## Simple fluorescence "turn-off" assay for Congo red using

## commercial 2-aminophthalic acid

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**Figure S1**. The fluorescence intensity ratio of NH<sub>2</sub>-BDC solution at 425 nm under continuous irradiation of 365 nm ultraviolet light (Condition: 40 mM pH 8.0 phosphate buffer; the concentration of NH<sub>2</sub>-BDC is 3 mg/L; I<sub>0</sub> is the fluorescence intensity at 425 nm before irradiation, I is the fluorescence intensity at 425 nm after irradiation of 365 nm ultraviolet light at different time;  $\lambda_{ex}$ =330 nm;  $\lambda_{em}$ =425 nm.).

**Figure S2**. The fluorescence intensity ratio of NH<sub>2</sub>-BDC solution at 425 nm under continuous scanning (Condition: 40 mM pH 8.0 phosphate buffer; the concentration of NH<sub>2</sub>-BDC is 3 mg/L; I<sub>0</sub> is the fluorescence intensity at 425 nm before irradiation, I is the fluorescence intensity at 425 nm after irradiation of 365 nm ultraviolet light at different time;  $\lambda_{ex}$ =330 nm;  $\lambda_{em}$ =425 nm.).

**Figure S3**. Quantum yield calculation of NH<sub>2</sub>-BDC by using quinine sulfate as the reference. (Conditions: 40 mM pH 8.0 phosphate buffer; the concentration of NH2-BDC is 3 mg/L;  $\lambda_{ex}$ =330 nm.).

**Figure S4**. The change fluorescence intensity ratio of NH<sub>2</sub>-BDC at 425 nm after adding 100  $\mu$ M CR at different time (Conditions: 40 mM pH 8.0 phosphate buffer; the concentration of NH<sub>2</sub>-BDC is 3 mg/L; I<sub>0</sub> is the fluorescence intensity of NH<sub>2</sub>-BDC at 425 nm in the absence of CR, I is the fluorescence intensity of NH<sub>2</sub>-BDC at 425 nm in the presence of CR;  $\lambda_{ex}$ =330 nm;  $\lambda_{em}$ =425 nm).

**Table S1**. Comparison of the sensing performance between  $NH_2$ -BDC and other fluorescent methods for CR analysis.

Probes	Linear range	Limit of detection	Reference
Ca, N, S-carbon	0.2-1.2 μΜ	58 nM	1
quantum dots			
Yellow-green carbon	0.5-50 μg/mL (0.72-71.7 μM),	$0.04 \ \mu g/mL \ (0.057$	2
quantum dots	50-170 $\mu g/mL~(71.7\mathchar`244~\mu M)$	$\mu$ M), 0.03 $\mu$ g/mL	
		(0.043 µM)	
Rambutan seed waste-	0.5-10 μΜ	0.035 μM	3
derived nitrogen-doped			
carbon quantum dots			
Calix[4]arene derivative	0.040-8.0 µg/mL (0.057-114.8	8.9 ng/mL (1.28	4
	μΜ)	nM)	
NH <sub>2</sub> -BDC	0.05-50 μΜ	1.72 μM	This work

**Figure S5.** Fluorescence decay curves of NH<sub>2</sub>-DBC in the absence and presence of 100  $\mu$ M CR at different time (Conditions: 40 mM pH 8.0 phosphate buffer; the concentration of NH<sub>2</sub>-BDC is 3 mg/L; $\lambda_{ex}$ =341.1 nm;  $\lambda_{em}$ =425 nm).

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Samples	Added/µM	Found/µM	Recovery(%)	RSD(%)	
Tap water	25.00	27.00	108.0%	5.98%	_
	40.00	40.26	100.7%	1.08%	
Lake water	25.00	28.31	113.2%	7.16%	
	40.00	36.65	91.6%	3.15%	

Table S2. Detection results of NH<sub>2</sub>-BDC for CR in real water samples.

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