

Supporting Information

A new “on-off-on” fluorescent probe for sequential detection of Fe^{3+} and PPI based on 2-pyridin-2-ylethanamine and benzimidazo[2,1-a]benz[de]isoquinoline-7-one-12-carboxylic acid

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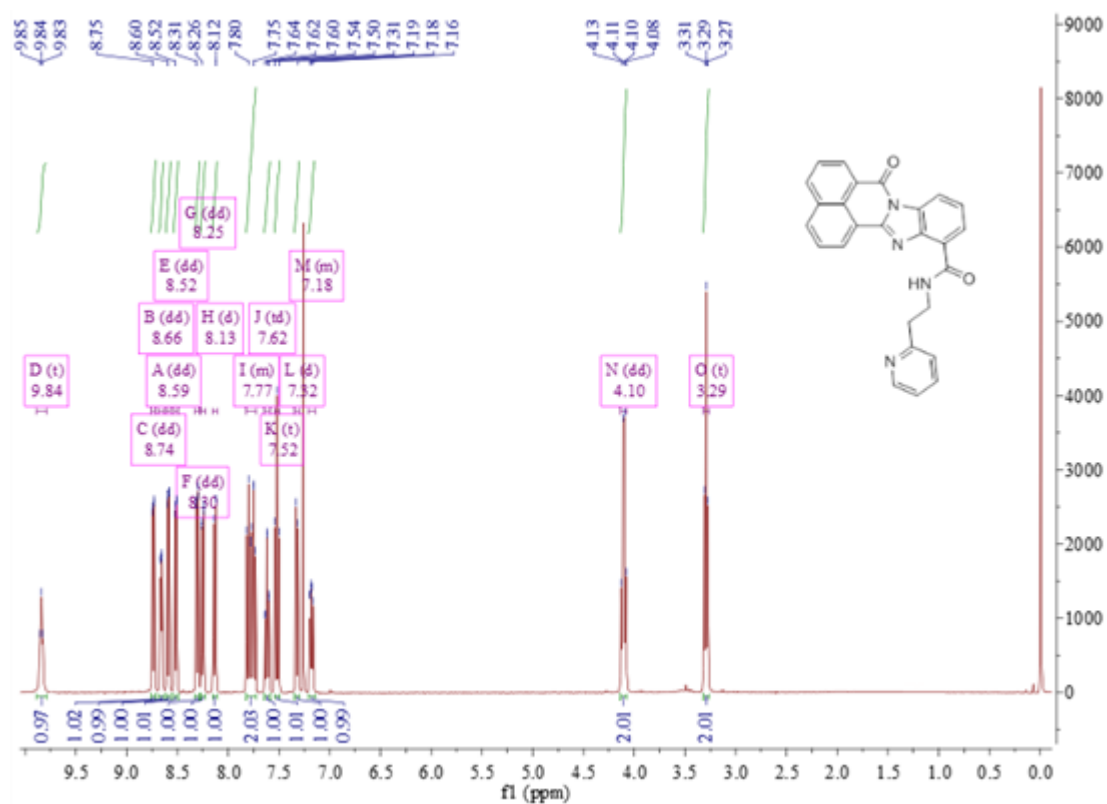


Fig. S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of X.

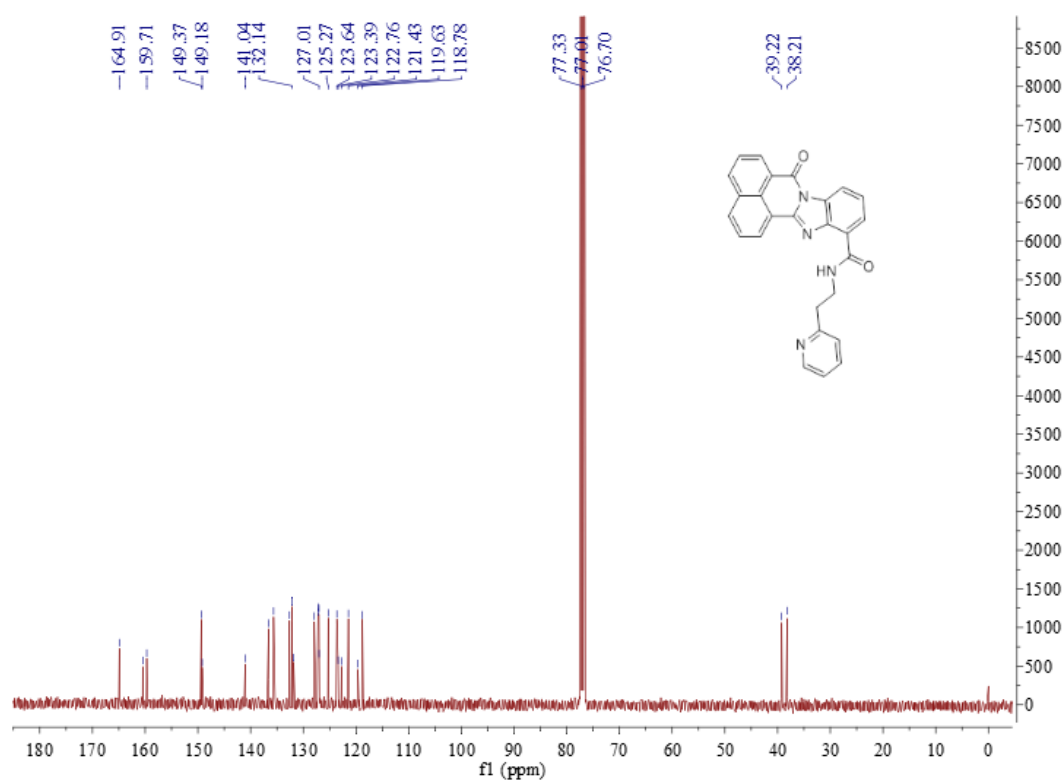


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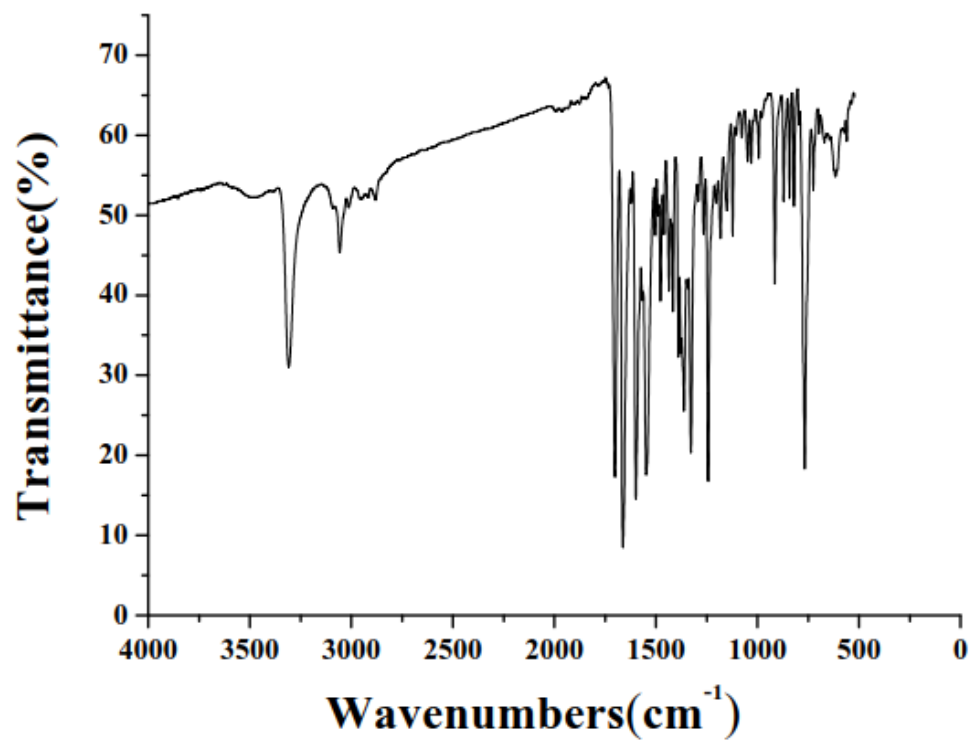


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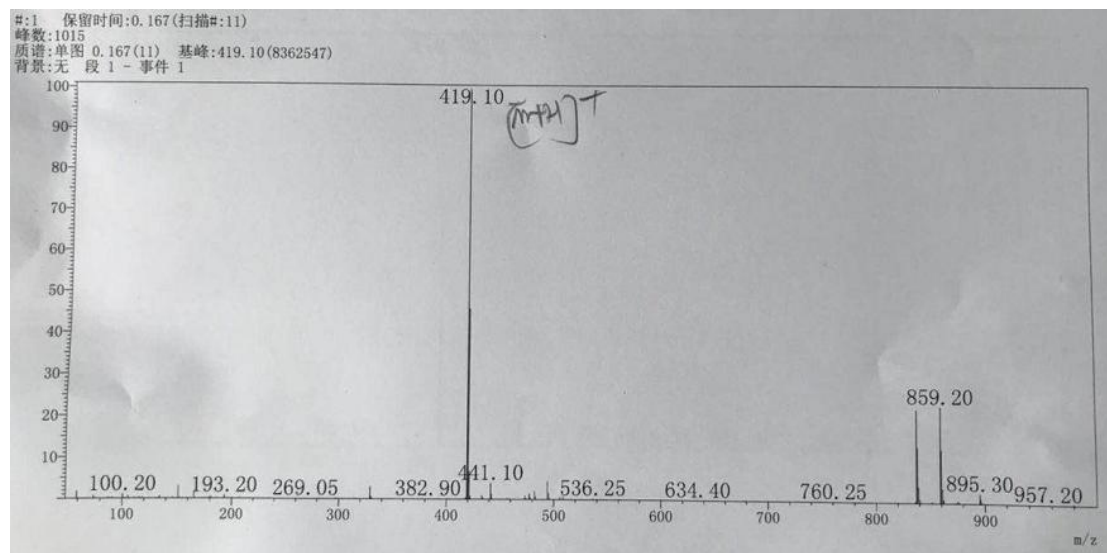


Fig. S4. ESI mass spectrum of complex X.

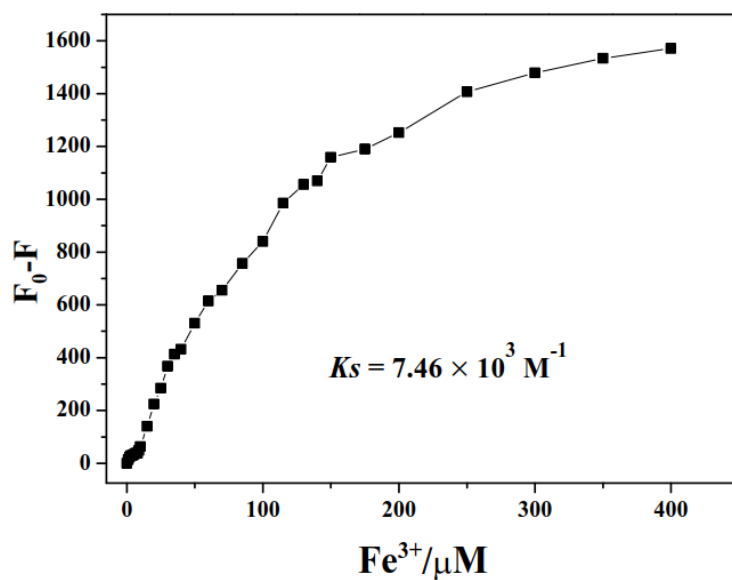


Fig. S5. the change of fluorescence emission intensity of **X** in DMF/H₂O solution (0 - 40 equiv.).

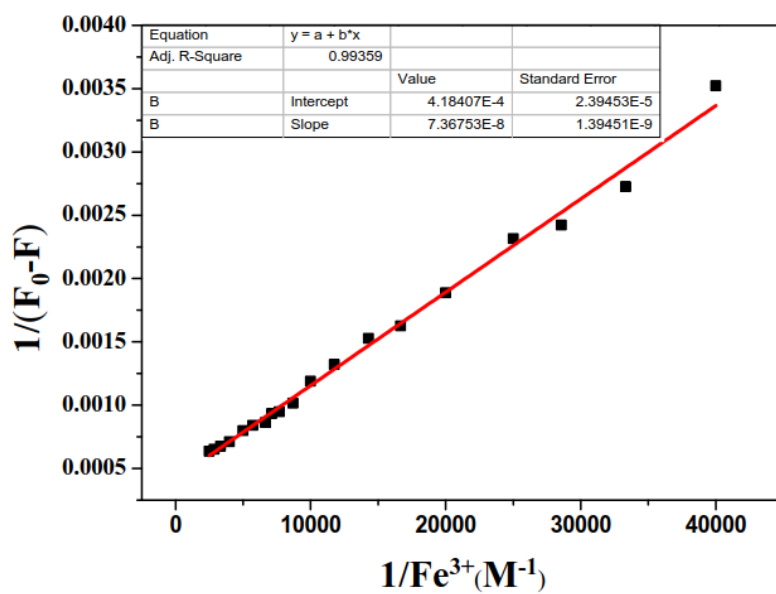


Fig. S6. Benesi-Hilderbrand plot of **X** with Fe^{3+} .

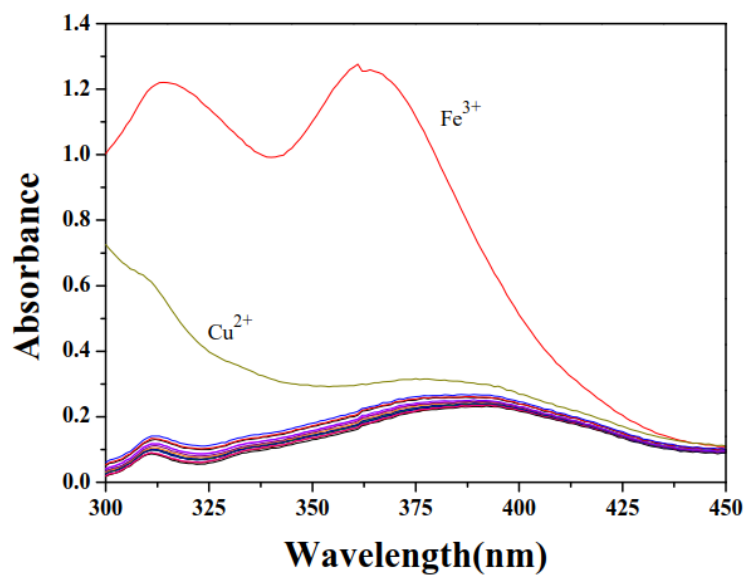


Fig. S7. Absorption spectrum of probe X in DMF/H₂O solution upon the addition of various metal ions (20 equiv.).

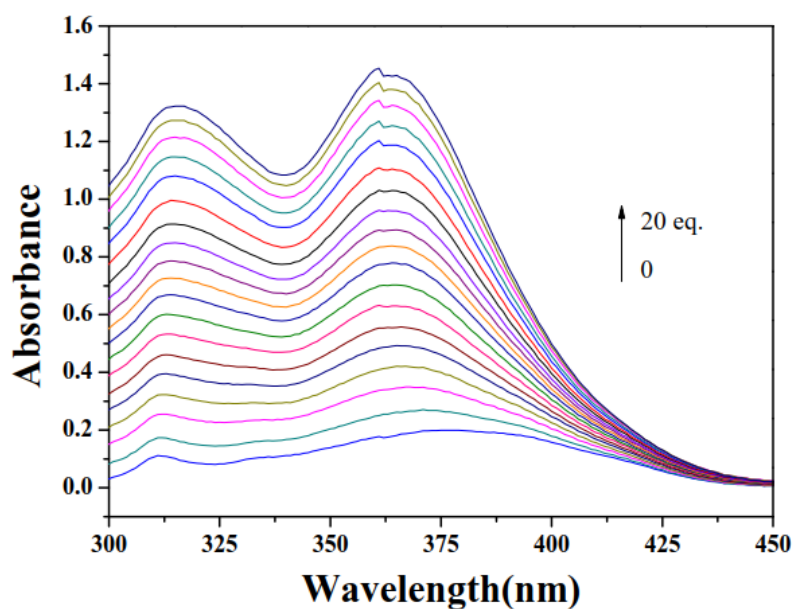


Fig. S8. Absorption titration spectra of probe X in DMF/H₂O buffer solution upon the addition of Fe³⁺ ions (0 - 20 equiv.).

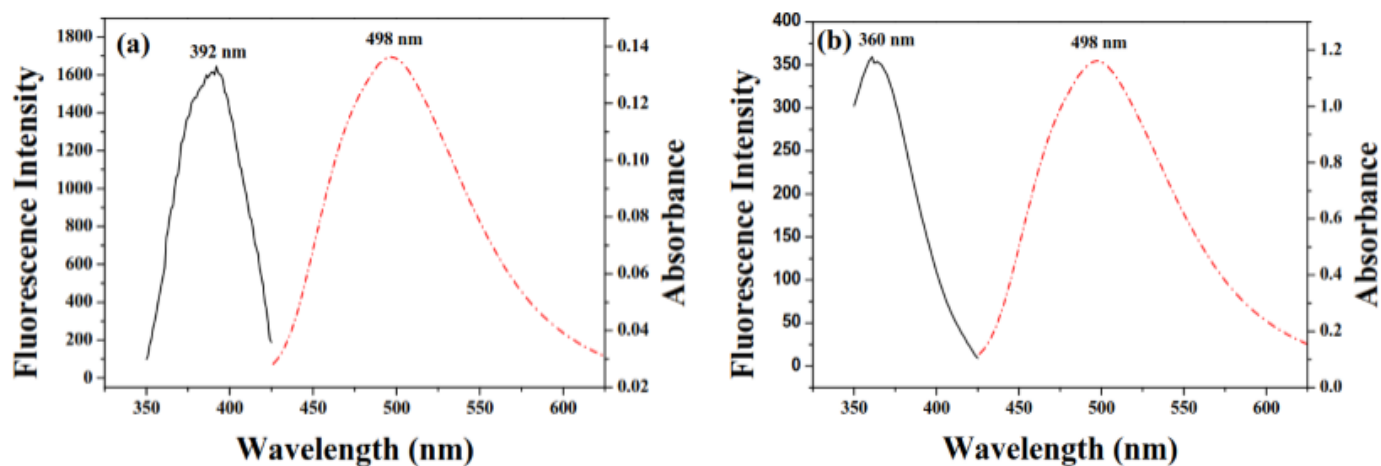


Fig. S9. (a) Excitation ($\lambda_{\text{em}} = 498 \text{ nm}$) and emission ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 392 \text{ nm}$) spectra of X ($1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/L}$) in DMF-H₂O (v/v = 9:1, pH = 7.4) solution; (b) Excitation ($\lambda_{\text{em}} = 498 \text{ nm}$) and emission ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 360 \text{ nm}$) spectra of X-Fe³⁺ in DMF-H₂O (v/v = 9:1, pH = 7.4) solution (solid line: excitation spectrum; dash-dotted line: emission spectrum).

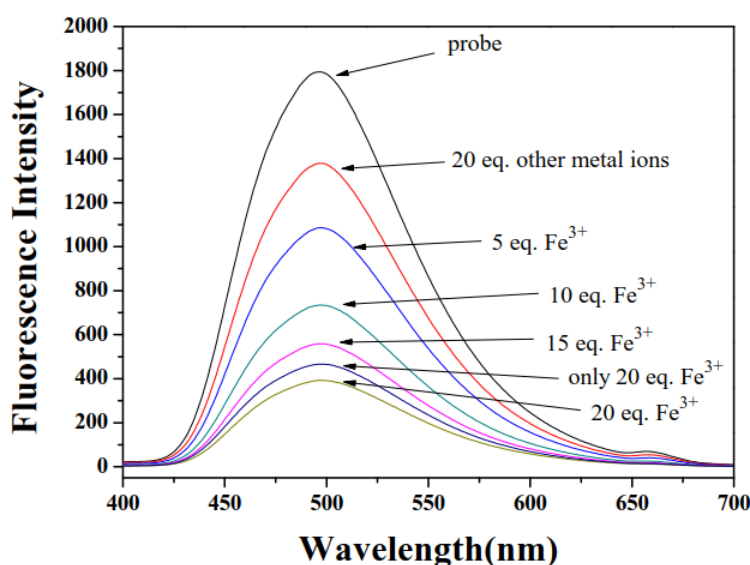


Fig. S10. Competition experiments: fluorescence emission spectra of probe X with addition of 20 equiv. of various metal ions (Na⁺, Li⁺, Mg²⁺, Ca²⁺, Zn²⁺, Cd²⁺, Hg²⁺, Ag⁺, Cu²⁺, Co²⁺, Ni²⁺, Mn²⁺, Cr³⁺ and Al³⁺) and Fe³⁺ (5 equiv., 10 equiv., 15 equiv., 20 equiv., respectively) in DMF/H₂O solution.

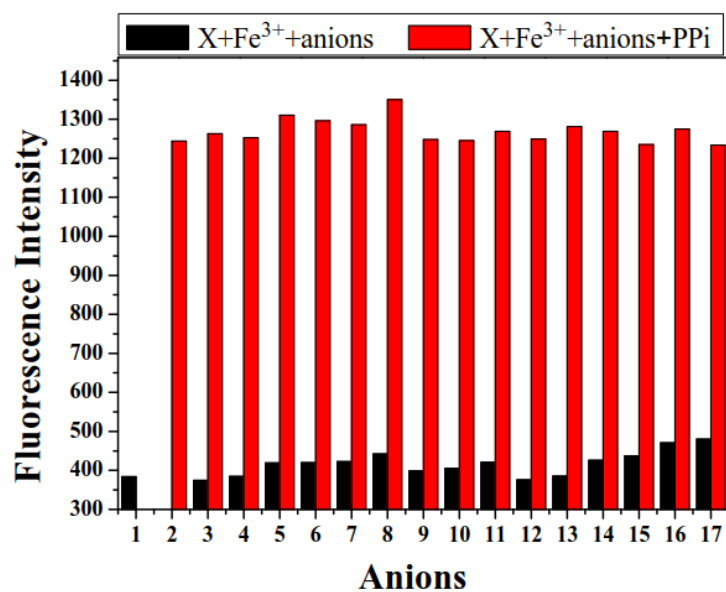


Fig. S11. The influence of single anions to the interaction between [X-Fe³⁺] and PPi (1: the fluorescence of free X-Fe³⁺, 2: addition of 20 equiv. of PPi to X-Fe³⁺).

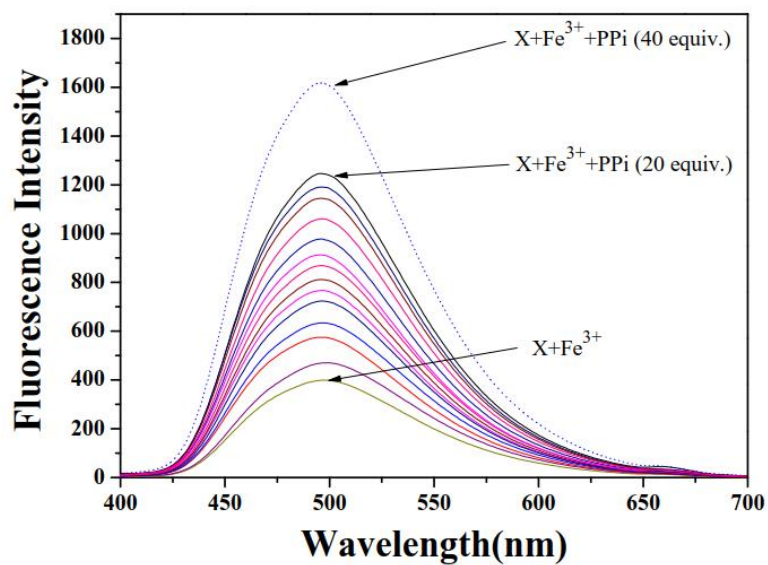


Fig. S12. Fluorescence titration spectrum of X-Fe³⁺ complex as a function of PPi concentration.

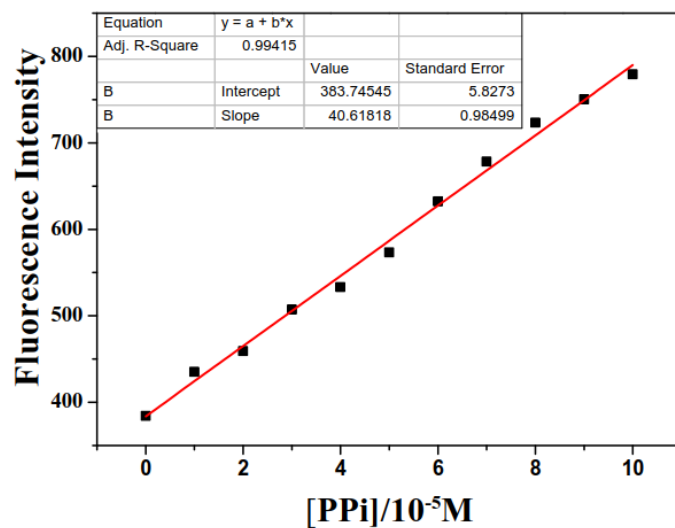
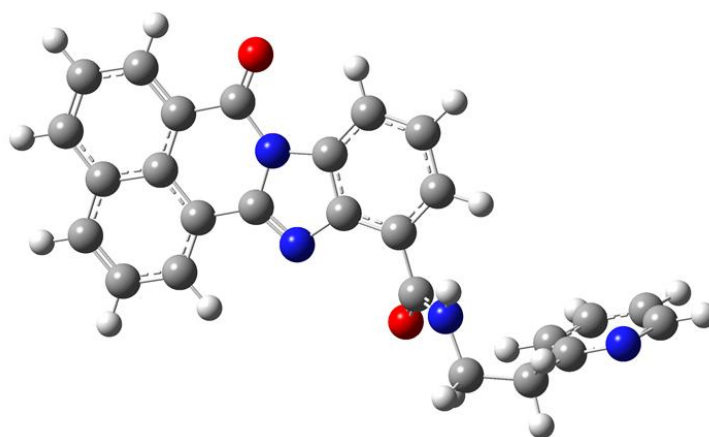
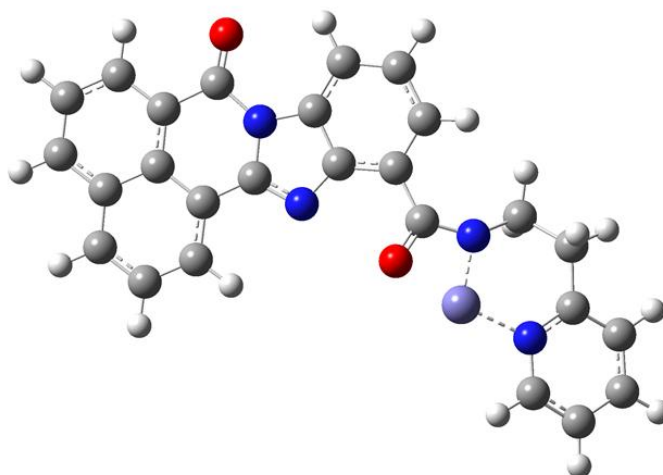


Fig. S13. The linear change ratio between fluorescence intensity (at 498 nm) and different concentration of PPi.



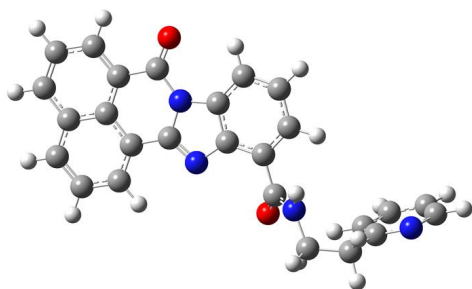
(A)



(B)

Fig. S14. The optimized geometry of X (A) and X-Fe³⁺ (B) complex at the B3LYP level of theory.

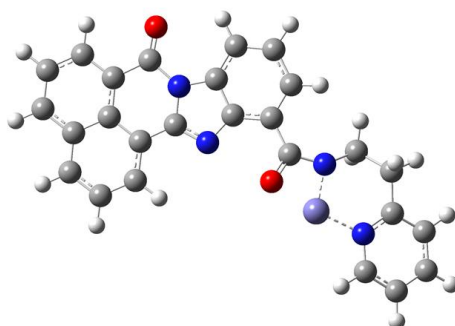
Table S1. XYZ coordinate of the optimized structure of **X**.



Standard orientation:

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	7.618220	-0.241364	0.309481
2	6	0	6.547555	-1.125127	0.086334
3	6	0	7.373327	1.282383	0.332956
4	6	0	6.074078	1.778212	0.170004
5	6	0	4.915103	0.818264	-0.074394
6	6	0	5.129498	-0.568231	-0.151191
7	6	0	5.774167	3.285281	0.246548
8	6	0	4.444676	3.746353	0.146192
9	6	0	3.265727	2.762338	-0.070469
10	6	0	3.501656	1.383197	-0.200883
11	6	0	3.950880	-1.528747	-0.463838
12	6	0	2.380016	0.374095	-0.448989
13	6	0	1.479181	-1.695683	-0.492699
14	6	0	0.503722	-0.788526	-0.170527
15	6	0	1.261063	-3.204372	-0.369557
16	6	0	-0.011933	-3.655647	0.023850
17	6	0	-1.146747	-2.634591	0.317872
18	6	0	-0.905214	-1.247998	0.221829
19	6	0	-2.042079	-0.256809	0.517781
20	6	0	-4.431814	0.000558	0.430076
21	6	0	-5.766511	-0.582928	0.924253
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26	6	0	-8.286329	-0.470577	0.085293
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28	8	0	-1.871185	0.982600	0.367918
29	7	0	2.668586	-0.982531	-0.940717
30	7	0	1.056713	0.575650	-0.243051
31	7	0	-3.331408	-0.792978	0.976816
32	7	0	-6.755832	1.506189	-0.009142
33	1	0	8.605595	-0.626082	0.463718
34	1	0	6.717737	-2.181846	0.076914
35	1	0	8.190919	1.957152	0.478887

36	1	0	6.573354	3.983368	0.381858
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39	1	0	2.049523	-3.894989	-0.580434
40	1	0	-0.200524	-4.704741	0.118230
41	1	0	-2.118793	-2.986121	0.594049
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Table S2. XYZ coordinate of the optimized structure of **X-Fe³⁺**.

Standard orientation:

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			X	Y	Z
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20	6	0	-3.473027	1.343087	0.375472
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