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FRET-Based Metal Ion Sensing by Crown-Containing Bisstyryl Dye

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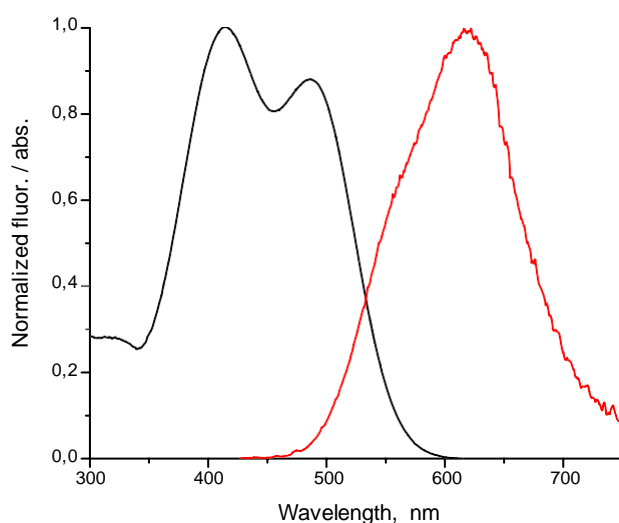


Figure S1. Normalized absorption and fluorescence spectra of **1**, $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=415$ nm, $c = 5 \mu\text{M}$, MeCN, 20 °C.

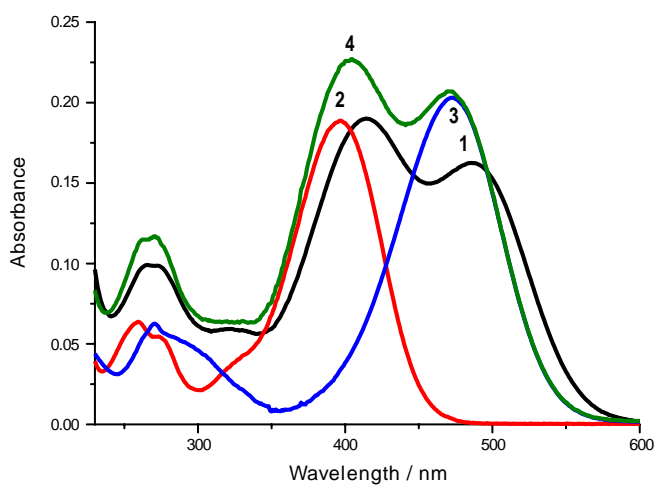


Figure S2. Absorption spectra of bischromophoric dye **1** (1); monochromophoric dye **2** (2); monochromophoric dye **3** (3); theoretical sum of monochromophoric dyes **2** and **3** (4), $C_{1-3} = 5 \mu\text{M}$, MeCN, 20 °C.

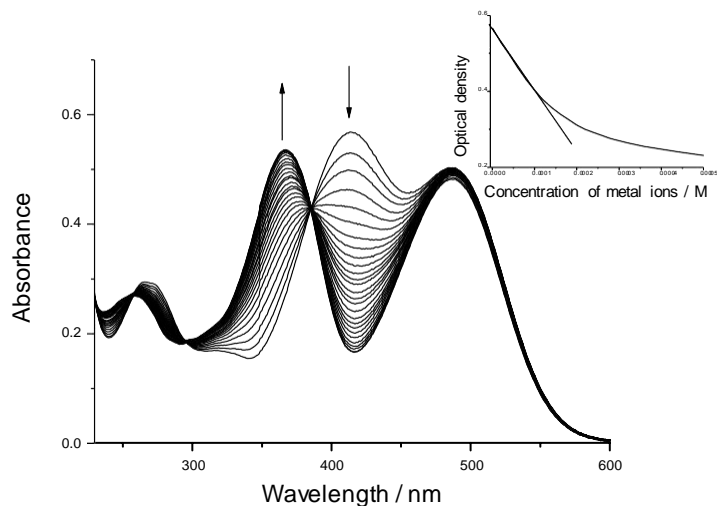


Figure S3. Spectrophotometric titration of **1** with $\text{Mg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ ($c_1 = 20 \mu\text{M}$, $c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}/c_1 = 0-182$) in MeCN at 20°C , the insert shows linear range of optical density at 415 nm versus concentration of Mg^{2+} .

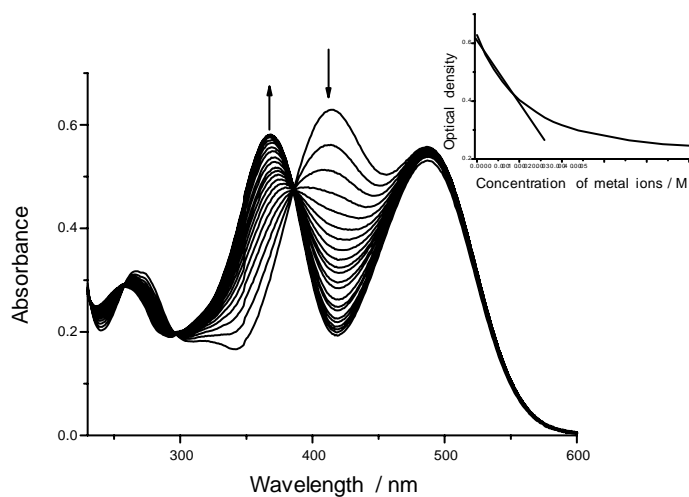


Figure S4. Spectrophotometric titration of **1** with NaClO_4 ($c_1 = 20 \mu\text{M}$, $c_{\text{Na}^+}/c_1 = 0-265$) in MeCN at 20°C , the insert shows linear range of optical density at 415 nm versus concentration of Na^+ .

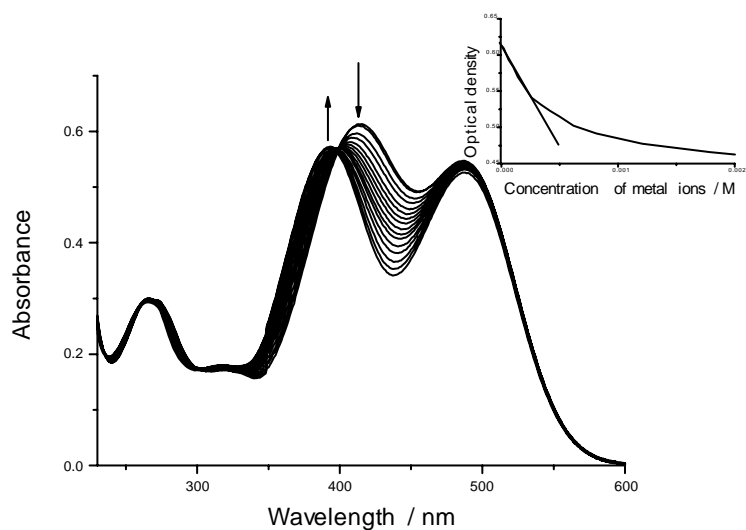


Figure S5. Spectrophotometric titration of **1** with LiClO_4 ($c_1 = 20 \mu\text{M}$, $c_{\text{Li}^+}/c_1 = 0\text{--}131$) in MeCN at 20°C , the insert shows linear range of optical density at 415 nm versus concentration of Li^+ .

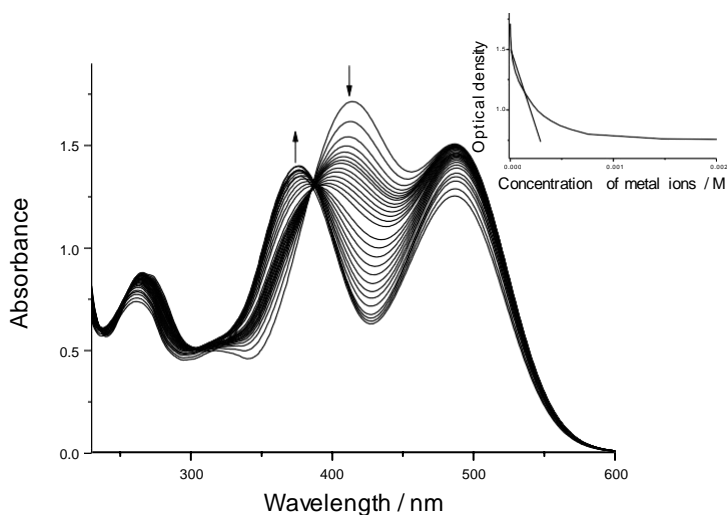


Figure S6. Spectrophotometric titration of **1** with $\text{Ba}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ ($c_1 = 50 \mu\text{M}$, $c_{\text{Ba}^{2+}}/c_1 = 0\text{--}193$) in MeCN at 20°C , the insert shows linear range of optical density at 415 nm versus concentration of Ba^{2+} .

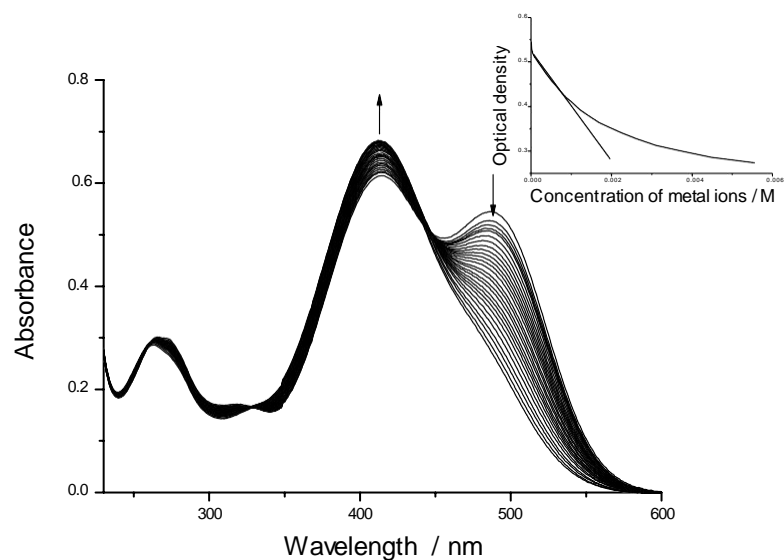


Figure S7. Spectrophotometric titration of **1** with AgClO_4 ($c_1 = 20 \mu\text{M}$, $c_{\text{Ag}^+}/c_1 = 0\text{--}294$) in MeCN at 20°C , the insert shows linear range of optical density at 415 nm versus concentration of Ag^+ .

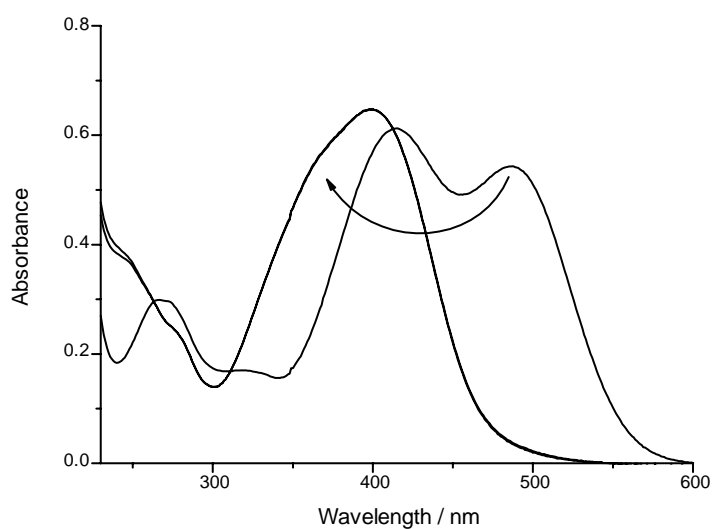


Figure S8. Spectrophotometric titration of **1** with $\text{Hg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ ($c_1 = 20 \mu\text{M}$, $c_{\text{Hg}^{2+}}/c_1 = 0\text{--}2$) in MeCN at 20°C .

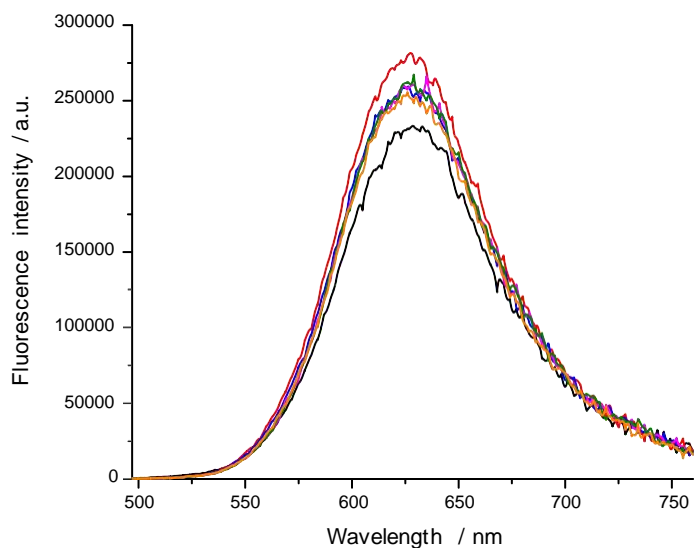


Figure S9. Fluorescence spectra of bischromophoric dye **1** (black); complex **1**·Mg²⁺ (red); complex **1**·Ca²⁺ (blue); complex **1**·Na⁺ (pink); complex **1**·Li⁺ (green); complex **1**·Ba²⁺ (orange). In all cases ligand concentration $c = 5 \mu\text{M}$, cation concentration $c = 5 \text{ mM}$, excitation at 487 nm, acetonitrile, 20 °C.

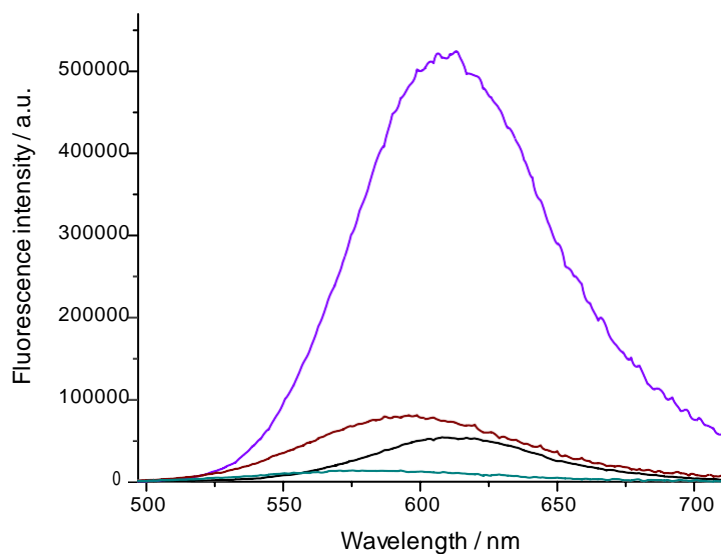


Figure S10. Fluorescence spectra of bis-chromophoric dye **1** (black); complex **1**·Hg²⁺ (brown); complex **1**·Ag⁺ (violet); complex **1**·H⁺ (cyan). In all cases ligand concentration $c = 5 \mu\text{M}$, cation concentration $c = 5 \text{ mM}$ (except for Hg²⁺ $c = 0.02 \text{ mM}$), excitation at 487 nm, acetonitrile, 20 °C.

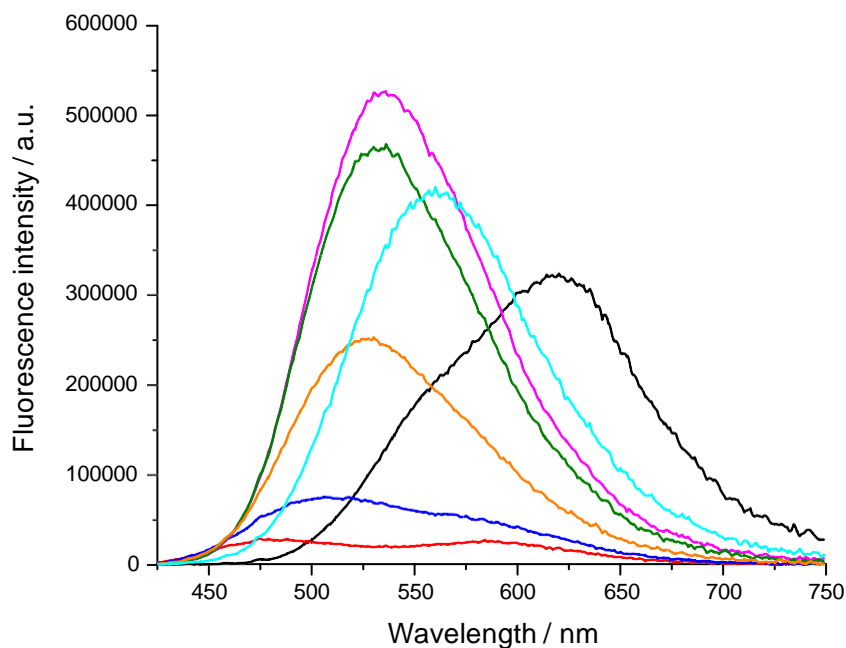


Figure S11. Fluorescence spectra of bis-chromophoric dye **1** (black); complex $1\cdot\text{H}^+$ (cyan); complex $1\cdot\text{H}^+\cdot\text{Mg}^{2+}$ (red); complex $1\cdot\text{H}^+\cdot\text{Ca}^{2+}$ (blue); complex $1\cdot\text{H}^+\cdot\text{Na}^+$ (pink); complex $1\cdot\text{H}^+\cdot\text{Li}^+$ (green); complex $1\cdot\text{H}^+\cdot\text{Ba}^{2+}$ (orange). In all cases the ligand concentration $c = 5 \mu\text{M}$, the cation concentration $c = 5 \text{ mM}$ (except for H^+ $c = 0.5 \text{ mM}$), excitation at 415 nm, acetonitrile, 20 °C.

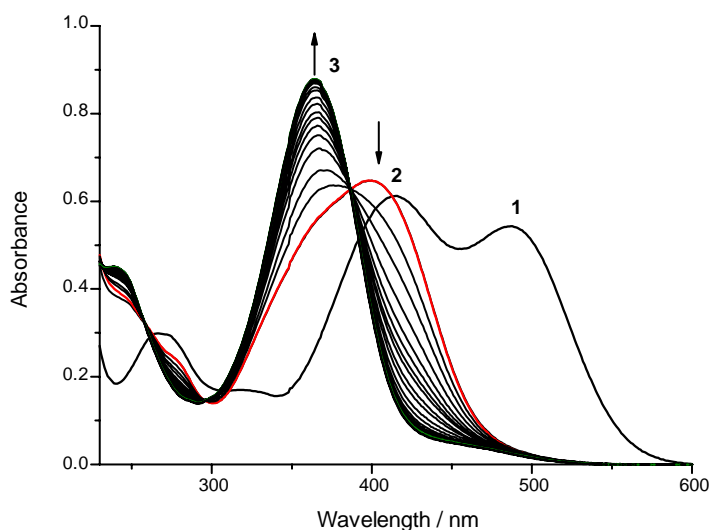


Figure 12. Spectrophotometric titration of complex $1\cdot\text{Hg}^{2+}$ (2) with $\text{Mg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ ($c_{1\cdot\text{Hg}^{2+}} = 20 \mu\text{M}$, $c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}/c_{1\cdot\text{Hg}^{2+}} = 0-111$) in MeCN at 20 °C, curve (1) shows the spectrum of initial dye $1\cdot\text{Hg}^{2+}$.

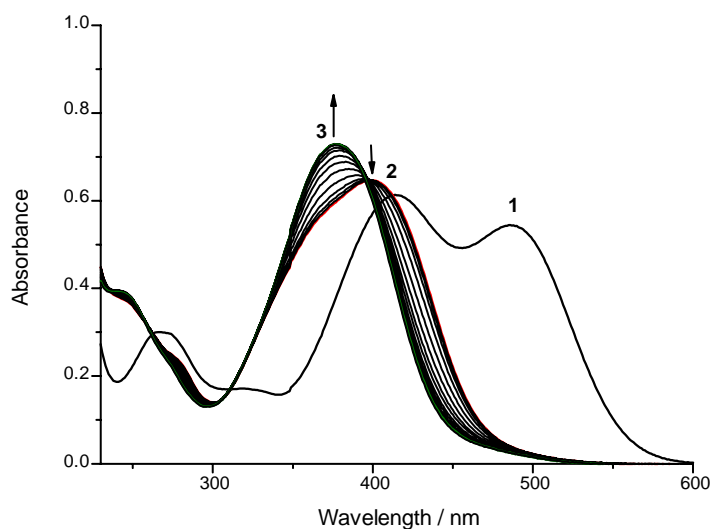


Figure S13. Spectrophotometric titration of complex $1 \cdot \text{Hg}^{2+}$ (2) with $\text{Na}(\text{ClO}_4)$ ($c_{\text{Hg}^{2+}} = 20 \mu\text{M}$, $c_{\text{Na}^+}/c_{1 \cdot \text{Hg}^{2+}} = 0-243$) in MeCN at 20°C , curve (1) shows the spectrum of initial dye **1**.

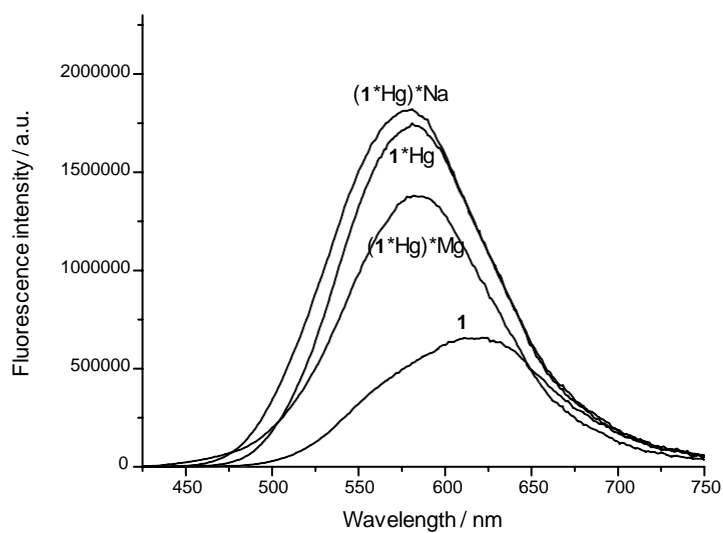


Figure S14. Fluorescence spectra of bis-chromophoric dye **1** (1), complex $1 \cdot \text{Hg}^{2+}$; complex $1 \cdot \text{Hg}^{2+} \cdot \text{Mg}^{2+}$, complex $1 \cdot \text{Hg}^{2+} \cdot \text{Na}^+$; $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 415 \text{ nm}$; $C_1 = 20 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\text{Hg}^{2+}} = 20 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\text{Mg}^{2+}} = 0.2 \text{ mM}$, $C_{\text{Na}^+} = 0.4 \text{ mM}$. MeCN, 20°C .