

Supporting Information:

Conjugated Polyelectrolytes with Guanidinium Side Groups. Synthesis, Photophysics and Pyrophosphate sensing

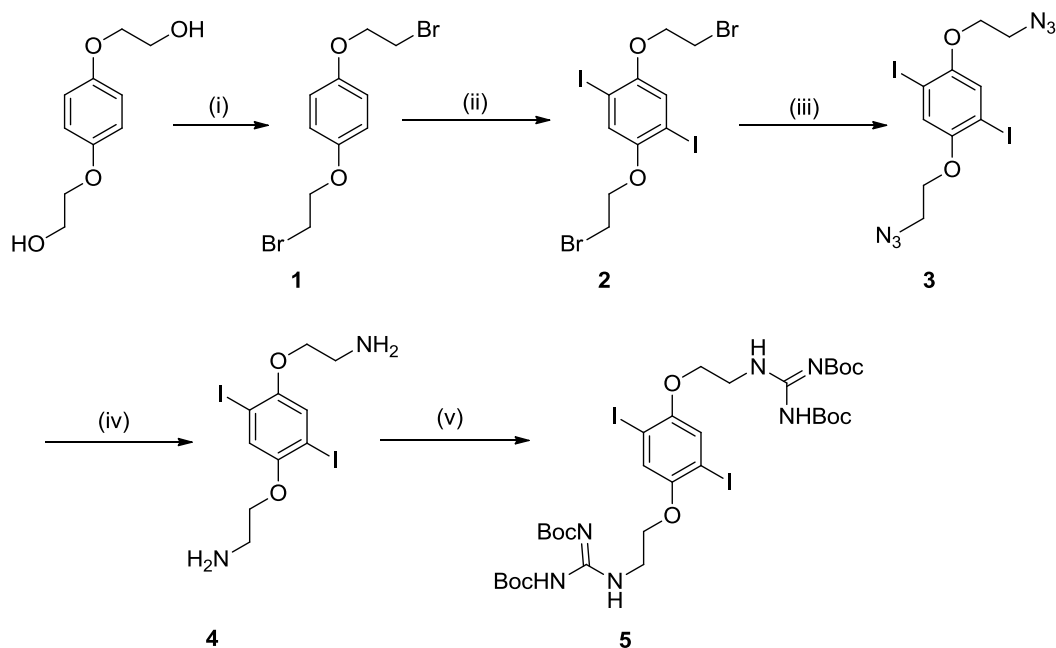
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Scheme S1. Synthesis of Monomer



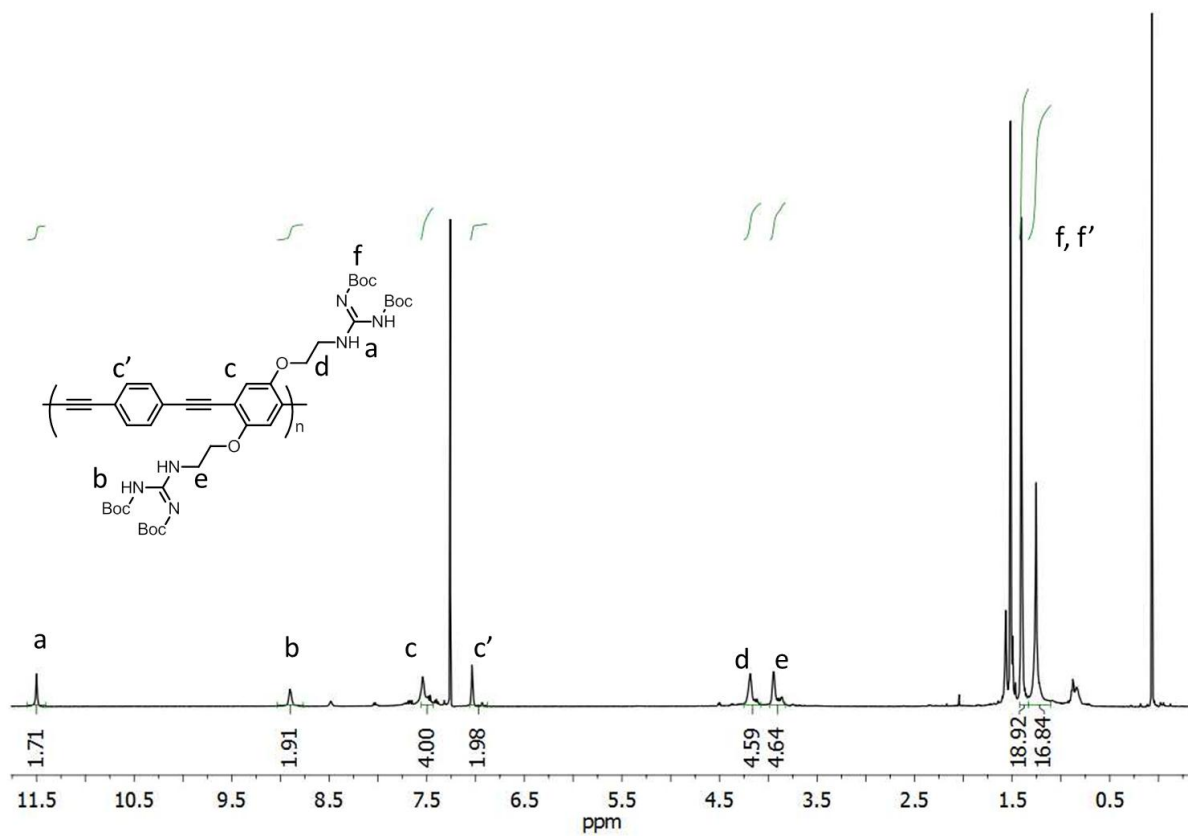


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of **P1-Boc**.

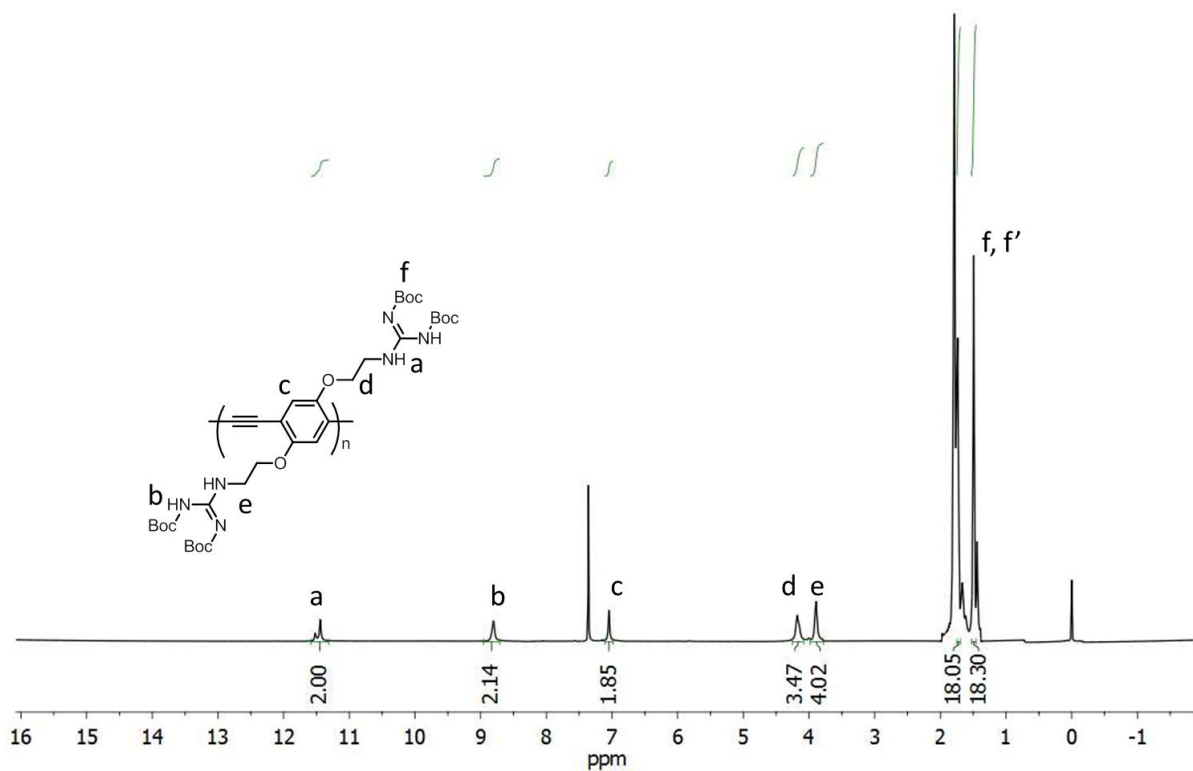


Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of **P2-Boc**.

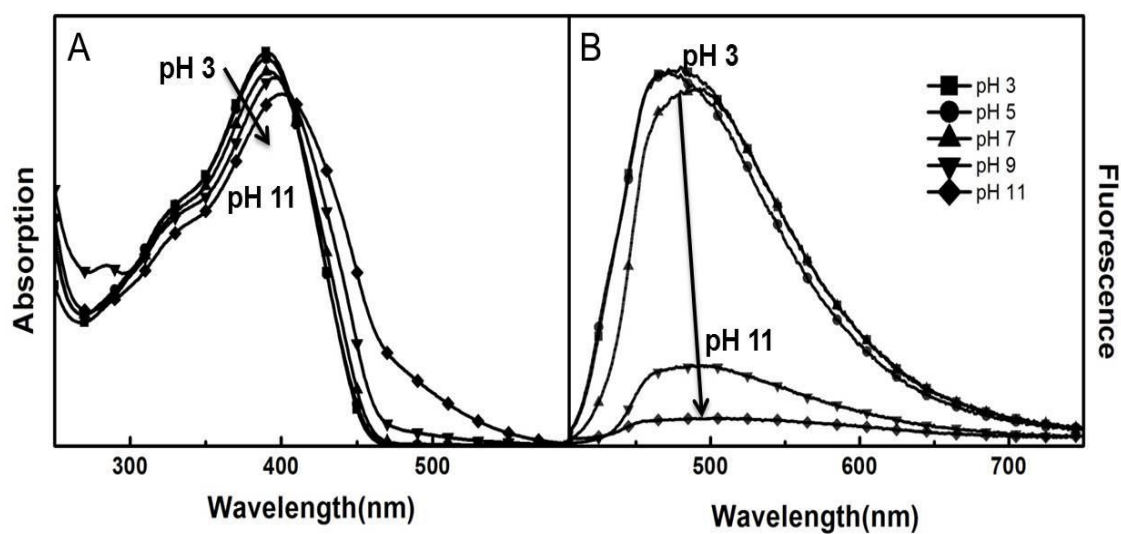


Figure S3. Absorption (a) and Fluorescence (b) spectra of **P1** in water at various pH.

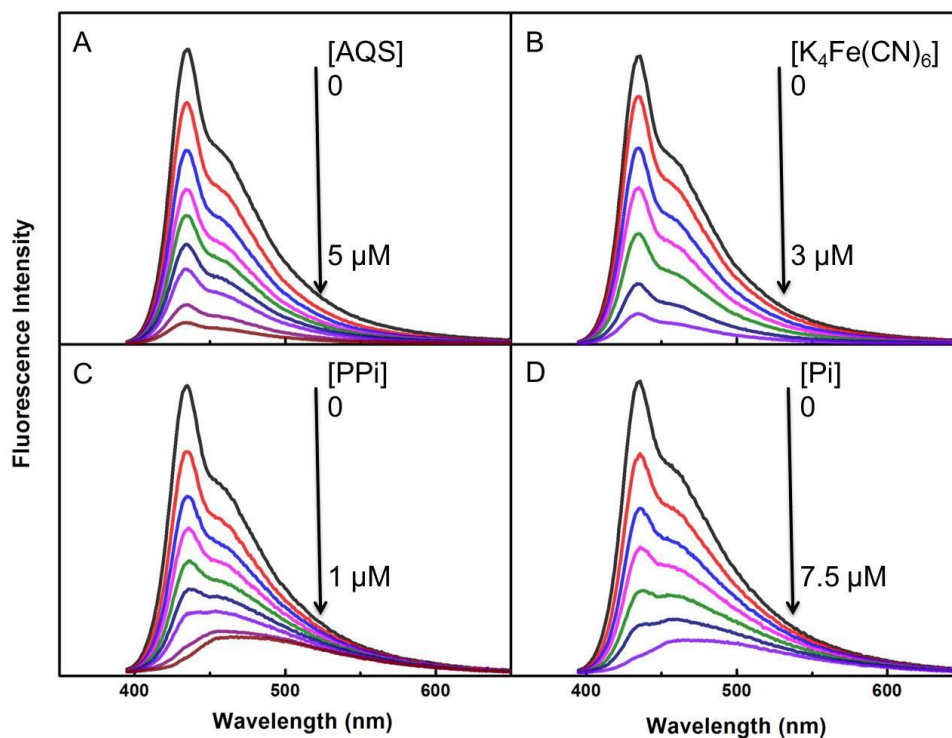


Figure S4. Emission spectra for **P1** (2 μM) at various concentrations of the quencher AQS(A), K₄Fe(CN)₆ (B), PPI (C) and Pi(D).

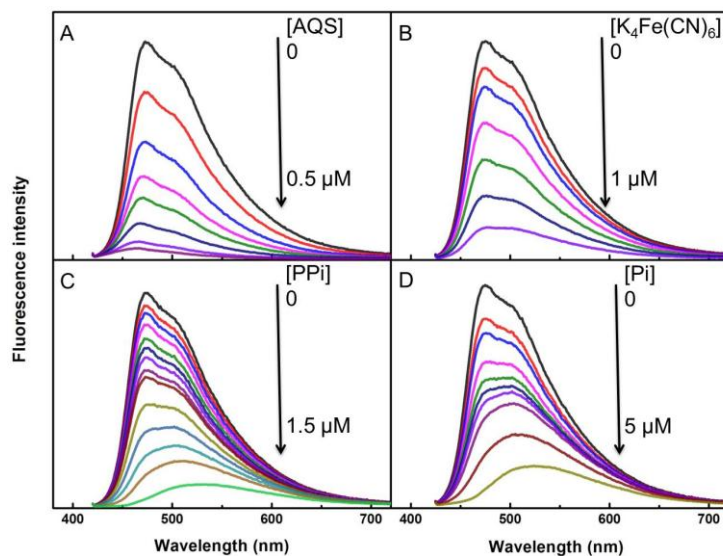


Figure S5. Fluorescence spectra of **P2** in MeOH upon the addition of different quenchers. (A) AQS; (B) $K_4Fe(CN)_6$; (C) PPI; (D) Pi. $[P2] = 2 \mu M$.

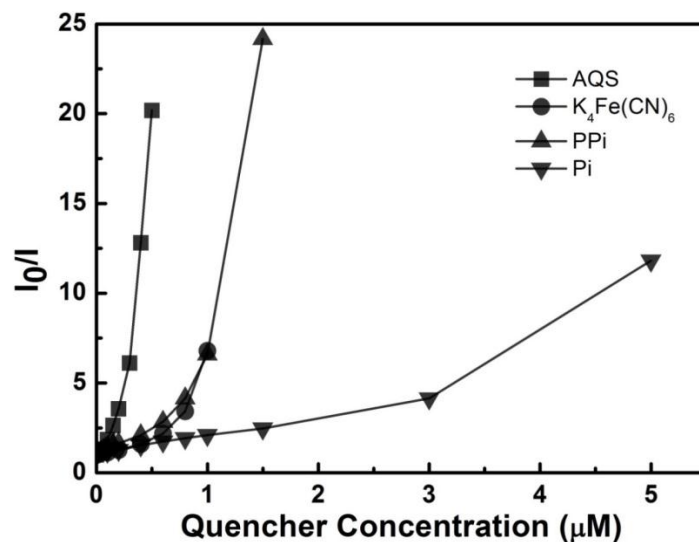


Figure S6. Stern-Volmer Plots of **P2** ($2 \mu M$) with various concentration of the quenchers in MeOH. AQS (■); $K_4Fe(CN)_6$ (●); PPI (▲); Pi (▼).

Table S1. Stern-Volmer constant and $[Q_{90}]$ for $2 \mu M$ **P2** in MeOH with different quenchers.

Polymer	Quencher	$K_{sv} (M^{-1})$	$[Q_{90}] (\mu M)$
P2	PPI	4.6×10^6	1.2
	$K_4Fe(CN)_6$	1.5×10^6	1.1
	AQS	8.0×10^6	0.4
	Pi	1.3×10^6	4.5

Table S2. Fluorescence lifetime of P1 and P2 in MeOH and Water

	MeOH				H ₂ O					
	RA(%)									
τ_i (ns)	450 nm	500 nm	550 nm	600 nm	τ_i (ns)	450 nm	500 nm	550 nm	600 nm	
P1	$\tau_1 = 0.15$	73	72	75	58	$\tau_1 = 0.17$	88	82	76	75
	$\tau_2 = 0.46$	27	27	23	36	$\tau_2 = 0.57$	12	17	22	22
	$\tau_3 = 1.26$	0	1	2	6	$\tau_3 = 1.98$	0	1	3	3
	χ^2	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.02	χ^2	1.09	0.99	1.01	0.99
P2	$\tau_1 = 0.17$	82	74	68	67	$\tau_1 = 0.13$	95	93	89	85
	$\tau_2 = 0.54$	18	26	31	31	$\tau_2 = 0.61$	5	6	10	13
	$\tau_3 = 1.73$	0	0	1	2	$\tau_3 = 2.12$	0	1	1	2
	χ^2	1.01	1.01	0.98	0.97	χ^2	1.00	0.97	0.97	0.93

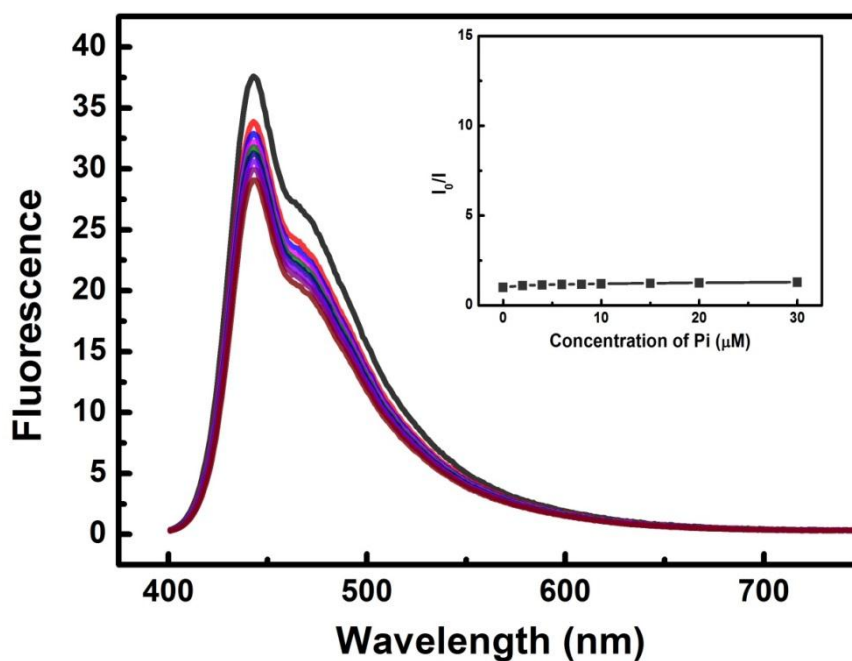


Figure S7. Fluorescence spectra of P1/triton complex and emission change upon the addition of Pi from 0 to a30 μM , [P1] = 3 μM , [Triton X-100] = 200 μM . Inset is the Stern-Volmer plots.

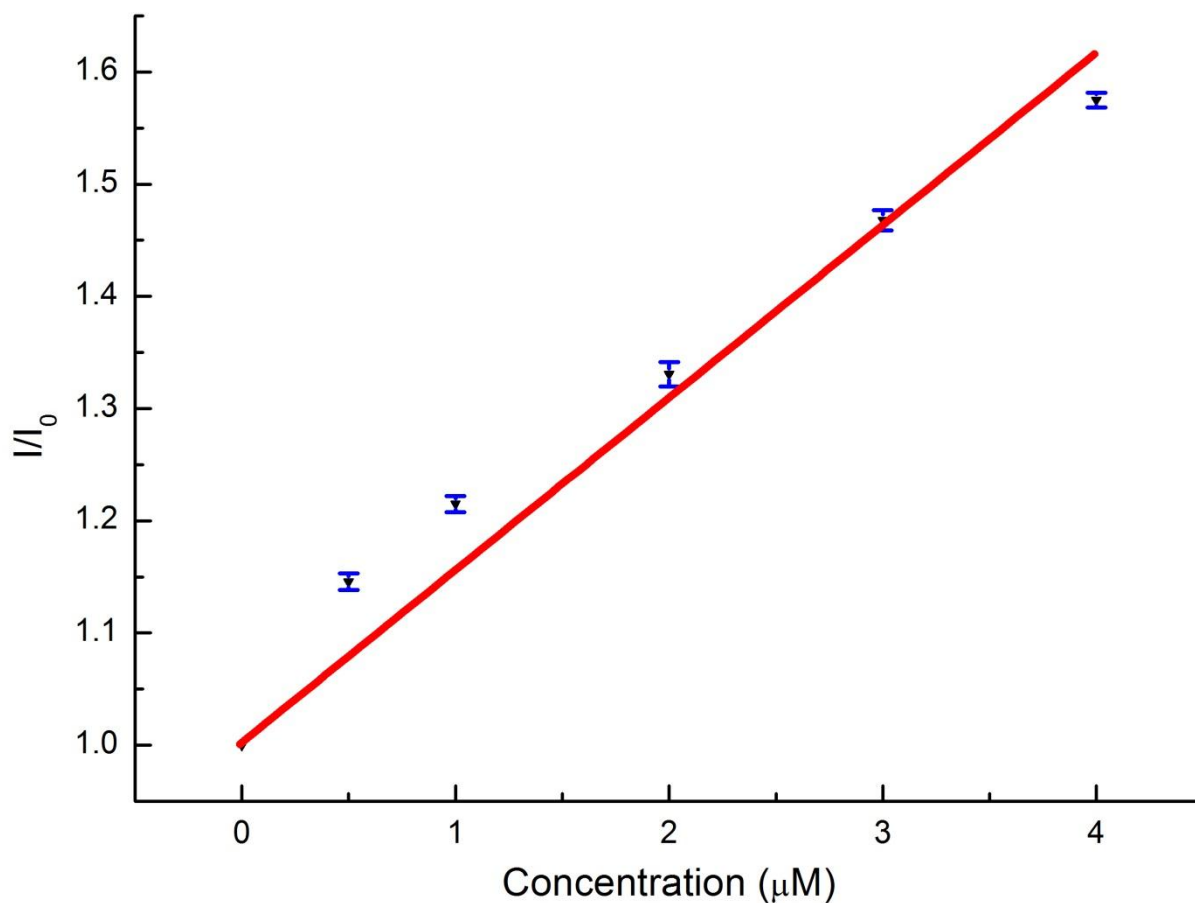


Figure S8. Fluorescence intensity change of **P1**/triton complex and emission change upon the addition of PPi from 0 to 4 μM , [**P1**] = 3 μM , [Triton X-100] = 200 μM , $E_m = 444$ nm. The analytical detection limit (D.L.) was calculated to be 176 nM using the equation $\text{D.L.} = 3 \delta_{\text{bk}}/m$, where δ_{bk} is the standard deviation of the blank and m is the slope of the calibration plot.¹

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