

**Perturbation of Fluorescence by Non-Specific Interactions Between
Anionic Poly(phenylenevinylene)s and Proteins: Implications for
Biosensors**

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Supporting Information

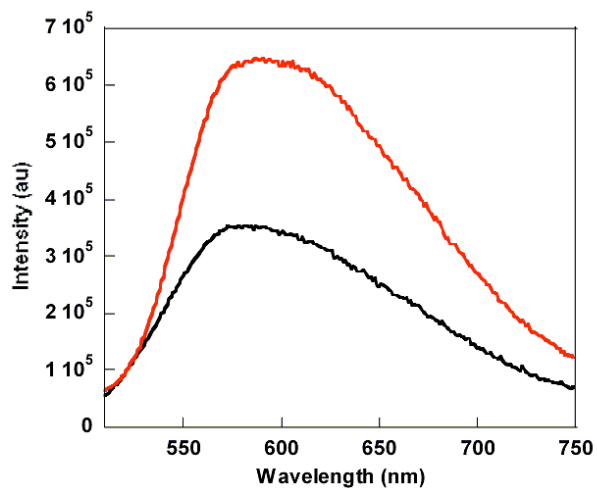


Figure S1: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) in water: Na^+ -MPS-PPV ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (black line) and Na^+ -MPS-PPV and $[\text{avidin}] = 5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (red line).

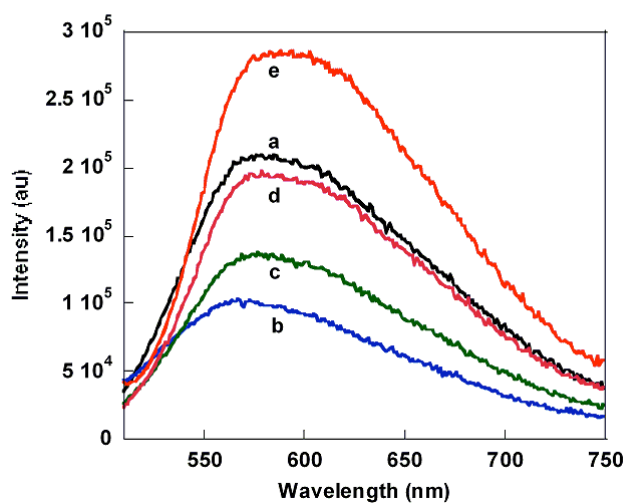


Figure S2: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) in water: (a) Na^+ -MPS-PPV ($[\text{RU}] = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (black line); (b) Na^+ -MPS-PPV and $[\text{BPP}^+] = 3.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (blue line); (c) Na^+ -MPS-PPV, BPP^+ , and $[\text{avidin}] = 3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$ (green line); (d) Na^+ -MPS-PPV, BPP^+ , and $[\text{avidin}] = 8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$ (pink line); (e) Na^+ -MPS-PPV, BPP^+ , and $[\text{avidin}] = 2.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (red line).

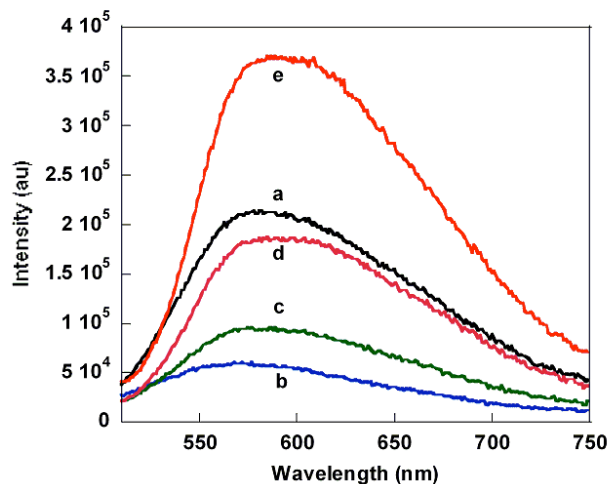


Figure S3: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) in water: (a) Na^+ -MPS-PPV ($[\text{RU}] = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (black line); (b) Na^+ -MPS-PPV and $[\text{mMV}^+] = 3.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (blue line); (c) Na^+ -MPS-PPV, mMV^+ , and $[\text{avidin}] = 2.4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$ (green line); (d) Na^+ -MPS-PPV, mMV^+ , and $[\text{avidin}] = 8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$ (pink line); (e) Na^+ -MPS-PPV, mMV^+ , and $[\text{avidin}] = 2.8 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (red line).

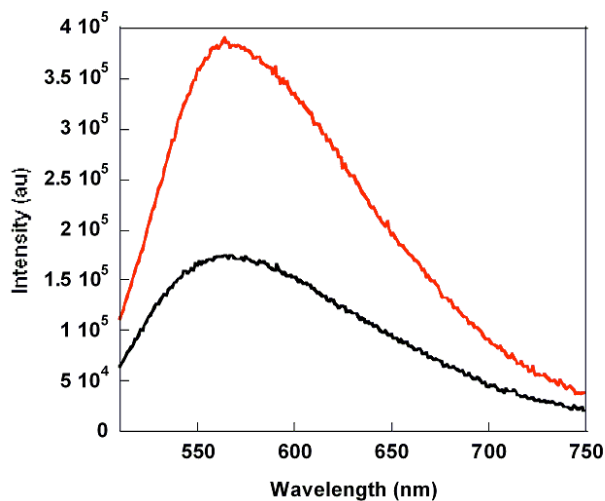


Figure S4: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) in water: Li^+ -MPS-PPV ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (black line) and Li^+ -MPS-PPV and $[\text{Tau}] = 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (red line).

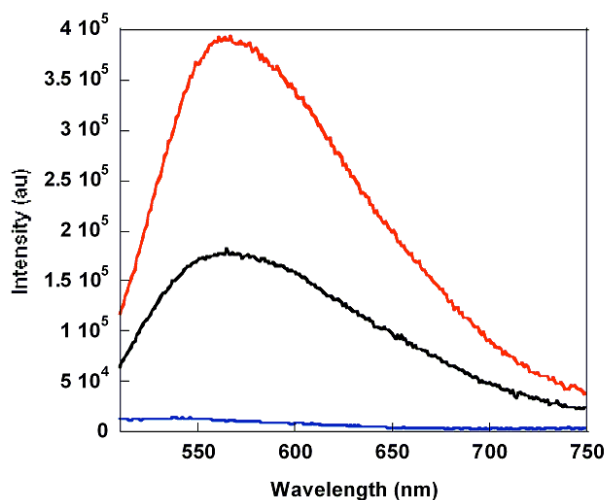


Figure S5: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500$ nm) in water: **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ([RU] = 1.7×10^{-5} M) (black line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and [**BPP⁺**] = 2×10^{-6} M (blue line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **BPP⁺**, and [Tau] = 1×10^{-7} M (red line).

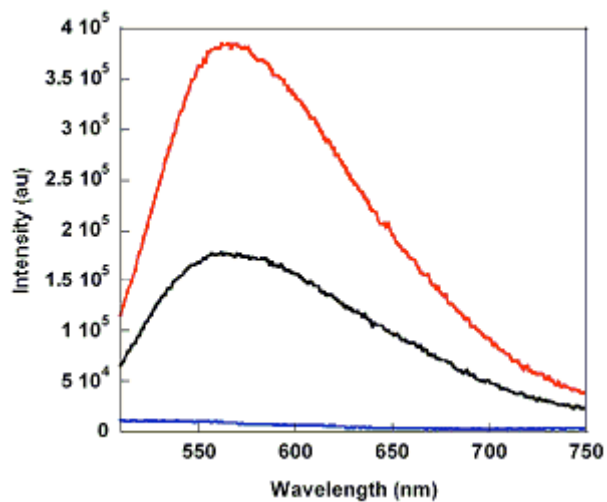


Figure S6: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500$ nm) in water: **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ([RU] = 1.7×10^{-5} M) (black line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and [**mMV⁺**] = 2×10^{-6} M (blue line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **mMV⁺**, and [Tau] = 1×10^{-7} M (red line).

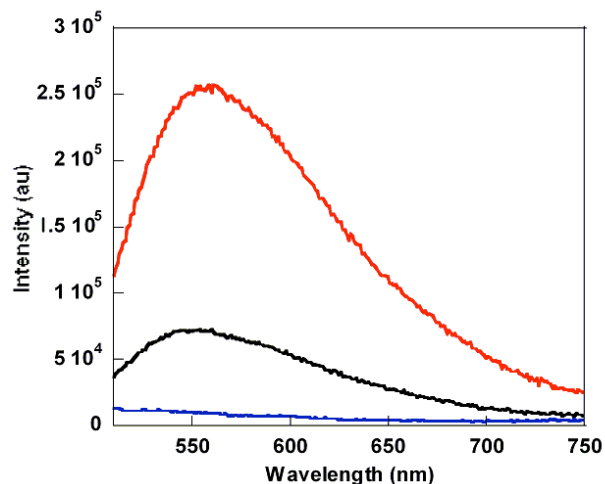


Figure S7: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) in water: **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (black line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and $[\text{mMV}^+] = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ (blue line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **mMV⁺**, and $[\text{pepsin-A}] = 3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (red line).

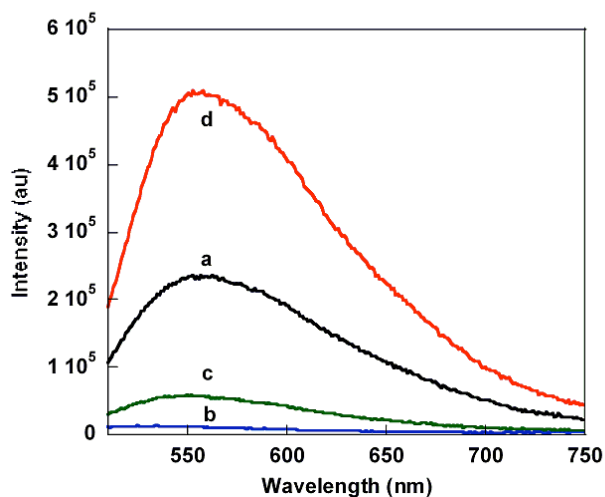


Figure S8: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) in water: (a) **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (black line); (b) **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and $[\text{BPP}^+] = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$, (blue line); (c) **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **BPP⁺**, and $[\text{pepsin-A}] = 3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (green line); (d) **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and $[\text{pepsin-A}] = 3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (red line).

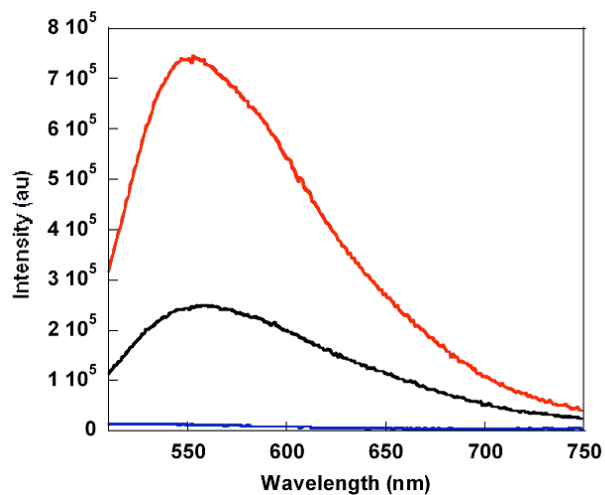


Figure S9: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500$ nm) in water: **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ M) (black line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and $[\text{mMV}^+] = 2 \times 10^{-6}$ M (blue line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **mMV⁺**, and $[\text{BSA}] = 3 \times 10^{-7}$ M (red line).

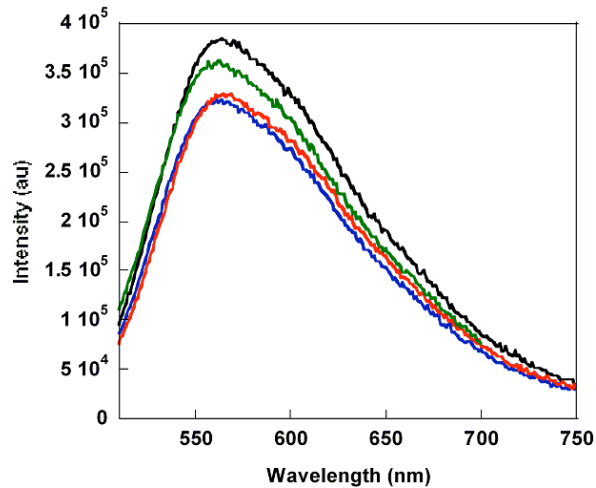


Figure S10: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500$ nm) in 0.1M $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$: **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ M) (black line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and $[\text{BPP}^+] = 2 \times 10^{-6}$ M (blue line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **BPP⁺**, and $[\text{pepsin-A}] = 3 \times 10^{-7}$ M (red line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and $[\text{pepsin-A}] = 3 \times 10^{-7}$ M (green line).

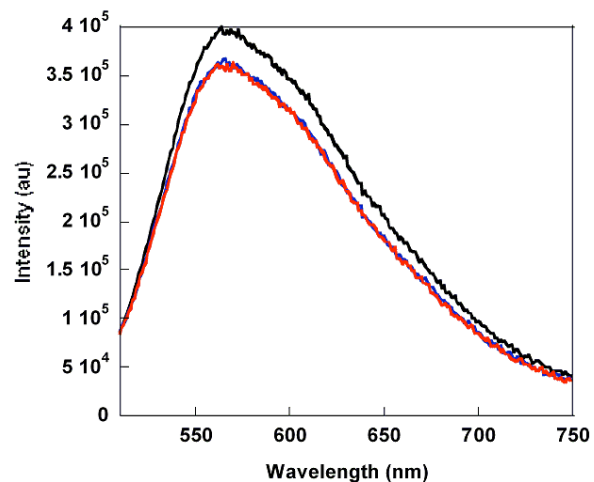


Figure S11: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) in $0.1\text{M } (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$: **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (black line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and $[\text{mMV}^+] = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ (blue line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **mMV⁺**, and $[\text{pepsin-A}] = 3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (red line).

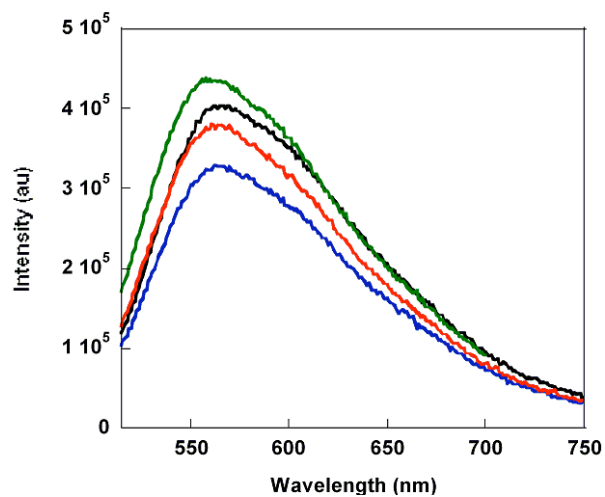


Figure S12: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) in $0.1\text{M } (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$: **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (black line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and $[\text{BPP}^+] = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ (blue line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **BPP⁺**, and $[\text{BSA}] = 3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (red line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and $[\text{BSA}] = 3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (green line).

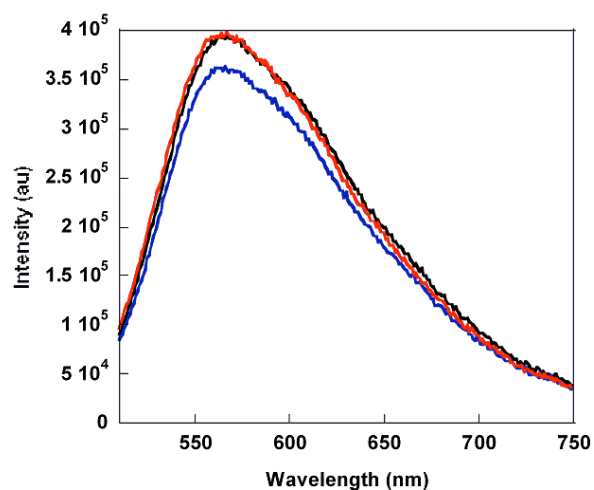


Figure S13: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) in $0.1 \text{ M } (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$: **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (black line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and $[\text{mMV}^+] = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ (blue line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **mMV⁺**, and $[\text{BSA}] = 3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (red line).

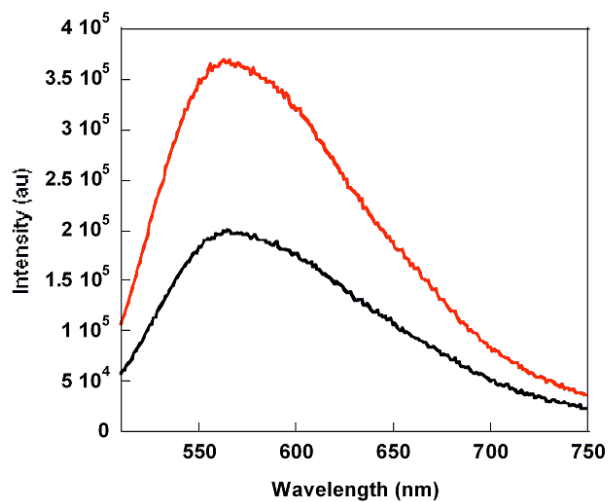


Figure S14: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) in $0.1 \text{ M } (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$ at pH 8.9: of **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (black line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and $[\text{Tau}] = 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (red line).

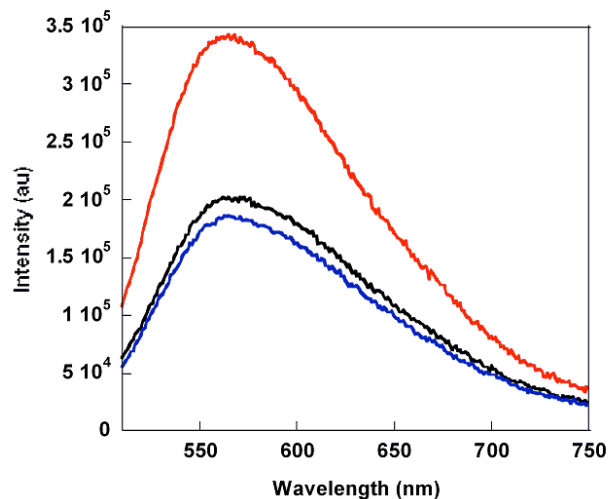


Figure S15: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500$ nm) in 0.1 M $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$ at pH 8.9: **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ M) (black line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and $[\text{mMV}^+] = 2 \times 10^{-6}$ M (blue line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **mMV⁺**, and $[\text{Tau}] = 1 \times 10^{-7}$ (red line).

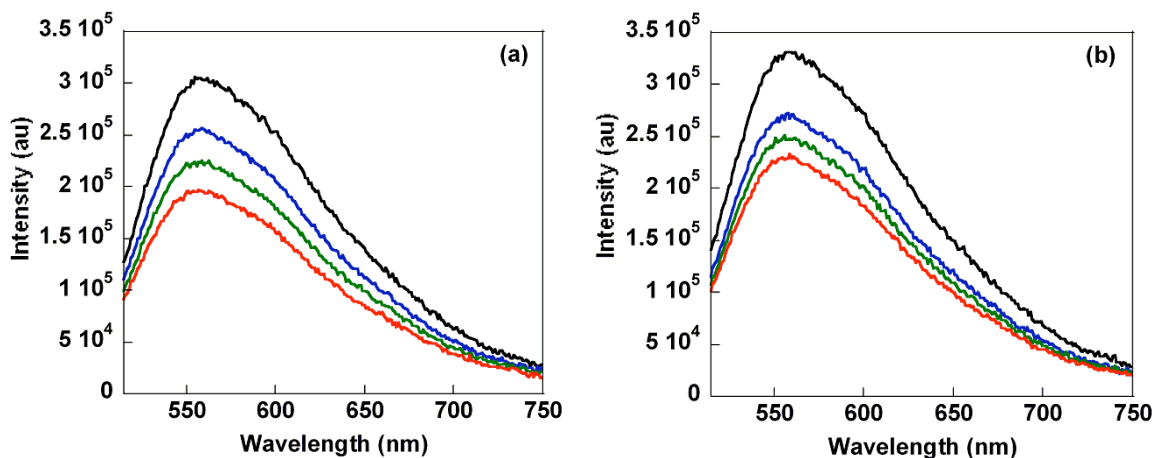


Figure S16: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500$ nm) in 0.1 M $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$ at pH 8.9: **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ M) (black line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and $[\text{BPP}^+] = 2 \times 10^{-6}$ M (blue line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **BPP⁺**, and $[\text{avidin}] = 1 \times 10^{-7}$ M avidin (green line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **BPP⁺**, and $[\text{avidin}] = 2 \times 10^{-7}$ M avidin (red line). Figure S16a: Avidin has four vacant biotin binding sites per protein. Figure S16b: Avidin has three vacant biotin binding sites per protein.

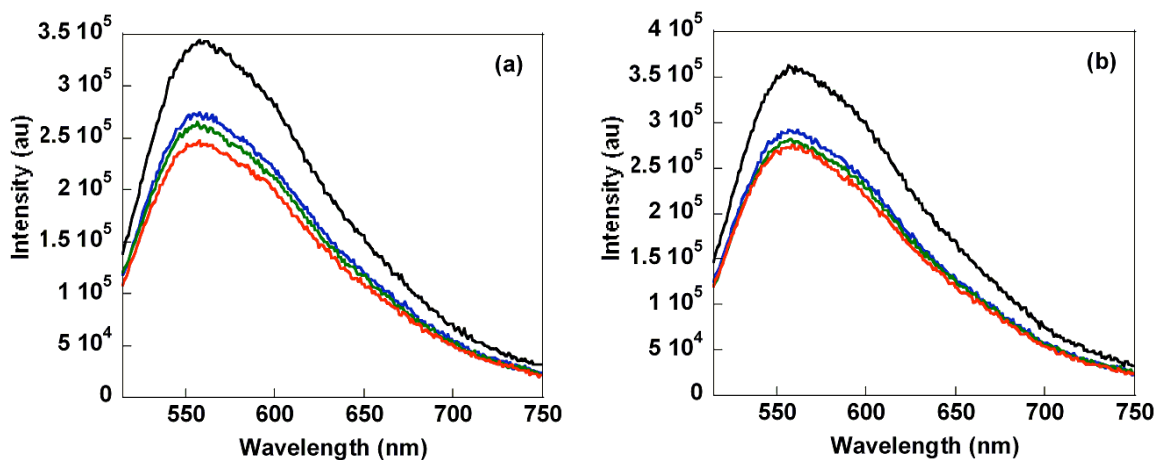


Figure S17: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) in $0.1 \text{ M } (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$ at pH 8.9: **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (black line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and **[BPP⁺] = $2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$** (blue line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **BPP⁺**, and **[avidin] = $1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$** avidin (green line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **BPP⁺**, and **[avidin] = $2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$** avidin (red line). Figure S17a: Avidin has two vacant biotin binding sites per protein. Figure S17b: Avidin has one vacant biotin binding site per protein.

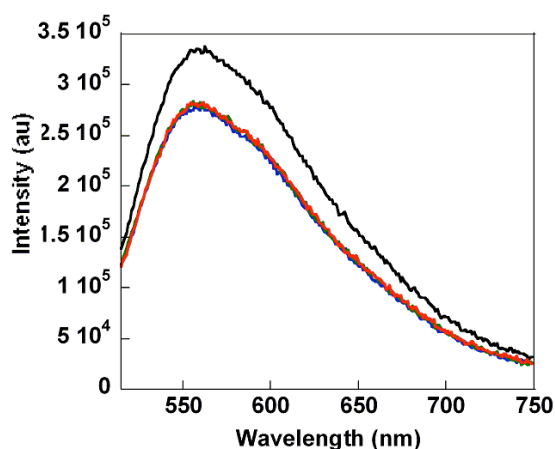


Figure S18: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) in $0.1 \text{ M } (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$ at pH 8.9: (a) **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (black line); (b) **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** and **[BPP⁺] = $2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$** (blue line); (c) **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **BPP⁺**, and **[avidin] = $1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$** avidin (green line); (d) **Li⁺-MPS-PPV**, **BPP⁺**, and **[avidin] = $2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$** avidin (red line). Avidin used has no vacant biotin binding sites.

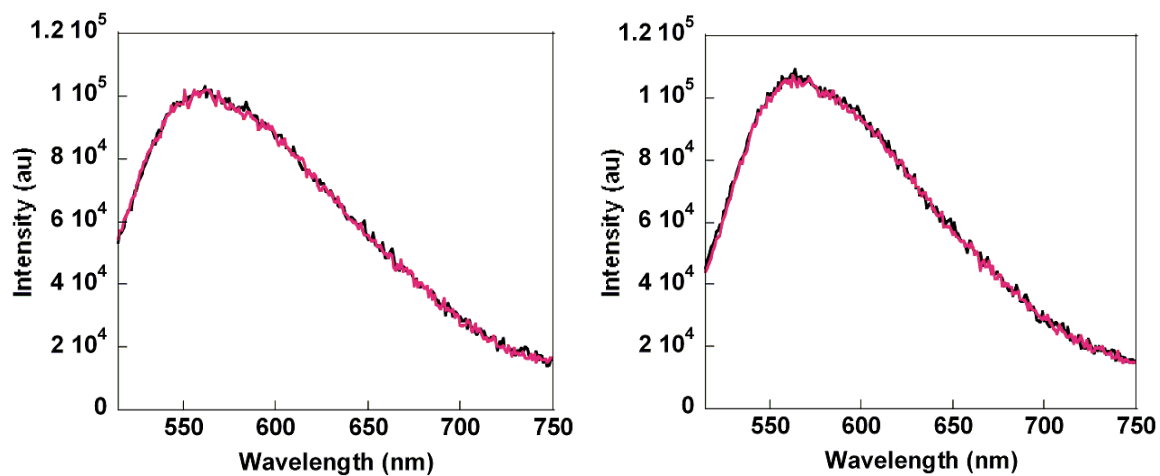


Figure S19: Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) in water (left chart) and 0.1 M $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$ at pH 8.9 (right chart): **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (black line); **Li⁺-MPS-PPV** ($[\text{RU}] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) (red line) after 15 consecutive scans. Samples were mixed for 4-5 seconds between each scan. Similar results were obtained for **Na⁺-MPS-PPV** in water and $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$ buffer.