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Selective fluoride sensing using organic-inorganic hybrid nanomaterials containing anthraquinone

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**Table S1** Fluorescence changes ($I/I_o$) of AFMS upon addition of various anions.

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Condition: AFMS (5.0 mg) in H$_2$O, excitation at 420 nm; anions, 20.0 equiv in H$_2$O. $I_o$: fluorescence emission intensity of AFMS; $I$: fluorescence emission intensity of AFMS in the presence of anions.

**Table S2** Fluorescence changes ($I/I_o$) of receptor 1 upon addition of various anions.

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Condition: receptor 1, 0.2 mM in H$_2$O, excitation at 420 nm; anions, 20.0 equiv in H$_2$O. $I_o$: fluorescence emission intensity of receptor 1; $I$: fluorescence emission intensity of receptor 1 in the presence of anions.