Supplementary material

Two highly sensitive Schiff-base fluorescent indicators for the detection

of Zn²⁺

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Fig. S1. Fluorescence intensity at 483 nm for (a) **1** (30 μ M) and (b) **2** (30 μ M) in 9:1 (v/v) ethanol-H₂O (HEPES buffered, pH 7.2) as a function of the concentration of Zn²⁺. The excitation wavelength is 395nm.



Fig. S2. Fluorescence intensity changes of **1** (a) and **2** (b) at 483 nm (30 μ M) in the absence (F_0) and presence (F) of 1 equiv of Zn²⁺ in different solvents. 1-Water; 2-Dimethyl sulfoxide; 3-Acetonitrile; 4-*N*,*N*-Dimethylformamide; 5-Methanol; 6-Ethanol (pH = 7.2); 7-Acetone; 8-Tetrahydrofuran; 9-Chloroform; 10-Dichloromethane; 11-Toluene. $\lambda_{ex} = 395$ nm.



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Fig. S4. ¹³C NMR of **1**



Fig. S5. HRMS of 1







Fig. S7. ¹³C NMR of **2**



Fig. S8. HRMS of 2