

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Lead ion induced chemodosimeter approach of a tripodal hydroxyl-quinoline based phospho-ester through P-O bond cleavage

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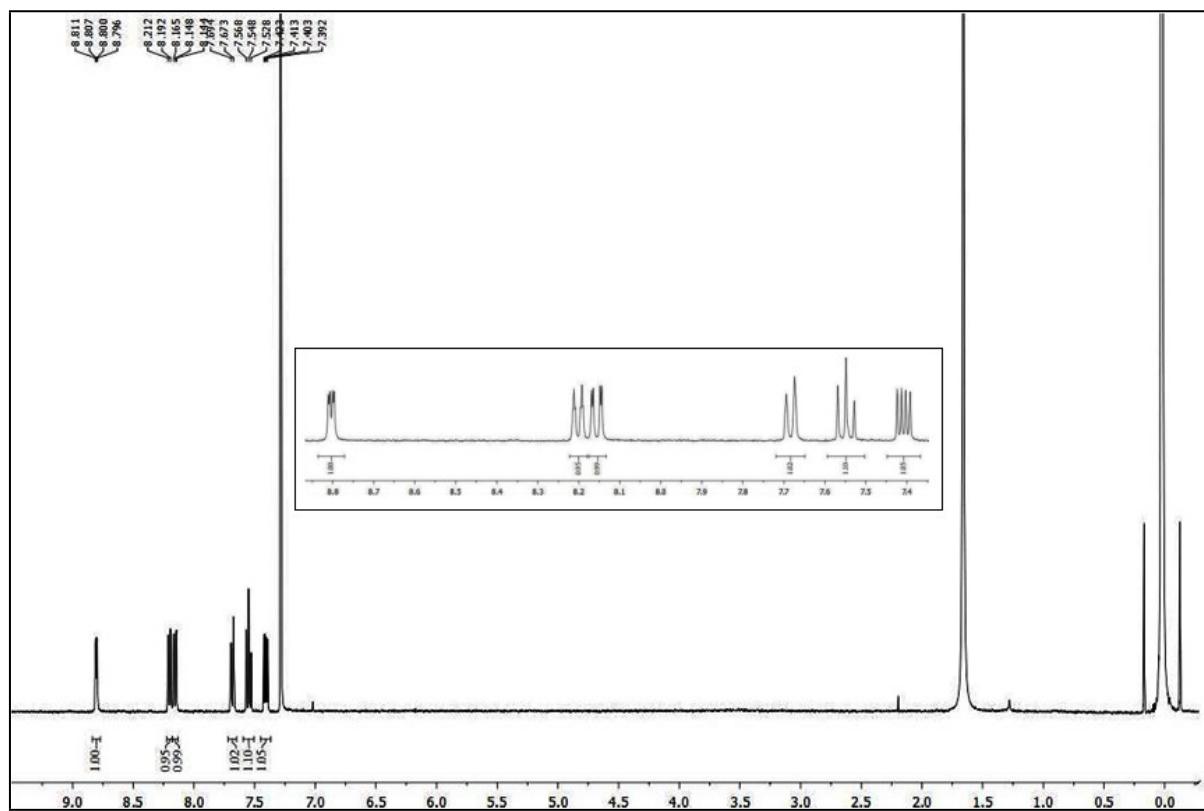
**Table S1:** Crystallographic data for HQP, NP and  $Pb_4(HQ)_6(ClO_4)_2$ :

	HQP	NP	$Pb_4(HQ)_6(ClO_4)_2$
CCDC ref. no.	<b>1413010</b>	<b>1413012</b>	<b>1413011</b>
Formula	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> P	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>21</sub> O <sub>4</sub> P	C <sub>54</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>14</sub> Pb <sub>4</sub>
Formula Weight	479.41	476.44	1892.55
Crystal size (mm)	0.16 x 0.14 x 0.10	0.24 x 0.17 x 0.11	0.20 x 0.14 x 0.10
Temperature (K)	293(2)	293(2)	293(2)
Crystal System	Cubic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P 213	P 21/c	P -1
a (Å)	13.3936(15)	13.7844(15)	10.247
b (Å)	13.3936(15)	9.8719(11)	11.756
c (Å)	13.3936(15)	21.2839(19)	12.669
α (°)	90.00	90.00	65.39
β (°)	90.00	125.688(5)	75.83
γ (°)	90.00	90.00	82.73
V [Å] <sup>3</sup>	2402.7(5)	2352.4(4)	1344.8
Z	4	4	1
D <sub>calc</sub> [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	1.325	1.345	2.337
μ(Mo-Kα) [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.153	0.153	12.654
F(000)	992	992	876
Radiation [Å]: Mo-Kα	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
θ <sub>Min-Max</sub> [°]:	5.49, 27.41	0.982, 27.64	0.959, 27.00
Dataset:	-3 ≤ h ≤ 11 -3 ≤ k ≤ 17 -15 ≤ l ≤ 17	-17 ≤ h ≤ 17 -11 ≤ k ≤ 12 -27 ≤ l ≤ 27	-12 ≤ h ≤ 13 -15 ≤ k ≤ 14 -15 ≤ l ≤ 16
Total reflections	1636	5372	5615
Unique reflections	1299	3275	3795
Observed data [I > 2σ(I)]	1299	3275	3795
Refinement: N <sub>ref</sub> , N <sub>par</sub>	1636, 106	5372, 316	5615, 361
R (int)	0.0490	0.0487	0.0383
wR2 (all data), S	0.1293, 0.854	0.1083, 1.016	0.0790, 1.050
Max. & Av. Shift/Error	0.045, 0.010	0.000, 0.000	0.000, 0.000
Resd. Dens. [e/ Å <sup>3</sup> ]	-0.209, 0.196	-0.278, 0.273	-1.989, 1.345

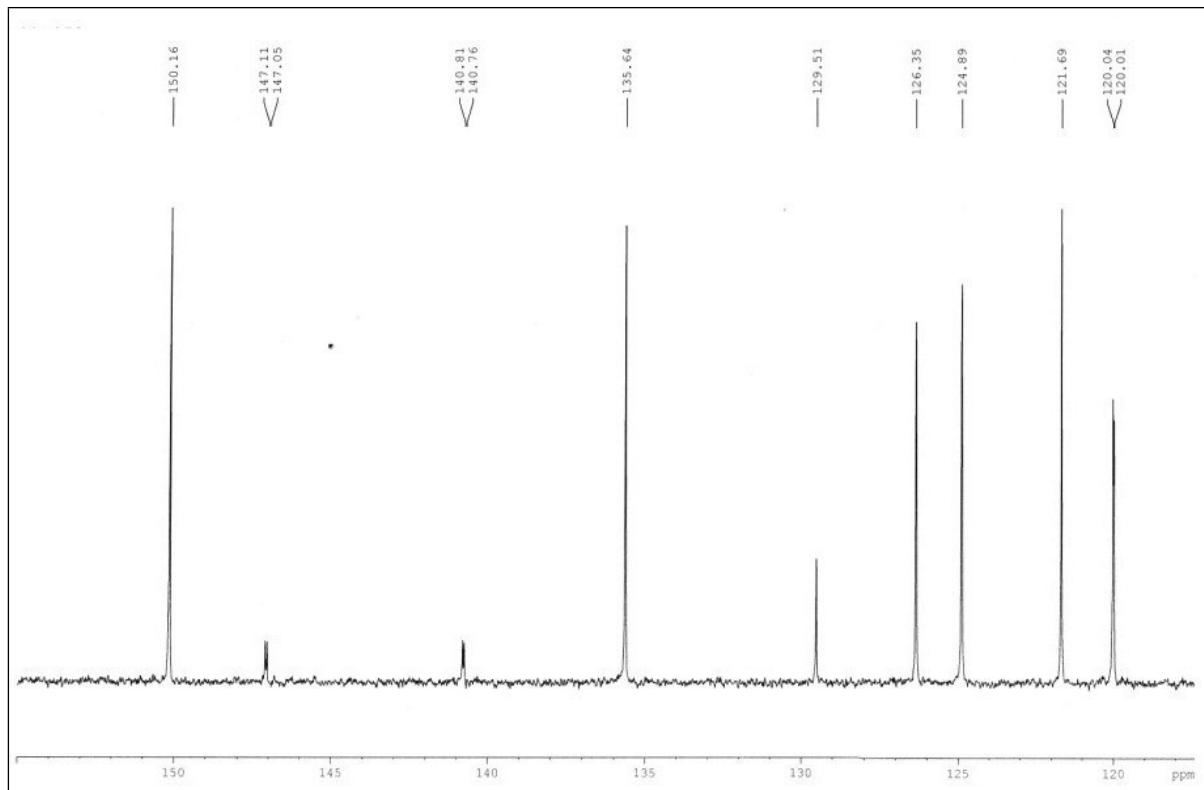
**Table S2:** Short contacts ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for the structure of  $\text{Pb}_4(\text{HQ})_6(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ .

Short Contacts	Distance ( $\text{\AA}$ )
Cl1–O6 … Pb2	3.000
Cl1–O6 … Pb1	3.153
Cl1–O7 … Pb1	3.232
Cl1–O7 … H1–C1	2.528
Cl1–O6 … H7–C7	2.637

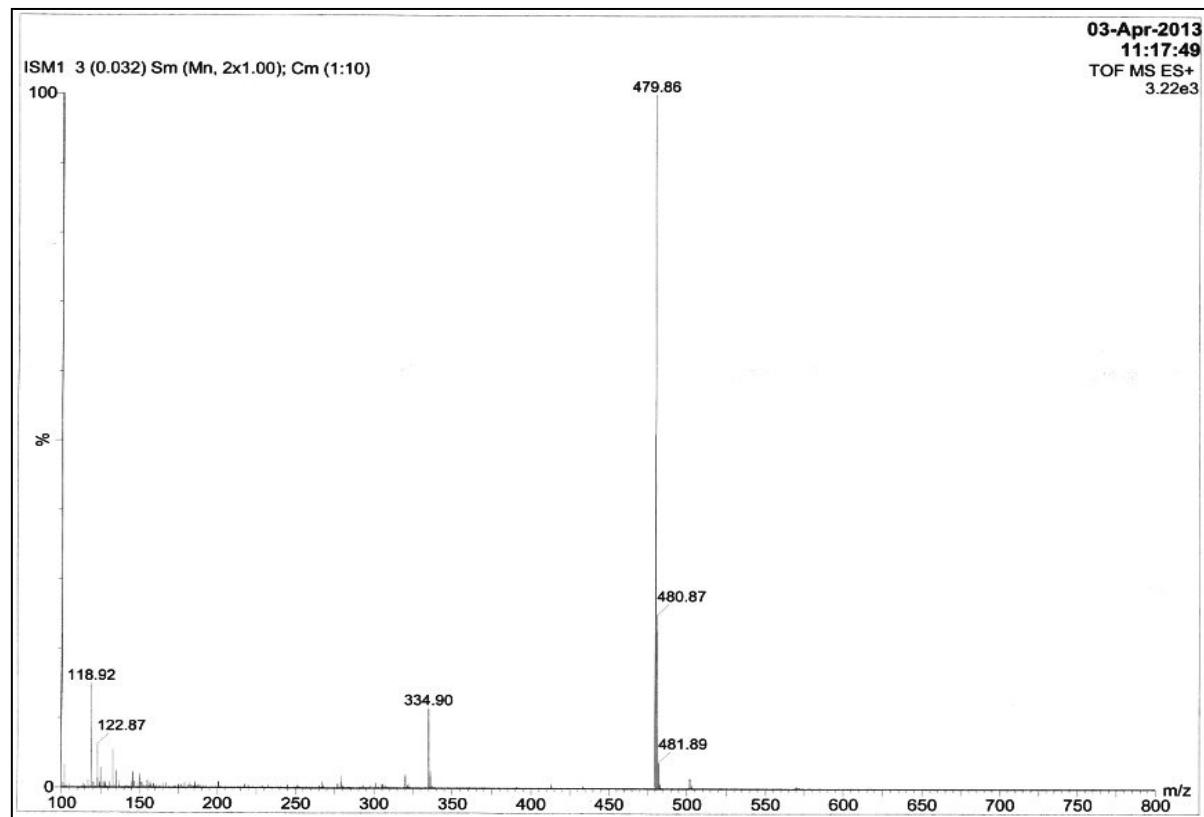
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of HQP:**



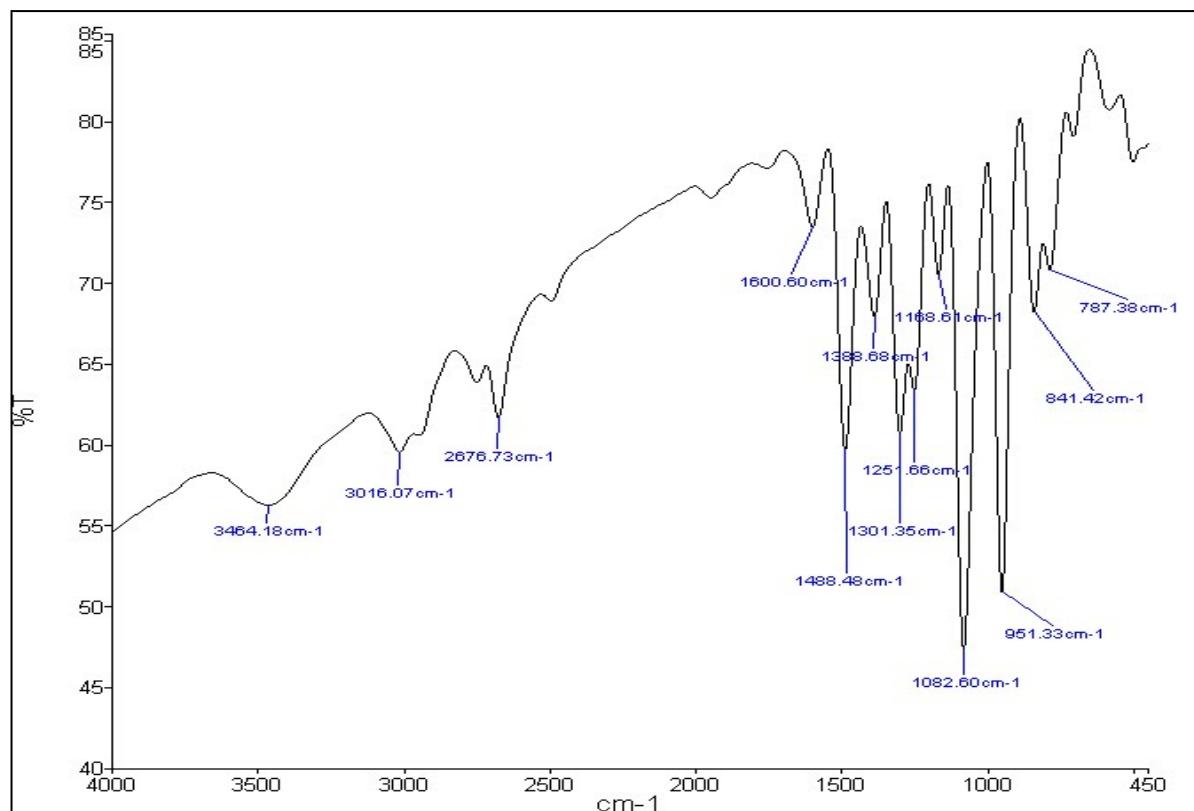
### <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of HQP:



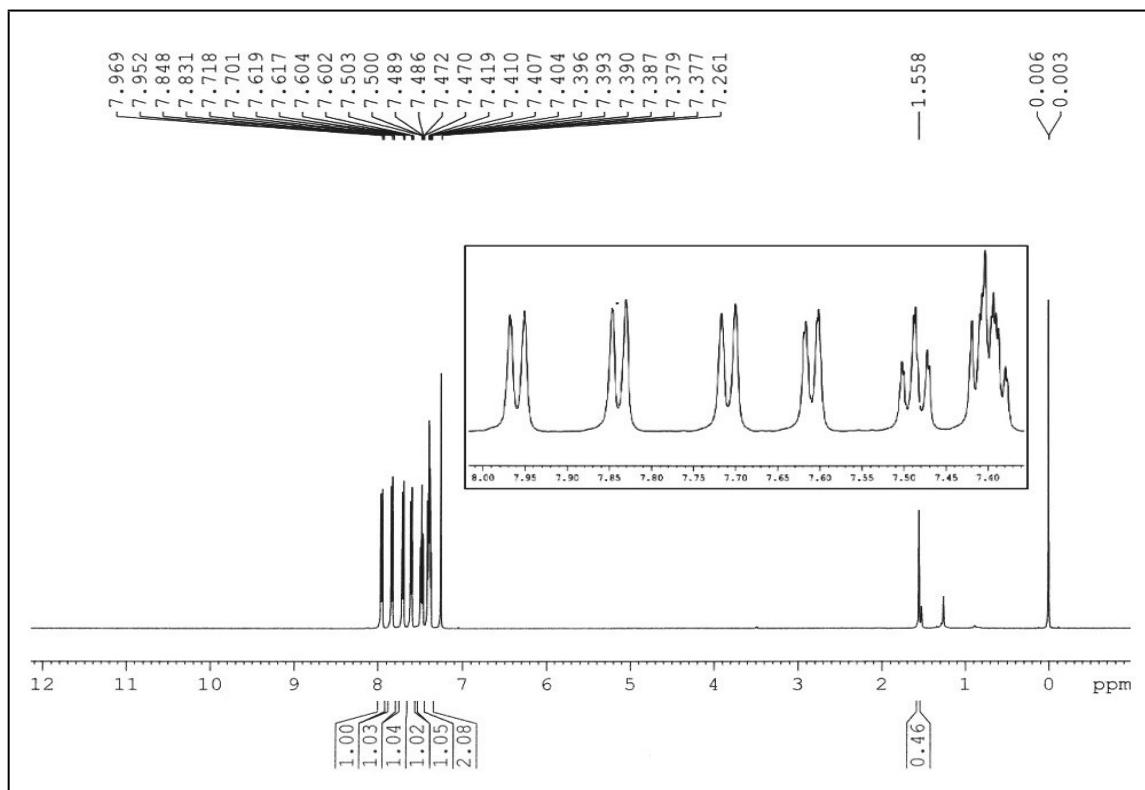
### Mass spectrum of HQP:



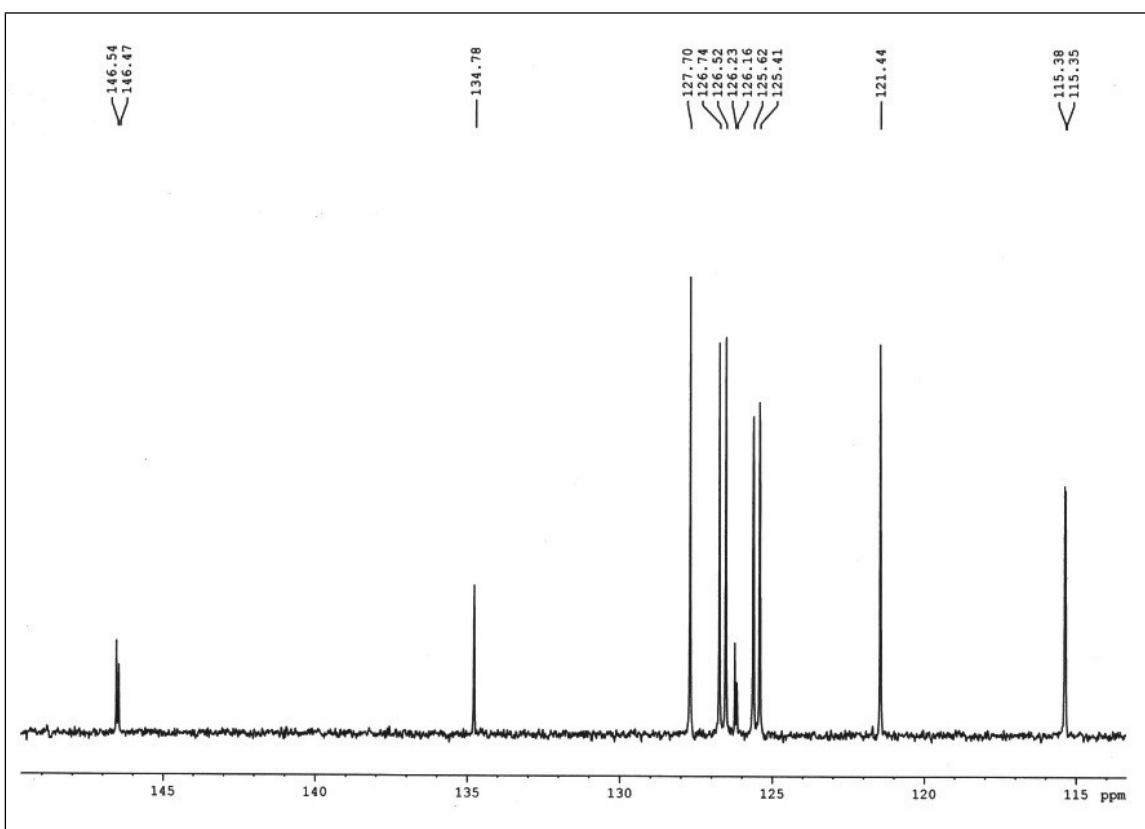
### IR spectrum of HQP:



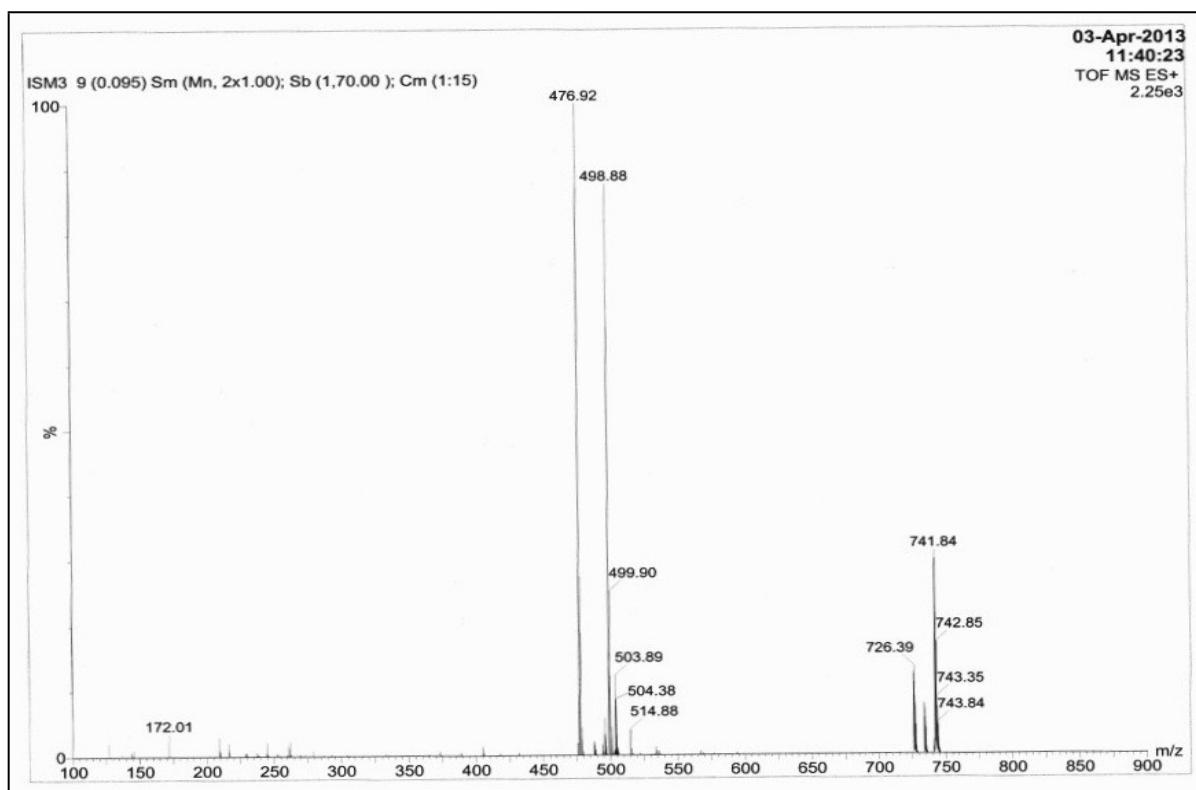
### $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum of NP:



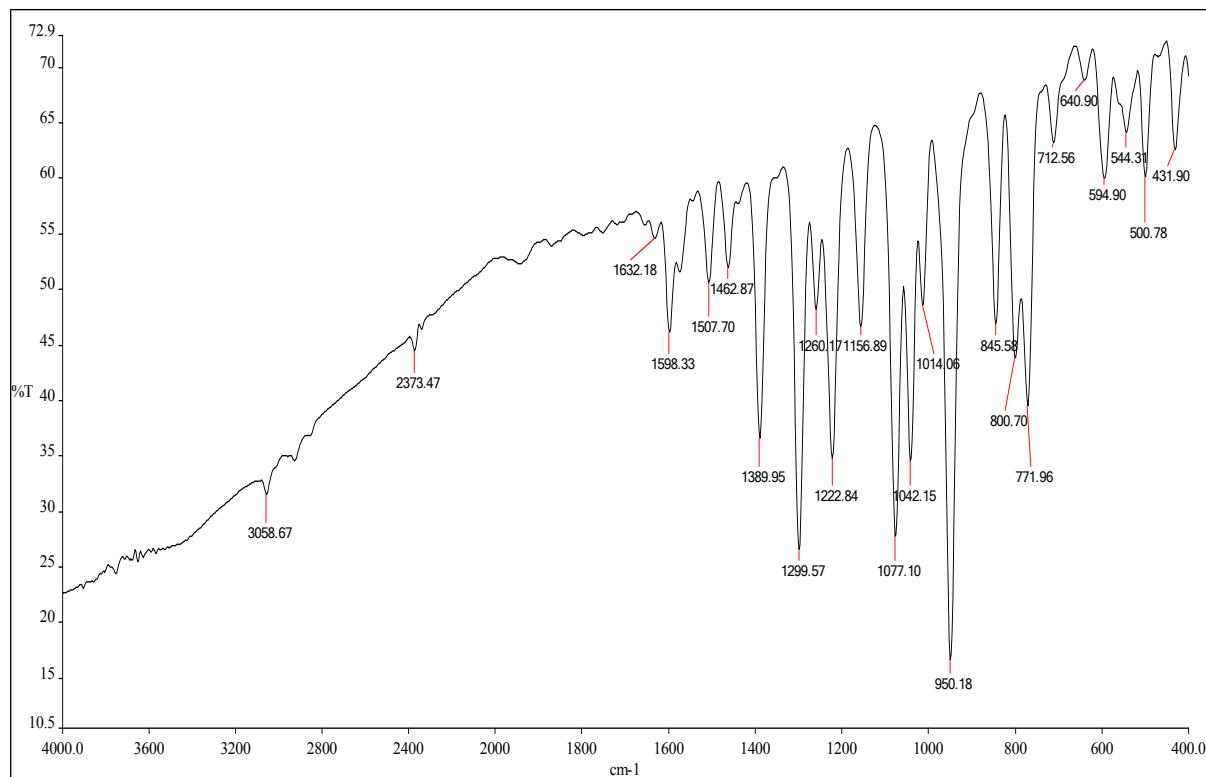
### <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of NP:



### Mass spectrum of NP:



### IR spectrum of NP:



### Calculation of limit of detection (LOD):

The detection limit of HQP for  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  was calculated on the basis of fluorescence titration. To determine the standard deviation for the fluorescence intensity, the emission intensity of HQP without any anion was measured by 10 times and the standard deviation of blank measurements was calculated.

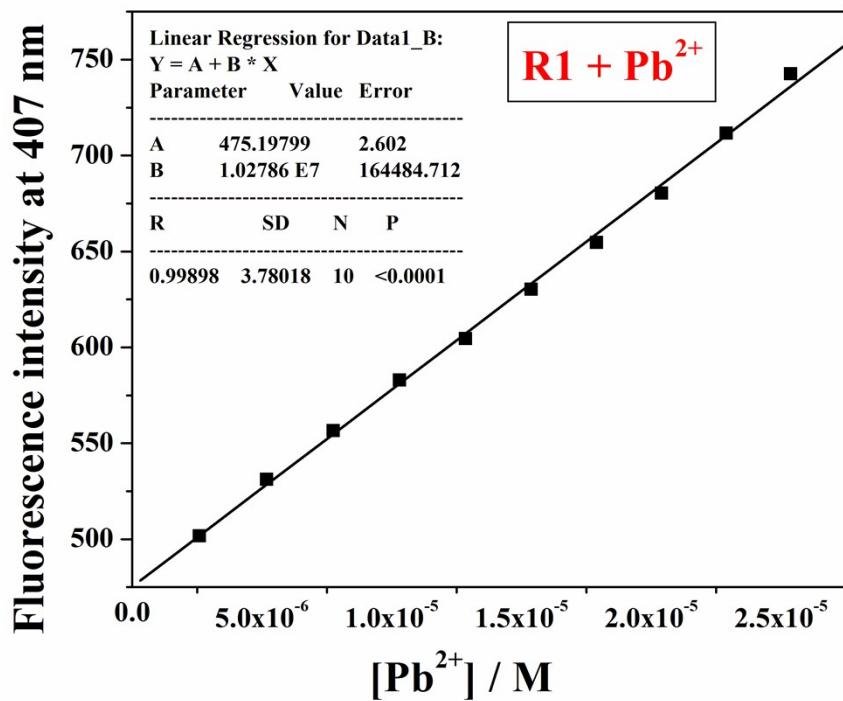
The limit of detection (LOD) of HQP for sensing  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  was determined from the following equation:

$$\text{LOD} = K \times \text{SD}/S$$

Where  $K = 2$  or  $3$  (we take  $3$  in this case); SD is the standard deviation of the blank receptor (HQP) solution; S is the slope of the calibration curve.

### For HQP with $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ :

From the linear fit graph we get slope =  $1.02786 \times 10^7$ , and SD value is  $0.50284$ . Thus using the above formula we get the Limit of Detection =  $1.467 \times 10^{-7}$  M i.e. HQP can detect  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  up to this very lower concentration by fluorescence techniques.



#### Calculation of association constant (K):

Association constant of HQP with  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  ( $K = 1.23 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$ ) from UV titration data using non-linear method [following non-linear curve fitting equation:  $Y = (I_0 + A.K.X) / (1+ K.X)$ , where  $X = [\text{Pb}^{2+}]$ ,  $Y$ = intensity of UV Vis absorption,  $I_0$ = initial intensity of HQP].

