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 Pd^{2+} fluorescent sensors based on amino and imino derivatives of rhodamine and improvement of water solubility by the formation of inclusion complexes with β -cyclodextrin

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Graphical picture for BRI, RhB1-CD and their response with Pd²⁺

Synthesis of Rhodamine B Hydrazide (1)



Compound 1, rhodamine B hydrazide was synthesized by following reported procedures¹⁻². To a 250 mL flask, rhodamine B (4.8 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in 100 mL ethanol. Excess (18 mL) hydrazine hydrate was the added drop-wise, and the mixture was refluxed overnight. The solution changed from dark pink to transparent orange. Then, the mixture was cooled and the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator. The excess hydrazine hydrate was removed by washing with acid (1 M HCl). After that, 1 M NaOH was added slowly with stirring until the pH of the solution reached 8-9. The resulting precipitate was filtered, washed three times with pure water and then dried in the oven.

Yield= 87%. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ in ppm): 1.12-1.27 (t, 12H, NCH₂<u>CH₃</u>), 3.27-3.45 (t, 8H, N<u>CH₂</u>CH₃), 3.45-3.92 (d, 2H, NNH₂), 6.19-6.37 (s, 2H, ArH), 6.37-6.57 (t, 4H, ArH), 7.05-7.16 (t, 1H, ArH), 7.40-7.56 (t, 2H, ArH), 7.87-8.03 (q, 1H, ArH). Elemental analysis: calculated for C₂₈H₃₂N₄O₂ (MW: 456.59), C 73.66, H 7.06, N 12.27; found C 72.47, H 7.00, N 12.16.

Synthesis of the bis-rhodamine imine probe (BRI)



Rhodamine B hydrazide (1.5 g) was dissolved in 40 mL ethanol in flask. Then, glutaraldehyde (25% aqueous solution, 1.5 mL) was added. After being stirred well at room temperature for 6 h, the crude product precipitated out. The crude product was filtered, washed 3 times with ethanol, and then dried in the oven.

Yield= 55%. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ in ppm): 1.04-1.09 (m, 24H, NCH₂<u>CH₃</u>), 1.19-1.26 (m, 2H, -CH₂-), 1.74-1.83 (d, 4H, -CH₂-), 3.17-3.39 (q, 16H, N<u>CH₂</u>CH₃), 6.12-6.25 (s, 4H, ArH), 6.32-6.42 (s, 4H, ArH), 6.42-6.54 (d, 4H, ArH), 6.98-7.09 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.35-7.48 (s, 4H, ArH), 7.52-7.63 (s, 2H, -N=CH-), 7.92-7.97 (d, 2H, ArH).

¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, δ in ppm): 13.0 (NCH₂<u>C</u>H₃), 31.8(-<u>C</u>H₂-), 44.8 (N<u>C</u>H₂CH₃), 65.8 (N<u>C</u>-Ar), 98.0 (ArH), 106.4 (Ar), 108.5 (ArH), 123.5 (ArH), 127.7 (ArH), 133.2 (ArH), 149.1 (Ar), 152.9 (-N=<u>C</u>H-), 165.0 (<u>C</u>O).Elemental analysis: calculated for C₆₁H₆₈N₈O₄ (MW:977.27), C 74.97, H 7.01, N 11.47; found C 72.87, H 7.02, N 11.14.

Synthesis of RhB1



The compound RhB1 was synthesized by refluxing rhodamine B (4.8 g, 10 mmol) with excess ethylenediamine (5 mL) in ethanol until the solution lost its red color. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator. The resultant solid was extracted with dichloromethane and washed with water several times. The organic layer was separated and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and then the solvent was removed thoroughly. The resulting solid was washed with hot hexane (10 mL) and dried.

Finally, the crude solid was purified by column chromatography (eluent, EA:hexane = 1:3, $R_f = 0.45$).

Yield=80%. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.88–7.90 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.42–7.45 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.07–7.09 (d, 1H, ArH), 6.26–6.43 (m, 6H, ArH), 3.20–3.35 (q, 8H, NC<u>H₂</u>CH₃), 3.17–3.18 (t, 2H, NC<u>H₂</u>CH₂N), 2.41–2.43 (t, 2H, NCH₂C<u>H₂N), 0.85–1.55 (t, 12H, NCH₂C<u>H₃</u>).</u>

Molecular formula: $C_{30}H_{32}N_4O_2$ (484 g/mol).

Synthesis of RhB1-cyclodextrin inclusion complexes



The water-insoluble RhB1 synthesized above and water-soluble β -cyclodextrin (solubility in water 1.85 g/100 mL at 25°C) were mixed at a ratio of 1:2.5 (RhB1: β -CD) in water and vigorously stirred for 12 hrs. Stirring was continued until the solution become pink, and the mixture was allowed to stand for 2 hrs. The excess β -CD was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated to obtain pure RhB1-CD as a pink solid.

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Fig. S1 Infrared spectrum of rhodamine B hydrazide



Fig. S2 Infrared spectrum of the BRI probe.



Fig. S3 ¹H-NMR spectrum of rhodamine B hydrazide in CDCl₃



Fig. S4 ¹H-NMR spectrum of the probe BRI in CDCl₃.



Fig. S5 ¹³C-NMR spectrum of the probe BRI in CDCl₃



Fig. S6 DEPT135 13 C-NMR spectrum of the probe **BRI** in CDCl₃

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使用者姓名:	陳宥任		中心編號: 105		-05-089		
服務單位:	成大化工		樣品名稱:	1	BRI		
收件日期:	105年05月0	4 日	完成日期:	105 年	05 月	09 日	
分析結果:							
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1.	11.14	72.87	7.0	2			
2.	11.12	72.78	7.0	3			
3.							
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Fig. S7 Elemental analysis of BRI



Fig. S8 Mass spectral analysis of BRI

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Fig. S9 Mass spectral analysis of Pd²⁺-BRI-Pd²⁺



Fig. S10 ¹H-NMR spectrum of RhB1-CD in D_2O



Fig. S11 2D-¹H-NMR spectrum of RhB1-CD in D₂O



Fig. S12 Comparison of the ¹H-NMR signals of RhB1 and RhB1-CD between 1.1 and 1.2 ppm



Fig. S13 Comparison of the ¹H-NMR signals of RhB1 and RhB1-CD between 6.2 and 6.5 ppm



Fig. S15 Mass spectrum of RhB1-RhB1



Fig. S16 Real images of BRI (10 μ M) in CH₃CN:H₂O (3:2 v/v) in the presence of metal ions (1 mM, 100 equivalents) under visible light (top) and UV lamp (bottom). From left to right, the priority is Li⁺, Al³⁺, Mn²⁺, Fe³⁺, Co²⁺, Ni²⁺, Cu²⁺, Zn²⁺, Pd²⁺, Ag⁺, Hg²⁺, Cd²⁺.



Fig. S17 (a) Fluorescence spectral changes of **BRI** (10 μ M) upon addition of 100 equivalents of metal ions (Hg²⁺, Cu²⁺, Fe³⁺, Pd²⁺, Al³⁺,Cd²⁺, Ag²⁺, Co²⁺, Li⁺, Mn²⁺, Ni²⁺ and Zn²⁺). (b) Normalized fluorescence spectra of BRI (10 μ M) in CH₃CN:H₂O (3:2 v/v) in the presence of metal ions (1 mM, 100 equivalents); λ_{ex} = 510 nm.

Recognition of metal ions as a function of time

Before recording the spectra of the complexes, the samples were incubated for 30 min after the addition of each metal solution, and then the spectra were recorded. The time study revealed that **BRI** (λ_{max}) recognition of metal is completed within 20-30 min of the addition of the metal ion, as shown below (time taken to measure each spectrum was not accounted).



Fig. S18 (a) Time-dependent UV-vis spectra of **BRI** (10 μ M) with 100 equivalents of Pd²⁺ in CH₃CN:H₂O (3:2 v/v). (b) Plot of the absorbance of BRI/Pd²⁺ at 555 nm as a function of time.



Fig. S19 (a) UV-vis spectra of BRI (10 μ M) in CH₃CN:H₂O (3:2 v/v) solution containing various amounts of Pd²⁺ ions (0.0-3.0 equivalents), λ_{max} =555 nm. (b) Plot of the absorbance of BRI versus the amounts of Pd²⁺ (0.0-3.0 equiv.) at λ =555 nm.

Job Plot

The results from the Job plot showed that the value of x=0.64, indicating that the most preferred coordinated structure formed at this point. Given that the relationship between $[BRI]+[Pd^{2+}]=1$ and that $[Pd^{2+}]/[BRI]=0.64$, it could be calculated that $[Pd^{2+}]=0.64$, [BRI]=0.36, indicating that one **BRI** molecule could coordinate with approximately 2 Pd²⁺ ions.



Fig. S20 The Job plot for **BRI-Pd²⁺** showed 1:2 complexes (BRI: $Pd^{2+} = 1:1.78$)



Fig. S21 Hill plot of the fluorescent probe BRI with Pd²⁺

Binding constant

The binding constant of BRI with Pd2+ was determined using the Benesi-Hildebrand equation as follows:

$$\log\left(\frac{I-I_{\rm O}}{I_{\rm MAX}-I}\right) = n \times \log[{\rm M}] - \log K_{\rm d}$$

where I_0 : blank sample fluorescence intensity; I: complex sample fluorescence intensity; I_{MAX} : maximum fluorescence intensity of the complex; [M]: Pd^{2+} concentration; K_d : dissociation constant; K_a : association constant = $1/K_d$

From the plot, it was observed that Y=2.4097x + 12.658.

Therefore, $-\log K_d = 12.658$, so $K_d = 2.19 \times 10^{-13}$.

Therefore, the binding constant $K_a = 1/K_d = 1/(2.19 \times 10^{-13}) = 4.57 \times 10^{12}$.

Effect of pH

Fig. S5 shows the effect of pH on the absorption intensity of BRI (5 μ M) in CH₃CN:H₂O (1:1). The pH of the solution was adjusted by HCl (1 M) or NaOH (1 M) (λ_{ex} =510 nm). The results indicated that BRI can work well near a neutral pH range (6-8) for Pd²⁺ detection.



Fig. S22 (a) Effect of pH on absorbance of **BRI** (10 μ M) at 555 nm in CH₃CN:H₂O (3:2 v/v), where pH was adjusted using HCl (0.01 M). (b) Effect of pH on the structure of **BRI**



R= remaining part of the rhodamine unit

Fig. S23 Interaction of various metal ions with RBI



Fig. S24 Time-dependent UV-vis spectra of **RhB1-CD** (1 mM) with one hundred equivalents of Pd^{2+} in H₂O.



Fig. S25 Dependence of quenching ratio of RhB1-CD on Pd^{2+} concentration



Fig. S26. Binding mechanism of RhB1 with Pd^{2+} in EtOH:H₂O (1:1)



Fig. S27 Dependence of (a) UV-vis and (b) PL spectra of RhB1-CD on Pd^{2+} concentration in H₂O at pH 7.0.



Fig. S28 Titration of BRI-Pd²⁺ complexes with Na_2S under (a) UV-vis and (b) fluorescence spectroscopy



Fig. S29 Reversible process of BRI in the presence of Na_2S



Fig. S30. Fluorescence images of BRI (a and b) and BRI-Pd²⁺ (c and d) under confocal laser scanning microcopy respectively.