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"Supplementary information"



II









I*



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IR spectra

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Note: I* obtained with conditions using piperidine as catalyst, I** obtained with DMF without catalyst. I*** obtained with conditions using KOH as catalyst.

II (Acetone-d₆)



II (CDCl₃)



II (DMSO-d₆)



II (Methanol-d₄)







II (DMF-d₇)





Figure A. Absorbance spectra in $CHCl_3$ at different time (i) and overlapped spectra of I in $CHCl_3$ and pH (ii).



Figure **B**. Absorption spectrum of **I** in THF at initial stage (i) absorption spectra of **I** in different quantities of THF/H₂O (ii), absorption spectrum of **I** in THF/H₂O at final stage (iii) and picture of sequence in the color change of **I** in THF and THF/H₂O solution (iv).







Figure C. Selected photographs and the absorbance spectra for detecting changes in solution color of I in CHCl₃.



Figure **D**. Absorption spectrum of **I** in DMF/H₂O (i) and picture comparison of the emission in solution versus solid state (ii).