

## Supplementary data

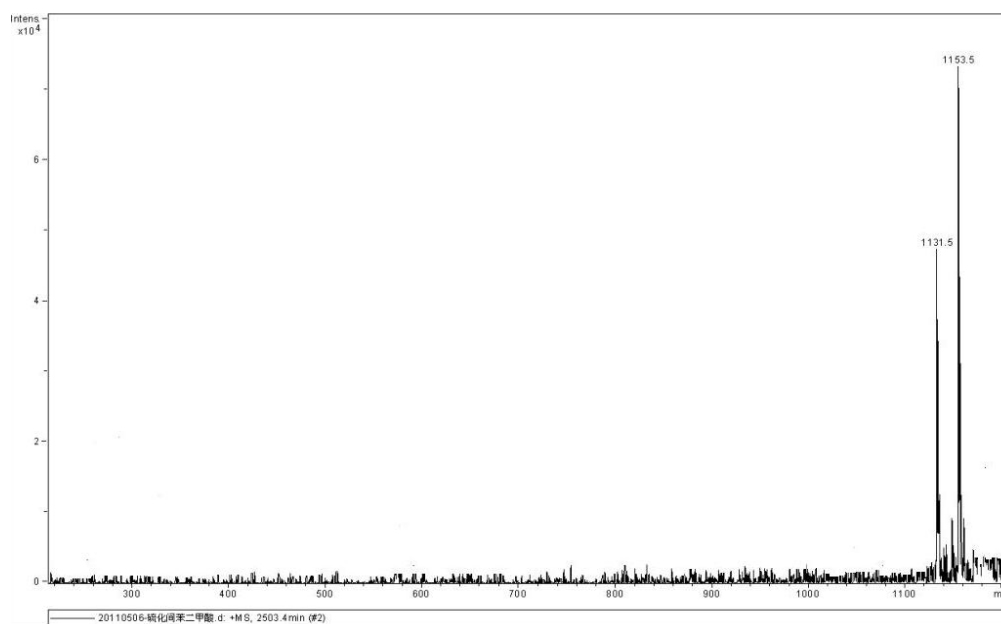
### A bis(rhodamine)-Based Highly Sensitive and Selective Fluorescent Chemosensor for Hg(II) in Aqueous Media

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**Fig. S1.** ESI-Mass spectra of **3**.

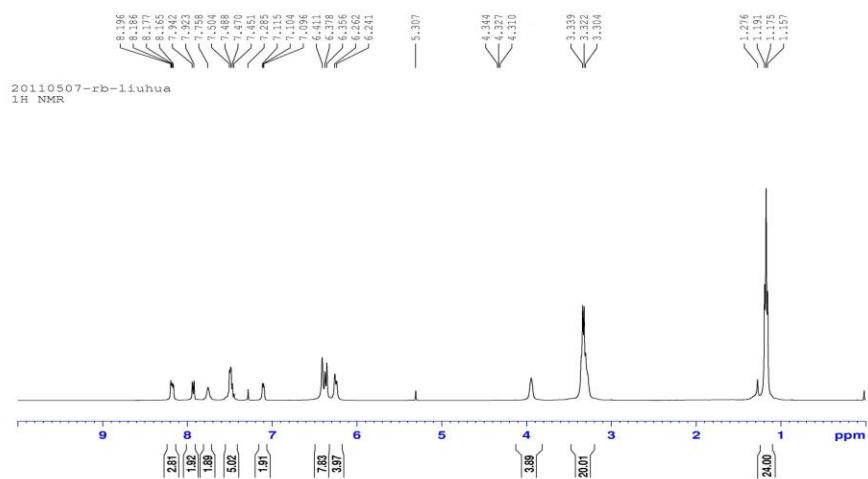


Fig. S2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

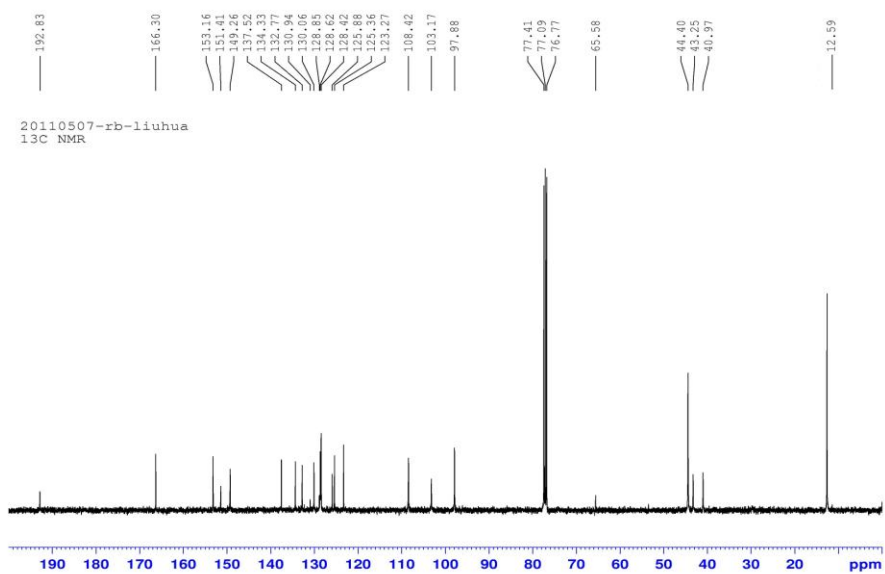
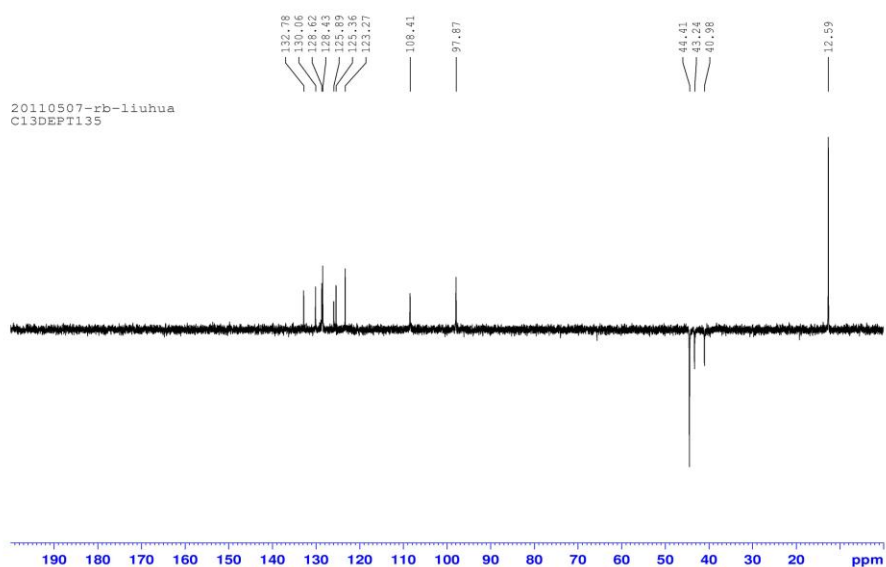
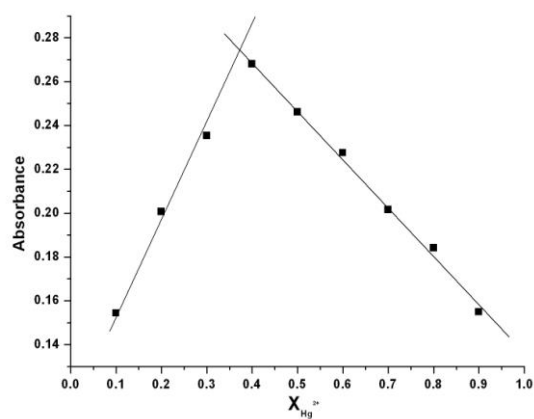


Fig. S3.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



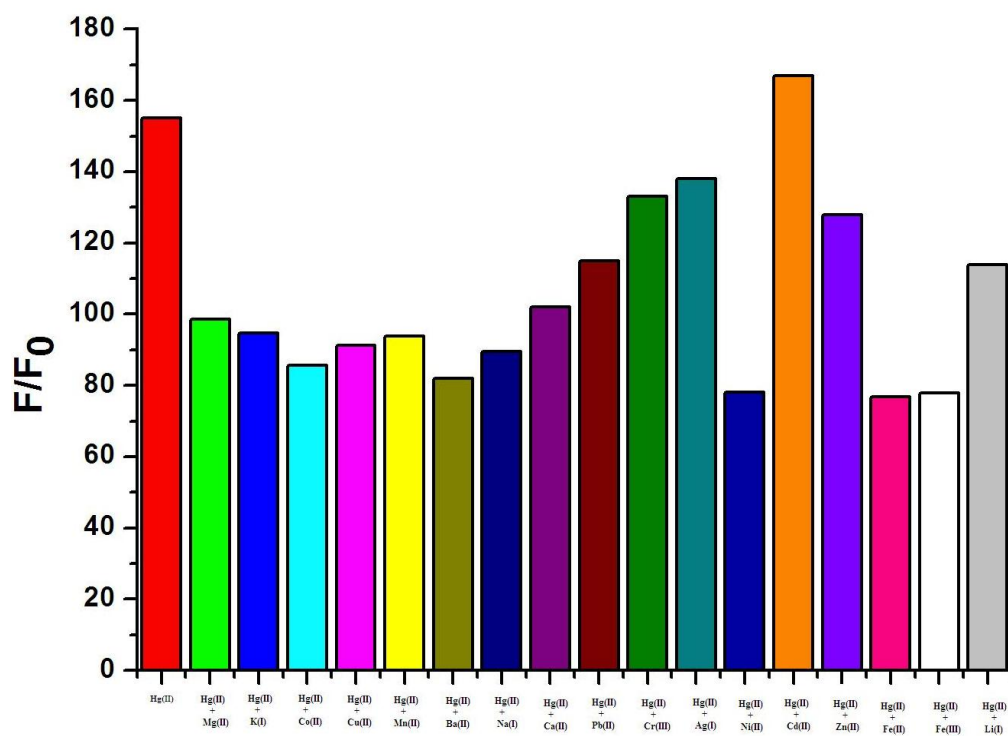
**Fig. S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  DEPT NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



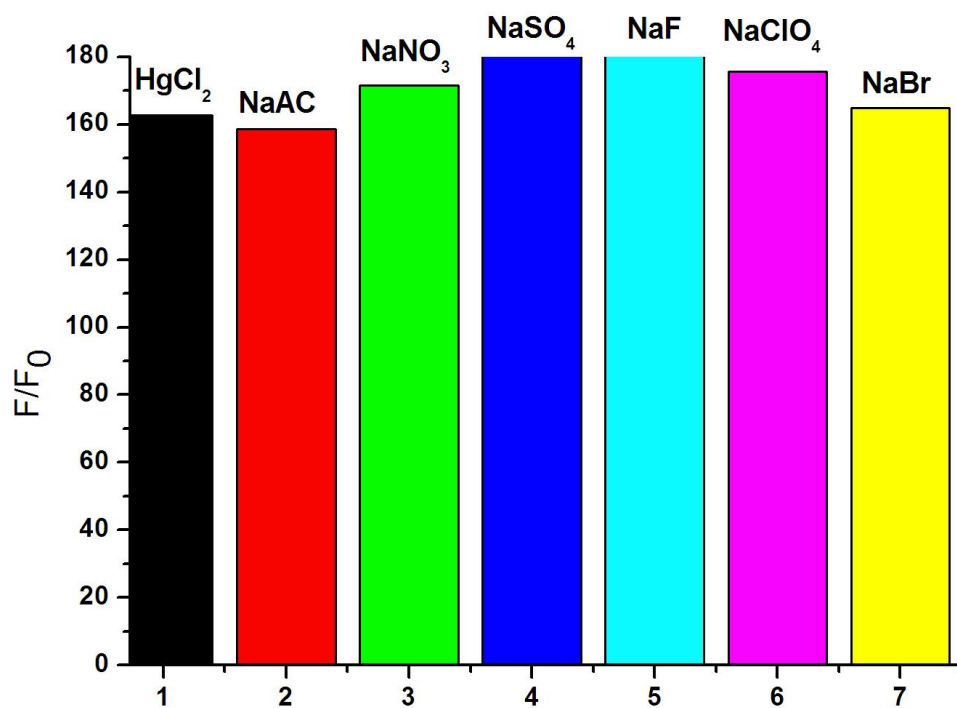
**Fig. S5** Plots according to the method for continuous variations, indicating the 1:2 stoichiometry for **3**– $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  (the total concentration of **3** and  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  is  $100\ \mu\text{M}$ ).  $X_{\text{Hg}^{2+}} = C_{\text{Hg}^{2+}} / (C_{\text{Hg}^{2+}} + C_3)$



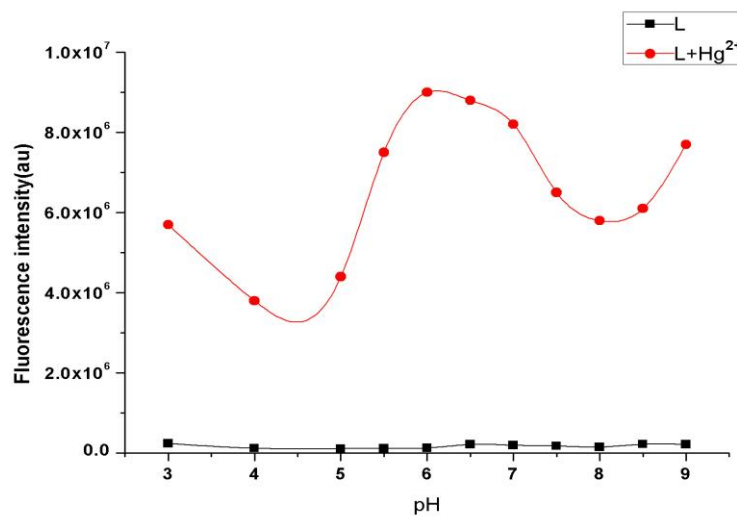
**Fig.S6** Color change of the ethanol/water (4:1) solution of **3** ( $10\ \mu\text{M}$ ) in the presence of metal ions (20 eq)



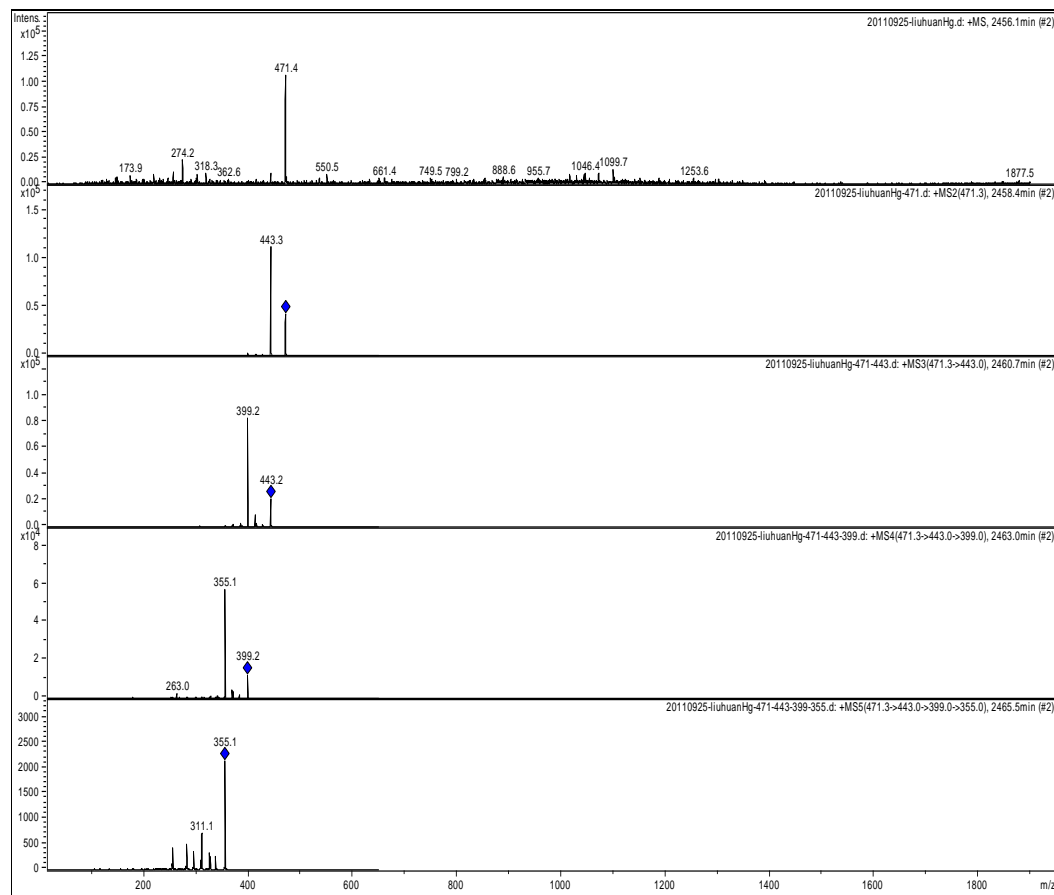
**Fig. S7** Fluorescence response of **3** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) to 10 eq of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  in EtOH–water solution (4/1, v/v) containing 10 eq of various metal ions.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 530 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 582 \text{ nm}$ .



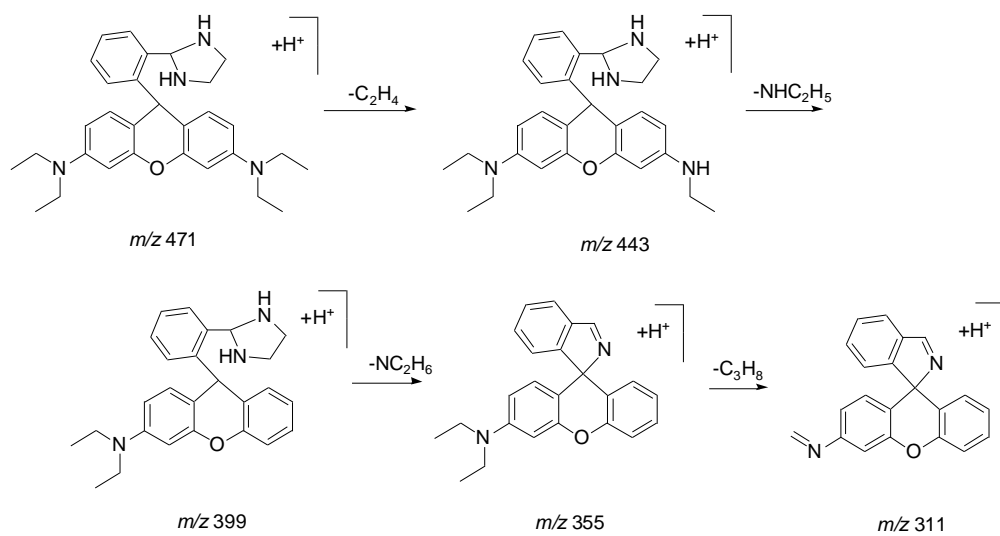
**Fig. S8** Anion-dependent enhancement in the fluorescent emission spectrum of **3** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) for different anions (10 eq.) in water–ethanol solution (water/ethanol=1/4, v/v). 1: 3+Hg; 2-7: 3+Hg+different anions



**Fig. S9** Fluorescence spectra (black) of compound 3(10 $\mu$ M) in ethanol Tris-HCl buffer (1 : 1,v/v) solution various pH values (3—9) em:580 ex:560 slit:5; Fluorescence spectra (red) of 3 (10 $\mu$ M) and 1eq Hg<sup>2+</sup> in ethanol Tris-HCl buffer (1 : 1,v/v) solution various pH values (3—9) em:580 ex:560 slit:5



**Fig. S10.** ESI-MS<sup>n</sup> spectrum of 3+Hg<sup>2+</sup>.



**Fig. S11.** Fragmentation pathway of the compound of  $3+\text{Hg}^{2+}$ .