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## **Supporting Information**

## Optical Properties of two fluorene derived BODIPY molecular rotors as fluorescent ratiometric viscosity probes

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All NMR spectra were acquired in chloroform.

Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1, at 500 MHz.





Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1, at 125 MHz.

Figure S3. HSQC NMR spectrum of compound 1, at 500 MHz.



Figure S4. <sup>11</sup>B, <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of compound 1, at 160 and 470 MHz respectively.





Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **2**, at 500 MHz.

Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2, at 125 MHz.







Figure S8. <sup>11</sup>B, <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of compound 2, at 160 and 470 MHz respectively.



**Figure S9.** From top to bottom: fluorescence emission spectra for compounds 1 and 2 exciting at the respective long wavelength value (A); excitation spectra for 1 (B) and 2 (C) at the short and long wavelength emission band.





**Figure S10.** Computed UV-Vis spectra for **1** and **2** at TD-DFT: PBE0/6-31+G(d,p)/PCM-Methanol.



**Table S1.** Estimated coefficients  $y_0$ ,  $a_{SA}$ ,  $b_{SB}$ ,  $c_{SP}$  and  $d_{SdP}$  for  $\bar{\nu}_{abs}$ ,  $\bar{\nu}_{em}$ , and  $\Delta \bar{\nu}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) and multiple correlation coefficient (*r*) for regression analysis of compound **2** in 16 solvents according to the Catalán solvent parameters {SA, SB, SP, SdP}.

$y_0 ({\rm cm}^{-1})$	<i>a</i> <sub>SA</sub>	b <sub>SB</sub>	c <sub>sp</sub>	<i>d</i> <sub>SdP</sub>	r
$32278\pm314$	$-193 \pm 149$	$-82 \pm 143$	$-612 \pm 447$	$-48 \pm 113$	0.701
$28608\pm215$	$-75 \pm 102$	$-125 \pm 97$	$-1256\pm305$	$-246 \pm 77$	0.914
$4900\pm776$	$670\pm369$	$-224 \pm 353$	$-1128 \pm 1104$	$379\pm280$	0.742
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