## Supporting Information

# Construction of salicylaldehyde analogues as turn-on fluorescence probes and their electronic effect on sensitive and selective detection of $\mathrm{As}(\mathrm{V})$ in groundwater 

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| HG-AFS | $0.0374 \mathrm{ng} \cdot \mathrm{mL}^{-1}$ | 11 |
| CSV | 0.2 ppb | 12 |
| CE-ICP-MS | $8 \mathrm{ng} \cdot \mathrm{L}^{-1}$ | 13 |
| Hydride generation-atomic absorption spectra | $0.34 \mu \mathrm{~g} \cdot \mathrm{~L}^{-1}$ | 35 M |
| (4E)-4-(2-Hydroxybenzylideneamino)-1,2-dihydro- |  |  |
| 2,3-dimethyl-1-phenylpyrazol-5-one | 3 nM | 21 |
| Naphthalene-salisaldehyde | $0.23 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | 36 |
| 2-hydroxy-5-methyl-benzene-1,3-dicarboxaldehyde |  |  |
| di-oxime | 15 nM | 37 |
| 2,6-Bis(N-ethylhydrazonethiocarbamide)-4-methyl- |  |  |
| phenol |  |  |
| HBHP |  |  |

