## Supplementary information for

## Metal ion induced allosteric transition in the catalytic activity of an artificial phosphodiesterase

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**Fig. S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (9.5 ~ 6.5 ppm) for 1+ Zn(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; [1]=1.0 mM, pD 7.7 in D<sub>2</sub>O / ethanol- $d_6 = 2 / 1$  (v / v) at 5 °C.



**Fig. S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (6.0 ~ 3.0 ppm) for 1+ Zn(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; [1]=1.0 mM, pD 7.7 in D<sub>2</sub>O / ethanol- $d_6 = 2 / 1$  (v / v) at 5 °C.





**Figure S3.** ESI MS spectra for (a) ESI MS spectrum for  $[Zn^{2+}]/[1] = 2.0$  and (b) 8.0 in 33% ethanol/water (HEPES, 25 mM). ESI MS spectra for (c)  $[Cu^{2+}]/[1] = 2.0$  and (d) 3.0 in 33% ethanol/water (HEPES, 25 mM).

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**Figure S4.** Lineweaver-Burk plots for HPNP cleavage; in 33% ethanol/water (HEPES, 25 mM), pH 7.7 at 25 °C; (a) [1] = 0.4 mM,  $[Zn(ClO_4)_2] = 0.80$  mM (solid line), [1] = 0.40 mM,  $[Zn(ClO_4)_2] = 2.0$  mM (broken line), (b) [1] = 1.0 mM,  $[Cu(ClO_4)_2] = 2.0$  mM (solid line), [1] = 1.0 mM,  $[Cu(ClO_4)_2] = 3.0$  mM (broken line).



Fig. S5 UV-Vis spectral changes of  $1 \cdot (\mathbb{Z}n^{2+})_3$  ([1] = 0.40 mM, [Zn(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]) upon addition of EDTA-2Na ((a) 0-3 equiv., (b) 3-6 equiv.) in 33% ethanol/water (HEPES, 25 mM) at pH 7.7 and 25 °C.