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ABSTRACT

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Luminescent compounds have gained great importance recently due to their wide application areas. In addition, chemiluminescent compounds have been used for many studies in analytical chemistry due to their high luminescence sensitivity. In this thesis, a new series of chemiluminescent compounds, namely 5,8-di(furan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (F₂B-Lum), 5,8-di(selenophene-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (S₂B-Lum) and 5,7-di(selenophen-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-d] pyridazine-1,4-dione (S₂T-Lum), was synthesized via electron donor-acceptor-donor approach. Their structures were confirmed by using NMR, FTIR and HRMS techniques. Then, the chemiluminescence reactions of compounds with hydrogen peroxide in an alkaline solution (0.1 M NaOH(aq)) in the presence of different metal ions, hemin and blood samples were investigated and the results were compared with luminol. As expected, the compounds were sensitive to copper(II), iron(III) ions and blood. It can be easily concluded that the corresponding compounds as new derivatives of luminol are potential candidates for the detection of blood findings in forensic science. In addition, the sensitivity of the compounds to copper(II) ion makes them usable for copper ion recognition in analytical applications. Furthermore, cyclic voltammetry technique was used to investigate the redox behaviors of the compounds and they exhibited irreversible oxidation peaks.

Also, reactive oxygen species can be detected by using these compounds via square wave potential method by applying an external potential of -1.05 V. Finally, among the compounds, S₂T-Lum was successfully polymerized electrochemically. The corresponding polymer PS₂T-Lum can be a precious member of luminol type polymers since it is electroactive and bears chemiluminescent active appendages in its polymeric structure.

Keywords: Blood detection, chemiluminescence, ion recognition.

ÖZ

KEMİLÜMİNESANS BİLEŞİKLERİN SENTEZİ VE METAL İYONU TANIMA VE KAN TESPİTİNDE KULLANIMLARI

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Lüminesan bileşikler, geniş uygulama alanları sebebiyle son zamanlarda büyük önem kazanmıştır. Ayrıca, kemilüminesan bileşikler, yüksek lüminesans hassasiyetlerinden dolayı analitik kimyada birçok çalışmada kullanılmıştır. Bu tezde elektron verici-alıcı-verici yaklaşımı ile, isimleri 5,8-di(furan-2-il)-2,3-dihidroftalazin-1,4-dion (F₂B-Lum), 5,8-di(selenofen-2-il)-2,3- dihidroftalazin-1,4-dion (S₂B-Lum) ve 5,7-di(selenofen-2-il)-2,3-dihidrotiyeno[3,4-d] piridazin-1,4-dion (S₂T-Lum) olan, yeni bir kemilüminesan bileşik serisi sentezlenmiştir. Yapıları NMR, FTIR ve HRMS teknikleri kullanılarak doğrulanmıştır. Daha sonra, alkali çözeltide (0,1 M NaOH(sulu)) bileşiklerin hidrojen peroksit ile farklı metal iyonları, hemin ve kan örnekleri varlığında kemilüminesans tepkimeleri araştırılmış ve sonuçlar luminol ile karşılaştırılmıştır. Beklendiği gibi, bileşiklerin bakır(II), demir(III) iyonlarına ve kana duyarlı olduğu gözlenmiştir. Yeni luminol türevleri olarak ilgili bileşiklerin, adli bilimde kan bulgularının tespiti için potansiyel adaylar olduğu sonucuna kolaylıkla varılabilir. Ek olarak, bileşiklerin bakır(II) iyonuna duyarlılığı, onları analitik uygulamalarda bakır iyonu tanıma için kullanılabilir hale getirmiştir. Ayrıca, bileşiklerin redoks davranışlarını araştırmak için döngülü voltametri tekniği kullanılmış ve tersinmez yükseltgenme sinyalleri göstermişlerdir.

Ayrıca bu bileşikler kullanılarak -1.05 V'luk bir dış potansiyel uygulanarak kare dalga potansiyel yöntemi ile reaktif oksijen türleri tespit edilebilmektedir. Son olarak bileşiklerden S₂T-Lum elektrokimyasal olarak başarılı bir şekilde polimerleştirilmiştir. İlgili polimer PS₂T-Lum, elektroaktif olduğu ve polimerik yapısında kemilüminesans aktif uzantılar taşıdığı için luminol tipi polimerlerin değerli bir üyesi olabilir.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS/ABBREVIATIONS

A	Absorption Value
ACN	Acetonitrile
a.u	Absorbance Unit
A.U.	Arbitrary Unit
BF ₃ .Et ₂ O	Borontrifluoro diethylether
CDCl ₃	Deuterated Chloroform
CE	Counter Electrode
CL	Chemiluminescence
D-A-D	Donor-Acceptor-Donor
DCM	Dicloromethane
DMSO	Dimethyl sulfoxide
DNA	Deoxyribo Nucleic Acid
ECL	Electrochemiluminescence
F	Area of Emission Spectrum
FTIR	Fourier Transform Infrared
F ₂ B-Lum	5,8-di(furan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione
F ₂ -EHPI	2-(2-ethylhexyl)-4,7-di(furan-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione
F ₂ -PA	4,7-di(furan-2-yl)isobenzofuran-1,3-dione
HRMS	High Resolution Mass Spectrometry
IR	Infrared
ITO	Indium Tin Oxide
n	Refractive Index of the Solvent
NMR	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
PMT	Photomultiplier Tube
QY	Quantum Yield
RE	Reference Electrode
S ₂ B-Lum	5,8-di(selenophene-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione

S ₂ -EHPI	2-(2-ethylhexyl)-4,7-di(selenophen-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione
S ₂ -EHTP	5-(2-ethylhexyl)-1,3-di(selenophen-2-yl)-4H-thieno[3,4-c]pyrrole-4,6(5H)-dione
S ₂ T-Lum	5,7-di(selenophen-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-d]pyridazine-1,4-dione
S ₂ -PA	4,7-di(selenophen-2-yl)isobenzofuran-1,3-dione
S _x	Singlet States
TBAH	Tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate
THF	Tetrahydrofuran
TLC	Thin Layer Chromatography
T _x	Triplet States
UV	Ultraviolet
Vis	Visible
WE	Working Electrode
Φ _{CL}	Chemiluminescence Quantum Yield

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Luminescence

Luminescence is the emission of electromagnetic radiation. It can take place in the UV (100 nm-380 nm), visible (380 nm - 760 nm) and IR (760 nm-1000 nm) regions [1]. A version of the diagram, which was firstly proposed in 1933 by the Polish physicist Aleksander Jablonski to describe the luminescence phenomena of many organic compounds [2], given in Figure 1.1 called the Jablonski diagram. The diagram bearing different electronic energy levels represents the intermolecular energy transfer. According to the diagram, luminescence occurs when the reaction product returns from electronically excited state (high energy) to the basic state (low energy). If the excited reaction product returns from the lowest singlet excited state (S_1) to its ground state (S_0), the radiation occurs, which is called fluorescence or chemiluminescence. If the electron returns from the triplet excited state (T_1) to the ground state (S_0), this is called phosphorescence [3].

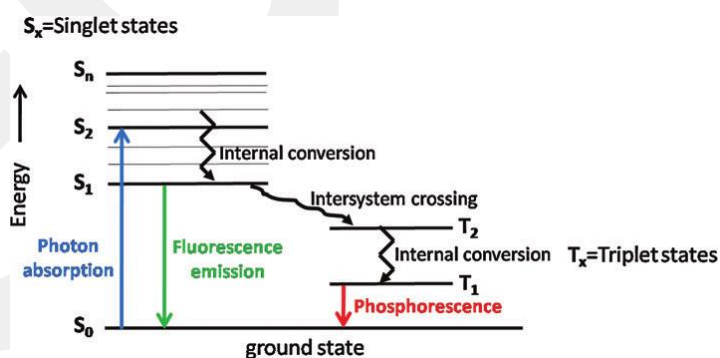


Figure 1.1 Jablonski Energy Diagram [4]

There are some types of luminescence such as absorption (photoluminescence), heating (thermoluminescence), electric current (electroluminescence), living organism (bioluminescence), chemical reaction (chemiluminescence), etc. These luminescence types get the names from source of their emission.

1.1.1 Chemiluminescence (CL)

In chemiluminescence (CL) process, the luminescence is initiated by an irreversible chemical reaction. If, one of the excited reaction products returns to its ground state (S_0), radiation occurs. This radiation can be in different intensities, half-life times and wavelengths. CL reaction can emit light in the UV and IR range as well as in the visible region [3].

There are several ways for a molecule can return from an excited state to a ground state (Figure 1.1). For observing emission from a chemical reaction, three essential energetic requirements need to be complete. The first, the reaction path chosen for passing to the excited state must be energetically favorable. An important part of the total number of molecules participating in the reaction should reach the excited state. Another requirement is that the related reaction is exothermic. Finally, there must be a suitable deactivation route for CL emission. While radiative CL emission is dominate, non-radiative processes such as intramolecular or intermolecular energy transfer, molecular dissociation, isomerization or physical quenching should be minimal [5].

The intensity of the CL emission depends on the reaction rate and the process efficiency. The CL quantum yield (Φ_{CL}) can be defined as (1.1) [5]:

$$\Phi_{CL} = \frac{\text{total number of photons emitted}}{\text{number of molecules reacting}} \quad (1.1)$$

A CL reaction can be generated by two type mechanisms known in the literature (Figure 1.2). These are direct and indirect CL reactions. In a direct reaction a CL precursor (A) and an oxidant (B) in the presence of some cofactors usually react to form a product or intermediate (P^*).

This product is in a primary excited state and performs the CL reaction with emission of a photon when it returns to ground state. Except for the direct reaction, in an indirect reaction, the excited product does not emit light, but it transfers its energy to another receiver (F^*) and this receiver performs the CL reaction. The CL precursor is a substrate that converted into the electronically excited molecule, which is responsible for light emission in the direct reaction or is the energy transfer donor in the indirect reaction. Catalyst such as metal ions, reduces the activation energy and provides a suitable medium for increasing the efficiency of CL reaction. Cofactors are used sometimes to convert one or more substrates into a form capable of reacting with the catalyst [6].

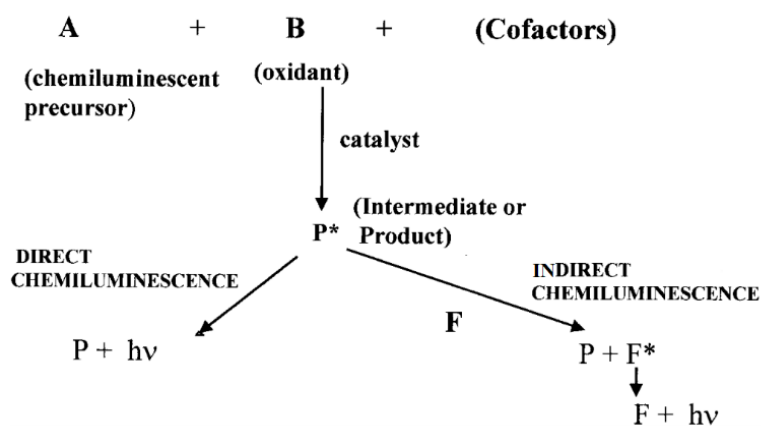


Figure 1.2 Types of CL reactions [6]

1.1.1.1 Historical Development of CL Compounds

Glow in the sea, shining of wood, dead fish, and body were first observations about luminescence at 1600s. These first examples of luminescence are based on living organisms and named as bioluminescence. Some living organisms such as glowworm, octopus, sea violets and jellyfish are examples of bioluminescence (Figure 1.3). Luciferin, which is found in glowworm and bacteria, reacts with oxygen under the catalysis of luciferase enzyme and reaches excited state. Therefore, this luminescence occurs as a kind of CL [7]. Some bioluminescence examples are given in Figure 1.3.

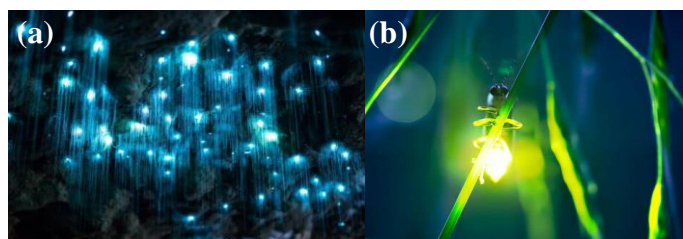


Figure 1.3 (a) Bioluminescence [8], (b) a firefly that emits bioluminescent glow [9]

Lophine (2,4,5-triphenylimidazole) known in the literature is the first non-living, synthetic substance to show CL properties. It was studied by Radziszewski in 1877 [10]. The CL mechanism of lophine (Figure 1.4) and some other compounds that have CL properties (Figure 1.5) are given in below.

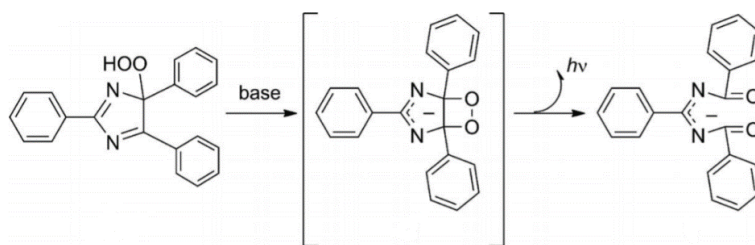


Figure 1.4 CL mechanism of lophine [11]

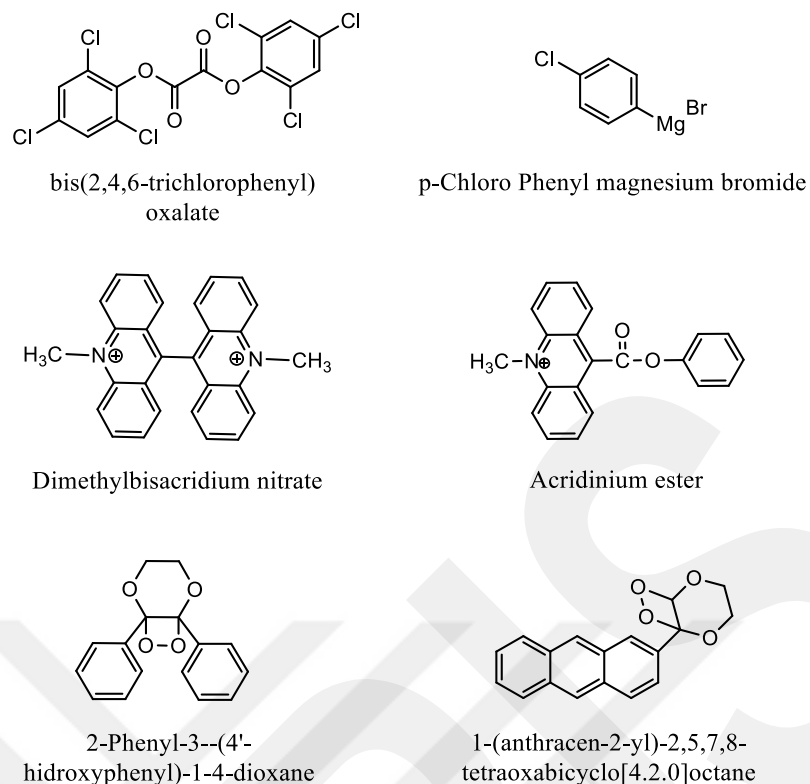


Figure 1.5 Some CL compounds

CL compounds have received much attention in the field of analytical and material sciences due to their high sensitivity, high luminescence efficiency, and simple instrumentation.

1.2 Luminol (3-aminophthalhydrazide)

3-aminophthalhydrazide (luminol) is a chemical compound which has a CL property. It is a cyclic acyl-hydrazide and has a yellow crystalline structure [5]. It was found in 1908 by German Scientist Schimitz [12].

Luminol is one of the mostly used CL materials. CL property of luminol was proved in 1928 by Albrecht. [13]. Luminol becomes ready to react in basic medium and named of its structure as diazaquinone dianion. Luminol is poorly soluble in dilute acids and emits very strong blue light. CL is not observed when oxidizing agents are added. However, luminol is readily soluble in alkaline and the solution does not emit. However, when oxidized, it glows an intense blue [13]. When it interacts with an oxidizing substance such as hydrogen peroxide, it reaches excited state (S_1).

During this reaction N_2 gas releases to the environment. Eventually, in the presence of a suitable catalyst, it gives its energy in the form of light when the substance returns from excited state (S_1) to ground state (S_0). Therefore, a blue light is observed [5]. The blue-green light obtained from the CL reaction of luminol is observed between 375 nm and 500 nm [14]. CL mechanism and the reaction stages of luminol are shown in Figure 1.6.

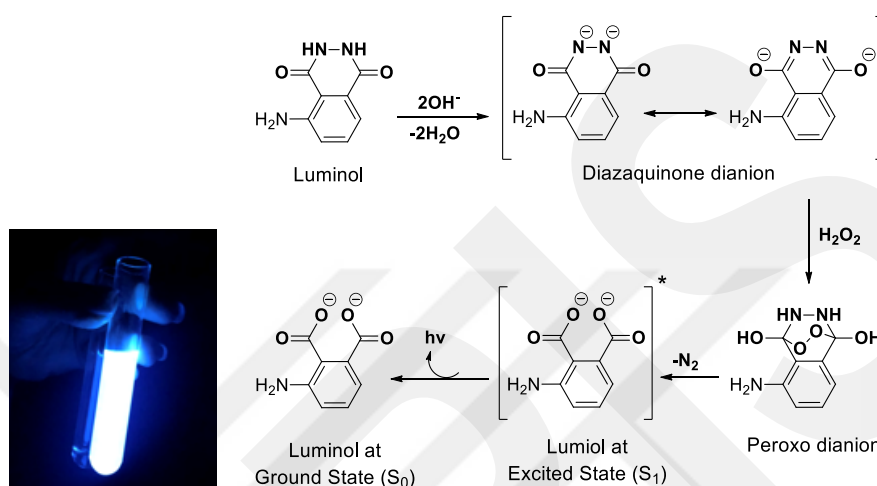


Figure 1.6 CL emission and mechanism of luminol

In order to luminol pass into the peroxy dianion form, there must be an oxidizer such as H_2O_2 in the environment (Figure 1.6). The $O_2^{\cdot-}$ radicals formed in the solution of H_2O_2 form a tense bridge in the structure. The presence of Fe^{3+} ions in the environment speeds up the formation of $O_2^{\cdot-}$ radicals. The steps of the mechanism of conversion of H_2O_2 to $O_2^{\cdot-}$ radicals are given in equations 1.2-1.5 [15].



While in the absence of a catalyst, the light is too faint to be seen with the naked eye and continues for a long time. In the presence of a catalyst, a faster and more visible light occurs.

However, although it is suggested that the effect of the catalyst in the mechanism is as in equation 1.5, its actual role is not fully known. The CL reaction of luminol can be catalyzed by various metal complexes [16]. Also, the light emission depends on several factors such as pH, temperature, types of oxidants and metal ion catalysts [17].

1.2.1 Electrochemiluminescence (ECL) of Luminol

Electroluminescence is an emitted light by resulting from electrical current. When electrons hit a solid or liquid, the light is emitted. Electroluminescence, which is a glow in various colors, arises from a flow of current through partially empty tubes of gas. This luminescence type is commonplace today. For example, it is used commonly in neon lights at advertising signs [7].

If luminescence is produced by electrode reactions, it is also called "electrochemiluminescence" (ECL). ECL was researched firstly by Hercules in 1964 [18]. ECL is a light emission at electrodes in electrochemical cells due to redox reactions of electrogenerated species in solution. The reaction system for an ECL can be explainable as including a solution containing reactants A and D, a supporting electrolyte, for example, tetrabutylammonium perchlorate in acetonitrile and working electrode [19]. The reaction stages are given below.



ECL compounds have become an important material in analytical chemistry for detection of low concentrations of analyte samples. Additionally, these compounds are commonly used in clinical and biomedical diagnostics [20], [21], [22].

In alkaline solution, the luminol undergoes electro-oxidation with a single electron. This oxidation causes to form a diazaquinone compound. In the presence of hydrogen peroxide, an excited compound called as 3-aminophthalate reacts with peroxide and emits light at 425 nm. Therefore, luminol and its derivatives can be used for the determination of hydrogen- and other peroxides.

This property enables luminol to be used as a H₂O₂ sensor [23]. This ECL reaction mechanism is shown in detail in Figure 1.7.

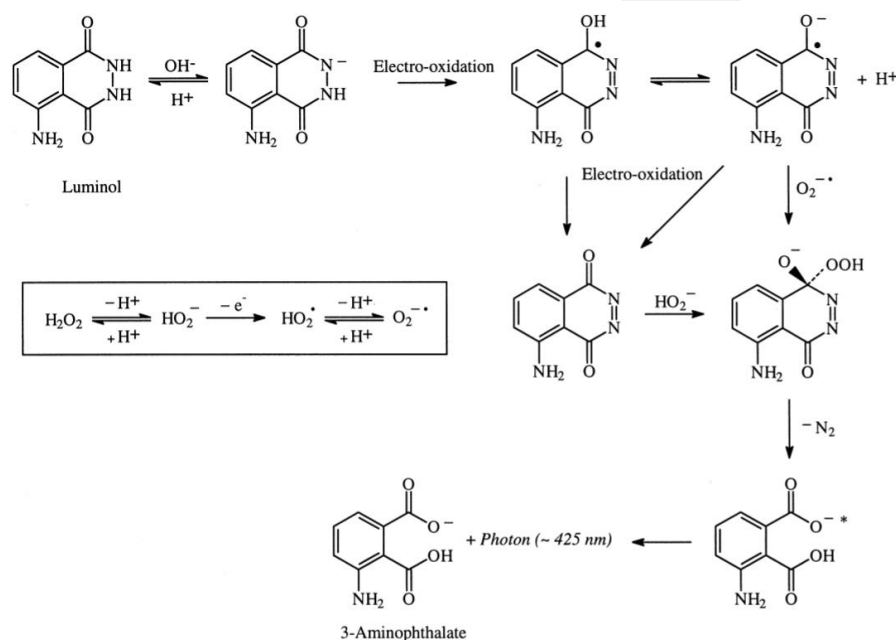
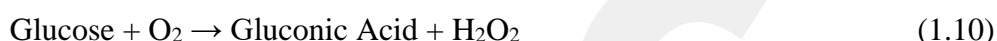


Figure 1.7 ECL mechanism of luminol [23]

1.2.2 Application Areas of Luminol

Today, interest in the use of CL systems due to their high luminescence sensitivity and low cost is considerable in analytical chemistry. Luminol is the most widely used compound among the CL compounds. Luminol is used in determination of biologically active, easily oxidized and indirectly determined substances (heme compounds, peroxidases, oxidants as H₂O₂, inhibitors as Ag(I), ascorbic acid, carboxylic acids, amines, etc.), substances converted into H₂O₂ (glucose, etc.), some metal ions and complexes (Co(II), Cu(II), Fe(III) etc.) [6]. It is also used in immunoassay determination and DNA probe trials [24], food [25], pesticide [26], and air pollution analysis [27].

Luminol is an effective compound used in the determination of biologically active substances. The reaction pathway of the detection mechanism of glucose as one of these substances is given in (1.10) and (1.11) [28]. Glucose is oxidized to gluconic acid with the catalytic effect of glucose oxidase enzyme (GOD). In the meantime, the substrate oxygen is transformed to H₂O₂. Hematin acting as a catalyst converts H₂O₂ back to O₂. Luminol is oxidized by O₂ in the presence of hematin, producing a CL emission [29].



Many metal ions such as iron, cobalt, chromium, nickel, copper and manganese catalyze the CL reaction of luminol. Thus, by measuring the resulting radiation, the number of substances used as catalysts can be determined [30], [31], [32], [33], [34]. Luminol plays a major role in the development of highly sensitive biosensors because it can be used in analytic determination by its ECL property. [35]. For this purpose, it can be used in the sensor of some biologically active substances such as glucose, protein and for cancer biomarker detection. Gold nanoparticles [35], chitosan coated Fe₃O₄ [36], Pd and Pt [37], ZnO [38], MnO₂ [39] nanoparticles and TiO₂/Carbon nanotubes nanocomposites [40] were used as catalysts in the CL reaction. The ECL signal of luminol can be highly increased with the use of the catalyst, resulting in increased sensitivity. As an example, as seen in Figure 1.8, gold nanoparticles are prepared by a sol-gel method and placed on the electrode. Glucose oxidase (GOx) is adsorbed on the surface of gold nanoparticles. It reacts with glucose to form H₂O₂ and glucose is oxidized. Then, the formed H₂O₂ reacts with luminol to generate the ECL signal and the resulting luminescence is measured. Therefore, this system has proven to be efficient for glucose detection.

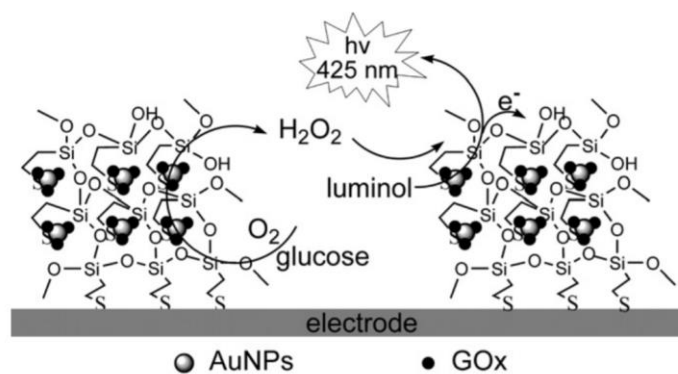


Figure 1.8 Principle of glucose biosensor based on gold nanoparticles (AuNP)-catalyzed luminol ECL [35]

1.2.3 Luminol in Forensic Science

Luminol is the most widely used and known compound in forensic science thanks to its especially CL feature. It has attracted great attention in this science due to its photo- and thermal- stability, chemical behavior in protic polar media. The first studies of luminol on blood findings were made in 1937 [41]. Then, it continued to be used effectively in detection of blood for more than forty years [5].

Most confirmatory analysis of blood identification is based on the detection of hemoglobin. Hemoglobin is the substance that gives red color to blood. Additionally, it is the oxygen carrier protein and is located in the erythrocytes. Each hemoglobin contains a heme molecule (also called ferroprotoporphyrin). The heme molecule consists of a protoporphyrin IX and an iron atom [42]. Iron in the organism is in the form of Fe^{2+} . Because hemoglobin is protected against denaturation within red blood cells. This state of hemoglobin containing Fe^{2+} atoms is called heme. When the iron leaves the organism and accumulates on a substrate, the blood undergoes a series of degradation processes and, after oxidation, it becomes Fe^{3+} . In this case, the color of the blood turns brown, and hemoglobin is called hematin (Figure 1.9).

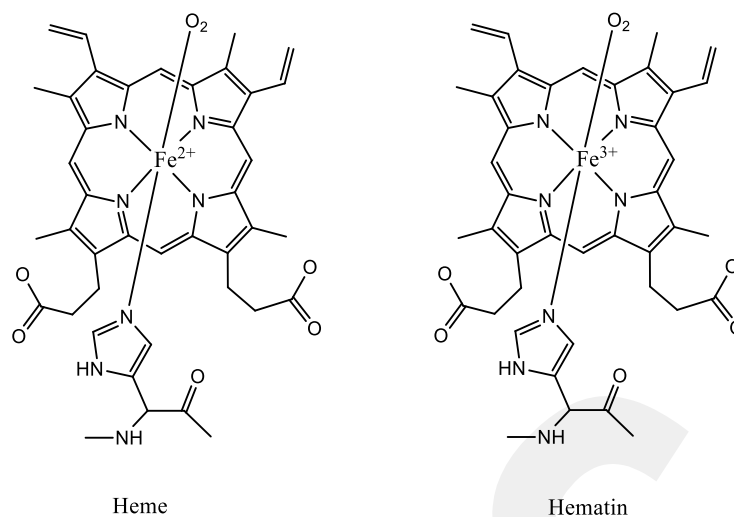


Figure 1.9 Hemoglobin structure inside the organism (HEME) and outside the organism (HEMATIN)

Fe^{3+} ions in hematin groups catalyze both the degradation reaction of peroxide and the oxidation reaction of luminol. Because of hematin groups found in blood findings, when the luminol solution is applied on a blood sample, CL reaction takes place. The blue light resulting from the reaction can be easily seen in the dark (Figure 1.10).

Thus, luminol can be used to detect blood even if it is too small to be seen in a dark environment. However, luminol has some disadvantages. Although there is no blood in the environment, luminol reaction can be catalyzed by some metals other than Fe^{3+} ion. In addition, CL reaction of luminol has a high-energy blue light, which causes several damaging effects on the DNA and causes DNA loss in the blood findings [5].

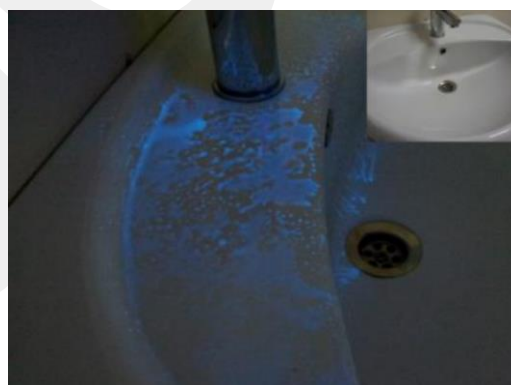


Figure 1.10. (a) Blood stains on the crime scene are not visible by the naked eye in daylight. (b) Visible blue light is obtained from blood samples after applying luminol in a dark environment at the crime scene.

The blue glow observed when luminol solution is applied does not always prove the presence of blood. There are several other substances besides the blood that can catalyze the oxidation of luminol. It can be oxidized by the chemicals in bleach, such as sodium chlorate; urine can also trigger the reaction due to the presence of trace amount of blood. Additionally, peroxidase enzymes found in faeces and horseradish can set off the CL [43].

1.2.4 Polyluminol

Conducting polymers have common usage area because of their electronic and optical properties: sensors, electrochromic devices [44], light emitting diodes, transistors [45, 46], photovoltaic cells [47], etc. Many aniline derivatives have been studied to obtain functional polyaniline derivatives [48]. Luminol is an aniline derivative. However, it has not yet been possible to develop luminol and pyridazine based polymers as an electroactive film because of solubility problems, limited thickness of the polymer film and the complex polymerization mechanism of luminol constrains their use.

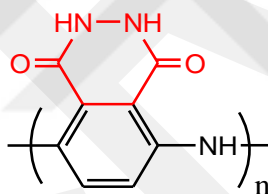


Figure 1.11 Structure of polyluminol

1.3 Luminol Type Compounds

Considering the disadvantages of luminol such as very low quantum yield of around 1-5% [49], insolubility, disrupting the DNA structure [5], its misleading results in blood tests [43], designed new compounds to eliminate these negativities are very necessary. For this purpose, some compounds were synthesized successfully with structural changes on luminol. Analogs in which the amino group was replaced by other substituents were generally found to be CL. [50] These compounds are different according to their light-producing ability. For example, when compared with luminol, compounds (1) and (2) [51] have low efficiency. However, compounds (3) [52] and (4) [53] are more CL than luminol.

It has been shown that energy transfer occurs in the CL of hydrazides (5), which are bound to some highly fluorescent groups. [54]. A new luminol type CL probe (6) was developed that can be used to detect reactive oxygen species besides blood [55]. Asil et al. were synthesized highly sensitive compound (8) towards Fe^{3+} ions. This sensitivity makes them good candidates for forensic applications to detect blood spots [56], compound (10) was designed a low energy emitting material via the CL energy transfer, which covers almost the entire visible region (400 nm-700 nm) [57], (11) [58], (12) [59], (13) [60], (14) [61].

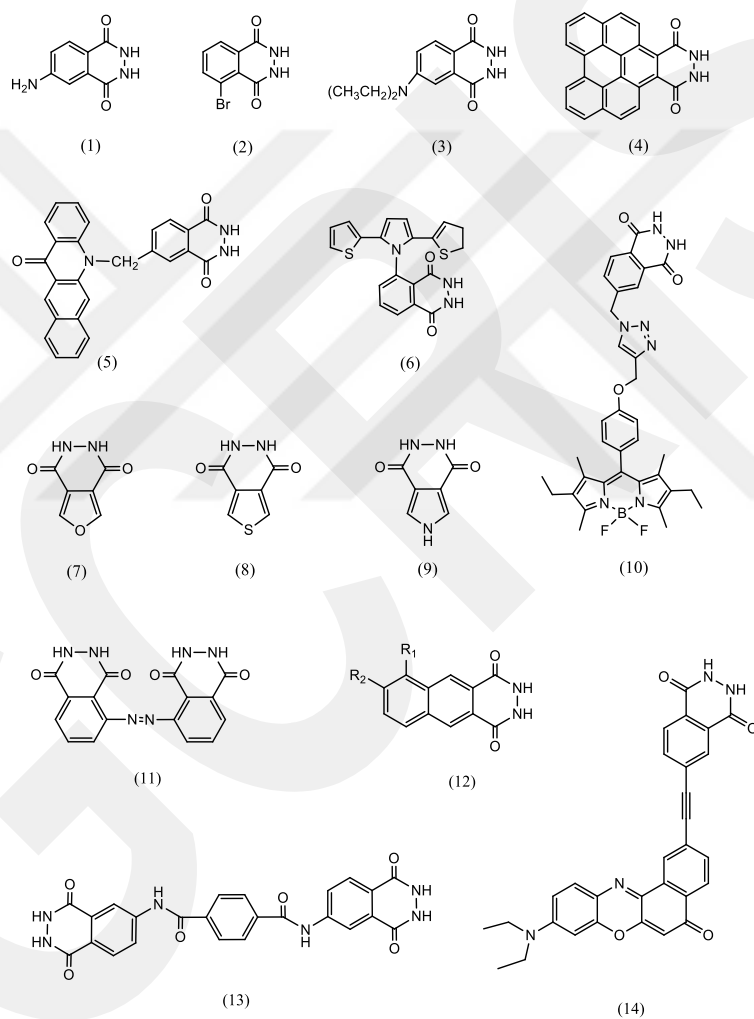


Figure 1.12 Some luminol derivatives

The effect of substituents on the CL intensities is important, and it is based on the electrometric effects of the substituents. For example, the position of the substituent of isoluminol (Figure 1.13), affects the CL intensity negatively. When the CL intensity of luminol is 100, that of isoluminol is 4. In addition, some derivatives with different substituents (5-NO, 5-H, 5-OH, 5-NH) have also been reported to have lower CL properties compared to luminol [62].

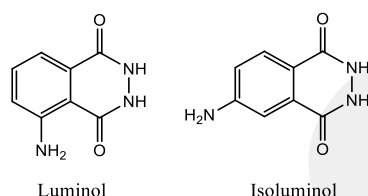


Figure 1.13. Structures of luminol and isoluminol

1.3.1 Electron Donor-Acceptor-Donor (D-A-D) Type Luminol Analogs

D-A-D type different alternative compounds to luminol are designed but these are very few in the literature. D-A-D type compounds, in other words, trimeric compounds, unlike luminol and its derivatives, can easily polymerize without degrading the CL unit. In this system, both light emission and polymerization can be controlled electrochemically. In addition, CL groups added to trimeric systems are thought to make the materials suitable for use as sensors. Redox driven CL compounds (15) [63] and (17) [64] based on thienyl and pyridazine systems, was soluble compounds both in organic media and basic aqueous solution. Additionally, these monomers can be polymerized successfully via electrochemical polymerization (Figure 1.14).

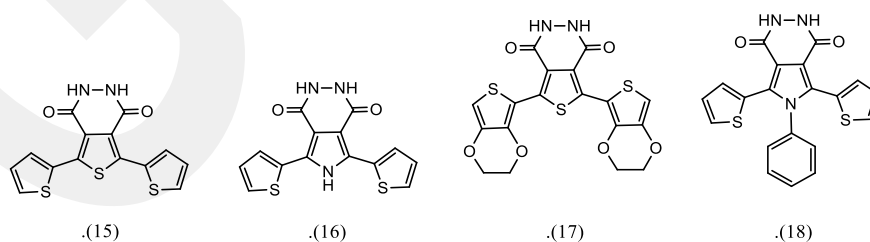


Figure 1.14. Some CL D-A-D type compounds

1.4 Aim of This Work

Luminescent compounds have recently been importance in many areas. Luminol is a chemiluminescent compound known in the literature and used frequently in various applications, especially in forensic science. However, luminol has some disadvantages. Thus, new compounds designed to eliminate these disadvantages are required. There are some modified structures in the literature. Unfortunately, the expect attention could not be obtained because they have multiple reaction steps. Therefore, in this study, it was aimed to introduce new members of CL compounds, namely 5,8-di(furan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (F₂B-Lum), 2,3-dihydro-5,8-di(selenophen-2-yl)phthalazine-1,4-dione (S₂B-Lum) and 2,3-dihydro-5,7-di(selenophen-2-yl)selenopheno[3,4-d]pyridazine-1,4-dione (S₂T-Lum) (Figure 1.15), with shorter experimental steps to the literature. Compounds were designed in D-A-D form so that they can be easily polymerized. It is hoped that the obtained materials can be used in forensic for blood detection. In addition to blood tests, the sensitivity of the synthesized compounds to metal ions was tested and thus it was be understood whether they can be used as sensors.

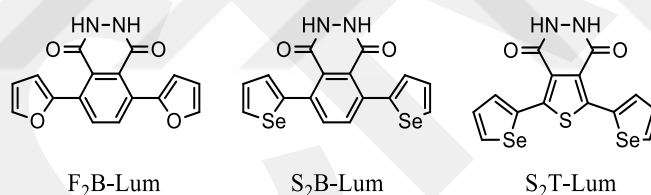


Figure 1.15. Structures of F₂B-Lum, S₂B-Lum and S₂T-Lum

CHAPTER 2

EXPERIMENTAL

2.1 Materials

- 3,6-dibromophthalic anhydride (Tokyo Chemical Industry, >98.0%)
- 4,7-dibromo-2-(2-ethylhexyl) isoindoline-1,3-dione (Luminescence Technology Corp)
- 1,3-dibromo-5-(2-ethylhexyl)-4H-thieno[3,4-c]pyrrole-4,6(5H)-dione (Aldrich)
- 2-(Tributylstannyl)furan (Sigma-Aldrich, 97.0%)
- 2-(Tributylstannyl)selenophene (METU)
- 1-4 Dioxane (Merck, $\geq 99.0\%$)
- Acetonitrile (ACN) (Sigma-Aldrich, $\geq 99.9\%$)
- Ag/AgCl electrode
- Aluminum plates for TLC (Merck, 20x20, Silica gel 60 F₂₅₄)
- Benzophenone (Sigma-Aldrich, 99.0%)
- Boron trifluoride (BF₃)
- Bis(triphenylphosphine) palladium (II) dichloride (Sigma-Aldrich, $\geq 98.0\%$)
- Chloroform-D1 (Merck, deuteration degree min. 99.8%)
- Dichloromethane (DCM) (ISOLAB, $\geq 99.9\%$)
- Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO) (LAB-SCAN, 99.5%)
- Dimethyl Sulfoxide D6 (Eurisotop, deuteration degree min. 99.8%)
- Dry magnesium sulfate (MgSO₄) (Sigma-Aldrich, $\geq 97.0\%$)
- Ethanol (ISOLAB, $\geq 99.9\%$)
- Ethyl Acetate (ISOLAB, $\geq 99.5\%$)
- Glacial acetic acid (Carlo Erba, 99.5%)
- Hemin (Fluka, >98.0%)

- Hexane (Sigma-Aldrich, $\geq 95.0\%$)
- Hydrazinium hydroxide (Merck, 80.0%)
- Hydrogen Peroxide (Merck, 35.0%)
- Indium tin oxide coated glass (ITO, Delta Tech. 8-12 Ω , 0.7 cm - 5 cm)
- Platinum disc electrode (electrode area: 0.02 cm²)
- Platinum wire
- Potassium Dichromate (Sigma-Aldrich, 99.9%)
- Potassium Permanganate (Sigma-Aldrich, 99.9%)
- Silica gel (SiO₂) (Acros, 0.060-0.200 mm, 60 A)
- Sodium Hydroxide (Sigma-Aldrich, $\geq 98.0\%$)
- Sodium Metal (Merck, 99.0%)
- Sulfuric Acid (H₂SO₄(aq)) (Merck, 95-98%)
- Tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (TBAH) (Sigma-Aldrich, $\geq 99.0\%$)
- Tetrahydrofuran (THF) (Carlo Erba, $\geq 99.9\%$)
- Metal Cations Sources (Sigma-Aldrich); AgNO₃, Al(NO₃)₃.9H₂O, Cd(ClO₄)₂.xH₂O, Co(NO₃)₂.6H₂O, Cu(NO₃)₂.3H₂O, C₆N₆FeK₃, LiClO₄, Mg(NO₃)₂.6H₂O, Cl₂MnO₈.xH₂O, Ni(NO₃)₂.6H₂O, Pb(NO₃)₂, SnCl₂.2H₂O, C₄H₆O₄Zn.2H₂O

THF (Tetrahydrofuran) was distilled using interaction of some little sodium metal pieces and benzophenone. It was heated under reflux for several hours until the color of solvent turns deep blue.

For CL measurements, a stopped-flow injection system combined with photomultiplier tube (PMT) was used. All the working solutions to be tested were freshly prepared. Dilutions were done by using distilled water. Prepared all solutions were protected from light and stored in refrigerator.

2.2 Instrumentation

Optical studies (absorption and radiation/fluorescence) were carried out using UV-vis Spectrometer/ Specord S600 and Thermo Lumina Fluorescence Device. Attenuated Total Reflectance” (ATR) unit with Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS10FTIR spectrometer device was used for Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) spectra of the monomers. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectra of the monomers were recorded by a Bruker DPX-400 Spectrometer in DMSO or CDCl_3 . Tetramethylsilane is used as the internal standard to interpret the chemical shifts in ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra.

The melting points of the target monomers were determined with the help of “GALLENKAMP 220/240 V, 50/60 Hz, 50 W” device. High resolution mass spectra for monomers were taken with Water, Synapt HRMS instrument.

2.2.1 CL Measurements

Pro-K.2000 Rapid Kinetic System was used for CL measurements, and the intensity of the emitted light was measured by using a photomultiplier tube (PMT) in dark environment. The system shown in Figure 2.1 based on the principle of stopping flow suddenly because CL reactions are very fast. Two different syringes are used to transfer the samples to the system. The intensity of the light emitted by the combination of the samples transferred from the syringes to the cell in the system is measured with the help of PMT.

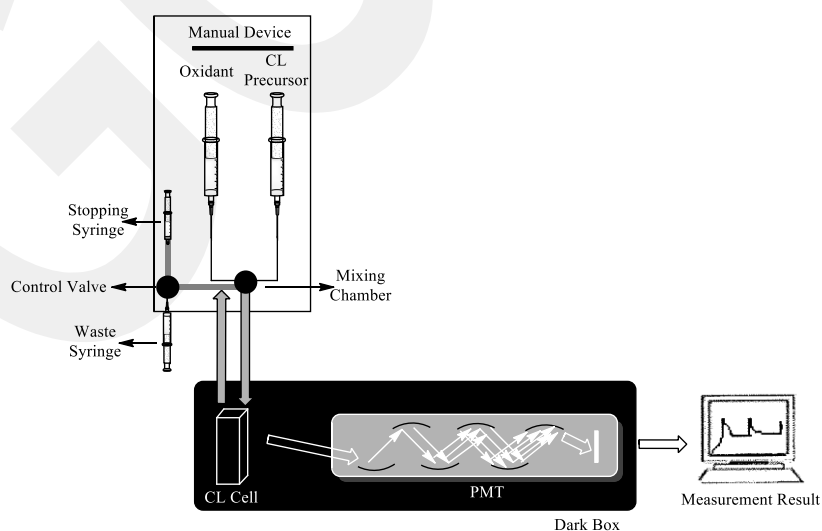


Figure 2.1 Schematic diagram for stopped-flow CL measurements

2.2.2 Electrochemical Measurements

Cyclic voltammetry technique was used to examine the electrochemical behavior of the compounds and the polymer (PS₂T-Lum). In cyclic voltammetry method, the current between the working electrode and the counter electrode is measured while the potential of the working electrode is scanned relative to the reference electrode. The voltammogram obtained as a result shows the potential against the current and gives information about the electroactivity and redox behavior of the substance. In addition, this method gives information about whether the mechanism of the electrochemical reaction is reversible and whether the formed product is subjected to reduction/oxidation processes again. In this study, cyclic voltammetry and electrolysis experiments were performed using Gamry PCI4/300 potentiostat-galvanostat device (Figure 2.2).

The polished platinum disc electrode is used as the working electrode (electrode area: 0.02 cm²), and the platinum wire is used as the counter electrode. In addition, silver wire is used as a pseudo-reference (calibrated against 10 mM ferrocene/ferrocenium pair) or Ag/AgCl reference electrode in 1.0 M NaCl. To perform the detection of reactive oxygen species, indium tin oxide coated glass (ITO, Delta Tech. 8-12 Ω, 0.7 cm - 5 cm) is used as the working electrode, while Pt wire and silver wire are used as counter and reference electrodes, respectively. Ferrocene/ferrocenium redox couple was used as external standard (Ag/AgCl vs. E_{Fc⁺/Fc} = 0.61 V).

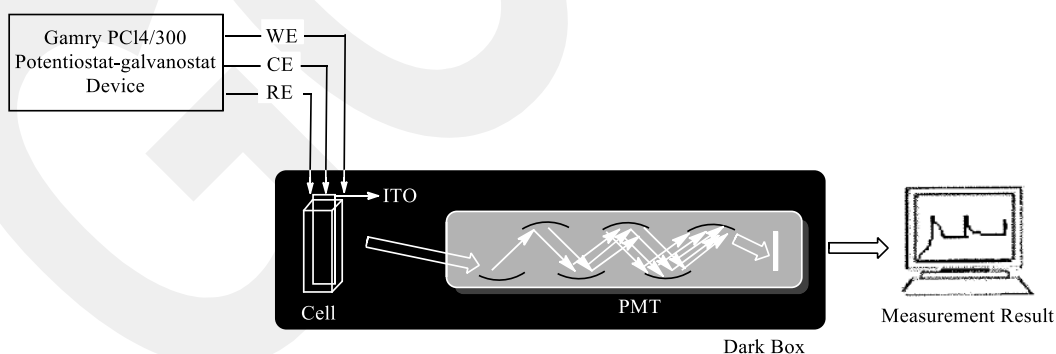


Figure 2.2 Schematic representation of electrolysis combined with PMT system

2.3 Synthesis of Monomers

2.3.1 Synthesis of F₂-PA (4,7-di(furan-2-yl)isobenzofuran-1,3-dione), S₂-PA (4,7-di(selenophen-2-yl)isobenzofuran-1,3-dione), F₂-PI-EtHex (2-(2-ethylhexyl)-4,7-di(furan-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione), S₂-PI-EtHex (2-(2-ethylhexyl)-4,7-di(selenophen-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione), and S₂-TPD-EtHex (5-(2-ethylhexyl)-1,3-di(selenophen-2-yl)-4H-thieno[3,4-c]pyrrole-4,6(5H)-dione) compounds

Firstly, 150 mg (0.49 mmol) of one of starting materials (compound 1 (3,6- dibromo phthalic anhydride), compound 2 (4,7-dibromo-2-(2-ethylhexyl) isoindoline-1,3-dione) or compound 3 (1,3-dibromo-5-(2-ethylhexyl)-4H-thieno[3,4-c]pyrrole-4,6(5H)-dione)) in 4 ml distilled THF is refluxed for half an hour under Ar atmosphere. Then 453.3 mg (1.079 mmol) of compound 4 (2-tributylstannyl furan) for furan-based structures or compound 5 (2-tributylstannyl selenophene) for selenophene based structures in 2 ml distilled THF is added at 60 °C. After 30 minutes, 37.87mg (0.05 mmol) of bis(triphenylphosphine) palladium (II) dichloride, which is %5 of compound 4 and 5, in 4 ml distilled THF is added into the solution at 75 °C. The reaction continues for 2 days under Ar atmosphere at 75 °C. The reaction followed by thin layer chromatography (TLC) is finished and the reaction mixture is cooled to room temperature (Figure 2.3).

Water must not be added to the reaction medium, and extraction must not perform for materials contain phthalic anhydride unit as an acceptor (F₂-PA and S₂-PA). These compounds are purified by using a column chromatography with hexane and ethyl acetate as eluent. The purification is started with just hexane then switch to appropriate hexane: ethyl acetate mixture. Then, it is washed with hexane.

F₂-PI-EtHex, S₂-PI-EtHex and S₂-TPD-EtHex are purified by extraction method with water and DCM, then by column chromatography with hexane and ethyl acetate. The purification is started with just hexane, then switch to appropriate hexane: ethyl acetate mixture.

Compound F2-PA: Yield: 80%, m.p.: 160 ± 0.1 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 8.40 (s, 2H, ArH); 8.00 (d, $J=4$ Hz, 2H, ArH); 7.65 (d, 2H, ArH); 6.67 (t, $J=4$ Hz, 2H, ArH) (Figure A.1). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 162.04, 147.55, 144.09, 132.97, 128.79, 124.01, 115.95, 112.86 (Figure A.2). FTIR (cm^{-1}): 3145, 1822, 1759, 1758, 1500, 1397, 1230, 1166, 1083, 1016, 930, 827, 736, 662 (Figure B.1). HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_8\text{O}_5$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 281.045. Found for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_8\text{O}_5$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 281.045 (Figure C.1).

Compound S2-PA: Yield: 60.0%, m.p.: 197.5 ± 0.1 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 8.29 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H, ArH); 8.00 (d, $J=4$ Hz, 2H, ArH); 7.92 (s, 2H, ArH); 7.47 (t, $J=4$ Hz, 2H, ArH) (Figure A.3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 161.86, 141.27, 137.56, 136.23, 134.83, 132.76, 130.49, 126.02 (Figure A.4). FTIR (cm^{-1}): 2361, 1818, 1763, 1614, 1546, 1477, 1363, 1220, 1159, 1078, 935, 833, 792, 745, 703, 641 (Figure B.2). HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{Se}_2$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 406.8890. Found for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{Se}_2$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 406.8900 (Figure C.2).

Compound F2-PI-EtHex: Yield: 45.2%, m.p.: decomposed. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 8.22 (s, 2H, ArH); 7.98 (d, $J=4$ Hz, 2H, ArH); 7.60 (d, $J=4$ Hz, 2H, ArH); 6.61 (t, $J=4$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 3.64 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H, $-\text{CH}_2$), 1.87-1.90 (m, 1H, $-\text{CH}$), 1.62-1.69 (m, 2H, $-\text{CH}_2$), 1.31-1.41 (m, 6H, $-\text{CH}_2$), 0.91-0.96 (m, 6H, $-\text{CH}_3$) (Figure A.5). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 167.63, 148.64, 143.20, 131.59, 127.09, 125.54, 114.94, 112.33, 41.98, 38.11, 30.40, 28.13, 23.80, 22.83, 13.87, 10.21 (Figure A.6). FTIR (cm^{-1}): 2926, 2857, 1708, 1462, 1404, 1266, 1123, 1071, 910, 824, 743 (Figure B.1).

Compound S2-PI-EtHex: Yield: 49.6%, m.p.: 55 ± 0.1 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 8.22 (d, $J=4$ Hz, 2H, ArH); 7.90 (d, $J=4$ Hz, 2H, ArH); 7.75 (s, 2H, ArH); 7.43 (t, $J=4$ Hz, 2H, ArH); 3.60 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H, $-\text{CH}_2$); 1.85-1.88 (m, 1H, $-\text{CH}$); 1.28-1.37 (m, 8H, $-\text{CH}_2$); 0.88-0.93 (m, 6H, $-\text{CH}_3$) (Figure A.7). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 167.57, 142.67, 135.97, 134.23, 133.66, 131.93, 129.92, 127.09, 42.04, 38.0, 30.44, 28.40, 23.76, 22.93, 13.96, 10.33 (Figure A.8). FTIR (cm^{-1}): 3101, 2925, 2864, 1763, 1696, 1444, 1404, 1363, 1213, 1078, 820, 758, 697, 602 (Figure B.2). HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2\text{Se}_2$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 518.0302. Found for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2\text{Se}_2$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 518.0301 (Figure C.3).

Compound S₂-TPD-EtHex: Yield: 87.0%, m.p: 130-132 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): 8.12 (d, J=5.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.84 (d, J=3.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.24 (t, J=5.5 Hz, 2H, ArH), 3.46 (d, J=7.3 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 1.73-1.82 (m, 1H, -CH), 1.51-1.62 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.18-1.31 (m, 6H, CH₂), 0.79-0.86 (m, 6H, -CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) 163.2, 138.9, 136.5, 135.7, 131.7, 130.3, 127.8, 42.5, 38.2, 30.6, 28.5, 23.9, 23.1, 14.1, 10.5. FTIR (cm⁻¹): 3091, 2954, 2919, 2856, 1228, 1676, 1555, 1429, 1389, 1217, 1067, 937, 747, 690, 621 (Figure B.3) HRMS calculated for C₂₂H₂₃NO₂SSe₂, [M+H]⁺: 525.9858. Found for C₂₂H₂₃NO₂SSe₂, [M+H]⁺: 525.9868.

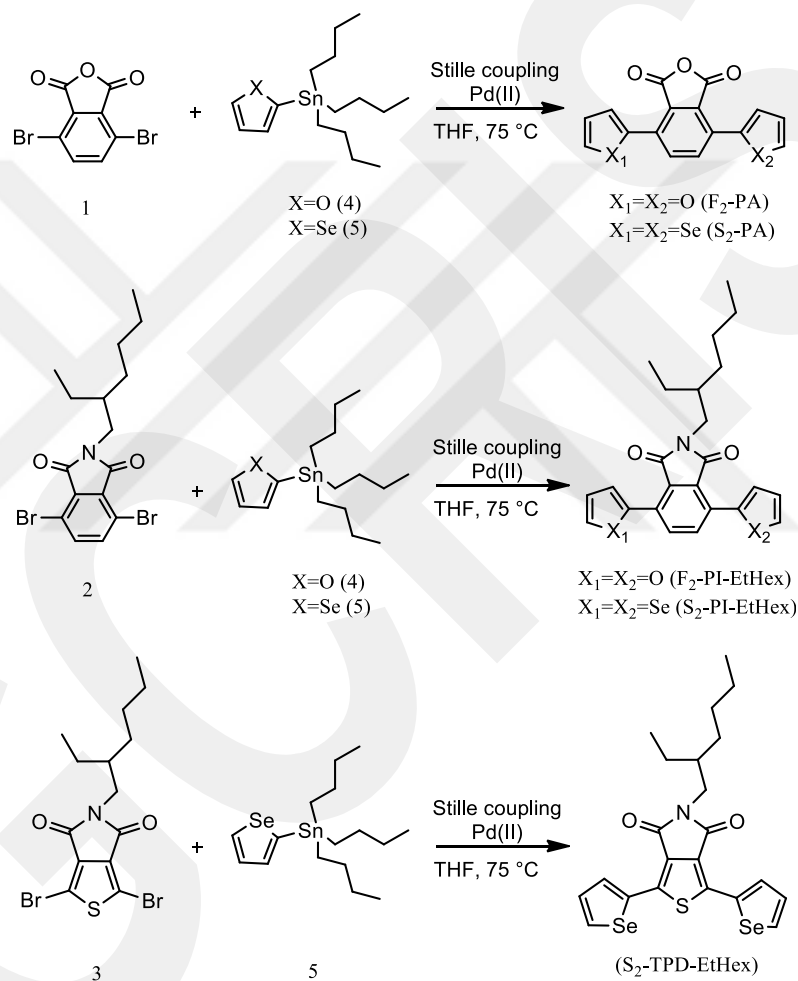


Figure 2.3 Synthesis ways to synthesize F₂-PA, S₂-PA, F₂-PI-EtHex, S₂-PI-EtHex and S₂-TPD-EtHex compounds

2.3.2 Synthesis of F₂B-Lum (5,8-di(furan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione), S₂B-Lum (5,8-di(selenophene-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione) and S₂T-Lum (5,7-di(selenophen-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-d]pyridazine-1,4-dione)

i. Method 1

100 mg of F₂-PA or S₂-PA and 2 ml hydrazinium hydroxide were refluxed at 120 °C for 1 day in 2 ml glacial acetic acid. Then, it was cooled to room temperature and added water. After 1 day in the refrigerator, the precipitate formed is washed with 50 ml of water followed by 50 ml of hexane. Finally, it was dried under vacuum (Figure 2.4).

ii. Method 2

100 mg of F₂-PI-EtHex or S₂-PI-EtHex and 2 ml hydrazinium hydroxide were refluxed at 100 °C for 2 days in ethanol and 1,4-dioxane (3.5 mL, v/v). Then, it was cooled to room temperature and added water. After it was stored in the refrigerator for 1 day, the precipitate formed is washed with 50 ml of water followed by 50 ml of hexane. Finally, it was dried under vacuum (Figure 2.4).

100 mg of S₂-TPD-EtHex and 0.355 ml hydrazinium hydroxide were refluxed at 100 °C for 2 days in ethanol and 1,4-dioxane (3.5 mL, v/v). After it was stored in the refrigerator for 1 day, the precipitate formed is filtered and washed with 50 ml of ethanol and 1,4-dioxane (v/v) mixture followed by 50 ml of hexane. Finally, it was dried under vacuum (Figure 2.4).

Compound F₂B-Lum: Yield: 82.5% (from method 2); m.p.: 134.7 ± 0,1 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO, δ, ppm): 12.66 (s, 2H, ArH), 8.22 (s, 2H, ArH); 7.94 (d, J=4 Hz, 2H, ArH); 7.89 (d, J=4 Hz, 2H, ArH); 6.75 (t, J=4 Hz, 2H, ArH) (Figure A.9). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO, δ, ppm): 166.02, 148.34, 144.87, 131.88, 126.44, 124.49, 115.06, 112.92 (Figure A.10). FTIR (cm⁻¹): 3345, 3242, 3147, 1763, 1704, 1603, 1504, 1486, 1417, 1235, 1194, 1161, 1111, 1012, 950, 909, 834, 752, 670 (Figure B.1). HRMS calculated for C₁₆H₁₀N₂O₄, [M+H]⁺: 295.0719. Found for C₁₆H₁₀N₂O₄, [M+H]⁺: 295.0718 (Figure C.4).

Compound S₂B-Lum: Yield: 67.0% (from method 1), 85.0% (from method 2), m.p.:160 ± 0,1 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO, δ, ppm): 12.6 (s, 2H, ArH); 8.42 (d, J=8 Hz, 2H, ArH); 7.94 (d, J=4 Hz, 2H, ArH); 7.87 (s, 2H, ArH); 7.43 (t, J=4 Hz, 2H, ArH) (Figure A.11). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO, δ, ppm): 165.76, 142.26, 135.77, 135.29, 133.15, 132.15, 129.75, 125.16 (Figure A.12). FTIR (cm⁻¹): 3329, 1767, 1699, 1537, 1480, 1417, 1340, 1225, 1090, 985, 903, 871, 825, 688, 647 (Figure B.2). HRMS calculated for C₁₆H₁₀N₂O₂Se₂, [M+H]⁺: 422.9151. Found for C₁₆H₁₀O₂Se₂, [M+H]⁺: 422.9153 (Figure C.5).

Compound S₂T-Lum: Yield: 32.0%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO, δ, ppm): 11.42 (s, 2H, ArH); 8.41 (d, J=8 Hz, 2H, ArH); 7.85 (s, 2H, ArH); 7.35 (s, 2H, ArH) (Figure A.13). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO, δ, ppm): 171.67, 156.97, 138.51, 136.52, 132.25, 129.75, 124.02 (Figure A.14). FTIR (cm⁻¹): 2989, 2886, 1646, 1490, 1387, 1290, 1226, 1180, 1123, 825, 784, 678, 616, 567 (Figure B.3). HRMS calculated for C₁₄H₈N₂O₂SSe₂, [M+H]⁺: 428.8715. Found for C₁₄H₈N₂O₂SSe₂, [M+H]⁺: 428.8719 (Figure C.6).

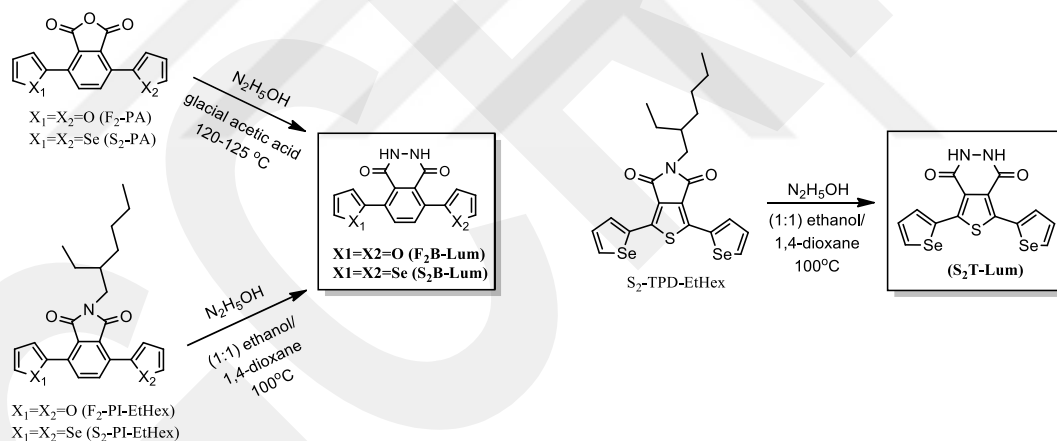


Figure 2.4 Synthesis ways to synthesize F₂B-Lum, S₂B-Lum and S₂T-Lum compounds

CHAPTER 3

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

F₂B-Lum, S₂B-Lum and S₂T-Lum were successfully synthesized in two steps using two different methods (see Figure 2.4). Compounds were usually obtained in orange and yellowish colors (Figure 3.1). Structural characterization of the compounds was performed by using NMR, FTIR and HRMS techniques. Phthalic anhydride-based compounds are sensitive to water. When they contact with water, their colors slowly turn from orange to black. For this reason, all experiments were carried out under argon atmosphere and the compounds were stored under argon gas in a refrigerator.



Figure 3.1 Structures and pictures of the chemiluminescent compounds

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of the molecules are given in Appendix A. For example, as a representative example, while a singlet signal observed at 8.22 ppm can be attributed to the protons of phenyl ring, the other signals (doublet signals at 7.94 and 7.89 ppm and a doublet of doublet signal at 6.74 ppm) belong to protons of furan rings in the ¹H NMR spectrum of F₂B-Lum (Figure A.9). On the other hand, as expected, 8 different carbon signals can be easily observed in the ¹³C NMR spectrum of F₂B-Lum (Figure A.10).

In the ^1H NMR spectrum of $\text{S}_2\text{T-Lum}$ (Figure A.13), protons of $-\text{NH}-$ groups can be seen as a broad signal centered at 11.42 ppm and the peaks between 8.5 ppm and 7.25 ppm are ascribed to the protons of selenophene rings.

The FTIR spectra of the compounds were taken and compared with each other in Appendix B. The peaks around 690 cm^{-1} and 745 cm^{-1} belongs to selenophene and furan rings, respectively. The carbonyl groups ($\text{C}=\text{O}$) connected to N revealed a peak around 1700 cm^{-1} and connected to O revealed a peak around 1760 cm^{-1} . The peaks between $2850\text{-}2950\text{ cm}^{-1}$ indicate the alkyl groups so these signals can be found only in the FTIR spectra of compounds that contain ethyl-hexyl units (Figures B.1-B.3). The presence of the peaks around $2900\text{-}3300\text{ cm}^{-1}$ represents the N-H group in the FTIR spectra of the luminol-type structures ($\text{F}_2\text{B-Lum}$, $\text{S}_2\text{B-Lum}$ and $\text{S}_2\text{T-Lum}$) [65]. Finally, the values found experimentally in HRMS spectra of all compounds are absolutely compatible with their theoretical values (Figures C.1-C.6).

3.1 Optical Properties

The optical properties of the compounds were examined in DMSO in Figure 3.2. While in the short wavelength peaks (around 265 nm) belong to $\pi-\pi^*$ the transition band, the long wavelength peaks (around 330 nm) indicate the charge transfer between A and D units. While $\text{F}_2\text{B-Lum}$, $\text{S}_2\text{B-Lum}$ and luminol represent two main absorption bands, but $\text{S}_2\text{T-Lum}$ has three absorption bands, which can be due to the presence of the difference acceptor units (benzene and thiophene). Like absorption spectrum, a similar behavior was observed in the fluorescence spectra. As seen in Figure 3.2, luminol emits at 400 nm, and $\text{F}_2\text{B-Lum}$ and $\text{S}_2\text{B-Lum}$ emit around 440 nm. On the other hand, an emission band at 523 nm was observed for $\text{S}_2\text{T-Lum}$. Due to the D-A-D structure, the compounds have longer conjugation when compared to luminol, which results in a longer wavelength emission. While $\text{F}_2\text{B-Lum}$ and $\text{S}_2\text{B-Lum}$ emit greenish blue, $\text{S}_2\text{T-Lum}$ emits green. All absorption and emission bands of the compounds are listed in the Table 3.1.

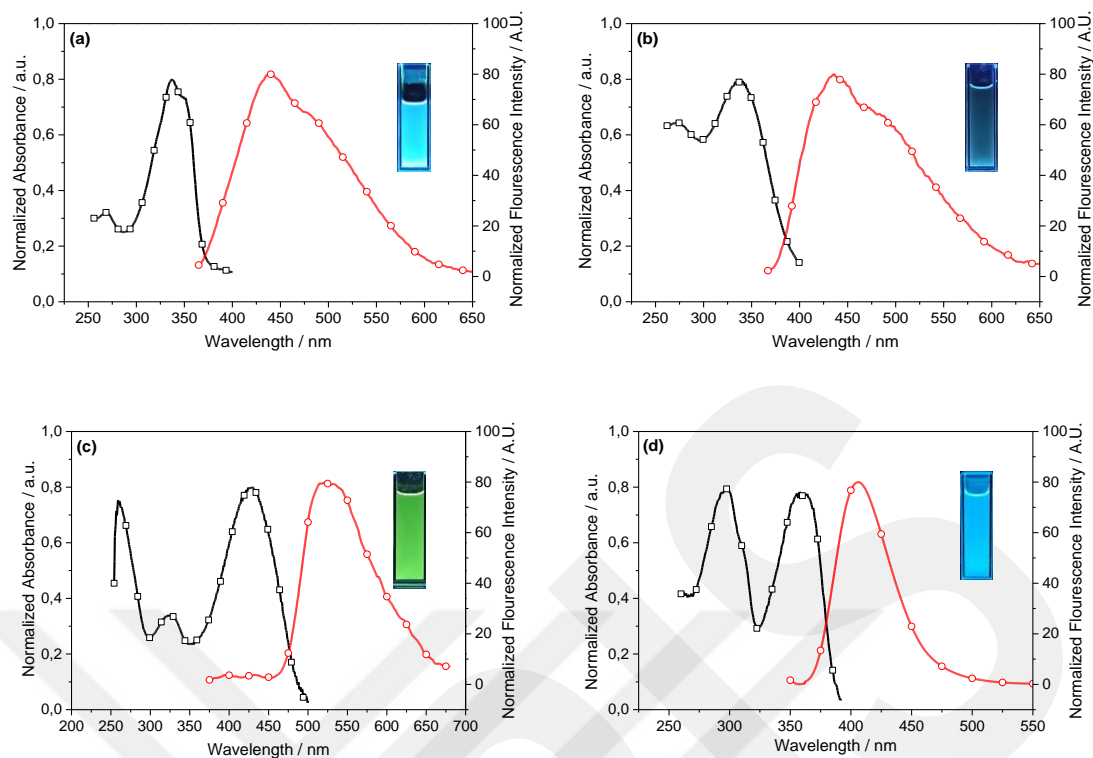


Figure 3.2 Comparative absorption (black line/square) and emission (red line/circle) spectra of (a) F₂B-Lum, (b) S₂B-Lum, (c) S₂T-Lum and (d) luminol (solvent: DMSO), inside pictures: Emission of compounds under UV lamp (365 nm)

Table 3.1 Absorption and emission bands of F₂B-Lum, S₂B-Lum, S₂T-Lum and luminol (solvent: DMSO)

Compound	Absorption (nm)	Emission (nm)
F₂B-Lum	272, 337	425.3
S₂B-Lum	277, 342.5	422
S₂T-Lum	259, 324.5, 429	523
Luminol	298, 357.5	406.1

3.2 Quantum Yield (QY)

The following equation is used to calculate the quantum yields of the compounds. [66]:

$$QY_{\text{sample}} = QY_{\text{standard}} \times \left(\frac{F_{\text{sample}}}{F_{\text{standard}}} \right) \times \left(\frac{A_{\text{standard}}}{A_{\text{sample}}} \right) \times \left(\frac{n_{\text{sample}}}{n_{\text{standard}}} \right)^2 \quad (1.12)$$

n = refractive index of the solvent

A = absorption value at the wavelength at which the excitation is made

F = area of the emission spectrum obtained

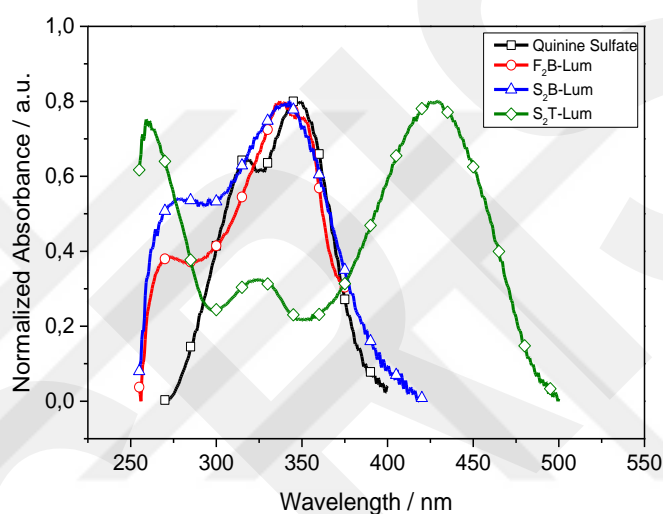


Figure 3.3 Absorption spectra of quinine sulfate (in 0.1 M H₂SO₄(aq)), F₂B-Lum, S₂B-Lum and S₂T-Lum (in DMSO) ($\lambda_{\text{excitation}} = 350$ nm)

In order to measure the quantum yield of the compounds, the quinine sulfate standard (QY=58% at 22 °C in 0.1 M H₂SO₄(aq)) was chosen because the absorption spectrum was very compatible with the chemiluminescent compounds. 0.1 M H₂SO₄(aq) was used as a solvent for the standard and DMSO were used for the samples. The results obtained are given in Table 3.2. In order to calculate the quantum yields of compounds with respect to luminol, the quantum yield of luminol was taken as 100%. As seen in Table 3.3, F₂B-Lum, S₂B-Lum and S₂T-Lum compounds have lower quantum efficiency compared to luminol. The solvent has a great influence on this situation. Another factor is that the resonance effect in the D-A-D system is limited due to the steric effect between the D and A units and the magnitude of the dihedral angle. The dihedral angle disrupts the planarity [67-68].

Table 3.2 Quantum yields of the compounds obtained in DMSO ($\lambda_{\text{excitation}} = 350 \text{ nm}$).
Quinine Sulfate Standard (in 0.1 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$) QY = 58% [69]

Compounds	QY
F ₂ B-Lum	0.12
S ₂ B-Lum	0.07
S ₂ T-Lum	0.34
Luminol	17.63

Table 3.3 Quantum yields ($\lambda_{\text{excitation}} = 350 \text{ nm}$) of compounds with respect to luminol
(considering the luminol quantum yield as 100%)

Compound	QY
F ₂ B-Lum	0.68
S ₂ B-Lum	0.40
S ₂ T-Lum	1.93
Luminol	100

3.3 CL Properties

The CL properties of F₂B-Lum, S₂B-Lum and S₂T-Lum were investigated and compared to luminol. The system shown in Figure 2.1 was used to examine the CL properties. One of the syringes in the system contains hydrogen peroxide and a metal cation, while the other contains CL material dissolved in NaOH(aq). For blood and hemin measurements, one syringe contains blood or hemin solution with the CL precursor, while the other contains only hydrogen peroxide solution.

H₂O₂ as an oxidant, metal cations or blood or hemin as a catalyst were used to measure CL properties of CL compounds in alkaline solution. While taking measurements, 10⁻⁶ M of the compounds, 10⁻³ M of H₂O₂ and 10⁻³ M of metal cations were used. Blood and hemin were diluted in different proportions by volume using water. The compounds and hemin solutions were prepared in 0.1 M NaOH(aq) solution. H₂O₂, metal cations and blood solutions were prepared in distilled water.

Firstly, in order to reveal the CL property of the compounds, CL radiation was investigated with different oxidants in basic environment. KMnO₄, K₂Cr₂O₇ and H₂O₂ were used as oxidants. When the CL radiation intensities of different oxidants prepared at the same concentration were compared, it was observed that H₂O₂ was very effective (Figure 3.4).

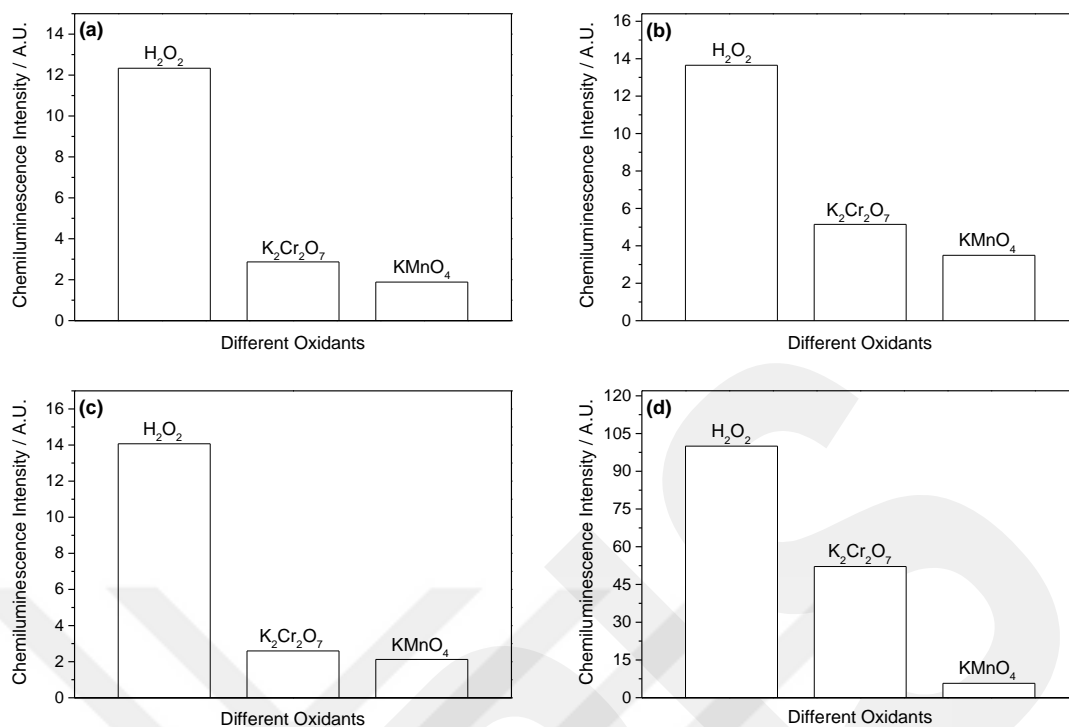


Figure 3.4 The CL intensity of 1.0×10^{-6} M (a) F₂B-Lum, (b) S₂B-Lum, (c) S₂T-Lum and (d) luminol in 0.1 M NaOH(aq) with 10^{-3} M of various oxidants

The compounds contain the same CL unit with luminol in their structure. So, by inspiring from CL mechanism of luminol, a similar mechanism was proposed in Figure 3.5 for F₂B-Lum, S₂B-Lum and S₂T-Lum. According to the mechanism, the compound interacts with an oxidizing agent such as hydrogen peroxide in an alkaline medium. Then, a bridge is formed by peroxides between the carbonyl groups in the pyridazine ring. This bridge stretches the existing ring and causes it to break irreversibly. Finally, it gives the energy in the form of light. As a result, a blue-green light is observed.

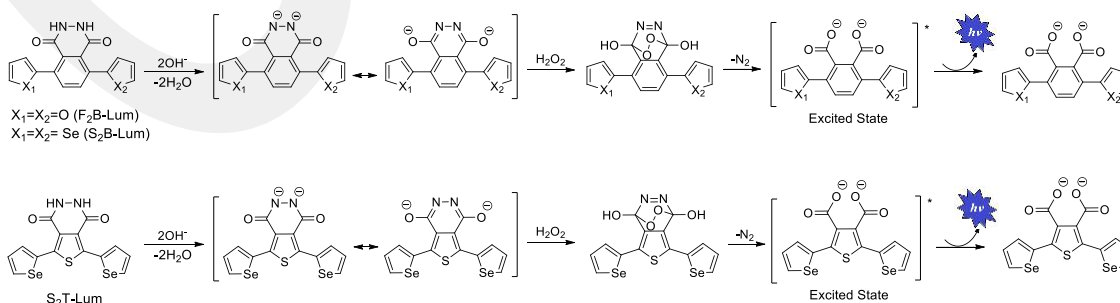


Figure 3.5 A proposed mechanism for the CL compounds

Figure 3.6 shows the CL radiation intensity of the compounds which react with different hydrogen peroxide concentrations in basic medium. According to Figure 3.6, the CL light intensity increases as a function of hydrogen peroxide concentration. Also, even when hydrogen peroxide is at a very low concentration, the CL radiation intensity of the compounds can be measured.

Hydrogen peroxide can be life threatening if it presents in the body at levels of 5×10^{-5} M and above [70]. The compounds exhibit sensitivity up to 1.0×10^{-6} M hydrogen peroxide levels. Thus, it is possible to use them in sensor studies to determine the amount of hydrogen peroxide in the body.

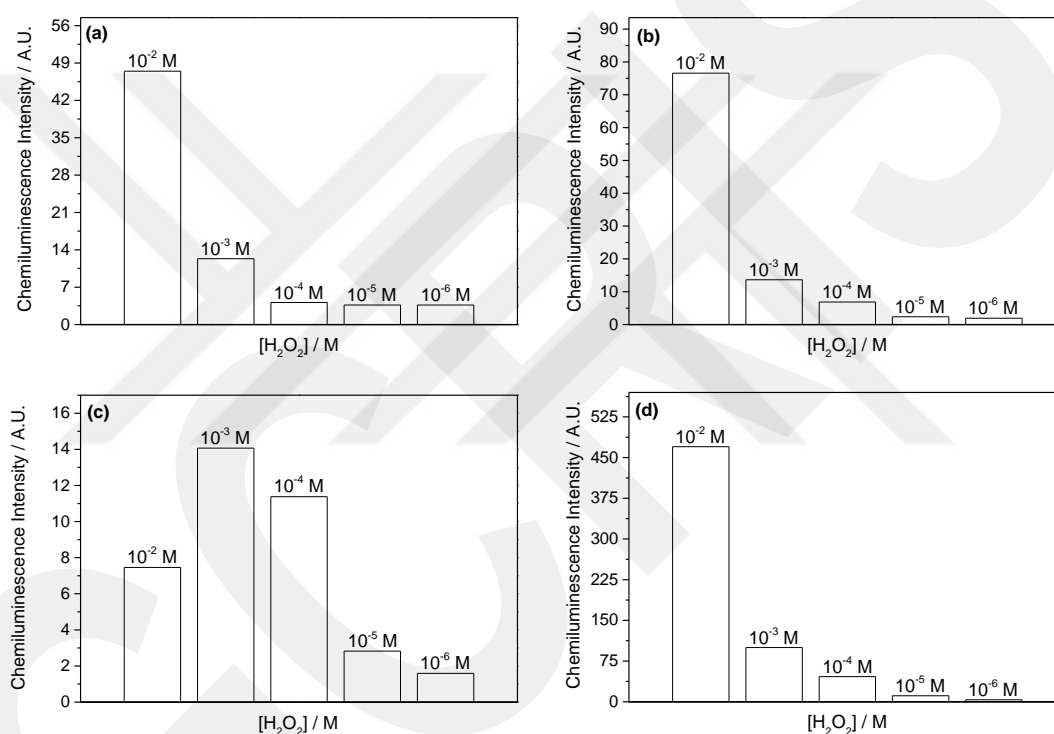


Figure 3.6 The CL intensity of 1.0×10^{-6} M (a) F₂B-Lum, (b) S₂B-Lum, (c) S₂T-Lum and (d) luminol in 0.1 M NaOH(aq) with different H₂O₂ concentrations

After determining that the compounds can react with hydrogen peroxide and emit light, it was checked whether the metal ion could catalyze this radiation. In order to be used in forensic science applications, the behavior of CL reaction in the presence of Fe³⁺ ion is important. Therefore, the effect of Fe³⁺ ion as a catalyst in the reaction was investigated. Figure 3.7 shows the CL emission of the compounds with H₂O₂ in the presence (red line (ii)) and absence (black line (i)) of catalyst in a basic medium.

As can be seen in Figure 3.7(i), while CL intensities are very low and pale in the absence of Fe^{3+} ion, the light intensity increases sharply in the presence of Fe^{3+} ion, which confirms the catalytic effect of Fe^{3+} ions on CL reaction.

In addition, while iron ion increased the emission of luminol by 10.5 times, it increased the emission of $\text{F}_2\text{B-Lum}$, $\text{S}_2\text{B-Lum}$ and $\text{S}_2\text{T-Lum}$ approximately 4.12, 20.8 and 2.2 times, respectively. According to this result, it can be concluded that Fe^{3+} ion can catalyze the CL reaction of $\text{S}_2\text{B-Lum}$ much more than luminol.

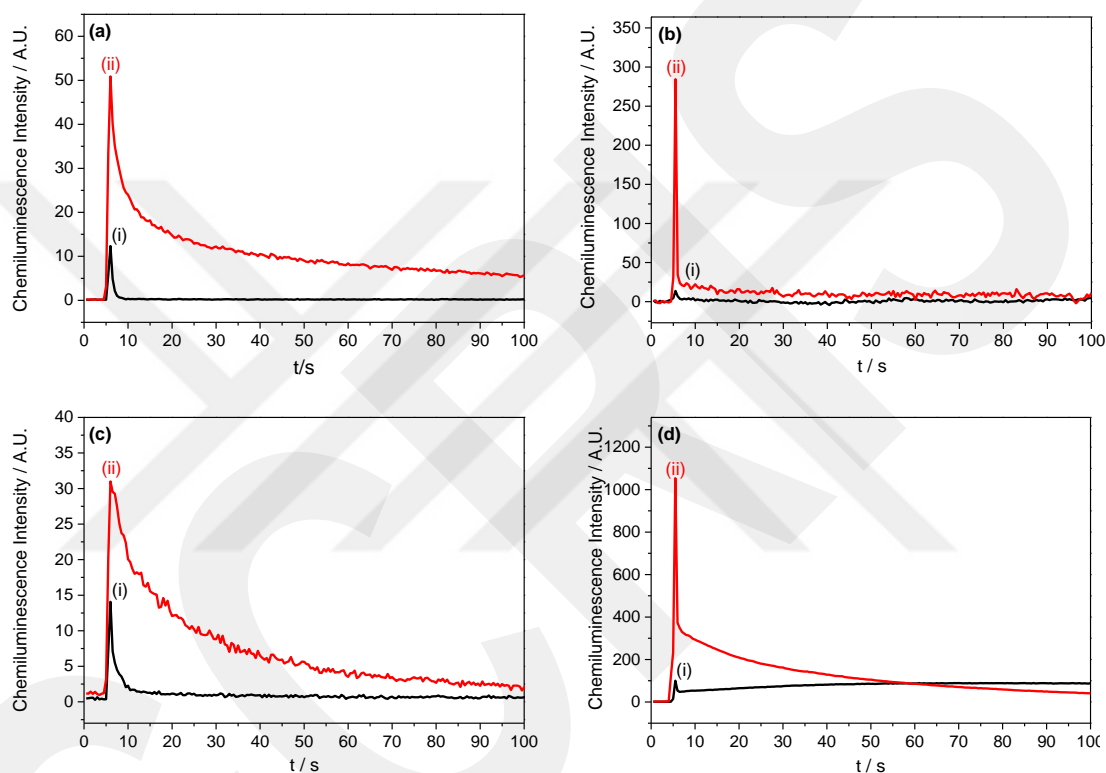


Figure 3.7 The CL intensity of $1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ (a) $\text{F}_2\text{B-Lum}$, (b) $\text{S}_2\text{B-Lum}$, (c) $\text{S}_2\text{T-Lum}$ and (d) luminol in 0.1 M NaOH(aq) with $1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M H}_2\text{O}_2$ (i) in the absence and (ii) in the presence of $1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M Fe}^{3+}$ ion

In the presence of Fe^{3+} ion, the intensity increases sharply and then decreases, but in the presence of blood samples, the intensity seems to increase and then decrease slowly. Thus, the difference between iron and blood samples can be easily understood. For example, Figure 3.8 shows the CL intensity of $\text{S}_2\text{T-Lum}$ compound in the absence and in the presence of blood sample diluted with water in 1 to 100,000 ratio.

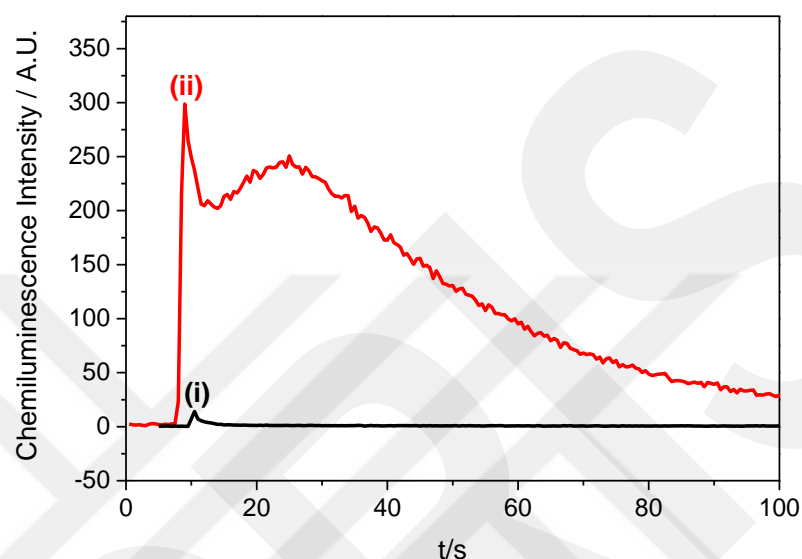


Figure 3.8 The CL intensity of 1.0×10^{-6} M $\text{S}_2\text{T-Lum}$ with 1.0×10^{-3} M H_2O_2 in 0.1 M NaOH(aq) (i) in the absence and (ii) the presence of blood sample diluted with water in 1/100,000 ratio

To investigate the effect of different metal ions on the CL intensity of the compounds, the CL reaction was repeated with various metal ions (Figure 3.9). The same study was repeated with the luminol as a reference. In Figure 3.9, while the CL reaction of the compounds was catalyzed especially by copper and iron metal ions, the catalytic effect of other metal ions was very low. Therefore, the CL property of the compounds can be used in the field of analytical chemistry for the recognition and quantification of copper and iron metal ions. In addition, the compounds can facilitate the detection of hydrogen peroxide, as the presence of metal ions greatly increases CL radiation. Table 3.4 represents the coefficient of increase in CL intensity of 1.0×10^{-6} M of the compounds with 1.0×10^{-3} M H_2O_2 in 0.1 M NaOH(aq) in the presence of 1.0×10^{-3} M of different metal ions.

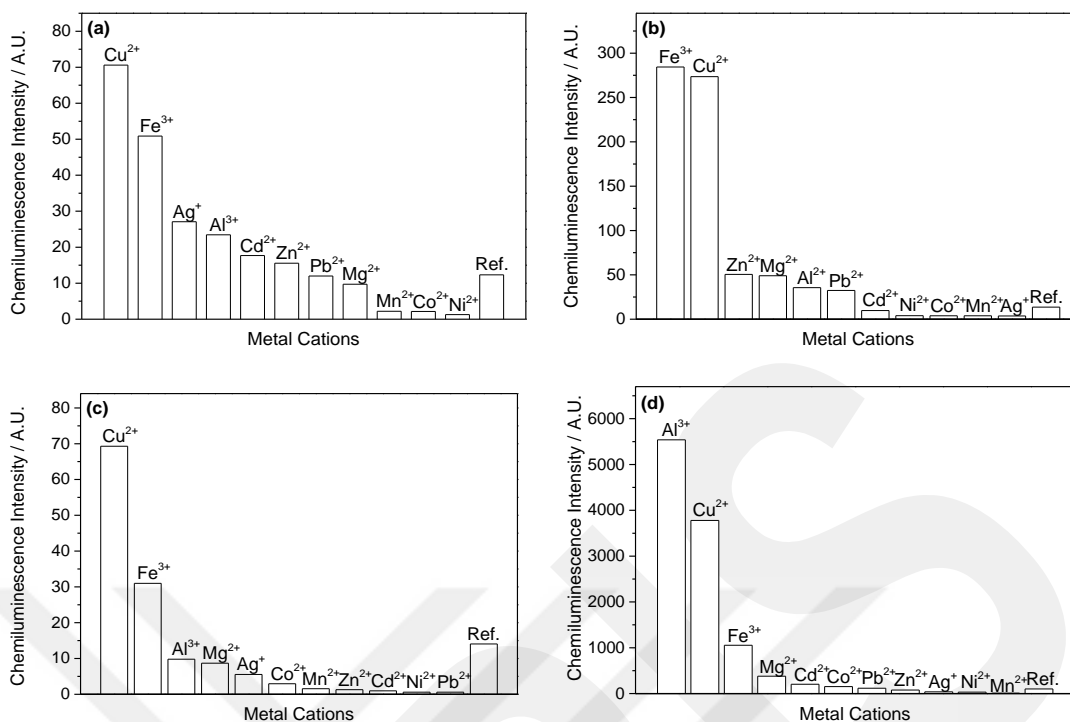


Figure 3.9 The CL intensity of 1.0×10^{-6} M of (a) F₂B-Lum, (b) S₂B-Lum, (c) S₂T-Lum and (d) luminol with 1.0×10^{-3} M H₂O₂ in 0.1 M NaOH(aq) in the presence of 1.0×10^{-3} M of different metal ions

Table 3.4 The coefficient of increase in CL intensity of 1.0×10^{-6} M of the compounds with 1.0×10^{-3} M H₂O₂ in 0.1 M NaOH(aq) in the presence of 1.0×10^{-3} M different metal ions

	Compounds			
	F ₂ B-Lum	S ₂ B-Lum	S ₂ T-Lum	Luminol
Ref	1	1	1	1
Ag⁺	x2.2	x0.3	x0.4	x0.4
Al³⁺	x1.9	x2.6	x0.7	x55.4
Cd²⁺	x1.4	x0.7	x0.1	x2.0
Co²⁺	x0.2	x0.3	x0.2	x1.5
Cu²⁺	x5.7	x20.0	x4.9	x37.8
Fe³⁺	x4.1	x20.8	x2.2	x10.5
Mg²⁺	x0.8	x3.6	x0.6	x3.8
Mn²⁺	x0.2	x0.3	x0.1	x0.1
Ni²⁺	x0.1	x0.3	x0.1	x0.3
Pb²⁺	x1.0	x2.4	x0.1	x1.2
Zn²⁺	x1.3	x 3.7	x0.1	x0.8

As shown in Figure 3.7, the CL reaction of the compounds can be catalyzed in the presence of Fe^{3+} ions. The effect of Fe^{3+} ion concentration on this reaction is shown in Figure 3.10 using different Fe^{3+} ions. Thus, the potential use of the compounds in blood detection in forensic science will be understood. As seen in Figure 3.10, the CL intensity of the compounds were observed clearly in the presence of 10^{-3} M and more concentrated Fe^{3+} ions. Also, similar examination has been done for different Cu^{2+} ion concentrations too in Figure 3.11.

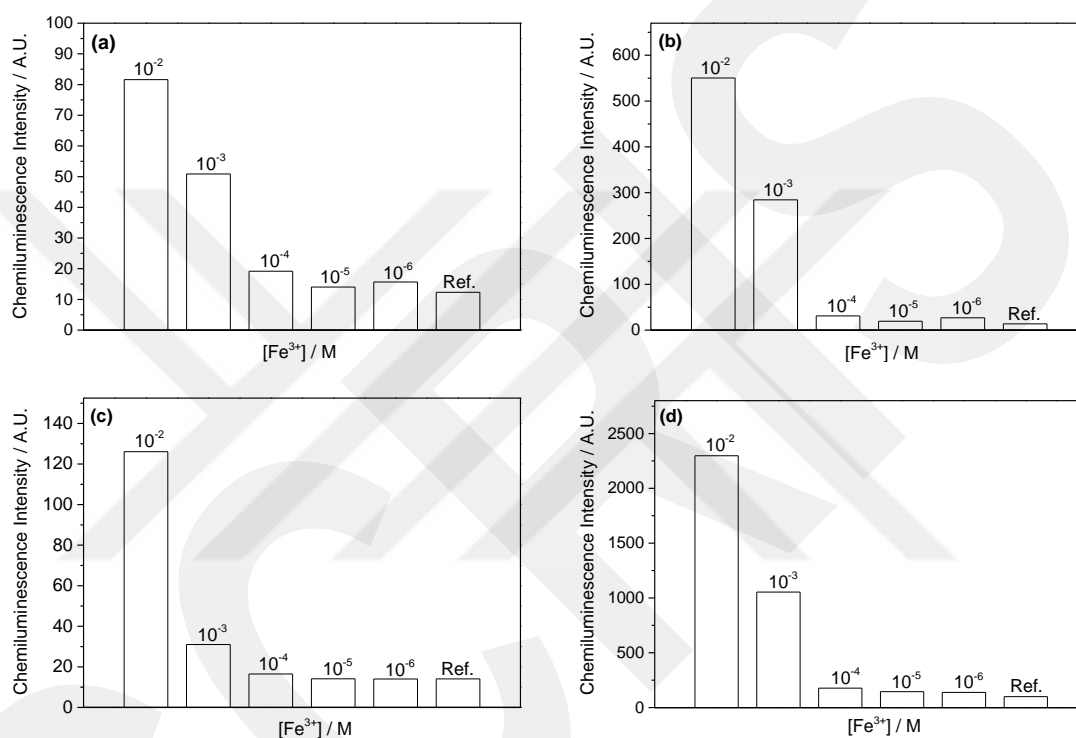


Figure 3.10 The CL intensity of 1.0×10^{-6} M of (a) F₂B-Lum, (b) S₂B-Lum, (c) S₂T-Lum and (d) luminol with 1.0×10^{-3} M H_2O_2 in 0.1 M NaOH(aq) in the presence of different Fe^{3+} ion concentrations

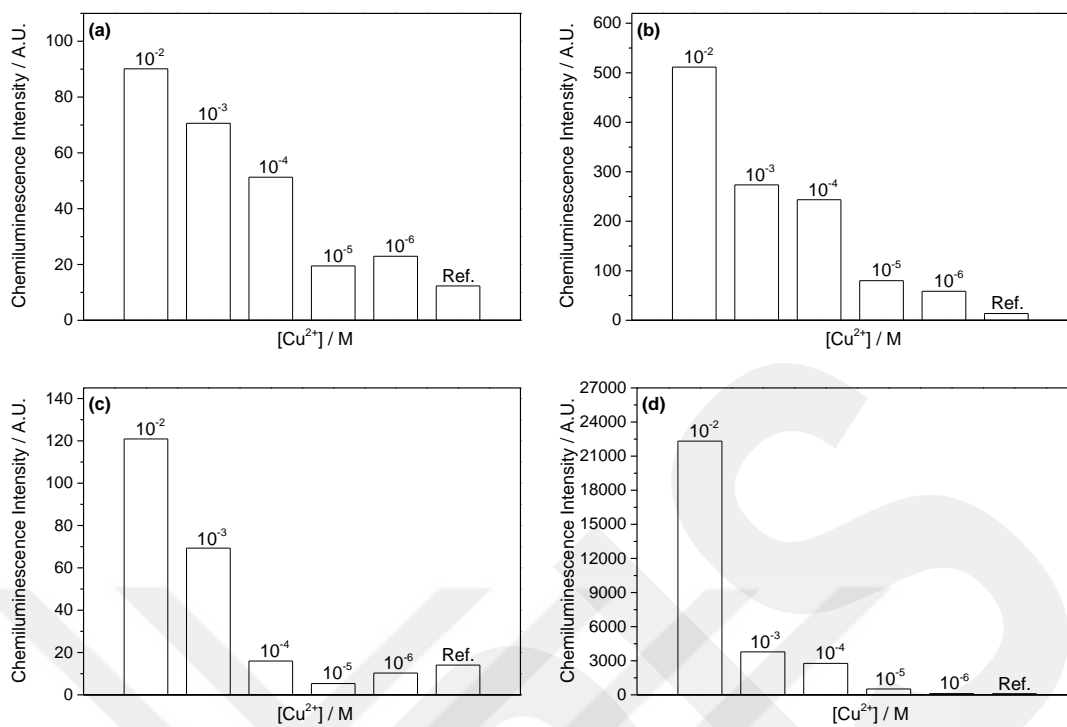


Figure 3.11 The CL intensity of 1.0×10^{-6} M of (a) F₂B-Lum, (b) S₂B-Lum, (c) S₂T-Lum and (d) luminol with 1.0×10^{-3} M H₂O₂ in 0.1 M NaOH(aq) in the presence of different Cu²⁺ ion concentrations

Like the Fe^{3+} ion, it is seen that the CL reaction of the compounds is catalyzed by hemin even up to a concentration of 10^{-6} M (Figure 3.12). The intensity obtained from the CL reactions of the compounds in the presence of hemin increased in direct proportion to the hemin concentration.

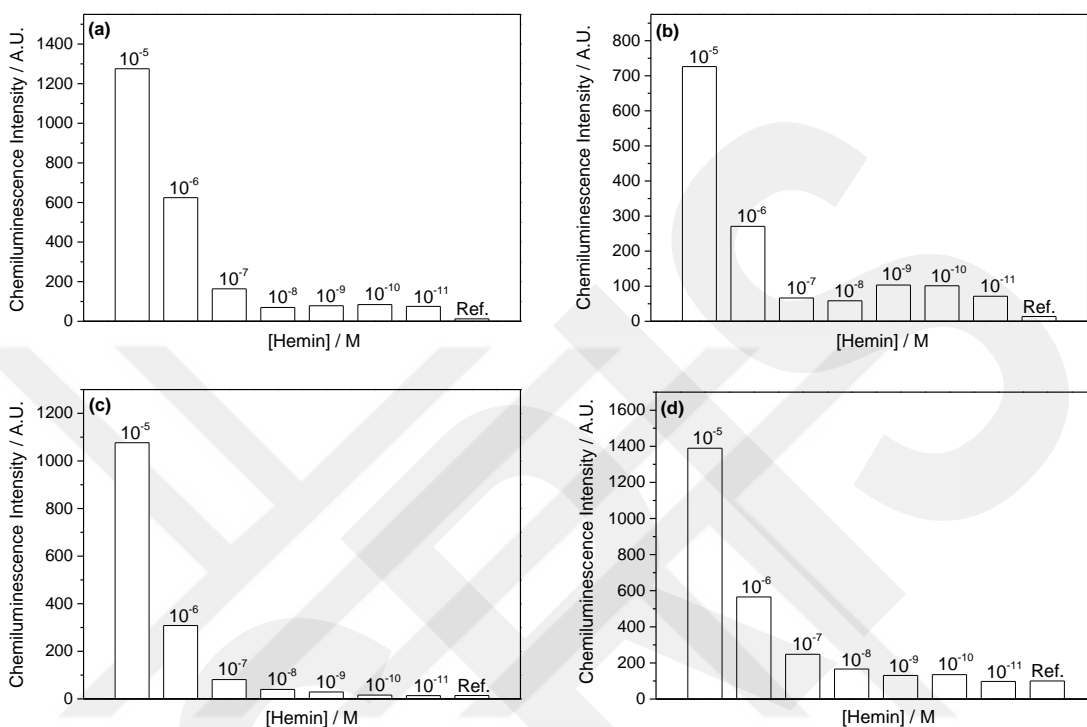


Figure 3.12 The CL intensity of 1.0×10^{-6} M of (a) F₂B-Lum, (b) S₂B-Lum, (c) S₂T-Lum and (d) luminol with 1.0×10^{-3} M H₂O₂ in 0.1 M NaOH(aq) in the presence of different hemin concentrations

Like the catalytic effect of hemin samples on the CL reaction of the compounds, a similar behavior was expected to be observed in blood samples. Therefore, the reaction was repeated with blood samples diluted with different proportions of water. The CL of the compounds was observed even in the dilution of blood at a rate of 1 to 100,000 for F₂B-Lum, at a rate of 1 to 1,000,000 for S₂B-Lum and at a rate of 1 to 1,000,000 for S₂T-Lum (Figure 3.13).

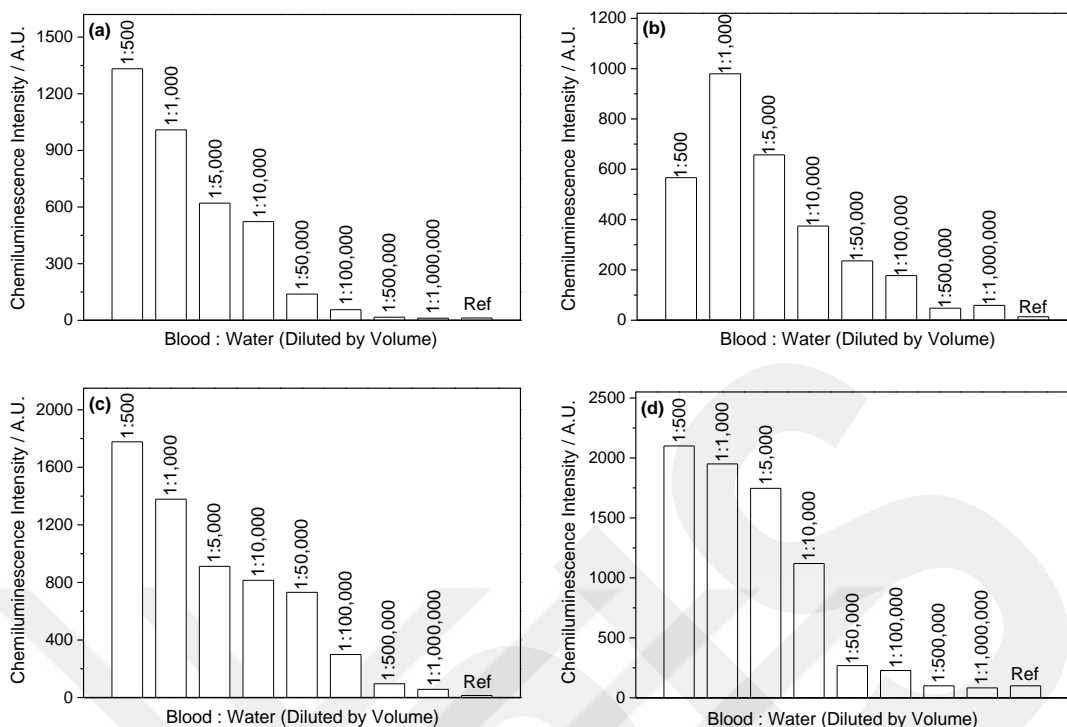


Figure 3.13 The CL intensity of 1.0×10^{-6} M of (a) F₂B-Lum, (b) S₂B-Lum, (c) S₂T-Lum and (d) luminol with 1.0×10^{-3} M H₂O₂ in 0.1 M NaOH(aq) in the presence of blood samples diluted with water in different ratios

Although blood detection was aimed in forensic medicine in this study due to the Fe³⁺ ion content of hemoglobin in the blood, it was observed that CL compounds were generally more sensitive to copper as a result of the analyzes. For this reason, in addition to iron, other metal ratios in the blood were also investigated. While copper in the blood is 0.131-0.132 mg per hundred cubic centimeters, the iron rate is 45.0-50.0 mg per hundred cubic centimeters. This means that the iron concentration in the blood is approximately 8.5×10^{-3} M. The amount of copper ion in the blood is 360 times less than the iron ion [71]. Concentrations of other metals in the blood are also traces compared to iron ions [72]. For this reason, iron ion sensitivity is great importance for blood detection.

3.4 Electrochemical Behaviors of F₂B-Lum and S₂B-Lum and Their Use in Reactive Oxygen Species Detection

In order to examine the redox behavior of the compounds, cyclic voltammetry method was used. In Figure 3.14(a), as a representative example, F₂B-Lum exhibits an irreversible oxidation signal at 1.83 V ($V_{\text{onset}}=1.50$ V) during anodic scanning. Unfortunately, F₂B-Lum couldn't be polymerized successfully via repeating cycles between 0.0 and 2.0 V. On the other hand, during a cathodic scan F₂B-Lum does not represent any reduction peak under inert atmosphere. It is well-known that dissolved oxygen species in the electrolyte solution can be reduced by applying an external potential of about -1.0 V to the working electrode under ambient conditions. Therefore, reactive oxygen species can be obtained, and they can attack a chemiluminescent compound in the medium. Under the light of this information, an experiment was performed for F₂B-Lum via square wave potential technique by applying 0.0 V and -1.05 V. As expected, reactive oxygen species were formed and they attacked to F₂B-Lum; therefore, the CL reaction was triggered. This reaction can be followed via PMT integrated to the electrolysis cell. Figure 3.14(b) represents the CL reaction of F₂B-Lum with reactive oxygen species created in the medium. A similar behavior was also observed for S₂B-Lum (see Figure 3.15). During anodic scan S₂B-Lum exhibited one irreversible oxidation signal at 1.64 V ($V_{\text{onset}}=1.37$ V) with a shoulder at 1.06 V ($V_{\text{onset}}=0.84$ V) and unfortunately it couldn't also be polymerized.

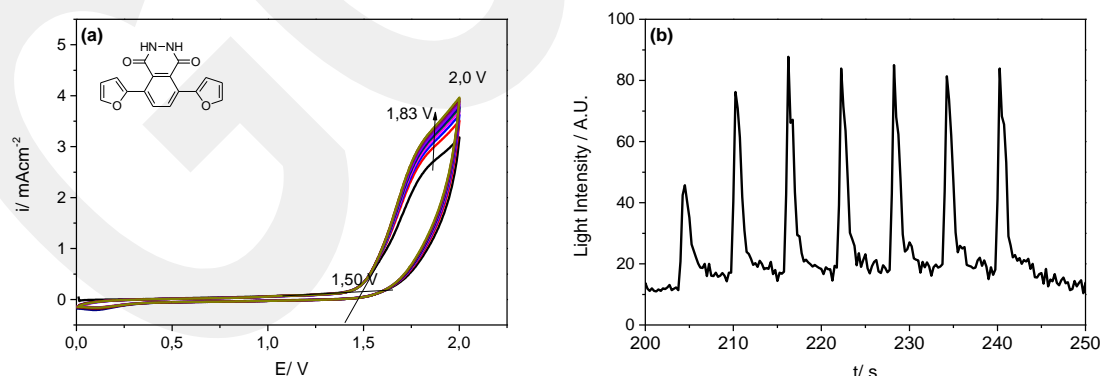


Figure 3.14 Cyclic voltammograms of F₂B-Lum on Pt electrode in 0.1 M TBAH/ACN electrolyte solution between 0.0 V and 2.0 V at a scan rate of 100 mV/s and under inert atmosphere (b) CL intensity of F₂B-Lum with reactive oxygen species formed via square wave potential method at -1.05 V (2 s) and 0.0 V (5 s) in 0.1 M TBAH/ACN electrolyte solution under ambient condition

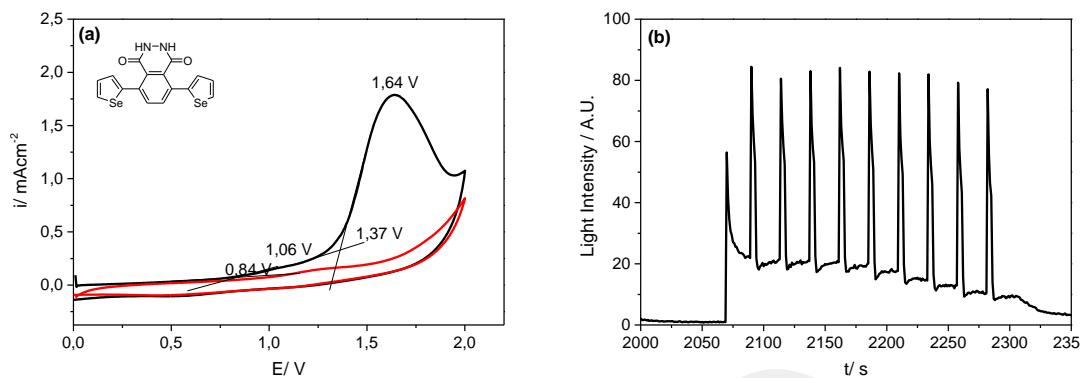


Figure 3.15 Cyclic voltammograms of S_2B -Lum on Pt electrode in 0.1 M TBAH/ACN electrolyte solution between 0.0 V and 2.0 V at a scan rate of 100 mV/s and under inert atmosphere (b) CL intensity of S_2B -Lum with reactive oxygen species formed via square wave potential method at -1.05 V (2 s) and 0.0 V (5 s) in 0.1 M TBAH/ACN electrolyte solution under ambient condition

3.5 Electropolymerization of S_2T -Lum

As seen in Figure 3.16, during anodic scan S_2T -Lum exhibited a well-defined irreversible oxidation signal at 1.28 V ($V_{\text{onset}}=1.12$ V), which is responsible from electropolymerization.

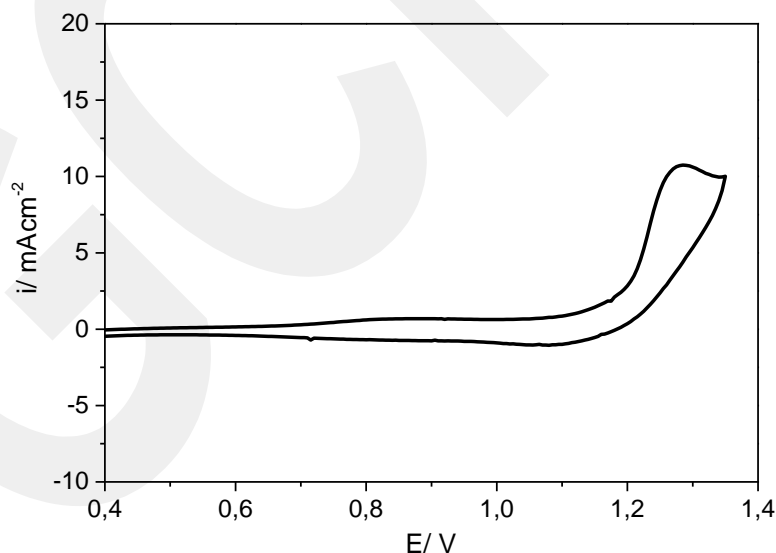


Figure 3.16 Cyclic voltammogram of S_2T -Lum on Pt electrode in 0.1 M TBAH/ACN- $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$ (95:5- v/v) electrolyte solution between 0.25 V and 1.3 V at a scan rate of 100 mV/s

Electrochemical polymerization was performed successfully via repeating cycles between 0.25 V and 1.35 V (see Figure 3.17). After the first cycle, a new redox couple appears and its current intensity increases as a function of cycle numbers, which confirms the formation of an electroactive polymer film (PS₂T-Lum) on the electrode surface and an increase in the film thickness after each cycle.

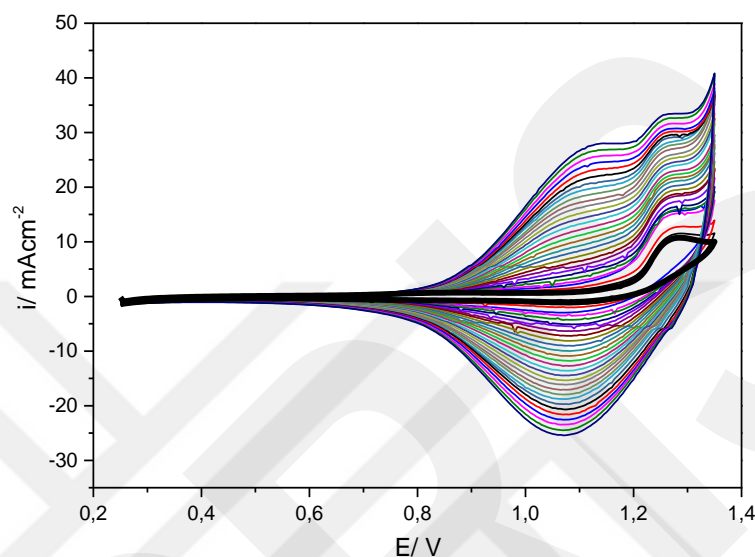


Figure 3.17 Electropolymerization of S₂T-Lum on Pt electrode in 0.1 M TBAH/ACN-BF₃.Et₂O (95:5- v/v) electrolyte solution between 0.25 V and 1.35 V at a scan rate of 100 mV/s

In order to investigate the redox behavior of the polymer film, cyclic voltammograms were taken in a monomer-free electrolyte solution. As shown in Figure 3.18, the PS₂T-Lum film represented a reversible redox couple with a half wave of 1.11 V. Also, the current intensity of redox couple increases as a function of scan rates, which confirms non-diffusional redox process and the presence of a well-adhered electroactive polymer film on the electrode surface.

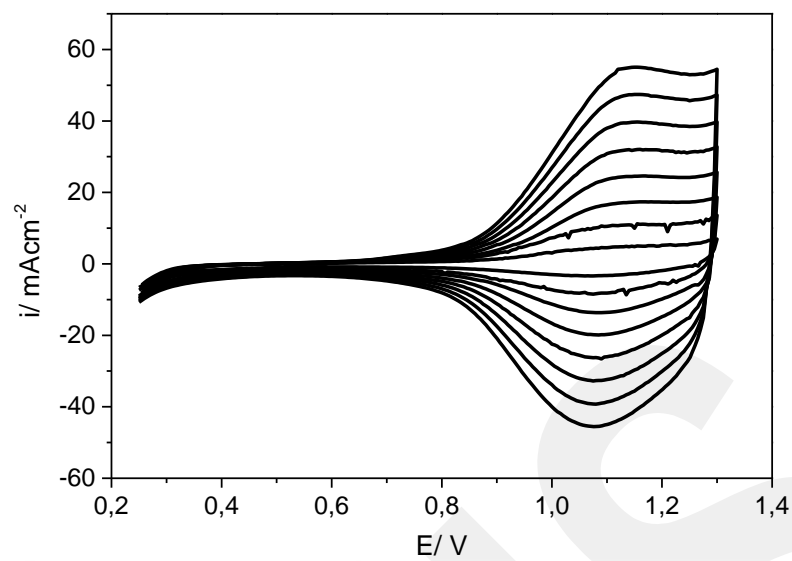


Figure 3.18 Redox behavior of PS₂T-Lum film on Pt electrode in 0.1 M TBAH/ACN-BF₃.Et₂O (95:5- v/v) electrolyte solution between 0.25 V and 1.3 V at various scan rates from 25 mV/s to 200 mV/s with 25 mV/s intervals

3.6 Ion Recognition Properties

In order to get some opinion about the sensitivity of the compounds towards metal ions, the effect of various metal ions on the fluorescence intensity of the compounds was investigated. It was observed that some metals decreased or increased the fluorescence intensity (Figure 3.19, Figure 3.20, Figure 3.21). On the other hand, there was a clear observation of the quenching the fluorescence intensity of the compounds completely in the presence of Cu^{2+} ions. It can be easily concluded that this sensitivity makes them a potential sensor candidate for the recognition of Cu^{2+} ions. Especially, while the fluorescence property of $\text{S}_2\text{B-Lum}$ is negligible, the radiation is observed in $\text{S}_2\text{B-Lum}$ material with the addition of metal ions (Figure 3.20).

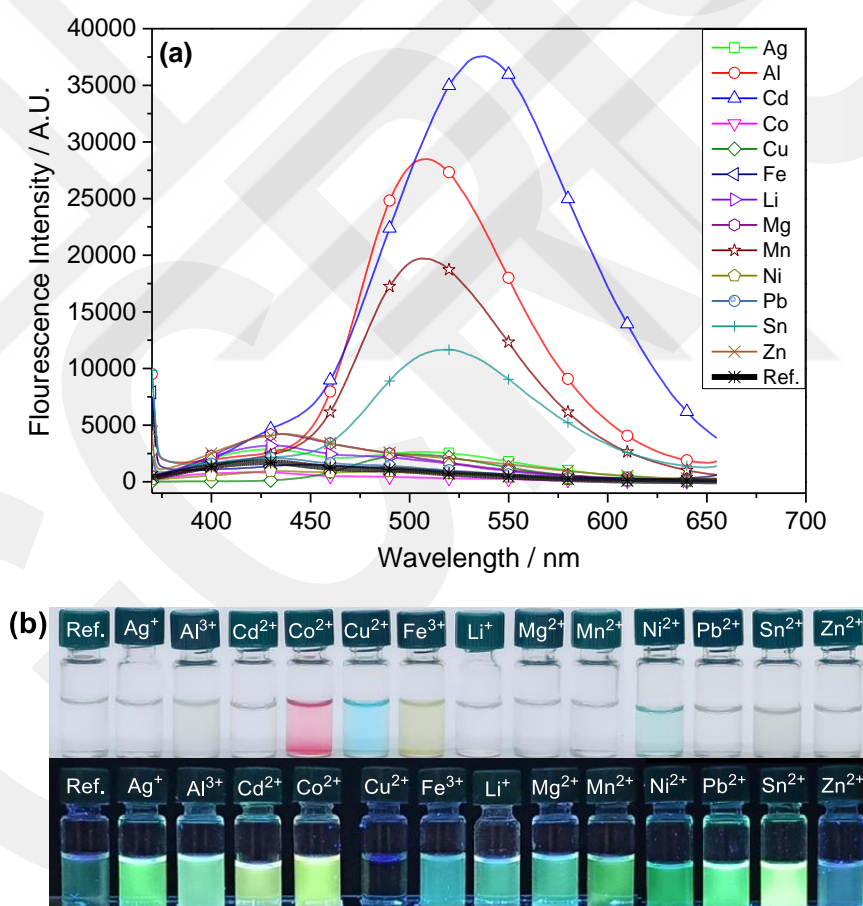


Figure 3.19 (a) Fluorogenic response of F₂B-Lum (10⁻⁵ M) to various metal ions (0.02 M) and (b) pictures of F₂B-Lum with the metal ions under daylight and UV light (365 nm)

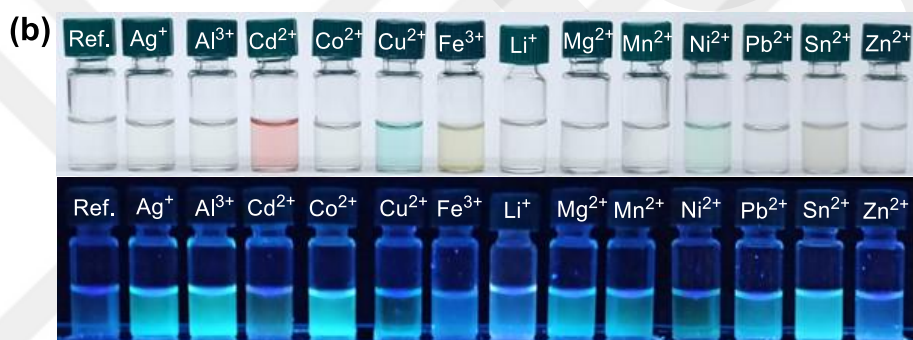
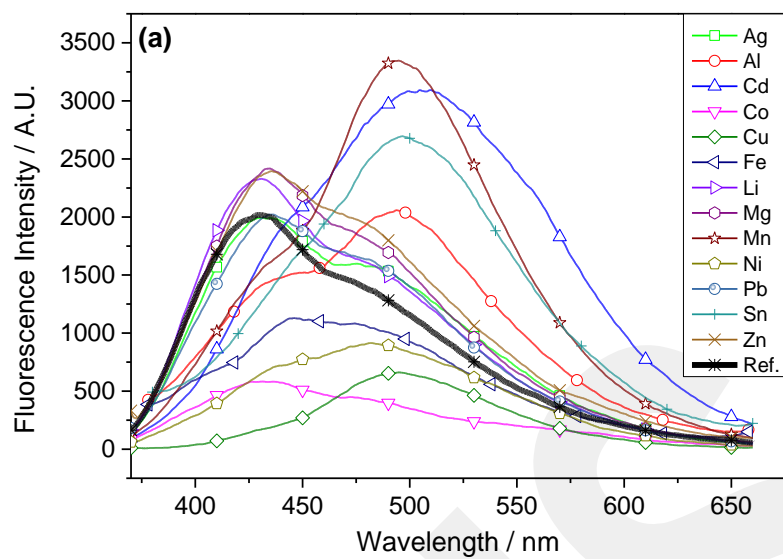


Figure 3.20 (a) Fluorogenic response of S₂B-Lum (10⁻⁴ M) to various metal ions (0.02 M) and (b) pictures of S₂B-Lum with the metal ions under daylight and UV light (365 nm)

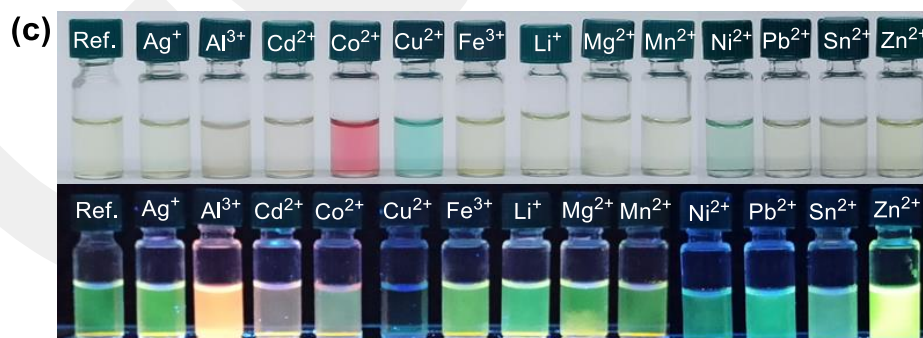
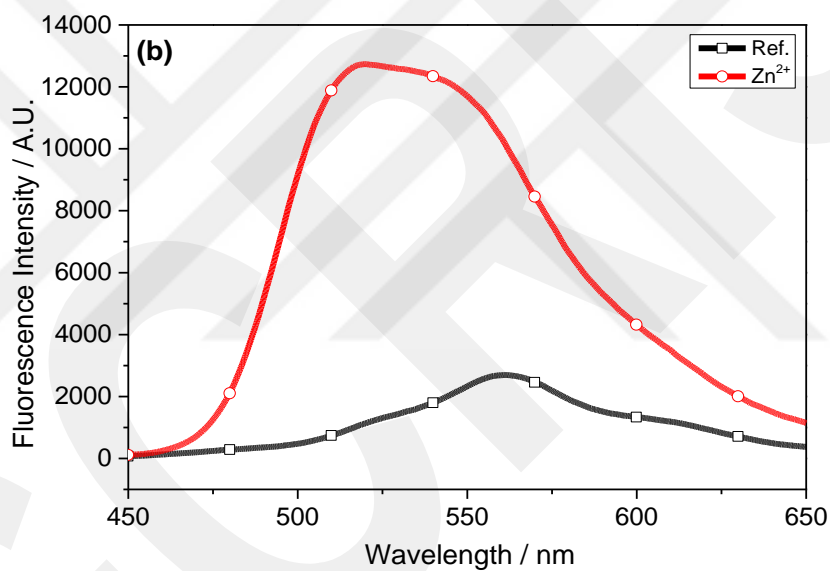
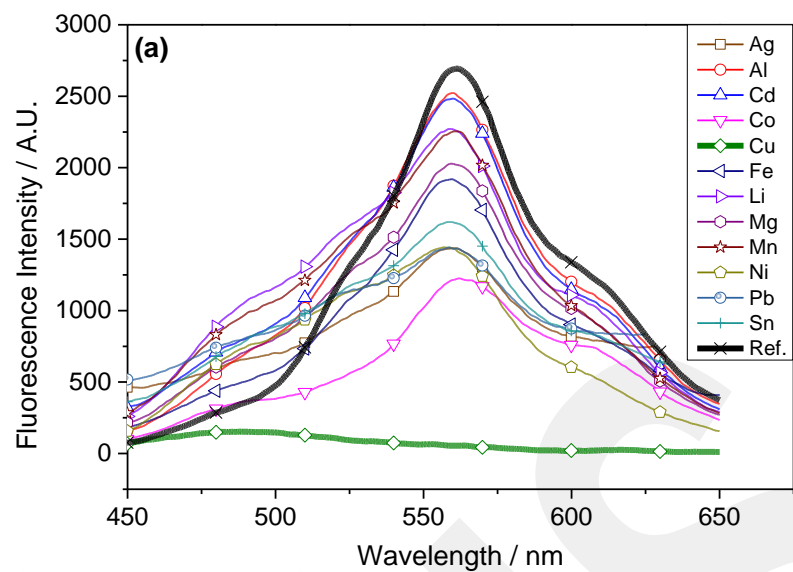


Figure 3.21 (a) Fluorogenic response of S₂T-Lum (10⁻⁵ M) to various metal ions (0.02 M)(a), (b) fluorogenic response of S₂T-Lum (10⁻⁵ M) to Zn²⁺ ion and (c) pictures of S₂T-Lum with the metal ions under daylight and UV light (365 nm) (c)

CHAPTER 4

CONCLUSION

In this study, in order to provide new luminol based CL compounds to the literature, a new series of trimeric CL compounds bearing furan and selenophene units have been successfully synthesized in two different ways. The chemical structures of the compounds (F₂B-Lum S₂B-Lum and S₂T-Lum) were characterized by using NMR, HRMS and FTIR techniques. When compared to luminol, the compounds represented low quantum yields, which can be due to the steric effect of furan and selenophene units. This can lead to large dihedral angles between D and A units and also limits the delocalization of electrons in trimeric structure. The CL properties of the compounds were examined by using various oxidants and the best result was obtained using H₂O₂ in basic medium. The CL reaction of the compounds can be catalyzed by using Fe³⁺, Cu²⁺, reactive oxygen species, hemin and blood samples. These results make them amenable to use in analytical chemistry and forensic science; for example, they are very sensitive to blood samples even at a 1 to 10.000 dilution of blood. The light formed as a result of the reaction could be seen with the naked eye as a light blue color in a dark environment. On the other hand, by using the fluorescence property of the compound, the presence of the Cu²⁺ ion can be detected by following a decrease in fluorescence intensity. Finally, S₂T-Lum can be polymerized electrochemically and the corresponding electroactive polymer PS₂T-Lum bearing CL appendages can be a precious member of luminol based polymers in the literature.

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APPENDICES

A. NMR RESULTS

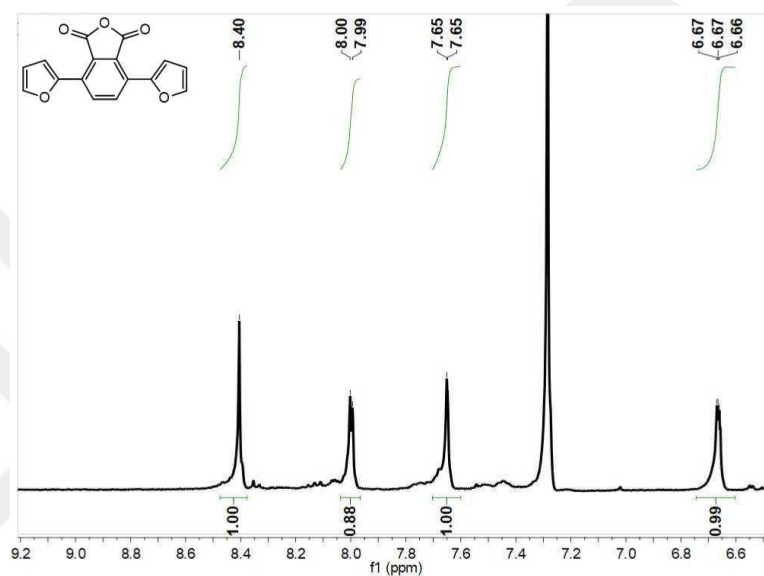


Figure A.1 ^1H NMR spectrum of F₂-PA in CDCl₃

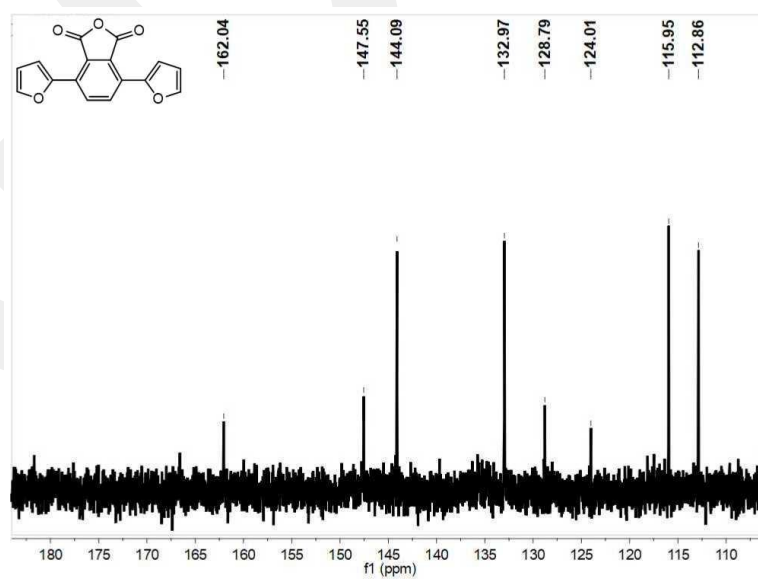


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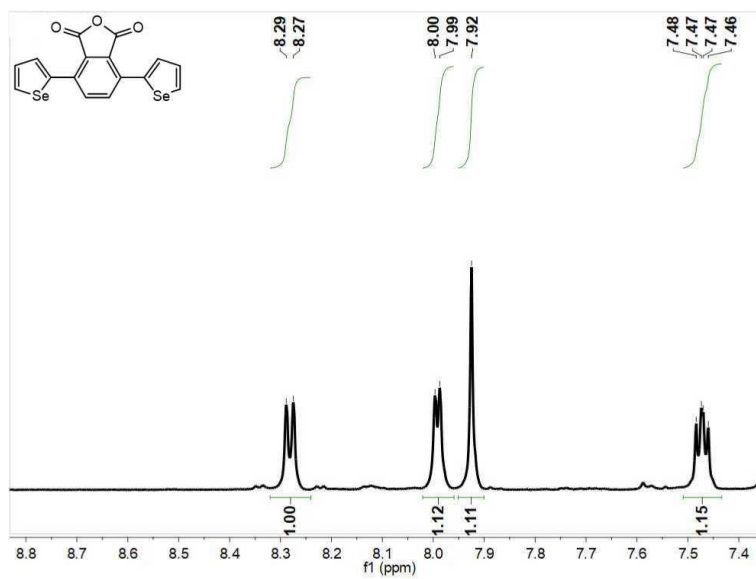


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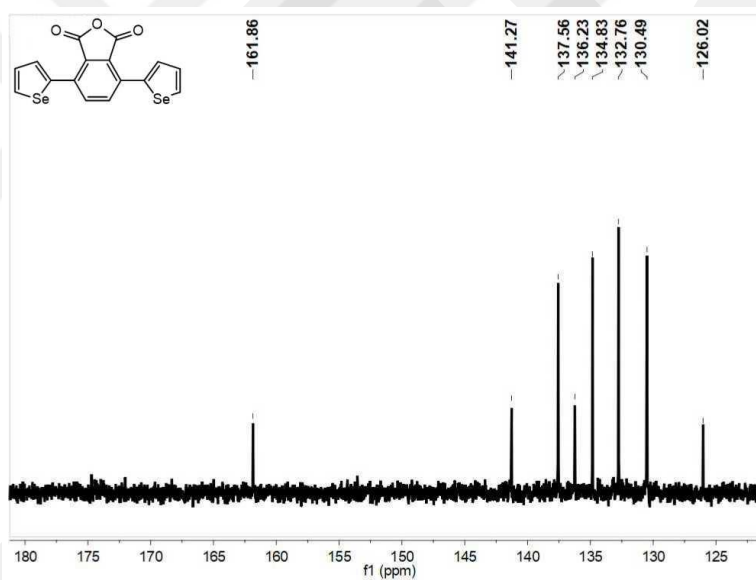


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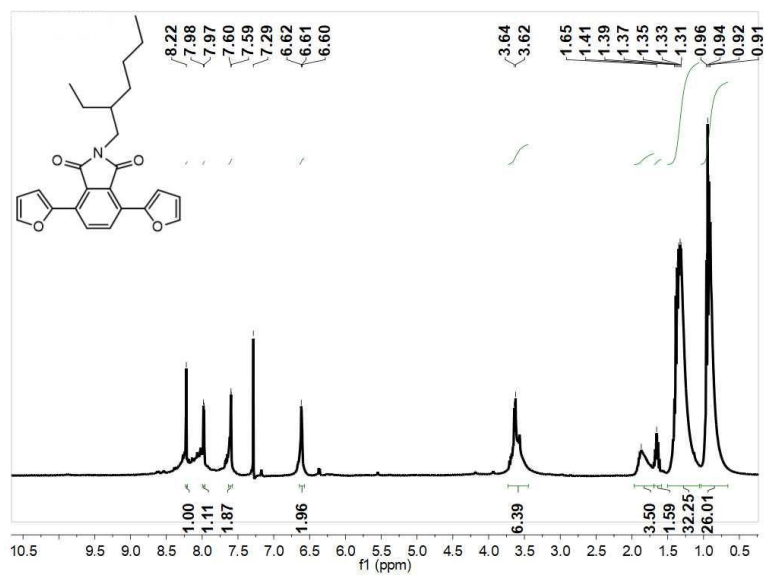


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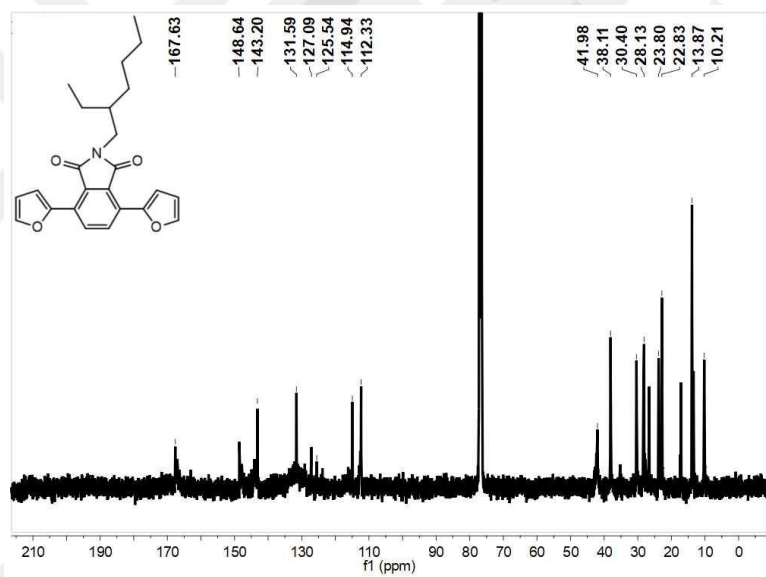


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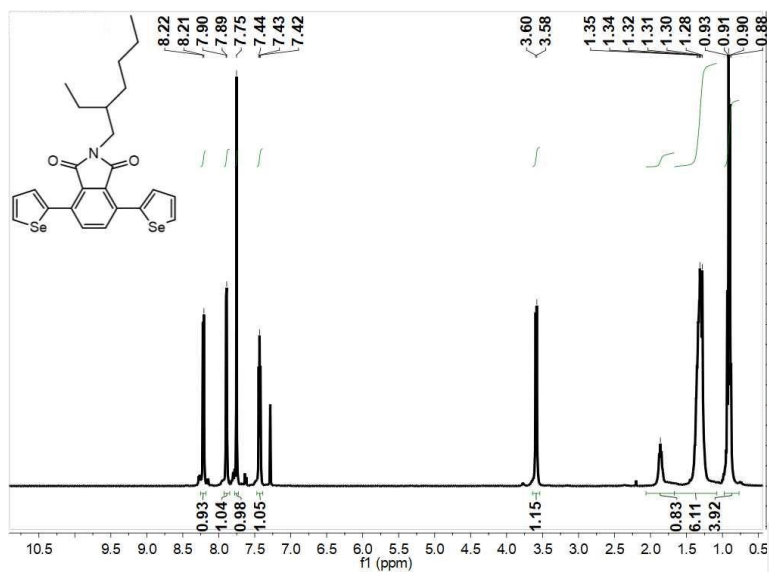


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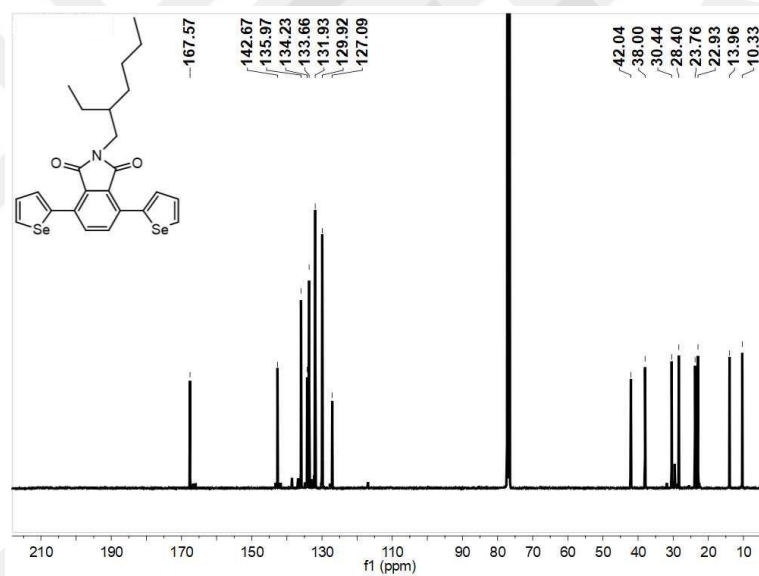


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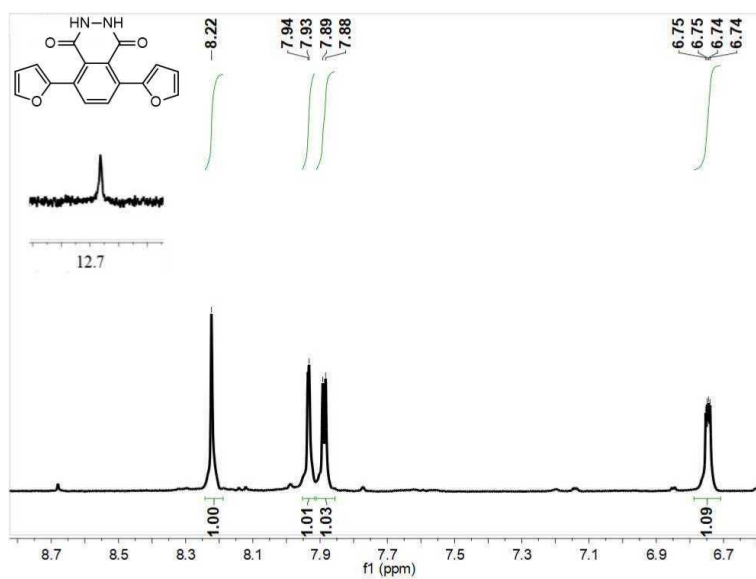


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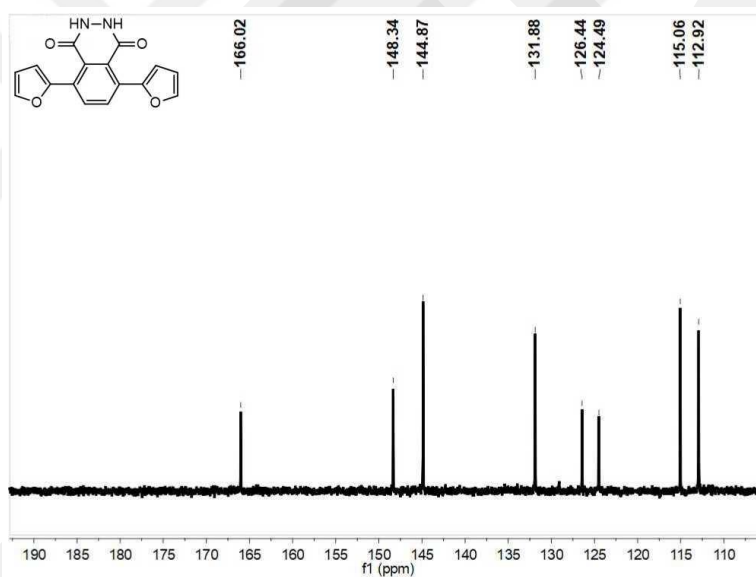


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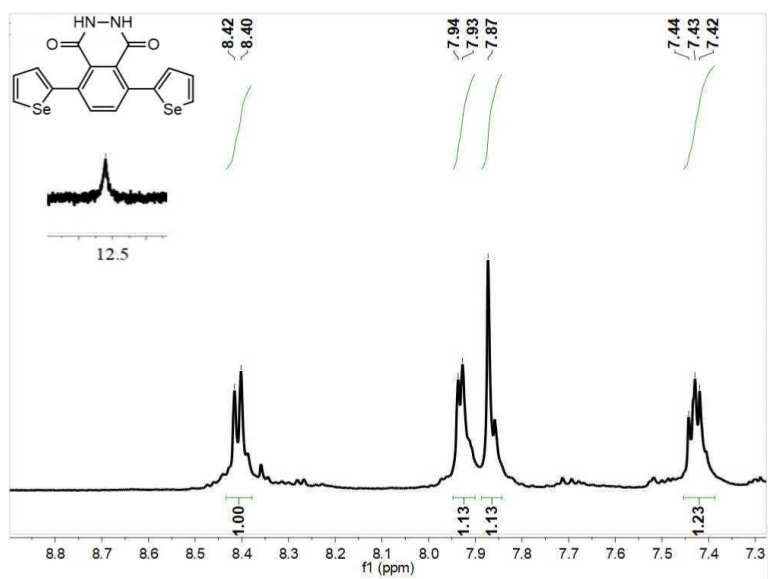


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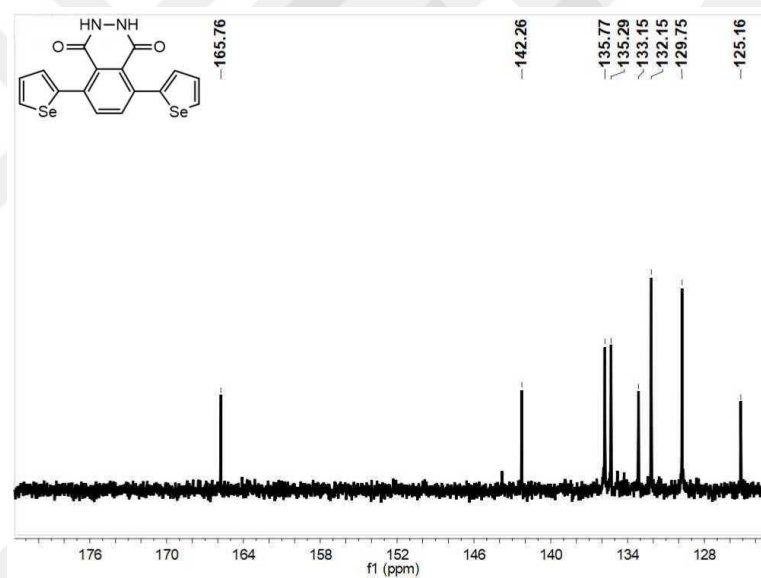


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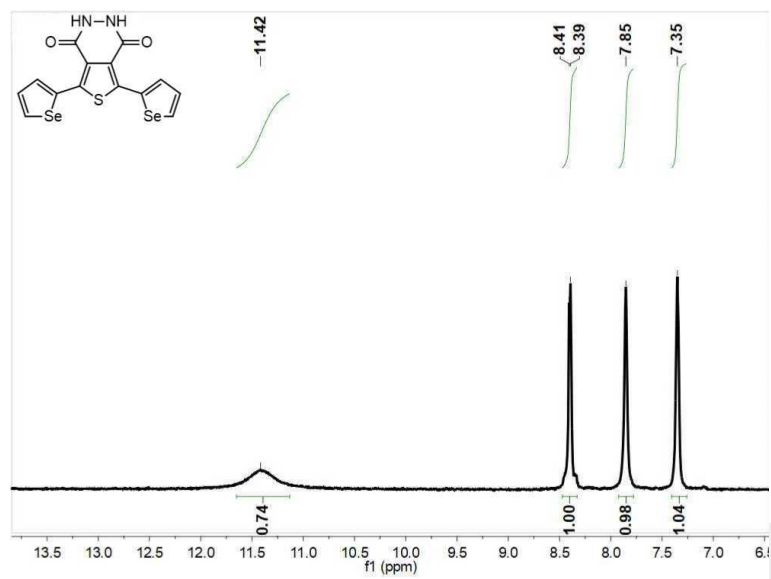


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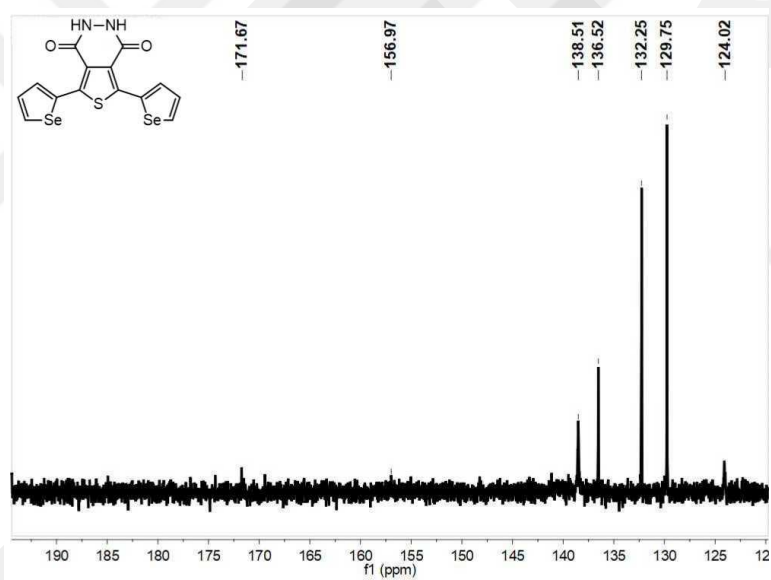


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B. FTIR RESULTS

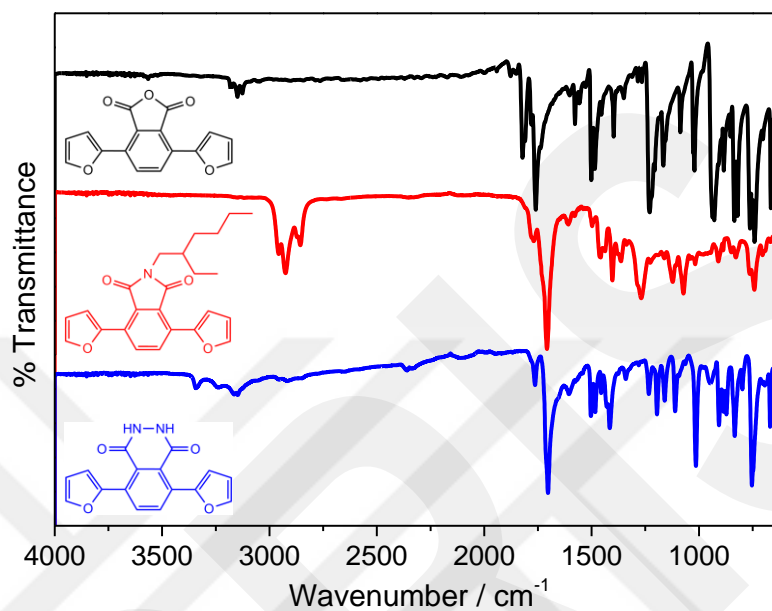


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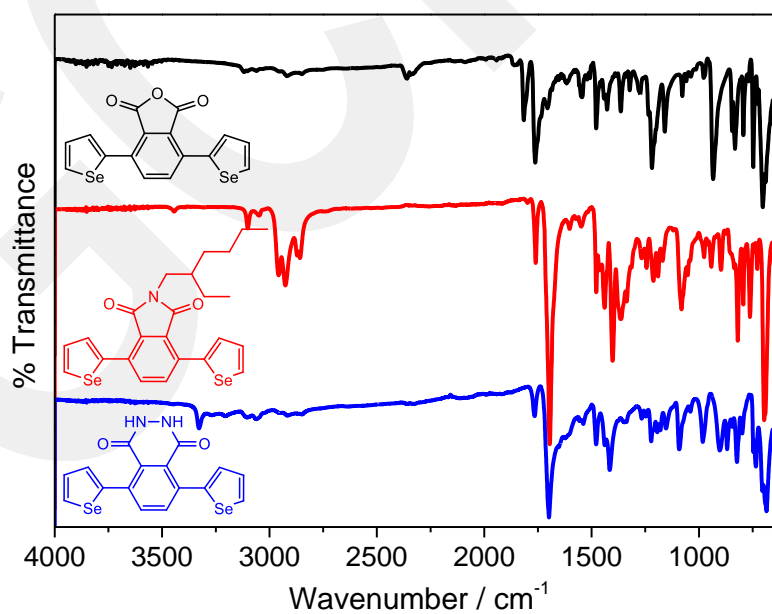


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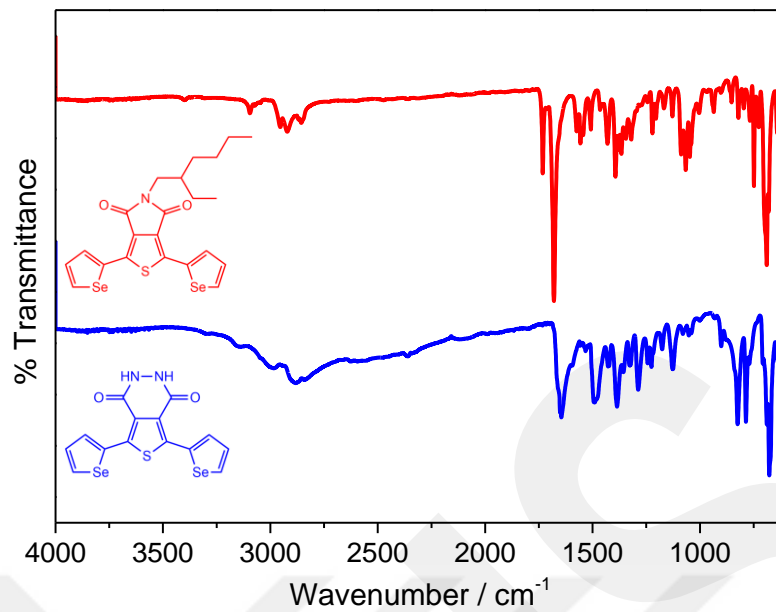


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C. HRMS RESULTS

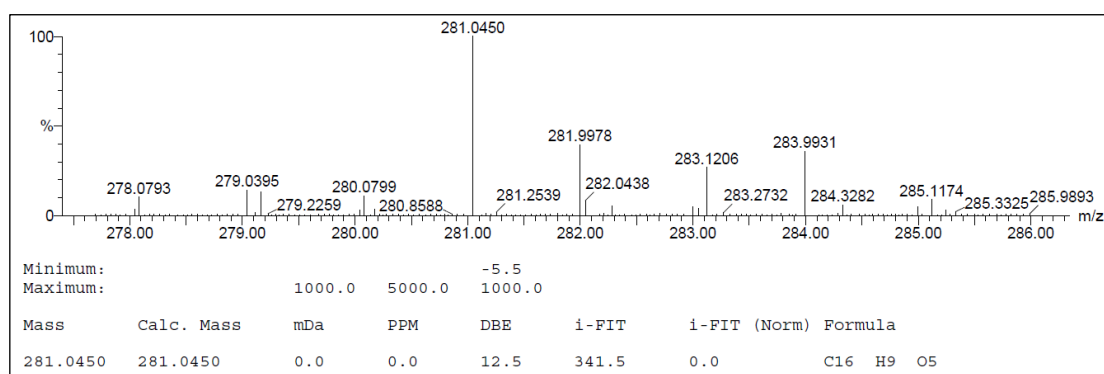


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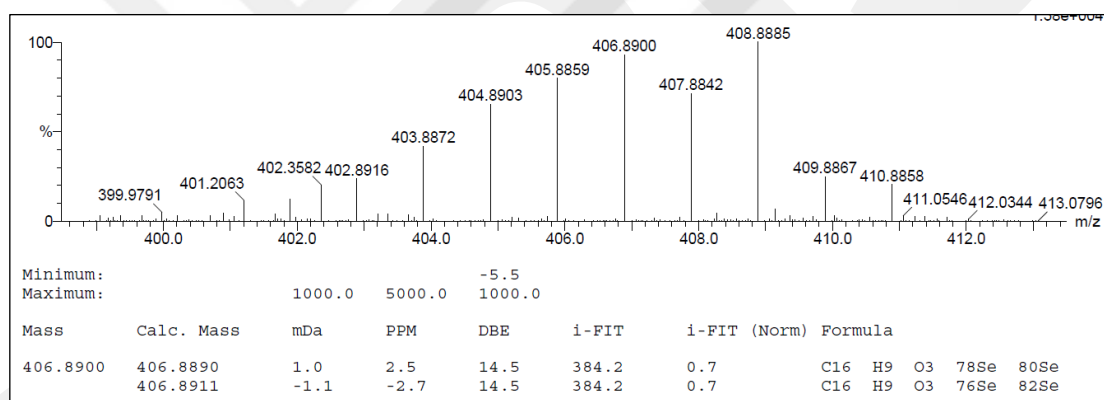


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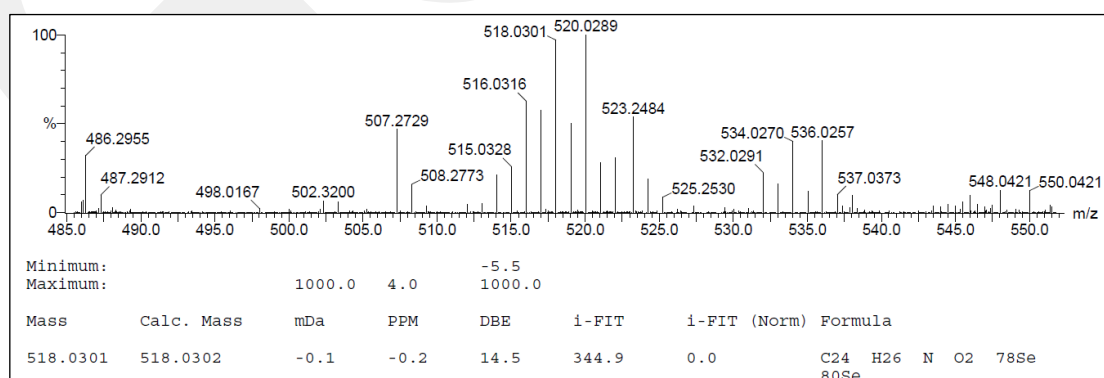


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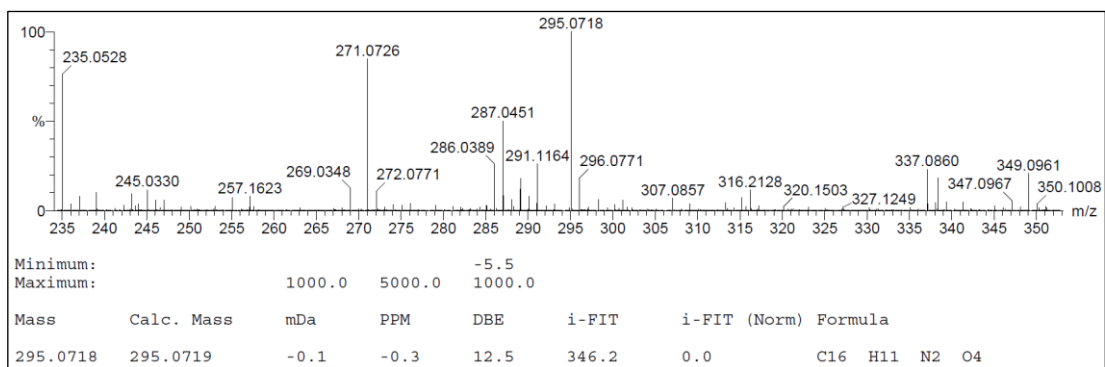


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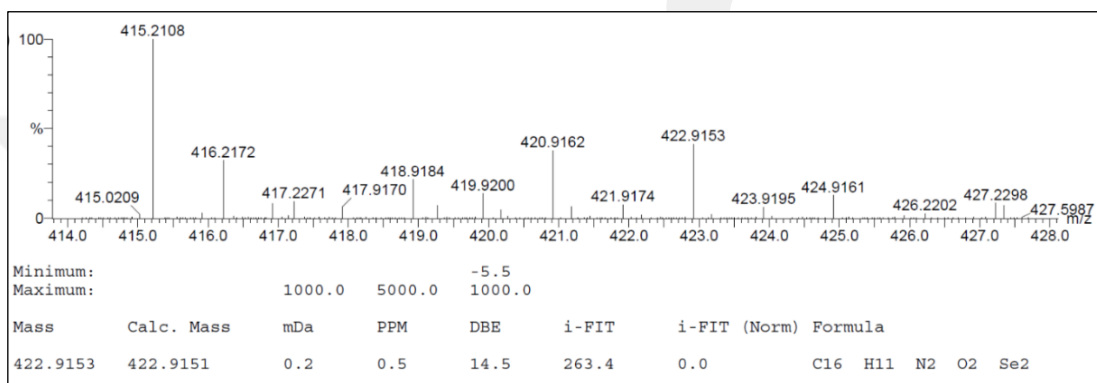


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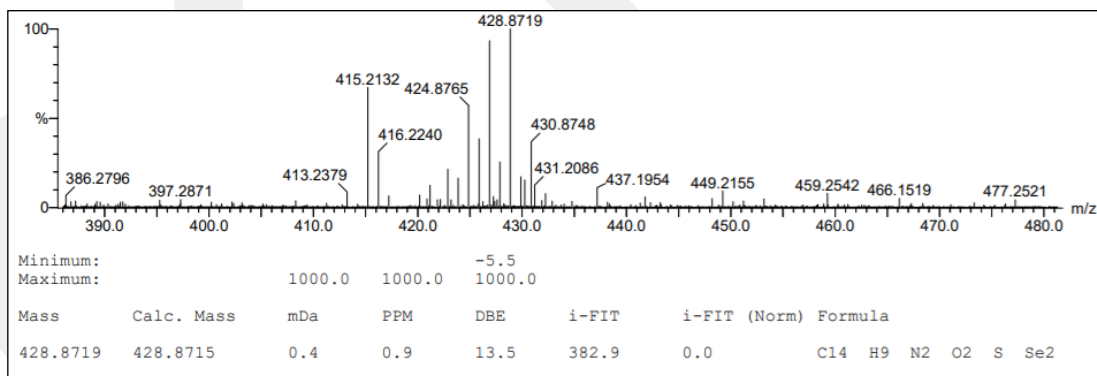


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