Supporting Information for

A new N-substituted heteroacene can detect CN⁻ and F⁻ anions via anion- π interaction

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Chemical Formula: C₂₆H₂₁NO₅ Exact Mass: 427.14

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Figure S1 MALDI TOF of 2 without further purification



Chemical Formula: C₃₈H₂₇N₅O₃ Exact Mass: 601.21

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FigureS2 HiRes MALDI TOF of 1



Figure S3. Blank CDCl₃ and aromatic proton peaks distribution of **1** in CDCl₃ *via* ¹H NMR (400 MHz) as labeled in molecular structure of **1**.



Figure S4. The picture of color change (a), UV-vis (b) and PL (c) spectra of **1** (1 eq., 2 mL, 1.0×10^{-5} M) in THF solution upon addition of anions 1-12 (BF₄, PF₆, Cl, F, SO₄²⁻, NO₃, I, H₂PO₄, ClO₄, Ac, Br, and CN) as TBA salts DMF solution (15 eq., 30 µL, 1.0×10^{-2} M).



Figure S5. UV-vis (a) and PL (b) spectra of **1** (1 eq., 2 mL, 1.0×10^{-5} mol/L) in THF solution without changes upon the addition of 9 anions 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (see Figure S4) as TBA salts in DMF solution (**30 eq.**, 60 µL, 1.0×10^{-2} mol/L), respectively.



Figure S6. Normalized UV-Vis (a) and PL (b) spectra of **1** (1×10^{-5} M) in THF solution upon addition of **60 eq.** of F⁻ (120 µL in DMF) and followed by the addition of 5 eq. Cu²⁺ (**10** µL in DMF).



Figure S7. Normalized UV-Vis (a) and PL (b) spectra of 1 (1 eq., 2mL, 1×10^{-5} M) in THF solution upon addition of **20 eq.** of CN⁻ (40 µL in DMF) and followed by the addition of 5 eq. Ca²⁺ and Fe³⁺ (**10** µL in DMF) compared to Cu²⁺ (**10** µL in DMF).