# Rhodamine-based turn-on nitric oxide sensor in aqueous medium with endogenous cell imaging: an unusual formation of nitrosohydroxylamine.

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**Fig. S1a.**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of spectrum of (**1**) [aldehyde product(1)] in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, in Bruker 300 MHz instrument.



Fig.S1b.<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L<sup>3</sup> in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, in Bruker 300 MHz instrument.



**Fig.S1c.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the amine product **(3)** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN solvent after addition of NO solution, in Bruker 300 MHz instrument.



Fig.S2a.<sup>13</sup>CNMR spectrum of (1) [aldehyde product(1)]in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, in Bruker 300 MHz instrument.



Fig. S2b.<sup>13</sup>CNMR spectrum of L<sup>3</sup> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN, in Bruker 300 MHz instrument.

MA(I)-RAN02-13C



**Fig.S2c**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the amine product(**3**) in  $CD_3CN$  solvent after addition of NO solution, in Bruker 300 MHz instrument.



Fig. S3a. Mass spectrum of (1) [aldehyde product(1)].



Fig. S3b. Mass spectrum of L<sup>3</sup>



Fig. S3c. Mass spectrum of amine product(3) after purging NO in L<sup>3</sup>.



Fig. S3d. HRMS (ESI-MS+, m/z) spectra, both simulated and experimental, for aldehyde product(1).



Fig. S3e. HRMS (ESI-MS+, m/z) spectra, both simulated and experimental, for amine product(3).



Fig. S4a. IR spectrum of for (1) [aldehyde product(1)].



Fig. S4b. IR spectrum of L<sup>3</sup> in solid state.



Fig. S4c. IR spectrum for amine product (3) in solid state(1000-3700cm<sup>-1</sup>).



**Fig. S5a**. Fluorescence response of the ligand  $L^3$  in presence of different cations (Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup> and Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Al<sup>3+</sup>, Hg<sup>2+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup>(100µM)into the solution of  $L^3$ (20 mM) which were added 5 equivalents into the solution of  $L^3$ (20 µM).( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 510 nm)



**Fig. S5b**.Competitive study by fluorescence response of the ligand  $L^3$  towards NO in presence of different anions (SCN<sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, N<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup> F<sup>-</sup>, HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, OAc<sup>-</sup>, S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>, CN<sup>-</sup> etc(100µM) which were added 5 equivalents into the solution of  $L^3(20 \mu M).(\lambda_{ex} = 510 nm)$ 



Fig. S6. Fluorescence response of various type of amino-acids(100 $\mu$ M) towards L<sup>3</sup> (20  $\mu$ M).( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 510 nm)

### Calculation of the detection limit(LOD):

The detection limit DL of  $L^3$  for NO was determined from  $3\sigma$  method by following equation: **DL** = **K**\* **Sb**<sub>1</sub>/**S** 

Where K = 2 or 3 (we take 3 in this case); Sb<sub>1</sub> is the standard deviation of the blank solution; S is the slope of

The calibration curve obtained from Linear dynamic plot of FI vs. [NO]



**Fig. S7.** Determination of  $Sb_1$  of the blank, ligand solution.



**Fig.S7a.** Linear dynamic plot of FI at 587 nm vs. [NO] for the determination of S (slope);  $[L^3] = 20 \ \mu M$ 

LOD (NO) =  $(3 \times 151.379)/5.44 \times 10^{-9} = 83.4 \text{ nM}$ 



Fig. S8a. Frequency study of L<sup>3</sup> by DFT method.



Fig. S8b. Frequency study of RH-en-ONO(3) by DFT method.



Fig. S9. Mass spectrum of Rhodamine B-en and salisaldehyde based ligand(L<sup>4</sup>).



Fig. S10. Fluorescence intensity of analogous Schiff base probe (L<sup>4</sup>) in comparison with probe L<sup>3</sup>.

**Table S1** :The comparable calculated IR transition with Experimental IR values for the ligand (L<sup>3</sup>),**RH-en-ONO(3)** compound.

Ligand and	Theoretical stretching	Experimental	
RH-en-ONO	frequency(cm <sup>-1</sup> )	stretching	
compound <b>(3)</b>		frequency (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	
Ligand (L <sup>3</sup> )	1807.79 (amidic	1684	
	"C=O")		
Ligand (L <sup>3</sup> )	1789.91 (C=N)	1634	
RH-en-ONO	1808.82 (amidic	1681	
compound(3)	"C=O")		
RH-en-ONO	1844.15 (N-O)	1560	
compound(3)			
RH-en-ONO	3474.34 (N-H)	2965	
compound <b>(3)</b>			

# Table S2a: Selective bond distance and bond angles of $\rm L^3$

Bond distance(Å)		Bond-angles(°)	
O2-C14	1.214	O2 C14 N3	124.861
N3-C14	1.407	C51 N54 C55	121.99
C51-N54	1.470	C58 O65 C82	118.26
N94-C87	1.358		
O65-C82	1.456		
O65-C58	1.375		

Table S2b: Selective bond distance and bond angles of RH-en-ONO(3).

Bond distance(Å)		Bond-angles(°)	
N67-O68	1.174	N63 O65 N67	131.46
N67-O65	1.298	068 N67 O65	128.74
C70-N73	1.490	O62 C61 N63	121.53
C61-O62	1.213		
N63-O65	1.420		

**Table S3:** Selected parameters for the vertical excitation (UV-VIS absorptions) of  $L^3$ ; electronic excitation energies (eV) and oscillator strength (f), configurations of the low-lying excited states of  $L^3$ ; calculation of the  $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$  energy gaps on optimized ground- state geometries (UV-vis absorption).

Electronic	Composition	Excitation	Oscillator	CI	Assignment	$\lambda_{exp}$ (nm)
transition		energy	Strength(f)			
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{12}$	HOMO- 3→LUMO+4	3.7203 eV	0.7284	0.42875	ILCT	315
	HOMO- 3→LUMO+6			0.19363	ILCT	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$	HOMO→LUMO+5	3.0211 eV	0.1270	0.23945	ILCT	416
	HOMO→LUMO+8			0.42774	ILCT	

**Table S4** : Selected parameters for the vertical excitation (UV-VIS absorptions) of **RH-en-ONO(3)**; electronic excitation energies (eV) and oscillator strength (f), configurations of the low-lying excited states of **RH-en-ONO(3)**; calculation of the  $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$  energy gaps on optimized ground- state geometries (UV-vis absorption).

Electronic	Composition	Excitation	Oscillator	CI	Assignment	$\lambda_{exp}$ (nm)
transition		energy	Strength(f)			
S₀→S₅	HOMO- 1→LUMO+3	2.1603 eV	0.196	0.48735	ILCT	561
$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$	HOMO- 1→LUMO+1	2.4790 eV	0.2947	0.58294	ILCT	518
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{10}$	HOMO- 6→LUMO+6	2.7030eV	0.1087	0.28476	ILCT	476