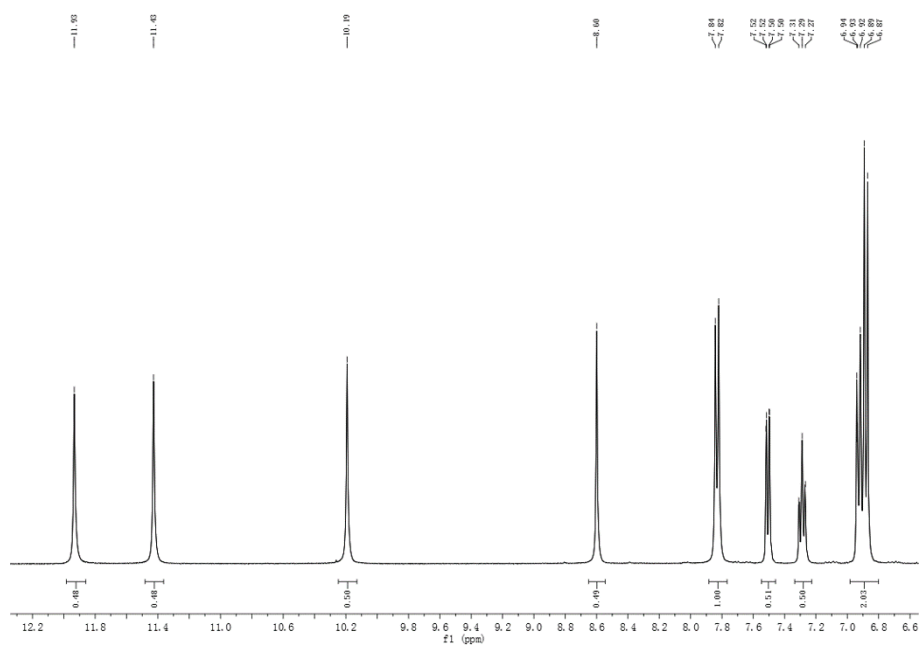


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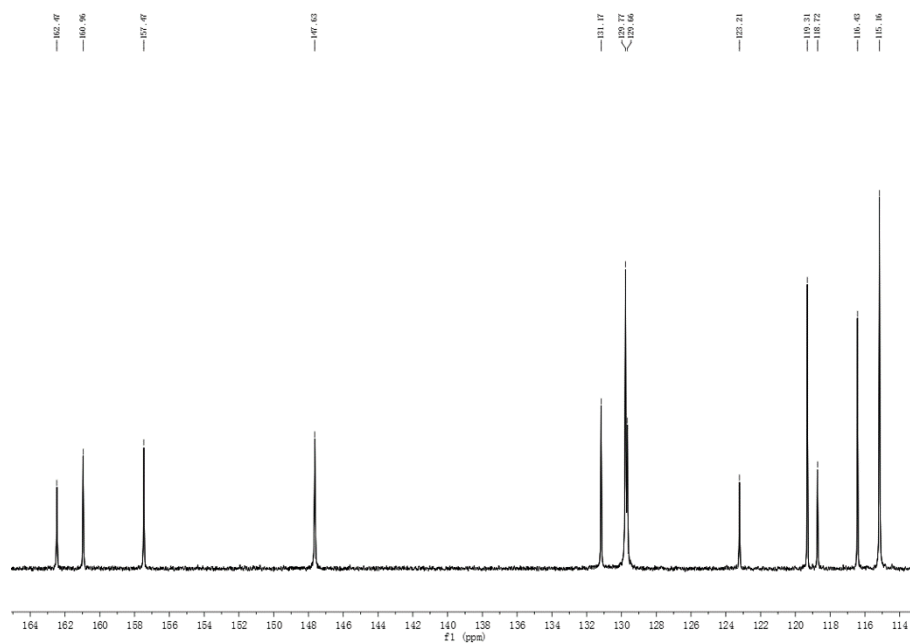
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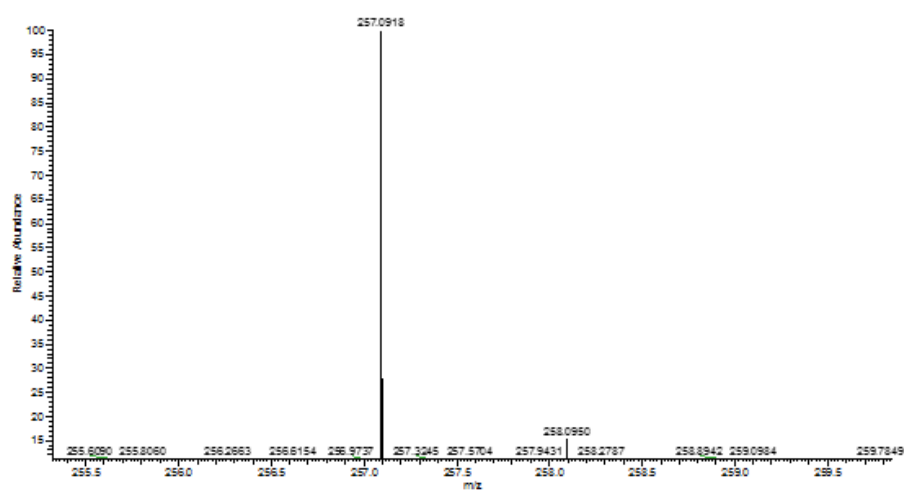
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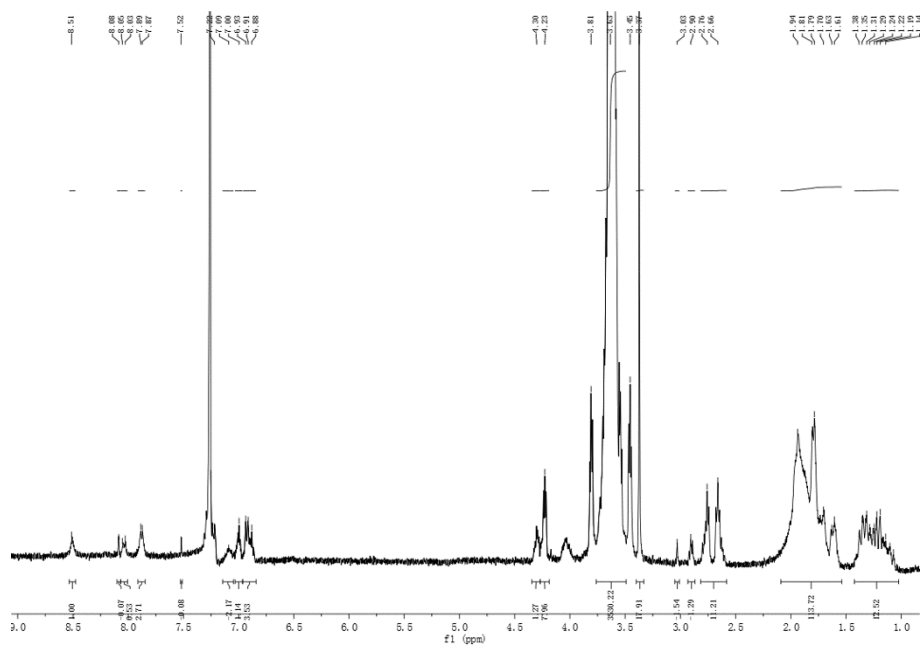
**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of BAB in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



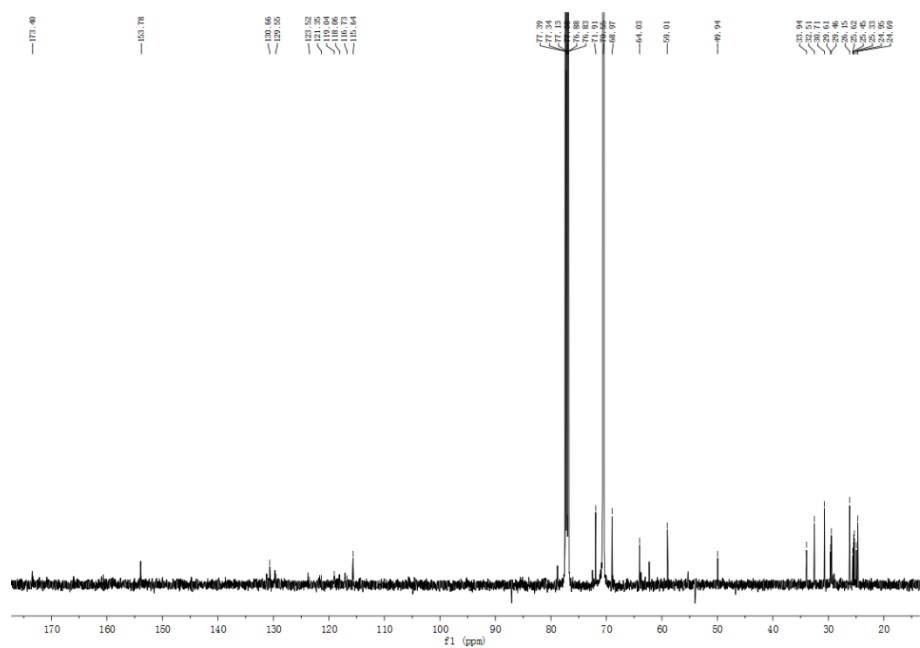
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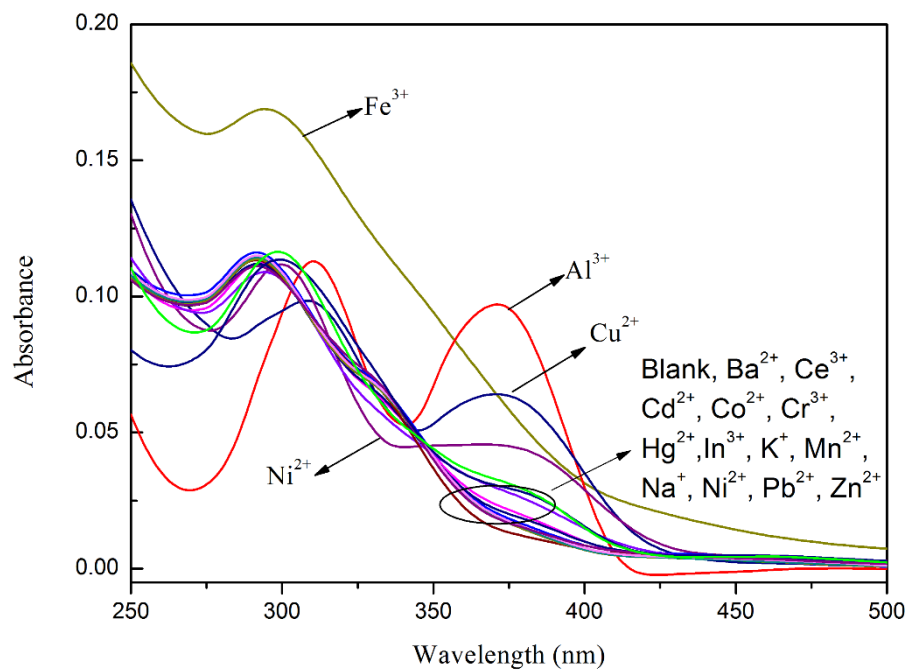
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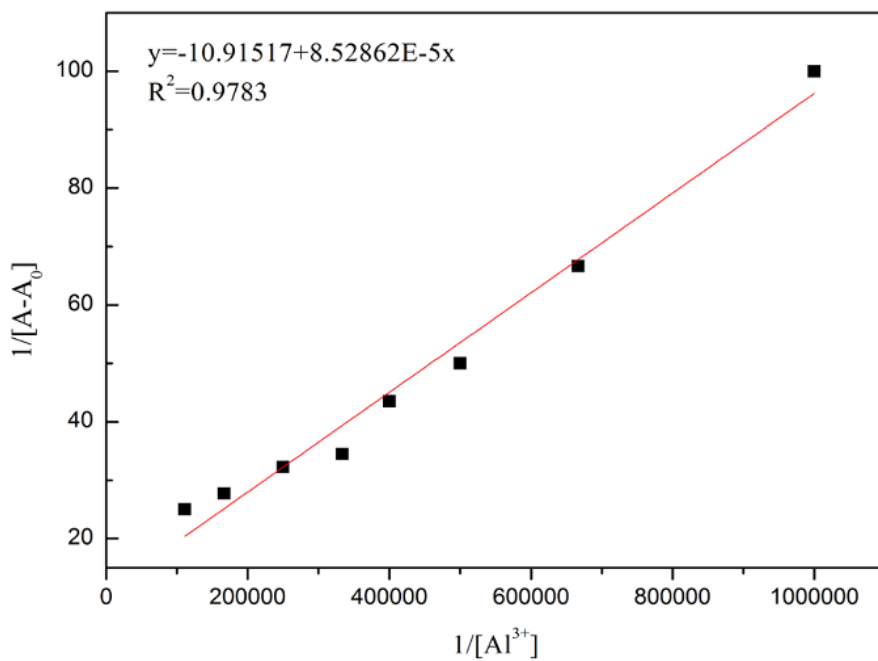
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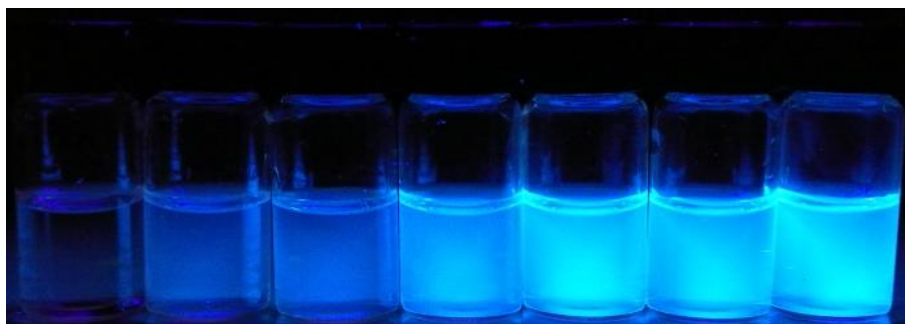
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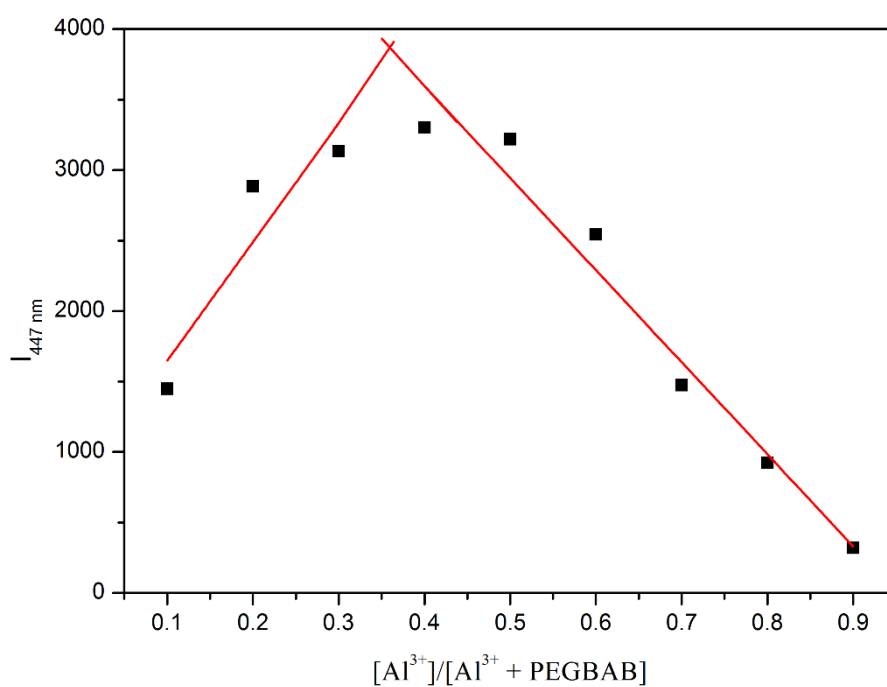
**Figure S6.** UV-Vis absorption spectra of PEGBAB (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) with 2 equiv. of various metal ions in pure aqueous solutions.



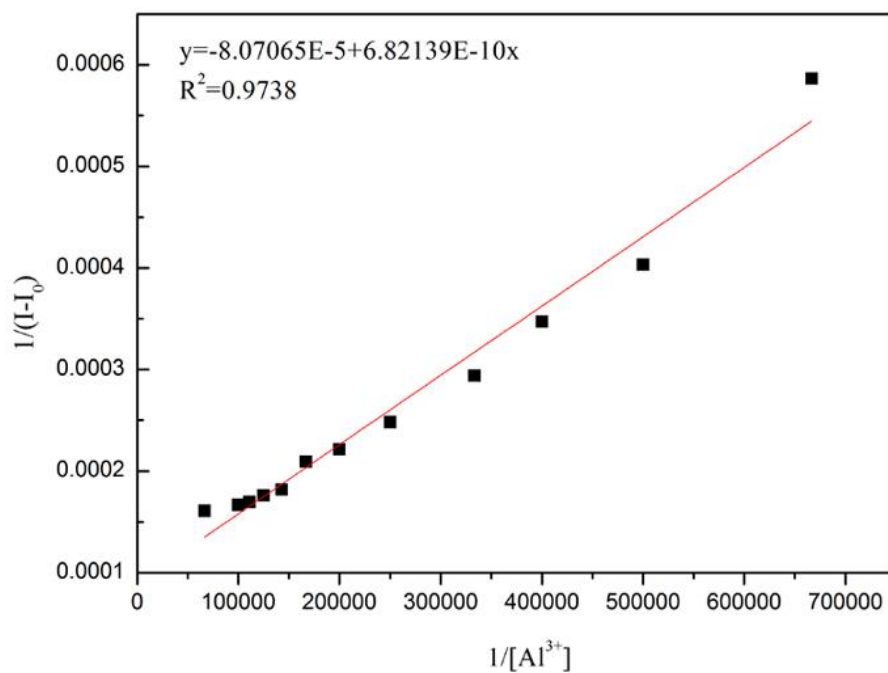
**Figure S7.** Benesi-Hildebrand plot of PEGBAB (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) with  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  from UV-Vis titration profile for determination of association constant.



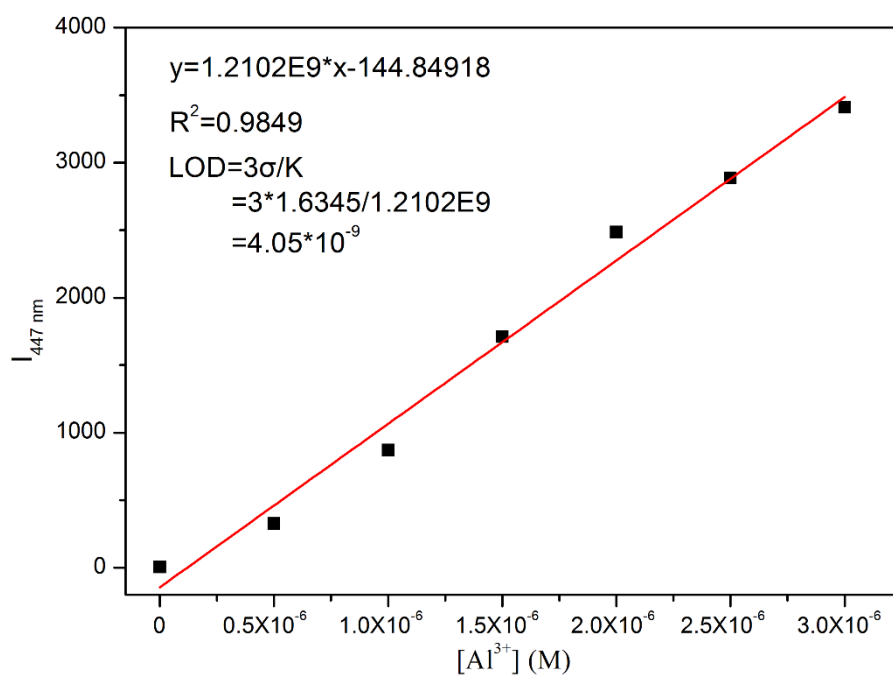
**Figure S8.** The photograph of PEGBAB (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in aqueous solution with different concentrations of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  (from left to right: 0, 0.1, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 5 equiv.) under a 365 nm UV lamp.



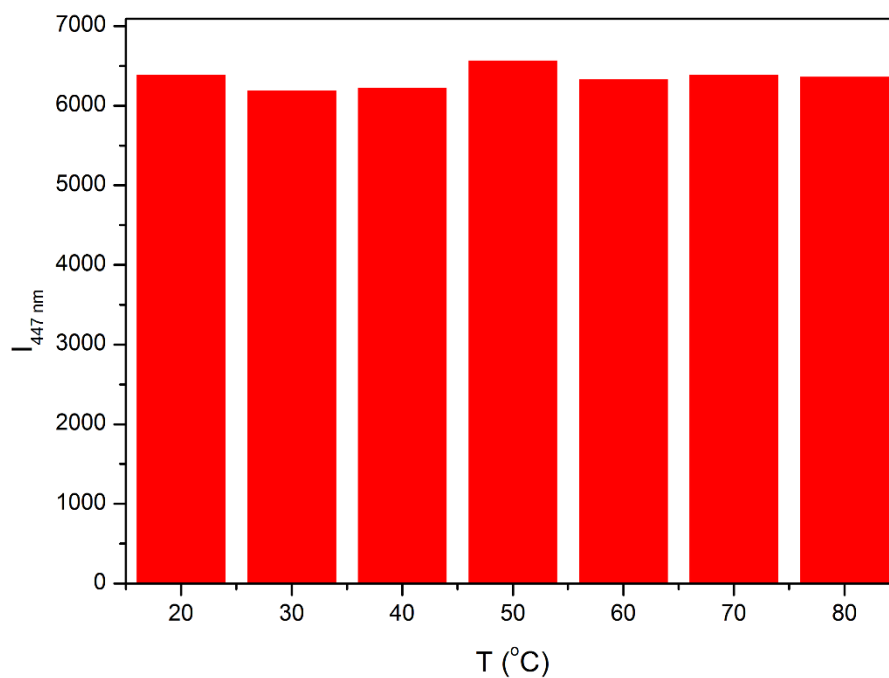
**Figure S9.** Job's plot of PEGBAB and  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  in aqueous solution. The total concentration of PEGBAB and  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  is 10  $\mu\text{M}$ .



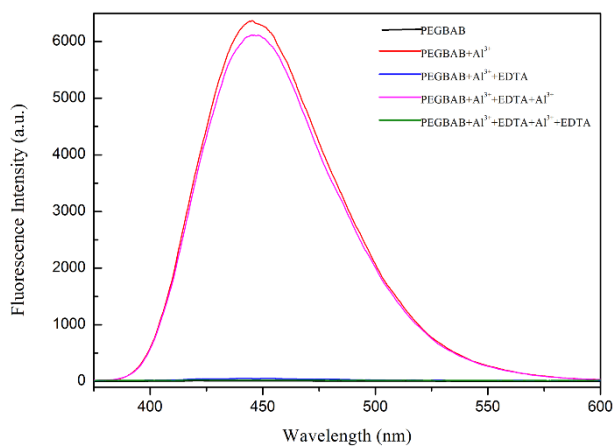
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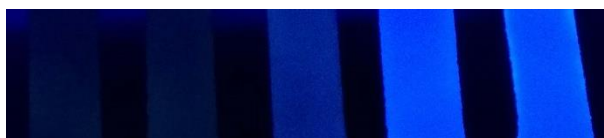
**Figure S11.** The linear of fluorescence intensity and concentration of  $Al^{3+}$  for the determination of limit of detection.



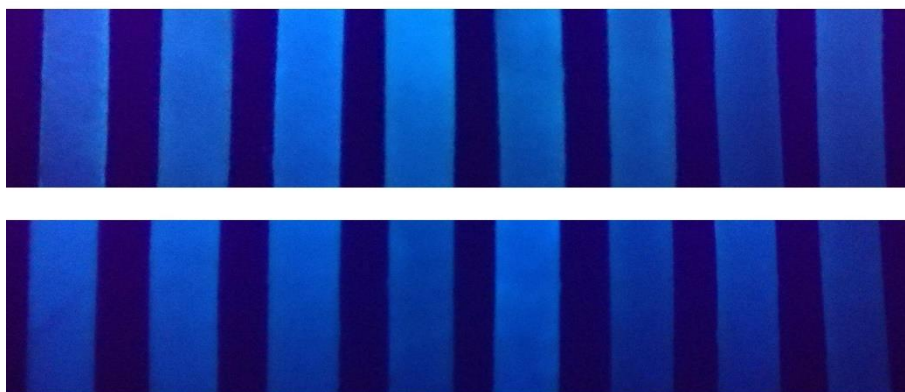
**Figure S12.** Effect of temperature on the fluorescence intensity at 447 nm of PEGBAB (10  $\mu$ M) in aqueous solutions upon addition of 2 equiv. of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ .



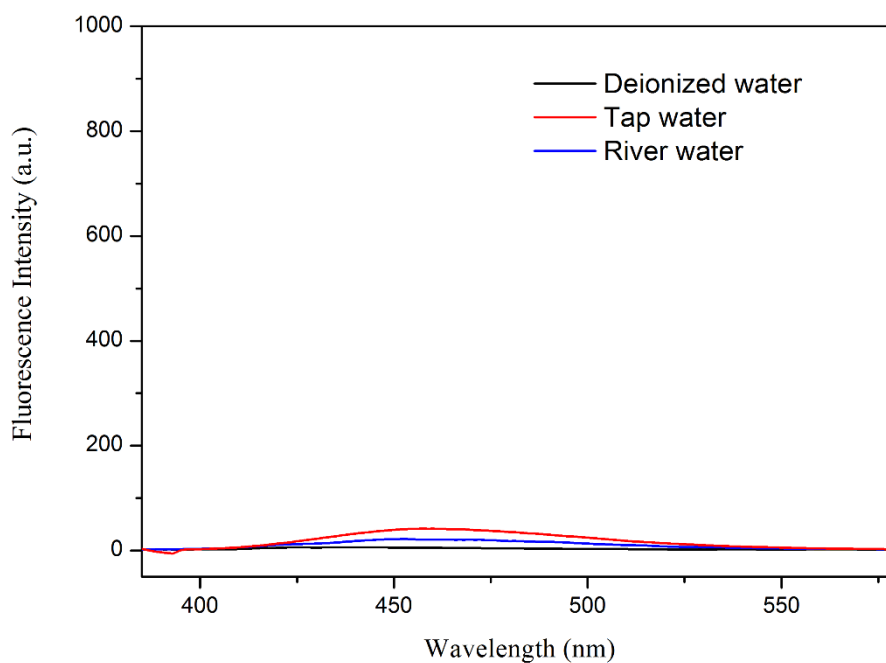
**Figure S13.** Fluorescence spectra of PEGBAB (10  $\mu$ M) in aqueous solution upon alternate addition of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  (1 equiv.) and EDTA (1 equiv.).



**Figure S14.** Photographs of test strips after being dipped into  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  solutions with different concentrations under a 365 nm UV lamp (from left to right:  $10^{-6}$  M,  $10^{-5}$  M,  $10^{-4}$  M,  $10^{-3}$  M,  $10^{-2}$  M).



**Figure S15.** Photographs of test strips after being dipped into aqueous solutions of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  (100  $\mu\text{M}$ ) mixed with different metal ions (100  $\mu\text{M}$ ) under a 365 nm UV lamp (from left to right, up:  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ; down:  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{In}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ).

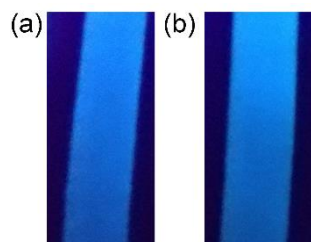


**Figure S16.** Fluorescence spectra of PEGBAB (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in different aqueous solution.



**Figure S17.** Photographs of test strips after being dipped into  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  solutions (100  $\mu\text{M}$ ) at different temperature under a 365 nm UV lamp (from left to right: 20 °C, 30 °C, 40 °C, 50 °C, 60 °C, 70 °C, 80 °C).





**Figure S18.** Photographs of test strips after being dipped into  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  solutions ( $100\ \mu\text{M}$ ) under a 365 nm UV lamp: (a) stored in air for 1 day; (b) stored in air for 7 days.