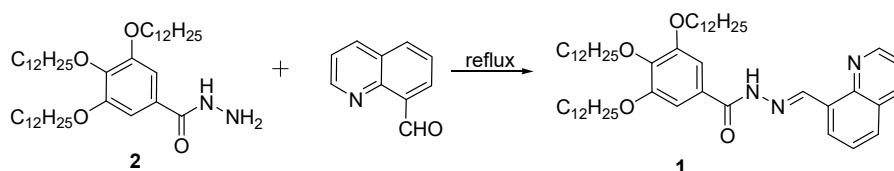


Fluorescent Quinoline-Based Supramolecular Gel for Selective and Ratiometric Sensing Zinc Ion with Multi-Modes



Scheme S1. The synthesis route of compound 1. Compound **2** (1.0g, 1.45mmol), quinoline-8-carbaldehyde (0.23g, 1.45mmol) and glacial acetic acid (200μL) were mixed at ethanol (20ml). The mixture was refluxed under N₂ atmosphere for 24h. After the reaction was complete, it was cooled to room temperature, then white powder was obtained by suction filtration and the filter cake was separated and purified by column layer analysis. (CH₂Cl₂: CH₃OH=100:1). ¹HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 11.72 (s, 1H), 9.75 (s, 1H), 8.99 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (q, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 2H), 4.10-4.04 (4H), 4.00-3.93 (2H), 1.79-1.74 (m, 4H), 1.69-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.51 (m, 6H), 1.27-1.38 (m, 48H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 9H). ¹³CNMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 198.99, 178.53, 151.75, 150.04, 145.24, 136.27, 129.20, 128.07, 126.32, 121.35, 72.27, 68.79, 30.84, 28.56, 28.33, 28.21, 25.22, 21.57, 13.32. HRMS calculated for C₅₃H₈₅N₃NaO₄, [M+Na]⁺ 850.6438, found 850.6475.

Table S1. The molecular structures and LODs of previous reported sensors towards Zn²⁺.

Molecular structure	Switch type	LOD for Zn ²⁺	Ref.
	sol-gel	/	[1]
	turn-on	61.3 nM	[2]
	off-on	15 μM	[3]
	off-on	20 μM	[4]
	turn-on	0.21 μM	[5]
	off-on	0.13 mM	[6]

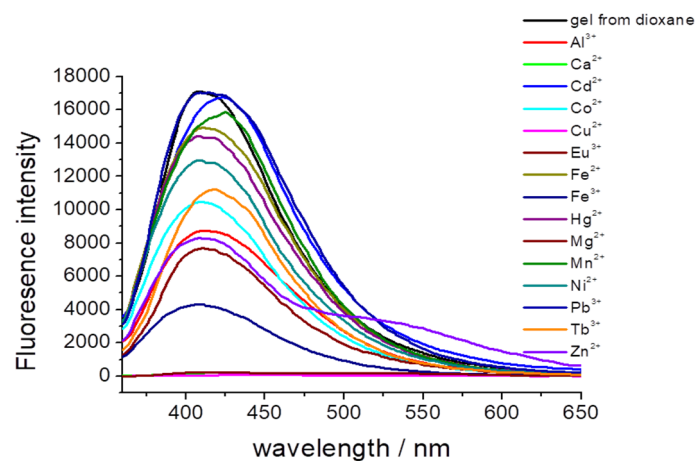


Figure S1. The fluorescence change spectra of gel 1 from 1, 4-dioxane with the addition of different metal ions.

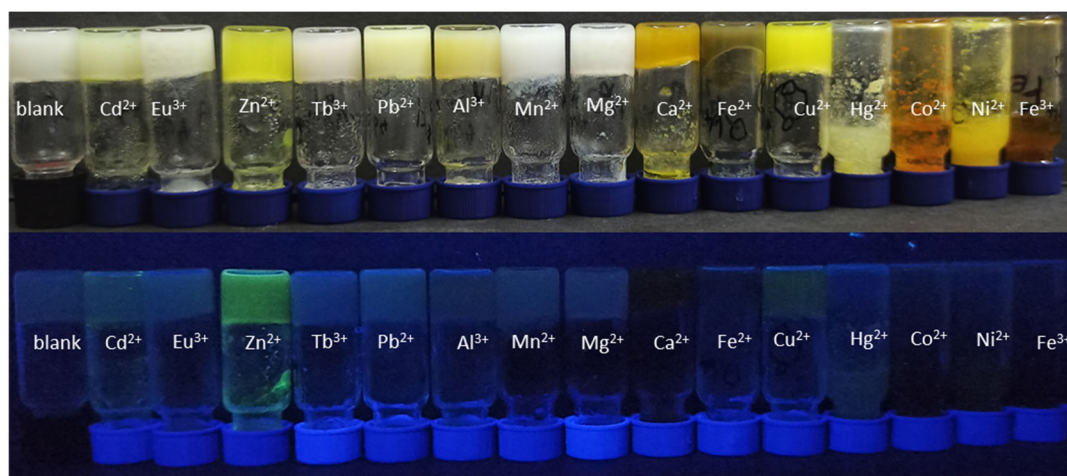


Figure S2. The images of gel 1 from 1, 4-dioxane with addition of different metal ions (1.0 eq.). The upper and the lower were under daylight and 365 nm light.