

*Supporting Information for*

**A turn-on, near-infrared fluorescent probe with rapid response, large stokes shift for selective and sensitive detection of zinc (II) and its application in living cells**

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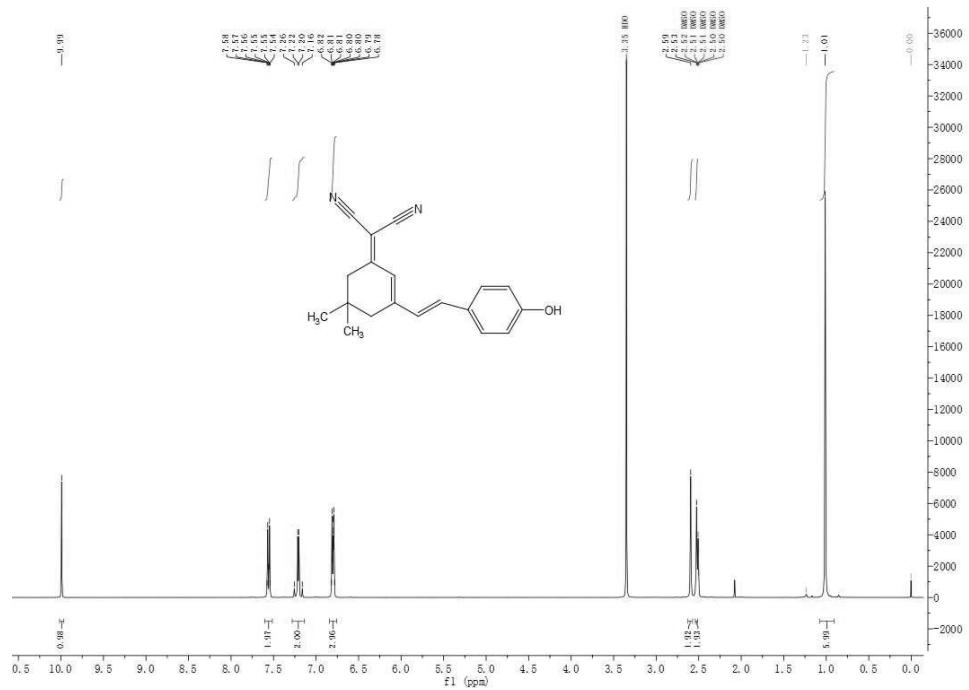
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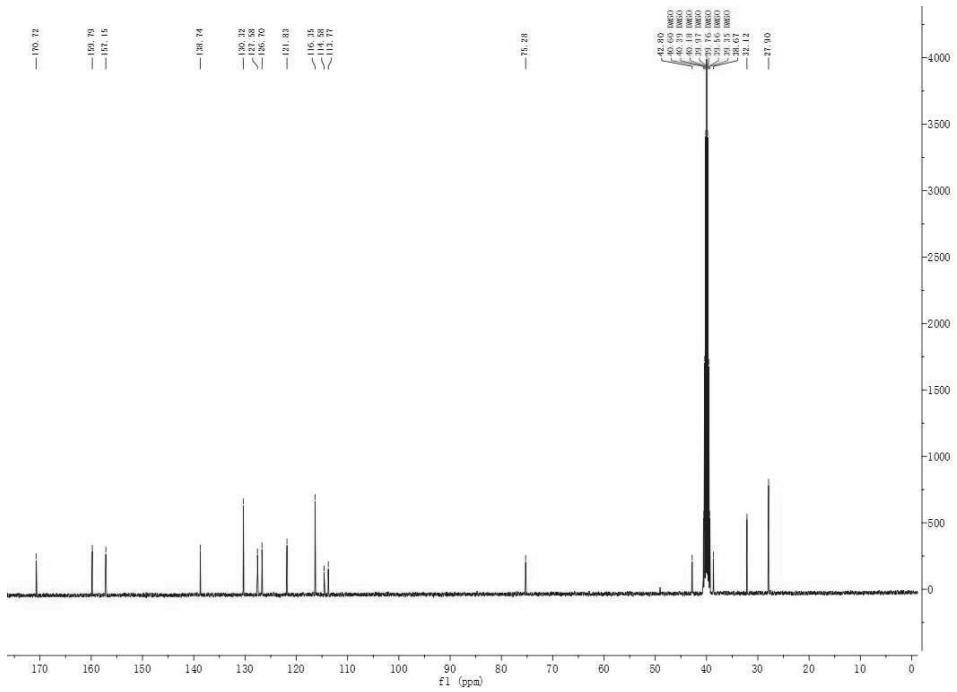
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## 1. $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum, $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectrum and MS spectrum

### **<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (Fig. S1) of compound 1**



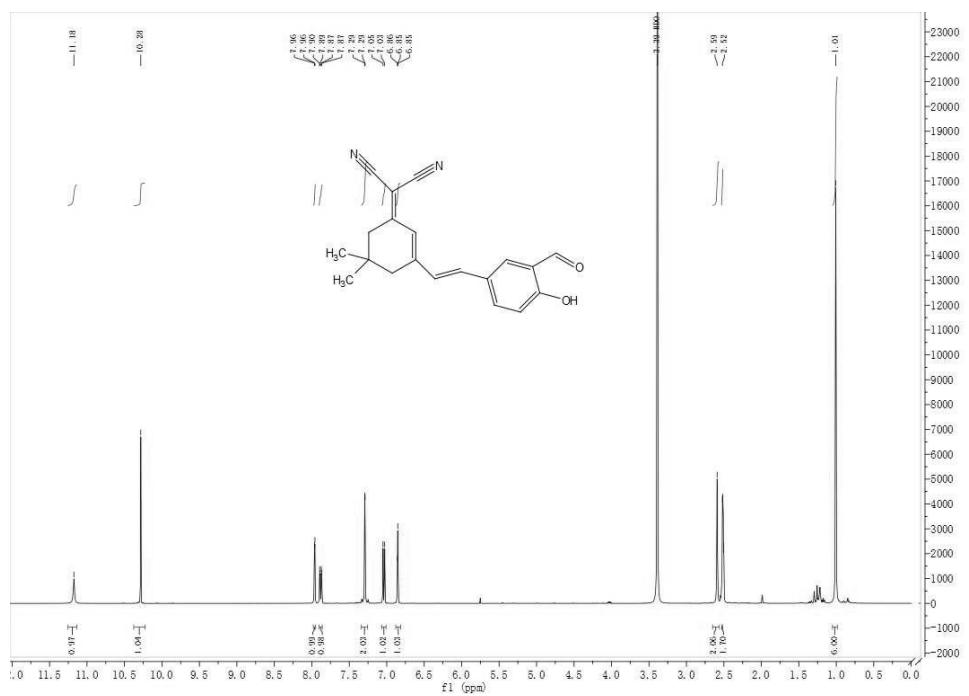
### **<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (Fig. S2) of compound 1**



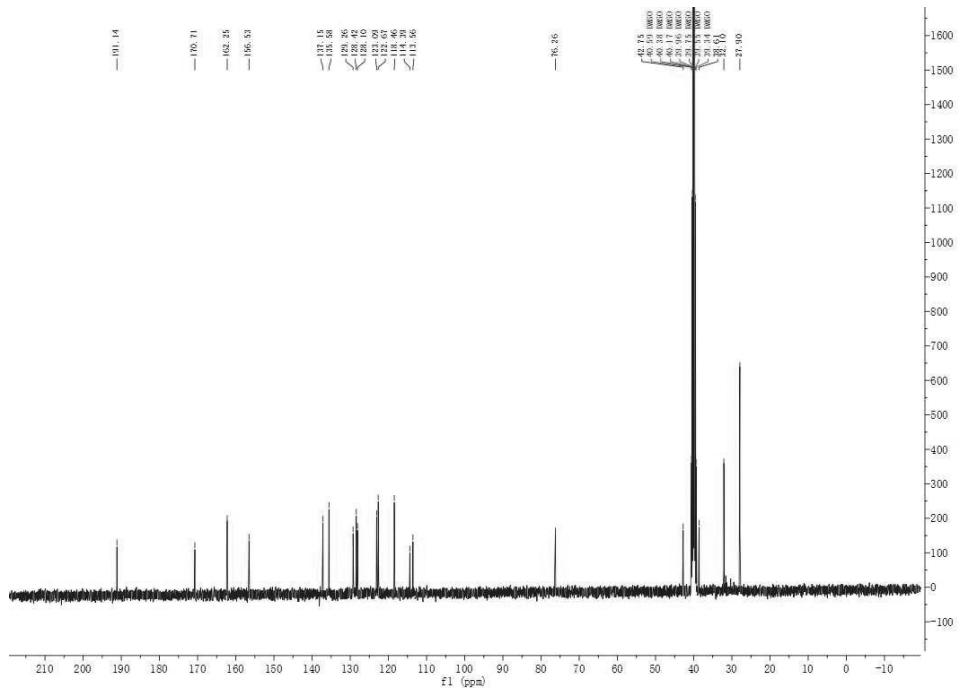
**Mass (ES-API) spectrum (Fig. S3) of compound 1:**



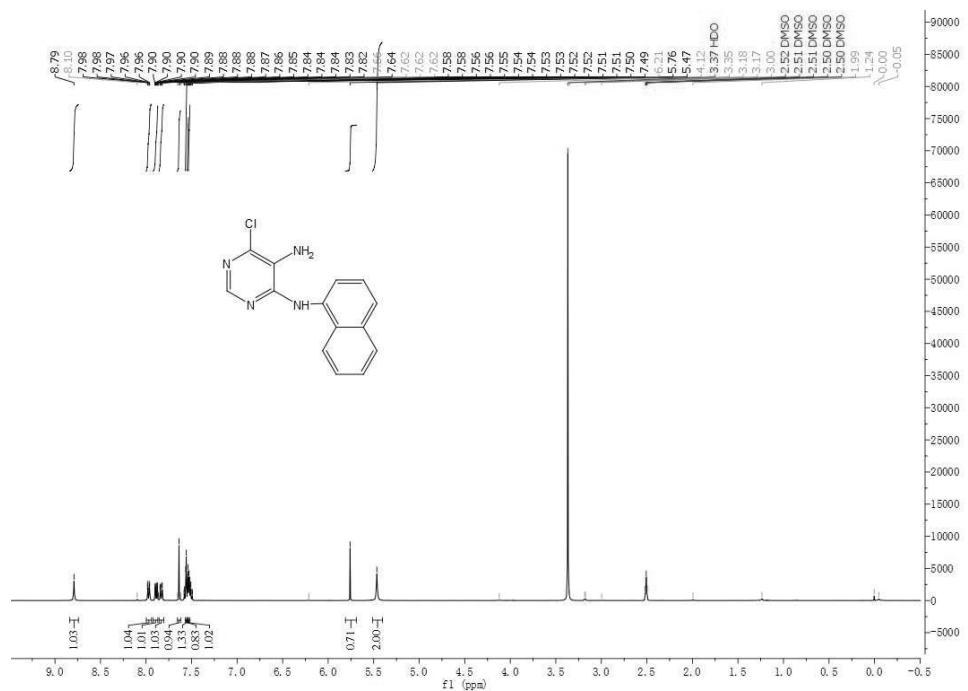
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (Fig. S4) of compound 2**



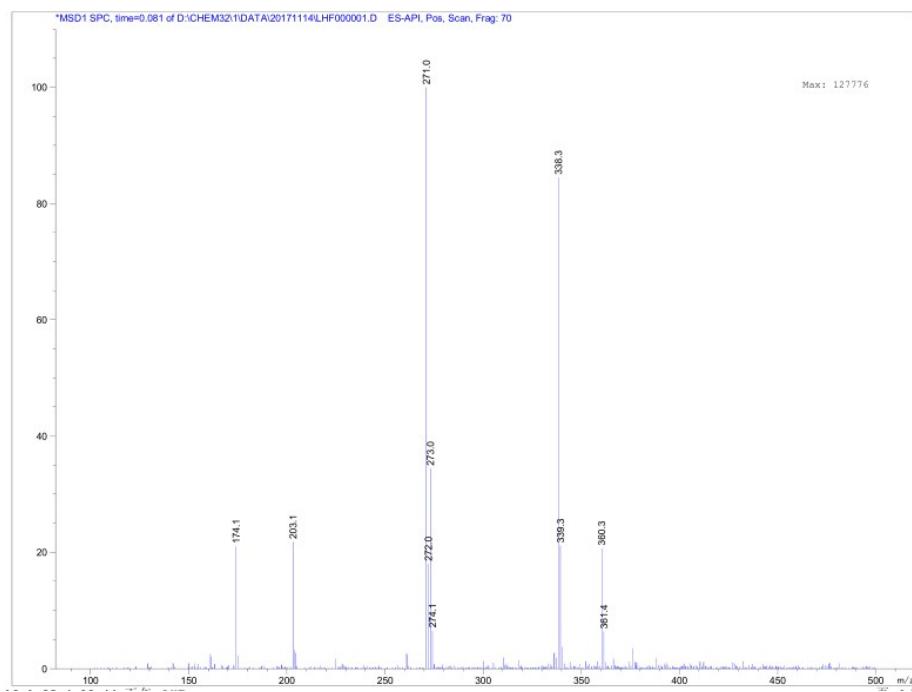
<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (Fig. S5) of compound 2

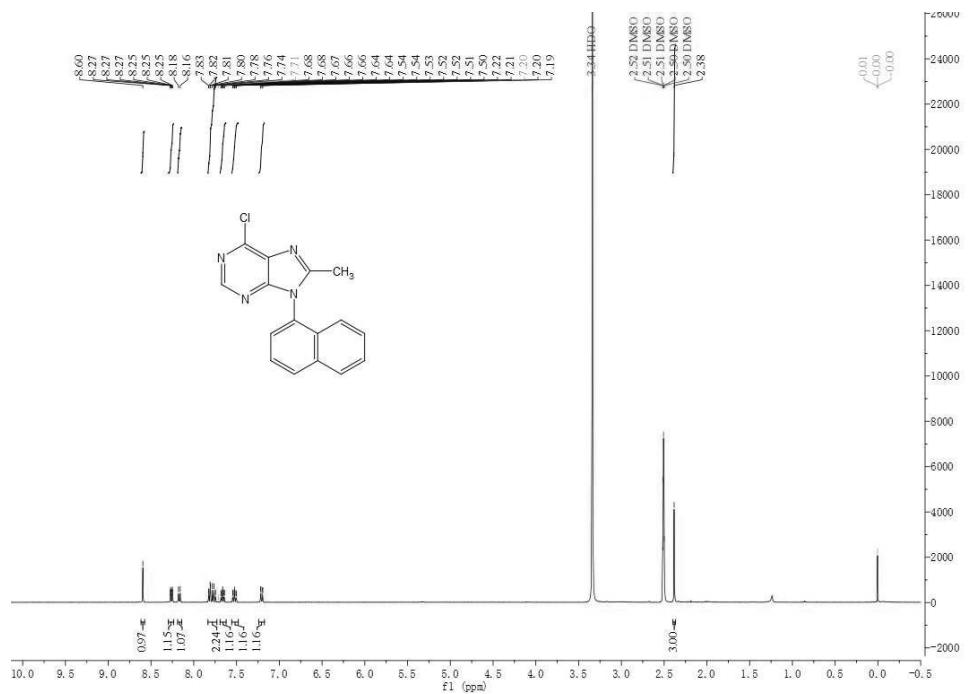


<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (Fig. S6) of compound 3

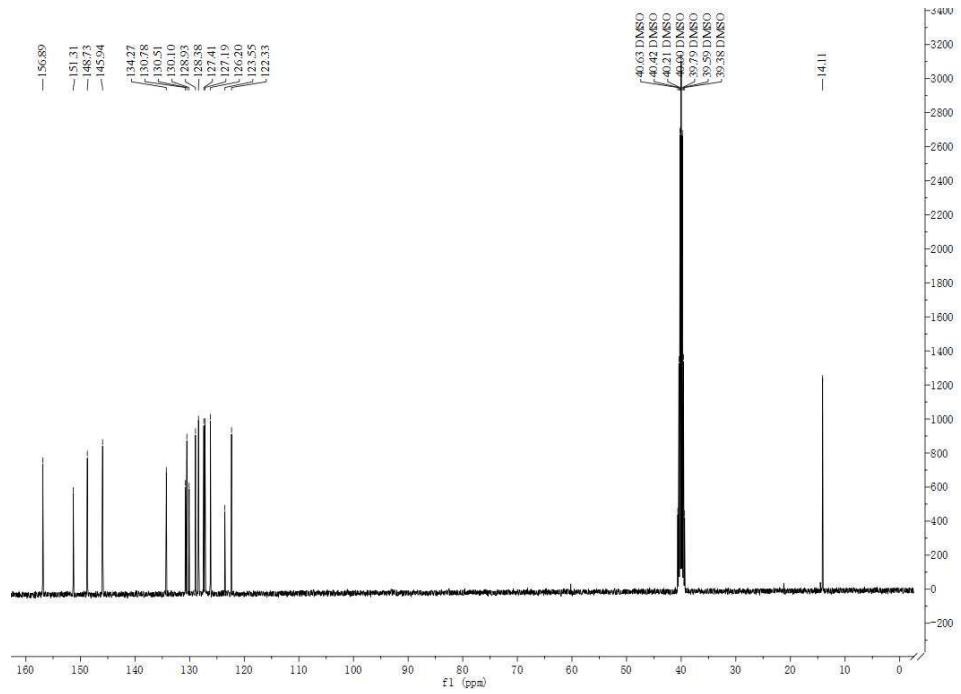


**Mass (ES-API) spectrum (Fig. S7) of compound 3**

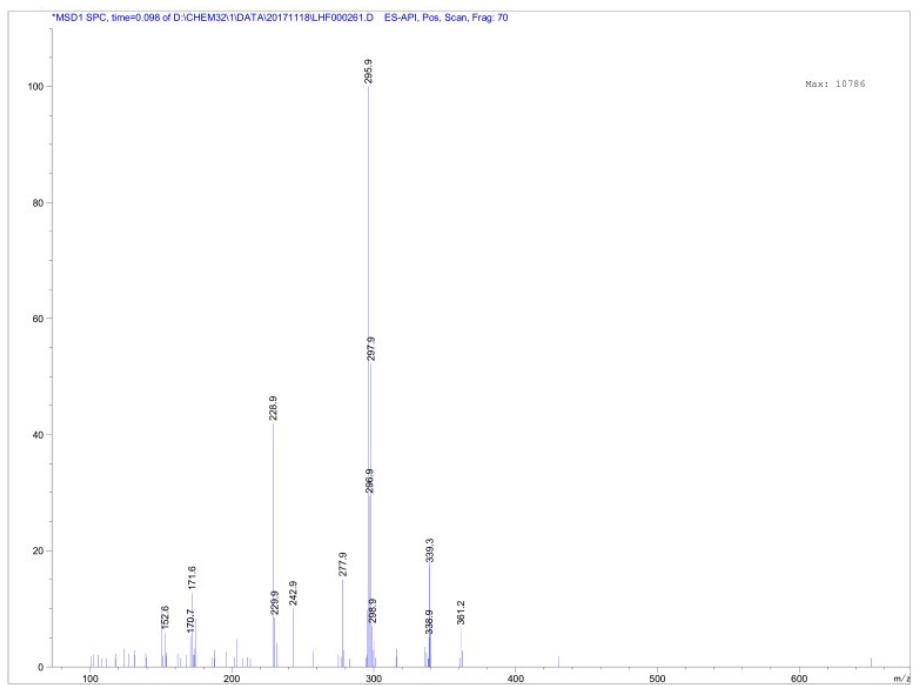




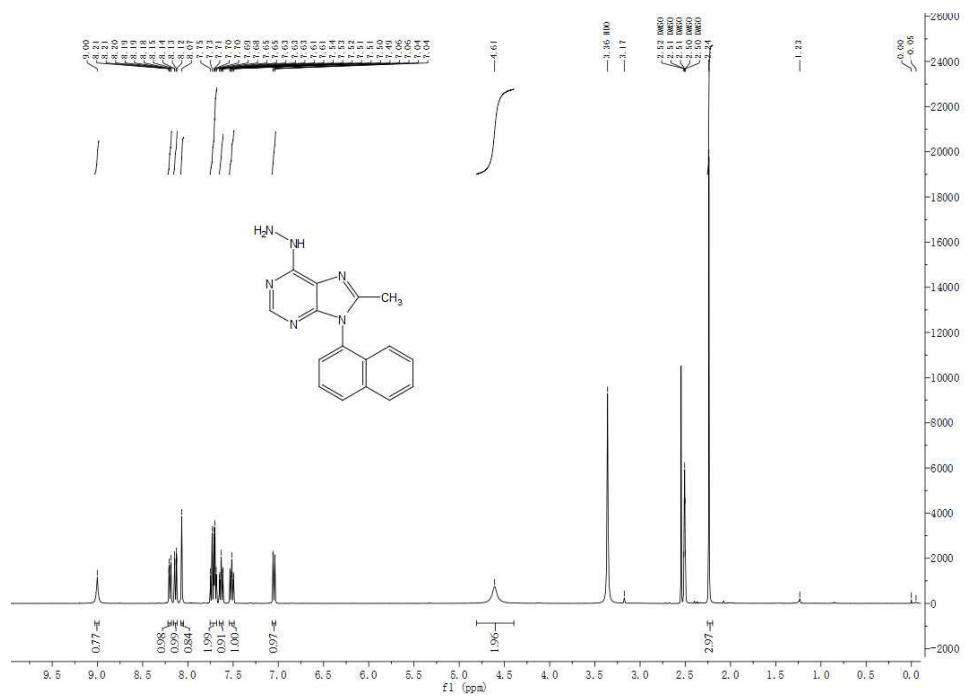
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (Fig. S9) of compound 4

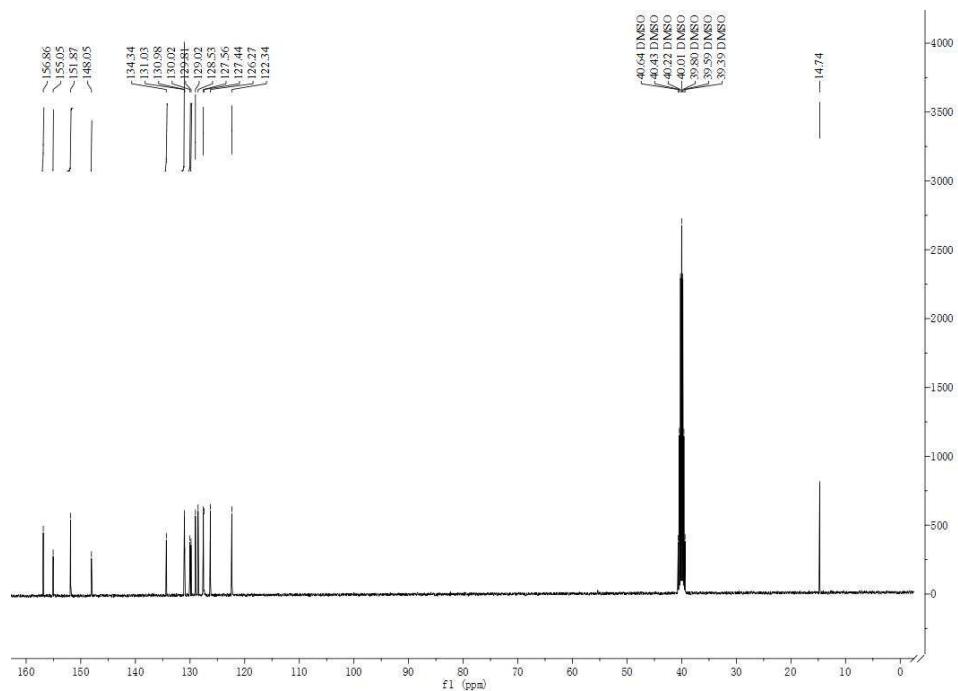


Mass (ES-API) spectrum (Fig. S10) of compound 4

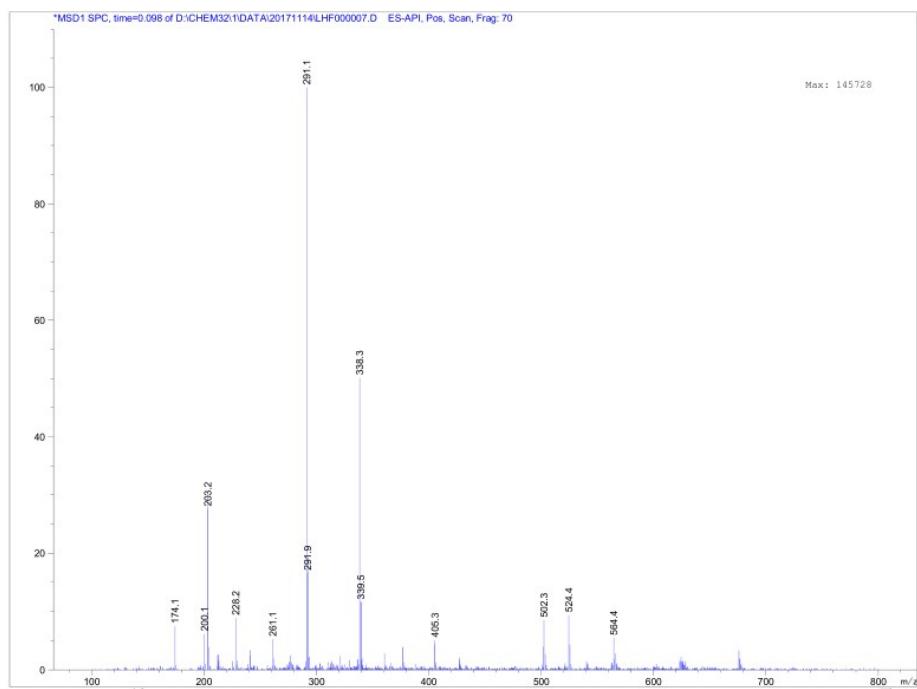


**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (Fig. S11) of compound 5**

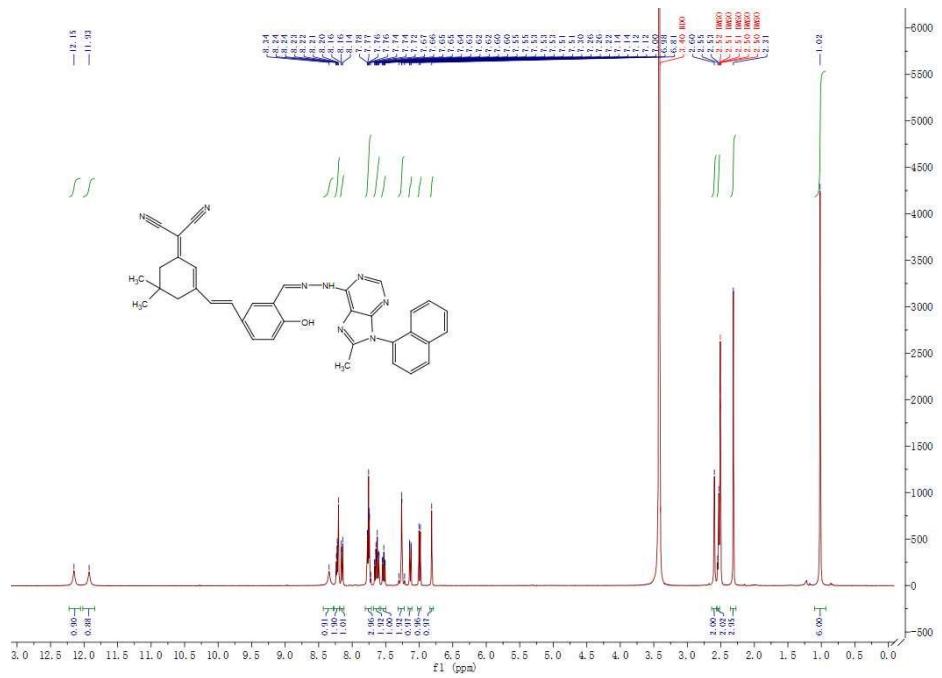




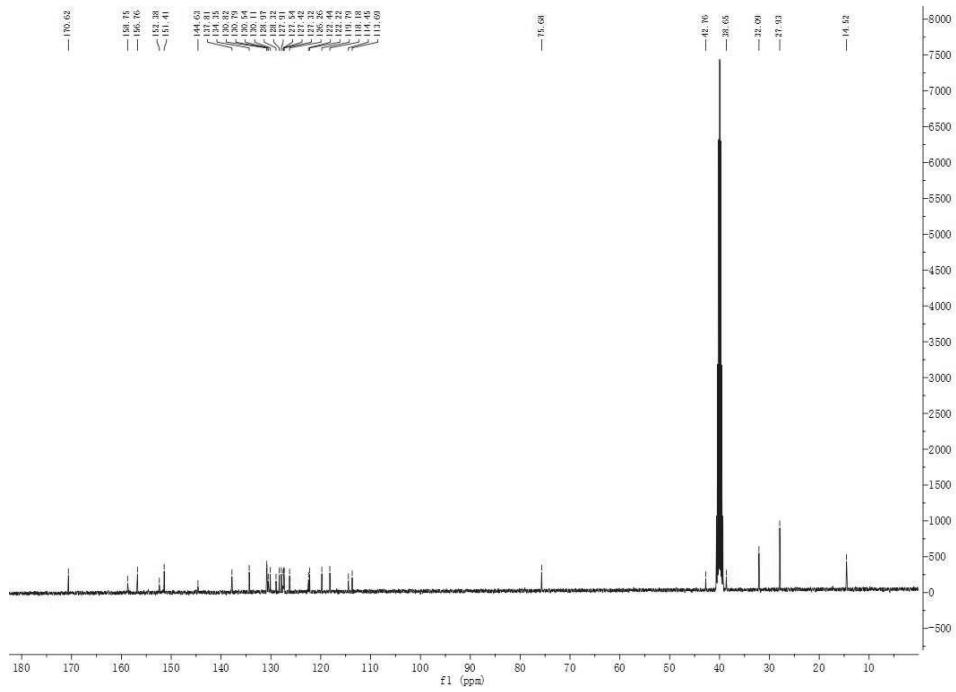
**Mass (ES-API) spectrum (Fig. S13) of compound 5**



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (Fig. S14) of compound YPT**



### **<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (Fig. S15) of compound YPT**



### Mass (ES-API) spectrum (Fig. S16) of compound YPT

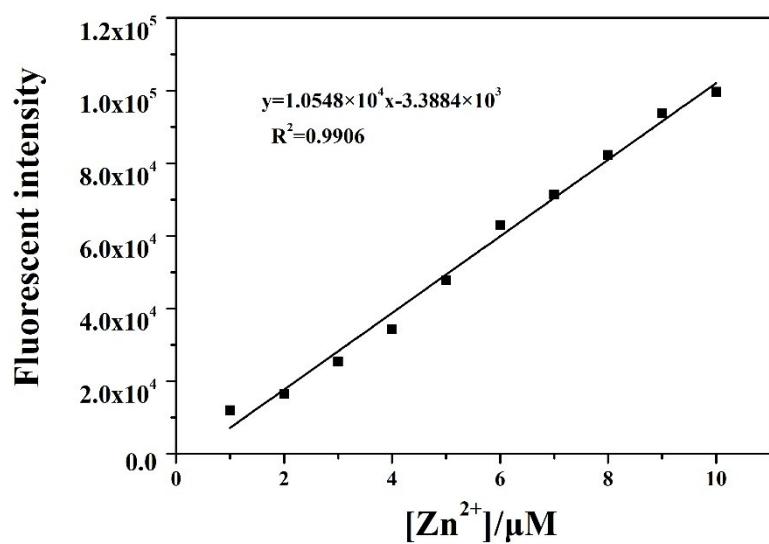
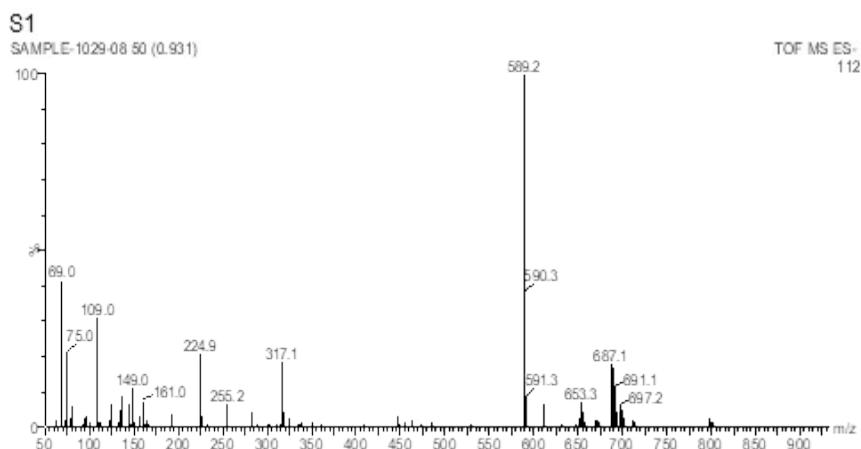


Fig. S17 Determination of the detection limit of YPT (10 μM) for Zn<sup>2+</sup> based on change of fluorescent intensity at 670 nm.

## 2. Determination of the detection limit of YPT

### 3. Benesi-Hildebrand plot of YPT

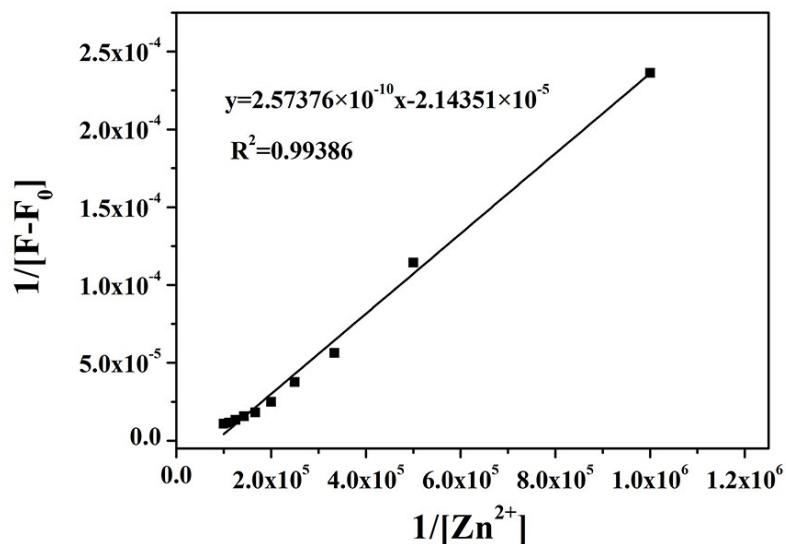


Fig. S18 Benesi-Hildebrand plot of YPT ( $10 \mu\text{M}$ ) at  $670\text{nm}$ , assuming 1:1 stoichiometry for association between YPT and  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ .

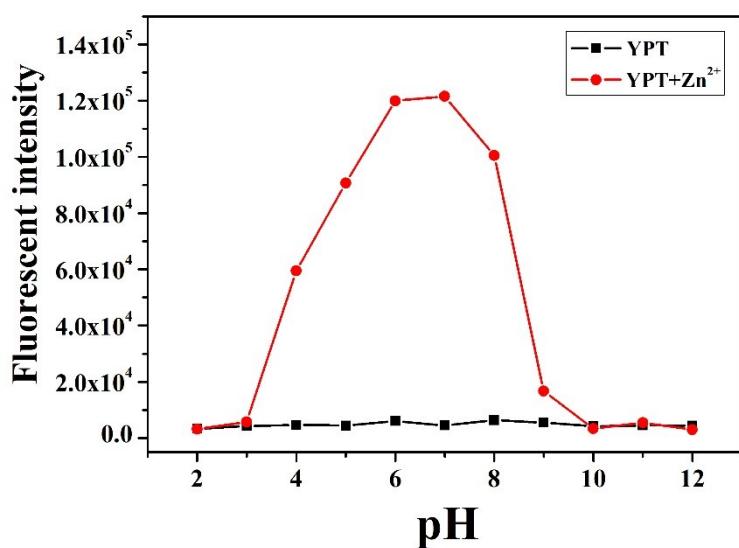
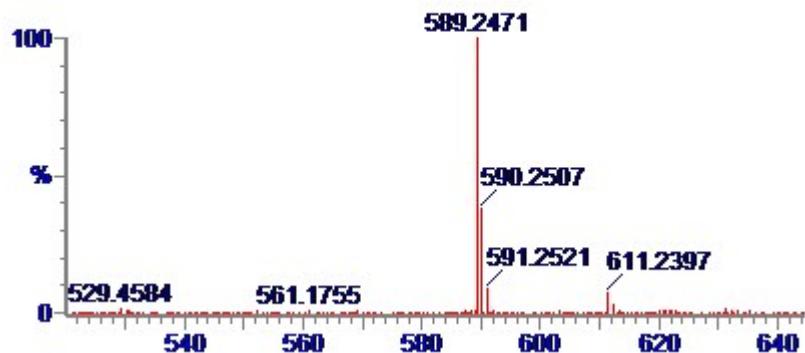


Fig. S19 Fluorescence intensity of YPT ( $10 \mu\text{M}$ ) in the absence and presence with 5.0 equiv. of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  at  $670 \text{ nm}$  in DMSO- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3:2 v/v, pH 7.4 HEPES buffer, 0.5 nm).

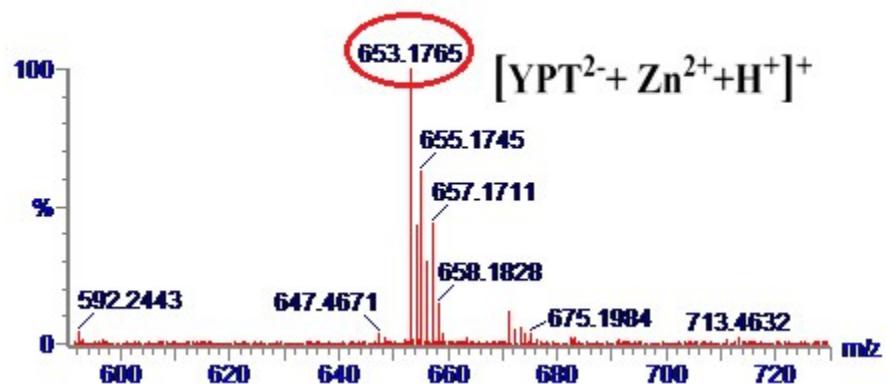
### 4. Effect of pH on sensing $\text{Zn}^{2+}$

## 5. HR-MS spectrum of compound YPT and YPT-Zn<sup>2+</sup>

HR-MS spectrum (Fig. S20) of compound YPT



HR-MS spectrum (Fig. S21) of compound YPT-Zn<sup>2+</sup>



## 6. $^1\text{H}$ NMR titrations

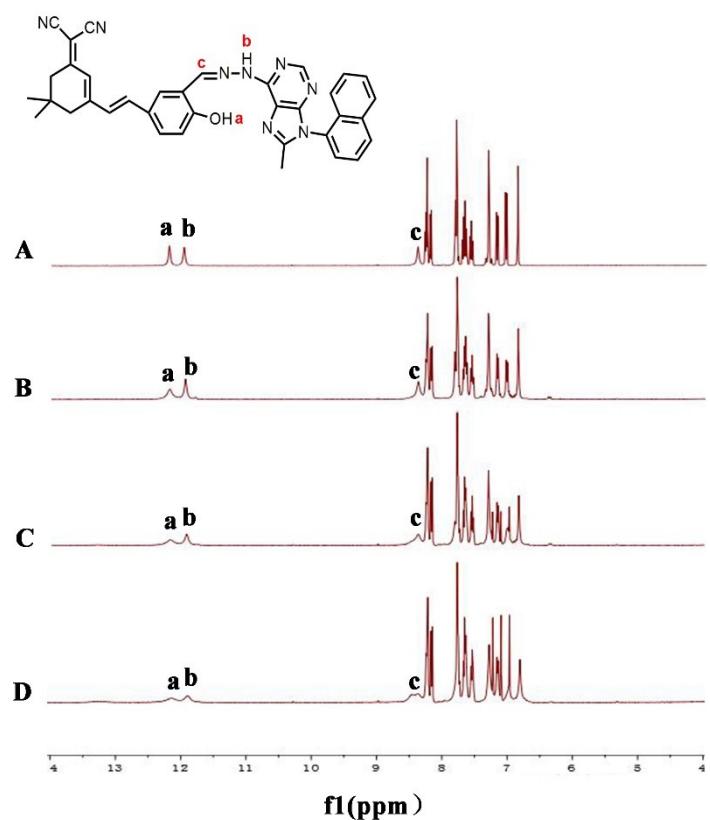


Fig. S22  $^1\text{H}$  NMR titrations of TPT with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  in DMSO: (A) only YPT (B) YPT with 0.5 equiv. of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  (C) YPT with 2 equiv. of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  (D) YPT with 5 equiv. of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$

## 7. Cytotoxicity test

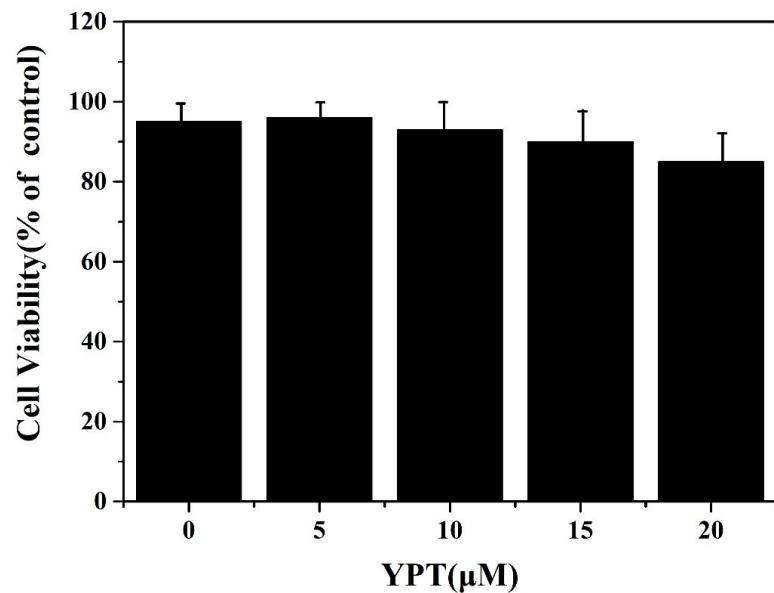


Fig. S23 Cytotoxicity of YPT in Hela Cells