## A FRET based ratiometric fluorescent probe for detection of sulfite

## in food

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Fig. S1 Normalized emission spectra of donor (compound 1, black line) and normalized absorption spectra of acceptor (compound 2, blue line) Condition: donor, 5  $\mu$ M, acceptor, 5  $\mu$ M, Condition: DMF-PBS buffer solution (3/7, v/v, pH = 7.20). ( $\lambda_{ex} = 380$  nm, slit = 10 nm/10 nm).



**Fig. S2** The FL intensity ratio  $(I_{465}/I_{640})$  of the probe with and without HSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> in different solvent. The black line is the probe (5  $\mu$ M) and the red line is probe (5  $\mu$ M)



after addition of HSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (30 eq.) Condition:  $\lambda_{ex} = 380$  nm, slit = 10 nm/10 nm

**Fig. S3** The effect of water (PBS buffer solution, pH = 7.20) content on fluorescence spectra. The black line is the probe (5  $\mu$ M) and the red line is probe (5  $\mu$ M) after addition of HSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (30 eq.) Condition:  $\lambda_{ex} = 380$  nm, slit = 10 nm/10 nm



**Fig. S4** Fluorescence intensity ratio changes ( $I_{640}/I_{465}$ ) of probe (5 µM) upon gradual addition of HSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> in DMF-PBS buffer solution (3/7, v/v, pH = 7.20) ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 380 nm, slit = 10 nm/10 nm).

The results were presented as means  $\pm$  SE with replicates n = 5.



Fig. S5 Fluorescent intensity ratio changes at 465 nm and 640 nm ( $I_{465}/I_{640}$ ) for each analyte(150  $\mu$ M, probe **PBI-S** (5  $\mu$ M),  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 380 nm, silt = 10 nm/10 nm).



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**Fig. S8** Time dependent increase of probe (5  $\mu$ M) fluorescence intensities after addition of various amounts of SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> in DMF-PBS buffer solution (3/7, v/v, pH = 7.20,  $\lambda_{ex}$ = 380 nm,slit = 10 nm/10 nm).



Fig. S9 HRMS of probe PBI-S.



Fig. S10 HRMS of probe PBI-S after addition of NaHSO<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S11 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of probe PBI-S.



Fig. S12 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of probe PBI-S.

Sample	This	Titration
-	method(mg/kg)	method(mg/kg)
Crytal sugar	0.79	0.82
Granulated sugar	1.52	1.65
Soft sugar	0.96	1.02

Table S1. The detection of sugar samples by titration method

Fluorescence quantum yields in C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH were determined ( $\phi = 0.41$ ) by a comparative method, using Rhodamine B (purchased from Sigma-Aldrich) as a standard sample with  $\phi = 0.97$  as the reference.



The fluorescence lifetime of the probe

 $\tau_1 = 0.34$  ns(68.8%),  $\tau_2 = 3.58$  ns(31.2%). CHISQ= 1.20. The luminescence lifetime studies were conducted with a HORIBA Jobin Yvon Fluorolog-3 spectro-fluorometer fitted with a time-correlated single photon counting detector and a NanoLED pulsed laser diode excitation source (370 nm).