## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## A BODIPY derivative as highly selective "Off-On" fluorescent chemosensor for hydrogen sulfate anion

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**Fig. S1.** Job's plot for a 1:1 complex of **1** and  $F^-$ , where the difference in absorbance intensity at 324 nm



Fig. S2 Benesi-Hildebrand plot assuming 1:1 stoichiometry for association between receptor 1 and F<sup>-</sup>.



**Fig. S3.** Job's plot for a 1:1 complex of **1** and  $HSO_4^-$ , where the difference in absorbance intensity at 324 nm.



Fig. S4. Benesi-Hildebrand plot assuming 1:1 stoichiometry for association between receptor 1 and  $HSO_4^-$ .



**Fig. S5.** Optimized structure of sensor 1 and  $1+HSO_4^-$  complex calculated on the DFT level by B3LYP method with the 6-31G\*\*basis set.



**Fig. S6.** Fluorescence spectra of **1** (5.0  $\mu$ M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of HSO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> (50 equiv.) and other anions (X1= F<sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, AcO<sup>-</sup>, ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>; X2= Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, AcO<sup>-</sup>, ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>)



Fig. S7 Fluorescent intensity at 512 nm of sensor 1 and 1+30 equiv. of HSO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (v:v, 1:1) solution with different pH condition.



Fig. S8 Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of receptor **1** on addition of F (TBA salts) in DMSO- $d_6$ : (a) 0 equiv. F; (b) 0.5 equiv. F; (c) 1 equiv. F; (d) 3 equiv. F.



Fig. S9 <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectrum of TBAHSO4 in DMSO-*d6* solvent



Fig. S10 <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectrum of Indole-3-carbaldehyde in DMSO-*d6* solvent



<sup>13</sup>CNMR spectrum of receptor **1** in DMSO-*d6* solvent



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HR MS spectrum of receptor 1