Supporting Information

for

Fluorescence "*on-off-on*" chemosensor for selective detection of Hg^{2+} and S^{2-}: application to bioimaging in living cells†

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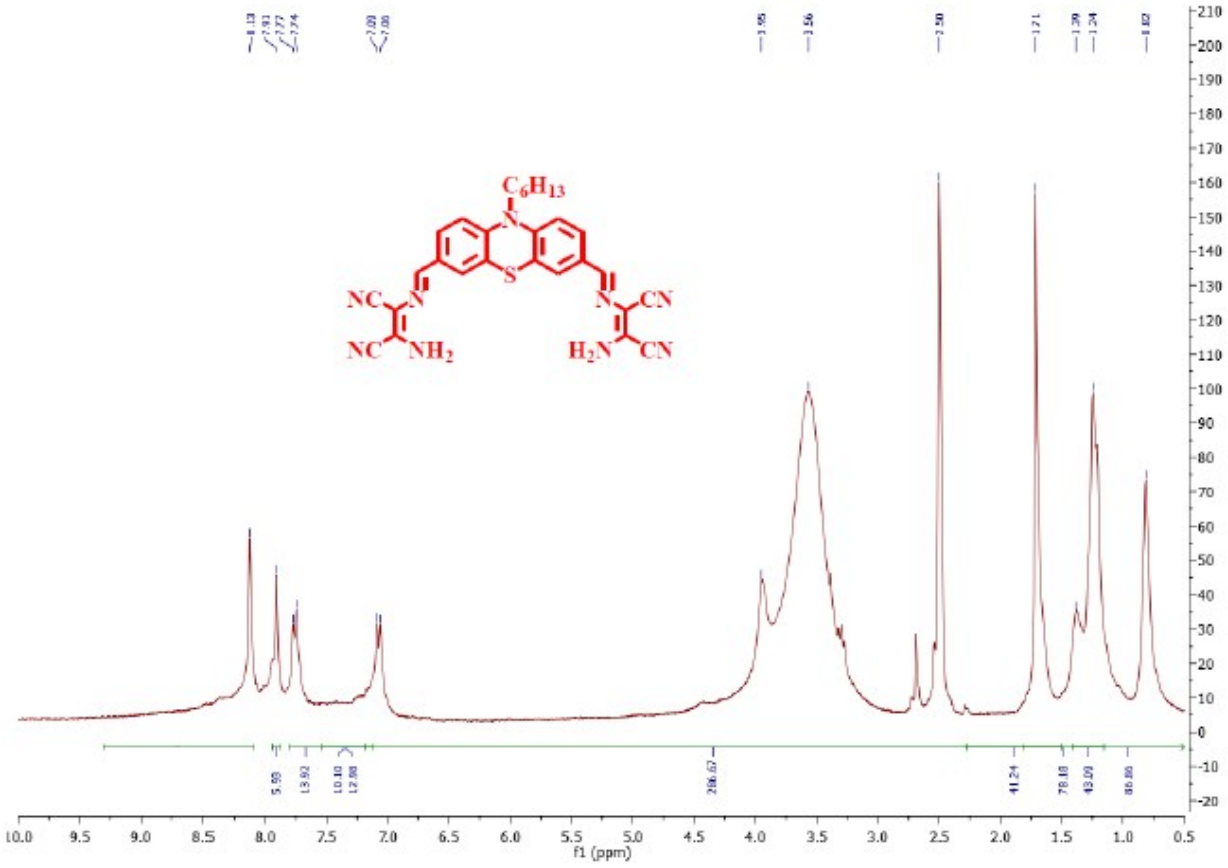

Figure S1: ^{1}H NMR spectrum of Receptor**P-1**

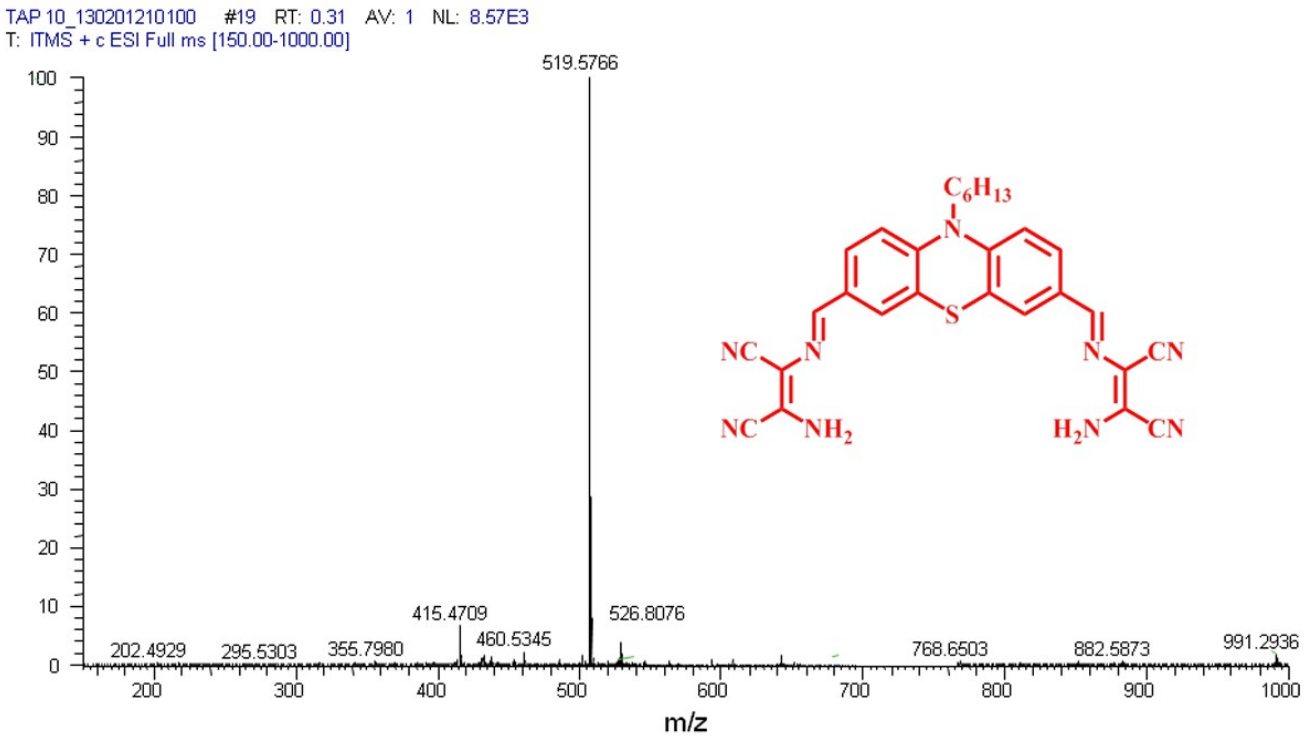

Figure S2:ESI-MS spectrum of **P-1**

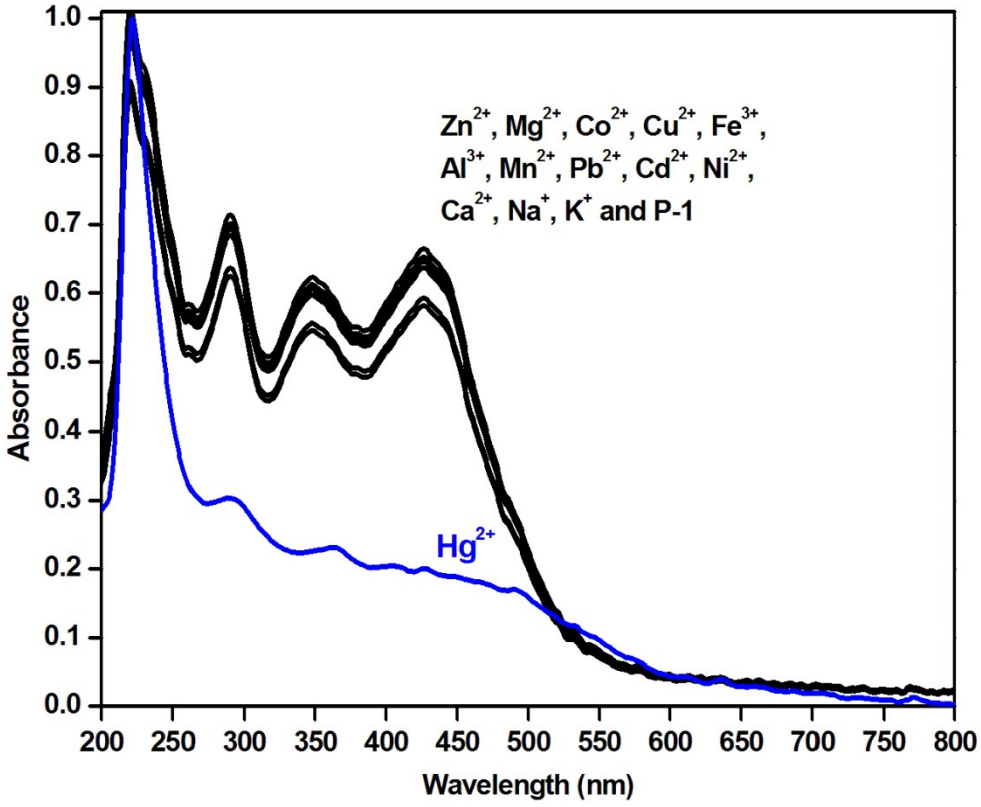

Figure S3:UV–vis spectrum of probe **P-1** (10 μM)in thepresence of various competitive metal ions.

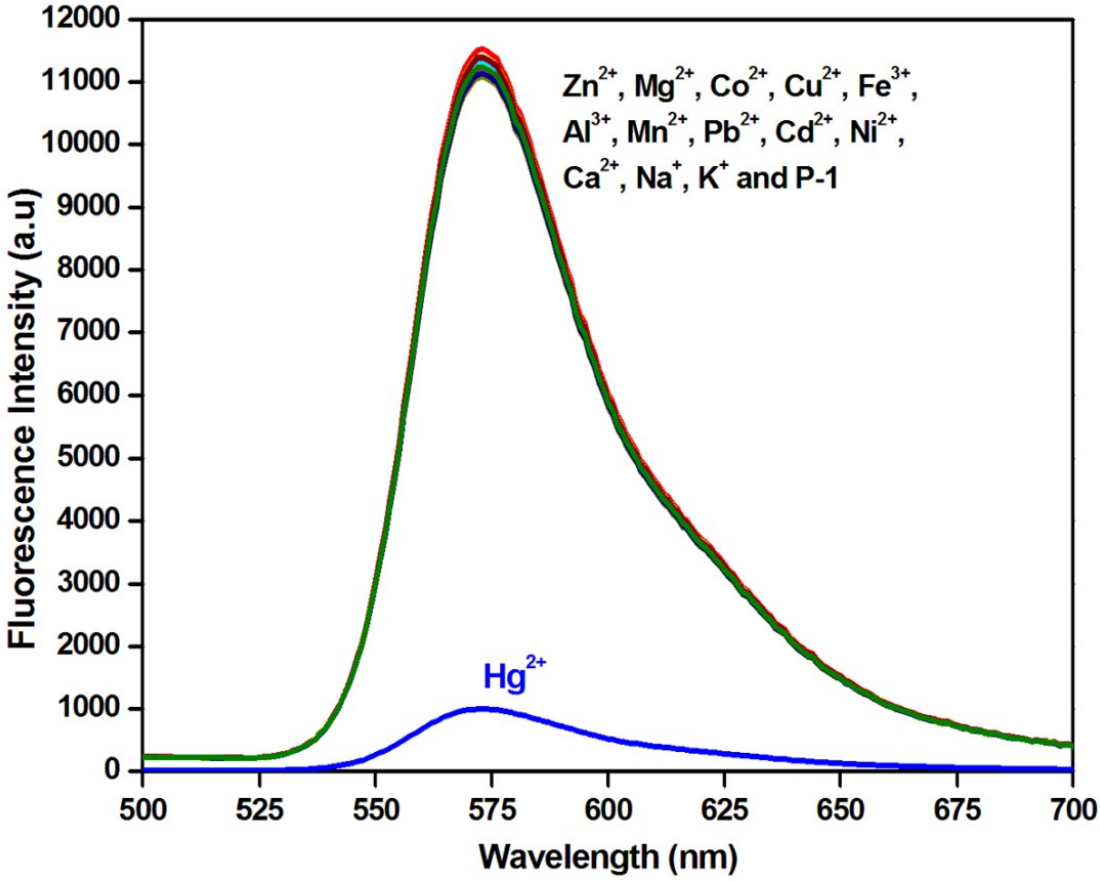

Figure S4: Fluorescence spectrum of probe **P-1** (10 μM)in the presence of various competitive Metal ions.

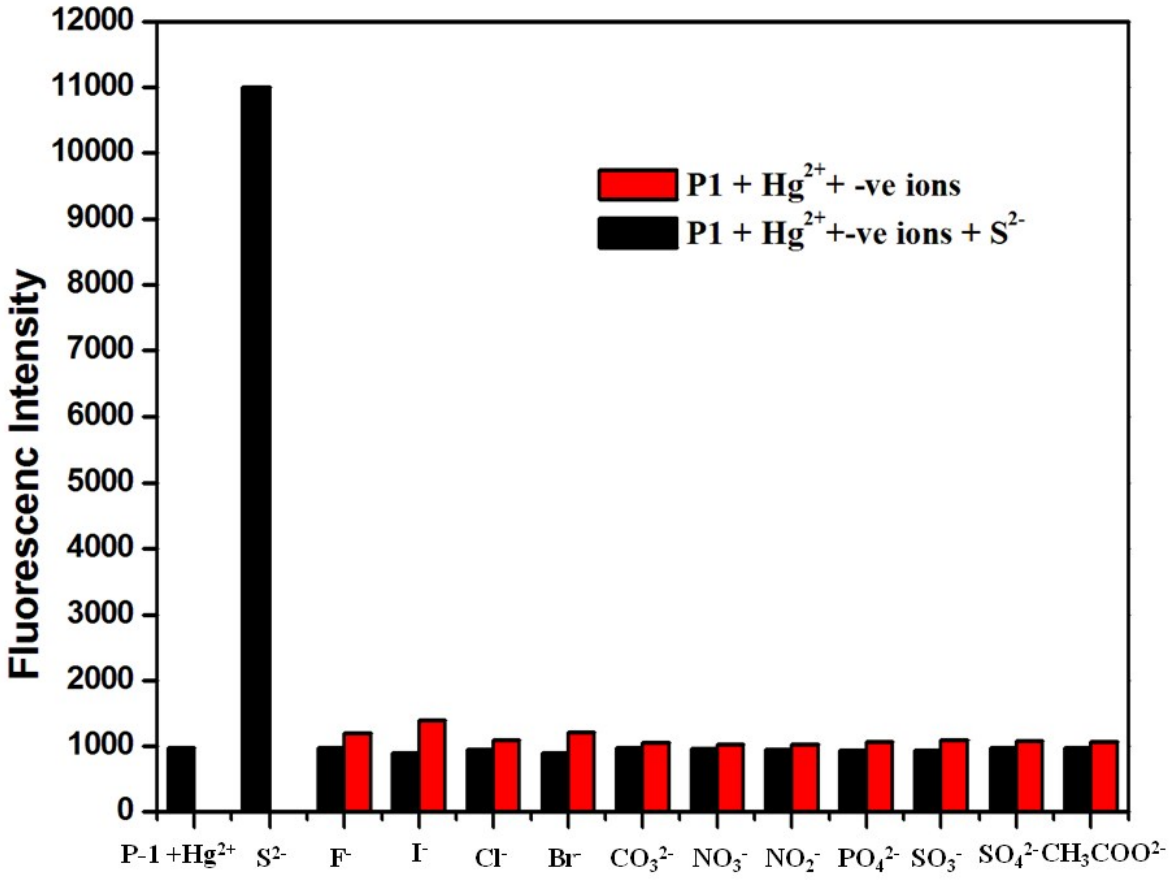

Figure S5: Fluorescence response of 10 μM **P-1** with various anions in the presence of Hg^{2+}. The red bars represent the addition of the corresponding anion to **P-1**+Hg^{2+}. The Black bars represent the change of the emission that occurs upon the subsequent addition of S^{2-} to the above solution.

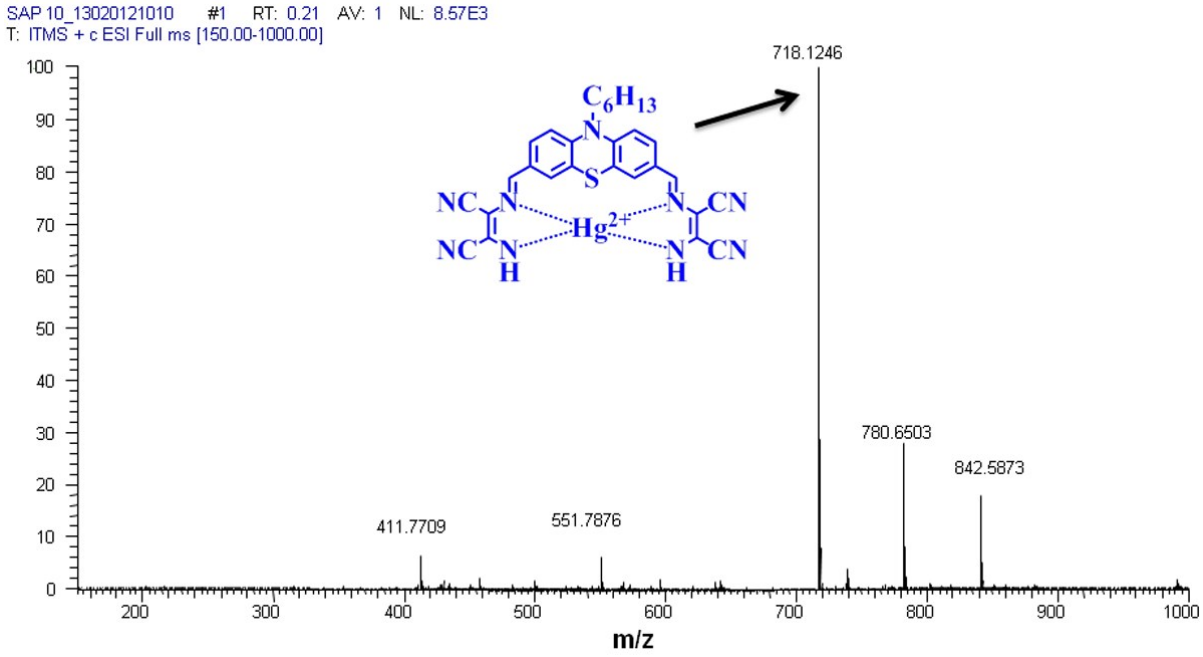

Figure S6: ESI-MS spectrum of probe **P-1** + Hg^{2+}

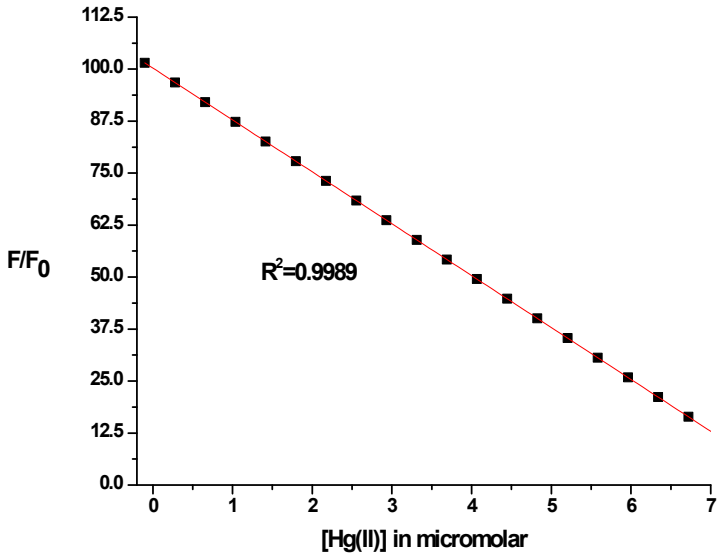

Figure S7: Linear fit of Probe **P-1** + Hg^{2+}

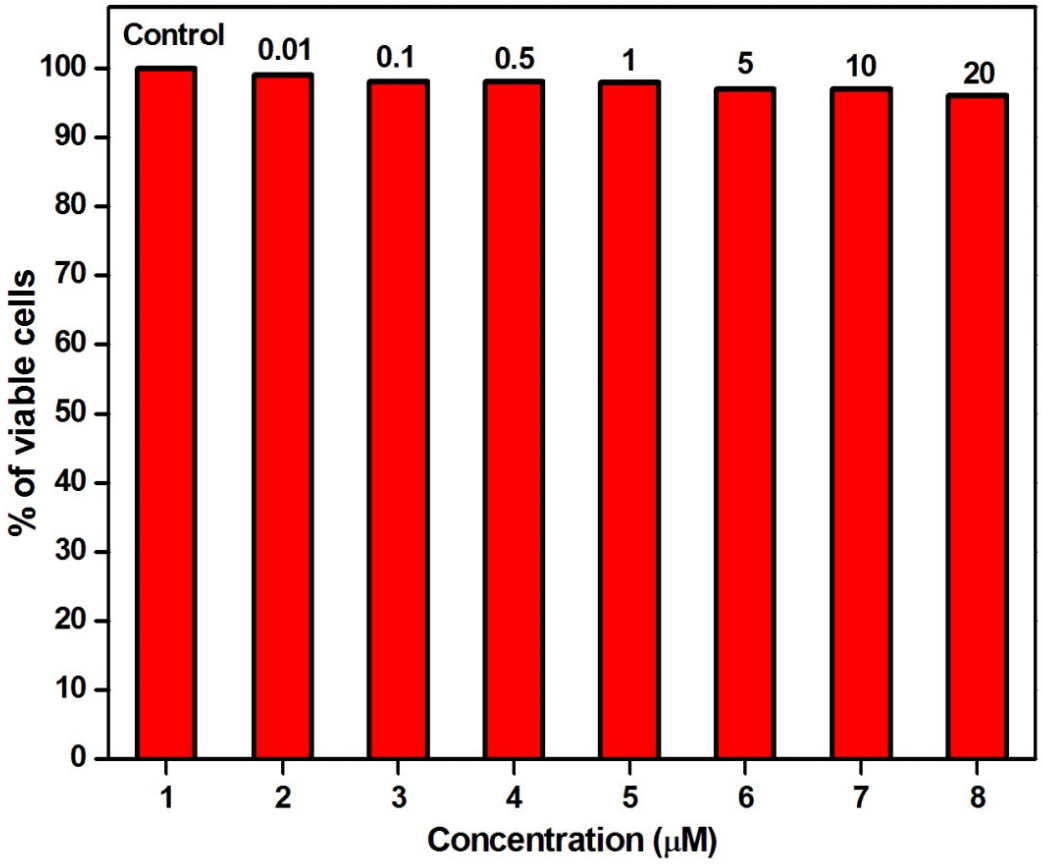

Figure S8: Percentage of cell survival of HeLa cells treated with different concentrations (1-20 μM/mL) of **P-1.**

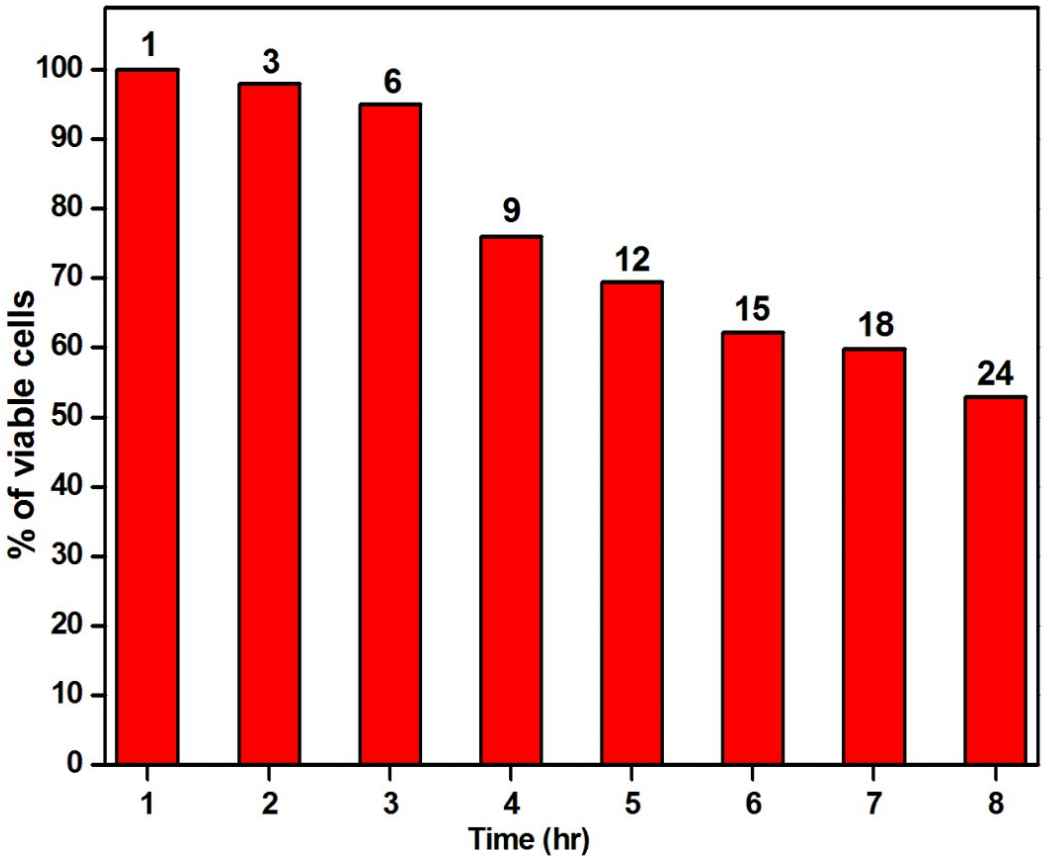

Figure S9: Percentage of cell survival of HeLa cells treated with different time intervals with concentrations of 10 μM/mL of **P-1.**

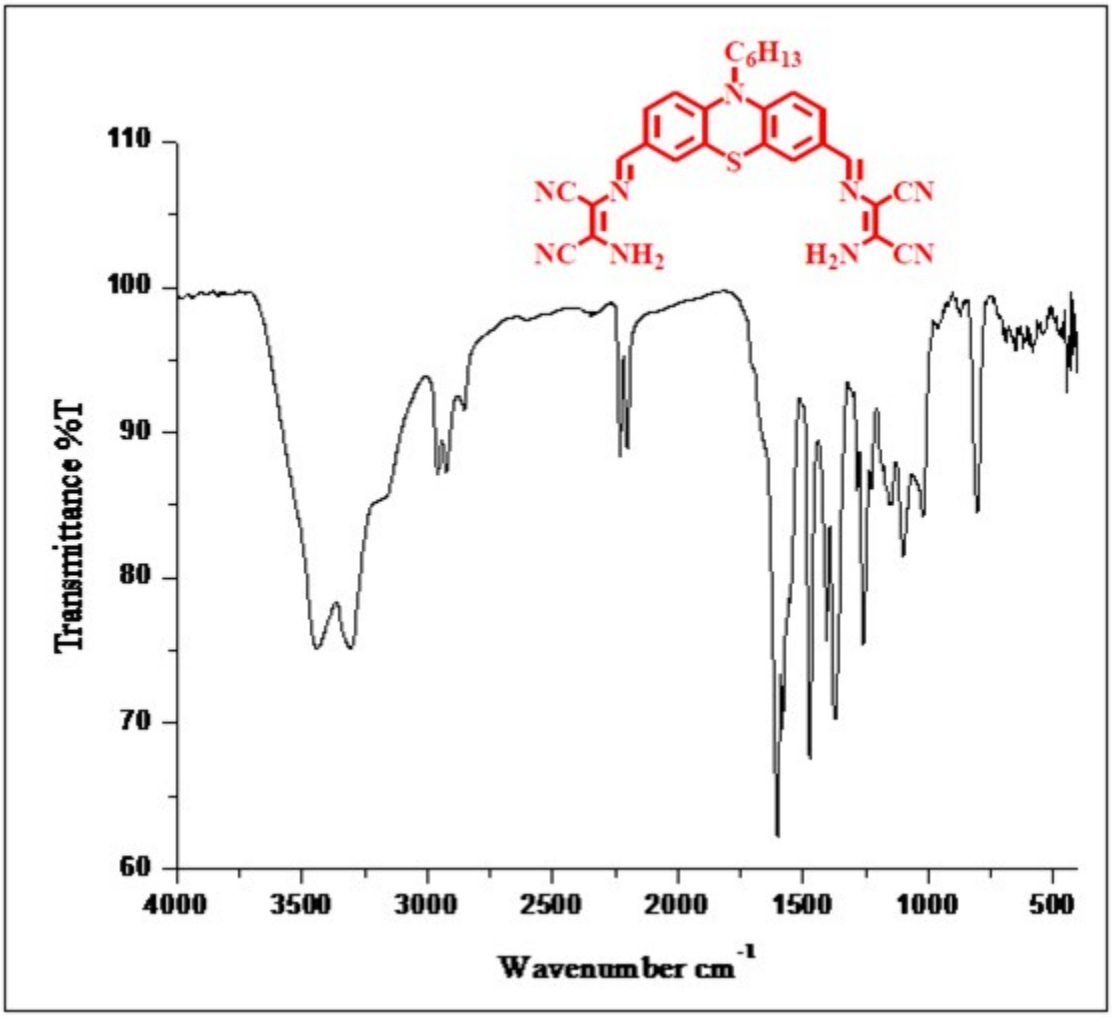

Figure S10:IR spectra of Probe **P-1**

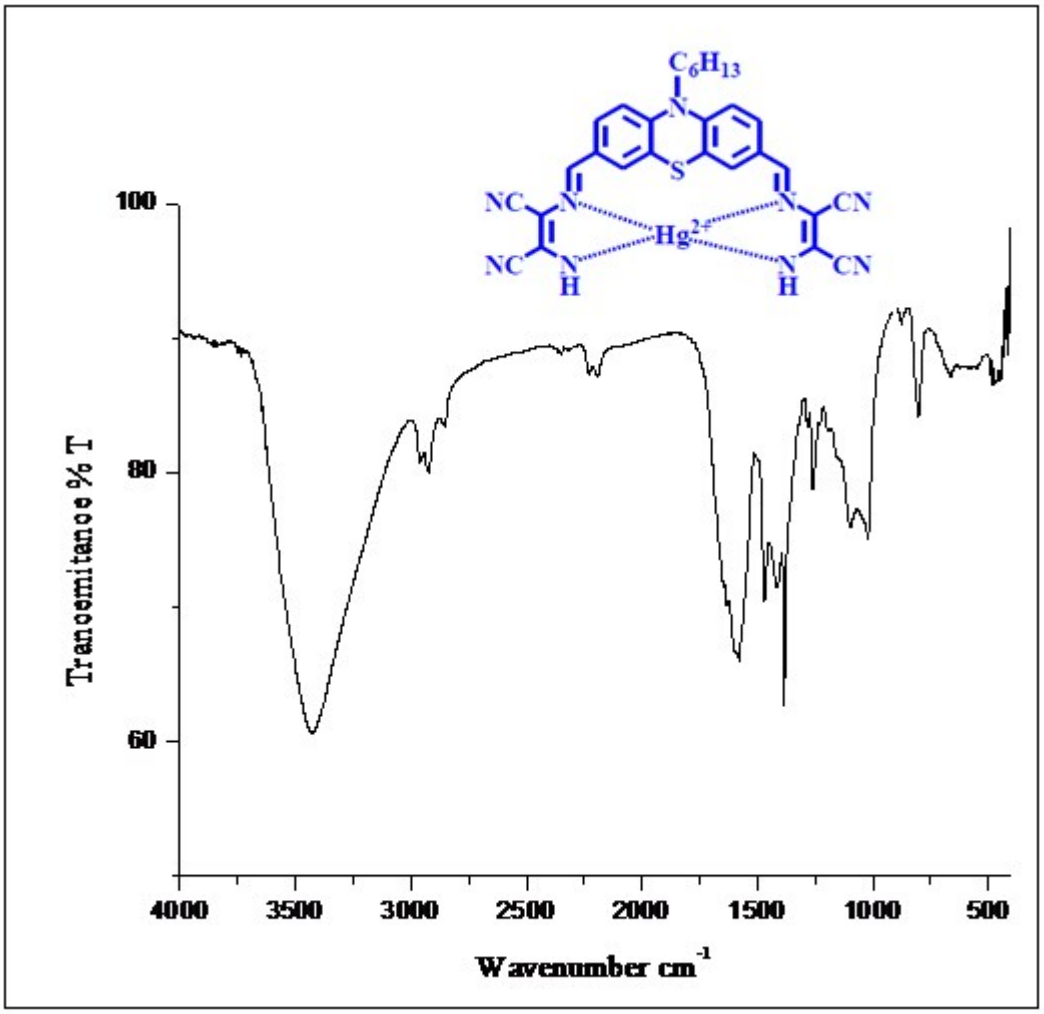

Figure S11:IR spectra of Probe **P-1** + Hg^{2+}