## **Supporting Information**

# Antibiotic-triggered reversible luminescence switching in aminegrafted mixed-linker MOF: exceptional turn-on and ultrafast nanomolar detection of sulfadiazine and adenosine monophosphate with molecular keypad lock functionality

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### 1. Materials and methods

All the reagents employed were commercially available (except *dpta*) and used as provided without further purification.  $Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ , Azobenzene-4,4'-dicarboxylic Acid (H<sub>2</sub>*azdc*), hydrazine monohydrate, 4-cyano pyridine were purchased from Sigma–Aldrich and TCI chemicals, respectively. All the solvents such as HPLC grade N, N'–dimethylformamide (DMF), dichloromethane (DCM), ethanol were procured from either Loba chemie Pvt. Ltd., India or S. D. Fine Chemicals., India. All the antibiotics, biophosphates, used in this study were purchased from TCI chemicals. Linker *dpta* was synthesized according to the reported literature procedure.<sup>1</sup> All spectroscopic and crystallographic studies are provided in the following sections.

*Caution!!!* Being hazardous in nature, all analytes should be handled carefully.

### 2. Physical measurements

The infrared spectra (IR) of the samples were recorded using the KBr pellet method on a Perkin–Elmer GX FTIR spectrometer in the region of 400–4000 cm-1. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) data were collected using a PANalytical Empyrean (PIXcel 3D detector) system equipped with Cu  $K_{\alpha}$  ( $\lambda$ =1.54 Å) radiation. Microanalyses of the compounds were conducted using elementar vario MICRO CUBE analyzer. Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) (heating rate of 5 °C/min under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere) were performed with a Mettler Toledo Star SW 8.10 system. Prior to all fluorescence experiments, as-synthesized compounds were immersed in dry DCM for 3 days at room temperature to replace lattice guest molecules. The solvent-exchanged frameworks were then degassed overnight under vacuum at 120 °C to generate **2a**. UV-Vis spectra recorded using Shimadzu UV-3101 PC spectrometer and the luminescence experiments were performed at room temperature using a Fluorolog Horiba Jobin Yvon spectrophotometer.

### **3.** X-ray structural studies

Single crystals with suitable dimensions were chosen under an optical microscope and mounted on a glass fibre for data collection. Intensity data for as synthesized orange block crystal of **CSMCRI-2** were collected using graphite-monochromated MoK $\alpha$  ( $\lambda$ =0.71073 Å) radiation on a Bruker SMART APEX diffractometer equipped with CCD area detector at 173 K, The linear absorption coefficients, scattering factors for the atoms, and the anomalous dispersion corrections were taken from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography. The data integration and reduction were performed with SAINT<sup>2</sup> software. Absorption corrections to the collected reflections were accounted with SADABS<sup>3</sup> using XPREP.<sup>4</sup> The structure was solved by direct method using SIR-97<sup>5</sup> and was refined on F2 by the full-matrix least-squares technique using the SHELXL-2014<sup>6</sup> program package. All H atoms were placed in calculated positions using idealized geometries (riding model) and assigned fixed isotropic displacement parameters using the SHELXL default. To give an account of disordered electron densities associated with solvent molecules, the "SQUEEZE" protocol in PLATON<sup>7</sup> was applied that produced a set of solvent free diffraction intensities. Final cycles of least-squares refinements improved both the R values and Goodness of Fit with the modified data set after subtracting the contribution from the disordered solvent molecules, using SQUEEZE program. The crystal and refinement data for CSMCRI-2 is listed in Table S1. Topological analysis was performed by using TOPOS software.8

#### 4. Synthesis of $[Zn_2(azdc)_2(dpta)]$ ·(DMF)<sub>4</sub> (CSMCRI-2)

A mixture of  $Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  (14.9 mg; 0.05 mmol), azobenzene-4,4'-dicarboxylic acid (H<sub>2</sub>*azdc*) (13.6 mg; 0.05 mmol), and *dpta* (12 mg; 0.05 mmol) was dissolved in 4 mL of DMF that was placed in a 15 mL tightly capped Teflon-lined glass vial and heated under autogenous pressure at 90 °C for 48 h. Block-shaped orange crystals were isolated in 62% yield. The crystals were washed with DMF and finally dried in air. The guest solvents in the as-synthesized crystals were exchanged with dichloromethane and degassed overnight under vacuum at 120 °C to generate a solvent-free framework [ $Zn_2(azdc)_2(dpta)$ ] (2a). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Zn<sub>2</sub> (2a): C, 53.06; H, 2.89; N, 15.47%. Found: C, 53.21; H, 3.03; N, 15.39%.



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**Figure S1.** (a) Asymmetric unit of **CSMCRI-2** b) View of the 2-D layer, with paddle-wheel SBUs. (c) Optical microscopic image of **CSMCRI-2**.



Figure S2. The topology of CSMCRI-2, showing 3 (1+2) interpenetrating nets.



Figure S3. Thermogravimetric analysis of as-made CSMCRI-2 (black) and after activation (2a) (red).



Figure S4. Variable temperature powder X-ray diffraction (VT-PXRD) patterns for CSMCRI-2.



Figure S5. FT-IR spectra (KBr pellets, cm<sup>-1</sup>) of CSMCRI-2.



**Figure S6.** a) Emission intensity of **2a** dispersed in various solvents. b) UV-Vis spectra of constituting ligands of **CSMCRI-2** and **2a**. c) Emission intensity of ligand  $H_2azdc$ , linker *dpta*, and **2a** (all dispersed in DMF).



**Figure S7.** A comparative plot that shows overall peformance of **2a** towards studied electronrich and electron-deficient antibiotics. Fluorescence quenching efficiency of **2a** (1 mg/ 2 mL DMF) for different antibiotics. Quenching efficiency of **2a** is calculated using equation ( $F_0 - F$ )/ $F_0 \times 100\%$ , where F and  $F_0$  denotes the emission intensities after and before the addition of studied analytes, respectively.



**Figure S8.** Emission spectra of **2a** upon incremental addition of nitrofurazone (NZF) solution (1 mM).



**Figure S9.** Emission spectra of **2a** upon incremental addition of nitrofurantoin (NFT) solution (1 mM).



**Figure S10.** Emission spectra of **2a** upon incremental addition of furazolidone (FZD) solution (1 mM).



**Figure S11.** Emission spectra of **2a** upon incremental addition of sulfadiazine (SDZ) solution (1 mM).



**Figure S12.** Emission spectra of **2a** upon incremental addition of sulfamethazine (SMZ) solution (1 mM).



**Figure S13.** Emission spectra of **2a** upon incremental addition of thiamphenicol (THI) solution (1 mM).



**Figure S14.** Emission spectra of **2a** upon incremental addition of metronidazole (MDZ) solution (1 mM).



**Figure S15.** Emission spectra of **2a** upon incremental addition of dimetridazole (DTZ) solution (1 mM).



Figure S16. Emission spectra of 2a upon incremental addition of ornidazole (ODZ) solution (1 mM).



**Figure S17.** Emission spectra of **2a** upon incremental addition of nitrofurantoin (NFT) solution (1 mM, 200 µL).



**Figure S18.** The upward curvature of the plot for SDZ (0-0.05 mM). Inset shows the linear portion of the plot at concentration range 0-0.02 mM.



**Figure S19.** Fluorescence enhancement coefficient (EC) determination plot of **2a**. The relative fluorescence intensity  $(F/F_0)$ -1 is linear with SDZ concentration in the range of 0–0.02 mM.



**Figure S20.** The curvature of the S–V plot for 0.5 mM NZF solution (total concentration 0– 0.05 mM). Inset shows the linear portion of the S–V plot at concentration range 0–0.02 mM.



**Figure S21.** Stern-Volmer (SV) plot for 0.5 mM NZF solution of **2a**. The relative fluorescence intensity ( $F_0/F$ )-1 is linear with NZF concentration in the range of 0–0.02 mM.



**Figure S22.** The curvature of the S–V plot for 0.5 mM NFT solution (total concentration 0– 0.05 mM). Inset shows the linear portion of the S–V plot at concentration range 0–0.035 mM.



**Figure S23.** Stern-Volmer (SV) plot for 0.5 mM NFT solution of **2a**. The relative fluorescence intensity ( $F_0/F$ )-1 is linear with NFT concentration in the range of 0–0.035 mM.



**Figure S24.** Stern-Volmer (SV) plot for 1 mM FZD solution of **2a**. The relative fluorescence intensity ( $F_0/F$ )-1 is linear with FZD concentration in the range of 0–0.02 mM.



**Figure S25.** Linear region of fluorescence intensity of **2a** upon addition of SDZ ( $0 - 100 \mu$ L, 10  $\mu$ M stock solution).



**Figure S26.** Linear region of fluorescence intensity of **2a** upon addition of NZF ( $0 - 100 \mu$ L, 10  $\mu$ M stock solution).



**Figure S27.** The plot of interference test, showing decrease in fluorescence intensities upon addition of different electron deficient antibiotics (1 mM, 100  $\mu$ L), followed by NZF (1 mM, 100  $\mu$ L) to **2a**.



**Figure S28.** The plot of interference test, showing increase in fluorescence intensities upon addition of different electron rich antibiotics (SMZ/THI) (1 mM, 100  $\mu$ L), followed by NZF (1 mM, 100  $\mu$ L) to **2a**.



**Figure S29.** Interference plot showing selective turn-on response for SDZ in presence of other electron deficient antibiotics shows turn-off response.



**Figure S30.** Change in fluorescence spectrum of **2a**, upon simultaneous addition of SDZ in presence of NZF (0  $\mu$ L -200  $\mu$ L, 50  $\mu$ L alternating addition of each analyte).



**Figure S31.** Change in fluorescence spectrum of **2a**, upon simultaneous addition of SDZ in presence of NFT (0  $\mu$ L -200  $\mu$ L, 50  $\mu$ L alternating addition of each analyte).



**Figure S32.** Change in fluorescence spectrum of **2a**, upon simultaneous addition of SDZ in presence of FZD (0  $\mu$ L -200  $\mu$ L, 50  $\mu$ L alternating addition of each analyte).



**Figure S33.** Change in fluorescence spectrum of **2a**, upon simultaneous addition of SDZ in presence of DTZ (0  $\mu$ L -200  $\mu$ L, 50  $\mu$ L alternating addition of each analyte).



**Figure S34.** Change in fluorescence spectrum of **2a**, upon simultaneous addition of SDZ in presence of MDZ (0  $\mu$ L -200  $\mu$ L, 50  $\mu$ L alternating addition of each analyte).



**Figure S35.** Change in fluorescence spectrum of **2a**, upon simultaneous addition of SDZ in presence of ODZ (0  $\mu$ L -200  $\mu$ L, 50  $\mu$ L alternating addition of each analyte).



**Figure S36.** Change in fluorescence spectrum of **2a**, upon simultaneous addition of SDZ in presence of SMZ (0  $\mu$ L -200  $\mu$ L, 50  $\mu$ L alternating addition of each analyte).



**Figure S37.** Change in fluorescence spectrum of **2a**, upon simultaneous addition of SDZ in presence of THI (0  $\mu$ L -200  $\mu$ L, 50  $\mu$ L alternating addition of each analyte).



**Figure S38.** Reproducibility of quenching efficiency of **2a** towards 1 mM NZF solution up to 5 cycles.



**Figure S39.** Reproducibility of enhancing efficiency of **2a** towards 1 mM SDZ solution up to 5 cycles.



**Figure S40.** PXRD curves of **2a** after five sensing recovery cycles for NZF (1 mM), showing that structural integrity of the framework is maintained.



**Figure S41.** PXRD curves of **2a** after five sensing recovery cycles for SDZ (1 mM), showing that structural integrity of the framework is maintained.



**Figure S42.** Comparison between Blank paper strip (top) and **2a** coated paper strip (bottom) for naked eye detection of NZF and SDZ under UV light (365 nm) corroborating that **2a** is necessary for fluorescence switching.



**Figure S43.** Emission spectra of **2a** upon incremental addition of adenosine diphosphate (ADP) solution (1 mM).



**Figure S44.** Emission spectra of **2a** upon incremental addition of adenosine triphosphate (ATP) solution (1 mM).



**Figure S45.** The upward curvature of the plot for 1 mM AMP solution (total concentration 0–0.1 mM, 0  $\mu$ L -200  $\mu$ L). Inset shows the linear portion of the S–V plot at concentration range 0–0.03 mM.



Figure S46. The nonlinear nature of the plot for 1 mM ADP solution (total concentration 0–0.1 mM, 0  $\mu$ L -200  $\mu$ L).



**Figure S47.** Fluorescence enhancement coefficient (EC) determination plot for of **2a**. The relative fluorescence intensity  $(F/F_0)$ -1 is linear with ADP concentration in the range of 0–0.03 mM.



**Figure S48.** Fluorescence enhancement coefficient (EC) determination plot for of **2a**. The relative fluorescence intensity  $(F/F_0)$ -1 is linear with ATP concentration in the range of 0–0.03 mM.



**Figure S49.** Linear region of fluorescence intensity of **2a** upon addition of  $(0 - 200 \,\mu\text{L}, 10 \,\mu\text{M}$  stock solution).



**Figure S50.** Change in fluorescence spectrum of **2a**, upon simultaneous addition of AMP in presence of ADP (0  $\mu$ L -400  $\mu$ L, 100  $\mu$ L alternating addition of each analyte).



**Figure S51.** Change in fluorescence spectrum of **2a**, upon simultaneous addition of AMP in presence of ATP (0  $\mu$ L -400  $\mu$ L, 100  $\mu$ L alternating addition of each analyte).



**Figure S52.** Reproducibility of enhancing efficiency of **2a** towards 1 mM AMP solution up to 5 cycles.



**Figure S53.** PXRD curves of **2a** after five sensing recovery cycles for AMP (1 mM), showing that structural integrity of the framework is maintained.



**Figure S54.** PXRD curves of **2a** in presence of HEPES buffer (pH=7.5), showing that structural integrity of the framework is maintained.



Figure S55. HOMO-LUMO energies for linker dpta along with all the studied antibiotics.



Figure S56. HOMO–LUMO energies for linker *dpta* along with all the studied biophosphates.



Figure S57. Schematic presentation of charge transfer pathway between 2a and selective analytes.



Figure S58. Spectral overlap between the absorption spectra of all the antibiotics and emission spectrum of 2a.



Figure S59. Absorption spectra of the studied biophosphates.

Table S1. Crystal data and refinement parameters

Identification code	CSMCRI-2
Empirical formula	$C_{52}H_{54}N_{14}O_{12}Zn_2$
Crystal color and shape	Orange block
Formula weight	1197.83
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Temperature/K	150.15
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	13.657(2)
b/Å	15.099(3)
c/Å	17.129(3)
α/°	69.483(2)
β/°	71.932(2)
γ/°	74.038(2)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	3089.6(9)
Ζ	2
$\rho_{calc}/g/cm^3$	1.288
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.843
F(000)	1240.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.4  imes 0.23  imes 0.1
Radiation	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
<b>20</b> range for data collection/°	2.614 to 56.252
Index ranges	$-18 \le h \le 17, -19 \le k \le 19, -22 \le l \le 22$
Reflections collected	24010
Independent reflections	13053 [ $R_{int} = 0.0341$ , $R_{sigma} = 0.0633$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	13053/0/738
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.061
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0652, wR_2 = 0.1780$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0876, wR_2 = 0.1887$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.86/-0.73

Table S2. Calculation of standard deviation of fluorescence intensity and limit of detection for 2a towards SDZ

Blank Readings (2a)	Fluorescence Intensity(CPS)		
Reading 1	729437		
Reading 2	705430		
Reading 3	673160		
Reading 4	669690		
Reading 5	643120		
Standard Deviation ( $\sigma$ )	33604		
Slope from Graph (K)	1.54 x 10 <sup>6</sup> μM <sup>-1</sup>		
Detection limit $(3\sigma/K)$	0.065 μM / <b>65nM</b>		
Limit of Detection (LOD)	0.05 ppm / <b>50 ppb</b>		

Blank Readings (2a)	Fluorescence Intensity(CPS)
Reading 1	729437
Reading 2	705430
Reading 3	673160
Reading 4	669690
Reading 5	643120
Standard Deviation ( $\sigma$ )	33604
Slope from Graph (K)	142914 μM <sup>-1</sup>
Detection limit $(3\sigma/K)$	0.7 µM
Limit of Detection (LOD)	0.63 ppm

**Table S3.** Calculation of standard deviation of fluorescence intensity and limit of detection for 2a towards NZF

**Table S4.** Calculation of standard deviation of fluorescence intensity and limit of detection for 2a towards AMP

Blank Readings (2a)	Fluorescence		
Diank Readings (2a)	Intensity(CPS)		
Reading 1	729437		
Reading 2	705430		
Reading 3	673160		
Reading 4	669690		
Reading 5	643120		
Standard Deviation ( $\sigma$ )	33604		
Slope from Graph (K)	9.96 x 10 <sup>6</sup> μM <sup>-1</sup>		
Detection limit $(3\sigma/K)$	0.010µM / <b>10nM</b>		
Limit of Detection (LOD)	0.009 ppm / <b>9 ppb</b>		

**Table S5.** HOMO and LUMO energy levels of different antibiotics calculated by density functional theory (DFT) at B3LYP/6-311++G\*\* accuracy level, using Gaussian 09 package of programs  $^{9}$ 

Analytes	HOMO (eV)	LUMO (eV)	Energy gap (eV)
NZF	-6.79	-3.14	3.65
NFT	-7.37	-3.66	3.71
FZD	-7.15	-3.49	3.66
MDZ	-7.34	-2.85	4.49
DTZ	-7.30	-2.76	4.54
ODZ	-7.32	-2.89	4.43
SMZ	-6.53	-1.17	5.36
SDZ	-6.59	-1.46	5.13
ТНІ	-7.70	-2.00	5.70
MOF constituting linker ( <i>dpta</i> )	-7.04	-2.32	4.72

**Table S6.** HOMO and LUMO energy levels of different biophosphates calculated by density functional theory (DFT) at B3LYP/6-311++G\*\* accuracy level, using Gaussian 09 package of programs

Analytes	HOMO (eV)	LUMO (eV)	Energy gap (eV)
AMP	-6.84	-1.53	5.31
ADP	-7.00	-1.69	5.31
ATP	-6.67	-1.40	5.27
MOF constituting linker	-7.04	-2.32	4.72
(dpta)			

**Table S7.** A comparison of enhancement in fold / enhancement constant, of variousluminescent MOFs used for detection of analytes in literature

SI. No.	MOF/Coordination polymer	Analyte used for sensing	Enhancement in fold/ enhancement constant	Ref.	
1.	PCN-222	Cu(II) ion	10 fold	Chem. Mater. 2016, 28, 6698–6704	
2.	{Cd <sub>3</sub> (L <sub>1</sub> )(bipy) <sub>2</sub> ·4DMA} <sub>n</sub>	Benzene	8 fold	Mater. Horiz., 2015, 2, 245– 251	
3.	Fe-MIL-88/H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Biothiols	5 fold	Analyst, 2015, 140, 8201– 8208	
4.	Zr(TBAPy)₅(TCPP)	H₂S gas	1.37× 10 <sup>4</sup> M <sup>−1</sup>	Small 2018, <i>14</i> , 1703822	
5.	1-N <sub>3</sub>	H₂S gas	16 fold	Sci. Rep., 2014, 4, 7053	
6.	[Eu <sub>2</sub> (L <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ]·3DMF	DMF Vapor	8 fold	Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2013, 52, 710 –713	
7.	[Co(OBA)-(DATZ) <sub>0.5</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)]	Al(III) ion	6.3 fold	Inorg. Chem. 2015, 54, 6373–6379	
8.	bio-MOF-1 ጋ DAAC	CN <sup>-</sup> ion	17 fold	Chem. Commun., 2017, 53, 12531256	
9.	CSMCRI-2	Sulfadiazine antibiotic	29.6 fold /7.06× 10 <sup>5</sup> M <sup>-1</sup>	This work	
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**Table S8**. A comparison of quenching constant, their LOD, of various luminescent MOFs used for detection of NZF

SI. No.	MOF	Quenching constant (M <sup>-1</sup> )	Limit of Detection	Medium Used	Ref.
1.	BUT-12 BUT-13	1.1×10 <sup>5</sup> 7.5×10 <sup>4</sup>	58 ppb 90 ppb	Water	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2016, 138, 6204–6216
2.	[Cd <sub>2</sub> (L <sub>1</sub> )(BPDC) <sub>2</sub> ]·DMF·9H <sub>2</sub> O	1.33×10⁵	60 ppb	DMF	J. Mater. Chem. A, 2017, 5, 15797– 15807
3.	{(Me <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> )[In(L <sub>2</sub> )]·2.5DEF} <sub>n</sub>	6.38 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	0.2 ppm	Water	Anal. Chem. 90, 3, 1516-1519
4.	[Zn <sub>4</sub> O(L <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	NA	0.1 ppm	Water	J. Mater. Chem. C, 2018, 6, 2983-2988
5.	[Mg <sub>2</sub> (L <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ]·5DMA·5H <sub>2</sub> O	9.0 × 104	108 ppb	DMF	Inorg. Chem., 2018, 57 (21), pp 13330– 13340
6.	[Zn <sub>3</sub> (L <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>1.5</sub> (L <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]·(DMF) <sub>5.9</sub> ·(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>1.05</sub>	8.75 × 104	0.8 ppm	DMF	ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces, 2019, 11 (9), pp 9042–9053
7.	CSMCRI-2	1.30 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	0.63 ppm	DMF	This work
$L_1$ : $L_1$ : $N^1$ -(4-(1 <i>H</i> -1,2,4-triazole-1-yl)benzyl)- $N^1$ -(2-aminoethyl)ethane-1,2-diamine, BPDC:					
biphenyl-4,4'-dicarboxylic acid, L2: 5-(2,6-bis(4-carboxyphenyl) pyridin-4-yl) isophthalic acid,					
$L_3$ : 4,4'-(1,2-diphenylethene-1,2-diyl)dibenzoic acid, $L_4$ : 4,4'-(4-aminopyridine-3,5-					
diyl)dibenzoic acid, $L_5$ : meso- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -di(4-pyridyl) glycol, $L_6$ : Azobenzene-4,4'-dicarboxylic Acid					

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