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## Supporting information

### Studies on structures, cytotoxicity and apoptosis mechanism in T-24 cells of 8-hydroxylquinoline rhodium(III) complexes

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**Table S1:** Crystal data and structure refinement for complexes **1-2**.

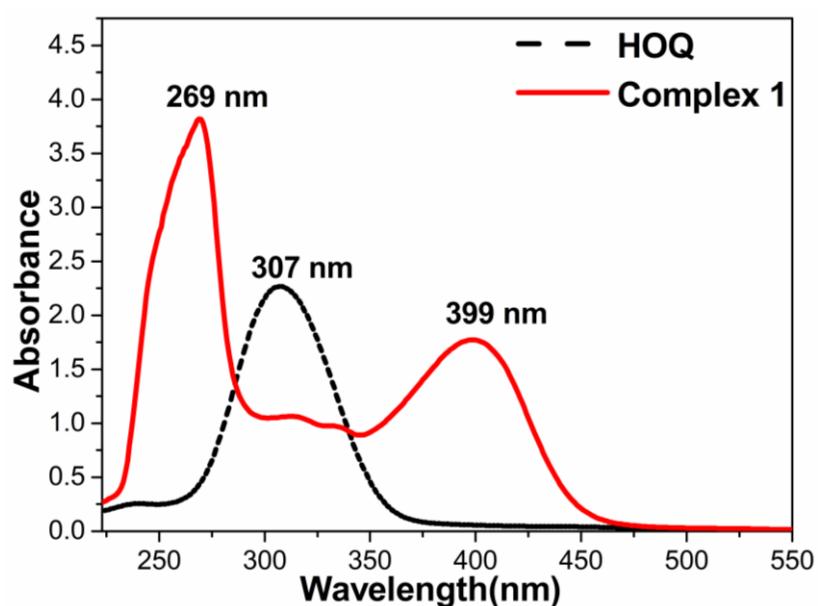
Compound	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Formula	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Rh	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Rh
Fw	567.40	615.48
T / K	293(2)	293(2)
crystal system	<i>monoclinic</i>	<i>triclinic</i>
space group	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>	<i>P-1</i>
<i>a</i> , Å	10.93140(10)	8.0116(6)
<i>b</i> , Å	13.1412(2)	11.7397(10)
<i>c</i> , Å	18.7929(3)	12.2484(7)
<i>α</i> , °	90.00	78.326(6)
<i>β</i> , °	117.0280(10)	88.221(5)
<i>γ</i> , °	90.00	89.460(6)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	2404.79(6)	1127.64(14)
Z	4	2

$D_c$ , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.567	1.863
$\mu$ , mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.751	4.445
GOF on $F^2$	1.037	1.059
Reflns(collected/unique)	12805/4921	8353/3980
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0242	0.0236
$R_1^{\text{a}}$ ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	0.0288	0.0442
$wR_2^{\text{b}}$ (all data)	0.0685	0.1228

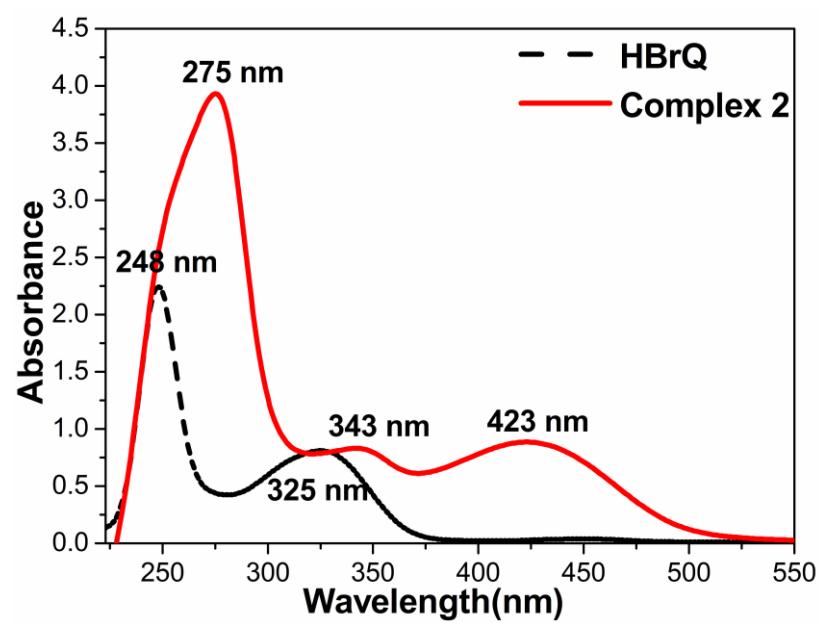
<sup>a</sup>  $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c||/\sum|F_o|$ ; <sup>b</sup>  $wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2/\sum w(F_o^2)]$

**Table S2** IC<sub>50</sub> (μM) values of ligands and complexes **1-2** against five selected tumor cell lines and the normal human liver cell HL-7702 after treatment for 48 h.

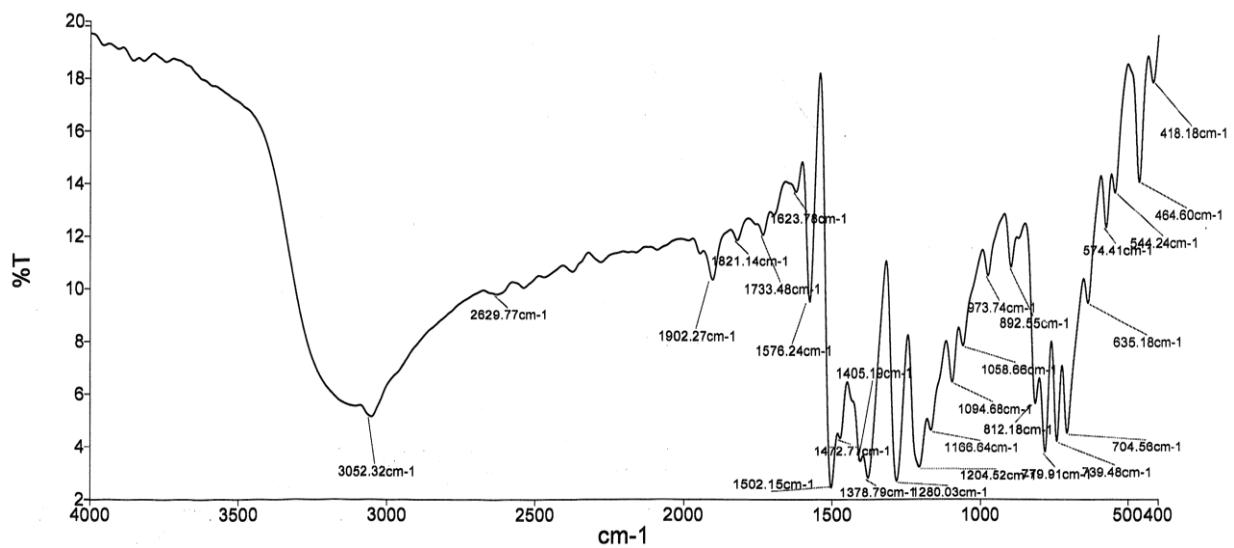
Compounds	T-24	BEL7404	HepG2	MGC-803	SK-OV-3	HL-7702
HOQ	76.24±0.11	58.34±0.08	52.70±0.05	33.03±0.03	42.19±0.05	>100
HBrQ	>100	>100	39.53±0.05	43.77±0.04	36.34±0.05	43.77±0.05
Complex <b>1</b>	13.42±0.04	25.27±0.03	30.58±0.05	30.21±0.05	27.03±0.06	28.66±0.05
Complex <b>2</b>	18.91±0.04	22.93±0.03	25.33±0.04	41.90±0.07	28.67±0.06	25.29±0.04
Cisplatin	15.93±0.06	24.87±0.29	10.34±0.11	4.19±0.05	4.50±0.06	4.93±0.06



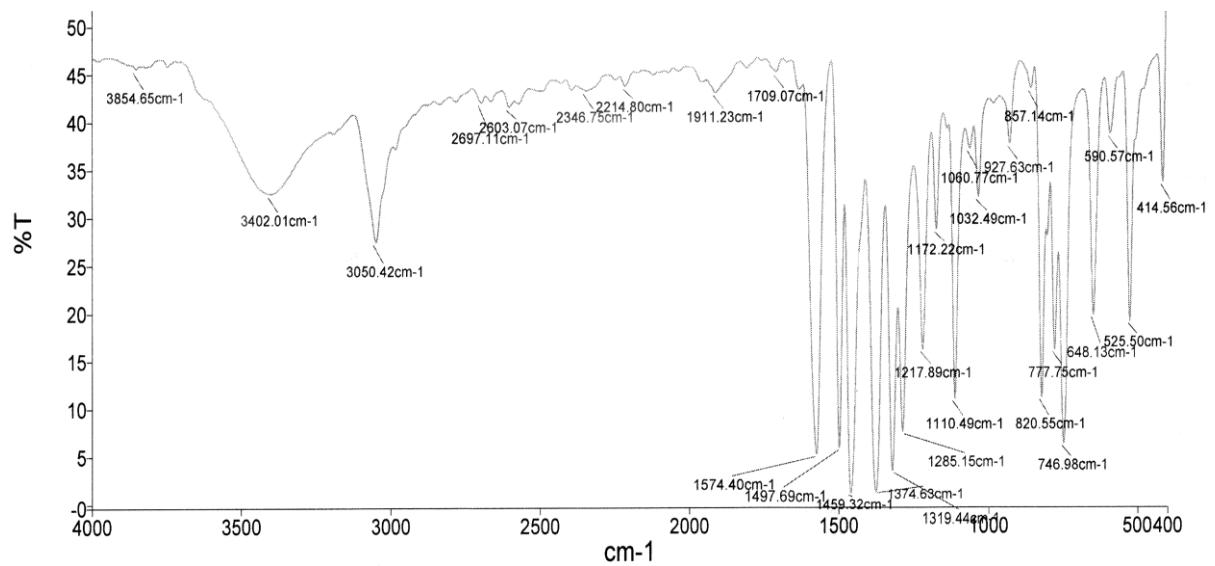
**Figure S1.** UV-Vis absorption spectra of HOQ and complex **1** ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M).



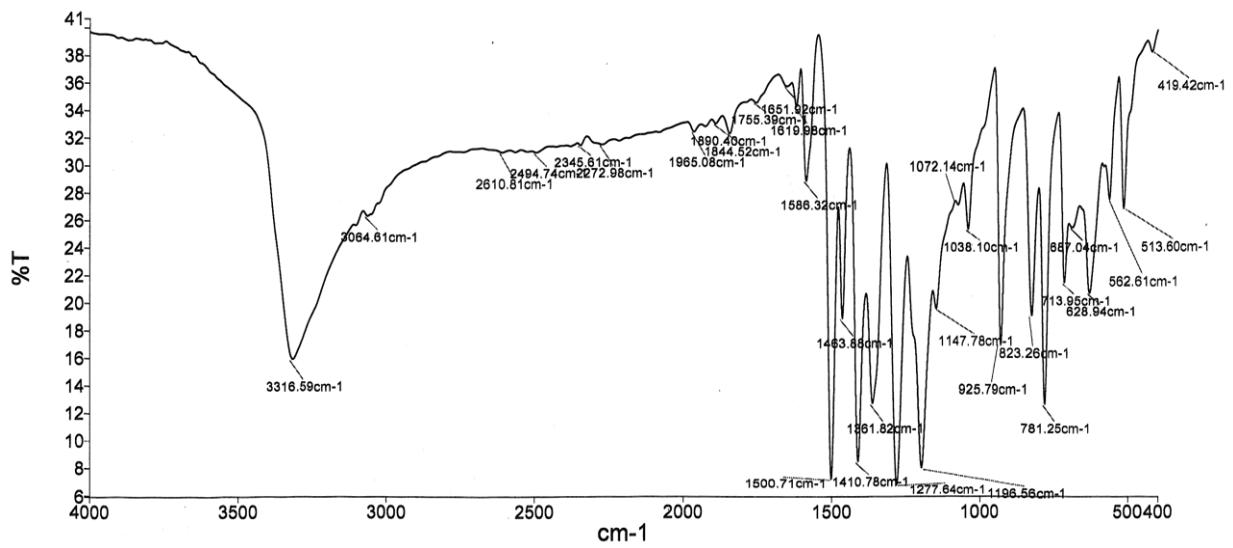
**Figure S2.** UV-Vis absorption spectra of HBrQ and complex **1** ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M).



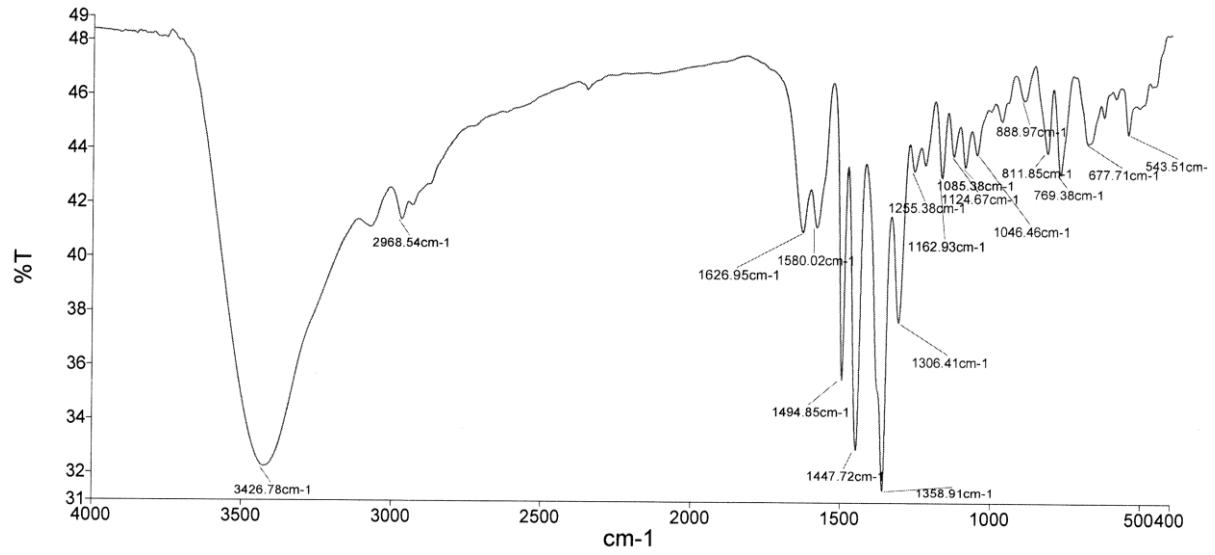
**Figure S3.** IR spectrum of HOQ.



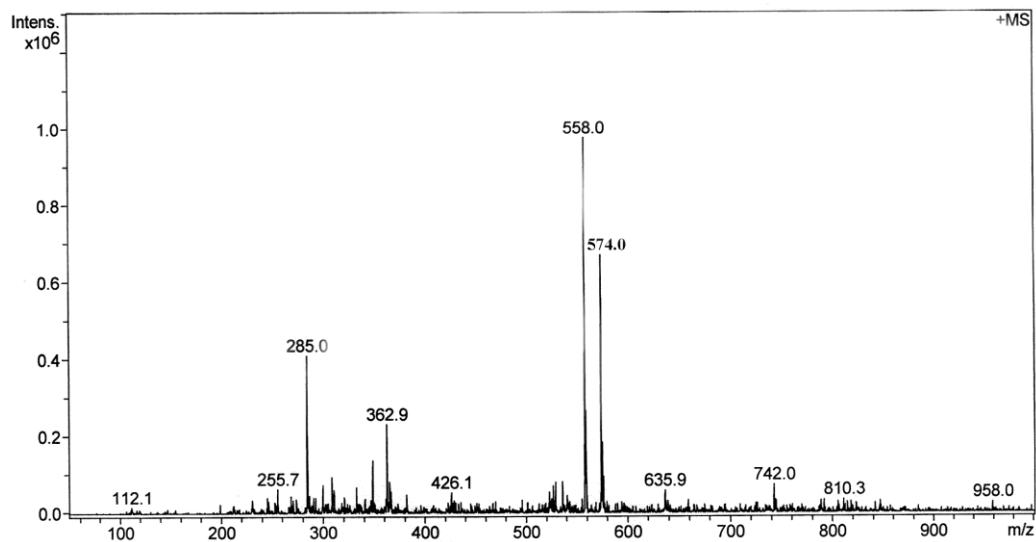
**Figure S4.** IR spectrum of complex 1.



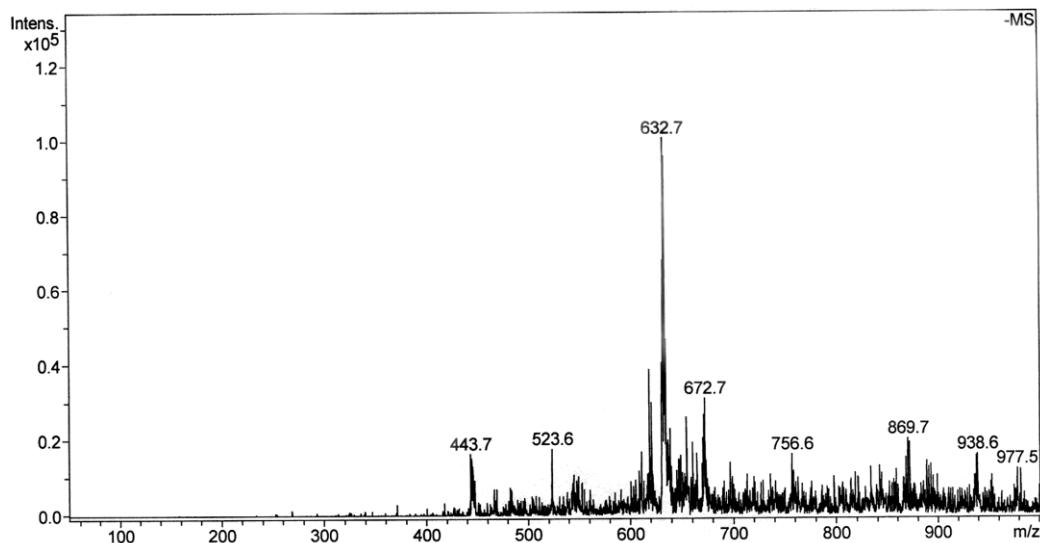
**Figure S5.** IR spectrum of HBrQ.



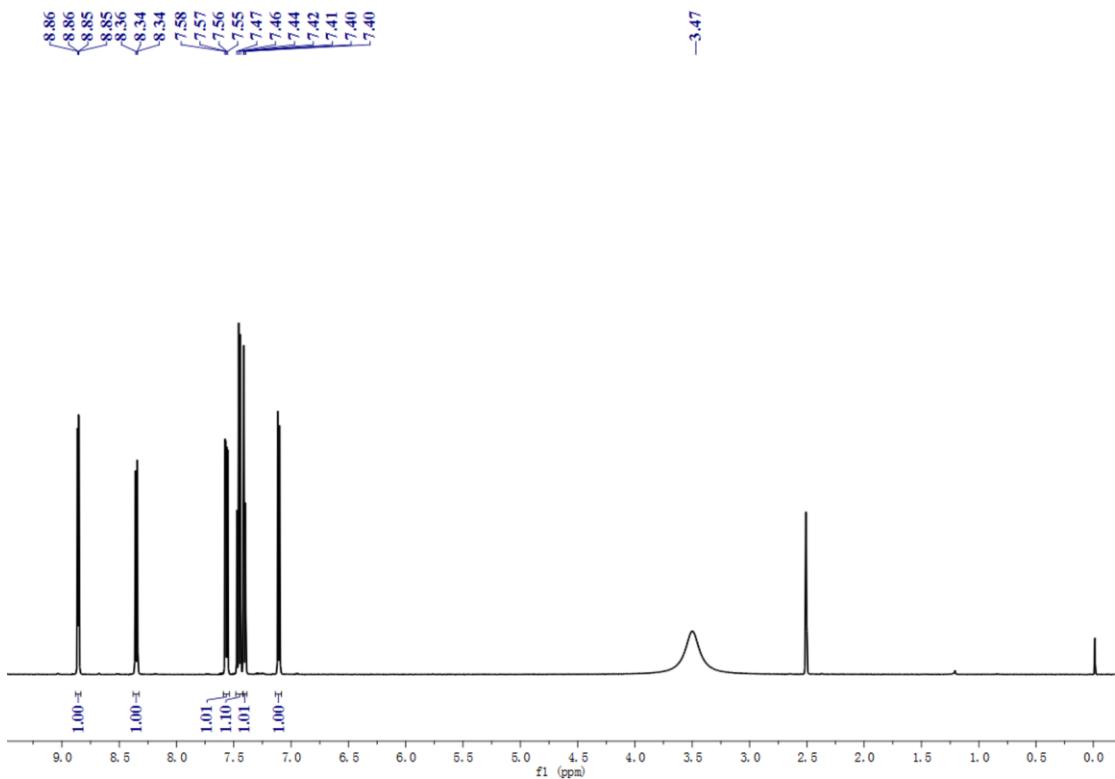
**Figure S6.** IR spectrum of complex 2.



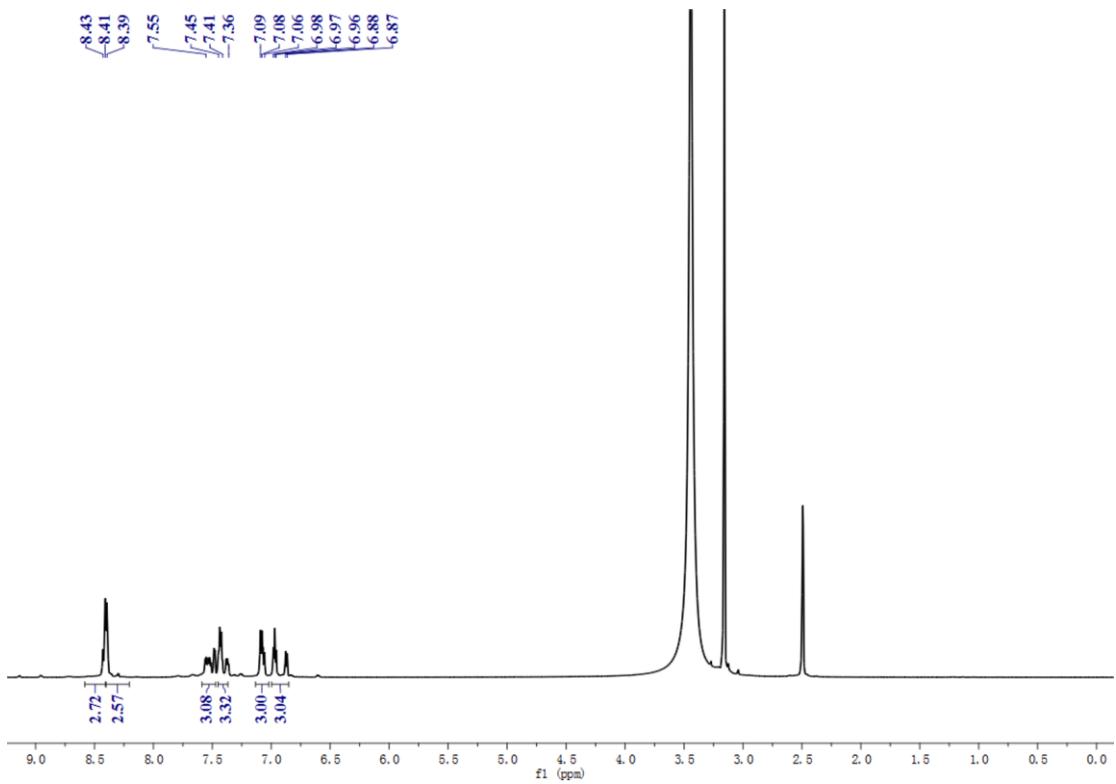
**Figure S7.** ESI-MS spectrum of complex **1**.



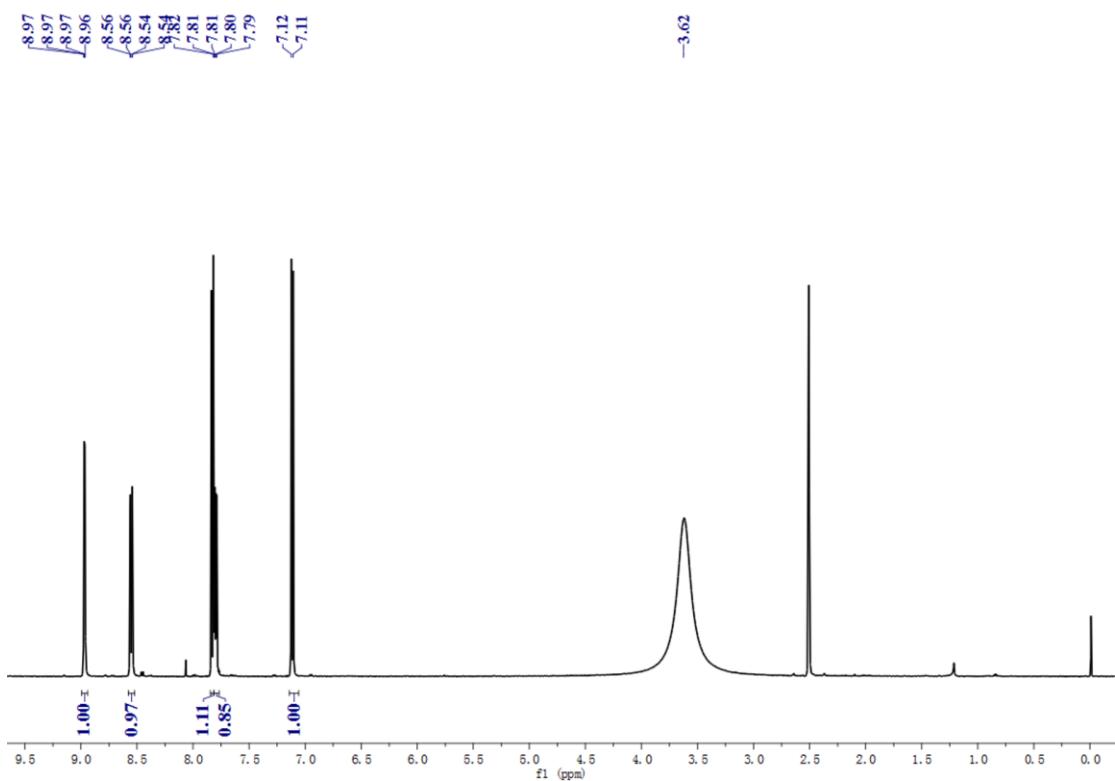
**Figure S8.** ESI-MS spectrum of complex **2**.



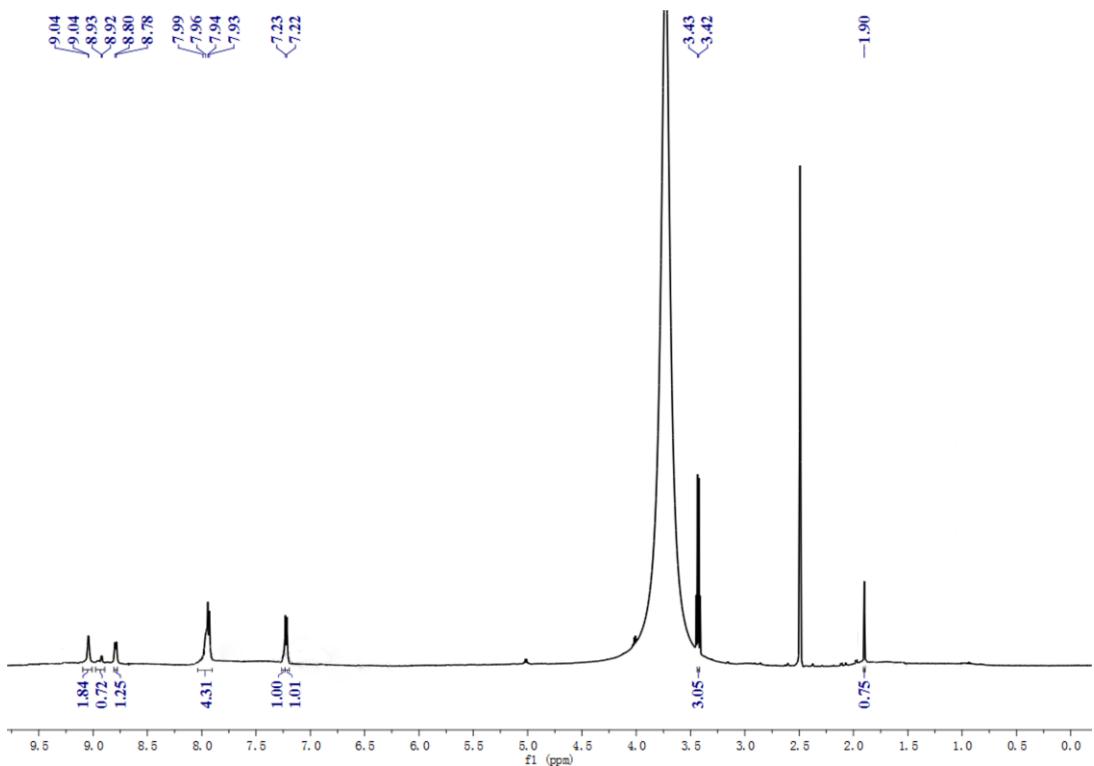
**Figure S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of HOQ. (<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.86 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H).)



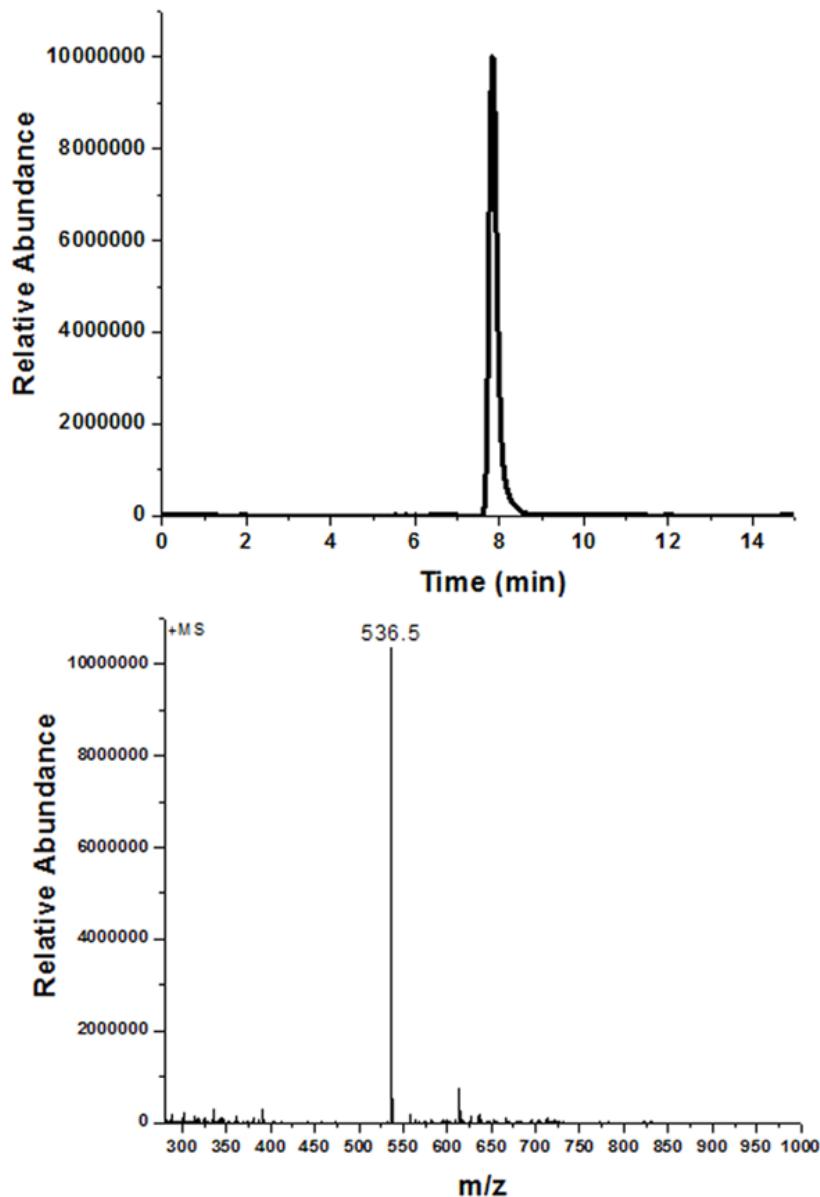
**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **1**.



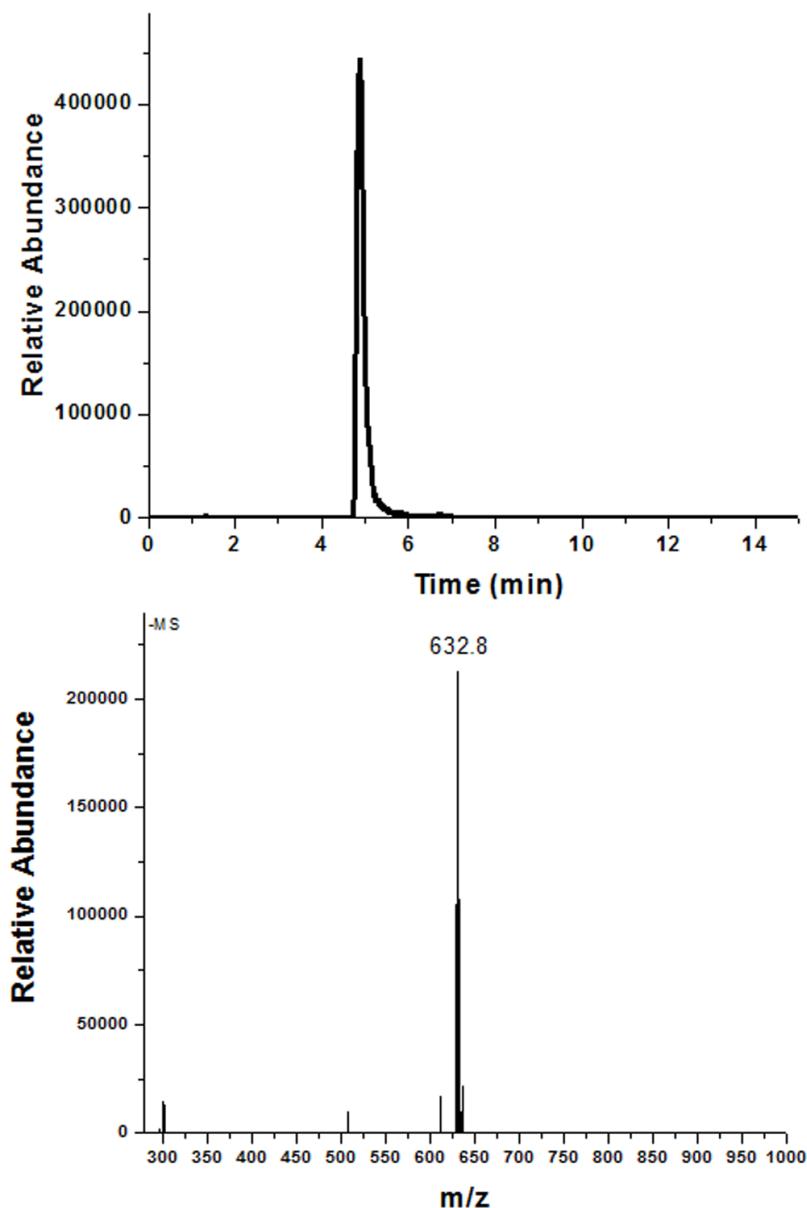
**Figure S11.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of HBrQ. (<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 8.97 (dd, *J* = 4.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.81 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H).)



**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **2**.



**Figure S13.** HPLC-MS spectra for complex **1** after keeping in water for 72 h. ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M in aqueous solution containing 1% DMSO). Column: reversed-phase C18 column (YMC HPLC COLUMN, 150×4.6 mm I. D.). Column temperature: 30 °C. Mobile phase: Methol/H<sub>2</sub>O (70:30). Flow rate: 1.0 ml/min. Injection volume: 20 μM.



**Figure S14.** HPLC-MS spectra for complex **2** after keeping in water for 72 h. ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M in aqueous solution containing 1% DMSO). Column: reversed-phase C18 column (YMC HPLC COLUMN, 150×4.6 mm I. D.). Column temperature: 30 °C. Mobile phase: Methanol/H<sub>2</sub>O (60:40). Flow rate: 1.0 ml/min. Injection volume: 20 μM.