

***Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)***

**A highly stable and efficient benzothiadiazole-based fluorescence sensor for salicylaldehyde in aqueous solution**

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**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) for **JXUST-27**.

Cd1—N1	2.243(2)	Cd1—N6 <sup>i</sup>	2.2792(19)
Cd1—O4 <sup>ii</sup>	2.3043(18)	Cd1—O1	2.351(2)
Cd1—O2	2.3851(18)	Cd1—O3 <sup>ii</sup>	2.4169(18)
N1—Cd1—O4 <sup>ii</sup>	135.85(7)	O1—Cd1—O2	55.29(6)
N1—Cd1—O1	104.89(7)	N6 <sup>i</sup> —Cd1—O3 <sup>ii</sup>	85.83(7)
O4 <sup>ii</sup> —Cd1—O1	115.01(7)	O1—Cd1—O3 <sup>ii</sup>	165.17(7)
N6 <sup>i</sup> —Cd1—O2	140.82(7)	O4 <sup>ii</sup> —Cd1—O2	98.92(7)
N6 <sup>i</sup> —Cd1—O4 <sup>ii</sup>	104.44(7)	N1—Cd1—O3 <sup>ii</sup>	88.36(7)
N6 <sup>i</sup> —Cd1—O1	86.18(7)	O4 <sup>ii</sup> —Cd1—O3 <sup>ii</sup>	55.39(6)
N1—Cd1—N6 <sup>i</sup>	96.01(7)	O2—Cd1—O3 <sup>ii</sup>	133.29(7)
N1—Cd1—O2	88.33(7)		

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, -y+1/2, z-1/2$ ; (ii)  $-x+1, y-1/2, -z+1/2$ .**Table S2.** SHAPE analysis of the Cd<sup>II</sup> ion in **JXUST-27**.

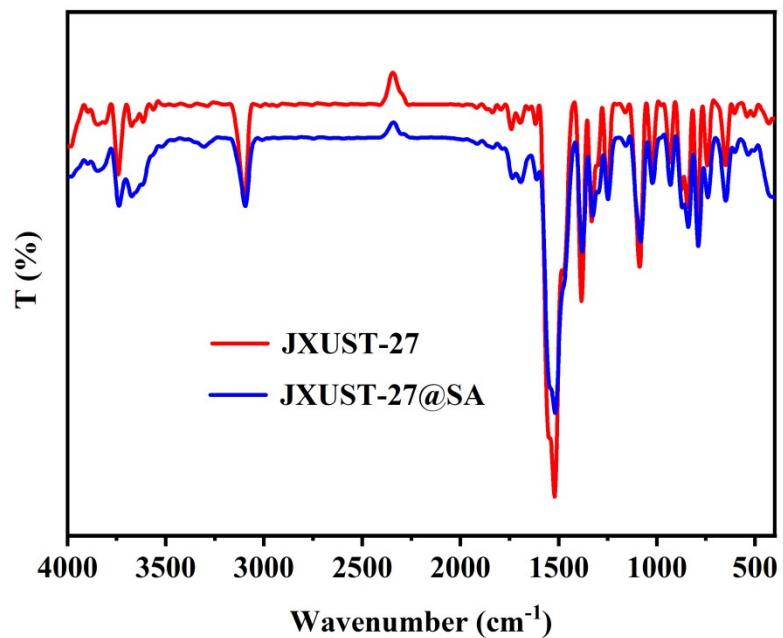
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<b>Cd1</b>	HP-6	Hexagon	$D_{6h}$	29.133
	PPY-6	Pentagonal pyramid	$C_{5v}$	11.898
	OC-6	Octahedron	$O_h$	11.585
	TPR-6	Trigonal prism	$D_{3h}$	<b>8.412</b>
	JPPY-6	Johnson pentagonal pyramid J2	$C_{5v}$	15.455

**Table S3.** HOMO and LUMO energies for BIBT and SA.

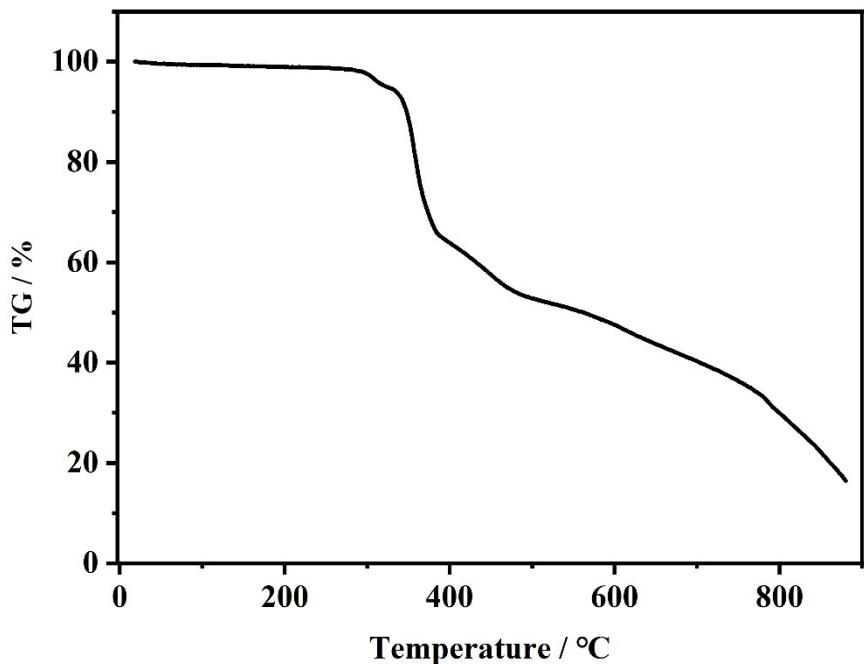
	LUMO	HOMO	Ref.
SA	-1.78 eV	-6.65 eV	S1
BIBT	-3.07 eV	-6.06 eV	S2

## References

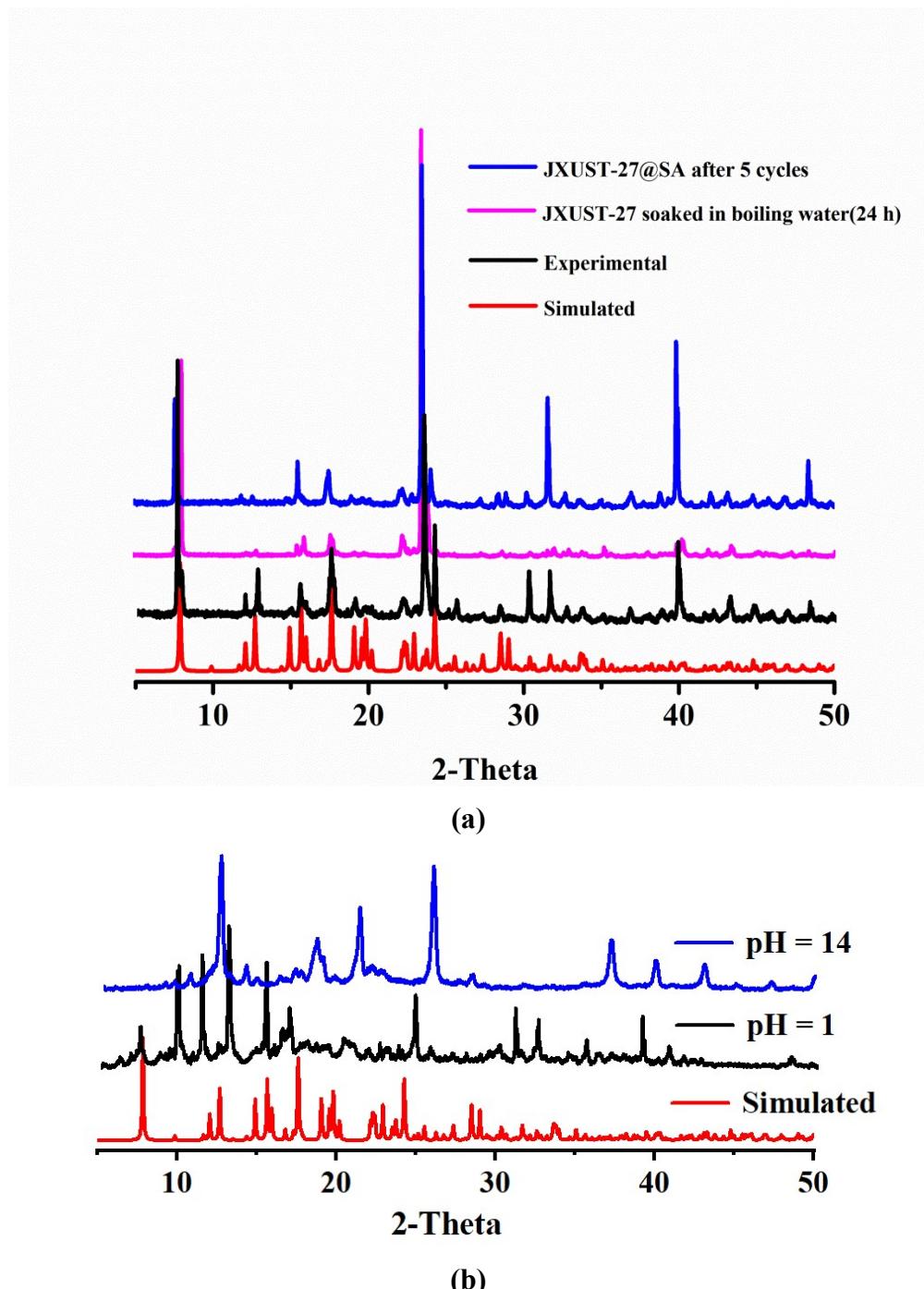
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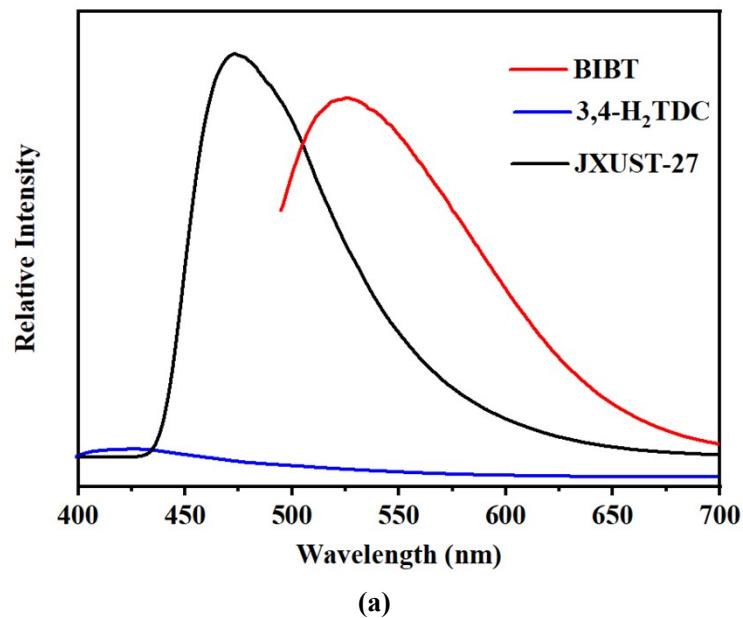
**Fig. S1** IR spectra of **JXUST-27** and **JXUST-27@SA** at room temperature.



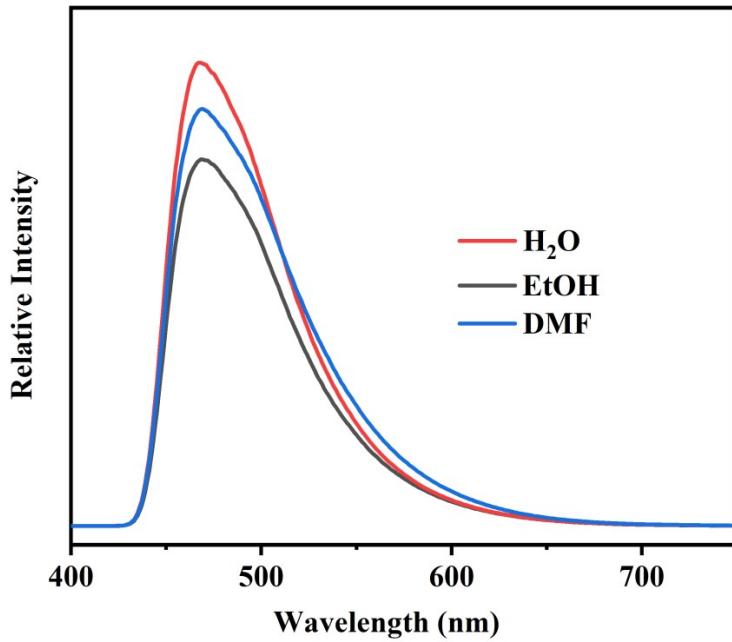
**Fig. S2** The TGA curve of **JXUST-27** under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere.



**Fig. S3** (a) The PXRD patterns of as-synthesized **JXUST-27**, **JXUST-27@SA** after 5 cycles and **JXUST-27** after soaked in boiling water for 24 h and the simulated one; (b) the simulated and experimental PXRD patterns of **JXUST-27** immersed in the distinct aqueous solutions with pH values of 1 and 14 for 12 hours.

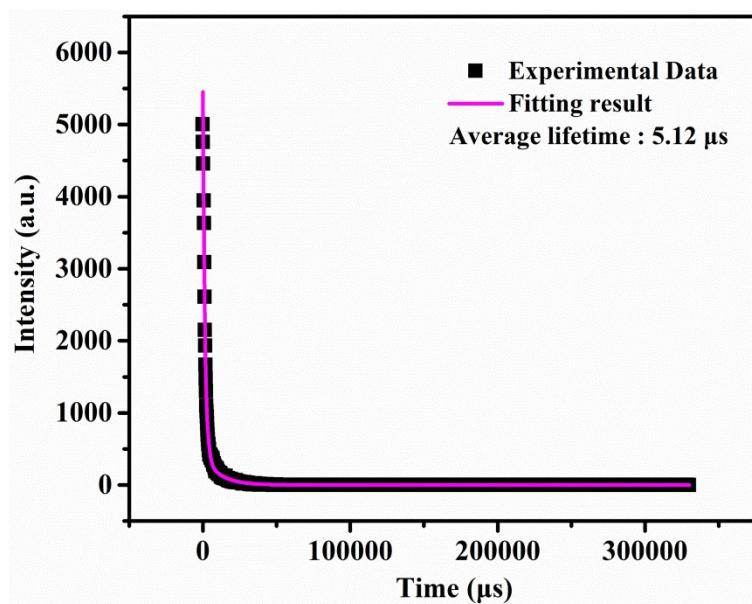


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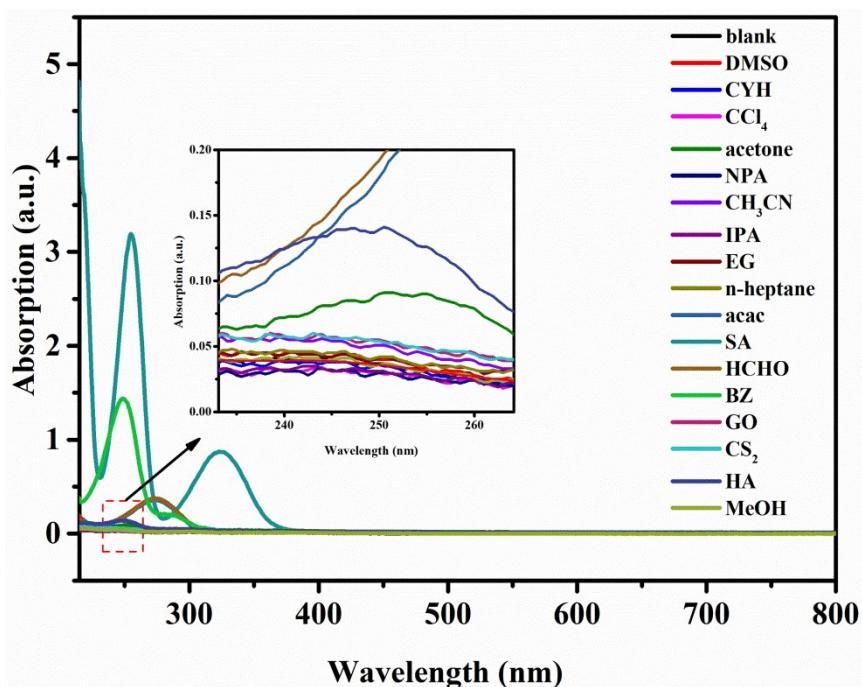


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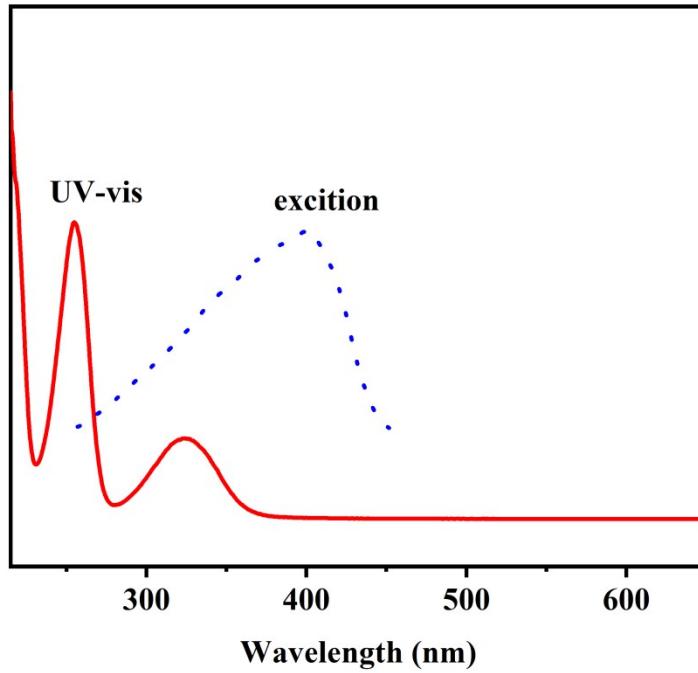
**Fig. S4** (a) The solid emission spectra of BIBT, 3,4-H<sub>2</sub>TDC and **JXUST-27**; (b) the emission spectra of **JXUST-27** in aqueous, DMF and EtOH solutions.



**Fig. S5** The luminescence decay curve of JXUST-27.



**Fig. S6** The UV-Vis absorption spectra of **JXUST-27** and **JXUST-27** upon the addition of different organic molecules.



**Fig. S7** The UV-Vis absorption spectrum of **JXUST-27@SA** and excitation spectrum of **JXUST-27**.