

Off-on fluorometric detection of cyanide anion in aqueous mixture by indane-based receptor

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Table S1 Calculated excitation energy (E), wavelength (λ), and oscillator strength (f) for low-lying singlet state (S_n) of $1'$.

	main orbital transition (CIC ^a)	E (eV) [λ (nm)]	f
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	HOMO-2 \rightarrow LUMO (-0.10532)	2.3937 [517.97]	0.3161
	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO (-0.10560)		
	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (0.63475)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO+1 (0.68631)	2.5567 [484.93]	0.0168
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$	HOMO-2 \rightarrow LUMO (0.10030)	2.8788 [430.68]	0.0369
	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO (0.62943)		
	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO+2 (-0.12951)		
	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (0.10896)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO+2 (0.13600)	3.1014 [399.77]	0.0173
	HOMO-4 \rightarrow LUMO+1 (0.13751)		
	HOMO-3 \rightarrow LUMO (0.57462)		
	HOMO-3 \rightarrow LUMO+1 (-0.15872)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$	HOMO-2 \rightarrow LUMO (-0.29719)	3.1632 [391.96]	0.0045
	HOMO-4 \rightarrow LUMO (0.18076)		
	HOMO-3 \rightarrow LUMO (0.17857)		
	HOMO-3 \rightarrow LUMO+1 (0.53677)		
	HOMO-2 \rightarrow LUMO+1 (-0.17763)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO+1 (0.26800)	3.3032 [375.34]	0.1579
	HOMO-3 \rightarrow LUMO+1 (0.11952)		
	HOMO-2 \rightarrow LUMO (-0.10266)		
	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO (-0.12880)		
	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO+2 (0.60116)		

^a CI expansion coefficients for the main orbital transitions.

Table S2 Calculated excitation energy (E), wavelength (λ), and oscillator strength (f) for low-lying singlet state (S_n) of $\mathbf{1}'\text{-CN}^-$.

	Main orbital transition (CIC ^a)	E (eV) [λ (nm)]	f
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO+1 (-0.11672)	2.5798 [480.59]	0.005
	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (0.15723)		
	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO+1 (0.64660)		
	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO+2 (-0.15422)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO+1 (0.16799)	2.6214 [472.97]	0.0104
	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO+2 (0.63442)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO (0.51780)	2.7175 [456.24]	0.0014
	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO+1 (-0.10778)		
	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (0.45136)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO+1 (-0.11641)	2.8117 [440.96]	0.0003
	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO (-0.45304)		
	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO+1 (0.10956)		
	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (0.51415)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO+1 (-0.12682)	2.8645 [432.83]	0.0005
$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO+3 (0.70130)	2.886 [429.60]	0.0047
	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO+1 (-0.18181)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_7$	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO+2 (0.67092)	3.0436 [407.36]	0.0002
	HOMO-2 \rightarrow LUMO+1 (-0.14029)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_8$	HOMO-2 \rightarrow LUMO+2 (0.66980)	3.0748 [403.22]	0.2832
	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO (0.12438)		
	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO+1 (0.56699)		
	HOMO-1 \rightarrow LUMO+2 (0.18396)		

^a CI expansion coefficients for the main orbital transitions.

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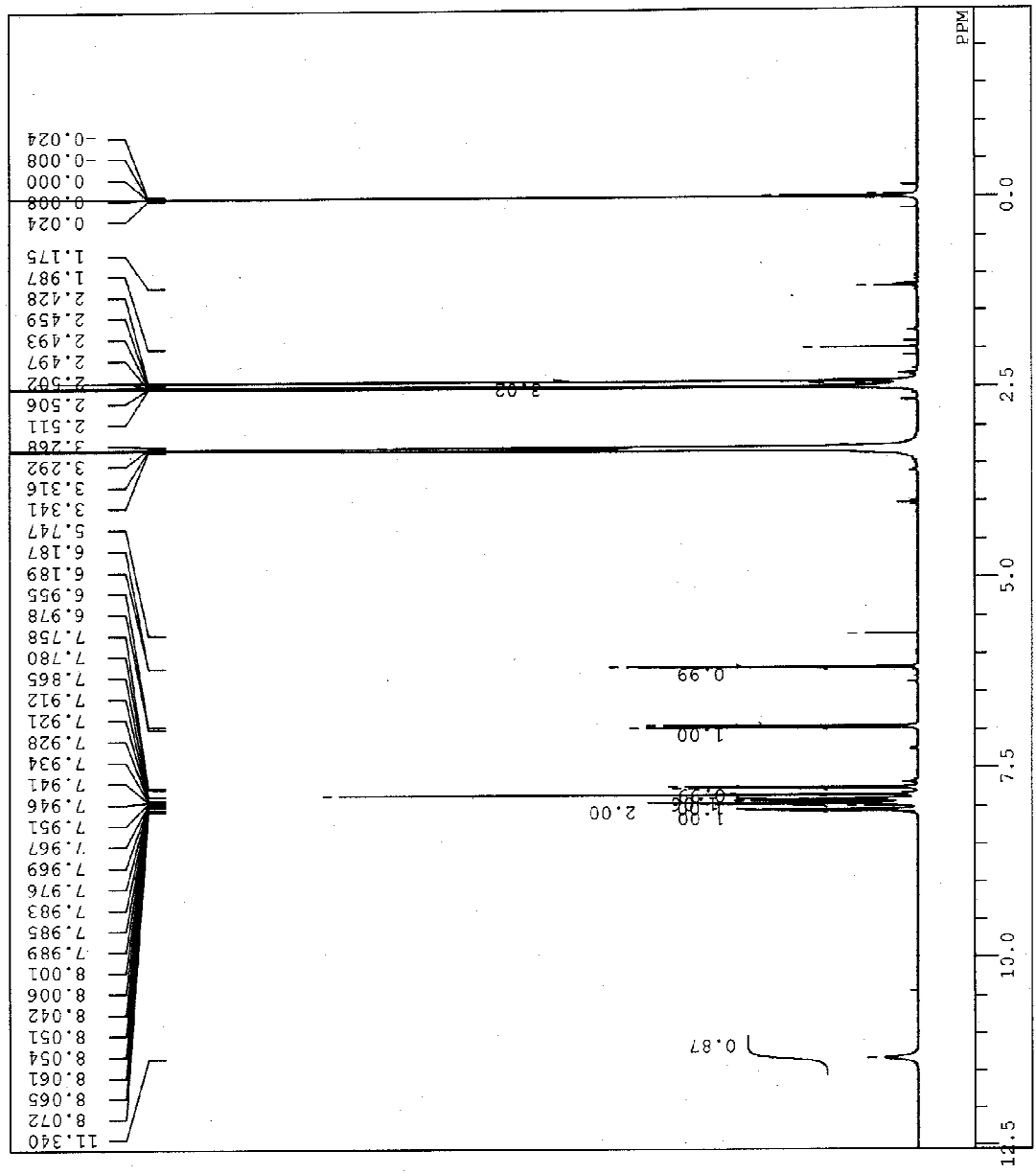
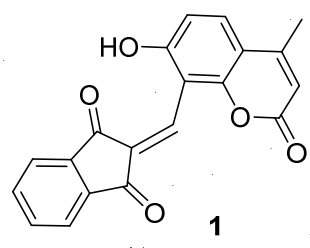


Fig. S1 ¹H NMR chart of 1 (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz).

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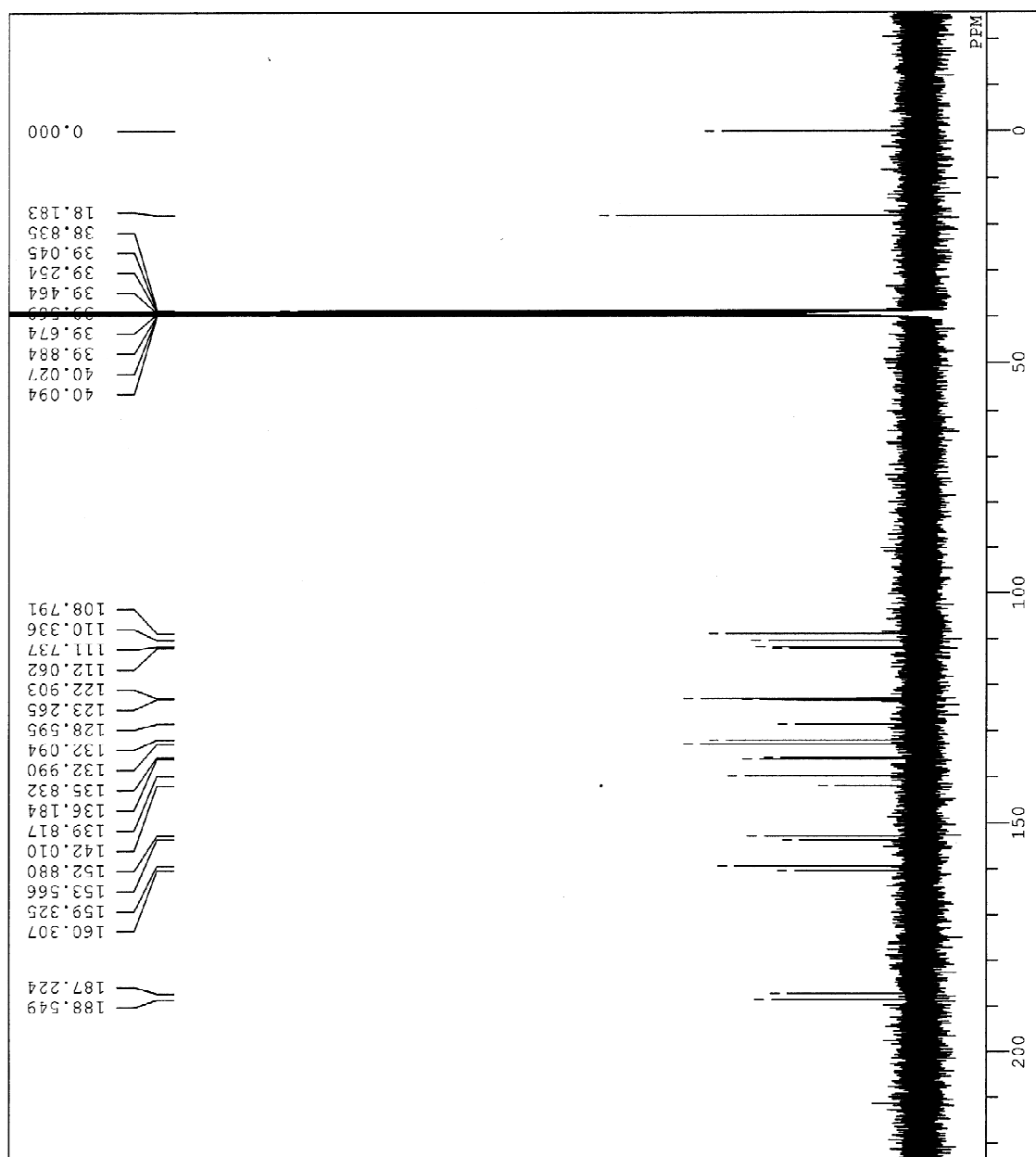
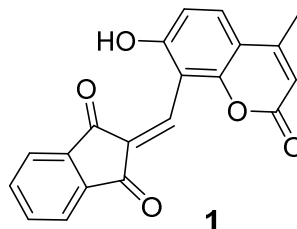


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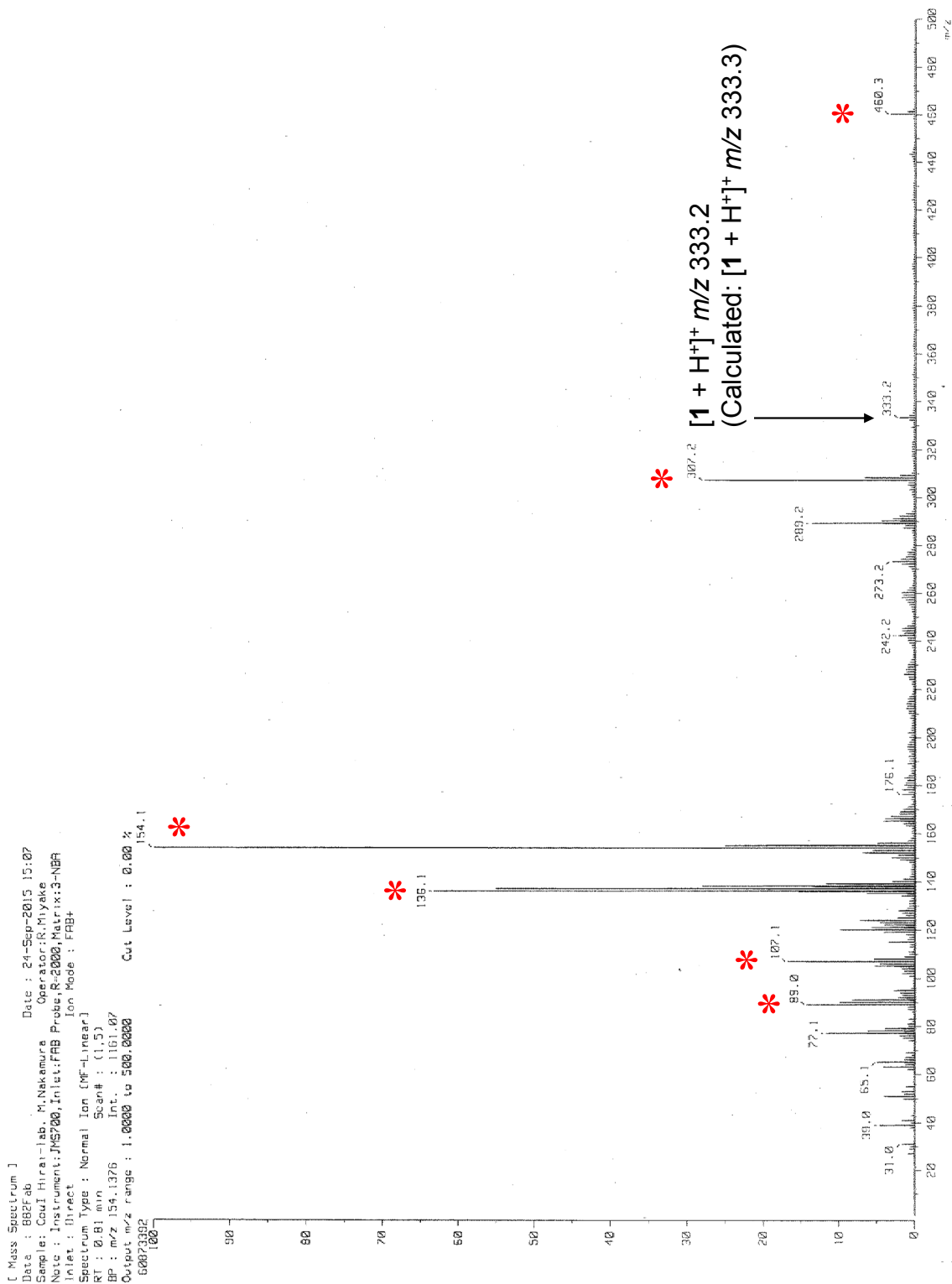


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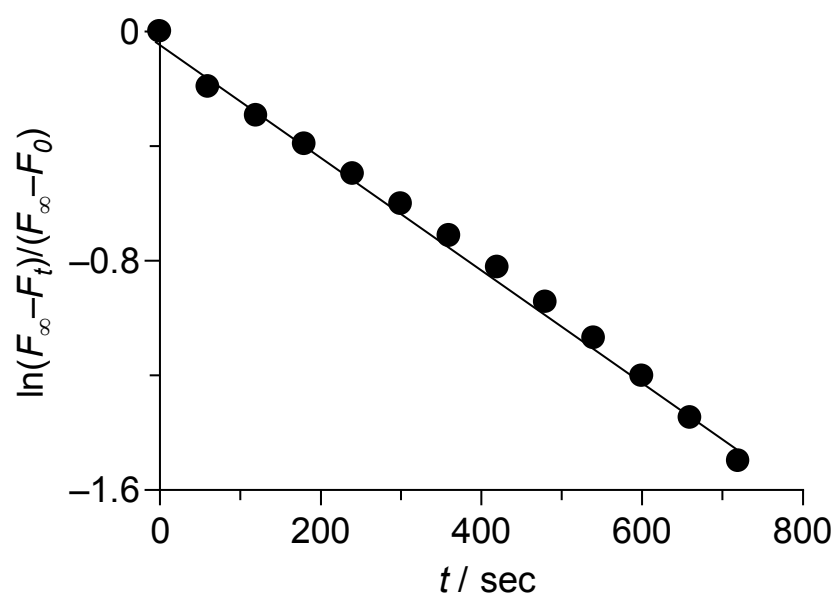


Fig. S4 Kinetic fluorescence data for **1** obtained after addition of 10 equiv of CN^- .

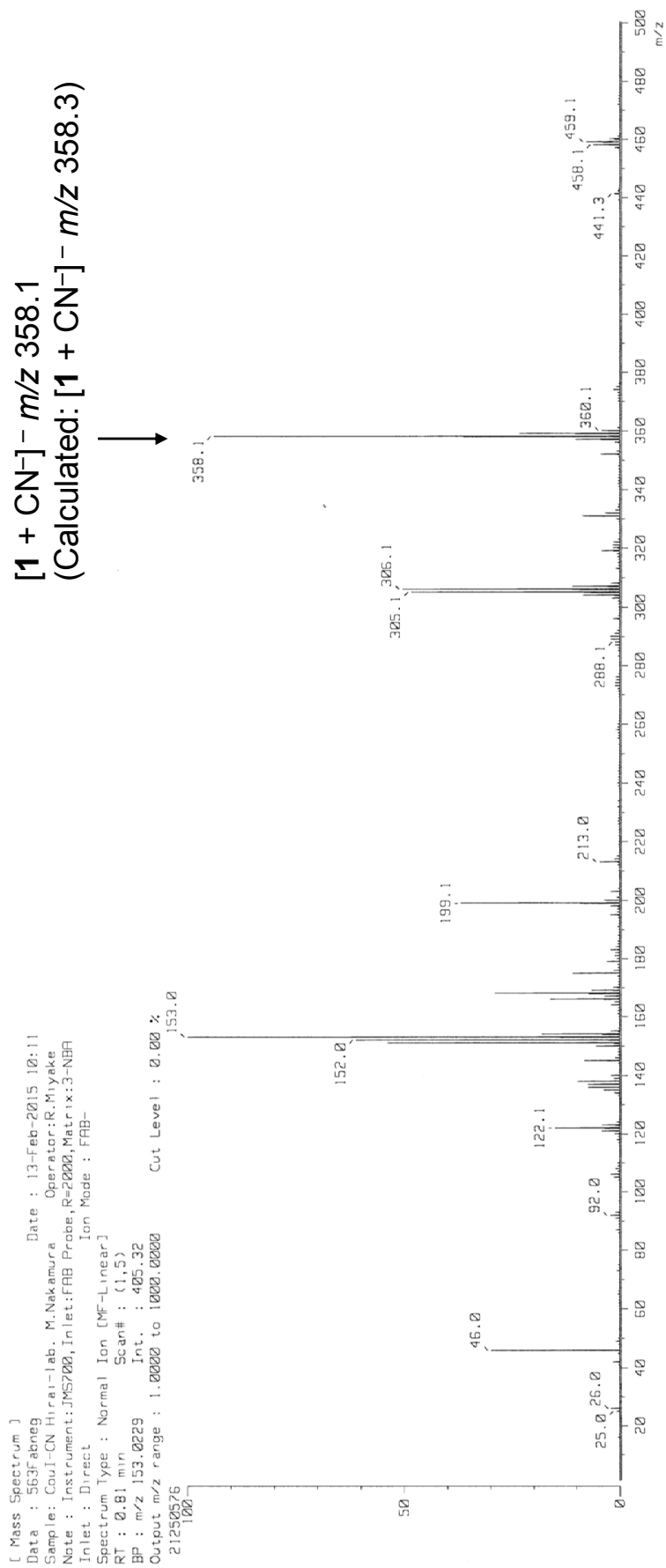


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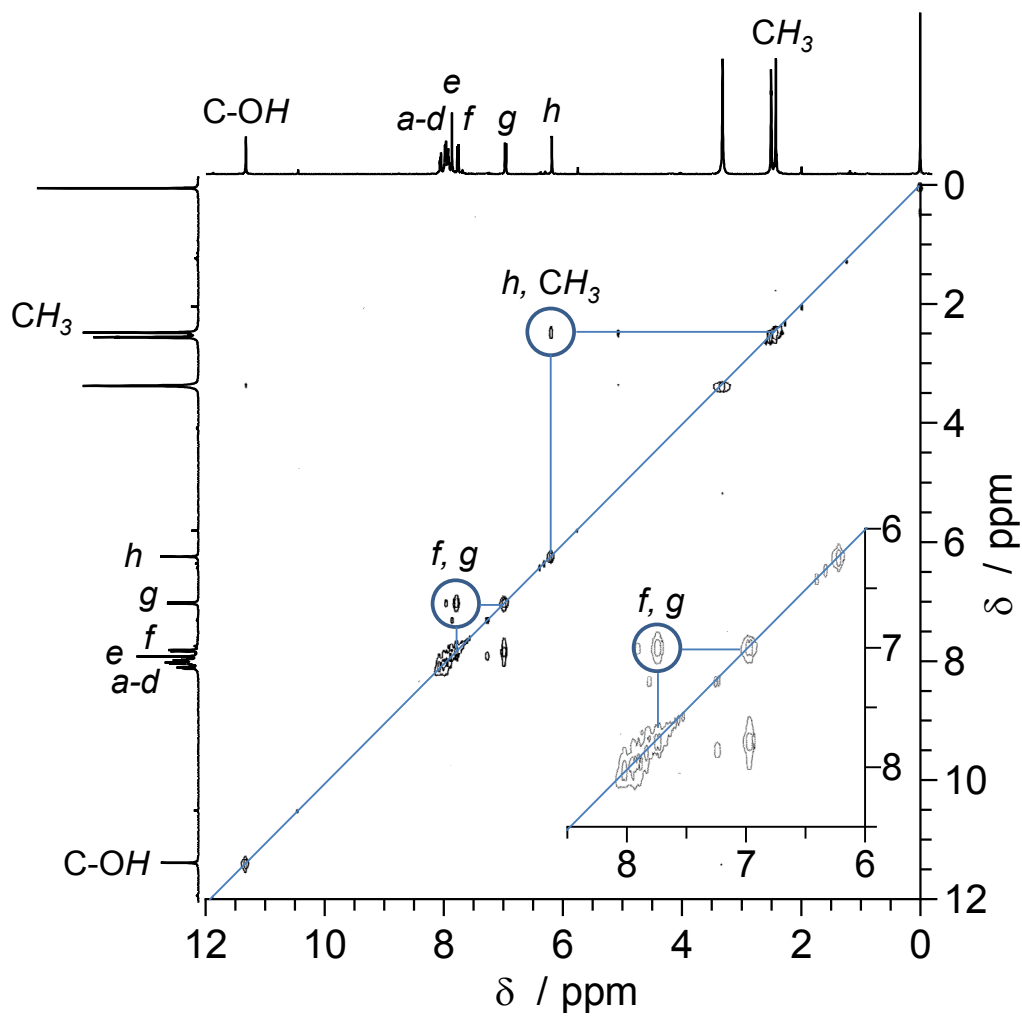
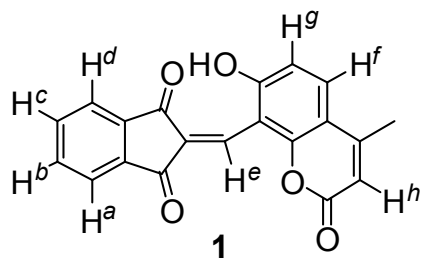


Fig. S6 ^1H - ^1H COSY chart of **1** (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz). Blue circles indicate the observed cross peaks. The texts above the circle indicate the coupling protons.

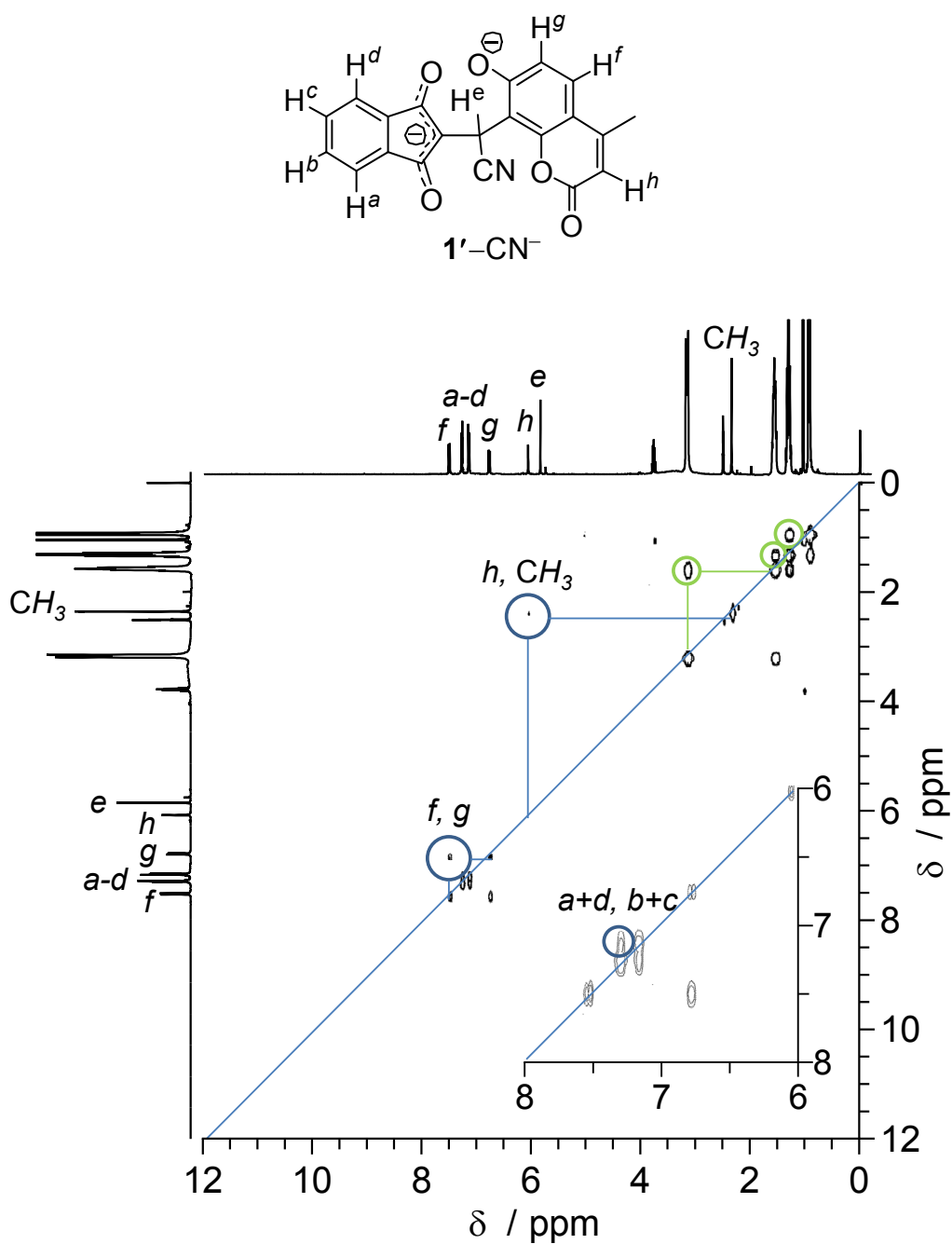


Fig. S7 1H - 1H COSY chart of 1:1 association species for **1** and CN^- ($DMSO-d_6$, 400 MHz). Blue and yellow green circles indicate the observed cross peaks of **1** and $n-Bu_4N^+$, respectively. The texts above the circle indicate the coupling protons.

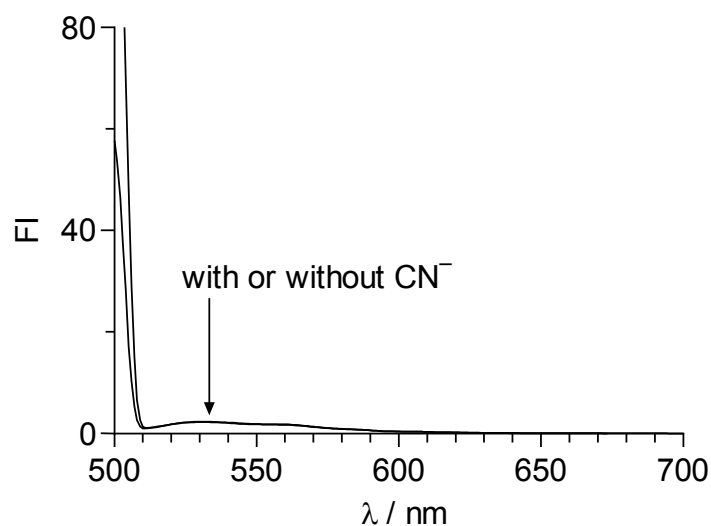


Fig. S8 Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500 \text{ nm}$) of **1** ($20 \mu\text{M}$) measured without or with 10 equiv of CN^- in a buffered water/MeCN mixture (1/9 v/v; CHES 100 mM, pH 9.0) at $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

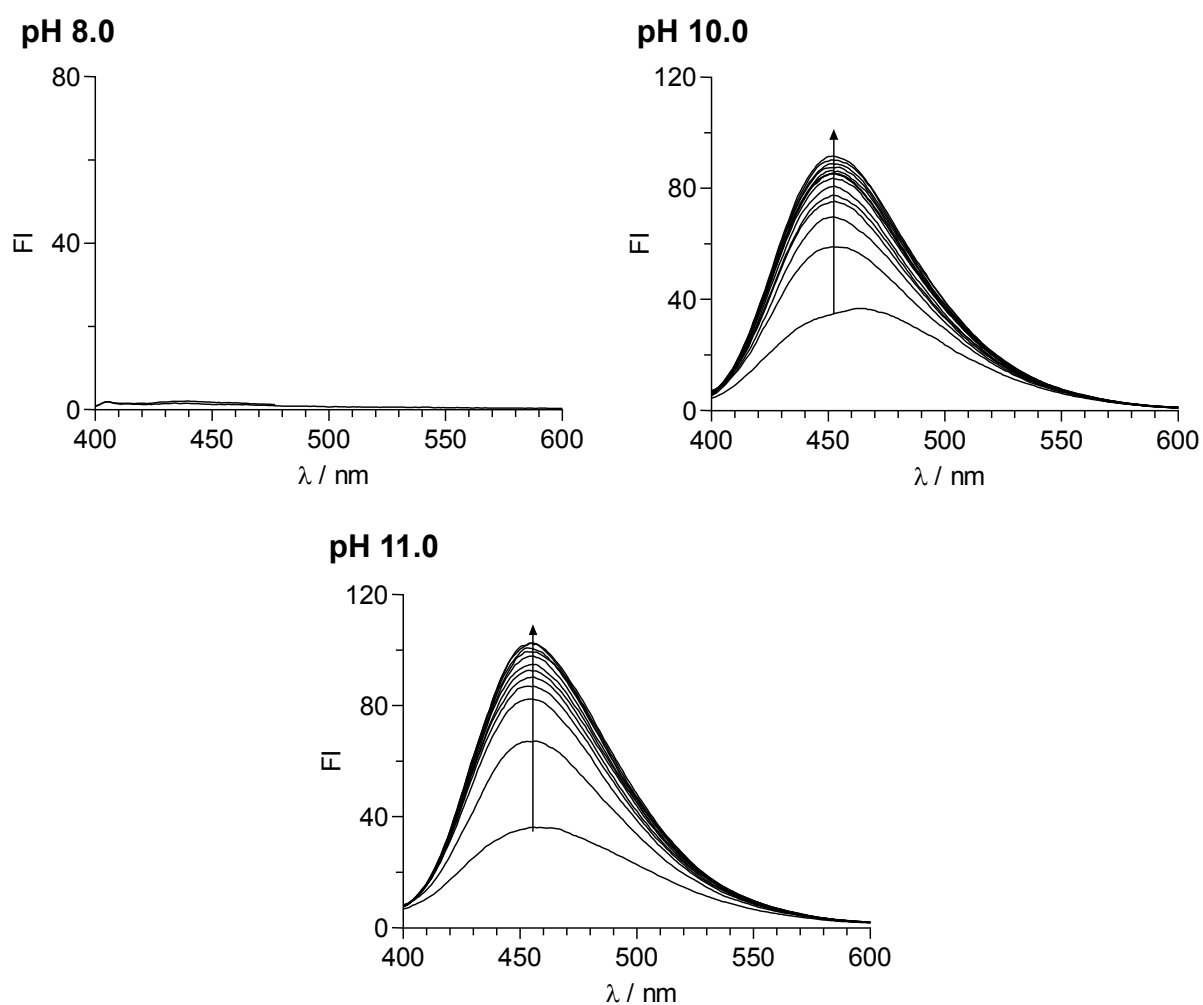
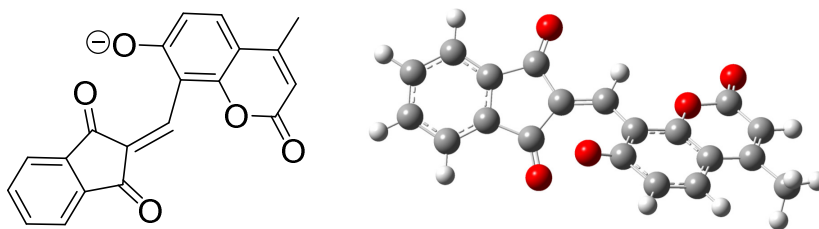


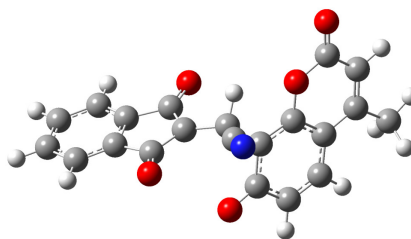
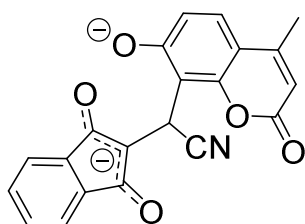
Fig. S9 Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 360 \text{ nm}$) of **1** ($20 \mu\text{M}$) measured with 10 equiv of CN^- in a buffered water/MeCN mixture (1/9 v/v) at different pH.

Cartesian Coordinates (in Å) of **1'** (DFT/B3LYP/ 6-31G*, PCM: MeCN)



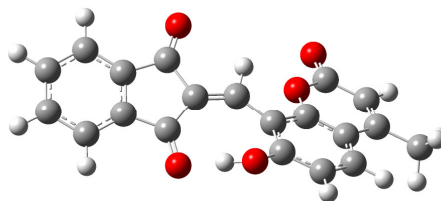
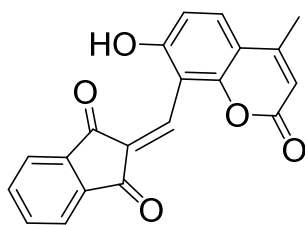
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Cartesian Coordinates (in Å) of **1'**-CN⁻ (DFT/B3LYP /6-31G*, PCM: MeCN)



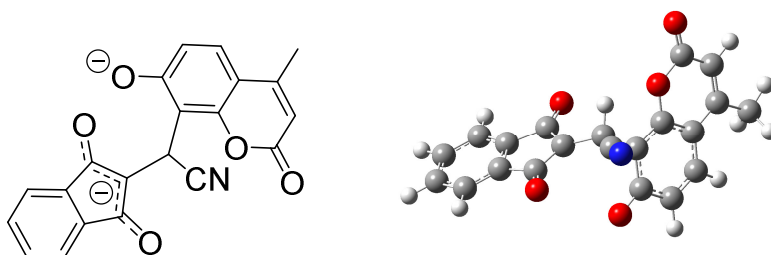
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Cartesian Coordinates (in Å) of **1** (DFT/B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p), PCM: DMSO)



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C	2.282195	0.078021	0.027338	H	6.281839	-0.8984	0.666694
O	0.085551	-2.802461	0.632419				

Cartesian Coordinates (in Å) of **1'**-CN⁻ (DFT/B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p), PCM: CHCl₃)



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