

## A benzothiazole-based new fluorogenic ratiometric chemosensor for CN<sup>-</sup> and its real time application in environmental water samples and living cells

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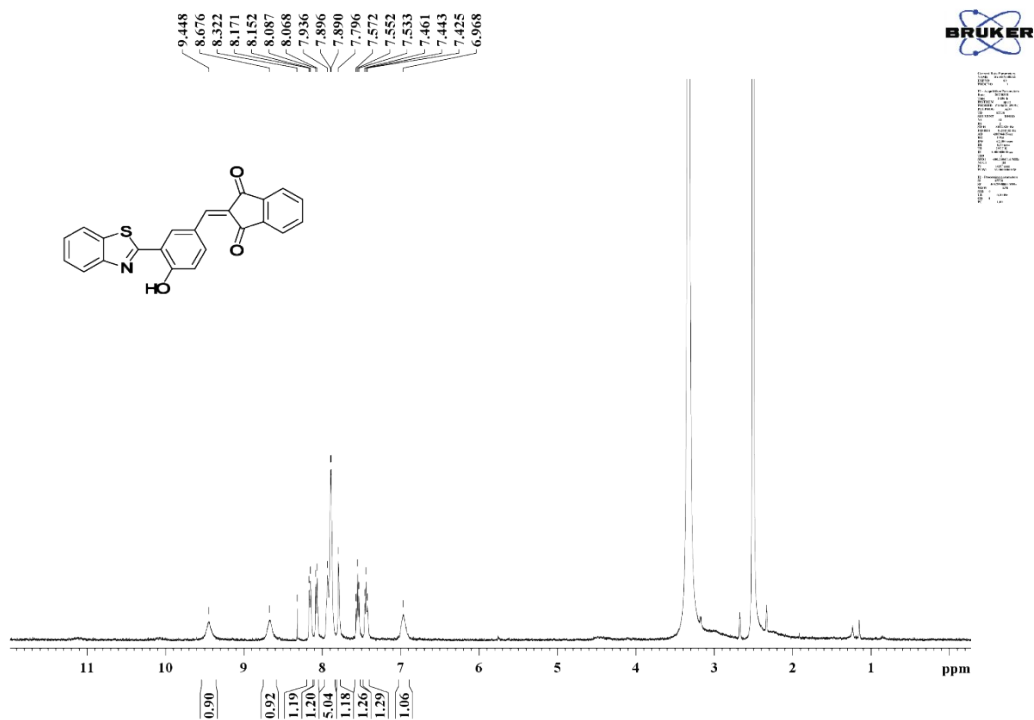


Fig S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of BID.

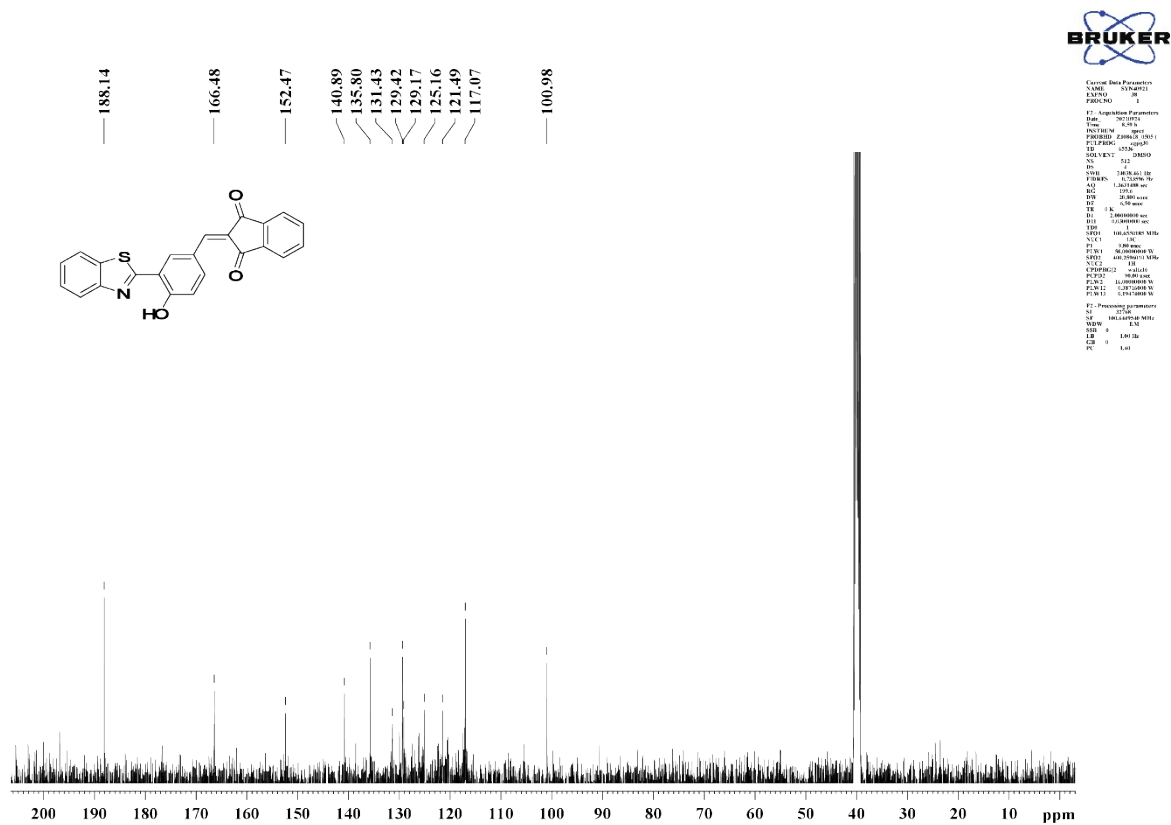
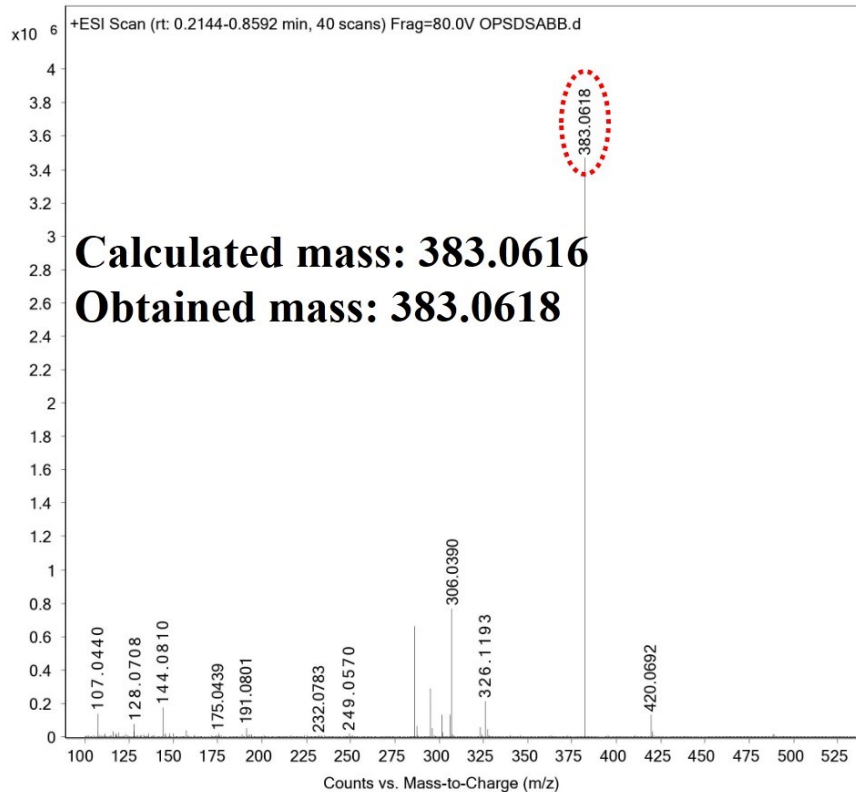
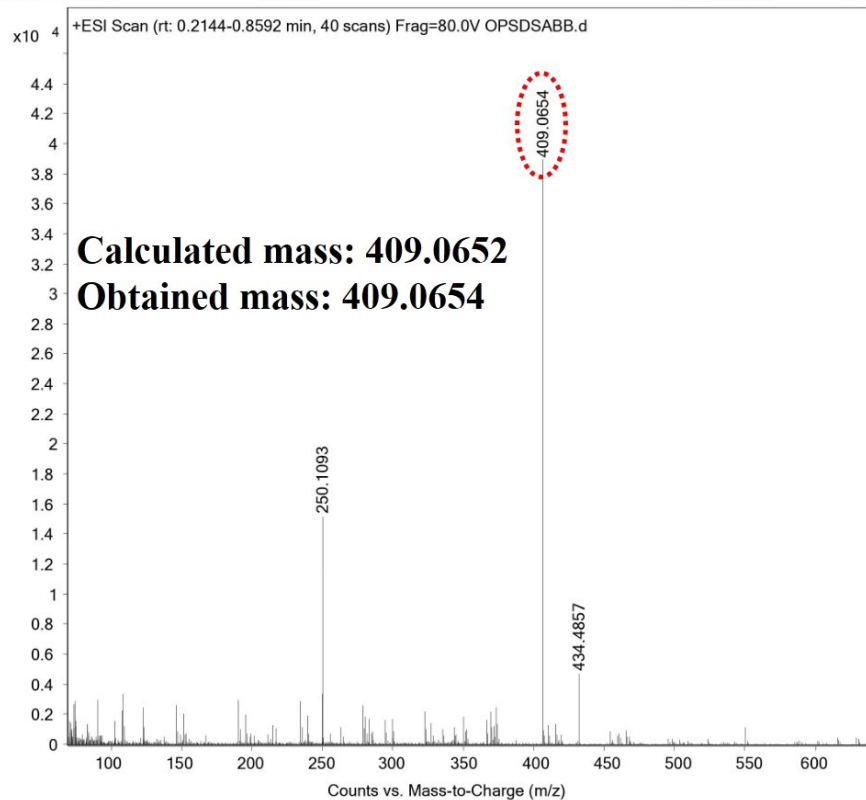


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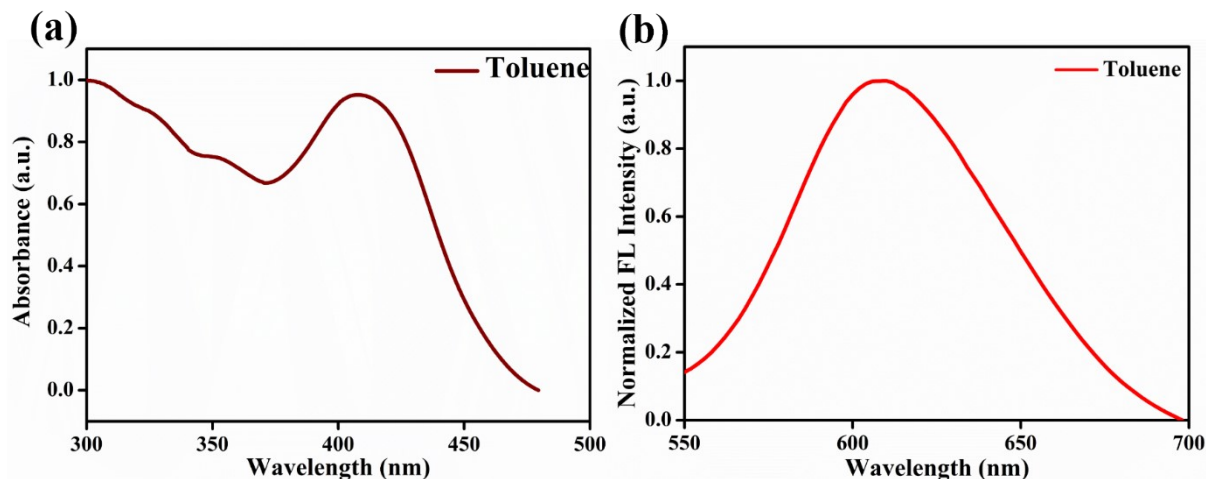
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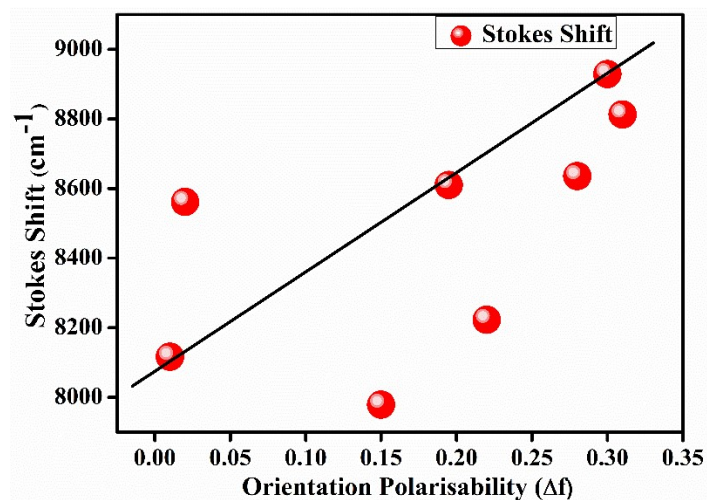
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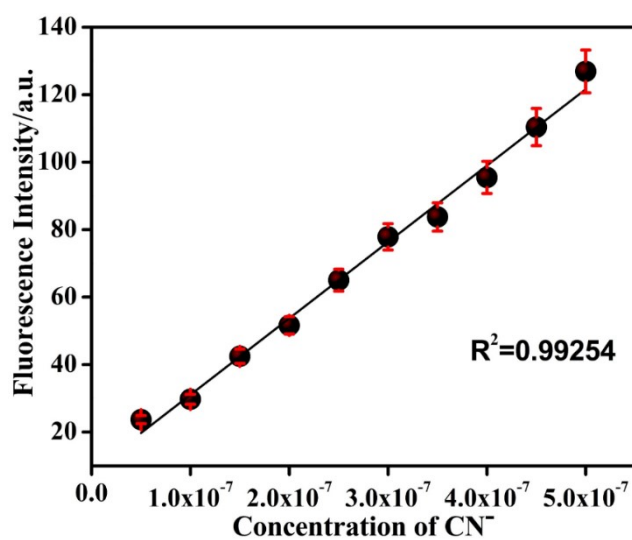
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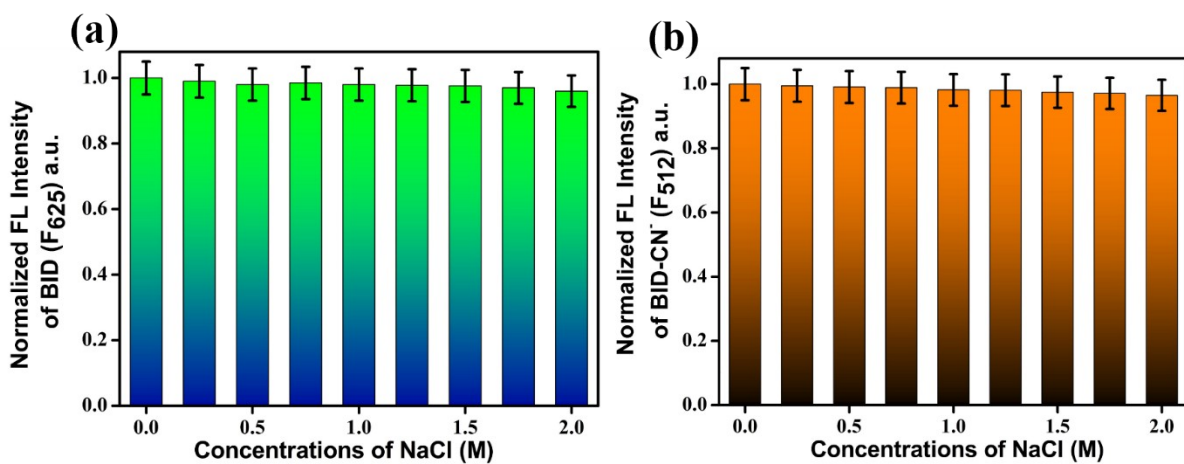
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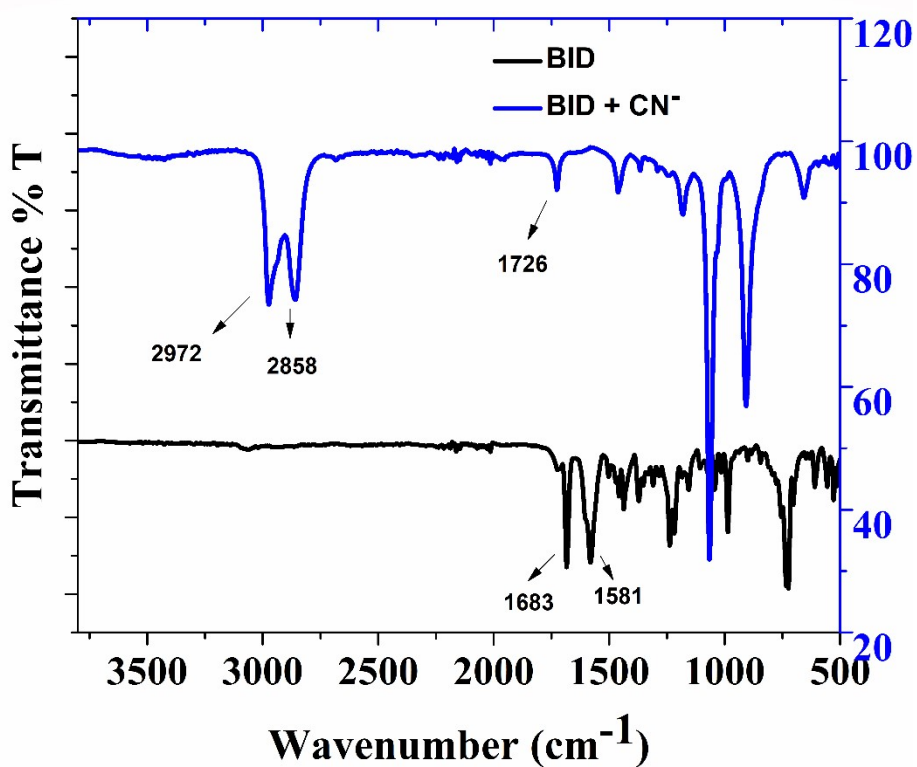
### LOD Calculation

Formula =  $3\sigma/\text{slope}$   
 Standard deviation=0.45  
 Slope= $2.26 \times 10^8$   
 LOD=  $5.97 \times 10^{-9}$  or 5.97nM

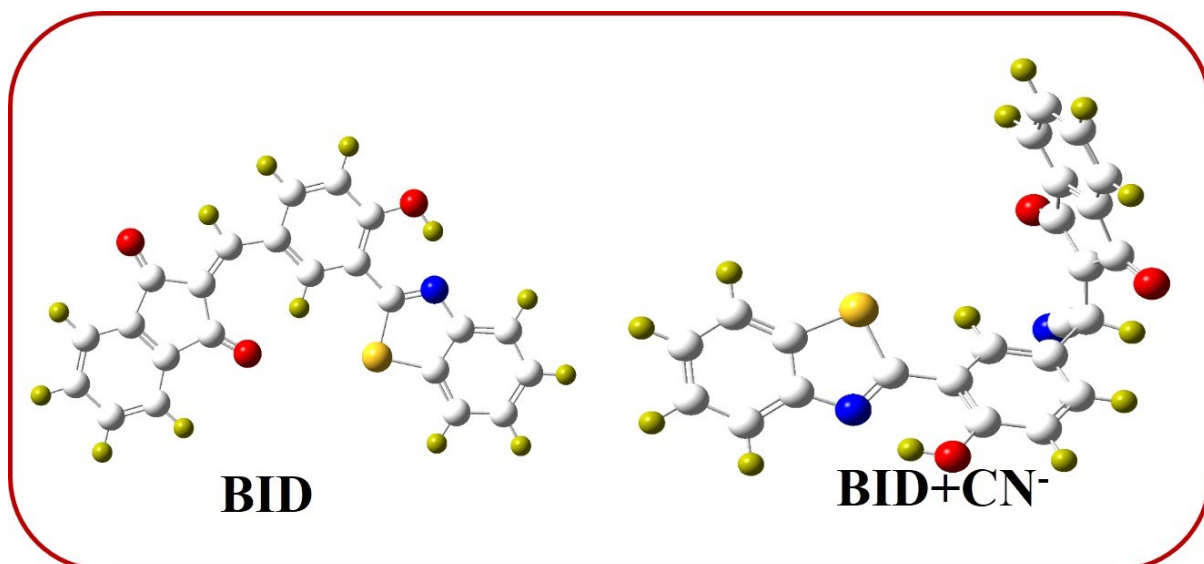
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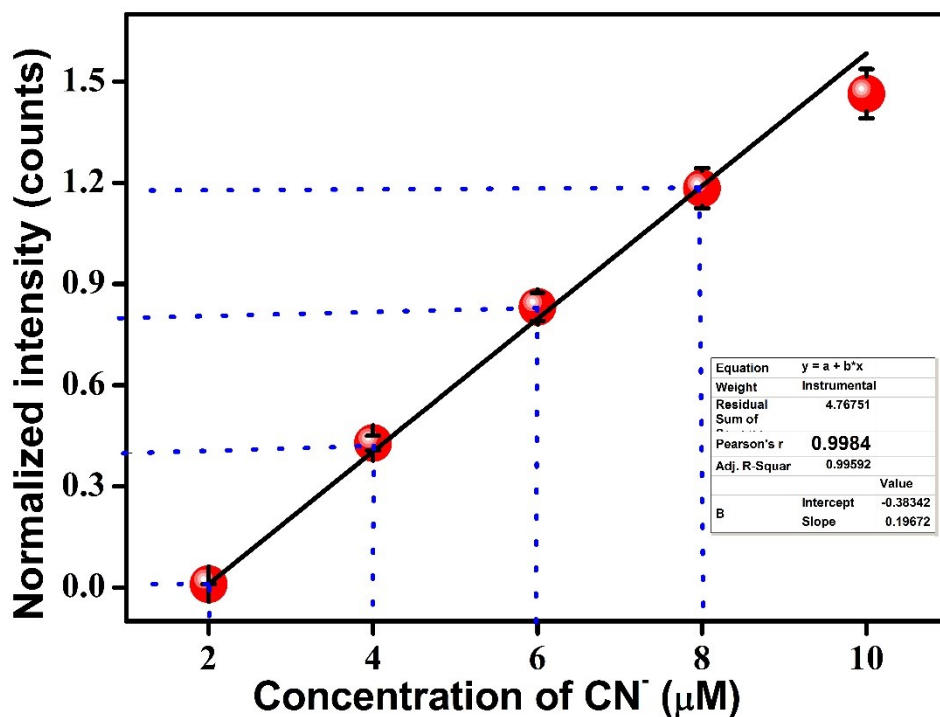


**Fig S9** The entire geometry optimizations structure of **BID** and **BID+CN<sup>-</sup>** determined by DFT/B3LYP methods.

**Table S1** Oscillator strengths of important transitions for the **BID** and **BID + CN<sup>-</sup>** determined by DFT/B3LYP methods.

Entry	$\lambda$ max(nM)	Oscillatory strength	$\Delta E$ , Energy(eV)	Selected major transitions
	406.01	0.6990	18.5502	H $\rightarrow$ L (46%)
<b>BID</b>	369.07	0.0152	18.2996	H $\rightarrow$ L <sub>1</sub> (45%)
	358.11	0.3577	18.2275	H <sub>1</sub> $\rightarrow$ L (44%)
	334.77	0.3059	18.1976	H $\rightarrow$ L <sub>2</sub> (44%)
	293.94	0.3140	17.3404	H <sub>2</sub> $\rightarrow$ L <sub>2</sub> (40%)
	265.85	0.1932	7.8540	H $\rightarrow$ L <sub>3</sub> 16%)
	298.45	0.0034	15.8748	H <sub>4</sub> $\rightarrow$ L (34%)
<b>BID+ CN<sup>-</sup></b>	345.19	0.0015	6.7614	H <sub>3</sub> $\rightarrow$ L <sub>1</sub> (12.3%)
	355.94	0.0005	3.5042	H $\rightarrow$ L (6.7%)
	355.94	0.0005	8.2374	H <sub>2</sub> $\rightarrow$ L (18.2%)
	360.29	0.0001	4.6482	H <sub>1</sub> $\rightarrow$ L <sub>1</sub> (11.6%)
	599.36	0.0076	2.7380	H <sub>4</sub> $\rightarrow$ L (4.1%)
	421.60	0.0005	2.9510	H <sub>1</sub> $\rightarrow$ L <sub>4</sub> (4.7%)
	415.73	0.0026	3.0509	H <sub>5</sub> $\rightarrow$ L <sub>2</sub> (5.0%)

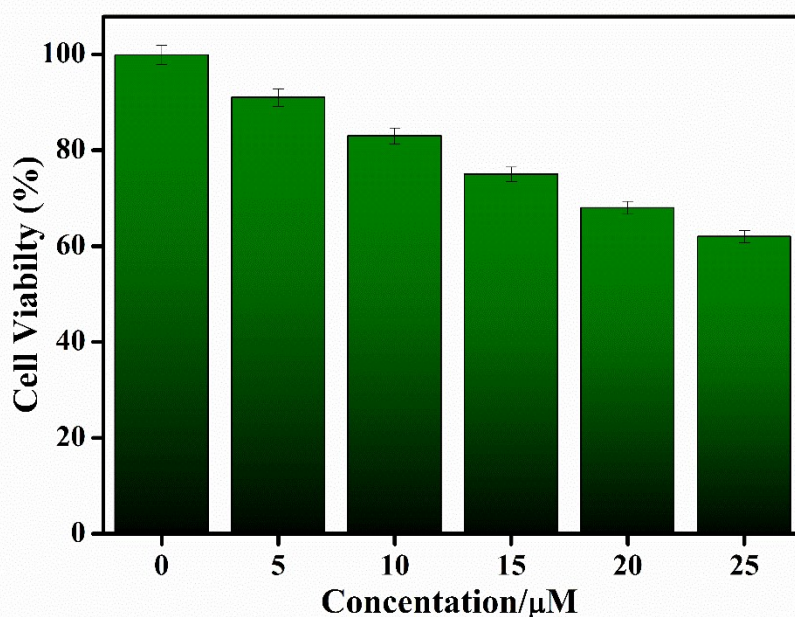




**Fig S10** Quantitative calibration plot results for BID and incremental addition of CN<sup>-</sup> (2-10 μM) for BID-CN<sup>-</sup> samples in DMSO.

**Table S2** Results of CN<sup>-</sup> readings in DMSO samples.

Sample	Spiked (μM)	Found ( $X^a \pm SD^b$ ) (μM)	Recovery (%)	RSD <sup>c</sup> (%)
DMSO	2	1.979 ± 0.007	99.3	0.17
	4	3.988 ± 0.006	99.6	0.19
	6	6.013 ± 0.004	98.4	0.29



**Fig S11** Cytotoxicity assay of sensor probe **BID**.

**Table S3**

Comparison of LOD of CN<sup>-</sup> detection reported in recent papers.

S.No	Reported Probe	LOD	Reference
1	Naphthalimide based probes	1.7 μM	RSC Adv. 6 (2016) 33031-33035
2	Naphthylamide dye	7.7 μM	Scientific reports. 10 (2017) 41598-13325
3	Diethylaminosalicylaldehyde-Substituted based	3.39 μM	Dyes and Pigments. 174 (2019) 108049
4	Coumarin based sensor probe	2.07 μM	NJC. 43 (2019) 16796-16800.
5	(4-(2-(4-(diethylamino)phenyl)-4-methyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydrothieno pyridin-7-yl)phenyl 2,4-dinitrobenzenesulfonate	3.2 μM	ACS OMEGA. 5 (2020) 32507–32514
6	Peptoid based	6.28 μM	ACS Applied Bio Materials. 3 (2020) 6039-6048
7	Naphthalene based sensor probe	1.1 μM	Chemcomm. 50 (2014) 12234
8	quinoline-indolium-based sensor probe	3.5 μM	NJC. 42 (2018) 5367–5375
9	Aminomalenonitrile based sensor probes	7.49 nM	Org. Biomol. Chem., 12 (2014) 479
10	Copper (II) complex of azo-dye	2.5 μM	Spectrochimica Acta part A 10 (2017) 1016

11	Diketodiphenylpyrrolopyrrole	171 $\mu\text{M}$	Sensors Actuators B Chem. 245 (2017) 845–852
12	Indanedione based	9.4 $\mu\text{M}$	Sensors and Actuators B 233 (2016) 510–519
13	Phenylquinazolinone-based	40 $\mu\text{M}$	RSC Adv. 10 (2020) 44860–44875
14	Naphthopyran based	7.56 $\mu\text{M}$	Spectrochimica Acta Part A: Molecular and Biomolecular Spectroscopy 217 (2019) 27–34
15	Disulfide Schiff base	250 $\mu\text{M}$	New J. Chem. 43 (2019) 13536–13544
16	Imidazole based	5.3 $\mu\text{M}$	Spectrochimica Acta Part A: Molecular and Biomolecular Spectroscopy 234 (2020) 118212
17	Azo salicylaldehyde based	1.95 $\mu\text{M}$	Inorganic Chemistry Communications 102 (2019) 83–89
18	1.3-indanedione based	1.7 $\mu\text{M}$	ACS Omega 2021, 6, 5287–5296
<b>19</b>	<b>benzothiazole-based</b>	<b>5.97nM</b>	<b>This work</b>