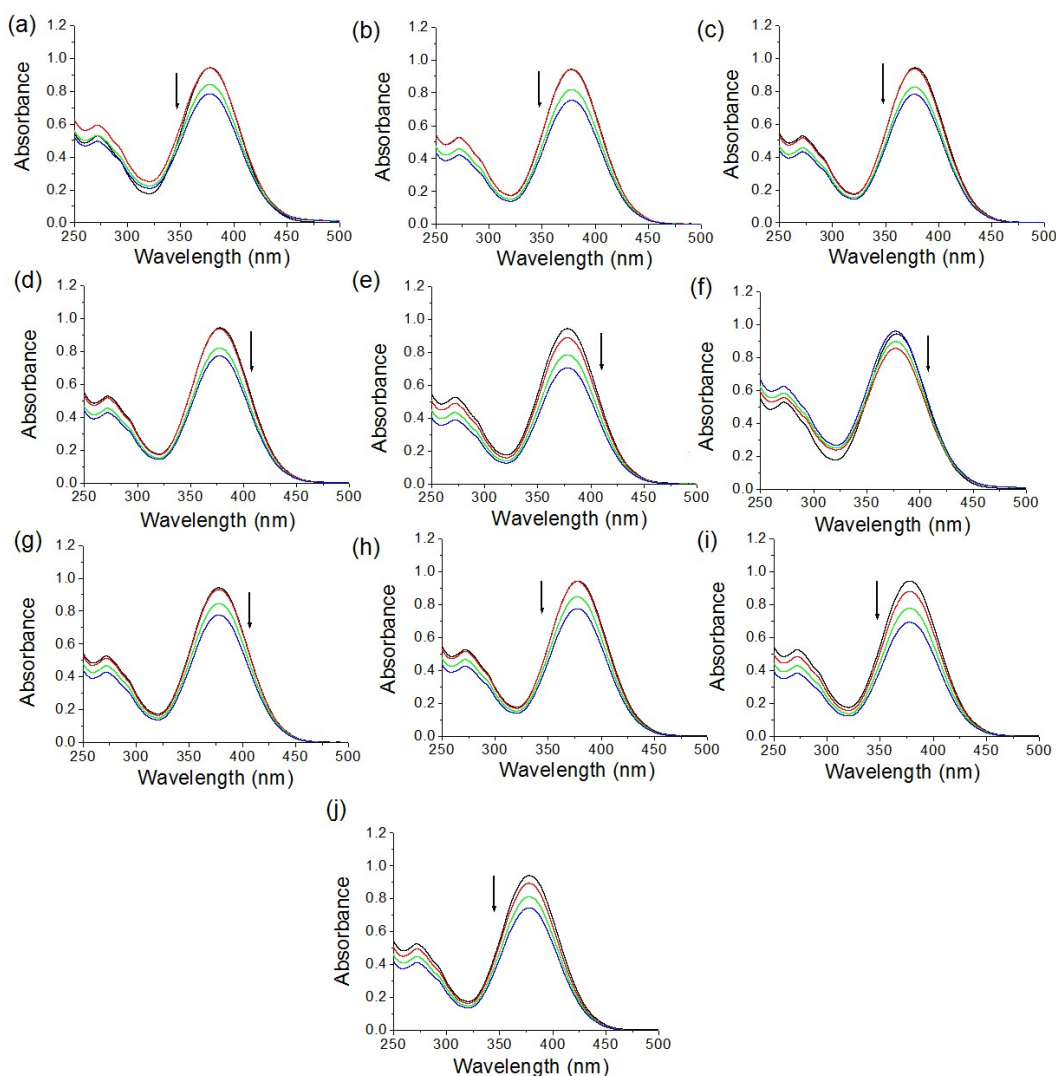


## Supporting Information

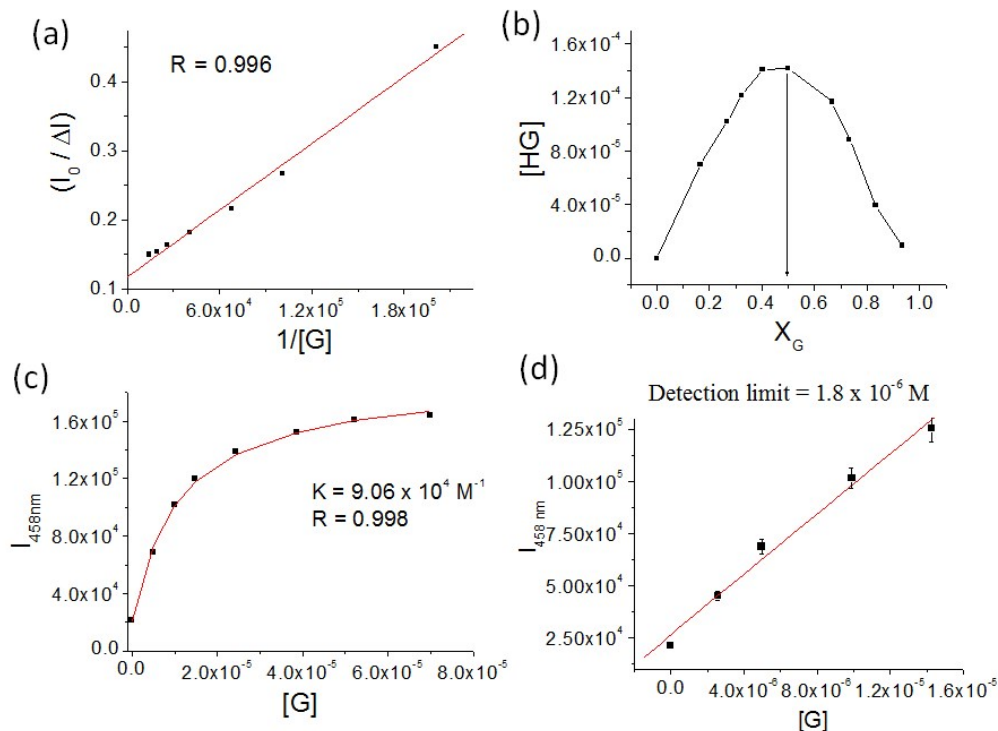
### A new 1,2,3-triazole-decorated imino-phenol: Selective sensing of Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup> and picric acid under different experimental conditions

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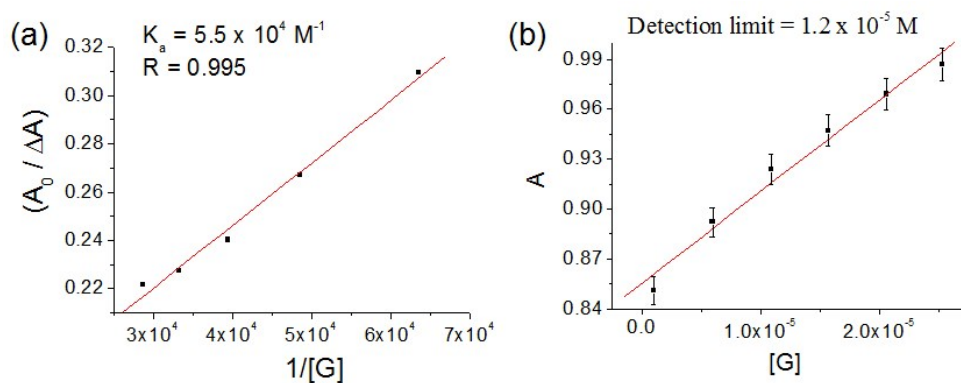
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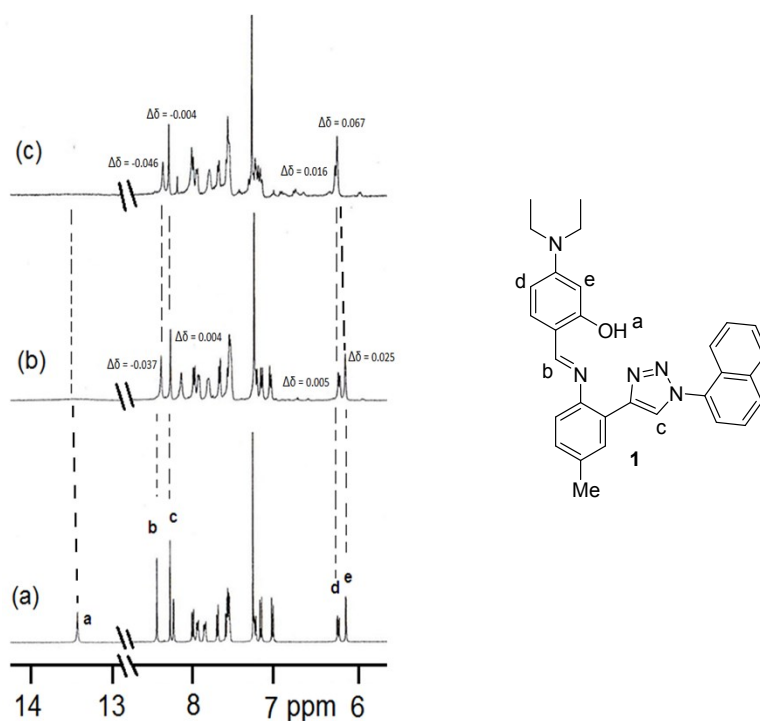
**Figure S1.** Change in absorbance of **1** ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O (3:1, v/v, 10 mM HEPES, pH = 6.8, containing 1% DMSO) upon addition of 3 equiv. amounts of (a) Ag<sup>+</sup>, (b) Al<sup>3+</sup>, (c) Ca<sup>2+</sup>, (d) Cd<sup>2+</sup>, (e) Co<sup>2+</sup>, (f) Fe<sup>2+</sup>, (g) Fe<sup>3+</sup>, (h), Hg<sup>2+</sup>, (i) Ni<sup>2+</sup> and (j) Pb<sup>2+</sup> [concentration of metal ions were 1 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M; all metal ions were used as their perchlorate salts].



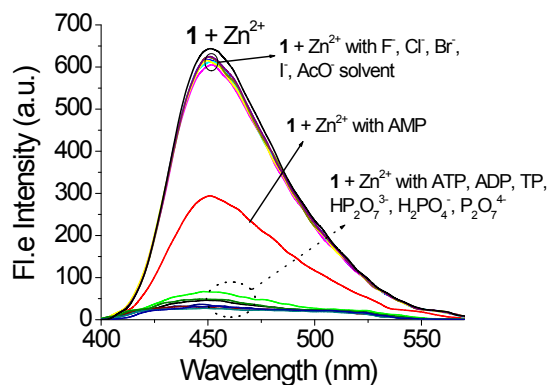
**Figure S2.** (a) Benesi-Hildebrand plot for **1** ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ; (b) Fluorescence ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 380$  nm) Job plot at 458 nm for **1** with  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  ions in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN-H}_2\text{O}$  (3:1, v/v, 10 mM HEPES, pH = 6.8, containing 1% DMSO) where  $[\text{H}] = [\text{G}] = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M; (c) Non linear binding constant curve for **1** ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  ( $c = 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) and (d) Detection limit for **1** ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  ( $[\text{Zn}^{2+}] = 1 \times 10^{-3}$  M) at 458 nm in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN-H}_2\text{O}$  (3:1, v/v, 10 mM HEPES, pH = 6.8, containing 1% DMSO) from emission titration.



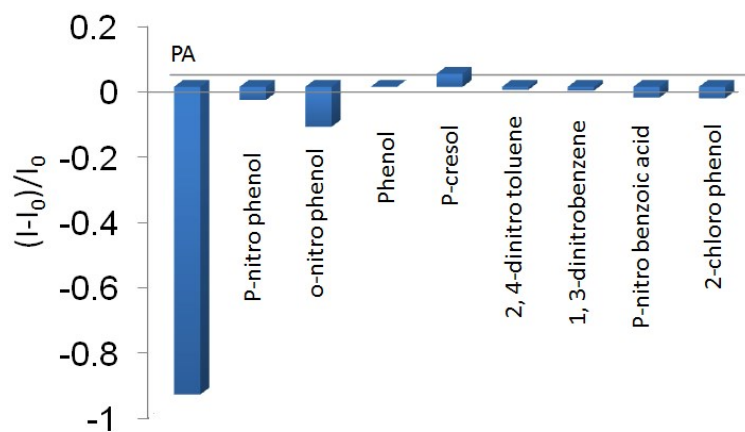
**Figure S3.** (a) Binding constant curve and (b) detection limit for compound **1** ( $c = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  ( $[\text{Zn}^{2+}] = 1 \times 10^{-3}$  M) at 390 nm in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN-H}_2\text{O}$  (3:1, v/v, 10 mM HEPES, pH = 6.8, containing 1% DMSO) from absorbance study.



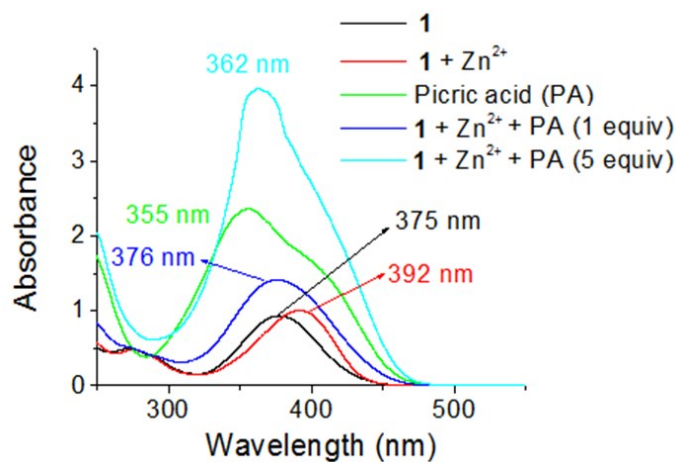
**Figure S4.** Partial  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz) of (a) **1** ( $c = 0.004 \text{ M}$ ), (b) **1** with 1 equiv. amount of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and (c) **1** with 2 equiv. amount of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ .



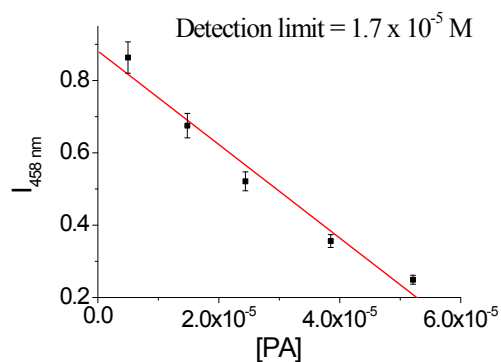
**Figure S5.** Change in emission of the zinc-ensemble of **1** ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ) upon gradual addition 5 equiv. amounts of different anions ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3: 1, v/v, pH = 6.8, 10 mM HEPES buffer, containing 1% DMSO).



**Figure S6.** Change in fluorescence ratio of **1**.Zn<sup>2+</sup> ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) at 458 nm in the presence of 5 equiv. amounts of different nitroaromatics in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (3: 1, v/v, pH = 6.8, 10 mM HEPES buffer, containing 1% DMSO).



**Figure S7.** Change in emission of the ensemble **1**.Zn<sup>2+</sup> [prepared by mixing **1** ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with 3 equiv. amounts of Zn<sup>2+</sup> ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-3}$  M)] upon addition of picric acid (PA) ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-3}$  M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (3 : 1, v/v, pH = 6.8, 10 mM HEPES buffer, containing 1 % DMSO).



**Figure S8.** Detection limits for **1-Zn<sup>2+</sup>** ensemble ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with picric acid (PA) ( $[PA] = 1 \times 10^{-3}$  M) at 458 nm in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O (3:1, v/v, 10 mM HEPES, pH = 6.8, containing 1% DMSO) from emission titration.

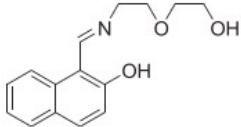
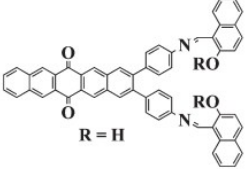
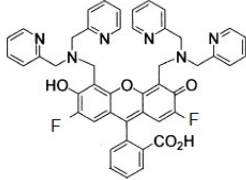
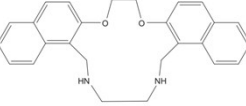
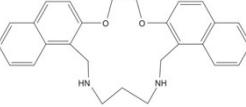
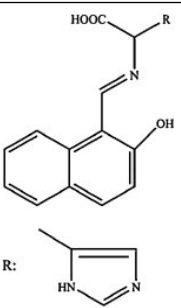
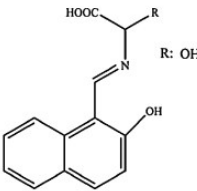
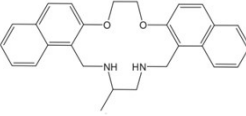
**Table S1:** Simulated absorption wavelengths ( $\lambda_{max}$  in nm), oscillator strengths ( $f$ ), and the composition of the corresponding electronic transitions (H = HOMO; L = LUMO) calculated using B3LYP/6-31g(d) level of theory

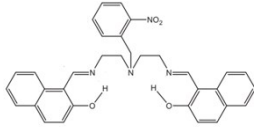
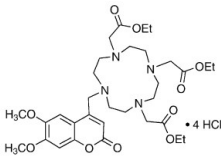
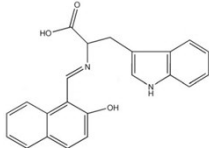
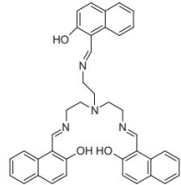
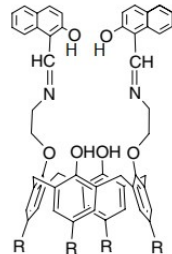
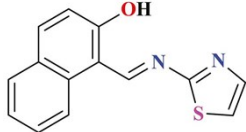
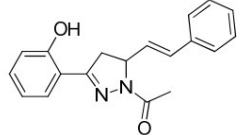
Compound	$\lambda_{max}$	$f$	$\epsilon$ ( $10^4$ )	Main compositions (contribution)
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	294	0.20	3.39	H-3→L (87%)
<b>1-Zn<sup>2+</sup></b> in CH <sub>3</sub> CN-H <sub>2</sub> O	380 (392) <sup>a</sup>	1.10	2.63	H→L (95%)
	306	0.21	3.27	H-1→L+1 (84%)

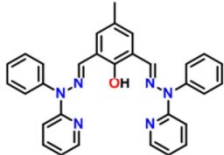
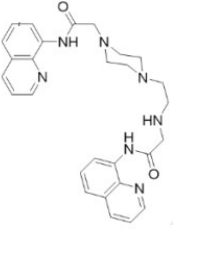
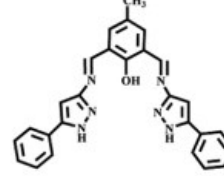
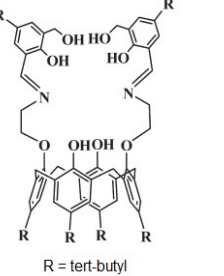
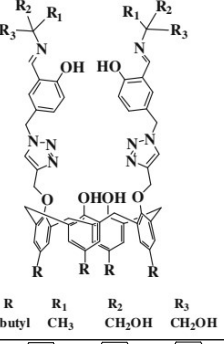
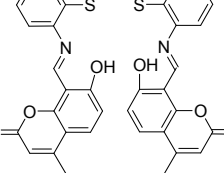
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**Table S2 :** Reported structures for Zn<sup>2+</sup> sensing in solution phase.

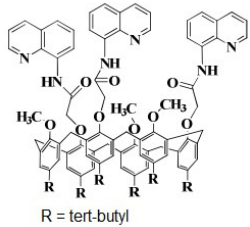
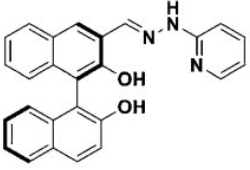
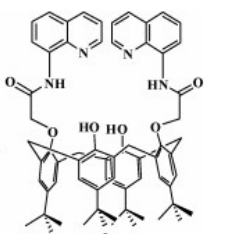
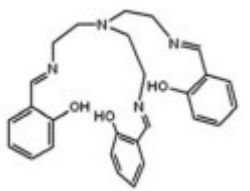
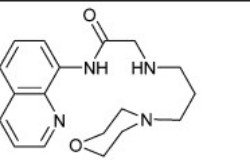
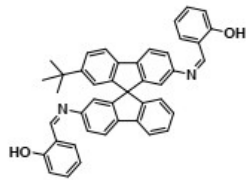
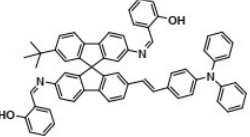
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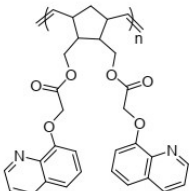
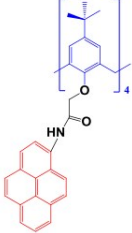
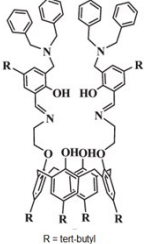
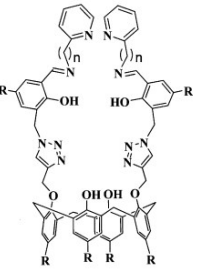
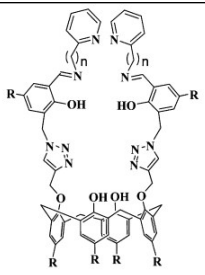
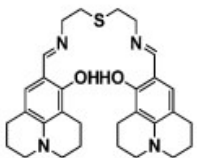
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3		THF	3.5 x 10 <sup>-9</sup> M	-	3
4		50 mM PIPES, 100 mM KCl (pH 7)	~ 5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> M	-	4
5		CH <sub>3</sub> CN: DMF (9:1, v/v)	1 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> M	Fe <sup>3+</sup> , Cu <sup>2+</sup> , Ni <sup>2+</sup>	5
6		CH <sub>3</sub> CN: DMF (9:1, v/v)	-	Cd <sup>2+</sup>	5
7		buffer solution (10 mM, Tris-HCl, distilled water)	2.4x10 <sup>-6</sup> M	Cd <sup>2+</sup>	6
8		buffer solution (10 mM, Tris-HCl, distilled water)	1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> M	Cd <sup>2+</sup>	6
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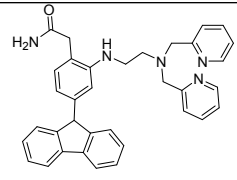
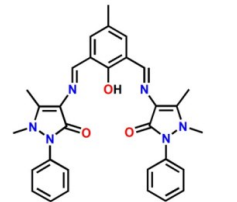
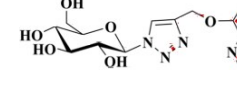
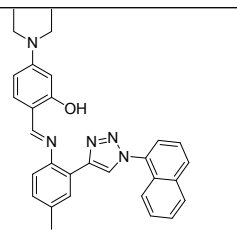
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11		50 mM PIPES buffer, 100 mM KCl, pH 7	<b>1 × 10<sup>-6</sup> M</b>	Hg <sup>2+</sup> , Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Cd <sup>2+</sup>	9
12		buffer solution (10 mM, Tris- HCl, pH 7.5)	-	-	10
13		EtOH:H <sub>2</sub> O (95:5, v/v)	<b>4.89 × 10<sup>-8</sup> M</b>	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	11
14		MeOH	<b>60 ppb</b>	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	12
15		DMSO/ H <sub>2</sub> O, v/v, 1:9; 5 mM, HEPES buffer: pH 7.0	<b>3.1 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M</b>	-	13
16		EtOH:H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1, v/v)	<b>2.9 × 10<sup>-8</sup> M</b>	Cu <sup>2+</sup> , Fe <sup>3+</sup>	14

17		DMSO: H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1, v/v)	-	-	15
18		bis-tris buffer solution (pH 7.0) containing DMSO	$9 \times 10^{-4}$ M	-	16
19		DMSO	27.80 nM	-	17
20	 R = tert-butyl	MeOH	192 ppb	-	18
21	 R      R <sub>1</sub> R <sub>2</sub> R <sub>3</sub> t-butyl   CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH   CH <sub>2</sub> OH	MeOH	174 ppb	-	19
22		MeOH: H <sub>2</sub> O (2:1, v/v)	$0.068 \times 10^{-6}$ M	-	20

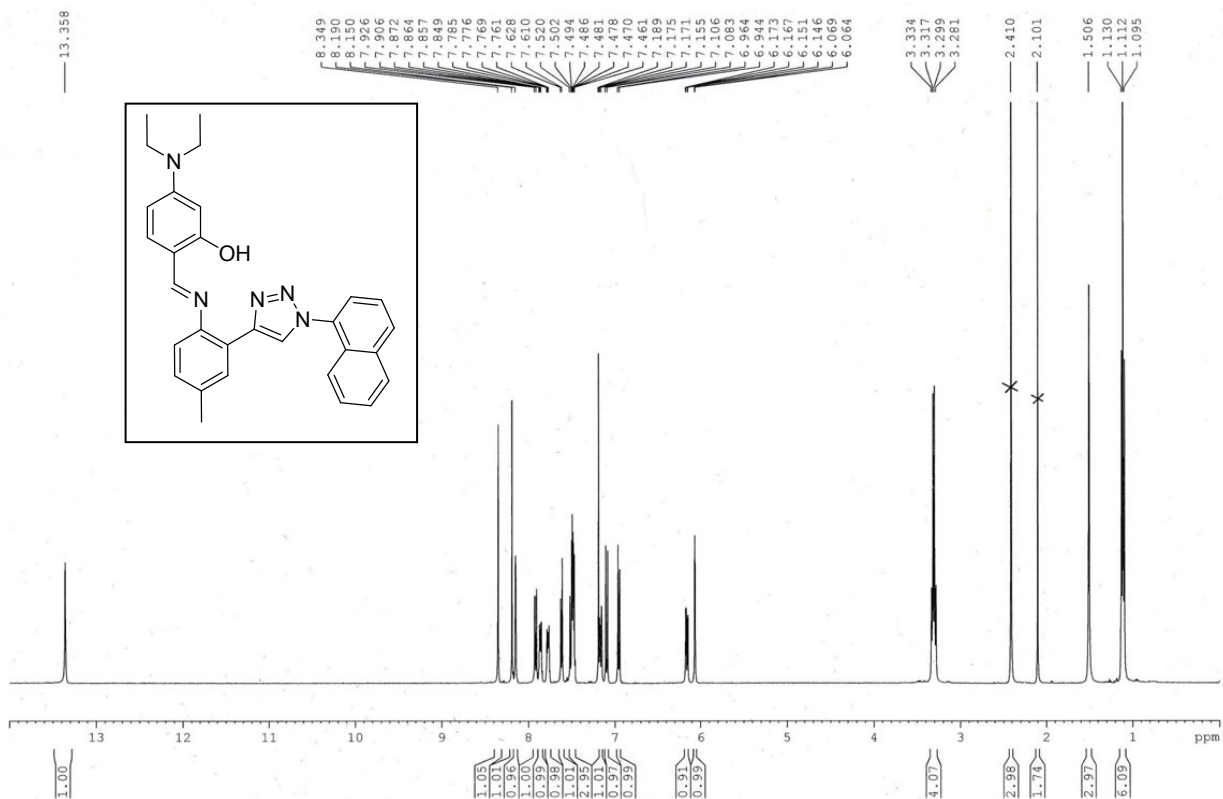


23	 <p>R = tert-butyl</p>	MeOH	-	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	21
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25		MeOH	183 ppb	Fe <sup>2+</sup> , Cu <sup>2+</sup> , Hg <sup>2+</sup>	23
26		10 mM HEPES buffer- CH <sub>3</sub> OH (99 : 1, v/v)	1.1 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> M	Co <sup>2+</sup> , Cu <sup>2+</sup>	24
27		DMSO	0.29 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> M	-	25
28		DMF:H <sub>2</sub> O (9:1, v/v)	300nM	Cu <sup>2+</sup> , Hg <sup>2+</sup>	26
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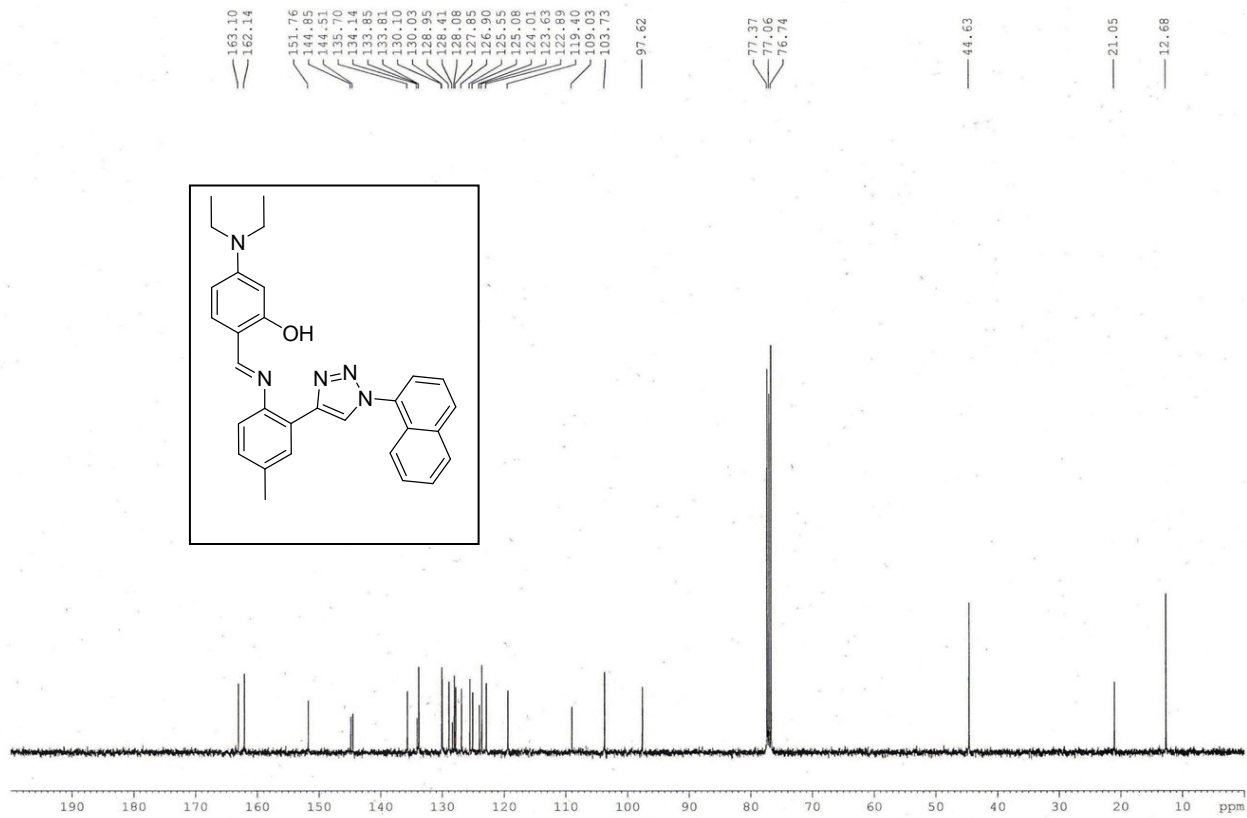
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31		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	6.43 nM	Hg <sup>2+</sup>	28
32	 R = <i>tert</i> -butyl	MeOH	6.9 × 10 <sup>-7</sup> M	Ni <sup>2+</sup> , Cu <sup>2+</sup> , Fe <sup>2+</sup>	29
33	 n = 1 R = <i>tert</i> -butyl	MeOH: H <sub>2</sub> O (2:1, v/v)	31 ppb	-	30
34	 n = 2 R = <i>tert</i> -butyl	MeOH: H <sub>2</sub> O (2:1, v/v)	112 ppb	-	30
35		DMF	1.5 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> M	Al <sup>3+</sup>	31

36		HEPES buffer (10 mM, pH 7.4)	-	Cd <sup>2+</sup> , Co <sup>2+</sup> , Cu <sup>2+</sup>	32
37		MeOH	1.74 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> M	Al <sup>3+</sup>	33
38		HEPES buffer	-	Hg <sup>2+</sup> , Cd <sup>2+</sup>	34
This work		<b>CH<sub>3</sub>CN:</b> <b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b> <b>(3:1,</b> <b>v/v</b> pH = 6.8, 10 mM HEPES buffer, containing 1% DMSO)	1.8 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> M	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	-

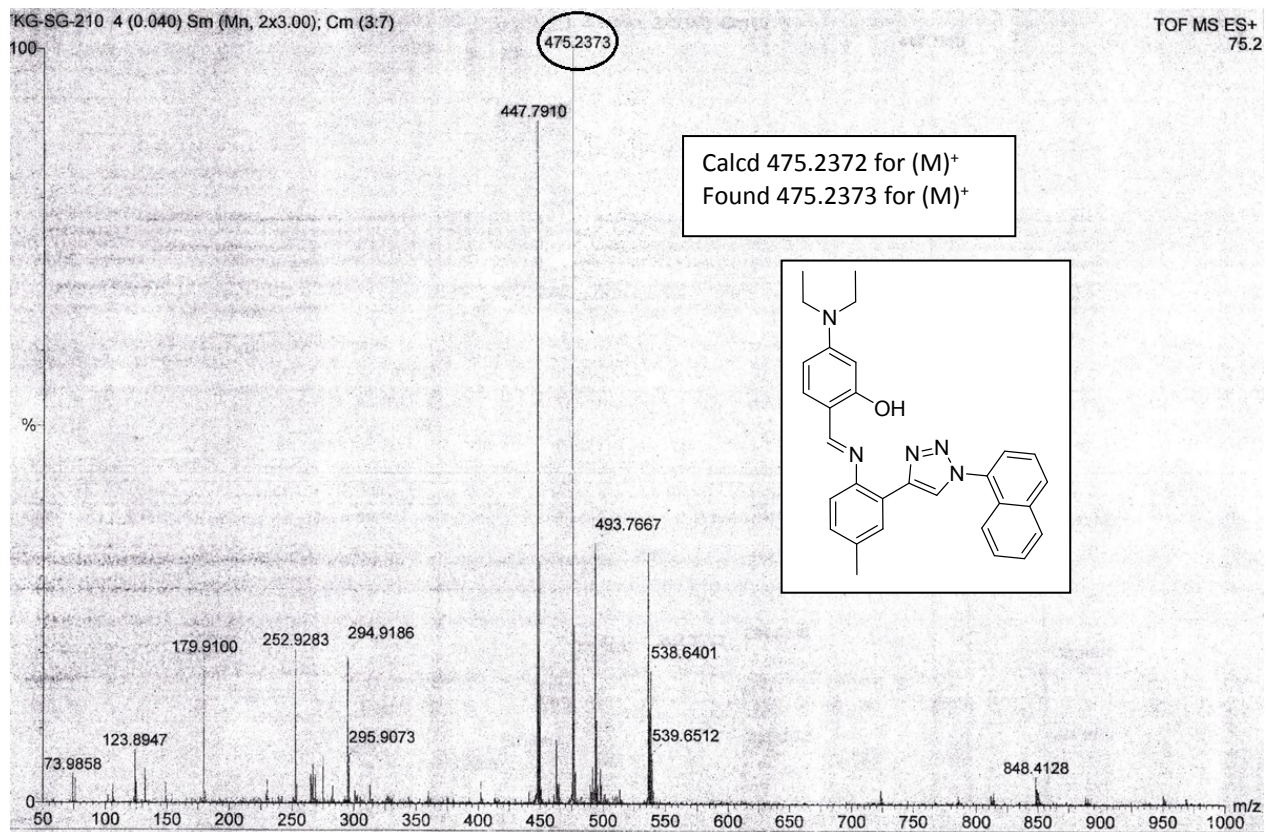
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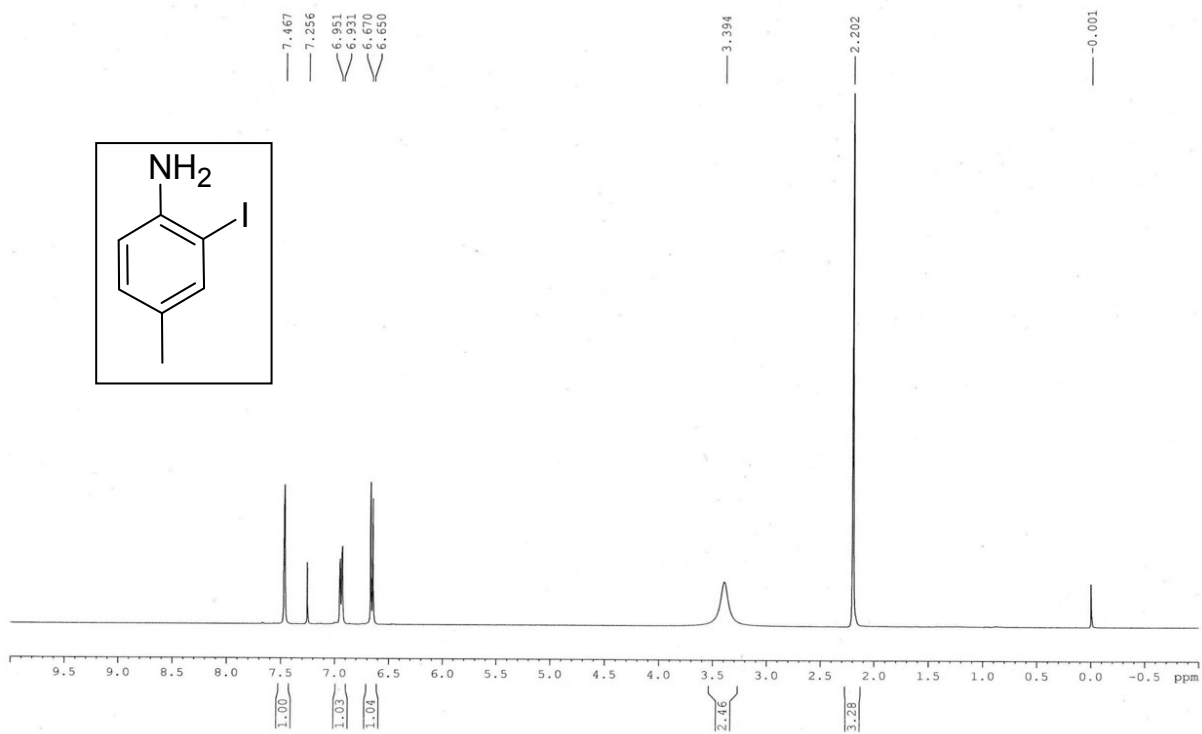
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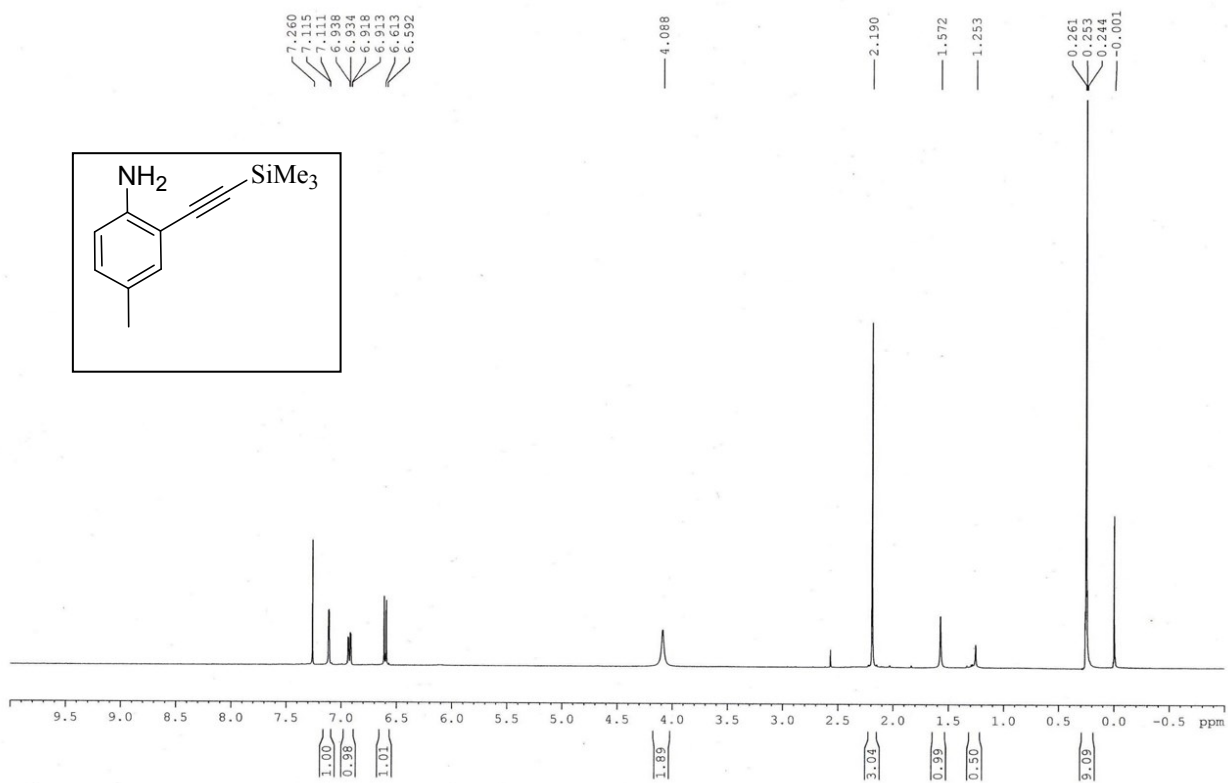
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**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) of 2**

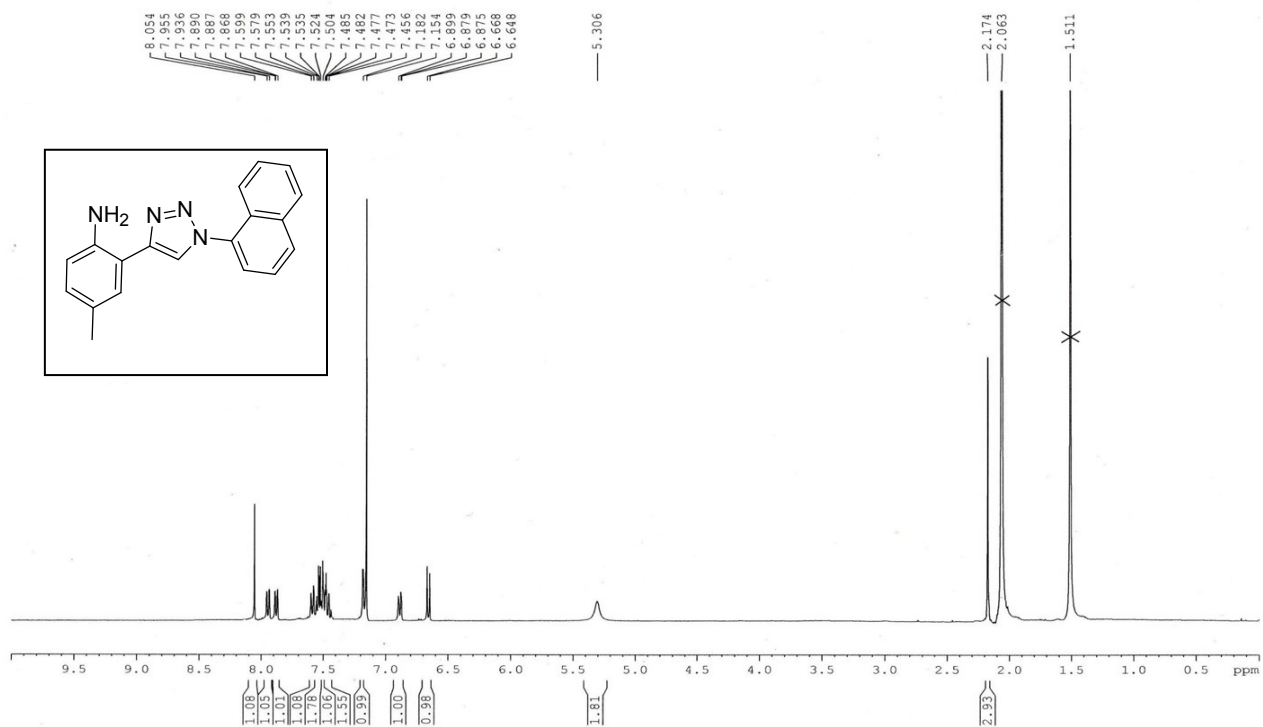


**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) of 3**

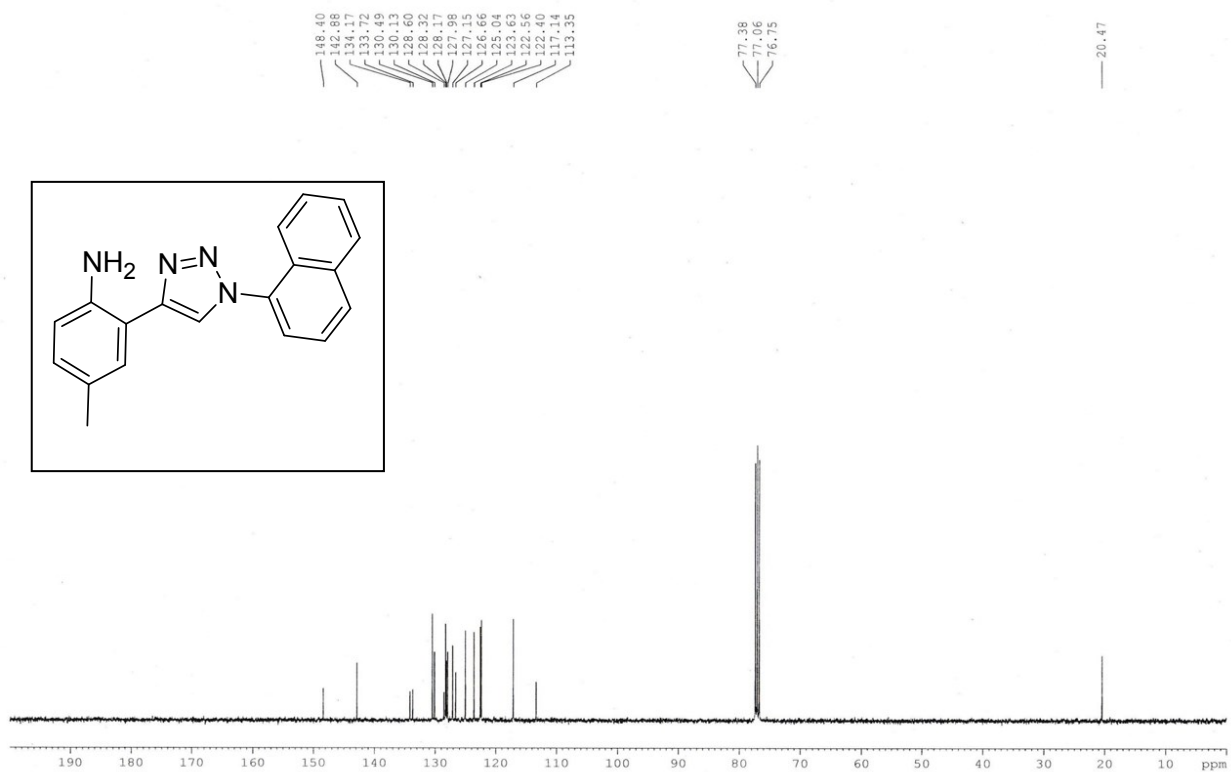




<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) of 6



**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) of 6**



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