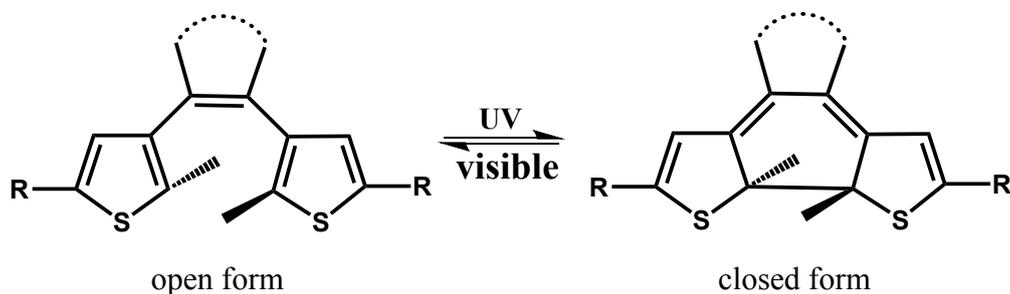


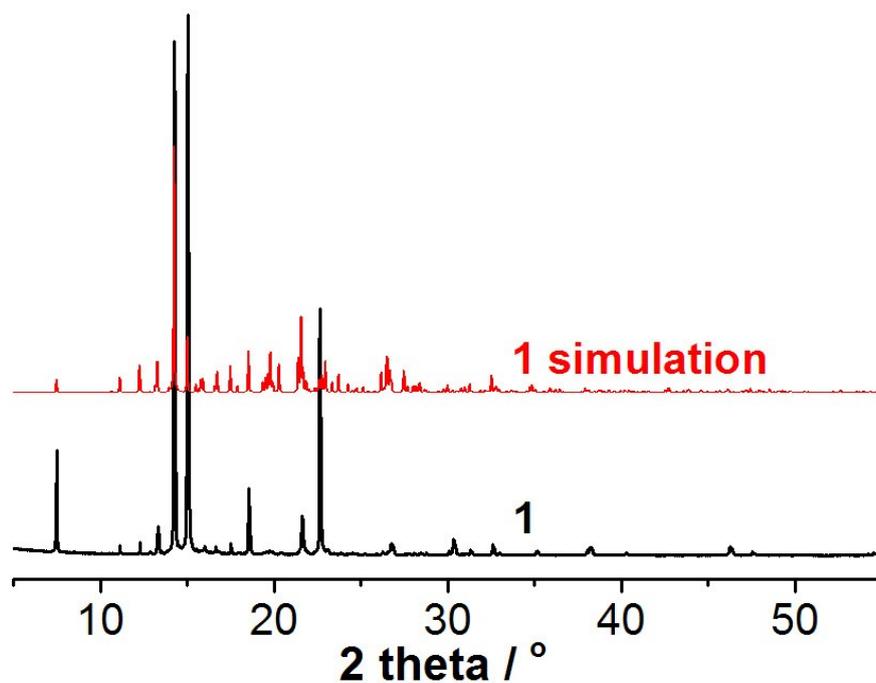
## Electronic Supporting Information



**Scheme S1** Photochromic interconversion of a BTE unit

**Table S1** Solid-state emission data of **1** and **2** before and after irradiation with 365 nm light at room temperature

Compound	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ (nm)
<b>1</b>	433, 448, 482, 531, 570
<b>1</b> after irradiation	428, 447, 482, 531
<b>2</b>	460, 489, 535, 593
<b>2</b> after irradiation	460, 486, 535



**Fig. S1** Experimental and simulated XRD patterns of **1**

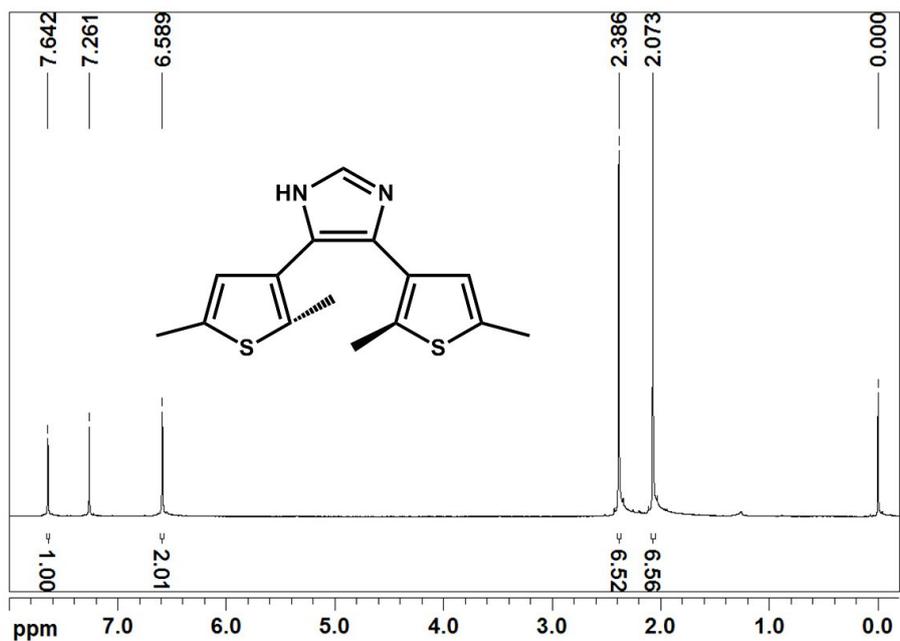


Fig. S2  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

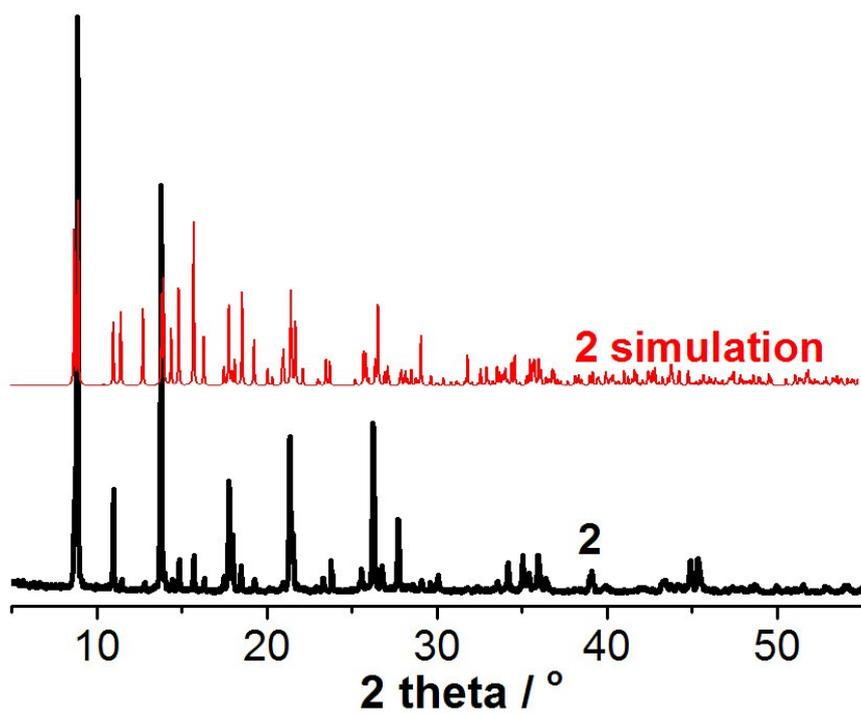


Fig. S3 Experimental and simulated XRD patterns of **2**.

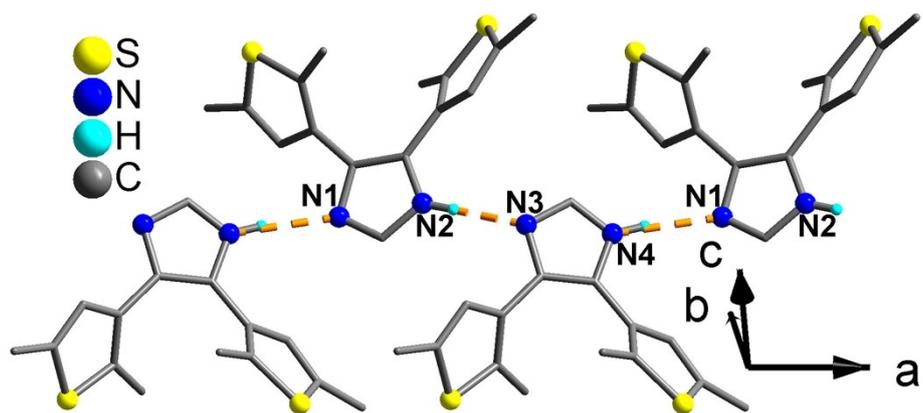


Fig. S4 The supramolecular chain structure in 1.

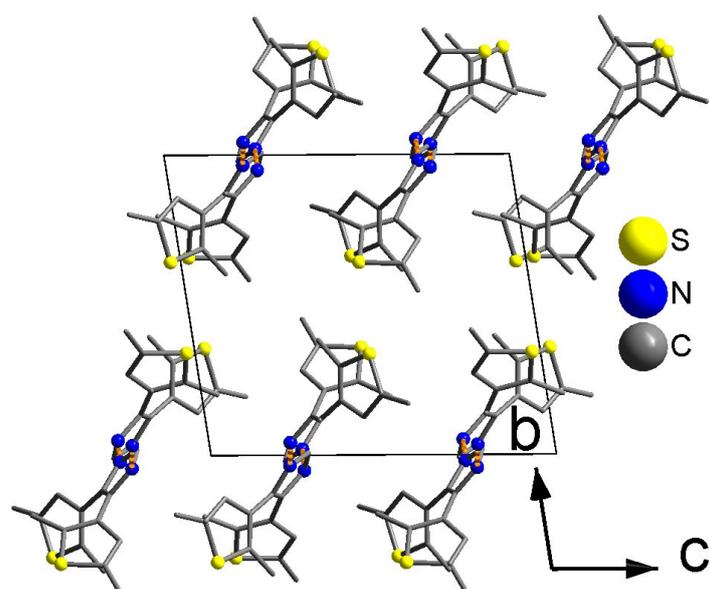


Fig. S5 The packing structure of 1.

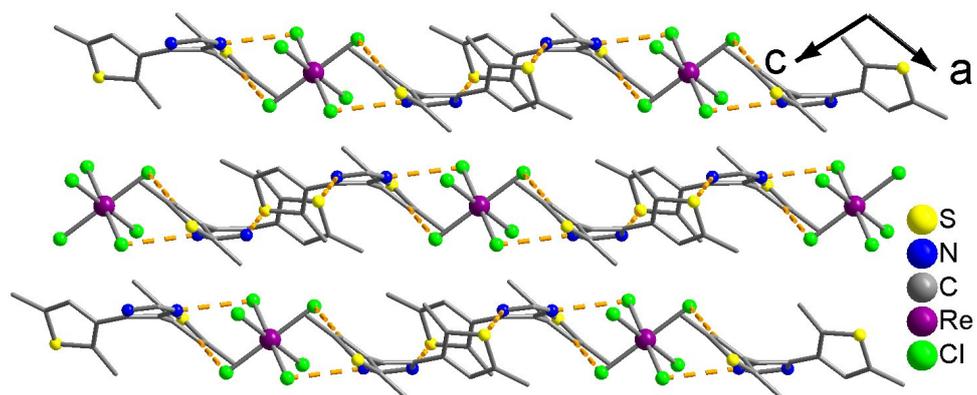
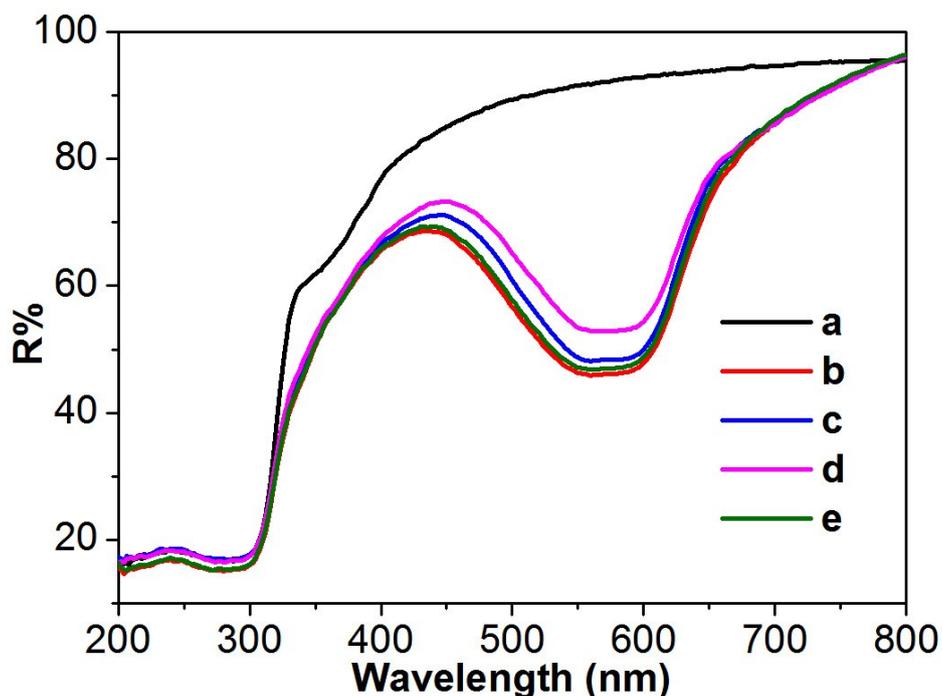
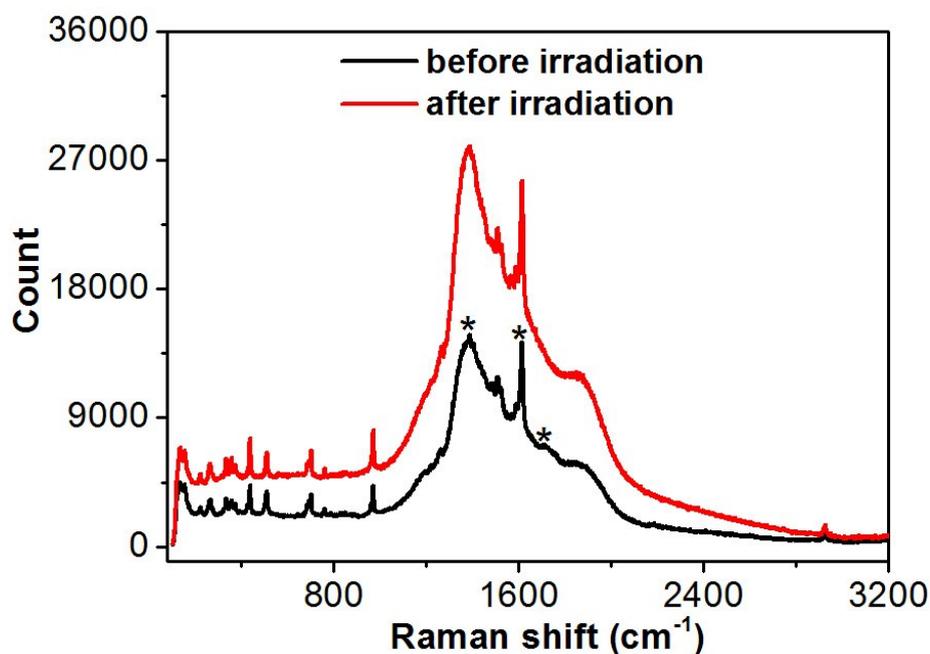


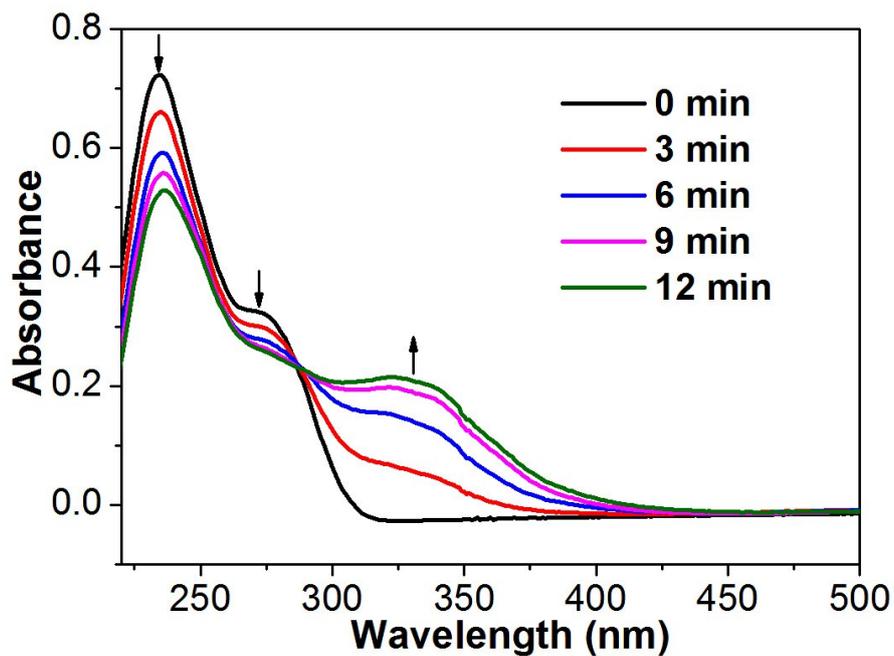
Fig. S6 The packing structure of 2.



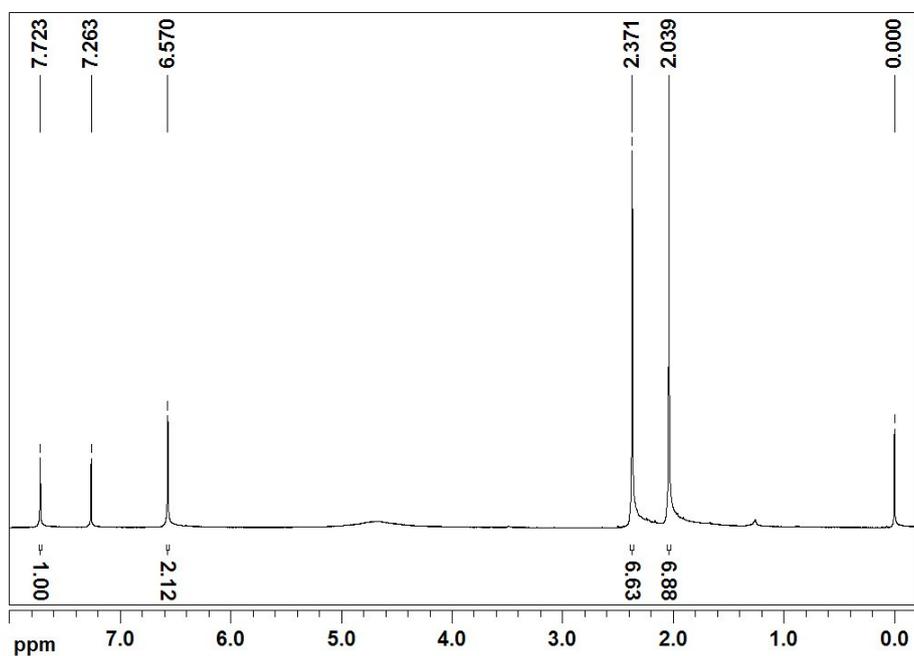
**Fig. S7** Plots a and b: irradiating ( $\lambda = 365$  nm) **1** for 0, 30 minutes, respectively; plots c and d: using 574 nm light to irradiate the sample corresponding to plot b for 10 and 20 minutes, respectively; plot e: placing the sample corresponding to plot b in the dark for 45 minutes.



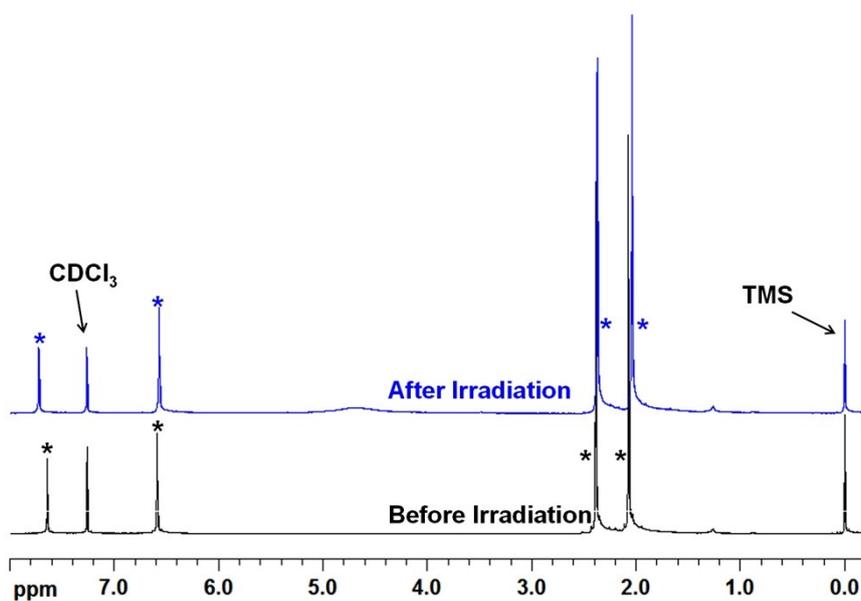
**Fig. S8** Raman spectra of **1** before and after irradiation ( $\lambda = 365$  nm, 30 minutes), using laser light of 785 nm. Three peaks with \* are at 1399, 1614 and 1711 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.



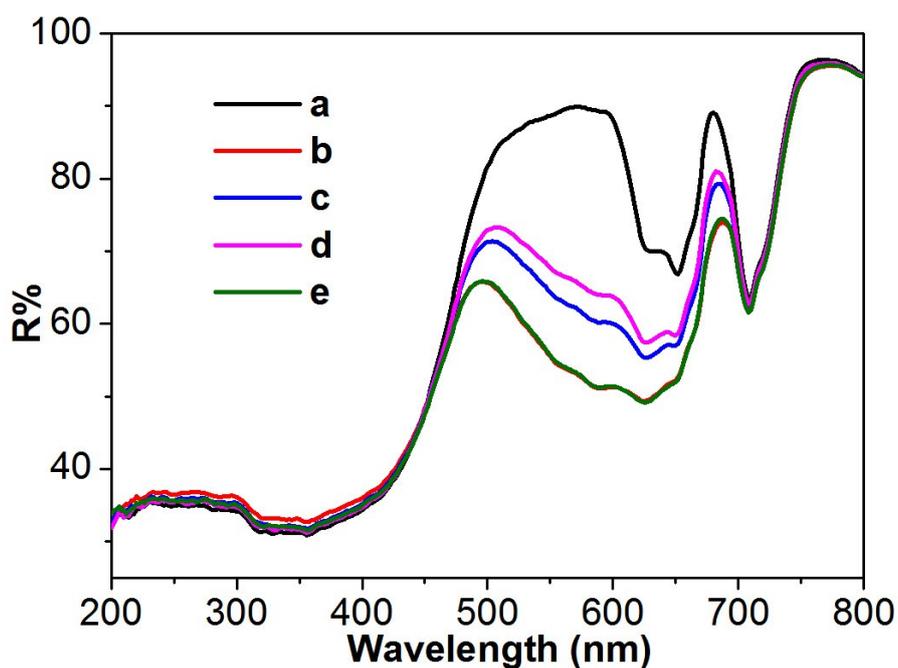
**Fig. S9** Absorption spectra changes of **1** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution ( $c = 2.4 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon UV irradiation ( $\lambda = 270$  nm) for 0 to 12 minutes.



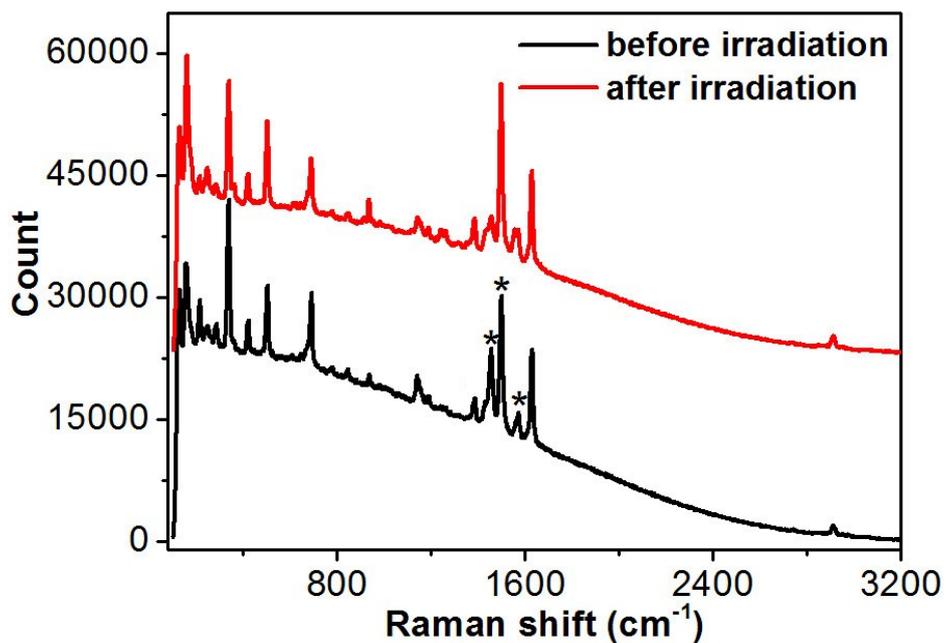
**Fig. S10** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) after UV irradiation ( $\lambda = 270$  nm).



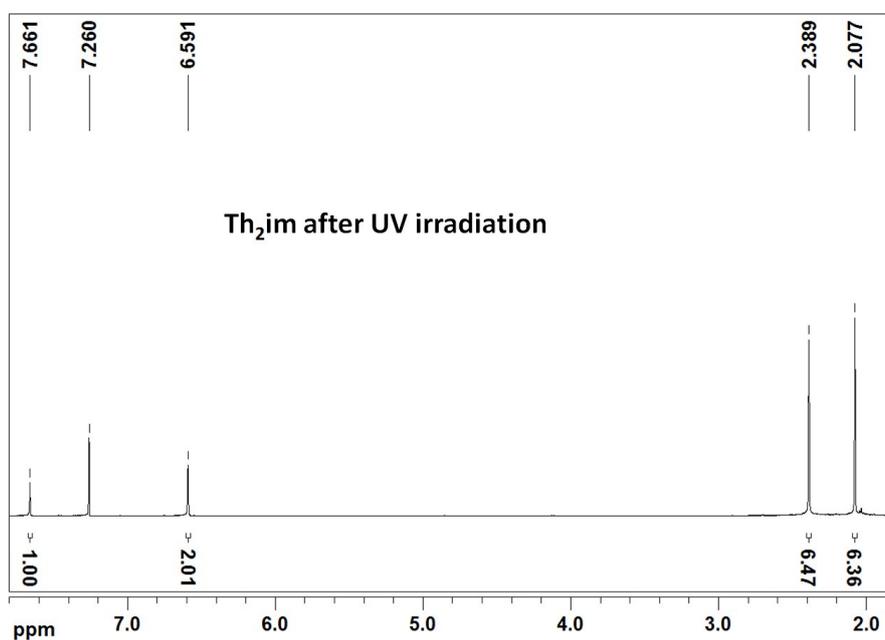
**Fig. S11**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **1** before and after UV irradiation ( $\lambda = 270$  nm).



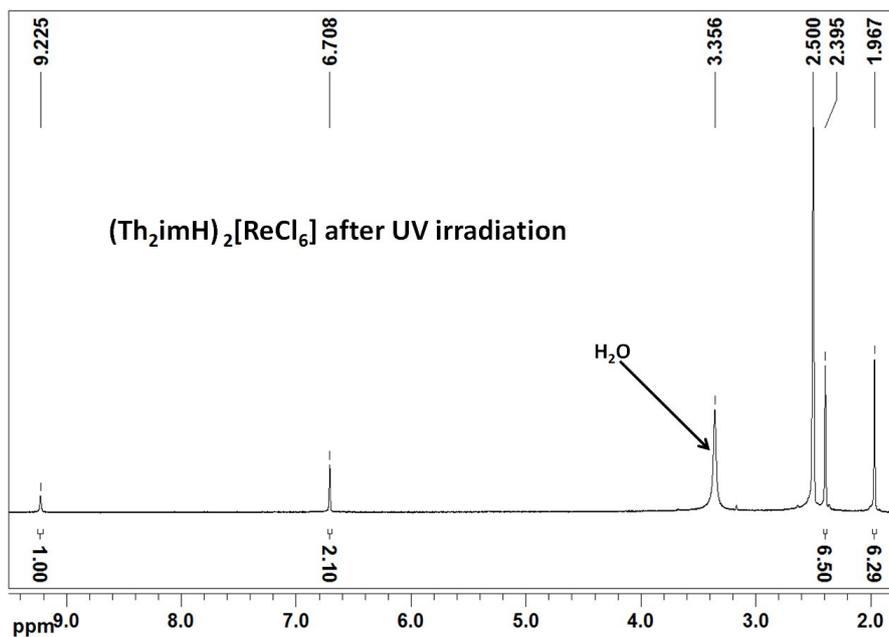
**Fig. S12** Plots a and b: irradiating ( $\lambda = 365$  nm) **2** for 0, 20 minutes, respectively; plots c and d: using 624 nm light to irradiate the sample corresponding to plot b for 10 and 20 minutes, respectively; plot e: placing the sample corresponding to plot b in the dark for 40 minutes.



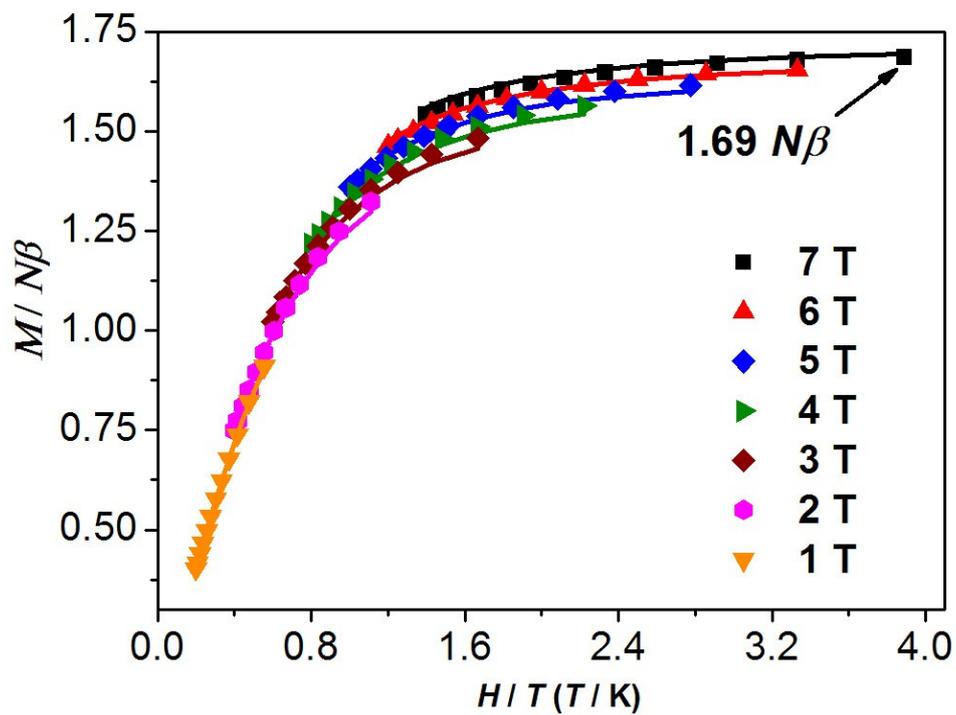
**Fig. S13** Raman spectra of **2** before and after irradiation ( $\lambda = 365$  nm, 20 minutes), using laser light of 785 nm. Three peaks with \* are at 1457, 1500 and 1573  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively.



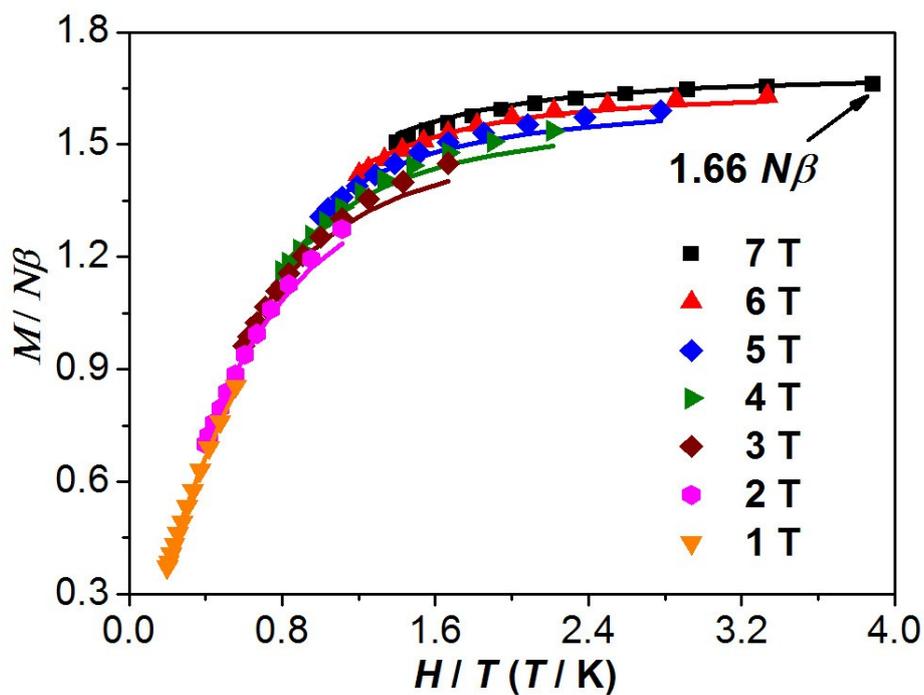
**Fig. S14**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the irradiated sample of **1** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ; UV irradiation,  $\lambda = 365$  nm).



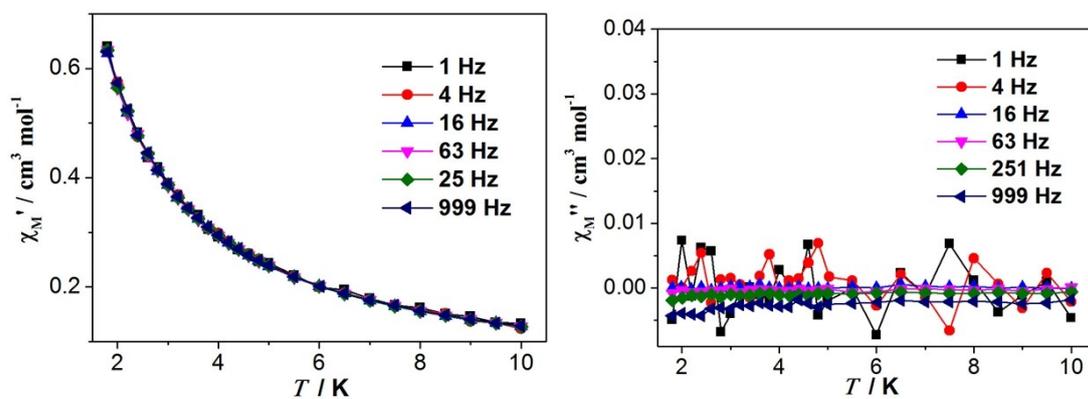
**Fig. S15** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the irradiated sample of **2** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>; UV irradiation, λ = 365 nm).



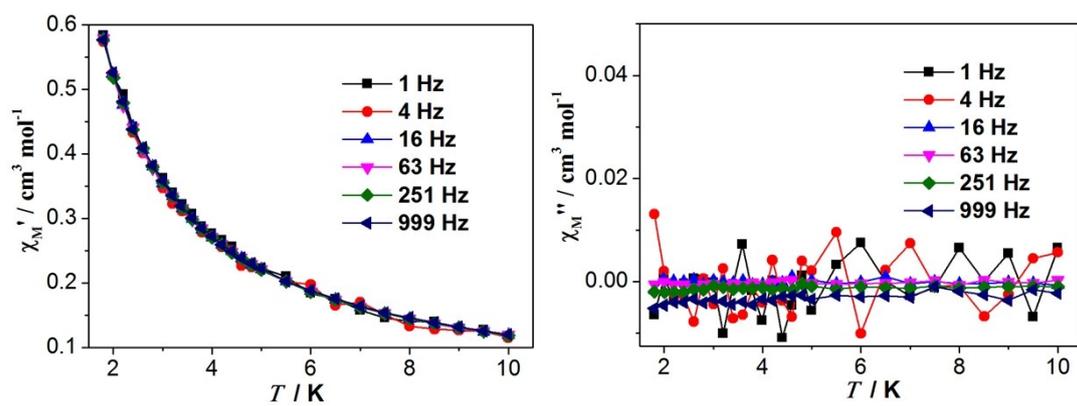
**Fig. S16** Low-temperature magnetization data for **2** collected under various applied dc fields. The solid lines represent fits to the data.



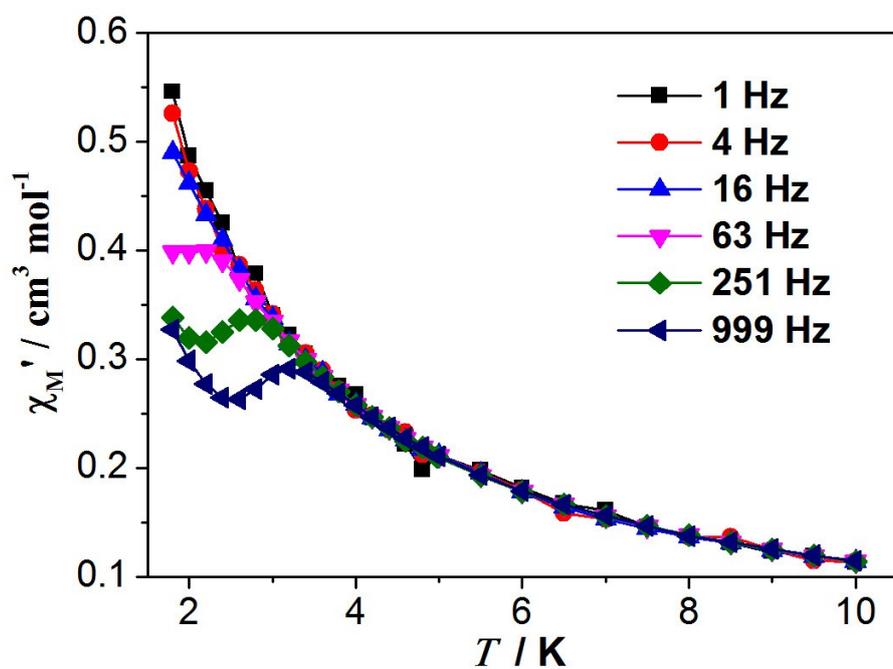
**Fig. S17** Low-temperature magnetization data for **2L** collected under various applied dc fields. The solid lines represent fits to the data.



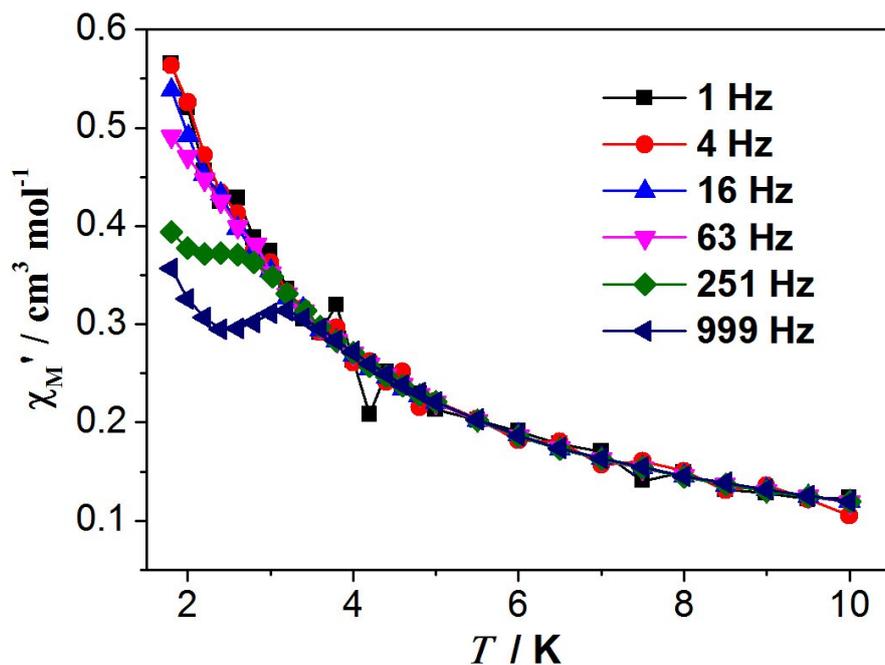
**Fig. S18** Temperature dependence of ac susceptibilities of in-phase  $\chi_M'$  (left) and out-of-phase  $\chi_M''$  (right) for **2** under zero applied static field.



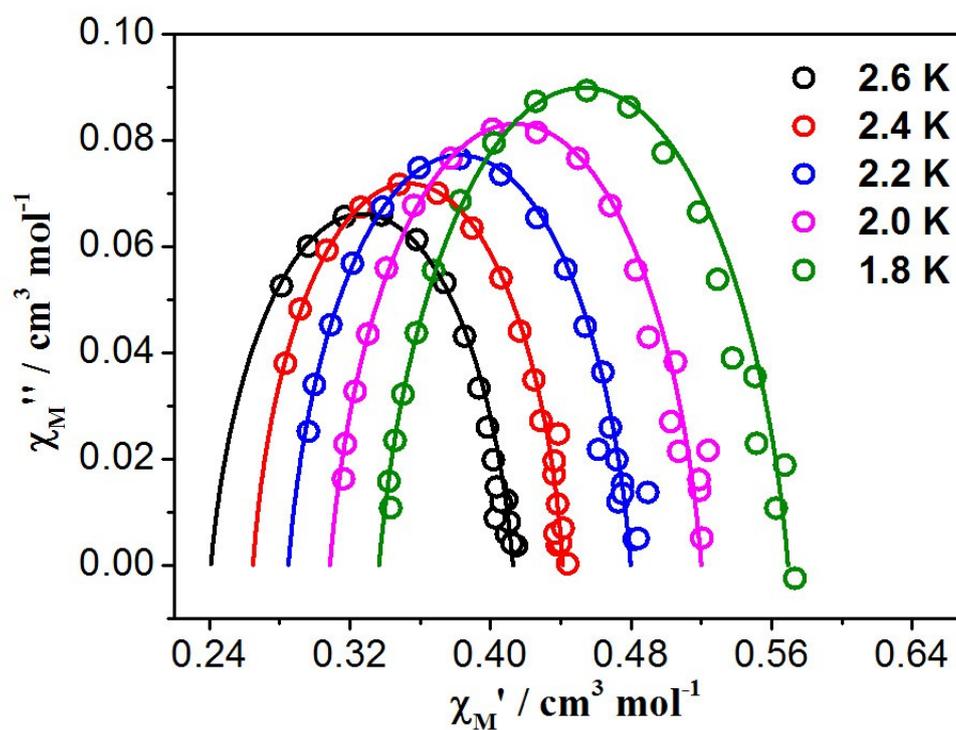
**Fig. S19** Temperature dependence of ac susceptibilities of in-phase  $\chi_M'$  (left) and out-of-phase  $\chi_M''$  (right) for **2L** under zero applied static field.



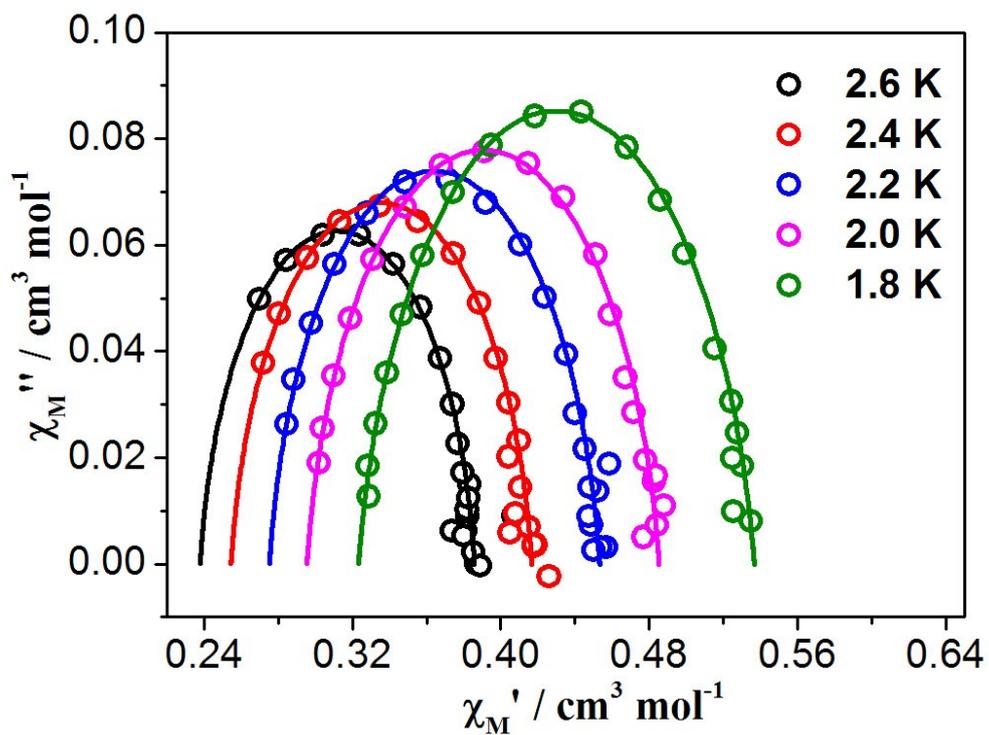
**Fig. S20** Temperature dependence of ac susceptibilities of in-phase  $\chi_M'$  for **2** under 1000 Oe applied static field.



**Fig. S21** Temperature dependence of ac susceptibilities of in-phase  $\chi_M'$  for **2L** under 1000 Oe applied static field.



**Fig. S22** Cole-Cole plots of **2** in the temperature range of 1.8-2.6 K under applied static field of 1000 Oe; the solid lines are the best fit by Debye model ( $\alpha < 0.17$ ).



**Fig. S23** Cole-Cole plots of **2L** in the temperature range of 1.8-2.6 K under applied static field of 1000 Oe; the solid lines are the best fit by Debye model ( $\alpha < 0.14$ ).