

Supplementary data for

Highly selective and water-soluble peptidyl chemosensors for copper(II) and mercury(II) ions based on a β -hairpin structure

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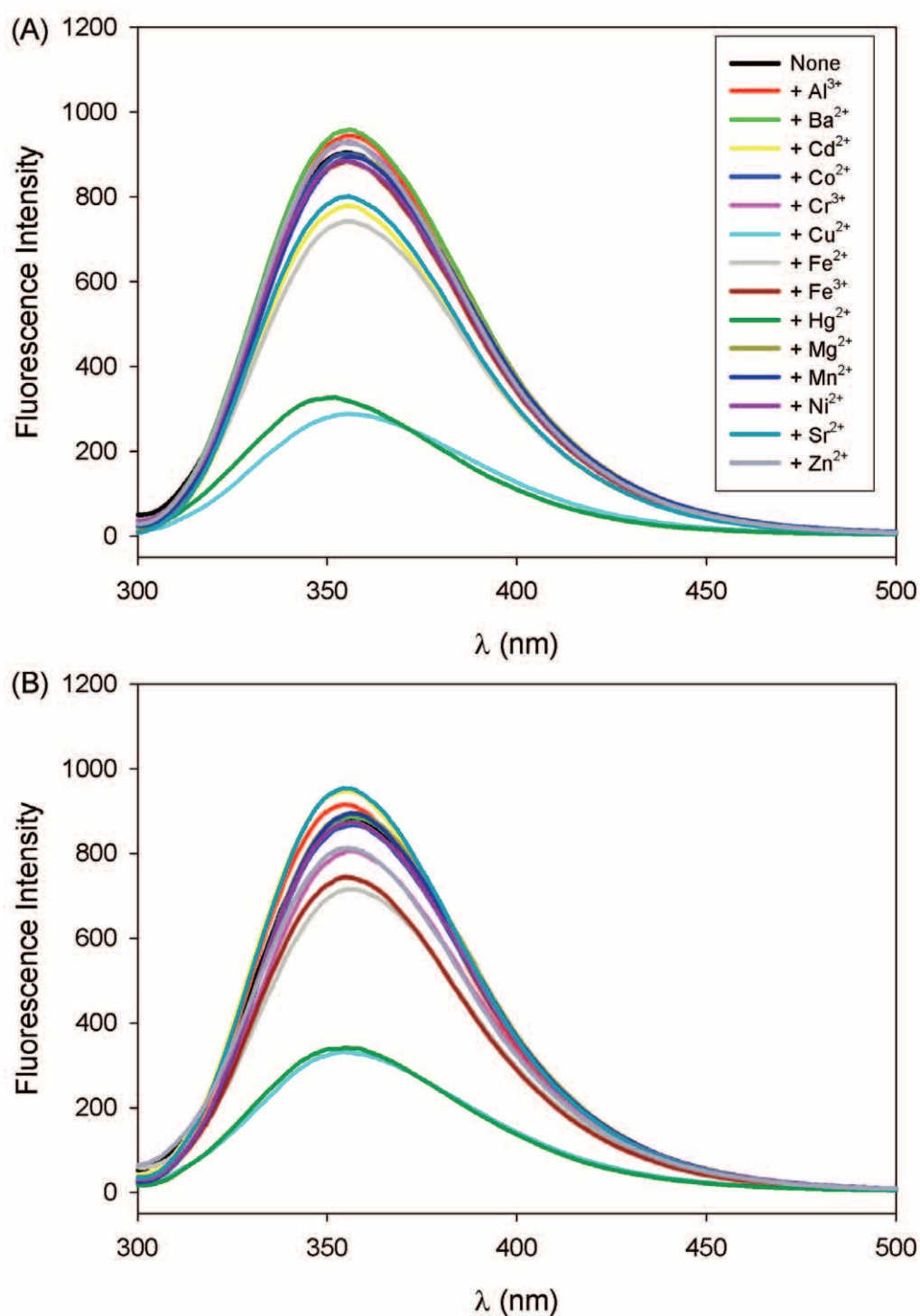


Fig. S1. Emission spectra for (A) **HP7-H2H11** and (B) **HP7-H1H12** in the presence of various metal ions. All measurements were conducted in pH 7.5 and 20 mM phosphate buffer at ambient temperature (~ 25 °C) and the excitation wavelength was 280 nm. The peptide concentration was 10 μ M and metal concentration was 20 μ M.

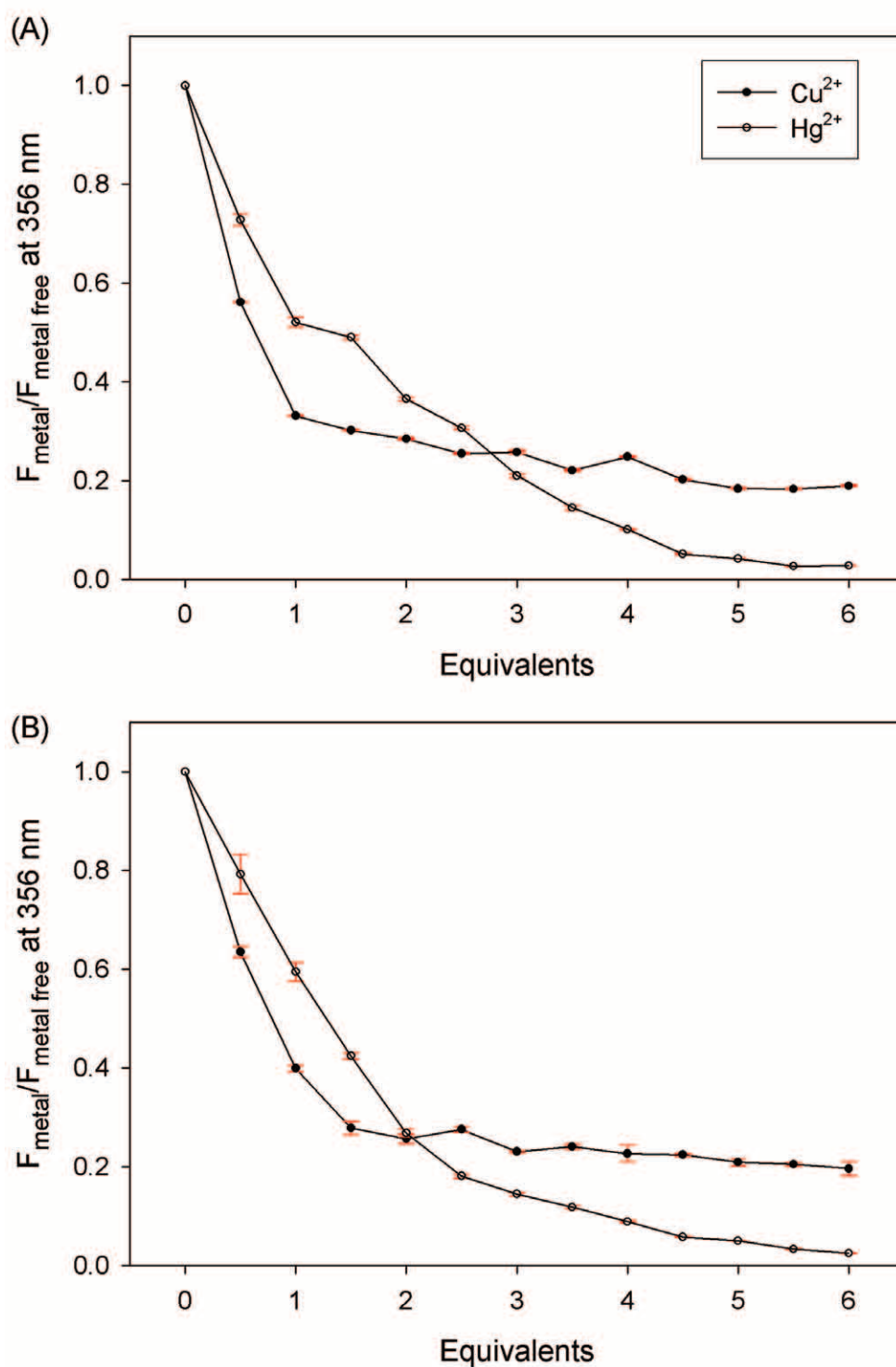


Fig. S2. Relative fluorescence intensity of (A) **HP7-H2H11** and (B) **HP7-H1H12** in the presence of different equivalents of Cu²⁺ or Hg²⁺. Each data point was obtained by averaging three measurements and the error bars are in red. All measurements were conducted in pH 7.5 and 20 mM phosphate buffer at ambient temperature (~ 25 °C) with a peptide concentration of 30 μM.

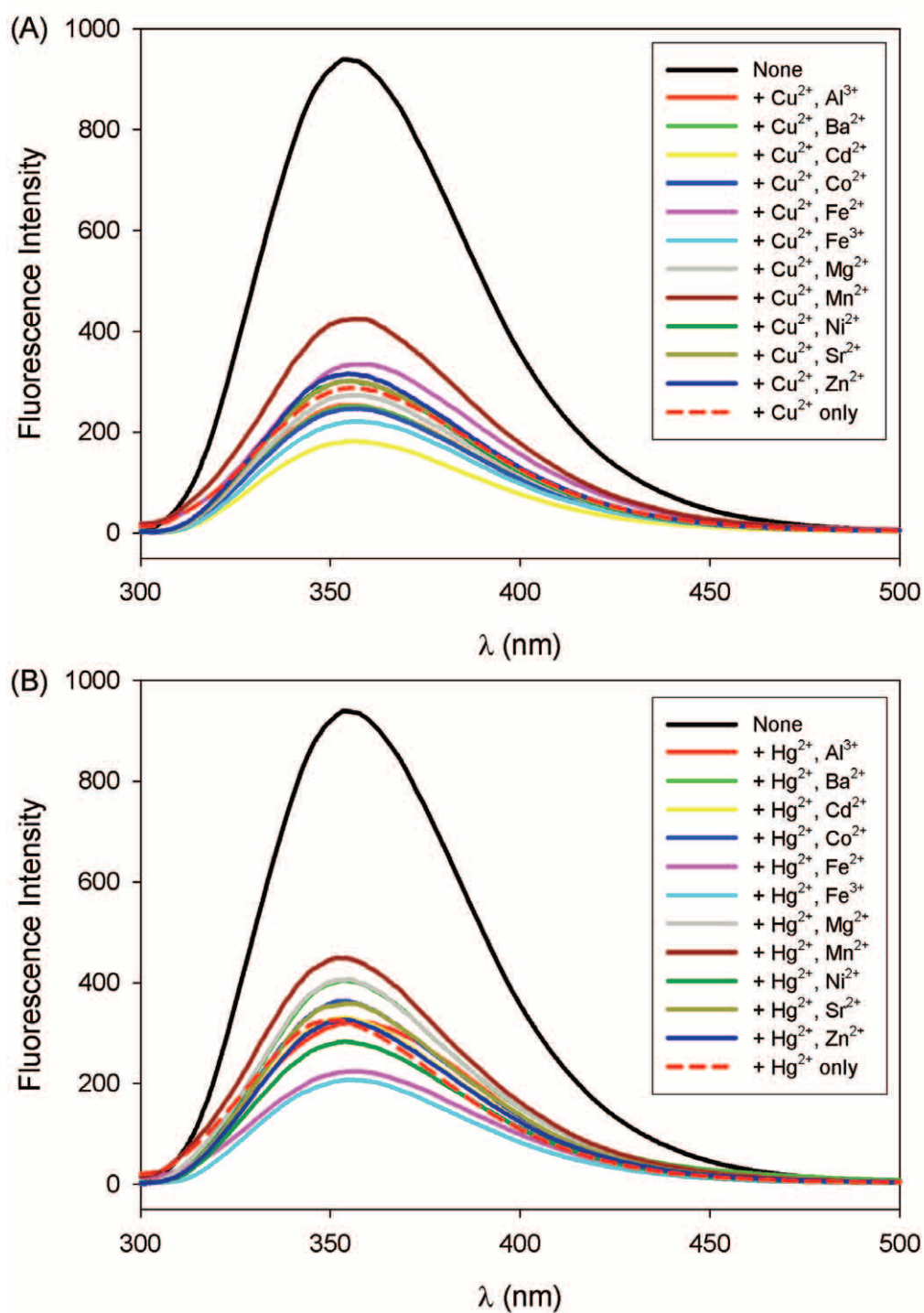


Fig. S3. Emission spectra of **HP7-H2H11** in the presence of (A) Cu^{2+} and other metal ions (B) Hg^{2+} and other metal ions. All measurements were conducted in pH 7.5 and 20 mM phosphate buffer at ambient temperature ($\sim 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) and the excitation wavelength was 280 nm. The concentrations of peptides and metals were 10 μM and 20 μM respectively.

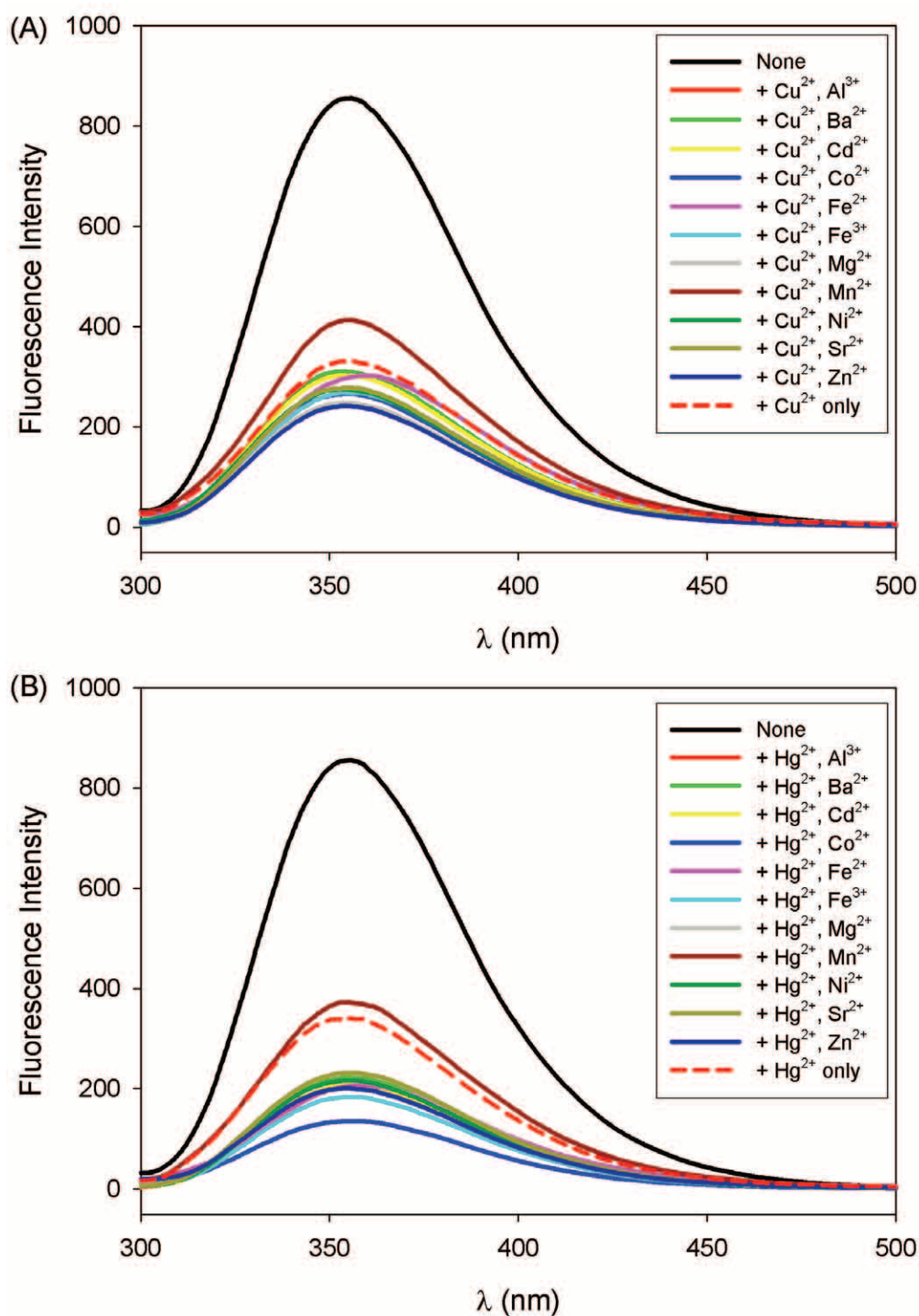


Fig. S4. Emission spectra of **HP7-H1H12** in the presence of (A) Cu^{2+} and other metal ions (B) Hg^{2+} and other metal ions. All measurements were conducted in pH 7.5 and 20 mM phosphate buffer at ambient temperature ($\sim 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) and the excitation wavelength was 280 nm. The concentrations of peptides and metals were 10 μM and 20 μM respectively.

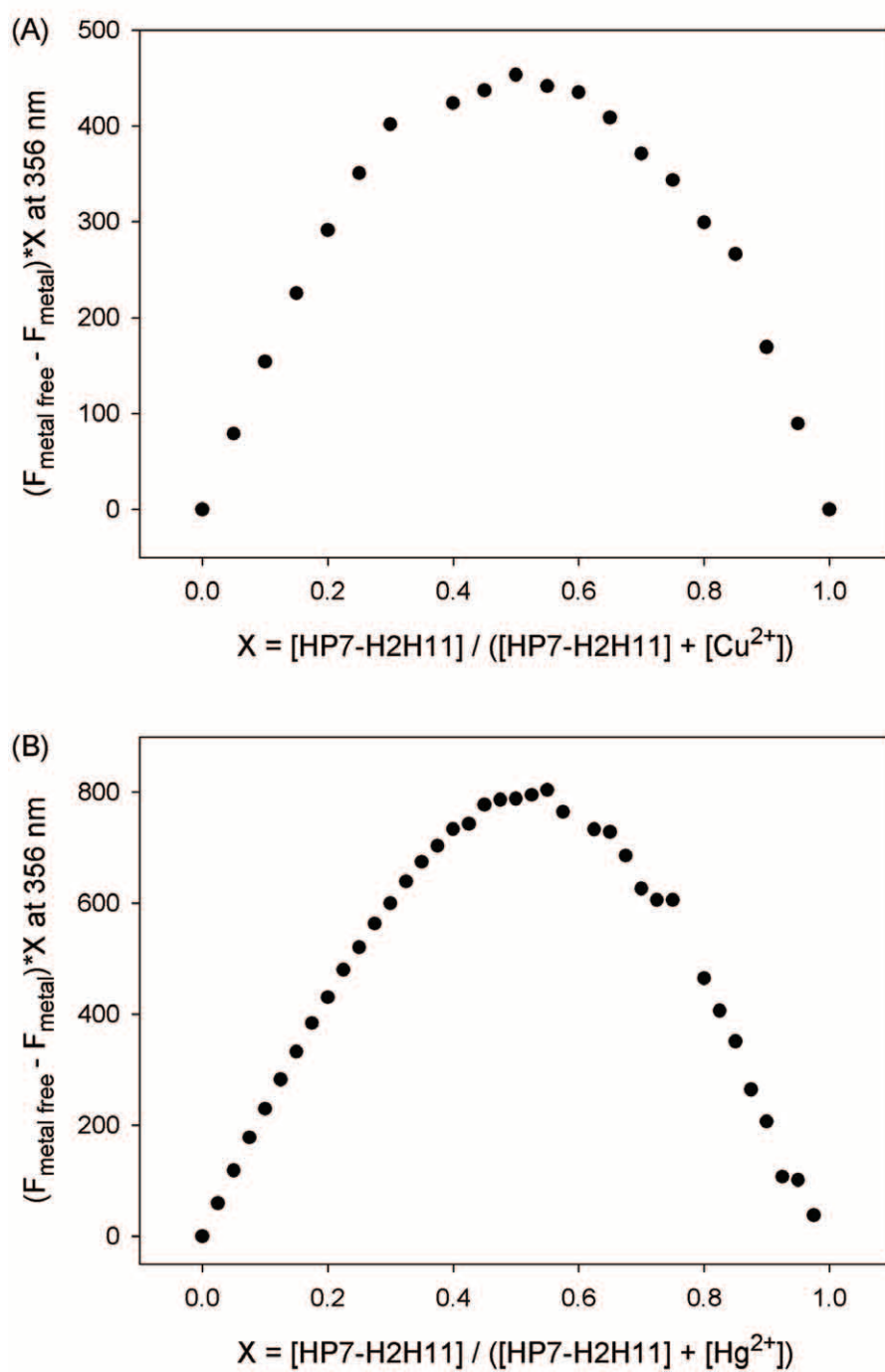


Fig. S5. Job's plots for **HP7-H2H11** with (A) Cu^{2+} and (B) Hg^{2+} in pH 7.5 and 20 mM phosphate buffer solution at ambient temperature ($\sim 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$).

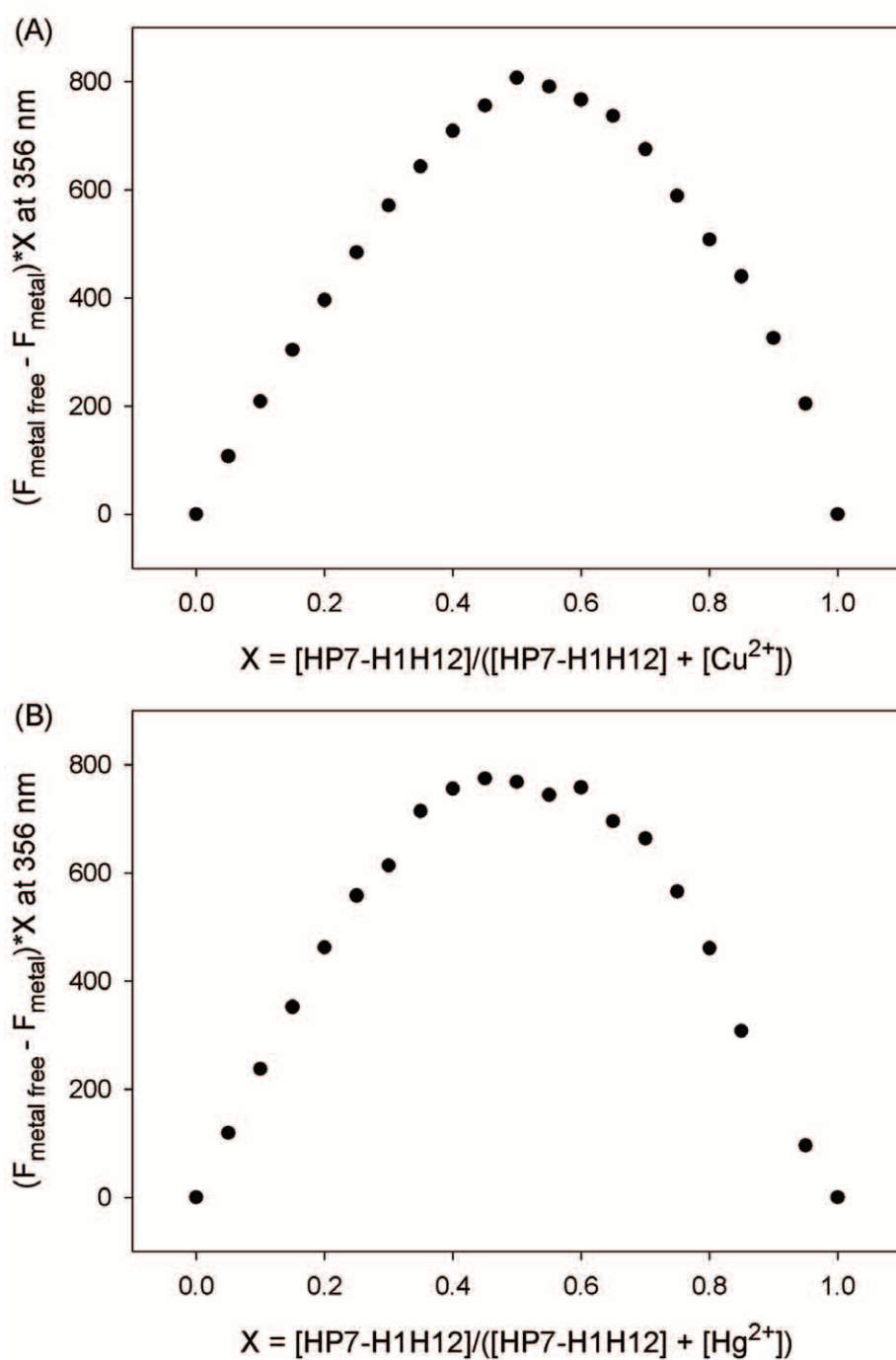
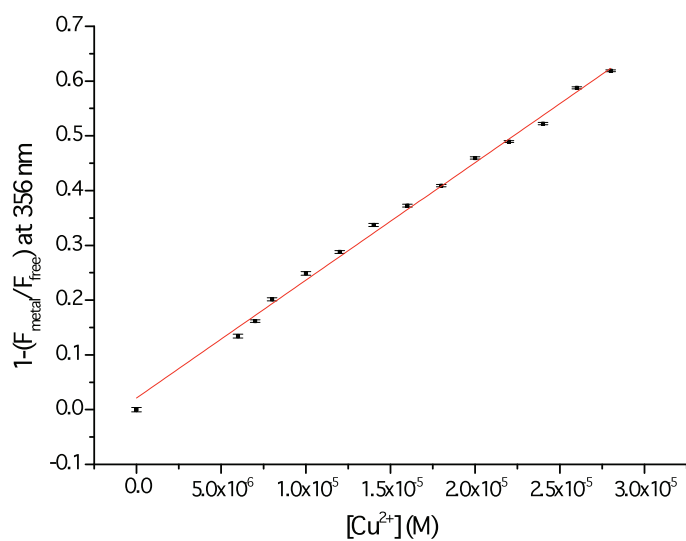


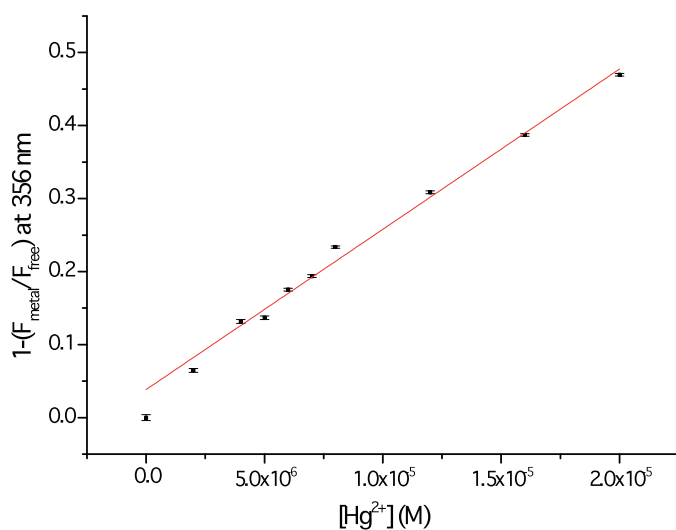
Fig. S6. Job's plots for **HP7-H1H12** with (A) Cu²⁺ and (B) Hg²⁺ in pH 7.5 and 20 mM phosphate buffer solution at ambient temperature (~ 25 °C).

(A)



| Linear regression data, $y = a + mx$ | | |
|---|----------|---------|
| Parameter | Value | Error |
| a | 0.0213 | 0.0073 |
| m | 21499.11 | 364.98 |
| R^2 | 0.99627 | |
| Standard deviation of blank measurements (σ) | | 0.00396 |

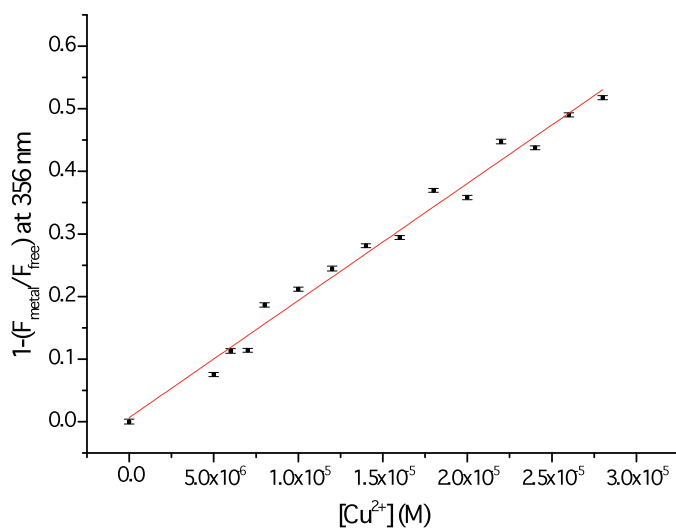
(B)



| Linear regression data, $y = a + mx$ | | |
|---|----------|---------|
| Parameter | Value | Error |
| a | 0.0384 | 0.0084 |
| m | 21946.57 | 713.73 |
| R^2 | 0.99056 | |
| Standard deviation of blank measurements (σ) | | 0.00396 |

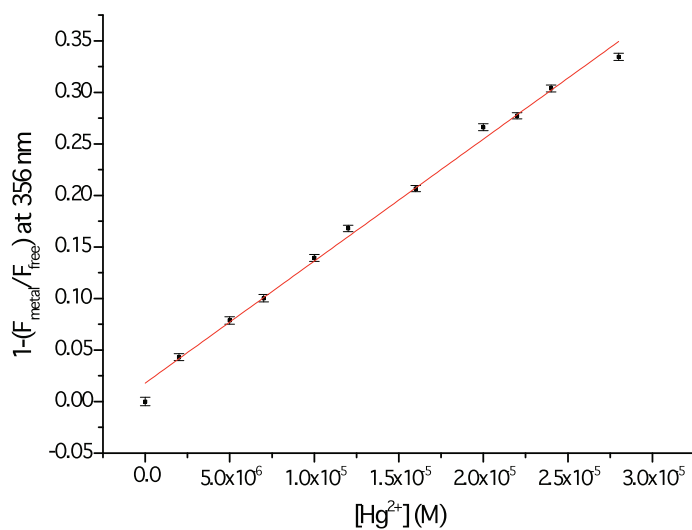
Fig. S7. Calibration curves of **HP7-H2H11** for the detection of (A) Cu^{2+} and (B) Hg^{2+} in pH 7.5 and 20 mM phosphate buffer at ambient temperature ($\sim 25^\circ\text{C}$). The peptide concentration was 30 μM and the excitation wavelength was 280 nm.

(A)



| Linear regression data, $y = a + mx$ | | |
|---|----------|---------|
| Parameter | Value | Error |
| a | 0.0066 | 0.0112 |
| m | 18700.92 | 667.46 |
| R^2 | 0.98246 | |
| Standard deviation of blank measurements (σ) | | 0.00390 |

(B)



| Linear regression data, $y = a + mx$ | | |
|---|----------|---------|
| Parameter | Value | Error |
| a | 0.0180 | 0.0049 |
| m | 11832.34 | 297.36 |
| R^2 | 0.99372 | |
| Standard deviation of blank measurements (σ) | | 0.00410 |

Fig. S8. Calibration curves of **HP7-H1H12** for the detection of (A) Cu^{2+} and (B) Hg^{2+} in pH 7.5 and 20 mM phosphate buffer at ambient temperature ($\sim 25^\circ\text{C}$). The peptide concentration was 30 μM and the excitation wavelength was 280 nm.