Fluorenylidene Bridged Cyclotriphosphazenes: 'Turn-Off' Fluorescence Probe for Cu<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup>

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**Figure S1.** (a) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **4** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> between 0 - 8.5 ppm. (b) <sup>1</sup>H NMR expanded spectrum between 7.00-8.00 ppm.



**Figure S2.** (a) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compound **8** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> between 0 - 9.00 ppm. (b) <sup>1</sup>H NMR expanded spectra between 4.50-7.80 ppm.

 Table S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data of compounds 3-6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

Hf He Hb Hc Hb R							
No	<u>Ha</u>	<u>Hb</u>	<u>Hc</u>	<u>Hd</u>	He	<u>Hf</u>	<u>OH</u>
(3)	4H, dd, 6.70, <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =8.62 <sup>4</sup> J <sub>PH</sub> =1.28	4H, d, 7.06, <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =8.61	2H, d, 7.13	2H,m, 7.41-7.23	2H,m, 7.41-7.23	2H, d, 7.84 <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =7.53	1H, s 5.25
(4)	4H, dd, 7.05 <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =8.85 <sup>4</sup> J <sub>PH</sub> =2.04	4H, d, 7.12 <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =8.84	2H, m 7.27-7.18	2H,m, 7.27-7.18	<sup>2</sup> H, d, 7.31 <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =7.36	<sup>2</sup> H, d, 7.70 <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =7.50	-
(5)	8H, m, 7.08-7.00	8H, m, 7.21-7.10	4H, m 7.41-7.23	4H,m, 7.41-7.23	4H, m, 7.41-7.23	4H,m, 7.80-7.73	-
(6)	12H, m, 6.96-6.92	12H, m, 7.07-7.01	6H, m 7.32-7.09	6H,m, 7.32-7.09	6H, m, 7.32-7.09	6H,m, 7.64-7.10	-

Hf

(δ are reported in ppm; J values in Hz; s, singlet; d, doublet; dd, doublet of doublet; m, multiplet.)

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 Table S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data of compounds 8-11 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



No	<u>Ha</u>	<u>Hb</u>	Hc	Hd	<u>He</u>	<u>Hf</u>	<u>NH</u>
(8)	4H, dd, 6.95, <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =7.88 <sup>4</sup> J <sub>NHH</sub> =1.46	4H, d, 6.89, <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =7.91	2H, d, 7.35 <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =7.50	2H,t, 7.33-7.21	2H,t, 7.33-7.21	<sup>2</sup> H,d, 7.69 <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =7.51	2H, dd, 4.84, <sup>2</sup> J <sub>PH</sub> =10.93 <sup>4</sup> J <sub>NHH</sub> =1.60
(9)	8H, d, 7.03 <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =7.80	8H, d, 6.76 <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =7.91	4H, d 7.43 <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =7.46	4H,t, 7.41-7.28	4H,t, 7.41-7.28	4H,d, 7.77 <sup>3</sup> J <sub>HH</sub> =7.56	${}^{4}$ H, d, 4.92 ${}^{2}$ J <sub>PH</sub> =11.07
(10)	8H, d, 7.14-7.00	8H, d, 6.97-6.78	4H, d, 7.23-7.19	4H,m, 7.41-7.31	4H, m, 7.41-7.31	4H,d, 7.78-7.72	4H, 5.10-5.48
(11)	12H, d, 7.00-6.92	12H, d, 6.82-6.78	6H, m 7.21-7.08	6H,m 7.33-7.13	6H, m, 7.33-7.13	6H,m, 7.73-7.70	6H, 5. 20-5.46

( $\delta$  are reported in ppm; J values in Hz; d, doublet; dd, doublet of doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet.)

	4	8	9
P1-N1	1.5864(14)	1.593(2)	1.604(3)
P1-N3	1.5750(15)	1.593(2)	1.600(3)
P2-N1	1.5735(16)	1.568(2)	1.562(2)
P2-N2	1.5737(16)	1.584(2)	1.586(3)
P3-N2	1.5823(14)	1.580(2)	1.581(3)
P3-N3	1.5731(15)	1.573(2)	1.563(2)
P4-N4	1.5901(14)		1.594(3)
P4-N6	1.5826(14)		1.605(2)
P5-N4	1.5811(13)		
P5-N5	1.5819(15)		1.588(3)
P6-N5	1.5865(15)		1.593(3)
P6-N6	1.5781(13)		
P1-01	1.5720(12)		
P4-O2	1.5853(11)		
P1-N7(P1-N4 for 8)		1.622(2)	1.637(3)
P1-N8			1.655(3)
P4-N9			1.639(3)
P4-N10			1.637(3)
<b>01-C1</b>	1.4075(19)		
O2-C23	1.4239(18)		
N7-C1(N4-C1 for8)		1.423(3)	1.422(4)
N8-C26			1.421(4)
N9-C23			1.427(4)
N10-C48			1.416(4)
N1-P1-N3	117.55(8)	116.85(11)	115.61(13)
N1-P2-N2	118.84(8)	118.07(11)	119.44(14)
N2-P3-N3	118.43(8)	119.51(10)	119.62(14)
N4-P4-N6	117.05(7)		115.42(13)
N4-P5-N5	118.81(8)		
N5-P6-N6	118.31(7)		
P1-N1-P2	121.45(10)	119.83(12)	120.93(16)
P2-N2-P3	120.34(9)	119.45(13)	119.47(16)
P3-N3-P1	122.15(9)	120.23(13)	120.40(16)
P4-N4-P5	122.01(9)		
P5-N5-P6	120.27(9)		119.24(15)
P6-N6-P4	121.88(9)		
C4-C7-C20 (C4-C7-C4# for8)	112.84(12)	111.0(2)	111.0(2)
C29-C32-C45			110.3(2)
P1-01- C1	126.62(10)		
P4-02- C23	114.87(9)		
P1-N4- C1	-	125.01(16)	
PI-N/-CI			125.1(2)
P1-N8-C26			121.7(2)
P4-N9-C23			121.8(2)
P4-N10-C48			124.6(2)
P1-O1-C1-C2	-136.26(13)		

**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths (Å), bond angles (°) and torsion angles (°) for compounds 4,8 and 9.

P1-O1-C1-C6	47.5(2)		
P4-O2-C23-C22	-81.44(17)		
P4-O2-C23-C24	97.18(15)		
P1-N4-C1-C2		151.6(2)	
P1-N4-C1-C6		-28.8(3)	
P1-N7-C1-C2			39.5(4)
P1-N7-C1-C6			-139.2(2)
P1-N8-C26-C27			57.2(4)
P1-N8-C26-C31			-122.5(3)
P4-N9-C23-C22			-110.7(3)
P4-N9-C23-C24			68.6(4)
P4-N10-C48-C49			-132.6(3)
P4-N10-C48-C47			46.5(4)



Figure S3. The selected bond angles of compounds 4, 8 and 9.

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Figure S4. The angles between the planes of aniline or phenol rings of compounds 4, and 8.



Figure S5. The angles between the planes of cyclotriphosphazene and aniline or phenol rings of compounds 4, and 8.



Figure S6. The angles between the planes of cyclotriphosphazene rings of compounds 4, 8 and 9.



**Figure S7.** The angles between the planes of aniline rings of each FDA bridges of compound **9.** 



Figure S8. The angles between the planes of two fluorenylidene rings of compound 9.



**Figure S9.** (A) Fluorescence response of chemosensor **3** to various equivalents of  $Cu^{2+}$ . (B) The Benesi-Hildebrand graph and (C) Job's plot of **3**-Cu<sup>2+</sup> complex in THF solutions. The total concentration of **3** and Cu<sup>2+</sup> was  $1x10^{-2}$  M. The excitation wavelength was 270 nm. The monitored wavelength was 325 nm.



Figure S10. The proposed interaction between chemosensor 3 and  $Cu^{2+}$  ions.



**Figure S11**. (A) Fluorescence response of chemosensor **3** to various equivalents of  $Fe^{3+}$ . (B) The Benesi-Hildebrand graph and (C) Job's plot of **3**-Fe<sup>3+</sup> complex in THF solutions. The total concentration of **3** and Fe<sup>3+</sup> was  $1x10^{-3}$  M.. The excitation wavelength was 270 nm. The monitored wavelength was 325 nm.







**Figure S13.** (A) Fluorescence response of chemosensor **4** to various equivalents of  $Cu^{2+}$ . (B) The Benesi-Hildebrand graph and (C) Job's plot of **4**- $Cu^{2+}$  complex in THF solutions. The total concentration of **4** and  $Cu^{2+}$  was  $1x10^{-2}$  M. The excitation wavelength was 270 nm. The monitored wavelength was 320 nm.



Figure S14. The proposed interaction between chemosensor 4 and  $Cu^{2+}$  ions.



**Figure S15.** (A) Fluorescence response of chemosensor **4** to various equivalents of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ . (B) The Benesi-Hildebrand graph and (C) Job's plot of **4**-  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  complex in THF solutions. The total concentration of **4** and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  was  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M The excitation wavelength was 270 nm. The monitored wavelength was 320 nm



**Figure S16.** The proposed interaction between chemosensor 4 and  $Fe^{3+}$  ions.

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(A)



**Figure S17.** The proposed interaction between (A) **5** and  $Cu^{2+}$  ions and (B) **5** and  $Fe^{3+}$  ions.



**Figure S18.** (A) Fluorescence response of chemosensor **6** to various equivalents of  $Cu^{2+}$ . (B) The Benesi-Hildebrand graph and (C) Job's plot of **6**- $Cu^{2+}$  complex in THF solutions. The total concentration of **6** and  $Cu^{2+}$  was  $1x10^{-2}$  M. The excitation wavelength was 270 nm. The monitored wavelength was 314 and 322 nm.



Figure S19. The proposed interaction between chemosensor 6 and  $Cu^{2+}$  ions.



**Figure S20.** (A) Fluorescence response of chemosensor **6** to various equivalents of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ . (B) The Benesi-Hildebrand graph and (C) Job's plot of **6**-  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  complex in THF solutions. The total concentration of **6** and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  was  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M. The excitation wavelength was 270 nm. The monitored wavelength was 314 and 322 nm.



**Figure S21.** The proposed interaction between chemosensor **6** and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ions.



Figure S22. (A) Mass spectrum of compound 10 ESI  $(m/z)[M+Na]^+$ ; (B) chloro pattern of compound 10; (C) computer analyzing of chloro pattern of compound 10.