## **Supplementary Information for**

## Combined Approach to Remove and Fast Detect Heavy Metals in Water Based on PES-TiO<sub>2</sub> Electrospun Mats and Porphyrin Chemosensors.

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- 1. **Figure S1**: Intensity ratio of components at  $\lambda$ =476 nm and  $\lambda$ =423 nm ( $I_{476}/I_{423}$ ) vs Pb<sup>2+</sup> concentration in water. UV-Vis spectra of H2T4 aqueous solution (1  $\mu$ M) were recorded in presence of increasing concentration of Pb<sup>2+</sup> ions. Spectra measurements have been performed 15 minutes after addition of aliquots of Pb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> stock solution (1 mM) to 2.5 ml of H2T4 solution. Pb<sup>2+</sup> concentration ranges from 0.25  $\mu$ M to 5  $\mu$ M.
- 2. **Figure S2**: UV-Vis absorption spectra of H2T4 1  $\mu$ M (black line) in presence of [Pb<sup>2+</sup>]= 5  $\mu$ M (red line); after 24 hrs (green line) and 48 hrs (blue line) mats dipping. Prolonged dipping of PES/TiO<sub>2</sub> mats in this solution results in a decrease of Pb<sup>2+</sup> concentration to about 1  $\mu$ M in 24 hrs and 0.25  $\mu$ M in 48 hrs, in good agreement with data reported in Figure S1.
- 3. **Figure S3:** UV-Vis absorption spectra of H2T4 1  $\mu$ M (black line) in presence of Zn<sup>2+</sup> ions having concentration of 500  $\mu$ M (red line) and 5 mM (green line), respectively. Spectra measurements have been performed after 1 hour from porphyrin addition (shorter time is not enough to provide a detectable metalation).
- 4. **Figure S4**: UV-Vis absorption spectra of H2T4 deposited on glass before (black line) and after dipping in aqueous solutions containing  $[Zn^{2+}]=1\mu M$  (red line) and  $[Zn^{2+}]=5\mu M$  (green line). UV-Vis spectra of H2T4 deposited on glass before and after dipping in aqueous solutions containing  $Zn^{2+}$  ions having a concentration of 1  $\mu M$  and 5  $\mu M$ . Soret band red-

shift and spectral modification in the Q-bands region provide evidence of formation of ZnT4 derivatives on glass surface.

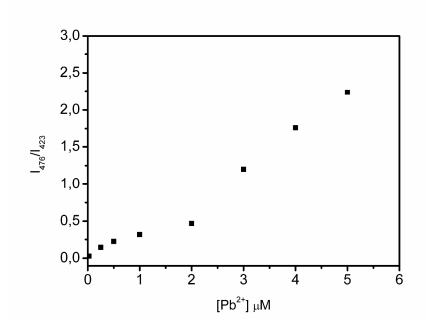


Figure S1

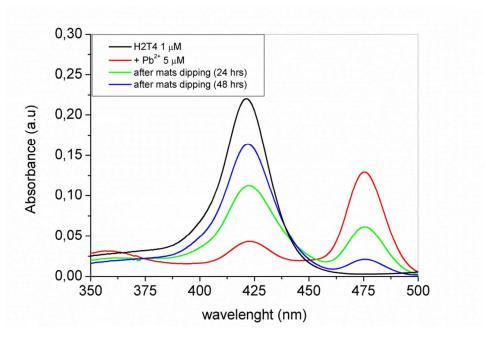


Figure S2

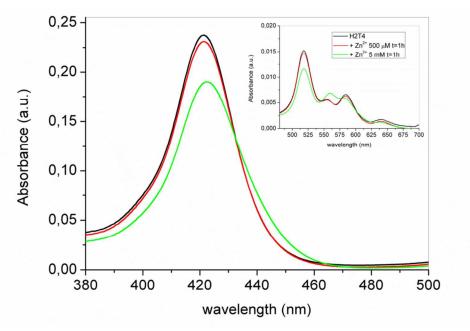


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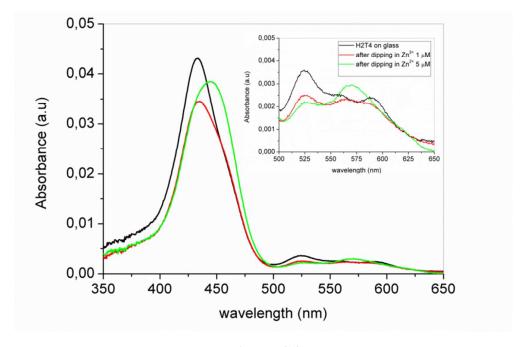


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