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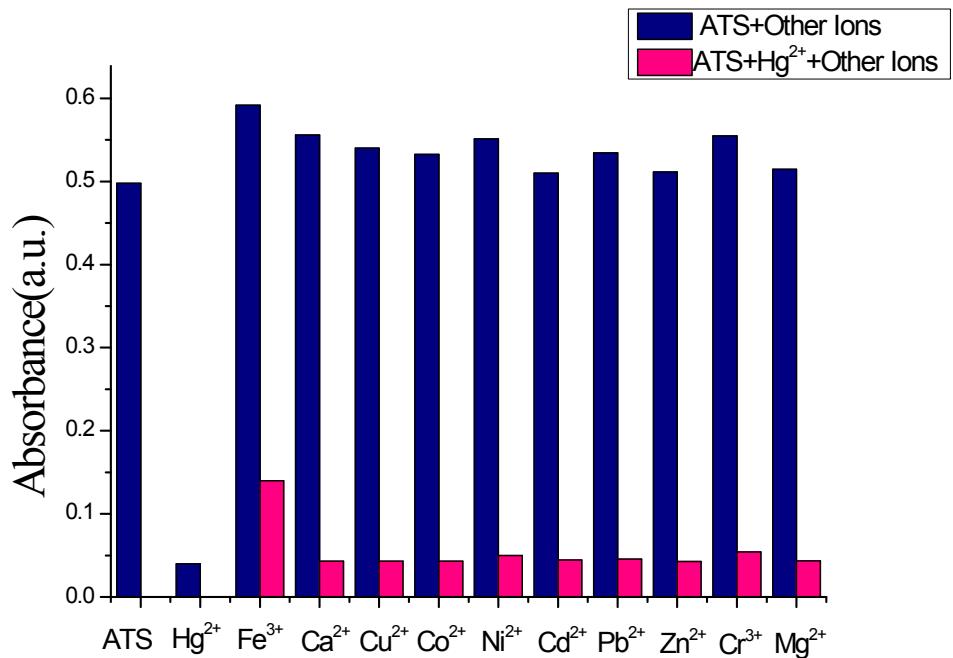
**A highly selective dual-channel chemosensor for mercury ions:  
utilization of the mechanism of intramolecular charge transfer  
blocking**

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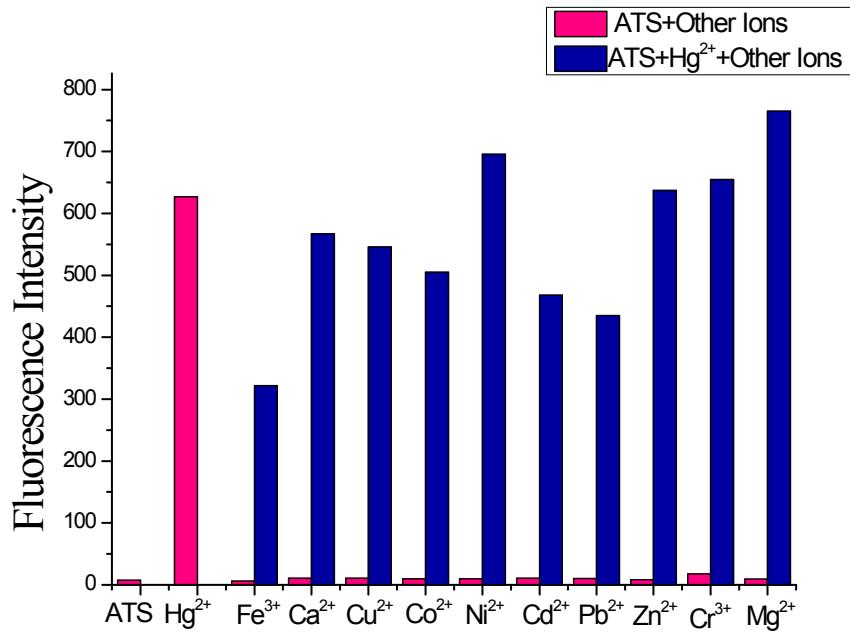
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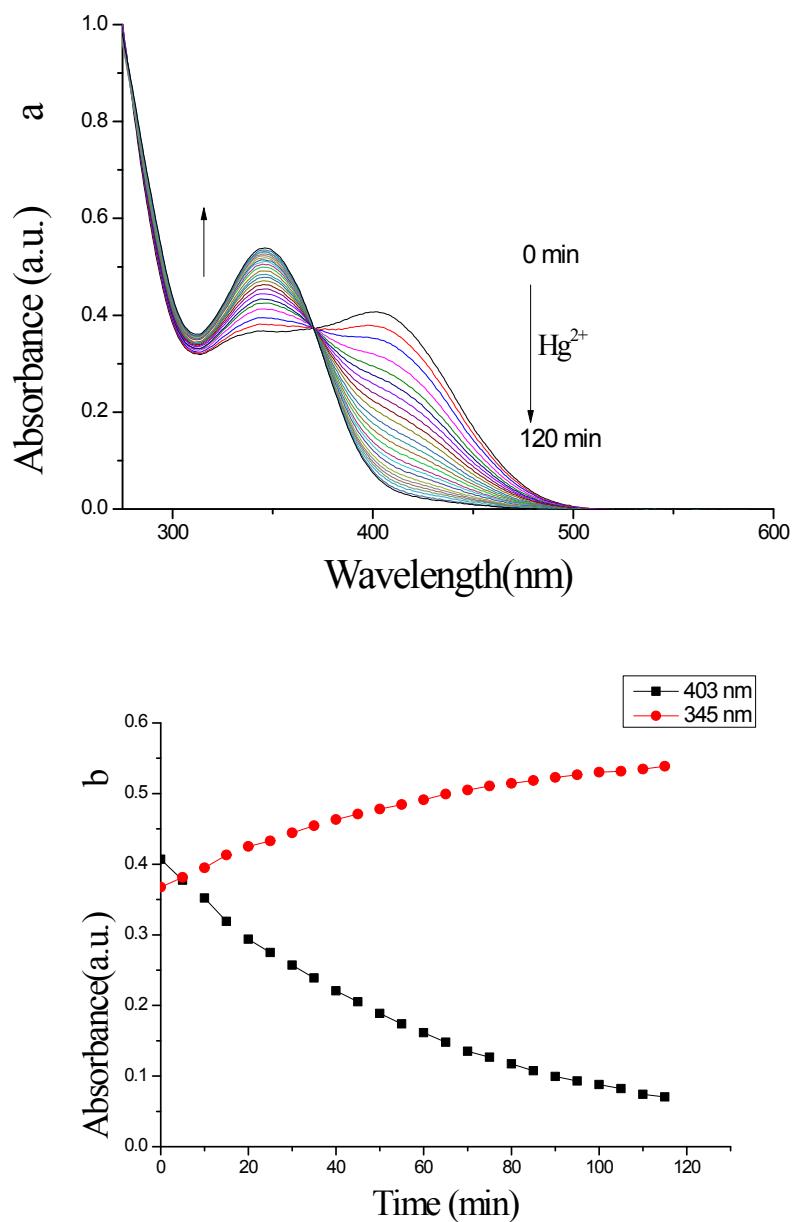
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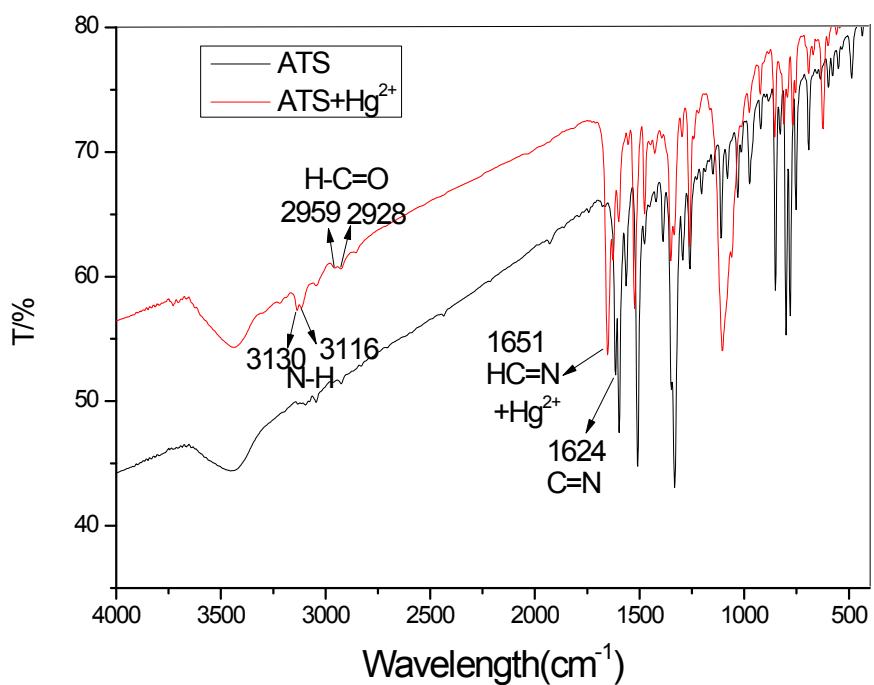
**Fig. S1** Absorbance histogram data for a 1:20 mixture of **ATS** ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) and different metal ions as their perchlorate salts, in DMSO solution, acquired after 120 min.



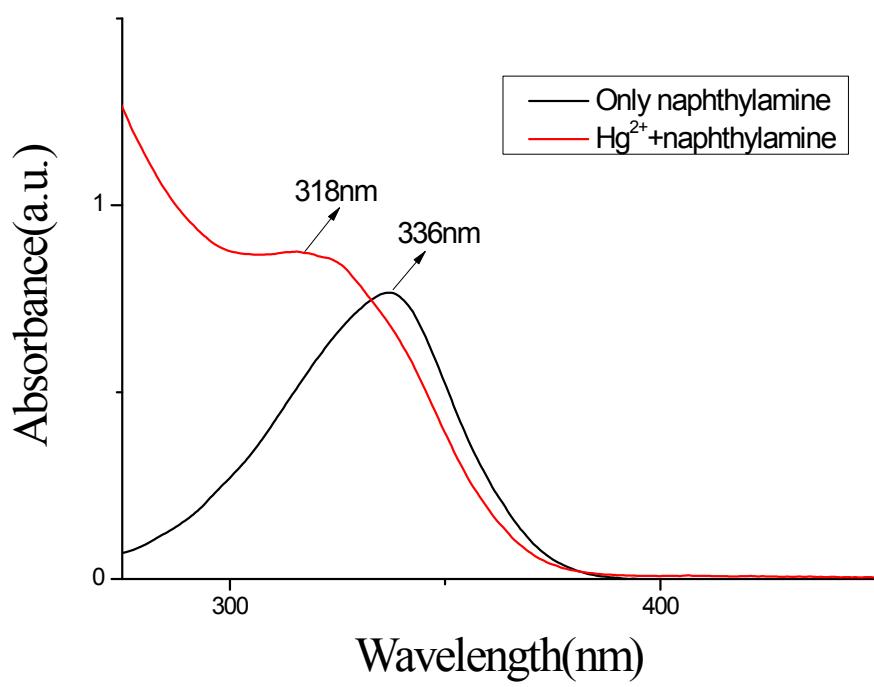
**Fig. S2** Fluorescence emission data for a 1:20 mixture of **ATS** ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) and different metal ions as their perchlorate salts, in DMSO solution, acquired after 120 min. (excitation wavelength = 345 nm).



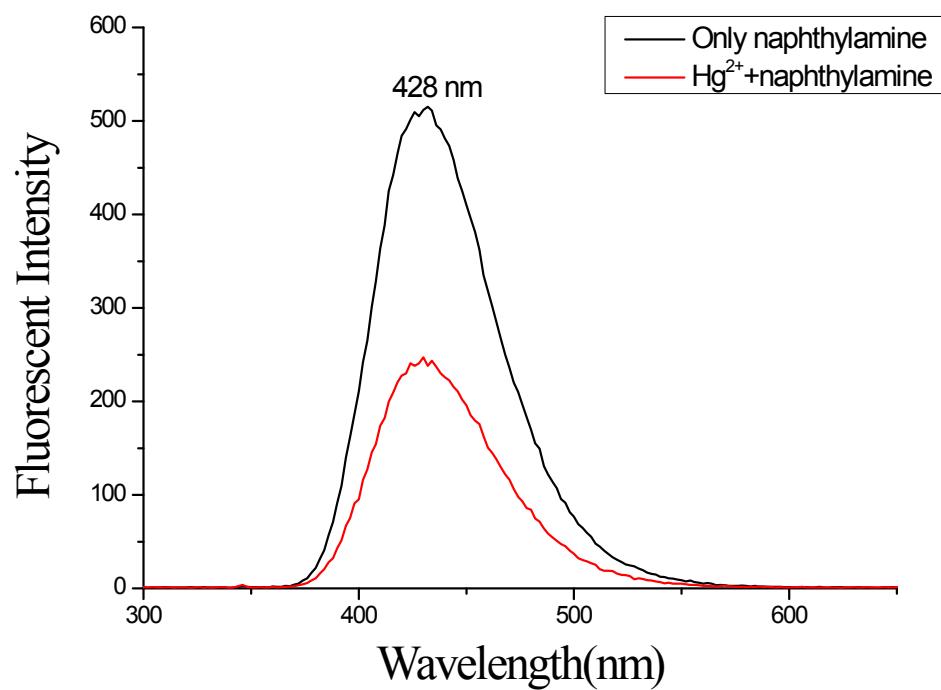
**Fig. S3** Time-dependent absorbance spectra of **ATS** ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon addition of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  (20 equiv.) in DMSO. (a) Absorbance emission spectra: from top to bottom spectra were recorded after 120 min. (b) A plot of absorbance as estimated by the peak height at 403 nm and 345 nm.



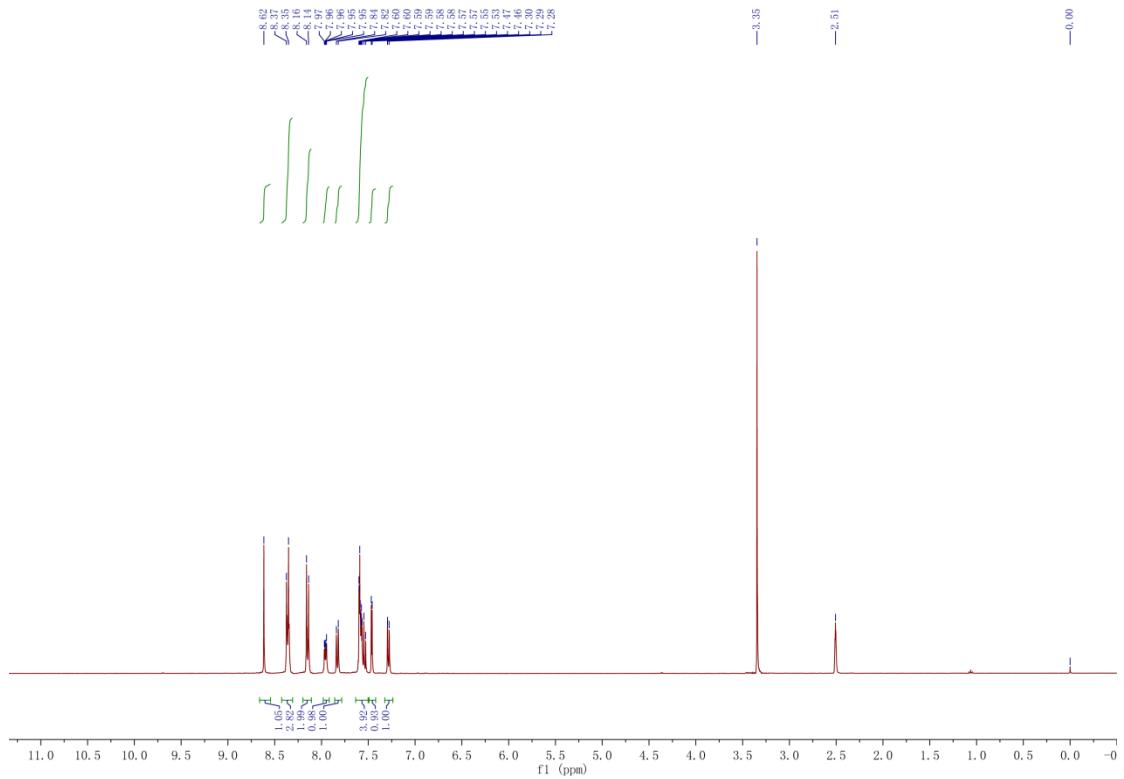
**Fig. S4** IR spectra of compound **ATS** and after adding  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  in KBr disks.



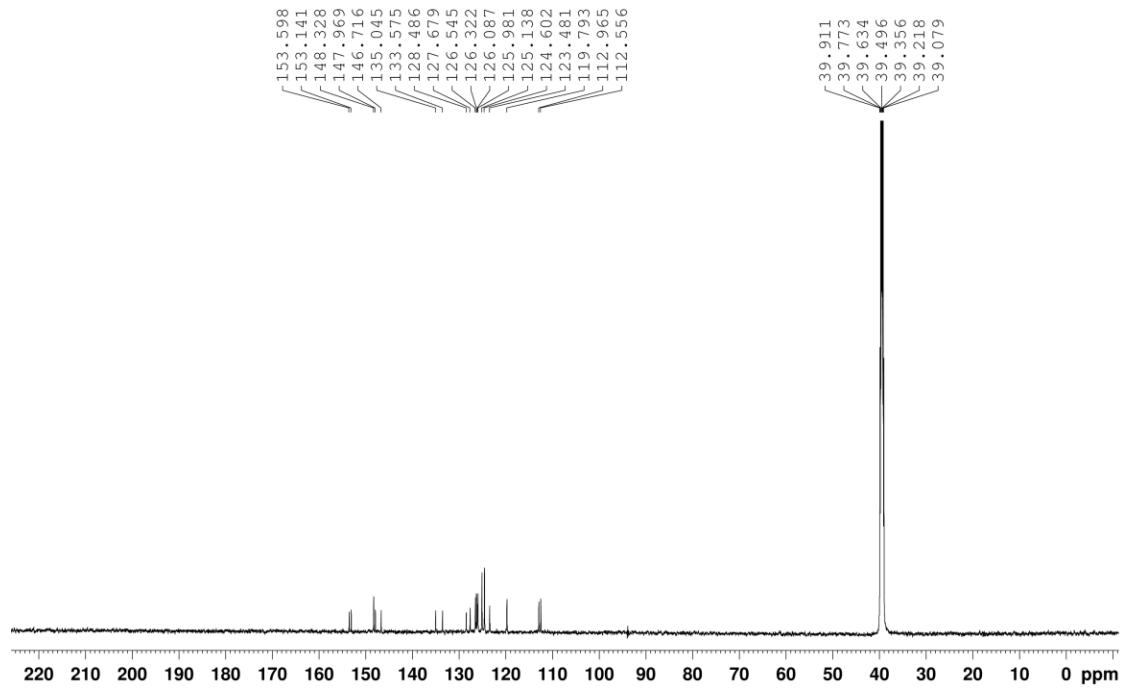
**Fig. S5** Absorbance spectra of  $\alpha$ -naphthylamine ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) and after addition  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  in DMSO.



**Fig. S6** Fluorescence spectra upon excitation at 345 nm in DMSO of  $\alpha$ -naphthylamine ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) and after addition of Hg<sup>2+</sup>.



**Fig. S7**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of ATS in DMSO.



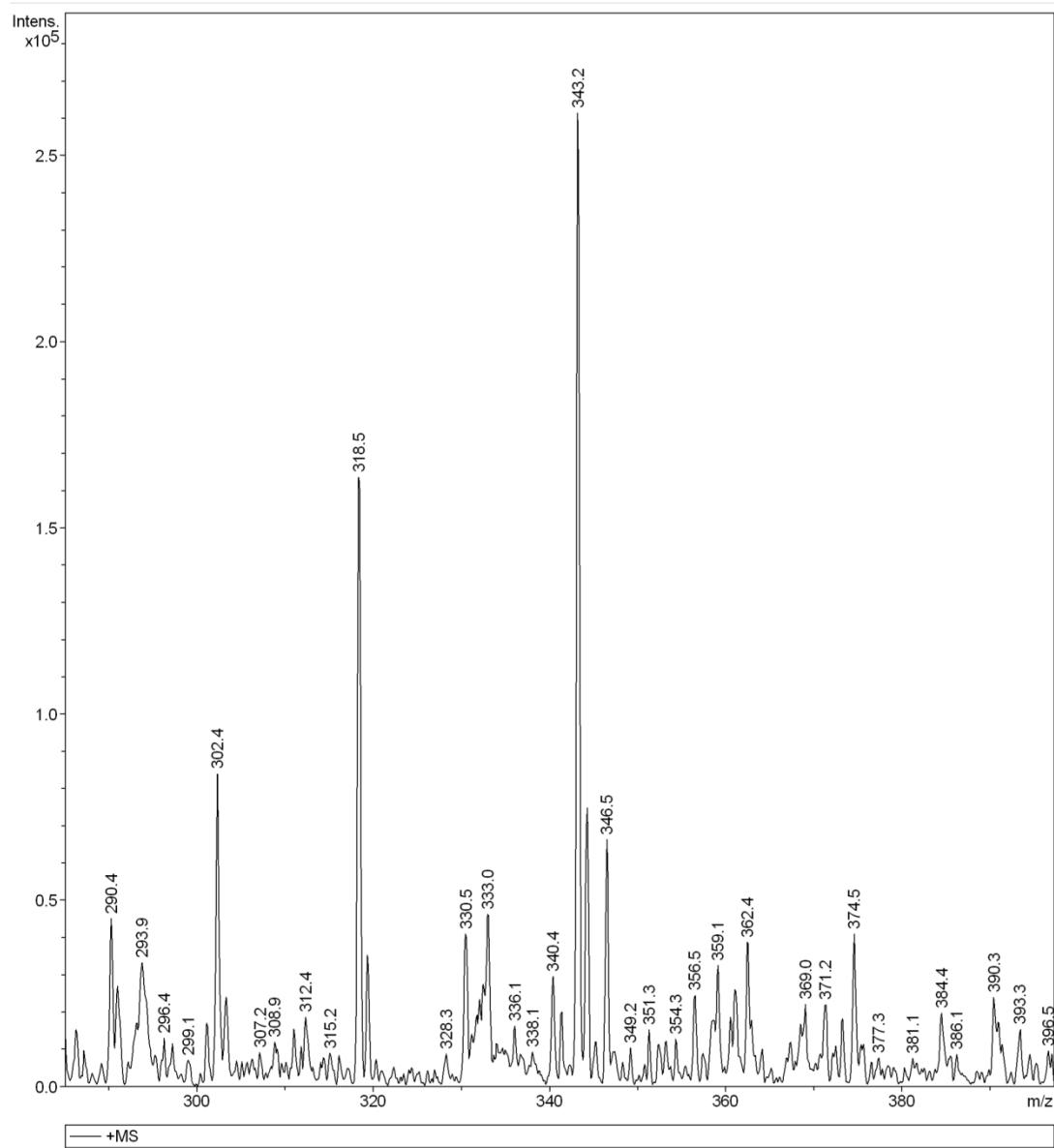
**Fig. S8**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of **ATS** in DMSO.

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**Fig. S9** ESI-MS spectrum of ATS in DMSO.

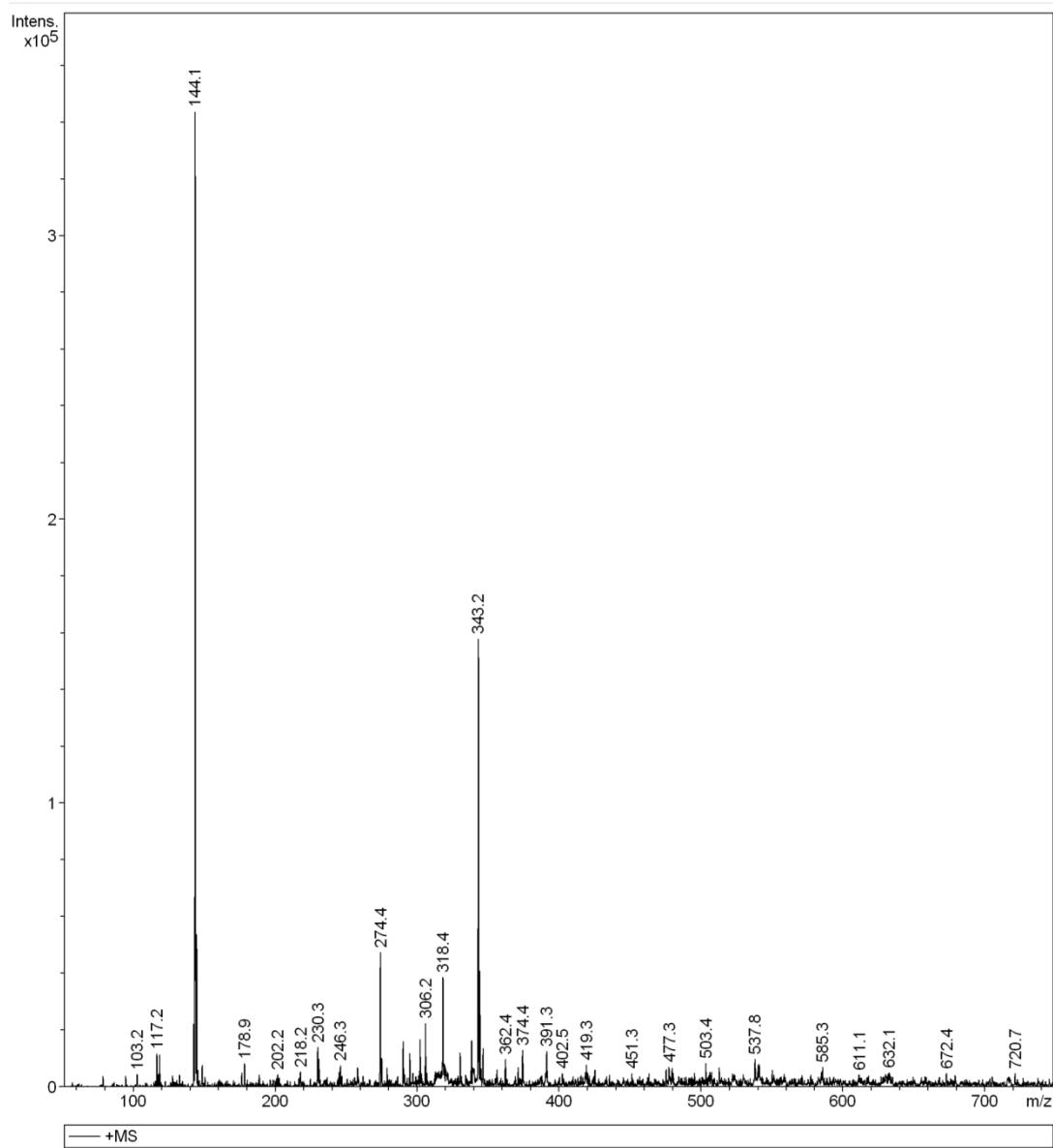
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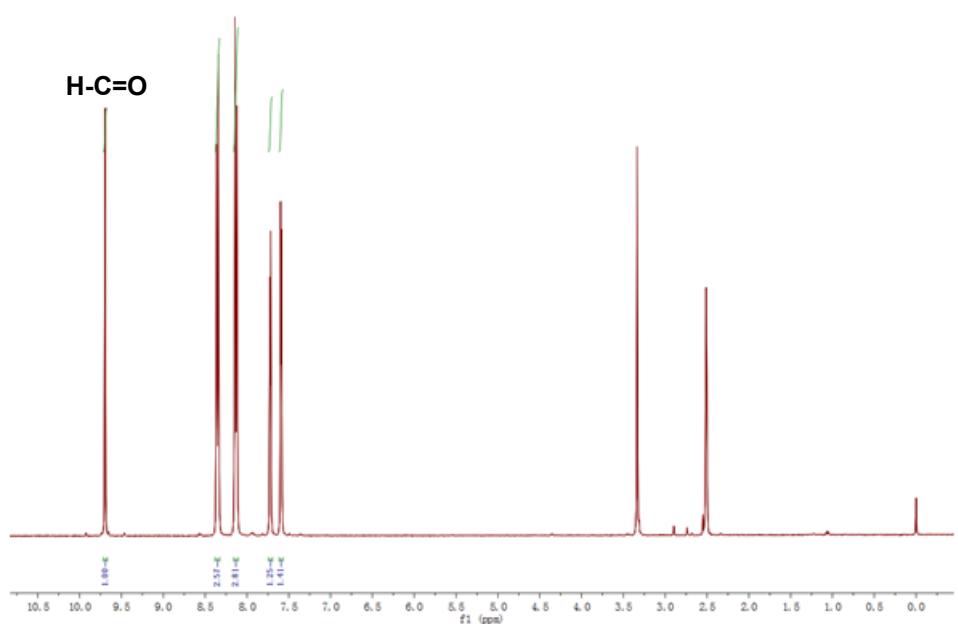


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**Fig. S10** ESI-MS spectrum in the presence of Hg<sup>2+</sup> in DMSO.

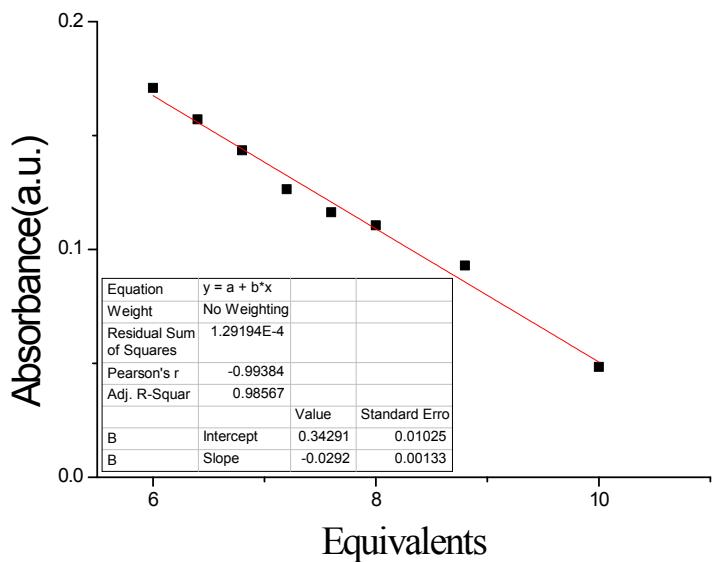


**Fig. S11** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the 5-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-furan formaldehyde.

## Determination of the detection limit

We use the  $3\delta$  way to figure out the detection limit. The process of the analysis as follows.

The photograph of the linear range



Linear Equation:  $Y=0.3429 \times X - 0.0292$        $R=0.986$

$$S=3.429 \times 10^5 \quad \delta=\sqrt{\frac{\sum(F-\bar{F})^2}{(N-1)}}=0.060266 \text{ (N=16)} \quad K=3$$

$$\text{LOD}=K \times \delta/S=5.27 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$$