## **Supporting Informations for**

# Zn<sup>2+</sup>-Induced Conformational Changes in a Binaphthyl-Pyrene Derivative Monitored by Using Fluorescence and CD Spectroscopy

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### Synthetic Scheme :



#### Synthesis of compound 1 :

Compound  $2^{1}$  (0.300 g, 4.11 mmol), Pyrene methylamine hydrochloride (0.242 g, 0.90 mmol) and triethylamine (0.125 g, 1.23 mmol) were dissolved in a co-solvent of absolute ethanol (25 mL) and methylene chloride (5 mL). The mixture was degassed with nitrogen and then heated under reflux for five hours. After cooled to room temperature, the precipitate was separated and washed with ethanol (ice cold) several times to afford the desired product **1**.

MP :  $205 {}^{0}C$ , Yield : 80%

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 250 MHz) : δ (ppm): 13.17 (s, 2H), 8.28 (s, 2H), 8.03 (d, 2H, *J*=7.32), 7.97-7.91(m, 4H), 7.87-7.78 (m, 12H), 7.66-7.57 (m, 6H), 7.29-7.13 (m, 14H), 6.56 (s, 3H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 5.17 (q, 4H), 4.70 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 62.9 MHz) : δ (ppm): 165.67, 154.64, 154.23, 137.22, 135.53, 133.93, 133.36, 131.14, 130.86, 130.78, 130.63, 129.57, 128.81, 128.69, 128.16, 128.00, 127.34, 127.27, 126.83, 126.57, 125.93, 125.60, 125.34, 125.21, 125.06, 124.82, 124.71, 124.57, 123.85, 123.25, 122.79, 120.98, 119.96, 117.43, 115.96, 70.93, 60.64.FAB-MS m/z= 1157.4326 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>84</sub>H<sub>56</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>=1156.4240.

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz) spectrum of compound 1.



Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.9 MHz) spectrum of compound 1.



Figure S3. Fab mass of compound 1.



**Figure S4**: Fluorescence at 559 nm of **1** and  $Zn^{2+}$  in DMSO-HEPES buffer (0.02 M, pH = 7.4) (9:1, v/v) with a total concentration of  $[1] + [Zn^{2+}] = 100\mu$ M, indicating a 2:1 metal-ligand ratio of the complexation between **1** and  $Zn^{2+}$ .



**Figure S5**: Normalized fluorescene response of **1** (0.1  $\mu$ M) to changing Zn<sup>2+</sup> concentrations in DMSO-HEPES buffer (0.02 M, pH = 7.4) (9:1, v/v)



**Figure S6.** Reversible responses of **1** to  $Zn^{2+}$  in DMSO-HEPES buffer (0.02 M, pH = 7.4) (9:1, v/v): (a) 10  $\mu$ M **1**; (b) 10  $\mu$ M **1** with 100  $\mu$ M  $Zn^{2+}$ ; (c) 10  $\mu$ M **1** with 100  $\mu$ M  $Zn^{2+}$  and then addition of 20  $\mu$ M EDTA (sodium salt); (d) 10  $\mu$ M **1** with 100  $\mu$ M  $Zn^{2+}$ , 20  $\mu$ M EDTA and then addition of 200  $\mu$ M  $Zn^{2+}$ .



**Figure S7.** Fluorescent changes at 545 nm of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) with 10 equiv. of Zn<sup>2+</sup> between pH 6 and 8 in DMSO-HEPES (9:1, v/v).



**Figure S8.** Absorbance titrations of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) with Zn<sup>2+</sup> in DMSO-HEPES buffer(0.02 M, pH= 7.4) (9:1, v/v).(inside: digital photographs of the **1** solution (10  $\mu$ M) in the presence of Zn<sup>2+</sup> (100  $\mu$ M). Solvent: DMSO-HEPES (pH 7.4, 9:1, v/v))

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**Figure S9**. Calculated CD spectra as a function of the dihedral angle  $\theta$  (Ca-Cb-Cb'-Ca') of **1** and after attachment of Zn<sup>2+</sup> ions.





Figure S11. Calculated frontier orbital energy diagrams and electron transfer processes in 1 (a) and  $1+(Zn^{2+})_2$  (b) induced by light absorption