

## **Electronic Supporting Information**

### **A Pyrene Induced PET Based Chemosensor for Biologically Important Zn(II) ion: Application for Test Strips and Live Cell Imaging Studies**

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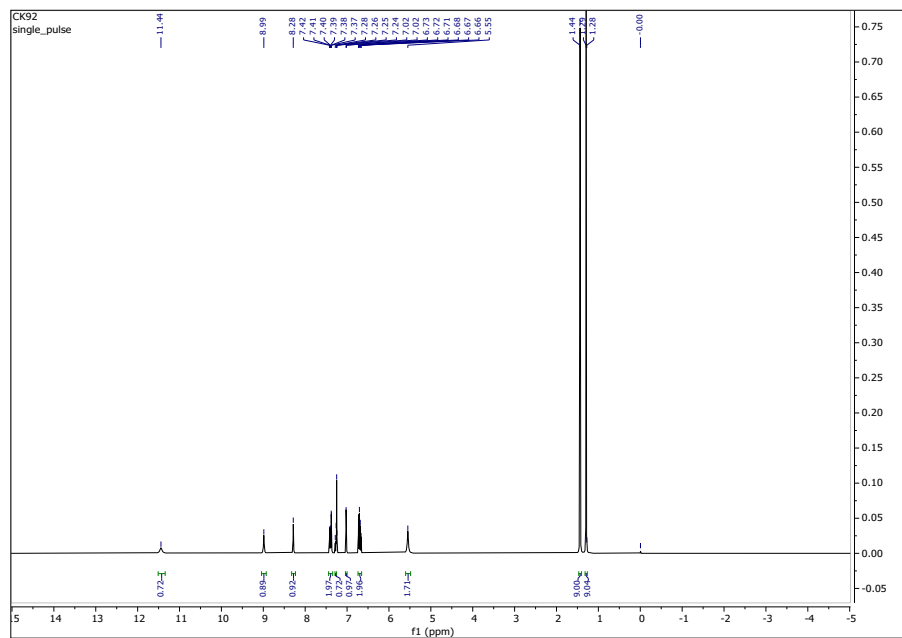


Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of DTH.

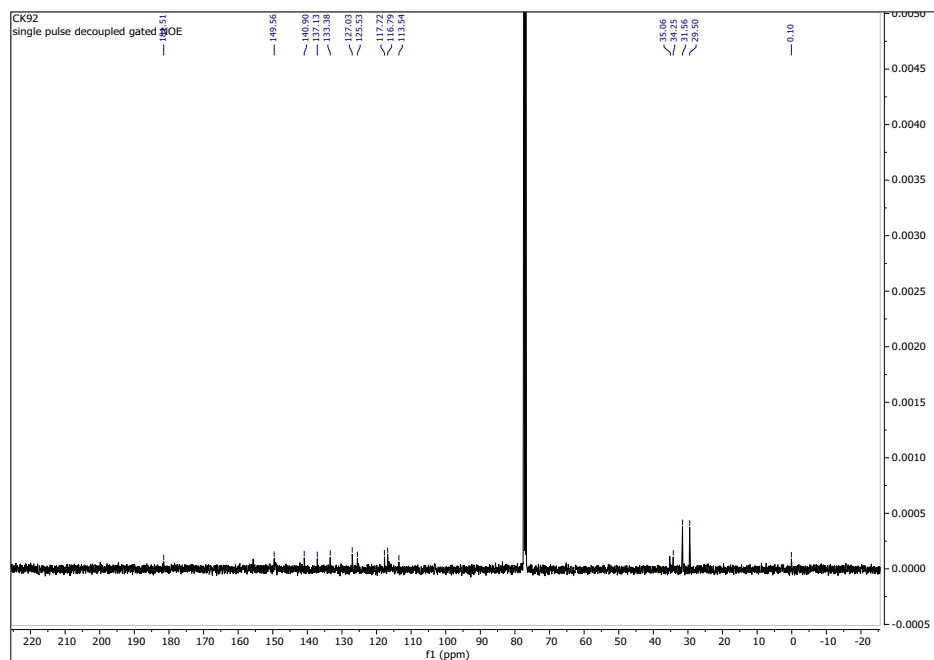


Fig. S2 <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of DTH.

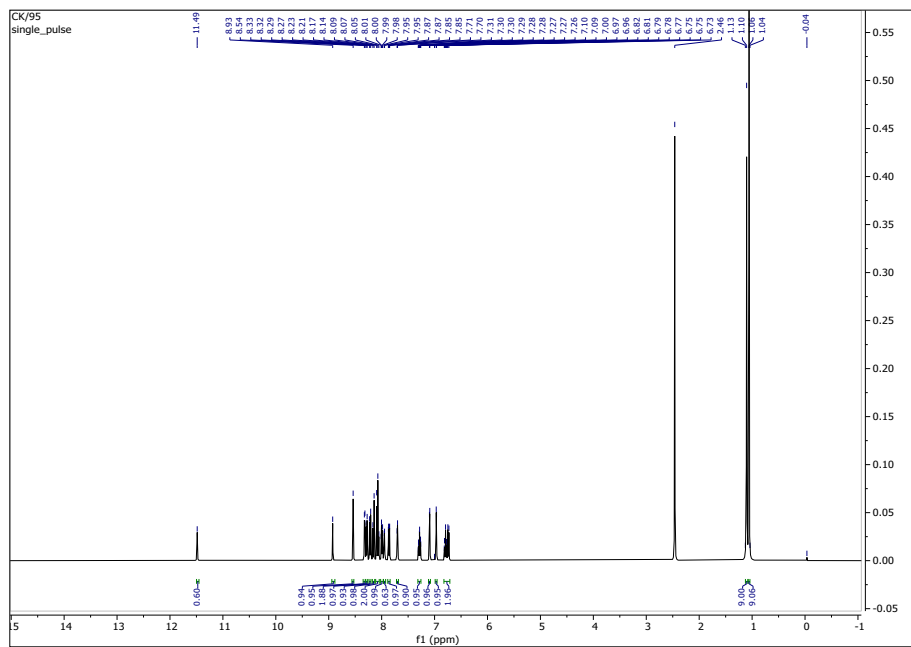


Fig. S3  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of DTQ.

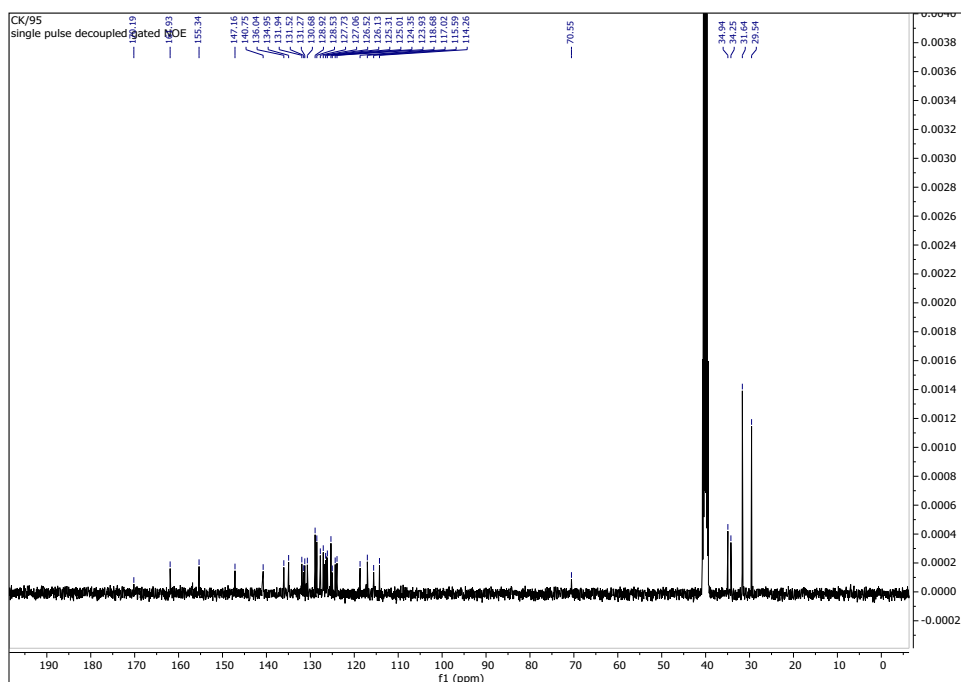
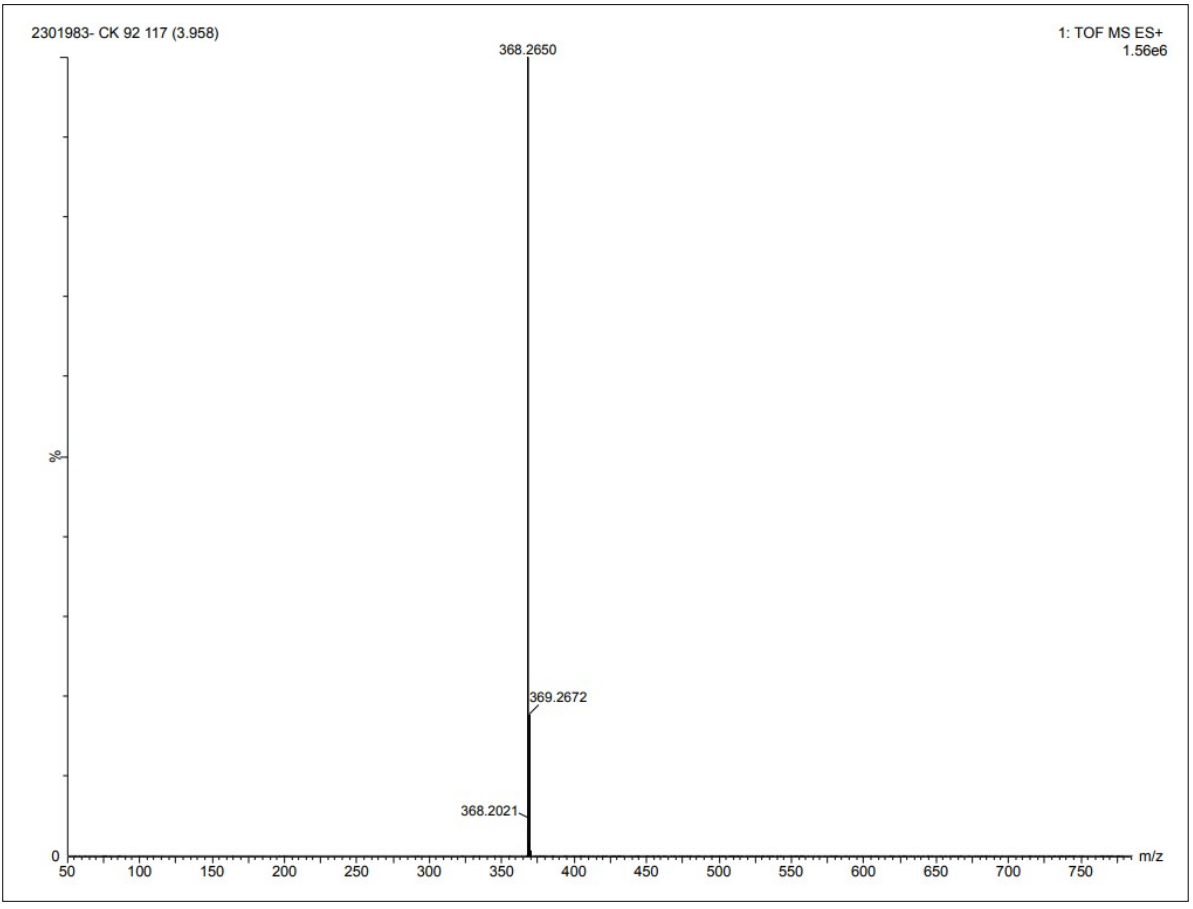
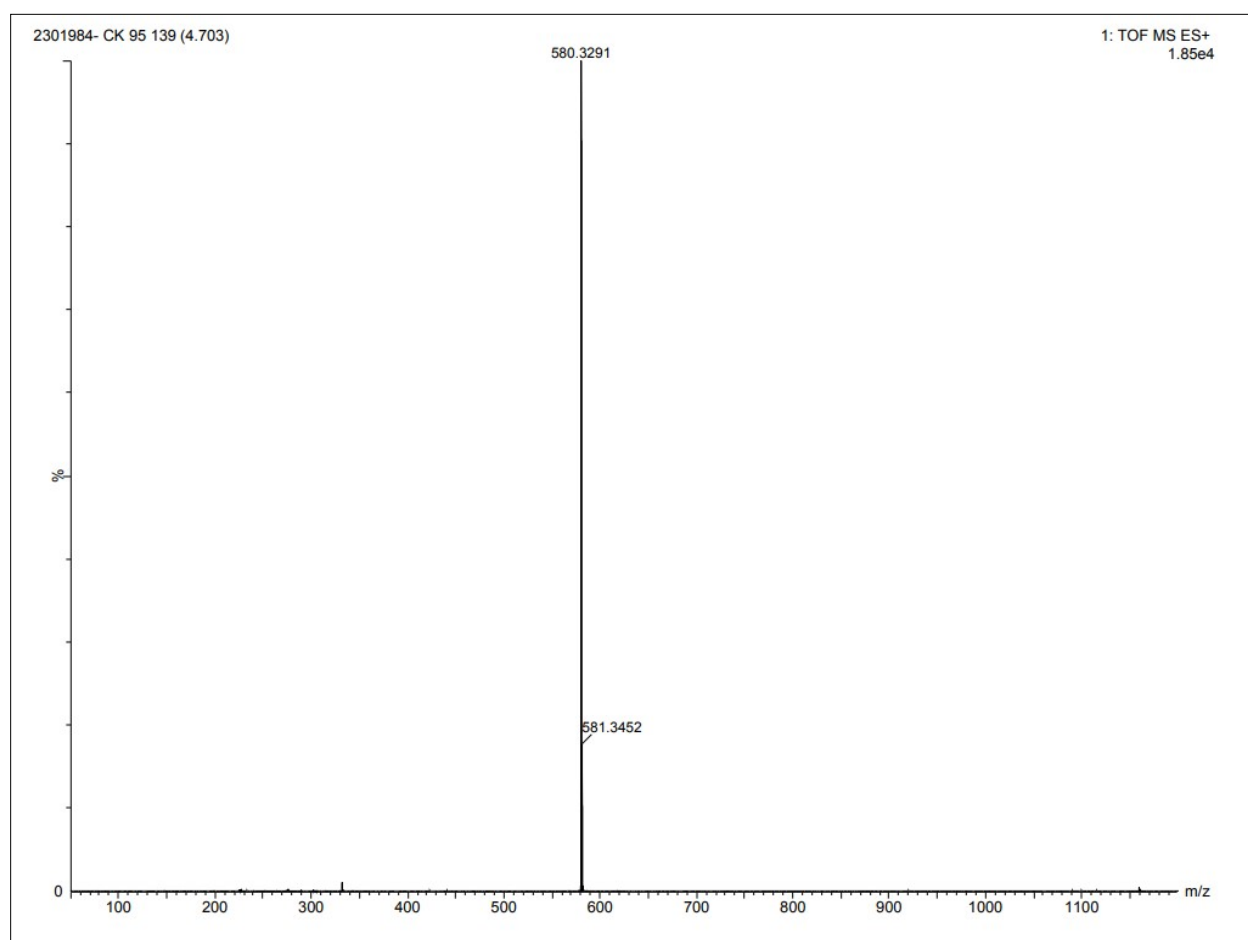


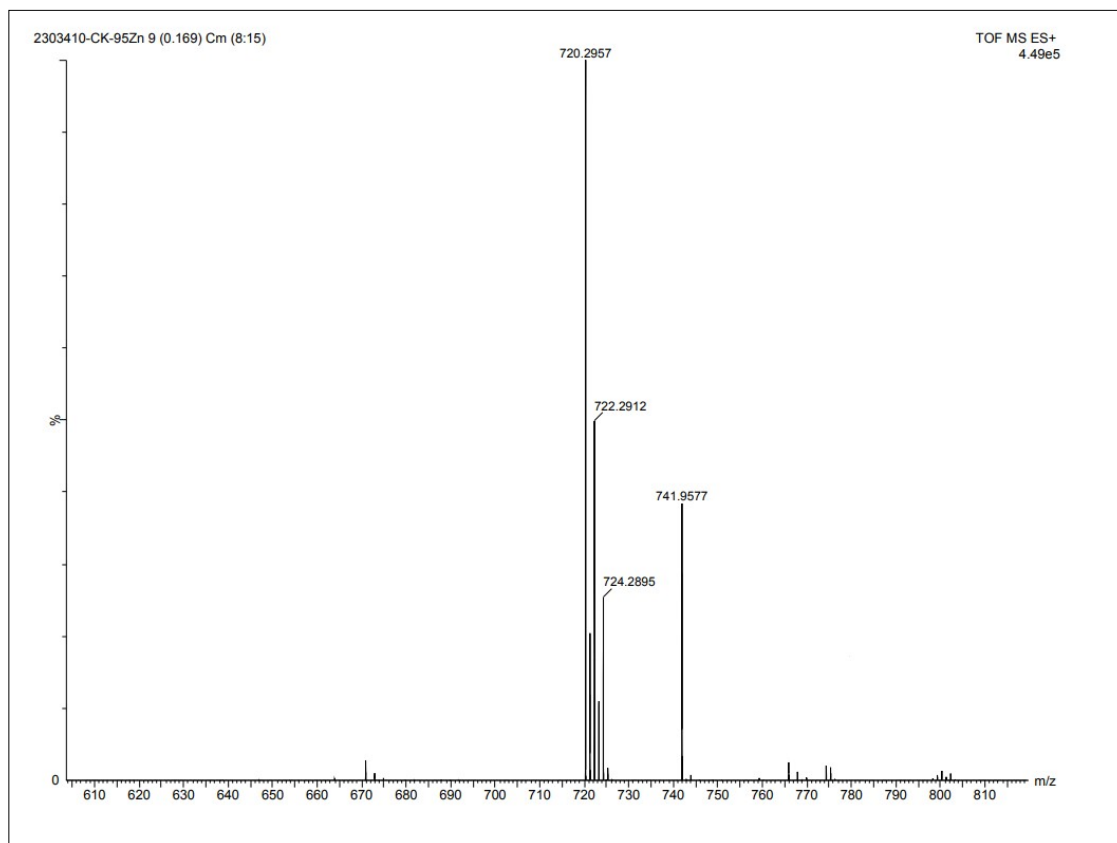
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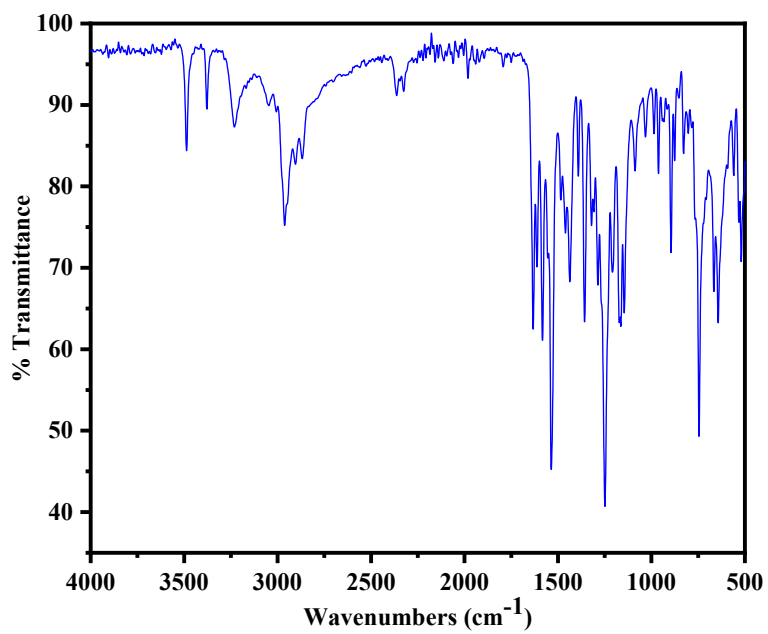
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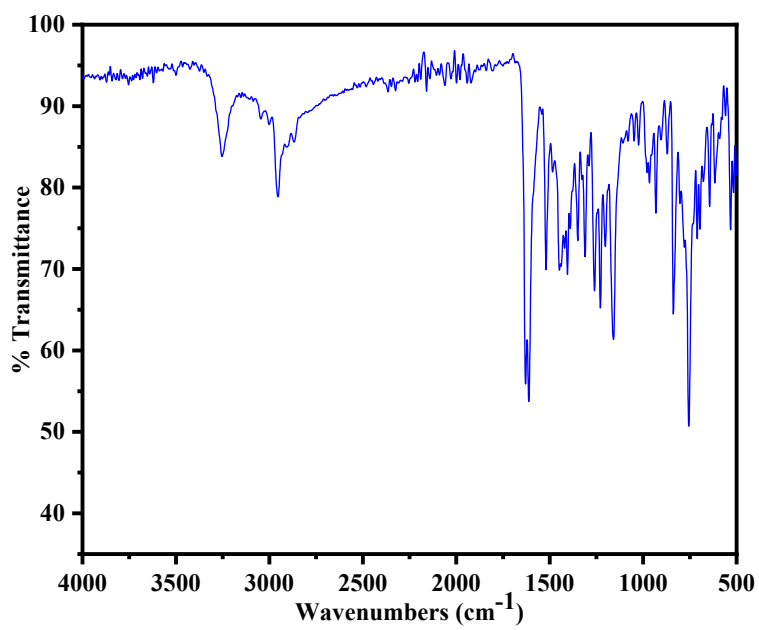
**Fig. S6** ESI-MS Spectrometry of DTQ.



**Fig. S7** ESI-MS Spectrometry of DTQ + Zn(II).

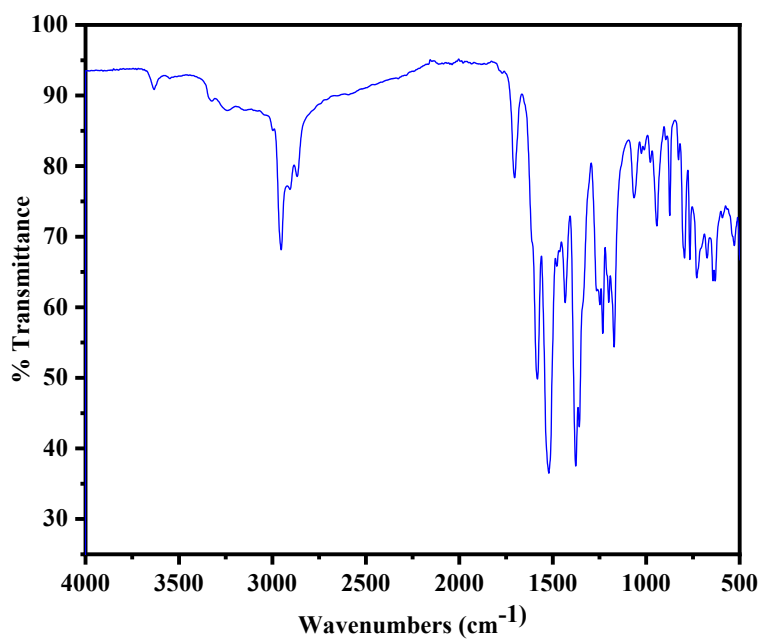


**Fig. S8** FT-IR Spectra of DTH.





**Fig. S9** FT-IR Spectra of DTQ.



**Fig. S10** FT-IR Spectra of DTQ + Zn(II).

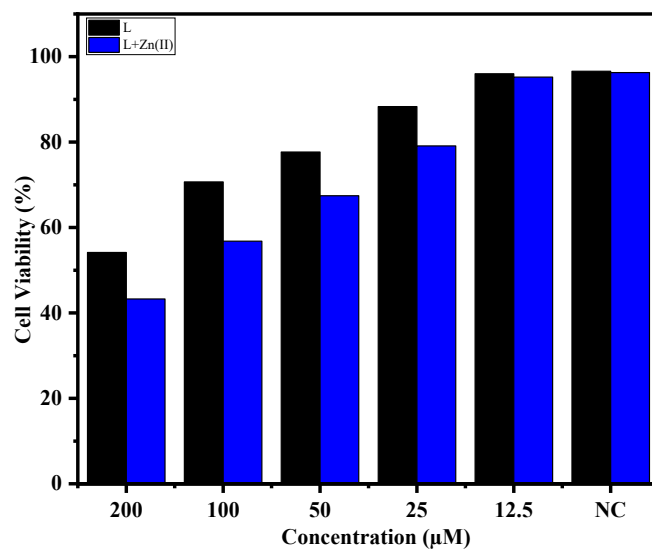
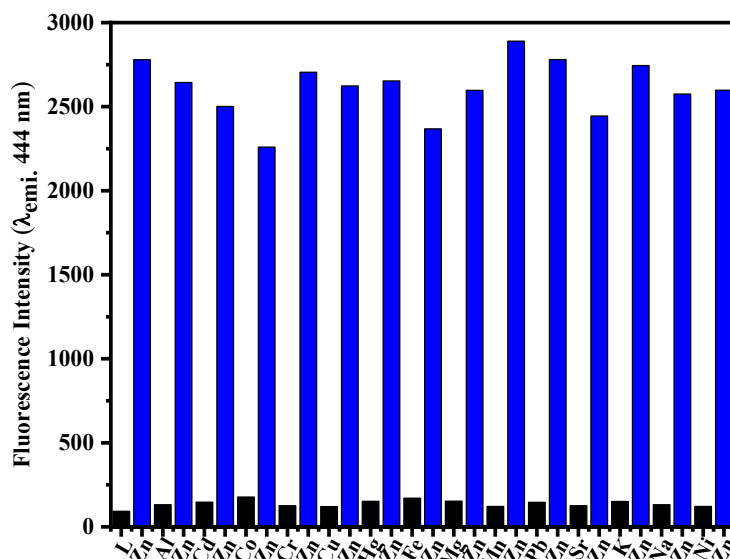
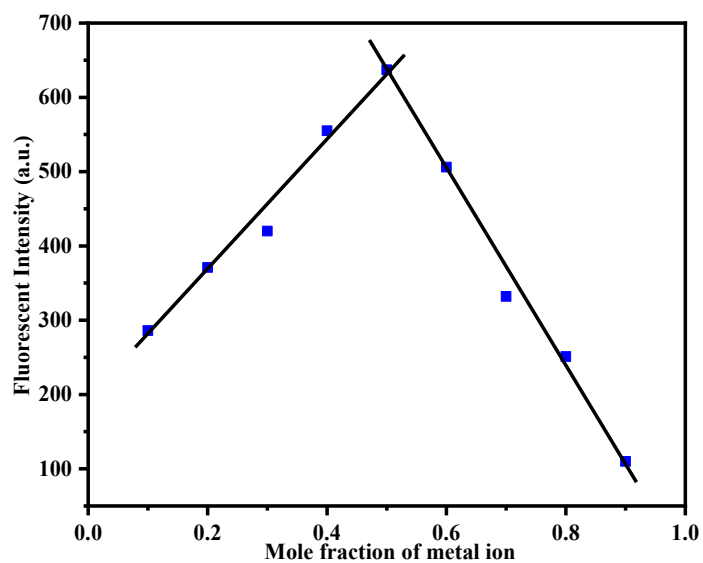


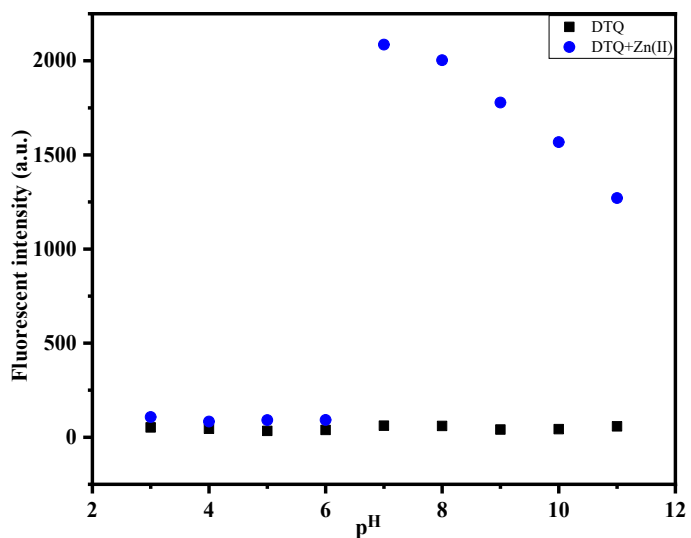
Fig. S11 MTT assay of L (DTQ) in presence and absence of Zn(II).



**Fig. S12** Fluorescence intensity of DTQ at 444 nm ( $\lambda_{ex.} = 370$  nm) with different competing metal ions in presence and absence of Zn(II) in aq. acetonitrile (1:1).



**Fig. S13** Job's plot displaying the 1:1 stoichiometry between DTQ and Zn(II). The mole ratio  $[Zn(II)]/\{[DTQ] + [Zn(II)]\}$  was demonstrated.



**Fig. S14** pH (3.0-11.0) graph for DTQ towards Zn(II) in PBS.

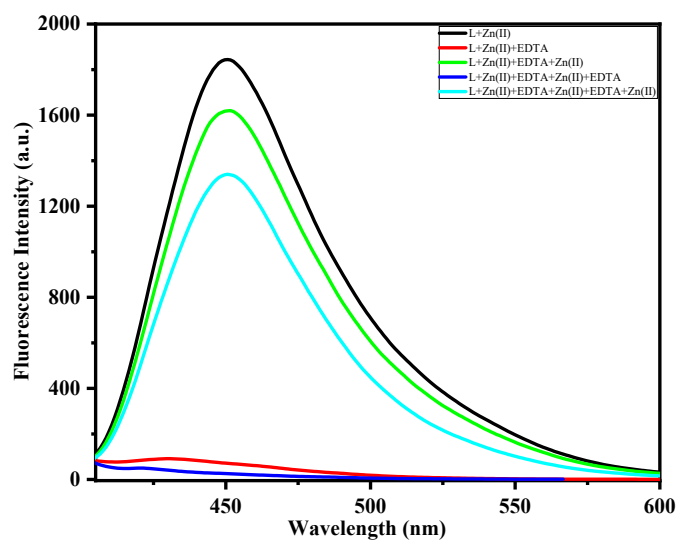
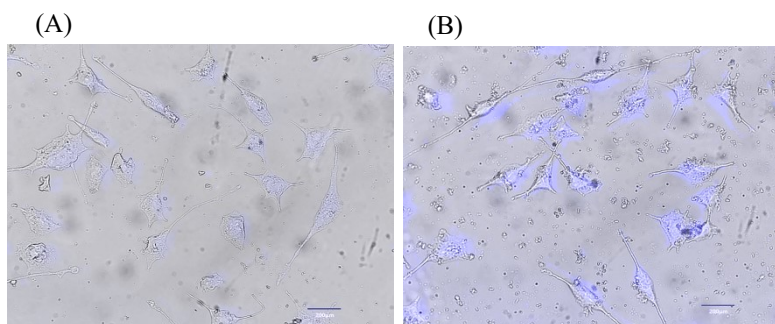
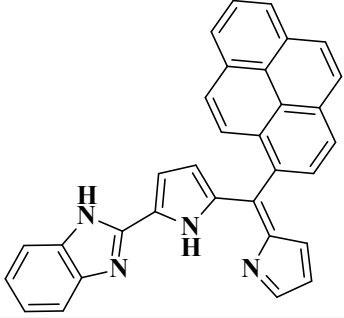
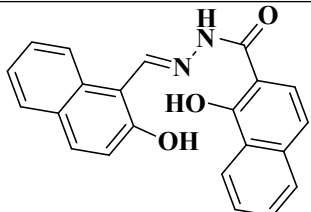
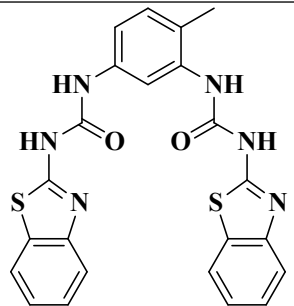


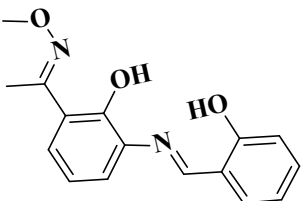
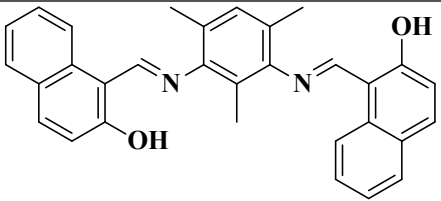
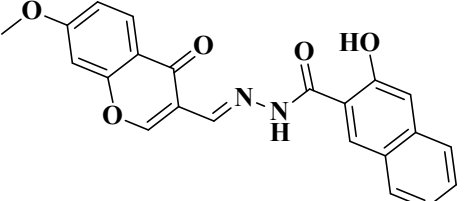
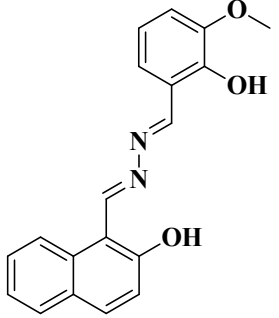
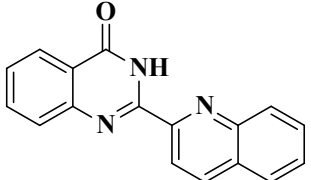
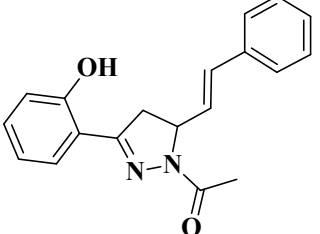
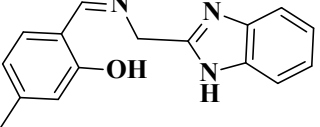
Fig. S15 Reversible investigations of DTQ with EDTA in aq. acetonitrile.

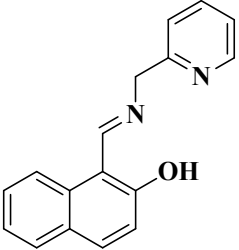
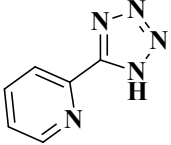
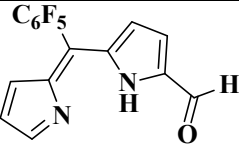
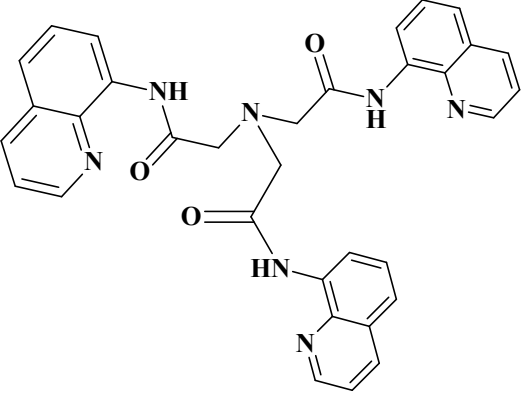
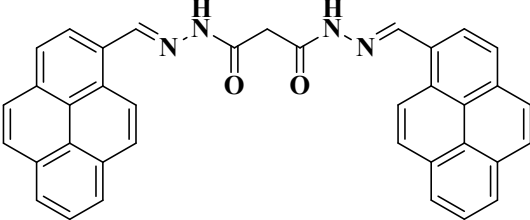
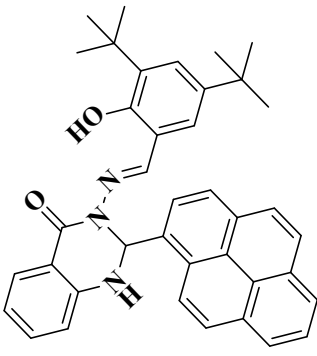


**Fig. S16** Merged images (A) Bright field, (B) fluorescence microscopy.

**Table 1** Comparison of sensor DTQ with previously reported probes for Zn<sup>2+</sup> recognition.

Sl. No.	Sensor	Detection Limit (M)	Binding Constant (M <sup>-1</sup> )	Application	Reference
01		$0.23 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.12 \times 10^4$	-	[34]
02		$1.01 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.08 \times 10^5$	Cell imaging	[35]
03		$0.40 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.0 \times 10^5$	Cell imaging	[25]

04		$1.44 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.24 \times 10^4$	-	[36]
05		$1.47 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.21 \times 10^5$	Cell imaging	[37]
06		$1.73 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.0 \times 10^4$	-	[38]
07		$1.1 \times 10^{-7}$	-	Test Strips	[39]
08		$8.82 \times 10^{-7}$	$8.98 \times 10^4$	-	[40]
09		$2.95 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.46 \times 10^4$	Cell imaging	[41]
10		$0.14 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.99 \times 10^4$	Real sample analysis	[42]

11		$1.96 \times 10^{-6}$	-	Molecular switches and test strips	[43]
12		$7.5 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.39 \times 10^5$	Real sample analysis	[44]
13		$2.7 \times 10^{-7}$	-	Cell imaging	[45]
14		$3.2 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.0 \times 10^4$	Cell imaging	[46]
15		$5.1 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.0 \times 10^5$	Cell imaging	[47]
*		$13.4 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.47 \times 10^5$	Cell imaging and test strips	Present work