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# Preparation and ion recognition features of porphyrin-chalcone type compounds as efficient red-fluorescent materials

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# I - NMR and IV spectra



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# **II** - Photophysical characterization data

**Figure 18\_SM -** Absorption and normalized emission and excitation of compounds **4a** (**A**), **4b** (**B**), **4d** (**C**) and **4e** (**D**) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> ([**4a**] = [**4b**] = [**4d**] = [**4e**] = 2.50 x 10<sup>-6</sup> M,  $\lambda_{exc4a} = 602$  nm and  $\lambda_{emiss4a} = 728$  nm;  $\lambda_{exc4b} = 599$  nm and  $\lambda_{emiss4b} = 728$  nm;  $\lambda_{exc4d} = 601$  nm and  $\lambda_{emiss4c} = 727$  nm;  $\lambda_{exc4e} = 603$  nm and  $\lambda_{emiss4e} = 731$  nm) and emission of spectra in solid state at room temperature.

#### **III** - Metal ion titrations data



**Figure 19\_SM** – Spectrophotometric (**A**, **C**, **E** and **G**) and spectrofluorimetric (**B**, **D**, **F** and **H**) titrations of compounds **4a**, **4b**, **4c** and **4e** in chloroform as a function of added Zn<sup>2+</sup> in acetonitrile. The insets show the absorption at 527 and 565 nm (**A**), 433 and 448 nm (**C**), 525 and 564 nm (**E**) and 526 and 564 nm (**G**); and the normalized fluorescence intensity at 634 and 728 nm (**B**), 643 and 728 nm (**D**), 630, 671 and 728 nm (**F**) and 642 and 731 nm (**H**) ([**4a**] = [**4b**] = [**4c**] = [**4e**] = 2.50 x 10<sup>-6</sup> M;  $\lambda_{exc4a} = 548$  nm,  $\lambda_{exc4b} = 542$  nm,  $\lambda_{exc4c} = 545$  nm,  $\lambda_{exc4c} = 545$  nm).



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**Figure 22\_SM** - Comparative fluorescence response of chemosensor **4d** (2.50 x  $10^{-6}$  M,  $\lambda_{exc4d} = 549$  nm) to Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Hg<sup>2+</sup>, Cd<sup>2+</sup> and Ag<sup>+</sup> (10 equiv.) in chloroform after the addition of Zn(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.xH<sub>2</sub>O (1 equiv.).



**Figure 23\_SM** - Comparative fluorescence response of chemosensor **4d** (2.50 x 10<sup>-6</sup> M,  $\lambda_{exc4d} = 549$  nm) to Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Al<sup>3+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>, Hg<sup>2+</sup>, and Cu<sup>2+</sup> (10 equiv.) after the addition of Zn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.xH<sub>2</sub>O (10 equiv.).



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**Figure 26\_SM** – Spectrophotometric (**A**, **C**, **E** and **G**) and spectrofluorimetric (**B**, **D**, **F** and **H**) titrations of compounds **4a**, **4b**, **4c** and **4d** in chloroform as a function of added Hg<sup>2+</sup> in acetonitrile. The insets show the absorption at 435 and 449 nm (**A**), 433 and 452 nm (**C**), 435 and 453 nm (**E**) and 434 and 450 nm (**G**); and the normalized fluorescence intensity at 676 and 728 nm (**B**), 669 and 728 nm (**D**), 671 and 728 nm (**F**) and 671 and 727 nm (**H**) (**[4a]** = **[4b]** = **[4c]** = **[4e]** = 2.50 x 10<sup>-6</sup> M;  $\lambda_{exc4a} = 548$  nm,  $\lambda_{exc4b} = 542$  nm,  $\lambda_{exc4c} = 545$  nm,  $\lambda_{exc4d} = 549$  nm).



**Figure 27\_SM** - Spectrophotometric (**A**, **C**, **E**, **G** and **I**) and spectrofluorimetric (**B**, **D**, **F**, **H** and **J**) titrations of compounds 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d and 4e in chloroform as a function of added Cd<sup>2+</sup> in acetonitrile. The insets show the absorption at 435 and 444 nm (**A**), 433 and 449 nm (**C**), 435 and 447 nm (**E**) 434 and 447 nm (**G**) and 438 and 479 nm (**I**); and the normalized fluorescence intensity at 676 nm (**B**), 669 and 728 nm (**D**), 671 and 728 nm (**F**), 671 (**H**) and 673 nm (**J**) (**[4a]** = **[4b]** = **[4c]** = **[4e]** = 2.50 x 10<sup>-6</sup> M;  $\lambda_{exc4a} = 548$  nm,  $\lambda_{exc4b} = 542$  nm,  $\lambda_{exc4c} = 545$  nm,  $\lambda_{exc4d} = 549$  nm,  $\lambda_{exc4e} = 545$  nm).



**Figure 28\_SM** – Spectrophotometric (**A**, **C**, **E** and **G**) and spectrofluorimetric (**B**, **D**, **F** and **H**) titrations of compounds 4a, 4b, 4d and 4e in chloroform as a function of added Ag<sup>+</sup> in acetonitrile ([4a] = [4b] = [4d] = [4e] = 2.50 x 10<sup>-6</sup> M;  $\lambda_{exc4a} = 548 \text{ nm}, \lambda_{exc4b} = 542 \text{ nm}, \lambda_{exc4d} = 549 \text{ nm}, \lambda_{exc4e} = 545 \text{ nm}$ ).



**Figure 29\_SM** - Spectrophotometric (**A**, **C**, **E**, **G**, **I** and **K**) and spectrofluorimetric (**B**, **D**, **F**, **H**, **J** and **L**) titrations of compound **4d** in chloroform as a function of added Mg<sup>2+</sup> (**A** and **B**), Ca<sup>2+</sup> (**C** and **D**), Pb<sup>2+</sup> (**E** and **F**), Cr<sup>3+</sup> (**G** and **H**), Fe<sup>3+</sup> (**I** and **J**) and Al<sup>3+</sup> (**K** and **L**) in acetonitrile. The insets show the absorption at 434 and 452 nm (**A** and **C**), 434 and 451 nm (**E**), 434 and 454 nm (**G** and **K**) and 434 and 455 nm (**I**); and the normalized fluorescence intensity at 671 nm (**B**, **D**, **F**, **H**, **J** and **L**) (**[4d]** = 2.50 x 10<sup>-6</sup> M,  $\lambda_{exc4d}$  = 549 nm; [Mg<sup>2+</sup>] = [Ca<sup>2+</sup>] = [Cr<sup>3+</sup>] = [Fe<sup>3+</sup>] = [Al<sup>3+</sup>] = 1.00 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M; [Pb<sup>2+</sup>] = 4.70 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M). (**G** and **H**)



**Figure 30\_SM** - Job's plot for the UV-Vis (**A**) and fluorescence emission (**B**) titration profiles of compound **4a** (2.50x10<sup>-6</sup> M) with  $Zn^{2+}$  shows 1:1 (**4a**: $Zn^{2+}$ ) complex stoichiometry: (**A**) with respect to 433 nm and (**B**) with respect to 634 nm.

**Table 1\_SM** - Stability constants for chemosensor **4d** in the presence of  $Zn(NO_3)_2.xH_2O$ ,  $Zn(OTf)_2.xH_2O$  Mg(OTf)\_2.xH\_2O, Pb(OTf)\_2.xH\_2O, Ca(BF\_4)\_2, Cr(NO\_3)\_3.xH\_2O, Fe(NO\_3)\_3 and Al(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in CHCl<sub>3</sub> for an interaction 1:1 (metal:ligand).

Compound	Interaction (M:L)	$\Sigma \log \beta$ (Abs)	$\Sigma \log \beta$ (Emiss)
	dInteraction (M:L)Σ log β (Abs)Zn(NO_3)_2.xH_2O $6.58 \pm 1.07x10^{-3}$ Zn(OTf)_2.xH_2O $6.58 \pm 2.07x10^{-3}$ Mg(OTf)_2.xH_2O $4.33 \pm 3.45x10^{-3}$ Ca(BF_4)_2 $5.75 \pm 2.21x10^{-3}$ Pb(OTf)_2.xH_2O $7.45 \pm 3.11x10^{-3}$ Cr(NO_3)_3.xH_2O $5.33 \pm 1.31x10^{-3}$ Fe(NO_3)_3 $5.94 \pm 1.84x10^{-3}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6.54 \pm 9.77 x 10^{-2} \\ 6.81 \pm 1.92 x 10^{-2} \end{array}$	
Mg(OTf) <sub>2</sub> .xH <sub>2</sub> O $4.33 \pm 3.45$ xH	$4.33 \pm 3.45 \mathrm{x10^{-3}}$	$2.78 \pm 1.47 \mathrm{x10^{-2}}$	
41	Ca(BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$5.75 \pm 2.21 \mathrm{x10^{-3}}$	$5.74 \pm 8.70 \mathrm{x10^{-3}}$
40	Pb(OTf) <sub>2</sub> .xH <sub>2</sub> O	$7.45 \pm 3.11 \mathrm{x10^{-3}}$	$7.54 \pm 1.30 \mathrm{x10^{-2}}$
	Cr(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .xH <sub>2</sub> O	$5.33 \pm 1.31 \mathrm{x10^{-3}}$	$5.39 \pm 5.39  ext{x10}^{-2}$
	$Fe(NO_3)_3$	$5.83 \pm 2.35 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.80 \pm 8.35 \mathrm{x10^{-3}}$
	Al(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	$5.94 \pm 1.84 \mathrm{x10^{-3}}$	$5.86 \pm 2.19 \mathrm{x} 10^{-2}$

Compound	Metal ion	LOD	LOQ
	$Zn^{2+}$	$160 \pm 10$	$240 \pm 10$
<b>4a</b>	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	$150 \pm 10$	$950\pm10$
	$\mathrm{Hg}^{2+}$	$60 \pm 10$	$260 \pm 10$
	$Cd^{2+}$	$270\pm10$	$1090\pm10$
	$Zn^{2+}$	$80 \pm 10$	$240 \pm 10$
4b	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	$70 \pm 10$	$270\pm10$
	$\mathrm{Hg}^{2+}$	$230\pm10$	$430\pm10$
	$Cd^{2+}$	$270\pm10$	$550 \pm 10$
4.0	$Zn^{2+}$	$160 \pm 10$	$240\pm10$
40	$Cu^{2+}$	$70 \pm 10$	$150 \pm 10$
	$\mathrm{Hg}^{2+}$	$190 \pm 10$	$330 \pm 10$
	$Cd^{2+}$	$180 \pm 10$	$410\pm10$
	$Ag^+$	$380\pm10$	$780 \pm 10$
4d	$Zn^{2+}$	$240\pm10$	$560 \pm 10$
	$Cu^{2+}$	$70 \pm 10$	$320 \pm 10$
	$\mathrm{Hg}^{2+}$	$130\pm10$	$190 \pm 10$
	$Cd^{2+}$	$550\pm10$	$1090\pm10$
4e	$Zn^{2+}$	$160 \pm 10$	$320 \pm 10$
	$Cu^{2+}$	$70 \pm 10$	$150 \pm 10$
	$\mathrm{Hg}^{2+}$	$330\pm10$	$410\pm10$
	$\mathrm{Cd}^{2+}$	$140 \pm 10$	$270\pm10$

**Table 2\_SM** - Limits of detection (LOD) and quantification (LOQ) in ppb for $Zn^{2+}$ ,  $Cu^{2+}$ ,  $Hg^{2+}$ ,  $Cd^{2+}$  and  $Ag^+$  with compounds **4a-e**.

#### **IV** - NMR titrations



**Figure 30\_SM** - <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **4c** (2.5 x  $10^{-3}$  mM) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> upon addition of increasing amounts of Zn<sup>2+</sup> (from 0 to 3.5 equiv) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

#### V-MALDI-TOF-MS titrations data

**Table 3\_SM** - Major peaks observed in the metal titration of chemosensor **4b** followed by MALDI-TOF-MS.

Metal	Stoichiometry (ligand:metal)		Dried-droplet		Layer-by-Layer
		m/z	Relative intensity (%)	m/z	Relative intensity (%)
$Zn^{2+}$	1:1	745.13 806.01	100.00 [ <b>4b</b> +H] <sup>+</sup> 38.00 [( <b>4b</b> -2H)+Zn] <sup>+•</sup>	745.15	100.00 [ <b>4b</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>
	1:2	745.20 806.10	100.00 [ <b>4b</b> +H] <sup>+</sup> 91.00 [( <b>4b</b> -2H)+Zn] <sup>+•</sup>	806.05	16.00 [( <b>4b-</b> 2H)+Zn]+•
Hg <sup>2+</sup>	1:1	745.36	100.00 [ <b>4b</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>	744.16	100.00 [ <b>4b</b> ]+•
	1:2	745.17	100.00 [ <b>4b</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>	944.10	17.00 [( <b>4b-</b> 2H)+Hg]+•
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	1:1	805.05	100.00 [( <b>4b</b> - 2H)+Cu]+•	745.13	100.00 [ <b>4b</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>
	1:2	805.05	100.00 [( <b>4b</b> - 2H)+Cu]+•	805.07	79.00 [( <b>4b-</b> 2H)+Cu] <sup>+•</sup>
Cd <sup>2+</sup>	1:1	745.18	100.00 [ <b>4b</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>	745.17	100.00 [ <b>4b</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>
	1:2	745.18	100.00 [ <b>4b</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>	854.06	5.00 [( <b>4b</b> - <b>4</b> H)+Cd] <sup>+•</sup>
	1:1	745.13 851.01	100.00 [ <b>4b</b> +H] <sup>+</sup> 86.00 [( <b>4b</b> -H)+Ag] <sup>+•</sup>	745.15	41.00 [ <b>4b</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>
Ag⁺	1:2	745.13 851.01	56.00 [ <b>4b</b> +H] <sup>+</sup> 100.00 [( <b>4b</b> -H)+Ag] <sup>+•</sup>	850.96	100.00 [( <b>4b</b> -H)+Åg] <sup>+•</sup>



Figure 31\_SM - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound 4b.



**Figure 32\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4b** after titration with 1 equiv. (above) and 2 equiv. of  $Zn(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$ ) (below) (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 33\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4b** after titration with 1 equiv. (above) and 2 equiv. of  $Hg(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$ ) (below) (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 34\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4b** after titration with 1 equiv. (above) and 2 equiv. of  $Cu(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$ ) (below) (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 35\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4b** after titration with 1 equiv. (above) and 2 equiv. of  $Cd(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$ ) (below) (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 36\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4b** after titration with 1 equiv. (above) and 2 equiv. of  $Ag(BF_4).xH_2O$ ) (below) (*dried-droplet method*).



Figure 37\_SM - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound 4b after titration with of  $Zn(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (*layer-by-layer method*).



**Figure 38\_SM.** MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4b** after titration with of  $Hg(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (*layer-by-layer method*).



**Figure 39\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4b** after titration with of  $Cu(BF_4)_{2.x}H_2O$  (*layer-by-layer method*).



**Figure 40\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4b** after titration with of  $Cd(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (*layer-by-layer method*).



**Figure 41\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4b** after titration with of Ag(BF<sub>4</sub>).*x*H<sub>2</sub>O (*layer-by-layer method*).

Metal	Stoichiometry (ligand:metal)	Dried-droplet		Layer-by-Layer		
		m/z	Relative intensity (%)	m/z	Relative intensity (%)	
$Zn^{2+}$	1:1	775.17 836.08	100.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H] <sup>+</sup> 41.00 [( <b>4d</b> -2H)+Zn] <sup>+•</sup>	775.09	100.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H]+	
	1:2	775.10 835.96	100.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H] <sup>+</sup> 96.00 [( <b>4d</b> -3H)+Zn] <sup>+•</sup>	835.99	18.00 [( <b>4d</b> -3H)+Zn]+•	
Hg <sup>2+</sup>	1:1	775.26	100.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>	775.11	100.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>	
	1:2	775.26	100.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>	974.03	17.00 [( <b>4d-</b> 2H)+Hg]+•	
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	1:1	775.24	100.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>			
		835.17	21.00 [( <b>4d-</b> 2H)+Cu] <sup>+•</sup>			
			835.09	100.00 [( <b>4d-</b>	775.09	100.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>
	1:2	022.07	2H)+Cu]+•	835.02	54.00 [( <b>4d-</b> 2H)+Cu] <sup>+•</sup>	
		852.13	35.00 [( <b>4d</b> - 3H)+Cu+H <sub>2</sub> O]+•			
Cd <sup>2+</sup>	1.1	775.28	100.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>			
	1.1	884.20	38.00 [( <b>4d</b> -4H)+Cd] <sup>+•</sup>	775.09	100.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>	
	1.2	775.28	100.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>	883.95	17.00 [( <b>4d-</b> 5H)+Cd]+•	
	1.2	884.20	41.00 [( <b>4d</b> -4H)+Cd] <sup>+•</sup>			
$\Lambda q^+$	1:1	775.19	100.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>			
		881.07	68.00 [ <b>4d</b> +Ag]+•	775.09	30.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>	
лg	1.2	775.17	82.00 [ <b>4d</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>	880.92	100.00 [( <b>4d-</b> H)+Ag]+•	
	1.2	881.05	100.00 [ <b>4d</b> +Ag]+•			

 Table 4\_SM - Major peaks observed in the metal titration of chemosensor 4d followed by MALDI-TOF-MS.



Figure 42\_SM - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound 4d.



**Figure 43\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4d** after titration with 1 equiv. (above) and 2 equiv. of  $Zn(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (below) (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 44\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4d** after titration with 1 equiv. and 2 equiv. of  $Hg(BF_4)_2 x H_2O$  (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 45\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4d** after titration with 1 equiv. (above) and 2 equiv. of  $Cu(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (below) (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 46\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4d** after titration with 1 equiv. (above) and 2 equiv. of  $Cd(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (below) (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 47\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4d** after titration with 1 equiv. (above) and 2 equiv. of  $Ag(BF_4).xH_2O$  (below) (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 48\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4d** after titration with of  $Zn(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (*layer-by-layer method*).



**Figure 49\_SM -** MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4d** after titration with of  $Hg(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (*layer-by-layer method*).



**Figure 50\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4d** after titration with of  $Cu(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (*layer-by-layer method*).



**Figure 51\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4d** after titration with of  $Cd(BF_4)_{2.x}H_2O$  (*layer-by-layer method*).



**Figure 52\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4d** after titration with of Ag(BF<sub>4</sub>).*x*H<sub>2</sub>O (*layer-by-layer method*).



Figure 53\_SM - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound 4e.



**Figure 54\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound 4e after titration with 2 equiv. of  $Zn(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 55\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4e** after titration with 1 equiv. and 2 equiv. of  $Hg(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 56\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4e** after titration with 1 equiv. (above) and 2 equiv. of  $Cu(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (below) (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 57\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4e** after titration with 1 equiv. and 2 equiv. of  $Cd(BF_4)_2 xH_2O$  (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 58\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4e** after titration with 1 equiv. (above) and 2 equiv. of  $Ag(BF_4).xH_2O$  (below) (*dried-droplet method*).



**Figure 59\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4e** after titration with of  $Zn(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (*layer-by-layer method*).



**Figure 60\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4e** after titration with of Hg(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.*x*H<sub>2</sub>O (*layer-by-layer method*).



**Figure 61\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4e** after titration with of  $Cu(BF_4)_2.xH_2O$  (*layer-by-layer method*).



**Figure 62\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4e** after titration with of  $Cd(BF_4)_{2.x}H_2O$  (*layer-by-layer method*).



**Figure 63\_SM** - MALDI-TOF mass spectra of compound **4e** after titration with of Ag(BF<sub>4</sub>).*x*H<sub>2</sub>O (*layer-by-layer method*).