## **Supporting Information**

## Development of fluorophoric [2]pseudorotaxanes and [2]rotaxane: Selective sensing of Zn(II)

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**Scheme 1S.** Synthetic path of L1: (i) 2-amino ethanol, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH, reflux, 14h; (ii) NaH, THF, stirring at 0 °C followed by stirring at RT for 12 h.



**Scheme 2S.** Synthetic path of L2 and L3: (i) PPA, reflux, 18h; (ii) Methyl iodide, NaH, THF, stirring at 0<sup>o</sup>C followed by stirring at RT for 12 h.



**Scheme 3S.** Synthetic path of L4: (i) 1,2-dibromo ethane, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, reflux; (ii) NaN<sub>3</sub>, DMF, reflux, 8h; (iii) NBS, AIBN, CCl<sub>4</sub>, reflux; (iv) trimethyl phosphite, reflux; (v) potassium tertbutoxide, DMF, 0<sup>o</sup>C, stirring, 10 h.

![](_page_2_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 1S. (A) UV/Vis and (B) emission spectra of NaphMC at 298K.

![](_page_3_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 28. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of A in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in 500 MHz at 298K.

![](_page_3_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 38. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of A in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in 125 MHz at 298K.

![](_page_4_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 4S. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of L1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in 500 MHz at 298K.

![](_page_4_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 58. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of L1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in 125 MHz at 298K.

![](_page_5_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 6S. ESI-MS (+ve) spectrum of L1 at 298K.

![](_page_5_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 7S. (A) UV/Vis and (B) Emission spectra of L1 at 298K.

![](_page_6_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 8S. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of L2 in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> in 500 MHz at 298K.

![](_page_6_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 9S. ESI-MS (+ve) spectrum of L2 at 298K.

![](_page_7_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 10S. (A) UV/Vis and (B) Emission spectra of L2 ( $\lambda_{exc} = 363 \text{ nm}$ ) at 298K.

![](_page_7_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 11S. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of L3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in 500 MHz at 298K.

![](_page_8_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 12S. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of L3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in 500 MHz at 298K.

![](_page_8_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 13S. ESI-MS (+ve) spectrum of L3 at 298K.

![](_page_9_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 14S. (A) UV/Vis and (B) Emission spectra of L3 ( $\lambda_{exc}$  = 345 nm) at 298K.

![](_page_9_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 158. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound C in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in 400 MHz at 298K.

![](_page_10_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 16S. <sup>13</sup> C-NMR spectrum of compound C in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in 125 MHz at 298K.

![](_page_10_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 17S. MALDI-mass (+ve) spectrum of compound L4 at 298K.

![](_page_11_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 18S. IR spectrum of compound L4.

![](_page_11_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 19S. Characteristic UV/Vis spectra of ternary complexes {NiPR1(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-NiPR4(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>} in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 298K.

![](_page_11_Figure_4.jpeg)

Figure 20S. Emission spectrum of NiPR1(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 298K ( $\lambda$ exc = 317 nm).

![](_page_12_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 21S. Emission spectrum of NiPR2(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 298K ( $\lambda$ exc = 396 nm).

![](_page_12_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 22S. Emission spectrum of NiPR3(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 298K (λexc = 385 nm).

![](_page_12_Figure_4.jpeg)

Figure 23S. Emission spectrum of NiPR4(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 298K ( $\lambda$ exc = 408 nm).

![](_page_13_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 24S. ESI-MS (+ve) spectrum of Ni(II) templated rotaxane [NiRTX(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] at 298K.

![](_page_13_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Figure 25S.** Stacked <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of (A) **ConAx**, (B) **RTX**, and (C) **NaphMC** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 298 K. The labels of protons are shown correspond to **NaphMC** and **ConAx** in **RTX** in the above mentioned structure.

![](_page_14_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 26S. ESI-MS (+ve) spectrum of metal free rotaxane [RTX] at 298K.

![](_page_14_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 27S. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of NAPRTX in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in 300 MHz at RT.

![](_page_15_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 28S. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of NAPRTX in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in 300 MHz at RT.

![](_page_15_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 29S. UV/Vis spectrum of NAPRTX at 298K.

![](_page_16_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 30S. Emission spectrum of NAPRTX exc at 375 nm at 298K.

![](_page_16_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 31S. ESI-MS (+ve) spectrum of ConAx at 298K.

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Figure 32S. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of ConAx in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in 500 MHz at 298K.

![](_page_17_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 338. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of ConAx in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in 100 MHz at 298K.

![](_page_18_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 34S. UV/Vis spectrum of ConAx in DMF-CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2:8) at 298K.

![](_page_18_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Figure 35S.** Emission spectrum of **ConAx** (5x10<sup>-6</sup> M) in DMF-CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2:8) exc at 375 nm at 298K.

![](_page_19_Figure_0.jpeg)

**Figure 36S.** Non-linear 1 : 1 curve fitting plot from PL titration data between **NAPRTX** and  $Zn^{2+}$  ion at 298 K,  $\lambda_{exc}$ = 375 nm.

![](_page_19_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 37S. (A) UV titration of NAPRTX with  $Zn(ClO_4)_2$  in solvent mixture {3% water in mixture of solvent} at 298 K. (B) Molar ratio plot.

![](_page_20_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 38S. (A) PL titration of NAPRTX with  $Zn(ClO_4)_2$  in solvent mixture {3% water in mixture of solvent} at 298 K. (B) Molar ratio plot.