

**Photophysical Studies of a Room Temperature Phosphorescent Cd(II)
based MOF and its Application towards Ratiometric Detection of Hg²⁺ Ions
in Water**

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Table S1: Selected bond distances (Å) observed in [Cd(C₅N₁S₁H₄)(C₆O₅H₃)], **Cd_1**.

Bond	Distances, Å	Bond	Distances, Å
Cd(1)-O(1)	2.303(3)	Cd(1)-O(2)	2.623(4)
Cd(1)-O(3)#1	2.335(3)	Cd(1)-S(1)	2.5417(10)
Cd(1)-O(4)#1	2.411(3)	Cd(1)-S(1)#2	2.7194(10)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 $x-1/2, -y+1/2, z-1/2$ #2 $x+1, y, z$

Table S2: Selected bond angles observed in [Cd(C₅N₁S₁H₄)(C₆O₅H₃)], **Cd_1**.

Angle	Amplitude (°)	Angle	Amplitude (°)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(3)#1	122.35(11)	O(4)#1-Cd(1)-O(2)	102.79(11)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(4)#1	152.32(12)	S(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)	147.10(7)
O(3)#1-Cd(1)-O(4)#1	55.54(10)	O(1)-Cd(1)-S(1)#2	77.98(8)
O(1)-Cd(1)-S(1)	94.68(8)	O(3)#1-Cd(1)-S(1)#2	134.21(8)
O(3)#1-Cd(1)-S(1)	121.62(9)	O(4)#1-Cd(1)-S(1)#2	87.05(8)
O(4)#1-Cd(1)-S(1)	109.47(8)	S(1)-Cd(1)-S(1)#2	93.34(3)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)	52.45(10)	O(2)-Cd(1)-S(1)#2	81.86(8)
O(3)#1-Cd(1)-O(2)	82.12(10)		

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 $x-1/2, -y+1/2, z-1/2$ #2 $x+1, y, z$

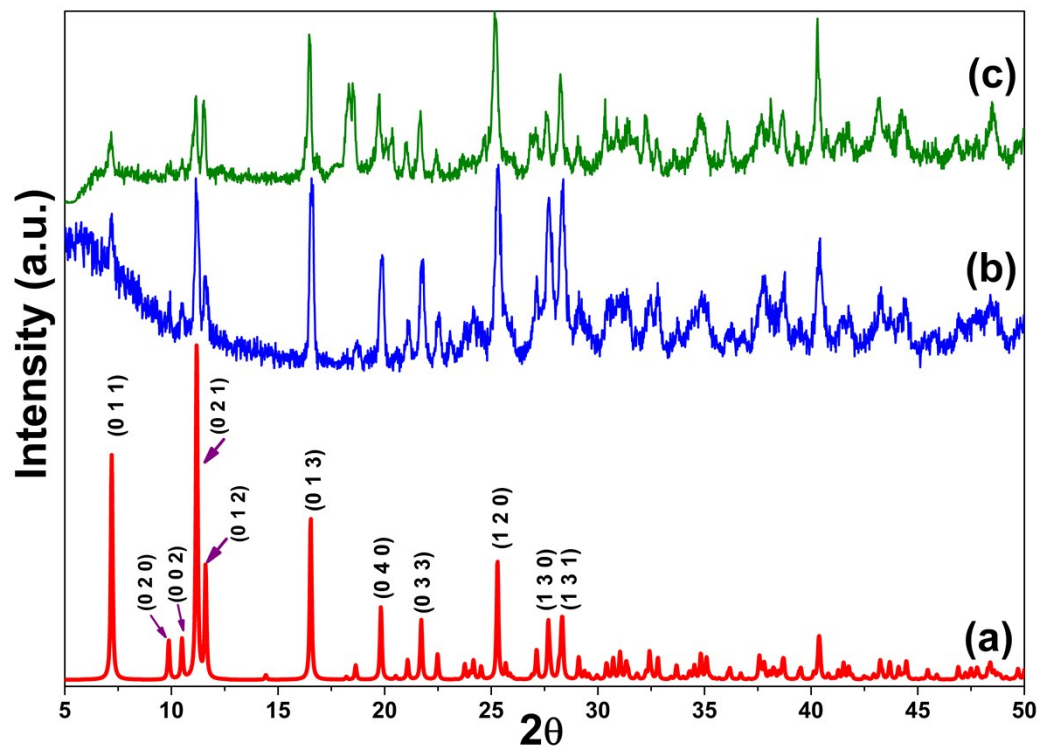


Fig. S1: Powder XRD ($\text{CuK}\alpha$) patterns of $[\text{Cd}(\text{C}_5\text{N}_1\text{S}_1\text{H}_4)(\text{C}_6\text{O}_5\text{H}_3)]$, **Cd_1**: (a) simulated pattern from single crystal X-ray data (b) experimental data (c) after immersing in Hg^{2+} for 24 hours.

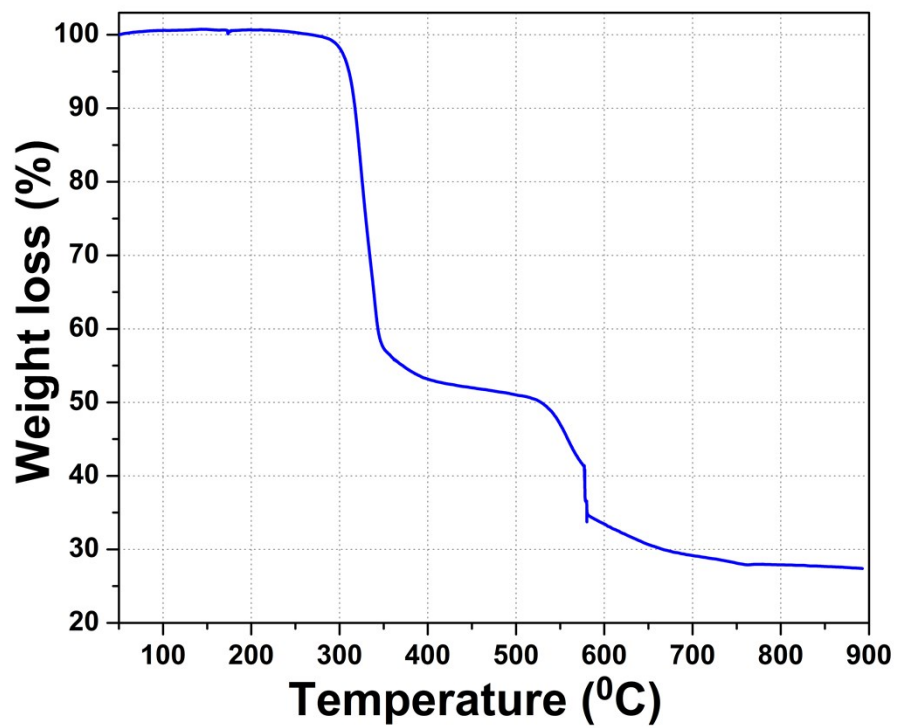


Fig. S2: Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of [Cd(C₅N₁S₁H₄)(C₆O₅H₃)], Cd₁, in nitrogen atmosphere.

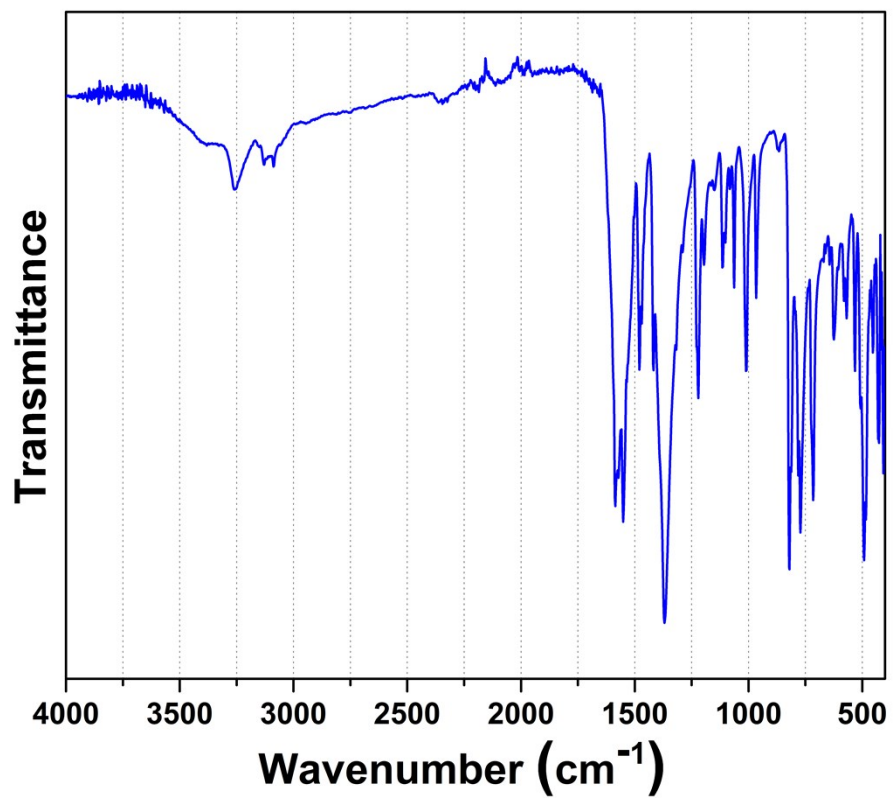


Fig. S3: IR spectrum of $[\text{Cd}(\text{C}_5\text{N}_1\text{S}_1\text{H}_4)(\text{C}_6\text{O}_5\text{H}_3)]$, Cd_1.

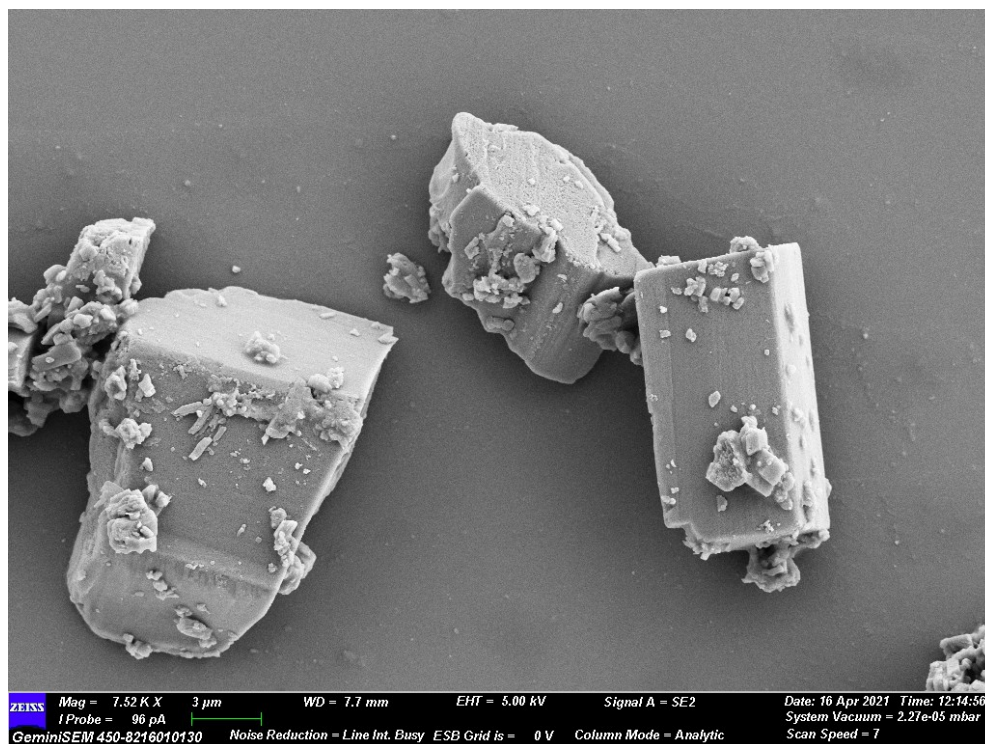


Fig. S4: SEM image of $[\text{Cd}(\text{C}_5\text{N}_1\text{S}_1\text{H}_4)(\text{C}_6\text{O}_5\text{H}_3)]$, Cd_1.

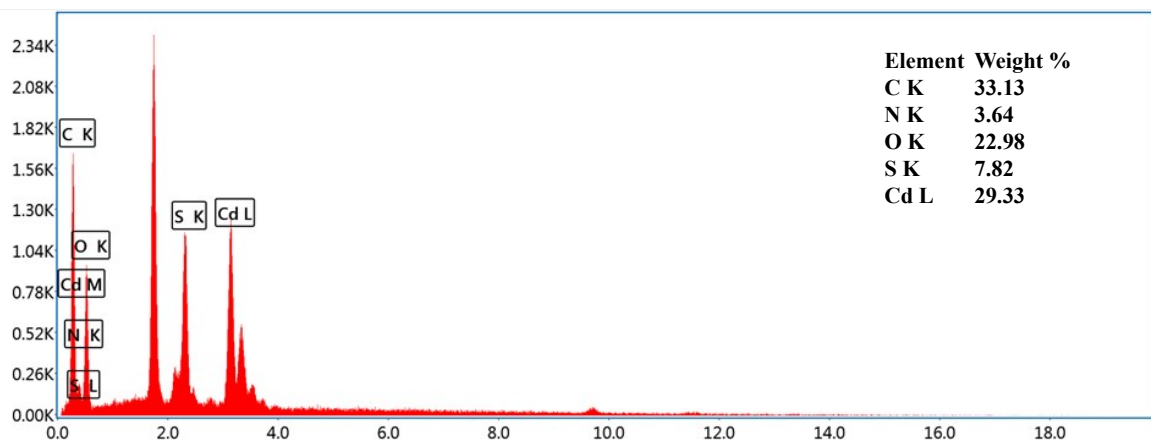


Fig. S5: Representative EDX plot of $[\text{Cd}(\text{C}_5\text{N}_1\text{S}_1\text{H}_4)(\text{C}_6\text{O}_5\text{H}_3)]$, Cd_1.

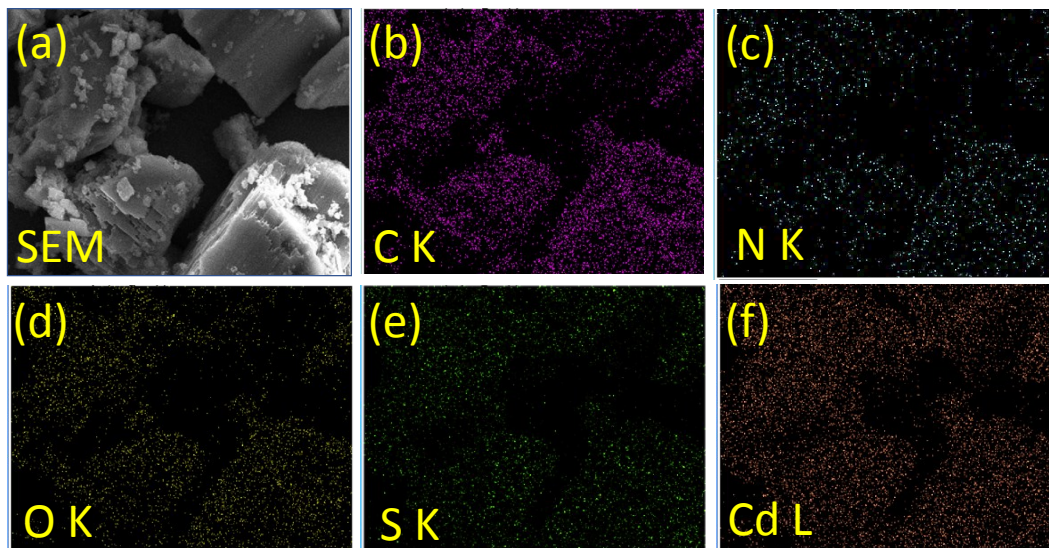


Fig. S6: (a) SEM image in which elemental mapping is performed in Cd₁ and elemental mapping images, (b) C K, (c) N K, (d) O K (e) S K and (f) Cd L.

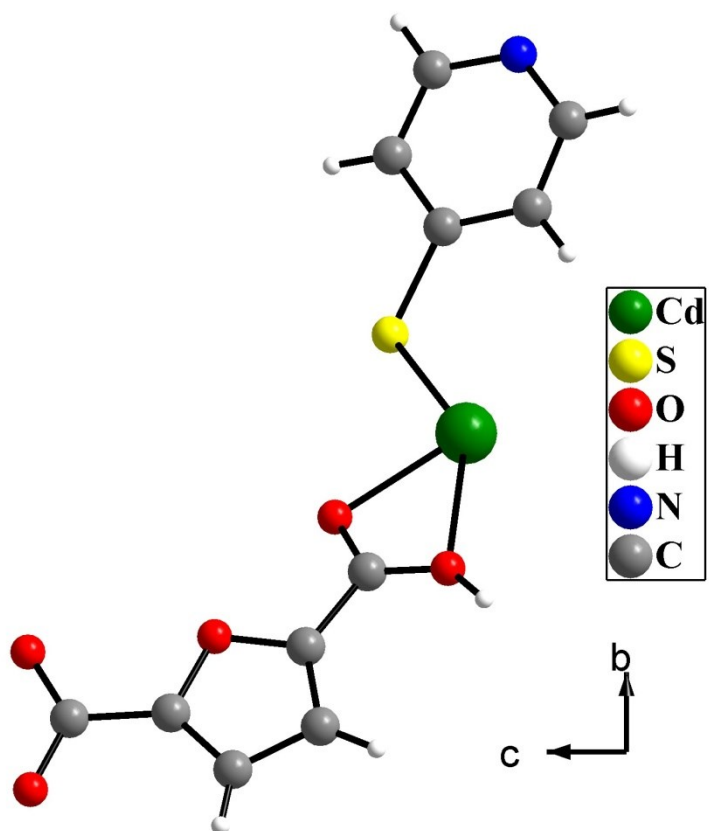


Fig. S7: Figure shows asymmetric unit of $[\text{Cd}(\text{C}_5\text{N}_1\text{S}_1\text{H}_4)(\text{C}_6\text{O}_5\text{H}_3)]$, **Cd_1**.

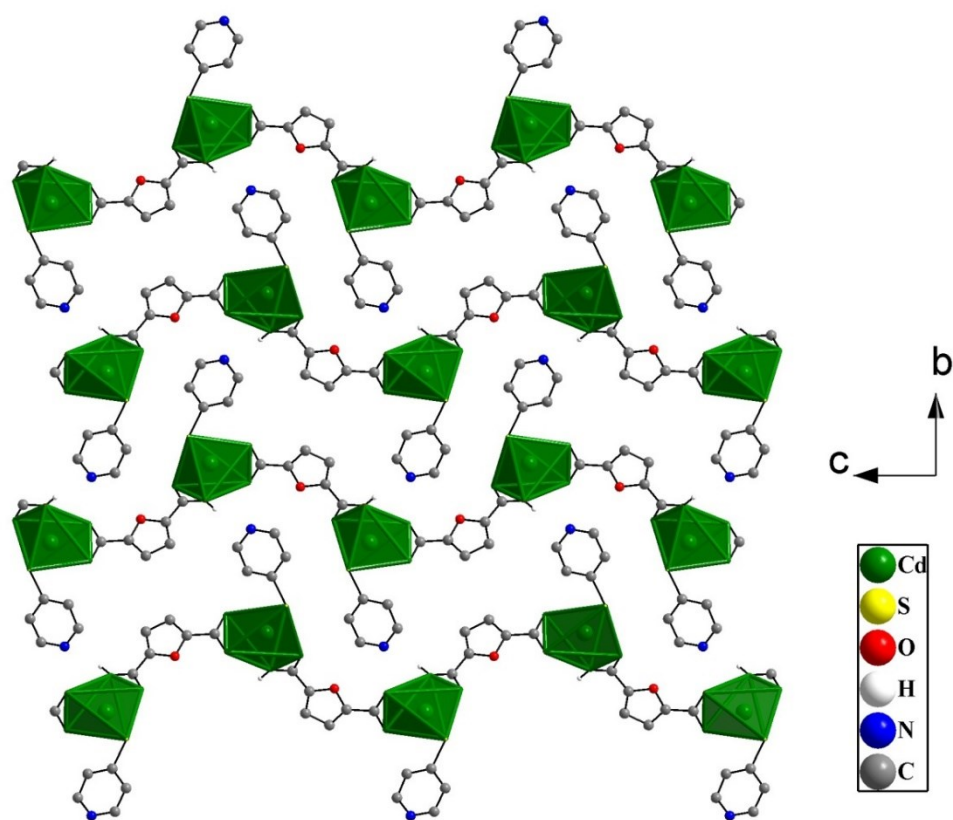


Fig. S8: Figure shows arrangement of the two-dimensional structures in *ABAB*....fashion in $[\text{Cd}(\text{C}_5\text{N}_1\text{S}_1\text{H}_4)(\text{C}_6\text{O}_5\text{H}_3)]$, Cd_1.

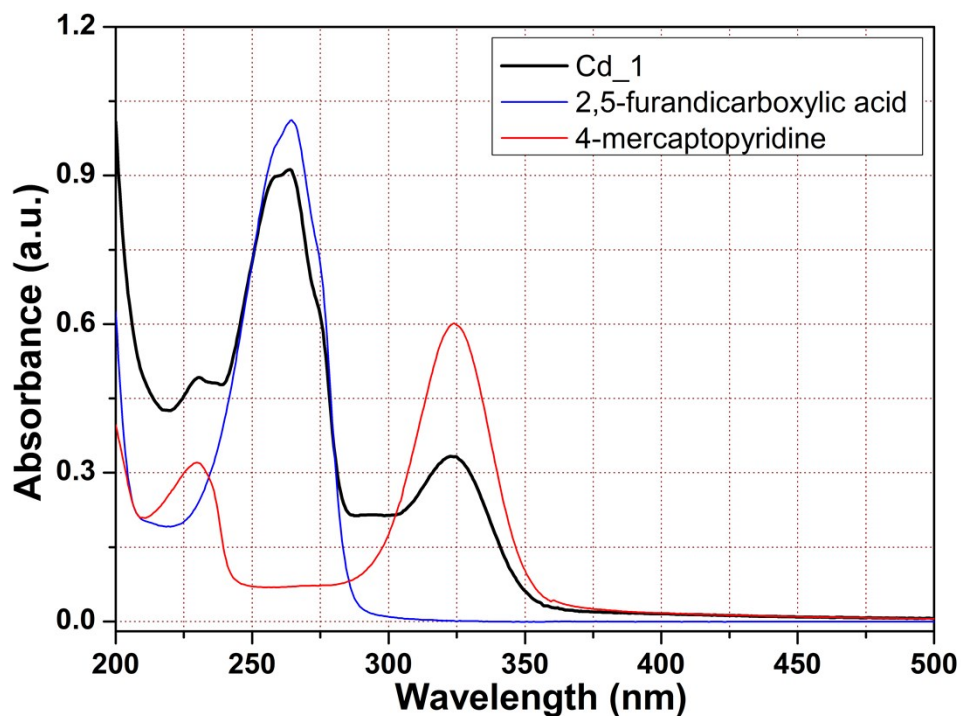


Fig. S9: Absorption spectra of compound **Cd_1** and corresponding ligands (furan-2,5-dicarboxylic acid and aldrithiol-4). The absorption band at ~ 325 nm which get diminished with the gradual addition of Hg^{2+} ions, is actually originated from the mercaptopyridine (4MPyH) moiety. The band (~ 325 nm) is most probably due to the $n-\pi^*$ (HOMO to LUMO) transition (non-bonding electron of pyridine N get excited to the π^* orbital of ring carbon). With the addition of Hg^{2+} the non-bonding electrons of pyridine N get involved in the interaction with Hg^{2+} ions. As a result, the $n-\pi^*$ transition (~ 325 nm) get diminished. This is also a clear indication that the Hg^{2+} ions interacts with the N atom of pyridine moiety.

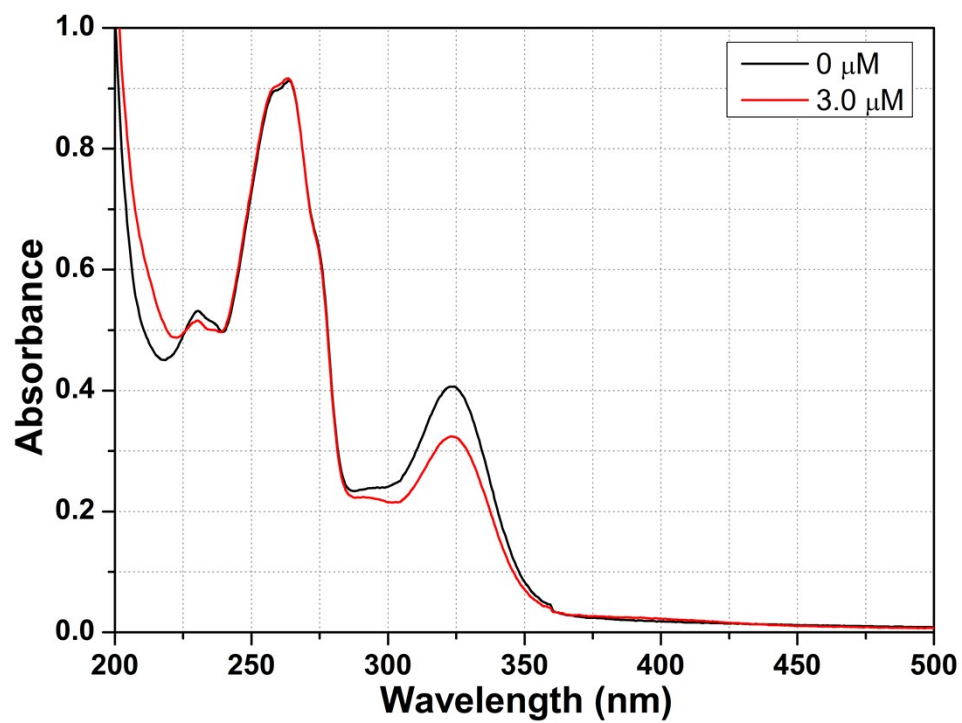


Fig. S10: Absorption of compound Cd₁ and changes in spectra after the addition of Pb²⁺ (3 μM).

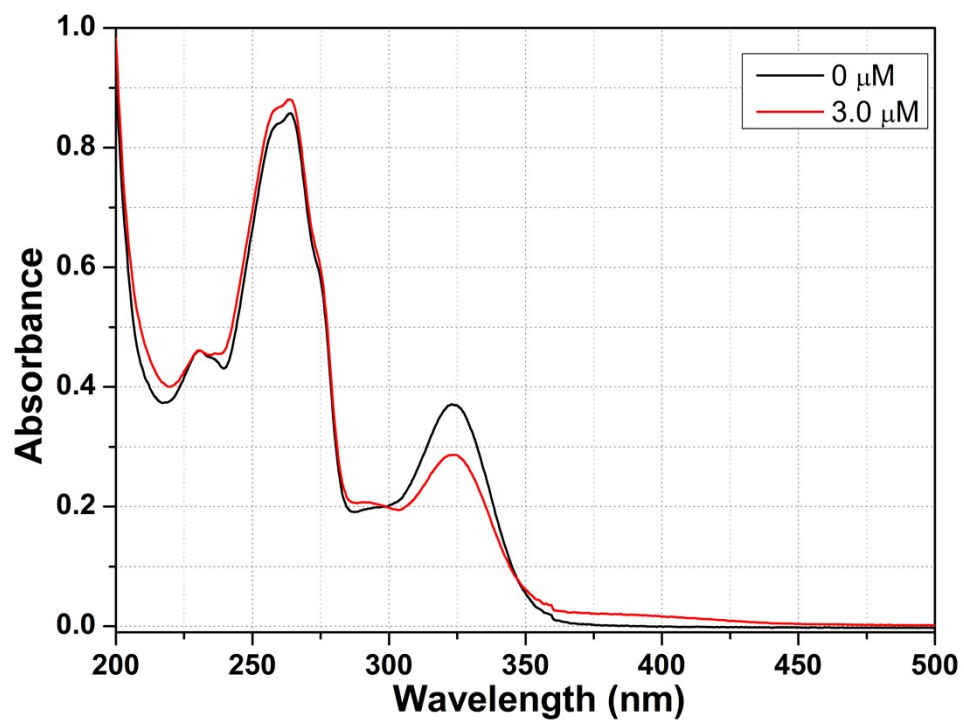


Fig. S11: Absorption of compound Cd₁ and changes in spectra after the addition of Cu²⁺ (3 μM).

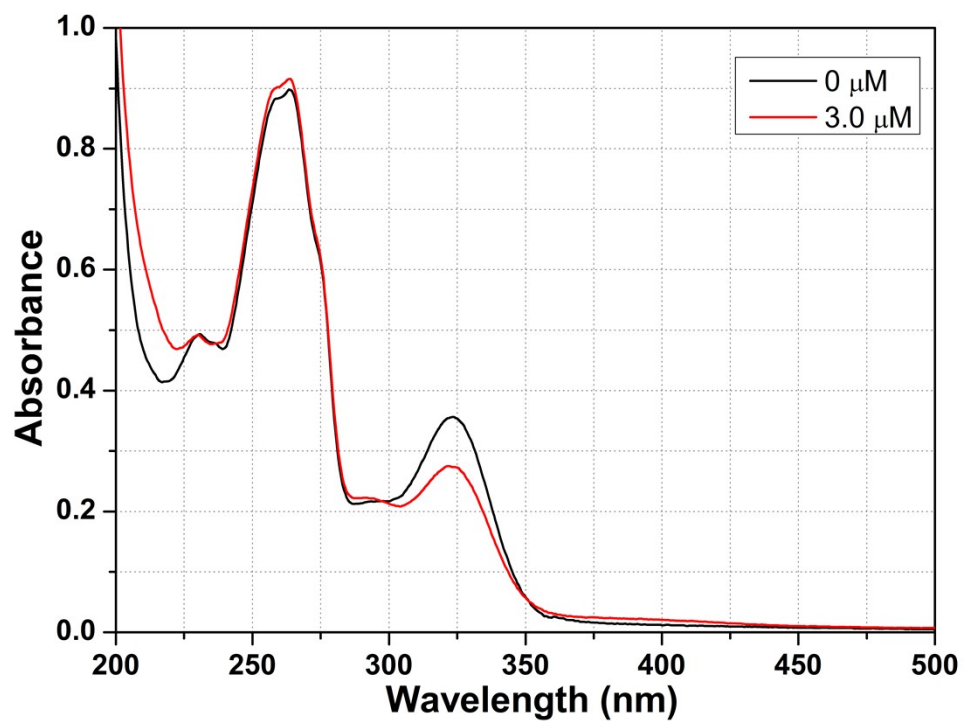


Fig. S12: Absorption of compound Cd_1 and changes in spectra after the addition of Al³⁺ (3 μM).

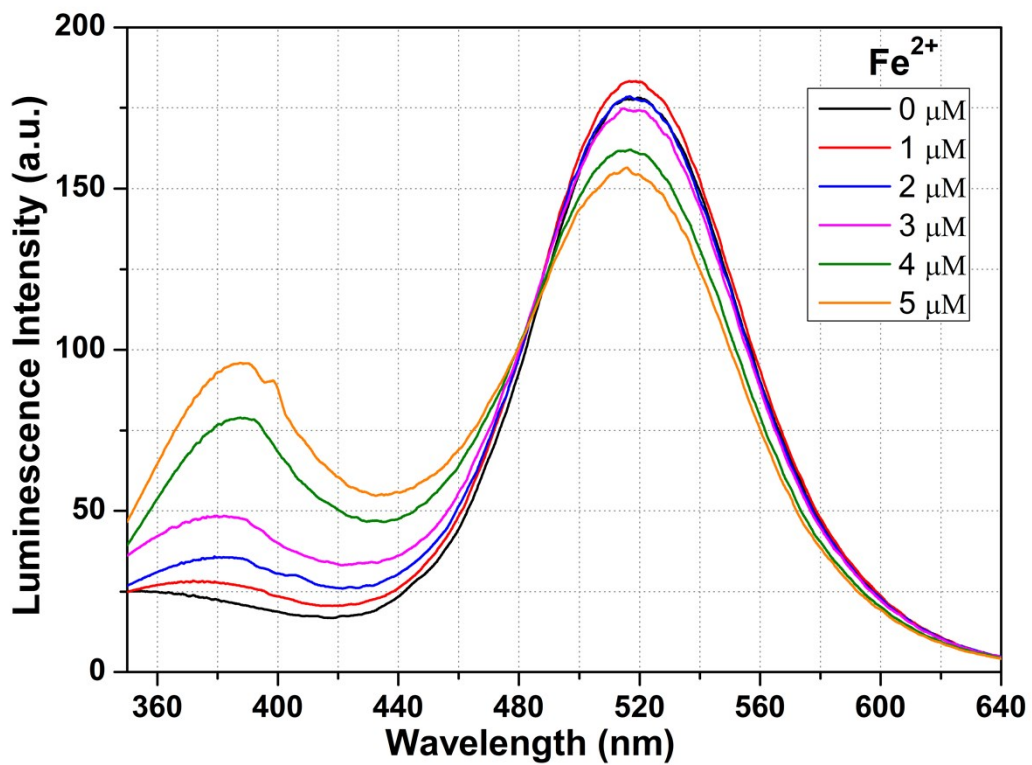


Fig. S13: Emission spectra of compound Cd₁ dispersed in water upon incremental addition of Fe²⁺ solution ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330$ nm). Final concentration of Fe²⁺ in the medium is indicated in the legend.

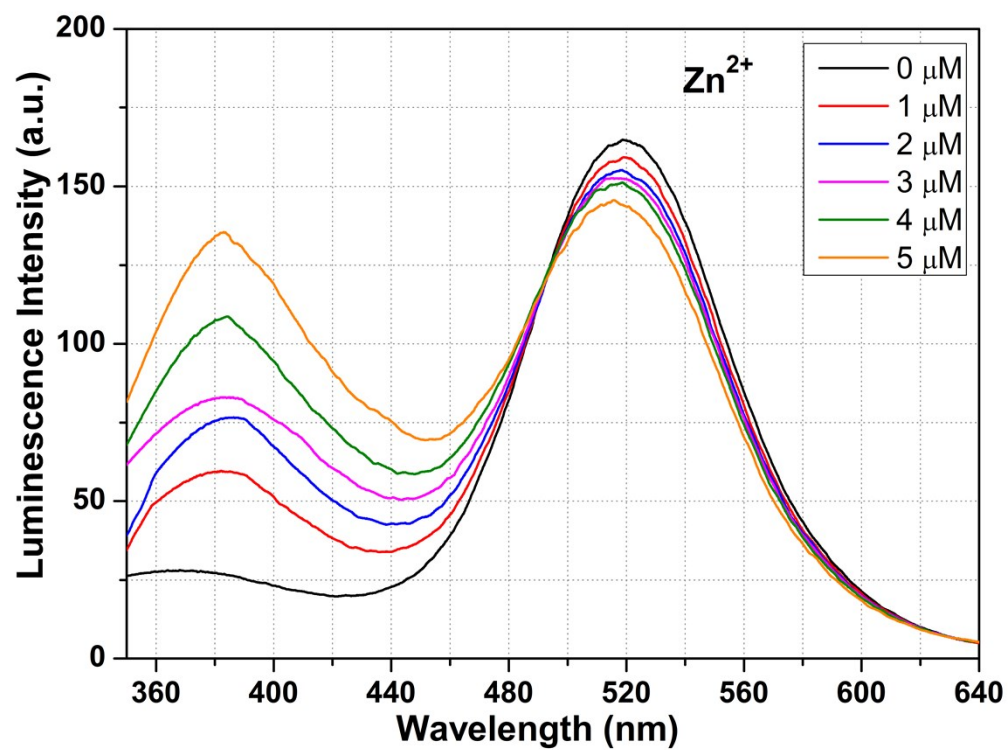


Fig. S14: Emission spectra of compound **Cd₁** dispersed in water upon incremental addition of Zn²⁺ solution ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330 \text{ nm}$). Final concentration of Zn²⁺ in the medium is indicated in the legend.

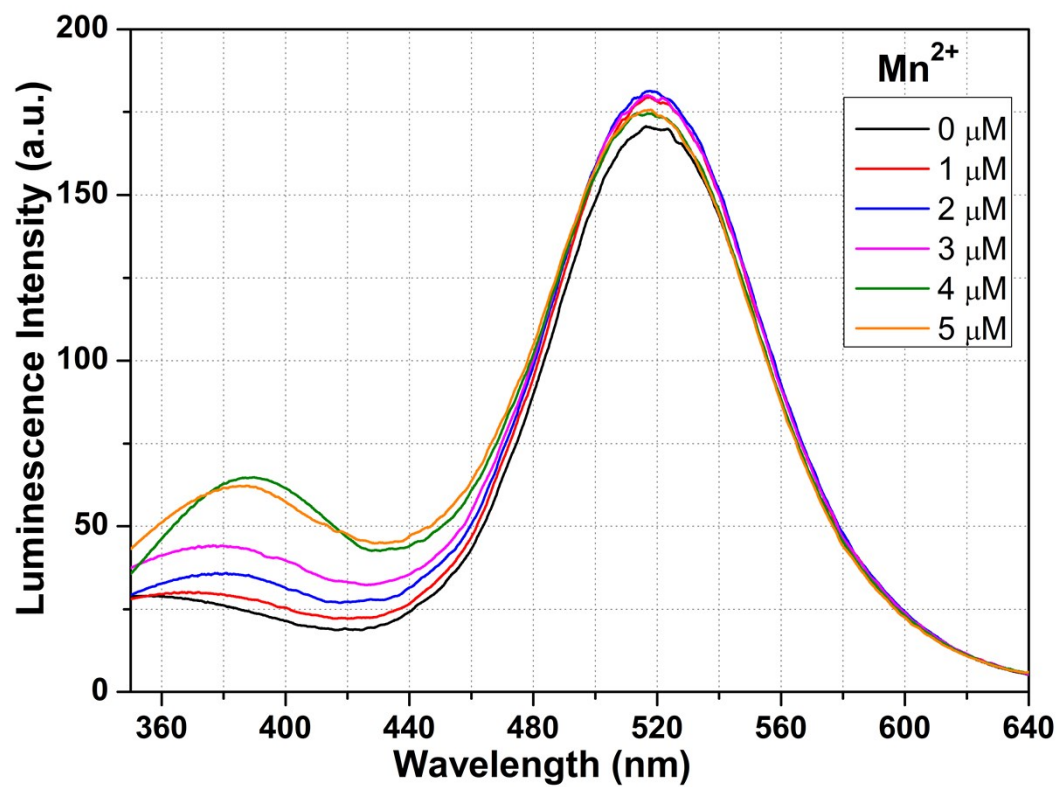


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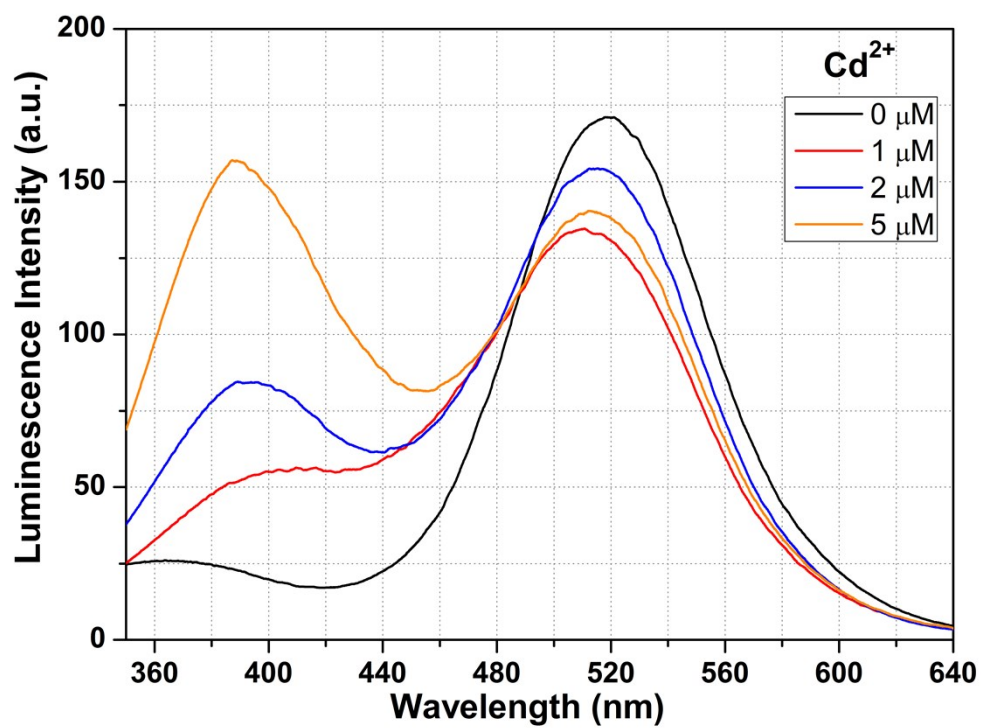


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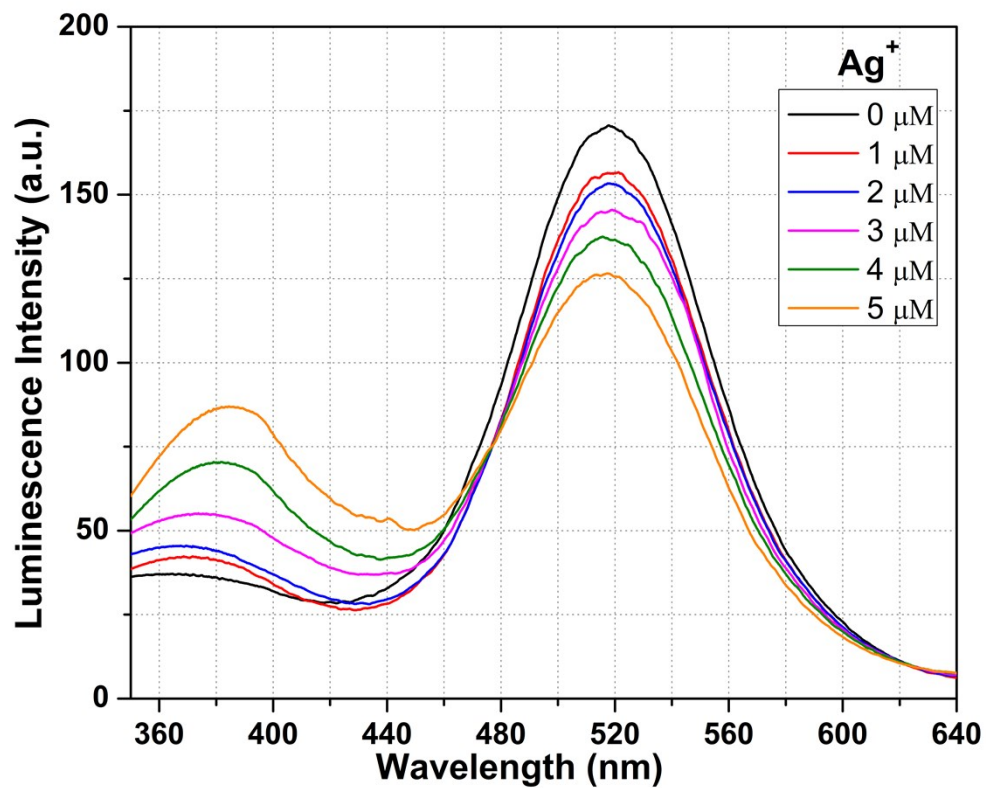


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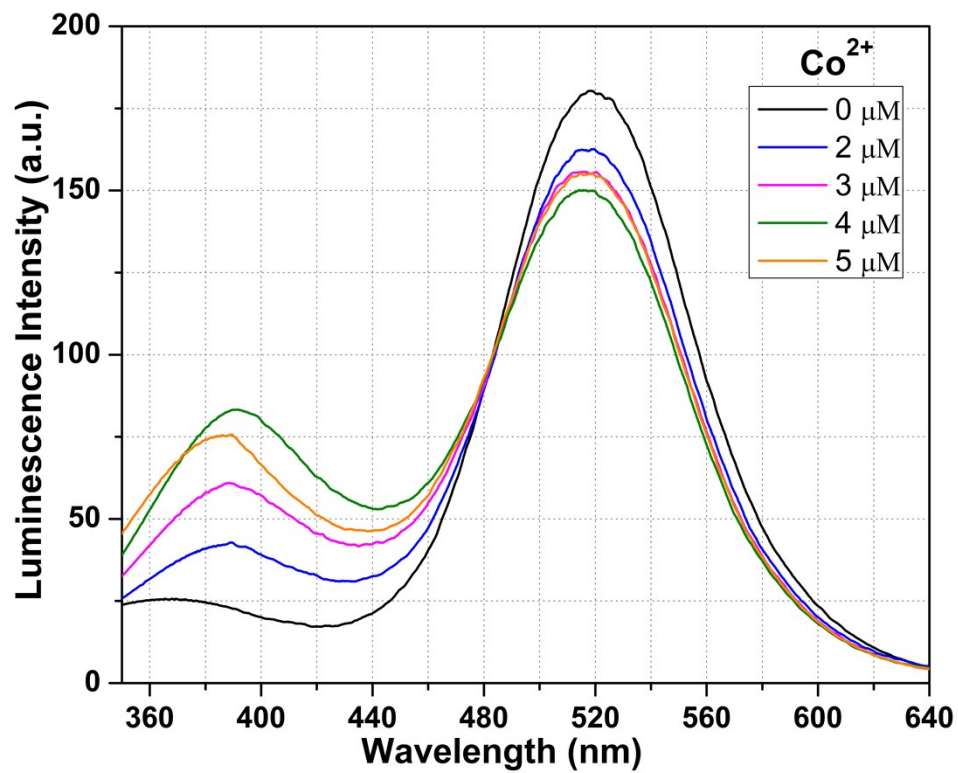


Fig. S18: Emission spectra of compound **Cd₁** dispersed in water upon incremental addition of Co²⁺ solution ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330$ nm). Final concentration of Co²⁺ in the medium is indicated in the legend.

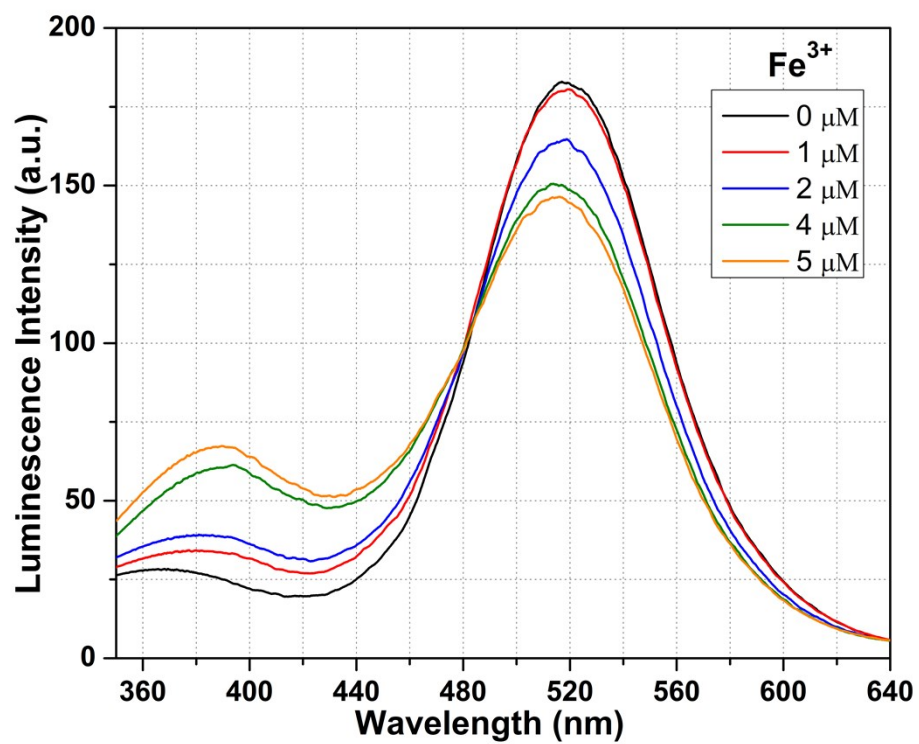


Fig. S19: Emission spectra of compound Cd₁ dispersed in water upon incremental addition of Fe³⁺ solution (λ_{ex} = 330 nm). Final concentration of Fe³⁺ in the medium is indicated in the legend.

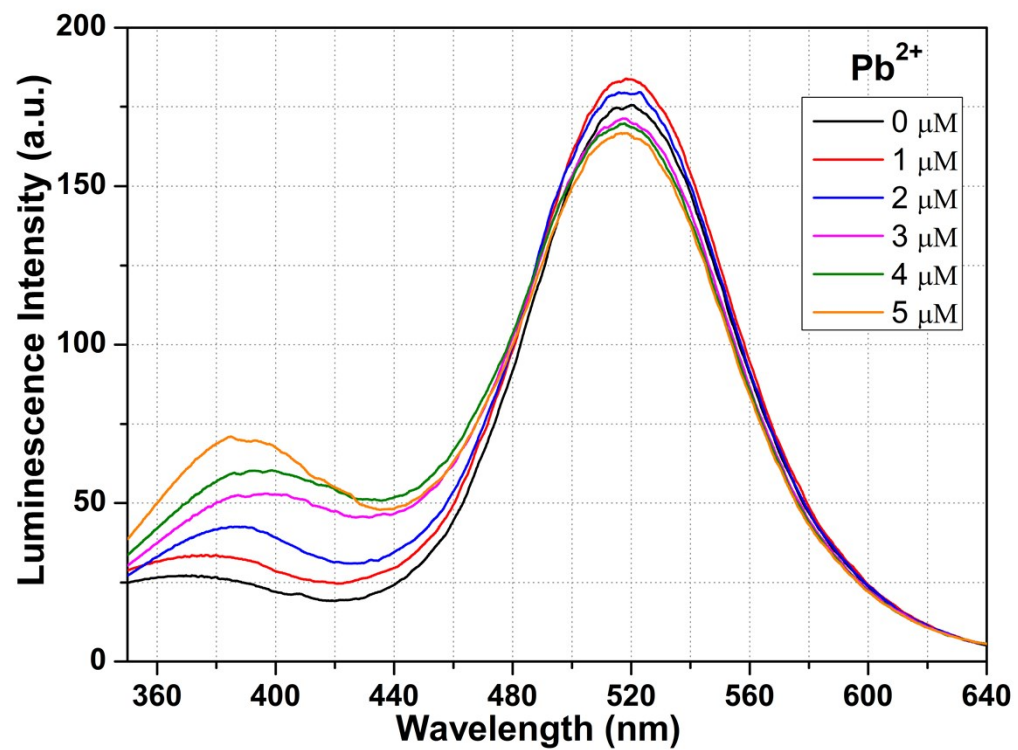


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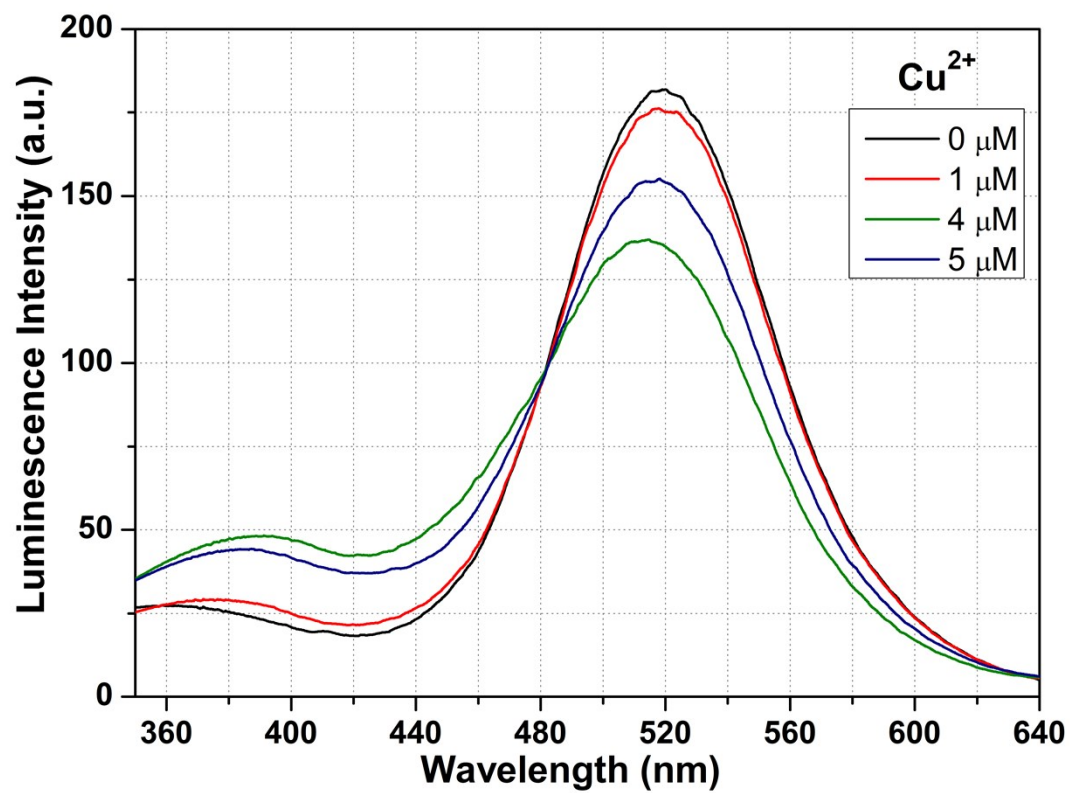


Fig. S21: Emission spectra of compound **Cd₁** dispersed in water upon incremental addition of Cu²⁺ solution ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330$ nm). Final concentration of Cu²⁺ in the medium is indicated in the legend.

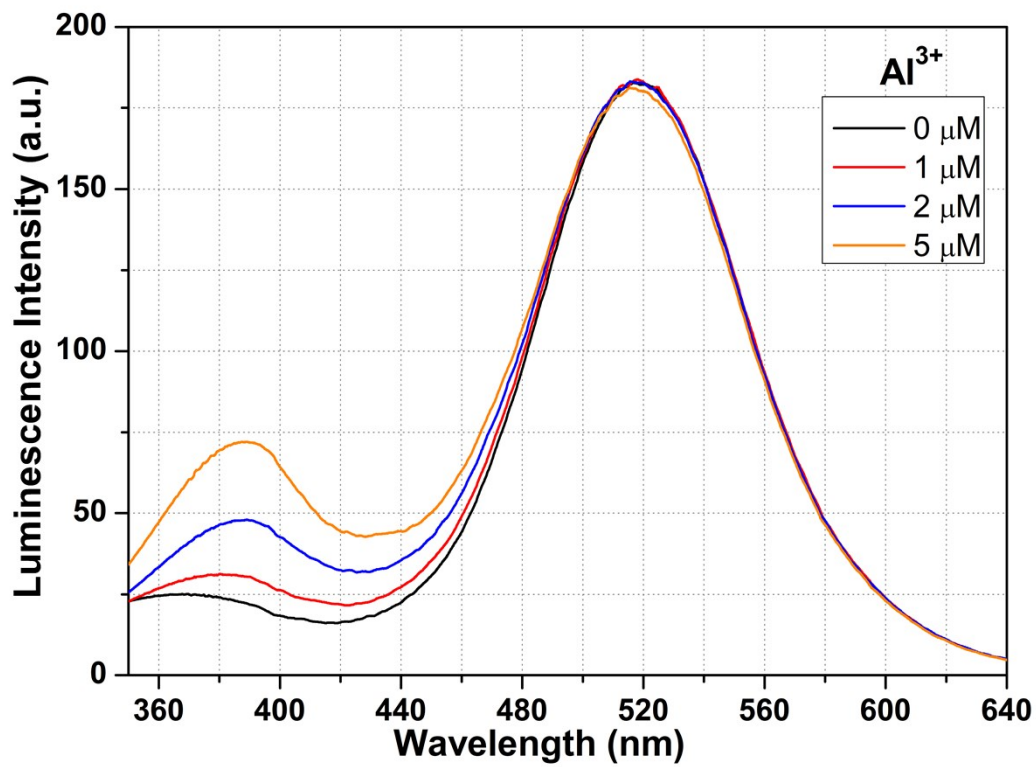


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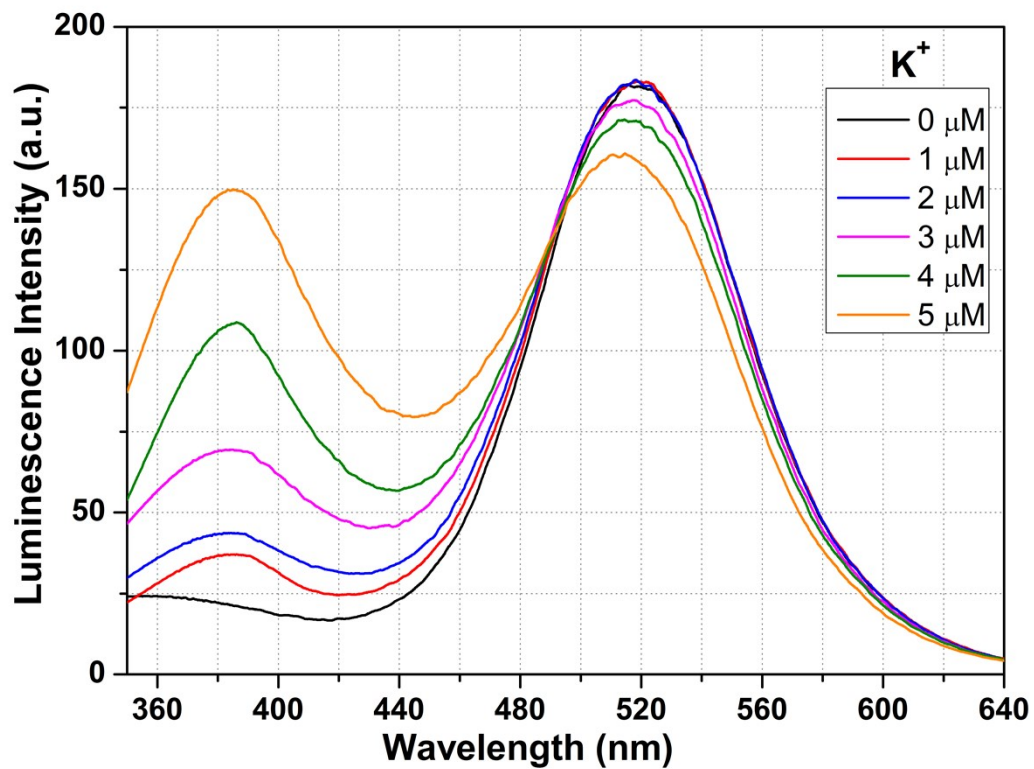


Fig. S23: Emission spectra of compound Cd₁ dispersed in water upon incremental addition of K⁺ solution (λ_{ex} = 330 nm). Final concentration of K⁺ in the medium is indicated in the legend.

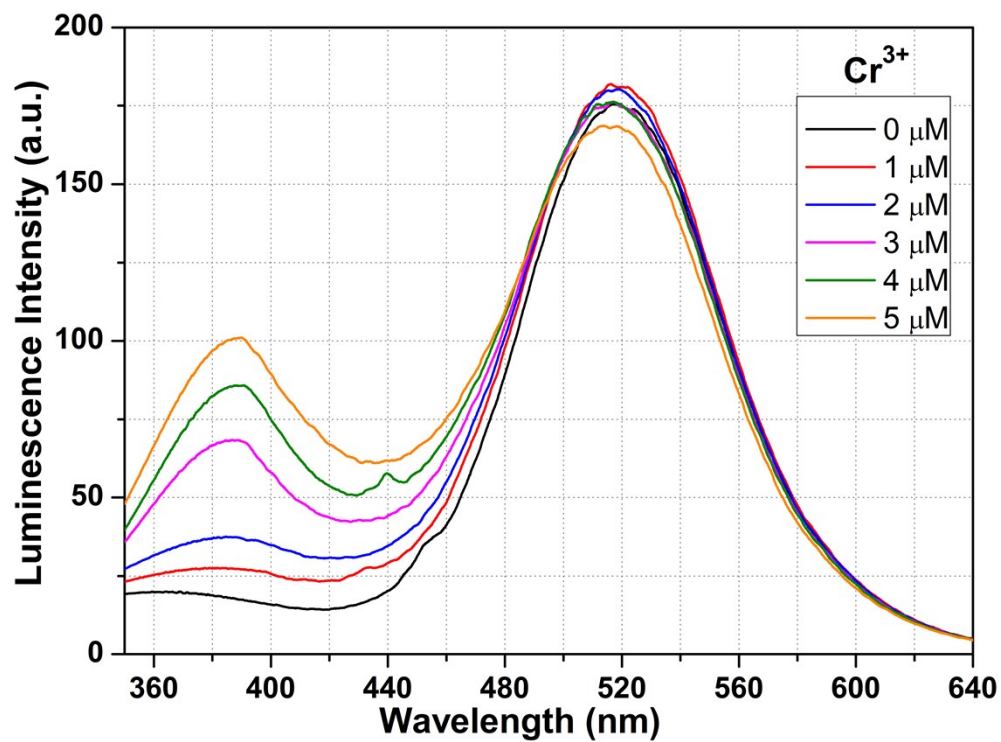


Fig. S24: Emission spectra of compound Cd₁ dispersed in water upon incremental addition of Cr³⁺ solution (λ_{ex} = 330 nm). Final concentration of Cr³⁺ in the medium is indicated in the legend.

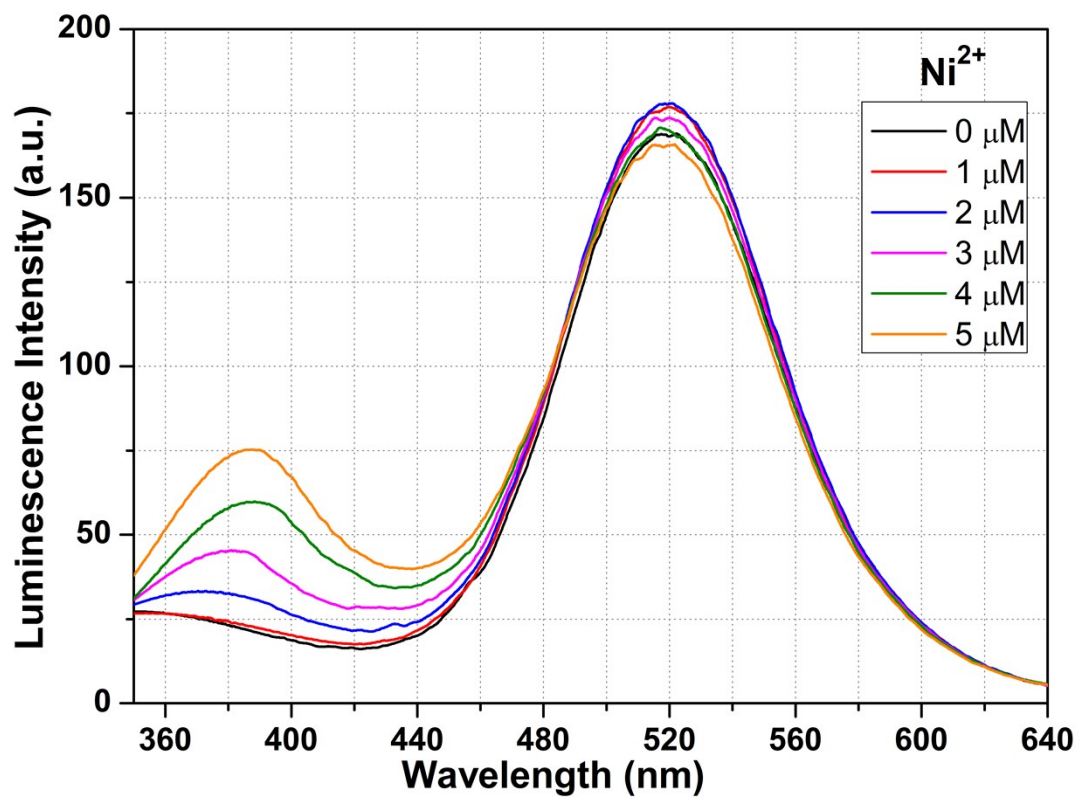


Fig. S25: Emission spectra of compound Cd₁ dispersed in water upon incremental addition of Ni²⁺ solution (λ_{ex} = 330 nm). Final concentration of Ni²⁺ in the medium is indicated in the legend.

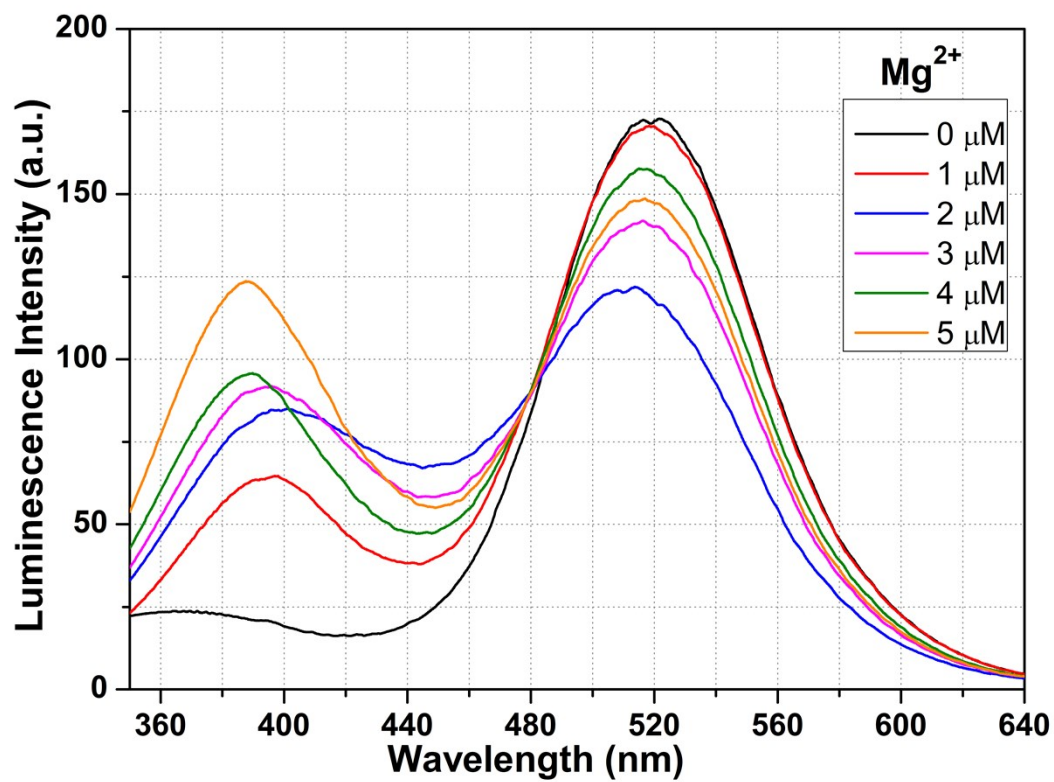


Fig. S26: Emission spectra of compound Cd₁ dispersed in water upon incremental addition of Mg²⁺ solution ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330 \text{ nm}$). Final concentration of Mg²⁺ in the medium is indicated in the legend.

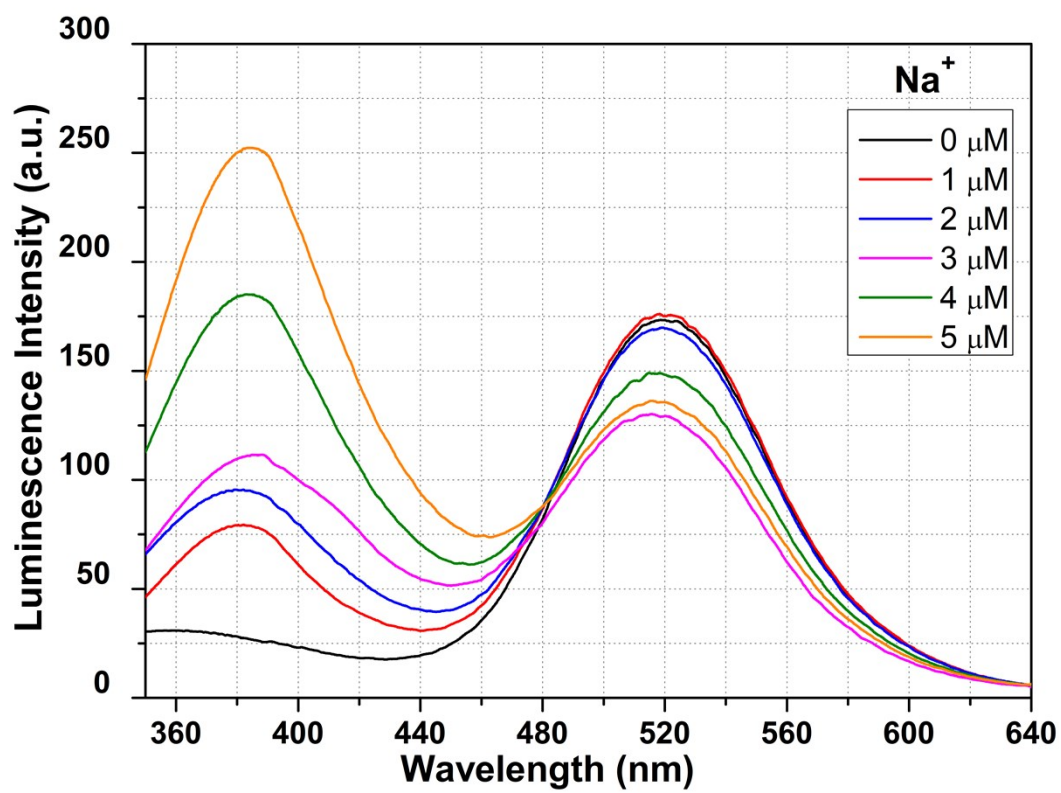


Fig. S27: Emission spectra of compound Cd₁ dispersed in water upon incremental addition of Na⁺ solution (λ_{ex} = 330 nm). Final concentration of Na⁺ in the medium is indicated in the legend.

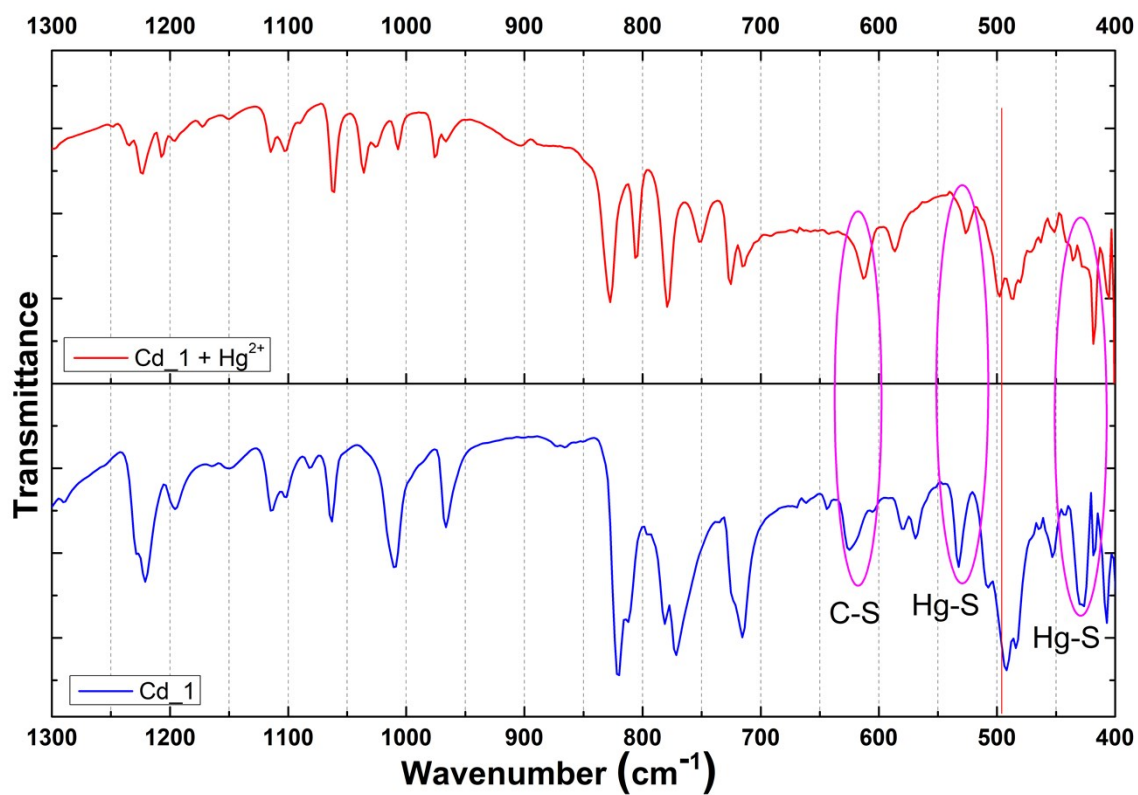


Fig. S28: Blue line shows the IR spectra of compound **1**. Red line shows the IR spectra of **Cd_1** after the addition Hg^{2+} ions. The encircled areas are a visual guide to point out the changes in IR peaks after the addition of Hg^{2+} ions.

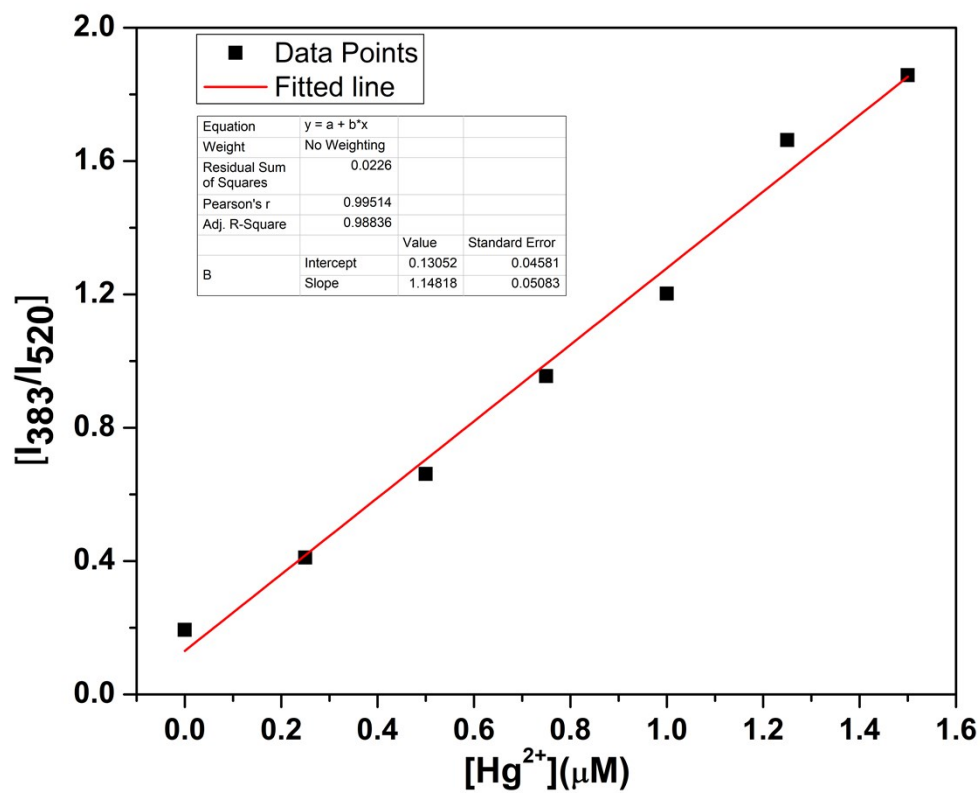


Fig. S29: Plot of ratio of luminescence intensity at 383 nm and 520 nm of compound **Cd₁** upon addition of Hg²⁺ in low concentration region. Red line is the linear fitted line of experimental data points ($R^2 = 0.99514$) and the slope of the graph is 1.148.

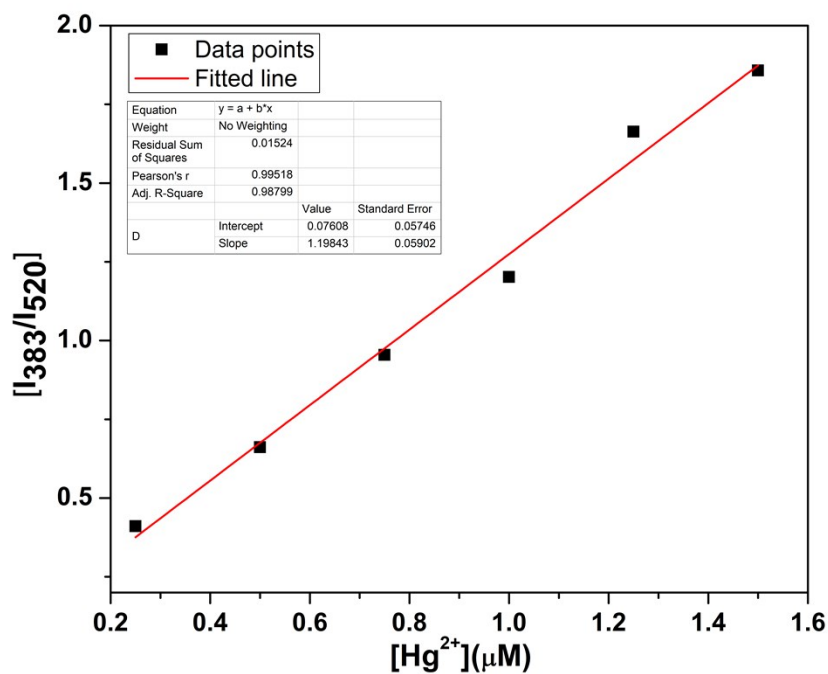


Fig. S30: Plot of ratio of luminescence intensity at 383 nm and 520 nm of compound **Cd_1** upon addition of Hg^{2+} in low concentration region. Red line is the linear fitted line of experimental data points ($R^2 = 0.99518$) and the slope of the graph is 1.198.

Calculation of Detection Limit

Standard deviation for compound **Cd_1**

Blank Reading (only compound Cd_1)	Fluorescence Intensity Ratio
Reading 1	0.10
Reading 2	0.12
Reading 3	0.13
Reading 4	0.12
Reading 5	0.14
Standard deviation(σ)	0.015

Standard Deviation (σ)	0.015
Slope from Graph (m)	1.20 μM^{-1}

Thus, Limit of Detection (LOD) = $3\sigma/m = (3 \times 0.015)/1.20 = 37.5 \text{ nM} = 7.4 \text{ ppb}$

Table S3: Summary of some reported metal-organic compounds for the detection of Hg²⁺ in an aqueous medium.

Sl. No	Sensor	K _{SV} (M ⁻¹)	Detection Limit	Luminescence response	Ref.
1	[Cd(2-NH ₂ bdc) (tib)·4H ₂ O·0.5DMA] _n	13 × 10 ⁵	42 nM	Quenching	s1
2	Ad/Tb/DPA	NA	0.2 nM	Enhancement	s2
3	{[Cd _{1.5} (C ₁₈ H ₁₀ O ₁₀)]·(H ₃ O)(H ₂ O) ₃ } _n	4.3 × 10 ³	2 nM	Ratiometric	s3
4	Tb-CIP/AMP	NA	0.16 nM	Quenching	s4
5	TbL _{1.5} (H ₂ O) ₂ ·H ₂ O	7.4 × 10 ³	NA	Quenching	s5
6	Zr ₆ O ₄ (OH) ₄ (TCPP) _{1.5}	6.4 × 10 ⁵	6 nM	Quenching	s6
7	Eu/IPA-Im	NA	2 nM	Enhancement	s7
8	[Zn(μ ₂ -1H-ade)(μ ₂ -SO ₄)] _n	7.7 × 10 ³	70 nM	Quenching	s8
9	Zn-based MOF	3737	1.8 μM	Enhancement	s9
10	Ln(TATAB)·(DMF) ₄ (H ₂ O)(MeOH) _{0.5}	4851	4.4 nM	Quenching	s10
11	{[Zn(4,4'-AP)(5-AIA)]·(DMF) _{0.5} } _n	1.01 × 10 ⁹	9.9 pM	Quenching	s11
12	[Pb ₂ (2-NCP) ₂ (L ₁)] _n	4.28 × 10 ⁵	1.3 ppm	Quenching	s12
13	[Cd(C ₅ N ₁ S ₁ H ₄)(C ₆ O ₅ H ₃)]	1.15 × 10 ⁶	37.5 nM	Ratiometric	This work

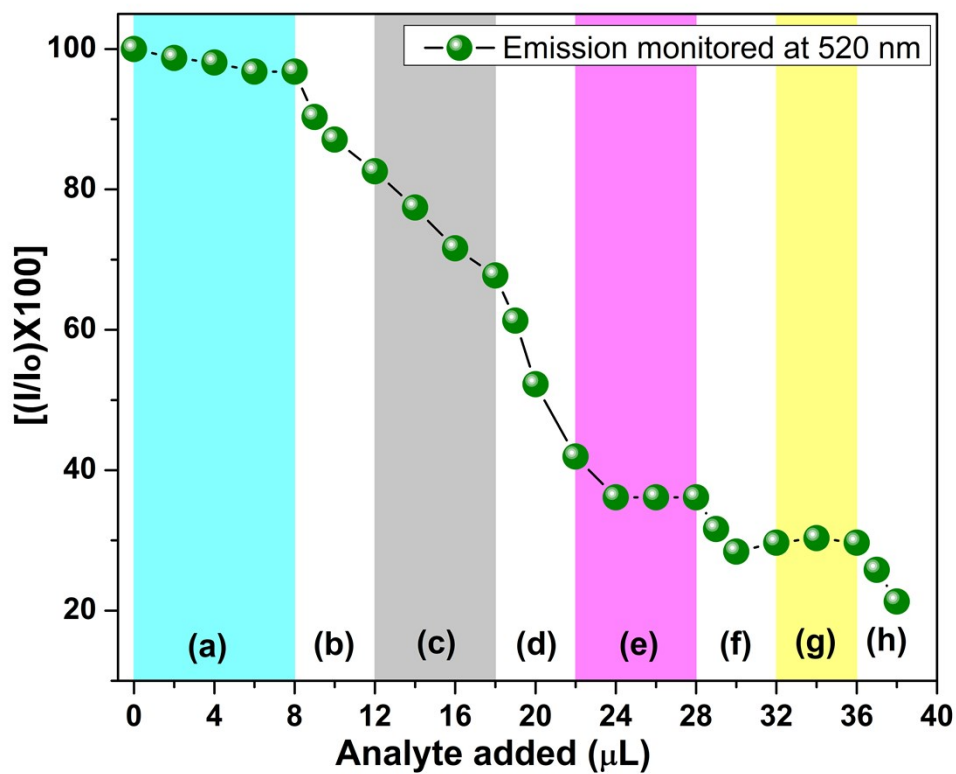


Fig. S31: Change of percentage in luminescence intensity at 520 nm upon the addition of 2 μL 1 mM quenchable metal ions followed by the addition of Hg^{2+} solution (two steps, 1 μL + 1 μL) and so on. The shaded portion represents the addition of Hg^{2+} in two steps. The added solution of metal ions are as below: (a) blank + 2 μL Fe^{3+} + 2 μL Cr^{3+} + 2 μL Al^{3+} + 2 μL Pb^{2+} , (b) a + 2 μL Hg^{2+} , (c) b + 2 μL Zn^{2+} + 2 μL Cd^{2+} + 2 μL Ag^{+} + 2 μL Cu^{2+} , (d) c + 2 μL Hg^{2+} (e) d + 2 μL Mn^{2+} + 2 μL Fe^{2+} + 2 μL Co^{2+} + 2 μL Ni^{2+} , (f) e + 2 μL Hg^{2+} (g) f + 2 μL Mg^{2+} + 2 μL K^{+} + 2 μL Na^{+} , (h) a + 2 μL Hg^{2+} .

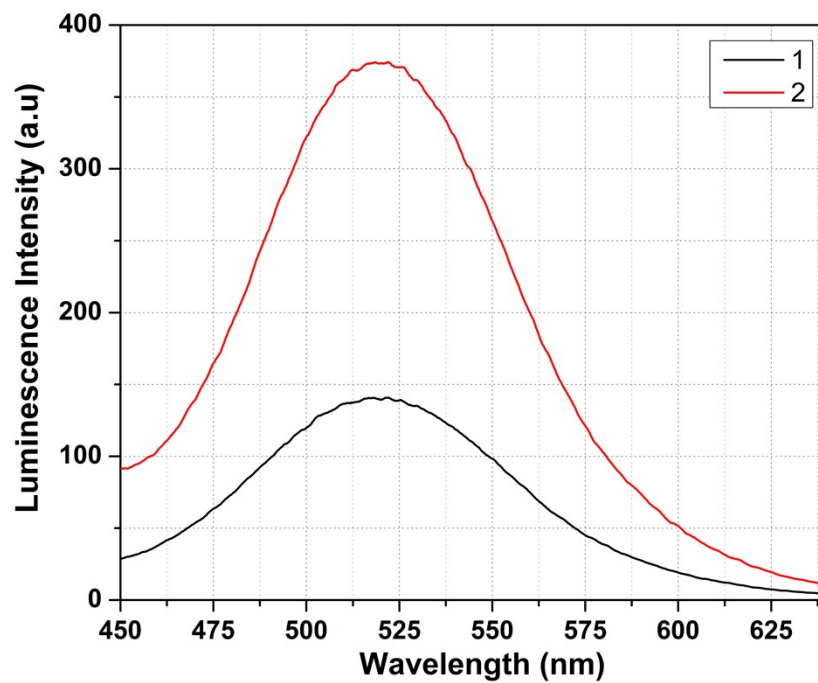


Fig. S32: (1) Luminescence spectrum of compound Cd₁ (2) luminescence spectrum of compound Cd₁ after passing Argon gas for 10 minutes upon excitation at 330 nm.

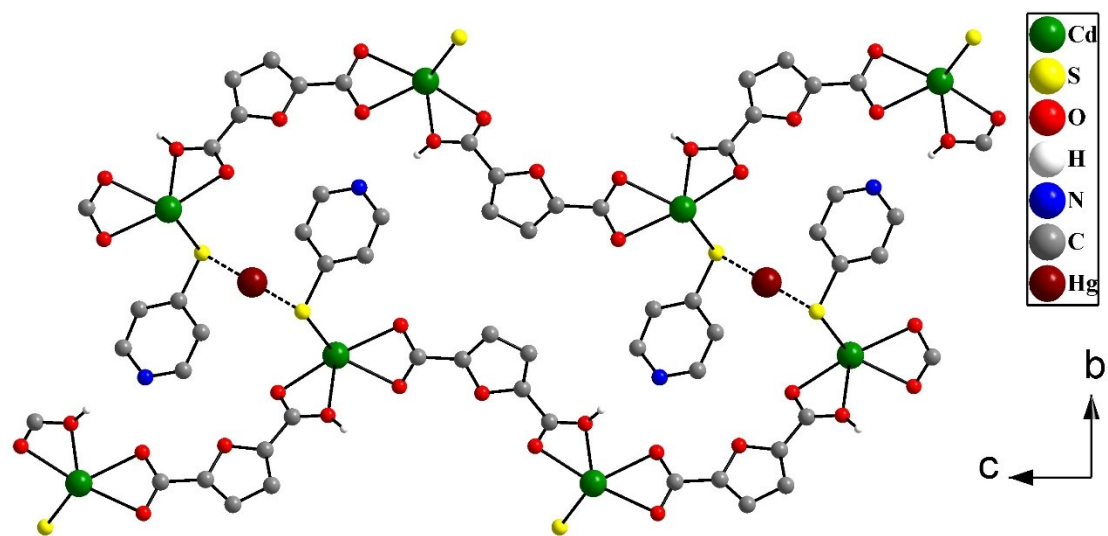


Fig. S33: Possible interactions between Hg²⁺ ions and Cd₁ with two S atoms of the 4MPy moiety of two adjacent 1D chain.

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