

# Dual-Responsive Hydrogels for Mercury Ion Detection and Removal from Wastewater

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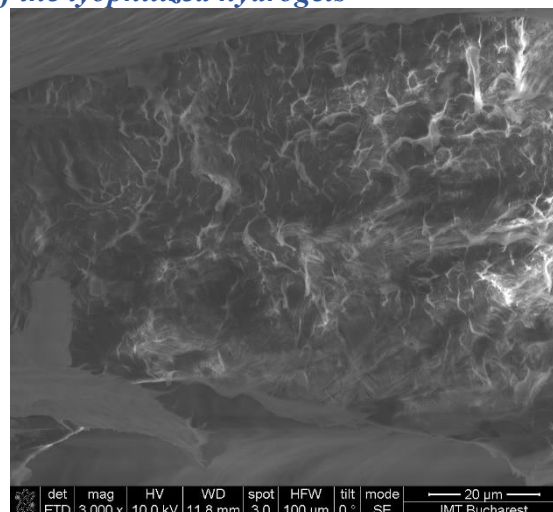
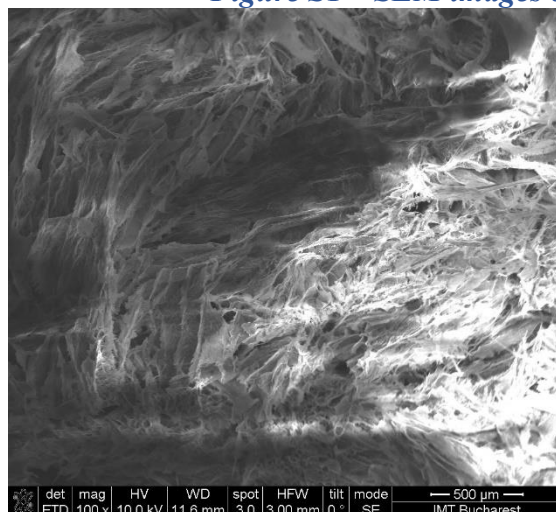
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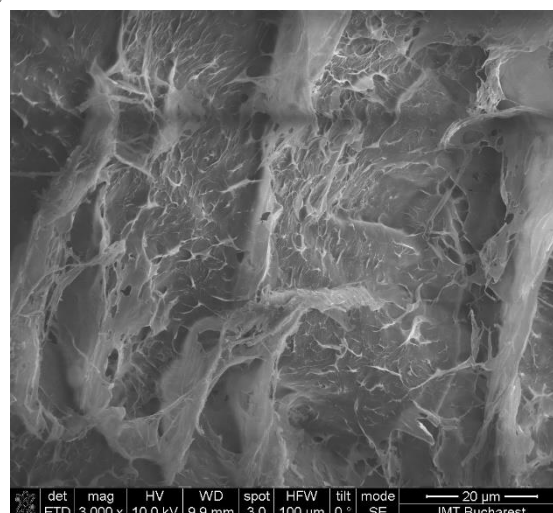
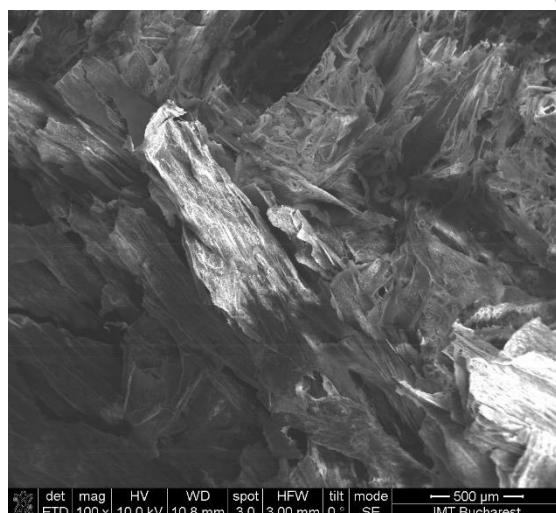
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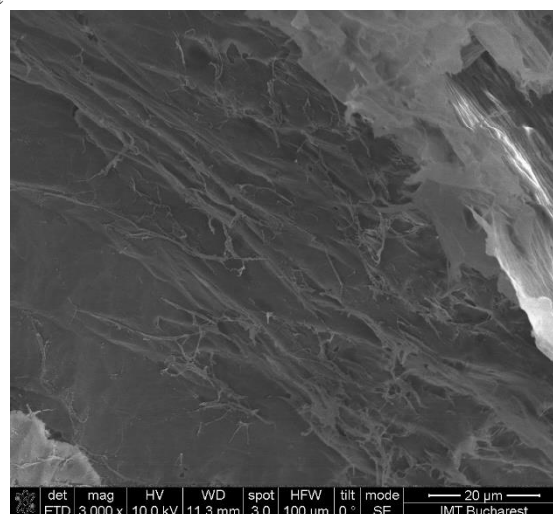
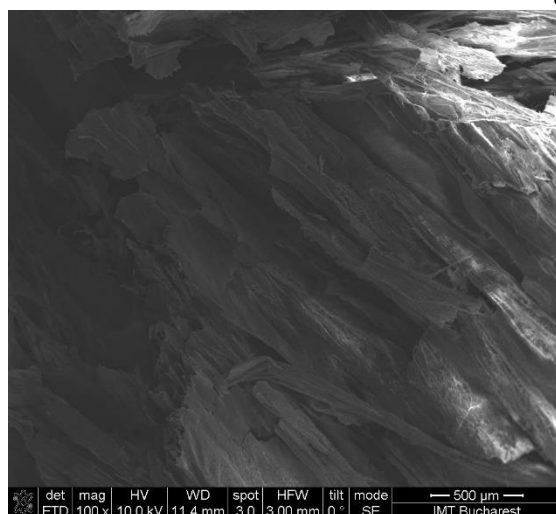
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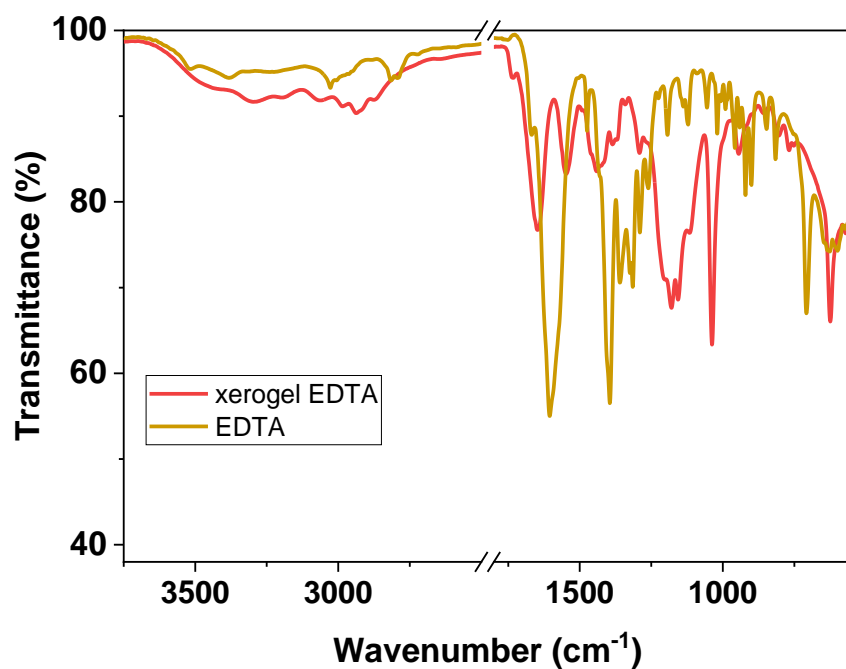
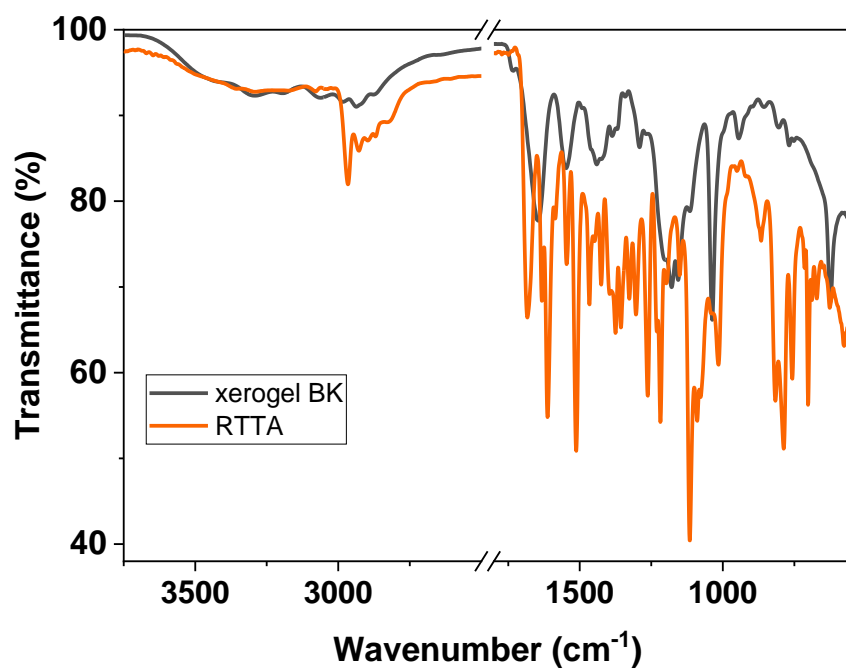


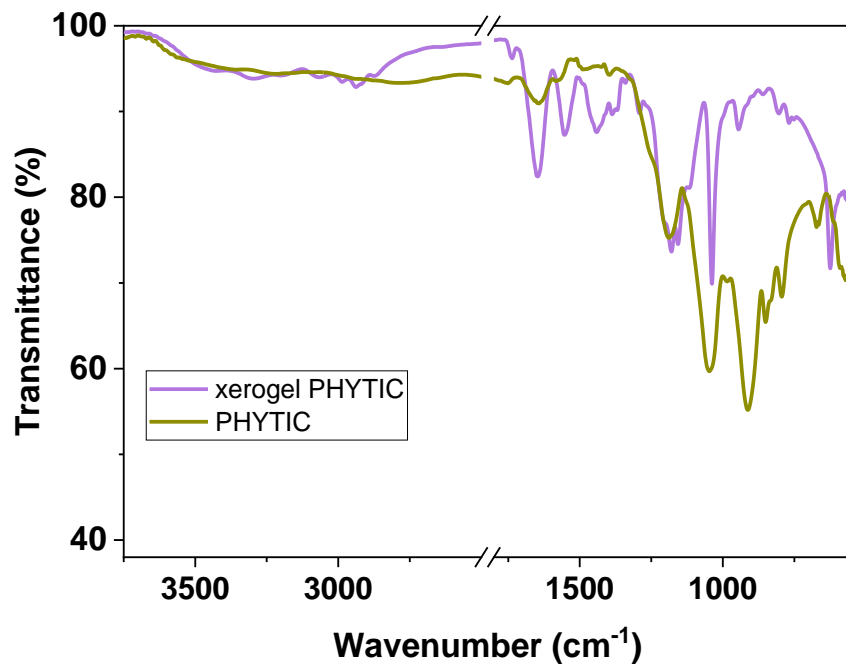
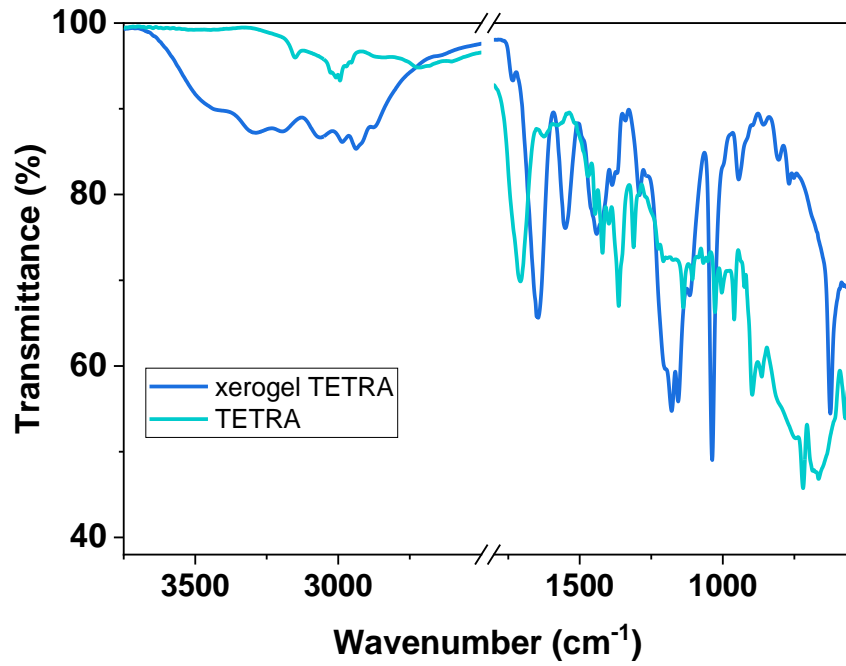
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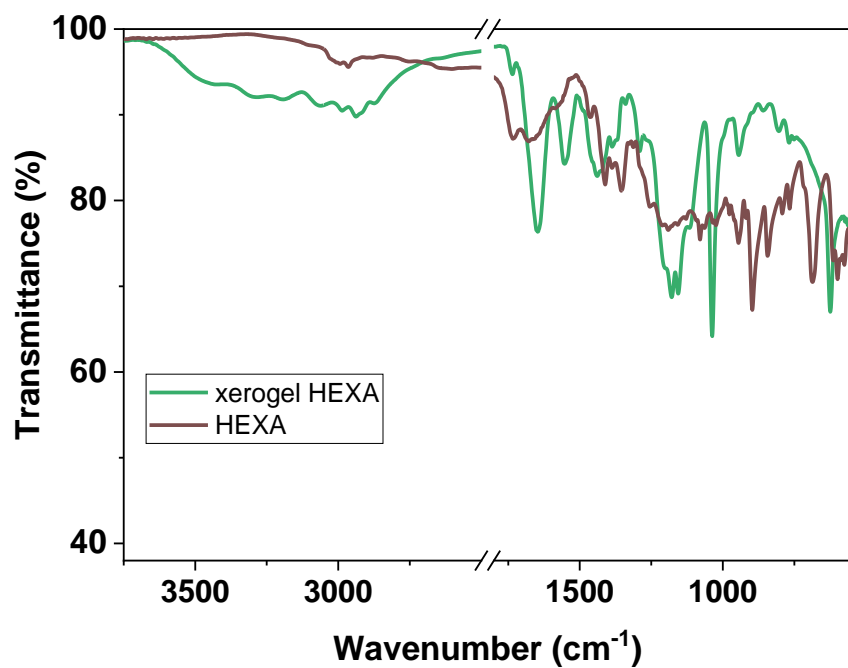


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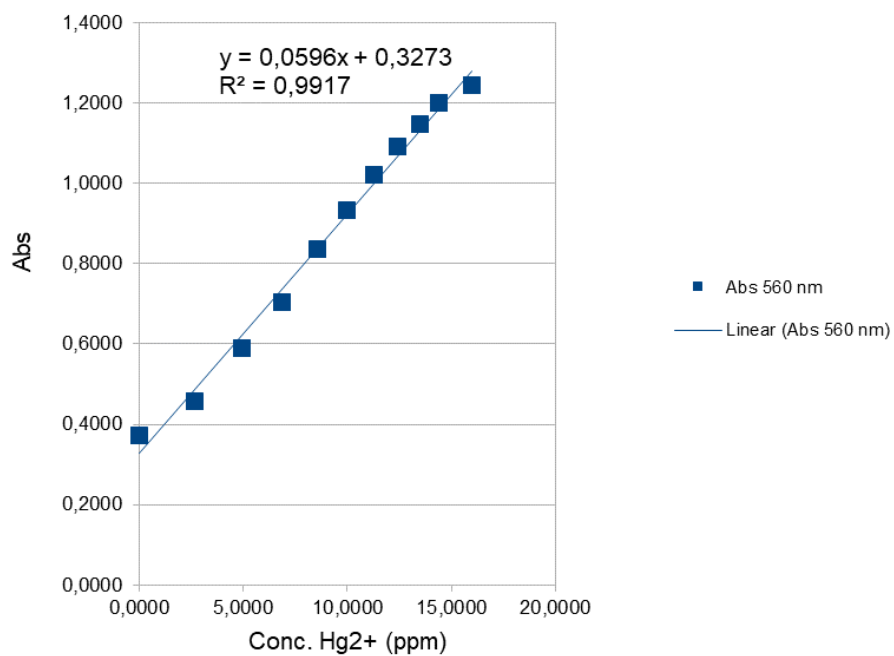




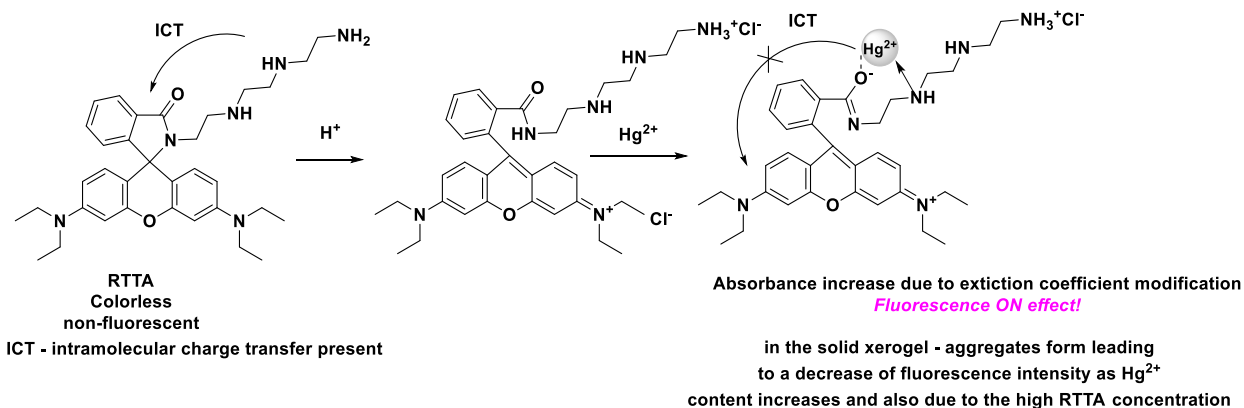




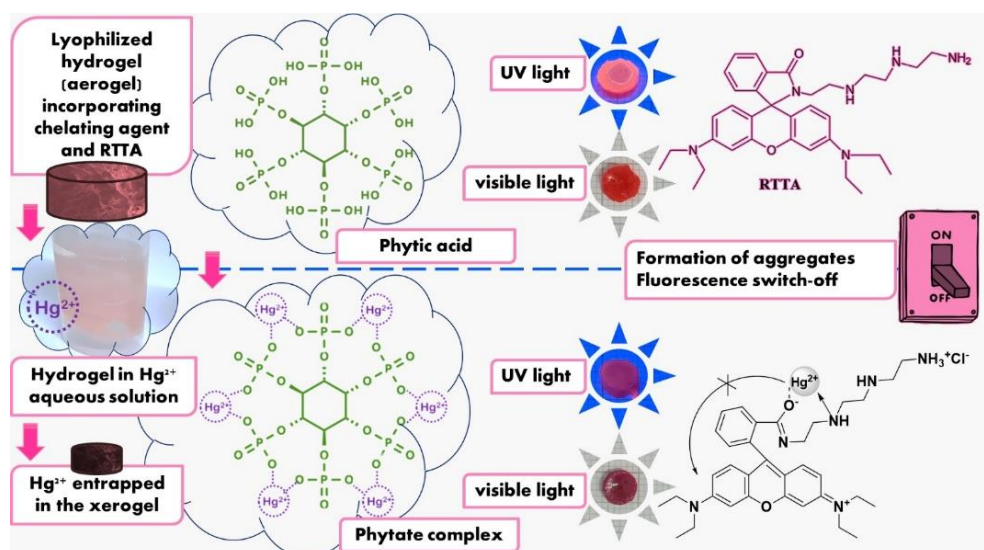
*Figure S2 – FTIR plots*



*Figure S3 – UV-Vis calibration curve*

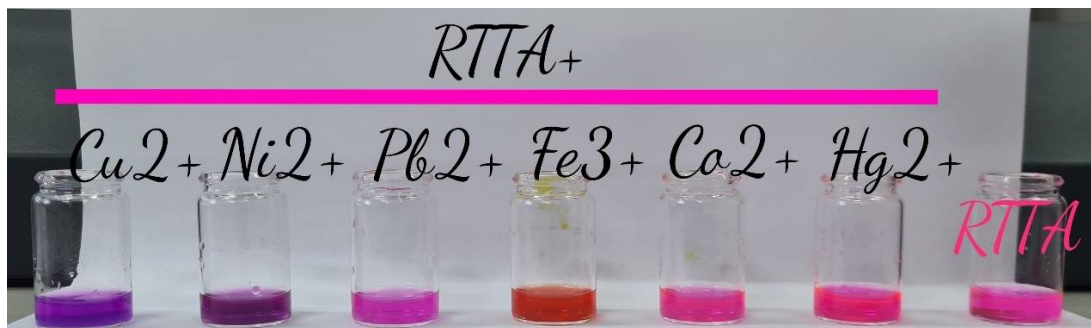


**Scheme S1.** RTTA  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  interaction steps and mechanism for absorption and emission properties modification

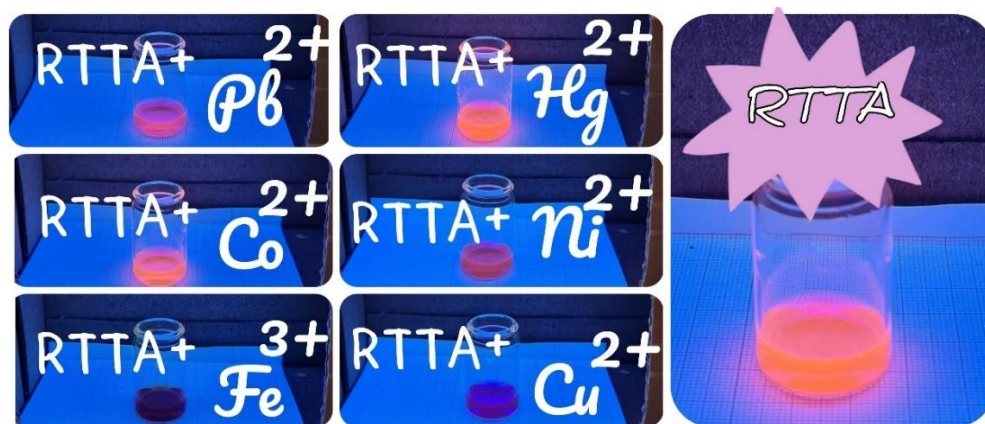


**Scheme S2.** Method principle

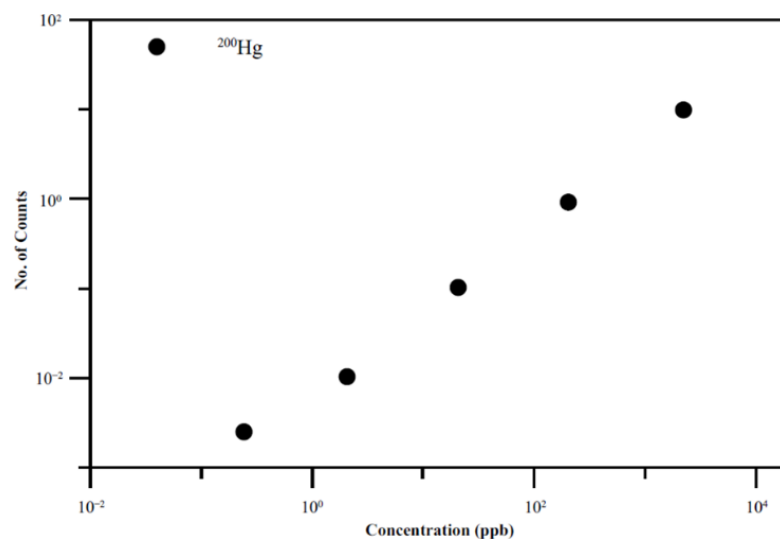


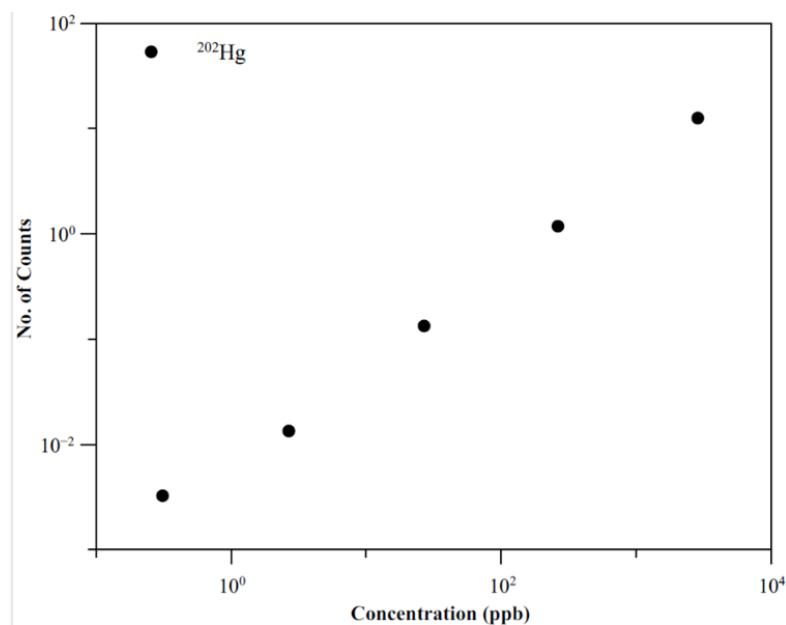


*Figure S4 - Images of RTTA solution color modification due to interaction with different cations*



*Figure S5 - Images of RTTA solution emission modification due to interaction with cations*





*Figure S6 – ICP-MS calibration*

*Table S1. ICP-MS Accuracy*

	<sup>200</sup> Hg [ 1 ]	<sup>202</sup> Hg [ 1 ]
Accuracy	107.07%	107.20%

*Table S2. Spike Concentrations*

	Spike 100 %	Spike 10%
Concentration (ppm, mg/kg)	946	94.77