

**Electronic Supplementary Information(ESI)**

**for**

**Azodye–Rhodamine-Based Fluorescent and Colorimetric Probe Specific for the Detection of Pd<sup>2+</sup> in Aqueous Ethanolic Solution: Synthesis, XRD characterization, Computational Studies, and Imaging in Live Cells**

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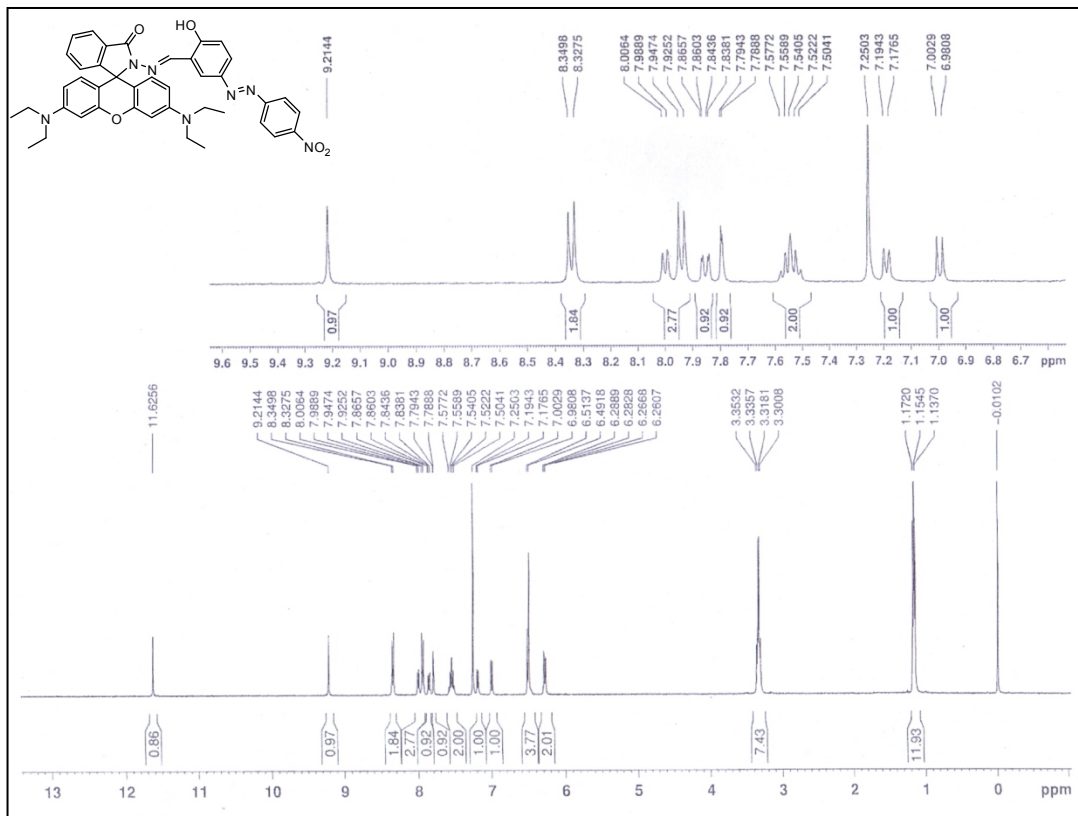
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1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



**Figure S1:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **L** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.

2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of L (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):

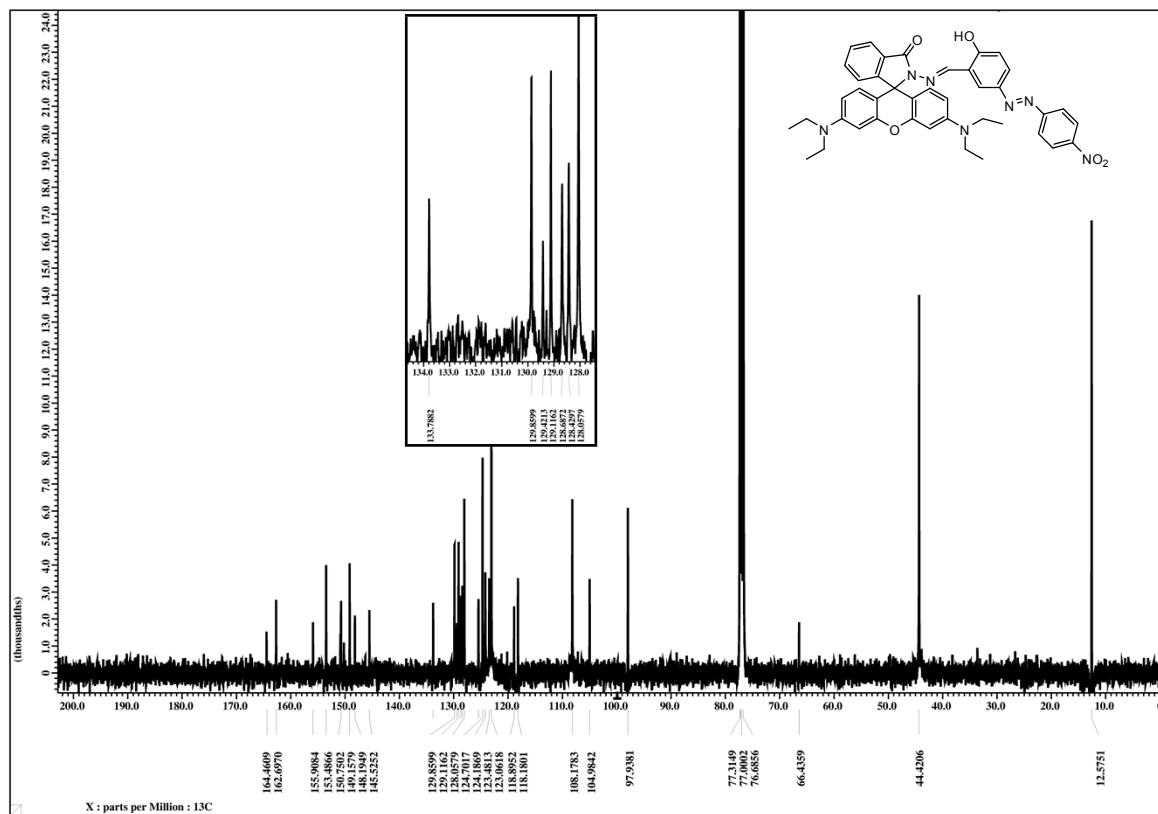
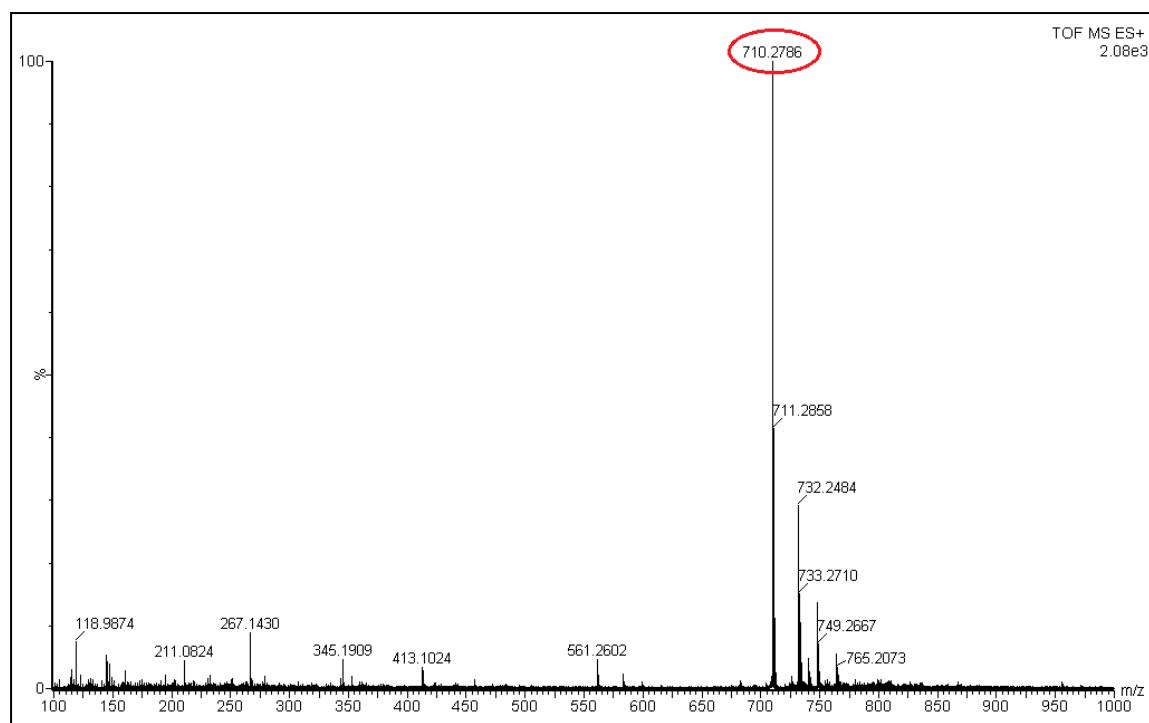


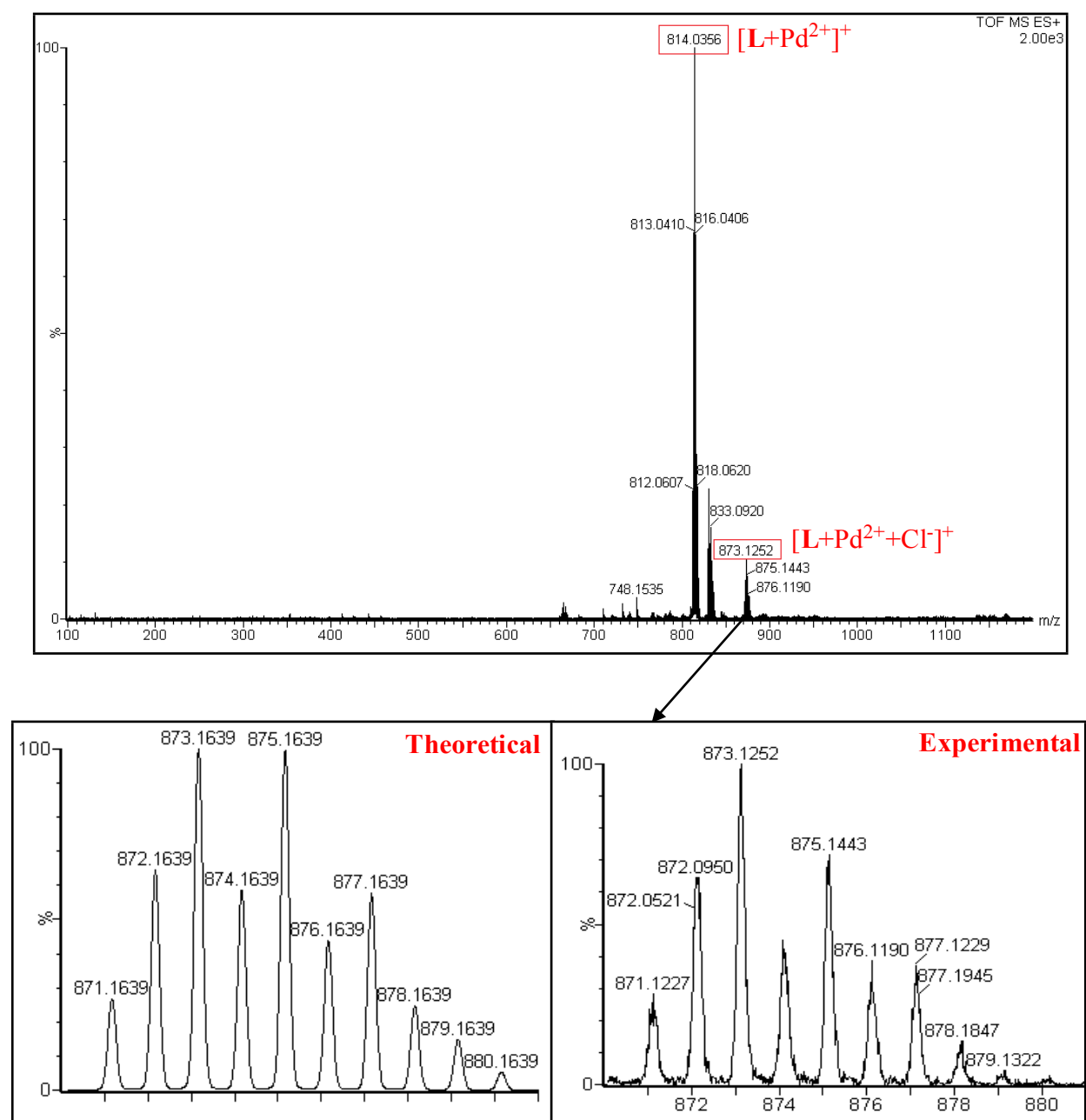
Figure S2:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of L in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.

### 3. TOF MS ES+ Mass Spectrum of L:



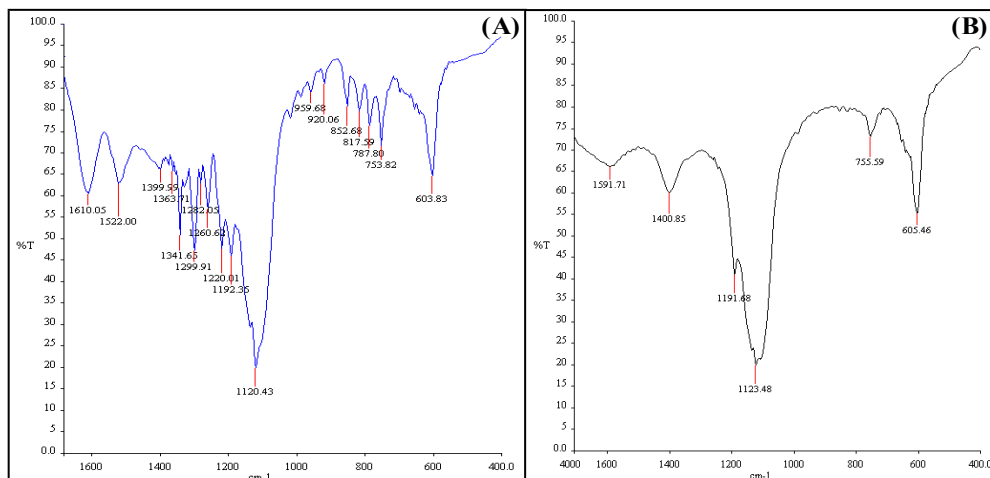
**Figure S3:** Mass spectrum of L.

#### 4. TOF MS ES+ spectrum of L in the presence PdCl<sub>2</sub>:



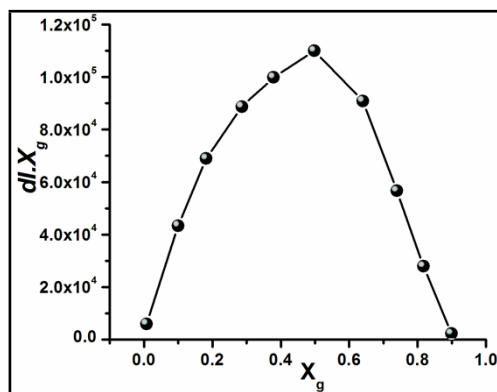
**Figure S4:** ESI Mass spectrum of L-Pd complex and (bottom left) theoretical simulation of L-Pd complex and (right) experimental spectrum of L-Pd complex.

## 5. FTIR spectra for L and L-Pd<sup>2+</sup>:



**Figure S5.** FTIR spectra of both (A) L and (B) L-Pd<sup>2+</sup>.

## 6. Job's plot for L-Pd<sup>2+</sup>:

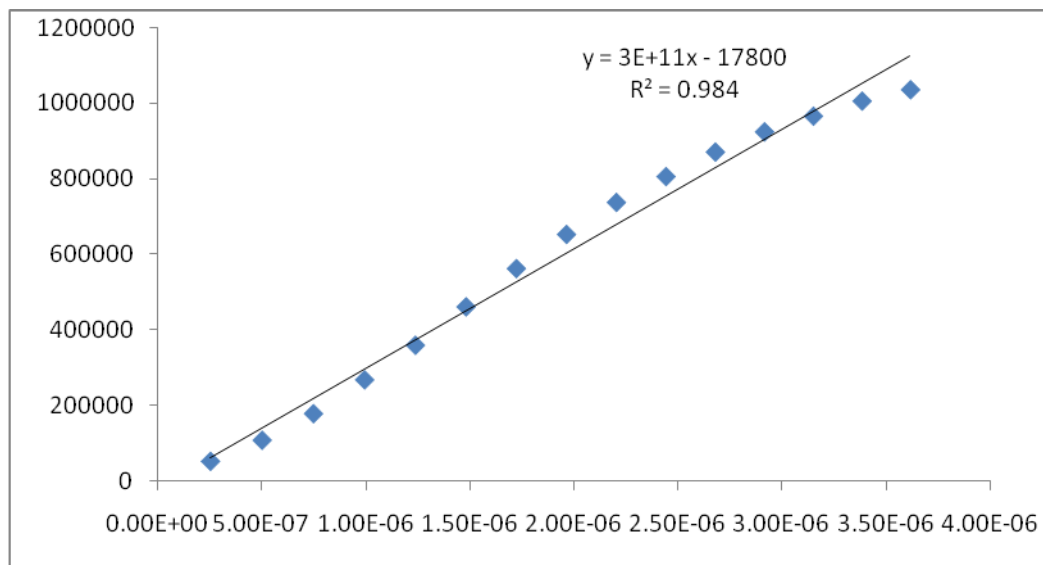


**Figure S6.** Fluorescence Job's plot for L with Pd<sup>2+</sup> in EtOH–water (1: 1, v/v; 10 mM, HEPES buffer, pH = 7.4, ([H] = [G] = 4 × 10<sup>-5</sup> M).

## 7. Calculations for detection limit:

The detection limit (LOD) of **L** for  $\text{Pd}^{2+}$  were determined from the following equation<sup>1</sup>:

$\text{DL} = 3\text{Sb1}/\text{S}$  , Where Sb1 is the standard deviation of the blank solution; S is the slope of the calibration curve.

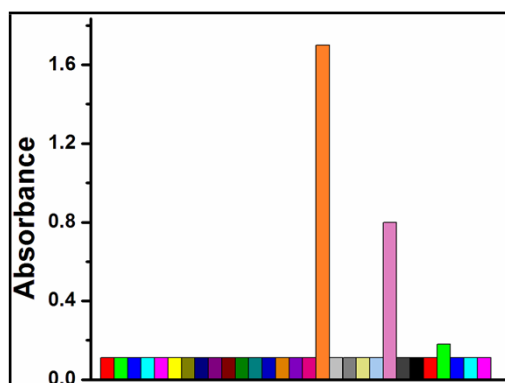


**Figure S7:** Calibration curve for fluorescence titration of **L** with  $\text{Pd}^{2+}$ .

From the graph we get slope =  $3 \times 10^{11}$ , and Sb1 value is 45043.81.

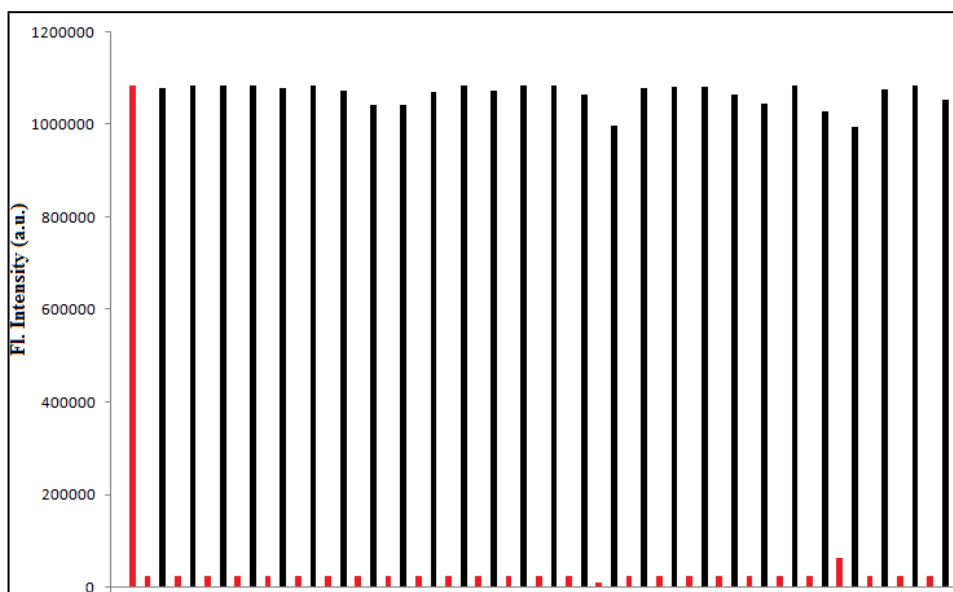
Thus using the formula we get the Detection Limit =  $0.45 \mu\text{M} = 4.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ .

## 8. UV-vis Bar Diagram of L in presence of various metal ions:



**Figure S8.** Change in the absorption spectrum of receptor **L** [ $c = 4 \times 10^{-5}$  M, EtOH / H<sub>2</sub>O = 1 : 1, v/v, 10 mM HEPES buffer, pH = 7.4) with respective metal cations ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-4}$  M, left to right: **L**, Li<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Sr<sup>2+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup>, Zr<sup>4+</sup>, Hf<sup>4+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Hg<sup>2+</sup>, Ru<sup>3+</sup>, Pd<sup>2+</sup>, Pt<sup>2+</sup>, Ag<sup>+</sup>, Au<sup>3+</sup>, Sn<sup>4+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Pd<sup>0</sup> and Al<sup>3+</sup>).

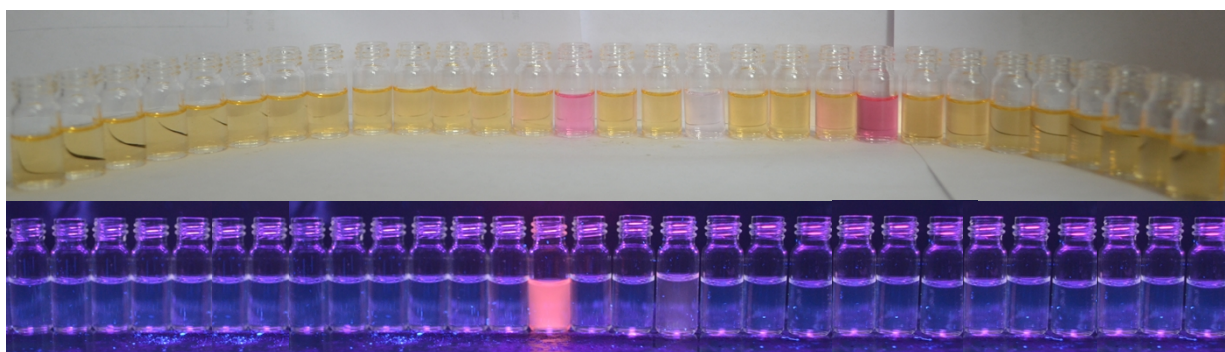
## 9. Competitive experiments of L:



**Figure S9.** Fluorescence response of **L** ( $c = 4 \times 10^{-5}$  M) to 1 eqv. addition of Pd<sup>2+</sup> ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and 10 eqv. of other metal ions ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-4}$  M) [the red bar portion] and to the mixture of 10 eqv. of other metal ions with 1 eqv. addition of Pd<sup>2+</sup> [the black bar portion]. [Metal ions from left to right: Pd<sup>2+</sup>, Li<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Sr<sup>2+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup>, Zr<sup>4+</sup>, Hf<sup>4+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Hg<sup>2+</sup>, Ru<sup>3+</sup>, Pt<sup>2+</sup>, Ag<sup>+</sup>, Au<sup>3+</sup>, Sn<sup>4+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Pd<sup>0</sup>, and Al<sup>3+</sup>].



## 10. Visual and fluorescence photographic image of **L** in presence of different metal ions



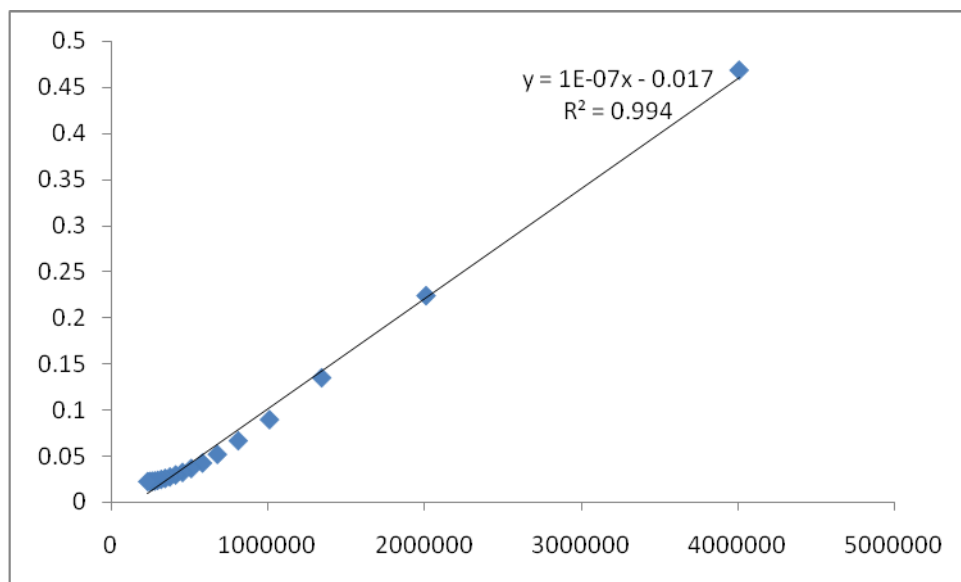
**Figure S10.** The Visible color (top) and fluorescence changes (bottom) of receptor **L** in EtOH–H<sub>2</sub>O solution upon addition of various metal ions. [From left to right: **L** , Li<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup> , Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Sr<sup>2+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup>, Zr<sup>4+</sup>, Hf<sup>4+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Pd<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup>, Sn<sup>4+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Hg<sup>2+</sup>, Ru<sup>3+</sup>, Pt<sup>2+</sup>, Ag<sup>+</sup>, Au<sup>3+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup> , Pd<sup>0</sup> , and Al<sup>3+</sup>].

## 11. Calculations for the Binding Constants Using Spectrophotometric Titration Data:

The association constant and stoichiometry for the formation of the respective complexes were evaluated using the Benesi–Hildebrand (B–H) plot (eq 1).<sup>2</sup>

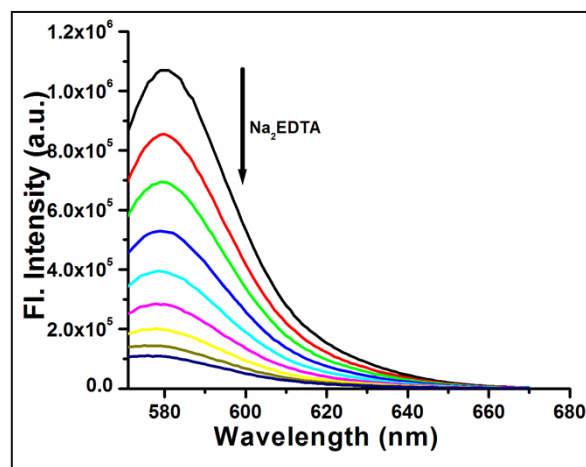
$$1/(I - I_0) = 1/K(I_{\max} - I_0)[M^{n+}] + 1/(I_{\max} - I_0) \quad (1)$$

where  $I_0$ ,  $I_{\max}$ , and  $I$  represent the emission intensity of free **L**, the maximum emission intensity observed in the presence of added metal ion at 579 nm for Pd<sup>2+</sup> ( $\lambda_{\text{ext}} = 561$  nm), and the emission intensity at a certain concentration of the metal ion added, respectively.



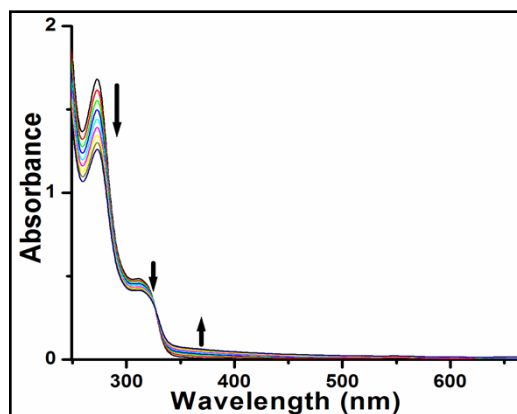
**Figure S11:** Bensei-Hildebrand plot obtained from the Fluorescence titration data of **L** ( $4 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with  $\text{Pd}^{2+}$  ( $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M).

## 12. Reversibility Study:



**Figure S12:** Change in emission spectra of **L**-Pd complex in EtOH- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solution (EtOH :  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  = 1: 1, v/v, 10 mM HEPES buffer, pH = 7.4) upon addition of  $\text{Na}_2\text{EDTA}$ .

### 13. UV-vis spectra of **1** in presence of Pd<sup>2+</sup> ions:



**Figure S13:** UV-Vis spectral changes of **1** ( $c = 4 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1, v/v, 10 mM HEPES buffer, pH 7.4) solutions upon addition of Pd<sup>2+</sup> ions.

### 14. DFT study:

The calculation has been carried out at B3LYP with 6-31G(d) basis except for Pd, LANL2DZ with ECP basis set is used.

Species	E(HOMO)	E(LUMO)	$\Delta E$ (Hartree)	$\Delta E$ (eV)	$\Delta E$ (kcal/mol)
<b>L</b>	-0.19782	-0.09829	0.09953	2.708370548	62.45602054
<b>L-Pd<sup>2+</sup></b>	-0.28057	-0.22138	0.05919	1.610654604	37.1422873

### 15. X-ray Crystallography study:

Single crystal suitable for X-ray analysis was performed on Bruker APEX II Duo CCD area-detector diffractometer using Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). Data collection was performed using the *APEX2* software, whereas the cell refinement and data reduction were performed under the *SAINT* software. The crystal structure was solved by direct method and refined against  $F^2$  by full-matrix least-squares refinement using *SHELXTL* package. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, whereby the O-bound and C-bound hydrogen

atoms were located in difference fourier maps (O–H = 0.8999 Å) and positioned geometrically (C–H = 0.93 - 0.97 Å), respectively. One of the methyl groups is disordered over two positions with refined site-occupancies of 0.550(13) and 0.450(13). The same  $U_{ij}$  parameters were used for atom pairs C25/C26 and C28/C29. A rotating-group model was applied for the methyl groups. The final refinement converged well. Absorption correction was applied to the final crystal data by using the *SADABS* software. Crystallographic data for **L** has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center No. CCDC **1013077**.

**Table S1:** Experimental details

Crystal data	
<b>CCDC number</b>	<b>1013077</b>
<b>Emperical formula</b>	<b>C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>5</sub></b>
<b><i>M<sub>r</sub></i></b>	<b>709.79</b>
<b>Crystal system, space group</b>	<b>Triclinic, <i>P</i>1</b>
<b>Temperature (K)</b>	<b>294</b>
<b><i>a</i>, <i>b</i>, <i>c</i> (Å)</b>	<b>10.244 (1), 13.8307 (14), 14.5665 (14)</b>
<b><math>\alpha</math>, <math>\beta</math>, <math>\gamma</math> (°)</b>	<b>72.3415 (18), 70.1280 (18), 75.9246 (18)</b>
<b><i>V</i> (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>1826.7 (3)</b>
<b><i>Z</i></b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Radiation type</b>	<b>Mo <i>K</i><math>\alpha</math></b>
<b><math>\mu</math> (mm<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>0.09</b>
<b>Crystal size (mm)</b>	<b>0.62 × 0.27 × 0.11</b>
Data collection	
<b>Diffractometer</b>	<b>Bruker <i>SMART APEX</i> II DUO CCD area-detector diffractometer</b>
<b>Absorption correction</b>	<b>Multi-scan (<i>SADABS</i>; Bruker, 2009)</b>
<b><i>T<sub>min</sub></i>, <i>T<sub>max</sub></i></b>	<b>0.948, 0.991</b>
<b>No. of measured, independent and observed [<i>I</i> &gt; 2<math>\sigma</math>(<i>I</i>)] reflections</b>	<b>21242, 6834, 4216</b>
<b><i>R<sub>int</sub></i></b>	<b>0.026</b>

$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\max}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	0.609
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.087, 0.291, 1.09
No. of reflections	6834
No. of parameters	481
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{\max}, \Delta\rho_{\min}$ ( $\text{e \AA}^{-3}$ )	0.79, -0.58

**Table S2:** Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
<b>O3—H1O3<math>\cdots</math>N2</b>	0.90	1.80	2.633 (5)	153
<b>C11—H11A<math>\cdots</math>O2<sup>i</sup></b>	0.93	2.53	3.434 (5)	163
<b>C21—H21A <math>\cdots</math> Cg1<sup>ii</sup></b>	0.93	2.28	3.024(5)	137

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+2, -y+2, -z$  (ii)  $x, y, z$ .

\* Cg1 is the centroid of O1/C6/C7/C12/C13 ring.

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