# **Supporting Information**

## For

A BODIPY/pyrene-based chemodosimetric fluorescent chemosensor for selective sensing of hydrazine in the gas and aqueous solution state and its imaging in living cells

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound (2) (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz).



**Figure S2**. ESI LCMS  $[M+1]^+$  spectrum of **Compound (2)**.



Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound (BPB) (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz).



Figure S4. Expantion spectrum of <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound (BPB) (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz).



Figure S5. TOF MS ES+ mass spectrum of Compound (BPB).



Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of Compound (BPB) (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz).



**Figure S7.** Effects of water composition on the fluorescence of (a) **BPB**, (b) **BPB** in the presence of hydrazine, and (c) their plot in aqueous DMSO.



Figure S8. ESI LCMS spectra of  $BPB+ N_2H_4$ .

#### **Calculations for detection limit**

The detection limit (DL) of **BPB** for hydrazine was determined from the following equation:

DL = K\* Sb1/S

Where K = 2 or 3 (we take 2 in this case); Sb1 is the standard deviation of the blank solution; S is the slope of the calibration curve.



Figure S9. Calibration curve for fluorescence titration of BPB with hydrazine.

From the graph we get slope (S) =  $7 \times 10^{10}$ . Standard deviation (Sb1=65536.8123)

Thus using the formula we get the detection limit =  $1.87 \mu$ M.



**Figure S10.** Competition Fluorescence experiments for a **BPB**-hydrazine system in the presence of coexisting (a) amines/anions and (b) cations. [**BPB**] =  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M, 2.0 equiv. of hydrazine (c =  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and 30 equiv of common anions and cations , redox anions and amines (c =  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in H<sub>2</sub>O–DMSO (3:7, v/v) solution (10 mM HEPES buffer, pH 7.4).



**Figure S11.** (a) Changes in the UV/vis absorption spectra of compound-2 ( $c = 2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in H<sub>2</sub>O–DMSO (3:7, v/v) solution (10 mM HEPES buffer, pH 7.4) in the presence of 0 – 10.0 equiv. of hydrazine and (b) Fluorescence spectra (excitation at 368 nm) of compound-2 ( $c = 2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in H<sub>2</sub>O–DMSO (3:7, v/v) solution (10 mM HEPES buffer, pH 7.4) in the presence of 0 – 10.0 equiv. of hydrazine.



**Figure S12.** (a) Changes in the UV/vis absorption spectra of  $\gamma$ -oxo-1-pyrenebutyric acid (c = 2 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M) in H<sub>2</sub>O–DMSO (3:7, v/v) solution (10 mM HEPES buffer, pH 7.4) in the presence of 0 – 20.0 equiv. of hydrazine and (b) Fluorescence spectra (excitation at 346 nm) of  $\gamma$ -oxo-1-pyrenebutyric acid (c = 2 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M) in H<sub>2</sub>O–DMSO (3:7, v/v) solution (10 mM HEPES buffer, pH 7.4) in the presence of 0 – 20.0 equiv. of hydrazine.



**Figure S13.** Fluorescence pH titration of **BPB** (1.0 x10<sup>-5</sup> M) in presence (red) and absence (black) of 2.0 equiv. of hydrazine (c = 2 x 10<sup>-4</sup> M) at 516 nm in H<sub>2</sub>O–DMSO (3:7, v/v) solution.

#### **Computational Method**

All the geometries have been optimized at the B3LYP density functional method with 6-31G(d,p) basis set for all atom. A polarizable continuum model (PCM) has been employed to take into account the influence of water as a solvent during optimization. The geometries are verified as proper minima by frequency calculations. To further refine the energy and optical properties single point population analysis and time-dependent density functional theory (TDDFT) calculations have also been performed using triple  $\varsigma$  quality 6-311G(d,p) basis set . All calculations have been performed using Gaussian03 program. All the data presented here are calculated in solvent phase.

**Table S1.** Selected electronic excitation energies (eV), oscillator strengths (f), main configurations, and CI Coefficients of the low-lying excited states of sensor **BPB**, **3** and **4**. The data were calculated at the TDB3LYP/6-311G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level of theory.

Molecules	Electronic Transition	Excitation Energy <sup>a</sup>	fb	Composition <sup>c</sup>	(composition) %			
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	2.9040 eV 426.94 nm	0.5740	$H \rightarrow L$	98.0			
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$	3.1580 eV 392.60 nm	0.5401	$H-1 \rightarrow L+1$	94.6			
BPB	$S_0 \mathop{\rightarrow} S_{18}$	4.2964 eV 288.57 nm	0.2634	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H-1} \rightarrow \text{L+3} \\ \text{H-2} \rightarrow \text{L+2} \end{array}$	71.2			
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{28}$	4.8553 eV 255.36 nm	0.4601	$H-9 \rightarrow L$	86.2			
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{47}$	5.5001 eV 225.42 nm	0.3664	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H-2} \rightarrow \text{L+5} \\ \text{H-12} \rightarrow \text{L+1} \end{array}$	61.9			
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	3.2138 eV 385.79 nm	0.6140	$H \rightarrow L$	95.6			
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$	4.1665 eV 297.57 nm	0.2843	$H-1 \rightarrow L$	34.8			
4	$S_0 \mathop{\rightarrow} S_{14}$	5.2876 eV 234.48 nm	0.7580	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H-2} \rightarrow \text{L+1} \\ \text{H-1} \rightarrow \text{L+1} \\ \text{H-1} \rightarrow \text{L+2} \end{array}$	75.4			
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{32}$	6.3831 eV 194.24 nm	0.3278	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H-4} \rightarrow \text{L+3} \\ \text{H-4} \rightarrow \text{L+4} \end{array}$	53.4			
	$S_0 \mathop{\rightarrow} S_{46}$	6.9420 eV 178.60 nm	0.5644	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H-5} \rightarrow \text{L+3} \\ \text{H-3} \rightarrow \text{L+4} \\ \text{H-3} \rightarrow \text{L+5} \end{array}$	59.1			
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	2.1496 eV 576.79 nm	0.3563	$H \rightarrow L$	100.0			
2	$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$	2.9351 eV 422.42 nm	0.4862	$H-1 \rightarrow L$	98.6			
3	$S_0 \mathop{\rightarrow} S_{42}$	6.6929 eV 185.25 nm	0.3313	H-4 $\rightarrow$ L+1	50.0			

[a] Only selected excited states were considered. The numbers in parentheses are the excitation energy in wavelength. [b] Oscillator strength. [c] H stands for HOMO and L stands for LUMO.

**Table S2**. Energies of the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) calculated at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level of theory

Species	E <sub>HOMO</sub> (a.u)	E <sub>LUMO</sub> (a.u)	ΔE(a.u)	ΔE(eV)	∆E(kcal/mol)
BPB	-0.21298	-0.1024	0.11058	3.0089596	69.4
4	-0.20831	-0.08043	0.12788	3.4797043	80.2
3	-0.17653	-0.08759	0.08894	2.4201196	55.8







Figure S14. Optimized ground-state geometries of Compound (BPB), 3 and 4.



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LUMO

Figure S15. Plots of the frontier orbitals of Compound (BPB).



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Figure S16. Plots of the frontier orbitals of Compound (3).



HOMO



Figure S17. Plots of the frontier orbitals of Compound (4).