

# Ion pair receptors based on anion- $\pi$ interaction

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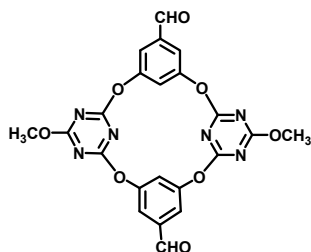
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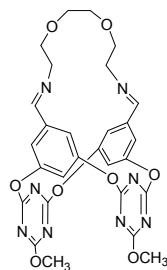
## 1. General Information

$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a 300MHz NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm versus tetramethylsilane with either tetramethylsilane or the residual solvent resonance used as an internal standard. Melting points are uncorrected. All solvents were dried according to standard procedures prior to use. All other major chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification.

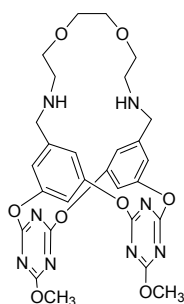
## 2. Experimental details and characterization of products.



**Synthesis of 3:** To a solution of 2,4-chloride-6-methoxytriazine **1** (1.8 g, 10 mmol), 3,5-dihydroxybenzaldehyde **2** (0.69 g, 5 mmol) in acetone (50 mL) and grinded potassium carbonate (1.4 g, 10 mmol) were added. After the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h, another portion of **2** (0.69 g, 5 mmol) and grinded potassium carbonate (1.4 g, 10 mmol) and acetone (350 mL) were added. The mixture was refluxed for 1.5 h. The solid was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated to about 30 mL. Product **3** (1.9 g, 74%) as white solid was then precipitated from the solution. **3**: mp 282-283 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 298K) 9.77 (s, 2H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 4H), 6.90 (t,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.08 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS) 189.3, 174.9, 173.1, 152.5, 138.7, 122.5, 120.3, 56.2; IR (KBr) 3080, 2879, 1710, 1693, 1566  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  (%) 491.0 [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ] (100), 492.0 (24). Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_6\text{O}_8$ : C, 53.88; H, 2.88; N, 17.14. Found: C, 53.51; H, 2.96; N, 16.77.

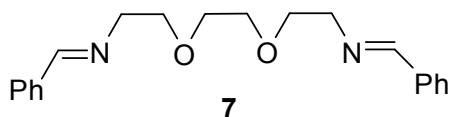


**Synthesis of 5:** To a solution of **3** (248 mg, 5 mmol) in acetonitrile (50 ml), 2,2'-(ethane-1,2-diylbis(oxy))diethanamine (69 mg, 5 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. After removing impurities by a short silicon gel column, the resulting solution was concentrated. Dichloromethane was used to dissolve the residue, then hexane was added. After slowly evaporating of the solvent and filtration, colorless needle-like product of **5** was obtained (280mg, 94%). **5**: mp >270 °C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 298K) 8.12 (s, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 4H), 6.73(t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (s, 6H), 3.78 (m, 4H), 3.76 (m, 4H), 3.53(s, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) 174.8, 173.4, 160.0, 152.0, 138.8, 118.9, 70.9, 70.4, 62.0, 56.0; IR (KBr) 2884, 1651, 1577, 1503 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* (%) 603.4 [M+H<sup>+</sup>] (100), 625.3 [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] (81). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>8</sub>·1/2 H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 54.99; H, 4.45; N, 18.32. Found: C, 54.65; H, 4.49, N, 18.04.



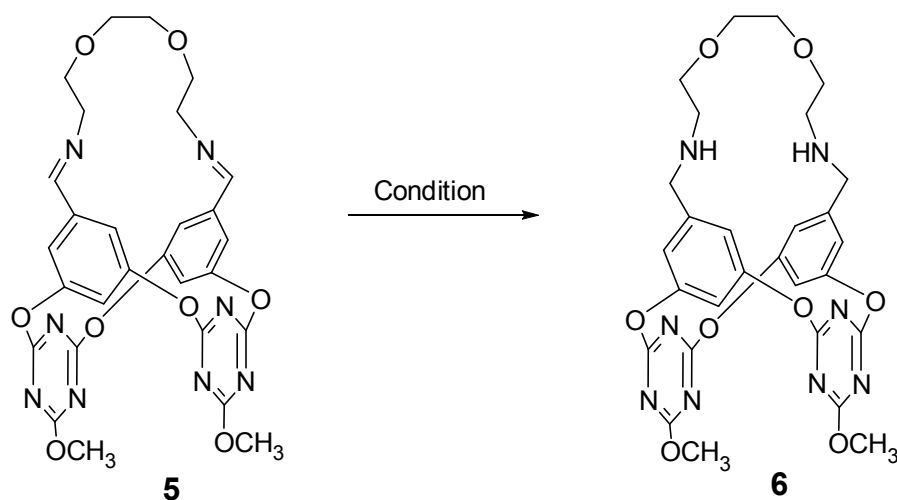
**Synthesis of 6:** To a solution of **5** (301 mg, 5 mmol) in dichloromethane (15ml) (*caution: the solution is under vigorously stirring*), NaHB(CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (316 mg, 15 mmol) was added gradually. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Then water (20ml) and sodium carbonate was added. The solution was extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 30 ml), the combined solutions was dried with anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> for 24 h. After filtration, the filtrate was concentrated to about 20ml followed

by the addition of hexane (10 ml). By slowly evaporation of the solvent, product **6** (273 mg, 91%) as white powder product was obtained. **6**: mp>270 °C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 298K) 6.91(d, *J*=2.2 Hz, 4H), 6.59(t, *J*=2.2 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (s, 6H), 3.70(s, 4H), 3.59(m, 8H), 2.78 (t, *J*<sub>1</sub>=4.5Hz, 4H), 1.85 (br. s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) 174.6, 173.2, 151.6, 143.6, 118.7, 115.0, 55.9, 53.4, 49.3; IR (KBr) 2951, 2875, 1575, 1503 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* (%) 607.4 [M+H<sup>+</sup>] (100), 629.3 [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] (72). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>8</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 53.84; H, 5.16; N, 17.94. Found: C, 53.98; H, 5.08; N, 18.06.



**Synthesis of 7:** Newly distilled benzaldehyde (531 mg, 50 mmol) 2,2'-(ethane-1,2-diylbis(oxy))diethanamine (345 mg, 25 mmol) and benzene (10ml) were mixed and the resulting mixture was refluxed for 1 h. After removal of the solvent, product **7** (810 mg, 99%) as pale yellow oil was obtained. **7**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 298K) 8.312(s, 2H), 7.76(t, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 2.4Hz, 4H), 7.44(m, 6H), 3.80(m, 8H), 3.66 (m,4H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 74.04; H, 7.46; N, 8.64. Found: C, 73.91; H, 7.38, N, 8.53.

#### Optimization the synthesis of compound 6:

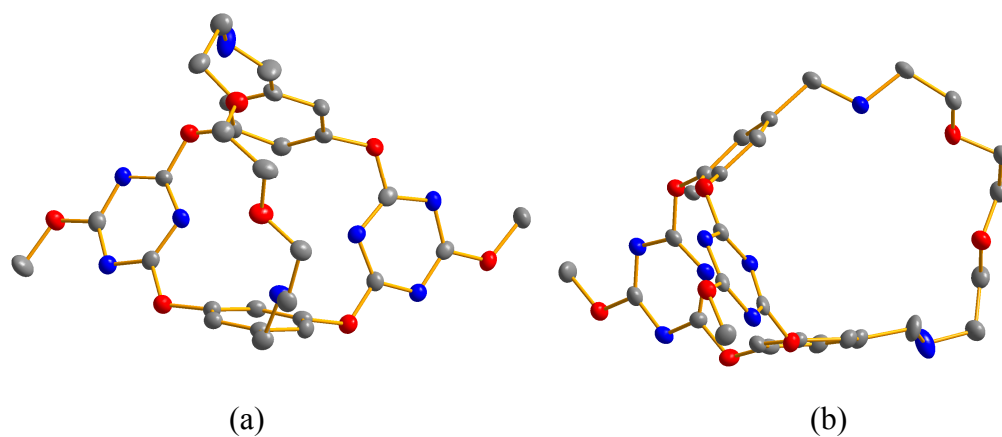


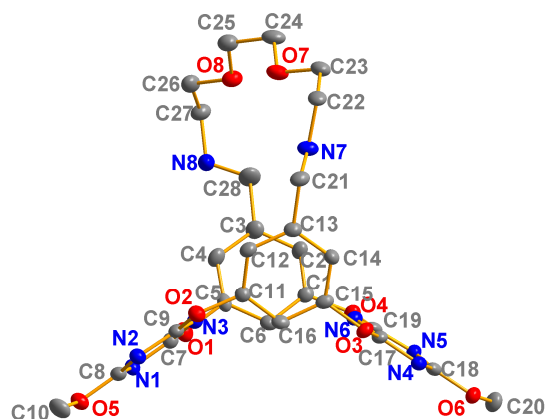
Scheme S1

**Table S1:** Optimization of the conditions for the synthesis of **6**

Entry	Conditions	Yield
1	NaBH <sub>4</sub> , MeOH, r.t., 2h	Decomp.
2	NaBH <sub>4</sub> , MeOH, -20°C, 2h	Decomp.
3	Pd/C, MeOH, 1.5atm H <sub>2</sub> , r.t., 10h	N.R.
4	Pd/C, MeOH, 1.5atm H <sub>2</sub> , 40 °C, 10h	N.R.
5	Pd/C, MeOH, CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H, 1.5atm H <sub>2</sub> , r.t., 10h	N.R.
6	Pd/C, MeOH, HCO <sub>2</sub> H, 1.5atm H <sub>2</sub> , r.t., 10h	N.R.
7	Pd/C, MeOH, NH <sub>4</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H, 1.5atm H <sub>2</sub> , r.t., 12h	Mixture
8	Zn, CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H, MeOH, r.t., 5h	N.R.
9	PtO <sub>2</sub> , MeOH, 1.5atm H <sub>2</sub> , r.t., 10h	Mixture
10	NaHB(CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , MeOH, r.t., 5h	N.R.
11	NaHB(CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H, MeOH, r.t., 5h	N.R.
12	NaHB(CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , HCl, MeOH, r.t., 5h	N.R.
13	NaHB(CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , r.t., 2h	91%

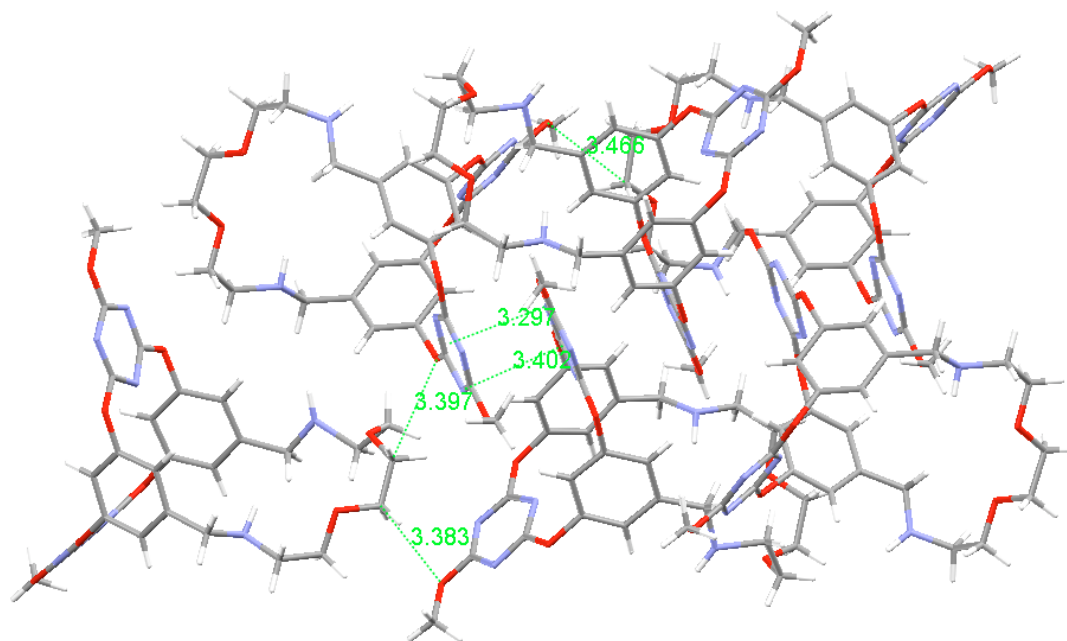
### 3. Crystal Structure





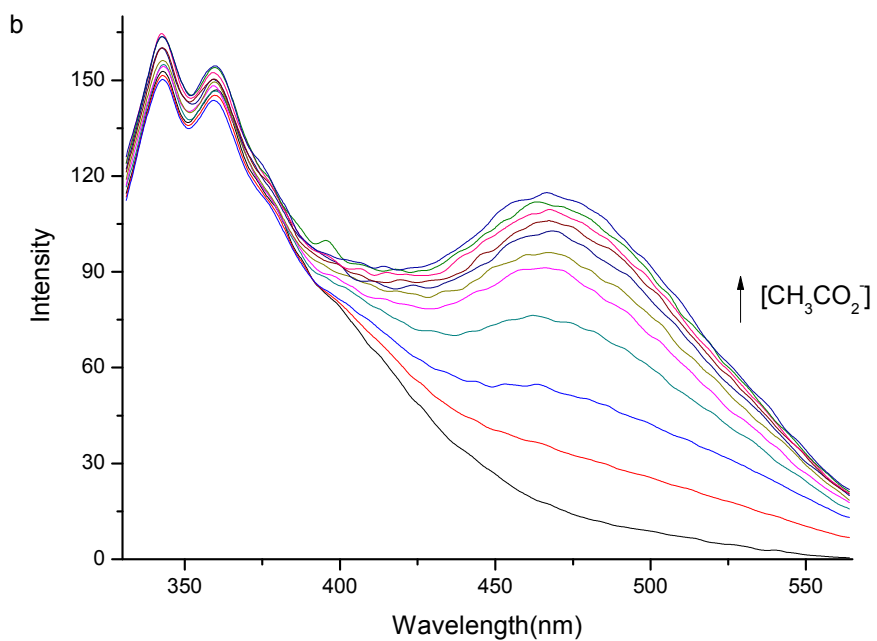
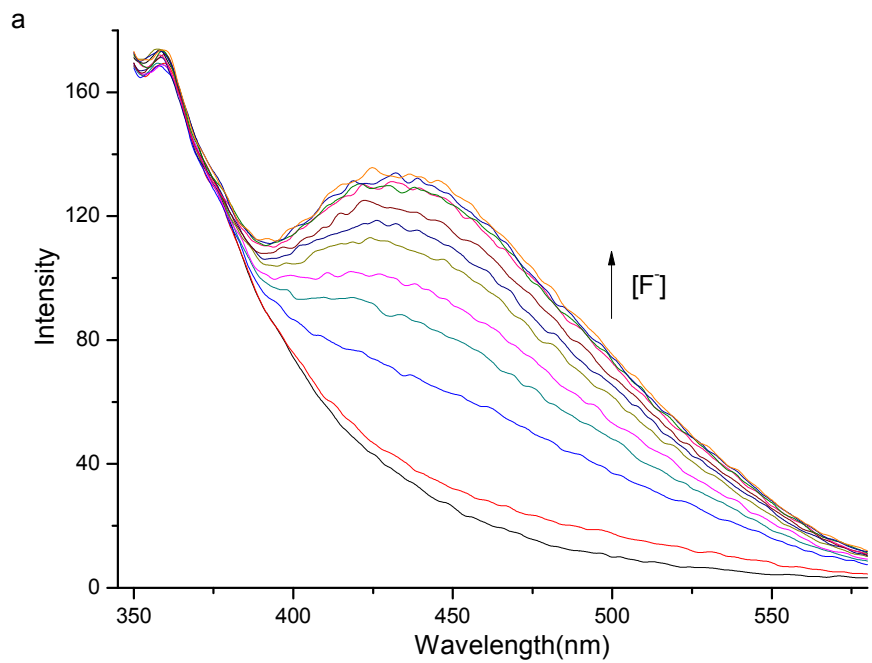
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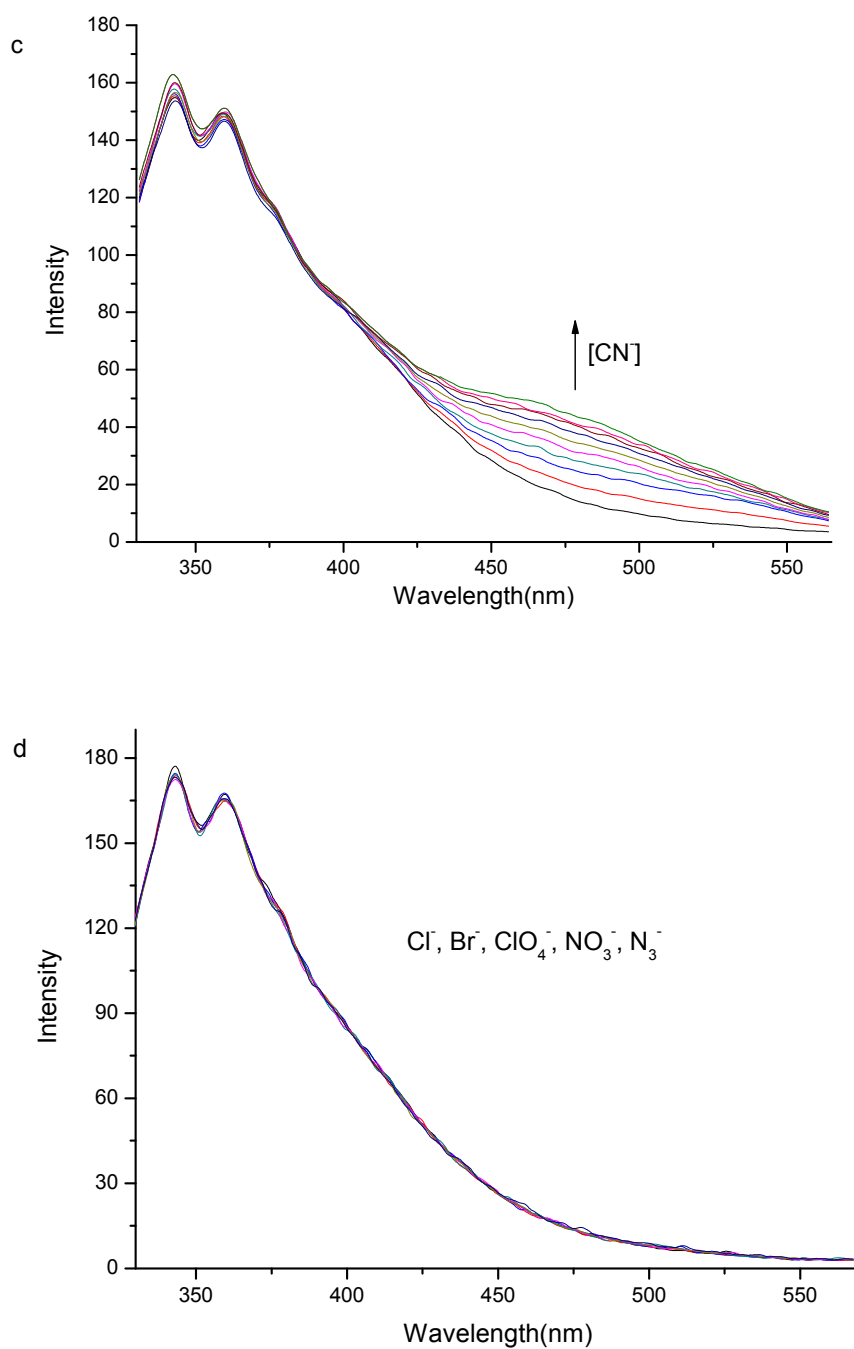
**Figure S1:** X-Ray crystal structure of **6**. (a) top view, (b) (c) side views. Selected bond lengths [Å]: O(1)-C(7) 1.337, O(1)-C(5) 1.425, O(2)-C(9) 1.348, O(2)-C(11) 1.402, O(3)-C(17) 1.344, O(3)-C(15) 1.417, O(4)-C(19) 1.353, O(4)-C(1) 1.420. Selected distances [Å]: C(8)···C(18) 9.004, N(3)···N(6) 4.554, C(6)···C(16) 4.283, C(3)···C(13) 6.201.



**Figure S2:** One dimensional self assembly of **6**.

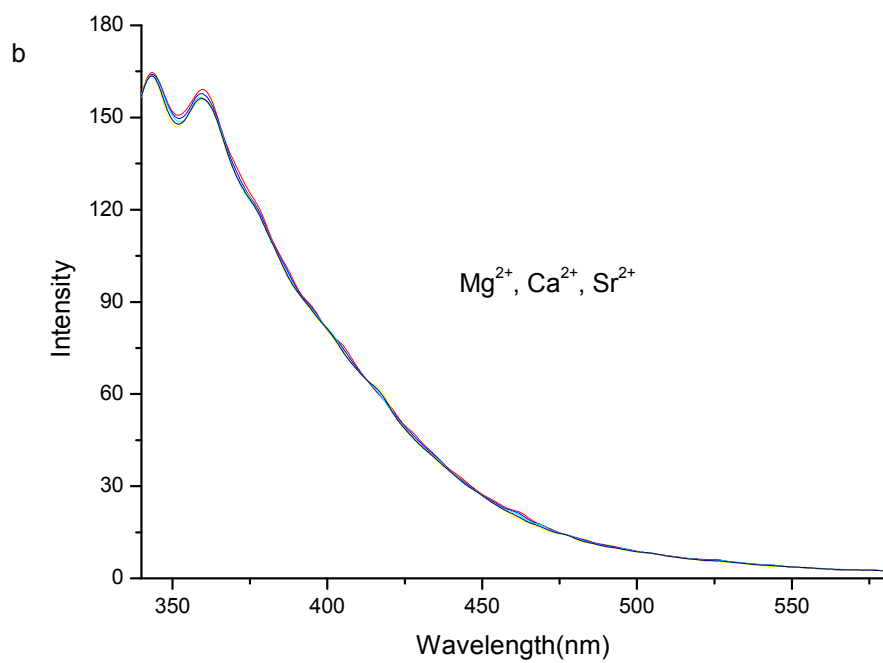
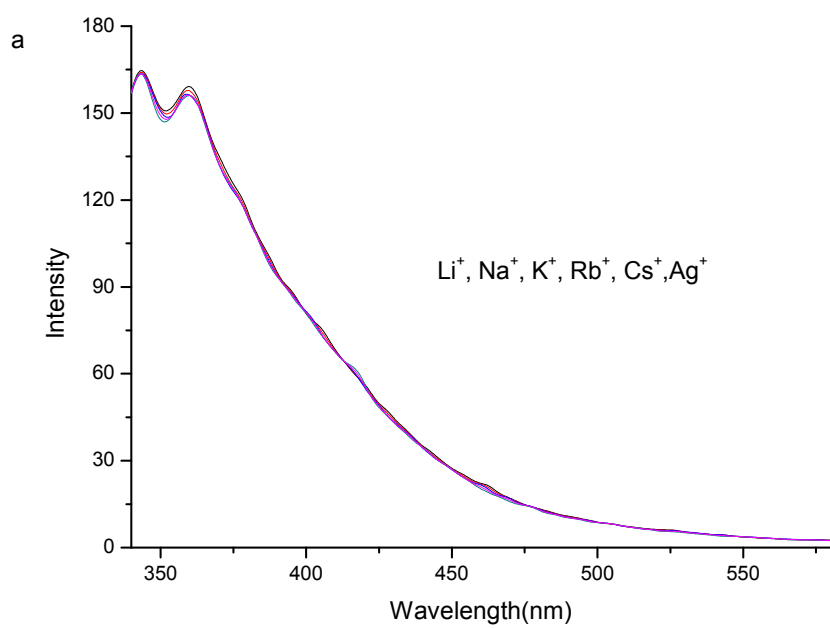
#### 4. Fluorescence titrations

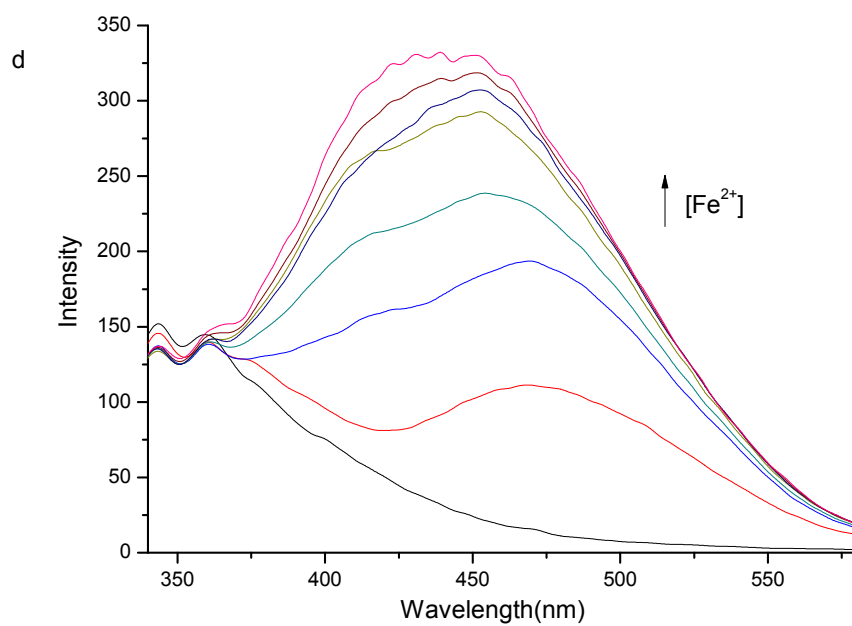
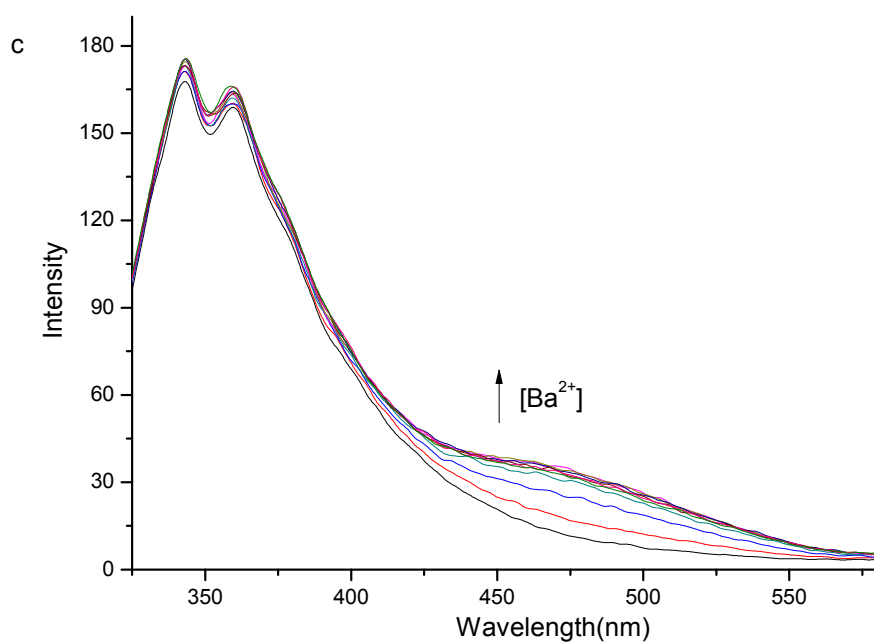


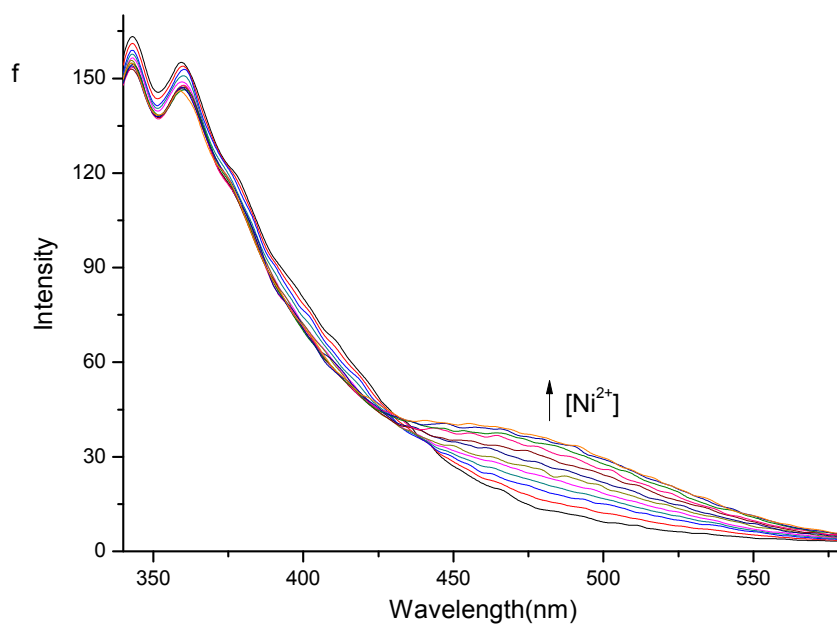
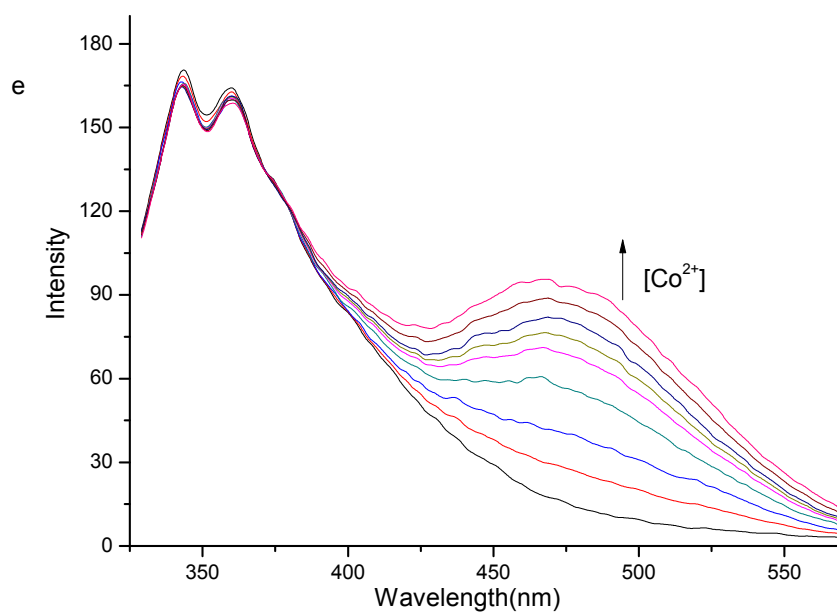


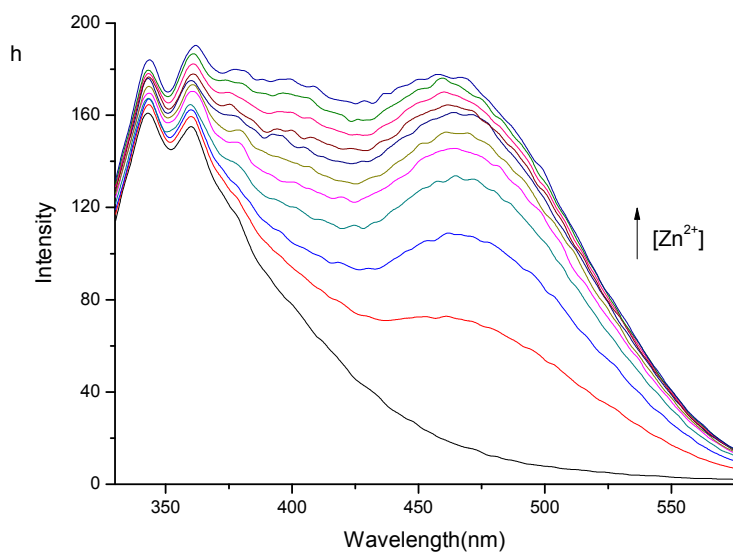
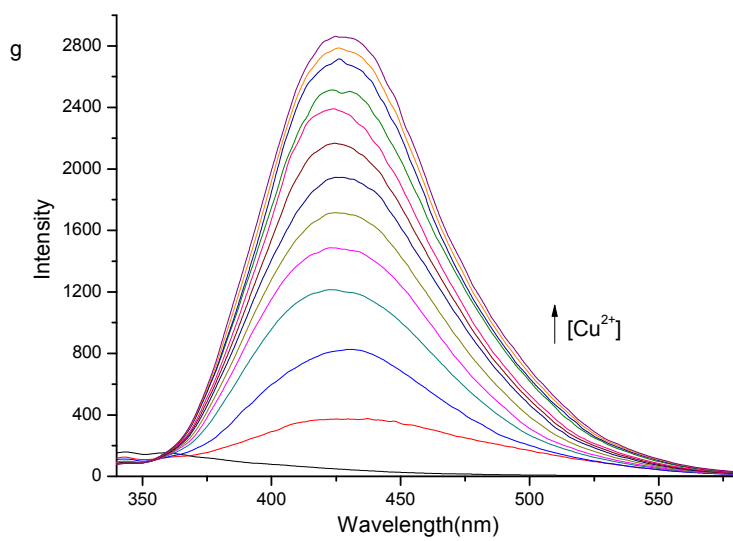
**Figure S3:** Fluorescence titration curves of **5** ( $3.984 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in acetonitrile (2mL) with increasing of (a)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{F}^-$  ( $0 \sim 3.41 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (b)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$  ( $0 \sim 9.02 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (c)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{CN}^-$  ( $0 \sim 8.12 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (d)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{X}^-$  ( $\text{X}^- = \text{Cl}^-, \text{Br}^-, \text{NO}_3^-, \text{ClO}_4^-, \text{N}_3^-$ ) ( $0 \sim 2.75 \times 10^{-4}$  M).

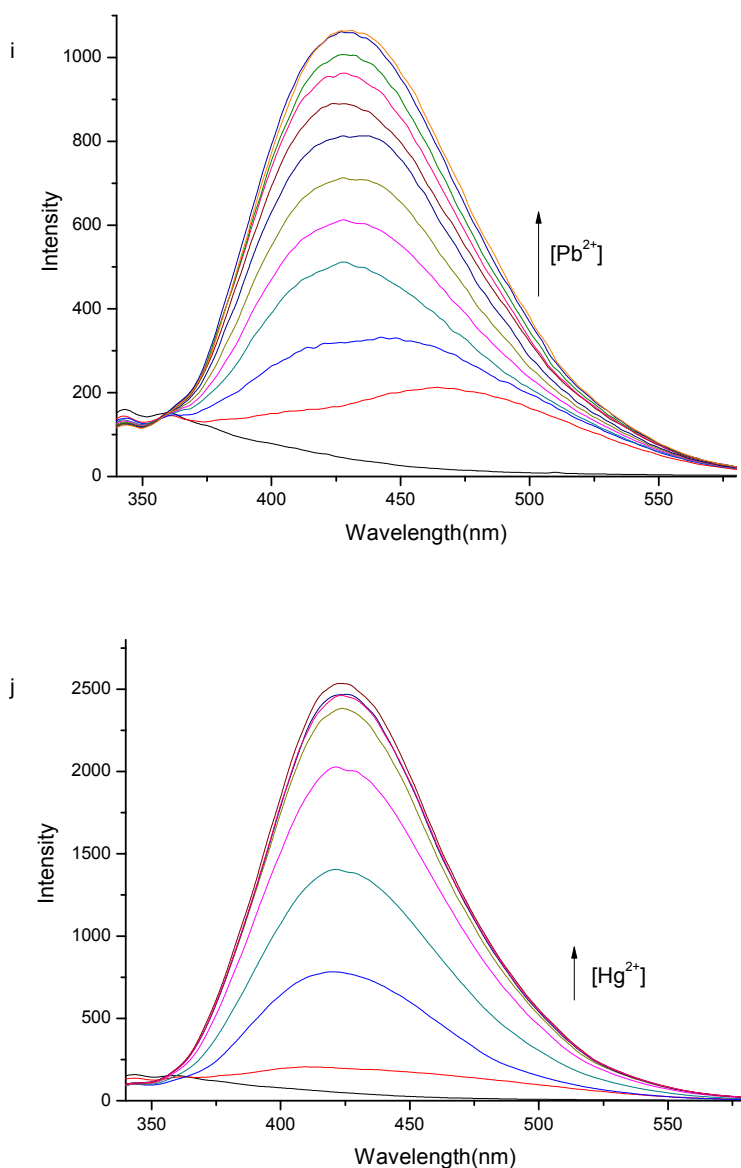










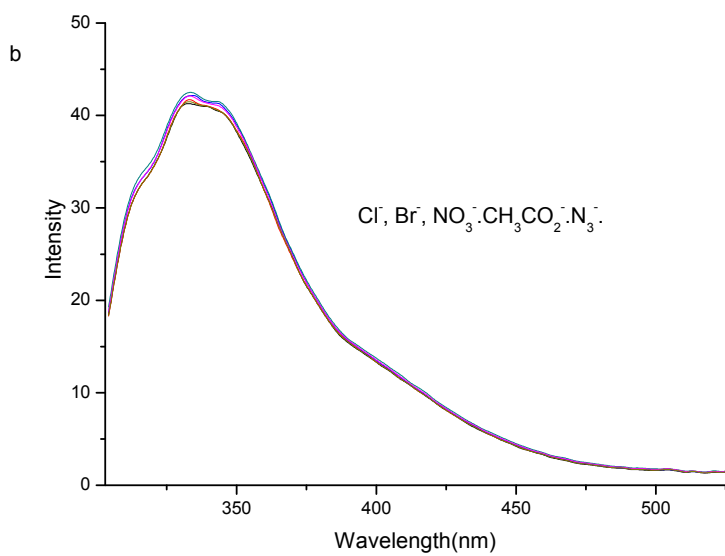
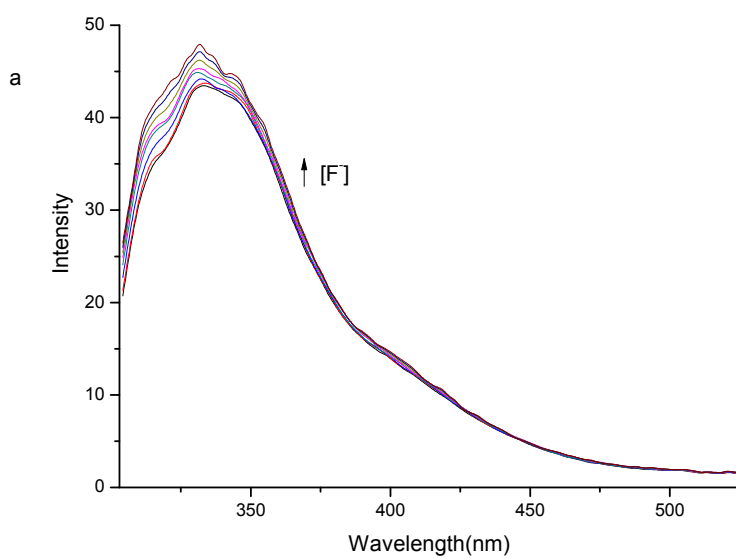


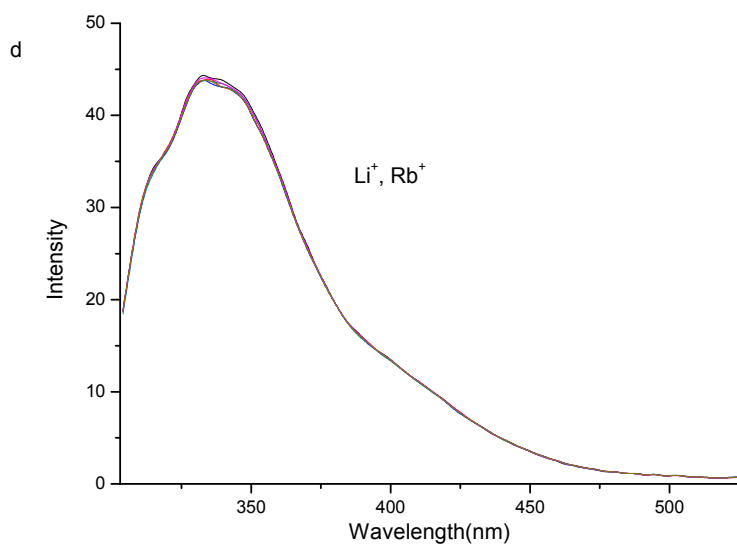
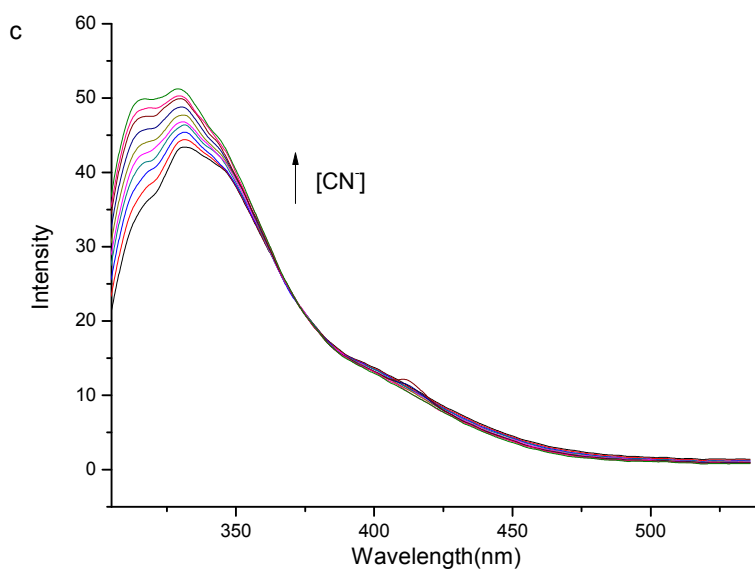
**Figure S4:** Fluorescence titration curves of **5** ( $3.99 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in acetonitrile (2mL) with increasing of (a) ( $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Rb}^+$ ,  $\text{Cs}^+$ ) ( $0 \sim 4.00 \times 10^{-4}$  M),  $\text{Ag}^+$  ( $0 \sim 3.61 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (b)  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 3.60 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (c)  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 8.11 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (d)  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 6.31 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (e)  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 7.20 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (f)  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 9.92 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (g)  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 7.22 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (h)  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 9.65 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (i)  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 9.91 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (j)  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 7.21 \times 10^{-4}$  M). The counter ion for these cations is  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ .

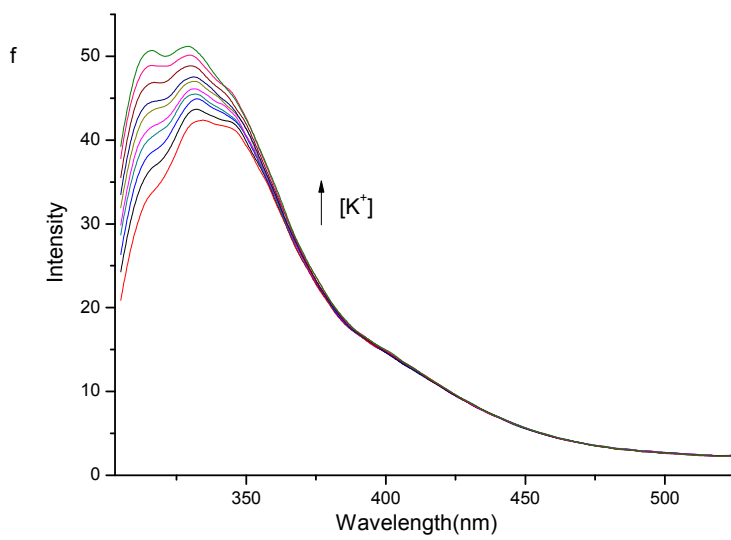
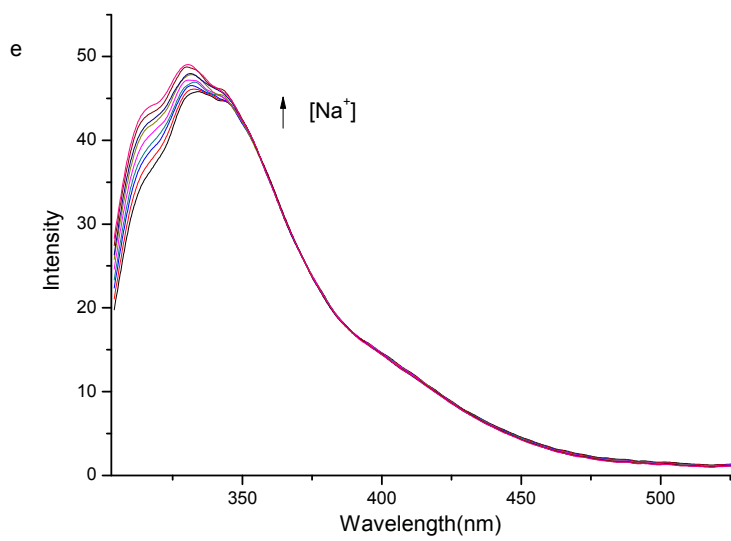
**Table S2:** Association constants  $K_a(\text{M}^{-1})$  of **5** with ions

$\text{F}^-$	$6.591 \times 10^3$	$\text{Li}^+$ , $\text{Na}^+$ , $\text{K}^+$ , $\text{Rb}^+$ , $\text{Cs}^+$	/
$\text{CN}^-$	$4.161 \times 10^3$	$\text{Mg}^{2+}$ , $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , $\text{Sr}^{2+}$	/

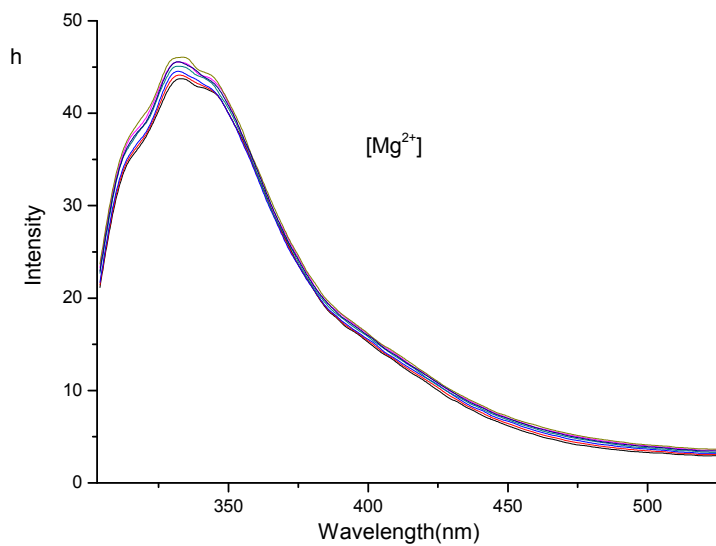
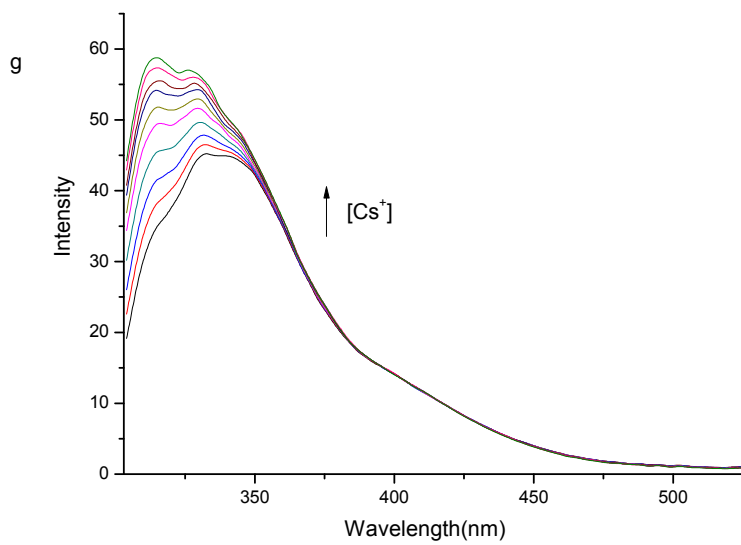
$\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$	$4.517 \times 10^4$	$\text{Ba}^{2+}$	$1.846 \times 10^4$
$\text{Cl}^-$	/	$\text{Fe}^{2+}$	$1.517 \times 10^4$
$\text{Br}^-$	/	$\text{Co}^{2+}$	$7.651 \times 10^3$
$\text{NO}_3^-$	/	$\text{Ni}^{2+}$	$7.233 \times 10^2$
$\text{N}_3^-$	/	$\text{Cu}^{2+}$	$3.715 \times 10^4$
		$\text{Zn}^{2+}$	$8.125 \times 10^3$
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		$\text{Ag}^+$	/
		$\text{Hg}^{2+}$	$9.213 \times 10^4$

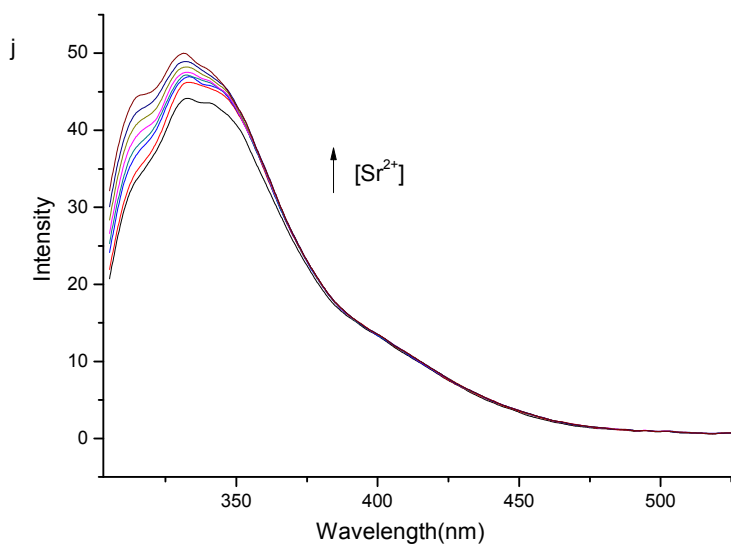
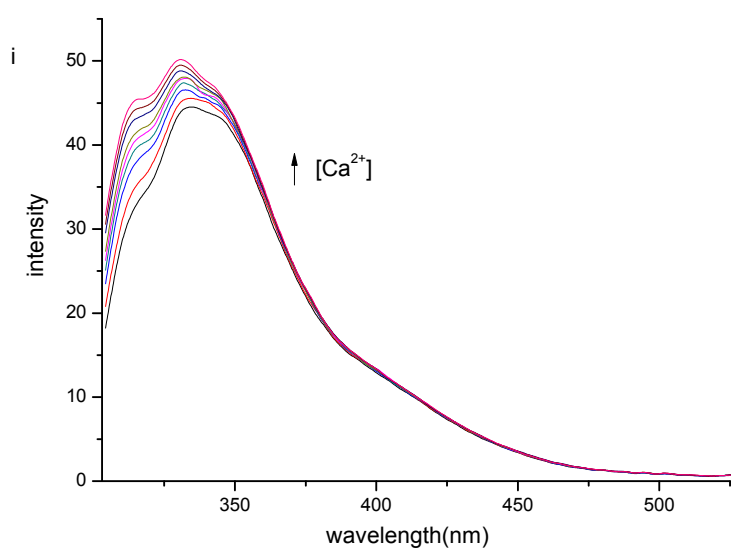


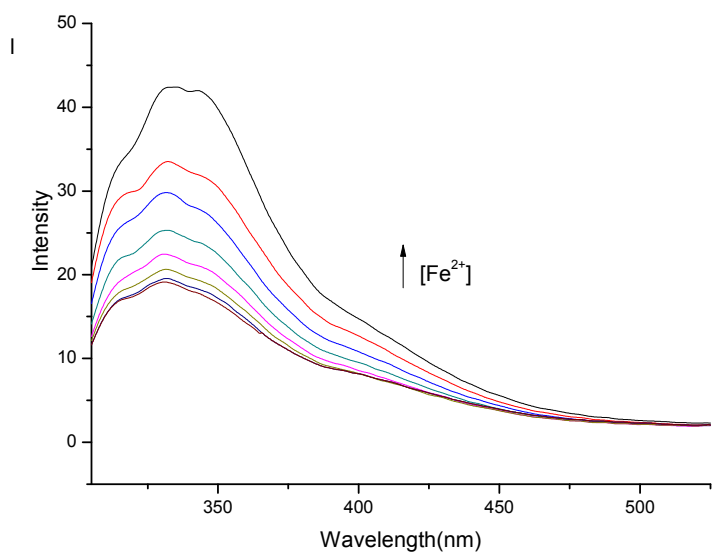
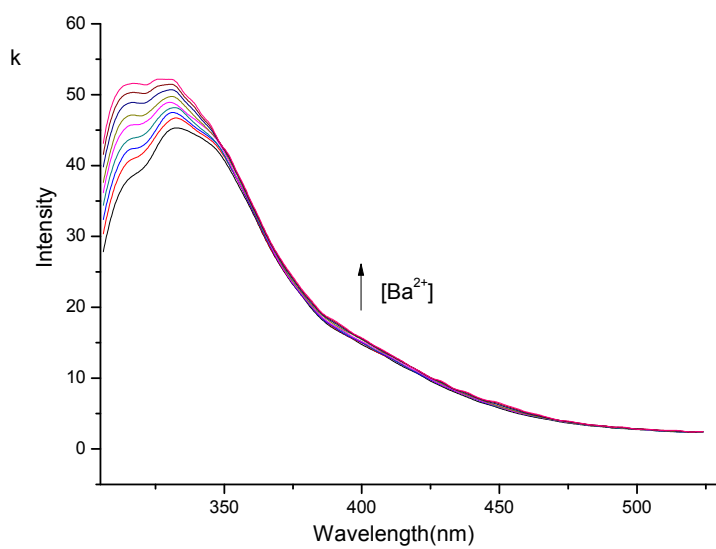


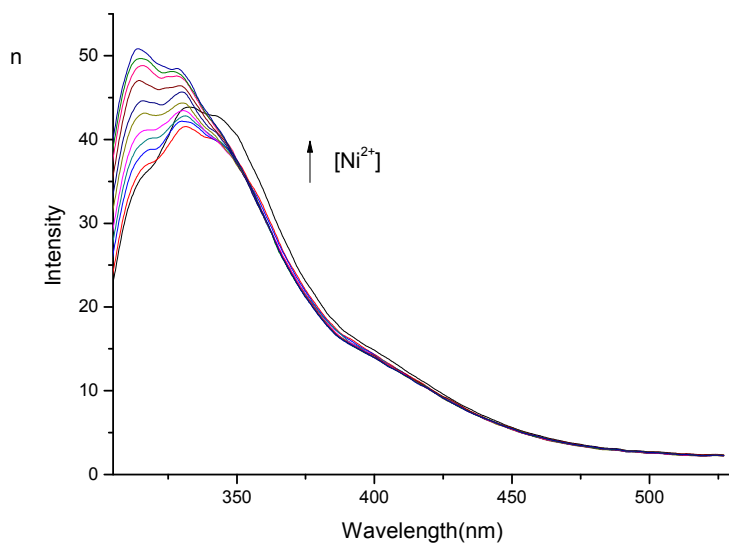
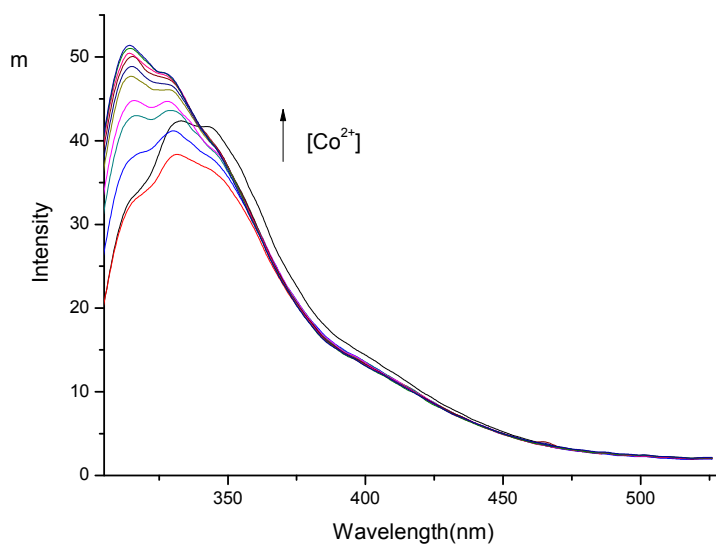


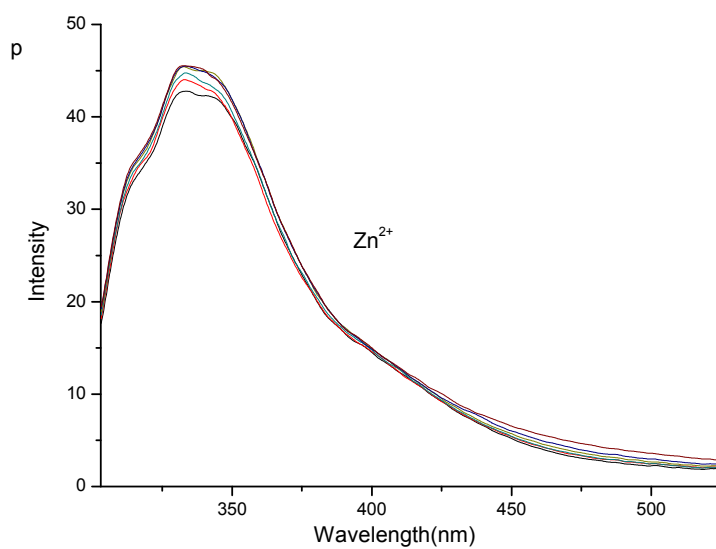
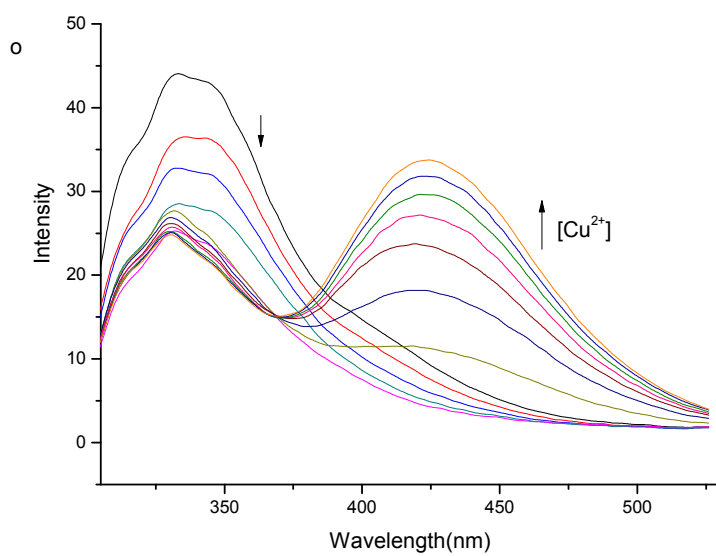


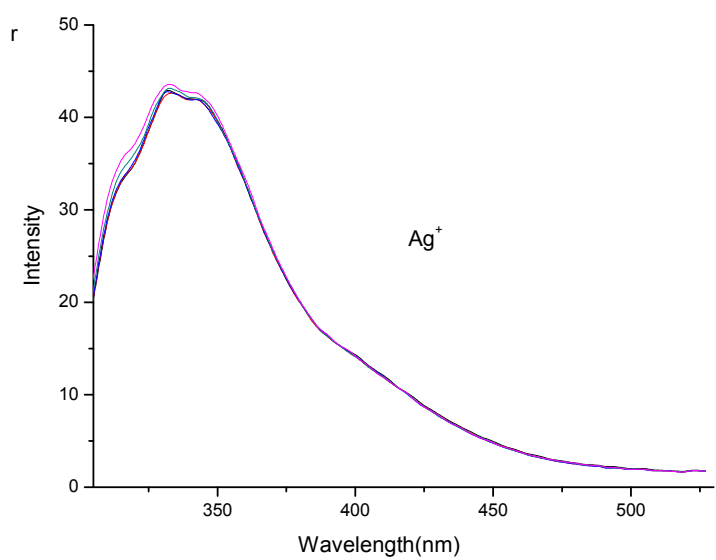
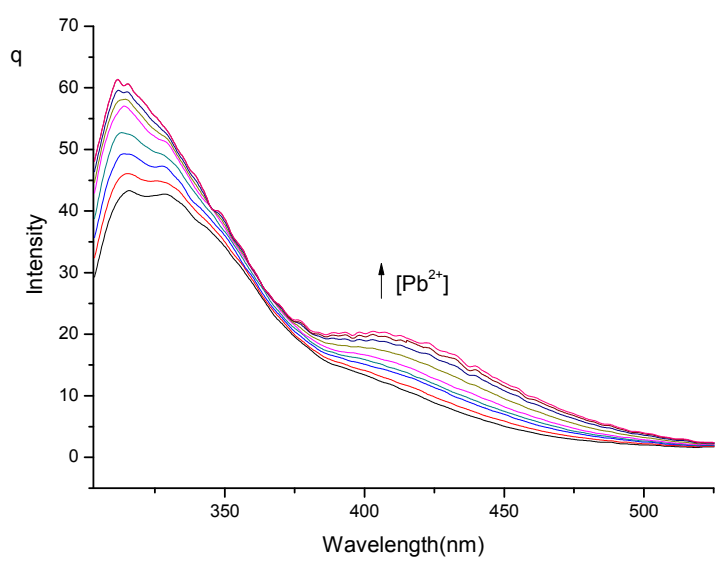


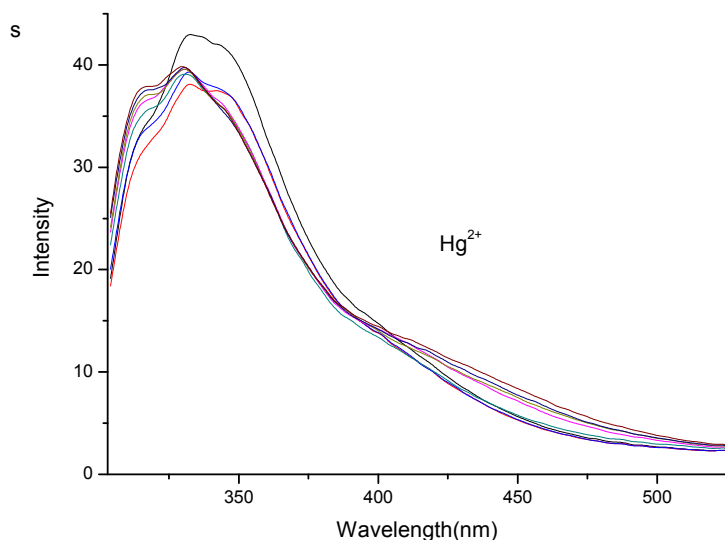












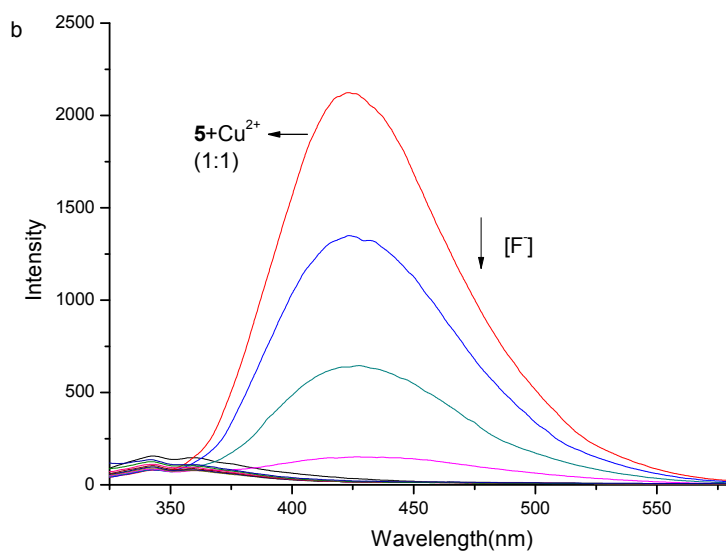
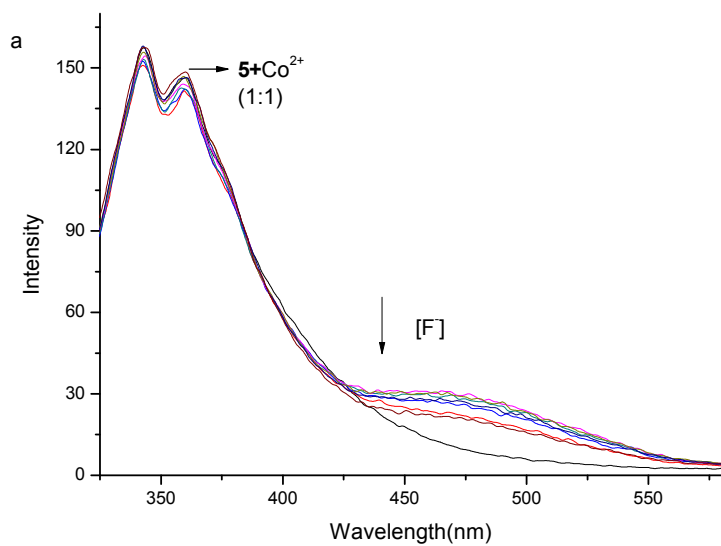
**Figure S5:** Fluorescence titration curves of **6** ( $3.18 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in acetonitrile (2 mL) with increasing of (a)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{F}^-$  ( $0 \sim 3.26 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (b)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{Br}^-$ ,  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$ ,  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{N}_3^-$  ( $0 \sim 2.70 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (c)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{CN}^-$  ( $0 \sim 3.26 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (d)  $\text{K}^+$  ( $0 \sim 9.00 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (e)  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Rb}^+$  ( $0 \sim 9.00 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (f)  $\text{K}^+$  ( $0 \sim 9.00 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (g)  $\text{Cs}^+$  ( $0 \sim 12.00 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (h)  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 5.41 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (i)  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 7.20 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (j)  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 6.31 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (k)  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 7.20 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (l)  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 6.31 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (m)  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 9.01 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (n)  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 9.01 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (o)  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 9.90 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (p)  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 6.30 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (q)  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 6.31 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (r)  $\text{Ag}^+$  ( $0 \sim 2.70 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (s)  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  ( $0 \sim 6.31 \times 10^{-4}$  M). The counter ion for these cations is  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ .

**Table S3:** Association constants  $K_a(\text{M}^{-1})$  of **6** with ions

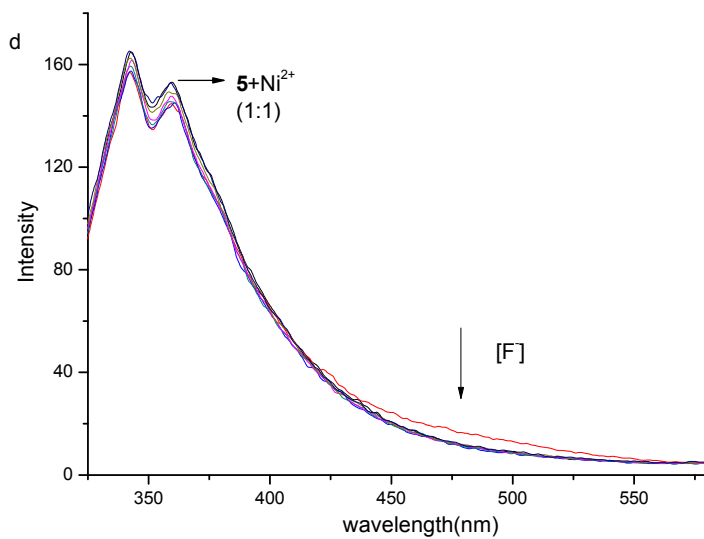
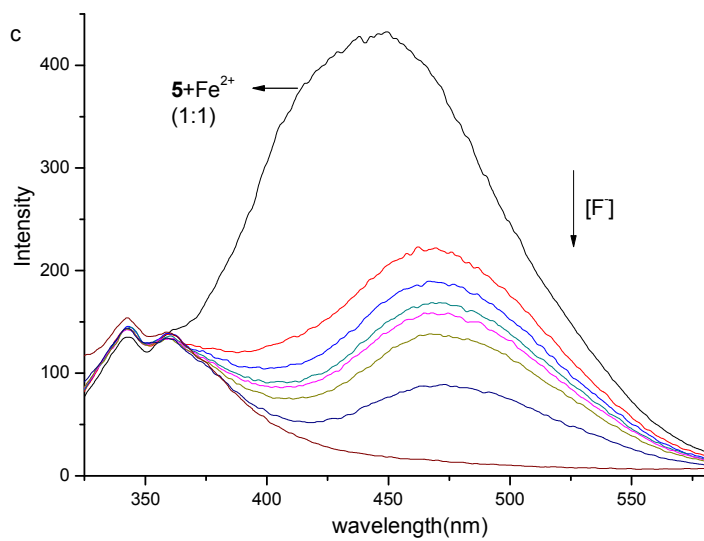
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$\text{CN}^-$	$5.871 \times 10^3$	$\text{Na}^+$	/
$\text{Cl}^-$	/	$\text{K}^+$	$5.903 \times 10^3$
$\text{Br}^-$	/	$\text{Cs}^+$	$9.855 \times 10^2$
$\text{N}_3^-$	/	$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	/
$\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$	/	$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	$1.864 \times 10^4$
$\text{NO}_3^-$	/	$\text{Sr}^{2+}$	$3.879 \times 10^4$
		$\text{Ba}^{2+}$	$9.628 \times 10^3$
		$\text{Fe}^{2+}$	$1.539 \times 10^5$
		$\text{Co}^{2+}$	$1.016 \times 10^4$
		$\text{Ni}^{2+}$	$3.904 \times 10^3$
		$\text{Cu}^{2+}$	/ <sup>a</sup>
		$\text{Zn}^{2+}$	/ <sup>a</sup>
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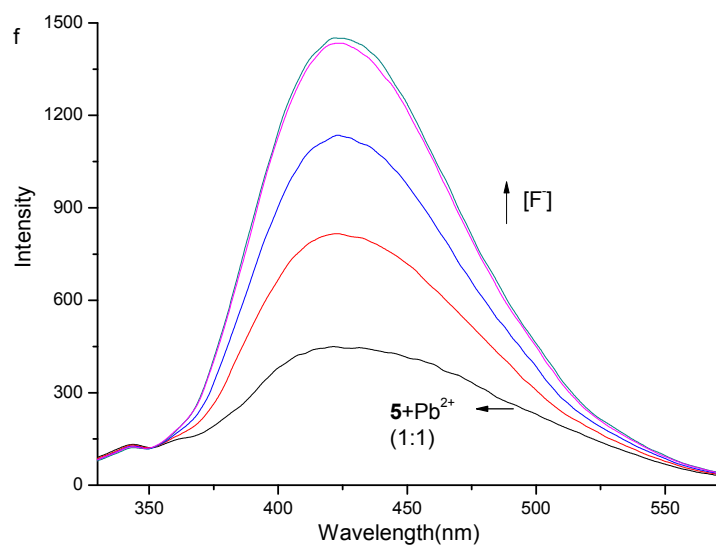
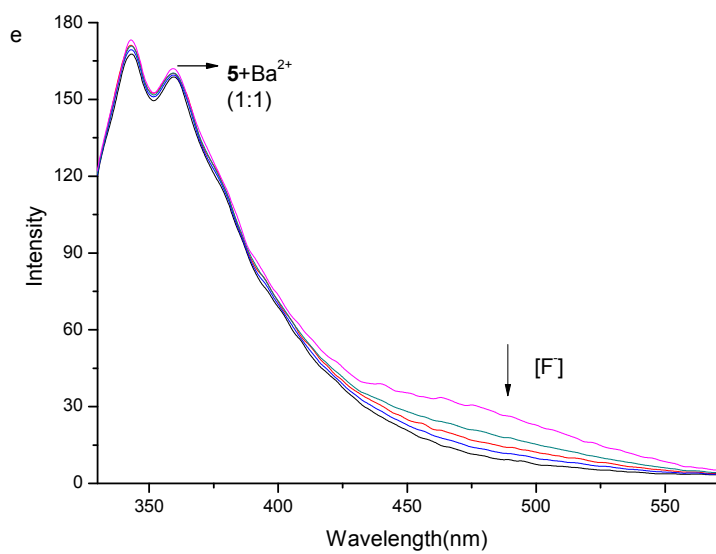
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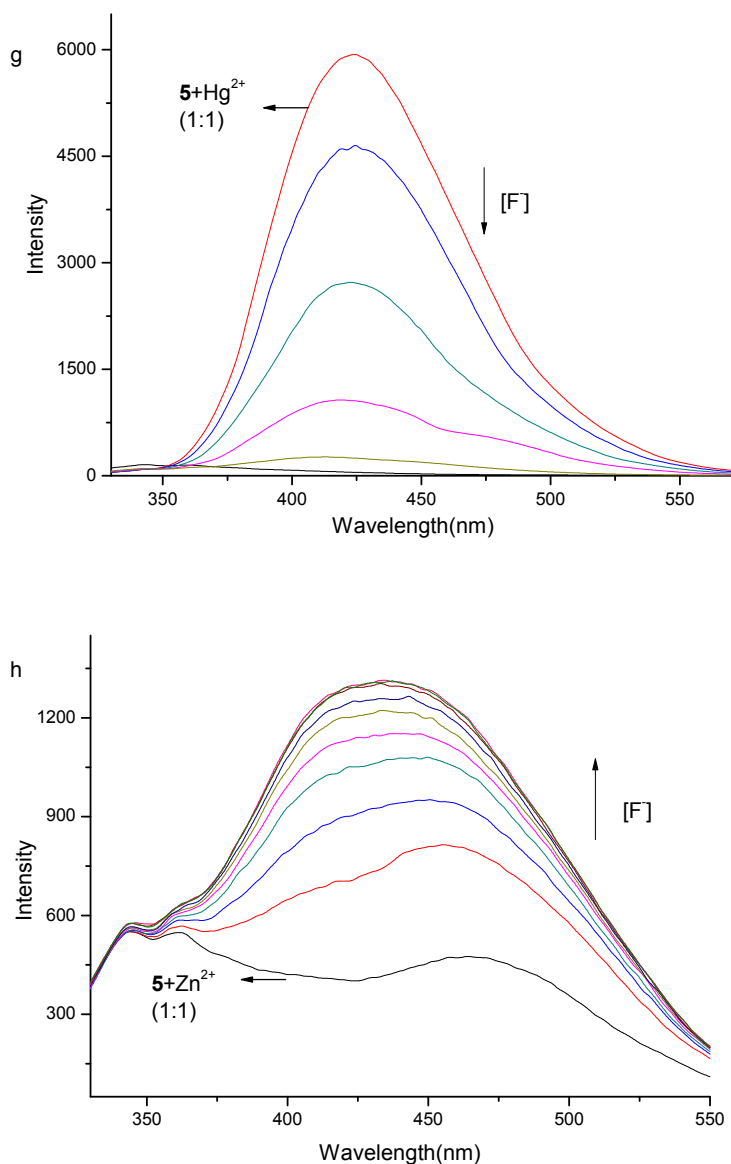
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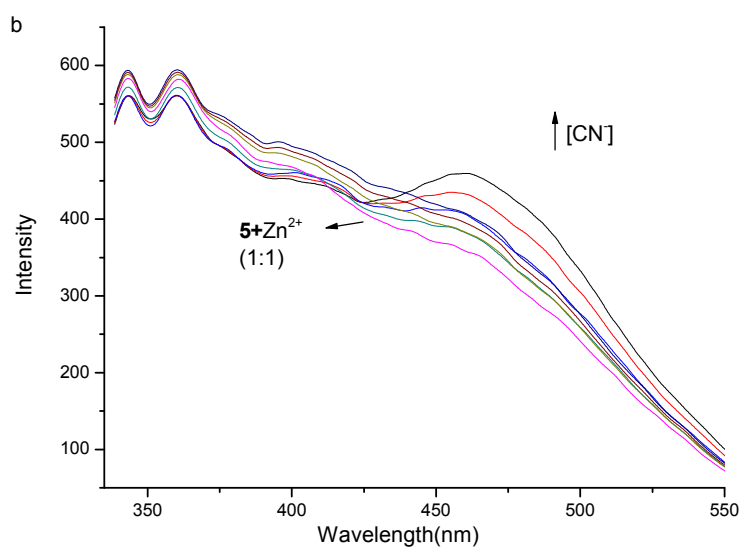
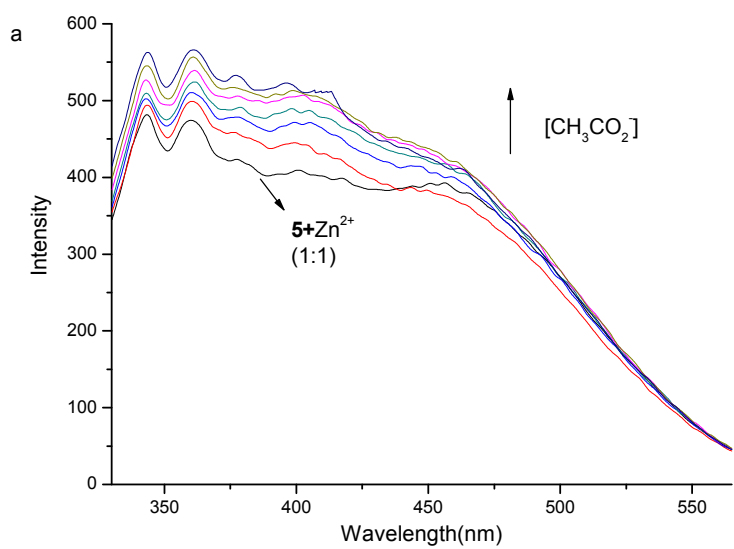


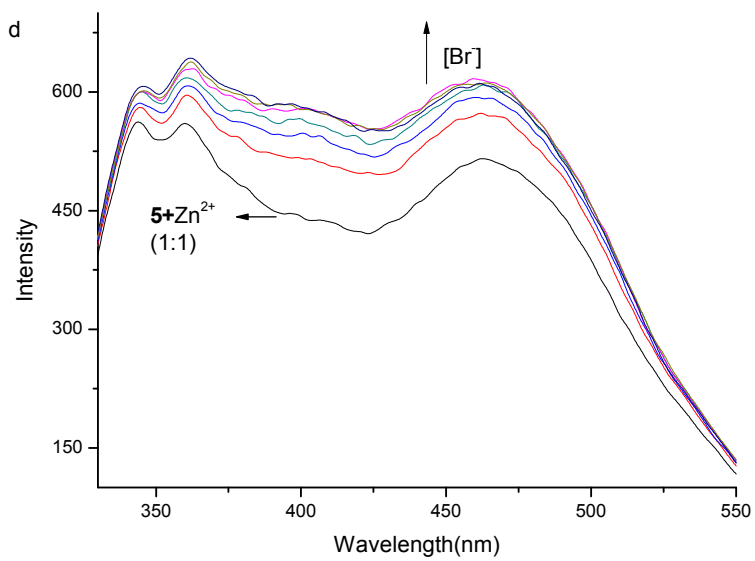
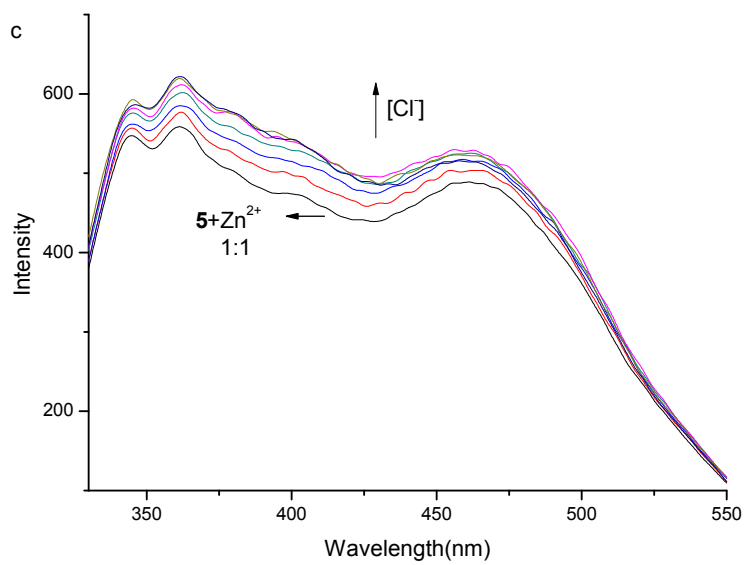


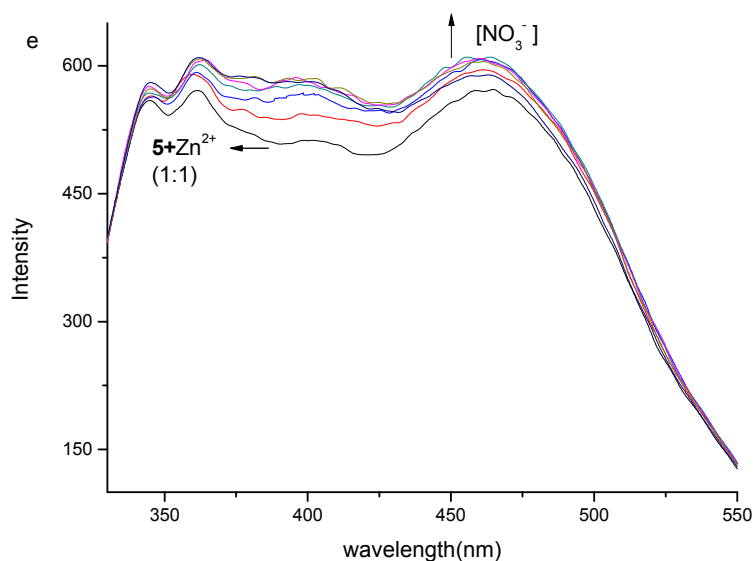




**Figure S6:** Fluorescence titration curves of **5** ( $3.984 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in acetonitrile (2 mL) with increasing of  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{F}^-$  ( $0 \sim 7.388 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in the presence of (a)  $\text{Co}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $4.003 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (b)  $\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.992 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (c)  $\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.994 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (d)  $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.996 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (e)  $\text{Ba}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.994 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (f)  $\text{Pb}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $4.001 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (g)  $\text{Hg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.996 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and (h)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{F}^-$  (0.465, 0.920, 1.395, 1.840, 2.325, 2.790, 3.255, 3.720,  $4.185 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in the presence of  $\text{Zn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.991 \times 10^{-4}$  M).





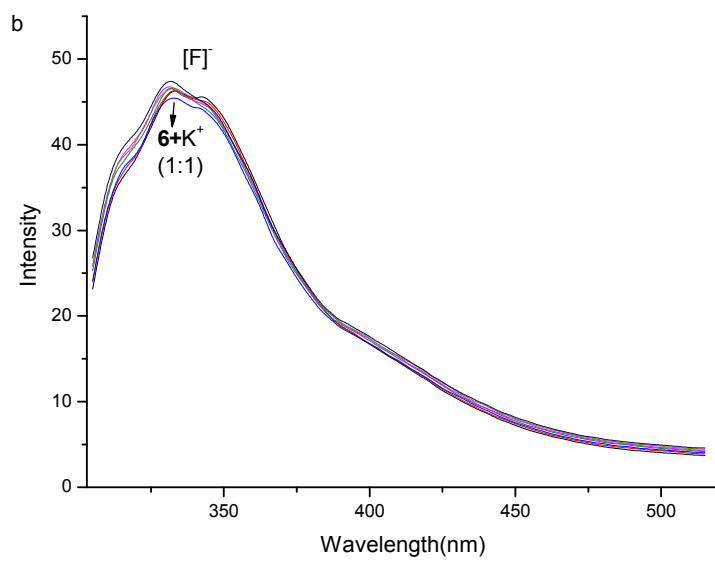
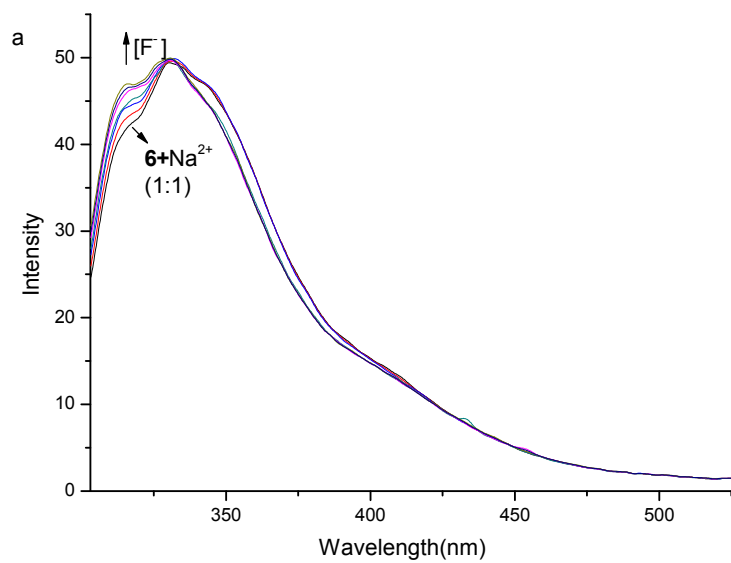


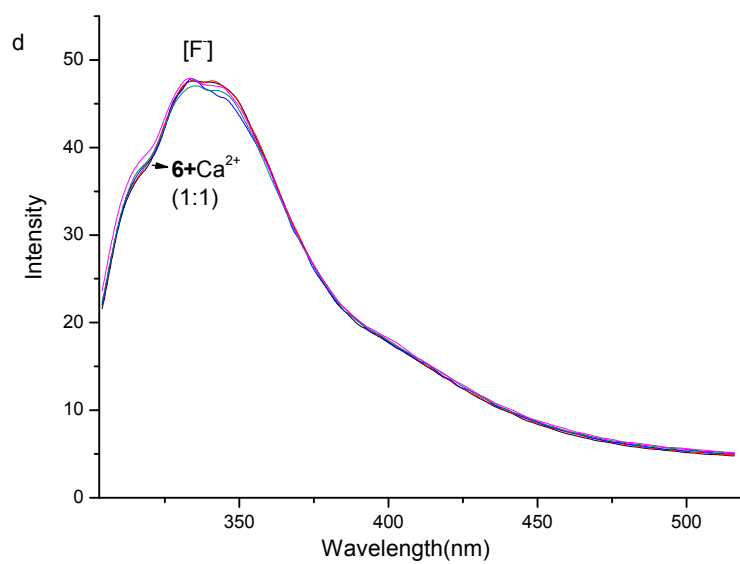
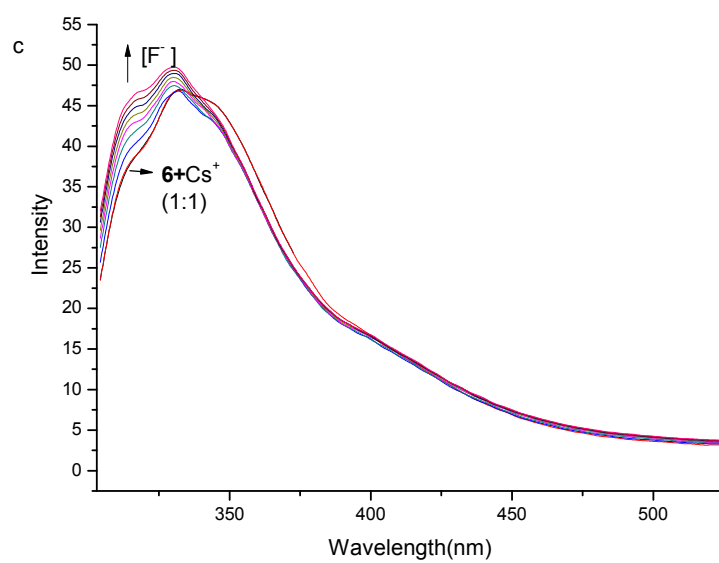
**Figure S7:** Fluorescence titration curves of the complex of **5** ( $3.984 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and zinc ion ( $4.011 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in acetonitrile (2ml) with increasing of (a)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$  ( $0 \sim 5.41 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (b)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{CN}^-$  ( $0 \sim 5.42 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (c)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{Cl}^-$  ( $0 \sim 9.00 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (d)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{Br}^-$  ( $0 \sim 10.81 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (e)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{NO}_3^-$  ( $0 \sim 14.42 \times 10^{-4}$  M).

**Table S4:** Association constants  $K_a(\text{M}^{-1})$  of compound **5a** and different anions with or without the presence of zinc ion

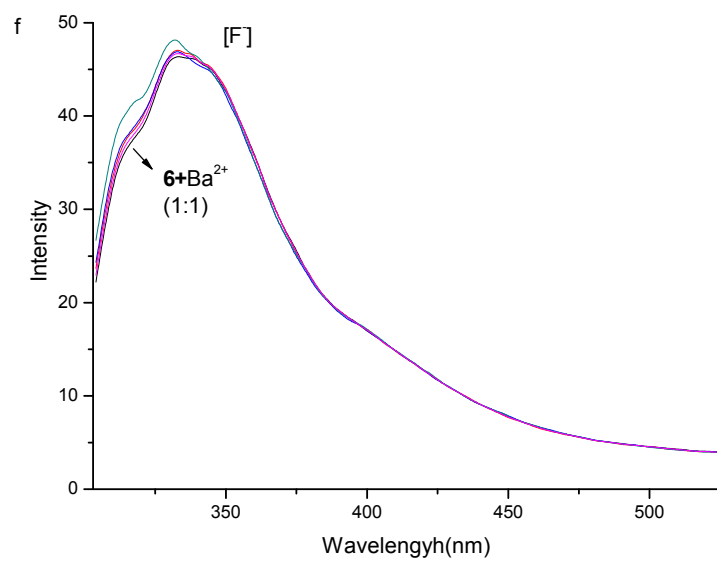
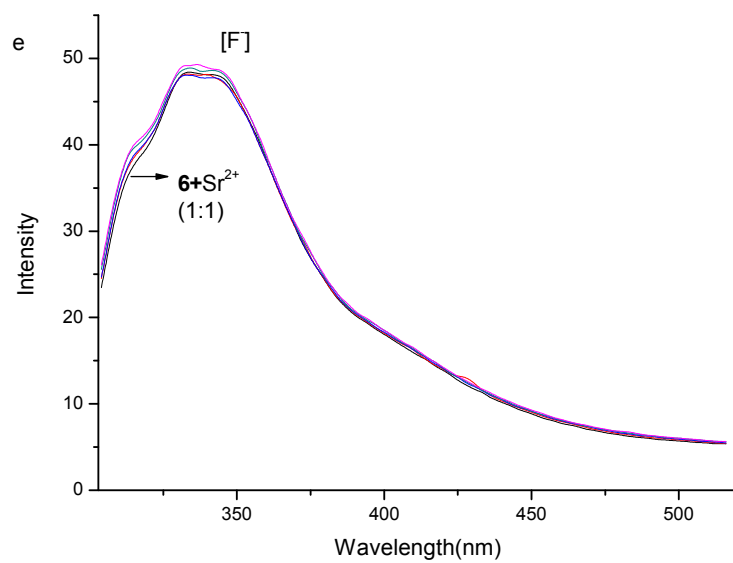
	$K_a/\text{M}^{-1}$ <sup>a</sup>	
	free <b>5</b>	<b>[5·Zn<sup>2+</sup>]</b>
F <sup>-</sup>	$6.59 \times 10^3$	$1.53 \times 10^5$
Cl <sup>-</sup>	- <sup>c</sup>	$7.39 \times 10^3$
Br <sup>-</sup>	- <sup>c</sup>	$1.58 \times 10^3$
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	- <sup>c</sup>	$4.25 \times 10^3$
CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup>	$4.52 \times 10^4$	$3.53 \times 10^4$
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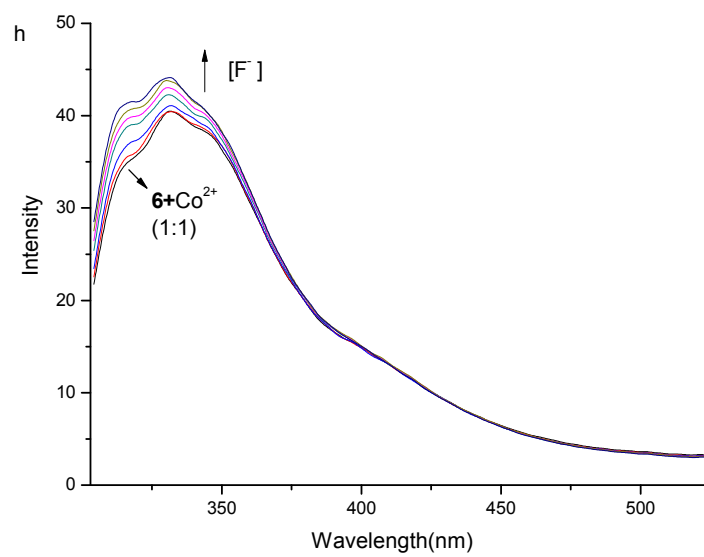
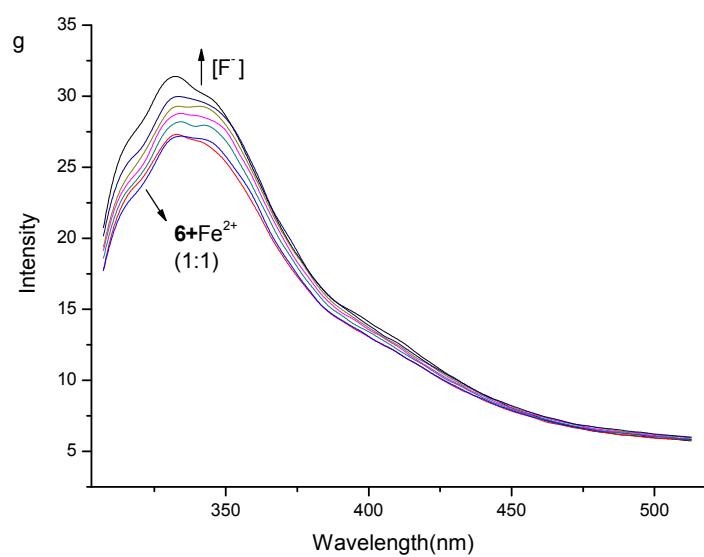
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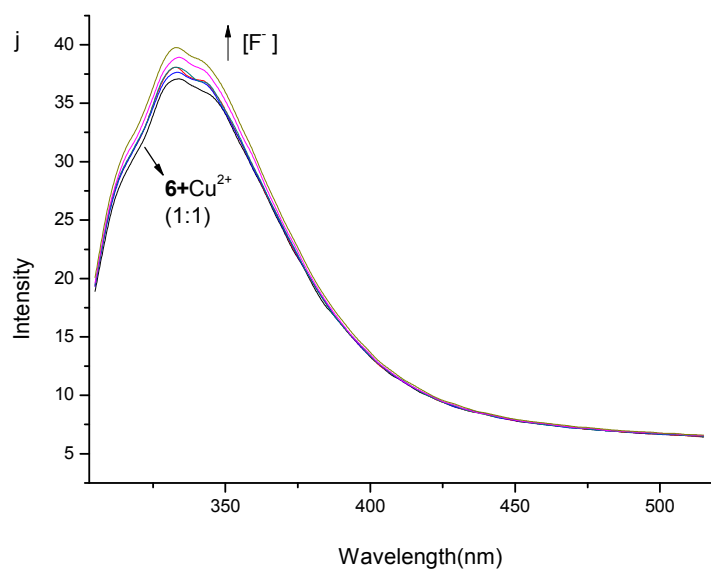
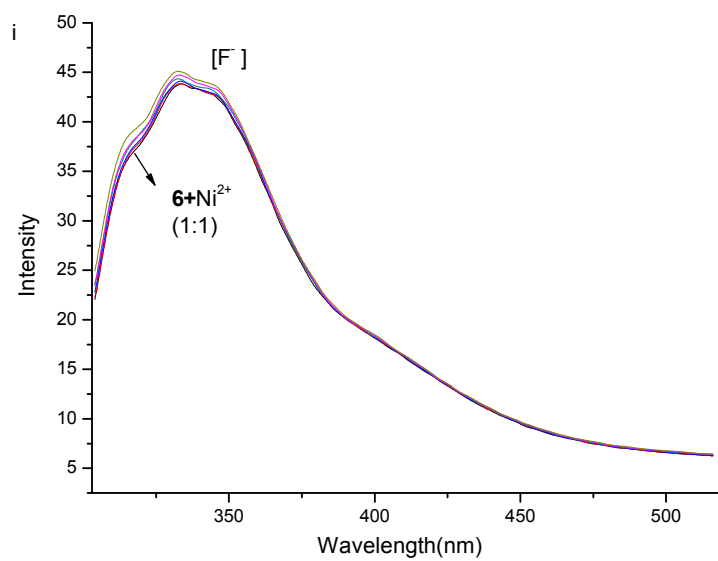


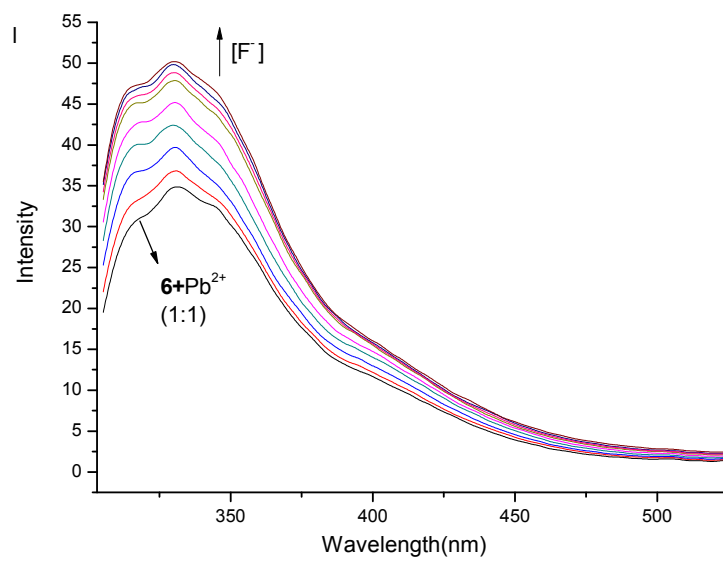
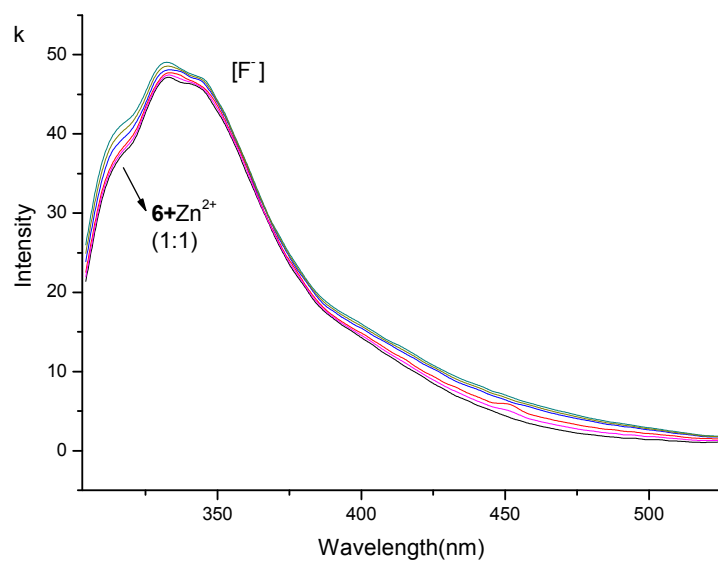


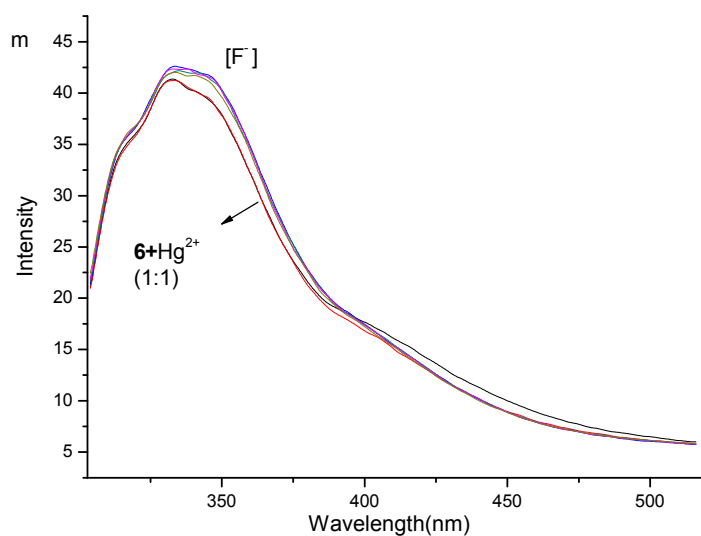




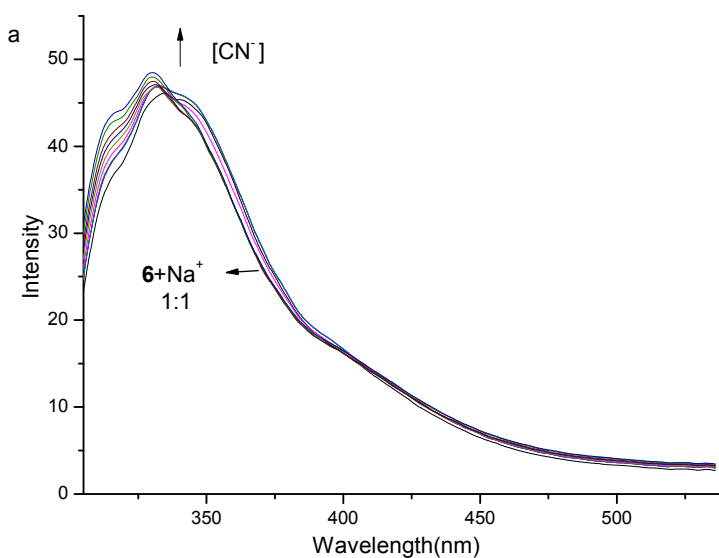


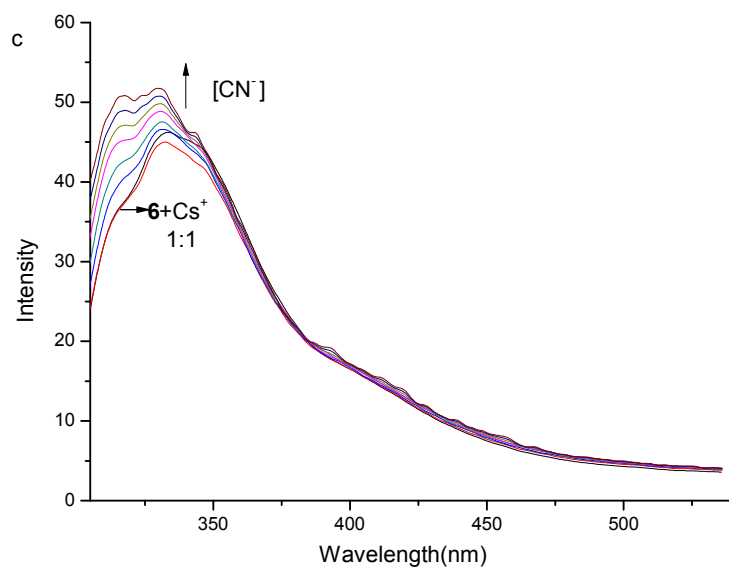
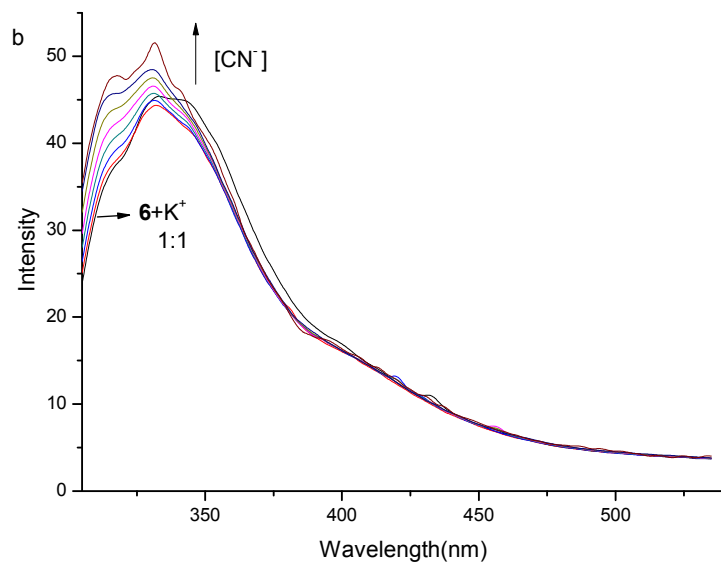


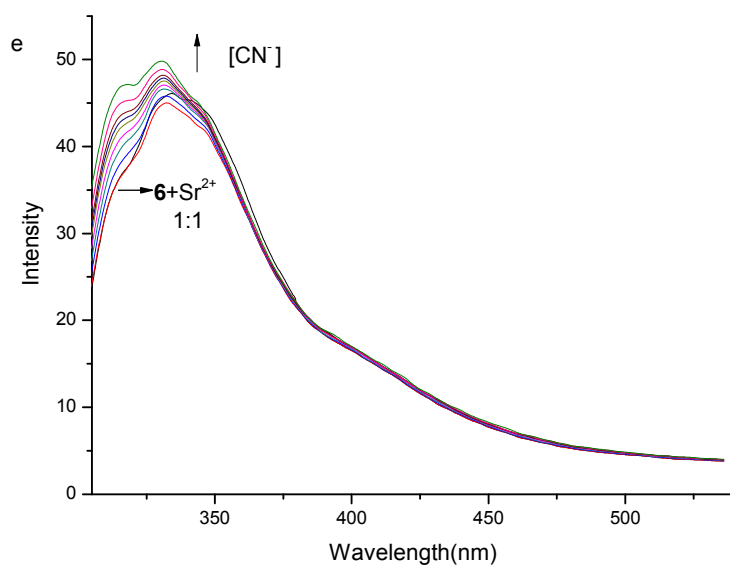
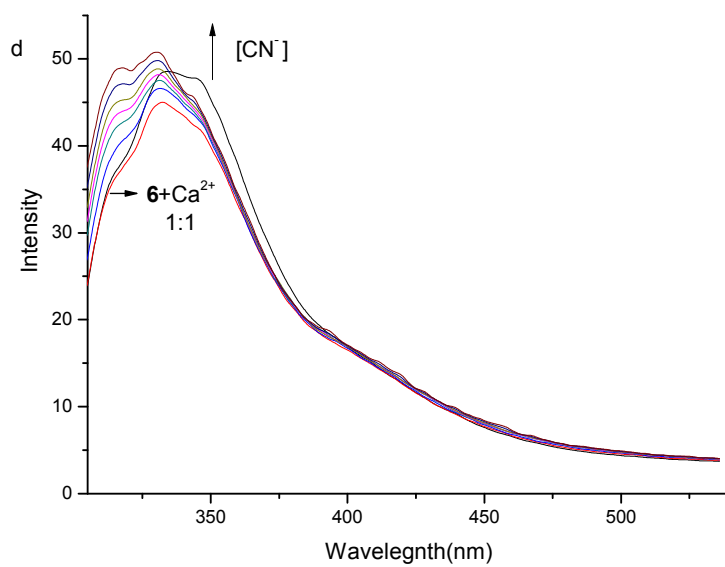


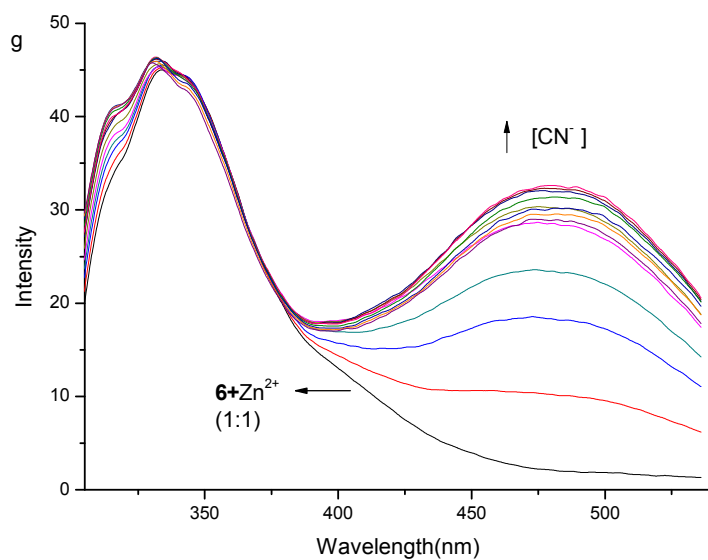
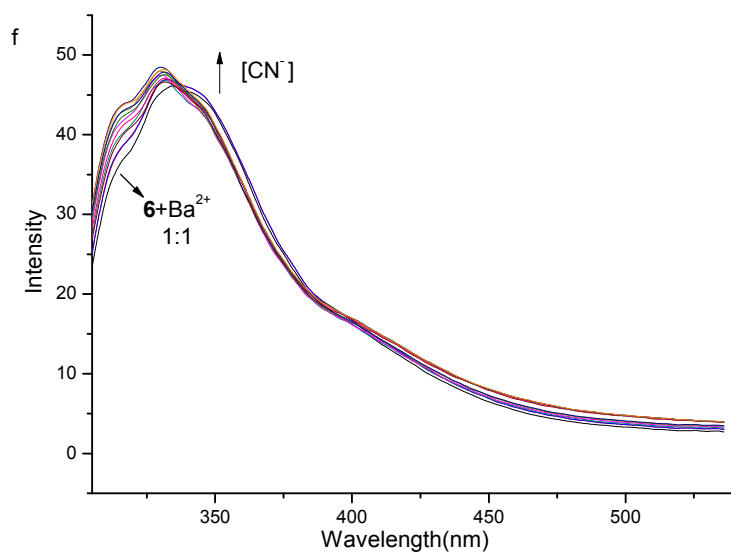


**Figure S8:** Fluorescence titration curves of **6** ( $3.18 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in acetonitrile (2mL) with increasing of  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{F}^-$  ( $0.62, 1.24, 1.86, 2.48, 3.10, 3.72, 4.34, 4.96 \times 10^{-4}$  M) respectively, in the presence of (a)  $\text{NaClO}_4$  ( $3.20 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (b)  $\text{KClO}_4$  ( $3.20 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (c)  $\text{CsClO}_4$  ( $3.20 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (d)  $\text{Ca}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.12 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (e)  $\text{Sr}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.11 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (f)  $\text{Ba}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.10 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (g)  $\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.10 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (h)  $\text{Co}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.10 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (i)  $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.10 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (j)  $\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.10 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (k)  $\text{Zn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.14 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (l)  $\text{Pb}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.10 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and (m)  $\text{Hg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.12 \times 10^{-4}$  M).

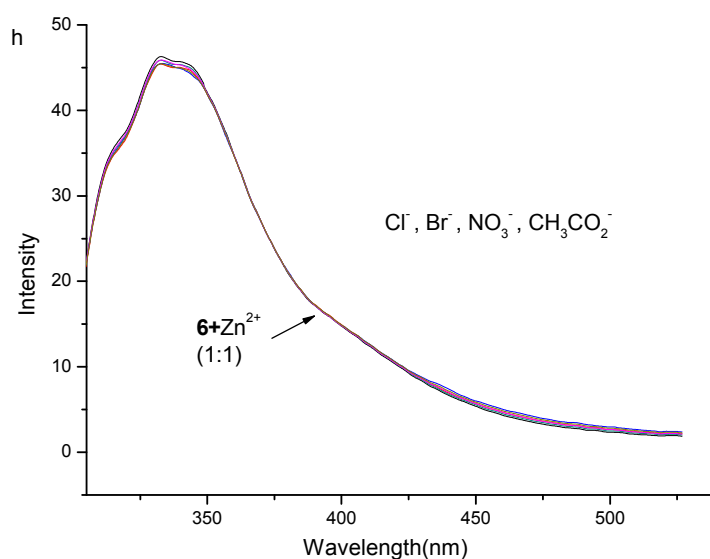












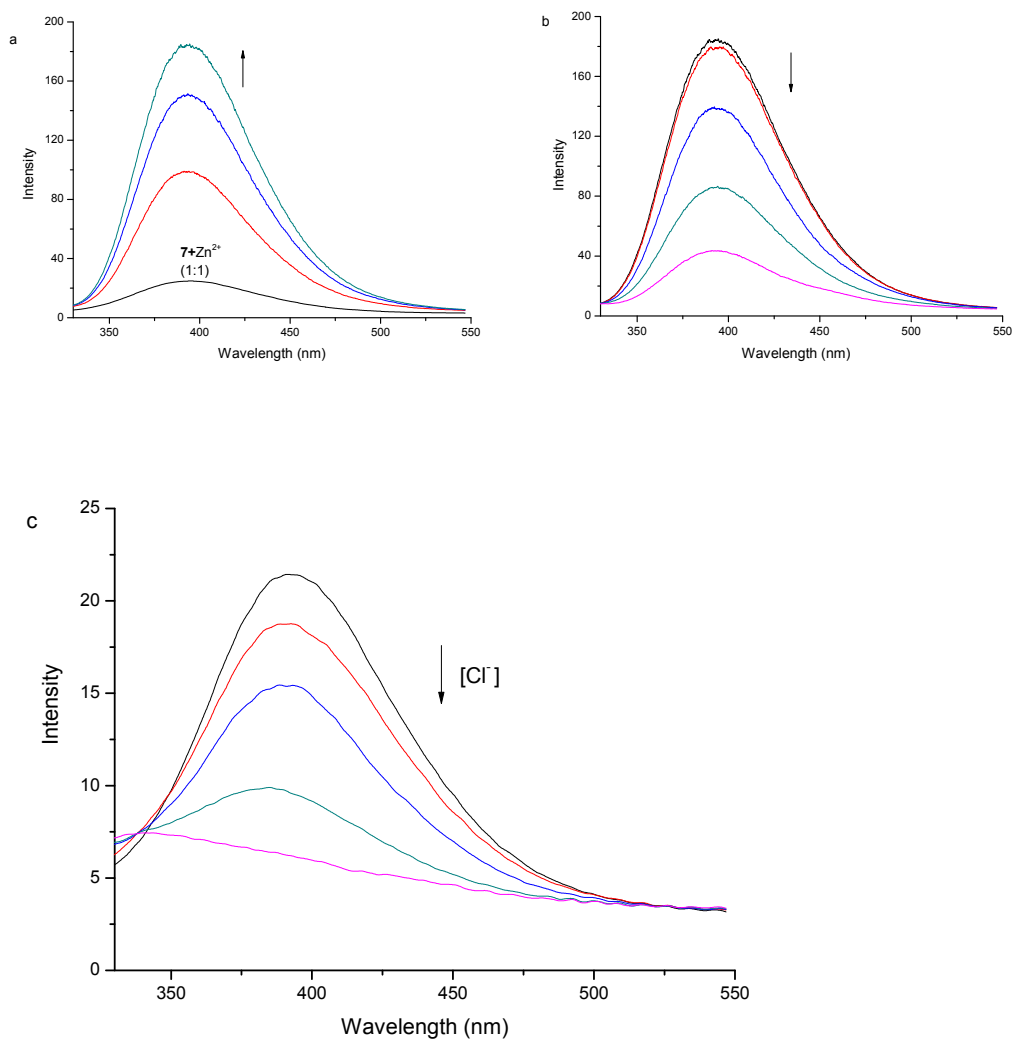
**Figure S9:** Fluorescence titration curves of **6** ( $3.18 \times 10^{-4}$  M in acetonitrile) with increasing of  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{CN}^-$  ( $0 \sim 7.23 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in the presence of (a)  $\text{NaClO}_4$  ( $3.20 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (b)  $\text{KClO}_4$  ( $3.20 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (c)  $\text{CsClO}_4$  ( $3.20 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (d)  $\text{Ca}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.12 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (e)  $\text{Sr}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.11 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (f)  $\text{Ba}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.10 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (g)  $\text{Zn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.20 \times 10^{-4}$  M). (h) Fluorescence titration curves of **6** ( $3.18 \times 10^{-4}$  M in acetonitrile) with increasing of  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{Br}^-$ ,  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$  ( $0 \sim 6.01 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in the presence of  $\text{Zn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $3.20 \times 10^{-4}$  M).

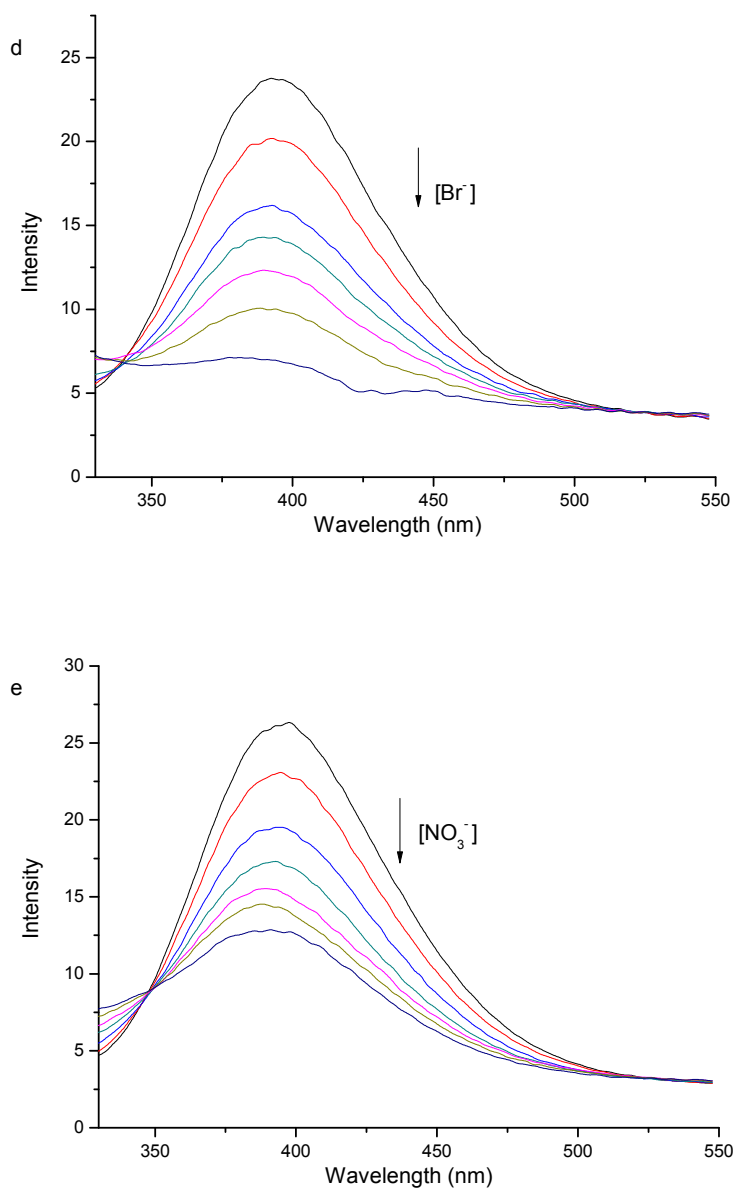
**Table S5:** Association constants  $K_a(\text{M}^{-1})$  of compound **6** and  $\text{CN}^-$  with or without the presence of cations

	$K_a/\text{M}^{-1}$ <sup>a</sup>
	[ <b>6</b> ·M]
free <b>6</b>	$5.871 \times 10^3$
$\text{Na}^+$	<sup>b</sup>
$\text{K}^+$	$4.164 \times 10^3$
$\text{Cs}^+$	$8.356 \times 10^3$
$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	$7.682 \times 10^3$
$\text{Sr}^{2+}$	$3.461 \times 10^3$

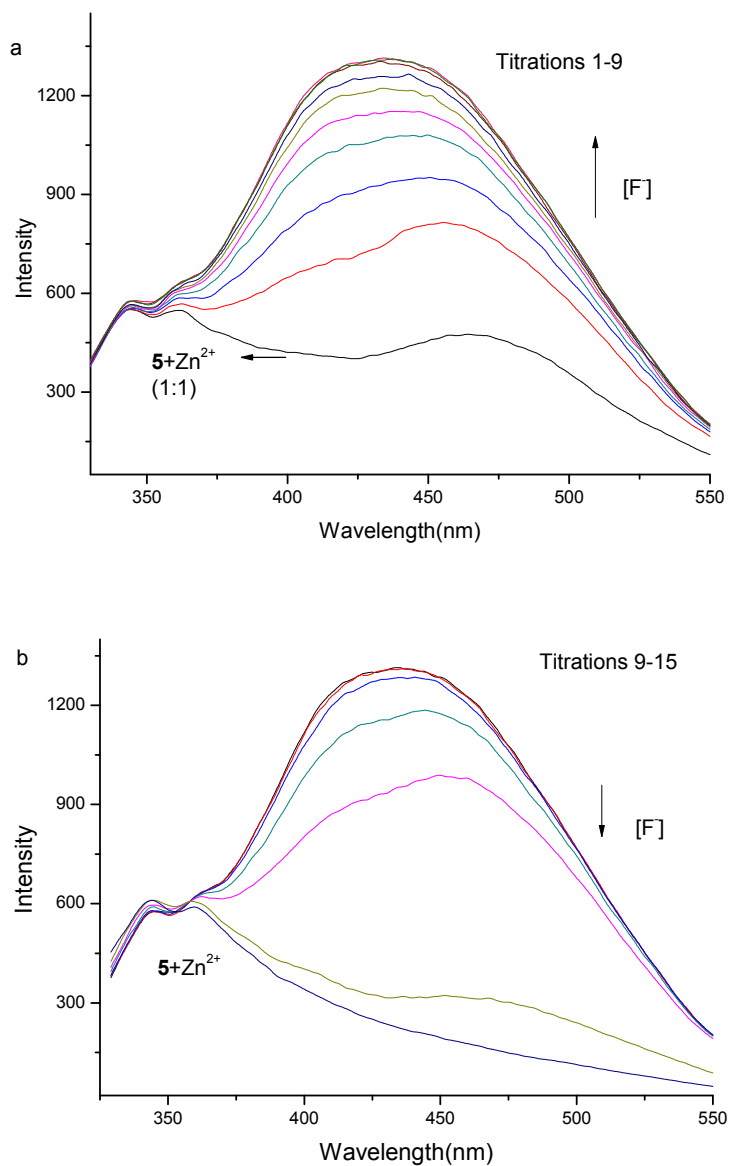
$\text{Ba}^{2+}$	/ <sup>b</sup>
$\text{Zn}^{2+}$	/ <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> association constants were calculated by using a Hyperquad program. <sup>b</sup> spectral change was observed but failed to calculate the association constant.

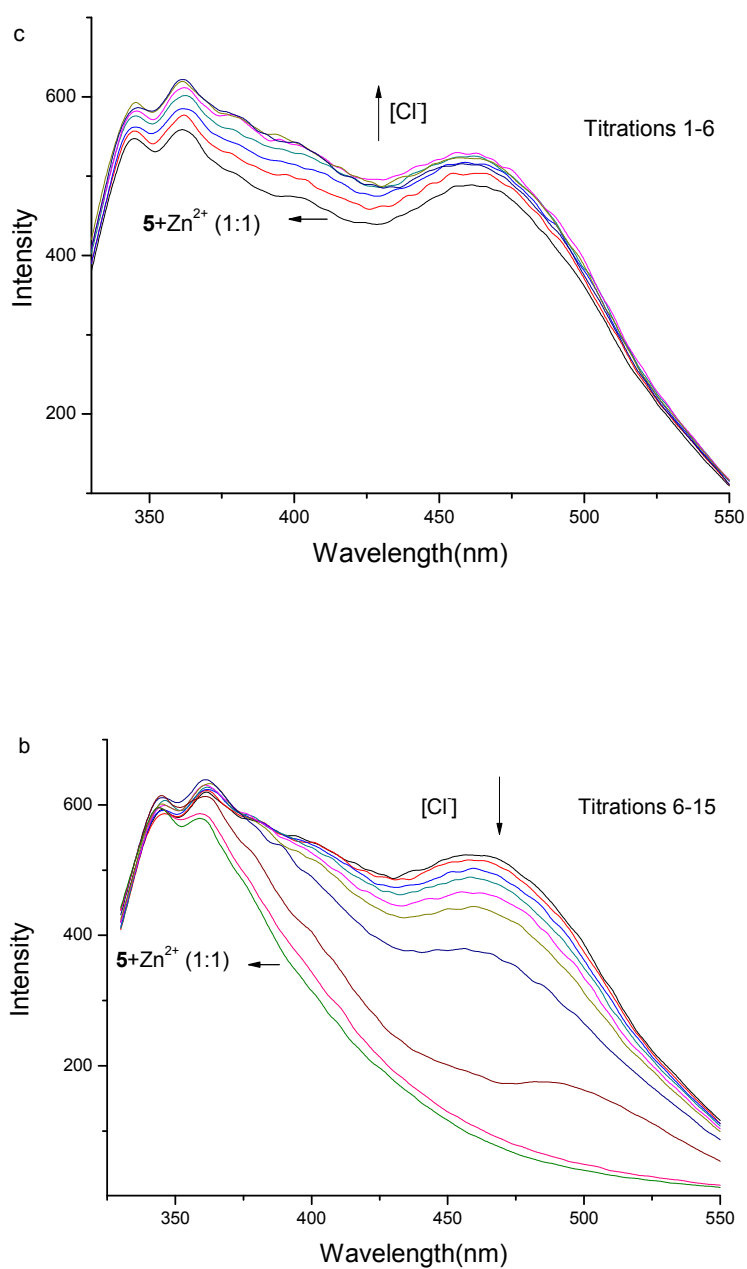




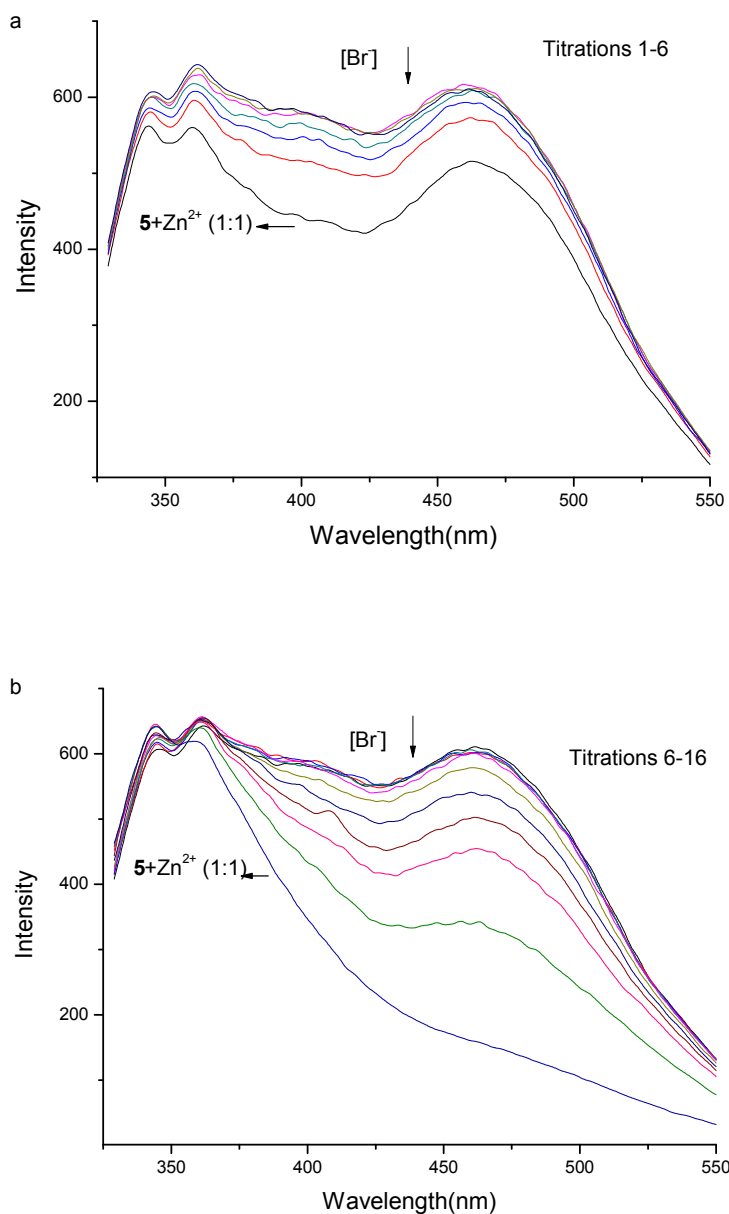
**Figure S10:** Fluorescence titration curves of **7** ( $2.812 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in acetonitrile (2 ml) in the presence of  $\text{Zn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  ( $2.824 \times 10^{-4}$  M) with increasing of  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{F}^-$  (a) (0, 0.465,  $0.93 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and (b) ( $1.395$ ,  $1.86$ ,  $2.325$ ,  $2.79$ ,  $3.348 \times 10^{-4}$  M), respectively, (c)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{Cl}^-$  ( $0 \sim 2.44 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (d)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{Br}^-$  ( $0 \sim 2.718 \times 10^{-4}$  M), (e)  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{NO}_3^-$  ( $0 \sim 2.754 \times 10^{-4}$  M).



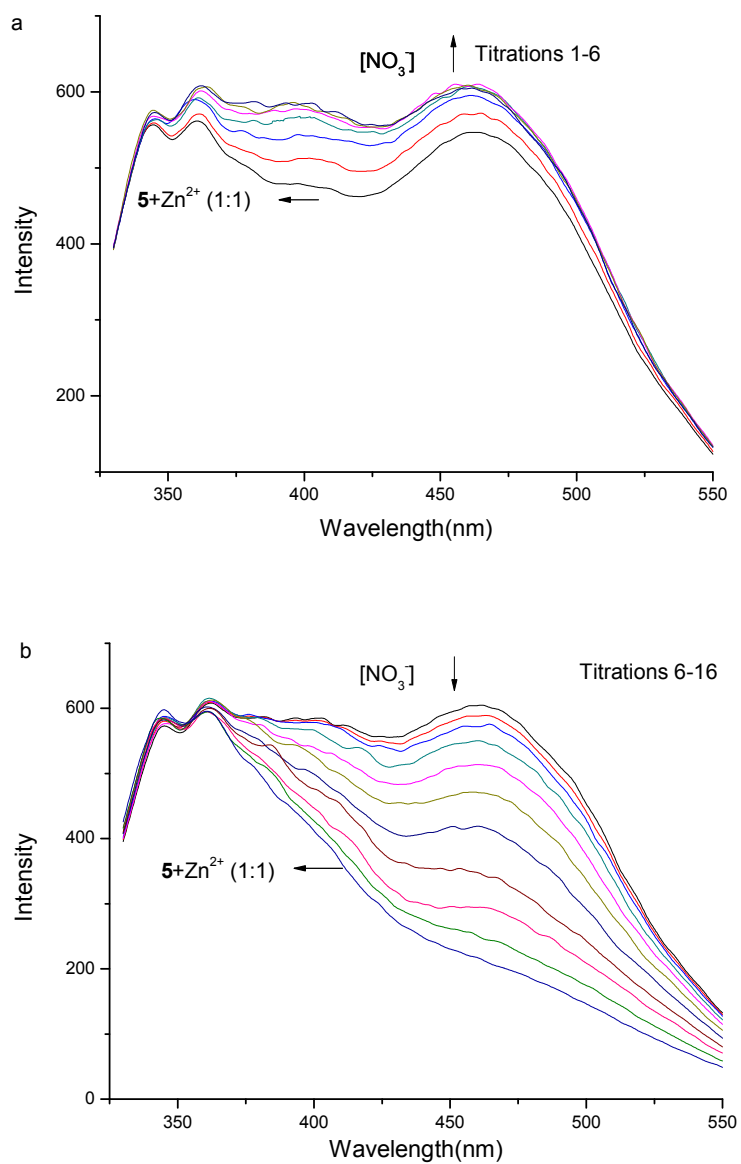
**Figure S11:** Fluorescence titration curves of the complex of **5** ( $3.984 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and zinc ion ( $4.011 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in acetonitrile (2ml) with increasing of  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NF}$  (a)  $0 \sim 4.185 \times 10^{-4}$  M, (b)  $4.185 \sim 6.975 \times 10^{-4}$  M.



**Figure S12:** Fluorescence titration curves of the complex of **5** ( $3.984 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and zinc ion ( $4.011 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in acetonitrile (2ml) with increasing of  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{Cl}^-$  (a) ( $0 \sim 3.60 \times 10^{-4}$  M),  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{Cl}^-$  ( $3.60 \sim 9.00 \times 10^{-4}$  M),

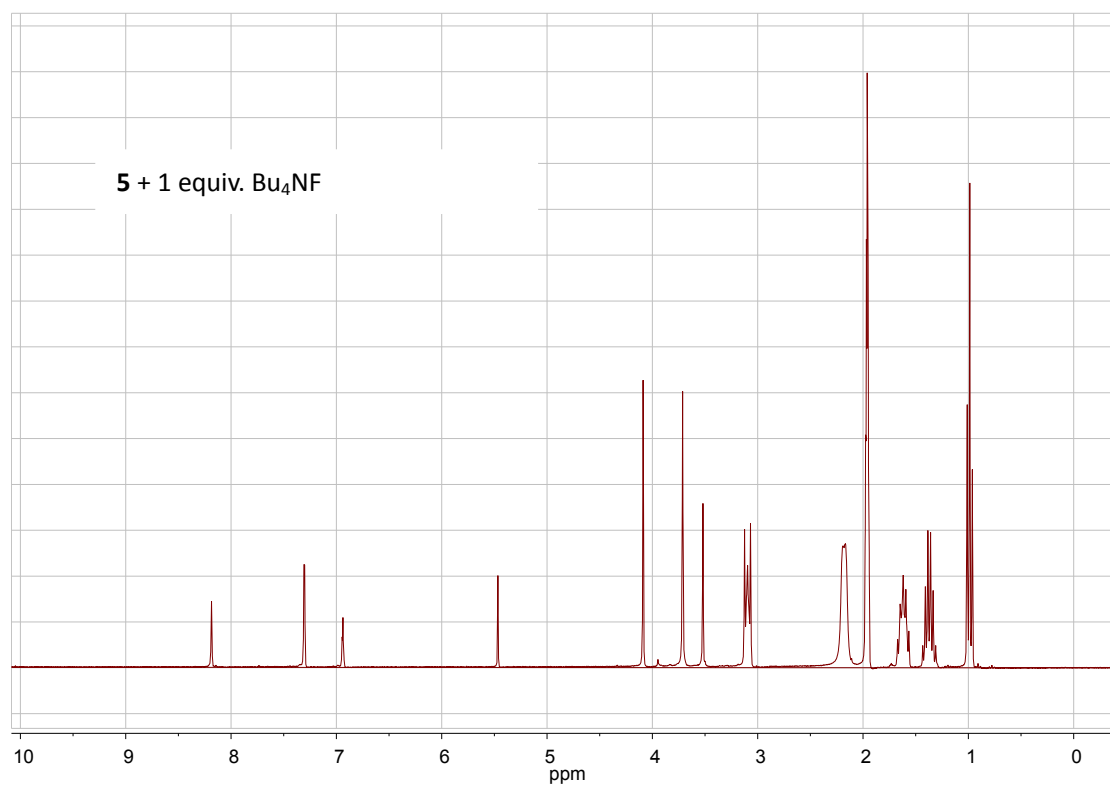
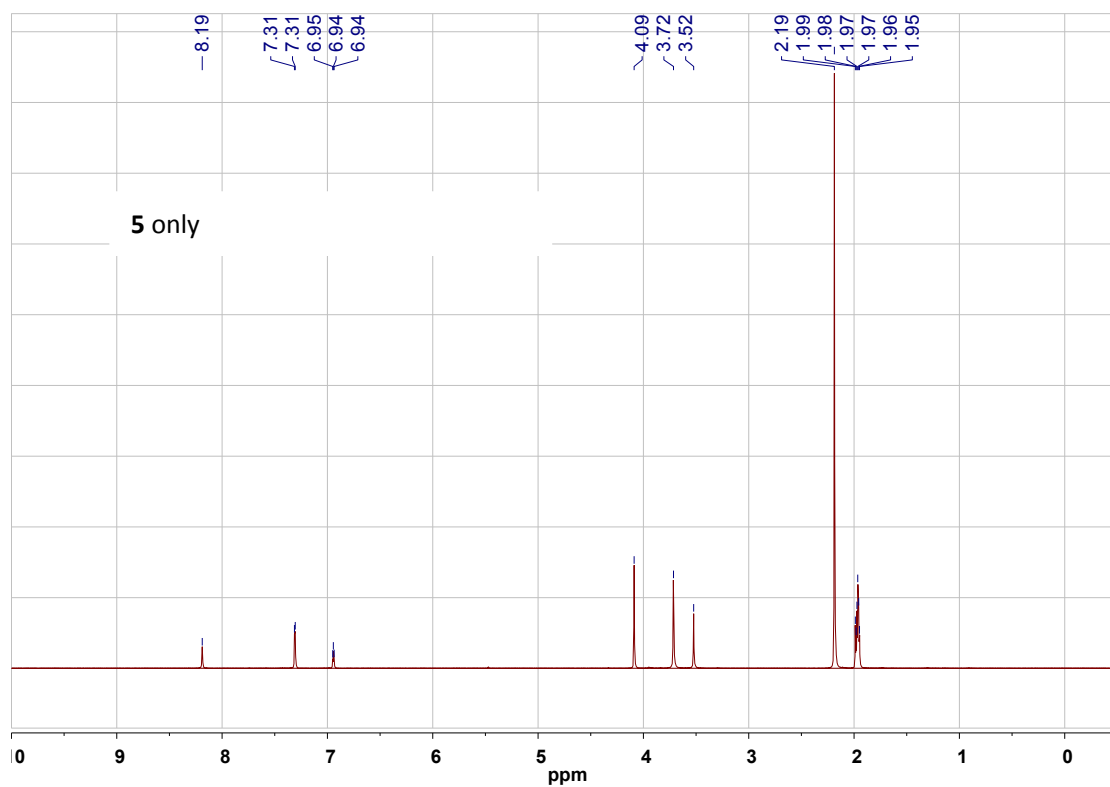


**Figure S13:** Fluorescence titration curves of the complex of **5** ( $3.984 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and zinc ion ( $4.011 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in acetonitrile (2ml) with increasing of  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NBr}$  (a)  $0 \sim 4.050 \times 10^{-4}$  M, (b)  $4.050 \sim 10.81 \times 10^{-4}$  M.

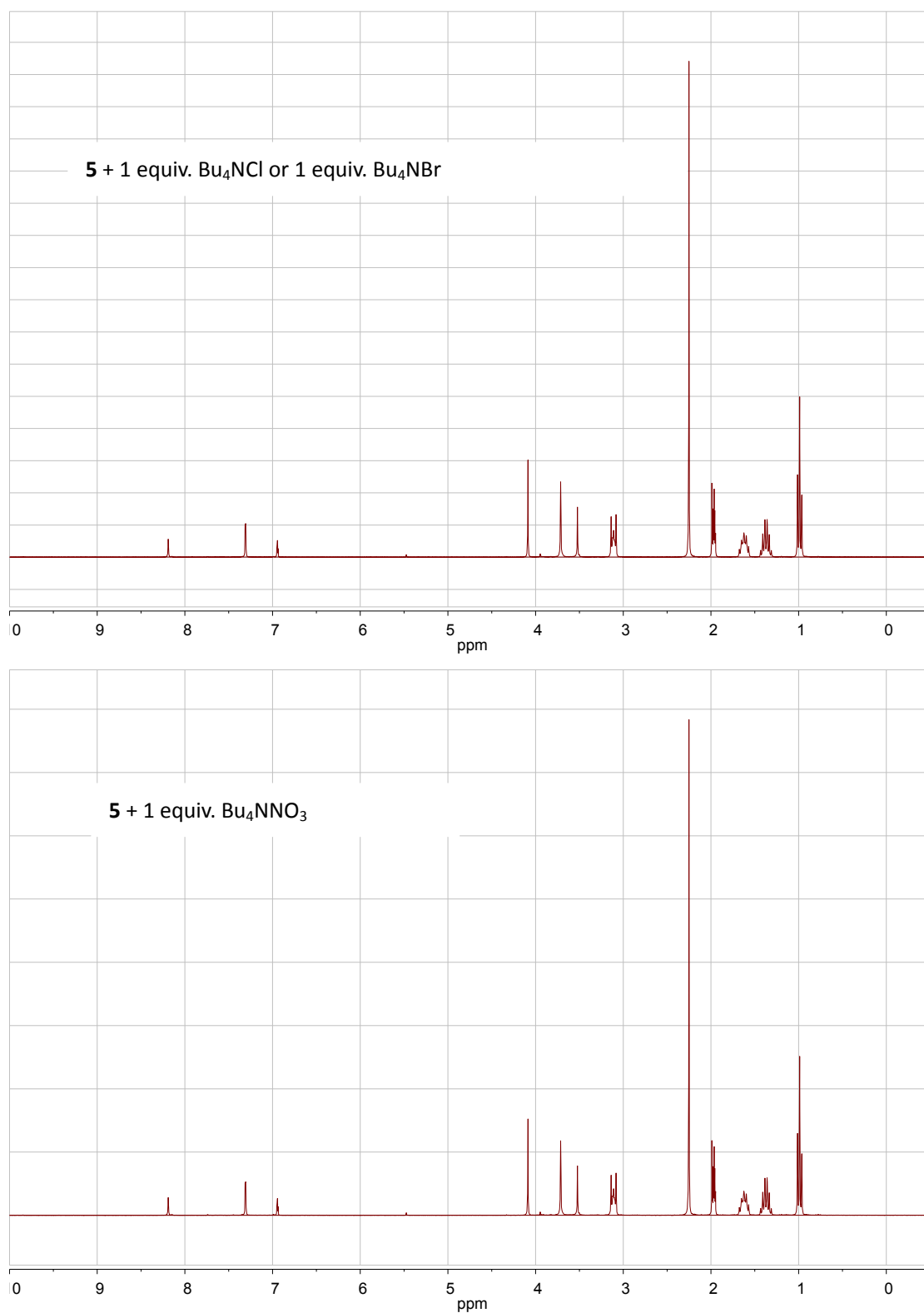


**Figure S14:** Fluorescence titration curves of the complex of **5** ( $3.984 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and zinc ion ( $4.011 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in acetonitrile (2ml) with increasing of Bu<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (a)  $0 \sim 3.605 \times 10^{-4}$  M, (b)  $3.605 \sim 14.42 \times 10^{-4}$  M.

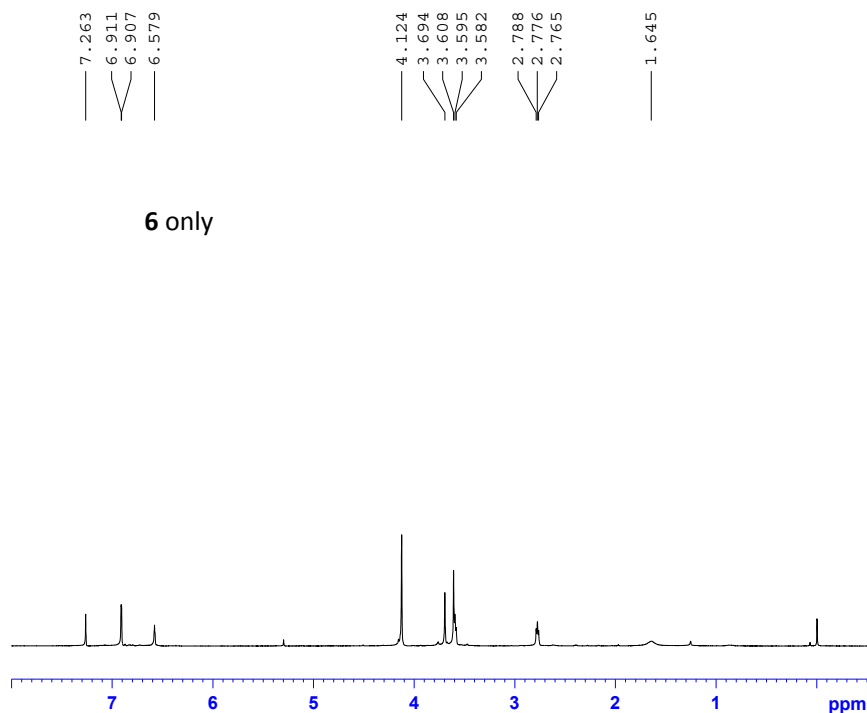
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**Figure S15**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **5** with the addition of anions.

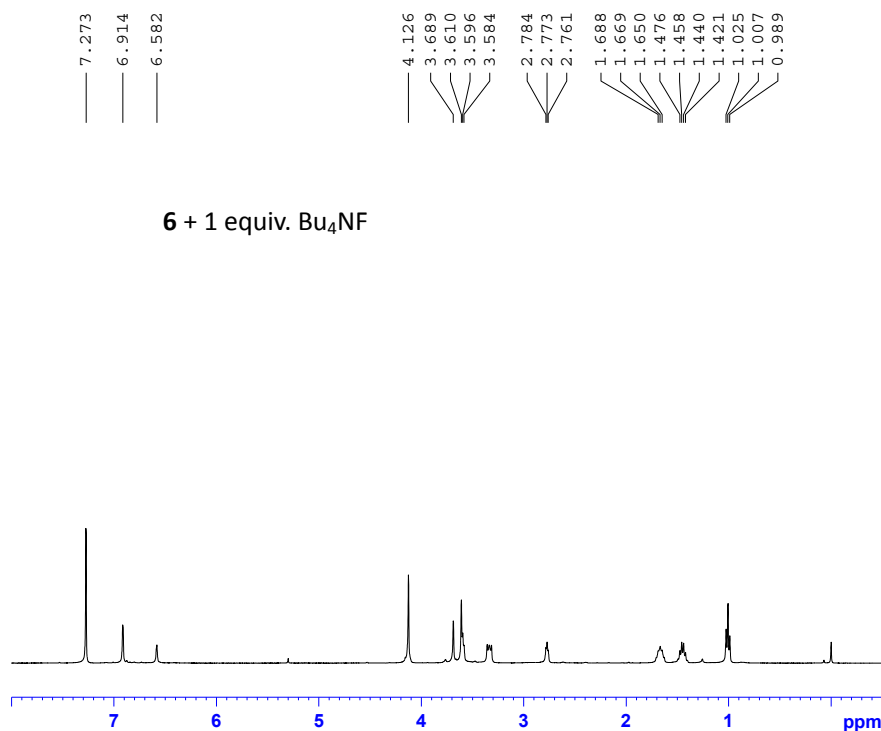


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FIDRES 0.183399 Hz  
AQ 2.7263477 sec  
RG 203  
DW 41.600 usec  
DE 6.00 usec  
TE 301.7 K  
D1 5.00000000 sec  
TD0 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====  
NUC1 1H  
P1 12.60 usec  
PL1 -1.00 dB  
SFO1 400.1332010 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters  
SI 32768  
SF 400.1300066 MHz  
WDW EM  
SSB 0  
LB 0.30 Hz  
GB 0  
PC 1.00

Figure S16 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **6** with the addition of F<sup>-</sup>.

### 6. Copies of $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR Spectra



Current Data Parameters  
 NAME cy-p5-galix-ald  
 EXPNO 19  
 PROCNO 1

F2 - Acquisition Parameters  
 Date\_ 20100628  
 Time 20.34  
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 PULPROG zg30  
 TD 65536  
 SOLVENT CDCl3  
 NS 6  
 DS 0  
 SWH 8992.806 Hz  
 FIDRES 0.137219 Hz  
 AQ 3.6438515 sec  
 RG 574.7  
 DW 55.600 usec  
 DE 8.00 usec  
 TE 300.1 K  
 D1 1.00000000 sec  
 TD0 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====  
 NUC1 1H  
 P1 10.80 usec  
 PL1 3.00 dB  
 SFO1 300.1324010 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters  
 SI 32768  
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 WDW EM  
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 LB 0.30 Hz  
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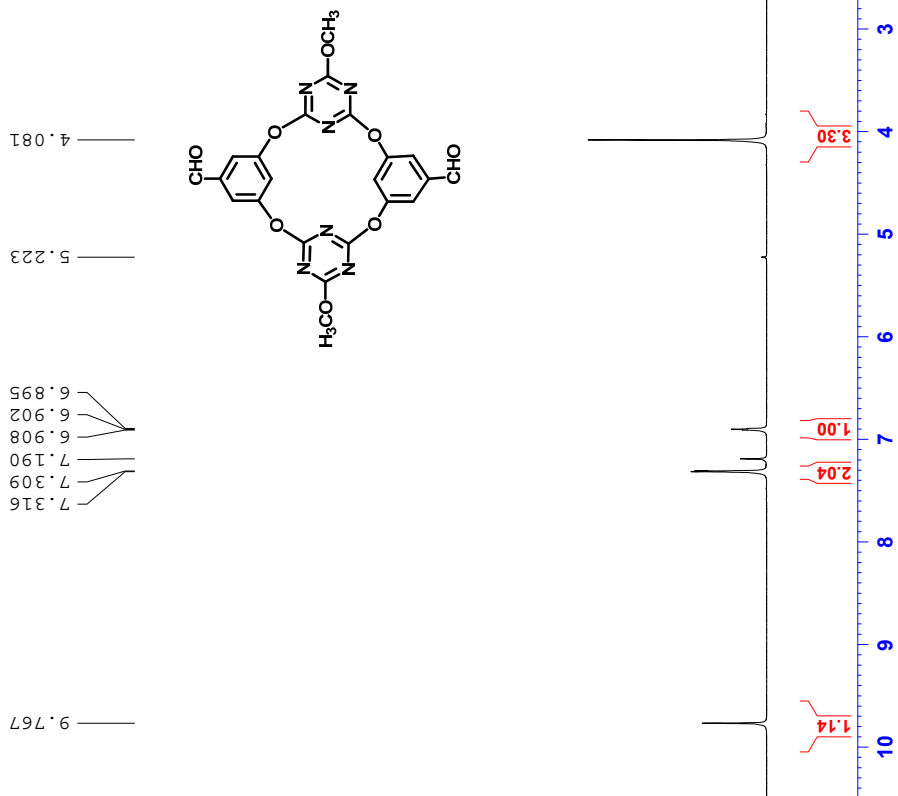


Figure S17  $^1\text{H}$  spectra of 3.



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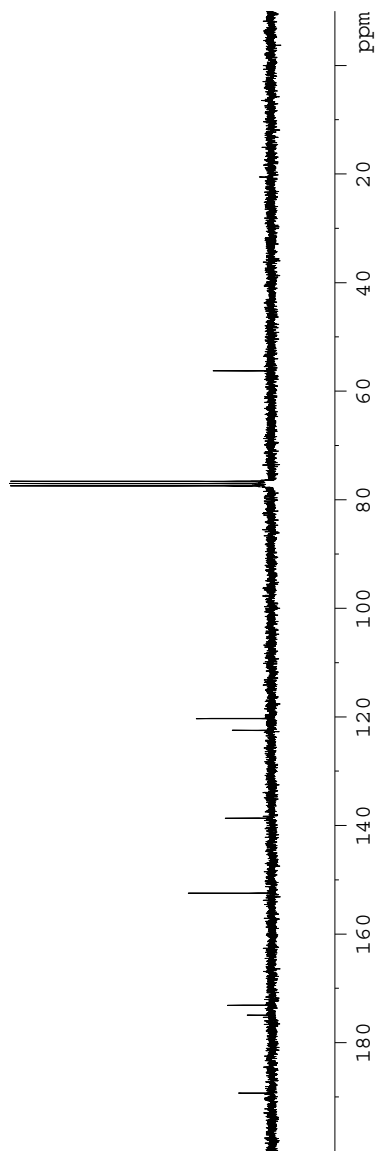
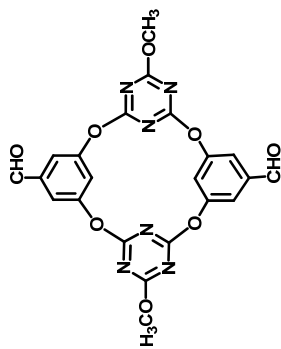
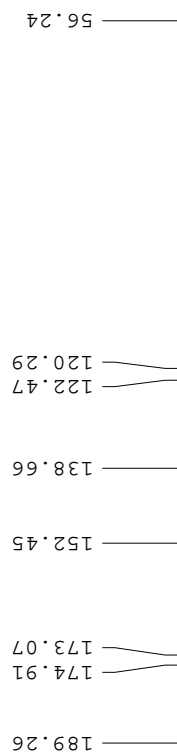


Figure S18 <sup>13</sup>C spectra of **3**.



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PROCNO 1  
Date\_ 20100329  
Time 15.36  
F2 -  
PROBHD 5 mm DUL  
PULPROG zg30  
TD 32768  
SOLVENT CDCl3  
NS 16  
DS 8992.800 Hz  
FIDRES 0.274439 Hz  
AQ 1.8219508 sec  
RG 45.3  
DW 55.600 usec  
DE 8.00 usec  
TE 300.2 K  
D1 2.0000000 sec  
TD0 1  
===== CHANNEL f1 =====  
NUC1 1H  
P1 10.00 usec  
PL1 0.00 dB  
SFO1 300.1318008 MHz  
SI 32768  
SF 300.1300000 MHz  
WDW EM  
SSB 0  
GB 0  
PC 1.00

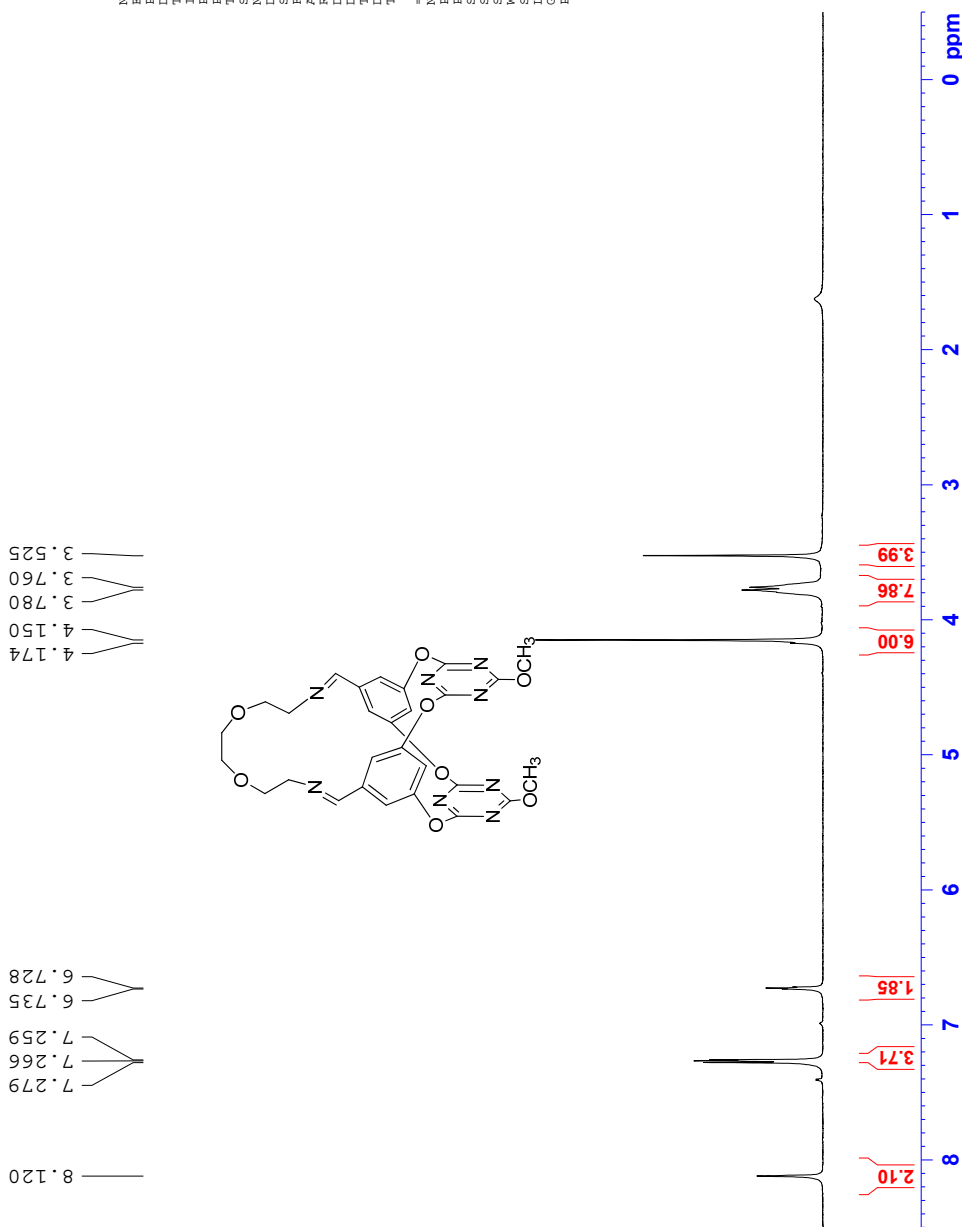


Figure S19 <sup>1</sup>H spectra of 5.



NAME cy-p5-calix-detrietheramine  
EXPNO 14  
PROCNO 1  
Date\_ 20100321  
Time 14.21  
INSTRUM spect  
PROBHD 5 mm DUL 13C-1  
PULPROG zgpg30  
TD 32768  
SOLVENT CDCl3  
NS 720  
DS 0  
SWH 18832.393 Hz  
FIDRES 0.574719 Hz  
AQ 0.87700404 sec  
RG 14596.5  
EW 24.50 usec  
TE 298.3 K  
D1 2.0000000 sec  
D11 0.03000000 sec  
TDO 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====  
NUC1 13C  
P1 12.50 usec  
PL1 2.00 dB  
SFO1 75.4752953 MHz

===== CHANNEL f2 =====  
NAME waltz16  
PCPD2 100.00 usec  
PL2 3.00 dB  
PL12 22.33 dB  
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WDW EM  
SSB 0  
LB 1.00 Hz  
GB 0  
PC 1.40

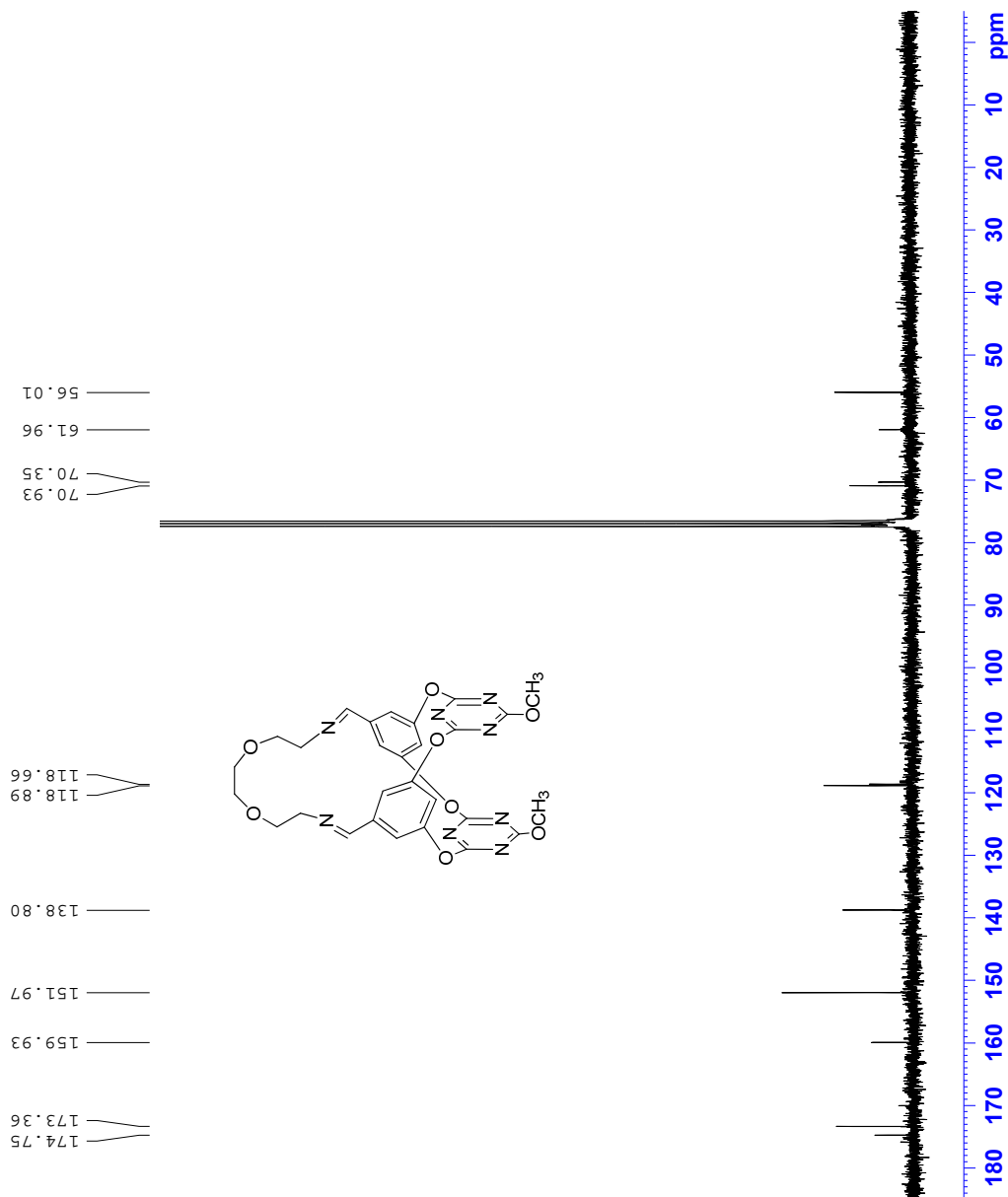


Figure S20 <sup>13</sup>C spectra of 5.



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PROCNO        1
Date_         20100626
Time          19.25
INSTRUM       spect
PROBHD        5 mm DUL 13C-1
PULPROG       zg30
TD            32768
SOLVENT       CDCl3
NS            16
DS            0
SWH           8992.806 Hz
FIDRES        0.274439 Hz
AQ            1.8219508 sec
RG            181
DW            55.600 usec
DE            8.00 usec
TE            300.1 K
D1            2.0000000 sec
TD0           1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
NUC1          1H
P1            10.80 usec
PL1           3.00 dB
SF01          300.1318008 MHz
SI            32768
WDW           EM
SSB           0
LB            0.30 Hz
GB            0
PC            1.00
    
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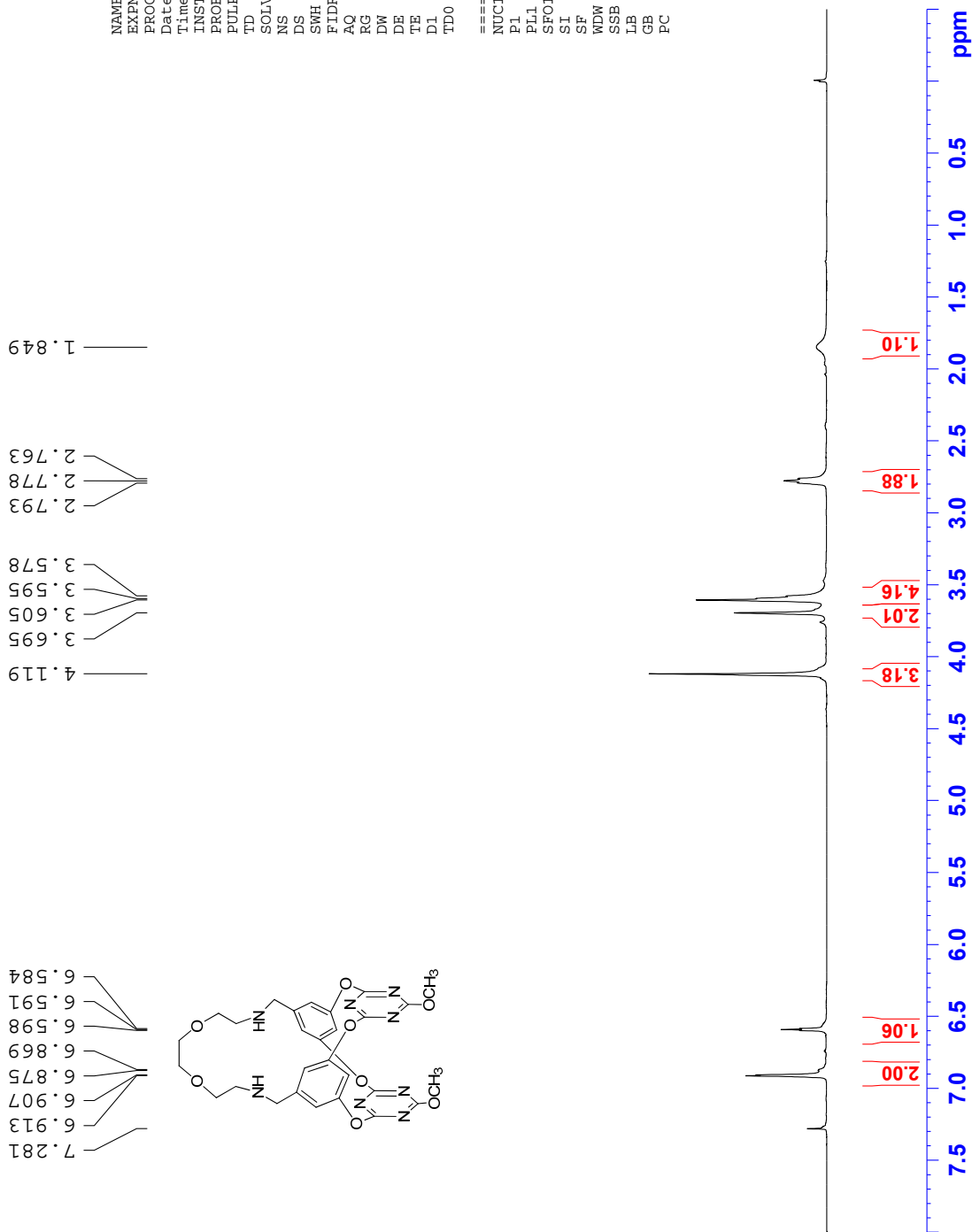


Figure S21 <sup>1</sup>H spectra of 6.

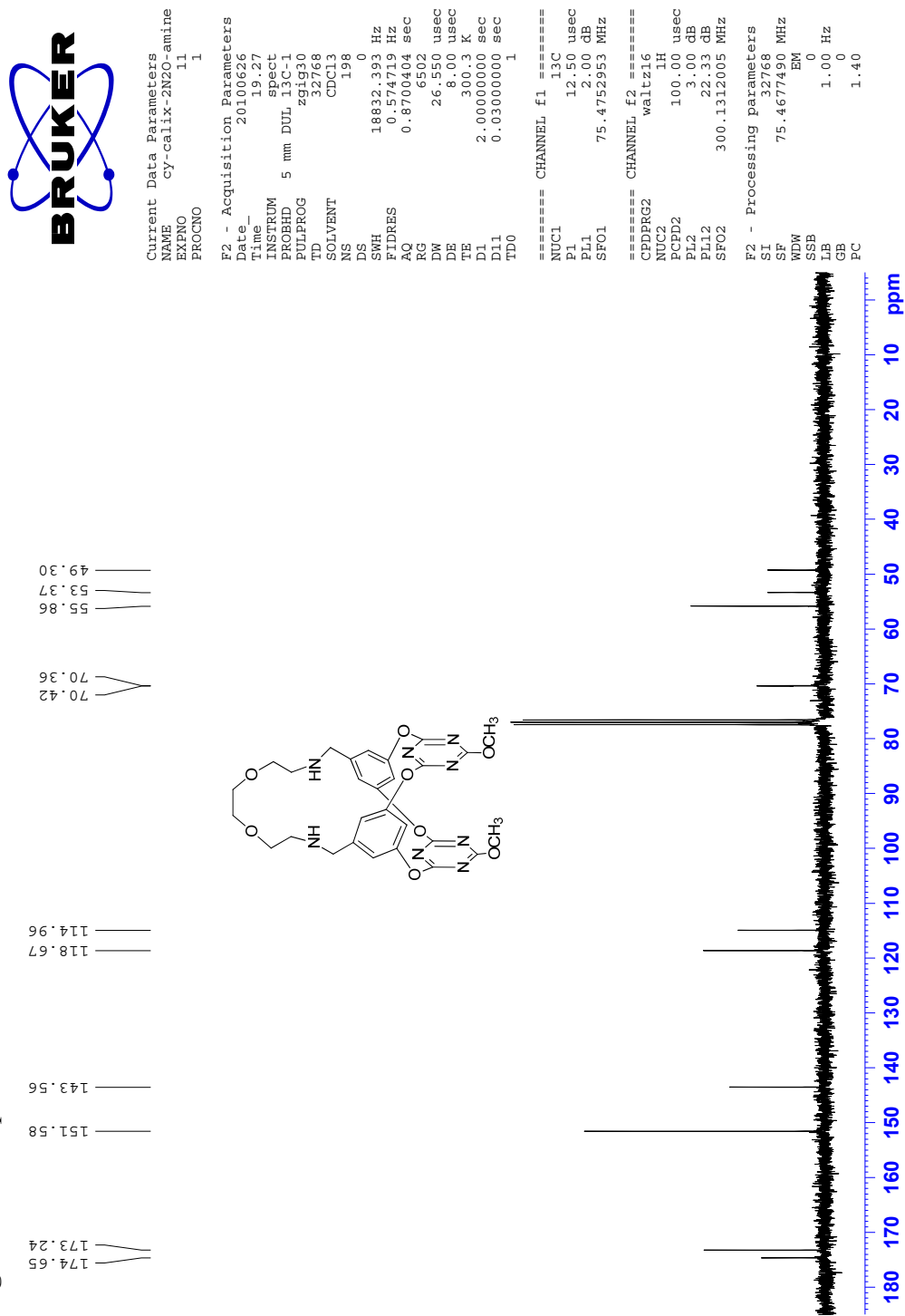


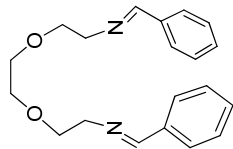




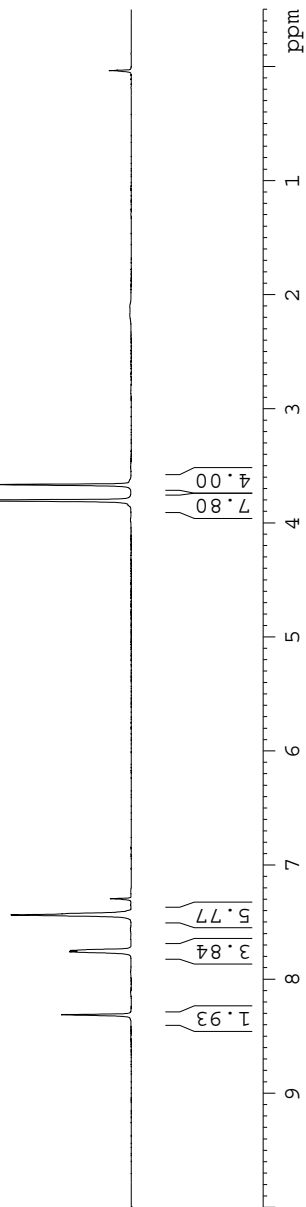
Figure S22 <sup>13</sup>C spectra of 6.

3.803  
3.664

8.312  
7.760  
7.756  
7.748  
7.440  
7.436



Current Data Parameters  
NAME cy-mod-imine  
EXPNO 2  
PROCNO 1  
F2 - Acquisition Parameters  
Date\_ 20101005  
Time\_ 13.39  
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PULPROG zgpg30  
TD 65536  
SOLVENT CDCl3  
NS 3  
DS 0  
SWH 12019.320 Hz  
FIDRES 0.183399 Hz  
AQ 2.7263477 sec  
RG 144  
DW 41.600 usec  
DE 6.00 usec  
TE 300.0 K  
D1 5.0000000 sec  
TDO 1  
===== CHANNEL f1 =====  
NUC1 1H  
P1 12.60 usec  
PL1 -1.00 dB  
SFO1 400.1332010 MHz  
F2 - Processing parameters  
SI 32768  
SF 400.1299972 MHz  
WDW EM  
SSB 0  
LB 0.30 Hz  
GB 0  
PC 1.00



**Figure S23**  $^1\text{H}$  spectra of **7**.