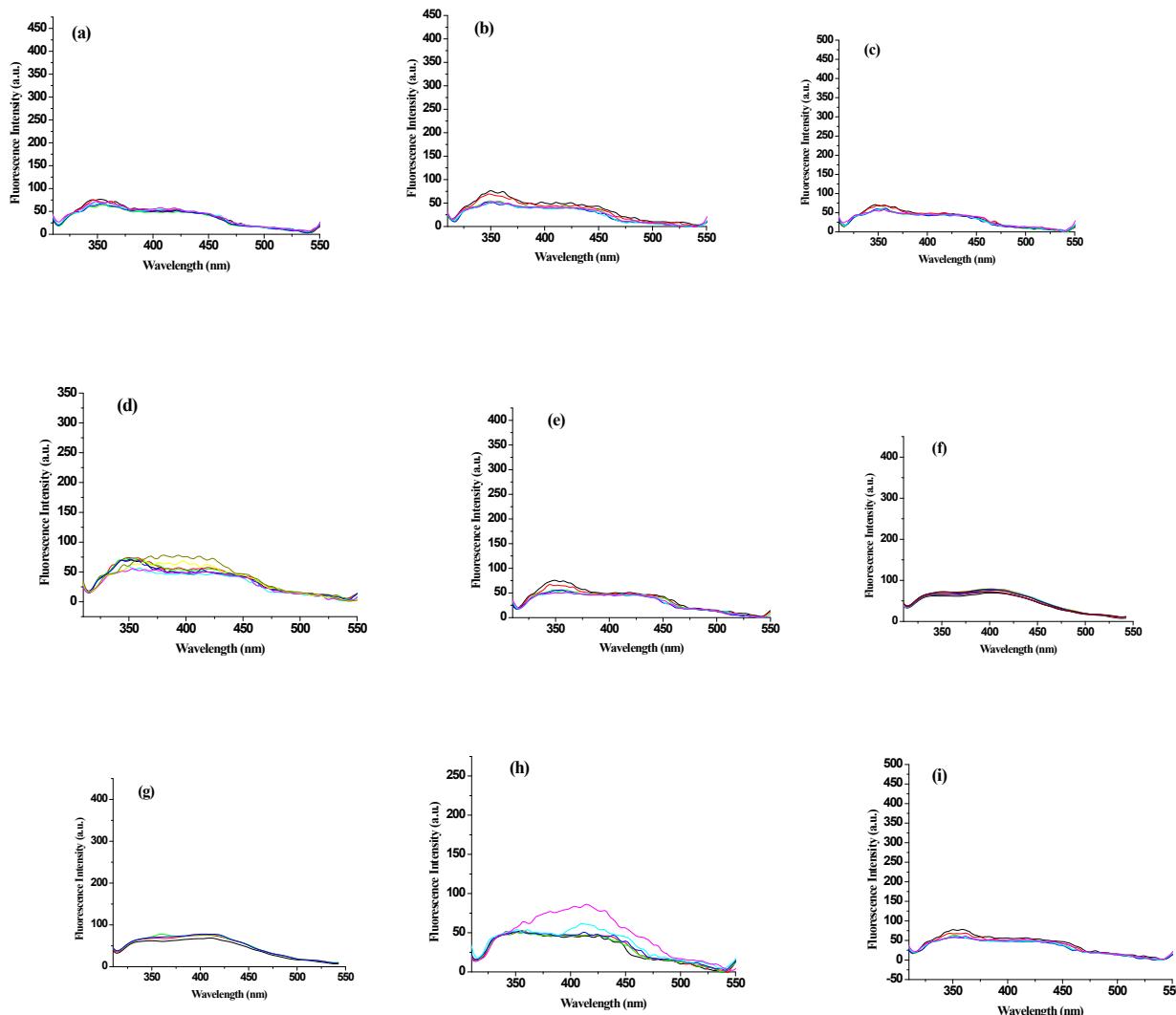


## Benzimidazolium-based new flexible cleft built on piperazine unit: A case of selective fluorometric sensing of ATP

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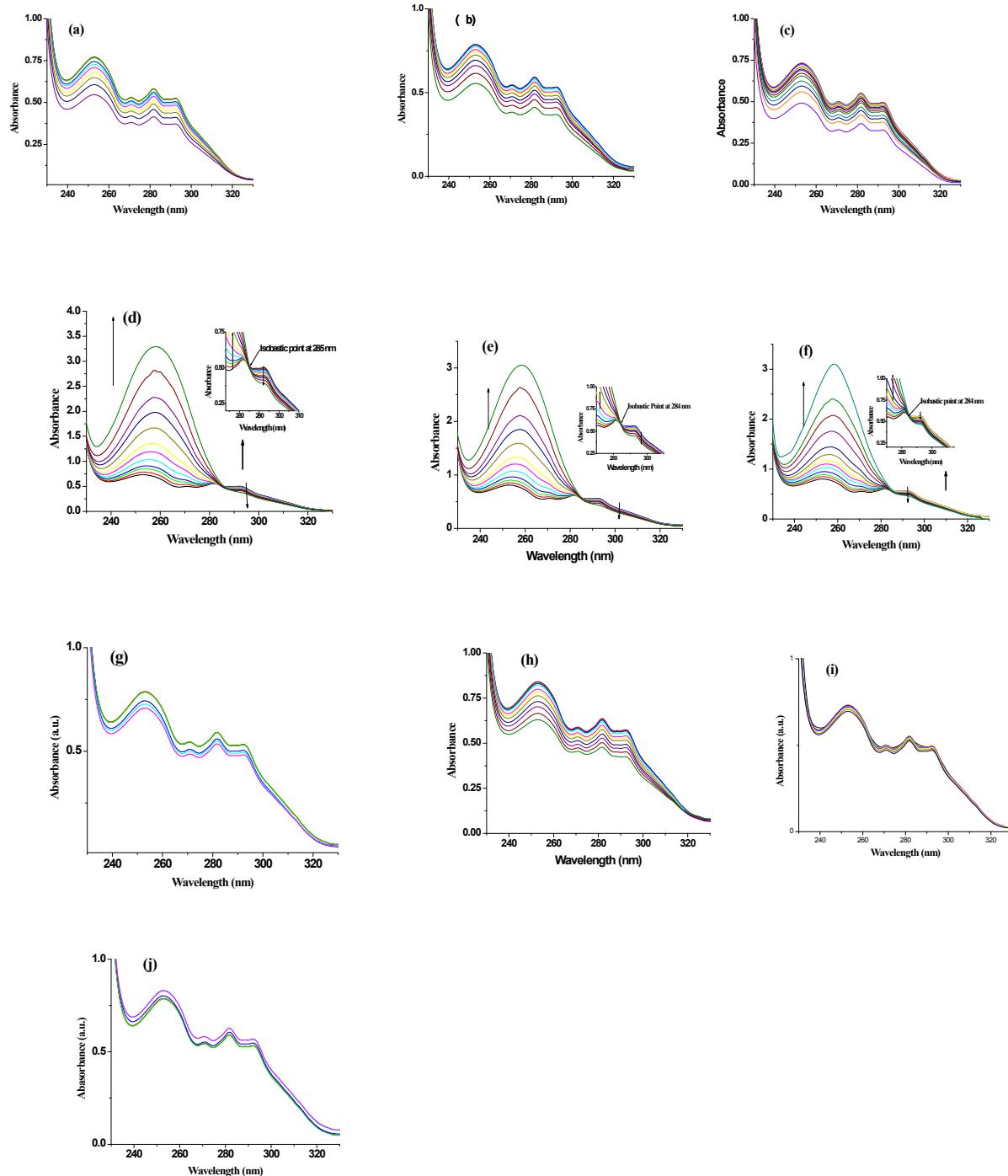
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### 1. Change in emission of receptor 1 with various anions of sodium salt in $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1/v/v, using 10 mM HEPES, pH 6.4).



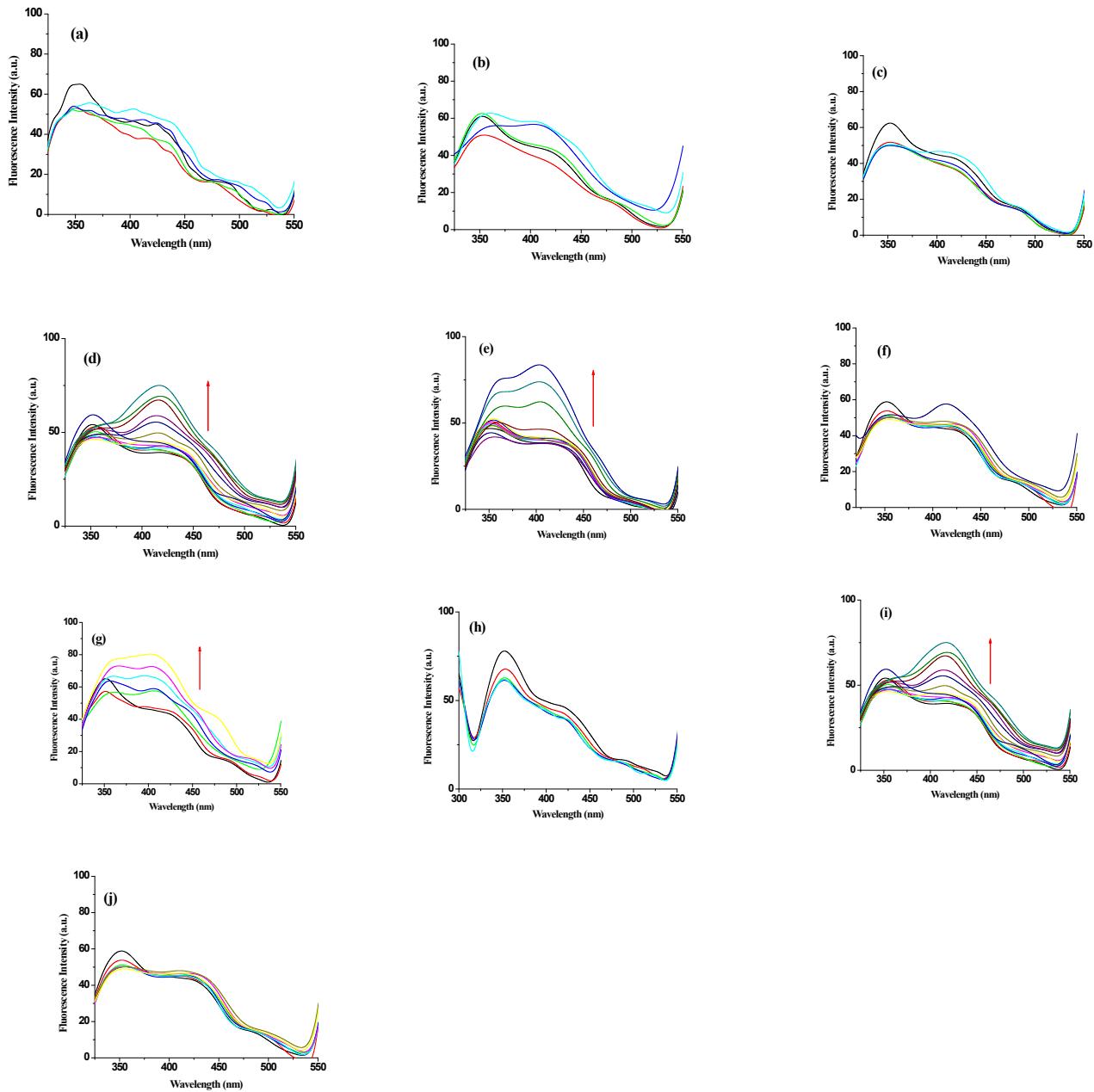
**Figure 1S.** Change in emission of **1** ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1:1/v/v, using 10 mM HEPES, pH 6.4) upon addition of (a)  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$ , (b)  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ , (c)  $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4$ , (d) ADP, (e) AMP, (f)  $\text{Na}_3\text{HP}_2\text{O}_7$ , (g)  $\text{Na}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ , (h) G1P, (i) G6P; [concentration of anions of sodium salts were  $1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ].

**2. Change in absorbance of receptor 1 with various anions of sodium salt in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN-H}_2\text{O}$  (1:1/v/v, using 10 mM HEPES, pH 6.4).**



**Figure 2S.** Change in absorbance of **1** ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN-H}_2\text{O}$  (1:1/v/v, using 10 mM HEPES, pH 6.4) upon addition of (a)  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$ , (b)  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ , (c)  $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4$ , (d) ADP, (e) AMP, (f) ATP, (g)  $\text{Na}_3\text{HP}_2\text{O}_7$ , (h)  $\text{Na}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ , (i) G1P, (j) G6P; [concentration of anions of sodium salts were  $1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ].

**3. Change in emission of receptor 1 with various anions of tetrabutylammonium salts in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1:1/v/v, using 10 mM HEPES, pH 6.4).**



**Figure 3S.** Change in emission of **1** ( $c = 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1:1/v/v, using 10 mM HEPES, pH 6.4) upon addition of (a)  $\text{OAc}^-$ , (b)  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ , (c)  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , (d)  $\text{HP}_2\text{O}_7^{3-}$ , (e)  $\text{F}^-$ , (f)  $\text{Cl}^-$ , (g)  $\text{Br}^-$ , (h)  $\text{I}^-$ , (i)  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  and (j)  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ ; [anions were taken as their tetrabutylammonium salts and their concentrations were  $1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ].

#### 4. NOESY spectrum of the complex of 1.ATP

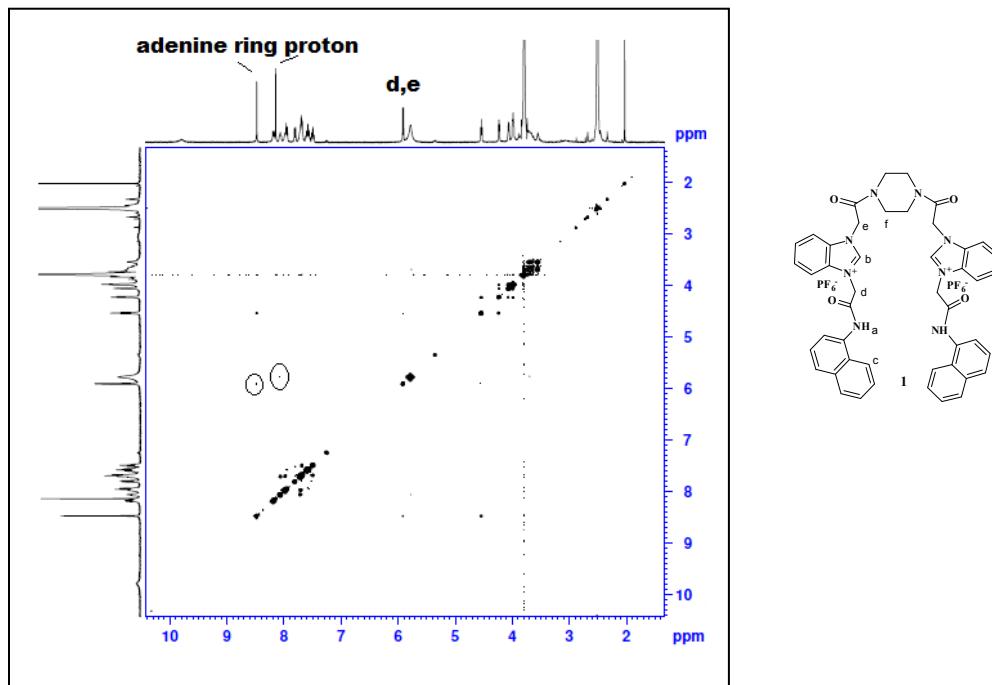


Figure 4S. NOESY spectrum of **1** in the presence of equivalent amount of ATP.

#### 5. MTT assay for receptor **1**.

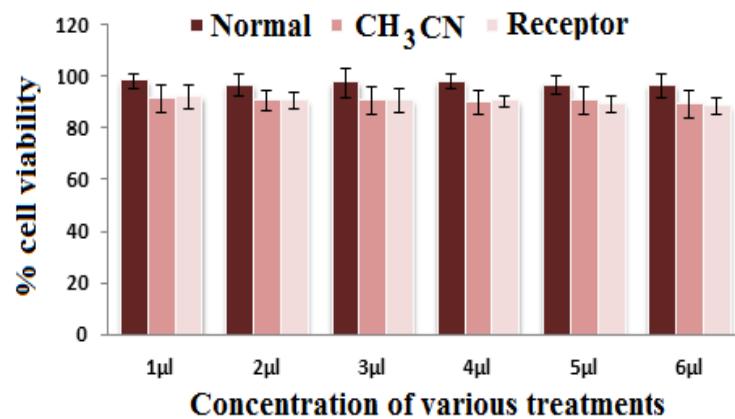
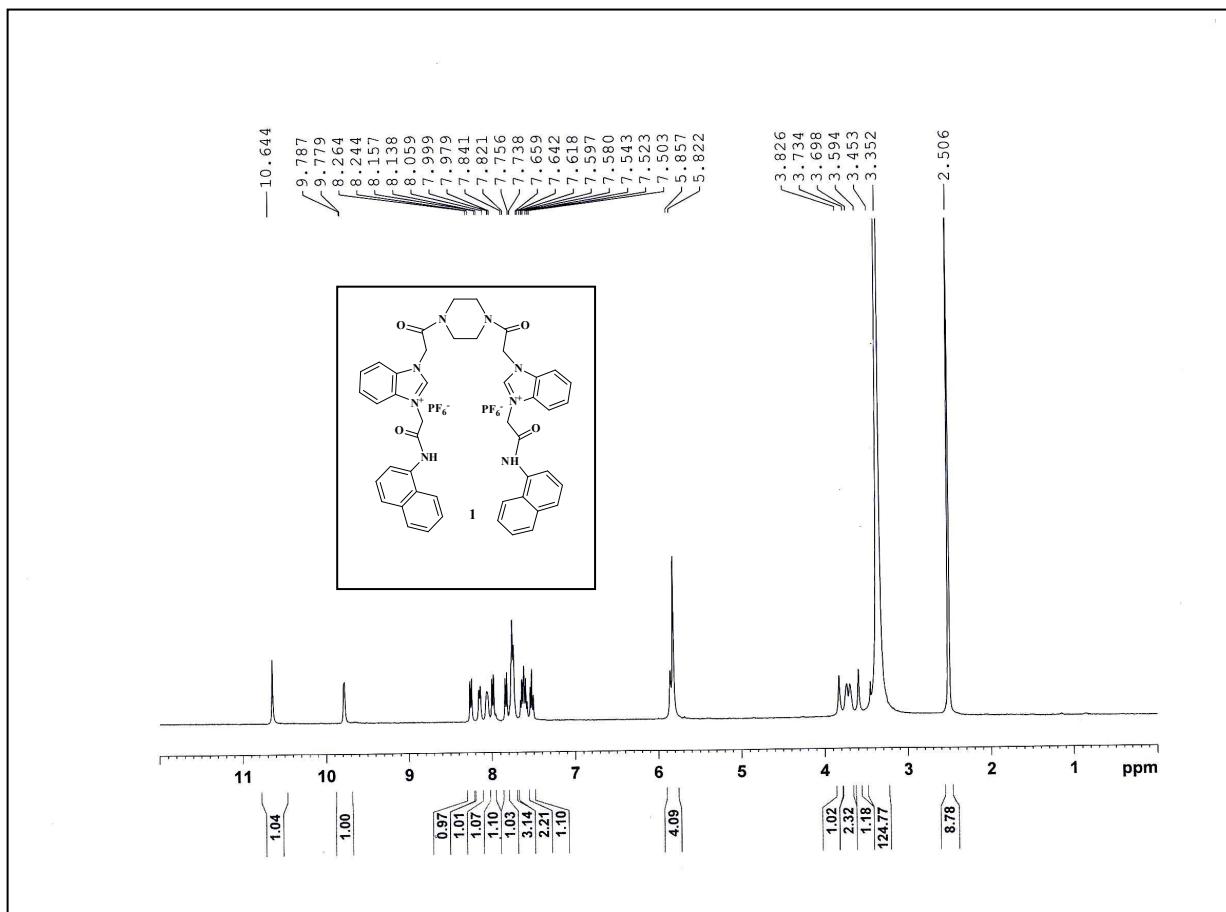


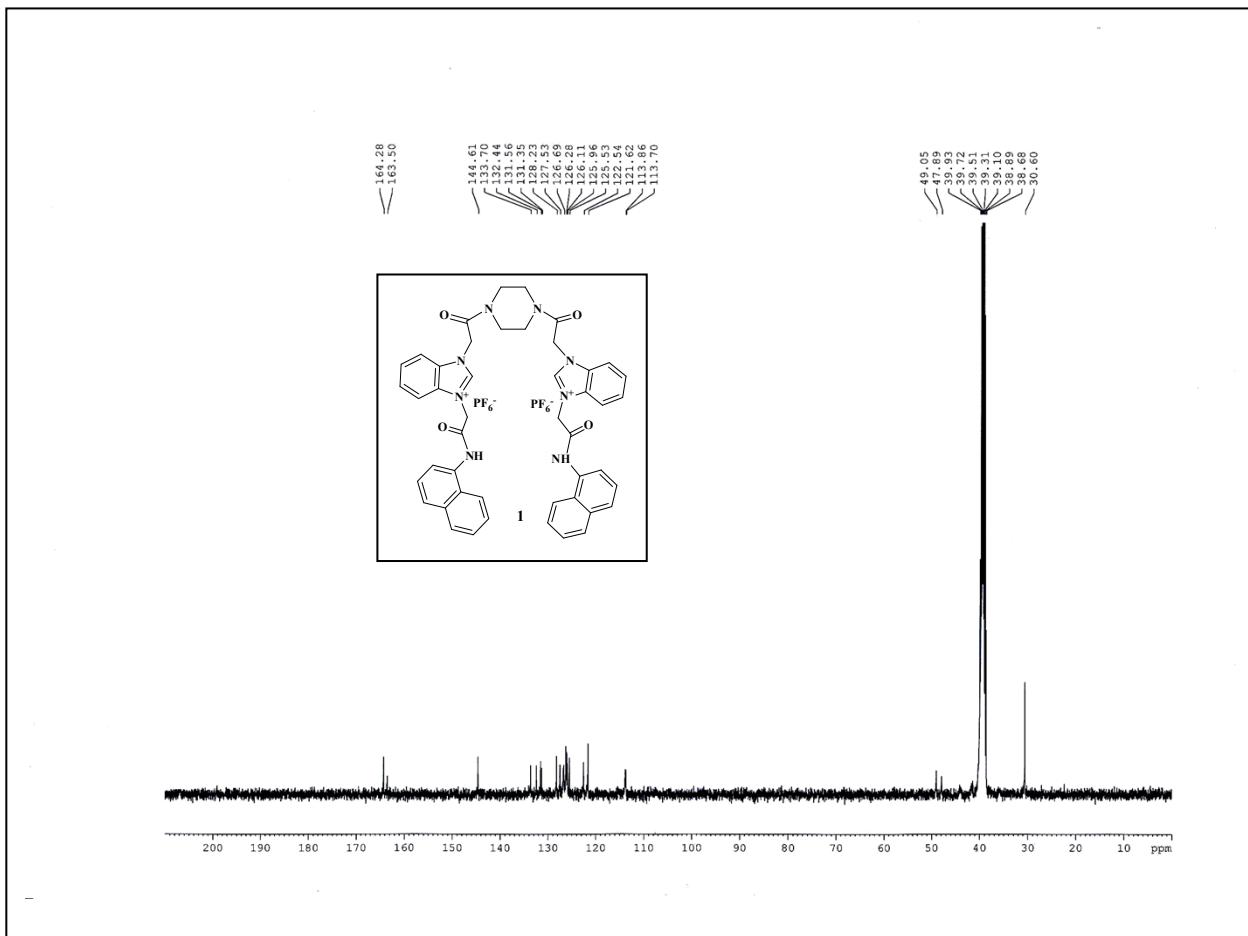
Figure 5S. MTT assay of receptor **1**

## Spectral data

<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1 (400 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO):



**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 1 (100 MHz,  $\text{d}_6\text{-DMSO}$ ):**



**Mass (HRMS) of 1:**

