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## **Supporting Information**













Scheme S9

**Table S1** UV-vis absorption bands of qbiH, qbim, qbio and compounds 1-4 in  $CH_2Cl_2$  at room temperature.

Compound	absorption band (nm)
qbiH	245, 286, 336-350
qbim	243, 284, 336-348
qbio	243, 285, 336-348
1	251, 299, 362, a tail to 430
2	252, 302, 365, a tail to 430
3	252, 302, 365, a tail to 430
4	245, 298, 386, a tail to 454

Table S2 Emission data of qbiH, qbim, qbio and 1-4 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature.

Compound	emission wavelength (nm) at room temperature	quantum yield in CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	luminescence lifetimes (ns)
qbiH	389	-	-
qbim	386	-	-
qbio	386	-	-
1	558, 585	14%	1018
2	572, 600	16%	956
3	573, 600	18%	1002
4	546	3.2%	377

Compound	emission wavelength (nm) at 77 K	
1	528, 570	
2	536, 578	
3	537, 579	
4	523, 563	

**Table S3** Emission data of 1-4  $C_2H_5OH$ -CH<sub>3</sub>OH (v/v = 3/1) at 77 K.

**Table S4** Emission data of the solid-state samples of 1-4 at room temperature ( $\lambda_{ex} = 370 \text{ nm}$  for 1 and 4, and  $\lambda_{ex} = 380 \text{ nm}$  for 2 and 3).

Compound	emission wavelength (nm)
1	542, 572, 611
2	553, 581, 612
3	544, 578, 630
4	595, 633



Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of qbiH (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>).



Fig. S2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of qbim (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S3 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of qbio (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S4 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1 (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2 (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



Fig. S6 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3 (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S7 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4 (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S8 Experimental and simulated XRD patterns of 1.



Fig. S9 Experimental and simulated XRD patterns of 2.



Fig. S10 Experimental and simulated XRD patterns of 3.



Fig. S11 Experimental and simulated XRD patterns of 4.



**Fig. S12** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) after adding a D<sub>2</sub>O solution of NaOH, and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S13 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 1 and 4 (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) after adding DCl.



**Fig. S14** The tentative assignment of different proton resonances in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **1** and **1+NaOH+D<sub>2</sub>O** (Letters a-n are used to indicate different H atoms).



**Fig. S15** The tentative assignment of different proton resonances in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **4+DCl** and **1+DCl** (a-n are used to indicate different H atoms).



Fig. S16 Packing structure of 1.



Fig. S17 Packing structure of 2. Big red balls are O atoms from  $H_2O$  molecules.



Fig. S18 The supramolecular dimers in 4 stacking through van der Waals interactions.



Fig. S19 UV-vis absorption spectra of qbiH, qbim and qbio in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S20** UV-vis absorption spectra changes of **1** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  ( $c = 4 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon adding NEt<sub>3</sub>, and UV-vis absorption spectrum of compound **4** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  ( $c = 4 \times 10^{-5}$  M).



**Fig. S21** UV-vis absorption spectra changes of **4** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  ( $c = 4 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon adding TFA, and UV-vis absorption spectrum of compound **1** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  ( $c = 4 \times 10^{-5}$  M).



**Fig. S22** Luminescence spectra of qbiH, qbim and qbio in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $c = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M,  $\lambda_{ex} = 345$  nm) at room temperature.



**Fig. S23** The photographs of qbiH, qbim and qbio in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> under room light or 365 nm light.



Fig. S24 Luminescence spectra of 1 and 4 in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (c = 4 × 10<sup>-5</sup> M) at room temperature.



Fig. S25 Phosphorescence spectra of 1-4 in C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH-CH<sub>3</sub>OH (v/v = 3/1) at 77 K ( $c = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M,  $\lambda_{ex} = 370$  nm).



**Fig. S26** Luminescence spectra changes of **4** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $c = 4 \times 10^{-5}$  M,  $\lambda_{ex} = 370$  nm) upon adding TFA.



Fig. S27 The emission decay of compound 1 in  $CH_2Cl_2$ .



Fig. S28 The emission decay of compound 2 in  $CH_2Cl_2$ .



Fig. S29 The emission decay of compound 3 in  $CH_2Cl_2$ .



Fig. S30 The emission decay of compound 4 in  $CH_2Cl_2$ .