

Electronic Supplementary Information

Highly Selective and Sensitive Colorimetric/ Fluorometric Dual Mode Detection of Relevant Biogenic Amines

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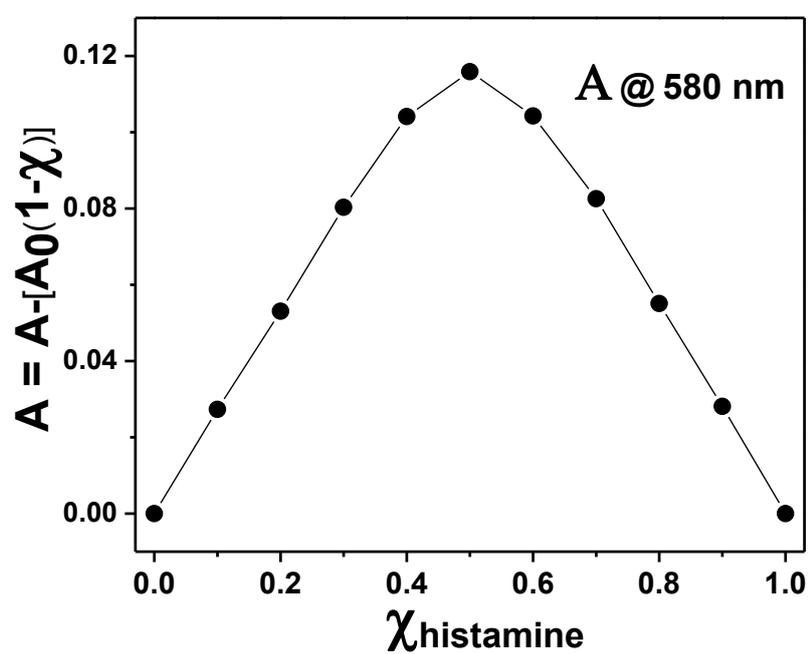


Fig. S1 Job's plot for the binding of **1** with histamine in CHCl_3 . The total concentration of **1** and histamine is $15 \mu\text{M}$. A and A_0 (the initial absorbance of **1**) are the absorbance values at 580 nm. UV/vis spectra were recorded with a 5-mm path-length cuvette.

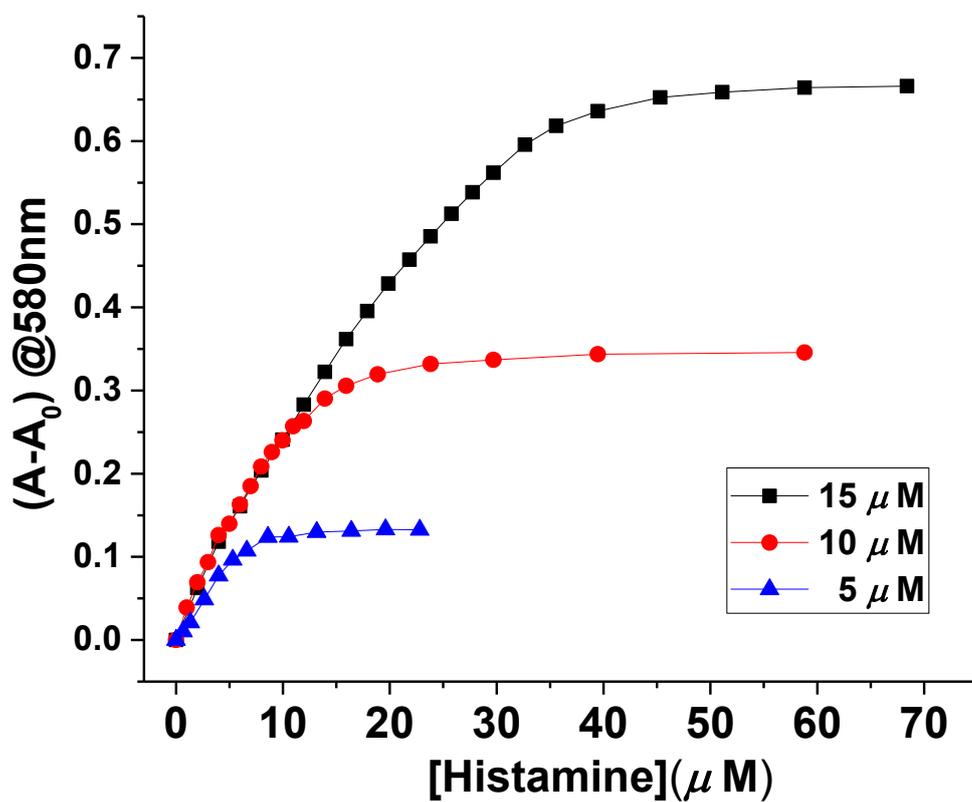


Fig. S2 Optical absorption titrations of **1** (CHCl_3 solutions at different concentration) with histamine. Variation of the absorbance at 580 nm as a function of the concentration of histamine added.

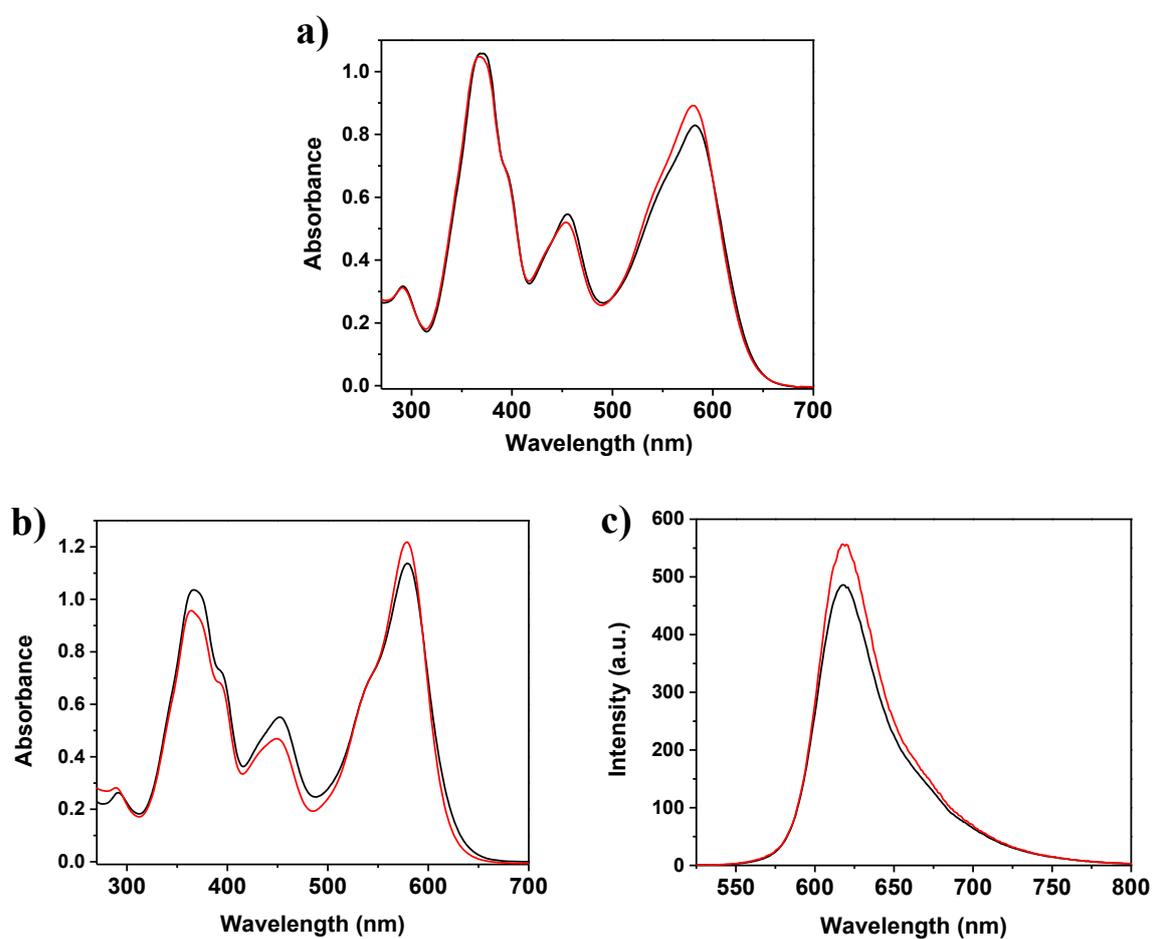


Fig. S3 a) Optical absorption spectra of **1** (3 mL, 15 μM solution in CHCl_3 , black line) and after the addition of 6 μL of methanol (red line). **b)** Optical absorption and **c)** fluorescence spectra of **1** (15 μM solution in CHCl_3) after the addition of an equimolar amount of histamine dissolved in chloroform (black line) or methanol (red line).

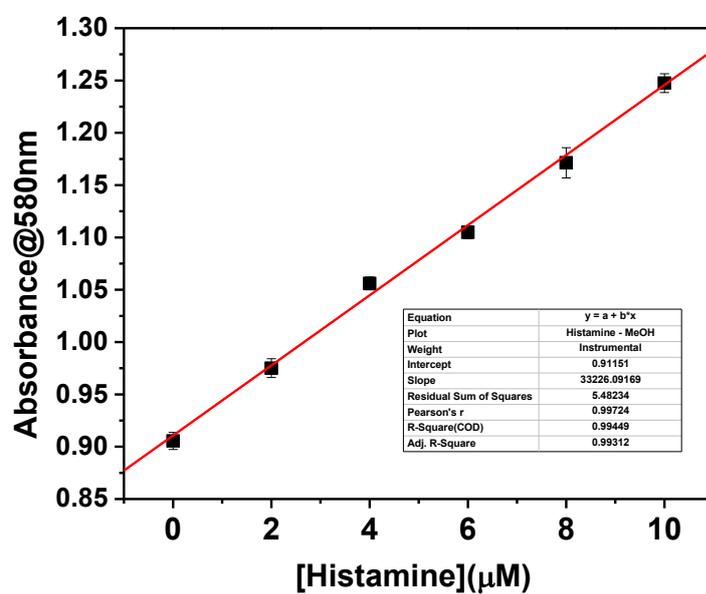


Fig. S4 Variation of the absorbance of **1** (3 mL, 15 μ M solution in CHCl_3) at 580 nm as a function of the concentration of histamine added (solution in MeOH, 6 μ L). The absorbance of the first point is that related to **1** upon addition of 6 μ L of MeOH. The solid line represents the linear best fit.

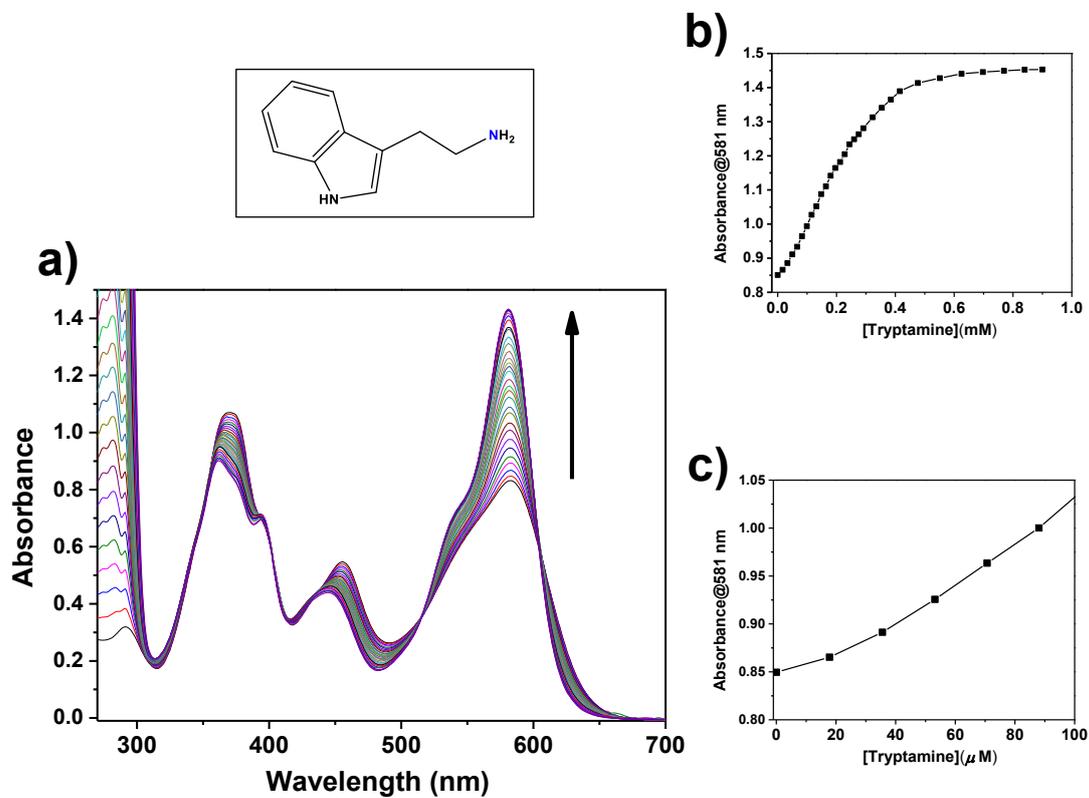


Fig. S5 a) Optical absorption titration curves of **1** (15 μM solution in CHCl_3) with addition of tryptamine. The concentration of tryptamine added varied from 0 to 0.9 mM. b) Variation of the absorbance at 581 nm as a function of the concentration of tryptamine added. c) Variation of the absorbance at 581 nm as a function of the concentration of tryptamine added (expanded view up to 100 μM).

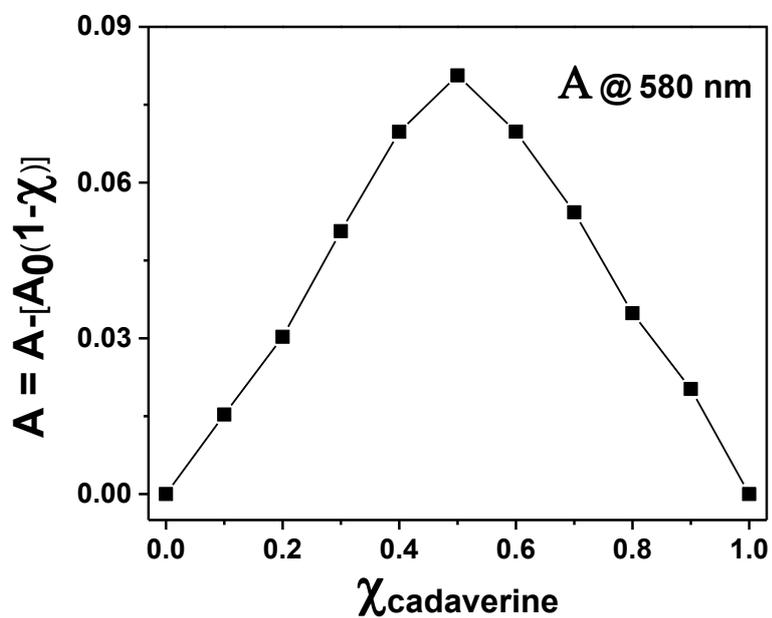


Fig. S6 Job's plot for the binding of **1** with cadaverine in CHCl_3 . The total concentration of **1** and cadaverine is $15 \mu\text{M}$. A and A_0 (the initial absorbance of **1**) are the absorbance values at 580 nm. UV/vis spectra were recorded with a 5-mm path-length cuvette.

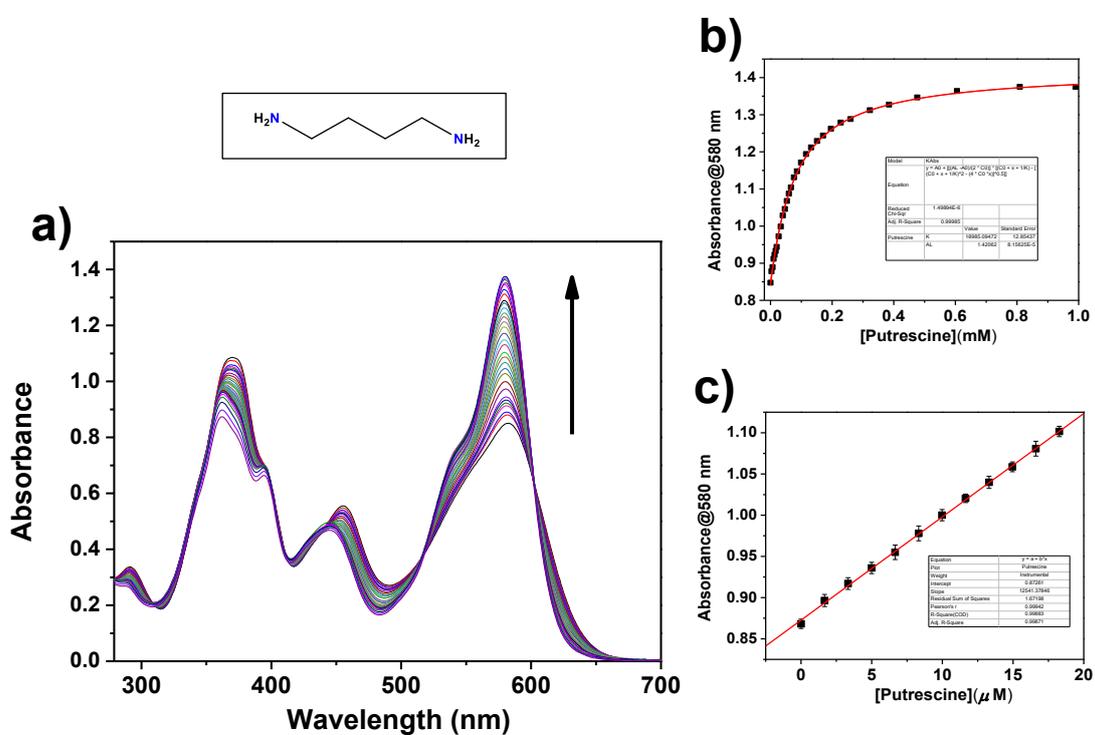


Fig. S7 **a)** Optical absorption titration curves of **1** (15 μM solution in CHCl_3) with addition of putrescine. The concentration of putrescine added varied from 0 to 1.0 mM. **b)** Variation of the absorbance at 580 nm as a function of the concentration of putrescine added. The solid line represents the curve fitting analysis with eqn (2). **c)** Linear best fit in the linear dynamic range (weight given by data error bars).

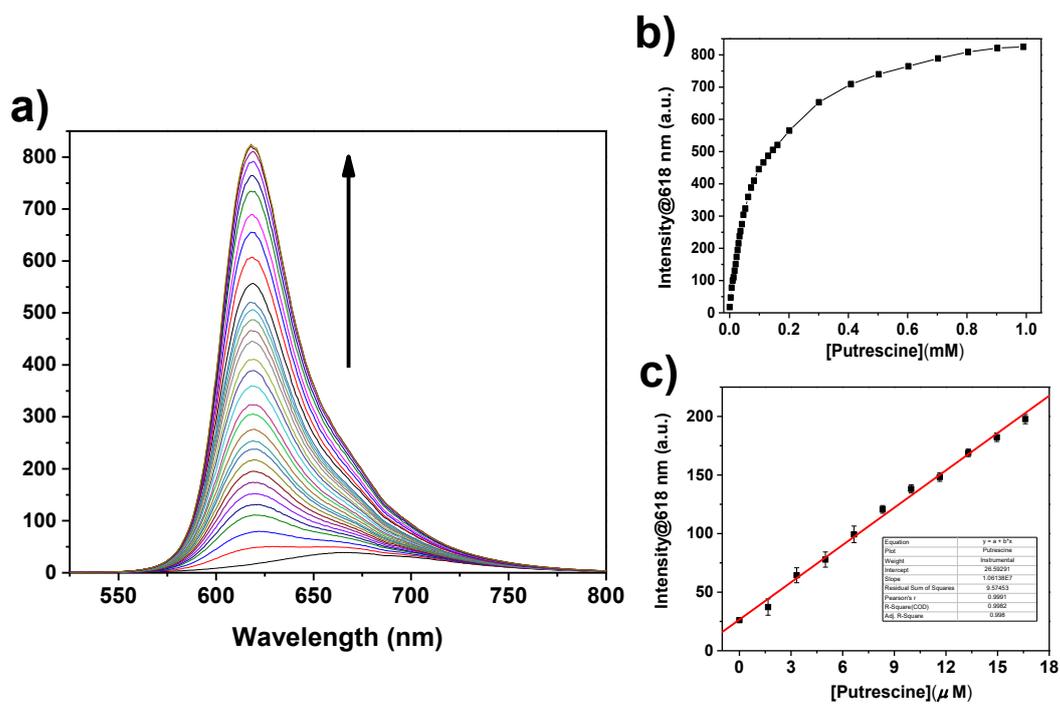


Fig. S8 a) Fluorescence titration curves of 1 (15 μM solution in CHCl_3 ; $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 518 \text{ nm}$) with addition of putrescine. The concentration of putrescine added varied from 0 to 1.0 mM. b) Variation of the fluorescence intensity at 618 nm as a function of the concentration of putrescine added. c) Linear best fit in the linear dynamic range (weight given by data error bars).

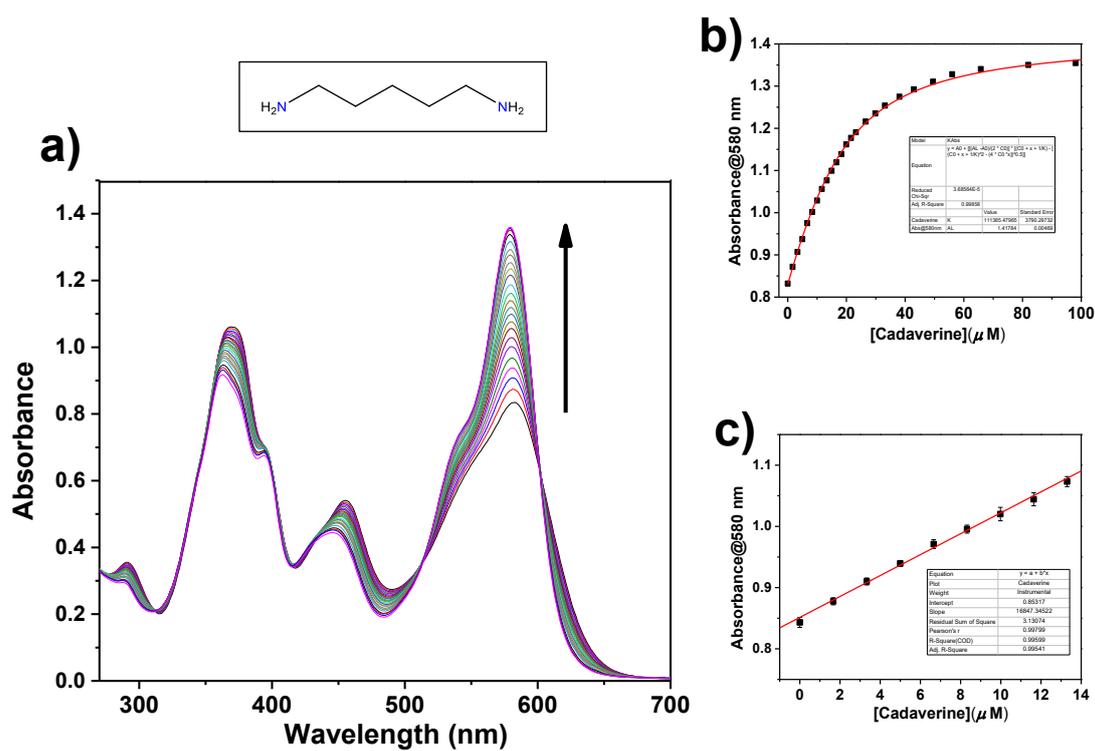


Fig. S9 a) Optical absorption titration curves of **1** ($15 \mu\text{M}$ solution in CHCl_3) with addition of cadaverine. The concentration of cadaverine added varied from 0 to $100 \mu\text{M}$. b) Variation of the absorbance at 580 nm as a function of the concentration of cadaverine added. The solid line represents the curve fitting analysis with eqn (2). c) Linear best fit in the linear dynamic range (weight given by data error bars).

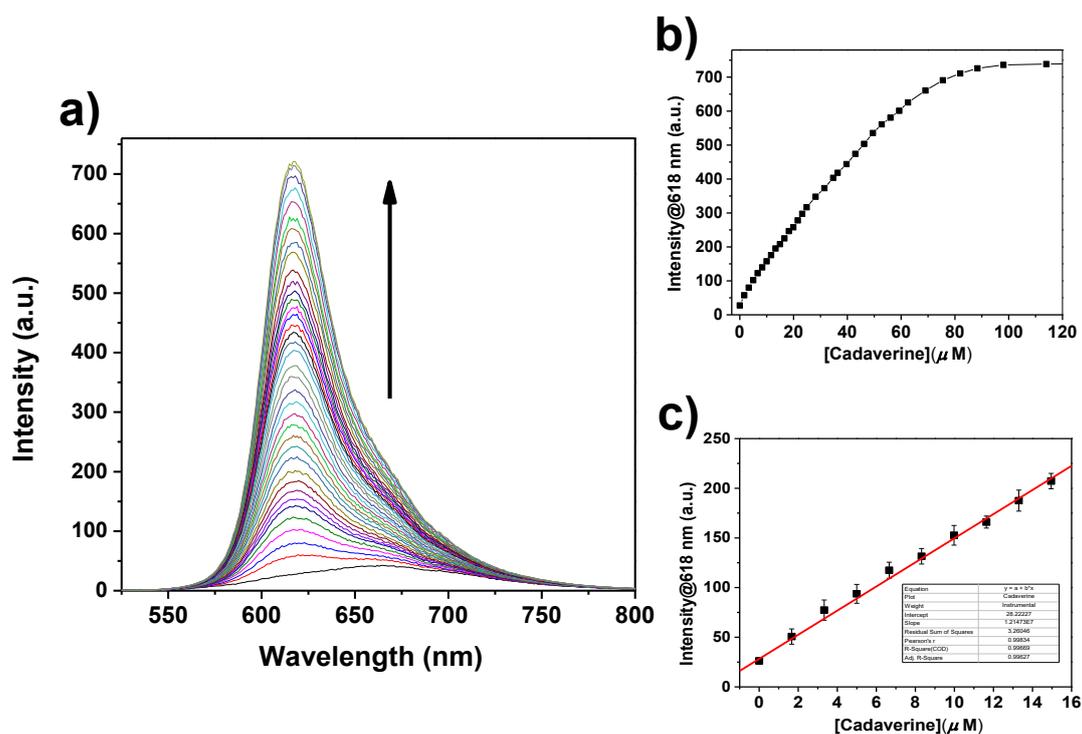


Fig. S10 **a)** Fluorescence titration curves of **1** (15 μM solution in CHCl_3 ; $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 514 \text{ nm}$) with addition of cadaverine. The concentration of cadaverine added varied from 0 to 110 μM . **b)** Variation of the fluorescence intensity at 618 nm as a function of the concentration of cadaverine added. **c)** Linear best fit in the linear dynamic range (weight given by data error bars).

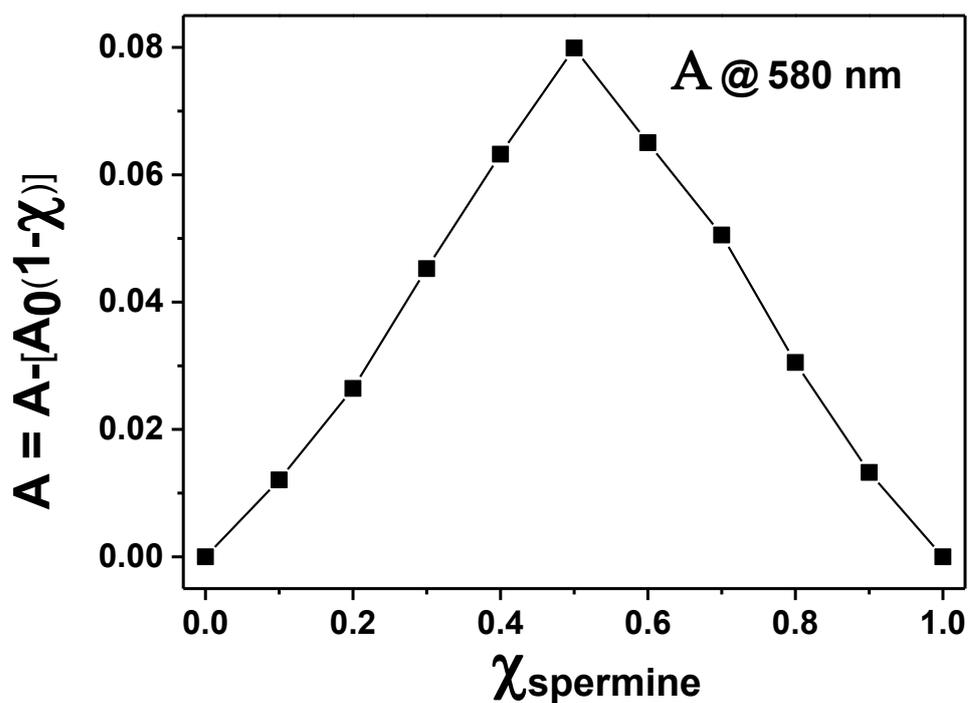


Fig. S11 Job's plot for the binding of **1** with spermine in CHCl_3 . The total concentration of **1** and spermine is $15 \mu\text{M}$. A and A_0 (the initial absorbance of **1**) are the absorbance values at 580 nm. UV/vis spectra were recorded with a 5-mm path-length cuvette.

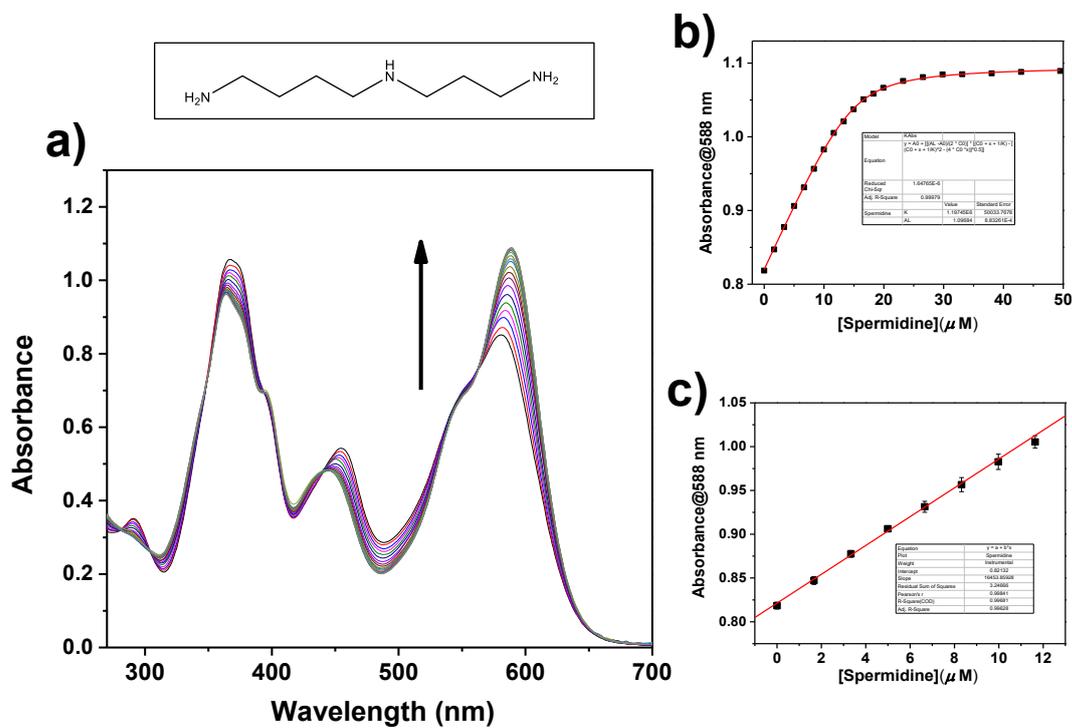


Fig. S12 **a)** Optical absorption titration curves of **1** ($15 \mu\text{M}$ solution in CHCl_3) with addition of spermidine. The concentration of spermidine added varied from 0 to $50 \mu\text{M}$. **b)** Variation of the absorbance at 588 nm as a function of the concentration of spermidine added. The solid line represents the curve fitting analysis with eqn (2). **c)** Linear best fit in the linear dynamic range (weight given by data error bars).

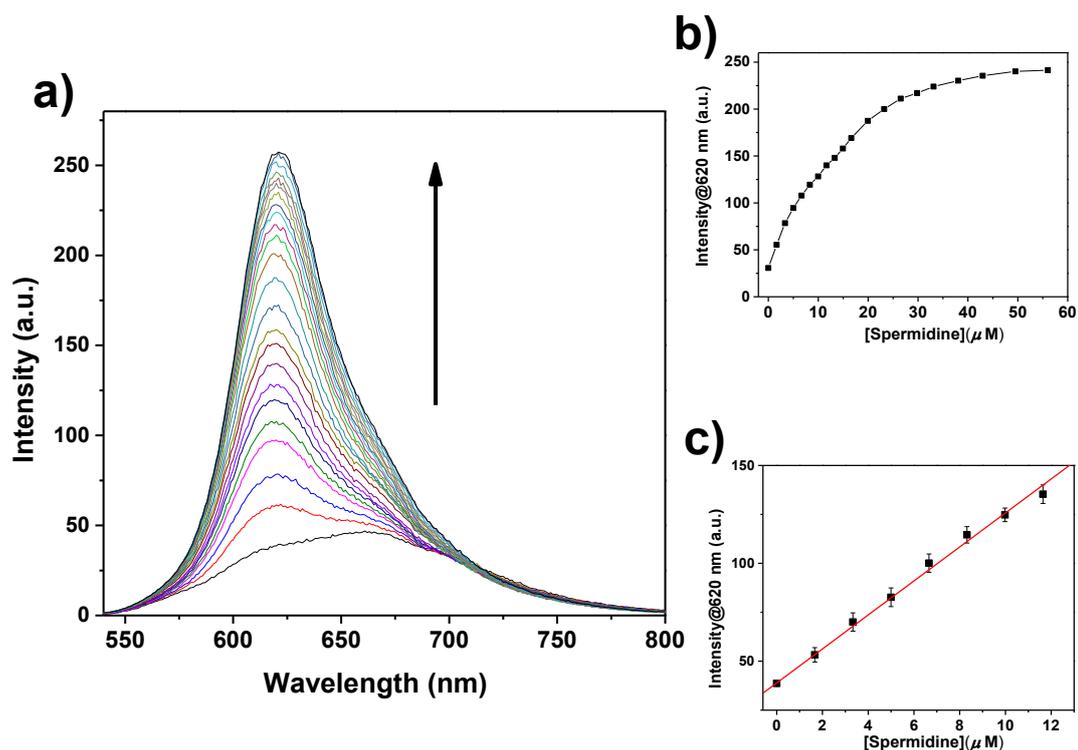


Fig. S13 a) Fluorescence titration curves of 1 (15 μM solution in CHCl_3 ; $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 535 \text{ nm}$) with addition of spermidine. The concentration of spermidine added varied from 0 to 55 μM . b) Variation of the fluorescence intensity at 620 nm as a function of the concentration of spermidine added. c) Linear best fit in the linear dynamic range (weight given by data error bars).

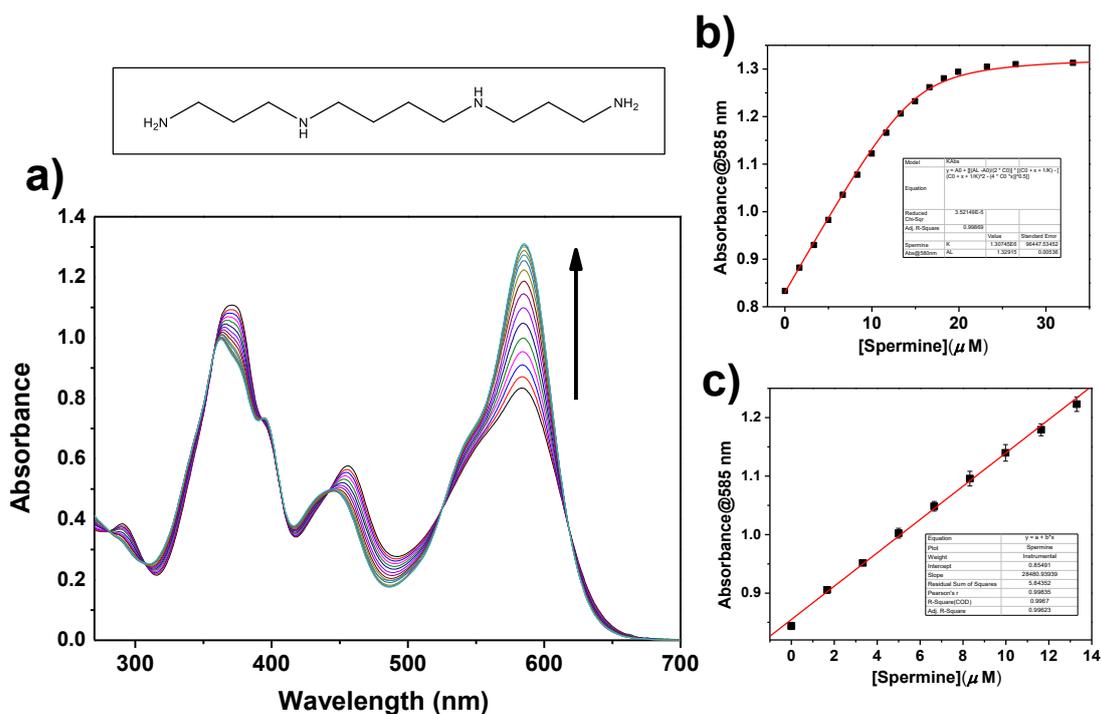


Fig. S14 **a)** Optical absorption titration curves of **1** ($15 \mu\text{M}$ solution in CHCl_3) with addition of spermine. The concentration of spermine added varied from 0 to $40 \mu\text{M}$. **b)** Variation of the absorbance at 585 nm as a function of the concentration of spermine added. The solid line represents the curve fitting analysis with eqn (2). **c)** Linear best fit in the linear dynamic range (weight given by data error bars).

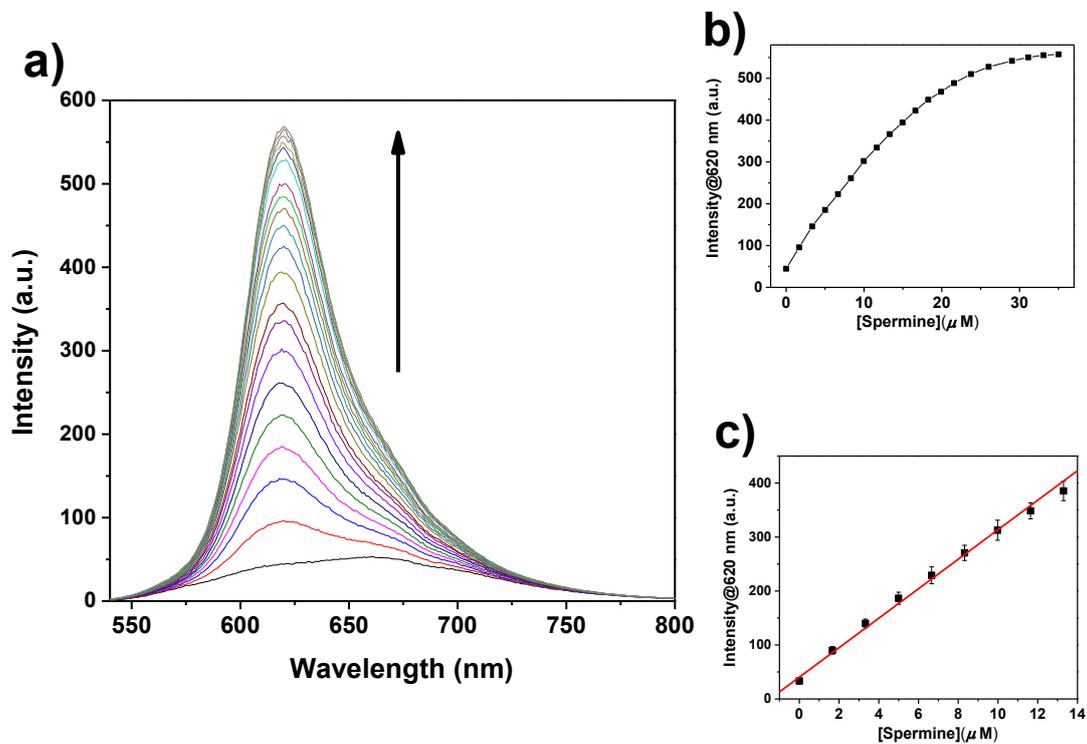
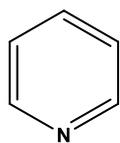
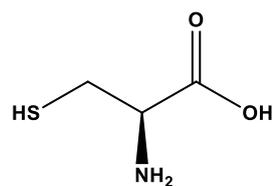


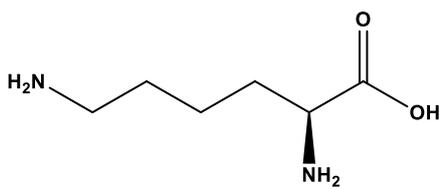
Fig. S15 a) Fluorescence titration curves of **1** (15 μM solution in CHCl_3 ; $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 525 \text{ nm}$) with addition of spermine. The concentration of spermidine added varied from 0 to 40 μM . b) Variation of the fluorescence intensity at 620 nm as a function of the concentration of spermidine added. c) Linear best fit in the linear dynamic range (weight given by data error bars).



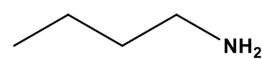
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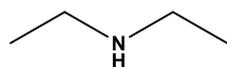
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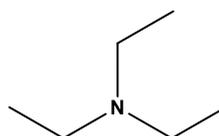
L-Lysine



n-Butylamine



Diethylamine



Triethylamine

Fig. S16 Structure of the potential involved interferents.

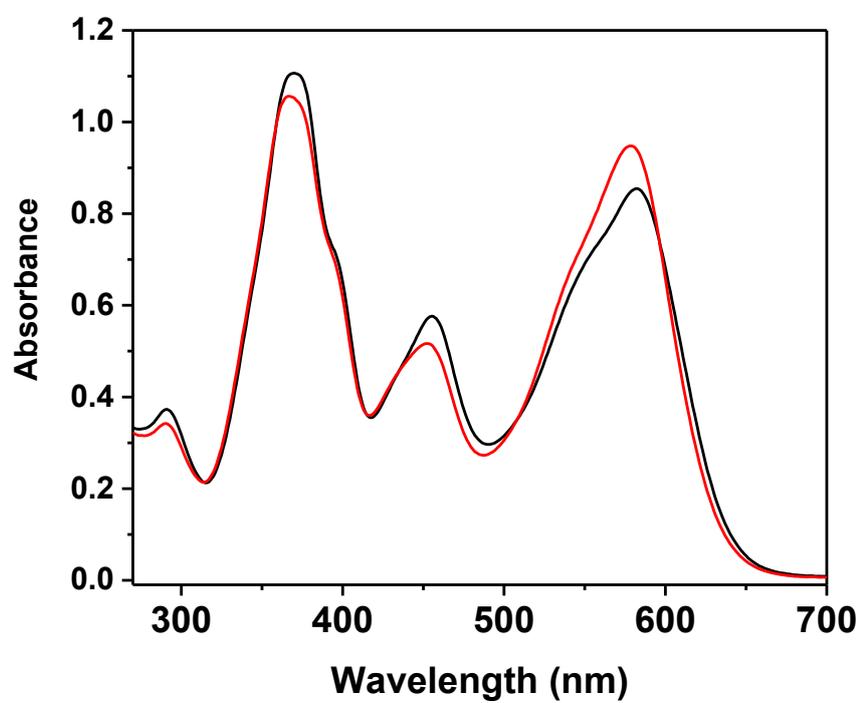


Fig. S17 Optical absorption spectra of **1** (3 mL; 15 μ M solution in CHCl₃, black line) and after the addition of 6 μ L of tuna matrix solution (red line).

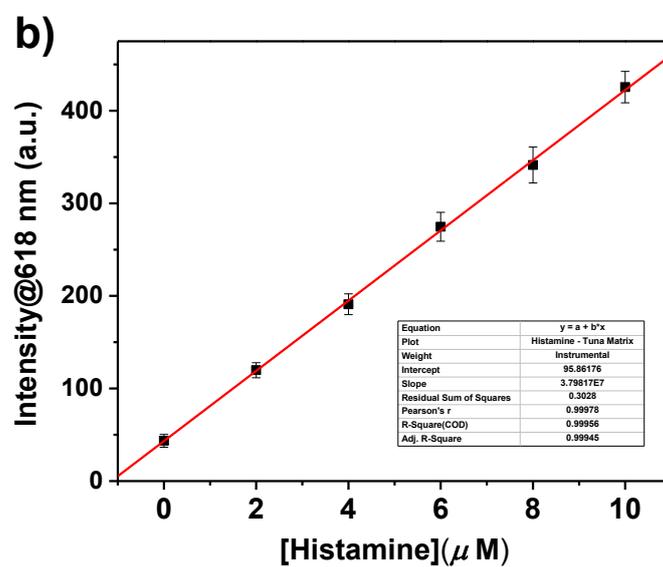
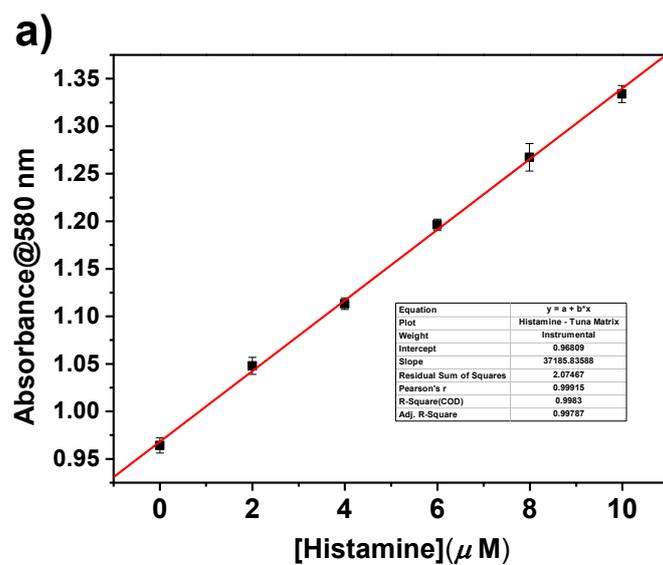


Fig. S18 Variation of **a**) absorbance at 580 nm and **b**) fluorescence at 618 nm of **1** (3 mL, 15 μ M solution in CHCl_3) as a function of the concentration of histamine added (tuna matrix solution, 6 μ L). The absorbance or fluorescence of the first point is that related to **1** upon addition of 6 μ L of tuna matrix solution. The solid lines represent the linear best fit.