

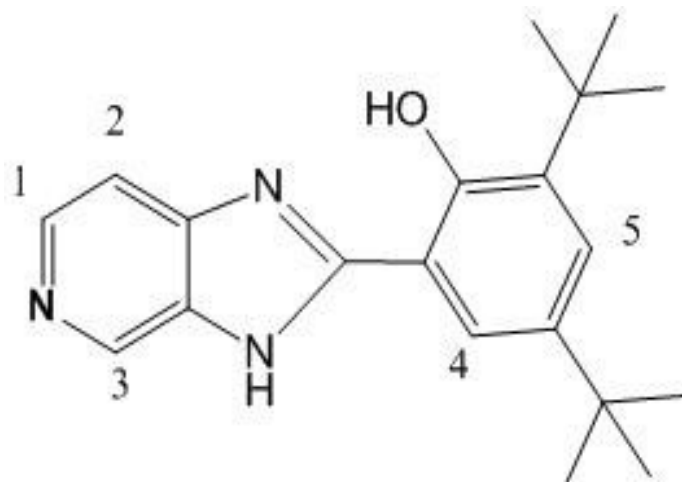
## **Theoretical and experimental characterization of a novel pyridine benzimidazole: Suitability for fluorescence staining in cells and antimicrobial properties.†**

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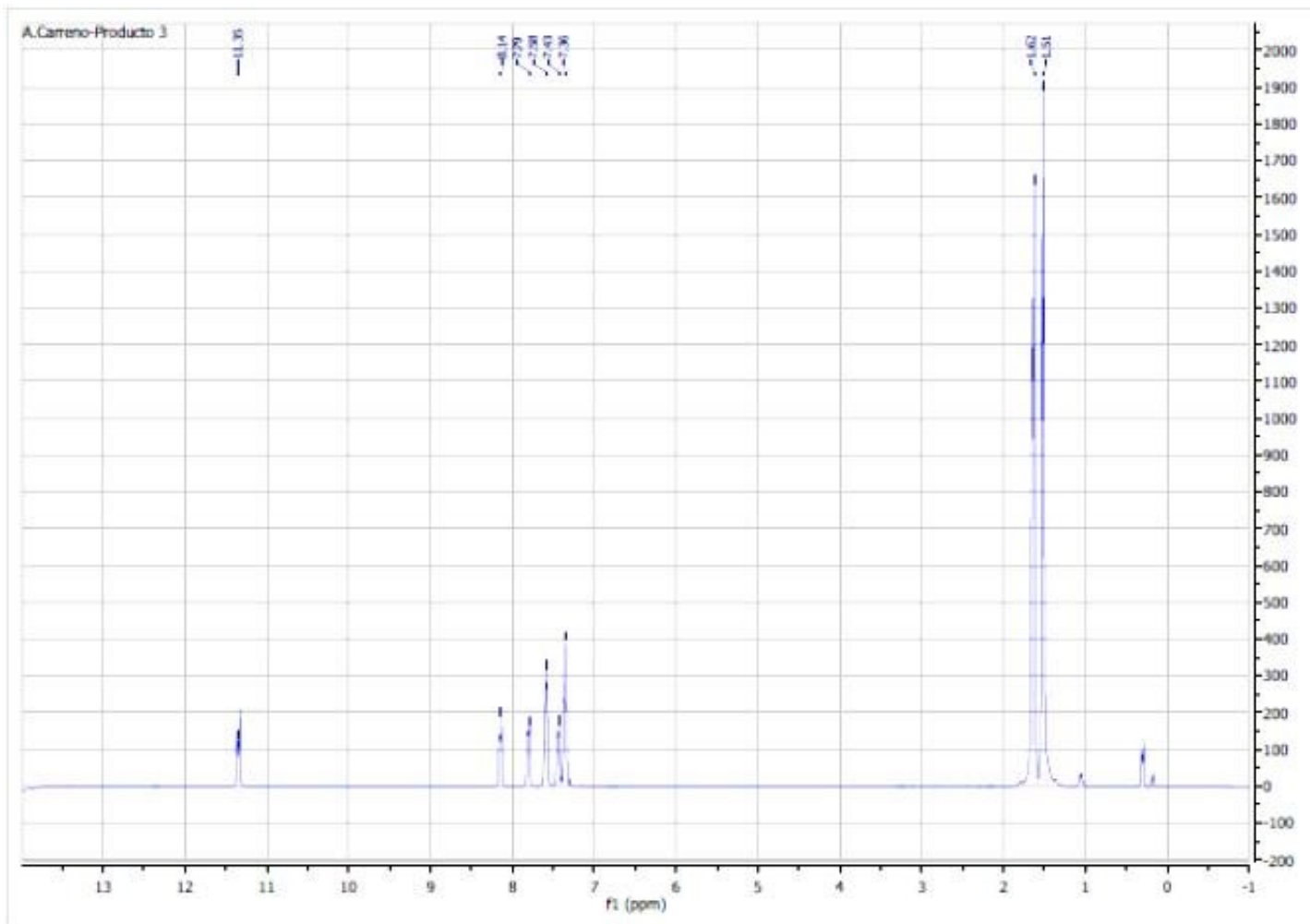
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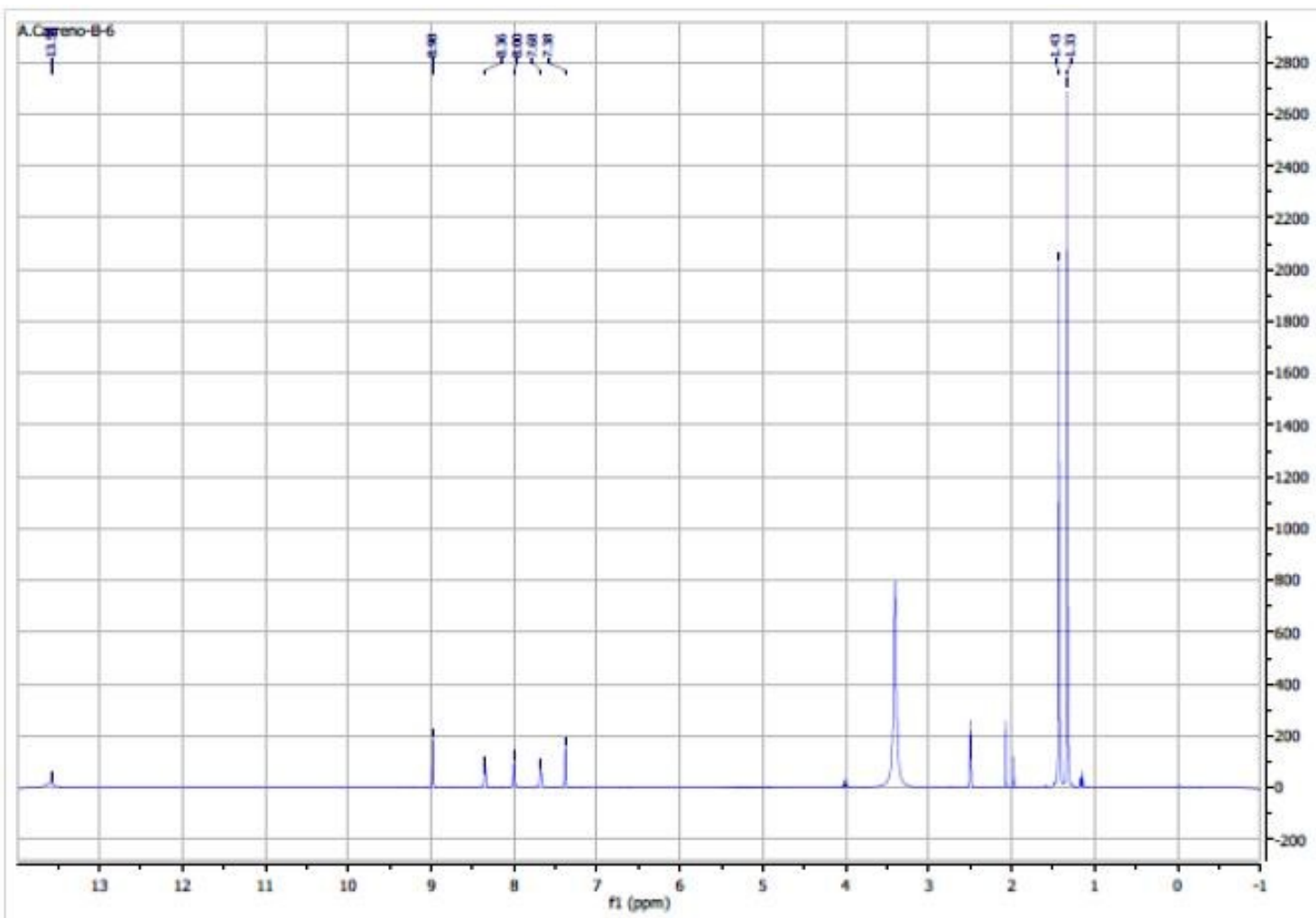
Supporting Information



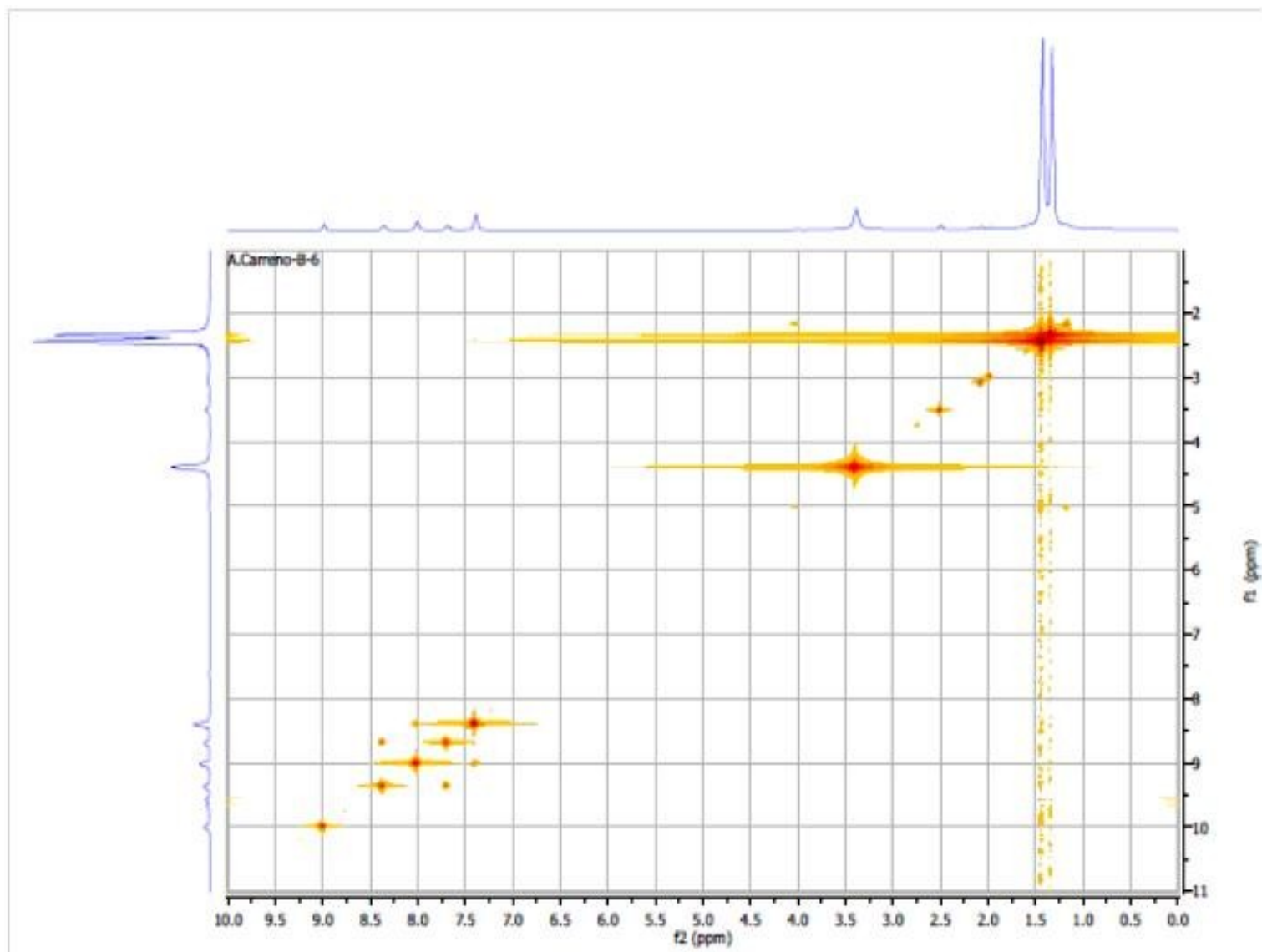
*Figure S1.* Numbering of protons for **B2**.



*Figure S2.*  $^1\text{H}$ NMR of **B1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$ NMR of **B2** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ .



*Figure S4.* HHCOSY of **B2** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

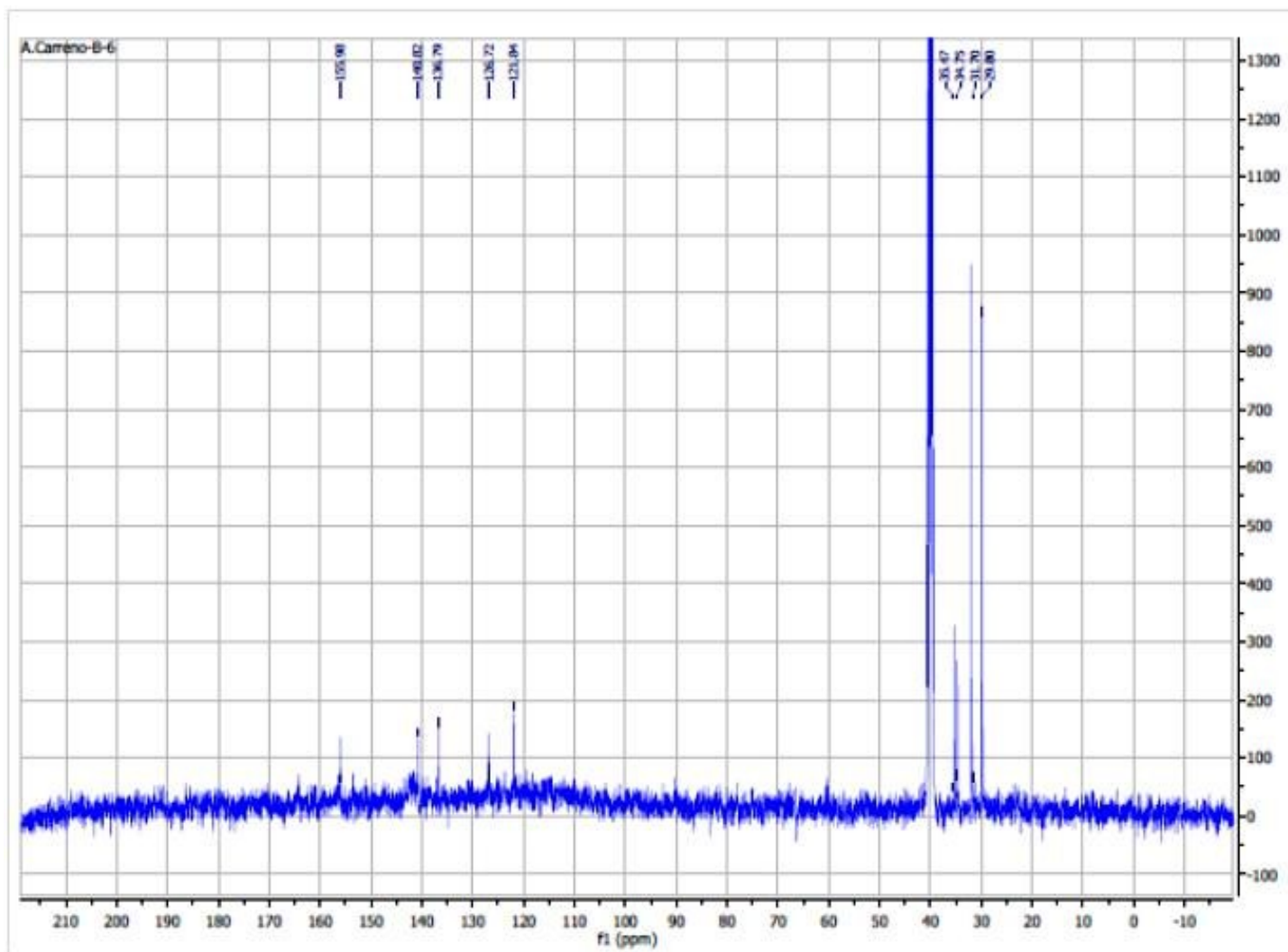
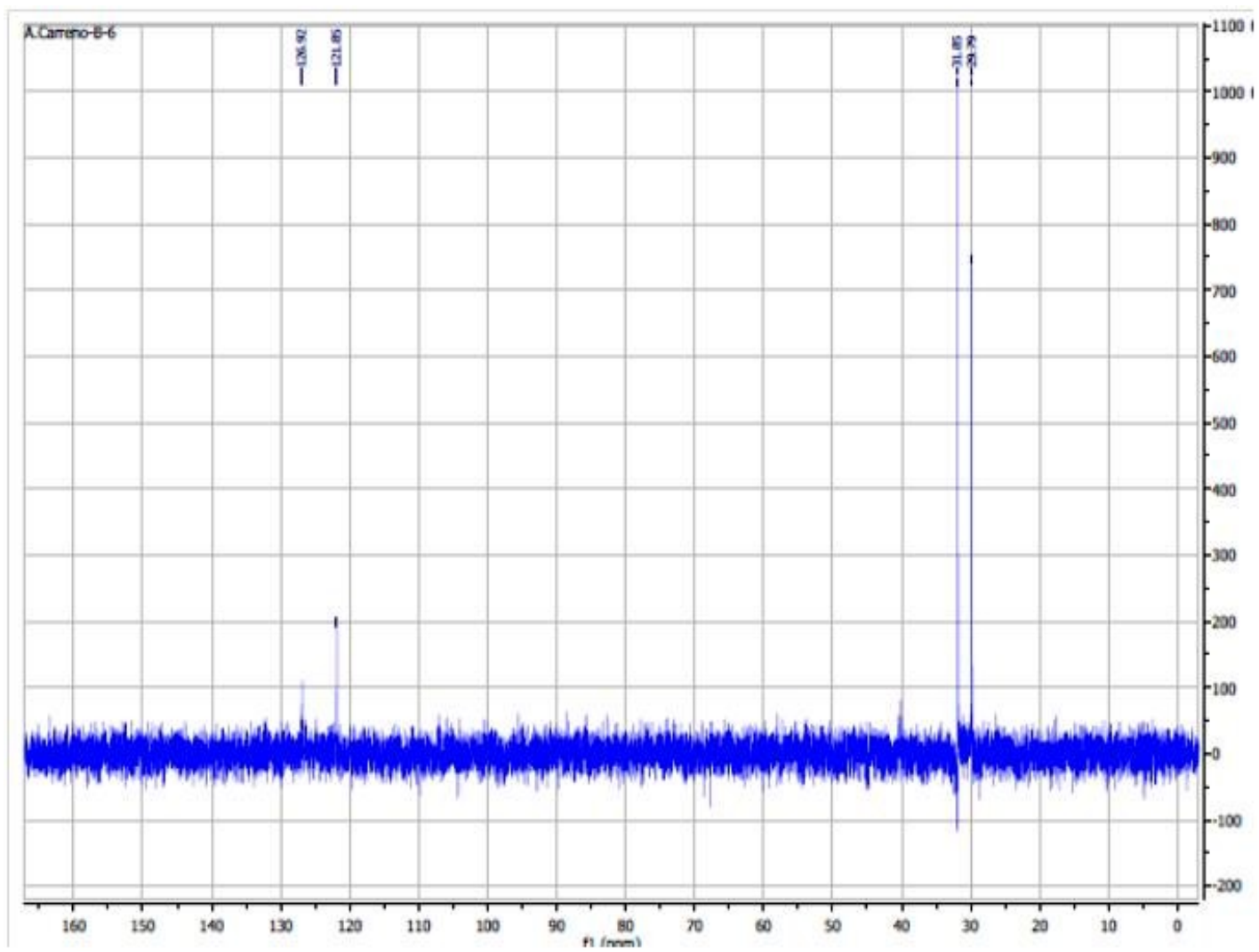
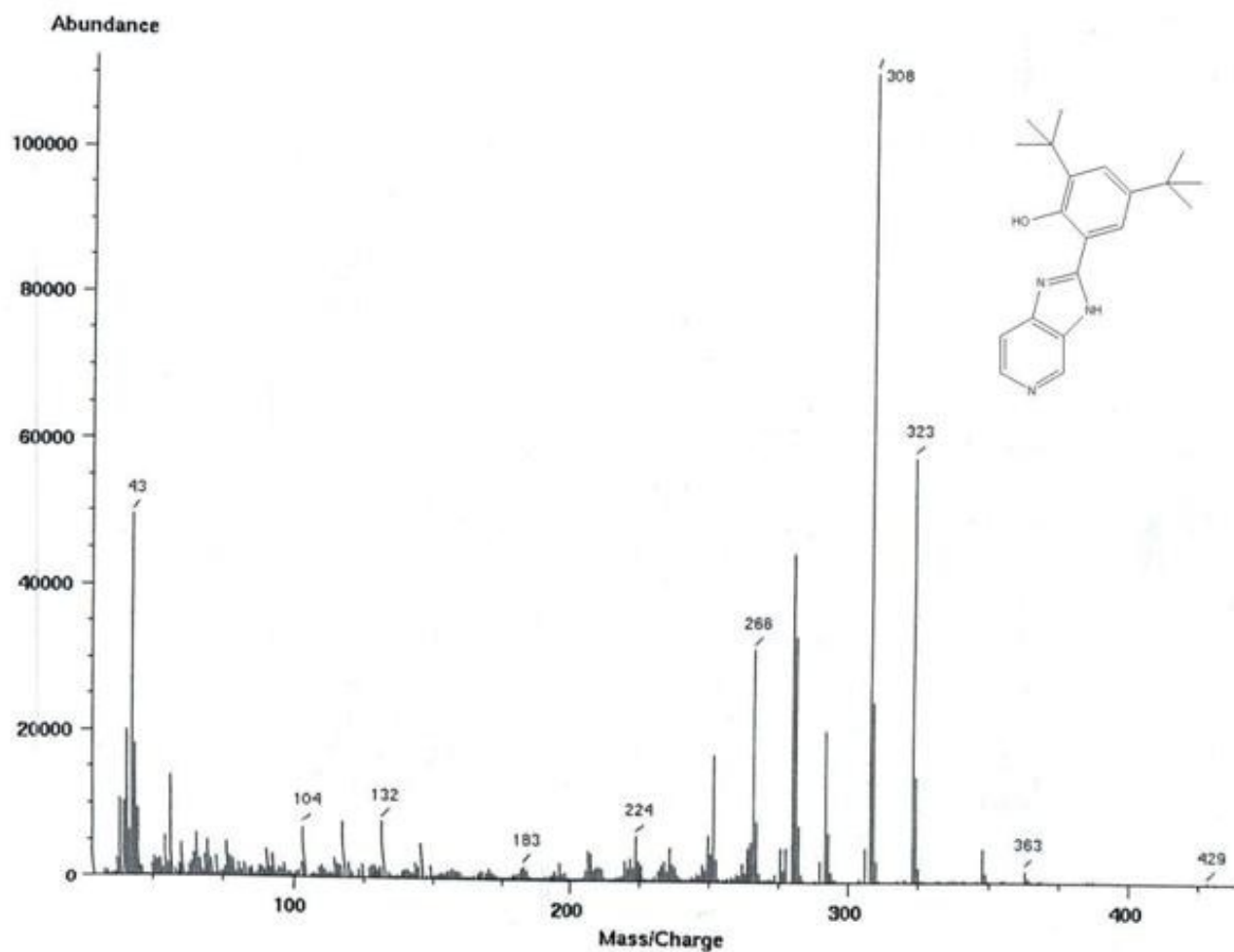


Figure S5.  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR of **B2** in DMSO- $d_6$ .



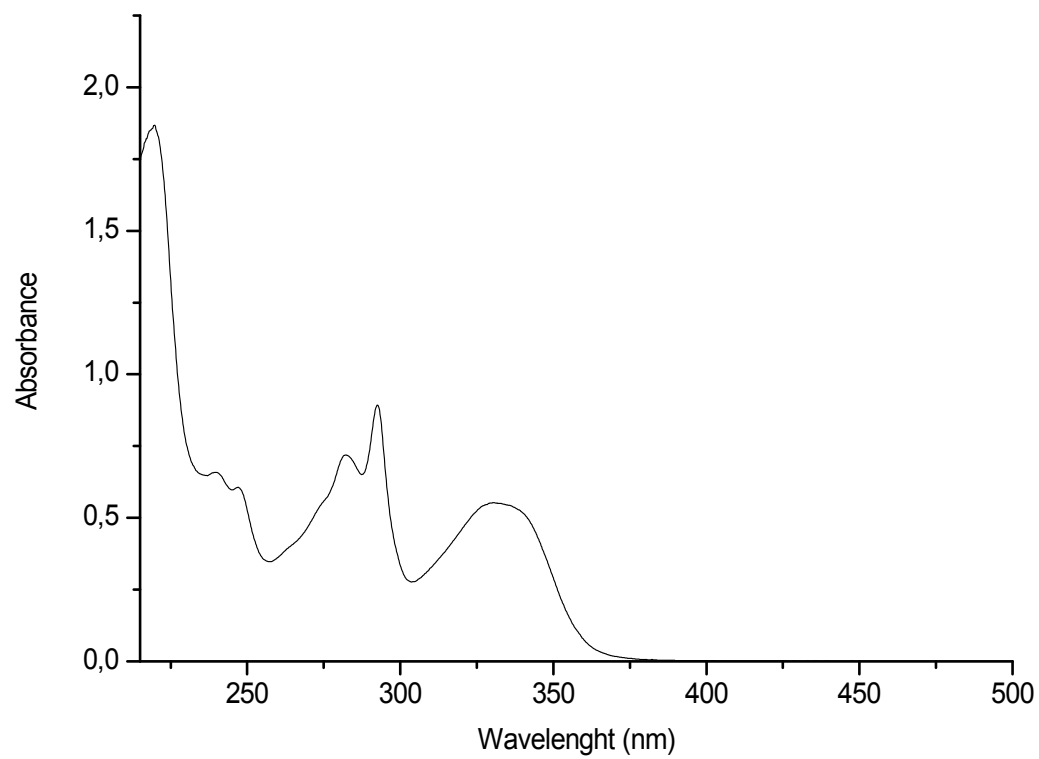
*Figure S6.* DEPT of **B2** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



*Figure S7.* Mass spectra of **B2**.

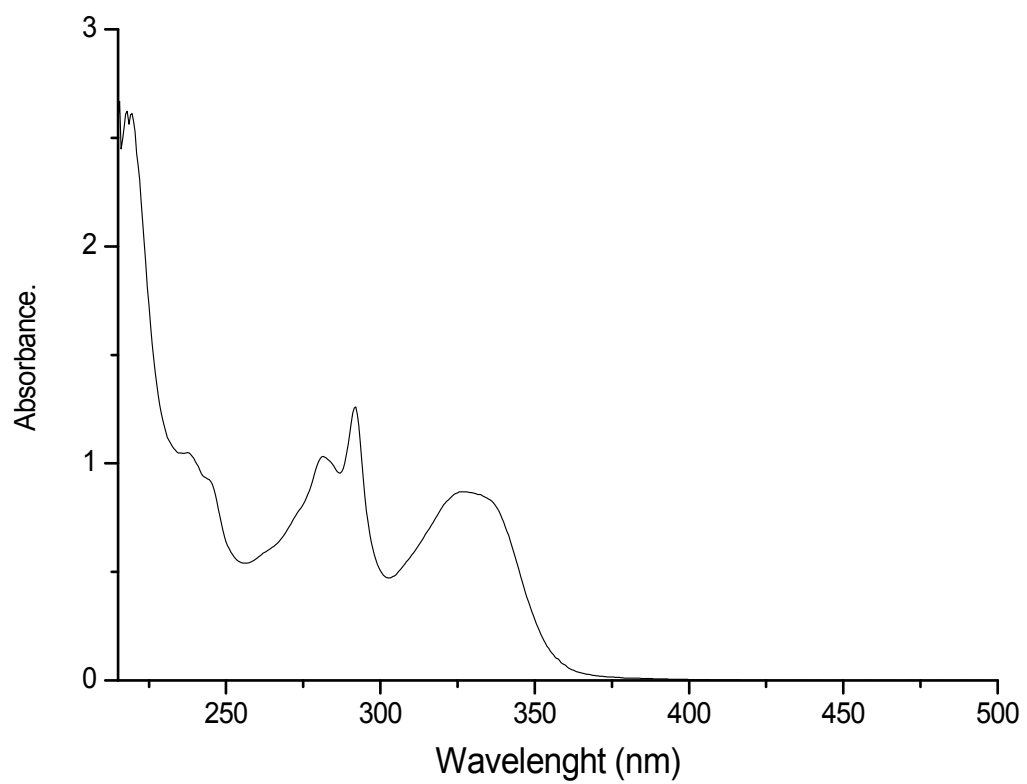


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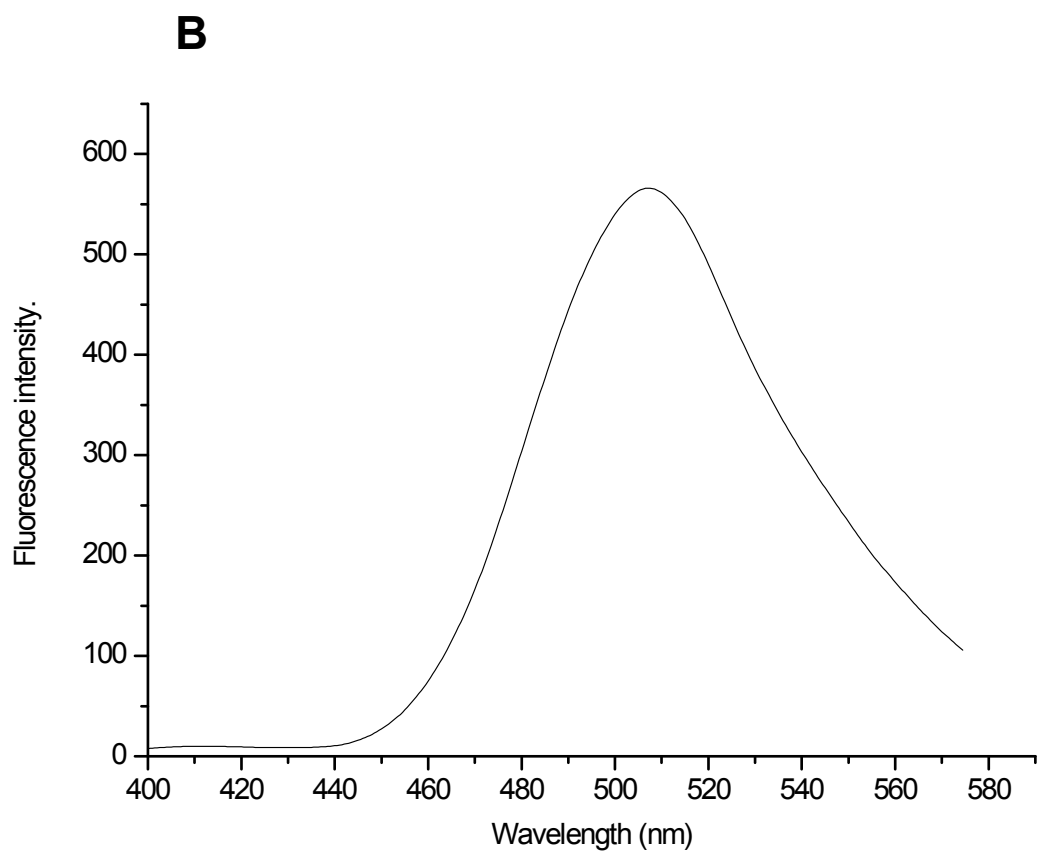


*Figure S8.* Absorption spectra for **B2** in ethanol solutions.

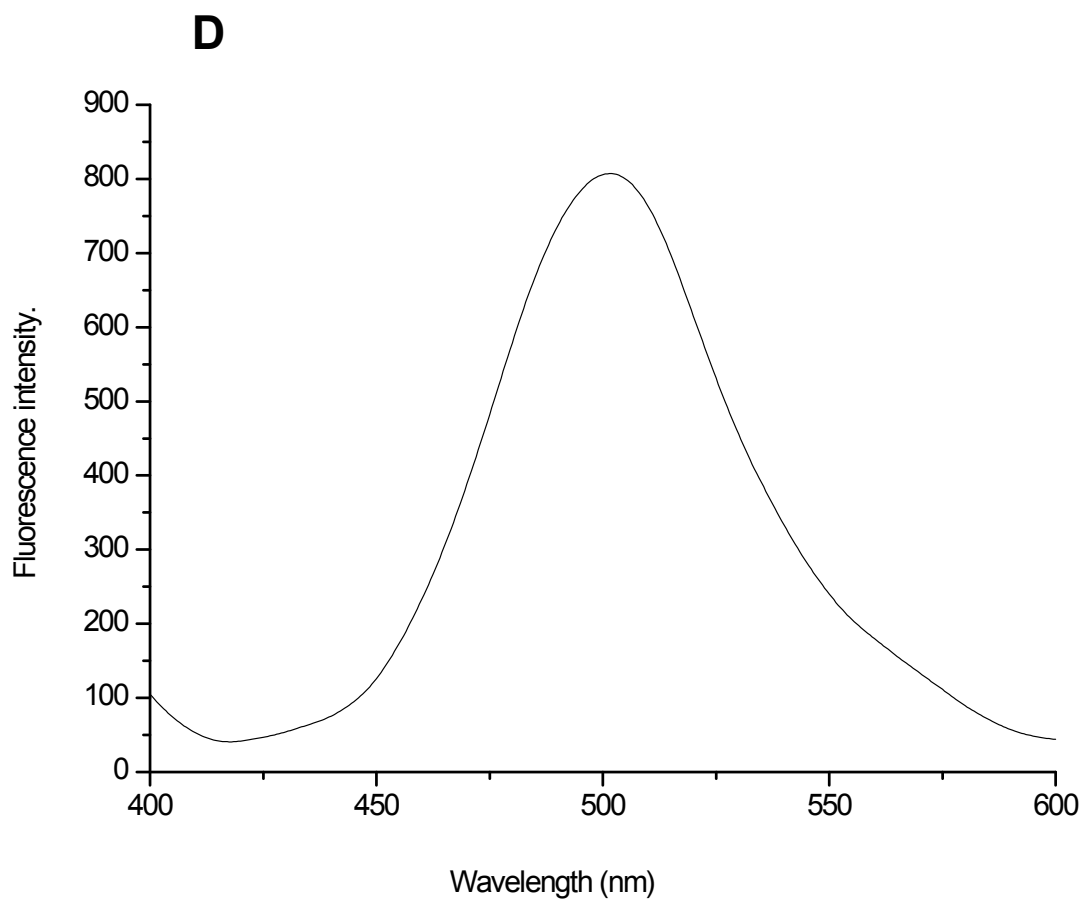
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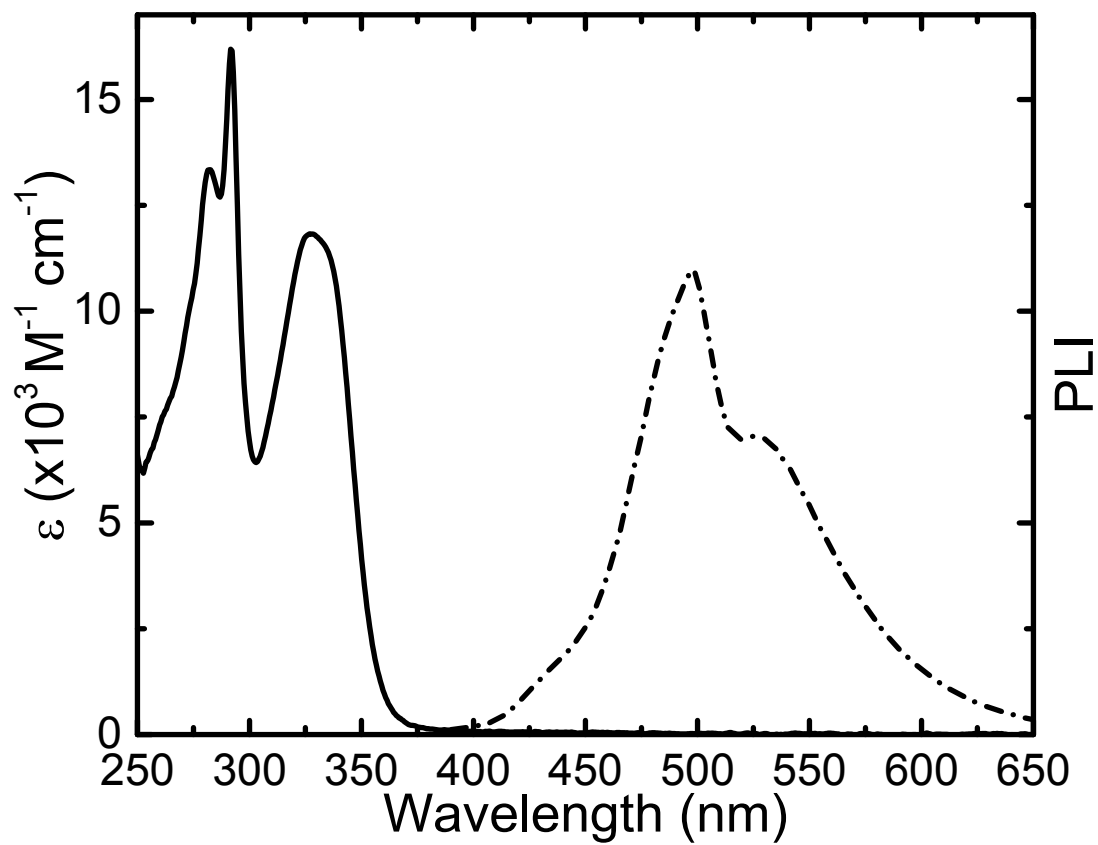
*Figure S9.* Absorption spectra for **B2** in dichlorometane solutions.



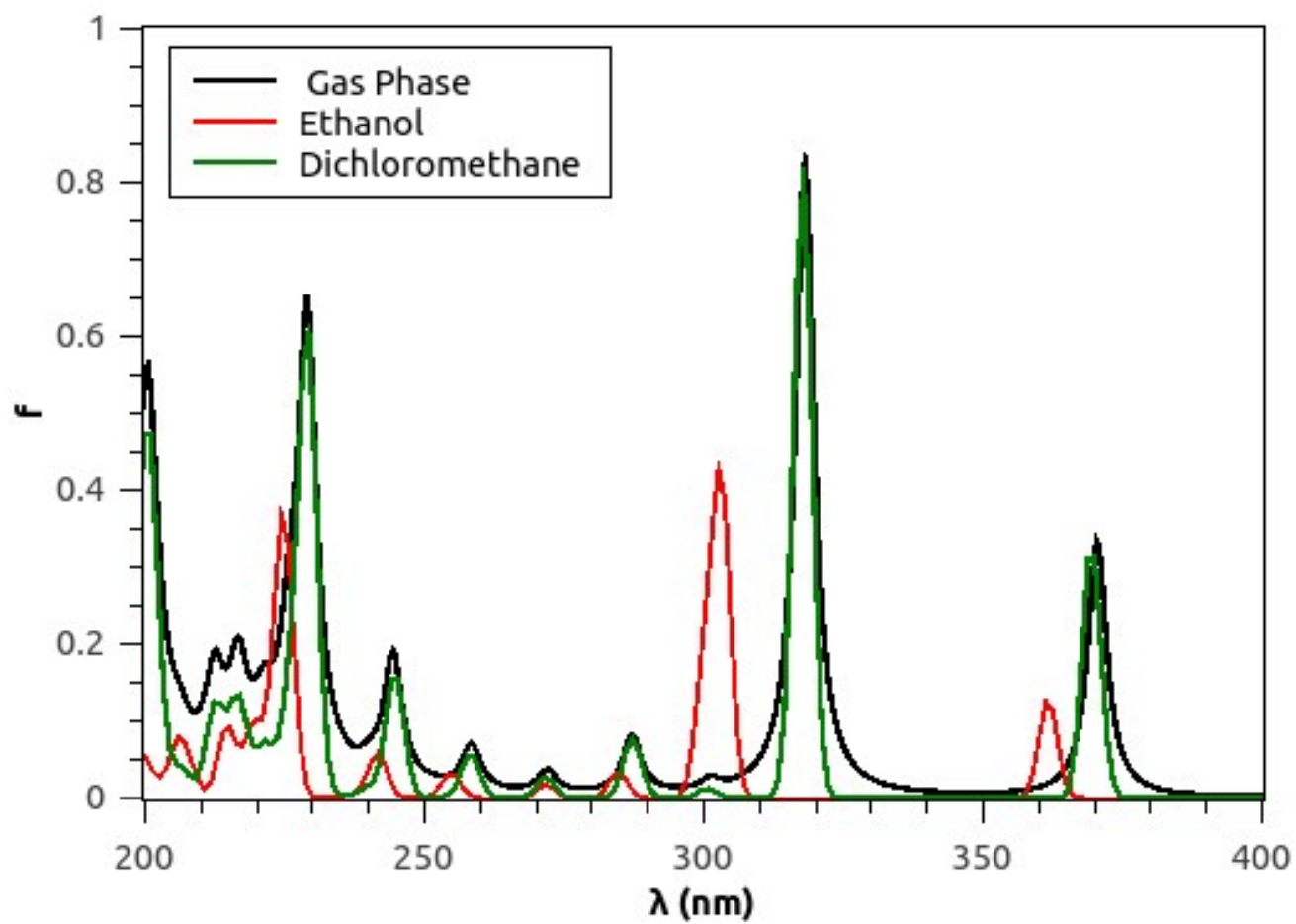
*Figure S10.* Emission spectra for **B2** in ethanol solutions.



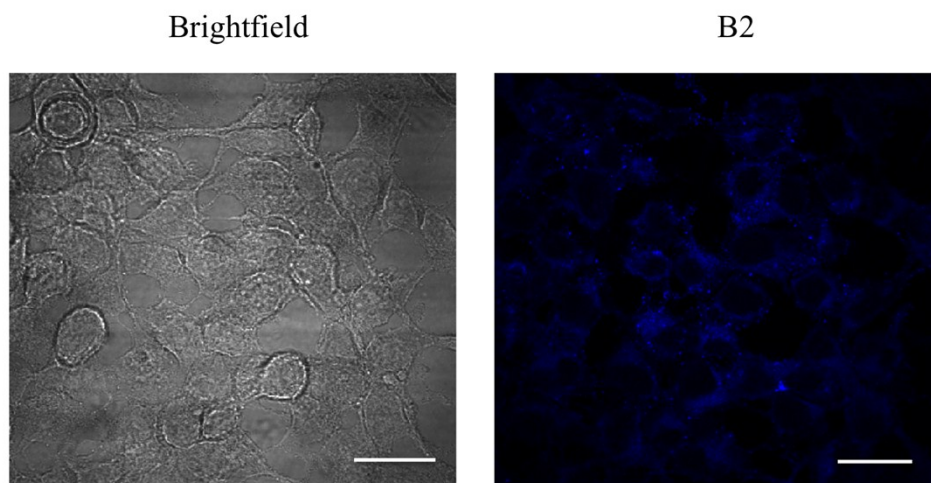
*Figure S11.* Emission spectra for **B2** in dichlorometane solutions.



**Figure S12.** UV-visible absorption (solid line) and steady-state photoluminescence (dashed line) for **B2** in acetonitrile.



**Figure S13.** Calculated UV-vis absorption spectra for 2,4-di-*tert*-butyl-6-(3H-imidazo[4,5-c]pyridine-2-yl)phenol (**B2**) in different implicit solvents (ethanol and dichloromethane) and gas phase.



**Figure S14.** Intracellular staining of HEK293 cells using **B2**. Fluorescence confocal microscopy images showing HEK-293 cells (Human embryonic kidney cell line) fixed after treatment with 2,4-di-*tert*-butyl-6-(3H-imidazo[4,5-c]pyridine-2-yl)phenol (**B2**), 50  $\mu$ M for 15 minutes. In all cases, cells were observed using a 100X objective. Compound emission was observed between 425-525 nm. White bars represent 10  $\mu$ m.