## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Xanthene-based fluorescence turn-on detection of phosgene via analyte-triggered isocyanate formation

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**Figure. S1**. UV-visible response of Xanth-NH<sub>2</sub> (5  $\mu$ M) with addition of 50  $\mu$ M of TPG in acetonitrile containing 100  $\mu$ M of 1% TEA.



Figure S2. Plot of a linear relationship between fluorescence intensity at 582 nm and concentration of TPG.



Figure S3. Mass spectrum of Xanth- $NH_2$  in the presence of phosgene.



**Figure S4**: Selectivity profile of Xanth-NH<sub>2</sub> (5  $\mu$ M) upon addition of phosgene (100  $\mu$ M TPG/100  $\mu$ M of 1%TEA) and other analytes (250  $\mu$ M each). Data reported after 2 min of addition. Solvent CH<sub>3</sub>CN,  $\lambda_{ex/em} = 540$  nm/582 nm.



**Figure S5.** Competitive selectivity profile of Xanth-NH<sub>2</sub> (5  $\mu$ M) for phosgene (100  $\mu$ M TPG/100  $\mu$ M of 1%TEA) in the presence of different analytes. Data reported after 2 min of addition. Solvent CH<sub>3</sub>CN,  $\lambda_{ex/em} = 540$  nm/582 nm.



Figure S6: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound Xanth-NO<sub>2</sub> in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S7: HRMS spectrum of compound Xanth-NO2.



Figure S8: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound Xanth-NH<sub>2</sub> in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S9: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound Xanth-NH<sub>2</sub> in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S10: HRMS spectrum of compound Xanth-NH<sub>2</sub>.