

## Supporting Information

### **A new salamo-based colorimetric and fluorescent turn-on sensor with aggregation induced emission for rapid and highly sensitive detection of cyanide in real samples**

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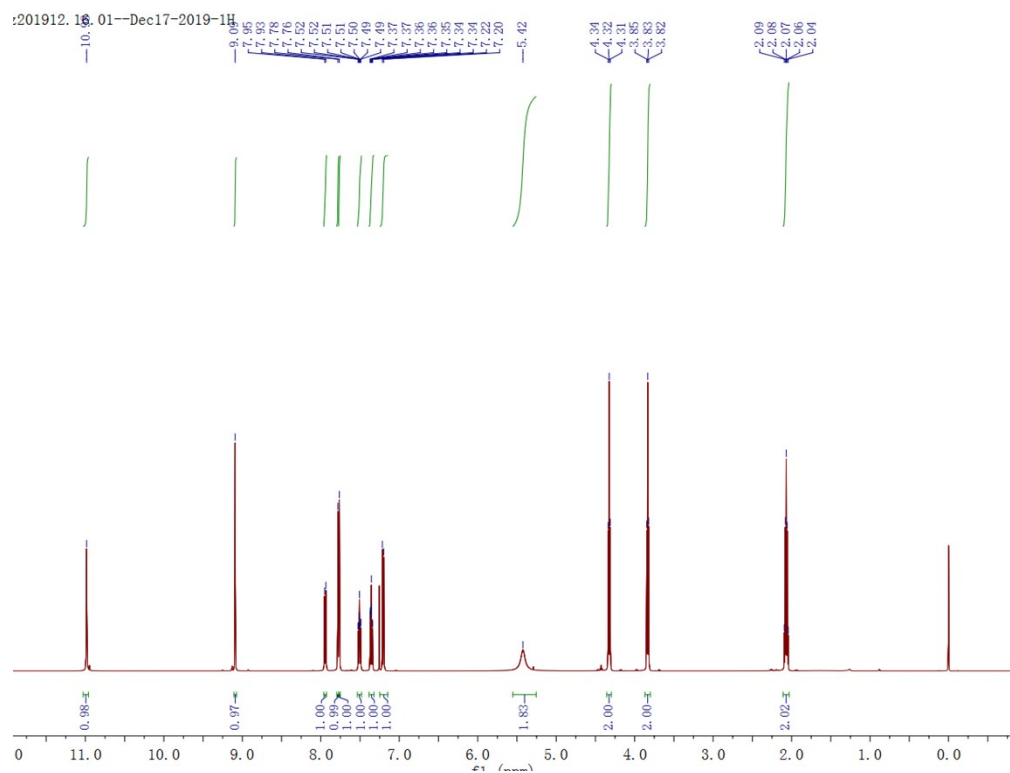
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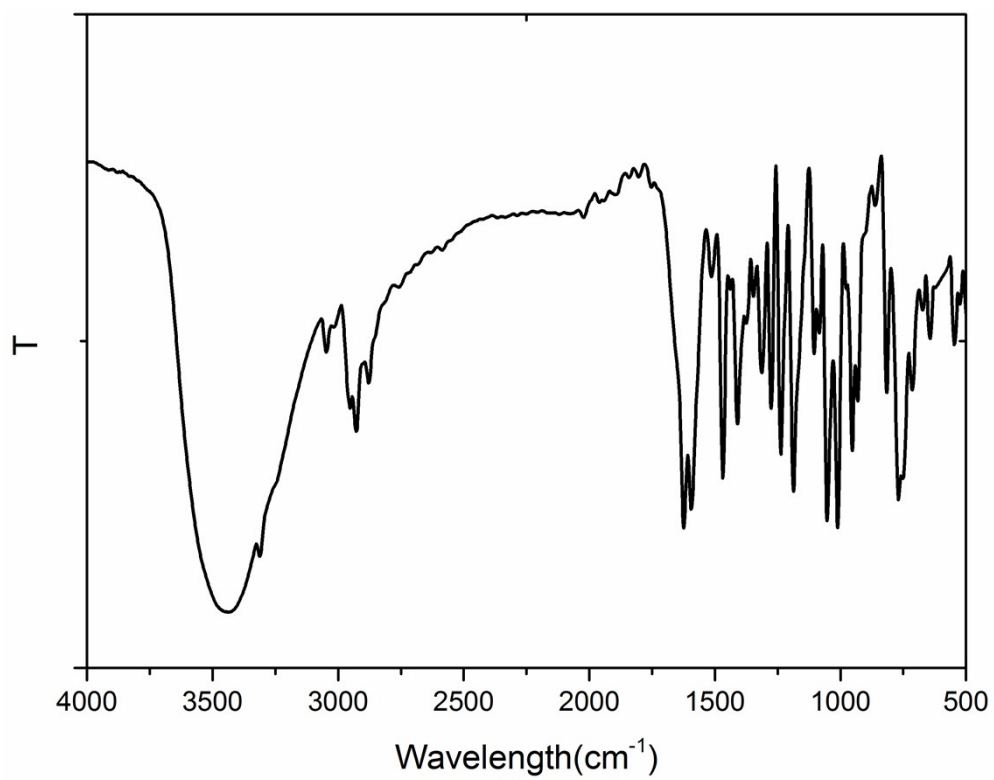
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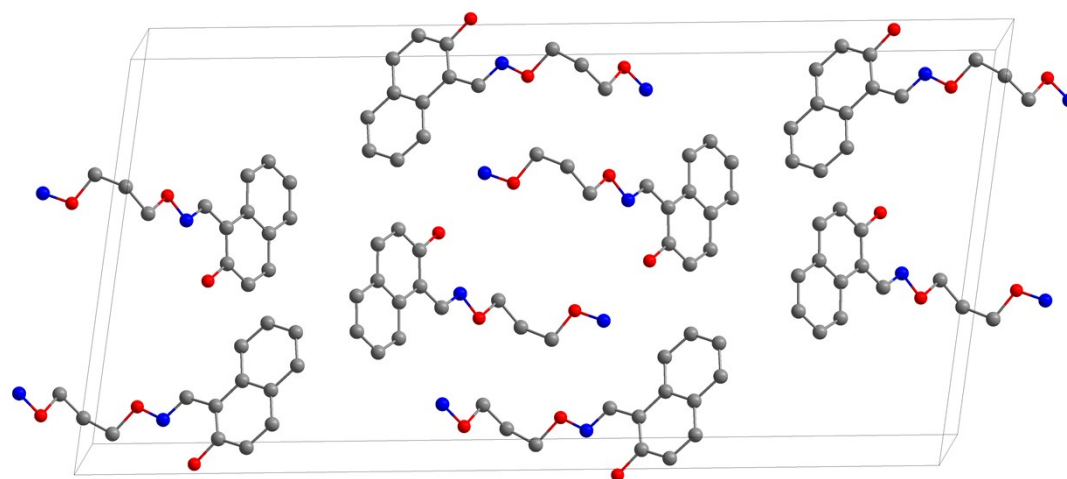
† CCDC: number. 2036636 for the sensor **A1**.



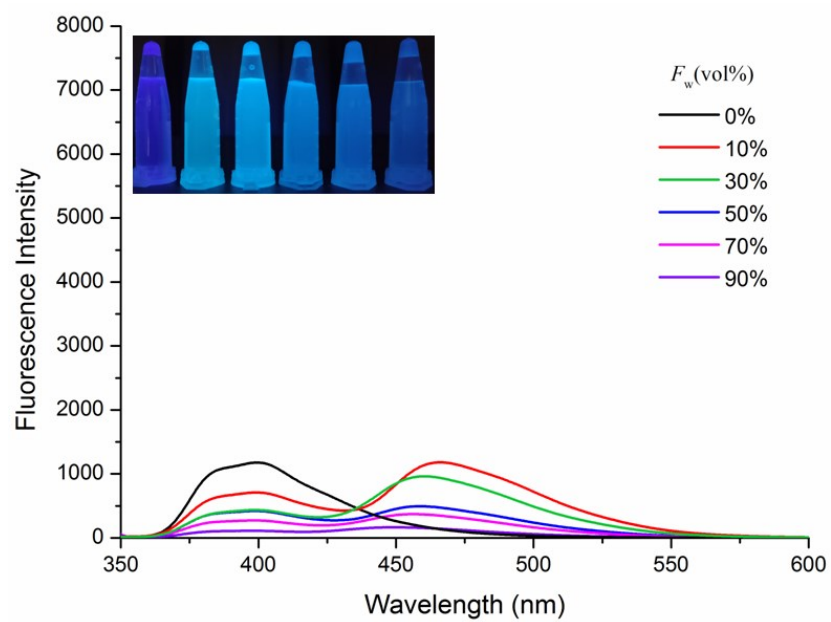
**Fig. S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of sensor **A1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



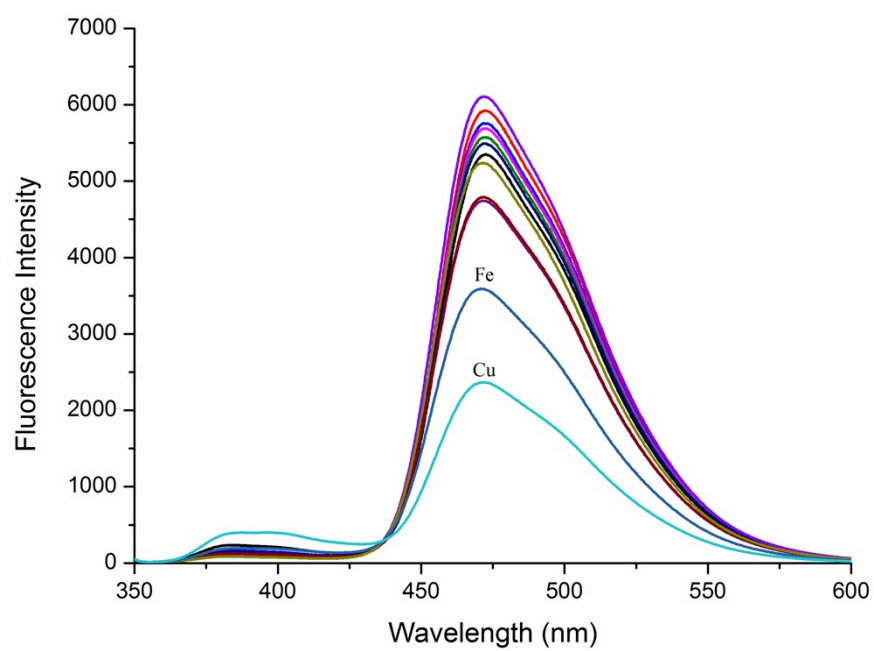
**Fig. S2** FT-IR spectra of sensor **A1**.



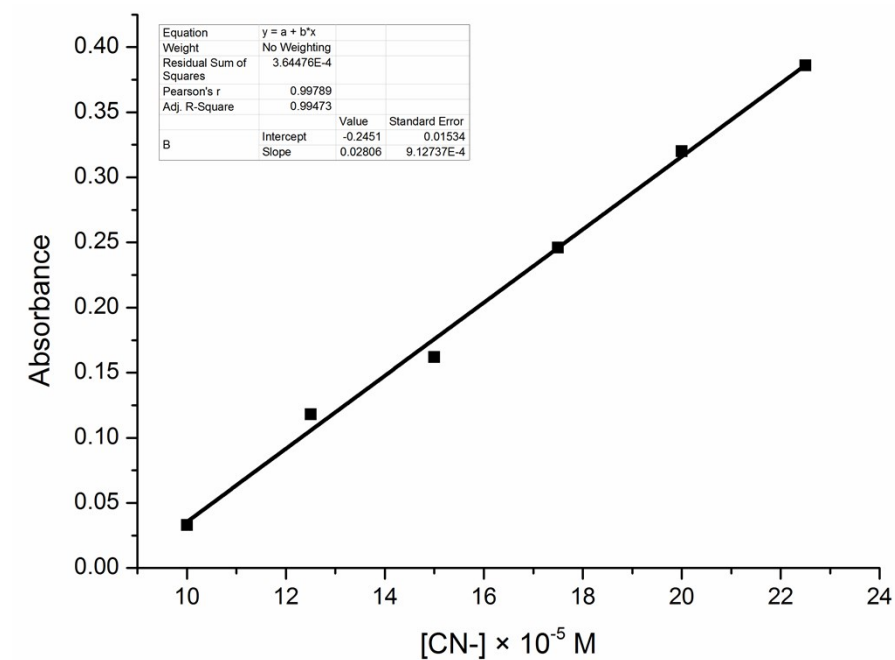
**Figure. S3.** The molecular weight in the whole unit cell of sensor **A1**.



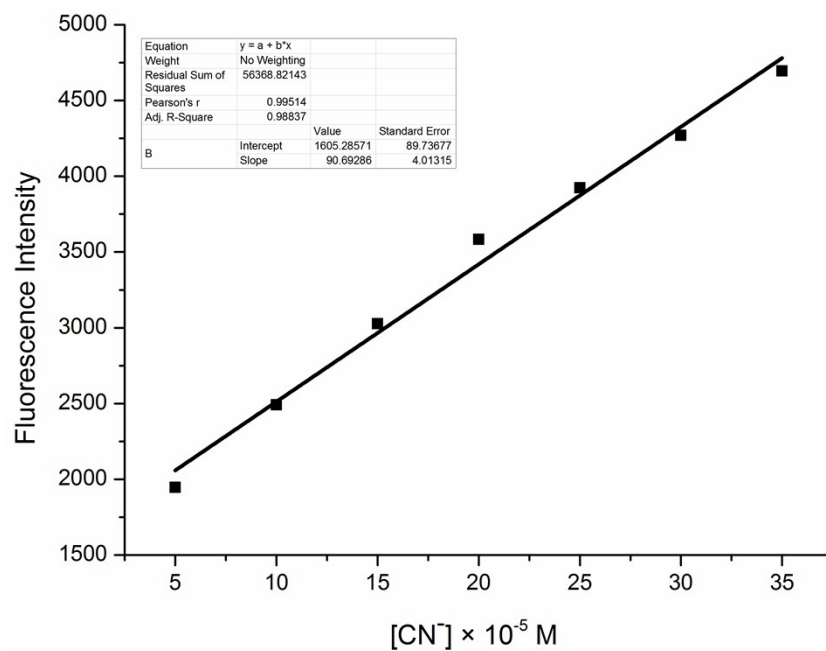
**Fig. S4** The influence of water content on fluorescence emission in DMSO solution.



**Fig. S5** The fluorescence spectrum of A1 (50 μM) in the DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O (9:1, v/v) solution with common cations (10.0 equiv.) added.



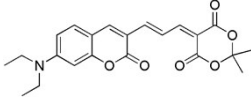
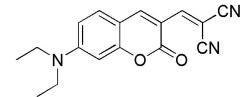
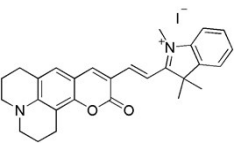
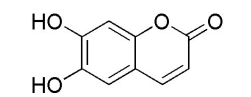
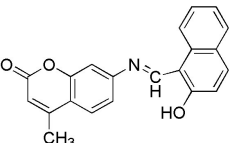
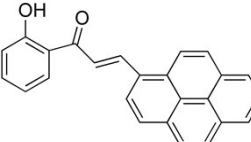
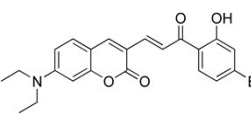
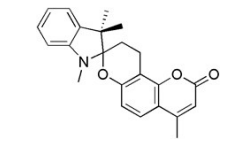
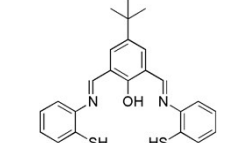
**Fig. S6** The absorbance intensity showed a linear relationship with the increase of  $\text{CN}^-$  concentration.

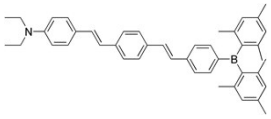
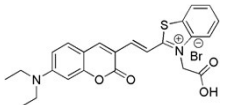
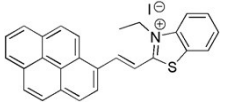
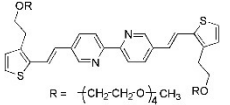
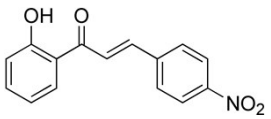
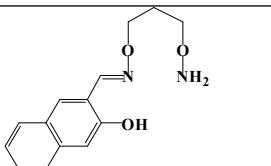


**Fig. S7** The fluorescence emission intensity showed a linear relationship with the increase of  $\text{CN}^-$  concentration.



**Table S1.** Comparison of reported fluorescent probes for CN<sup>-</sup> with **A1**.

| Probe                                                                               | LOD (μM) | Sensing method           | Response time | solvent                               | Ref |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----|
|    | 0.027    | Ratiometric fluorescence | 30 s          | Tris-HCl, 10%DMSO                     | 1   |
|    | 0.8      | Ratiometric fluorescence | 17 min        | THF-HEPES, 1:1, pH = 7.04             | 2   |
|    | 0.066    | Fluorescence turn-on     | 100 s         | MeOH-HEPES, 1:1                       | 3   |
|    | 5.77     | Fluorescence turn-on     | 30s           | DMSO-water, 1:99                      | 4   |
|  | 0.0772   | Fluorescence turn-on     | < 60 s        | DMSO:H <sub>2</sub> O, 8:2            | 5   |
|  | 0.8      | fluorescence turn-on     | 8.0 h         | CH <sub>3</sub> CN                    | 6   |
|  | 0.00032  | fluorescence turn-off    | 12 min        | DMSO:PBS (4:1, v/v, pH = 7.4)         | 7   |
|  | 1.0      | Fluorescence turn-on     | 3 min         | Buffer water-CH <sub>3</sub> CN, 7:3, | 8   |
|  | 0.96     | Ratiometric fluorescence | < 3S          | DMSO:H <sub>2</sub> O, 2:8            | 9   |

|                                                                                                                                                                  |       |                                  |         |                                          |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                                                 | ----- | Ratiometric fluorescence         | < 10 s  | THF                                      | 10        |
|                                                                                 | 0.64  | Ratiometric fluorescence         | 2 min   | CH <sub>3</sub> CN-H <sub>2</sub> O, 9:1 | 11        |
|                                                                                 | 0.28  | Ratiometric fluorescence         | 15min   | DMSO-HEPES, 1:1                          | 12        |
| <br>R = -(CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -O) <sub>7</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> RO | ----- | Ratiometric fluorescence         | -----   | CH <sub>3</sub> CN-HEPES, 4:1            | 13        |
|                                                                                 | 7.2   | fluorescence turn-on             | 130 min | CH <sub>3</sub> CN-H <sub>2</sub> O, 1:1 | 14        |
|                                                                                | 0.216 | Ratiometric fluorescence turn-on | < 3S    | DMSO-H <sub>2</sub> O, 9:1               | This Work |

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**Table S2** Summary of crystal data of sensor **A1**.

| Parameter                                                 | <b>A1</b>                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                                         | C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> |
| Formula weight [g mol <sup>-1</sup> ]                     | 260.29                                                        |
| Crystal system                                            | Monoclinic                                                    |
| Space group                                               | <i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>                                          |
| <i>a</i> [Å]                                              | 33.7978(18)                                                   |
| <i>b</i> [Å]                                              | 4.4776(3)                                                     |
| <i>c</i> [Å]                                              | 16.8590(10)                                                   |
| $\alpha$ [°]                                              | 90                                                            |
| $\beta$ [°]                                               | 100.713(4)                                                    |
| $\gamma$ [°]                                              | 90                                                            |
| Volume [Å <sup>3</sup> ]                                  | 2506.9(3)                                                     |
| <i>Z</i>                                                  | 8                                                             |
| Density, calcd [gm <sup>-3</sup> ]                        | 1.250                                                         |
| Temperature [K]                                           | 173(2)                                                        |
| Unique reflns                                             | 2683                                                          |
| Obsd reflns                                               | 5381                                                          |
| Parameters                                                | 181                                                           |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>                                   | 0.074                                                         |
| <i>R</i> [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] <sup><i>a</i></sup> | 0.0724                                                        |
| <i>W</i> [all data] <i>R</i> <sup><i>b</i></sup>          | 0.2028                                                        |
| GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>                              | 1.14                                                          |