# **Electronic Supplementary Information**

# Spirolactam Capped Cyanine Dyes for Designing NIR Probes to Target Multiple Metal Ions

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Table S1: Optical properties of IR-NCS and IR-PYR in Methanol.

Probe	$\lambda_{abs} (nm)^{a}$	$\lambda_{em} (nm)^{b}$	Stokes shift (nm)	$\varepsilon_{\rm max} ({\rm M}^{-1} {\rm cm}^{-1})$	$\Phi_{\mathrm{f}}^{\ \mathrm{c}}$
IR-NCS	763	784	21	268800	0.0619
IR-PYR	766	784	18	88000	0.0982

<sup>a</sup> The maximal absorption of the dye; <sup>b</sup> The maximal emission of the dye; <sup>c</sup>  $\Phi_f$  is the relative fluorescence quantum yield estimated by using ICG ( $\Phi_f = 0.13$  in DMSO) as a fluorescence standard.



Figure S1: UV/Vis spectra of IR-NCS and IR-PYR in presence of various metal ions.



Figure S2: Binding constant for the 1:1 IR-PYR-Zn complex, calculated using Benesi-Hildebrand method.



Figure S3: Dihedral angles (between the bonds linking the highlighted atoms) of I1, IR-HGP and IR-NCS.



Figure S4: Dihedral angles (between the bonds linking the highlighted atoms) of IR-PYR and IR-PYR-Zn.



Figure S5: Absorbance spectra of 10  $\mu$ M IR-NCS in solutions of pH 4 and pH 9.



Figure S6: Job's plot diagram for the IR-PYR and  $Zn^{2+}$  metal ion complex.  $X_{host}$  represent the mole fraction of IR-PYR and  $\Delta I$  represent the change in fluorescence intensity.



Figure S7: Job's plot diagram for the IR-PYR and  $Cd^{2+}$  metal ion complex.  $X_{host}$  represent the mole fraction of IR-PYR and  $\Delta I$  represent the change in fluorescence intensity.



Figure S8: pH dependent fluorescence of IR-NCS.



Figure S9: pH dependent fluorescence of IR-PYR

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Single Mass Analysis Tolerance = 5.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3 Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions 1 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 closest results for each mass) Elements Used: C: 49-49 H: 53-54 N: 5-5 O: 1-1 Kar4 20160405-04 21 (0.353) Cm (20:23) 728.4327 729.4323

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Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	i-FIT	i-FIT (Norm)	Formula
728,4327	728.4328	-0.1	-0.1	25.5	282.0	0.0	C49 H54 N5 O







**Single Mass Analysis** Tolerance = 3.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

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639.4087	639.4063	2.4	3.8	20.5	147.6	0.0		C43	Н51	N4	0

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# Figure S12: Mass spectral data of I2 (C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>51</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O).

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Minimum: Maximum:		500.0	500.0	-1.5 50.0				
Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	i-FIT	i-FIT (Norm)	Formula	
625,3878	625,3794	8.4	13.4	20.5	131.5	0.0	C43 H49	N2 02



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### **Single Mass Analysis**

Tolerance = 3.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

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Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	i-FIT	i-FIT (	(Norm)	Formu	ıla		
740.4316	740.4328	-1.2	-1.6	26.5	132.3	0.0		C50	H54	N5	0





Figure S15: Mass spectral data of IR-PYR-Zn complex (C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>53</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Zn).

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Figure S16: Mass spectral data of IR-PYR-Cd complex (C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>53</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cd).



Figure S17: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of I1 in MeOH-d<sub>4</sub>



Figure S18: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of I1 in MeOH-d<sub>4</sub>



Figure S19: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of I2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Figure S20: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of I2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S21: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of IR-NCS in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S22: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of IR-NCS in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S23: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of IR-PYR in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S24: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of IR-PYR in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.