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Fig.S1: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 3a



Fig.S2: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 3b



**Fig.S3:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 3c



















Fig.S8: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 4d



**Fig.S9:** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 3a



Fig.S10: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 3b



Fig.S11: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 3c



**Fig.S12:** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 3d



**Fig.S13:** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4a



Fig.S14: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4b



**Fig.S15:** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4c



Fig.S16: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4d



Fig.S17: Mass spectrum of compound 3a



Fig.S18: Mass spectrum of compound 3b



Fig.S19: Mass spectrum of compound 3c



Fig.S20: Mass spectrum of compound 3d



Fig.S21: Mass spectrum of compound 4a







Fig.S23: Mass spectrum of compound 4c



Fig.S24: Mass spectrum of compound 4d



**Fig.S25:** UV-Visible spectra of 4(a-d) in methanol (10<sup>-6</sup> M)



**Fig.S26.** Visual recognition of 4(b-d) in daylight in the presence of  $Sn^{2+}$  ions in methanol.



**Fig.S27:** Job's plots for the complexation of 4(a-d) with Sn<sup>2+</sup> ions in methanol showing 1:1 stoichiometry



Fig.S28: B-H plots for the compounds 4(a-d) with  $Sn^{2+}$  ions at 270 nm



Fig.S29: LOD curves for the compounds 4(a-d) with  $Sn^{2+}$  ions at 270 nm



Fig.S30. Fluorescence emission under UV-light of 4(b-d) in the presence of  $Sn^{2+}$  ions in methanol.



Fig.S31: Benesi-Hildebrand plots for the compounds 4(a-d) at 527 nm



Fig.S32: LOD curves for the compounds 4(a-d) with  $Sn^{2+}$  ions at 527 nm



Fig.S33: Fluorescence intensity of compounds (4a-4d) in the absence and presence of  $Sn^{2+}$  ions as functions of pH values at 527 nm.



Fig.S34: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 4a-Sn<sup>2+</sup>



Fig.S35. Plot of  $\Delta F$  as function of concentration of Sn<sup>2+</sup>



**Fig.S36.** UV-visible absorption spectra of the compounds 4(a-d) in presence of Sn<sup>4+</sup> ions in methanol