

Supplementary Material

Phosphorescent chemosensor for Hg²⁺ based on iridium(III) complex coordinated with 4-phenylquinazoline and sodium carbazole dithiocarbamate

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Detection limit:

The detection limit was determined from the fluorescence titration data based on a reported method.¹ The fluorescence spectrum of probe **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** was measured by six times and the standard deviation of blank measurement was achieved. To gain the slop, the fluorescent intensity data at 562 nm was plotted as a concentration of Hg²⁺. So the detection limit was calculated with the following equation:

$$\text{Detection limit} = 3\sigma/K$$

Where σ is the standard deviation of blank measurement, and K is the slop between the fluorescence versus Hg²⁺ concentration.

There was a good linearity at micro molar concentration levels between fluorescent intensity data at 562 nm and concentrations of Hg²⁺ in the range from 6×10^{-6} M to 24×10^{-6} M, indicating the probe **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** can detect quantitatively relevant concentrations of Hg²⁺. The linear equation was found to be $y = 31.438x - 106.557$ ($R = 0.998$), where y is the fluorescent intensity data at 562 nm measured at a given Hg²⁺ concentration and x represents the concentration of Hg²⁺ added. So the detection limit for Hg²⁺ was calculated to be 25nM (Detection limit = $3\sigma/K = 0.801/31.438 \times 10^{-6}$ M $\approx$ 25nM).

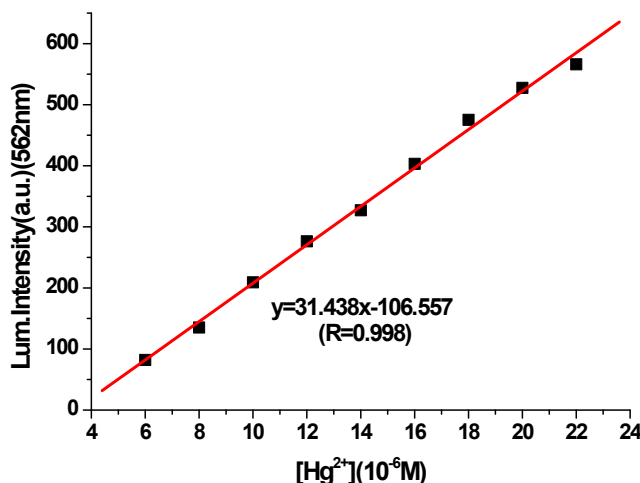


Figure S1. Normalized response of fluorescence signal of **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** in DCM+ MeCN ($V_{\text{DCM}}:V_{\text{MeCN}}=10:1$, 2.0×10^{-5} M) in the presence of increasing amount of Hg²⁺ (6×10^{-6} M to 24×10^{-6} M) predissolved in acetonitrile. ($\lambda_{\text{ex}}=360\text{nm}$; $\lambda_{\text{em}}=562\text{nm}$).

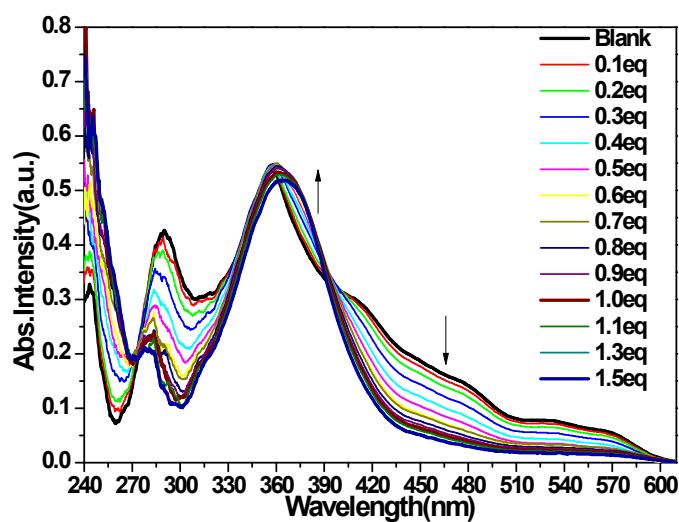


Figure S2. UV-vis spectra of $\text{Ir}(\text{pqz})_2(\text{cdc})$ in DCM+ THF ($V_{\text{DCM}}:V_{\text{THF}}=10:1$, $c = 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$ M) in the presence of increasing amount of $\text{Hg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ (0-1.5 equiv) predissolved in THF. Arrows indicate the absorptions that increase (up) and decrease (down) during the titration experiments.

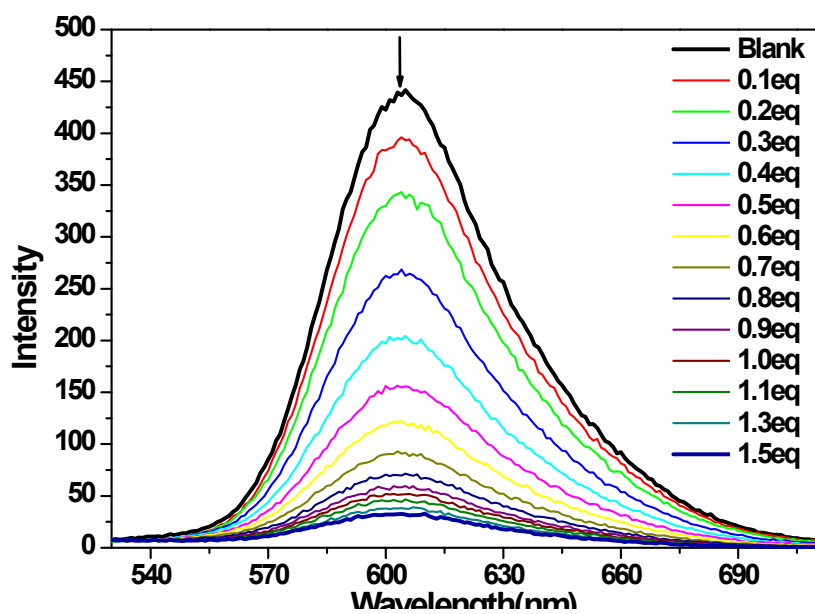


Figure S3. Fluorescence emission spectra of $\text{Ir}(\text{pqz})_2(\text{cdc})$ in DCM+ THF ($V_{\text{DCM}}:V_{\text{THF}}=10:1$, 2.0×10^{-5} M, $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=360\text{nm}$) in the presence of increasing amount of Hg^{2+} (0-1.5 equiv) predissolved in THF.

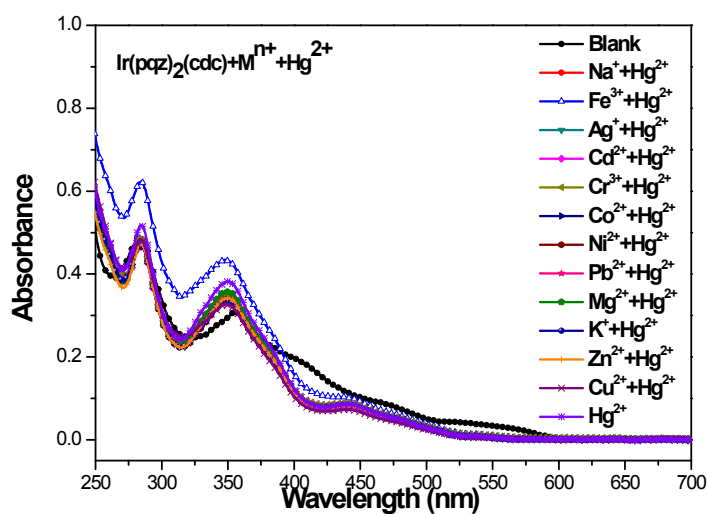


Figure S4. UV-vis spectra of **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** ($c = 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$) in the presence of 2 equiv of Hg^{2+} and 2 equiv of other metal ions at the same time in DCM+ MeCN ($V_{\text{DCM}}:V_{\text{MeCN}}=10:1$). Na^+ , Fe^{3+} , Ag^+ , Cd^{2+} , Cr^{3+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Pb^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , K^+ , Zn^{2+} and Cu^{2+} were added, respectively.

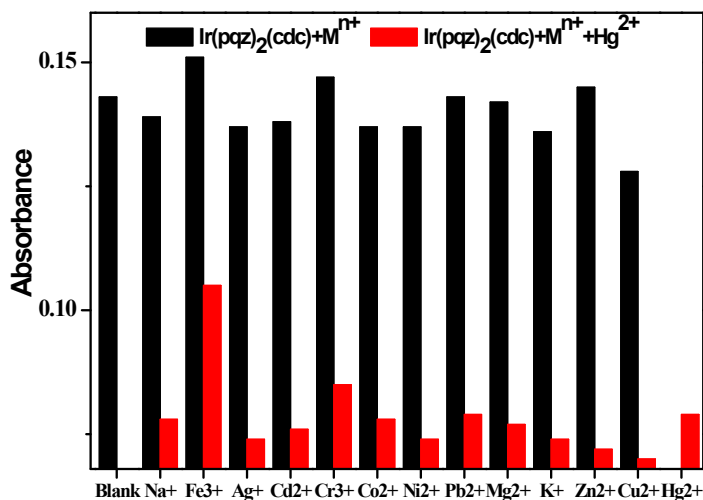


Figure S5. UV-vis absorption responses of **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** in DCM+ MeCN ($V_{\text{DCM}}:V_{\text{MeCN}}=10:1$, 2.0×10^{-5} M) to various 2 equiv of metal ions. Bars represent the final ($A_{425\text{nm}}$) absorption intensity. The black bars represent the free **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** solution and the addition of various metal ions (2 equiv) to a solution of **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)**. The red bars represent the change of the absorption intensity that occurs upon the subsequent addition of 2 equiv of Hg^{2+} to the above solution.

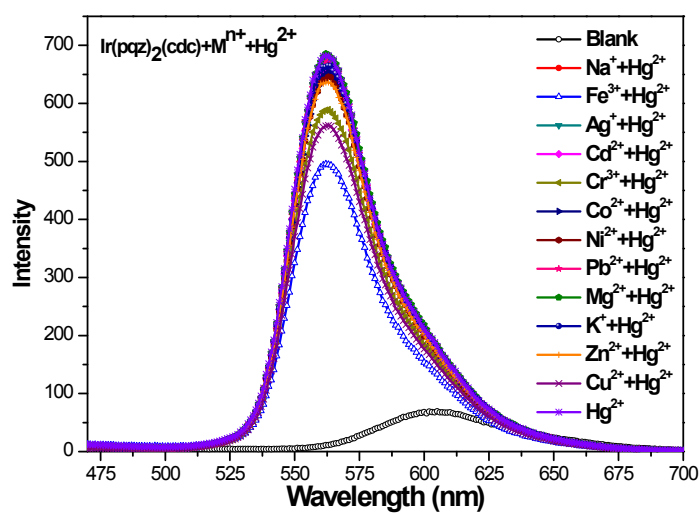
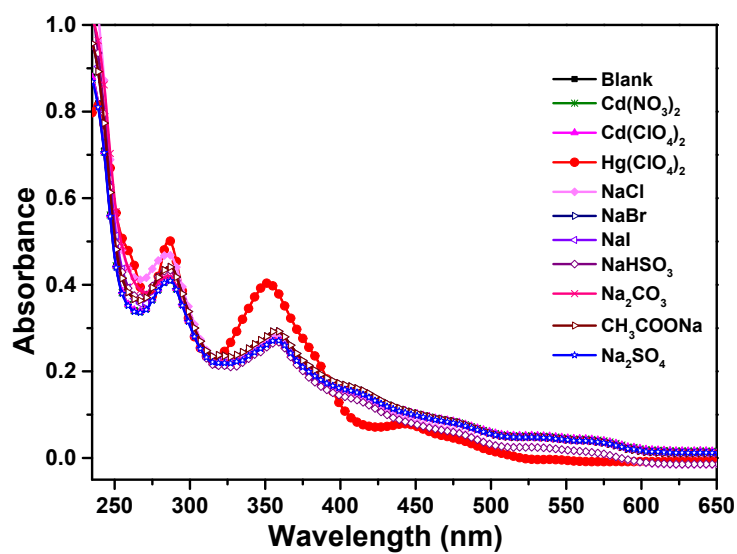
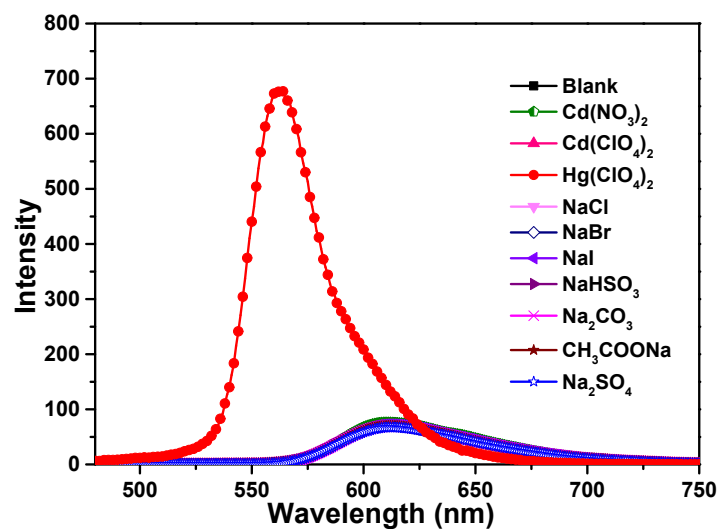


Figure S6. Emission spectra of $\text{Ir}(\text{pqz})_2(\text{cdc})$ ($c = 2.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) in the presence of 2 equiv of Hg^{2+} and 2 equiv of other metal ions at the same time in $\text{DCM} + \text{MeCN}$ ($V_{\text{DCM}}:V_{\text{MeCN}}=10:1$). Na^+ , Fe^{3+} , Ag^+ , Cd^{2+} , Cr^{3+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Pb^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , K^+ , Zn^{2+} and Cu^{2+} were added, respectively.



(a)



(b)

Figure S7. (a) UV-vis spectra of **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** ($c = 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$ M) in the presence of main group metal salt and transition metal salt with different anions (2.0 equiv) in DCM+ MeCN($V_{\text{DCM}}:V_{\text{MeCN}}=10:1$). (b) Emission spectra of **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** ($c = 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$ M) in the presence of main group metal salt and transition metal salt with different anions (2.0 equiv) in DCM+ MeCN($V_{\text{DCM}}:V_{\text{MeCN}}=10:1$).

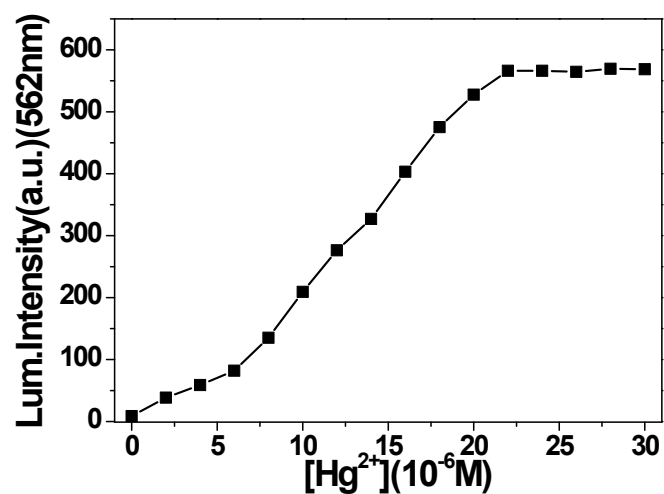


Figure S8. Fluorescence intensity of **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** in DCM + MeCN ($V_{\text{DCM}}:V_{\text{MeCN}}=10:1$, 2.0×10^{-5} M) contained different concentrations of Hg^{2+} (0-1.5 equiv) at $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 562$ nm.

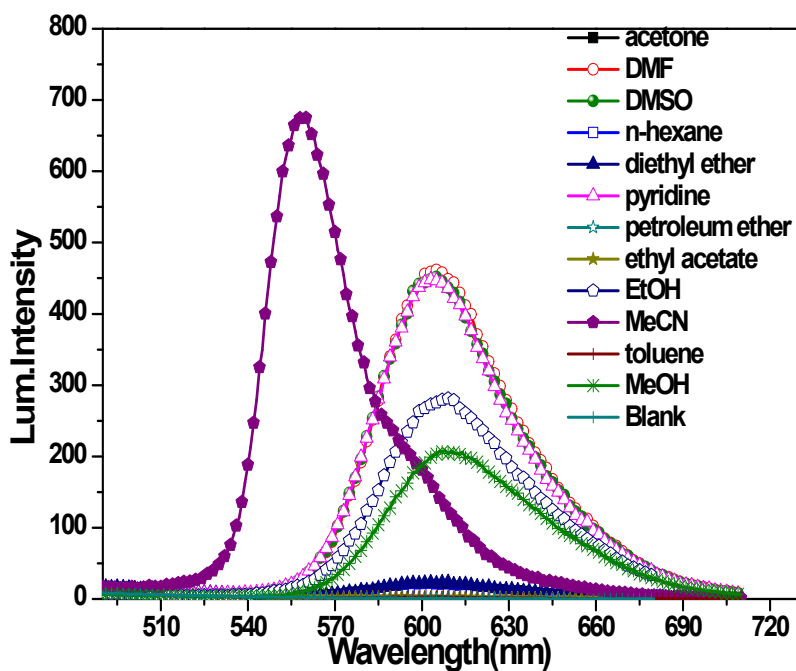


Figure S9. Emission spectra of $\text{Ir}(\text{pqz})_2(\text{cdc})$ ($c = 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$ M) in the presence of 2 equiv of Hg^{2+} in 2 mL DCM and the addition of various solvents (10 μL). acetone, DMF, DMSO, n-hexane, diethyl ether, pyridine, petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, EtOH, acetonitrile, toluene, MeOH and Blank were added, respectively.

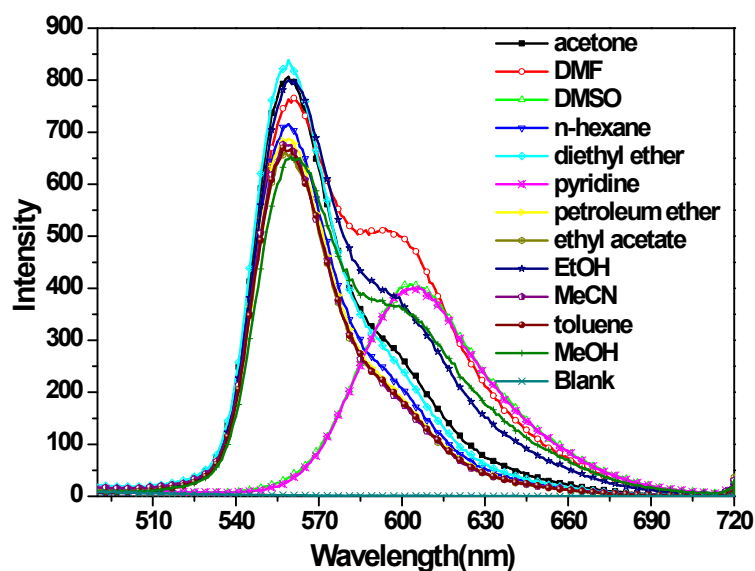


Figure S10. Emission spectra of $\text{Ir}(\text{pqz})_2(\text{cdc})$ ($c = 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$ M) with 2 equiv of Hg^{2+} in the presence of MeCN (10 μL) and other various solvents (10 μL) at the same time in 2 mL DCM solution.

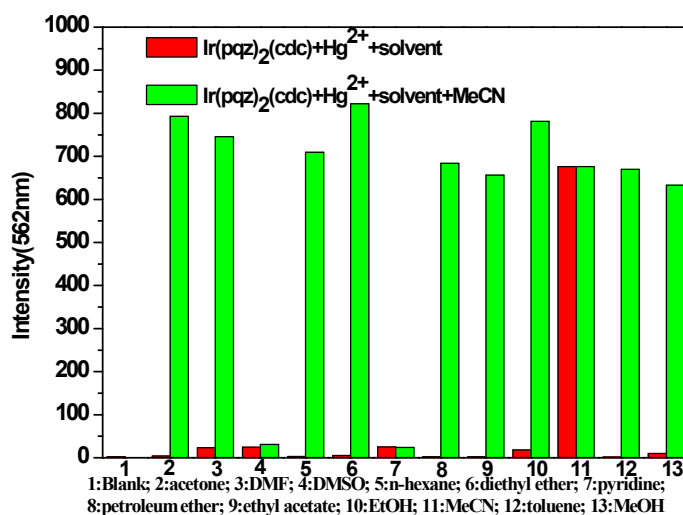


Figure S11. Fluorescence responses of **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** ($c = 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$ M) with 2 equiv of Hg^{2+} in the presence of 10 μL various solvents in 2 mL DCM solution. Bars represent the final ($I_{562\text{nm}}$) emission intensity. The red bars represent the addition of various solvents (10 μL) to a solution of **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** with 2 equiv of Hg^{2+} . The green bars represent the change of the emission intensity that occurs upon the subsequent addition of 10 μL MeCN to the above solution.

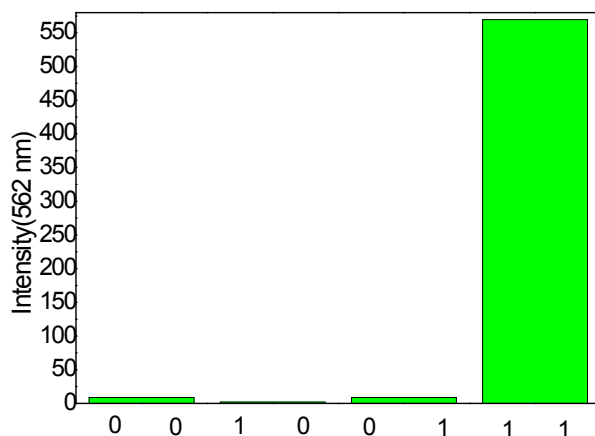


Figure S12. Fluorescence output of **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** (2.0×10^{-5} M) in the presence of chemical inputs (Hg^{2+} (1.5 equiv) and MeCN (1 μL)). (When the fluorescence intensity at 562 nm was less than 10 marked 0, on the contrary, marked 1)

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)**.

Identification code	Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)
Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{41} \text{H}_{26} \text{Ir N}_5 \text{S}_2$
Formula weight	844.99
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, P-1

Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.4807(13) Å alpha = 64.3290(10) deg. b = 12.9220(14) Å beta = 75.1090(10) deg. c = 13.0863(15) Å gamma = 74.1730(10) deg.
Volume	1661.7(3) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.689 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	4.182 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	832
Crystal size	0.65 x 0.57 x 0.13 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.35 to 27.45 deg.
Limiting indices	-14<=h<=13, -16<=k<=15, -15<=l<=16
Reflections collected / unique	10302 / 7278 [R(int) = 0.0183]
Completeness to theta = 27.45	96.0 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.6124 and 0.1719
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	7278 / 0 / 442
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.062
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0265, wR2 = 0.0672
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0292, wR2 = 0.0687
Largest diff. peak and hole	2.211 and -0.989 e. Å ⁻³

Table S2. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg] for **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)**.

Ir(1)-C(21)	1.994(3)
Ir(1)-C(16)	2.010(3)
Ir(1)-N(4)	2.041(3)
Ir(1)-N(2)	2.049(3)
Ir(1)-S(2)	2.4474(8)
Ir(1)-S(1)	2.4823(8)
C(21)-Ir(1)-C(16)	86.78(12)
C(21)-Ir(1)-N(4)	78.77(11)
C(16)-Ir(1)-N(4)	93.68(11)
C(21)-Ir(1)-N(2)	94.64(11)
C(16)-Ir(1)-N(2)	78.93(11)
N(4)-Ir(1)-N(2)	170.45(9)
C(21)-Ir(1)-S(2)	98.59(8)
C(16)-Ir(1)-S(2)	174.42(8)
N(4)-Ir(1)-S(2)	88.86(8)
N(2)-Ir(1)-S(2)	99.03(7)
C(21)-Ir(1)-S(1)	169.21(8)
C(16)-Ir(1)-S(1)	103.97(9)
N(4)-Ir(1)-S(1)	99.33(8)
N(2)-Ir(1)-S(1)	88.41(8)
S(2)-Ir(1)-S(1)	70.68(3)

Table S3 The emission intensity ($I_{562\text{ nm}}$) in the presence of various solvents(10 μL).

Number	Solvent	Emission intensity($I_{562\text{ nm}}$) ^a
1	Blank	2.365
2	acetone	3.809
3	DMF	23.302
4	DMSO	24.72
5	n-hexane	2.631
6	diethyl ether	5.441
7	pyridine	25.239
8	petroleum ether	2.284
9	ethyl acetate	2.141
10	EtOH	18.291
11	MeCN	676.395
12	toluene	1.764
13	MeOH	9.824

^a Fluorescence responses of **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** (2.0×10^{-5} M) in the presence of 2 equiv of Hg^{2+} in 2 mL DCM in the presence of various solvents(10 μL).

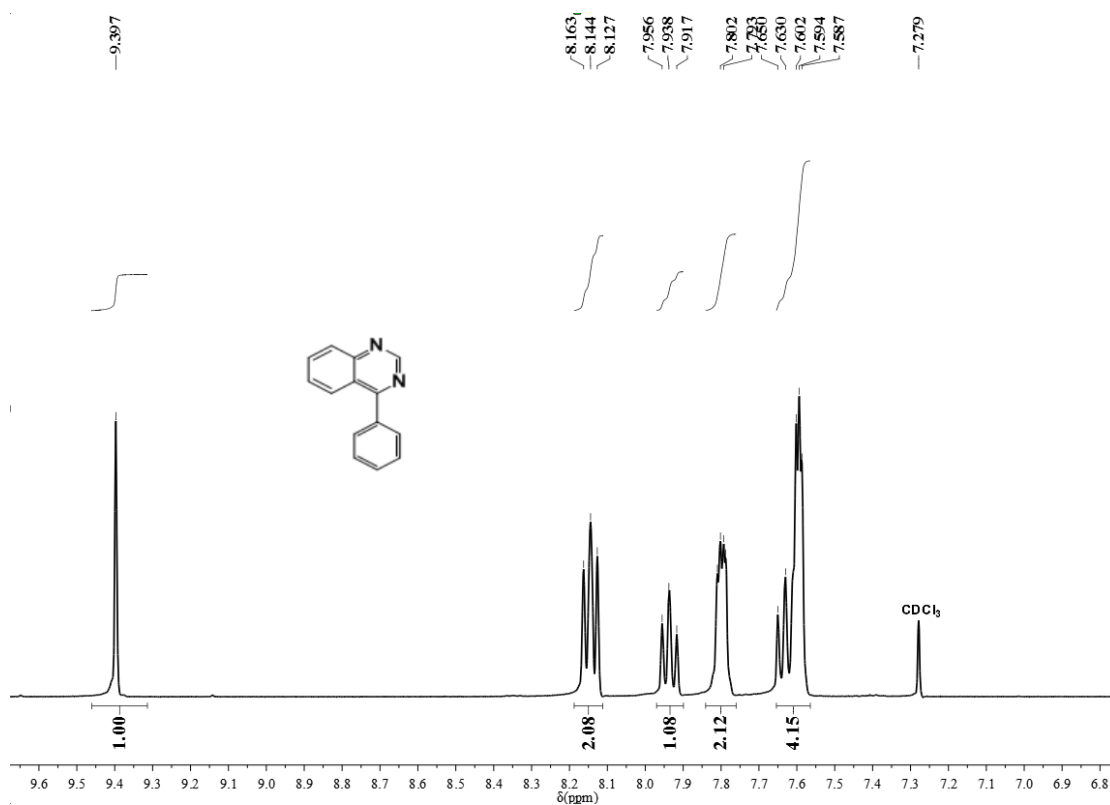


Figure S13. ¹H NMR of **pqzH** in CDCl_3

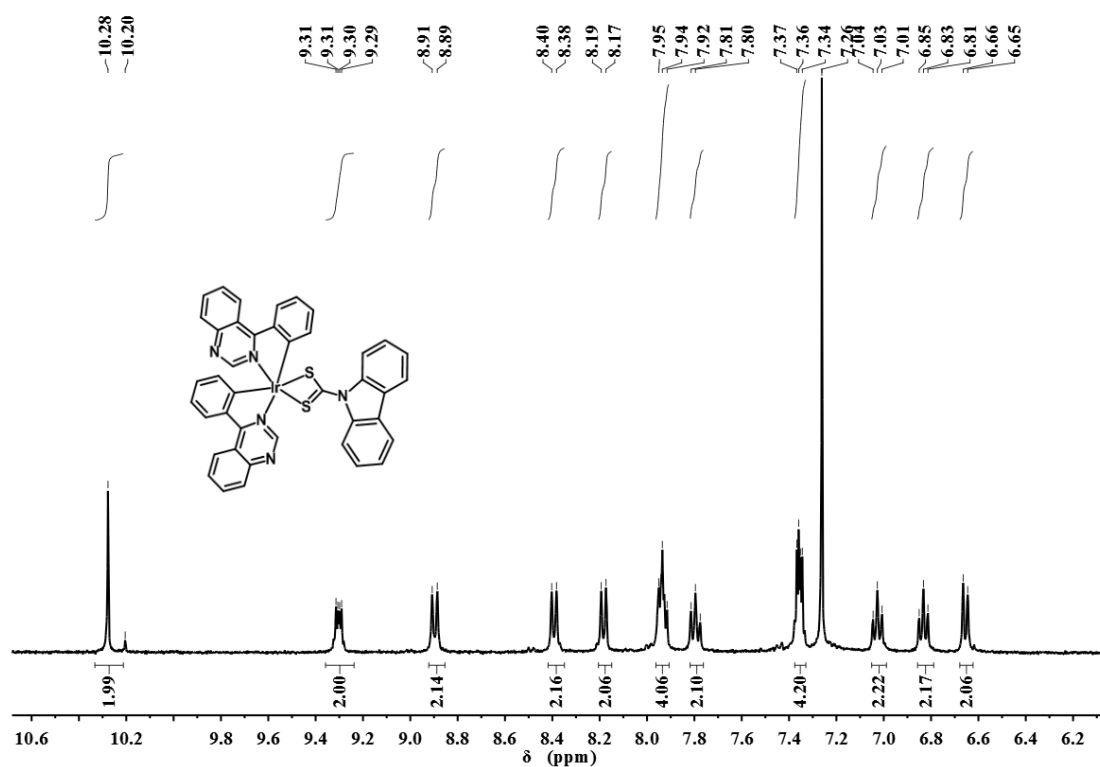


Figure S14. ¹H NMR of Ir(pqz)₂(cdc) in CDCl₃

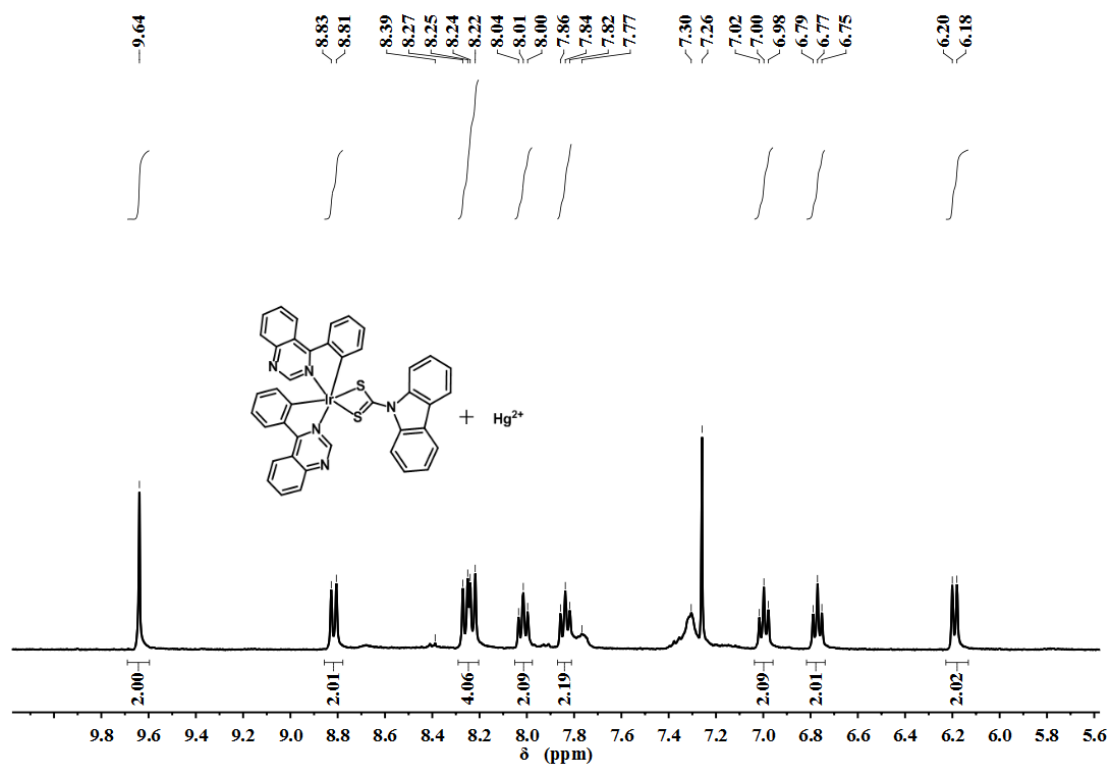


Figure S15. ¹H NMR of Ir(pqz)₂(cdc) with excessive of Hg²⁺ in CDCl₃

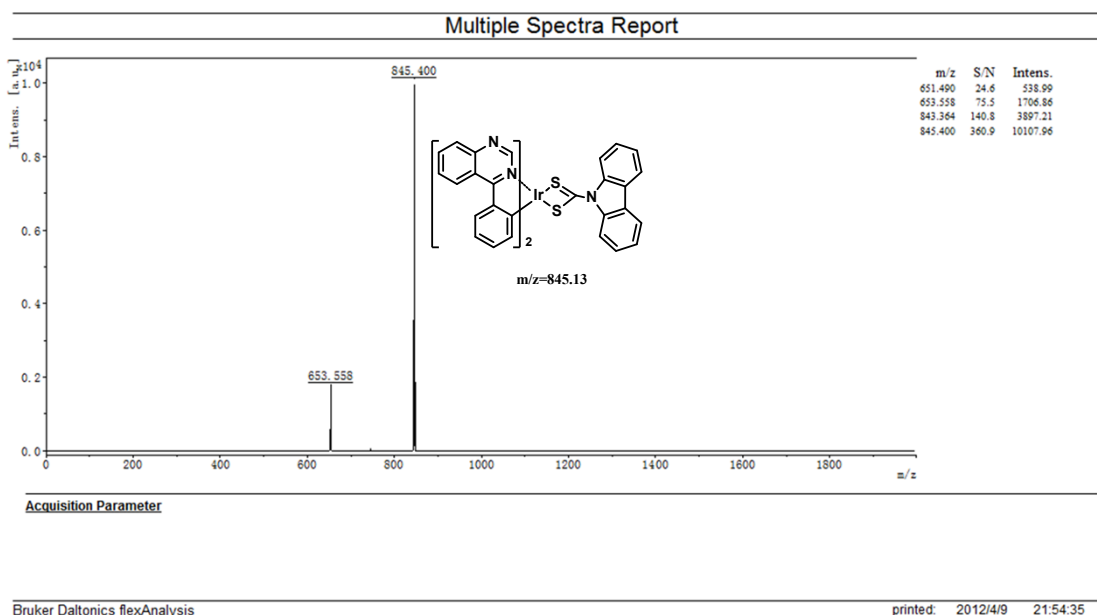


Figure S16. MADIL-TOF mass spectrum of **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)**

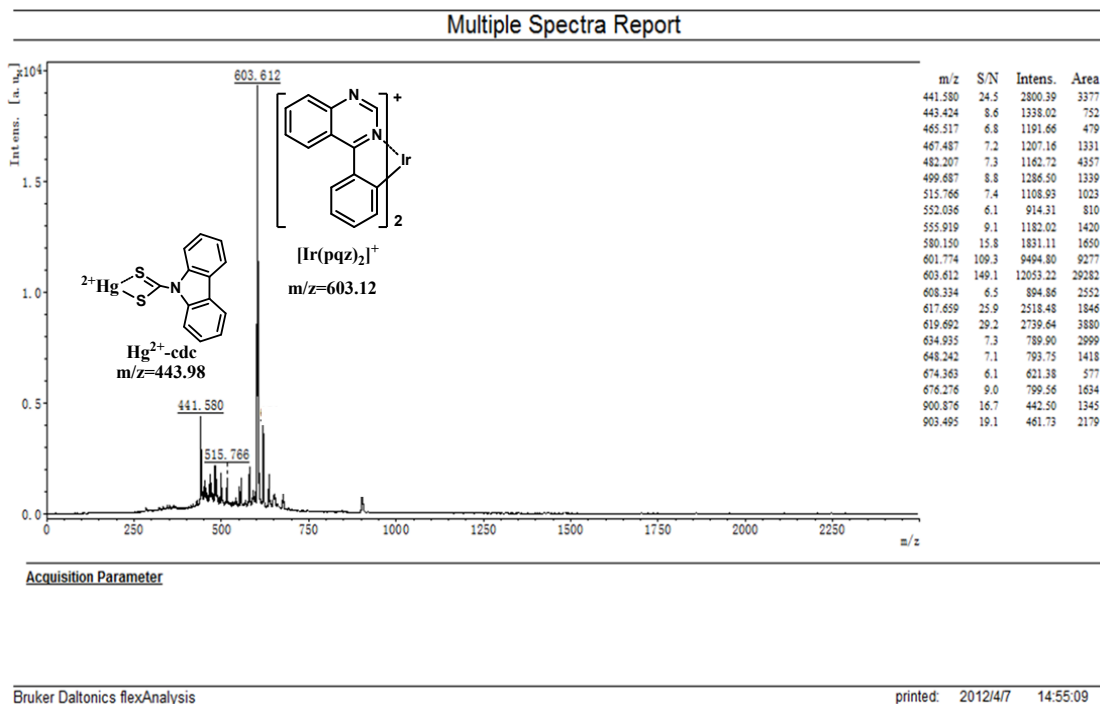


Figure S17. MADIL-TOF mass spectrum of **Ir(pqz)₂(cdc)** with excessive of **Hg²⁺**

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