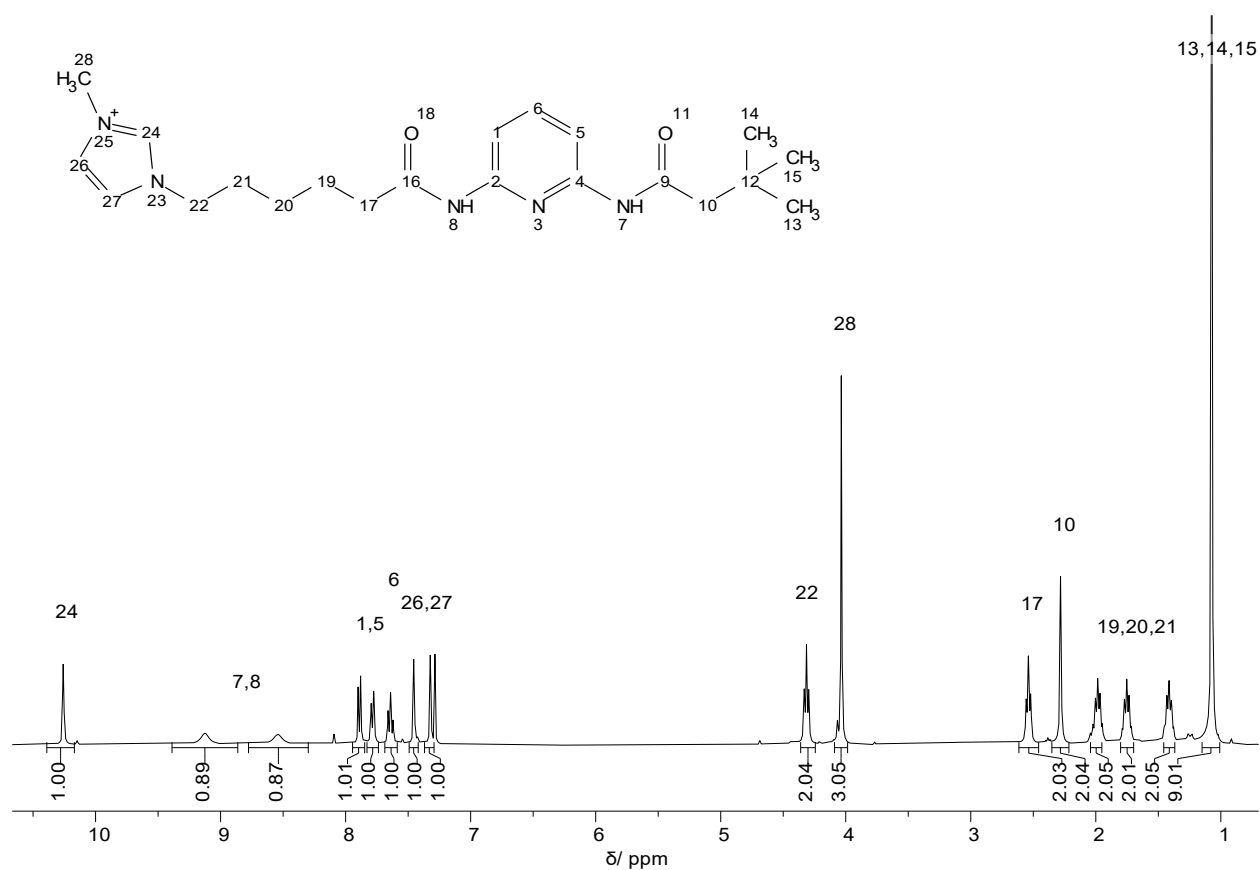


Figure S5. 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  of DAPImBr

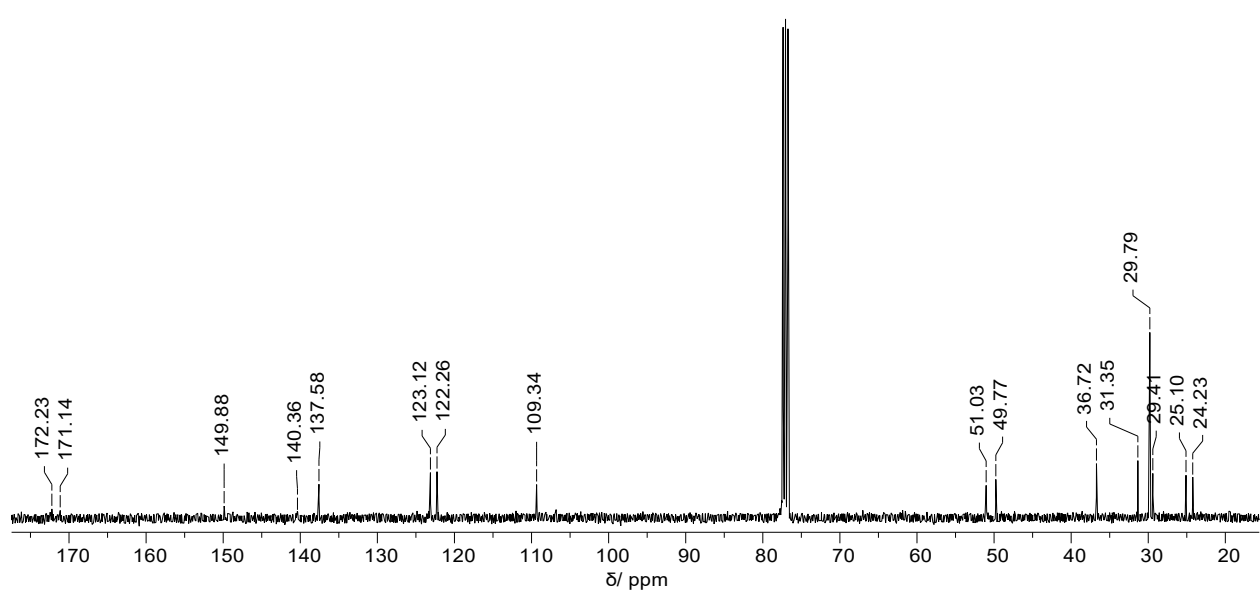


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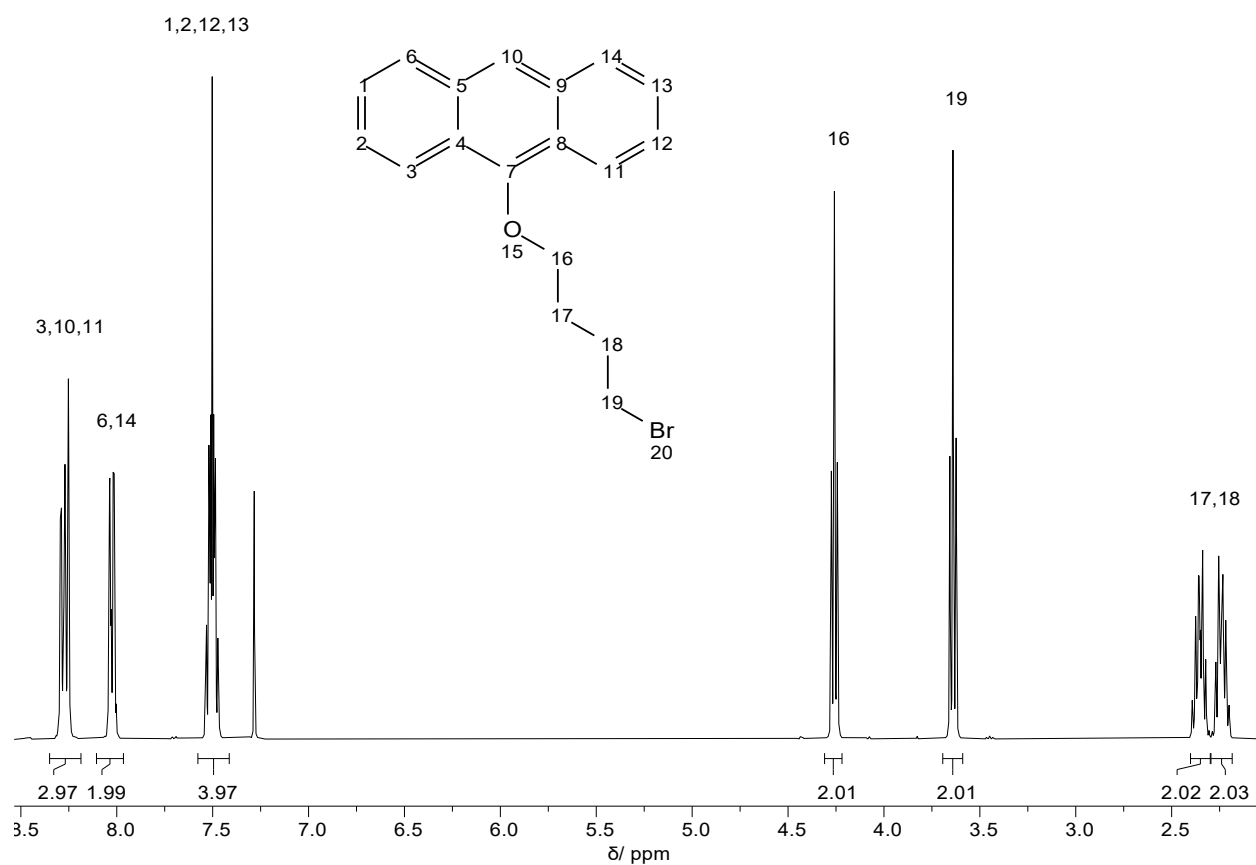


Figure S7. 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  of **5**

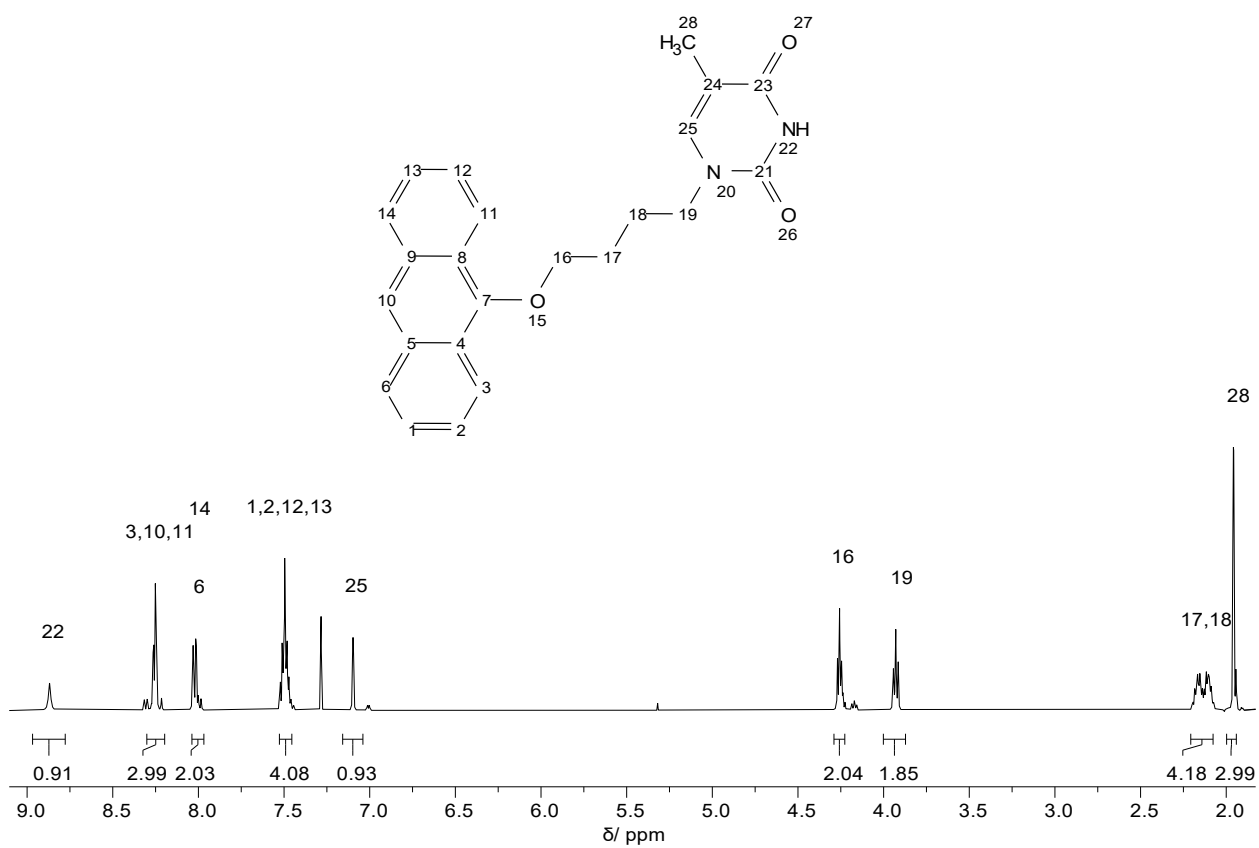


Figure S8. 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  of **An-Th**

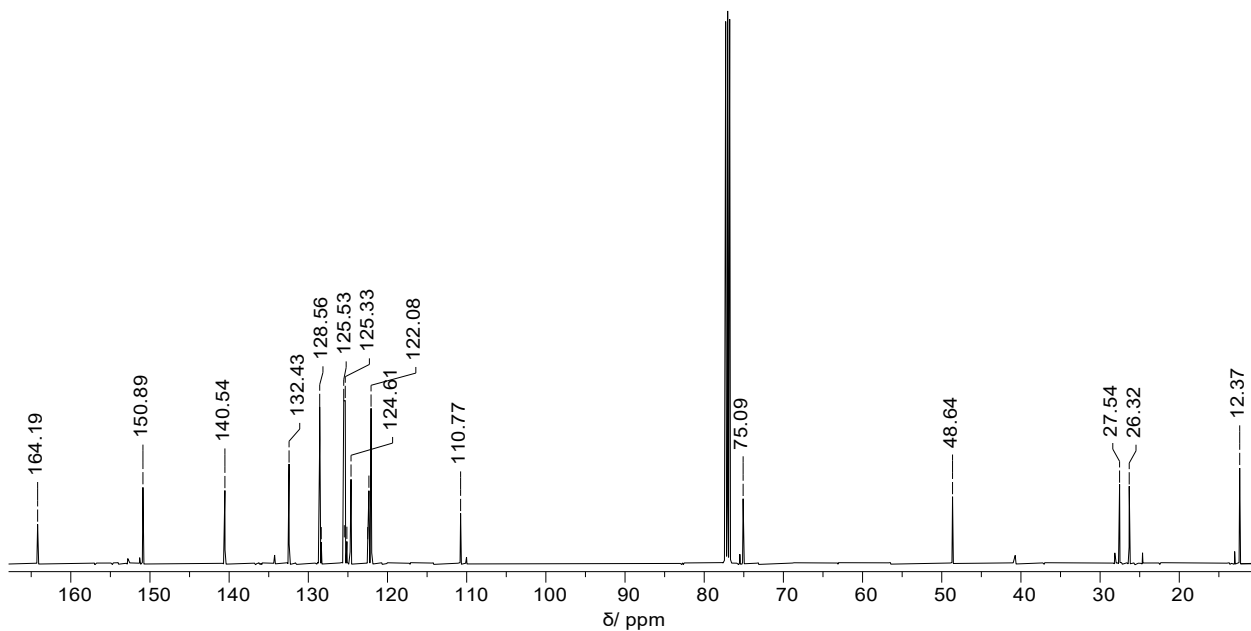


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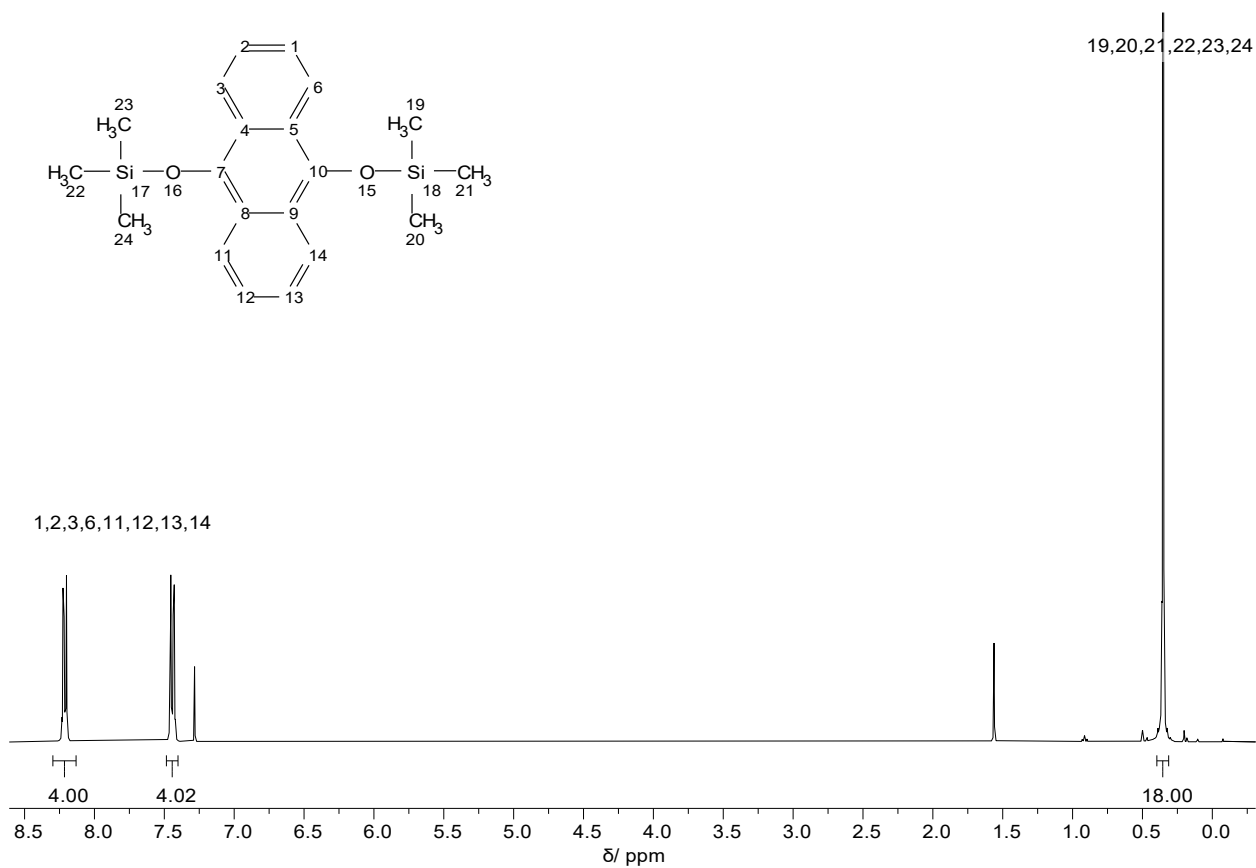
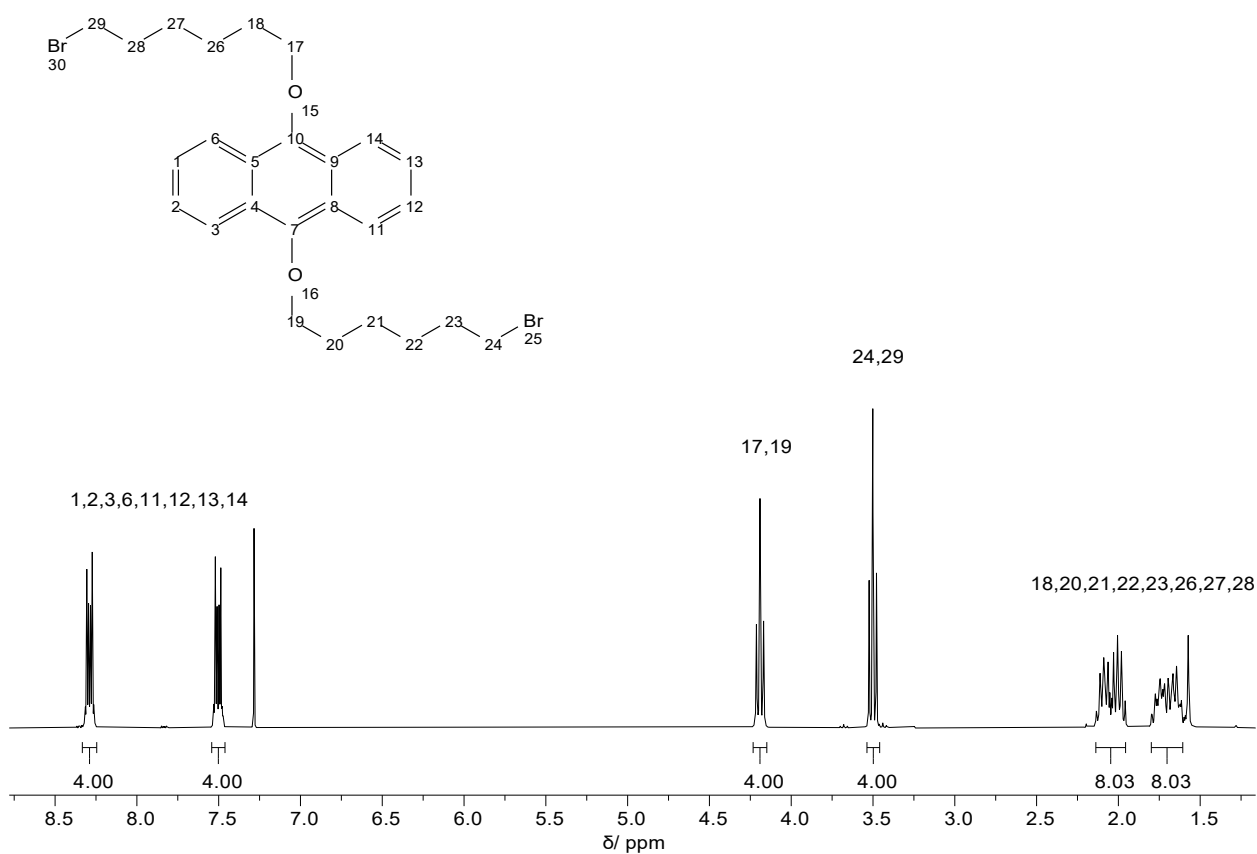
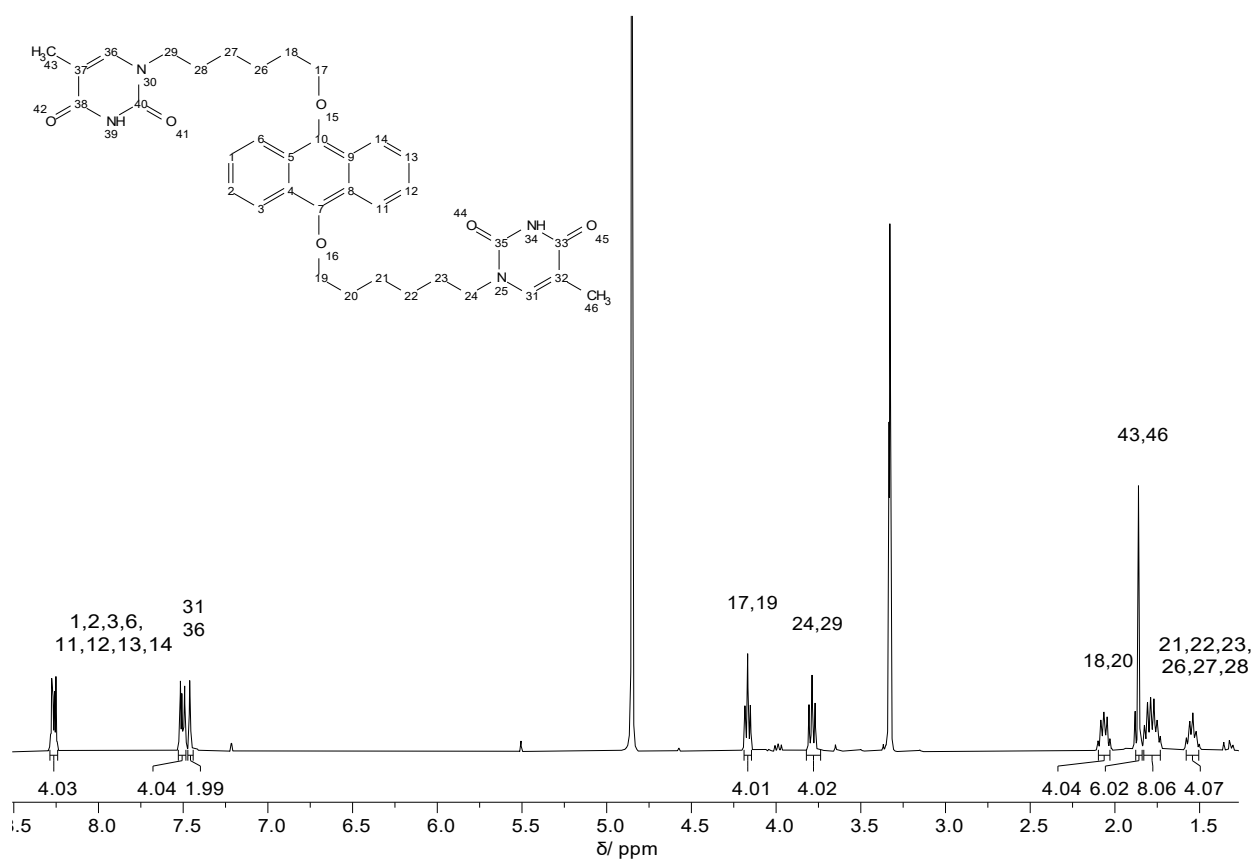


Figure S10. 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  of **7**



**Figure S11.** 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of **8**



**Figure S12.** 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in CD<sub>3</sub>OD of **Th-An-Th**

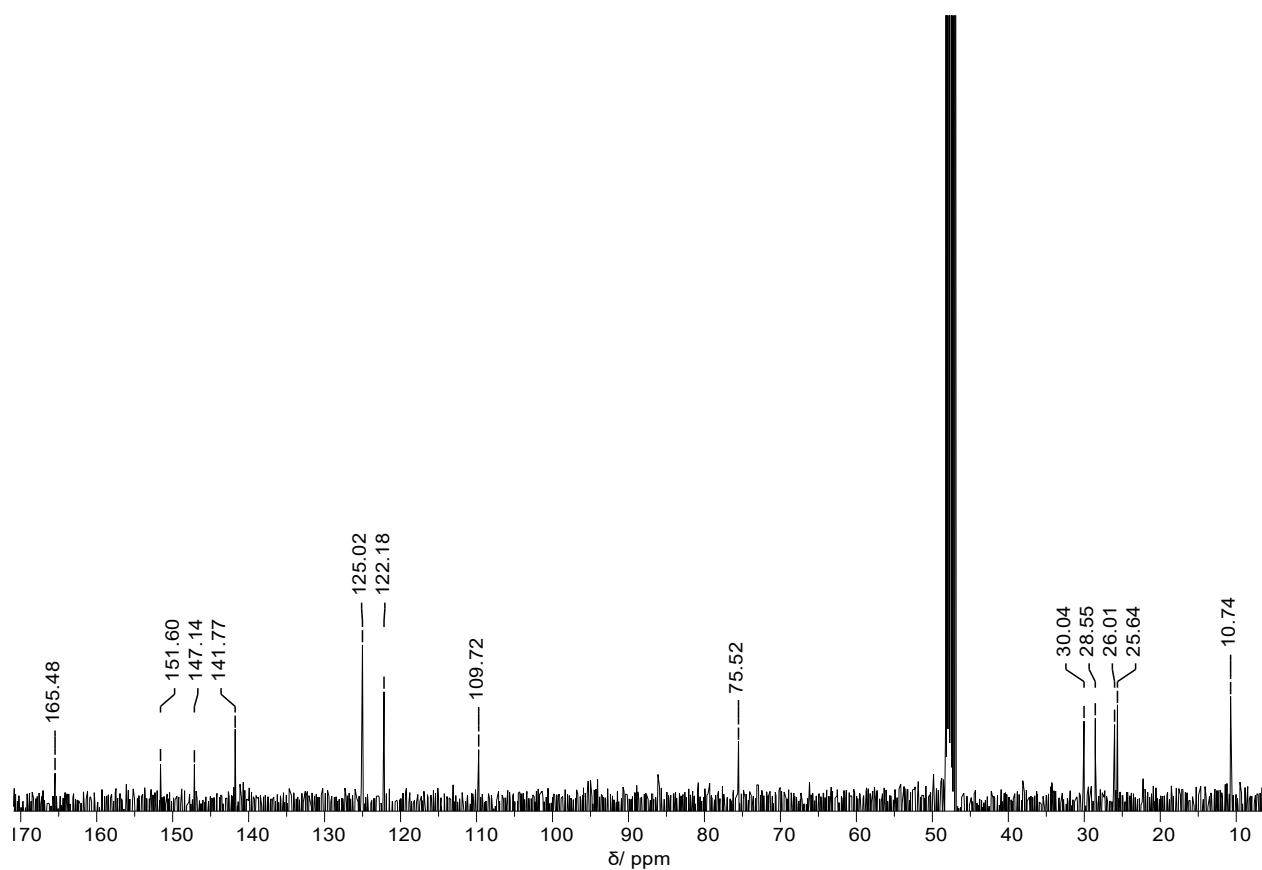


Figure S13. 101 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  of Th-An-Th

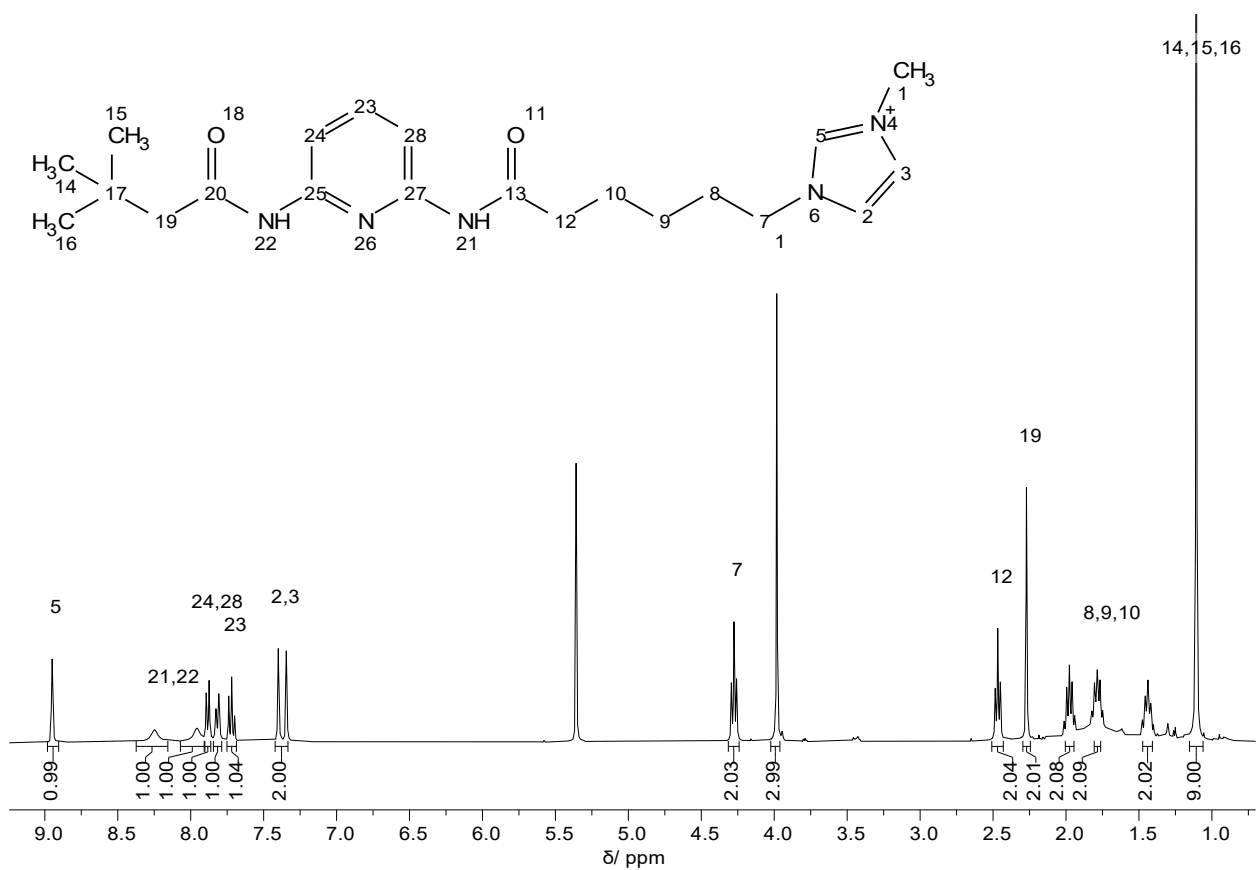


Figure S14. 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  of  $(\text{DAPIm})_2\text{Mo}_6$



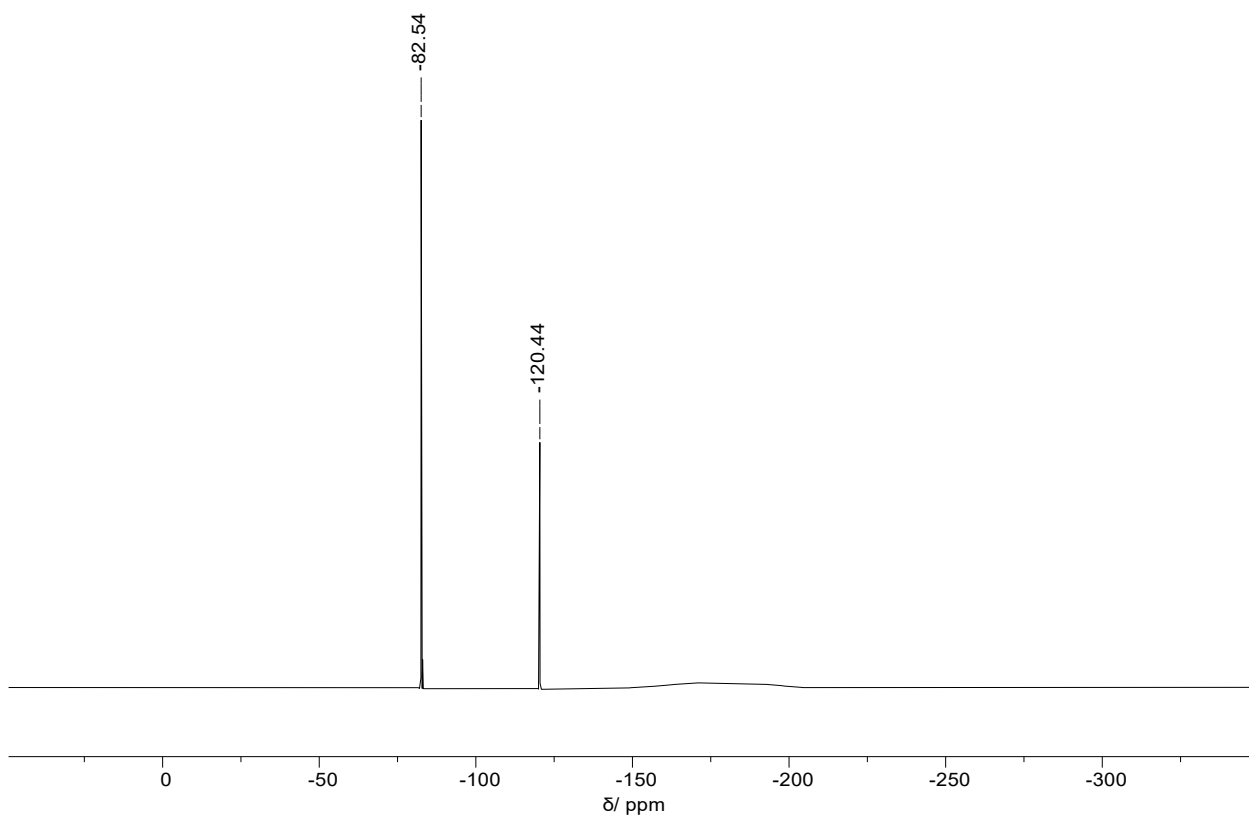


Figure S15. 376 MHz  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  of  $(\text{DAPIm})_2\text{Mo}_6$

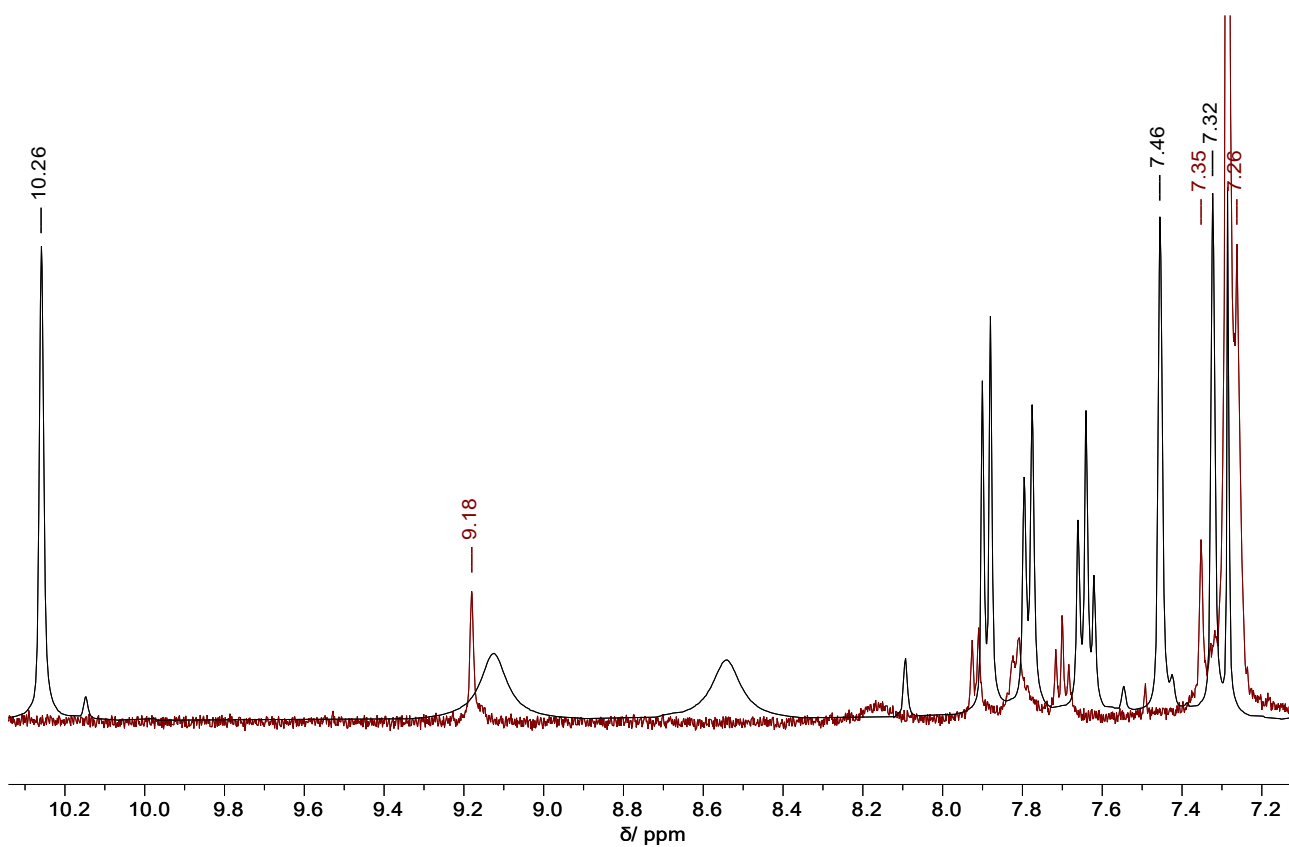


Figure S16. Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  of  $\text{DAPImBr}$  (black line,  $C = 4.3 \cdot 10^{-5}\text{M}$ ) and  $(\text{DAPIm})_2\text{Mo}_6$  (red line,  $C = 4.5 \cdot 10^{-6}\text{M}$ )

## 2. Binding constant determination

### 2.1. Binding constant for DAPI<sup>m</sup>Br and An-Th

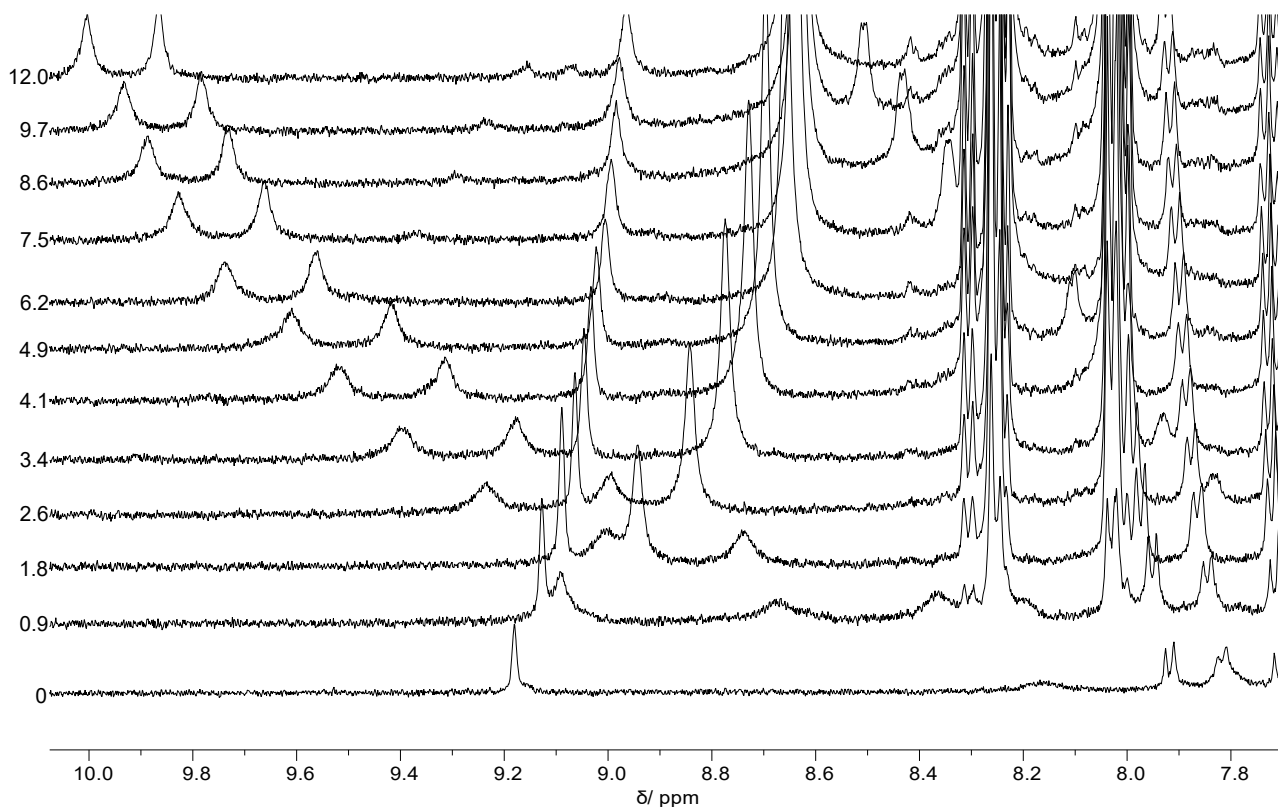
Table S1. NMR titration data for determination of binding constant in CDCl<sub>3</sub> between DAPI<sup>m</sup>Br and An-Th

No	[DAPI <sup>m</sup> ], M	[An-Th], M	[An-Th]/[DAPI <sup>m</sup> ]	NH-1, ppm	NH-2, ppm	K, M <sup>-1</sup>
1	9.86·10 <sup>-4</sup>	0	0	8.32	8.98	261±2
2	9.86·10 <sup>-4</sup>	9.77·10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.99	8.66	9.23	
3	9.86·10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.91·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.94	8.91	9.40	
4	9.86·10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.79·10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.83	9.09	9.52	
5	9.86·10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.64·10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.69	9.23	9.61	
6	9.86·10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.45·10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.51	9.33	9.68	
7	9.86·10 <sup>-4</sup>	5.23·10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.30	9.42	9.74	
8	9.86·10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.68·10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.77	9.55	9.82	
9	9.86·10 <sup>-4</sup>	8.01·10 <sup>-3</sup>	8.12	9.64	9.89	
10	9.86·10 <sup>-4</sup>	9.24·10 <sup>-3</sup>	9.37	9.70	9.93	
11	9.86·10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.09·10 <sup>-2</sup>	11.05	9.78	9.98	

### 2.2. Binding constant for (DAPI<sup>m</sup>)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> and An-Th

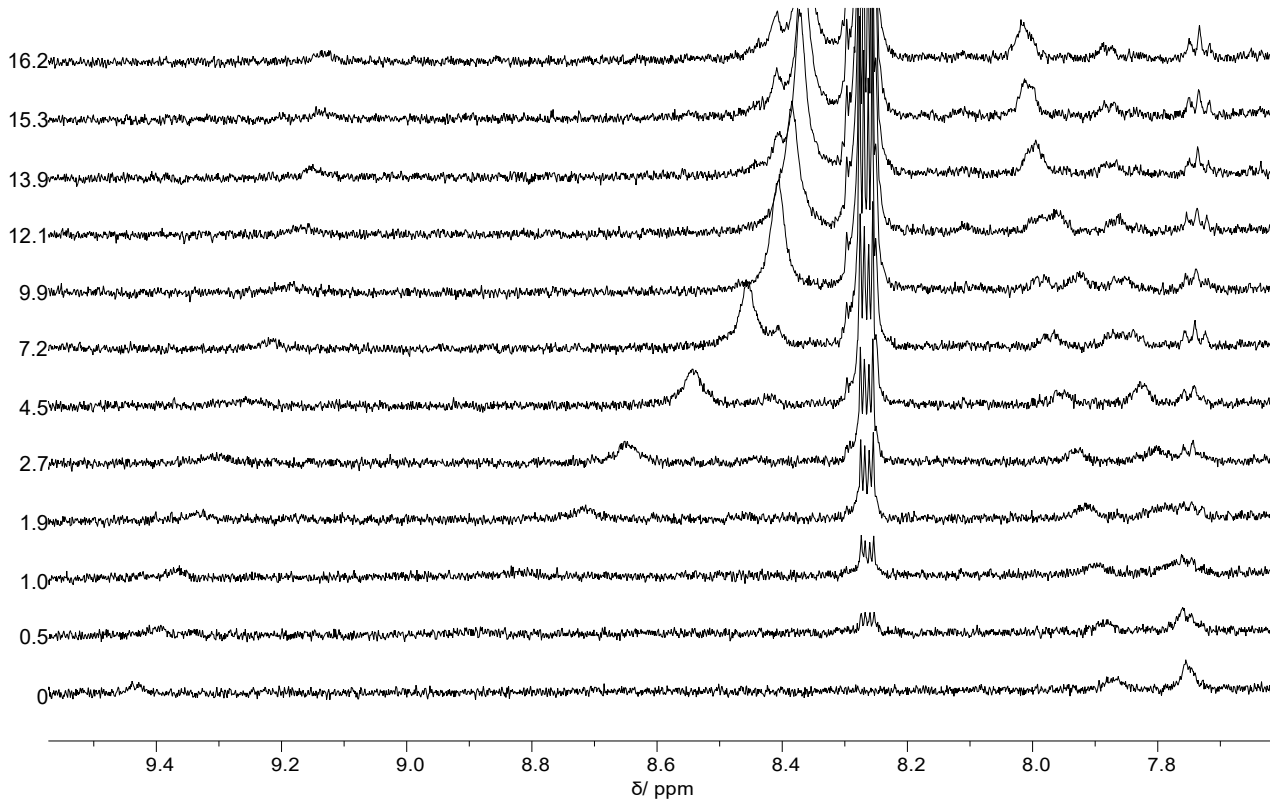
Table S2. NMR titration data for determination of binding constant in CDCl<sub>3</sub> between (DAPI<sup>m</sup>)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> and An-Th

No	[DAPI <sup>m</sup> ], M	[An-Th], M	[An-Th]/[DAPI <sup>m</sup> ]	NH-1, ppm	NH-2, ppm	K, M <sup>-1</sup>
1	1.03·10 <sup>-3</sup>	0	0	7.81	8.17	420±3
2	1.03·10 <sup>-3</sup>	9.39·10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.91	8.36	8.68	
3	1.03·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.83·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.78	8.74	9.01	
4	1.03·10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.69·10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.61	9.00	9.23	
5	1.03·10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.50·10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.40	9.18	9.40	
6	1.03·10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.23·10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.11	9.31	9.52	
7	1.03·10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.02·10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.87	9.42	9.61	
8	1.03·10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.42·10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.23	9.56	9.74	
9	1.03·10 <sup>-3</sup>	7.70·10 <sup>-3</sup>	7.48	9.66	9.83	
10	1.03·10 <sup>-3</sup>	8.88·10 <sup>-3</sup>	8.62	9.73	9.89	
11	1.03·10 <sup>-3</sup>	9.98·10 <sup>-3</sup>	9.69	9.78	9.93	
12	1.03·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.24·10 <sup>-2</sup>	12.04	9.87	10.00	



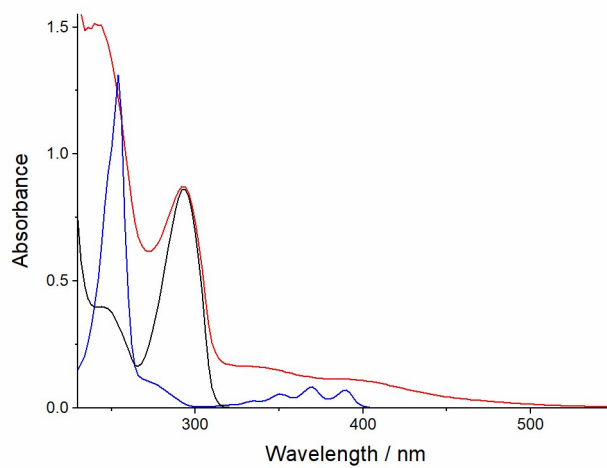
**Figure S17.** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  in the titration experiment with  $(\text{DAPIm})_2\text{Mo}_6$  ( $C = 1.03 \cdot 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ) and **An-Th** (values on the left are referred to the  $[\text{An-Th}]/[\text{DAPIm}^+]$  ratio)

### 2.3. Evidence of binding between $(\text{DAPIm})_2\text{Mo}_6$ and Th-An-Th

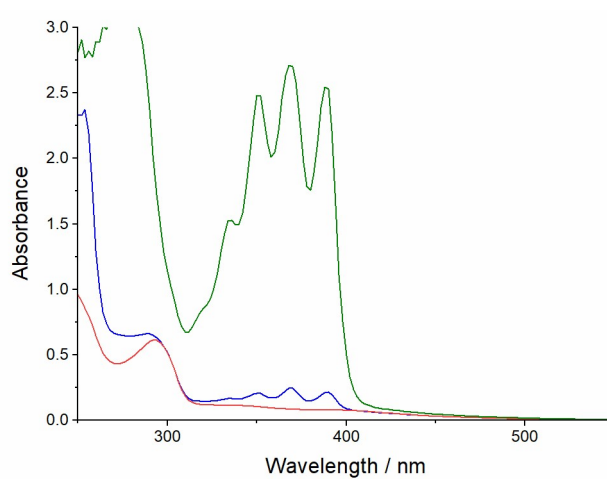


**Figure S18.** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  in the titration experiment with  $(\text{DAPIm})_2\text{Mo}_6$  ( $C = 9.07 \cdot 10^{-5}\text{M}$ ) and **Th-An-Th** (values on the left are referred to the  $[\text{Th-An-Th}]/[\text{DAPIm}^+]$  ratio)

### 3. Absorption spectra



**Figure S19.** Absorption spectra in CH<sub>3</sub>CN of DAPImBr (black line), An-Th (blue line) and (DAPI)m<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> (red)



**Figure S20.** Absorption spectra in CH<sub>3</sub>CN of (DAPI)m<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> (red) + 1 equiv An-Th (blue) + excess of AnTh (green)

## 4. Emission decay profiles

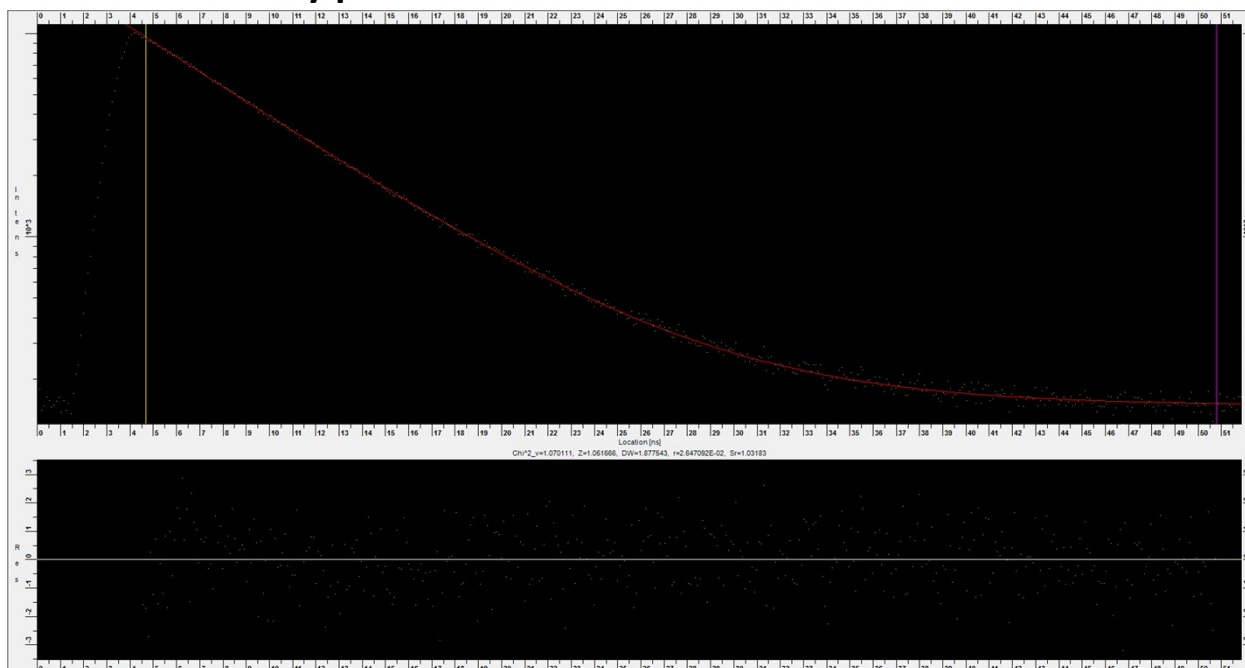


Figure S21. Emission decay profile of An-Th in CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375$  nm)

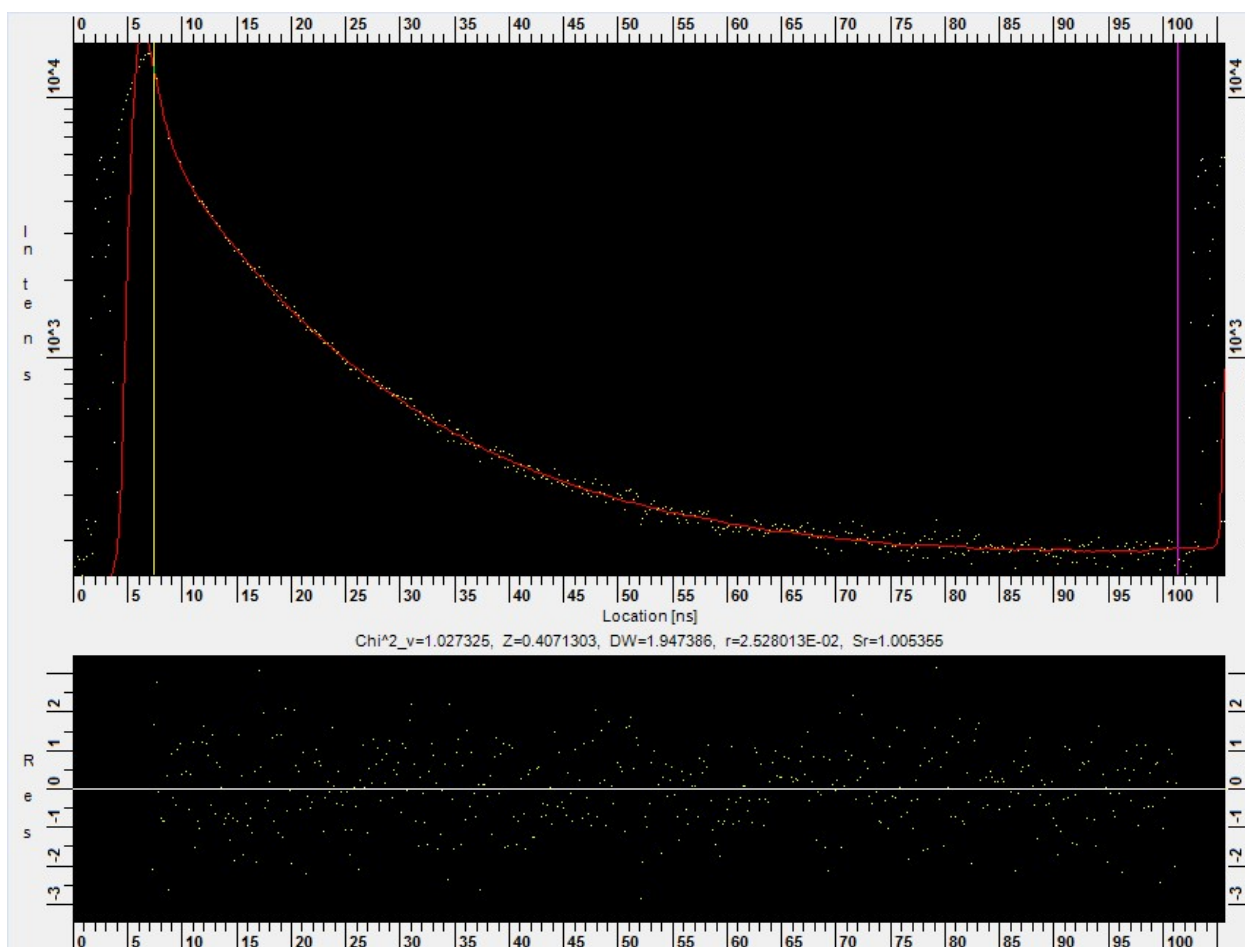


Figure S22. Emission decay profile of Th-An-Th in solid ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375$  nm)

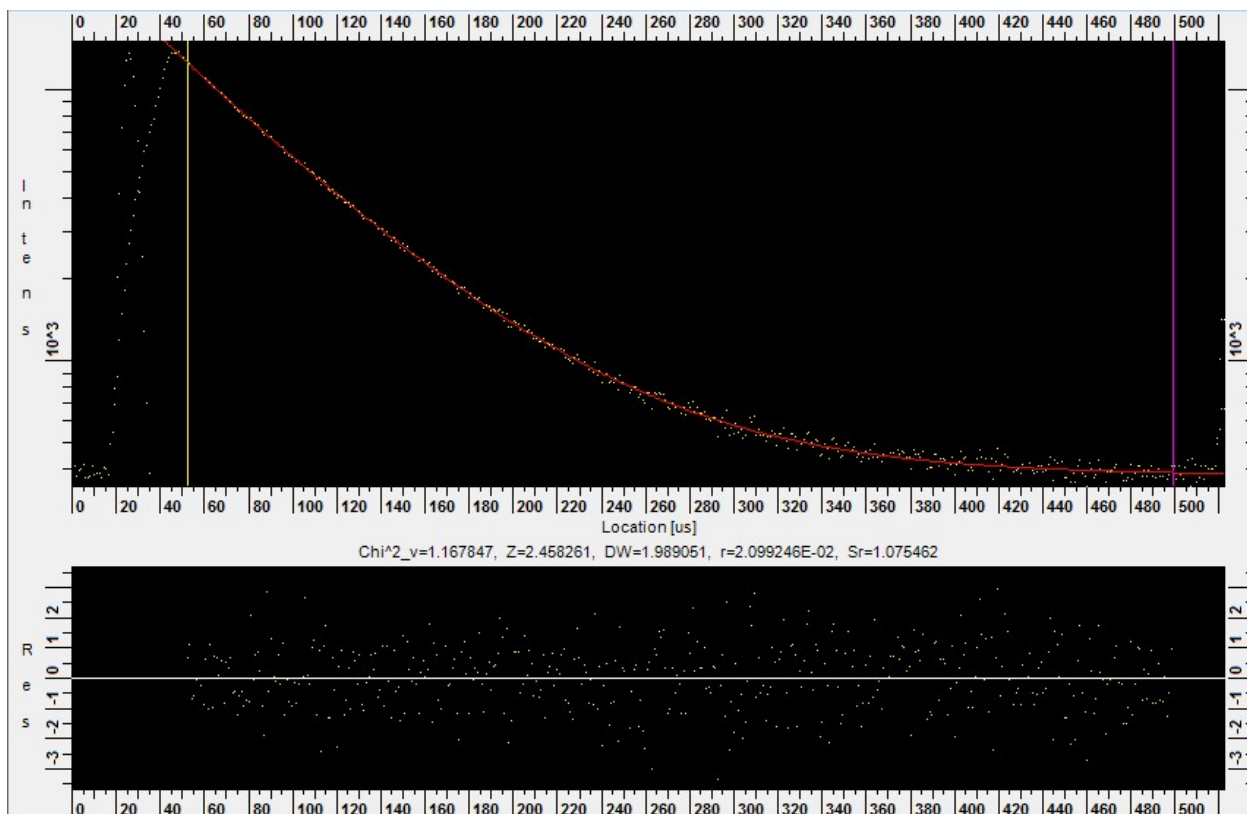


Figure S23. Emission decay profile of  $(\text{DAPIm})_2\text{Mo}_6$  in deaerated (Ar)  $\text{CHCl}_3$  ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375 \text{ nm}$ )

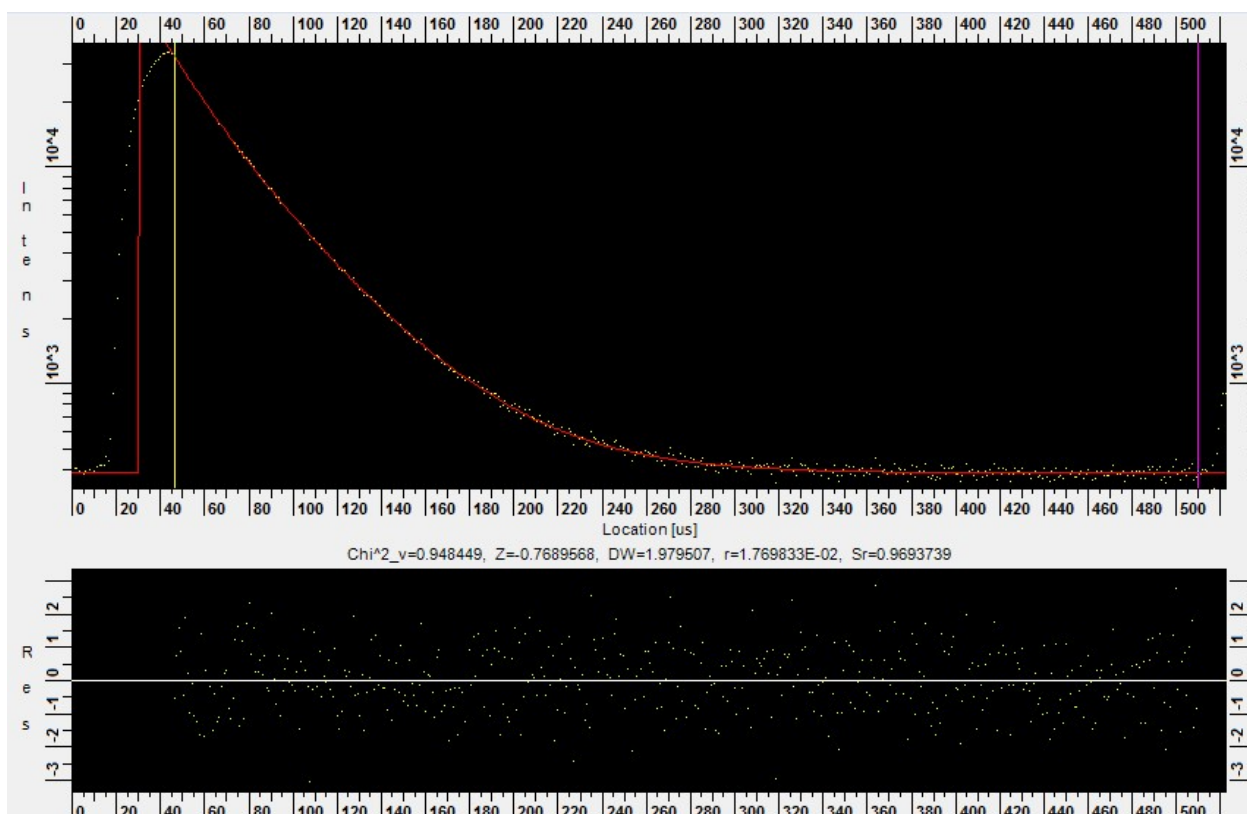


Figure S24. Emission decay profile of  $(\text{DAPIm})_2\text{Mo}_6$  in solid ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375 \text{ nm}$ )

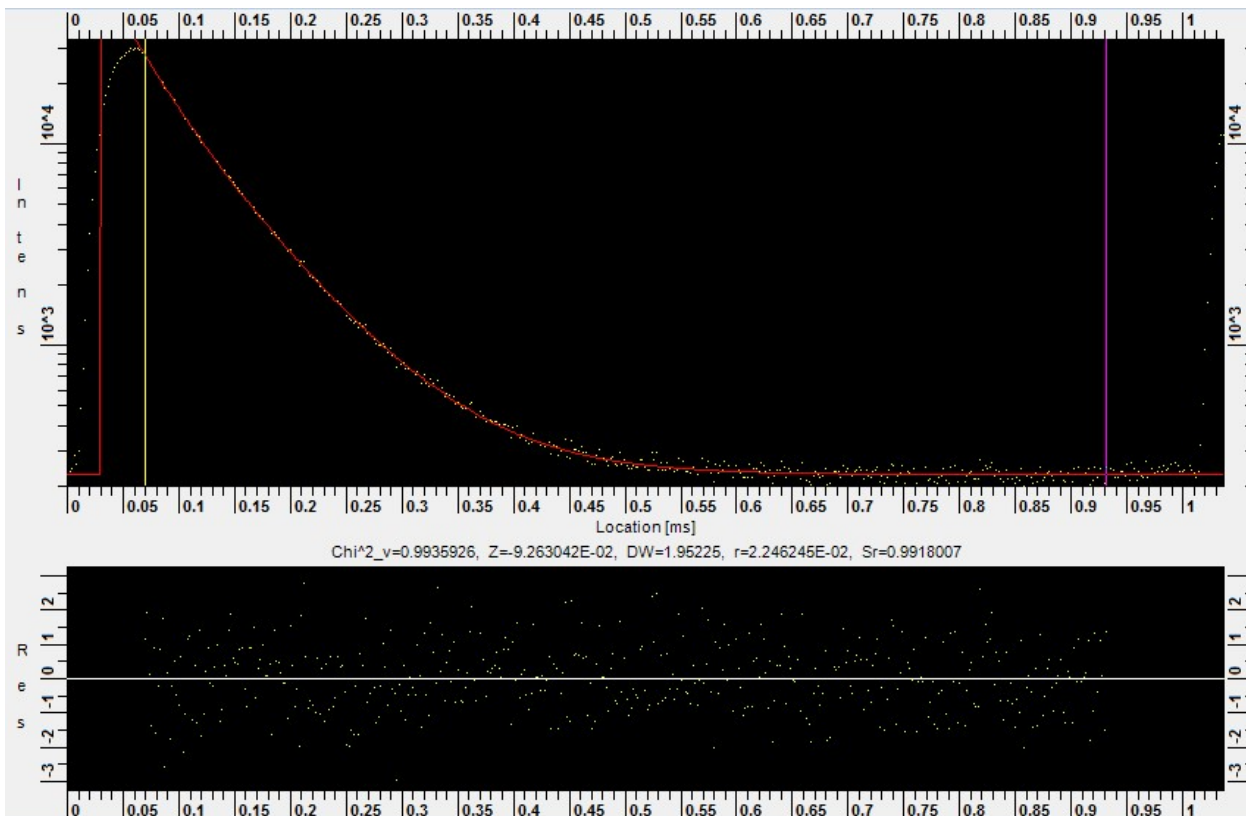


Figure S25. Emission decay profile of solid  $(\text{An-Th:DAPI})_2\text{Mo}_6$  ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375 \text{ nm}$ )

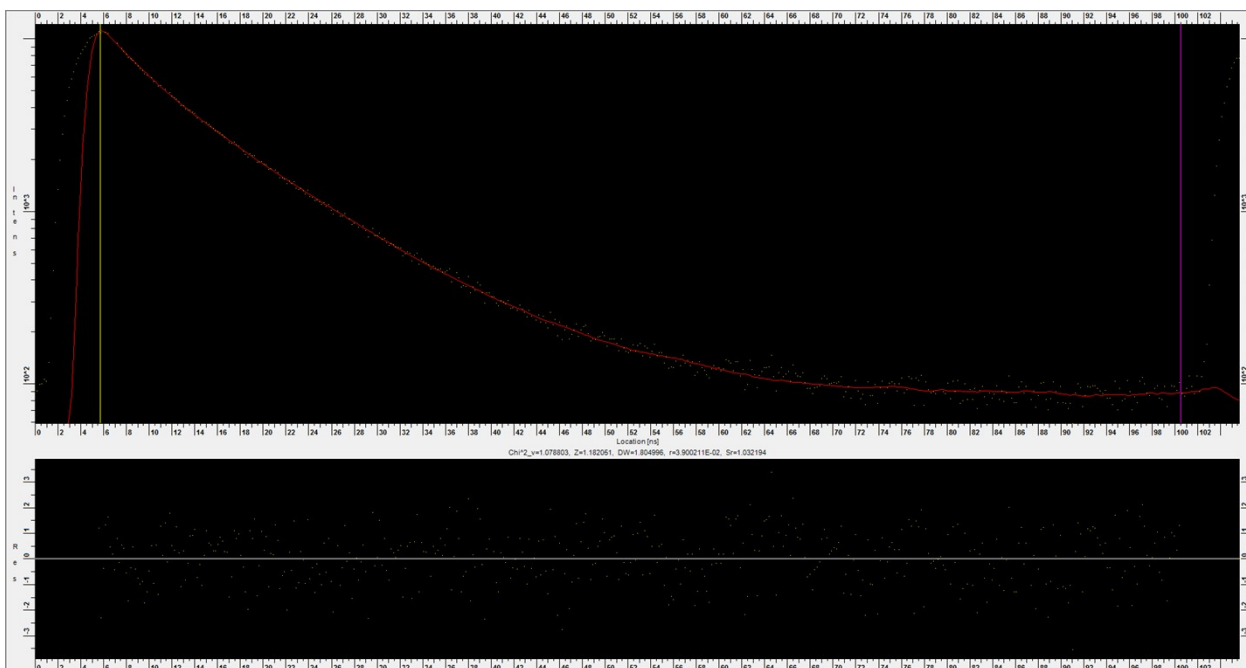


Figure S26. Emission decay profile of  $\text{Th-An-Th}$  in PMMA ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375 \text{ nm}$ )

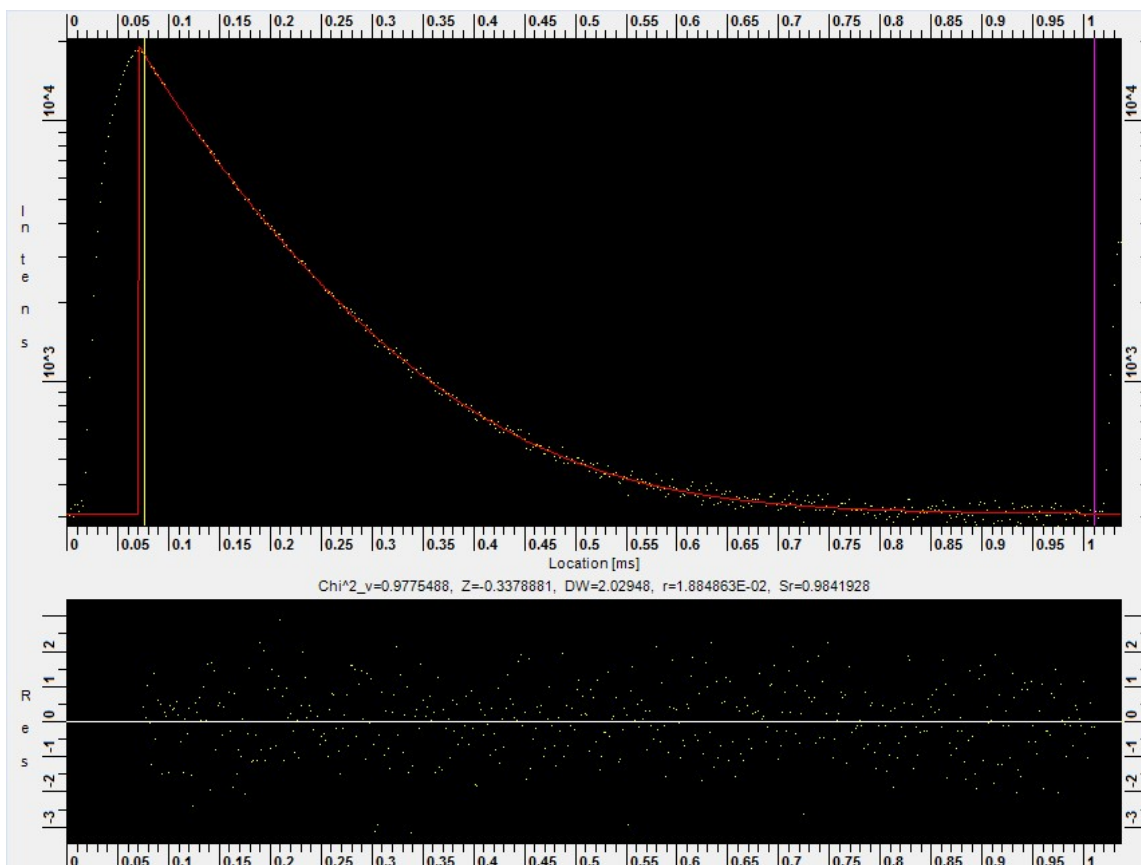


Figure S27. Emission decay profile of (DAPIm)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> in PMMA ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375$  nm)

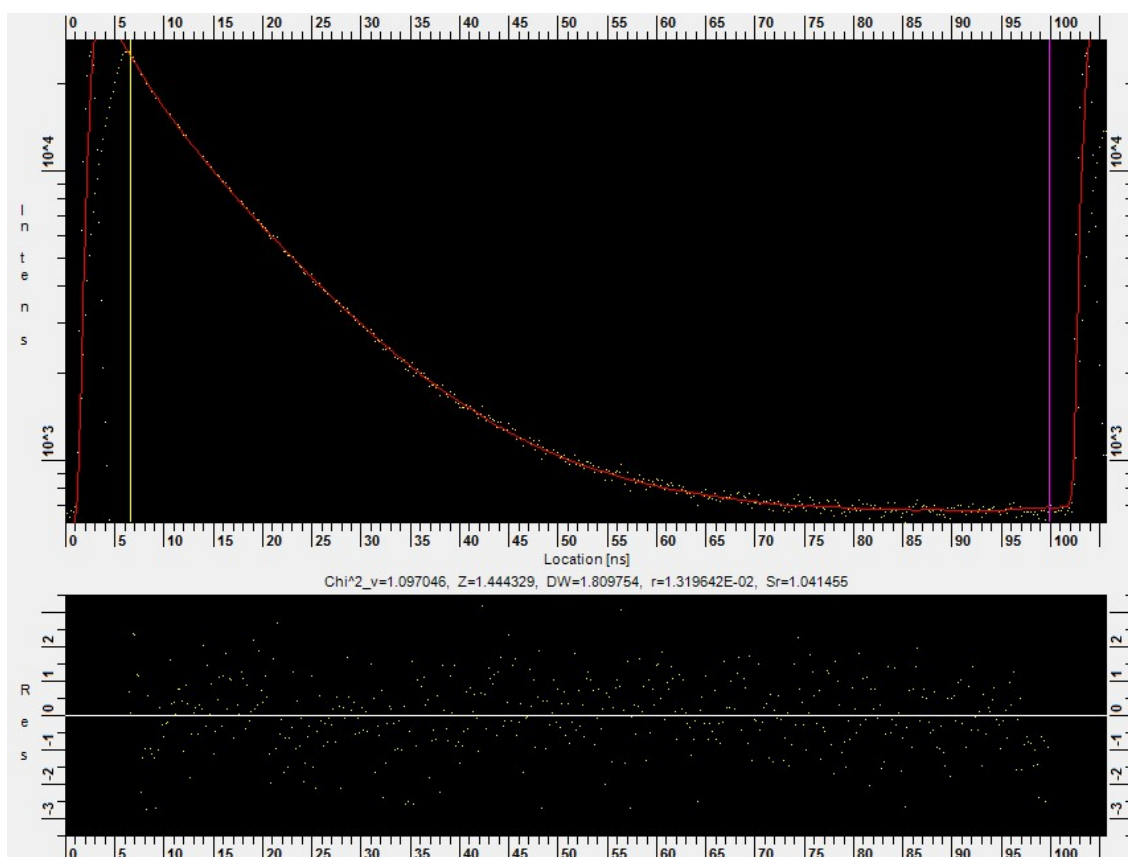


Figure S28. Emission decay profile of Th-An-Th:(DAPIm)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> in PMMA ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375$  nm, Th-An-Th component)



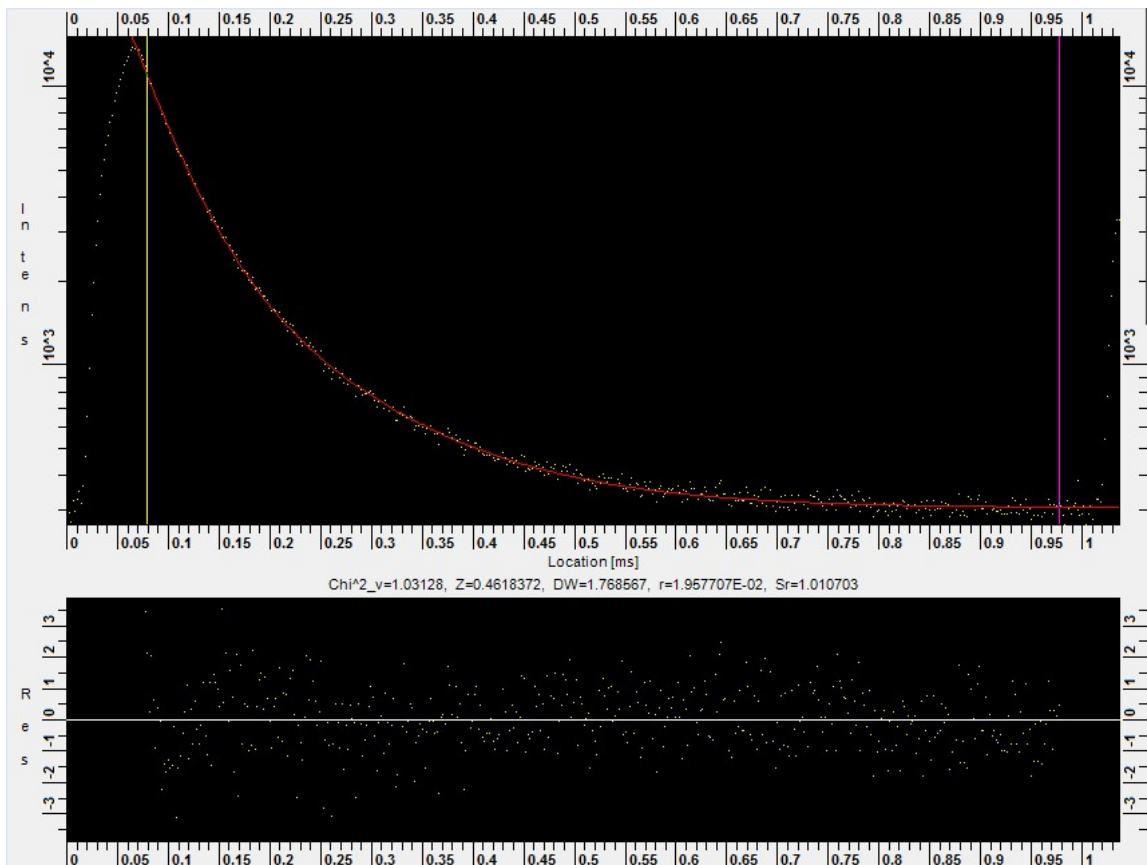


Figure S29. Emission decay profile of Th-An-Th:(DAPIm)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> in PMMA ( $\lambda_{ex} = 375$  nm, Mo<sub>6</sub> component)

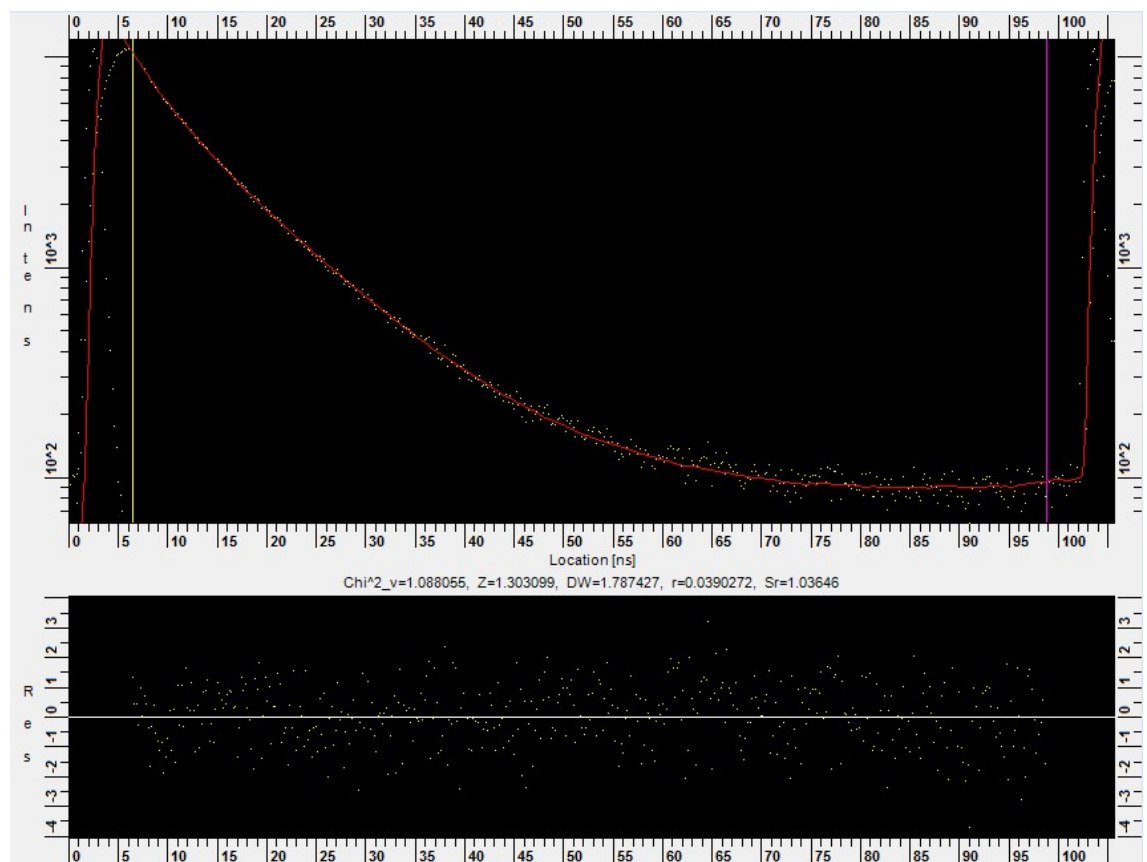


Figure S30. Emission decay profile of Th-An-Th:(DAPIm)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> in PMMA in vacuum ( $\lambda_{ex} = 375$  nm, Th-An-Th component)

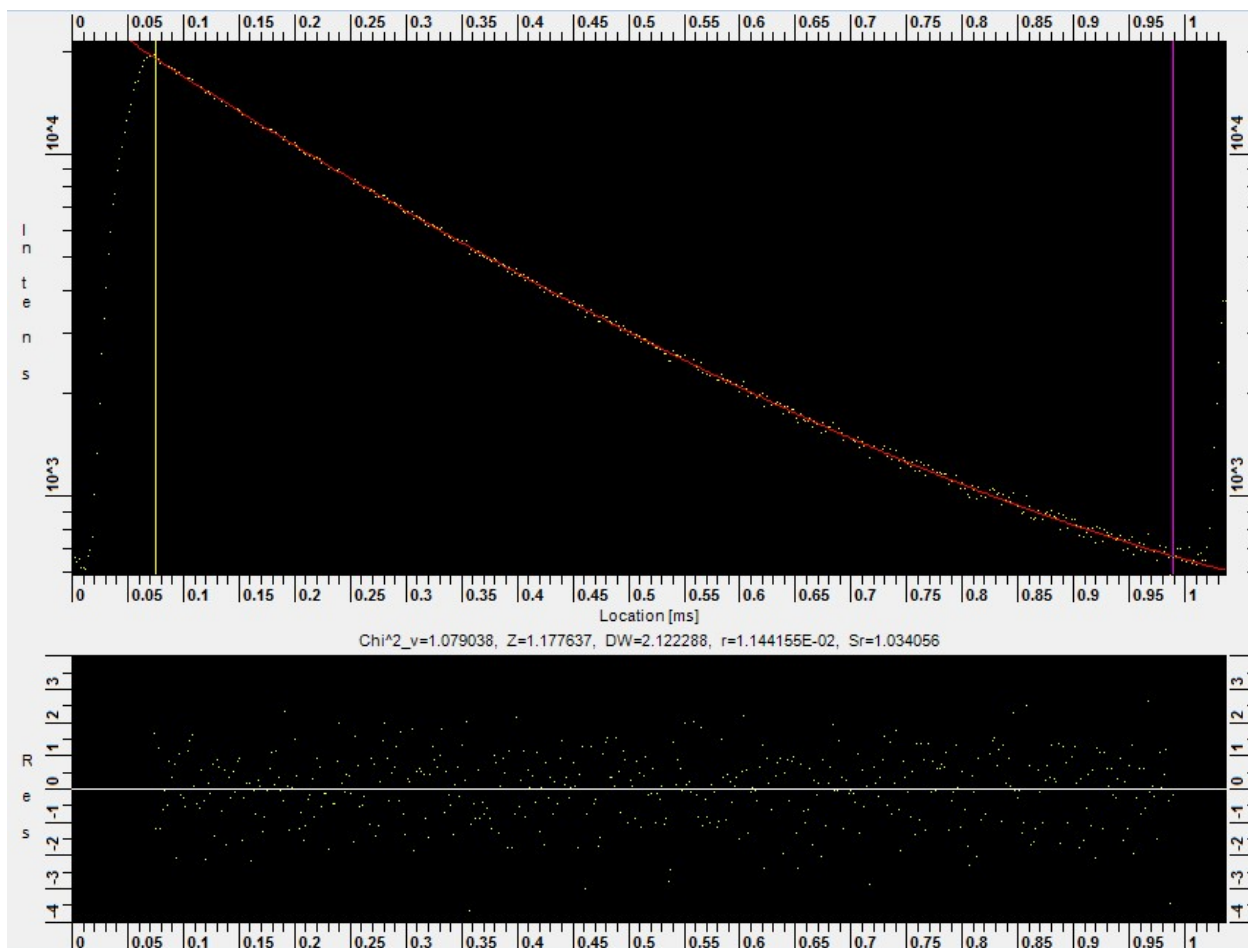
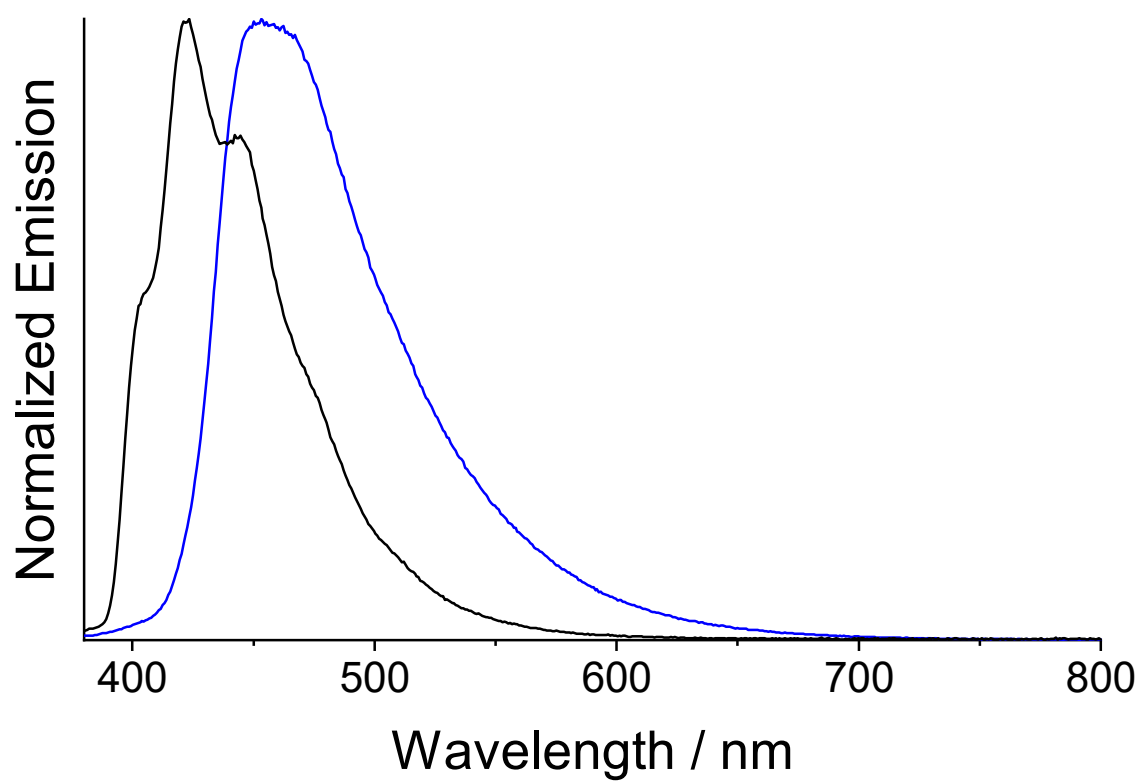


Figure S31. Emission decay profile of Th-An-Th:(DAPIm)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> in PMMA in vacuum ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375$  nm, Mo<sub>6</sub> component)

## 5. Emission spectra



**Figure S32.** Emission spectra ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375 \text{ nm}$ ) of **An-Th** (black line) and **Th-An-Th** (blue line) in solid state

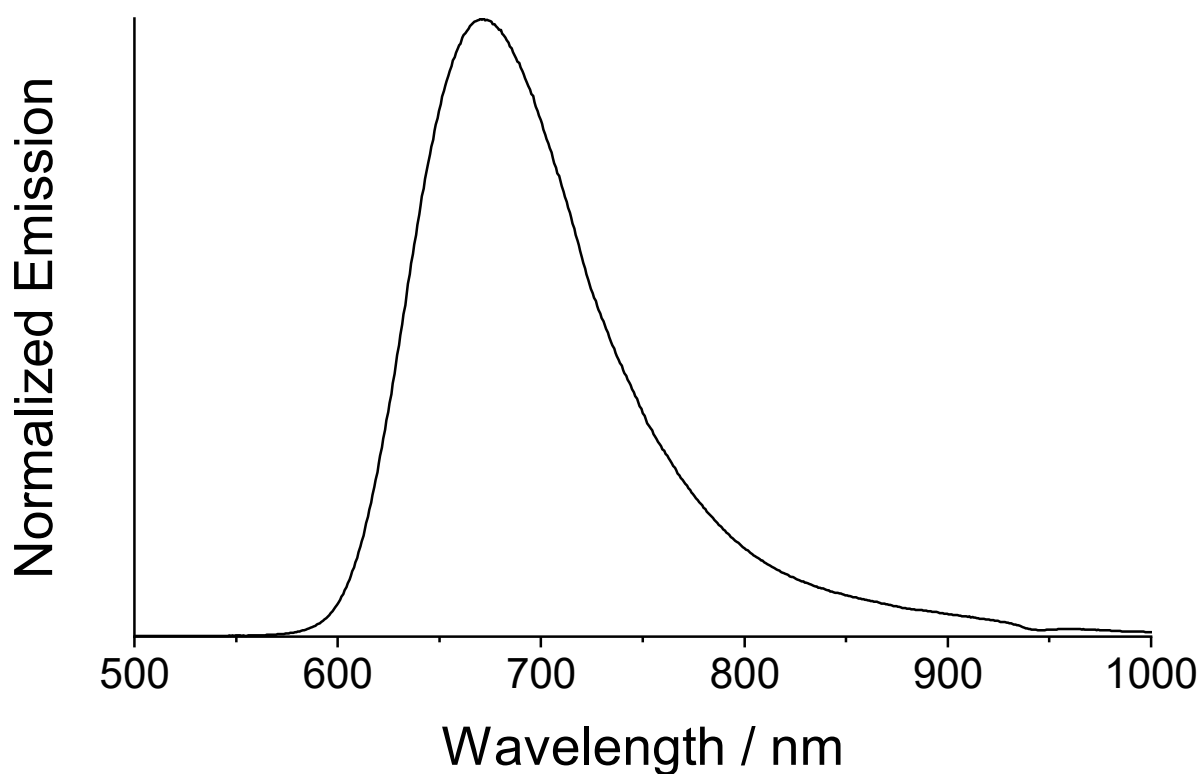


Figure S33. Emission spectrum ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375 \text{ nm}$ ) of  $(\text{DAPI}m)_2\text{Mo}_6$  in solid state

## 6. Förster radius determination

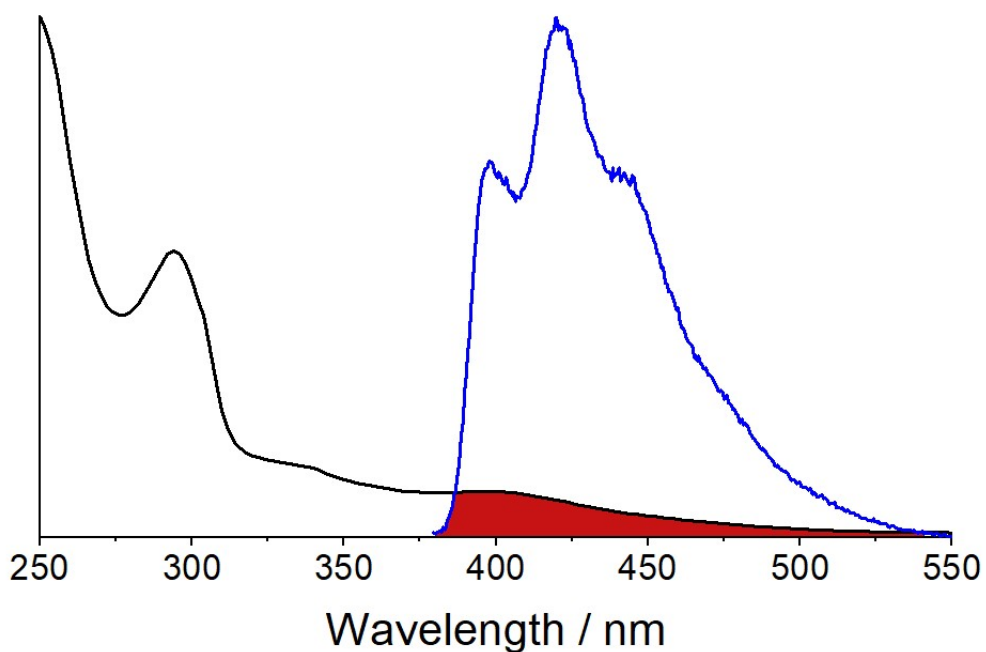


Figure S34. Representation of crossing of absorption spectrum of  $(\text{DAPI}m)_2\text{Mo}_6$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and emission spectrum of **An-Th** in  $\text{CHCl}_3$

The following Förster rate equation describes the energy transfer by dipolar interaction:

$$k = \frac{1}{\tau_D} \left( \frac{R_0}{r} \right)^6, R_0^6 = 8.785 \times 10^{-5} \frac{K^2 \Phi_D J}{n^4}$$

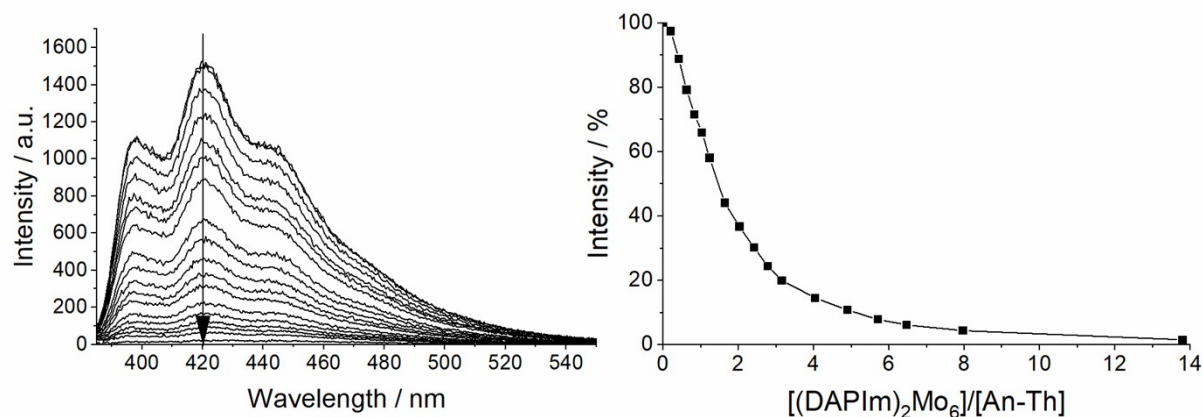
Where  $\tau_D$  is the donor lifetime in the absence of acceptor,  $r$  is the donor-acceptor distance, and  $R_0$  is the Förster distance at which the energy transfer rate is equal to the decay rate. The Förster distance is related to the orientation factor,  $K^2$  between donor and acceptor, and the donor and acceptor spectroscopic properties.  $K$  was taken as 2/3 that is appropriate for dynamic random orientation averaging of the donor and acceptor.  $\Phi_D$  is the quantum yield of the donor in the absence of an acceptor (0.44 for An-Th). The index of refraction,  $n$ , is the index of refraction of  $\text{CHCl}_3$ : 1.4458.  $J$  is the overlap integral between the donor and acceptor that is calculated using the following equation:

$$J = \int_0^{+\infty} F_D(\lambda) \varepsilon_A(\lambda) \lambda^4 d\lambda$$

Where  $F_D$  is the area-normalized fluorescence spectrum of the donor,<sup>[1]</sup>  $\varepsilon_A$  is the molar absorption coefficient of the acceptor. The scaling constant is set such that when  $\varepsilon$  is in units of  $\text{M}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$  and wavelength in units of nm, the Förster distance is in units of Å.<sup>[2]</sup>

The Förster radius was evaluated at 298K.

## 7. Emission titration data



**Figure S35.** Emission spectra of An-Th ( $C = 1.23 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{M}$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) upon addition of aliquots of  $(\text{DAPI}m)_2\text{Mo}_6$

**Table S3.** Anthracene excited state lifetime evolution ( $[\text{An-Th}] = 1.23 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{M}$ ) upon addition of  $(\text{DAPI}m)_2\text{Mo}_6$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$

$[(\text{DAPI}m)_2\text{Mo}_6]/[\text{An-Th}]$	$\tau_1$ , ns (A)	$\tau_2$ , ns (A)	$\tau_{av}$ , ns
0.4	5.8	-	5.8
0.7	10 (18 %)	5.1 (82 %)	6.6
1.8	7.9 (44 %)	3.7 (56 %)	6.3
3.4	8.3 (39 %)	3.8 (61 %)	6.4

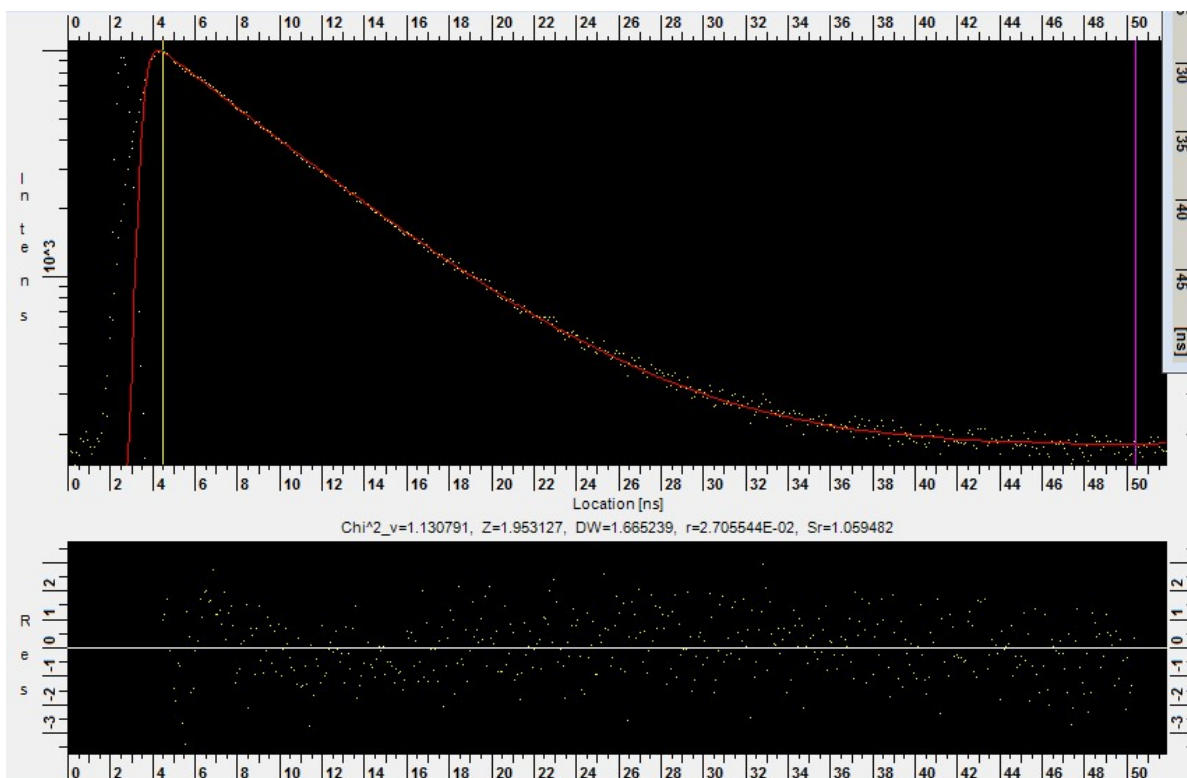


Figure S36. Emission decay profile of mixture of (DAPIm)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> and An-Th in CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $[(\text{DAPIm})_2\text{Mo}_6]/[\text{An-Th}] = 0.4$ )

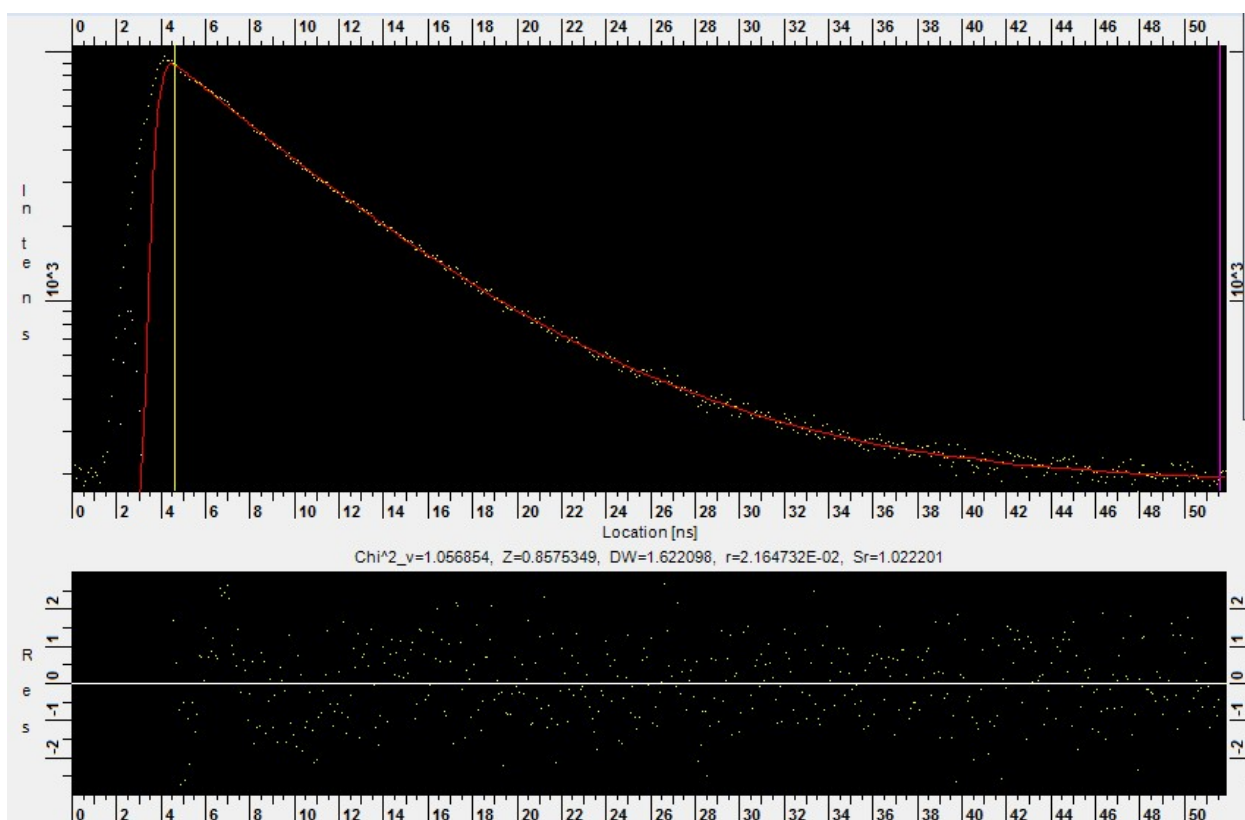


Figure S37. Emission decay profile of mixture of (DAPIm)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> and An-Th in CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $[(\text{DAPIm})_2\text{Mo}_6]/[\text{An-Th}] = 0.7$ )

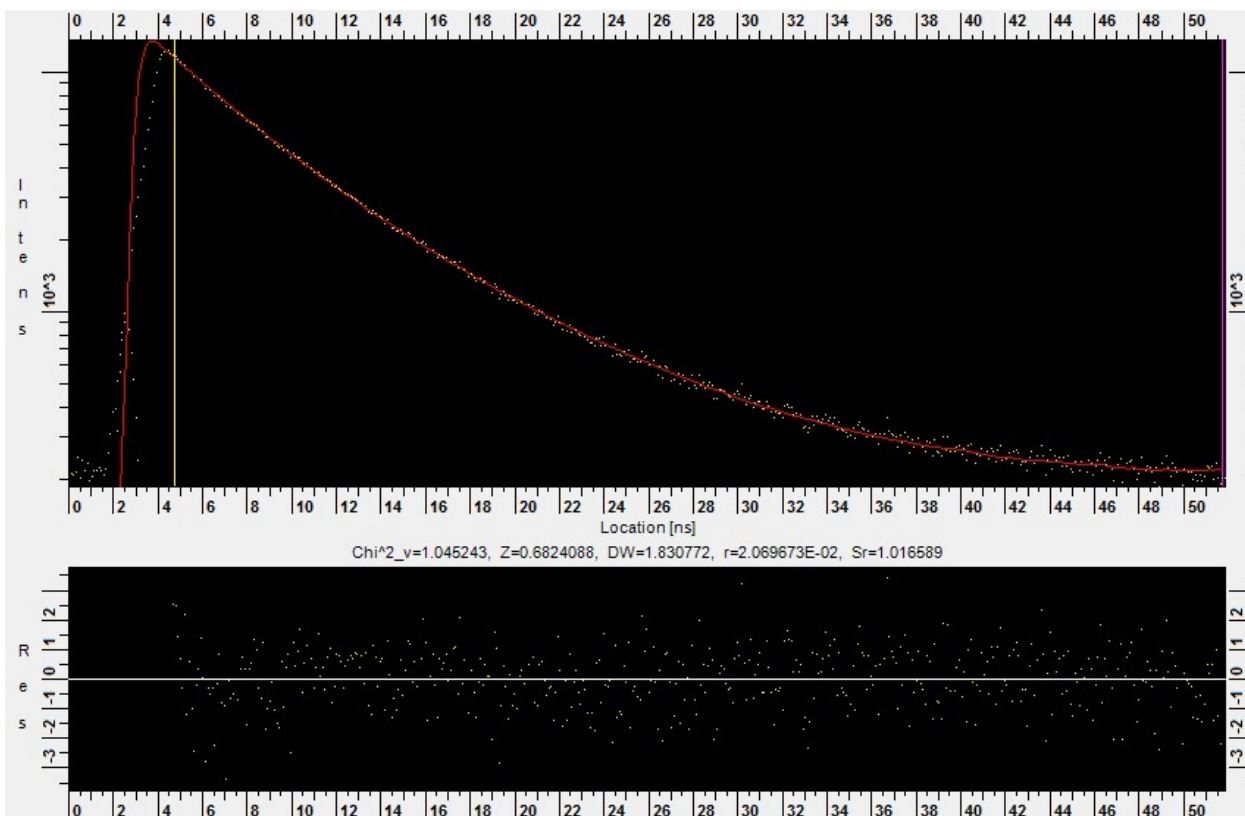


Figure S38. Emission decay profile of mixture of (DAPIm)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> and An-Th in CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $[(\text{DAPIm})_2\text{Mo}_6]/[\text{An-Th}] = 1.8$ )

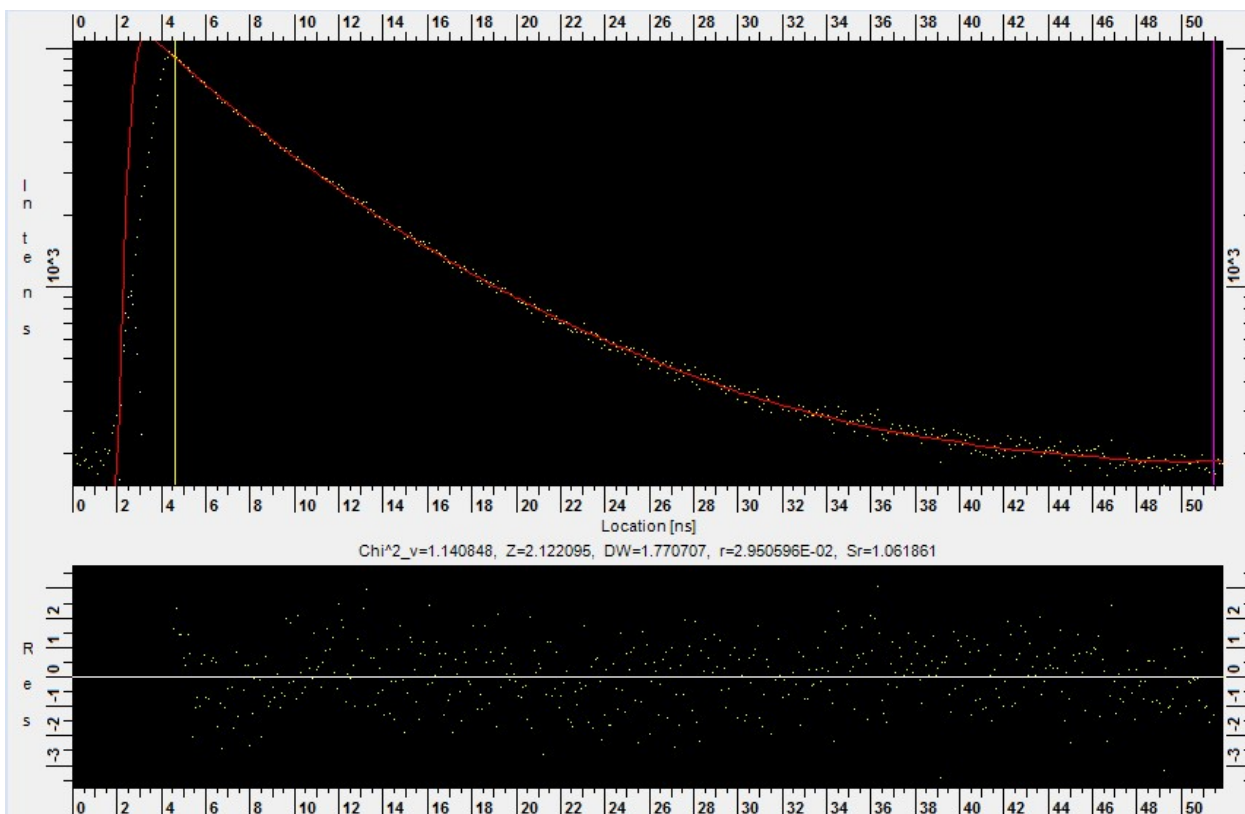
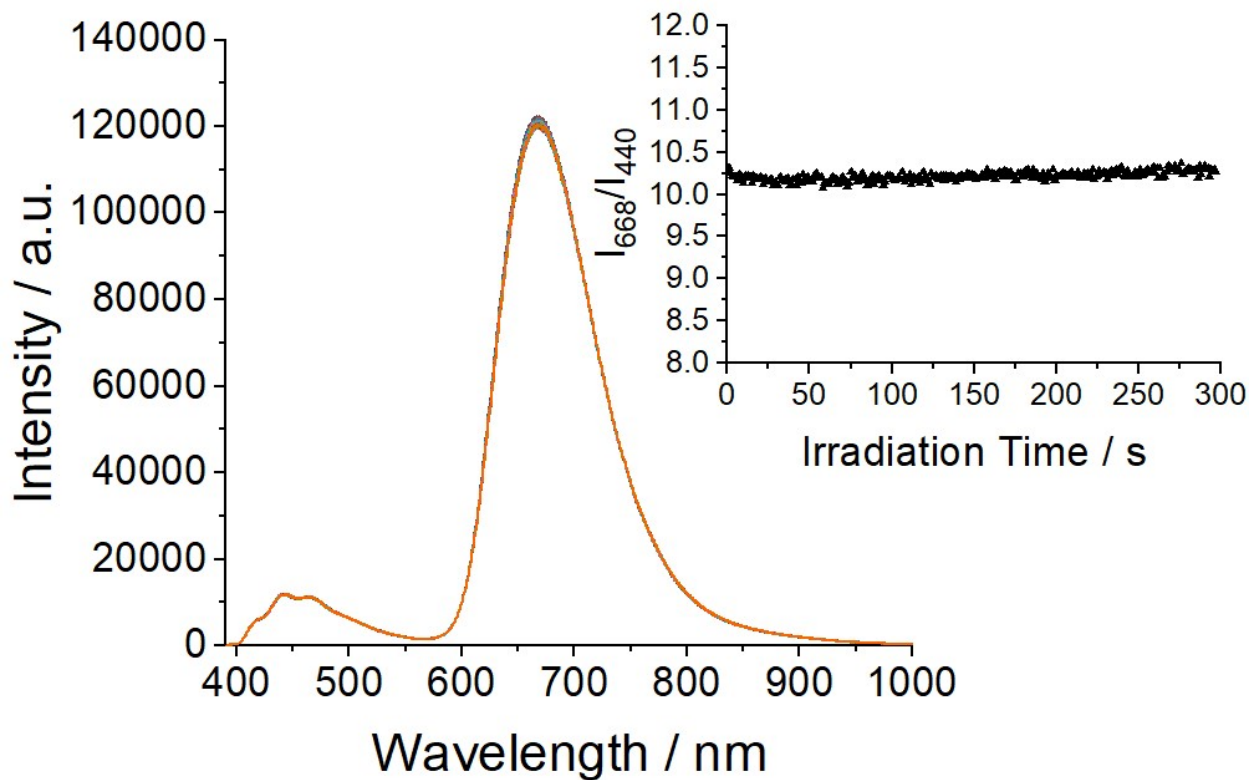


Figure S39. Emission decay profile of mixture of (DAPIm)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> and An-Th in CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $[(\text{DAPIm})_2\text{Mo}_6]/[\text{An-Th}] = 3.4$ )

## 8. Emission evolution in vacuum



**Figure S40.** Evolution of emission spectra of Th-An-Th:(DAPI)<sub>m</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub> under 5 min laser irradiation in vacuum ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375$  nm, laser diode, 100 MHz, 100 ms int. time,  $1.9 \cdot 10^{-6}$  hPa)

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