A new polymer-based fluorescent chemosensor incorporating propane-1,3-dione and 2,5-diethynylbenzene moieties for detection of copper(II) and iron(III)

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Figure S1 ¹H NMR of the polymer PDBDBM (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)



Figure S2 GPC curve of the polymer PDBDBM



Figure S3. UV-vis absorption and PL spectra of the polymer PDBDBM in THF.



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Figure S8. ¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound PDBDBM in CDCl₃ with Cu²⁺/Fe³⁺ (0, 0.1mM, 1mM, d⁶-DMSO).