## **Supplementary Materials: A Peptoid-Based Fluorescent Sensor for Cyanide Detection**

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## **Computational Methods**

Molecular dynamics was carried out using the SYBYL-X2.1.1(Tripos Inc, St Louis, MO, USA) with the method of simulated annealing to find the lowest energy structures of CP3. The compound was heated at a temperature of 700 K for 1000 fs to allow high degree of randomization and was cooled down to a temperature of 200 K for 1000 fs for 10 cycles. The Tripos standard molecular mechanic force field and the Gasteiger–Huckel charge were used for simulation. The distance-dependent dielectric constant was set to a value of 1 and nonbonded cutoffs was set to a value of 8.0 Å. The annealed structures were finally subjected to the Powell energy minimization algorithm with a gradient 0.005 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>·Å<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S1.** The ensemble of the lowest energy structures of coumarin-peptoid obtained from the simulated annealing method.



**Figure S2.** The binding constant (*K*<sub>d</sub>) of the **CP3**-Cu<sup>2+</sup> complex in DMF (**a**) and MeOH:CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1:5) (**b**) ( $\lambda_{ex} = 441 \text{ nm}$ ).



**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of **CP3** and **CP3**-Cu<sup>2+</sup> (**a**) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral changes associated with formation of the **CP3**-Cu<sup>2+</sup> complex. (300 MHz); (**b**) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of **CP3** in MeOD and DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (300 MHz). Marked peaks indicate rotamers.



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of compound CP3 (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>).



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Figure S6. ESI-MS spectrum of CP3-Cu<sup>2+</sup>.

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	Titration 1 (Kd)	Titration 2 (Kd)	Titration 3 (Kd)
DMF	0.5656	0.7426	0.6039
MeOH:CHCl <sub>3</sub>	0.3940	0.9009	