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Colorimetric probes designed to provide high sensitivity and single selectivity for CN^- in aqueous solution

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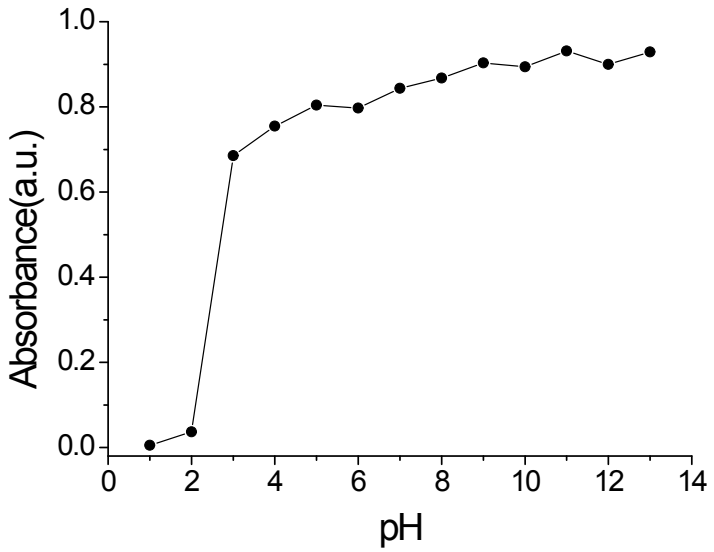

Fig. S1 Influence of pH on the fluorescence of **L1**-CN^- in DMSO/H_2O (v/v, 85/15).

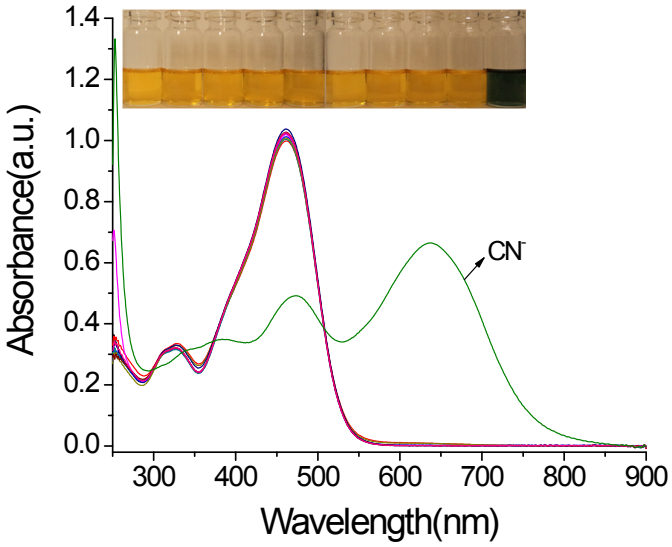

Fig. S2 UV–vis spectra of probe **L2** (2×10^{-5} mol/L) with various anions (F^-, Cl^-, Br^-, I^-, AcO^-, $H_2PO_4^-$, HSO_4^-, ClO_4^- and CN^-) in DMSO/H_2O (v/v, 9/1) solution. Inset: color changes of **L2** with various anions.

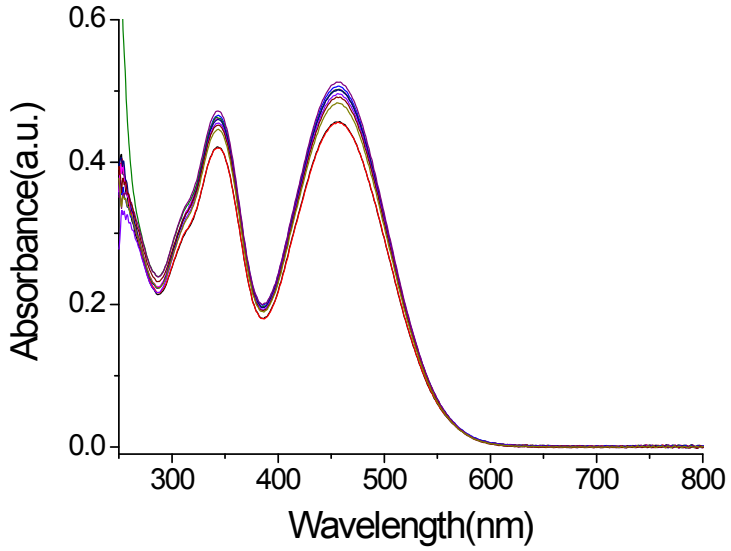

Fig. S3 UV–vis spectra of probe **L3** (2×10^{-5} mol/L) with various anions (F^-, Cl^-, Br^-, I^-, AcO^-, $H_2PO_4^-$, HSO_4^-, ClO_4^- and CN^-) in DMSO/H_2O (v/v, 9/1) solution.

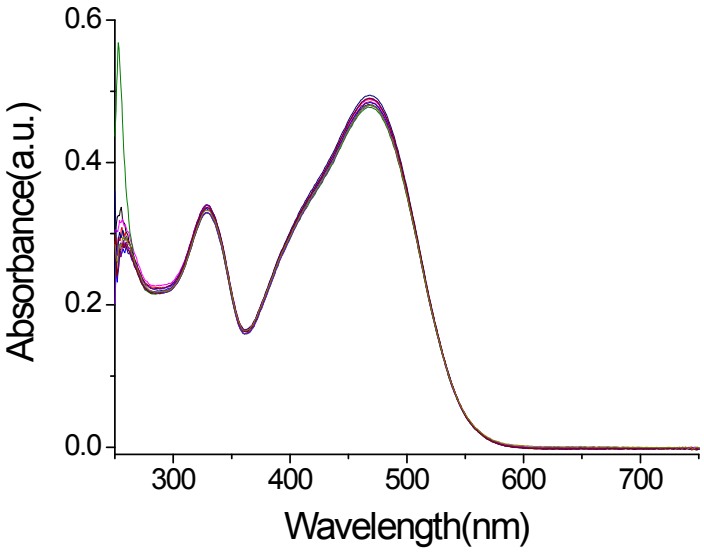

Fig. S4 UV–vis spectra of probe **L4** (2×10^{-5} mol/L) with various anions (F^-, Cl^-, Br^-, I^-, AcO^-, $H_2PO_4^-$, HSO_4^-, ClO_4^- and CN^-) in DMSO/H_2O (v/v, 9/1) solution.