

# Supporting Information

Elucidating sensing mechanisms of a pyrene-excimer based calix[4]arene for ratiometric detection of Hg(II) and Ag (I) and chemosensor behaviour as INHIBITION or IMPLICATION logic gates

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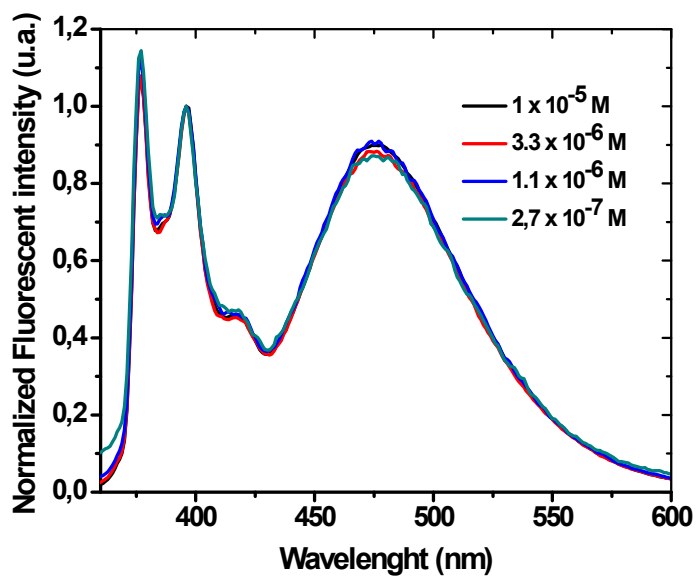
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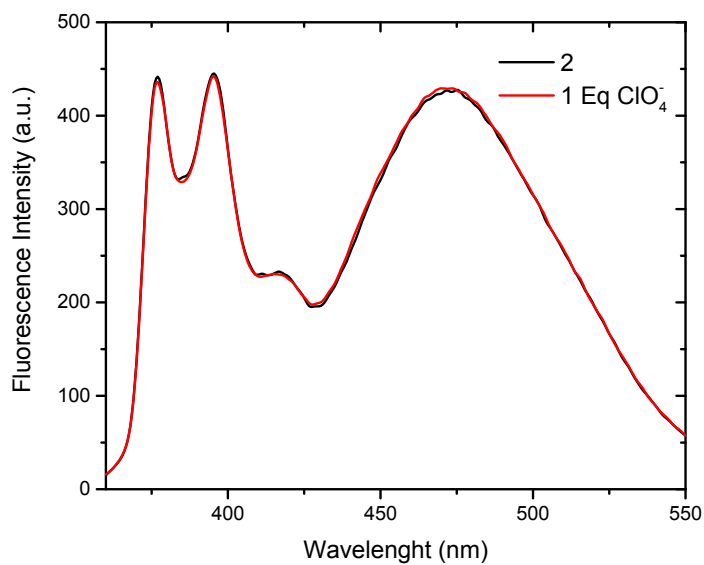
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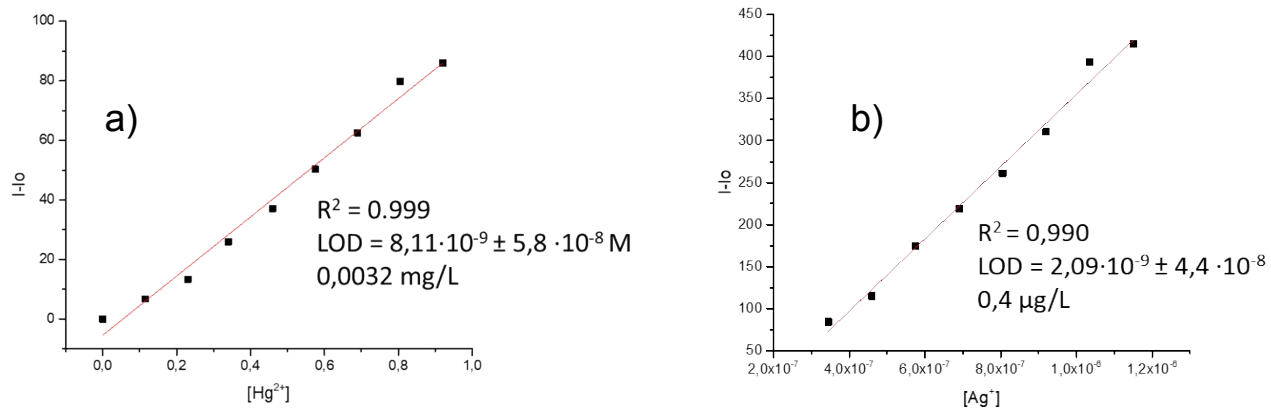
## I. EXPERIMENTAL INFORMATION



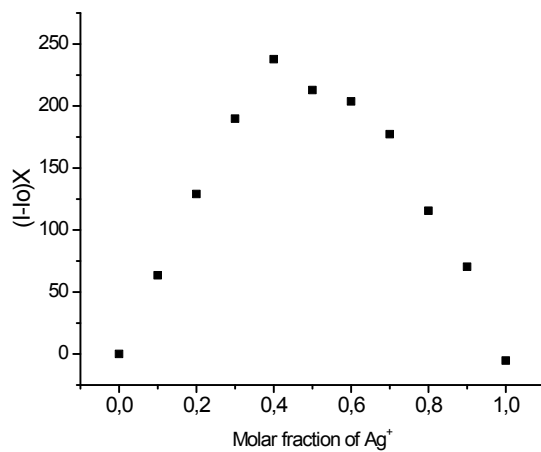
**Figure S1.** Normalized fluorescence intensities of **2** at different dilutions ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{DMSO}$  99:1).



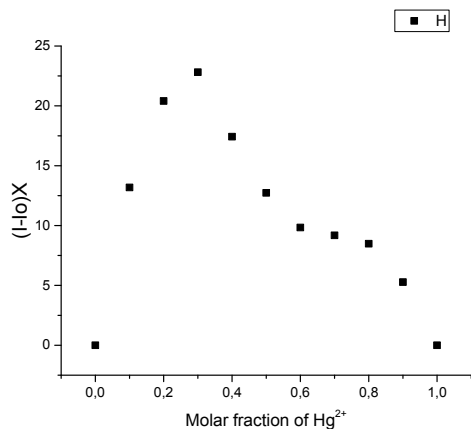
**Figure S2.** Fluorescence spectra of **2** (1.15  $\mu\text{M}$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}/\text{DMSO}$  99:1) in presence of 2 equivalents of  $\text{NBu}_4\text{ClO}_4$ .



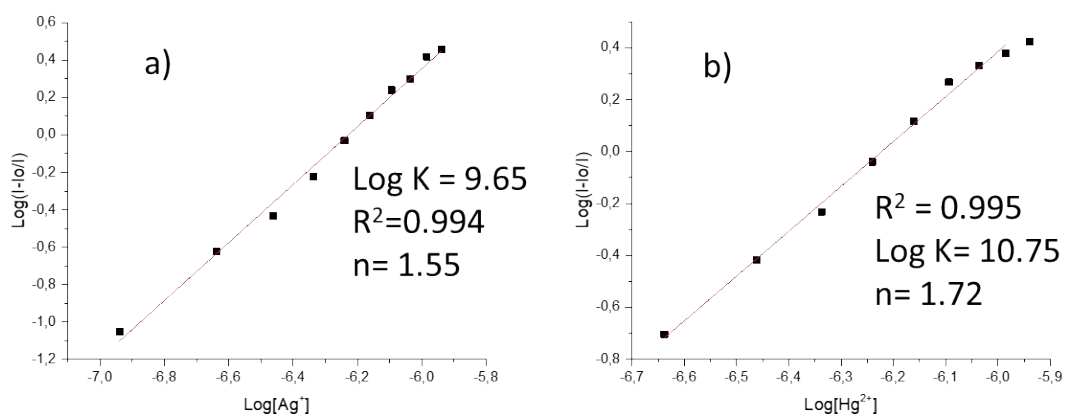
**Figure S3.** Calibration curve of **2** with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  (a) and  $\text{Ag}^+$  (b) in ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{DMSO}$  99:1) for LOD determination.



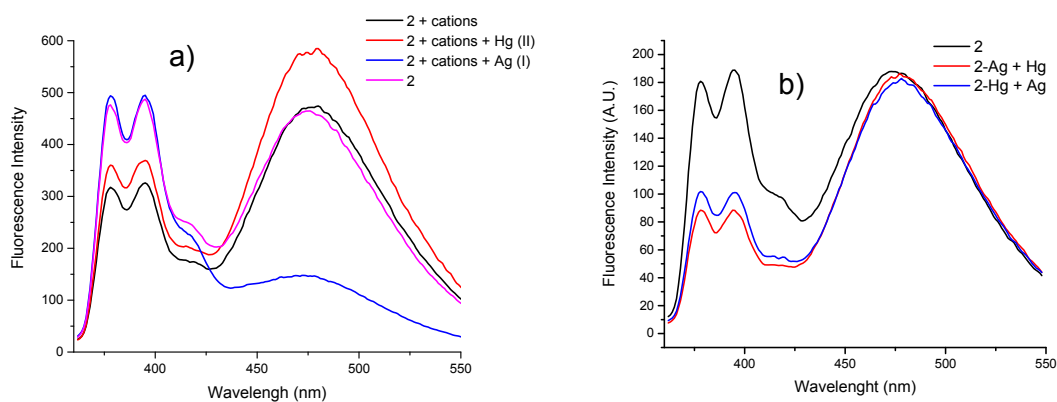
**Figure S4.** Job Plot for a complex of compound **2** and  $\text{Ag}^+$  ion ( $\lambda=372 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{DMSO}$  99:1)



**Figure S5.** Job Plot for a complex of compound **2** and  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  ion ( $\lambda=372$  nm,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{DMSO}$  99:1)



**Figure S6.** Hill Plots for the complexes **2**: $\text{Ag}^+$  (a) and **2**: $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  (b) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{DMSO}$  (99:1)



**Figure S7.** a) Interference studies of **2** in presence of  $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ , and cation mixture and (b) competitive interferent study of **2** with  $\text{Ag}^+$  and  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$

Ref	LOD Hg <sup>2+</sup> (nM)	LOD Ag <sup>+</sup> (nM)	Solvent
65	70	-	THF
67	100	-	THF/H <sub>2</sub> O 9:1
64	36	-	HEPES/CH <sub>3</sub> CN 3:7
66	12500	-	MeOH
69	-	68	Acetic/Acetate Buffer
68	-	200	DMF
2 <sup>a</sup>	2.09	8.11	CH <sub>3</sub> CN

**Table S1.** Comparative Results for Hg<sup>2+</sup> and Ag<sup>+</sup> detection probes. <sup>a</sup>Compound **2** studied in the present work

a)  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  Spectra

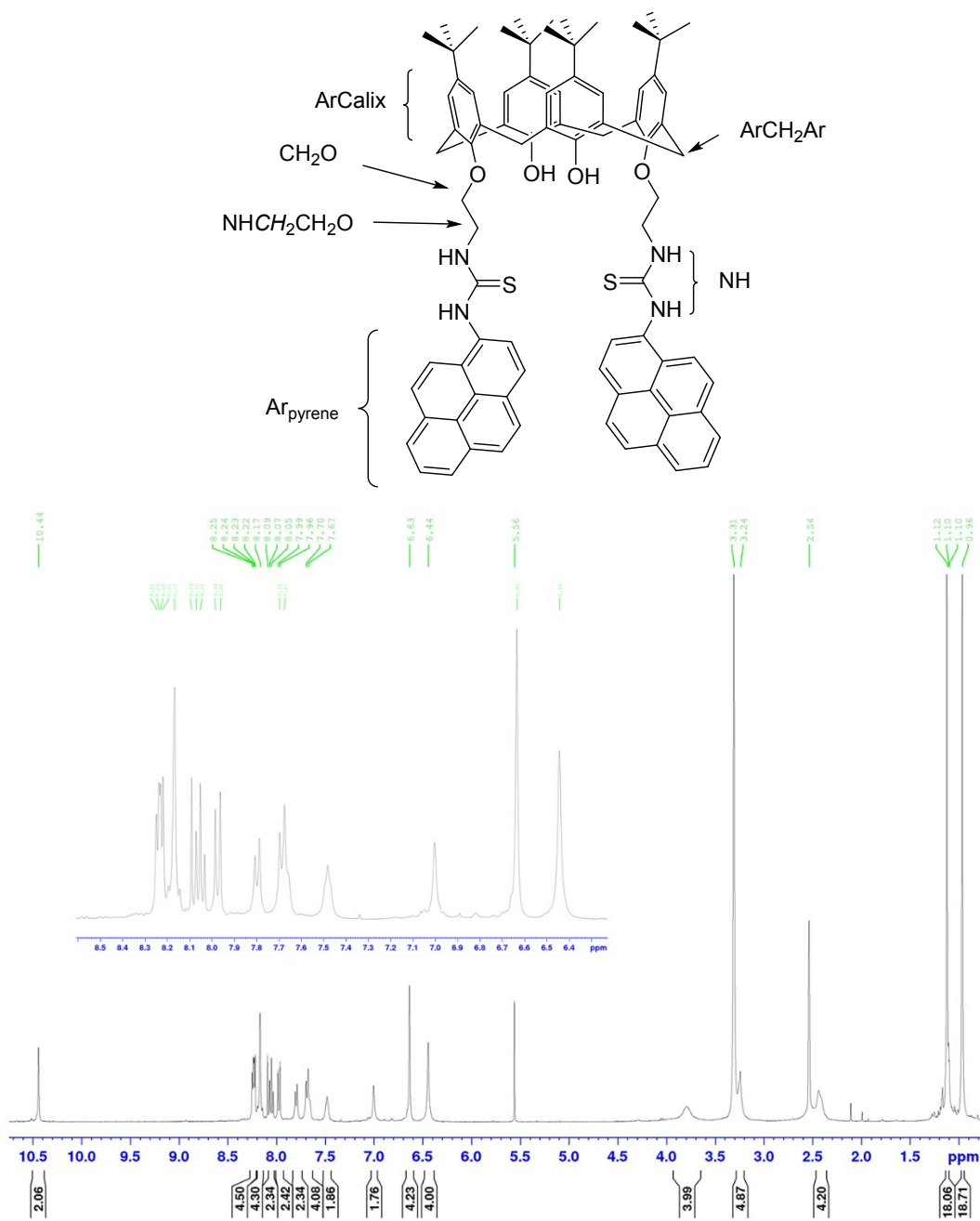
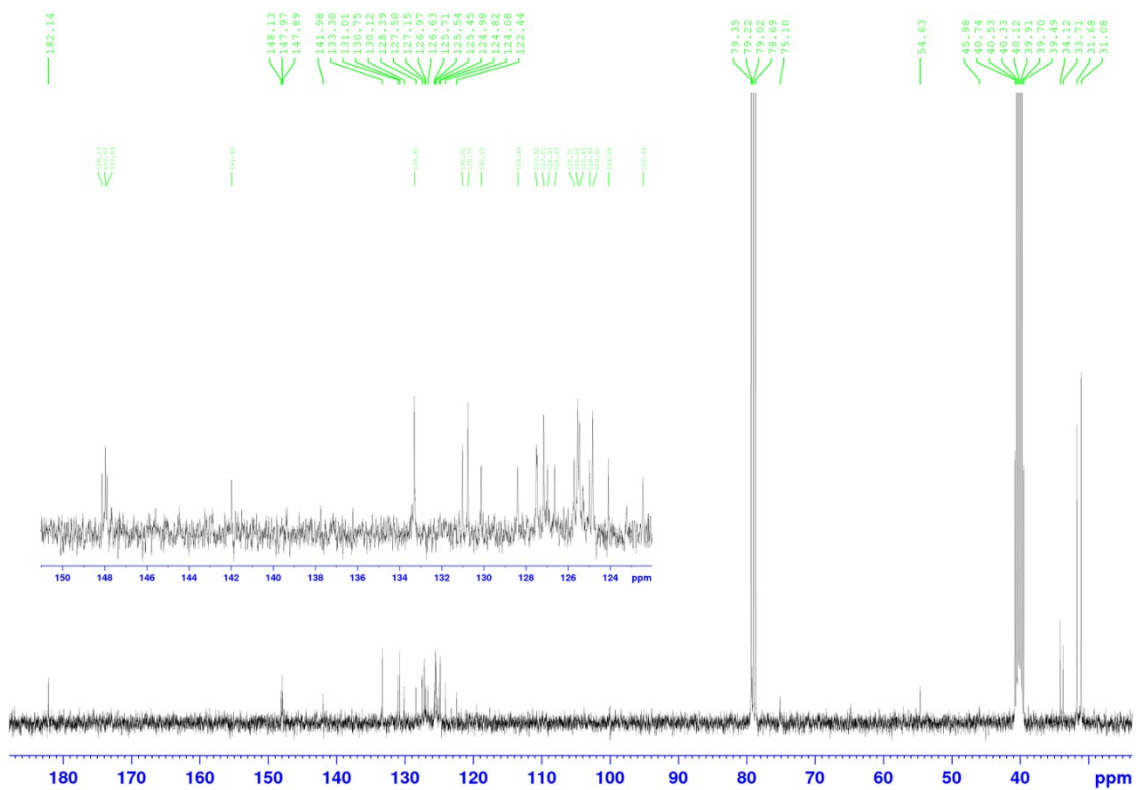
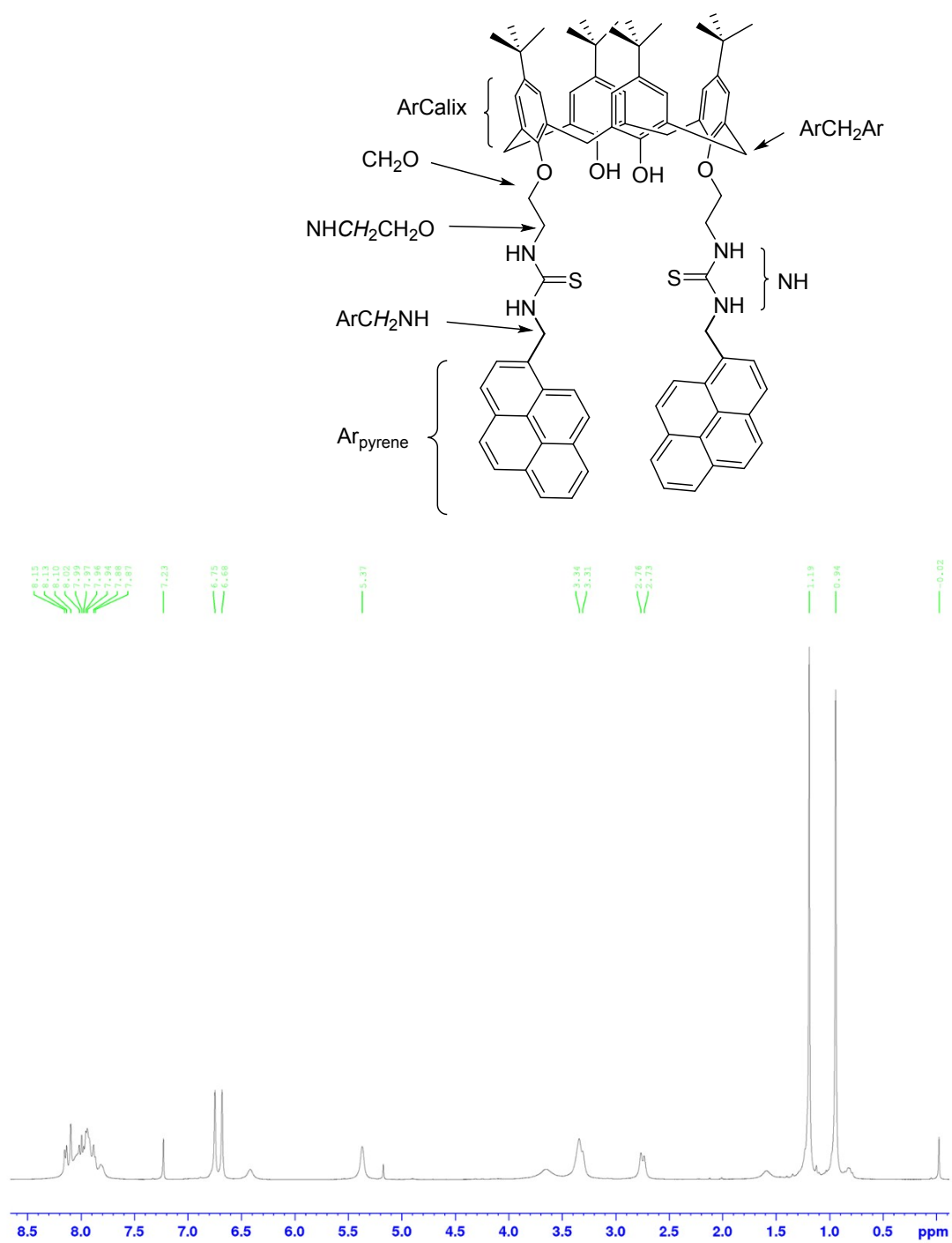


Figure S8.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum (300 MHz, 298 K) of compound 1.

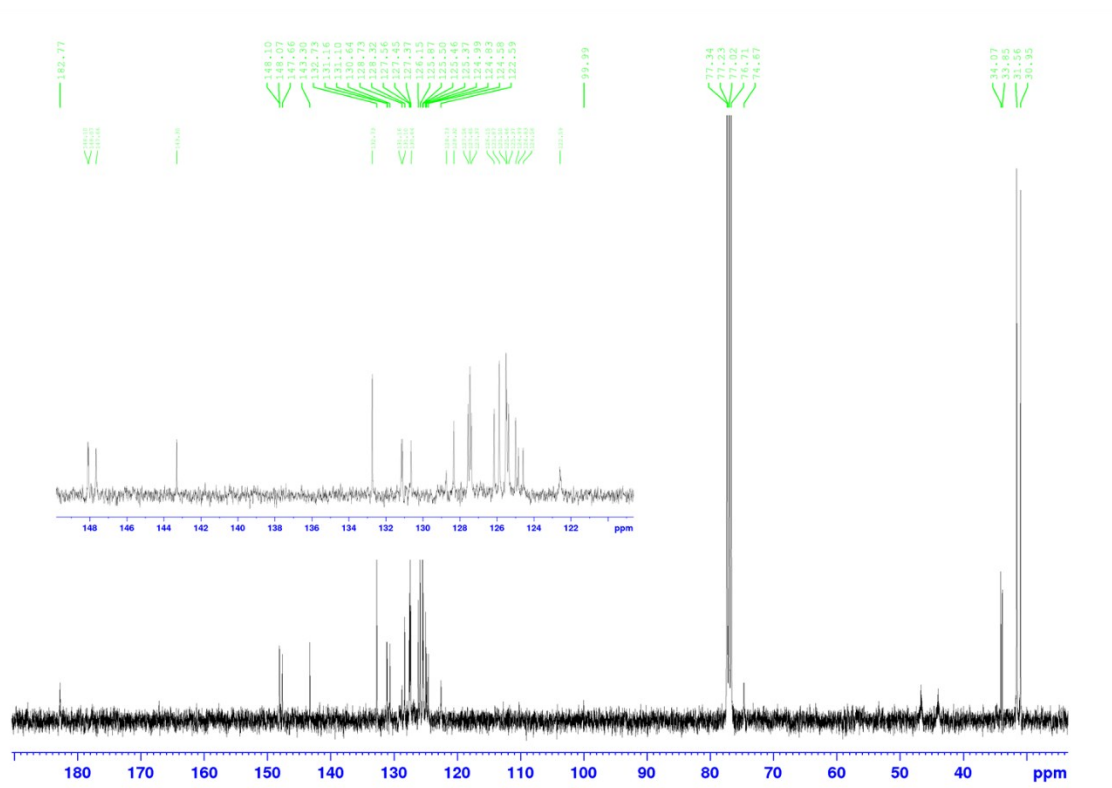


**Figure S9.**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR Spectrum (75.5 MHz, 298 K) of compound **1**.



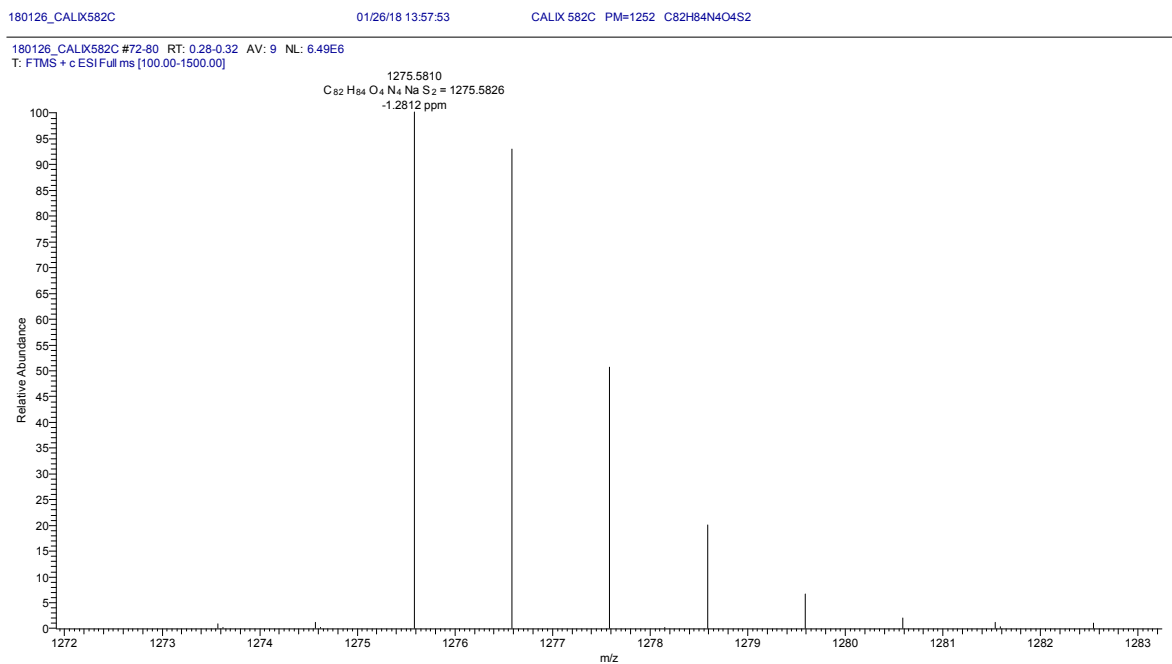
**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum (300 MHz, 298 K) of compound 2.



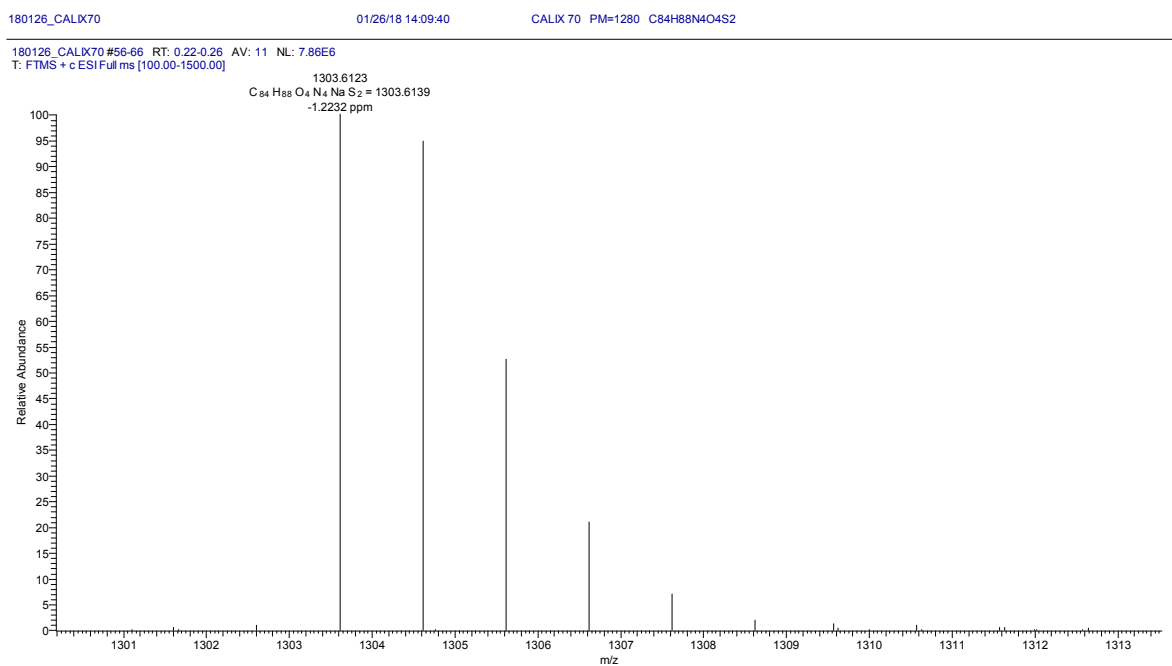


**Figure S11.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum (75.5 MHz, 298 K) of compound **2**.

## b) Mass Spectra

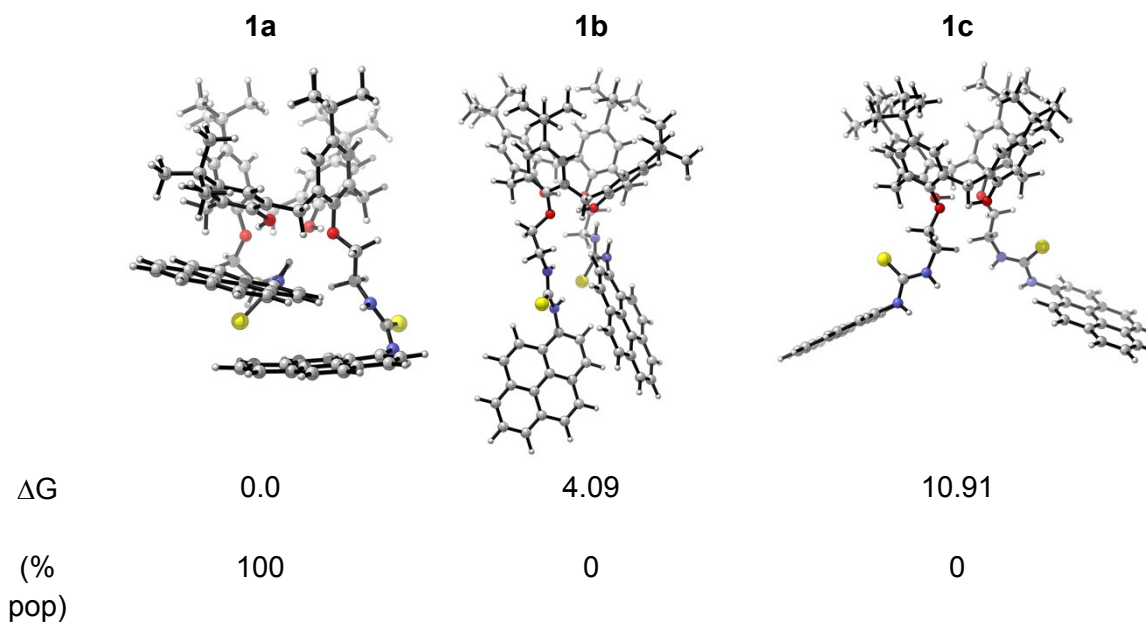


**Figure S12.** HR2MS (ESI) of compound **1**



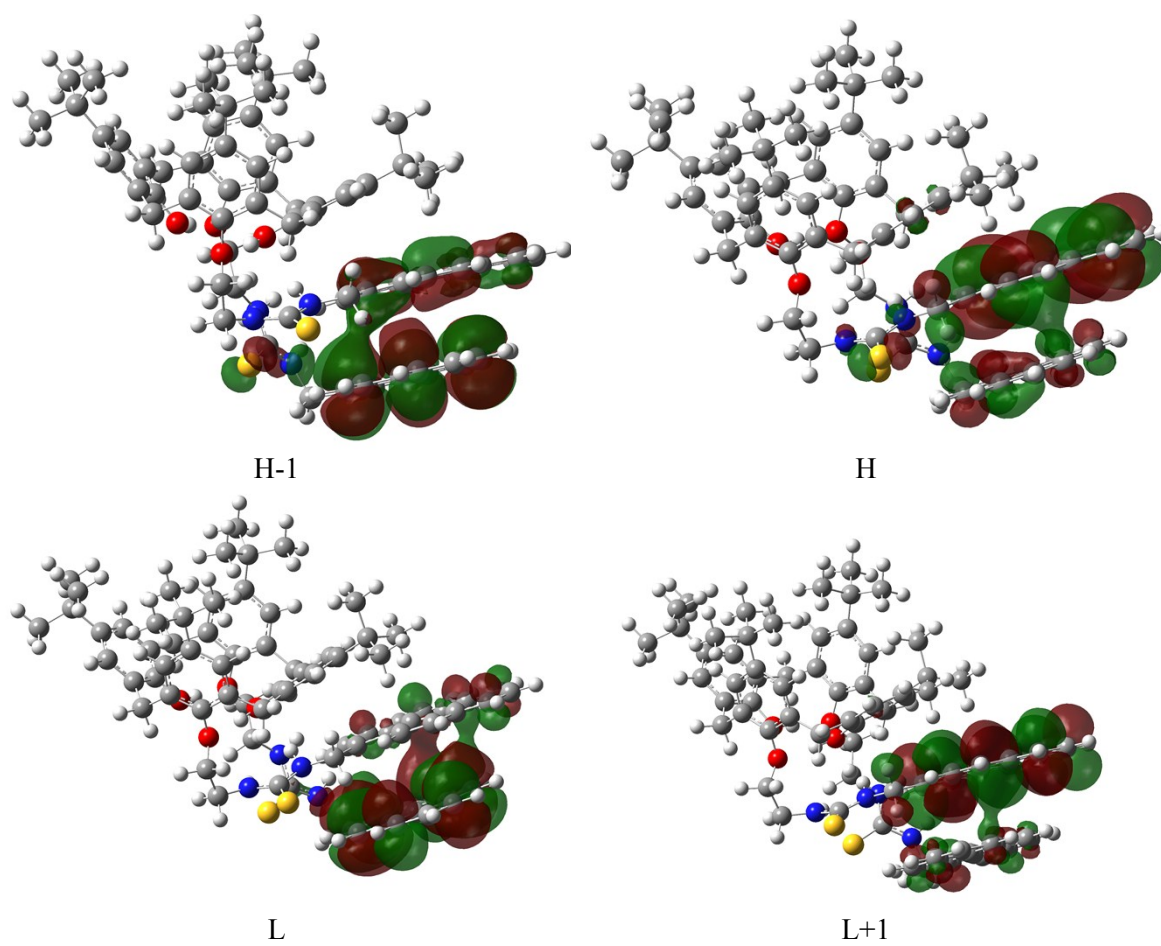
**Figure S13.** HR-MS (ESI) of compound **2**.

## II. Conformational analysis of derivative 1 and Frontier Molecular Orbitals



**Figure S14.** Highest (H-1 and H) and lowest (L and L+1) molecular orbitals of **2a**.

### Frontiers Molecular Orbitals of 2a



**Figure S15.** Highest (H-1 and H) and lowest (L and L+1) molecular orbitals of 2a.

### III. Boolean operations for two inputs

**Table S2.** Table of Boolean Operations for two inputs [1]

Operation N°	Commutative to operation N°	Result for				Entry	Meaning	Logic gate
		A=0 B=0	A=0 B=1	A=1 B=0	A=1 B=1			
0	15	0	0	0	0	'0' constant	'0' constant	ZERO
1	14	0	0	0	1	Conjunction	A and B	AND
2	-	0	0	1	0	Exclusion	A excludes B	INHIBIT
3	12	0	0	1	1	1st variable	A	ID A
4	-	0	1	0	0	Exclusion	B excluding A	INHIBIT
5	10	0	1	0	1	2nd variable	B	ID B
6	9	0	1	1	0	Nonequivalence	Either A or B	XOR
7	8	0	1	1	1	Disjunction	A or B	OR
8	7	1	0	0	0	Nondisjunction	Neither A or B	NOR
9	6	1	0	0	1	Equivalence operation	A equivalent to B	EQU
10	5	1	0	1	0	Negation of variable B	Not B	INV B
11	-	1	0	1	1	Implication	B implies A	IMPLICATION
12	3	1	1	0	0	Negation of variable A	Not A	INV A
13	-	1	1	0	1	Implication	A implies B	IMPLICATION
14	1	1	1	1	0	Nonconjunction	No both A and B	NAND
15	0	1	1	1	1	'1' constant	'1' constant	ONE