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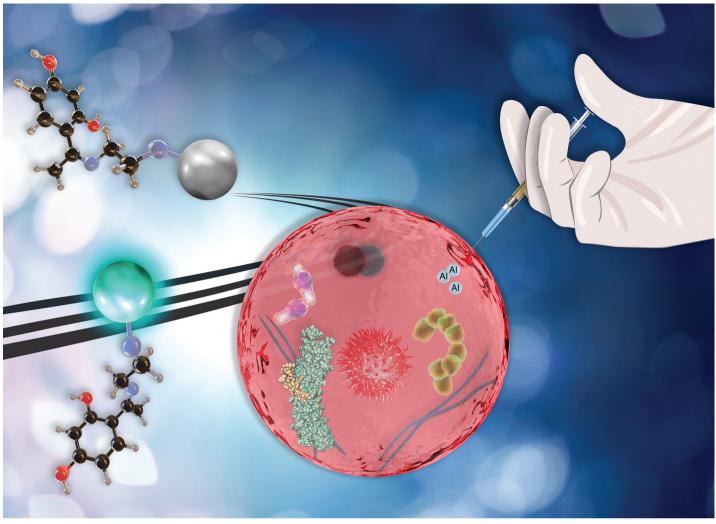
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Trivalent metal ion sensor enabled bioimaging and quantification of vaccine-deposited Al<sup>3+</sup> in lysosomes

Rhodamine appended acetophenone and benzaldehyde derivatives have been utilized for the detection of trivalent metal ions in aqueous media. In solution, the synthesized probes exhibited a 'turn-on' colorimetric and fluorometric response upon complexation with trivalent metal ions. Exclusive localization of the biocompatible probes at the lysosomal compartment favored the quantification of deposited Al<sup>3+</sup> released by Hepatitis B vaccines. These findings show their efficiency for near-future *in vivo* applications.



