

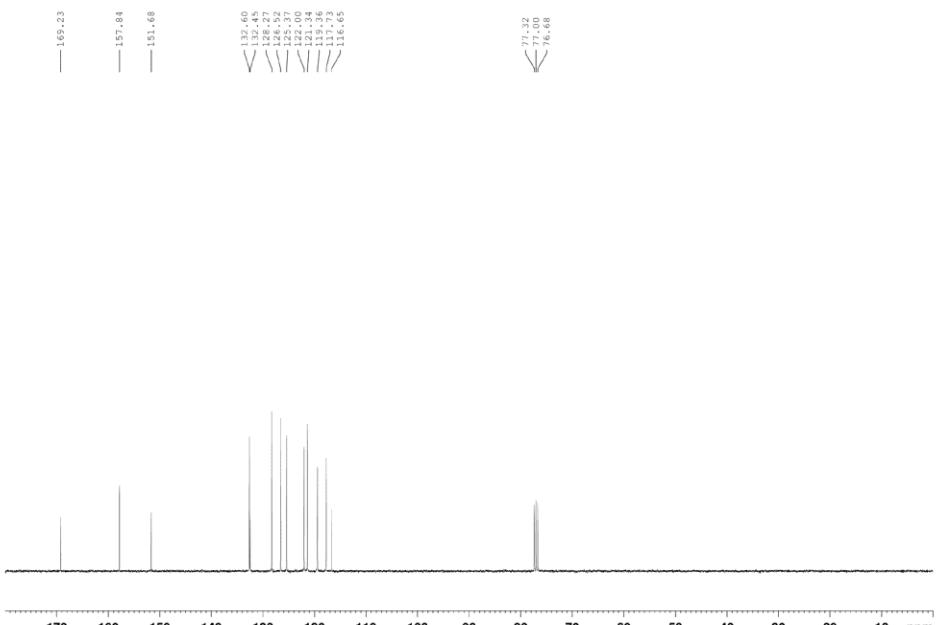
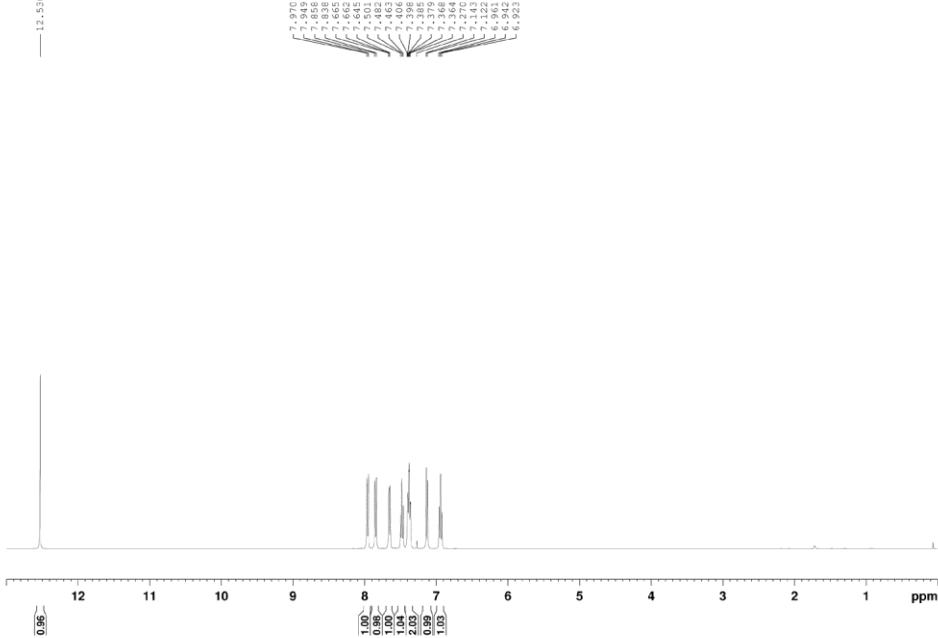
# A highly sensitive and selective fluorescent probe for Fe<sup>3+</sup> based on 2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)benzothiazole†

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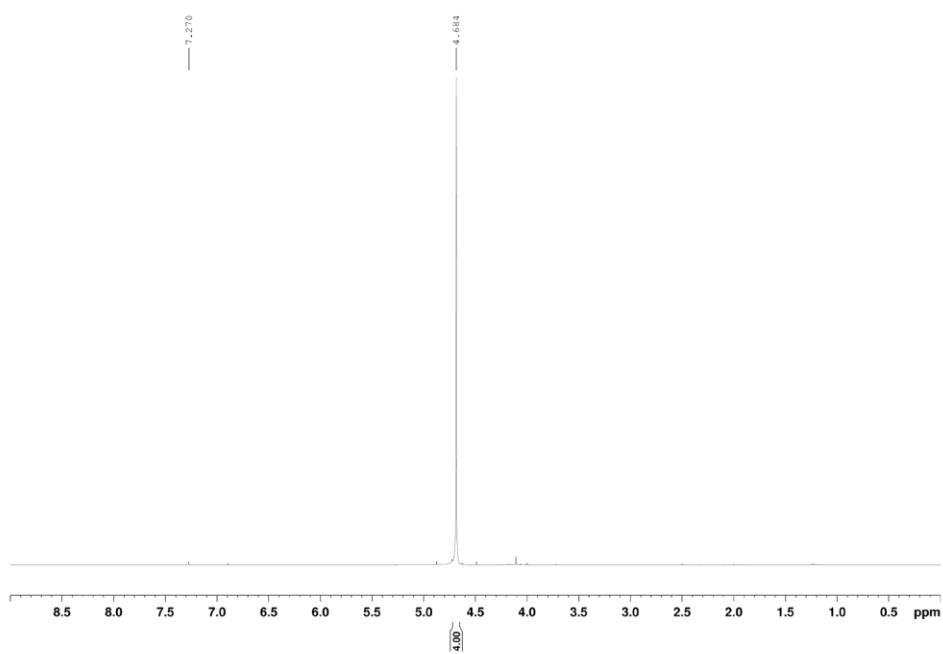
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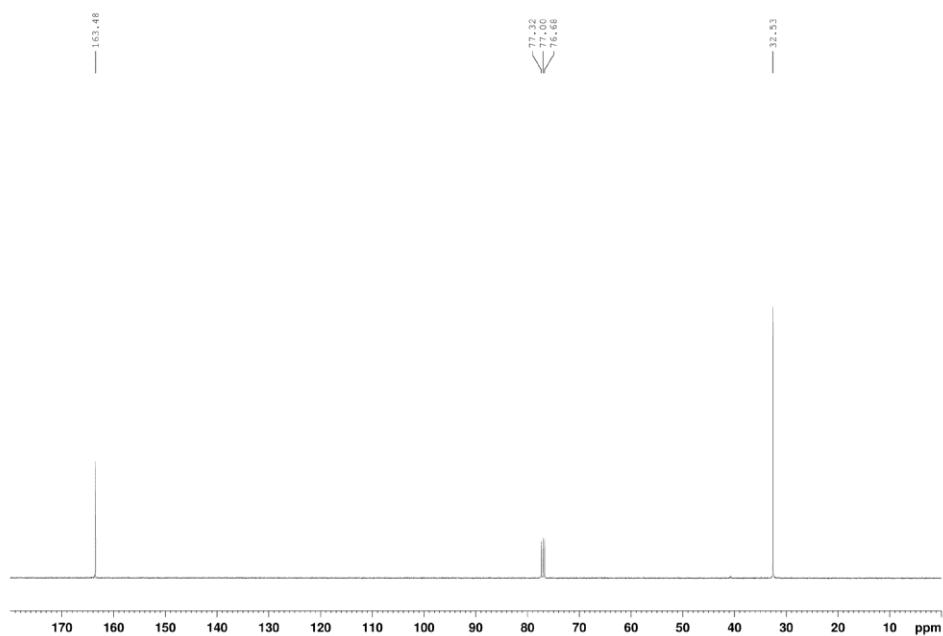
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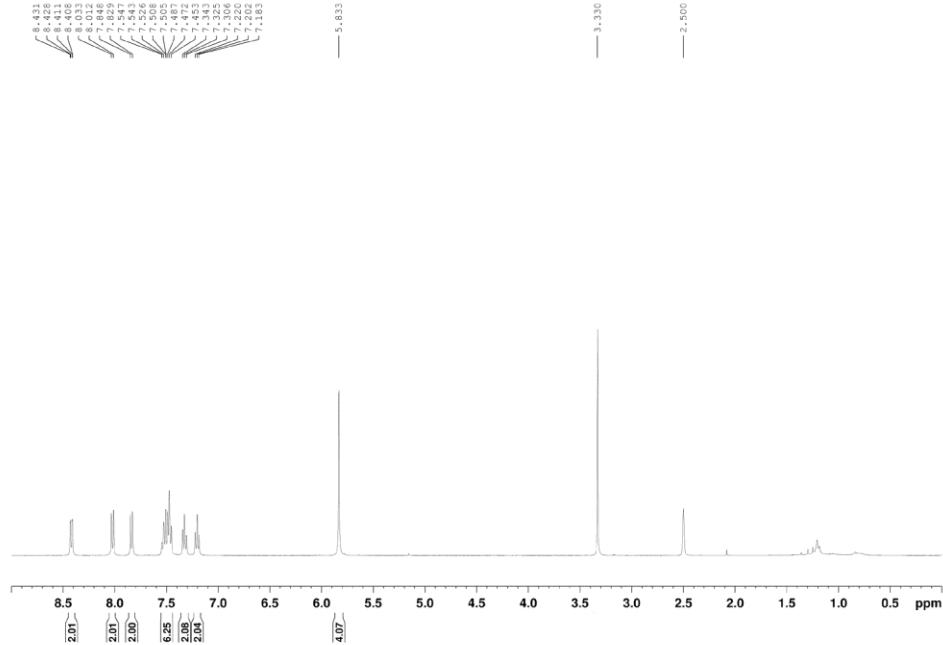
**Fig. S2**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



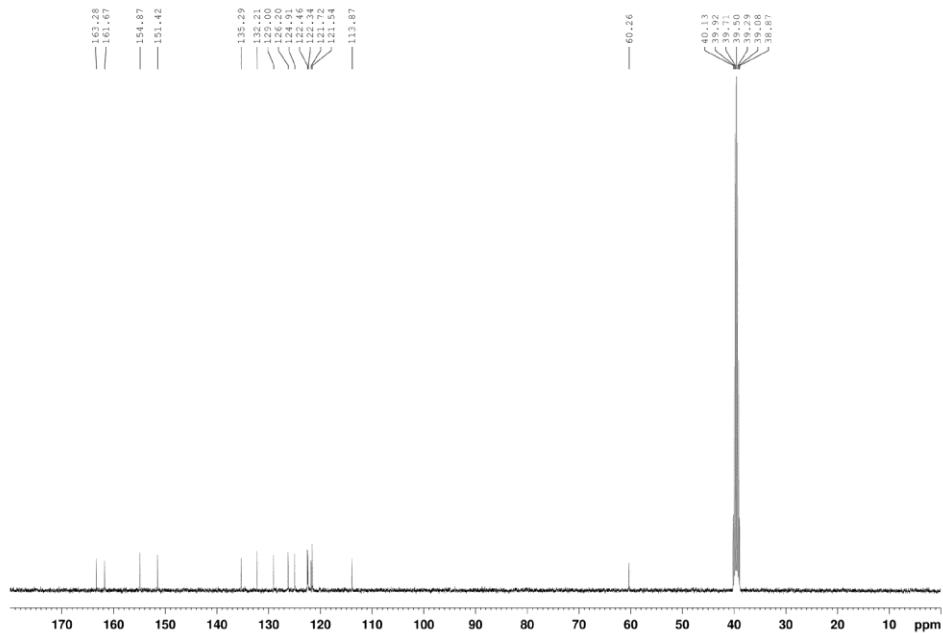
**Fig. S3**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



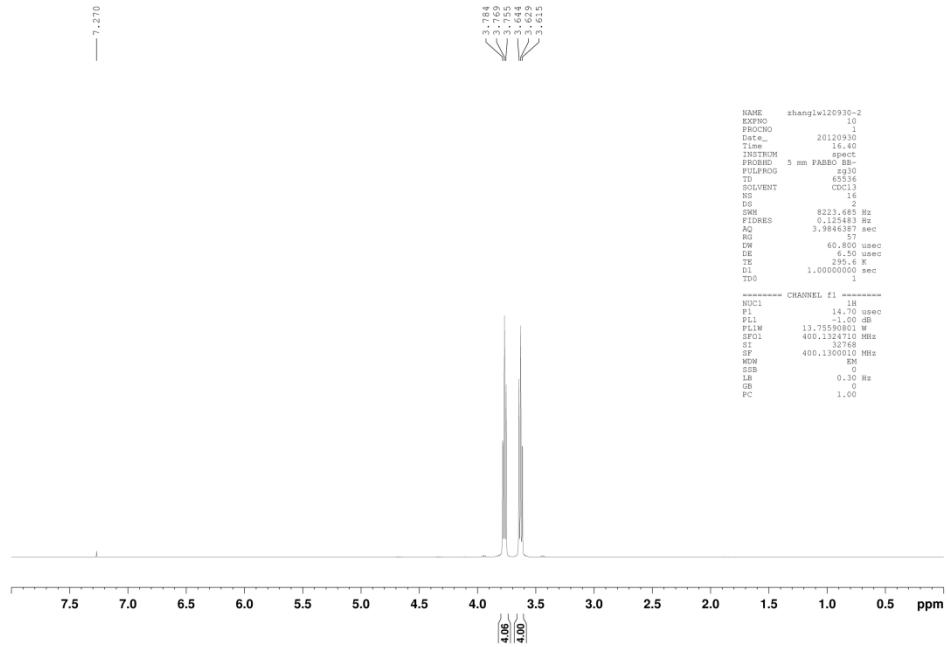
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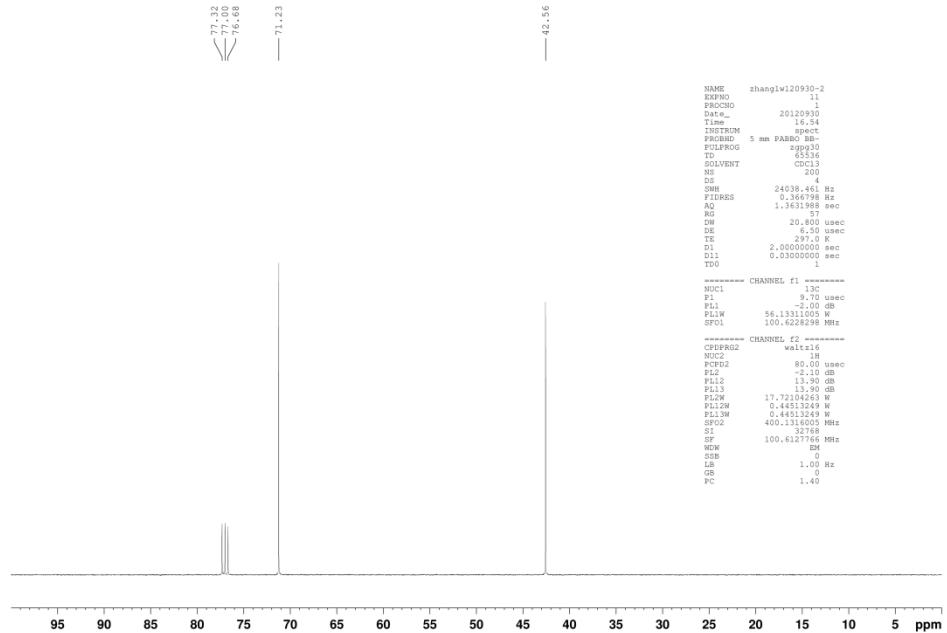
**Fig. S5** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **L** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>



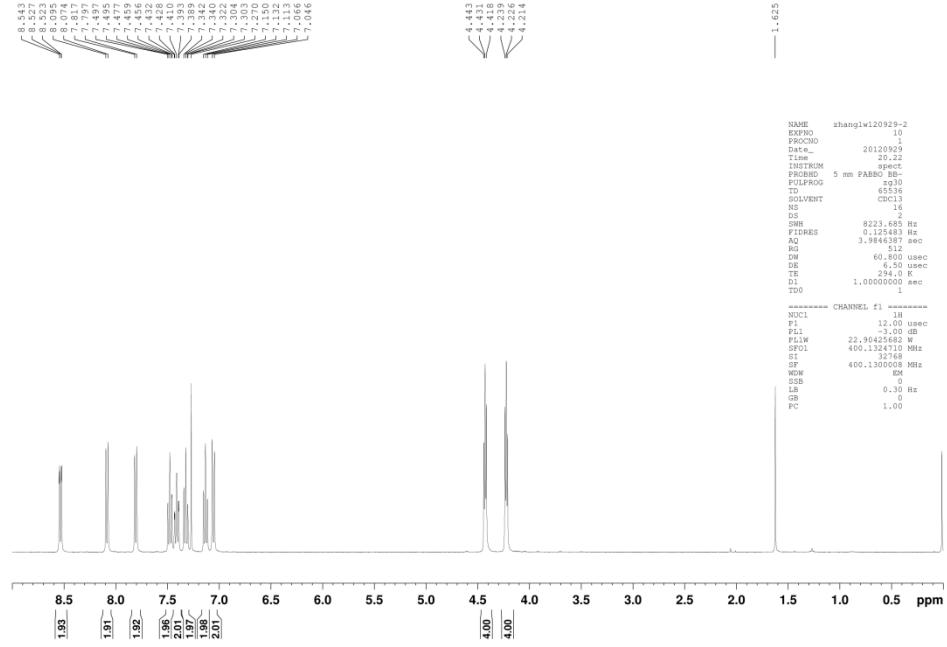
**Fig. S6** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **L** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>



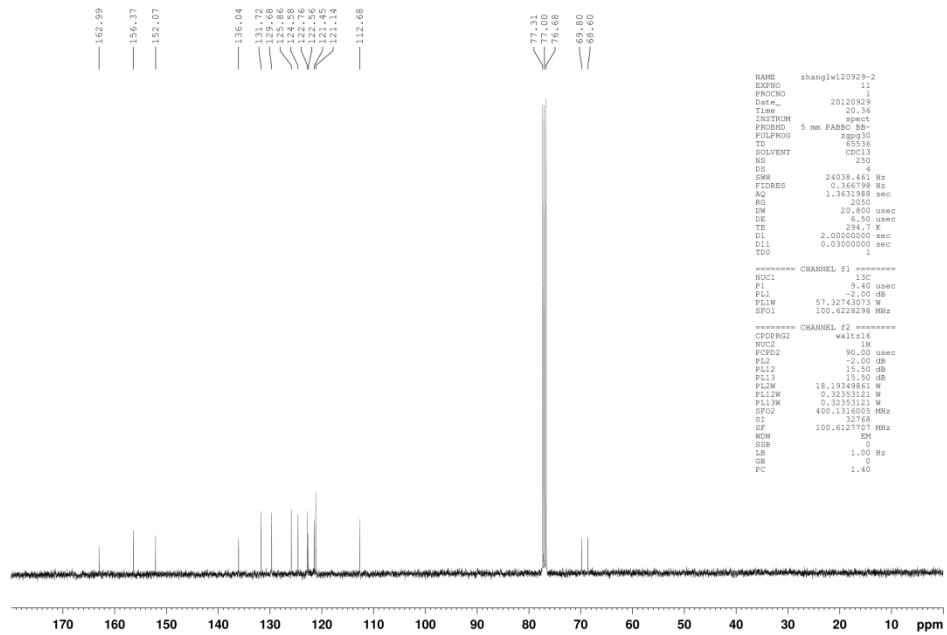
**Fig. S7**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



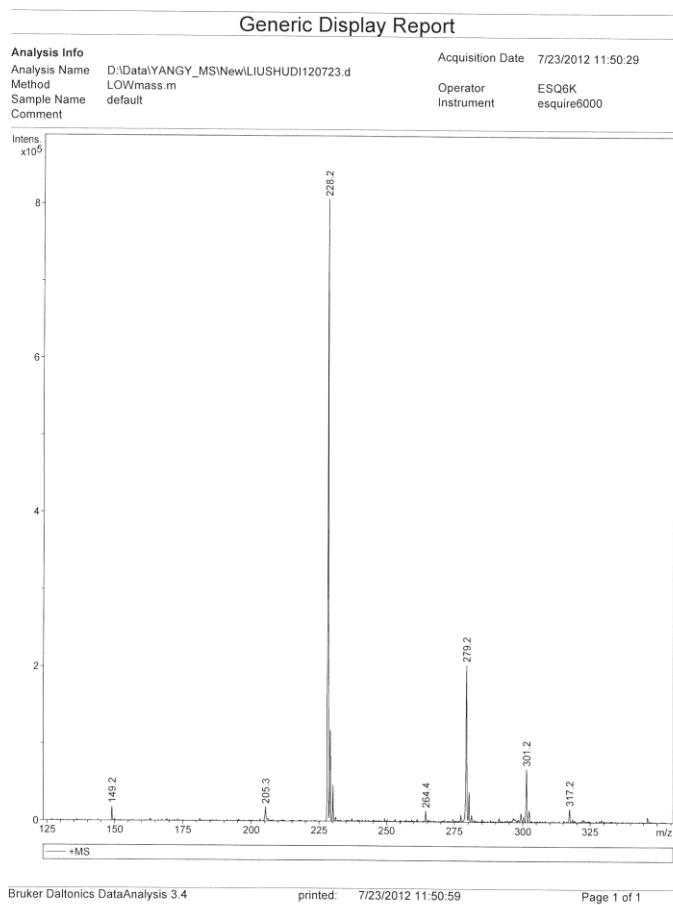
**Fig. S8**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



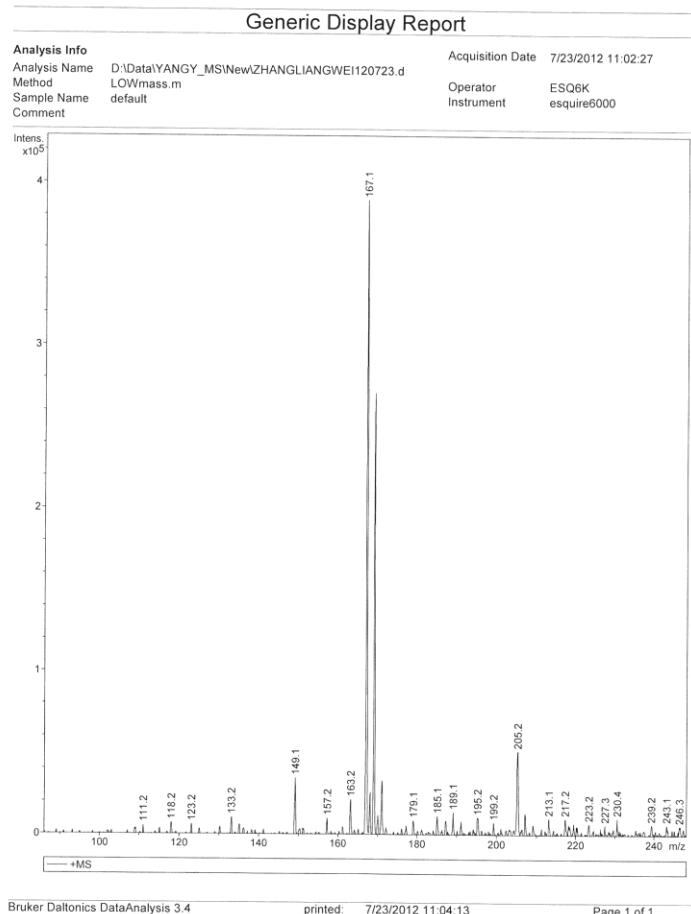
**Fig. S9**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



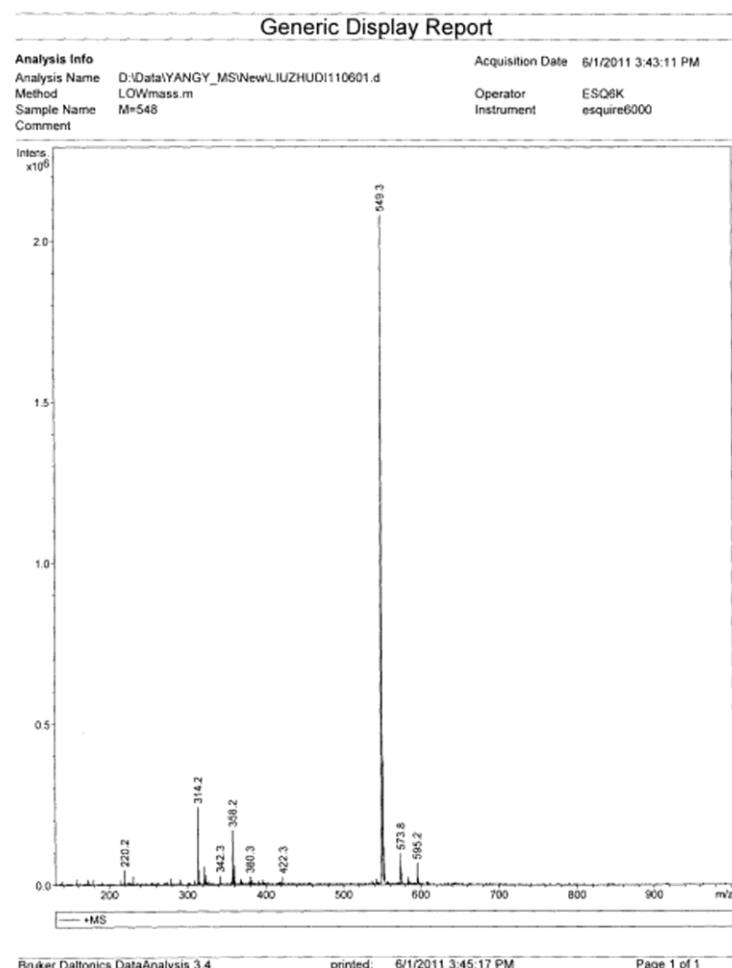
**Fig. S10**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



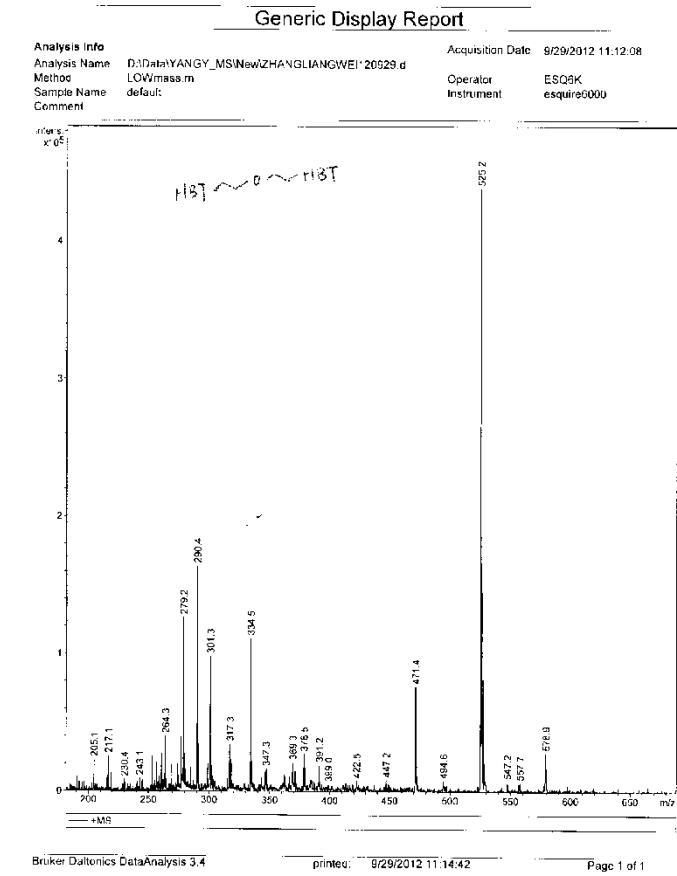
**Fig. S11** Mass spectra of **1**



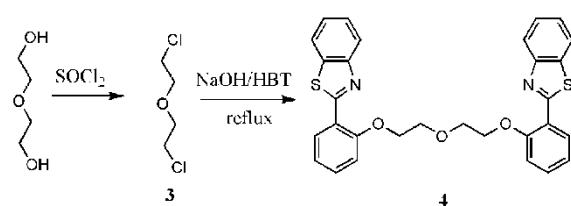
**Fig. S12** Mass spectra of 2



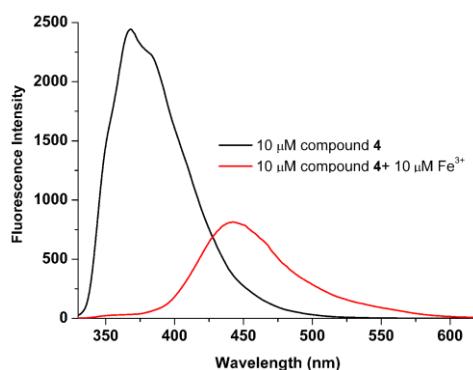
**Fig. S13** Mass spectra of **L**



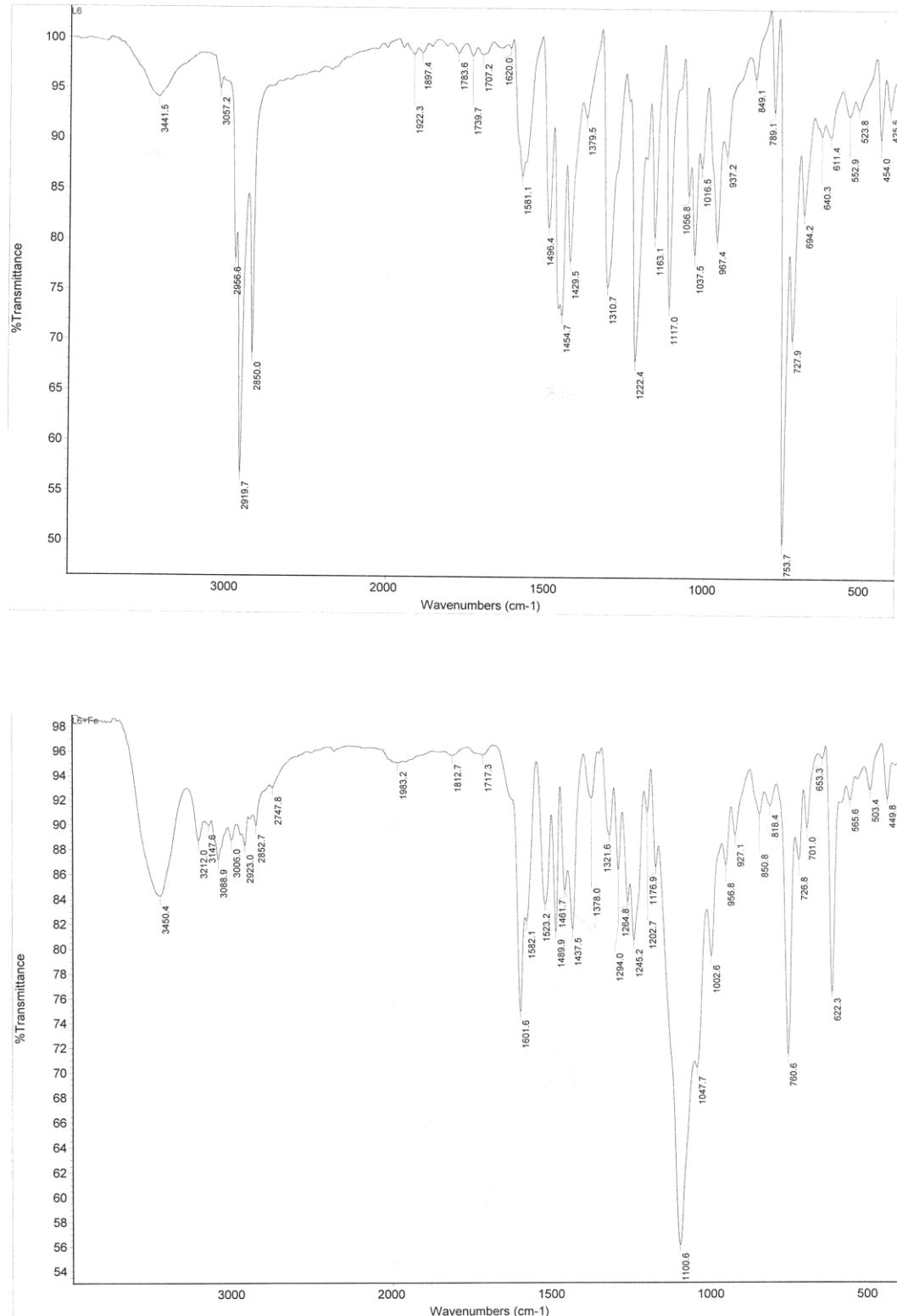
**Fig. S14** Mass spectra of 4



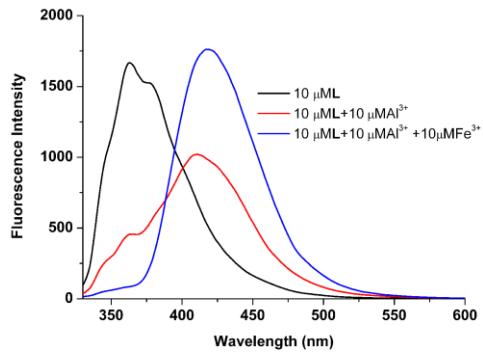
**Scheme S1** Synthesis of compound **4**



**Fig. S15** Fluorescence emission spectra of compound **4** (10  $\mu$ M) in acetonitrile upon the addition of  $\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_4)_3$  (10  $\mu$ M) with an excitation of 319 nm.



**Fig. S16** IR spectra of **L** and **L-Fe<sup>3+</sup>** complexes



**Fig.S17** Fluorescence emission spectra of **L** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in the presence of (10  $\mu\text{M}$ )  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  and followed by addition of 10  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ .