## Electronic Supplementary Information

## Controllable molecular aggregation and fluorescence

## properties of 1,3,4-oxadiazole derivatives

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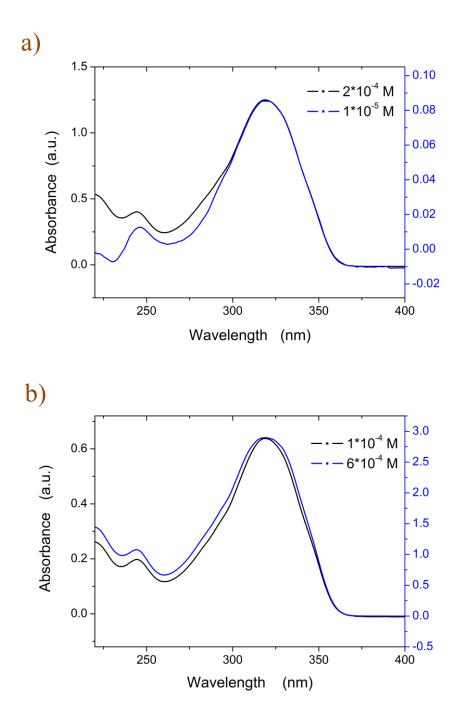


Figure S1 Comparing the UV-vis absorption spectra of BOXD-6 in tetrahedron at different concentrations.

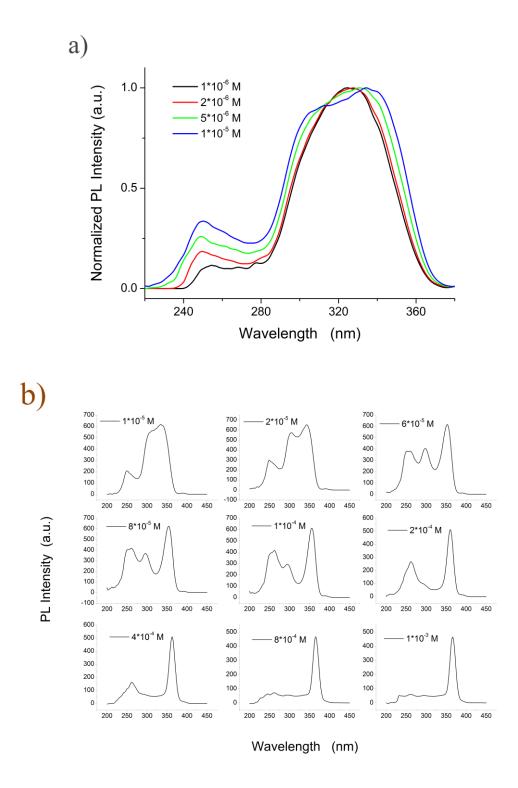


Figure S<sub>2</sub> Excitation spectra of BOXD-6 in THF at different concentrations.

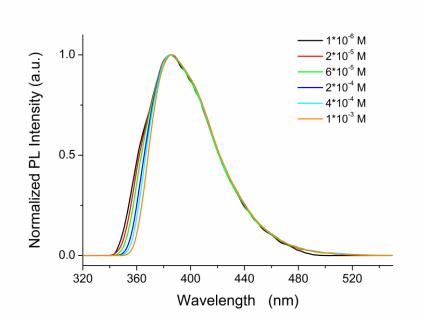


Figure S<sub>3</sub> Normalized Photoluminescence emission spectra of BOXD-6 in THF at different concentration.

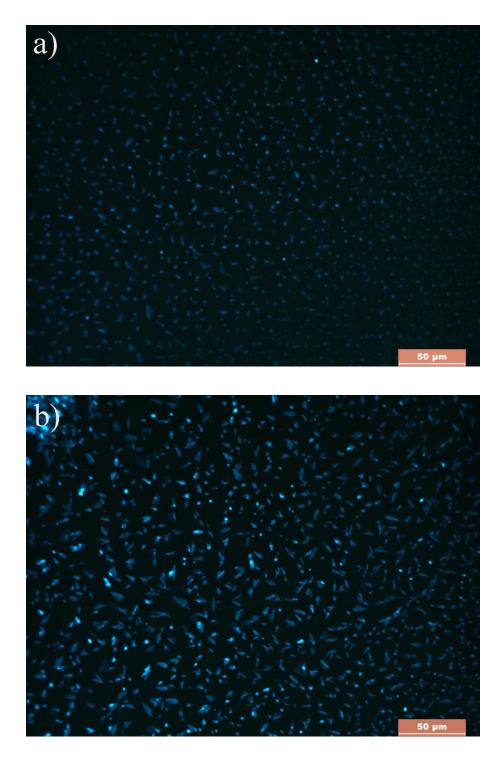


Figure S4 Fluorescence microscopic images of molecular aggregates of BOXD-6 from the THF solution at a)  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M and b)  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M.

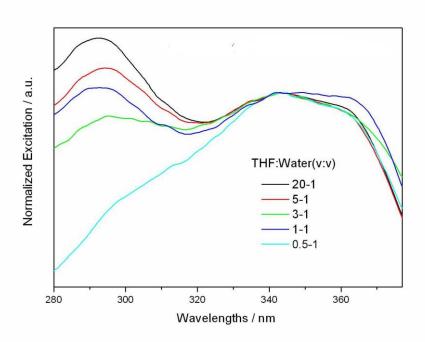
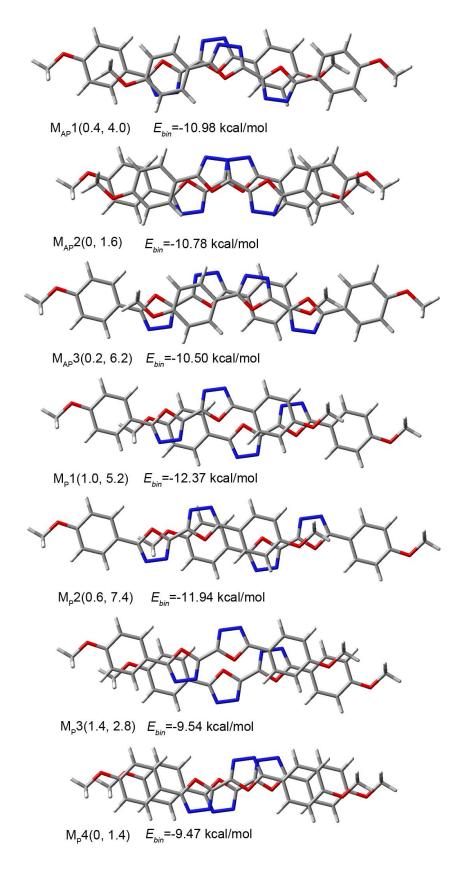
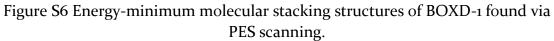


Figure S5 The effect of water ratio on excitation spectra of BOXD-6 in the precipitated particles by adding water into thick tetrahydrofuran solution.





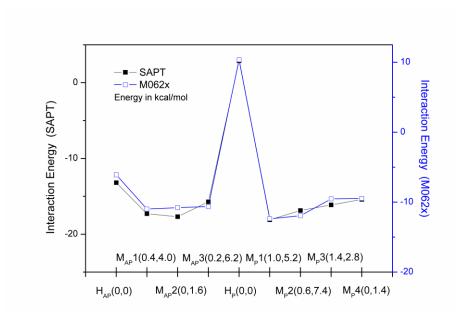


Figure S7 Calculated intermolecular interaction energy from an SAPT analysis and the Mo62x/6-31G\*\* method.