

*Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)*

**A terpyridine appended hexaarylbenzene fluorophore: synthesis, photophysical properties and application for colorimetric detection of Fe<sup>2+</sup> in aqueous solution**

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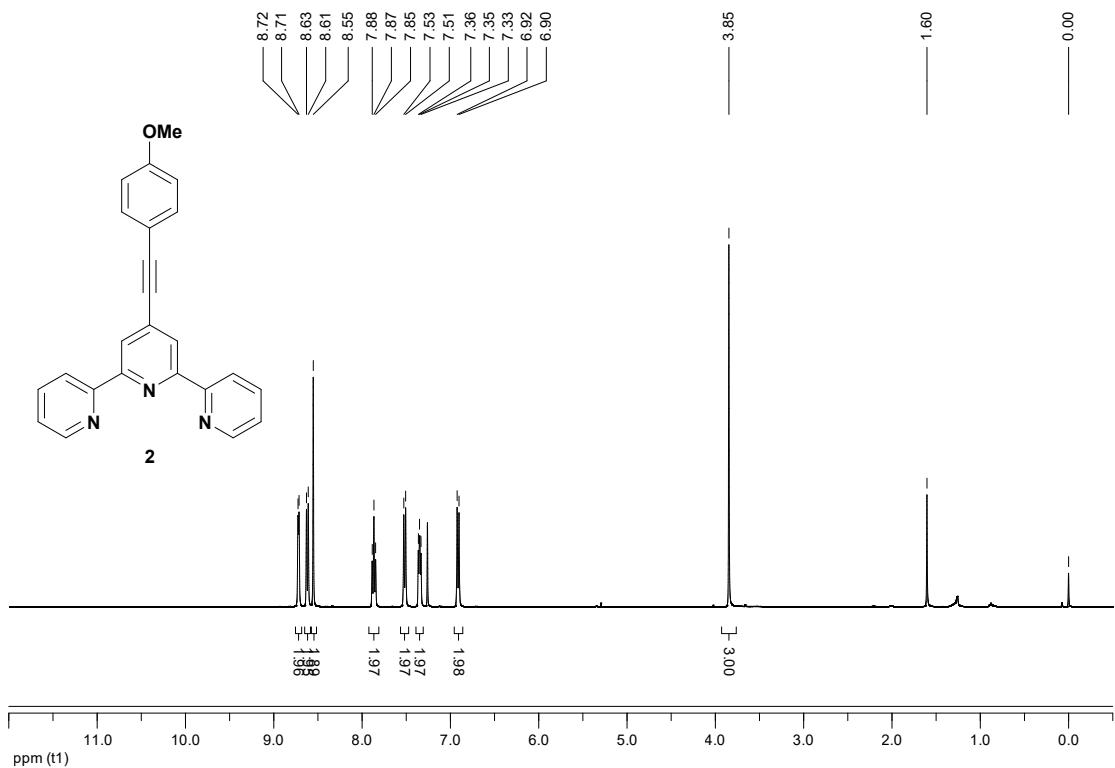
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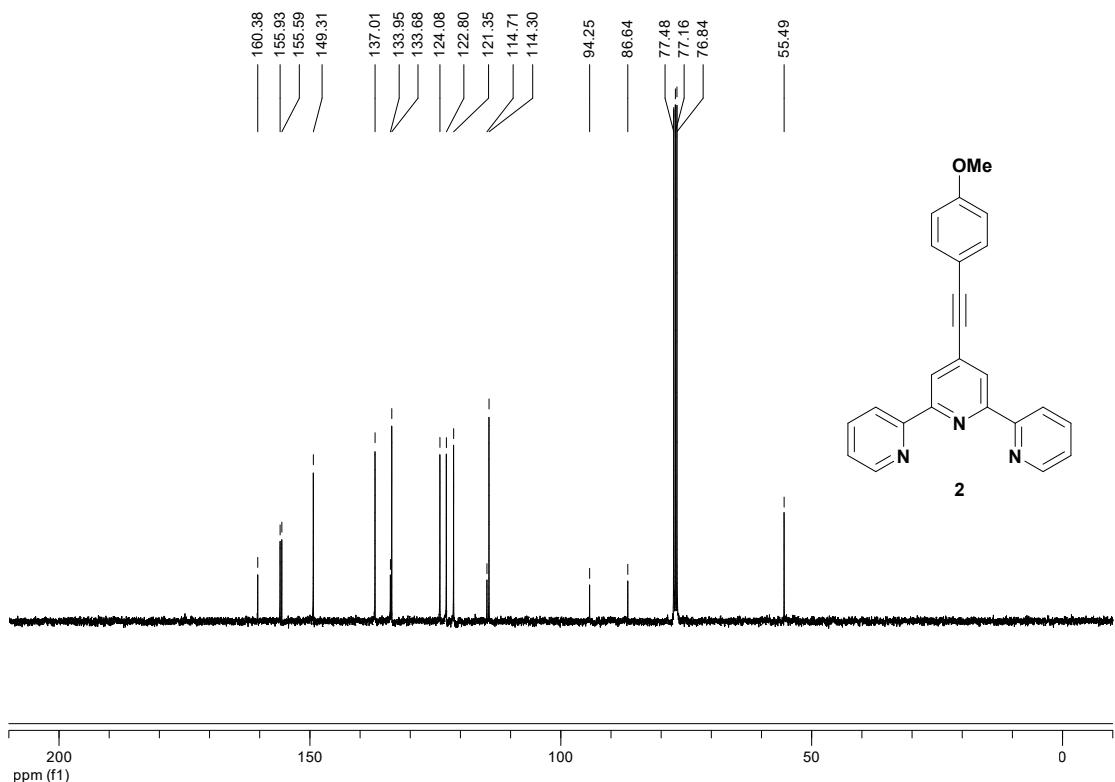
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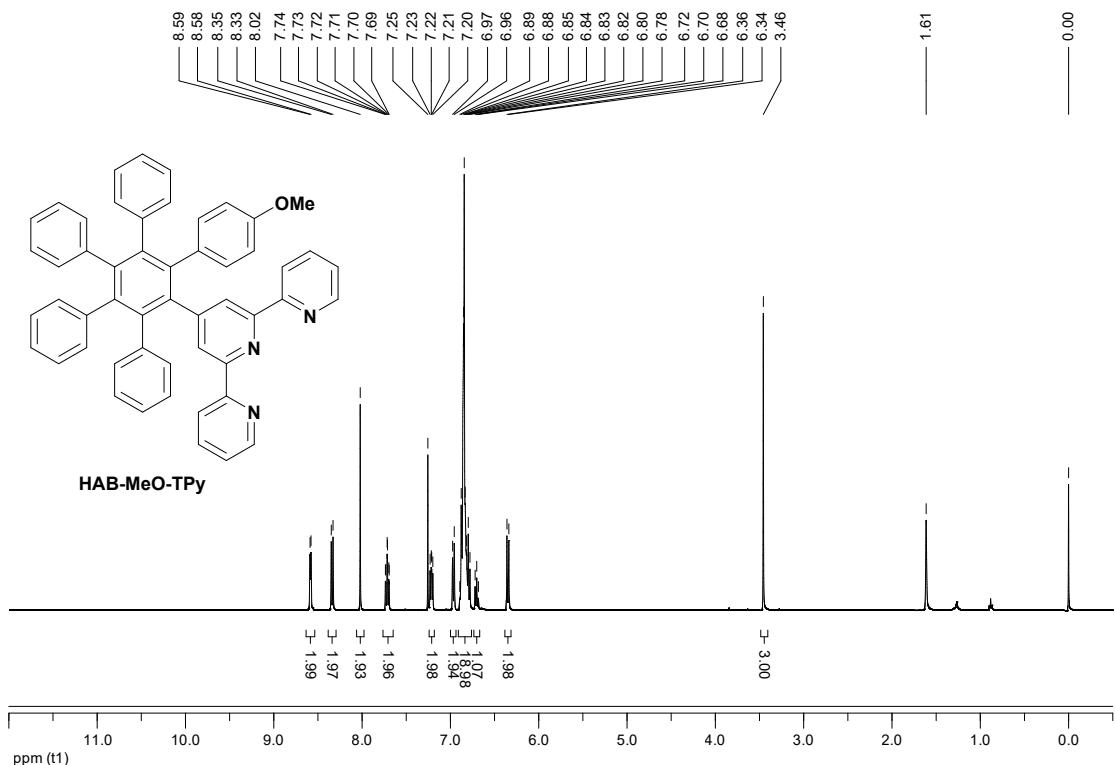
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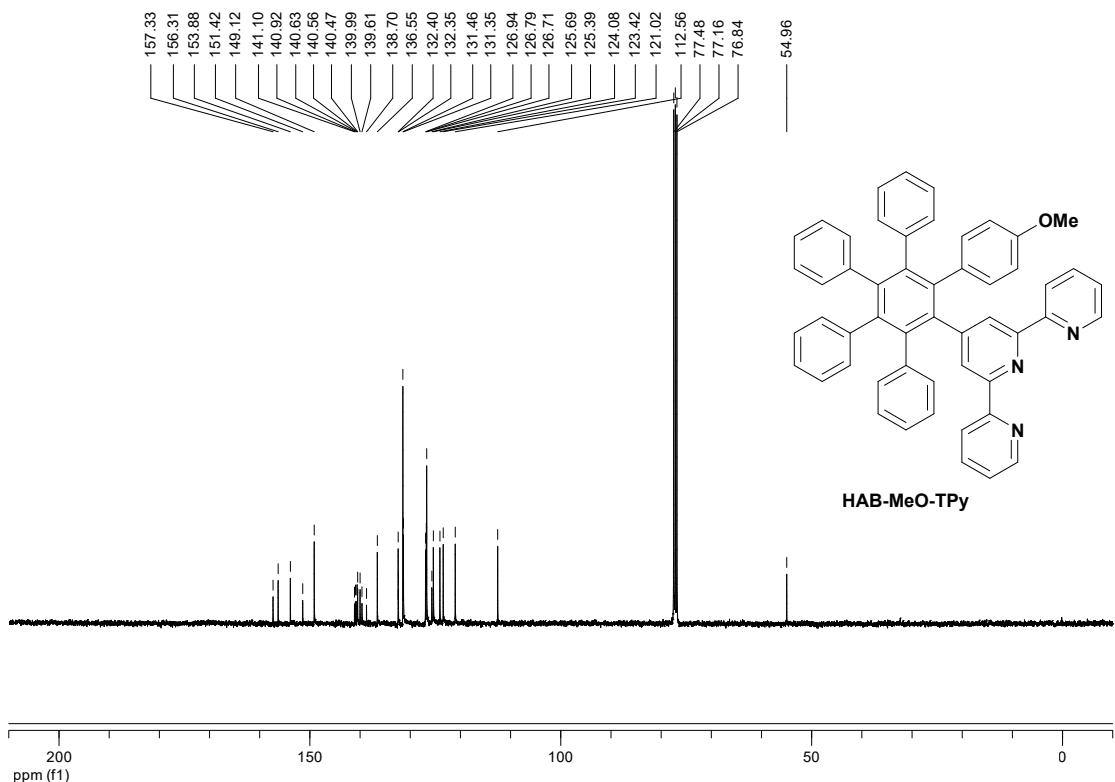
**Fig. S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



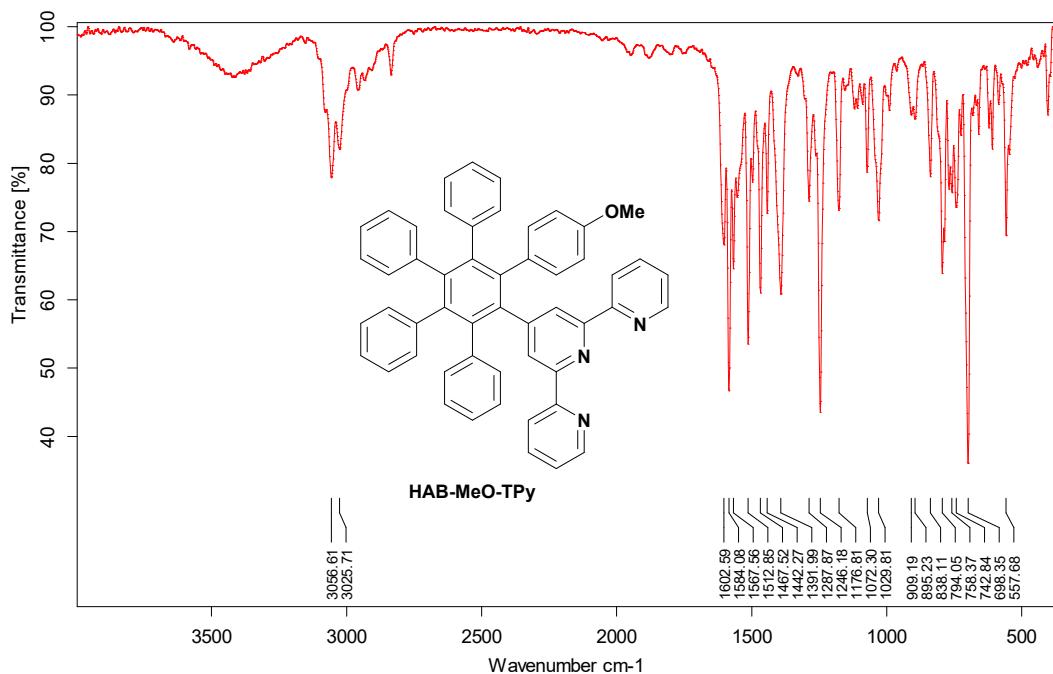
**Fig. S2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S3**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **HAB-MeO-TPy** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Fig. S4**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **HAB-MeO-TPy** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



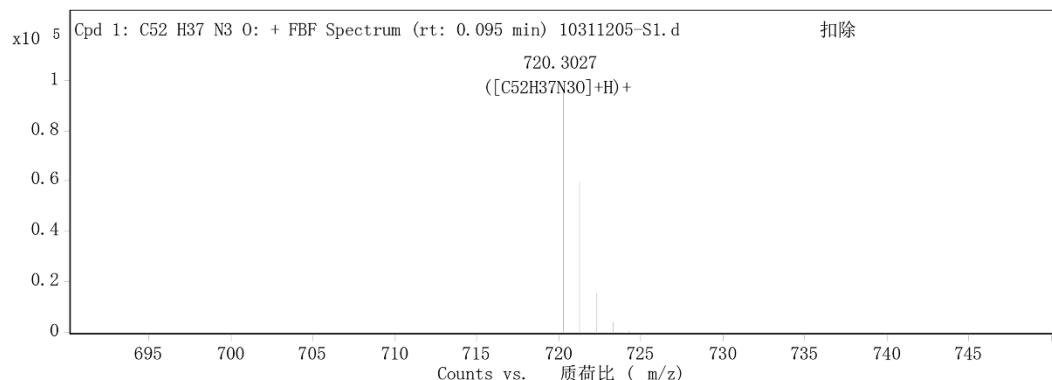
**Fig. S5 FT-IR of HAB-MeO-TPy.**

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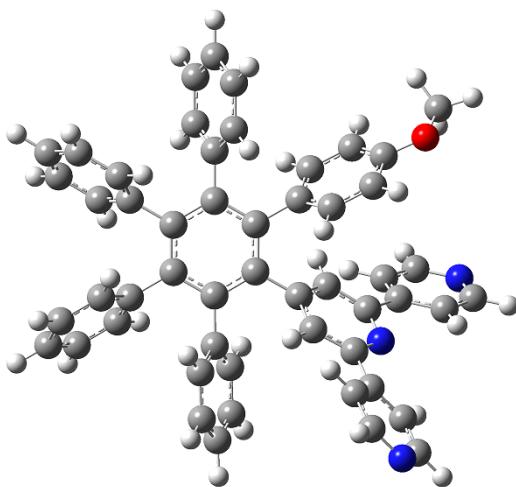
#### 化合物列表

化合物标签	RT	质量数	丰度	分子式	目标质量	误差 (ppm)
Cpd 1: C52 H37 N3 O	0.129	719.295	95938	C52 H37 N3 O	719.2937	1.83

MS 缩放的质谱图



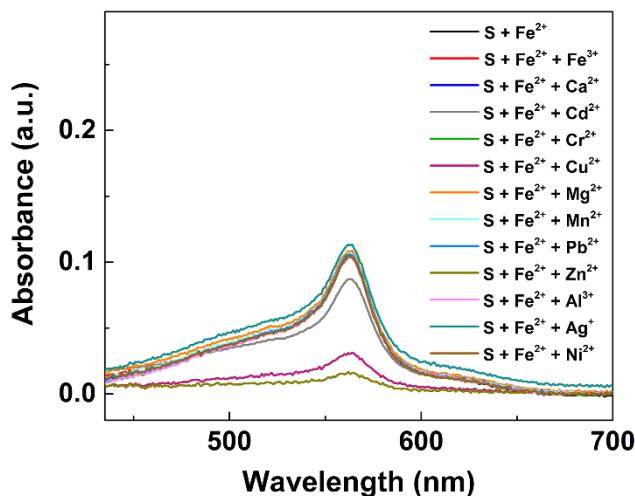
**Fig. S6 HRMS of HAB-MeO-TPy.**



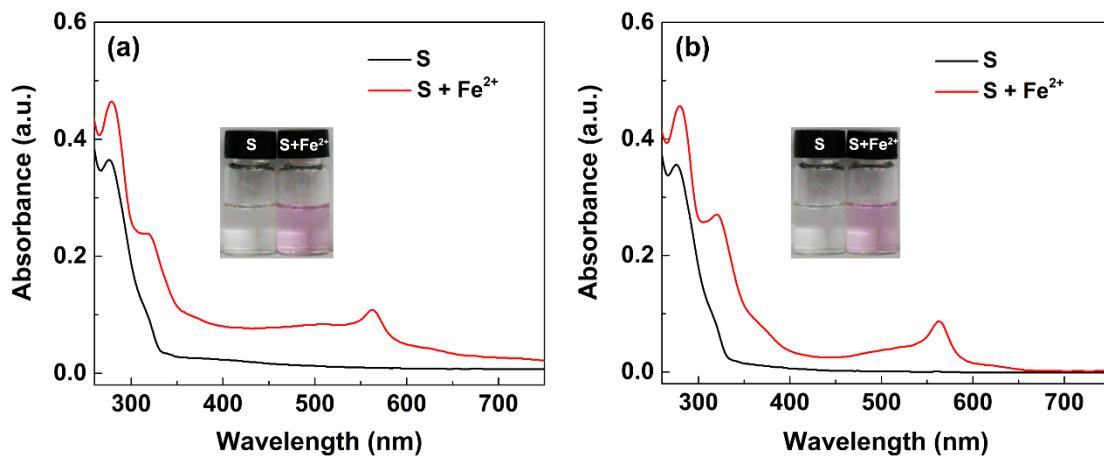
**Fig. S7** Optimized molecular configuration of **HAB-MeO-TPy** calculated for the ground state.

**Table S1** Photophysical data of **HAB-MeO-TPy** in various solvents

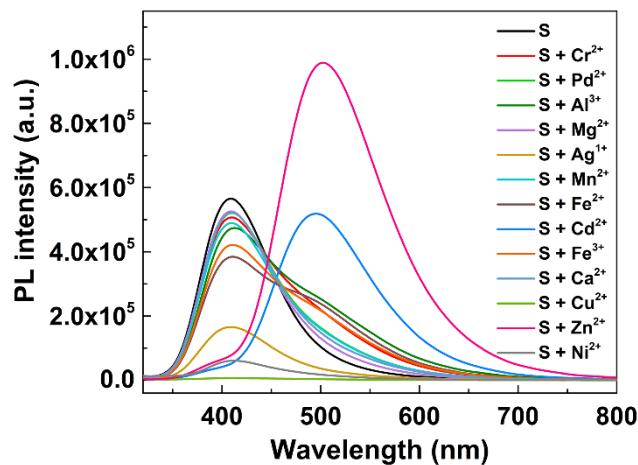
Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}/\text{nm}$	$\lambda_{\text{em}}/\text{nm}$	$\Phi_F/\%$
Cyclohexane	278	372	0.07
THF	278	398	2.08
$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	280	406	3.63
$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	276	418	4.11
DMSO	279	422	8.83



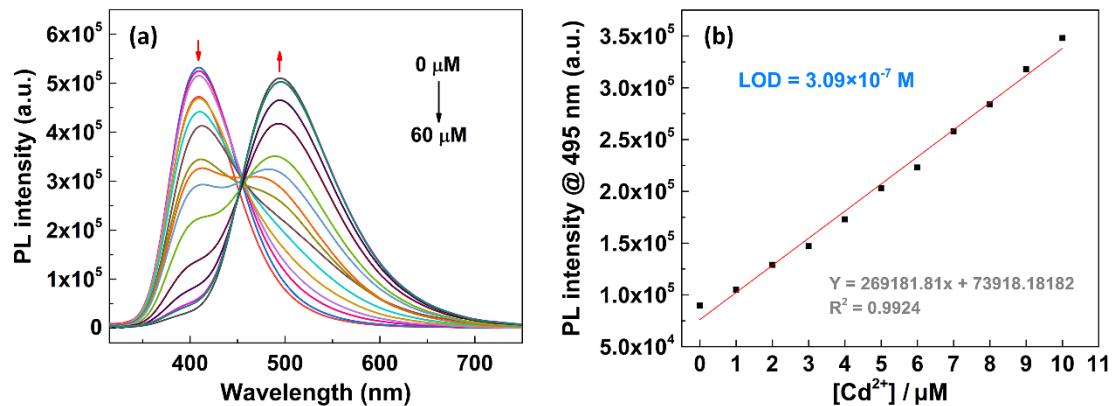
**Fig. S8** UV-vis absorption spectra of **HAB-MeO-TPy** (abbreviated as **S**, 10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) upon addition of various metal ions (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) mixed with  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ).



**Fig. S9** UV-vis absorption spectra of HAB-MeO-TPy (abbreviated as S, 10  $\mu$ M) in the absence and presence of Fe<sup>2+</sup> (1.0 equiv.) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/water solution (9/1, v/v) using (a) tap water and (b) pond water.



**Fig. S10** Fluorescence spectra of HAB-MeO-TPy (abbreviated as S, 10  $\mu$ M) in the absence and presence of various metal ions (4.0 equiv.) in THF/water solution (9/1, v/v).



**Fig. S11** (a) Fluorescence spectra of **HAB-MeO-TPy** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) upon addition of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  with different concentrations (0-60  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in THF/water solution (9/1, v/v). (b) Fitted calibration curve between the fluorescence intensity of **HAB-MeO-TPy** at 495 nm and the  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  concentration (0-10  $\mu\text{M}$ ).