

## *Supporting Information*

### **Novel 2-(hydroxy)-naphthyl imino functionalized pillar[5]arene: A highly efficient supramolecular sensor for tandem fluorescence detection of $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ and $\text{F}^-$ and facile separation of $\text{Fe}^{3+}$**

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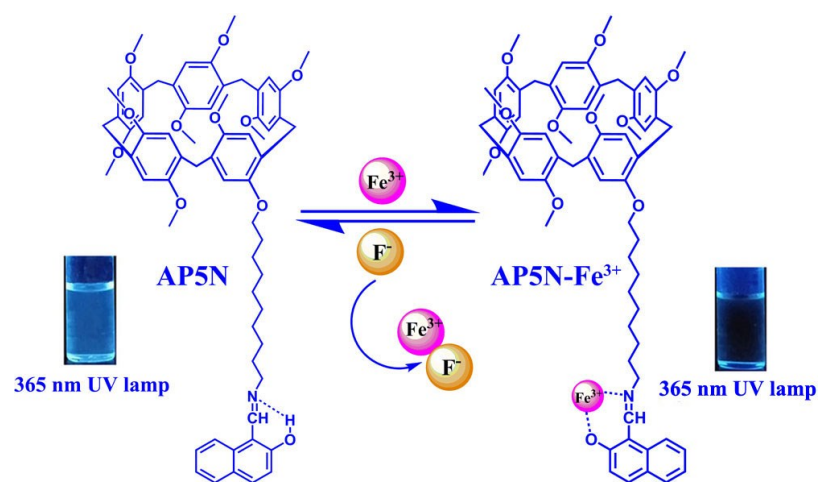
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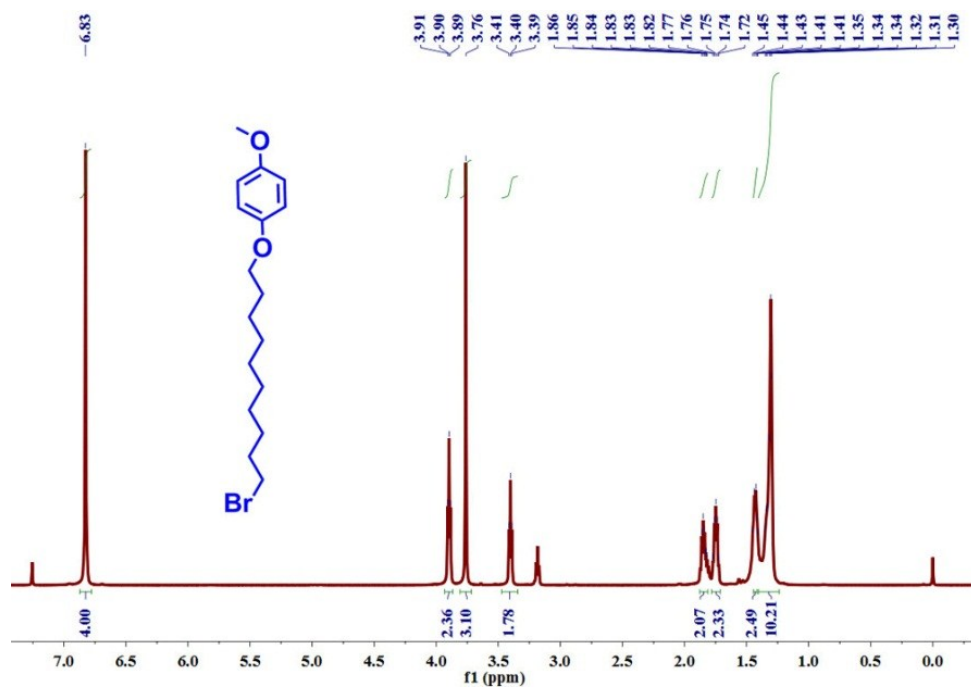
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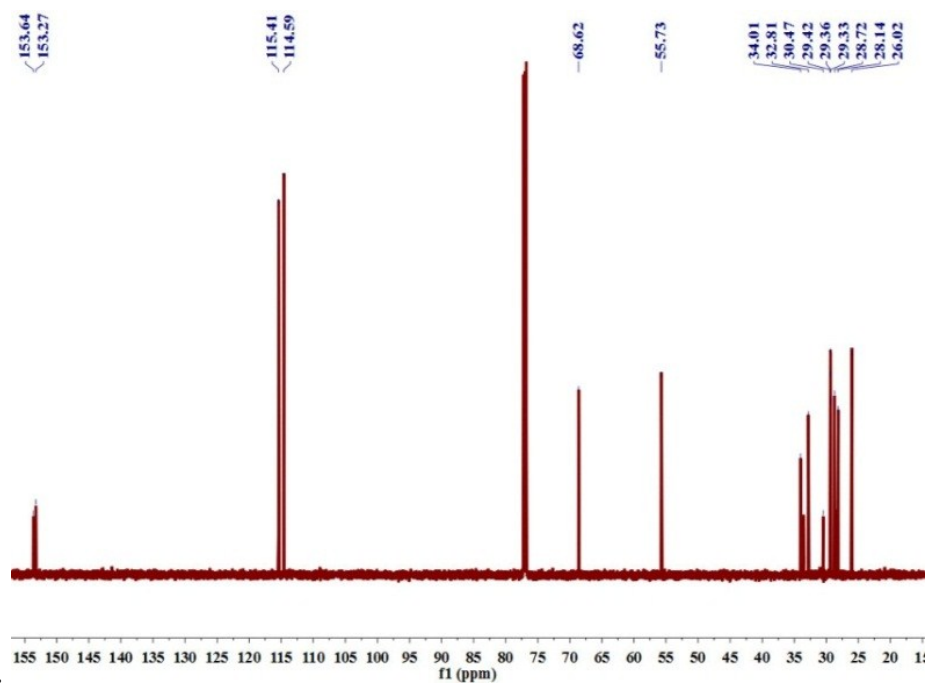
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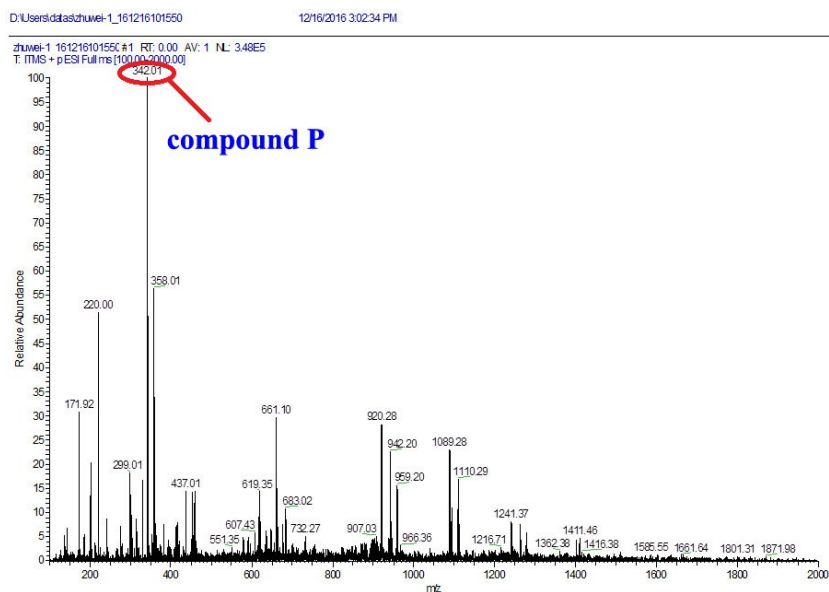
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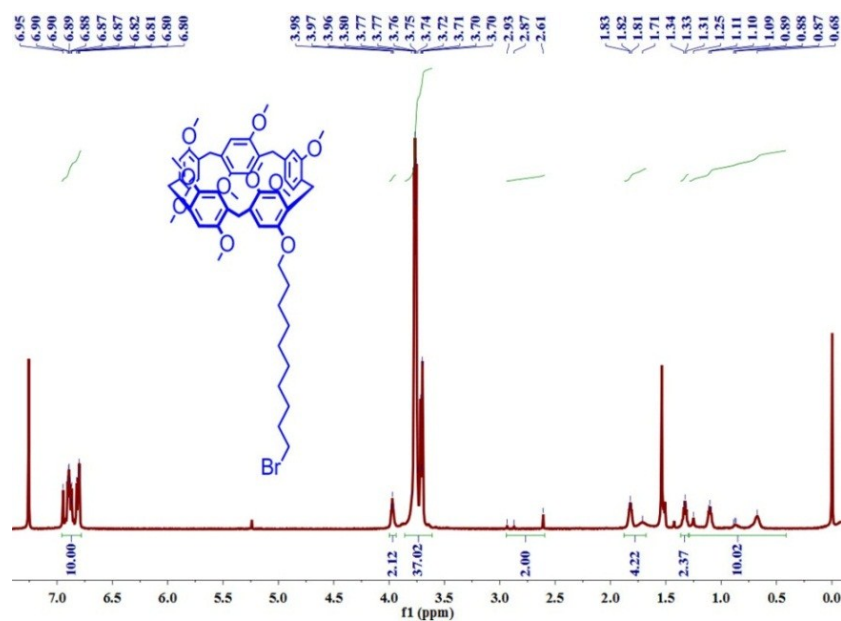
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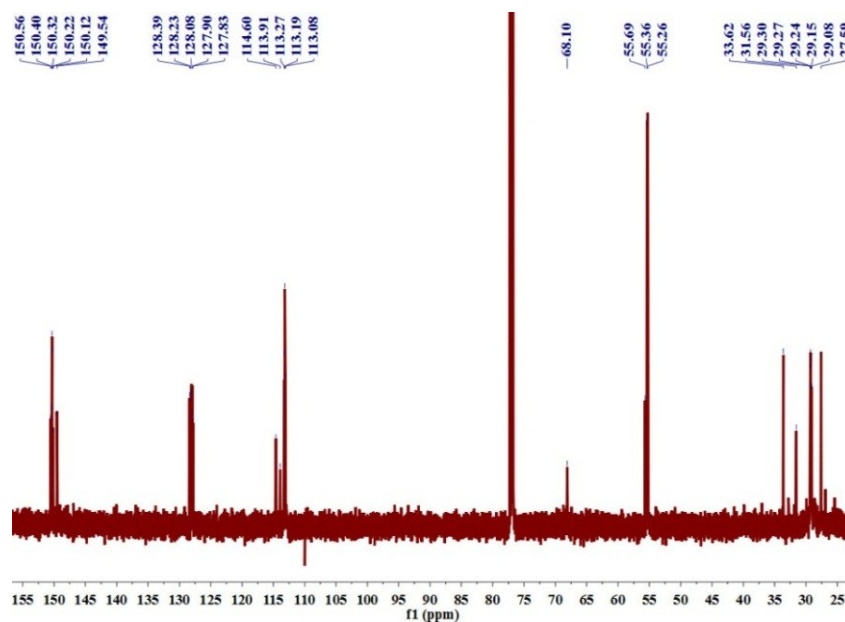
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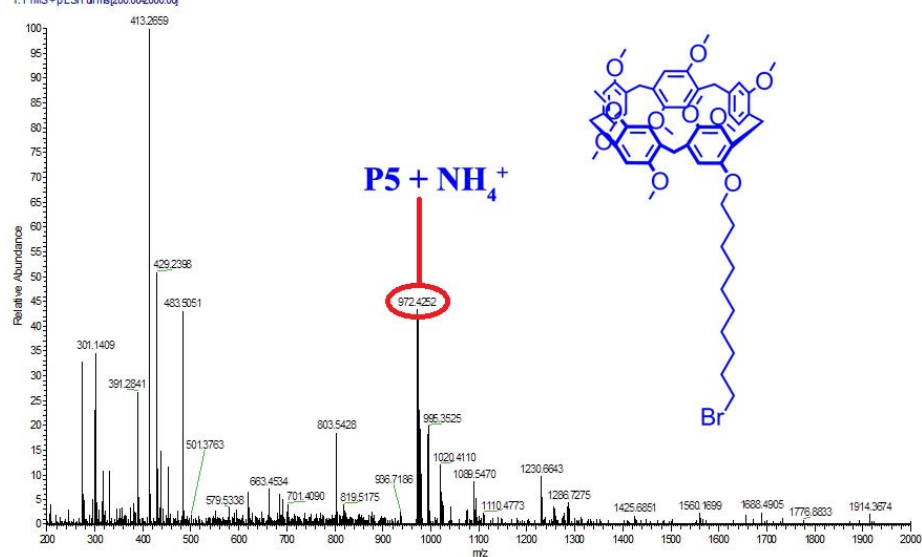


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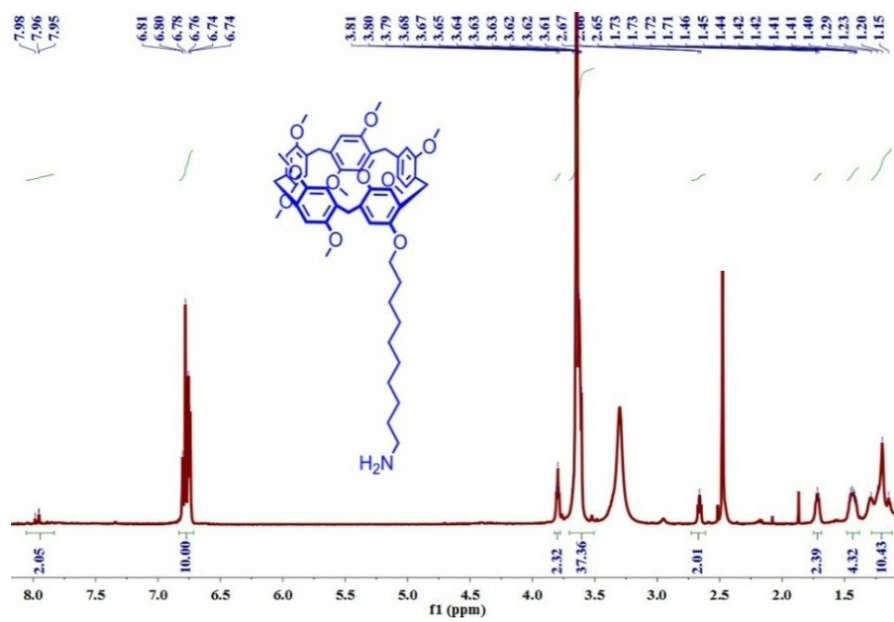
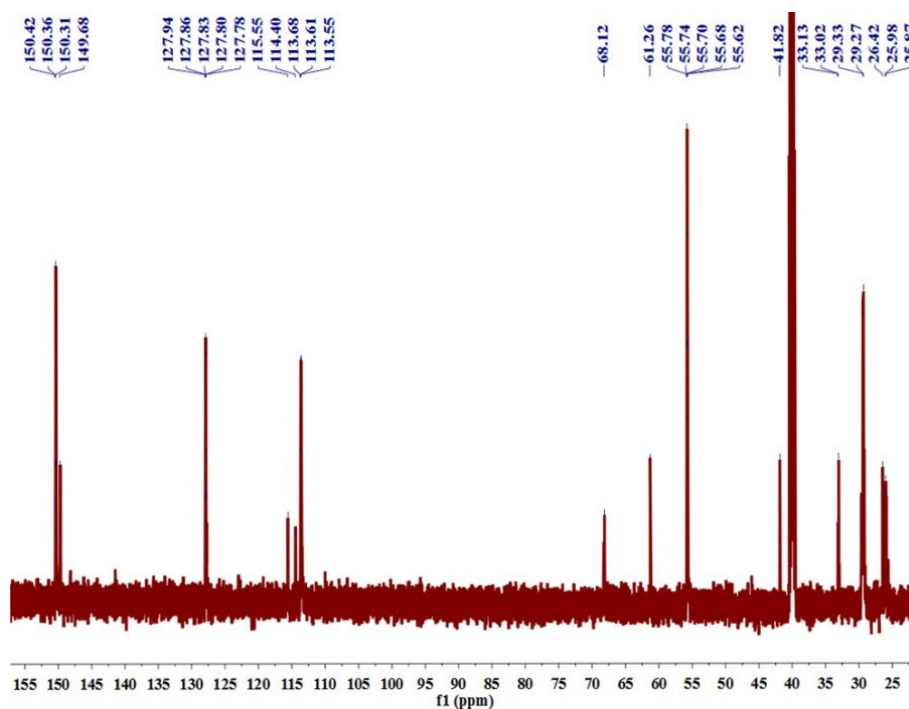
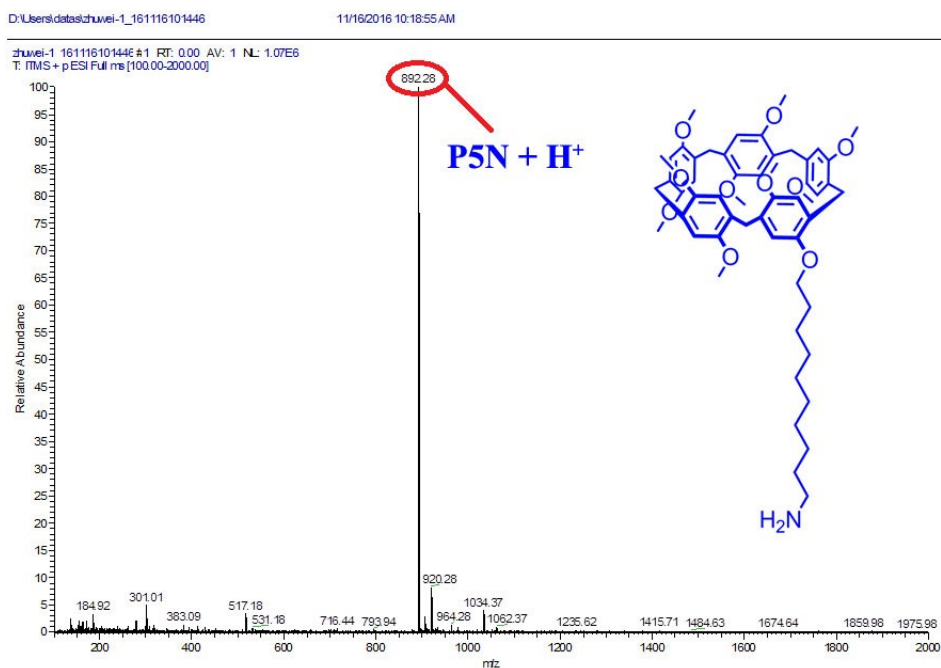


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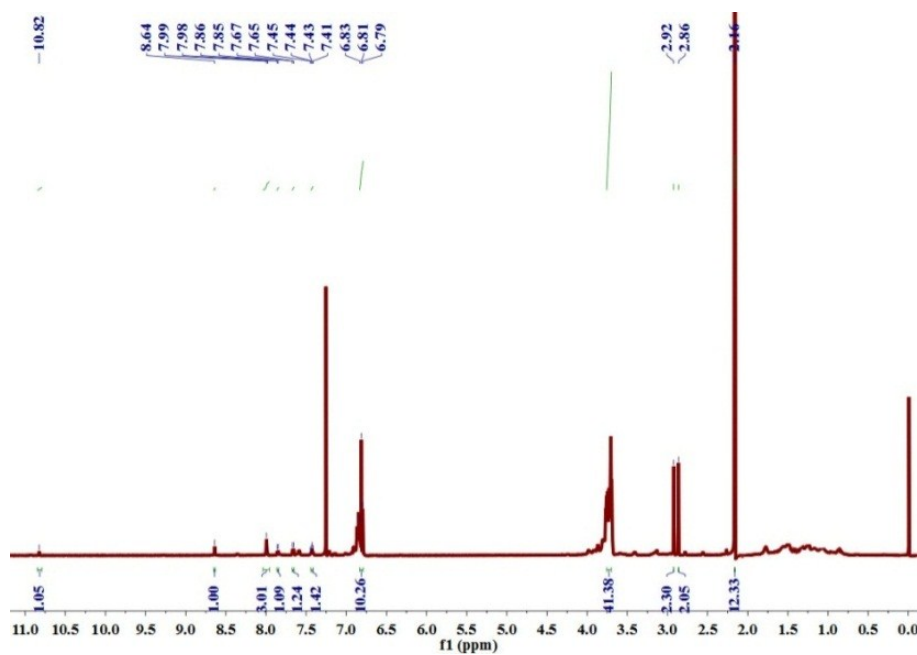


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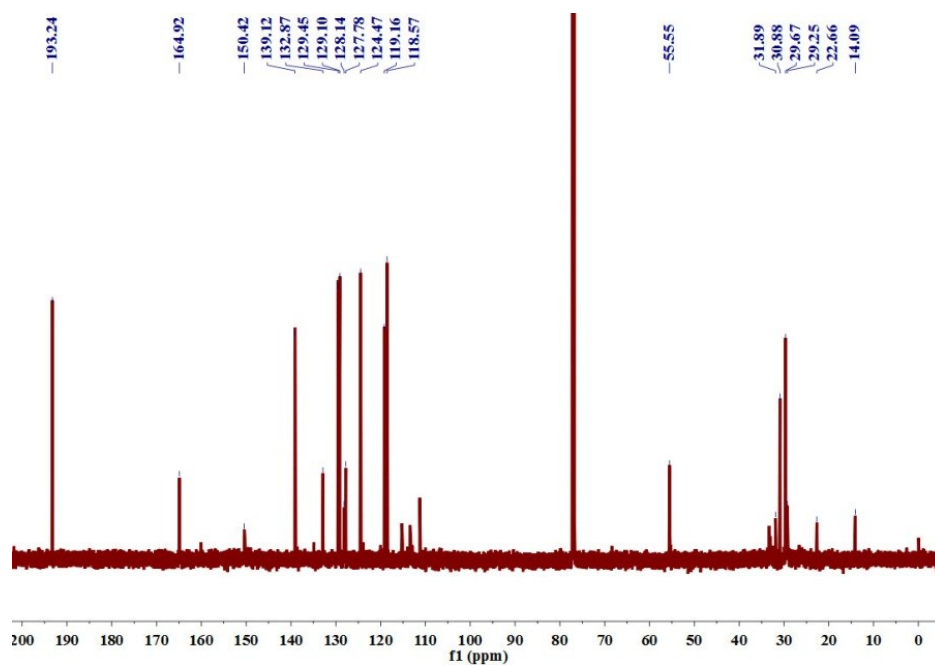


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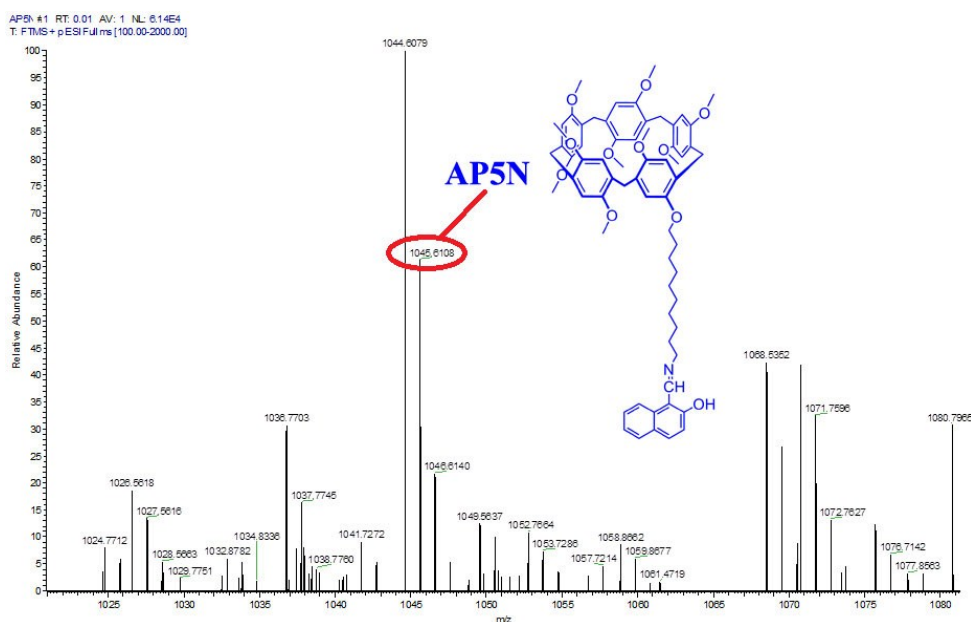




**Fig. S10** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound AP5N in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



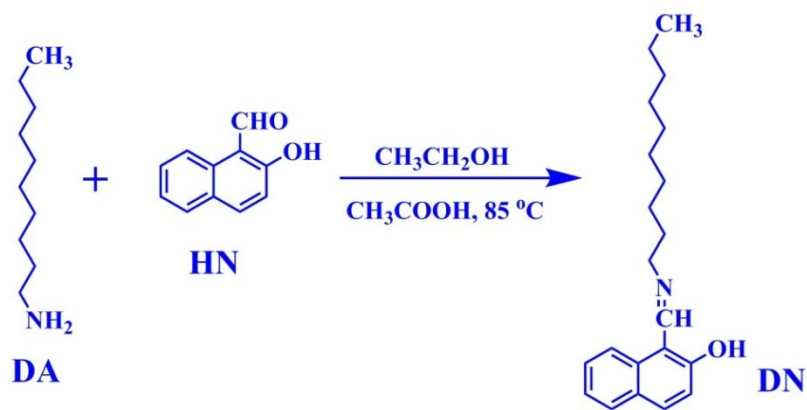
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**Fig. S12** High resolution ESI-MS data of compound **AP5N**.

#### Synthesis and characterization of **ND**:

To a 100 mL round bottom flask, compound **DN** (0.12 g, 1.2 mmol) and 2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde (0.17 g, 1.0 mmol) were dissolved in 30 mL absolute ethanol. 3 mL acetic acid was then added dropwise with vigorous stirring at room temperature. After the addition, the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux for 12 h at 85 °C. After completion of the reaction, the crude product was purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (V/V = 40:1) as the eluent, the **DN** as a yellow solid (0.24g, yield 75%) was isolated. Mp: 60-62 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz), δ/ppm: 13.15 (s, 1H), 10.82 (s, 1H), 8.36-8.34 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.99-7.97 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.79 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.14 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.11-3.63 (m, 2H), 2.31-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.52-0.87 (m, 14H), 0.07-0.06 (t, *J* = 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 151 MHz), δ/ppm: 193.25, 164.93, 139.13, 132.88, 129.46, 129.10, 127.79, 124.48, 119.17, 118.58, 111.27, 29.90. ESI-MS m/z: calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO [**DN** + H]<sup>+</sup>: 312.2327; found: 312.2314.



Scheme S2 Synthesis of compound DN.

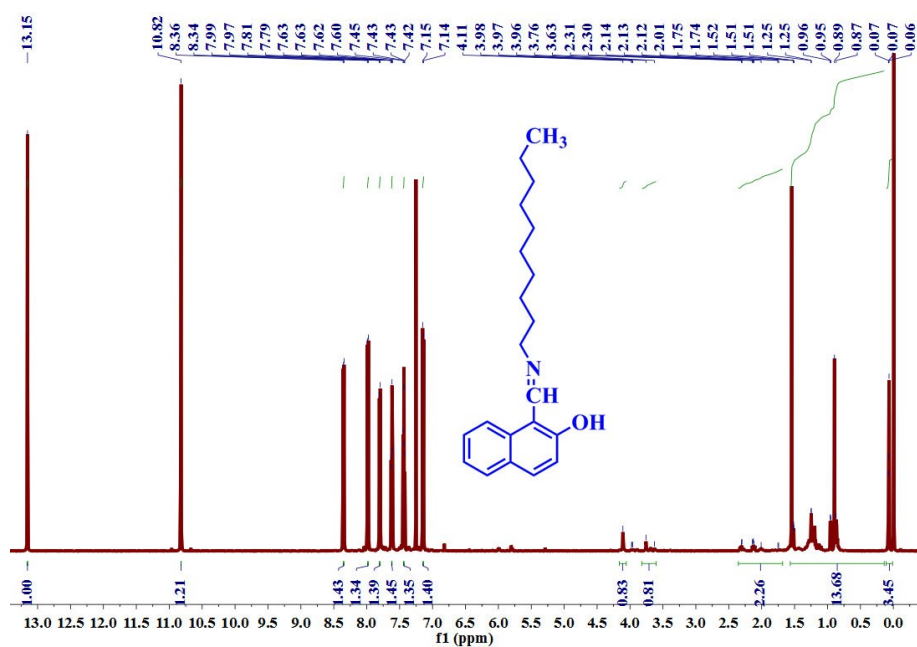
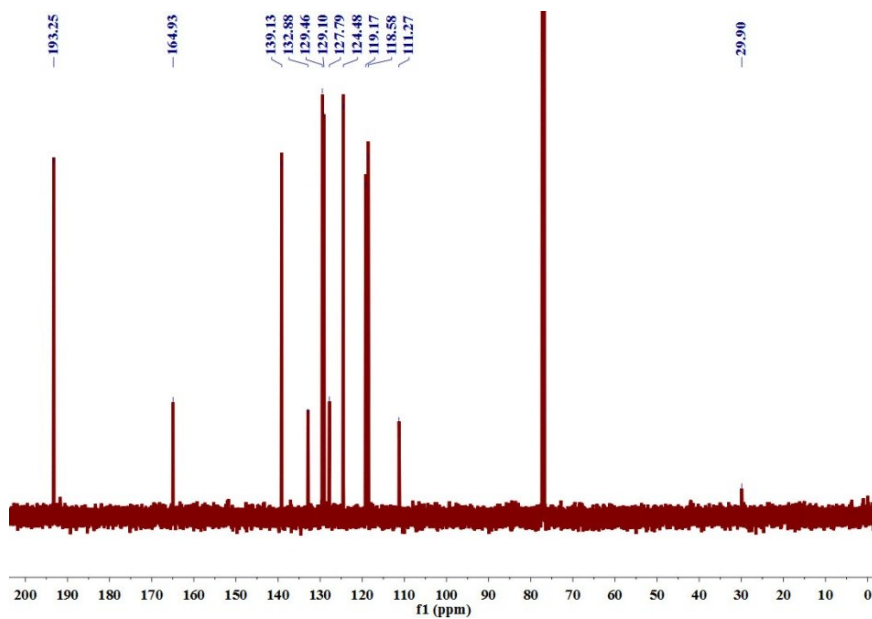
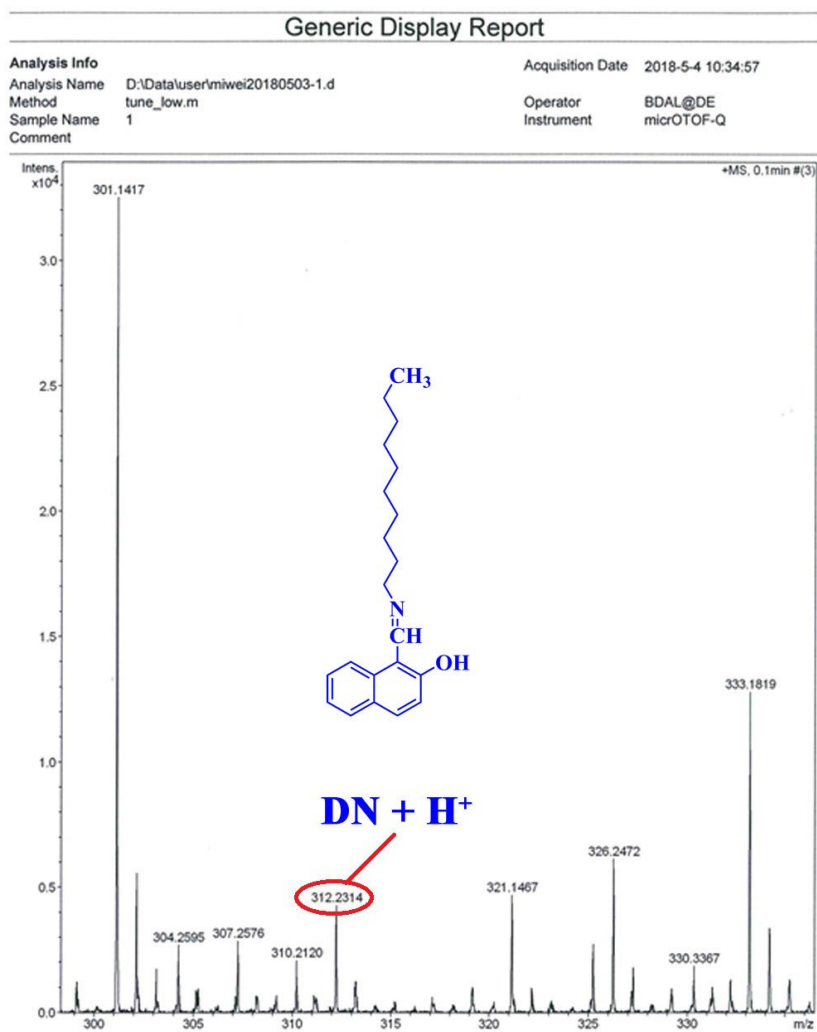


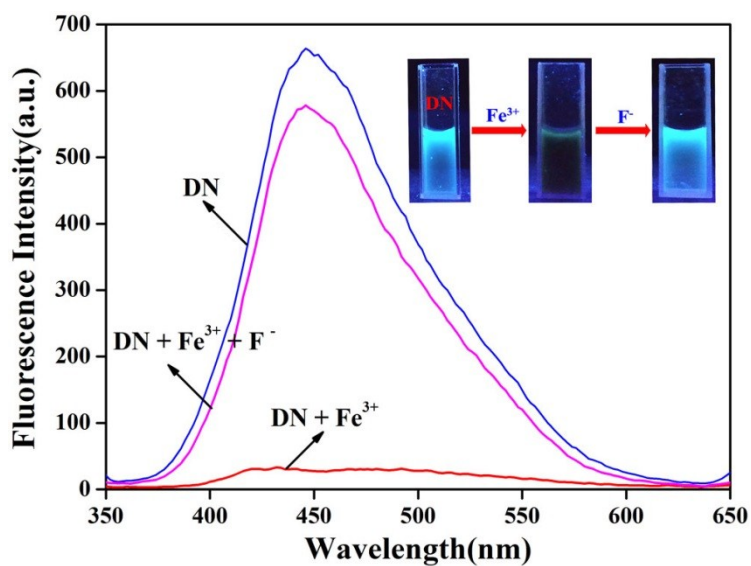
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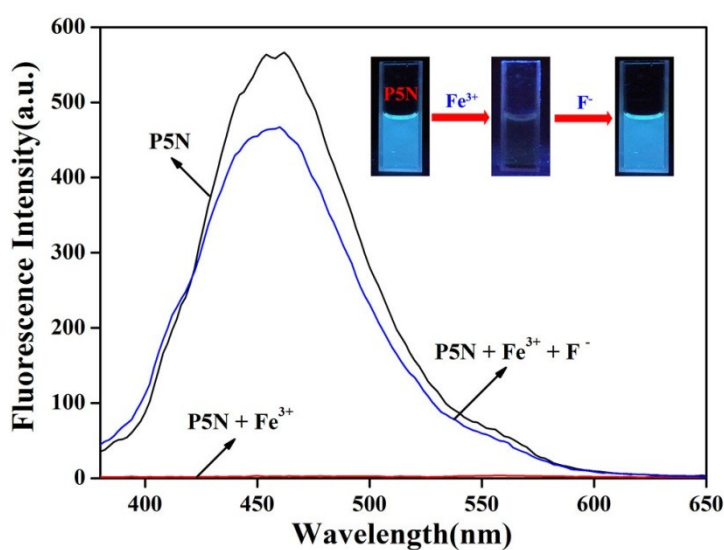
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## Calculation method of fluorescence emission quantum yield

Fluorescence quantum yield was calculated by the following equation:

$$\varphi_f = \frac{n_f^2 A_s D_f}{n_s^2 A_f D_s} \varphi_s \quad (\varphi_s = 0.55, A \leq 0.05)$$

Where  $\varphi_f$  represents fluorescence quantum yield, A represents the absorbance, n represents the refractive index of the solution, and D represents the corrected fluorescence emission spectral integral area. Excitation was chosen at 395 nm, among which  $n_f = n_s$ .

(a) The fluorescence quantum yields for **AP5N**.

$$\varphi_f = 0.55 \times \frac{45.6261}{72.1573} \times \frac{0.014}{0.042} = 0.12$$

(b) The fluorescence quantum yields for **AP5N-Fe<sup>3+</sup>**.

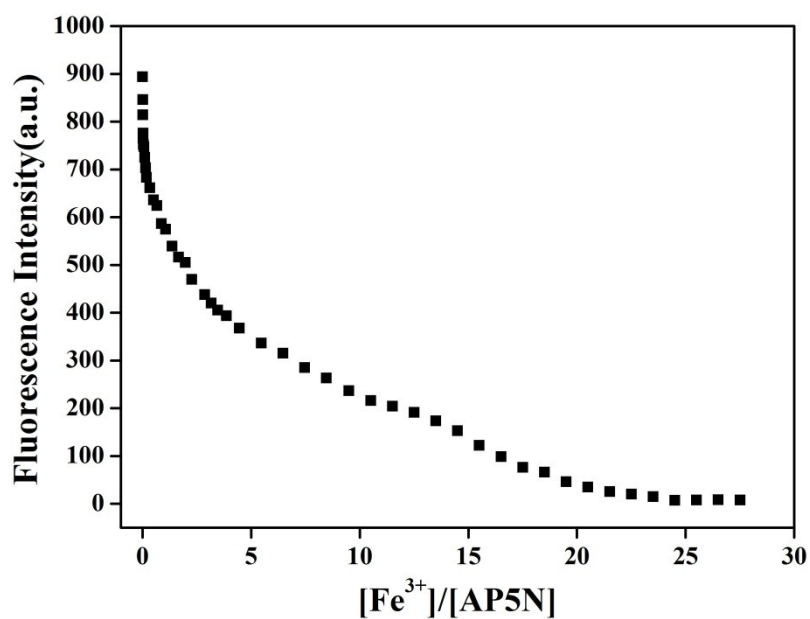
$$\varphi_f = 0.55 \times \frac{0.0043}{72.1573} \times \frac{0.014}{0.0023} = 0.0002$$

## Determination of association constant

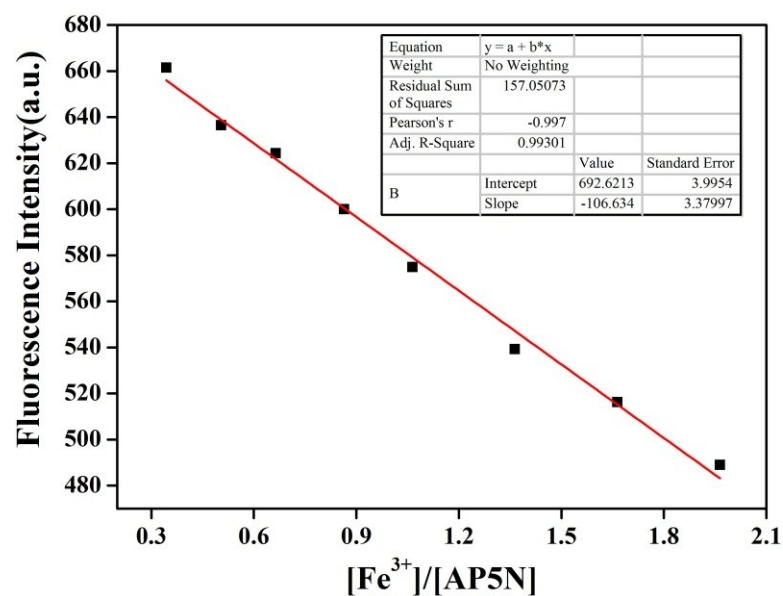
The association constants ( $K_a$ ) were calculated based on the fluorescent titration curve of the supramolecular sensor **AP5N** to  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ . Association constants were determined by a nonlinear least squares fit of the data with the following equation as referenced elsewhere. I is the observed the fluorescence intensity of **AP5N** at the fixed concentrations of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ .  $I_{\max}$  and  $I_{\min}$  are the corresponding maximum and minimum, respectively.

$$\log \frac{I - I_{\min}}{I_{\max} - I} = \log K_a + \log [\text{Fe}^{3+}]$$

$$K_a = 8.40 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}$$



**Fig. S18** A plot of emission at 456 nm versus number of equivalents of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ .



**Fig. S19** The photograph of the linear range for  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ .

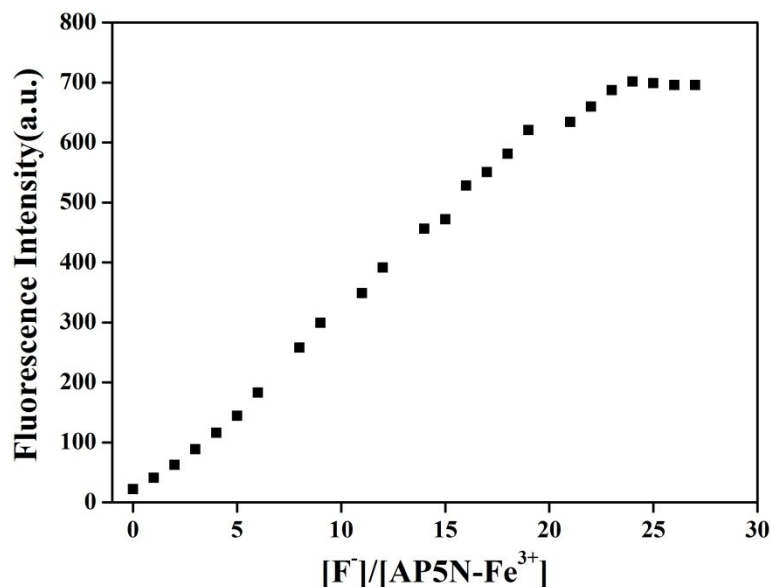
The result of the analysis as follows:

Linear Equation:  $Y = -106.634 \times X + 692.6213$        $R^2 = 0.99301$

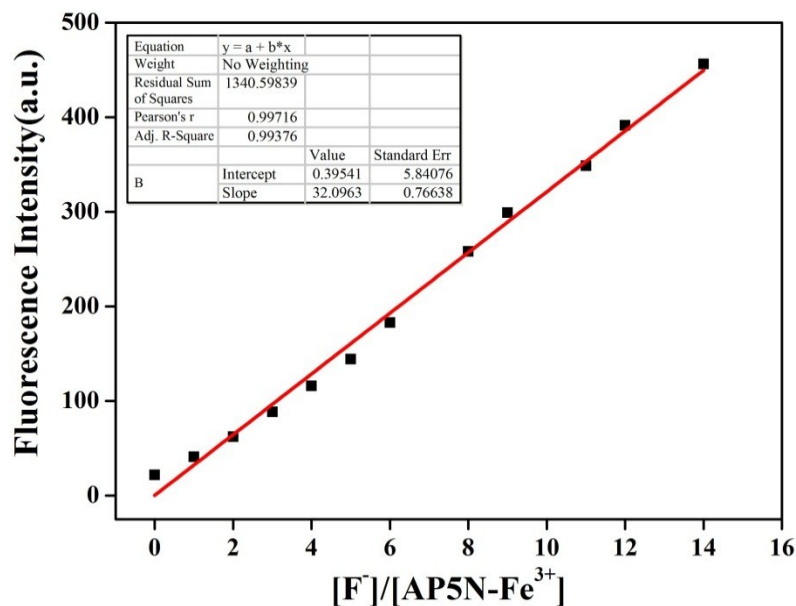
$S = 1.066 \times 10^8$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (F_i - \bar{F})^2}{N-1}} = 4.30 \quad (N=20) \quad K=3$$

$$\text{LOD} = K \times \delta/S = 1.21 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$$



**Fig. S20** A plot of emission at 456 nm versus number of equivalents of  $F^-$ .



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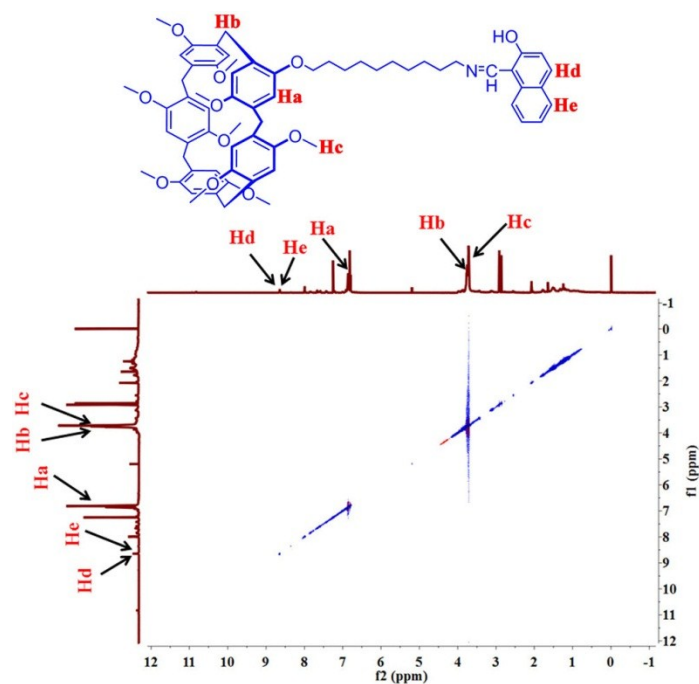
$$\text{Linear Equation: } Y = 32.0963 \times X + 0.39541 \quad R^2 = 0.99376$$



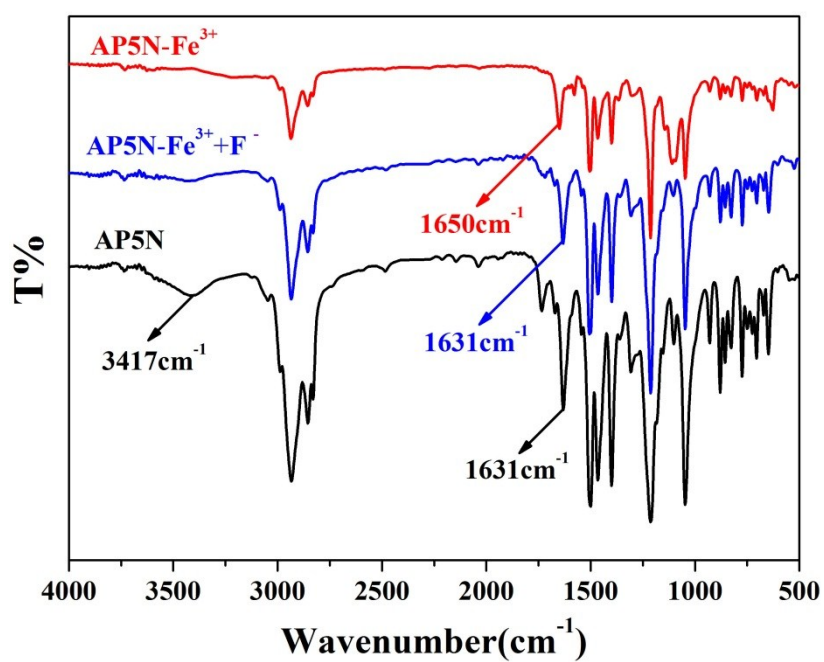
$$S = 3.20963 \times 10^7$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (F_i - \bar{F})^2}{N-1}} = 1.43 \quad (N=20) \quad K=3$$

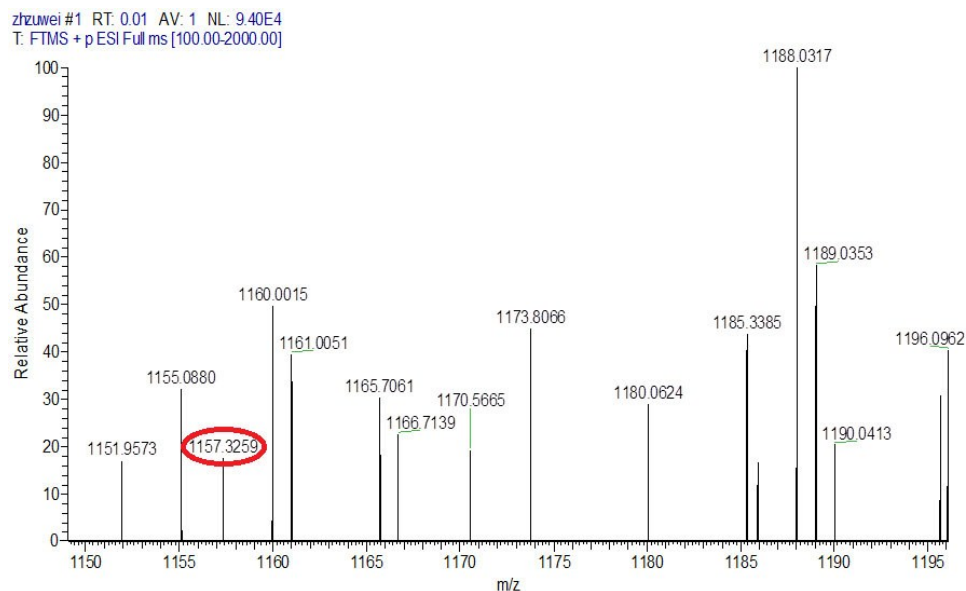
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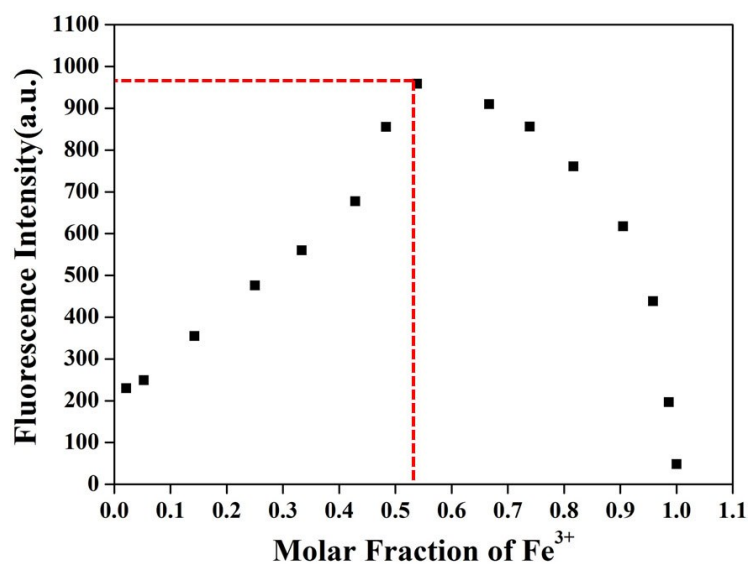
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| Label      | Solution Concentration | Unite | SD       | %RSD | Int.(c/s) | Calculated Concentration |
|------------|------------------------|-------|----------|------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Fe 234.350 | 0.097936               | mg/L  | 0.010273 | 10.5 | 81.9944   | 0.097936mg/L             |
| Fe 259.940 | 0.083311               | mg/L  | 0.018477 | 22.2 | 87.8443   | 0.083311mg/L             |
| Fe 261.187 | 0.067991               | mg/L  | 0.054203 | 79.7 | 52.1919   | 0.067991mg/L             |
| Fe 238.204 | 0.080717               | mg/L  | 0.010537 | 13.1 | 191.881   | 0.080717mg/L             |

| Ion              | Initial concentration (M) | Residual concentration (M) | Absorbing rate % |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ | $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$      | $1.75 \times 10^{-6}$      | 98.25%           |