

A Sc-3-HF Complex as a Fluorescent Chemosensors for the Selective Detection of Dihydrogen Phosphate

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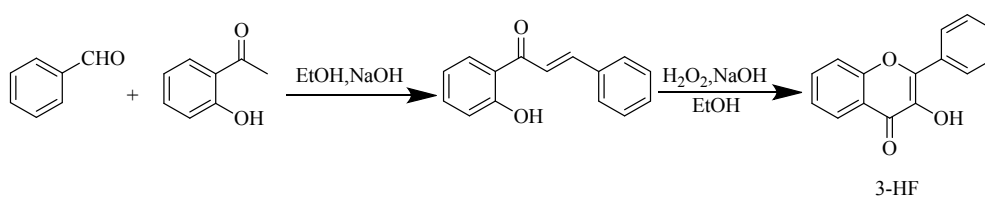
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1. General procedure for the synthesis of compound 3-HF



Scheme S1 The synthesis of compound 3-HF

3-HF was synthesized according to previous report¹. In a 250 mL three-necked flask, 2-hydroxyacetophenone (12 mmol) and benzaldehyde (12 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (30 mL) and warmed to 50°C, then aqueous NaOH (50%, 5.4 mL) was dropwise to the reaction mixture during 15 min. The mixture was stirred at 50°C for 4 h and then kept at room temperature for 24 h. The yellow precipitate was formed and the reaction mixture was diluted with ice-cold water (80 mL) until yellow precipitate was dissolved. The reaction mixture was neutralized with 1 M HCl, maintaining the temperature at 0°C. The precipitate was collected by filtration. Recrystallization from ethanol afforded the product 2'-hydroxychalcones, m=2.2874g, Yield=85%. And then in a 250 mL round-bottom flask, 2'-hydroxychalcones (6 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (30 mL) and aqueous NaOH (1.2 g in 5 mL water), the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath and 4 mL of 30% H₂O₂ solution was slowly added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was neutralized with 1 M HCl, maintaining the temperature at 0°C. The yellow precipitate was gradually formed and collected by filtration. The precipitation was dried and the crude product was recrystallized from ethanol afforded the product 3-Hydroxyflavone (3-HF), m=1.0434g, Yield=73%.

2. References

1) B. Liu, J. Wang, G. Zhang, R. Bai, and Y. Pang, *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces* 2014, 6, 4402-4407.

3. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR data

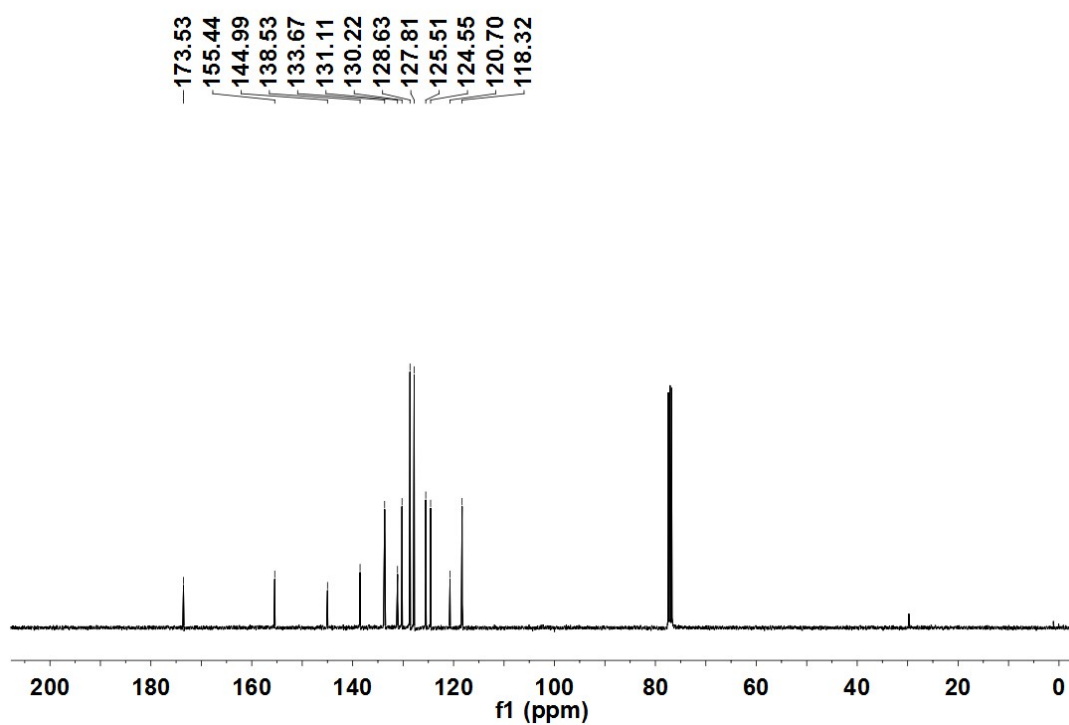
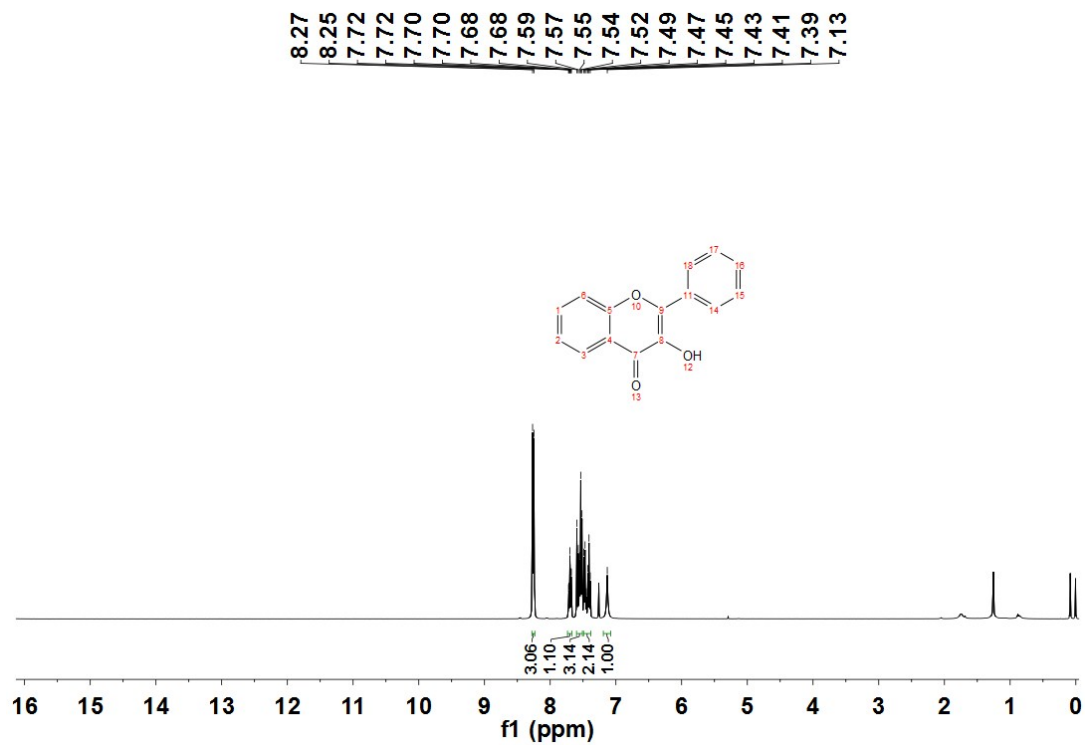


Fig. S1 ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of 3-HF

4. UV-vis absorption data of 3-HF

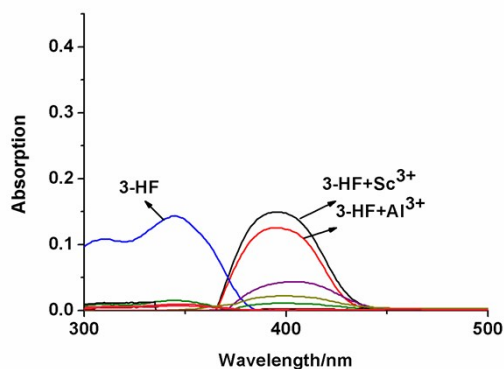


Fig.S2 The UV-vis absorption of 3-HF (10 μ M, in CH₃CN) in a CH₃CN–H₂O (1 : 4, v/v) solution upon addition of various metal ions (10 μ M, in H₂O).

5. Fluorescence spectra data and HRMS data of Sc-3-HF

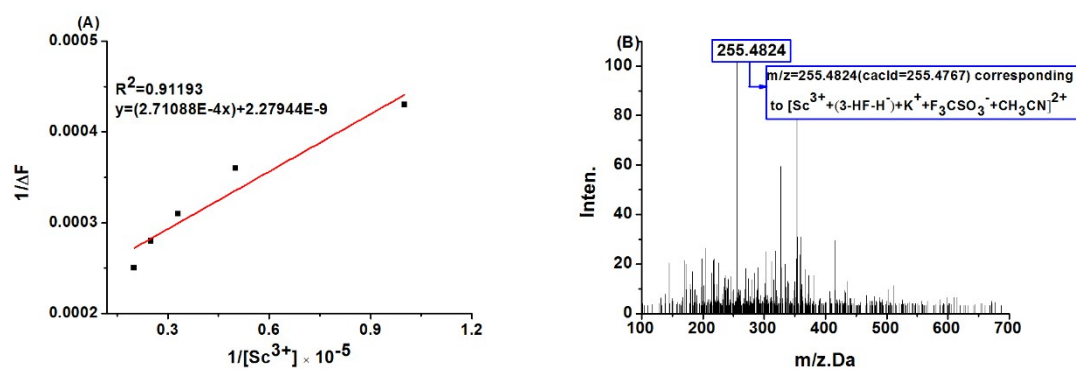


Fig. S3 (A) A linear plot of 1/ ΔF versus 1/[Sc³⁺]. (B) ESI mass spectrum of Sc-3-HF.

6. FTIR spectra data

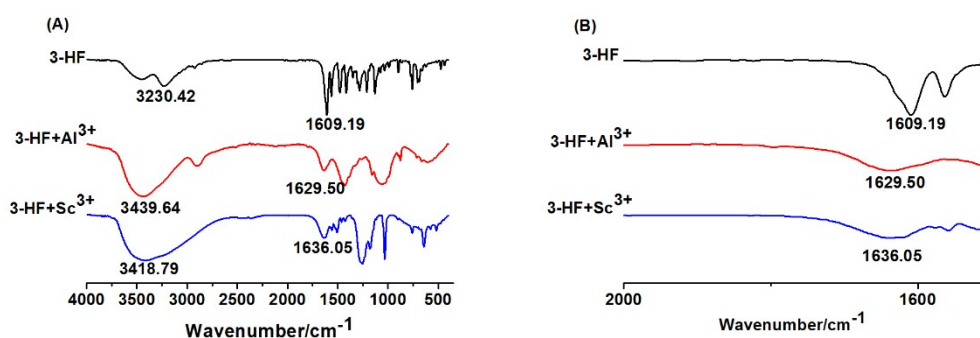


Fig. S4(A) The whole FTIR spectra of 3-HF, 3-HF–Sc³⁺ and 3-HF–Al³⁺ complex. (B) The 1600 region of spectra of 3-HF, 3-HF–Sc³⁺ and 3-HF–Al³⁺ complex.

7. Fluorescence spectra data and HRMS data of Al-3-HF

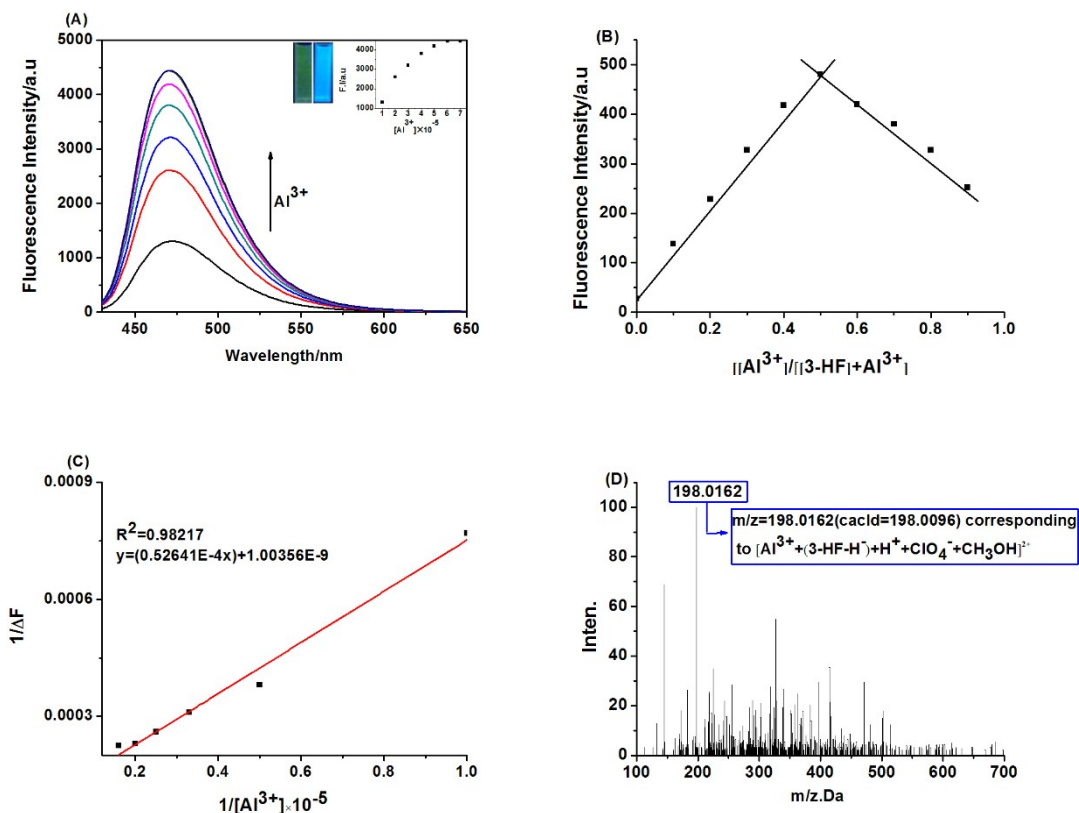


Fig. S5 (A) Titration curves of 3-HF (10 μM , in CH_3CN) in $\text{CH}_3\text{CN-H}_2\text{O}$ (1 : 4, v/v) solution upon addition of $\text{Al}(\text{ClO}_4)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0 ~ 70 μM , in H_2O). Inset (left) shows the color change of the solution before (left) and after (right) the addition of Al^{3+} ; Inset (right) : plot of the fluorescence intensity at 470 nm vs. $[\text{Al}^{3+}]$. (B) Job's plot of the Al-3-HF complex in $\text{CH}_3\text{CN-H}_2\text{O}$ (1 : 4, v/v) solution. The total concentration of 3-HF and Al^{3+} was 10 μM . The fluorescence intensity was monitored at 470 nm. (C) A linear plot of $1/\Delta F$ versus $1/[\text{Al}^{3+}]$ and association constant of the Al-3-HF complex was $1.9 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$. (D) ESI mass spectrum of Al-3-HF.

8. PH response of Sc-3-HF complex for H_2PO_4^- ion

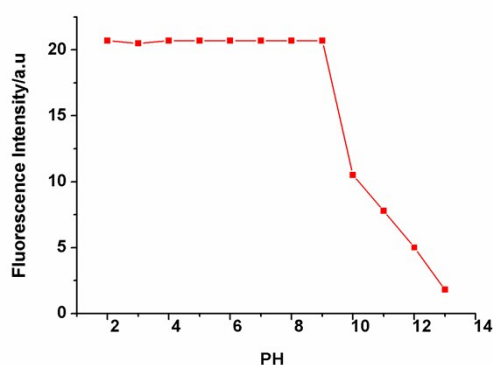


Fig.S6 pH response of the fluorescent chemsensor at the range of pH 2.0 -13.0.

9. Fluorescence sensing datas for F⁻ ion

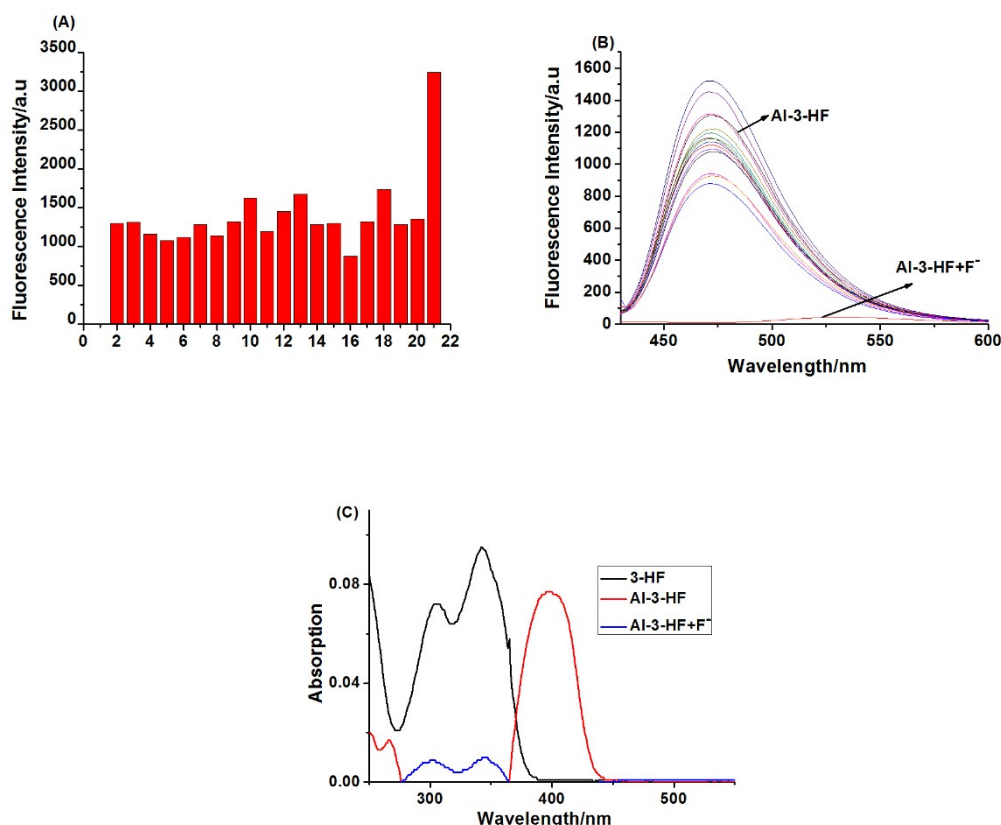


Fig. S7 (A) Fluorescence response of 3-HF (10 μM, in CH₃CN) in the presence of Al³⁺ (10 μM, in H₂O) or Al³⁺ (10 μM, in H₂O) with other metal ions (Mⁿ⁺, 50 μM, in H₂O) in a CH₃CN-H₂O (1 : 4, v/v) solution. (1) Blank; (2) Al³⁺; (3) Al³⁺+Co²⁺; (4) Al³⁺+ Zn²⁺; (5) Al³⁺+Pb²⁺; (6) Al³⁺+Ag⁺; (7) Al³⁺ +Ni²⁺; (8) Al³⁺+La³⁺; (9) Al³⁺+Fe³⁺; (10) Al³⁺ +Hg²⁺; (11) Al³⁺+Mn²⁺; (12) Al³⁺+Fe²⁺; (13) Al³⁺+Cd²⁺; (14) Al³⁺+Ca²⁺; (15) Al³⁺+Cr³⁺; (16) Al³⁺+Na⁺; (17) Al³⁺ +K⁺; (18) Al³⁺+Mg²⁺; (19) Al³⁺+Cu²⁺; (20) Al³⁺+ Pd²⁺; (21) Al³⁺+Sc³⁺. The fluorescence intensity was monitored at 470 nm. (B) Fluorescence spectra of the Al-3-HF complex (10 μM, Al³⁺ : 1 equiv.) in CH₃CN-H₂O (1 : 4, v/v) solution upon addition of various anions (50 μM, in H₂O). (C) The UV-vis absorption of 3-HF (10 μM), Al-3-HF complex (10 μM), Al-3-HF complex (10 μM) + F⁻ (1.0 equiv.).

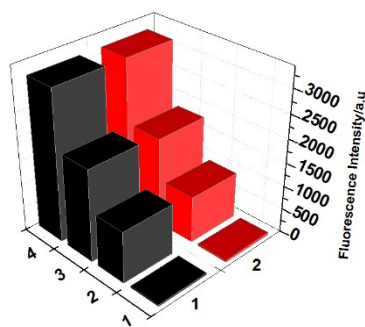


Fig. S8 Fluorescence intensity change profiles of 3-HF (10 μM, in CH₃CN) in the presence of Sc³⁺

(10 μ M, in H₂O) and Al³⁺ (10 μ M, in H₂O) with H₂PO₄⁻, F⁻ (in H₂O) in CH₃CN-H₂O (1 : 4, v/v) solution. Left: (1,1) 3-HF+Sc³⁺+Al³⁺+F⁻ (2.0equiv.)+ H₂PO₄⁻ (1.0equiv.); (1,2)3-HF+Sc³⁺+Al³⁺+F⁻ (2.0equiv.); (1,3)3-HF+Sc³⁺+Al³⁺+F⁻ (1.0 equiv.);(1,4)3-HF+Sc³⁺+Al³⁺. Right:(2, 1) 3-HF+Sc³⁺+Al³⁺+H₂PO₄⁻ (2.0equiv.) +F⁻(1.0 equiv.);(2, 2)3-HF+Sc³⁺+Al³⁺+H₂PO₄⁻ (2.0equiv.);(2,3)3-HF+Sc³⁺+Al³⁺+ H₂PO₄⁻ (1.0equiv.);(2,4)3-HF+Sc³⁺+Al³⁺.The fluorescence intensity was monitored around 480 nm.

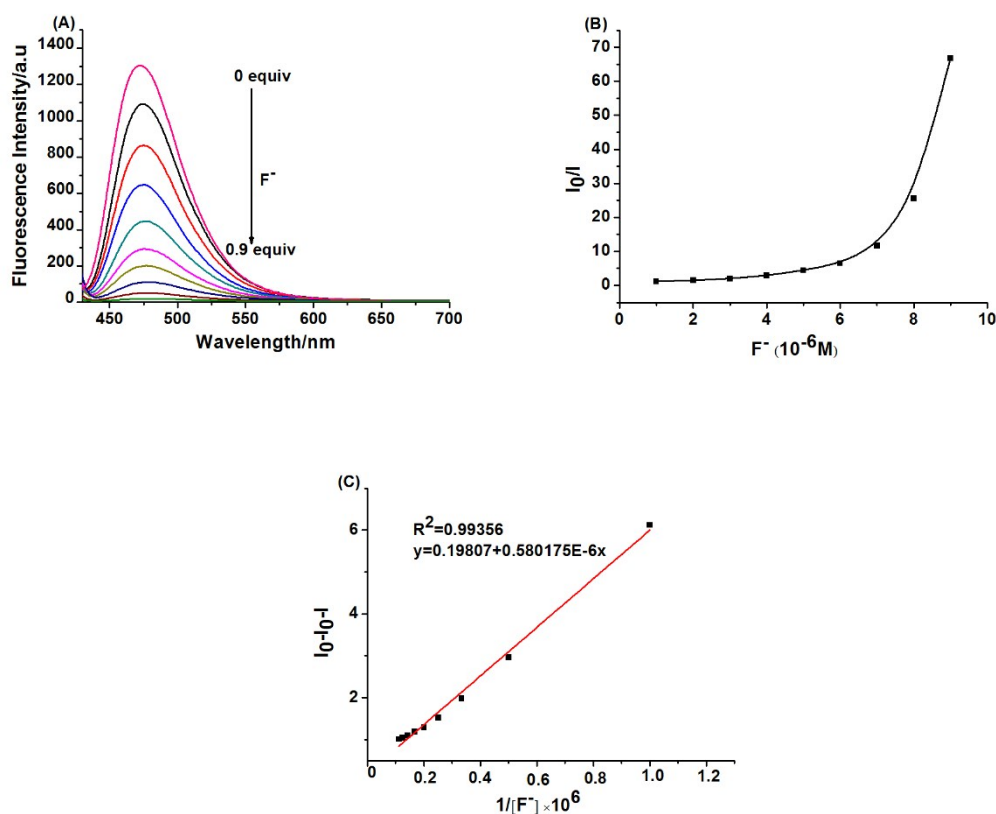


Fig. S9 (A) Titration curves of the Al-3-HF complex (10 μ M, 1 equiv. Al³⁺) in CH₃CN-H₂O (1 : 4, v/v) solution upon addition of KH₂PO₄ (0 ~ 9 μ M, in H₂O) solution. (B) A plot of I₀/I versus [F⁻]. (C) A linear plot of I₀/(I₀-I) versus 1/[F⁻] and the binding constant was calculated to be 8.7 × 10⁶ M⁻¹.

10. Fluorescence reversibility data

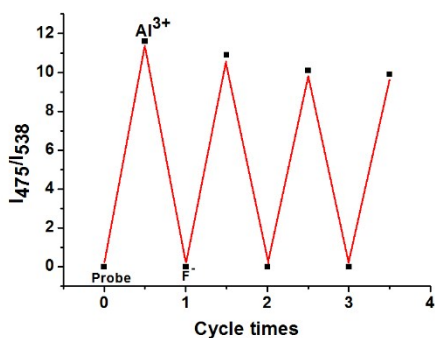


Fig. S10 Reversibility study of probe 3-HF (10 μM) in $\text{CH}_3\text{CN-H}_2\text{O}$ (1 : 4, v/v) toward Al^{3+} (40 μM) upon addition of F^- (40 μM).

11.The data of practical application

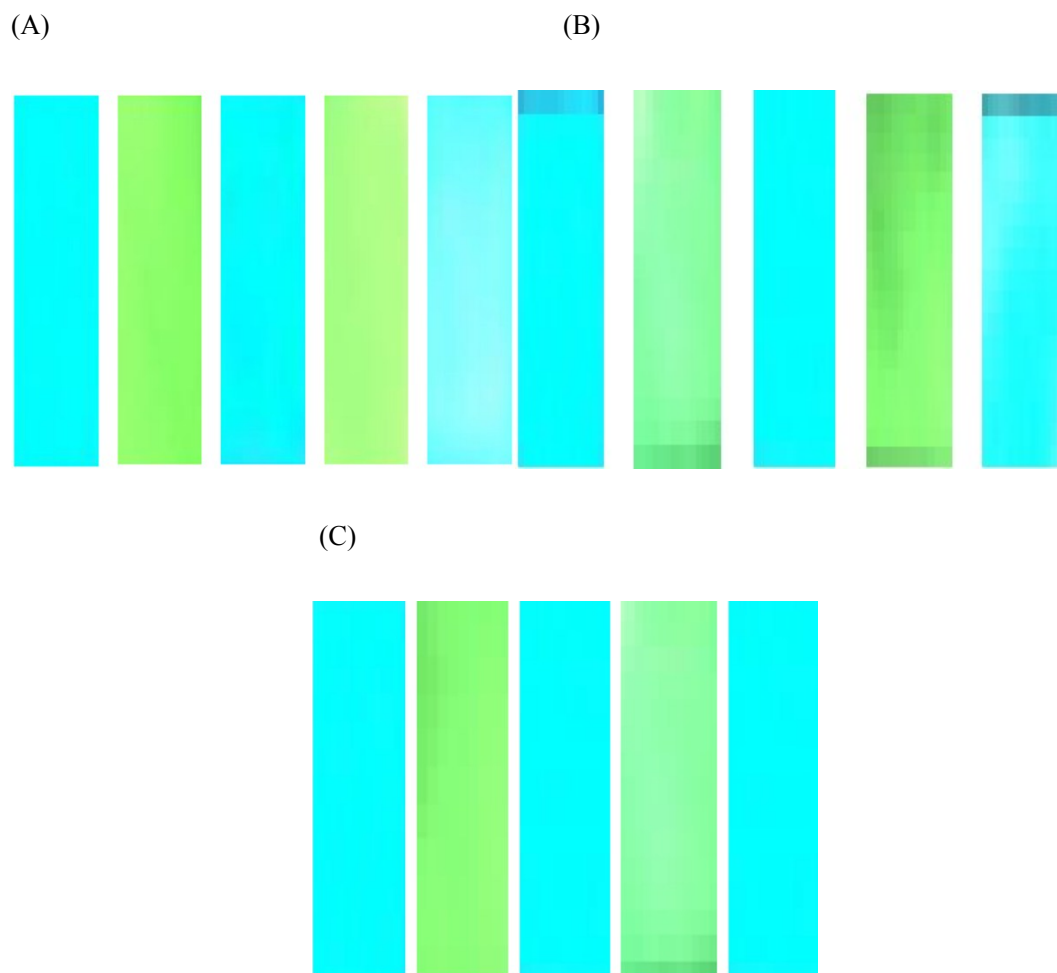


Fig.S11(A) Images of the test strips coated with Sc-3-HF for transformation among these ions. Left to right: Sc-3-HF, Sc-3-HF + H_2PO_4^- , Sc-3-HF + H_2PO_4^- + Al^{3+} , Sc-3-HF + H_2PO_4^- + Al^{3+} + F^- , Sc-3-HF + H_2PO_4^- + Al^{3+} + F^- + Sc^{3+} . (B) Images of the test strips coated with Al-3-HF for transformation between F^- and Al^{3+} . Left to right: Al-3-HF, Al-3-HF + F^- , Al-3-HF + F^- + Al^{3+} , Al-3-HF + F^- + Al^{3+} + F^- , Al-3-HF + F^- + Al^{3+} + F^- + Al^{3+} . (C) Images of the test strips coated with Al-3-HF for transformation among these ions. Left to right: Al-3-HF, Al-3-HF + F^- , Al-3-HF + F^- + Sc^{3+} , Al-3-HF + F^- + Sc^{3+} + H_2PO_4^- , Al-3-HF + F^- + Sc^{3+} + H_2PO_4^- + Al^{3+} .