

## Supporting Information

### A highly selective fluorescent chemosensor for Hg<sup>2+</sup> based on a hydrazones derivative including phthalazin and their application in human cervical cancer HeLa cells

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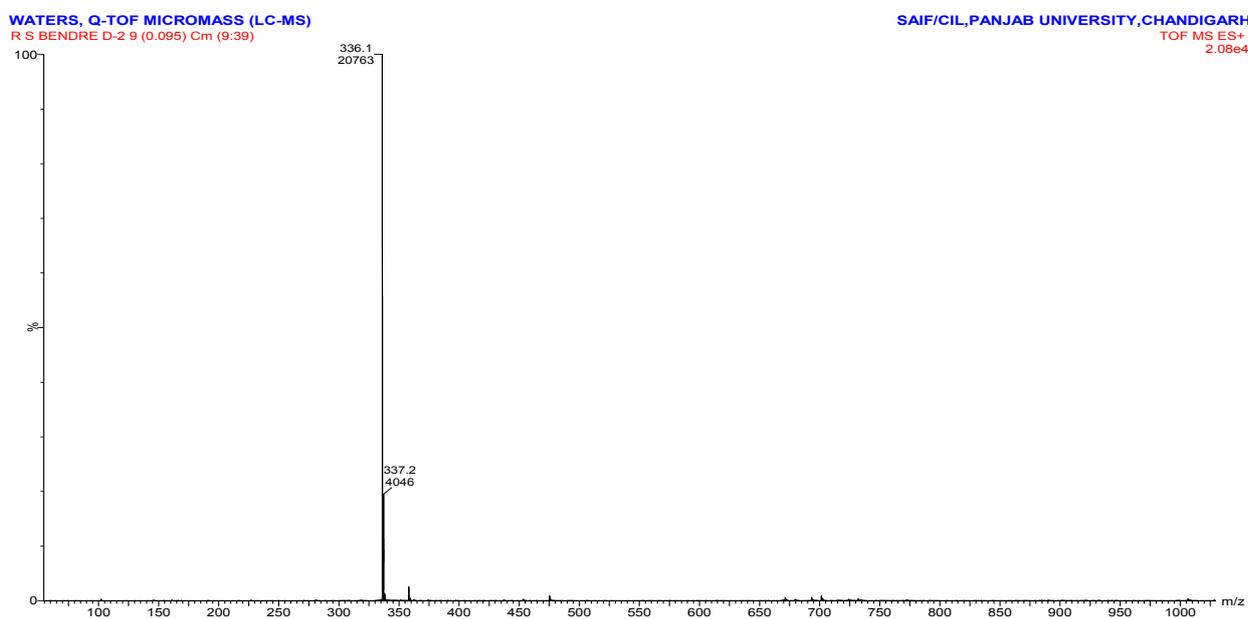
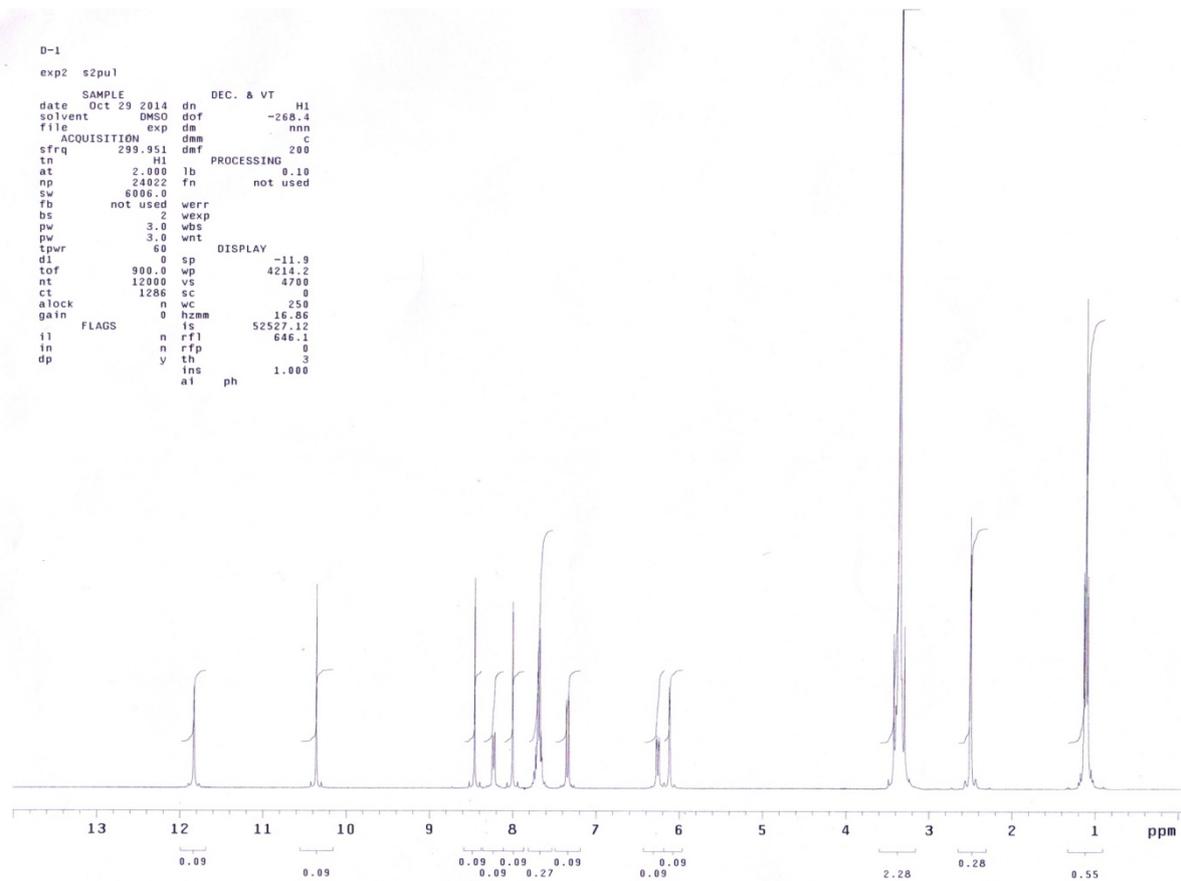
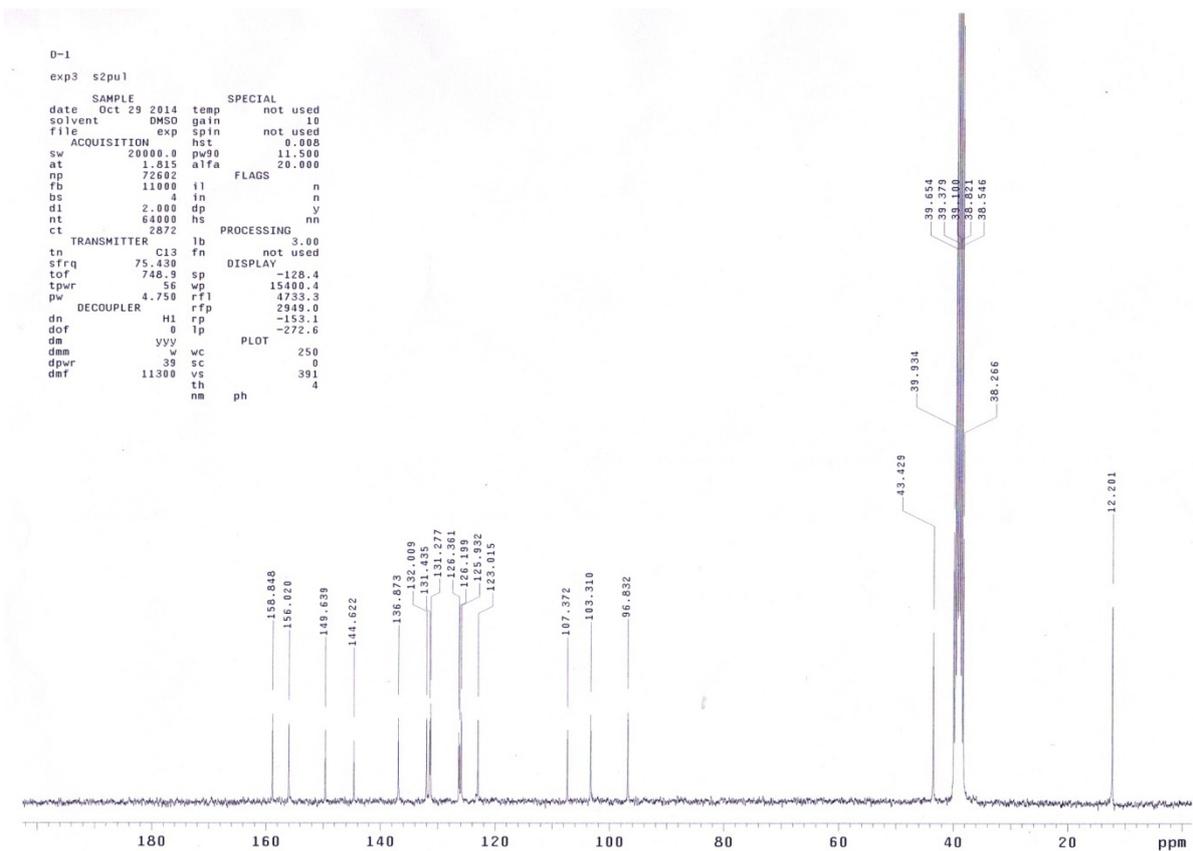


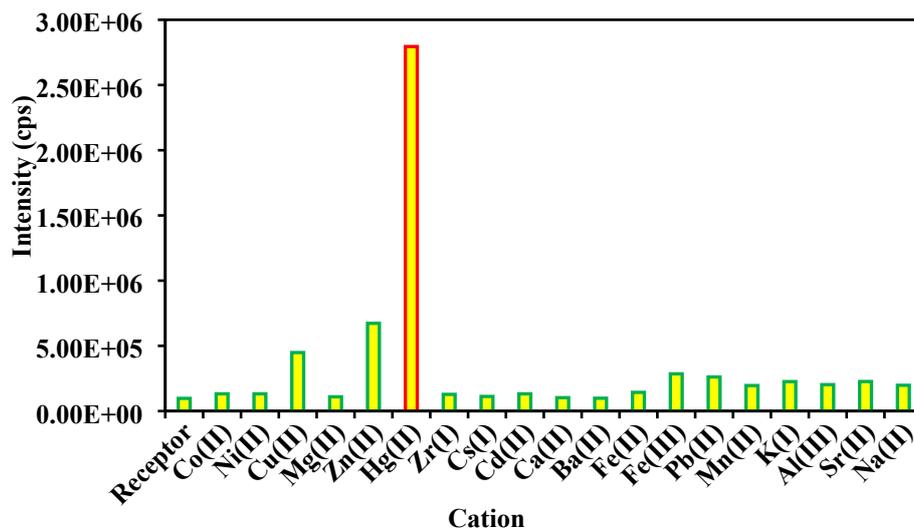
Figure S1: LC-MS Spectra of receptor 1



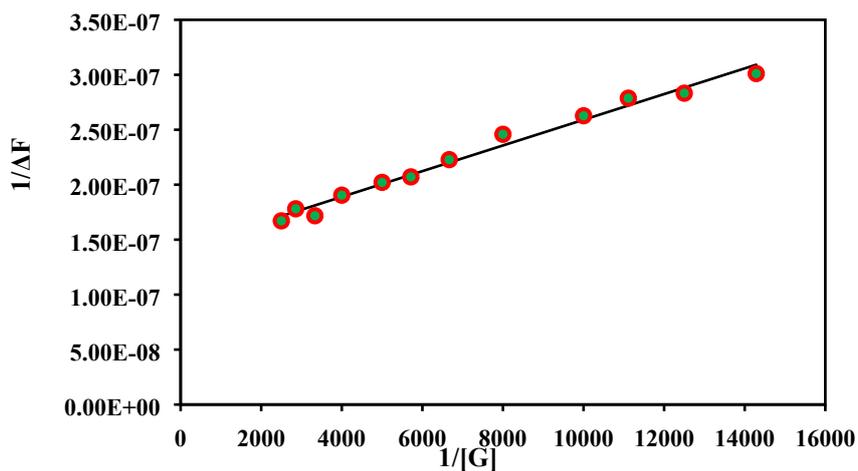
**Figure S2:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum of receptor **1**



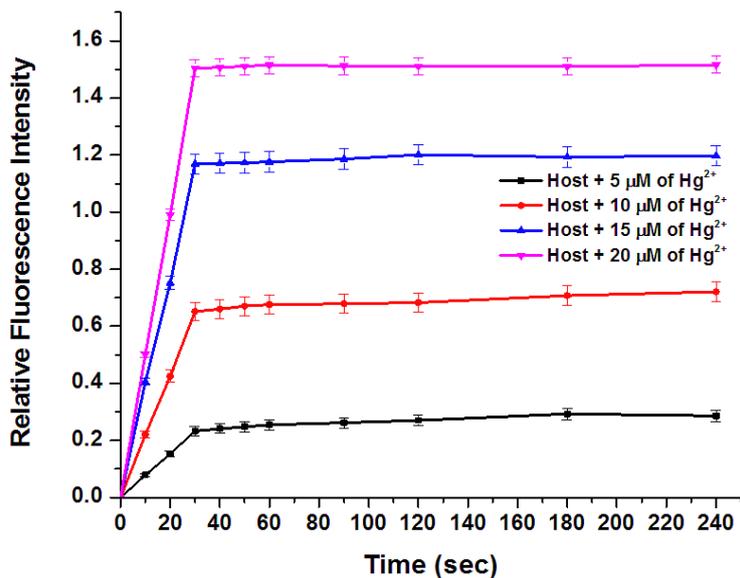
**Figure S3:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectrum of receptor **1**



**Figure S4:** Bar diagram showing effect of 1 equivalents of different metal ions on the fluorescent intensity of **1** ( $10\ \mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (80:20,  $v/v$ ) solution.



**Figure S5.** Benesi-Hildebrand plot for receptor **1**,  $1/\Delta F$  vs  $1/[\text{Hg}^{2+}]$ .



**Figure S6:** Plot of relative fluorescence intensity of **sensor1** and  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  at different concentrations (5, 10, 15 and 20  $\mu\text{M}$ ) as a function of time (seconds).

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Maxima				Blank	from		
460	<b>9.66E+04</b>	<b>9.79E+04</b>	<b>1.02E+05</b>		Graph	LOD	LOQ
				2.60E+03	3.29E+00	2.61E-09	7.91E-09
						<b>26.1 nM</b>	<b>79.1 nM</b>

Table S1: Calculation of Detection limit using IUPAC  $3\sigma$  method and LOQ measurement using  $10\sigma$  method