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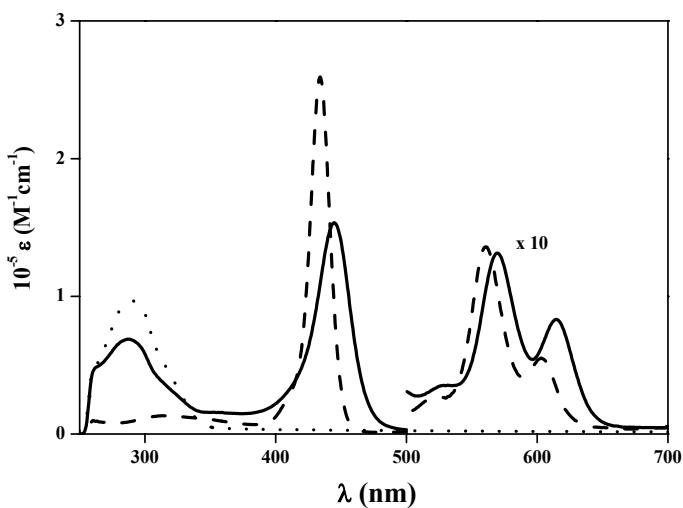
† Electronic supplementary information (ESI) available: Details of UV-visible spectroscopy; titrations of **L** with  $Zn^{2+}/Cd^{2+}$  ion by using absorption,  $^1H$  NMR, fluorescence spectroscopy and electrochemical methods.

### Electronic Supplementary Information

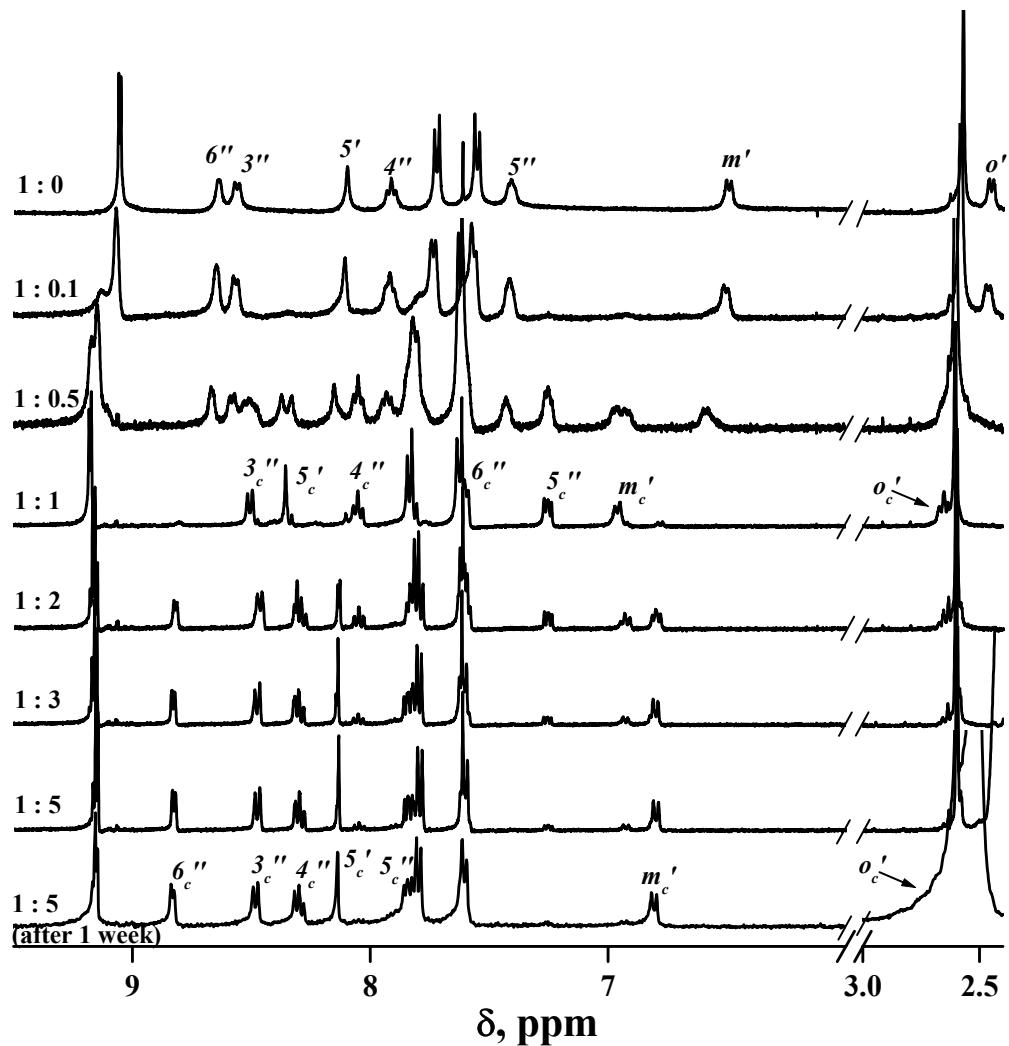
## Axial bis(terpyridoxy)phosphorus(V) porphyrin: Modulation of PET and EET by $Zn^{2+}$ or $Cd^{2+}$ ions

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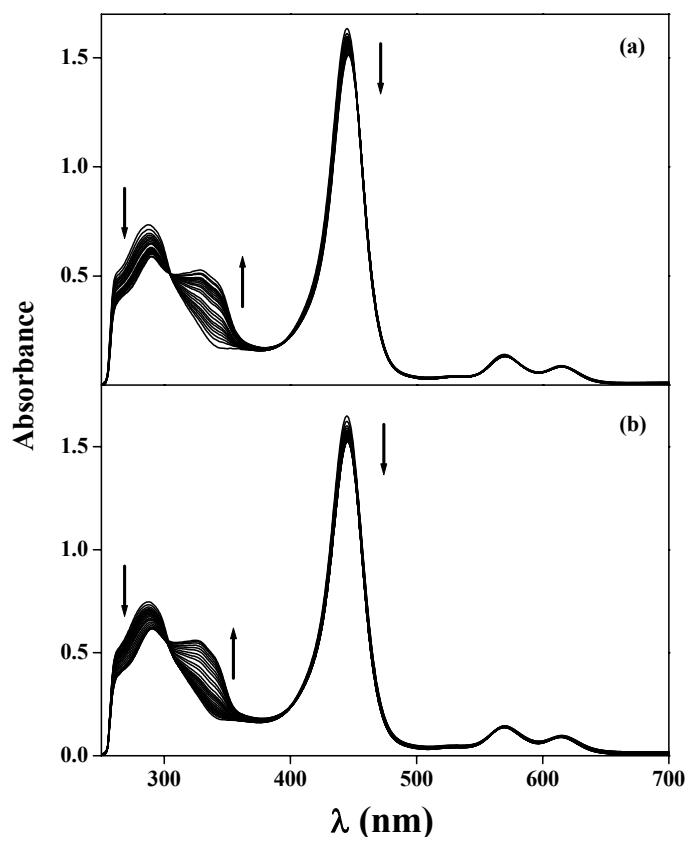
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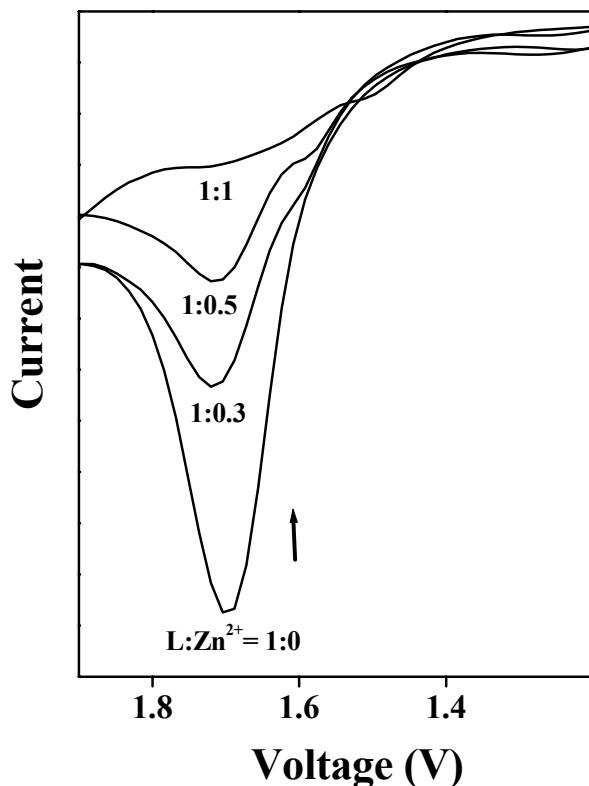
**Fig. S1** Absorption spectra of triad **L** (—) and its monomeric compounds  $[P(OH)_2]^+$  (- - -), OH-ptp (.....) in DMSO.



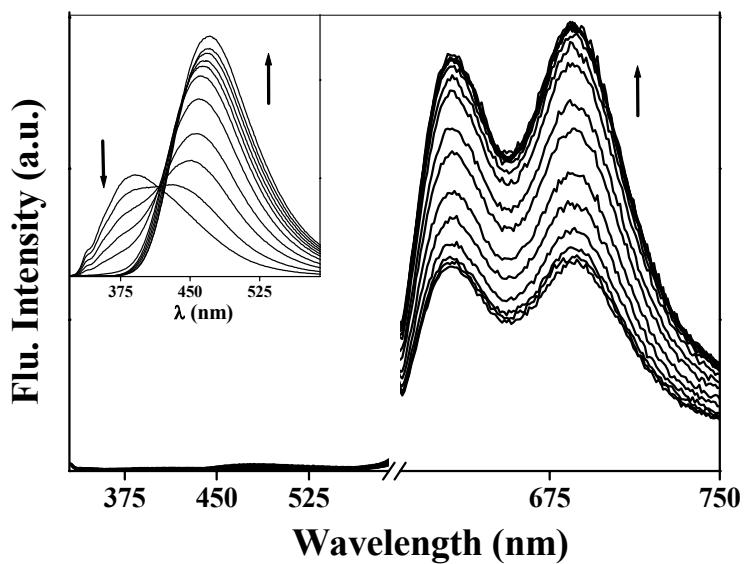
**Fig. S2**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR titration of **L** ( $3.66 \times 10^{-3}$  M) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  upon aliquot addition of  $\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$  ( $3.25 \times 10^{-2}$  M) with corresponding  $\text{L:Zn}^{2+}$  ratios. In last spectrum (1:5 ratio) singlet seen at 2.50 ppm is due to the solvent (400 MHz, 300 K).



**Fig. S3** UV-visible titration of **L** ( $1.066 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with  $1.23 \times 10^{-3}$  M of (a) **Zn(OAc)<sub>2</sub>** and (b) **Cd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>** in DMSO.



**Fig. S4** Differential pulse voltammetric titration of **L** ( $1.01 \times 10^{-3}$  M) with **Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>** ( $1.62 \times 10^{-2}$  M) in 0.1 M TBAP CH<sub>3</sub>CN (scan rate = 100 mV/sec).



**Fig. S5** Fluorescence titration of **L** ( $6.08 \times 10^{-6}$  M) with **Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>** ( $1.27 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN excitation at isosbestic point ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 300$  nm). The inset shows a fluorescence titration of **OMe-ptp** ( $6.2 \times 10^{-6}$  M) with **Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>** ( $1.3 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 300$  nm.