## Supplementary Information

## Rhodamine-Based Turn-On Fluorescent and Colorimetric Chemosensor for Selective Pb<sup>2+</sup> Detection: Insights from Crystal Structure, Molecular Docking, Real Sample Analysis, and Logic Gate Applications

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Identification code	L			
Empirical formula	$C_{40}H_{41}N_5O_3$			
Temperature/K	293(2)			
Crystal system	Triclinic			
Space group	P -1			
a/Å	9.3013(4)			
b/Å	12.0691(5)			
c/Å	16.7261(8)			
α/°	78.387(4)			
β/°	83.319(3)			
γ/°	76.114(3)			
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1780.88(14)			
Ζ	33			
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.193			
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.076			
F(000)	680.4			
Radiation	$Mo/K_{\alpha} (\lambda = 0.71073)$			
2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°	3.03 to 30.93			
Index ranges	$11 \le h \le -12, 16 \le k \le -16, 23 \le l \le -22$			
No of Reflections measured	8872			
Independent reflections	4599			
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.572			
R [F <sup>2</sup> > $2\sigma$ (F <sup>2</sup> )], <i>wR</i> (all data)	0.1304, 0.4577			



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From*	То	∆ <i>E</i> [eV]	λ [nm]	f_osc	Overlap
174	176	1.51	821	0.002408	0.21
173	175	1.58	785	0.068232	0.28
174	175	1.80	688	0.207851	0.57
172	175	2.19	567	0.012761	0.24
173	176	2.36	524	0.480735	0.68
171	175	2.53	491	0.039463	0.53
171	176	2.55	486	0.013491	0.34
173	177	2.60	476	0.123166	0.24
172	176	2.64	470	0.024011	0.65
170	175	2.68	463	0.011599	0.34
174	178	2.71	457	0.085480	0.40
173	178	2.87	432	0.126623	0.19
173	178	2.89	429	0.136312	0.19
170	176	2.92	424	0.042294	0.71
169	176	2.96	418	0.172185	0.37
168	175	3.06	405	0.004033	0.23

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From*	То	$\Delta E [eV]$	λ [nm]	f_osc	Overlap
170	176	3.10	400	0.073734	0.71
167	175	3.17	392	0.021176	0.32
172	177	3.19	389	0.000485	0.21
174	180	3.25	382	0.067889	0.41

\* HOMO is orbital number 174; LUMO is orbital number 175



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