

*Supplementary material for*

**Deoxygenation switch embedded red-emitting fluorogenic light-up probe for detection of highly toxic free bilirubin in human blood serum**

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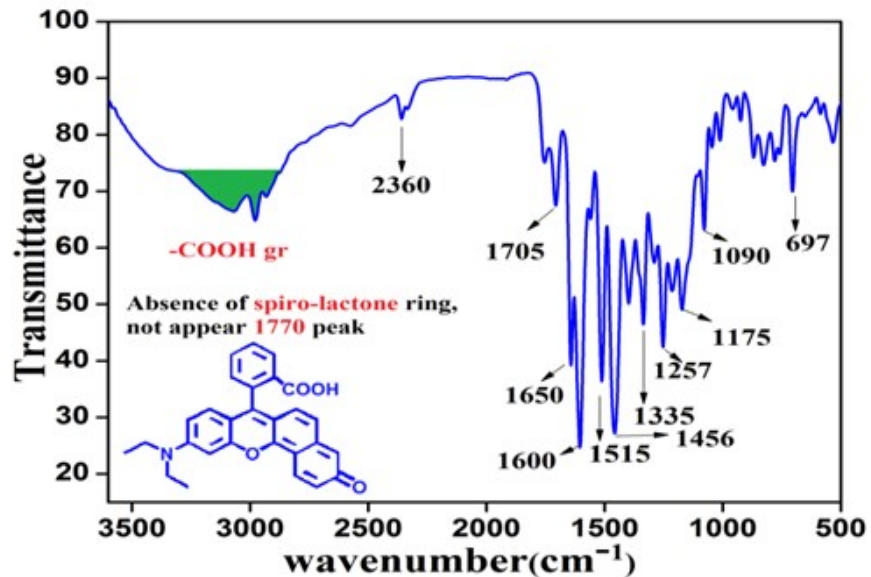


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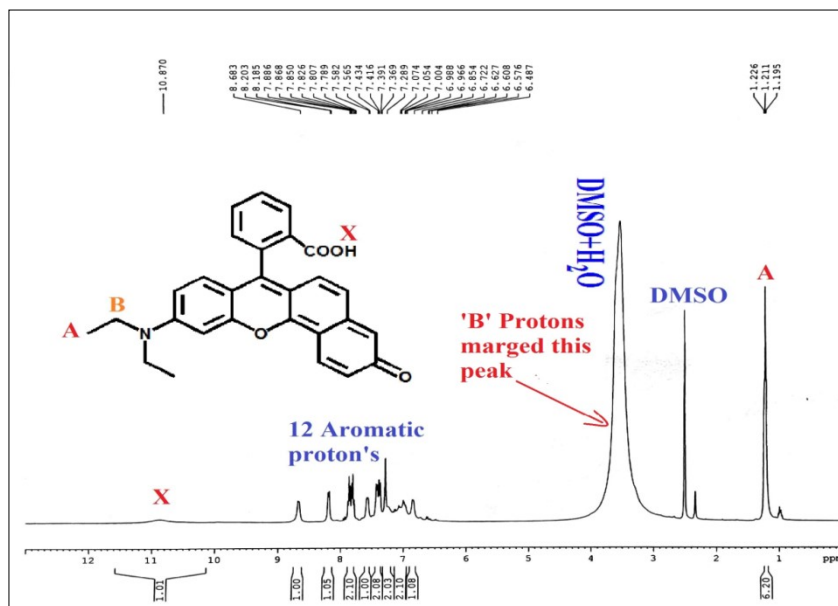


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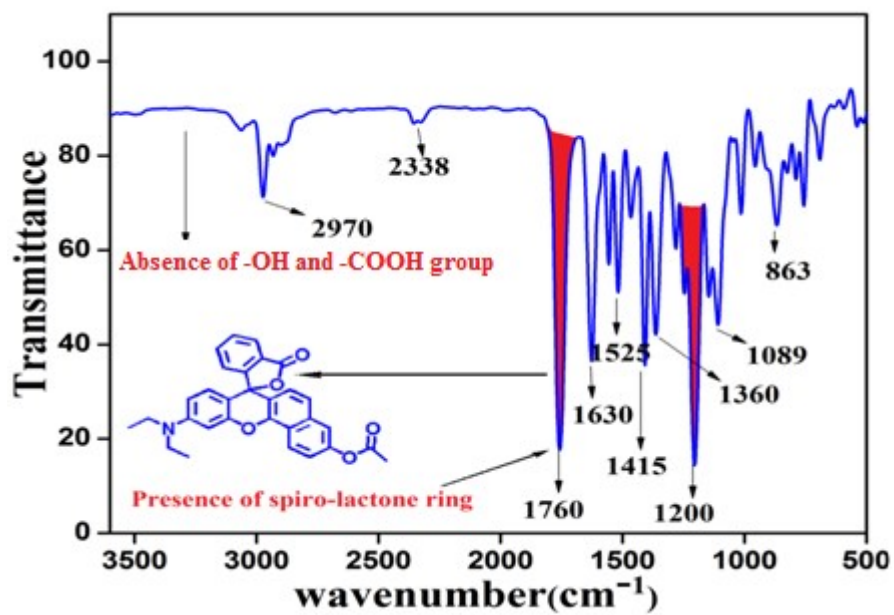


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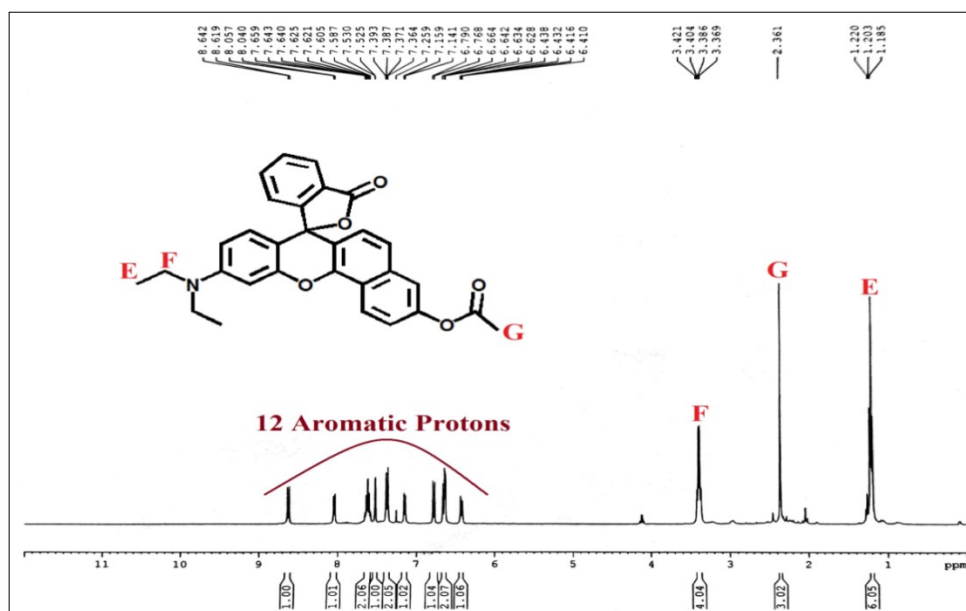
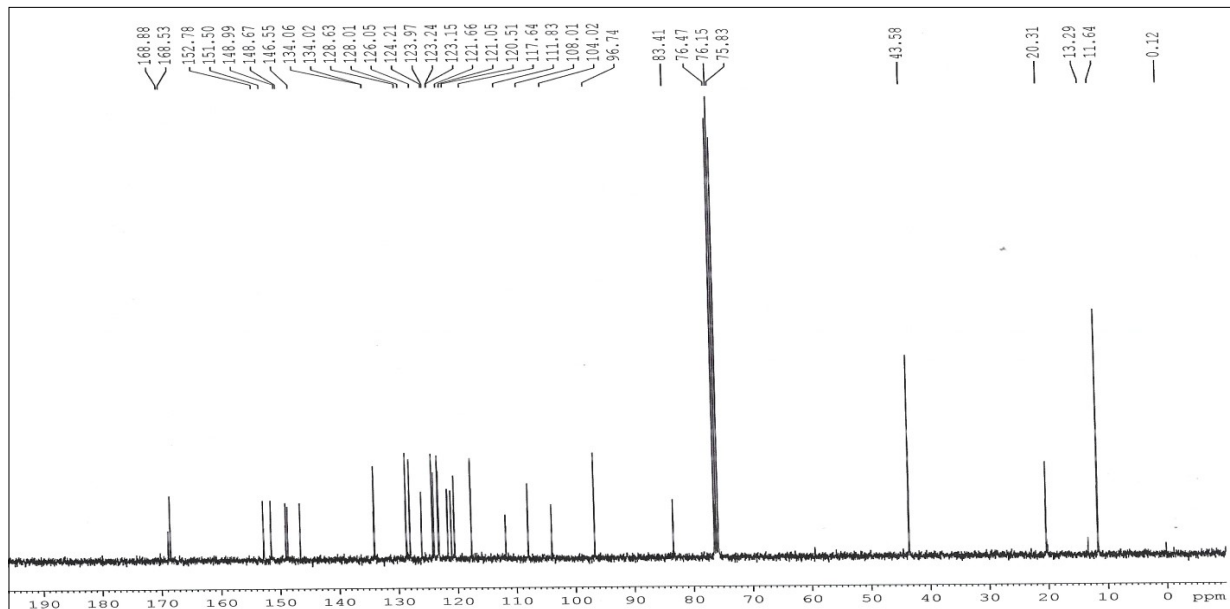
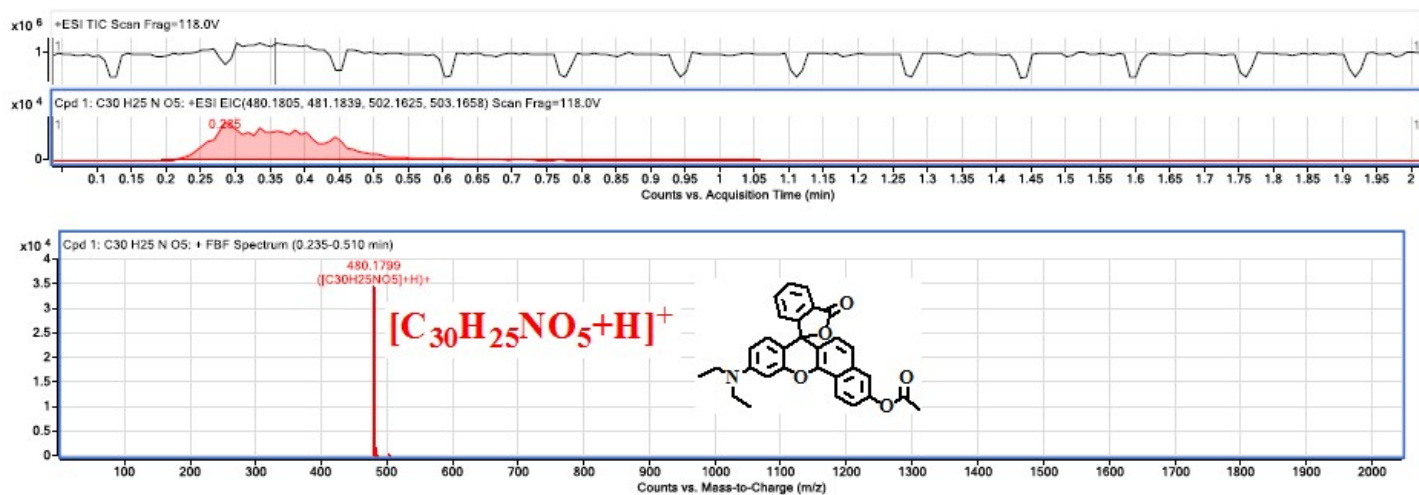


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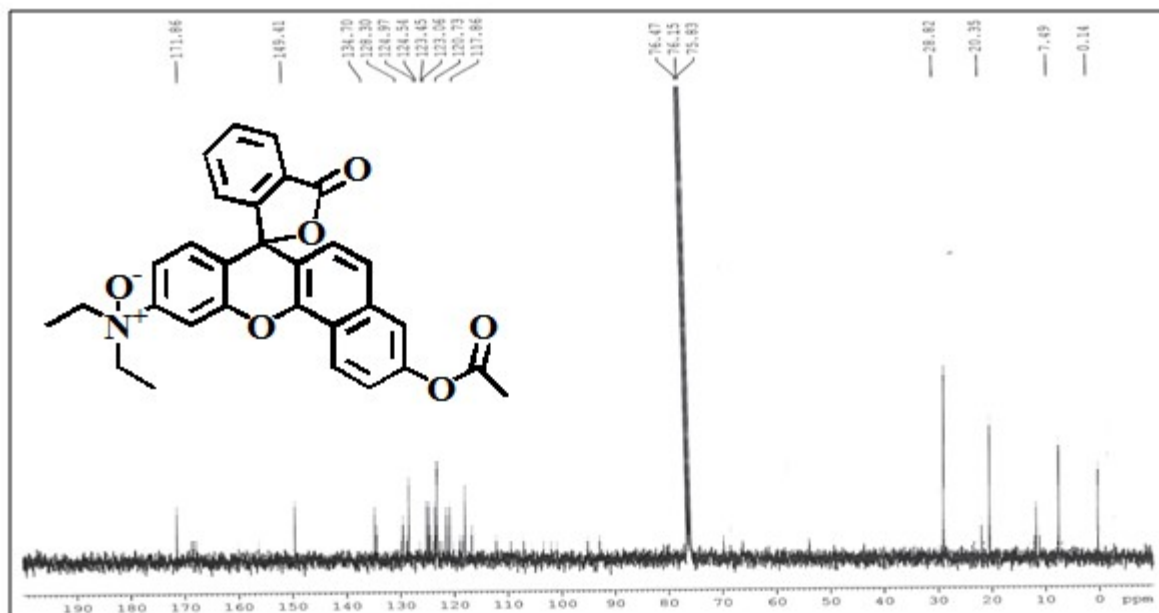


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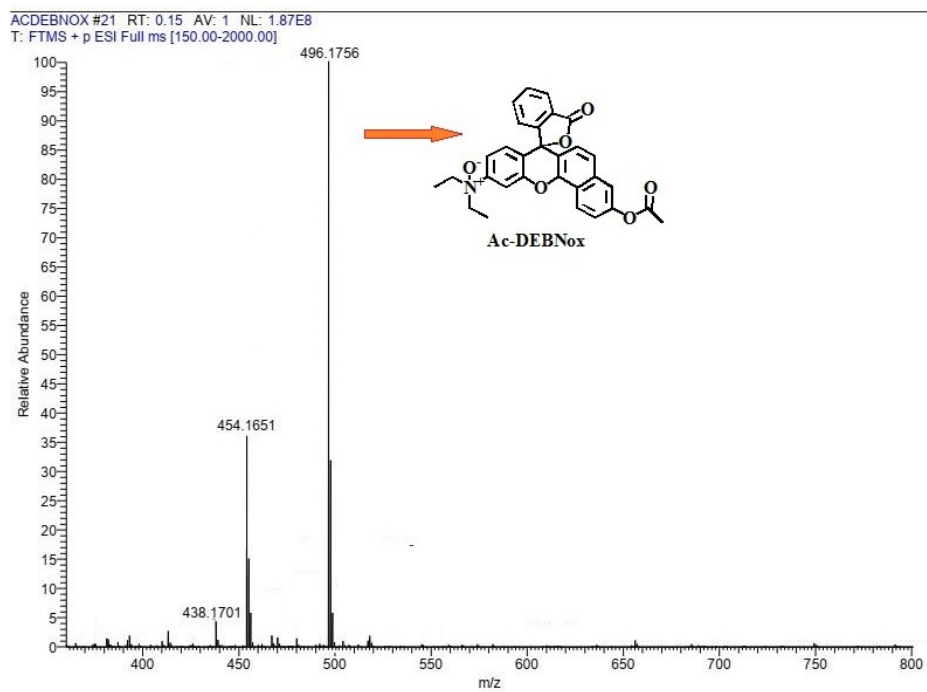


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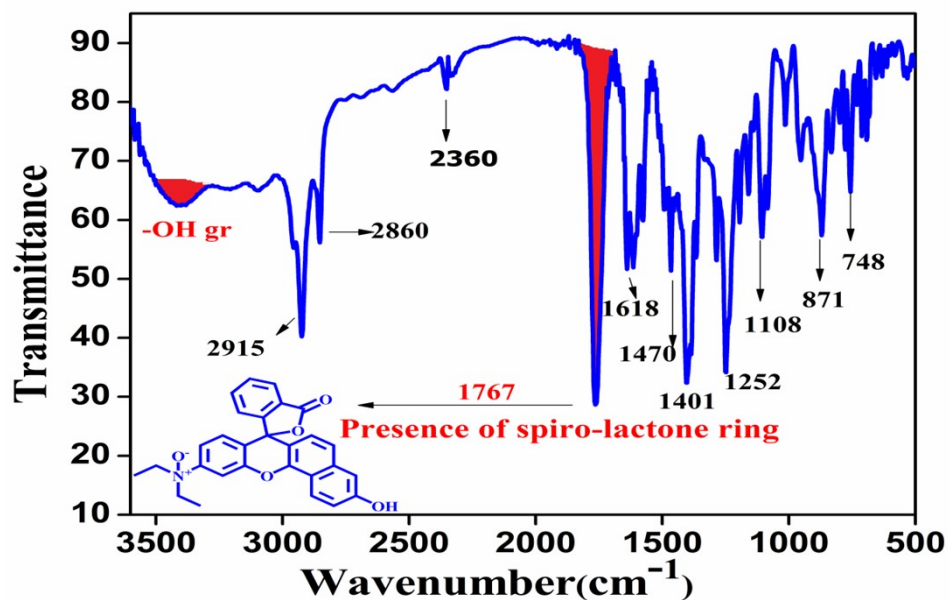


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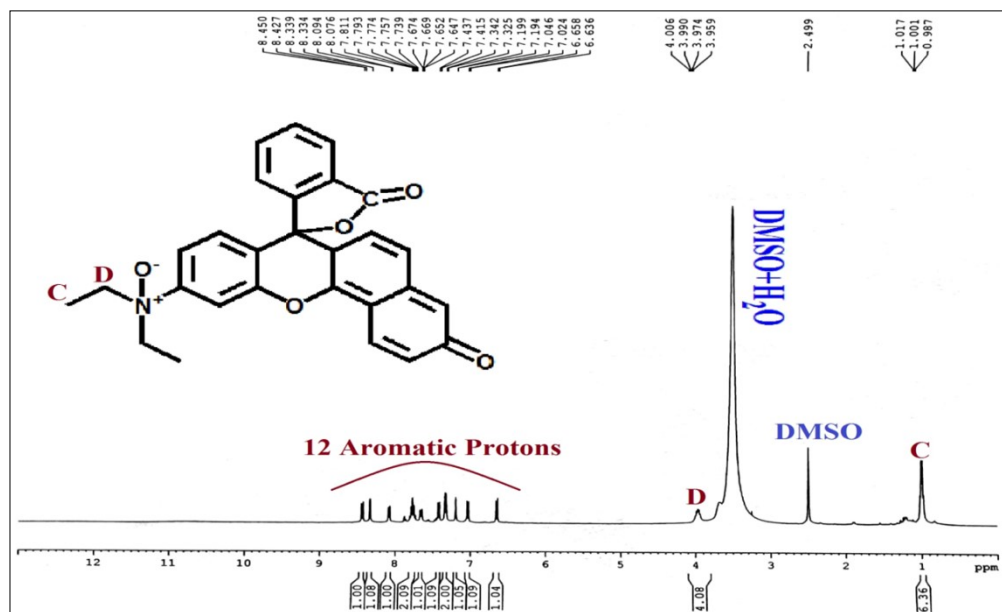


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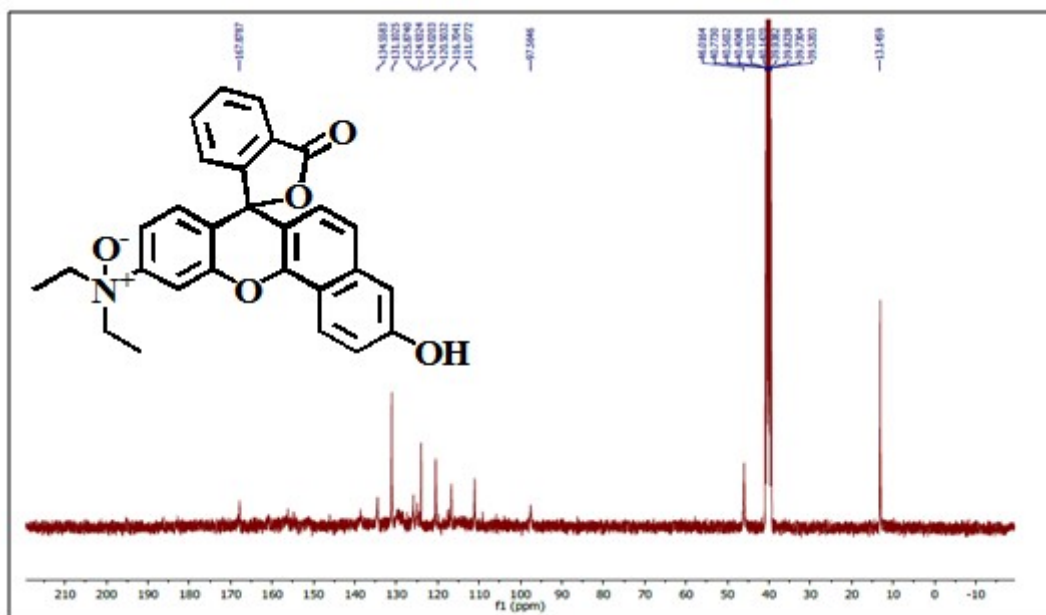


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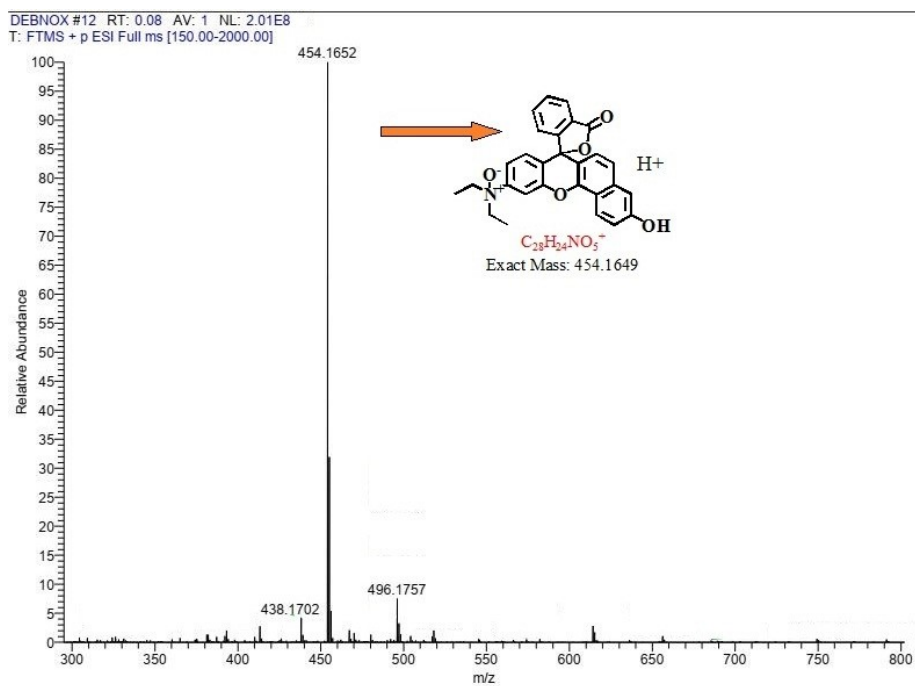
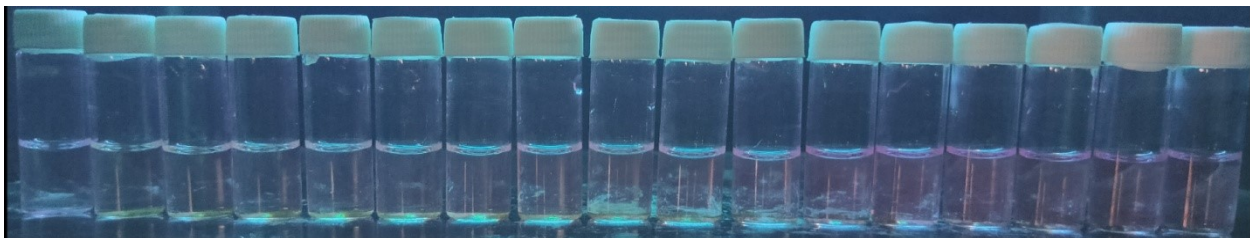
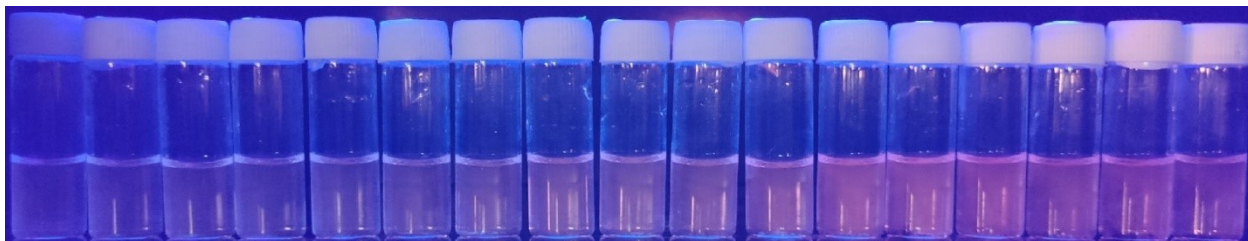


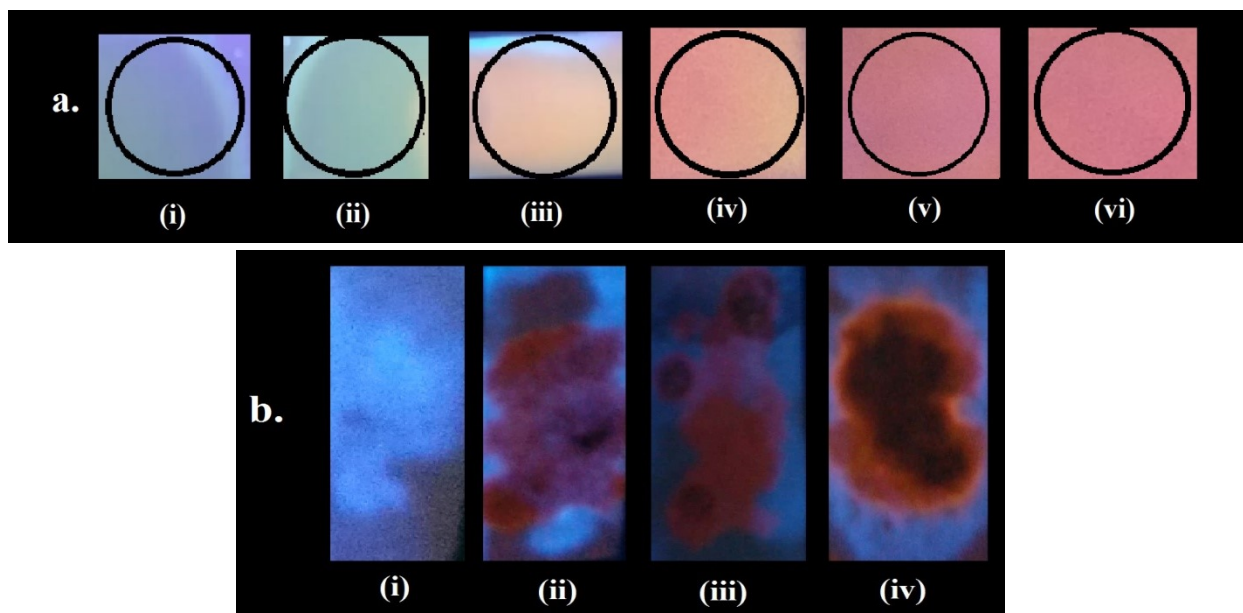
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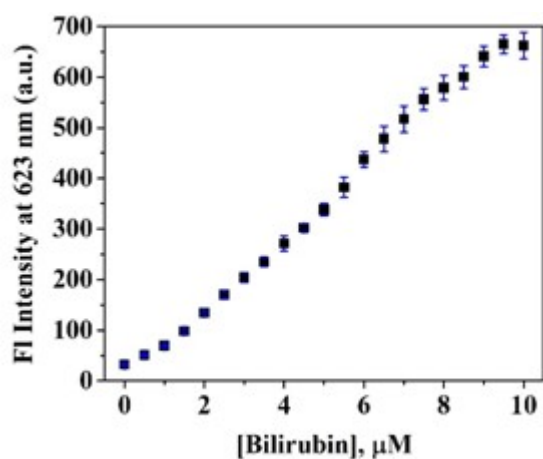
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**Fig. S18.** The fluorescence enhancement behavior of DEBNox (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) towards the increasing concentration of bilirubin (0 - 10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in reaction buffer (50 mM HEPES, 5% DMSO, pH- 7.4) at 27  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  in presence of 100  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ .



**Fig. S19.** (a) Paper-strip test with 20  $\mu\text{M}$  DEBNox and 100  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  with different concentrations of bilirubin: (i) DEBNox, (ii) DEBNox + 100  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ , (iii) DEBNox +  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  + 2.5  $\mu\text{M}$  bilirubin, (iv) DEBNox +  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  + 5  $\mu\text{M}$  bilirubin, (v) DEBNox +  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  + 7.5  $\mu\text{M}$  bilirubin, (vi) DEBNox +  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  + 10  $\mu\text{M}$  bilirubin. (b) different human blood serum sample with high bilirubin concentration (images were taken under UV lamp).



**Fig. S20.** Fluorescence intensity of DEBNox (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) at 623 nm vs bilirubin (0  $\mu\text{M}$  to 10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) concentration in the reaction buffer (50 mM HEPES, 5% DMSO, pH 7.4) using 100  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  (ex: 580 nm).

**Table S1.** (a) Determination of free bilirubin in different human blood serum specimens using DEBNox incubated at 27 °C for 1 hr. and existing colorimetric diazo-method.

Serum specimen	Free bilirubin estimated using DEBNox (mg/dl)	Free bilirubin estimated using existing colorimetric diazo-method (mg/dl)
Sample-01	0.64	0.74
Sample-02	0.60	0.71
Sample-03	0.72	0.81
Sample-04	0.99	1.10
Sample-05	1.20	1.32

<sup>a</sup>Average of three replicate experiments UNIT CONVERSION: mg/dl x 16.95 = μmol/l

(b) Recovery of free bilirubin by adding standard amount of 10 μM bilirubin to different human blood serum specimens using two methods.

Serum specimen	Free bilirubin estimated using DEBNox (mg/dl)		Free bilirubin estimated using existing colorimetric diazo-method (mg/dl)	
	Total bilirubin after addition <sup>a</sup>	Recovery (%)	Total bilirubin after addition <sup>a</sup>	Recovery (%)
Sample-01	1.18 ± 0.03	96.11	1.54 ± 0.04	115.88
Sample-02	1.14 ± 0.04	96.23	1.51 ± 0.04	116.02
Sample-03	1.26 ± 0.03	95.99	1.63 ± 0.03	116.18
Sample-04	1.52 ± 0.02	96.30	1.88 ± 0.03	111.21
Sample-05	1.74 ± 0.04	97.13	2.11 ± 0.03	110.53

**Table S2.** Comparative study of fluorescence probe for the detection of bilirubin with their sensing mechanism, method, excitation wavelength and LOD.

Sl. No.	Method of detection	Principle	LOD	Wavelength ( $\lambda_{ex}/\lambda_{em}$ ) in nm	References in main manuscript
1	Fluorimetry (turn off)	MOF (UIO-66-PSM) Quenching	0.59 $\mu$ M	340/470	[22]
2	Fluorimetry (turn off)	Polyfluorenes, polymer Quenching	0.15 $\mu$ M	325/~450	[23]
3	Fluorimetry (turn off)	Gold nanoclusters Quenching	248 nM	295/380	[24]
4	Fluorimetry (turn off)	MOF(1-NH <sub>2</sub> @THB) Quenching	1.26 pM	325/425	[25]
5	Fluorimetry (turn off)	MoS <sub>2</sub> quantumdots Quenching	2.10 nM	310/392	[26]
6	Fluorimetry (turn off)	Nanosheets Quenching	41.0 nM	274,356,367/550-570	[27]
7	Fluorimetry (turn off)	Gold Nanoclusters Quenching	0.61 $\mu$ M	487/597	[28]
8	Fluorimetry (turn off)	MOFs, Zr(IV)-Based Quenching	0.45 $\mu$ M	254,320/614	[29]
9	Fluorimetry (turn off)	Quantum Dots Quenching	1.8 0 $\mu$ M	325/410,470,590	[30]
10	Fluorimetry (on-off-on)	Gold Nanoclusters (2fold)	3.42 $\mu$ M	~350/~570	[31]
11	Fluorimetry (on-off-on)	S,N-doped carbon dots (3fold)	0.12 nM	375/452	[32]
12	Fluorimetry (on-off-on)	Copper Nanocluster (2fold)	6.62 nM	320/405	[33]
13	Fluorimetry (turn on)	Coumarin-fluorophores (12 Fold)	76.0 nM	400/515	Our previous work [34]
14	Fluorimetry (turn on)	Benzorhdolfluorophores (20 Fold)	33.0 nM	580 /623	Present work