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Mixed Functionalization Strategy on Indium-Organic Framework for Multiple Ions Detection and H₂O₂ Turn-on Sensing

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Experimental Section

Materials and Methods

All purchased reagents and solvents are commercially available and can be used without further purification. The various interference species ($\bullet\text{OH}$, $^1\text{O}_2$, $\text{O}_2^{\bullet-}$, $\text{ROO}\bullet$, $\text{NO}\bullet$) were prepared according to the methods reported earlier.¹ FT-IR spectra (4000–400 cm^{-1}) were collected by ATR using a Nicolet Avatar-360 Infrared spectrometer. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were recorded in the 2θ range of 5–50° using Cu $K\alpha$ radiation with a Shimadzu XRD-6000 X-ray diffractometer. Scan electron microscope (SEM) images were recorded by Rili SU 8000HSD Series Hitachi New Generation Cold Field Emission SEM. UV-vis spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer Lambda 20 spectrometer at room temperature. Elemental analyses were performed on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 automatic analyzer. The thermal analyses were performed on a ZRY-2P thermogravimetric analysis from 40 to 750°C with a heating rate of 10 °C·min⁻¹ under a flow of air. XPS experiments were carried out on a RBD upgraded PHI-5000C ESCA system (Perkin Elmer) with Mg $K\alpha$ radiation ($h\nu = 1253.6$ eV). All the fluorescence spectra were recorded with Edinburgh FLS 920 fluorescence spectrometer equipped with a Peltier-cooled Hamamatsu R928 photomultiplier tube. An Edinburgh Xe900 450 W xenon arc lamp was used as an exciting light source. The average fluorescence lifetime $\langle\tau\rangle$ of **In1-NH₂** was

calculated according to the following equation: $\langle\tau\rangle = \frac{\tau_1^2 A_1 \% + \tau_2^2 A_2 \%}{\tau_1 A_1 \% + \tau_2 A_2 \%}$. The

fluorescent quantum yield was measured with a G8 integration sphere (GMP SA, Switzerland) from the Edinburgh FLS 920 fluorescence spectrometer.

Single-Crystal X-Ray Crystal Structure Determination

The X-ray diffraction data of **In1-NH₂** was collected on a Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID IP diffractometer equipped with graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) at room temperature. The structure of **In1-NH₂** was solved by direct method and refined on F^2 by the full-matrix least squares using the SHELXTL-97 crystallographic software. Anisotropic thermal parameters were refined to all of the non-hydrogen atoms. The hydrogen atoms were held in calculated ideal positions on carbon atoms and nitrogen atoms in ligands and that were directly included in the molecular formula on water molecules. The amino group can be in any of the four equivalent positions. The chemical formulas were determined by the combination of single crystal data, TGA results and elemental analysis. The CCDC 2008844 contains the crystallographic data **In1-NH₂** of this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/deposit. Crystal structure data and details of the data collection and the structure refinement are listed as Table S1, selected bond lengths and bond angles of **In1-NH₂** are listed as Table S2.

Synthesis of **In1-NH₂**

A mixture of In(NO₃)₃•H₂O (47.82 mg, 0.15 mmol) and H₂BDC-NH₂ (18.12 mg, 0.10 mmol) was dissolved in H₂O solvent (8.00 mL) in a Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave (23 mL), which was heated for 72 h at 120°C. And then after the mixture was slowly cooled down to the room temperature, yellow crystals with block shape were obtained (yield: 56.3%, based on indium metal). Anal. calcd (%) for

$C_8H_6InO_5N$ ($M_r = 310.96$): C, 30.89; H, 1.93; N, 4.51. Found: C, 31.91; H, 1.98; N, 4.46. IR data (ATR, cm^{-1}): 3620 (w), 3474 (s), 3374 (s), 2633 (w), 2360 (m), 2341 (v), 1625 (w), 1560 (s), 1493 (m), 1428 (s), 1383 (s), 1334 (w), 1300 (w), 1255 (s), 1231 (w), 1157 (w), 1120 (w), 1018 (w), 893 (m), 865 (m), 827 (m), 764 (s), 696 (w), 580 (w), 525 (w), 432 (w) (Fig. S4).

Synthesis of PBA-In1

PBA-In1 was generated based on the classical method for preparing amides. Firstly, CPBA (0.2 g, 4-carboxyl phenylboronic acid) was dissolved in a beaker with 20 mL DMSO. Then, EDC (0.04 g, 1-(3-dimethyl aminopropyl)-3-ethyl carbodiimide hydrochloride) and NHS (0.08 g, N-hydroxy succinimide) were added into the solution in order, followed by ultrasonic treatment for 20 minutes. Subsequently, the fresh sample of **In1-NH₂** (0.1 g) was added into the solution, and a further ultrasonic treatment was carried out for 30 minutes to realize a uniform mixture. After the reaction at 37°C for 36 h, the **PBA-In1** sample was obtained by washing the product with ethanol and the deionized water for four times, and drying at 100°C. IR data (ATR, cm^{-1}): 3595 (w), 3302 (w), 3116 (m), 2360 (m), 2341 (v), 1683 (s), 1619 (w), 1543 (s), 1420 (s), 1373 (s), 1325 (m), 1242 (m), 1205 (w), 1156 (s), 1127 (w), 1095 (w), 1077 (w), 1051 (m), 996 (w), 951 (w), 887 (m), 792 (m), 759 (s), 694 (w), 566 (w), 494 (s) (Fig. S4).

Fluorescent sensing experiments

Fresh sample of **In1-NH₂** (10 mg) was ground and added into the deionized water

(100 mL) followed by the ultrasonic treatment for 10 minutes to form a stable aqueous suspension.

For the heavy metal ions detection, the fluorescence response of **In1-NH₂** to various metal ions were firstly investigated (each analyte concentration was 1 mM). Obviously, Fe³⁺, Cu²⁺ and Pb²⁺ could greatly quench the fluorescence of **In1-NH₂**. Subsequently, the fluorescence response of **In1-NH₂** to Fe³⁺, Cu²⁺ and Pb²⁺ was further investigated (the concentration ranged from 0 to 0.5 mM). And **In1-NH₂** might be a good candidate to monitor heavy metal ions. All the fluorescence emission spectrum measured at an excitation wavelength of 350 nm.

For the ClO⁻ detection, equal volume ClO⁻ aqueous solution with different concentrations were mixed with 2 mL above **In1-NH₂** suspension, and the concentration of ClO⁻ ranged from 0 to 0.32 mM. Subsequently, the concentration dependent fluorescence emission spectra were measured under the excitation wavelength of 350 nm. In order to evaluate the detection selectivity, different competitive ions (such as C₂O₄²⁻, CH₃COO⁻, Br⁻, Cl⁻, F⁻, I⁻, ClO₄⁻, NO₃⁻, SO₃²⁻ and SO₄²⁻), were separately added to the 2 mL above solution (each analyte concentration was 1 mM). And then, all the fluorescence emission spectra of these mixtures were measured before and after further adding 0.32 mM ClO⁻ solution.

The as-prepared **PBA-In1** (10 mg) was ground and added into HEPES buffer solution (100 mL, 10 mM, pH 7.4) followed by the ultrasonic treatment for 10 minutes to form a stable aqueous suspension.

For the H₂O₂ detection, equal volume H₂O₂ aqueous solutions with different concentrations were added into 2 mL above **PBA-In1** suspension. After 10 minutes of ultrasonic treatment, the concentration dependent fluorescence emission spectra were measured under the excitation wavelength of 350 nm. Furthermore, to evaluate the detection selectivity, different interferences [including hydroxyl radical (\bullet OH), singlet oxygen (1 O₂), superoxide anion (O₂^{•-}), alkyl peroxide (ROO \bullet), nitric oxide (NO \bullet)] were respectively added into 2 mL above **PBA-In1** suspension (each analyte concentration was 80 μ M). Subsequently, these mixtures were thoroughly stirred for three minutes and form stable suspensions for measuring fluorescence emission spectra at an excitation wavelength of 350 nm. And then, all the fluorescence emission spectra of these mixtures were measured again after further adding equal H₂O₂ solution.

Table S1. Crystallographic data and structural refinements of **In1-NH₂**.

| Identification code | In1-NH ₂ |
|--|---|
| Empirical formula | C ₈ H ₆ InNO ₅ |
| CCDC | 2008844 |
| Formula weight | 310.96 |
| Crystal system | Orthorhombic |
| Space group | Imma |
| a (Å) | 18.2629(6) |
| b (Å) | 7.1950(3) |
| c (Å) | 12.0467(4) |
| α (°) | 90.00 |
| β (°) | 90.00 |
| γ (°) | 90.00 |
| V (Å ³) | 1582.96(10) |
| Z | 4 |
| Dc/(g cm ⁻³) | 1.305 |
| μ (Mo Kα)/(mm ⁻¹) | 1.493 |
| F(000) | 600 |
| θ range (°) | 3.298–24.982 |
| Limiting indices | -21 ≤ h ≤ 20 -6 ≤ k ≤ 8 -13 ≤ l ≤ 14 |
| Data/Restraints/Parameters | 751 / 6 / 48 |
| GOF on F ² | 1.162 |
| ^a R ₁ | 0.0500 |
| ^b wR ₂ | 0.1355 |
| R1 | 0.0605 |
| wR2 | 0.1438 |
| Largest diff peak, hole (e Å ⁻³) | 1.972, -1.087 |

$$^a R_1 = \sum |F_o| - |F_c| / \sum F_o; ^b wR_2 = [\sum [w (F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w (F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2}.$$

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) of **In1-NH₂**.

| In1-NH₂ | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| In(1)-O(1) | 2.084(5) | In(1)-O(1)#1 | 2.084(5) |
| In(1)-O(2) | 2.141(5) | In(1)-O(2)#1 | 2.141(5) |
| In(1)-O(2)#2 | 2.141(5) | In(1)-O(2)#3 | 2.141(5) |
| O(1)-In(1)-O(1)#1 | 180.0 | O(1)-In(1)-O(2)#2 | 88.2(2) |
| O(1)#1-In(1)-O(2)#2 | 91.8(2) | O(1)-In(1)-O(2)#3 | 91.8(2) |
| O(1)#1-In(1)-O(2)#3 | 88.2(2) | O(2)#2-In(1)-O(2)#3 | 180.0(3) |
| O(1)-In(1)-O(2)#1 | 91.8(2) | O(1)#1-In(1)-O(2)#1 | 88.2(2) |
| O(2)#2-In(1)-O(2)#1 | 86.3(4) | O(2)#3-In(1)-O(2)#1 | 93.7(4) |
| O(1)-In(1)-O(2) | 88.2(2) | O(1)#1-In(1)-O(2) | 91.8(2) |
| O(2)#2-In(1)-O(2) | 93.7(4) | O(2)#3-In(1)-O(2) | 86.3(4) |
| O(2)#1-In(1)-O(2) | 180.0 | | |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x,-y,-z+1 #2 -x,y,z #3 x,-y,-z+1 #4 -x,-y-1/2,z #5 x,-y+1/2,z #6 -x+1/2,y+0,-z+1/2

Table S3. Standard deviation and limit of detection calculation of **In1-NH₂**.

| No. | Fluorescence Intensity (I_{429}) of In1-NH ₂ in H ₂ O | $I_0/I-1$ |
|---|--|-----------|
| 1 | 3139.34 a.u. | 0 |
| 2 | 3123.58 a.u. | 0.00505 |
| 3 | 3136.63 a.u. | 0.00086 |
| 4 | 3133.52 a.u. | 0.00186 |
| 5 | 3129.08 a.u. | 0.00328 |
| Standard Deviation (σ) | -- | 0.00158 |

Table S4. Standard deviation and limit of detection calculation of **PBA-In1**.

| No. | Fluorescence Intensity (I_{429}) of PBA-In1 in H ₂ O | I/I_0 |
|-----|--|---------|
| 1 | 997.48 a.u. | 1 |
| 2 | 993.02 a.u. | 0.99553 |
| 3 | 994.77 a.u. | 0.99728 |
| 4 | 998.83 a.u. | 1.00135 |
| 5 | 996.56 a.u. | 0.99908 |

Standard
Deviation (σ)

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0.00204

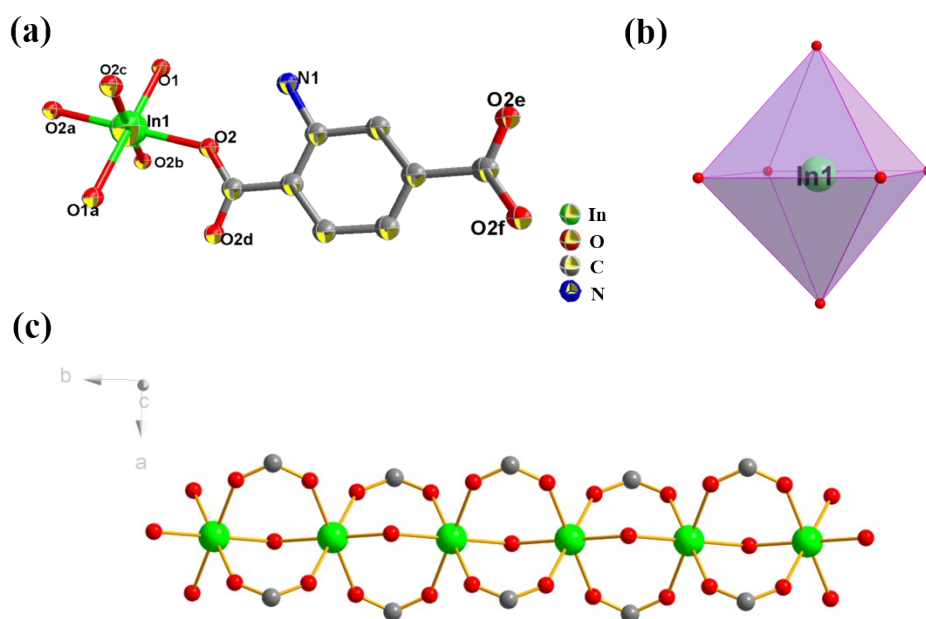
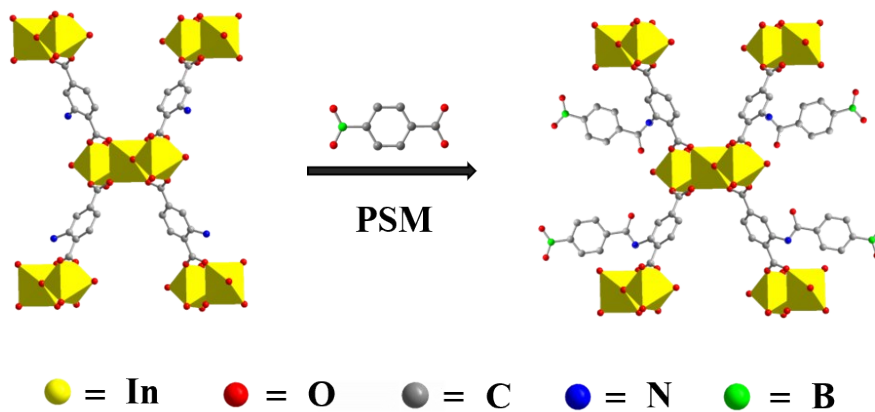


Fig. S1. (a) The asymmetric structural unit of **In1-NH₂**; (b) Octahedron geometry of In^{3+} in **In1-NH₂**. (c) The 1D chain along the *b* axis.



Scheme S1. Synthesis Process of **PBA-In1**.

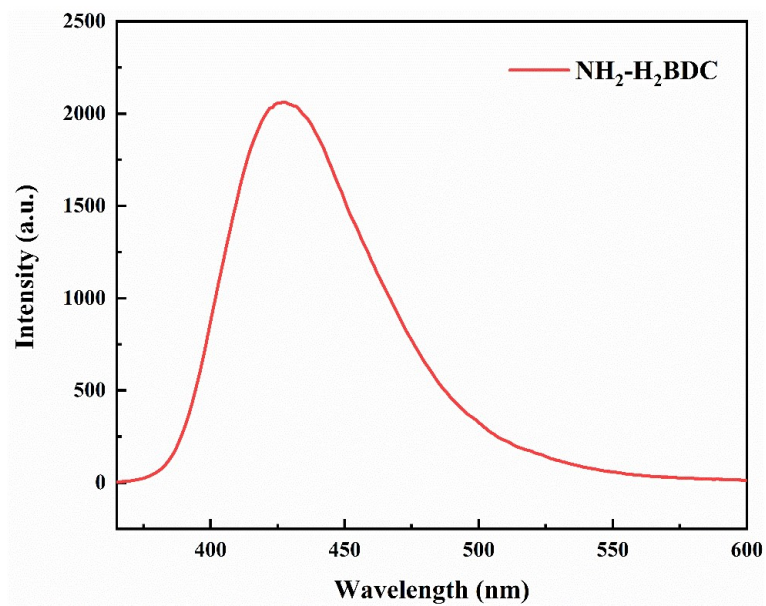


Fig. S2. Fluorescence emission spectra of NH₂-H₂BDC under excitation at 350 nm.

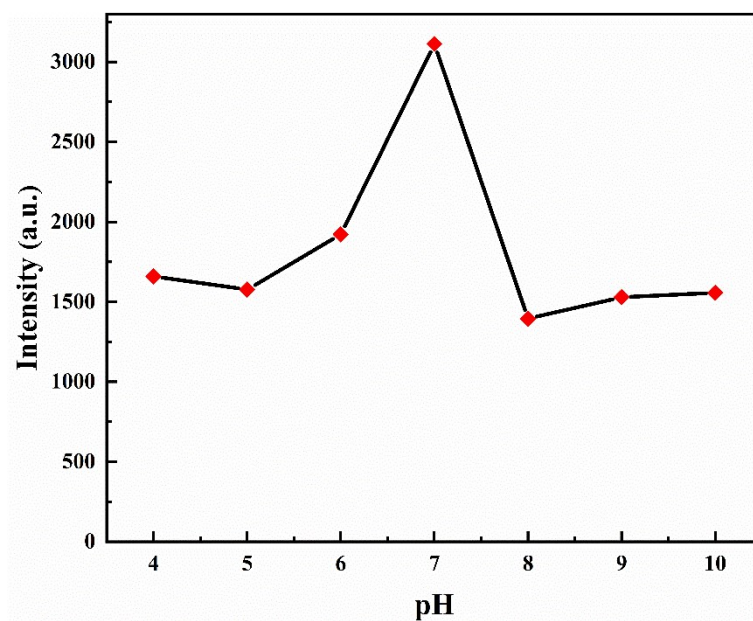


Fig. S3. The effect of different pH on the fluorescence intensity of In1-NH₂.

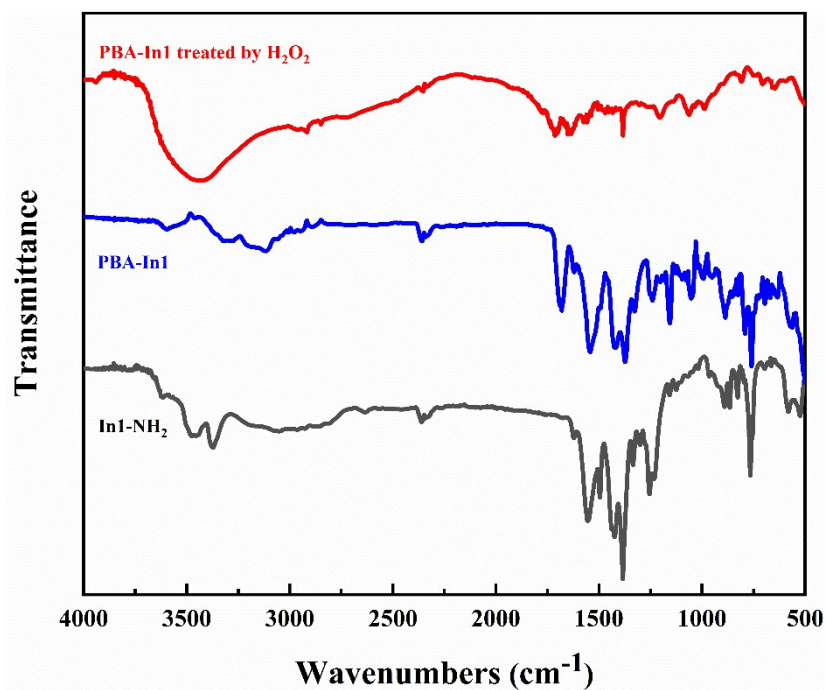


Fig. S4. FT-IR spectra of In1-NH₂, PBA-In1, and PBA-In1 treated by H₂O₂.

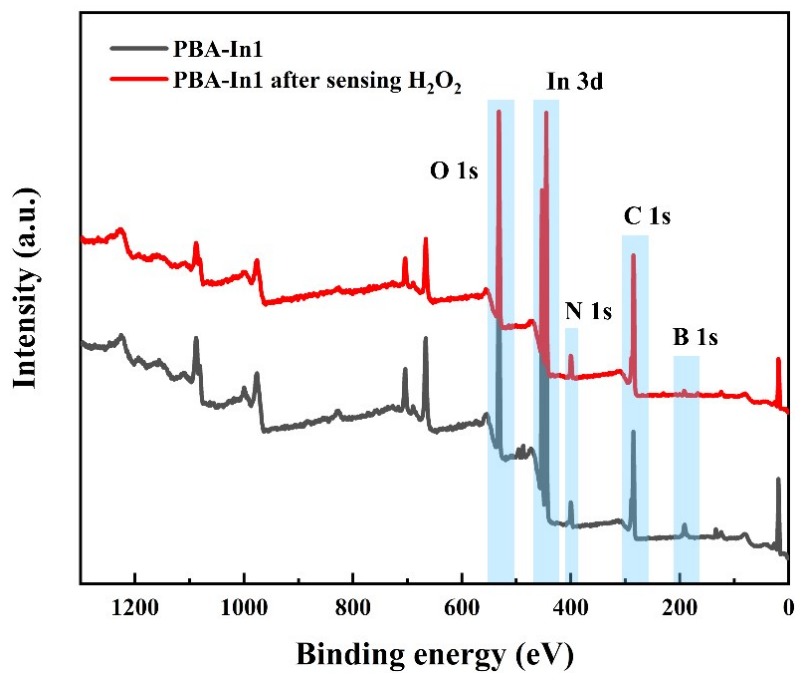


Fig. S5. XPS spectra of PBA-In1 and PBA-In1 treated by H₂O₂.

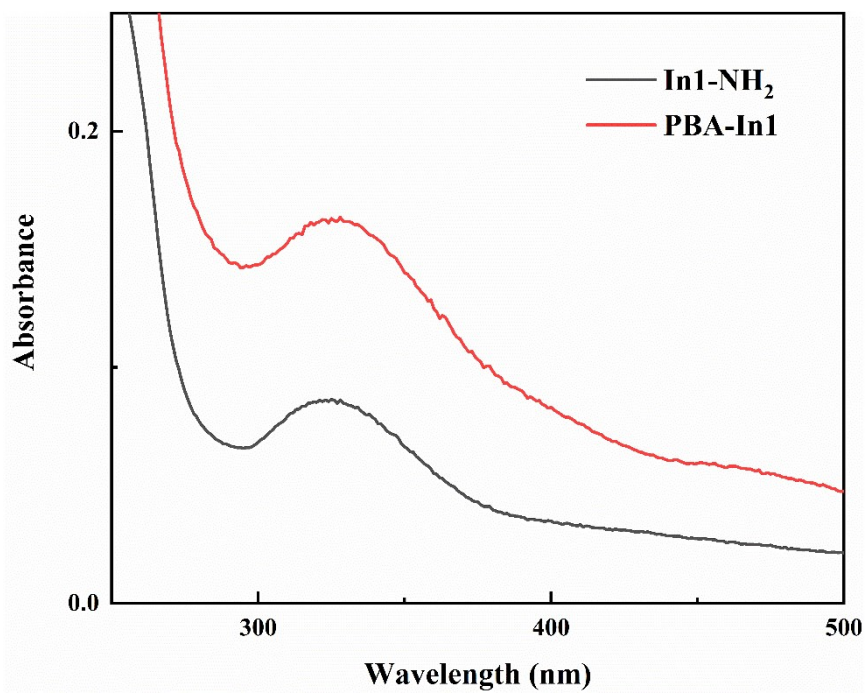


Fig. S6. UV-vis absorption spectra of the pure **In1-NH₂** and **PBA-In1** composites.

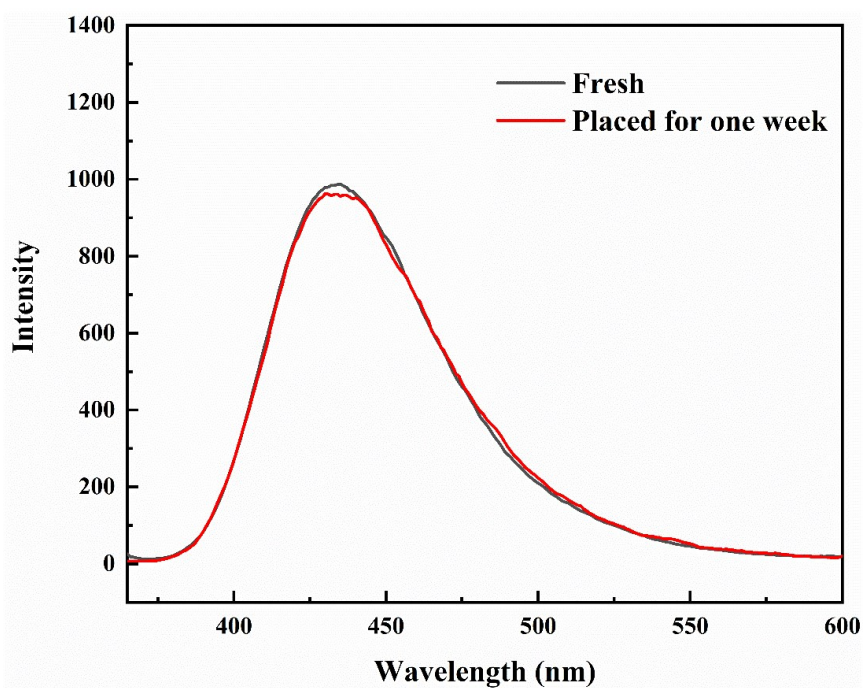


Fig. S7. Fluorescence emission spectrum of the **PBA-In1** and placed for one week under excitation at 350 nm.

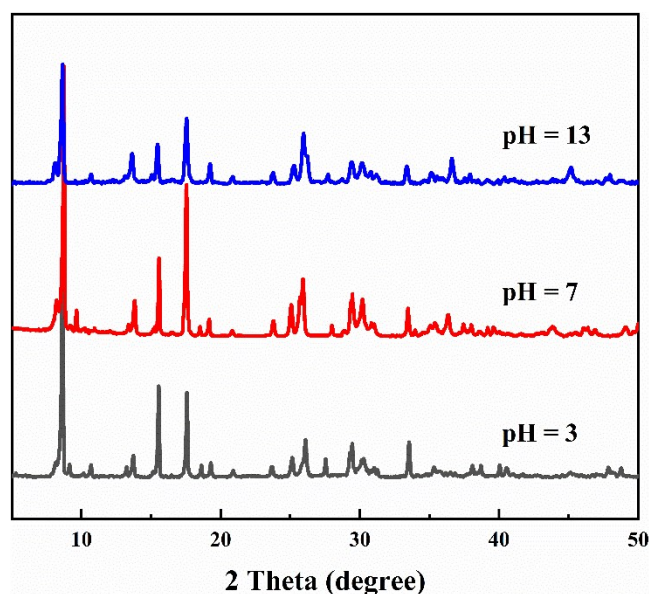


Figure S8. PXRD patterns of **PBA-In1** treated by water, acidic and basic aqueous solutions.

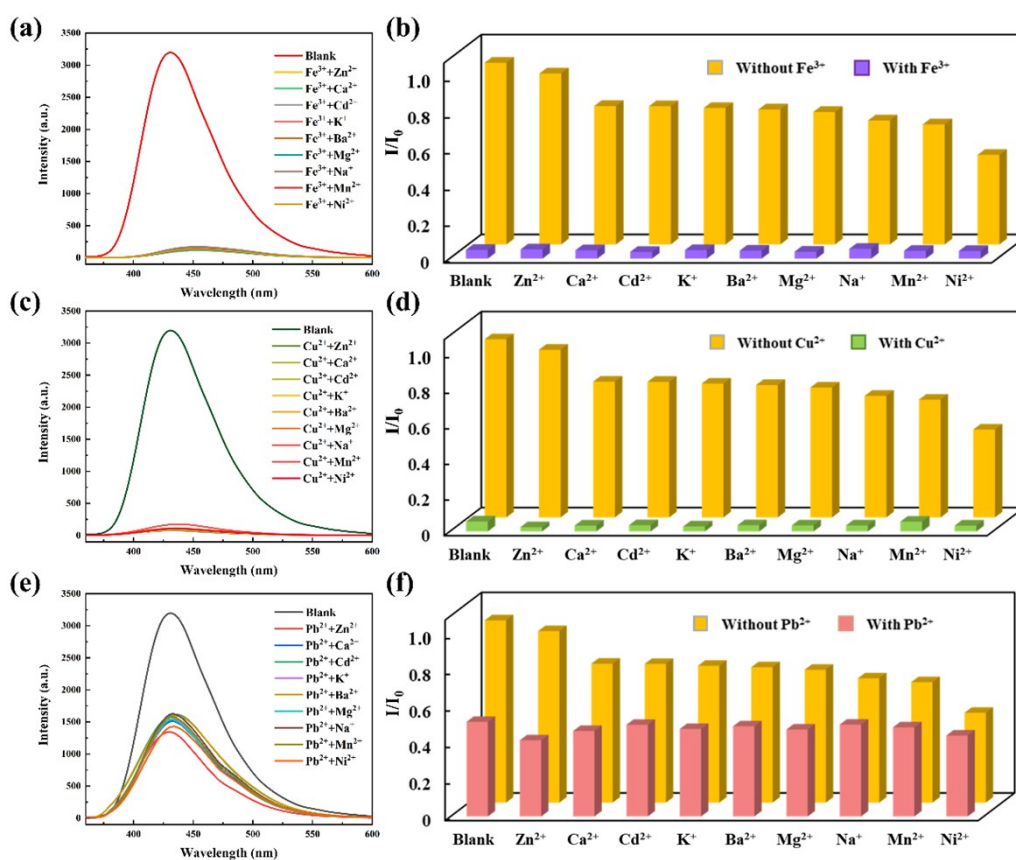


Fig. S9. (a, c and e) Emission spectra of **In1-NH₂** treated by **Fe³⁺**, **Cu²⁺** and **Pb²⁺** with coexisting cations, respectively. (b, d and f) The anti-interference ability of probe **In1-NH₂** towards various interferences.

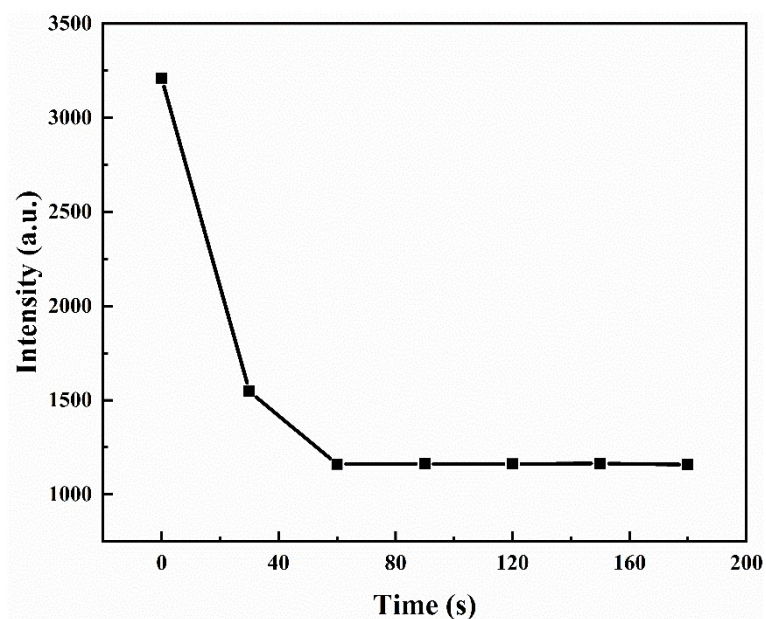


Fig. S10. The change of fluorescence intensity of **In1-NH₂** towards addition of **ClO⁻** (0.16 mM).

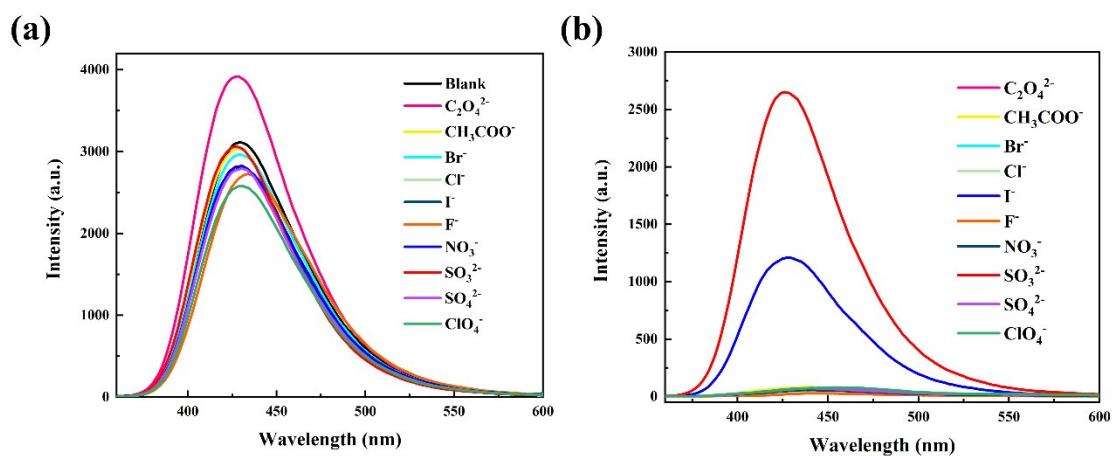


Fig. S11. (a) Emission spectra of **In1-NH₂** with various anions. (b) Emission spectra of **In1-NH₂** treated by **ClO⁻** with coexisting anions.

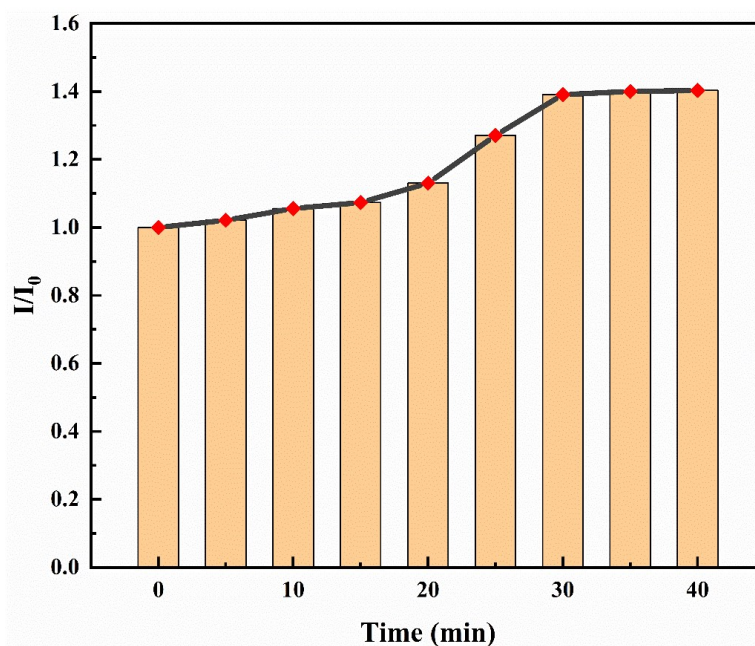


Fig. S12. Fluorescence intensity ratio of the **PBA-In1** towards addition of H_2O_2 ($25 \mu\text{M}$).

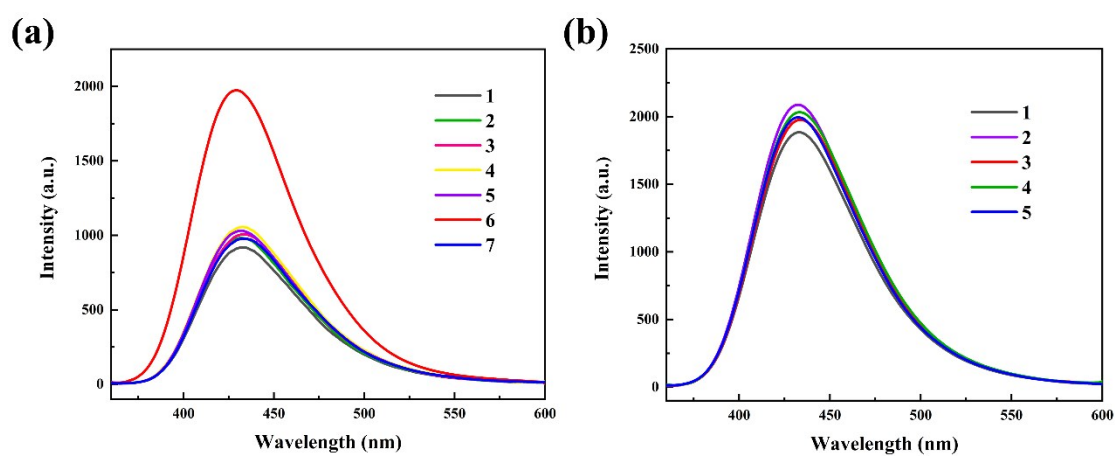


Fig. S13. (a) Emission spectra of **PBA-In1** with various interference species (1: $\cdot\text{OH}$; 2: $^1\text{O}_2$; 3: $\text{O}_2^{\cdot-}$; 4: $\text{ROO}\cdot$; 5: $\text{NO}\cdot$; 6: H_2O_2 ; 7: origin;). (b) Emission spectra of **PBA-In1** treated by H_2O_2 with coexisting interferences 1~5.

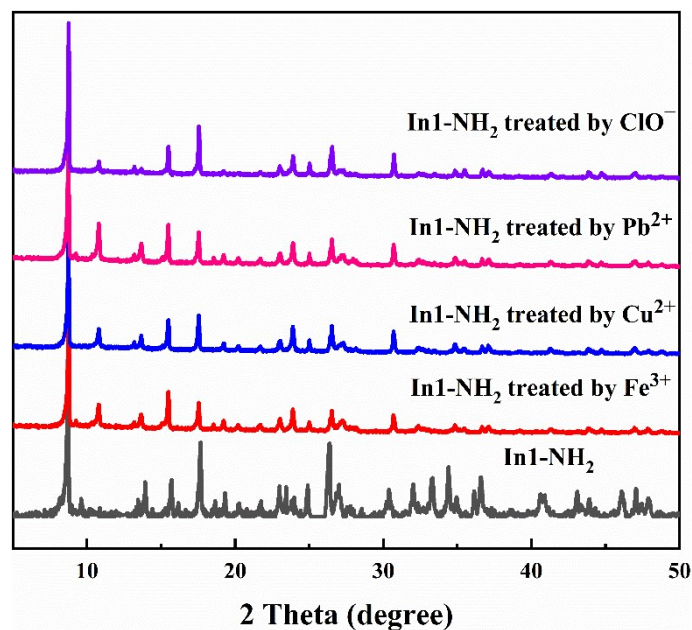


Fig. S14. PXRD patterns of In1-NH₂ and In1-NH₂ treated by different heavy metal ions and ClO⁻.

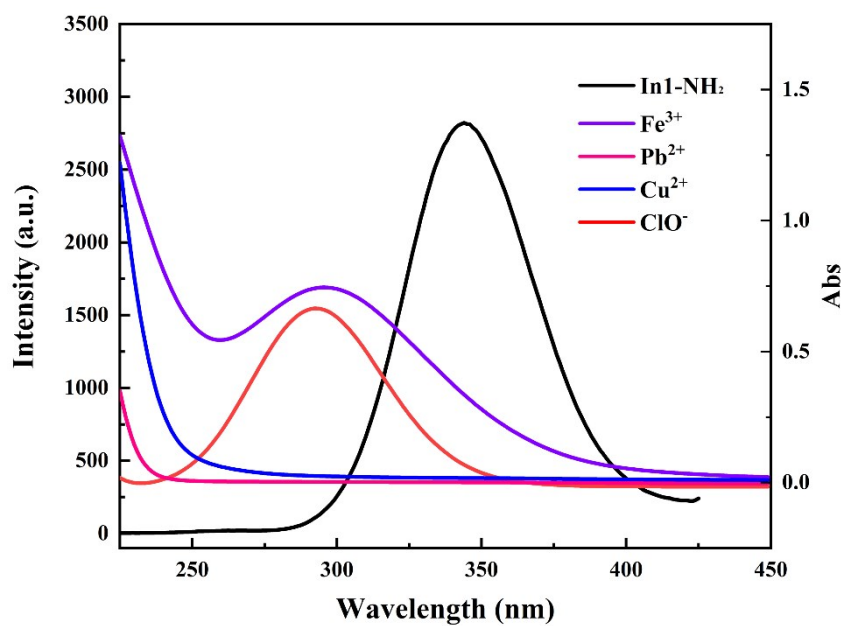


Fig. S15. UV-Vis absorption spectra of various heavy metal ions and ClO⁻ and the excitation spectrum of In1-NH₂.

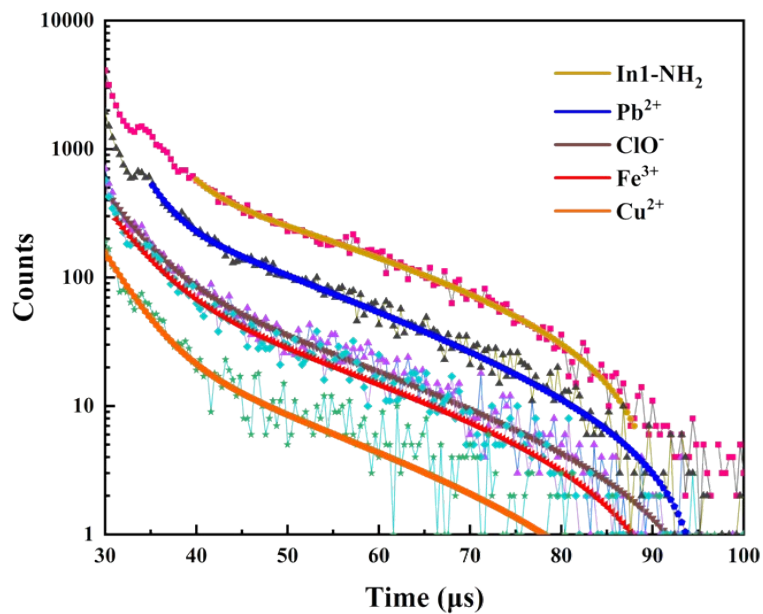


Fig. S16. The fluorescent lifetime of In1-NH₂ and In1-NH₂ treated by different heavy metal ions and ClO⁻.

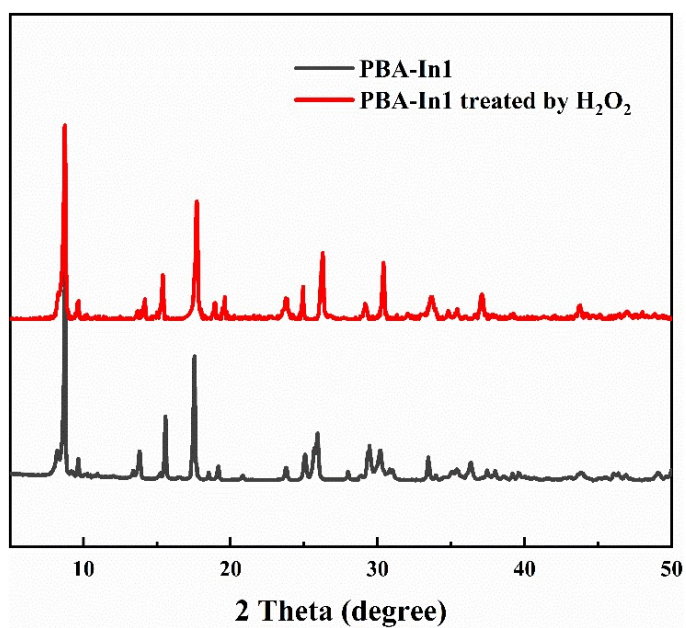


Fig. S17. PXRD patterns of PBA-In1 and PBA-In1 treated by H₂O₂.

Table S5. Comparison of the limit of detection (LOD) for the heavy metal ions sensing by materials reported till date using different analytical methods.

| No. | Material | Limit of Detection (LOD) (μM) | Analytical Method | Reference |
|-----|----------------------------|---|-------------------|-----------|
| 1 | MIL-101-NH ₂ | 1.80 μM for Fe ³⁺ ; 1.60 μM for Cu ²⁺ ; 5.20 μM for Pb ²⁺ | fluorescence | 2 |
| 2 | pyridine-2,6-dicarboxamide | 1.49 μM for Cu ²⁺ ; 2.31 μM for Pb ²⁺ | fluorescence | 3 |
| 3 | QMNPS | 2.0 μM for Cu ²⁺ ; 1.6 μM for Pb ²⁺ | NMR | 4 |
| 4 | APA-Rh | 0.91 μM for Fe ³⁺ ; 1.04 μM for Cu ²⁺ | fluorescence | 5 |
| 5 | C1 | 0.41 μM for Fe ³⁺ ; 0.293 μM for Cu ²⁺ | colorimetry | 6 |
| 6 | N-CQDs | 0.173 μM for Fe ³⁺ ; 0.16 μM for Cu ²⁺ | fluorescence | 7 |
| 7 | In1-NH ₂ | 0.11 μM for Fe ³⁺ ; 0.14 μM for Cu ²⁺ ; 1.15 μM for Pb ²⁺ | fluorescence | This work |

QMNPs = quercetin-coated Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles; APA-Rh = arylpropenone azo dye appended rhodamine-based dual chemosensor; C1 = indole[2,3-a]carbazole-based Schiff base; N-CQDs = nitrogen-doped carbon quantum dots.

Table S6. Comparison of the LOD for the ClO⁻ sensing by materials reported till date using different analytical methods.

| No. | Material | Limit of Detection (LOD) (μM) | Analytical Method | Reference |
|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1 | CGB | 10.67 | fluorescence | 8 |
| 2 | BK | 7.65 | fluorescence | 9 |
| 3 | PYCN | 2.83 | fluorescence | 10 |
| 4 | N-CQDs | 1.47 | fluorescence | 11 |
| 5 | NCS-BOD-OCH ₃ | 1.15 | fluorescence | 12 |
| 6 | P1 | 0.92 | fluorescence | 13 |
| 7 | In1-NH ₂ | 0.64 | fluorescence | This work |

CGB = N-(1,3-dioxo-1H-benzo[de]isoquinolin-2(3H)-yl)-3-hydroxy-2-naphthamide; BK = (E)-2-((acridine-9-ylimino)methyl)-N-benzhydrylhydrazine-1-carbothioamide; PYCN = pyrene-based Schiffbase derivative; N-CQDs = nitrogen-doped carbon quantum dots; NCS-BOD-OCH₃ = near-infrared BODIPY-based probe; P1 = two-photon polysiloxane-based reversible probe.

Table S7. Comparison of the LOD for the H₂O₂ sensing by materials reported till date using different analytical methods.

| No. | Material | Limit of Detection (LOD) (μM) | Analytical Method | Reference |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1 | FePt-Au HNPs | 12.33 | fluorescence | 14 |
| 2 | Co-MOF | 3.76 | electrochemistry | 15 |
| 3 | Hemin@HKUST-1 | 2.0 | chemiluminescence | 16 |
| 4 | Fe@PCN-224 | 1.6 | colorimetry | 17 |
| 5 | ZIF-67/rGO/GCE | 1.57 | electrochemistry | 18 |
| 6 | 3AMBA-HRP-SWCNT | 0.85 | fluorescence | 19 |
| 7 | PBA-In1 | 0.42 | fluorescence | This work |

FePt-Au HNPs = FePt-Au ternary metallic hybrid nanoparticles; rGO = reduced graphene oxide, GCE = glassy carbon electrode; 3AMBA = 3-aminophenylboronic acid, HRP = horseradish peroxidase, SWCNT = single-wall carbon nanotubes.

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