## Supplementary Information for

# Zn(II)\_-Promoted Dramatic Enhancement in the Enantioselective Fluorescent Recognition of Functional Chiral Amines by a Chiral Aldehyde

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### Supplementary Fluorescence Spectra, TOF Mass Spectra and NMR Titration Plots

**Figure S1.** Fluorescent spectra of (*R*)-2 ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the presence of 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, and 8.0 equiv (*S*,*S*)-3 (a) and (*R*,*R*)-3 (b). (Solvent: methanol/1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.  $\lambda_{exc} = 338$  nm, slit = 5/5 nm.).



**Figure S2.** Fluorescent spectra of (*R*)-2 ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the presence of 1equiv Zn(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O Solvent: methanol/1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.  $\lambda_{exc} = 314$  nm or 417nm, slit = 5/5 nm.).



**Figure S3.** Fluorescent spectra of (*S*)-**2**+Zn<sup>2+</sup>(1equiv) ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the presence of 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 equiv (*R*,*R*)-**3** (a) and (*S*,*S*)-**3** (b). Fluorescent intensity at 530 nm versus the equiv of the amines (c). (Solvent: methanol/1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.  $\lambda_{exc} = 314$  nm, slit = 5/5 nm.).



**Figure S4.** TOF mass spectra of (R)-**2**+Zn(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (1 equiv) +(*S*,*S*)-**3**(2 equiv) (a) and the macrocycle **6**+ Zn(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (1 equiv) (b).



(b)  $6+Zn(OAc)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$  (1 equiv)



**Figure S6.** <sup>1</sup>HNMR titration of (*R*)-**2**+ZnBr<sub>2</sub> (1 equiv) (9.1mM) with (*S*,*S*)-**3** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> : CD<sub>3</sub>OD (2: 1) in comparison with the macrocycle **6** + ZnBr<sub>2</sub> (1 equiv) (9.1 mM). (The <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectra were taken after the solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for 4 h).



**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>HNMR titration of (*R*)-**2**+ZnBr<sub>2</sub> (1 equiv) (9.1mM) with (*R*,*R*)-**3** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> : CD<sub>3</sub>OD (2: 1). (The <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectra were taken after the solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for 4 h).



**Figure S8.**  $I_{521}/I_{506}$  for (*R*)-2+Zn<sup>2+</sup>(1 equiv) (2.0 × 10<sup>-5</sup> M in methanol/1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) versus the concentration of (*S*)- and (*R*)-9. ( $\lambda_{exc}$ = 417nm, slits: 5/5nm).



**Figure S9.** Fluorescent spectra of (*R*)-**2**+Zn<sup>2+</sup>(1equiv) ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the presence of 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 equiv (*S*)-**10** (a) and (*R*)-**10** (b). Fluorescent intensity at 532 nm versus the equiv of **10** (c). (Solvent: methanol with 1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.  $\lambda_{exc} = 417$  nm, slit = 5/5 nm.).

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**Figure S10.** Fluorescent spectra of (*R*)-2+Zn<sup>2+</sup>(1equiv) ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the presence of 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 equiv (*S*)-11 (a) and (*R*)-11 (b). Fluorescent intensity at 526 nm versus the equiv of 11 (c). (Solvent: methanol with 1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.  $\lambda_{exc} = 417$  nm, slit = 5/5 nm.).



(C)

**Figure S11.** Fluorescent spectra of (*R*)-2+Zn<sup>2+</sup>(1 equiv) (2.0 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M in methanol/1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with 10 equiv Bu<sub>4</sub>NOH) in the presence of 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 equiv (*S*)-13 (a) and (*R*)-13 (b). Fluorescent intensity at 520 nm versus the equiv of 13 (c).  $I_{520}/I_{510}$  versus the concentration of (*S*)- and (*R*)-13 (d). ( $\lambda_{exc} = 417$  nm, slit = 5/5 nm.).



**Figure S12.** Fluorescent spectra of (*R*)-**2**+Zn<sup>2+</sup>(1 equiv) (2.0 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M in methanol/1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with 10 equiv Bu<sub>4</sub>NOH) in the presence of 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8 and 2.0 quiv(*S*)-**14** (a) and (*R*)-**14** (b). Fluorescent intensity at 523 nm versus the equiv of **14** (c). ( $\lambda_{exc} = 417$  nm, slit = 5/5 nm.).



**Figure S13.** Fluorescent spectra of (R)-**2**+Zn<sup>2+</sup>(1 equiv) (2.0 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M in methanol/1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with 10 equiv Bu<sub>4</sub>NOH) in the presence of 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 equiv (*S*)-**15** (a) and (*R*)-**15** (b). I<sub>505</sub>/I<sub>520</sub>versus the concentration of **15**(c). ( $\lambda_{exc} = 417 \text{ nm}$ , slit = 5/5 nm.).



(C)

**Figure S14.** Fluorescent spectra of (*R*)-**2**+Zn<sup>2+</sup>(1 equiv) (2.0 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M in methanol/1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with 10 equiv Bu<sub>4</sub>NOH) in the presence of 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 equiv (*S*)-**16** (a) and (*R*)-**16** (b). I<sub>526</sub>/I<sub>513</sub>versus the concentration of **16** (c). ( $\lambda_{exc} = 417 \text{ nm}$ , slit = 5/5 nm.).



(c)

**Figure S15.** Fluorescent spectra of (R)-2+Zn<sup>2+</sup>(1 equiv) (2.0 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M in methanol/1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with 10 equiv Bu<sub>4</sub>NOH) in the presence of 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 equiv (*S*)-17 (a) and (*R*)-17 (b). I<sub>519</sub>/I<sub>500</sub>versus the concentration of 17(c). ( $\lambda_{exc} = 417 \text{ nm}$ , slit = 5/5 nm.).



**Figure S16.** Fluorescent spectra of (*R*)-**2**+Zn<sup>2+</sup>(1equiv) ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the presence of 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 equiv (*S*,*S*)-**3** (a) and (*R*,*R*)-**3** (b). (Solvent: methanol with 1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 314$  nm, slit = 5/5 nm.).



(b)

**Figure S17.** Fluorescence spectra of (*R*)-2 +Zn<sup>2+</sup>(1 equiv) ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the presence of the enantiomeric mixture of *trans*-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine [from 0%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90% to 100% (*S*,*S*)-3] at a total concentration of 4x10<sup>-5</sup>M. (Solvent: methanol with 1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. $\lambda_{exc}$  = 314 nm, slit = 5/5 nm.).



**Figure S18.** Fluorescent spectra of (*R*)-**2**+Zn<sup>2+</sup>(1equiv) ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the presence of 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 equiv (*S*)-**9** (a) and (*R*)-**9** (b). (Solvent: methanol with 1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 417$  nm, slit = 5/5 nm.).



**Figure S19.** Fluorescent spectra of (*R*)-**2**+Zn<sup>2+</sup>(1 equiv) (2.0 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M in methanol/1% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with 10 equiv Bu<sub>4</sub>NOH) in the presence of 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 equiv (*S*)-**12** (a) and (*R*)-**12** (b). ( $\lambda_{exc} = 417$  nm, slit = 5/5 nm.).





**Figure S20.** (*R*)-**2** (50 µL, 2x10<sup>-3</sup> M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and Zn<sup>2+</sup> (50 µL, 2x10<sup>-3</sup> M in CH<sub>3</sub>OH) were placed in a 10 mL test tube, to which was added (*R*,*R*)- or (*S*,*S*)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine (100 µL, 1x10<sup>-3</sup> M in CH<sub>3</sub>OH). The resulting solutions were allowed to stand at room temperature for 10, 20, 30, 40, 60, 70, 90, and 150 min respectively. Then, each of the solutions was diluted to 5 mL and its fluorescent spectrum was obtained. This figure plots the fluorescent intensities at 530 nm for (*S*,*S*)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine and at 507 nm for (*R*,*R*)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine versus the reaction time. It shows the fluorescent intensity reached maximum and became stable after 50-60 min of the reaction. This indicates that the fluorescent response difference for (*R*)-**2** toward (*R*,*R*)- and (*S*,*S*)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine is due to the thermodynamics of the reactions. ( $\lambda_{exc}$ =314nm, slits: 5nm/5nm).



### **IV.** Preparation and Characterization of the Macrocycle 6

Compound macrocycle **6** was synthesized by modifyingthe reported procedure.<sup>#</sup> Under argon, (*S*,*S*)-**3** (57 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (*R*)-**2** (171 mg, 0.5 mmol) were dissolved in dry methylene chloride (20 mL) and CH<sub>3</sub>OH (5 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 d. After evaporation of the solvent, the crude product was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL), and then CH<sub>3</sub>OH (10 mL) was added slowly to precipitate out the macrocycle **6**. The yellow solid was collected by filtration and washed with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (5 mL). After dried under vacuum, the macrocycle **6** was obtained in 85% yield (178 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  142.44 (s, 4H), 8.54( s, 4H), 7.58 ( s, 4H), 7.51 ( d, *J*=8.8Hz, 4H ), 7.18-7.08 ( m, 12H), 3.42-3.39 ( m, 4H), 2.02-1.98 ( m, 4H), 1.88-1.86 ( m, 4H), 1.63-1.55 ( m, 4H), 1.43-1.38 ( m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>CNMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  164.7, 154.6, 135.1, 133.0, 128.8, 127.6, 127.1, 124.6, 122.6, 121.1, 116.1, 70.1, 32.6, 24.7. HR-MS (ES+) calcd for C<sub>56</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 841.3748 and C<sub>56</sub>H<sub>48</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na<sup>+</sup>(M+Na<sup>+</sup>) 863.3568, found 841.3756 and 863.3608. (#Reference: Li, Z. –B.; Lin, J.; Sabat, M.; Hyacinth, M.; Pu, L. *J. Org. Chem.* **2007**, *72*, 4905-4916.)

#### <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of themacrocycle 6 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)





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