## Supporting Information

## for

## A water soluble Al<sup>3+</sup> selective colorimetric and fluorescent turn-on chemosensor and its application in living cell imaging

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**Figure S1**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1-H** (DMSO- $d_6$ , 300 MHz). The signal marked with \* and S are for H<sub>2</sub>O and solvent peak(DMSO- $d_6$ ), respectively.



Figure S2. Mass spectrum of 2.



**Figure S3.** Absorption spectra of 12.5  $\mu$ M of **1-H** in presence of 0, 2.5, 5.0, 7.5, 12.5, 15, 17.5, 20, 22.5, 31.0, 62.5, 87.5  $\mu$ M of Al<sup>3+</sup> and at high conc. , 40, 60, 80, 100, 120, 140, 160, 180, 200 times of Al<sup>3+</sup> in DMSO/water (1/100) at 25°C temperature.



**Fig.S4.** Emission enhancement spectra of **1-H** (10  $\mu$ M) in presence of different metal ions (200  $\mu$ M) in 100 mM HEPES buffer solution.



**Fig.S5.** Interference of different metal ions (200  $\mu$ M) in presence of **1-H** (20  $\mu$ M) and Al<sup>3+</sup> (20  $\mu$ M) in 100 mM HEPES buffer (DMSO/water : 1/100)



**Fig.S6.** Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration (DMSO- $d_6$ , 400 MHz) (a) of **1-H**; (*coc.* =  $3.5 \times 10^{-3}$  M) (b) **1-H** + 0.5 equivalent and (c) **1-H** + 1 equivalent of Al(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>,9H<sub>2</sub>O.



**Fig.S7.** MTT assay for the determining cytotoxic effect of **1-H** which was incubated with HeLa cell for 18 hours in 24 wells plate. MTT was added and after 3 hours, absorbance was measured at 590 nm.

Empirical Formula	$C_{16}H_{13}NO_2$
Formula Weight	251.27
Crystal System	Monoclinic
Space group	P 21/c
a (Å)	9.7368(5)
b (Å)	9.5514(4)
c (Å)	13.8091(7)
α (°)	90.00
β (°)	107.501(5)
γ (°)	90.00
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1224.80(11)
Temperature,K	120(2)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	0.336
F (000)	528
$\mu$ (MoK <sub><math>\alpha</math></sub> ) (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.090
Collected reflns	7887
Independent reflns	2156
R1 [I > 2.0 $\sigma$ (I)]	0.0398
wR1 [I > 2.0 $\sigma$ (I)]	0.1154
Goodness-of-fit	1.103

## Table S1. Crystal data and details of refinements for 1-H

Bond distance	es (Å)	Bond angles (°)	
C14 - O15	1.348(2)	C14 - O15 - C16	105.25(15)
C11- N12	1.3098(19)	C11- N12 - C13	123.60(14)
O1- C2	1.2712(18)	01- C2 - C3	120.08(14)
C14 - C18	1.330(2)	C9 - C10 - C1	123.82(14)

Table S2. Selected bond distances (Å) and bond angles (°) for 1-H

Interfering metal	Selectivity	$log(k_{sc})$
ions	coefficient (k <sub>sc</sub> )	
Na <sup>+</sup>	3447	3.5374
K <sup>+</sup>	1407	3.1483
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1979	3.2964
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	2476	3.3938
Cr <sup>3+</sup>	991	2.9961
Cr <sup>6+</sup>	5557	3.7449
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	2477	3.3940
Co <sup>2+</sup>	855	2.9320
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	926	2.9667
Zn <sup>2+</sup>	853	2.9310
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	2088	3.3198
$Cd^{2+}$	860	2.9345
$Hg^{2+}$	924	2.9657
Pb <sup>2+</sup>	2797	3.4467
$Ag^+$	2298	3.3614

**Table S3.** Selectivity coefficient  $(k_{sc})$  for  $Al^{3+}$  over competitive cations

<sup>a</sup>Selectivity coefficient (k) was calculated as  $k_{B,A} = m_B/m_A$ ; where  $m_B = d/dc(signal of B)$  and  $m_A = d/dc(signal of A)$ ; dc = change of concentration of species; B = Al<sup>3+</sup> and A = other interfering metal ion