

Biothiol Xenon MRI Sensor Based on Thiol-Addition Reaction

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1. Characterization of cryptophane 1:

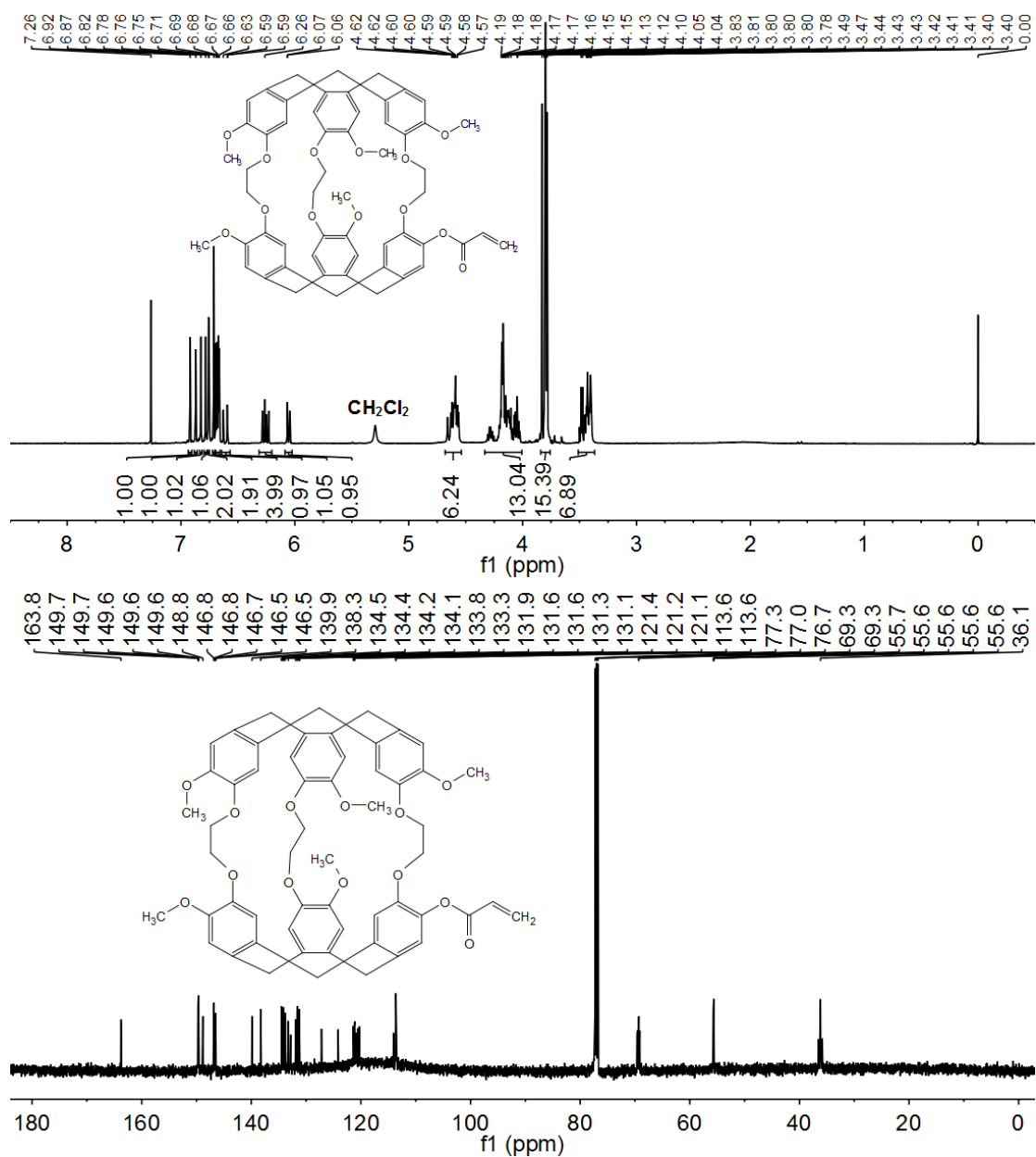


Figure S1. ^1H (upper) and ^{13}C (lower) NMR spectra of cryptophane 1 recorded in CDCl_3 .

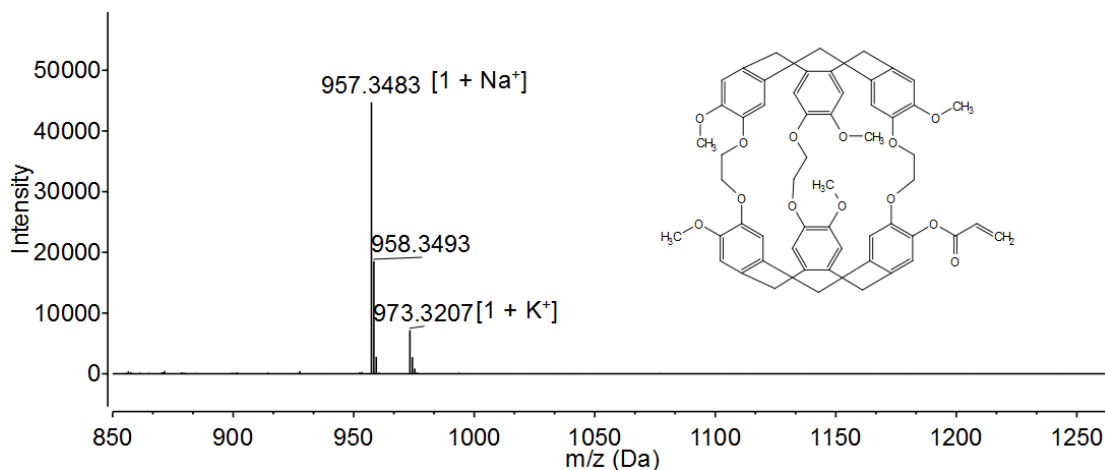


Figure S2. HR MS-ESI of cryptophane 1.

2. Time dependent ¹²⁹Xe NMR signal of cryptophane 1 interacting with biothiols:

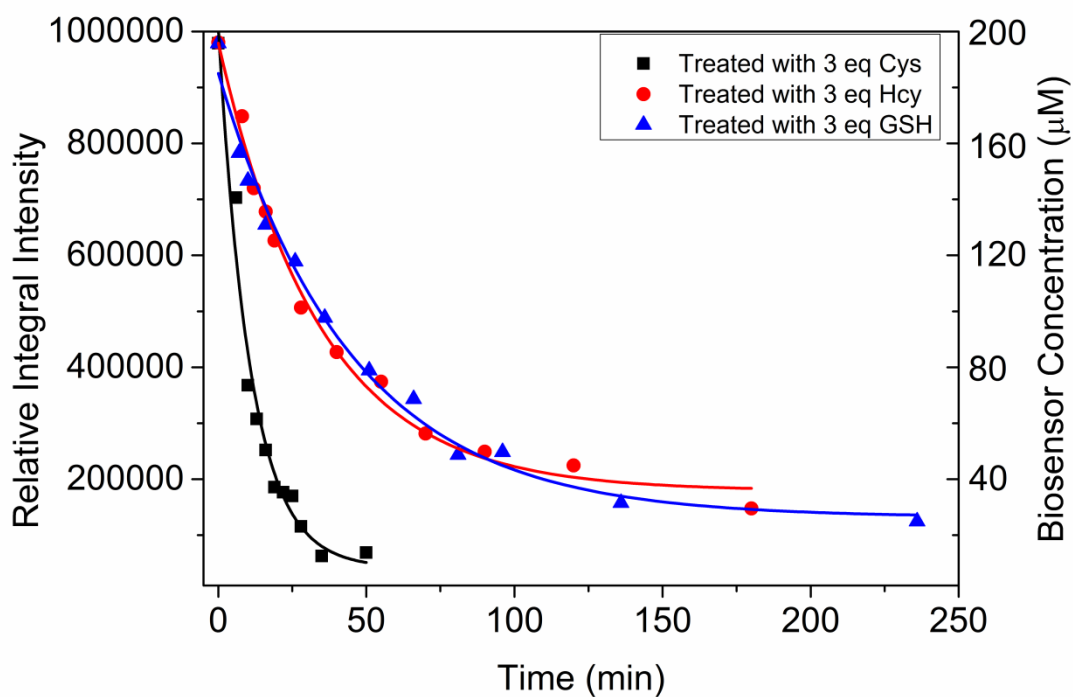


Figure S3. Time-dependent ¹²⁹Xe NMR signal intensity at $\delta = 76.9$ ppm (left) and the corresponding concentration change (right) of cryptophane 1 (200 μ M) after treated with 3 equiv Cys (■), Hcy (●) and GSH (▲), respectively.

3. Biosensor 1 in response to the low Cys concentration:

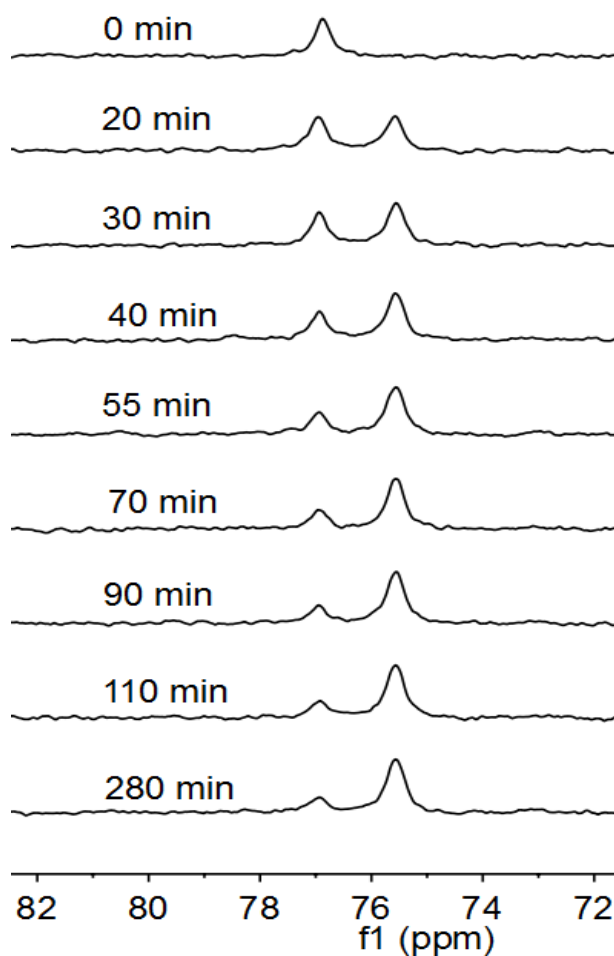


Figure S4. ^{129}Xe chemical shift change of cryptophane 1 (200 μM) upon addition of 1 equiv Cys.

4. Biosensor 1 in response to Cys in HEPES buffer with 10% DMSO:

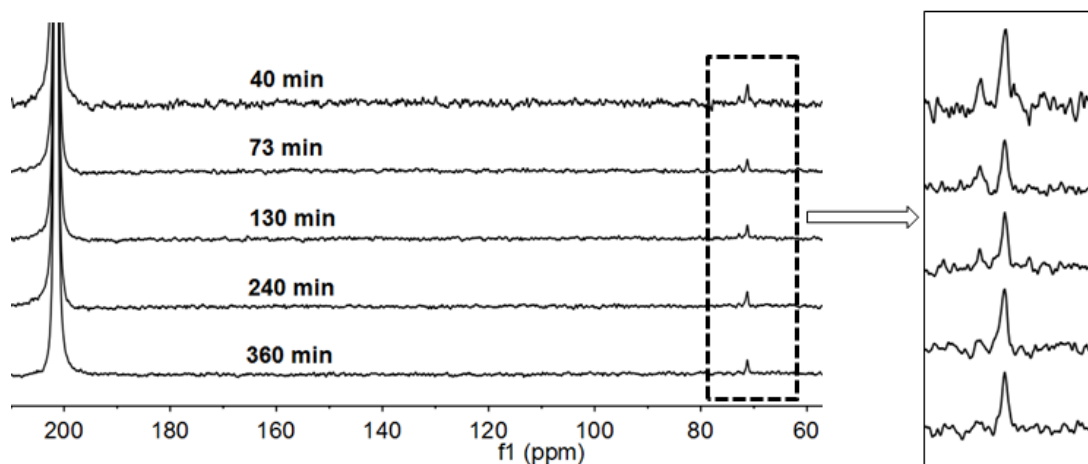


Figure S5. Time-dependent ^{129}Xe NMR spectra change of cryptophane 1 (10 μM) upon addition of 10 equiv Cys in 20 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.4) with 10% DMSO at

25 °C. Under this conditions, the chemical shift of dissolved free Xe was at $\delta = 201.4$ ppm and chemical shift of caged Xe in cryptophane 1 was at $\delta = 72.8$ ppm, respectively. After addition of 10 equiv Cys, a new signal at 71.2 ppm appeared. The result means this reaction can proceed in low cryptophane concentration and DMSO content. All spectra were obtained with 32 scans.

5. Absorption spectra of cryptophane 1 treated with 10 equiv of Cys:

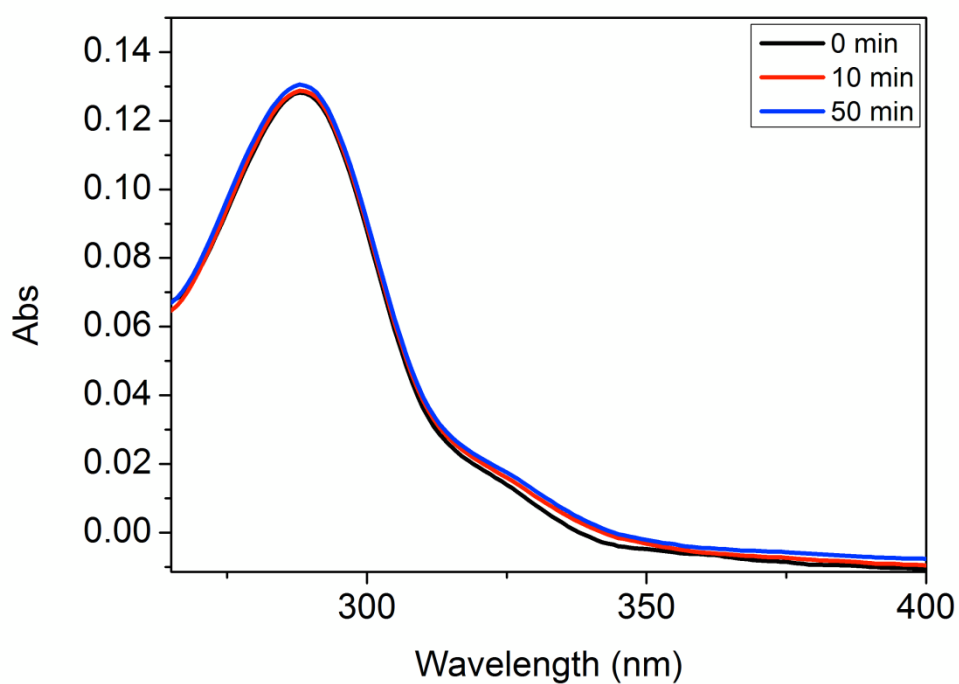


Figure S6. Absorption spectra of cryptophane 1 (10 μM) after treated with 10 equiv Cys. The spectra were recorded at 0, 10 and 50 min.

6. Biosensor 1 in response to Hcy:

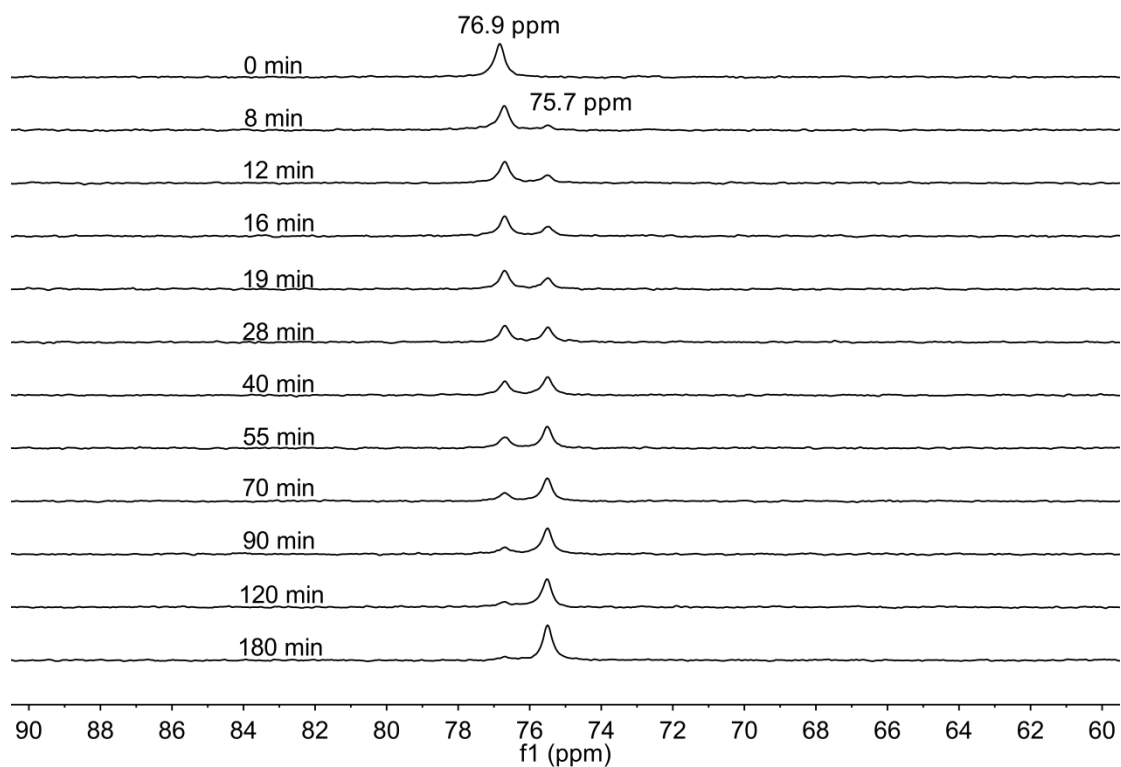


Figure S7. Time-dependent ^{129}Xe NMR spectra change of cryptophane 1 (200 μM) upon addition of 3 equiv Hcy. All spectra were obtained with a single scan.

7. Biosensor 1 in response to GSH:

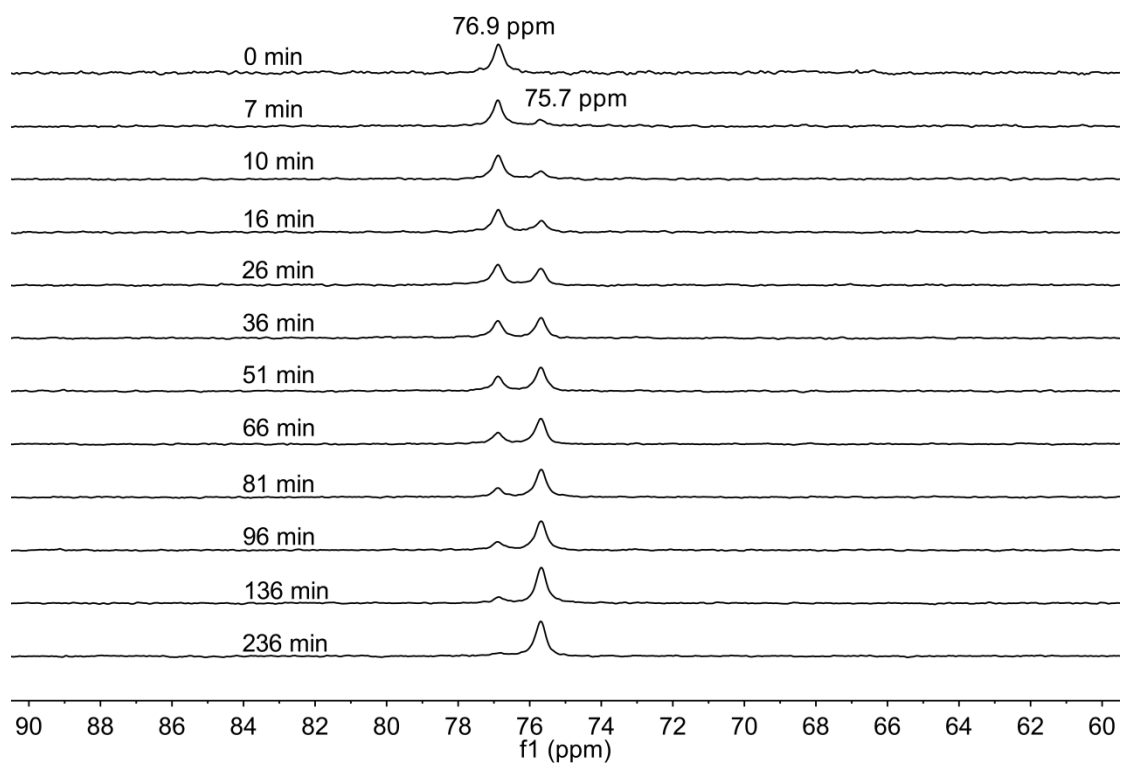


Figure S8. Time-dependent ^{129}Xe NMR spectra change of cryptophane 1 (200 μM)

upon addition of 3 equiv GSH. All spectra were obtained with a single scan.

8. TOF-MS spectrum of reaction product between cryptophane 1 and Cys:

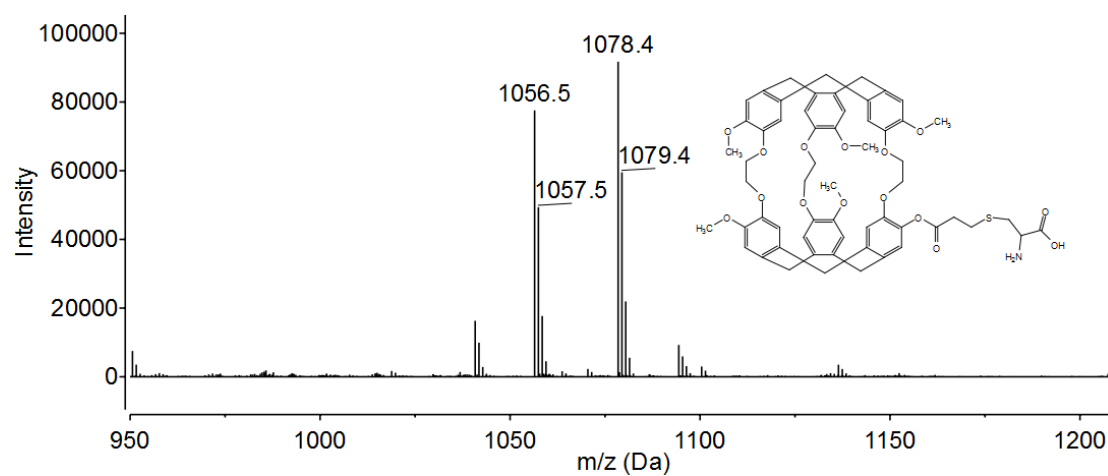


Figure S9. TOF-MS spectrum of reaction product between cryptophane 1 and Cys.

9. ^1H NMR spectral comparison between cryptophane 1 and [1-Cys] adduct:

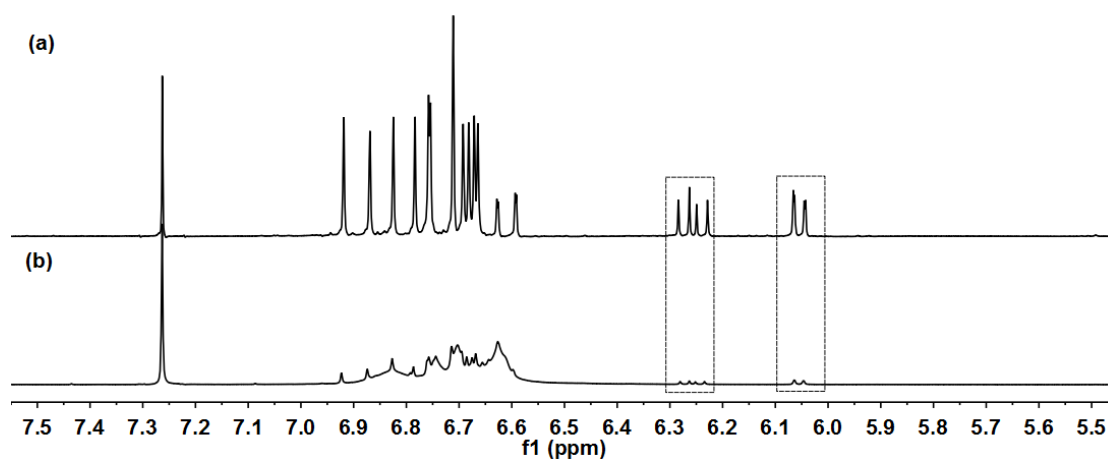


Figure S10. ^1H NMR spectral comparison between cryptophane 1 and its Cys adduct. (a) cryptophane 1 only; (b) [1-Cys] adduct.

10. ^{129}Xe NMR chemical shift comparison of cryptophane 1, cryptophane 2 and [1-Cys] adduct:

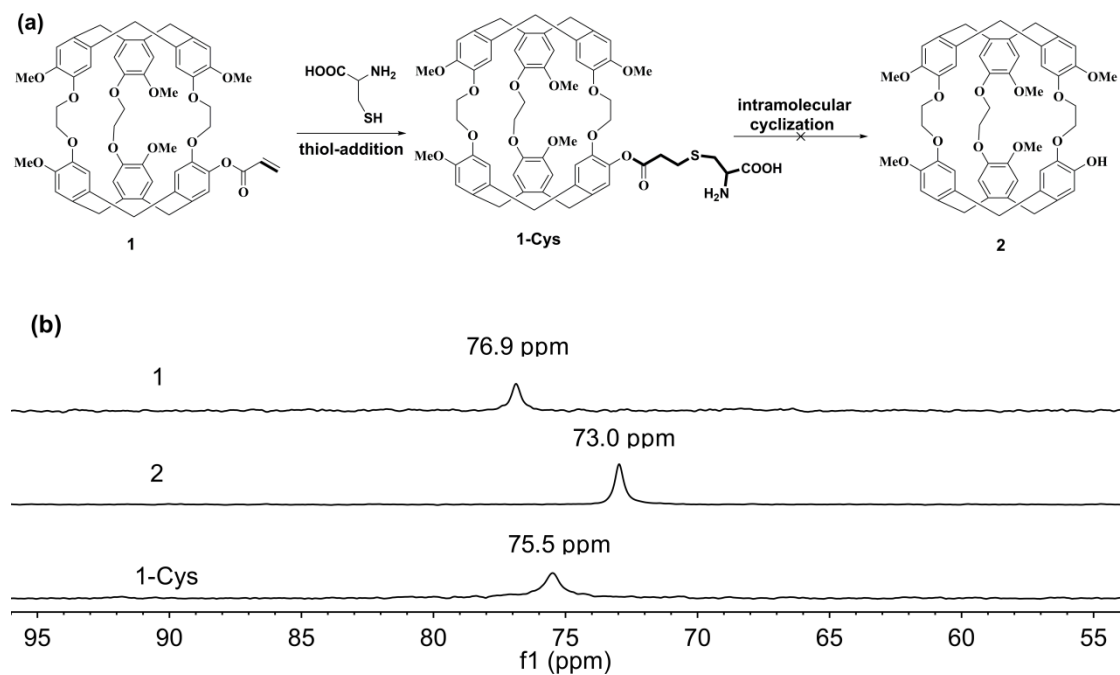


Figure S11. (a) The reaction of cryptophane 1 with Cys and (b) ^{129}Xe NMR chemical shift of cryptophane 1, cryptophane 2 and [1-Cys] adduct. All spectra were obtained under the same test conditions. The result indicates that the reaction of cryptophane 1 with Cys do not undergo the intramolecular cyclization.

11. ^{129}Xe spectra of cryptophane 1 in the presence of various analytes:

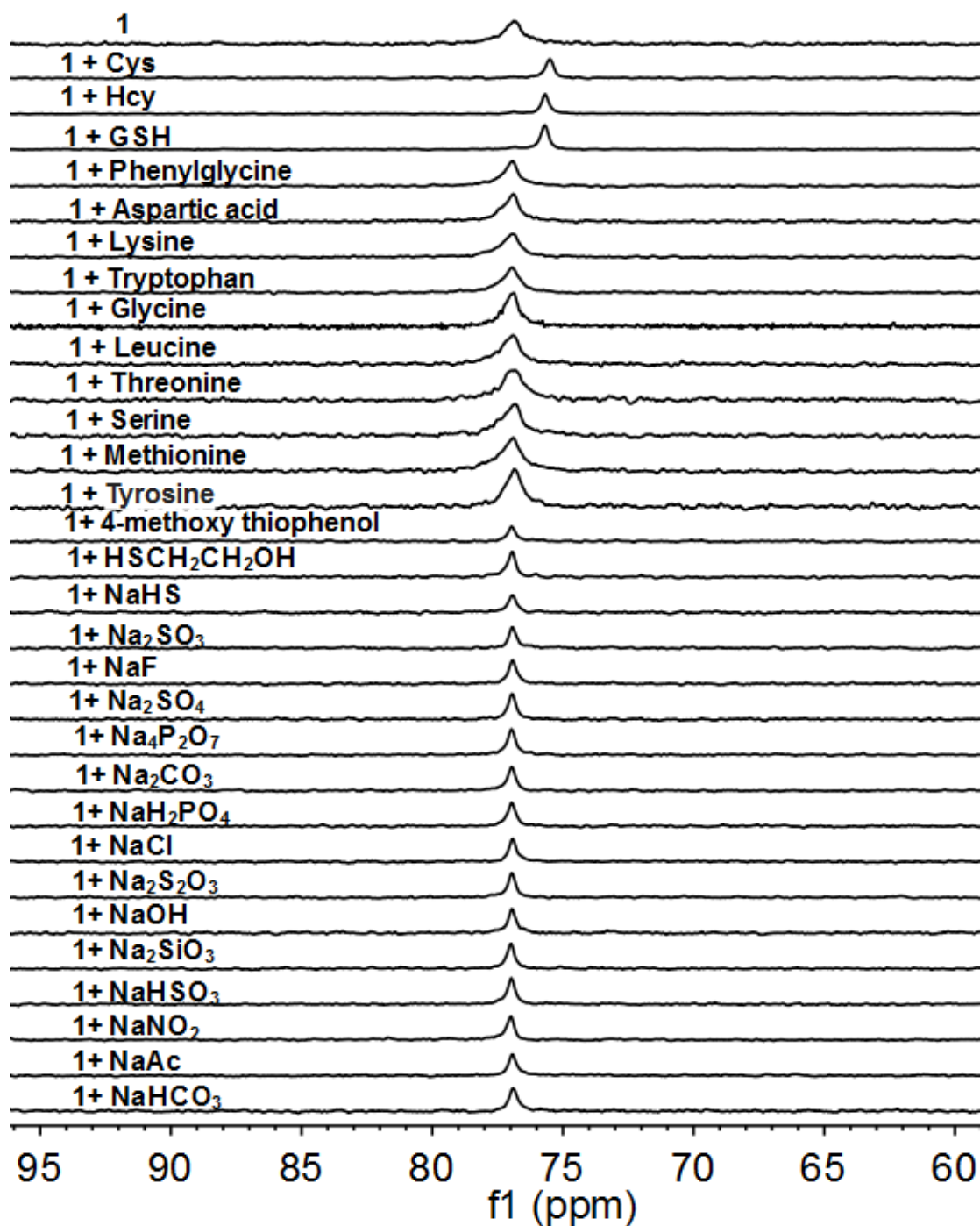
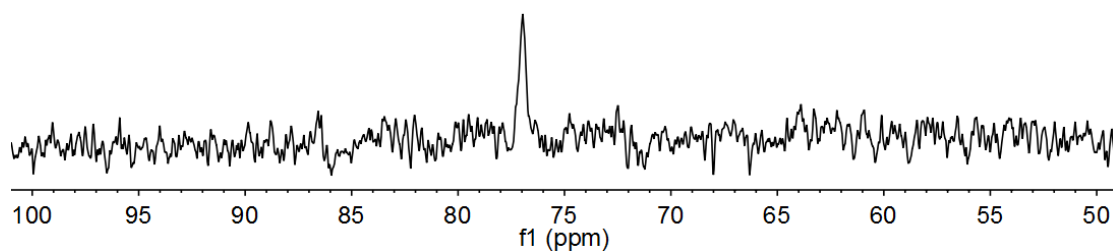


Figure S12. Single-scan ^{129}Xe NMR spectra of caged xenon of cryptophane 1 (200 μM) in the presence of various analytes (the concentration of Cys, Hcy and GSH were 600 μM , the rest analytes were 2000 μM). The result indicates that other analytes including amino acids and sulfur-containing molecular: 4-methoxy thiophenol, HSCH₂CH₂OH, hydrogen sulfide, sulfite, sulfate, thiosulfate, and hydrogen sulfite caused no obvious ^{129}Xe NMR chemical shift change of cryptophane 1.

12. Sensitivity of biosensor 1:

(a)



(b)

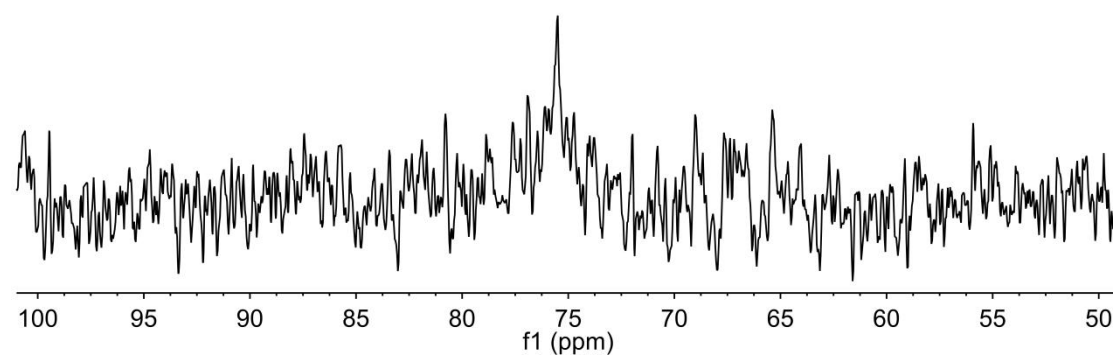


Figure S13. (a) Single scan ^{129}Xe NMR spectrum of caged xenon of cryptophane 1 at a concentration of $10\ \mu\text{M}$. (b) 4096 signal averages enable the detection of ^{129}Xe NMR of caged xenon of cryptophane 1 at a concentration of $80\ \text{nM}$ after treatment with Cys. In this experiment, Xe gas was introduced by continuous-flow at the rate of 0.08 standard liters per minute.

13. Biosensor 1 in response to GSH and Hcy in bovine serum solution:

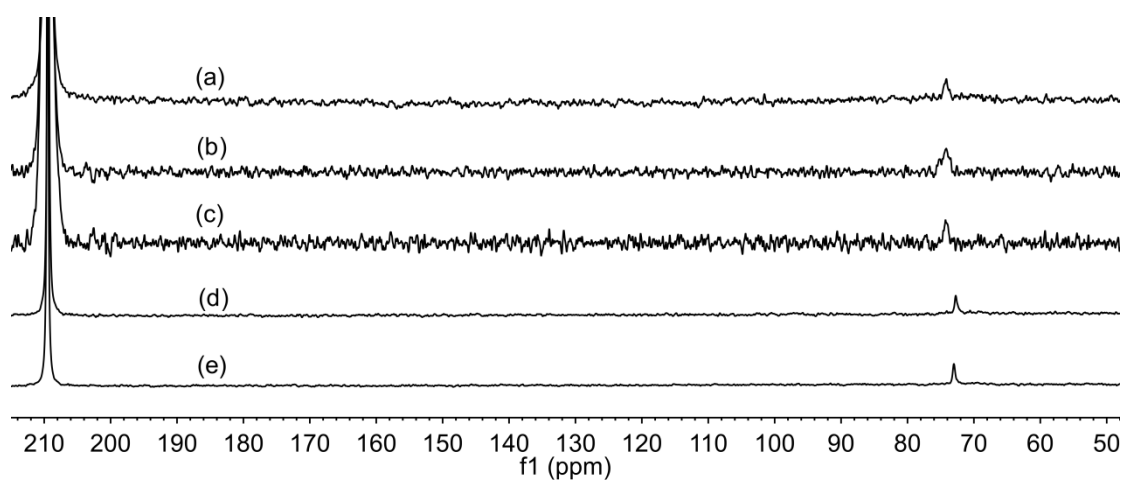


Figure S14. ^{129}Xe NMR spectra of cryptophane 1 ($40\ \mu\text{M}$) in 20 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.4) solution (containing 10% bovine serum and 20% DMSO, v/v) at (a) 10 min, (b) 180 min, (c) 400 min and in the presence of (d) GSH, (e) Hcy. The ^{129}Xe NMR chemical shift of caged xenon is (a) 74.1 ppm, (b) 74.1 ppm, (c) 74.1 ppm, (d) 73.0 ppm and (e) 72.7 ppm, respectively. All spectra were obtained with 16 scans and the line width is 20 Hz.