## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

A novel pyrazole based single molecular probe for multi-analyte (Zn<sup>2+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup>) detection in Human gastric adenocarcinoma cells

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Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_{6}$ , 500 MHz) spectrum of the probe PYN.



**Fig. S2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO- $d_{6}$ , 300 MHz) spectrum of the probe **PYN**.



Fig. S3 MS spectra of the probe PYN.



Fig. S4 FT- IR spectra of the probe PYN.



Fig. S5 Uv-vis spectra of the probe PYN (5  $\mu$ M) in 7:3 (v/v) MeCN-water solution (10 mM Tris-

HCl, pH 7.2 at 25 °C), in the presence of different amount Zn<sup>2+</sup>.



**Fig. S6** UV-vis spectra of the probe **PYN** (5  $\mu$ M) in 7:3 (v/v) MeCN-water solution (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.2 at 25 °C), in the presence of different amount Mg<sup>2+</sup>.



Fig. S7 Changes in the UV-Vis spectra of PYN (5  $\mu$ M) after addition of 1.2 equivalents of various cations in 7:3 (v/v) MeCN-water solution (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.2 at 25 °C).



Fig. S8 TOF MS ES<sup>+</sup> spectra of PYN-Zn<sup>2+</sup> complex.



Fig. S9 TOF MS ES<sup>+</sup> spectra of PYN-Mg<sup>2+</sup> complex.



**Fig. S10** Benesi-Hildebrand plot of the probe **PYN** (5  $\mu$ M) in 7:3 (v/v) MeCN-water solution (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.2 at 25 °C), emission intensity at 456 nm assuming 1:1 stoichiometry between **PYN** and Zn<sup>2+</sup>.



**Fig. S11** Benesi-Hildebrand plot of the probe **PYN** (5  $\mu$ M) in 7:3 (v/v) MeCN-water solution (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.2 at 25 °C), emission intensity at 472 nm assuming 1:1 stoichiometry between **PYN** and Mg<sup>2+</sup>.



**Fig. S12** Fluorescence titration of **PYN-**Zn<sup>2+</sup> complex with EDTA in 7:3 (v/v) MeCN-water solution (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.2 at 25 °C), ( $\lambda_{ex} = 370$  nm). Intensity gradually decreases upon gradual addition of EDTA solution.



**Fig. S13** Fluorescence titration of **PYN-**Mg<sup>2+</sup> complex with EDTA in 7:3 (v/v) MeCN-water solution (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.2 at 25 °C), ( $\lambda_{ex} = 370$  nm). Intensity gradually decreases upon gradual addition of EDTA solution.



Fig. S14 Determination of Sb of the blank, PYN solution.



Fig S15 Determination of the detection limit of  $Zn^{2+}$  by PYN (5  $\mu$ M) in 7:3 (v/v) MeCN-water solution (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.2 at 25 °C), ( $\lambda_{ex} = 370$  nm,  $\lambda_{em} = 456$  nm). LOD ( $Zn^{2+}$ ) = (3x0.06)/8.18x10<sup>5</sup>=2.2x10<sup>-7</sup>



Fig. S16 Determination of the detection limit of Mg<sup>2+</sup> by PYN (5  $\mu$ M) in 7:3 (v/v) MeCN-water solution (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.2 at 25 °C), ( $\lambda_{ex} = 370$  nm,  $\lambda_{em} = 472$  nm). LOD (Mg<sup>2+</sup>) = (3x0.06)/4.61x10<sup>5</sup>=3.9x10<sup>-7</sup>



**Fig. S17** Fluorescence intensity of **PYN** (5  $\mu$ M) upon the addition of different metal ions (wine bar) and the addition of Zn<sup>2+</sup> in the presence of background cations (olive bar) in 7:3 (v/v) MeCN-water solution (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.2 at 25 °C). The intensities were recorded at 456 nm.



**Fig. S18** Fluorescence intensity of **PYN** (5  $\mu$ M) upon the addition of different metal ions (dark yellow bar) and the addition of Mg<sup>2+</sup> in the presence of background cations (navy bar) in 7:3 (v/v) MeCN-water solution (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.2 at 25 °C). The intensities were recorded at 472 nm.



Fig. S19 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PYN- $Zn^{2+}$  (1:1), in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> in Bruker 300 MHz instrument.



Fig. S20 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PYN-Mg<sup>2+</sup> (1:1), in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> in Bruker 300 MHz instrument



Fig. S21 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of PYN-Zn<sup>2+</sup> (1:1), in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> in Bruker 300 MHz instrument.



Fig. S22 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of PYN-Mg<sup>2+</sup> (1:1), in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> in Bruker 300 MHz instrument.



Fig. S23 FT-IR spectrum of PYN-Zn<sup>2+</sup> in KBr pellet.



Fig. S24 FT-IR spectrum of PYN-Mg<sup>2+</sup> in KBr pellet.

## Table 1

ACN/ H <sub>2</sub> O	$\tau_1(ns)$	$\tau_2(ns)$	$\tau_3(ns)$	α1	α2	α3	$\chi^2$	$\tau_{av}$	Φ
PYN	1.07	5.17	0.06	0.06	0.02	0.93	0.96	0.71	0.003
PYN+Zn <sup>2+</sup>	1.73	7.48	0.17	0.20	0.06	0.74	1.09	4.42	0.15
PYN+Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1.18	7.48	0.17	0.18	0.03	0.79	0.91	3.46	0.12

Fluorescence lifetimes of PYN and PYN- $Zn^{2+}/Mg^{2+}$  complex in ACN/ $H_2O$  solvent

## Table 2

Calculated	selected bon	d angles ( <sup>0</sup> )	and bor	id lengths	$(A^{o})$	data	of PYN	and	complex	PYN-
$Zn^{2+}/Mg^{2+}$	(B3LYP/LA)	VL2DZ leve	el of theor	y).						

bond angles ( <sup>0</sup> )	PYN-Zn <sup>2+</sup>	bond angles ( <sup>0</sup> )	PYN-Mg <sup>2+</sup>	bond angles ( <sup>0</sup> )	PYN
O <sub>22</sub> -Zn <sub>39</sub> -N <sub>26</sub>	79.32	O <sub>22</sub> -Mg <sub>39</sub> -N <sub>26</sub>	79.26	O <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>21</sub> -N <sub>20</sub>	123.86
Zn <sub>39</sub> -N <sub>26</sub> -N <sub>27</sub>	120.73	Mg <sub>39</sub> -N <sub>26</sub> -N <sub>27</sub>	145.30	N <sub>20</sub> -N <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>17</sub>	117.64
$N_{26}-C_{23}-C_{21}$	117.90	$N_{26}$ - $C_{23}$ - $C_{21}$	116.78	$O_{22}$ - $C_{21}$ - $C_{24}$	124.24
Zn <sub>39</sub> -O <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>21</sub>	18.07	Mg <sub>39</sub> -O <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>21</sub>	84.97	$C_{21}$ - $N_{20}$ - $N_{19}$	121.13
Zn <sub>39</sub> -N <sub>26</sub> -C <sub>23</sub>	108.12	Mg <sub>39</sub> -N <sub>20</sub> -C <sub>23</sub>	44.07	$C_{21}$ - $C_{24}$ - $N_{27}$	119.24
$O_{22}$ - $C_{21}$ - $C_{23}$	116.58	$O_{22}$ - $C_{21}$ - $C_{23}$	15.10	C <sub>24</sub> -N <sub>27</sub> -N <sub>28</sub>	104.28
$O_{22}-C_{21}-N_{20}$	129.36	O <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>21</sub> -N <sub>20</sub>	130.41		
C <sub>21</sub> -N <sub>20</sub> -N <sub>19</sub>	114.31	C <sub>21</sub> -N <sub>20</sub> -N <sub>19</sub>	114.12		
Bond lengths (Å)	PYN-Zn <sup>2+</sup>	Bond lengths (Å)	PYN		
Zn <sub>39</sub> -O <sub>22</sub>	2.181	C <sub>21</sub> -O <sub>22</sub>	1.206		
Zn <sub>39</sub> -N <sub>26</sub>	1.991	$C_{21}$ - $N_{20}$	1.394		
$O_{22}-C_{21}$	1.296	N <sub>19</sub> -N <sub>20</sub>	1.352		
$C_{21}$ - $C_{23}$	1.486	N <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>17</sub>	1.280		
N <sub>26</sub> -C <sub>23</sub>	1.338	$C_{21}$ - $C_{24}$	1.494		
N <sub>26</sub> -N <sub>27</sub>	1.349	C <sub>24</sub> -N <sub>27</sub>	1.330		
C <sub>21</sub> -N <sub>20</sub>	1.304	N <sub>27</sub> -N <sub>28</sub>	1.391		
N <sub>20</sub> -N <sub>19</sub>	1.379	C <sub>24</sub> -C <sub>25</sub>	1.421		
Bond lengths (Å)	PYN-Mg <sup>2+</sup>				
Mg <sub>39</sub> -O <sub>22</sub>	2.091				
Mg <sub>39</sub> -N <sub>26</sub>	2.372				
$O_{22}-C_{21}$	1.295				
$C_{21}-C_{23}$	1.487				
N <sub>26</sub> -C <sub>23</sub>	1.341				
N <sub>26</sub> -N <sub>27</sub>	1.350				
C <sub>21</sub> -N <sub>20</sub>	1.302				
N <sub>20</sub> -N <sub>19</sub>	1.380				