

## Supporting Information

**Table S1. Detailed conditions of the U/PDA solutions for NMR analysis**

Solution	$W(HL)$ mg	$V(HClO_4)$ $\mu L$	$V(NaOH)$ $\mu L$	$V(U\text{-stock})$ $\mu L$	$V(D_2O)$ $\mu L$	[U] mM	[L] mM	[H] mM	L/M
A	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1000.0	0.00	80.6	80.6	-
B	10.0	50.4	0.0	50.0	899.6	12.95	80.6	137.0	6.2
C	10.0	55.2	0.0	10.0	934.8	2.59	80.6	137.0	31.1
D	10.0	17.1	0.0	19.3	963.6	5.00	80.6	100.0	16.1
E	10.0	0.0	38.0	19.3	942.7	5.00	80.6	120.9	16.1

**Table S2. Speciation of the NMR solutions calculated by HySS 2009**

Solution	pH(calc)	Speciation of PDA (%)						Speciation of U(VI) (%)			
		L	HL	$H_2L$	UL	$UL_2$	$UL_3$	U	UL	$UL_2$	$UL_3$
A	2.14	14.9	79.3	5.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B	1.34	1.8	59.2	27.1	6.9	4.7	0.4	41.8	42.6	14.7	0.8
C	1.41	4.8	68.0	26.7	1.4	1.3	0.2	32.8	44.8	20.8	1.6
D	1.72	5.2	72.2	13.9	2.5	5.0	1.2	13.5	39.9	39.9	6.6
E	2.77	37.7	46.3	0.8	0.4	5.3	9.6	0.3	5.8	42.5	51.4

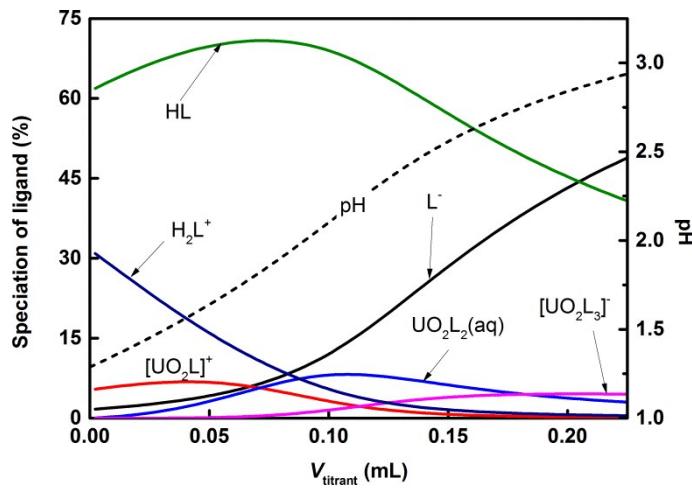
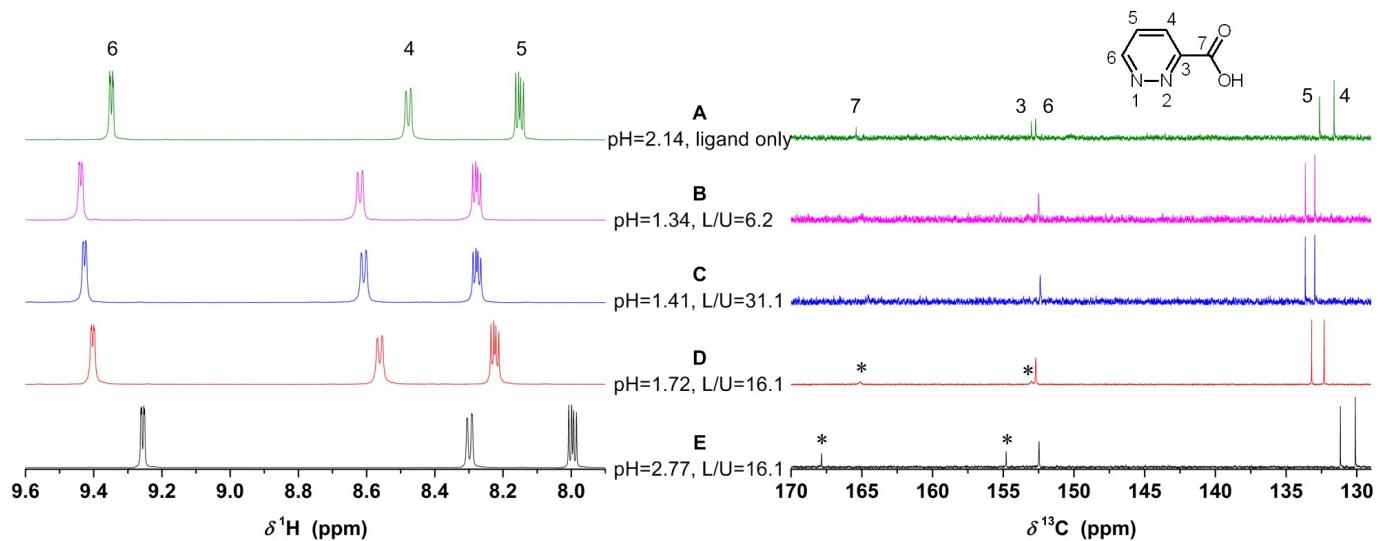


Fig. S1. Spciation of PDA in the calorimetric titration of U(VI)/PDA complexation by HySS. Experimental conditions: titrant: 0.400 M NaL, 0.005 mL × 45 additions; initial solution:  $V^0 = 0.750$  mL,  $C_{U^0} = 5.280 \times 10^{-3}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>,  $C_{H^0} = 5.187 \times 10^{-2}$  mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>.



**Fig. S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  (left) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (right) spectra of PDA solutions at 298 K. Detailed conditions of the solutions are provided in ESI, Table S1 and S2.

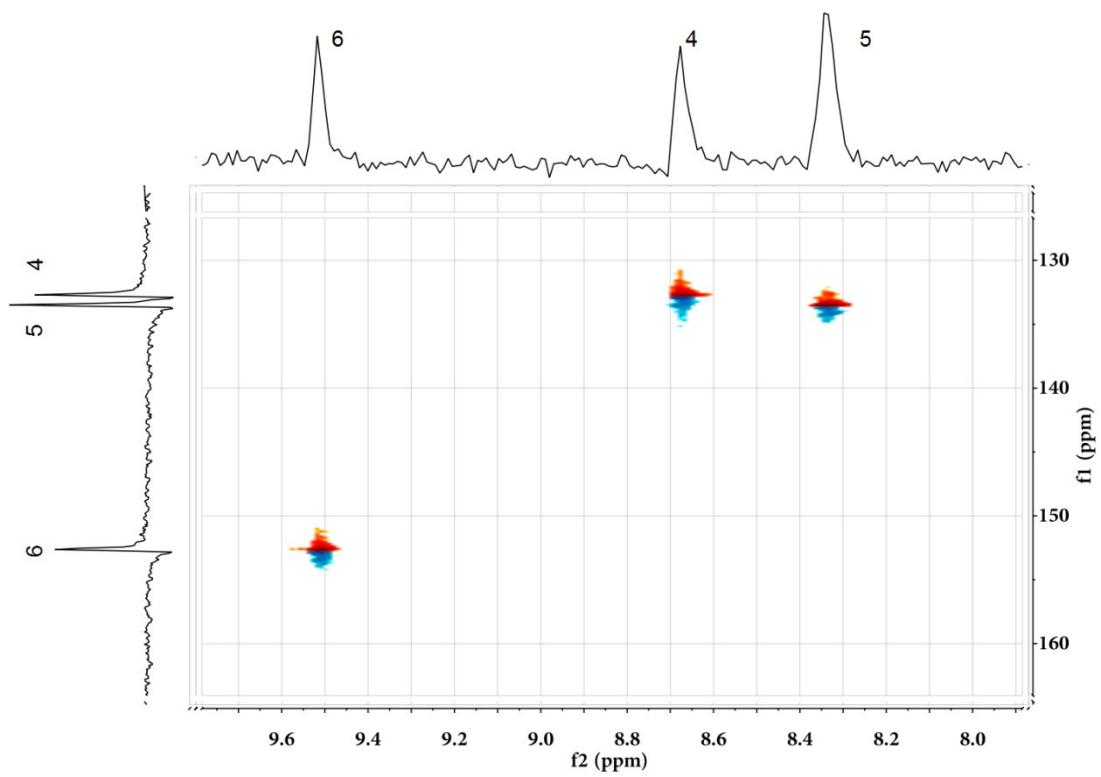


Fig. S3.  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  COSY spectrum of solution A