Improvement of the fluorescent sensing biomarker 3-nitrotyrosine

for a new luminescent coordination polymer by size regulation

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Section 1 Experimental

I. Materials and general methods

The ligand L was prepared according to the synthesis method of the literature.¹ The reagents and solvents used in the experiments were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. The single X-ray diffraction (XRD) data for LCP **1** was collected by using a Bruker SMART APEX II CCD diffractometer at 293 K with Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). The infrared (IR) spectra data were gathered on a Varian640 FTIR spectrometer through KBr pellet from 500 cm⁻¹ to 4000 cm⁻¹ region, and the powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were collected on a D/teX Ultra diffractometer with Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). The morphology and structure of the samples were characterized by scanning electron microscopy (SEM, Nova NanoSEM 430). The fluorescent spectra were recorded on a Hitachi F-4500 luminescence/phosphorescence spectrometer. Fluorescence lifetime data was obtained on the FLS1000 transient steady-state fluorescence spectrometer. UV-vis absorption spectra were carried out on SP-1900. The PHS-3C-meter with an E-201-C glass electrode was used to determine the pH of the solution.

II. X-ray crystallography.

Data collection was performed on a Bruker Smart APEX II diffractometer with K α ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) by θ and ω scan mode at room temperature. The crystal structure was solved by direct method using the SHELXT program of the Olex 2 crystallographic software package and refined on F^2 by full-matrix least-squares methods.² Anisotropic thermal parameters were utilized in all non-hydrogen atoms. Crystal data and structural refinements were displayed in Table S1. CCDC No. 2164207. Selected bond lengths

and angles were shown in Table S2 for LCP 1.

III. Luminescent sensing experiments

During the sensing experiments, LCP 1 (3 mg) was ground in air, dispersed in 4 mL of water or organic solution, and sonicated for 30 min to form a dispersed solution. The Nano-LCP 1 does not need to be ground, other steps are the same as LCP 1. Then, the analyte to be tested is added to the suspension to perform a fluorescence titration experiments, and the fluorescence intensity is detected by a fluorescence spectrometer. In the cycling experiments, the samples were washed with ethanol, and after drying, the above experimental steps were repeated to continue the fluorescence titration experiments.

| Complex | LCP 1 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Empirical formula | $C_{44}H_{34}Cd_3N_4O_{18}$ |
| Formula weight | 1243.95 |
| Temperature/K | 296.15 |
| Crystal system | triclinic |
| Space group | P-1 |
| <i>a</i> (Å) | 9.7026(12) |
| <i>b</i> (Å) | 9.9293(13) |
| <i>c</i> (Å) | 12.8415(16) |
| α (°) | 100.645(2) |
| eta (°) | 99.837(2) |
| γ (°) | 116.544(2) |
| $V(\text{\AA }^3)$ | 1041.5(2) |
| Ζ | 1 |
| $D_c (\mathrm{g \ cm^{-3}})$ | 1.983 |
| μ (mm ⁻¹) | 1.606 |
| F (000) | 614.0 |
| Reflections collected | 5766 |

 Table S1. Crystallographic data for LCP 1.

| Data/restraints/parameters | 3671/3/313 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.037 |
| Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0501, wR_2 = 0.1202$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0844, wR_2 = 0.1373$ |
| ^a $R_1 = \Sigma F_o - F_c / \Sigma F_o $, ^b $wR_2 = \Sigma [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma [w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ | |

Table S2. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for LCP 1.

| LCP 1 | | | |
|--|----------|---------------------|------------|
| Cd(1)-O(5)#1 | 2.280(5) | O(4)#2-Cd(2)-O(4) | 180.0 |
| Cd(1)-O(2) | 2.222(6) | O(4)#2-Cd(2)-O(6)#3 | 86.8(2) |
| Cd(1)-O(3) | 2.445(6) | O(4)-Cd(2)-O(6)#3 | 93.2(2) |
| Cd(1)-N(1) | 2.296(7) | O(4)#2-Cd(2)-O(6)#4 | 93.2(2) |
| Cd(2)-O(4) | 2.170(5) | O(4)-Cd(2)-O(6)#4 | 86.8(2) |
| Cd(2)-O(4)#2 | 2.170(5) | O(4)-Cd(2)-O(3)#5 | 86.7(2) |
| Cd(2)-O(6)#3 | 2.310(5) | O(4)#2-Cd(2)-O(3)#5 | 93.3(2) |
| Cd(2)-O(6)#4 | 2.310(5) | O(4)#2-Cd(2)-O(3)#6 | 86.7(2) |
| Cd(2)-O(3)#5 | 2.519(6) | O(4)-Cd(2)-O(3)#6 | 93.3(2) |
| Cd(2)-O(3)#6 | 2.519(6) | O(6)#3-Cd(2)-O(6)#4 | 180.0 |
| O(5)#1-Cd(1)-O(3) | 78.7(2) | O(6)#3-Cd(2)-O(3)#6 | 104.47(19) |
| O(5)#1-Cd(1)-N(1) | 83.7(2) | O(6)#3-Cd(2)-O(3)#5 | 75.53(19) |
| O(2)-Cd(1)-O(5)#1 | 135.0(2) | O(6)#4-Cd(2)-O(3)#6 | 75.53(19) |
| O(2)-Cd(1)-O(3) | 92.3(2) | O(6)#4-Cd(2)-O(3)#5 | 104.47(19) |
| O(2)-Cd(1)-N(1) | 103.2(3) | O(3)#5-Cd(2)-O(3)#6 | 180 |
| N(1)-Cd(1)-O(3) | 161.9(2) | | |
| Symmetry code: #1 -1+X, -1+Y, +Z; #2 3-X,2-Y, -Z; #3 2-X, 2-Y, 2-Z; #4 1+X, +Y, +Z; #5 | | | |
| 2-X, 1-Y, 2-Z; #6 1+X, 1+Y, +Z; | | | |



Figure S1. (a) The 2D bilayer structure; (b) View of the 3D framework of LCP 1.



Figure S2. The PXRD of LCP 1 and Nano-LCP 1.





Figure S4. The TG curve of LCP 1.



Figure S5. (a) The emission spectra of solid-state LCP 1, L and H_3BTC ; (b) The solid excitation and emission spectra of LCP 1.



Figure S6. The emission and excitation spectra of solid-state Nano-LCP 1.

| Methods | LOD (mol/L) | References |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| LC-MS/MS | 1.70×10^{-11} | Göen et al. (2005) ³ |
| SPE ^a – HPLC | 3.10×10^{-6} | Mergola et al. $(2013)^4$ |
| Real time-tandem mass spectrometry | 8.80×10^{-7} | Song et al. (2015) ⁵ |
| HPLC | 2.30×10^{-8} | Monica et al. (2017) ⁶ |
| Surface plasmon resonance | $5.30 	imes 10^{-10}$ | He et al. $(2019)^7$ |
| Molecular Imprinting | 2.23×10^{-8} | Martins et al. $(2020)^8$ |
| Electrochemiluminescence | 8.40×10^{-9} | Zhu et al. (2021) ⁹ |
| Fluorescence | 3.10×10^{-7} | Wang et al. (2022) ¹⁰ |
| Fluorescence | $2.30 	imes 10^{-8}$ | Present work |

Table S3 Comparison of various methods for 3-NT detection.

^a Solid-phase extraction.



Figure S7. (a) Response time of LCP **1** for 3-NT; (b) Reproducibility of the sensing function of LCP **1** with five continuously quenching cycles (the blue-violet bars are for the luminescence intensity of LCP **1** and the dusty blue bars are for the intensity upon the addition of 3-NT aqueous solution).



Figure S8. (a) Emission spectra and intensities of LCP 1 suspensions in different pH values; (b) Emission intensity line chart of LCP 1 suspensions in different pH values.



Figure S9. (a) Sensing selectivity of 3-NT by LCP 1 toward the main chemical components in human blood; (b) Anti-interference test of LCP 1 after adding 3-NT in different main chemical components.



Figure S10. The UV-vis absorption spectra of 3-NT and excitation spectra of LCP 1 in water.



Figure S11. The UV-vis absorption spectra of 3-NT and emission spectra of LCP 1 in water.



Figure S12. UV–vis spectra of LCP **1** in the presence of various concentrations (0-16 mM) of 3-NT solution.

Table S4. HOMO and LUMO energies calculated for ligand L and analyte at B3LYP/6-31G(d)

| | HOMO (eV) | LUMO (eV) | Band Gap (eV) |
|------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| L | -6.1293 | -2.2503 | 3.8790 |
| 3-NT | -6.5713 | -2.7987 | 3.7726 |



Figure S13. (a) Solid-state quantum yield diagram of LCP 1; (b) Solid-state quantum yield diagram of Nano-LCP 1

| | Quantum yield(%) |
|------------|------------------|
| LCP 1 | 13.10% |
| Nano-LCP 1 | 31.80% |

Table S5. Solid-state quantum yields of LCP 1 and Nano-LCP 1





Figure S15. Fluorescence intensity ratio of the LCP 1 and Nano-LCP 1 samples standing within 3 min.



Figure S16. (a-b) Fluorescence intensity of the Nano-LCP 1 and LCP 1 standing within 3 min.

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