# **Supporting Information**

## Coumarin-hemicyanine conjugates as novel reaction-based sensors for cyanide detection: convenient synthesis and ICT mechanism

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#### ESI 1. NMR spectra of the sensors



Fig.S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR charts of COC-1 in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>COOD













ESI 2. Mass spectra of the sensors



Fig. S13 The HRMS for COC-1







Fig. S15 The HRMS for COC-3

#### ESI 3. IR of the sensors



Fig. S16 The IR spectrum of COC-1



Fig. S17 The IR spectrum of COC-2



Fig. S18 The IR spectrum of COC-3

### ESI 4. Absorption responses of the sensors toward cyanide





**Fig. 4.** Changes in absorption spectra of the sensors measured upon addition of CN<sup>-</sup>. (a) **COC-1** (10  $\mu$ M); Cyanide concentration ( $\mu$ M): 0, 5, 50, 90, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, respectively; MeCN-buffer (Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>-NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 10.0 mM, pH = 9.4, 1 : 1, v/v); (b) **COC-2** (10  $\mu$ M); Cyanide concentration ( $\mu$ M): 0, 100, 1000, 3000, 5000, 7000, 9000, 10000, 15000, 20000, 25000, 30000, 35000, 40000, 45000, 50000, respectively; MeCN-buffer (Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>-NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 10.0 mM, pH = 9.4, 1 : 1, v/v); (c) **COC-3** (5  $\mu$ M); Cyanide concentration ( $\mu$ M):0, 10, 20, 40, 60, 80, 95, 150, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 900, 1000, 20000, 25000, 30000, 25000, 40000, 40000, 45000, 50000, respectively; MeCN-buffer (Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>-NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 10.0 mM, pH = 9.4, 1 : 1, v/v); (c) **COC-3** (5  $\mu$ M); Cyanide concentration ( $\mu$ M):0, 10, 20, 40, 60, 80, 95, 150, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 900, 1000, 2000, 4000, 6000, 10000, respectively; MeCH-buffer (Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>-NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 10.0 mM, pH = 9.4, 1 : 1, v/v).