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Supporting Information

Highly selective colorimetric and fluorescent detection for Hg²⁺ in aqueous solutions using dipeptide-based chemosensor

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Fig. S1. HPLC chromatograph of 1



Fig. S2. ESI-HRMS spectrum of 1



Fig. S3. ^{*1*}*H* NMR of **1** in 50% CD₃CN/D₂O



Fig. S4. ¹³C NMR of **1** in 50% CD₃CN/D₂O



Fig. S5. HPLC chromatograph of 2



Fig. S6. ESI-HRMS spectrum of 2



Fig. S8. ¹³C NMR of 2 in 50% CD₃CN/D₂O



Fig. S9. UV/VIS Absorbance of (a) 1 and (b) 2 (10 μ M) in the presence of DTNB (10 μ M) in 10 mM Tris buffer solution (pH 8.0) containing 1% CH₃CN.



Fig. S10. UV-VIS absorbance and fluorescence emission spectra of 2 (15 μ M) in aqueous buffered solution (10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4) containing 3% CH₃CN in the presence of various metal ions (60 μ M).



Fig. S11. A Job's plot for 1 (30 μ M) with Hg^{II} in 10mM HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4) containing 5% CH₃CN by absorbance change.



Fig. S12. ESI-HRMS spectrum of 1 (100 μ M) with Hg^{II} (400 μ M) in 50% CH₃CN/H₂O containing 10 mM ammonium carbonate.



Fig. S13. UV-VIS absorbance titration curve of **2** (15 μ M) in the presence of Hg^{II}, (0, 5, ..., 60 μ M) in aqueous buffered solution (10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4) containing 3% CH₃CN.



Fig. S14. (a) UV-VIS absorbance and (b) fluorescence emission titration curve of **1** (15 μ M) in the presence of Hg^{II}, (0, 5, ..., 60 μ M) in aqueous buffered solution (10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4) containing 3% CH₃CN. (λ_{ex} = 469 nm, Slit 5/10 nm)



Fig. S15. Detection limit of 1 (15 μ M) with Hg^{II} ions in 10 mM HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4) containing 3% CH₃CN.



Fig. S16. UV-VIS absorbance spectra of **1** (15 μ M) in 10 mM HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4) containing 3% CH₃CN in presence of Hg^{II} (HgCl₂, Hg(OAc)₂, Hg(NO₃)₂ and Hg(ClO₄)₂, 60 μ M).



Fig. S17. UV-VIS absorbance spectra of **1** (15 μ M) with Hg^{II} (30 μ M) in the presence of EDTA (0, 15, 30, ..., 75 μ M) in 10 mM HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4) containing 3% CH₃CN.



Fig. S18. UV-VIS absorbance and spectra of **1** (15 μ M) in the presence of Hg²⁺ (0, 5, ..., 60 μ M) in groundwater containing 3% CH₃CN and 10 mM HEPES (pH 7.4).



Fig. S19. Detection limit of 1 (15 μ M) with Hg^{II} ions in groundwater containing 3% CH₃CN and 10 mM HEPES (pH 7.4).



Fig. S20. Partial ¹H NMR spectra of (a) **1** (15 mM), (b) **1** in the presence of NH_4HCO_2 (1.5 equiv), and (c) **1** in the presence of NH_4HCO_2 (1.5 equiv) and $Hg(CIO_4)_2$ (6 equiv), in CD₃OD/DMSO-d6 (1:1, v/v). Ammonium format (NH_4HCO_2) was added for neutral pH and the peak (*) at 8.03 ppm corresponded to the proton of NH_4HCO_2 .



Fig. S21. UV-VIS absorbance spectra of NBDCD (30 μ M) in the presence of Hg²⁺ (0, 60, 80,, 360 uM) in DMSO/MeOH (1:1) containing 1mM ammonium formate