# **Supporting Information**

### Highly selective fluorescent probe for detecting mercury ion in water

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1. HRMS of probe TPH and reaction products of probe TPH and Hg<sup>2+</sup>

Figure S2. The HRMS data of the reaction products of probe TPH and  $Hg^{2+}$ .

### 2. <sup>1</sup>HNMR and <sup>13</sup>CNMR data of probe TPH







Figure S4. <sup>13</sup>CNMR data of probe TPH.

#### 3. Effects of pH on the recognition of probe TPH for Hg<sup>2+</sup>



Figure S5. The effects of pH on probe TPH (5  $\mu$ M) for detecting Hg<sup>2+</sup> (20  $\mu$ M).

#### 4. The emission of the probe TPH at different excitation wavelengths



Figure S6. The emission of the probe TPH at different excitation wavelengths (320-

450 nm)

### 5. The stability of the probe TPH in water



Figure S7. The stability of the probe TPH in water

#### 6. The forms of salts were used of the metal ions.

The forms of salts were used in this paper: MgSO<sub>4</sub>, CoSO<sub>4</sub>, NiSO<sub>4</sub>, MnSO<sub>4</sub>, ZnCl<sub>2</sub>, CuSO<sub>4</sub>, NaCl, AgNO<sub>3</sub>, CaCl<sub>2</sub>, Pb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, CdSO<sub>4</sub>, AlCl<sub>3</sub>, FeSO<sub>4</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>(SO4)<sub>3</sub>, KCl, SnCl<sub>2</sub>, CrSO<sub>4</sub>.