

**Electronic Supplementary Information**

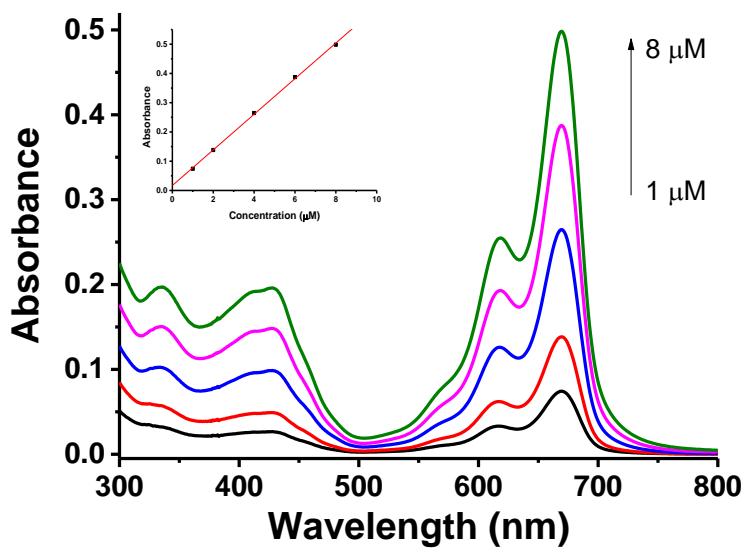
**Pyrrolopyrrole aza boron dipyrromethene based two-photon fluorescent probes  
for subcellular imaging**

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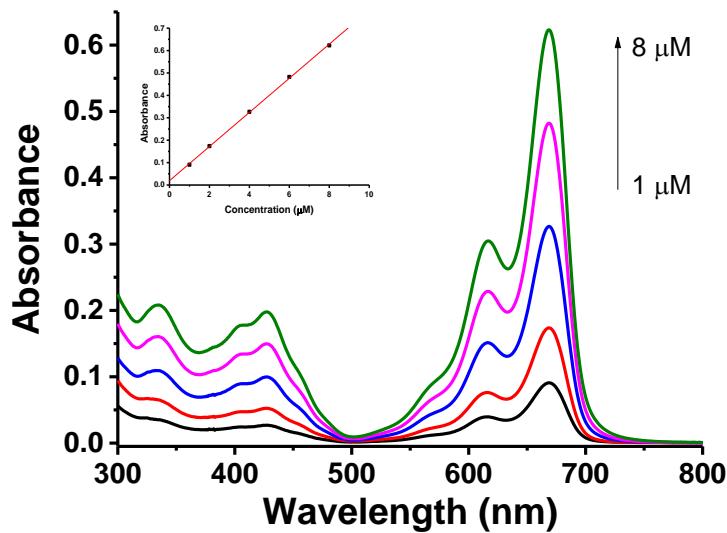
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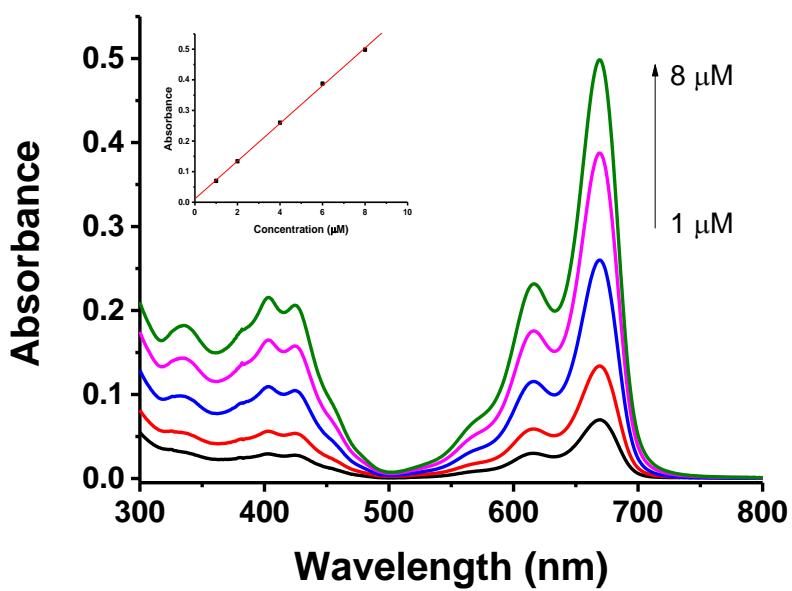
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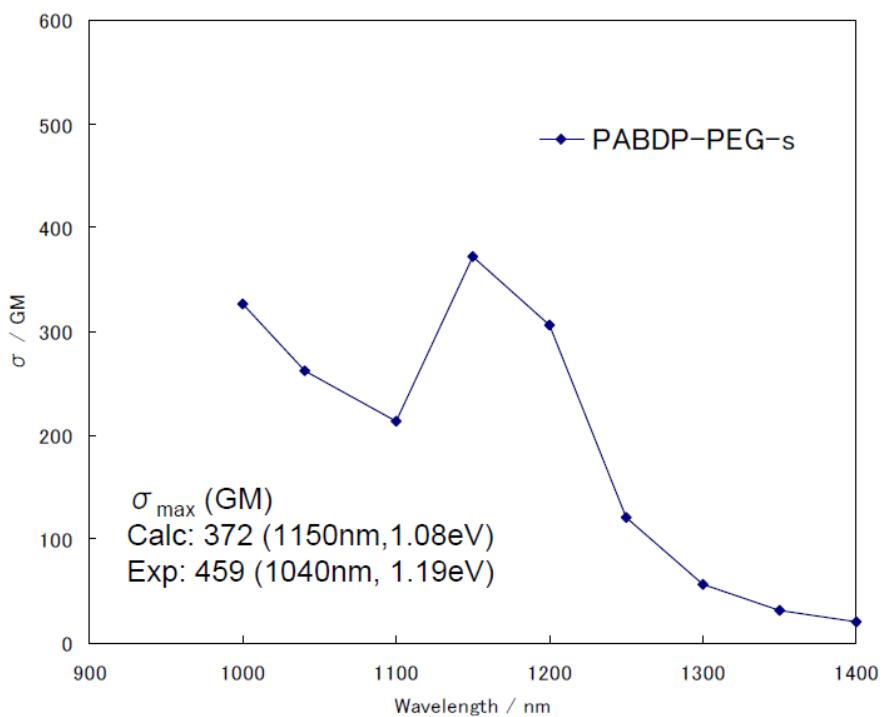
**Fig. S1** Electronic absorption spectra of **17** at various concentrations in deionised water (with 0.3% v/v Tween 80 and 1% v/v DMF). The inset plots the Q-band absorbance versus the concentration of **17**.



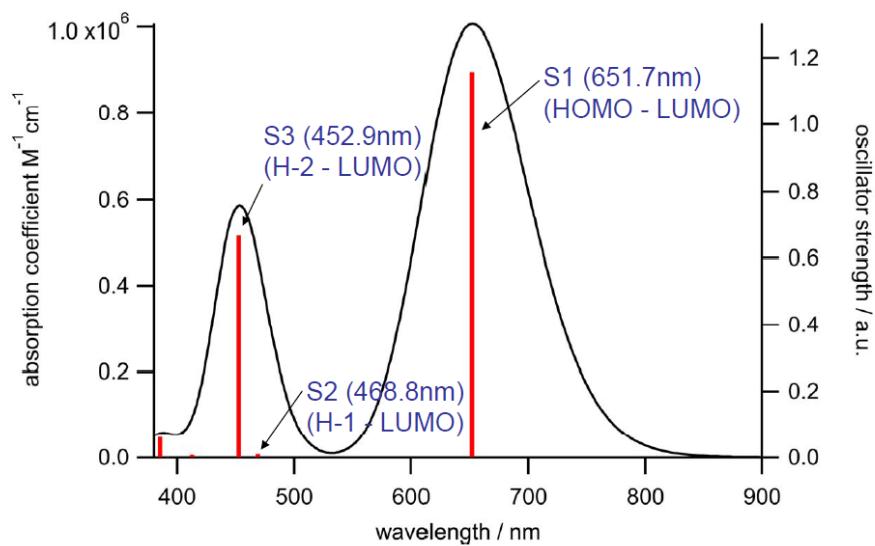
**Fig. S2** Electronic absorption spectra of **18** at various concentrations in deionised water (with 0.3% v/v Tween 80 and 1% v/v DMF). The inset plots the Q-band absorbance versus the concentration of **18**.



**Fig. S3** Electronic absorption spectra of **19** at various concentrations in deionised water (with 0.3% v/v Tween 80 and 1% v/v DMF). The inset plots the Q-band absorbance versus the concentration of **19**.

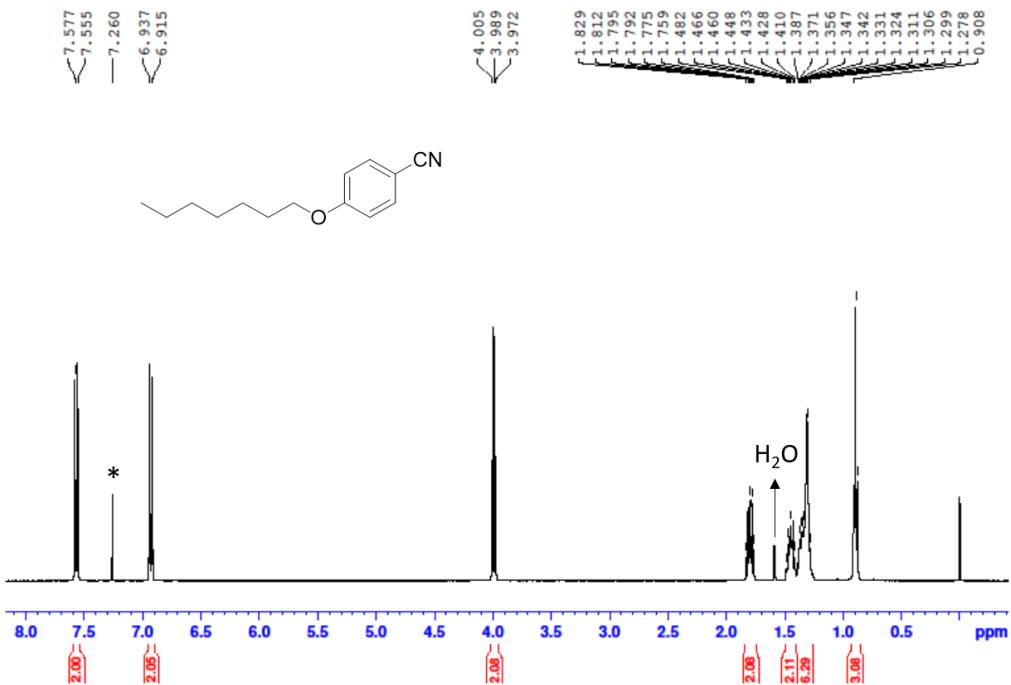


**Fig. S4** Simulation of the TPA cross-sections of the model compound for **19** with reduced chain length using the ADF programme on the PBE/DZ basis condition.

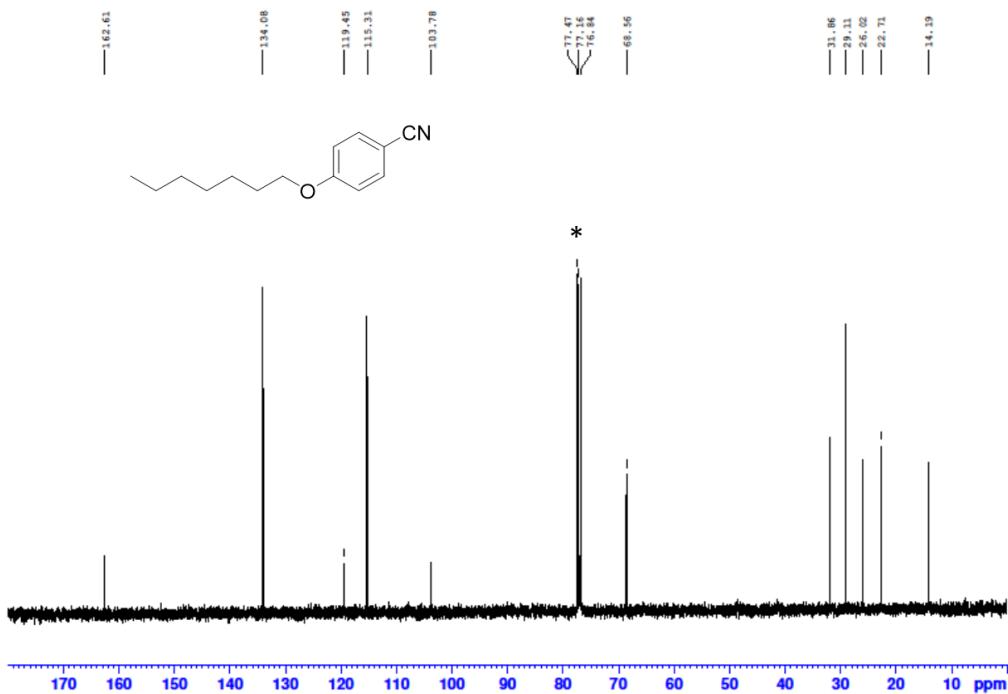


**Fig. S5** Simulation of the one-photon absorption spectrum of the model compound for **19** with reduced chain length using a time-dependent DFT method.

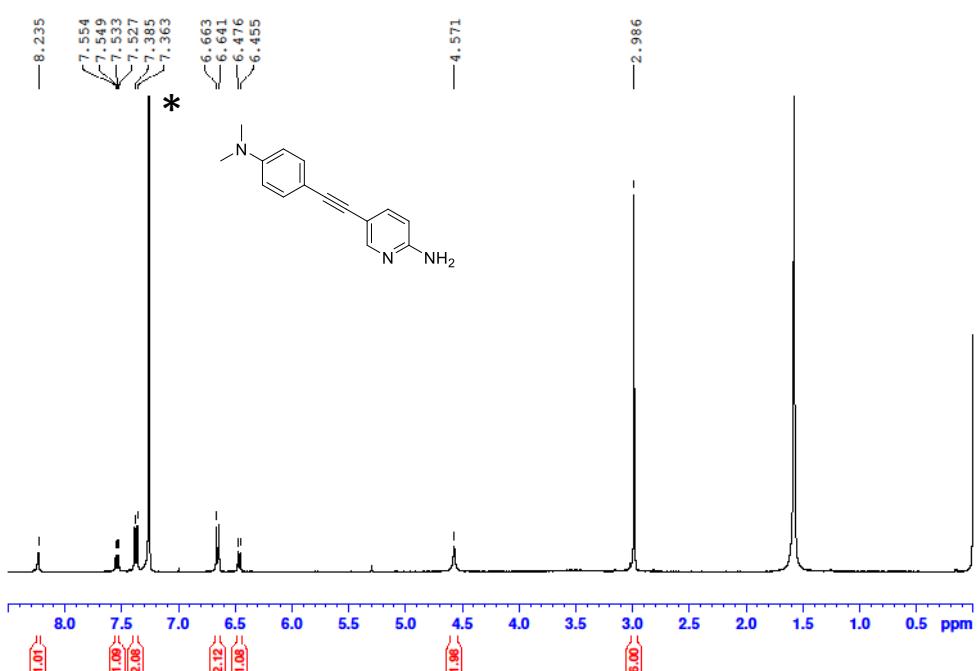
In all the following  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra, residual solvent (or solvent) signals are marked with asterisks.



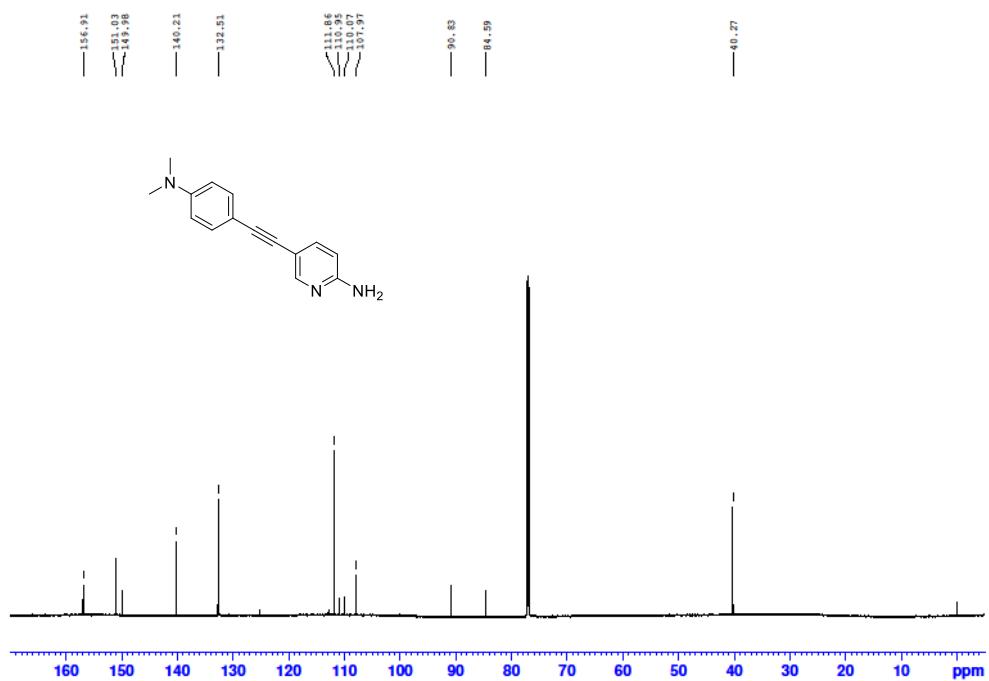
**Fig. S6**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



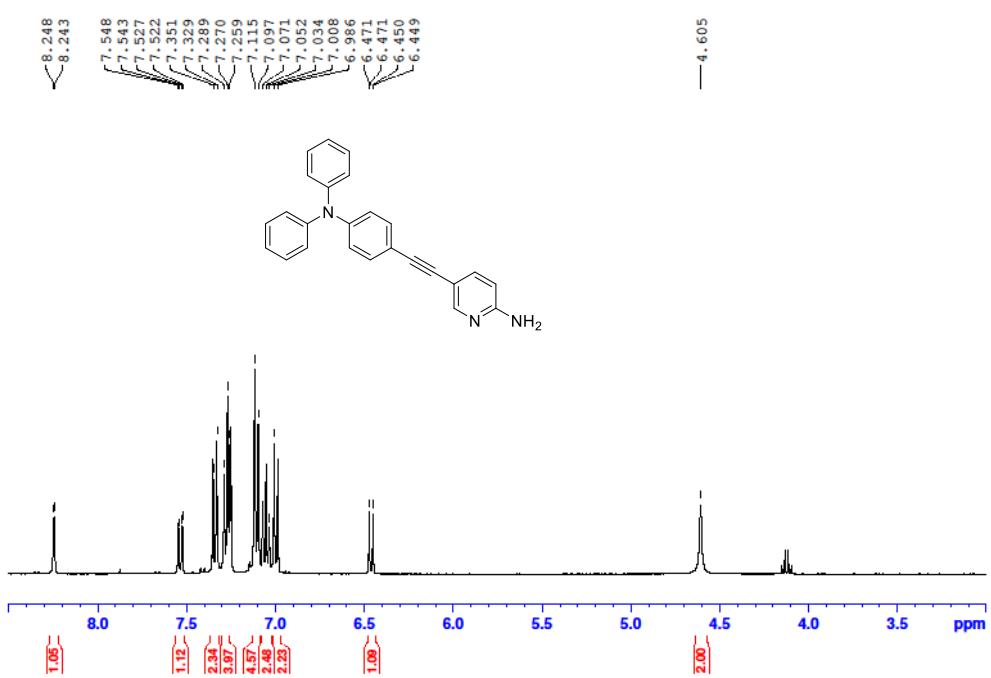
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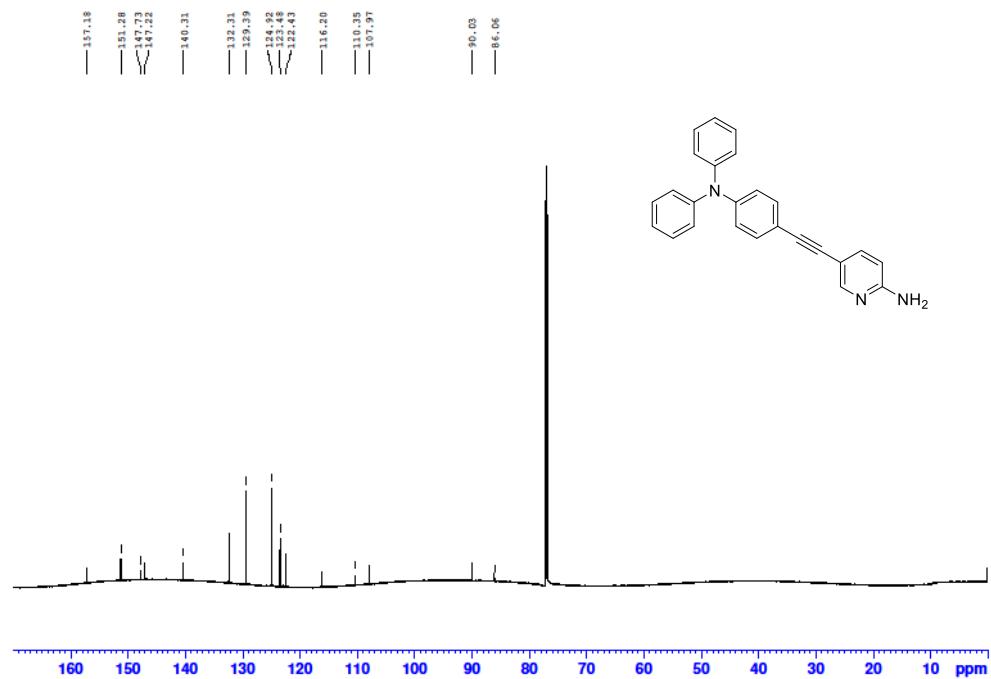
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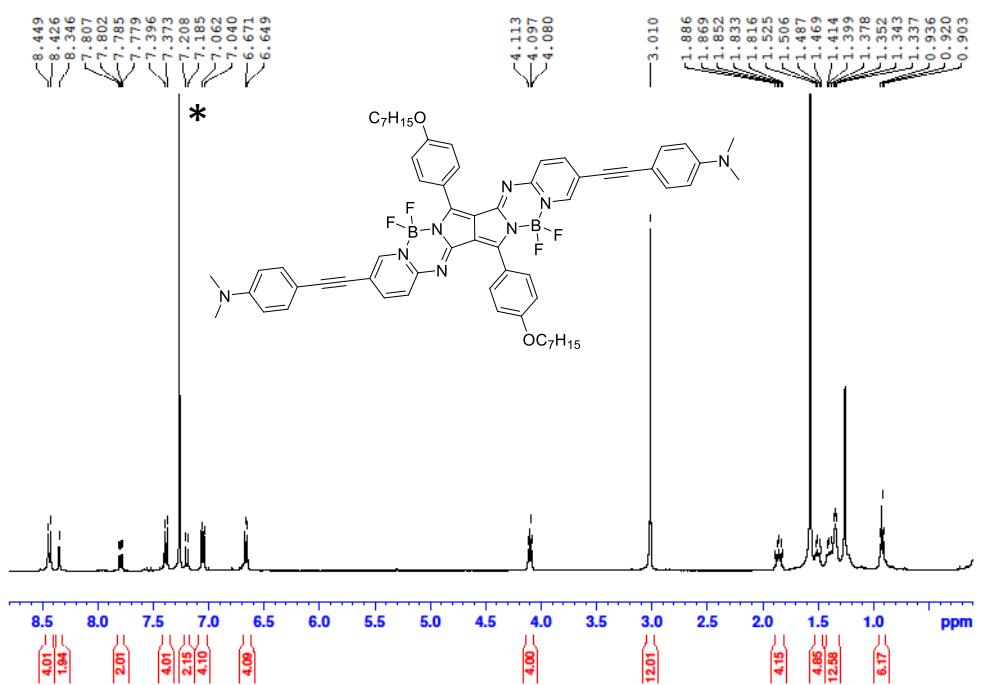
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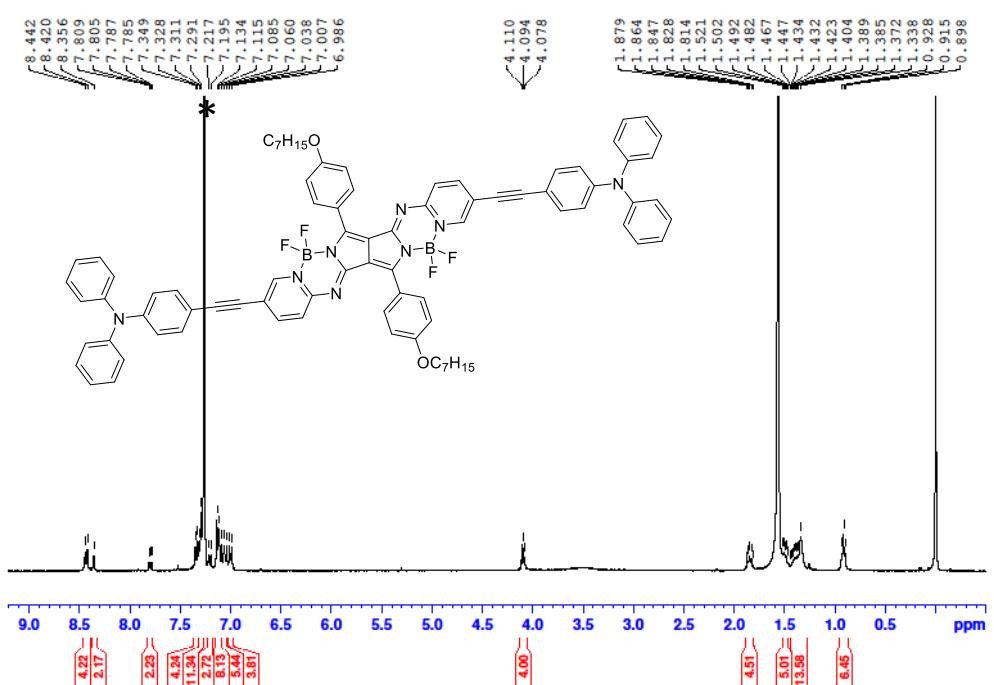
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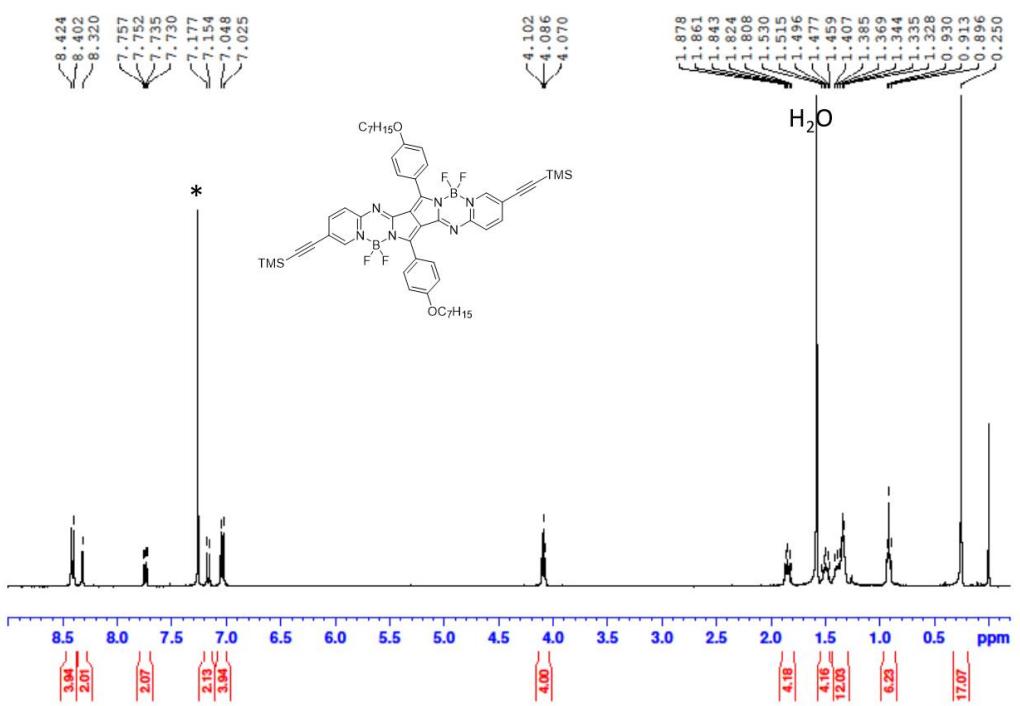
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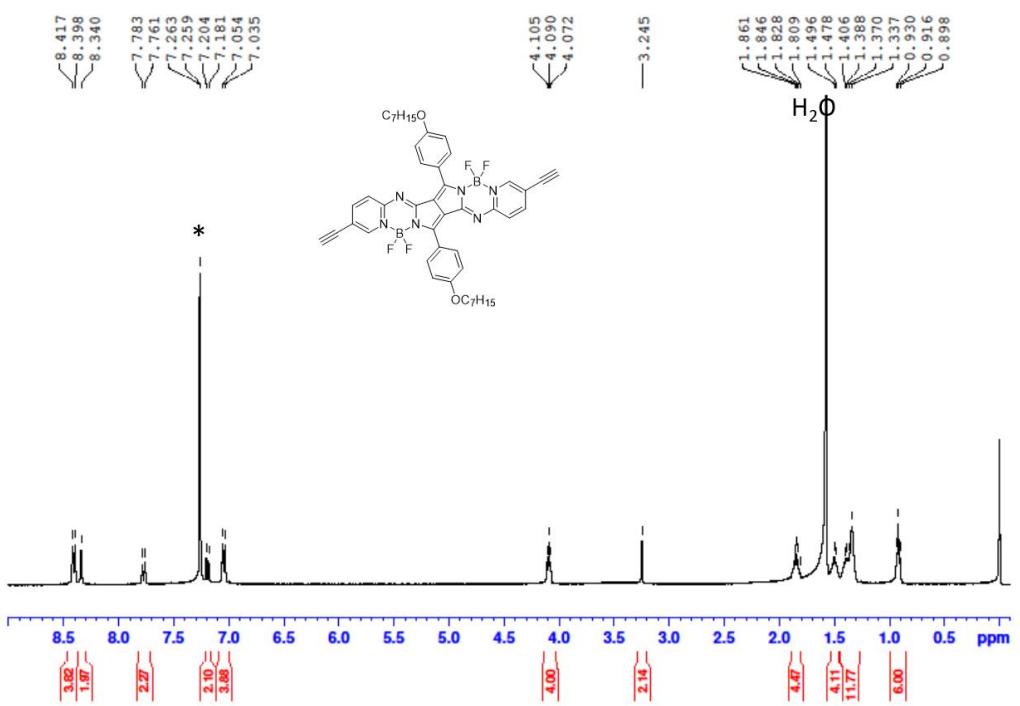
**Fig. S12**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



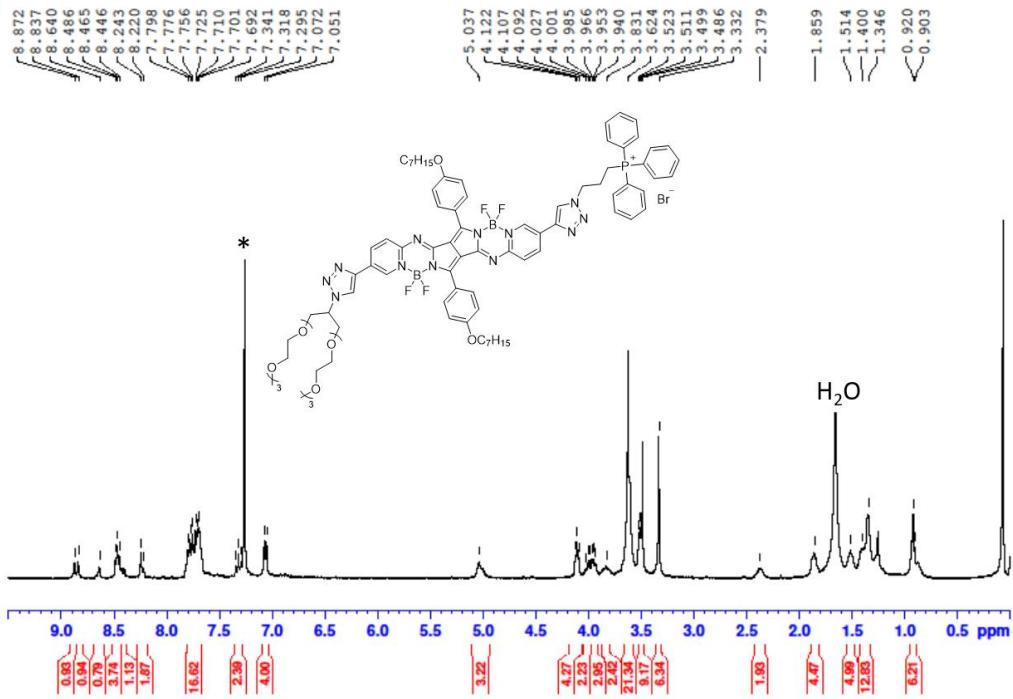
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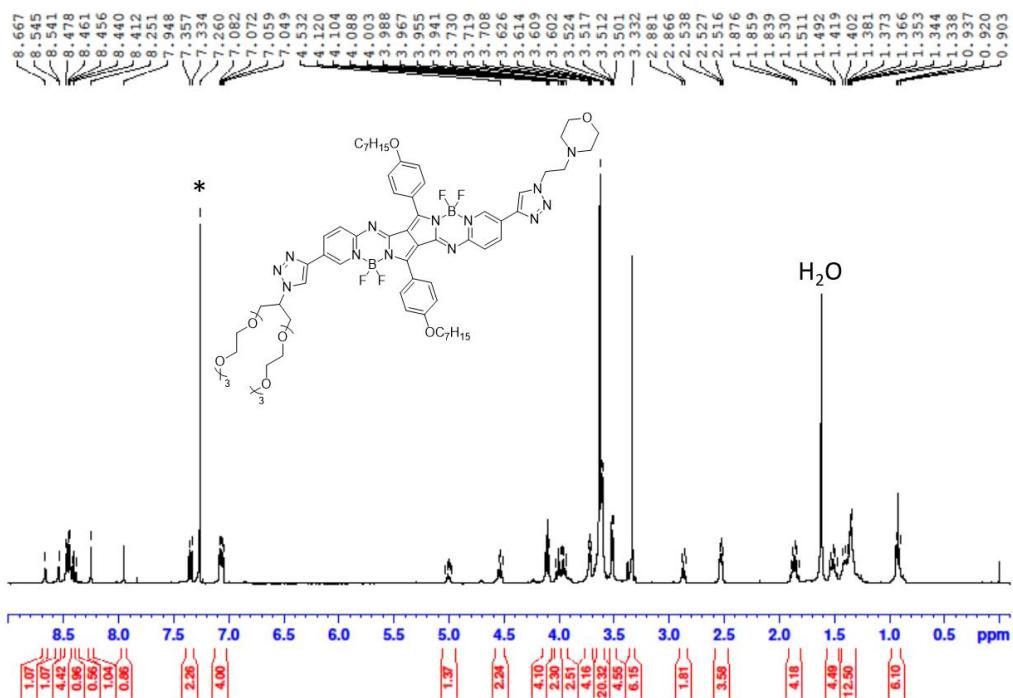
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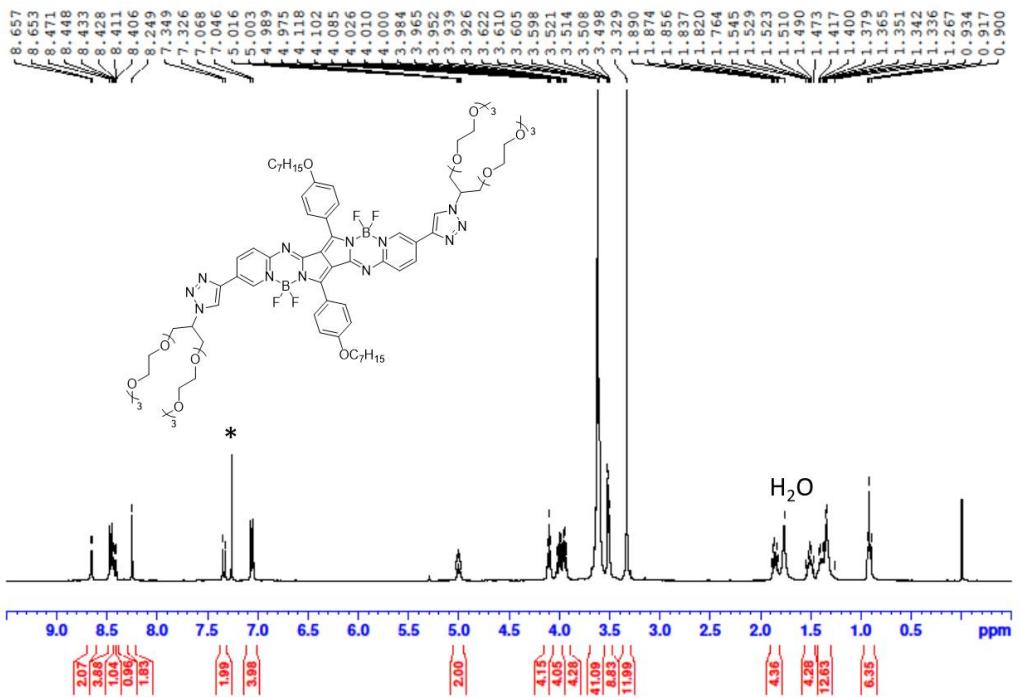
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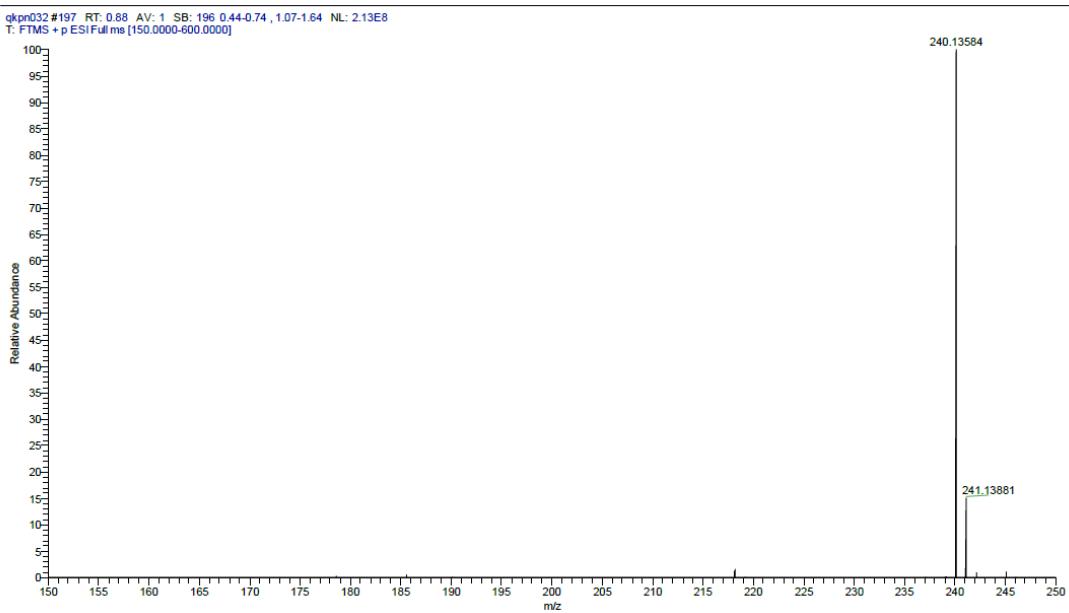
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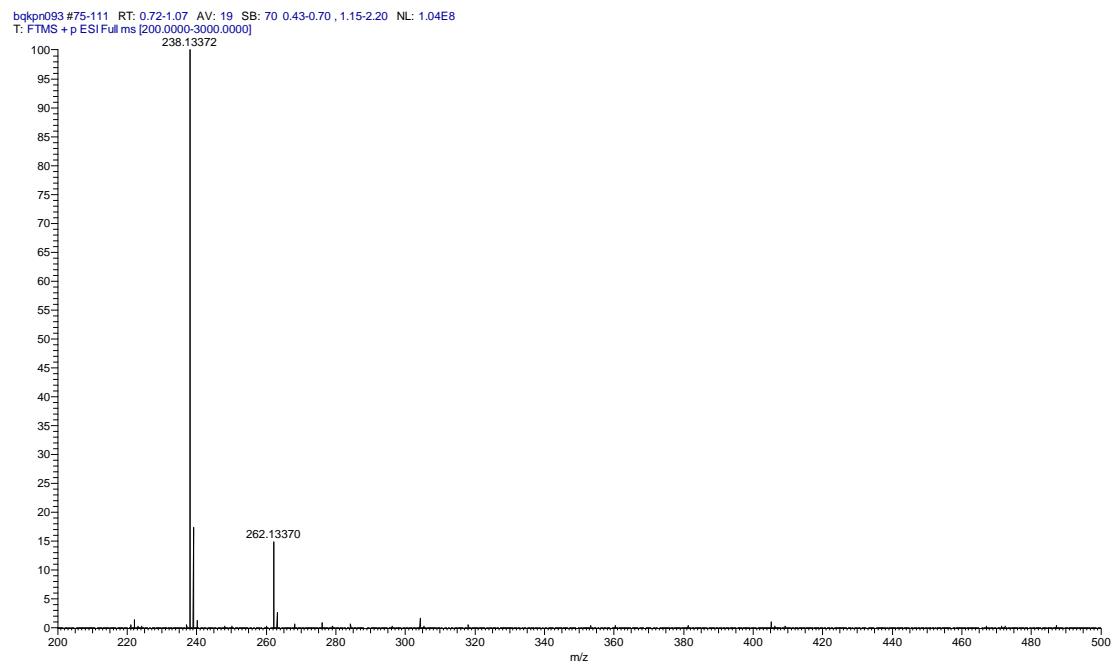
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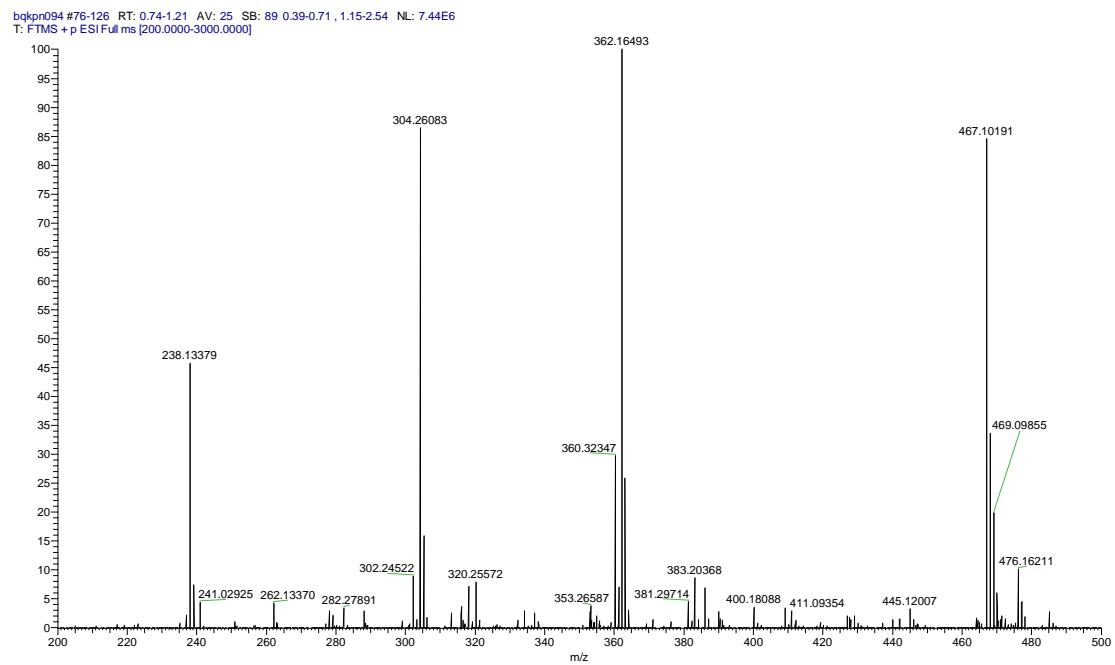
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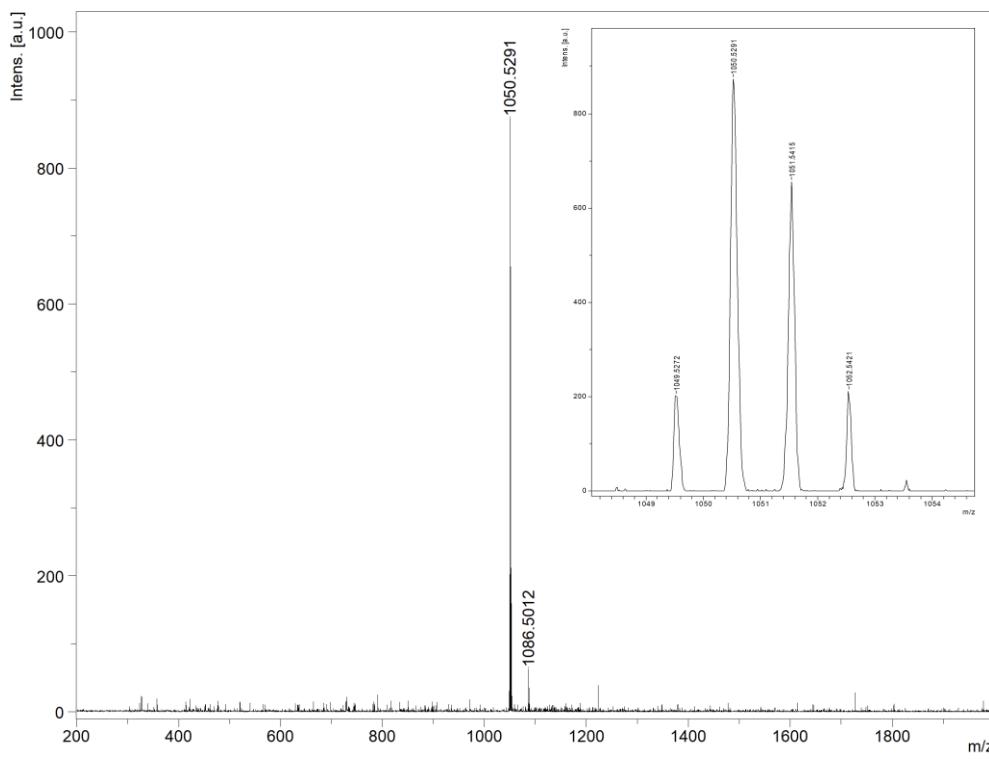
**Fig. S19** ESI mass spectrum of 1.



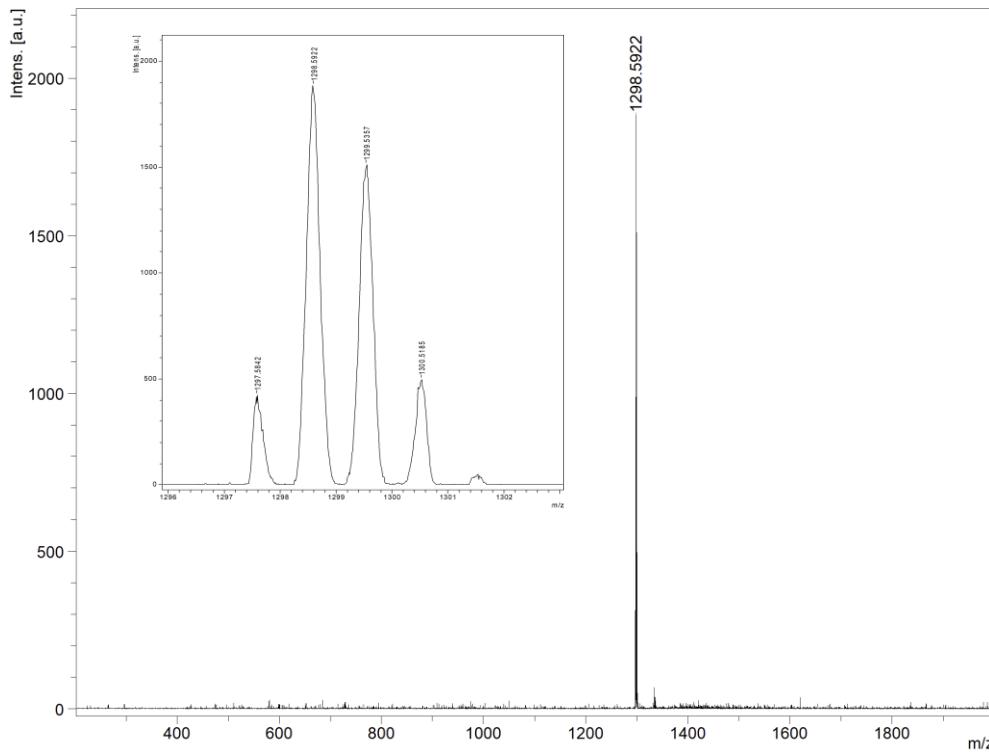
**Fig. S20** ESI mass spectrum of **7**.



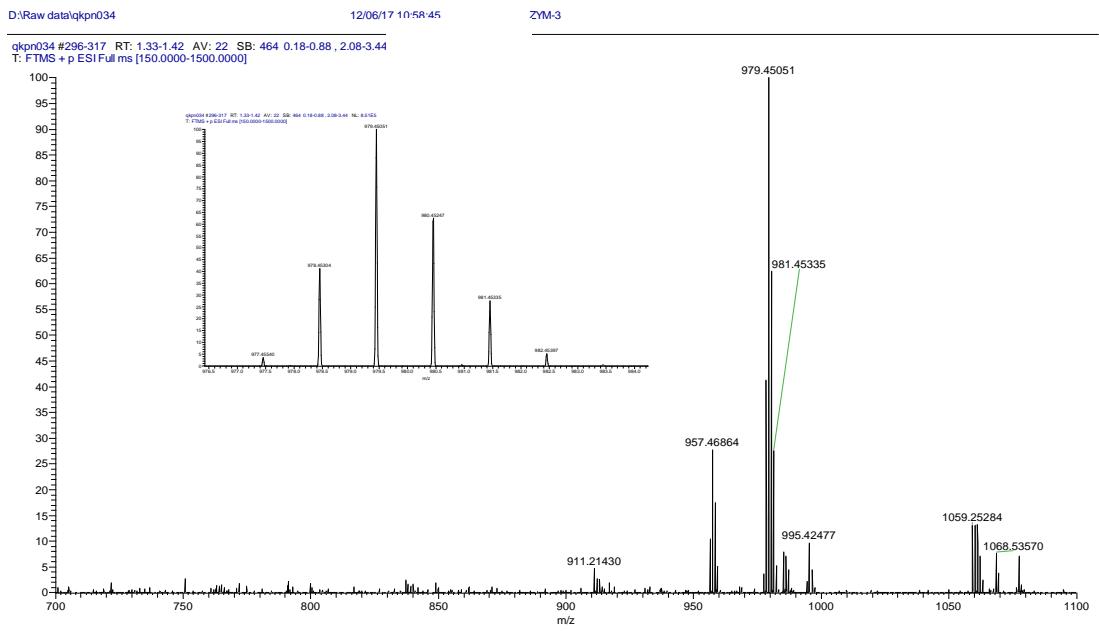
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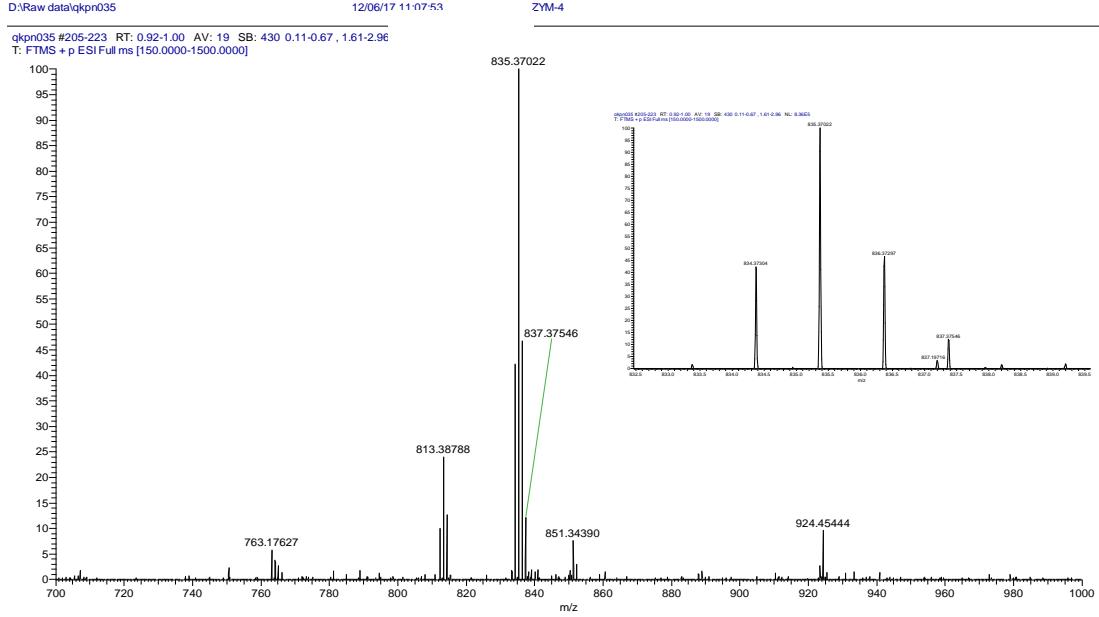
**Fig. S22** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of **9**. The inset shows the enlarged isotopic envelop of the molecular ion peak.



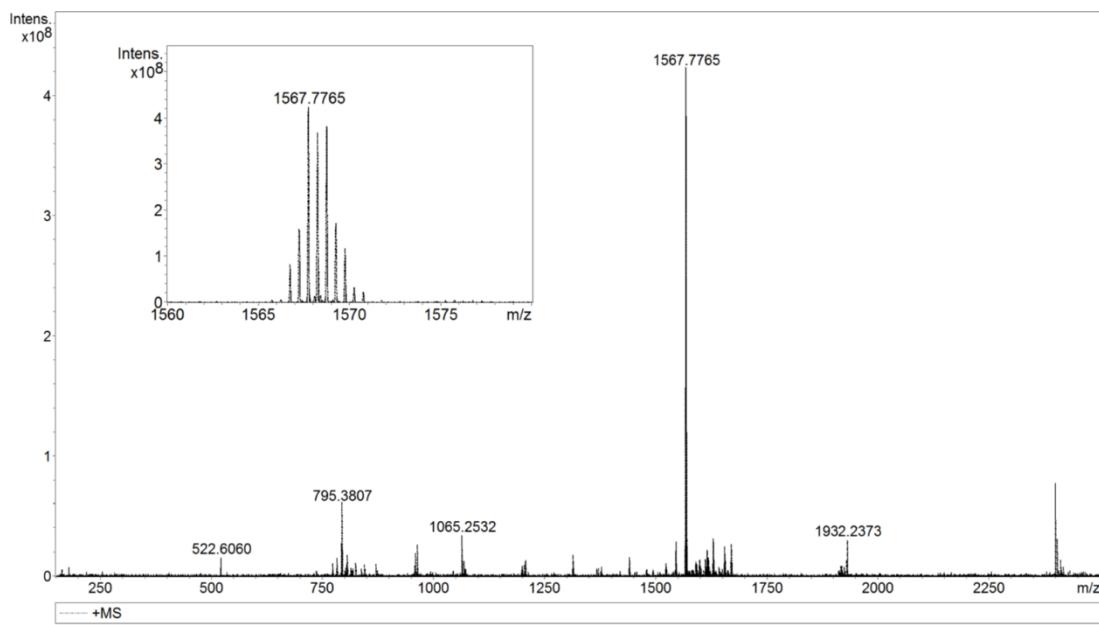
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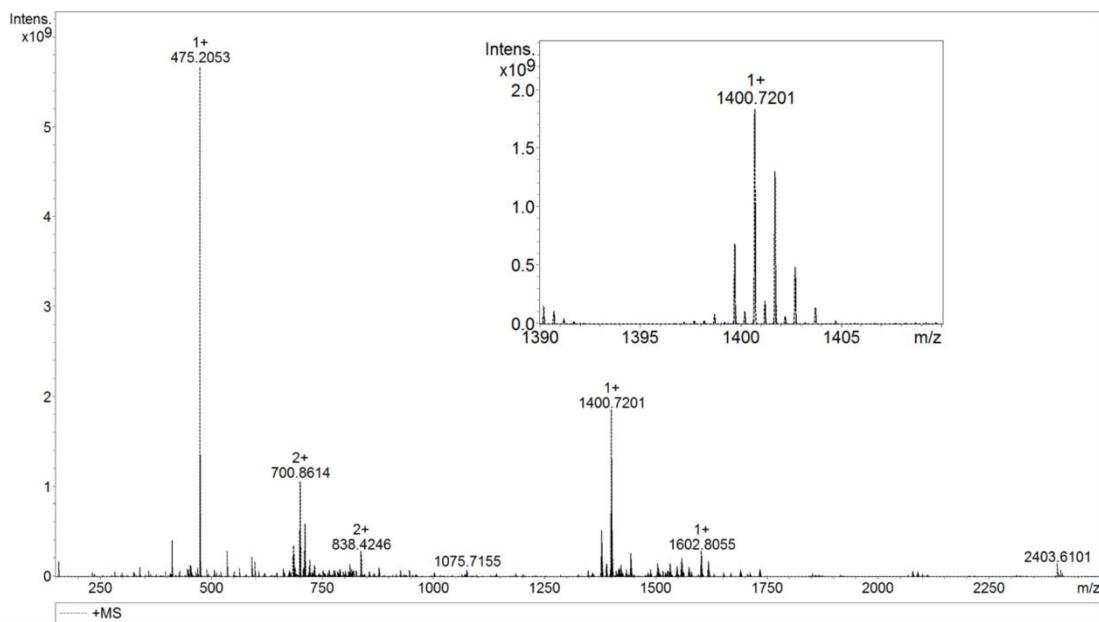
**Fig. S24** ESI mass spectrum of **12**. The inset shows the enlarged isotopic envelop of the molecular ion peak.



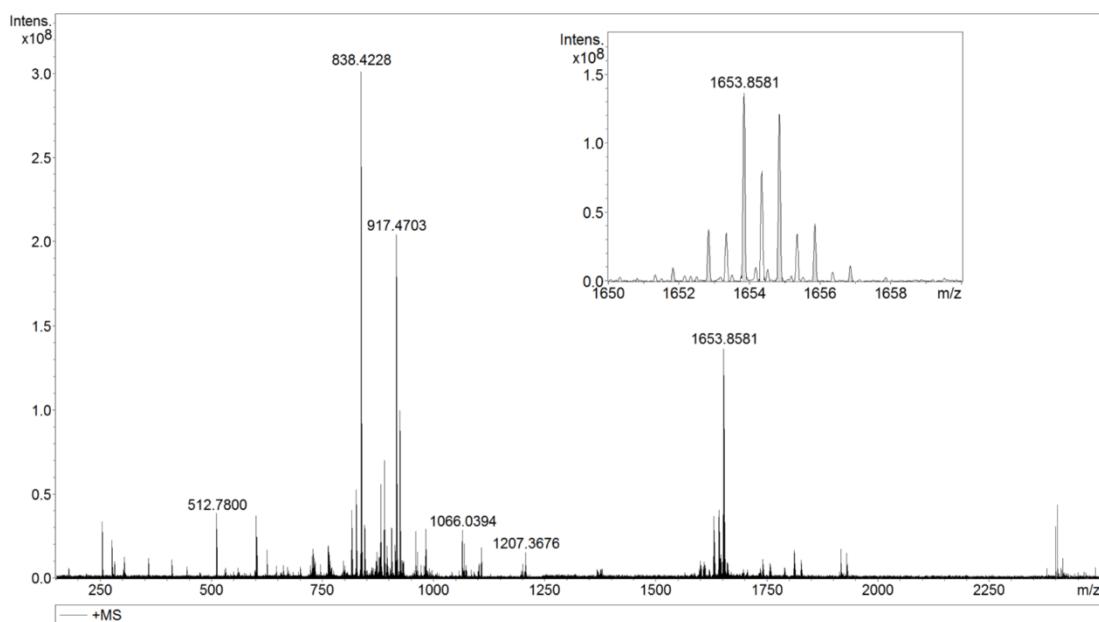
**Fig. S25** ESI mass spectrum of **13**. The inset shows the enlarged isotopic envelop of the molecular ion peak.



**Fig. S26** ESI mass spectrum of **17**. The inset shows the enlarged isotopic envelop of the molecular ion peak.



**Fig. S27** ESI mass spectrum of **18**. The inset shows the enlarged isotopic envelop of the molecular ion peak.



**Fig. S28** ESI mass spectrum of **19**. The inset shows the enlarged isotopic envelop of the molecular ion peak.