

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Syntheses, Structures, Photochromic and Magnetic Properties of Seven Lanthanide Complexes Based on 5-Azotetrazolyl Salicylic Acid Ligand

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**Table S1** Cartesian coordinates of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  staking interaction in **1**.

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N(Fragment=1)	1.98040000	7.44020000	21.26570000
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C(Fragment=1)	5.85610000	5.22940000	15.17910000
H(Fragment=1)	5.57400000	4.97720000	14.32850000
C(Fragment=1)	4.94130000	5.59940000	16.11140000
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N(Fragment=2)	6.52950000	8.57250000	14.73800000
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C(Fragment=2)	7.02090000	8.89550000	15.92810000
C(Fragment=2)	3.71260000	10.38720000	20.10840000
H(Fragment=2)	3.99470000	10.63940000	20.95900000
C(Fragment=2)	4.62740000	10.01710000	19.17610000
H(Fragment=2)	5.53110000	10.00090000	19.39750000

C(Fragment=2)	2.87590000	9.66180000	17.57740000
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**Table S2** Cartesian coordinates of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  staking interaction in **2**.

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N(Fragment=2)	7.04529813	1.69309854	6.33540024
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H(Fragment=2)	5.20359813	3.00909854	11.71310024
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**Table S3** Cartesian coordinates of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  staking interaction in **3**.

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N(Fragment=1)	7.47720000	2.74520000	2.65220000
N(Fragment=1)	7.33960000	3.33360000	3.76650000
N(Fragment=1)	7.43460000	5.45930000	2.50710000
N(Fragment=1)	7.34050000	6.71860000	2.93800000
N(Fragment=1)	7.11170000	6.73530000	4.21920000
N(Fragment=1)	7.10580000	5.49710000	4.71970000
C(Fragment=1)	7.42670000	-0.80950000	3.89130000
C(Fragment=1)	7.62990000	-1.45440000	2.65800000
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H(Fragment=1)	7.88380000	-1.12180000	0.68630000
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H(Fragment=1)	7.77670000	1.15850000	0.74720000
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C(Fragment=1)	7.27050000	-1.52320000	5.18400000
C(Fragment=1)	7.31270000	4.72950000	3.62860000
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O(Fragment=2)	4.13680000	6.73110000	5.62510000
O(Fragment=2)	3.81380000	8.28210000	4.11470000
O(Fragment=2)	3.78700000	7.71370000	1.65400000
H(Fragment=2)	3.49990000	8.16410000	2.27640000
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N(Fragment=2)	3.91300000	1.52330000	2.21980000
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H(Fragment=2)	3.67700000	-0.85340000	1.11140000
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N(Fragment=2)	4.21010000	-1.48340000	3.97540000
N(Fragment=2)	4.23850000	-0.14250000	3.98560000
C(Fragment=2)	3.97220000	6.02570000	3.34720000
C(Fragment=2)	3.85090000	6.40070000	2.02980000
C(Fragment=2)	3.84650000	5.44040000	1.00400000
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C(Fragment=2)	3.98400000	7.03830000	4.41070000
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**Table S4** Cartesian coordinates of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  staking interaction in **4**.

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O(Fragment=1)	10.28780000	4.84980000	1.17500000
C(Fragment=1)	10.43400000	4.87690000	-0.06270000
C(Fragment=1)	10.37170000	3.57700000	-0.81420000
C(Fragment=1)	10.28260000	2.33860000	-0.21610000
C(Fragment=1)	10.24090000	1.16140000	-1.00620000
H(Fragment=1)	10.23960000	0.32530000	-0.59910000
C(Fragment=1)	10.19980000	1.26270000	-2.37410000
H(Fragment=1)	10.17880000	0.49510000	-2.89800000
C(Fragment=1)	10.19000000	2.50550000	-2.96650000
N(Fragment=1)	10.09290000	2.74090000	-4.40000000
N(Fragment=1)	9.75940000	1.70500000	-5.05310000
C(Fragment=1)	9.69170000	1.92910000	-6.43560000
N(Fragment=1)	9.77910000	2.73520000	-8.28780000
N(Fragment=1)	10.10240000	3.10620000	-7.08100000
H(Fragment=1)	10.45070000	3.83240000	-6.78000000
N(Fragment=1)	9.33500000	1.51670000	-8.39870000
N(Fragment=1)	9.25550000	0.97170000	-7.25940000
C(Fragment=1)	10.27970000	3.61700000	-2.23140000
H(Fragment=1)	10.28230000	4.44170000	-2.66070000
O(Fragment=1)	10.31680000	2.21300000	1.12970000
H(Fragment=1)	10.50400000	2.93780000	1.46730000
O(Fragment=1)	10.71850000	5.90700000	-0.73800000
H(Fragment=1)	10.79051674	6.66397970	-0.15200058

O(Fragment=2)	5.97420000	1.30840000	-8.33890000
C(Fragment=2)	6.38600000	2.29290000	-8.97080000
C(Fragment=2)	6.69080000	3.57130000	-8.31960000
C(Fragment=2)	6.99960000	4.89680000	-6.35360000
C(Fragment=2)	7.07470000	5.94840000	-8.48460000
H(Fragment=2)	7.18130000	6.71460000	-9.00070000
C(Fragment=2)	7.15530000	6.02690000	-7.14750000
H(Fragment=2)	7.31770000	6.85020000	-6.74520000
C(Fragment=2)	6.83670000	4.74700000	-9.09040000
N(Fragment=2)	7.15440000	5.16790000	-4.98080000
N(Fragment=2)	6.96670000	4.18060000	-4.31510000
C(Fragment=2)	7.16230000	4.55010000	-2.89700000
N(Fragment=2)	7.68250000	5.65160000	-2.33650000
N(Fragment=2)	6.87420000	3.69690000	-1.99020000
N(Fragment=2)	7.62880000	5.41910000	-0.92610000
N(Fragment=2)	7.12830000	4.21630000	-0.76210000
C(Fragment=2)	6.75180000	3.65270000	-6.96520000
H(Fragment=2)	6.63280000	2.89070000	-6.44520000
O(Fragment=2)	6.78230000	4.77560000	-10.39950000
H(Fragment=2)	6.74870000	4.00940000	-10.68900000
O(Fragment=2)	6.63440000	2.21730000	-10.23750000
H(Fragment=2)	5.86794689	0.56548396	-8.93755352

**Table S5** Cartesian coordinates of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  staking interaction in **5**.

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N(Fragment=1)	3.41260087	8.71140078	12.17629988
N(Fragment=1)	2.94130087	9.84390078	12.21209988
N(Fragment=1)	2.66400087	10.39800078	10.99289988
N(Fragment=1)	3.48860087	8.36610078	10.82379988
C(Fragment=1)	2.37760087	10.70060078	4.71149988
C(Fragment=1)	2.18540087	11.95950078	3.96859988
C(Fragment=1)	2.47040087	10.65380078	6.11429988
H(Fragment=1)	2.45220087	11.47220078	6.55669988
C(Fragment=1)	2.99680087	9.44600078	10.17949988
C(Fragment=1)	2.62180087	8.32070078	4.66609988
H(Fragment=1)	2.63190087	7.51650078	4.19949988
C(Fragment=1)	2.57770087	9.61650078	6.84559988
C(Fragment=1)	2.44310087	9.44170078	3.98019988
C(Fragment=1)	2.78290087	8.28520078	5.93939988
H(Fragment=1)	3.02170087	7.48520078	6.34899988
O(Fragment=1)	2.34450087	11.99650078	2.72819988

O(Fragment=1)	2.41490087	9.36220078	2.65669988
H(Fragment=1)	2.53460087	10.10670078	2.33599988
N(Fragment=1)	2.64060087	9.80690078	8.19709988
N(Fragment=1)	2.89150087	8.80240078	8.93419988
O(Fragment=1)	1.83700087	13.01950078	4.69119988
H(Fragment=1)	1.68043066	13.90036485	4.34311332
N(Fragment=2)	5.56279913	11.37269922	4.66800012
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N(Fragment=2)	5.01489913	13.24119922	5.68720012
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N(Fragment=2)	5.06999913	12.66709922	4.58110012
N(Fragment=2)	5.48349913	12.47109922	8.00000012
C(Fragment=2)	6.12549913	10.60399922	12.20150012
C(Fragment=2)	6.34939913	9.28829922	12.85930012
C(Fragment=2)	6.04239913	10.57559922	10.82290012
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C(Fragment=2)	5.99539913	11.75489922	12.81880012
C(Fragment=2)	5.93949913	12.92719922	10.60550012
H(Fragment=2)	6.04249913	13.67599922	10.06260012
C(Fragment=2)	5.92079913	13.02949922	12.05750012
H(Fragment=2)	5.86699913	13.85219922	12.48740012
C(Fragment=2)	5.42219913	12.34319922	6.52480012
O(Fragment=2)	6.18419913	9.27549922	14.13940012
O(Fragment=2)	6.09139913	11.89419922	14.17420012
H(Fragment=2)	6.19349913	11.15669922	14.51810012
O(Fragment=2)	6.64669913	8.32489922	12.24490012
H(Fragment=2)	6.82407949	7.46022344	12.62235476

**Table S6** Cartesian coordinates of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  staking interaction in **6**.

	X	Y	Z
O(Fragment=1)	3.12160000	0.20360000	16.91510000
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O(Fragment=1)	-0.26610000	2.12770000	18.16960000
N(Fragment=1)	0.81440000	1.58940000	12.77560000
N(Fragment=1)	-0.09690000	1.77160000	11.91500000
N(Fragment=1)	-0.42900000	1.86470000	9.57160000
N(Fragment=1)	0.34760000	1.63420000	8.49800000
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N(Fragment=1)	1.61540000	1.26980000	10.21700000

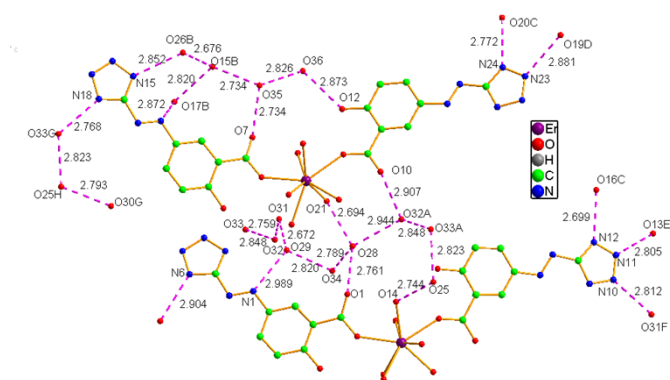
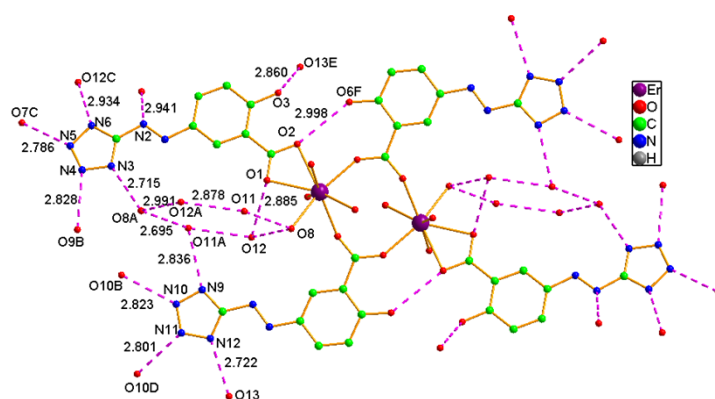
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C(Fragment=1)	-1.01220000	2.31750000	15.93470000
H(Fragment=1)	-1.83930000	2.62320000	16.22850000
C(Fragment=1)	-0.78630000	2.20080000	14.59740000
H(Fragment=1)	-1.45220000	2.44510000	13.99590000
C(Fragment=1)	0.43770000	1.71570000	14.12070000
C(Fragment=1)	1.41290000	1.35610000	15.03410000
H(Fragment=1)	2.22380000	1.02690000	14.72170000
C(Fragment=1)	2.29870000	1.06000000	17.30640000
C(Fragment=1)	0.38500000	1.63350000	10.60430000
H(Fragment=1)	3.74742309	-0.20924008	17.51469031
H(Fragment=1)	0.56115006	2.18224468	18.65362709
O(Fragment=2)	-2.66610000	6.69770000	8.19860000
O(Fragment=2)	-1.95420000	5.27950000	6.67320000
O(Fragment=2)	0.72170000	4.77360000	6.94420000
N(Fragment=2)	-0.35890000	5.31190000	12.33820000
N(Fragment=2)	0.55240000	5.12970000	13.19880000
N(Fragment=2)	0.88460000	5.03660000	15.54220000
N(Fragment=2)	0.10800000	5.26710000	16.61580000
N(Fragment=2)	-1.09460000	5.61970000	16.23610000
N(Fragment=2)	-1.15990000	5.63150000	14.89670000
C(Fragment=2)	-0.76120000	5.42990000	8.71450000
C(Fragment=2)	0.47200000	4.91720000	8.21850000
C(Fragment=2)	1.46780000	4.58380000	9.17910000
H(Fragment=2)	2.29490000	4.27810000	8.88530000
C(Fragment=2)	1.24190000	4.70050000	10.51640000
H(Fragment=2)	1.90780000	4.45620000	11.11790000
C(Fragment=2)	0.01780000	5.18560000	10.99310000
C(Fragment=2)	-0.95740000	5.54520000	10.07970000
H(Fragment=2)	-1.76830000	5.87440000	10.39210000
C(Fragment=2)	-1.84320000	5.84130000	7.80740000
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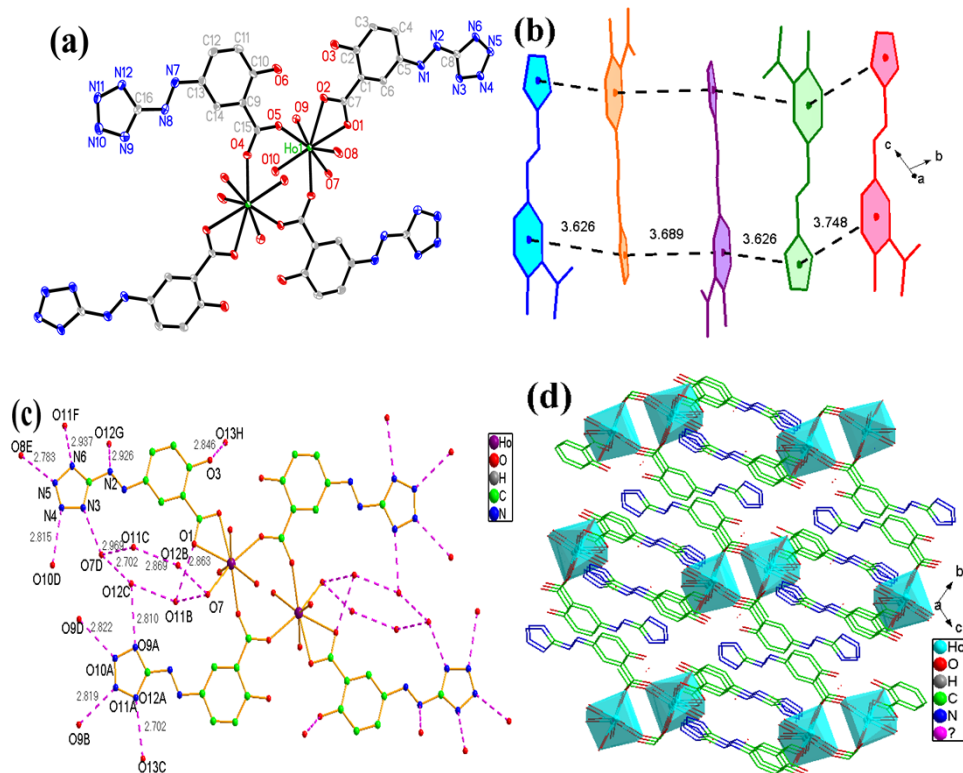


**Table S7.** The results of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interaction energies calculation of **1–6**

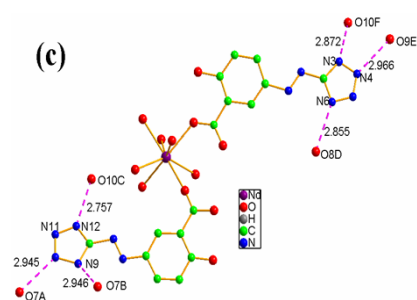
Complex	$E_{(AB)}/\text{au}$	$E_{(A,bAB)}/\text{au}$	$E_{(B,bAB)}/\text{au}$	$E(\text{interaction energy})/\text{au}$
1	-1717.0425180152	-858.77940345448	-858.25693688521	-0.00618767551
2	-1717.0363826789	-858.26447490954	-858.58697888269	-0.0152409855
3	-1717.0240094382	-858.26074907947	-858.75162610811	-0.01163425062
4	-1716.970376836	-858.72553264745	-858.22907352354	-0.01577151261
5	-1716.7332350464	-858.13083206516	-858.58697888269	-0.0152409855
6	-1717.1229962244	-858.29552568186	-858.81494581191	-0.01252473063

$$E(\text{interaction energy}) = E_{(AB)} - (E_{(A,bAB)} + E_{(B,bAB)})$$

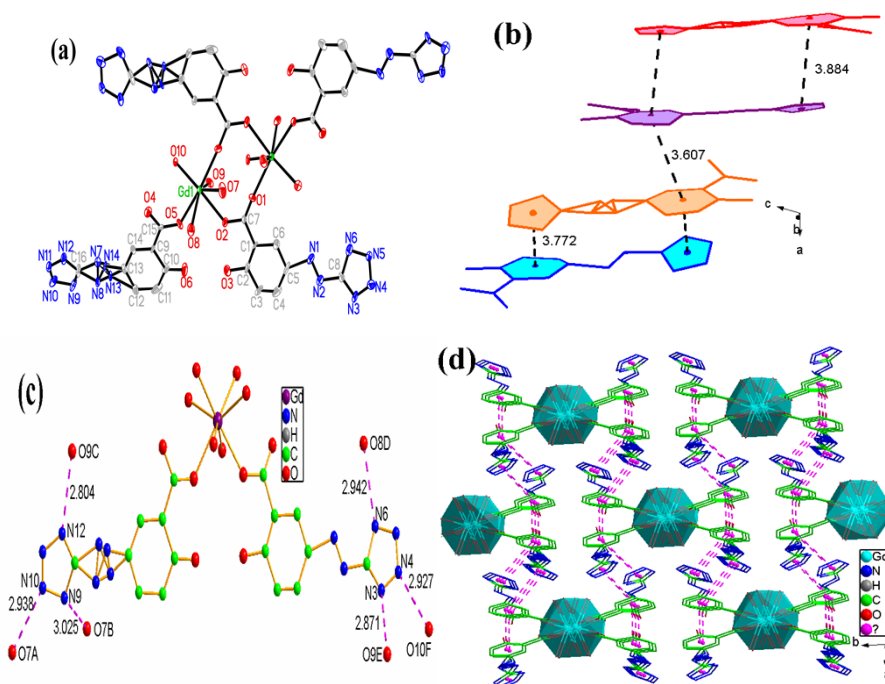
**Figure S1** The diagram of hydrogen bonds in **1**. (Symmetry codes: A=1-x,1-y,1-z; B=x, y, -1+z; C=-1+x, y, z; D=-x,-y, 1-z; E=-x,1-y, 2-z; F=1-x, y,1+z; G=2-x,1-y, -z; H=1+x,1y, -1+z.)**Figure S2** The diagram of hydrogen bonds in **2**. (Symmetry codes: A=1-x,1-y,2-z; B=1-x,1-y,1-z; C=-x,1-y,1-z; D=x,y, 1+z; E=-1+x,y,-1+z; F=1-x,-y,-z.)



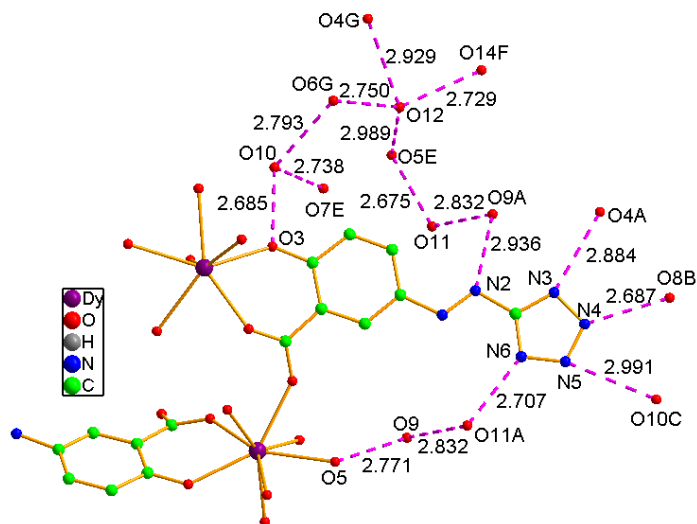
**Figure S3** (a) ORTEP view (30% thermal ellipsoids) of **3**, all H atoms and lattice water molecules have been omitted for clarity, (b) the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interaction in **3**, (c) the diagram of hydrogen bonds in **3**. (Symmetry codes: A=1-x,1-y,2-z; B=x,y,1+z; C=1-x,1-y,2-z; D=1-x,1-y,3-z; E=-x,1-y,3-z; F=-x,1-y,2-z; G=-1+x,y,1+z; H=-x,1-y,1-z.) (d) the 3D supramolecular structure of **3**.



**Figure S4** The diagram of hydrogen bonds in **4**. (Symmetry codes: A=0.5+x,-0.5+y,1+z; B=0.5+x,-0.5-y,0.5+z; C= x,-y,0.5+z; D= x,y,-1+z; E=-0.5+x,0.5-y,-1.5+z; F=-0.5+x,0.5+y,-1+z.)



**Figure S5** (a) ORTEP view (30% thermal ellipsoids) of **5**, all H atoms have been omitted for clarity, (b) the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interaction in **5**, (c) the diagram of hydrogen bonds in **5** (Symmetry codes: A=0.5+x,0.5-y,1.5+z; B=0.5+x,0.5+y,1+z; C=x,y,1+z; D=x,y,-1+z; E=-0.5+x,0.5+y,-1+z; F=-0.5+x,0.5-y,-1.5+z), (d) the 3D supramolecular structure showing the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interaction.



**Figure S6** The diagram of hydrogen bonds in **6** (Symmetry codes: A=1-x,1-y,2-z; B=1+x,1.5-y,0.5+z; C=x,1.5-y,0.5+z; D=1+x,y,z; E=1+x,y,1+z; F=1+x,1+y,z)

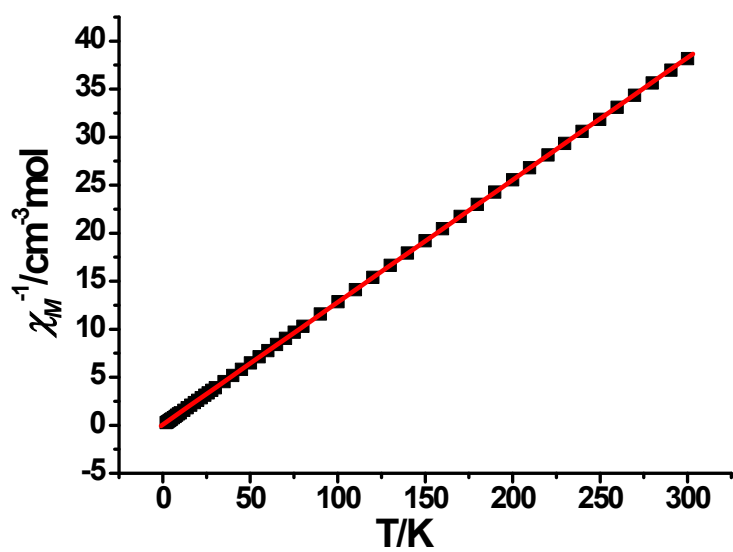
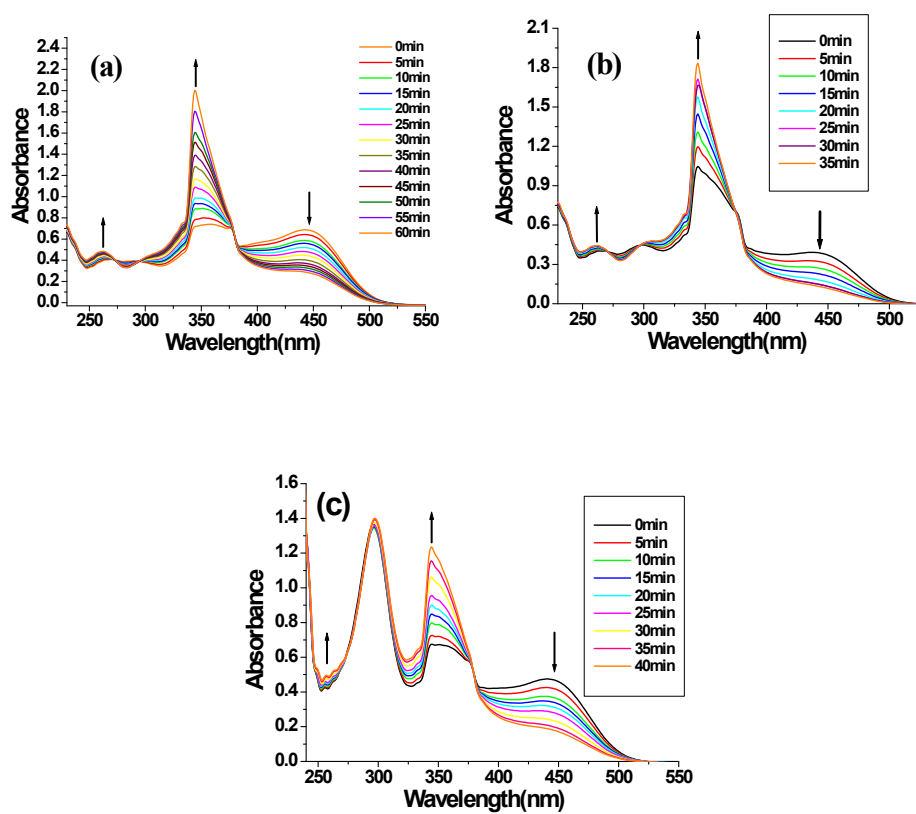
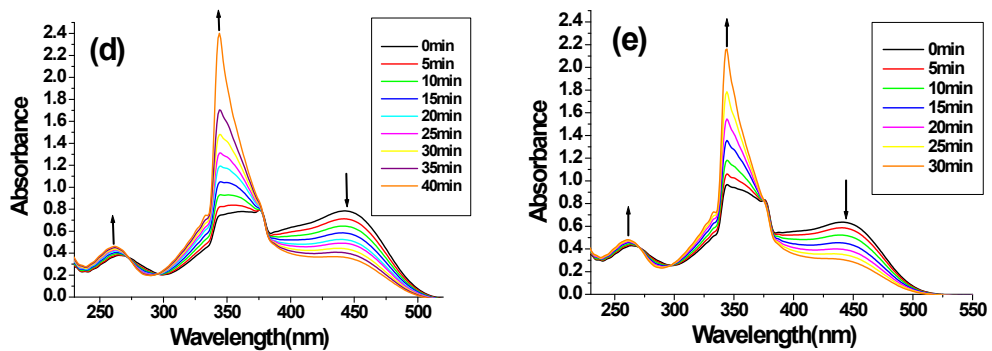
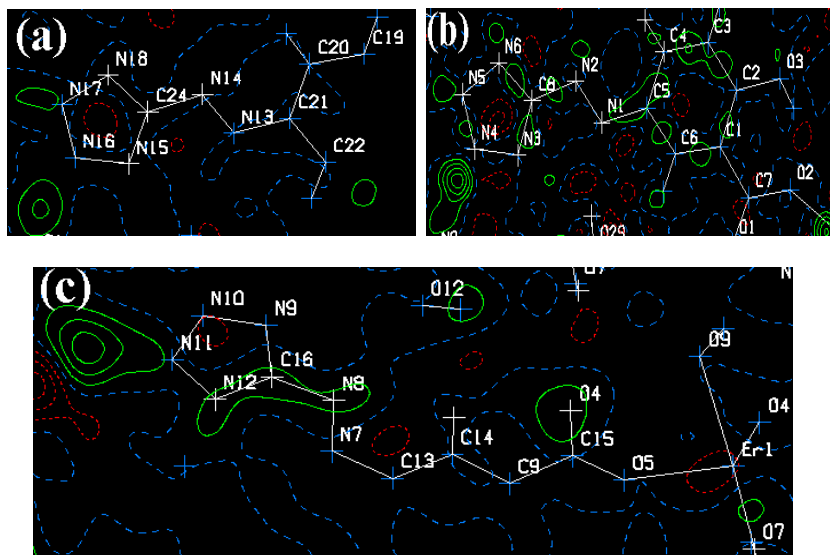


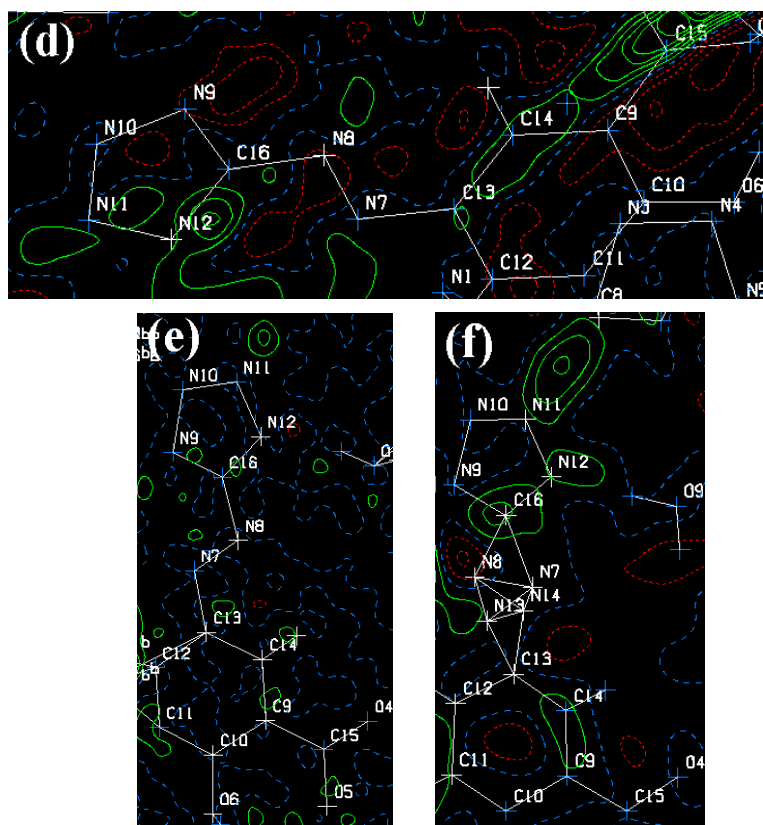
Figure S7. Plots of  $\chi_M^{-1}$  vs. T for **6**. The red lines represent the fitting results.





**Figure S8** (a)–(e) UV-vis spectral change of 2–6 in alkaline aqueous solution with the concentration of  $2.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$  upon repeated irradiation at 365 nm at 5 min interval at room temperature.





**Figure S9.** (a) and (b) Difference-map plots of the azotetrazolyl rings for complex **1**.(c)-(f) Difference-map plots of the azotetrazolyl rings for complexes **2-5**, respectively.