

## Supporting Information

### Dosimetric Chromogenic Probe for Selective Detection of Sulfide via Sol-Gel Methodology

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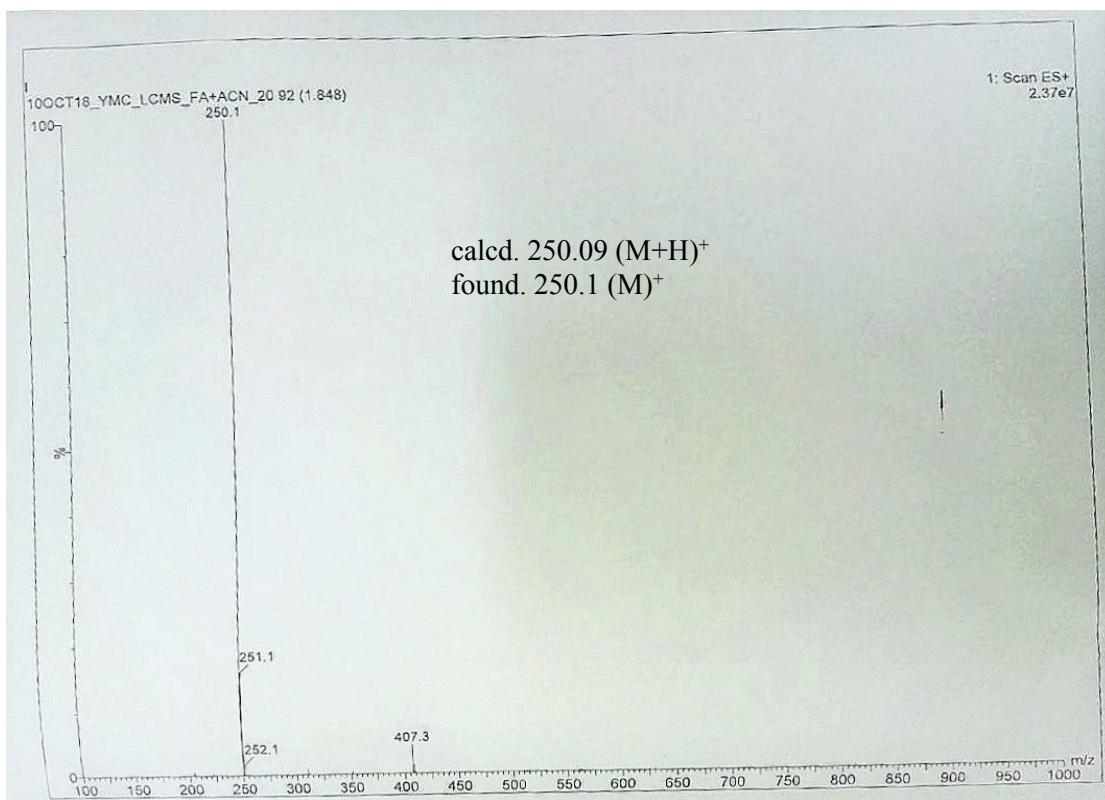
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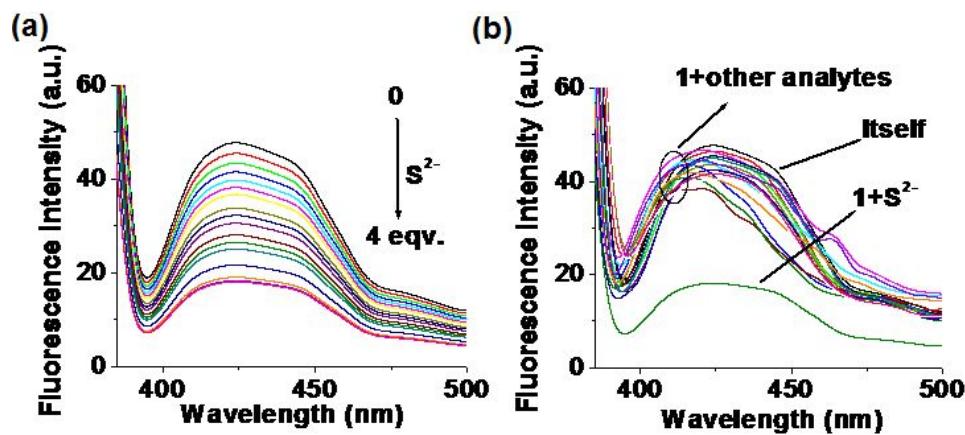
**Table S1.** Results of gelation test for compounds **1** and **2**.

Solvent	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
DMSO	S	S
DMF	S	S
CH <sub>3</sub> CN	S	G
THF	S	S
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	S	S
2% MeOH in CHCl <sub>3</sub>	S	S
DMSO-H <sub>2</sub> O(1:1,v/v)	P	G
DMF-H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1,v/v)	P	G
CH <sub>3</sub> CN-H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1,v/v)	S	G
Ethanol: H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1, v/v)	P	G

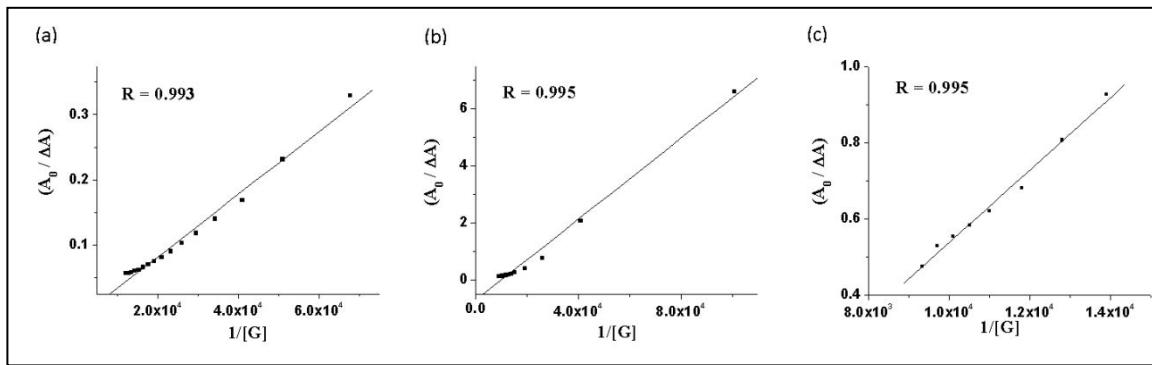
S = solution; G = gel; P = Precipitation. Gelation tests were performed by taking 20 mg of the respective compounds in 1 ml of pure solvent or solvent mixture after ~15 min of sample preparation.



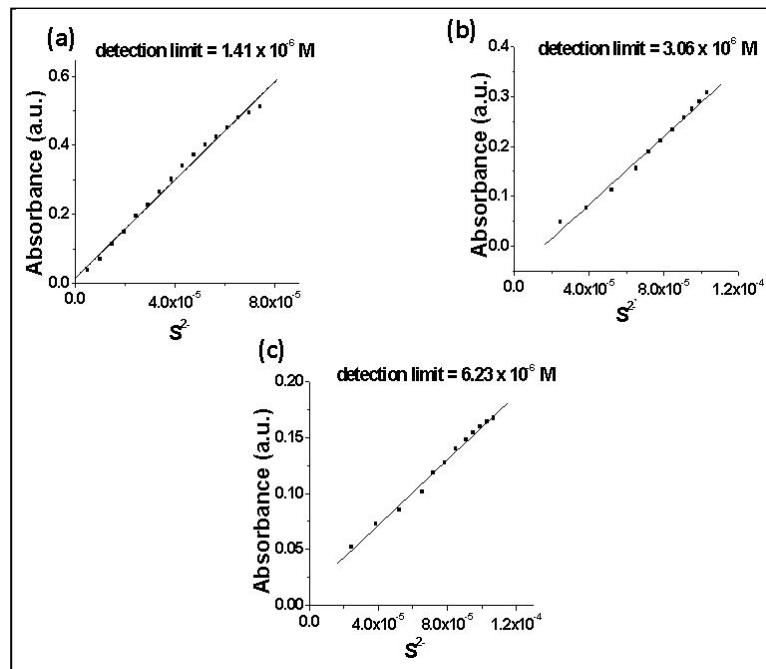
**Figure S1.** Mass spectra of the product obtained from the reaction of **1** with sulfide.



**Figure S2.** Change in fluorescence intensity ( $\lambda_{ex} = 370$  nm) of **1** ( $c = 2.50 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon addition of 4 equiv. amount (a) sulfide and (b) different analytes ( $c = 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1, v/v).

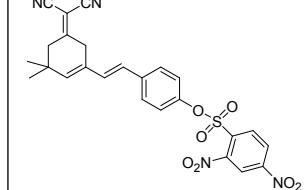
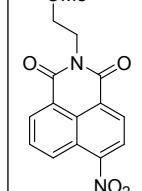
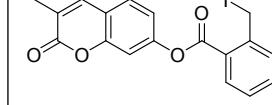
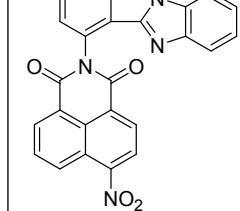
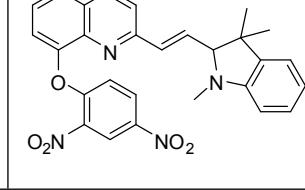
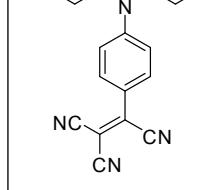


**Figure S3.** Benesi–Hilderband plots of **1** ( $c = 2.50 \times 10^{-5}$  M) for sulfide in (a) 1:1 DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v) , (b) 1:3 DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v) and (c) 1:5 DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v).

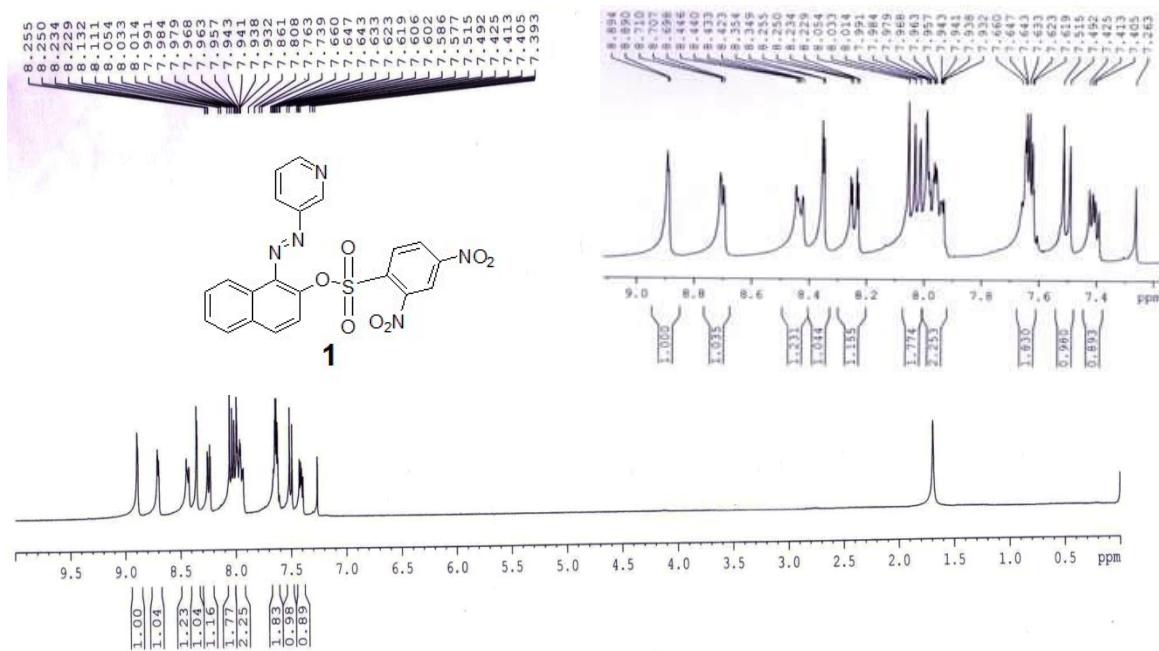


**Figure S4.** Calculation of detection limits of **1** ( $c = 2.50 \times 10^{-5}$  M) for sulfide in (a) 1:1 DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v), (b) 1:3 DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v) and (c) 1:5 DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v).

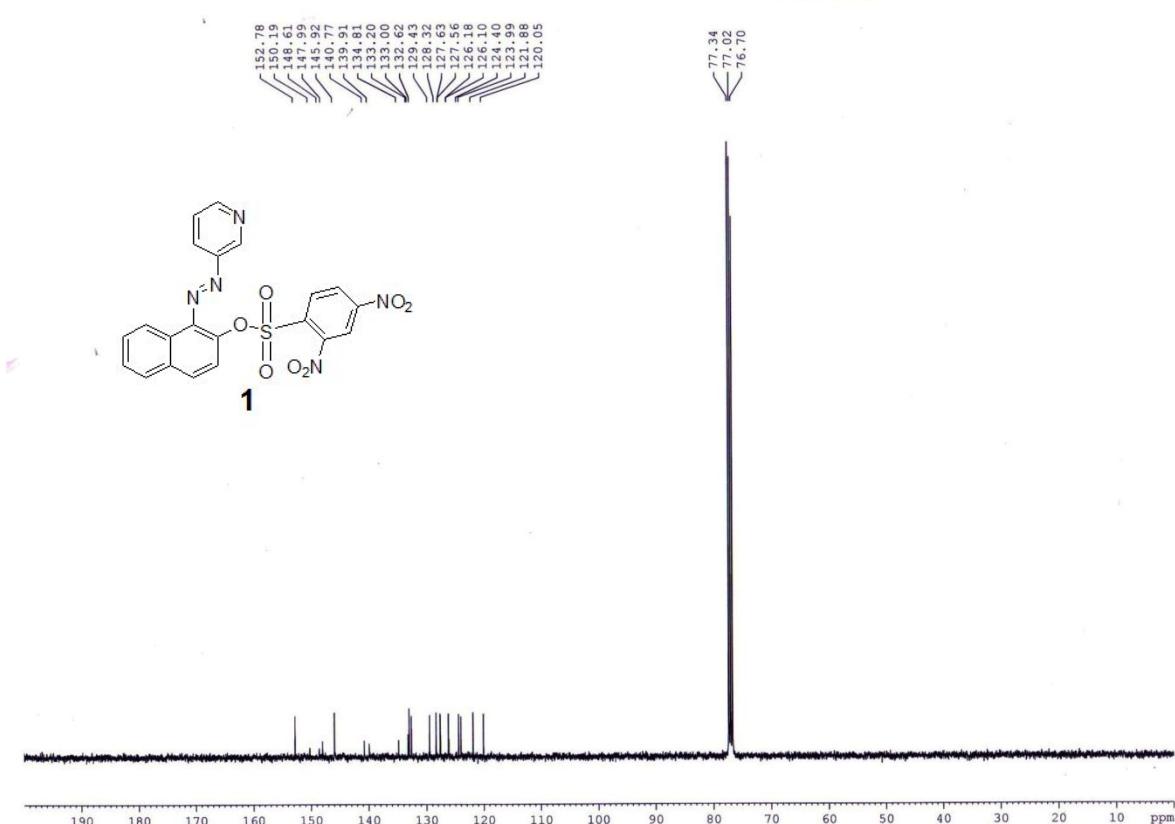
**Table S2.** Reported structures for sulfide sensing in solution phase.

Entry	Structure of compounds	Gel phase detection	Sensing mechanism	solvent	Detection limit (M)	Ref.
1.		No	Fluorescence enhancement	PBS buffer	5.3x10 <sup>-7</sup> M.	1
2.		No	Fluorescence enhancement	aqueous buffer (50 mM PIPES)	5.0x10 <sup>-6</sup> M	2
3.		No	Fluorescence enhancement	PBS buffer (10 mM, pH 7.4, containing 1 mM CTAB)	30nM	3
4.		No	Fluorescence enhancement	DMSO-H <sub>2</sub> O(1:3)	24.2x10 <sup>-7</sup> M	4
5.		No	Fluorescence enhancement	DMSO-H <sub>2</sub> O(1:2 V/V)	1.08x10 <sup>7</sup> M	5
6.		No	Colorimetric sensing	aqueous buffer solution	10 <sup>-10</sup> mM	6

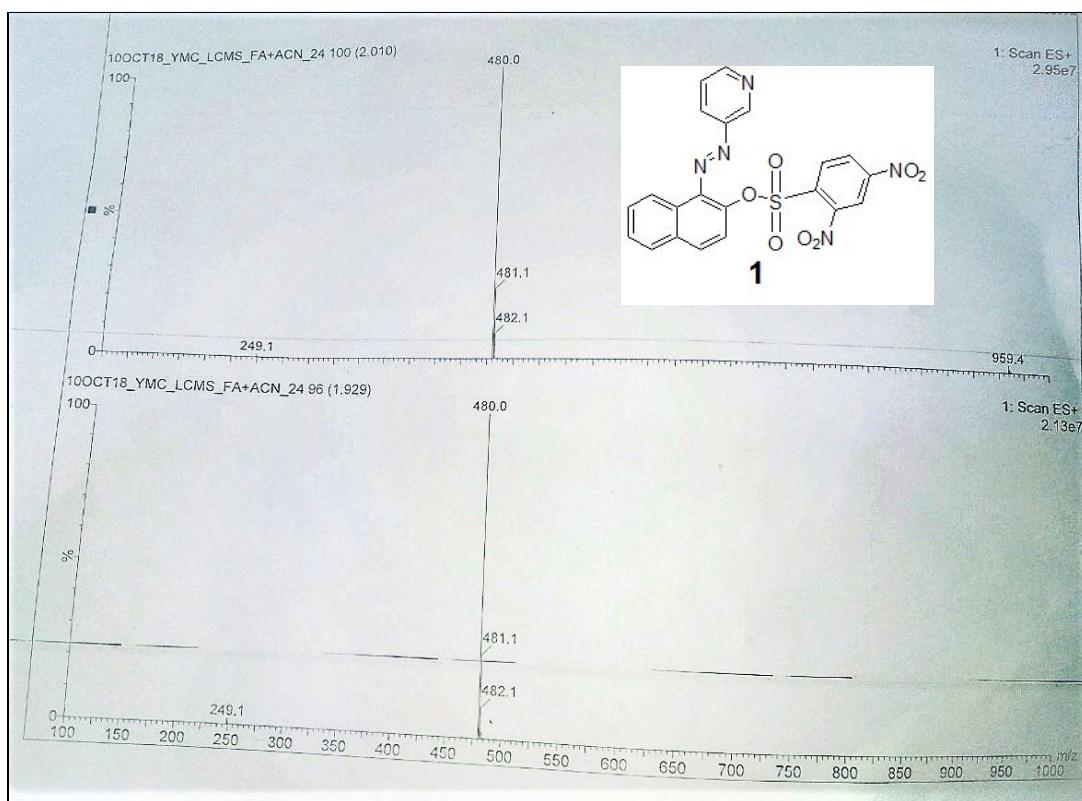
7.		No	Fluorescence quenching	DMF/phosphate buffer (6:4, v/v)	0.25 mM	7
8.		No	Fluorescence quenching	CH3OH-HEPES (10mM, pH-7.4)	14 nm (14x10^-8 M)	8
9.		No	Fluorescence enhancement	aqueous HEPES buffer (10 mmol/L, pH 7.0)	9.37x10^-6 M	9
10.		No	Fluorescence enhancement	PBS buffer (20 mM, pH 7.4) containing 20% DMSO (v/v)	0.13 µM (0.13x10^-6 M)	10
11.		No	Fluorescence enhancement	PBS buffer (20 mM, pH = 7.4).	0.4 µM (0.4x10^-6 M) [Detection limit for a] 16 µM (16x10^-6 M) [Detection limit for b]	11
This work		Yes (sol-to-gel transition)	Visual sensing through sol-to-gel phase transition. Colorimetric response	DMSO-H2O (1:1, v/v)	1.41 x10^-6 M	-



**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) spectrum of compound 1.



**Figure S6.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) spectrum of compound 1.



**Figure S7.** Mass spectrum of compound **1**.

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