Supporting information for

Solvent directed Selective and sensitive Fluorescent detection of

target ions using a coumarin-pyridine probe†

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Fig. S1¹H NMR of P2 in CDCl₃.



Fig. S2 HRMS of P2.



Fig. S3 H NMR of L1 in DMSO-d6.





Fig. S5 IR of L1.



Fig. S6 HRMS of L1.



Fig. S7 a) Fluorescence spectral response of **L1** (10 μ M) upon gradual addition of 0-210 μ M of Mg²⁺ in acetonitrile/HEPES (4/1, v/v, pH 7.3) mixed solution; b) Selective fluorescence "turn on" response of **L1** (10 μ M) towards Mg²⁺ in acetonitrile/HEPES (4/1, v/v, pH 7.3) mixed solution (210 μ M for all tested metal ions); c) Calibration curve of **L1** (10 μ M) with increasing amount of Mg²⁺ (parallel test 3 times); d) Linear response range.



Fig. S8 Selective fluorescence "turn on" response of L1-Fe³⁺ (10 μ M) towards PPi (90 μ M for each anions).



Fig. S9 Anion sensing selectivity of L1-Fe³⁺ ensemble. It can be seen that only the addition of PPi fully recovered the original absorption peaks of L1.



Fig. S10 a) Calibration curve of **L1-Fe**³⁺ (10 μ M) with increasing amount of PPi in DMF-HEPES (4/1, v/v, 10 mM, pH 7.2) buffer solution (parallel test 3 times). b) Linear response range.