## **Supporting Information**

## "A Selective Fluorescent Chemosensor for Phosphoserine"

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## **I. Binding Titrations**

Titrations with Zn<sup>2+</sup>

Sensor 1



**Figure S1**. (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor **1** (10  $\mu$ M) and zinc acetate (10  $\mu$ M) in 3:97 DMSO/buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 500 mM phosphoserine.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 521 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.



**Figure S2**. (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor **1** (10  $\mu$ M) and zinc acetate (10  $\mu$ M) in 3:97 DMSO/buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 500 mM phosphoethanolamine.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 521 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.



**Figure S3.** (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor **1** (10  $\mu$ M) and zinc acetate (10  $\mu$ M) in 3:97 DMSO/buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 500 mM glutamate.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 521 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.



**Figure S4**. (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor **1** (10  $\mu$ M) and zinc acetate (10  $\mu$ M) in 3:97 DMSO/buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 500 mM glycine.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 521 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.





Figure S5. (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor 2 (10  $\mu$ M) and zinc acetate (10  $\mu$ M) in buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 100 mM phosphoethanolamine.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 513 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.



**Figure S6**. (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor **2** (10  $\mu$ M) and zinc acetate (10  $\mu$ M) in buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 1 M glutamate.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 513 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.



**Figure S7.** (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor **2** (10  $\mu$ M) and zinc acetate (10  $\mu$ M) in buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 1 M glycine.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 513 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.



Sensor 1



**Figure S8**. (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor **1** (10  $\mu$ M) in 3:97 DMSO/buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 500 mM phosphoserine.  $\lambda_{em} = 521$  nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.



Figure S9. (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor 1 (10  $\mu$ M) in 3:97 DMSO/buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 500 mM phosphoethanolamine.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 521 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.



**Figure S10**. (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor **1** (10  $\mu$ M) in 3:97 DMSO/buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 500 mM glutamate.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 521 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.



**Figure S11**. (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor **1** (10  $\mu$ M) in 3:97 DMSO/buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 500 mM glycine.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 521 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.

Sensor 2



**Figure S12**. (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor **2** (10  $\mu$ M) in buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 1 M phosphoserine.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 513 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.



**Figure S13**. (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor **2** (10  $\mu$ M) in buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 1 M phosphoethanolamine.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 513 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.



**Figure S14**. (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor **2** (10  $\mu$ M) in buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 1 M glutamate.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 513 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.



**Figure S15**. (a) UV/Vis and (b) fluorescence titration of sensor **2** (10  $\mu$ M) in buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) adding aliquots of 1 M glycine.  $\lambda_{em}$  = 513 nm. Inset is the fit to a binding isotherm.

## **II. Molecular Modeling**

Models were constructed using Spartan '10.





**III. NMR Spectra** 









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