

# Supporting Information

## ***N,N-diphenylanilino-heterocyclic aldehydes based chemosensors for UV-vis/NIR and fluorescence Cu(II) detection***

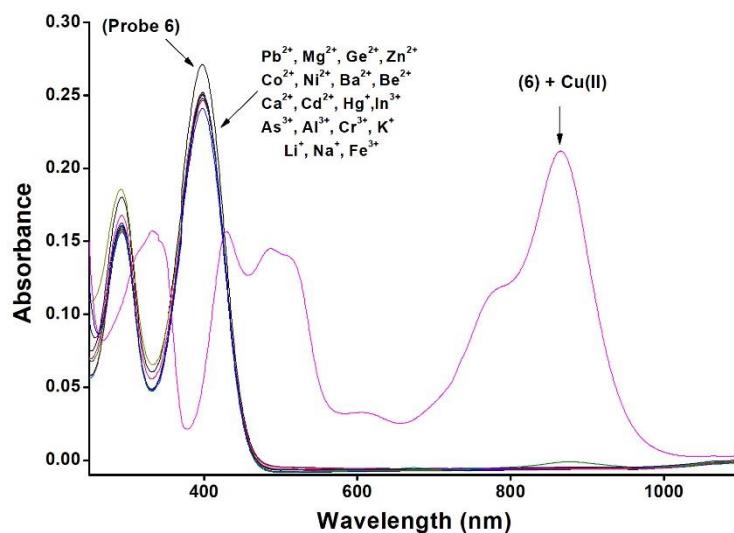
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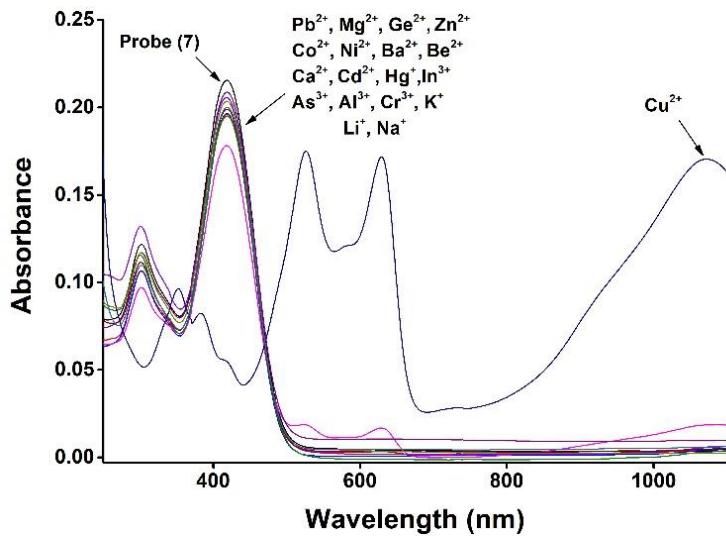
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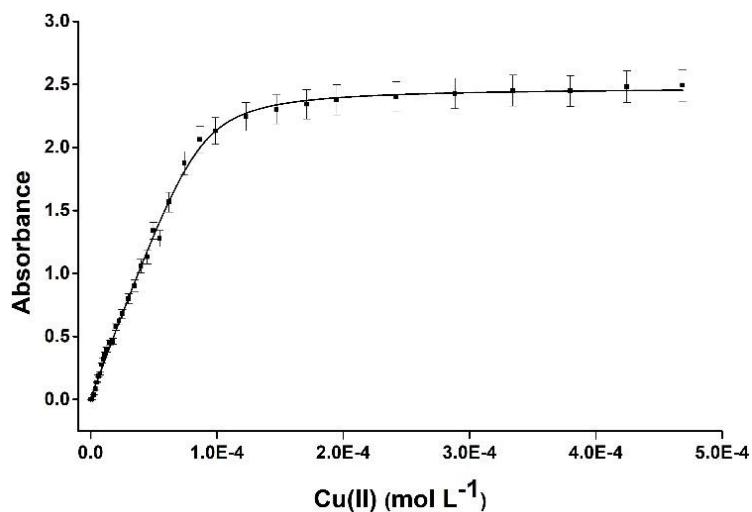
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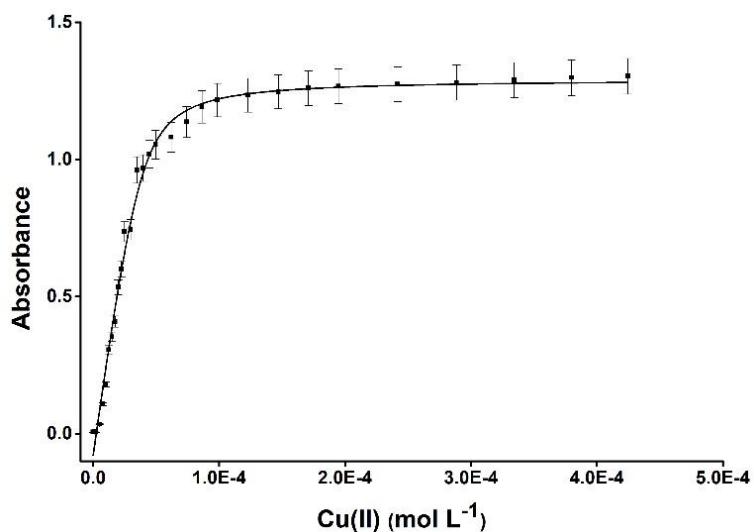
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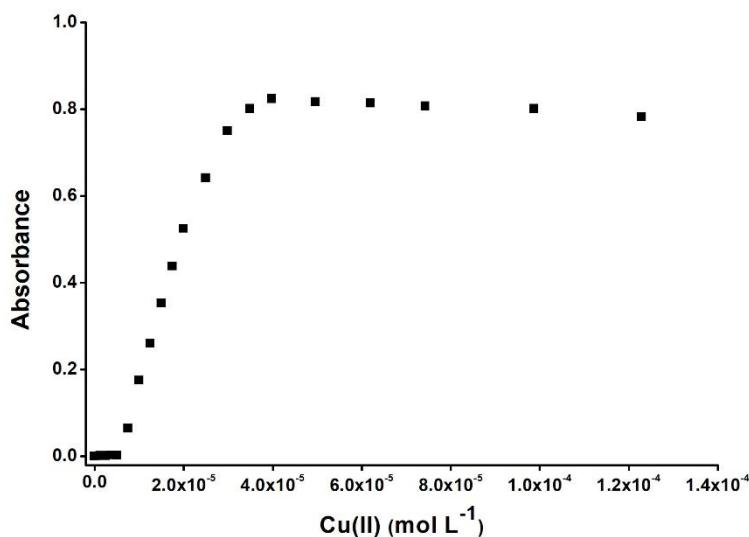
**Figure S2.** UV/visible spectra of probe **7** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ) in acetonitrile alone and in the presence of 10 eq. of selected metal cations.



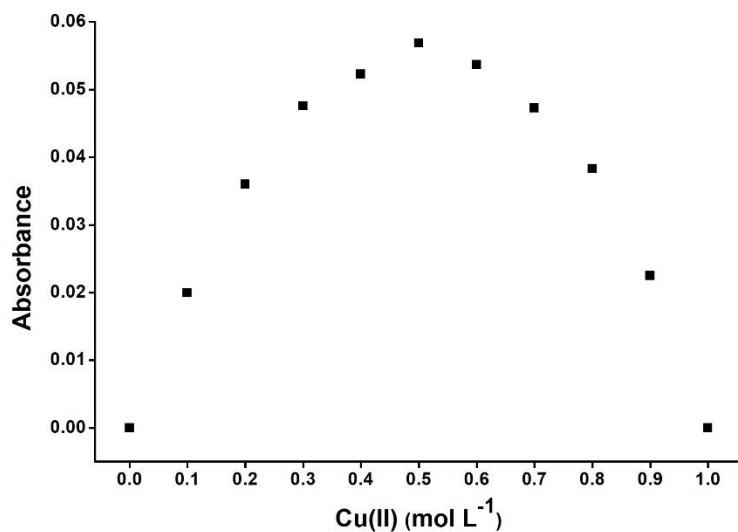
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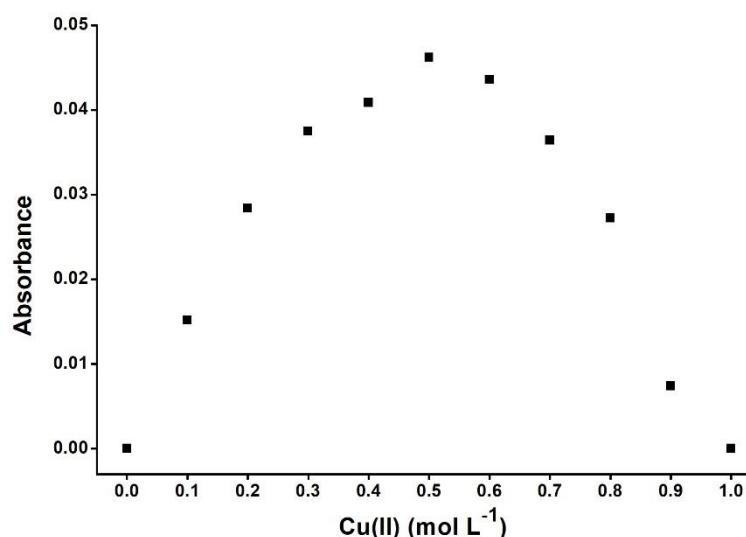
**Figure S4.** Absorbance of probe **6** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  in acetonitrile) at 852 nm vs Cu(II) concentration.



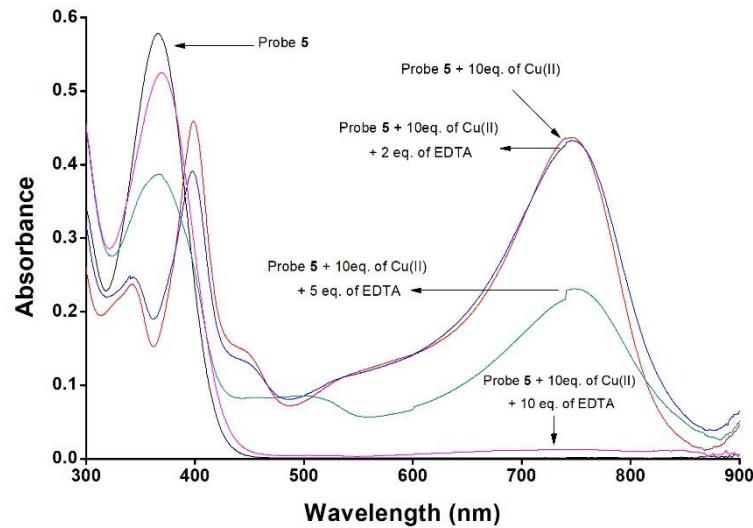
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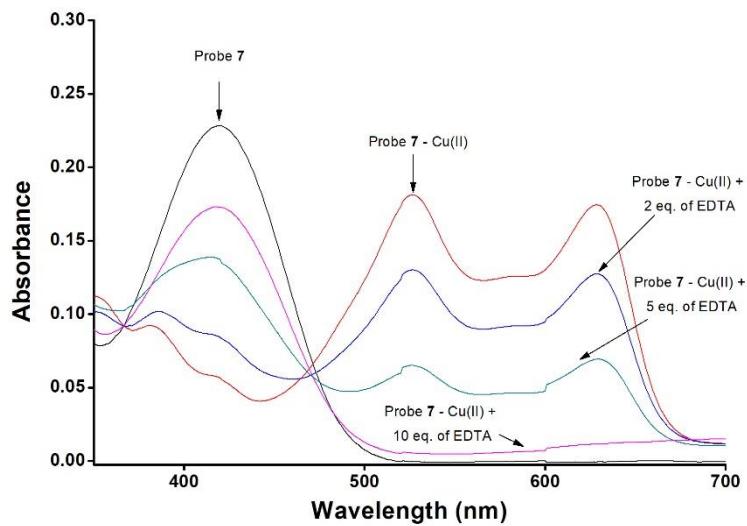
**Figure S6.** Job's plot for probe **6** and Cu(II) in acetonitrile. Total concentration of **6** and Cu(II) of  $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L $^{-1}$ .



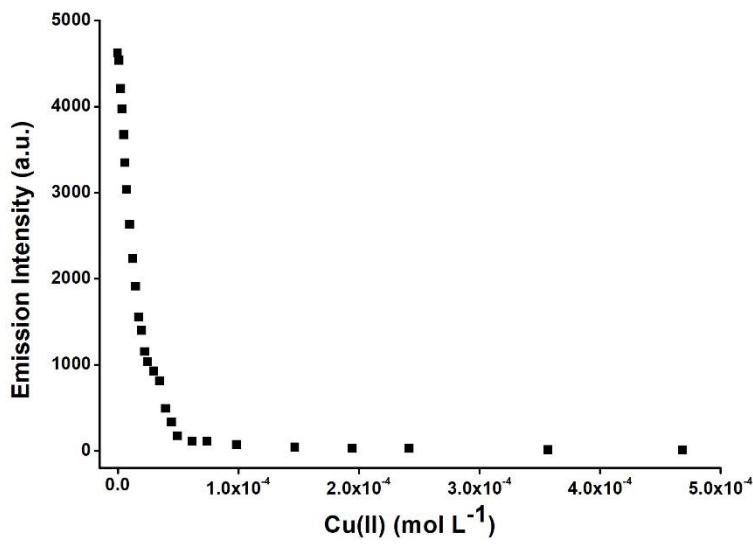
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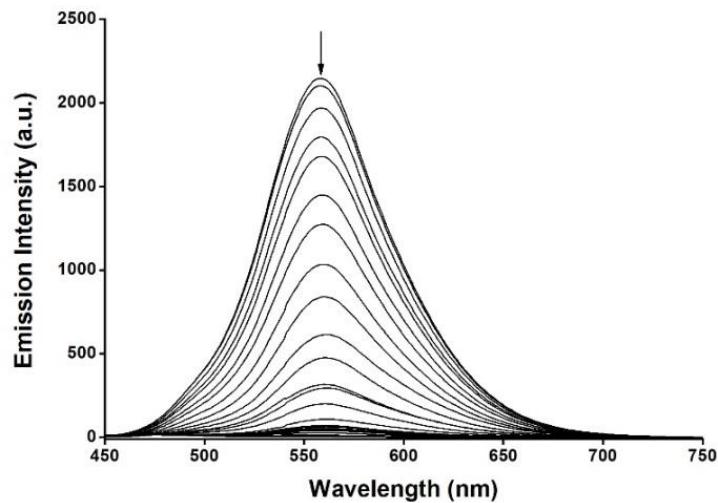
**Figure S8.** UV-visible profile of probe **5** in acetonitrile ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ) and of Cu(II)-**5** complex alone and upon addition of EDTA (2, 5 and 10 eq.).



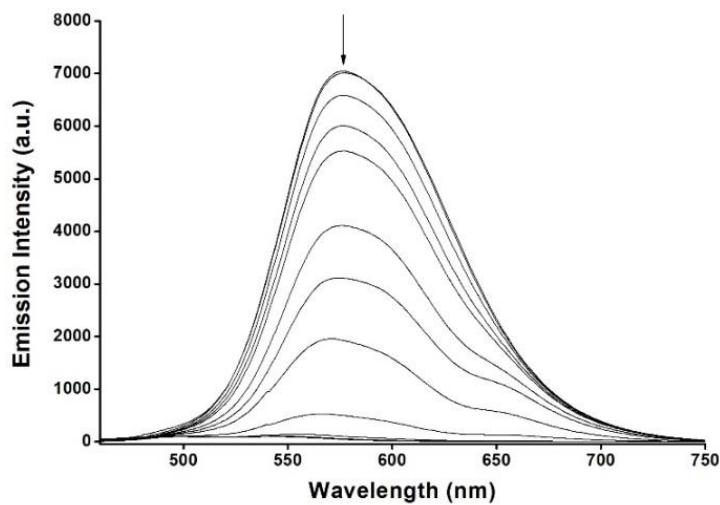
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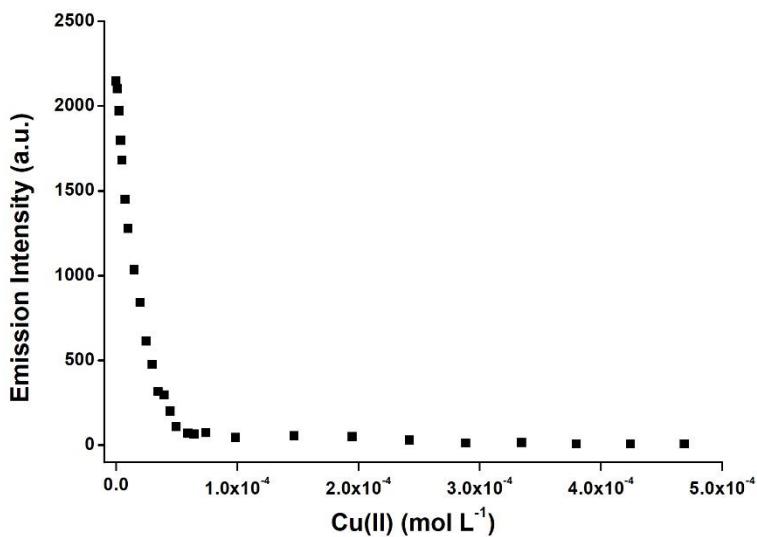
**Figure S10.** Emission intensity of probe **5** ( $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L $^{-1}$  in acetonitrile) at 554 nm vs Cu(II) concentration.



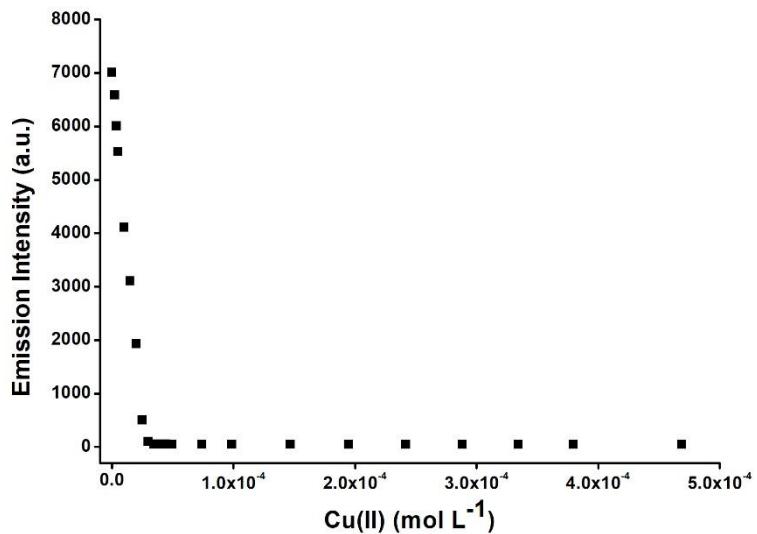
**Figure S11.** Fluorescence titration profile of **6** in acetonitrile ( $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ) upon addition of increasing amounts of Cu(II) cation (from 0 to 10 eq.) ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 440$  nm).



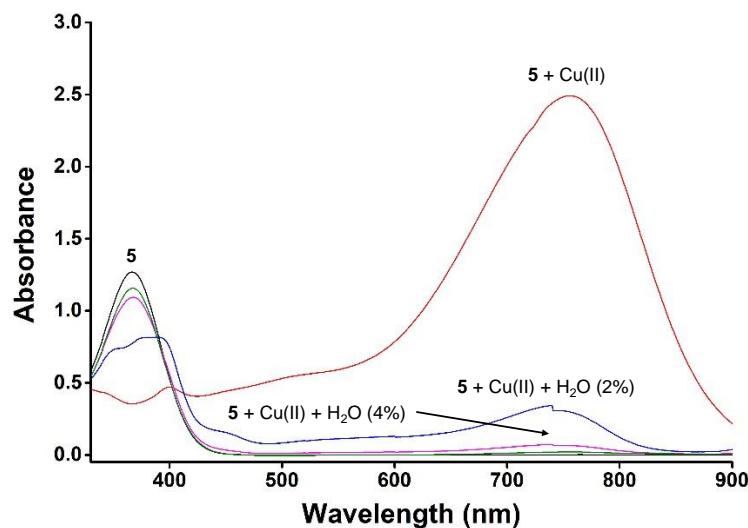
**Figure S12.** Fluorescence titration profile of **7** in acetonitrile ( $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ) upon addition of increasing amounts of Cu(II) cation (from 0 to 10 eq.) ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 450$  nm).



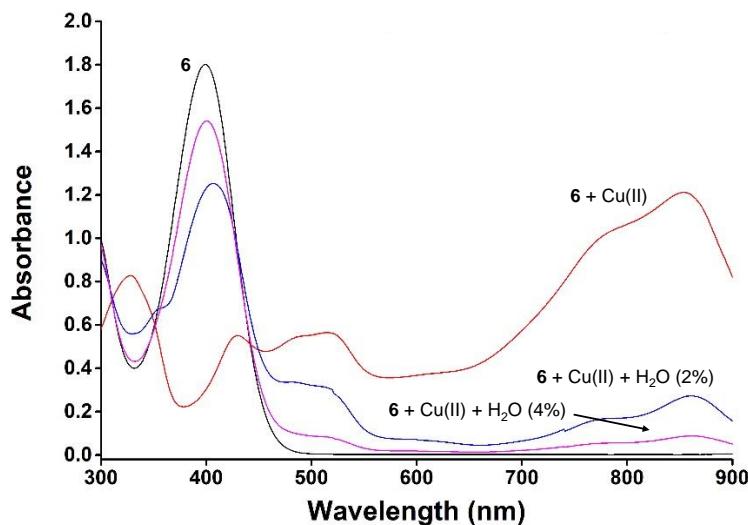
**Figure S13.** Emission intensity of probe **6** ( $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> in acetonitrile) at 559 nm vs Cu(II) concentration.



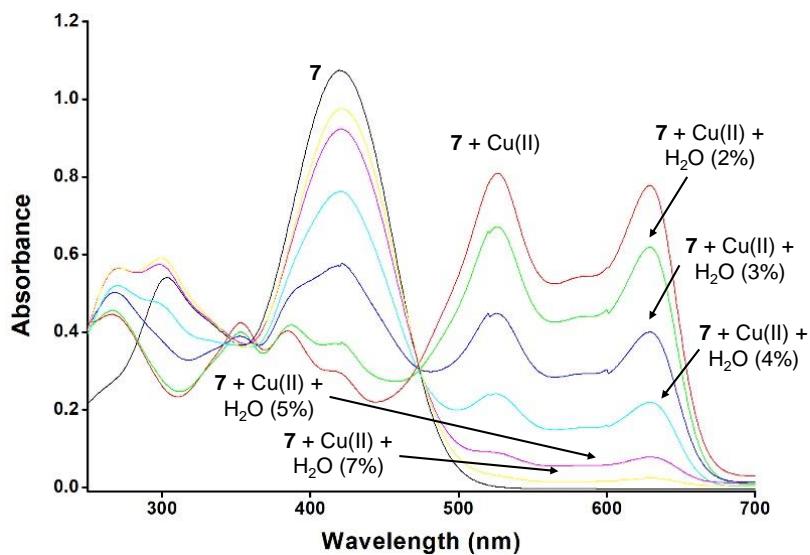
**Figure S14.** Emission intensity of probe **7** ( $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> in acetonitrile) at 577 nm vs Cu(II) concentration.



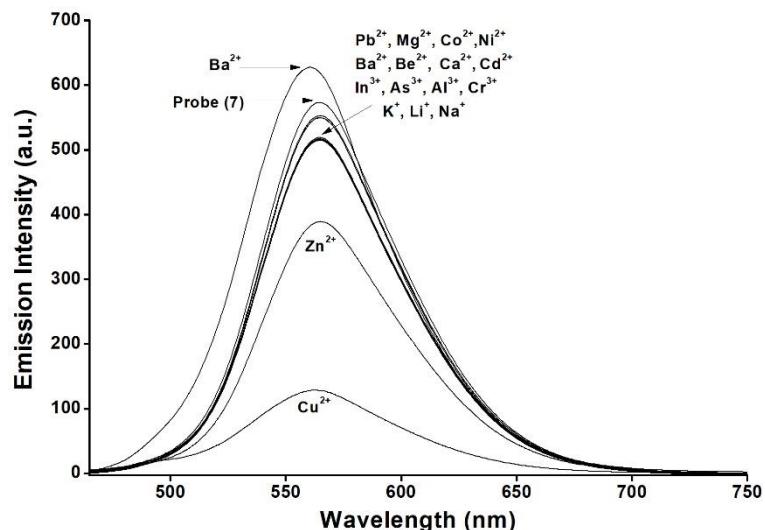
**Figure S15.** UV-visible profile of probe **5** in acetonitrile ( $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>) alone and containing water (2 and 4 %) upon addition of 10 eq. of Cu(II) cation.



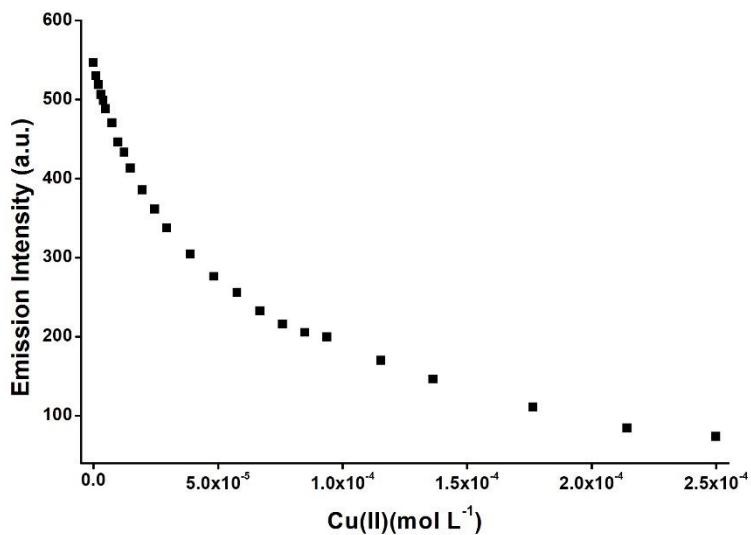
**Figure S16.** UV-visible profile of probe **6** in acetonitrile ( $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ) alone and containing water (2 and 4 %) upon addition of 10 eq. of Cu(II) cation.



**Figure S17.** UV-visible profile of probe **7** in acetonitrile ( $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ) alone and containing water (2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 %) upon addition of 10 eq. of Cu(II) cation.



**Figure S18.** Emission spectra (excitation at 450 nm) of SDS (20 mM, pH 7.5)-acetonitrile 90:10 v/v solutions of probe **7** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ) in the presence of 10 eq. of selected cations.



**Figure S19.** Plot of the emission intensity of **7** in SDS (20 mM, pH 7.5)-acetonitrile 90:10 v/v at 565 nm vs Cu(II) concentration.

**Table S1.** UV-visible and fluorescence data for *N,N*-diphenylanilino aldehydes **5**, **6** and **7** in ethanol.

	UV/Vis		Fluorescence		
	log $\varepsilon$	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)	$\Phi_F$	Stokes' shift (nm)
<b>5</b>	4.00	368	498	0.01	130
<b>6</b>	4.08	402	566	0.02	164
<b>7</b>	3.85	423	600	0.22	177