

## **Crystallographic Elucidation of Aluminium Bound Amido Schiff Base Chemosensor: A Selective Turn-on Fluorescent Chemosensor for Al<sup>3+</sup> ion**

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1. Crystal structure:

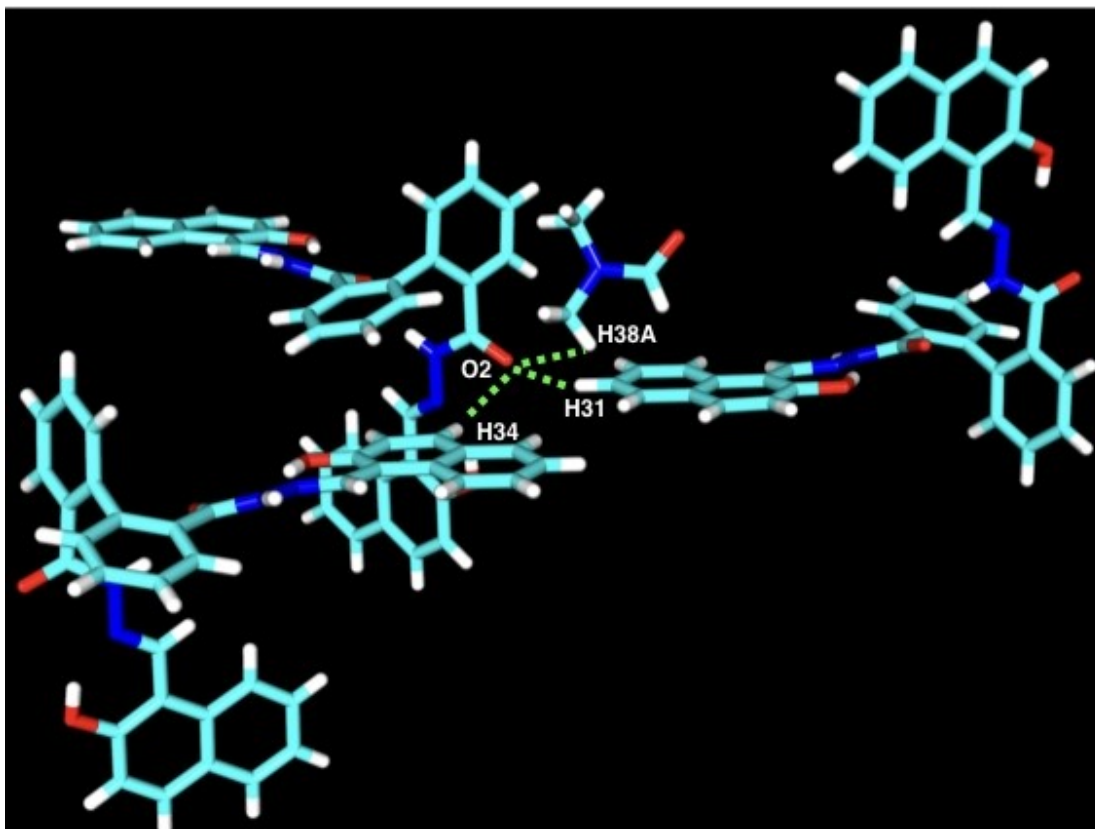
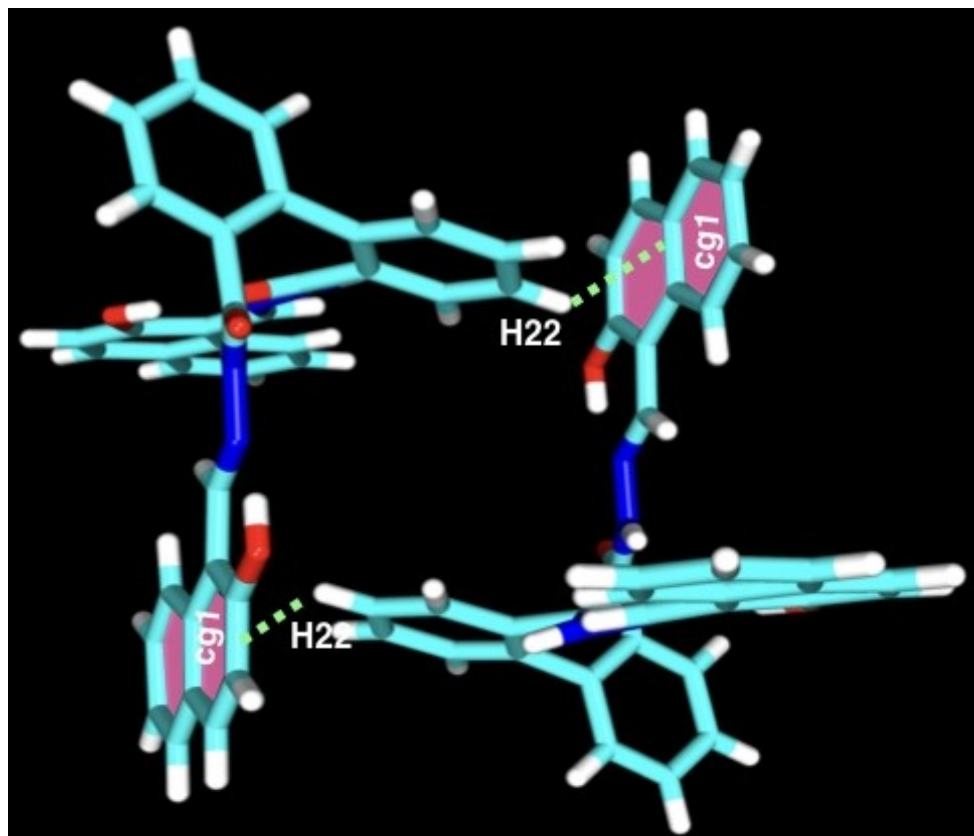
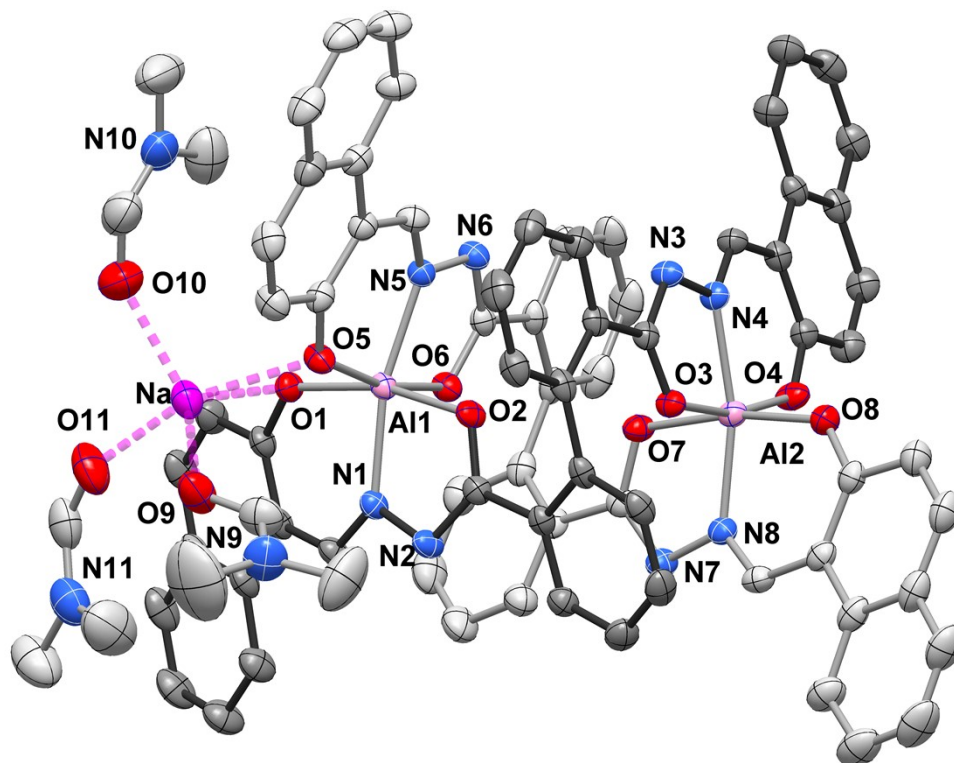


Figure S1. Perspective views of C-H...O hydrogen-bonding interactions in the crystal of sensor

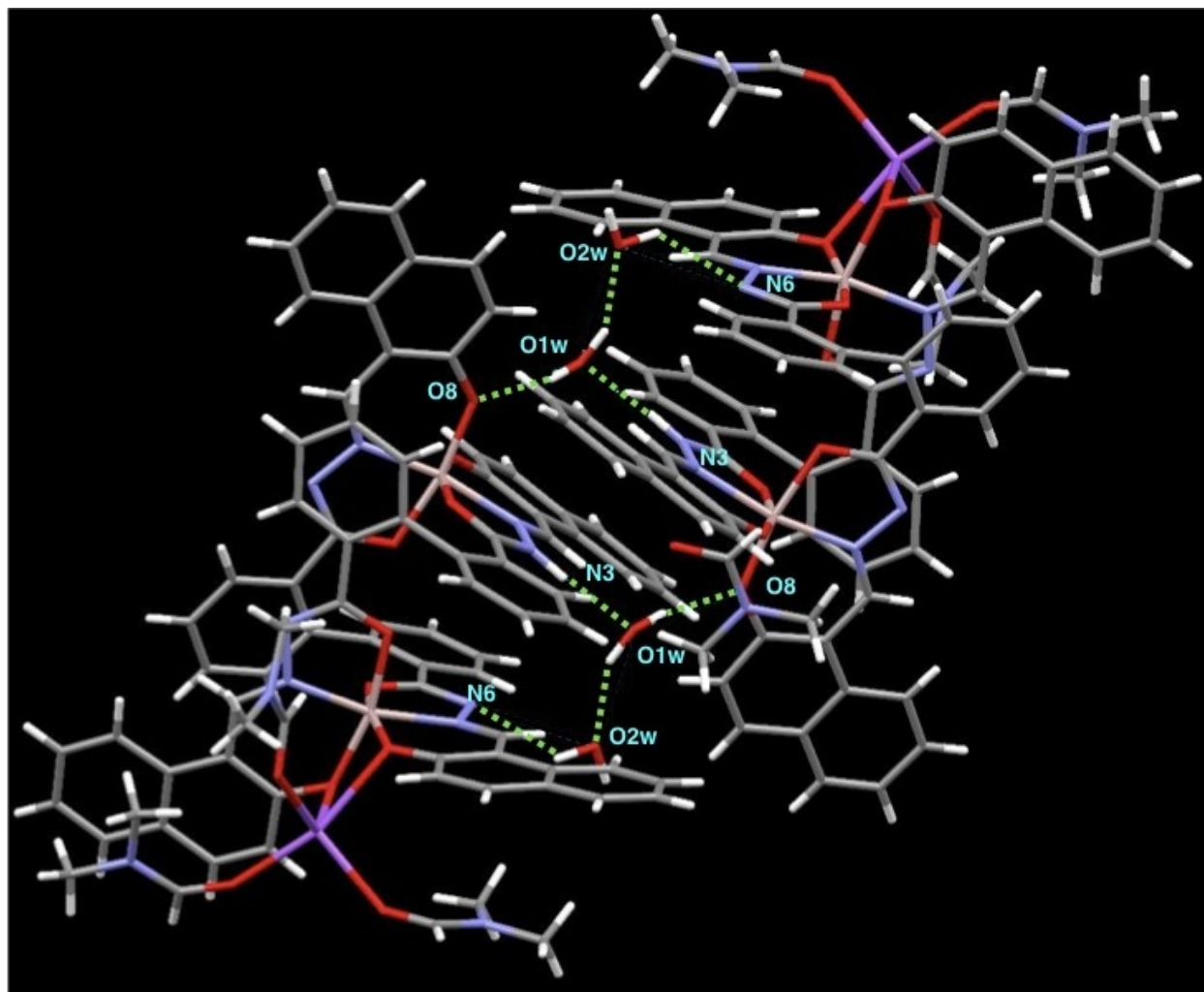
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**Figure S2.** Views of C-H... $\pi$  interactions between molecules of sensor **1** arranged about an inversion center, solvents are omitted for clarity.

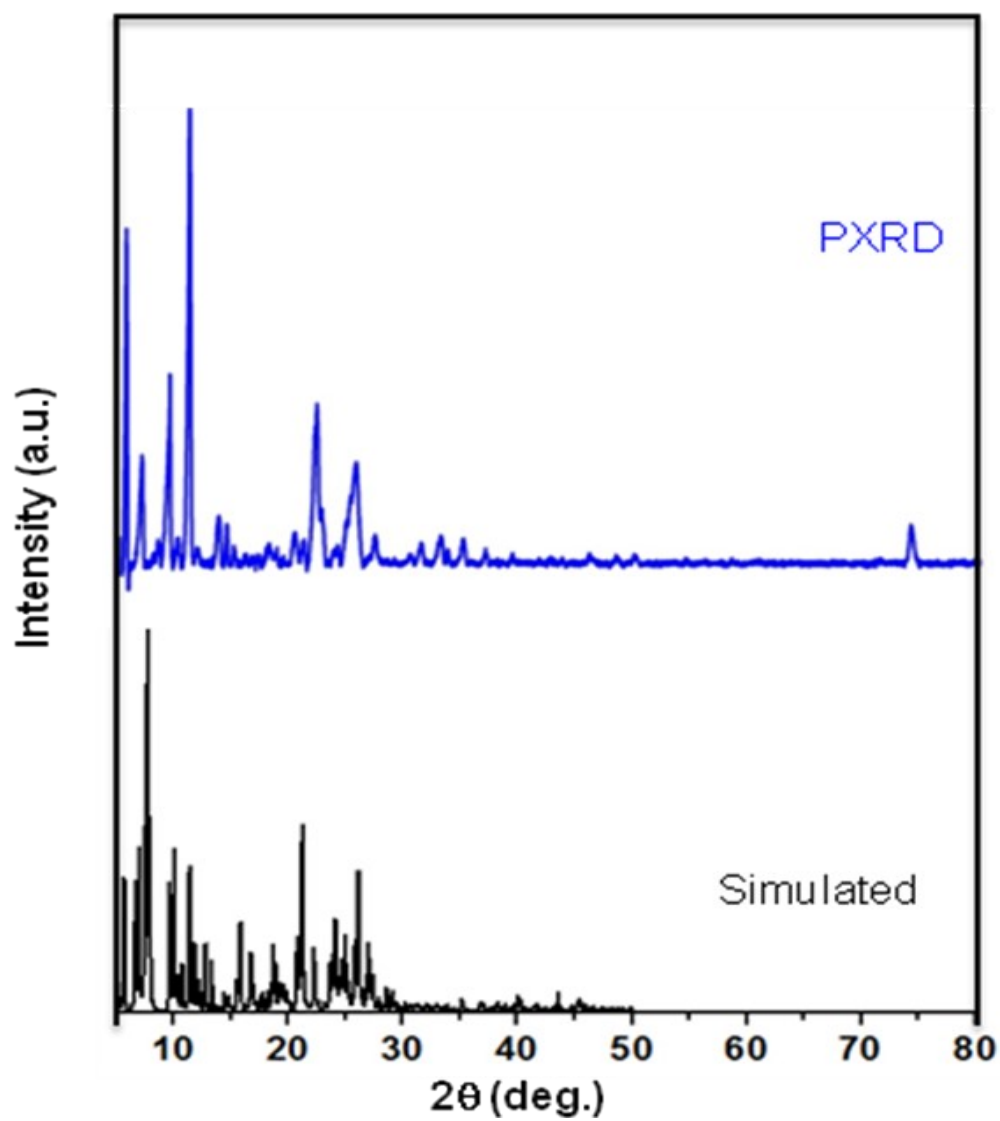


**Figure S3.** ORTEP representation of complex **1** (probability ellipsoids at 35%) with atom-numbering scheme of coordinating atoms. The two ligands are indicated in different colour. (H atoms, lattice DMF and water molecules not shown for clarity).



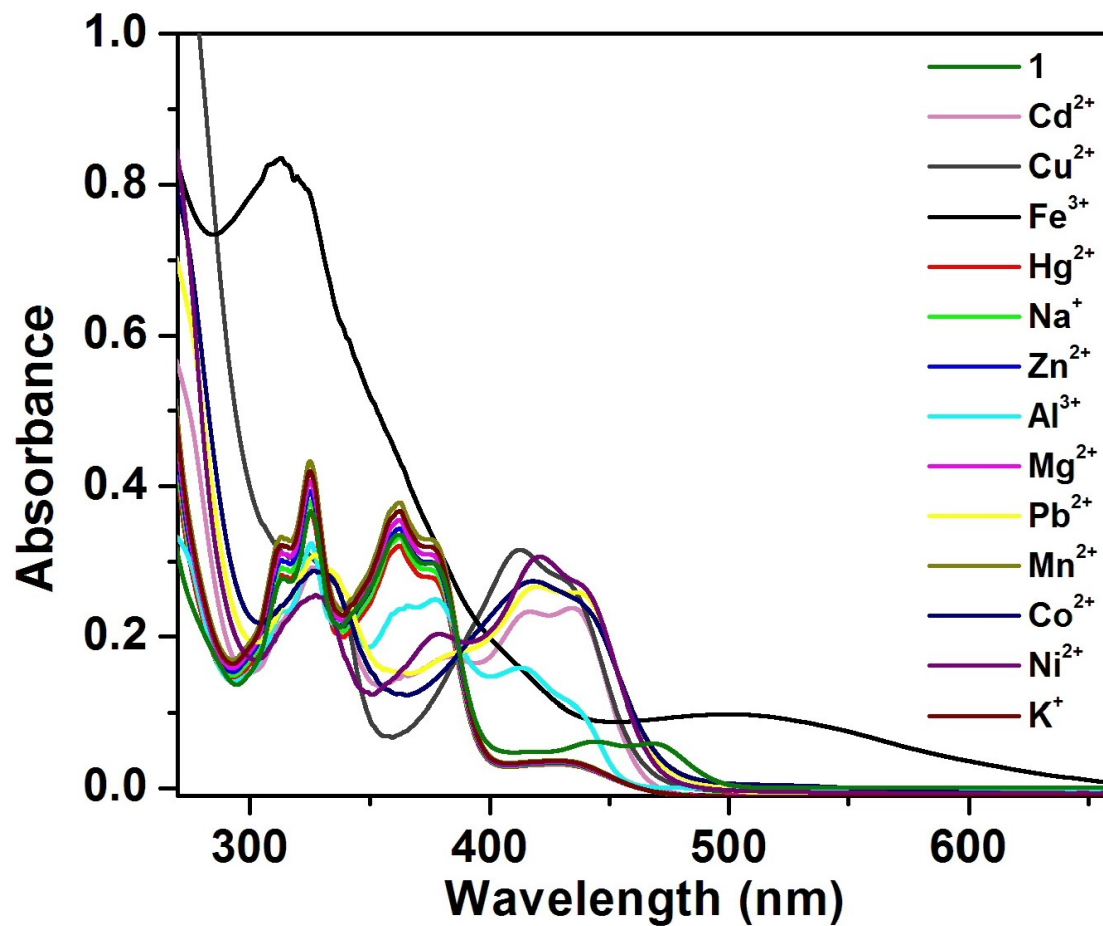
**Figure S4.** H- bonding network in complex 1 with selected atom-numbering scheme.

2. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD):



**Figure S5.** Comparison of PXRD patterns of complex **1** (blue) with the simulated pattern from the single crystal structure of complex **1** (black).

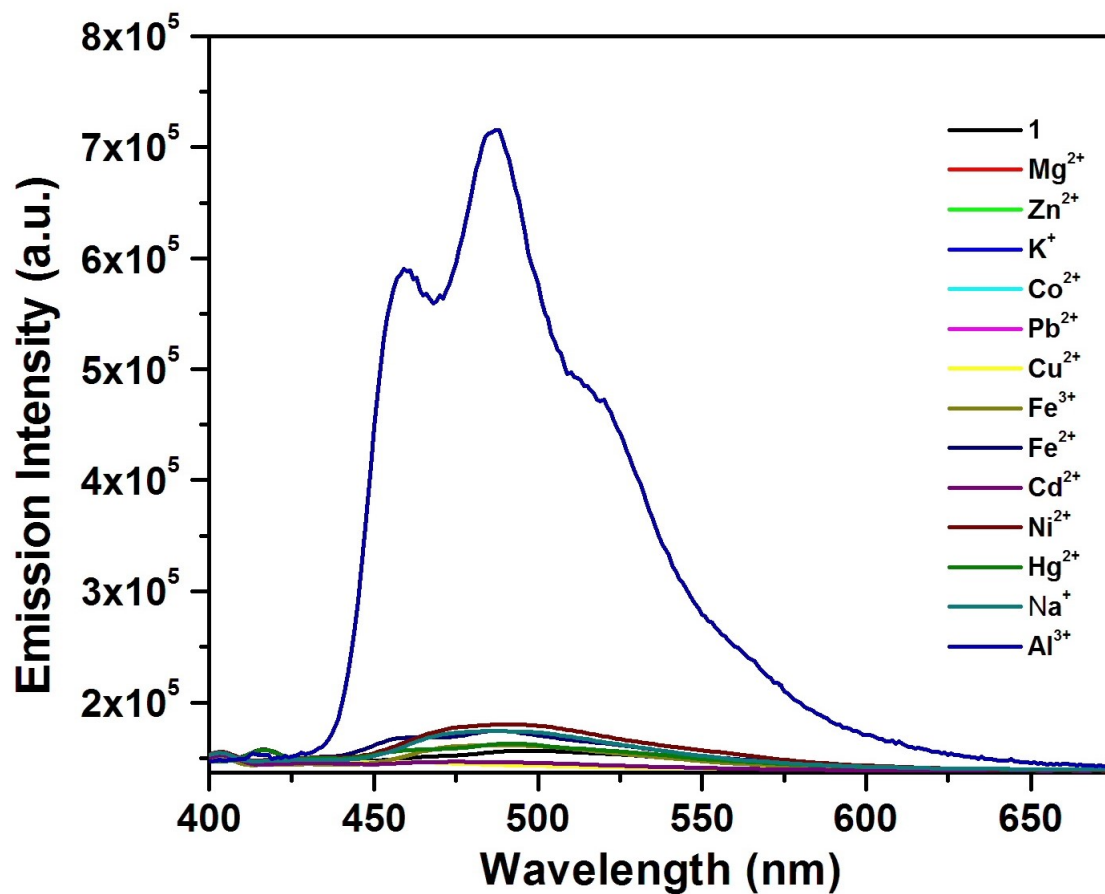
### 3. UV-vis spectra:



**Figure S6.** UV-vis spectra of sensor 1 ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in DMF:H<sub>2</sub>O solution (7/3, v/v) in presence of different metal ions (2 equivalents).



#### 4. Fluorescence spectra:



**Figure S7.** Fluorescence emission spectra of sensor **1** ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$  M) in DMF-H<sub>2</sub>O solution (7/3, v/v, in presence of different metal ions (2 equivalents) ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 350$  nm).

5. Benesi-Hildebrand Plot:

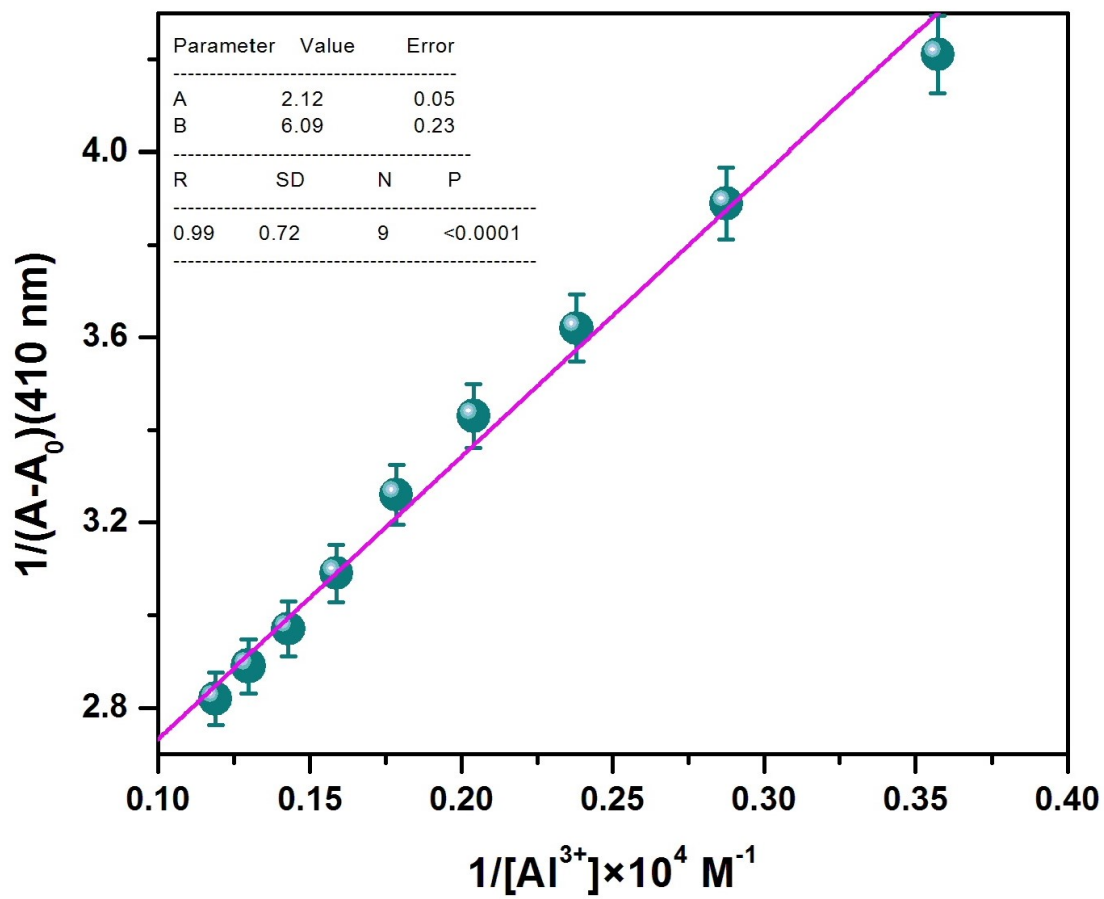


Figure S8. B-H plot for UV-Vis titration of sensor **1** with  $Al^{3+}$  ions.

6. Detection limit:

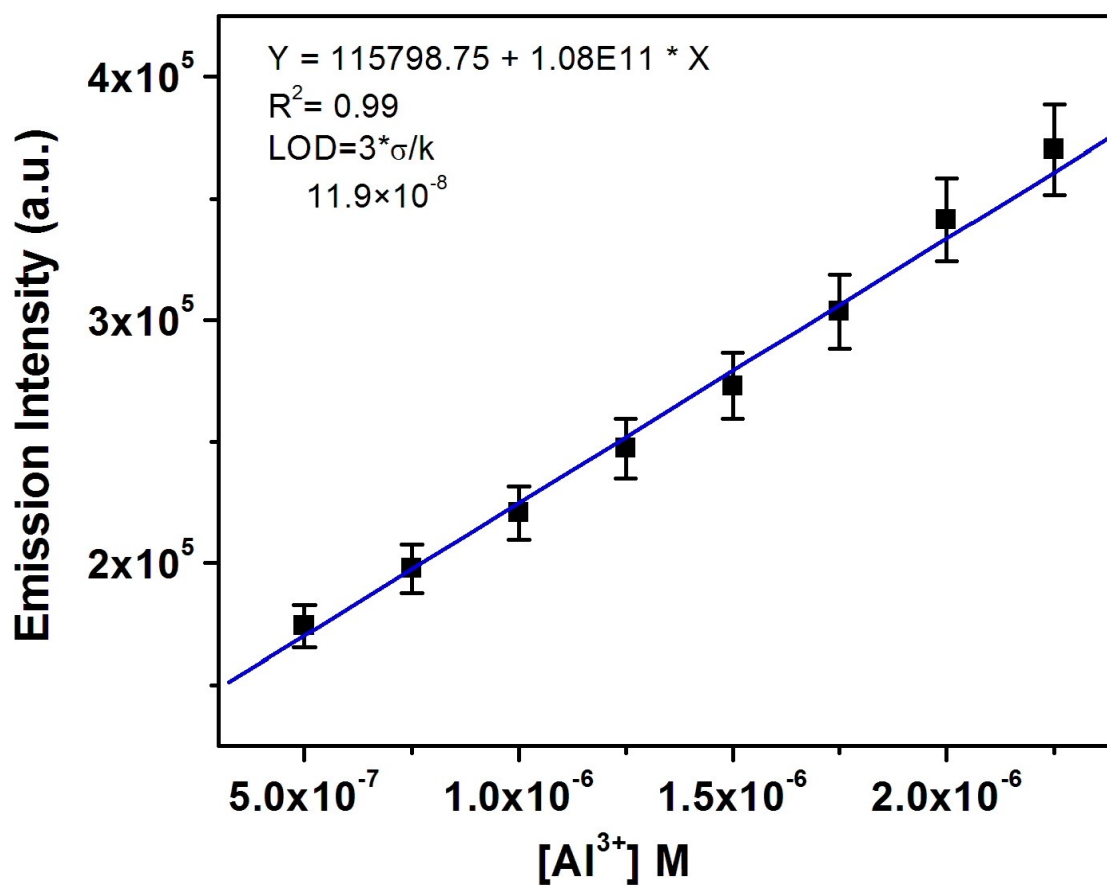
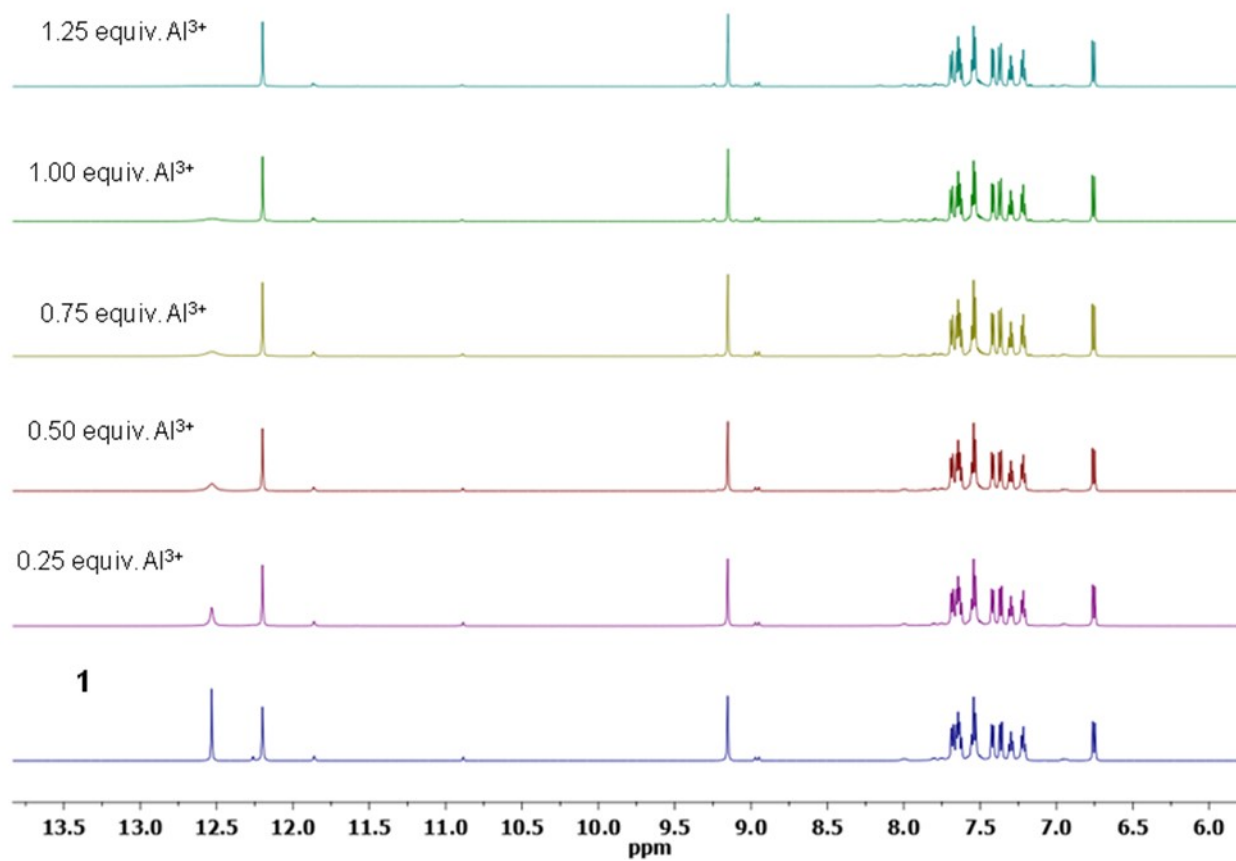


Figure S9. Detection limit of Al<sup>3+</sup> by sensor 1 based on 3σ/slope.

### 7. $^1\text{H}$ NMR titration spectra:



**Figure S10.** Partial  $^1\text{H}$  NMR titration spectra of sensor **1** in  $d_6$ -DMSO upon addition of different amount of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  ions.

8. Job's plot:

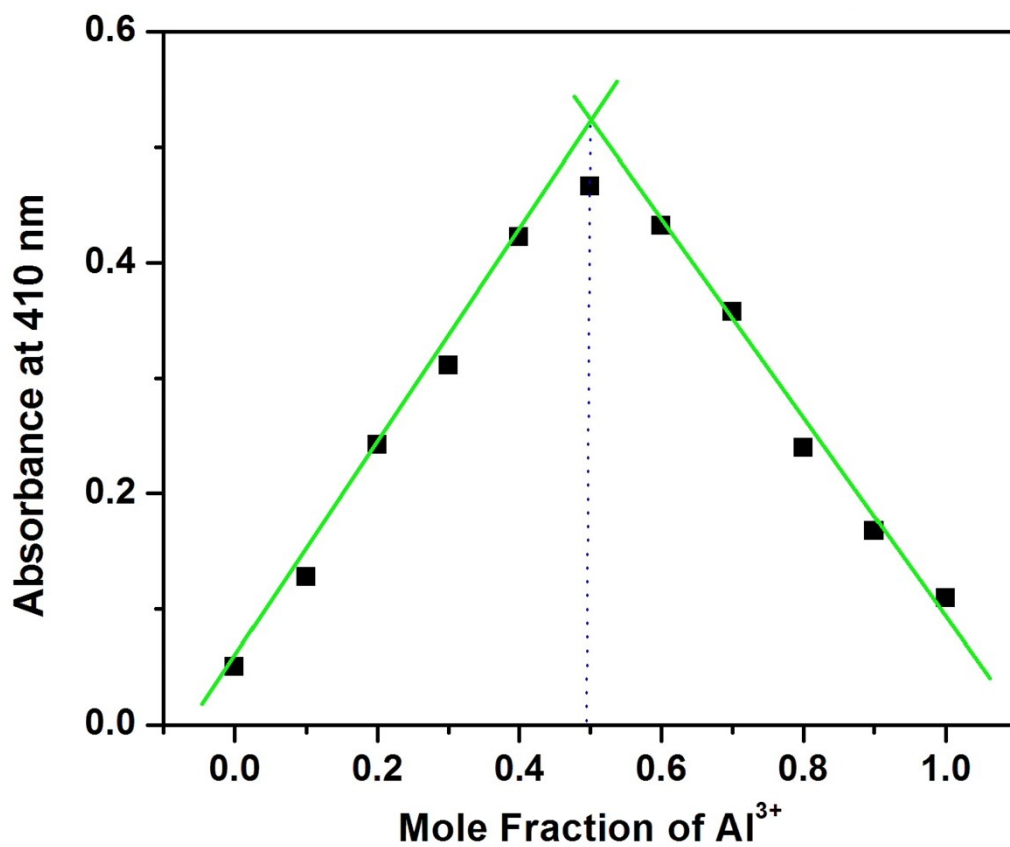


Figure S11. Job's plot for determining the stoichiometry of sensor 1 and Al<sup>3+</sup> ion in the complex.

### 9. Mass spectra:

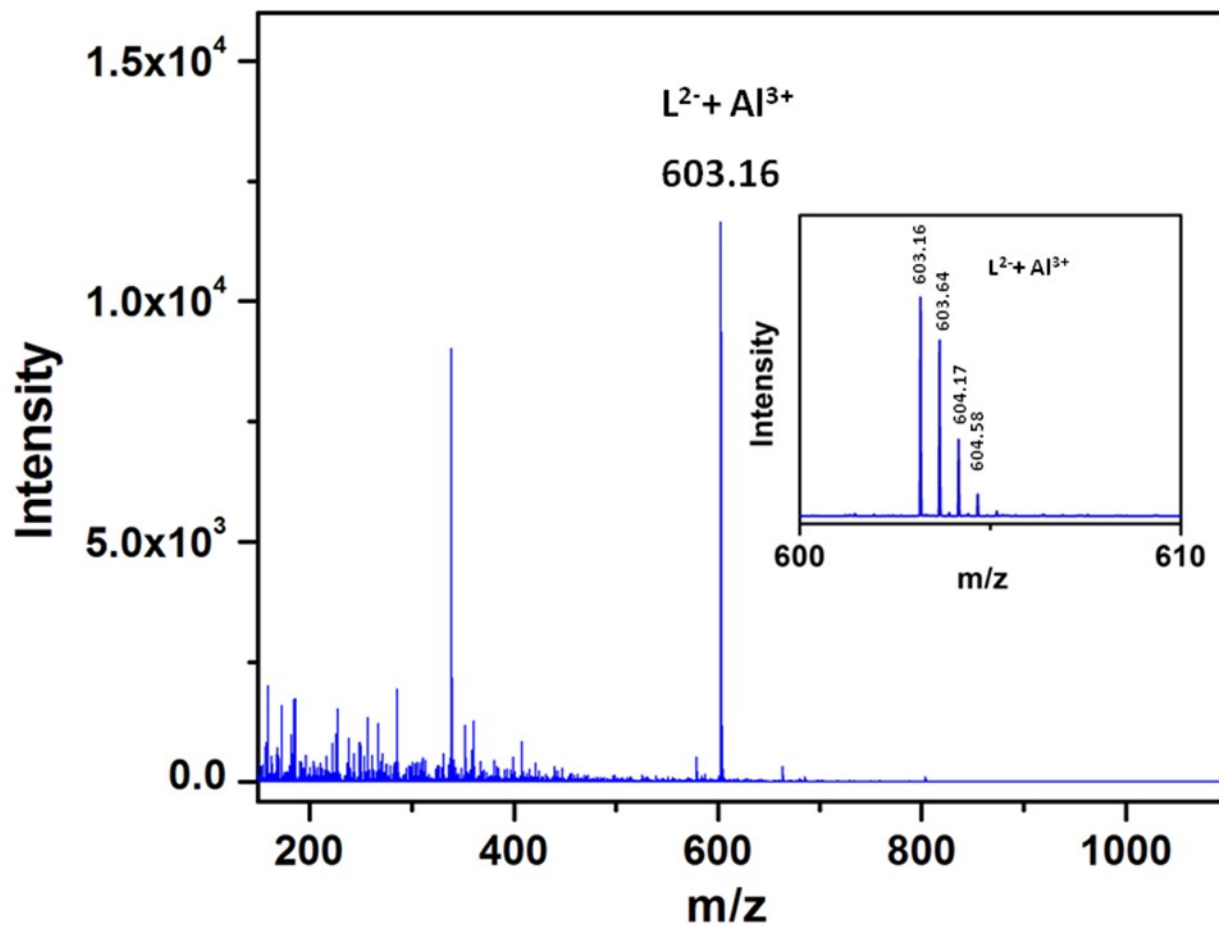
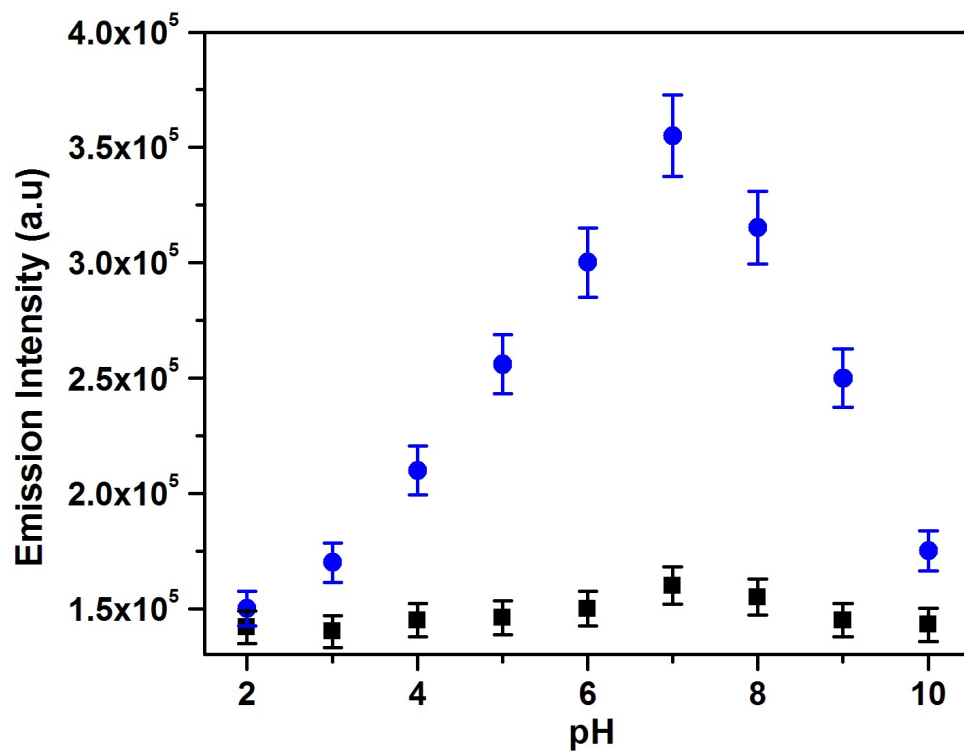


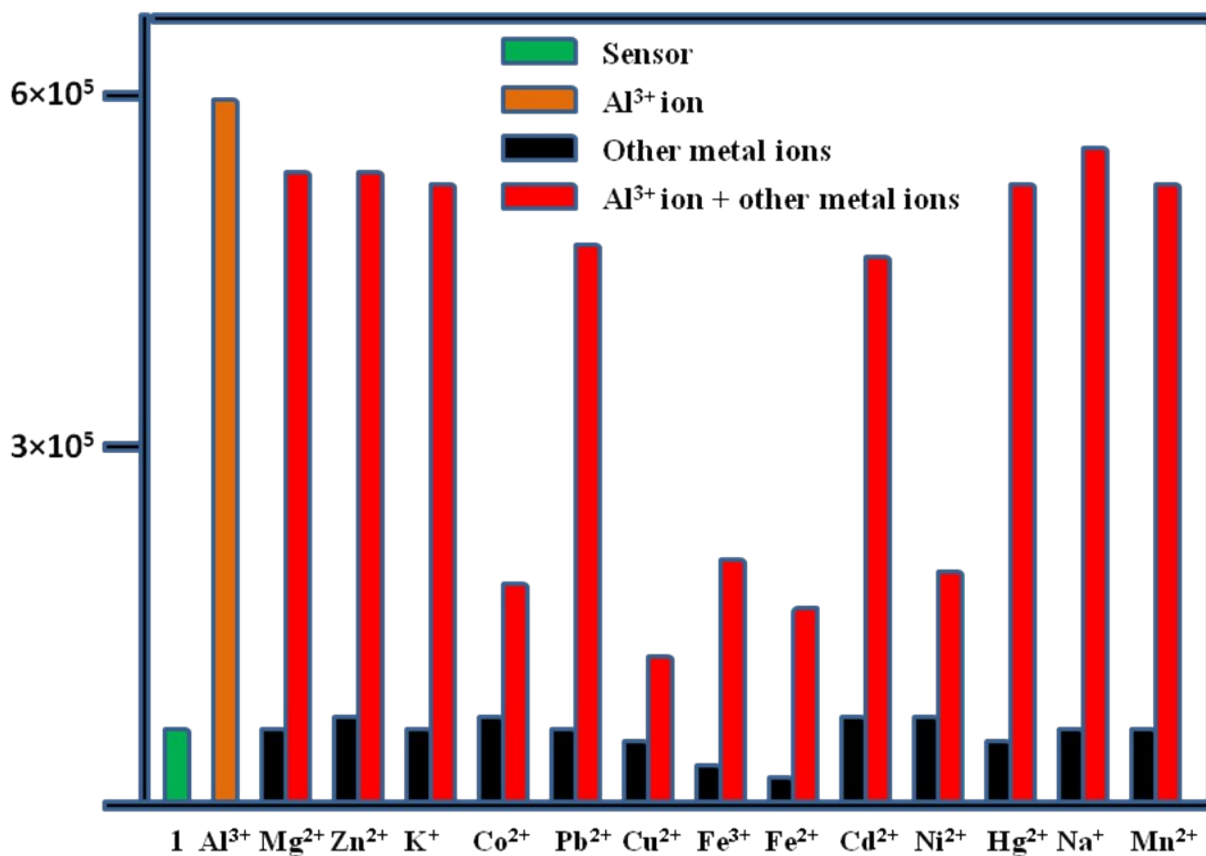
Figure S12. Mass spectrum of complex formed between sensor 1 and  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  ion.

### 10. Effect of pH:



**Figure S13.** Change in fluorescence intensity sensor 1 ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$  M) (■) and its Al<sup>3+</sup> (●) complex at different pH values.

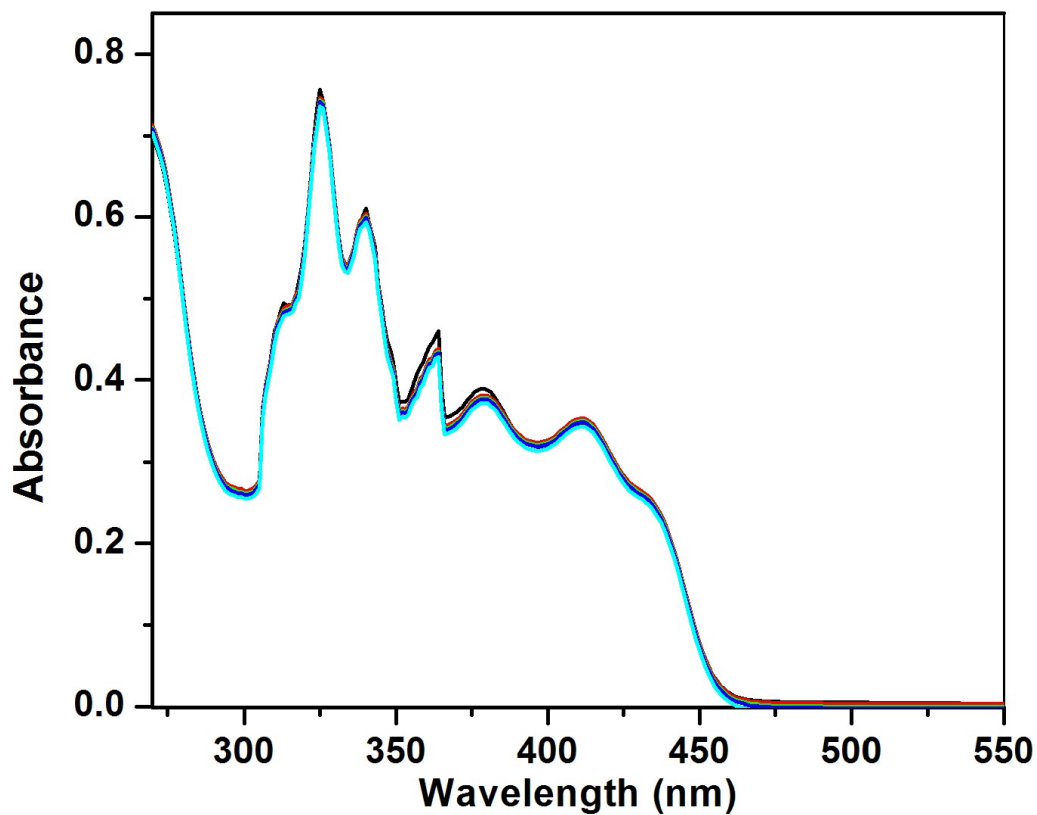
## 11. Competition experiment:



**Figure S14.** Competition experiments of sensor 1: plot of fluorescence intensity at 487 nm of sensor 1 with addition of 2.0 equiv. of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ , and then 5.0 equiv. of various metal ions, ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$ : 350 nm).

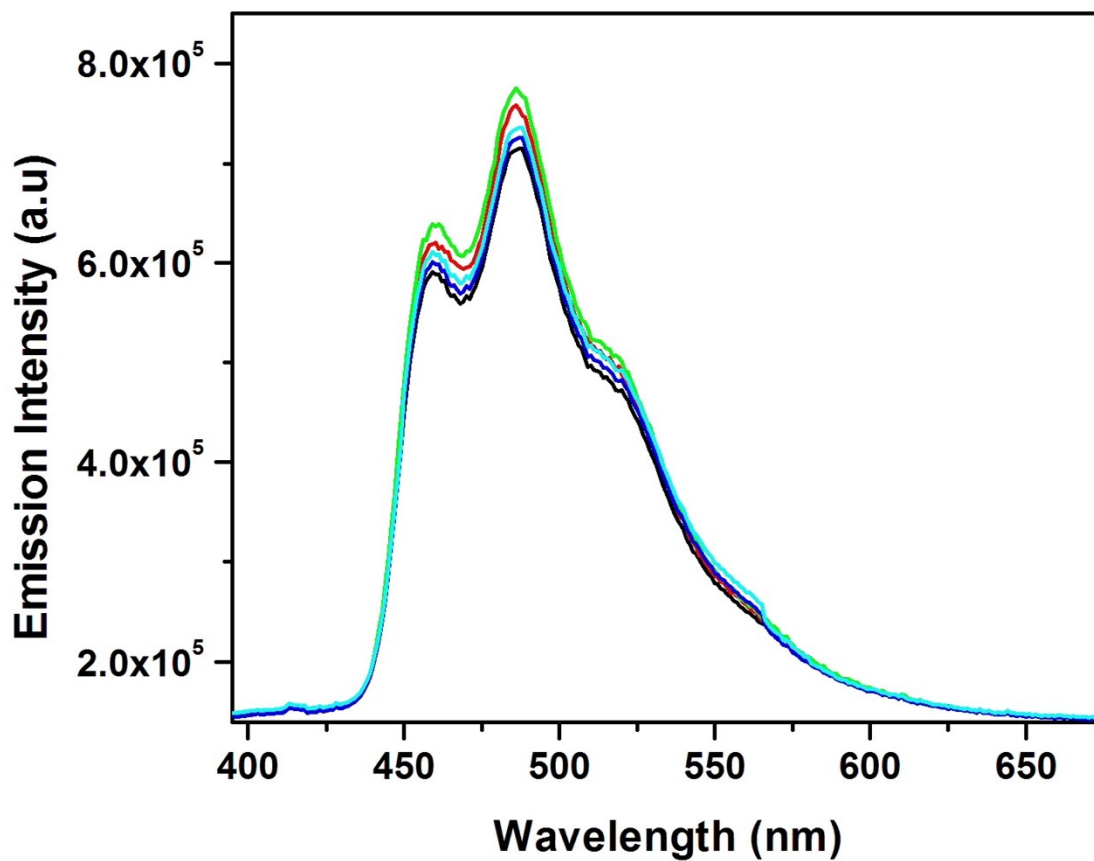


## 12. UV-Vis titration with Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA:



**Figure S15.** UV-Vis titration of complex **1** with Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA (0-5 equivalents) in DMF- H<sub>2</sub>O solvent (v/v, 7:3).

### 13. Fluorescence titration with Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA:



**Figure S16.** Fluorescence titration of complex **1** in DMF- H<sub>2</sub>O solvent (v/v, 7:3) upon addition of (0-5 equivalents) of Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA.

## 14. Table for crystal structure data:

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for Sensor 1 and Complex 1

	Sensor 1	Complex 1
CCDC No.	2260347	2260348
Empirical formula	C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>35</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>84</sub> H <sub>77</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> N <sub>12</sub> NaO <sub>14</sub>
Formula weight	669.72	1518.97
Temperature/ K	150	273
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic
Crystal colour	colourless	light yellow
Space group	<i>I</i> 2/a	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> / Å	19.0312(6)	14.5165(4)
<i>b</i> / Å	15.6836(5)	16.0763(5)
<i>c</i> / Å	24.3420(6)	18.1614(5)
$\alpha$ / °	90	81.998(1)
$\beta$ / °	110.365(3)	69.664(1)
$\gamma$ / °	90	75.218(1)
Volume/ Å <sup>3</sup>	6811.4(4)	3836.68(19)
<i>Z</i>	8	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.306	1.346
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.090	0.119
F(000)	2816	1628
Index Ranges		
<i>h</i>	-24 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 24	-17 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 17
<i>k</i>	-20 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 20	-19 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 19
<i>l</i>	-31 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 31	-22 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 22
Reflections collected	12675	117151
Independent reflections	7397	14556
Parameters refined	461	998
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.050	1.067
Final R1, wR2 indexes [ <i>I</i> > 2σ ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0569, 0.1355	0.0837, 0.1996
Final R1, wR2 indexes [all data]	0.0801, 0.1553	0.1185, 0.2233
Residuals/ e. Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.302, -0.239	1.065, -0.998

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for sensor **1** and complex **1**

Bond distances of Sensor 1			
O(1)-C(1)	1.349(3)	O(3)-C(25)	1.228(2)
O(2)-C(12)	1.226(2)	O(4)-C(36)	1.358(3)
N(1)-C(11)	1.278(3)	N(3)-C(25)	1.367(3)
N(2)-C(12)	1.355(3)	N(4)-C(26)	1.290(3)
Bond distances of Complex 1			
Al(1)-O(1)	1.882(3)	Al(2)-O(3)	1.957(3)
Al(1)-O(2)	1.904(3)	Al(2)-O(4)	1.833(3)
Al(1)-O(5)	1.855(3)	Al(2)-O(7)	1.877(3)
Al(1)-O(6)	1.880(3)	Al(2)-O(8)	1.845(3)
Al(1)-N(1)	1.986(3)	Al(2)-N(4)	1.993(3)
Al(1)-N(5)	1.991(3)	Al(2)-N(8)	1.956(3)
O(1)-Na	2.518(3)	O(10)-Na	2.288(5)
O(5)-Na	2.407(3)	O(11)-Na	2.248(4)
O(9)-Na	2.352(5)	Al(1)-Na	3.391(2)
Bond angles of Complex 1			
O(5)-Al(1)-O(6)	165.76(13)	O(4)-Al(2)-O(8)	89.75(13)
O(5)-Al(1)-O(1)	86.88(12)	O(4)-Al(2)-O(7)	92.29(13)
O(6)-Al(1)-O(1)	91.08(12)	O(8)-Al(2)-O(7)	169.62(13)
O(5)-Al(1)-O(2)	92.31(12)	O(4)-Al(2)-N(8)	103.89(13)
O(6)-Al(1)-O(2)	93.32(12)	O(8)-Al(2)-N(8)	89.71(13)
O(1)-Al(1)-O(2)	164.68(12)	O(7)-Al(2)-N(8)	79.92(12)
O(5)-Al(1)-N(1)	100.73(13)	O(4)-Al(2)-O(3)	165.64(12)
O(6)-Al(1)-N(1)	93.19(12)	O(8)-Al(2)-O(3)	89.29(12)
O(1)-Al(1)-N(1)	86.43(12)	O(7)-Al(2)-O(3)	91.23(12)
O(2)-Al(1)-N(1)	78.68(12)	N(8)-Al(2)-O(3)	90.43(12)
O(5)-Al(1)-N(5)	87.85(12)	O(4)-Al(2)-N(4)	87.85(12)
O(6)-Al(1)-N(5)	79.08(12)	O(8)-Al(2)-N(4)	98.79(13)
O(1)-Al(1)-N(5)	105.16(13)	O(7)-Al(2)-N(4)	91.46(12)
O(2)-Al(1)-N(5)	90.08(12)	N(8)-Al(2)-N(4)	165.59(14)
N(1)-Al(1)-N(5)	166.04(14)	O(3)-Al(2)-N(4)	78.14(11)
O(11)-Na-O(10)	98.30(19)	O(9)-Na-O(5)	85.44(14)
O(11)-Na-O(9)	94.07(18)	O(11)-Na-O(1)	100.56(14)
O(10)-Na-O(9)	122.4(2)	O(10)-Na-O(1)	109.03(15)
O(11)-Na-O(5)	158.60(15)	O(9)-Na-O(1)	123.45(16)
O(10)-Na-O(5)	99.99(15)	O(5)-Na-O(1)	62.85(9)

**Table S3.** Al-O and amide C=O bond lengths (Å) in complex **1** showing the difference between the C25=O3 amide with respect to other amides.

Aluminium atom	-C=O...Al <sup>3+</sup>	-C=O	Carbonyl-amide -C-NH
Al1	1.904(3)	1.294(4)	1.312(5)
	1.880(3)	1.287(4)	1.314(5)
Al2	1.957(3)	1.251(4)	1.341(4)
	1.877(3)	1.295(4)	1.320(5)

**Table S4.** Hydrogen bond parameters (Å/°) of sensor **1** and complex **1**.

D-H...A	D-H	H...A	D...A	D-H...A	Symmetry code of A
<b>Sensor 1</b>					
O1-H1...N1	0.84	1.82	2.554(2)	146	-
N2-H2N...O3	0.88	1.98	2.833(2)	164	-
N3-H3N...O5	0.88	2.04	2.855(3)	154	-
O4-H4...N4	0.84	1.83	2.568(2)	145	-
O5-H5A...O6	0.87(2)	1.958(19)	2.820(3)	169(4)	-
O5-H5B...O6	0.88(2)	2.013(18)	2.868(2)	163(3)	1/2-x,3/2-y,1/2-z
<b>Complex 1</b>					
N3-H3N...O1w	0.89	1.96	2.848(4)	174	-
O1w-H11w...O8	0.85	2.07	2.908(4)	168	1-x,1-y,2-z
O1w-H12w...O2w	0.87	2.08	2.882(6)	151	-
O2w-H21w...N6	0.91	2.26	2.937(6)	130	-
O2w-H22w...O10	0.90	2.716	3.376(6)	131	1-x,1-y,1-z

**Table S5.** Weak interactions in complex **1**

D-H...A	D-H	H...A	D...A	D-H...A	Symmetry code of A
C23-H23...O1w	0.93	2.59	3.472(6)	158	-
C26-H26...O1w	0.93	2.57	3.347(6)	141	-
C66-H66...O13	0.93	2.52	3.111(13)	122	x,-1+y,z
C88-H88b...O12	0.96	2.24	3.171(14)	164	2-x,1-y,1-z
C91-H91c...O1w	0.96	2.57	3.387(14)	143	1+x,y,z

## 15. Comparative table:

**Table S6:** Comparative table of probes previously reported on the basis of their medium, binding constant, limit of detection and application.

	Analyte	Medium	Method	Binding constant $K_b$ , ( $M^{-1}$ )	Detection limit (M)	Applications	Ref.
1	$Al^{3+}$ , $F^-$	DMSO/ $H_2O$	Fluorometric	$Al^{3+}$ : $8.50 \times 10^5$	$Al^{3+}$ : $1.05 \times 10^{-8}$	Logic gate, Live cell imaging	1
2	$Al^{3+}$	$CH_3OH$	Fluorometric	$Al^{3+}$ : $3.6 \times 10^4$	$Al^{3+}$ : $8.30 \times 10^{-7}$	Paper strips	2
	$H_3PO_4^-$				$H_3PO_4^-$ : $1.7 \times 10^{-6}$		
3	$Al^{3+}$	$CH_3OH/H_2O$	Fluorometric	$5.42 \times 10^5$	$3.55 \times 10^{-7}$	Paper strips Logic gate	3
4	$Al^{3+}$	DMSO/ $H_2O$	Fluorometric	$4.09 \times 10^4$	$1.20 \times 10^{-7}$	Live cell imaging	4
5	$Al^{3+}$	DMSO/ $H_2O$	Fluorometric		$1.90 \times 10^{-6}$	-	5
6	$Al^{3+}$	$CH_3OH/H_2O$	Fluorometric	$2.85 \times 10^5$	$1.1 \times 10^{-7}$	-	6
7	$Al^{3+}$	DMF/ $H_2O$	Fluorometric	$2.75 \times 10^3$	$4.9 \times 10^{-7}$	Paper strips	7
8	$Al^{3+}$	$CH_3OH$	Fluorometric	$1.6 \times 10^4$	$2.7 \times 10^{-7}$	Paper strips	8
9	$Al^{3+}$	DMSO	Fluorometric	$1.4 \times 10^4$	$2.0 \times 10^{-7}$	Paper strips	9
10	$Al^{3+}$	DMF/ $H_2O$	Fluorometric	$3.48 \times 10^3$	$11.9 \times 10^{-8}$	Paper strips	This work

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