## **Supporting Information**

## A Quinazolin-based Schiff-base chemosensor for colourimetric detection of $Ni^{2+}$ and $Zn^{2+}$ ions and '*turn-on*' fluorometric detection of $Zn^{2+}$ ion

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Fig.S1.<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig.S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 2 in CDCl<sub>3.</sub>



Fig. S3. ESI-mass spectra of L







Fig.S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of L in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Fig. S7. ESI-mass spectra of  $NiL_2$  (3)



Fig. S8. FTIR spectra of  $NiL_2$  (3)



Fig. S9. ESI-mass spectra of ZnL<sub>2</sub> (4)



Fig. S10. FTIR spectra of  $ZnL_2$  (4)



**Fig. S11.** Change in absorption spectra of L (10  $\mu$ M) in presence of 2 equiv. of different metal ions in methanol-tris-HCl buffer (1:1 v/v, pH 7.2) at room temperature.



Fig. S12. Job's plot for (a)  $Ni^{2+}$  and (b)  $Zn^{2+}$ .

Atom	Length/Å
$O(2)^{1}$	2.053(5)
O(2)	2.053(5)
$N(1)^{1}$	2.112(6)
N(1)	2.112(6)
N(2)	1.979(5)
N(2) <sup>1</sup>	1.979(5)
	Atom $O(2)^1$ O(2) $N(1)^1$ N(1) N(2) $N(2)^1$

Table S1. Selected Bond Lengths for  ${\bf 3}$ 

<sup>1</sup>1-X,+Y,3/2-Z

Table S2. Selected Bond Angles for 3

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
O(2) <sup>1</sup>	Ni(1)	O(2)	89.3(3)
O(2) <sup>1</sup>	Ni(1)	N(1) <sup>1</sup>	154.73(18)
O(2)	Ni(1)	N(1) <sup>1</sup>	96.3(2)
O(2)	Ni(1)	N(1)	154.73(18)
O(2) <sup>1</sup>	Ni(1)	N(1)	96.3(2)
N(1)	Ni(1)	$N(1)^{1}$	89.1(3)
N(2) <sup>1</sup>	Ni(1)	O(2) <sup>1</sup>	75.8(2)
N(2)	Ni(1)	O(2)	75.8(2)
N(2) <sup>1</sup>	Ni(1)	O(2)	104.2(2)
N(2)	Ni(1)	O(2) <sup>1</sup>	104.2(2)
N(2) <sup>1</sup>	Ni(1)	N(1) <sup>1</sup>	79.0(2)
N(2)	Ni(1)	$N(1)^{1}$	101.1(2)
N(2) <sup>1</sup>	Ni(1)	N(1)	101.1(2)
N(2)	Ni(1)	N(1)	79.0(2)
N(2)	Ni(1)	N(2) <sup>1</sup>	179.9(4)
C(8)	O(2)	Ni(1)	111.1(4)
C(5)	N(1)	Ni(1)	111.6(5)
C(1)	N(1)	Ni(1)	127.6(5)
N(3)	N(2)	Ni(1)	120.4(4)
C(6)	N(2)	Ni(1)	118.1(5)

<sup>1</sup>1-X,+Y,3/2-Z