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Assembly of a Zn(II) coordination polymer of tetrapyridyl tetraene ligands for selective sensing of CrO_4^{2-} and Fe^{3+} in water via luminescence quenching and enhancement

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