# **Supplementary Information**

# Photophysical aspects of BODIPY-Coumarin conjugated sensor and detection of Al<sup>3+</sup> in MCF-7 cell

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Fig. S1: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compound 3(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)



Fig.S2:<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) compound 2







Fig.S4: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of R1:Al<sup>3+</sup> (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)





Fig. S6: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound 3



Fig. S7: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of R1



**Fig. S8: LC-MS of compound 2 (m/z,%): calculated** For  $C_{23}H_{25}BF_2N_4$ ; 304.5, **found**: 303.5 [compound 2-H<sup>+</sup>]





Fig. S9: ESI-MS of R1 (m/z,%): Calculated 545.2771; found 546.2871 (R1+H<sup>+</sup>)

**Fig. S10:LCMS-MS of R1:Al**<sup>3+</sup> (m/z,%): Calculated 572.2; found 590.3 (R1+Al<sup>3+</sup>+H<sub>2</sub>O)



Fig. S11: FTIR spectra of R1:



Fig. S12: FTIR spectra of R1:Al<sup>3+</sup>



### **Binding Constant calculation (Fluorescence)**

Binding constant (Ka) analysis was calculated by using Benesi-Hildebrand linear regression analysis subsequent equation (i).

$$1/(I - I_0) = 1/(I_{\infty} - I_0)K_a[G] + 1/(I_{\infty} - I_0) ) \qquad \dots \dots eqn. (i)$$

I = (I – I<sub>0</sub>), (1/ $\Delta$ I) = reciprocal of intensity difference, was plotted against the reciprocal of concentration of guest (1/[G]),association constant  $K_a$  = intercept/slope.

The binding constant ( $K_a$ ) plot was calculated by plotting  $1/\Delta I$  against $1//[Al^{3+}]$ . The binding constant of complex R1:Al<sup>3+</sup> were obtained  $4.6 \times 10^4$ .



**Fig. S13:**Binding constant calculation was calculated using fluorescence spectra (a) plot with **R1:**Al<sup>3+</sup>



**Fig.S14:** Titration curve of **R1** with different concentration of metal ions using Fluorescence technique (a) **R1:Al**<sup>3+</sup>



**Fig.S15:** Ratiometric analysis of complex using fluorescence technique by Job's plots in  $CH_3CN$  (a) **R1:Al<sup>3+</sup>**.

## Calculation of limit of detection (LOD):

The limit of detection of  $\mathbf{R1:Al}^{3+}$  was calculated through fluorescence titration data. The limit of detection was calculated by using following equation.

#### $LOD = K \times SD/S$

Where, SD is the standard deviation of the receptor (**R1**) solution is 0.52, K=2 or 3 (we take 2 in this case) and S is the slop of the calibration curve.

For **R1**:Al<sup>3+</sup> We obtained slop value =  $2.5 \times 10^6$  respectively from linear fit graph. By using above formula we get the value of limit of detection of **R1**: Al<sup>3+</sup>is  $4.1 \times 10^{-7}$ M.



**Fig.S16:** LOD of **R1** towards **R1:**  $AI^{3+}$ .

#### pH studies

pH titration experiment was carried out in the presence and absence of metal ions for investigating practical application of sensor. **R1** was stable in between 6-13 pH range and maximum peak intensity was found at pH 1 due to protonation of **R1**. The intensity of **R1** was almost decreased at basic condition. In the presence of  $Al^{3+}$  ion the maximum fluorescence intensity was appeared at pH range at 7 and complex **R1**:  $Al^{3+}$  produced pink fluorescent. So, **R1** was applicable in biological environment for detecting of  $Al^{3+}$  ion.



Fig. S17: pH titration curve in the presence and absence of metal ions (a) R1 at 598 nm.

Table for comparing chemosensor for  $Al^{3+}$  ion.

Sensors	Detection of limit (µM)	Ref
	0.1	1
N H N OH HO	0.1-0.3	2
N-COH	1	3
N NH <sub>2</sub>	0.1	4
MeO	0.1	5



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