Supporting Information

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Differential sensing of Zn(II)/Cu(II) via two independent

mechanisms

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Figure S1: ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **3**



Figure S2: ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **3**.



Figure S3: ESI-MS spectrum of compound 3.



Figure S4: FT-IR spectrum of compound **3.**



Figure S5: Fluorescence spectra of metal ion selectivity study of 4.0 x 10^{-5} M of unreduced 8quinoline imine, **2**, in presence of series of metal cations. $\lambda_{ext} = 367$ nm.



Figure S6: UV-Vis absorbance spectra metal ion selectivity study of $4.0 \ge 10^{-5}$ M of unreduced 8-quinoline imine, **2**, in presence of series of metal cations.



Figure S7: Fluorescence emission profile of compound **3** (50:50 CH_3CN/H_20) in the presence and absence of Zn(II) at varying buffered pH solutions (1-10). Inset showing the graph rel. fluorescence intensity vs pH, monitored at 434 nm.



Figure S8: An ESI-MS spectrum of 1:1 copper (II) complex solution of compound **3c** in acetonitrile. b) Compound **3** in mixture of acetonitrile and water (10:1)



Figure S9: FT-IR spectrum of [compound **3.**Cu(II)] complex.

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Empirical formula	$C_{22} H_{26} O_8$
Formula weight	418.43
Temperature, K	100
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P 21/c
<i>a</i> , Å	13.3608(8)
b, Å	11.5312(7)
<i>c</i> , Å	14.2727(9)
α, °	90.00
β, °	113.29
γ, °	90.00
Volume, Å ³	2019.7(2)
Ζ	4
Density (calc)g.cm ⁻³	1.376
Absorb.coef.mm ⁻¹	0.105
<i>F</i> (000)	888.0
θ range	2.35-25.31
Index ranges	±15±13±16
Reflections collected	19211
Independent reflections	3549
Observed reflections	2533
Max/Min trans.	0.968/0.956
Restr./ Param.	0/283
Goodness-of-fit	1.021
Final R indices[$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	0.0430
R indices (all data)	0.1121
Peak/hole	0.23/-0.19

Table S1: Crystallographic collection and refinement data of compound $4.H_2O.$



Figure S10: UV-vis absorbance spectra of 1.0 x 10^{-4} M 8-aminoquinoline, and was tested with solutions of select metal perchlorate salts (Co²⁺, Cu²⁺, Fe²⁺, Fe³⁺, Hg²⁺, and Mn²⁺).



Figure S11: UV-vis absorbance spectra of compound **3** (4.0 x 10^{-5} M) and 5.0 equiv of Cu(II), at various pH conditions.