

**Hybrid photoluminescent material of lanthanide fluoride and graphene oxide with
stronger luminescence intensity as chemical sensor of mercury ion**

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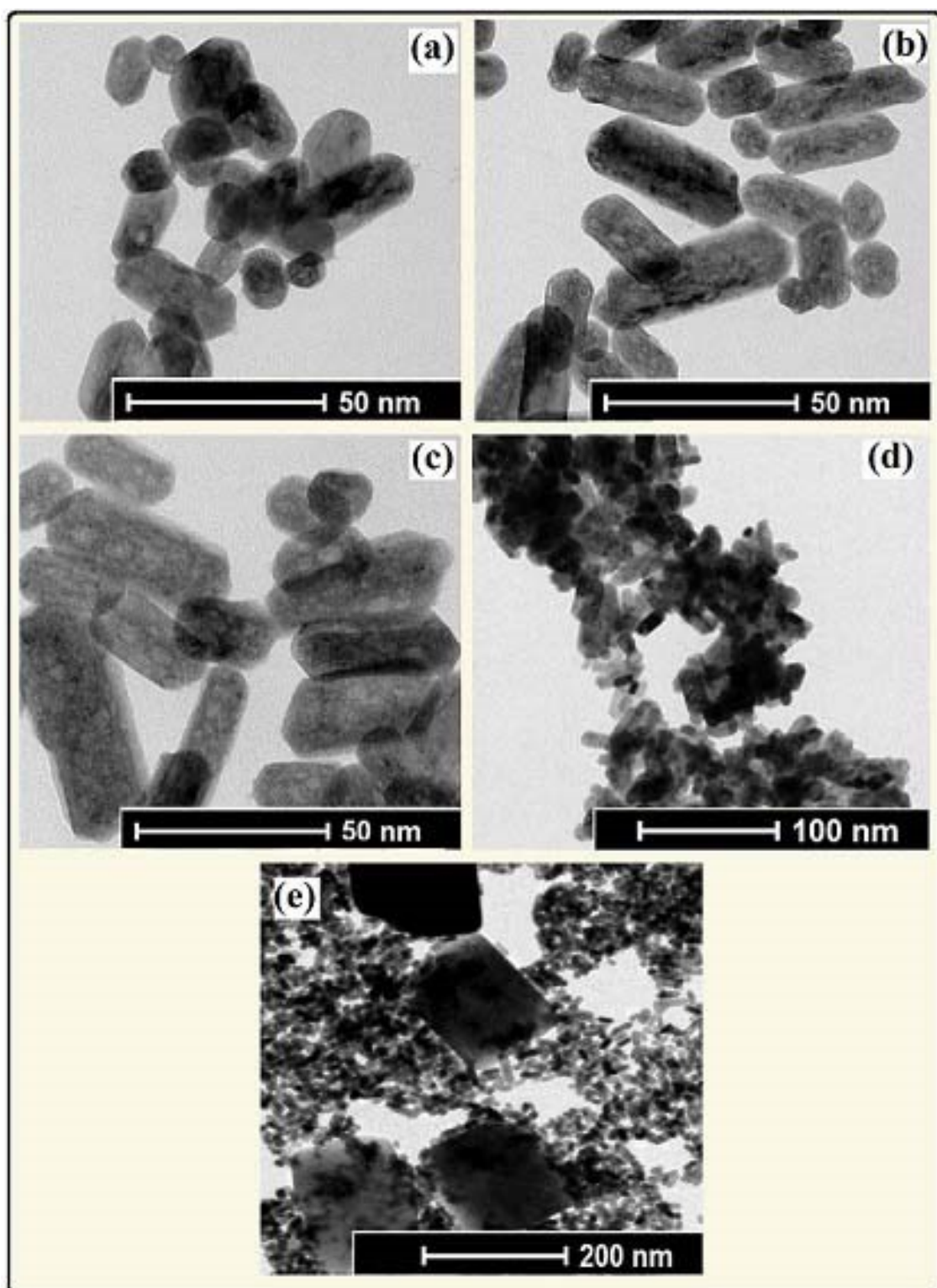


Fig. S1†: ESI TEM micrographs depicting the variations in the morphology of $\text{Na}_x\text{Li}_y\text{GdF}_4:\text{Tb}^{3+}$ nanoparticles at different Li/Na ions concentrations: where $x/y =$ (a) $x=15$ mmol $y=0$ mmol (b) $x=10$ mmol, $y=5$ mmol (c) $x=7.5$ mmol $y=7.5$ mmol (d) $x=5$ mmol, $y=10$ mmol (e) $x=0$ mmol, $y=15$ mmol.

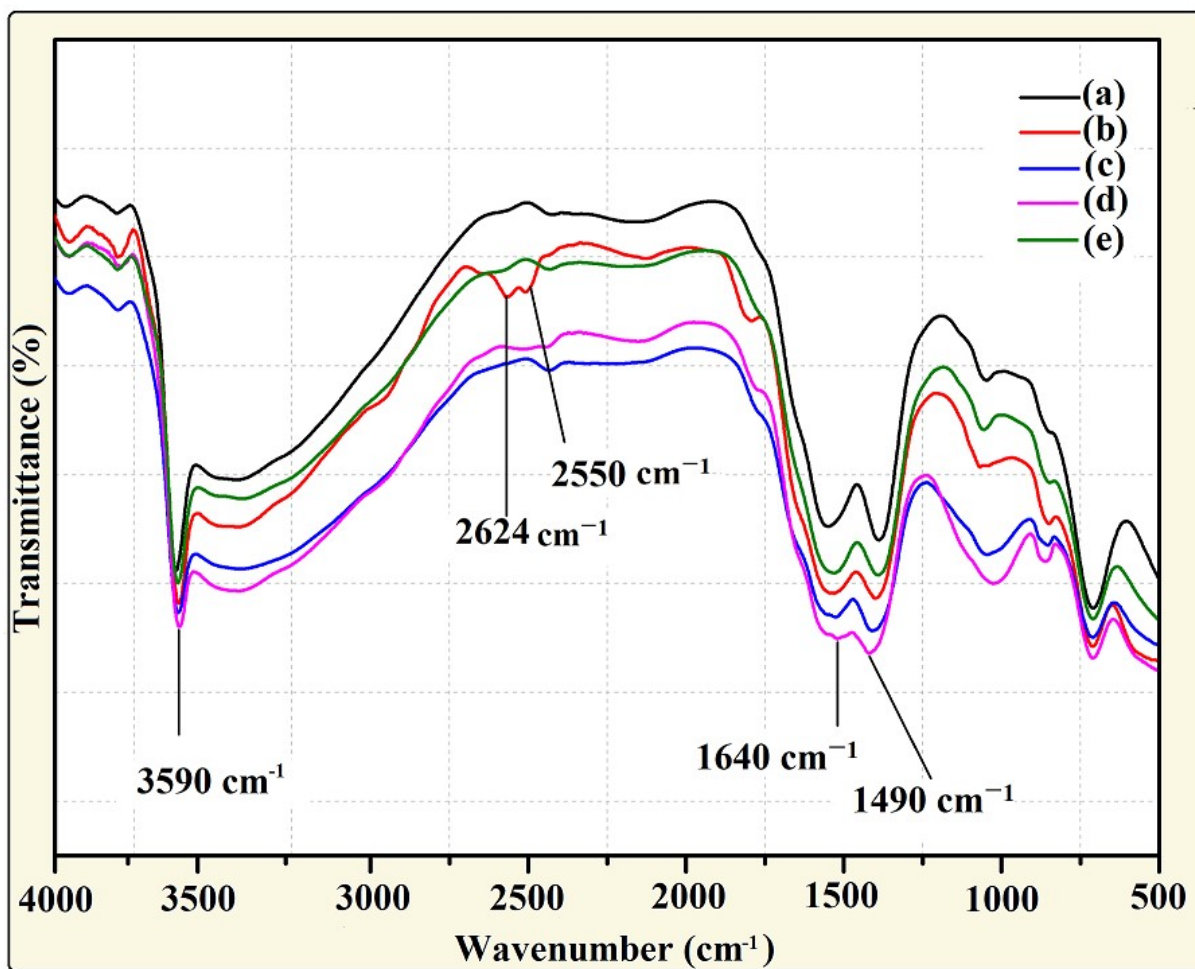


Fig. S2†: ESI FT-IR spectra visualizing the effect of different Na/Li ions concentrations on the $\text{Na}_x\text{Li}_y\text{GdF}_4:\text{Tb}^{3+}$ nanophosphors (a) $x=15$ mmol $y=0$ mmol (b) $x=10$ mmol, $y=5$ mmol (c) $x=7.5$ mmol $y=7.5$ mmol (d) $x=5$ mmol, $y=10$ mmol (e) $x=0$ mmol, $y=15$ mmol

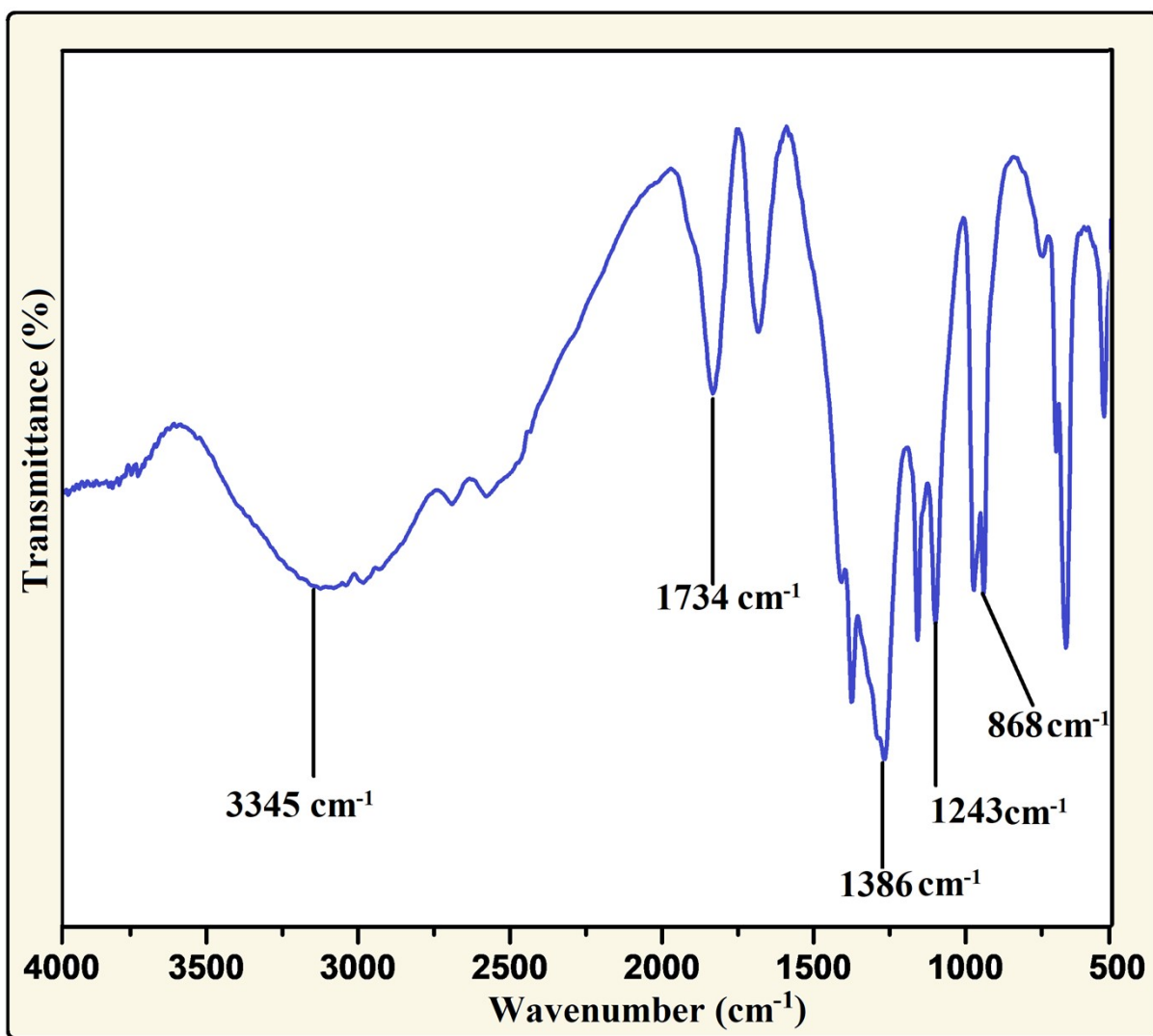


Fig. S3†: ESI FT-IR spectra of synthesized graphene oxide (GOSs)

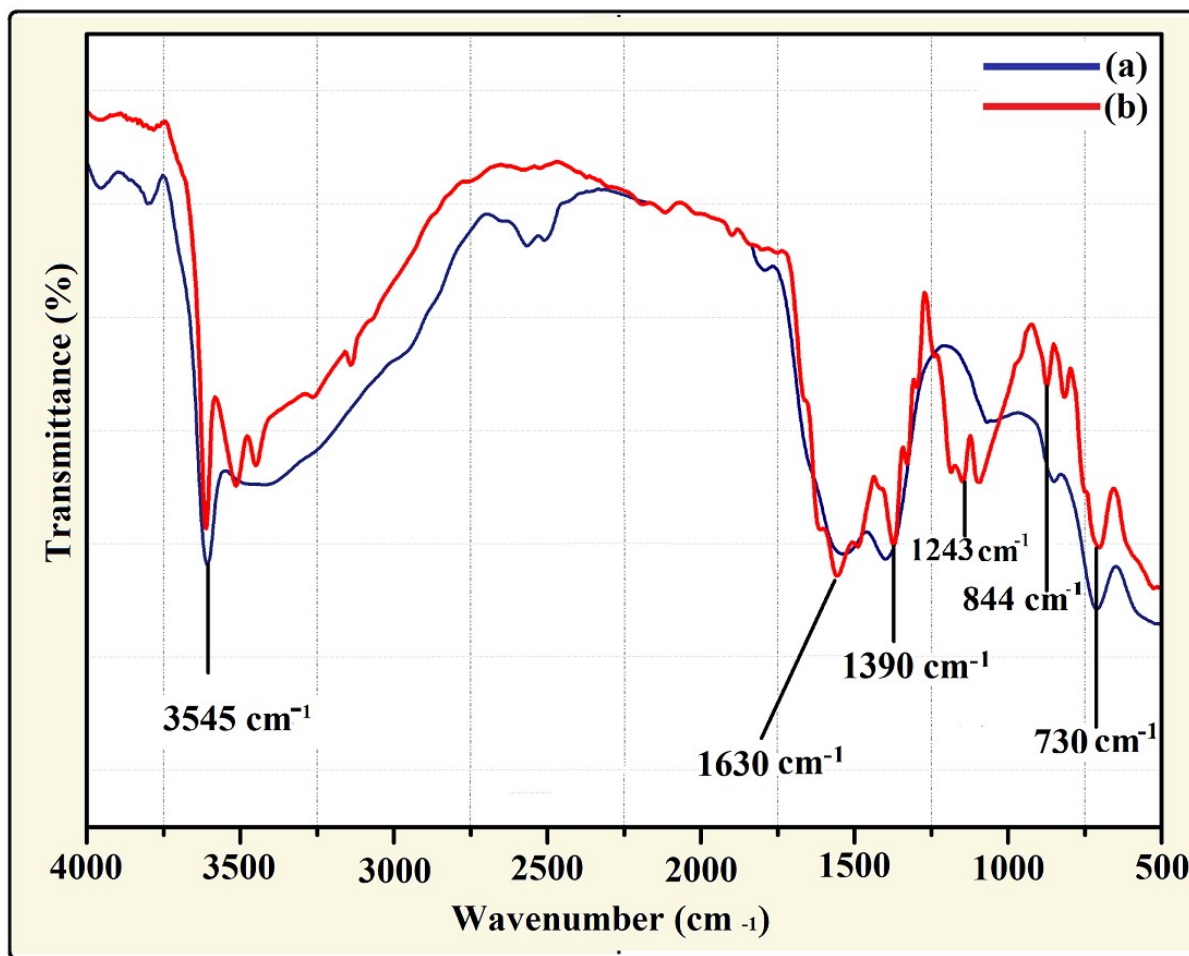


Fig. S4†: ESI FT-IR images displaying the presence of different functional groups attached to the synthesized nanostructure. **(a)** $\text{Na}_{10}\text{Li}_5\text{GdF}_4:\text{Tb}^{3+}$ nanophosphors.

(b) $\text{Na}_{10}\text{Li}_5\text{GdF}_4:\text{Tb}^{3+}@\text{PMA}@\text{Phen}@\text{GO}$.

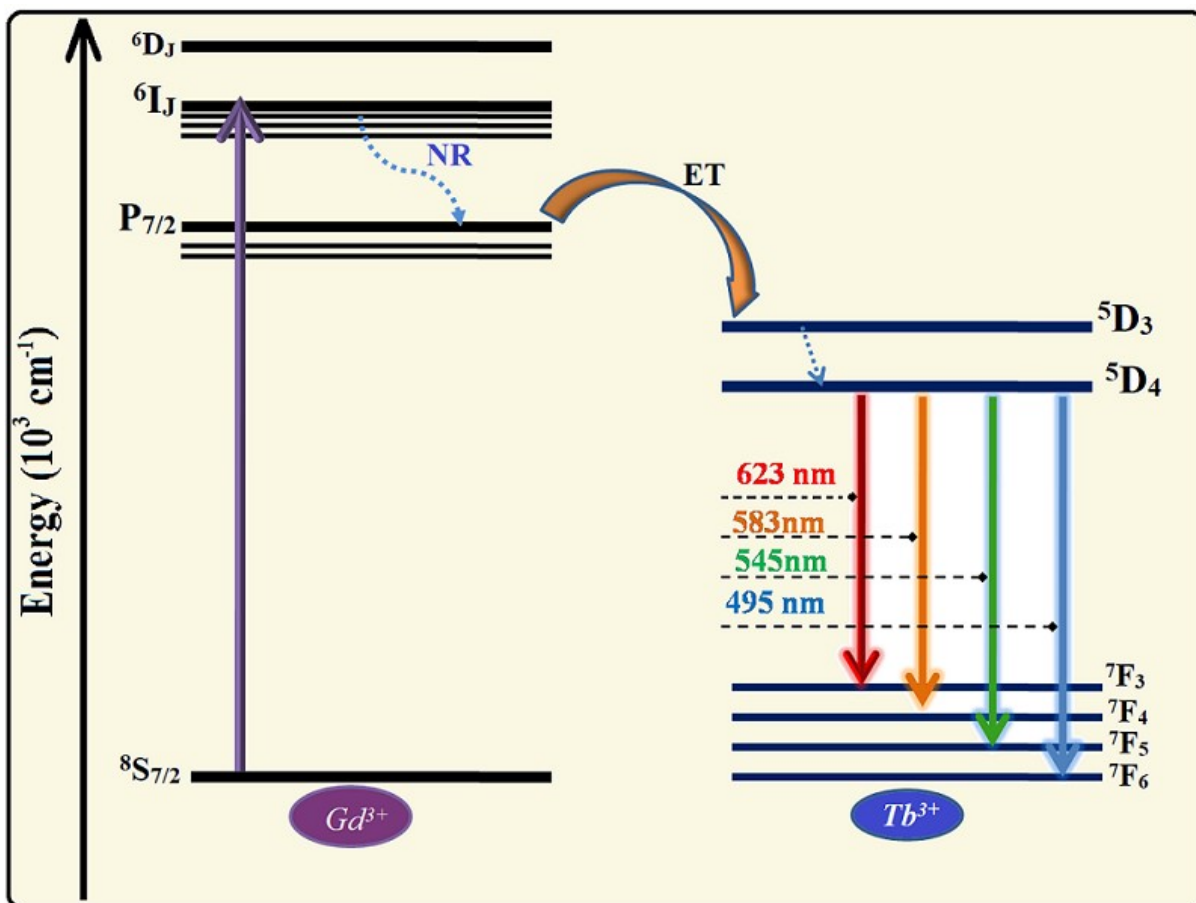


Fig. S5†: ESI Energy level diagram of as-synthesized $Na_xLi_yGdF_4:Tb^{3+}$ nanophosphors showing efficient energy transfer from Gd^{3+} to Tb^{3+} ions

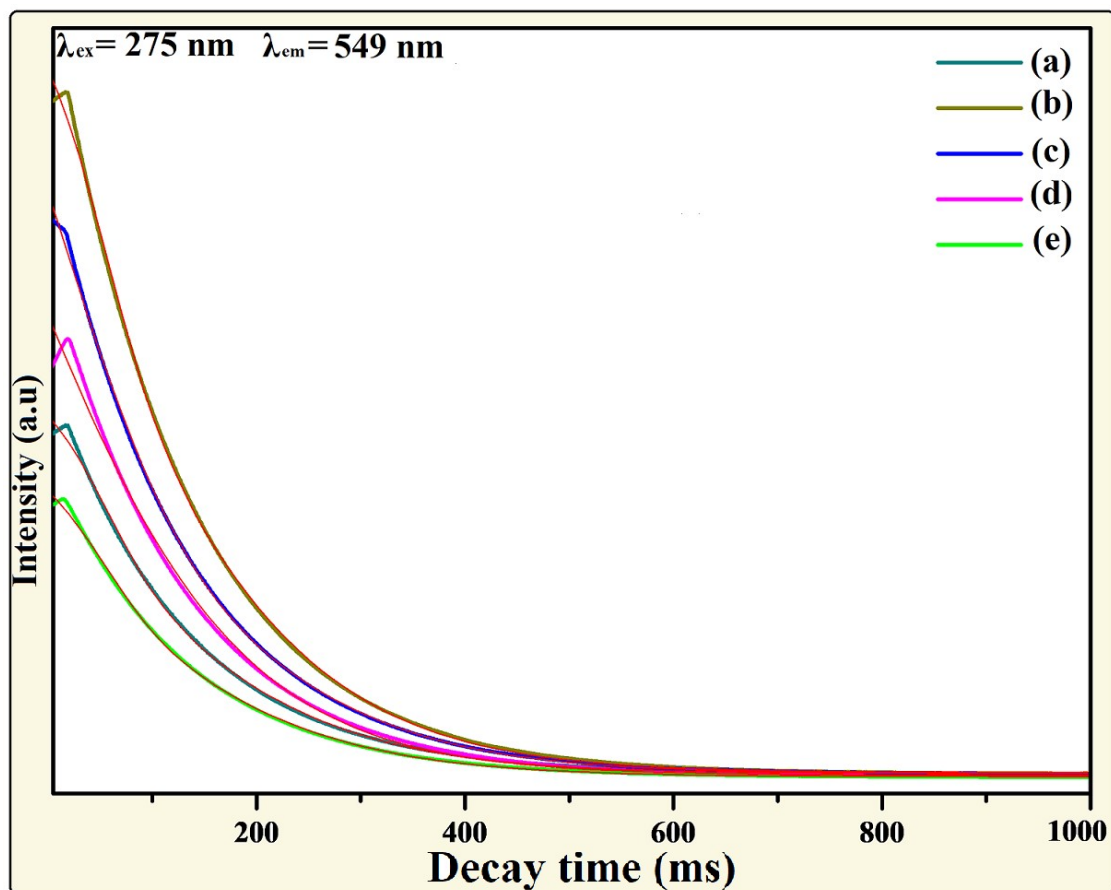


Fig. S6†: ESI Lifetime decay curve of as synthesized $\text{Na}_x\text{Li}_y\text{GdF}_4:\text{Tb}^{3+}$ nanophosphors at varying Na/Li ions concentrations (a) $x=10 \text{ mmol}$ $y= 5 \text{ mmol}$ (b) $x=5 \text{ mmol}$, $y=10 \text{ mmol}$ (c) $x=7.5 \text{ mmol}$ $y=7.5\text{mmol}$ (d) $x=15\text{mmol}$, $y=0 \text{ mmol}$ (e) $x=0 \text{ mmol}$, $y=15\text{mmol}$.

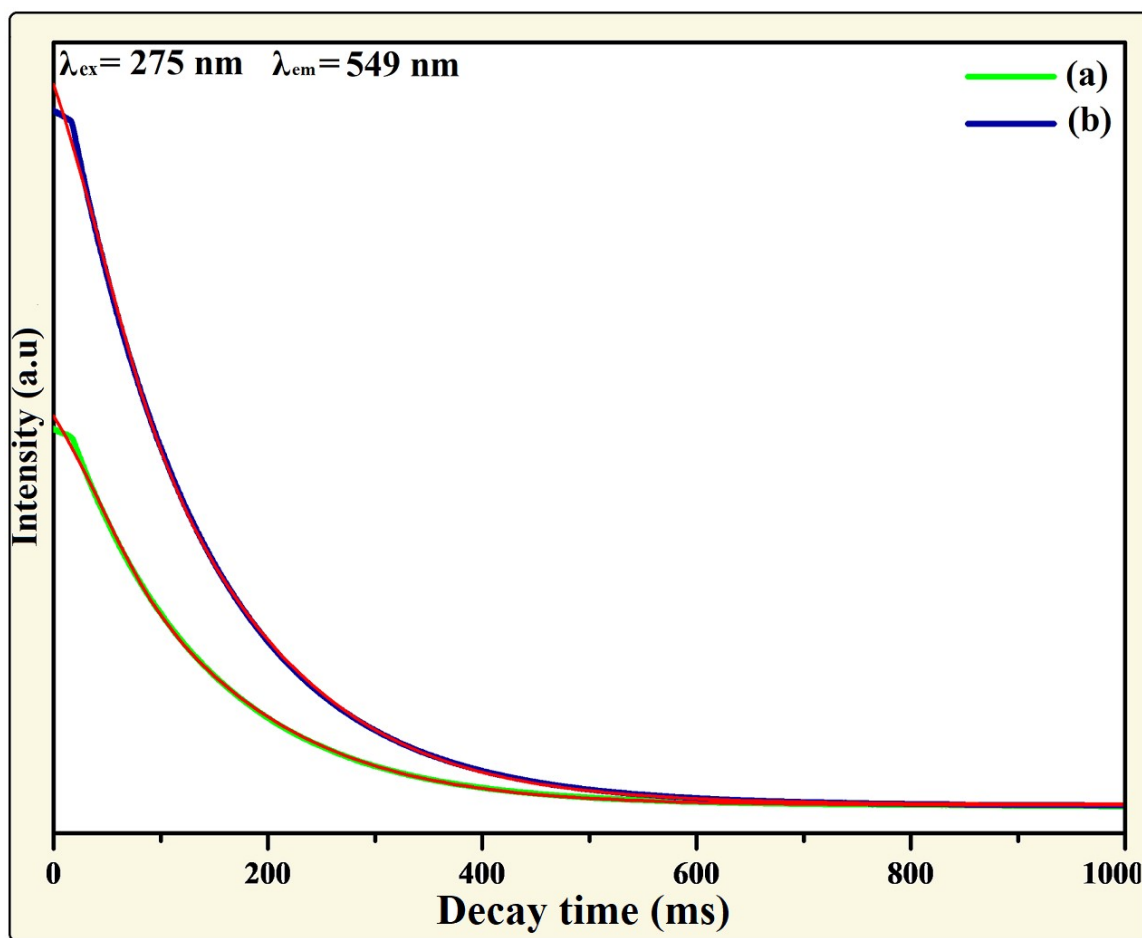


Fig. S7†: ESI Photoluminescence lifetime decay curves of as synthesized nanostructure
(a) $\text{Na}_x\text{Li}_y\text{GdF}_4:\text{Tb}^{3+}$ nanophosphors.
(b) $\text{Na}_x\text{Li}_y\text{GdF}_4:\text{Tb}^{3+}@\text{PMA}@\text{Phen}@\text{GO}$ nanocomposite.

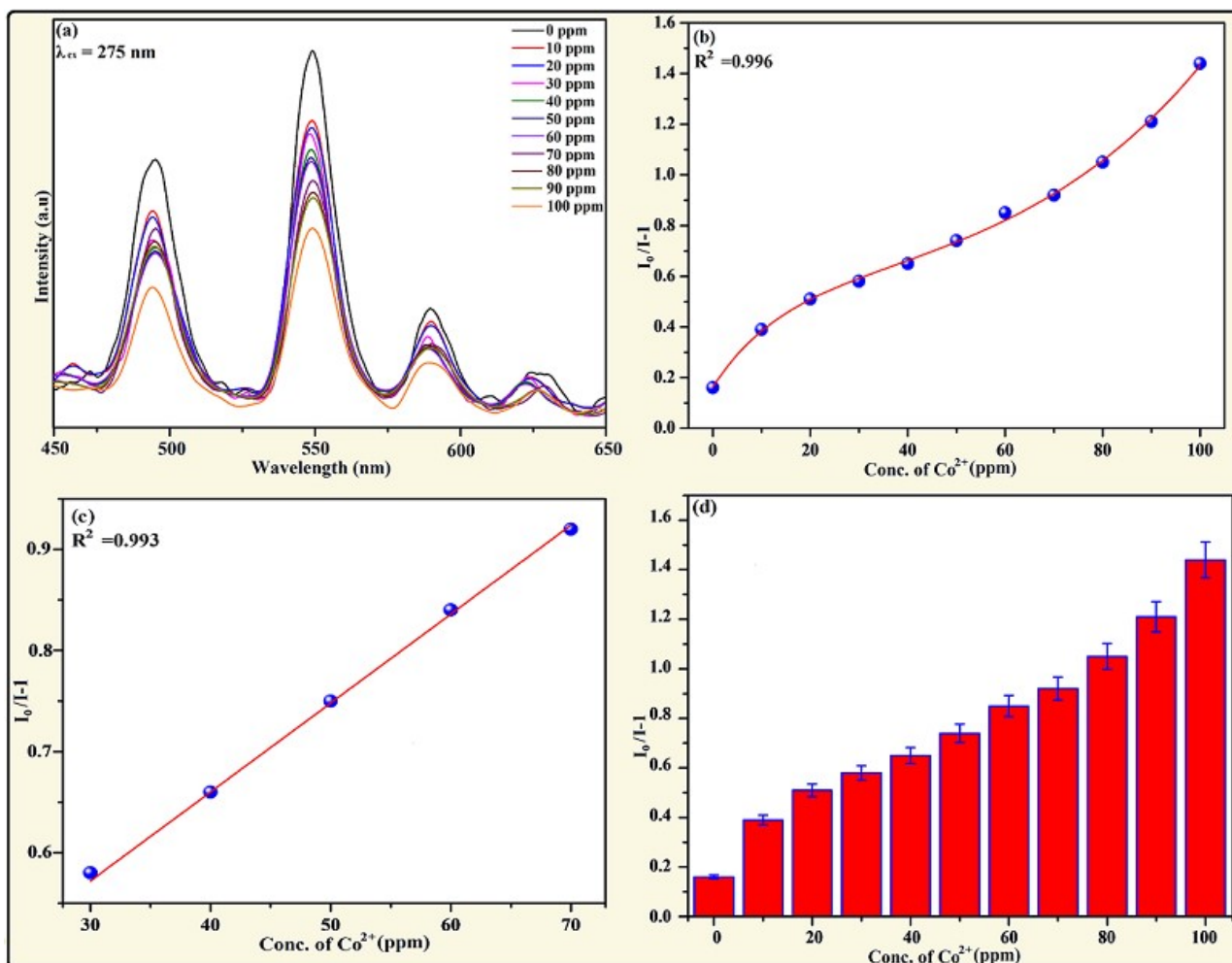


Fig. S8†: ESI Variation in photoluminescence intensity of designed chemosensor in presence of different Co^{2+} concentrations (from 0 to 100 ppm) selective excitation at $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 275 \text{ nm}$: (a) Emission spectra of nanophosphors with addition of Co^{2+} ion (using water as solvent) (b) Nonlinear Stern-Volmer plot of $I_0/I-1$ versus (Co^{2+}) concentrations (c) linear Stern-Volmer fitting and (d) Error bar

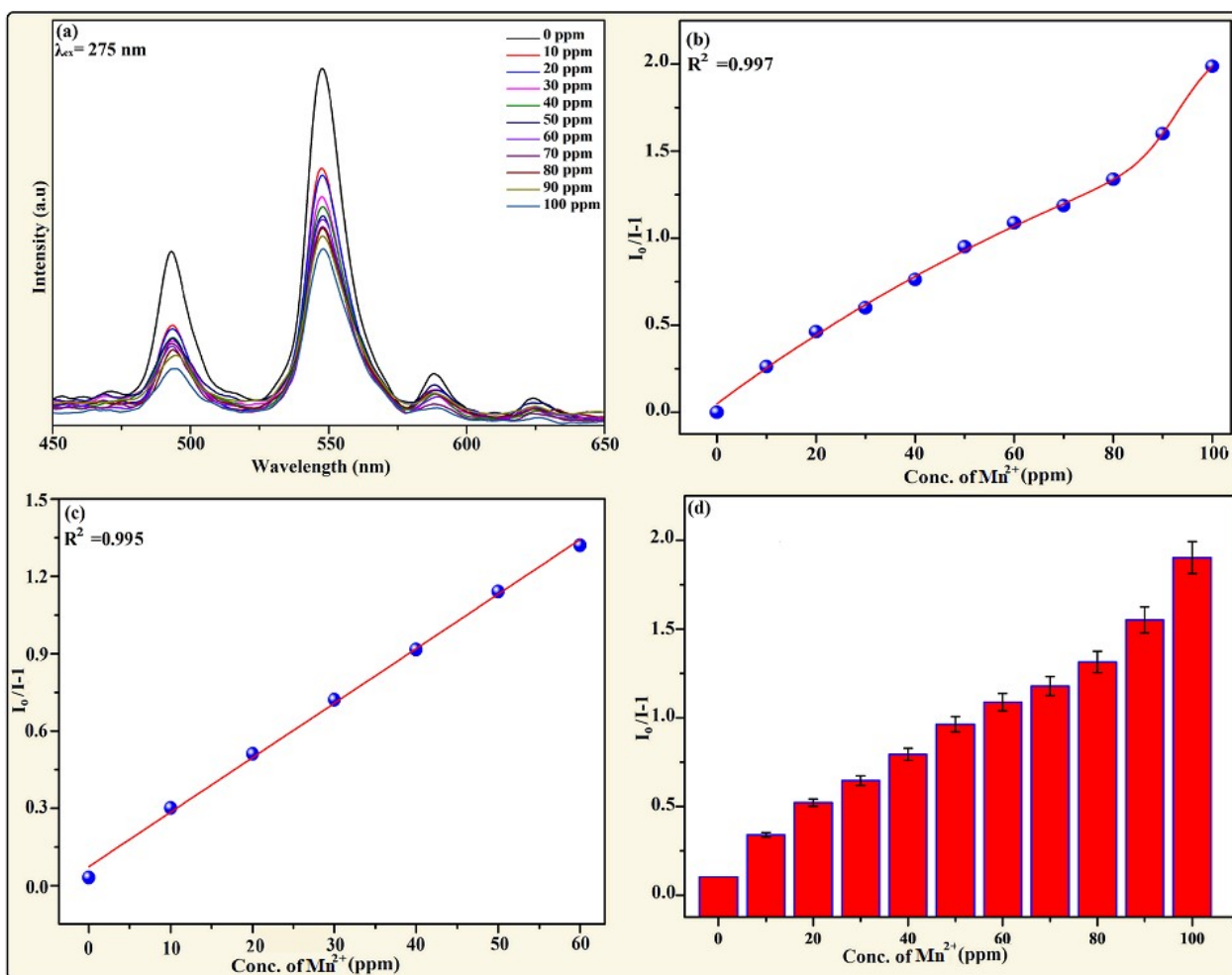


Fig. S9†: ESI Variation in photoluminescence intensity of designed chemosensor in presence of different Mn²⁺ concentrations (from 0 to 100 ppm) selective excitation at $\lambda_{ex} = 275$ nm (a) Emission spectra of nanophosphors with addition of Mn²⁺ ion (using water as solvent) (b) Nonlinear Stern-Volmer plot of $I_0/I-1$ versus (Mn²⁺) concentrations (c) linear Stern-Volmer fitting and (d) Error bar

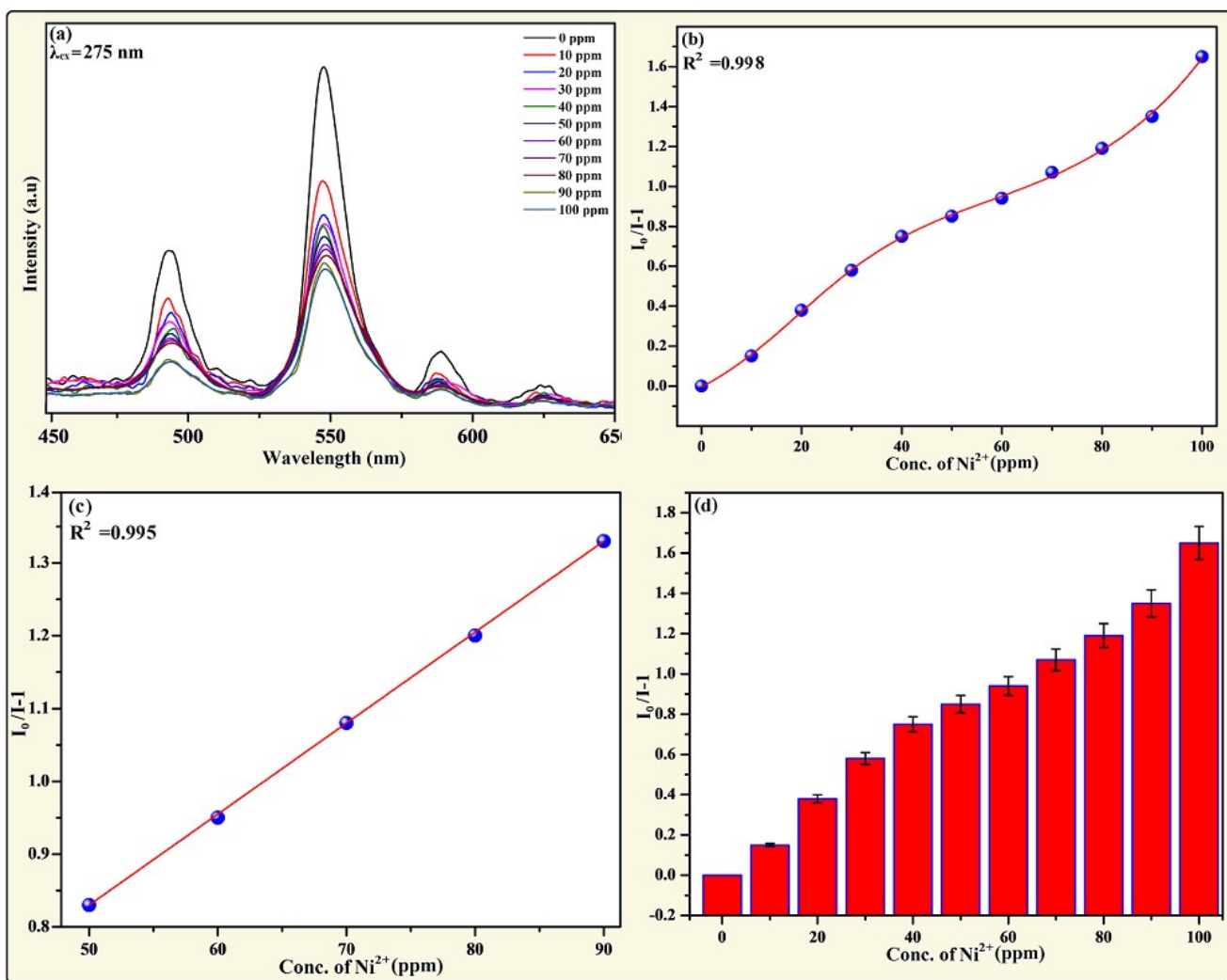


Fig. S10†: ESI Variation in photoluminescence intensity of designed chemosensor in presence of different Ni²⁺ concentrations (from 0 to 100 ppm) selective excitation at $\lambda_{ex} = 275$ nm (a) Emission spectra of nanophosphors with addition of Ni²⁺ ion (using water as solvent) (b) Nonlinear Stern-Volmer plot of $I_0/I-1$ versus (Ni²⁺) concentrations (c) linear Stern-Volmer fitting and (d) Error bar

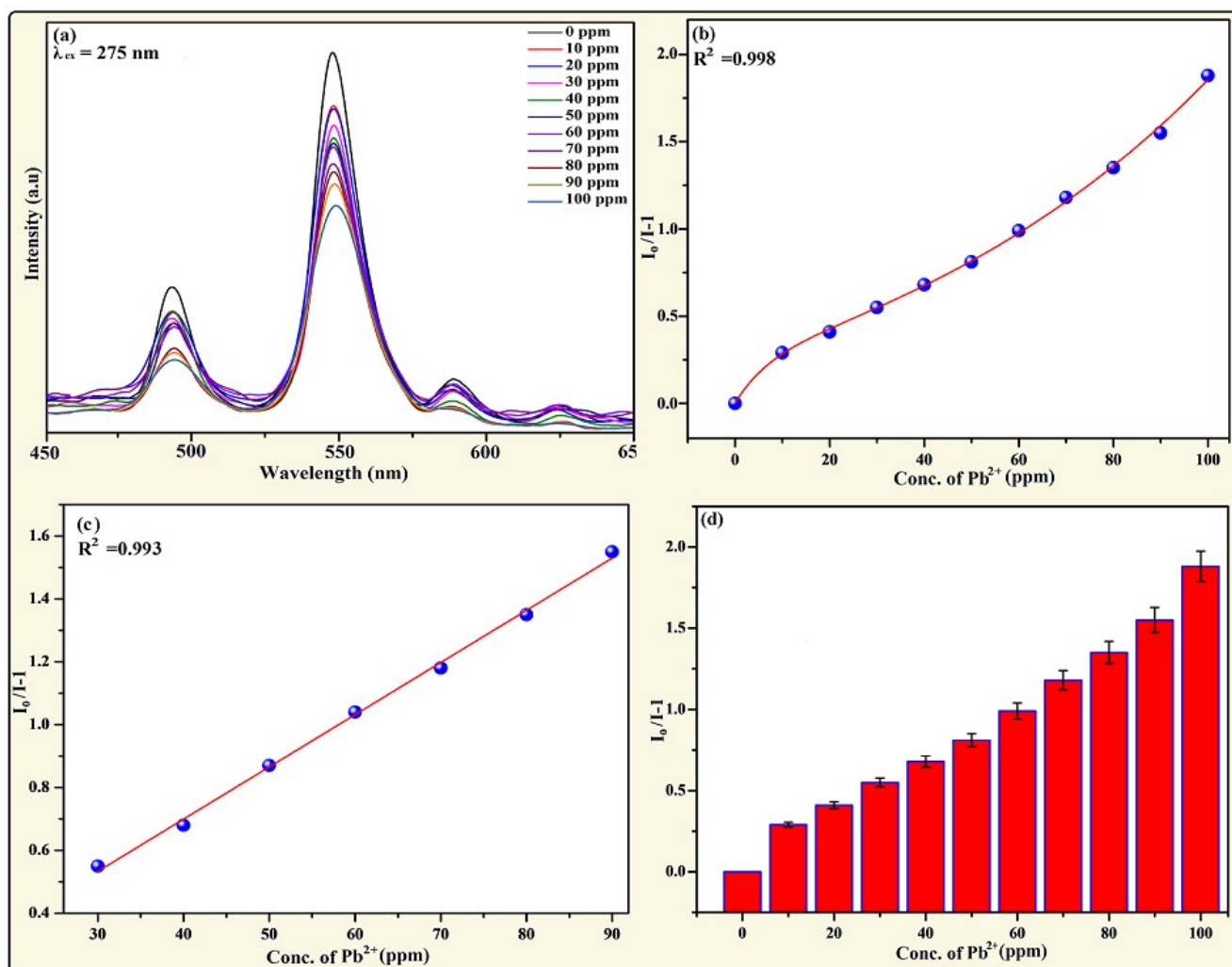


Fig. S11†: ESI Variation in photoluminescence intensity of designed chemosensor in presence of different Pb²⁺ concentrations (from 0 to 100 ppm) selective excitation at $\lambda_{ex} = 275$ nm: (a) Emission spectra of nanophosphors with addition of Pb²⁺ ion (using water as solvent) (b) Nonlinear Stern-Volmer plot of $I_0/I-1$ versus (Pb²⁺) concentrations (c) linear Stern-Volmer fitting and (d) Error bar

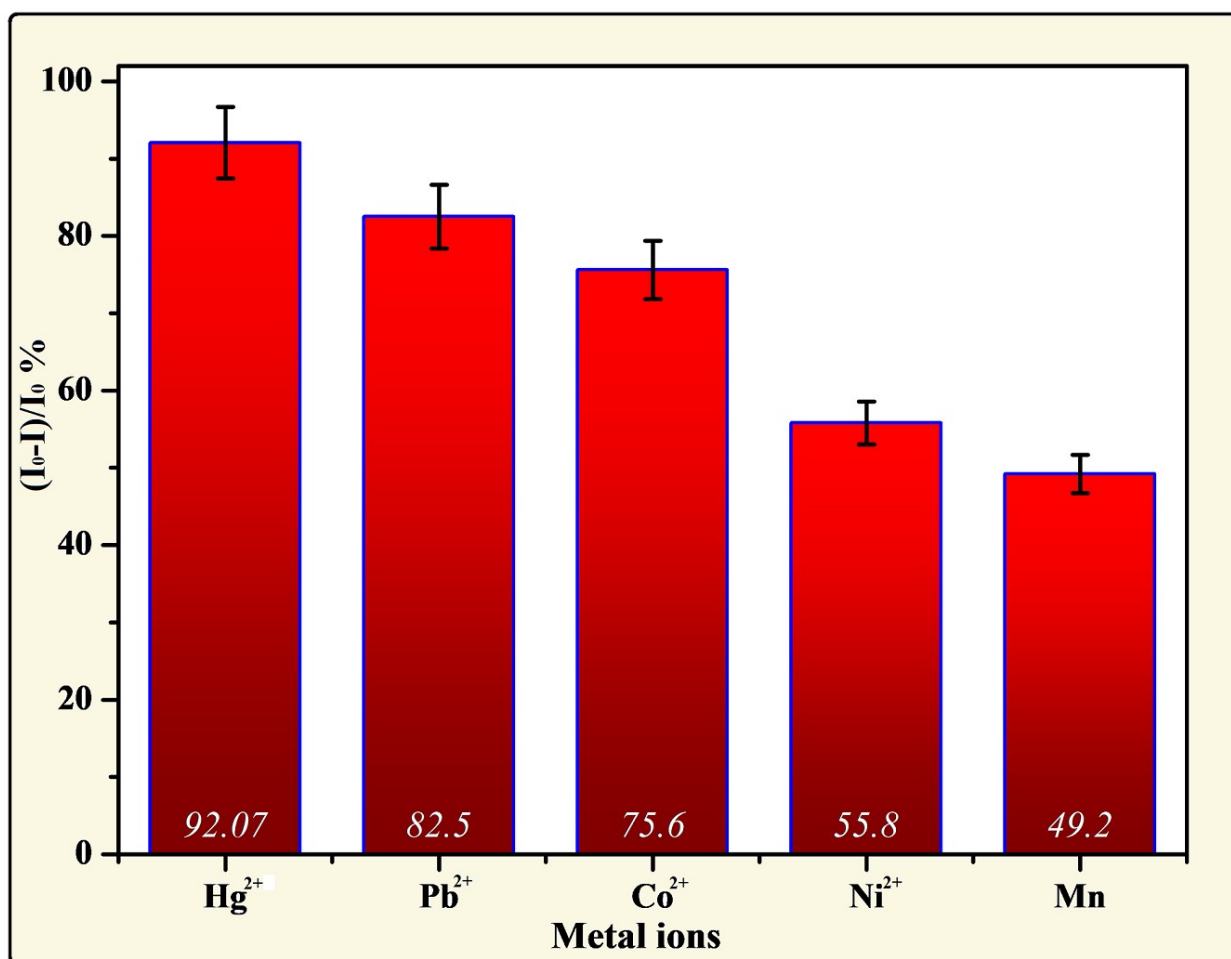


Fig. S12†: ESI Quenching efficiency of the prepared nanosensor in presence of different metals ions analytes (100 ppm) in aqueous medium.

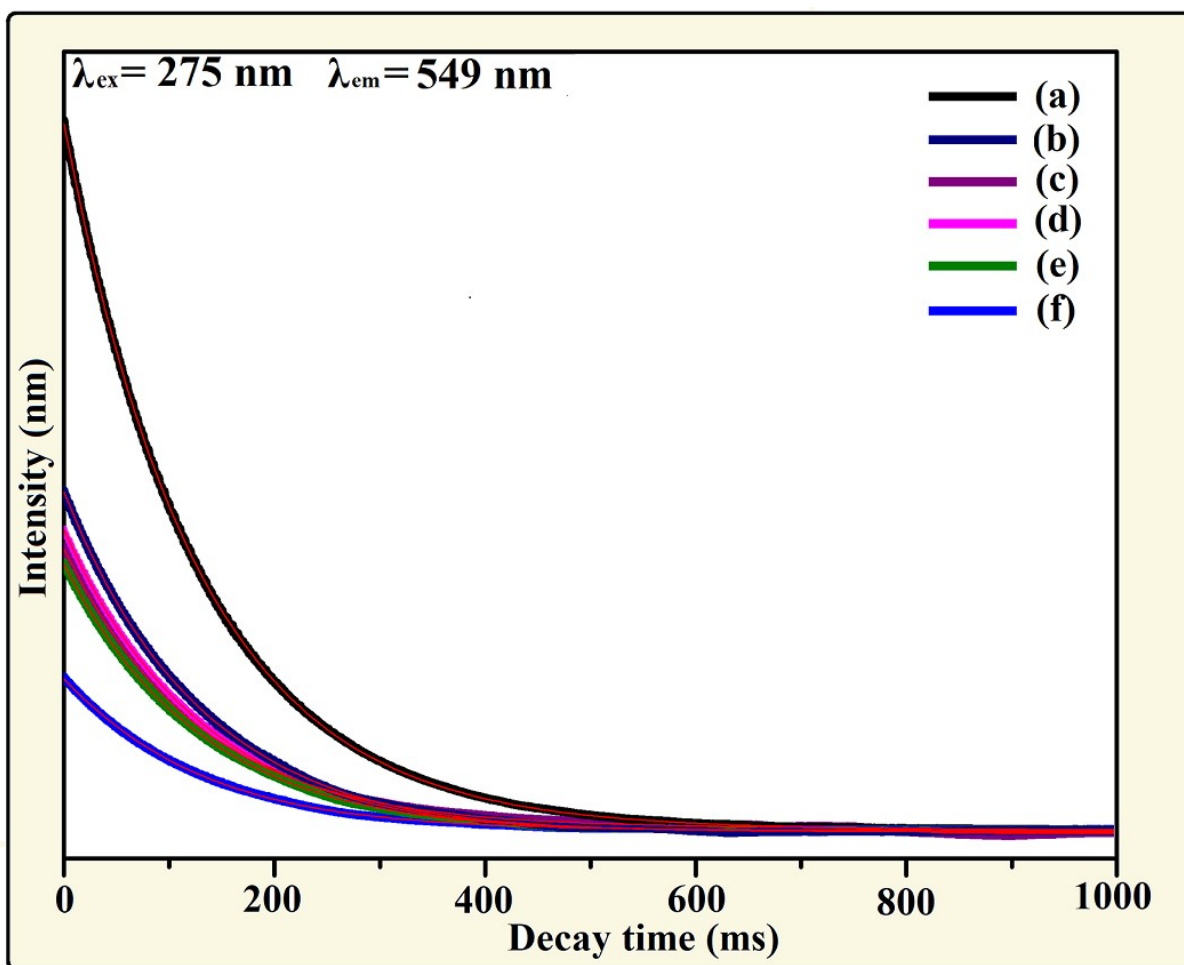


Fig. S13†: ESI Photoluminescence lifetime decay curves of as-fabricated nanosensor with addition of various toxic metal ions **(a)** blank nanosensor without addition of metal analyte **(b)** nanosensor with addition of Mn^{2+} (100 ppm) **(c)** nanosensor with addition of Ni^{2+} (100 ppm) **(d)** nanosensor with addition of Co^{2+} (100 ppm) **(e)** nanosensor with addition of Pb^{2+} (100 ppm) **(f)** nanosensor with addition of Hg^{2+} (100 ppm)

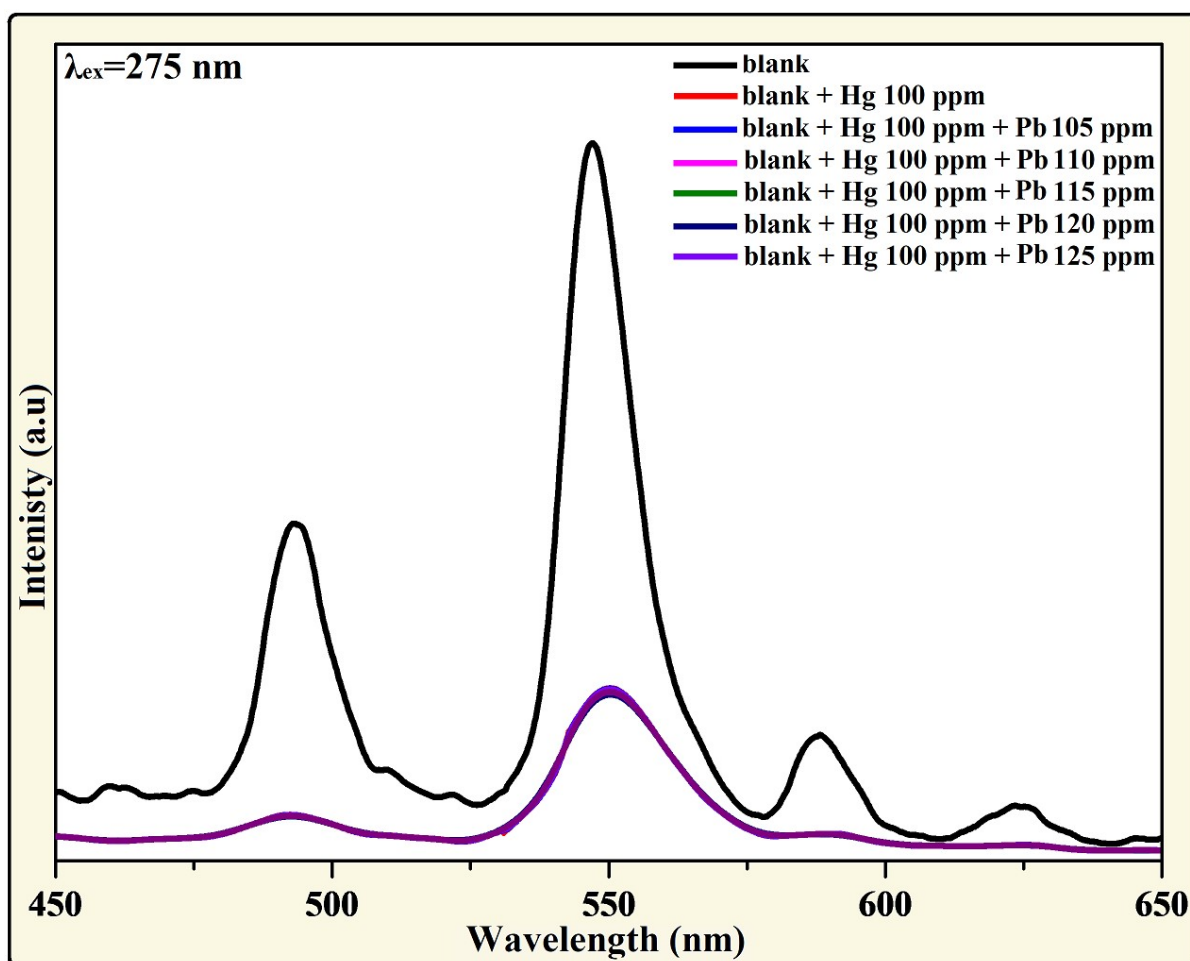


Fig. S14†: ESI Photoluminescence emission spectra of as-designed nanosensor with the addition of Hg²⁺ ion and different concentrations of Pb²⁺ ion.

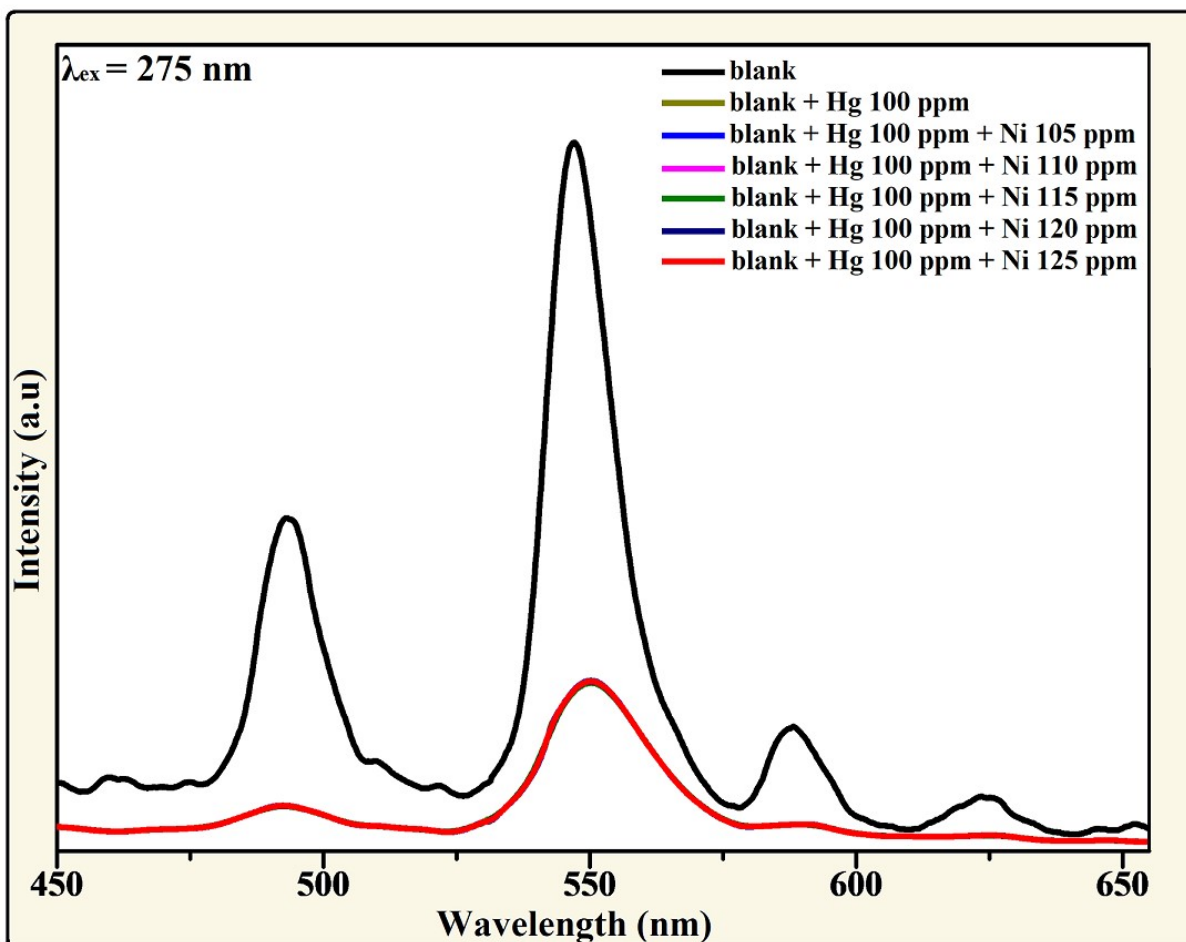


Fig. S15†: ESI Photoluminescence emission spectra of as-designed nanosensor after the addition of Hg^{2+} ion along with different concentrations of Ni^{2+} ion.

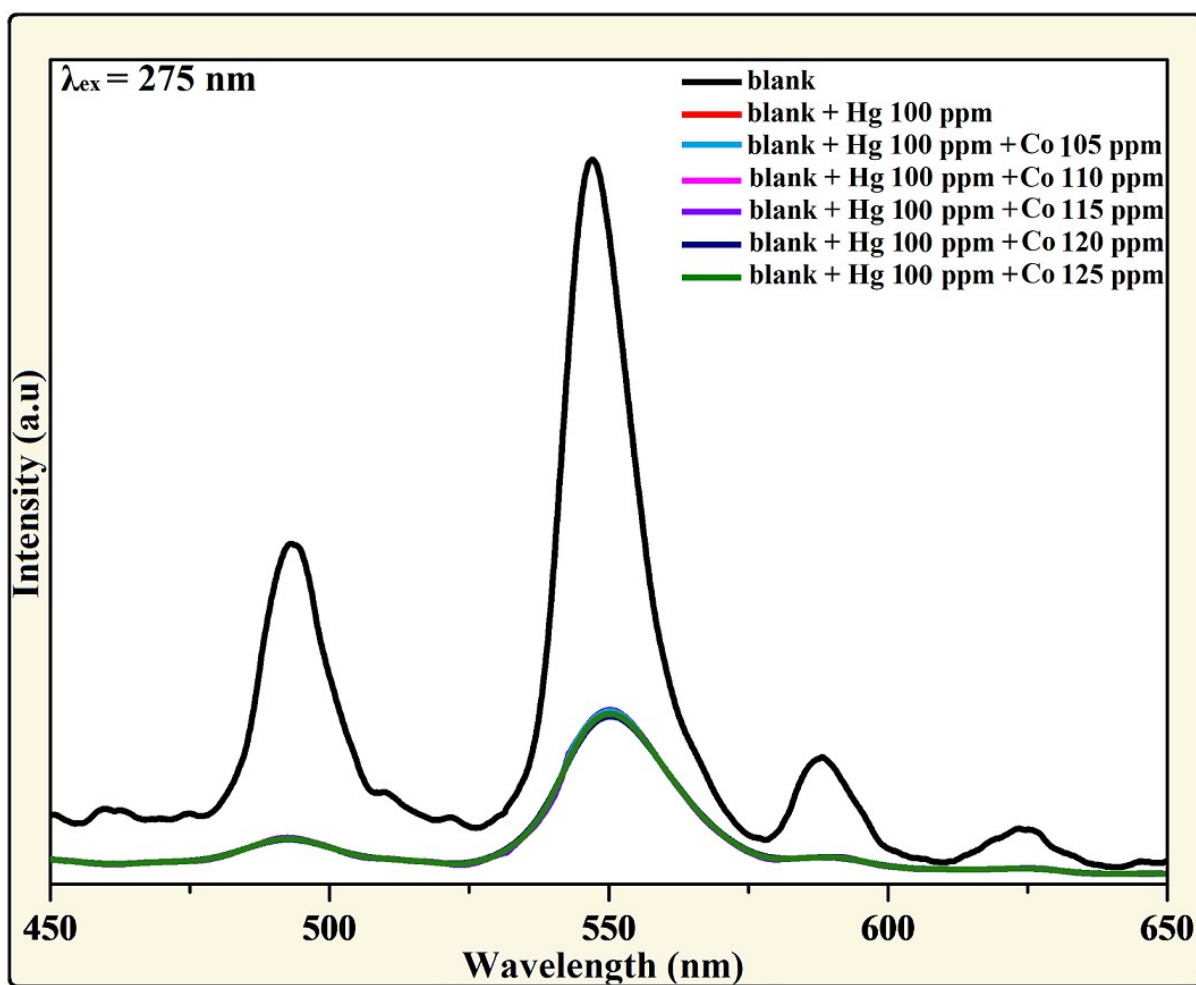


Fig. S16†: ESI Photoluminescence emission spectra of as-designed nanosensor with the addition of Hg²⁺ ion and different concentrations of Co²⁺ ion.

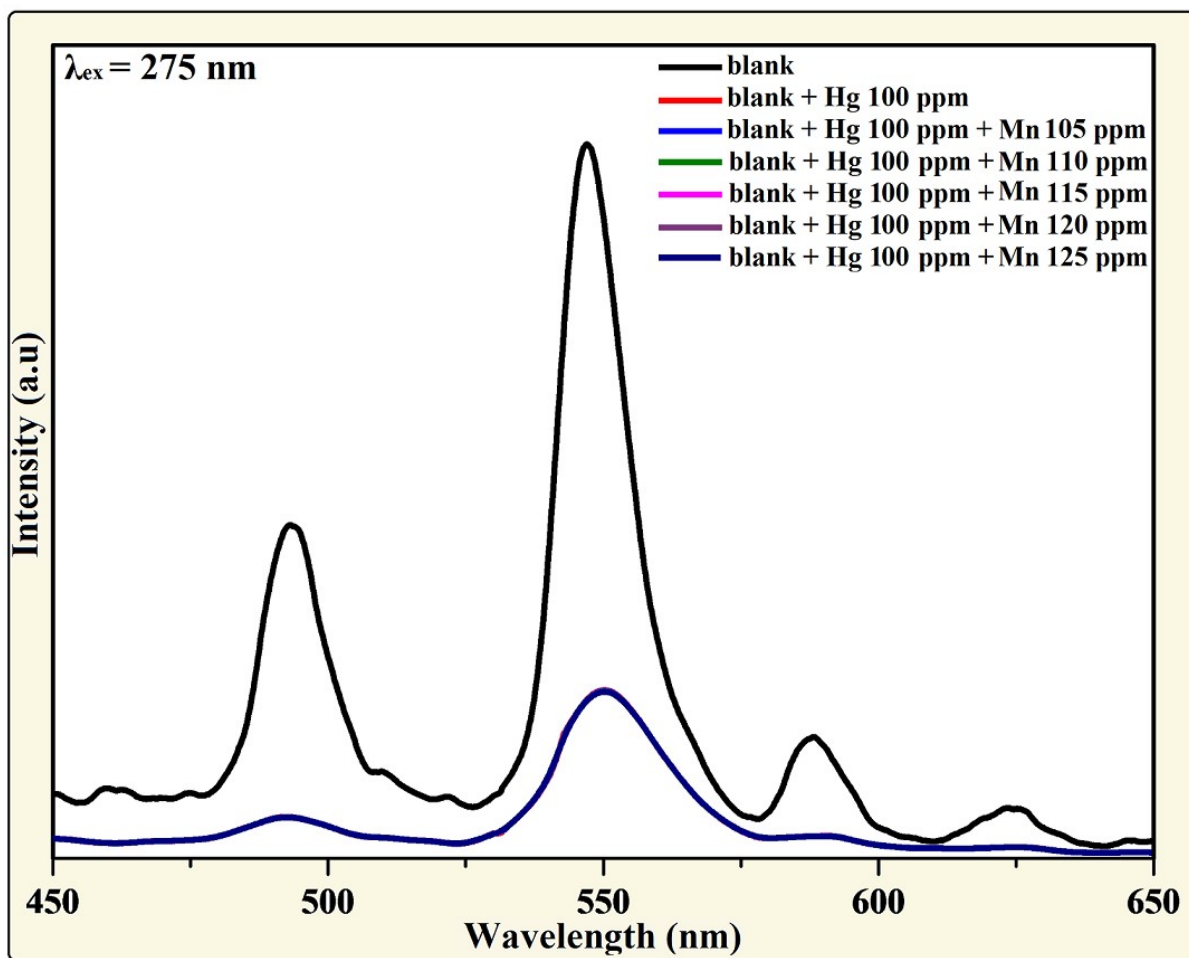


Fig. S17†: ESI Photoluminescence emission spectra of as-designed nanosensor with the addition of Hg²⁺ ion and different concentrations of Mn²⁺ ion.

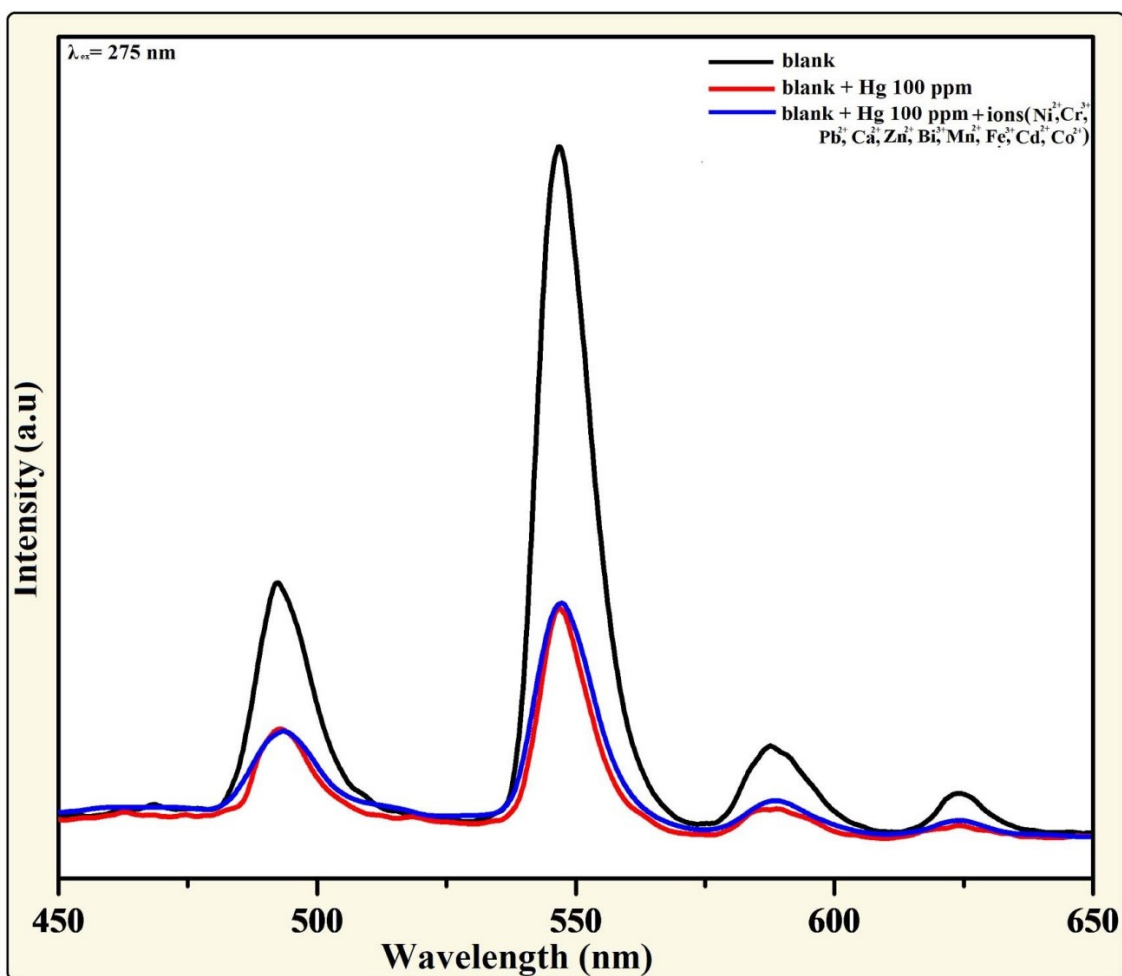


Fig. S18†: ESI Photoluminescence emission spectra of as-designed nanosensor with the addition of Hg^{2+} ion and presence of different metal ions.