

## **Supporting Information**

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### **A New Fluorescent Probe based on Styrylcyanine Dye Containing Pyridine: Dissimilar Fluorescent Response to Cu<sup>2+</sup> and Pb<sup>2+</sup>**

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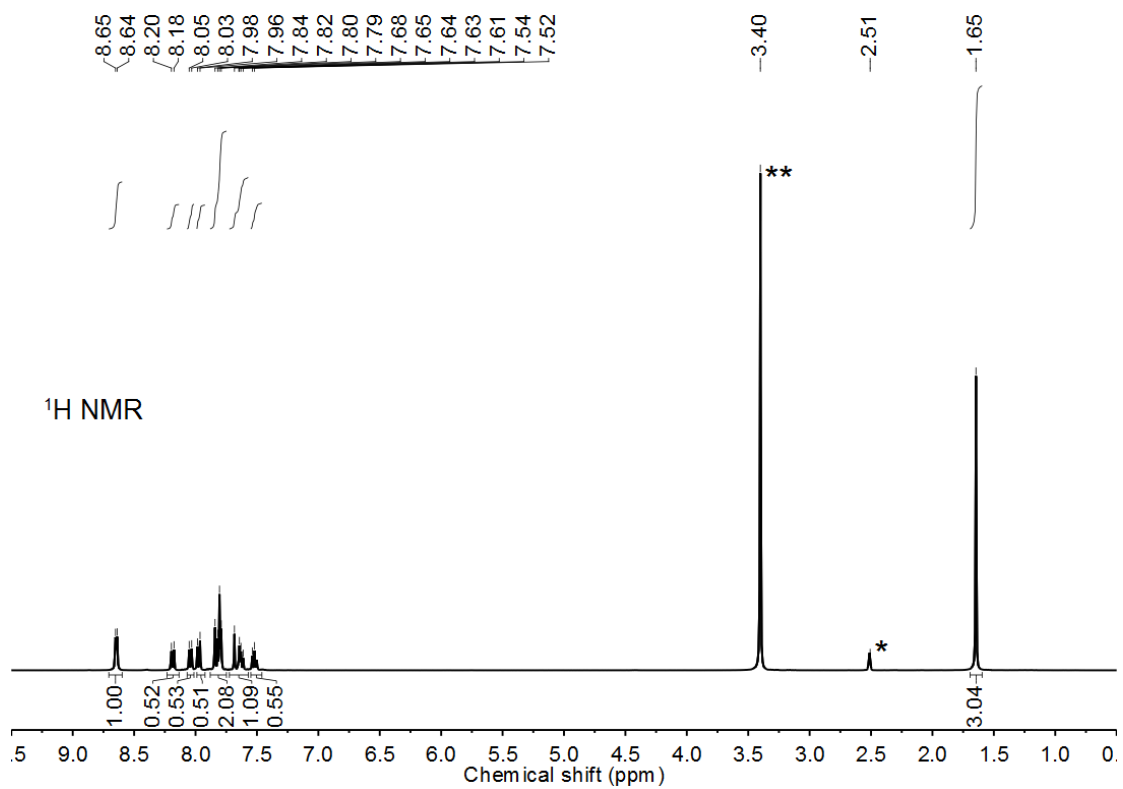
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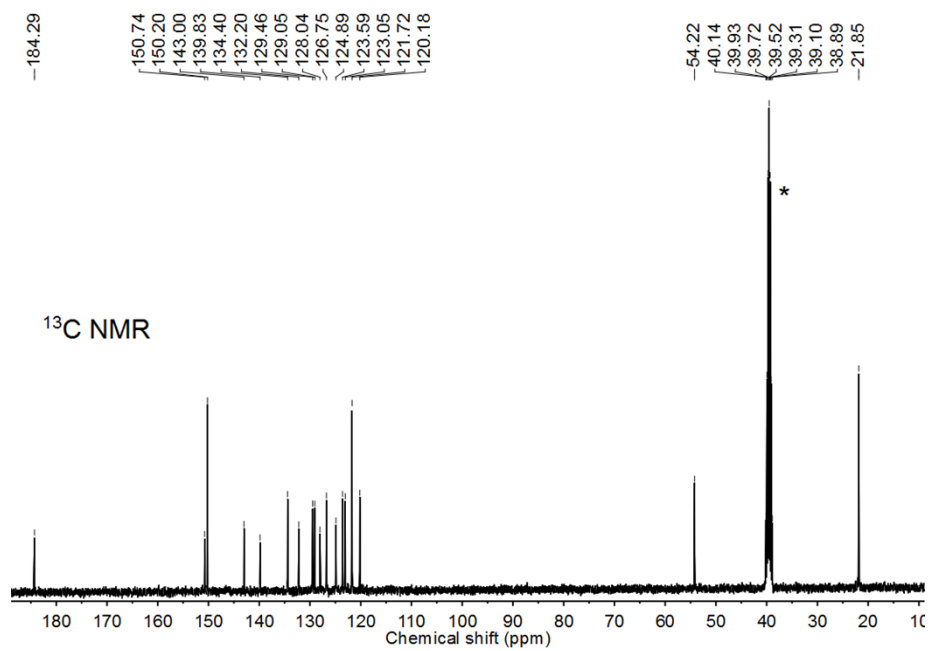
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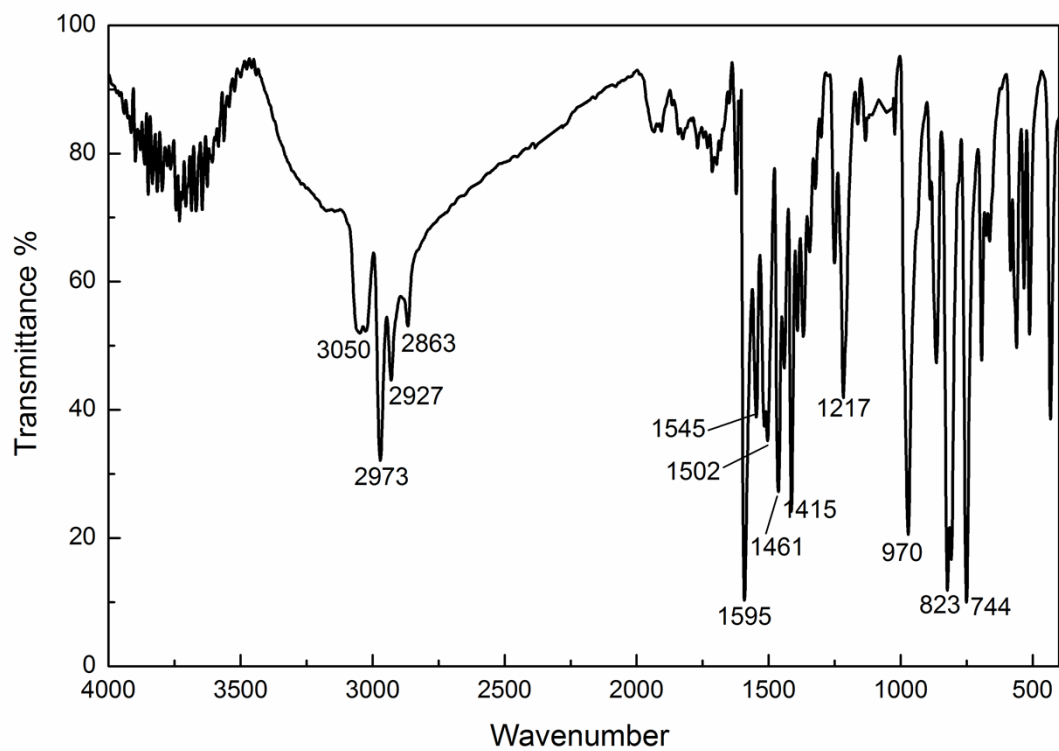
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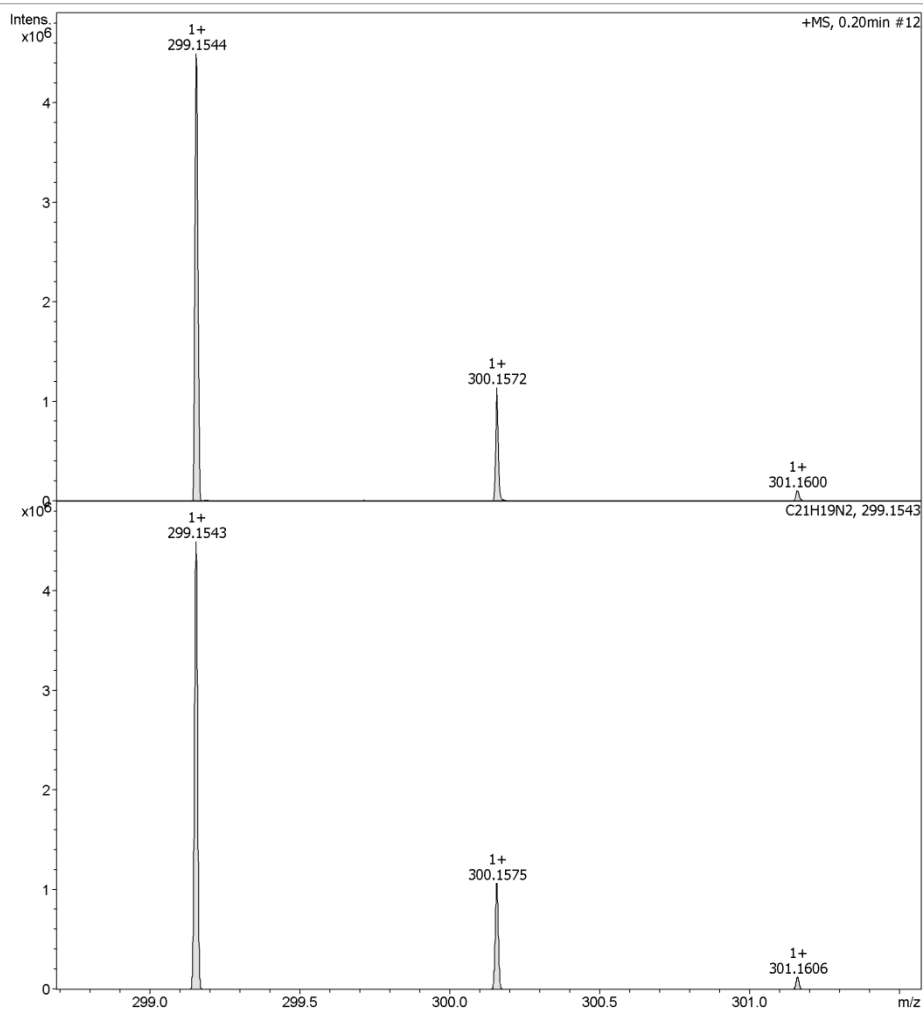
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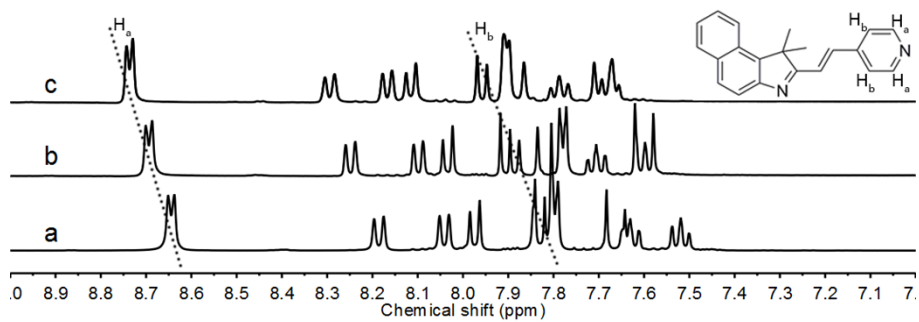
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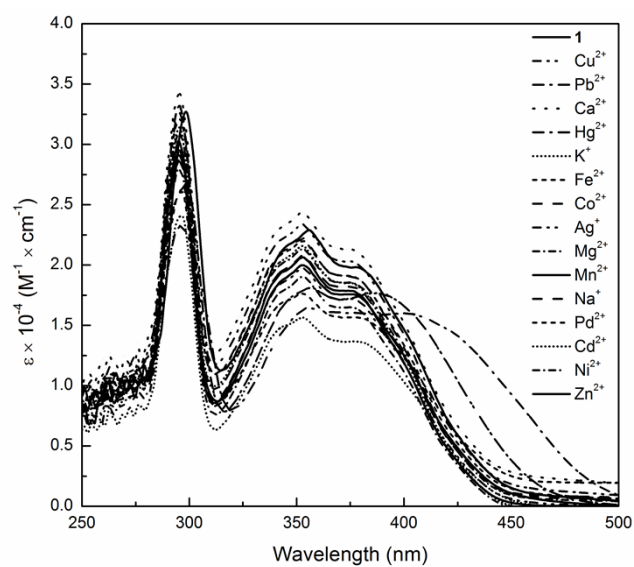
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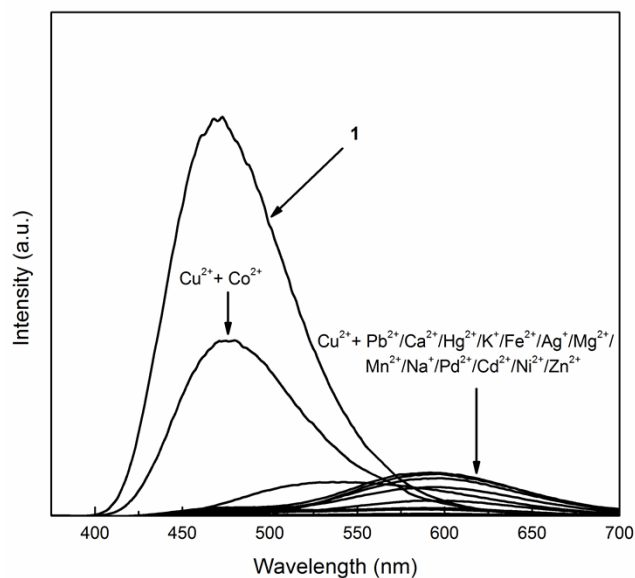


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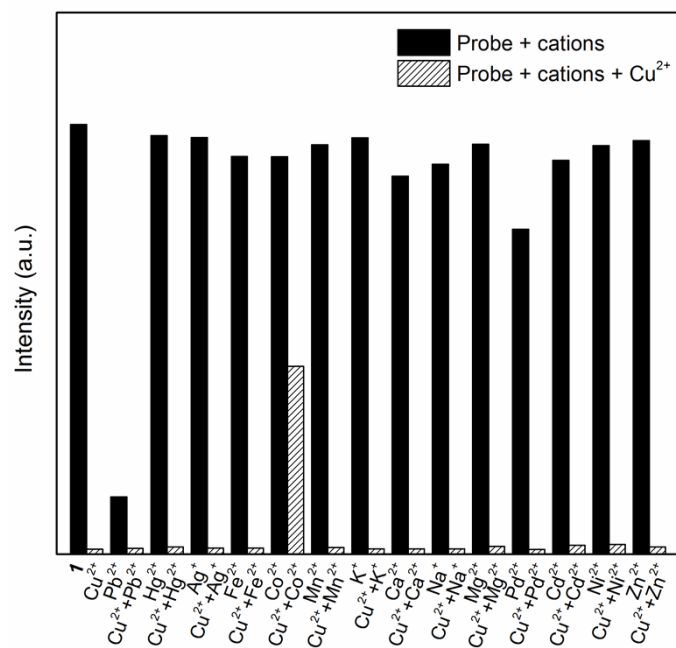


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