## **Supplementary Information**

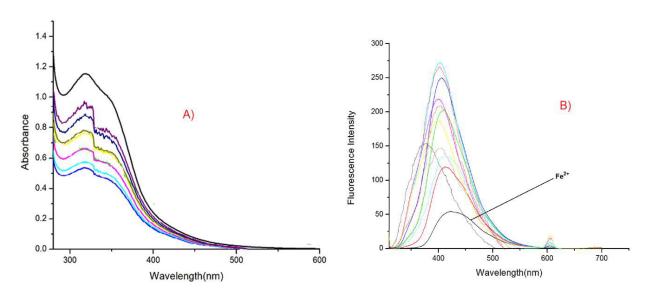
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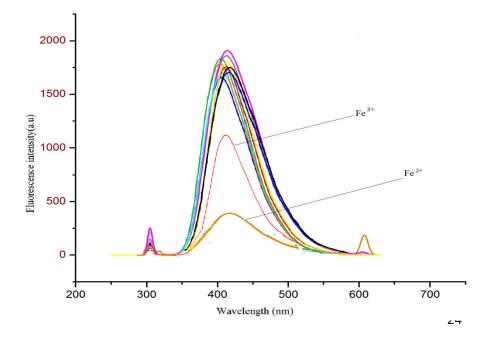
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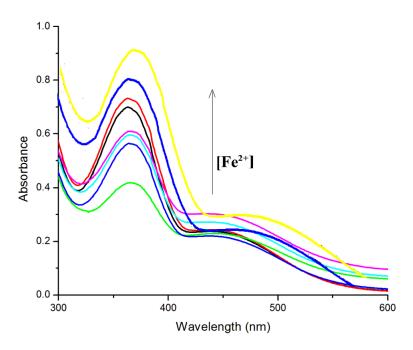


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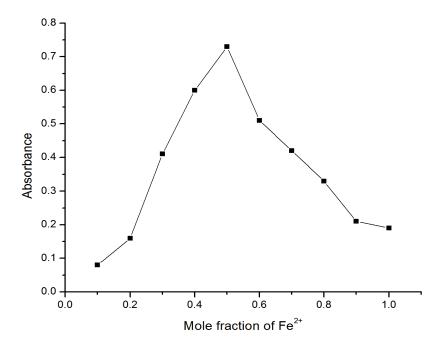
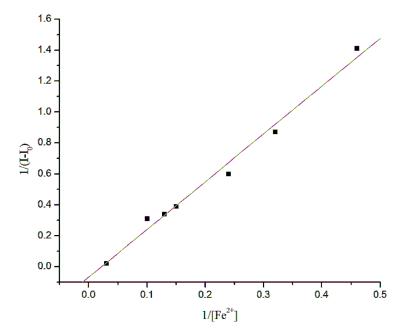
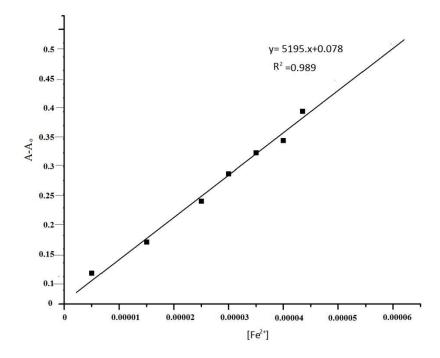


Fig S4: Job's plot of 1:1 complex of chemosensor TIS and Fe<sup>2+</sup> ions.



**Fig S5 :** Benesi-Hildebrand plot of TIS assuming 1:1 stoichiometry for association between TIS and  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  ions.



**Fig S6 :** Plot for evaluating limit of detection of TIS( $20\mu M$ ) with Fe<sup>2+</sup>.

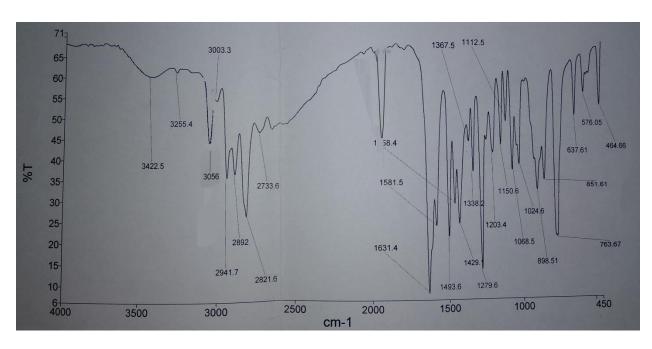
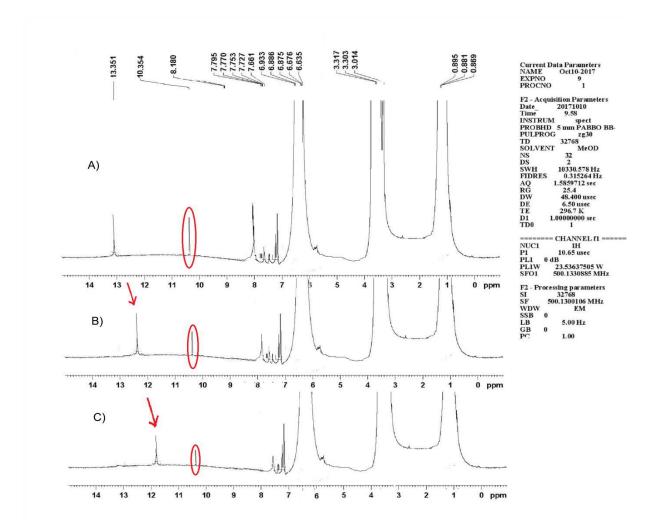
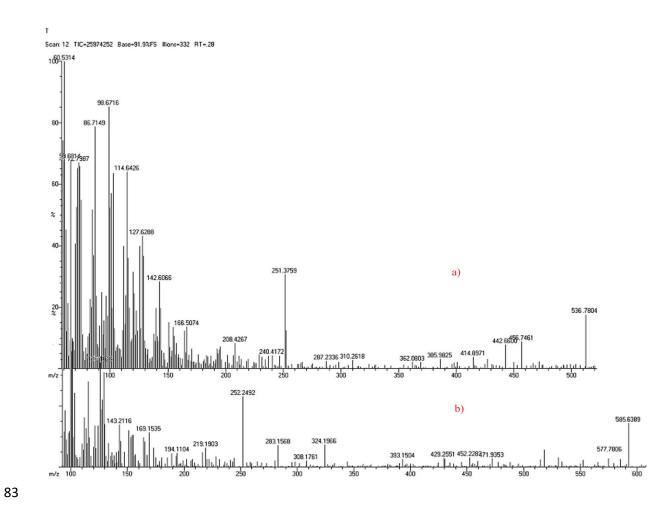


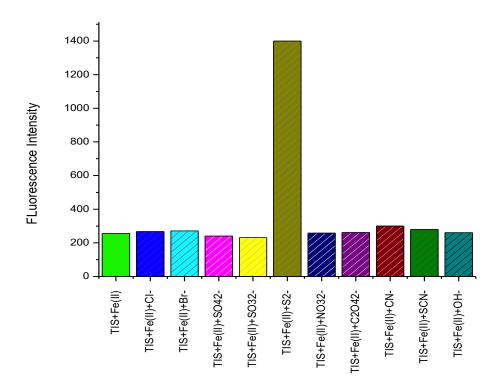
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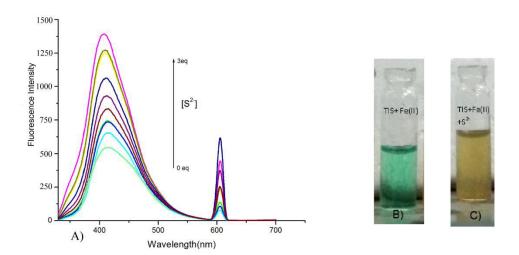
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