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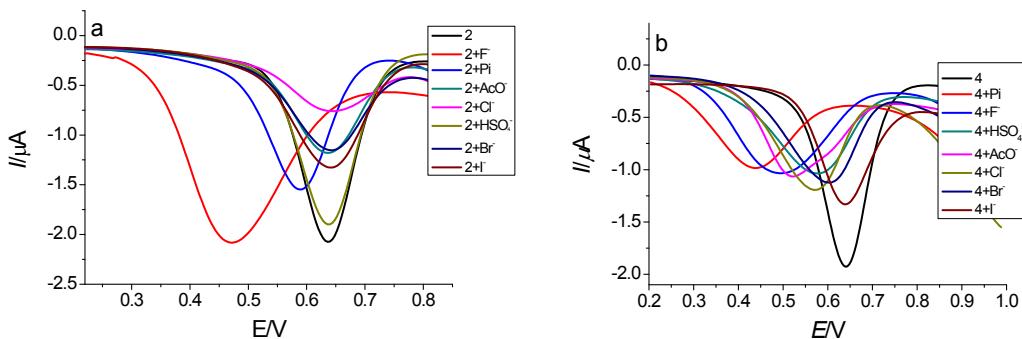
# Pyrenyl-functionalized Ferrocences for Multisignaling Recognition of Anions

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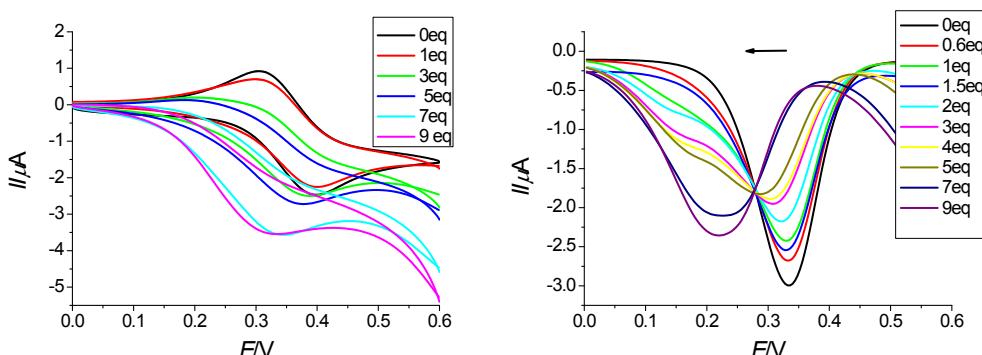
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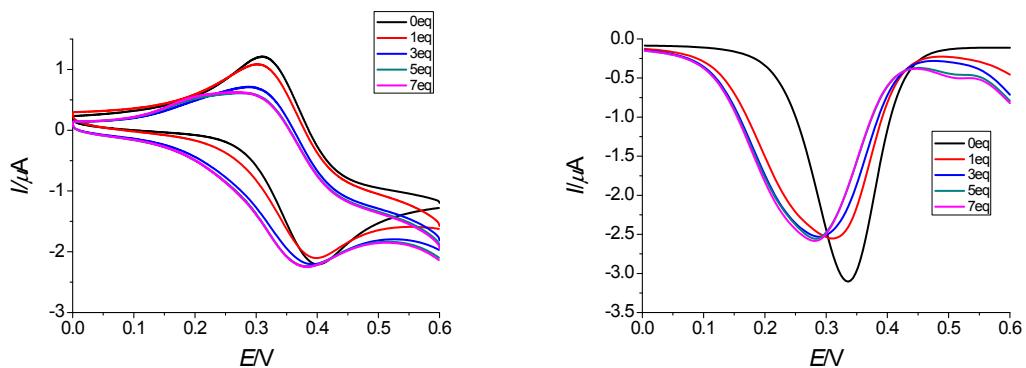


**Fig. S1** DPV profile of **2** (a) and **4** (b) upon the addition of equal equiv (5 equiv) anions in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution

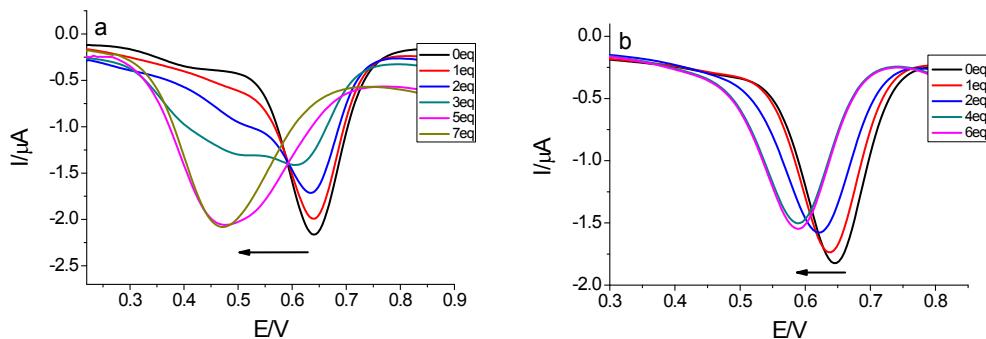


**Fig. S2** CV and DPV titration profile of **1** (0.2 mM) upon addition of various amount of F<sup>-</sup> in

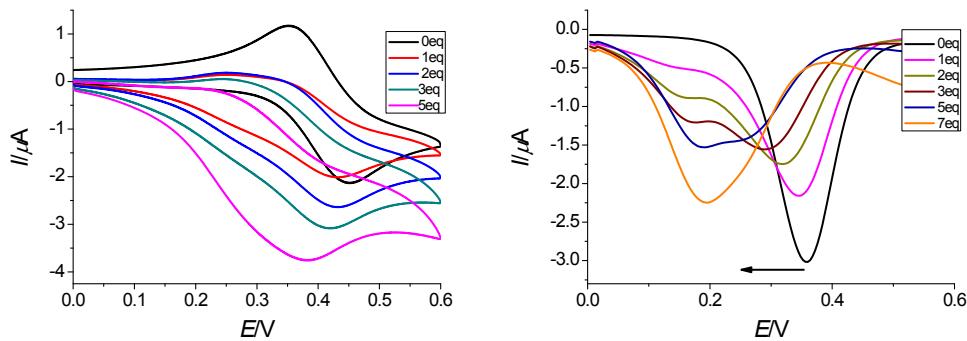
$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution. Reference electrode =  $\text{Ag}/\text{AgNO}_3$ ; supporting electrolyte =  $[\text{n-Bu}_4\text{N}]\text{PF}_6$  (0.1 M); scan rate = 100 mV S<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S3** CV and DPV titration profile of **1** (0.2 mM) upon addition of various amount of  $\text{Pi}$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution. Reference electrode =  $\text{Ag}/\text{AgNO}_3$ ; supporting electrolyte =  $[\text{n-Bu}_4\text{N}]\text{PF}_6$  (0.1 M); scan rate = 100 mV S<sup>-1</sup>.

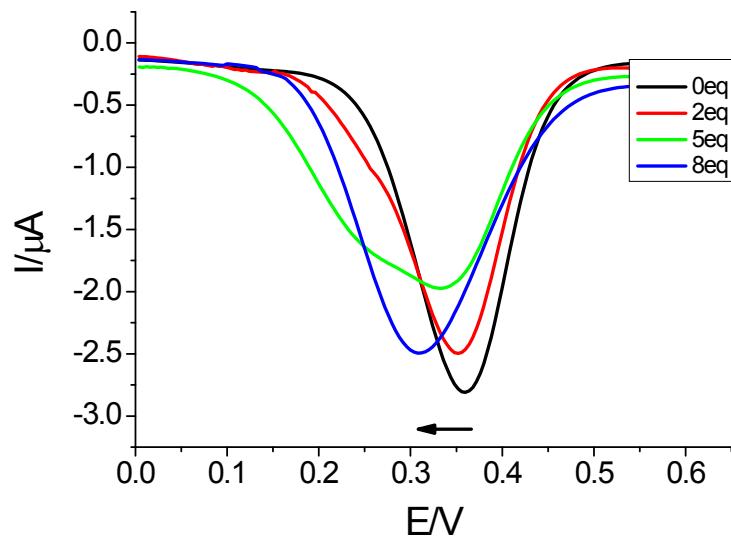


**Fig. S4** DPV titration profile of **2** (0.2 mM) upon addition of various amount of  $\text{F}^-$  (a) and  $\text{Pi}$  (b) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution. Reference electrode =  $\text{Ag}/\text{AgNO}_3$ ; supporting electrolyte =  $[\text{n-Bu}_4\text{N}]\text{PF}_6$  (0.1 M); scan rate = 100 mV S<sup>-1</sup>.

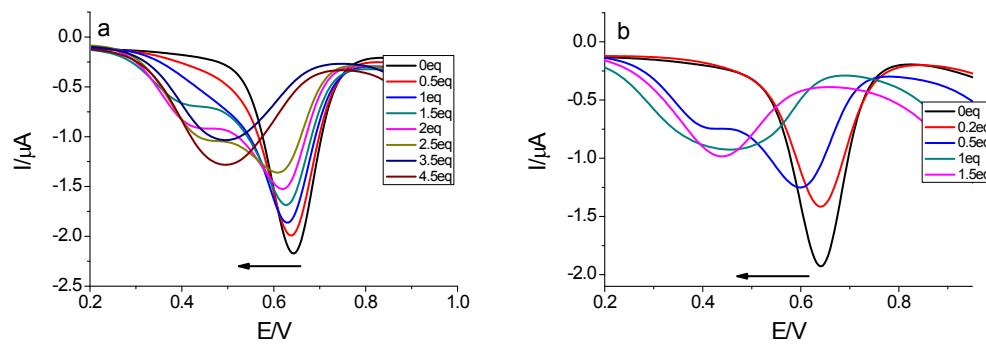


**Fig. S5** CV and DPV titration profile of **3** (0.2 mM) upon addition of various amount of  $\text{F}^-$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution. Reference electrode =  $\text{Ag}/\text{AgNO}_3$ ; supporting electrolyte =  $[\text{n-Bu}_4\text{N}]\text{PF}_6$  (0.1 M);

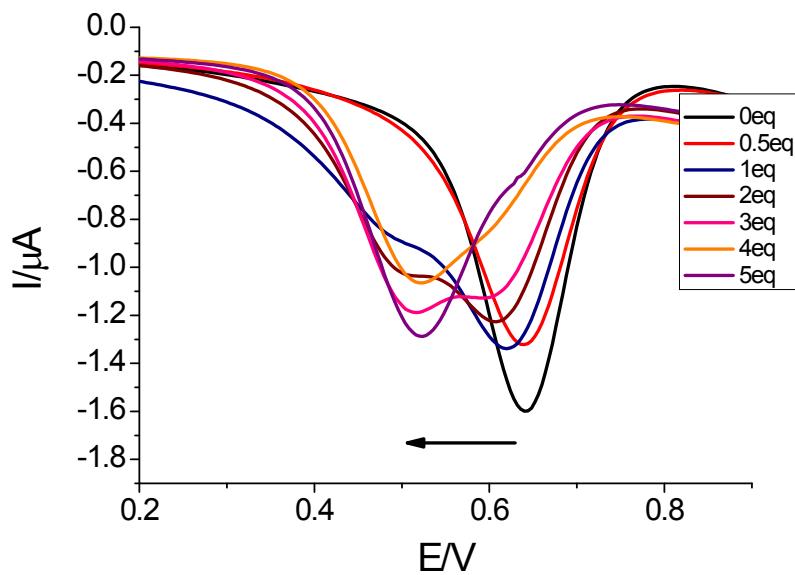
scan rate = 100 mV S<sup>-1</sup>.



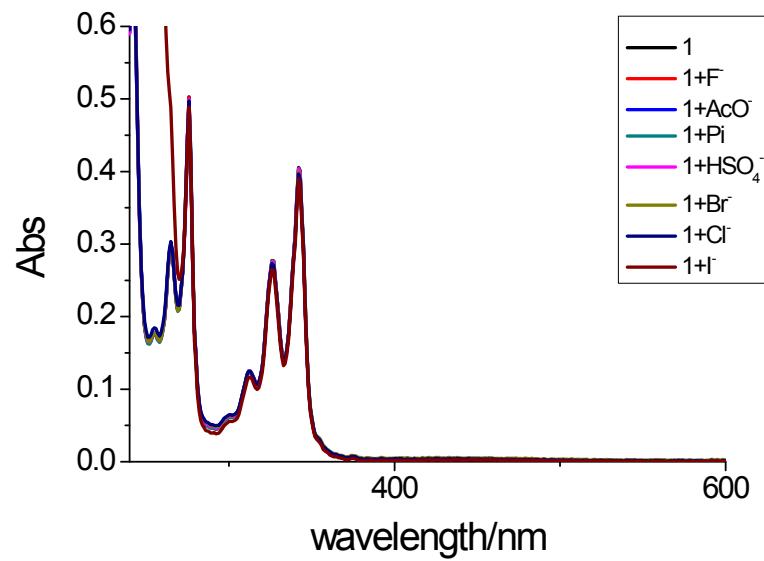
**Fig. S6** DPVs titration profile of **3** (0.2 mM) upon addition of various amount of AcO<sup>-</sup> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. Reference electrode = Ag/AgNO<sub>3</sub>; supporting electrolyte = [n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N]PF<sub>6</sub> (0.1 M); scan rate = 100 mV S<sup>-1</sup>.



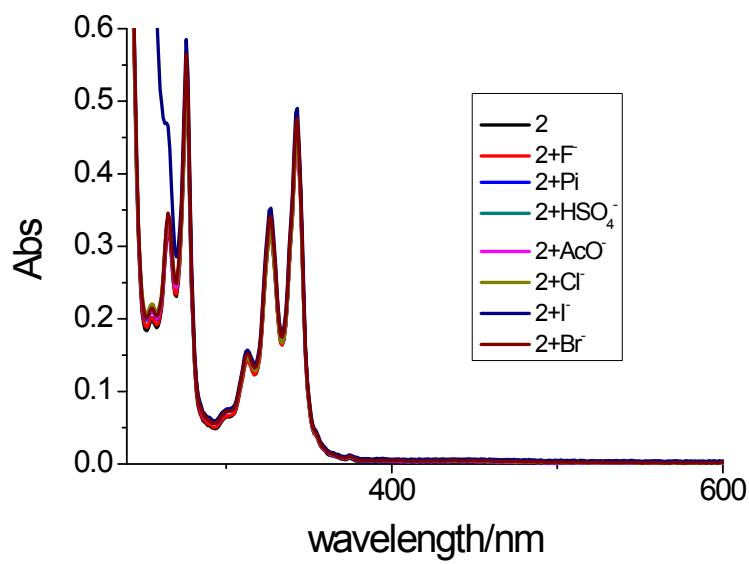
**Fig. S7** DPV titration profile of **4** (0.2 mM) upon addition of various amount of F<sup>-</sup> (left) and Pi (right) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/DMF (9:1, V/V) solution. Reference electrode = Ag/AgNO<sub>3</sub>; supporting electrolyte = [n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N]PF<sub>6</sub> (0.1 M); scan rate = 100 mV S<sup>-1</sup>



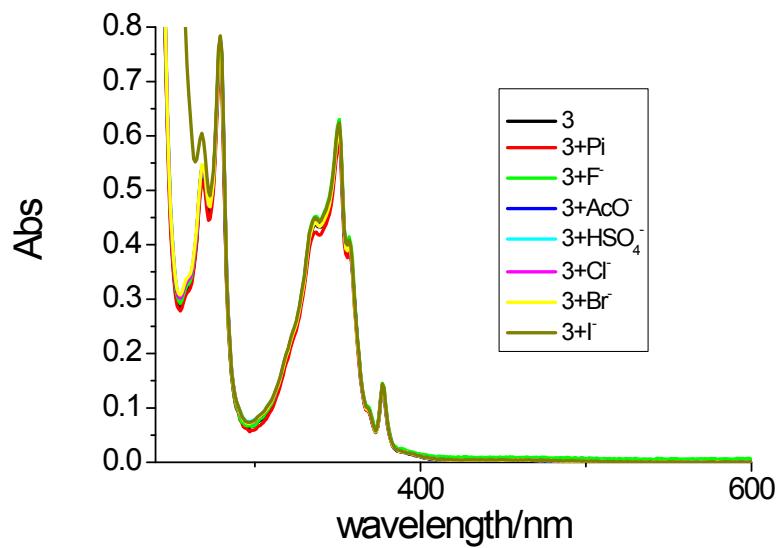
**Fig. S8** DPV titration profile of **4** (0.2 mM) upon addition of various amount of  $\text{AcO}^-$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{DMF}$  (9:1, V/V) solution. Reference electrode =  $\text{Ag}/\text{AgNO}_3$ ; supporting electrolyte = [ $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N}\text{PF}_6$ ] (0.1 M); scan rate = 100 mV  $\text{S}^{-1}$



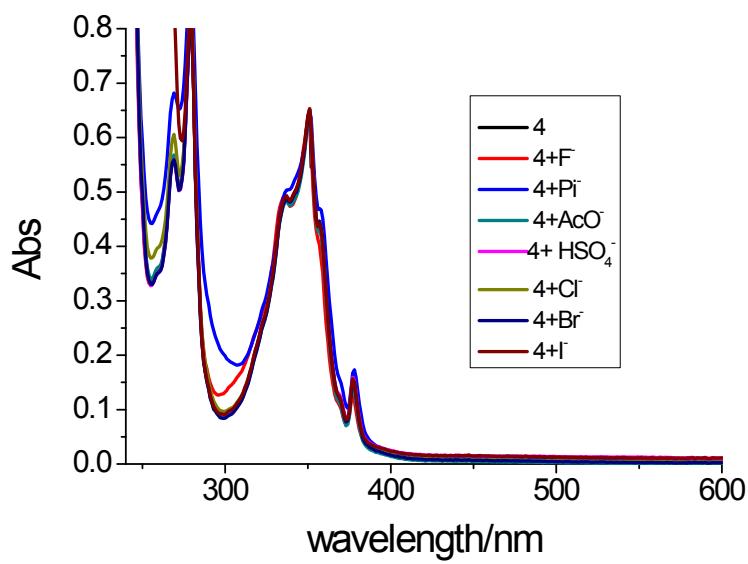
**Fig. S9** The absorption spectra of **1** upon addition various anions (30 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution.



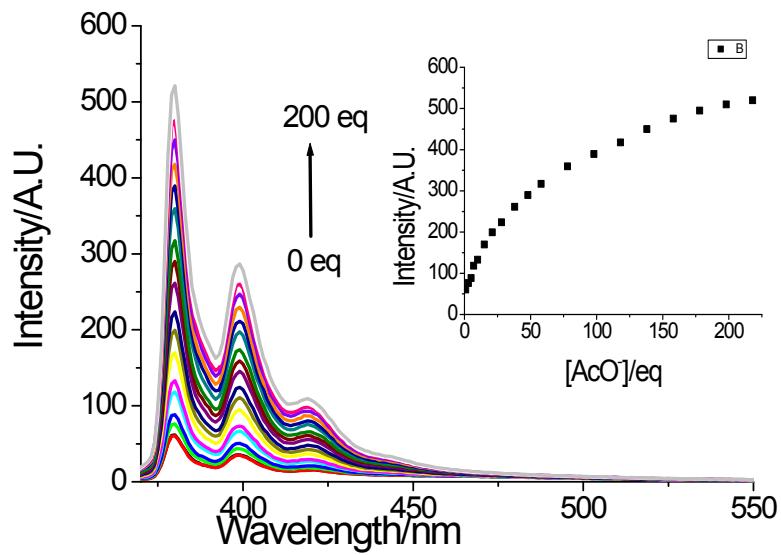
**Fig. S10** The absorption spectra of **2** upon addition various anions (20 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution.



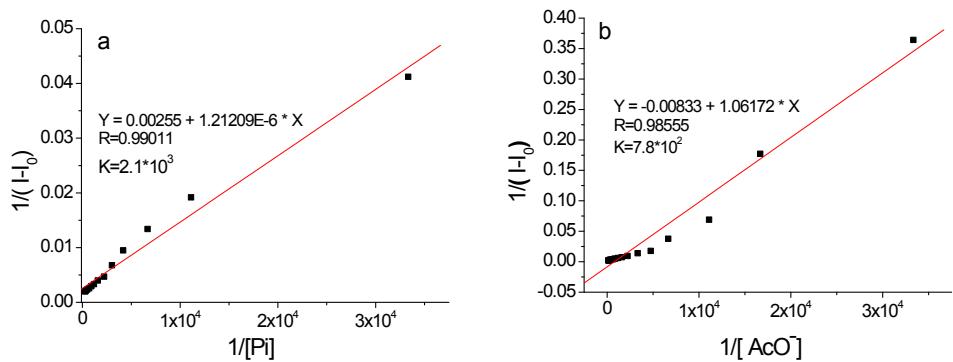
**Fig. S11** The absorption spectra of **3** upon addition various anions (30 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution.



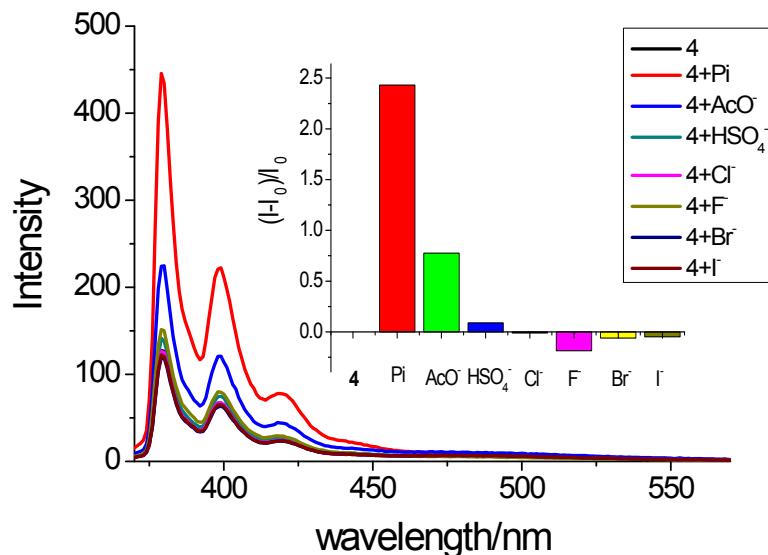
**Fig. S12** The absorption spectra of **4** upon addition various anions (20 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution.



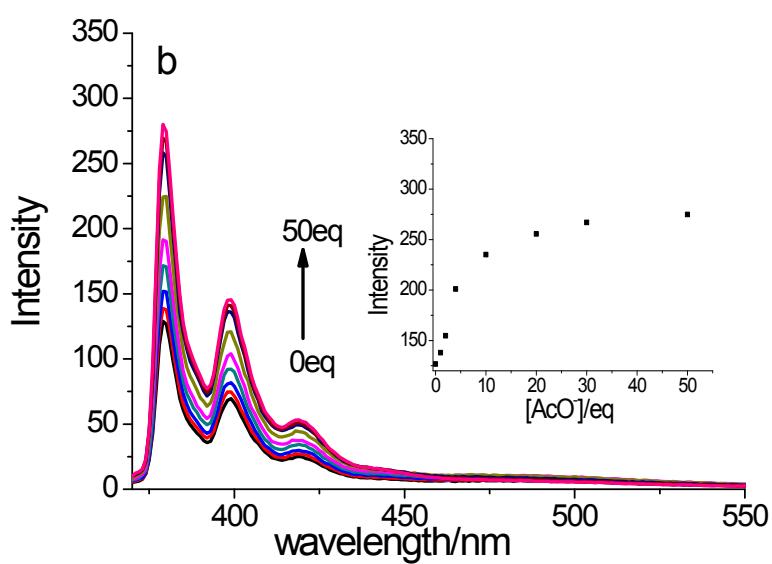
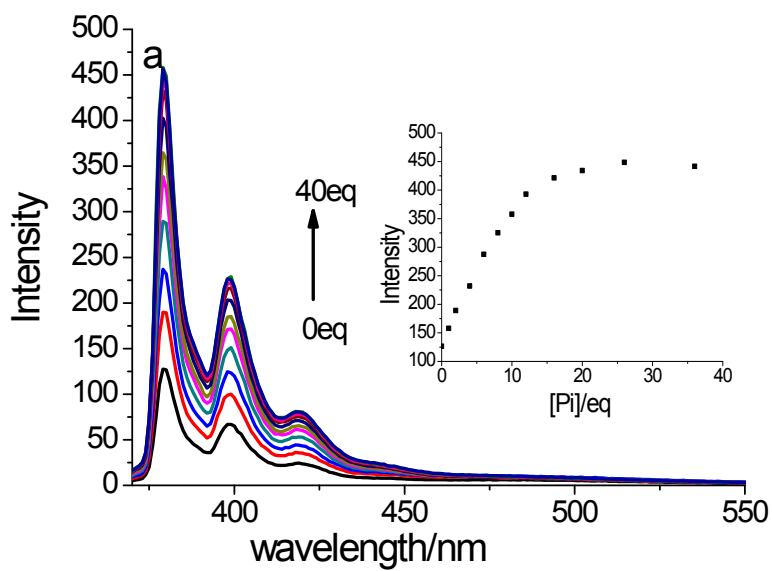
**Fig. S13** Emission titration spectra of **3** (20 $\mu$ M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution upon addition AcO<sup>-</sup> (1-200eq). Inset : Fluorescence spectra changes of **3** at 380 nm upon the addition of various amount of AcO<sup>-</sup> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution.



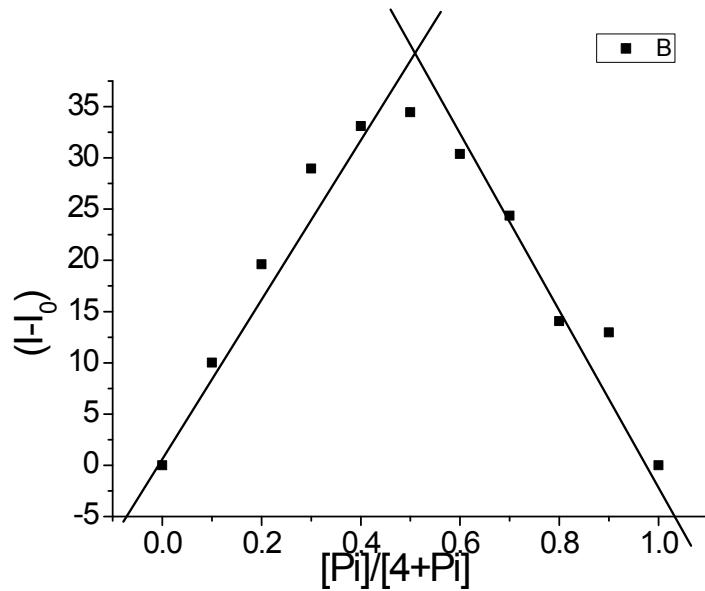
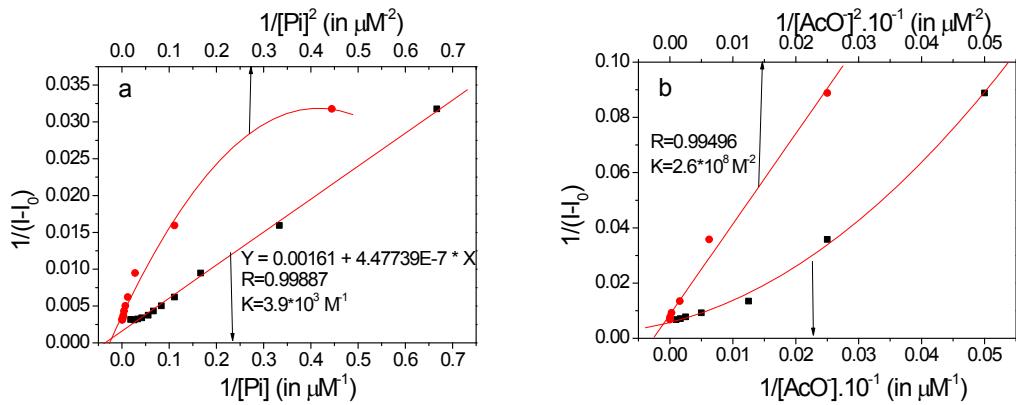
**Fig. S14** the Benesi-Hildebrand plot for 1:1 complexation of **3** with Pi (a) and AcO- (b) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution

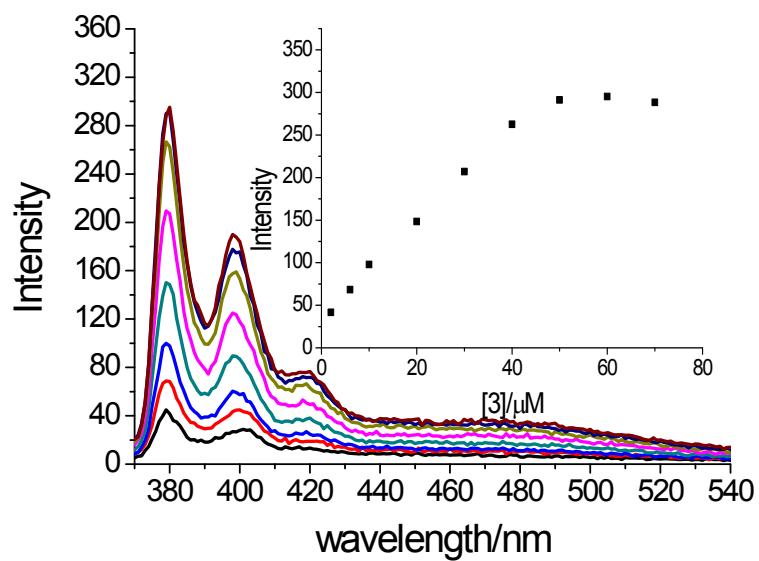


**Fig. S15** The emission spectra of **4** upon addition various anions (20 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 360$  nm). Inset: shows the emission intensity at 380 nm upon the addition of various anions.

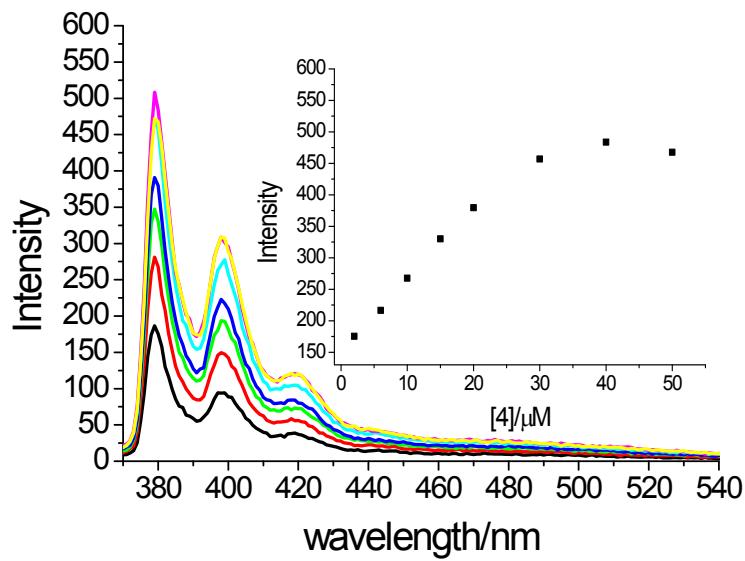


**Fig. S16** (a) Emission titration spectra of **4** ( $20\mu\text{M}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution upon addition  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  (0–40 eq) with excitation at 360 nm. Inset: Fluorescence spectra changes of **4** at 380 nm upon the addition of various amount of  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution; (b) Emission titration spectra of **4** ( $20\mu\text{M}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution upon addition  $\text{AcO}^-$  (1–50 eq). Inset: Fluorescence spectra changes of **4** at 380 nm upon the addition of various amount of  $\text{AcO}^-$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution.

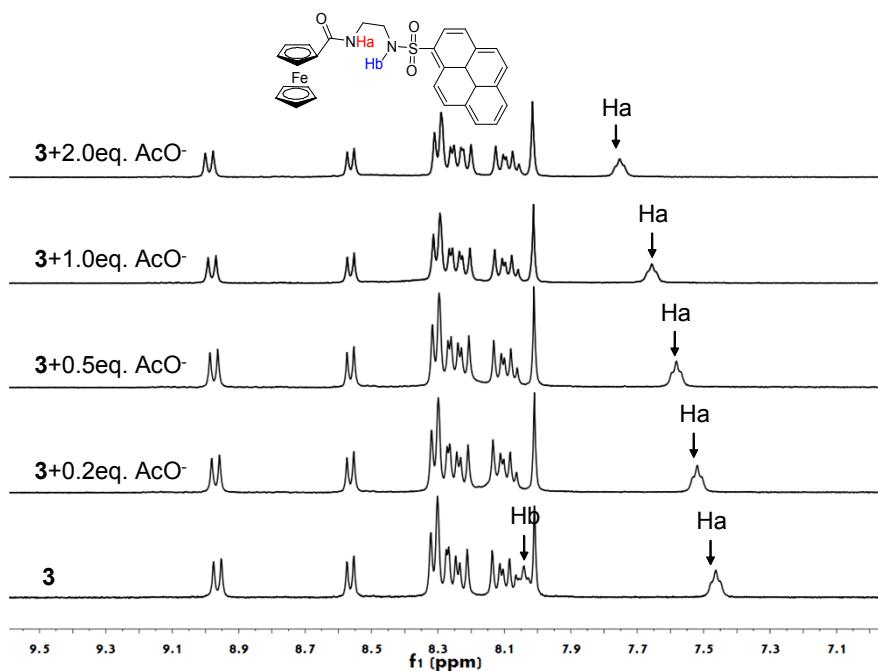




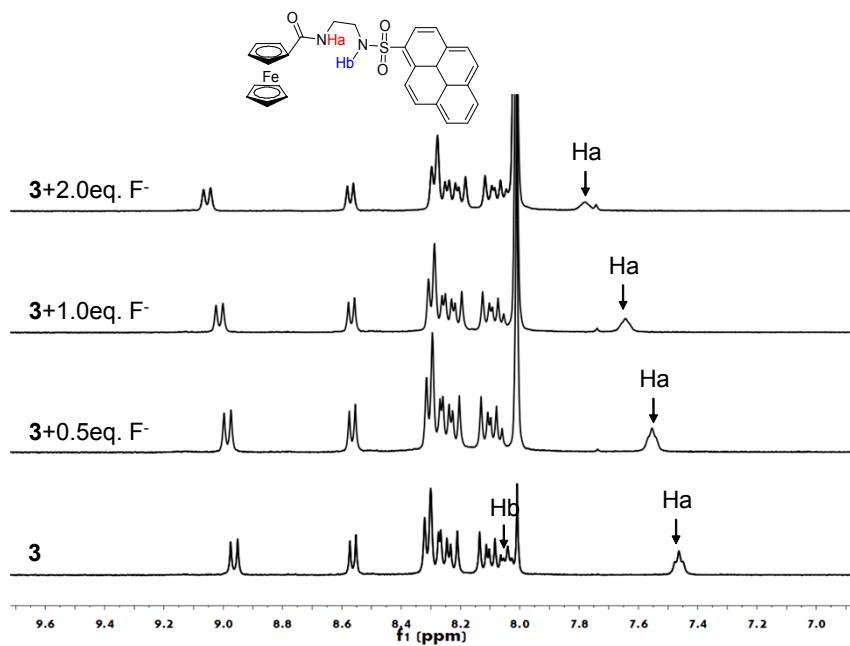
**Fig. S19** Fluorescence spectra changes of **3** upon the addition of various amount of **3** in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution. Inset: Fluorescence spectra changes of **3** at 380 nm upon the addition of various amount of **3** in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution.



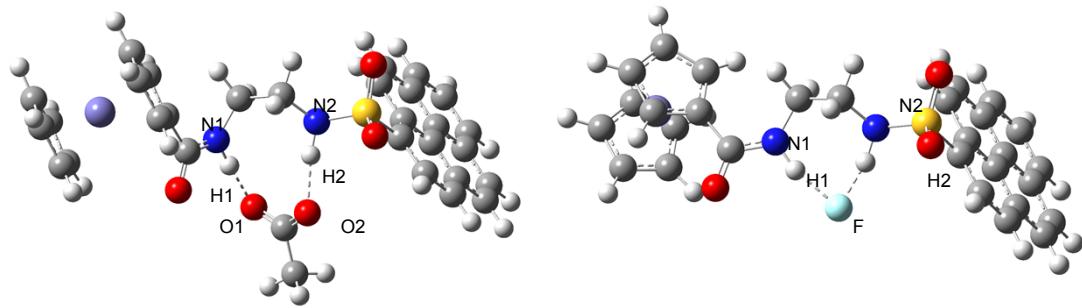
**Fig. S20** Fluorescence spectra changes of **4** upon the addition of various amount of **4** in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution. Inset: Fluorescence spectra changes of **4** at 380 nm upon the addition of various amount of **4** in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution.



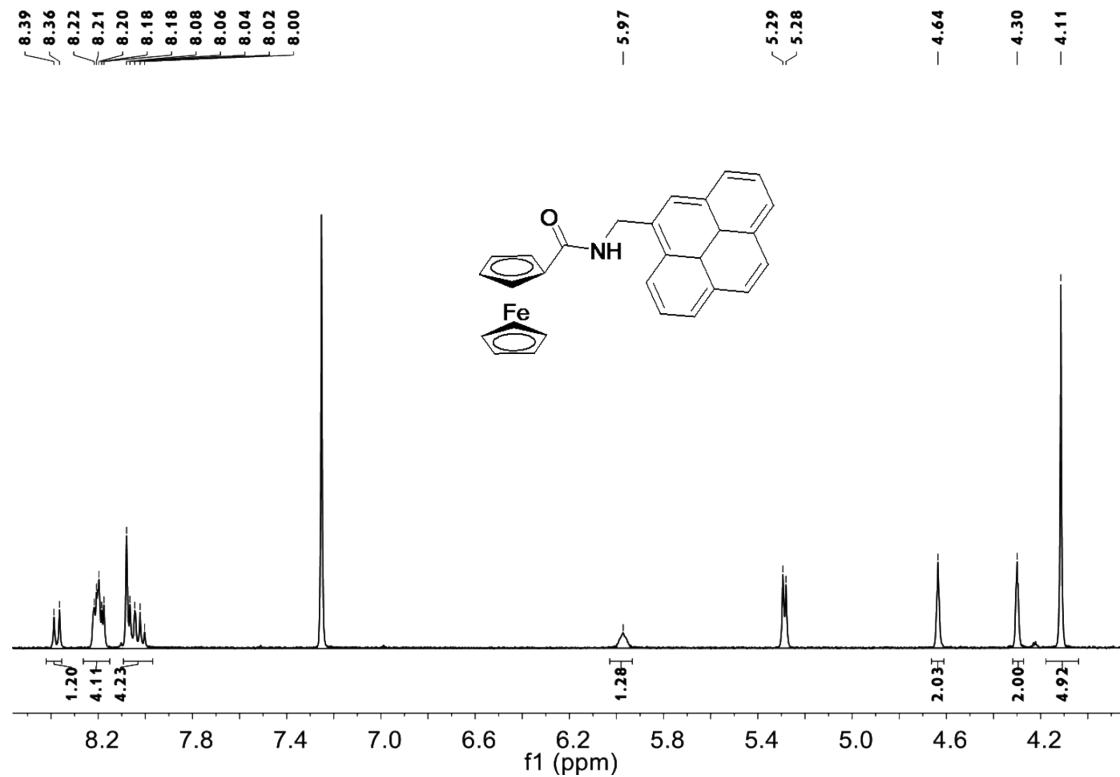
**Fig. S21** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **3** upon addition various amount of AcO<sup>-</sup> in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution



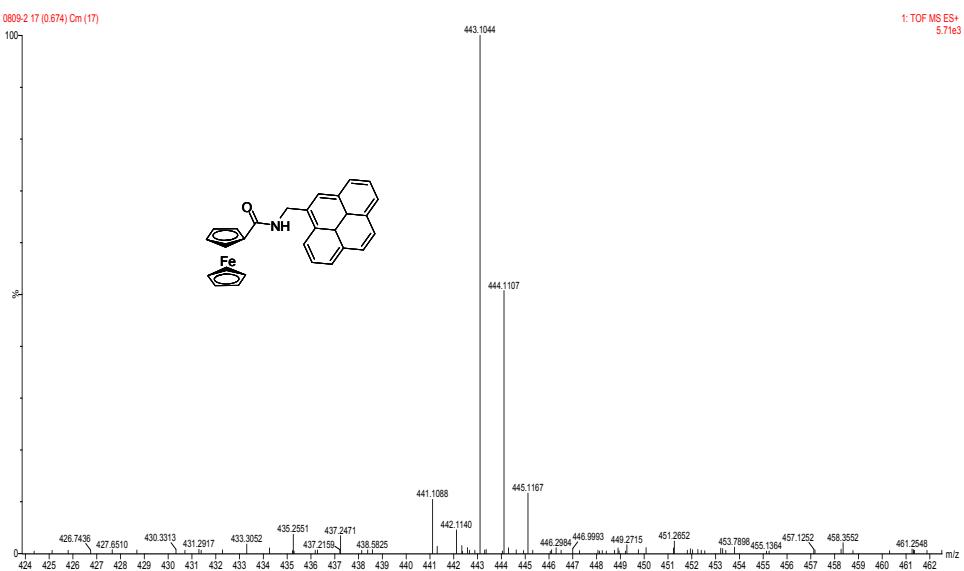
**Fig. S22** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **3** upon addition various amount of F<sup>-</sup> in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution



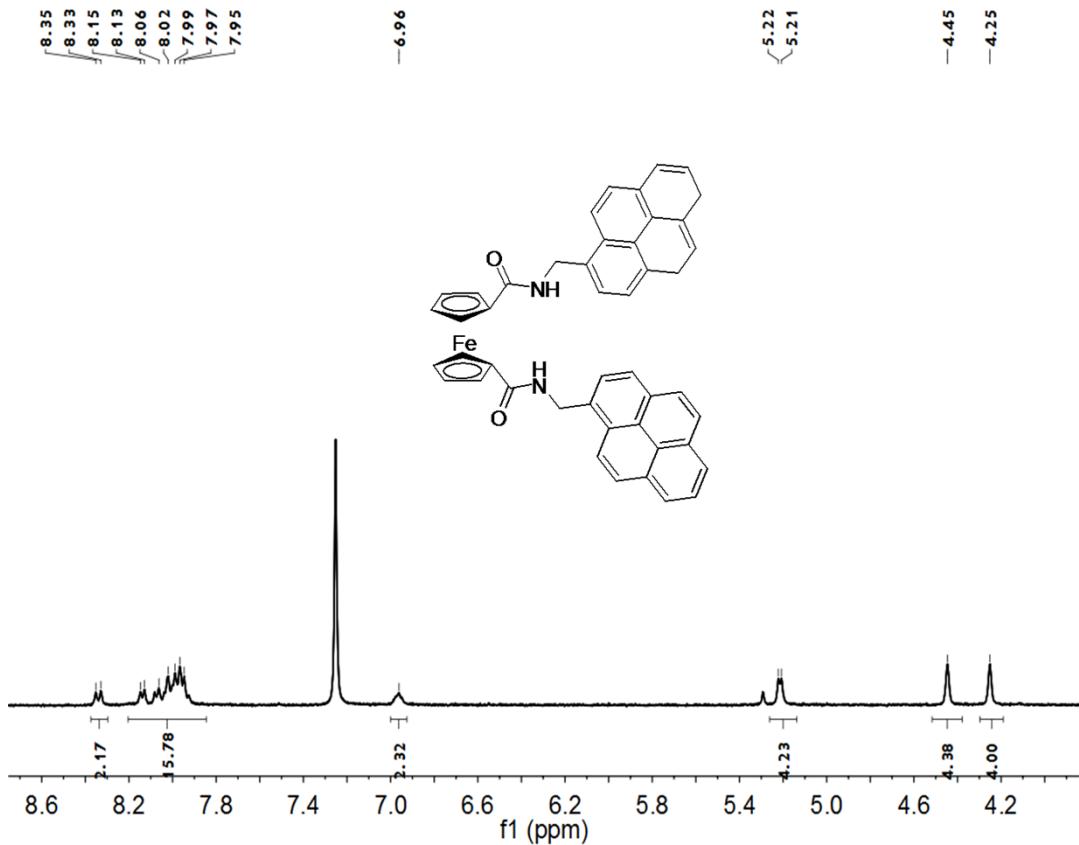
**Fig. S23** Calculated structure (B3LYP/6-31G) of  $\mathbf{3}\bullet \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$  (left) and  $\mathbf{3}\bullet \text{F}^-$  (right) complexes. Nitrogen, oxygen, sulfur, carbon and hydrogen atoms are represented as blue, red, yellow, gray and white balls respectively. Selected bond and angles: N1–H1···O1, 1.853 Å, 173.15 °; N2–H2···O2, 1.782 Å, 172.23 °; N1–H1···F, 1.567 Å, 166.34 °; N2–H2···F, 1.713 Å, 165.71 °.



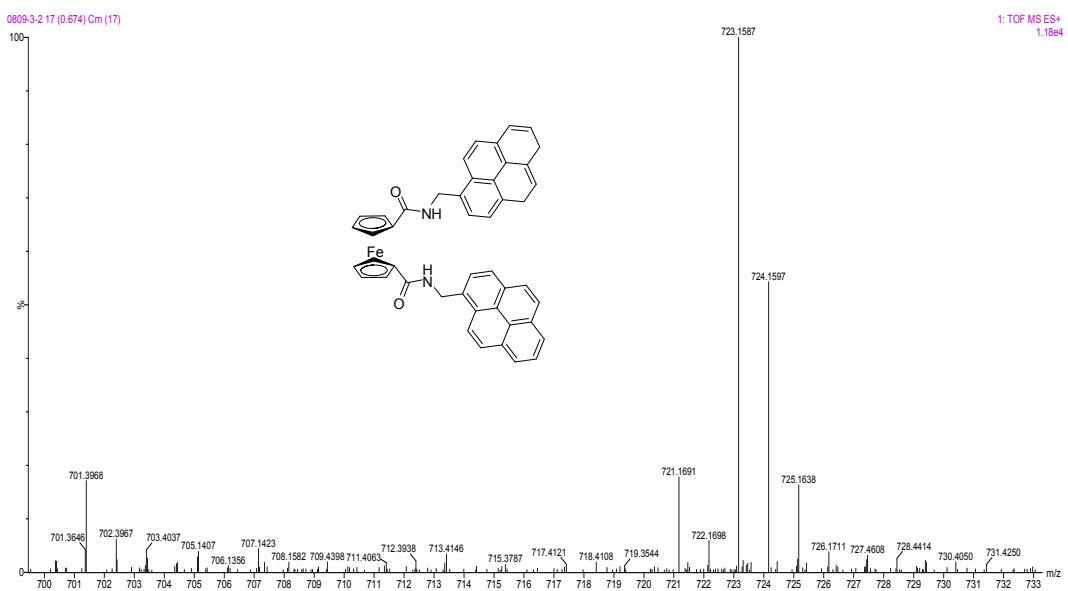
**Fig. S24**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution



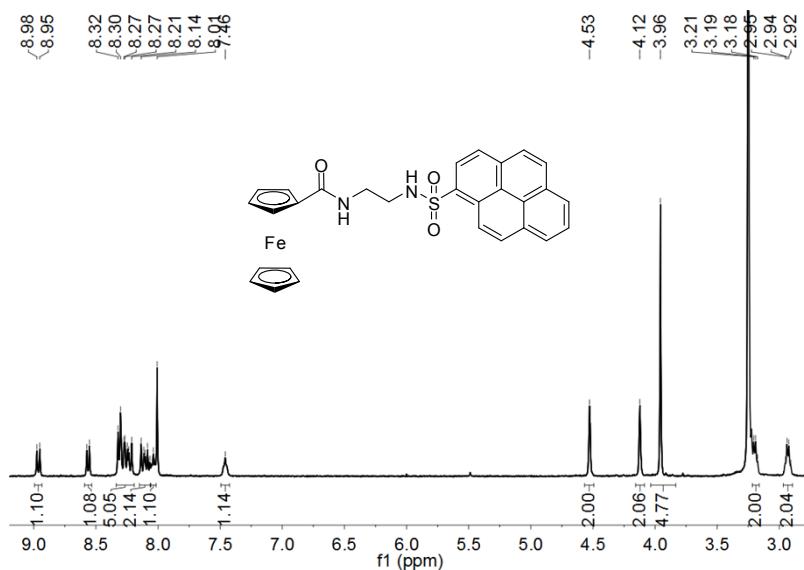
**Fig. S25** ESI-MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) spectrum of **1**



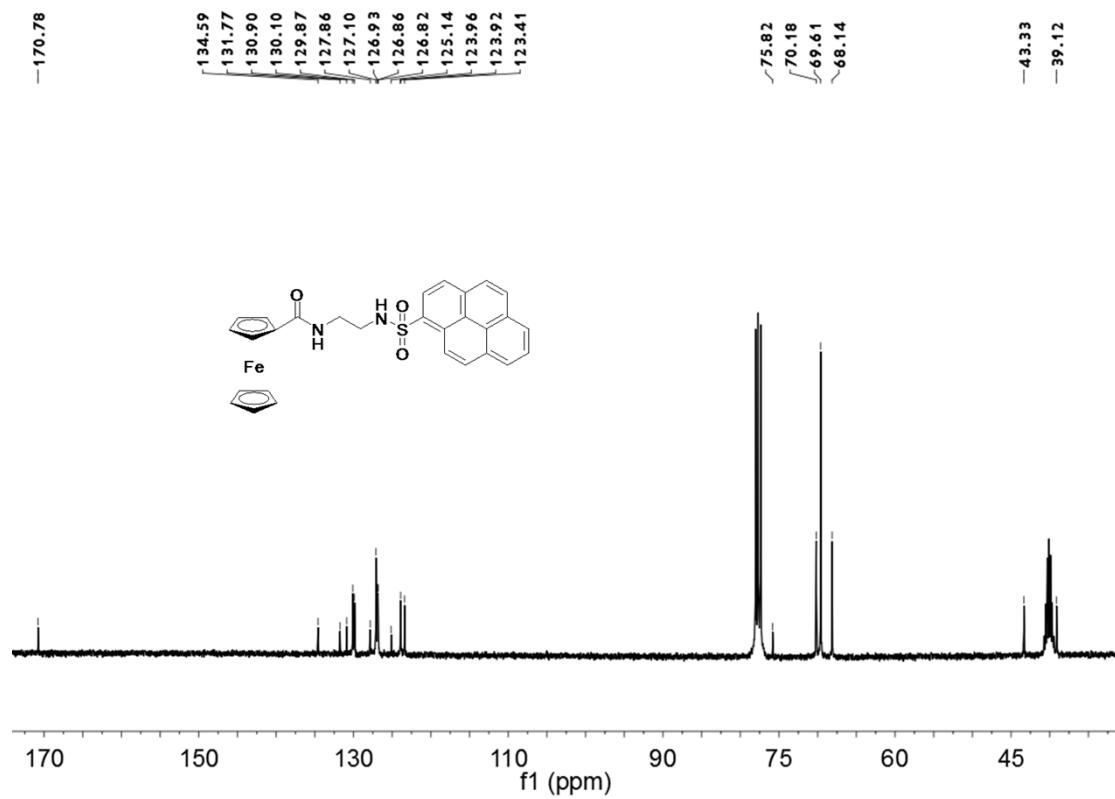
**Fig. S26** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution



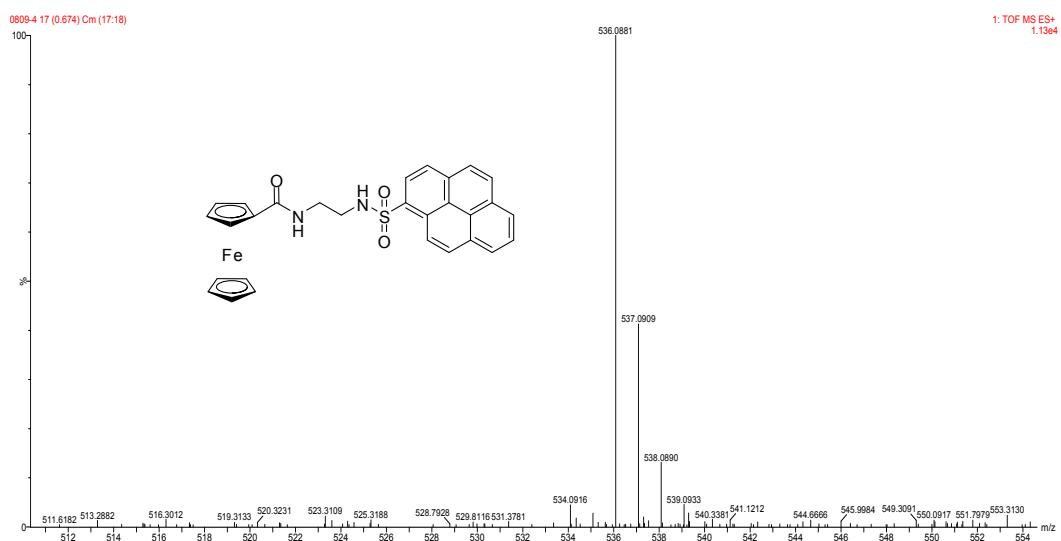
**Fig. S27** ESI-MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) spectrum of **2**



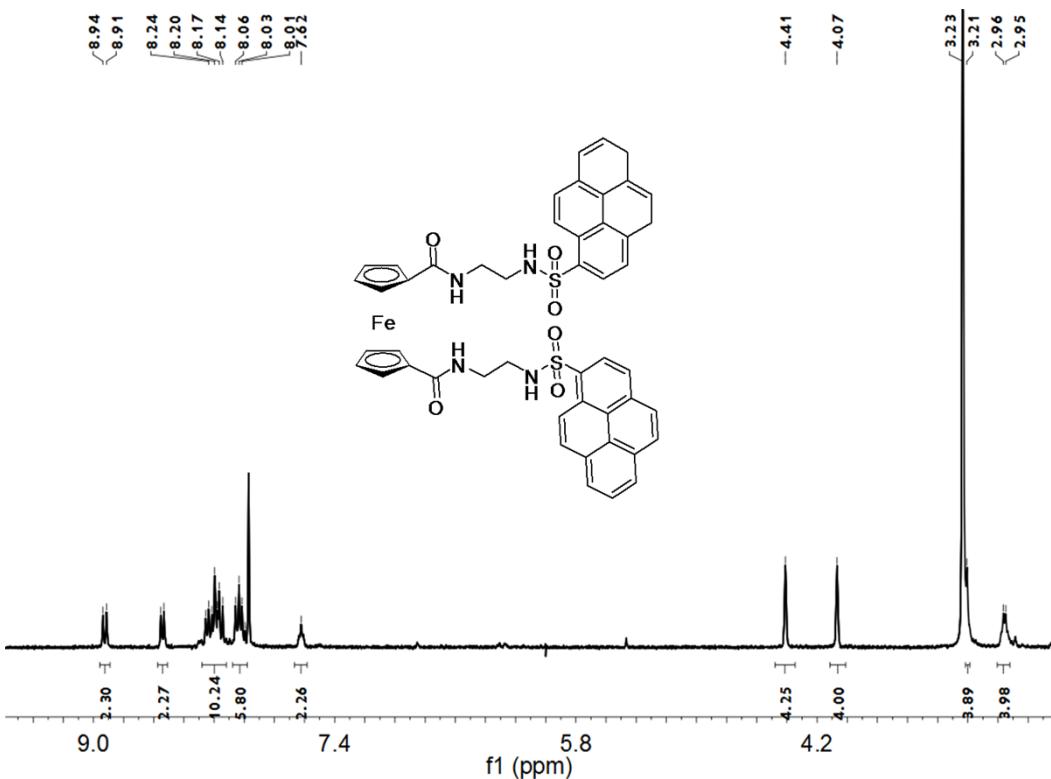
**Fig. S28** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>/DMSO solution



**Fig. S29**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{DMSO}$  solution



**Fig. S30** ESI-MS ( $\text{ES}^+$ ) spectrum of **3**



**Fig. S32** ESI-MS ( $\text{ES}^+$ ) spectrum of **4**