

## Supplementary Information

### **Fluorescent probe for Fe<sup>3+</sup> and CN<sup>-</sup> in aqueous media mimicking a memorized molecular crossword puzzle**

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1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

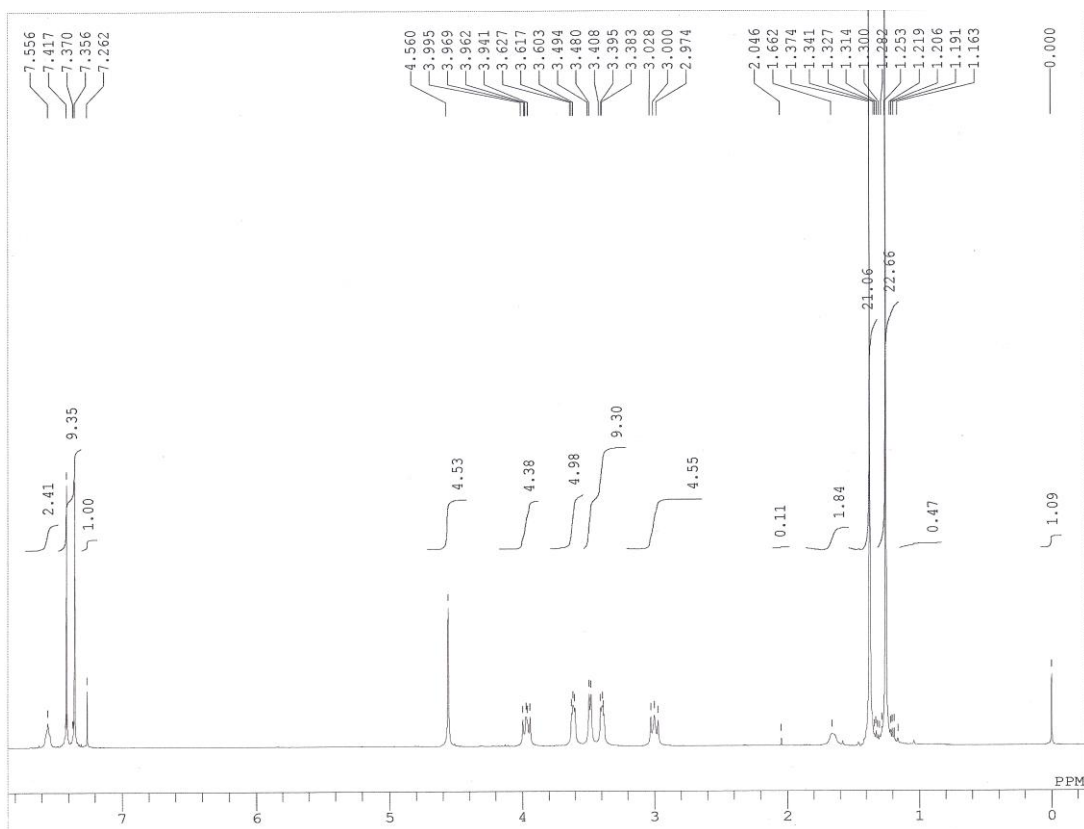


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectrum of **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

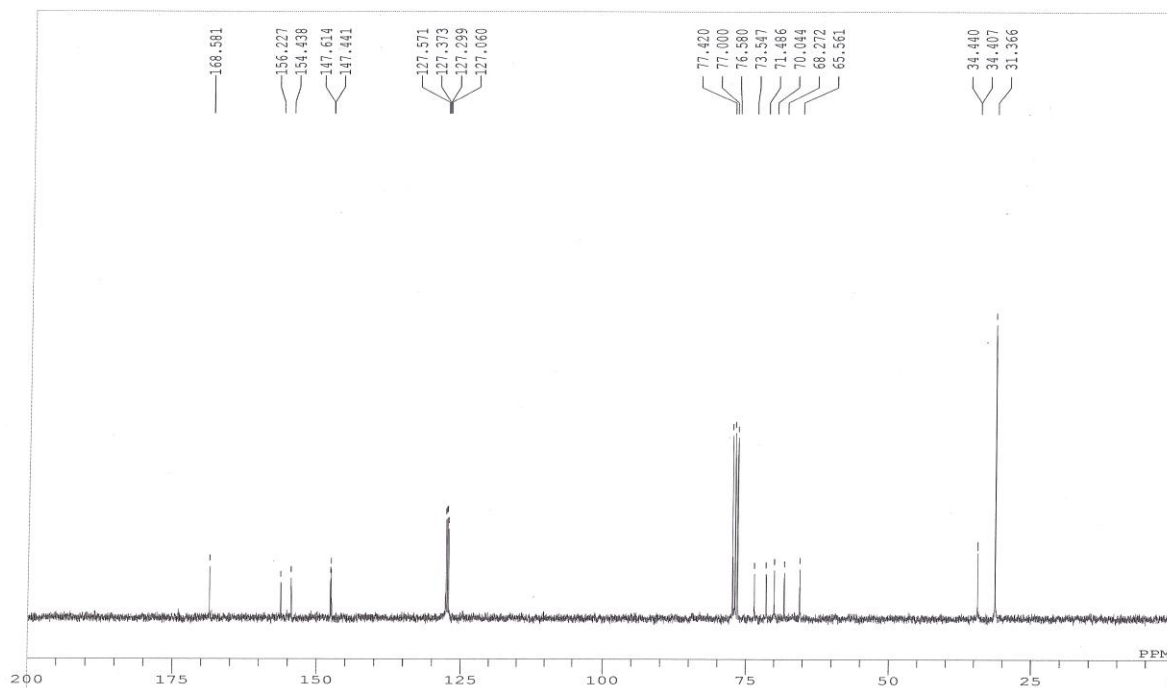
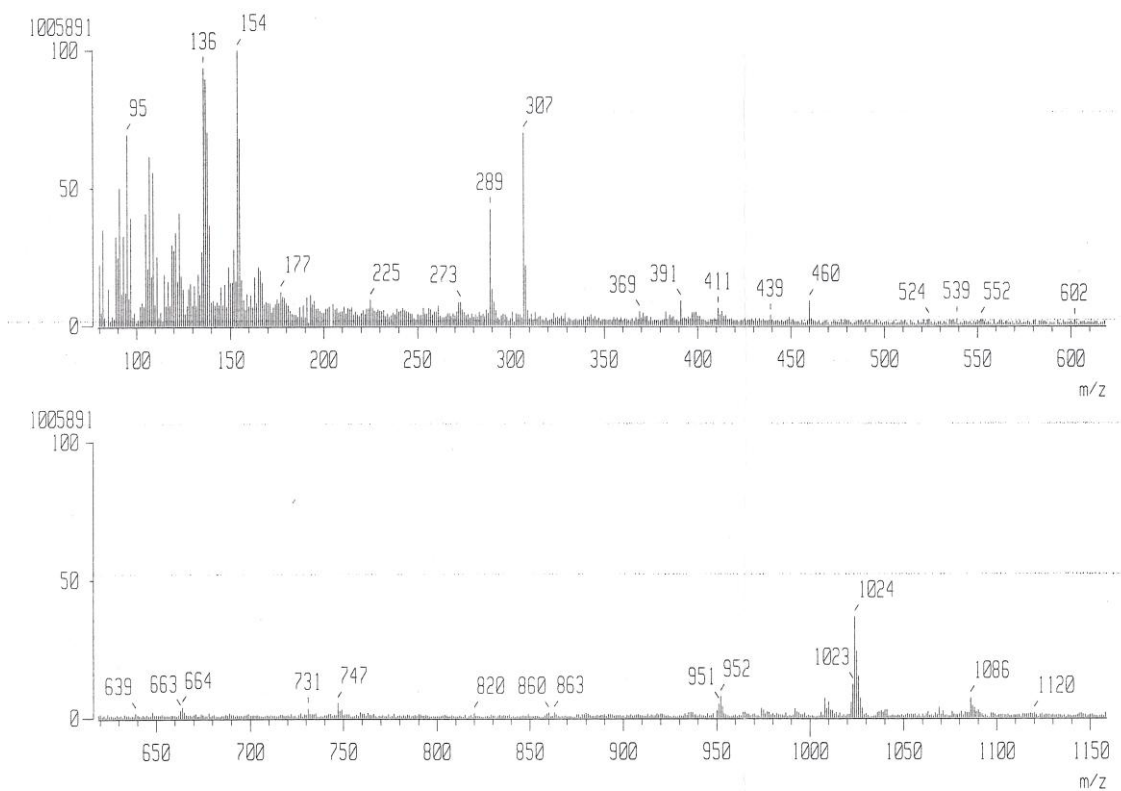


Figure S2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

### 3. FAB mass spectrum of 2.



**Figure S3.** FAB mass spectrum of 2.

4.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

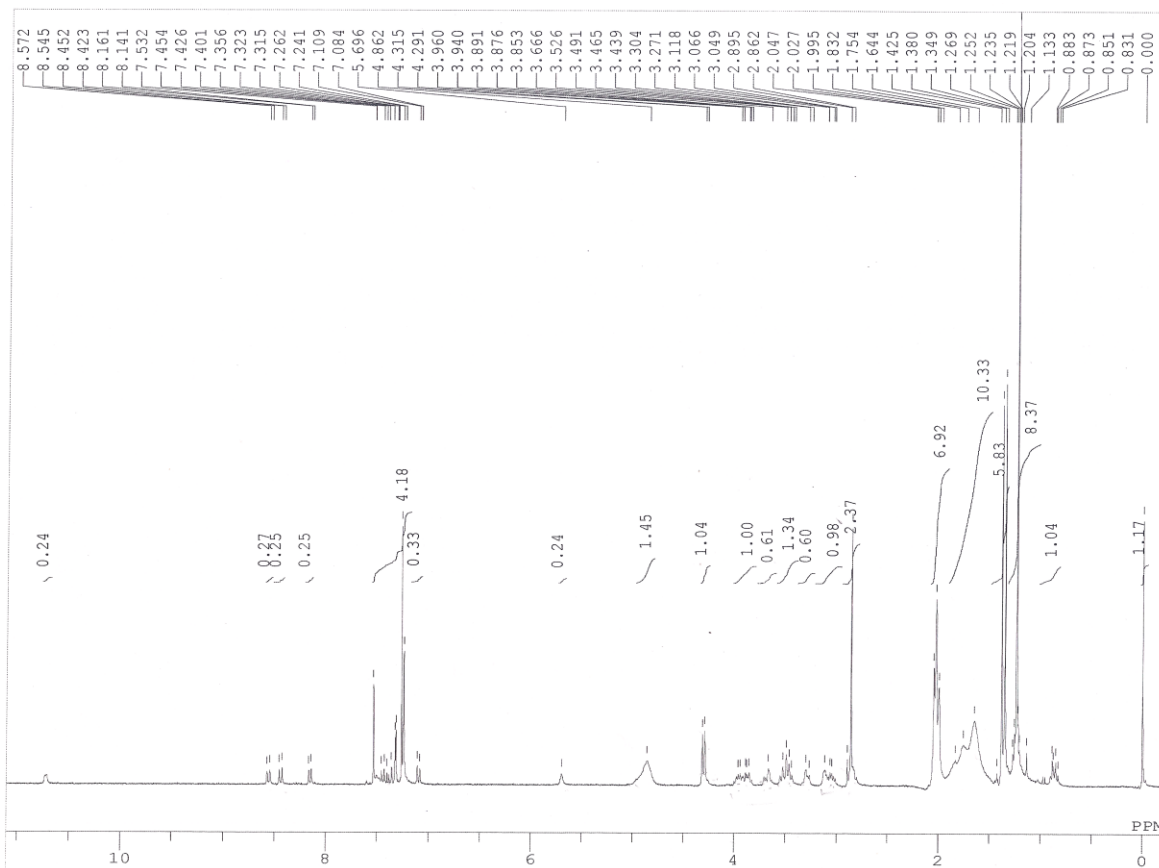


Figure S4.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

5.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

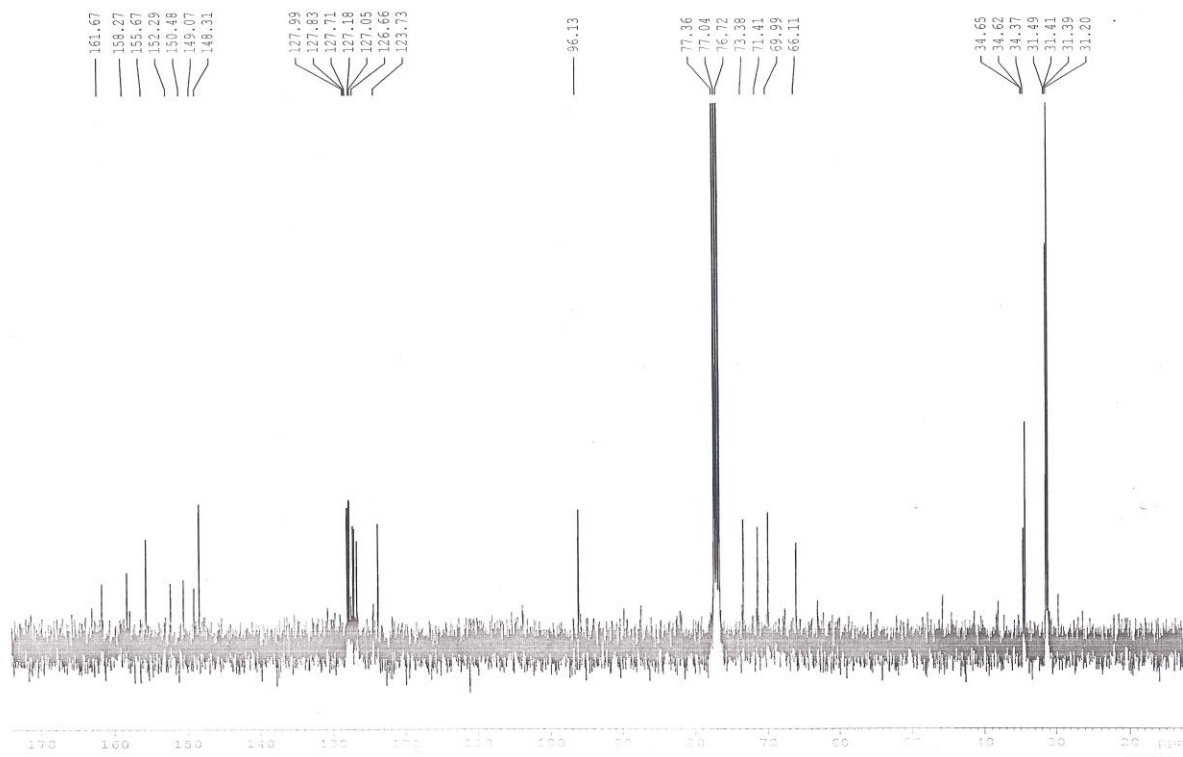
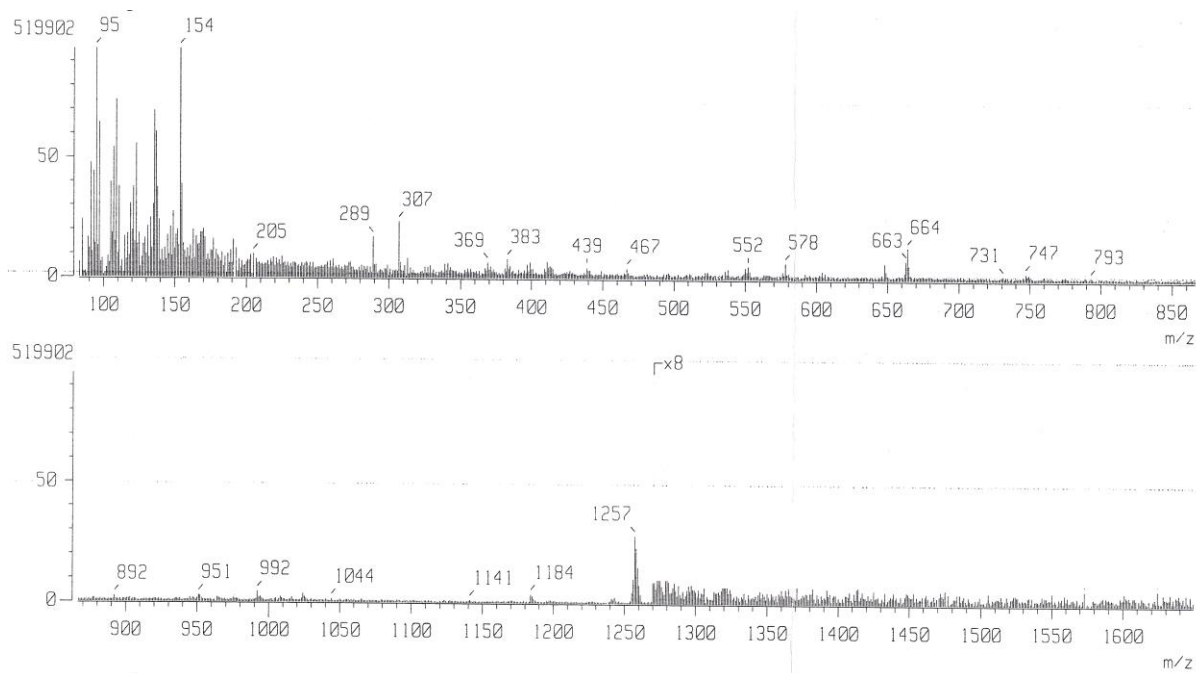


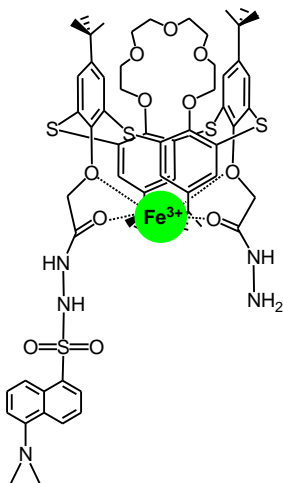
Figure S5.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

## 6. FAB mass spectrum of 4.



**Figure S6.** FAB mass spectrum of 4.

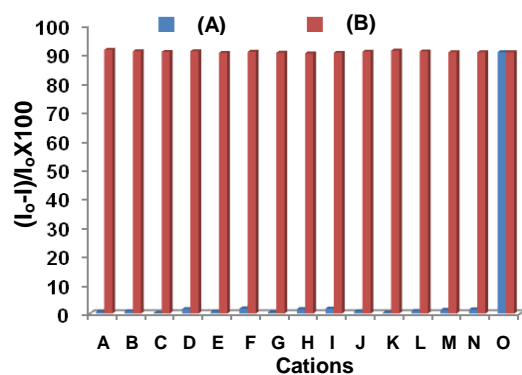
7. Pictorial representation of binding modes of compound **4** with  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ions.



**Figure S7.** Pictorial representation of binding modes of compound **4** with  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ions

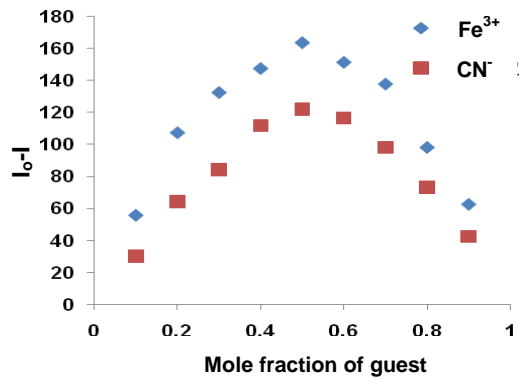


8. Selectivity of receptor **4** for  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ion over other metal ions.



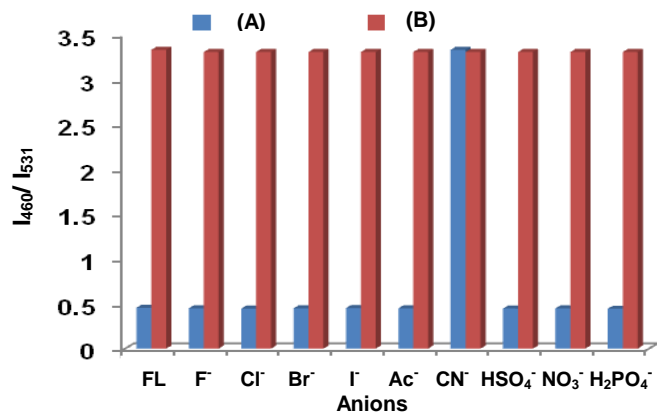
**Figure S8.** (A) Selectivity of **4** ( $5.0 \mu\text{M}$ ) towards  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  upon addition of different cations and (B) Competitive selectivity of **4** ( $5.0 \mu\text{M}$ ) towards  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  in the presence of different cations in 10% aqueous ethanol. A =  $\text{Li}^+$ , B =  $\text{Na}^+$ , C =  $\text{K}^+$ , D =  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$ , E =  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ , F =  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ , G =  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ , H =  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ , I =  $\text{Ag}^+$ , J =  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ , K =  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ , L =  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ , M =  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ , N =  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , O =  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ .

9. Job plot for **3** and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{CN}^-$  in 10% aqueous ethanol.



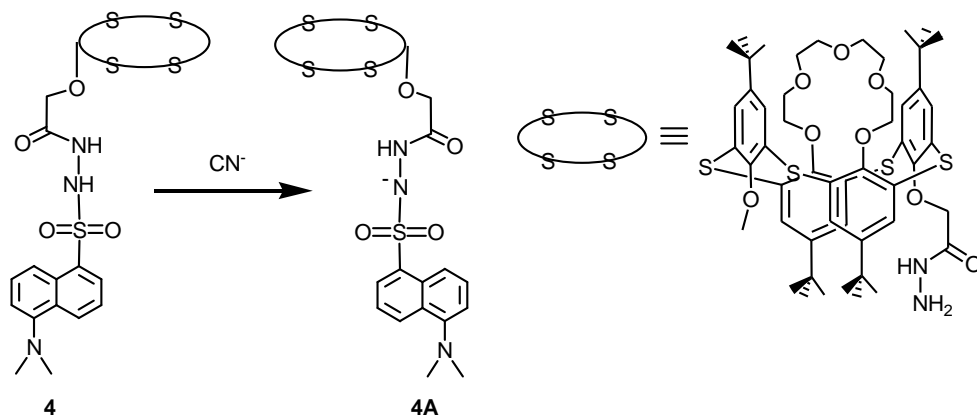
**Figure S9.** Job plot for **4** and guest ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  or  $\text{CN}^-$ ) in 10% aqueous ethanol.

10. Ratiometric selectivity of compound **4** towards  $\text{CN}^-$  ions over other anions.



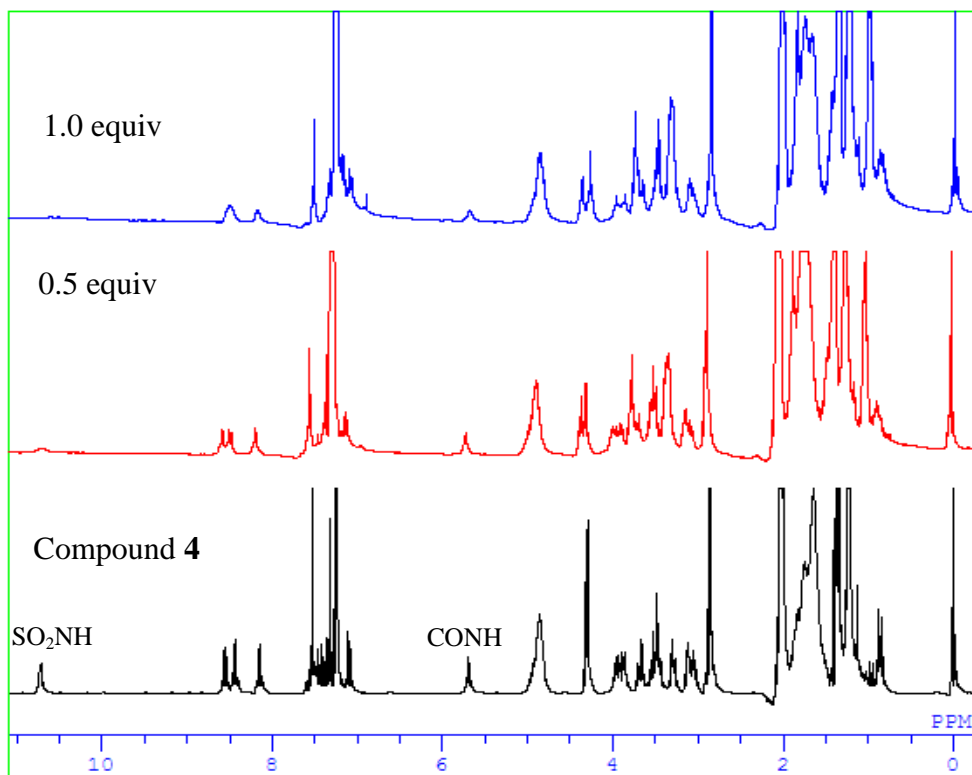
**Figure S10.** (A) Ratiometric selectivity of **4** (5.0  $\mu\text{M}$ ) towards  $\text{CN}^-$  upon addition of different anions and (B) Competitive selectivity of **4** (5.0  $\mu\text{M}$ ) towards  $\text{CN}^-$  in the presence of different anions in 10% aqueous ethanol

**11.** The intermolecular proton transfer between cyanide and N-H group of sulphonamide group of thiacalix[4]podand **4**.



**Scheme S1.** The intermolecular proton transfer between cyanide and N-H group of sulphonamide group of thiacalix[4]podand **4**.

12.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compound **4** with  $\text{CN}^-$  ions in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

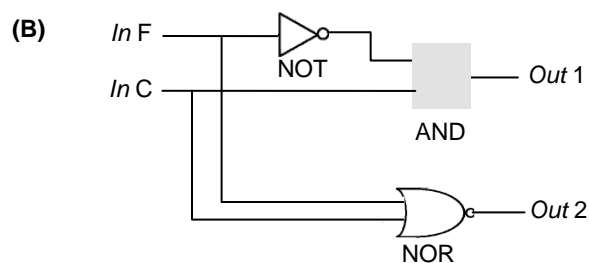


**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compound **4** with  $\text{CN}^-$  ions in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

**13.** Sequential logic circuit for the second sequence with two input strings *InC* and *InF* at  $\lambda$  460 nm and 531 nm.

(A)

Entry	<i>In C</i> (CN <sup>-</sup> )	<i>In F</i> (Fe <sup>3+</sup> )	Output 1 ( $\lambda$ 460 nm)	Output 2 ( $\lambda$ 531 nm)
1	0	0	0	1
2	1	0	1	0
3	0	1	0	0
4	1	1	0	0



**Figure S12.** (A) Truth table for the second sequence (addition of first input *InC* followed by second input *InF*) of molecular crossword puzzle; (B) Sequential logic circuit for the second sequence with two input strings *InC* and *InF* at  $\lambda$  460 nm and 531 nm.