

## A “Turn-On” Michler’s Ketone-Benzimidazole Fluorescent Probe for Selective Detection of Serum Albumins

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### Supporting information

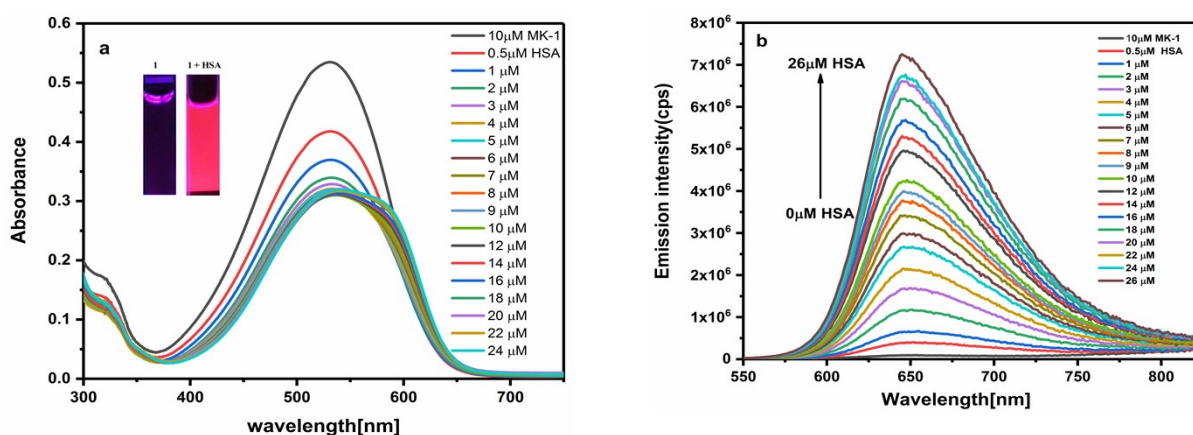


Fig. S1 a) Absorption spectra b) Emission spectra of MK-1 in the presence of HSA

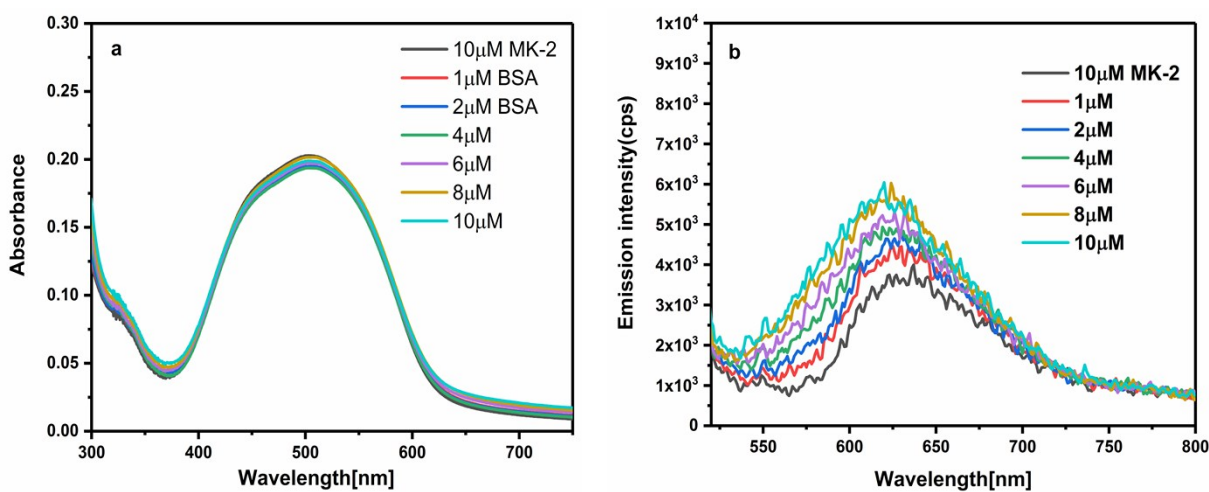
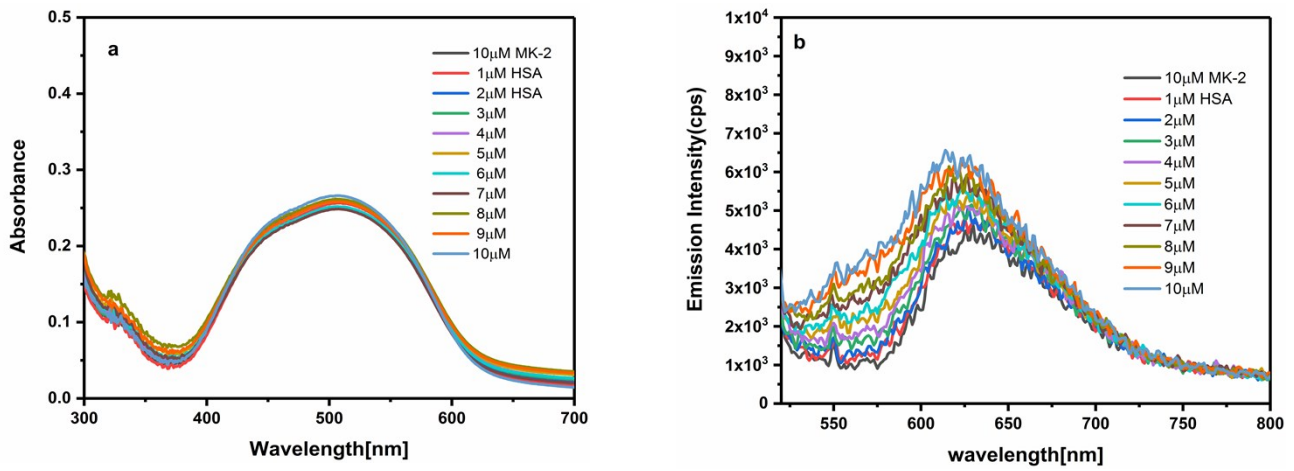


Fig. S2 a) Absorption spectra b) Emission spectra of MK-2 in the presence of BSA



**Fig. S3** a) Absorption spectra b) Emission spectra of MK-2 in the presence of HSA

MK-1 MK-1 + BSA MK-1 + HSA



**Fig. S4** Detection of albumin through strip test in the presence of UV light (365nm). Changes can be seen post addition of albumin

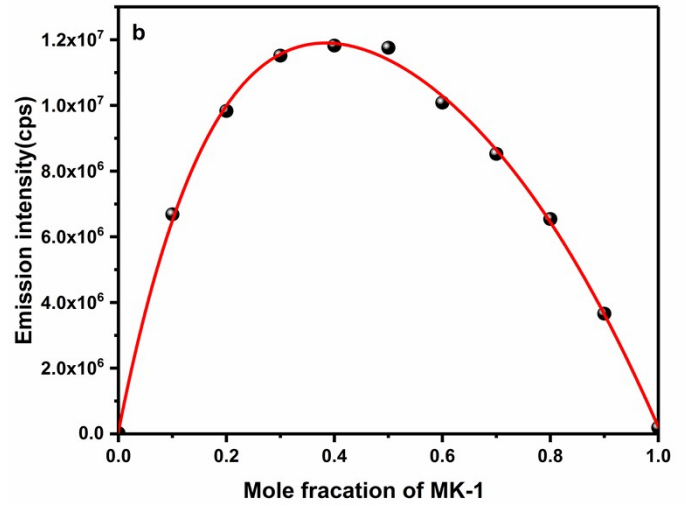
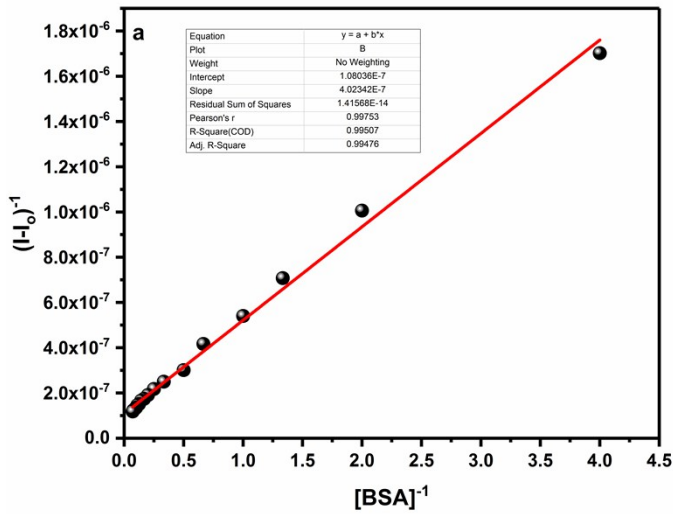


Fig. S5 a) Binding constant of BSA with MK-1 b) Job's plot of MK-1 in the presence of BSA

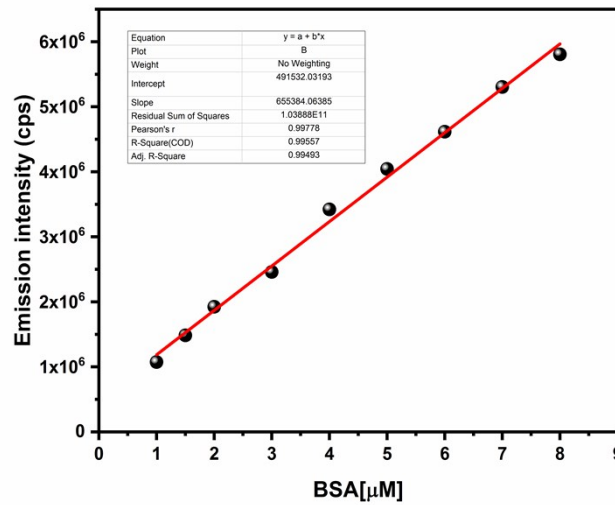
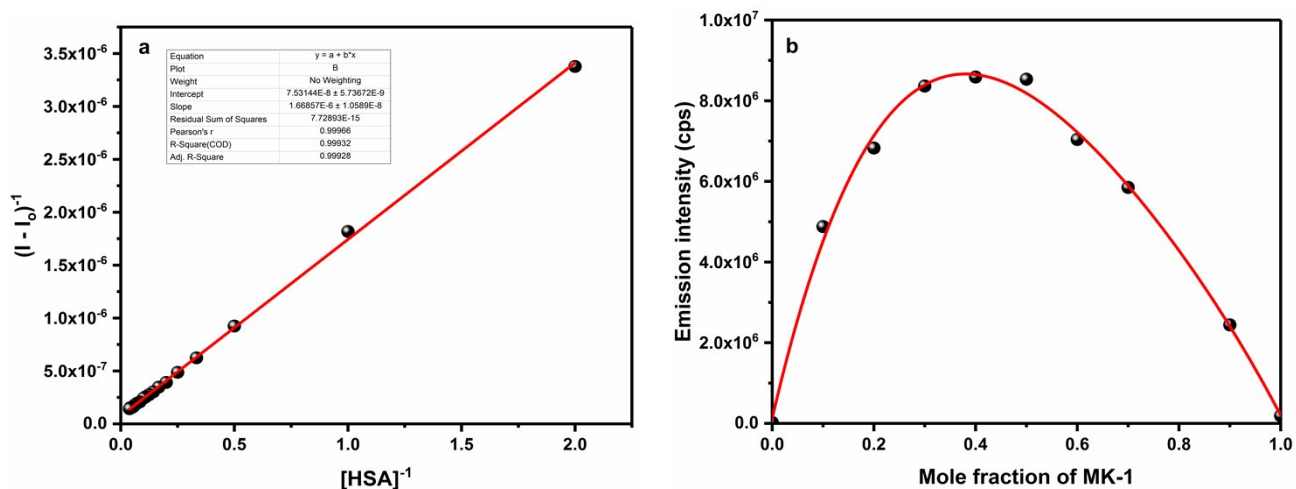
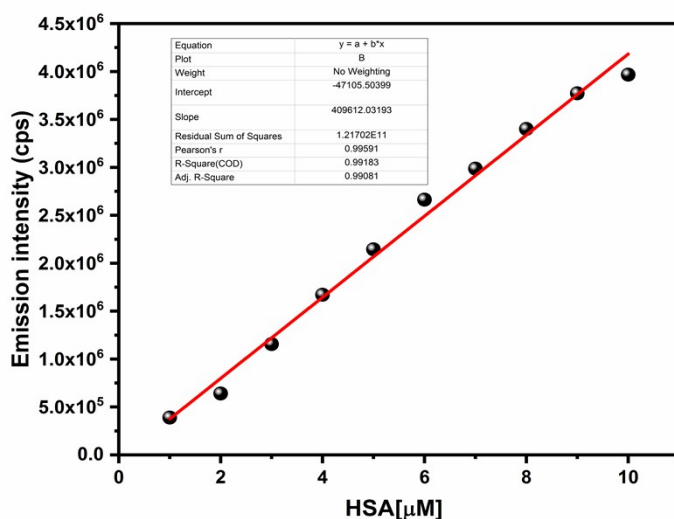


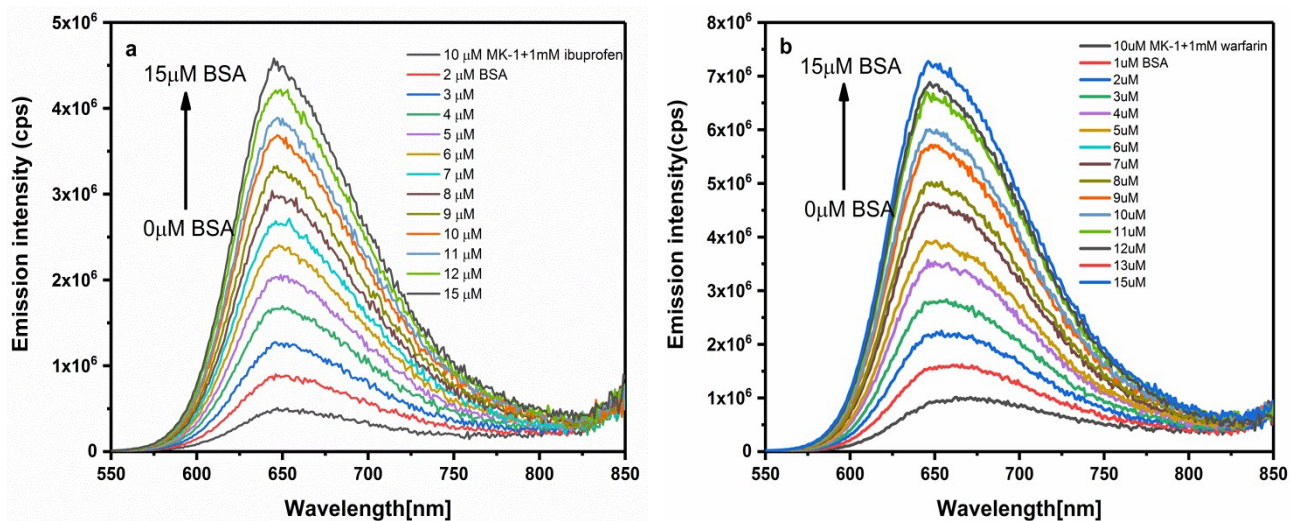
Fig. S6 The relationship between fluorescence intensity of MK-1 [at 650nm] in the presence of 1-10 $\mu$ M concentration of BSA with 10mM PBS buffer concentration. The detection limit of BSA was 816 nM.



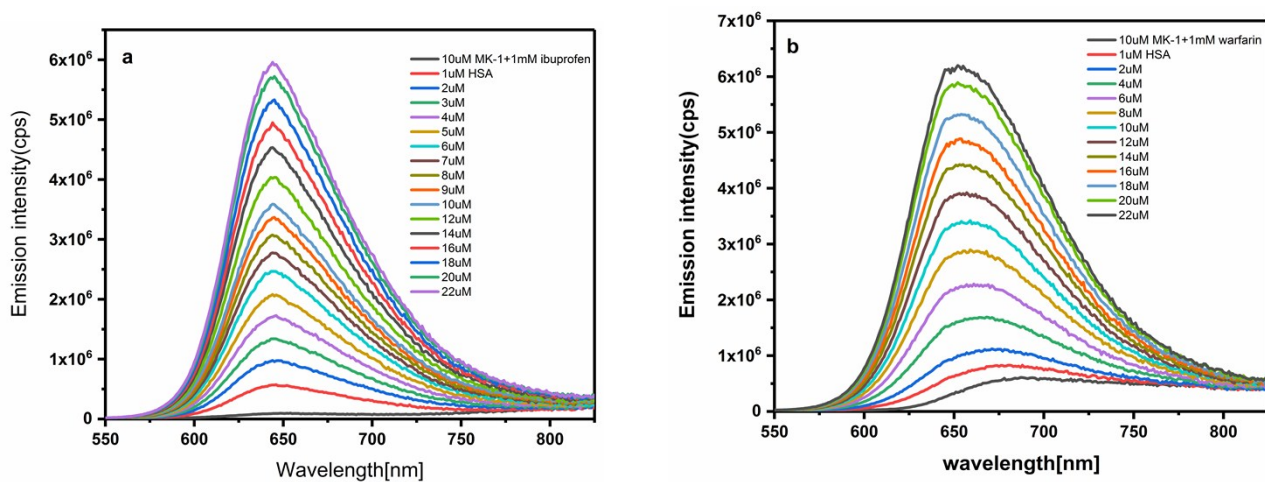
**Fig. S7** a) Binding constant of HSA with MK-1 b) Job's plot of MK-1 in the presence of HSA



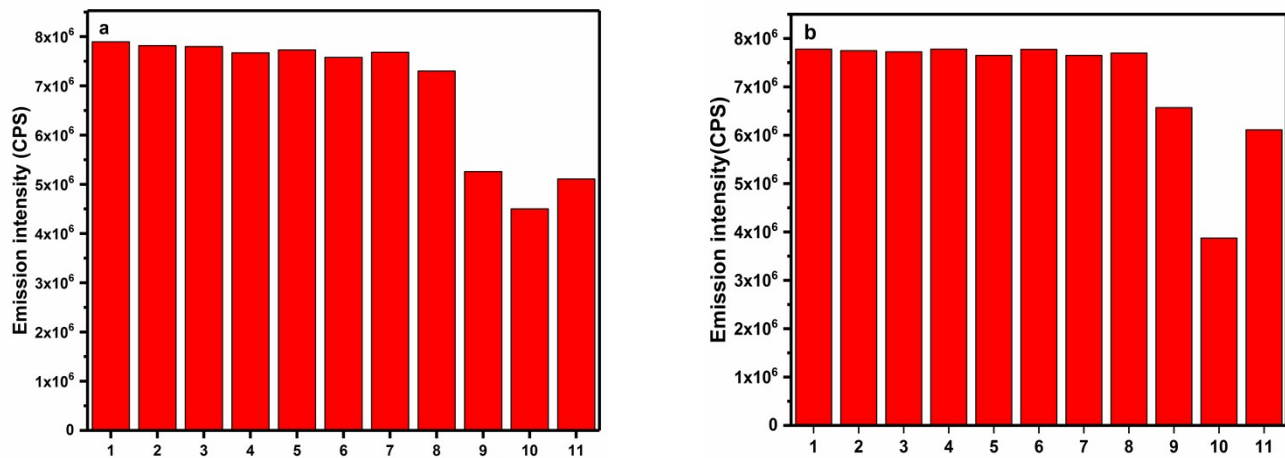
**Fig. S8** The relationship between fluorescence intensity of MK-1 [at 650nm] in the presence of 1-10 $\mu\text{M}$  concentration of HSA with 10mM PBS buffer concentration. The detection limit of HSA was 1.3 $\mu\text{M}$



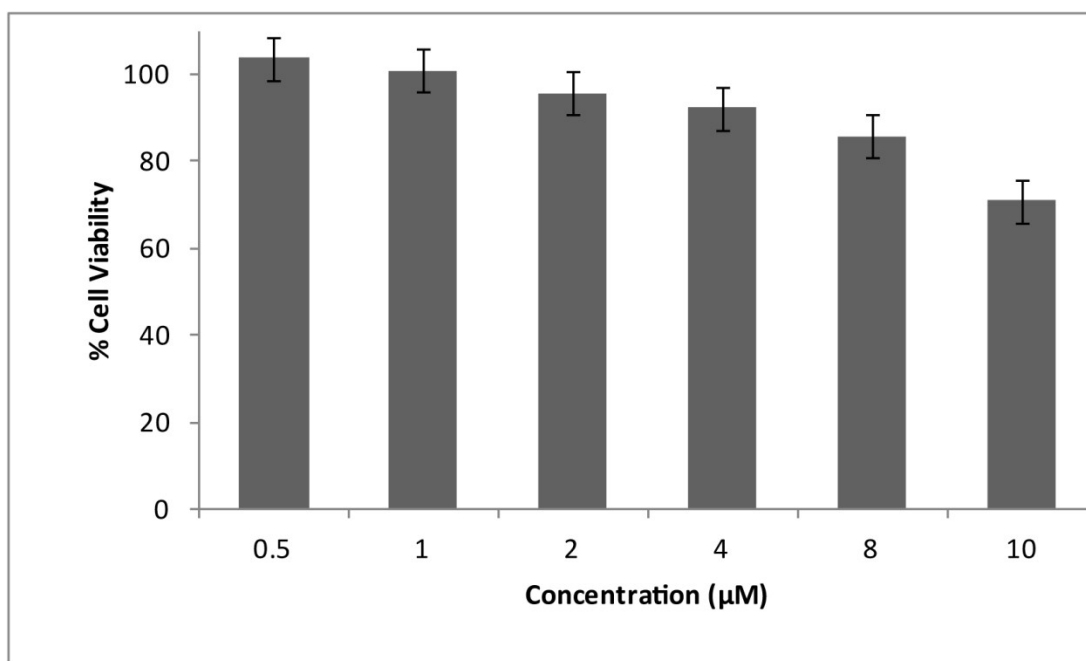
**Fig. S9** Titration of BSA in the presence of a) ibuprofen & MK-1 b) warfarin & MK-1 in 10mM PBS buffer solution.



**Fig. S10** Titration of HSA in the presence of a) ibuprofen & MK-1 b) warfarin & MK-1 in 10mM PBS buffer solution



**Fig. S11** Competitive experiment: Fluorescence intensity of MK-1(10μM) measured at 650nm in PBS buffer solution (10mM pH 7.4, containing 1% DMSO) with various analytes with the concentration of a) BSA(15μM) b) HSA (24μM).The secondary analytes used are 1) blank 2) Aspartic acid(0.5M) 3) Histidine (0.5M) 4) Cysteine(0.5M) 5) KCl(0.5M) 6) NaCl(0.5M) 7) CaCl<sub>2</sub>(0.5M) 8) Lysozyme (15μM) 9) Trypsin (15μM) 10) Hemoglobin (15μM) 11) Catalase (15μM)



**Fig.S12 Cytotoxicity assay for MK-1.**Standard MTT assay was performed to test cytotoxicity of MK-1 in HeLa cells. Incubation of MK-1with cells was for 24 h after treatment. Experiment was performed three times in triplicates.

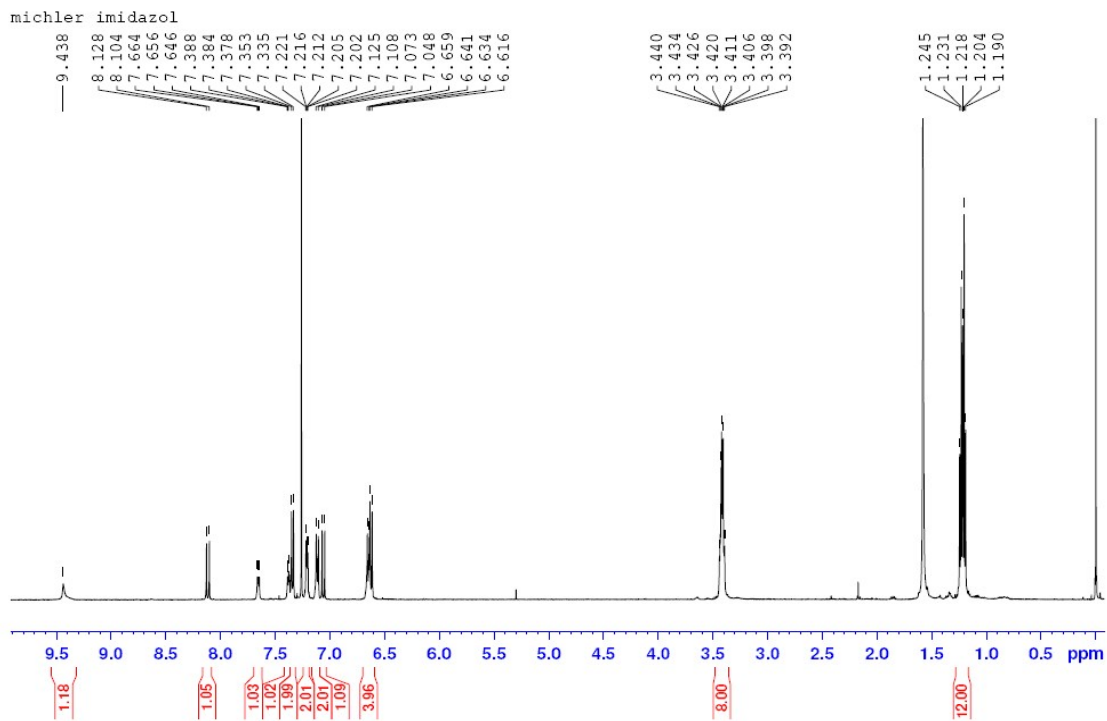


Fig.S13<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of MK-2

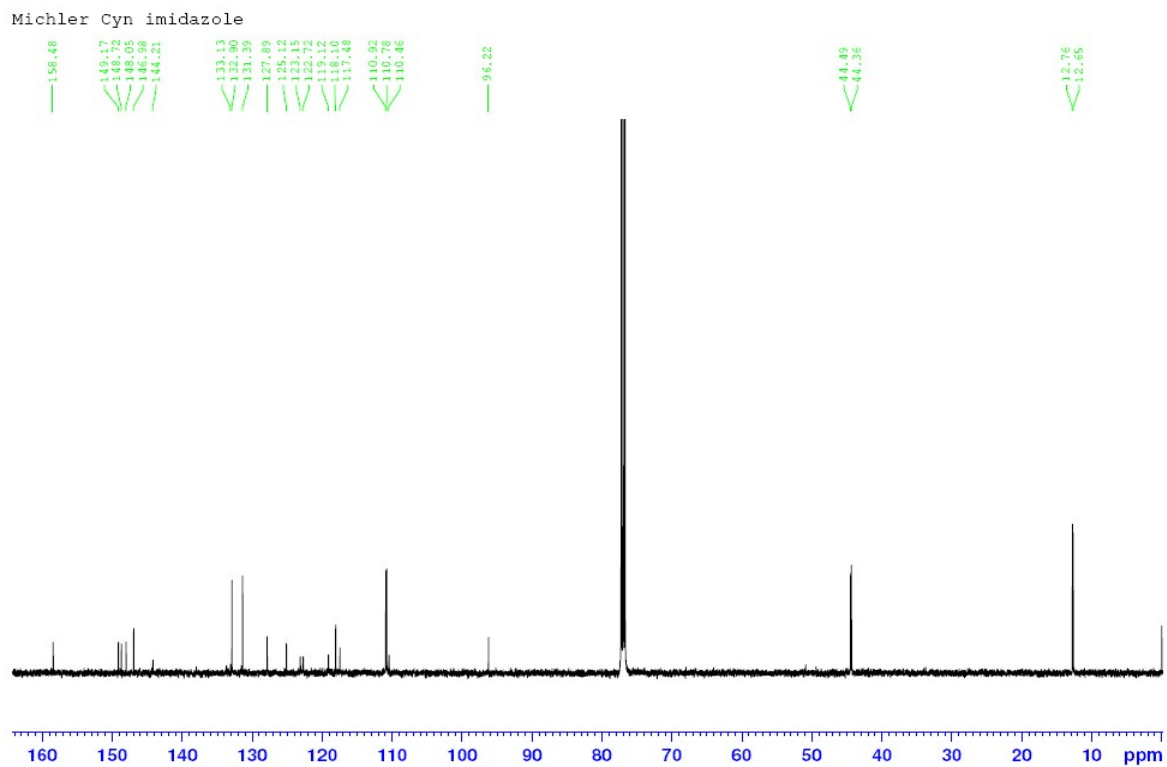


Fig.S14<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of MK-2

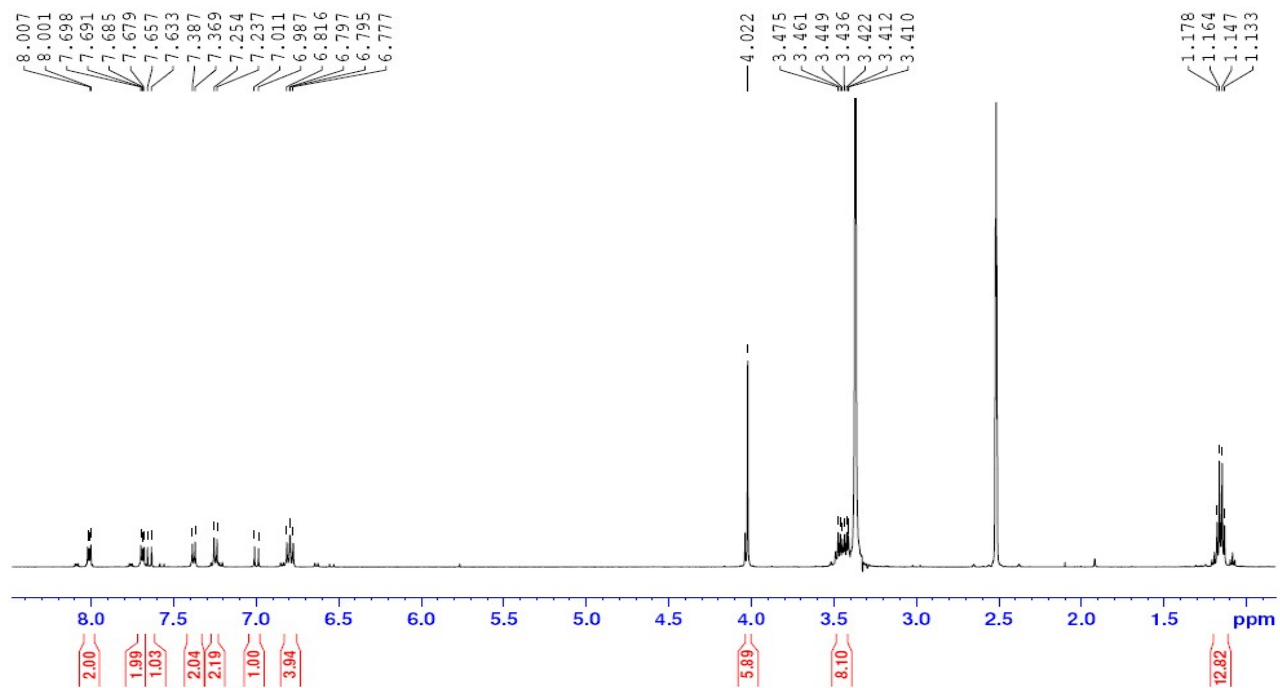


Fig. S15<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of MK-1

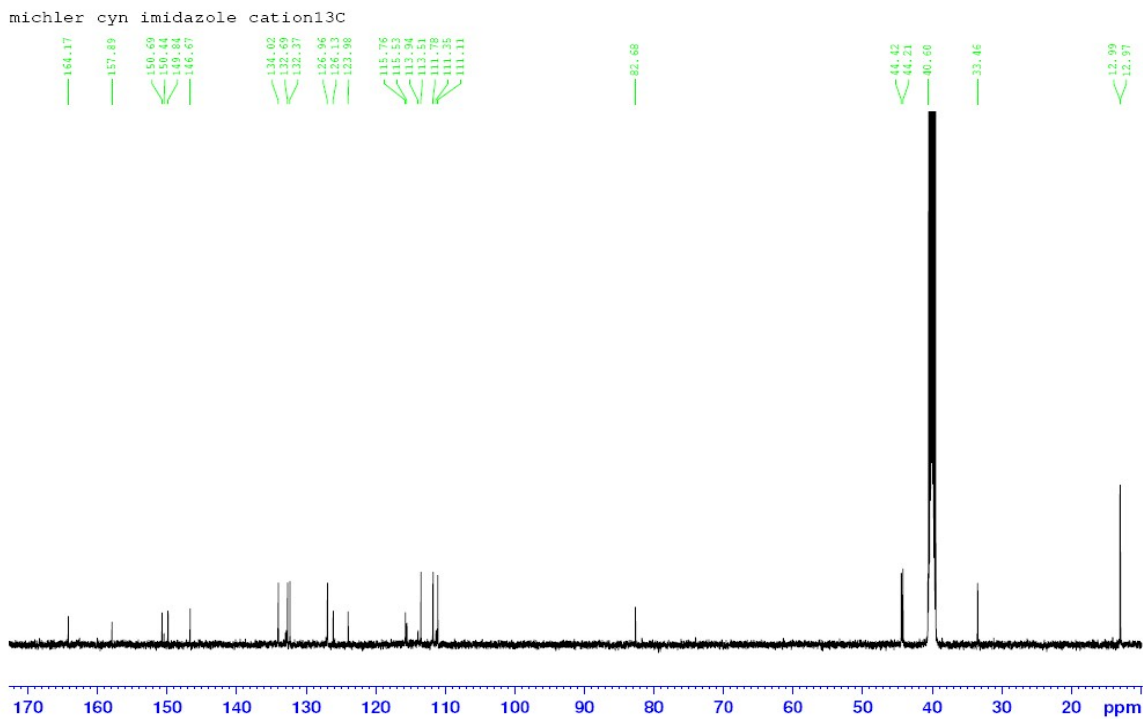


Fig. S16<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of MK-1