SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Hydrazine-selective Fluorescent Turn-on Probe based on Ortho-methoxy-methyl-ether (o-MOM) Assisted Retro-aza-Henry Type Reaction

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Supporting Figures



Figure S1. Solvent-dependent absorption and emission changes of **HyP-2**. (a, c) Absorption and (b, d) emission spectra of **HyP-2** (10 μ M, top) and after adding hydrazine (1 mM, bottom) in various organic solvents, analyzed after 60 min incubation at 25 °C. The emission spectra were obtained under excitation at the maximum absorption wavelength within each solvent.



Figure S2. (a) Concentration dependent absorption spectra of **HyP-2** (0–40 μ M) in DI H₂O. Absorption spectra was collected at 25 °C with no incubation. (b) absorbance intensity plot (peak height at 453 nm) of **HyP-2**, which is derived from the panel (a).



Figure S3. Determination of the fluorescence quantum yield (Q.Y.). (a, b) Absorption and emission spectra of **HyP-2** (10 μ M) + N₂H₄ (1 mM) in DI H₂O, and 9,10-diphenylanthracene (DPA) in ethanol. (c) Experimental parameters for determining the Q.Y. measurements of reaction product. The reaction product was prepared by incubating the mixture of **HyP-2** and N₂H₄ for 60 min at 25 °C.



Figure S4. ¹H NMR peak analysis of **HyP-2** and **HyP-2**+N₂H₄. (a) ¹H NMR spectra of **HyP-2** (top, 3 mg/mL) and its reaction product (bottom) with N₂H₄ (crude solution in DI H₂O) in DMSO-*d*₆ NMR solvent. NMR tube with the mixture of **HyP-2** and N₂H₄ was incubated for 60 min at 25 °C.



Figure S5. Sensing properties of **HyP-2**. (a, c) Absorption and (b, d) emission spectra of **HyP-2** (10 μ M) after adding each metal ions (30 eq) and biomolecules (30 eq) including hydrazine solution (1 mM) in DI H₂O, measured after incubating for 60 min at 25 °C. [*Metal ions*] CaCl₂, CdCl₂, CuCl₂, FeCl₃, KCl, MgCl₂, NaCl, NaCl (anion), NaCN, NaHSO₃, NaN₃, NaOAc, NaOH, NaSH, NiCl₂, and ZnCl₂. [*Biomolecules*] Glu (glutamine), GSH (glutathione), Lys (lysine), Cys (cysteine), Hcy (homocysteine), and Asp (aspartic acid). The emission spectra were obtained under excitation at 338 nm.



Figure S6. pH-dependent absorption (top) and emission (bottom) spectra changes of **HyP-2** (10 μ M) and **HyP-2C** (control compound, 10 μ M) after adding hydrazine (1 mM). Spectra changes were monitored in various pH buffers (pH 4, 5, 6, 7, 7.4, 8, 9), measured after incubating for 60 min at 25 °C. The fluorescence emission spectra were obtained under excitation at the maximum absorption wavelength.



Figure S7. Photostability of **HyP-2**. (a) Absorption and (b) emission change of **HyP-2** (10 μ M) under continuous UV light exposure (365 nm, 3 W) in DI H₂O. Time indicates the UV light exposure time. (c) A fluorescence intensity change plot, which is derived from the maximum wavelength of emission spectra in panel (b).







¹³C NMR spectra for HyP-2+N₂H₄



HR-mass spectra for **HyP-2**



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Supporting Tables

Structure	Туре	Sensitivity	Selectivity	Response time	Media	Application
(Ref. 1)	Ratiometric $(\lambda_{exc} = 510$ nm, $\lambda_{emi} =$ 639nm)	0.43µM	0	20 min	pH 3.7 buffer– DMSO (1:9, <i>v</i> /v)	Cell imaging
$(\operatorname{Ref.} 2)^{\operatorname{NC}}$	Ratiometric $(\lambda_{exc} = 405)$ nm, $\lambda_{emi} =$ 458nm)	1.02 μΜ	0	< 1 min	pH 7.4 buffer- CH3CN (8:2, <i>v</i> /v)	Not Reported
(Ref. 3)	Ratiometric $(\lambda_{exc} = 470)$ nm, $\lambda_{emi} = 495$ nm)	121.91 μM.	0	Not Reported	pH 7.5 buffer- DMF (7:3, v/v)	Cell imaging, zebra fish imaging, Paper strip
(Ref. 4)	Off-on (λ _{exc} = 460 nm, λ _{emi} = 520 nm)	6.16 µM	0	30 min	pH 5 buffer- CH₃CN (9:1, v/v)	Not Reported
(Ref. 5)	Ratiometric $(\lambda_{exc} = 350$ nm, $\lambda_{emi} = 400$ nm)	1.79 nM	0	40 sec	pH 7.4 buffer	Cell imaging, Vapor test
$ \xrightarrow{N} \xrightarrow{HO} \xrightarrow{CN} \xrightarrow{CN} \xrightarrow{CN} (Ref. 6) $	Off-on $(\lambda_{exc} = 440$ nm, $\lambda_{emi} = 510$ nm)	29 µM	0	55 min	DMSO- H2O (8:2, v/v)	Silica gel plate test, Cell imaging
OH NC CN CN (Ref. 7)	On-off ($\lambda_{exc} = 370$ nm, $\lambda_{emi} = 635$ nm)	3.67 µM	0	Not Reported	THF-H2O (2:8, v/v)	Cell imaging, Paper strip

Table S1. Summary of hydrazine probes based on dicyanovinyl molecular rotor moiety. DMSO:

 dimethyl sulfoxide, CH₃CN: acetonitrile, THF: tetrahydrofuran, EtOH: ethanol.

Ref. 8)	Off-on $(\lambda_{exc} = 551$ nm, $\lambda_{emi} = 680$ nm)	570 μM	0	1 min	pH 7.4 buffer- EtOH (7:3, v/v)	Cell imaging, Paper strip
(Ref. 9)	Off-on $(\lambda_{exc} = 638$ nm, $\lambda_{emi} = 692$ nm)	8.6 nM	0	30 min	pH 7.4 buffer- CH3CN (5:5, v/v)	Cell imaging, Paper strip
NC_CN O (Ref. 10)	Off-on (λ _{exc} = 691 nm, λ _{emi} = 725 nm)	0.0823 μM	0	Not Reported	DMSO	Paper strip

Table S2. Photophysical properties of **HyP-2**. ACN; acetonitrile, DCM; dichloromethane, DI H₂O; deionized water, EtOAc; ethyl acetate, EtOH; ethanol, iPrOH; isopropyl alcohol.

Compound	Solvent	λ_{abs} (nm)	λ_{fl} (nm)	Stoke's shift
HyP-2	ACN	486	614	128
	DCM	487	579	92
	DI H2O	459	711	42
	EtOAc	471	576	105
	EtOH	488	613	125
	iPrOH	487	603	116

Table S3. Emission intensity values (at peak) of **HyP-2** (10 μ M) and **HyP-2** with hydrazine (1 mM) in various real water samples. The values were recorded after 60 min incubation at 25 °C. The emission intensity was obtained under excitation at the maximum wavelength of absorption.

Water Samples	HyP-2	$HyP-2 + N_2H_4$	Turn-on factor	
DI H2O (pH 7)	138.88	50506.84	363 times	
Sea water (pH 8)	281.01	28105.58	100 times	
Lake water (pH 6)	347.46	36875.32	106 times	
River water (pH 7)	397.82	34921.48	87 times	
Tap water (pH 7)	177.79	44282.26	249 times	
Bottled water 1 (pH 8)	164.99	50319.63	304 times	
Bottled water 2 (pH 6.5)	178.99	52194.9	291 times	

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