## Supplementary Information for

## Quinoline-attached triazacyclononane(TACN) derivatives as fluorescent zinc sensors

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## Table S1. Crystallographic Data for 6-MeOTQTACN (5), [Zn(6-

MeOTQTACN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (5-Zn) and [Cd(6-MeOTQTACN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (5-Cd)

	6-MeOTQ- TACN CH3OH ( <b>1</b> CH3OH)	[Zn(6-MeOTQ- TACN)](ClO4)2 ( <b>5-Zn</b> )	[Cd(6-MeOTQ- TACN)](ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ( <b>5-Cd</b> )
Formula	$C_{40}H_{46}N_6O_4$	$C_{39}H_{42}Cl_2N_6O_{11}Zn$	C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>42</sub> CdCl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub>
FW	674.84	907.08	954.11
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P <b>-</b> 1	$P2_{1}/c$	$P2_{1}/c$
<i>a,</i> Å	10.257(2)	9.7431(4)	21.944(6)
<i>b,</i> Å	13.830(3)	37.9514(11)	9.938(3)
<i>c,</i> Å	13.985(3)	11.4609(4)	18.534(5)
α, deg	68.153(7)	90	90
β, deg	71.191(7)	112.976(2)	107.020(3)
γ, deg	80.492(9)	90	90
<i>V,</i> Å <sup>3</sup>	1740.8(6)	3901.6(3)	3865(2)
Ζ	2	4	4
$D_{\text{calc}}$ , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.287	1.544	1.640
μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.0845	0.8371	0.7753
$2\theta_{max}$ , deg	55	55	55
temp, K	123	123	123
no. reflns collected	13703	33276	29253
no. reflns used	7595	8893	8768
no. of params	619	727	700
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0215	0.0240	0.0425
Final <i>R</i> 1 ( $l > 2\sigma(l)$ ) <sup><i>a</i></sup>	0.0744	0.0391	0.0563
wR2 (all data) <sup>b</sup>	0.2269	0.0953	0.1595
GOF	1.055	1.069	1.168

 ${}^{a}R1 = \Sigma ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}|| / \Sigma |F_{o}|. \quad {}^{b}wR2 = [\Sigma w[(F_{o}{}^{2} - F_{c}{}^{2})^{2}] / \Sigma [w(F_{o}{}^{2})^{2}]]^{1/2}.$ 

**Table S2.** Crystallographic Data for [Zn(1-isoTQTACN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> ·CH<sub>3</sub>OH (6-**Zn** ·CH<sub>3</sub>OH) and [Cd(1-isoTQTACN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> 0.5CH<sub>3</sub>OH (6-Cd 0.5CH<sub>3</sub>OH)

	[Zn(1-isoTQTACN)]- (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·CH <sub>3</sub> OH ( <b>6-Zn</b> ·CH <sub>3</sub> OH)	[Cd(1-isoTQTACN)]- (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> 0.5CH <sub>3</sub> OH ( <b>6-Cd</b> 0.5CH <sub>3</sub> OH)
Formula	$C_{37}H_{40}Cl_2N_6O_9Zn$	C36.5H38CdCl2N6O8.5
FW	849.04	880.05
Crystal system	orthorhombic	triclinic
Space group	Pbca	<i>P-</i> 1
<i>a,</i> Å	7.721(3)	11.370(2)
<i>b</i> , Å	19.269(3)	16.276(3)
<i>c,</i> Å	21.462(3)	22.279(3)
α, deg	90	69.744(3)
β, deg	90	75.434(3)
γ, deg	90	88.391(5)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	7328(2)	3735.6(9)
Ζ	8	4
$D_{\text{calc}}$ , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.539	1.565
μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.8816	0.7901
2θ <sub>max</sub> , deg	55	55
temp, K	123	173
no. reflns collected	54863	37386
no. reflns used	8393	16828
no. of params	649	1027
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0456	0.0227
Final R1 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) <sup><i>a</i></sup>	0.0596	0.0517
wR2 (all data) <sup>b</sup>	0.1410	0.1517
GOF	1.169	1.075

 ${}^{a}R1 = \Sigma ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}|| / \Sigma |F_{o}|. \quad {}^{b}wR2 = [\Sigma w[(F_{o}{}^{2} - F_{c}{}^{2})^{2}] / \Sigma [w(F_{o}{}^{2})^{2}]]^{1/2}.$ 

## Table S3. Crystallographic Data for [Cd(6-MeOTQEN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·2CH<sub>3</sub>OH (2

Cd ·2CH<sub>3</sub>OH)

	[Cd(6-MeOTQEN)](ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·2CH <sub>3</sub> OH ( <b>2-Cd</b> ·2CH <sub>3</sub> OH)
Formula	$C_{48}H_{52}CdCl_2N_6O_{14}$
FW	1120.29
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P-</i> 1
<i>a,</i> Å	11.006(2)
<i>b</i> , Å	11.191(2)
<i>c,</i> Å	20.600(4)
α, deg	78.273(5)
β, deg	79.581(5)
γ, deg	74.864(5)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	2376.2(7)
Ζ	2
$D_{\text{calc}}$ , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.566
μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.6479
$2\theta_{max}$ , deg	55
temp, K	153
no. reflns collected	23551
no. reflns used	10707
no. of params	828
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0176
Final <i>R</i> 1 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) <sup><i>a</i></sup>	0.0408
wR2 (all data) <sup>b</sup>	0.1137
GOF	1.063

 ${}^{a}R1 = \Sigma ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}|| / \Sigma |F_{o}|. \quad {}^{b}wR2 = [\Sigma w[(F_{o}{}^{2} - F_{c}{}^{2})^{2}] / \Sigma [w(F_{o}{}^{2})^{2}]]^{1/2}.$ 

 Table S4.
 Selected Bond Distances for Zinc and Cadmium Complexes with 6

MeOTQTACN (5	) and 1-iso[	FQTACN (6)	in the C	rystal Structure
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	[Zn(6-MeO- TQTACN)]- (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ( <b>5-Zn</b> )	[Cd(6-MeO- TQTACN)]- (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ( <b>5-Cd</b> )	[Zn(1-isoTQ- TACN)(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> . CH <sub>3</sub> OH ( <b>6-Zn</b> CH <sub>3</sub> OH)	[Cd(1-isoTQ- TACN](ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> · 0.5CH <sub>3</sub> OH ( <b>6-Cd</b> 0.5CH <sub>3</sub> OH
M-N1 <sup>a</sup>	2.2227(19)	2.417(4)	2.205(3)	2.359(4), 2.402(4)
M-N2 <sup>a</sup>	2.2260(17)	2.370(4)	2.212(3)	2.366(4), 2.379(4)
M-N3 <sup>a</sup>	2.1853(15)	2.387(4)	2.175(3)	2.392(3), 2.354(4)
Mean M-Naliphatic	2.211	2.391(0.180) <sup>c</sup>	2.197	2.375(0.178) <sup>c</sup>
M-N4 <sup>b</sup>		2.2085(13)	2.307(4)	2.146(3) 2.284(3)
2.275(3)				
M-N5 <sup>b</sup>		2.196(2)	2.335(4)	2.120(3) 2.290(3)
2.288(4)				
M-N6 <sup>b</sup>		2.2357(17)	2.342(5)	2.163(3) 2.316(4)
2.305(4)				
Mean M-Naromatic	2.213	2.328(0.115) <sup>c</sup>	2.143	2.293(0.150) <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Aliphatic nitrogen atoms.

<sup>b</sup> Aromatic nitrogen atoms.

<sup>c</sup> Values in parentheses indicate the difference between zinc and cadmium complexes.



**Figure S1.** Zinc titration profile for 34  $\mu$ M 6-MeOTQTACN (5) in DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) at 25 °C. (a) UV-vis absorbance changes at 322 and 334 nm. (b) Fluorescence intensity changes ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 341 nm) at 420 nm.



**Figure S2.** Zinc titration profile for 34  $\mu$ M 1-isoTQTACN (**6**) in DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) at 25 °C. (a) UV-vis absorbance changes at 316 and 327 nm. (b) Fluorescence intensity changes ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 327 nm) at 353 nm.

Wavelength (nm)

1-isoTQTACN Zn<sup>21</sup>1eq Fluorescence Intensity (a.u.) 1000 6-MeOTQTACN Na<sup>+</sup> 1eq Fluorescence Intensity (a.u.) 80 (a) (b) 70 'leq 1eq g<sup>21</sup> 1eo 800 leq leq 60 Mn<sup>2+</sup> 1eq 1eq 1eq 50 600 40 Ni<sup>2+</sup> 1eq Cu<sup>2-</sup> 1eq 400 30 eq 1cq 20 1ec 200 10 0 🛃 350 0 400 550 350 450 500 600 400 450 600 500 550

Wavelength (nm)

**Figure S3.** Comparison of fluorescence spectra of 34  $\mu$ M (a) 6-MeOTQTACN (5) ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 341 nm) and (b) 1-isoTQTACN (6) ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 327 nm) in DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) at 25 °C in the presence of 1 equivalent of zinc (red, circles), cadmium (blue, squares) and other metal ions (various colors, no marks).



**Figure S4.** Fluorescence intensity change of 34  $\mu$ M TQTACN-Zn complex (**4-Zn**) at 388 nm ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 317 nm) in the presence of one equivalent of TPEN in DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) at 25 °C.



**Figure S5.** Competitive fluorescence intensity change of 34  $\mu$ M TQTACN (**4**) at 388 nm ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 317 nm) in the presence (circle) and absence (triangles) of one equivalent of TPEN with increasing amount of zinc in DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) at 25 °C.



Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 6-MeOTQTACN (5) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 6-MeOTQTACN (5) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1-isoTQTACN (6) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S9. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1-isoTQTACN (6) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S10.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [Zn(6-MeOTQTACN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**5-Zn**) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



Figure S11. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [Zn(6-MeOTQTACN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (5-Zn) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [Cd(6-MeOTQTACN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (5-Cd) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.





Figure S13. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [Cd(6-MeOTQTACN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (5-Cd) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

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**Figure S14.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [Zn(1-isoTQTACN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**6-Zn**) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

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Figure S15. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [Zn(1-isoTQTACN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (6-Zn) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



**Figure S16.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [Cd(1-isoTQTACN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**6-Cd**) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S17. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [Cd(1-isoTQTACN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (6-Cd) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [Cd(6-MeOTQEN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (2-Cd) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S19. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [Cd(6-MeOTQEN)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (2-Cd) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.