## Supporting information

## for

# A highly selective turn-on fluorescent sensor for fluoride and its application in 

## imaging of living cells

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Linear Regression Data:
$\mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{S} * \mathrm{X}$
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Parameter } & \text { Value } & \text { Error } & \text { R }\end{array}$

A
$\begin{array}{llllll}102.52857 & 8.29516 & 0.99728 & 10.64583 & 8 & <0.0001\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\mathrm{S} & 544630.95238 & 16426.8647\end{array}$

The detection limit (DL) of $\mathrm{F}^{-}$ions using chemosensor $\mathbf{F S}$ was determined from thefollowing equation:

DL $=K * S_{b} / S$
Where $\mathrm{K}=3 ; \mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{b}}$ is the standard deviation of the blank solution; S is the slope of the calibration curve. $\mathrm{DL}=3 * 0.263039 / 544630.95238=1.45 * 10^{-6} \mathrm{M}$

