

## Supplementary documents

### **A new Schiff base and its metal complex as a fluorescent-colorimetric sensor for rapid detection of arginine**

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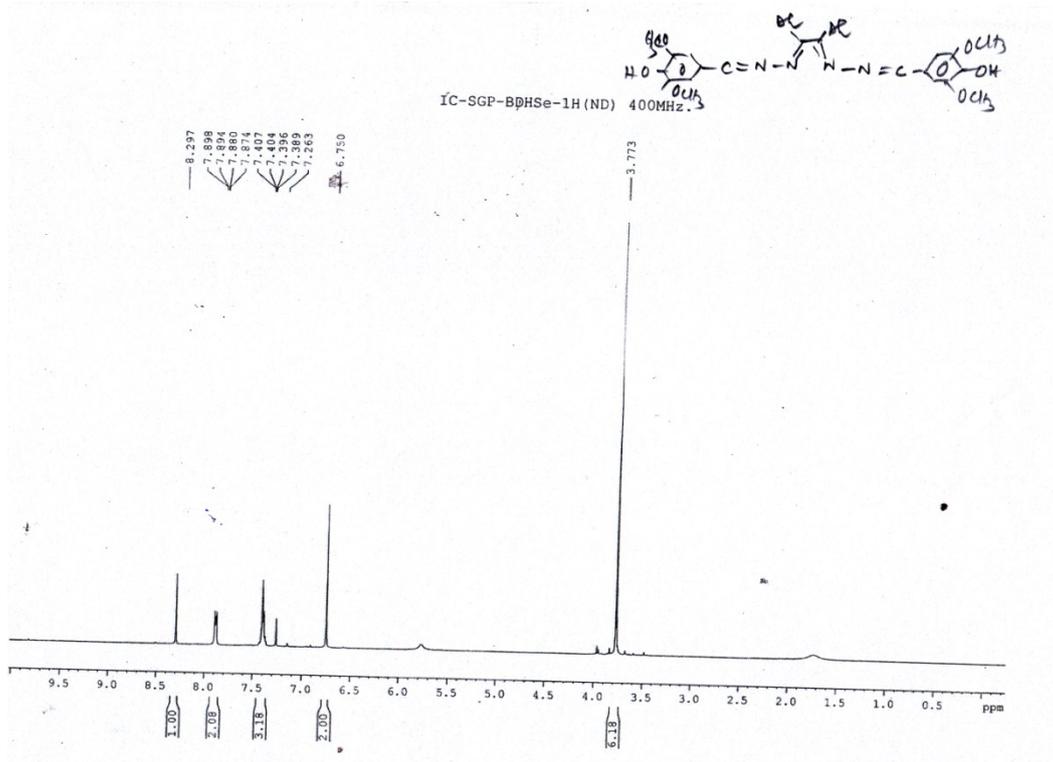


Fig. S1  $^1H$  NMR spectra of L in  $CDCl_3$ .

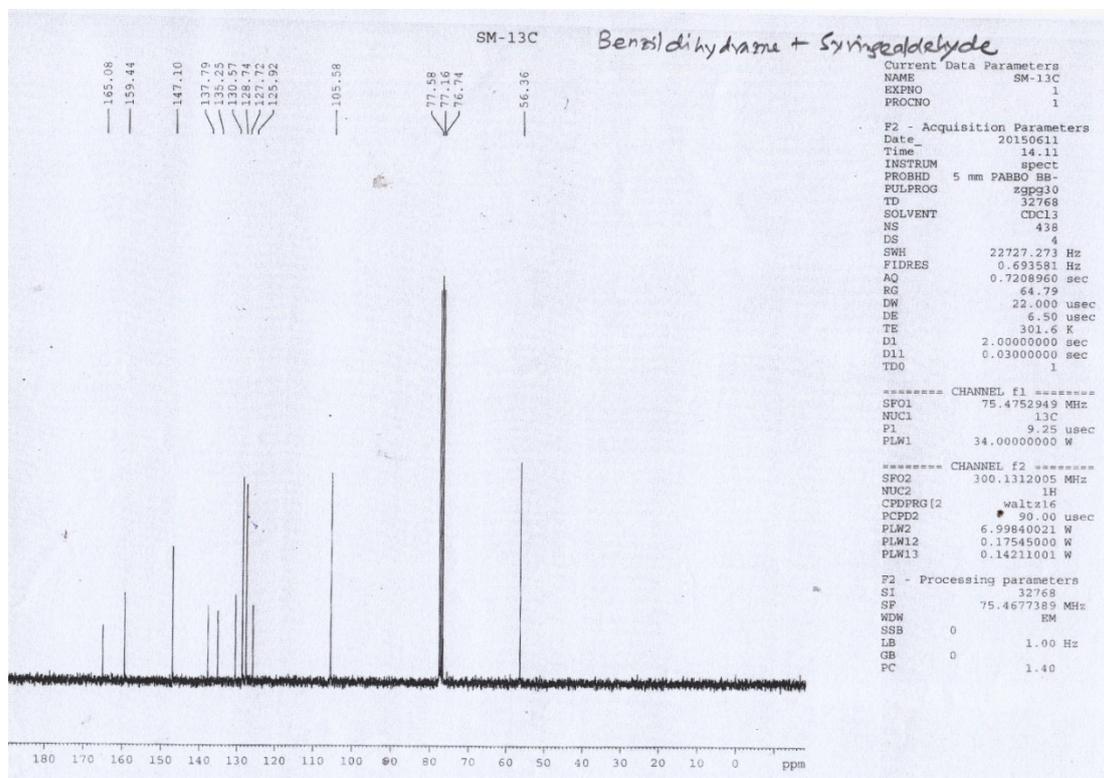


Fig. S2  $^{13}C$  NMR Spectra of L in  $CDCl_3$ .

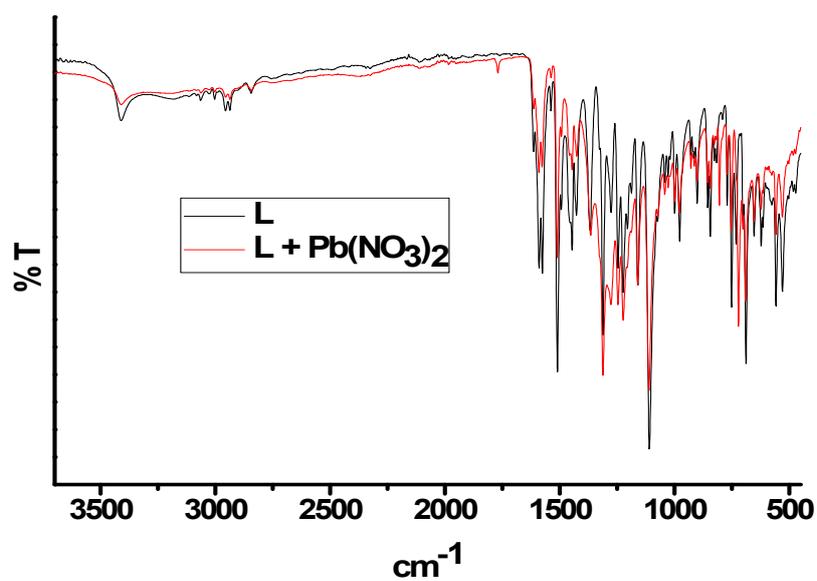


Fig. S3 Overlaid FTIR spectra of L and  $[\text{PbL}_2]^{2+}$

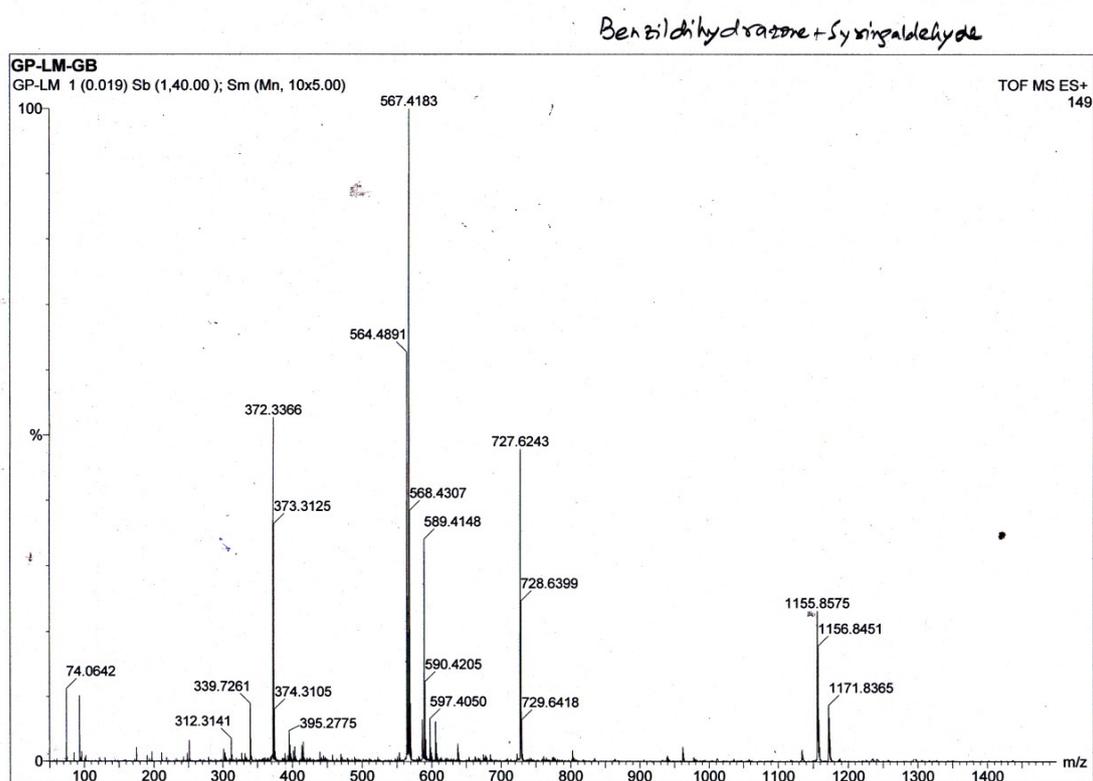


Fig. S4 Mass spectra of L.

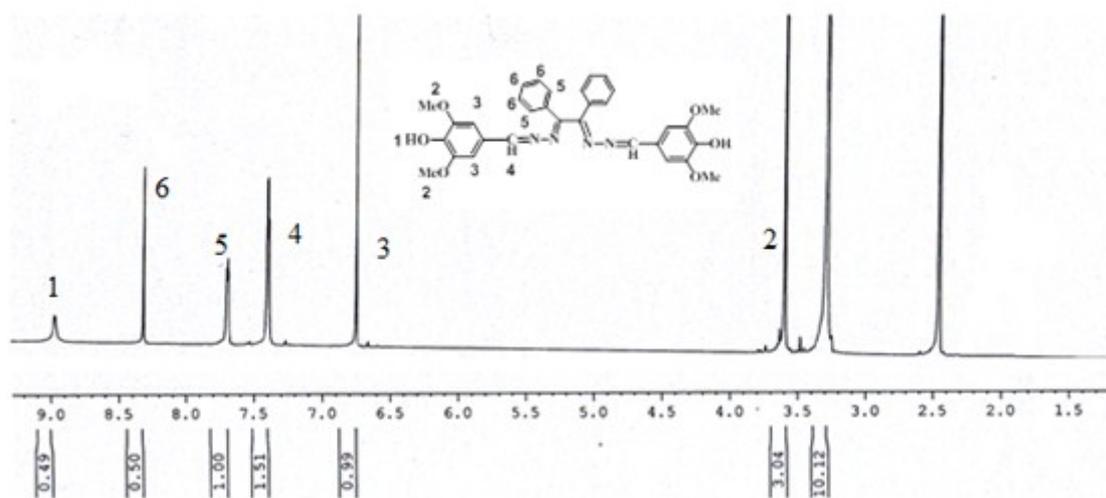


Fig. S5  $^1H$ NMR spectra of  $[PbL_2]^{2+}$  in  $d_6$ -DMSO.

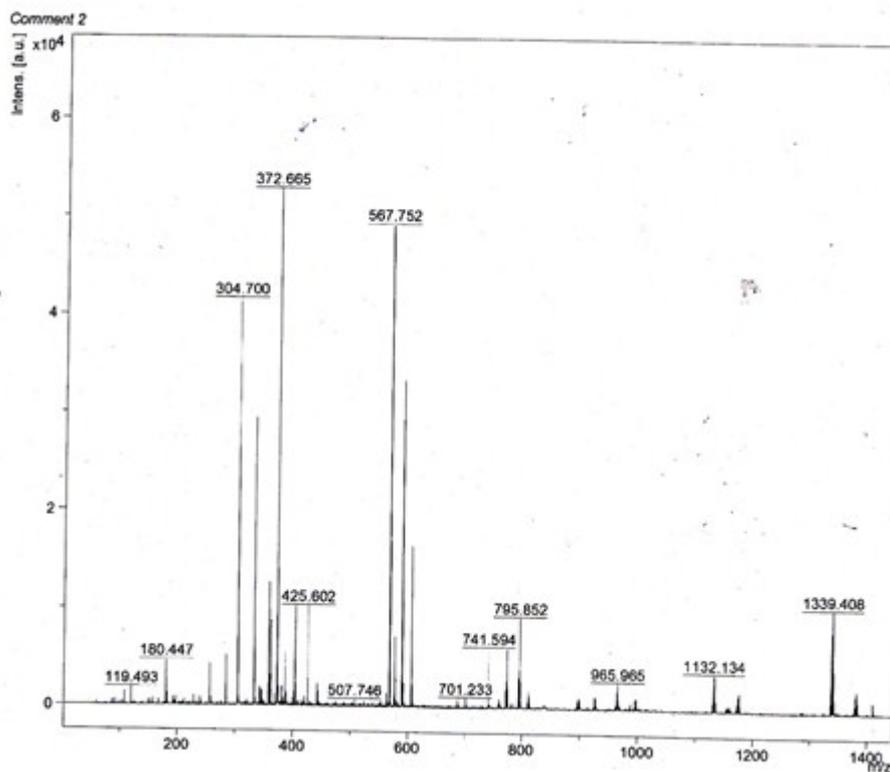
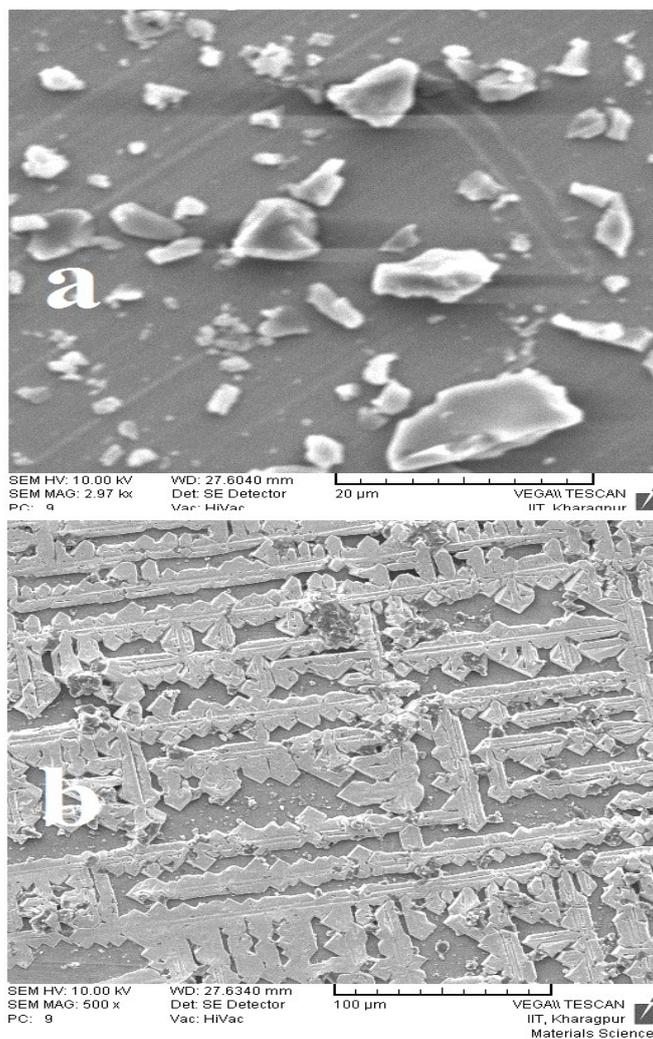
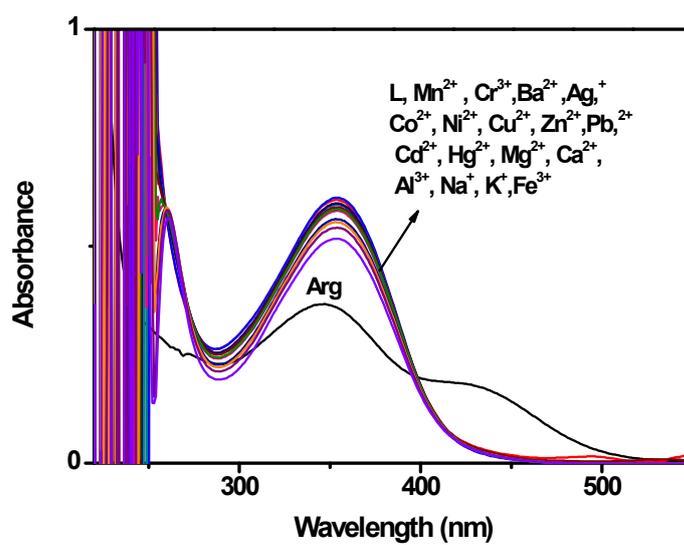


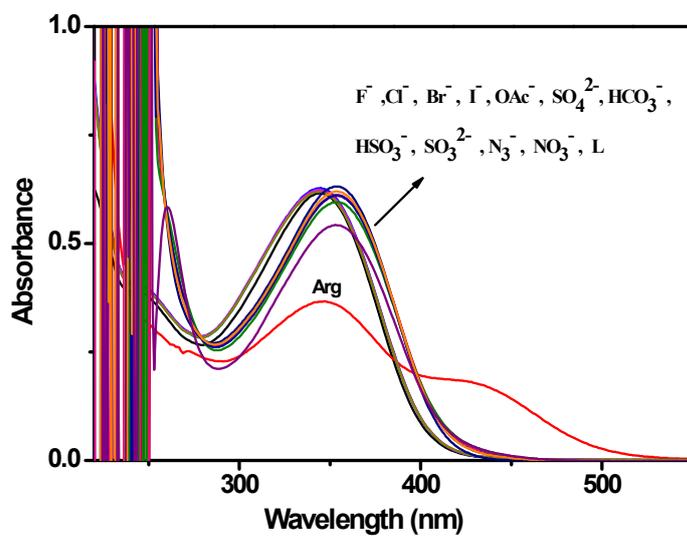
Fig. S6 Mass spectra of  $[PbL_2]^{2+}$ .



**Fig. 7** (a) SEM image of **L** (b) SEM image of the  $[\text{PbL}_2]^{2+}$  complex.

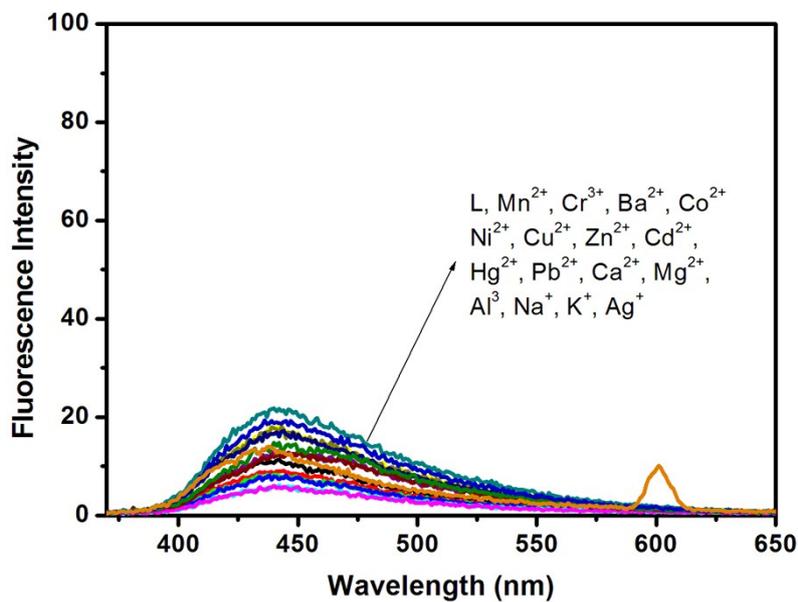


(a)



(b)

**Fig. S8** Change of absorbance spectra of L on addition of different (a) cations and (b) anions.



**Fig. S9** Change of emission spectra of L on addition of different (a) cations and (b) anions.

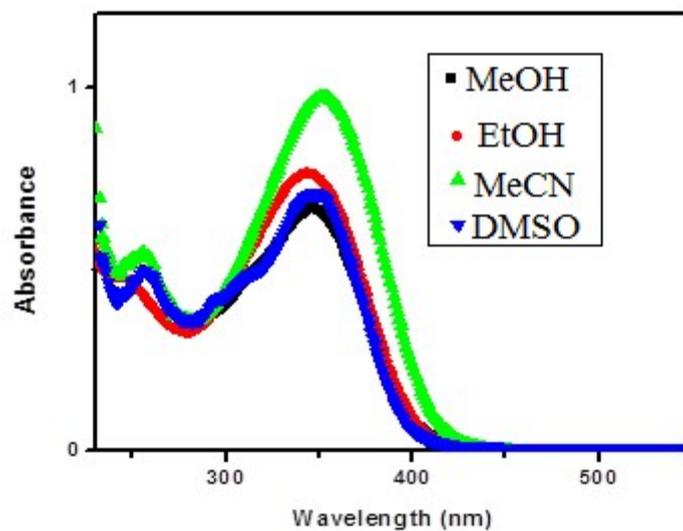


Fig. S10 Absorbance spectra of L in different solvents.

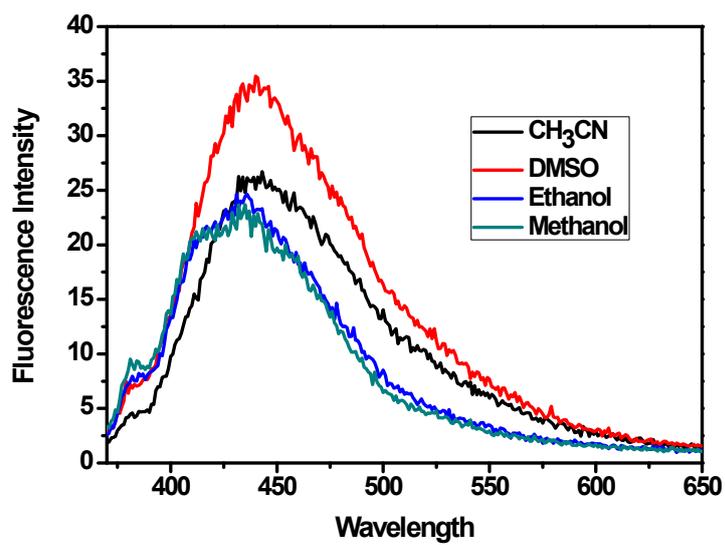
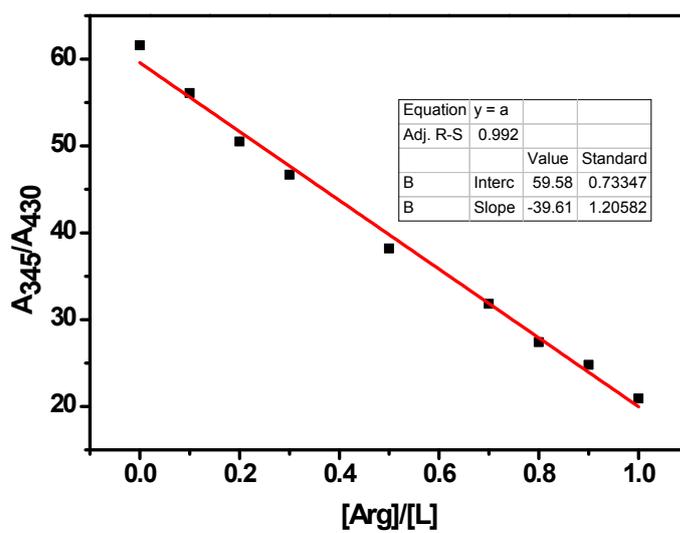
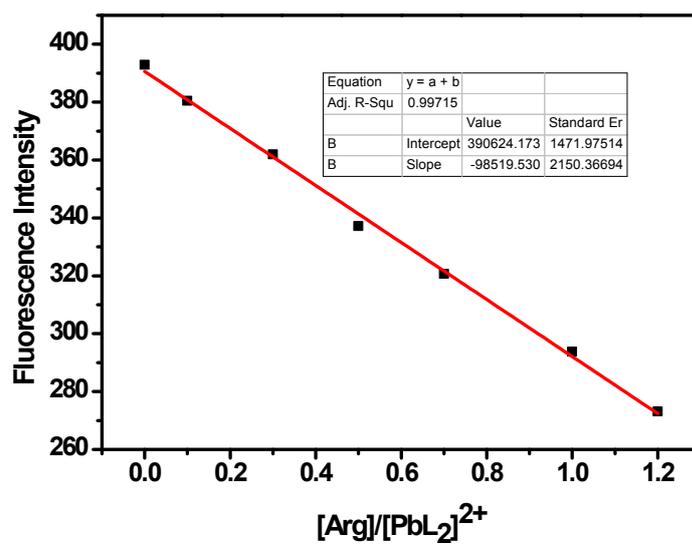


Fig. S11 Emission spectra of L in different solvents.



(a)



(b)

Fig. S12 Detection limit for (a) L and (b)  $[\text{PbL}_2]^{2+}$ .

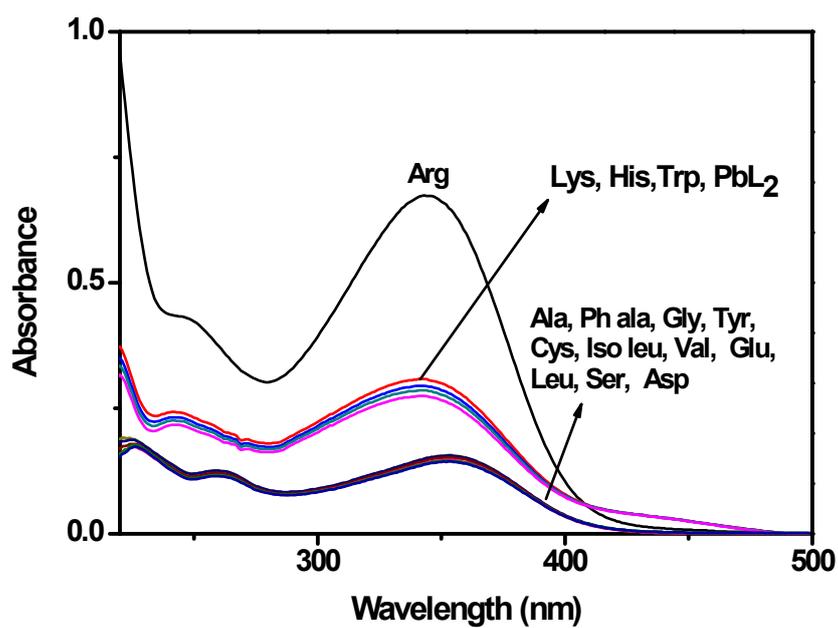


Fig. S13 Change in absorbance spectra of  $[PbL_2]^{2+}$  on addition of different amino acids.

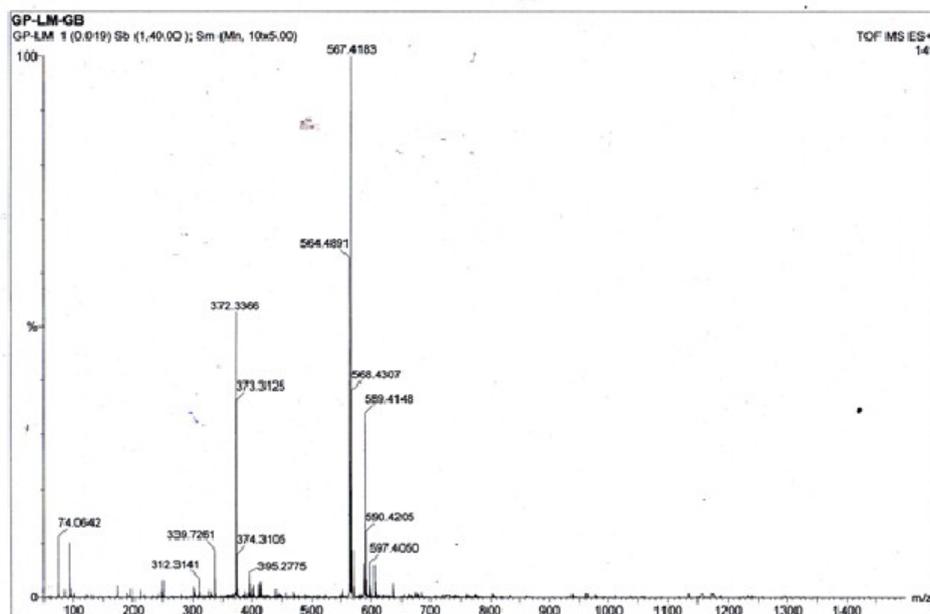


Fig. S14 HRMS Spectra of L-Arg adduct

