

# Cd(II) sensing in water using novel aromatic iminodiacetate based fluorescent chemosensors

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## Supporting Information

### Synthesis

#### Synthesis of **6**

9-Chloromethylantracene (1.5g, 6.64 mmol), phenyliminodi-acetic acid diethyl ester **2** (1.76 g, 6.64 mmol) and AlCl<sub>3</sub> (.91g, 6.64 mmol) were dissolved in dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) at 0°C. The solution was refluxed under stirring overnight. After the reaction was complete, (monitoring by TLC) the solution was cooled and washed with three 100 ml portions of water. The organic portion was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation of the solvent, crude product was subjected to column chromatography and yielded pure **6** (1.81g, 60%) as light yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm) δ 1.25 (t, 6H, *J*=7.03Hz), 4.07 (s, 4H), 4.18 (q, 4H, *J*=7.03Hz), 4.92 (s, 2H), 6.47 (d, 2H *J*=8.53Hz), 6.98 (d, 2H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 4H), 8.03-8.05 (m, 2H), 8.22-8.25 (m, 2H), 8.43 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 13.72, 32.02, 53.06, 60.53, 112.26, 124.40, 124.54, 125.26, 125.82, 128.45, 128.57, 130.04, 130.12, 131.24, 132.03, 145.68, 170.50; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 502.74, 517.00, 538.19, 570.03, 601.74, 634.69, 650.45, 691.52, 727.78, 785.57, 819.73, 878.67, 969.65, 1065.24, 1177.14, 1273.96, 1333.75, 1354.81, 1385.98, 1447.14, 1479.87, 1520.96, 1567.77, 1614.95, 1675.80, 1764.87, 1858.36, 1931.18, 1894.65 2976.67 *m/z*

(ESMS) 456 ( $M+H^+$ ). Anal. calcd for  $C_{29}H_{29}NO_4$ : C, 76.46; H, 6.42; N, 3.07. Found: C, 76.18; H, 6.28; N, 3.07.

### Synthesis of 7

9,10-bis(chloromethyl)anthracene (1.0g, 3.63 mmol), phenyliminodi-acetic acid diethyl ester **2** (1.93 g, 7.26 mmol) and  $AlCl_3$  (96 g, 7.26 mmol) were dissolved in dry  $CHCl_3$  (50 mL) at 0 °C. The solution was refluxed under stirring overnight (12 h). After the reaction was complete, (monitored by TLC) the solution was cooled and washed with three 100 ml portions of water. The organic portion was dried over  $MgSO_4$ . After evaporation of the solvent, crude product was subjected to column chromatography and yielded pure **7** (1.56 g, 58%) as light yellow solid.  $^1H$ -NMR (400MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  1.27 (t, 12H,  $J=7.56$ Hz), 4.09 (s, 8H), 4.19 (q, 8H,  $J=7.03$ Hz), 4.95 (s, 4H), 6.50 (d, 4H,  $J=9.04$ Hz), 7.01 (d, 4H,  $J=9.04$ Hz), 7.44 (m, 4H), 8.27 (m, 4H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR (100MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  13.74, 32.30, 53.07, 60.54, 112.29, 124.79, 125.19, 128.49, 130.00, 130.25, 131.35, 145.68, 170.52; IR ( $cm^{-1}$ ): 505.87, 543.23, 573.42, 601.01, 655.07, 733.78, 762.57, 781.47, 762.57, 781.47, 811.87, 864.77, 968.79, 1029.90, 1371.30, 1447.59, 1524.06, 1568.16, 1615.59, 1733.87, 1858.36, 1931.18, 1894.94, 2978.96;  $m/z$  (ESMS) 733 ( $M+H^+$ ); Anal. calcd for  $C_{44}H_{48}N_2O_8$ : C, 72.11; H, 6.60; N, 3.82. Found: C, 72.26; H, 6.45; N, 3.69.

### Synthesis of 1

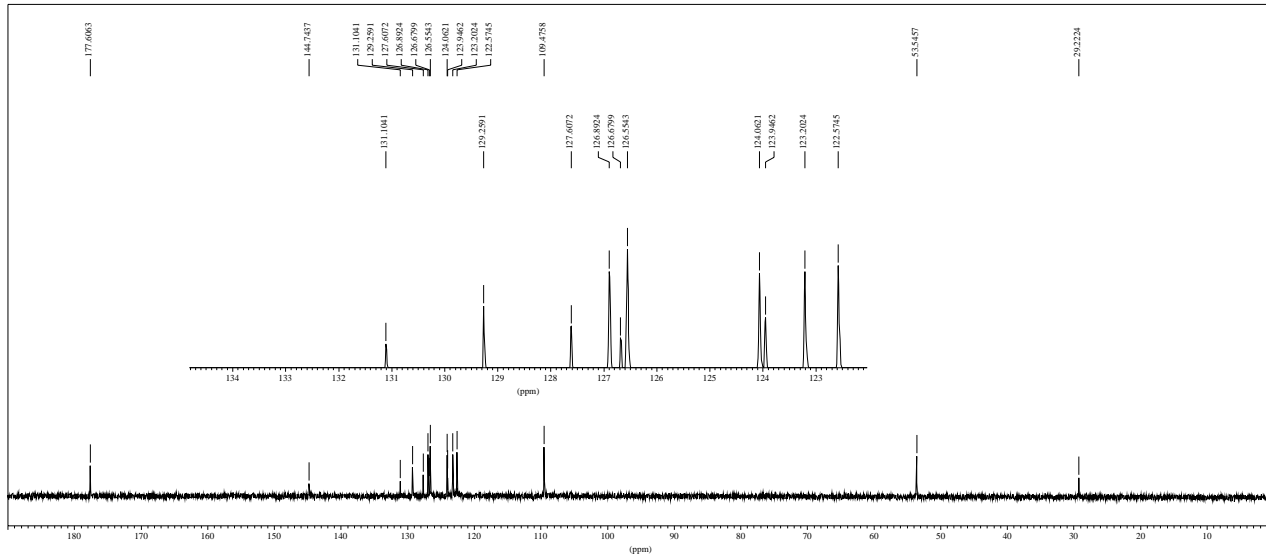
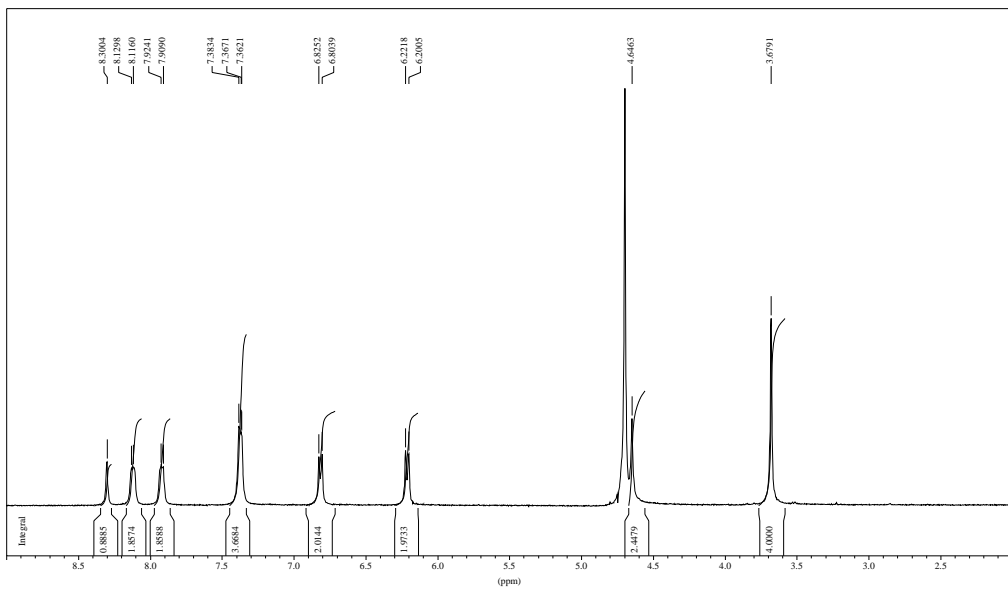
**6** (1g, 2.19mmol) was dissolved in Methanol (20 mL) under stirring. To this was added aqueous KOH (1ml, 3M). The mixture was refluxed for 2 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was kept in the fridge, when the potassium salt precipitated out. The resulting solution was filtered and precipitate dried in vacuum to afford **1** as pale yellow solid (0.96g, 92%)  $^1H$ -NMR (400MHz,  $D_2O$ , ppm):  $\delta$  3.67 (s, 4H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 6.20 (d, 2H,  $J=8.5$ Hz), 6.82 (d, 2H,  $J=8.53$ Hz), 7.36-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.91 (d, 2H,  $J=5.5$ Hz), 8.12 (d, 2H,  $J=6.0$  Hz), 8.30(s, 1H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR (100MHz,  $D_2O$ , ppm):  $\delta$  29.22, 53.54, 109.48, 122.57, 123.20, 123.95, 124.06, 126.55, 126.68, 126.89, 127.61, 129.26, 131.10, 144.74, 177.61; IR ( $cm^{-1}$ ): 518.99, 535.06, 563.69, 601.29, 617.76, 655.91, 696.59, 757.52, 790.25, 818.51, 851.76, 884.43, 902.58, 954.83, 986.62, 1100.35, 1157.57, 1185.53, 1256.37, 1335.66, 1445.11, 1500, 1678.29, 1722.60, 1914.69,

1963.96, 2843.62, 2876.77;  $m/z$  (ESMS) 476( $M+H^+$ ); Anal. calc for  $C_{25}H_{19}K_2NO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ : C, 58.69; H, 4.53, N, 2.74. Found: 57.80; H, 4.33; N, 2.56.

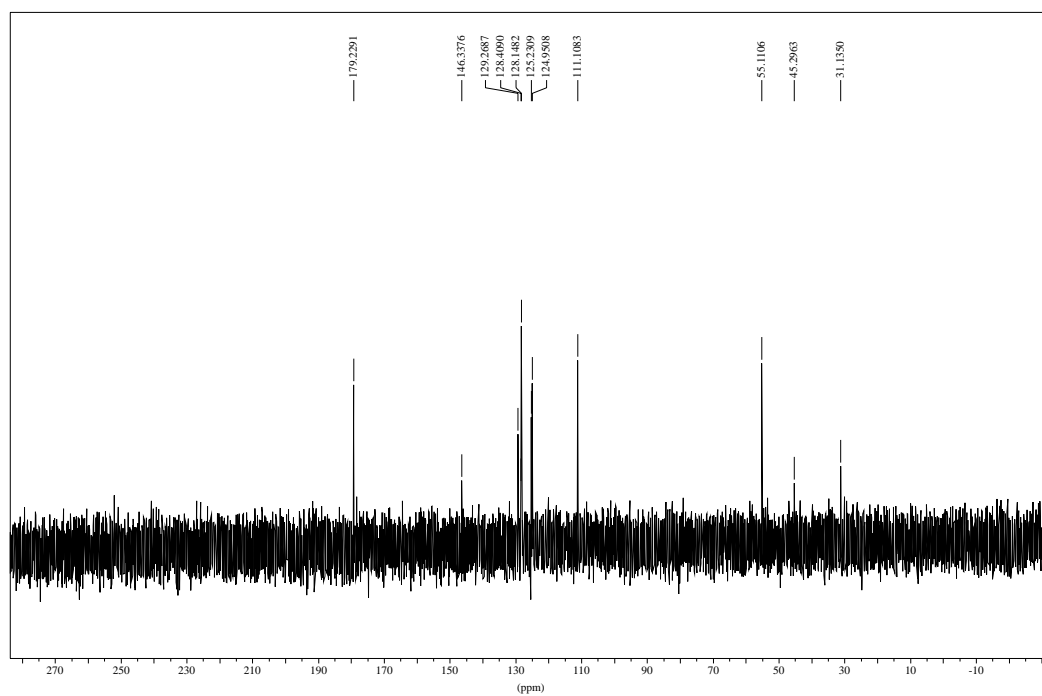
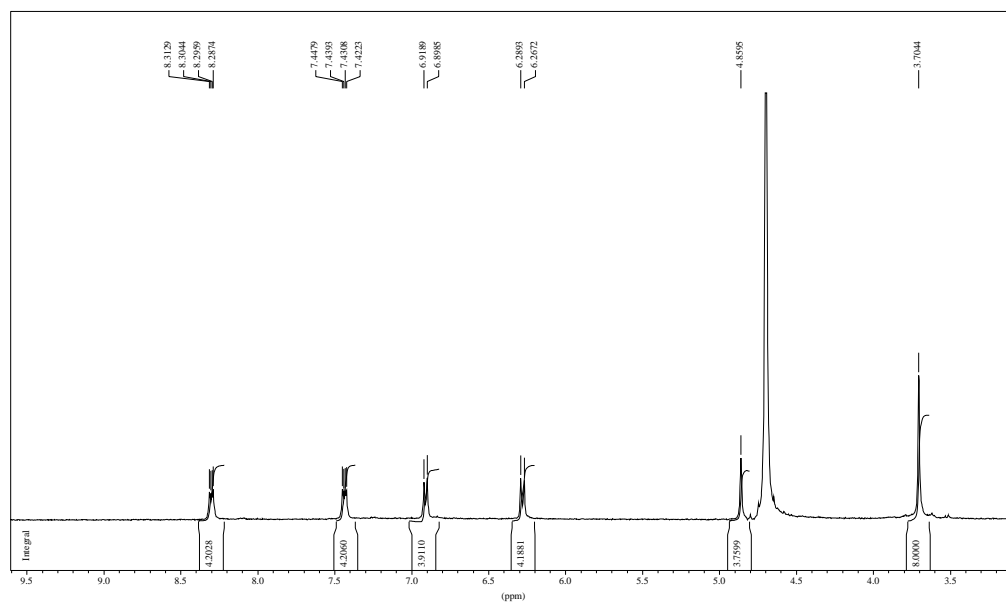
## Synthesis of **2**

**7** (1g, 1.36mmol) was dissolved in Methanol (20 mL) with stirring. To this was added aqueous KOH (2mL, 3M). The mixture was refluxed for 4 hours. After cooling to room temperature the mixture was kept in the fridge, when the potassium salt precipitated out. The resulting solution was filtered and precipitate dried in vacuum to afford **2** as pale yellow solid (0.95g, 90%).  $^1H$ -NMR (400MHz,  $D_2O$ , ppm):  $\delta$  3.70 (s, 8H), 4.86 (s, 4H), 6.28 (d, 4H,  $J=6.12$ Hz) 6.91 (d, 4H,  $J=6.12$ Hz), 7.42-7.45 (m, 4H), 8.29-8.31 (m, 4H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR (100MHz,  $D_2O$ , ppm):  $\delta$  31.13, 45.30, 55.11, 111.11, 124.95, 125.23, 128.15, 128.41, 129.27, 146.34, 179.22; IR ( $cm^{-1}$ ): 600.93, 705.87, 745.64, 789.61, 819.81, 912.73, 975.86, 1028.83, 1043.12, 1208.81, 1319.92, 1403.78, 1445.83, 1515.06, 1573.68, 1659.60, 1850.67, 2004.5, 3005.6;  $m/z$  (ESMS) 773 ( $M+H^+$ ); Anal. Calcd for  $C_{36}H_{28}K_4N_2O_8 \cdot 3H_2O$ : C, 52.28; H, 4.14; N, 3.39. Found: C, 52.46; H, 4.02; N, 3.23.

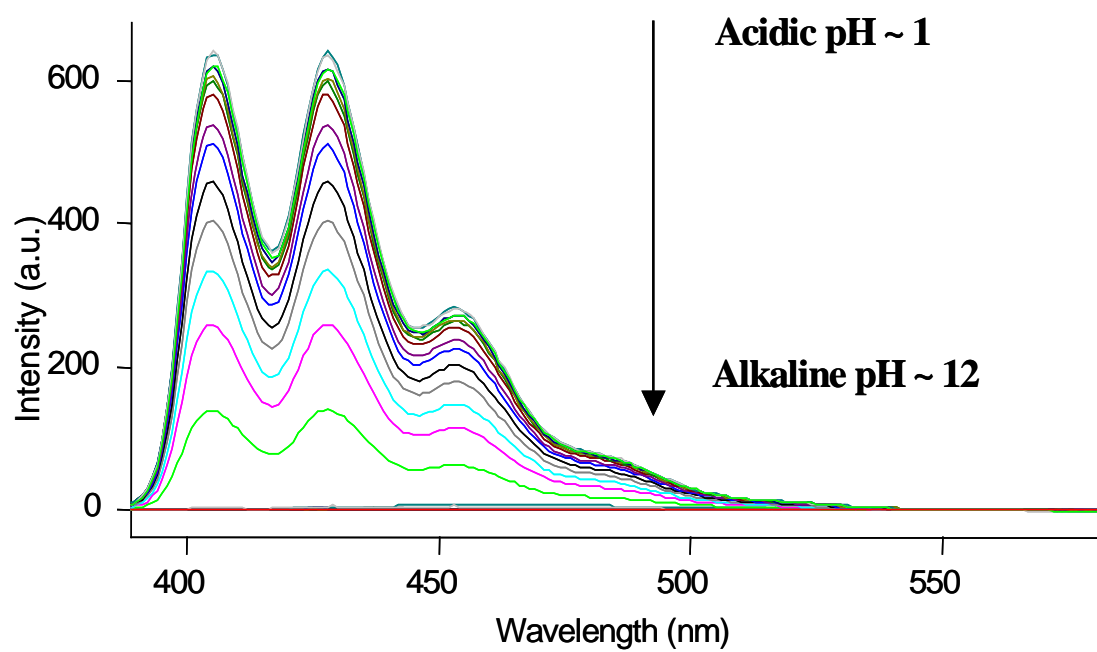
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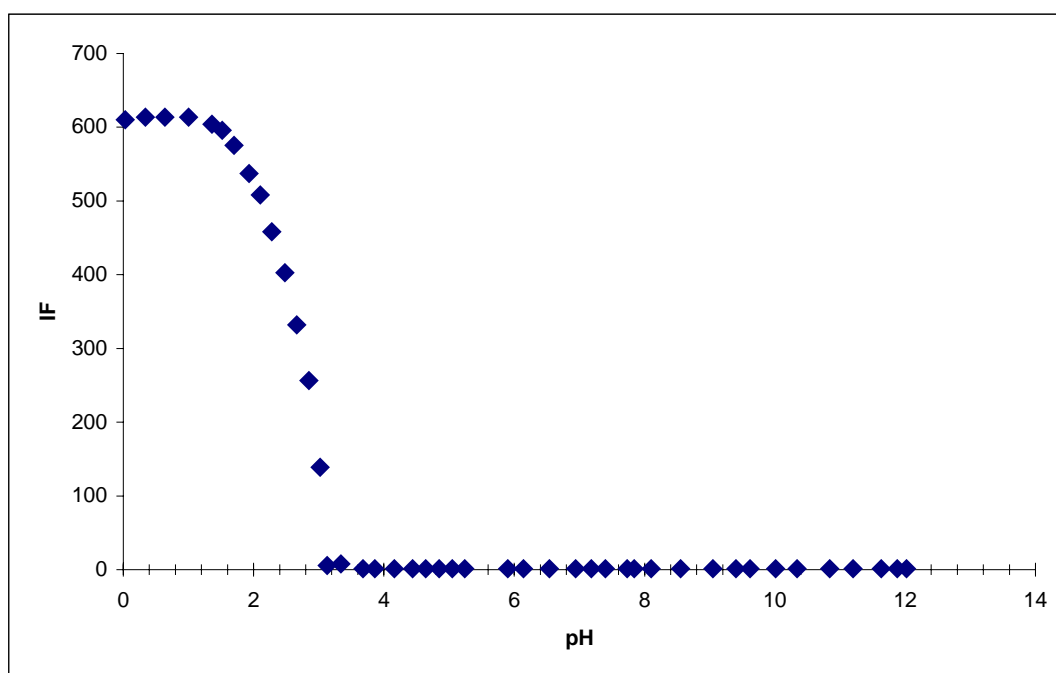
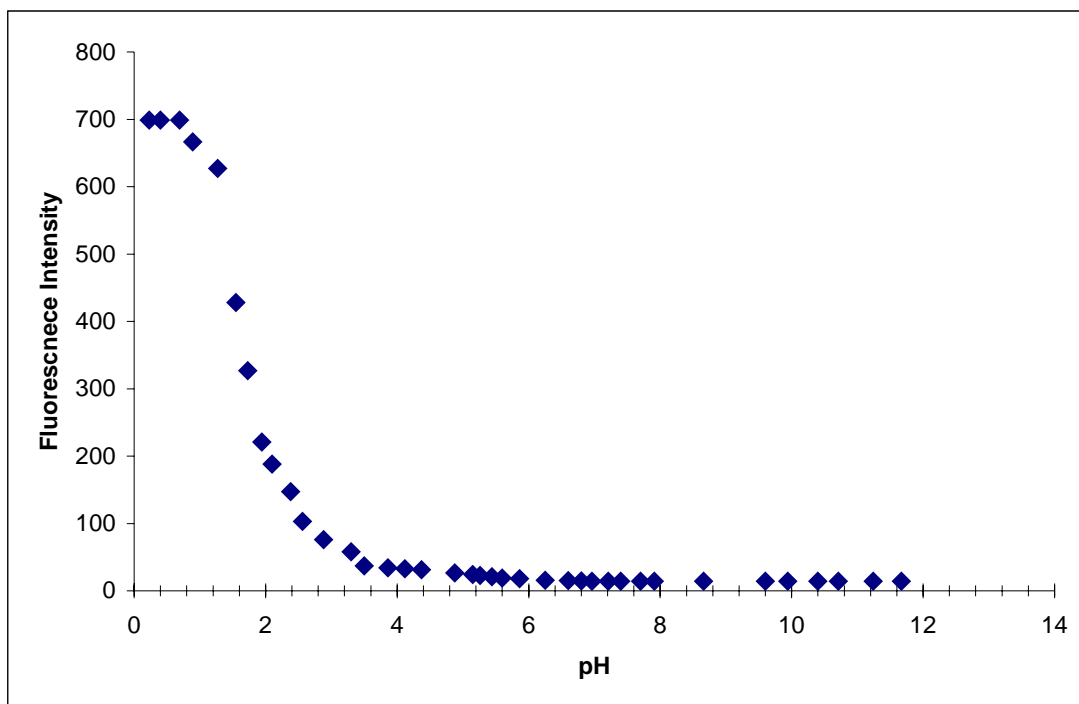
$^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR of Compound **2** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )



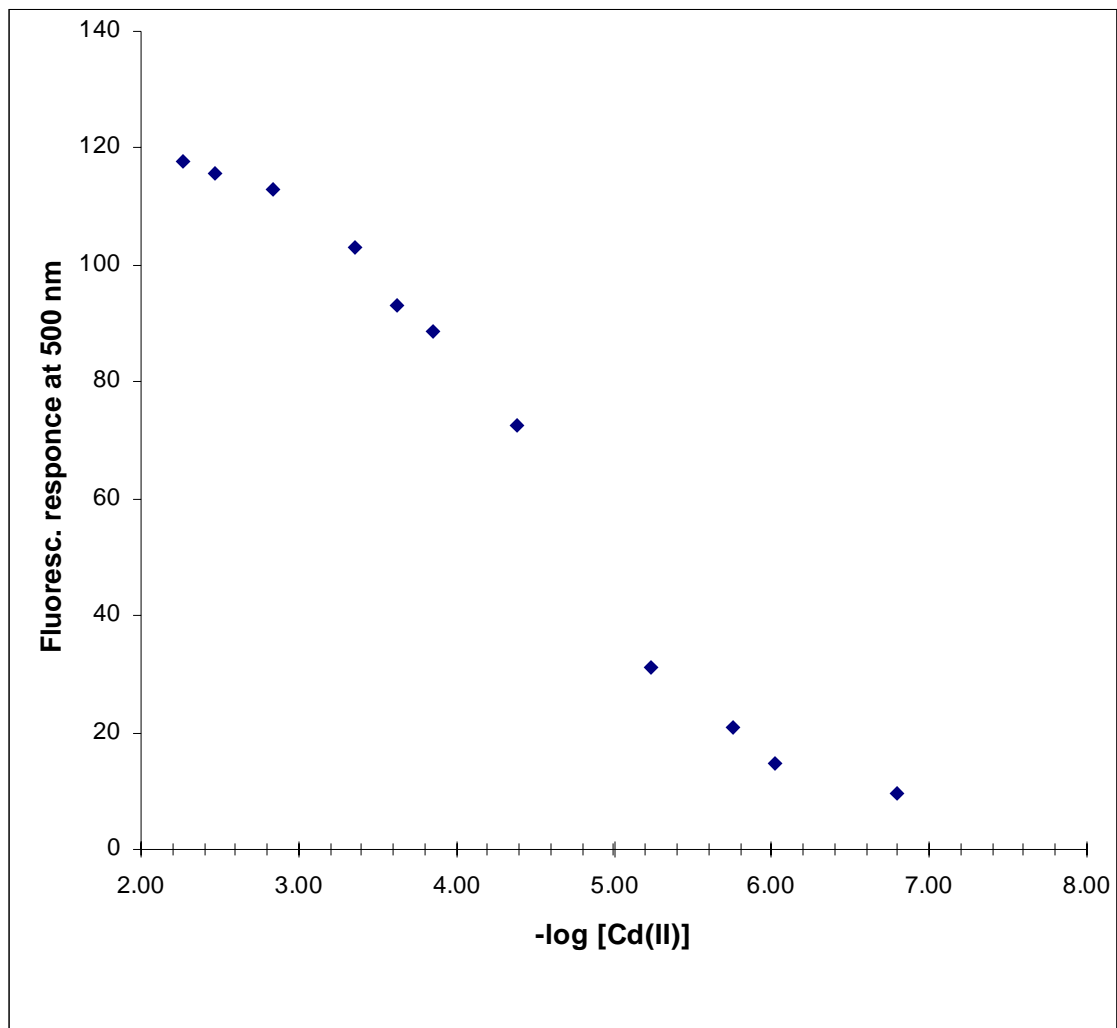
## Changes in the fluorescence emission upon pH titrations of 2



**Fluorescence pH titrations of 1 (top) and 2 (bottom)**

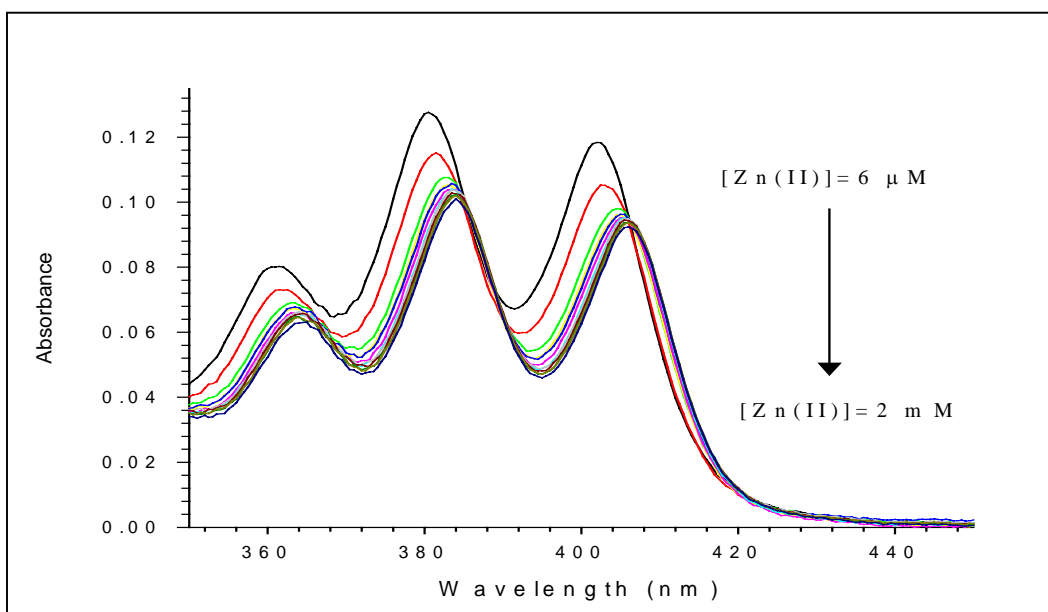
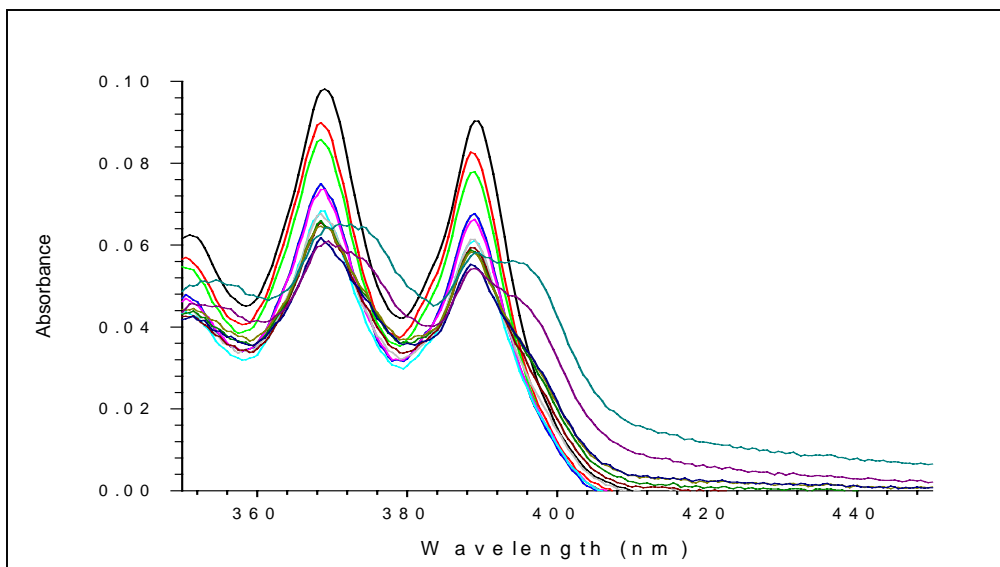


Changes in the fluorescence emission of **2** at pH 7.4 upon addition of Cd(II) to a solution of **2** in the presence of Zn(II).





## UV-Vis Titrations of 1 (top) and 2 with Zn(II)



### UV-Vis Titrations of 1 (top) and 2 with Cd(II)

