#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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### A tri-functional vanadium(IV) complex to detect cysteine oxidation

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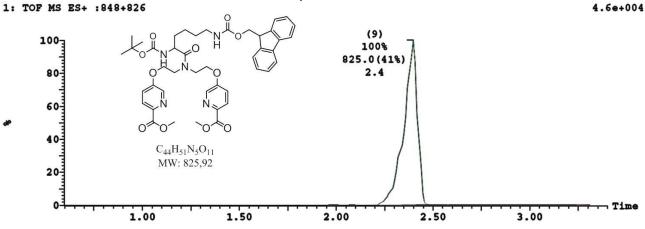
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#### 1. LC-MS and <sup>1</sup>H NMR for dipicolinic intermediates 2-6 and 9-12



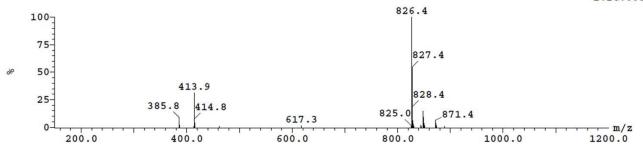


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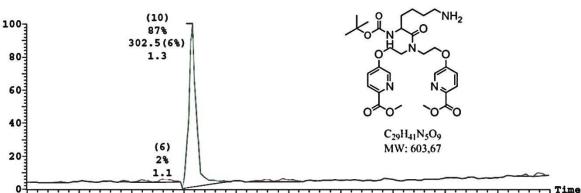
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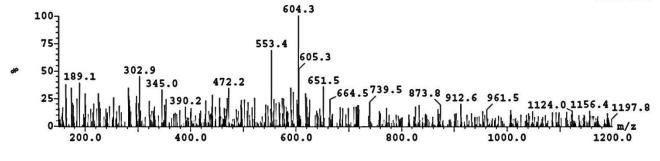
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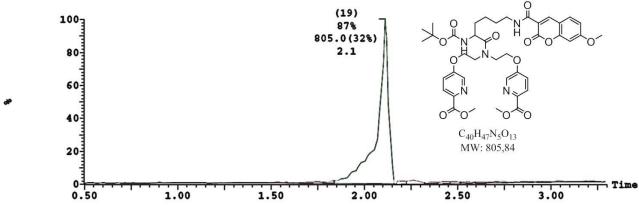
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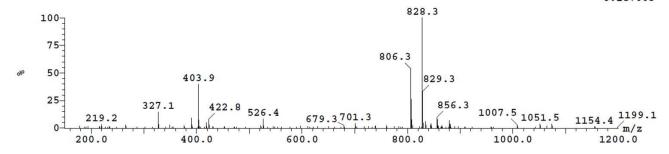
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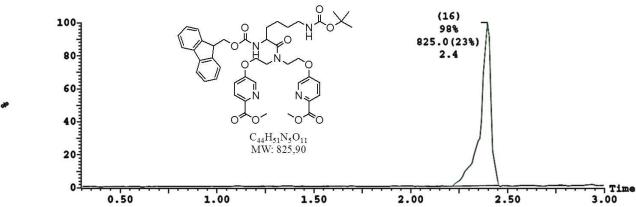
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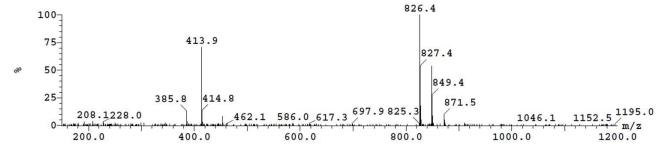


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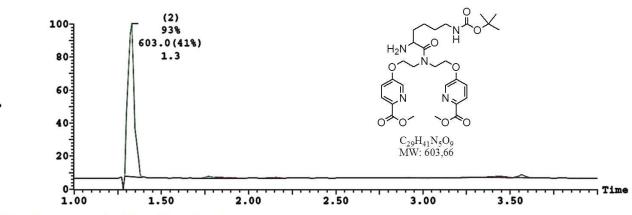
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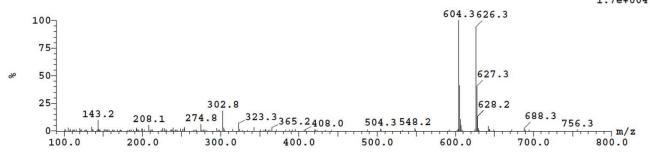
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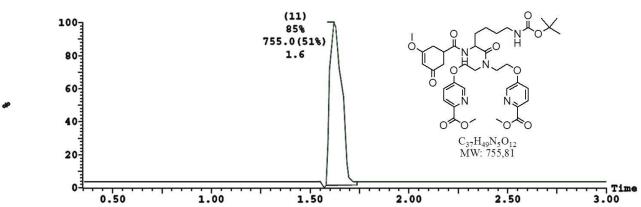
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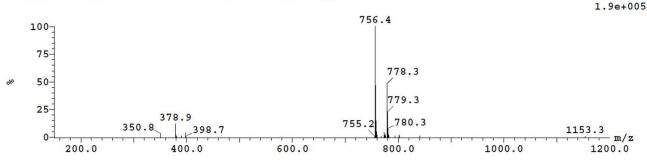


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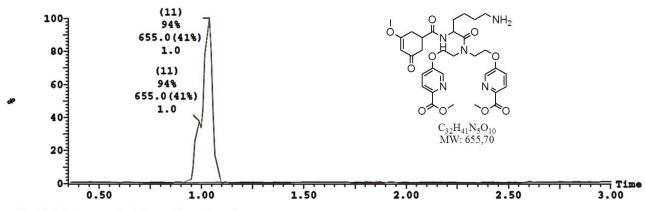
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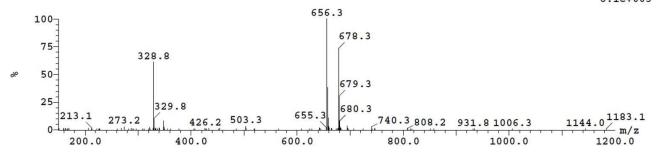
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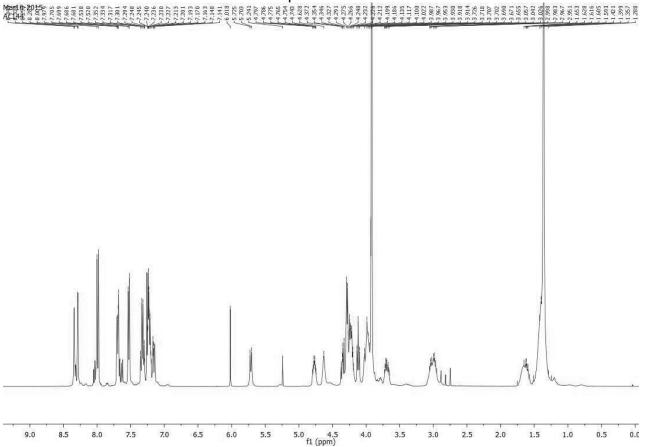
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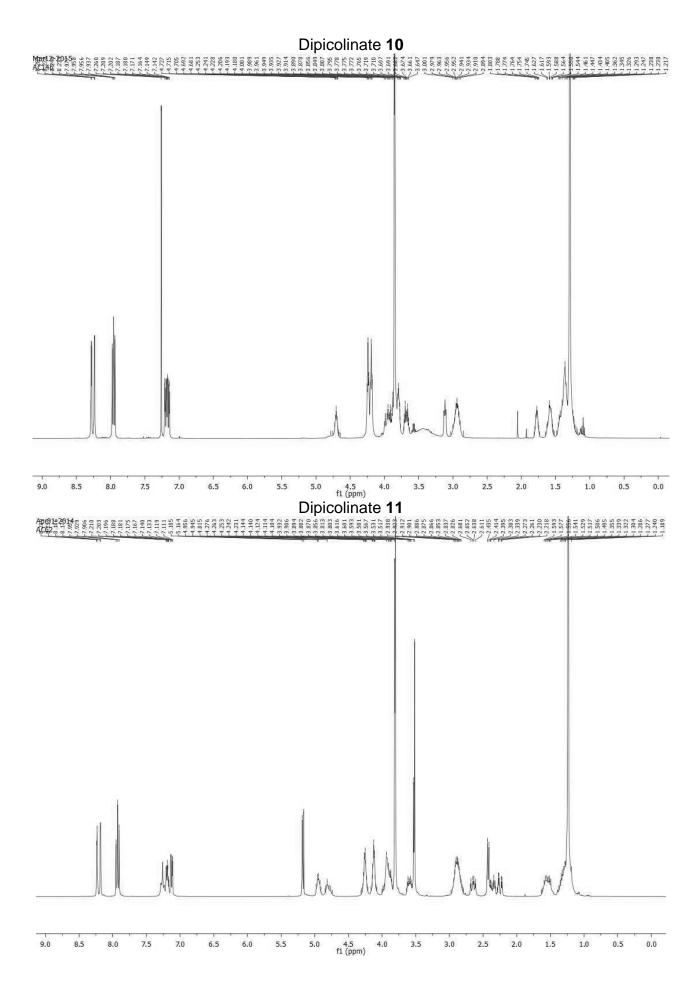
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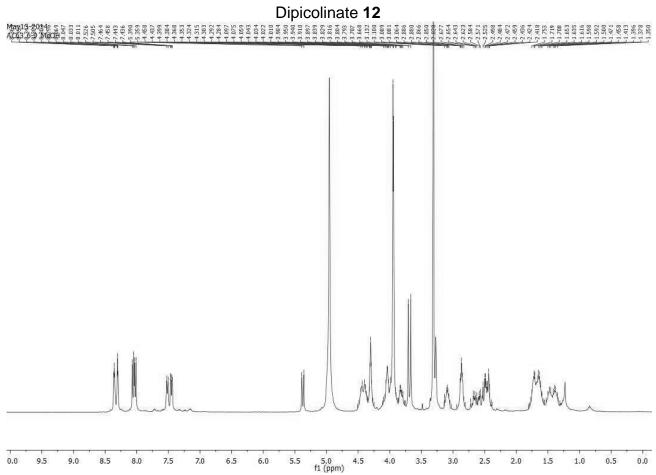


#### Dipicolinate 9

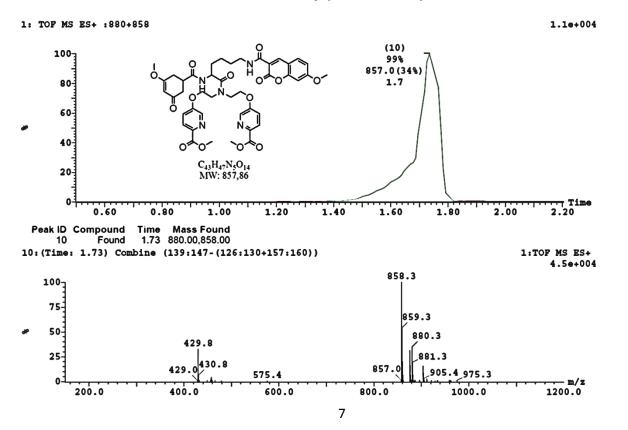








#### 2. LC-MS, HRMS and <sup>1</sup>H NMR for fully protected dipicolinate 14



#### **Elemental Composition Report**

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Single Mass Analysis

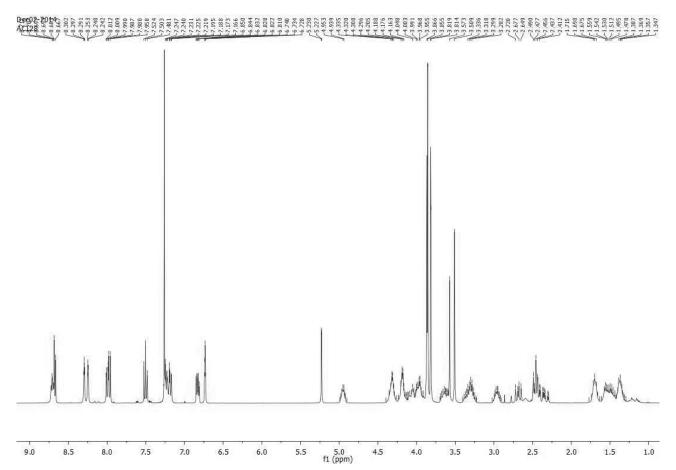
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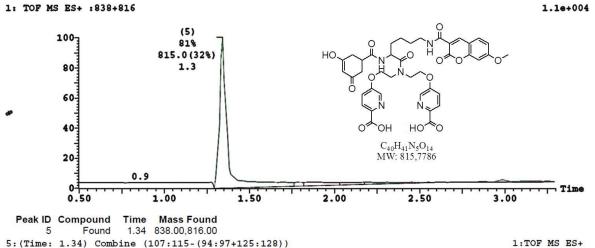
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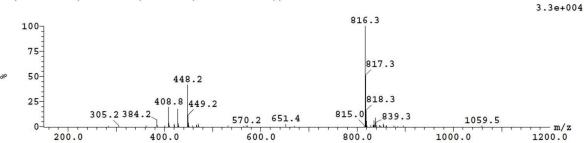
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#### 3. LC-MS, HRMS, <sup>1</sup>H/<sup>13</sup>C/COSY/HSQC NMRs, UV/vis and emission for ligand 15





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Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 10.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

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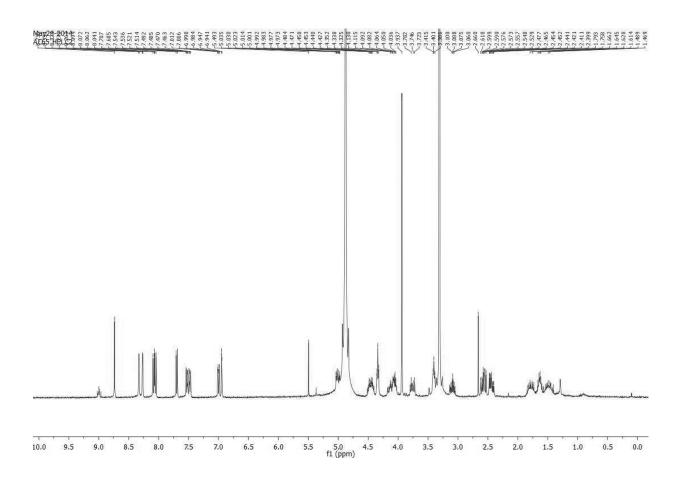
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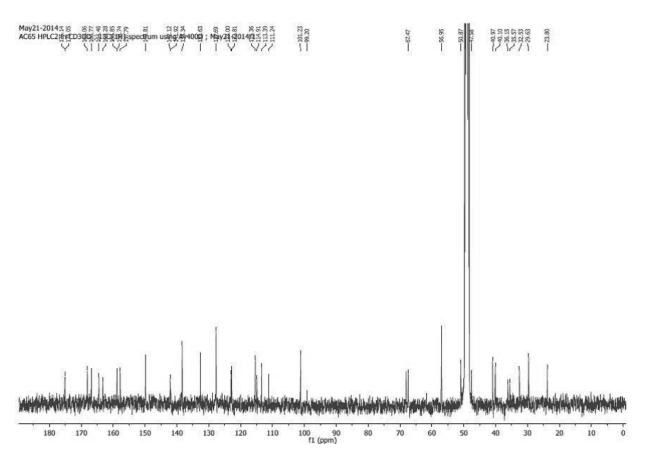
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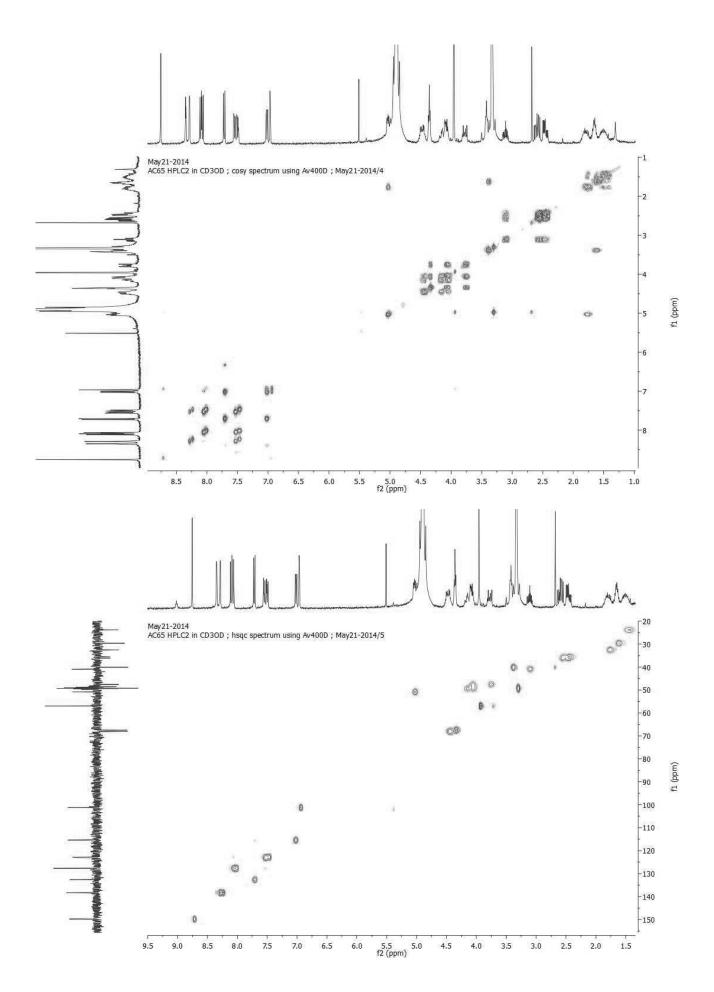
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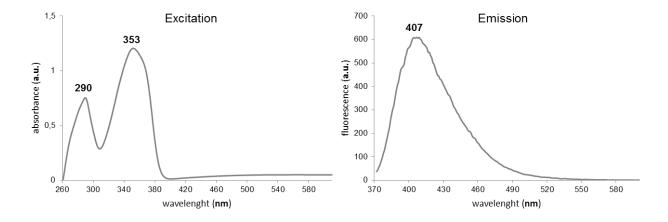
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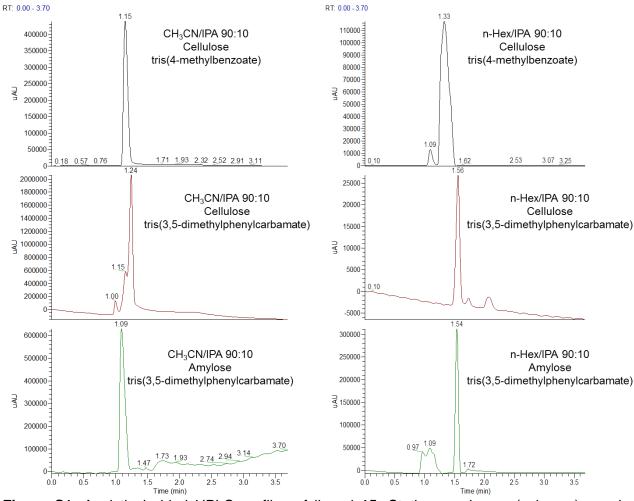
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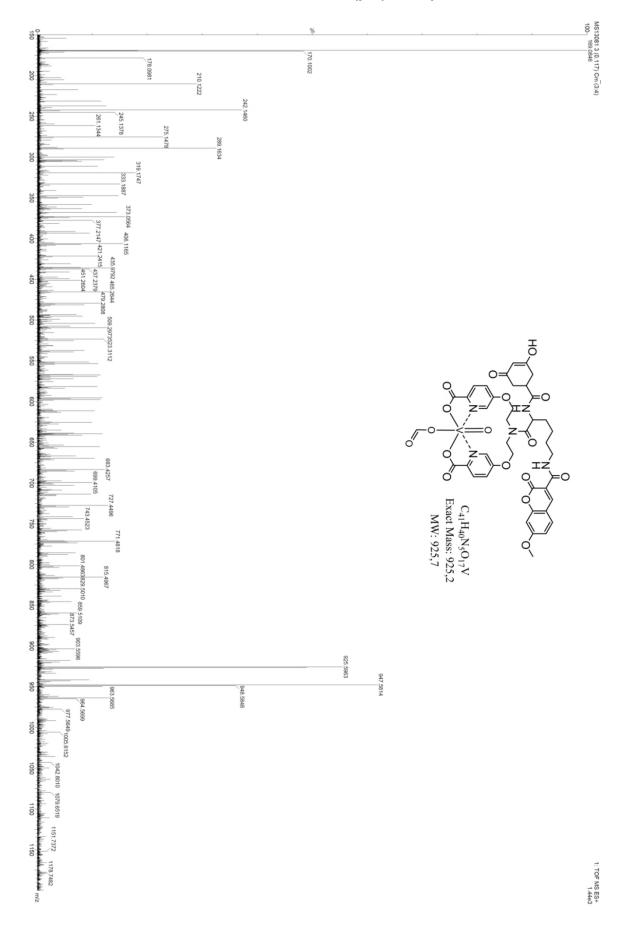


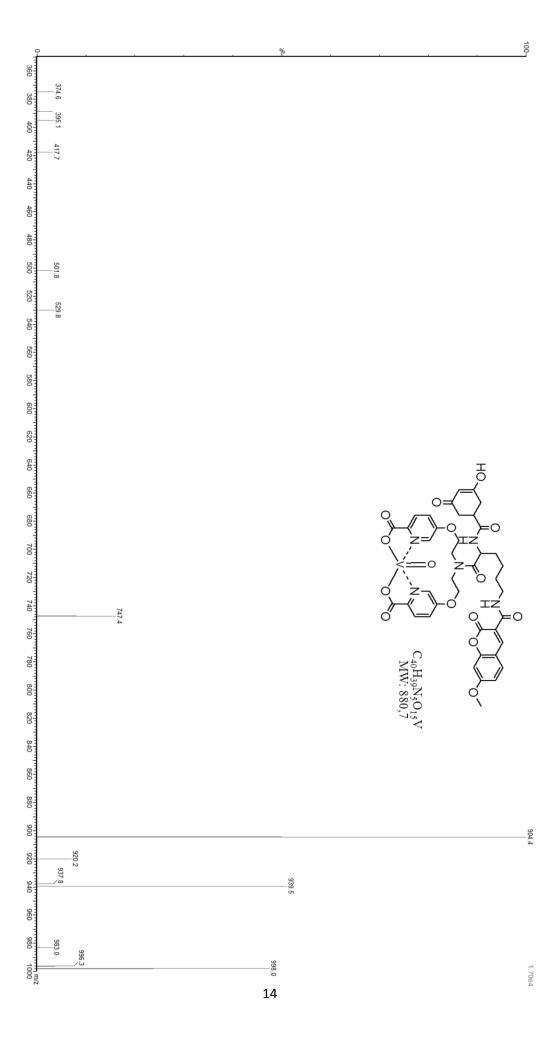


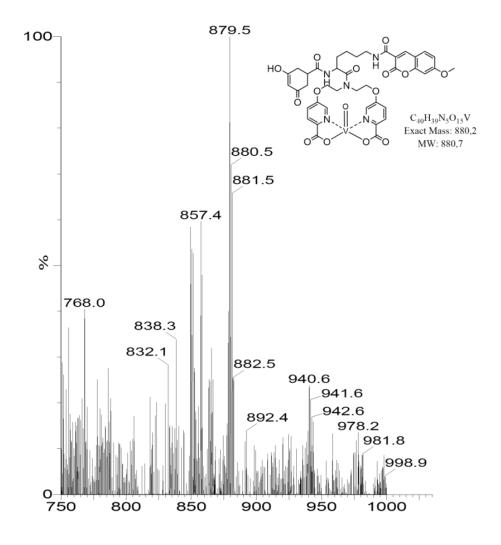


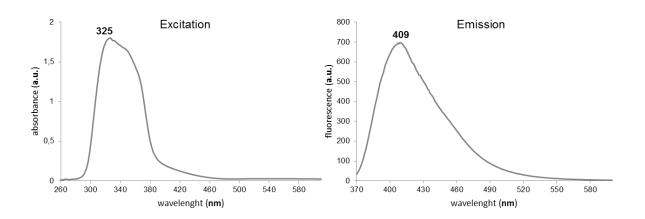
**Figure S1.** Analytical chiral HPLC profiles of ligand **15**. Stationary phases (columns): amylose tris(3,5-dimethylphenylcarbamate) (Lux Amylose-1), cellulose tris(3,5-dimethylphenylcarbamate) (Lux Cellulose-1), and cellulose tris(4-methylbenzoate) (Lux Cellulose-3); eluents: n-Hex/IPA and CH<sub>3</sub>CN/IPA 90:10; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; temperature: 25°C; UV detection: 254 nm.

## 4. ESI-MS, MALDI, UV/vis and emission for VO(pic)<sub>2</sub> complex 16









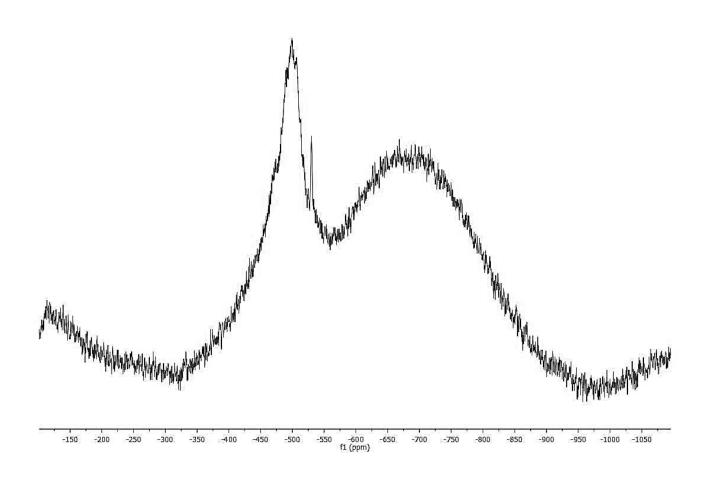
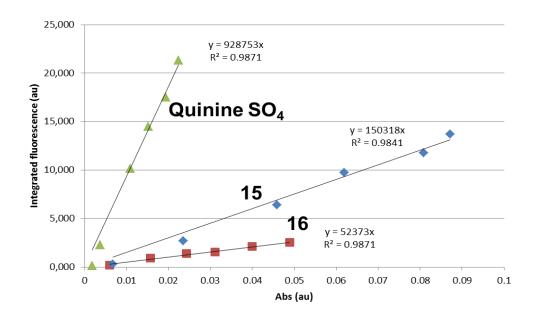
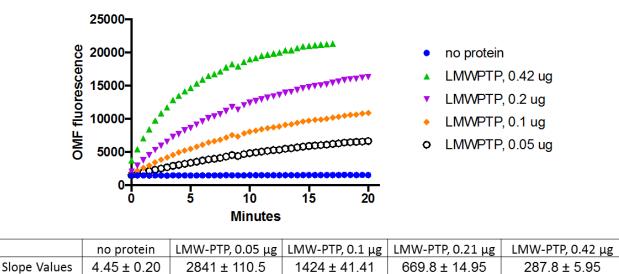


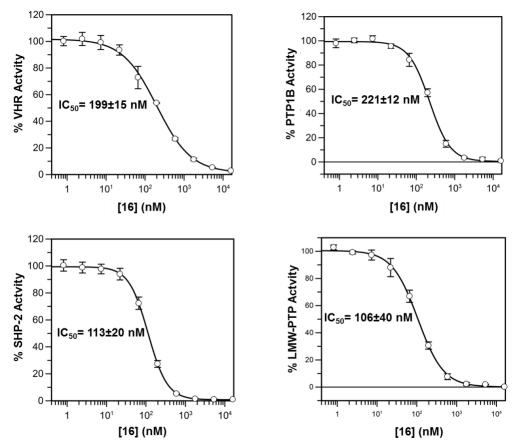
Figure S2.  $^{51}$ V NMR spectrum of 16 (3 mg) recorded after 72 h in solution (DMSO-d6,  $\it ca$ . 400  $\mu$ L).



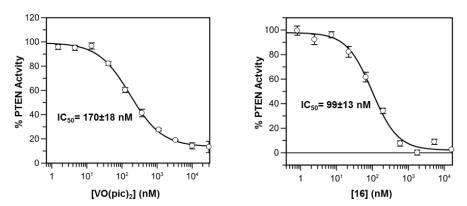
**Figure S3.** Linear plots for the calculation of fluorescence quantum yields for **15** and **16**. The gradient of each plot (IF vs A) is proportional to the quantum yield of the sample. For each test sample, the  $\Phi_F$  value is obtained relevant to the standard (quinine sulphate) and represents the quantum yield value calculated.



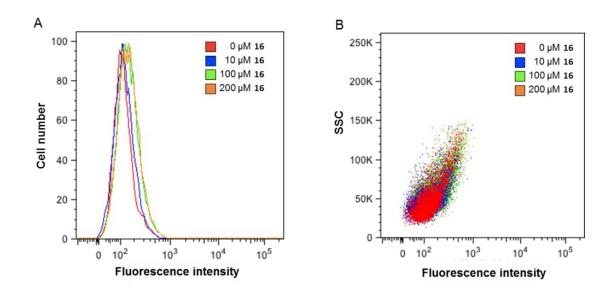
**Figure S4.** LMW-PTP activity (as an e.g. for all phosphatases) in the presence of OMFP as a substrate. Four slope lines represent measurements of OMFP hydrolysis in the presence of LMW-PTP-GST ( $0.05-0.42~\mu g$ ). Horizontal line corresponds to the background measurements in the absence of LMW-PTP. High values of the slopes indicate high LMW-PTP phosphatase activity.



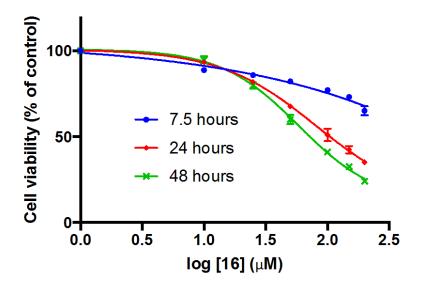
**Figure S5**.  $IC_{50}$  curves (values nM  $\pm$  standard deviation of triplicate repeats) of dimedone-based  $VO(pic)_2$  complex **16** for PTP1B (= protein-tyrosine phosphatase 1B), SHP-2 (= Src homology region 2 domain-containing phosphatase-2), LMW-PTP (= low molecular weight protein tyrosine phosphatase), and VHR (= dual specificity protein phosphatase 3).



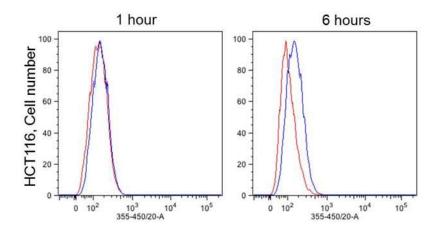
**Figure S6.** IC<sub>50</sub> curves (values nM ± standard deviation of triplicate repeats) of VO(pic)<sub>2</sub> (reference compound, Figure 1 - main text) and new dimedone-based VO(pic)<sub>2</sub> complex **16** for PTEN (= phosphatase and tensin homolog).



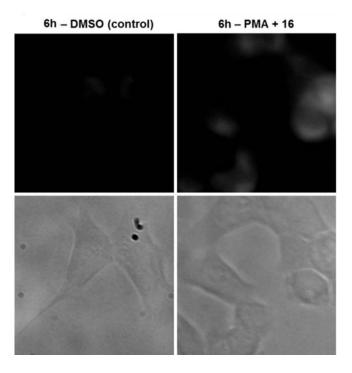
**Figure S7.** Live cell uptake of **16** (flow cytometry). Live HCT116 were treated with 10-200  $\mu$ M of **16** for 24 hours. Flow cytometry histogram (**A**) and dotplot (**B**) show no significant increase of fluorescence in HCT116 cells after 24 hours treatment with **16**, indicating that there is no detectable uptake of **16** in live HCT116 cells. Untreated cells are shown in Red. 10000 cells were measured for each analysis. Autofluorescence was measured in the absence of **16** (0  $\mu$ M).



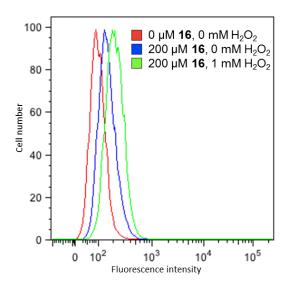
**Figure S8**. Cytotoxicity of **16**. HCT116 cells were treated with 100 nM PMA and 0 - 200  $\mu$ M of **16** for 7.5, 24 or 48 hours. Cell viability was measured by MTS assay. Data shown in average of triplicates  $\pm$  SD%.



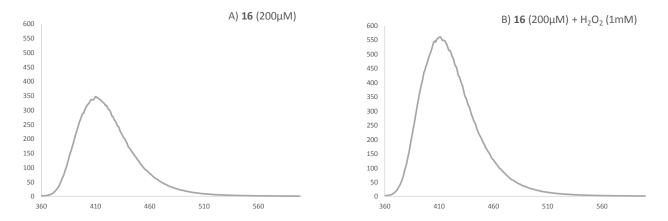
**Figure S9.** Live cell uptake of **16** + PMA (flow cytometry). Live HCT116 cells were co-treated with 100 nM PMA and 200  $\mu$ M of **16** for 1 and 6 hours. Flow cytometry histograms show increase of fluorescence in HCT116 cells after 6 hours co-treatment (i.e. PMA + **16**), indicating that PMA treatment facilitates the uptake of **16** in HCT116 cells. Untreated cells are shown in Red. 10000 cells were measured for each analysis.



**Figure S10.** Live cell uptake of **16** + PMA (microscopy). Live HCT116 cells were co-treated with 100 nM PMA and 200  $\mu$ M of **16** for 6, showing increase of fluorescence and indicating that PMA treatment facilitates the uptake of **16**. Untreated cells are shown at 6 hours (i.e. no incubation with PMA + **16**). Quantification of fluorescence signal was performed with FIJI.



**Figure S11.** Flow cytometry histogram of HCT116 cells incubated with **16** under oxidative conditions. Live cells were co-treated with 100 nM PMA and **16** (200  $\mu$ M) for 6 hours following by addition of 0 or 1 mM of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for 30 min. Cells treated with 1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Green) show an increase in fluorescence intensity compared to the control (i.e. no H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, Blue). Untreated cells (no **16**, no H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) are shown in Red. 10000 cells were measured for each analysis.



**Figure S12.** Emission spectra for **16** in the absence/presence of  $H_2O_2$  for 30 min. A) Fluorescence emission of **16** (200  $\mu$ M) in PBS. B) Fluorescence emission of **16** (200  $\mu$ M) + 30%  $H_2O_2$  (1mM) in PBS after 30 minutes.