

## Supporting Information for

# Azide Functionalized Porphyrin Based Dendritic Polymers for In Vivo Monitoring of Hg<sup>2+</sup> Ions in Living Cells

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## Graphical abstract

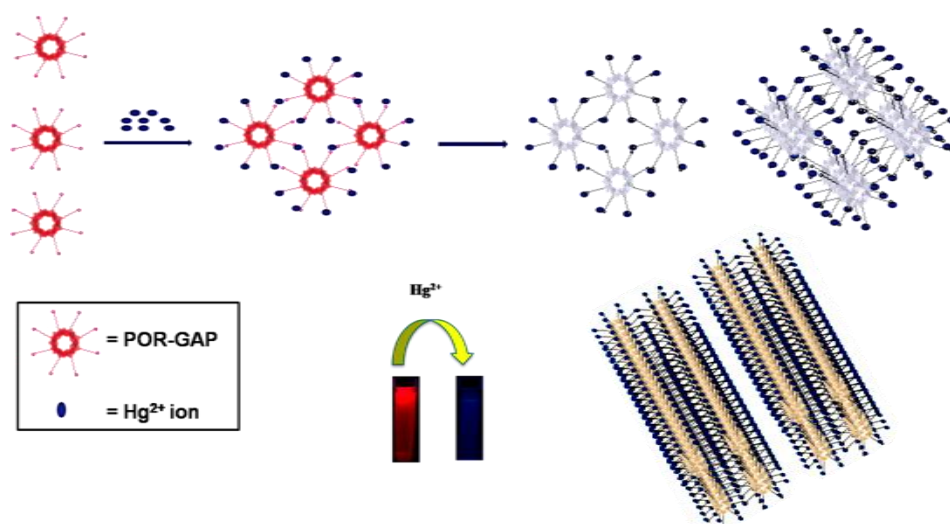
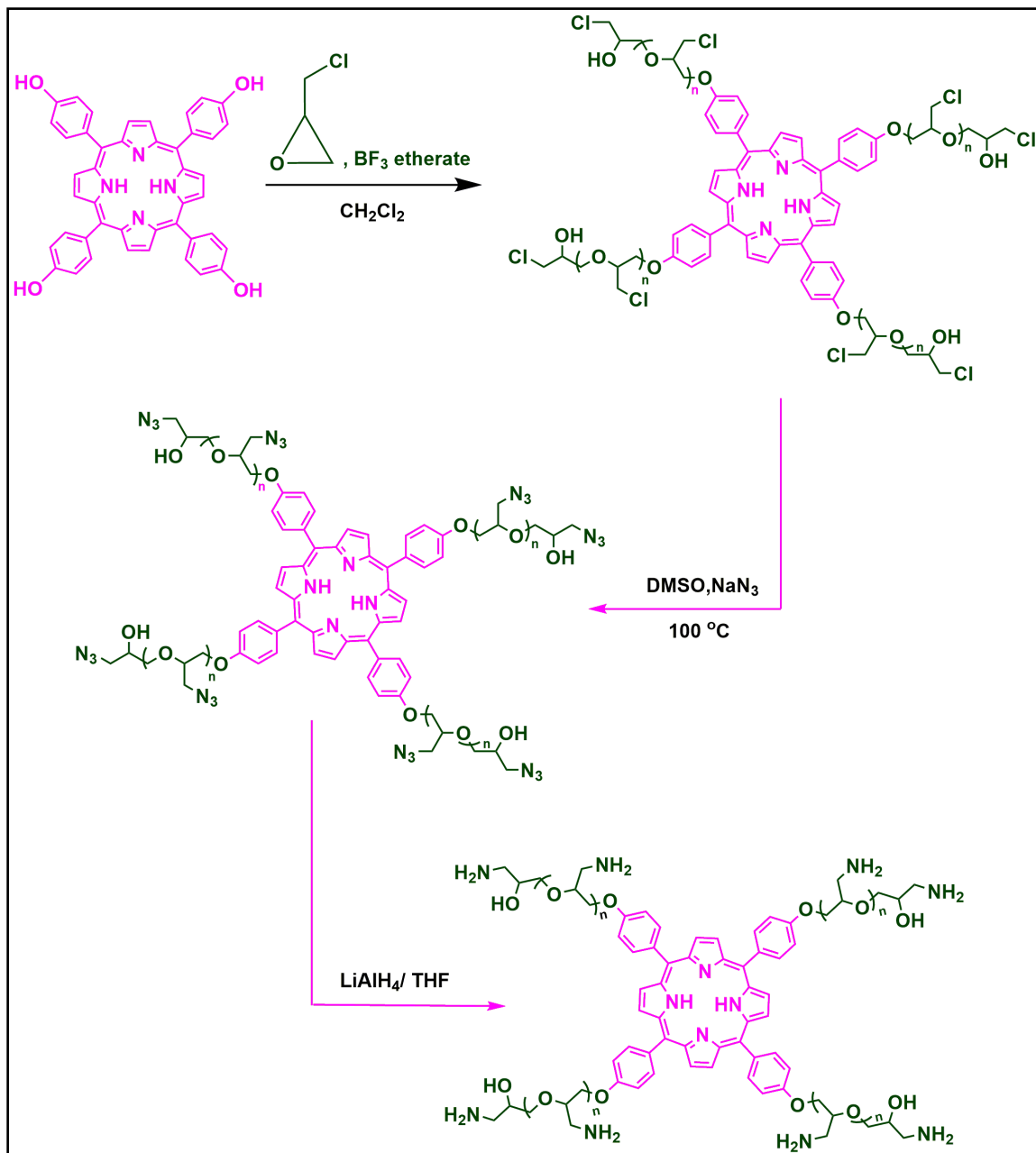


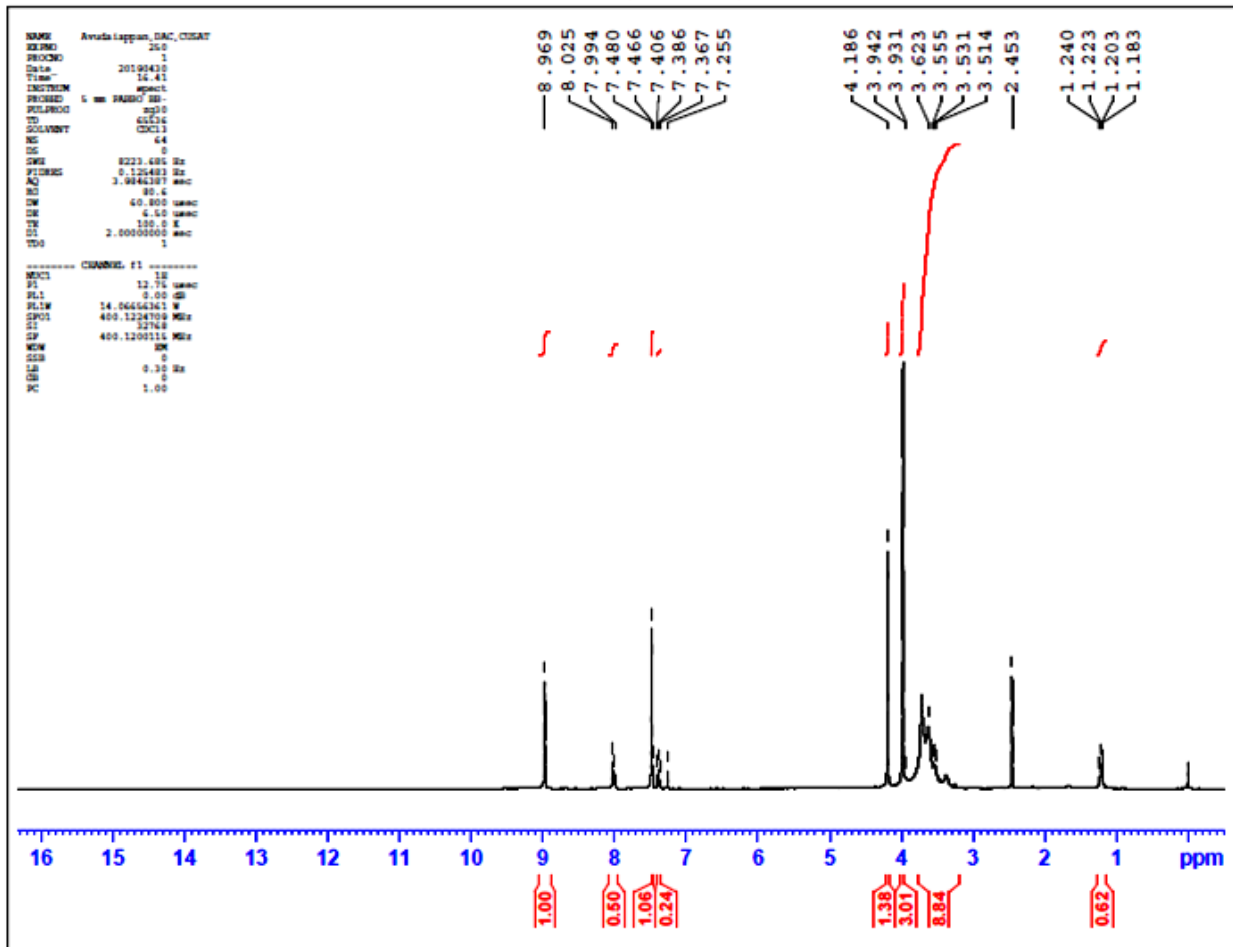
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## S1. Synthesis of POR-GAP

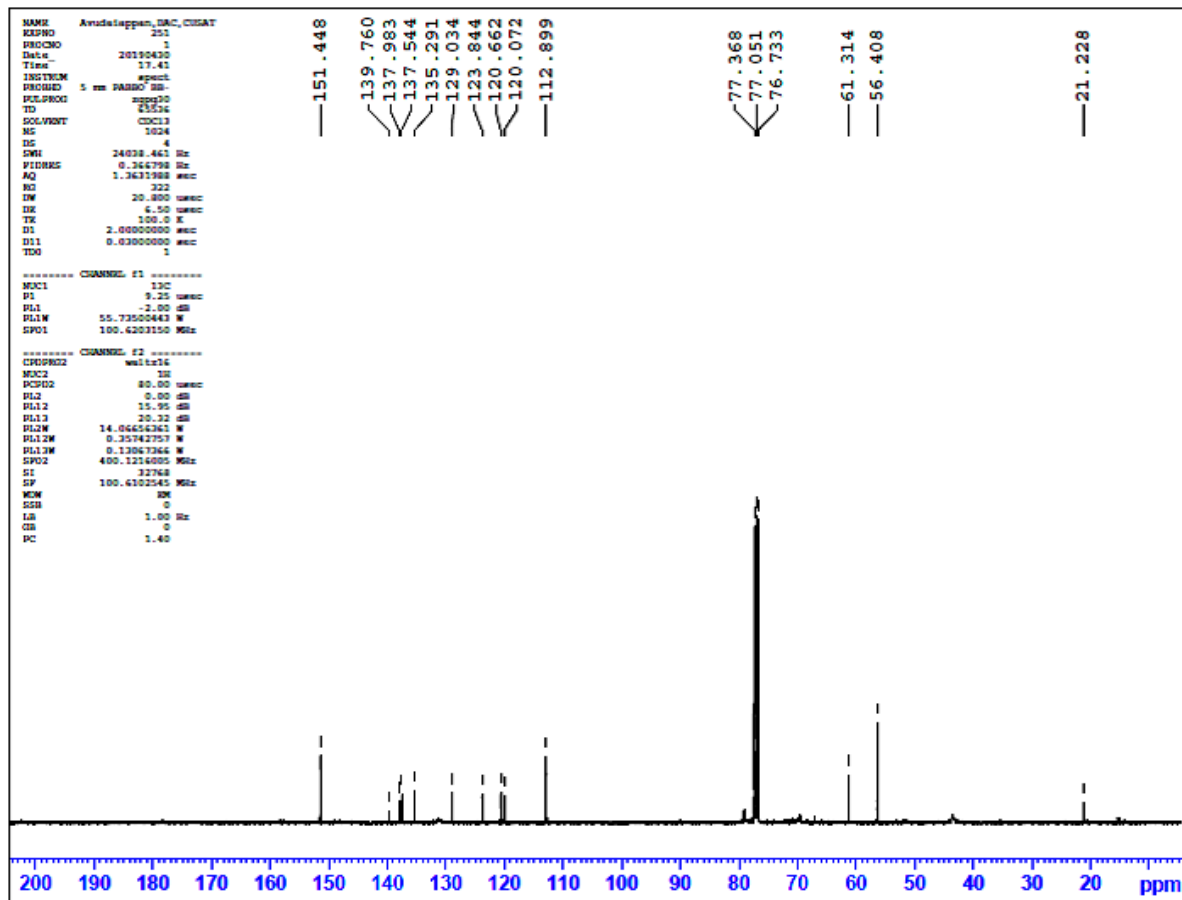


## S2. $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum of POR-PECH



# S3. $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectrum of POR-PECH

SAIFNM190308C-05(POR-AZ)

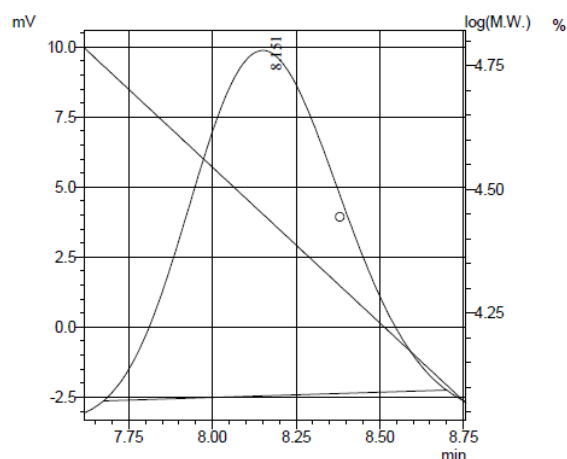


## S4. GPC Report of POR-PECH

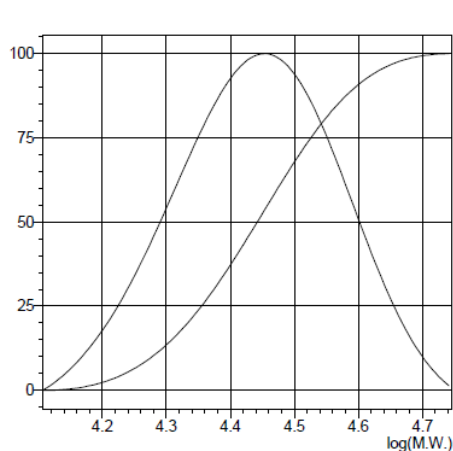
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Chromatogram & Calibration Curve



Molecular Weight Distribution Curve



#### GPC Calculation Results

Peak#:1 (Detector B Channel 1)

[Peak Information]

	Time(min)	Volume(mL)	Molecular Weight	Height
Start	8.625	8.625	14173	7989
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End	9.250	9.250	5733	7618

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Area% : 100.0000

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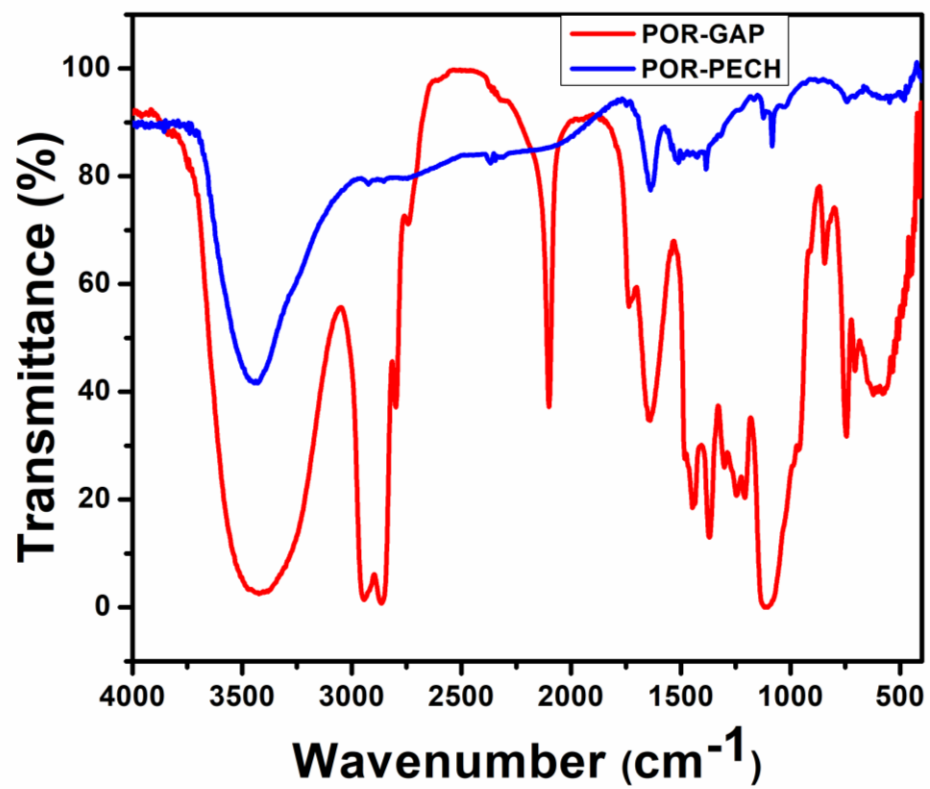
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Z Average Molecular Weight(Mz)	8885
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Mv/Mn	0.00000
Mz/Mw	1.03655

Detector B Channel 1

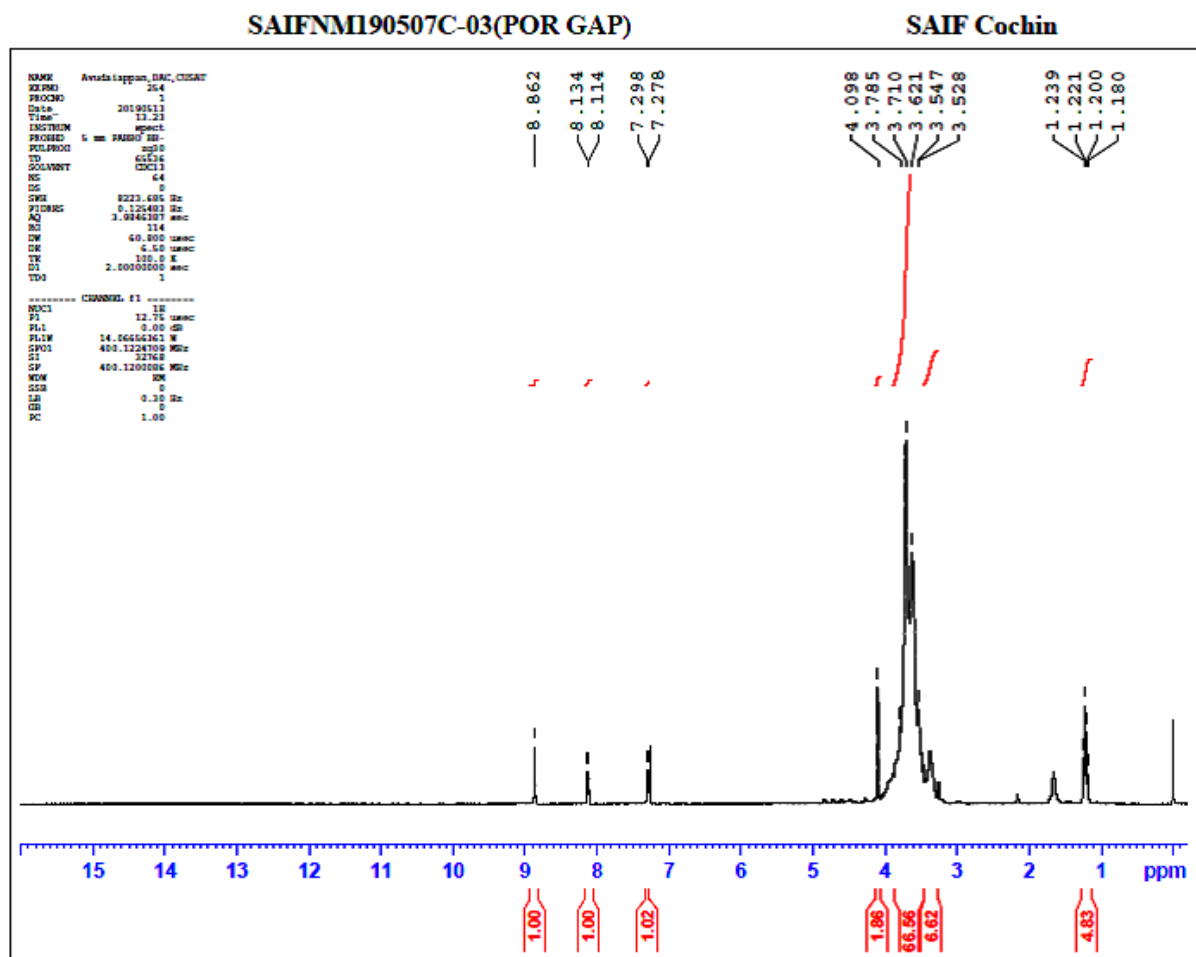
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### S5. IR spectrum of POR-PECH & POR-GAP

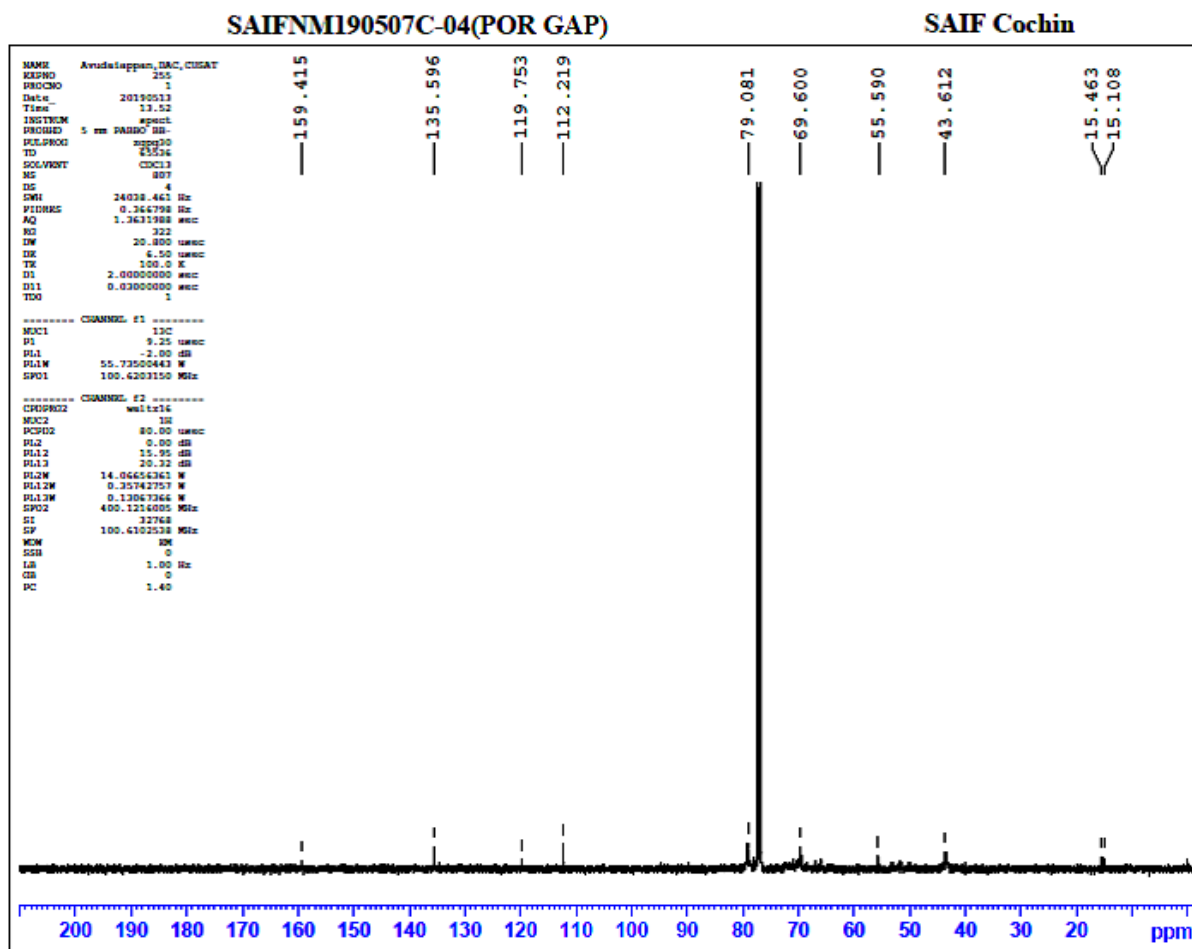


# S6. $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum of POR-GAP





# S7. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of POR-GAP

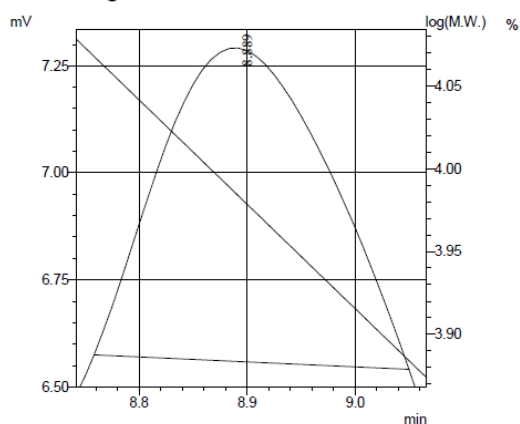


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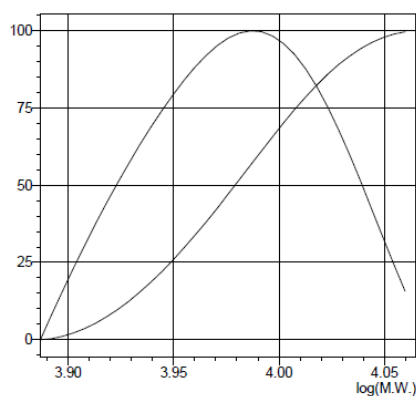
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#### Chromatogram & Calibration Curve



#### Molecular Weight Distribution Curve



#### GPC Calculation Results

Peak#:1 (Detector B Channel 1)

[Peak Information]

	Time(min)	Volume(mL)	Molecular Weight	Height
Start	8.758	8.758	11685	6575
Top	8.889	8.889	9672	732
End	9.050	9.050	7659	6541

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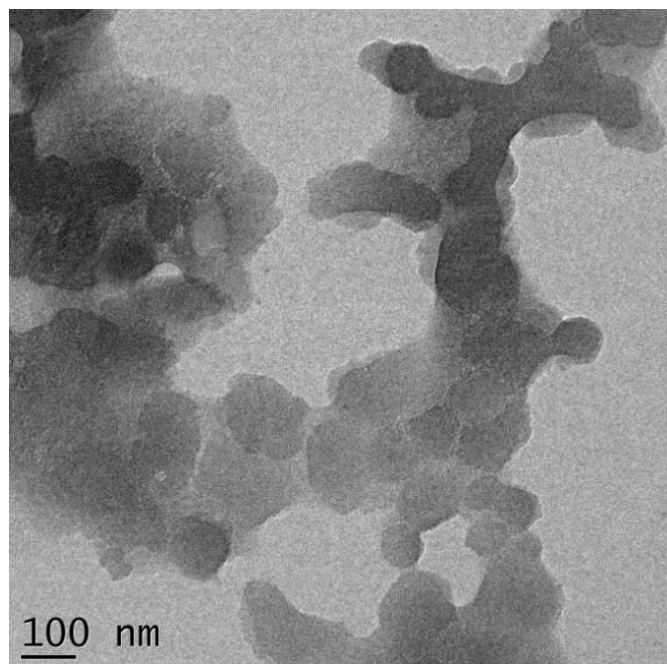
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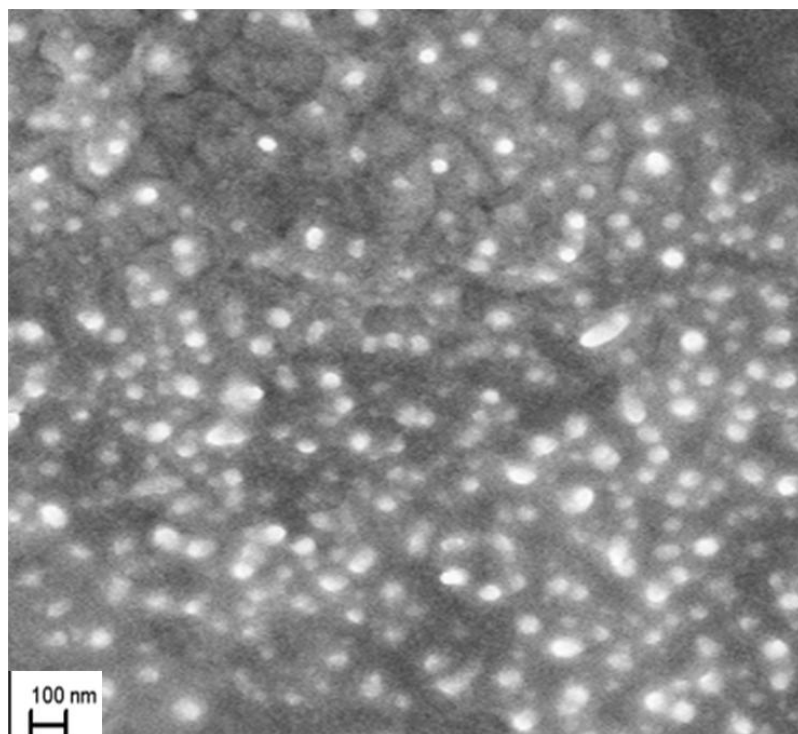
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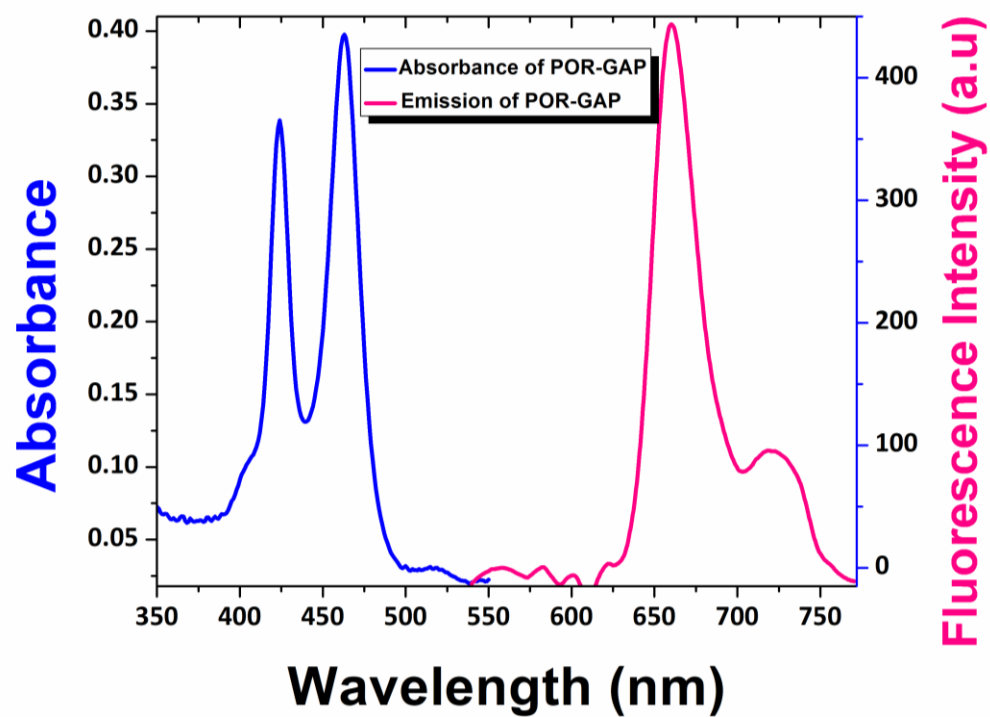
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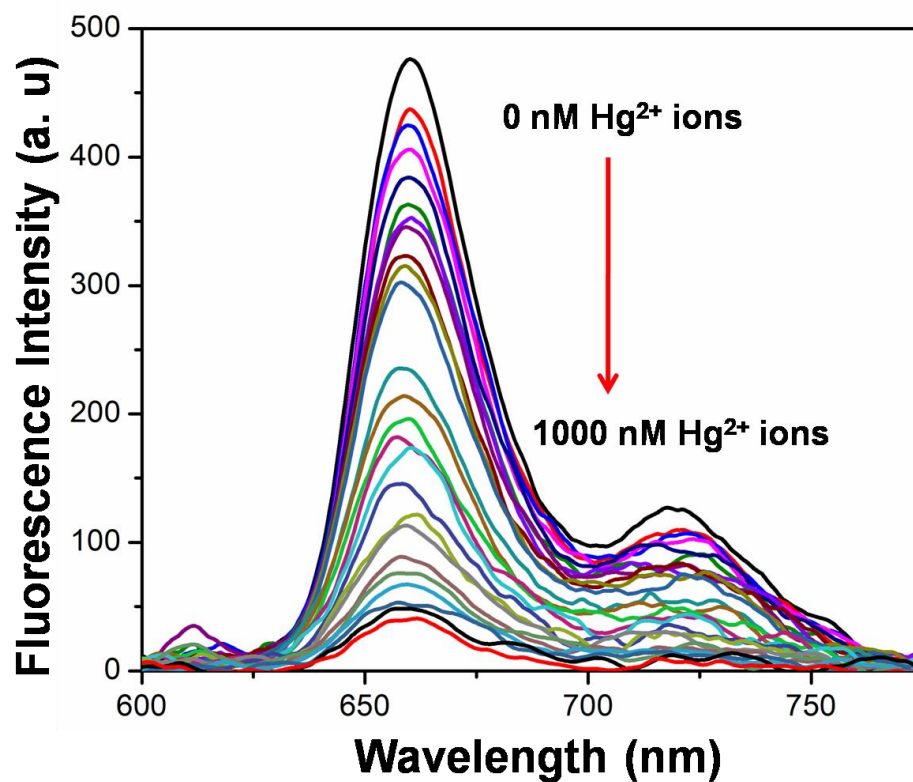
**FE-SEM Image of POR-GAP**



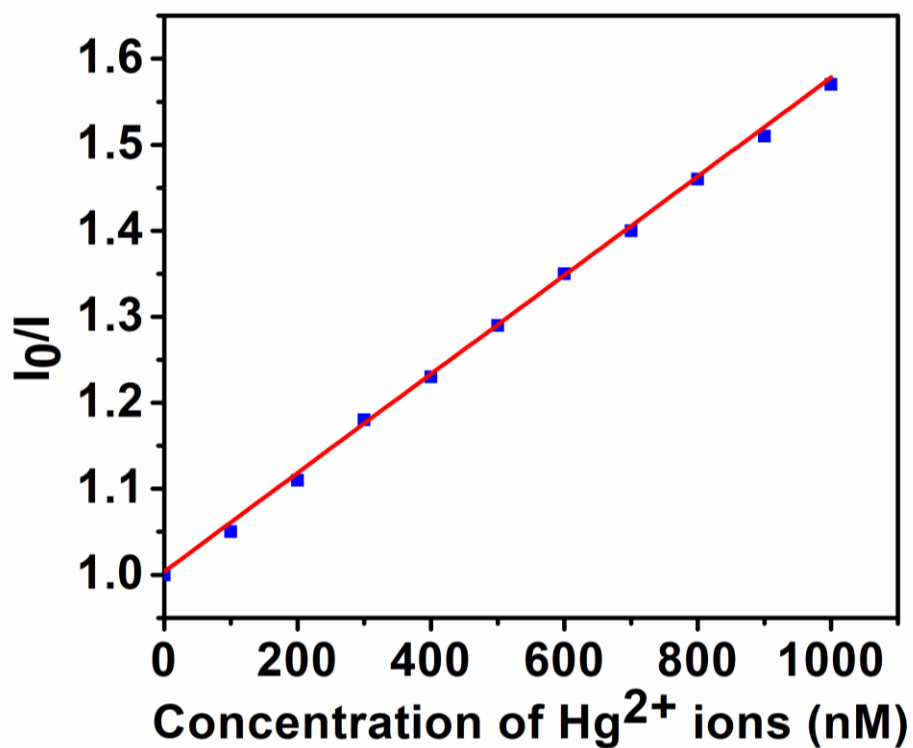
### S10. UV-Vis and Fluorescence spectra of POR-GAP



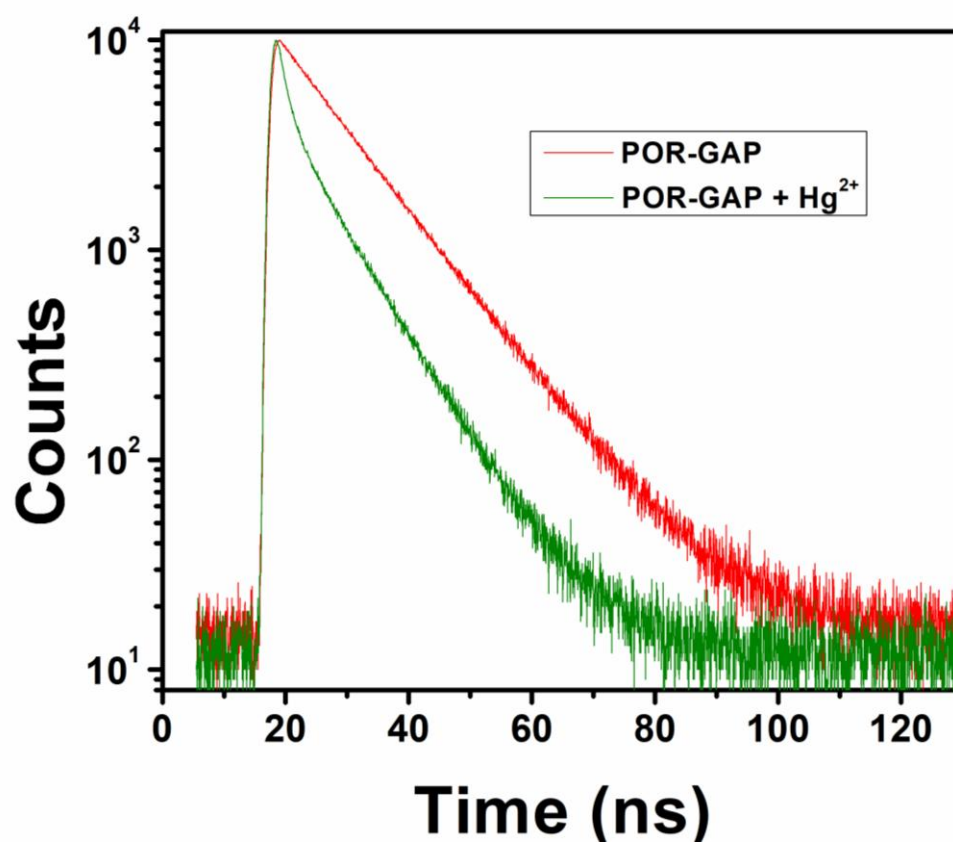
**S11. Fluorescence spectra of POR-GAP with various concentration of mercuric ion**



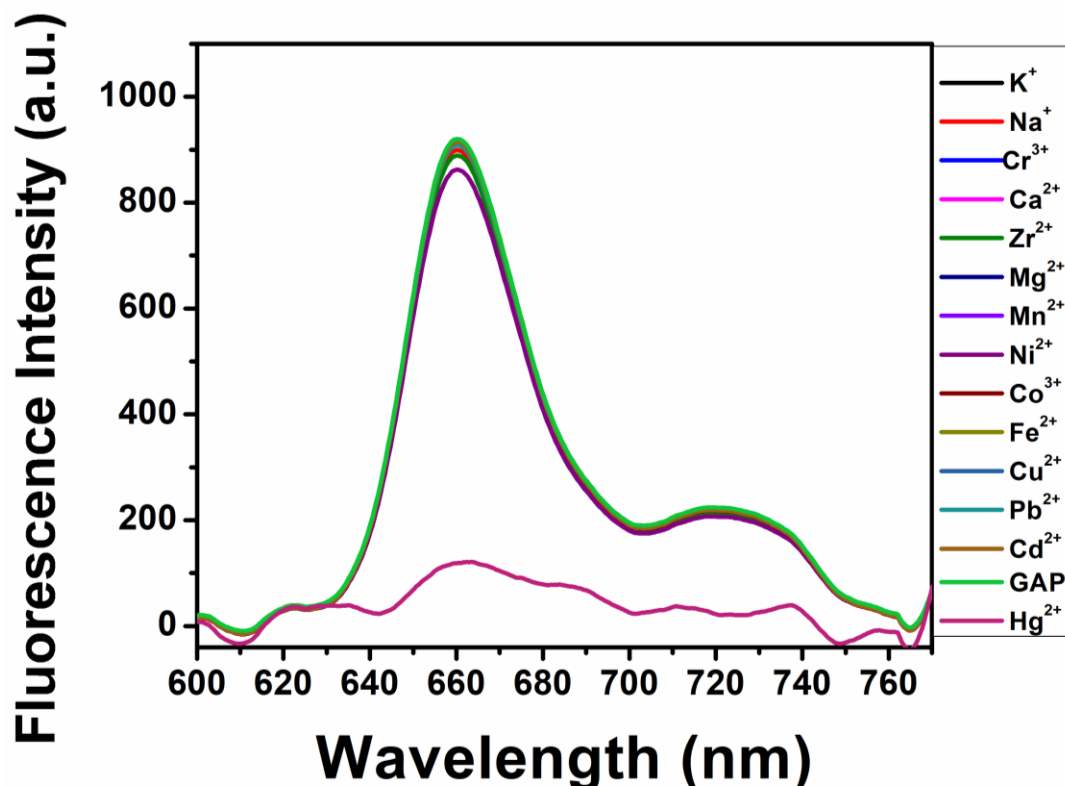
**S12. Plot of ratio of fluorescence intensity against mercuric ion concentration**



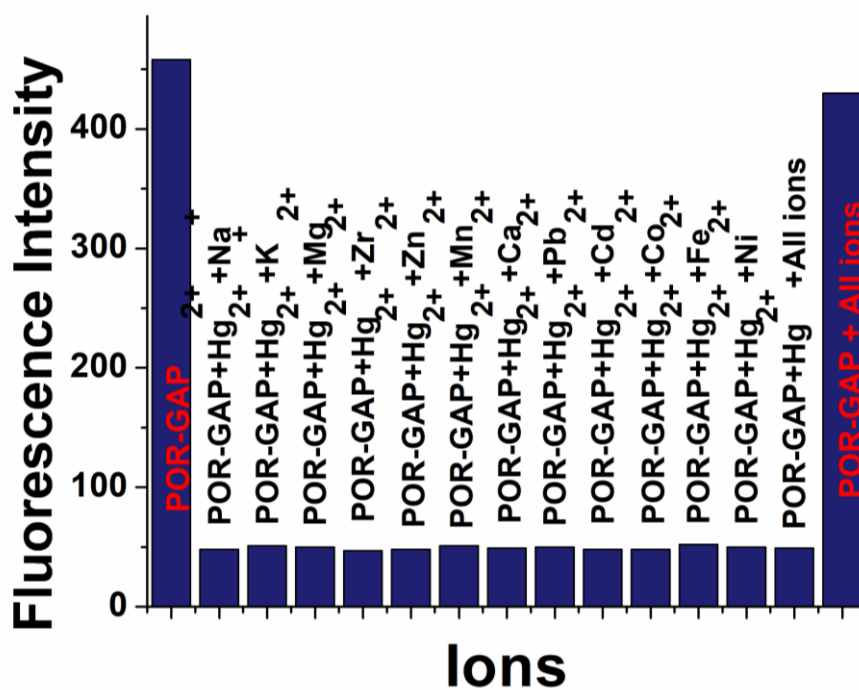
**S13. Time-resolved fluorescence decay profile of POR-GAP**



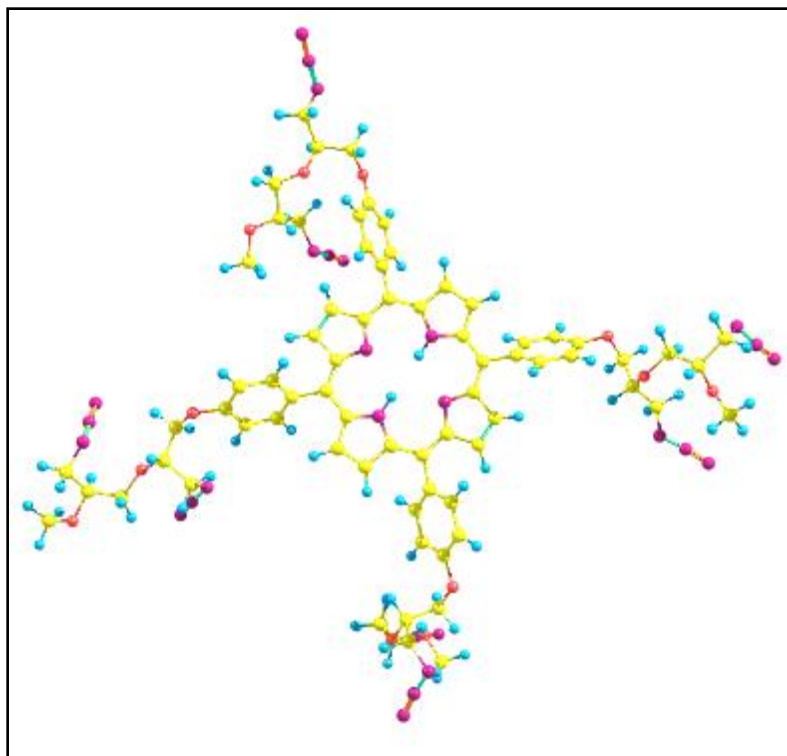
S14. Fluorescence intensity of POR-GAP with 50 equiv. of various cations.



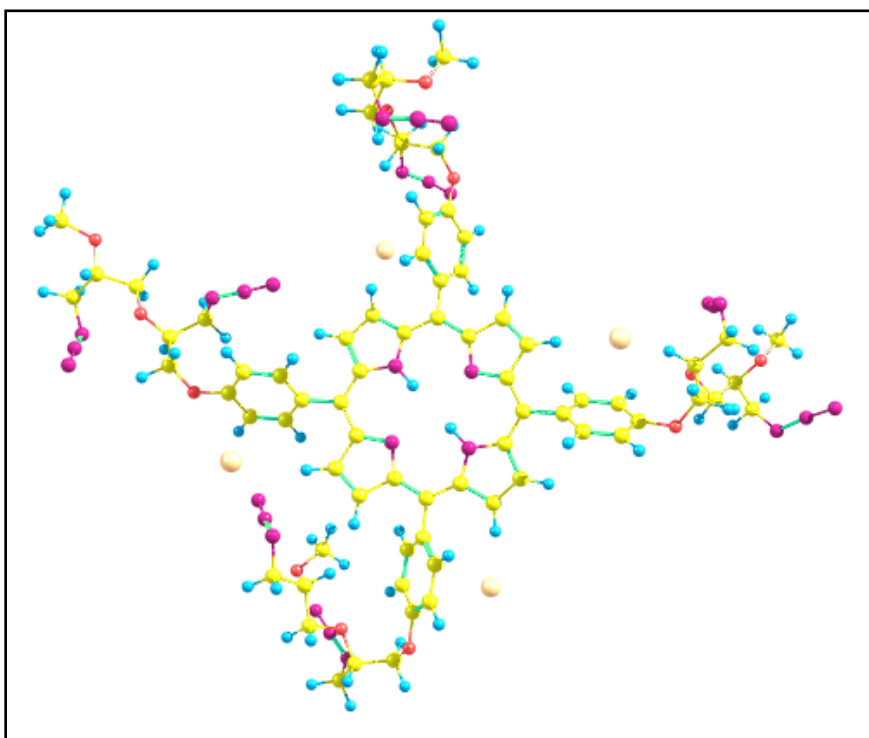
S15. Fluorescence intensity response of POR-GAP in the presence of 50 equiv. of various cations with mercuric ion



### S16. Optimised structures of POR-GAP



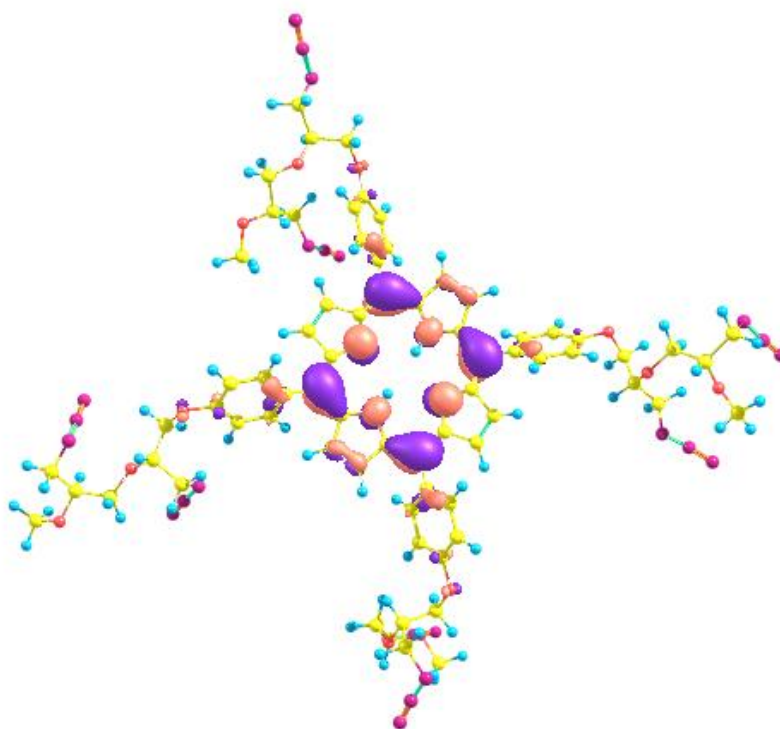
### Optimised structures of POR-GAP after addition of $\text{Hg}^{2+}$



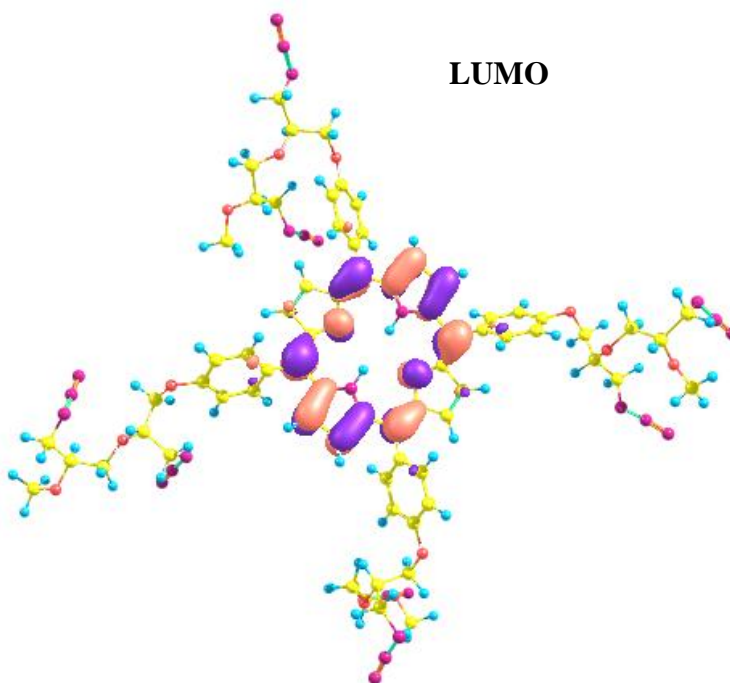


## S17. DFT Molecular Orbitals of POR-GAP

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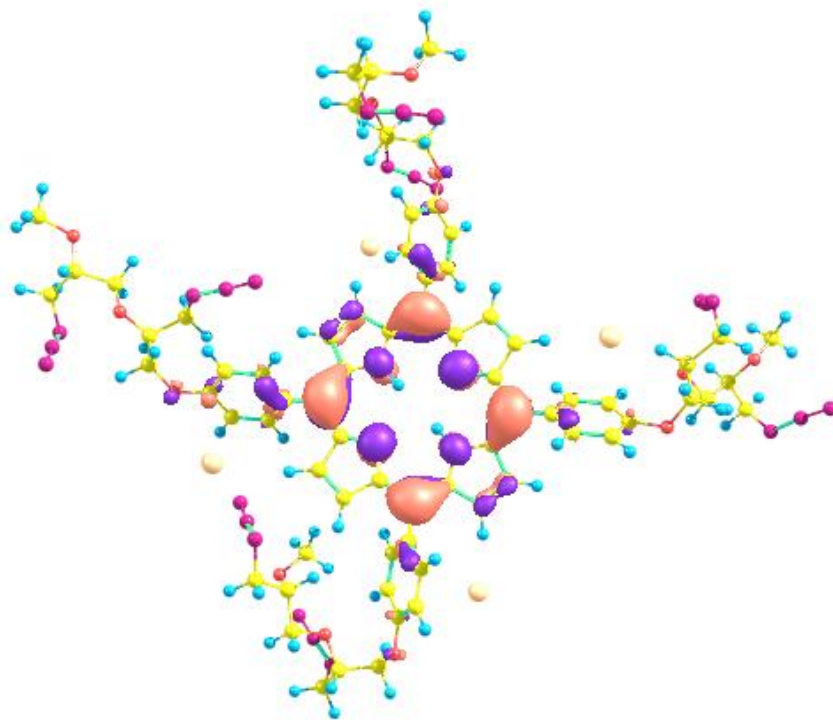


LUMO

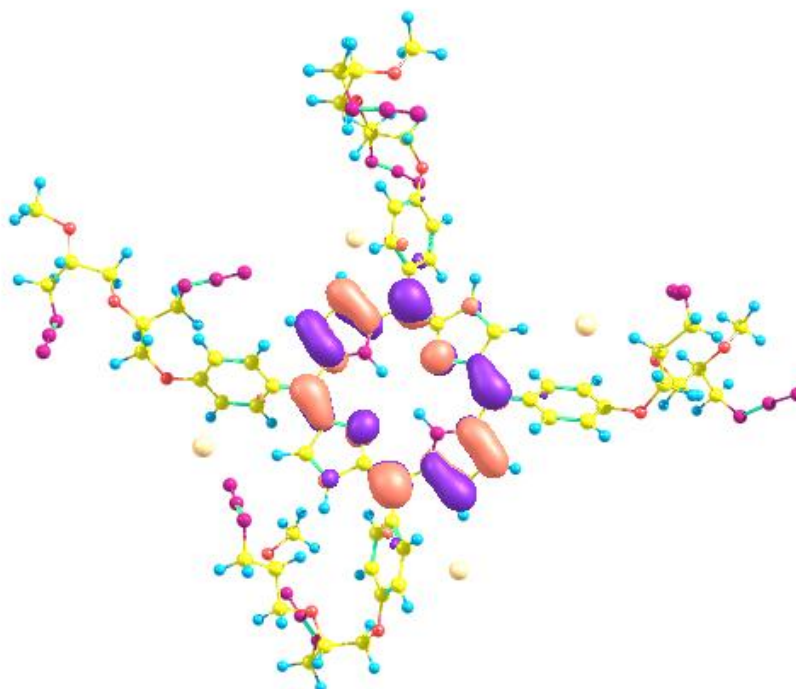


**DFT Molecular Orbitals of POR-GAP after addition of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  ion**

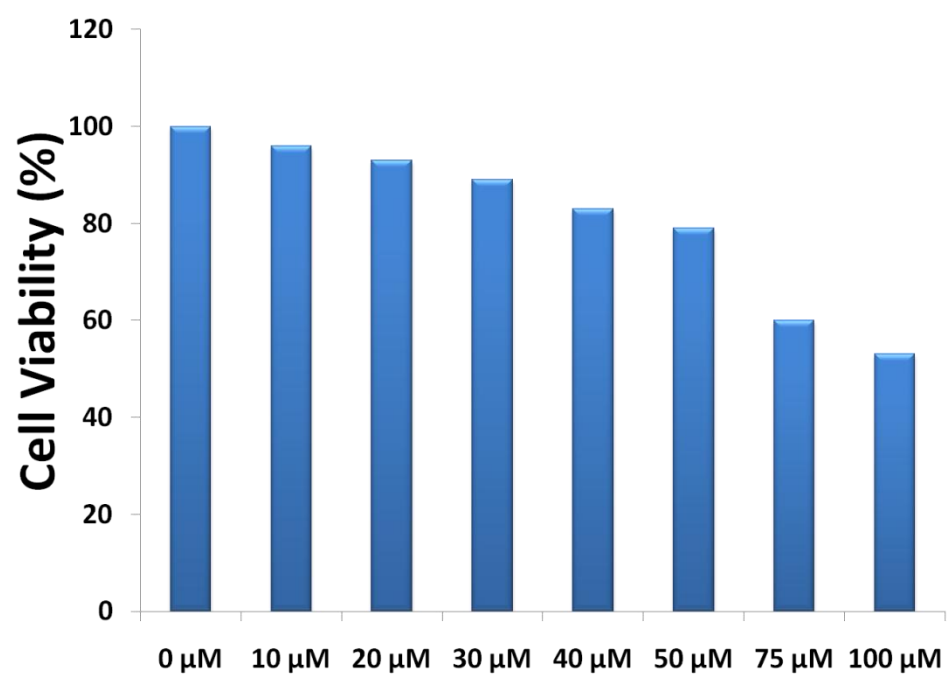
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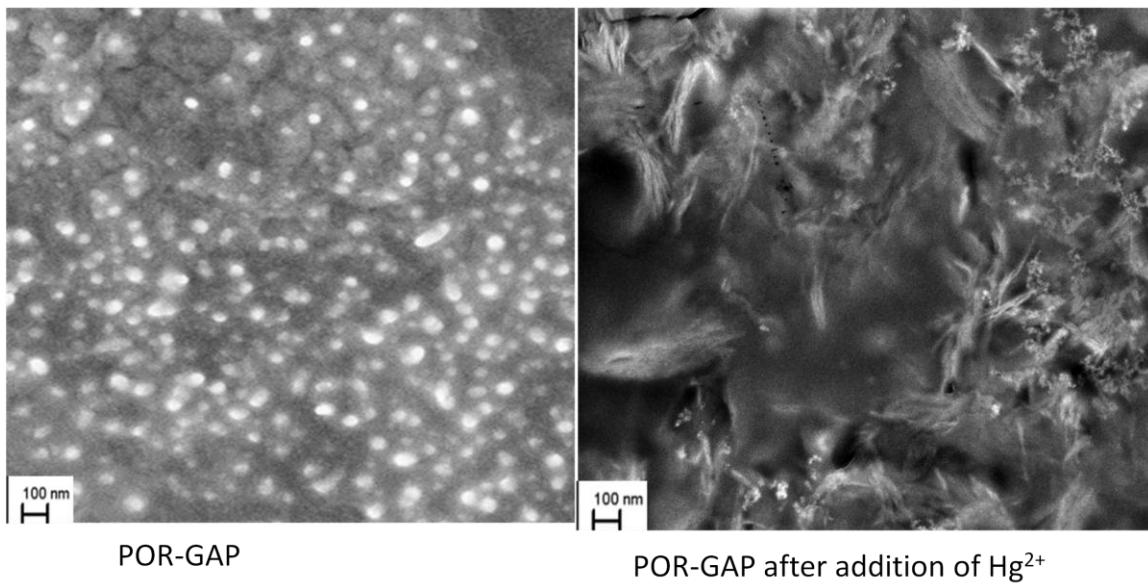


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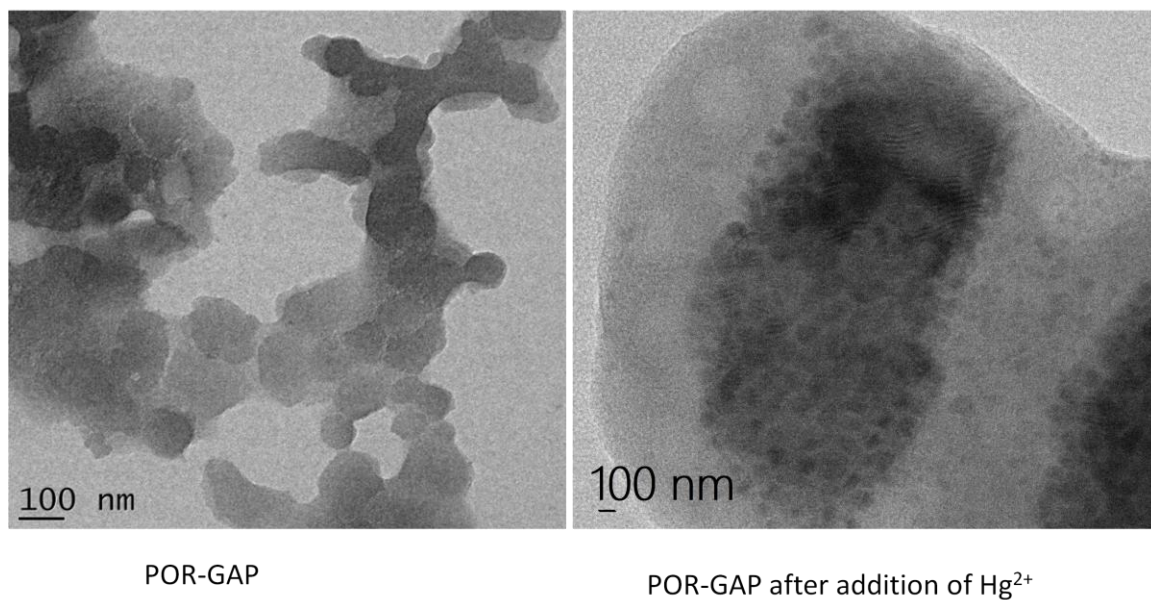


**S19. FE- SEM & HR-TEM image of POR-GAP after addition of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  ion**

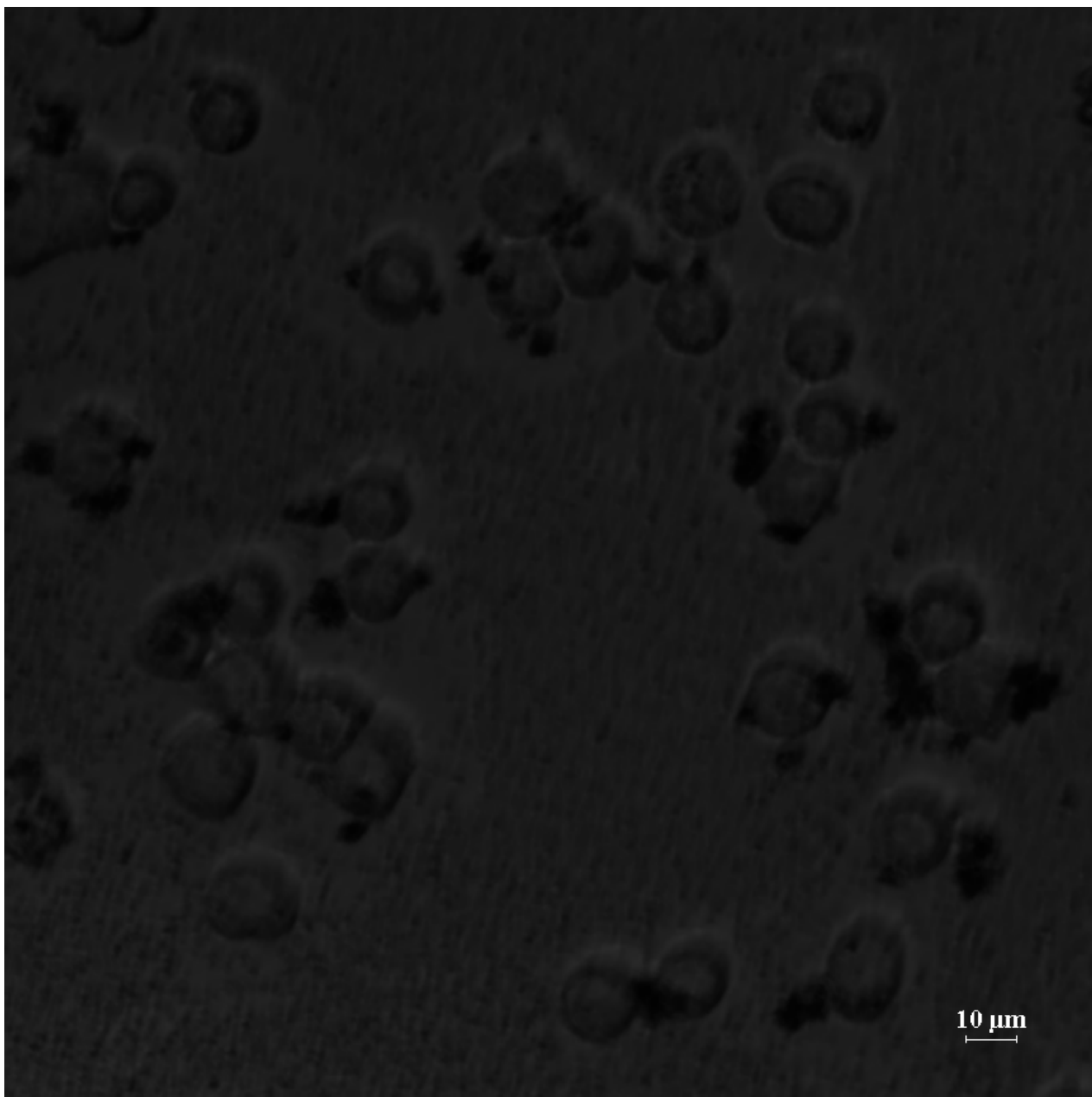
**FE-SEM Image**



**HR-TEM Image**

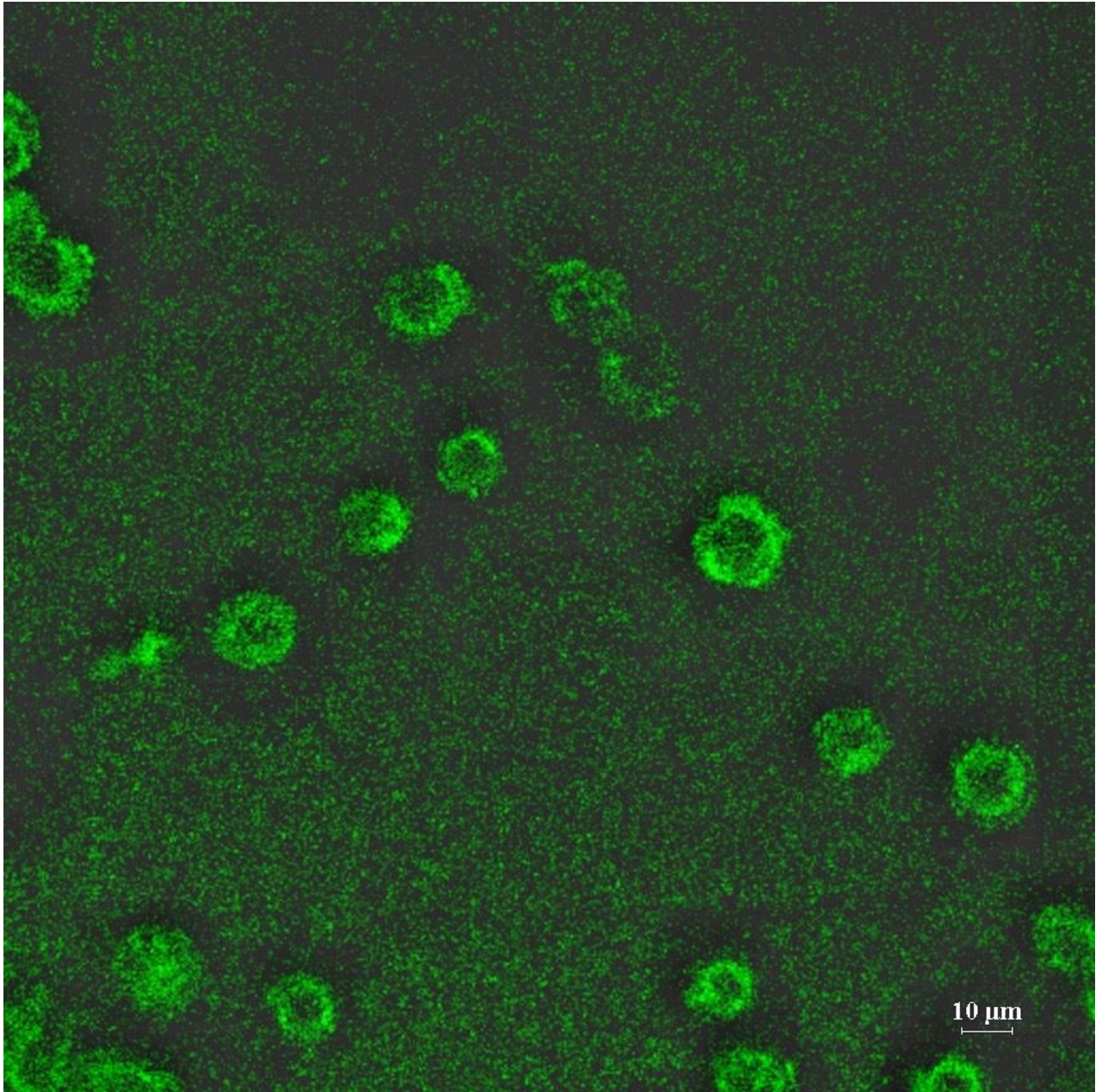


**S20. A) Bright-field image of HeLa cells incubated with POR-GAP.**

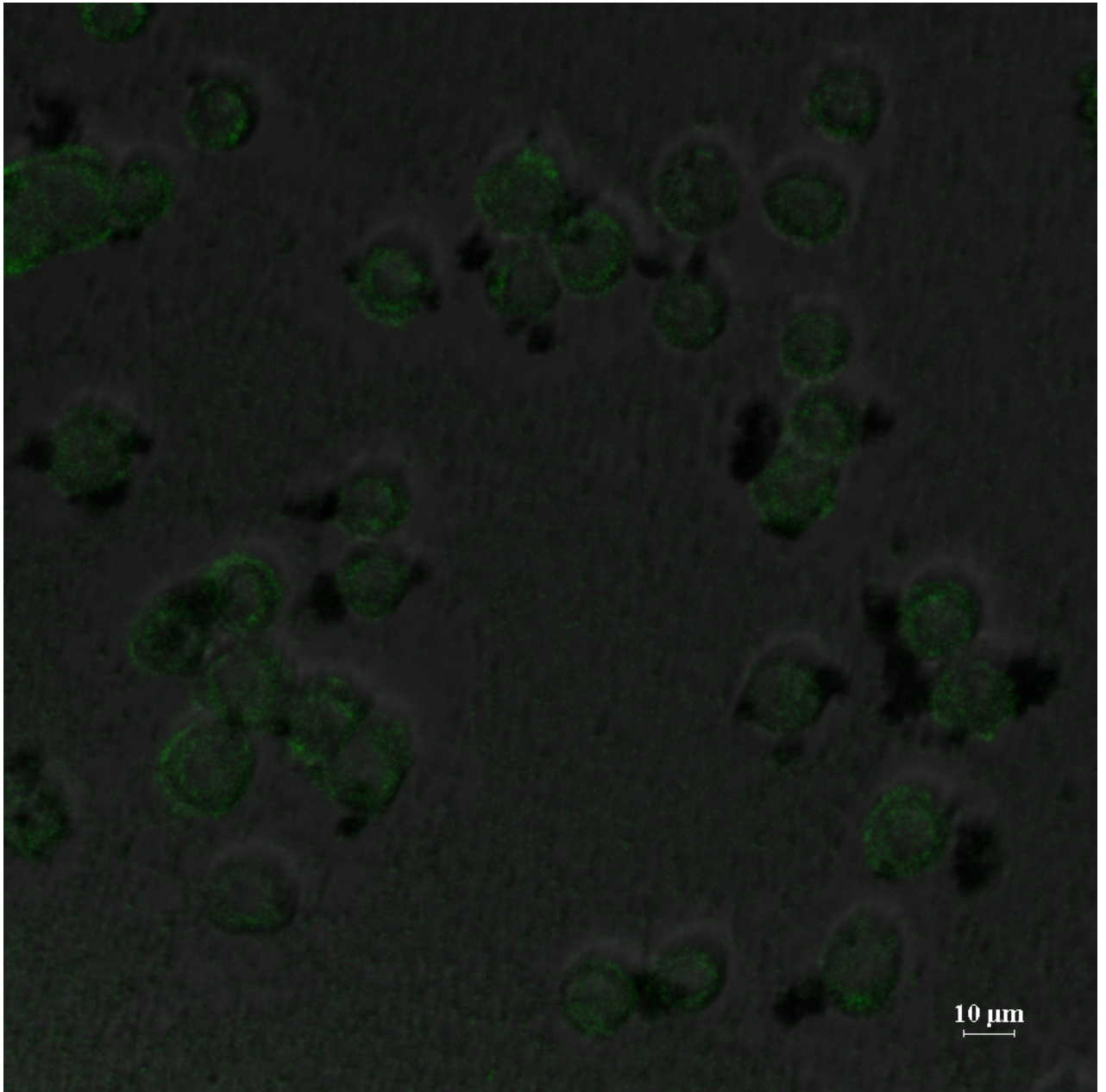




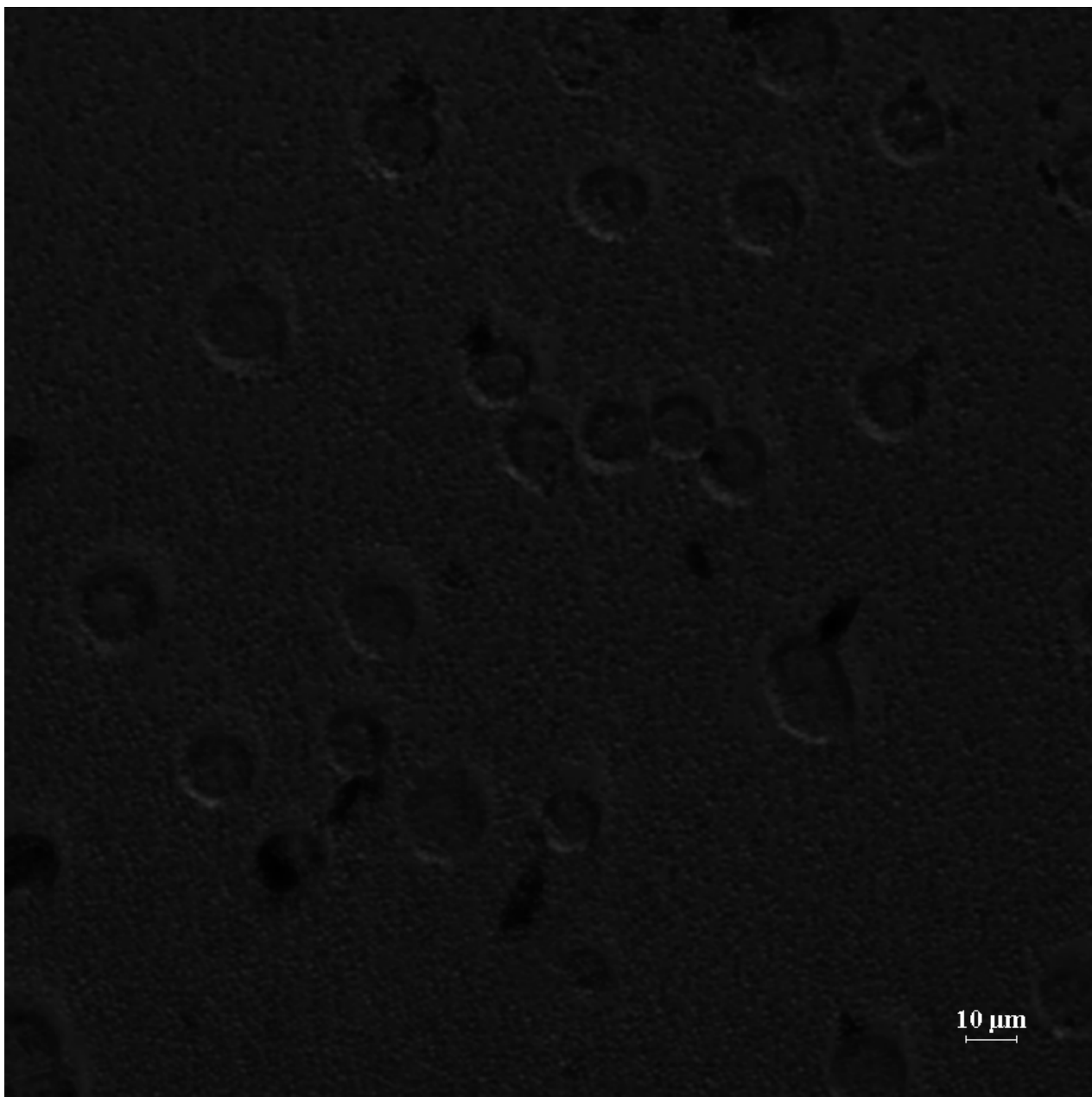
**S20. B) Fluorescence image of HeLa cells incubated with POR-GAP.**



**S20. C) Merged image of fluorescence and bright-field images**

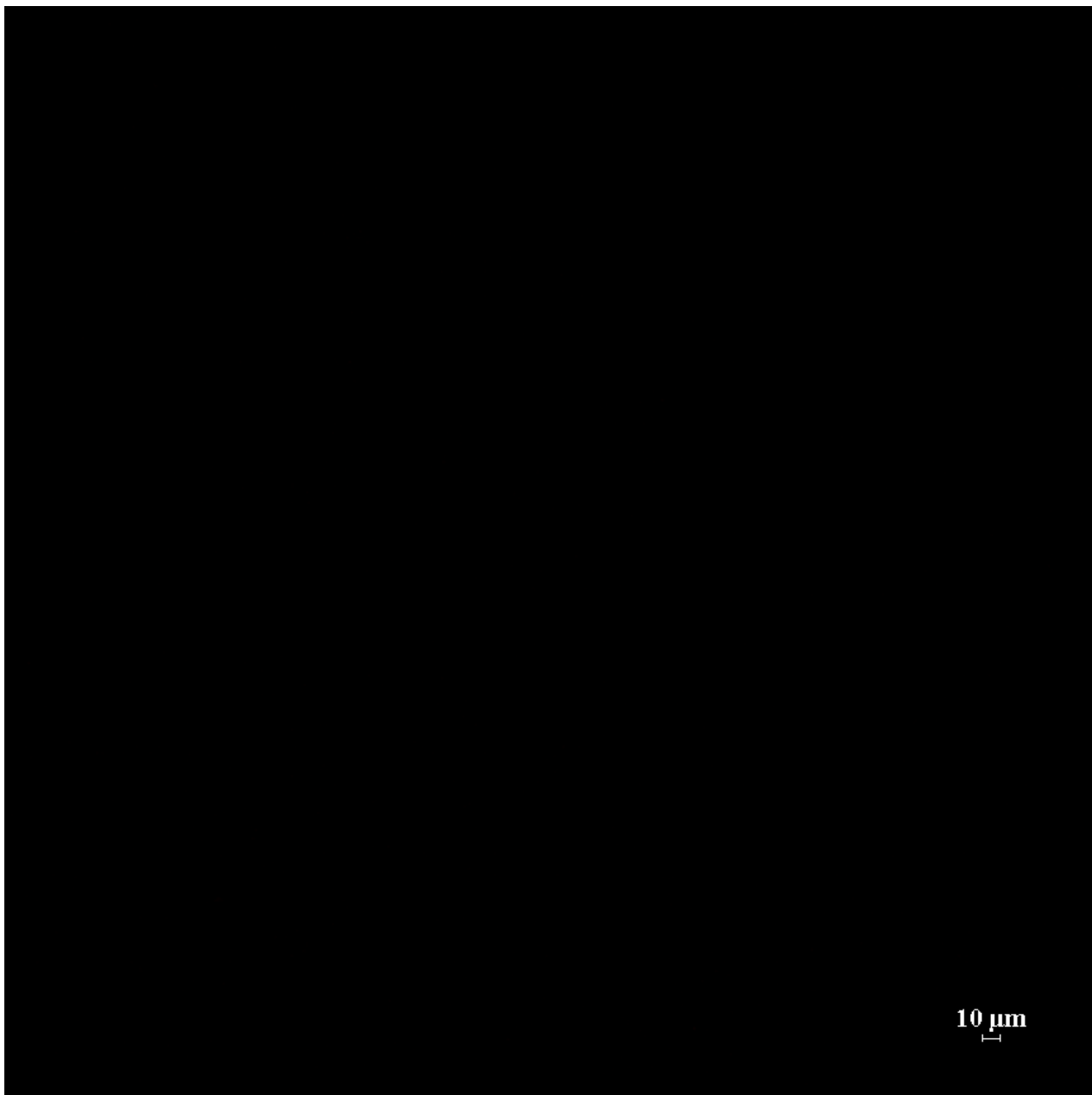


**S20. D) Bright-field image of HeLa cells pre-treated with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  ion and incubated with POR-GAP.**

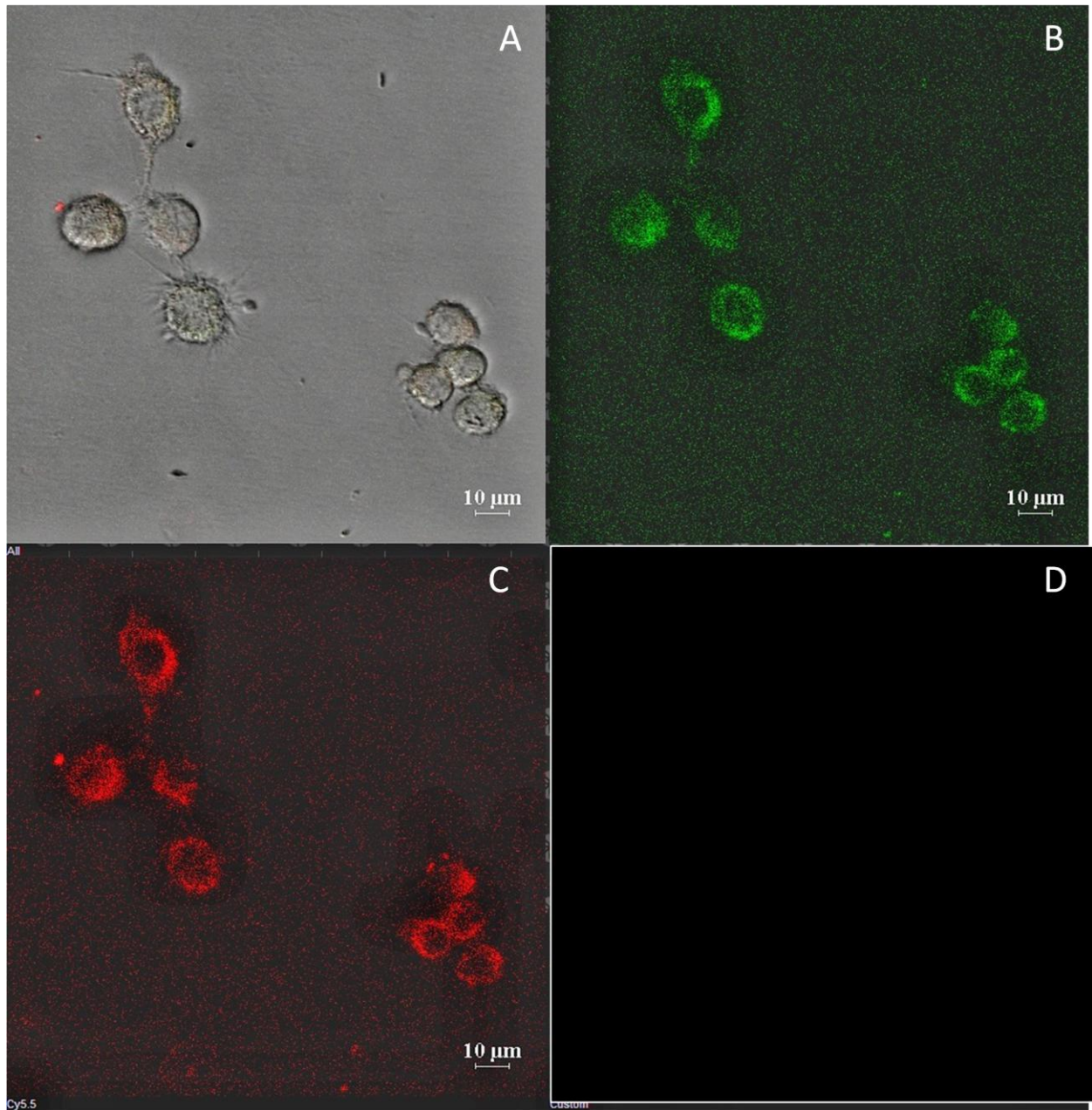




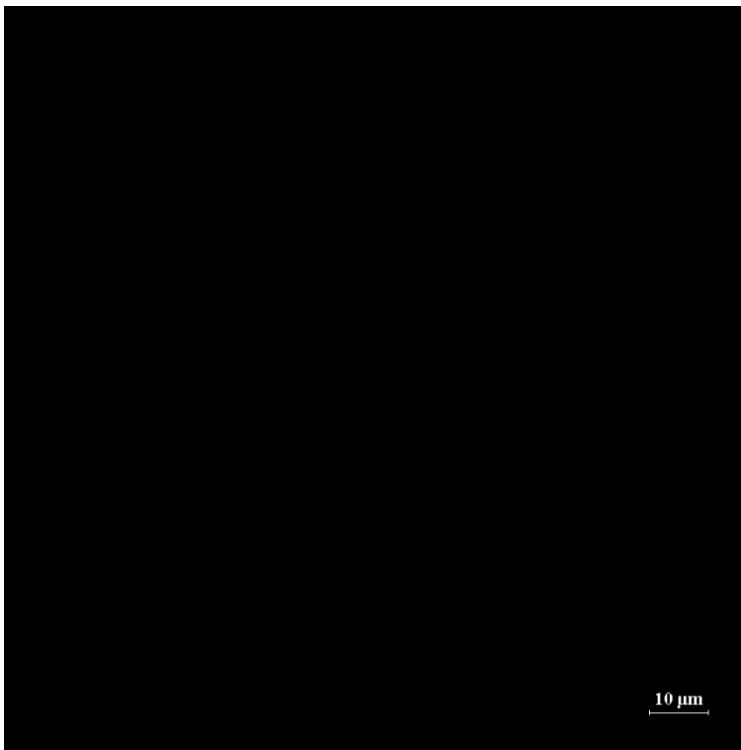
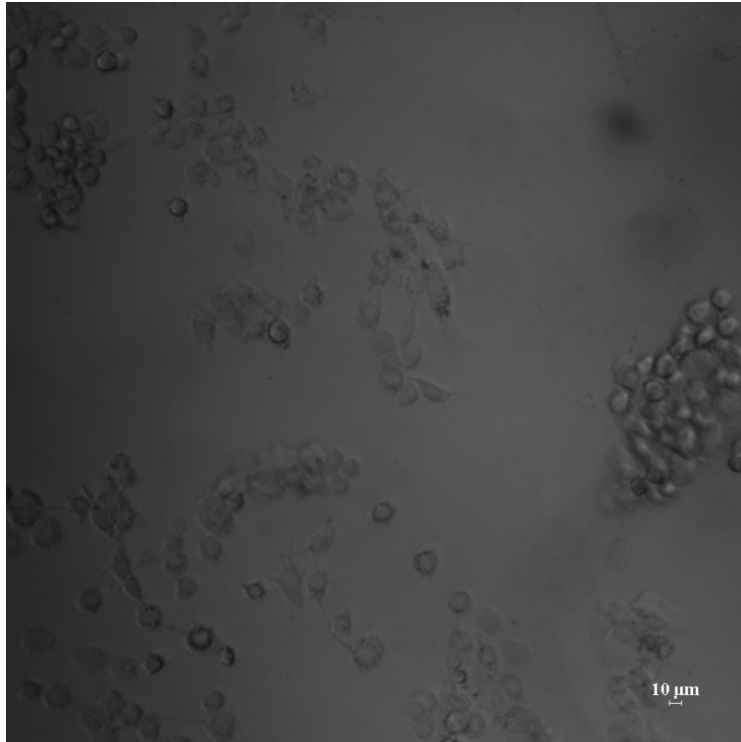
**S20. E) Fluorescence image of HeLa cells pre-treated with Hg<sup>2+</sup> ion and incubated with POR-GAP.**



**S21. Bright-field and fluorescence images of L6 cells**



**S21. H, K) Bright-field & Fluorescence images of L6 cells pre-treated with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  ion and incubated with POR-GAP**



**S22. Graphical representation to show the difference in fluorescence intensity by the addition of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ .**

