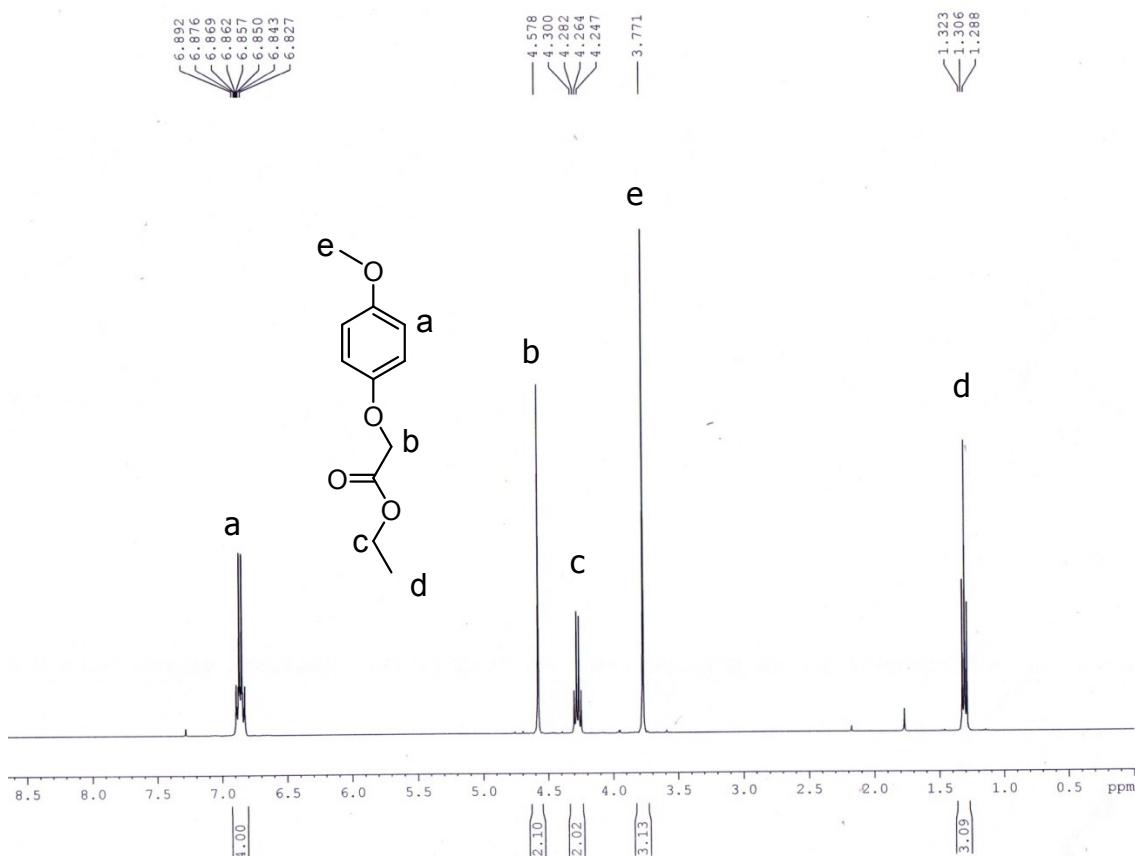


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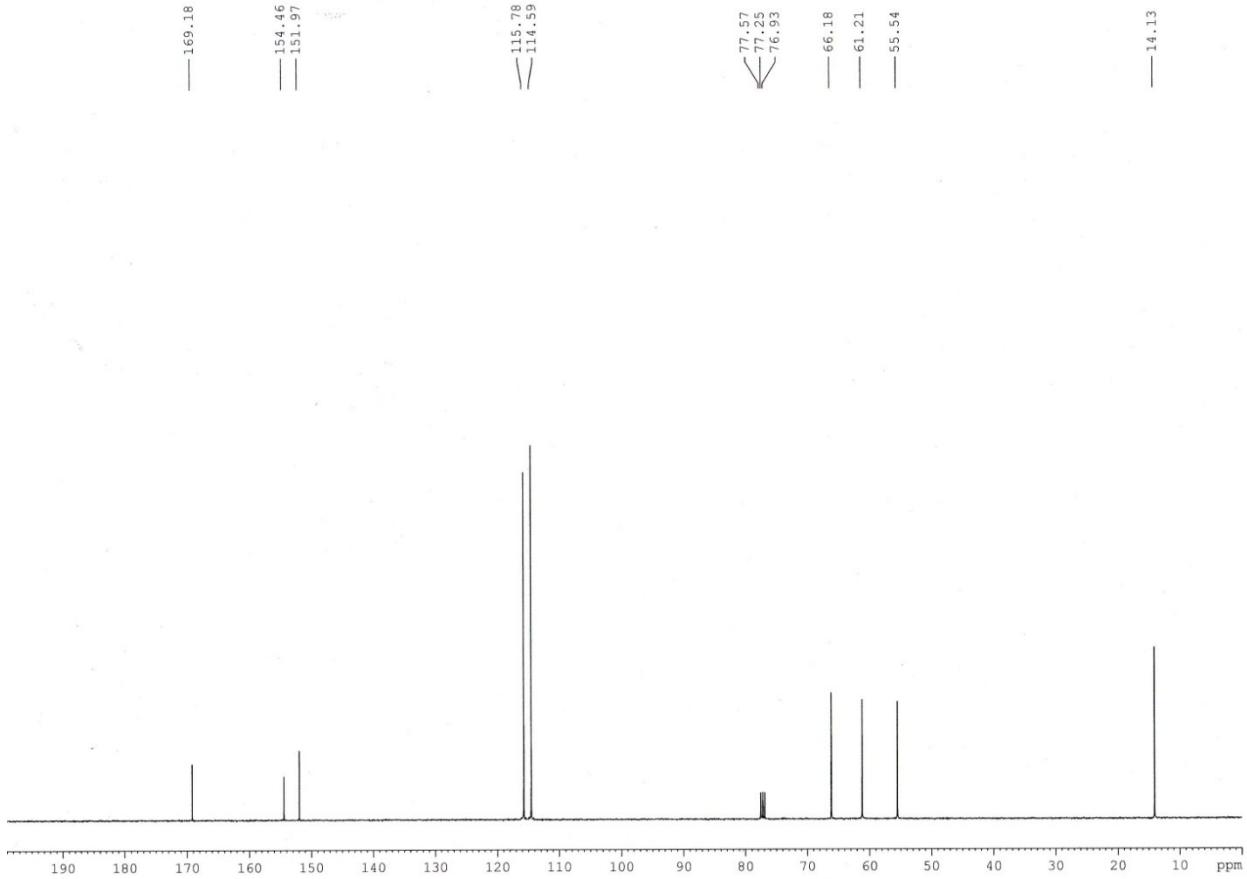
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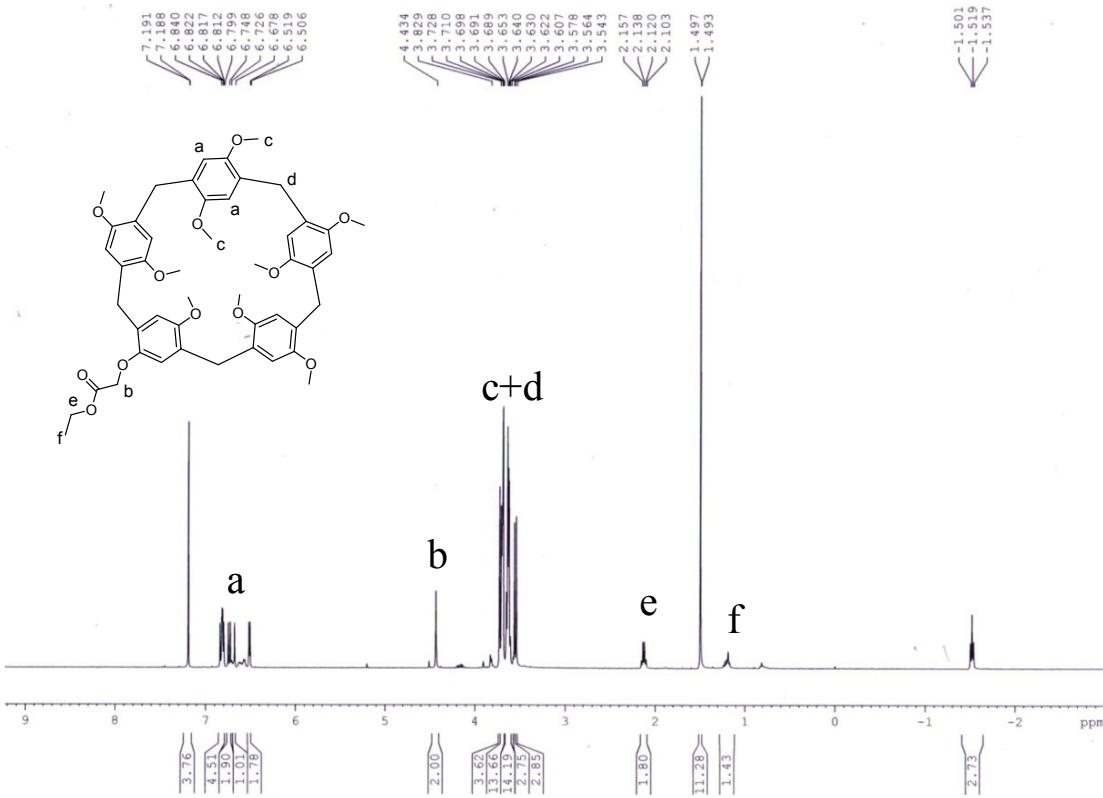
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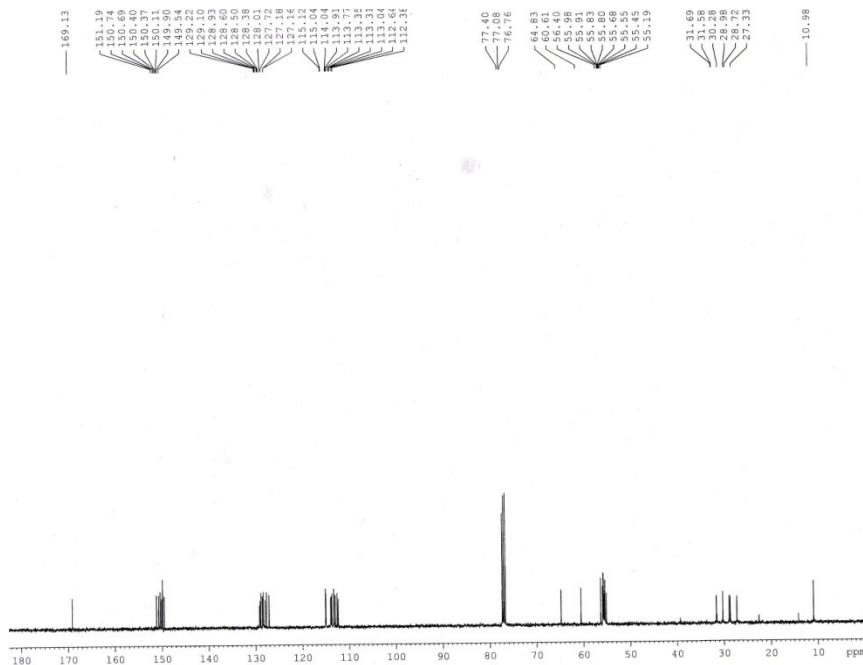
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3.



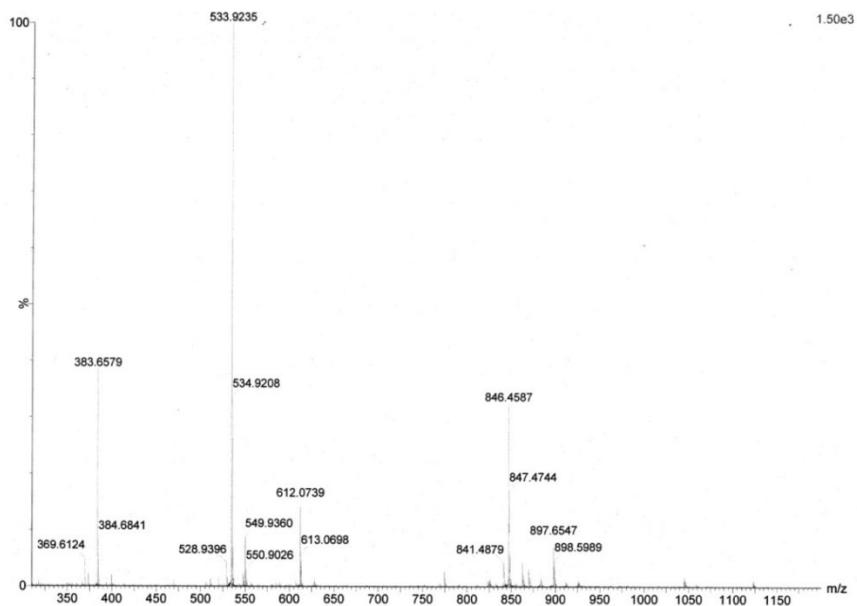
**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



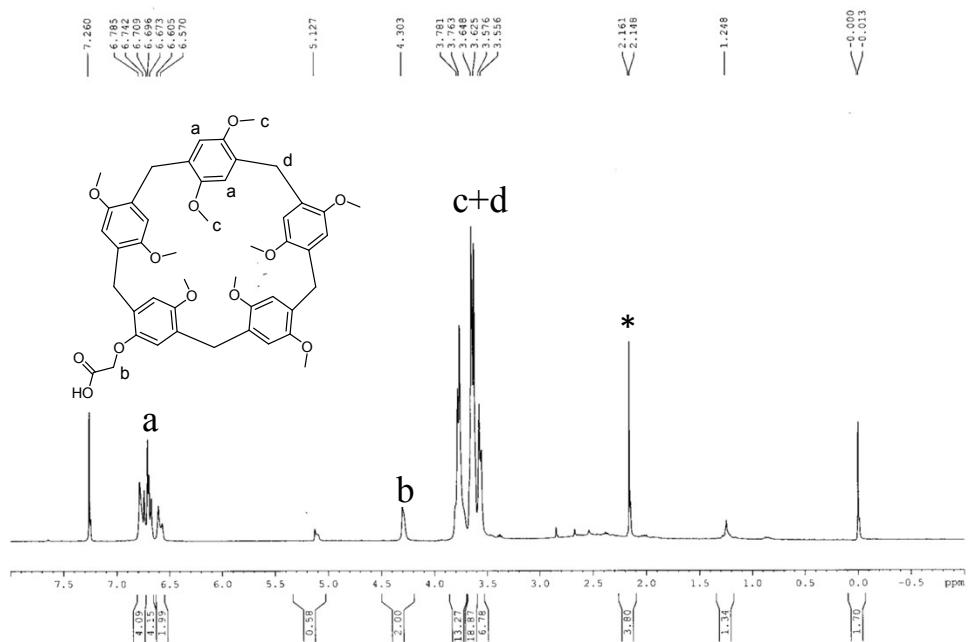
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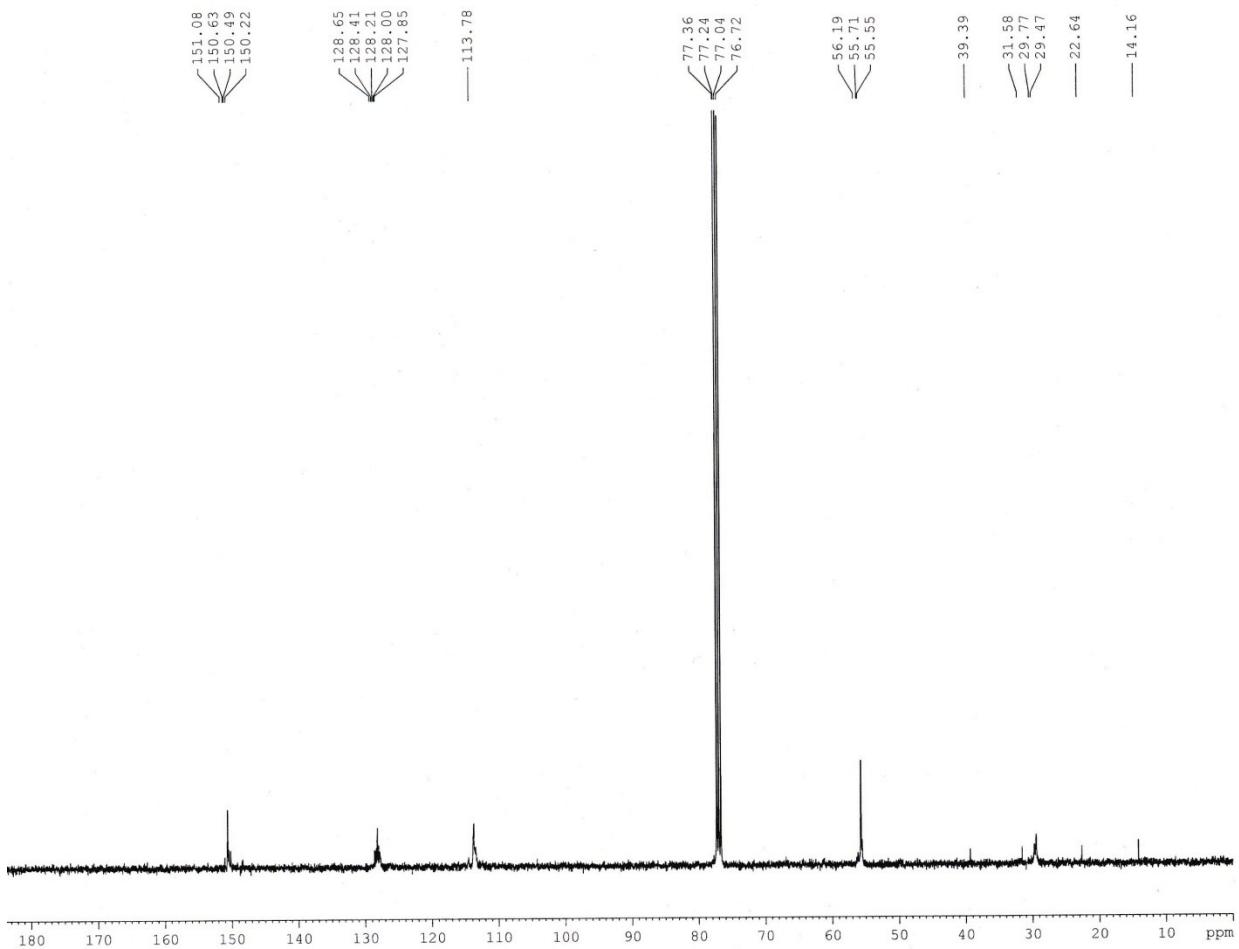
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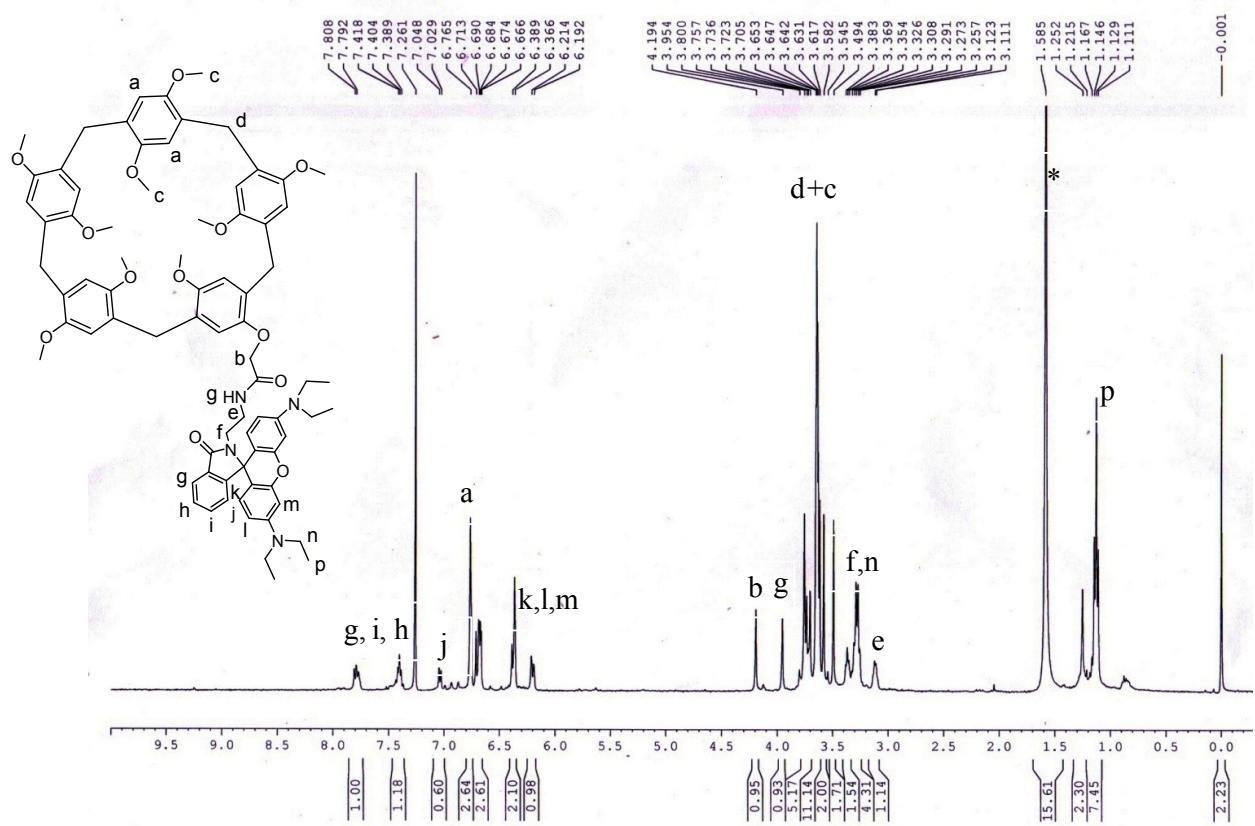
**Figure S5.** Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of compound (ESI MS) **4**. Assignment of the main peak:  $m/z$  846.45 [ $M + \text{Na}$ ]<sup>+</sup> (40%).



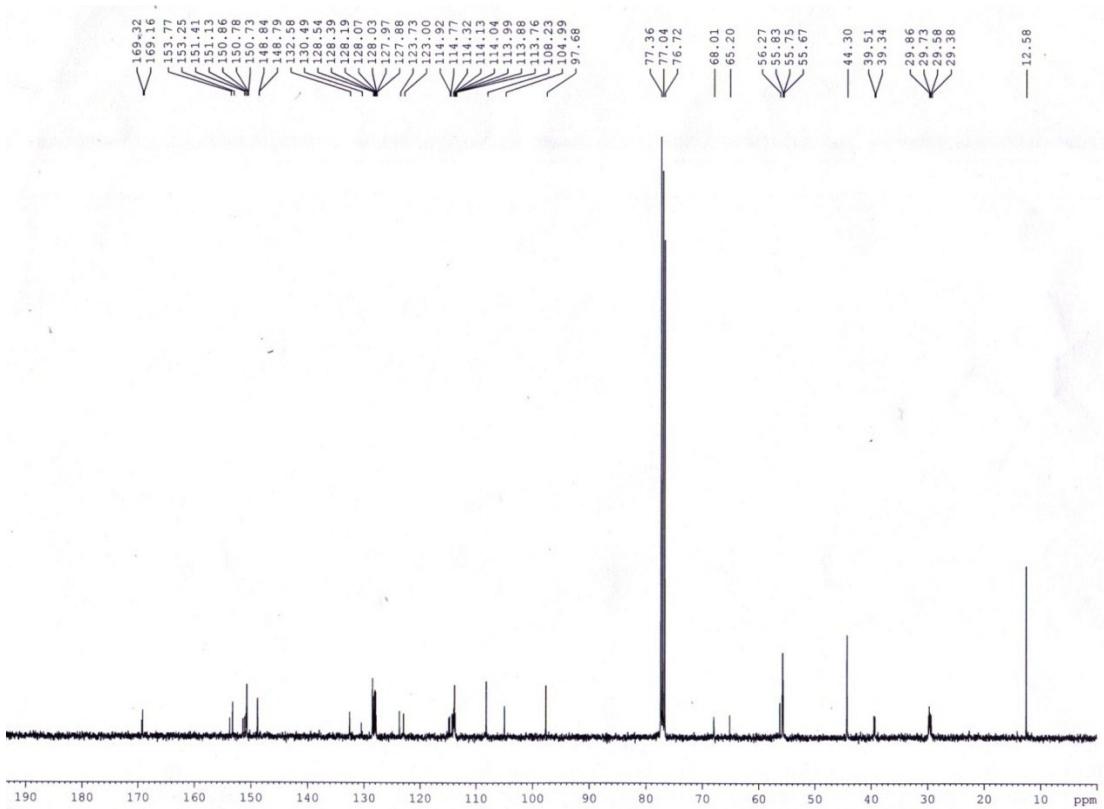
**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **5** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (\* Represents the appearance of peak due to  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ ).



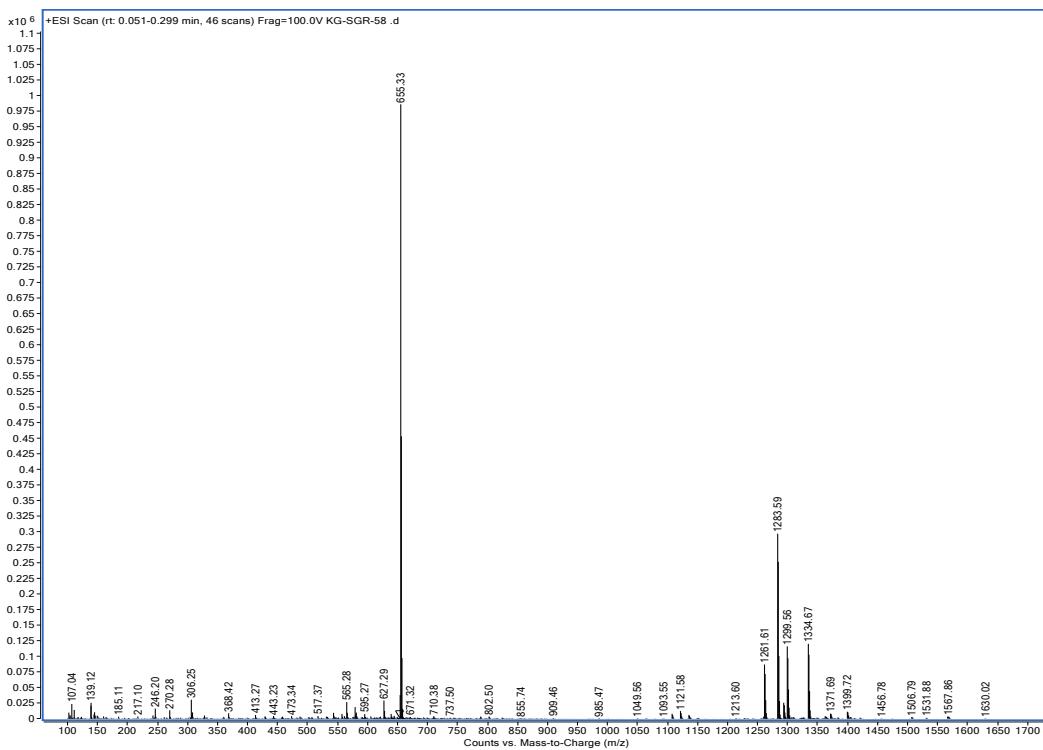
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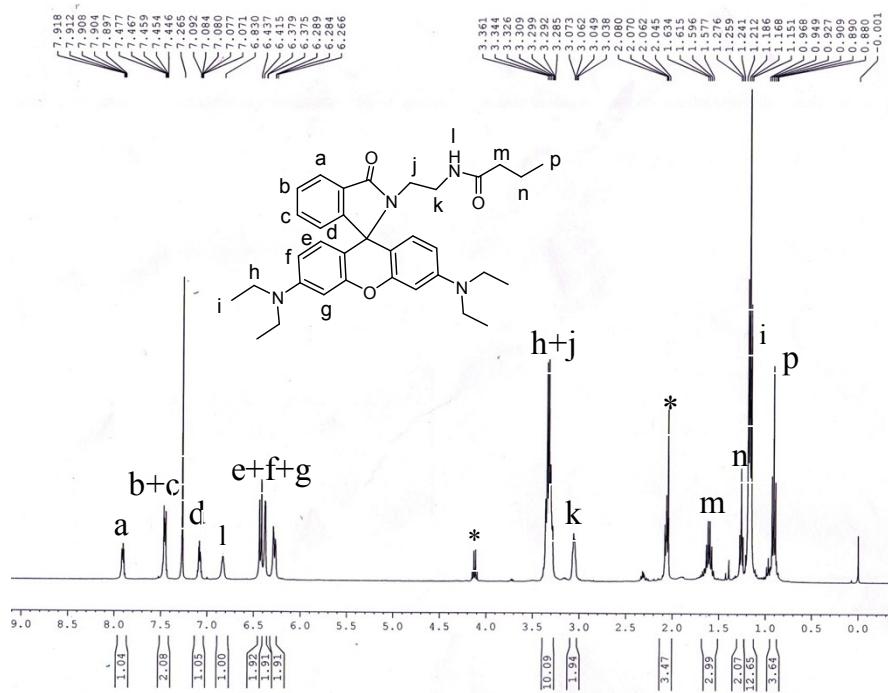
**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of receptor **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (\* Represents the appearance of peak due to  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ).



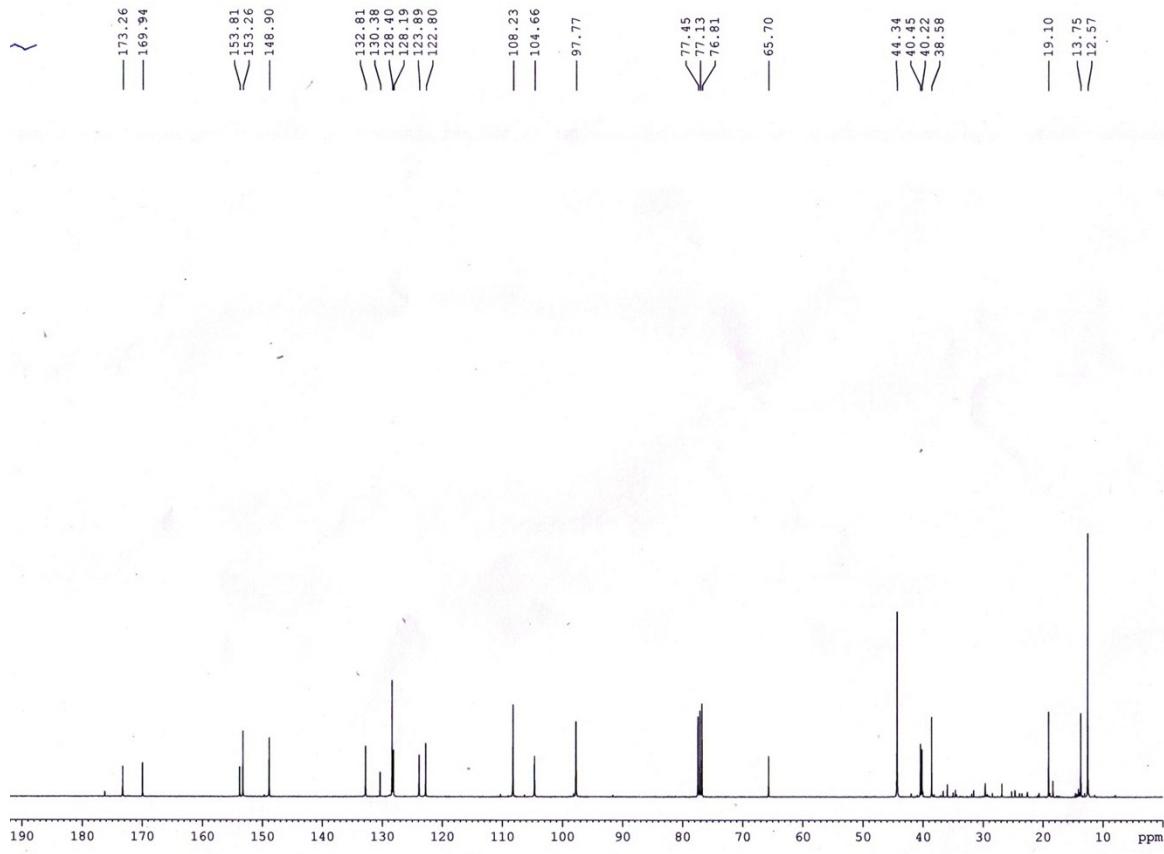
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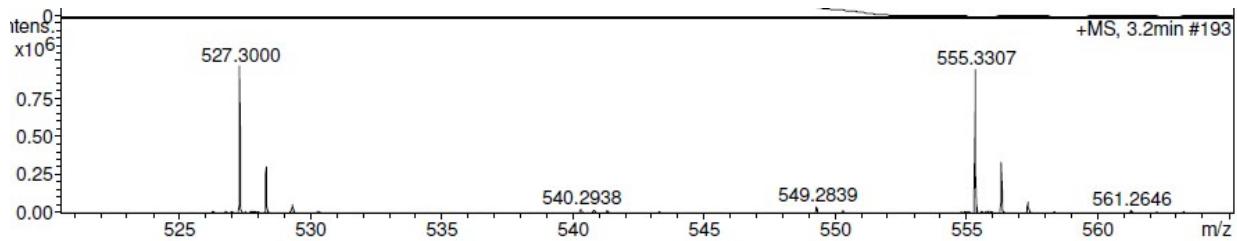
**Figure S10.** ESI MS of receptor **1**. Assignment of the main peak:  $m/z$  1283.59 [ $M + Na$ ]<sup>+</sup> (30%).



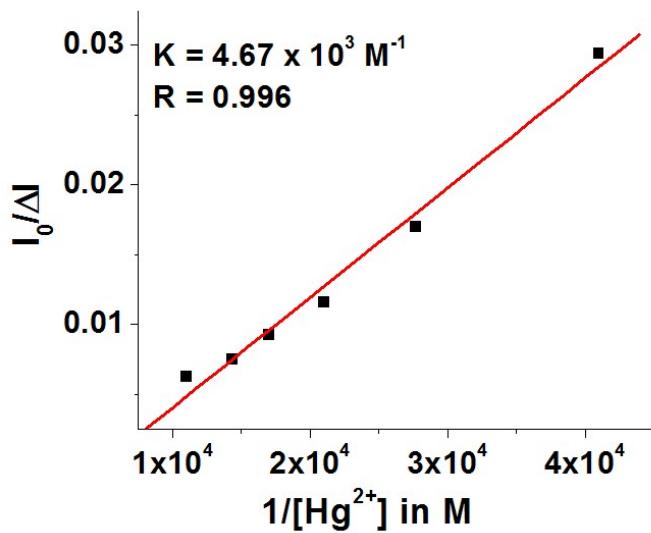
**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of receptor **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



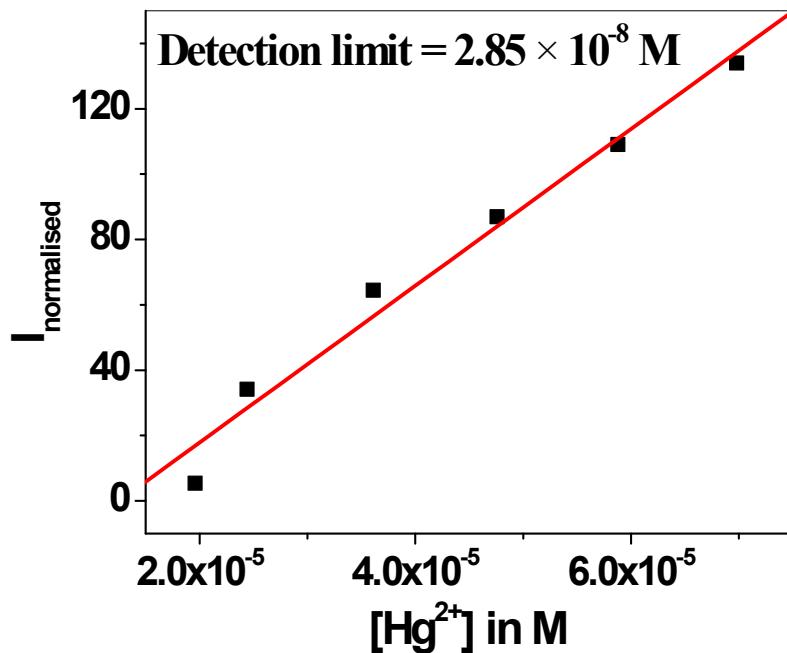
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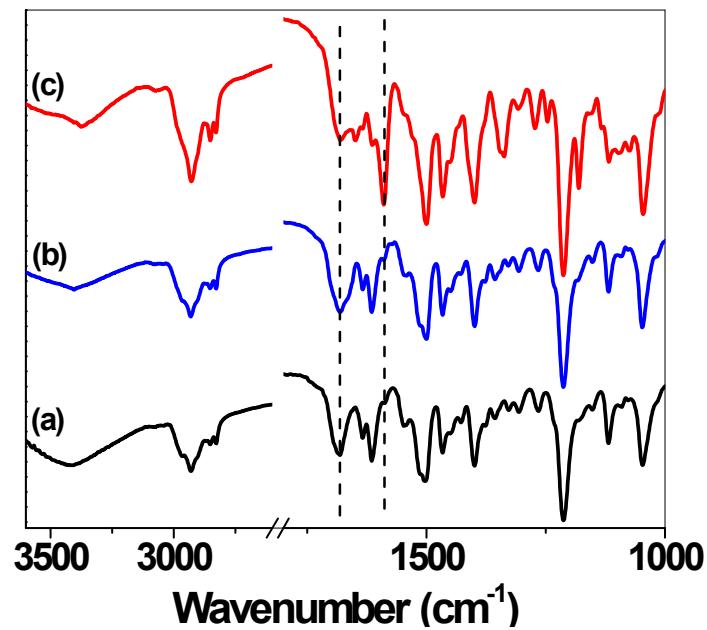
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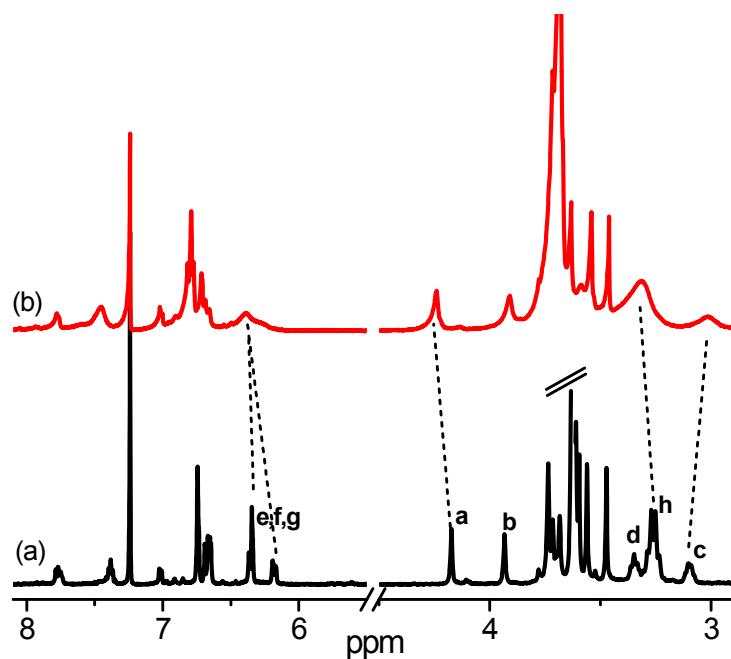
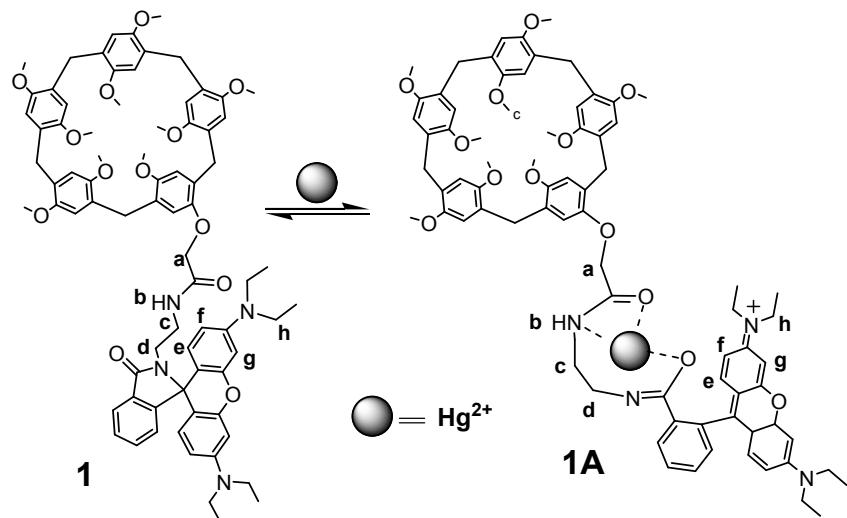
**Figure S14.** UV-Vis Benesi-Hilderband plot for receptor 1 with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  ( $[\text{H}] = [\text{G}] = 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ).



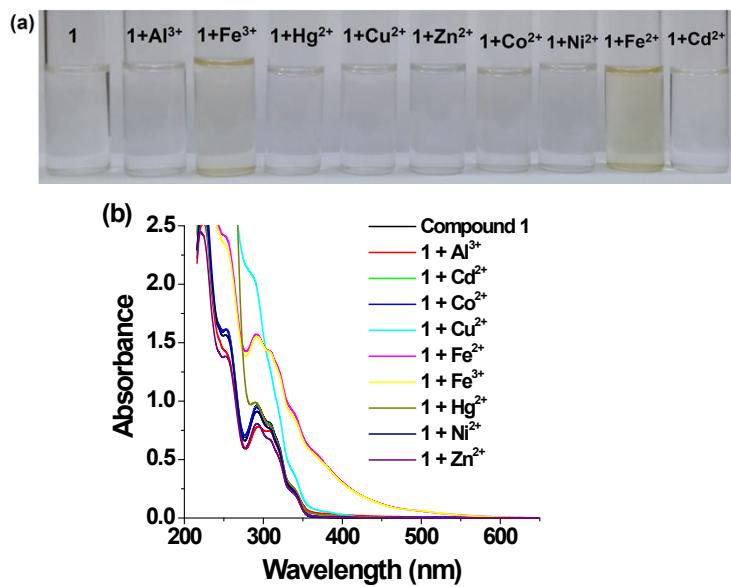
**Figure S15.** Linear binding constant curve for receptor 1 ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ) with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ).



**Figure S16.** Partial IR spectrum of (a) receptor **1**, (b) receptor **1** in presence of equivalent amount of  $\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  and (c) receptor **1** in presence of equivalent amounts of  $\text{Hg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ .



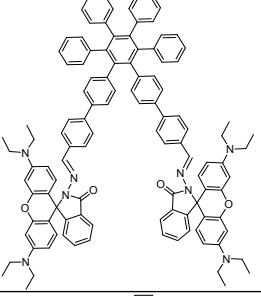
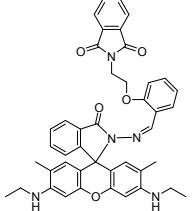
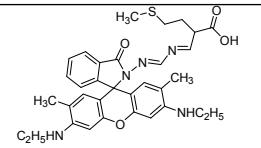
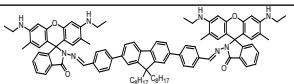
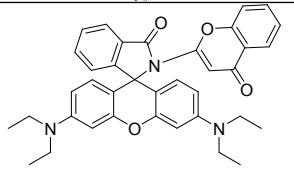
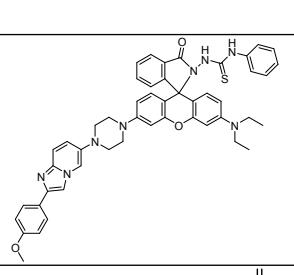
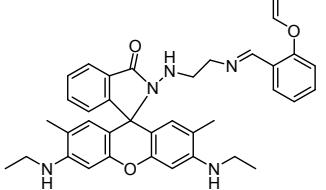
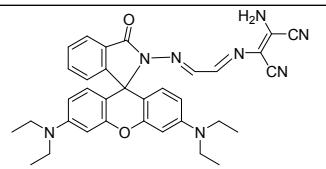
**Figure S17.** (a) Suggest mode of binding of receptor **1** with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ , and partial  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of receptor **1** ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$  M) (a) in absence and (b) presence of 1 equiv. of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  ion in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

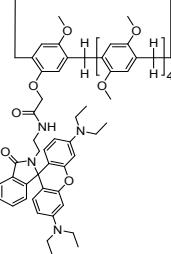


**Figure S18:** Color change of solution of compound **1** ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3:1, v/v, 10 mM Tris-HCl Buffer, pH = 6.5) after addition of 50 equiv. amounts of different metal ions (taken as perchlorate salt); (b) Change in absorption spectra of **1** ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon addition of 50 equiv. amounts of different metal ions in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3:1, v/v, 10 mM Tris-HCl Buffer, pH = 6.5).

**Table S1:** Reported Rhodamine-based structures in  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  sensing

Entry	Structure of compounds	Selectivity	Medium	Detection limit (M)	Ref.
1.		$\text{Hg}^{2+}$ ion	Water/ethanol (1:4, v/v, PBS buffer, pH 7)	$2.59 \times 10^{-9}$	1
2.		$\text{Hg}^{2+}$ ion	DMF– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, v/v, pH 7.2)	(1) $1.46 \times 10^{-8}$ (2) $1.69 \times 10^{-8}$ (3) $1.64 \times 10^{-7}$	2
3.		$\text{Hg}^{2+}$ and $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ion	EtOH/PBS buffer (1:1, v/v, pH 7.4)	$2.72 \times 10^{-6}$	3

4.		Hg <sup>2+</sup> ion	HEPES/CH <sub>3</sub> CN (1:1, pH 7.0)	1 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>	4
5		Hg <sup>2+</sup> ion	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O (7:3 v/v) in HEPES buffer at pH 7.2	1.62 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>	5
6.		Hg <sup>2+</sup> ion	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1, v/v, 10 mM, Tris-HCl buffer pH 7.04)	2.63 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	6
7.		Hg <sup>2+</sup> ion	DMF:H <sub>2</sub> O (2:8, v/v).	7.48 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>	7
8.		Dual detection of Al <sup>3+</sup> and Hg <sup>2+</sup> ion	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1, v/v; 10 mM HEPES buffer ; pH = 6.85	1.9 × 10 <sup>-7</sup> for Al <sup>3+</sup> ion and 1.26 × 10 <sup>-7</sup> ion for Hg <sup>2+</sup> ion	8
9.		Hg <sup>2+</sup> ion	PBS/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH (9/1, v/v)	9.1×10 <sup>-9</sup>	9
10.		Hg <sup>2+</sup> ion	CH <sub>3</sub> CN:H <sub>2</sub> O (3:7)	136×10 <sup>-7</sup>	10
11.		Ga <sup>3+</sup> and Hg <sup>2+</sup> ion	methanol-HEP ES (1:1, v/v, pH 7.0)	6.34×10 <sup>-9</sup> for Hg <sup>2+</sup> 3.52 ×10 <sup>-9</sup> for Ga <sup>3+</sup>	11

12.		Hg <sup>2+</sup> ion	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	2.85 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	Present work
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