## Selective Turn-Off Phosphorescent and Colorimetric Detection of

## Mercury(II) in Water by Half-Lantern Platinum (II) Complexes.

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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION



Figure S1. Photographs of **B** in DMSO (5 mL, 2 x  $10^{-4}$  M) upon addition of 0.5 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O or aqueous solutions of every metal ion (0.01 M for Hg<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup> and 0.1 M, for the rest of the cations).



Figure S2. Lower picture: photographs of **B** (1 mL, 2 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M in DMSO) after addition of 3 mL of aqueous solutions of Hg<sup>2+</sup> with different concentrations. Upper picture: photographs of these solutions irradiated with UV light at  $\lambda = 365$  nm.



Figure S3. Lower picture: Photographs of dried test strips of A (DMSO, 2 x 10<sup>-4</sup> M) after immersion in water and aqueous solutions of Hg<sup>2+</sup> with different concentrations. Upper picture: photographs of these test strips irradiated with UV light at  $\lambda = 365$  nm.



Figure S4. Absorption spectra of **B** in DMSO (5 mL, 2 x 10<sup>-4</sup> M) upon the addition of

0.5 mL of water or aqueous solutions of every metal ion (0.01 M for Hg<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup> and 0.1 M, for the rest of the cations).



Figure S5.Absorption response of **B** in DMSO (5 mL, 2 x  $10^{-4}$  M) to the presence of several metal ions (0.5 mL, 0.1 M in H<sub>2</sub>O) with (0.5 mL, 0.01 M in H<sub>2</sub>O) and without Hg<sup>2+</sup>.



Figure S6.Changes in the UV-Vis absorption spectra of **A** in DMSO (3 mL, 10<sup>-4</sup> M) upon addition of Hg<sup>2+</sup> (n x 10 $\mu$ L, 3 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M; 0-5 **A**:Hg<sup>2+</sup> molar ratio) in buffer aqueous solution (HEPES, 20mM, pH = 7.0). Inset: a) Titration curve of **A** with Hg<sup>2+</sup> b) Job's plot for determining the stoichiometry of the complex [**A**-Hg<sup>2+</sup>] <sup>+</sup> in DMSO / H<sub>2</sub>O (1:0.1, v/v).



Figure S7.Reversible Hg<sup>2+</sup> complexation to **B** by addition of KI followed by luminescence. Inset: Orange line, free **B** (2 x 10<sup>-4</sup>M, DMSO); violet line: **B** + Hg<sup>2+</sup> (1:1); grey line: **B** + Hg<sup>2+</sup> + KI (1:1:2).

[Hg <sup>2+</sup> ]/[A]	0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1
$\tau$ (ns)	25.2	27.7	26.4	26.7	26.8	27.3

Table S1.Emission lifetimes of mixtures A/  $Hg^{2+}$  (DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O).



Figure S8: Stern-Volmer plot for the titration of: a) **A** in DMSO (3 mL,  $10^{-4}$  M) with Hg<sup>2+</sup>; b) **B** in DMSO (3 mL,  $10^{-4}$  M) with Hg<sup>2+</sup>.



Figure S9.Luminescence response of **B** (5 mL, 2 x 10<sup>-4</sup>M in DMSO) to the presence of several metal ions (0.5 mL, 0.1 M in H<sub>2</sub>O) before and after addition of Hg<sup>2+</sup> (0.5 mL, 0.01 M in H<sub>2</sub>O). Inset: emission intensity of **B** ( $\lambda_{exc} = 510$  nm) in DMSO, **B**+Hg<sup>2+</sup> and **B**+Hg<sup>2+</sup>+Ag<sup>+</sup>



Figure S10. Molecular structure of the adduct **B**:  $2Ag^+$  based on single crystal data from poorly diffracting crystals.

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Figure S11. Comparison of the experimental absorption spectrum of A: Hg<sup>2+</sup> (1:5) in

DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O (black line) with the <sup>1</sup>MMLCT absorption of **A** (blue bar) and the lowenergy calculated absorption frequencies (red bars) of the different proposed structures.

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