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Hydrazinopyrimidine derived novel Al\(^{3+}\) chemosensor: molecular logic gate and biological applications

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**Experimental**

**Materials and instruments**

2-Naphthol (≥ 99.0 %) (a/a), chloroform (≥ 99.0 %), NaOH (≥ 97.0 %), ethyl acetate (98.0 %), silica gel (60-120 mess), methanol (≥ 99.0 %), high-purity HEPES (99.0 %), Na₂EDTA (98.0 %), metal perchlorate salts and related solvent were purchased from Merck (India)Ltd. and were used without further purifications. 2-hydroxy-naphthaldehyde and 2,6-dimethyl pyrimidine hydrazine were prepared by using literature method described elsewhere. Solvents used were of spectroscopic grade for spectral measurements. Other chemicals were of analytical reagent grade and have been used without further purification except when specified. ¹H NMR was recorded on Brucker 400 MHz instruments using TMS as internal standard. Chemical shifts δ are expressed in ppm unit and ¹H–¹H coupling constants in Hz. Mass spectrum were recorded on Qtof Micro YA263 mass spectrometer. Absorbance data obtained from a UV-Visible spectrometer (model-evolution 201). Fluorescence data were recorded using a xenoflash(PTI) fluorescence spectrophotometer with excitation wavelength 380 nm for ligand and complex. Anthracene (φ = 0.27 in ethanol) had been taken as reference compound to measure the fluorescence quantum yield.

**Synthesis**

(E)-1-((2-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)hydrazono)methyl)naphthalen-2-ol
2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde was prepared according to literature method using Reimer-Tiemann reaction. A solution of 4,6-dimethyl-2-hydrazinopyrimidine (100 mg, 0.72 mmol) in ethanol (~15 ml) was added drop wise to a solution containing 2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde (125 mg, 0.72 mmol) in ethanol (~15 ml) with stirring. The resulting solution was then refluxed for 4 hours. After that volume of the solution was reduced to one-third of its initial volume to get a faint-yellow precipitate which was collected by filtration followed by washing thoroughly with cold methanol. The product was purified by column chromatography separation using ethyl acetate: petroleum ether (8:2; v/v) as eluent (Scheme 1).

The yield of the product was found to be 76%. m.pt: 196-198°C, \( ^1 \)H NMR (ESI-Fig. S2) [400 MHz, DMSO-\( d_6 \)] \( \delta \) (ppm): 13.16 (1H, s), 11.49 (1H, s), 9.15 (1H, s), 8.06 (1H, d, \( J = 8.4 \) Hz), 7.84-7.88 (2H, m), 7.57 (1H, d, \( J = 7.6 \) Hz), 7.40 (1H, d, \( J = 7.2 \) Hz), 7.21 (1H, d, \( J = 8.8 \) Hz), 6.69 (1H, s), 2.33 (6H, s). MS (ESI-Fig. S3): m/z=292.13 (calculated), 293.13[M+H]+ (observed). IR(KBr, cm\(^{-1}\)): (ESI-Fig. S4) 3350, 2921, 2851, 1620, 1598, 1566, 1483, 1401, 1383, 1364, 1315, 1282, 1187, 1158, 1125, 1028.

Figure S1: Reaction Scheme for synthesis of sensor L
**Figure S2**: $^1$H NMR of the ligand (L) in d6-DMSO
Figure S3: ESI-MS+ (M/Z) of ligand (L).
Figure S4: FT-IR spectrum of ligand (L).
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Figure S10: LOD and LOQ calibration curve.