

*Supporting information for*

**Development of an endoplasmic reticulum-targeting fluorescent probe for the  
imaging of polarity in living cells and tissues**

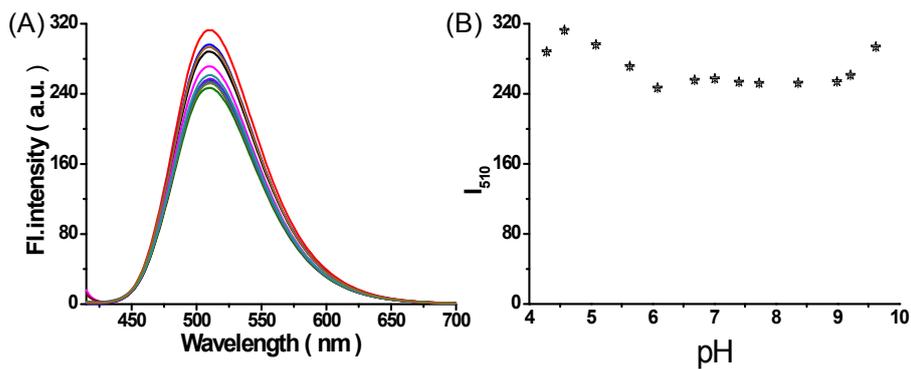
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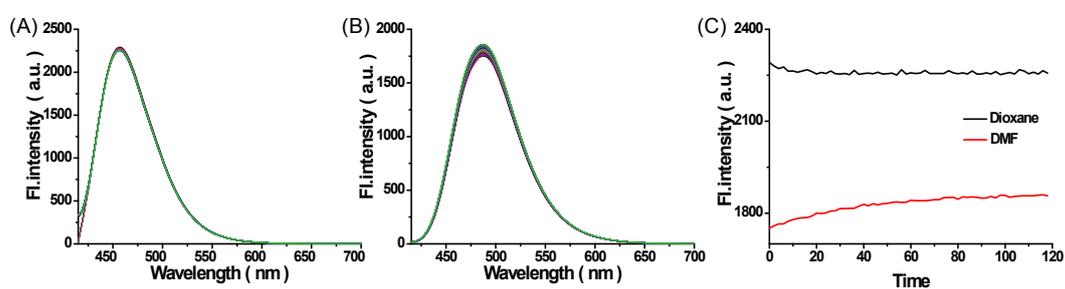
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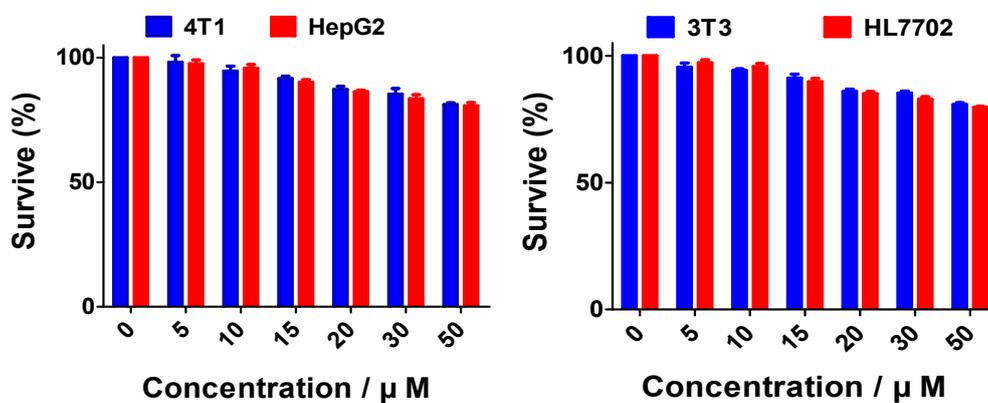
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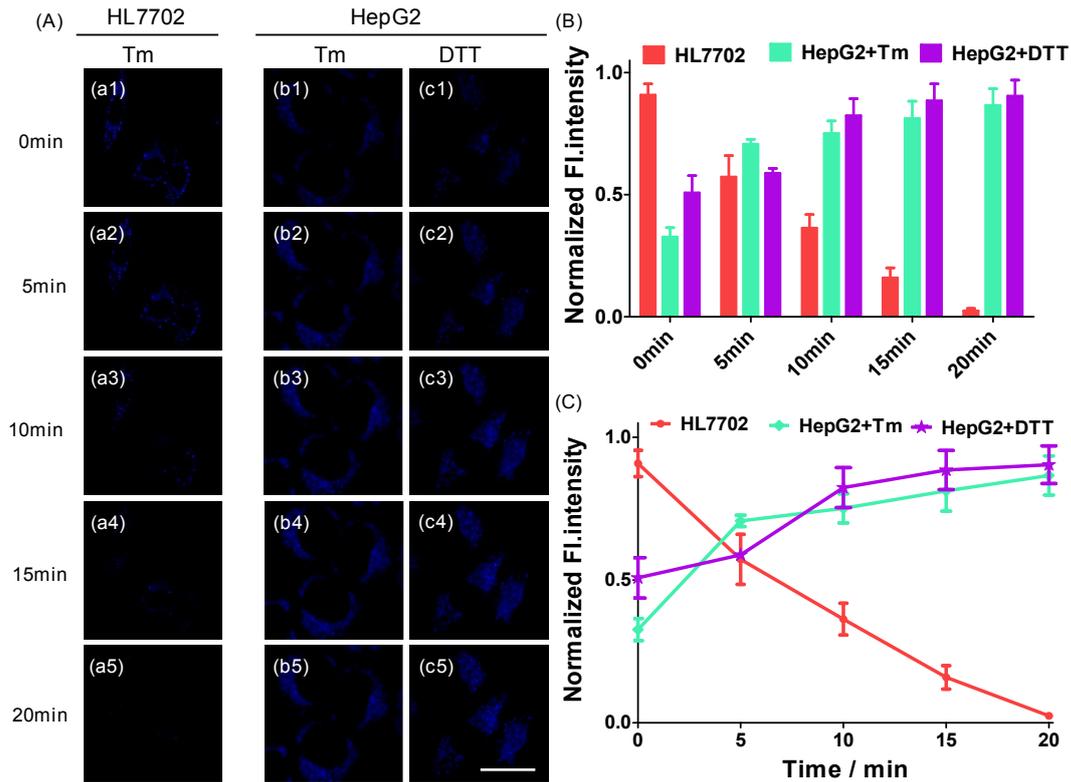
**Fig. S1.** (A) Fluorescence spectra of 5  $\mu$ M NSp at various pH. (B) Fluorescence intensities at 510 nm of 5  $\mu$ M NSp at various pH.  $\lambda_{ex} = 405$  nm



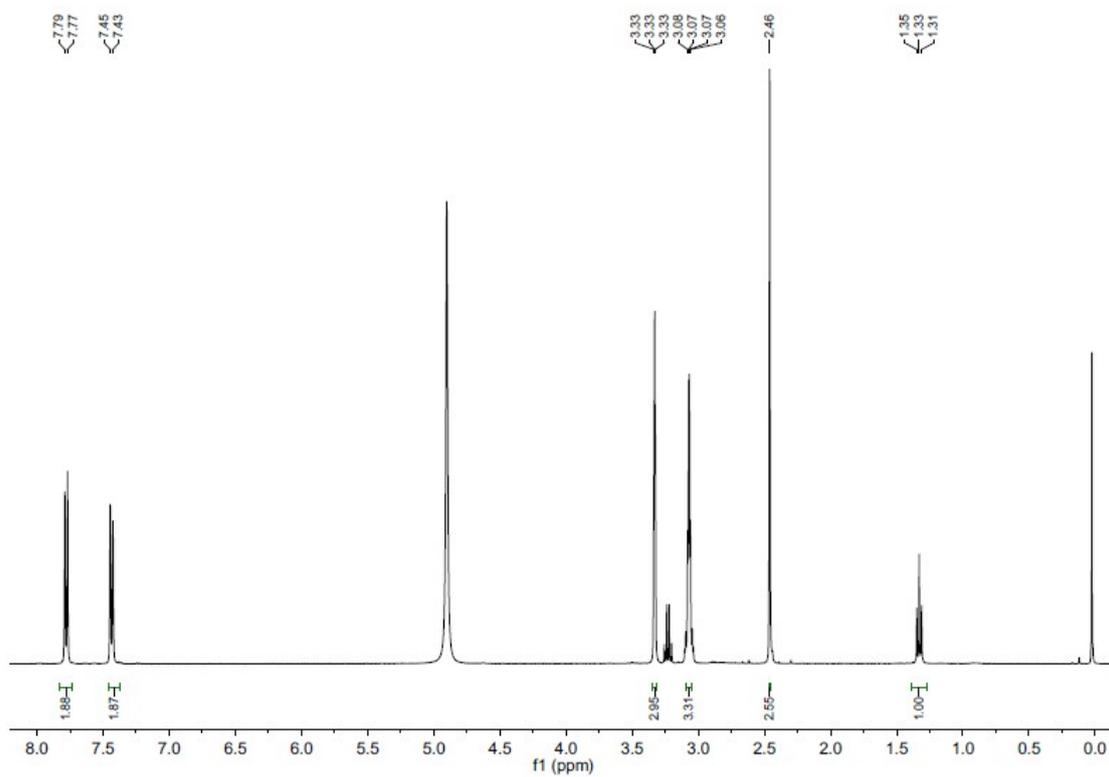
**Fig. S2.** Photostability of compound NSp at Dioxane and DMF.  $\lambda_{ex} = 405$  nm



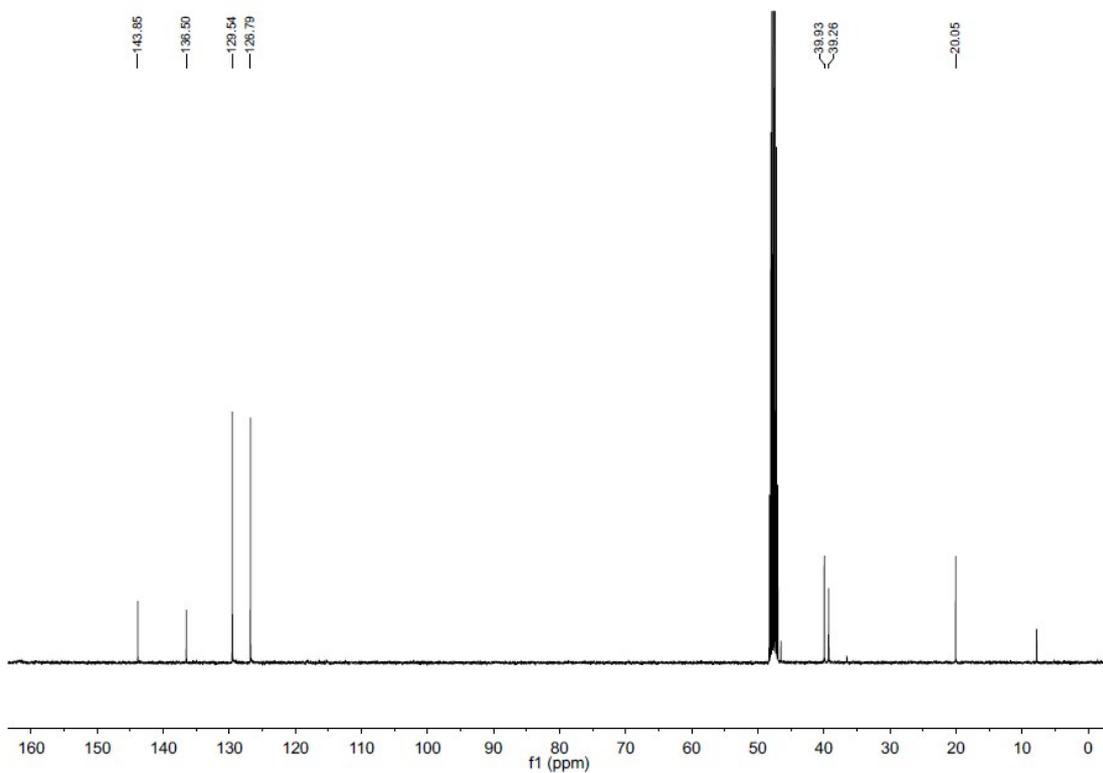
**Fig. S3.** The MTT experiments of NSp under different concentrations for 4T1 cells; 3T3 cells; HepG2 cells; HL-7702 cells.



**Fig.S4** (A) Fluorescence images of NSp (5  $\mu$ M) in live cells at different times after the addition of ER stress stimuli. a1–a5: Fluorescence images of NSp in HL-7702 cells after the addition of Tm (50 mg / mL). b1–b5: Fluorescence images of NSp in HepG2 cells after the addition of Tm (50 mg / mL). b1–b5: Fluorescence images of NSp in HepG2 cells after the addition of DTT (5.0 mM).  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 405$  nm,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 425 - 475$  nm, Scale bar: 20  $\mu$ m. (B) Analysis of the quantitative fluorescence intensity in (A) using ImageJ software. (C) The average fluorescence intensity output of NSp at different times. Scale bar: 20  $\mu$ m.



**Fig. S5.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of **compound 1** in  $\text{MeOH-}d_4$ .



**Fig. S6.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR **compound 1** in  $\text{MeOH-}d_4$ .

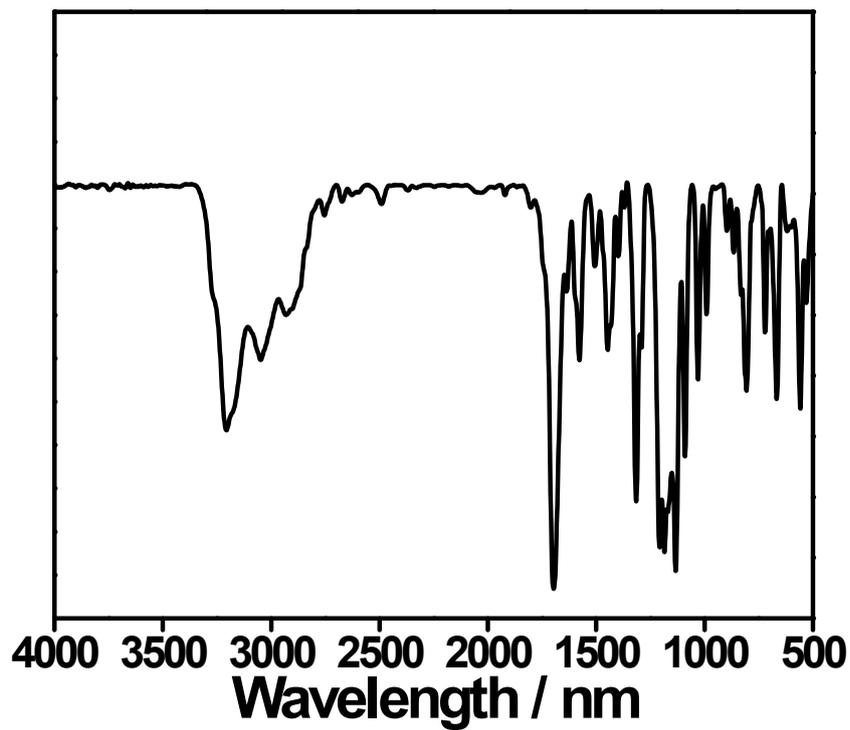


Fig. S7. FT-IR data of compound 1.

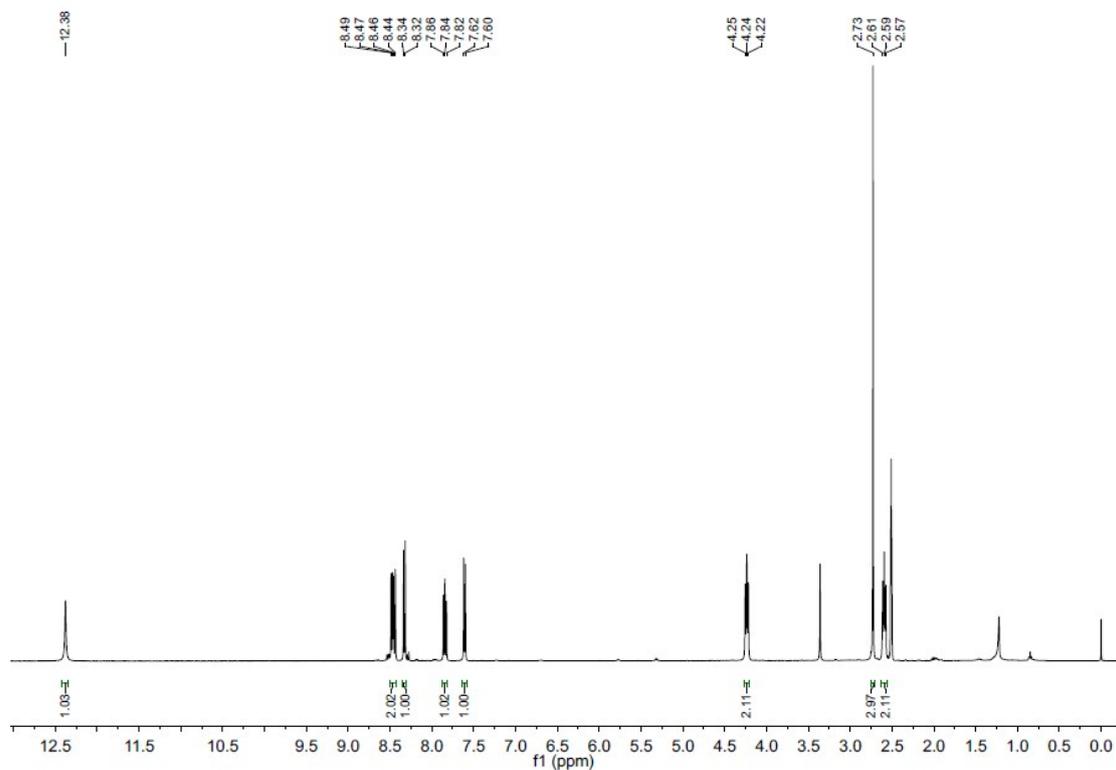
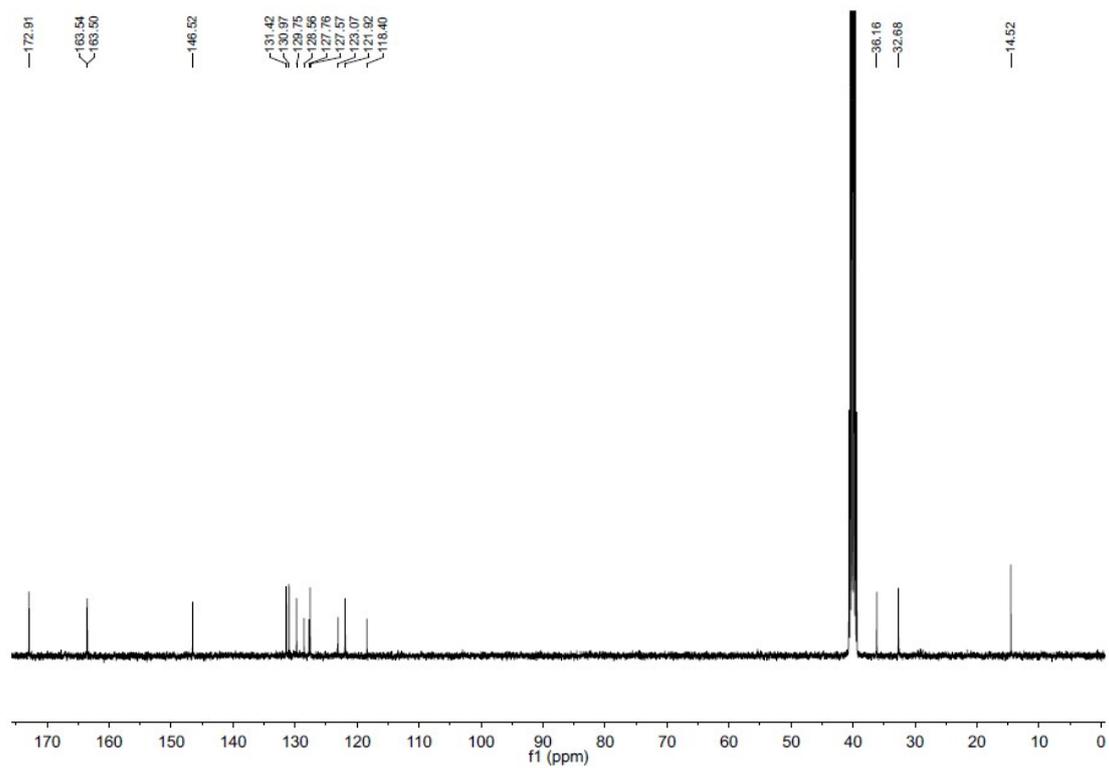
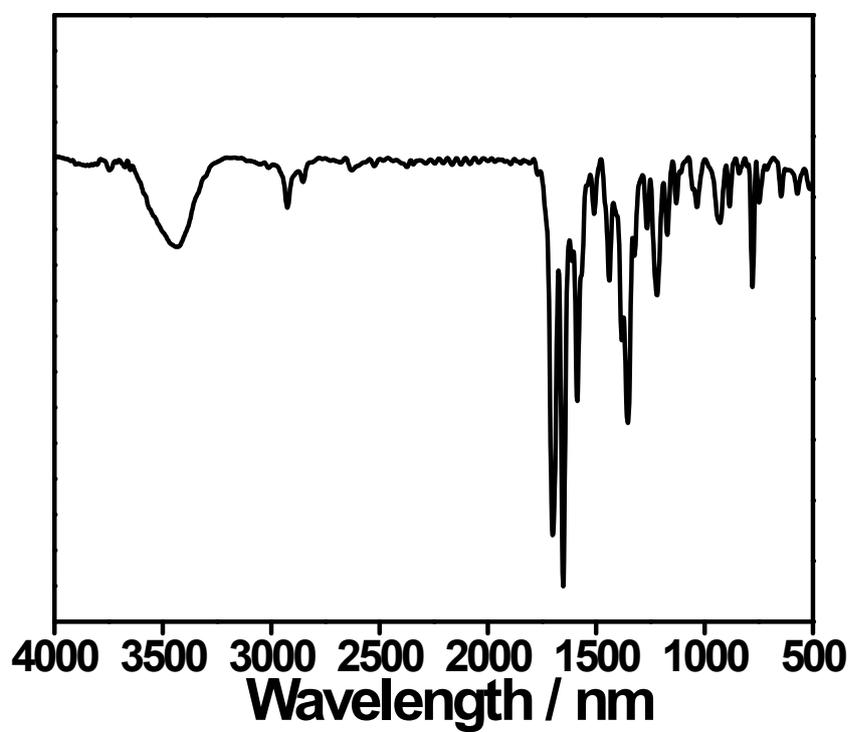


Fig. S8.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of Compound 2 in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



**Fig. S9.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of **Compound 2** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



**Fig. S10.** FT-IR data of **compound 2**.

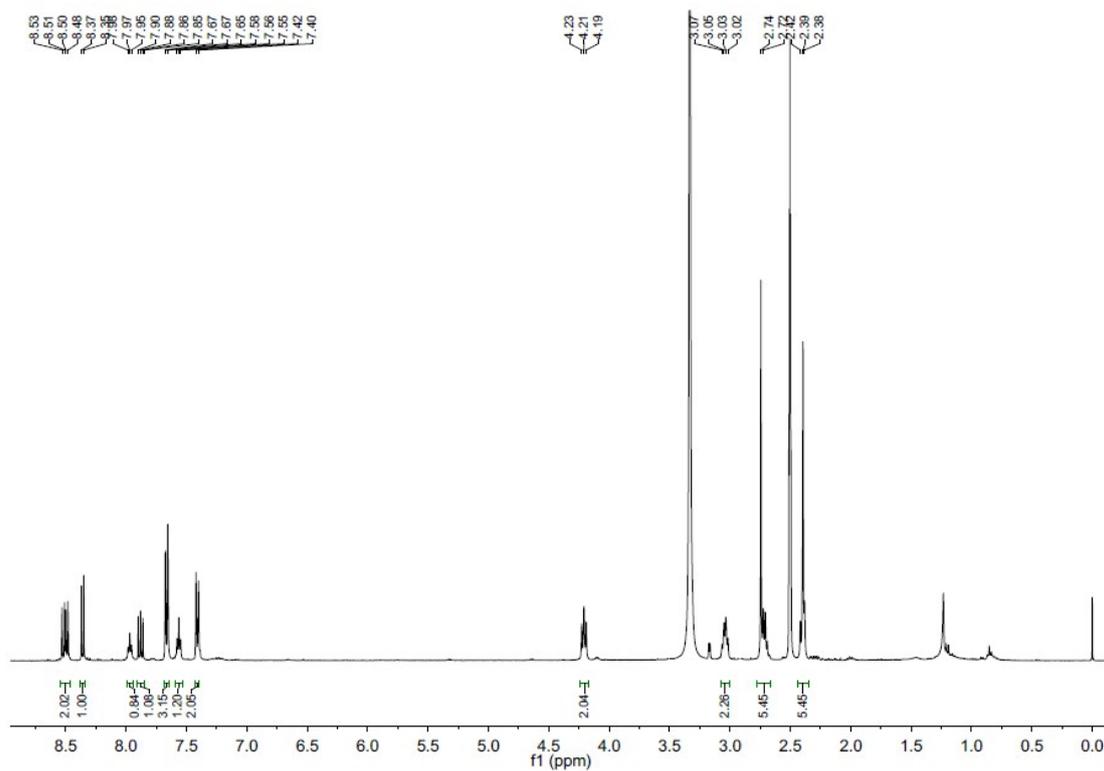


Fig. S11.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of NSp in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .

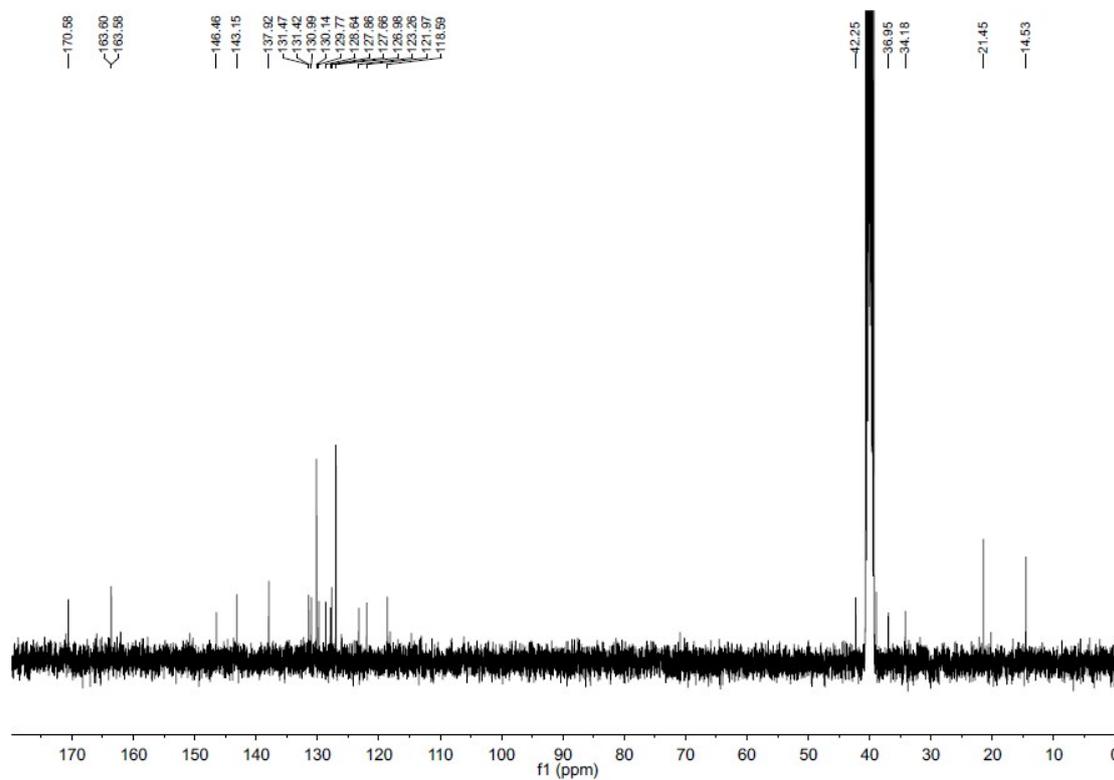
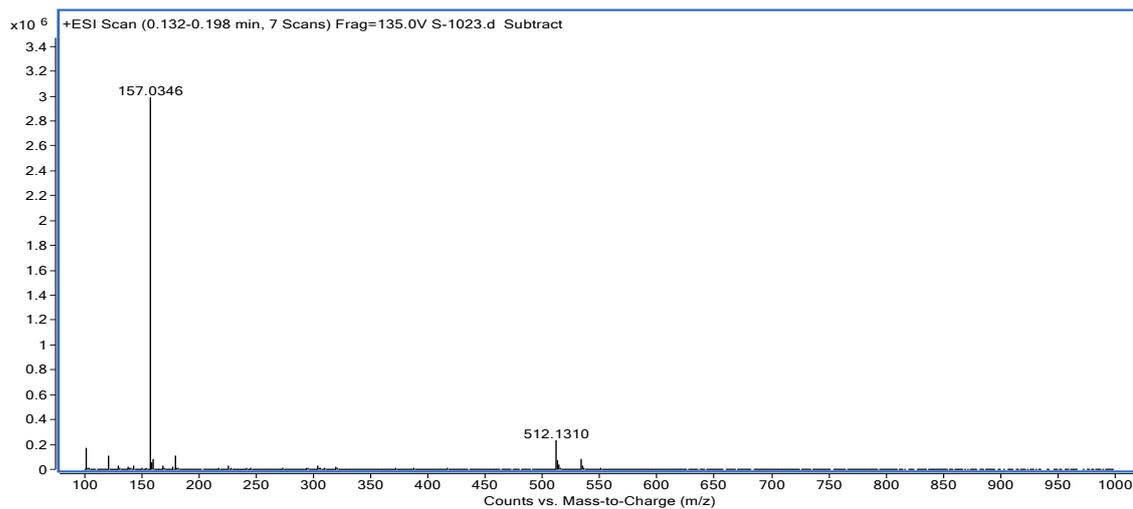
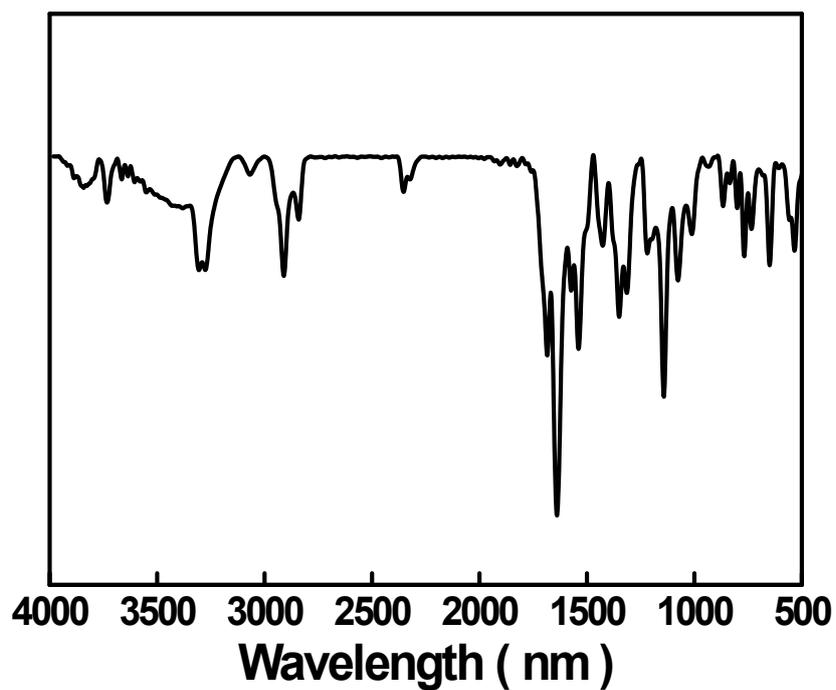


Fig. S12.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of NSp in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



**Fig. S13.** HRMS data of the probe NSp.



**Fig. S14.** FT-IR data of the probe NSp.