

Supporting Information

A Schiff's base receptor for the Red fluorescence live cell imaging of Zn^{2+} ions in Zebrafish embryos and Naked eye detection of Ni^{2+} ions for bio-analytical Applications

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1. Determination of the Binding constant.

The binding constant value of Ni^{2+} and Zn^{2+} with QAMP has been determined by using UV-vis and Fluorescence spectrometer respectively. The concentration of the QAMP was constant throughout experiments and varying the concentration of the Ni^{2+} and Zn^{2+} gives linear relationship. The constant value of Ni^{2+} with QAMP was determined by using Benesi-Hildebrand equation¹.

K_a was calculated following the equation stated below.

$$1/(A-A_0) = 1/\{K(A_{\text{max}}-A_0) [\text{Ni}^{2+}]\} + 1/[A_{\text{max}}-A_0]$$

Here,

A_0 is the absorbance of receptor in the absence of guest,

A is the absorbance recorded in the presence of added Ni^{2+} ions,

A_{max} is absorbance in presence of added $[\text{Ni}^{2+}]_{\text{max}}$ and K is the association constant (M^{-1}). The association constant (K) could be determined from the slope of the straight line of the plot of $1/(A-A_0)$ against $1/[\text{Ni}]$. The association constant (K_a) as determined by UV-vis titration method.

Determination of the Binding constant value of the Zn^{2+} with QAMP were determined by using modified Benesi-Hildebrand equation stated below,

$$1/I - I_{\text{min}} = 1/I_{\text{max}} - I_{\text{min}} + (1/K[C])(1/I_{\text{max}} - I_{\text{min}}).$$

Where,

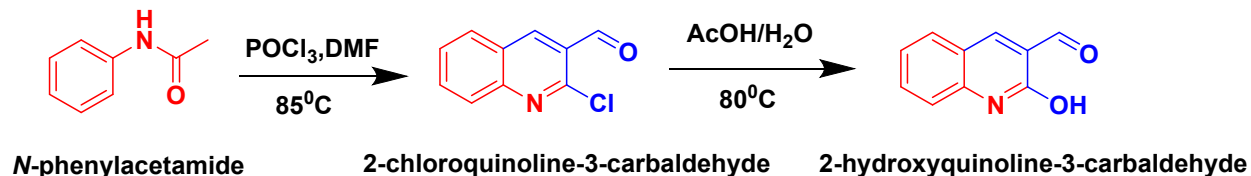
I_{min} , I , and I_{max} are the emission intensities of QAMP, at an intermediate Zn^{2+} concentration with QAMP, and at a concentration of complete saturation, K is the binding constant and $[C]$ is the Zn^{2+} concentration respectively. From the plot of $(I_{\text{max}} - I_{\text{min}})/(I - I_{\text{min}})$ against $[C]^{-1}$ for QAMP- Zn , the value of K has been determined from the slope.

2. Determination of Limit of Detection (LOD)

LOD for Ni^{2+} and Zn^{2+} ions with QAMP were determined by UV-Vis and Fluorometric titrations using the formulae $3\sigma/\text{slope}$, here, σ is standard deviation of the Blank solutions (probe alone) and slope was derived from titration curve.

3. Synthesis of 2-hydroxy-3-formyl quinoline

POCl_3 and DMF (3:1) were placed in an ice bath. Add to this 1eq of phenylacetamide and allow to stirring in a room temperature for 30 mins. A brown colour solution was allowed to reflux under stirring for 6hr at 80°C . The reaction solution was poured in to crushed ice and a yellow colour precipitated was filtered, dried and recrystallized with ethyl acetate. The aldehyde was used further reaction without any purification. 2-chloro substituted quinoline aldehyde was dissolved in acetic acid and water mixture (7:3) and reflux for 2 hr. During the refluxation the acetylation followed by hydrolysis was occurred. Poured to ice and filtered, a yellow coloured aldehyde was used for the Schiff base formation.



Scheme S1: Synthesis of 2-hydroxyquinoline-3-carbaldehyde

4. Experimental Procedure for MTT assay

The A549 cancer cells were seeded at the concentration of 1×10^4 cells in 96 well plates and incubated for 48 hours in incubator with 5% of CO_2 at 37°C and the receptor QAMP (0-50 μM). After 48 hours of treatment with series of concentration of receptor, MTT was added to each well at 0.5 mg/ml concentration. After incubation for 4 hours in CO_2 incubator, media was carefully removed and the purple formazan precipitate was dissolved in 100 μl /well DMSO and kept incubator for 15 min in dark. Estimation of formazan product was performed at 570 to 690 nm in a micro-plate reader. This assay was performed in triplicates. The data was plotted against the receptor concentration and the relative cell viability (%) in comparison to the control cells.

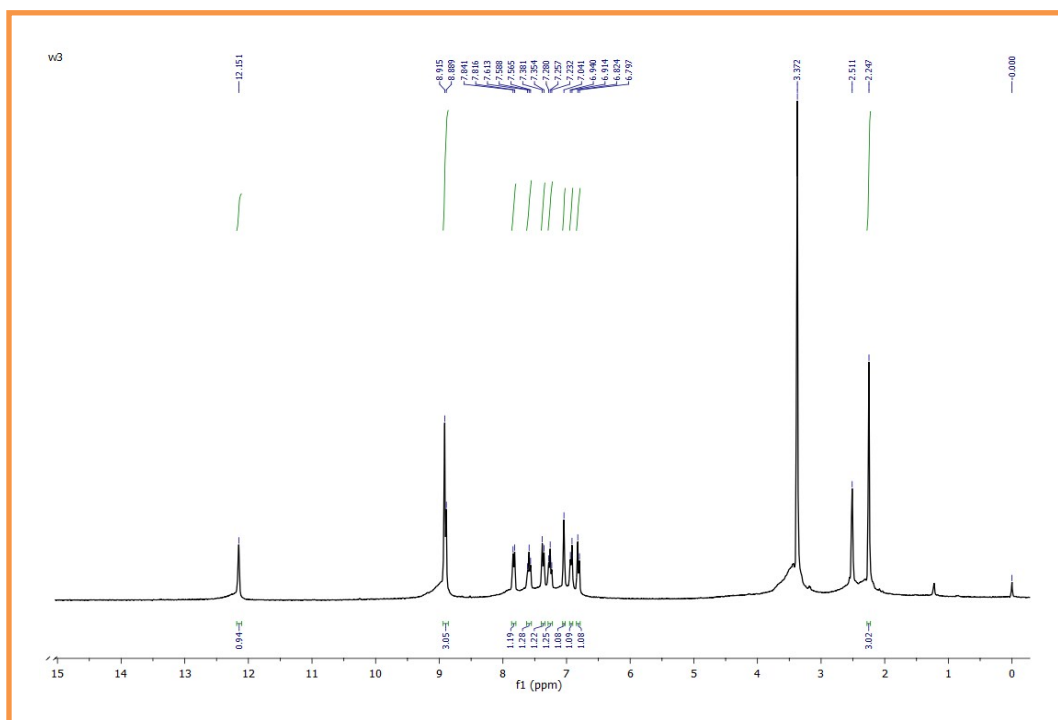


Figure S1: ¹H NMR spectrum of the QAMP in DMSO-d₆

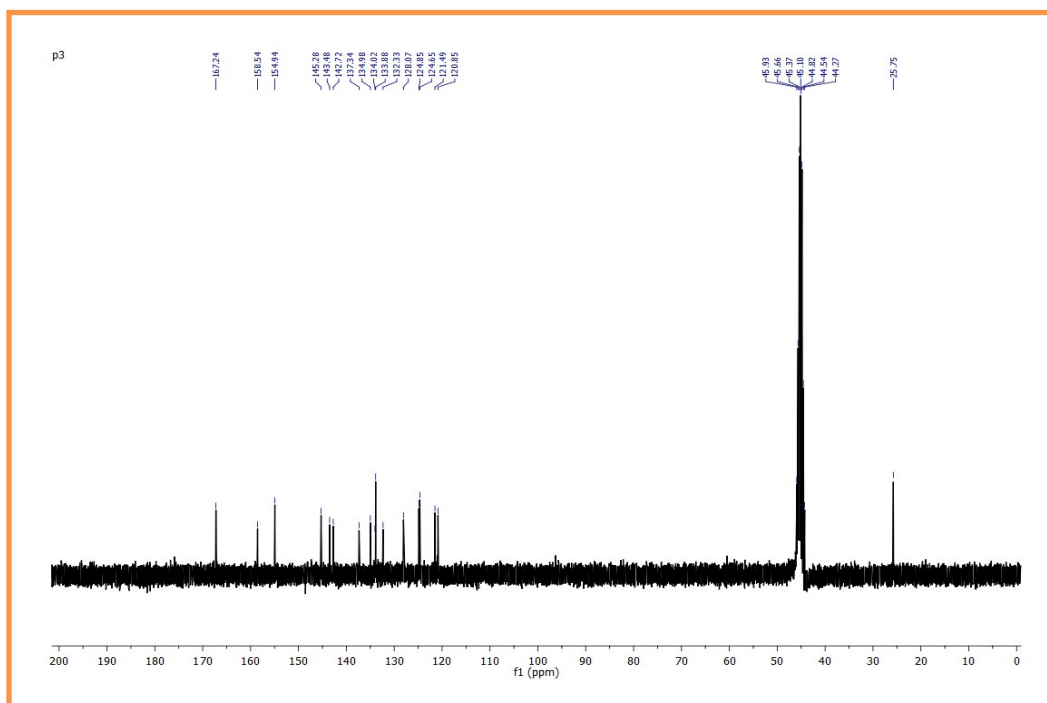


Figure S2: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the QAMP in DMSO-d₆

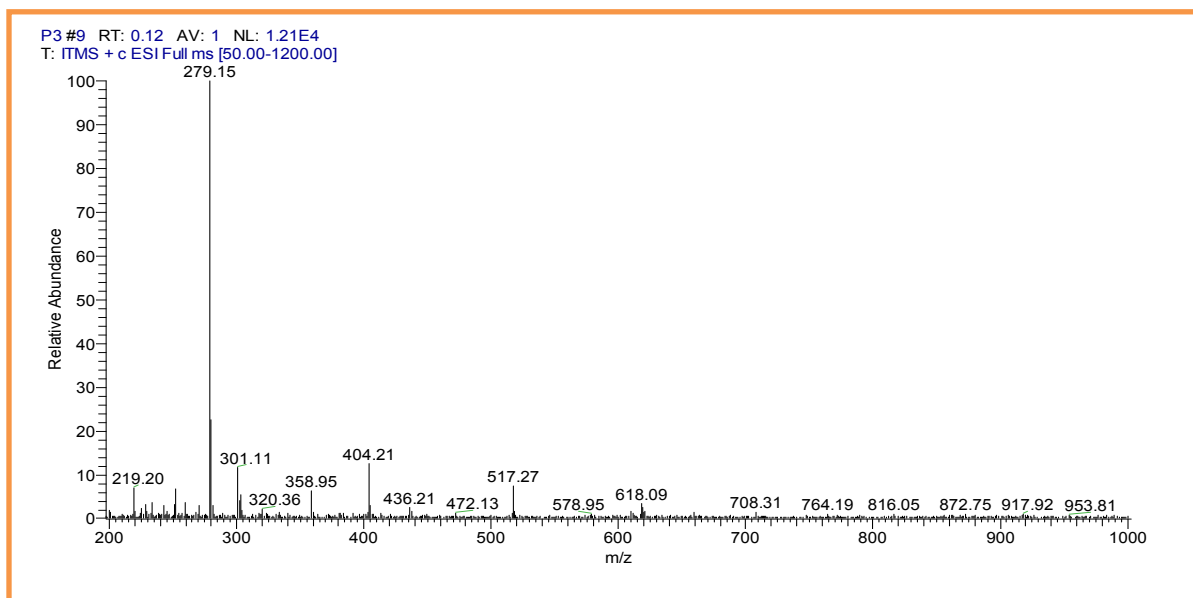


Figure S3: ESI-MS spectrum of QAMP in Methanol



Figure S4: Photograph of (a) Fluorometric and (b) colorimetric response of QAMP (50 μ M) with 10 equiv of Metal ions. QAMP, Zn^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Mn^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Pb^{2+} and Hg^{2+} (Top left-right), Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , Al^{3+} , In^{3+} , Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+} , and Ba^{2+} . (Bottom left-right).

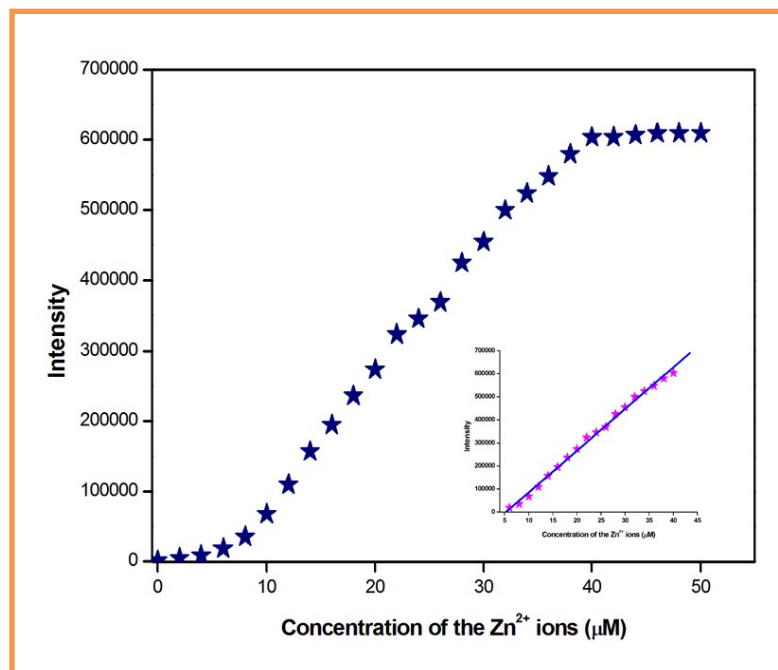


Figure S5: Linear fit for QAMP with Zn^{2+} in fluorescence spectroscopy (inside linear fit plot). Intensity measured at 663 nm.

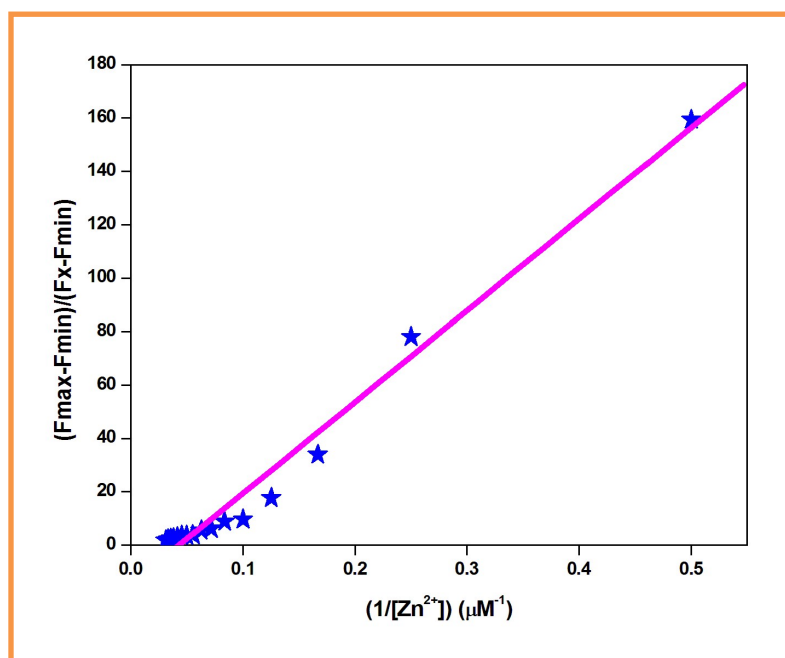


Figure S6: Determination of the binding constant value of Zn^{2+} with QAMP by B-H plot analysis from fluorescence titration. Intensity measured at 663 nm.

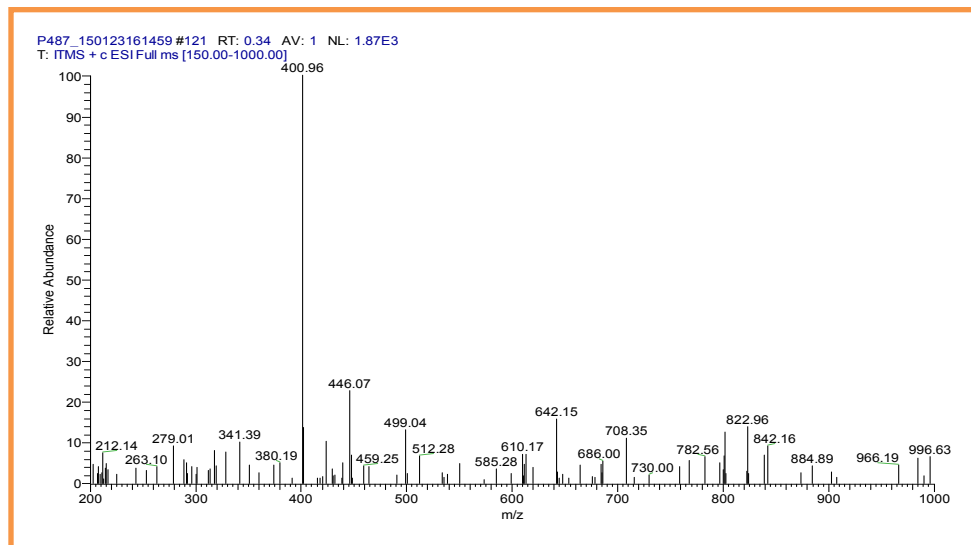


Figure S7: ESI-Mass spectroscopy of QAMP-Zn in methanol

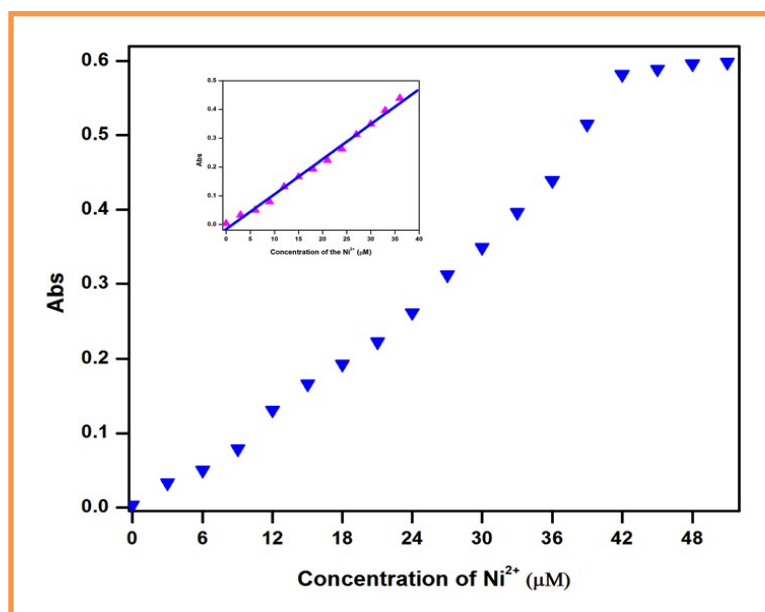


Figure S8: Linear fit for QAMP with Ni^{2+} in UV-vis spectroscopy (inside linear fit plot). Absorbance measured at 523 nm

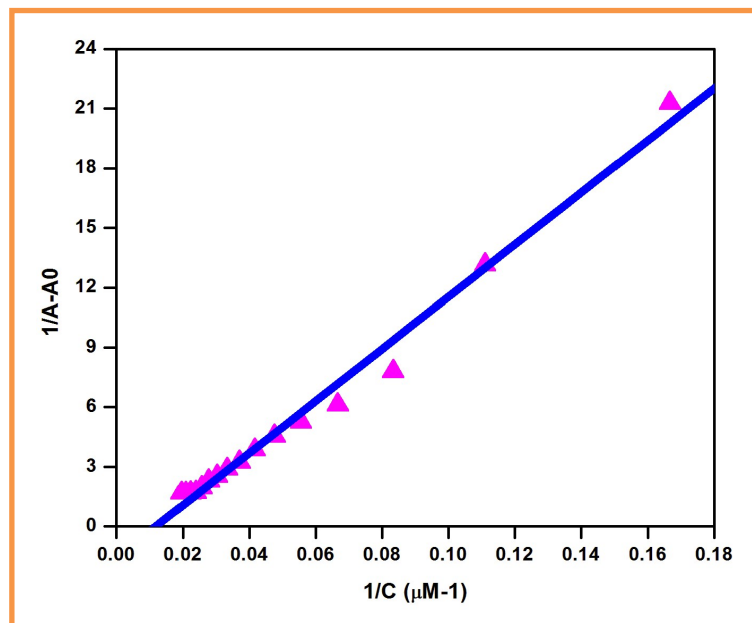


Figure S9: Determination of the binding constant value of Zn^{2+} with QAMP by B-H plot analysis from fluorescence titration. Absorbance measured at 523 nm.

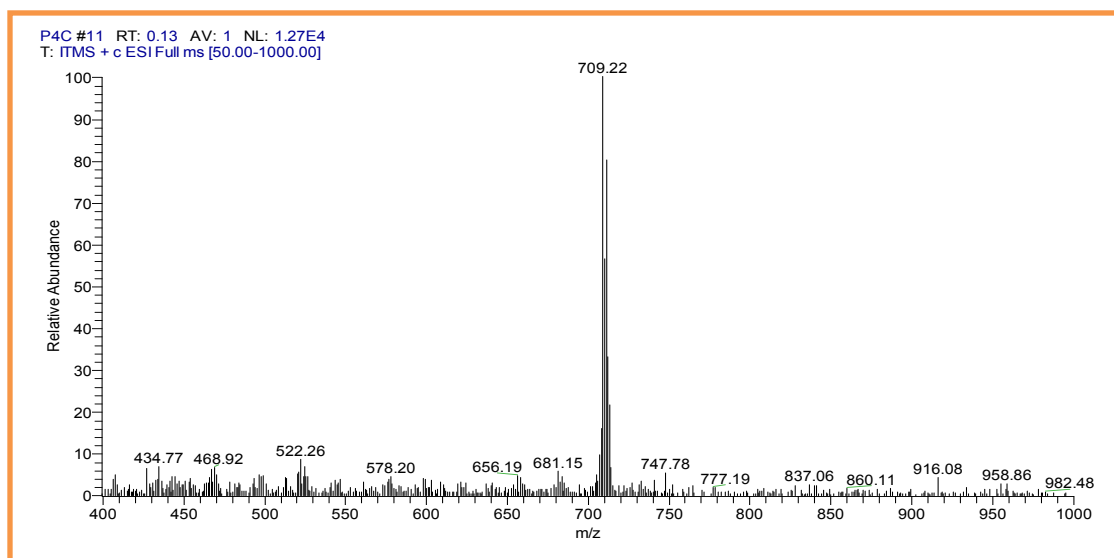


Figure S10: ESI-Mass spectroscopy of QAMP-Ni in methanol

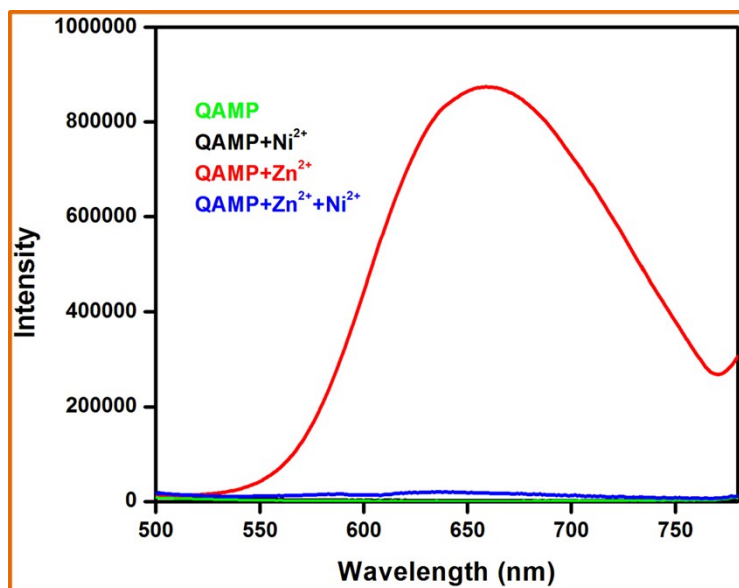


Figure S11: Fluorescence Spectral Data for Molecular logic circuit

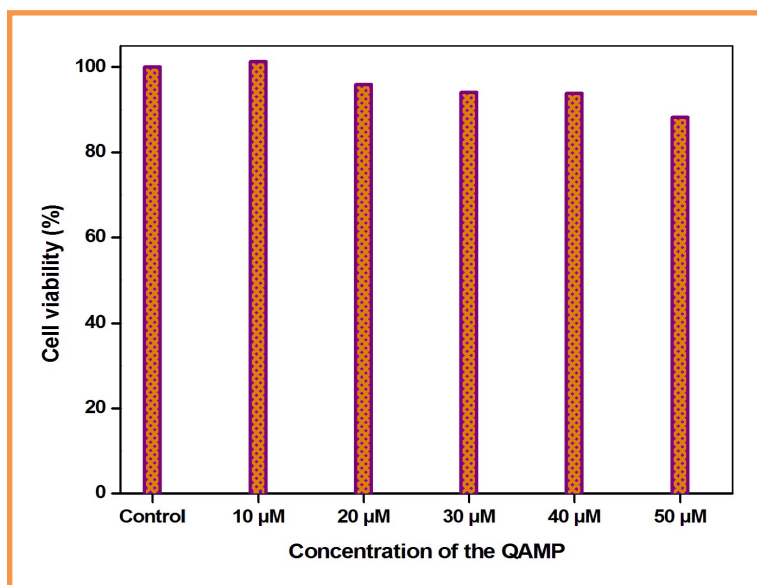


Figure S12: Cytotoxicity of QAMP against AGS lungs cancer cell

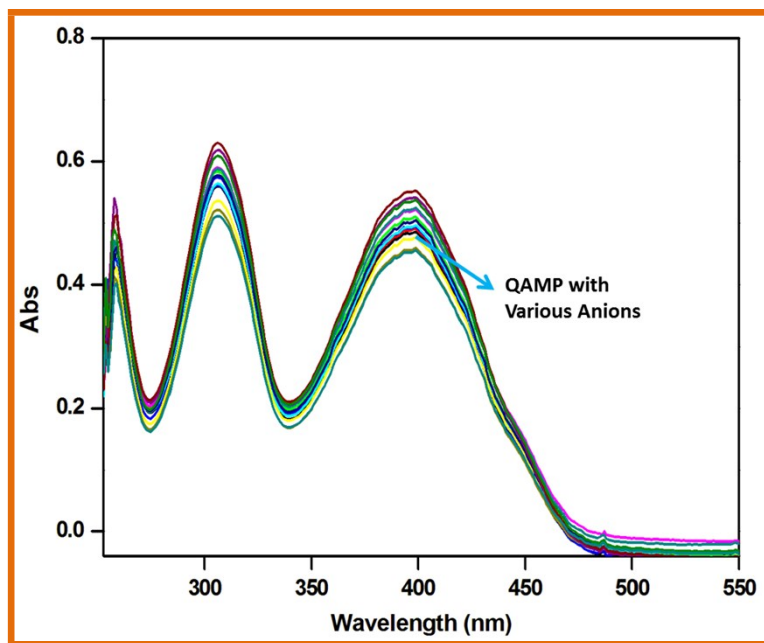


Figure S13: Selectivity spectrum of the QAMP with 10 equiv of various anions in UV-vis Spectrum.

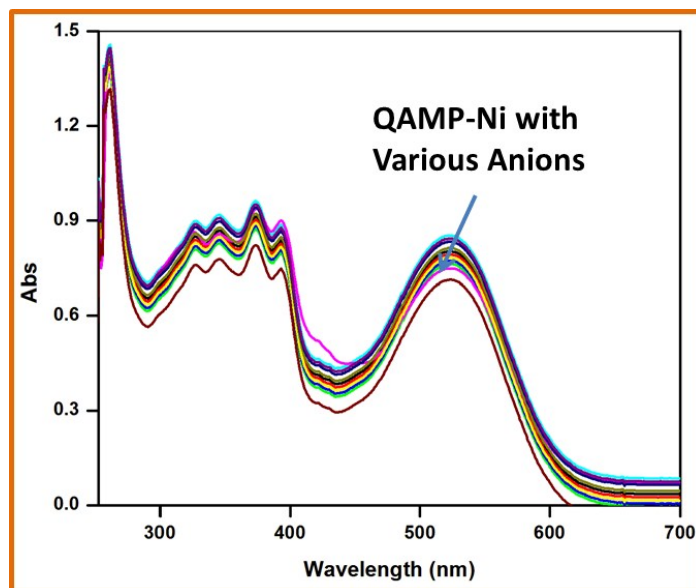


Figure S14: Interference study of QAMP-Ni ion with various anions in UV-vis spectrum

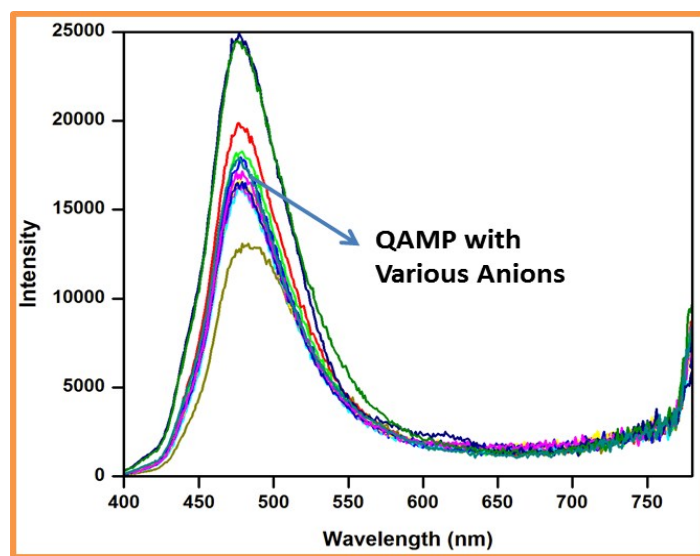


Figure S15: Selectivity spectrum of the QAMP with 10 equiv of various anions in fluorescence Spectrum.

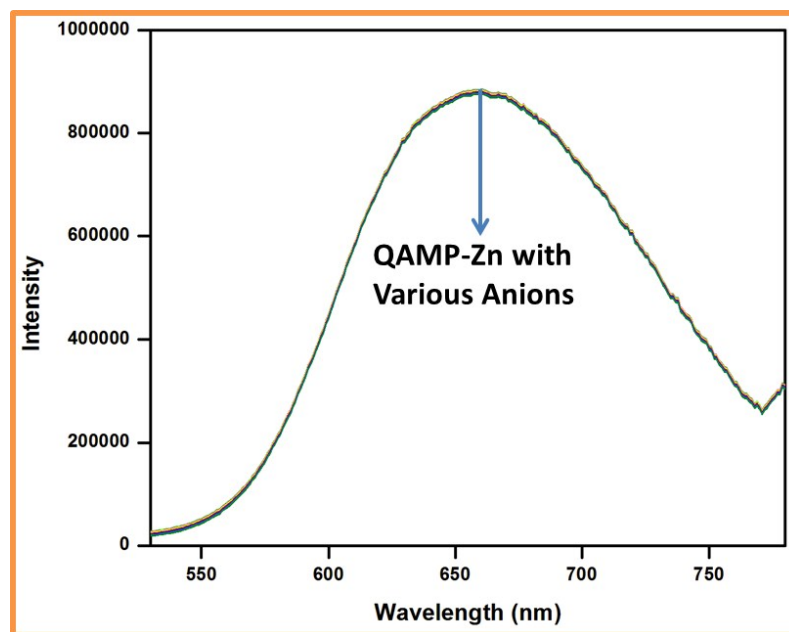


Figure S16: Interference study of QAMP-Zn ion with various anions in fluorescence spectroscopy

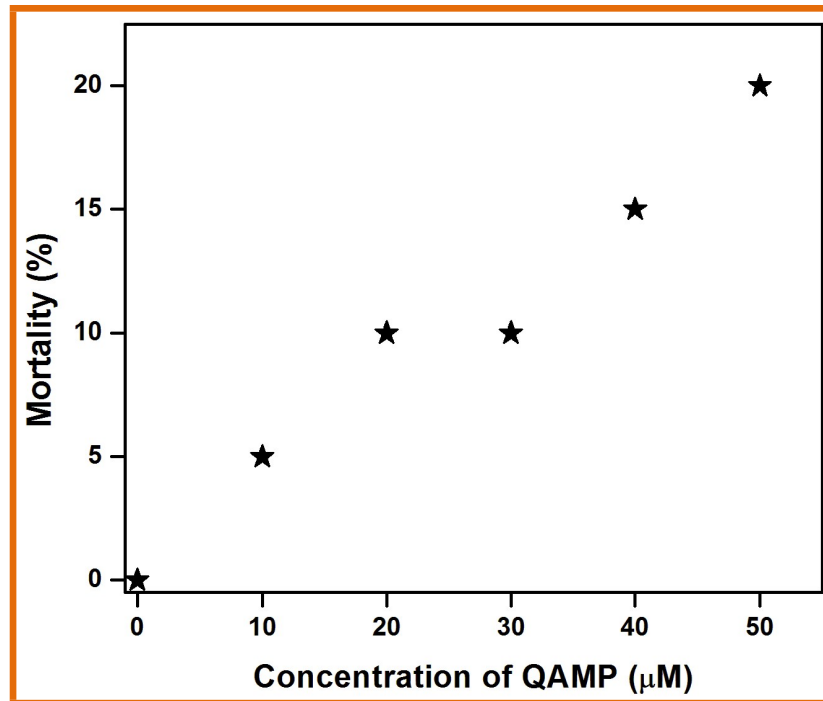


Figure: S17 Mortality of QAMP to Zebrafish embryos

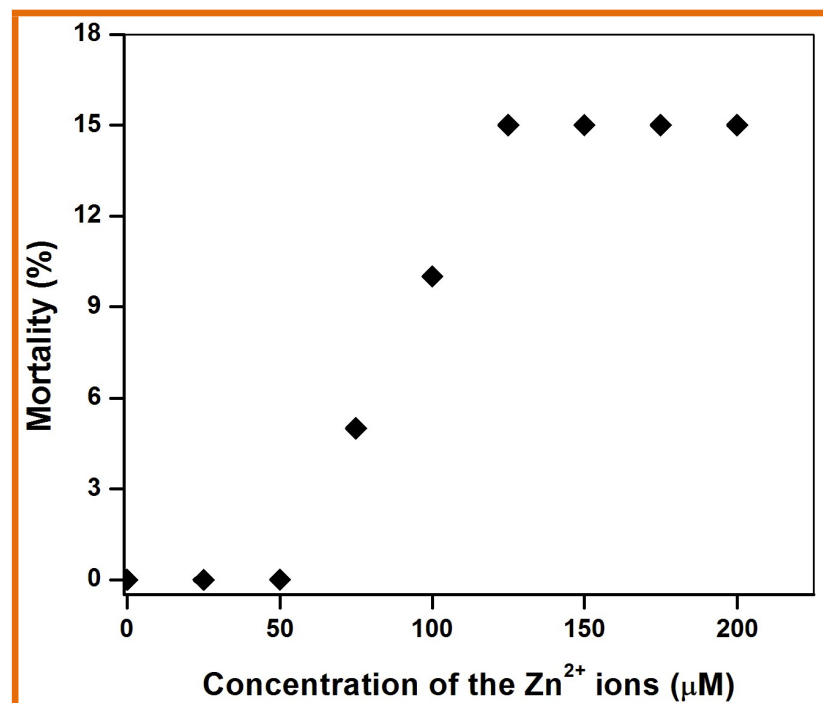


Figure: S18 Mortality of Zn²⁺ ions to Zebrafish embryos

Table S1 Comparison Table

S.No	Probe	Analytes	LOD (μM)	Application	Ref
1	Calix[4]arene based chemosensor	Zn(II) and Ni(II)		---	2
2	Benzo[d]thiazole based chemosensor	Zn(II)	0.112	Real Sample Analysis	3
3	8-Amino Quinoline based chemosensor	Zn(II) and Co(II)	Zn(II)-0.01 Co(II)- 6.89	Fluorescence imaging of fibroblasts	4
4	Pyrimidine based chemosensor	Zn(II)	0.97	Fluorescence cell imaging on HeLa cells	5
5	Julolidine based chemosensor	Zn(II) and Co(II)	Zn(II)-0.8 Co(II)-0.34	--	6
6	Schiff Base	Ni(II)	0.5	---	7
7	Pyridoxal based chemosensor	Cu(II) and Zn(II)	Cu(II)-0.14 Zn(II)-0.021	Fluorescence cell imaging on HepG2 cells	8
8	Naphthalenediols based chemosensor	Cu(II) and Ni(II)	0.01 for both	---	9
9	Naphthaldehyde based chemosensor	Zn(II)	0.11	On site analysis	10
10	Quinoline based chemosensor	Zn(II) and Ni(II)	Zn(II)-0.078 Ni(II)-0.37	Live cell imaging on lung cancer cell line and tracking of Zn(II) ion in Zebra fish embryos	This Work

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