### **Supplementary information**

### for

# A Fluorometric/Colorimetric Dual-channel Hg<sup>2+</sup> Sensor Derived from 4-Amino-7-nitro-benzoxadiazole (ANBD)

## Fluorophore

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of NBD-TAEE in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

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Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of NBD-TAEE in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S3. ESI-MS spectrum of NBD-TAEE.





Figure S6. MS spectrum (EI) of NBD-TAE.



**Figure S7.** UV-vis titration profiles of **NBD-TAEE** (25  $\mu$ M) in acetonitrile containing 5% (v/v) HEPES buffer (20 mM; 50 mM KNO<sub>3</sub>; pH 7.2) according to the absorbance at 513 and 466 nm.



**Figure S8.** Plot of  $1/\Delta A_{466}$  against 1/[M] based on the UV-vis Hg<sup>2+</sup> titration of **NBD-TAEE** ( $\blacksquare$ ). Data are based on the absorbance at 466 nm. The line represents the fitting result via Benesi-Hilderbrand fitting. (R = 0.995).



Figure S9. Emission spectra of NBD-TAEE (a) and NBD-TAE (b) in aqueous acetonitrile (acetonitrile/water: 95/5, v/v) at different pH.



**Figure S10.** Emission spectra of **NBD-TAE** (25  $\mu$ M) in acetonitrile containing 5% (v/v) HEPES buffer (20 mM; 50 mM KNO<sub>3</sub>; pH 7.2) in the presence of different [Hg<sup>2+</sup>]<sub>total</sub>.  $\lambda_{ex}$ , 466 nm. The [Hg<sup>2+</sup>]<sub>total</sub> varies from 0 to 125  $\mu$ M.



**Figure S11.** Emission spectra of **NBD-TAEE** (25  $\mu$ M) in DMSO in the presence of different [Hg<sup>2+</sup>]<sub>total</sub>. [Hg<sup>2+</sup>]<sub>total</sub> increase from 0 to 32.5  $\mu$ M along the arrow.



**Figure S12.** The fluorescent response of **NBD-TAEE** (10  $\mu$ M) in acetonitrile containing 5% (v/v) HEPES buffer (20 mM; 50 mM KNO<sub>3</sub>; pH 7.2) upon the addition of Hg<sup>2+</sup>.