## A Turn-on and Reversible Fluorescence Sensor for Al<sup>3+</sup> ion

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## **Supplementary Data**



Fig. S1 UV/vis spectra of 1 (80  $\mu$ M) recorded in EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (95:5 v/v) after addition of 2.0 equiv of various metal ions.



**Fig. S2** Fluorescence changes excited by UV lamp of **1** (80  $\mu$ M) in EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (95:5 v/v) upon addition of 2.0 equiv of various metal ions.



**Fig. S3** Fluorescence emission spectra ( $\lambda_{ex.} = 317 \text{ nm}$ ) of **1** (80  $\mu$ M) in the presence of 2.0 equiv of various metal ions in EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (40:60 v/v).



**Fig. S4** Fluorescence emission spectra ( $\lambda_{ex.} = 317 \text{ nm}$ ) of **1** (80  $\mu$ M) in the presence of 2.0 equiv of various anions in EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (95:5 v/v).



Fig. S5 Variation of fluorescence spectra of complex [1+ Al] in EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (95:5 v/v) as a function of pH at 423 nm;  $\lambda_{ex}$ = 374 nm



Fig. S6 Time evolution of receptor 1 in EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (95:5 v/v) in the prescence of 2.0 equiv of  $Al^{3+}$  ion.



Fig. S7 Hill plot



Fig. S8 Job plot



Fig. S9 ESI Mass spectrum for  $[1-Al^{3+}+H_2O - H^+]$  complex



**Fig. S10** Competition experiment of 1 towards  $Al^{3+}$  in the presence of 2.0 equiv of other cations. [1] = 80  $\mu$ M, [ $Al^{3+}$ ] = 160  $\mu$ M, and [ $X^{n+}$ ] = 160  $\mu$ M in EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (95:5 v/v).  $\lambda_{ex} = 317$  nm.