

## Supplementary Information

### Aggregation-induced emission (AIE)-Active Fluorescent Probes with Multisite-Binding Sites toward ATP Sensing and the Live Cell Imaging

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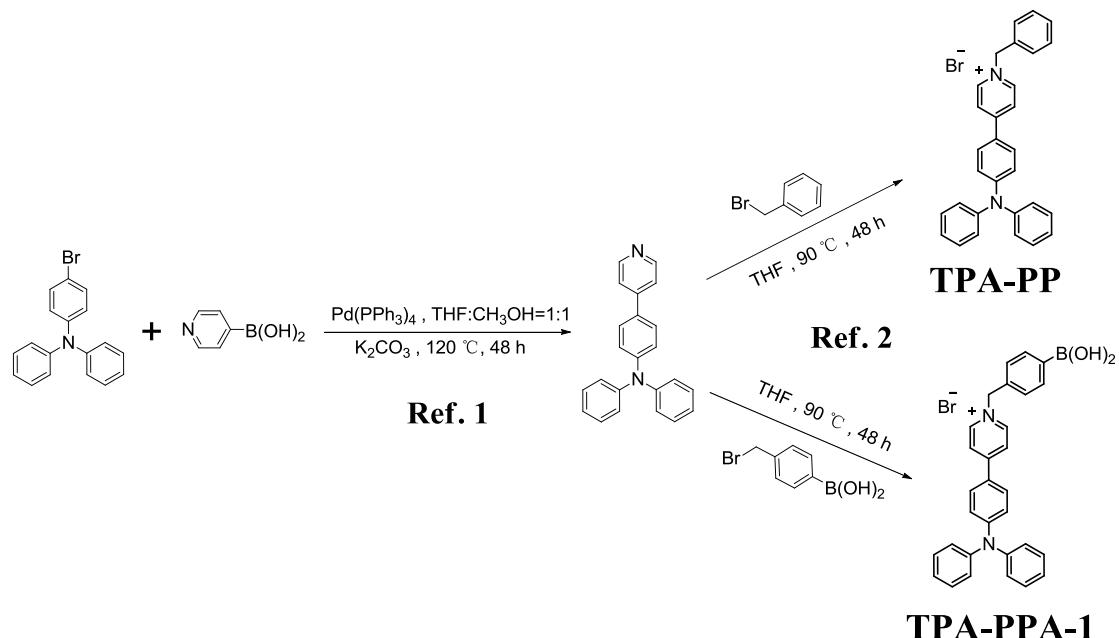
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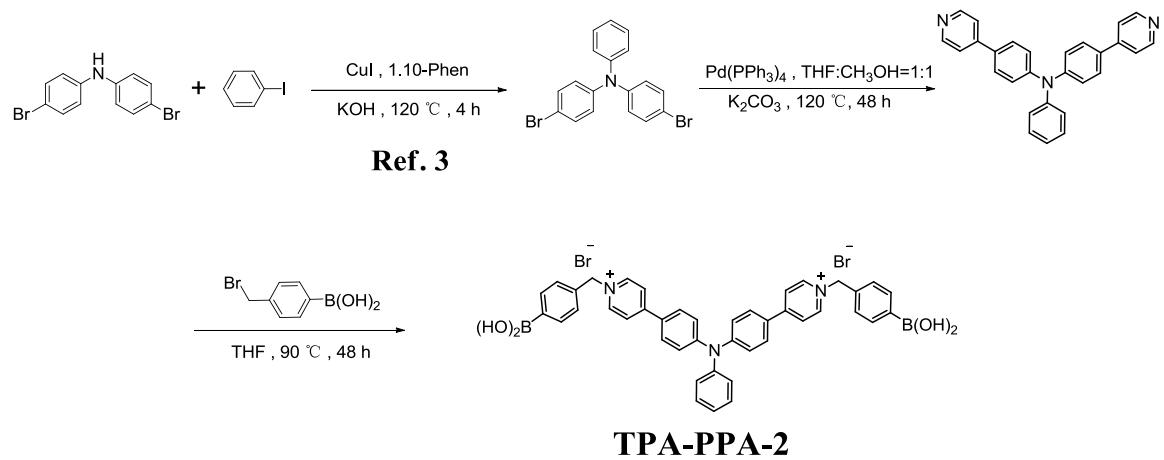
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## Synthesis of TPA-PP and TPA-PPA-1



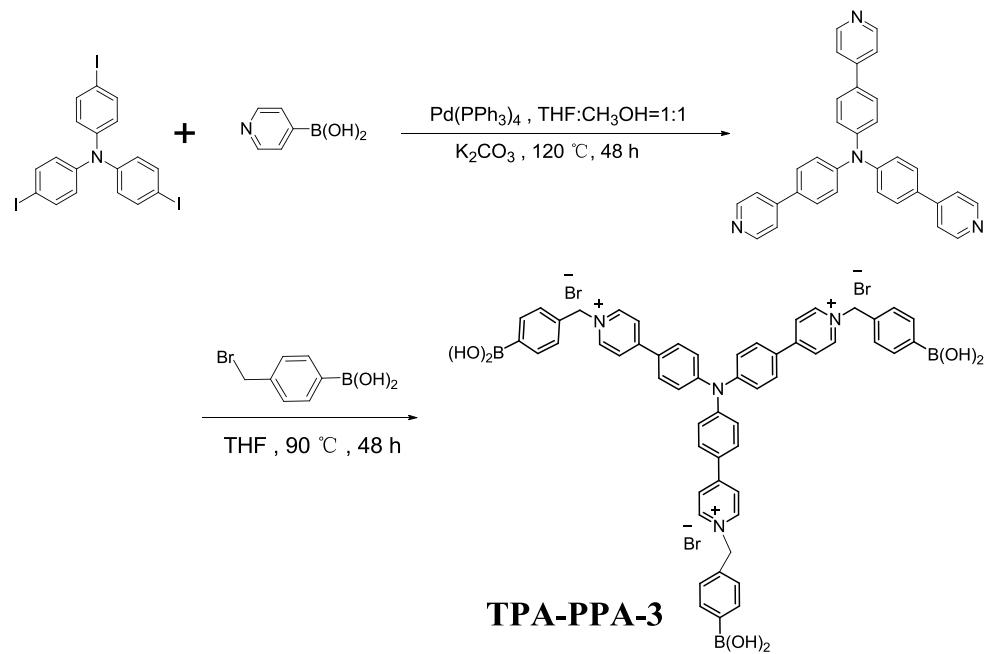
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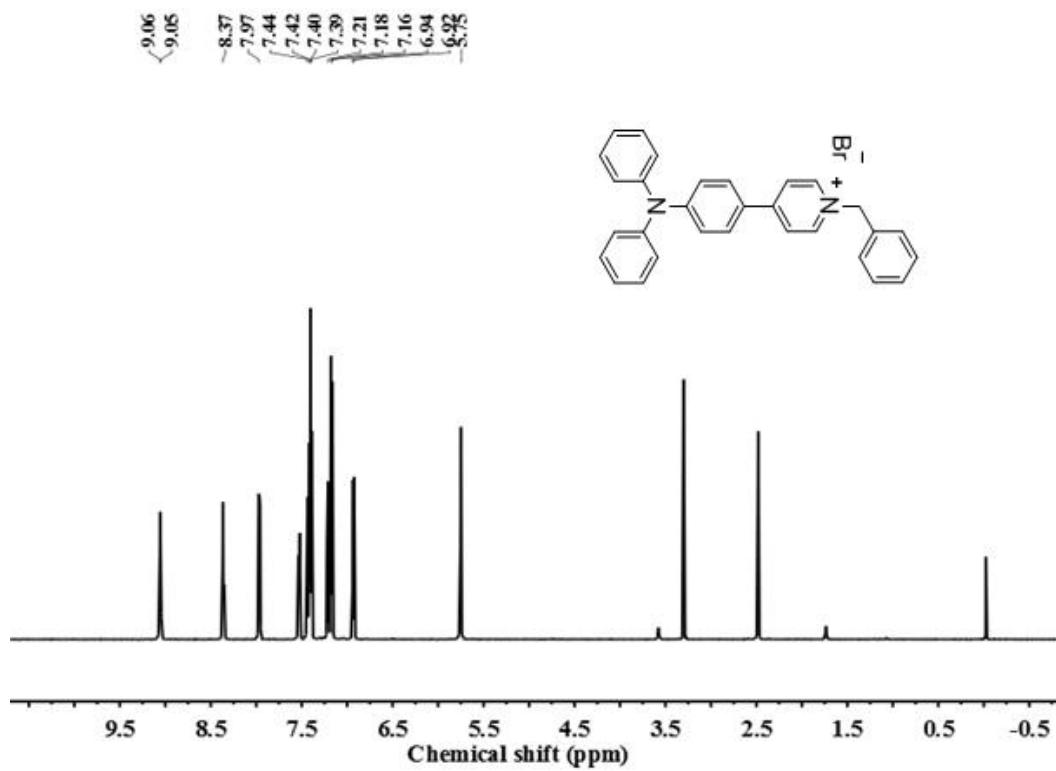
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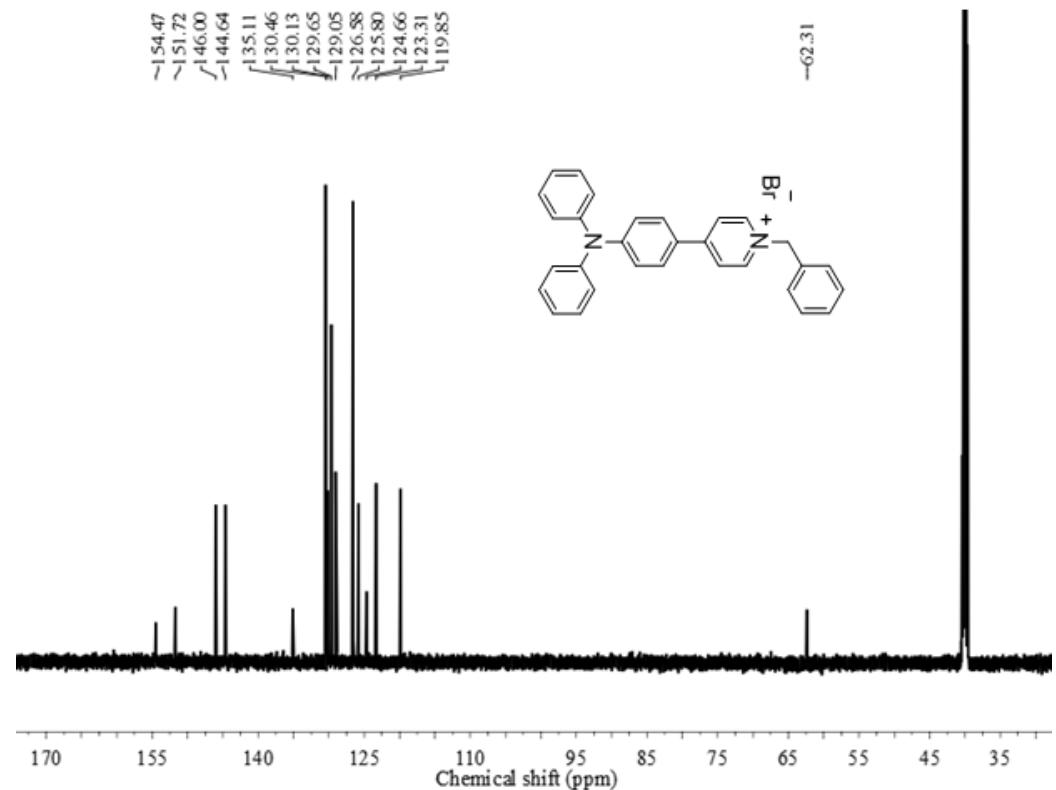


**Scheme S3** The synthesis of TPA-PPA-3

## TPA-PP

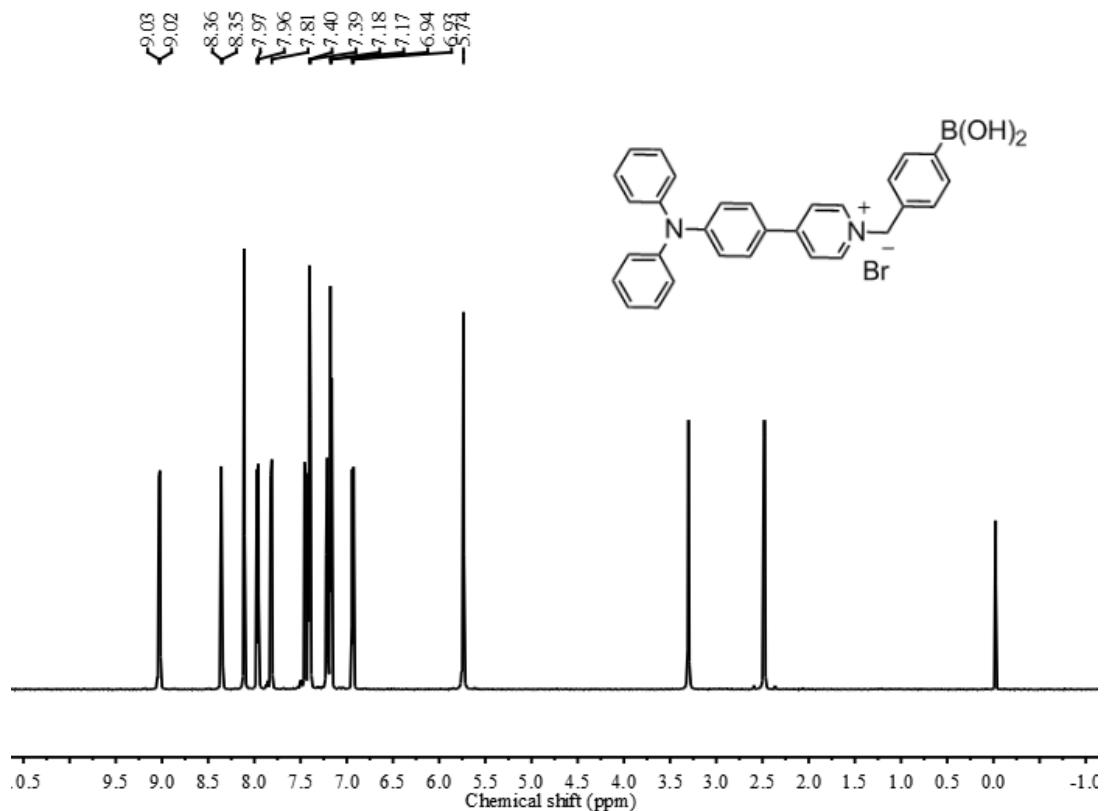


**Figure S1 (a)** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of TPA-PP

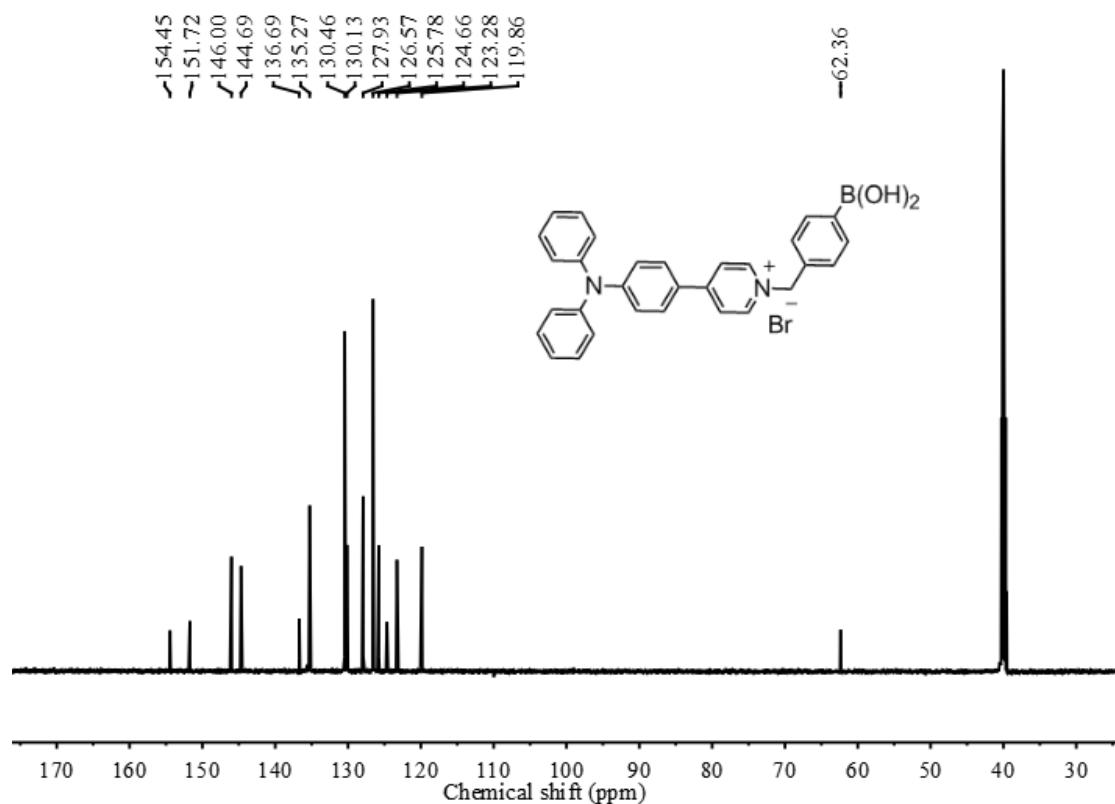


**Figure S1 (b)** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of TPA-PP

## TPA-PPA-1

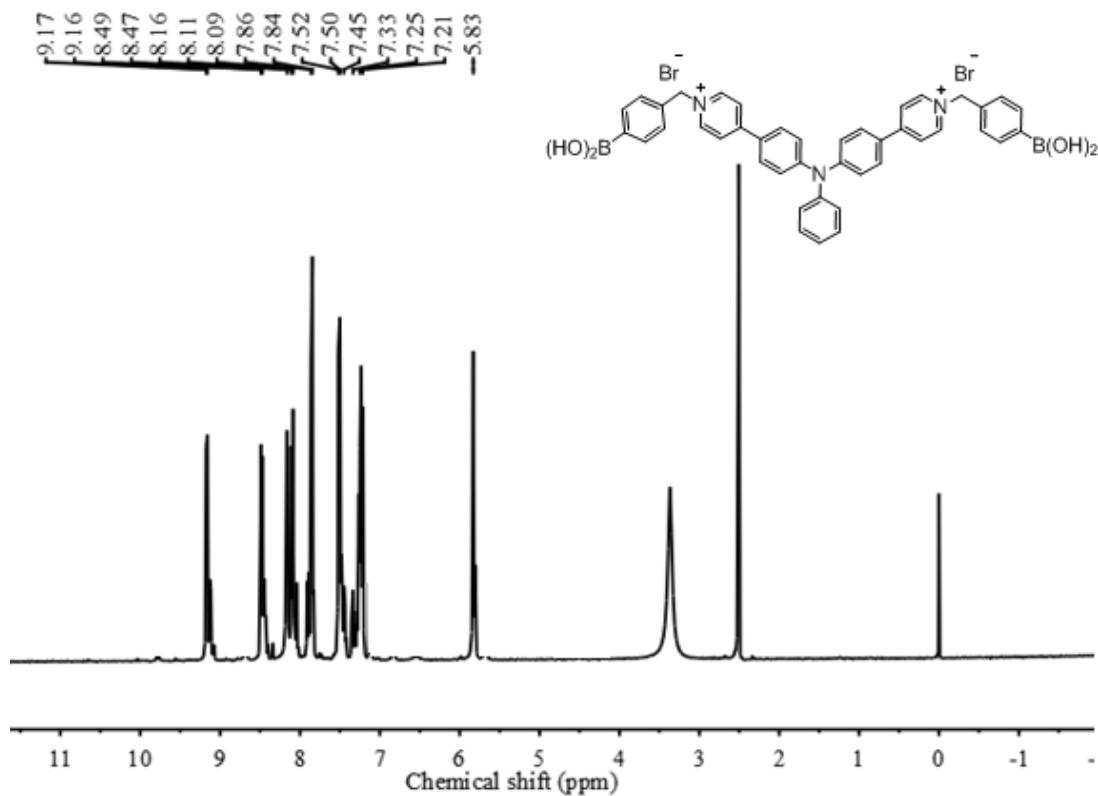


**Figure S2 (a)**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of TPA-PPA-1

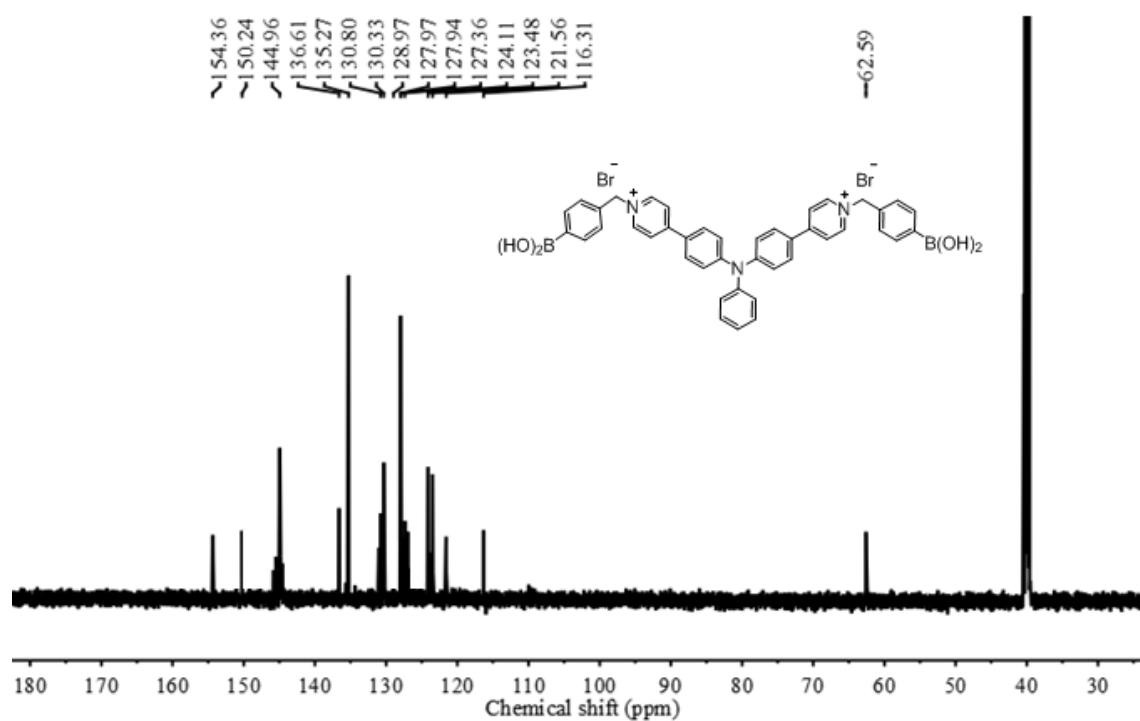


**Figure S2 (b)**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of TPA-PPA-1

## TPA-PPA-2

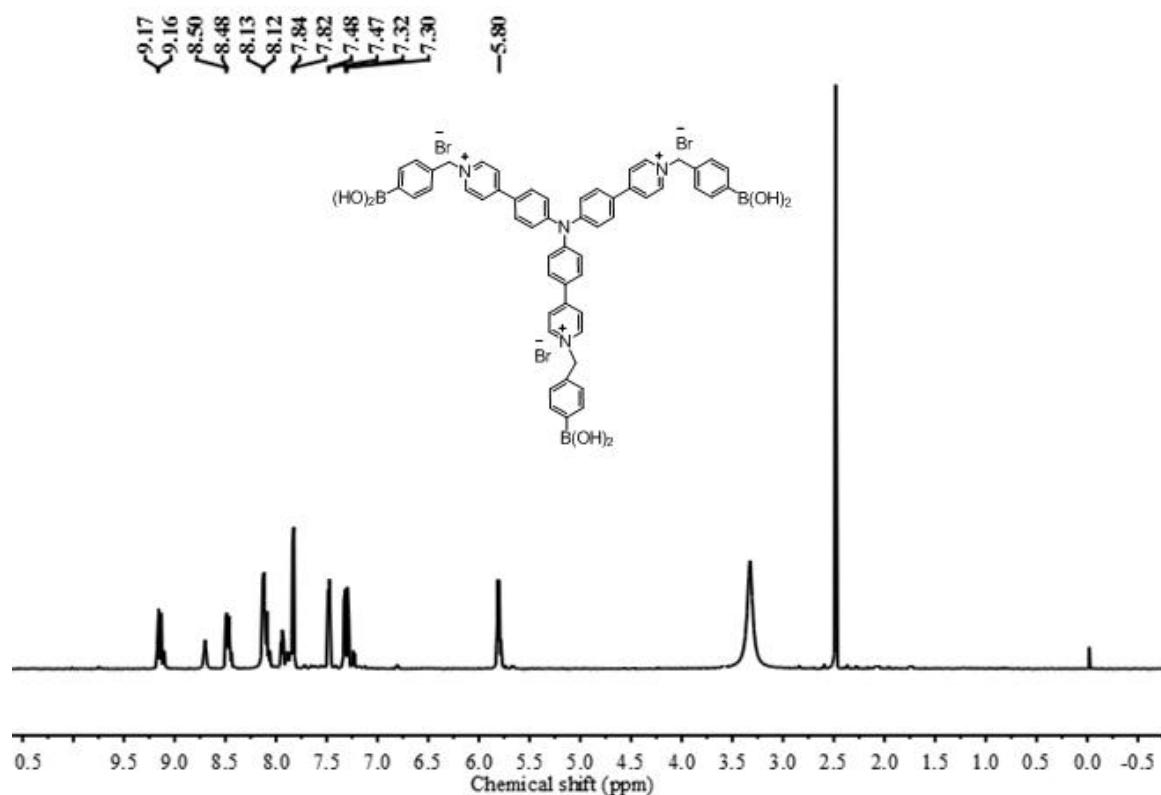


**Figure S3 (a)**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of TPA-PPA-2

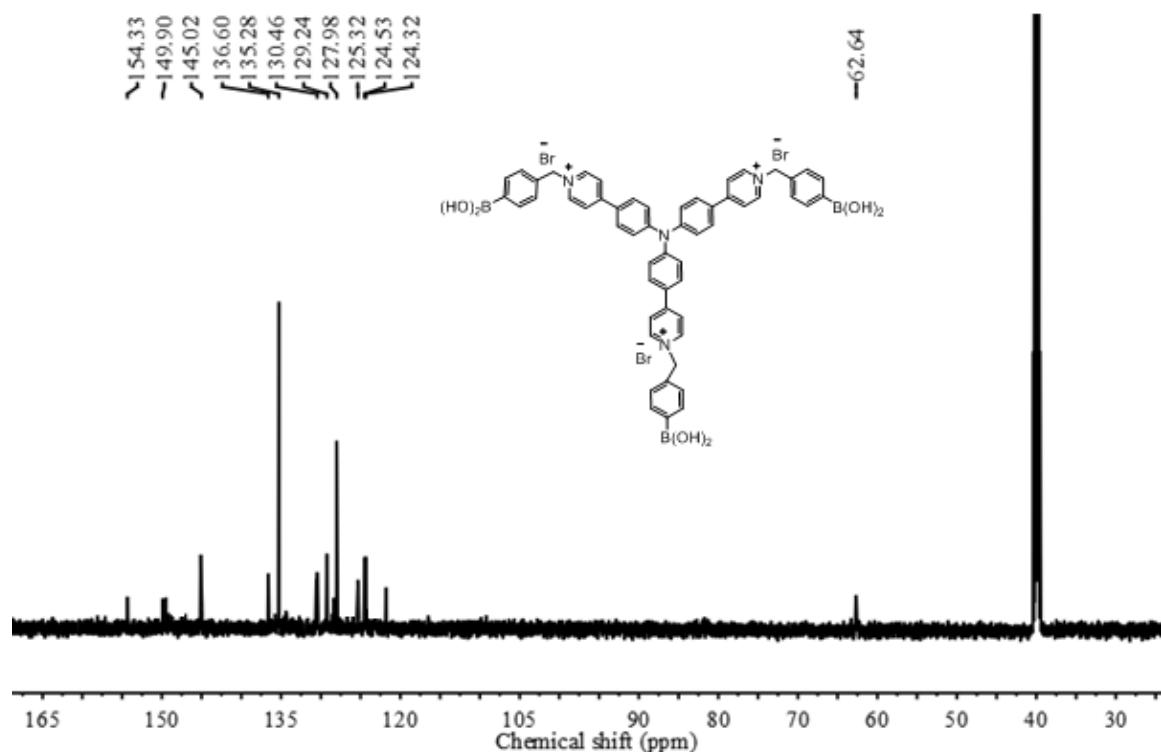


**Figure S3 (b)**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of TPA-PPA-2

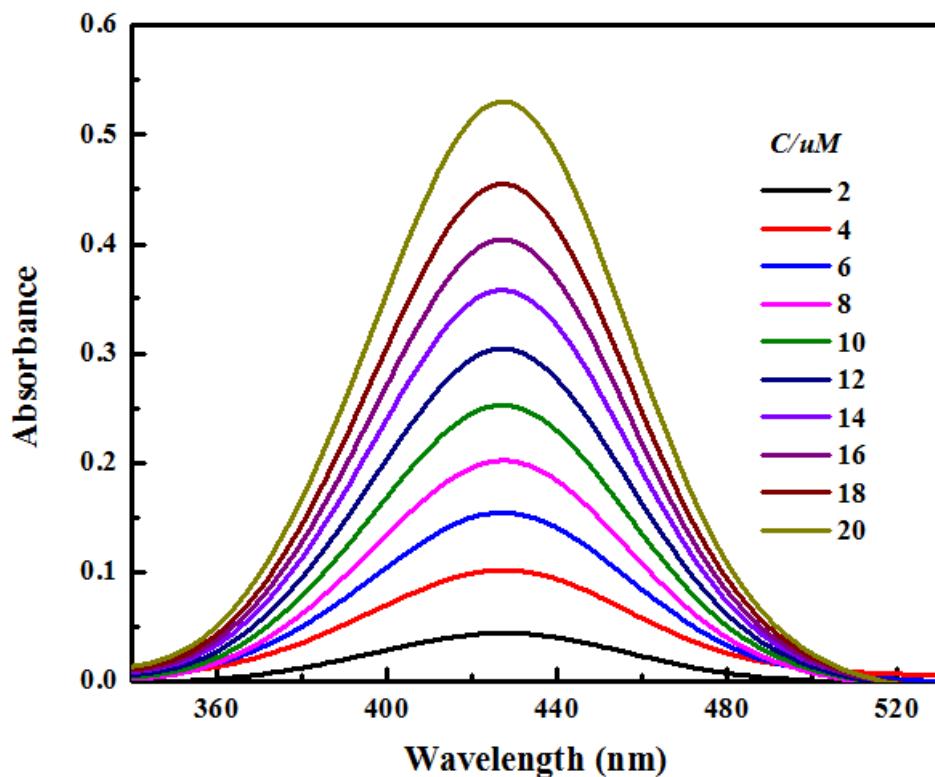
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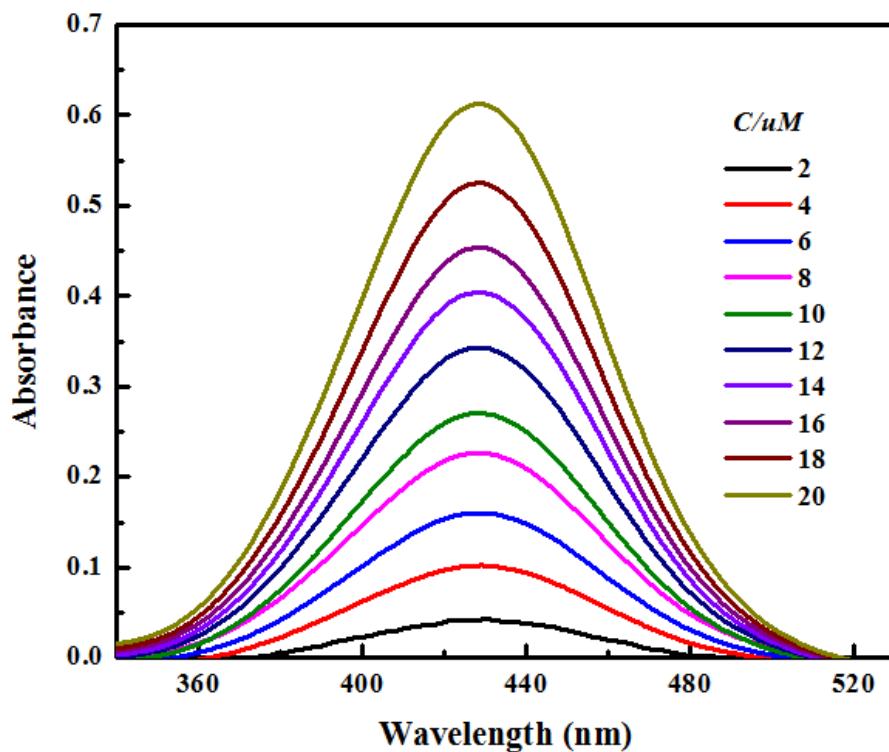
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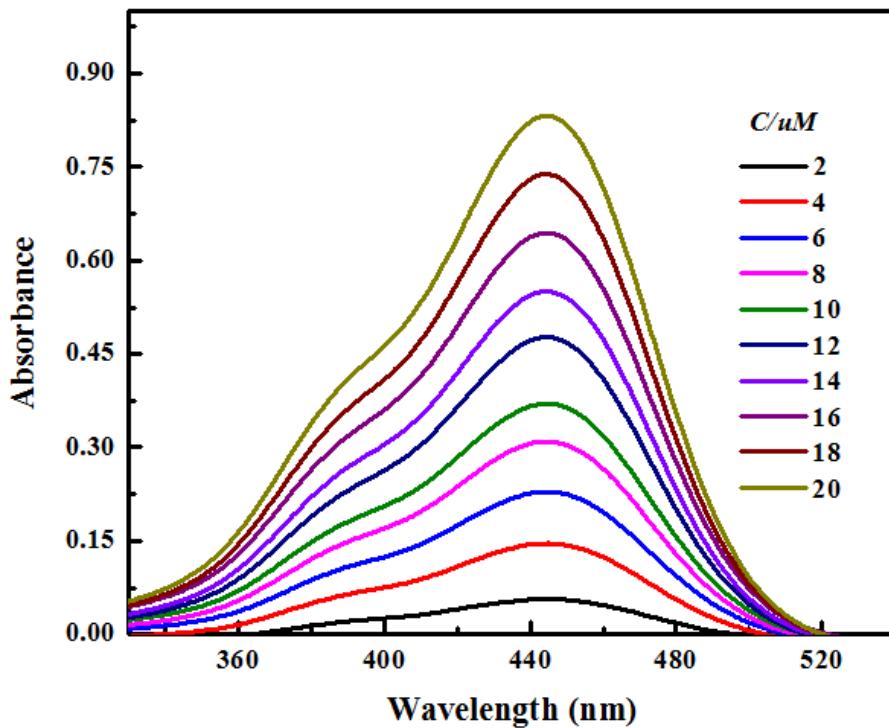
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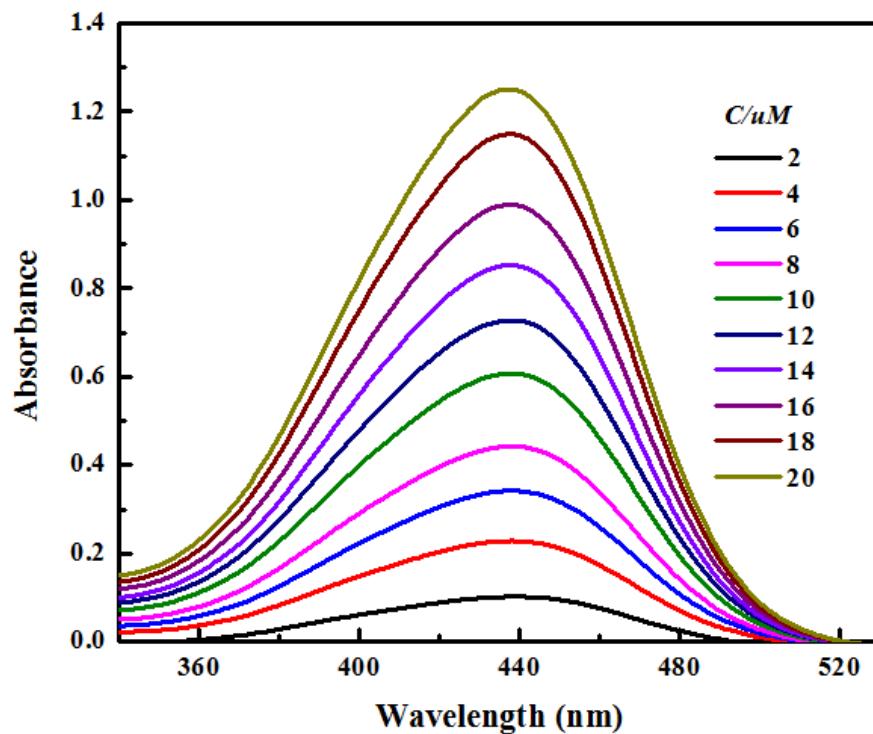
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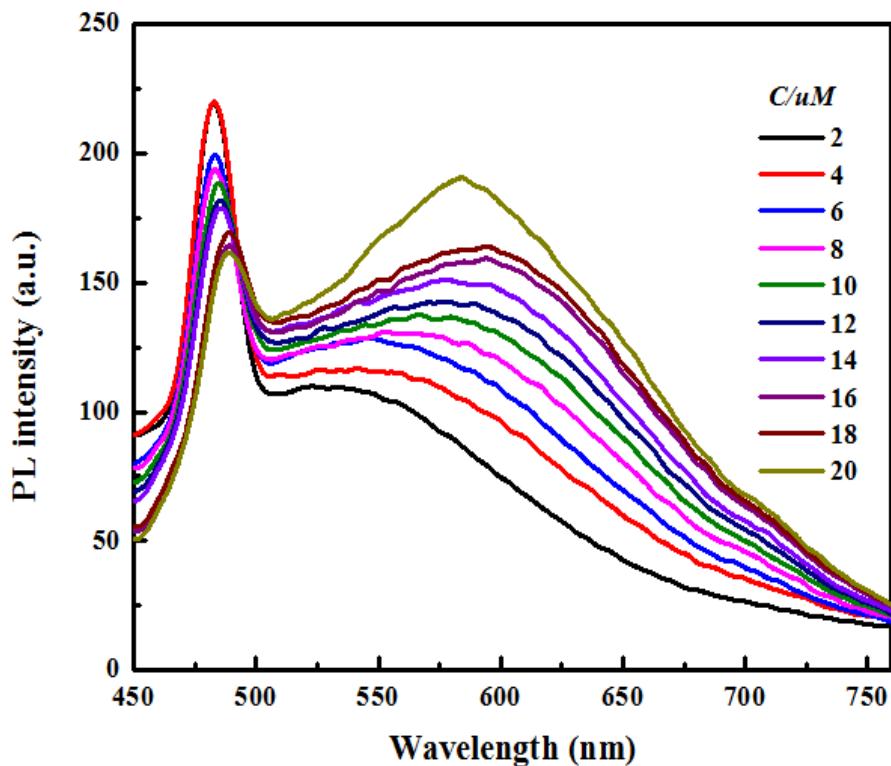
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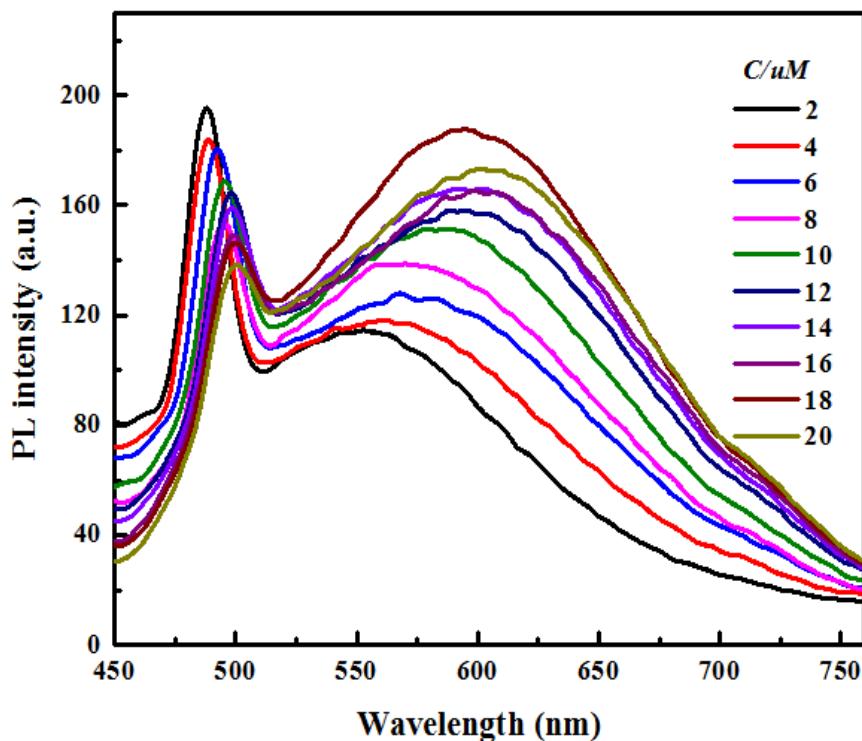
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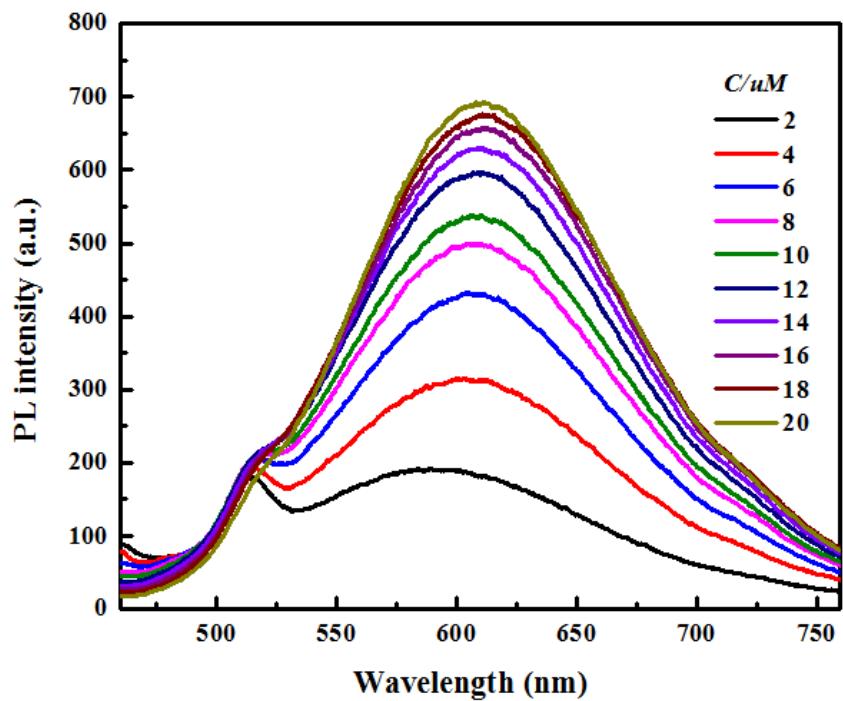
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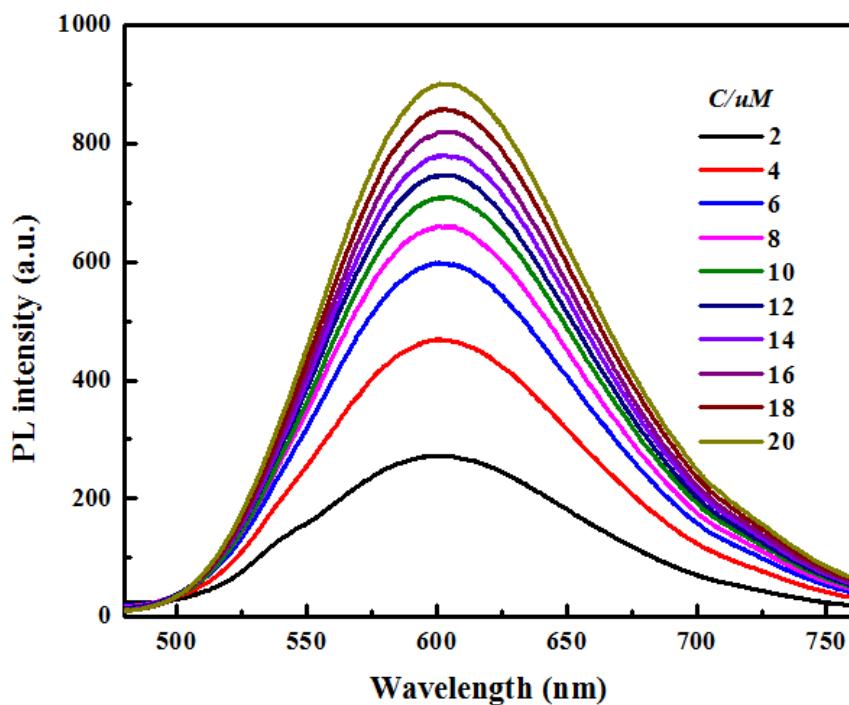
**Figure S6** (a) Fluorescence spectra of TPA-PP at a range of 2-20  $\mu M$  in aqueous solution containing 2 vol % DMSO.



**Figure S6** (b) Fluorescence spectra of TPA-PPA-1 at a range of 2-20  $\mu M$  in aqueous solution containing 2 vol % DMSO.



**Figure S6 (c)** Fluorescence spectra of TPA-PPA-2 at a range of 2-20  $\mu$ M in aqueous solution containing 2 vol % DMSO.

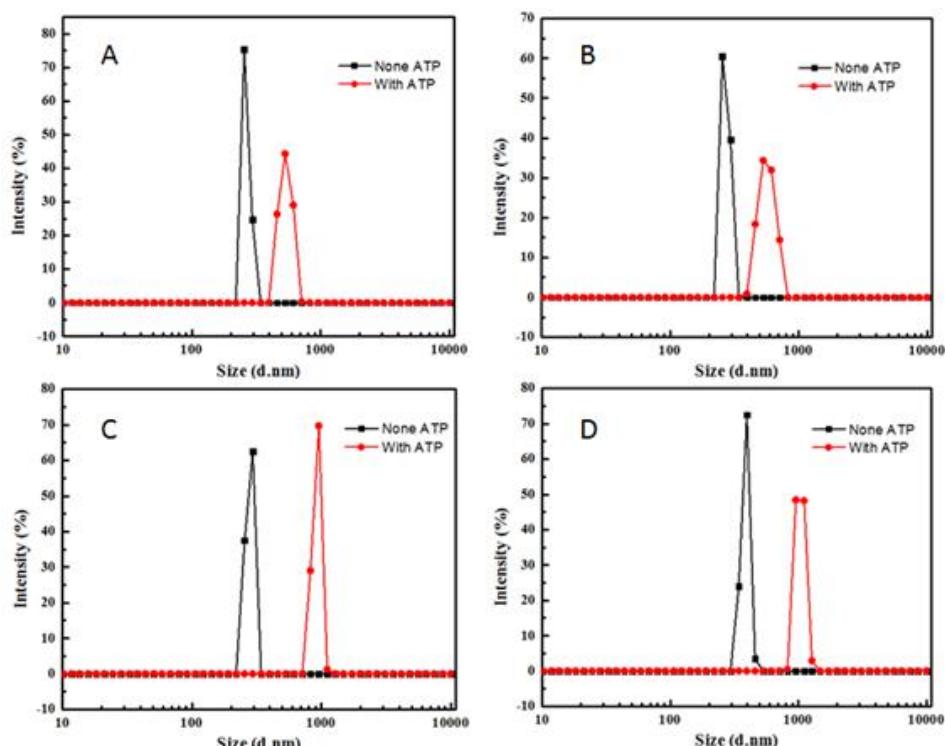


**Figure S6 (d)** Fluorescence spectra of TPA-PPA-3 at a range of 2-20  $\mu$ M in aqueous solution containing 2 vol % DMSO.

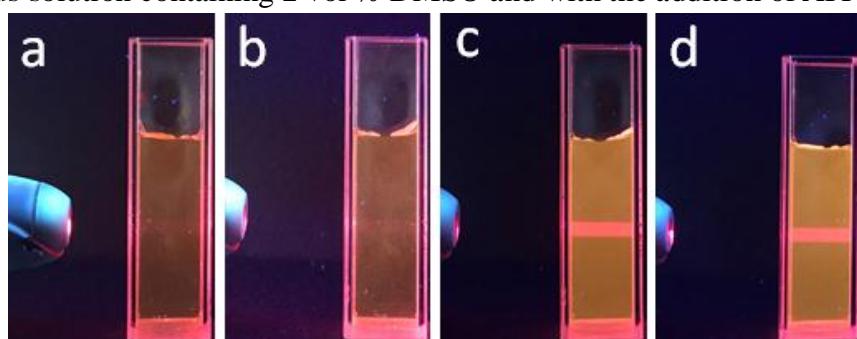
**Table S1** Fluorescence quantum yield of probes without ATP and the addition of ATP

	Without ATP			Addition of ATP		
	$\lambda_{\text{ex}}$	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$	$\Phi^b(\%)$	$\lambda_{\text{ex}}$	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$	$\Phi^c(\%)$
<b>TPA-PP<sup>a</sup></b>	427	578	0.13	427	589	0.79
<b>TPA-PPA-1<sup>a</sup></b>	432	591	0.16	432	594	1.72
<b>TPA-PPA-2<sup>a</sup></b>	437	610	0.45	437	597	4.36
<b>TPA-PPA-3<sup>a</sup></b>	451	618	0.89	451	601	26.43

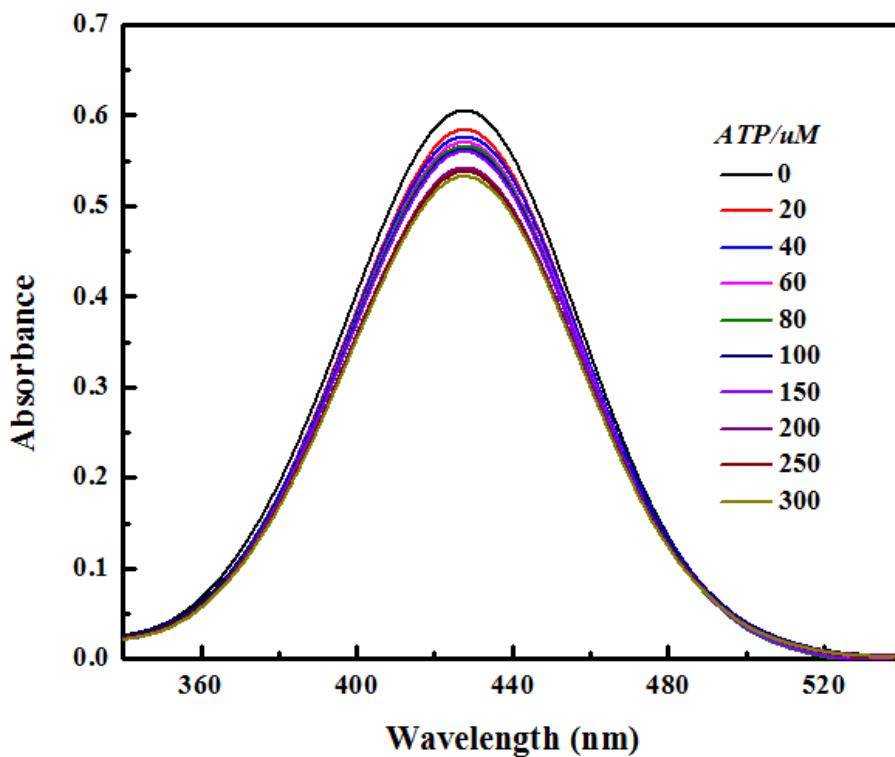
<sup>a</sup>Conc. of TPA-PP, TPA-PPA-1, TPA-PPA-2 and TPA-PPA-3: 20  $\mu\text{M}$ ; <sup>b</sup>The fluorescence quantum yield without ATP; <sup>c</sup>The fluorescence quantum yield with ATP (ATP conc.: 200  $\mu\text{M}$ .)



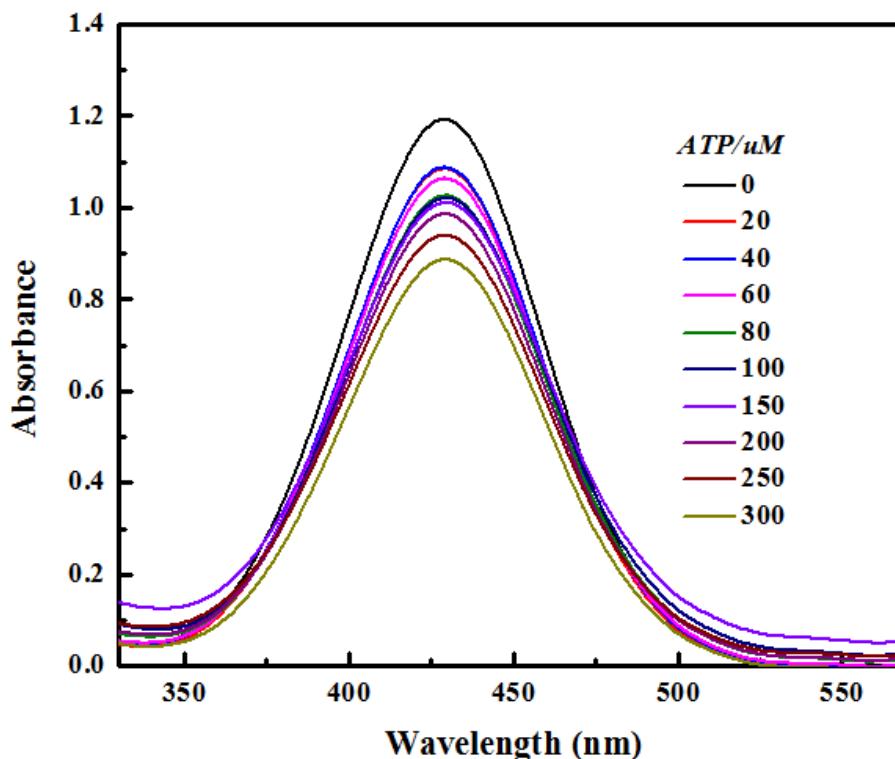
**Figure S7** Particle size distributions of TPA-PP, TPA-PPA-1, TPA-PPA-2, TPA-PPA-3 in aqueous solution containing 2 vol % DMSO and with the addition of ATP.



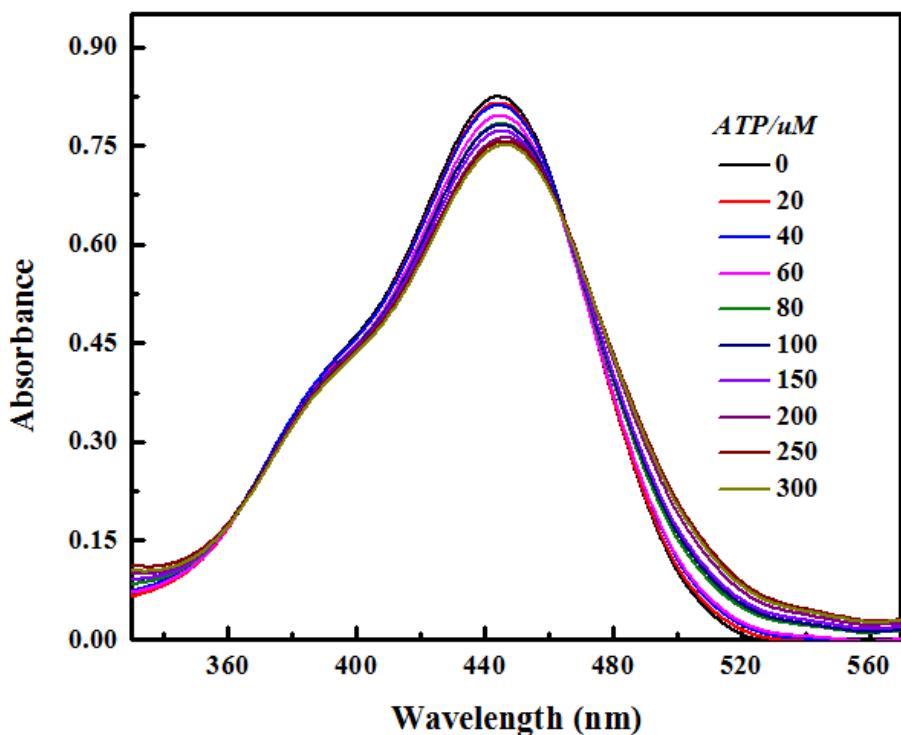
**Figure S8** Tyndall effect of TPA-PPA-3 (a) in aqueous solution containing 2 vol % DMSO and (c) with the addition of ATP, (b), (d) is the corresponding photographs after two weeks.



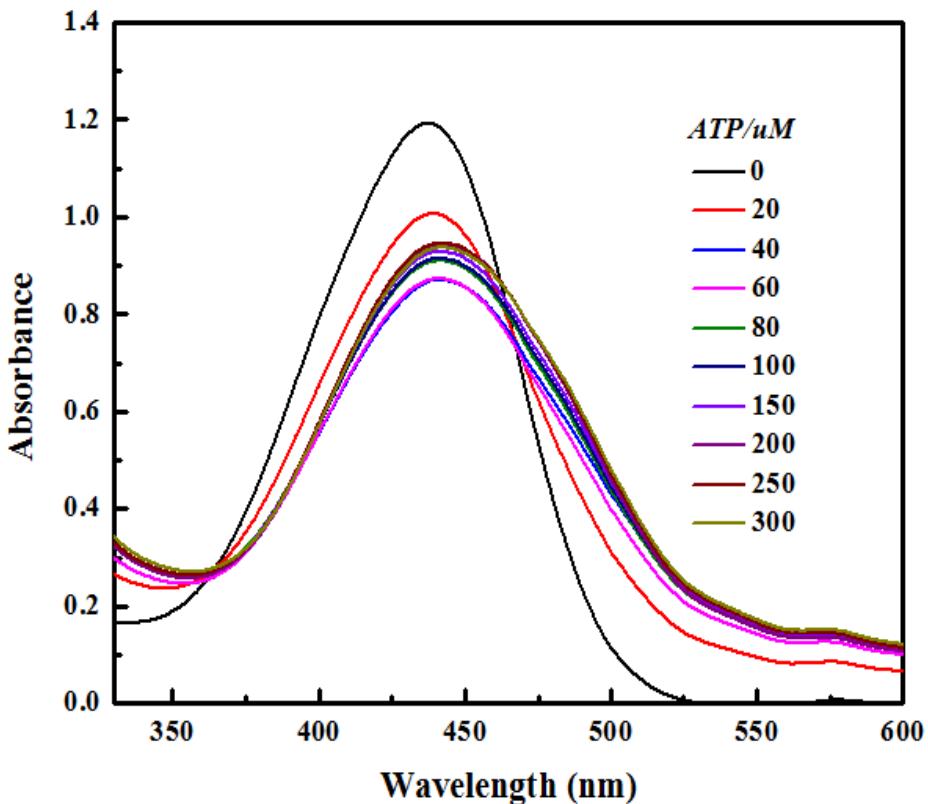
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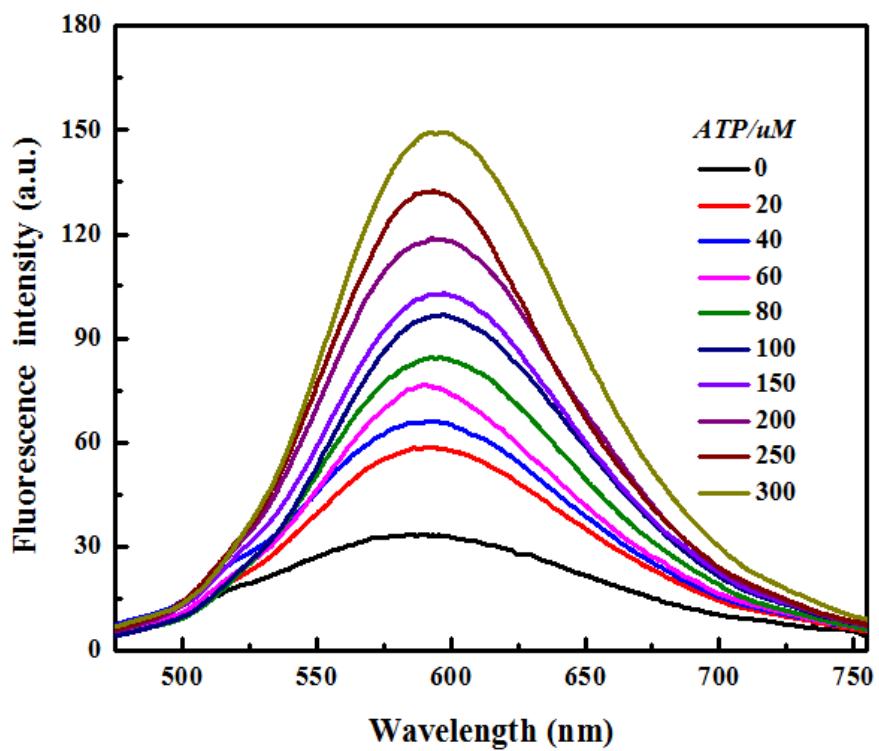
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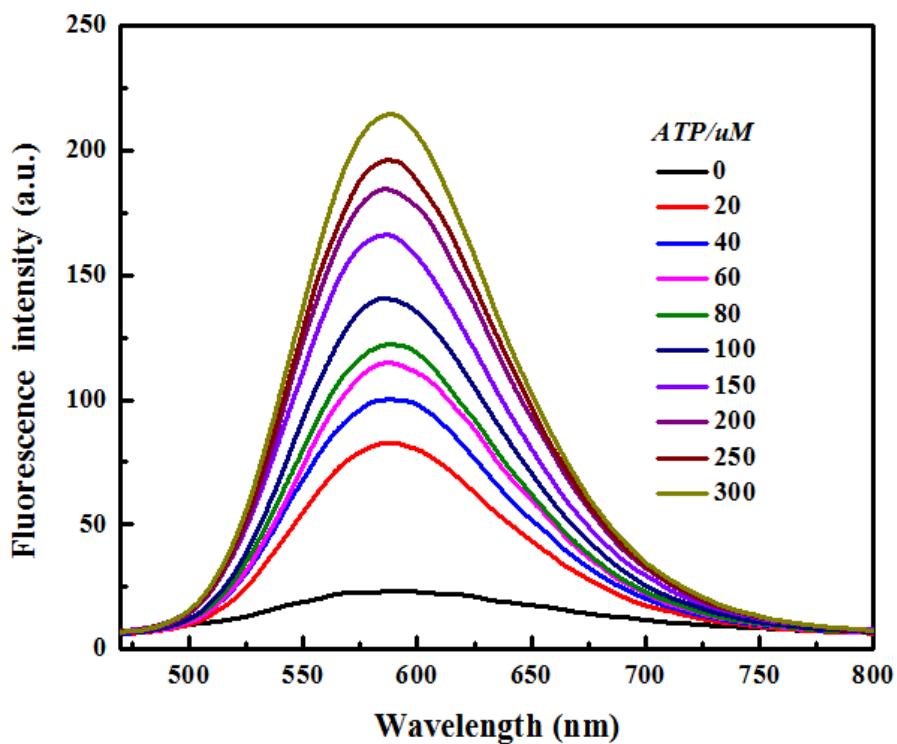
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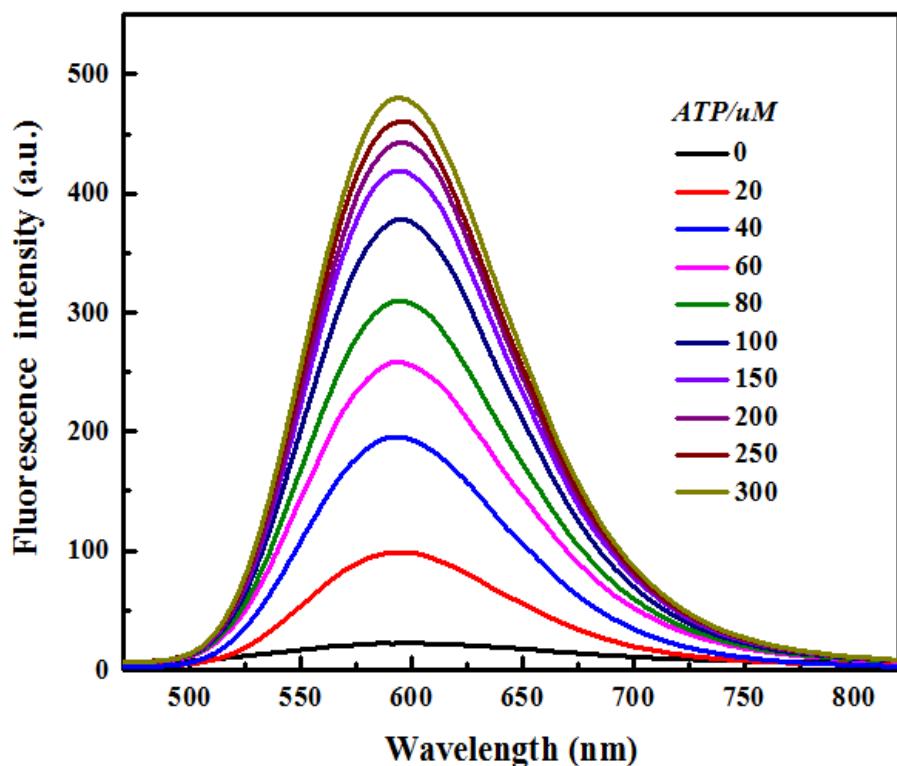
**Figure S9 (d)** Absorption spectra of TPA-PPA-3 upon the addition of ATP in aqueous solution containing 2 vol % DMSO. TPA-PPA-3 concentration: 20  $\mu$ M.



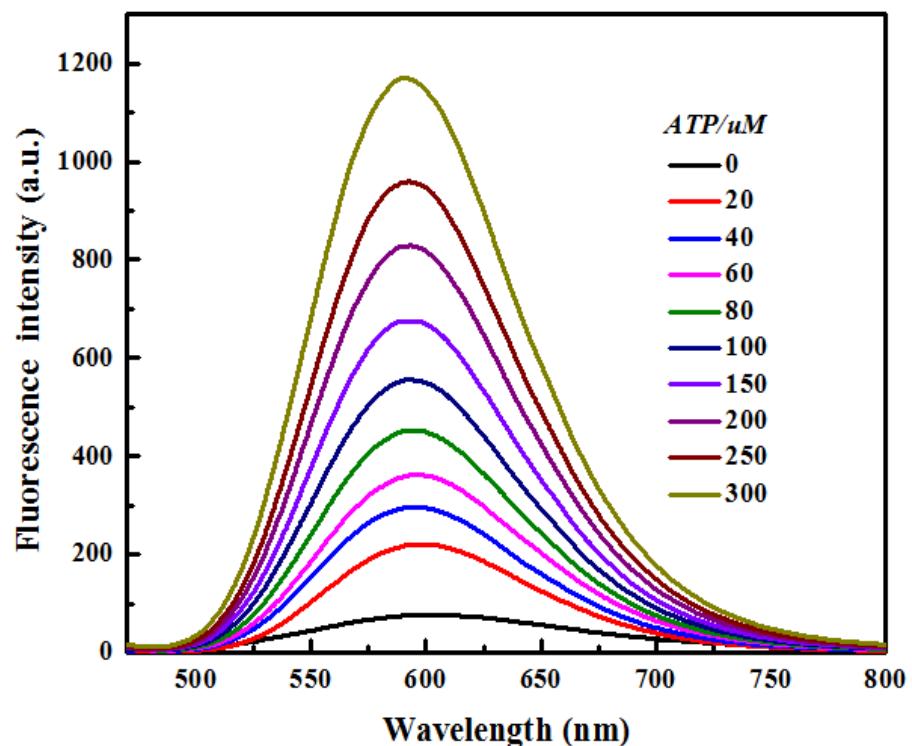
**Figure S10** (a) Fluorescence spectra of TPA-PP upon the addition of ATP in aqueous solution containing 2 vol % DMSO. TPA-PP concentration: 20  $\mu$ M.



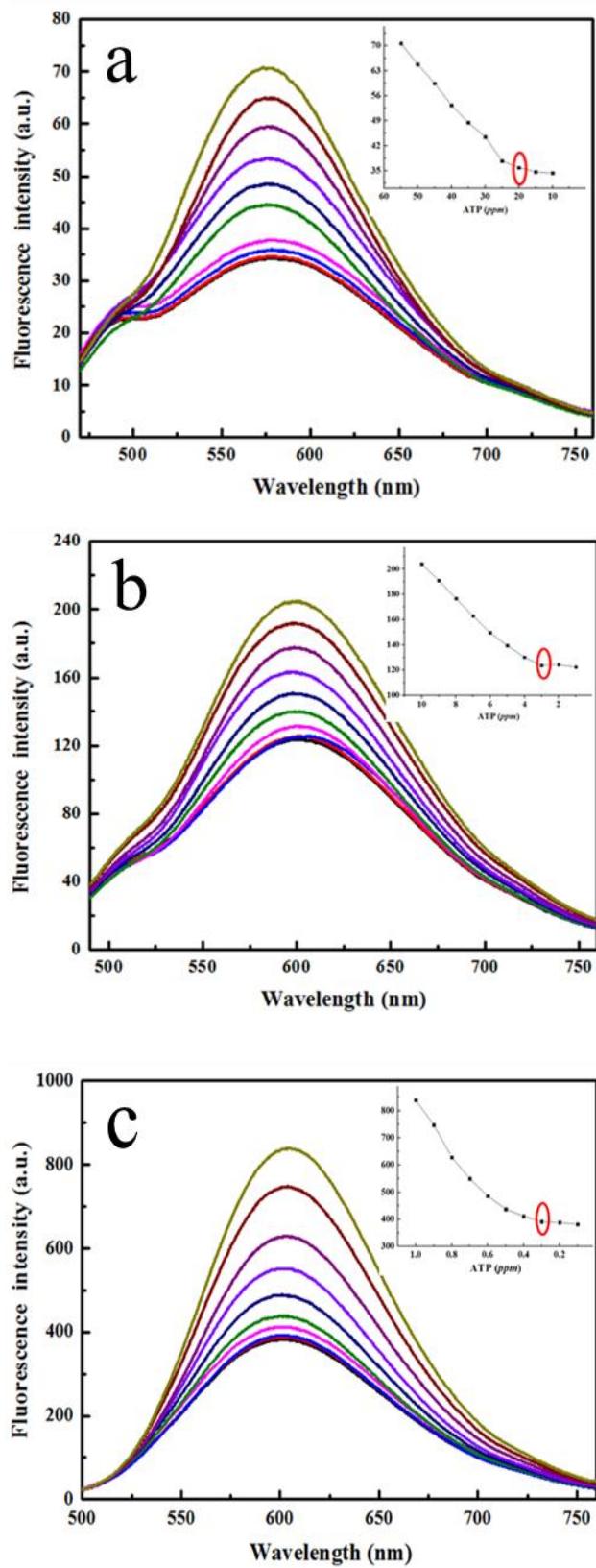
**Figure S10** (b) Fluorescence spectra of TPA-PPA-1 upon the addition of ATP in aqueous solution containing 2 vol % DMSO. TPA-PPA-1 concentration: 20  $\mu$ M.



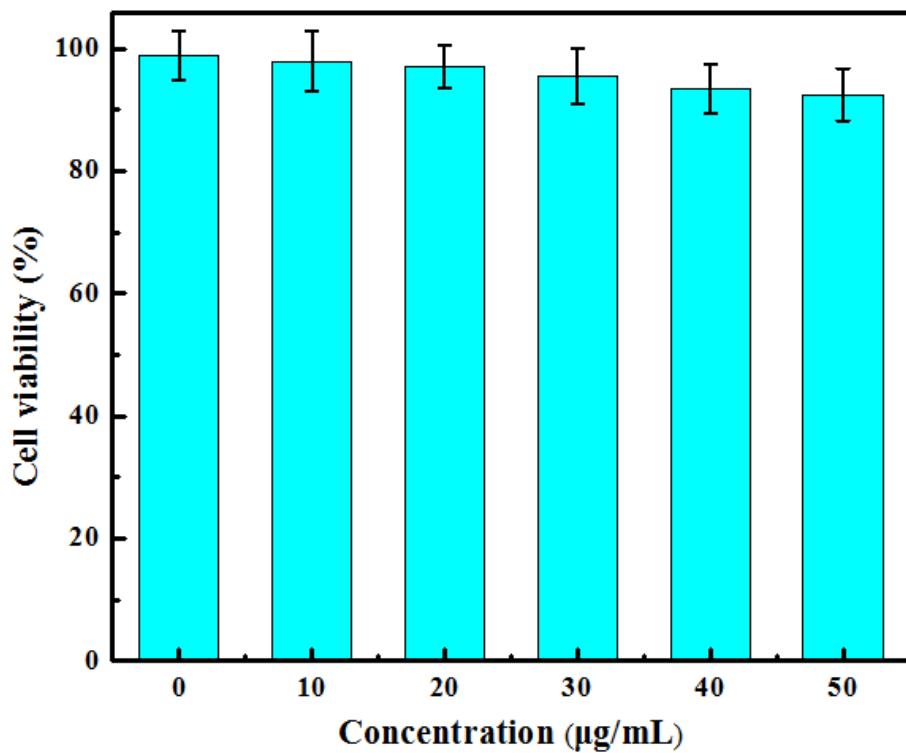
**Figure S10** (c) Fluorescence spectra of TPA-PPA-2 upon the addition of ATP in aqueous solution containing 2 vol % DMSO. TPA-PPA-2 concentration: 20  $\mu$ M.



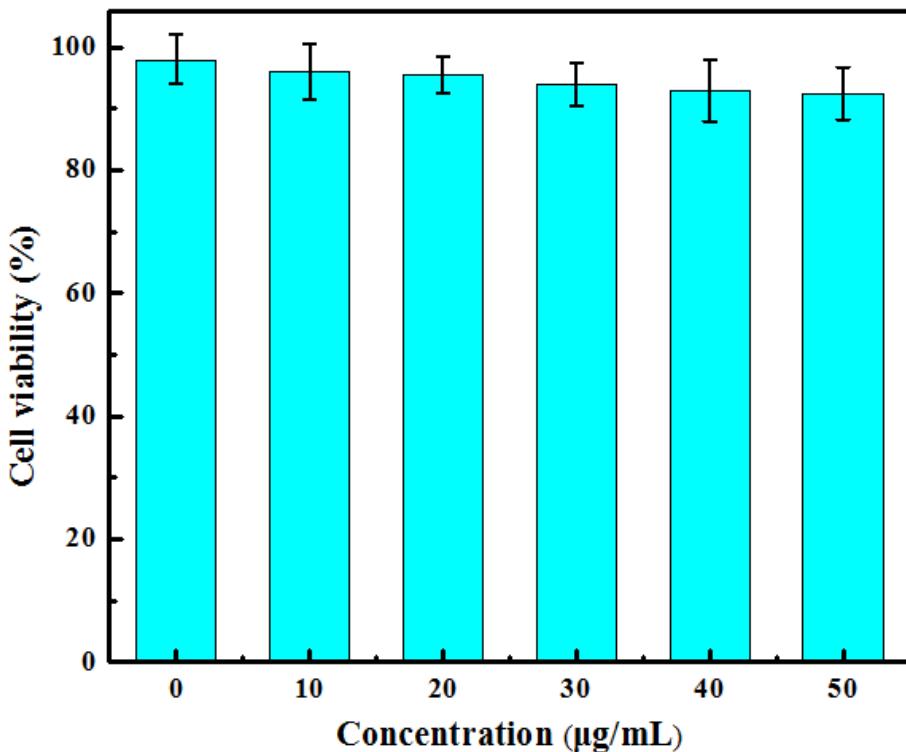
**Figure S10** (d) Fluorescence spectra of TPA-PPA-3 upon the addition of ATP in aqueous solution containing 2 vol % DMSO. TPA-PPA-3 concentration: 20  $\mu$ M.



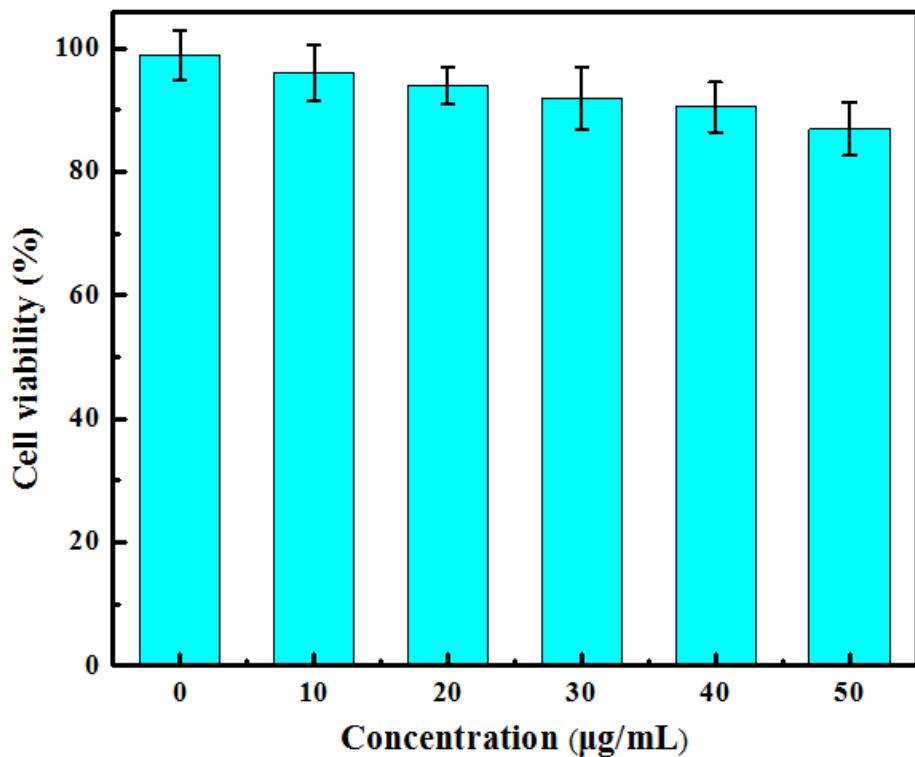
**Figure S11** Fluorescence spectra of (a) TPA-PPA-1 ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 432$  nm), (b) TPA-PPA-2 ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 437$  nm), (c) TPA-PPA-3 ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 451$  nm) upon the addition of ATP in dilute solvents.



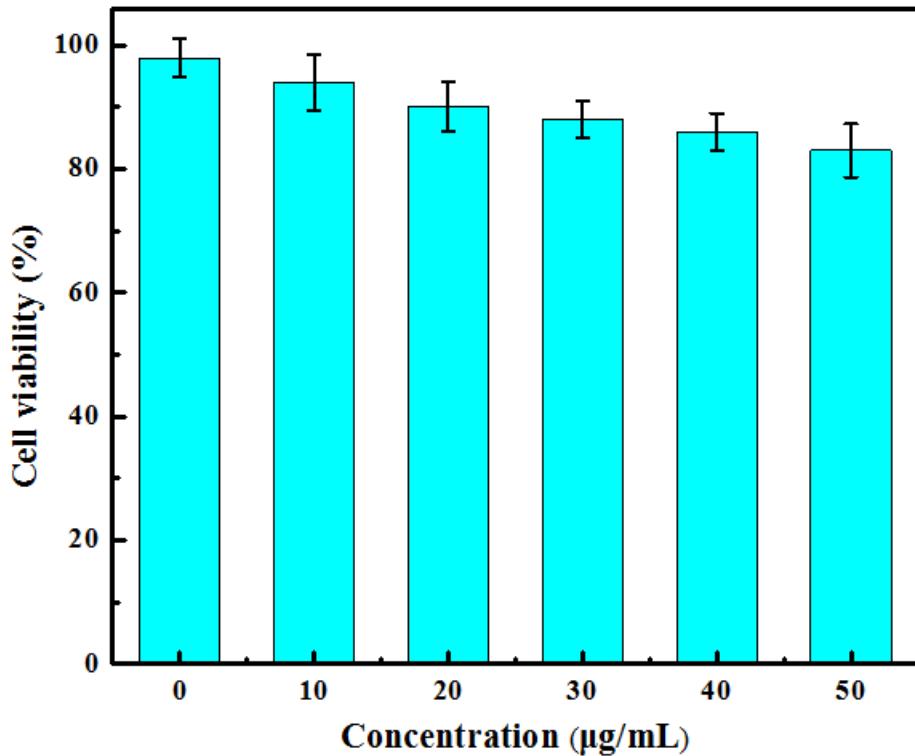
**Figure S12 (a)** Cell viabilities of HepG-2 cells treated with different concentrations of TPA-PP for 96 h by MTT assay



**Figure S12 (b)** Cell viabilities of HepG-2 cells treated with different concentrations of TPA-PPA-1 for 96 h by MTT assay



**Figure S12 (c)** Cell viabilities of HepG-2 cells treated with different concentrations of TPA-PPA-2 for 96 h by MTT assay



**Figure S12 (d)** Cell viabilities of HepG-2 cells treated with different concentrations of TPA-PPA-3 for 96 h by MTT assay

## Notes and references

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