A Novel Fluorescence “Turn-Off” Sensor Base On A Triazole-Linked BINOL-Glucose Derivative For The Sensitive Detection of Copper Ion

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Abstract

A novel sensitive chiral fluorescent “turn-off” sensor based on 3,3'-positions modified triazole-linked BINOL-Glucose derivative has been synthesized via “click” reaction. The fluorescence emission intensity of \((S,\beta-D)-1\) was almost completely quenched along with obvious color change from yellow to green upon the coordination with a Cu(II) ion while other metal ions had no obvious change. The detection limit of the sensor \((S,\beta-D)-1\) toward copper ion was calculated to be 0.31 μmol L⁻¹. The stoichiometry ratio of \((S,\beta-D)-1\)Cu²⁺ complex was proved to be 1:1 by the analysis of NMR spectroscopic, ESI-MS data and the job’s plot. HNMR spectroscopic and IR were also used to study the mechanism, demonstrated copper ion was coordinated with \((S,\beta-D)-1\) by 1+1 complex formation.

Highlights

- A new 3,3'-positions modified triazole-linked BINOL-Glucose derivative sensor was synthesized for the first time.
- Probe \((S,\beta-D)-1\) can discriminate copper ion with an obvious naked-eye colorimetric behavior and an obvious fluorescence turn-off behavior.
- The Cu²⁺-induced fluorescence quenching may be attributed to the intramolecular proton transfer through six-member ring transition state from phenolic hydroxyl groups to the adjacent OCH₂ group in excited-state and a PET effect of the copper 1+1 complex.

Introduction

Followed by zinc and iron, as the third most abundant essential microelement in human body, Cu²⁺ also plays vital roles in the human body and plant tissues during the fundamental physiological processes of organisms. However, at higher concentration levels, copper produces toxicity and could result in a wide variety of potential health risks, such as Hashimoto’s disease, pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), Alzheimer’s, neurodegenerative disorders, stomach cramps, Wilson’s diseases, fibrocystic breast disease and prion diseases. Furthermore, the development of modern industry and agriculture has caused serious transition metals pollutions, such as Cu²⁺, have resulted in severe environmental pollution and destructed natural ecosystems, particularly the serious drinking water pollution. Hence, it is highly meaningful and still a challenging to protect human health and environment and find or design a new method to monitor and selective detect Cu²⁺.

A large amount of analytical methods, for example, electrochemical method, atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS), ICP-MS and colorimetric method had been applied to detect Cu²⁺, in consideration of the importance of copper ion. But these analytical methods have not been achieved applications for online monitoring of Cu²⁺ feasibly and effectively owing to their expensive instruments, well-controlled experimental conditions, tedious time-consuming sample preparation and delayed responses. Compared to other classical techniques, fluorescent probes have attracted enormous attention because
of theirs rapid response, real-time analysis, facile operation and high selectivity and sensitivity.\textsuperscript{21–24} The fluorescence method with innate high sensitivity has attracted increasing attention to investigate molecule-based fluorescent sensors, which could offer multiple signaling modes, for example enhancement, quenching, lifetime, anisotropy, and excimer/exciplex formation of substrate analysis. Fluorescent sensors applied or tagged to detect anions, metal cations, neutral molecules, protons and chiral organic compounds have received detailed investigated. At present, monitoring of copper ion was focused on the design and synthesis of fluorescent probes with high sensitivity and selectivity. Over the past few years, different fluorescent sensors based on rhodamine\textsuperscript{25,26}, naphthalimides\textsuperscript{27}, coumarin\textsuperscript{28,29}, Bodipy\textsuperscript{30,31} and quilioline\textsuperscript{32}, using the detection of Cu\textsuperscript{2+} have been reported. Most of the probes were interfered by other transition metals, especially Hg\textsuperscript{2+} in the discrimination of Cu\textsuperscript{2+} with the emission quenching intensity\textsuperscript{33}. However, it still remains rather challenging to design effective specific fluorescent sensors for copper ion with high sensitivity and selectivity.

As a fluorescent chemical sensor, rapid identification of metal ions and chiral isomers with high selectivity and sensitivity are the remarkable advantage of chiral BINOL derivatives. As the versatile backbone of BINOL, it can be easily modified from space effects and electronic effects, it and its derivatives\textsuperscript{34–38} have caused considerable focus on the field of fluorescent chemical sensors\textsuperscript{39–49} and asymmetric catalysis. Chiral BINOL derivatives have the distinct characteristics:\textsuperscript{50–54} easily modified by functional groups especially tuned to the 2-, 3-, 4-, 5- and 6-positions of the chiral optical pure BINOL and commercially available with both enantioselective enantiomers, (R)- and (S)BINOL. Moreover, glucose has attracted more attention because of its good biocompatibility, variety structural modification, natural existence and without toxic during the recent years. Furthermore, the best water solubility of glucose was the most ideal advantage as composing fluorescent chemical sensors. In the past few years, 1,2,3-triazole modified sugar derivatives have attracted continuous focus on the chemistry research\textsuperscript{55–57} and sugar-based fluorescent chemical sensor\textsuperscript{58–65}. We have investigated the application of a BINOL-Glucose derivative\textsuperscript{66} fluorescent sensor to discriminate Ag\textsuperscript{+} companied with high enantioselectivity and sensitivity without interference of Hg\textsuperscript{2+}. Based on the 3,3'‐positions structural modification versatile backbone of (S)-BINOL and considered (S)-BINOL and two 1,2,3-triazole units as fluorophore and recognition group, respectively. Detailed investigation on the application of the Glucose modified triazole-based sensor in the molecular recognition of metal ions was processed in this study. At the same time, 3,3'-position modified triazole-linked 1,1'-bi-2-naphthol (BINOL) derivative displayed highly fluorescent quenching by the combination with Cu\textsuperscript{2+} in the presence of large amounts of competing ions as we expected.

**Result And Discussion**

**2.1 Synthesis**

The 3,3'-position modified BINOL-Glucose derivative (S, β-D)-1 were synthesized from the readily available (S)-2,2'-bis(methoxymethoxy)-3,3'-diformyl-1,1'-binaphthol (S-2) as shown in Scheme 1. According to the former literature, protection of 2,2'-binaphthol (BINOL) with methoxymethyl (MOM) groups obtained
(S)-2,2′-bis(methoxymethoxy)-1,1′-binaphthol in 91% yield. S-2 was treated with n-BuLi and followed by the addition of N,N-Dimethylformamide to produce S-3 in 47% yield as a yellow solid. The dipropargyl S-4 derivative was synthesized by 3-bromo-1-propyne and S-3. The protecting groups of S-4 were taken off with hydrochloric acid to generate 3,3′-bis(0-Propargyloxymethyl)-BINOL S-5 as a brown oil in 85% yield with hydrochloric acid. The click reaction of 2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-acetyl-beta-D-glucopyranosyl azide and 3,3′-bis(0-Propargyloxymethyl)-BINOL were processed in THF, catalyzed by copper (II) sulfate and sodium ascorbate to afford the target sensor with moderate yield. The structures of the desired product were demonstrated by IR, \(^1\)H NMR, \(^{13}\)C NMR, and ESI-MS. \(^1\)H NMR spectrum of (S, \(\beta\)-D)-1 in CD\(_3\)CN exhibited a deshield proton signal at \(\delta 7.06\) for the hydroxyl groups, according to a weak hydrogen-bonding interaction with the adjacent OCH\(_2\) group. The hydroxyl proton peaks of BINOL derivatives were usually appeared at \(\delta < 6\). The weak hydrogen-bonding interaction could also be demonstrated by a strong single absorption band at 1227 cm\(^{-1}\) in IR spectrum while the hydroxyl proton peaks of BINOL derivatives exhibited a weak peak at the same absorption band.

\section*{2.2 Fluorescence response to \(\text{Cu}^{2+}\)}

The fluorescence response of (S, \(\beta\)-D)-1(20 µM) in acetonitrile solution upon irradiation with UV/vis lights were also investigated by a fluorescence spectroscopy. As shown in Fig. 1, (S, \(\beta\)-D)-1 displayed moderate fluorescence at 376 nm with the excitation light at 287 nm and 333 nm. The absolute fluorescence quantum yield of (S, \(\beta\)-D)-1 was valued to be 0.032. The fluorescence responses to various metal ions including Zn\(^{2+}\), Co\(^{2+}\), K\(^+\), Ag\(^+\), Ba\(^{2+}\), Mg\(^{2+}\), Ca\(^{2+}\), Cr\(^{3+}\), Ni\(^{2+}\), Cd\(^{2+}\), Cu\(^{2+}\), Al\(^{3+}\), Hg\(^{2+}\), Mn\(^{2+}\), Sr\(^{2+}\) and Pb\(^{2+}\) in acetonitrile solution were recorded by the same fluorescence spectroscopy. The fluorescence measurement of (S, \(\beta\)-D)-1 was performed in CH\(_3\)CN ([S, \(\beta\)-D]-1 = 20 µM). As shown in Fig. 1, it was clearly observed that none of other metal ions but Cu\(^{2+}\) exhibited obvious quenching fluorescence emission intensity under excited at 287 nm with the color changed from pale yellow to green. Upon the addition of copper, the characteristic color change of the detected solution implied the detection of copper ions over naked eye was feasible. The fluorescence emission intensity of (S, \(\beta\)-D)-1 at \(\lambda = 376\) nm (\(\lambda_{ex} = 287\) nm) was almost entirely quenched by the coordination with cooper ion to form 1 + 1 complex. The fluorescence intensity remained no variation when other different metal ions were added. All of these results were meant that (S, \(\beta\)-D)-1 could be potentially act as a Cu\(^{2+}\) fluorescence sensor in acetonitrile with high selectivity and sensitivity. The quenching fluorescence intensity upon the addition of Cu\(^{2+}\) ion to (S, \(\beta\)-D)-1 may be attributed to the intramolecular proton transfer through six-member ring transition state from phenolic hydroxyl groups to the adjacent OCH\(_2\) group in excited-state and owing to metal ion chelation which probably due to the photo-induced electron transfer (PET effect). It was indicated that two nitrogen atom of 1,2,3-triazole units on (S, \(\beta\)-D)-1 and the oxygen atom of BINOL offered the binding site to metal ion.

To further confirm the high selectivity of fluorescent sensor (S, \(\beta\)-D)-1 for discrimination Cu\(^{2+}\), the competition experiments were carried out as shown in Fig. 2. The fluorescent emission intensities were measured at 376 nm by the treatment of the mixture of 5.0 equiv other different metal ions mixed with
same equiv. Cu\(^{2+}\) to the sensor (20 µM in CH\(_3\)CN), respectively. It was observed that the fluorescence intensity of \((S, \beta-D)-1\)-Cu\(^{2+}\) have scarce interference with other competitive metal ions. Those meant the chiral sensor \((S, \beta-D)-1\) could be applied as a specific Cu\(^{2+}\) sensor with the tested background competitive ions.

2.3 The complexation mechanism of \((S, \beta-D)-1\) and Cu\(^{2+}\)

The dose-dependent fluorescence response of \((S, \beta-D)-1\) to Cu\(^{2+}\) and the fluorescence change induced by Cu\(^{2+}\)/EDTA were also measured at room temperature, as depicted in Fig. 3. According to the titration, the emission intensity at 376 nm decline gradually during the concentration of copper ion enlarged from 0 to 4.0 equiv, and it reach a low point upon the concentration of 4 equiv. It stated a good linear relationship between the maximal fluorescence intensity and the concentration of Cu\(^{2+}\). To demonstrate the coordination process between \((S, \beta-D)-1\) and Cu\(^{2+}\) was reversible or not, the chelating agent EDTA was added. The original fluorescence intensity did not lead back with the subsequent addition of an excess of EDTA, revealing that it was irreversible by the coordination of \((S, \beta-D)-1\) with Cu\(^{2+}\).

In order to confirm the binding affinity among \((S, \beta-D)-1\) and Cu\(^{2+}\), a graph of Job’s plot was formed in acetonitrile by the reported method. The total concentration of the sensor and Cu\(^{2+}\) is 2.0 x 10\(^{-5}\) M. The results depicted in Fig. 4A demonstrated the maximum value was found with the molar fraction of [Cu\(^{2+}\)]/(([(S, \beta-D)-1]+[Cu\(^{2+}\)]) was about 0.5, proposing that CH\(_2\)BINOL-Glucose compound was bounded to Cu\(^{2+}\) by the formation of 1 + 1 complex. The job’s plot (Fig. 4B) was also the direct evidence to prove that 1:1 was the stoichiometry ratio of the new formed complex. In addition, the association constant (Ka) between 1 with Cu\(^{2+}\) was calculated to be 2.70 x 10\(^4\) L mol\(^{-1}\) by the Hildebrand-Benesi equation based on the plot of F\(_0\)/(F\(_0\)-F) versus 1/[Cu\(^{2+}\)] (R = 0.998). The detection limit (LOD) of the novel 3,3’-positions modified triazole-linked BINOL-Glucose sensor towards Cu\(^{2+}\) was calculated to be 3.14 x 10\(^{-7}\) mol L\(^{-1}\) based on “LOD = 3σ / s” by the concentration-dependent fluorescence titration experiment (Fig. 4C).

Another evidence to determine the complex formed by 1:1 stoichiometry ratio according to ESI-MS spectra data (Fig. 5). A significant molecular ion peak of free \((S, \beta-D)-1\) was obtained at m/z = 1191.1 which was offered by [(\((S, \beta-D)-1 + Na^+\)]\(^+\). A new peak at m/z = 1231.6 (calcld 1231.3) was observed corresponding to the formation of [((S, \beta-D)-1- Cu\(^{2+}\)]\(^+\) when excess amounts of Cu\(^{2+}\) was added. The result supported our assumption that the formed \((S, \beta-D)-1^-Cu^{2+}\) complex had a powerful binding affinity between the sensor and copper (II) ion. The binding mechanism between \(S\)-1 and Cu\(^{2+}\) was shown in Scheme 2.

To further investigate the complex mechanism between the sensor and Cu\(^{2+}\), \(^1\)HNMR titration experiments were performed in CD\(_3\)CN as illustrated in Fig. 6. to find out the further detailed binding information between Cu\(^{2+}\) with \((S, \beta-D)-1\). Upon different equivalents of Cu\(^{2+}\) (from 0 to 1 equiv.) was added, an obvious downshift of chemical shifts was observed until the amount of Cu\(^{2+}\) was over 1 equiv.
The proton H_4 at 7.06 ppm assigned to phenolic hydroxyl disappeared totally when Cu^{2+} was added to the solution of the sensor, indicating that the oxygen atom in phenolic hydroxyl was connected with the coordination between Cu^{2+} and (S, β-D)-1. But proton H_9 of the 1,2,3-triazole rings exhibited a remarkable downshift Δδ = 0.11 ppm from 8.07 ppm to 8.18 ppm, indicating copper ion were bound to the nitrogen atoms of the 1,2,3-triazole group. The nuclear magnetic peaks H_c, -OCH_2- linking 1,2,3-triazole groups were represented weak upfield shifts from 4.80 ppm to 4.76 ppm. The results demonstrated that Cu^{2+} was selectively coordinated with -OCH_2- and 1,2,3-triazole rings. Tetrahedron complex may be formed by copper ions as the center. The consequences provided by mass, fluorescence titration and NMR spectroscopic analyses were all illustrated the 1 + 1 binding model was formed between the BINOL-triazole-glucose compound and copper ion.

The IR spectrum was also used to identify the binding site as illustrated in Fig. 7. Phenolic hydroxyl exhibited a strong single absorption band at 1227 cm\(^{-1}\), according to the weak hydrogen-bonding interaction with the adjacent OCH_2 group. The absorption bands of phenolic hydroxyl in the 1:1 complex of Cu^{2+} was weaken sharply, indicating that oxygen of phenolic hydroxyl was coordinated with Cu^{2+}. Another proof was the absorption band of 1,2,3-triazole at 1627 cm\(^{-1}\) and 1369 cm\(^{-1}\) changed to very strong in the 1:1 complex, suggesting nitrogen of 1,2,3-triazole was also coordinated with Cu^{2+}.

**Conclusions**

A novel Cu^{2+}-selective fluorescence sensor was designed and synthesized by click reaction of glucose azide and BINOL chromophore with high sensitivity and selectivity with scarce interference of other competitive metal ions. Cu^{2+} exhibited obvious quenching fluorescence emission intensity under excited at 287 nm with the color changed from pale yellow to green. The new BINOL-Glucose derivative show a 1:1 stoichiometry with high binding constants and a low detection limit. The Cu^{2+}-induced fluorescence quenching may be attributed to the intramolecular proton transfer through six-member ring transition state from phenolic hydroxyl groups to the adjacent OCH_2 group in excited-state and a PET effect of the copper 1 + 1 complex.

**Experiments**

### 4.1 General Reagents and apparatus

All the analytical grade solvents were distilled before used. Materials were supplied by reagent suppliers or provided by our laboratory’s synthesis through the known routes and no further purification before used. If no otherwise specified, the reagents applied in the chiral synthesis were optical purity. The corresponding metallic nitrates were used to prepare the various metal ions (0.1 M) by their solution in distilled-deionized water, while K^+, Hg^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, and Ba^{2+} were used by chloride solution). Cu(NO_3)_2·(H_2O)_{2.5} was used as the Cu^{2+} source unless otherwise noted. ETDA solution (1.0 mmol) was
prepared by the solution of ethylene diaminetetraacetic acid disodium salt (Na2EDTA) (1.0 mmol) in deionized water (10 ml). 1H NMR and 13C NMR were determined by a Bruker AM-400WB spectrometer with internal tetramethylsilane (TMS) and CDCl3 or CD3CN as solvents. Infrared spectra (IR) were measured on a L1600301 Spectrum TWO FT-IR spectrometer. Absorption spectra were recorded on an Agilent 8453 UV-Vis spectrometer. Fluorescence emission spectra were recorded by a Hitachi F-4500 and a Hitachi F-4600 fluorescence spectrometer unless noted otherwise. An Absolute PL Quantum Yield Spectrometer C11347 was applied to measure the fluorescence quantum yield. ESI-MS spectral data were recorded with a Bruker amazon SL Ion Trap Mass spectrometer. AWRS-1B melting point apparatus was used to measure melting points. A Rudolph AUTOPOL IV automatic polarimeter was used to measure the optical rotation.

4.2 Methods

A 20 µM stock solution of sensor in acetonitrile and stock solution of metal ions (0.1 mM in deionized water) were freshly prepared to test each process. For every fluorescent quenching measurement, appropriate amounts of Cu2+ stock solution was mixed with the sensor solution in a 2 mL quartz cuvette at room temperature. The competition experiments were mixed appropriate metal ions solution with Cu2+ in the same concentration (20 µM). Job’s plot and the association constant was gained by the record on the fluorescence emission towards different concentration of copper ion. Cu(NO3)2·(H2O)2.5 (0.1 M in D2O) was added dropwise to the NMR tube containing sensor (CD3CN, 0.4 mL, 25 mM) to get 1:0, 1:0.3, 1:0.7, and 1:1 stoichiometry of the sensor: Cu2+.

4.3 Synthesis

Synthesis of (S)-2,2′-bis(methoxymethoxy)-3,3′-bis(hydroxymethyl)-1,1′-binaphthol (S-3) (S)-2,2′-bis(methoxymethoxy)-3,3′-diformyl-1,1′-binaphthol (S-2)(5.2 g, 12.1 mmol) was dissolved in CH3OH:THF = 2:3 solution (20 ml) under ice-cooling. NaBH4 (1.82 g, 47.9 mmol) was added in little portions and stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After quenched by saturated salt water, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was then washed with brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After removal the solvent, 5.1 g pale yellow oil was obtained (97% yield). 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (2d, J = 51.5, 12.7 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (dd, J = 14.3, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (s, 3H). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 153.1, 134.7, 133.9, 131.1, 129.7, 128.3, 126.9, 125.93, 125.5, 125.3 99.4, 61.9, 57.2 (ppm).

Synthesis of (S)-2,2′-bis(methoxymethoxy)-3,3′-bis(0-Propargyloxymethyl)-1,1′-binaphthol (S-4)

A stirred solution of S-3 (2.5 g,5.75 mmol) dissolved in anhydrous THF (40 mL) at 0°C under nitrogen, and NaH (0.6 g, 25.0 mmol) was added in little portions. 3-Bromo-1-propyne (2.5 mL, 29 mmol) were added dropwise. The reaction was stirred overnight, and warmed to room temperature. Quenched with water slowly. Extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with brine and dried over Na2SO4. The crude product was purified by a silica column using 1:1 hexane: EtOAc to afford compound as a yellow oil (2.64 g, 90% yield). 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J =
7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.68 (s, 1H). \(^{13}C\) NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 152.1, 133.8, 131.1, 130.7, 129.1, 128.0, 126.5, 126.1, 125.3, 99.4, 79.7, 74.8, 67.7, 57.9, 56.6 (ppm).

**Synthesis of (S)-3,3'-bis(O-Propargyloxymethyl)-1,1'-binaphthol.** (S-5)

A mixture of S-4 (1.0 g, 2.0 mmol), methanol (40 mL) and THF (60 ml) and con. HCl (15 mL) were stirred at at room temperature for 3 h. After quenched the reaction by H\(_2\)O slowly, the resulting residue was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with brine and dried over Na\(_2\)SO\(_4\). After filtered, evaporation of the solvent to obtain the desired product (0.7g, 85%) as a brown oil. \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, \(J = 8.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, \(J = 7.3\) Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, \(J = 6.5\) Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, \(J = 8.4\) Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 1H). \(^{13}C\) NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 150.0, 132.4, 128.4, 127.9, 127.2, 126.1, 124.4, 123.4, 123.0, 112.1, 78.2, 74.2, 67.6, 56.8 (ppm).

**Synthesis of (S, \(\beta\)-D)-1. 2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-acetyl-beta-D-glucopyranosyl azide (1.09 g, 2.92 mmol) and S-5 (0.41 g, 0.97 mmol) were added to a stirred 42 mL THF at 273K under a argon atmosphere. Sodium ascorbate (0.43 g, 2.14 mmol), CuSO\(_4\).5H\(_2\)O (0.25 g, 0.98 mmol) and H\(_2\)O (8 mL) were added in turn slowly. The mixture was stirred room temperature for 12 h under argon. After the reaction finished, the mixture was poured into 100 mL ice-water, extracted with EtOAc, washed with brine and dried over anhydrous MgSO\(_4\). The combined filter concentrated, the crude product was purified directly by column chromatography on silica by using petroleum ether: EtOAc = 1: 1 as the eluent to provide a pale solid (S, \(\beta\)-D)-1 (0.63 g, 46%). \([\alpha]_D^{25} = -29.0\) (c = 1 CH\(_3\)CN). Mp 129–131°C. IR (KBr) 3435, 3151, 2960, 2125, 1754, 1627, 1369, 1227, 1106, 1030, 803 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.90–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, \(J = 7.2\) Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, \(J = 7.4\) Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, \(J = 8.1\) Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, \(J = 7.6\) Hz, 1H), 5.50–5.34 (m, 2H), 5.23 (t, \(J = 7.9\) Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 4.83 (s, 2H), 4.26 (d, \(J = 12.4\) Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, \(J = 12.4\) Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, \(J = 7.3\) Hz, 1H), 2.03 (d, \(J = 17.4\) Hz, 10H), 1.79 (s, 2H). \(^{13}C\) NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 170.4, 169.8, 169.3, 168.9, 151.3, 145.5, 133.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.2, 126.9, 125.8, 124.5, 123.8, 121.2, 113.3, 85.7, 75.1, 72.6, 70.4, 69.2, 67.8, 63.5, 61.5, 20.7–20.3, 20.0 (ppm). MS (ESI\(^{-}\)): calcd for [C\(_{56}\)H\(_{60}\)N\(_6\)O\(_{22}\)H\(^-\)]\(^-\) 1168.3; found 1167.2.

**Declarations**

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**Figures**
Figure 1

Fluorescence spectra of (S, β-D)-1 (20 µM in CH3CN) in presence of various ions such as Zn2+, Co2+, K+, Ag+, Ba2+, Mg2+, Ca2+, Cr3+, Ni2+, Cd2+, Cu2+, Al3+, Hg2+, Mn2+, Sr2+ and Pb2+ ions (5 equiv.).
Figure 2

Fluorescence quenching degrees $I_F/I_0$ of 1 (20 μM) valued at 376 nm in the presence of both Cu2+ (5.0 equiv) and competing metal ions (5.0 equiv). Black bars represent the addition of 5 equiv. of various metal ions to the solution of (S, β-D)-1 (20 μM in CH3CN); Red bar represent the addition of the competing metal ion added with the existence of Cu2+. $I_0$ states the fluorescence intensity of only (S, β-D)-1 and IF states the fluorescence intensity with the addition of the mixture of competitive metal ions and Cu2+.

(A)

(B)
Figure 3

(A) Fluorescence responses of (S, β-D)-1 (2 × 10−5 mol/L in CH3CN, λex =287 nm) in the presence of increasing amount 0-4 equiv Cu2+ (0.01M). (B) the change of fluorescence intensity at 376 nm upon various equiv. Cu2+.

Figure 4

(A) The job plot of a 1:1 complex of (S, β-D)-1 with Cu2+. X is the molar fraction of Cu2+. (B) Hildebrand–Benesi plot of F0/(F−F0) versus 1/[Cu2+] based on the 1:1 binding stoichiometry. The binding constant Ka was calculated to be 2.7×104 L·mol−1 (C) LOD = 3.14×10-7 mol L-1
Figure 5

ESI–MS spectral changes in methanol.
Figure 6

1HNMR spectra of (a) (S, β-D)-1; (b) addition of 0.3 equiv of Cu2+; (c) addition of 0.7 equiv of Cu2+; (d) addition of 1 equiv of Cu2+.
Figure 7

IR spectra of (a) (S, β-D)-1 and the 1:1 complex

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