

## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

# **Concurrent detection and treatment of cyanide contaminated water using mechanosynthesized receptors**

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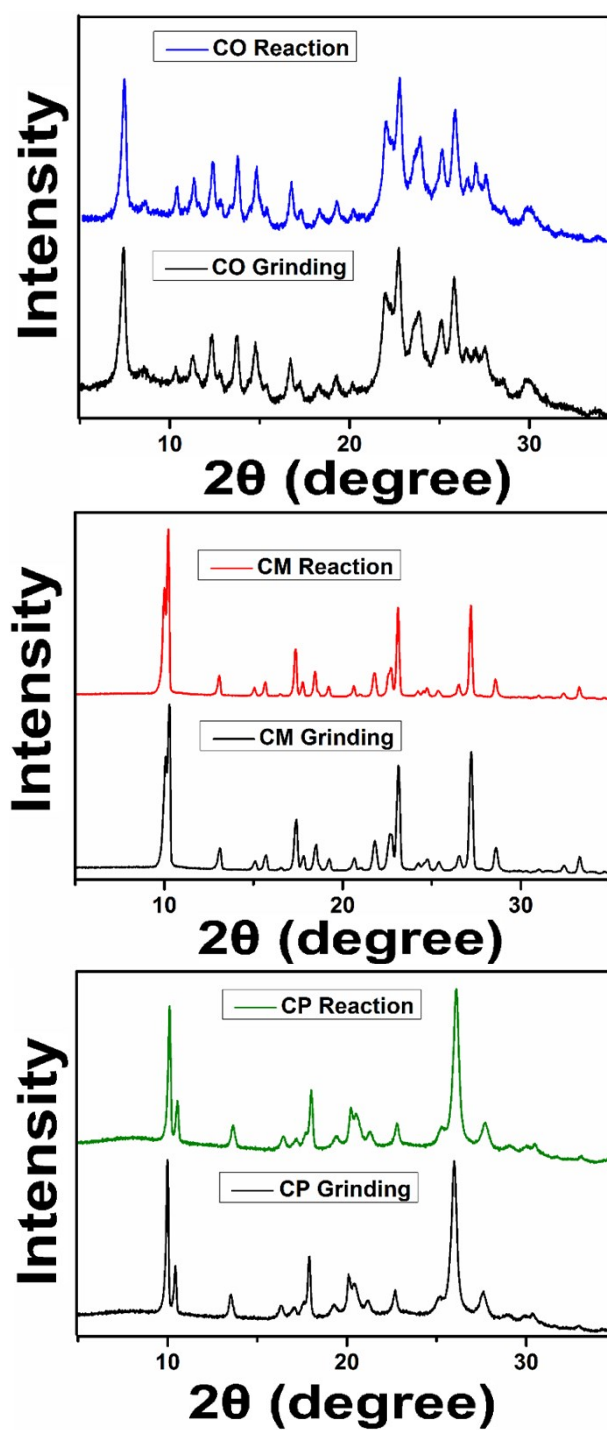
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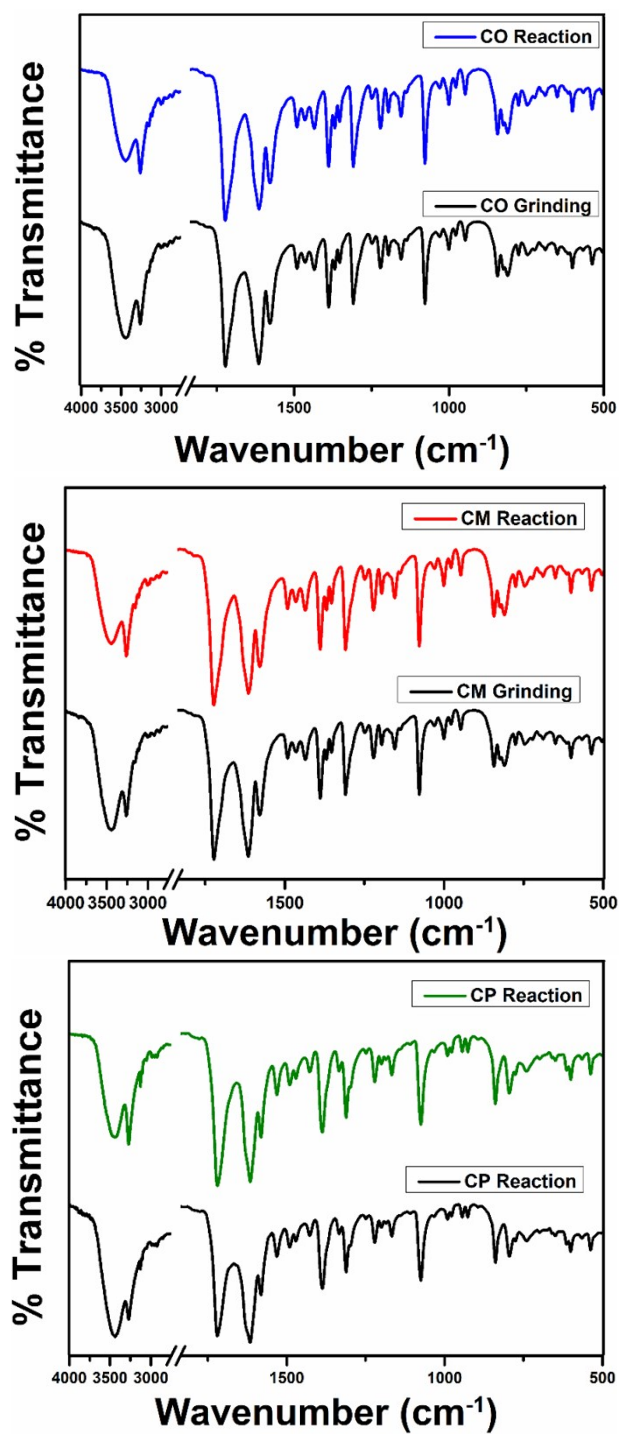
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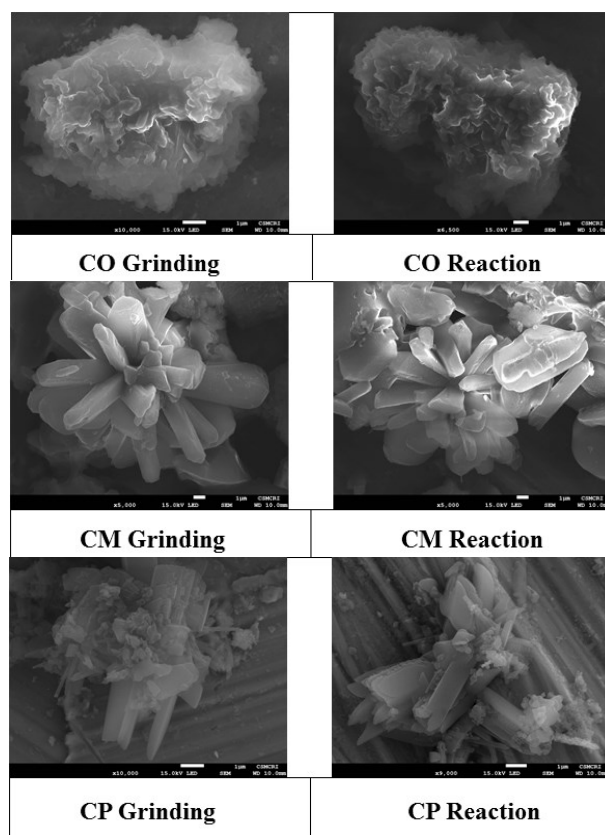
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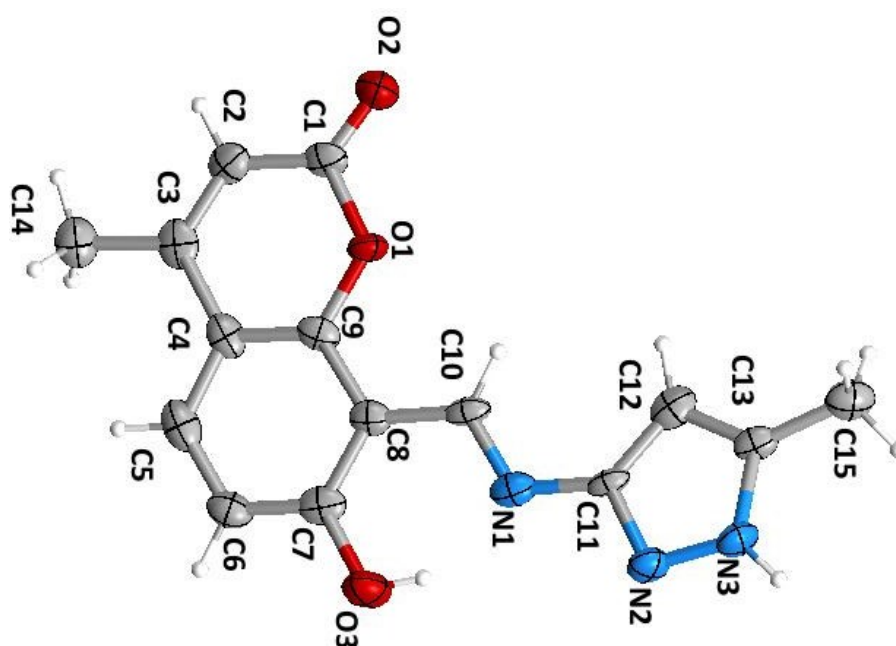
**Fig. S1.** Comparison of the PXRD patterns of CO, CM, and CP synthesised via MC and solution-based refluxing routes.



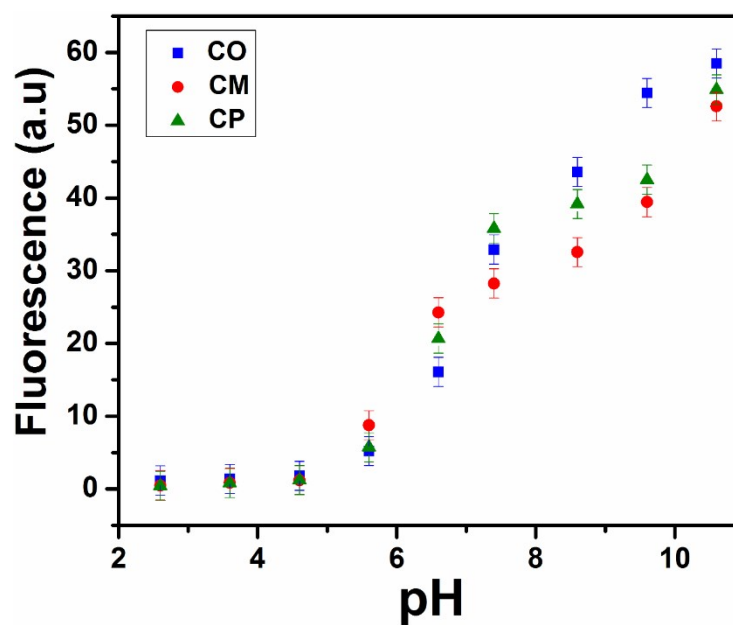
**Fig. S2.** FTIR profiles of CO, CM, and CP synthesised by two different pathways such as MC and solution-based refluxing.



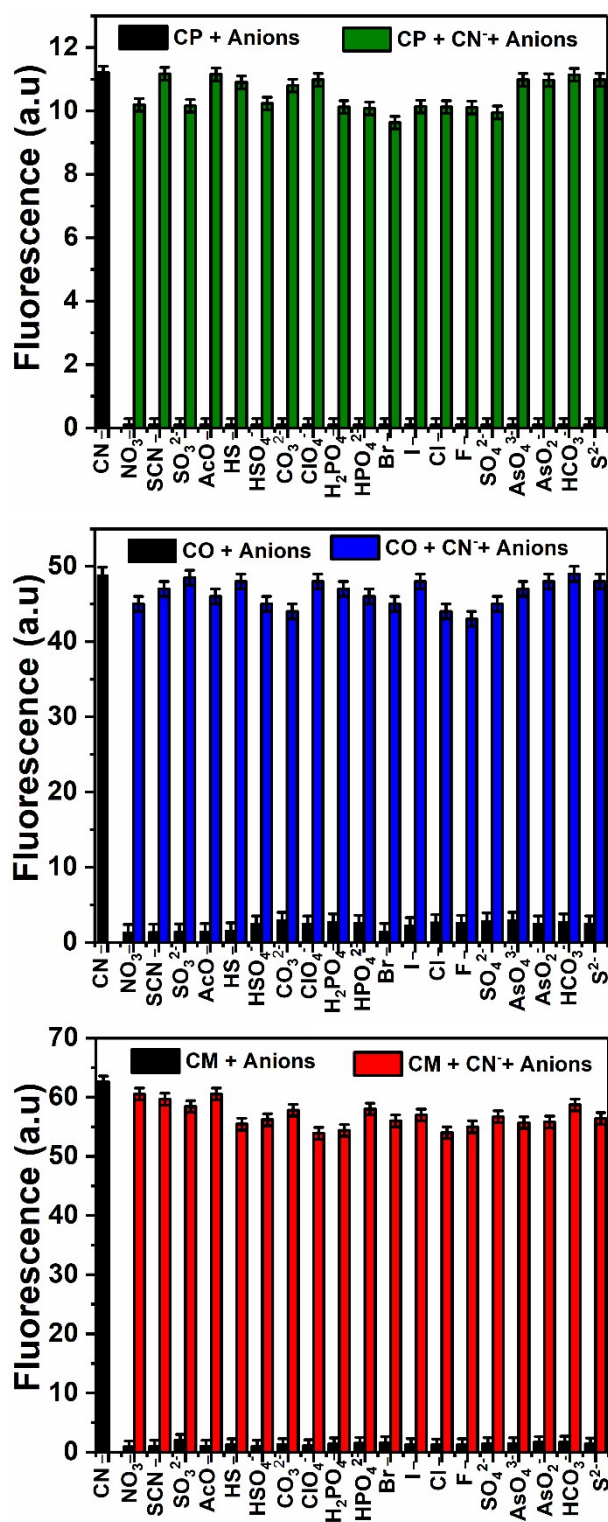
**Fig. S3.** FE-SEM images of the molecular probes CO, CM, and CP prepared via MC and solution-based refluxing methods.



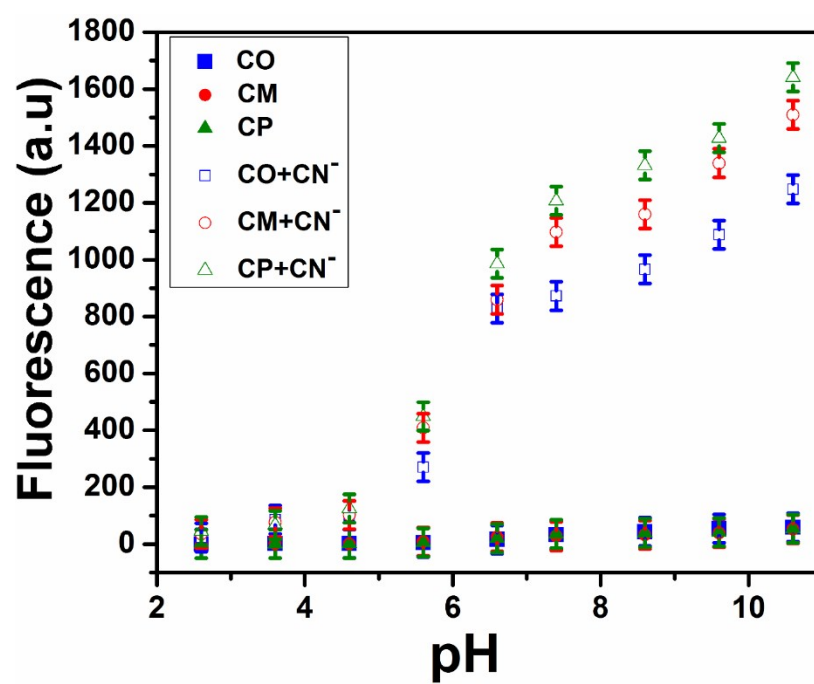
**Fig. S4.** ORTEP view and atom-numbering scheme of the molecular probe CM. The lattice methanol is omitted for clarity. The ellipsoids represent 50 % probability factor.



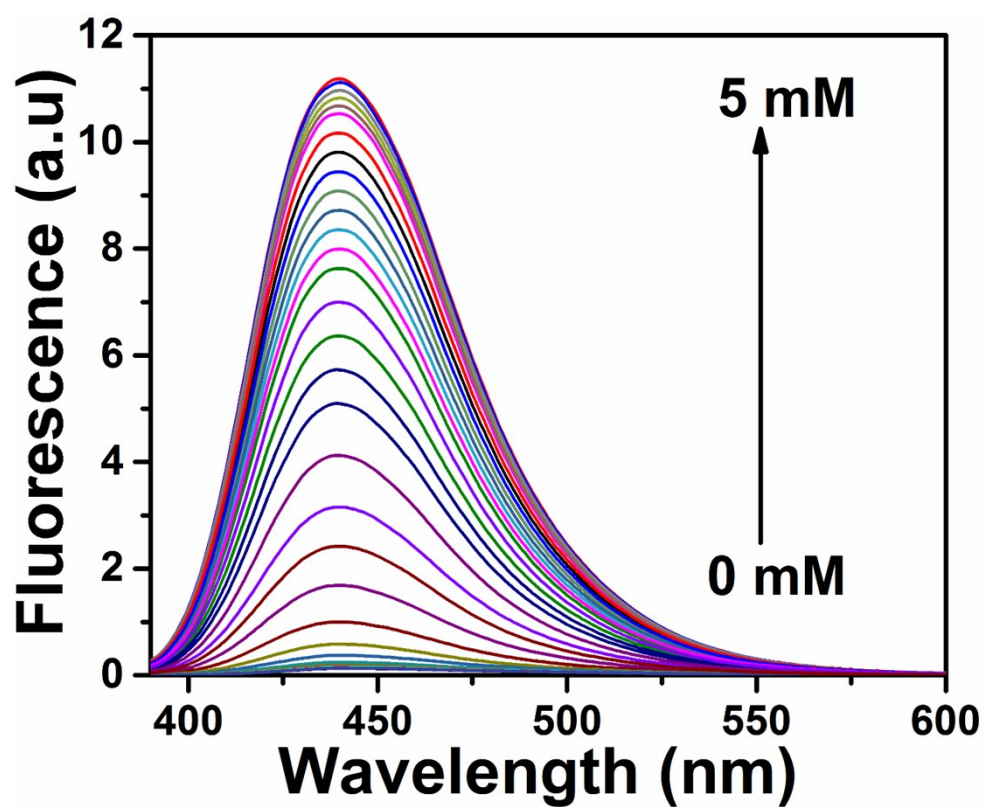
**Fig. S5.** Fluorescence based pH studies for CO, CM, and CP (20  $\mu$ M, 2.5 % DMSO in water) in aqueous solution.



**Fig. S6.** Competitive fluorescence study of CP, CO, and CM (20  $\mu$ M in 2.5 % DMSO in water) for cyanide sensing in presence of double excess other anions in HEPES buffer (50 mM) at pH 7.4.

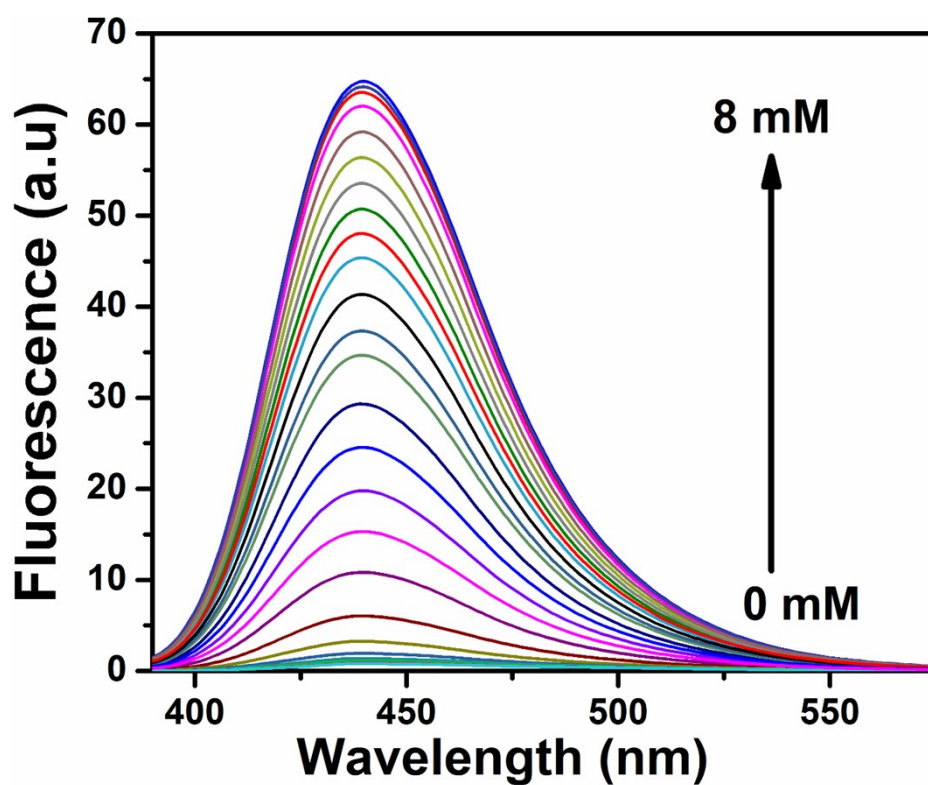


**Fig. S7.** Fluorescence based pH studies for CO, CM, and CP (20  $\mu$ M, 2.5 % DMSO in water) in presence of cyanide (2.5 mM) in aqueous solution.

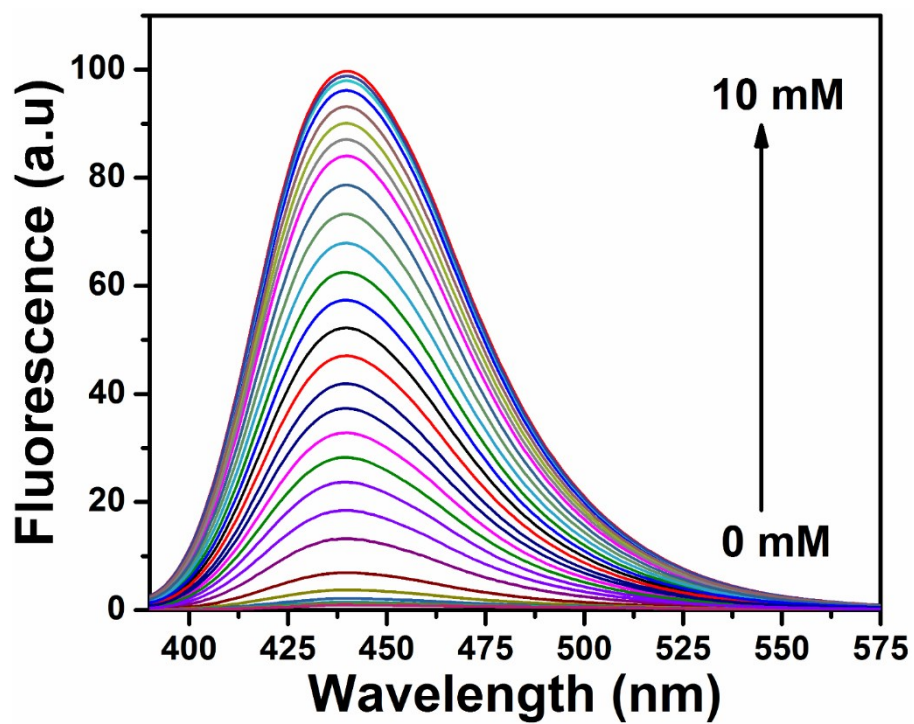


**Fig. S8.** Fluorescence titration profiles of CP (20  $\mu$ M, 2.5 % DMSO in water) upon addition of increasing concentrations of cyanide (0-5 mM) in HEPES (50 mM) buffer at physiological pH 7.4.

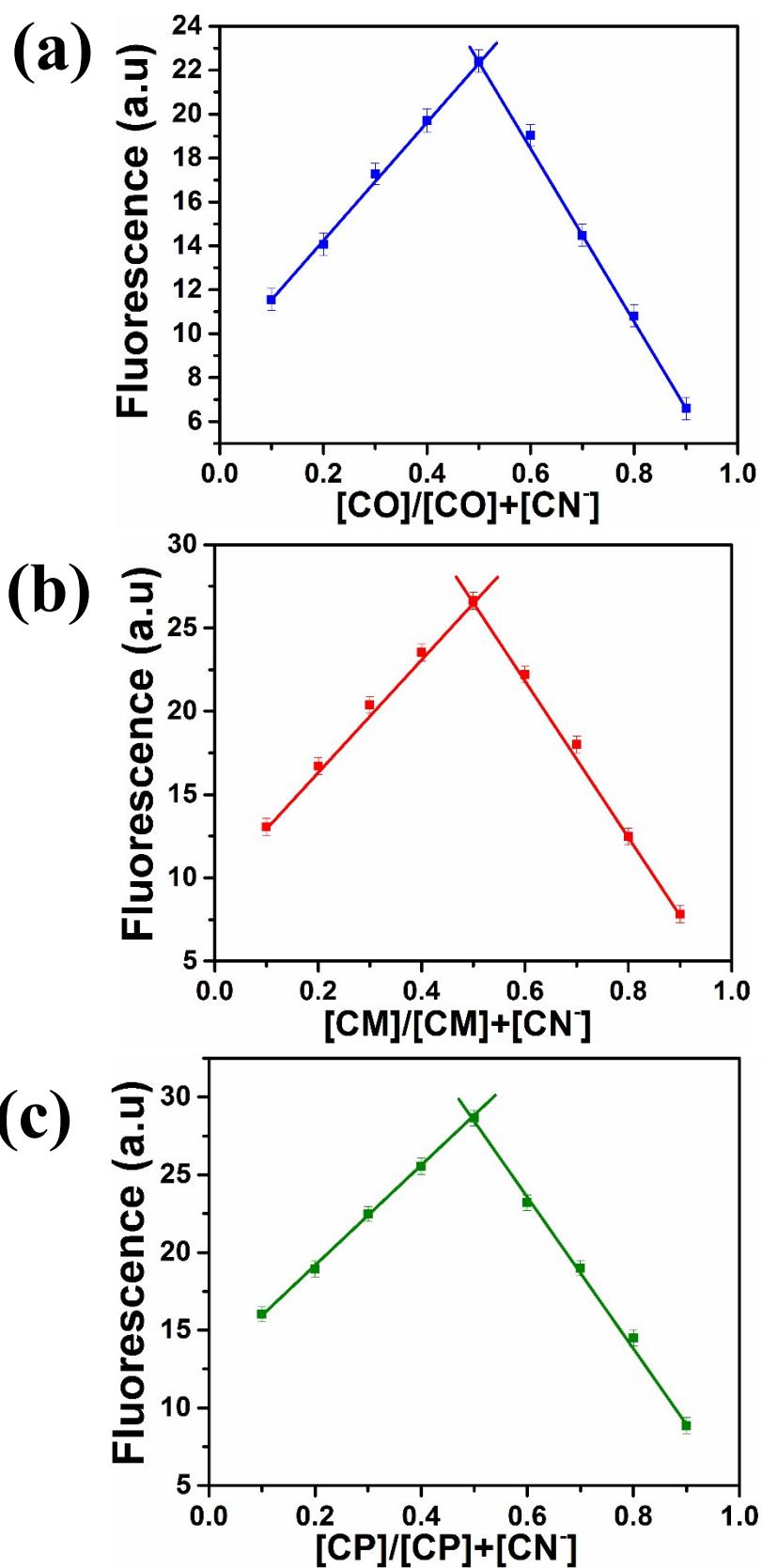




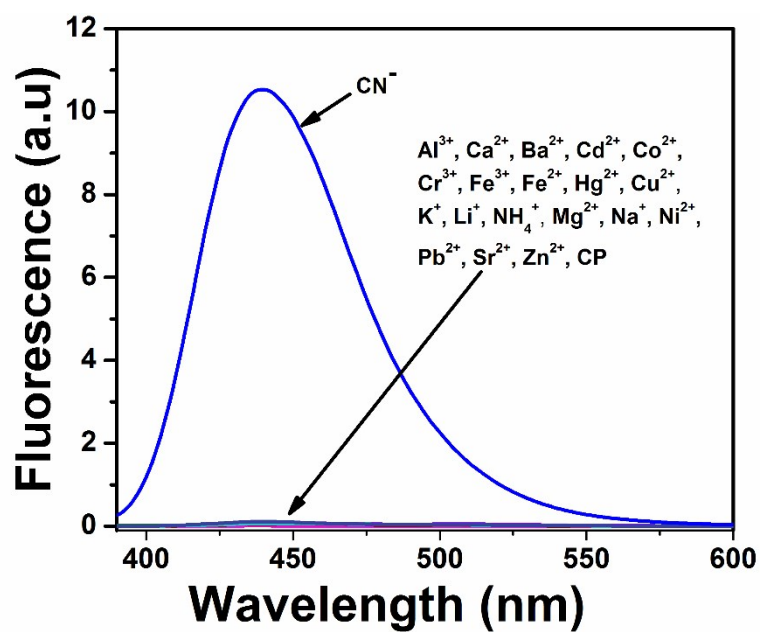
**Fig. S9.** Fluorescence titration profiles of CO (20  $\mu$ M, 2.5 % DMSO in water) upon addition of increasing concentrations of cyanide (0-8 mM) in HEPES (50 mM) buffer at physiological pH 7.4.



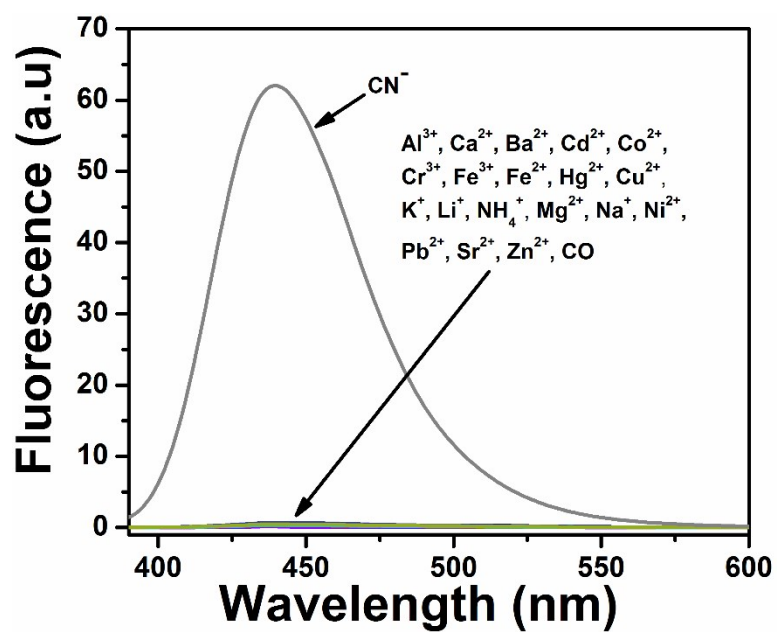
**Fig. S10.** Fluorescence titration profiles of CM (20  $\mu$ M, 2.5 % DMSO in water) upon addition of increasing concentrations of cyanide (0-10 mM) in HEPES (50 mM) buffer at physiological pH 7.4.



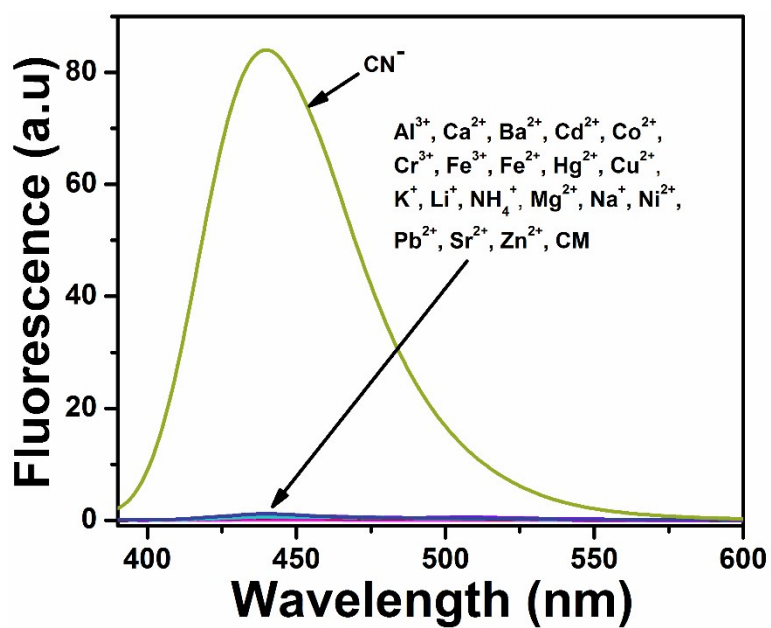
**Fig. S11.** Job's plots for (a) CO, (b) CM, and (c) CP in presence of different concentrations of cyanide in 50 mM HEPES aqueous buffer solutions.



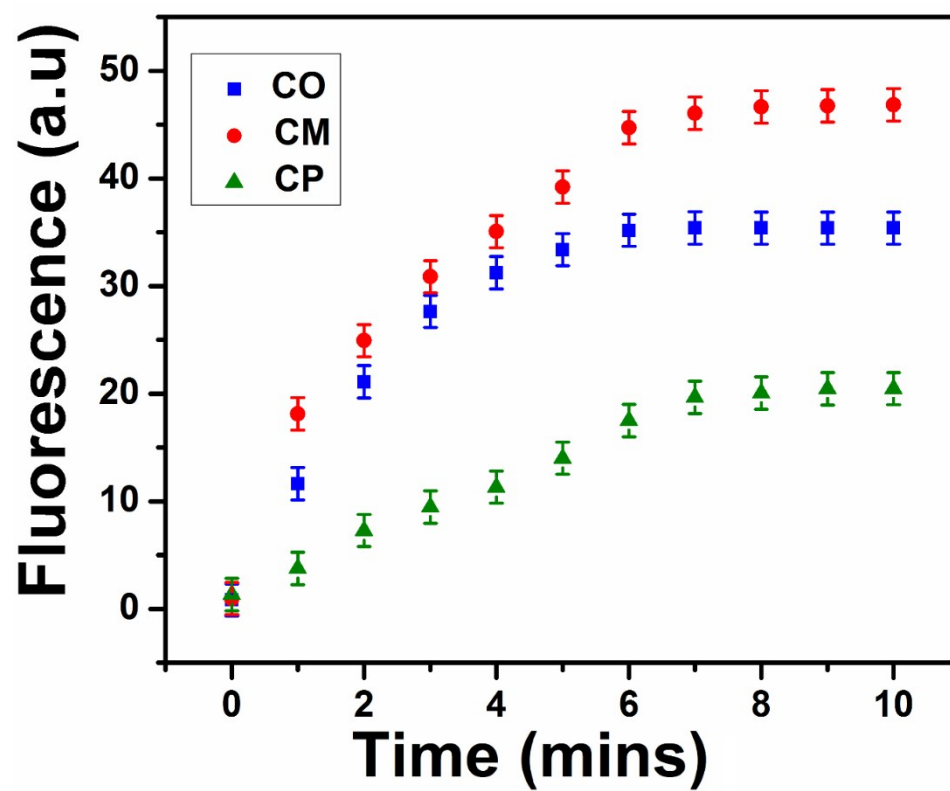
**Fig. S12.** Fluorescence spectra of mechanosynthesized CP (20  $\mu\text{M}$ , 2.5 % DMSO in water) in HEPES (50 mM aqueous buffer) upon addition of different metal ions.  $\lambda_{\text{exi}} = 370 \text{ nm}$  and  $\lambda_{\text{emi}} = 444 \text{ nm}$ .



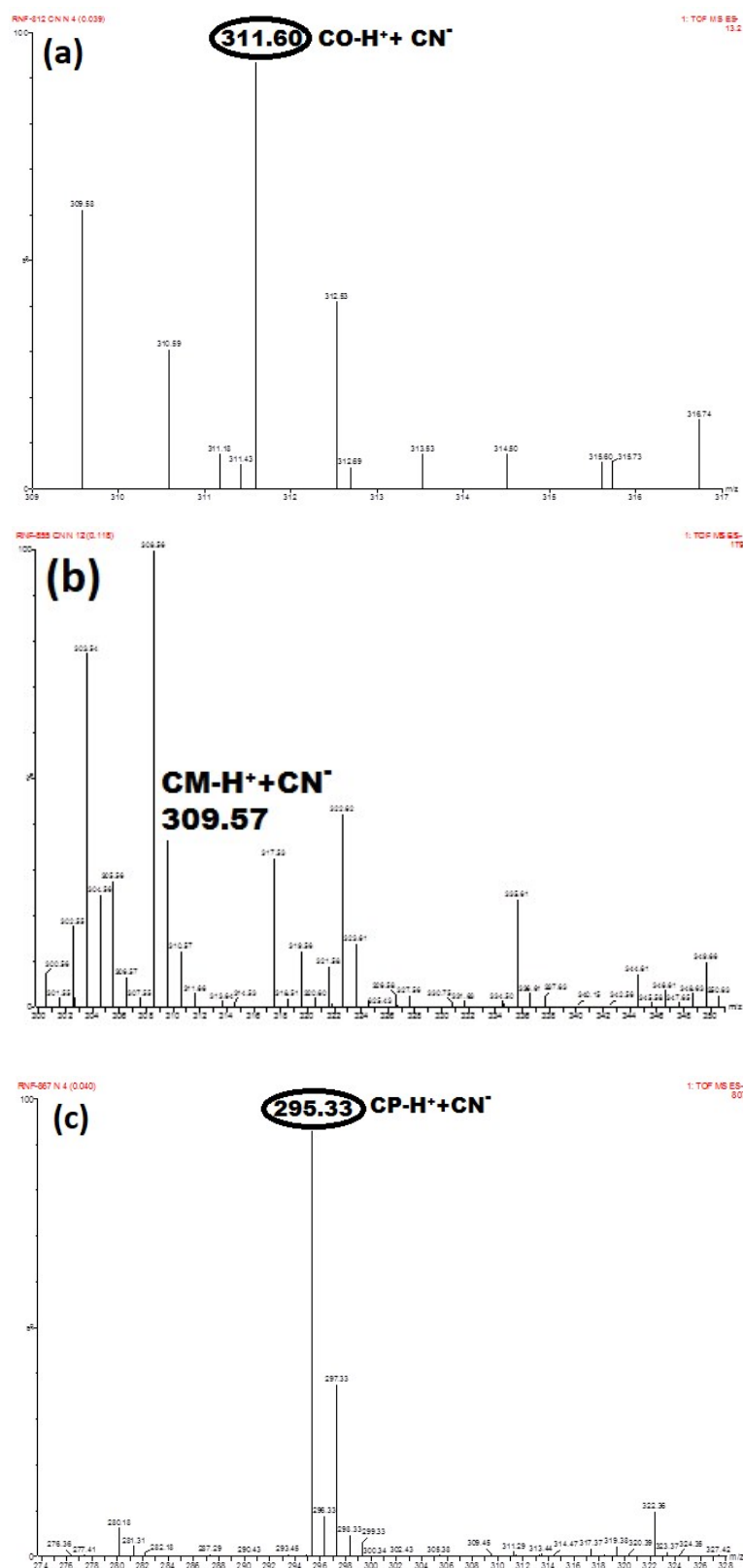
**Fig. S13.** Fluorescence spectra of mechanosynthesized CO (20  $\mu\text{M}$ , 2.5 % DMSO in water) in HEPES (50 mM aqueous buffer) upon addition of different metal ions.  $\lambda_{\text{exi}} = 370 \text{ nm}$  and  $\lambda_{\text{emi}} = 444 \text{ nm}$ .



**Fig. S14.** Fluorescence spectra of mechanosynthesized CM (20  $\mu$ M, 2.5 % DMSO in water) in HEPES (50 mM aqueous buffer) upon addition of different metal ions.  $\lambda_{\text{exi}} = 370$  nm and  $\lambda_{\text{emi}} = 444$  nm.



**Fig. S15.** Time dependent emission changes in the fluorescence profiles of CO, CM, and CP (20  $\mu$ M, 2.5 % DMSO in water) in HEPES (50 mM aqueous buffer) on addition of cyanide.



**Fig. S16.** Mass spectra of (a) CO, (b) CM, and (c) CP in presence of cyanide.



Parameters	CP	CM
Composition	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>8</sub>
Formula wt.	269.26	630.65
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space Group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P-1
Crystal Color	Intense Yellow	Yellow
a (Å )	7.5911(11)	7.513(3)
b(Å )	9.7485(15)	15.043(6)
c(Å )	16.594(3)	16.048(6)
α(°)	90	66.018(6)
β(°)	98.556(6)	76.843(6)
γ (°)	90	85.708(7)
V(Å <sup>3</sup> )	1214.3(3)	1613.3(11)
Density (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) / Z	1.473/4	1.298/2
2 θ <sub>max</sub> [deg]	56.88	56.58
Temp (K)	150(2)	150(2)
μ mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.107	0.095
Reflections collected/unique	3041/2626	5000/3223
R(int)	0.0388	0.0584
Data/restraints/parameters	3041/0/225	5000/0/425
R1(F <sub>0</sub> ), wR2(F <sub>0</sub> ) (I ≥ 2 σ(I))	0.0419,0.1287	0.1178,0.3305
R1(F <sub>0</sub> <sup>2</sup> ), wR2(F <sub>0</sub> <sup>2</sup> ) (all data)	0.0492/0.1219	0.1472,0.3468
F(000)/GOF on F <sup>2</sup>	560/1.050	664/1.243
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**Table S1.** X-ray crystallographic data of CP and CM.

