

**A versatile water soluble fluorescent probe for ratiometric
sensing of Hg²⁺ and bovine serum albumin**

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1. ¹H NMR and ESI-MS Spectra of **1**

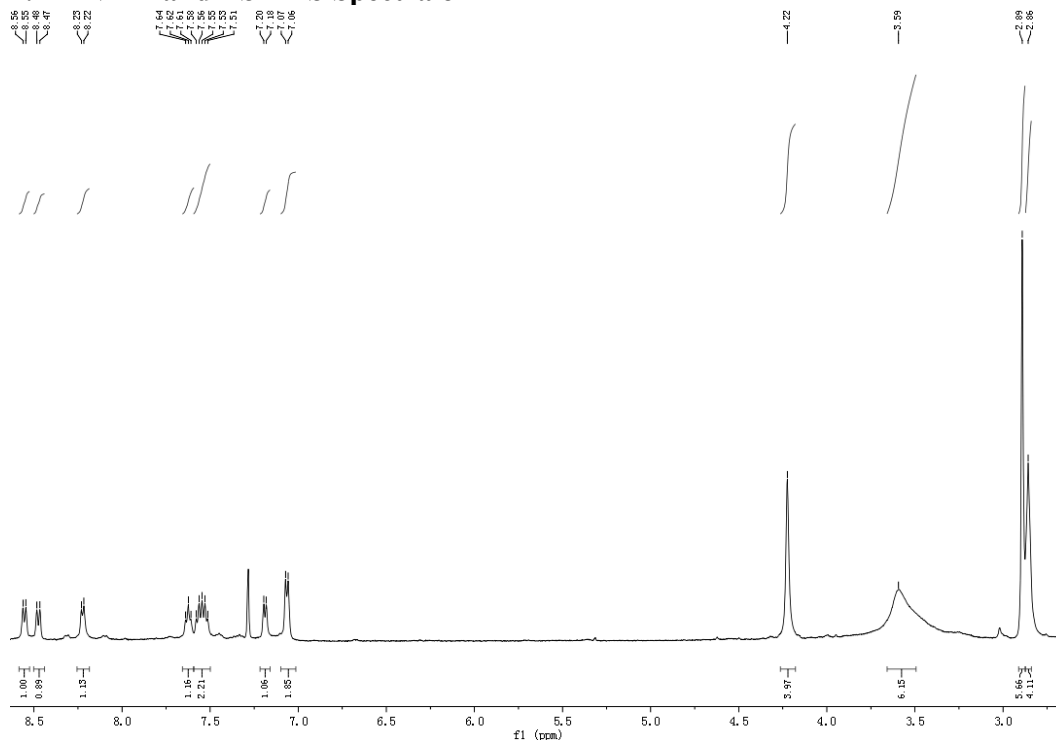


Fig. S1 ¹H NMR spectrum of **1** in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).

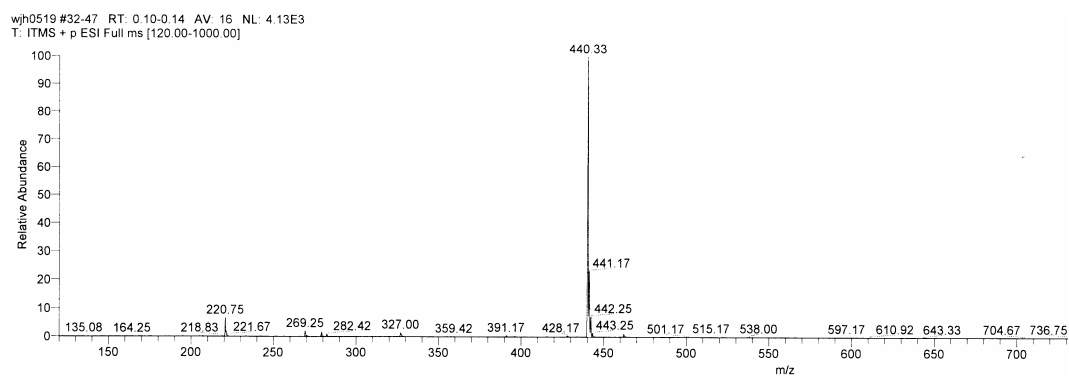


Fig. S2 ESI-MS spectrum of **1** in CH₃CN.

2. Hg²⁺ Fluorescent Response and Binding Behavior of **1**

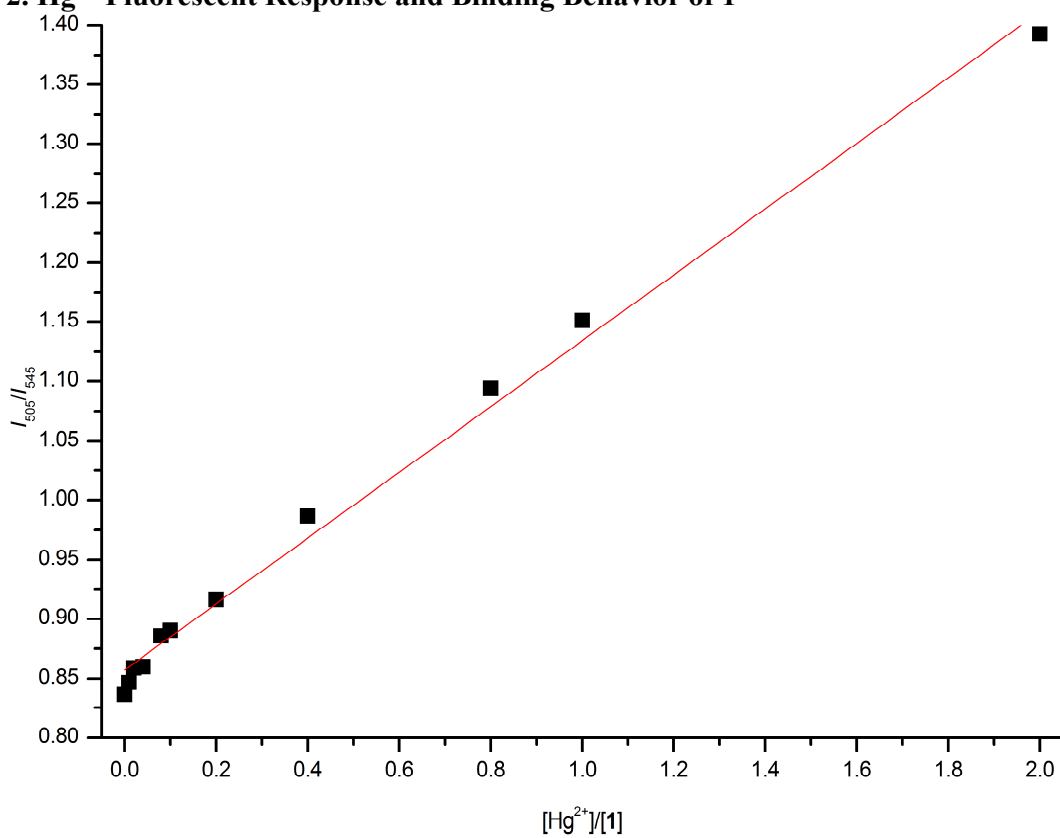


Fig. S3 The linear increasing range of the emission ratio (I_{505}/I_{545}) of 10 μ M **1** vs. the concentration of Hg²⁺ in Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.6). $\lambda_{ex}=330$ nm.

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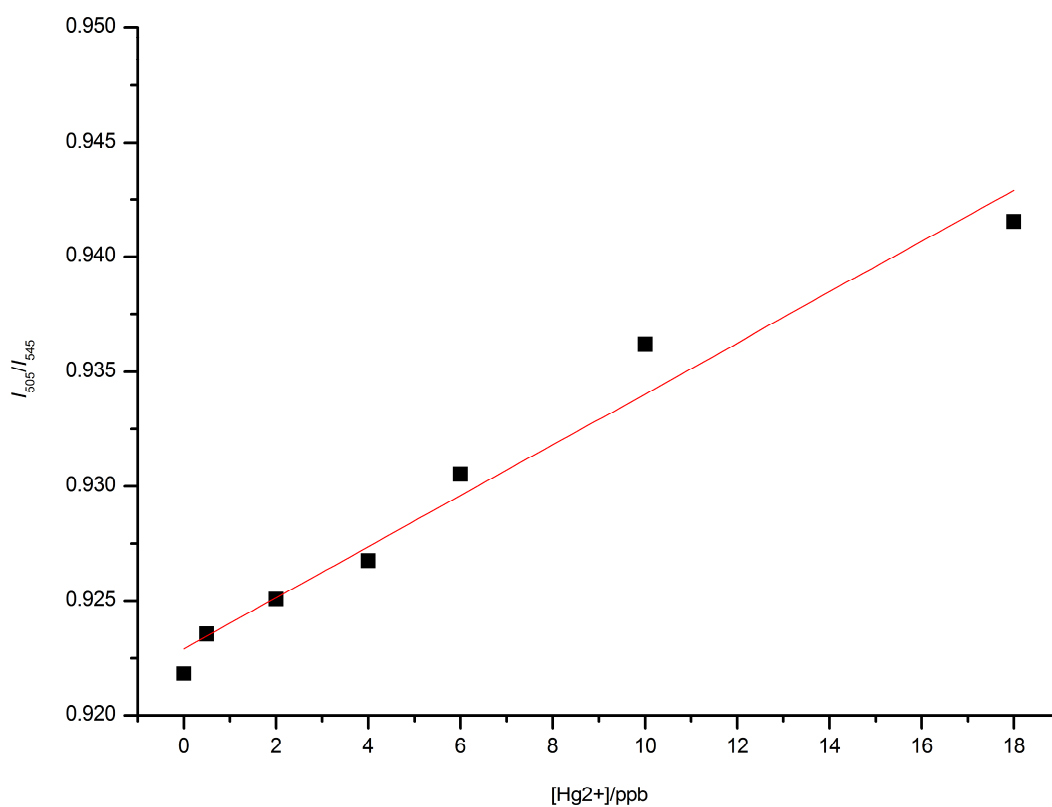


Fig. S4 The linear increasing of the emission ratio (I_{505}/I_{545}) of 5 μM **1** vs. the low concentration range of Hg^{2+} in Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.6). $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=330$ nm.

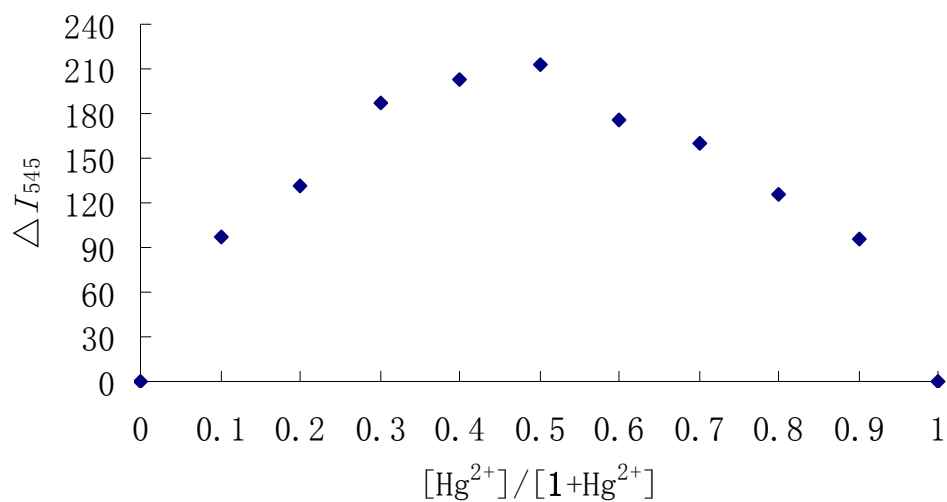


Fig. S5 Job's plot for the binding between **1** and Hg^{2+} . $[1]+[\text{Hg}^{2+}]=20$ μM . $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=330$ nm.

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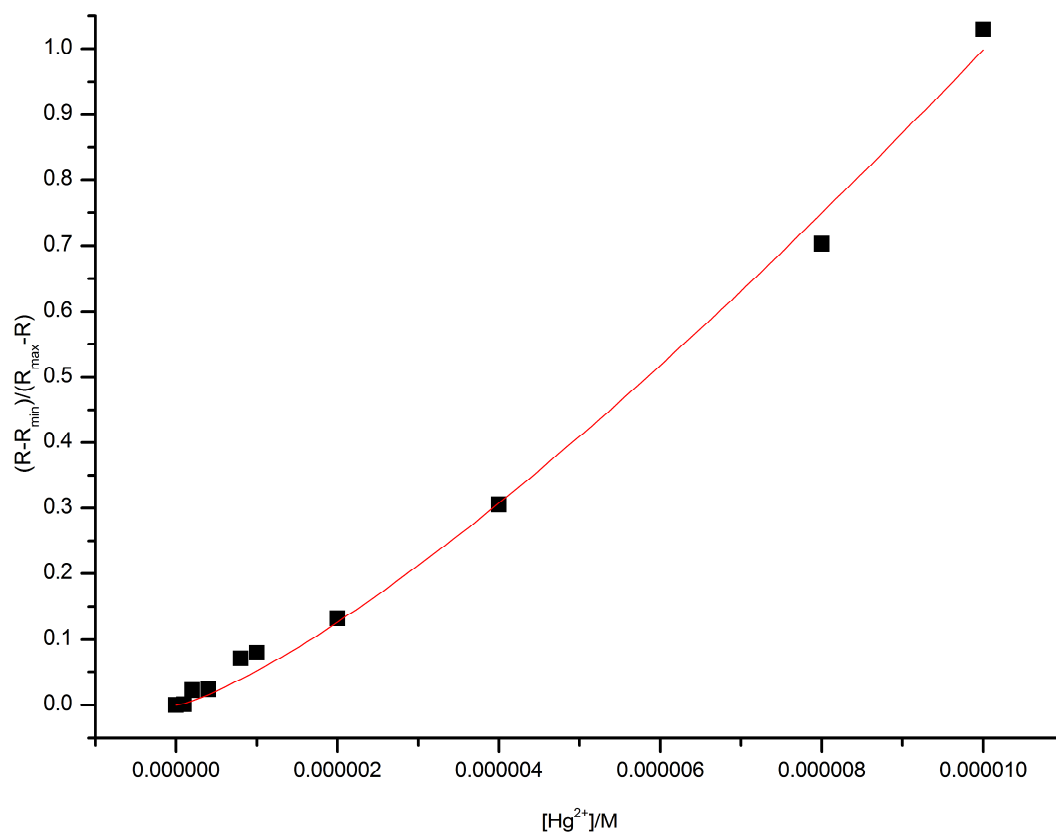


Fig. S6 The emission change of **1** induced by Hg^{2+} titration. The binding constant was obtained by nonlinear fitting to the data, and the red line is the resulted fitting line.

$R=I_{505}/I_{545}$, $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=330$ nm.

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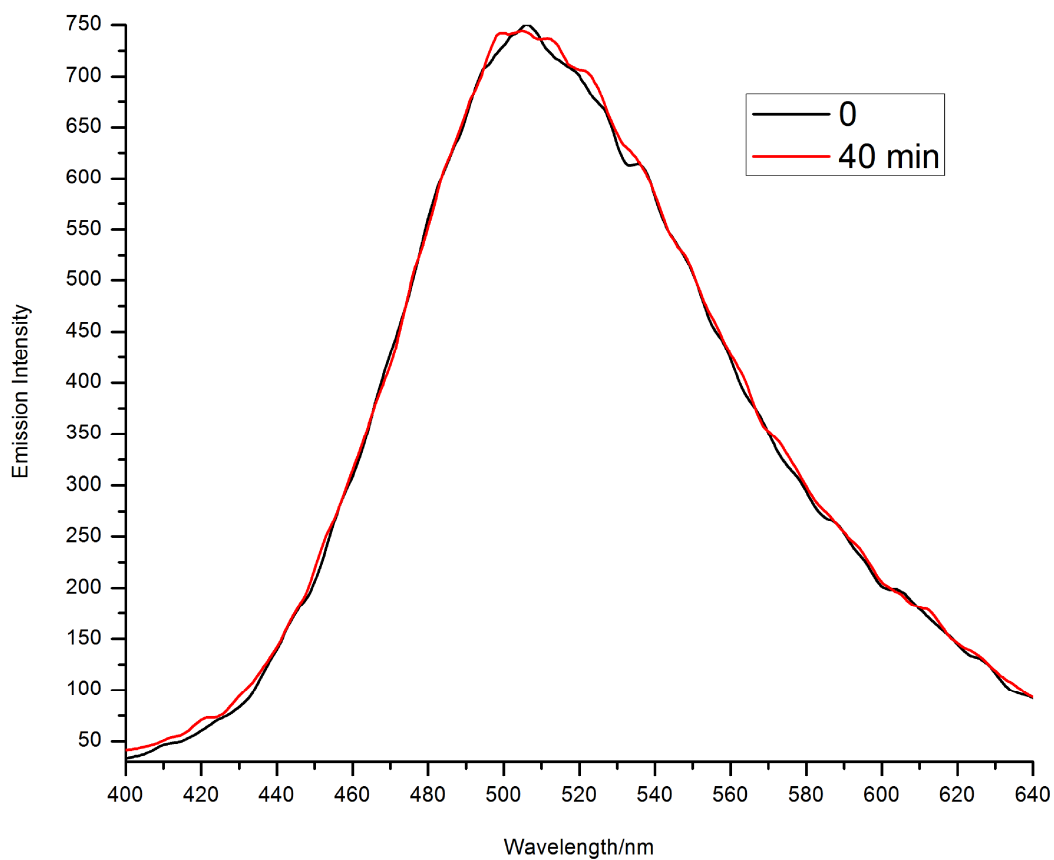


Fig. S7 Fluorescent spectra of 10 μM **1** in the presence of Hg^{2+} (5 equiv.) before and after UV irradiation at 330 nm for 40 min in Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.6).

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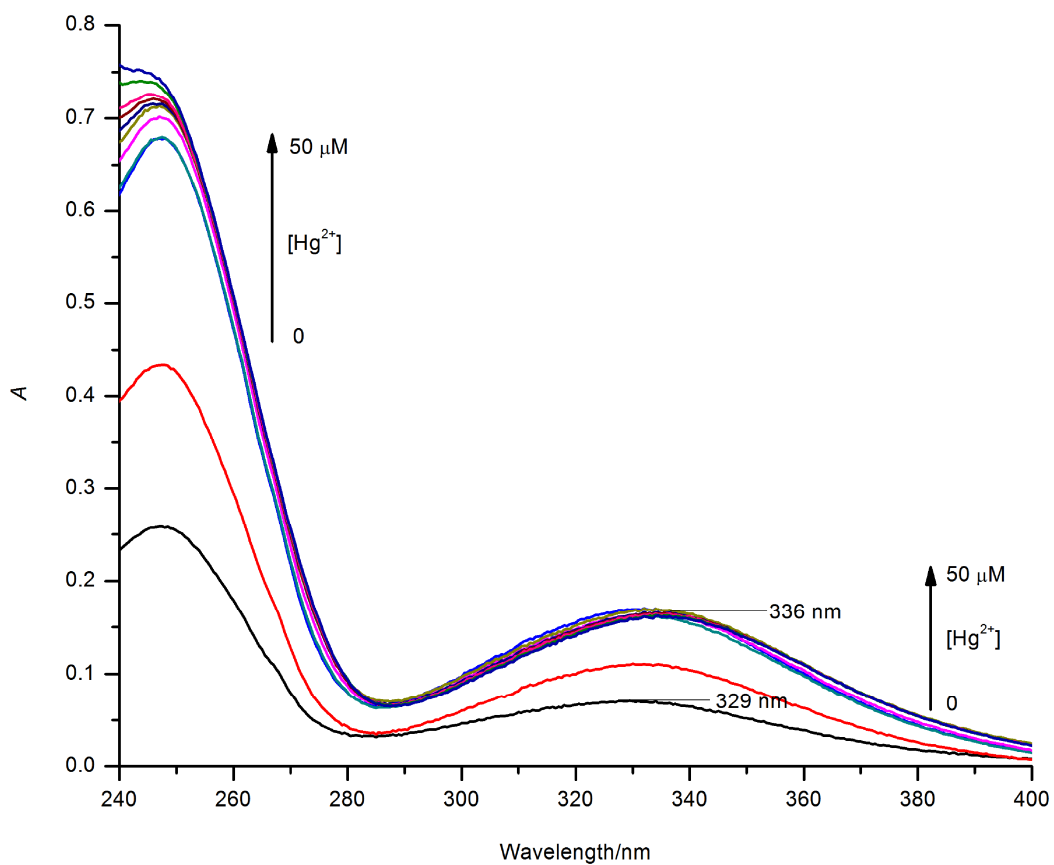


Fig. S8 UV-vis changes of 50 μM **1** upon addition of Hg²⁺ in Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.6).

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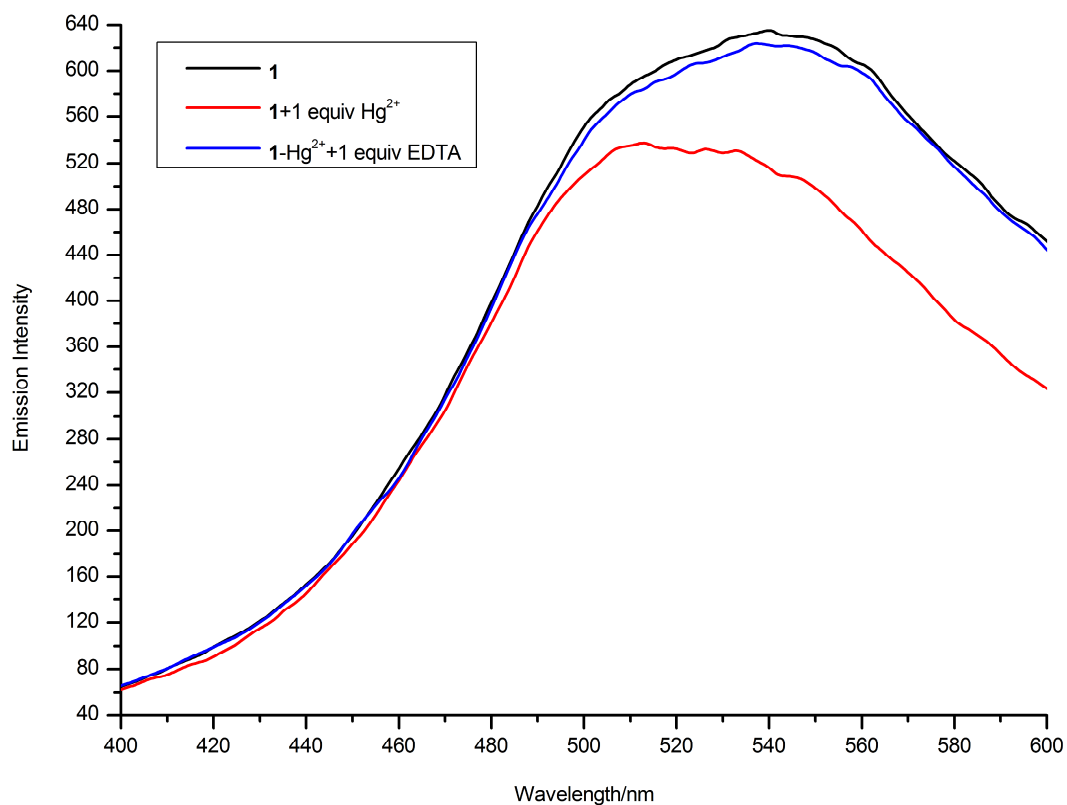


Fig. S9 Fluorescent changes of 10 μM **1** upon addition of 1 equiv. of Hg^{2+} and EDTA in Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.6). $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=330$ nm.

3. Fluorescent Response and Binding Pattern of 1 with BSA

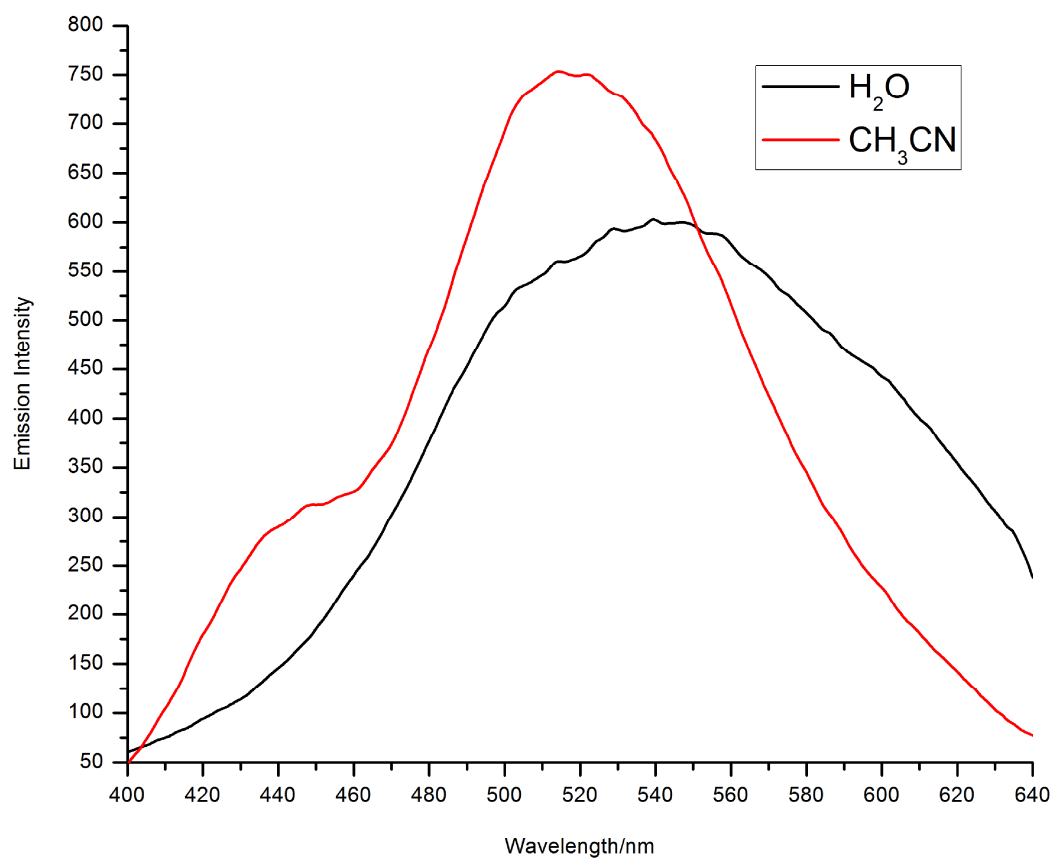


Fig. S10 Fluorescent spectra of 10 μ M **1** Tris-HCl aqueous solution (50 mM, pH 7.6) and CH₃CN. λ_{ex} =330 nm.

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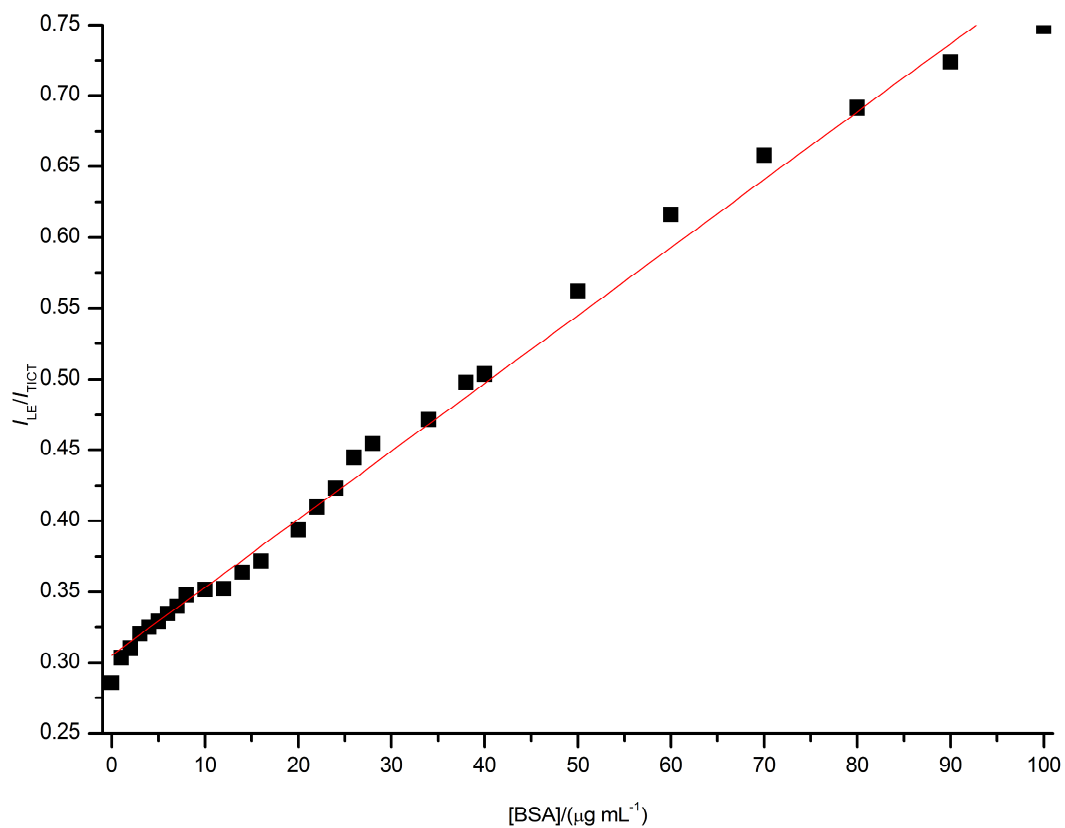


Fig. S11 The linear increasing range of the emission ratio (I_{LE}/I_{TICT}) of 10 μM **1** vs. the concentration of BSA in Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.6). $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=330$ nm.

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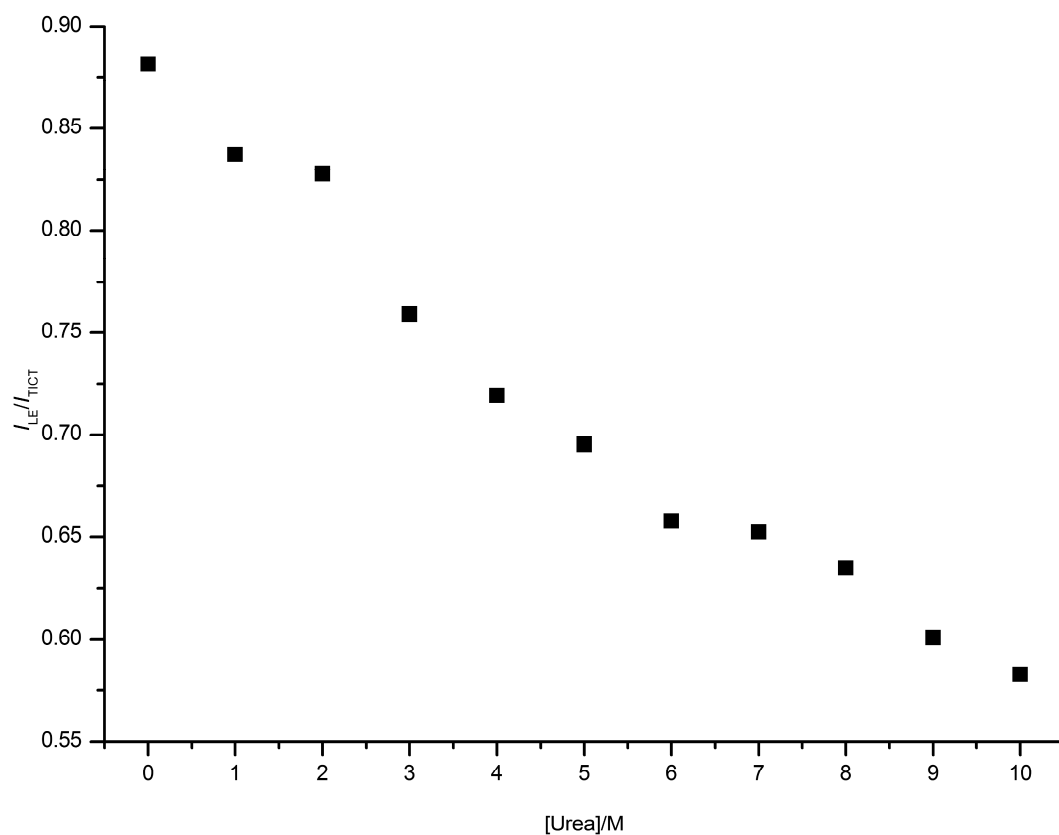


Fig. S12 The effect of different concentrations of urea on the fluorescent intensity of **1-BSA** in Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.6). $\lambda_{ex}=330$ nm.

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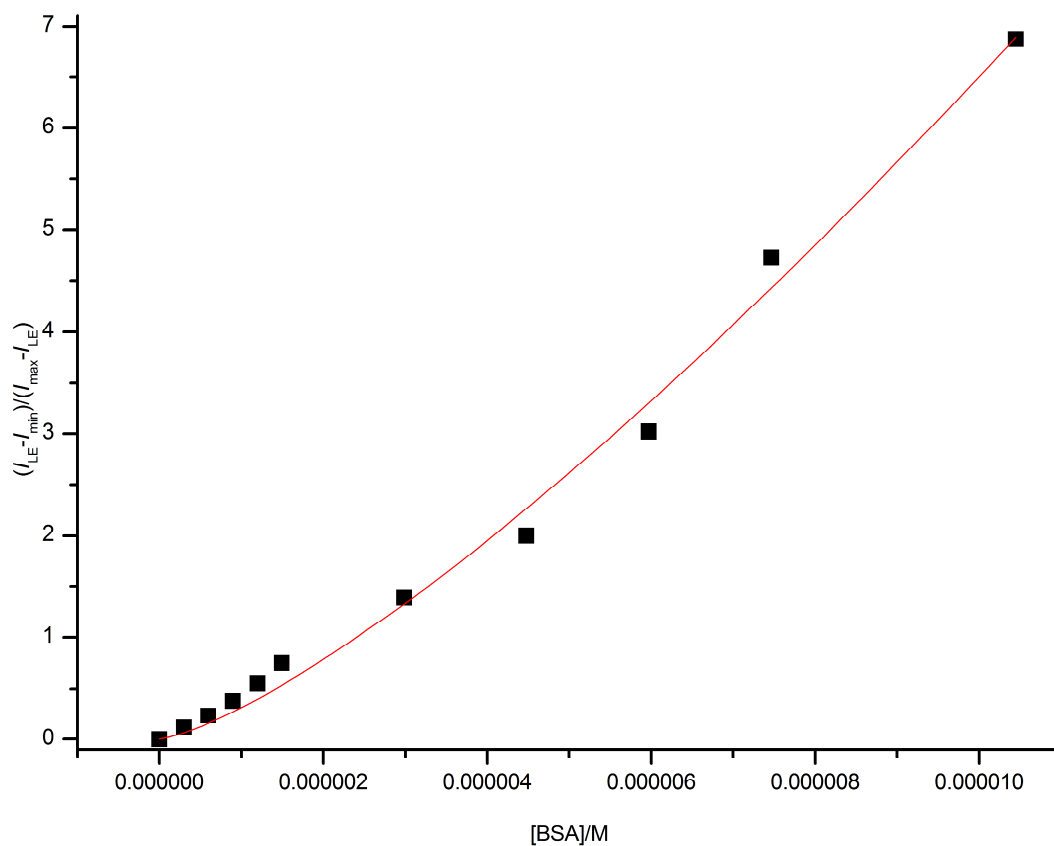


Fig. S13 The emission change of **1** induced by BSA titration. The binding constant was obtained by nonlinear fitting to the data, and the red line is the resulted fitting line. $\lambda_{ex}=330$ nm.

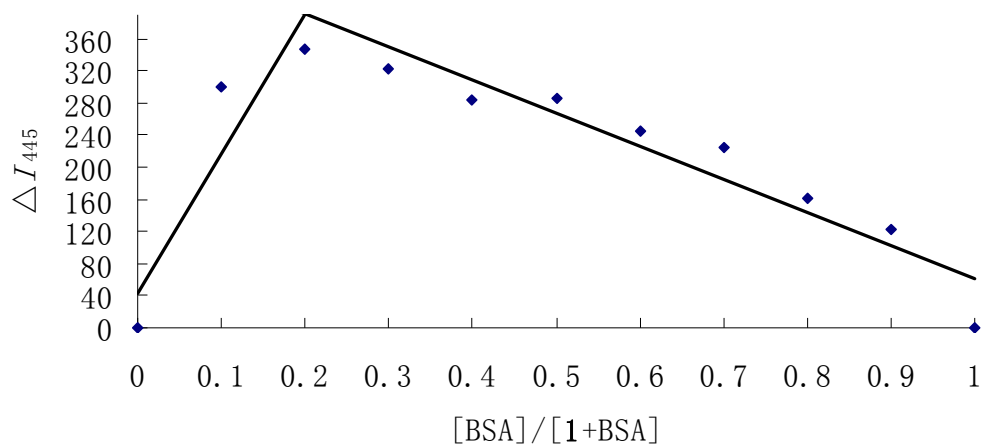


Fig. S14 Job's plot for the binding between **1** and BSA. $[1]+[BSA]=20 \mu M$. $\lambda_{ex}=330$ nm.

4. Computer Program for the Logic Gates Utilizing C Language

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void Input_Output(int Input1, int Input2, int &Output_1, int &Output_2, int &Output_3)
{
    if (Input1>1 || Input1 <0 || Input2>1 || Input2<0 )
        printf("%s","Input error");
    else {
        Output_1 = Input2;
        Output_2 = Input1 | Input2;
        Output_3 = (!Input1) & (!Input2);
    }
}
```

5. Computationally Optimized Energies and Coordinates of **1** and **1-Hg²⁺**

(1) Energies of optimized compounds (a. u.):

1: -1706.9008428

1-Hg²⁺: -1749.202072

(2) Coordinates of optimized compounds:

1:

Standard orientation:

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
Number	Number	Type	X	Y	Z
1	6	0	4.519706	2.356718	-1.746342
2	6	0	4.345976	1.063757	-1.244472
3	7	0	4.064926	0.851802	0.059037
4	6	0	3.875293	1.893049	0.893120
5	6	0	4.041029	3.211142	0.457634
6	6	0	4.380573	3.441075	-0.877335
7	6	0	4.390483	-0.183646	-2.126363
8	6	0	3.418231	1.549419	2.308751
9	7	0	3.096749	-0.852688	-2.368263
10	6	0	2.444677	-1.601931	-1.268612

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11	6	0	1.437000	-0.739881	-0.457956
12	7	0	0.789534	-1.383385	0.717845
13	6	0	1.641083	-1.843796	1.859664
14	6	0	2.774342	-0.850318	2.183781
15	7	0	2.320977	0.552412	2.269635
16	6	0	-2.447478	-0.549115	0.257552
17	6	0	-3.352793	0.288422	-0.479934
18	6	0	-4.135913	1.269883	0.219821
19	6	0	-3.947424	1.428804	1.579477
20	6	0	-3.048414	0.603002	2.294936
21	6	0	-2.328949	-0.383562	1.664826
22	6	0	-1.710075	-1.499694	-0.487964
23	6	0	-1.846100	-1.666836	-1.839663
24	6	0	-2.711892	-0.812911	-2.558832
25	6	0	-3.431169	0.153704	-1.891130
26	16	0	-0.452578	-2.605808	0.306182
27	8	0	0.008214	-3.636774	-0.830244
28	8	0	-0.938055	-3.189966	1.711802
29	7	0	-5.078485	2.039374	-0.534000
30	6	0	-6.337054	1.316648	-0.868022
31	6	0	-5.339533	3.412480	-0.059653

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32	1	0	4.754889	2.507944	-2.792955
33	1	0	3.891345	4.036069	1.143348
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37	1	0	3.042130	2.459672	2.785377
38	1	0	4.288232	1.200339	2.894476
39	1	0	2.445968	-0.284947	-2.914312
40	1	0	1.912790	-2.469829	-1.670942
41	1	0	3.237589	-1.965837	-0.609241
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43	1	0	0.632082	-0.402463	-1.121805
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47	1	0	3.517207	-0.866347	1.387151
48	1	0	1.627012	0.703081	3.004832
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50	1	0	-2.959178	0.731875	3.367621
51	1	0	-1.707498	-1.072951	2.217729
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60	1	0	-5.864719	3.955832	-0.852307

1-Hg²⁺:

Standard orientation:

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	-5.337218	-2.160886	1.238411
2	6	0	-4.145569	-1.830096	0.596337
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4	6	0	-4.904366	0.393897	0.227631
5	6	0	-6.114901	0.115259	0.859530
6	6	0	-6.350876	-1.193197	1.307261

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