Supporting Information

## Cd(II)-Terpyridine-based complex as a ratiometric fluorescent probe for pyrophosphate detection in solution and as an imaging agent in living cells

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**Figure S1.** Fluorescence spectra of **L1** (10  $\mu$ M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of various metal ions (50  $\mu$ M): (1) Ni<sup>+</sup>; (2) Mn<sup>2+</sup>; (3) Cu<sup>2+</sup>; (4) Fe<sup>3+</sup>; (5) Co<sup>2+</sup>; (6) Ag<sup>+</sup>; (7) Ca<sup>2+</sup>; (8) Na<sup>+</sup>; (9) K<sup>+</sup>; (10) Li<sup>+</sup>; (11) Zn<sup>2+</sup>; (12) Cd<sup>2+</sup>; (13) Al3<sup>+</sup>; (14) Host.



Figure S2. Structure of L1-Cd(II) complex and Mass spectrometry (HRMS) of L1-Cd(II) complex





Figure S3. Absorption spectra of L1(10  $\mu$ M) titration of Cd<sup>2+</sup>



**Figure S4.** The determination **L1-Cd(II)** complex of the detection limit (LOD) for PPi





Figure S5. Mass spectral analysis for L1-Cd(II) interaction with PPi

Figure S6. Absorption spectra of L1 (10  $\mu$ M), L1-Cd(II) complex(10  $\mu$ M), and L1-Cd(II) complex (10  $\mu$ M) with PPi (10  $\mu$ M)





Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of L1

190 180 170 ⊥<mark>156.18</mark> ⊥155.71 160 150 N 136.87 **N** || Ν 140 129.54 128.40 130 -127.35 126.39 125.84 == 120 125.19 123.87 110 123.82 121.41 100 8 77.32 77.00 76.69 8 70 8 8 \$ 30 20 ю 0





Figure S9. Mass spectrometry (HRMS) of L1



Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of L1-Cd(II) complex



Figure S11. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of L1-Cd(II) complex

Figure S12. XRD structure of L1-Cd(II) complex, details of band angles, bond lengths



Table S1. Bond Lengths for L1-Cd(II) complex.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
Cd2	$O2^1$	2.544(4)	C44	С9	1.391(9)
Cd2	O2	2.591(3)	C44	C25	1.363(7)
Cd2	$O3^1$	2.352(3)	C46	C43	1.422(7)
Cd2	O10	2.462(4)	C46	C47	1.402(8)
Cd2	013	2.504(4)	N11	C6	1.331(6)
Cd2	N21	2.311(3)	N11	C29	1.335(6)
Cd2	N22	2.359(3)	C43	C25	1.419(7)
Cd2	N11	2.363(3)	C47	C12	1.370(8)
O2	$Cd2^1$	2.544(4)	C48	C33	1.365(9)
O2	N23	1.256(5)	C1	C6	1.505(6)
03	$Cd2^1$	2.352(3)	C1	C20	1.367(6)
O3	N23	1.274(5)	C4	C18	1.373(7)
06	N23	1.214(5)	C6	C13	1.391(6)
08	N18	1.210(5)	C7	C16	1.378(6)
010	N18	1.246(5)	C7	C20	1.399(6)
013	N18	1.242(6)	C12	C22	1.426(8)
N21	C1	1.339(5)	C13	C40	1.377(6)
N21	C38	1.335(5)	C16	C38	1.377(6)
N22	C4	1.348(6)	C18	C24	1.360(7)
N22	C35	1.331(5)	C22	C41	1.339(9)
C45	C46	1.418(8)	C24	C32	1.369(7)
C45	C9	1.352(9)	C27	C29	1.378(7)
C49	C42	1.404(7)	C27	C40	1.354(7)
C49	C43	1.410(6)	C32	C35	1.385(6)
C49	C7	1.499(6)	C33	C41	1.409(10)
C42	C48	1.426(7)	C35	C38	1.505(6)

C42 C12 1.438(7)

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/•	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/•
$O2^1$	Cd2	02	69.48(13)	C48	C42	C12	117.4(5)
O3 <sup>1</sup>	Cd2	O2	92.88(12)	C25	C44	C9	120.5(6)
$O3^1$	Cd2	$O2^1$	51.92(11)	C45	C46	C43	118.7(5)
O3 <sup>1</sup>	Cd2	O10	81.05(13)	C47	C46	C45	121.6(5)
$O3^1$	Cd2	O13	77.49(15)	C47	C46	C43	119.7(5)
$O3^1$	Cd2	N22	134.02(12)	C6	N11	Cd2	117.4(3)
$O3^1$	Cd2	N11	86.94(12)	C6	N11	C29	118.4(4)
010	Cd2	O2	149.37(12)	C29	N11	Cd2	124.3(3)
010	Cd2	$O2^1$	83.58(11)	C49	C43	C46	118.7(4)
010	Cd2	013	50.23(12)	C49	C43	C25	123.2(4)
013	Cd2	O2	157.21(13)	C25	C43	C46	118.1(4)
013	Cd2	$O2^1$	117.02(13)	C12	C47	C46	121.9(5)
N21	Cd2	$O2^1$	147.04(11)	08	N18	O10	121.0(4)
N21	Cd2	O2	87.24(11)	08	N18	O13	123.0(5)
N21	Cd2	$O3^1$	156.53(12)	O13	N18	O10	115.9(4)
N21	Cd2	O10	110.02(12)	C33	C48	C42	120.6(6)
N21	Cd2	013	93.56(14)	N21	C1	C6	115.4(3)
N21	Cd2	N22	69.45(11)	N21	C1	C20	121.3(4)
N21	Cd2	N11	70.05(11)	C20	C1	C6	123.2(4)
N22	Cd2	$O2^1$	86.00(11)	N22	C4	C18	122.8(5)
N22	Cd2	O2	87.48(11)	N11	C6	C1	117.0(4)
N22	Cd2	O10	76.04(12)	N11	C6	C13	121.1(4)
N22	Cd2	013	114.14(13)	C13	C6	C1	121.9(4)
N22	Cd2	N11	137.65(12)	C16	C7	C49	121.6(4)
N11	Cd2	O2	78.73(11)	C16	C7	C20	117.9(4)
N11	Cd2	$O2^1$	124.39(11)	C20	C7	C49	120.5(4)
N11	Cd2	O10	130.34(12)	C45	C9	C44	120.5(5)
N11	Cd2	013	80.15(12)	C47	C12	C42	119.4(5)
$Cd2^1$	O2	Cd2	110.52(13)	C47	C12	C22	121.7(5)
N23	O2	$Cd2^1$	91.3(3)	C22	C12	C42	118.9(5)
N23	O2	Cd2	112.6(2)	C40	C13	C6	119.5(4)
N23	O3	$Cd2^1$	100.0(3)	C38	C16	C7	119.7(4)
N18	O10	Cd2	97.9(3)	C24	C18	C4	119.0(4)
02	N23	O3	116.4(4)	C1	C20	C7	119.6(4)
06	N23	02	123.3(4)	C41	C22	C12	121.9(6)
06	N23	O3	120.3(4)	C18	C24	C32	119.1(4)
N18	013	Cd2	96.0(3)	C44	C25	C43	121.0(5)
C1	N21	Cd2	119.8(3)	C40	C27	C29	118.3(4)
C38	N21	Cd2	120.3(3)	N11	C29	C27	123.4(5)

Table S2. Bond Angles for L1-Cd(II) complex.

C38	N21	C1	119.9(3)	C24	C32	C35	119.3(5)
C4	N22	Cd2	123.6(3)	C48	C33	C41	121.6(6)
C35	N22	Cd2	117.8(3)	N22	C35	C32	122.1(4)
C35	N22	C4	117.6(4)	N22	C35	C38	116.0(3)
C9	C45	C46	121.1(5)	C32	C35	C38	121.8(4)
C42	C49	C43	121.1(4)	N21	C38	C16	121.4(4)
C42	C49	C7	119.4(4)	N21	C38	C35	115.1(3)
C43	C49	C7	119.5(4)	C16	C38	C35	123.4(4)
C49	C42	C48	123.4(5)	C27	C40	C13	119.3(4)
C49	C42	C12	119.1(4)	C22	C41	C33	119.6(6)