

Visible light sensing of ions by a cyanoquinoxaline 1,4-dioxide-based probe and its applications

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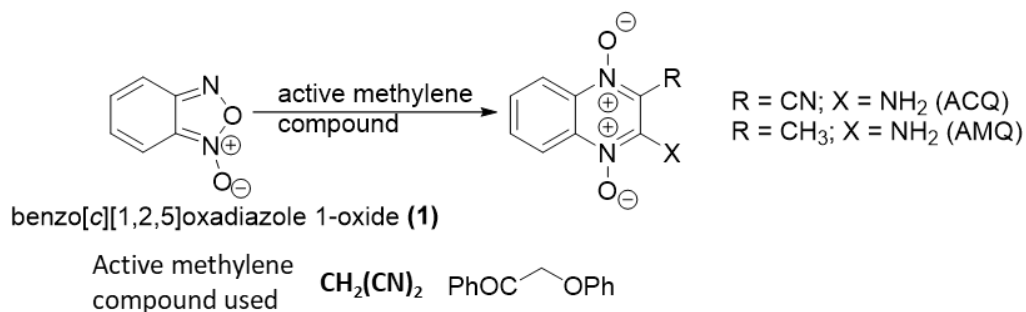
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Procedure for the synthesis of ACQ/AMQ



Preparation of ACQ: Malononitrile (1.5 equiv.) was added to a stirred solution of compound **1** (100 mg, 0.73 mmol) [ESI] and triethylamine (3.0 equiv.) in DMF (1 ml). The resulting mixture was then left to stir; on completion of the reaction, as indicated by the TLC, the red precipitate formed was filtered. The resulting solid was washed successively with water and ethyl acetate and dried over the vacuum. Mp: 252-253.2 °C (Lit. Mp: 238-240 °C).^[a] Yield: 90 %. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.31 - 8.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (s, 2H), 7.94 - 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.68 - 7.64 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 146.3, 137.2, 134.6, 132.1, 128.0, 120.1, 118.4, 111.0, 109.1. HRMS-ESI (+) *m/z*: Calcd for C₉H₇N₄O₂⁻ [M+H⁺], 203.0574; found, 203.0538.

Preparation of AMQ: 1-Phenoxypropan-2-one (1.1 equiv.) was added to a stirred solution of compound **1** (182 mg, 1.21 mmol) in methanol (5 ml). Ammonia was then purged in the reaction mixture with continuous stirring for 4 hours. On completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting yellow solid was subsequently washed with diethyl ether and dried. Mp: 192-194 °C. Yield: 72.2 %. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.235 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 7.82(t, *J* = 8Hz, 1H) 7.62 (t, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 144.9, 134.4, 132.8, 132.1, 131.4, 127.4, 119.6, 117.5, 12.9. HRMS-ESI (+) *m/z*: Calcd for C₉H₁₀N₃O₂⁻ [M+H⁺], 192.0779; found, 192.0753.

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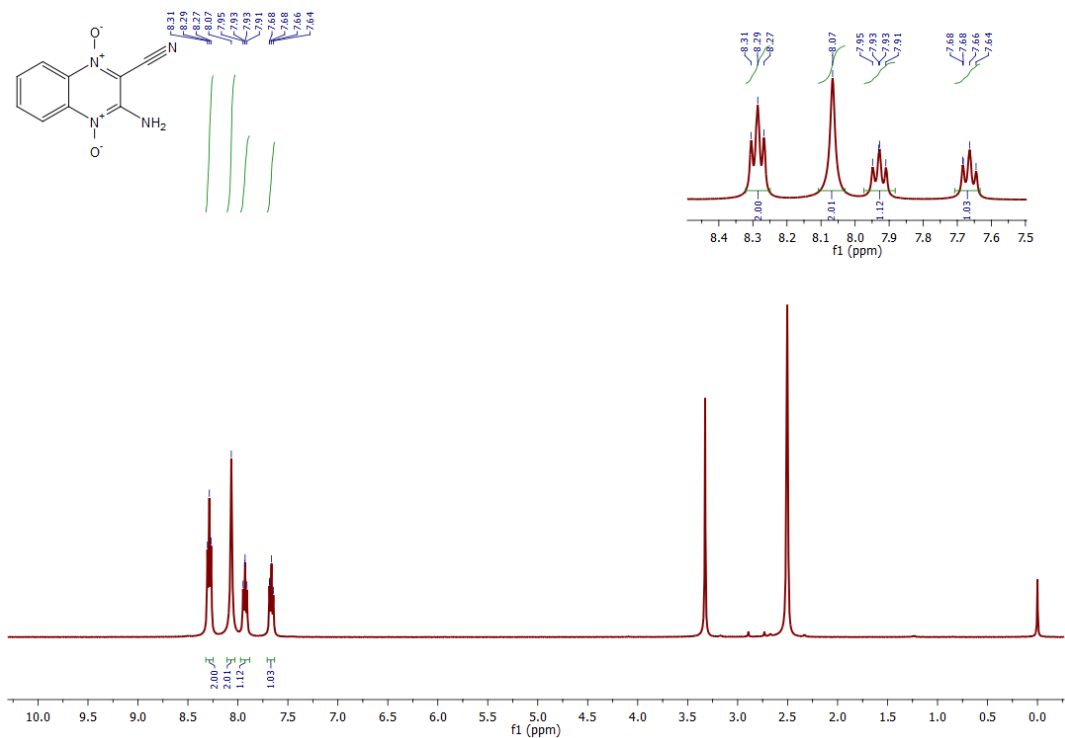


Fig. S1(a) ^1H NMR spectrum of ACQ

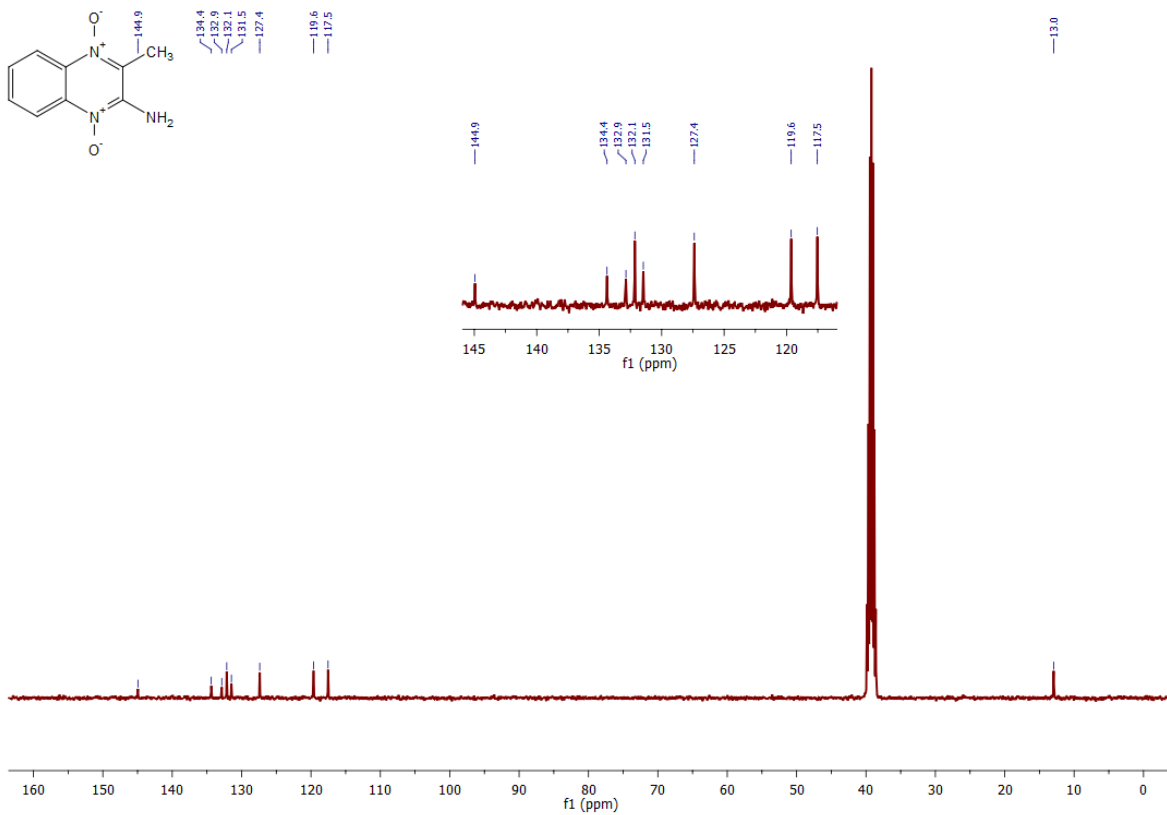


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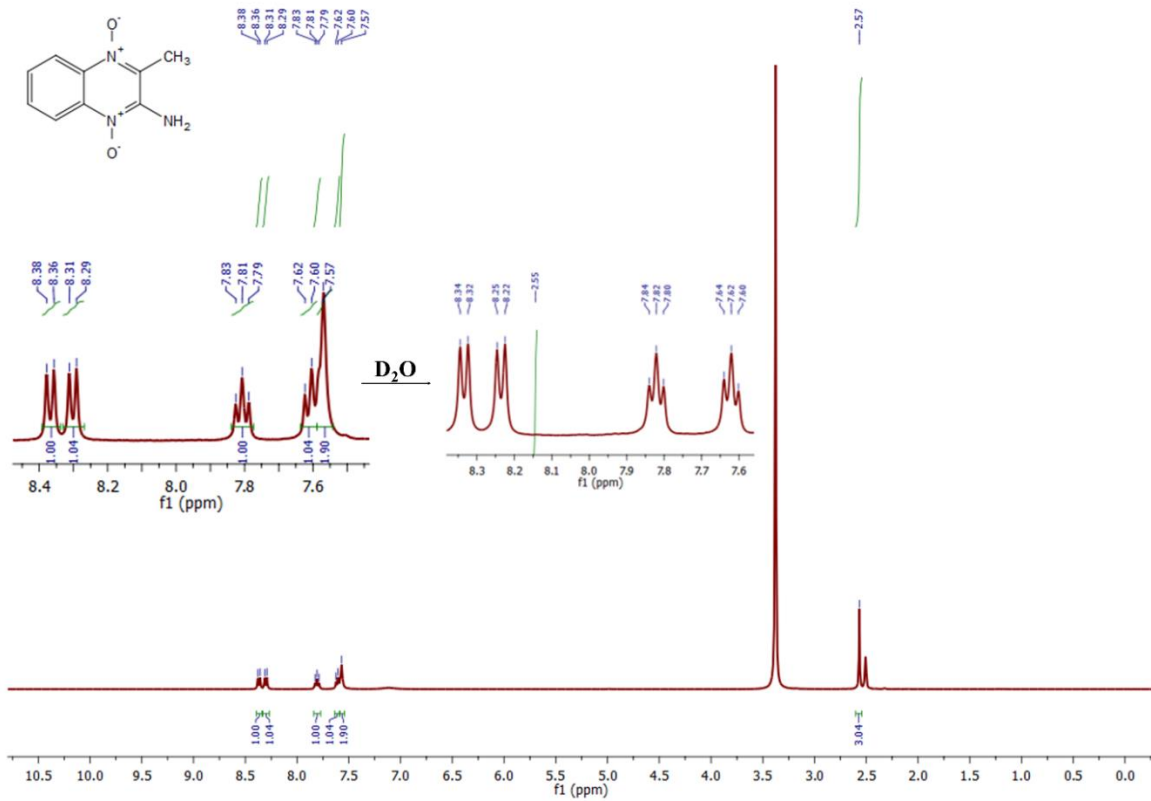


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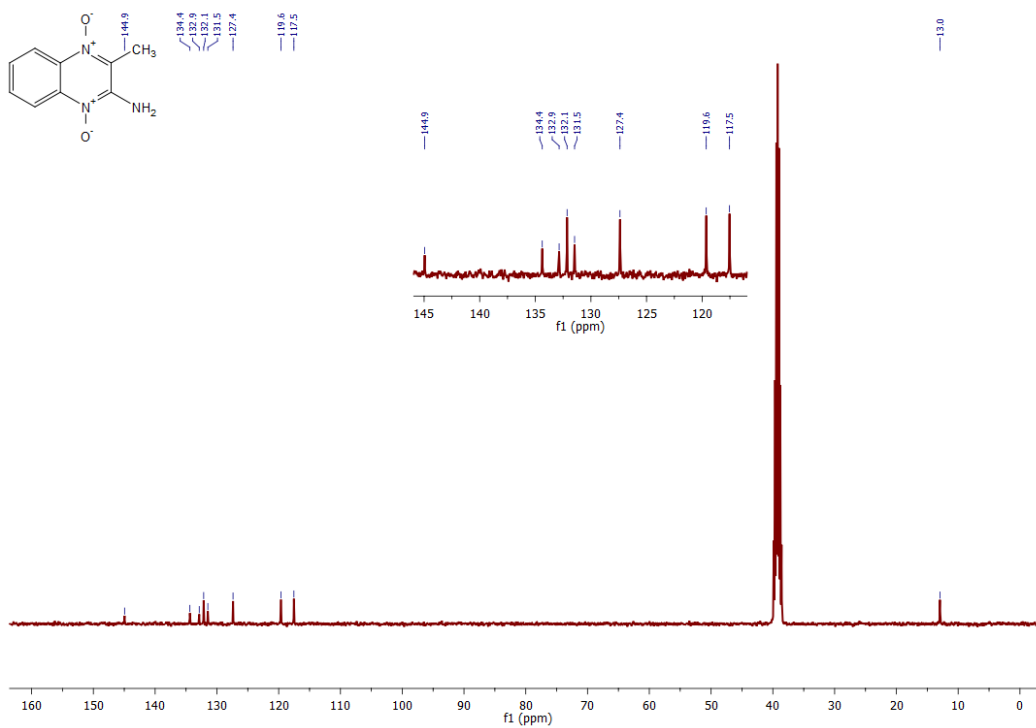


Fig. S2(b) ¹³C NMR spectrum of AMQ

Table. S1 Relative Quantum yield calculation in different solvents

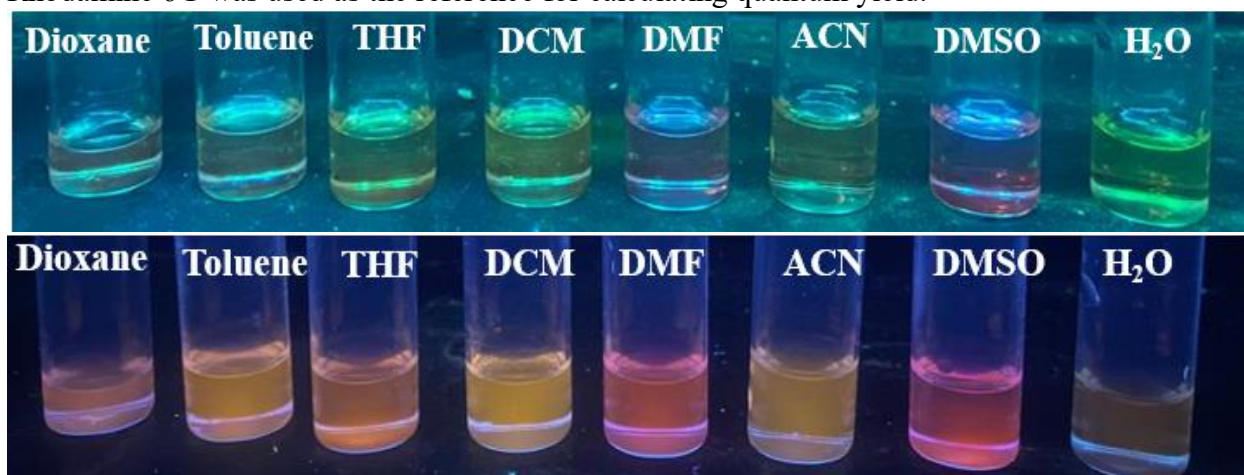
SOLVENT	Dielectric constant (ϵ)	ACQ λ_{abs} (nm)	ACQ λ_{em} (nm)	Stokes shift (nm)	R_D	ϕ_F
Dioxane	2.3	497	574	77	1.422	0.176
Toluene	2.4	499	570	71	1.4969	0.5206
THF	7.5	507	573	66	1.407	0.8104
DCM	9.1	492	566	74	1.424	0.345
DMF	37	506	586	80	1.430	0.123
ACN	38	498	563	65	1.3441	0.238
DMSO	46.68	505	598	93	1.4793	0.4869
H ₂ O	80	470	577	107	1.333	0.0082

The following equation was used for calculating quantum yield,

$$\Phi_S = \frac{\text{Abs}_R}{\text{Abs}_S} \times \frac{\text{Area}_S}{\text{Area}_R} \times \frac{n_S}{n_R} \times \Phi_R$$

where subscripts S and R refer to the samples and reference respectively. Abs, Area and n are the absorbance at the excitation wavelength, area under the fluorescence spectrum and refractive index of the solvent respectively.

Rhodamine 6G was used as the reference for calculating quantum yield.

**Fig. S3.** Photographs under 234 nm and 365 nm for ACQ in different solvents (10 μM)

Calculation of Molar Absorptivity of ACQ

According to Beer-Lambert's Law $A = \epsilon Cl$

- A= Absorbance
- C= Molar Concentration (mol L^{-1})
- L=Optical path length (cm)

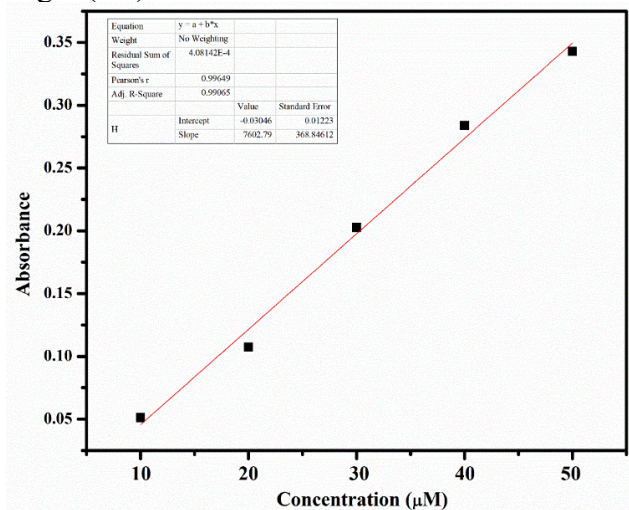


Fig S4. Absorbance versus Concentration plot obtained by varying concentration of ACQ in DMSO from 10 μM – 50 μM . From the value of slope $\epsilon = 7602.79 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Table S2. Salts used for screening anions against ACQ alongside the solvents and concentration, for preparing stock solutions.

S.No.	Anion	Salt	Solvent	Concentration
1.	F^-	Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF)	DMSO	0.01 M
2.	Cl^-	Tetrabutylammonium chloride (TBACl)	DMSO	0.01 M
3.	Br^-	Tetrabutylammonium bromide (TBAB)	DMSO	0.01 M
4.	I^-	Tetrabutylammonium Iodide (TBAI)	DMSO	0.01 M
5.	OAc^-	Tetrabutylammonium acetate (TBAOAc)	DMSO	0.01 M
6.	H_2PO_4^-	Tetrabutylammonium dihydrogen phosphate (TBAH_2PO_4)	DMSO	0.01 M
7.	HSO_4^-	Tetrabutylammonium hydrogensulfate (TBAHSO_4)	DMSO	0.01 M
8.	HPO_4^{2-}	Disodium hydrogen phosphate (Na_2HPO_4)	DMSO	0.01 M
9.	SCN^-	Ammonium thiocyanate (NH_4SCN)	H_2O	0.01 M
10.	N_3^-	Sodium azide (NaN_3)	H_2O	0.01 M

Table S3. Salts used for screening cations against ACQ alongside the solvents and concentration, for preparing stock solutions.

S.No.	Cation	Salt	Solvent	Concentration
1.	Ag ⁺	Silver nitrate (AgNO ₃)	H ₂ O	1M
2.	Au ³⁺	Gold (III) chloride trihydrate (HAuCl ₄ · 3H ₂ O)	H ₂ O	0.01 M
3.	Al ³⁺	Aluminum sulfate octa decahydrate (Al ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ · 18H ₂ O)	H ₂ O	0.01 M
4.	Ba ²⁺	Dichlorobarium dihydrate (BaCl ₂ · 2H ₂ O)	H ₂ O	1M
5.	Ca ²⁺	Calcium chloride (CaCl ₂)	H ₂ O	1M
6.	Cd ²⁺	Cadmium chloride (CdCl ₂)	H ₂ O	1M
7.	Co ²⁺	Cobalt chloride (CoCl ₂)	H ₂ O	1M
8.	Cu ⁺	Copper bromide (CuBr)	ACN	1M
9.	Cu ²⁺	Copper sulfate pentahydrate (CuSO ₄ · 5H ₂ O)	H ₂ O	1M
10.	Fe ²⁺	Iron (II) chloride tetrahydrate (FeCl ₂ · 4H ₂ O)	H ₂ O	0.01 M
11.	Fe ³⁺	Ferric chloride (FeCl ₃)	EtOH	0.01 M
12.	Hg ²⁺	Mercury (II) chloride (HgCl ₂)	H ₂ O: EtOH (1:1)	0.01 M
13.	K ⁺	Potassium chloride (KCl)	H ₂ O	1M
14.	Mg ²⁺	Magnesium dichloride hexahydrate (MgCl ₂ .6H ₂ O)	H ₂ O	1M
15.	Mn ²⁺	Manganese (II) Chloride Dihydrate (MnCl ₂ .2H ₂ O)	H ₂ O	1M
16.	Na ⁺	Sodium Chloride (NaCl)	H ₂ O	1M
17.	Ni ²⁺	Nickel (II) chloride hexahydrate (NiCl ₂ .6H ₂ O)	H ₂ O	1M
18.	Pb ²⁺	Lead (II) nitrate (Pb(NO ₃) ₂)	H ₂ O	1M
19.	Pd ²⁺	Palladium (II) acetate (Pd(ac) ₂)	ACN	0.01 M
20.	Pt ⁴⁺	Chloroplatinic acid hexahydrate (H ₂ PtCl ₆ · 6H ₂ O)	H ₂ O	0.01 M
21.	Sn ²⁺	Stannous chloride dihydrate (SnCl ₂ .2H ₂ O)	H ₂ O	0.01 M
22.	V ³⁺	Vanadium (III) Chloride (VCl ₃)	H ₂ O	0.01 M
23.	Zn ²⁺	Zinc acetate (Zn(ac) ₂)	H ₂ O	1M

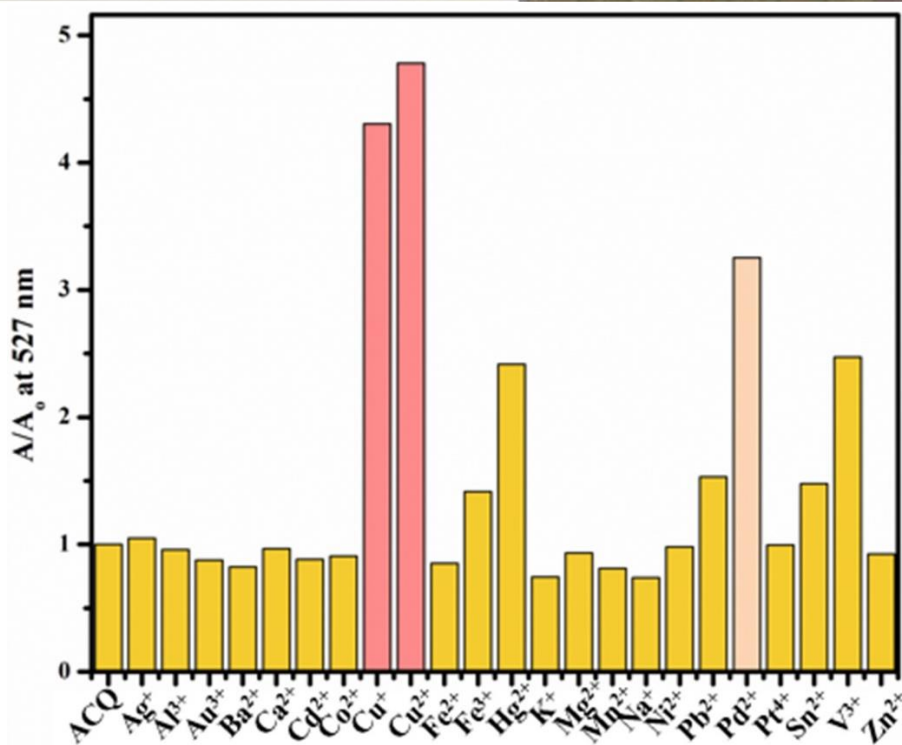
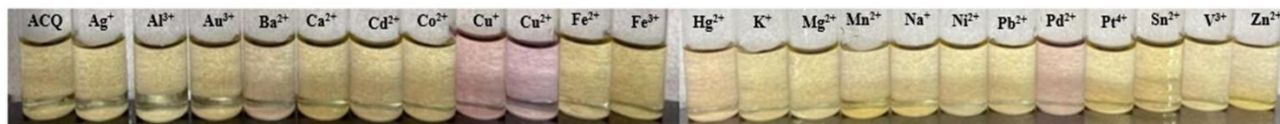


Fig. S5. Bar graph (at 527 nm) of ACQ (50 μ M) in the presence of various cations (1mM) in H₂O.

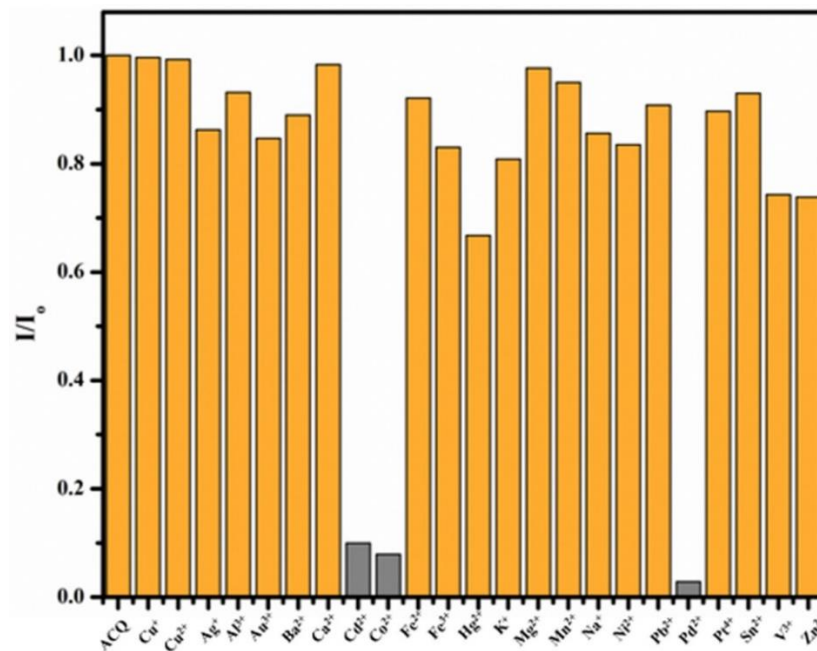


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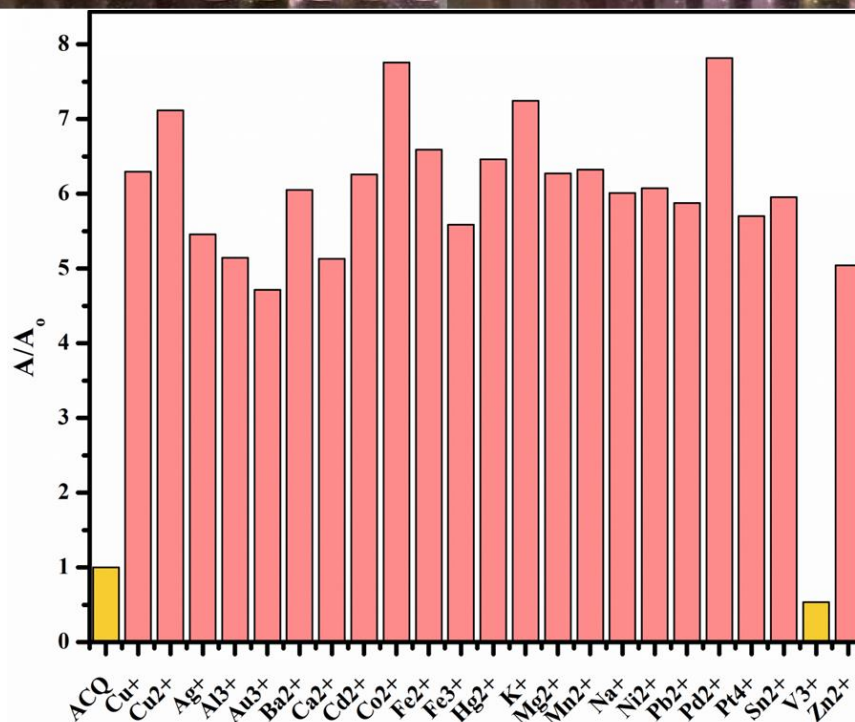
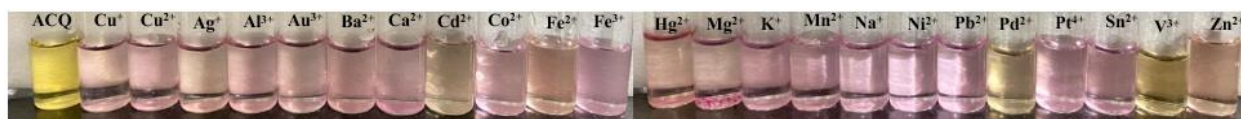


Fig. S7. UV-vis spectra of ACQ (50 μM) in the presence of various competing cations (1 mM) in the presence of Cu^{2+} (50 μM)

- **Interfering Cation: V^{3+}**

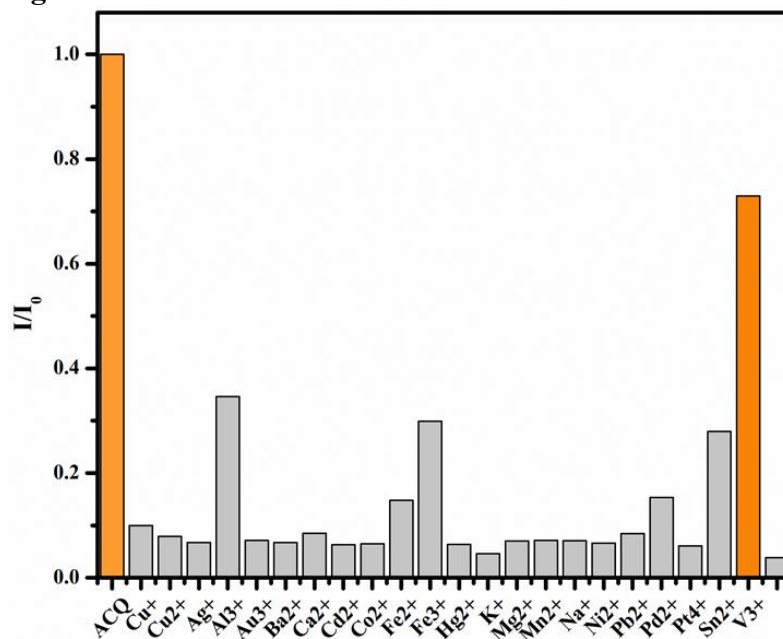


Fig. S8. Intensity of ACQ (50 μM) in the presence of various competing cations (1 mM) in the presence of Cu^{2+} (50 μM)

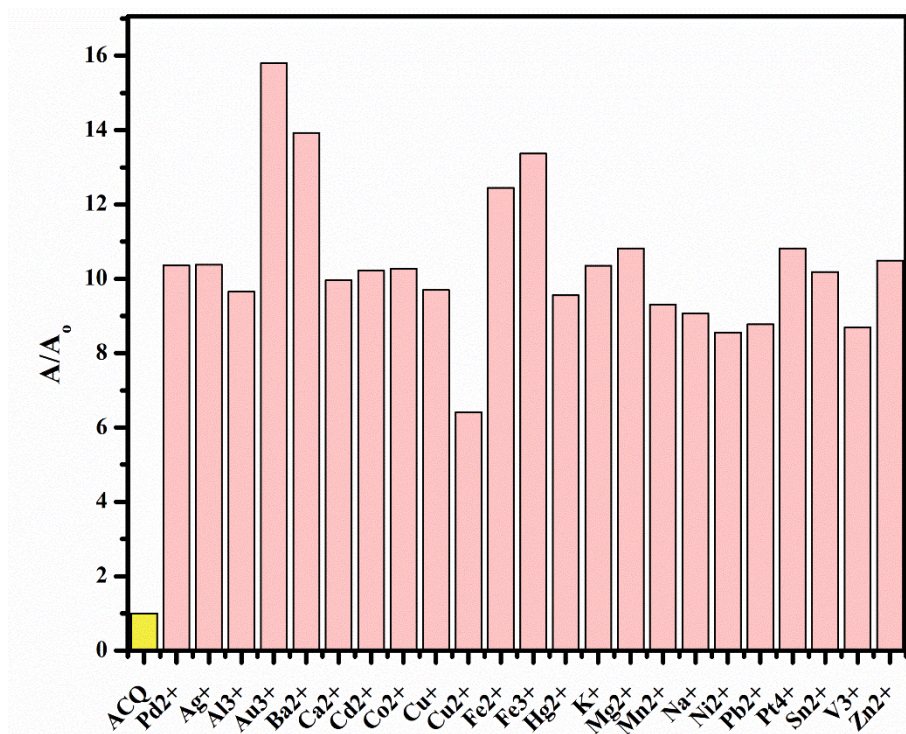


Fig. S9 UV-vis spectra of ACQ (50 μM) in the presence of various competing cations (1 mM) in the presence of Pd^{2+} (200 μM)

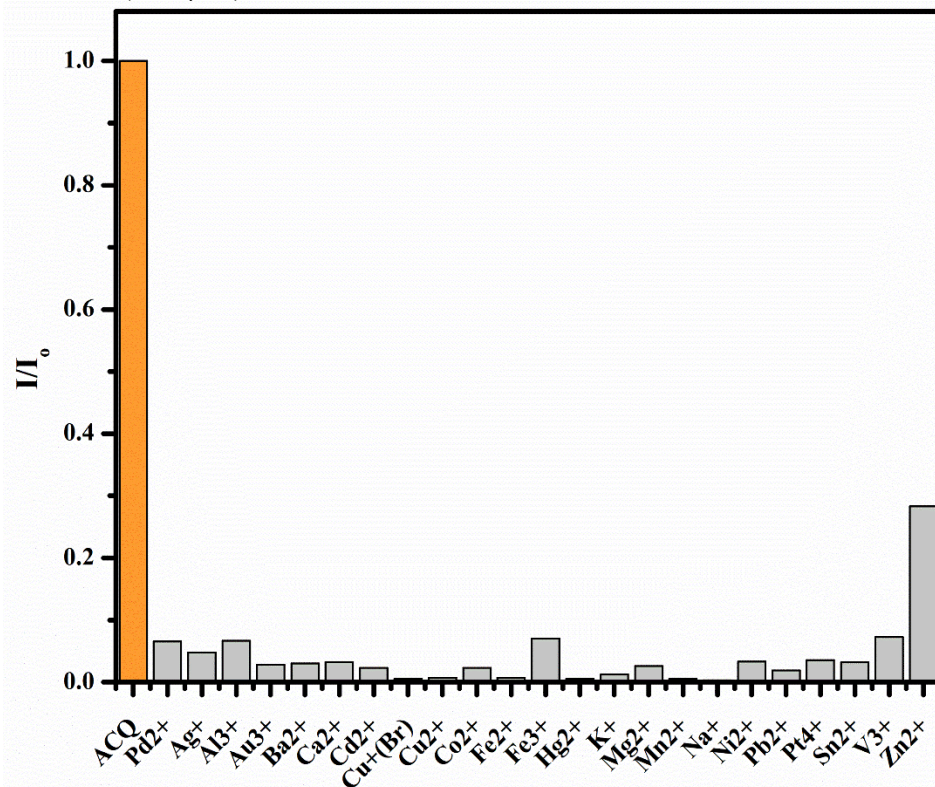


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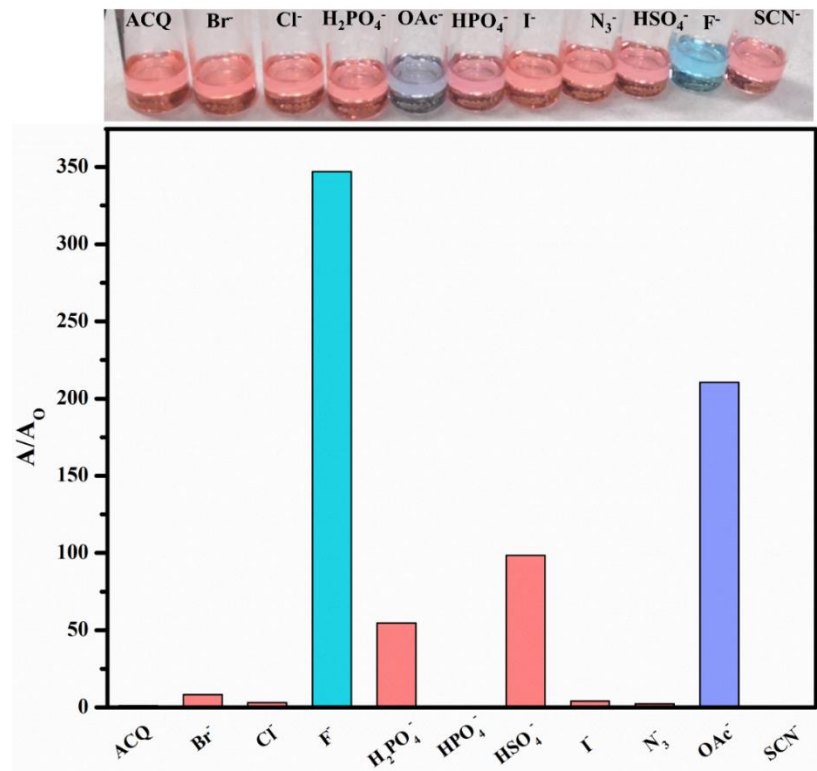


Fig. S11 Bar graph (at 656nm) of ACQ (10 μ M) in the presence of various anions (50 μ M) in DMSO.

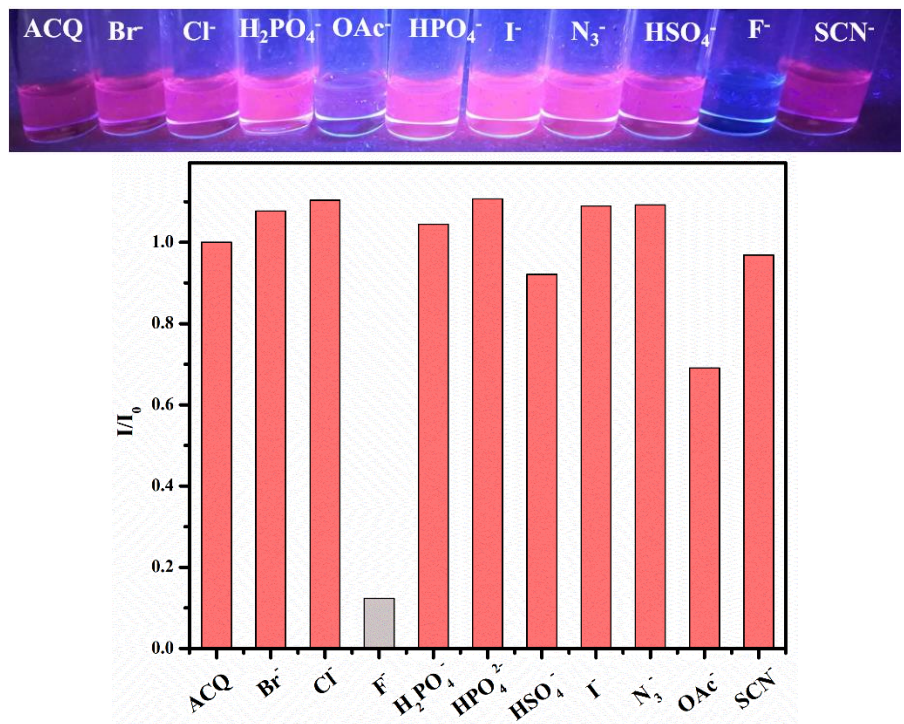


Fig. S12. Bar graph (at 598 nm) of ACQ (10 μ M) in the presence of various anions (50 μ M) in DMSO. [Side entrance slit: 1.5 nm bandpass; side exit slit: 1.5 nm bandpass]

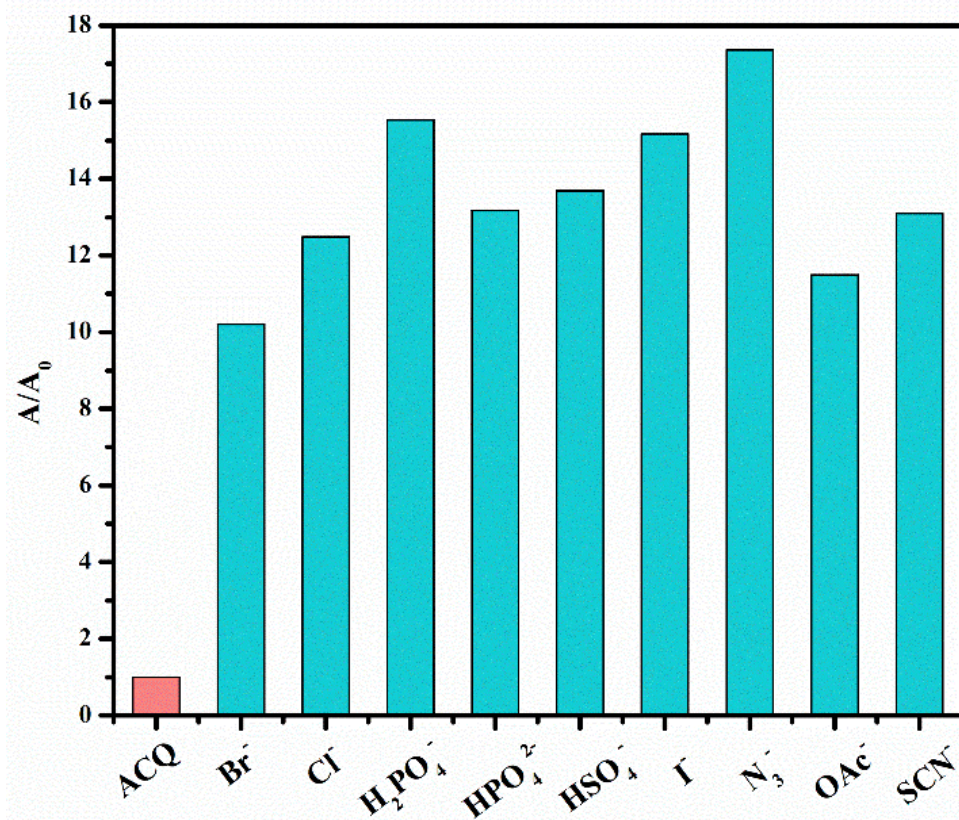


Fig. S13 UV-vis spectra of ACQ (10 μM) in the presence of various competing anions (50 μM) in the presence of F^- (50 μM)

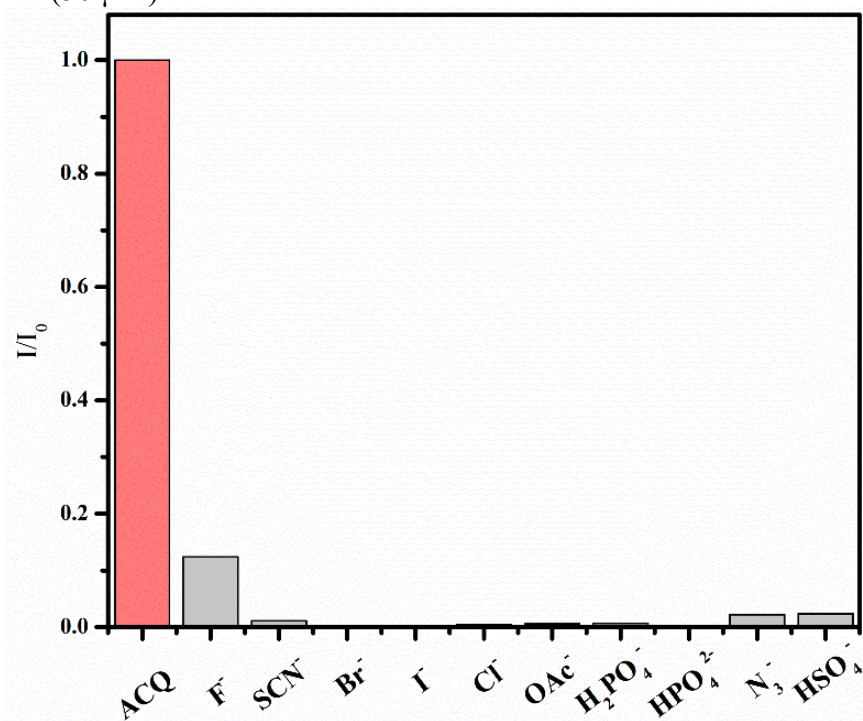


Fig. S14 Intensity of ACQ (10 μM) in the presence of various competing anions (50 μM) in the presence of F^- (50 μM).

1. General procedure for determining binding Stoichiometry of ACQ with Cu²⁺/Pd²⁺/F⁻ from Jobs plot:

- Stock solution of same concentration of ACQ and analytes (Cu²⁺, Pd²⁺ and F⁻) were prepared in the orders 50 μM and 100 μM (in H₂O for Cu²⁺ and Pd²⁺ respectively) and 10 μM (in DMSO for F⁻).
- The absorption spectrum in each case by varying the mole fractions (but keeping the volume constant) was recorded.
- Job plots were obtained by plotting absorbance variation value at λ_{max} (527 nm for Cu²⁺ & Pd²⁺ and 656 nm for F⁻) versus mole fraction of Cu²⁺, Pd²⁺ and F⁻.
- The maximum value of absorbance was obtained at a mole fraction of X from which the binding ratio of analyte (a) to ACQ (l) is determined as

$$\frac{a}{l} = \frac{X}{1 - X}$$

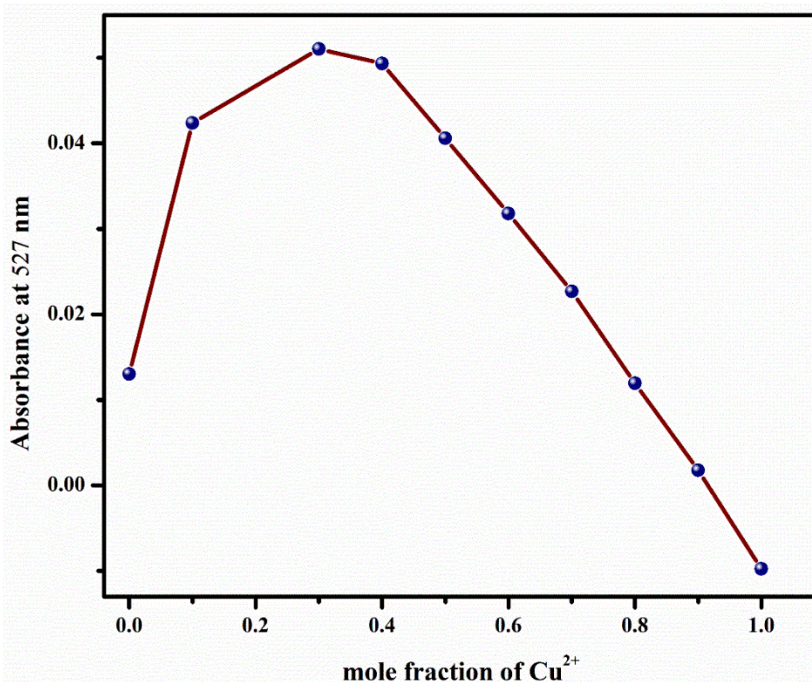


Fig. S15 Absorbance variation value at 527 nm versus Cu²⁺ mole fraction, and the maximum value of absorbance was obtained at a mole fraction of 0.3, indicating a 1:2 (a:l) stoichiometry for the complex between Cu²⁺ and ACQ.

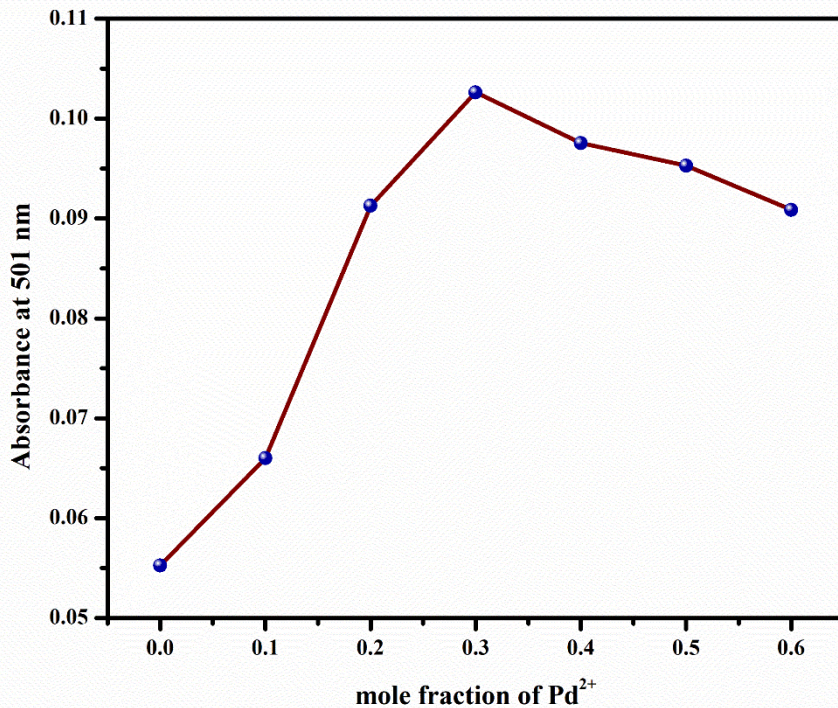


Fig. S16 Absorbance variation value at 527 nm versus Pd²⁺ mole fraction and the maximum value of absorbance was obtained at a mole fraction of 0.3, indicating a 1:2 (a:l) stoichiometry for the complex between Pd²⁺ and ACQ.

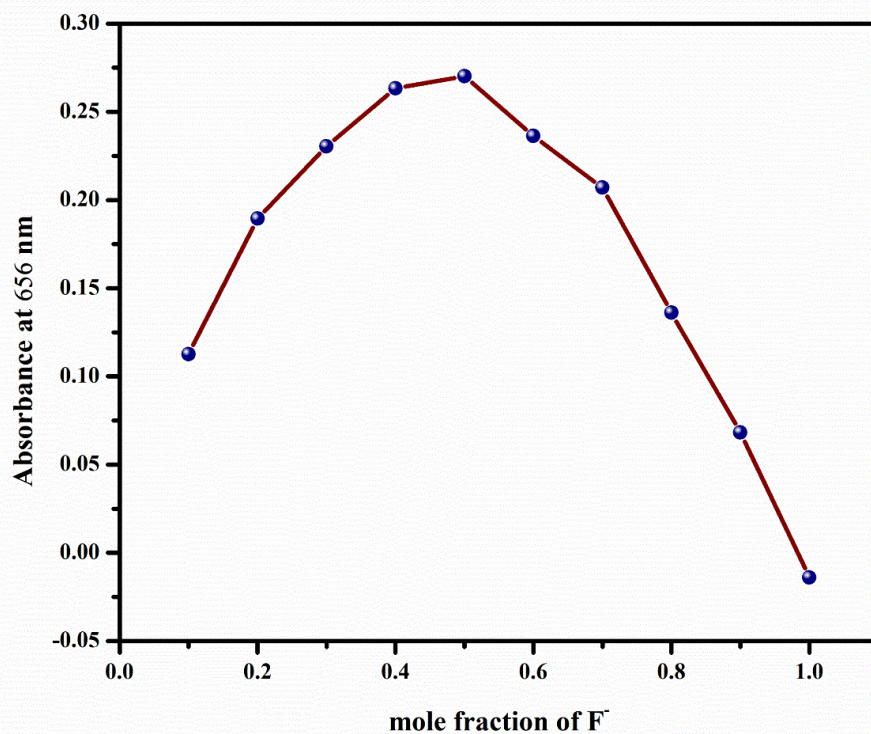


Fig. S17 Absorbance variation value at 656 nm versus F⁻ mole fraction, and the maximum value of absorbance was obtained at a mole fraction of 0.5, indicating a 1:1 (a: l) stoichiometry for the complex between F⁻ and ACQ.

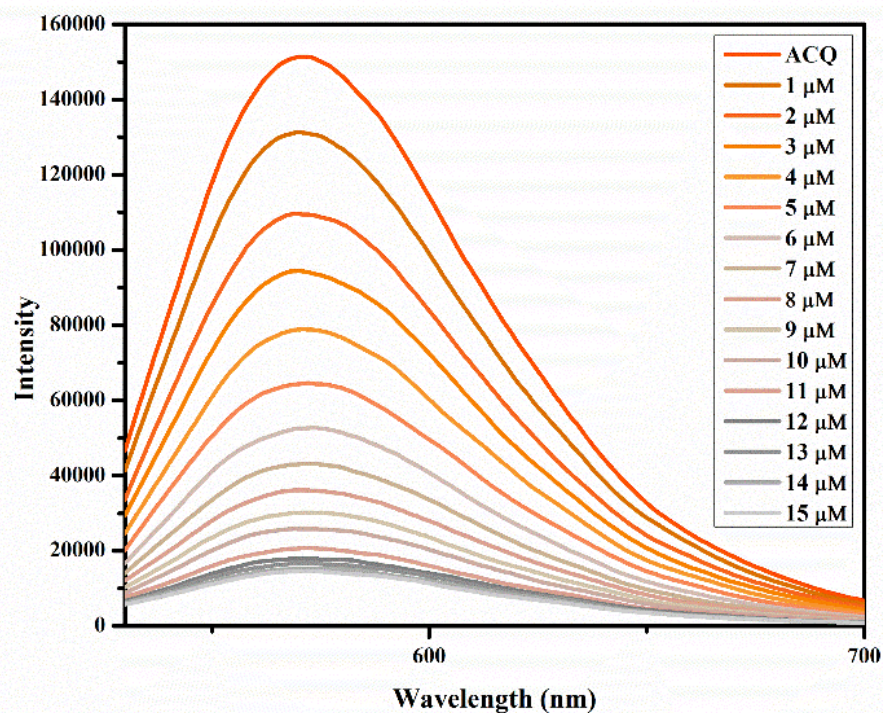


Fig. S18. Fluorescence emission spectra (at 577 nm) of ACQ (50 μM) with the addition of various concentrations of Cu²⁺ (0-15 μM) in H₂O respectively

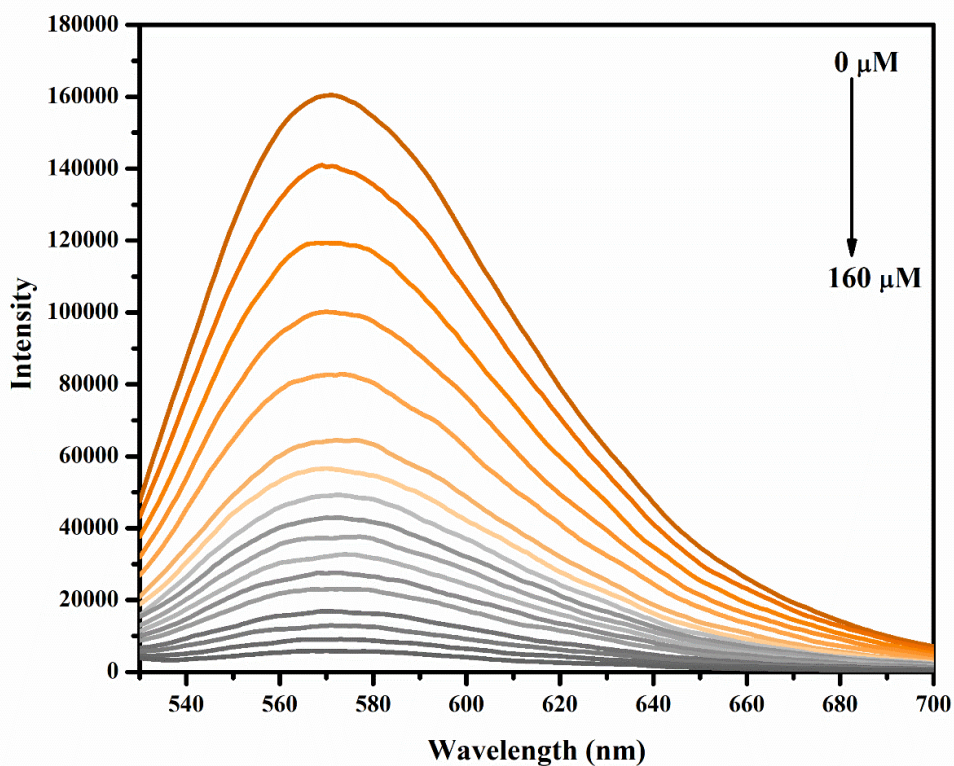


Fig. S19. Fluorescence emission spectra of ACQ (10 μM) with the addition of various concentrations of Pd²⁺ (0-160 μM). [Side entrance slit: 3 nm bandpass; side exit slit: 3 nm bandpass]

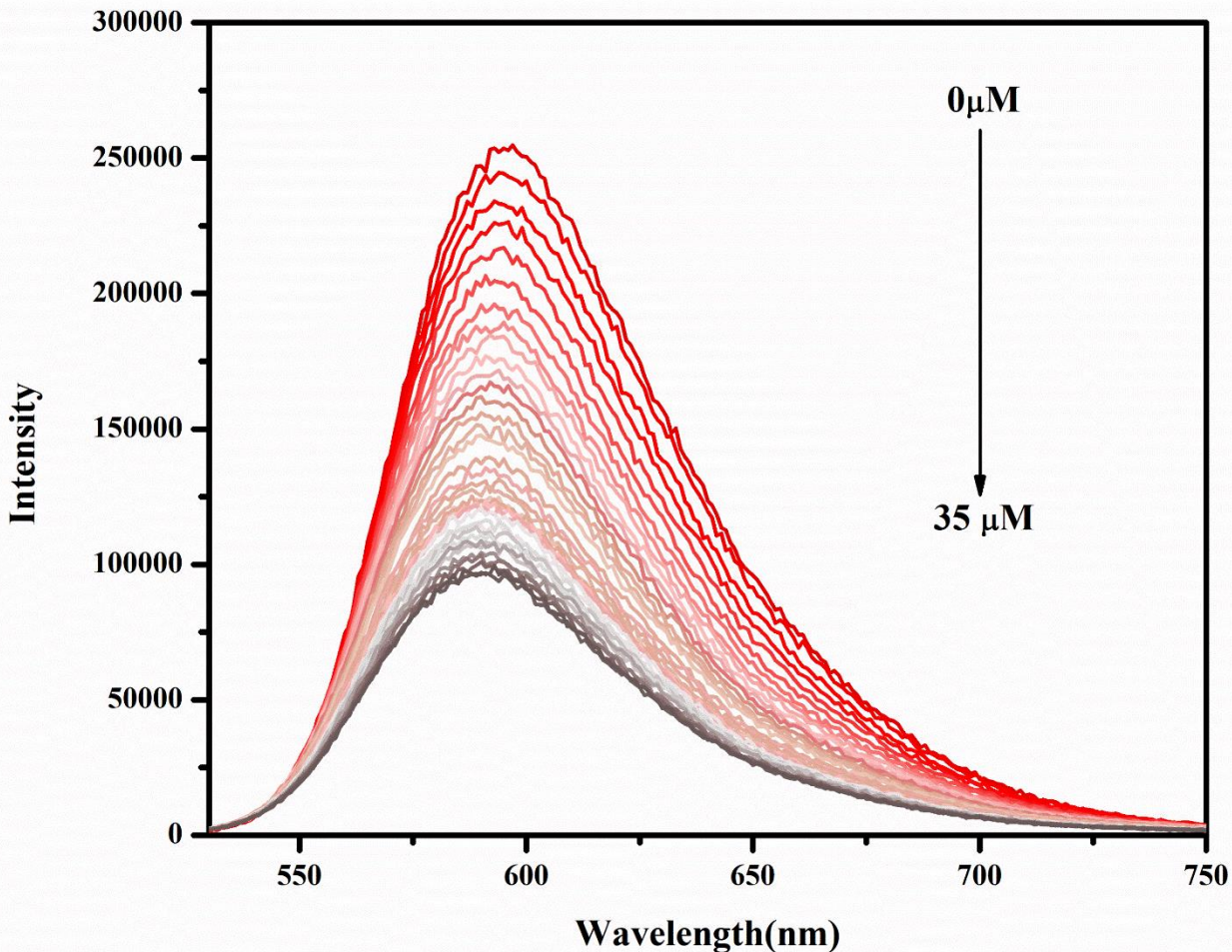


Fig. S20. Fluorescence emission spectra of ACQ (10 μM) with the addition of various concentrations of F^- (0-15 μM) and (0-35 μM) respectively

2. Association constant determination:

2a. Using UV Absorbance data:

- Considering a **a : l** ratio stoichiometry for interaction between ACQ and $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Pd}^{2+}/\text{F}^-$ as **m**, where **m=(a/l)** binding constant was calculated using

$$\frac{1}{A-A_0} = \frac{1}{(K_a)^m (A_{\max}-A_0) [M^{n\pm}]^m} + \frac{1}{(A_{\max}-A_0)}$$

- $[M^{n\pm}]$ is the concentration of the $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Pd}^{2+}/\text{F}^-$ ions added during titration studies.
- A_0 = absorbance of ACQ without $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Pd}^{2+}/\text{F}^-$
- A = absorbance in presence of $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Pd}^{2+}/\text{F}^-$
- A_{\max} = absorbance intensity at the maximum concentration of $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Pd}^{2+}/\text{F}^-$
- The value $(K_a)^m$ obtained from the ratio of intercept and slope of Benesi-Hildebrand plot was used to calculate K_a .

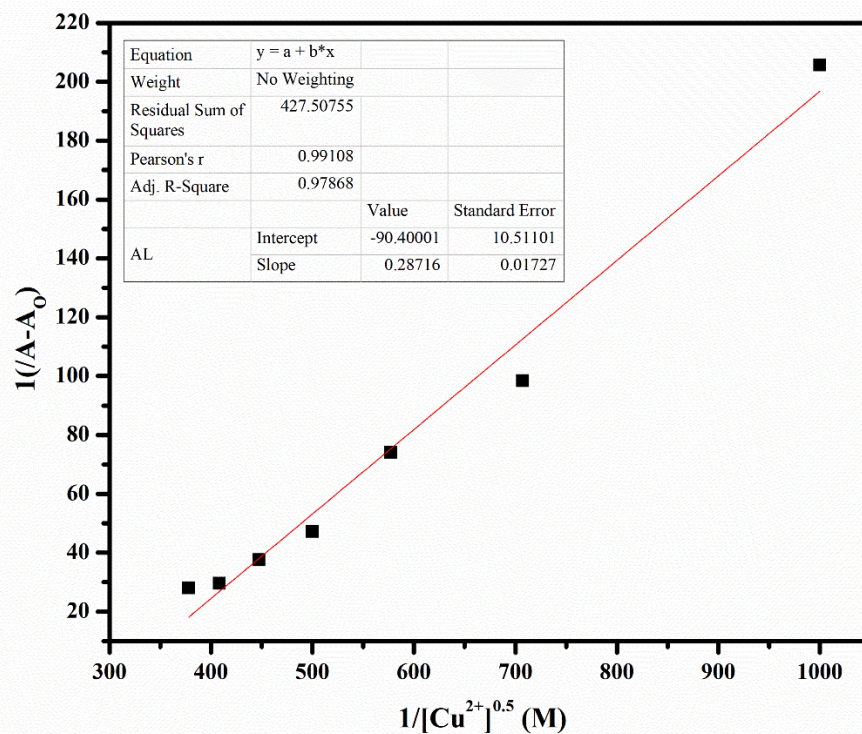


Fig. S21 Benesi–Hildebrand plot from UV-Visible titration data of ACQ (50 μM) with Cu^{2+} (0-15 μM). $K_a=9.9 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-2}$

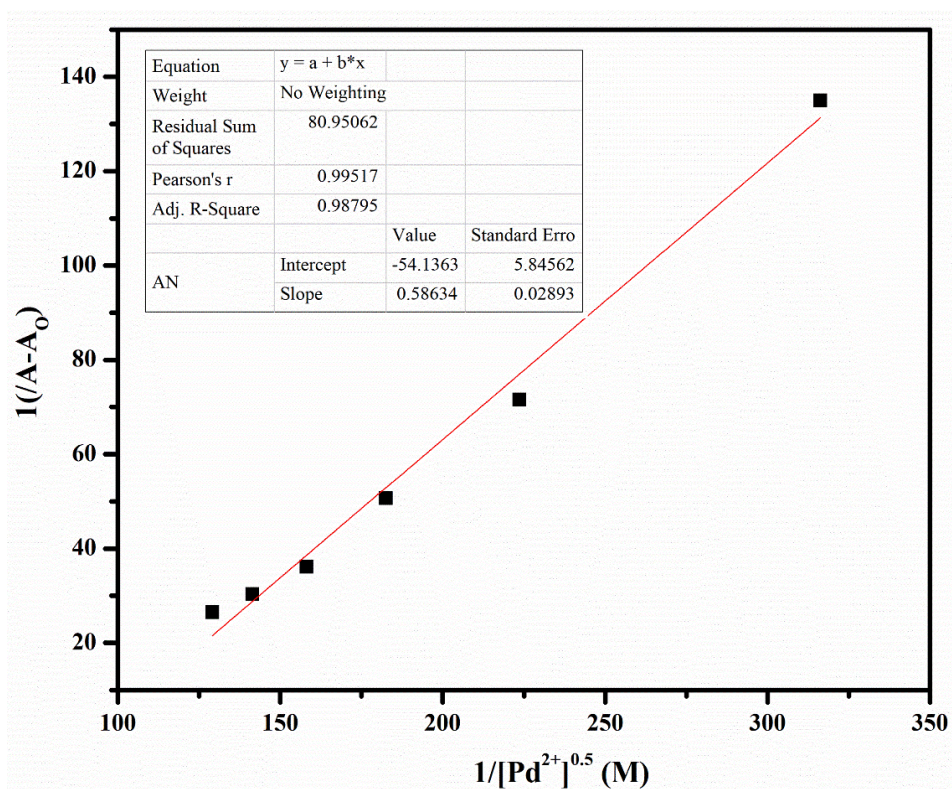


Fig. S22 Benesi–Hildebrand plot from UV-Visible titration data of ACQ (50 μM) with Pd^{2+} (0-150 μM). $K_a=8.7 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-2}$

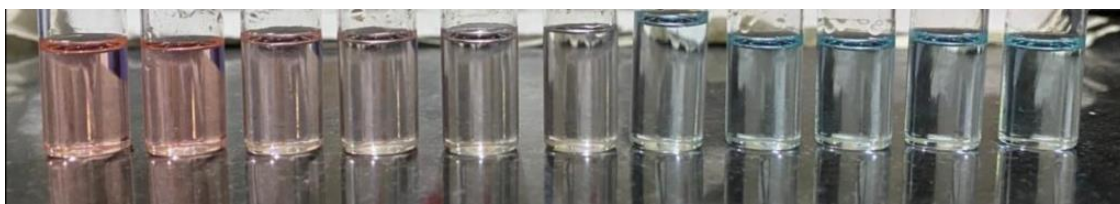


Fig. S23. Visible color changes of ACQ (50 μM) on continuous addition of F^- ions (0-15 μM)

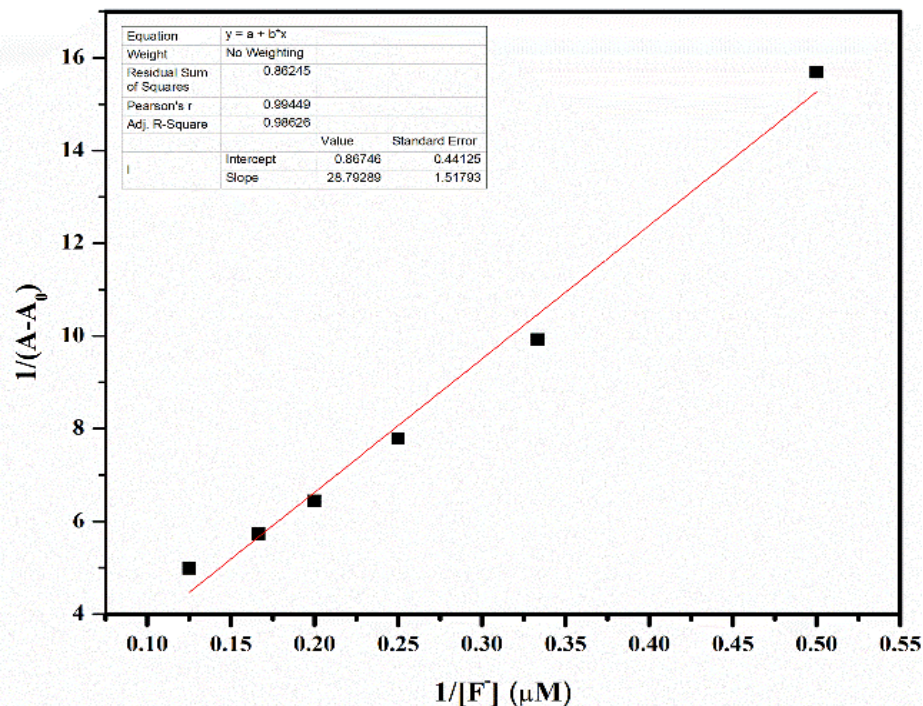


Fig. S24 Benesi–Hildebrand plot from UV-Visible titration data of ACQ (10 μM) with F^- (0-15 μM). $K_a = 5.8 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$

2b. Using emission intensity data:

- Considering a $a:l$ ratio stoichiometry for interaction between ACQ and $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Pd}^{2+}/\text{F}^-$ as m , where $m=(a/l)$ binding constant was calculated using

$$\frac{1}{F-F_0} = \frac{1}{(K_a)^m (F_{\max}-F_0) [M^{n\pm}]^m} + \frac{1}{(F_{\max}-F_0)}$$

- $[M^{n\pm}]$ is the concentration of the $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Pd}^{2+}/\text{F}^-$ ions added during titration studies.
- F_0 = fluorescence intensity of ACQ without $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Pd}^{2+}/\text{F}^-$
- F = fluorescence intensity in presence of $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Pd}^{2+}/\text{F}^-$
- F_{\max} = fluorescence intensity at the maximum concentration of $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Pd}^{2+}/\text{F}^-$
- The value $(K_a)^m$ obtained from the ratio of intercept to slope of the linear plot between $1/(F-F_0)$ vs $1/[M^{n\pm}]^m$ was used to calculate K_a .

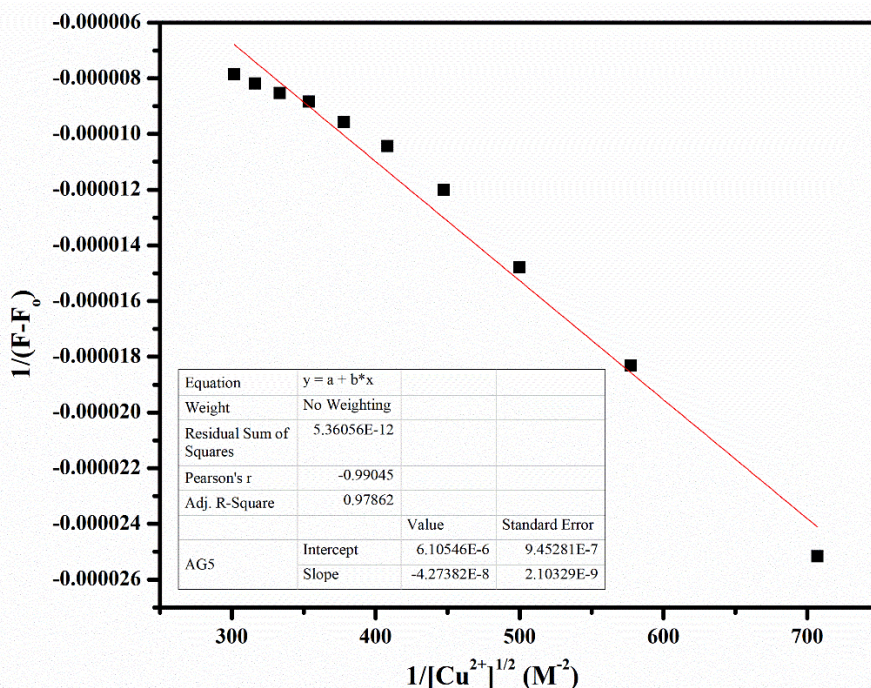


Fig. S25 Benesi–Hildebrand plot from fluorescence titration data of ACQ (50 μM) with Cu^{2+} (0-15 μM). $K_a=3.18 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-2}$

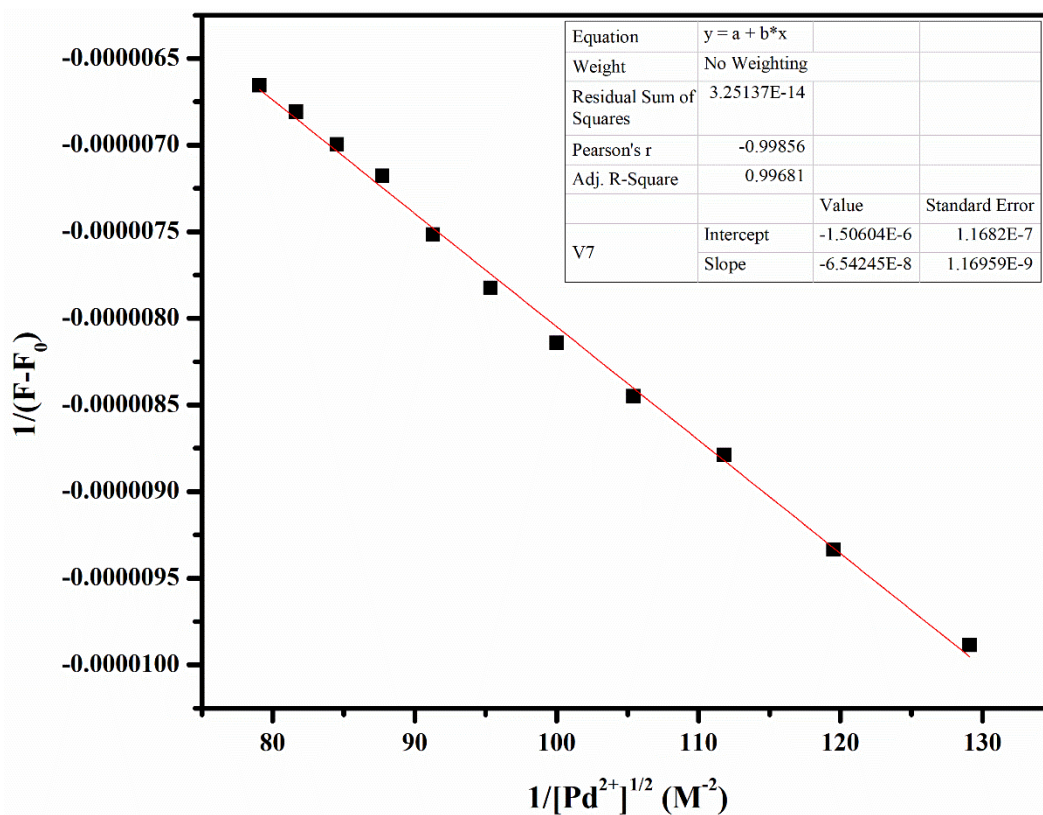


Fig. S26 Benesi–Hildebrand plot from fluorescence titration data of ACQ (50 μM) with Pd^{2+} (0-160 μM). $K_a=0.5 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-2}$

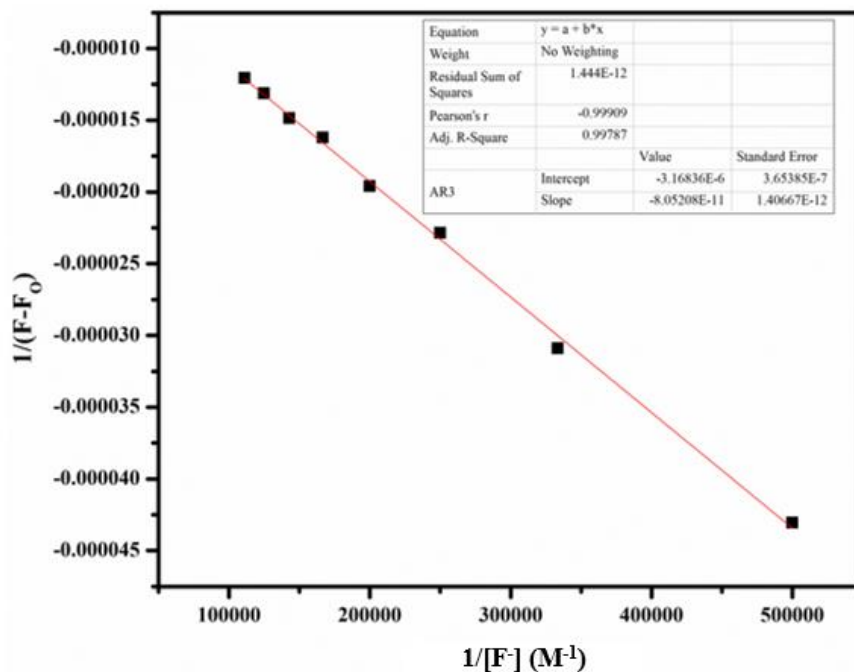


Fig. S27 Benesi–Hildebrand plot from fluorescence titration data of ACQ (10 μM) with F^- (0-35 μM). $K_a=3.8 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$

3. Determination of detection limit

LOD was calculated using this formula $3\sigma/K$ where;

- K is Slope value taken from Absorbance/Intensity vs Concentration of Cu^{2+} / Pd^{2+} / F^- plot
- σ is the standard deviation of the blank solution

3a. Using UV Absorbance data:

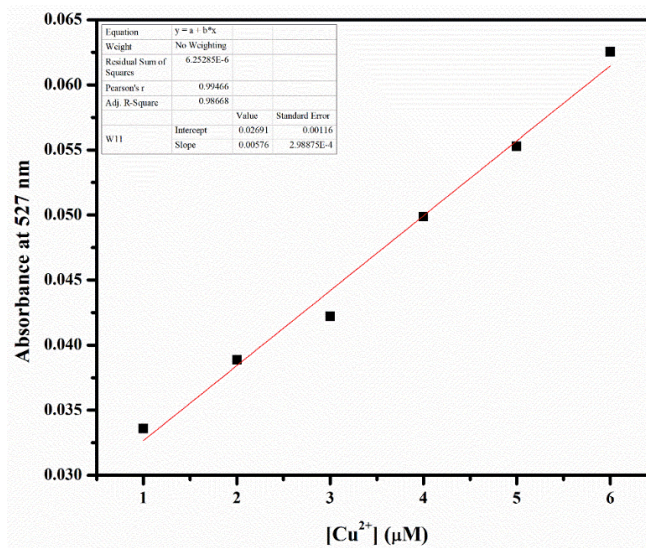


Fig. S28 Plot of Absorbance versus concentration of Cu^{2+} at 527 nm and the calculated limit of Detection of ACQ for Cu^{2+} is 0.75 μM

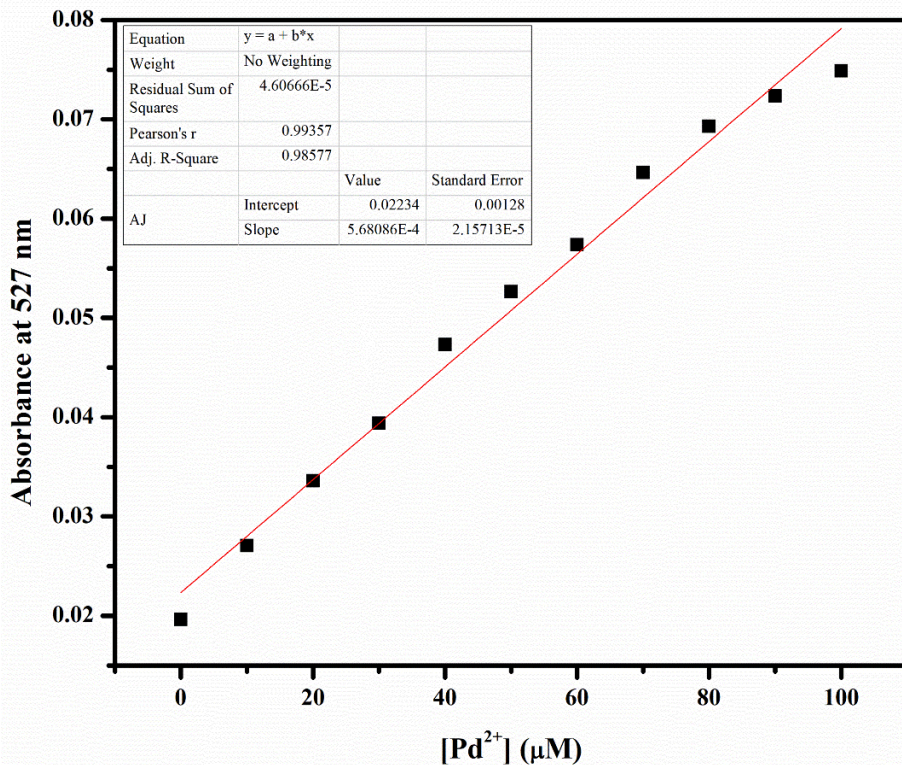


Fig.S29 Plot of Absorbance versus concentration of Pd²⁺ at 527 nm and the calculated limit of Detection of ACQ for Pd²⁺ is 7.6 µM

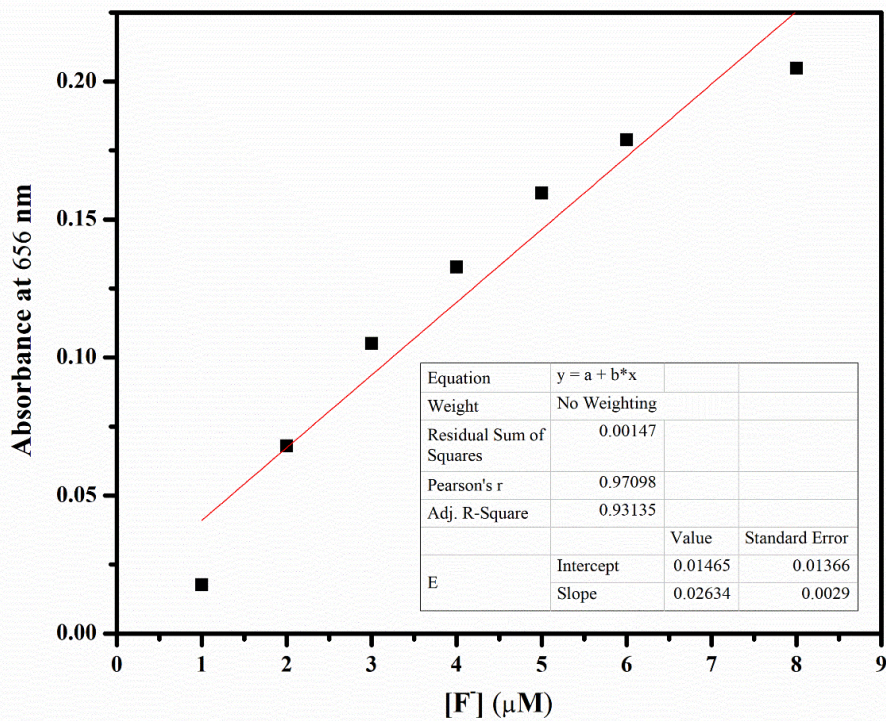


Fig. S30 Plot of Absorbance versus concentration of F⁻ at 656 nm and the calculated limit of Detection of ACQ for F⁻ is 0.53 µM

3b. Using emission intensity data:

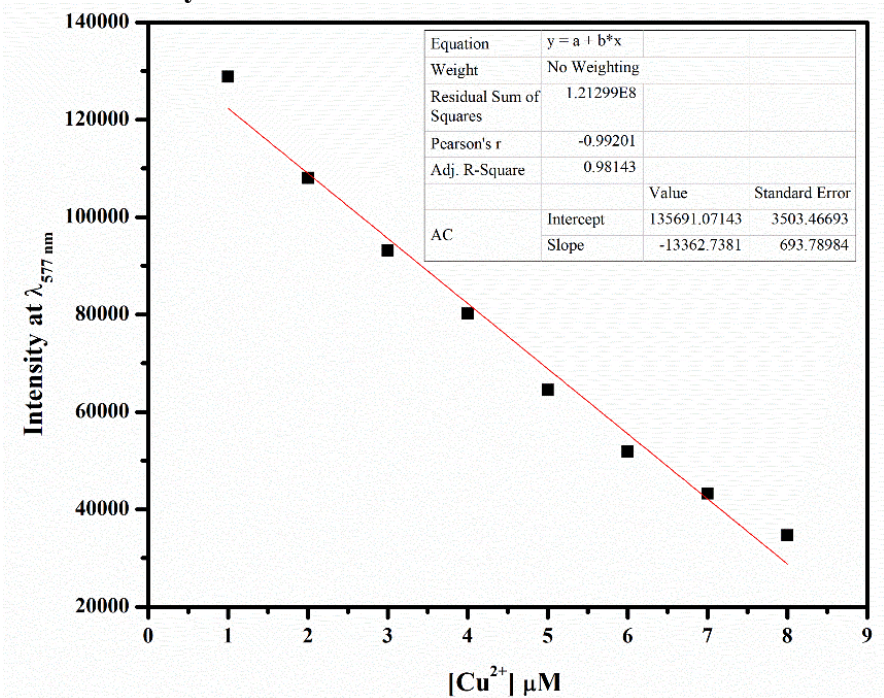


Fig. S31 Plot of Intensity at 577 nm versus concentration of Cu^{2+} and the calculated limit of Detection of ACQ for Cu^{2+} is $0.25 \mu\text{M}$

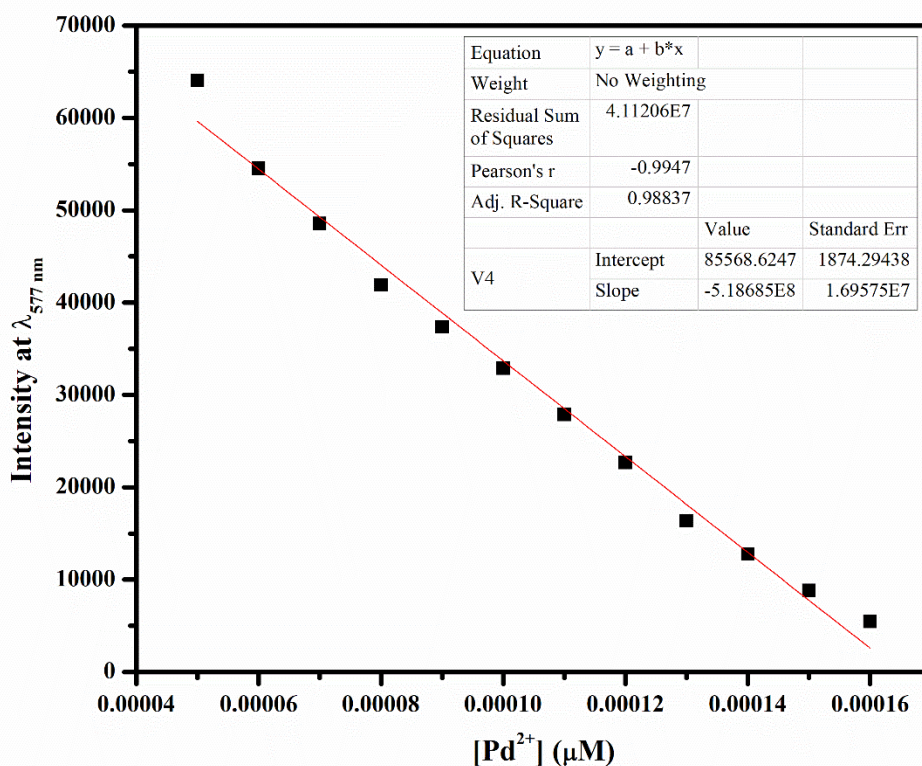


Fig. S32 Plot of Intensity versus concentration of Pd^{2+} at 577 nm and the calculated limit of Detection of ACQ for Pd^{2+} is $11.87 \mu\text{M}$

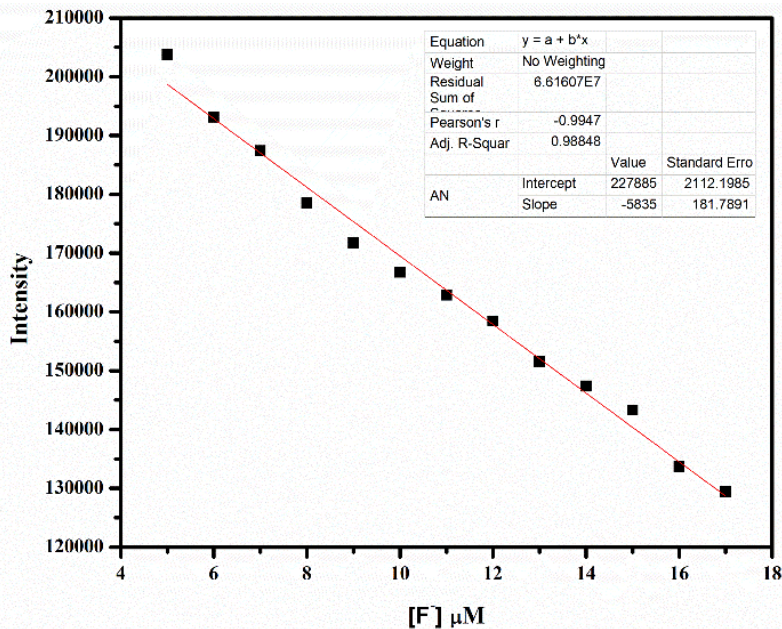


Fig. S33 Plot of Intensity versus concentration of F^- at 598 nm and the calculated limit of Detection of ACQ for F^- is 1.15 μM

4. Quenching Constant

- The Stern–Volmer graph represents the quenching constant (K_{SV}) which was determined from the slope of the following equation:

$$\frac{F_0}{F} = 1 + K_{sv}[M^{n\pm}]$$

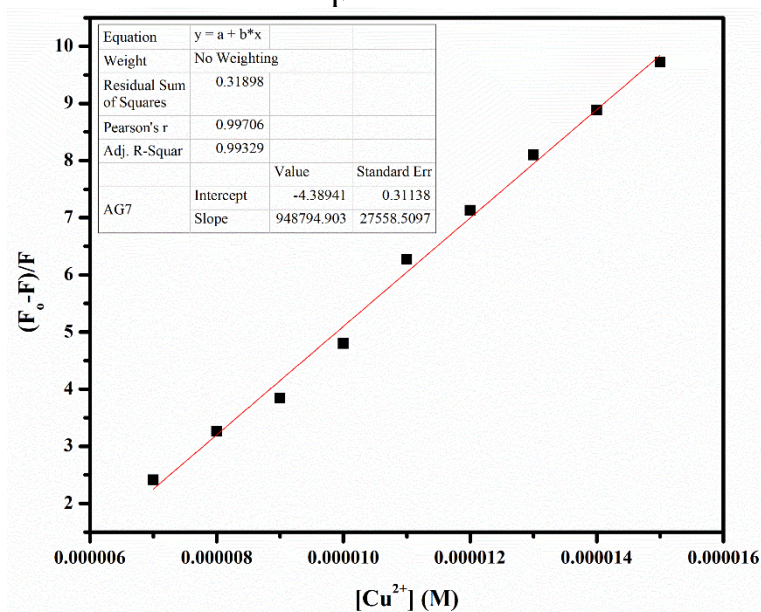


Fig. S34 Stern-Volmer plot for ACQ against varying concentrations of Cu^{2+} in the range of 0-15 μM

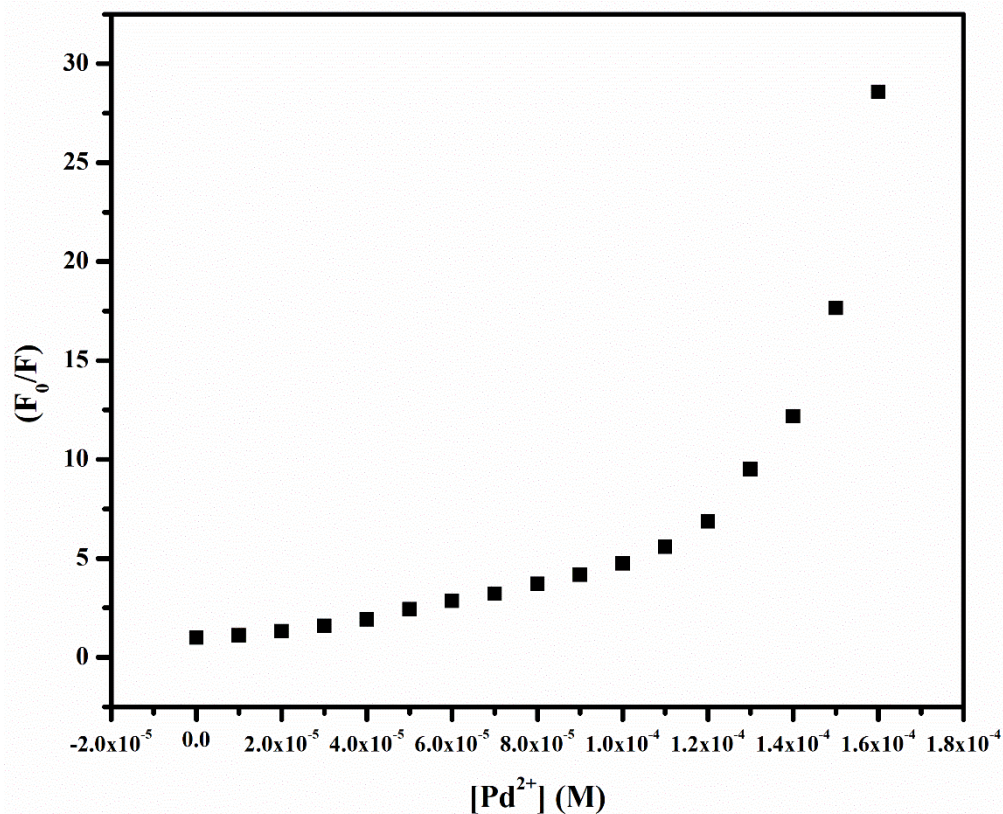


Fig. S35 Fractional fluorescence (F_0/F) versus $[Pd^{2+}]$ plot in the range of 0-180 μM

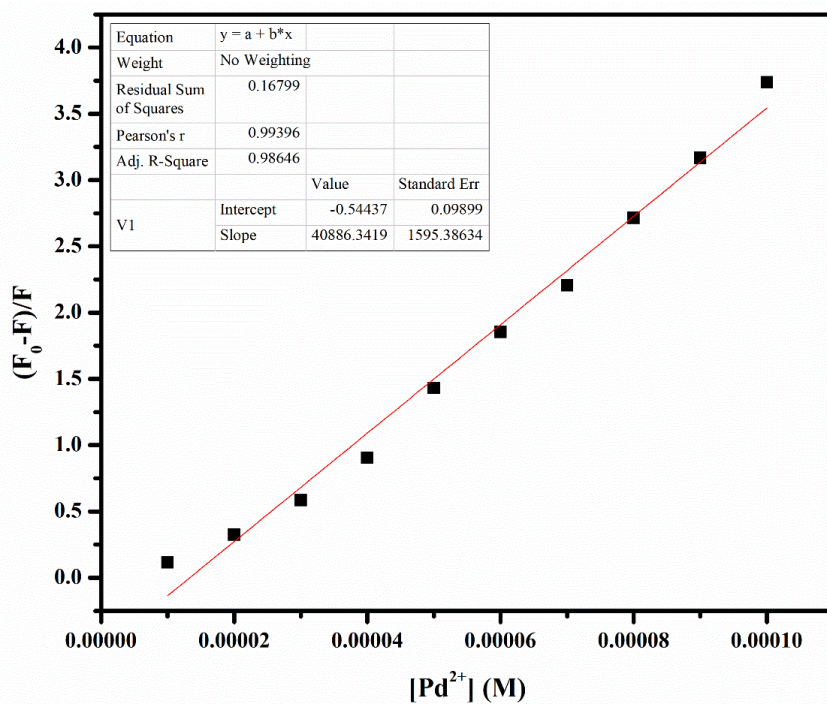


Fig. S36 Stern-Volmer plot for ACQ against varying concentrations of Pd^{2+} in the range of 0-100 μM

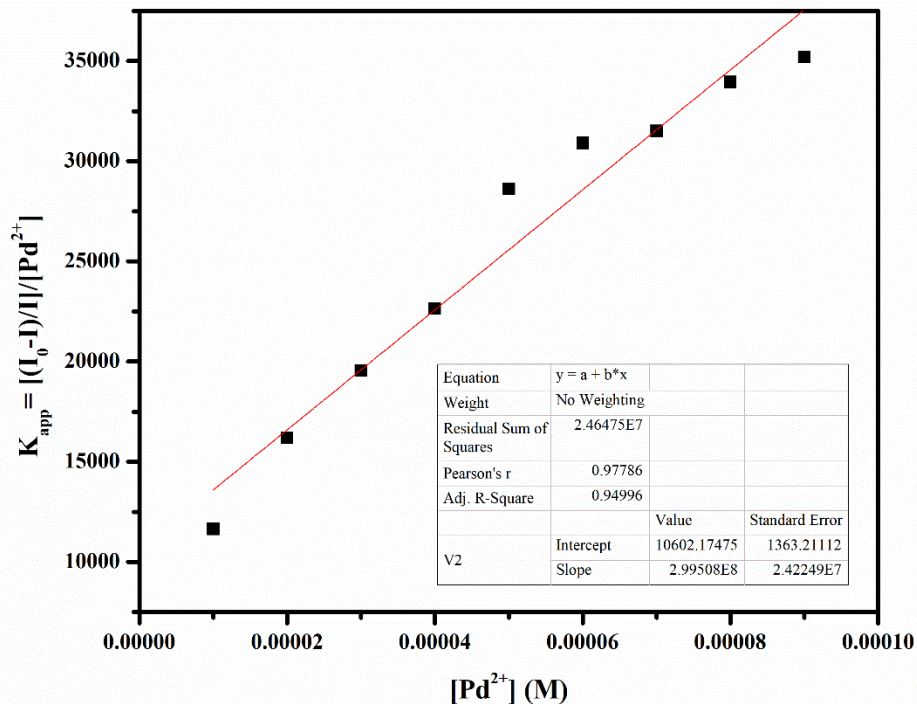


Fig. S37 Plot of K_{app} versus $[Pd^{2+}]$

In case of Pd^{2+} , at higher concentrations quenching occurred due to both complex formation as well as collisional quenching with Pd^{2+} , which is evident from the fractional fluorescence (F_0/F) versus $[Pd^{2+}]$ plot as well as the lifetime measurements where the characteristic upward curvature and the lowering of average lifetime upon increasing the concentration of Pd^{2+} indicated both static and dynamic quenching.

The Static quenching constant (K_{sv}), $2.6 \times 10^4 M^{-1}$ was determined from the Stern-Volmer plot from the low concentration region of Pd^{2+} using the equation

$$\frac{F_0}{F} = 1 + K_{sv}[Pd^{2+}]$$

While the dynamic quenching constant was obtained from the plot of K_{app} (Apparent Quenching constant) versus $[Pd^{2+}]$ where

$$K_{app} = \left[\frac{F_0}{F} - 1 \right] \frac{1}{[Pd^{2+}]} = (K_D + K_S) + K_D K_S [Pd^{2+}]$$

The individual values of K_D and K_S were obtained from straight line with an intercept(I) of $K_D + K_S$ and a slope(S) of $K_D K_S$. Since the value of K_{sv} (or K_S) from the Stern Volmer plot is known, upon solving the quadratic equation $K_S^2 - K_S I + S = 0$,

$2.1 \times 10^4 M^{-1}$ was assigned as Static Quenching constant (K_{sv}) and from the formula of Slope(S) the value of Dynamic Quenching constant (K_D) was calculated as $1.3 \times 10^4 M^{-1}$

Reference used for the calculations

DC Santra, MK Bera, PK Sukul and S Malik, Chem. Eur. J. 2016, 22, 2012 – 2019.

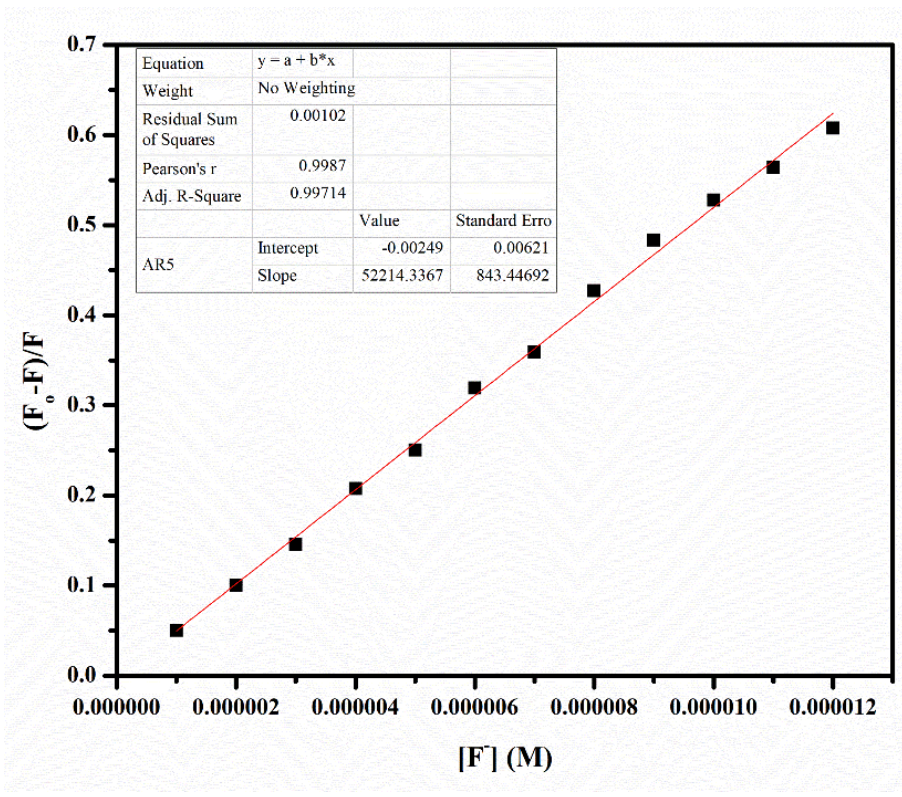


Fig. S38 Stern-Volmer plot for ACQ against varying concentrations of F⁻ in the range of 0-15 μM

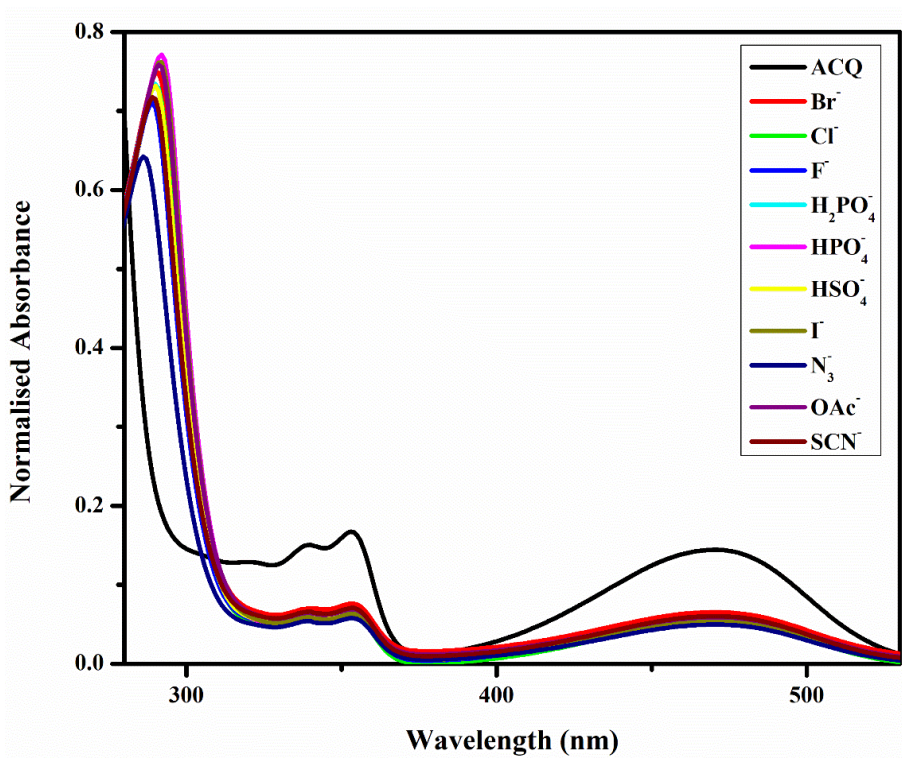


Fig. S39 UV-vis spectra of ACQ (10 μM) in the presence of various anions (50 μM) in H₂O

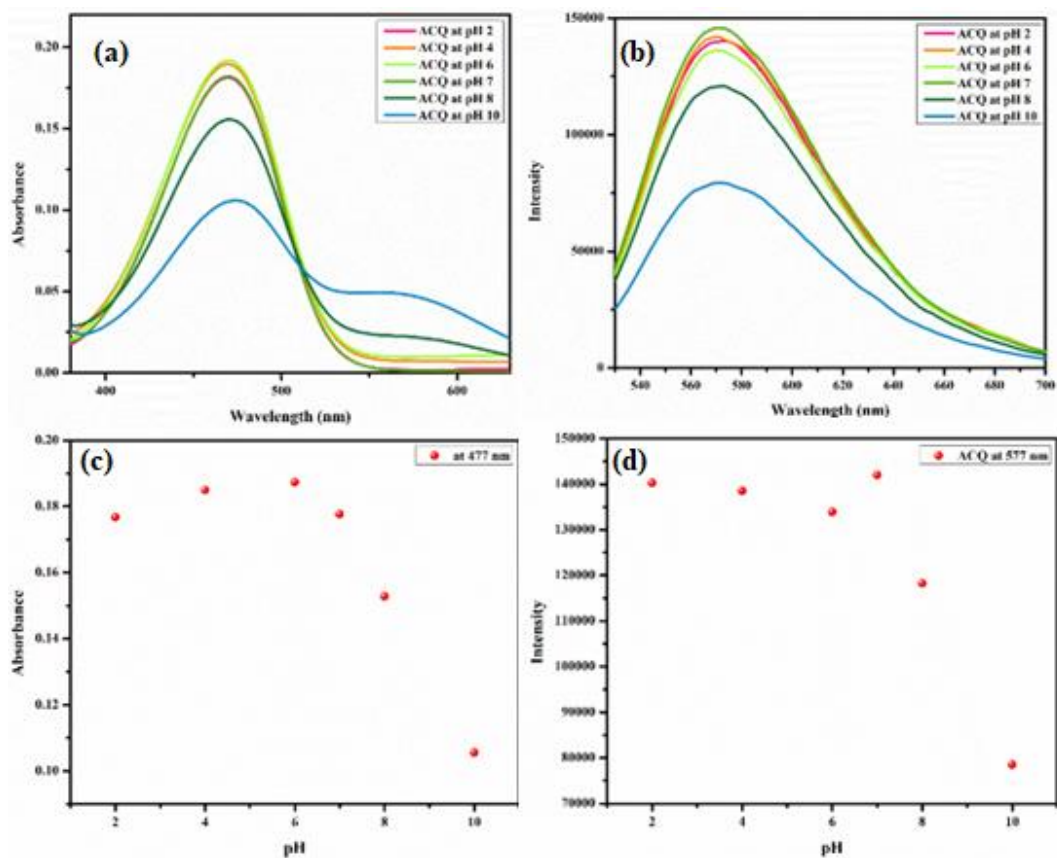


Fig. S40 (a) Absorbance spectra and (b) Emission spectra of ACQ (50 μM) at different pH. (c) Scatter plot of Absorbance Vs pH and (d) Intensity vs pH for ACQ (50 μM) at 477 and 577 nm respectively.

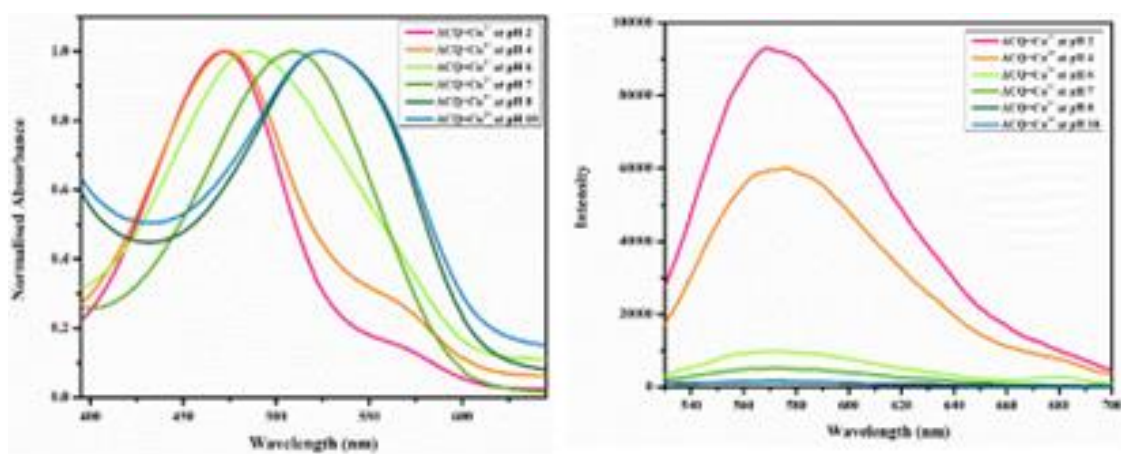


Fig. S41 (a) Normalized Absorbance spectra and (b) Emission spectra of ACQ (50 μM) + Cu²⁺ (20 μM) at different pH

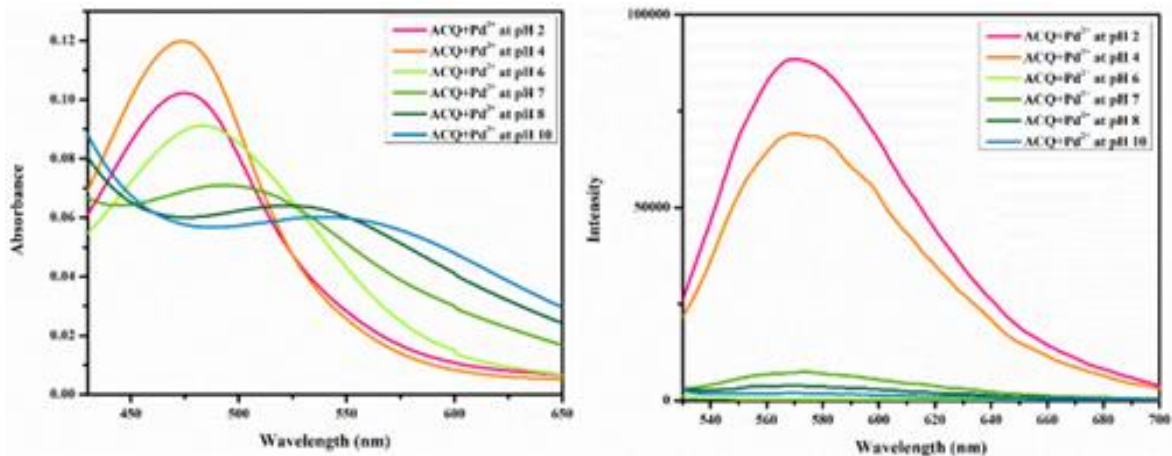


Fig. S42 (a) Absorbance spectra and (b) Emission spectra of ACQ ($50\mu\text{M}$) + Pd^{2+} ($100\mu\text{M}$) at different pH

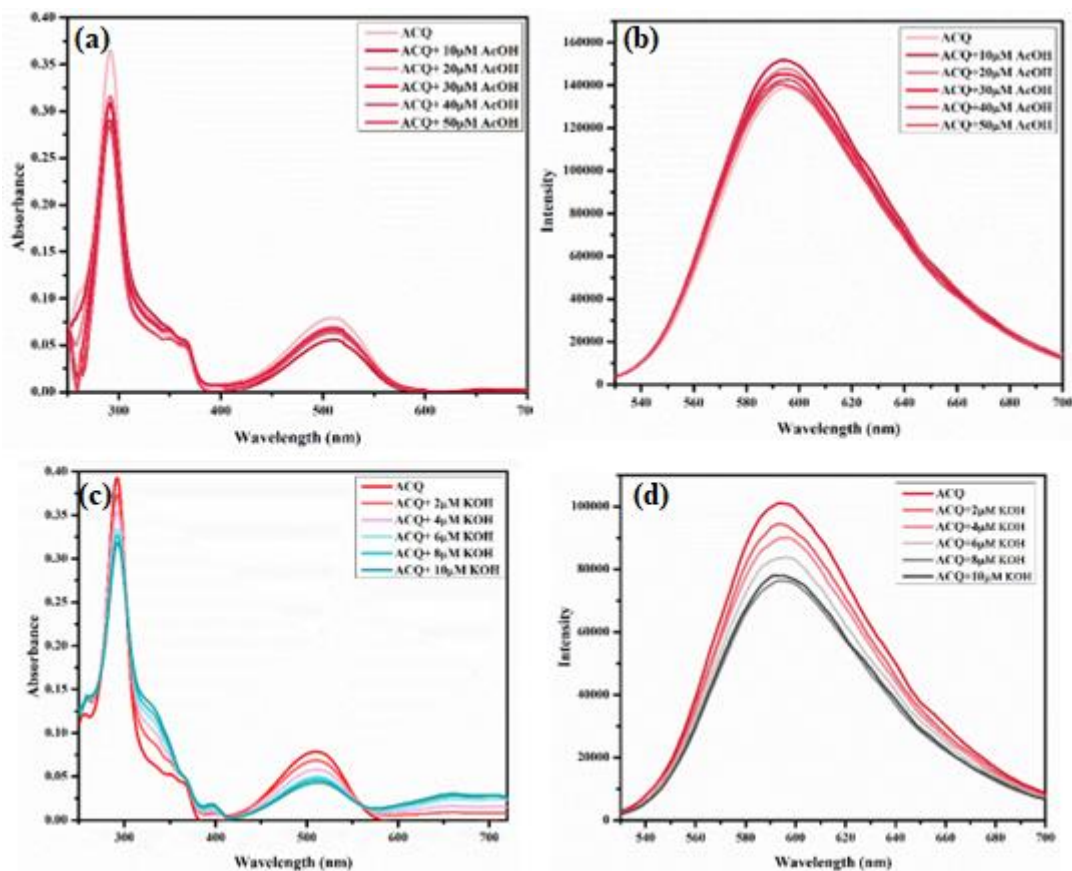


Fig. S43 (a) Absorbance spectra and (b) Emission spectra of ACQ ($10\mu\text{M}$) with varying concentrations of AcOH ($10\text{-}50\mu\text{M}$) in DMSO (c) Absorbance spectra and (b) Emission spectra of ACQ ($10\mu\text{M}$) with varying concentrations of KOH ($0\text{-}10\mu\text{M}$) in DMSO

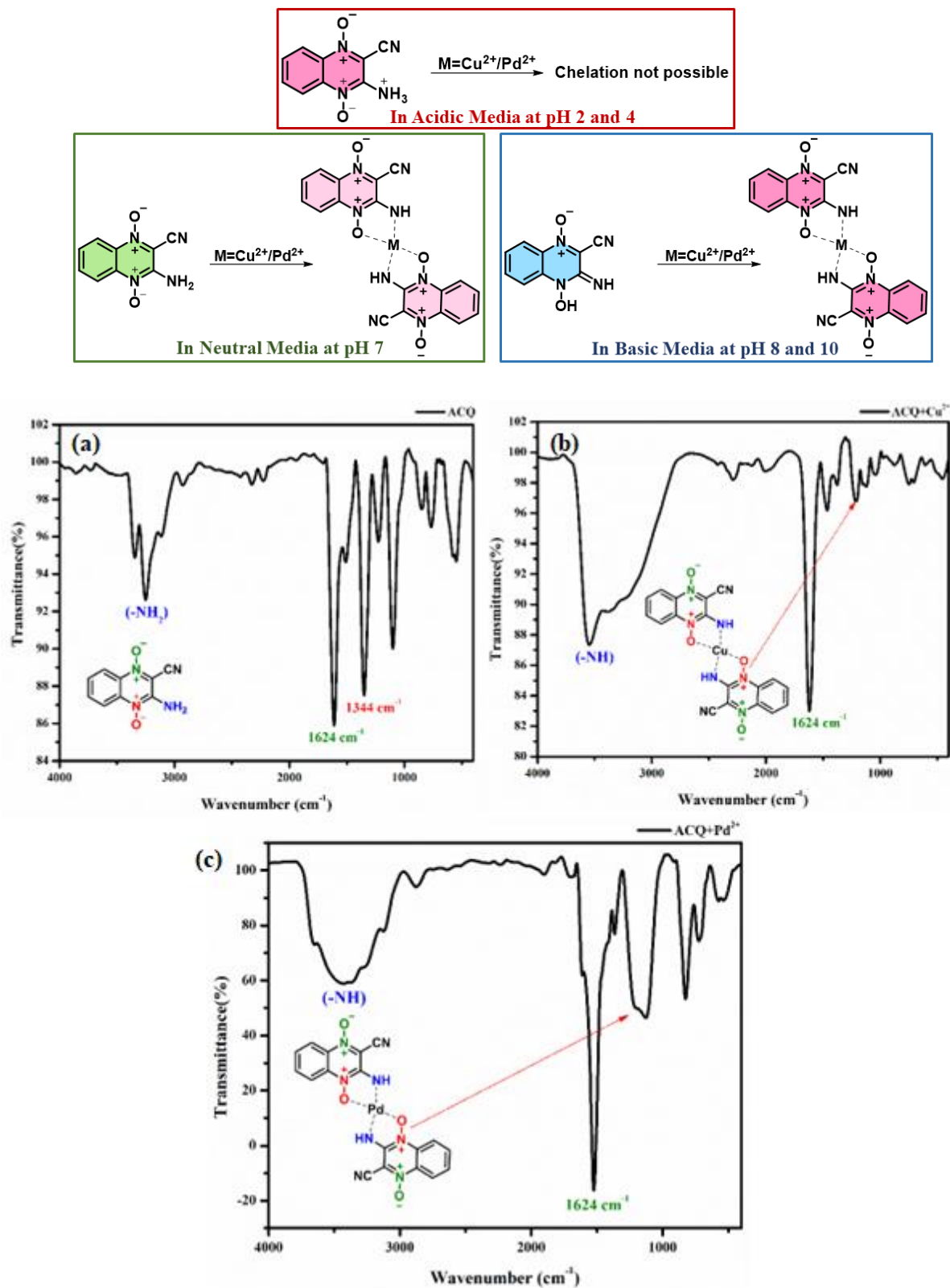


Fig. S44 Plausible structures of ACQ at different pH and FT-IR Spectrum of (a) ACQ (b) ACQ+Cu²⁺ and (c) ACQ+Pd²⁺

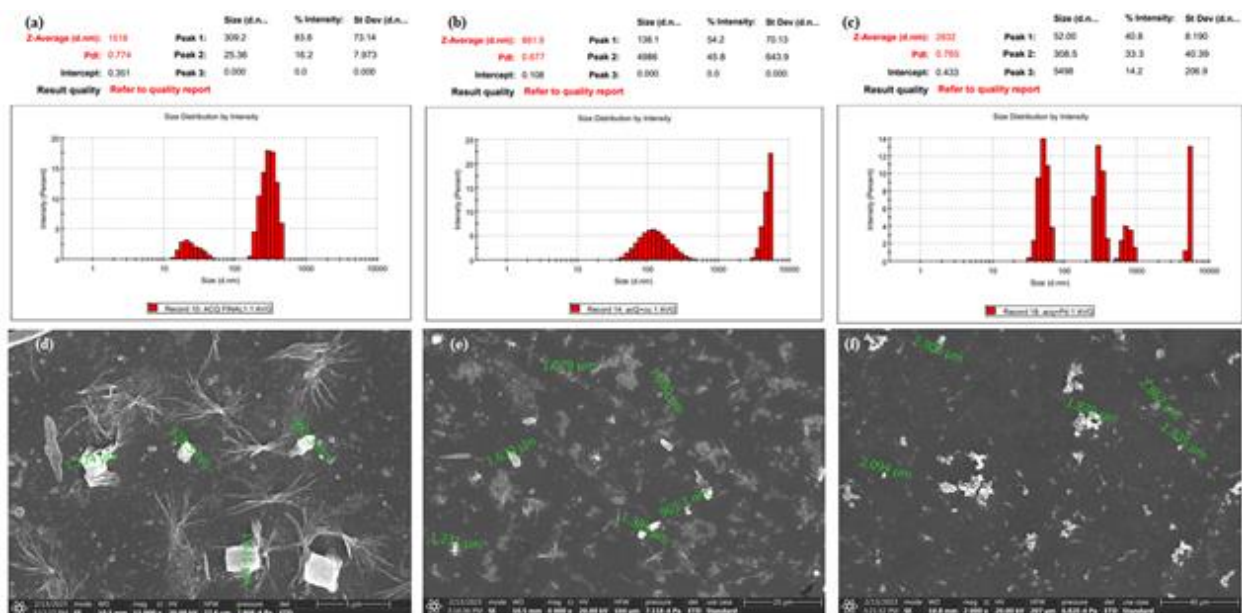


Fig. S45 Particle size histogram of (a) ACQ (b) ACQ+Cu²⁺ (c) ACQ+Pd²⁺ and FE-SEM images of (d) ACQ (e) ACQ+Cu²⁺ (f) ACQ+Pd²⁺

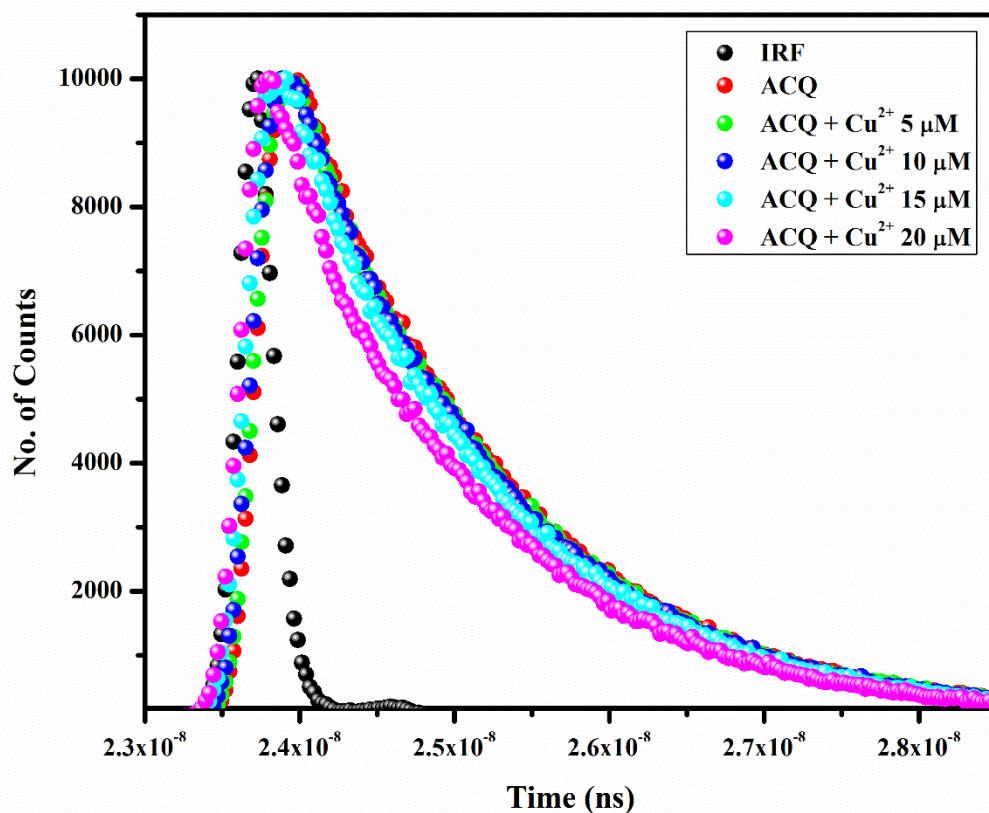


Fig. S46 Time decay plot for ACQ and ACQ+Cu²⁺

Sample	Average lifetime (τ)	χ^2
ACQ (10 μ M)	1.10 ns	1.03
ACQ (10 μ M)+Cu ²⁺ (5 μ M)	1.09 ns	1.10
ACQ (10 μ M)+Cu ²⁺ (10 μ M)	1.17 ns	1.07
ACQ (10 μ M)+Cu ²⁺ (15 μ M)	1.13 ns	1.17
ACQ (10 μ M)+Cu ²⁺ (20 μ M)	0.82 ns	1.18

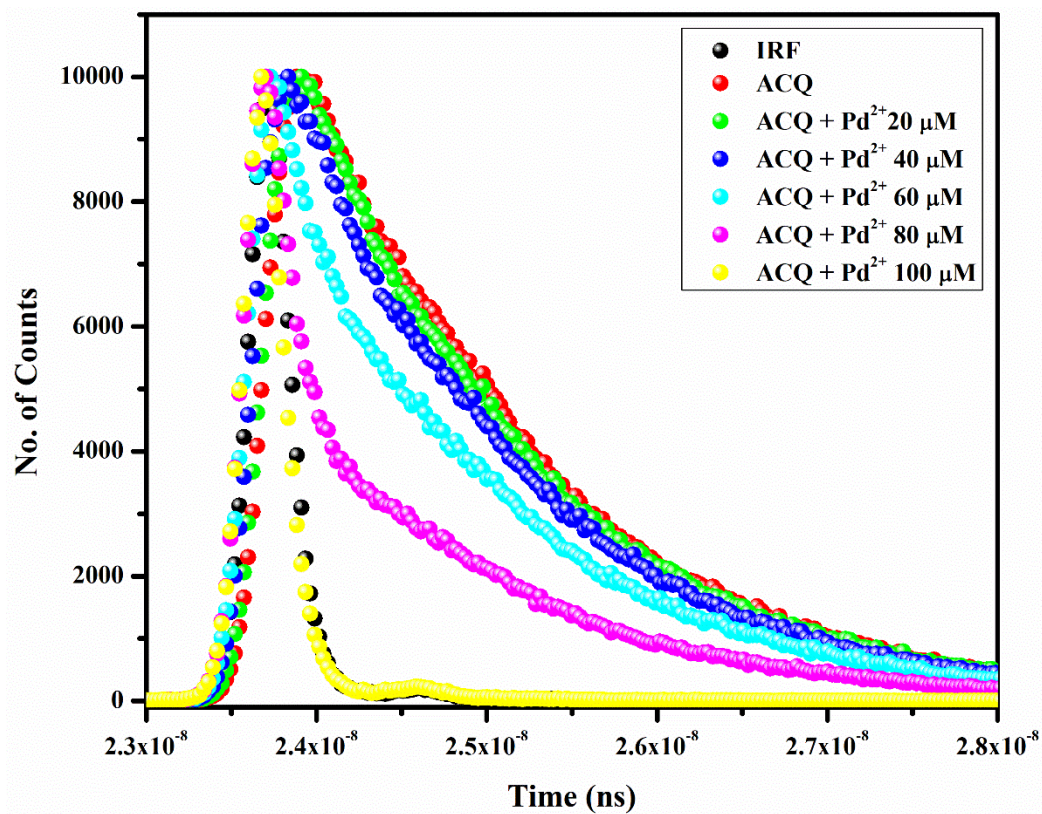


Fig. S47 Time decay plot for ACQ and ACQ+Pd²⁺

Sample	Average lifetime (τ)	χ^2
ACQ (10 μ M)	1.27 ns	0.99
ACQ (10 μ M)+Pd ²⁺ (20 μ M)	1.18 ns	1.04
ACQ (10 μ M)+ Pd ²⁺ (40 μ M)	0.86 ns	1.03
ACQ (10 μ M)+ Pd ²⁺ (60 μ M)	0.21 ns	1.19
ACQ (10 μ M)+ Pd ²⁺ (80 μ M)	0.10 ns	1.03
ACQ (10 μ M)+ Pd ²⁺ (100 μ M)	0.035 ns	0.98

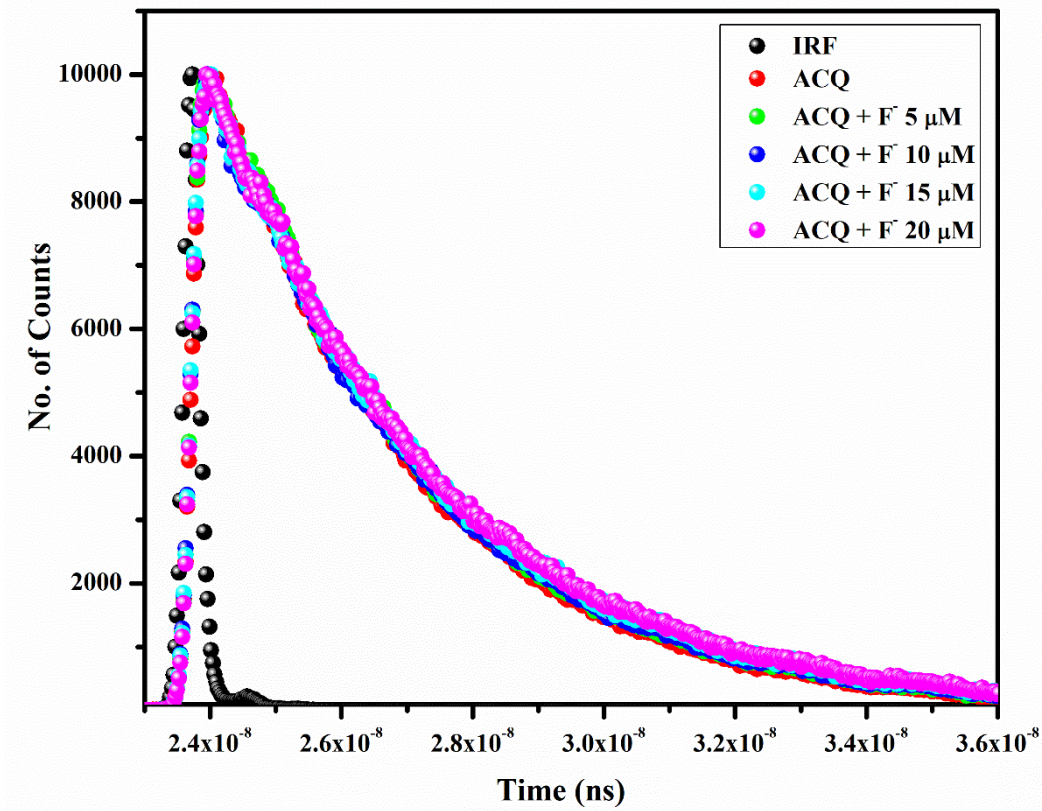


Fig. S48 Time decay plot for ACQ and ACQ+F⁻

Sample	Average lifetime (τ)	χ^2
ACQ (10 μ M)	3.10 ns	1.16
ACQ (10 μ M)+F ⁻ (5 μ M)	3.21 ns	1.16
ACQ (10 μ M)+ F ⁻ (10 μ M)	3.27 ns	1.14
ACQ (10 μ M)+ F ⁻ (15 μ M)	3.35 ns	1.17
ACQ (10 μ M)+ F ⁻ (20 μ M)	3.39 ns	1.18

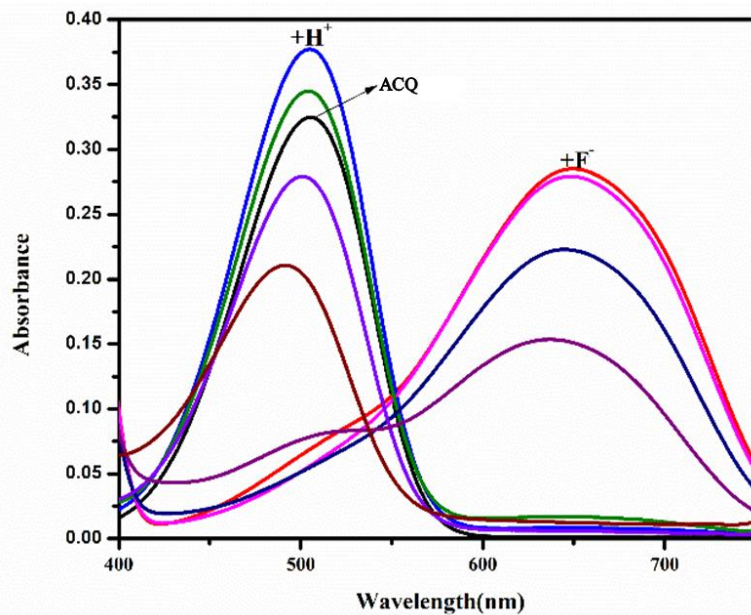


Fig. S49 UV-vis spectra depicting reversibility of ACQ with alternative addition of F⁻ (656 nm) and AcOH (505 nm).

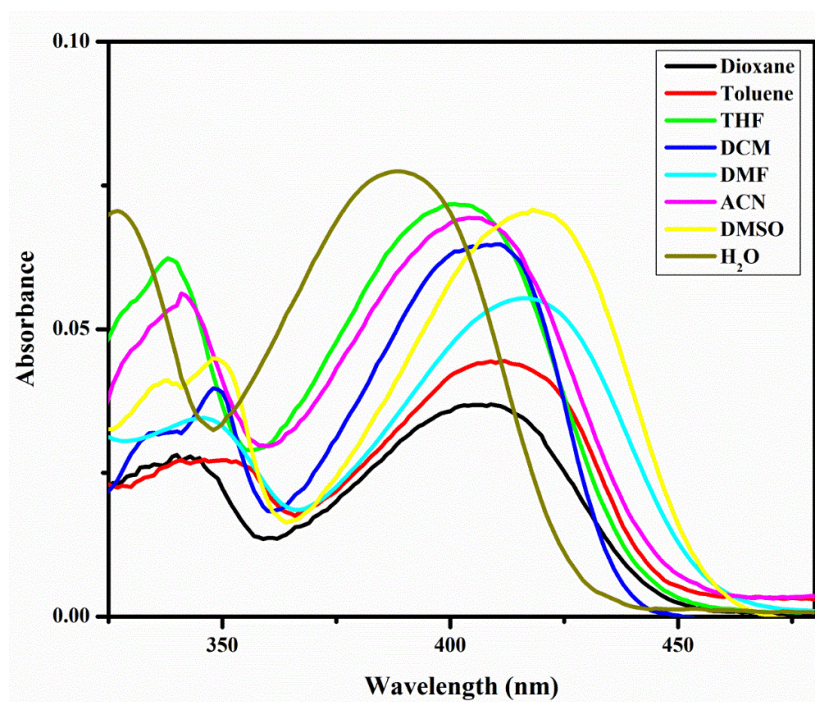


Fig. S50 Absorption spectra in different solvents (10 μM) for AMQ.

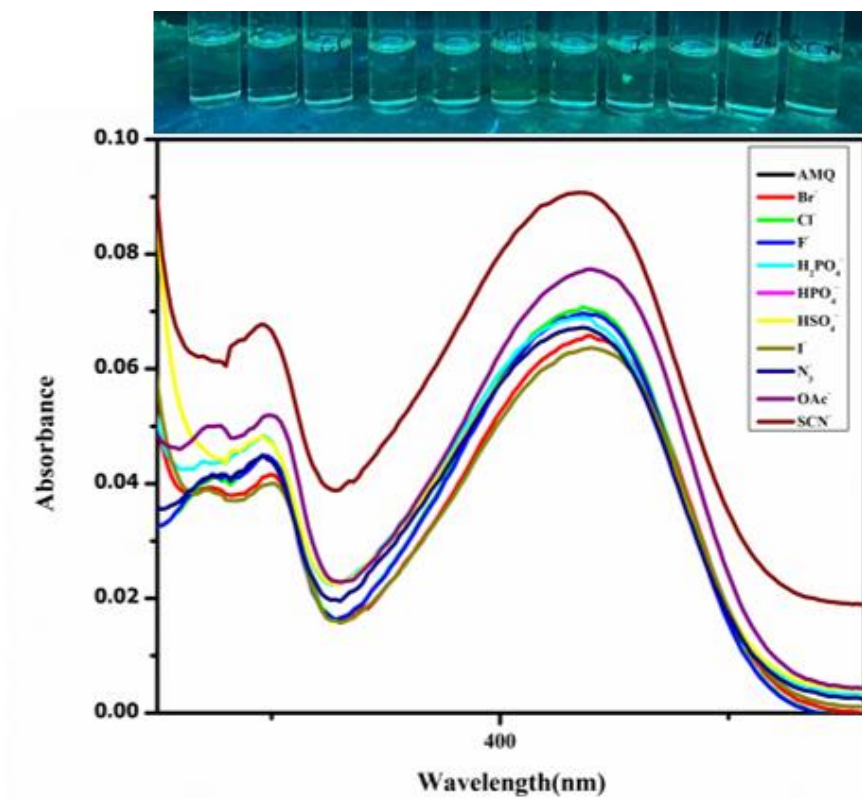


Fig. S51 Absorbance spectra of AMQ (10 μ M) in the presence of various anions (50 μ M) in DMSO.

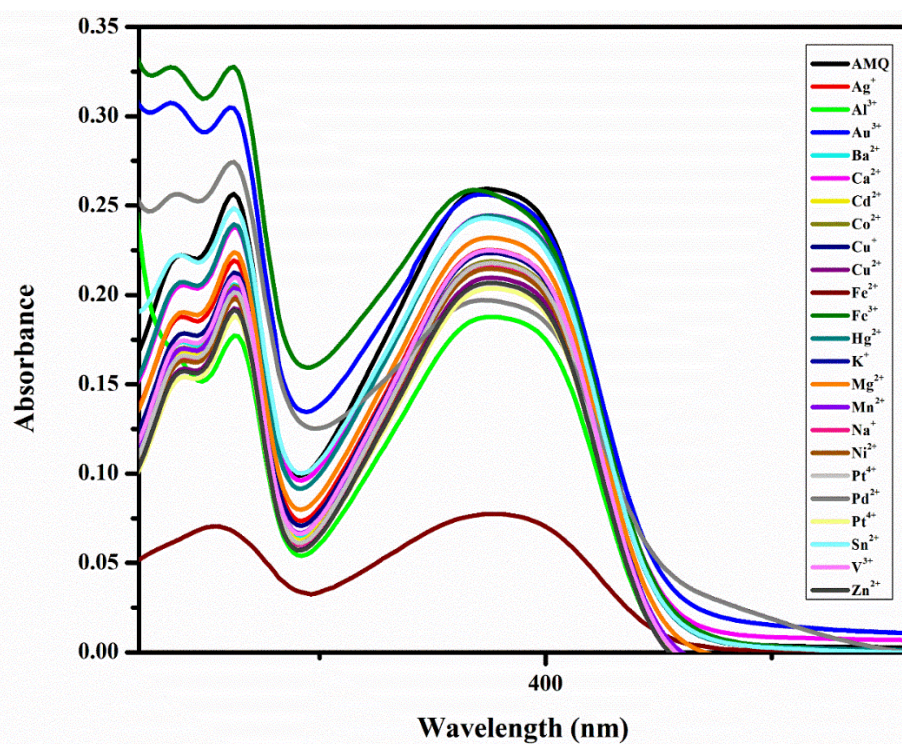


Fig. S52 Absorbance spectra of AMQ (50 μ M) in the presence of various cations (1 mM) in H₂O.

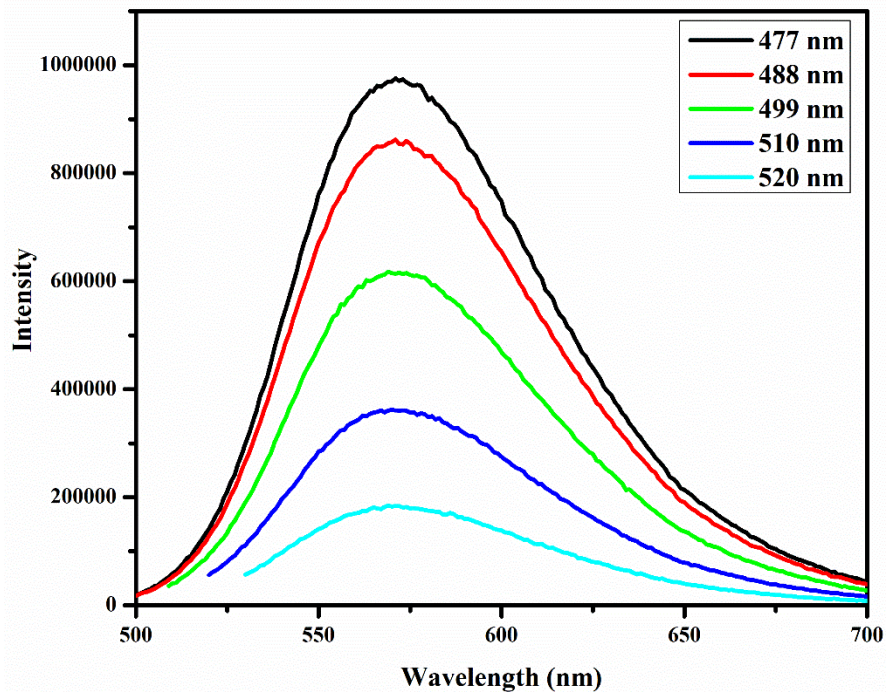


Fig S53. A plot of Intensity versus wavelength for ACQ (10 μ M) in H₂O at different Excitation wavelengths.

Cu²⁺ Application

Preparation of artificial urine sample:

250mg urea, 29mg NaCl, 16mg KCl, 22.5mg Na₂SO₄, 14mg KH₂PO₄, 11mg creatinine, 10mg NH₄Cl and 11mg CaCl₂·H₂O were dissolved in 10ml millipore water. ^[30]

Experimental Protocol:

20 μ L of the artificial urine solution in 2ml water was titrated by adding different concentrations of Cu²⁺ (2-8 μ M for recording absorbance data and 0-4 μ M for obtaining Intensity versus concentration of Cu²⁺ plot)

The values of slope ($m= 0.00585$) and intercept ($c=0.02084$) were taken from absorbance versus [Cu²⁺] calibration plot (**Fig. S49**).

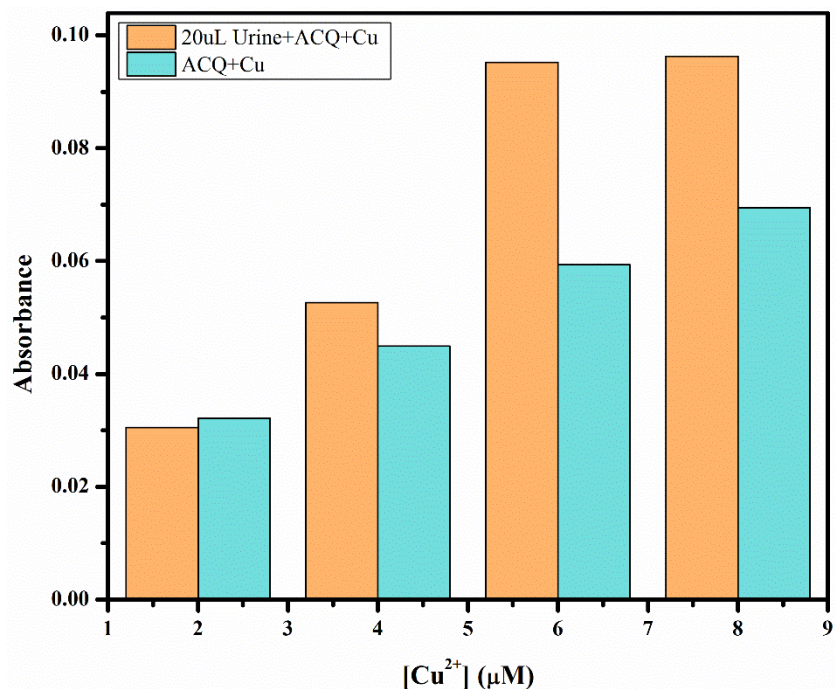


Fig. S54 Bar graph for ACQ at 527nm obtained by titrating 20 μL samples of artificial urine with Cu²⁺(2-8 μM) in H₂O.

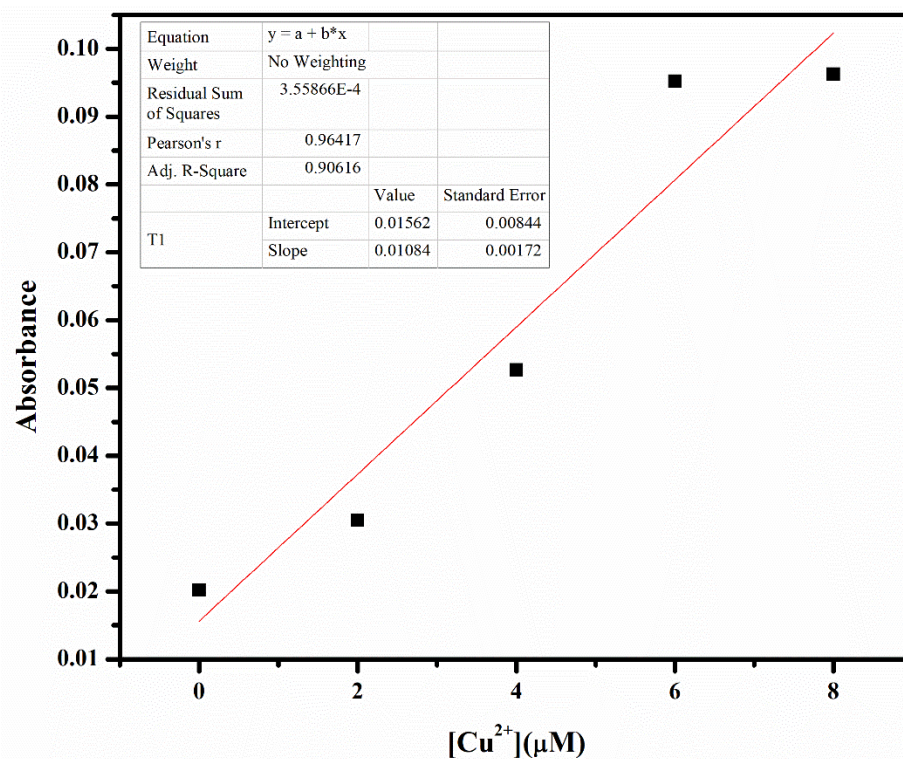


Fig.S55 Absorbance versus [Cu²⁺] plot for ACQ+20μL artificial urine at different concentrations (2-8 μM) of Cu²⁺ in H₂O.

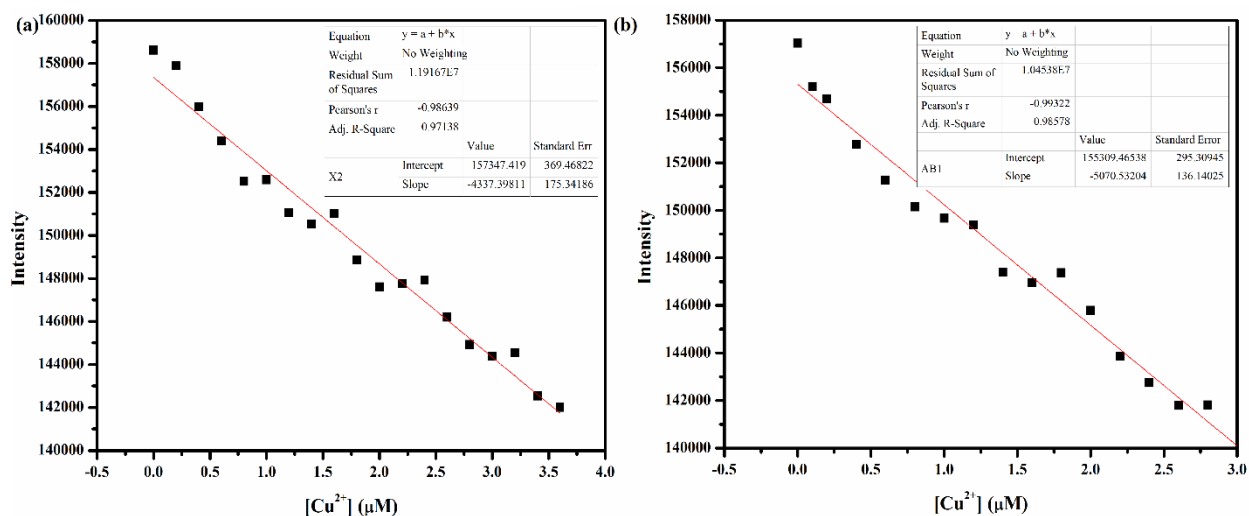


Fig.S56 Intensity versus $[Cu^{2+}]$ plot for (a) ACQ (b) and 20 μ L with different concentrations (0-3 μ M) of Cu^{2+} at 527 nm in H_2O .

Remarks: This experiment is performed to demonstrate the utility of probe ACQ in the quantitative detection of Cu^{2+} present in the urine of Wilson's disease patients and to show its potential for clinical applications. Even in the presence of all the components present in the urine sample the probe can efficiently be utilized for quantifying Cu^{2+} in Wilson's disease patients by using the above method.

Pd²⁺ Application

Experimental Protocol:

50 mg of all four drug samples Avomine, Dolo 650 and Meftal were dissolved in 3ml water and the solution was filtered. 2 μ L was taken from each of the solutions and titrated with Pd²⁺ (20-100 μ M) and the obtained absorbances at the respective concentrations were tabulated and the corresponding bar graph was plotted.

Inference: After adding the drug samples along with the probe in water no peak at 527 nm was observed in UV. No Pd²⁺ was found in any of the drug samples as indicated by the bar graph. However, after titrating the samples with Pd²⁺ salt (0-40 μ M) which showed a gradual increase in absorbance at 527 nm which indicated that the concentration of Pd²⁺ in the drug samples was below the detection limit of ACQ and the limit allowable for a Pd²⁺ in drug

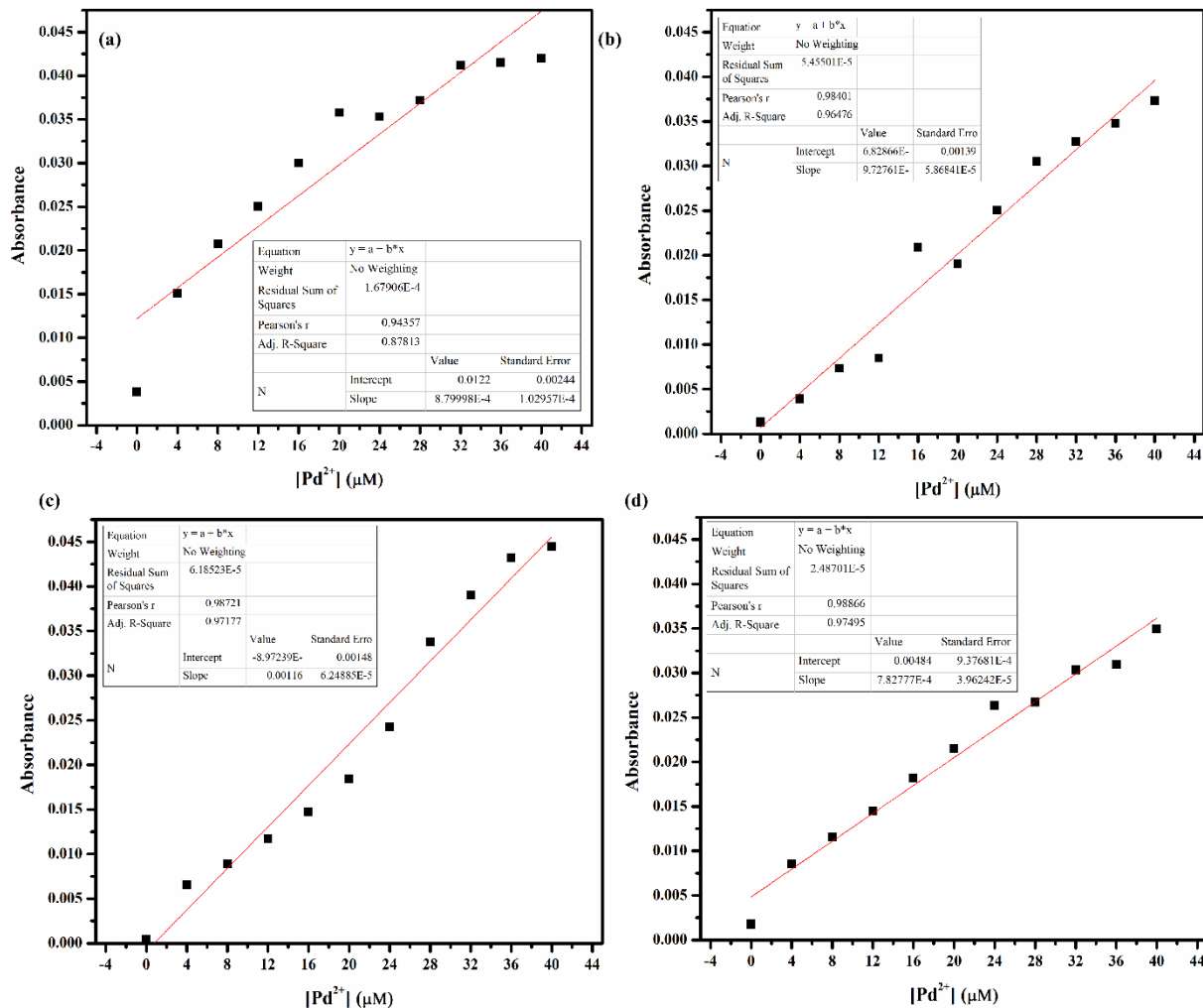


Fig S57. Scatter plots for (a)ACQ with Pd^{2+} (0-40 μM) along with (b) Avomine (c) Dolo 650 and (d) Meftal at 527 nm in H_2O .

Table S4. Absorbance values at 527 nm for various drug samples.

$[Pd^{2+}]$	Absorbance			
	Avomine+ ACQ+ Pd^{2+}	Dolo 650+ ACQ+ Pd^{2+}	Meftal+ ACQ+ Pd^{2+}	ACQ+ Pd^{2+}
4 μM	0.00394	0.00654	0.00854	0.0151
8 μM	0.00733	0.00893	0.01159	0.02078
12 μM	0.00851	0.01169	0.01448	0.02508
16 μM	0.02093	0.01471	0.0182	0.03003
20 μM	0.01906	0.01844	0.02149	0.03582
24 μM	0.02505	0.02428	0.02634	0.03529
28 μM	0.03054	0.03376	0.02674	0.03718
32 μM	0.03272	0.03904	0.03034	0.04119

36 μM	0.03476	0.04324	0.03097	0.04154
40 μM	0.03738	0.04448	0.03494	0.04199

F⁻ Application

Experimental Protocol:

100 mg of toothpaste samples Colgate, Pepsodent and Sensodyne were weighed and dissolved in 5 ml DMSO.

10 μL of the solution in 2ml DMSO was titrated by adding different concentrations of F⁻ (2-8 μM) and the obtained values were used to determine the concentration of fluoride by using the equation

$$x = \frac{y - c}{m}$$

The values of slope ($m = 0.00397$) and intercept ($c = 0.01349$) were taken from absorbance versus [F⁻] calibration plot (Fig. S52).

Remarks: The outcomes obtained indicate that ACQ is potentially useful for the quantification of F in toothpaste samples. The amount of fluoride recovered in each of the samples is tabulated below (Table S5).

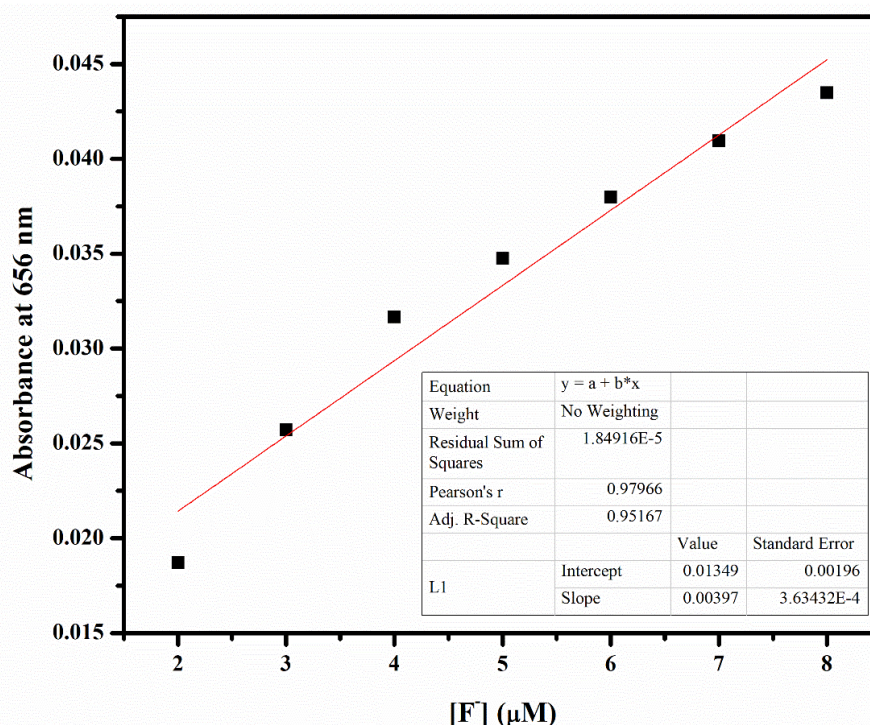


Fig S58. Absorbance versus [F⁻] plot for ACQ at different concentrations of F⁻ in DMSO.

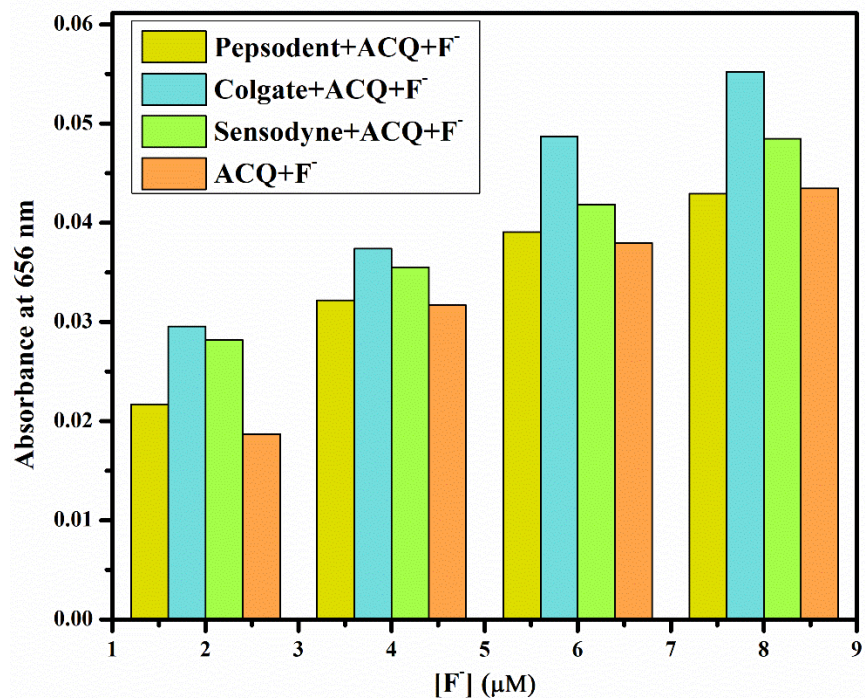


Fig S59. Bar graph for ACQ at 656 nm obtained by titrating toothpaste samples with F^- (2-8 μM) in DMSO.

Table S5. Calculated parameters from the obtained experimental values for quantifying F^- in different toothpaste samples.

Absorbance of ACQ+F ⁻ at z	[F ⁻] (z)	Absorbance of Colgate +ACQ+ [F ⁻] (z)	x _{colgate}	Concentration found in Sample (x _{colgate} -z)
0.01871	2 μM	0.02956	4.04 μM	2.04 μM
0.03168	4 μM	0.0374	6.02 μM	2.02 μM
0.03798	6 μM	0.0487	8.87 μM	2.86 μM
0.04348	8 μM	0.05521	10.5 μM	2.50 μM

Absorbance of ACQ+F ⁻ at z	[F ⁻] (z)	Absorbance of Pepsodent +ACQ+ [F ⁻] (z)	x _{pepsodent}	Concentration found in Sample (x _{pepsodent} -z)
0.01871	2 μM	0.0217	2.0689	0.068 μM
0.03168	4 μM	0.0322	4.7128	0.71 μM
0.03798	6 μM	0.03907	6.4433	0.44 μM
0.04348	8 μM	0.04293	7.415	-0.59 μM

Absorbance of ACQ+F ⁻ at z	[F ⁻] (z)	Absorbance of Sensodyne +ACQ+ [F ⁻] (z)	x _{sensodyne}	Concentration found in Sample (x _{sensodyne} -z)
0.01871	2 μM	0.02818	3.7002	1.70 μM
0.03168	4 μM	0.03551	5.546	1.54 μM
0.03798	6 μM	0.04183	7.138	1.13 μM
0.04348	8 μM	0.04846	8.8085	0.80 μM

Table S6 Examples of previously reported colorimetric and fluorescence-based Cu²⁺ sensors

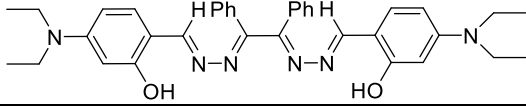
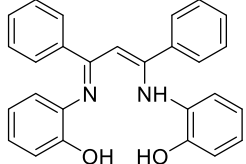
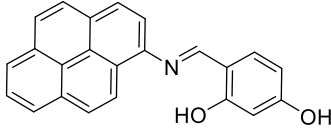
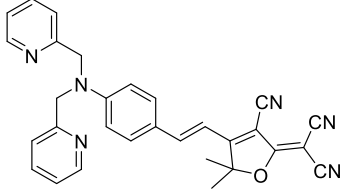
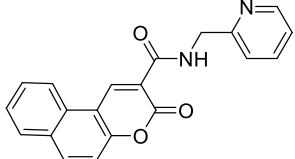
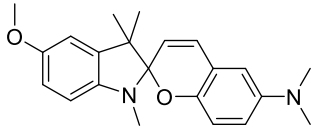
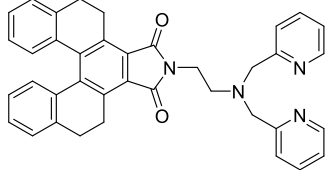
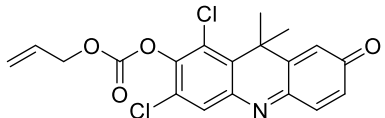
Sensor	Detection Limit	Solvent	Reference
	0.73 nM	MeOH/ H ₂ O	[10]
	-	MeOH	[11]
	0.503 μM	MeCN/ H ₂ O	[12]
	0.102 μM	EtOH/H EPES buffer	[13]
	-	DNF/ HEPES buffer	[14]
	0.11 μM	EtOH	[15]
	5.6 ppb	HEPES buffer	[16]

Table S7 Examples of previously reported colorimetric and fluorescence-based Pd²⁺ sensors

Sensor	Detection Limit	Solvent	Reference
	2.2 nM	PBS buffer & DMSO	[17]

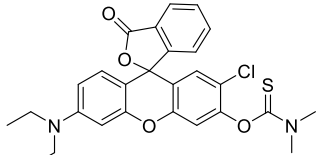
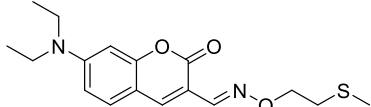
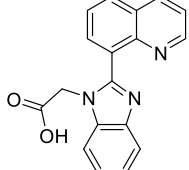
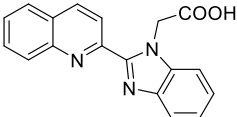
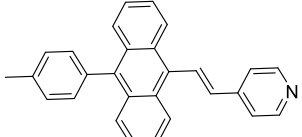
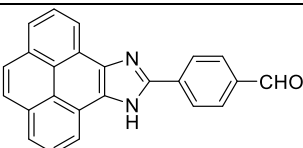
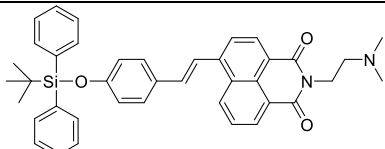
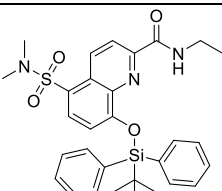
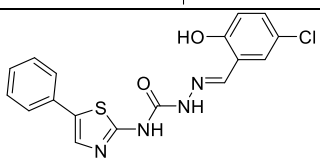
	0.01 μM	DMSO	[18]
	41.5 nM	EtOH/H ₂ O	[19]
	0.26 μM	PBS buffer & DMSO	[20]
	0.089 μM	H ₂ O	[21]
	10 ppb	Tween-20 neutral micellar medium	[22]

Table S8 Examples of previously reported colorimetric and fluorescence-based F⁻sensors.

Sensor	Detection Limit	Solvent	Mechanism	Reference
	-	DMSO Acetone	ICT Hydrogen Bonding	[1]
	5.27 μM	DMSO	Desilylation	[2]
	3.8 μM	Dioxane	Desilylation	[3]
	8.6 nM	THF	hydrogen-bonding interactions followed by deprotonation	[4]

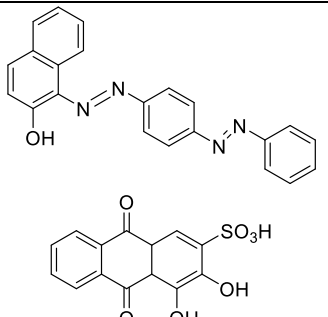
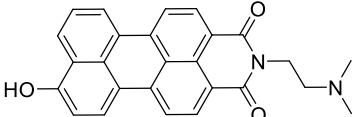
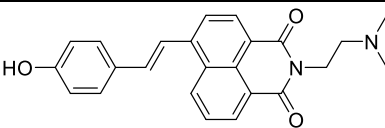
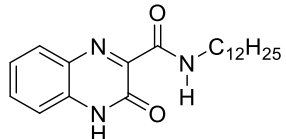
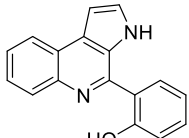
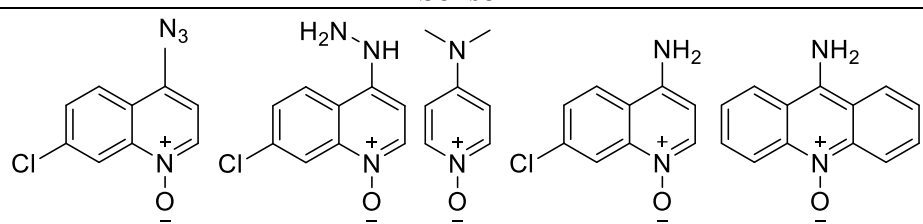
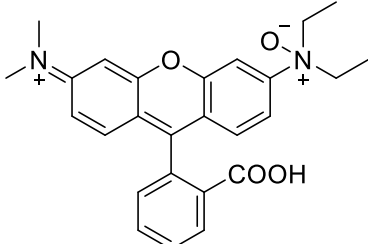
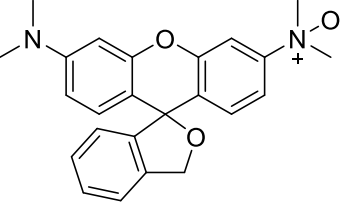
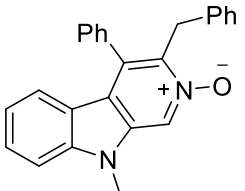
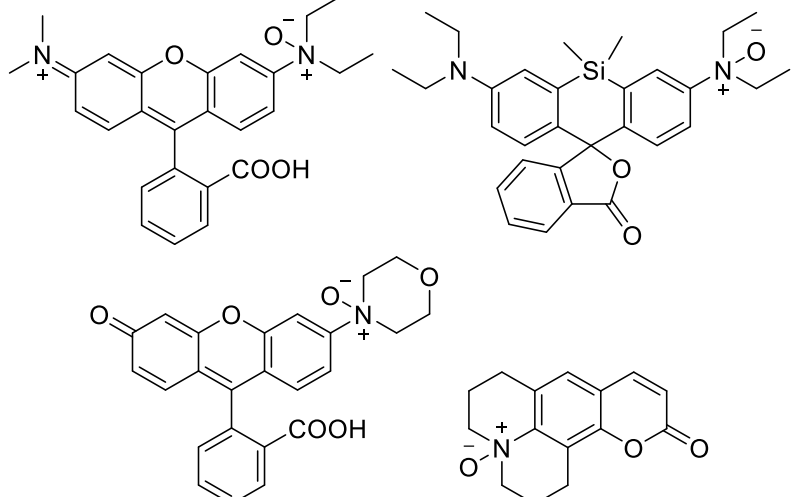
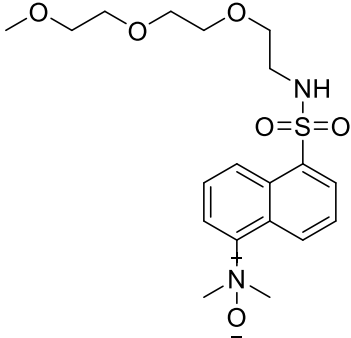
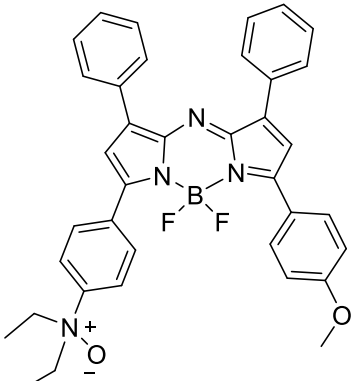
	-	-	Deprotonation	[5]
	0.495 μM	THF	Deprotonation	[6]
	14.2 μM	DMSO	Deprotonation	[7]
	-	THF	ESIPT inhibition	[8]
	19 μM	THF	Dianion (ICT)	[9]

Table S9 Examples of previously reported molecules with N-oxide group used for fluorescence studies.

Sensor	Reference
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exp_1179_2NH-NH2**Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for exp_1179_2NH-NH2.**[CCDC No. 2194801]

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 b/Å 9.7299(2)
 c/Å 17.6911(4)
 α/° 90
 β/° 95.712(2)
 γ/° 90
 Volume/Å³ 837.77(3)
 Z 4
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 μ/mm 1 1.009
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 Crystal size/mm³ 0.2 × 0.1 × 0.1
 Radiation CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
 2θ range for data collection/° 10.05 to 159.082
 Index ranges -3 ≤ h ≤ 6, -12 ≤ k ≤ 12, -22 ≤ l ≤ 20
 Reflections collected 4265
 Independent reflections 1751 [R_{int} = 0.0227, R_{sigma} = 0.0339]
 Data/restraints/parameters 1751/0/141
 Goodness-of-fit on F² 1.100
 Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)] R₁ = 0.0416, wR₂ = 0.1115
 Final R indexes [all data] R₁ = 0.0445, wR₂ = 0.1148
 Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å⁻³ 0.21/-0.34

Table 2 Fractional Atomic Coordinates (×10⁴) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters (Å²×10³) for exp_1179_2NH-NH2. U_{eq} is defined as 1/3 of of the trace of the orthogonalised UIJ tensor.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
O1O	1630(2)	2293.6(10)	7220.4(6)	30.8(3)
O2O	7234(2)	5927.5(11)	5682.9(6)	30.0(3)
N1N	5868(2)	5049.1(11)	6030.3(6)	22.1(3)
N2N	2956(3)	8035.9(12)	6639.5(7)	31.4(3)
N3N	651(2)	4857.2(12)	7375.7(7)	25.0(3)
N4N	2982(2)	3154.4(11)	6827.6(6)	22.0(3)
C1C	5169(3)	1279.9(14)	6233.8(8)	26.7(3)
C2C	7002(3)	841.5(15)	5747.2(8)	31.8(3)

C3C	8483(3)	1785.5(16)	5347.7(8)	32.5(3)
C4C	8148(3)	3174.0(15)	5437.5(8)	27.5(3)
C5C	3988(3)	5462.8(13)	6496.1(7)	21.4(3)
C6C	3526(3)	6906.7(14)	6561.8(7)	23.6(3)
C7C	2513(3)	4513.3(13)	6910.9(7)	20.8(3)
C8C	4803(2)	2696.8(13)	6336.5(7)	21.7(3)
C9C	6286(3)	3641.6(13)	5935.1(7)	22.3(3)

Table 3 Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for exp_1179_2NH-NH2. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2[h2a^*2U11+2hka^*b^*U12+\dots]$.

Atom	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
O1O	35.1(5)	21.3(5)	38.6(6)	1.5(4)	16.3(4)	-8.1(4)
O2O	29.7(5)	28.8(5)	33.4(5)	8.4(4)	13.2(4)	-2.3(4)
N1N	21.0(5)	23.5(6)	22.4(5)	2.5(4)	5.2(4)	-0.8(4)
N2N	37.6(7)	22.6(6)	35.6(6)	0.5(5)	11.6(5)	-0.4(5)
N3N	28.0(6)	19.7(5)	29.2(6)	-1.6(4)	12.1(4)	-2.2(4)
N4N	22.3(5)	19.6(5)	24.8(5)	0.0(4)	6.0(4)	-2.7(4)
C1C	27.4(6)	22.5(6)	29.7(7)	-2.7(5)	1.4(5)	1.1(5)
C2C	34.2(7)	27.2(7)	33.5(7)	-6.9(6)	0.5(6)	7.7(6)
C3C	31.0(7)	39.0(8)	27.9(7)	-6.3(6)	5.3(5)	11.8(6)
C4C	25.1(6)	34.4(7)	23.5(6)	1.2(5)	5.8(5)	4.1(5)
C5C	21.4(6)	20.4(6)	23.0(6)	-0.7(5)	4.7(5)	-0.2(5)
C6C	24.2(6)	22.8(7)	24.8(6)	1.1(5)	6.8(5)	-2.0(5)
C7C	20.9(6)	19.9(6)	22.0(6)	-1.7(4)	3.6(5)	-0.7(5)
C8C	20.5(6)	22.6(6)	22.0(6)	-2.0(5)	1.9(5)	0.9(5)
C9C	21.6(6)	23.9(6)	21.5(6)	-0.5(5)	2.3(5)	2.3(5)

Table 4 Bond Lengths for exp_1179_2NH-NH2.

Atom	Atom	Length/ \AA	Atom	Atom	Length/ \AA
O1O	N4N	1.3088(14)	C1C	C2C	1.371(2)
O2O	N1N	1.2793(14)	C1C	C8C	1.4044(18)
N1N	C5C	1.3558(16)	C2C	C3C	1.403(2)
N1N	C9C	1.3973(17)	C3C	C4C	1.372(2)
N2N	C6C	1.1451(18)	C4C	C9C	1.4041(18)
N3N	C7C	1.3294(16)	C5C	C6C	1.4295(18)
N4N	C7C	1.3525(16)	C5C	C7C	1.4203(18)
N4N	C8C	1.3784(17)	C8C	C9C	1.4064(18)

Table 5 Bond Angles for exp_1179_2NH-NH2.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/ $^\circ$	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/ $^\circ$
O2O	N1N	C5C	120.80(11)	C7C	C5C	C6C	120.32(12)
O2O	N1N	C9C	120.48(11)	N2N	C6C	C5C	174.27(14)
C5C	N1N	C9C	118.71(11)	N3N	C7C	N4N	116.58(12)
O1O	N4N	C7C	117.88(11)	N3N	C7C	C5C	124.77(12)
O1O	N4N	C8C	121.34(11)	N4N	C7C	C5C	118.64(11)
C7C	N4N	C8C	120.77(11)	N4N	C8C	C1C	119.83(12)

C2C	C1C	C8C	119.11(13)	N4N	C8C	C9C	120.34(12)
C1C	C2C	C3C	121.00(13)	C1C	C8C	C9C	119.83(12)
C4C	C3C	C2C	120.83(13)	N1N	C9C	C4C	120.32(12)
C3C	C4C	C9C	118.95(13)	N1N	C9C	C8C	119.40(11)
N1N	C5C	C6C	117.61(12)	C4C	C9C	C8C	120.28(13)
N1N	C5C	C7C	122.07(12)				

Table 6 Torsion Angles for exp_1179_2NH-NH2.

A	B	C	D	Angle/°	A	B	C	D	Angle/°
O1O	N4N	C7C	N3N	-1.60(17)	C2C	C1C	C8C	C9C	0.73(19)
O1O	N4N	C7C	C5C	179.23(11)	C2C	C3C	C4C	C9C	-0.2(2)
O1O	N4N	C8C	C1C	1.95(18)	C3C	C4C	C9C	N1N	-179.04(12)
O1O	N4N	C8C	C9C	-178.33(11)	C3C	C4C	C9C	C8C	0.3(2)
O2O	N1N	C5C	C6C	2.16(17)	C5C	N1N	C9C	C4C	177.84(11)
O2O	N1N	C5C	C7C	-177.63(11)	C5C	N1N	C9C	C8C	-1.51(18)
O2O	N1N	C9C	C4C	-2.06(18)	C6C	C5C	C7C	N3N	0.1(2)
O2O	N1N	C9C	C8C	178.59(10)	C6C	C5C	C7C	N4N	
			179.25(10)						
N1N	C5C	C7C	N3N	179.94(12)	C7C	N4N	C8C	C1C	-
			177.23(11)						
N1N	C5C	C7C	N4N	-0.96(19)	C7C	N4N	C8C	C9C	2.48(18)
N4N	C8C	C9C	N1N	-0.92(18)	C8C	N4N	C7C	N3N	
			177.62(11)						
N4N	C8C	C9C	C4C	179.73(11)	C8C	N4N	C7C	C5C	-1.56(18)
C1C	C2C	C3C	C4C	0.4(2)	C8C	C1C	C2C	C3C	-0.7(2)
C1C	C8C	C9C	N1N	178.80(10)	C9C	N1N	C5C	C6C	-
			177.74(11)						
C1C	C8C	C9C	C4C	-0.56(19)	C9C	N1N	C5C	C7C	2.47(18)
C2C	C1C	C8C	N4N	-179.55(12)					

Table 7 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ($\text{\AA} \times 10^4$) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for exp_1179_2NH-NH2.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
H3NA	551.45	5696.89	7401.56	38
H3NB	-30(40)	4143(19)	7592(10)	30(4)
H1C	4182.55	647.43	6492.31	32
H2C	7268.17	-95.49	5680.85	38
H3C	9707.41	1465.87	5018.02	39
H4C	9139.1	3795.63	5172.94	33

Experimental

Single crystals of C₉H₆N₄O₂ [exp_1179_2NH-NH2] were []. A suitable crystal was selected and [] on a XtaLAB Pro: Kappa dual offset/far diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 293(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2 [1], the structure was solved with the olex2.solve [2] structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the ShelXL [3] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

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Crystal structure determination of [exp_1179_2NH-NH2]

Crystal Data for C₉H₆N₄O₂ (M = 202.18 g/mol): monoclinic, space group P21/c (no. 14), a = 4.89130(10) Å, b = 9.7299(2) Å, c = 17.6911(4) Å, β = 95.712(2)°, V = 837.77(3) Å³, Z = 4, T = 293(2) K, μ(CuKα) = 1.009 mm⁻¹, D_{calc} = 1.603 g/cm³, 4265 reflections measured (10.05° ≤ 2θ ≤ 159.082°), 1751 unique (R_{int} = 0.0227, R_{sigma} = 0.0339) which were used in all calculations. The final R1 was 0.0416 (I > 2σ(I)) and wR2 was 0.1148 (all data).

Refinement model description

Number of restraints - 0, number of constraints - unknown.

Details:

1. Fixed Uiso

At 1.2 times of:

All C(H) groups

At 1.5 times of:

All N(H) groups

2.a Aromatic/amide H refined with riding coordinates:

C1C(H1C), C2C(H2C), C3C(H3C), C4C(H4C)

2.b Idealised tetrahedral OH refined as rotating group:

N3N(H3NA)

This report has been created with Olex2, compiled on 2018.05.29 svn.r3508 for OlexSys. Please let us know if there are any errors or if you would like to have additional features.

