

## Self-assembled copper(II) metallacycles derived from asymmetric Schiff base ligands: Efficient host for ADP/ATP in phosphate buffer

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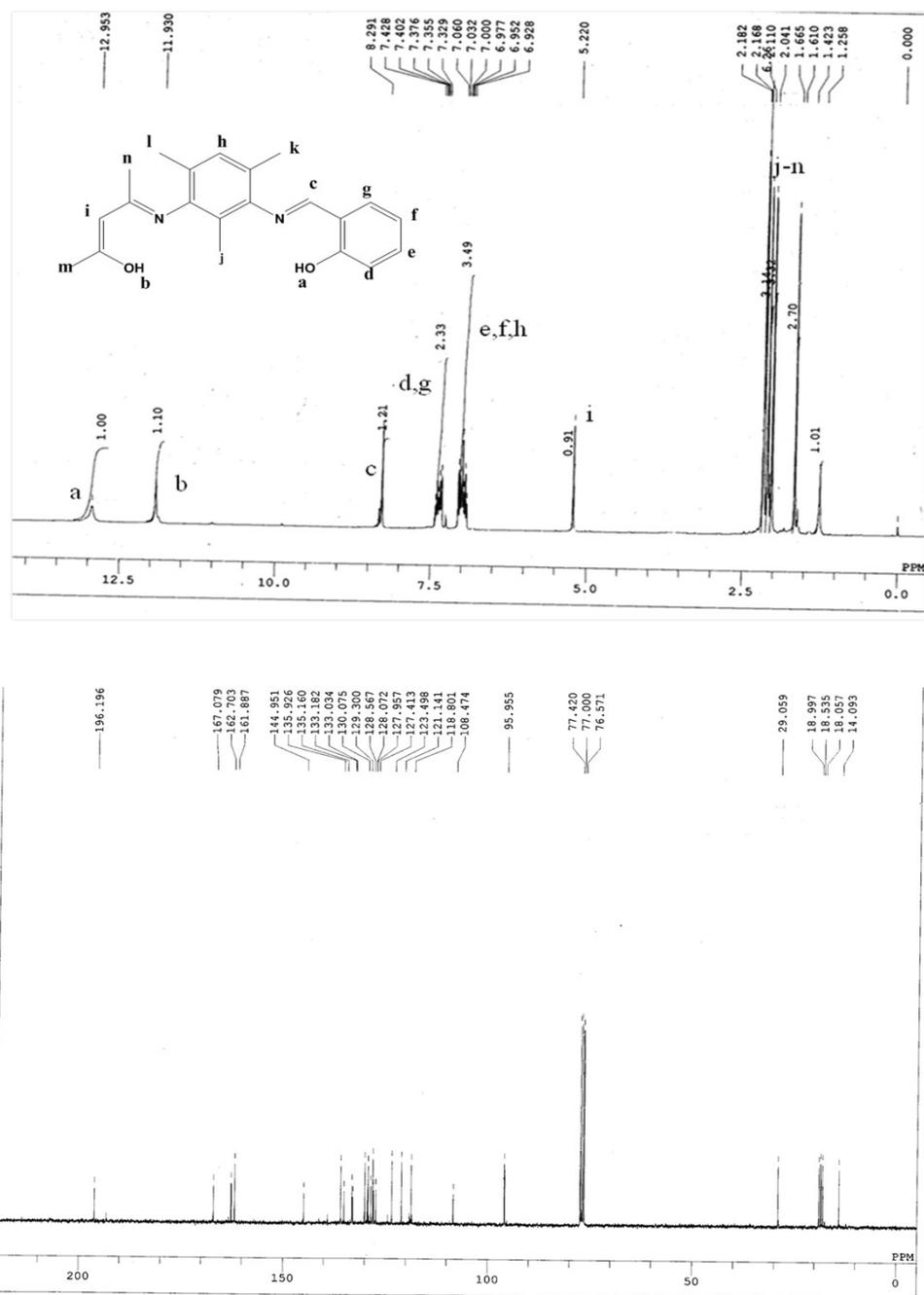
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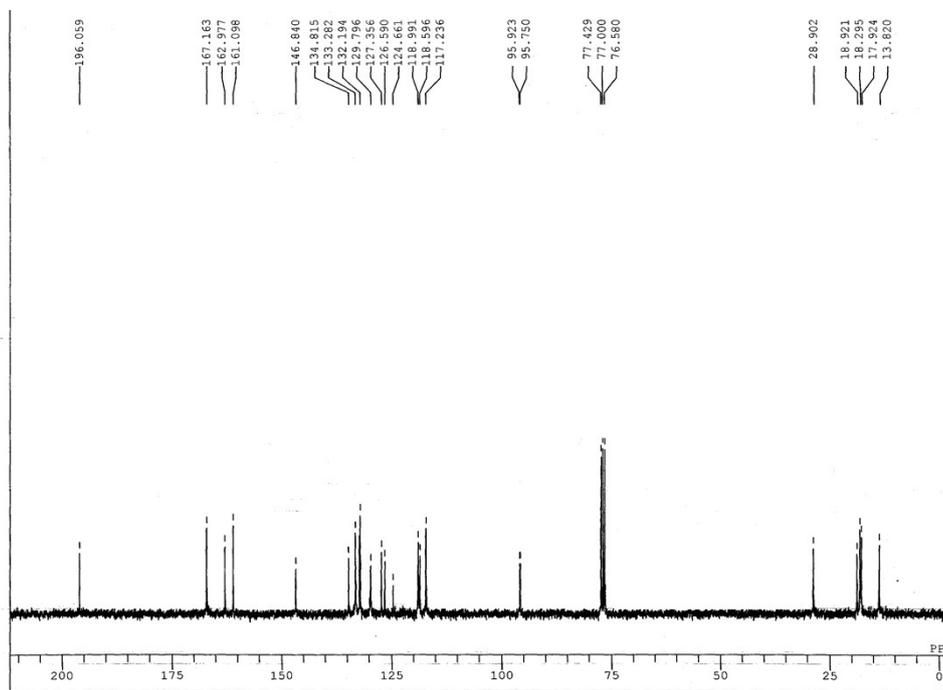
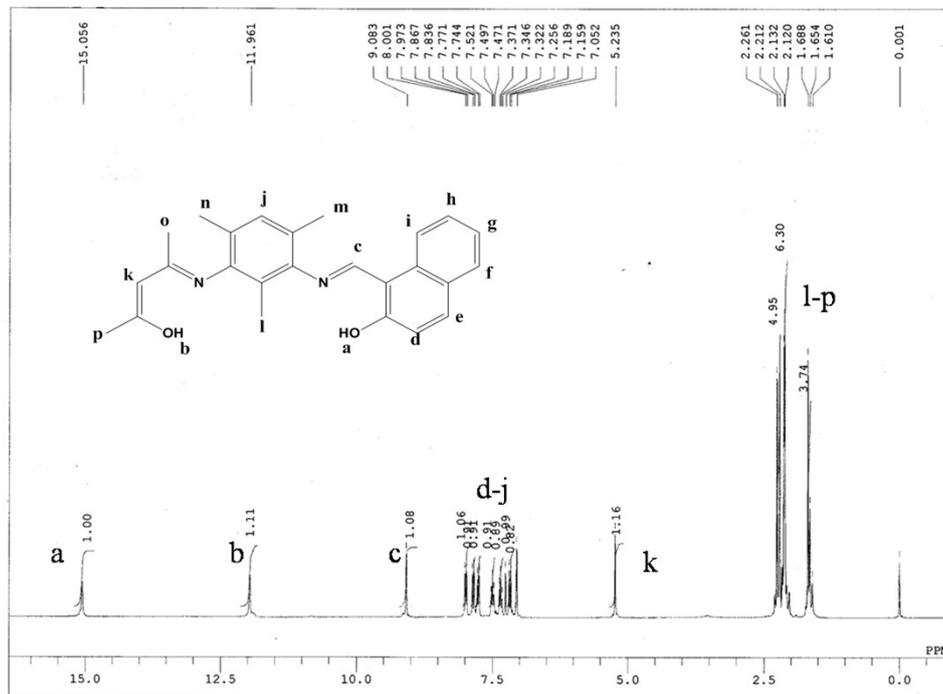
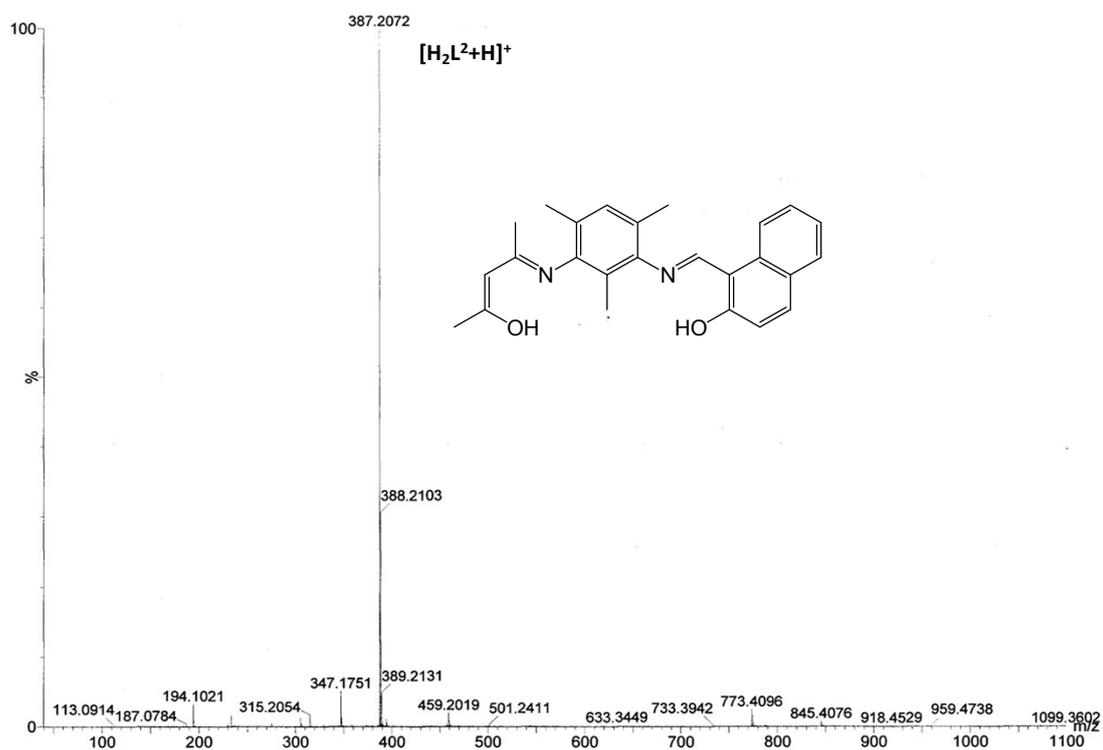
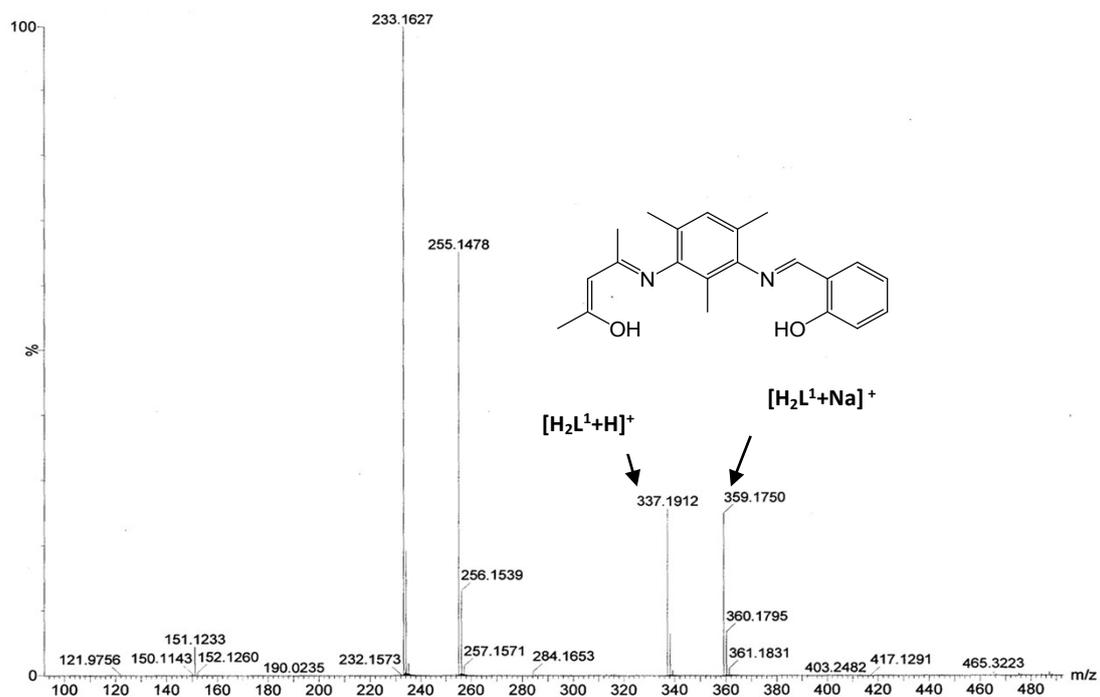
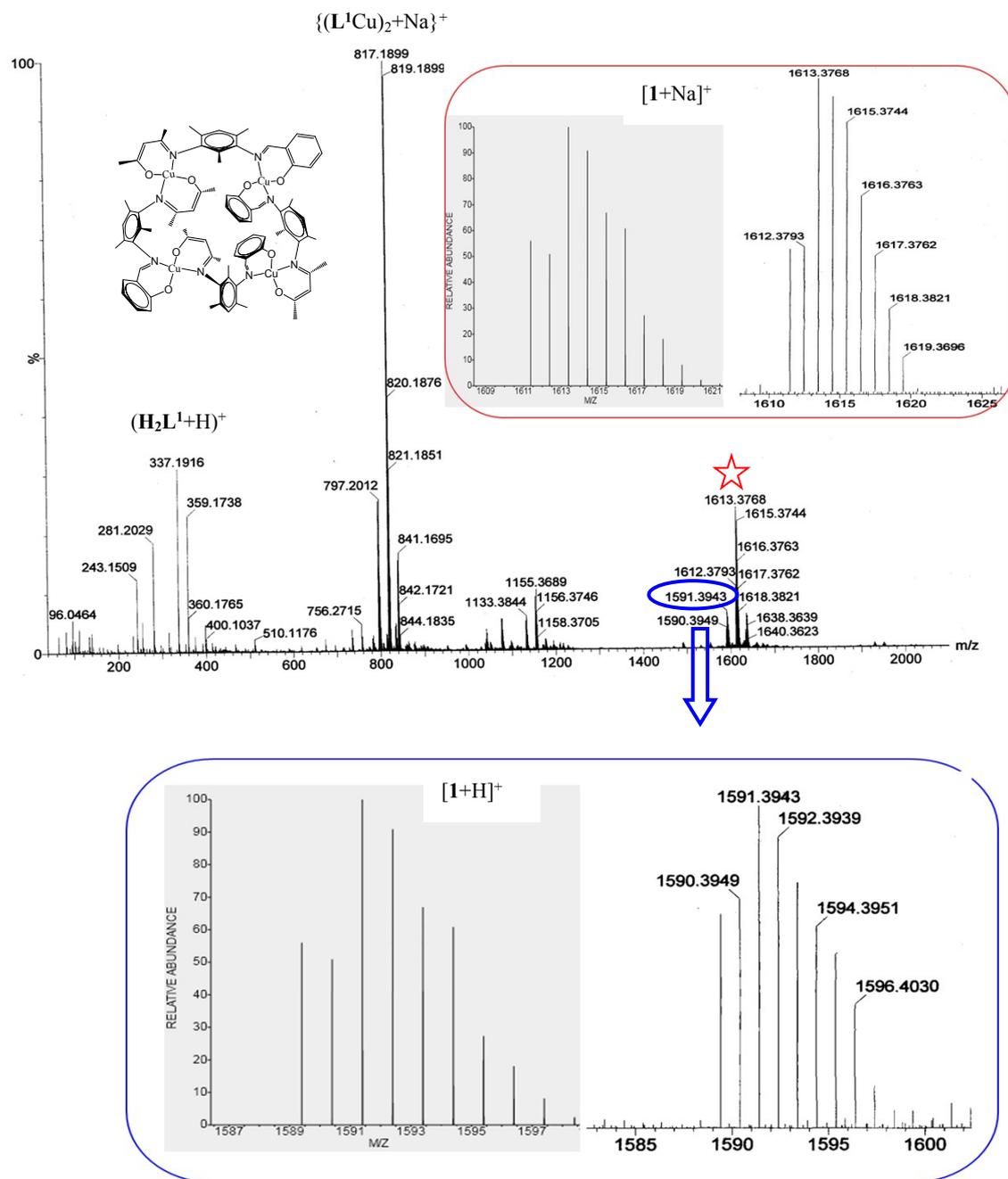


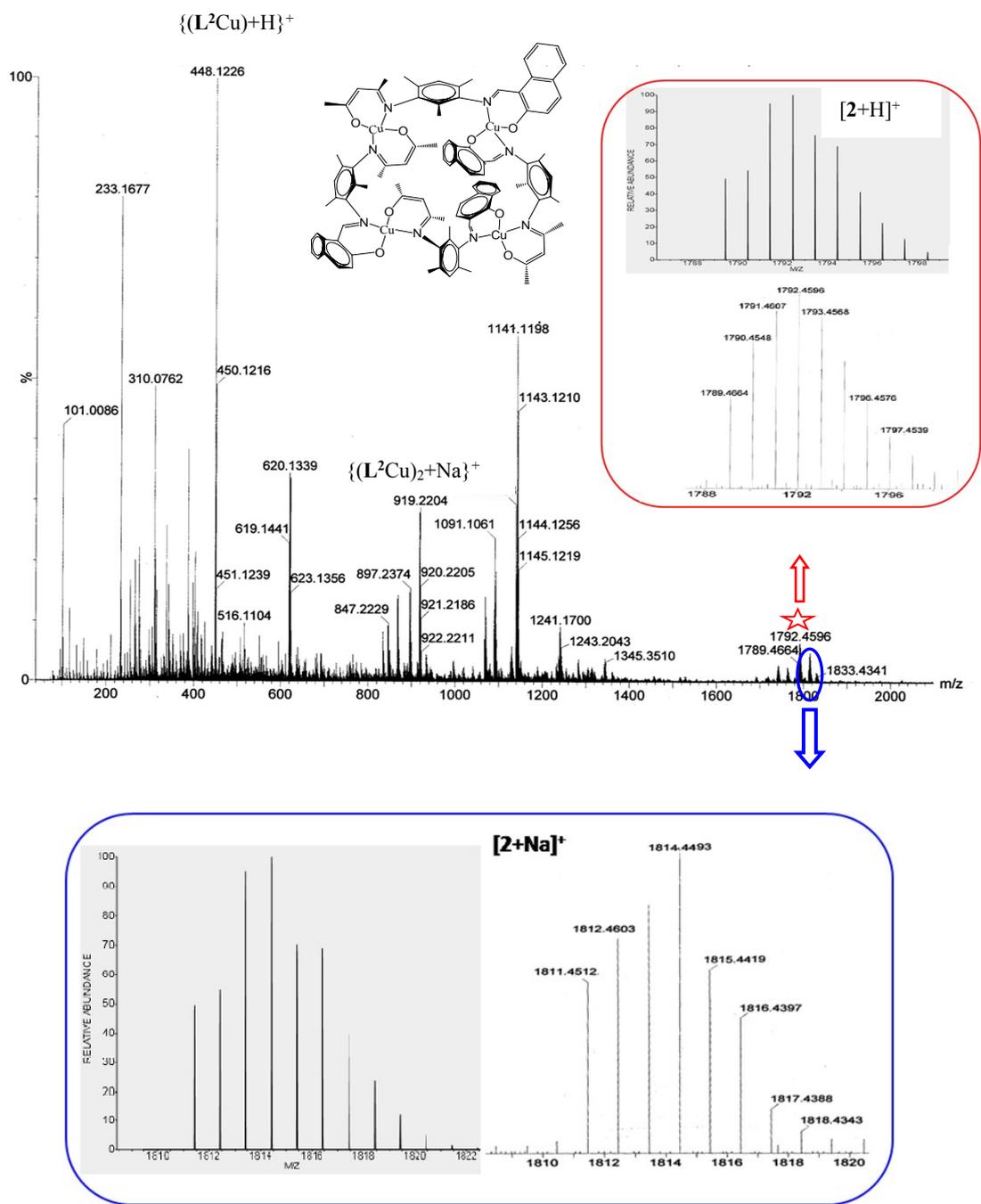
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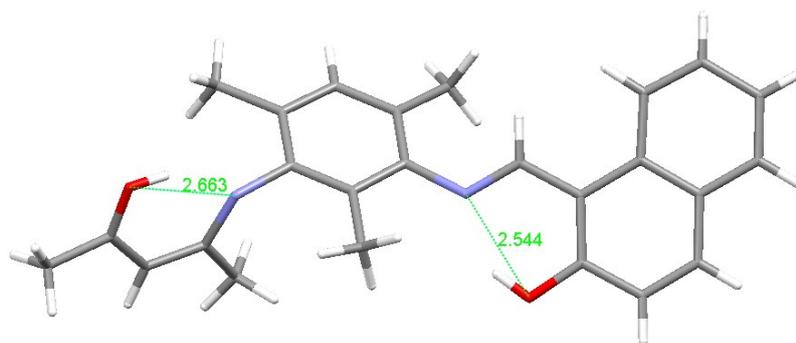
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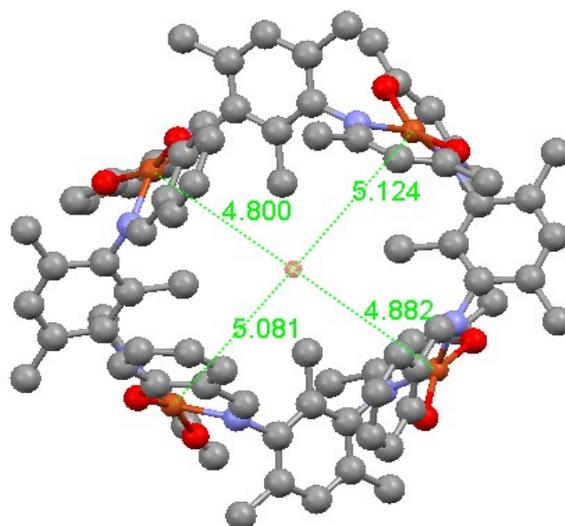
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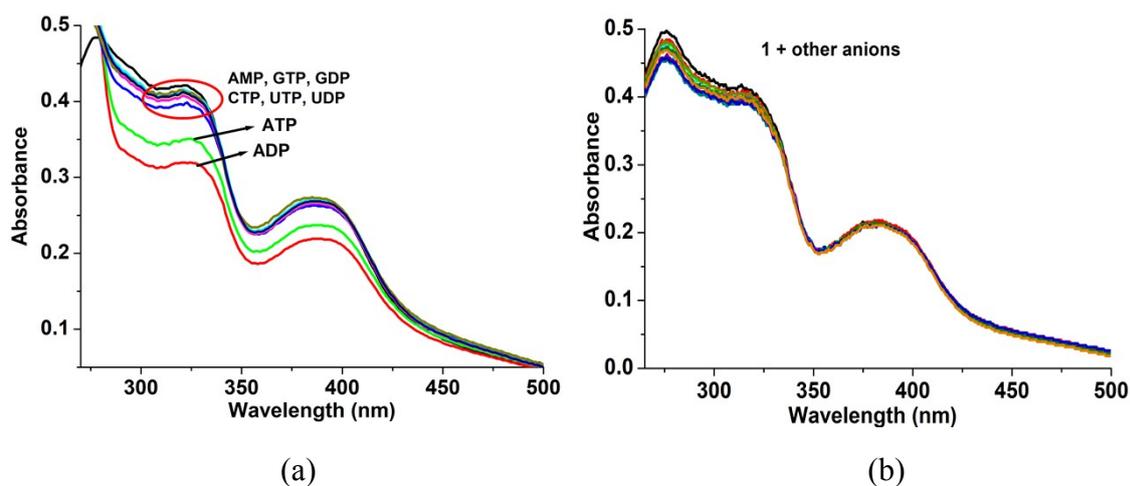
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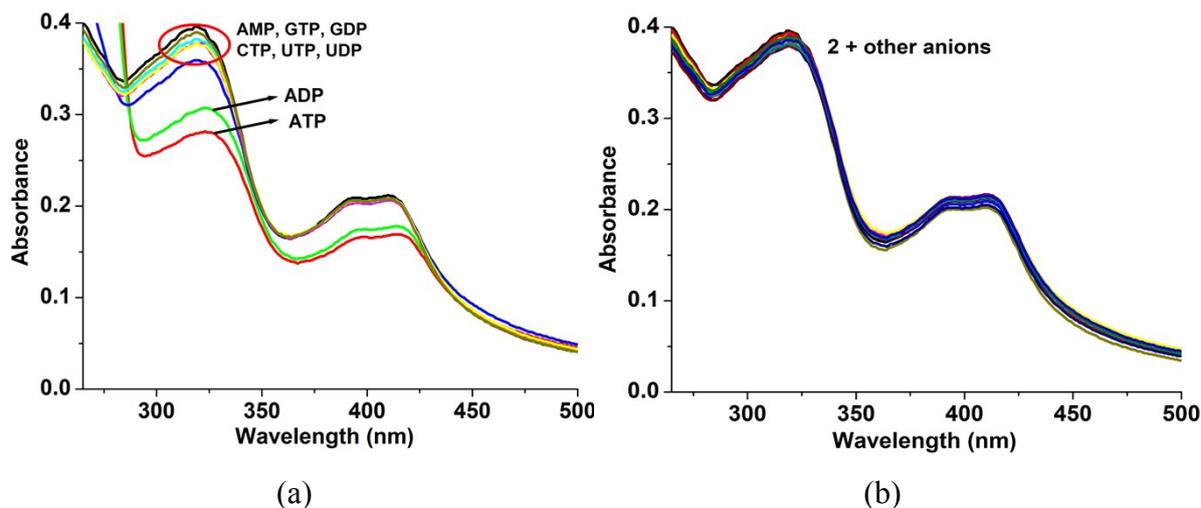
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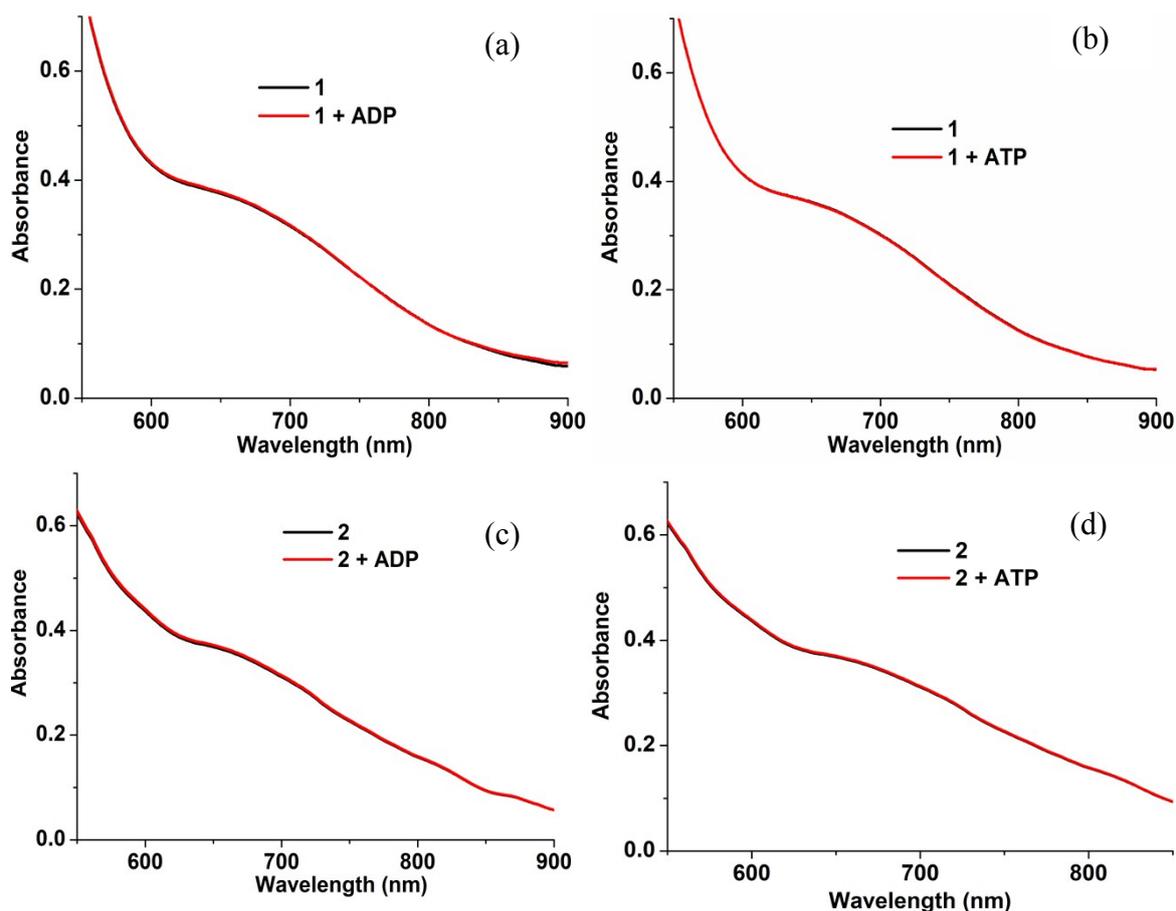
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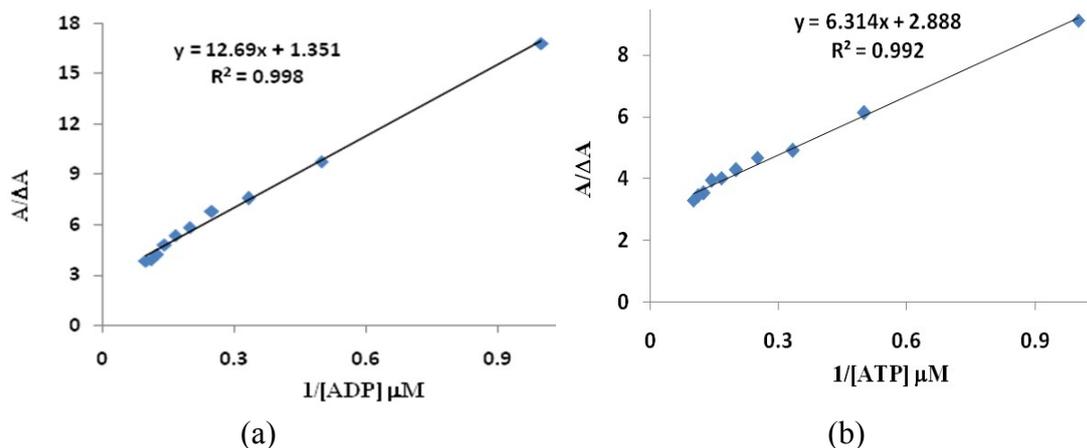
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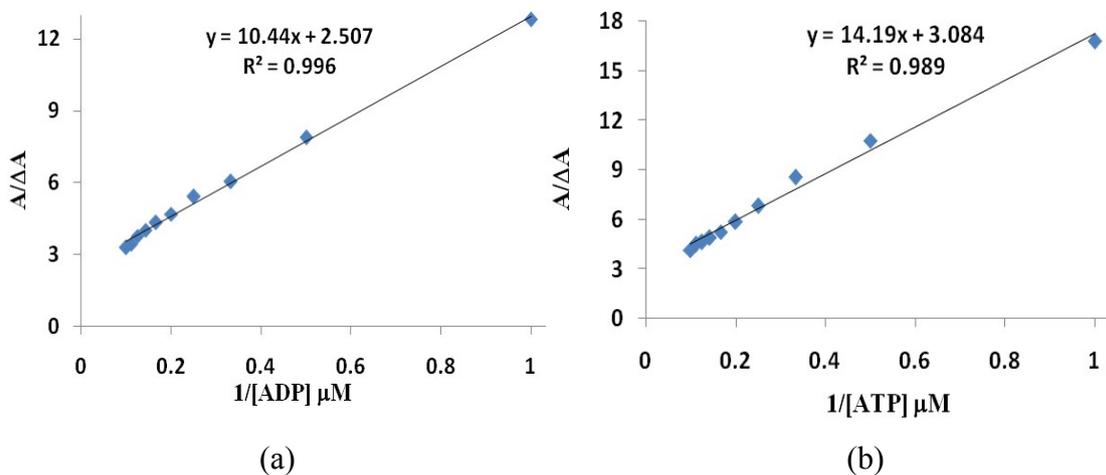
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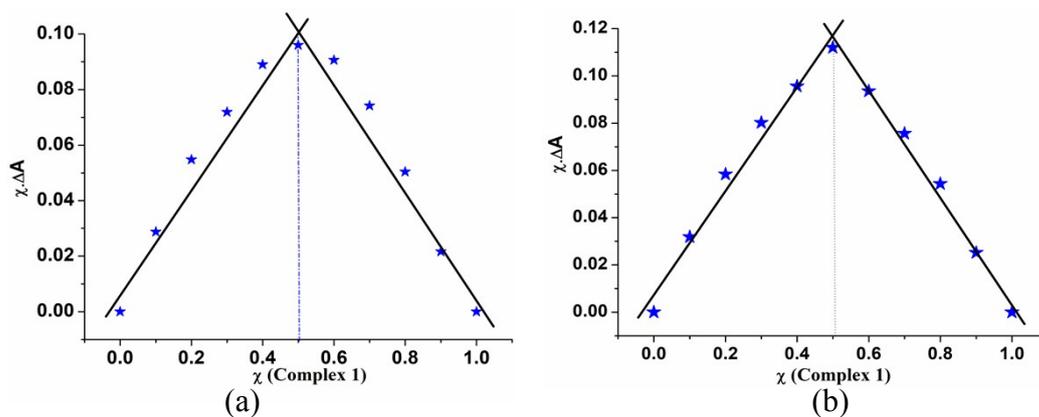
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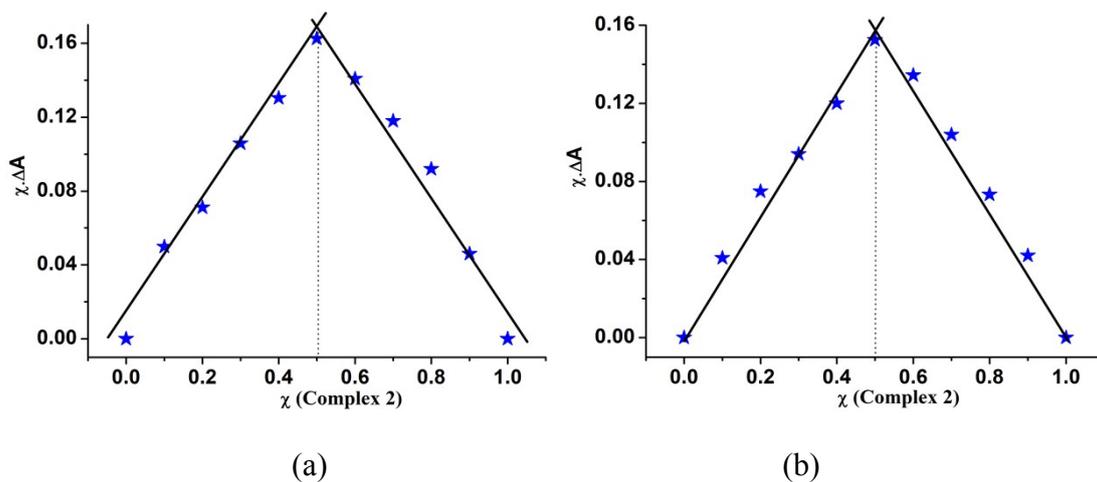
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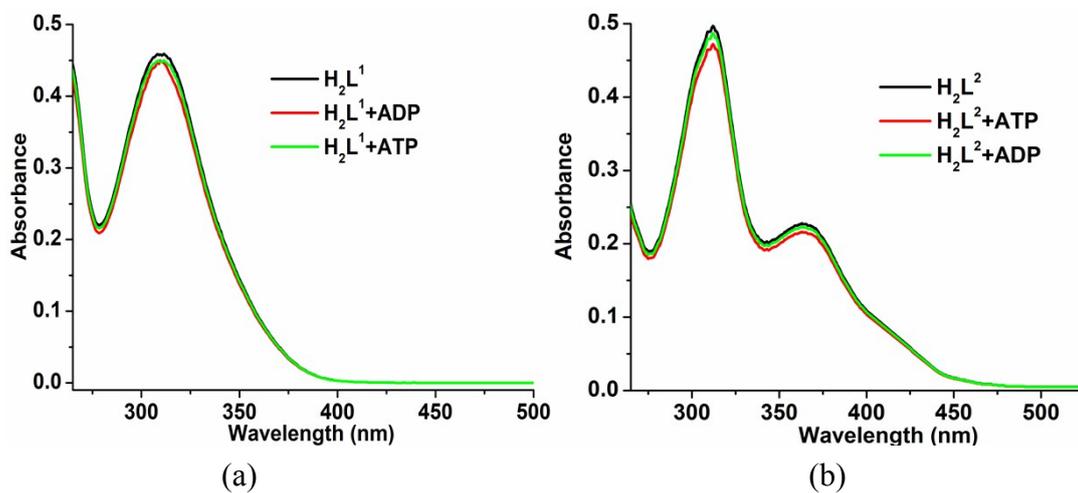
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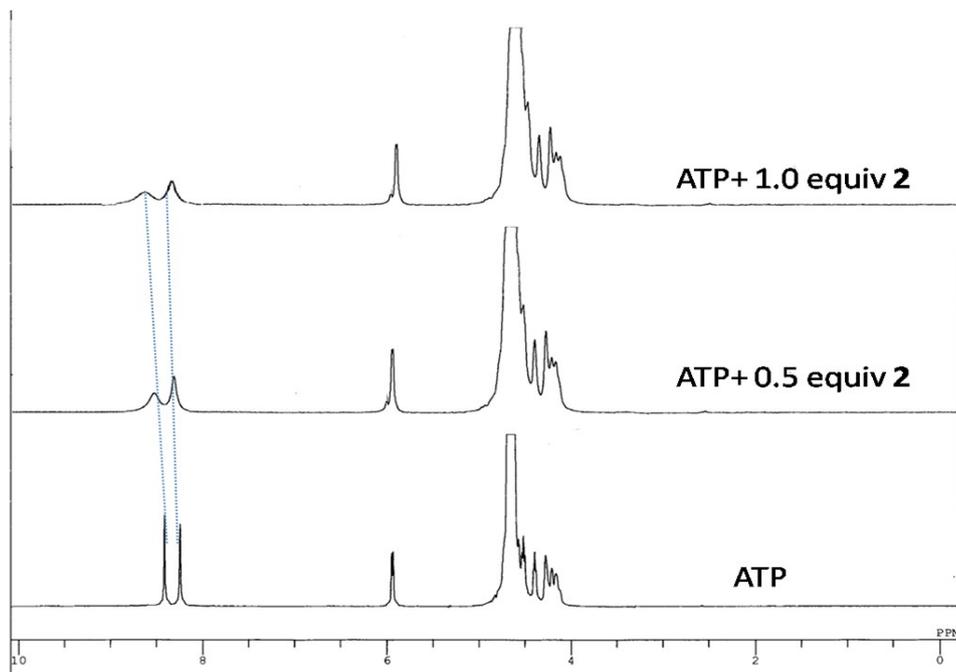
**Fig. S13** Job's plot analysis illustrating 1:1 stoichiometry for **1** with ADP (a) and ATP (b) from UV/vis spectra.



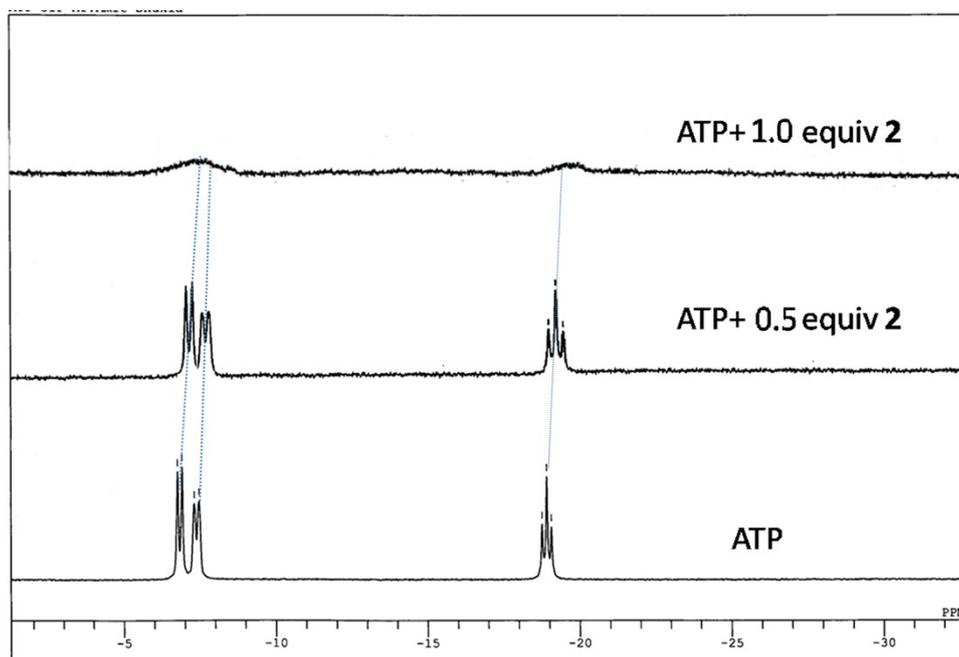
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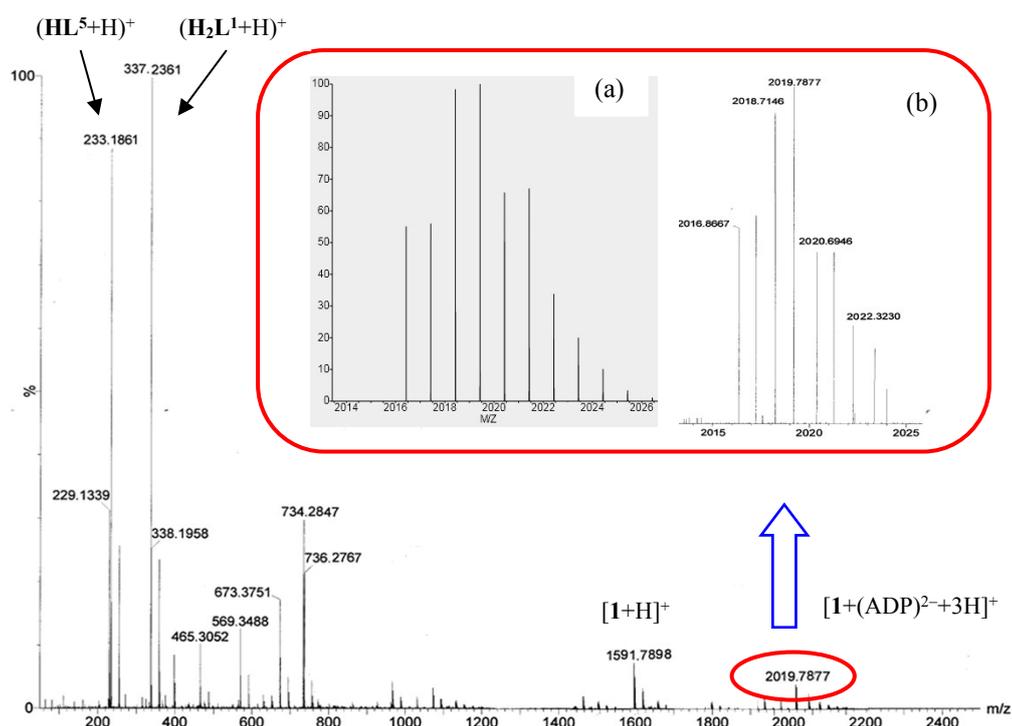
**Fig. S15** UV/vis spectra of  $H_2L^1$  (a) and  $H_2L^2$  (b), showing insignificant changes in presence of ADP/ATP.



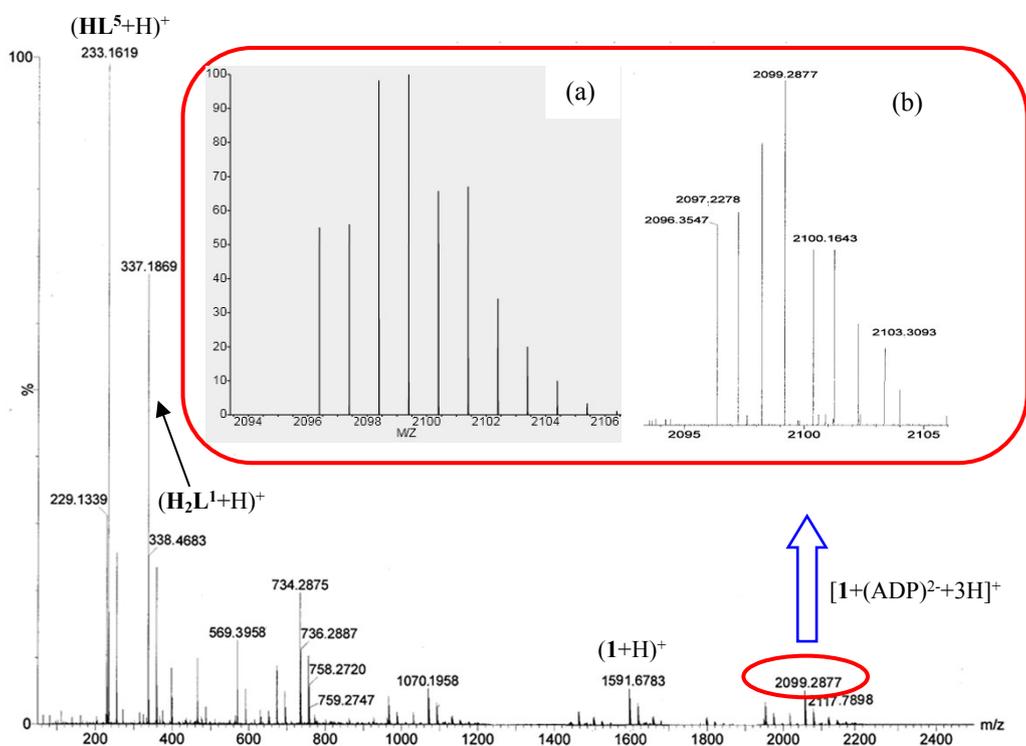
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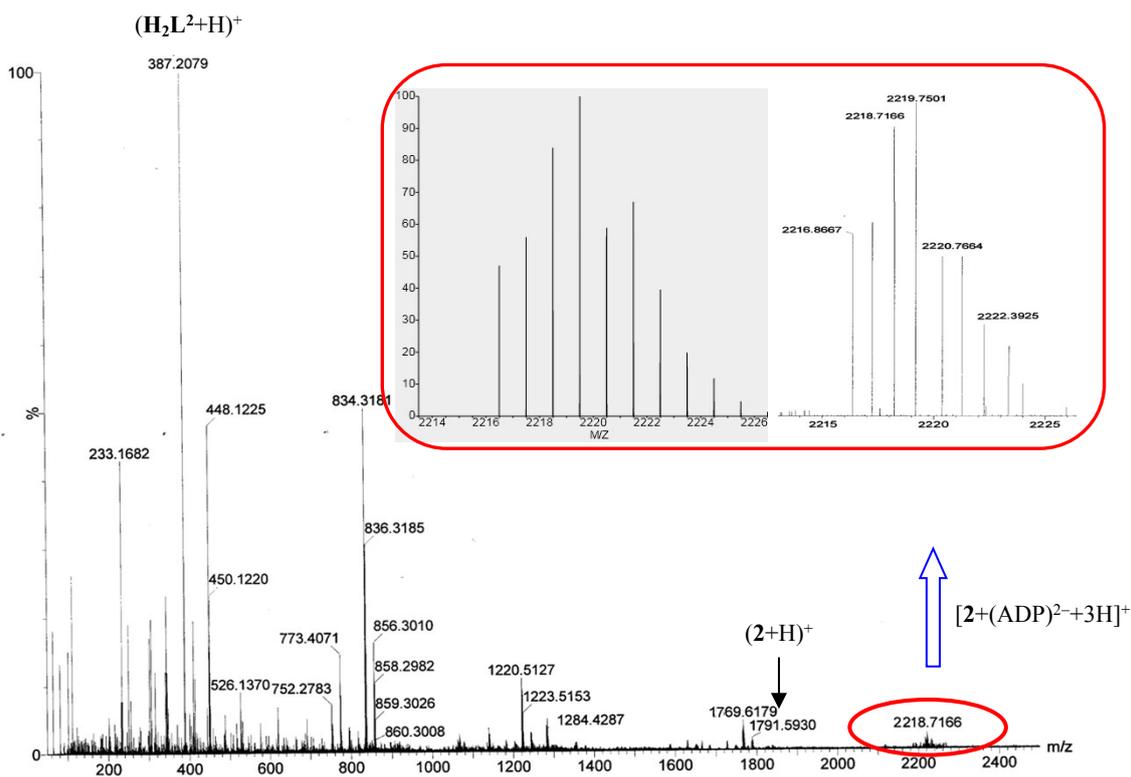
**Fig. S17** <sup>31</sup>P NMR titration spectra of ATP (D<sub>2</sub>O) with varying amount of **2** (blue dotted lines show upfield shifting in <sup>31</sup>P signals).



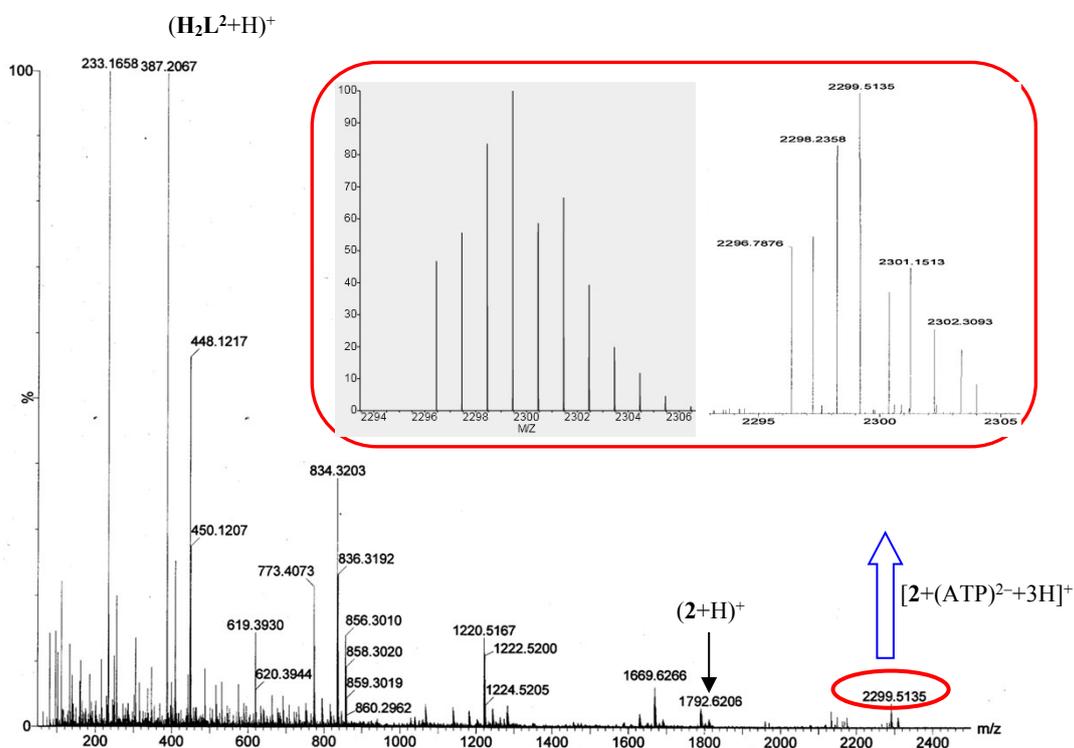
**Fig. S18** ESI-MS of **1** + ADP [Inset shows simulated isotopic pattern for molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  2019.7877  $\{1 + (ADP)^{2-} + 3H\}^+$ ].



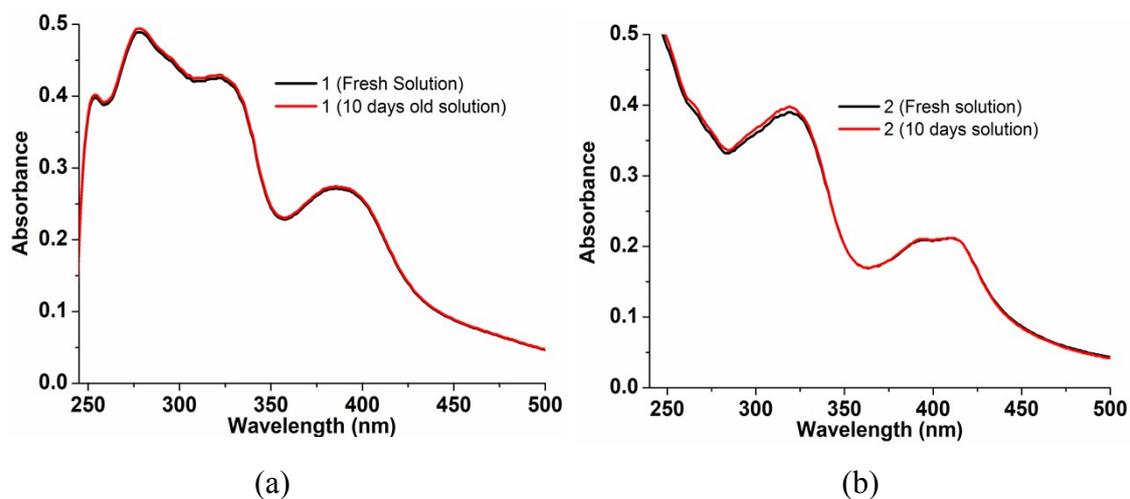
**Fig. S19** ESI-MS of **1**+ATP [Inset shows simulated isotopic pattern for molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  2099.2877  $\{1 + (ATP)^{2-} + 3H\}^+$ ].



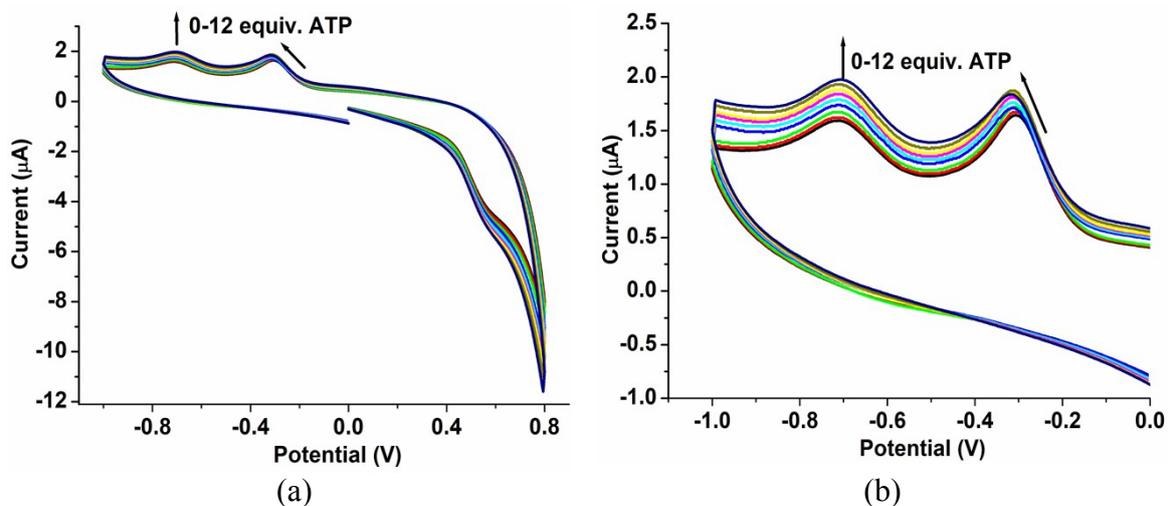
**Fig. S20** ESI-MS of **2** + ADP [Inset showing simulated isotopic pattern for molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  2219.7501  $\{2 + (ADP)^{2-} + 3H\}^+$ ].



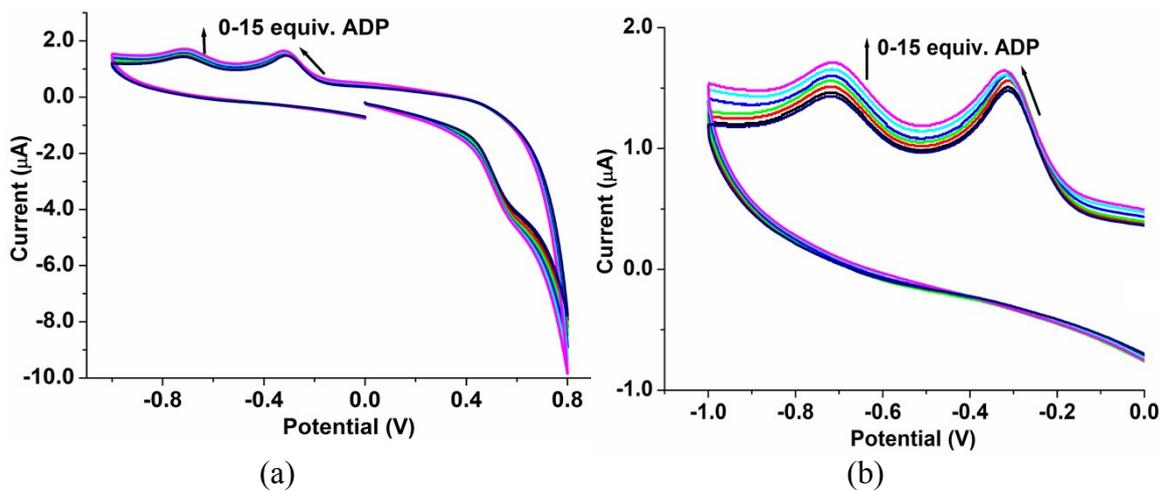
**Fig. S21** ESI-MS of **2** + ATP [Inset showing simulated isotopic pattern for molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  2299.5135  $\{2 + (ATP)^{2-} + 3H\}^+$ ].



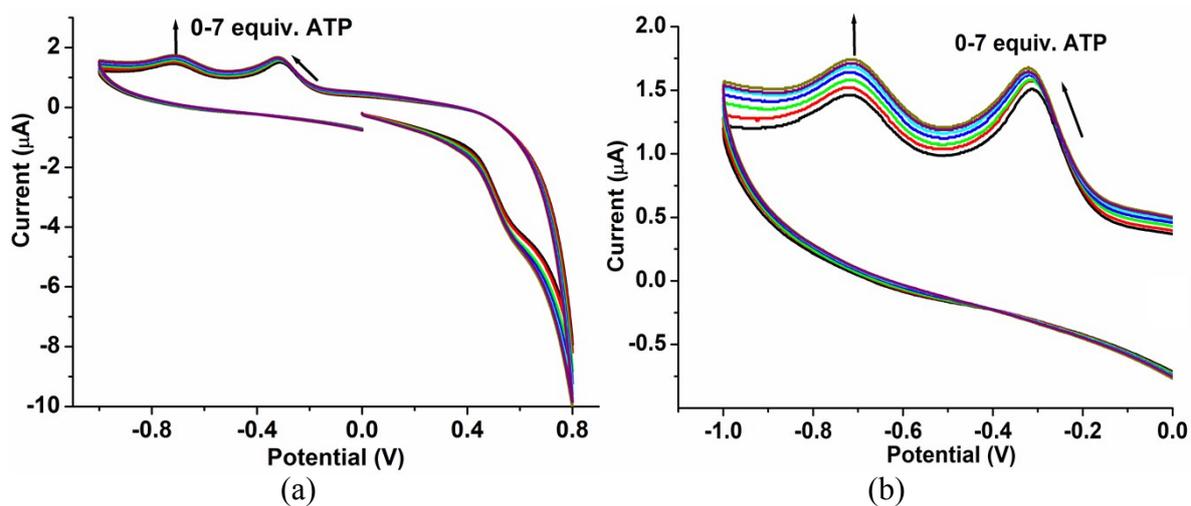
**Fig. S22** UV/vis spectra for a fresh (black line) and 10 days old solution (red line) for **1** (a) and **2** (b) (c, 10  $\mu\text{M}$ , DMSO/PBS; v/v, 1:99).



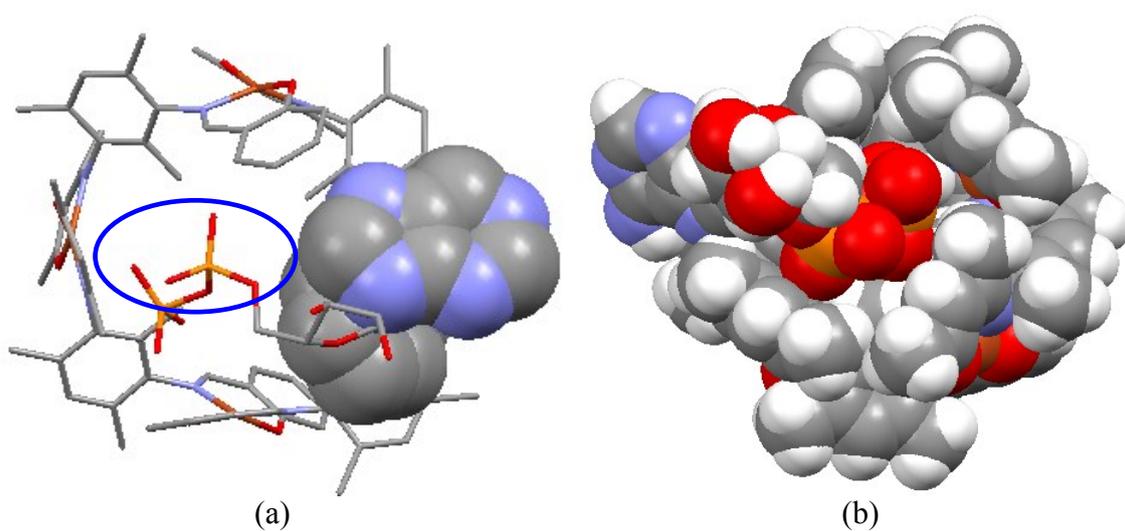
**Fig. S23** Cyclic voltammetric titration plots for **1** with increasing amount of ATP (0.0–12.0 equiv) in full window (a) and only in reduction window (b).



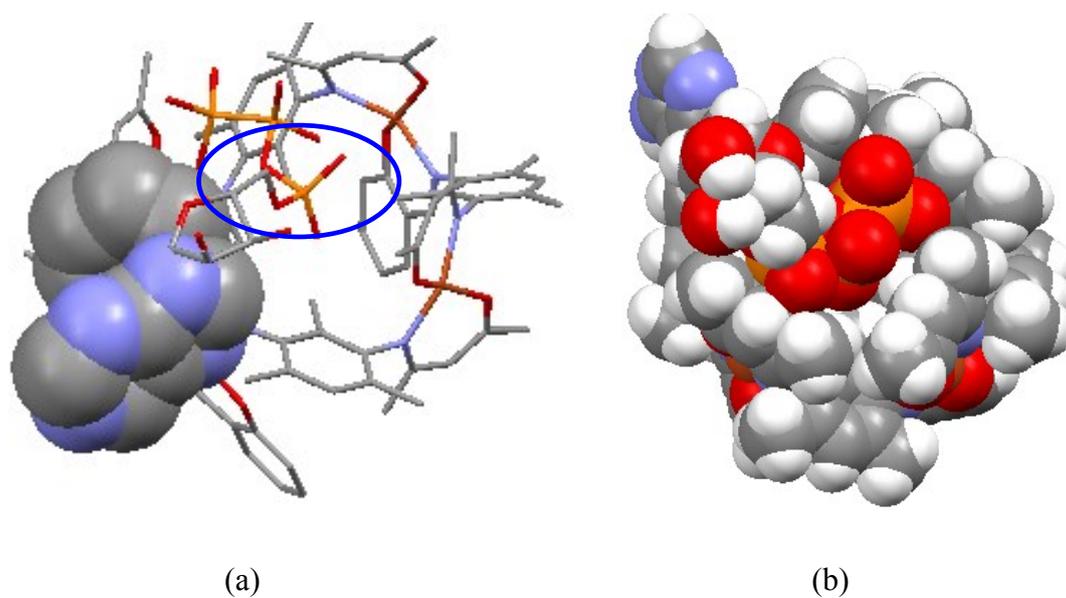
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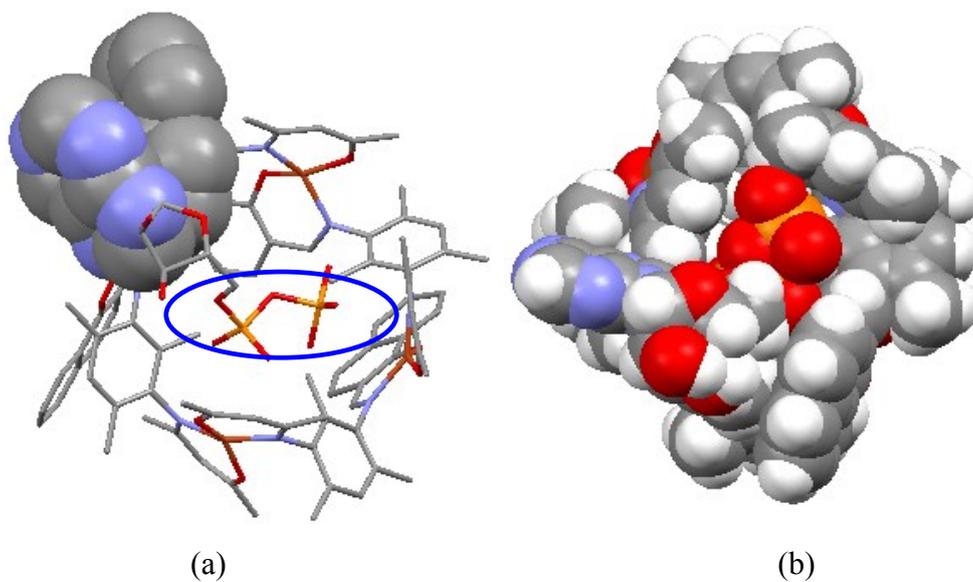
**Fig. S25** Cyclic voltammetric titration plots for **2** with increasing amount of ATP (0.0–7.0 equiv) in full window (a) and only in reduction window (b).



**Fig. S26** Molecular docked structures for **1** + ADP, show  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions between adenine and salen core (a) and insertion of phosphate chain into the cavity shown by blue circle in (a) and space fill model in (b).



**Fig. S27** Molecular docked structures for **1** + ATP, show  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions between adenine and salen core (a) and insertion of phosphate chain into the cavity shown by blue circle in (a) and space fill model (b).



**Fig. S28** Molecular docked structures for **2** + ADP, show  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions between adenine and salen core (a) and insertion of phosphate chain into the cavity shown by blue circle in (a) and space fill model (b).

**Table S1.** UV/vis data of  $\text{H}_2\text{L}^1$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{L}^2$ , **1** and **2**.

$\text{H}_2\text{L}^1$	310 ( $\epsilon$ , $4.57 \times 10^4$ ) and 262 nm ( $\epsilon$ , $4.41 \times 10^4$ )
$\text{H}_2\text{L}^2$	364 ( $\epsilon$ , $2.26 \times 10^4$ ) and 312 nm ( $\epsilon$ , $4.94 \times 10^4$ )
<b>1</b>	386 ( $\epsilon$ , $2.69 \times 10^4$ ) and 323 nm ( $\epsilon$ , $4.21 \times 10^4$ )
<b>2</b>	410 ( $\epsilon$ , $2.14 \times 10^4$ ) and 319 nm ( $\epsilon$ , $3.94 \times 10^4$ )

**Table S2** Cyclic voltammetric data of  $\text{H}_2\text{L}^1$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{L}^2$ , **1** and **2**.

Compounds	Oxidation Potential; V (Current Density; $\mu\text{A}$ )	Reduction Potential; V (Current Density; $\mu\text{A}$ )
$\text{H}_2\text{L}^1$	0.403 (I = -4.86)	---
$\text{H}_2\text{L}^2$	0.382 (I = -4.50)	---
<b>1</b>	0.564 (I = -4.15)	-0.306V (I = 1.671) -0.719V (I = 1.620)
<b>2</b>	0.554 (I = -3.66)	-0.314V (I = 1.509) -0.717V (I = 1.465)

**Table S3** Cyclic voltammetric data of **1** and **2** upon addition of ATP and ADP.

	Probe Reduction Potential; V (Current Density; $\mu\text{A}$ )	Probe + ATP Reduction Potential; V (Current Density; $\mu\text{A}$ )	Probe + ADP Reduction Potential; V (Current Density; $\mu\text{A}$ )
<b>1</b>	-0.306V (I = 1.671) -0.719V (I = 1.620)	-0.321 (I = 1.892) -0.719 (I = 1.985)	-0.326 (I = 1.937) -0.719 (I = 2.161)
<b>2</b>	-0.314V (I = 1.509) -0.717V (I = 1.465)	-0.325 (I = 1.678) -0.717 (I = 1.746)	-0.321 (I = 1.649) -0.717 (I = 1.708)