

Electronic supplementary information
for

**Benzothiazole-coupled NS₄-donor macrocycle and its
complexation-based dual-channel sensing for Hg²⁺: the influence
of anions and structure-function relationship**

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Experimental

Synthesis of 2. The compound **2** was prepared via the modified procedure of the reported method in the literature^{S1}. To a stirred solution of POCl₃ (5.14 mL, 55.2 mmol) and DMF (1.86 mL, 22.1 mmol) in a round-bottom flask, was added *N*-Phenyldiethanolamine (2.00 g, 11.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h and then the resulting solution was poured into ice water. The resulting pale-brown precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and diethyl ether, and dried in a vacuum oven. Yield: 75 %. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.79 (*s*, 1 H, CHO), 7.78 (*d*, 2 H, Ar), 6.75 (*d*, 2 H, Ar), 3.85 (*t*, 4 H, NCH₂CH₂Cl), 3.67 (*t*, 4 H, NCH₂CH₂Cl). Mass spectrum: *m/z* = 246.08 [C₁₁H₁₄Cl₂NO]⁺ (calcd 246.05).

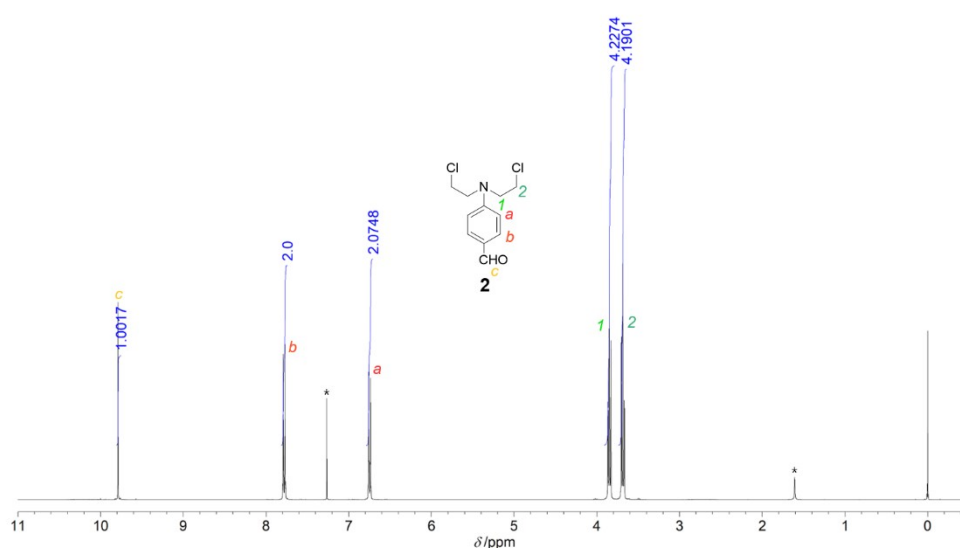
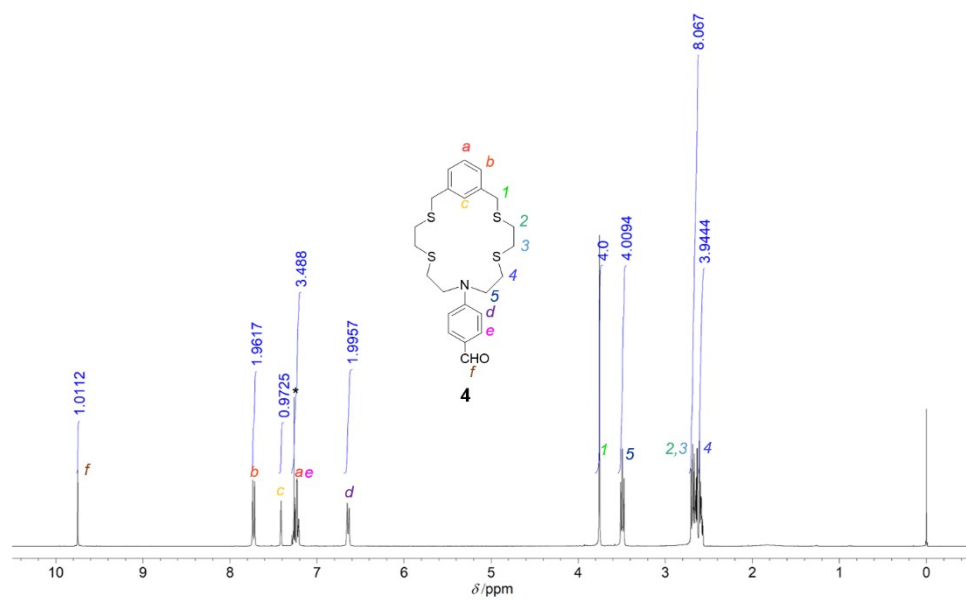
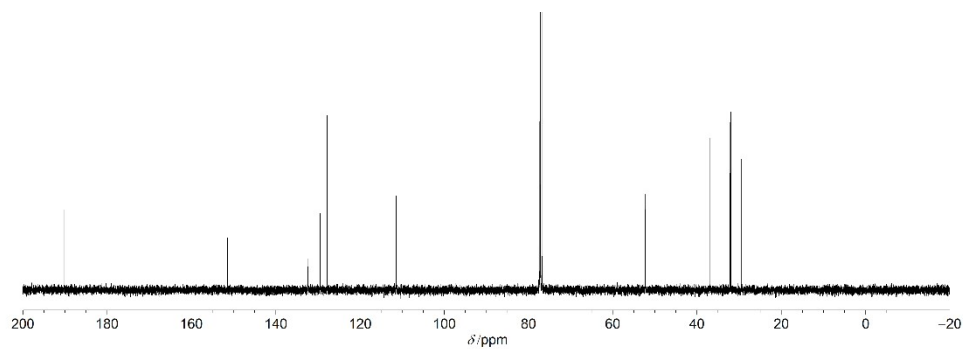


Fig. S1 ¹H-NMR spectra of **2** in CDCl₃.

Synthesis of 3. The compound **3** was prepared via the modified procedure of the reported method in the literature^{S2}. Thiourea (1.09 g, 14.3 mmol) was added to a solution of *m*-xylylenebis(1-chloro-3-thiopropane)^{S2} (1.04 g, 3.53 mmol) in ethanol (100 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h, allowed to cool to room temperature, and then evaporated. 100 mL of saturated NaHCO₃ was added and then the mixture was refluxed a further 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was partitioned between water and chloroform. The combined organic phases were dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate and then evaporated to dryness. Crude product a yellow oil was used for the next reaction after drying without purification.

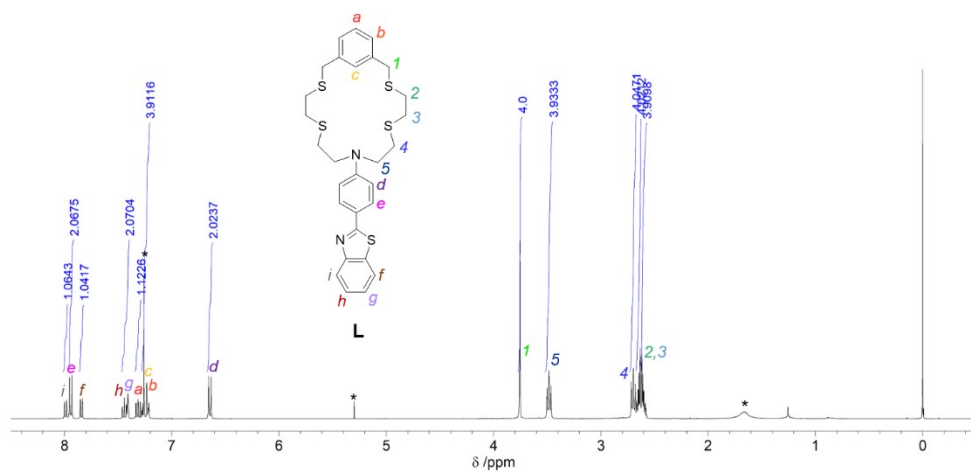


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Fig. S2 (a) $^1\text{H-}$ and (b) $^{13}\text{C-}$ NMR spectra of **4** in CDCl_3 .



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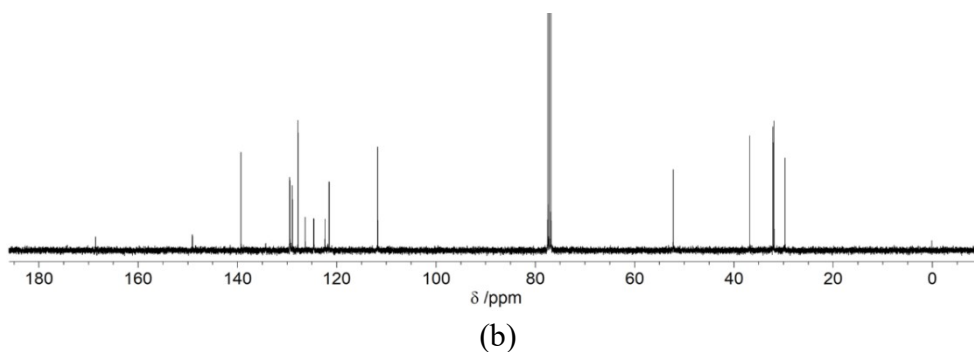


Fig. S3 (a) ^1H - and (b) ^{13}C -NMR spectra of **L** in CDCl_3

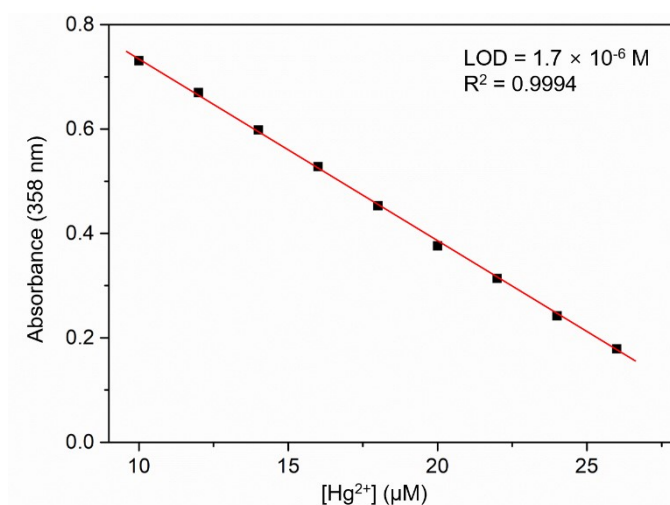


Fig. S4 Linear fitting for the $[\text{Hg}^{2+}]$ vs A from the UV-vis spectra of **L** in EtOH/DMSO (v/v, 9:1).

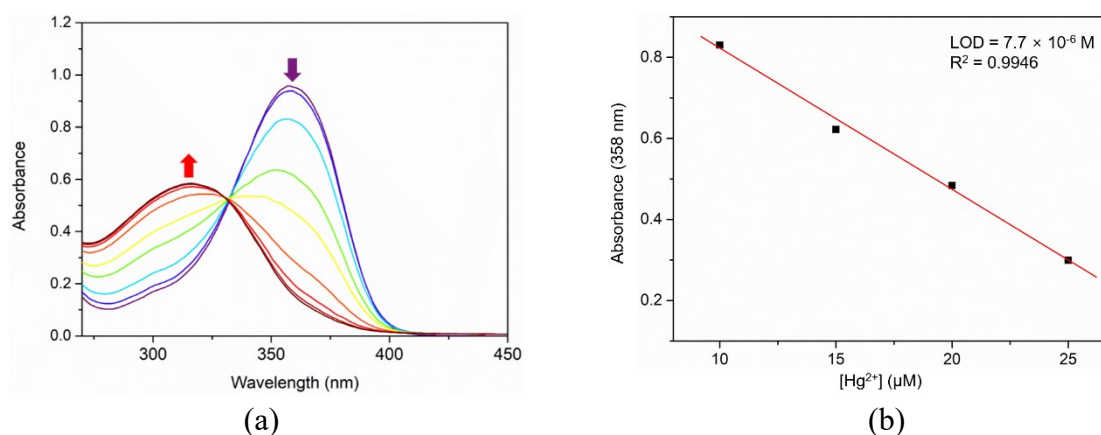


Fig. S5 (a) UV-vis spectra of **L** (2.0×10^{-5} M) with mercury(II) perchlorate (10–25 μM) in 95%EtOH/DMSO (v/v, 9:1). (b) Linear fitting for the $[\text{Hg}^{2+}]$ vs A from the UV-vis spectra of **L** in the presence of $\text{Hg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$.

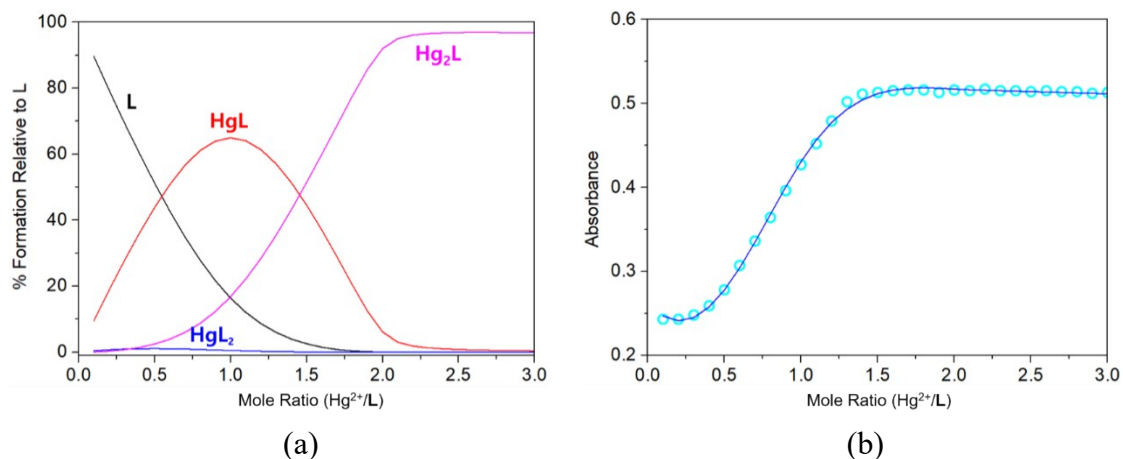


Fig. S6 Curve-fitting for UV-vis titration data to determine the stability constants for the complexations of L with Hg(ClO₄)₂ using HyperSpec software by employing the multiple binding model including 1:2, 1:1 and 2:1 (metal-to-ligand) ratios: (a) species distribution diagram and (b) HyperSpec output (○: experimental values, solid line: theoretical fit).

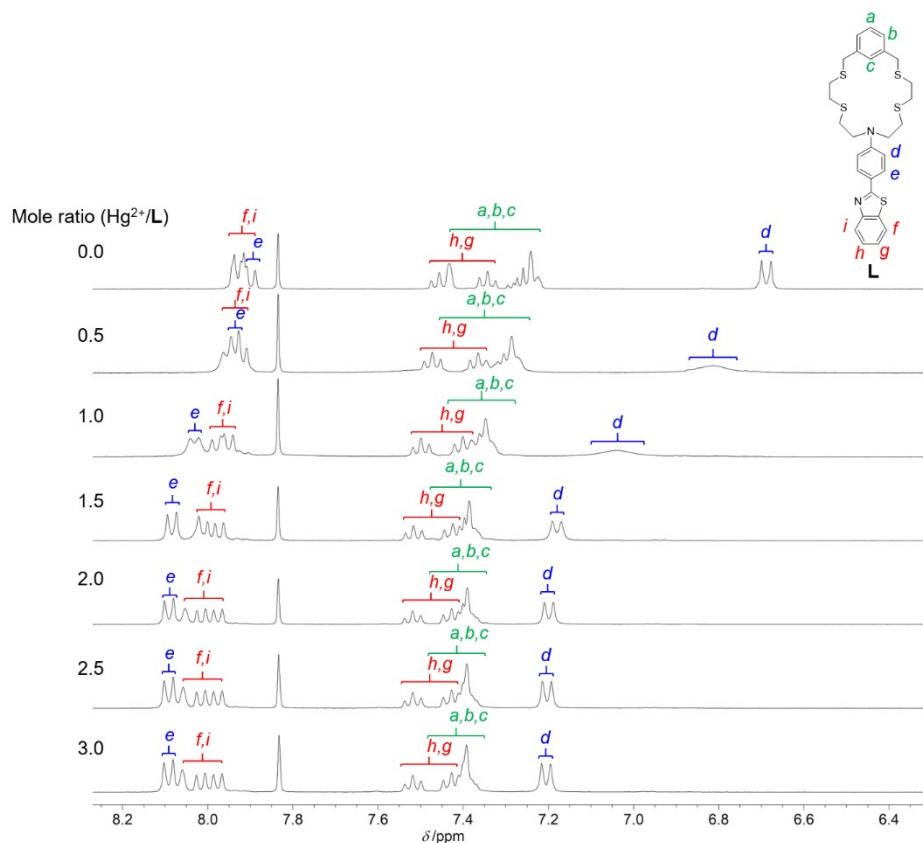


Fig. S7 Comparative NMR spectra (aromatic region) of L in the presence of Hg(ClO₄)₂ (0-2.0 equiv) in CDCl₃/DMSO-*d*₆ (v/v, 5:2).

X-ray crystallographic analysis

All data were collected on a Bruker D8 Venture PHOTON III M14 diffractometer equipped with graphite monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$) generated by a rotating anode. Data collection, data reduction, and semiempirical absorption correction were carried out using the software package APEX2.^{S3} All of the calculations for the structure determination were carried out using the SHELXTL package.^{S4} In all cases, all nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and all hydrogen atoms were placed in idealised positions and refined isotropically in a riding manner along with their respective parent atoms. Relevant crystal data collection and refinement data for the crystal structures are summarised in Table S1. CCDC 2281697 (L) and 2281698 (HgI₂ complex) contain supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

Table S1. Crystal and Experimental Data and Refinement Parameters

	L	[Hg ₂ (L)I ₄]
Formula	C ₂₉ H ₃₂ N ₂ S ₅	C ₂₉ H ₃₂ Hg ₂ I ₄ N ₂ S ₅
Formula weight	568.86	1477.64
Temperature	223(2)	223(2)
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>
<i>Z</i>	2	4
<i>a</i> (Å)	9.831(5)	8.6176(2)
<i>b</i> (Å)	10.536(6)	19.1568(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	14.817(8)	22.9808(4)
α (°)	90.682(17)	90
β (°)	91.831(15)	94.7210(10)
γ (°)	110.896(15)	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1432.6(13)	3780.93(14)
<i>D</i> _{calc} (g/cm ³)	1.319	2.596
2 θ _{max} (°)	52.00	52.00
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.032	1.038
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	0.0671, 0.1895	0.0310, 0.0677
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ [all data]	0.1161, 0.2291	0.0406, 0.0717
No. of reflection used [>2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	7046 [<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0643]	7435 [<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0431]
Refinement	full-matrix	full-matrix

Table S2 Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for [Hg₂(L)I₄]

Hg1-I1	2.643(1)	Hg2-I3	2.610(1)
Hg1-I2	2.620(1)	Hg2-I4	2.642(1)
Hg1-S1	2.813(2)	Hg2-S3	2.886(2)
Hg1-S2	2.792(2)	Hg2-S4	2.861(2)
I1-Hg1-I2	144.3(2)	I3-Hg2-I4	154.8(2)
I2-Hg1-S2	106.4(1)	I3-Hg2-S4	98.1(1)
I1-Hg1-S2	102.5(1)	I4-Hg2-S4	101.4(1)
I2-Hg1-S1	103.5(1)	I3-Hg2-S3	112.7(1)
I1-Hg1-S1	101.8(1)	I4-Hg2-S3	87.6(1)
S1-Hg1-S2	79.7(1)	S3-Hg2-S4	76.0(1)

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