

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Metal ions induced coordination and cyclization of crownether-based
bisindolylmaleimides: different fluorescent response and application
in complex logical operations**

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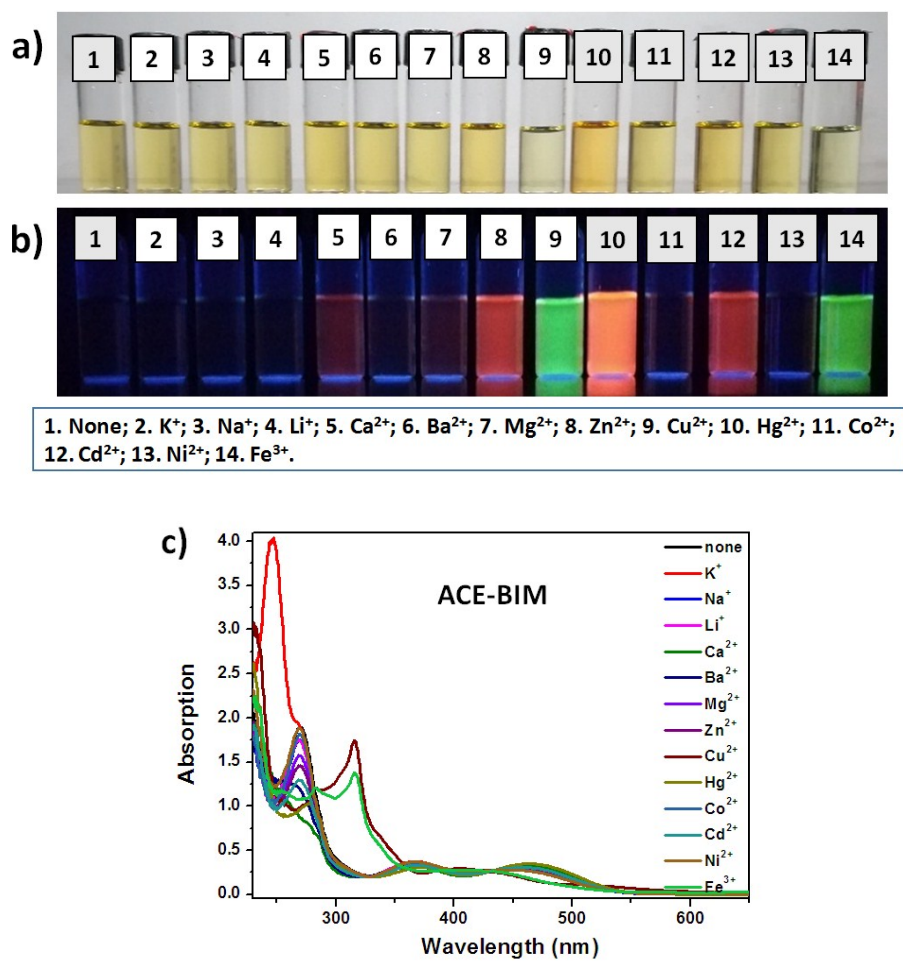


Fig. S1 ACE-BIM (5×10^{-5} M) in CH_3CN upon various metal ions (5 equiv): Photographs under visible light (a) and 365 nm of UV light (b); (c) Absorption spectra.

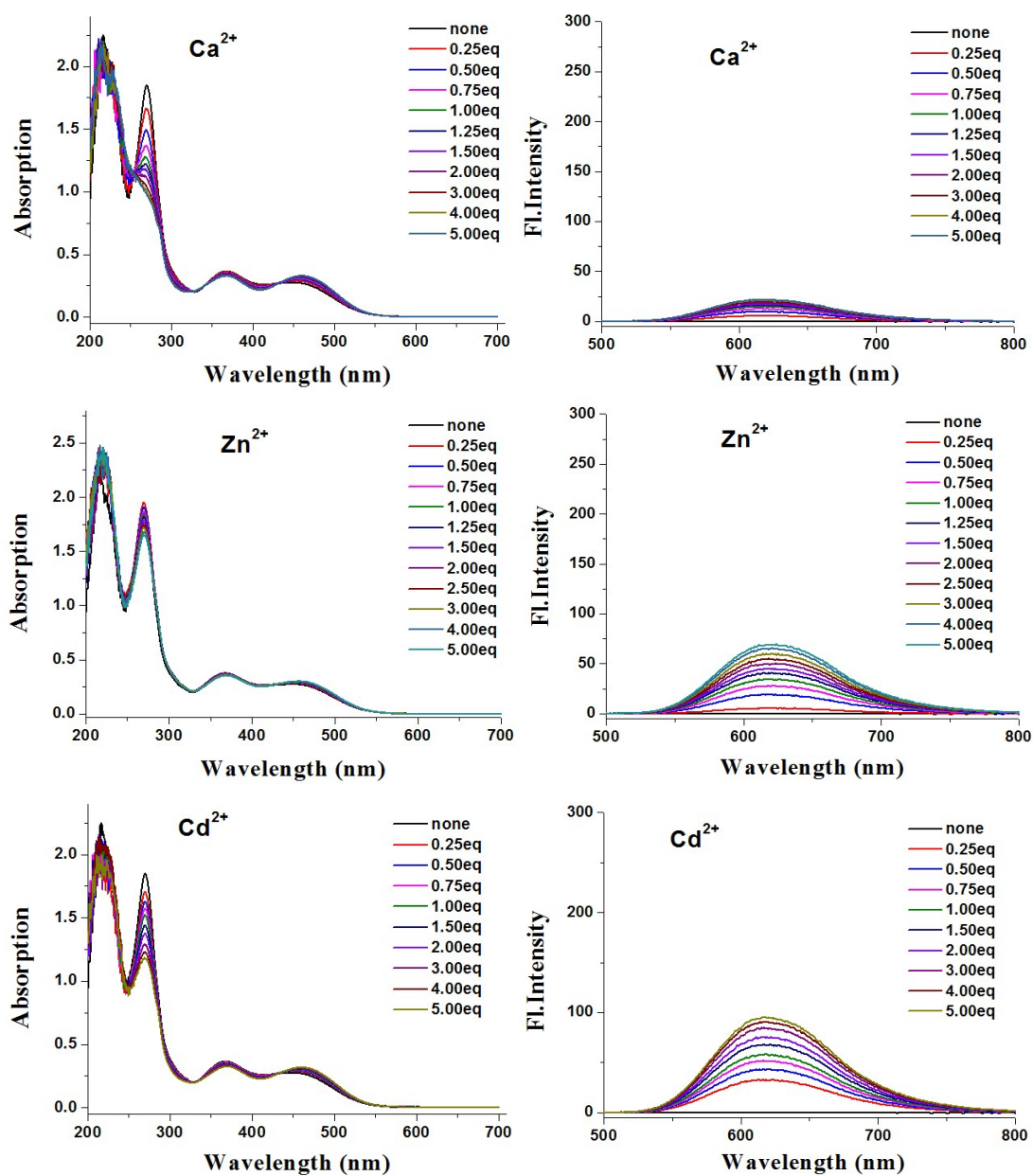


Fig. S2 Absorption (left) and emission (right) spectra of ACE-BIM (5×10^{-5} M) in CH_3CN upon titration with Ca^{2+} , Zn^{2+} and Cd^{2+} .

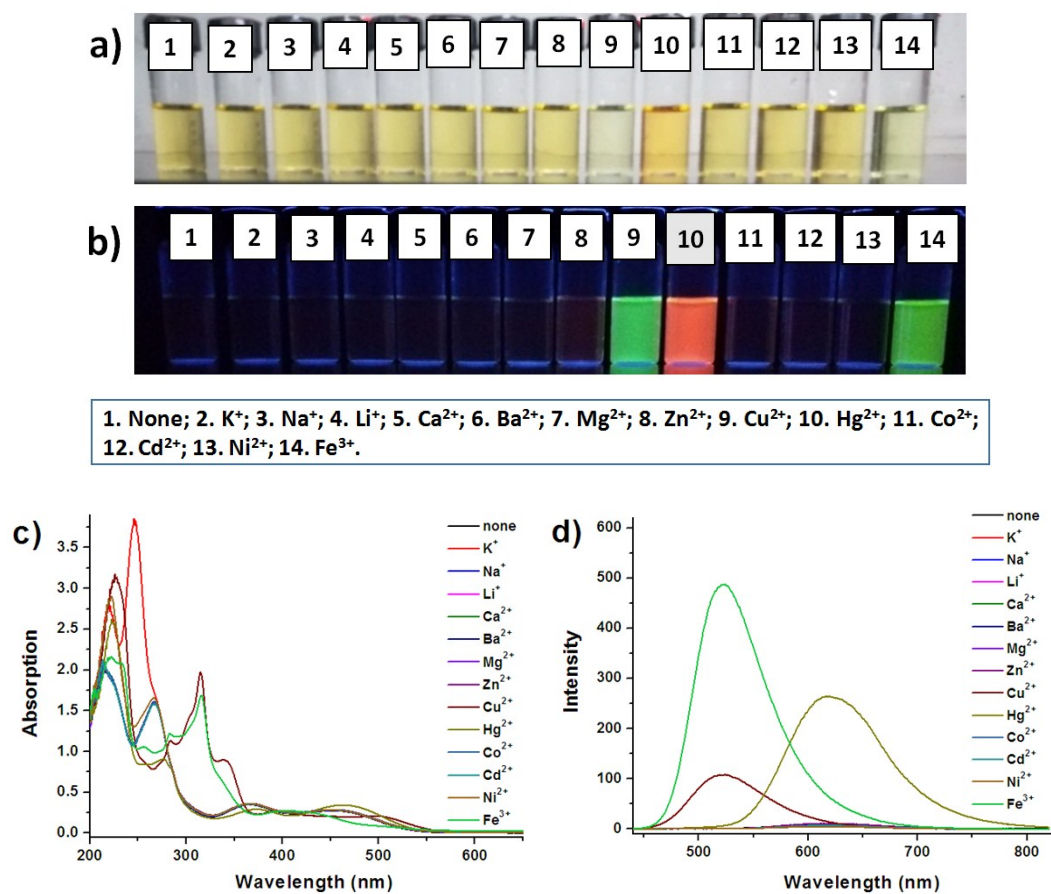


Fig. S3 AB-BIM in CH_3CN (5×10^{-5} M) upon various metal ions (5 equiv): Photographs under visible light (a) and 365 nm of UV light (b); Absorption (c) and emission (d) spectra.

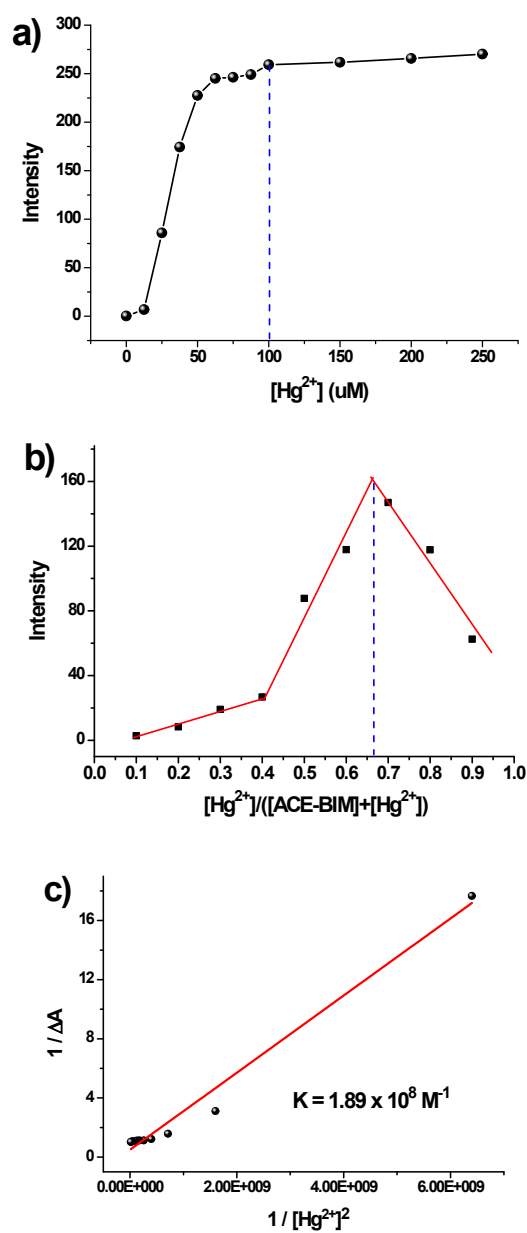
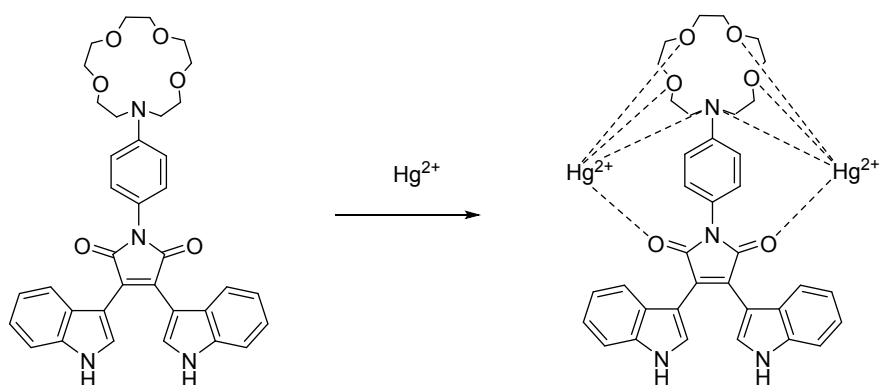


Fig. S4 (a) Changes of emission intensity at 618 nm of ACE-BIM ($5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) in CH_3CN upon titration of Hg^{2+} ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 425 \text{ nm}$). (b) Job's plots for the complexation of ACE-BIM and Hg^{2+} in CH_3CN constructed by monitoring the fluorescence intensity at 618 nm. (c) Linear fitting curve of Benesi-Hildebrand for determination of the binding constant K .



Scheme S1 Possible interaction of ACE-BIM with Hg^{2+} ion.



Fig. S5 Photographs of ACE-BIM and AB-BIM in CH_3CN upon titration of Cu^{2+} or Fe^{3+} ion under 365 nm of UV light.

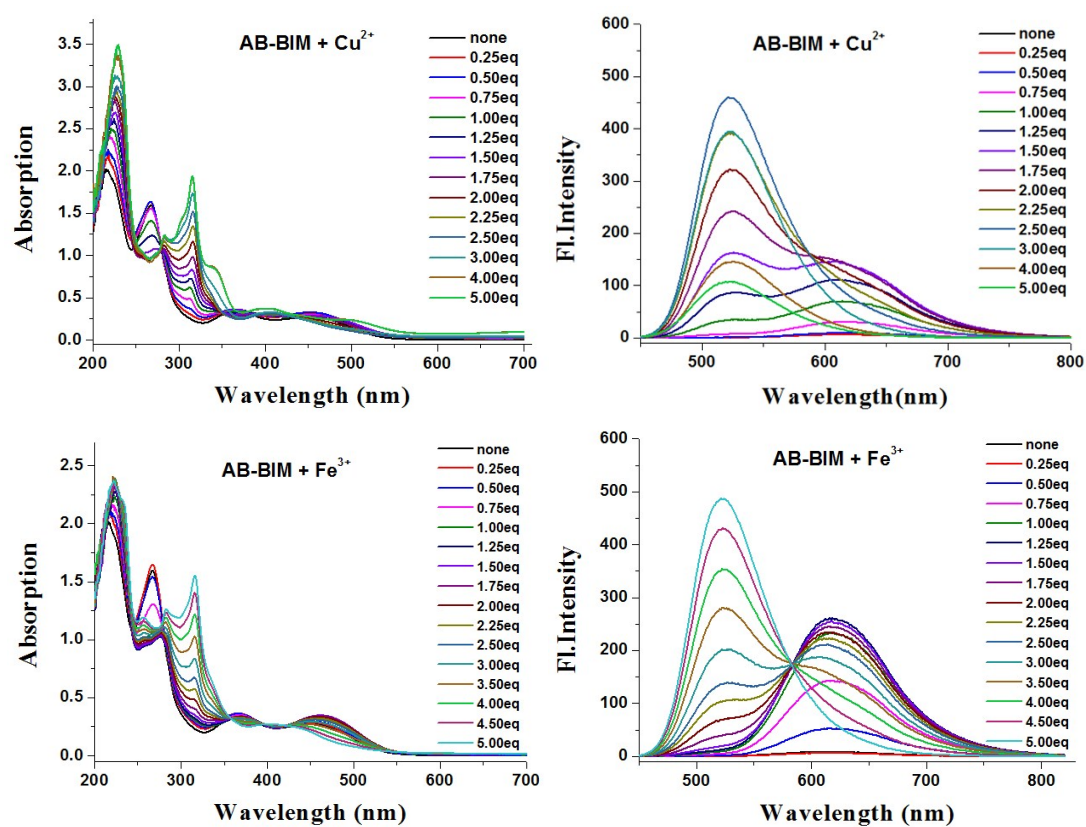


Fig. S6 Absorption (left) and emission (right) spectra of AB-BIM in CH₃CN (5×10^{-5} M) upon titration with Cu²⁺ (upper) and Fe³⁺ (bottom) ($\lambda_{ex} = 425$ nm).

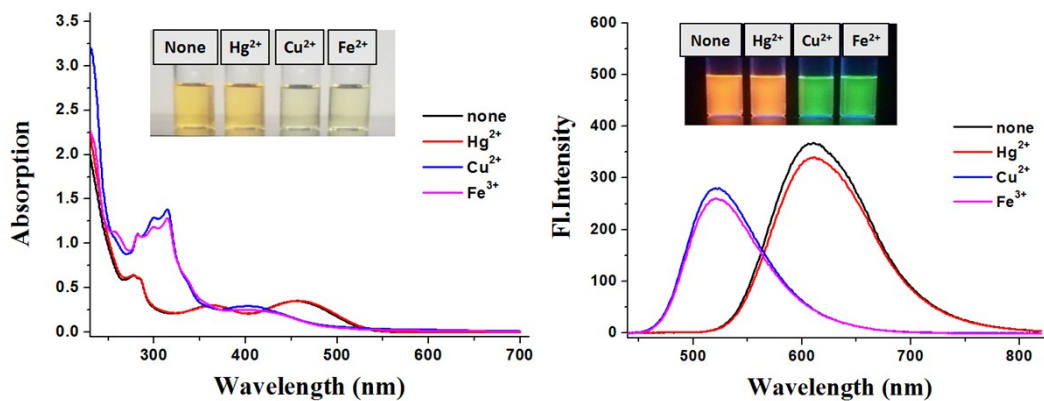


Fig. S7 Absorption (left) and emission (right) spectra of MB-BIM in CH₃CN (5 × 10⁻⁵ M) upon 5 equiv of Hg²⁺, Cu²⁺ and Fe³⁺ ions. Insert: photos of MB-BIM with Hg²⁺, Cu²⁺ and Fe³⁺ ions under sun light (left) and 365 nm of UV light.

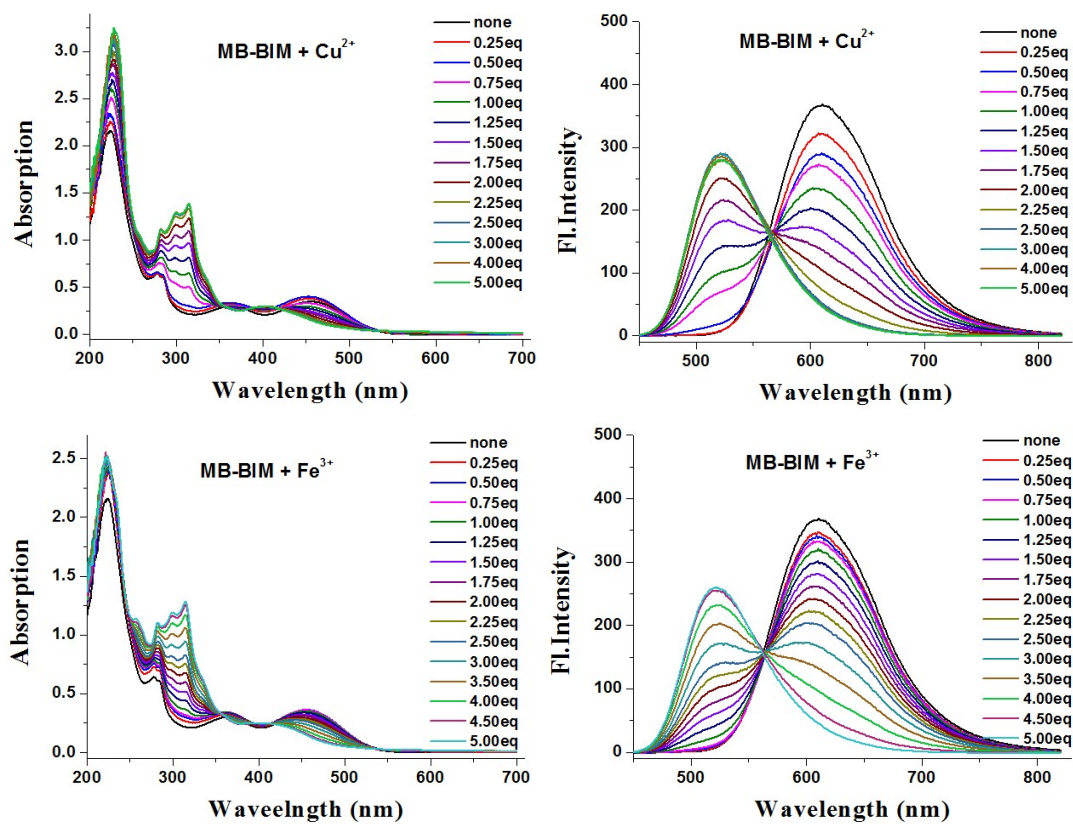
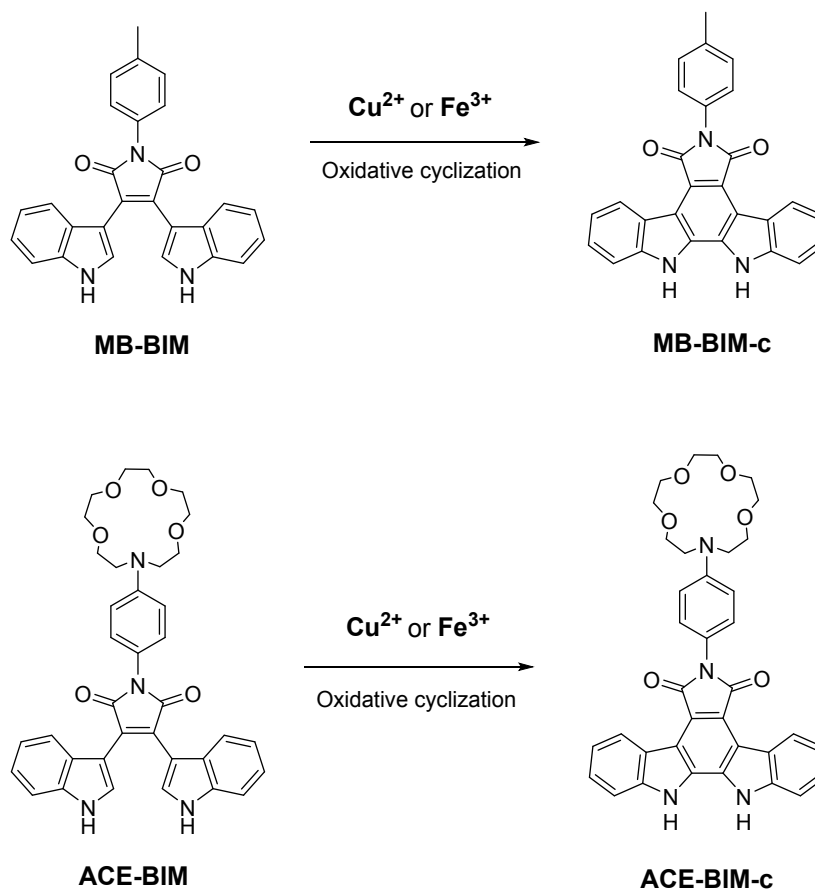


Fig. S8 Absorption (left) and emission (right) spectra of AB-BIM in CH_3CN (5×10^{-5} M) upon titration with Cu^{2+} (upper) and Fe^{3+} (bottom) ($\lambda_{ex} = 425$ nm).



Scheme S2 Oxidative cyclization of MB-BIM and ACE-BIM.

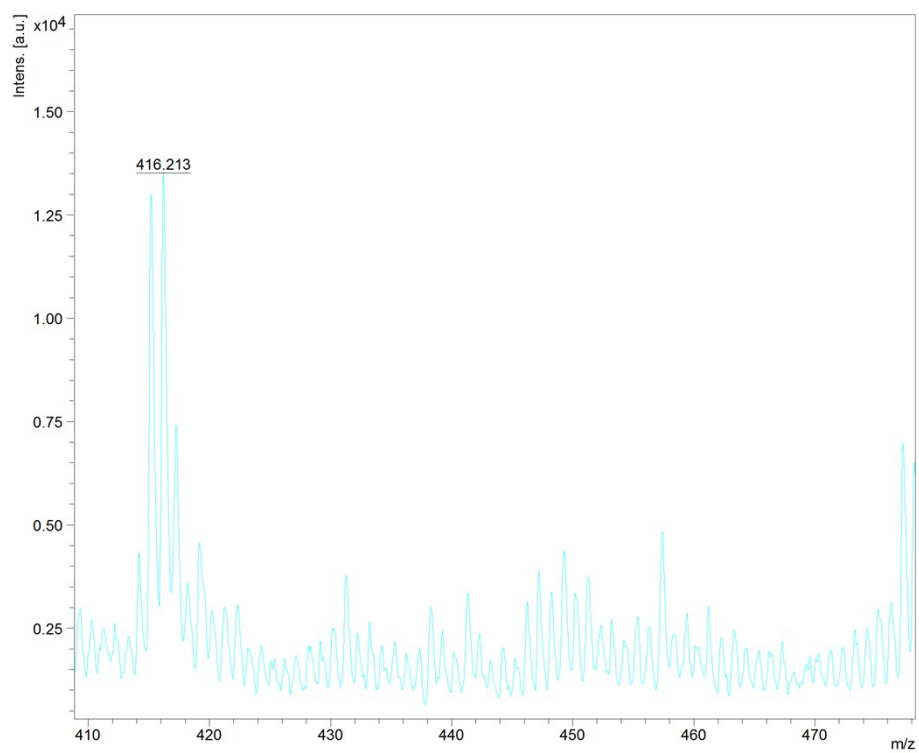
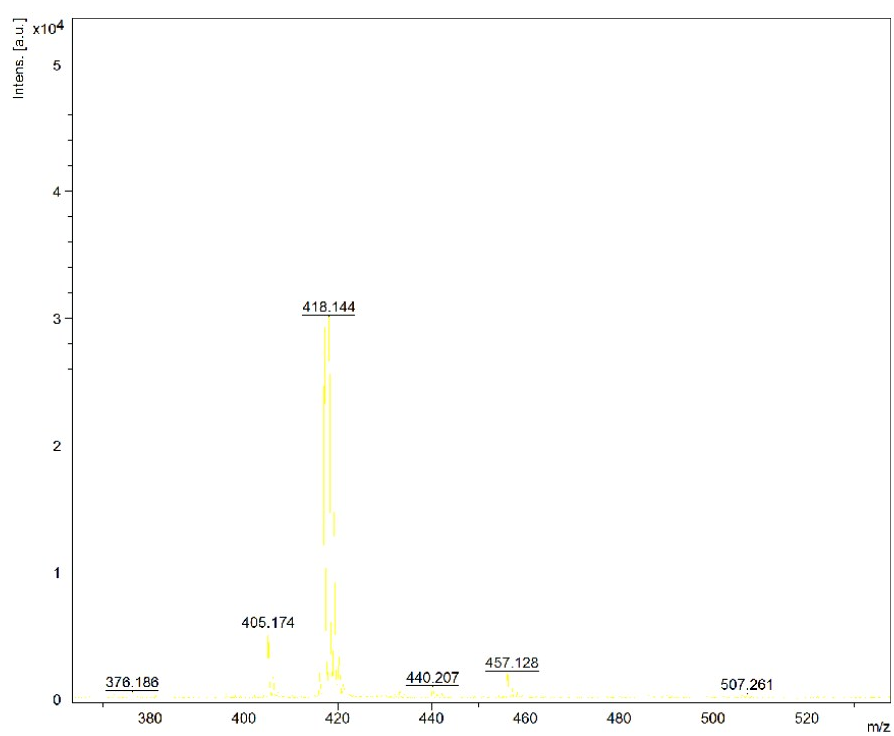
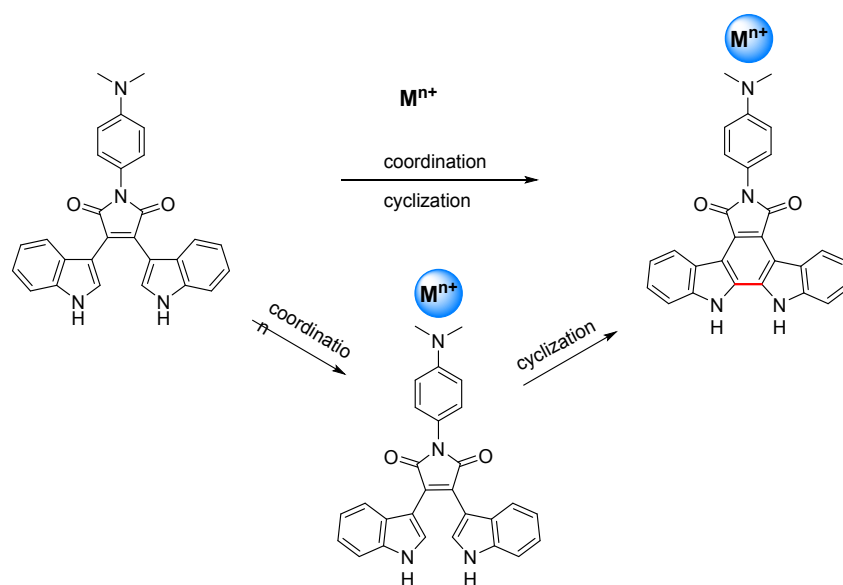


Fig. S9 MALDI-TOF MS of MB-BIM (upper) and MB-BIM-c (bottom).



Scheme S3 Possible interaction mechanism of AB-BIM with Cu^{2+} and Fe^{3+} ($M^{n+} = \text{Cu}^{2+}$ or Fe^{3+}).

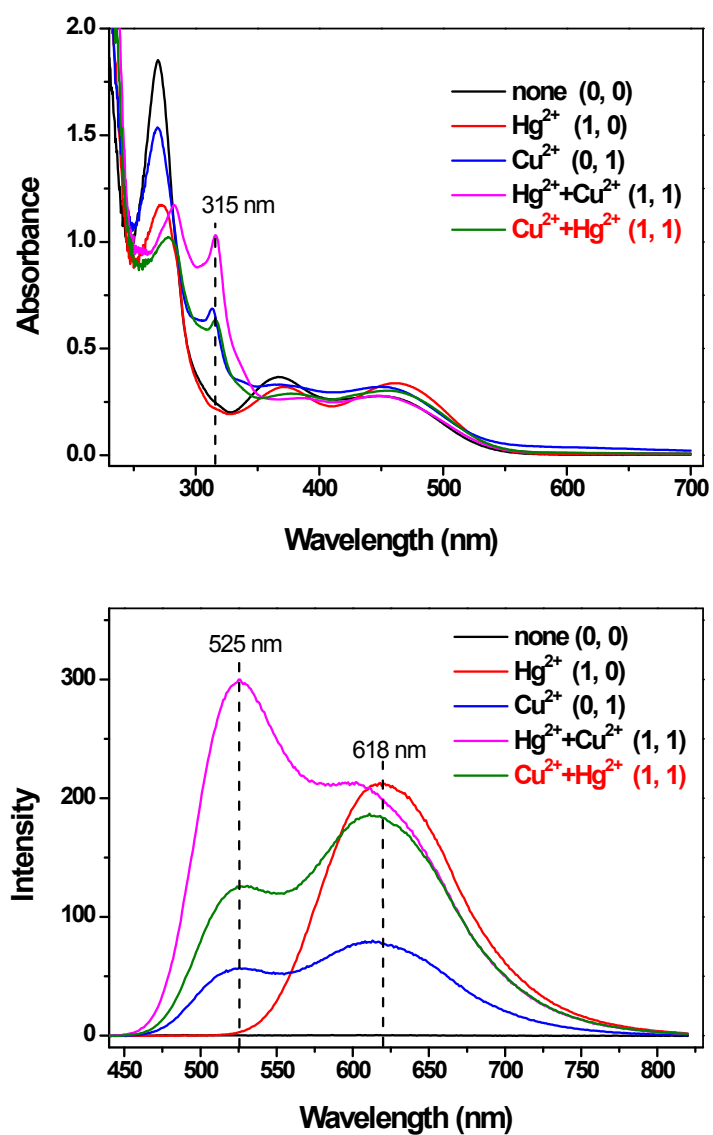


Fig. S10 Absorption (upper) and emission (bottom) spectra of ACE-BIM in CH₃CN (5×10^{-5} M) under different combination conditions of two inputs (1 equiv of Hg²⁺ and Cu²⁺).

Table S1 Truth table for molecular 2-to-4 decoder base on ACE-BIM with two inputs (1 equiv Hg^{2+} and Cu^{2+}).

In1 (Hg²⁺)	In2 (Cu²⁺)	<i>$I_{E,618}$</i>	<i>$I_{A,315}$</i>	O1 (0, 0)	O2 (0, 1)	O3 (1, 0)	O4 (1, 1)
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1

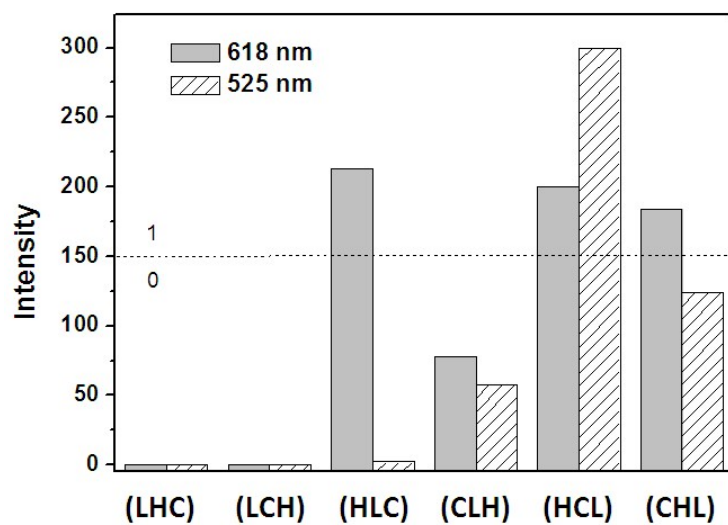


Fig. S11 Outputs ($I_{E,618}$ and $I_{E,525}$) of molecular keypad lock based on ACE-BIM in response to three inputs (H = Hg^{2+} , C = Cu^{2+} , and L = light excitation).

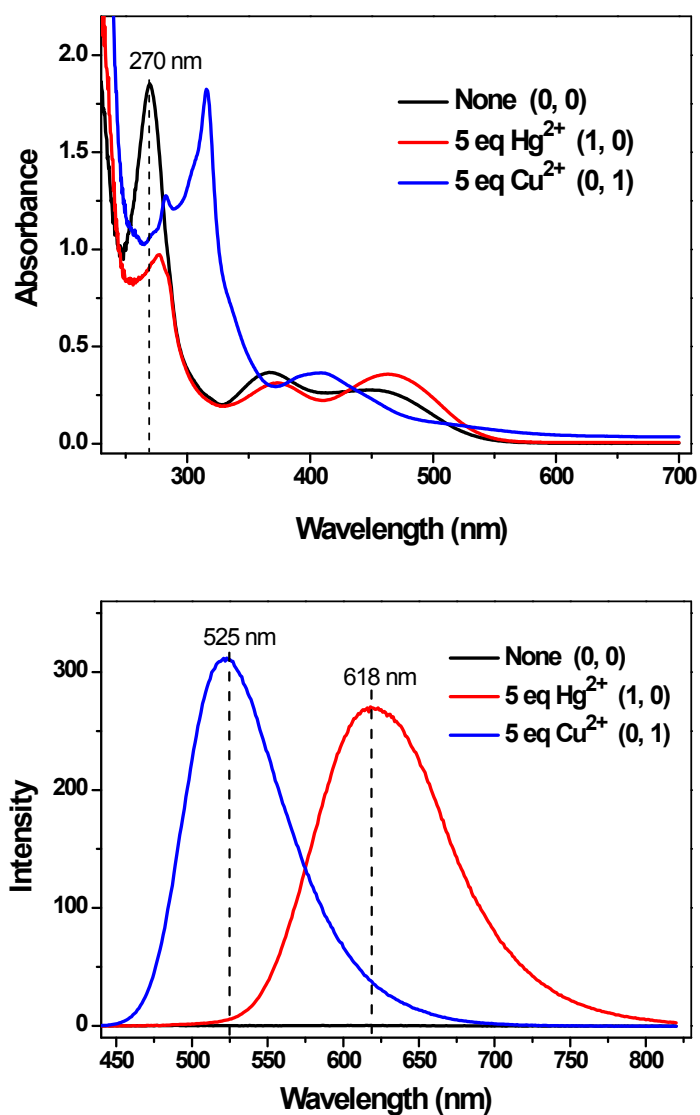


Fig. S12 Absorption (upper) and emission (bottom) spectra of ACE-BIM in CH₃CN (5 × 10⁻⁵ M) under different combination conditions of two inputs (5 equiv of Hg²⁺ and Cu²⁺).

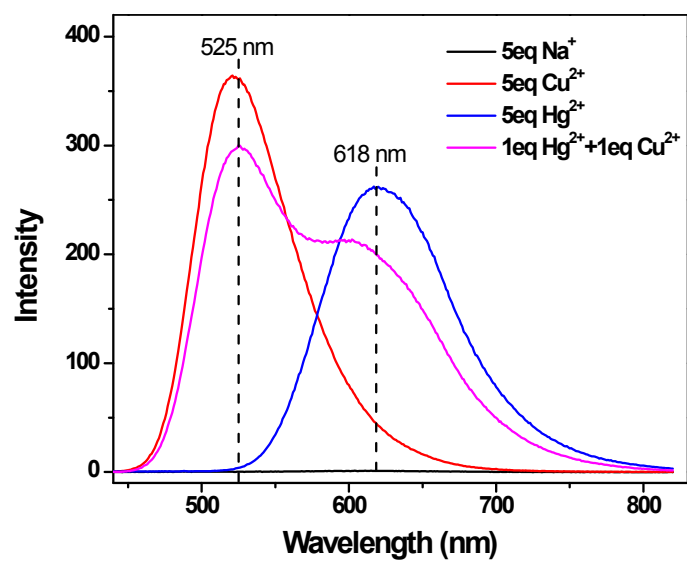


Fig. S13 Emission spectra of ACE-BIM in CH₃CN (5 × 10⁻⁵ M) under four different inputs (5 equiv of Na⁺, Hg²⁺ and Cu²⁺ and 1 equiv of Hg²⁺/Cu²⁺).

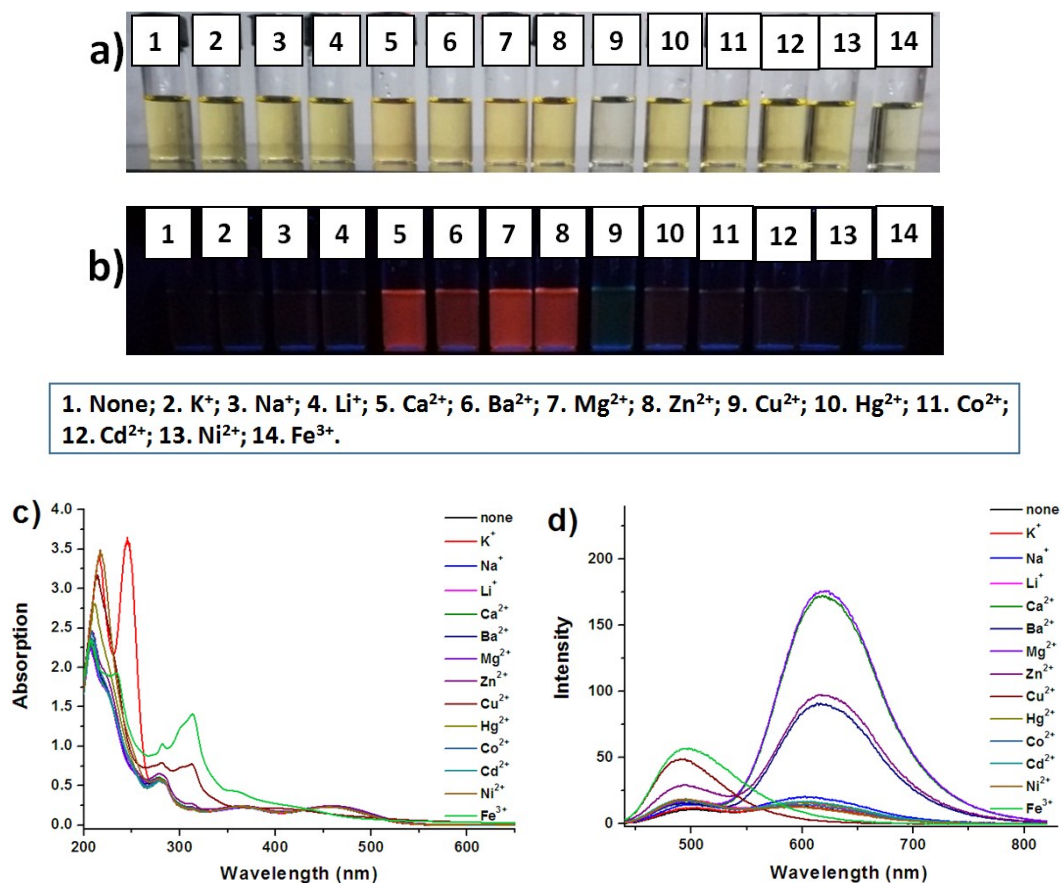
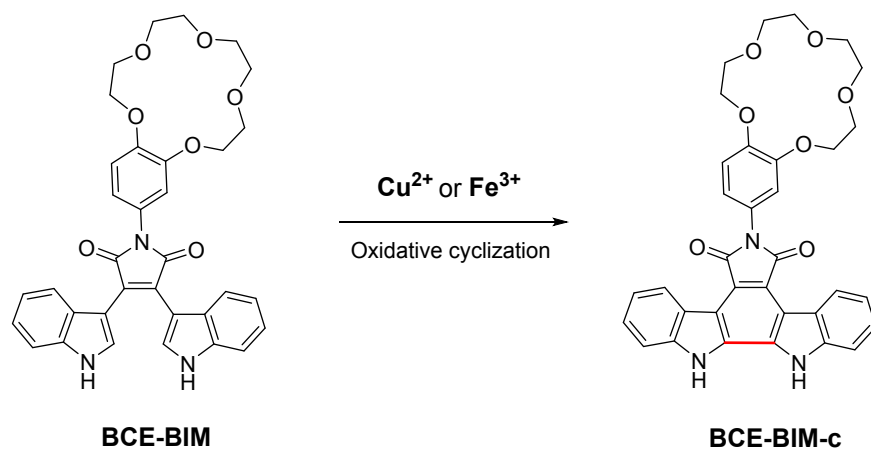


Fig. S14 BCE-BIM in CH_3CN ($5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) upon various metal ions (5 equiv): Photographs under visible light (a) and 365 nm of UV light (b); Absorption (c) and emission (d) spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 425 \text{ nm}$).



Scheme S4 Oxidative cyclization of BCE-BIM to give BCE-BIM-c.

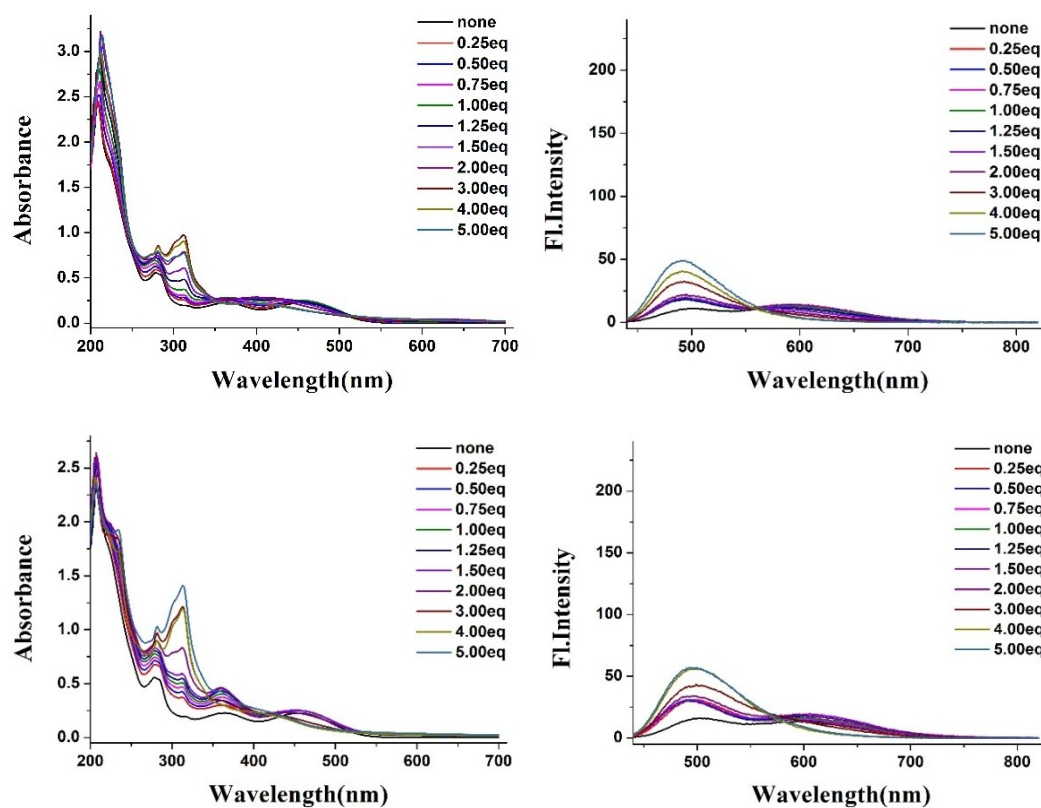


Fig. S15 Absorption (left) and emission (right) spectra of BCE-BIM in CH_3CN (5×10^{-5} M) upon titration with Cu^{2+} (upper) and Fe^{3+} (bottom) ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 425$ nm).

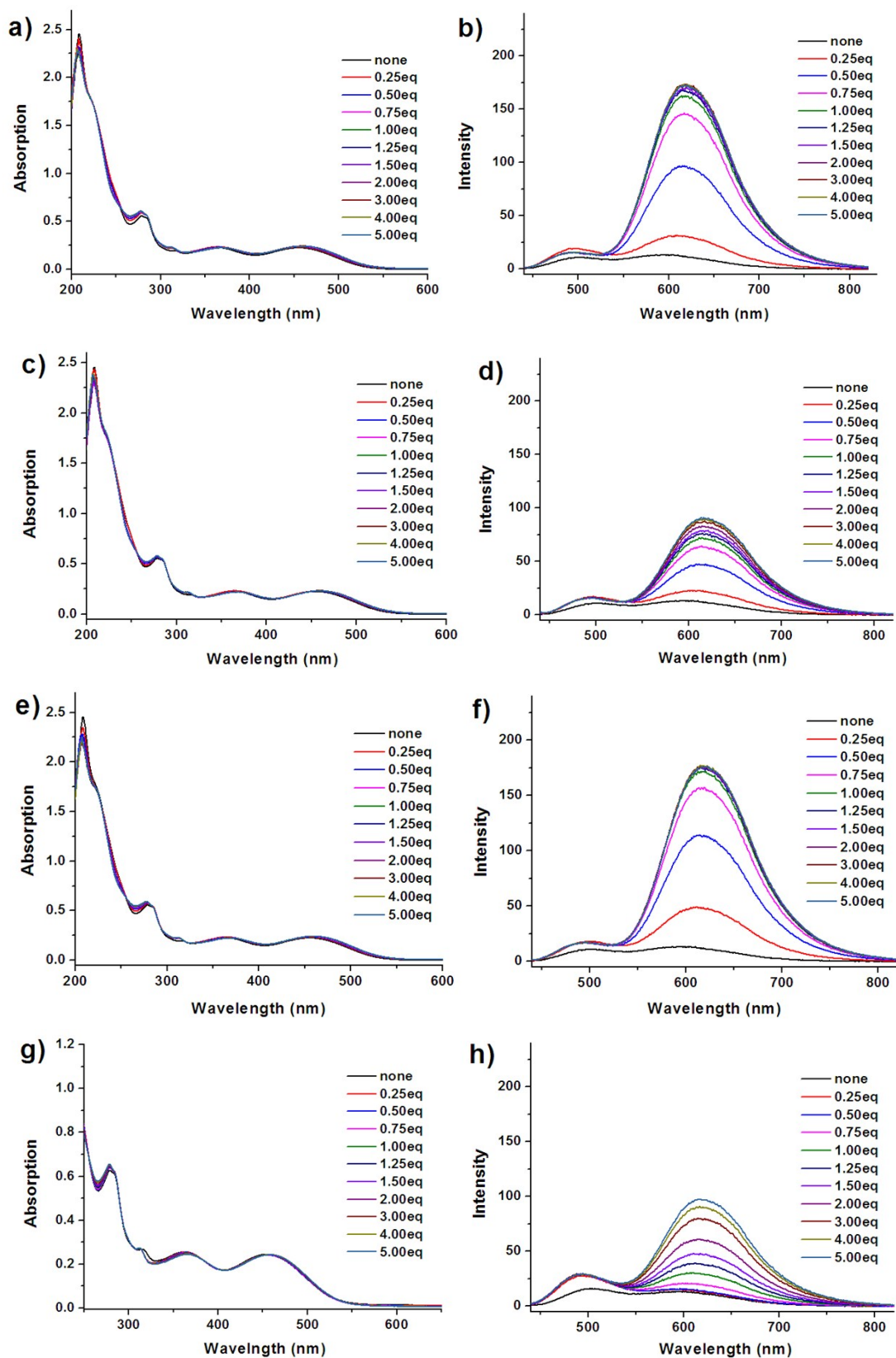


Fig. S16 Absorption (a, c, e, g) and emission (b, d, f, h) spectra of BCE-BIM in CH_3CN (5×10^{-5} M) upon titration with Ca^{2+} (a, b), Ba^{2+} (c, d), Mg^{2+} (e, f) and Zn^{2+} (g, h) ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 425$ nm).

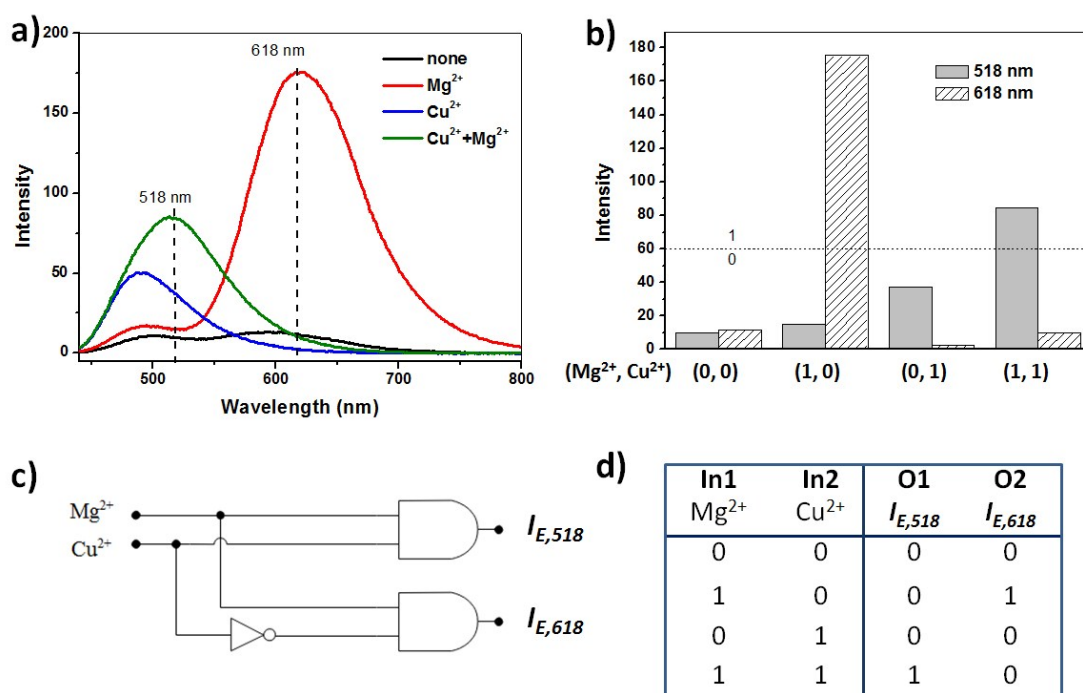


Fig. S17 Emission spectra (a) and outputs of $I_{E,518}$ and $I_{E,618}$ (b) of BCE-BIM in CH_3CN ($5 \times 10^{-5}\text{M}$) under different combination conditions of two inputs (5 equiv of Mg^{2+} and Cu^{2+}). Circuit symbols (c) and truth table (d) of 1:2 demultiplexer.

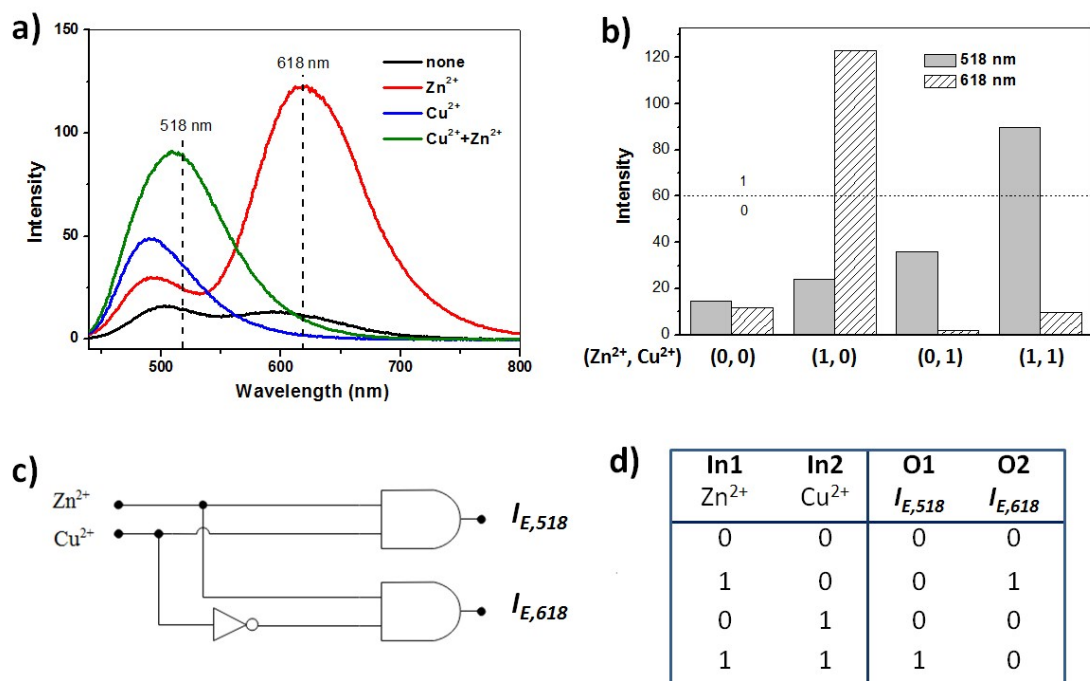
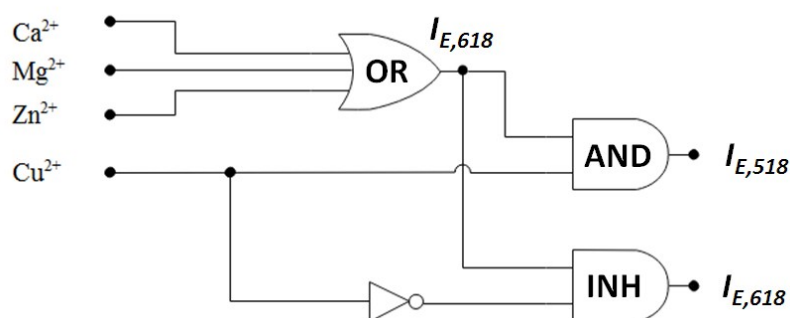


Fig. S18 Emission spectra (a) and outputs of $I_{E,518}$ and $I_{E,618}$ (b) of BCE-BIM in CH₃CN (5×10^{-5} M) under different combination conditions of two inputs (5 equiv of Zn²⁺ and Cu²⁺). Circuit symbols (c) and truth table (d) of 1:2 demultiplexer.

Table S2 Truth table for combinatorial logic operations based on BCE-BIM with four-input and two-output (Threshold value of 60).



Entry	In1 (Ca^{2+})	In2 (Mg^{2+})	In3 (Zn^{2+})	In4 (Cu^{2+})	O1 ($I_{E,518}$)	O2 ($I_{E,618}$)
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	0	0	0	1
3	0	1	0	0	0	1
4	0	0	1	0	0	1
5	0	0	0	1	0	0
6	1	1	0	0	0	1
7	1	0	1	0	0	1
8	1	0	0	1	1	0
9	0	1	1	0	0	1
10	0	1	0	1	1	0
11	0	0	1	1	1	0
12	1	1	1	0	0	1
13	1	1	0	1	1	0
14	1	0	1	1	1	0
15	0	1	1	1	1	0
16	1	1	1	1	1	0

Table S3 Truth table for combinatorial logic operations based on BCE-BIM with four-input and four-output (Threshold value of 35).

Entry	In1 (Ca ²⁺)	In2 (Mg ²⁺)	In3 (Zn ²⁺)	In4 (Cu ²⁺)	O1 (<i>I_{E,540}</i>)	O2 (<i>I_{E,618}</i>)	O3 (<i>I_{E,560}</i>)	O4 (<i>I_{E,490}</i>)
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
4	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
6	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
7	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
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9	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
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11	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
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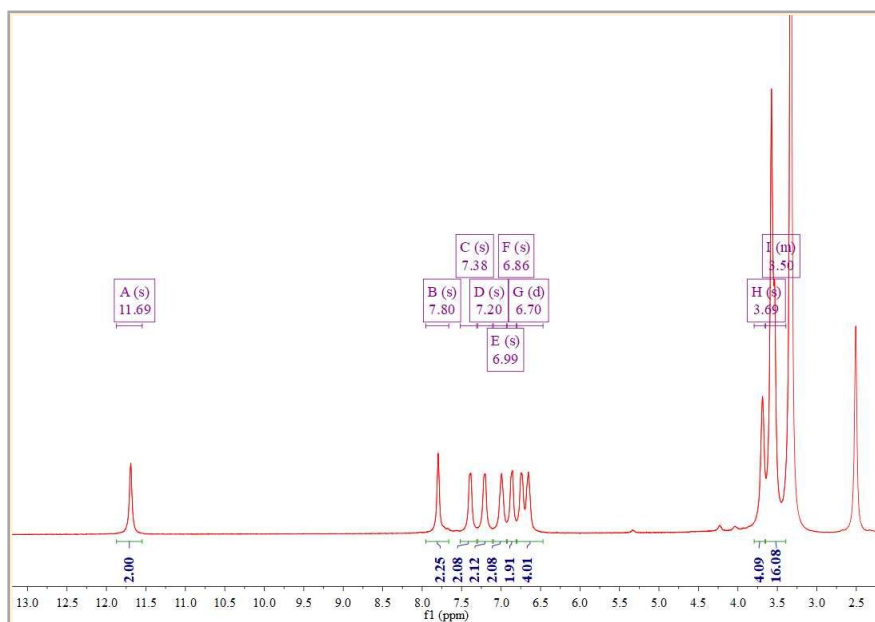


Fig. S19 ¹H NMR spectrum of ACE-BIM

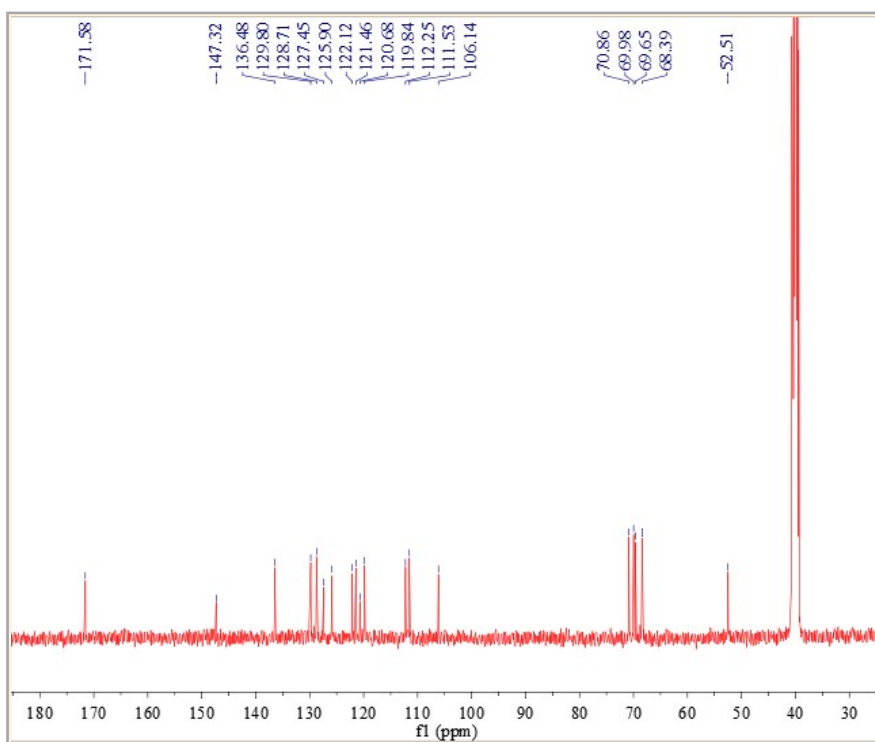


Fig. S20 ¹³C NMR spectrum of ACE-BIM

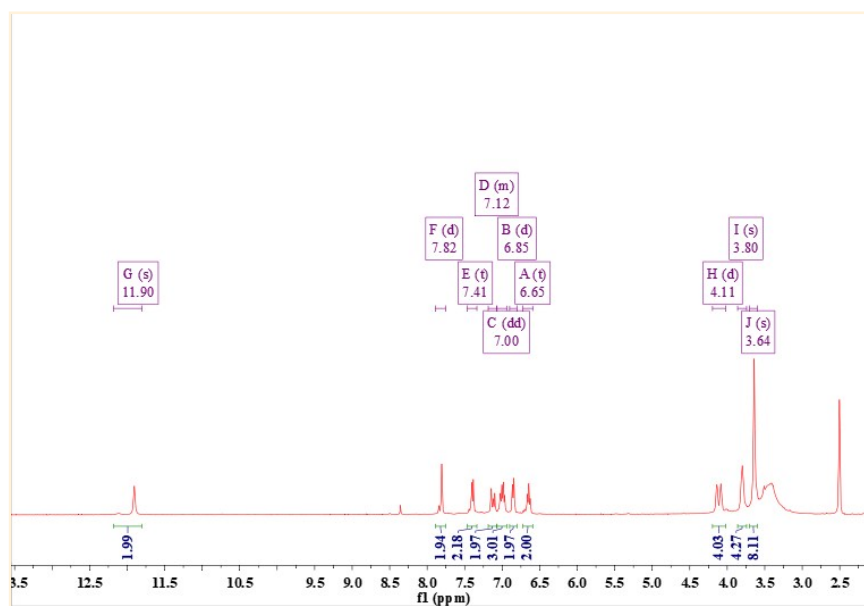


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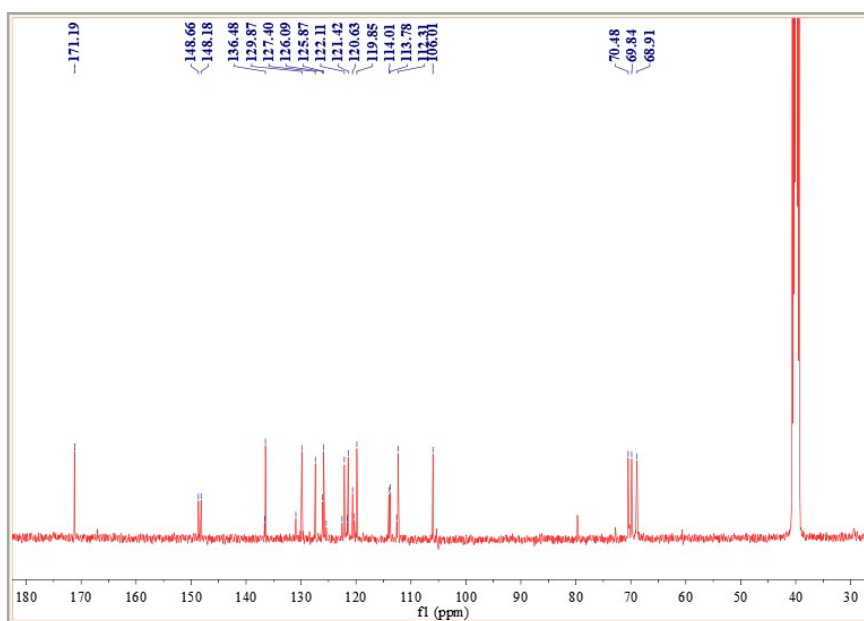


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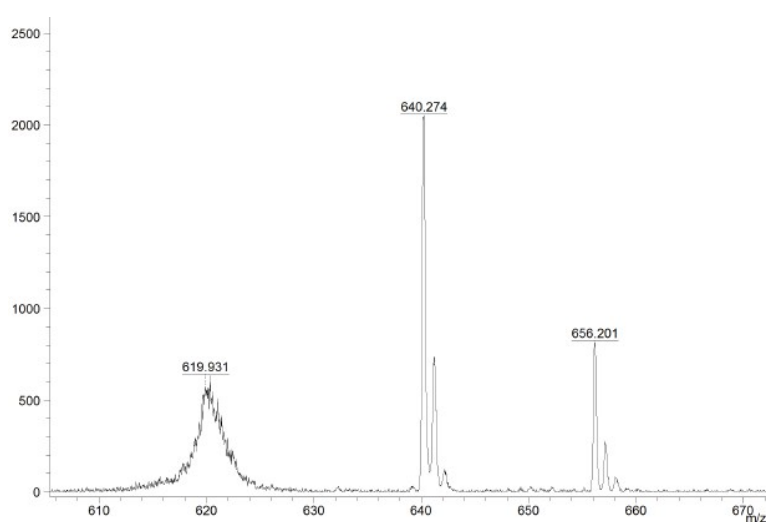
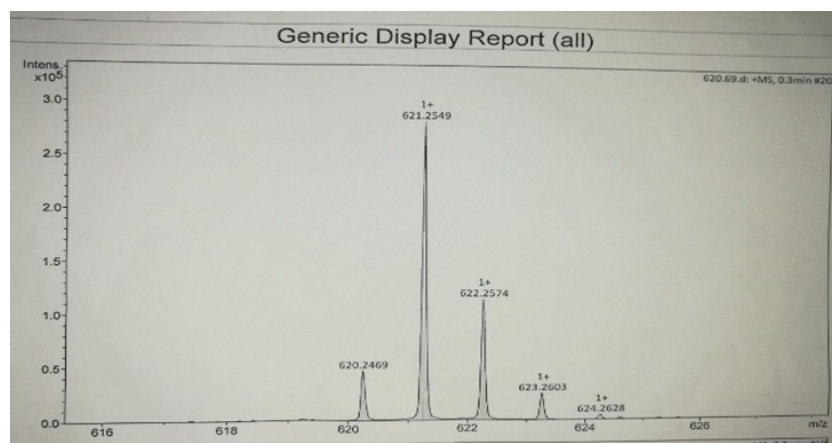


Fig. S23 MALDI-TOF MS of ACE-BIM (upper) and ACE-BIM-c (bottom).

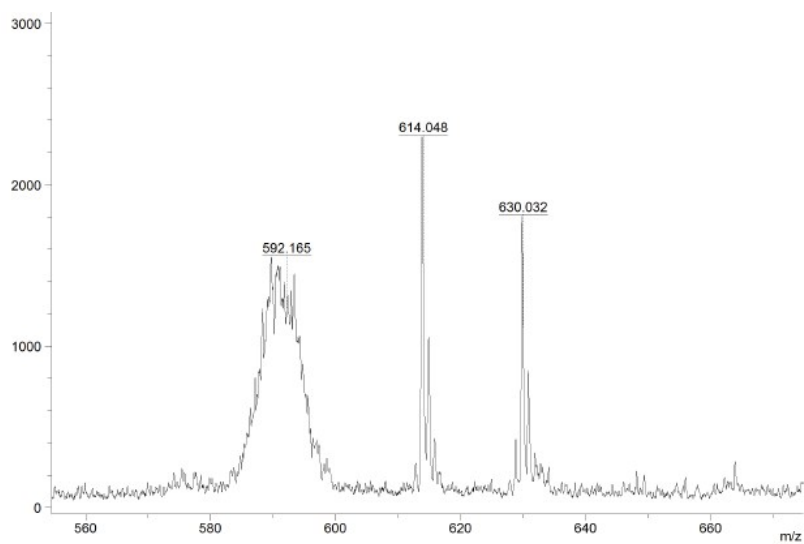
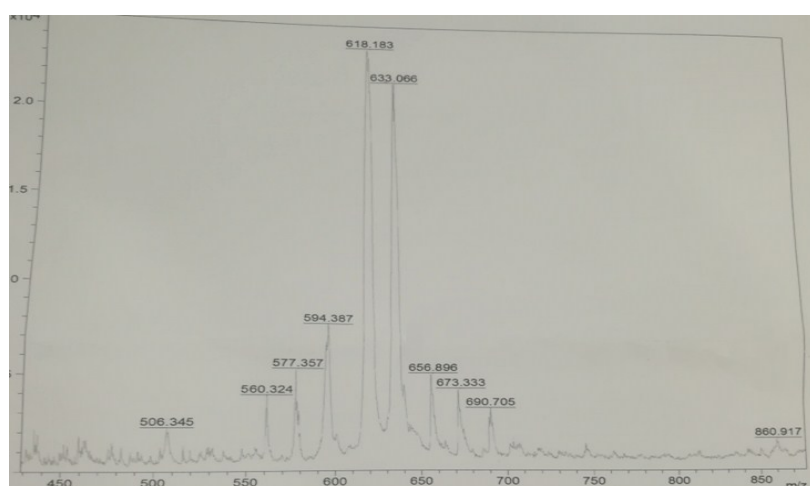


Fig. S24 MALDI-TOF MS of BCE-BIM (upper) and BCE-BIM-c (bottom).