

## Supplementary Information

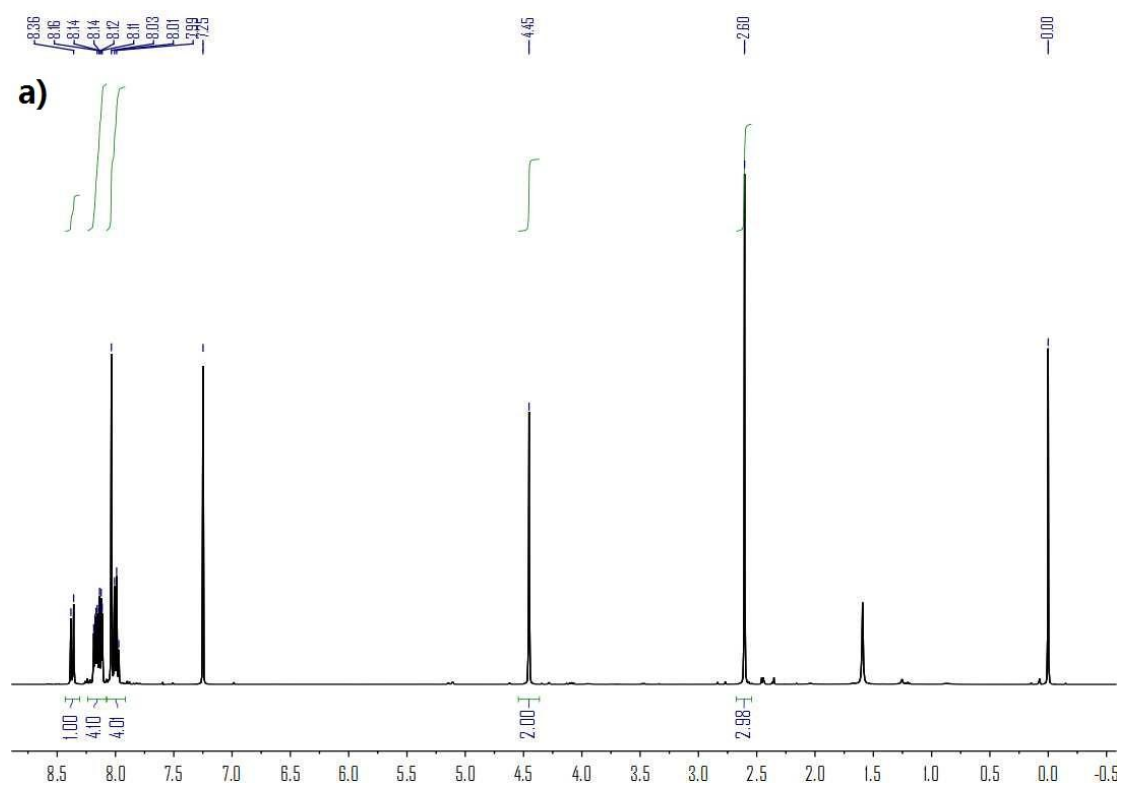
### A Supramolecular Switch Based on Three Binding States of a Pyrene

#### Derivate: A Reversible Three-State Switch with Only Two Stimuli

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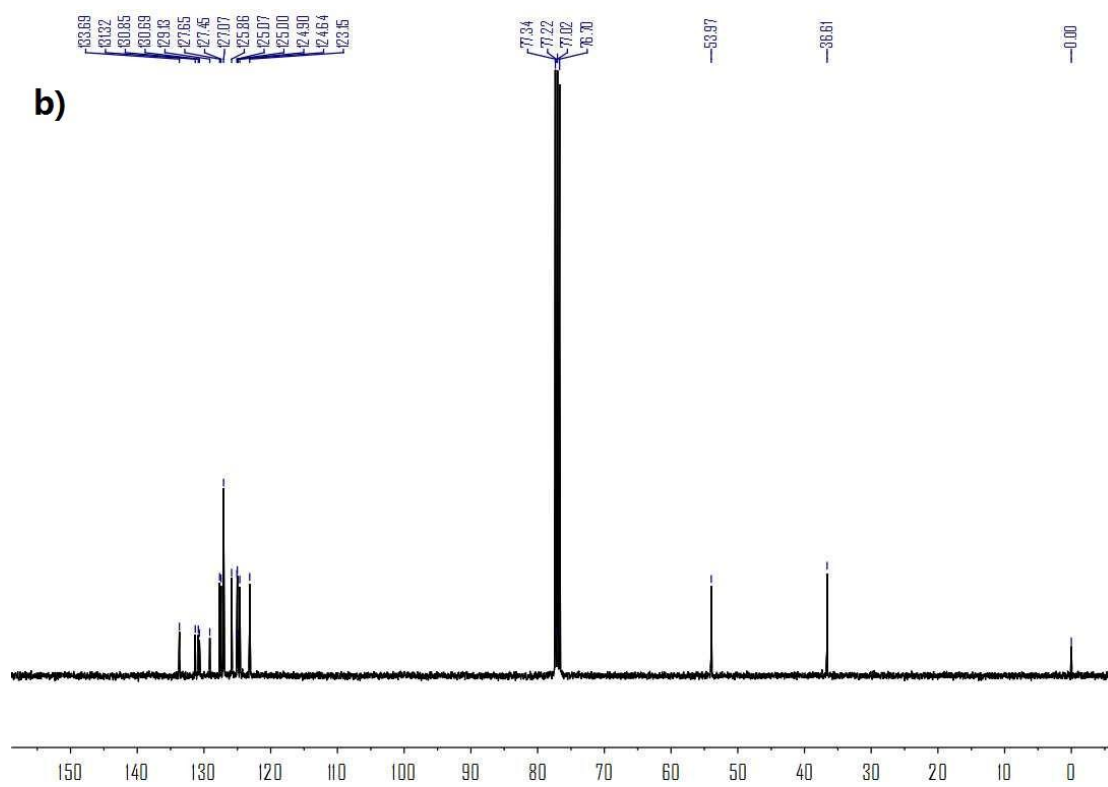


Figure S-1. a)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of N-methyl-pyrenemethylamine (MPA) and b)  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of MPA in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

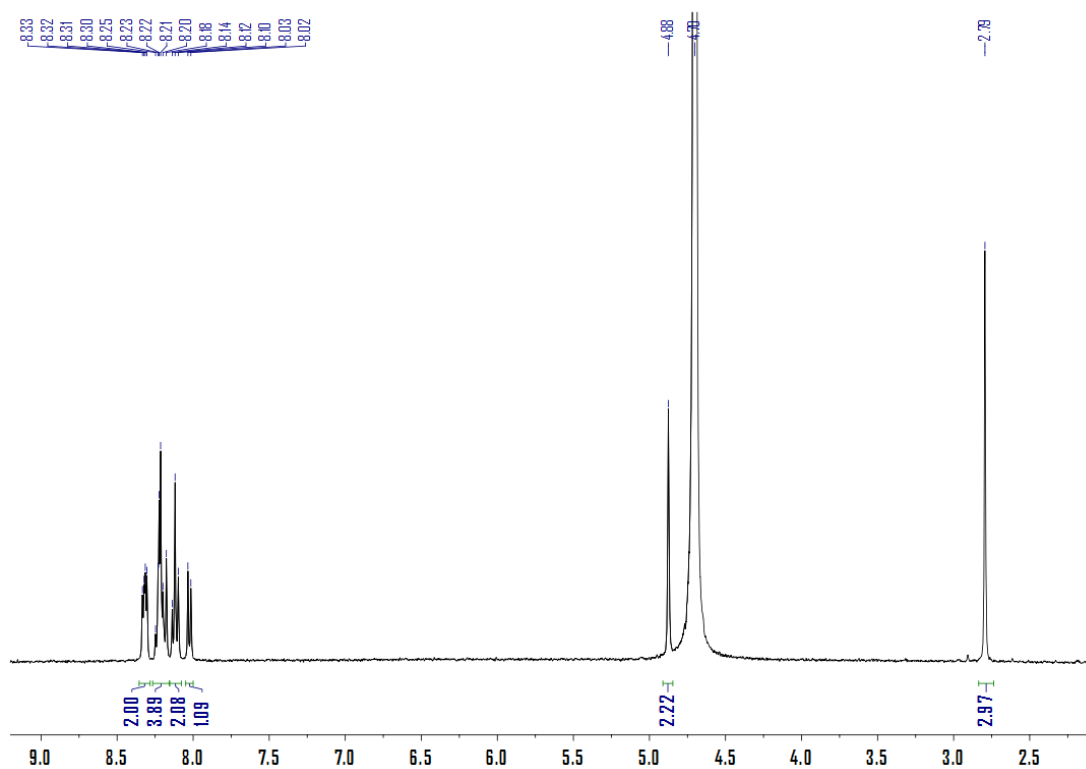


Figure S-2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 1 mM N-methyl-pyrenemethylammonium ( $\text{MPA}^+$ ) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ .

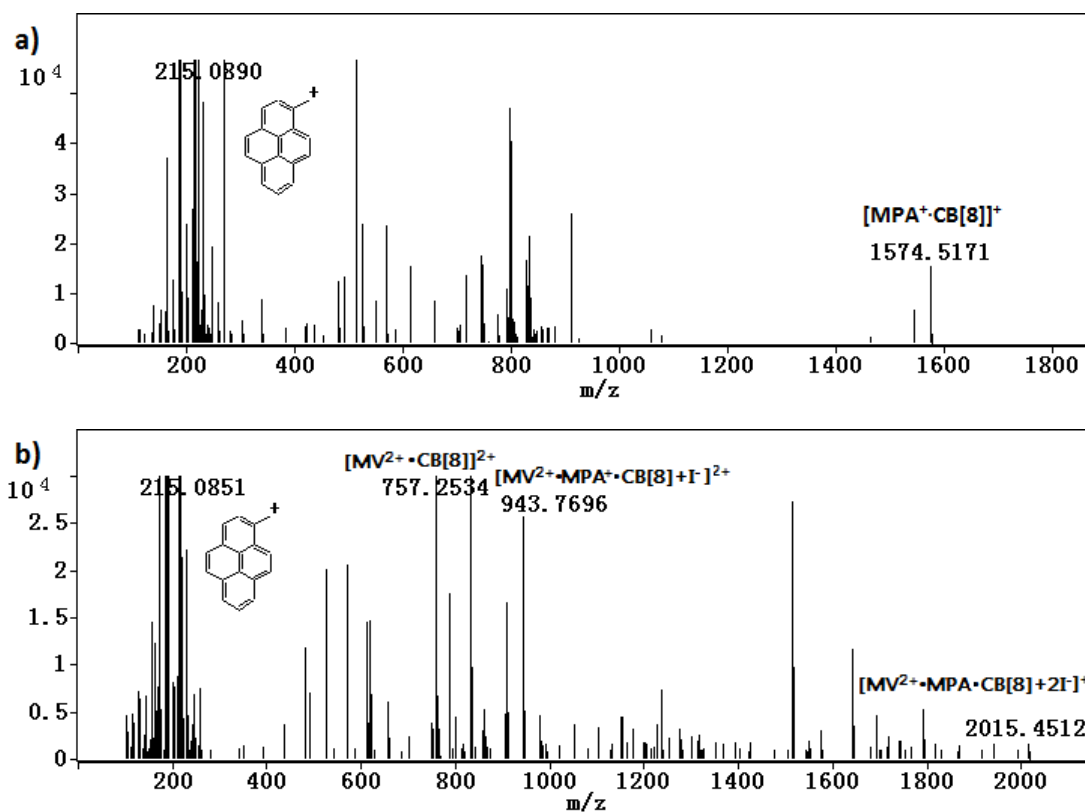
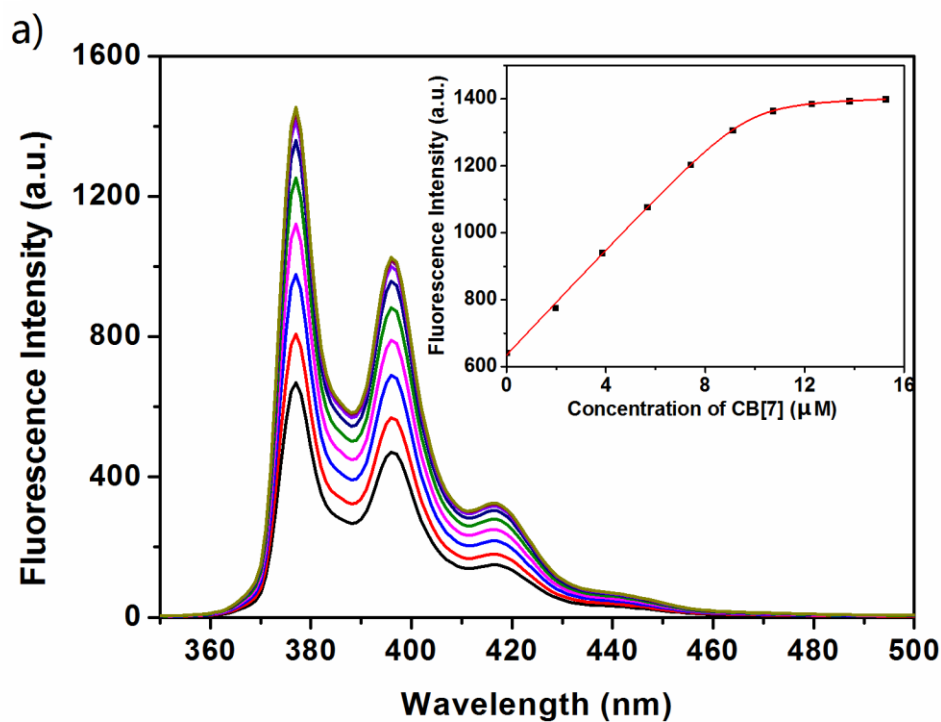
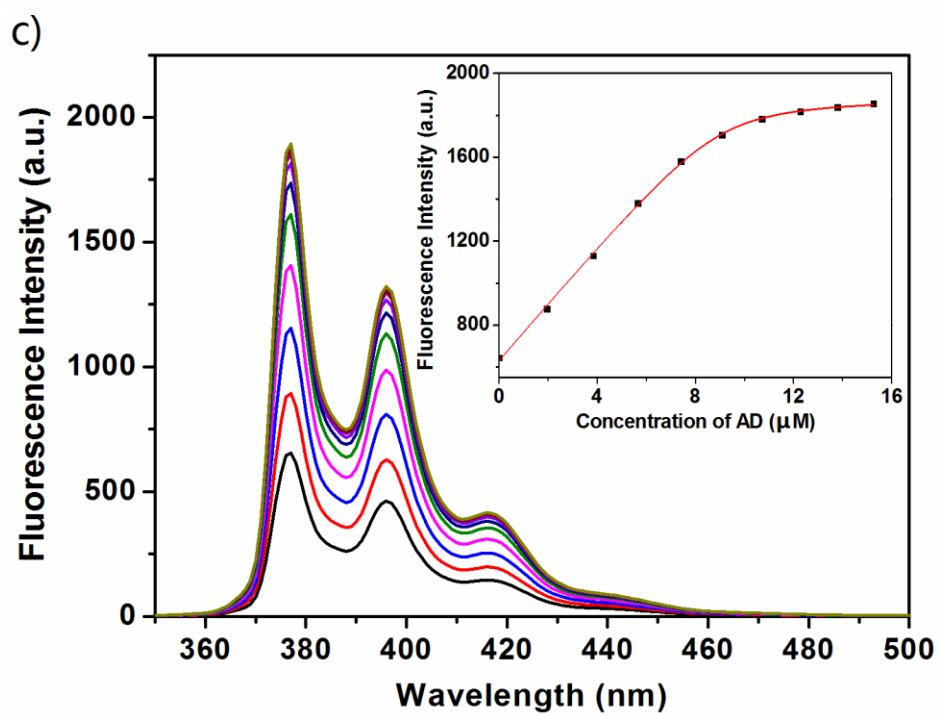
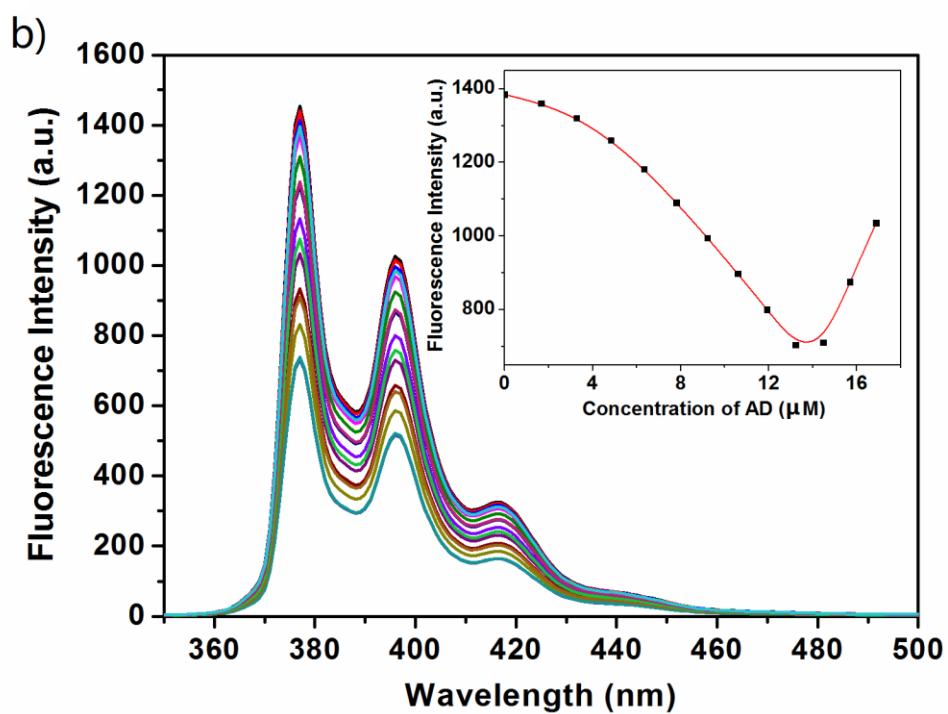


Figure S-3. Accurate mass Q-TOF spectra of a) MPA<sup>+</sup> with CB[8] (1:1 in mole), and b) MPA<sup>+</sup> with MV<sup>2+</sup> and CB[8] (1:1:1 in mole)

(MPA<sup>+</sup> is not stable under mass spectroscopy condition and most of it decomposed into methyl pyrene cation. Thus the signals of target complexes are weak and background signals are strong.)





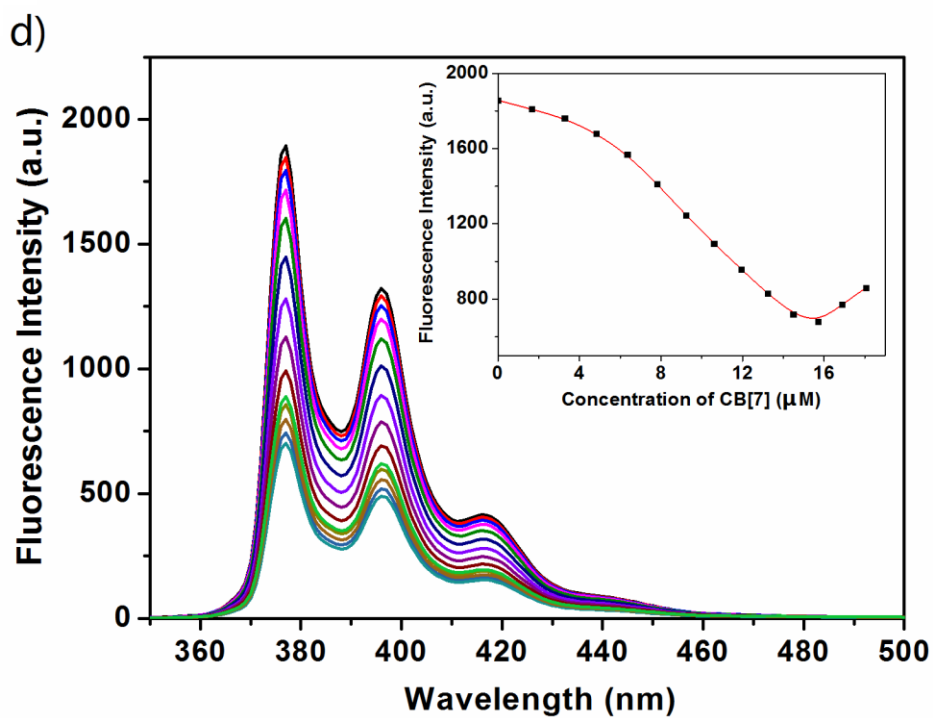


Figure S-4. Emission spectra of a) the titration of  $\text{MPA}^+ \cdot \text{MV}^{2+} \cdot \text{CB}[8]$  ( $10 \mu\text{M}$ ) with  $\text{CB}[7]$ , b) the titration of  $\text{MPA}^+ \cdot \text{MV}^{2+} \cdot \text{CB}[8]$  ( $10 \mu\text{M}$ ) and  $\text{CB}[7]$  ( $15 \mu\text{M}$ ) with  $\text{AD}$ , c) the titration of  $\text{MPA}^+ \cdot \text{MV}^{2+} \cdot \text{CB}[8]$  ( $10 \mu\text{M}$ ) with  $\text{AD}$  and d) the titration of  $\text{MPA}^+ \cdot \text{MV}^{2+} \cdot \text{CB}[8]$  ( $10 \mu\text{M}$ ) and  $\text{AD}$  ( $15 \mu\text{M}$ ) with  $\text{CB}[7]$ , inserts show the fluorescence intensity at  $376 \text{nm}$  versus the concentration of titrator.

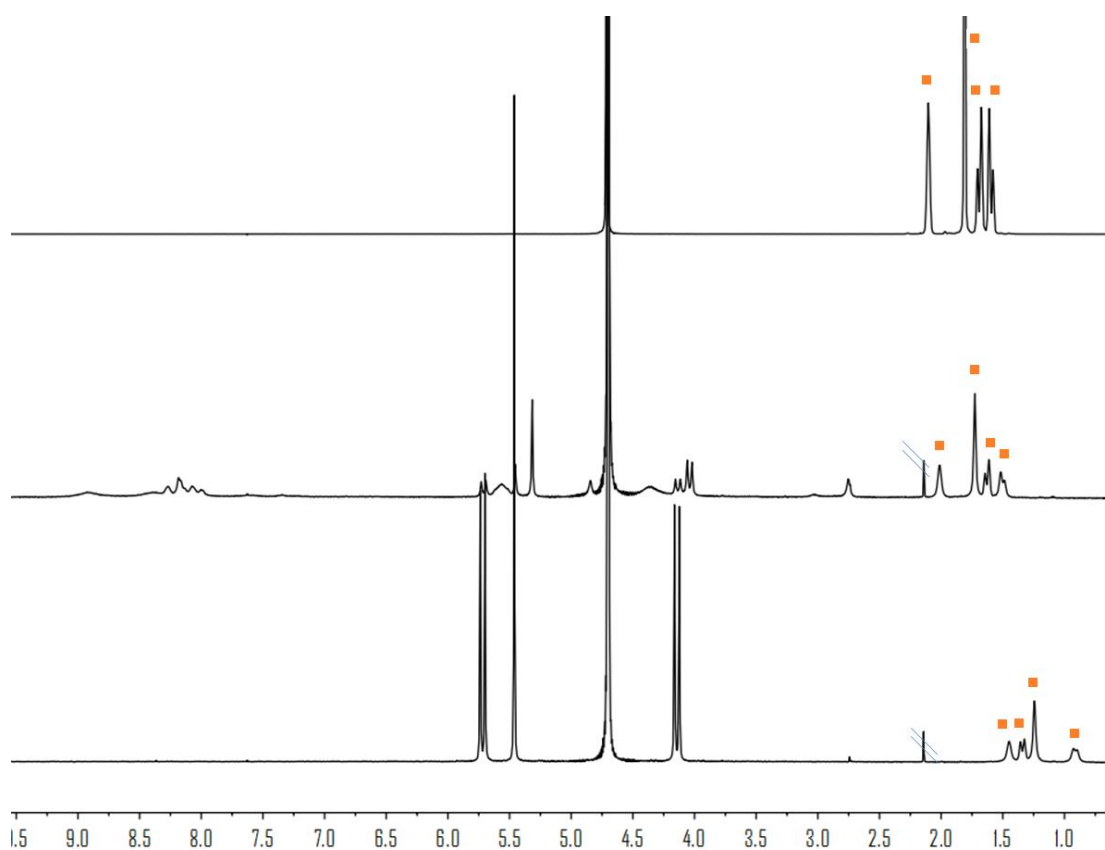


Figure S-5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 1 mM AD (upper), 1 mM  $\text{MPA}^+\cdot\text{MV}^{2+}\cdot\text{CB}[8]$  with 1.5 mM AD (middle) and 1 mM  $\text{AD}\cdot\text{CB}[8]$  (bottom). Peaks of AD are highlighted with orange squares.

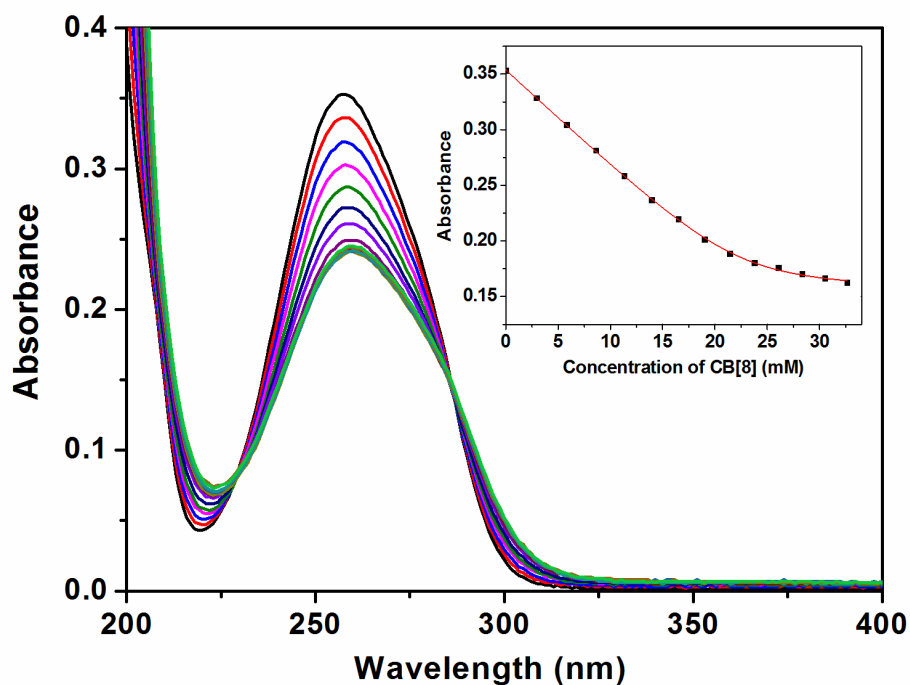


Figure S-6. UV-vis spectra of the titration of  $\text{MV}^{2+}$  (16  $\mu\text{M}$ ) with  $\text{CB}[8]$  (insert shows the absorbance at 258 nm with different amount of  $\text{CB}[8]$ , corrected for the absorbance of  $\text{CB}[8]$ )

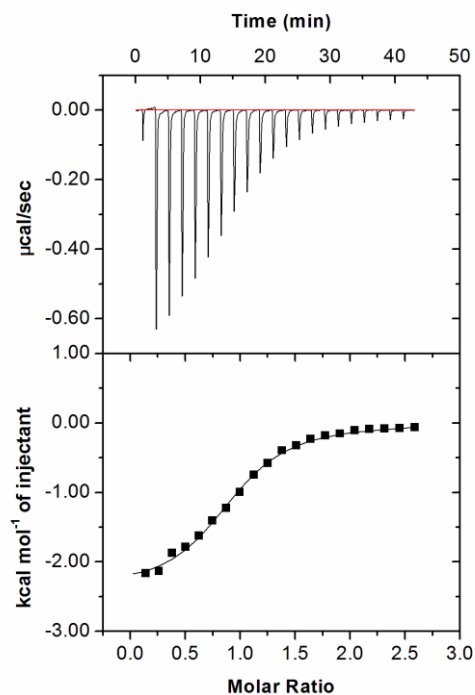


Figure S-7. ITC data for the binding of AD to CB[8] (compete with 6.4 mM  $MV^{2+}$ )

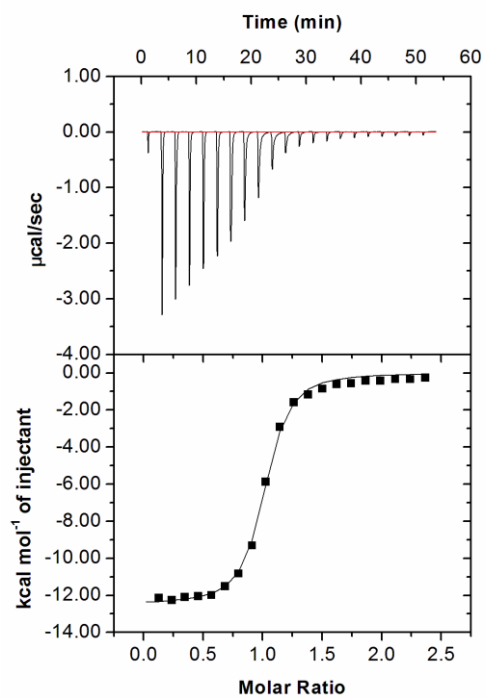


Figure S-8. ITC data for the binding of L-Phenylalanine to CB[7]

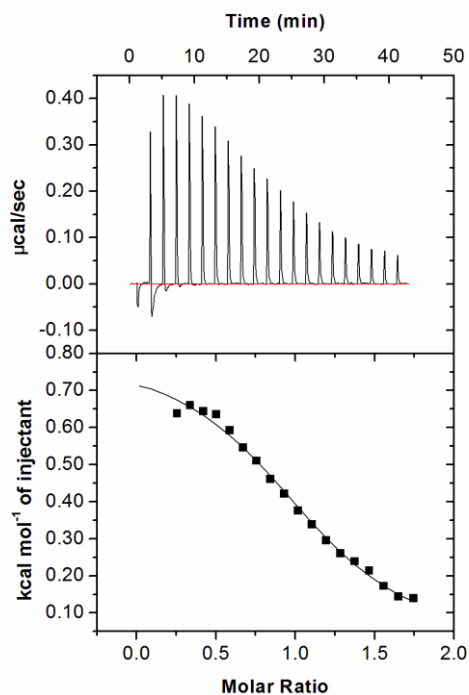


Figure S-9. ITC data for the binding of MV<sup>2+</sup> to CB[7] (compete with 10.0 mM L-Phenylalanine)

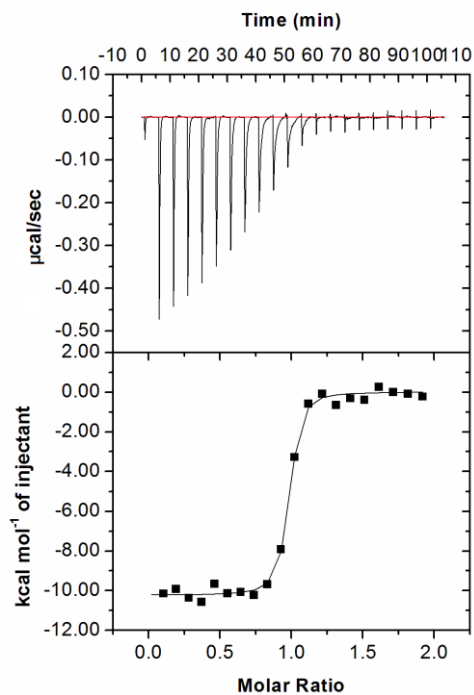


Figure S-10. ITC data for the binding of AD to CB[7] (compete with 8.0 mM MV<sup>2+</sup>)



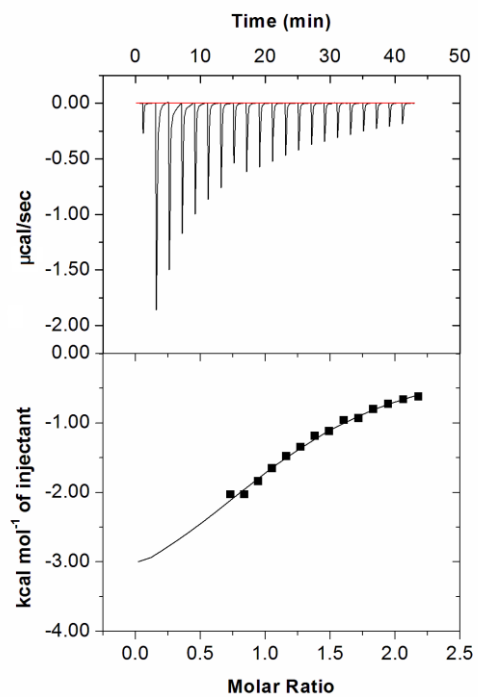


Figure S-11. ITC data for the binding of MPA<sup>+</sup> to CB[7]