

# **Pyrene based Selective - Ratiometric Fluorescent Sensing of Zinc and Pyrophosphate ions.**

Gandhi Sivaraman, Thangaraj Anand and Duraisamy  
Chellappa\*

## **Electronic Supporting Information**

## **Materials and methods:**

All reagents and solvents were used as such without further purification. Pyrene-1-carboxaldehyde, Cystamine hydrochloride were purchased from Aldrich, whereas Tri ethyl amine and Metal chloride salts was obtained from Merck chemicals. Absorption measurements were carried out in JASCO V-550 UV-vis spectrophotometer. Fluorescence spectra were recorded in F-4500 Hitachi fluorescence spectrophotometer. The slit width was kept as 5 nm for both excitation and emission. NMR spectra were recorded in Bruker (Avance) 300 MHz instrument using TMS as internal standard. ESI-MS spectral analysis was performed in positive ion as well as negative ion mode on a liquid chromatography-ion trap mass spectrometer (LCQ Fleet, Thermo Fisher Instruments Limited, US).

## **Preparation of metal ion solutions for photophysical studies:**

Metal Chloride salts ( $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ) were used as the source for metal ions. 10mM of metal ion stock solutions were prepared in distilled water. 1mM of PDP-1 was prepared in ACN/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (7:3) was buffered with PBS buffer (pH=7.4).

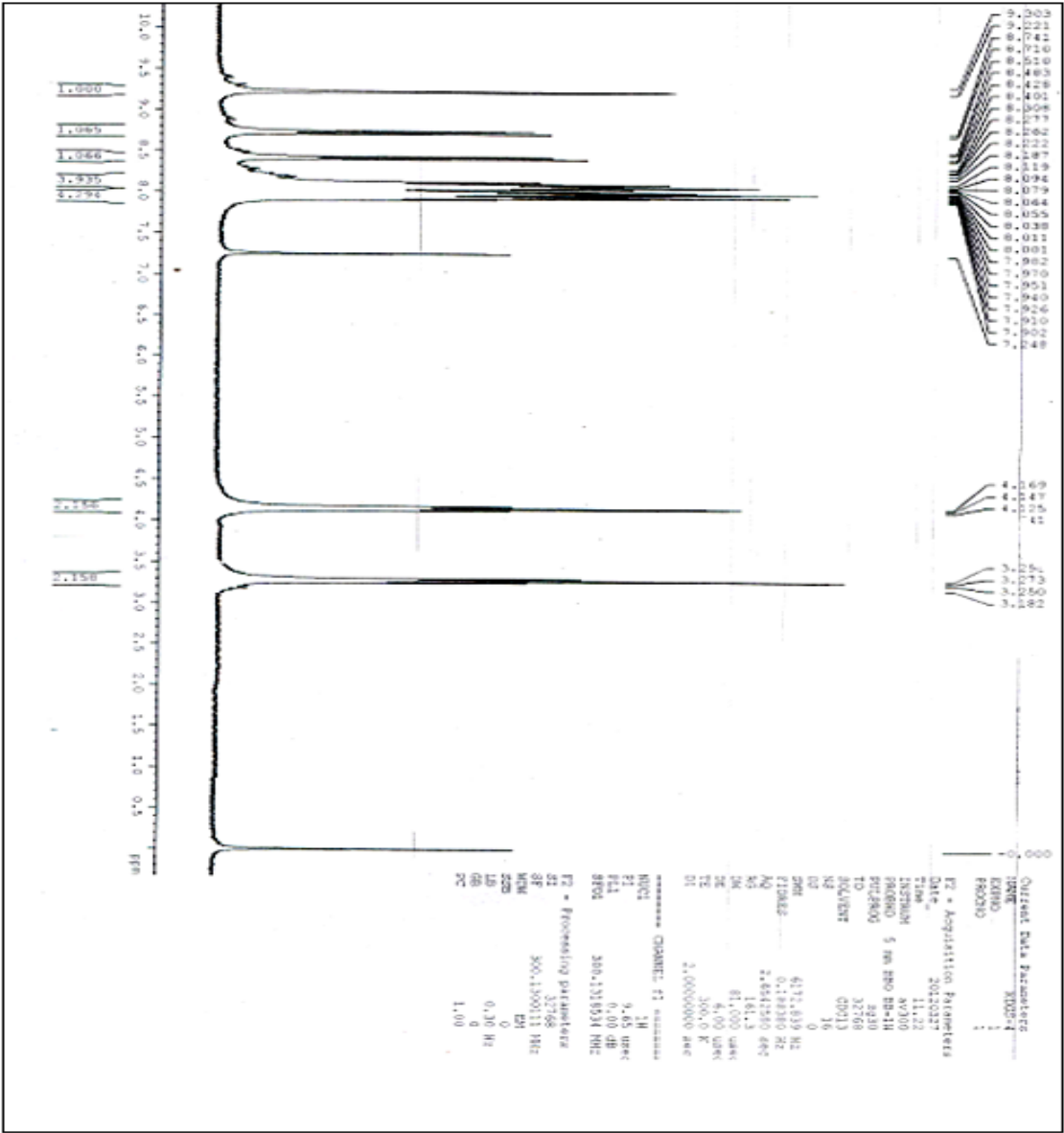


Fig-S1: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of PDP-1

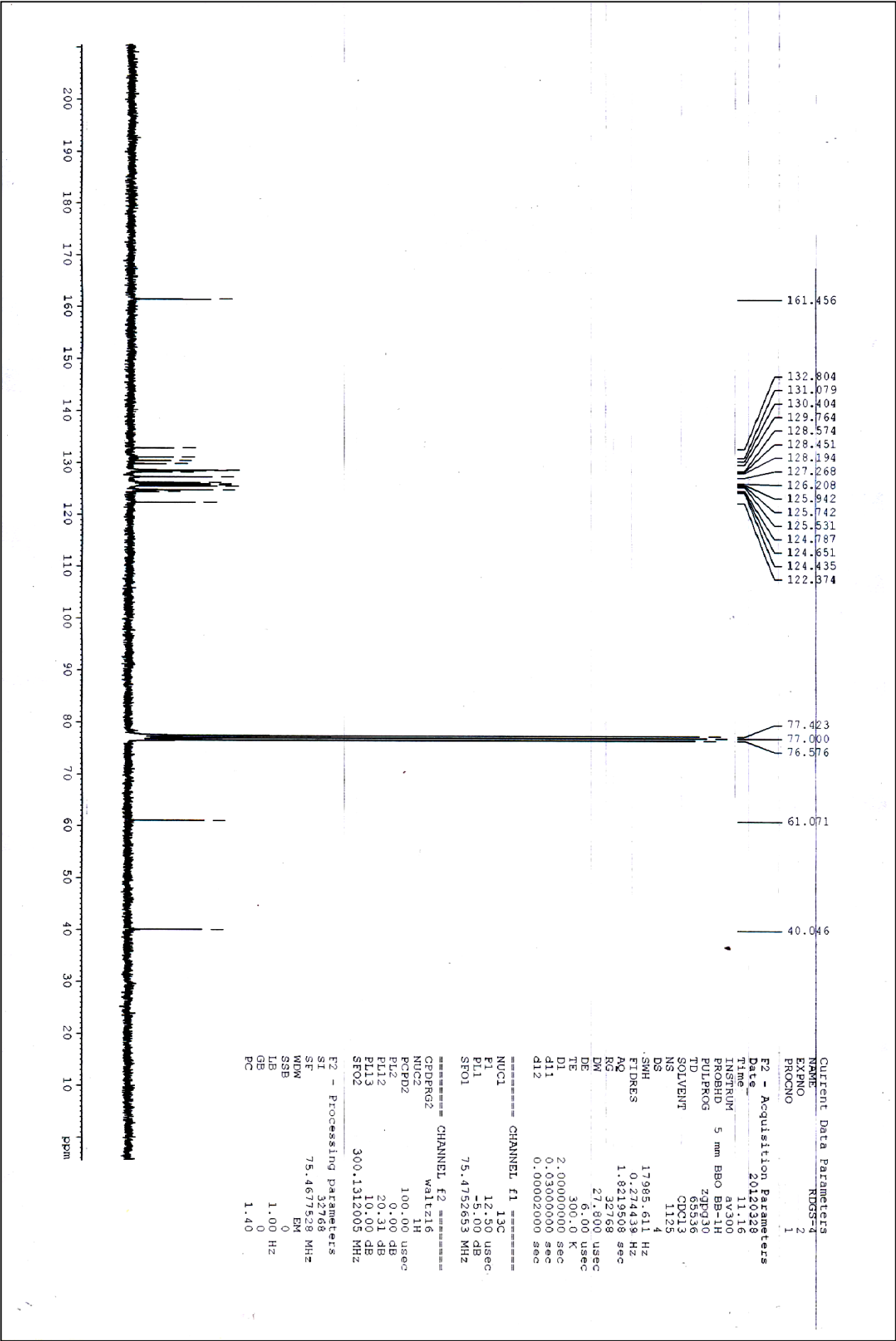
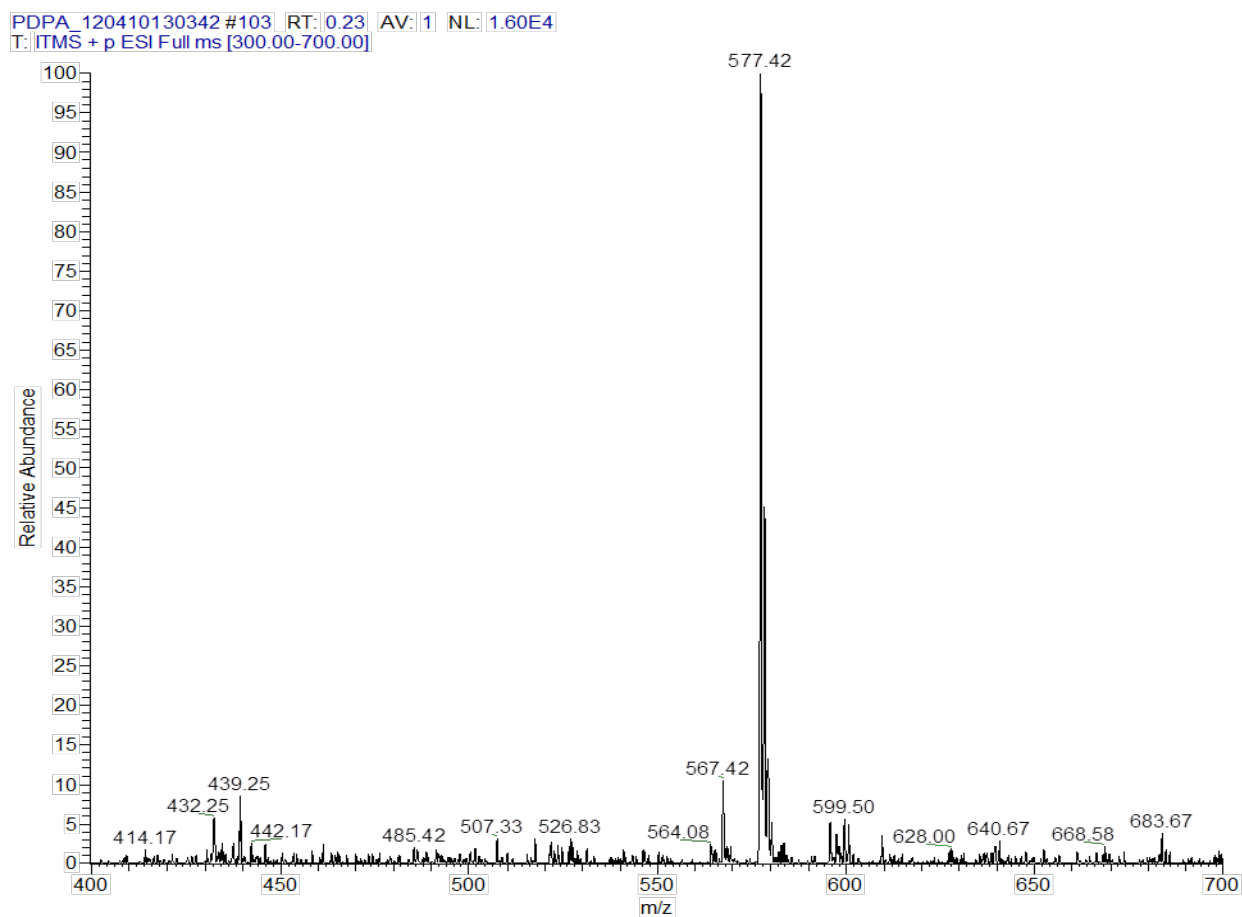
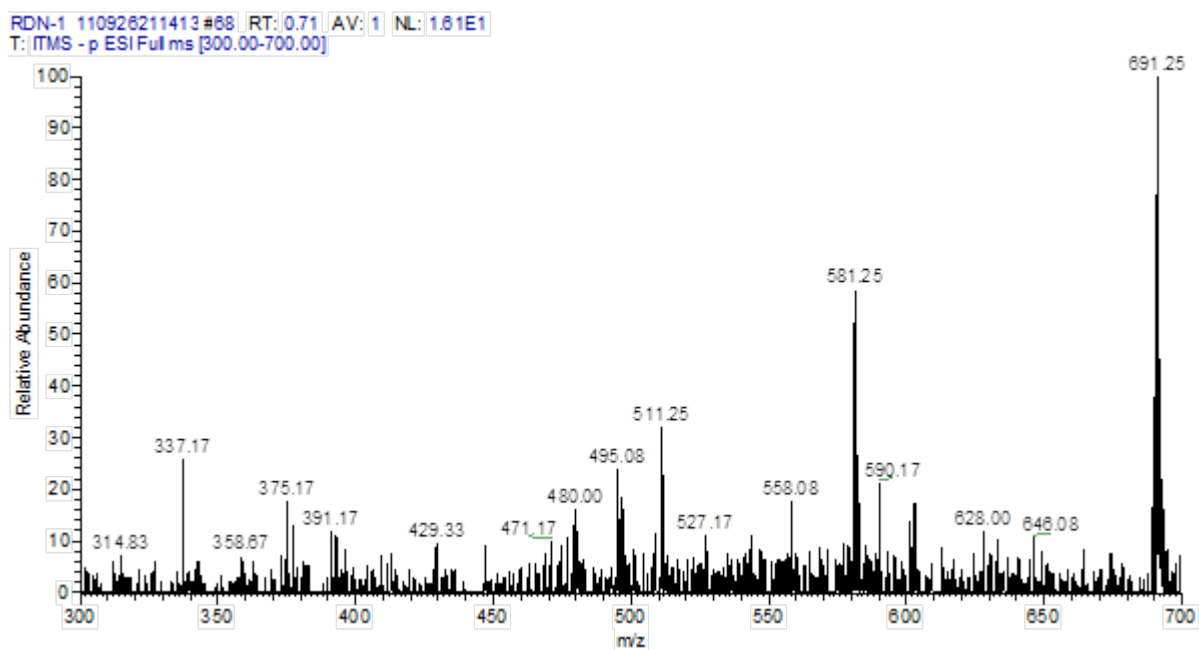


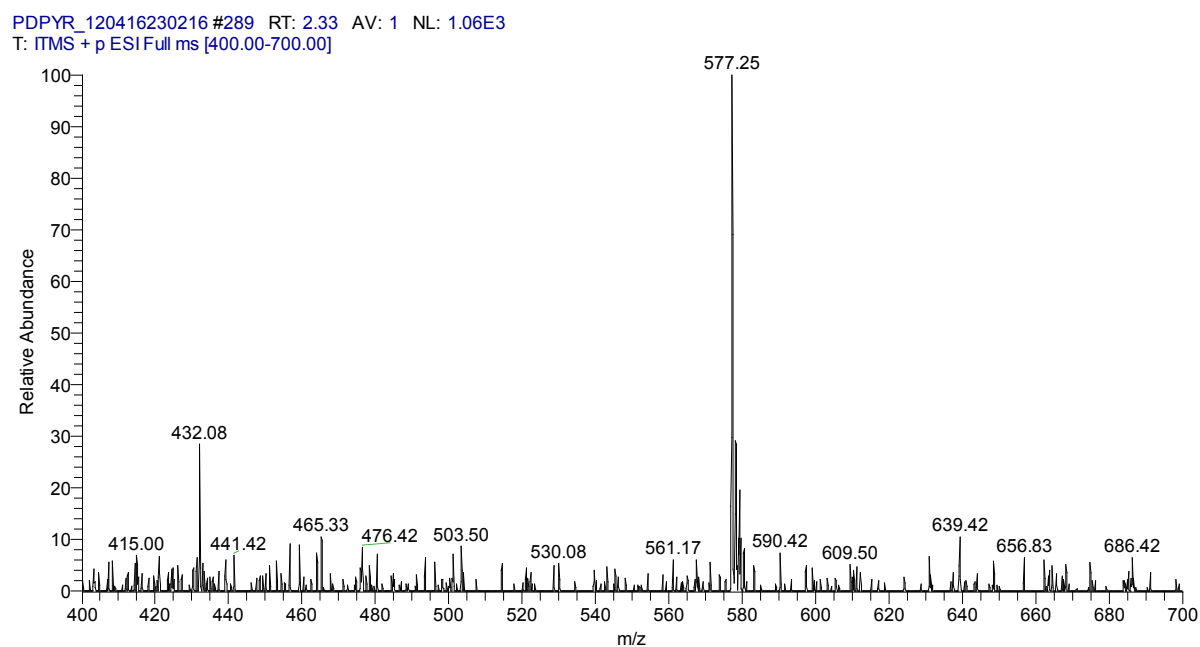
Fig-S2: <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of PDP-1



**Fig-S3: ESI-MS spectrum of PDP-1**



**Fig-S4:ESI-MS spectrum of PDP-1 + Zn<sup>2+</sup>.**



**Fig-S5:ESI-MS spectrum of PDP-1 + Zn<sup>2+</sup> + ppi ( After addition of 100 Equivalents ).**

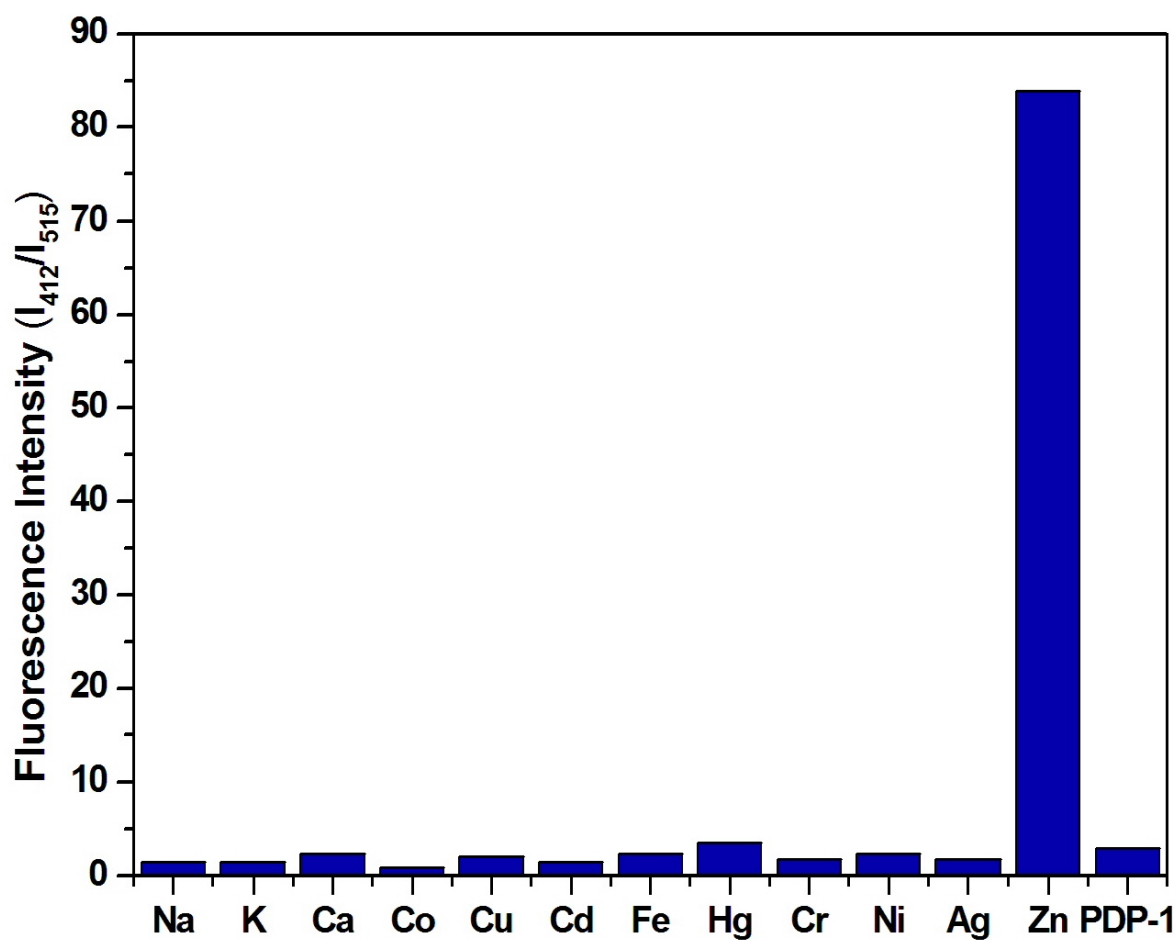


Figure-S6: Fluorescence response ( $I/I_0$ ) of PDP-1 (10 μM) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (30:70 v/v) to 10 μM of various tested metal ions (Blue bar)

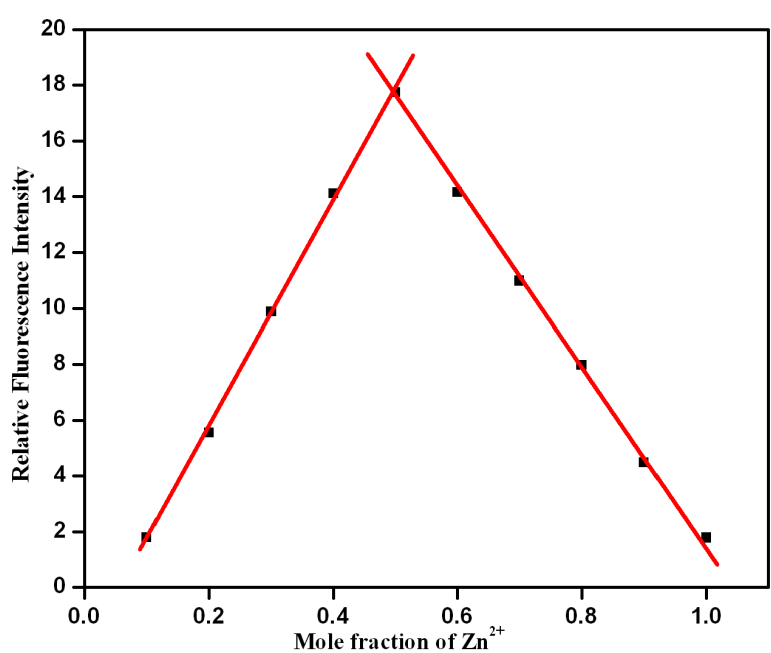


Figure-S7: Job's plot between PDP-1 and Zn<sup>2+</sup>.

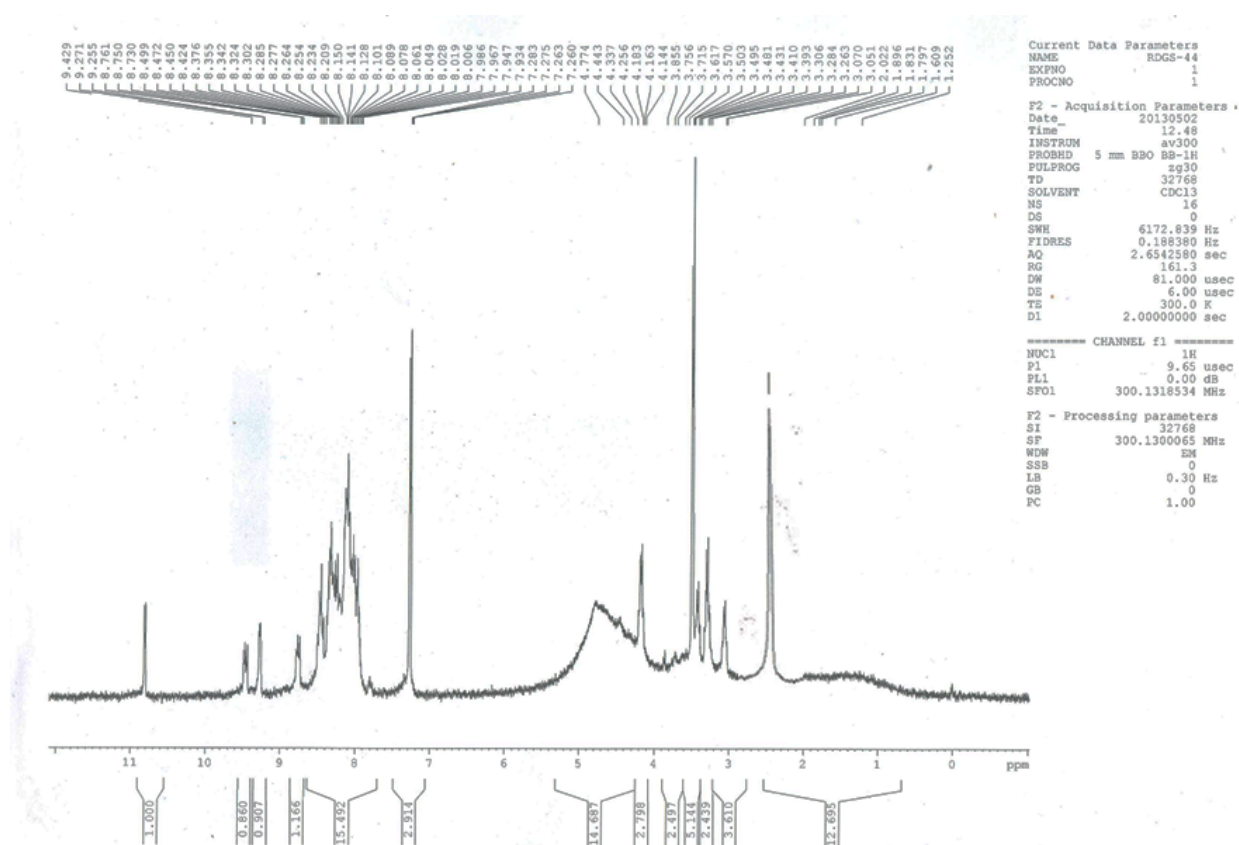


Fig-S8 :  $^1\text{H}$ -nmr spectrum of PDP-1 +  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ .

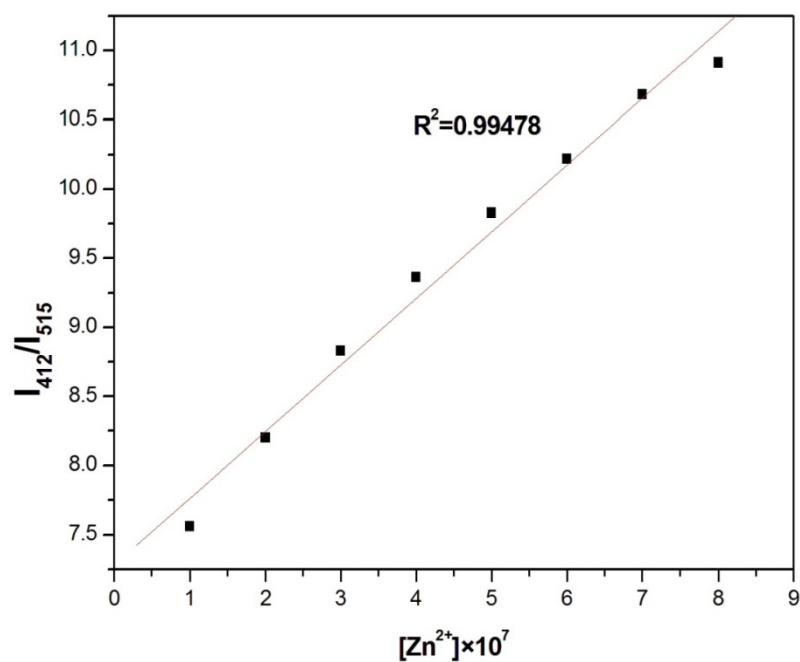


Fig-S9: Plot of fluorescence emission intensity ratio ( $I_{412}/I_{515}$ ) vs concentration of zinc ions

### Calculation of Binding constant:

The binding constant  $K$  was determined from the plot of the linear regression of  $\log [(F - F_0) / (F_m - F)]$  vs.  $\log [M]$  in equation to obtain the intercept as  $\log K$  and the slope as  $n$ .

$$\log \frac{F - F_0}{F_m - F} = \log K + n \log [M]$$

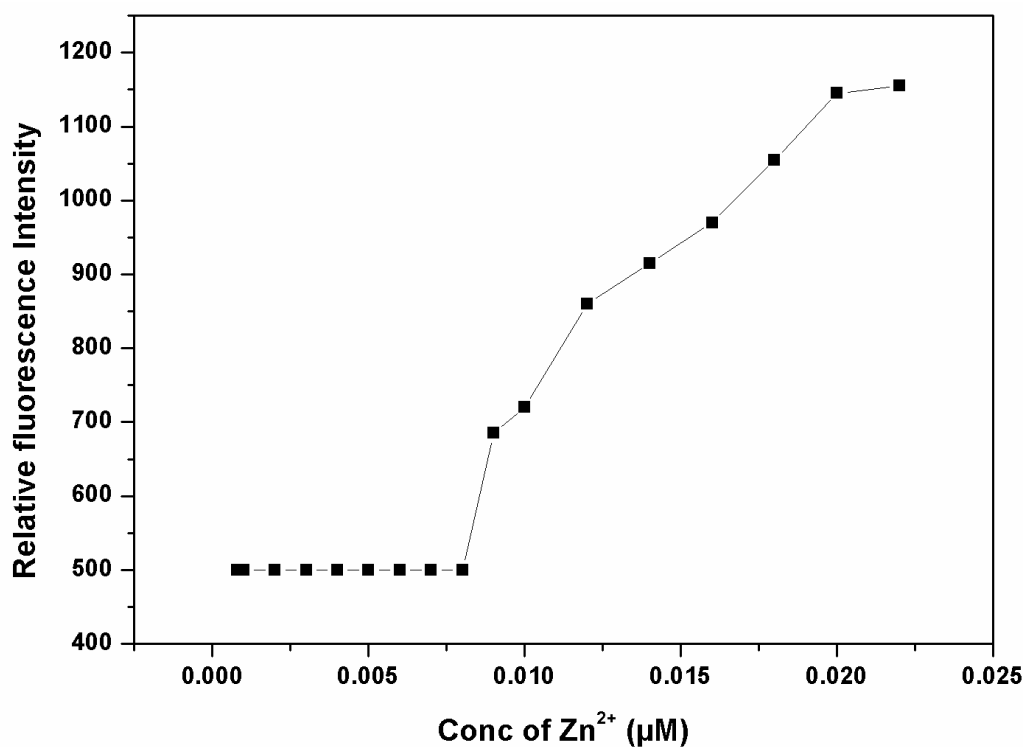
### Calculation of Detection limit:

The limit of detection was found using this equation.<sup>S1</sup>

$$DL = C_L \times C_T$$

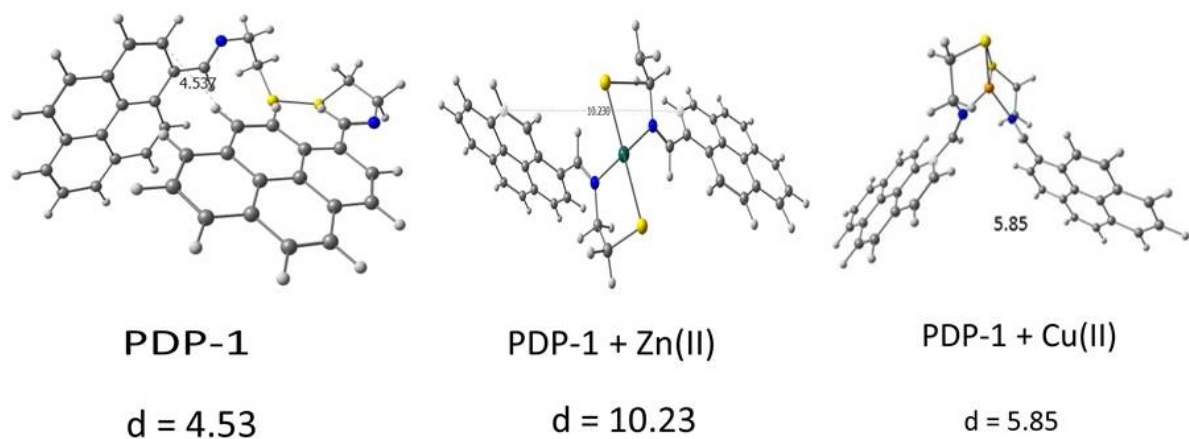
$C_L$  = Conc. of Ligand;  $C_T$  = Conc. of Titrant at which change observed.

$$\text{Thus; } DL = 1 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.085 \times 10^{-6} = 0.085 \times 10^{-6} = 8.5 \times 10^{-8}$$



**Fig-S10: Plot of fluorescence emission intensity ratio ( $I_{412}/I_{515}$ ) vs low level concentration of zinc ions**

**Figure-S11 : DFT optimized geometries and distance between two pyrene rings in PDP-1, PDP-1+ Zn<sup>2+</sup> and PDP-1 + Cu<sup>2+</sup>**



**Table S1: Determination of Zn<sup>2+</sup> in drinking water, tap water and river water samples with PDP-1.**

| Sample         | Zn <sup>2+</sup> added (µg L <sup>-1</sup> ) | Zn <sup>2+</sup> found (µg L <sup>-1</sup> ) | Recovery (%) |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Drinking water |                                              |                                              |              |
| A              | 0                                            | -                                            | -            |
| B              | 50                                           | 50.06 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.01 <sup>b</sup>       | 98.9         |
| C              | 100                                          | 100.09 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.03 <sup>b</sup>      | 99.0         |
| Tap water      |                                              |                                              |              |
| A              | 0                                            | -                                            | -            |
| B              | 50                                           | 50.02 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.05 <sup>b</sup>       | 99.7         |
| C              | 100                                          | 100.00 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.07 <sup>b</sup>      | 99.56        |
| River water    |                                              |                                              |              |
| A              | 0                                            | -                                            | -            |
| B              | 50                                           | 50.09 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.015 <sup>b</sup>      | 97.8         |
| C              | 100                                          | 100.04 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.06 <sup>b</sup>      | 97.91        |
| Human urine    |                                              |                                              |              |
| A              | 0                                            | -                                            | -            |
| B              | 50                                           | 49.99 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.02 <sup>b</sup>       | 100          |
| C              | 100                                          | 50.10 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.01 <sup>b</sup>       | 100.2        |

<sup>a</sup> Average of 3 measurements. <sup>b</sup> Standard deviation.

**Table S2: Determination of PPi ions in drinking water, tap water and river water samples with PDP-1+ Zn(II) .**

| Sample         | PPi added ( $\mu\text{gL}^{-1}$ ) | PPi found ( $\mu\text{gL}^{-1}$ ) | Recovery (%) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Drinking water |                                   |                                   |              |
| A              | 0                                 | -                                 | -            |
| B              | 50                                | $49.98^a \pm 0.01^b$              | 99.8         |
| C              | 100                               | $99.97^a \pm 0.05^b$              | 99.97        |
| Tap water      |                                   |                                   |              |
| A              | 0                                 | -                                 | -            |
| B              | 50                                | $50.11^a \pm 0.04^b$              | 100.2        |
| C              | 100                               | $101.00^a \pm 0.03^b$             | 101.0        |
| River water    |                                   |                                   |              |
| A              | 0                                 | -                                 | -            |
| B              | 50                                | $49.99^a \pm 0.02^b$              | 99.98        |
| C              | 100                               | $100.00^a \pm 0.02^b$             | 100          |
| Human urine    |                                   |                                   |              |
| A              | 0                                 | -                                 | -            |
| B              | 50                                | $50.03^a \pm 0.021^b$             | 100.10       |
| C              | 100                               | $50.06^a \pm 0.01^b$              | 100.14       |

<sup>a</sup> Average of 3 measurements. <sup>b</sup> Standard deviation.

References:

1. V. Bhalla, A. Gupta, M. Kumar., Chem. Commun.,2012,48, 11862.