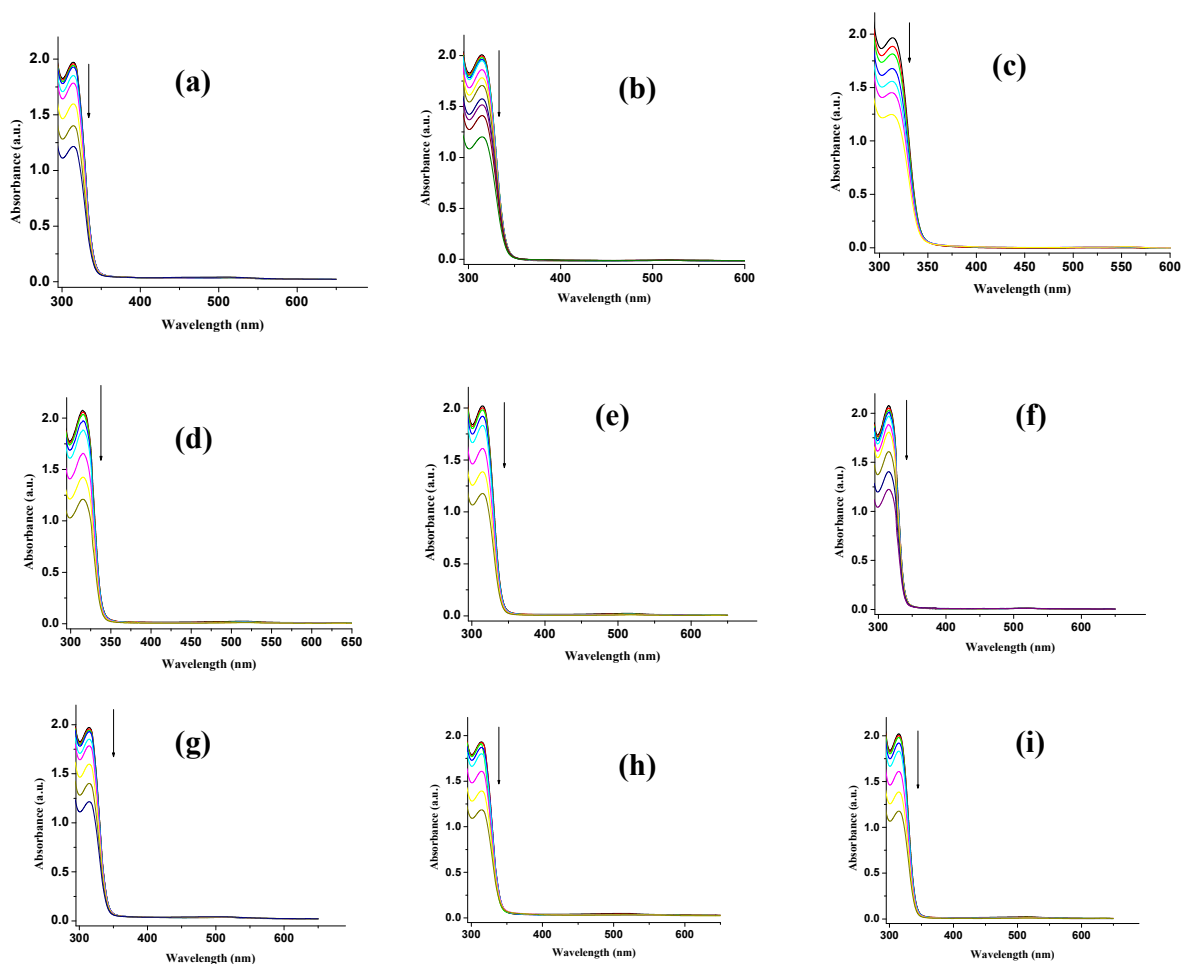


Rhodamine appended tripodal receptor as a ratiometric probe for Hg²⁺ ions

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1. Change in absorbance of receptor 1 with various metal ions in MeCN/water (4/1,v/v; 10 μM tris HCl buffer; pH = 7.0)



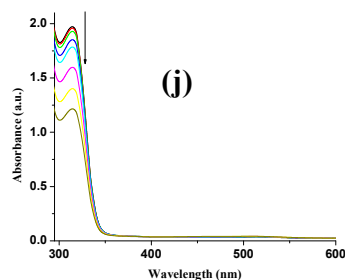
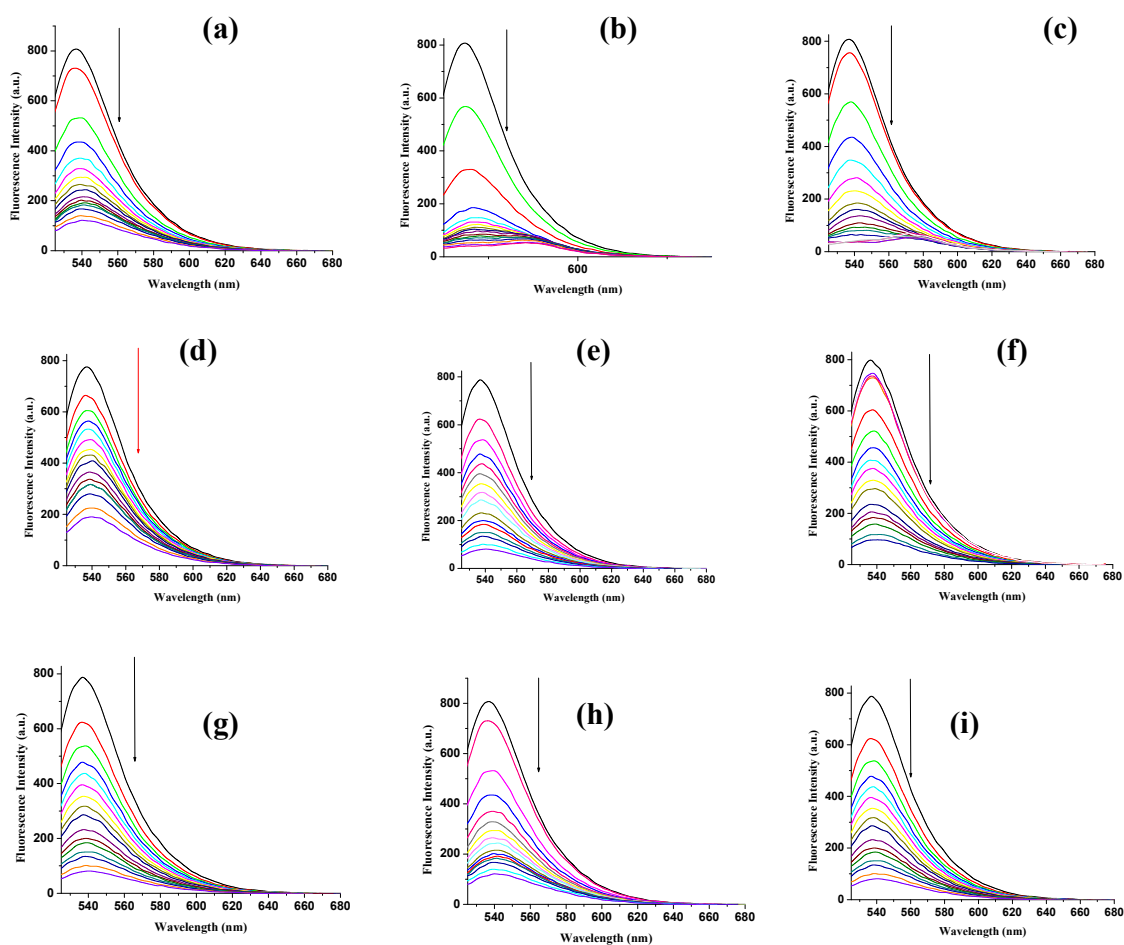


Figure 1S. Absorption titration spectra for **1** ($c = 4.41 \times 10^{-5}$ M) with (a) Co²⁺, (b) Zn²⁺, (c) Cu²⁺, (d) Mg²⁺, (e) Ni²⁺, (f) Cd²⁺, (g) Pb²⁺, (h) Fe²⁺, (i) Mn²⁺ and (j) Ag⁺ in MeCN/water (4/1,v/v; 10 μ M tris HCl buffer; pH = 7.0) (in all cases [cation] = 8.82×10^{-4} M).

2. Change in emission of receptor 1 with Zn²⁺, Cu²⁺, Fe²⁺, Cd²⁺, Co²⁺, Pb²⁺, Mn²⁺, Mg²⁺, Ni²⁺, Ag⁺ in MeCN/Water (4/1,v/v; 10 μ M tris HCl buffer; pH 7.0).



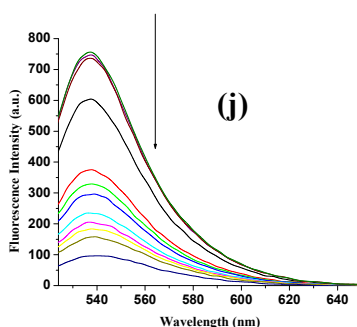


Figure 2S. Change in emission of receptor **1** ($c = 4.41 \times 10^{-5}$ M) upon addition of (a) Zn^{2+} , (b) Cu^{2+} , (c) Fe^{2+} , (d) Cd^{2+} , (e) Co^{2+} , (f) Pb^{2+} , (g) Mg^{2+} , (h) Mn^{2+} , (i) Ni^{2+} , (j) Ag^+ in MeCN/Water (4/1, v/v; 10 μM tris HCl buffer; pH = 7.0) (in all cases [cation] = 8.82×10^{-4} M) [$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 510$ nm].

3. Change in fluorescence ratio at 536 nm.

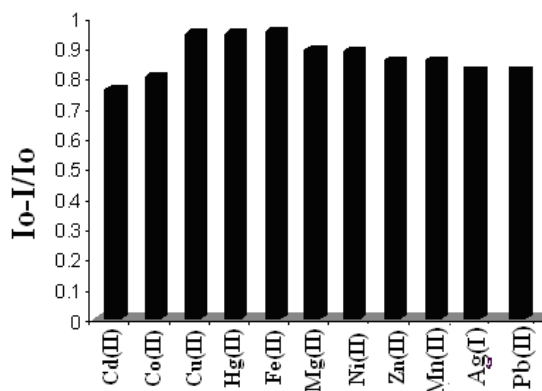


Figure 3S. Change in fluorescence ratio of **1** ($c = 4.41 \times 10^{-5}$ M) at 536 nm upon addition of 18 equiv. amounts of cations.

4. UV Job plot for **1** with Hg^{2+} measured at 556 nm.

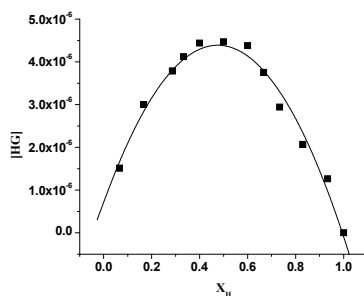


Figure 4S. UV Job plot for **1** with Hg^{2+} in MeCN/Water (4/1, v/v; 10 μM tris HCl buffer; pH = 7.0) ([H] = [G] = 4.41×10^{-5} M).

5. Emission titration spectra of **1** with Hg^{2+} in MeCN/Water (4/1,v/v; 35 μM tris HCl buffer, pH 7.0)

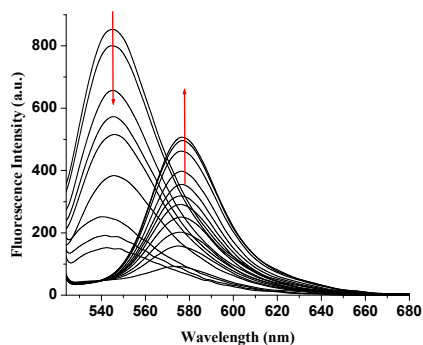


Figure 5S. Change in fluorescence spectra of **1** ($c = 4.35 \times 10^{-5}$ M) in MeCN/Water (4/1,v/v; 35 μM tris HCl buffer, pH 7.0) upon addition of Hg^{2+} .

6. Emission titration spectra of **1** with different concentrations of Hg^{2+} ions

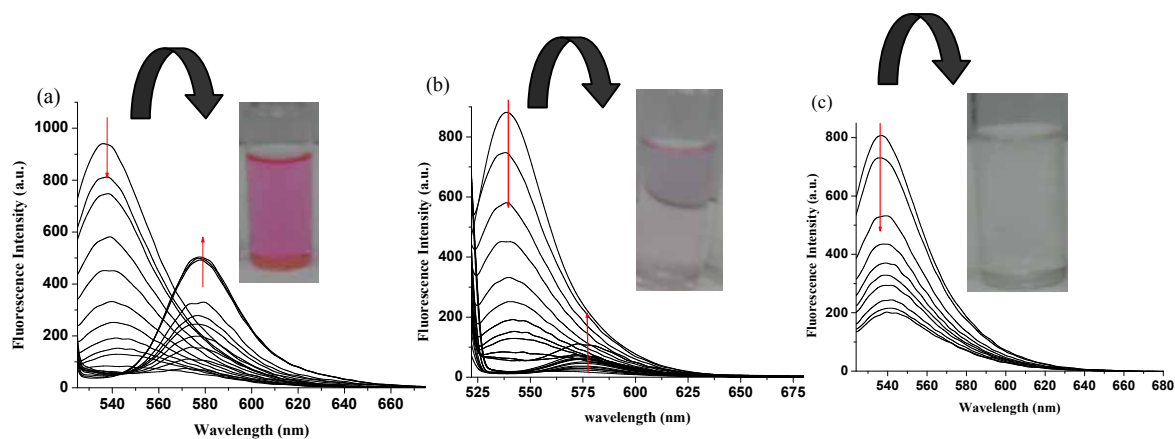


Figure 6S. Change in fluorescence spectra of **1** ($c = 4.35 \times 10^{-5}$ M) in MeCN/Water (4/1,v/v; 10 μM tris HCl buffer, pH 7.0) upon addition of (a) Hg^{2+} ($c = 8.7 \times 10^{-4}$ M); (b) Hg^{2+} ($c = 8.7 \times 10^{-5}$ M); (c) Hg^{2+} ($c = 8.7 \times 10^{-6}$ M).

7. Test of reversibility in the binding process

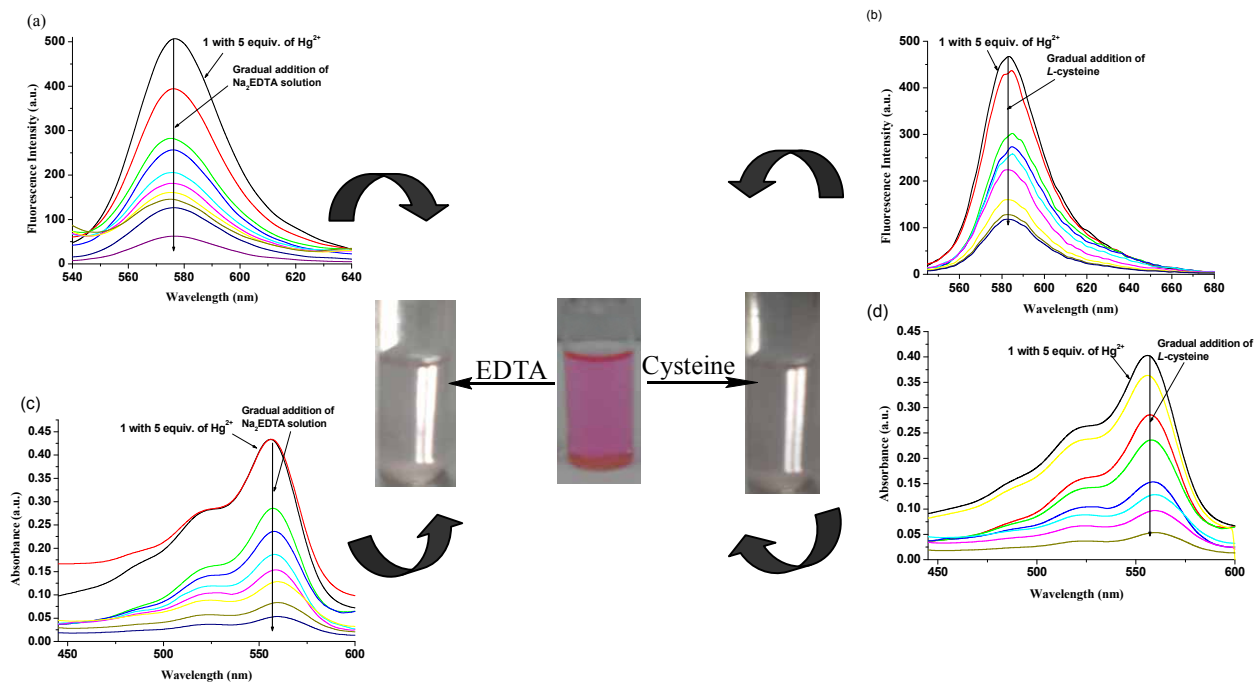


Figure 7S. Change in fluorescence spectra of **1**-Hg²⁺ complex ($c = 6.5 \times 10^{-5}$ M) in MeCN/Water (4/1, v/v; 10 μ M tris HCl buffer, pH 7.0) upon addition of (a) Na₂EDTA ($c = 4.5 \times 10^{-3}$ M); (b) Cysteine ($c = 4.5 \times 10^{-3}$ M). Change in absorbance of **1**-Hg²⁺ complex in CH₃CN/H₂O (4/1, v/v; 10 μ M tris HCl buffer; pH 7.0) upon addition of (c) Na₂EDTA ($c = 4.5 \times 10^{-3}$ M); (d) Cysteine ($c = 4.5 \times 10^{-3}$ M) and associated colour changes.

8. ^1H NMR of **1** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz):

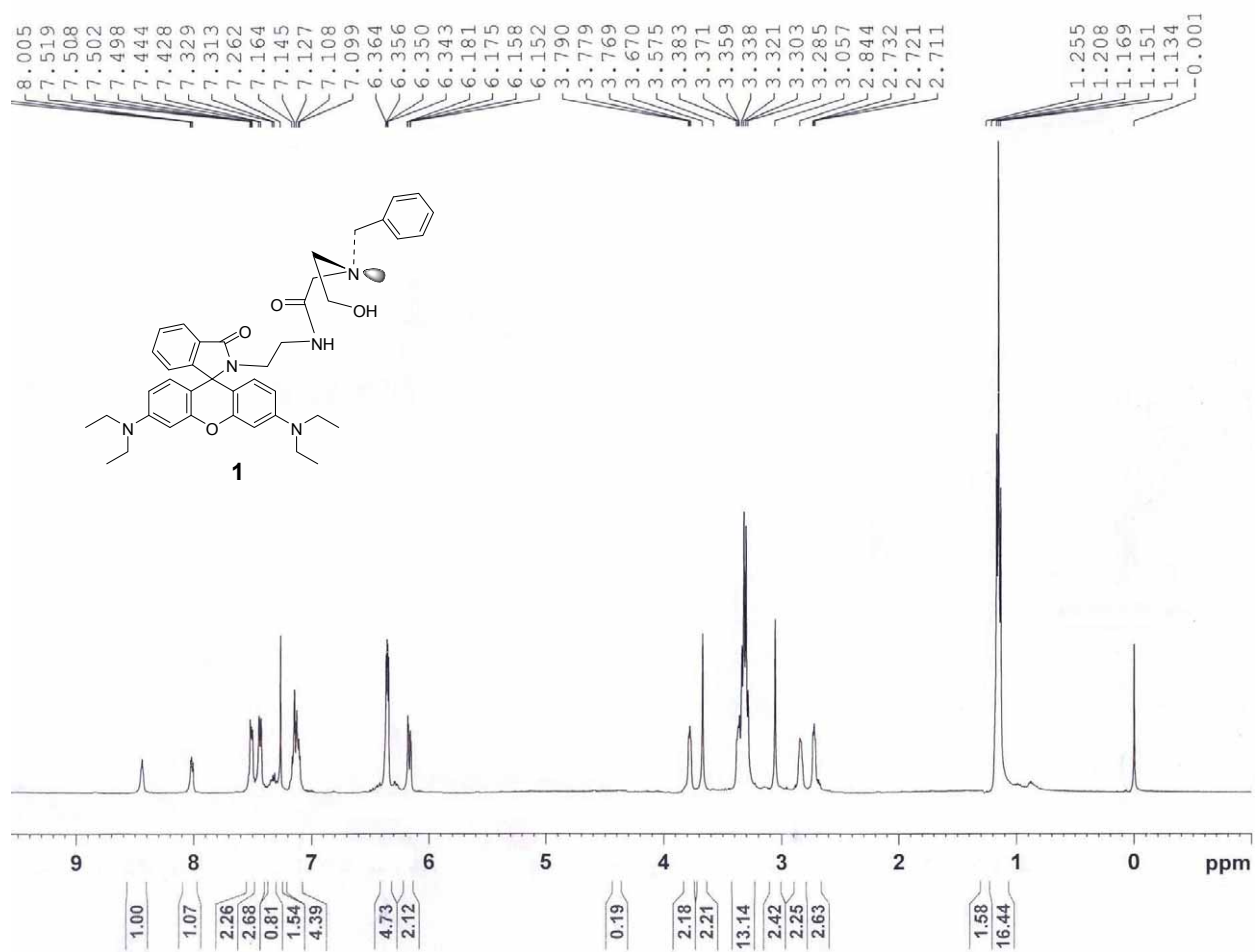


Figure S8. ^1H NMR spectrum of receptor **1**.

9. ^{13}C NMR of **1** (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz):

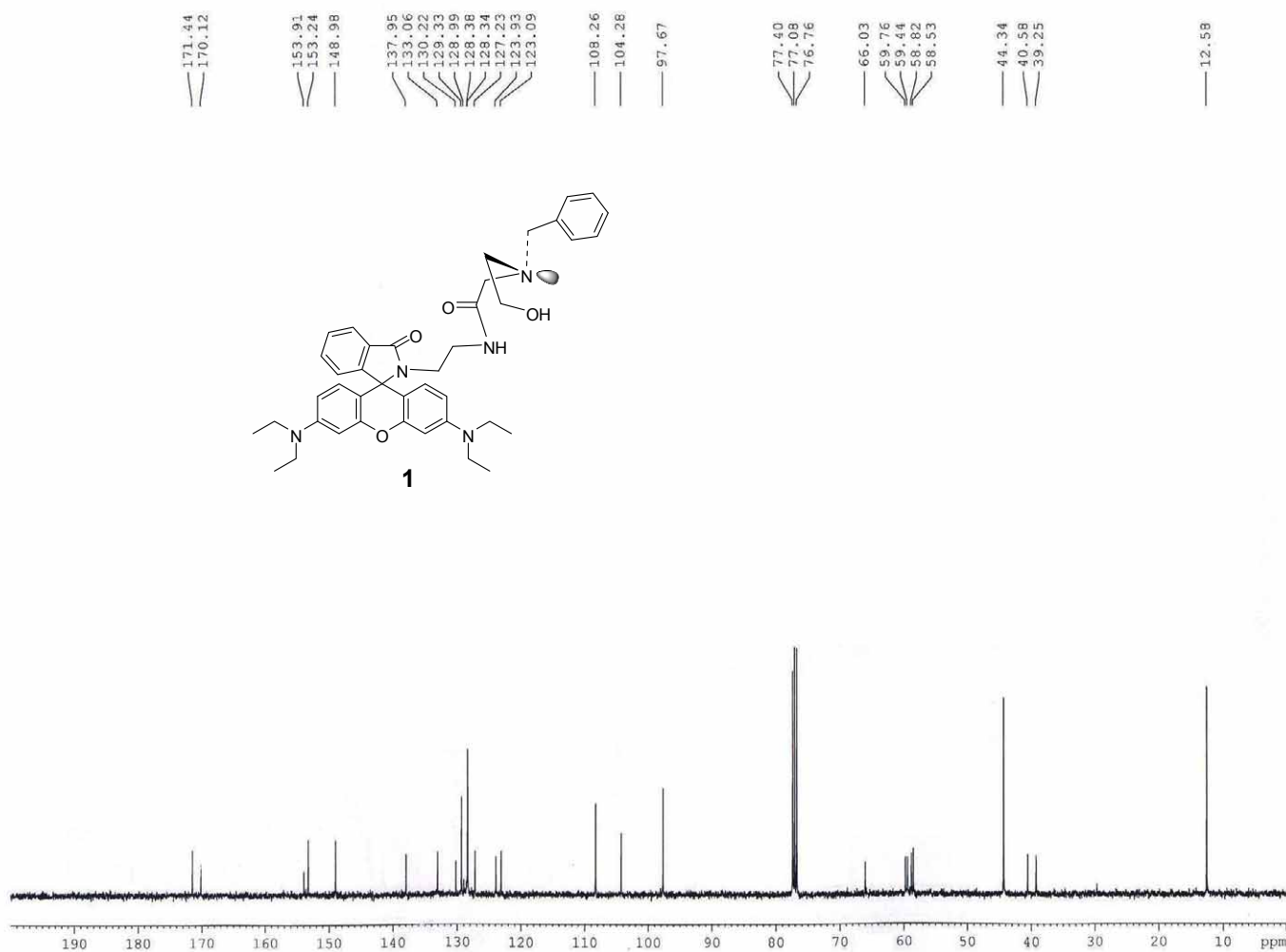


Figure 9S. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of receptor **1**.

10. Mass of 1

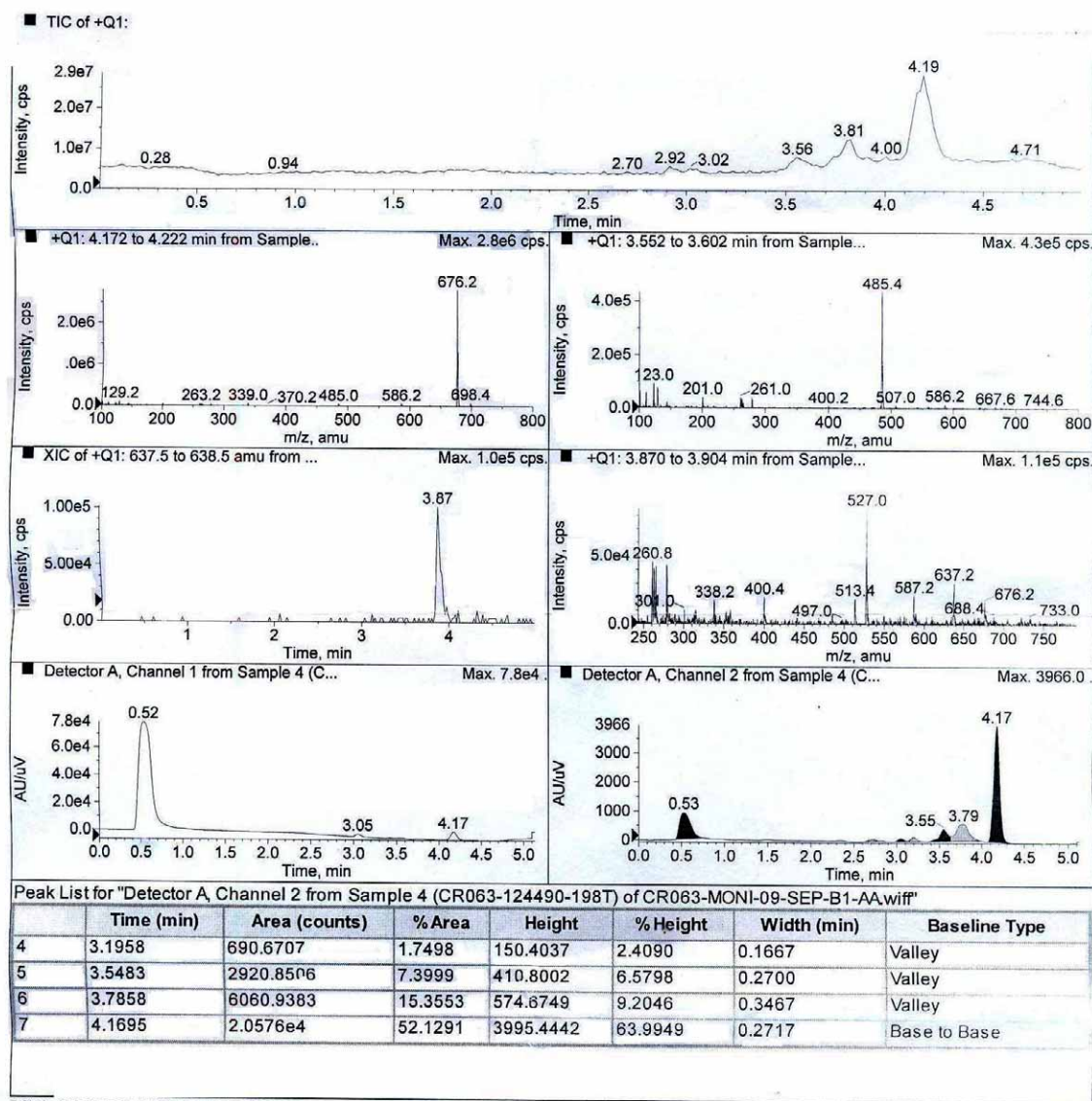
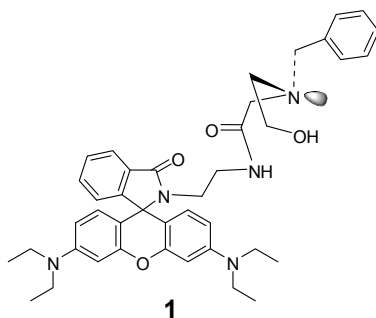


Figure 10. LCMS spectrum of receptor 1.

11. ^{13}C NMR of **1** and **1** with 1.2 equiv. amounts of $\text{Hg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz):

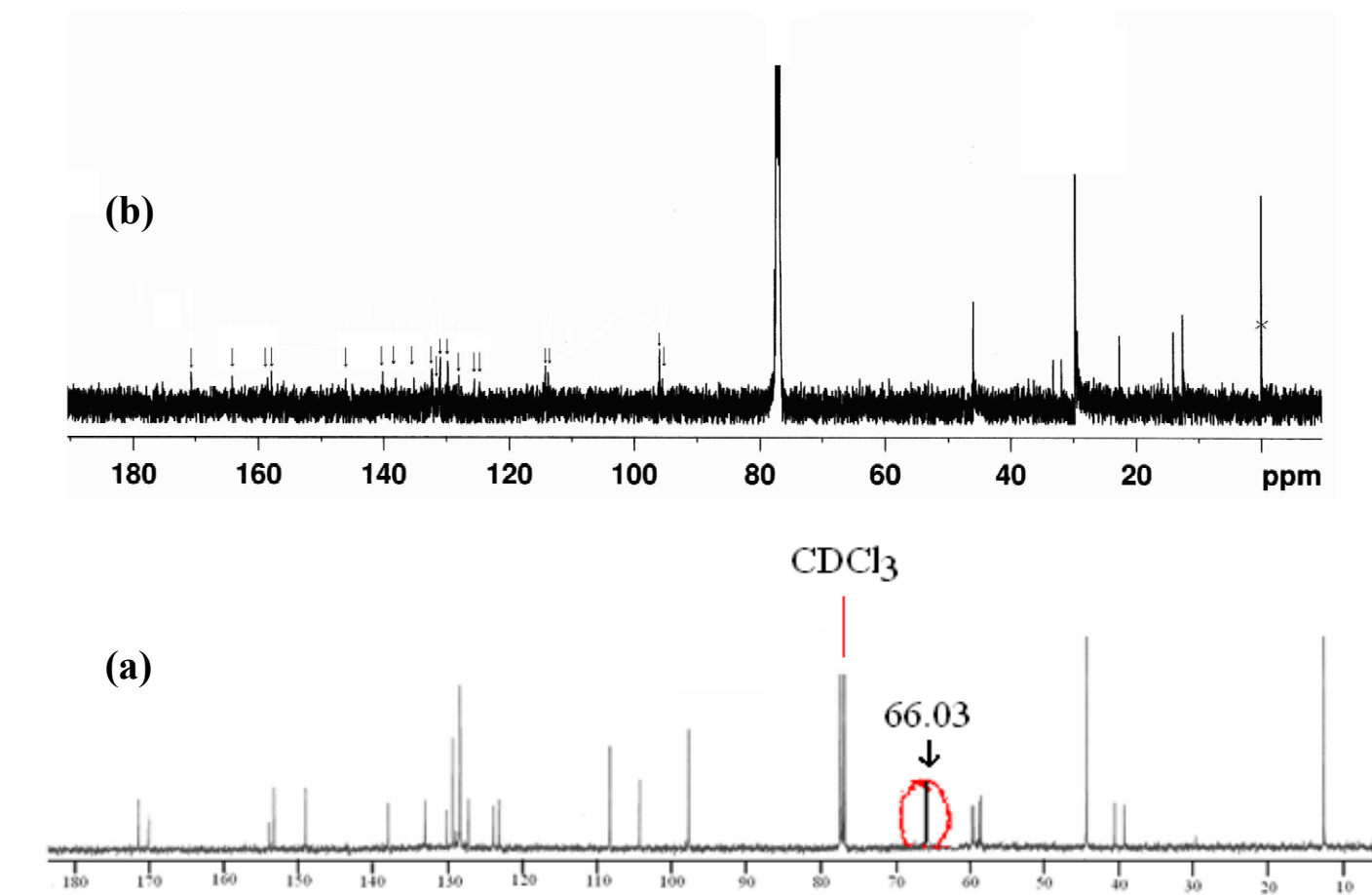


Figure 11S. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of (a) receptor **1** and (b) **1** with 1.2 equiv. amount of $\text{Hg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$.