

# Selective fluorescence sensing of salicylic acid using a simple pyrene appended imidazole receptor

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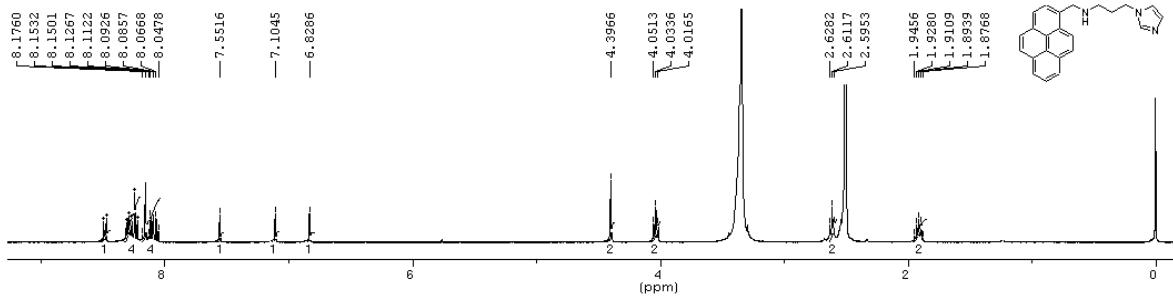
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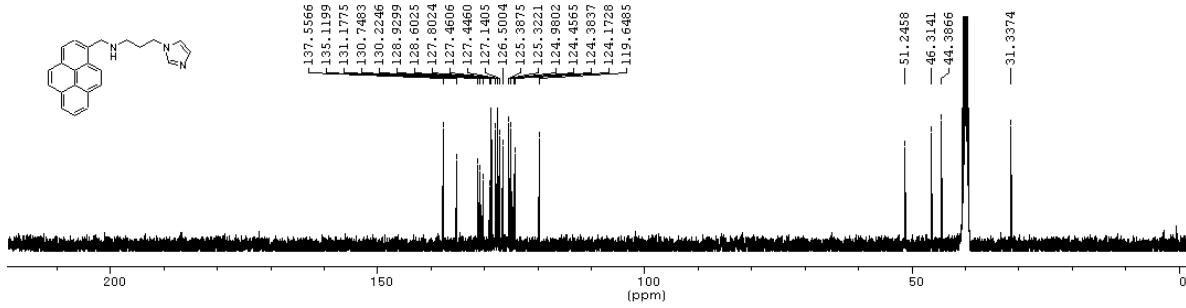
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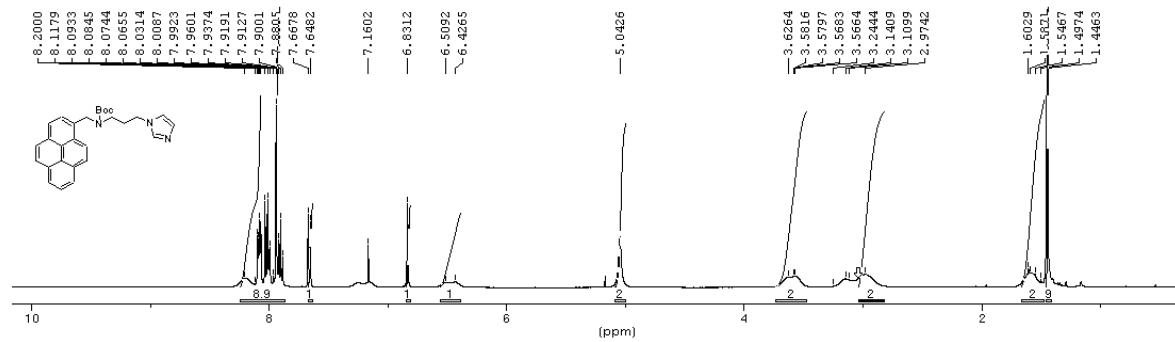
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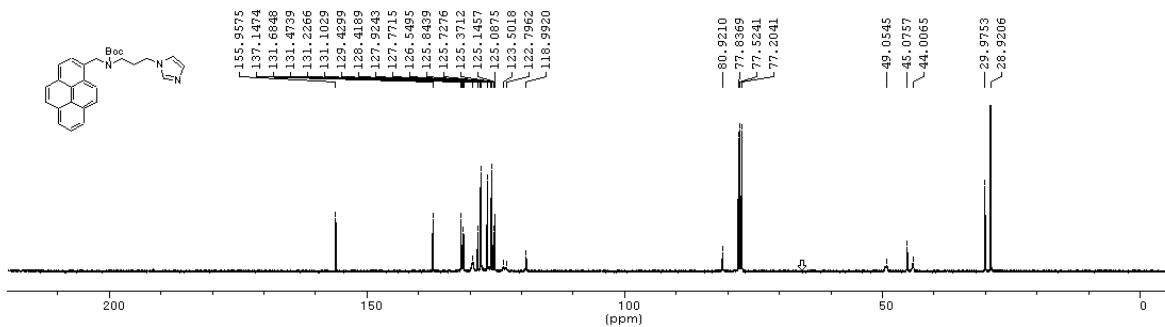
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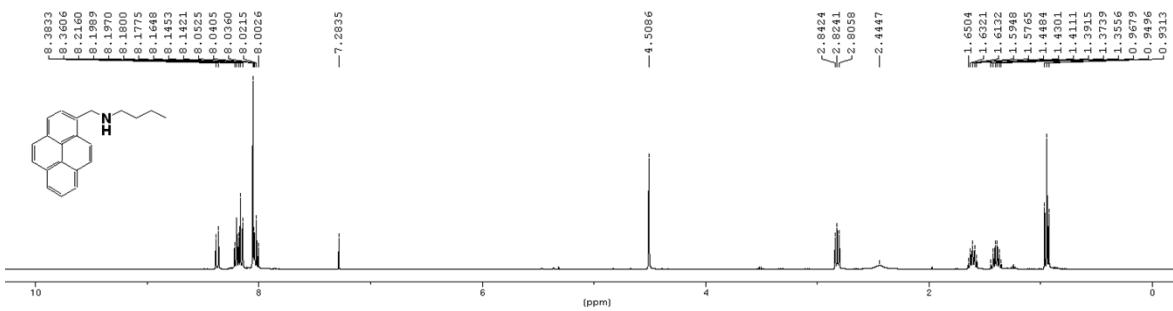
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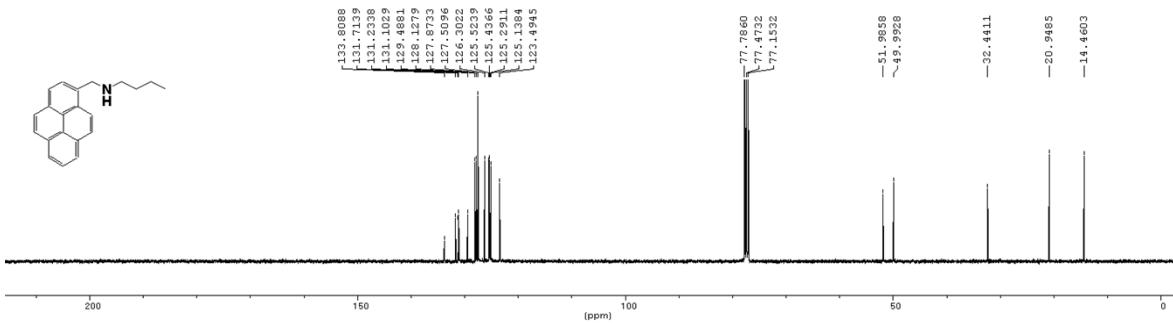
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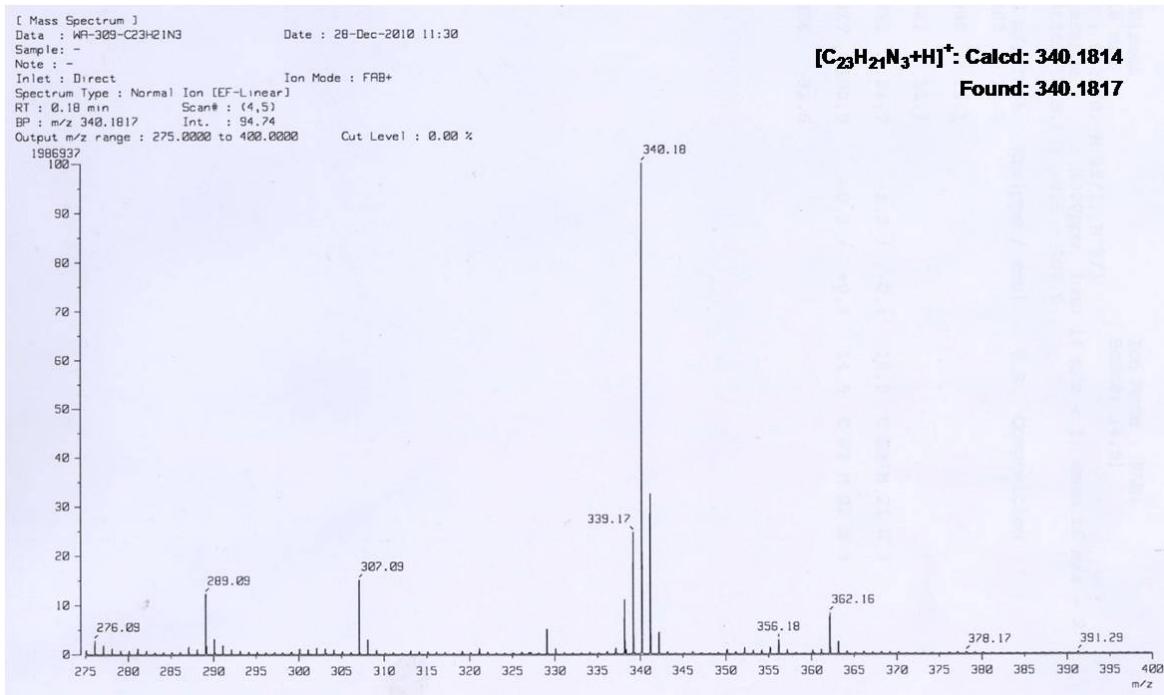
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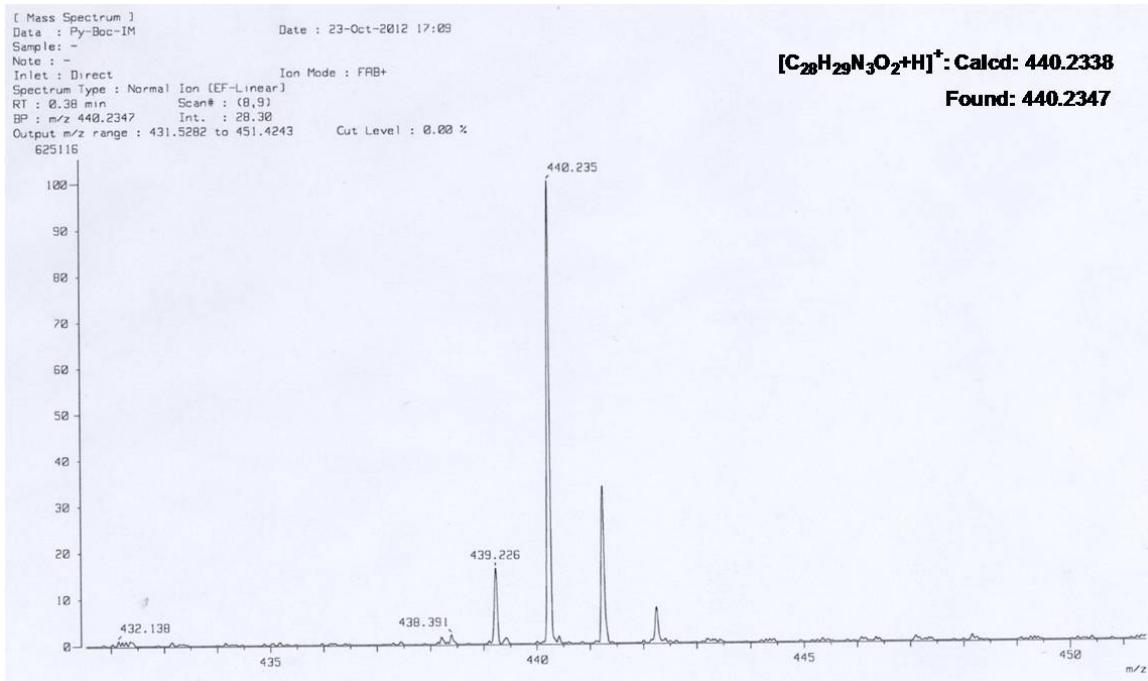
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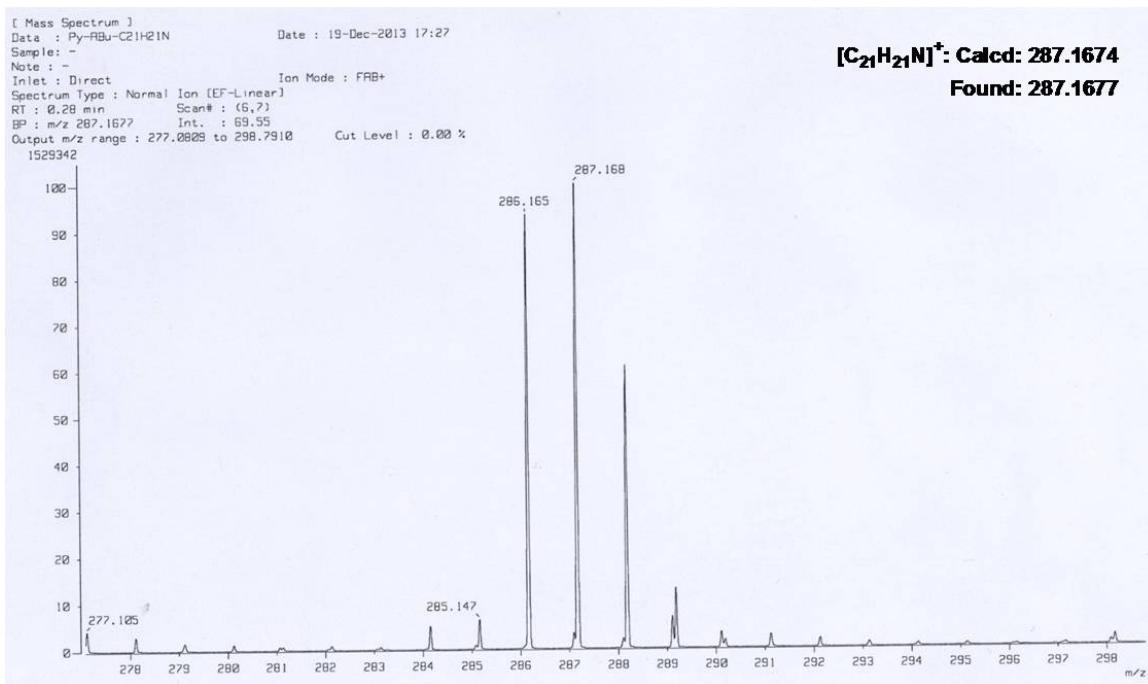
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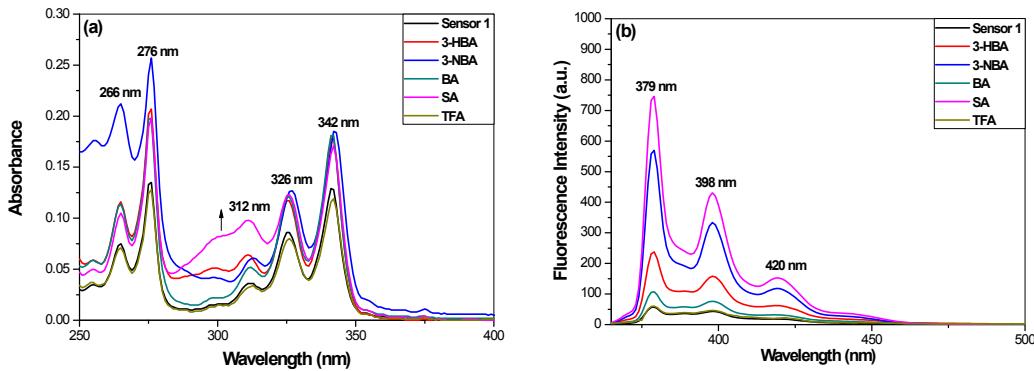
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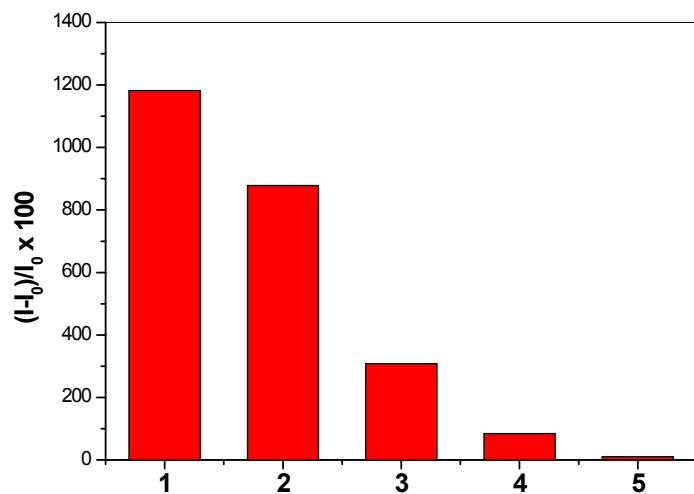
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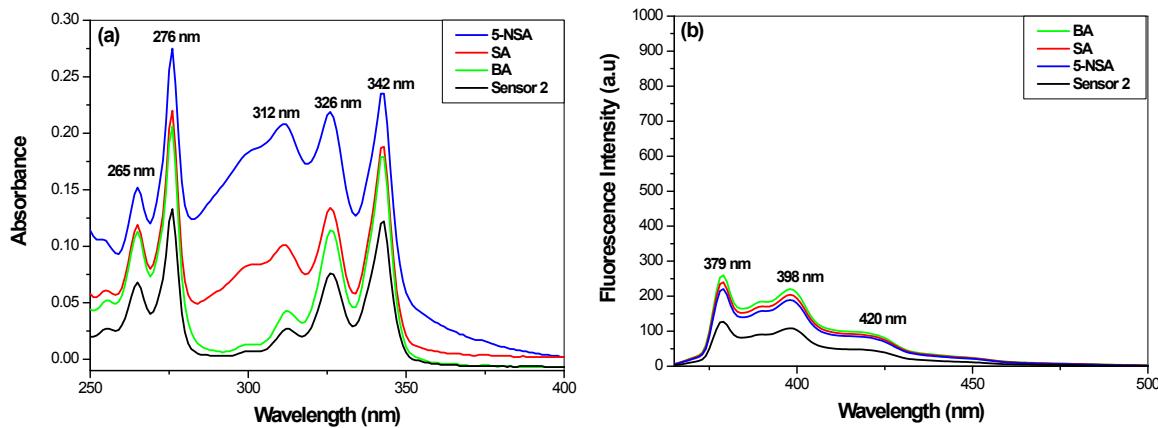
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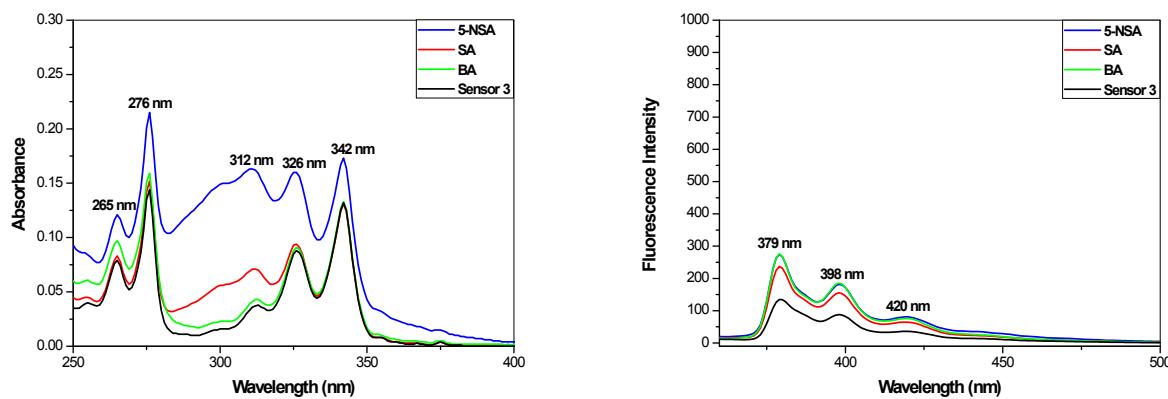
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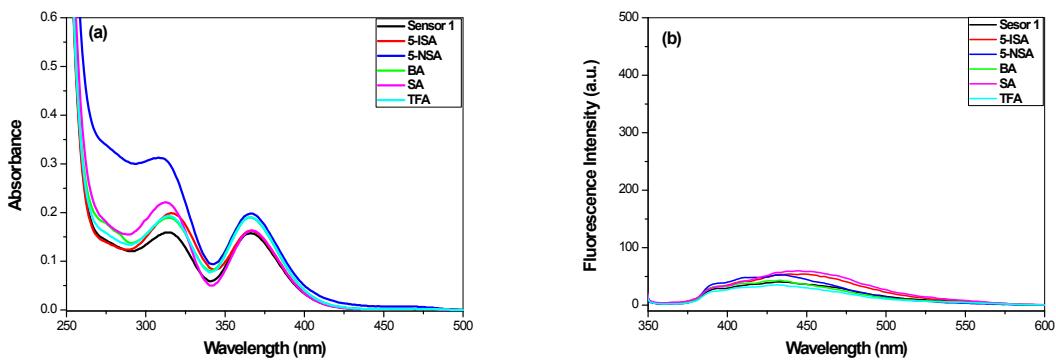
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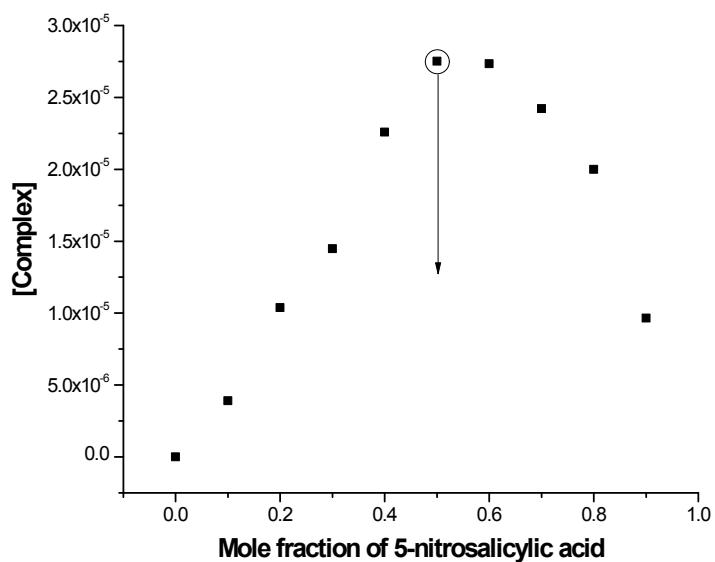
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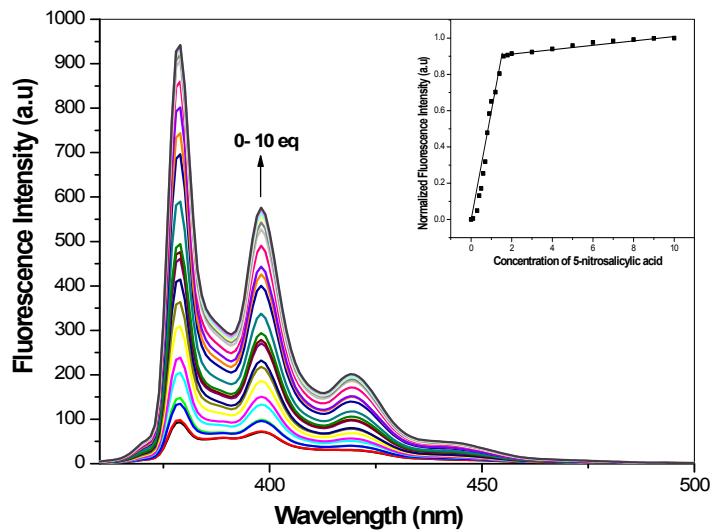
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**Fig. S14** (a) UV-vis spectra and (b) fluorescence spectra of receptor **1** ( $3 \mu\text{M}$ ) with various 10 equiv of ACAs and TFA in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 335 \text{ nm}$ ).



**Fig. S15** Fluorescence Job's plot of receptor **1** with 5-NSA in  $\text{EtOH}$  measured at  $398 \text{ nm}$  showing a 1:1 binding.



**Fig. S16** Changes in fluorescence spectra of receptor **1** (3  $\mu\text{M}$ ) upon successive addition of 10 equiv of 5-NSA in EtOH ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 342 \text{ nm}$ ). Inset: mol ratio plot of fluorescence intensity at 379 nm.