

## Supplementary Material

### **A selective fluorescent probe based on bis-Schiff base for “turn-on” detection of Al<sup>3+</sup> and cysteine on different mechanisms**

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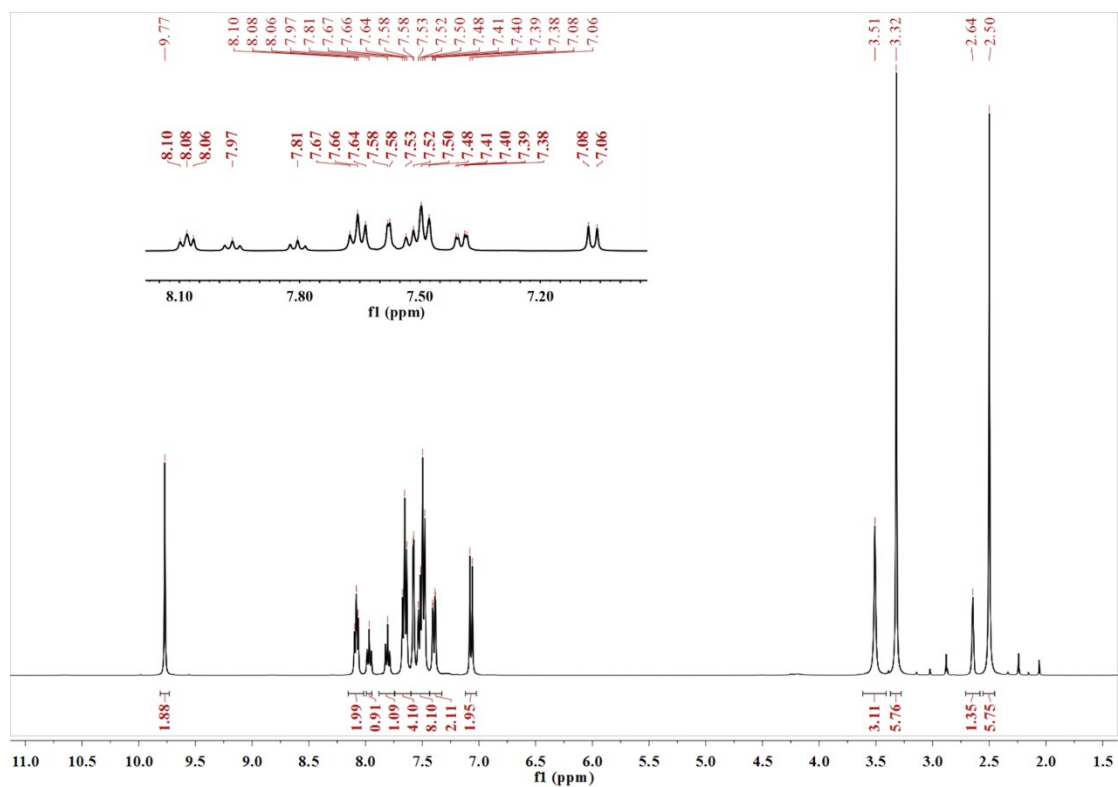


Fig. S1.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound L in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$

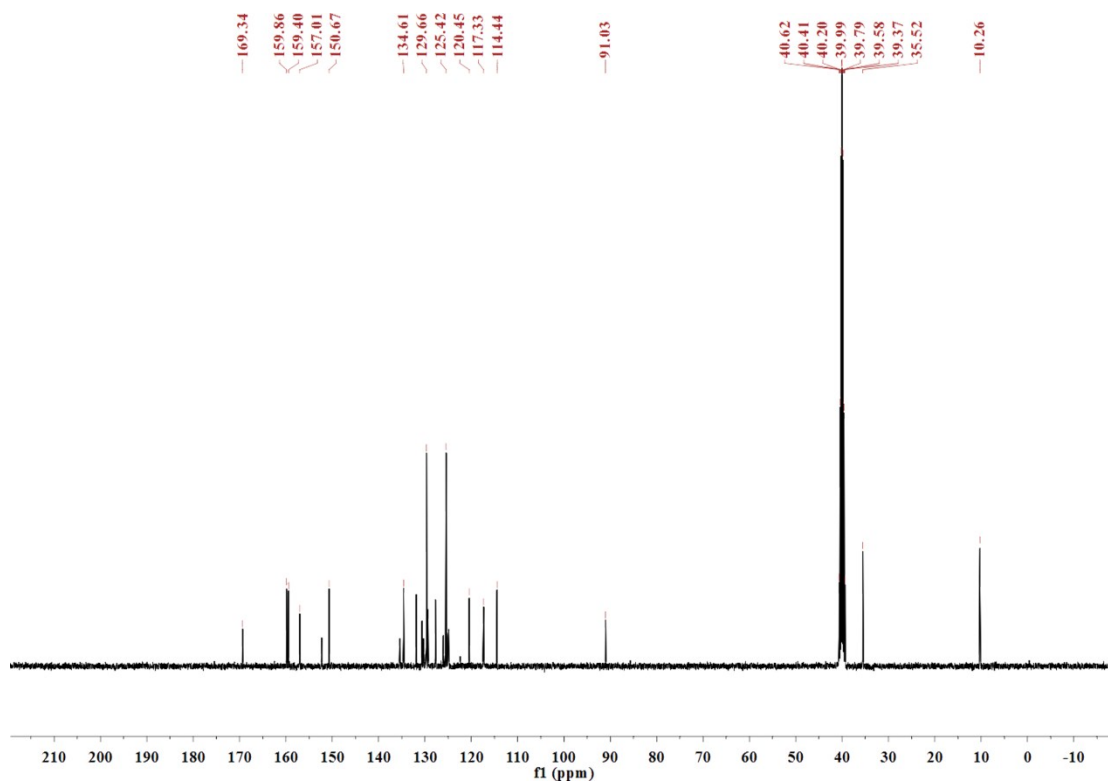


Fig. S2.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of compound L in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$

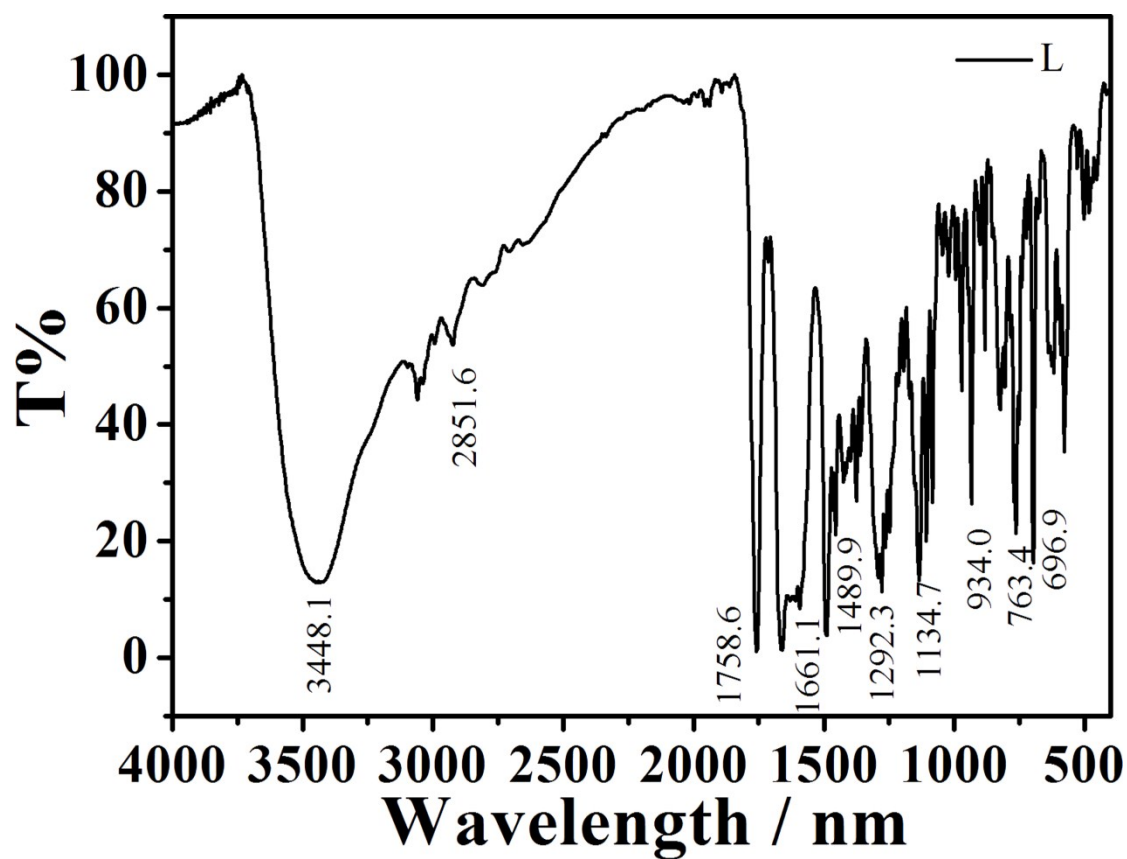


Fig. S3. FT-IR spectra of compound L

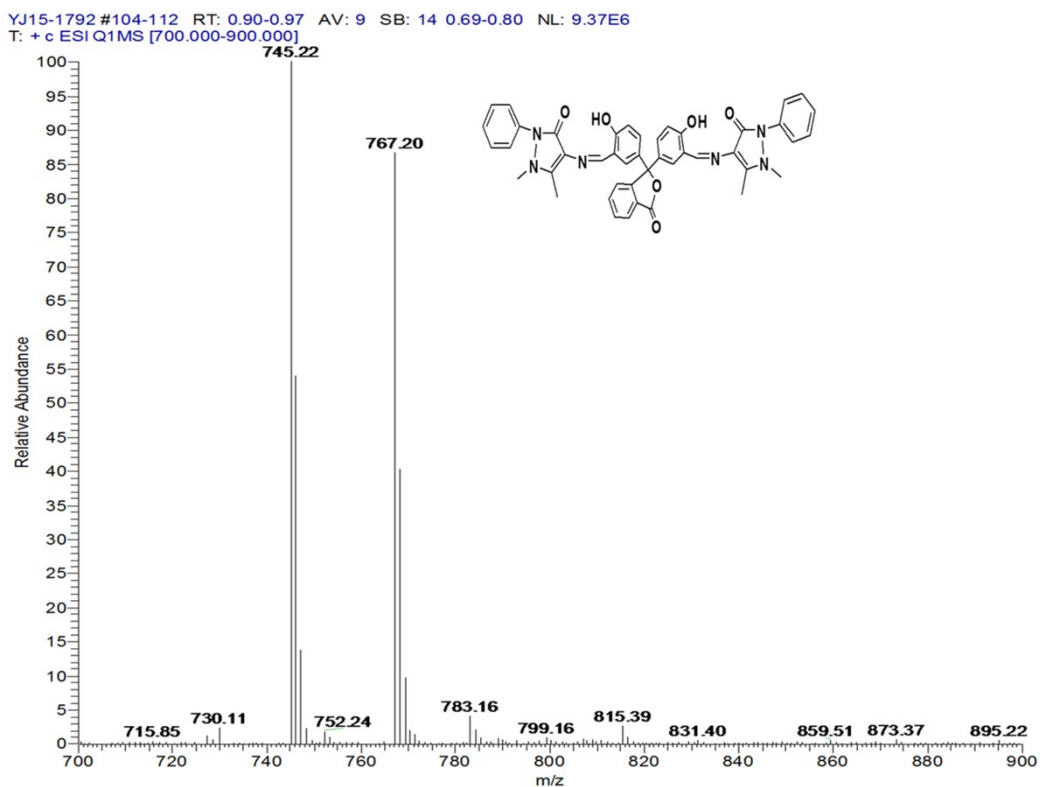


Fig. S4. ESI-MS spectrum of compound L

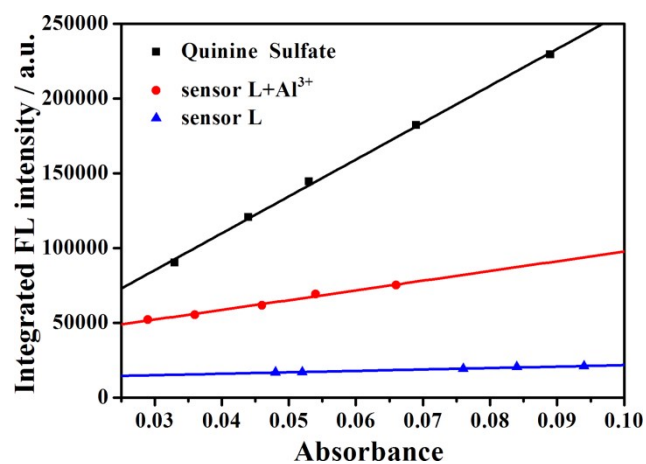


Fig. S5. Plots and fitting line of integrated fluorescence intensity (excited at 350 nm) against absorbance values at 350 nm of sulfate quinine (square dots, black), sensor L with Al<sup>3+</sup> (round dots, red), free sensor L (upper triangle dots, blue).

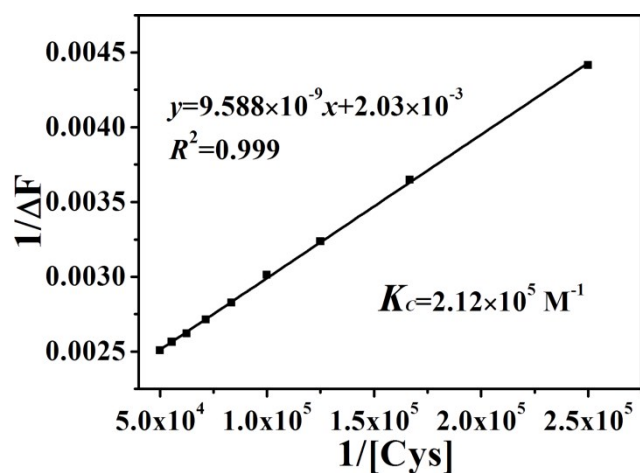


Fig. S6. Benesi-Hildebrand analysis of L-Cu(II) at different Cys concentrations.

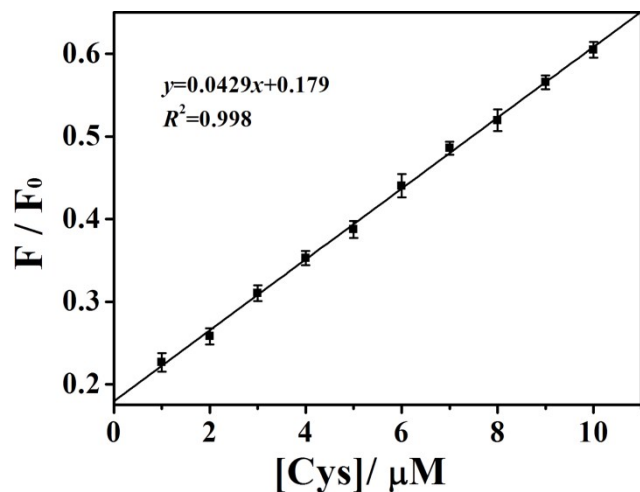


Fig. S7. Correlation of the fluorescence ratio ( $F/F_0$ ) with different additions of Cys standards to the solution of L-Cu(II) with blood serum.

Table S1. Comparison of our probe with other Schiff base chemosensors for  $Al^{3+}$  detection.

Sensor	Probe type	Binding constant	Linear range	LOD	Interference	Ref.
PMBA	Turn on	$4.63 \times 10^6 M^{-1}$	0–30 $\mu M$	$2 \times 10^{-6} M$	$Cu^{2+}$ and $Zn^{2+}$	[1]
1-H	Turn on	$3.5 \times 10^4 M^{-1}$	—	$6.03 \times 10^{-7} M$	—	[2]
Sensor 1	Turn on	$\log \beta = 8.012$	—	$1 \times 10^{-7} M$	$Cu^{2+}$ and $Fe^{3+}$	[3]
HANQ	Turn on	—	0–1.5 $\mu M$	$4 \times 10^{-8} M$	—	[4]
CQH	Turn on	$3.3 \times 10^6$	0–15 $\mu M$	$8.2 \times 10^{-7} M$	$Zn^{2+}$	[5]
HNN	Turn on	$5.08 \times 10^4 M^{-1}$	—	$2.94 \times 10^{-9} M$	$Fe^{3+}$	[6]
Receptor 1	Turn on	$3.5 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	—	$1 \times 10^{-5} M$	$Cu^{2+}$	[7]
Receptor L	Turn on	$2.63 \times 10^4 M^{-1}$	0–50 $\mu M$	$1.5 \times 10^{-8} M$	$Cu^{2+}$	This work

Table S2. Comparison of our probe with other organic chemosensors for sequential detection of Cys.

Sensor	Method	Binding constant	Linear range	Detection Limit ( $\mu M$ )	Interference	Analyte	Ref.
Receptor 1	Fluorescence	—	2–8 $\mu M$	0.17	—	Cys, Hcy	[8]
BINOL	Fluorescence	$1.52 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	—	—	Arg, Lys	Cys, Hcy, GSH	[9]
$Cu^{2+}$ -morin	Fluorescence	—	0.65–22 $\mu M$	0.065	—	Cys	[10]
Calcein	Fluorescence	—	0.3–12 $\mu M$	0.04	GSH	Cys	[11]
Sensor 1	UV-vis	$9.1 \times 10^4 M^{-1}$	—	10.77	—	Cys	[12]
Compound 1	Fluorescence	—	0–20 $\mu M$	9.0	Hcy and GSH	Cys	[13]
Compound 2	Fluorescence	$3.4 \times 10^4 M^{-1}$	0–30 $\mu M$	6.0	GSH	Cys	[14]
Probe 1	Fluorescence and UV-vis	—	0–25 $\mu M$	0.18	—	Cys	[15]
L	Fluorescence and UV-vis	$2.12 \times 10^5 M^{-1}$	0–20 $\mu M$	0.00036	GSH	Cys	This work

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