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## Fluorescent detection of silver ions in water with organic nanoaggregates

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Figure (S1). UV-vis spectra : 1 with  $Hg^{2+}$  in  $H_2O/DMSO$  (99:1).

**Job's Plot (fluorescence method):** Stock solutions of 1 (10  $\mu$ M) and silver nitrate (1 mM) were prepared separately in respective solvents. The fluorescence spectra was recorded for each of the 11 solutions containing the two solutions (**1** and AgNO<sub>3</sub>) at a total concentration of 80  $\mu$ M in CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DMSO (99:1) and 8  $\mu$ M for H<sub>2</sub>O/DMSO (99:1) in the following volume ratios. 2.0:0, 1.8:0.02, 1.6:0.04, 1.4:0.06, 1.2:0.08, 1.0:0.10, 0.8:0.12, 0.6:0.14, 0.4:0.16, 0.2:0.18, and 0.0:0.20.



Figure (S2). ESI-MS of the chemosensor 1.



**Figure (S3).** ESI-MS spectrum of complex  $[1 + Ag^+]$  from an aqueous sample.



**Figure(S4).** ESI-MS spectrum of complex  $[1 + 2Ag^+ + MeOH + HO^-]$ .



**Figure** (S5). Binding constant in MeOH:DMSO (99:1, v/v) was determined from the plot of  $ln[(F-F_0)/(F_{\infty}-F)]$  against  $ln[Ag^+]$ ; the stoichimetry of  $1-Ag^+$  association, obtained directly from the slope, is  $1.94 \cong 2$ . Following equation 1, the intercept gave an association constant of 8.0 x  $10^5$  M<sup>-2</sup>. The error calculated from experiments performed in triplicate was 6%.



**Figure** (S6). Binding constant in H<sub>2</sub>O:DMSO (99:1, v/v) was determined from the plot of  $\ln[(F-F_0)/(F_{\infty}-F)]$  against  $\ln[Ag^+]$ ; the stoichimetry of 1-Ag<sup>+</sup> association, obtained from the slope, is 1.28. Following equation 1, the intercept gave an association constant of 1.37 x 10<sup>6</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>. The error calculated from experiments performed in triplicate was 4%.



Figure(S7). Determination of detection limit from fluorescence intensity of chemosensor 1 in  $H_2O/DMSO$  (99:1, v/v).

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4.04

4°02

4.06 70.4 70.4



80

- 2.0

⊒ 2.45 ⊒ 2.07 ≣ 2.01 ≣ 2.01

**-** 2.09

⊐- 2.00

ppm (t1)



Figure (S8). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1.



Figure (S9). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1.