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Fig. S1. Colour changes observed for \mathbf{R} at different pH values: A) free \mathbf{R} and B) after the addition of cyanide ion.



Fig. S2. Job's plot for the receptor-cyanide complex



Fig. S3. Scott linear plot of **R** with CN^{-} ion



Fig. S4. Bensi-Hildebrand plot of \mathbf{R} with CN^{-} ion



Fig. S5. Plot of fluorescence intensity versus absorbance for Quinine sulphite



Fig. S6. Plot of fluorescence intensity versus absorbance for free receptor R



Fig. S7. Plot of fluorescence intensity versus absorbance for \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{CN} ⁻ complex



Fig. S8. ¹H NMR spectrum of **R** with addition of 0.5 eqv. of TBACN in DMSO- d_6 .



Fig. S9. ¹H NMR spectrum of **R** with addition of 1 eqv. of TBACN in DMSO- d_6 .



Fig. S10. ¹H NMR spectrum of **R** with addition of 2 eqv. of TBACN in DMSO- d_6 .



Fig. S11. Optimized geometry of **R**-CN⁻ complex



Fig. S12. Optimized geometry and HOMO-LUMO of **V** and its CN⁻ complex



Fig. S13. Optimized geometry and HOMO-LUMO of VI and its CN^{-} complex



Fig. S14. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1



Fig. S15. ¹H NMR spectrum of receptor **R**



Fig. S16. LCMS spectrum of receptor R