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Supporting information

Schiff base receptor as fluorescence turn-on sensor for Ni²⁺ ions in live cells and

logic gate application

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Fig. S1 (a) ¹H NMR spectrum of receptor R. (b) ¹³C NMR spectrum of receptor R.

Fig. S2 ESI-MS spectra of the synthesized receptor R.



Fig. S3 Color changes of receptor R in CH₃CN solution (from left to right: R only; $R+Ni^{2+}$; R+ Cu²⁺; R+Fe²⁺; R+Mn²⁺; R+Mg²⁺; R+Co²⁺; R+Zn²⁺; R+Cd²⁺; R+Ag⁺; R+Na⁺; R+Al³⁺; R+Cr³⁺; R+Li⁺; R+Ca²⁺; R+Ba²⁺; R+Hg²⁺; R+K⁺).



Fig. S4 (a) Absorption titration of Benesi-Hildebrand plot of $R-Ni^{2+}$. (b) Absorption spectra of the calibration curve of $R-Ni^{2+}$.



Fig. S5 ESI-MS spectra of the receptor R with addition of 2 equiv. of Ni²⁺ ion.



Fig. S6 (a) Fluorescence spectra of association constant between R and Ni^{2+} . (b) Fluorescence spectra of the calibration curve of R-Ni²⁺.



Fig. S7 FTIR spectra of receptor R and R-Ni $^{2+}$ ion.



Fig. S8 ¹H-NMR titration of R with Ni(II) ions.



Fig. S9 Fluorescenece titration of R with Ni(II) in HEPES buffer (pH=7.4) (10% Acetonitrile) as co solvent.



Fig. S10 Fluorescenece titration of R with Ni(II) in HEPES buffer (pH=7.4) (10% DMSO) as co solvent.



Fig. S11 (a) UV-Vis spectra of R (30 μ M) upon successive addition of Ni²⁺ (60 μ M) and EDTA (120 μ M). (b) Fluorescence spectra of R (30 μ M) upon successive addition of Ni²⁺ (60 μ M) and EDTA (120 μ M).



Fig. S12 Photograph of the test kits with receptor R for sensing Ni²⁺ ion in aqueous solution (a) Different concentration of Ni²⁺ ion. From left to right: 0; 1×10^{-3} M; 1×10^{-4} M. (b) sensing various metal ions (1×10^{-4} M). From left to right: R, Ni²⁺, Cu²⁺, Fe²⁺, Mn²⁺, Mg²⁺, Co²⁺, Zn²⁺, Cd²⁺, Ag⁺, Na⁺, Al³⁺, Cr³⁺, Li⁺, Ca²⁺, Ba²⁺, Hg²⁺, and K⁺.



Fig. S13 Time dependent fluorescence response of the probe with Ni(II).



Fig. S14 pH dependent fluorescence response of the probe.

Receptor	Selectivity	Method	Solvent	Detection	Structure	References
			system	limit		
Coumarin	Ni ²⁺	Colorimetric	EtOH	5×10-7	HO	1
Chalcone based	Ni ²⁺	Fluorescence	MeOH/H ₂ O	5.14×10 ⁻⁶		2
Glutathione-Ag Nps based	Ni ²⁺	Colorimetric	H ₂ O	7.5×10 ⁻⁵	-	3
Quinoxaline based	Ni ²⁺	Colorimetric	CH ₃ CN- HEPES	1.47×10 ⁻⁶	N N NO2	4
Benzothiadiazoyl- triazole	Ni ²⁺	Colorimetric/ Fluorescence	CH ₃ CN	ND	AcO OAcOMe	5
Coumarin schiffbase	Ni ²⁺	Colorimetric	CH ₃ CN	ND	HO N=C N=C N	6
Dipyrrolyl	Ni ²⁺	Fluorescence	CH ₃ CN	ND		7

Coumarin dye	Ni ²⁺	UV-Vis/	HEPES	ND	CF ₃	8
		Fluorescence	buffer in		NH	
			EtOH/H ₂ O		Et ₂ N 0 0	
Schiff base	Ni ²⁺	colorimetric	CH ₃ CN	3.61×10-7		Present
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Table-1: comparision of the reported Ni(II) sensors.

ND - Not Determined

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