

Supporting information for

**A turn-on fluorescent pyrene-based chemosensor for Cu(II) with live cell application**

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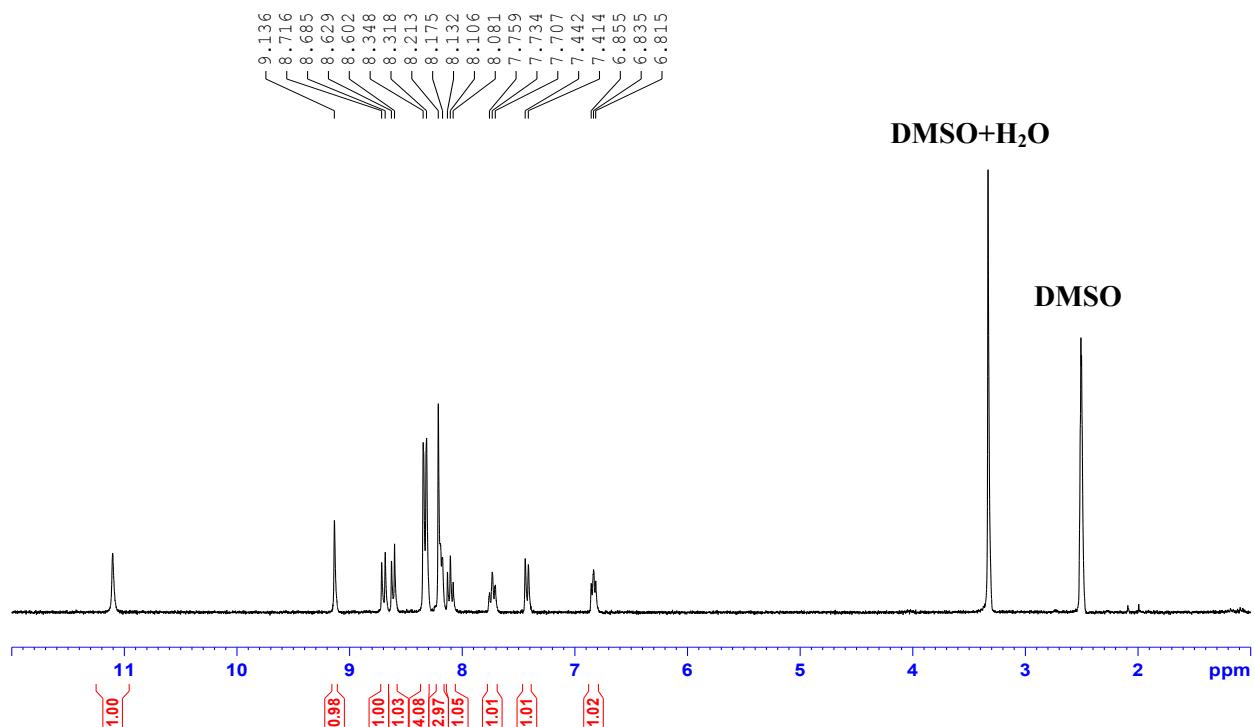
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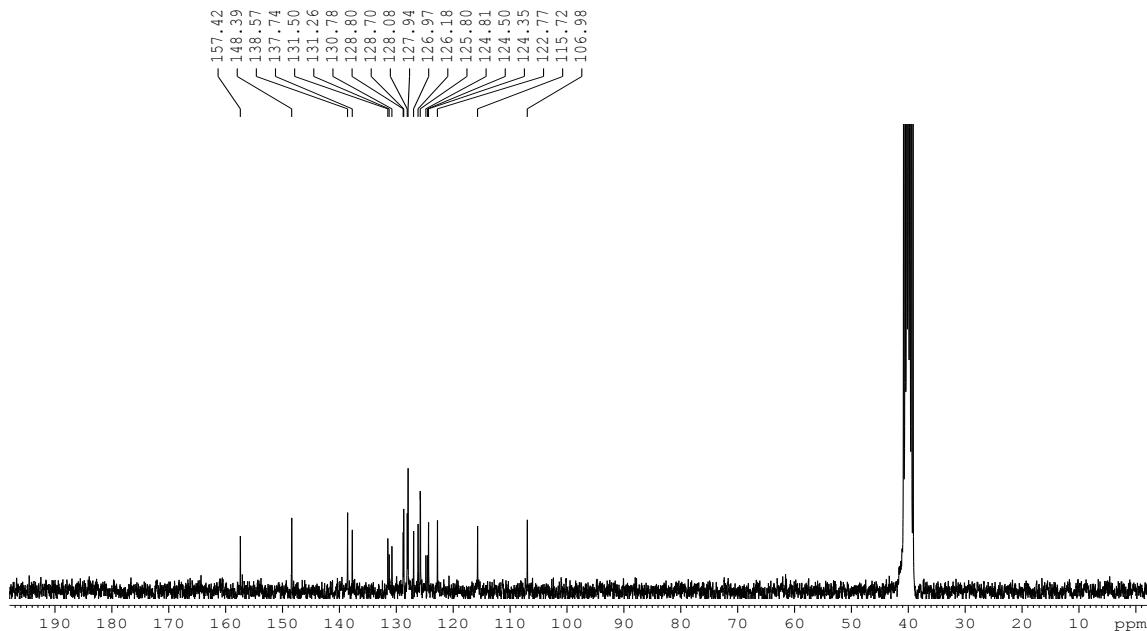
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**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) spectrum of PHP



**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) spectrum of PHP

## Display Report

Meas. m/z	#	Ion Formula	m/z	err [ppm]	mSigma	# Sigma	Score	rdb	e <sup>-</sup> Conf	N-Rule ok	Adduct
322.1345	1	C22H16N3	322.1339	-1.9	13.6	2	100.00	16.5	even	ok	M+H

### Acquisition Parameter

Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Positive	Set Nebulizer	1.0 Bar
Focus	Active	Set Capillary	4500 V	Set Dry Heater	200 °C
Scan Begin	50 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Dry Gas	6.0 l/min
Scan End	1500 m/z	Set Charging Voltage	2000 V	Set Divert Valve	Waste
		Set Corona	0 nA	Set APCI Heater	0 °C

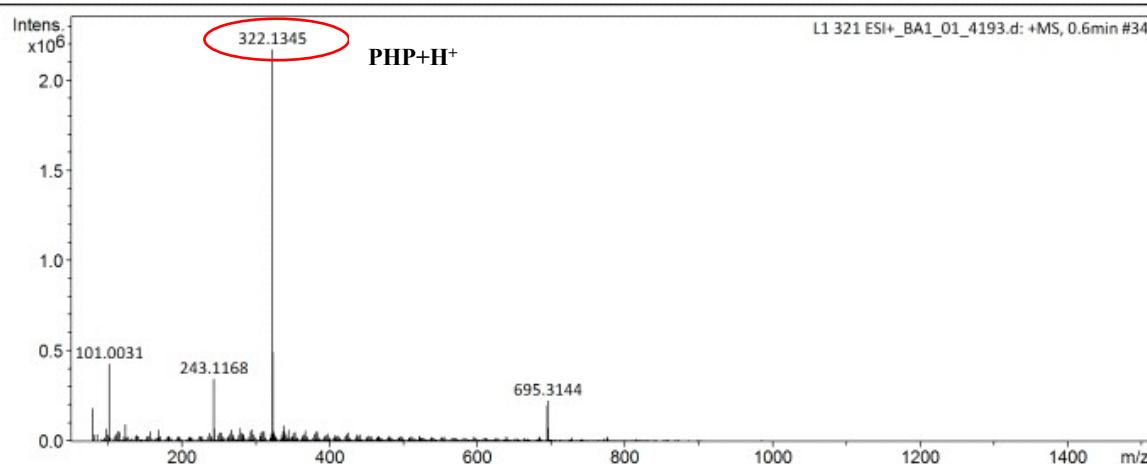
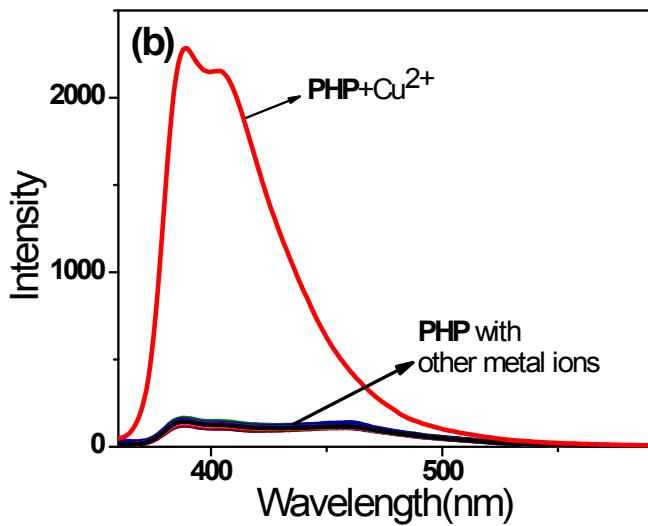
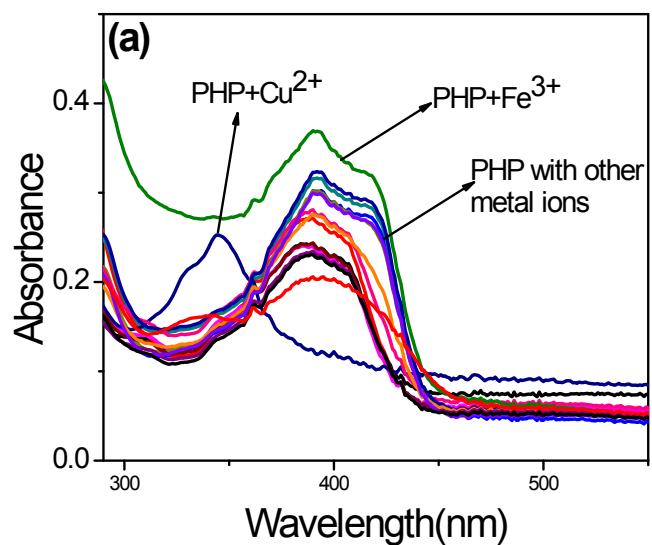
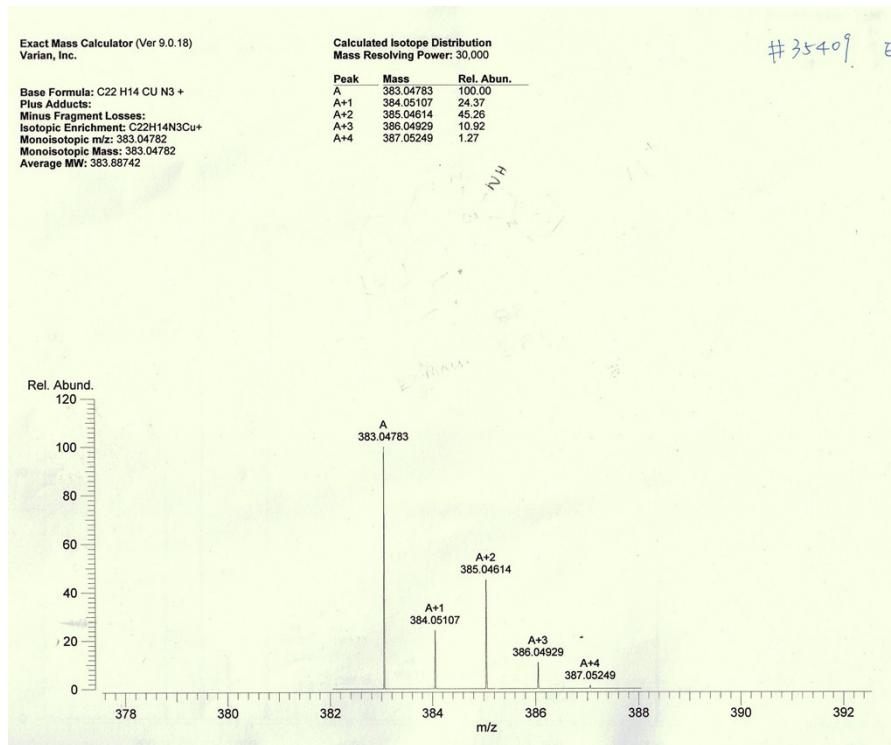


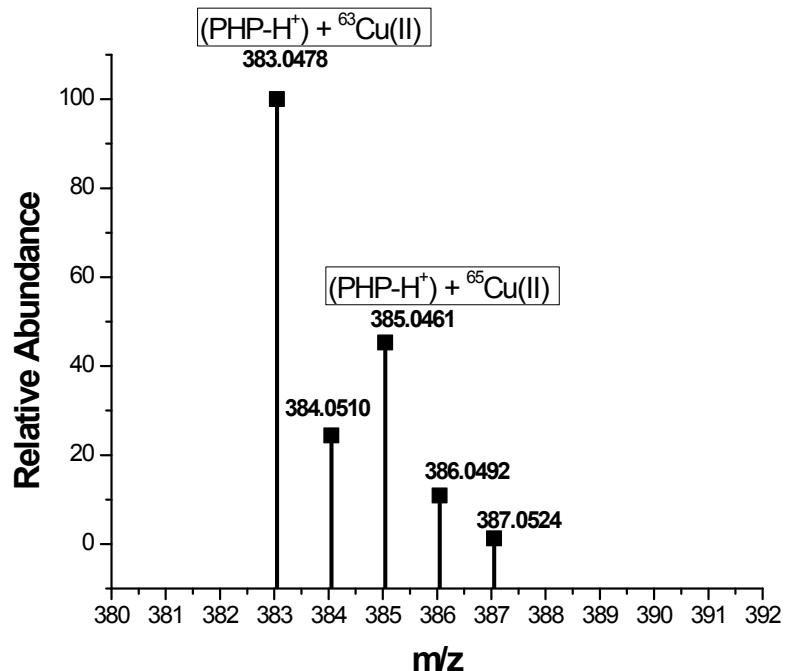
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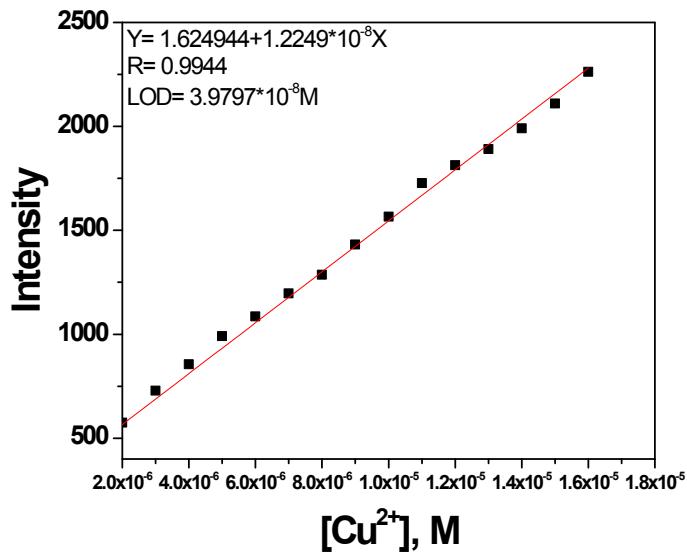
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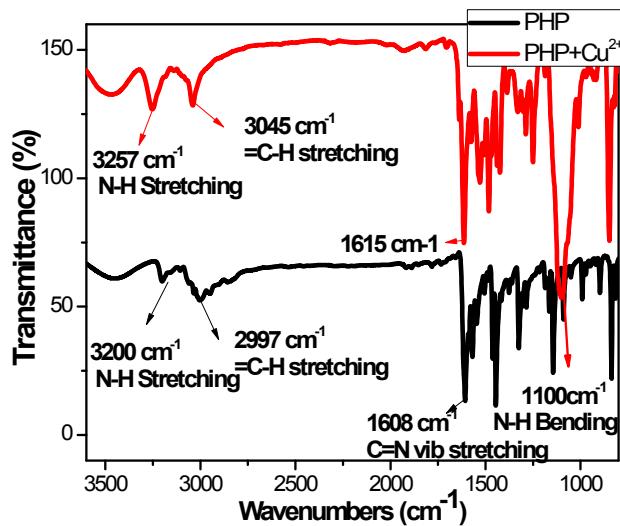
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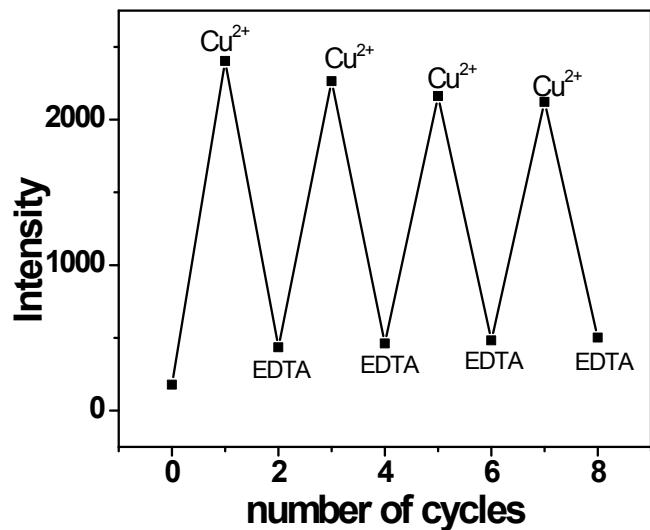
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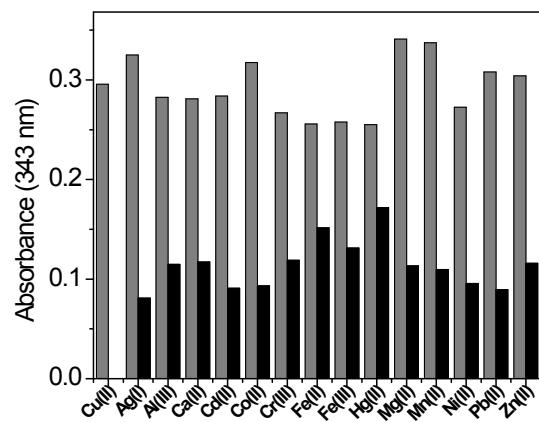
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