

Electronic Supporting Information

**pH-Regulated ‘Off-On’ Fluorescence Signaling of d-block
Metal Ions in Aqueous Media and Realization of Molecular
IMP Logic Function**

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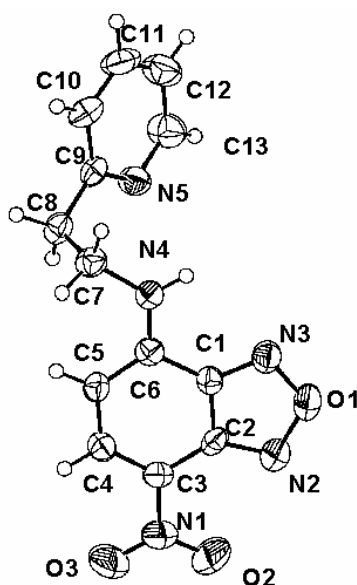


Fig S1. X-ray structure of **1** with atoms represented by thermal ellipsoid at the 50% probability level.

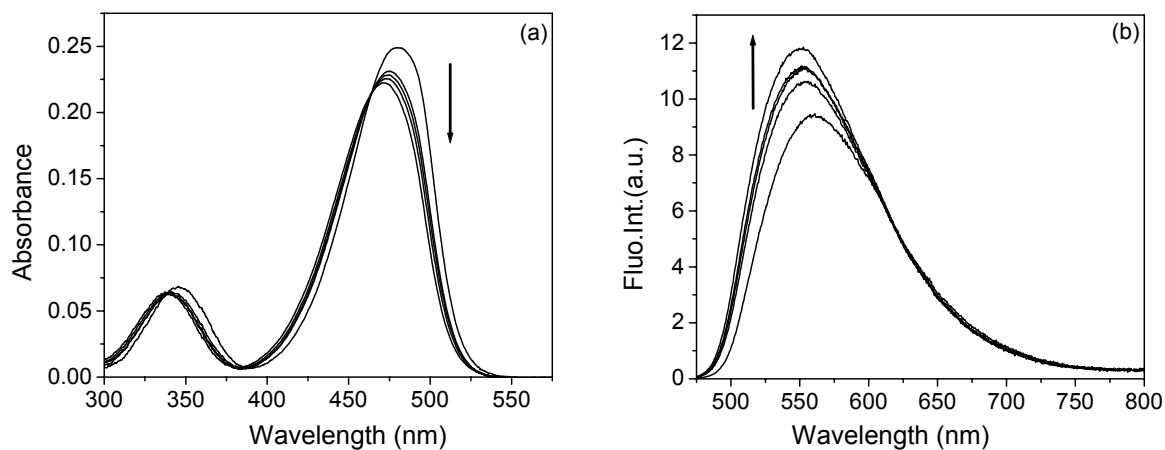


Fig S2. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) spectra of **1** (4.9×10^{-6} M) in water upon progressive addition of HCl. $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-4} - 2.9 \times 10^{-4}$ M with decreasing absorbance and increasing fluorescence at 525 nm. Excitation wavelength is 460 nm.

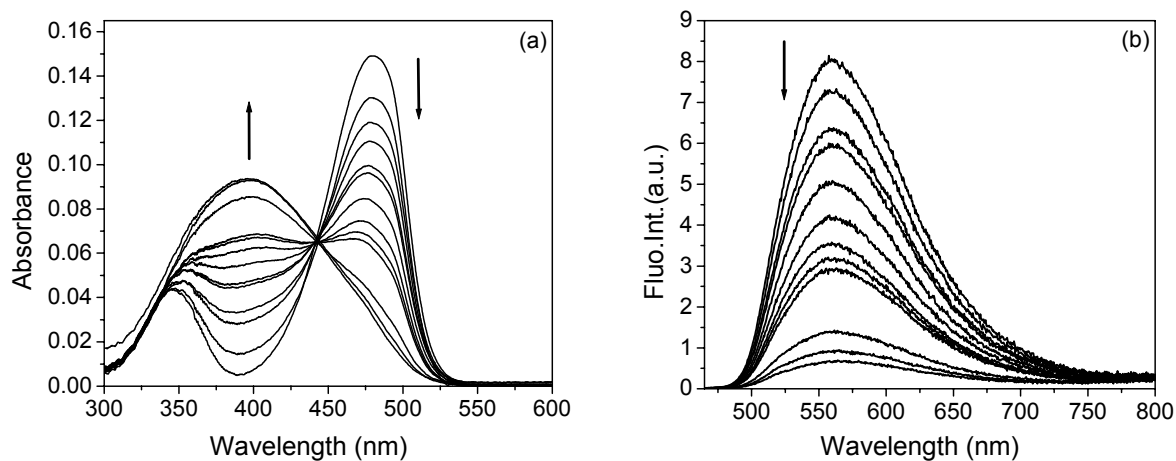


Fig S3. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) spectra of **1** (4.9×10^{-6} M) in water upon progressive addition of NaOH. $[\text{OH}^-] = 0.16 \times 10^{-4} - 5.0 \times 10^{-4}$ M with decreasing absorbance and fluorescence at 525 nm. Excitation wavelength is 440 nm.

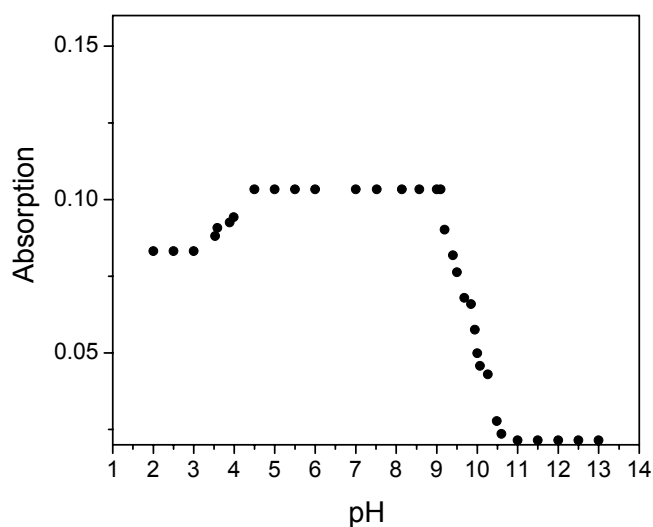


Fig S4. A typical plot showing the change in the absorbance of **1** as a function of pH at 480 nm.

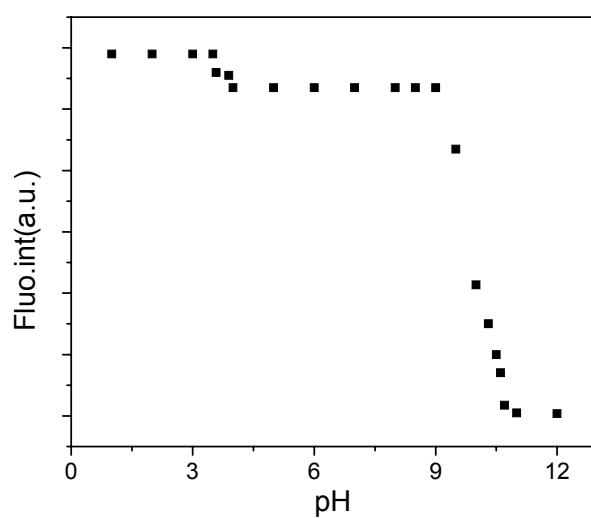


Fig S5. A typical plot showing the change in the fluorescence intensity of **1** as a function of pH .

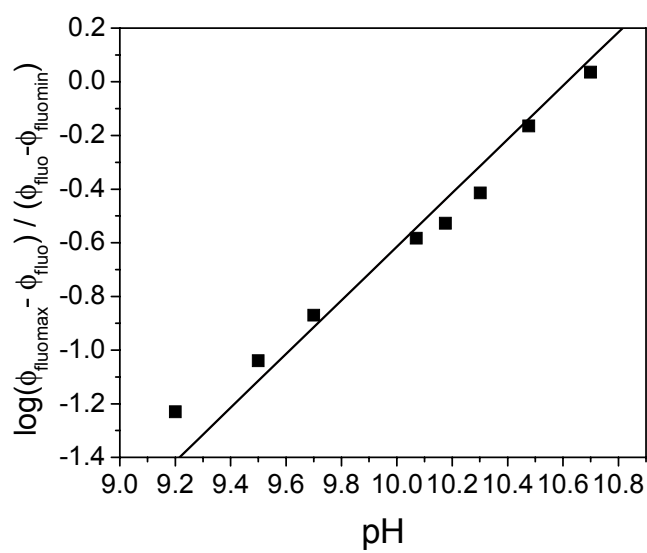


Fig S6. A typical plot from which the pK_a value for the deprotonation of **1** was estimated.

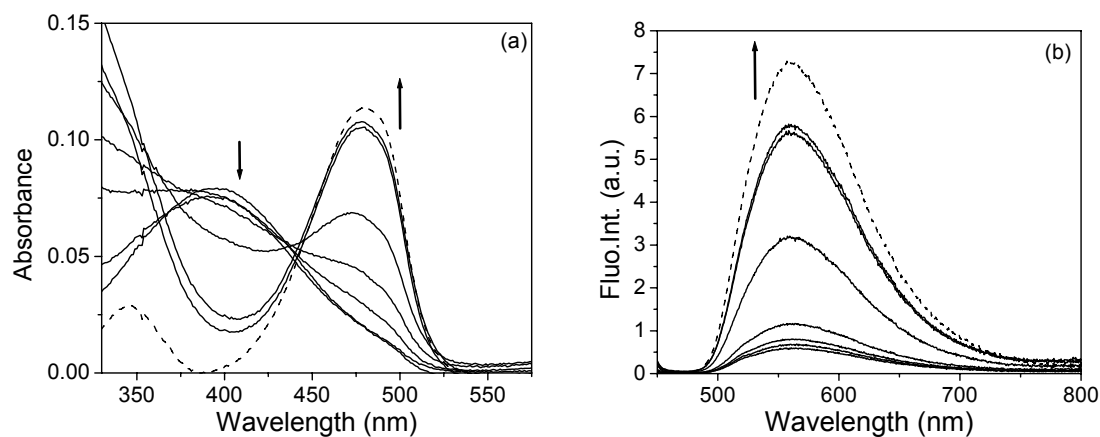


Fig S7. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) spectra of **1** (4.9×10^{-6} M) at pH 10.7 and upon subsequent addition of Cu²⁺. [Cu²⁺] = 2×10^{-4} – 9.5×10^{-4} M. Dashed line represents the corresponding spectra of **1** at pH 7. Excitation wavelength is 440 nm.

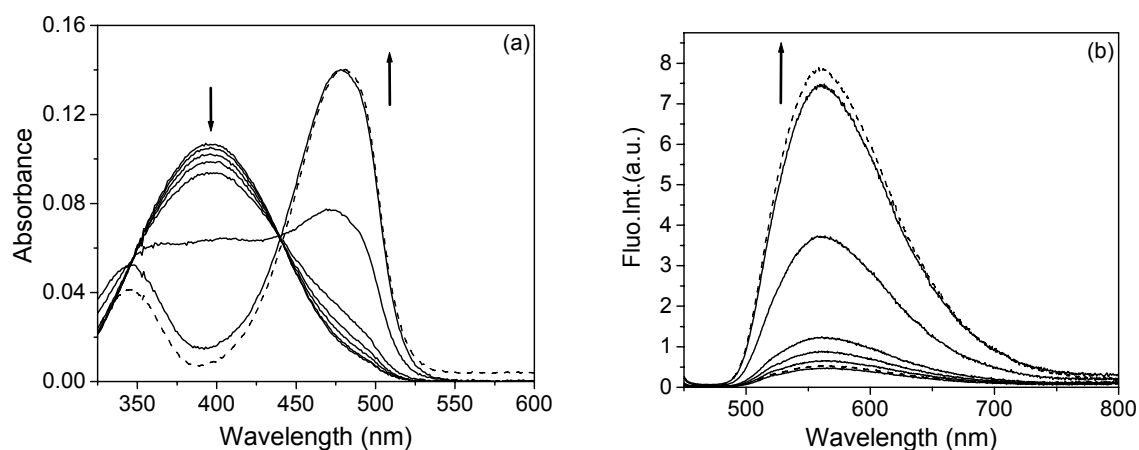


Fig S8. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) spectra of **1** (4.9×10^{-6} M) at pH 10.7 and upon subsequent addition of Zn²⁺. [Zn²⁺] = 5.7×10^{-5} – 9×10^{-4} M. Dashed line represents the corresponding spectra of **1** at pH 7. Excitation wavelength is 440 nm.

Table S1: Fluorescence response of **1**^a and the measured binding constant values (K) at pH 10.7 for different metal ions.

Metal ions ^b	[Salt]/ [M] ^c	I/I ₀ ^d	K (10 ³ M ⁻¹) ^e
Ni ²⁺	7 × 10 ⁻⁴	13.65	1.2
Cu ²⁺	9.5 × 10 ⁻⁴	9.66	1.5
Zn ²⁺	9 × 10 ⁻⁴	16.08	5.5
Fe ³⁺	7.7 × 10 ⁻⁴	9.16	f
Mn ²⁺	8.2 × 10 ⁻⁴	10.8	f

^aConcentration of **1** = 4.9 × 10⁻⁶ M. ^bPerchlorate salts of the metals are used. ^cThe concentration of the metal salt for which maximum fluorescence enhancement is observed. ^dI₀ corresponds to the fluorescence intensity of **1** at pH 10.7 and I corresponds to observed maximum fluorescence enhancement value after the addition of metal ions at the same pH. ^eK values are calculated from the absorption data. ^fSince no clear isosbestic point was observed in these cases, reliable K values could not be calculated.