

**A sensitive, non-radioactive assay for Zn(II) uptake into metazoan cells**

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## I. Chemicals and Instrumentation

A. Chemicals and consumables: Phosphate buffered saline was purchased either as a 1× solution (21-040-CV) or a 10x concentrate (46-013-CM) from Corning. Tris (tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane) was purchased as a solid from Millipore Sigma (T1503, ≥ 99.5%). HEPES (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethanesulfonic acid) was purchased as a solid from Millipore Sigma (either RDD002 or H3375, both ≥ 99.5%). Sodium chloride was purchased as a solid from Millipore Sigma (S7653, ≥ 99.5%). Ammonium sulfate was purchased as a solid from Mallinckrodt (3512). Sodium hydroxide was purchased as a solid from Mallinckrodt (7708-06). Triton X-100 was purchased from Alfa Aesar (A16046). PMSF was purchased as a solid from Amresco (M145). TPEN (*N,N,N',N'*-tetrakis(2-pyridylmethyl)ethylenediamine) was purchased from Millipore Sigma (P4413-100MG) as a solid and dissolved in DMSO to a final concentration of 20 mM. Dulbecco's Modification of Eagle's Medium (DMEM) (15-017-CM) was purchased from Corning as a solution to which glutamine (Corning, 25-005-CI, 2 mM final concentration) and penicillin-streptomycin (Corning, 30-002-CI, 100 IU/L penicillin and 100 µg/mL streptomycin final concentration) were added. Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS) was purchased from Corning (35-010-CV). Nitric acid was purchased from Aristar Ultra as a concentrated solution (87003-226, 70%, ultra-high purity for quantitative trace metal analysis at the part per trillion level). ICP-MS environmental calibration standard was purchased from Agilent as a solution in 10% nitric acid (5183-4688). Amicon Ultra-15 molecular weight cutoff filters were purchased from Millipore (UFC901008). Pierce™ NHS-Activated Agarose, dry, was purchased from VWR (PI26196). <sup>70</sup>Zn(II)-gluconate was purchased as a solid from Millipore-Sigma (702595-CONF). Agilent ICP-MS Tb internal standard was purchased from Agilent (5190-8590, Tb as Tb<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub> at 10,000 ppb in 2% HNO). ICP-MS Sample Tubes were purchased from VWR (97012-778). Sodium pyrithione was obtained as a solid from Sigma. Aqueous stock solutions were prepared from high-purity salts: CdCl<sub>2</sub> (99.999%; Aldrich), CoCl<sub>2</sub> (99.9%; Strem), CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (99.999+%; Aldrich), MnCl<sub>2</sub> (99.99% metals basis; Alfa Aesar), NiCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O

(99.9999%; Aldrich), and ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (99.99% metals basis; Alfa Aesar). pENTR233 vectors encoding ZIP4 (HsCD00370180), ZIP8 (HsCd00372914), and ZIP10 (HsCd00399932) were purchased from the PlasmidID Repository at Harvard Medical School. Vector sequences were confirmed by Sanger sequencing.

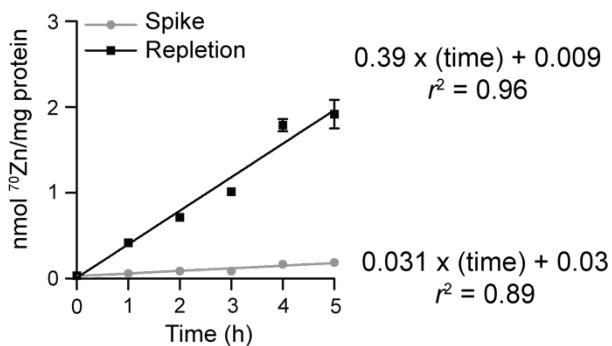
B. Instrumentation: ICP-MS was performed on an Agilent 7900 ICP-MS in helium mode equipped with an integrated autosampler at the MIT CEHS core facility. The internal standard Tb was monitored.

**Table S1.** Primers used for gene amplification and qPCR.

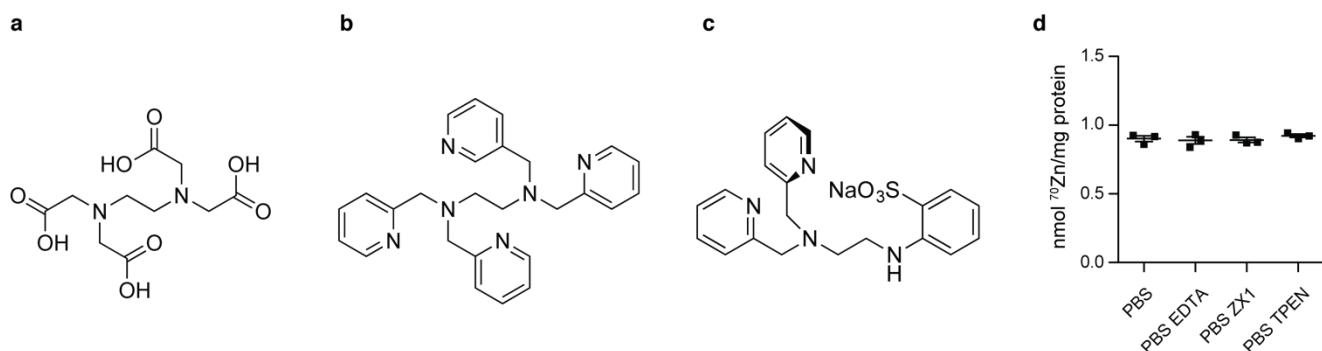
Gene	Sense Primer	Antisense Primer
ZIP4	5'- AAAAAAGGTACCAA ATGGCGTCCCTGGT -3'	5'- AAAAAATCTAGATTAGAAGG TGATGTCATCCTCGTA -3'
ZIP8	5'- AAAAAAGGTACCA AATGGCCCCGGGT -3'	5'- AAAAAACTCGAGTTACTC CAATTGATTTCTCCTGC -3'
ZIP10	5'- AAAAAAGGTACCATGAAGG TACATATGCACACAAAAT -3'	5'- AAAAAACTCGAGTTAAAACT GGATGTCAAACACAATTTCATC -3'
qPCR RPLP2	5'-CCATTCAAGCTCACTGATAACCTG-3'	5'-CGTCGCCCTACCTGCT-3'
qPCR MT1A	5'-TGGACCCCAACTGCTCCTG-3'	5'-CTTCTCTGATGCCCTTTGC-3'
qPCR ZIP4	5'-GTGTTCTGCCACGAGTTGCC-3'	5'-CTCGCTCTCCTCGCTGACTC-3'
qPCR ZIP8	5'-GCAAGGCTTGTGAGTGCTC-3'	5'-ATTCATCGATGCCCTGGCG-3'
qPCR ZIP10	5'-GCCAACACAAGAATCCCCTCCT-3'	5'-CCGTGGTGTTATGTGCAGC-3'

**Table S2.** Metal and Zn isotope concentrations (ppb) in a typical preparation of <sup>70</sup>Zn(II)-repleted DMEM/FBS. N.D indicates not detected.

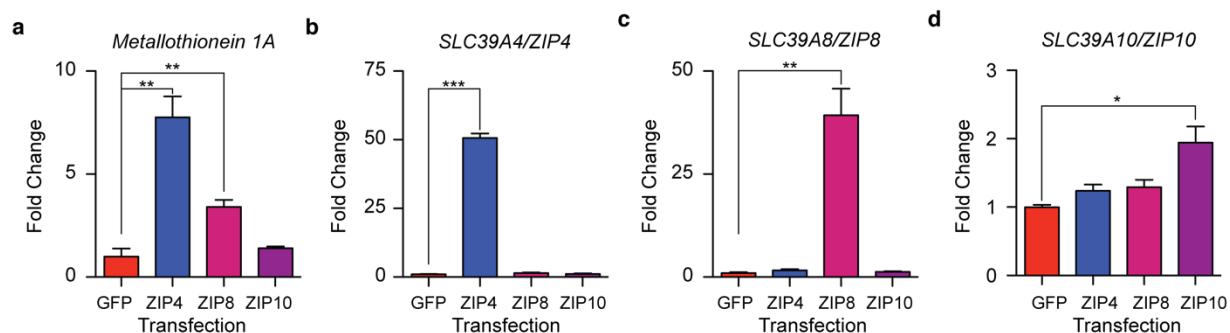
Metal Concentration / ppb												
Mg	Ca	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	<sup>64</sup> Zn	<sup>66</sup> Zn	<sup>67</sup> Zn	<sup>68</sup> Zn	<sup>70</sup> Zn	Cd
19600	68000	40	200	0.2	3	14	20	26	5	23	170	N.D.

**Supporting Figures:**

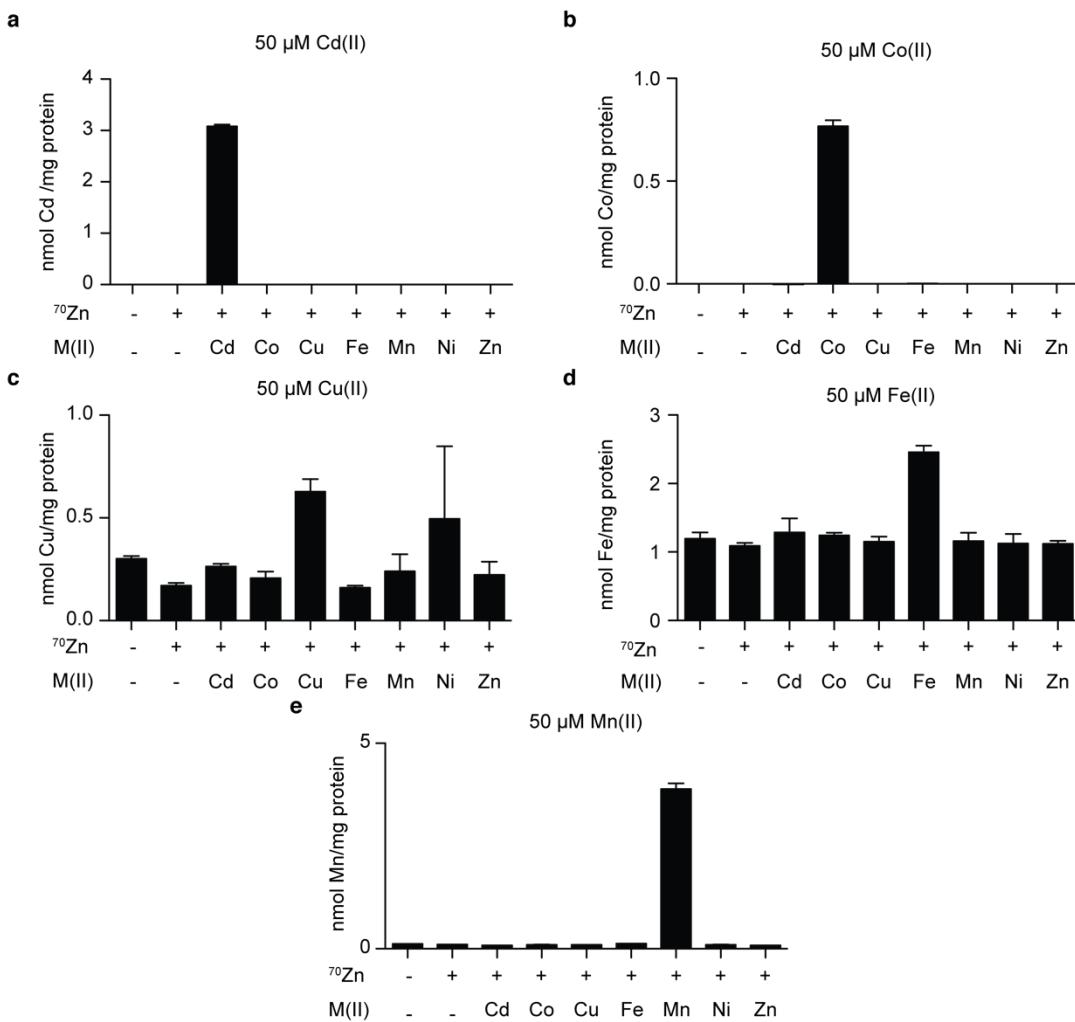
**Figure S1.** Comparison of  $^{70}\text{Zn}(\text{II})$  uptake from HEK293T cells cultured in DMEM/FBS spiked with 20 ppb  $^{70}\text{Zn}(\text{II})$  versus medium depleted of natural abundance Zn(II) then repleted with  $^{70}\text{Zn}(\text{II})$  ( $N = 3, \pm \text{SEM}$ ). The latter protocol affords a > 10-fold improved signal.



**Figure S2.** Structures of (a) EDTA, (b) TPEN, and (c) ZX1. (d) Cells washed with PBS containing 100  $\mu\text{M}$  of these chelators before harvesting do not have significantly different concentrations of cell-associated zinc ( $N = 3, \pm\text{SEM}$ ).



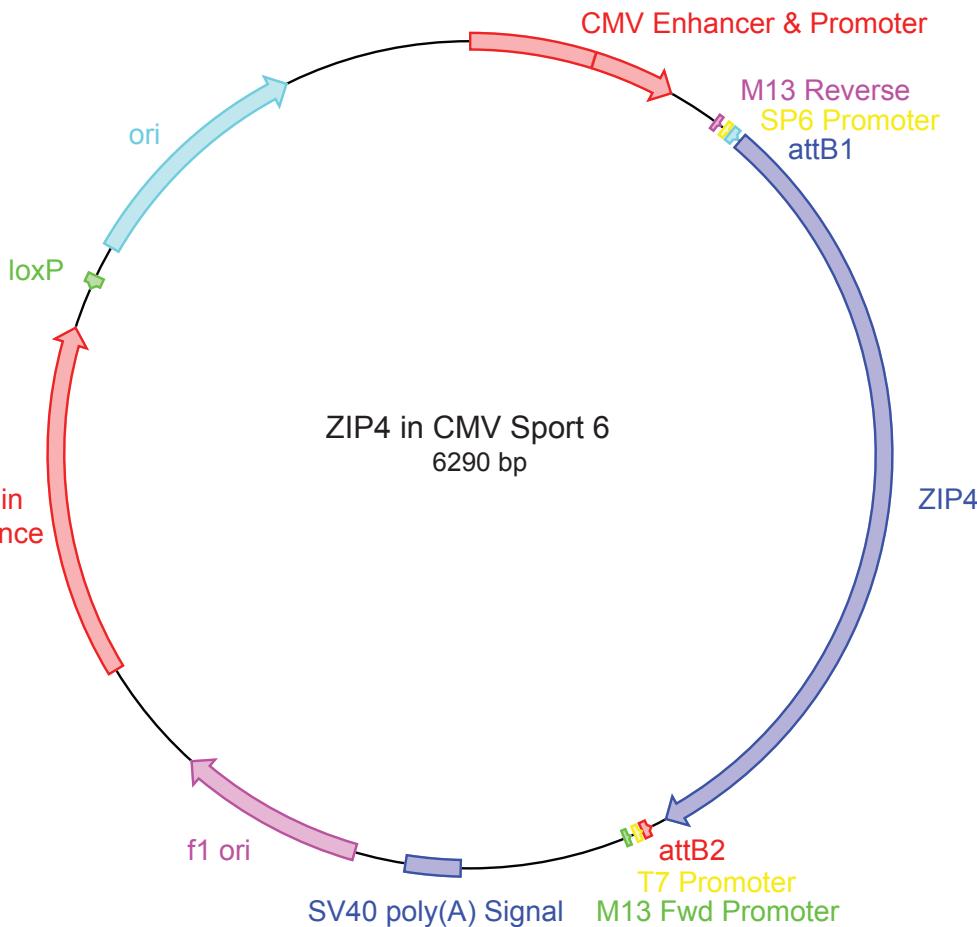
**Figure S3.** (a–d) qPCR analysis for transcripts for metallothionein 1A and ZIP family transporters ( $N = 3$ ,  $\pm$ SEM). The gene name and protein name corresponding to the transcript analyzed in each panel is indicated above each plot.

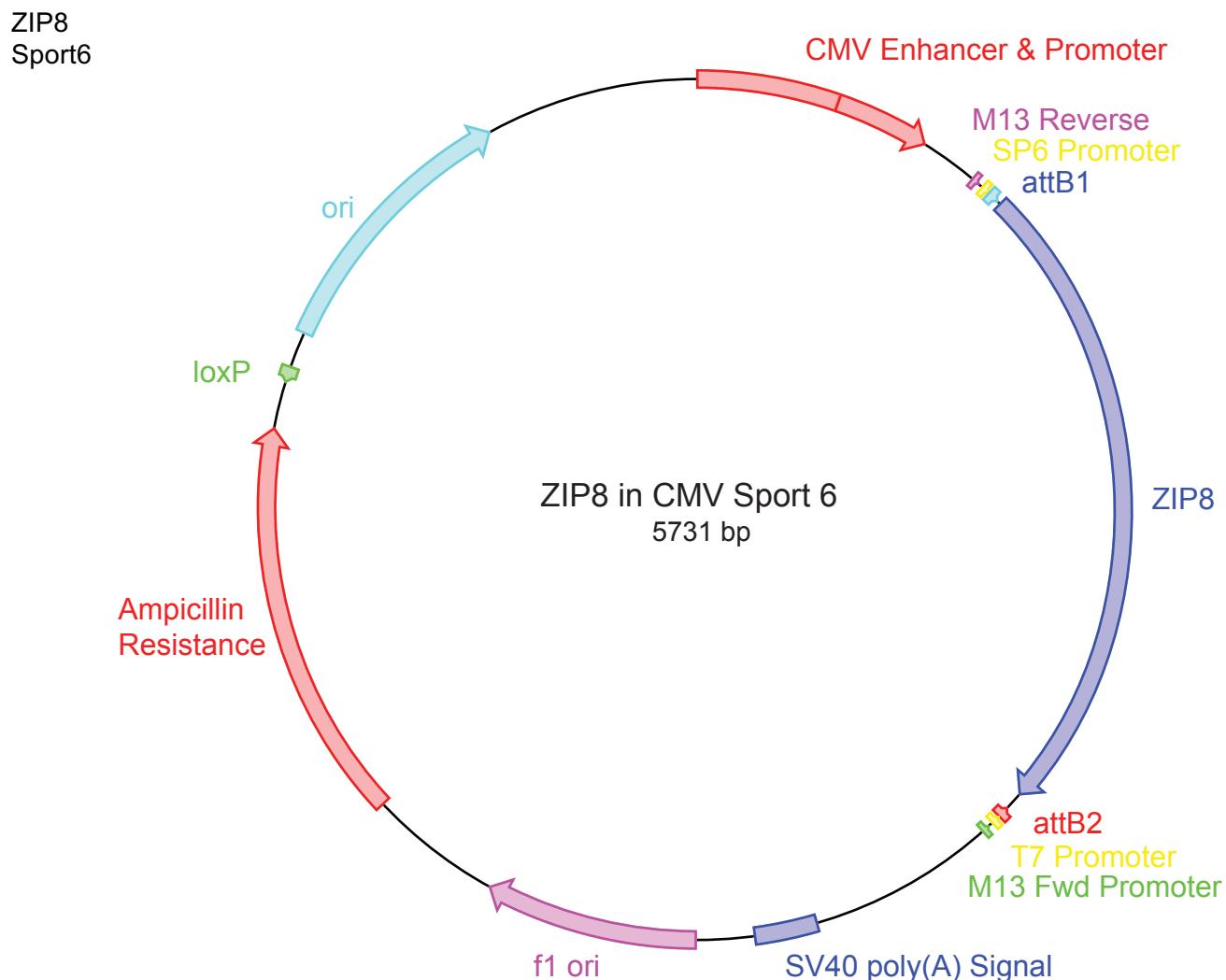


**Figure S4.** (a–e) Normalized cellular metal concentrations from HEK293T cells stimulated with 50  $\mu\text{M}$  of the indicated metal. Note there is no detectable Cd or Co in samples if cells are not treated with these metals.

## **Vector Maps:**

ZIP4 in CMV Sport6





ZIP10 in CMV Sport6

