## Naked-eye and fluorescent detection of basic pH and F<sup>-</sup> with a 1,8-naphthalimide-based multifunctional probe

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Scheme S1 Synthetic route of compound 1.



Fig. S1 Absorption (left) and emission (right) spectra change of probe 1 ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M, acetonitrile) upon addition of 60 µL water (red line).



**Fig. S2** Photographs of compound 1  $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}, \text{ acetonitrile})$  upon addition of different anions (1 only, tetrabutyl ammonium chloride, t, Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, KNO<sub>3</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>, NaHSO<sub>4</sub>, NaHSO<sub>3</sub>, and . from left to right) in aqueous solution in daylight (up) and under a UV lamp (365 nm, down).



**Fig. S3** pH reversibility study of **1** between pH 3 and 13 with absorption and emission spectra. The excitation wavelength was 460 nm.



Fig. S4  $F^-$  reversibility study of 1 with absorption and emission spectra (Black line, compound 1 in 3 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN; red line, compound 1 and 4 equiv  $F^-$  in 3 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN and 12  $\mu$ L water; green line, compound 1 and 4 equiv  $F^-$  in 3 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN and 80  $\mu$ L water; blue line, compound 1 in 3 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN and 72  $\mu$ L water.). The excitation wavelength was 460 nm.



Fig. S5 Absorption spectrum of probe 1 in different conditions.



Fig. S6 Absorption spectra change of probe 1 ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M, acetonitrile) upon addition of F<sup>-</sup> from toothpaste 1 and 2.



**Fig. S7** Images of chromatography plates for the detection of  $F^-$  at various concentrations (0,  $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M,  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M,  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M,  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M,  $5.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M,  $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M,  $3.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M,  $5.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M, 0.1 M, 0.2 M, from left to right) in water solutions