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## The design of a simple fluorescent chemosensor for Al<sup>3+</sup>/Zn<sup>2+</sup> via two different approaches

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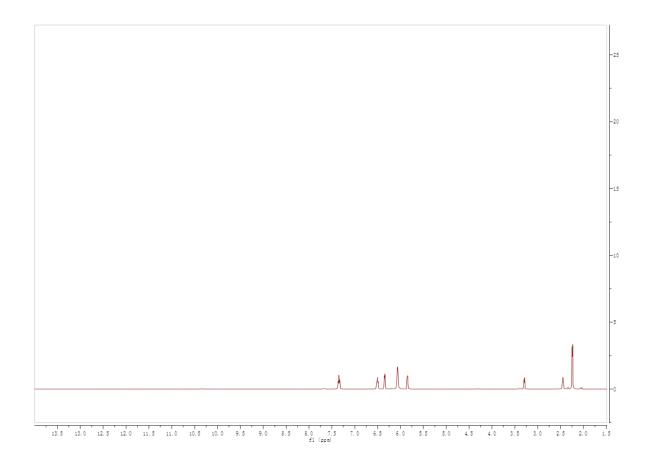


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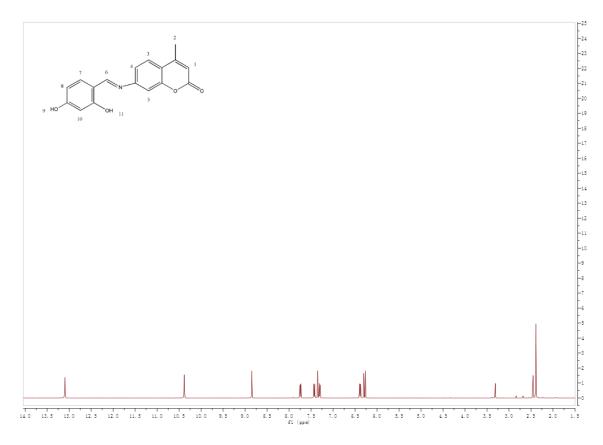


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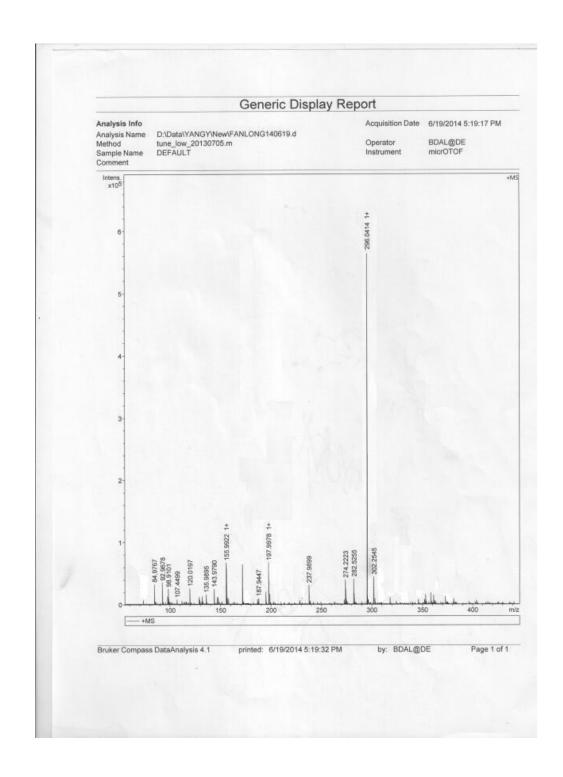


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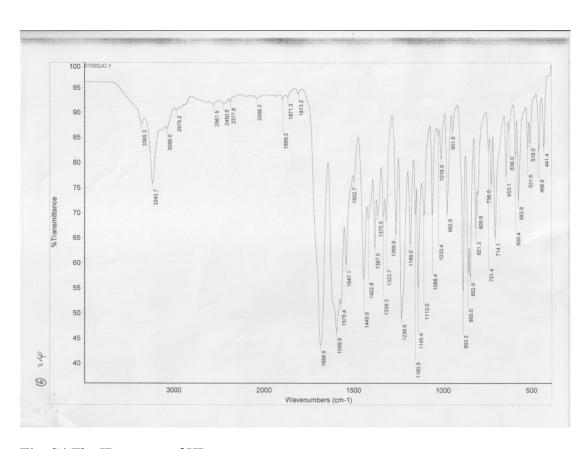
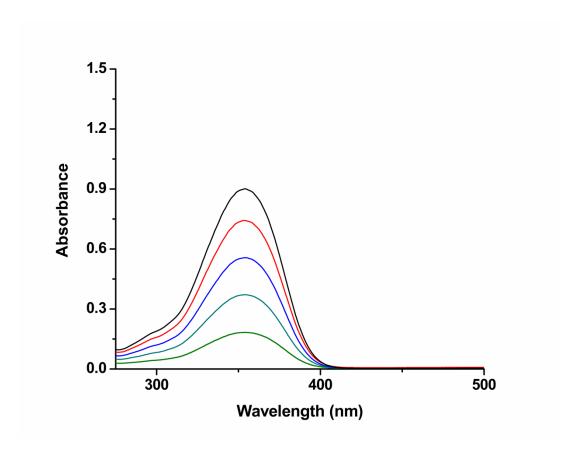
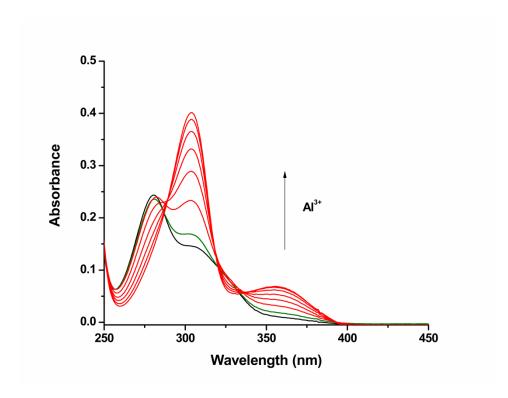


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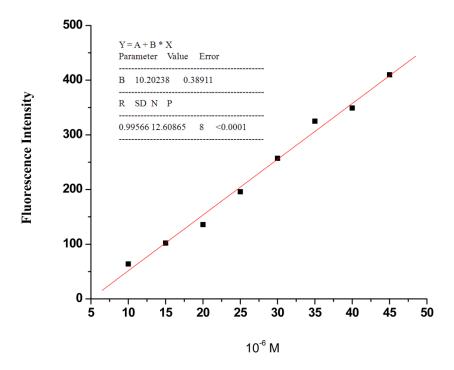


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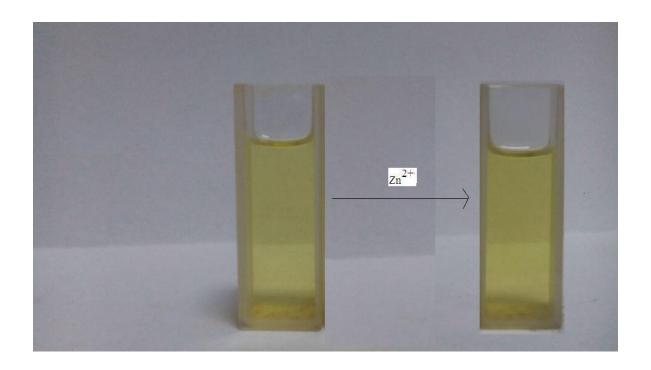
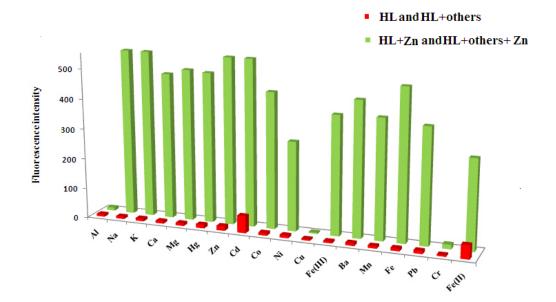
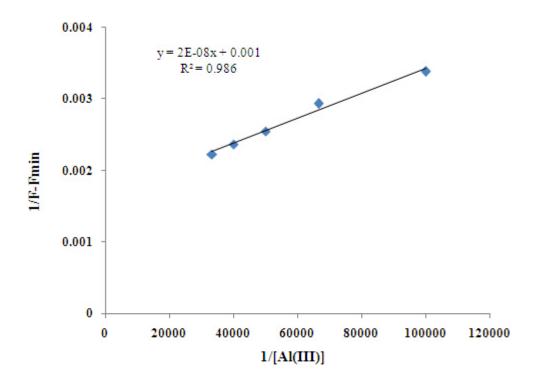


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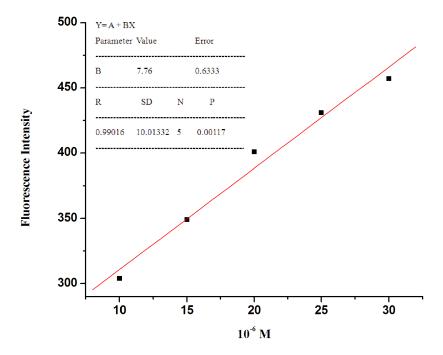


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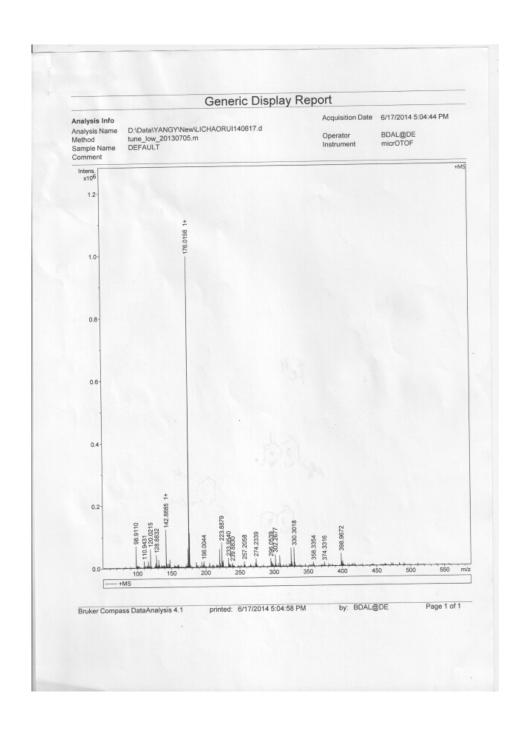


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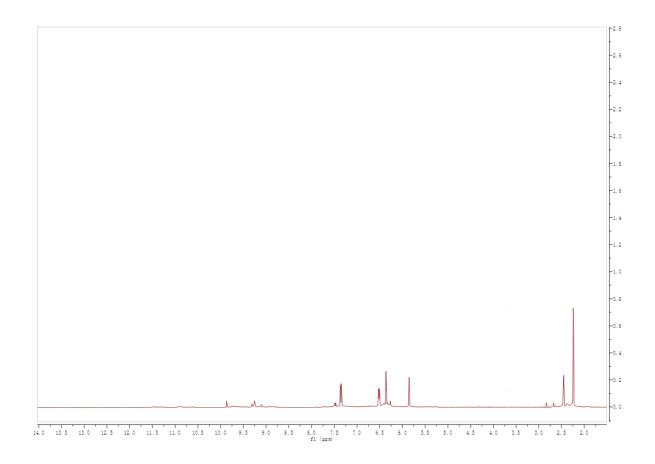


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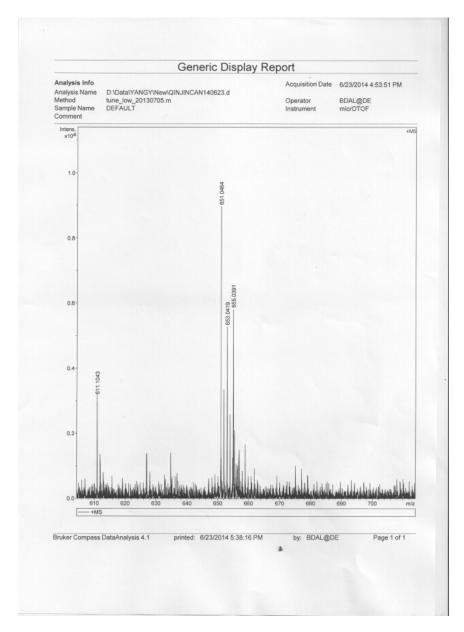


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