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## **Supplementary Information**

Thiourea based dipodal receptor development for electrochemical detection of Br<sup>-</sup> ion in an aqueous medium

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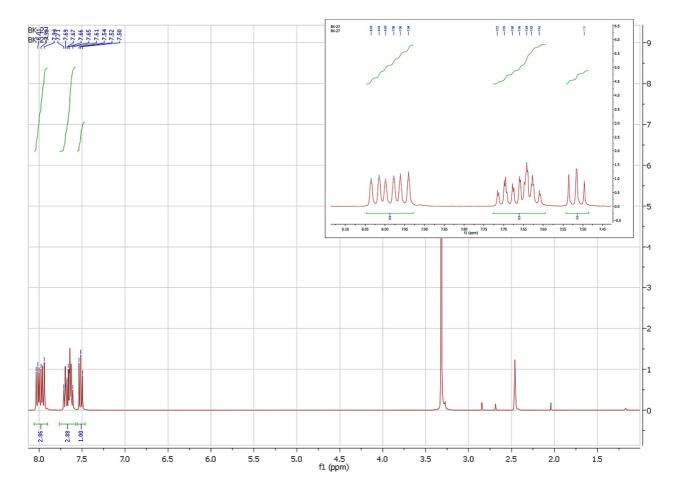
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## **General Information:**

Sigma Aldrich Co. supplies all the chemicals of analytical grade. Solvents were purchased from SD Fine Chemicals Inc. The 400MHz and 100MHz frequency was used to obtain <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum on Avance-11 (Bruker) instrument. Flash EA 1112 was undertaken for elemental analysis. Average particle size of nano particles was analysed with Metrohm Microtrac Ultra Nanotrac Dynamic Light Scattering Technique. 120KV of Hitachi instrument was utilized for taking TEM images providing resolution of 0.36nm. It confirms the size and morphology of **N1**. Waters Micromass instrument was employed for calculating mass of organic receptor synthesized. Cyclic voltammetric (CV) and Differential voltammetric studies (DPV) were performed on Epsilon BASi instrument. Studies were carried out at a scan rate of 50mV and 20mV for CV and DPV respectively. In CV and DPV 3 electrode system of Ag/AgCl wire, Pt wire and Pt disc was used to investigate determination of analyte. NaClO<sub>4</sub> was used as supporting electrolyte. Br<sup>-</sup> solution was obtained in water using tetra butyl ammonium bromide salt. **R1** was fully characterized with elemental analysis.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ: 7.5(t, 3H, Ar-H), 7.61-7.72(m, 9H, Ar-H), 7.94-8.03(t, 9H, Ar-H)

**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum for receptor **1**, inset zoomed <sup>1</sup>H spectra from  $\delta$ : 7.5 -8.05

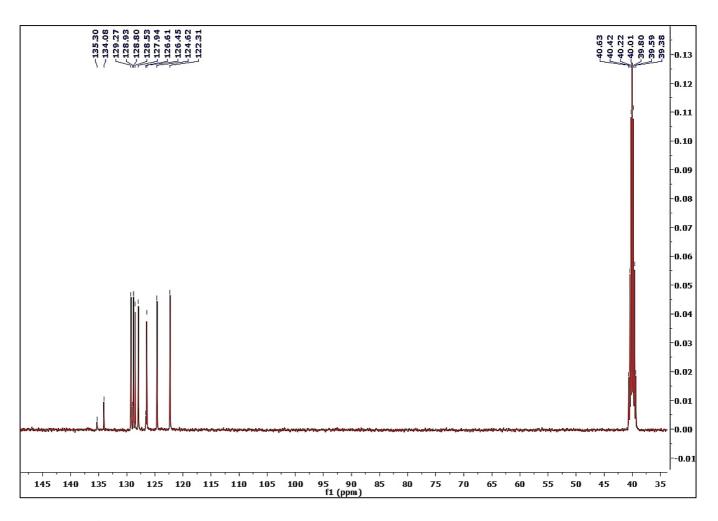


Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum for receptor 1

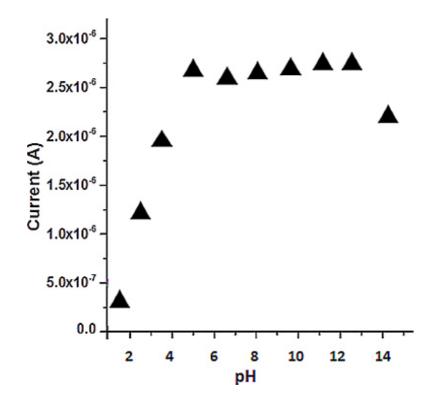
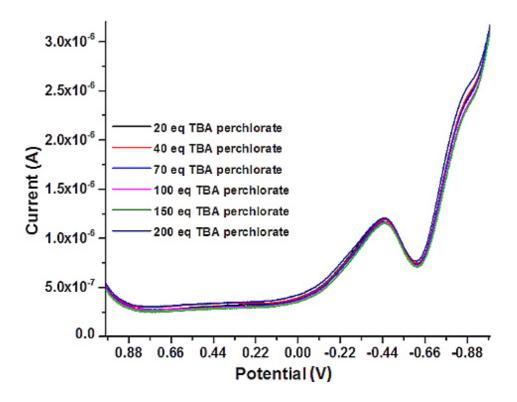
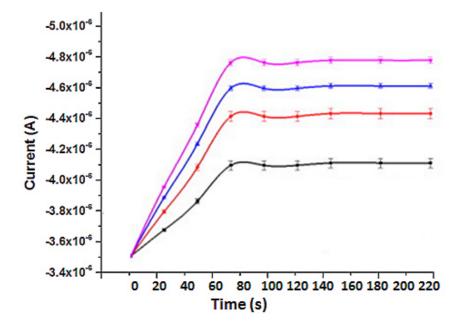


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**Figure S4.** Effect of ionic concentration on DPV profile of **N1.Br** with addition of tetrabutylammonium salt of perchlorate (0-200 equiv.) in the solution of **N1.Br** 



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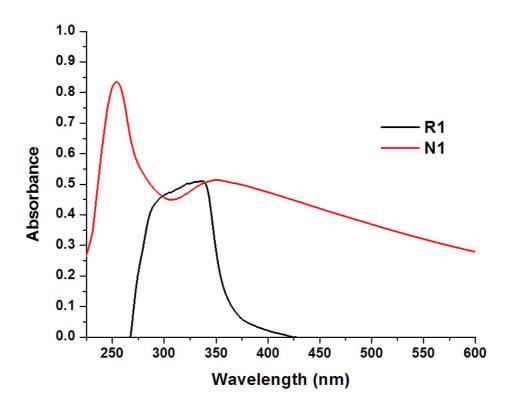


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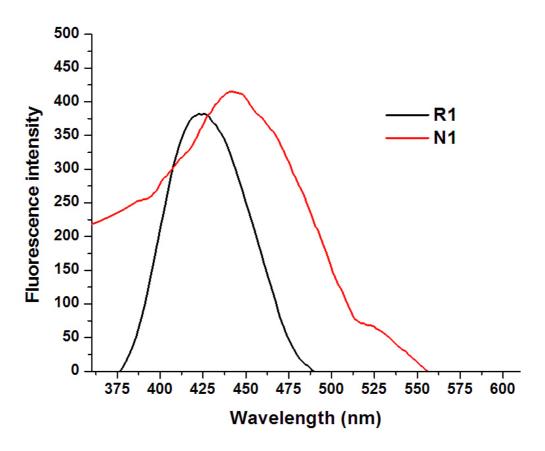


Figure S7. Fluorescence emission profile of R1 and N1

| S.  | Journal   | Method                        | Medium  | Detection  | Detection                | Inter ference                    | Application            | Referen            |
|-----|---|-------------------------------|---------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| No. |   |                               |         | range $10^{-1} - 10^{-2} \mathrm{M}$             | limit                    |                                  | explored               | ce                 |
| 1   | Sensors and<br>Actuators B  | Ion<br>Selective<br>electrode | Aqueous | $10^{-1} - 10^{-2} \mathrm{M}$                   | $1.6 \times 10^{-5} M$   | Not mentioned                    | Not<br>mentioned       | 30                 |
| 2   | Spectrochimica<br>Acta Part A:<br>Molecular and<br>Biomolecular<br>Spectroscopy   | Electroche<br>mical           | Aqueous | 7.0×10 <sup>-6</sup> -<br>1.0×10 <sup>-1</sup> M | 6.0×10 <sup>-6</sup> M   | No interference                  | Not done               | 31                 |
| 3   | Journal of<br>Electroanalytical<br>Chemistry                                      | Electroche<br>mical           | Aqueous | 0.01 – 1µM                                       | 1.0 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> M | Not done                         | Water<br>samples       | 32                 |
| 4   | Spectrochimica<br>Acta Part A:<br>Molecular and Bio<br>molecular Spectro<br>scopy | Calorimetri<br>c, UV          | Aqueous |  | 1.67µM                   | No interference                  | Not Done               | 33                 |
| 5   | Biosensors and<br>Bioelectronics  | Electro<br>chemical           | Aqueous | 10 <sup>-7</sup> – 10 <sup>-1</sup> M            | 63nM                     | Biosensors and<br>Bioelectronics | Human<br>plasma, urine | 34                 |
| 6   | Electro analysis  | Electro<br>chemical           | Aqueous | 0-100µM  | 3.79nM                   | No interference                  | Water<br>samples       | Proposed<br>sensor |

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