

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Extended cavity pyrene-based iptycenes for the turn-off fluorescence detection of RDX and common nitroaromatic explosives

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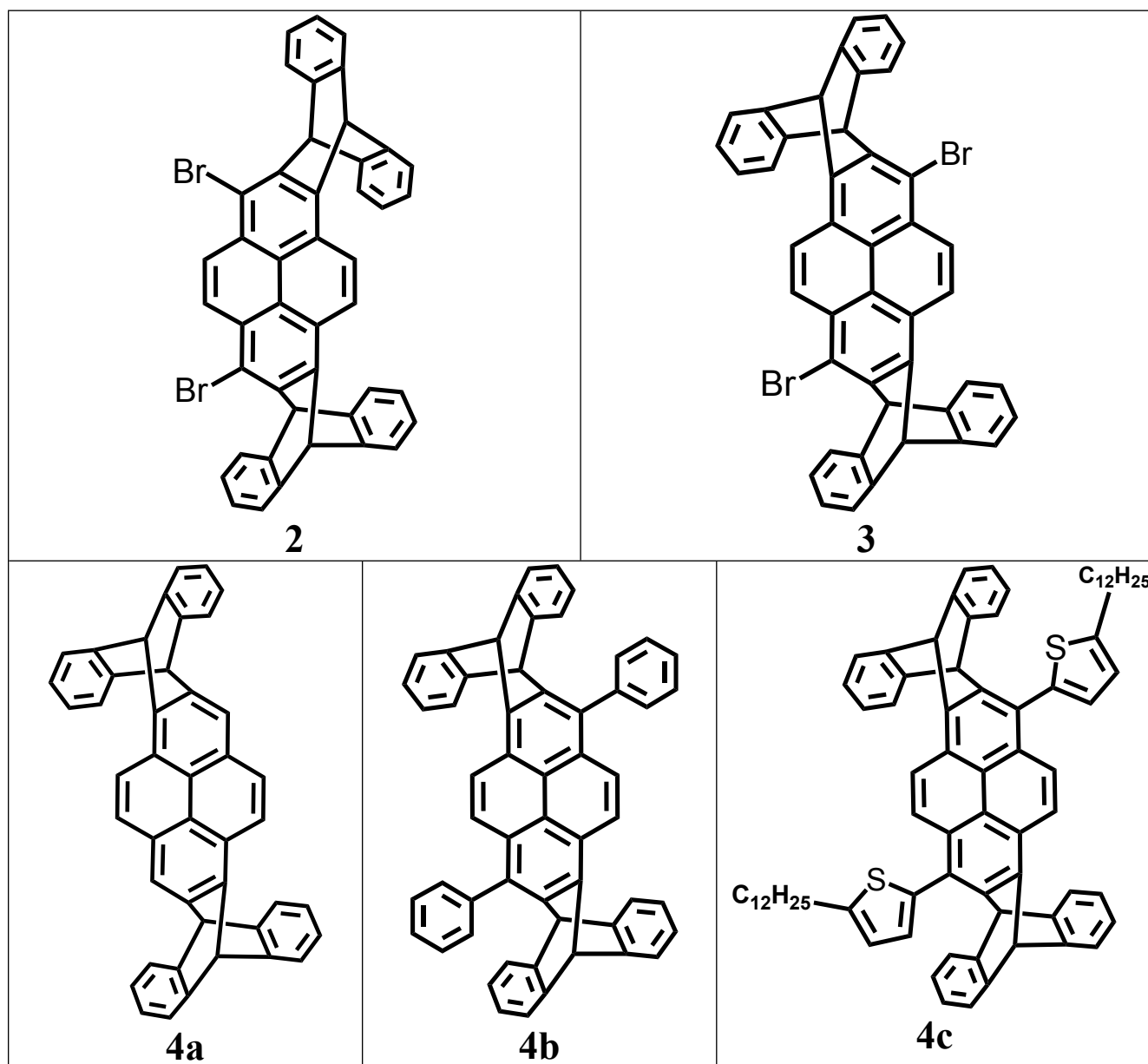
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**Chemical structures of fluorophores (2,3,4a,4b,4c)**



**Fig. S1** Chemical structures of fluorophores (2,3,4a,4b,4c)

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### Fluorescence titration experiments

Experiments were carried out by using the Horiba-Fluoromax-4. Solutions of fluorophores were prepared by dissolving the sample in THF.

In a typical titration experiment 1 mL of the solution of sensors ( $10^{-6}$  M) were placed in a quartz cell, followed by adding there to 10 aliquots of 0.1 molar equivalent of each analyte (NACs).

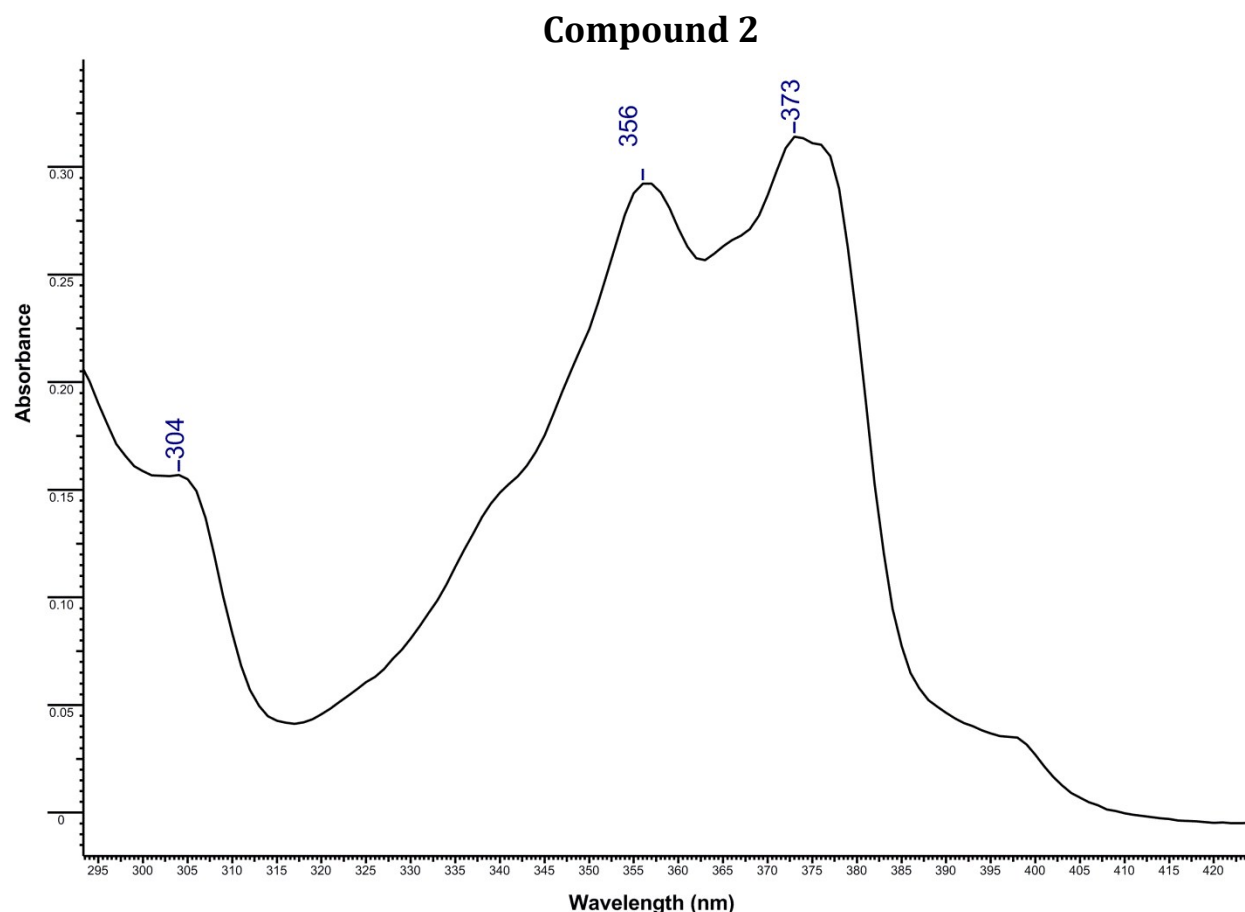
The fluorescence emission spectra were measured (298 K) under  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375$  nm. The fluorescent quenching experiments were carried out by means of the titration of solutions ( $10^{-6}$  M) of sensors.

There were no changes in the shape of the emission spectrum by gradually putting the initial fluorescence emission during titration nitroaromatic quencher.

Analysis of fluorescence emission intensity ( $(I_0/I)-1$ ), as a function of the concentration of the quencher ( $[Q]$ ) describes a Stern-Volmer equation

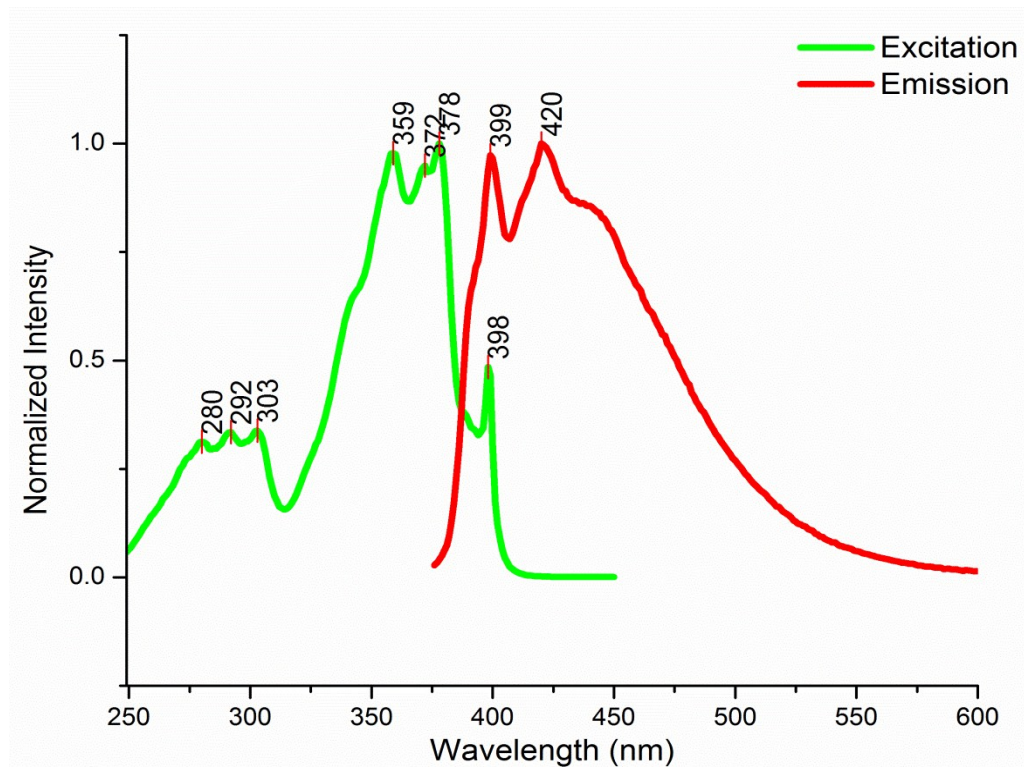
$$I_0/I = 1 + K_{\text{sv}} [Q].$$

The binding constant was calculated as the slope of the graph.



**Fig. S2** Electronic absorption spectrum of compound 2

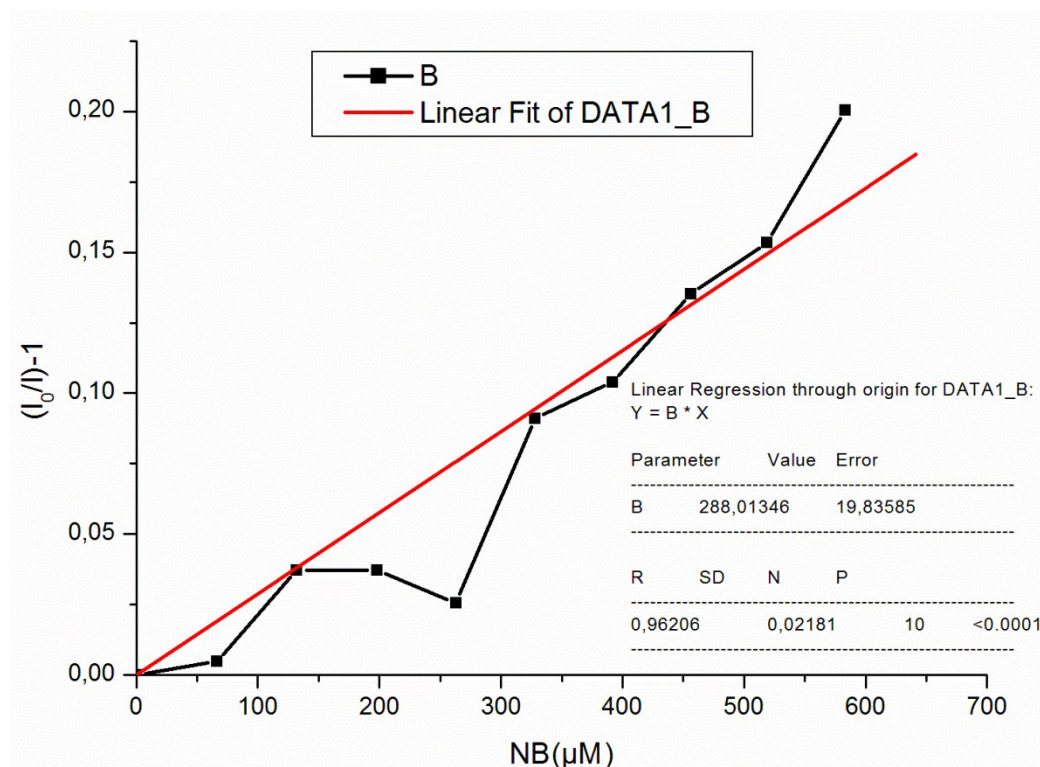
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**Fig. S3** Fluorescence excitation and emission spectrum of compound **2**

### Fluorescence quenching with nitrobenzene (NB) in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **2** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with nitrobenzene ( $2.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M) was carried out in THF.

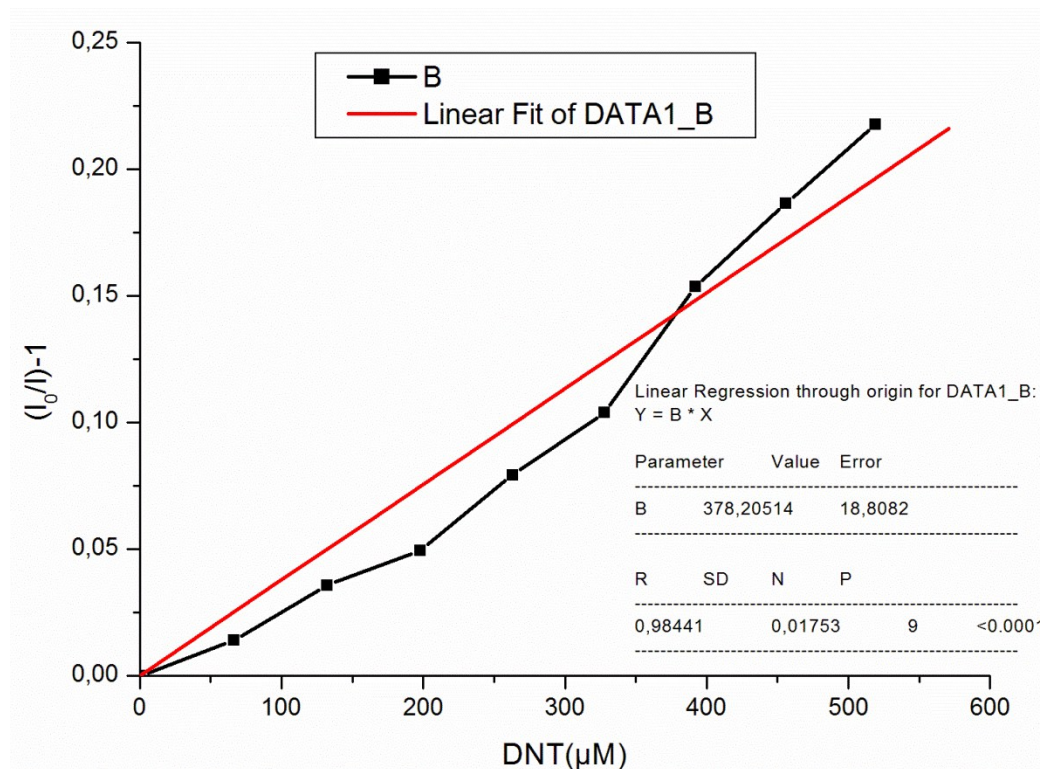


**Fig.S4** Stern-Volmer plot

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### Fluorescence quenching with 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT) in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **2** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with 2,4-dinitrotoluene ( $2.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M) was carried out in THF.



**Fig.S5** Stern-Volmer plot

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### Fluorescence quenching with trinitrotoluene (TNT) in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **2** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with trinitrotoluene ( $2.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M) was carried out in THF.

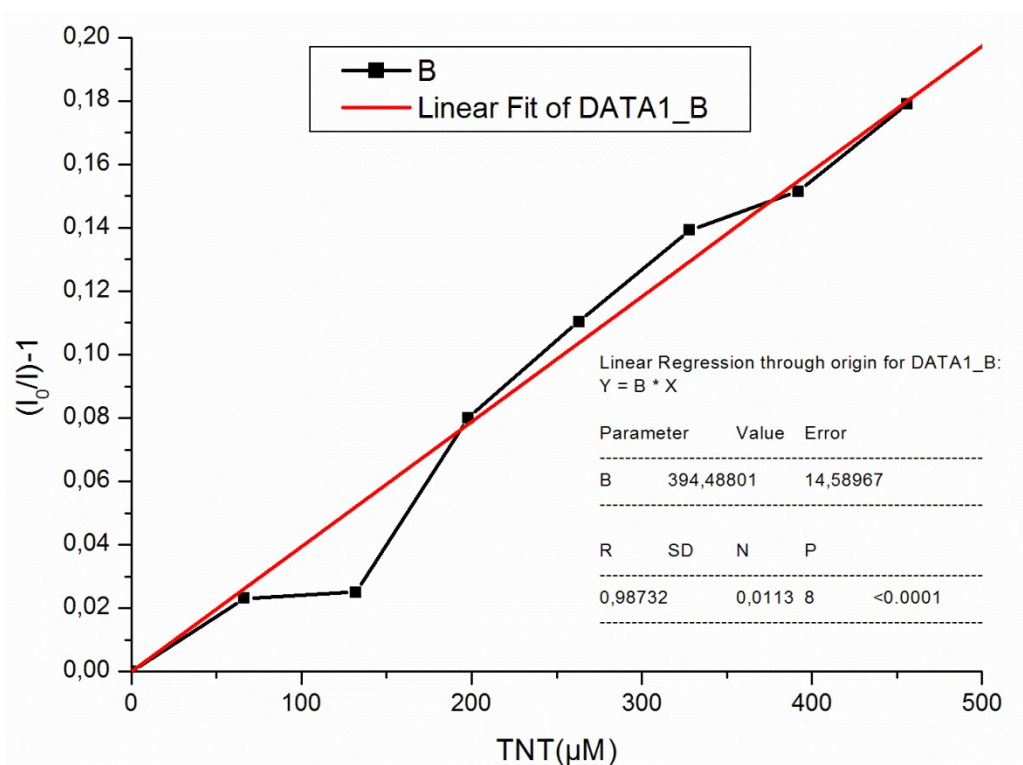


Fig.S6 Stern-Volmer plot

### Estimation of the detection limit for sensor 2

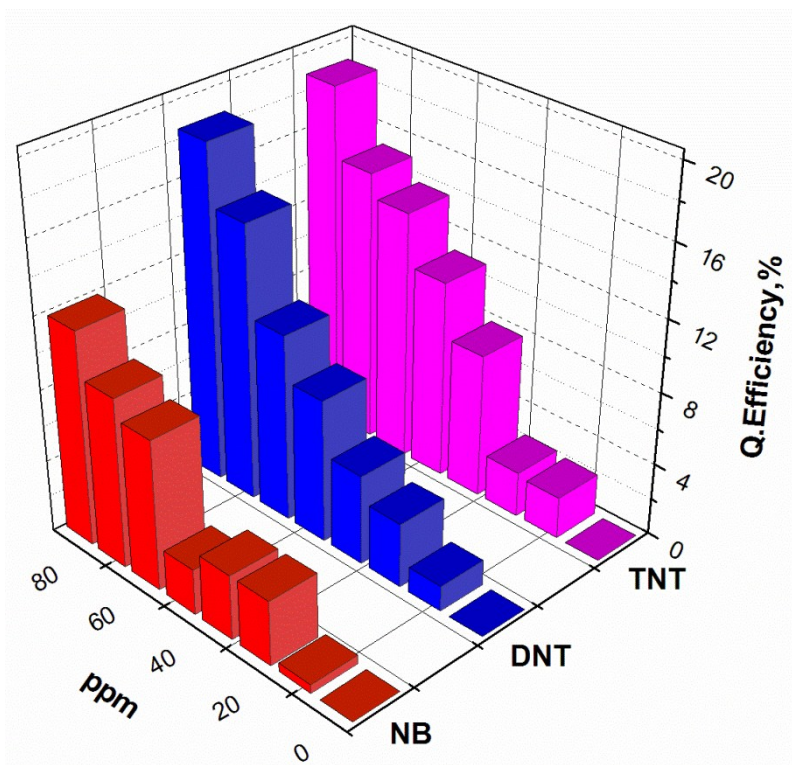
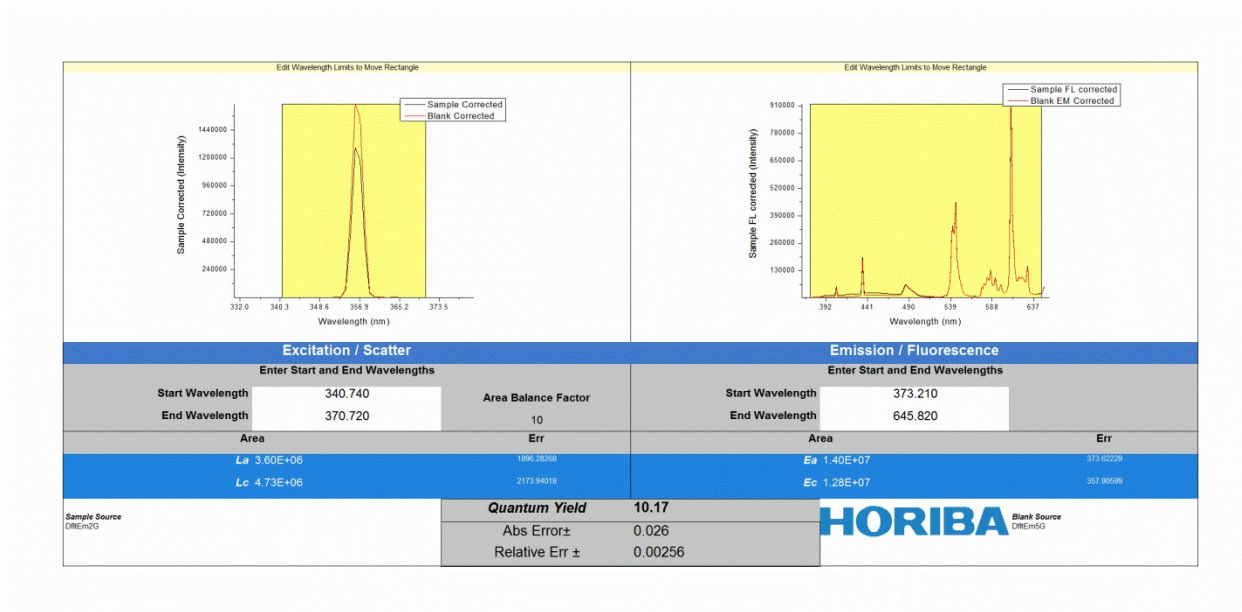


Fig.S7. Estimation of the detection limit for sensor 2

## PLQY



	<b>Ksv (R) in THF</b>
<b>NB</b>	288 (R=0.9621)
<b>DNT</b>	378 (R=0.9844)
<b>TNT</b>	394 (R=0.9873)

## Compound 3

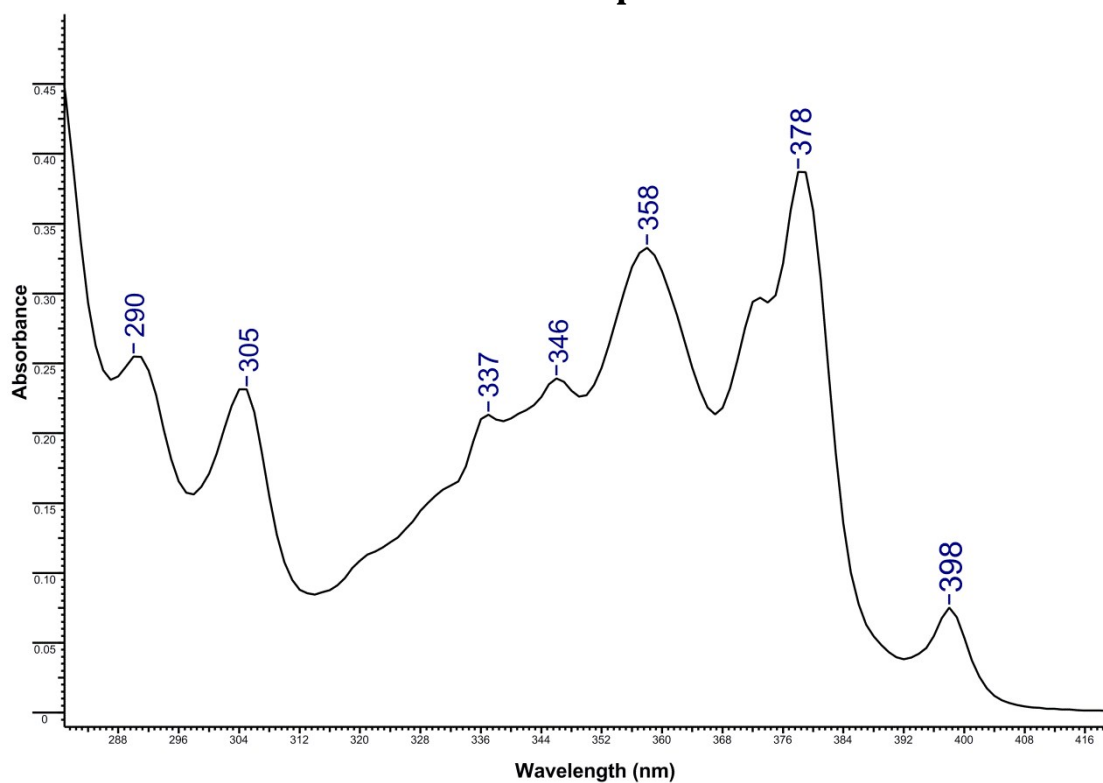
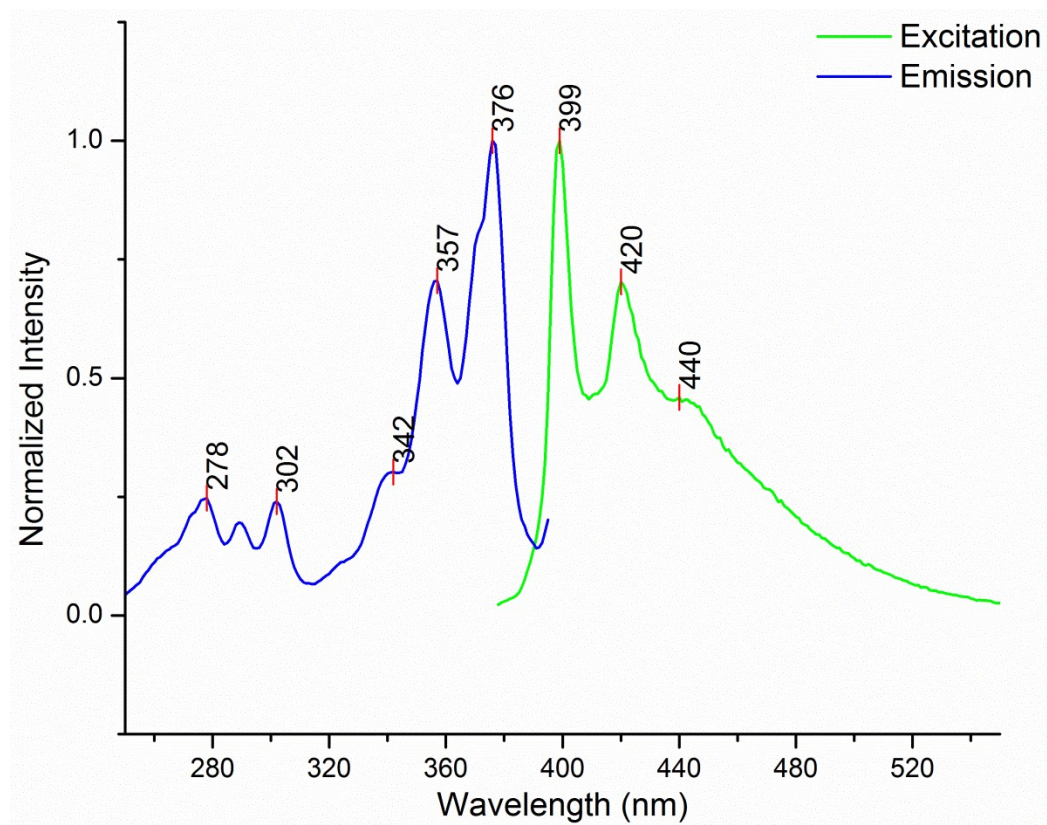


Fig.S8 Electronic absorption spectrum of compound 3



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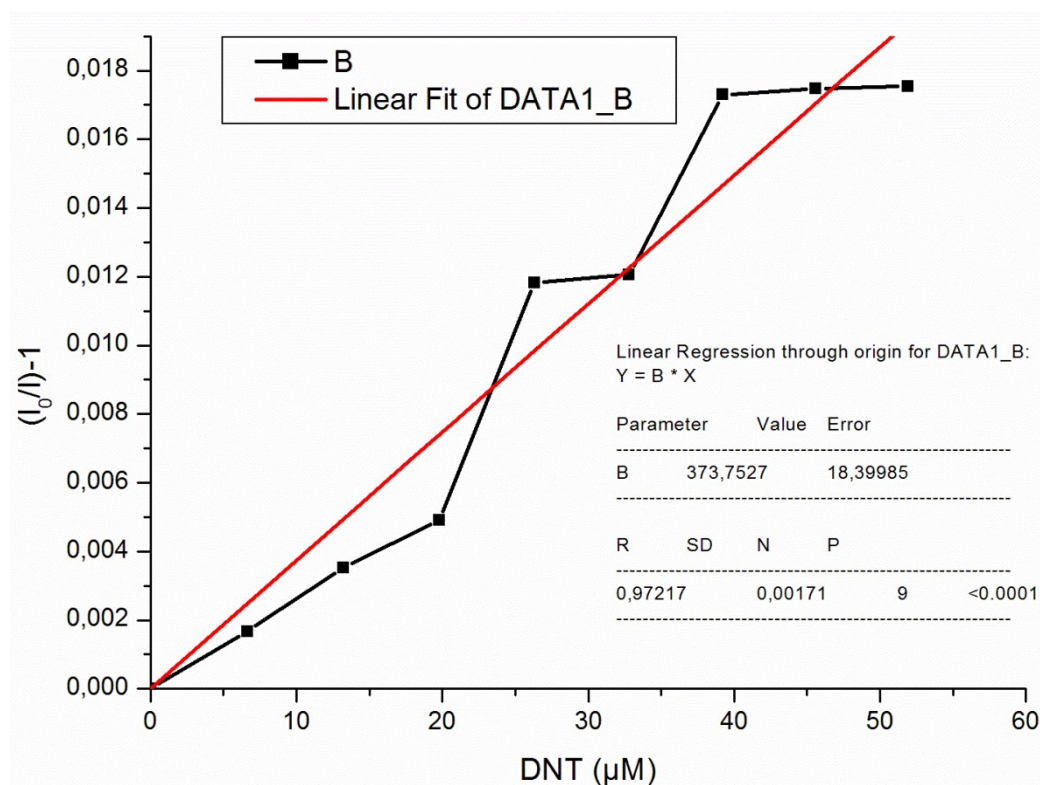


**Fig.S9** Fluorescence excitation and emission spectrum of compound **3**

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### Fluorescence quenching with 2, 4-dinitrotoluene in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **3** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with 2, 4-dinitrotoluene ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in THF.



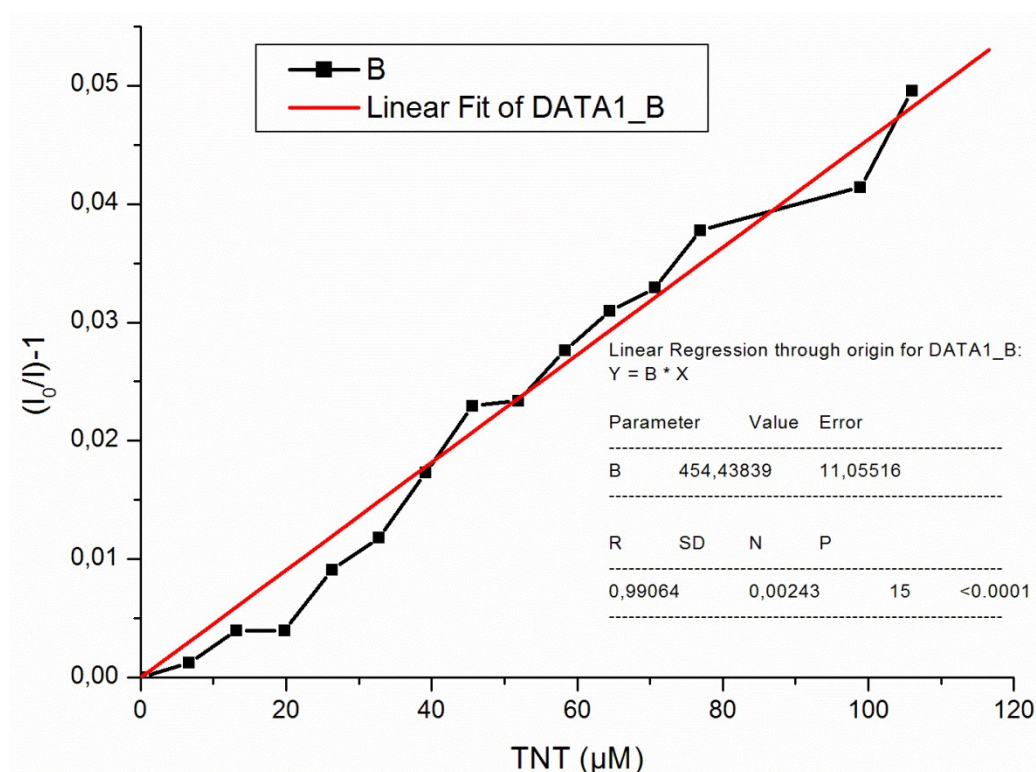
**Fig.S10** Stern-Volmer plot

2,4-DNT ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	$(I_0/I)-1$
0,00E+00	0,00000
6,64E+00	0,00168
1,32E+01	0,00352
1,98E+01	0,00491
2,63E+01	0,01183
3,28E+01	0,01207
3,92E+01	0,01730
4,56E+01	0,01747
5,19E+01	0,01754

**Fig.S11** Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **3** with DNT in THF

**Fluorescence quenching with trinitrotoluene in THF**

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **3** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with trinitrotoluene ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in THF.

**Fig.S12** Stern-Volmer plot

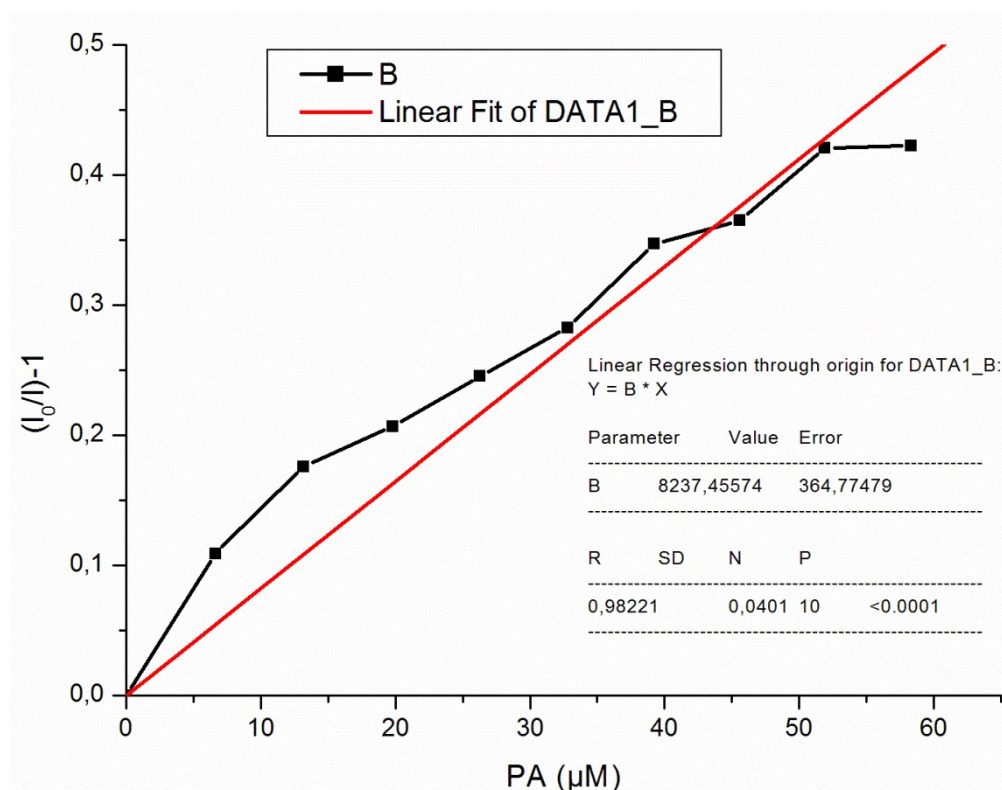
TNT ( $\mu$ M)	$(I_0/I)-1$
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6,64E+00	0,00124
1,32E+01	0,00398
1,98E+01	0,00398
2,63E+01	0,00911
3,28E+01	0,01179
3,92E+01	0,01730
4,56E+01	0,02296
5,19E+01	0,02337
5,83E+01	0,02765
6,45E+01	0,03093
7,07E+01	0,03291

**Fig.S13** Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **3** with TNT in THF

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### Fluorescence quenching with picric acid in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **3** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with picric acid ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in THF.



**Fig.S14** Stern-Volmer plot

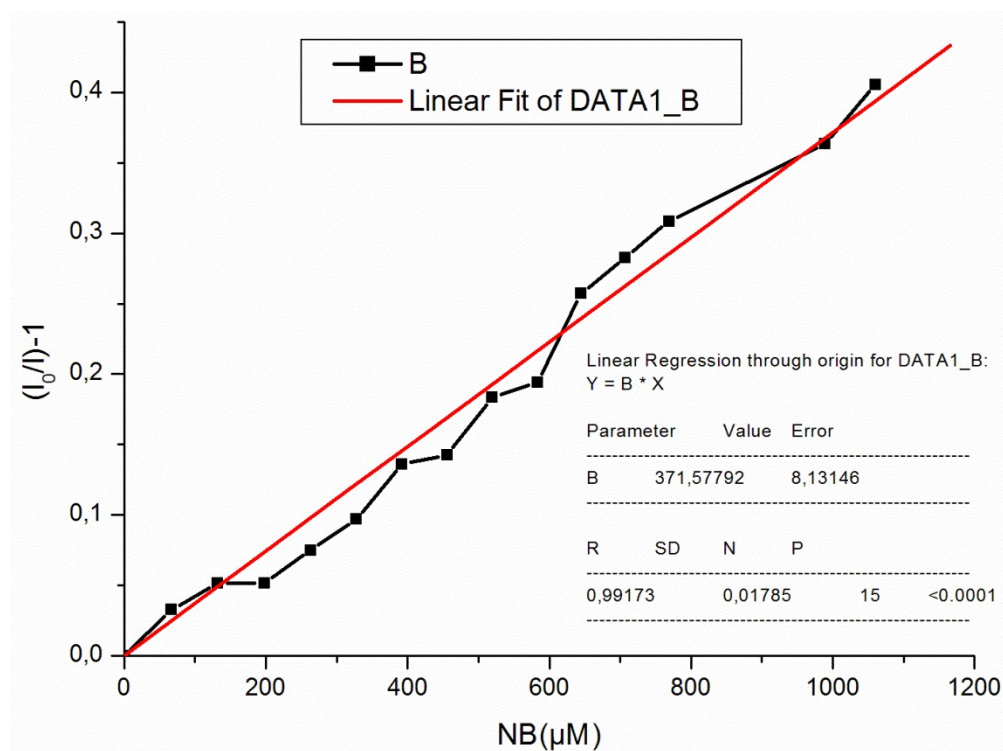
TNP(PA) ( $\mu$ M)	$(I_0/I)-1$
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6,64E+00	0,10917
1,32E+01	0,17614
1,98E+01	0,20689
2,63E+01	0,24524
3,28E+01	0,28265
3,92E+01	0,34692
4,56E+01	0,36497
5,19E+01	0,42041

**Fig.S15** Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **3** with TNP(PA) in THF

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### Fluorescence quenching with nitrobenzene in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **3** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with nitrobenzene ( $2.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M) was carried out in THF.



**Fig.S16** Stern-Volmer plot

NB ( $\mu$ M)	$(I_0/I)-1$
0,00E+00	0,00000
6,64E+01	0,03290
1,32E+02	0,05177
1,98E+02	0,05177
2,63E+02	0,07520
3,28E+02	0,09695
3,92E+02	0,13618
4,56E+02	0,14262
5,19E+02	0,18358
5,83E+02	0,19416
6,45E+02	0,25716
7,07E+02	0,28274

**Fig.S17** Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **3** with NB in THF

	<b>Ksv (R) in THF</b>
<b>NB</b>	372 (R=0.9917)
<b>DNT</b>	374 (R=0.9722)
<b>TNT</b>	454 (R=0.9906)
<b>TNP(PA)</b>	8237 (R=0.9822)

Estimation of the detection limit for sensor 3

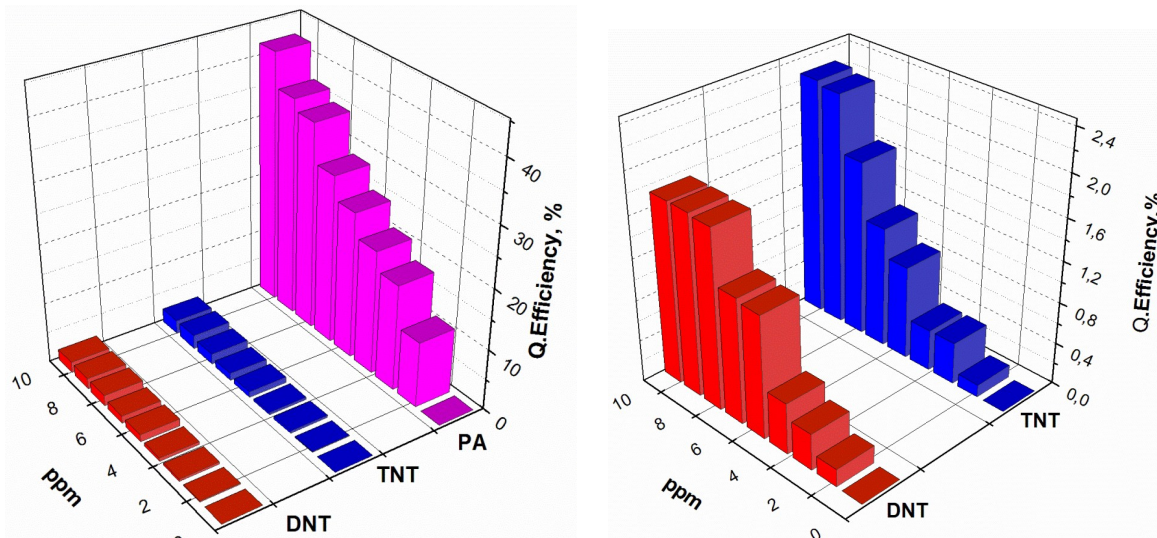
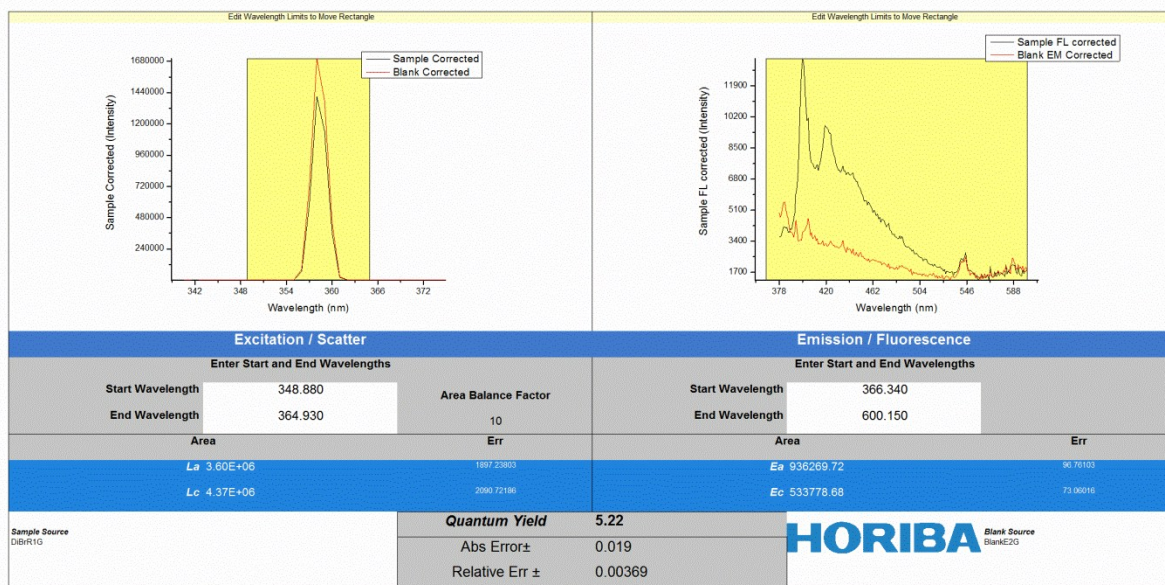
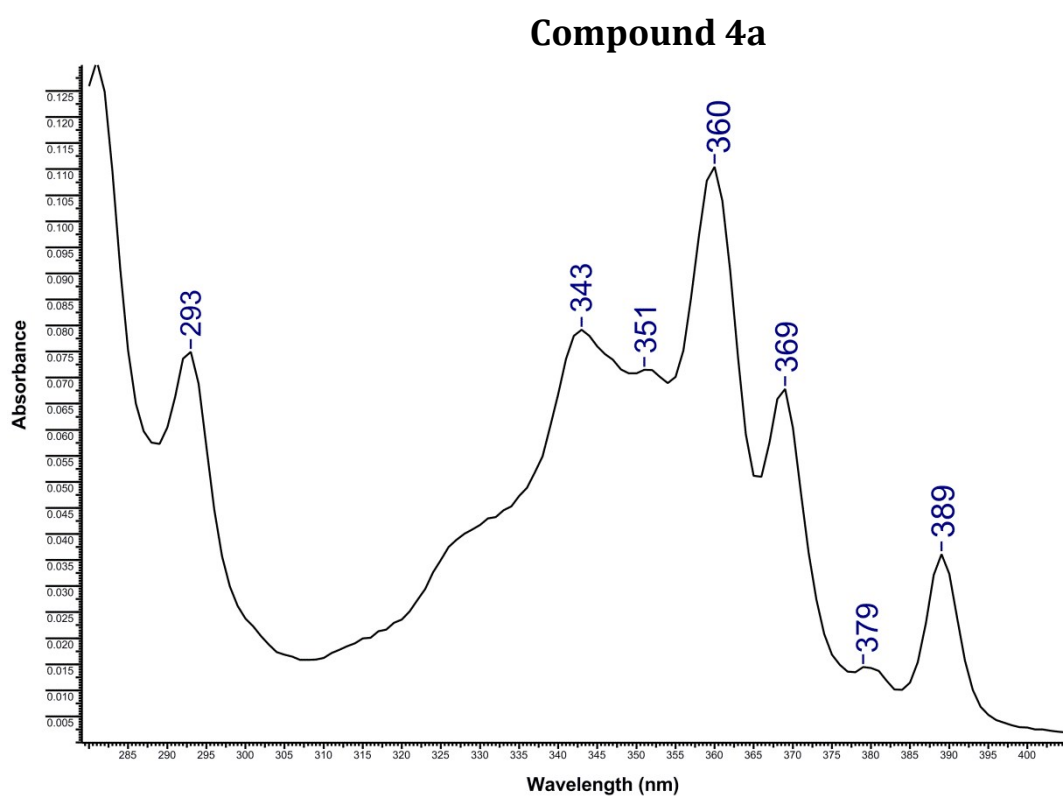
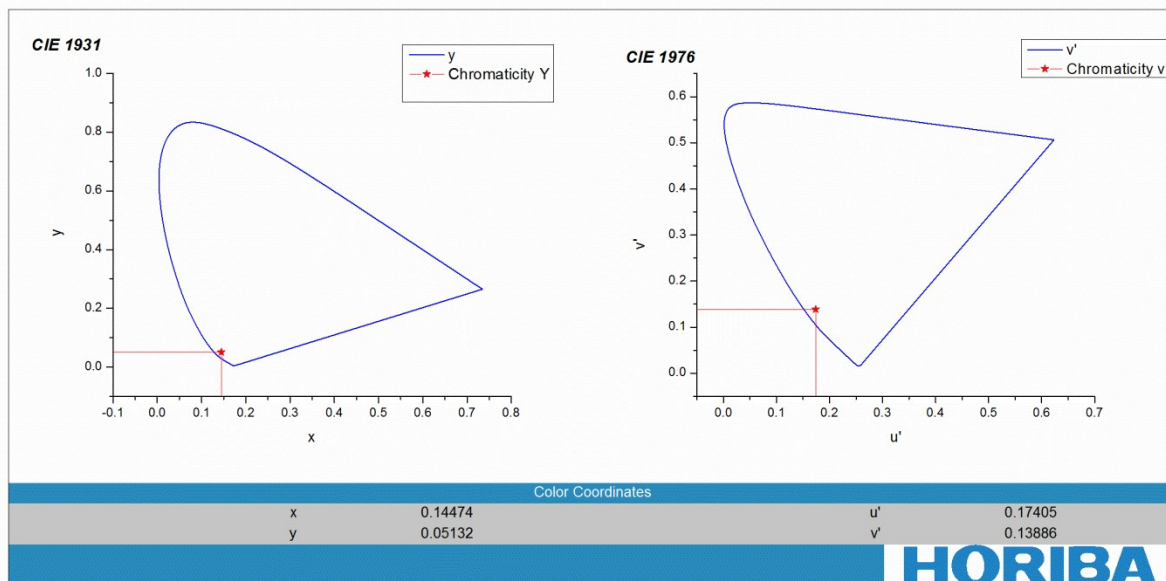


Fig.S18 Estimation of the detection limit for sensor 3

PLQY

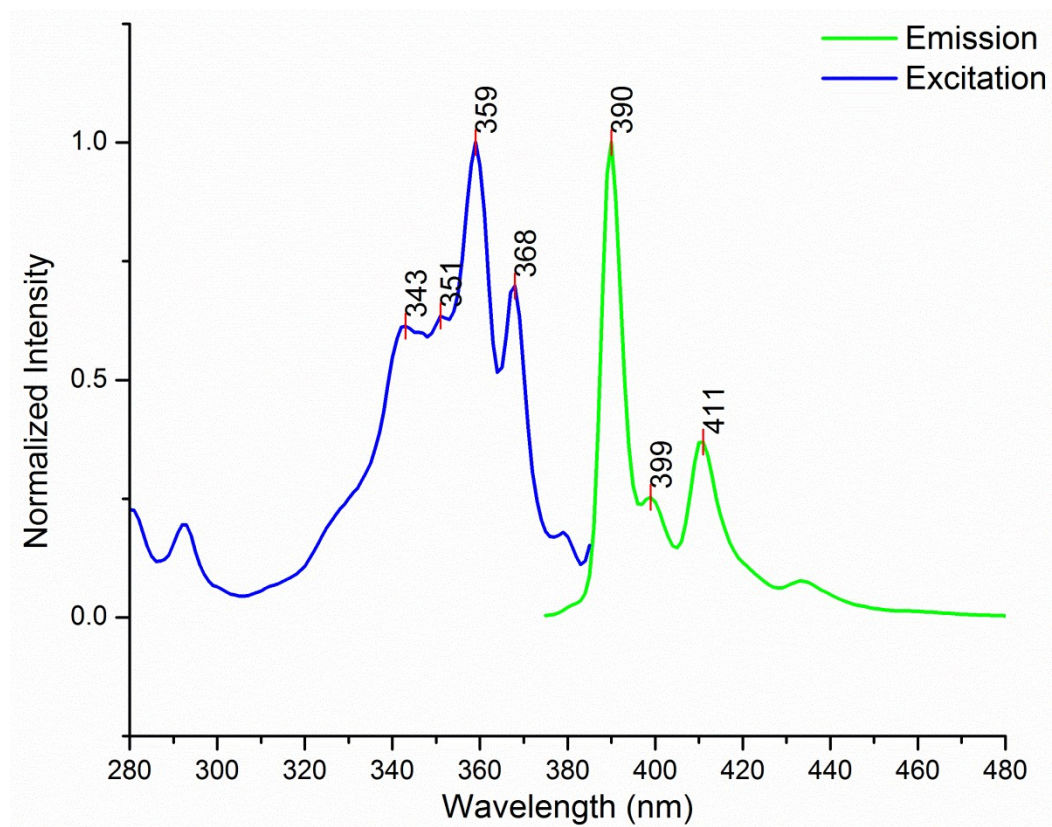


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**Fig.S19** Electronic absorption spectrum of compound **4a**

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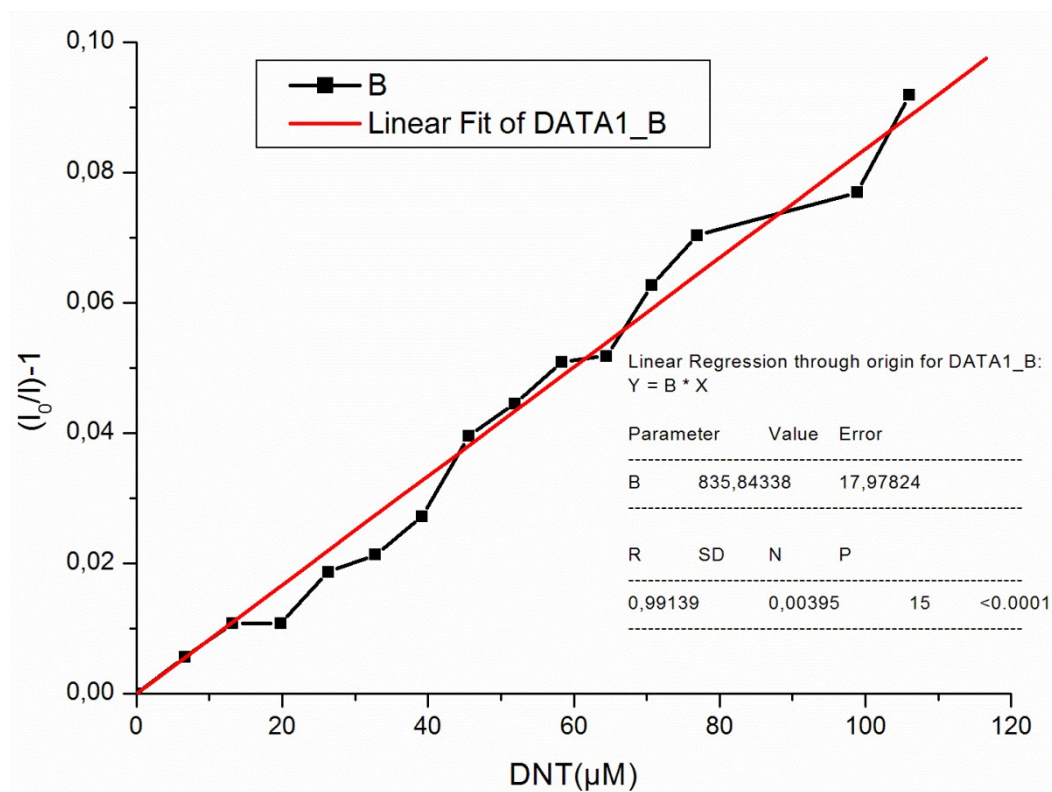
**Fig.S20** Fluorescence excitation and emission spectrum of compound **4a**



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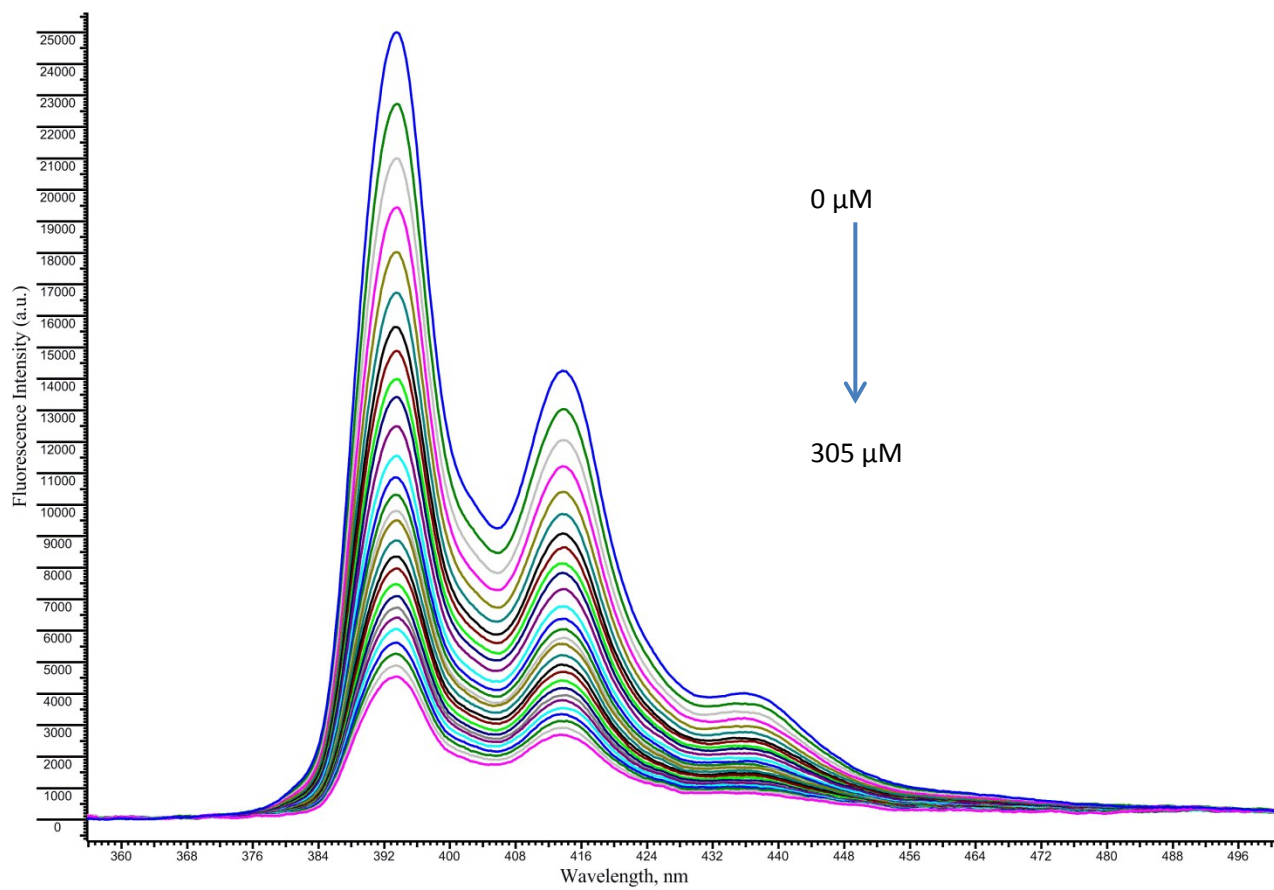
### Fluorescence quenching with 2, 4-dinitrotoluene in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4a** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with 2, 4-dinitrotoluene ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in THF.



**Fig.S21** Stern-Volmer plot

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**Fig.S22** Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4a** with DNT in THF

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### Fluorescence quenching with trinitrotoluene in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4a** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with trinitrotoluene ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in THF.

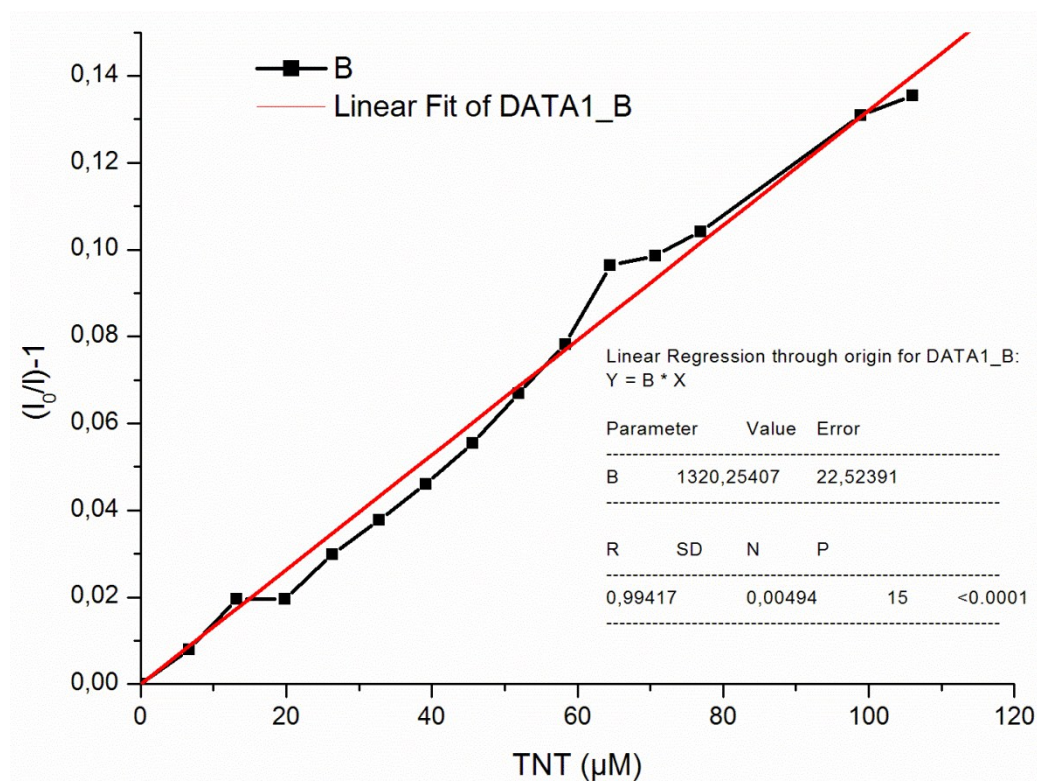


Fig.S23 Stern-Volmer plot

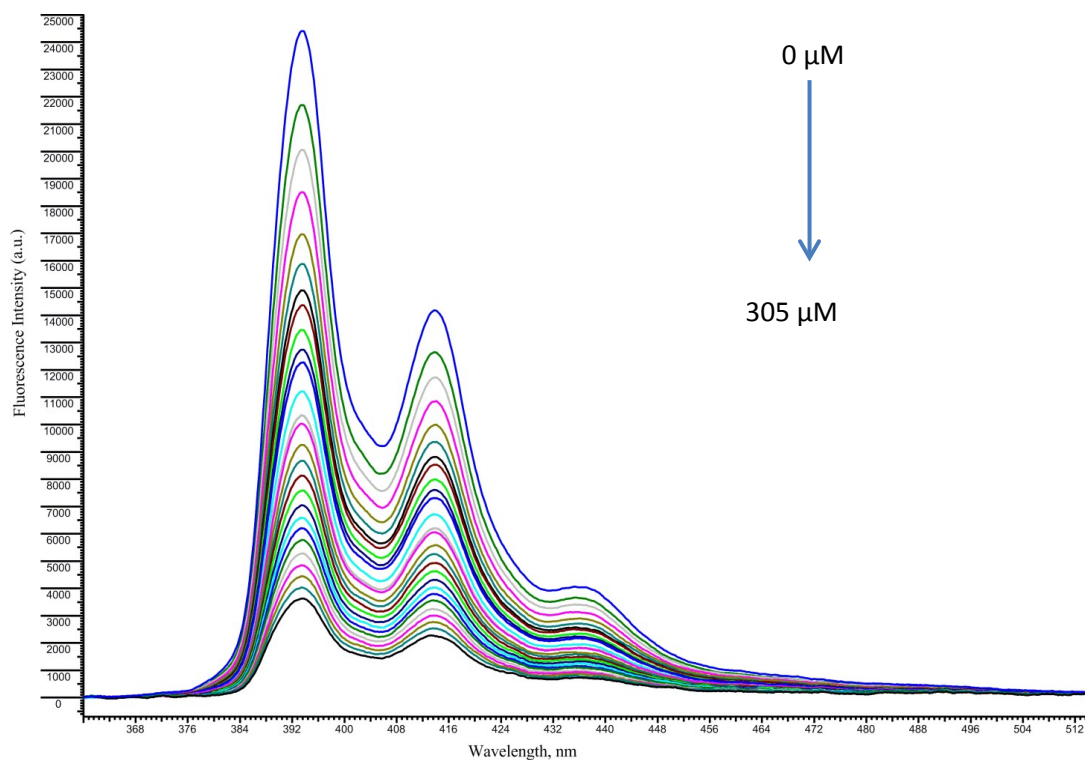
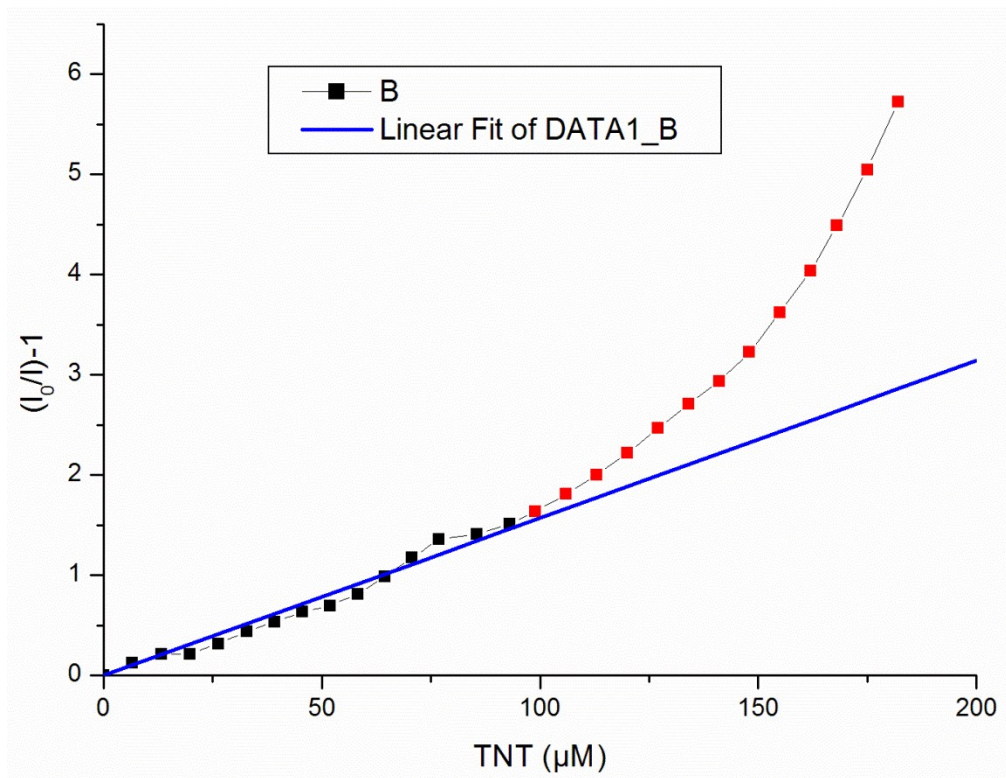


Fig.S24 Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4a** with TNT in THF

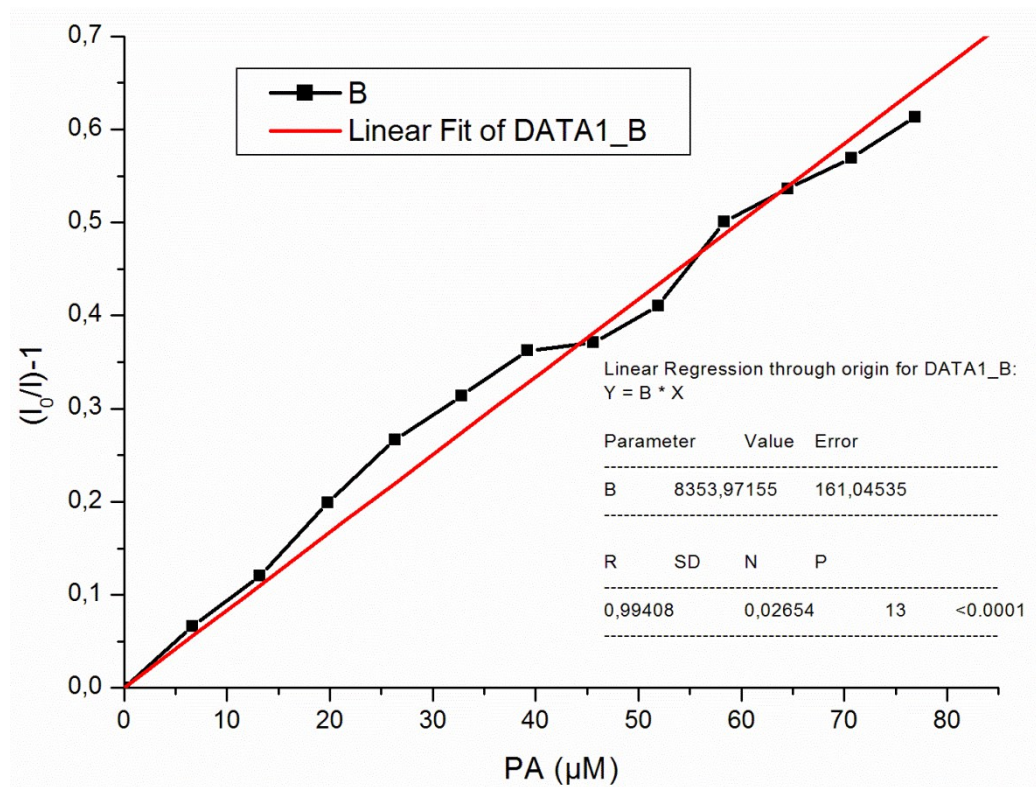


**Fig.S25** Stern-Volmer plot of **4a** sensor at different concentration of TNT (28 points)

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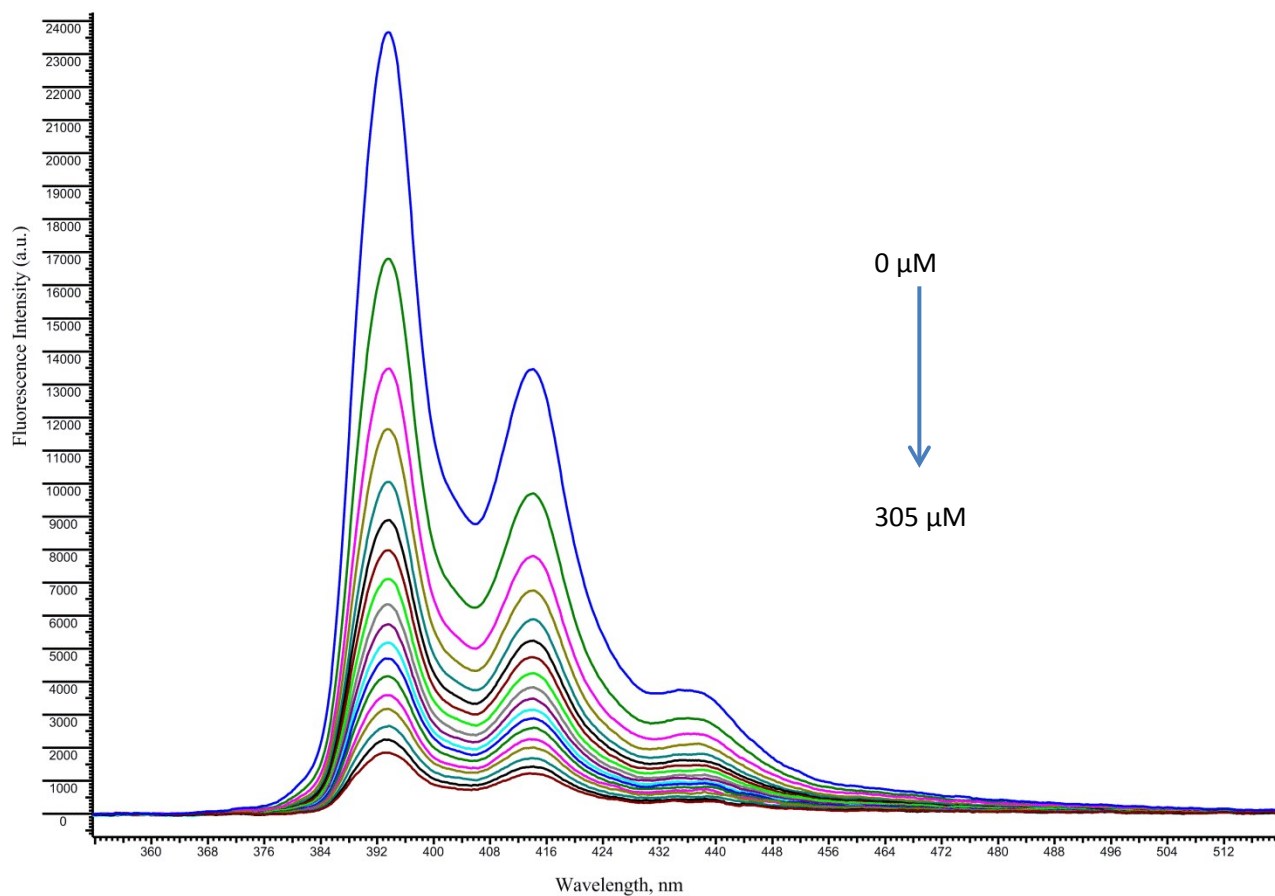
### Fluorescence quenching with 2,4,6-trinitrophenol (picric acid) in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4a** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with picric acid ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in THF.



**Fig. S26** Stern-Volmer plot

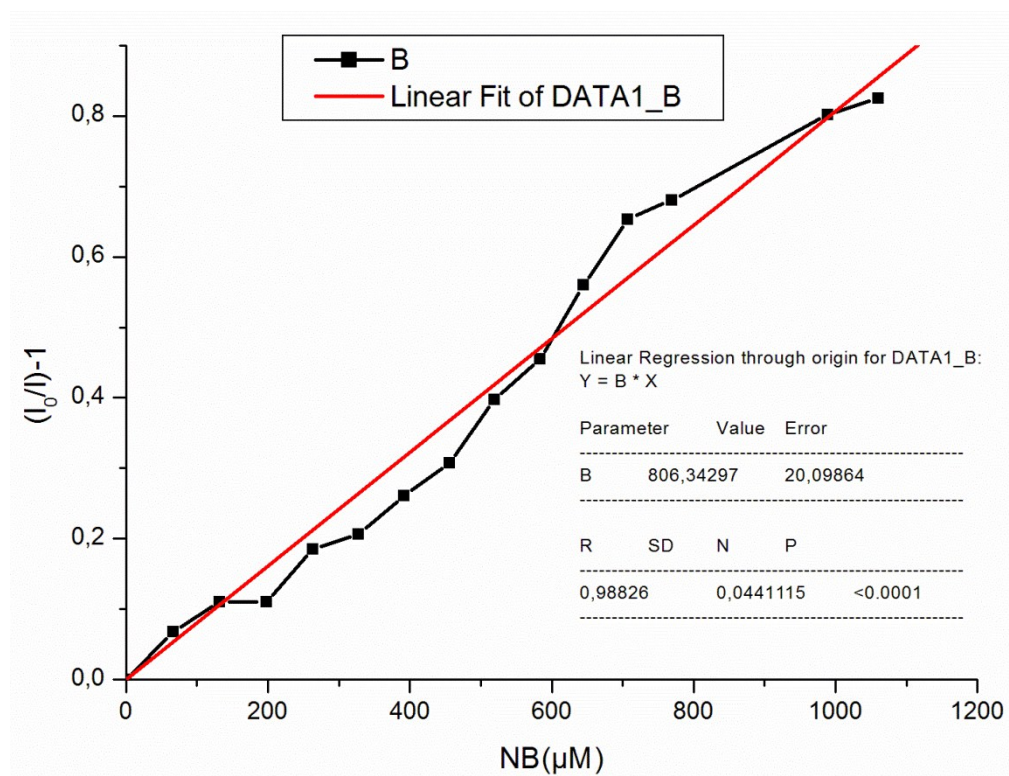
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**Fig.S27** Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4a** with TNP(PA) in THF

**Fluorescence quenching with nitrobenzene in THF**

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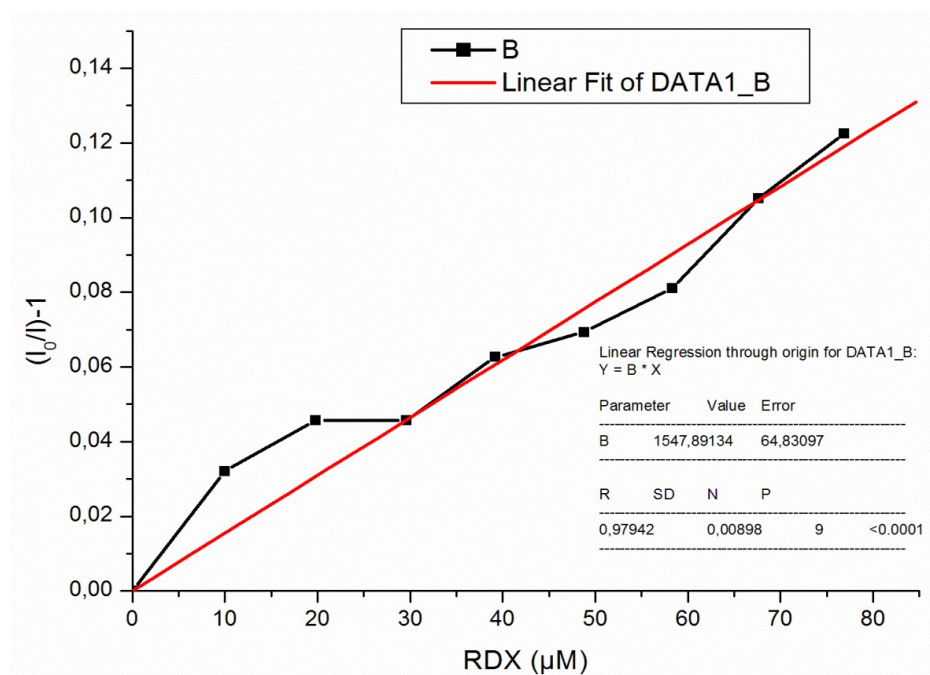


**Fig.S28** Stern-Volmer plot

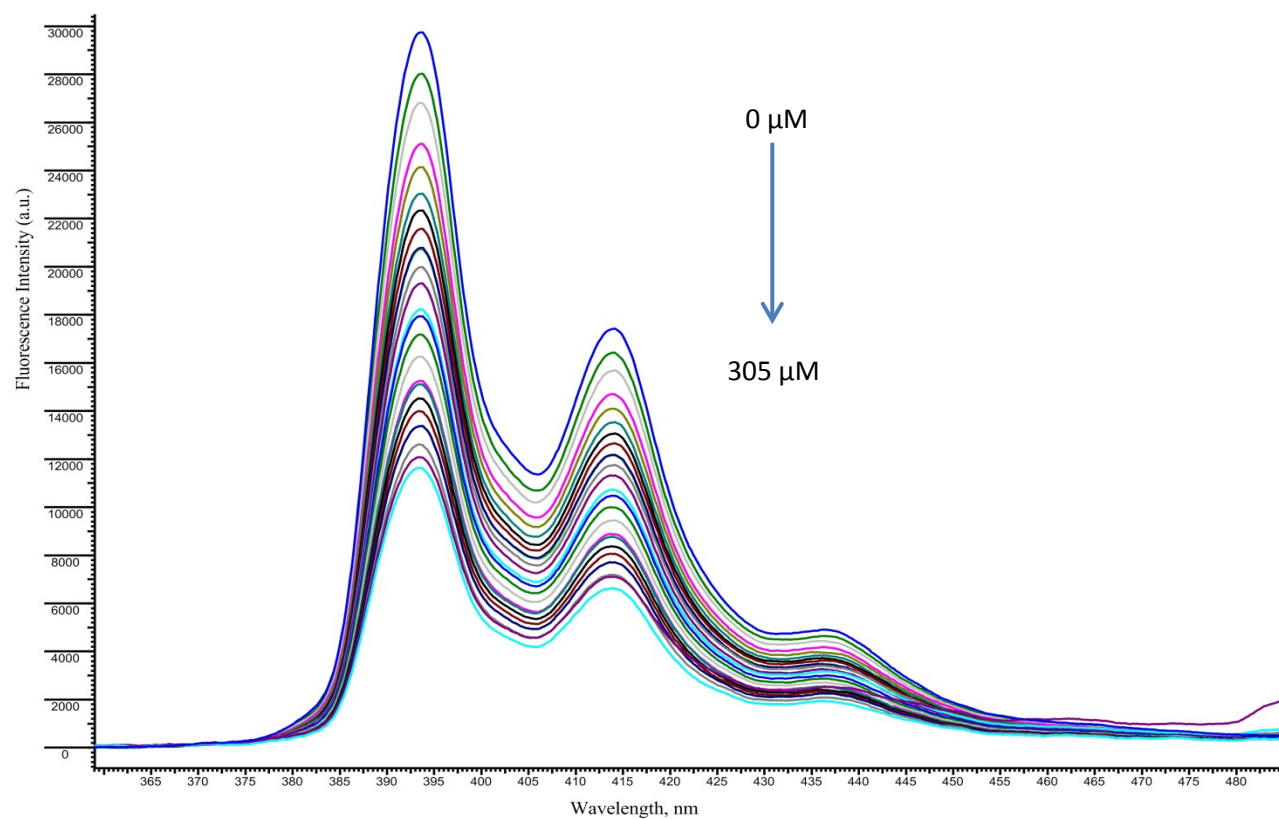
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### Fluorescence quenching with RDX in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4a** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with RDX ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in THF.



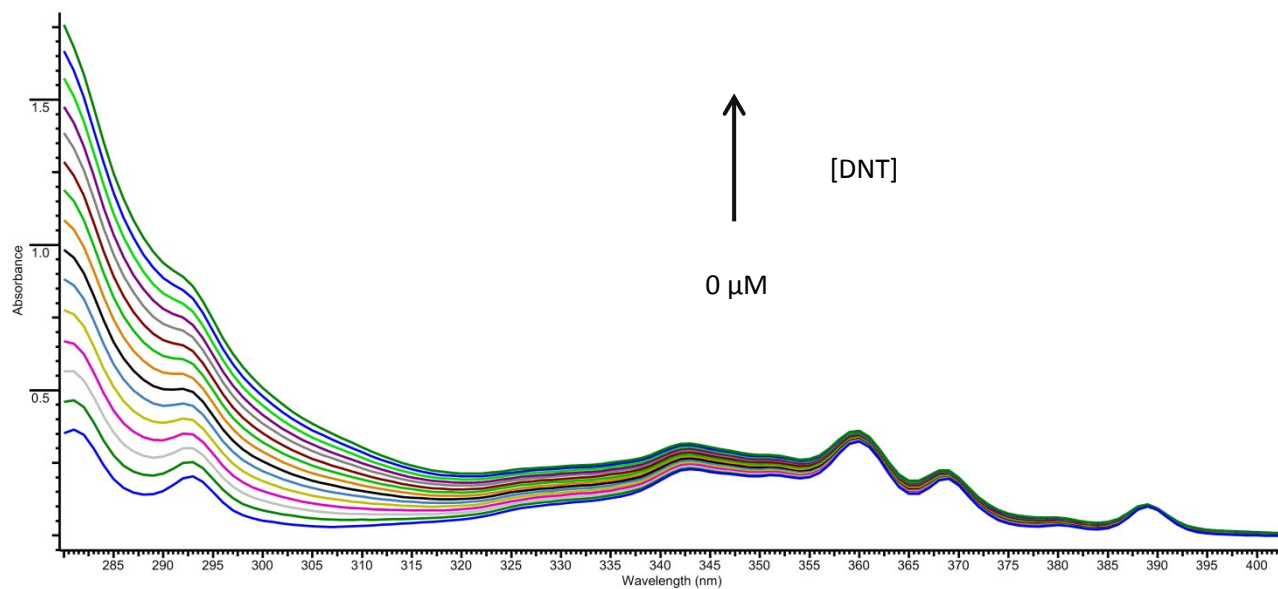
**Fig.S29** Stern-Volmer plot



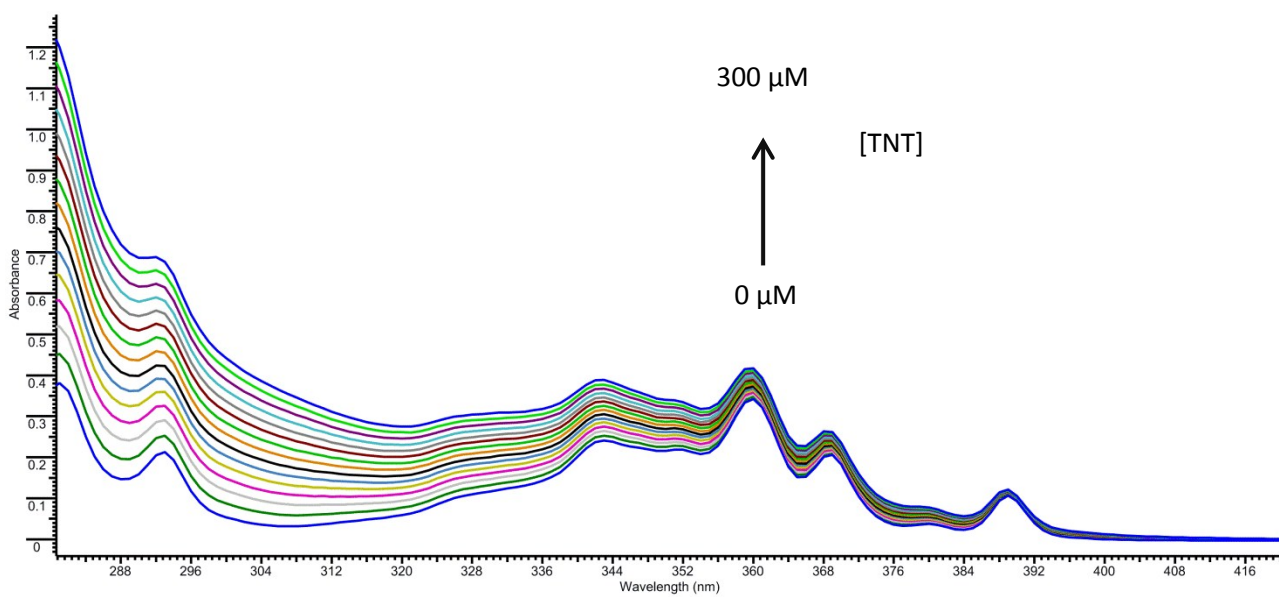
**Fig.S30** Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4a** with RDX in THF



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**Fig.S31** Absorbance quenching of the fluorophore **4a** with 2, 4-dinitrotoluene in THF



**Fig.S32** Absorbance quenching of the fluorophore **4a** with 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene in THF

Estimation of the detection limit for sensor 4a

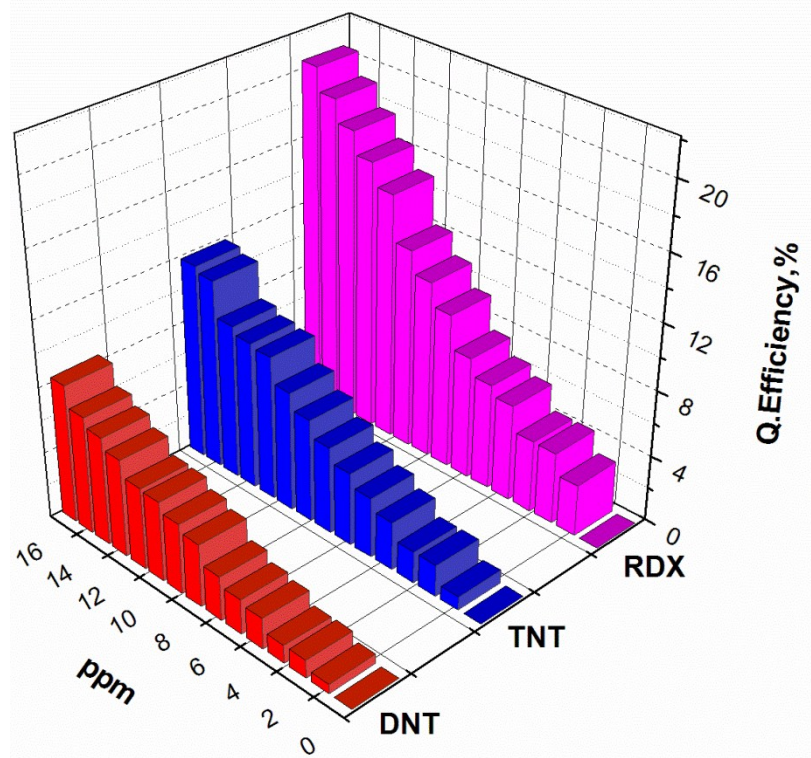


Fig.S33 Estimation of the detection limit for sensor 4a

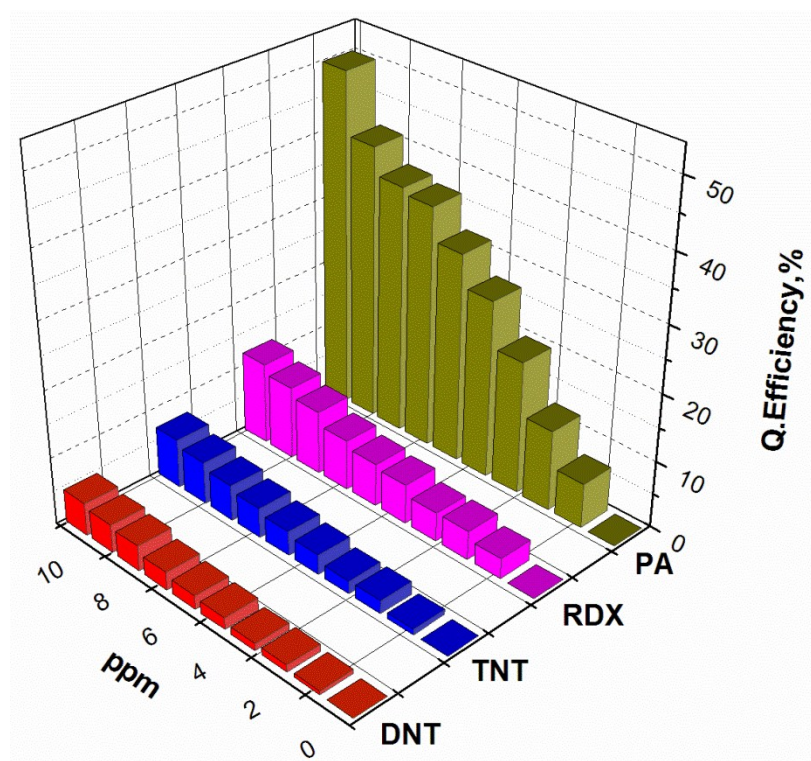
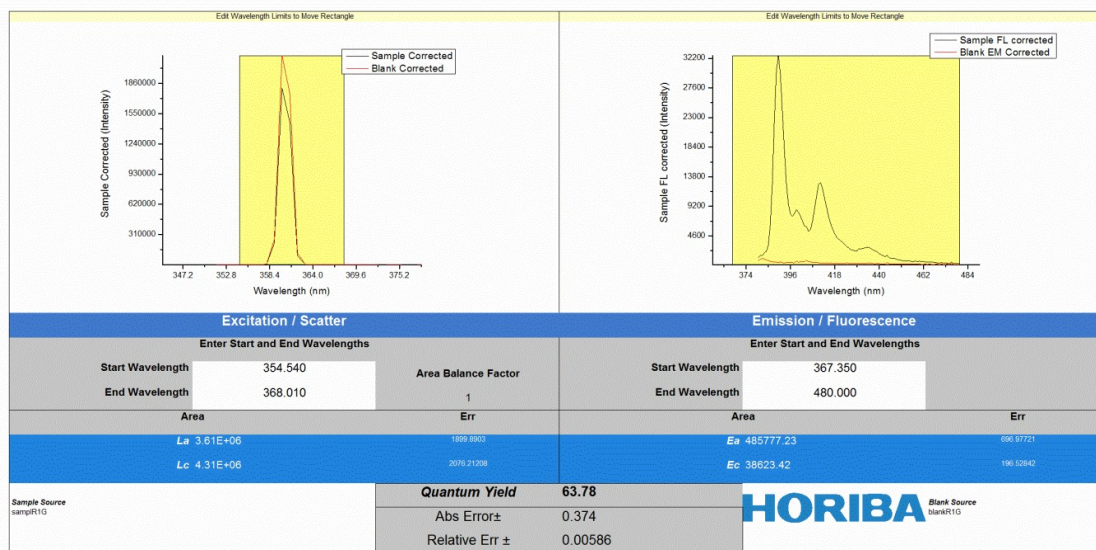


Fig.S34 Estimation of the detection limit for sensor 4a

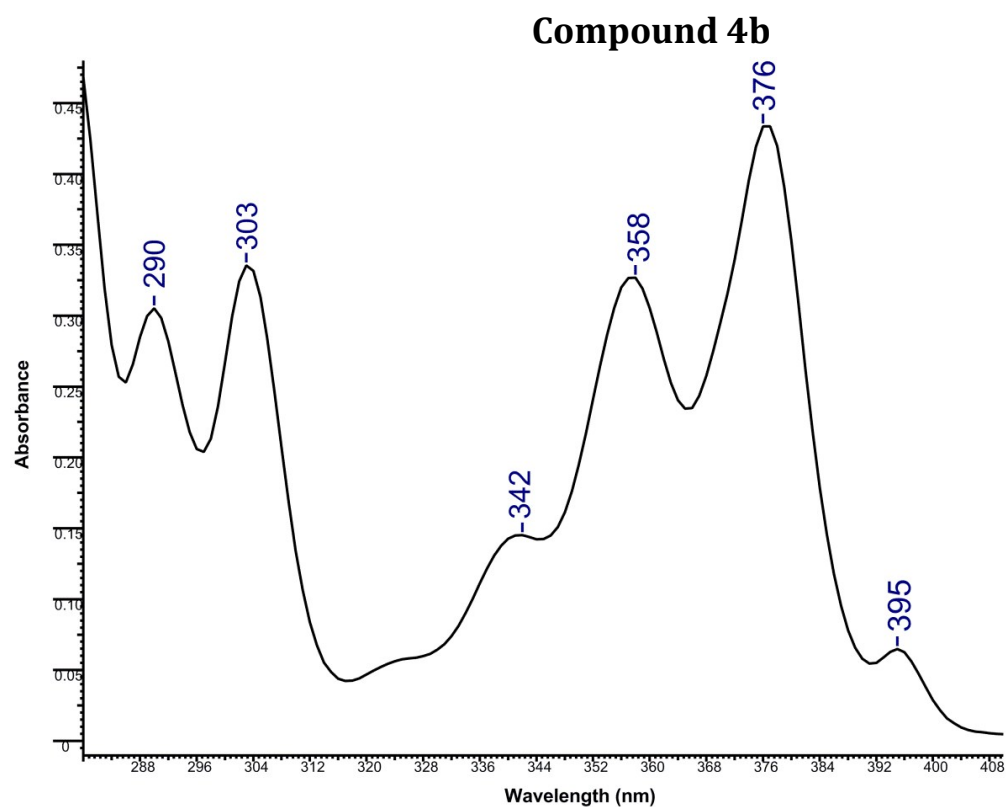
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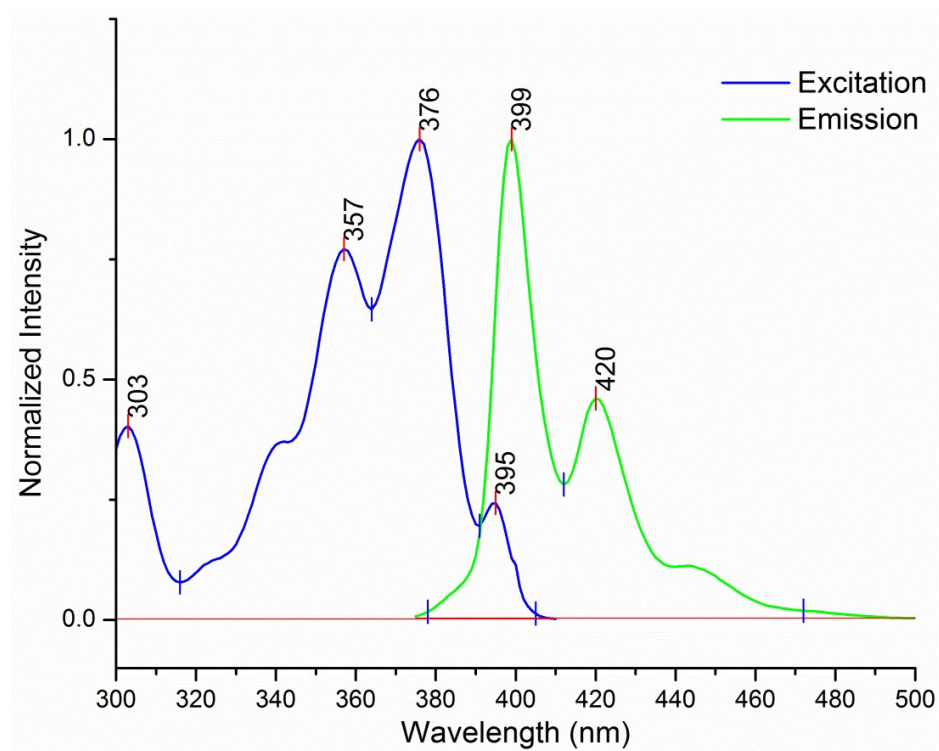


	<b>Ksv (R) in THF</b>
<b>NB</b>	806 (R=0.9883)
<b>DNT</b>	836 (R=0.9914)
<b>TNT</b>	1321 (R=0.9942)
<b>TNP(PA)</b>	8354 (R=0.9941)
<b>RDX</b>	1548 (R=0.9794)

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**Fig.S35** Electronic absorption spectrum of compound **4b**



**Fig.S36** Fluorescence excitation and emission spectrum of compound **4b**

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### Fluorescence quenching with 2, 4-dinitrotoluene in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4b** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with 2, 4-dinitrotoluene ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in THF.

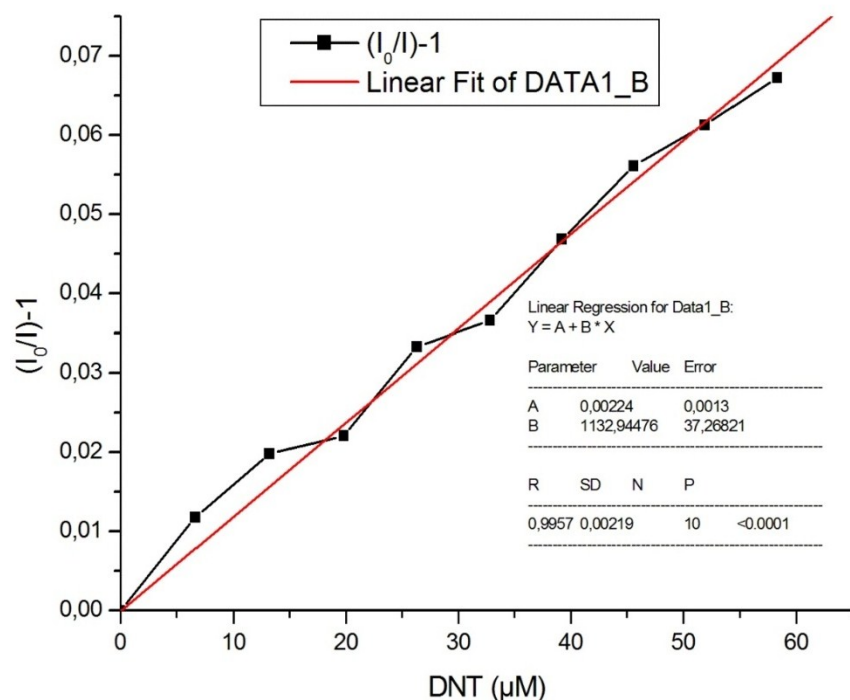


Fig.S37 Stern-Volmer plot

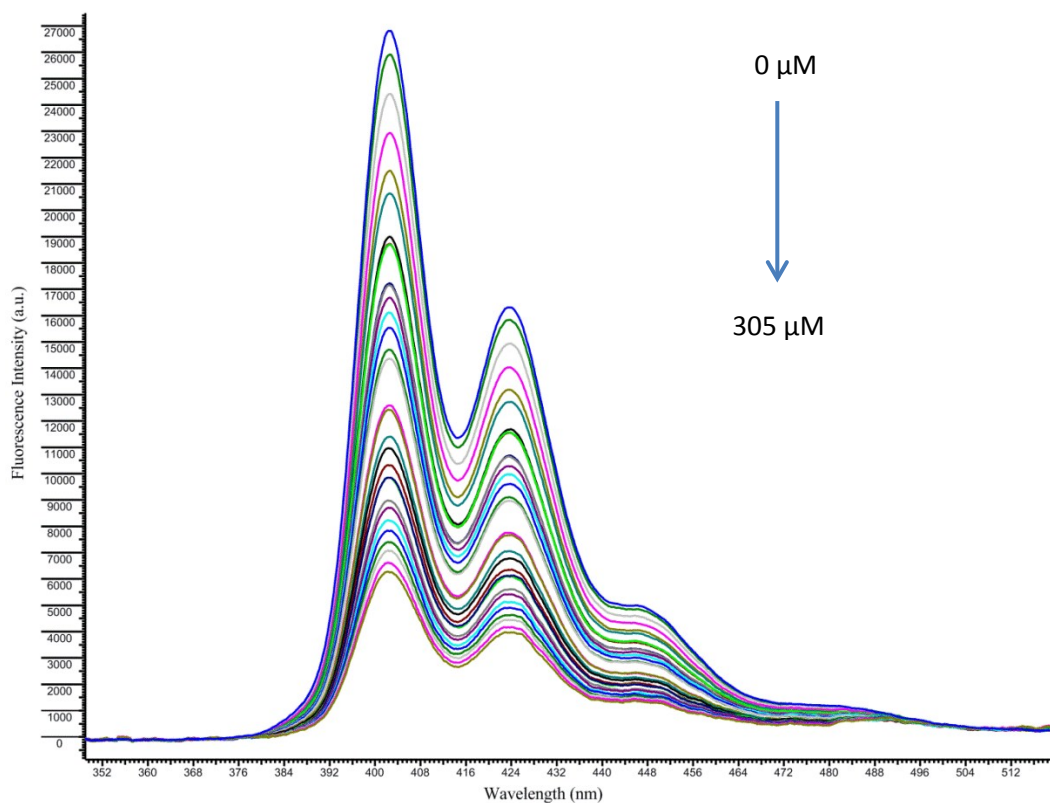


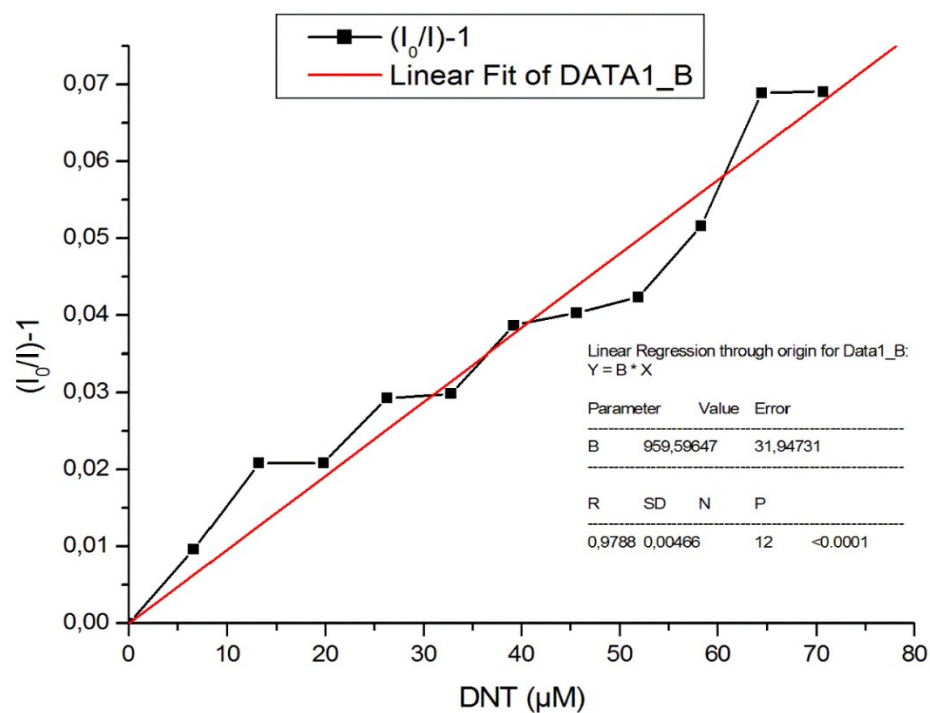
Fig.S38 Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4b** with 2, 4-dinitrotoluene in THF

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### Fluorescence quenching with 2, 4-dinitrotoluene in toluene

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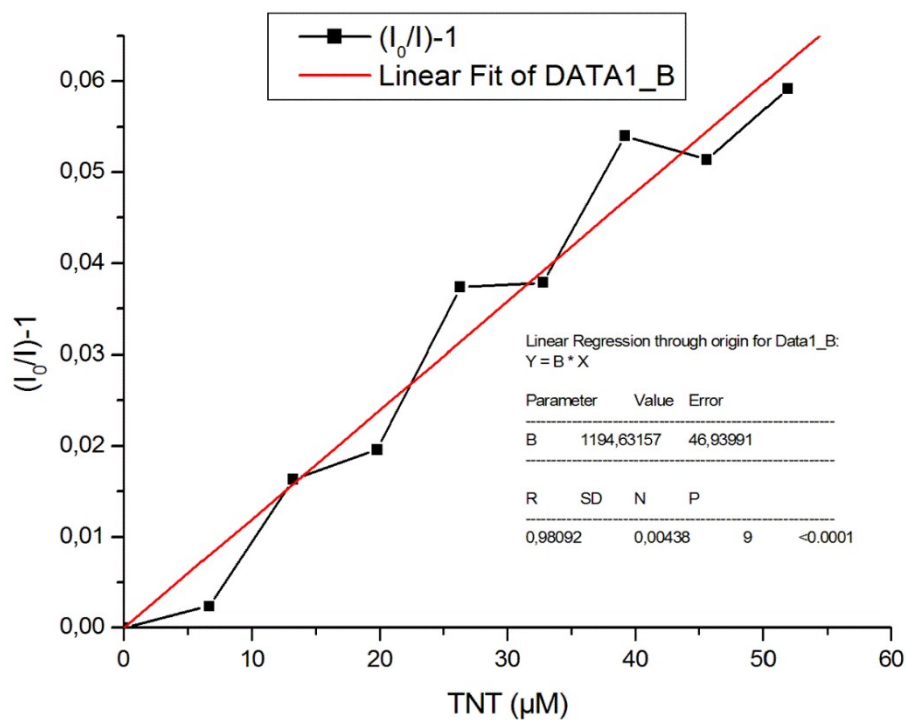
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6,64E+00	0,00965
1,32E+01	0,02085
1,98E+01	0,02085
2,63E+01	0,02929
3,28E+01	0,02988
3,92E+01	0,03866
4,56E+01	0,04032
5,19E+01	0,04230
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**Fig.S39** Stern-Volmer plot

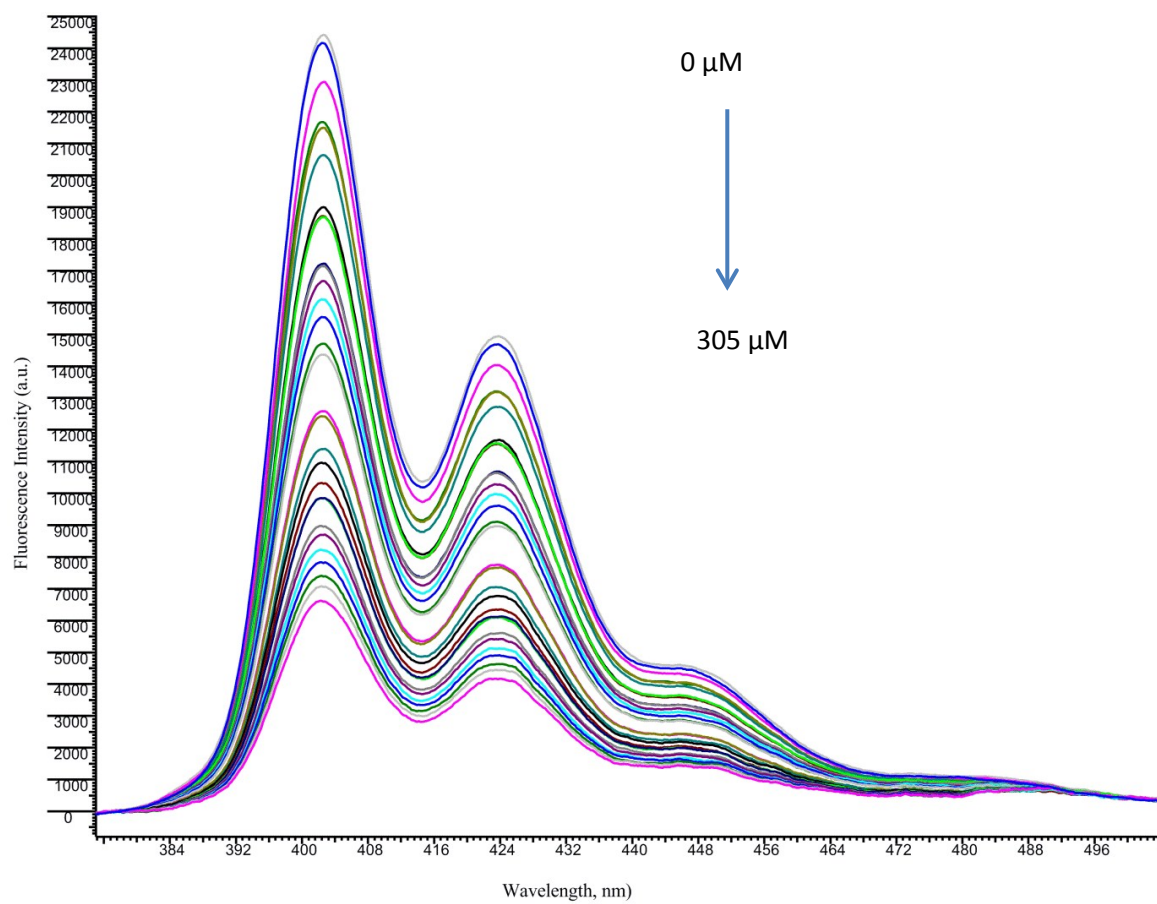
**Fluorescence quenching with trinitrotoluene in THF**

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4b** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with trinitrotoluene ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in THF.



**Fig.S40** Stern-Volmer plot

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**Fig.S41** Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4b** with trinitrotoluene in THF



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### Fluorescence quenching with picric acid in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4b** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with picric acid ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in THF.

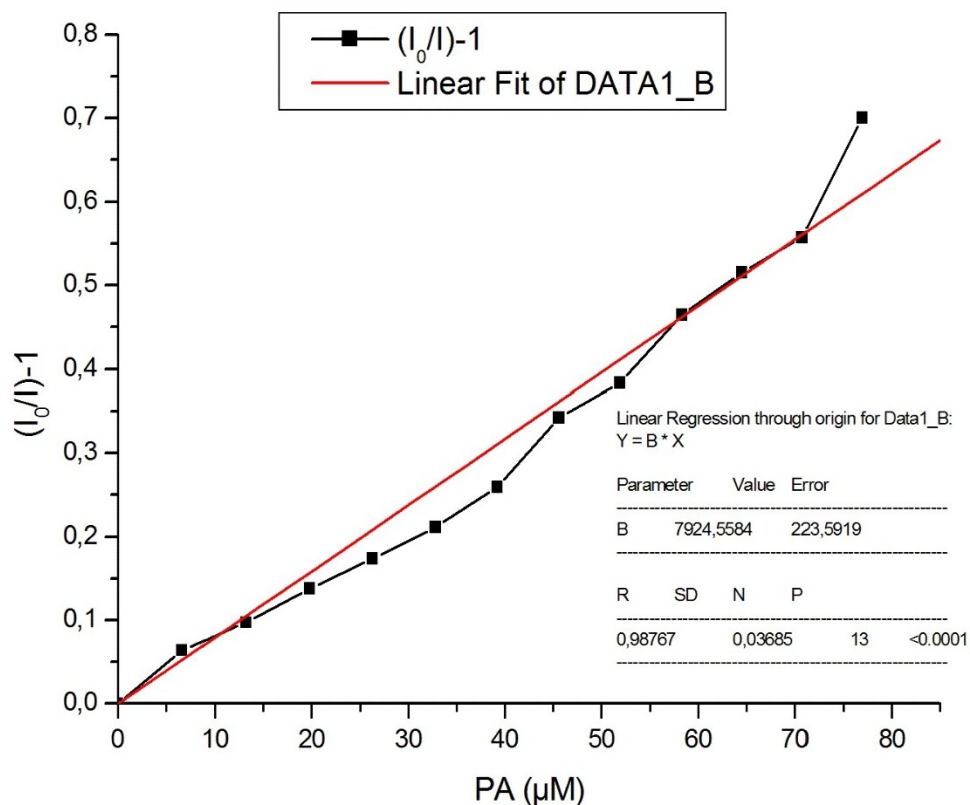


Fig.S42 Stern-Volmer plot

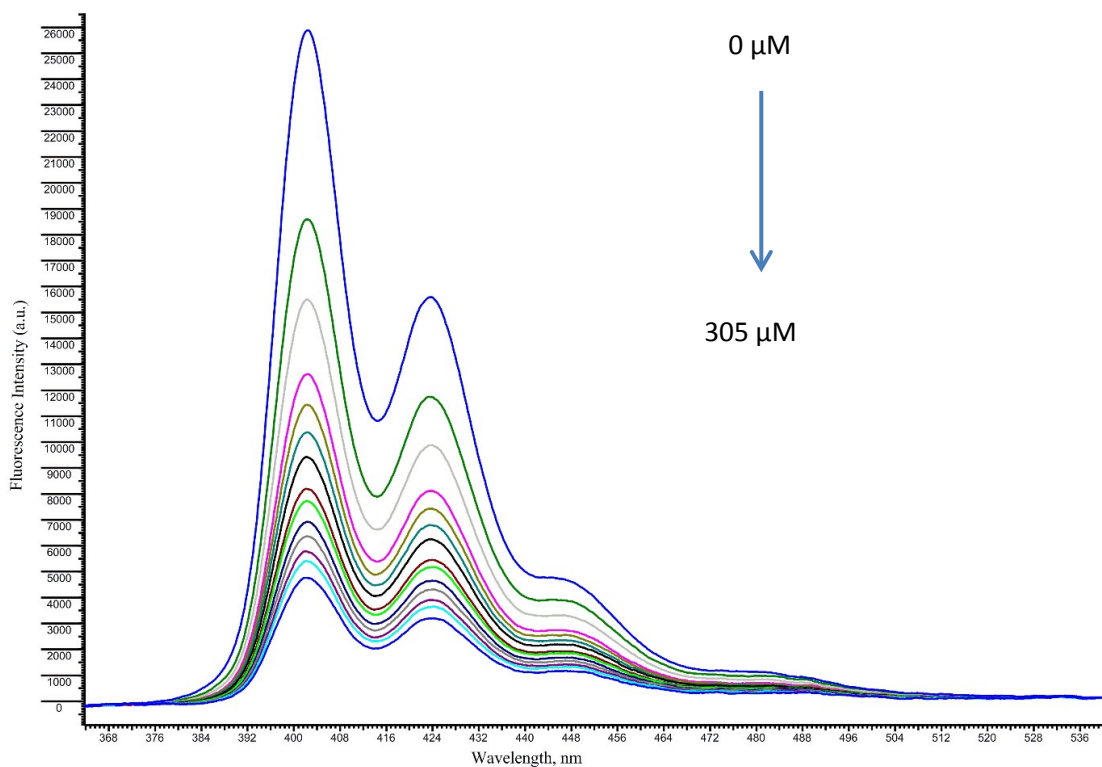


Fig.S43 Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4b** with picric acid in THF

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### Fluorescence quenching with picric acid in toluene

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4b** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with picric acid ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in toluene.

PA ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	$(I_0/I)-1$
0,00E+00	0,00000
6,64E+00	0,09709
1,32E+01	0,17726
1,98E+01	0,29447
2,63E+01	0,47234
3,28E+01	0,57155
3,92E+01	0,69578
4,56E+01	0,84285
5,19E+01	0,94581
5,83E+01	1,01377
6,45E+01	1,23852
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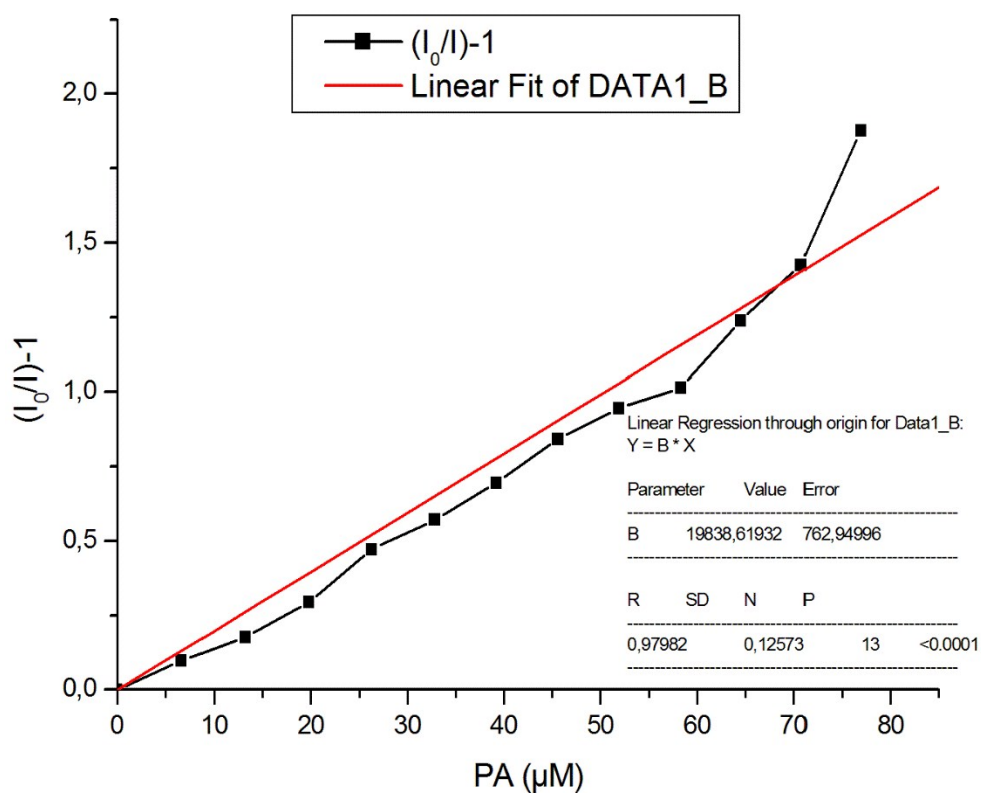


Fig.S44 Stern-Volmer plot

	<b>K<sub>sv</sub> (R) in THF</b>	<b>K<sub>sv</sub> (R) in Toluene</b>
<b>DNT</b>	1132 (R=0.9957)	959 (R=0.9788)
<b>TNT</b>	1194 (R=0.961)	-
<b>PA</b>	7924 (R=0.9877)	19638 (R=0.9798)

Estimation of the detection limit for sensor 4b

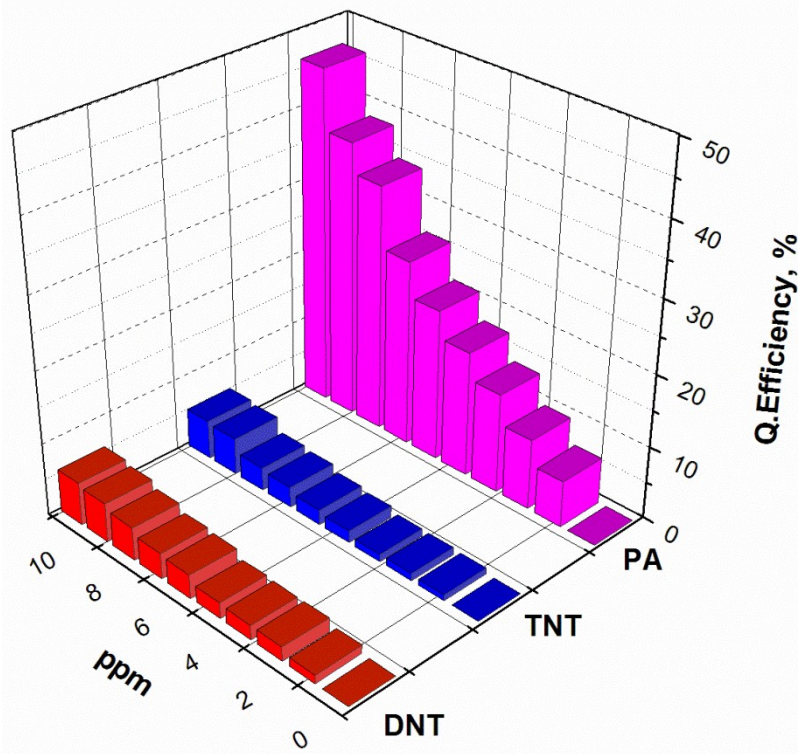


Fig.S45 Estimation of the detection limit for sensor 4b

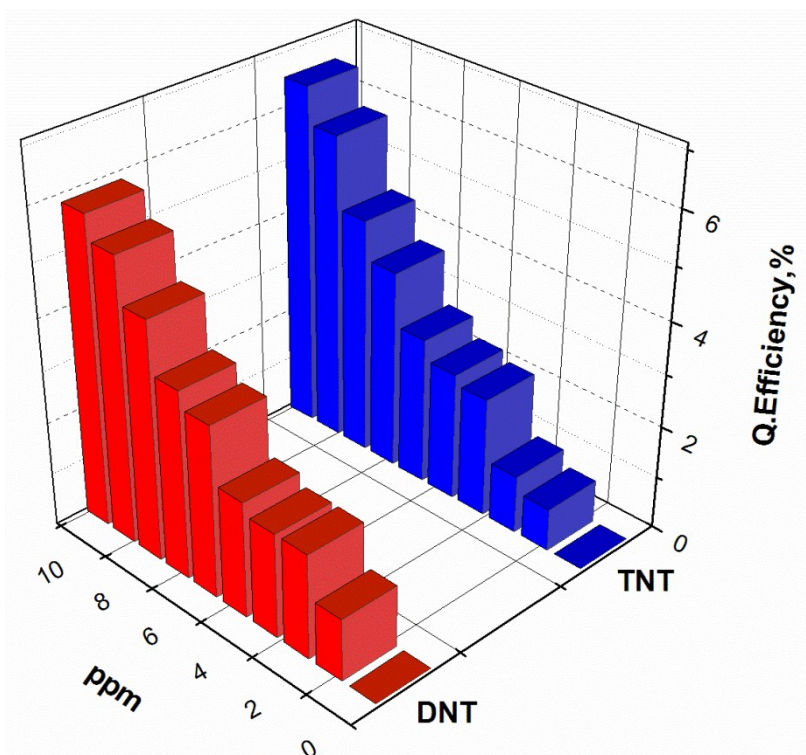
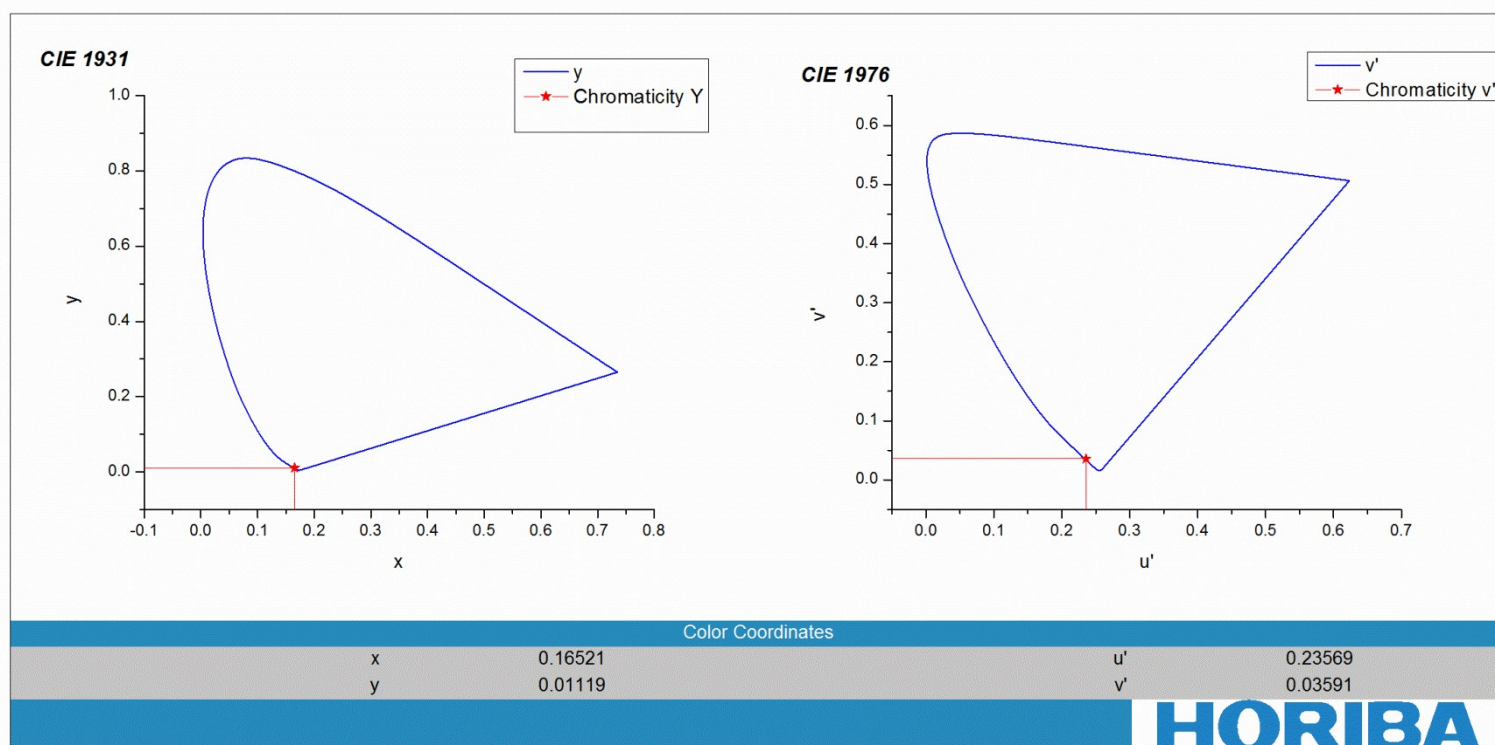
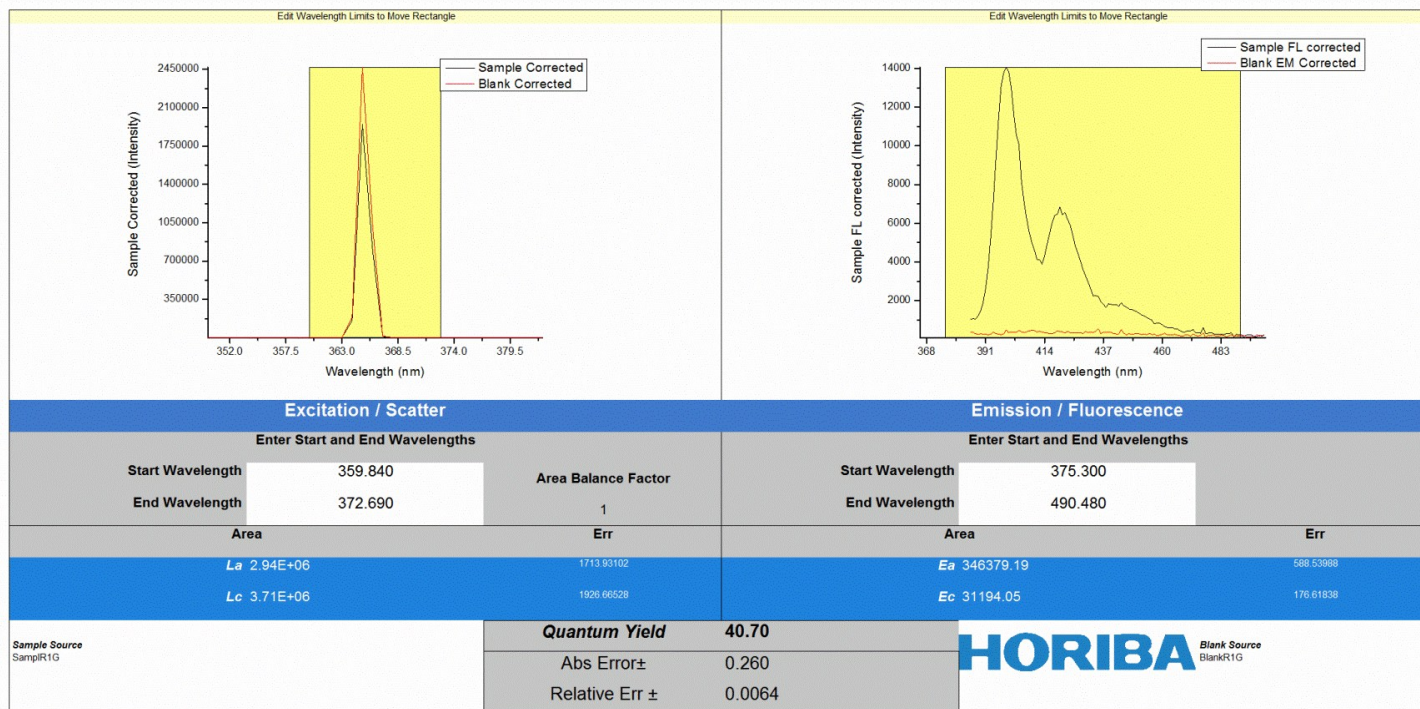


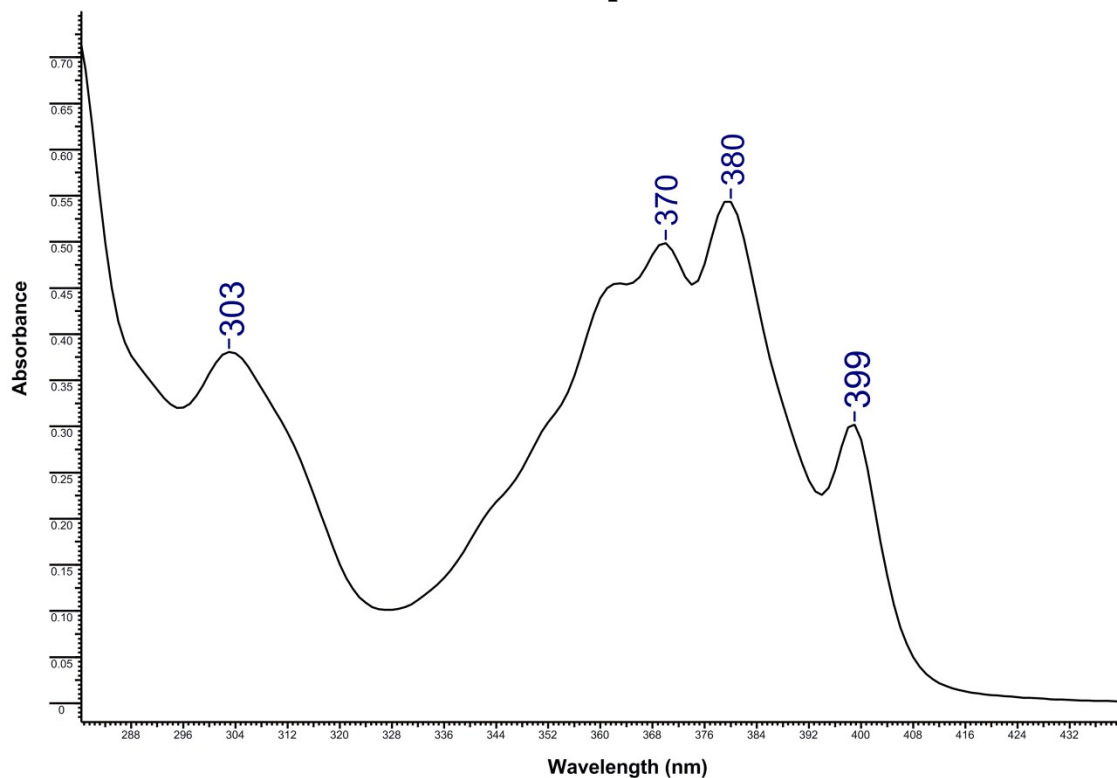
Fig.S46 Estimation of the detection limit for sensor 4b

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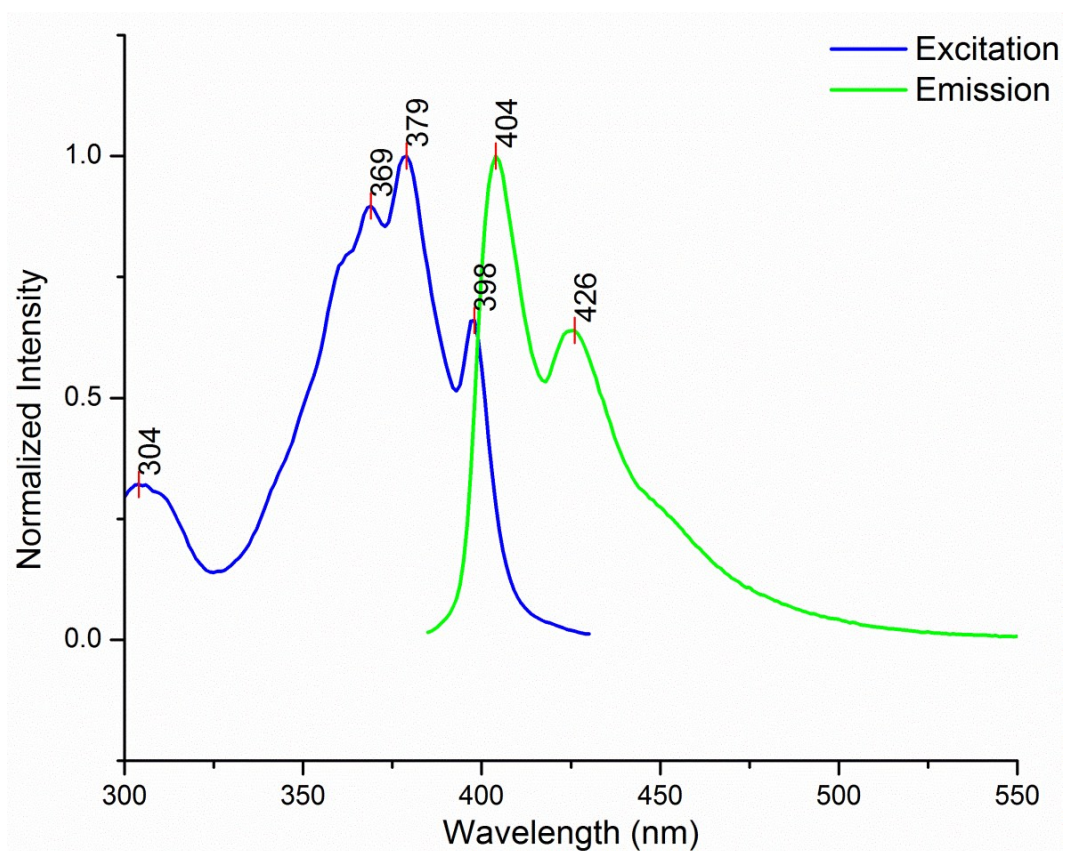
## PLQY



**Compound 4c**



**Fig.S47** Electronic absorption spectrum of compound 4c



**Fig.S48** Fluorescence excitation and emission spectrum of compound 4c

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### Fluorescence quenching with 2,4-dinitrotoluene in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4c** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with 2, 4-dinitrotoluene ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in THF.

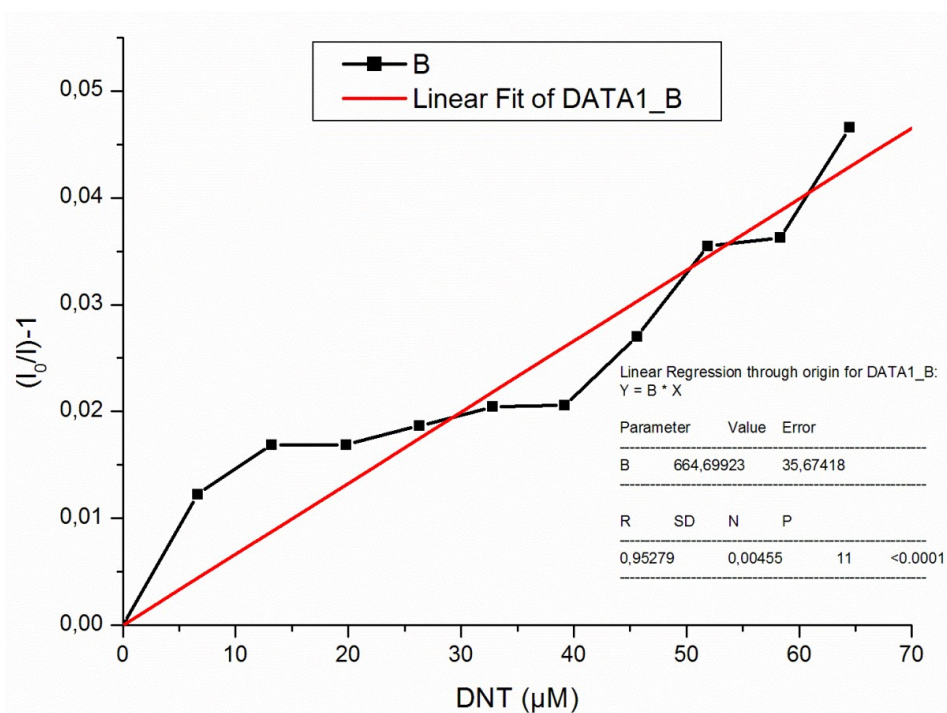


Fig.S49 Stern-Volmer plot

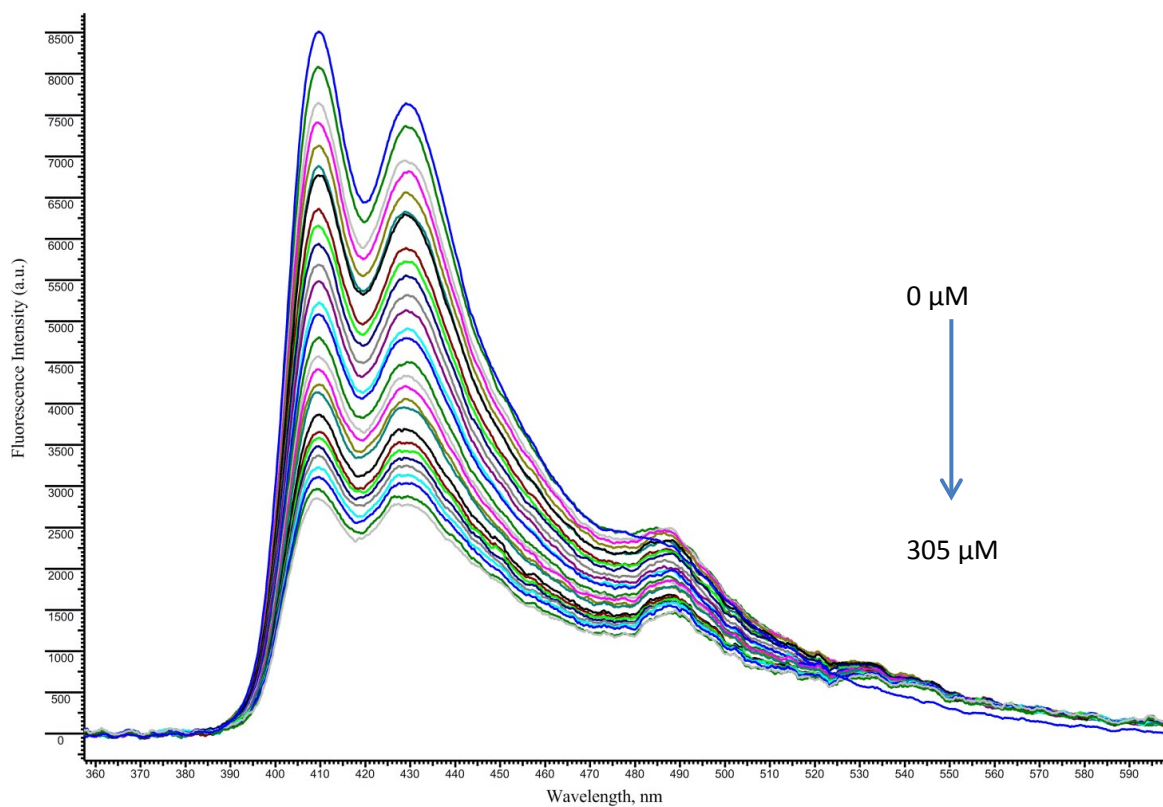
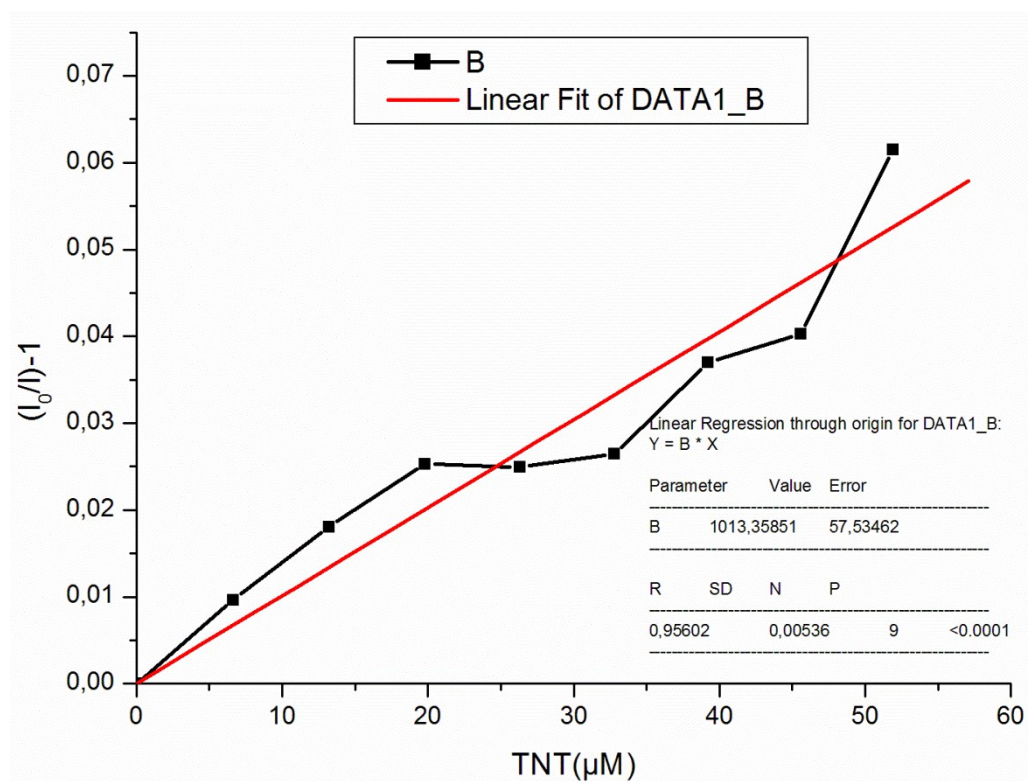


Fig.S50 Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4c** with 2,4-DNT in THF

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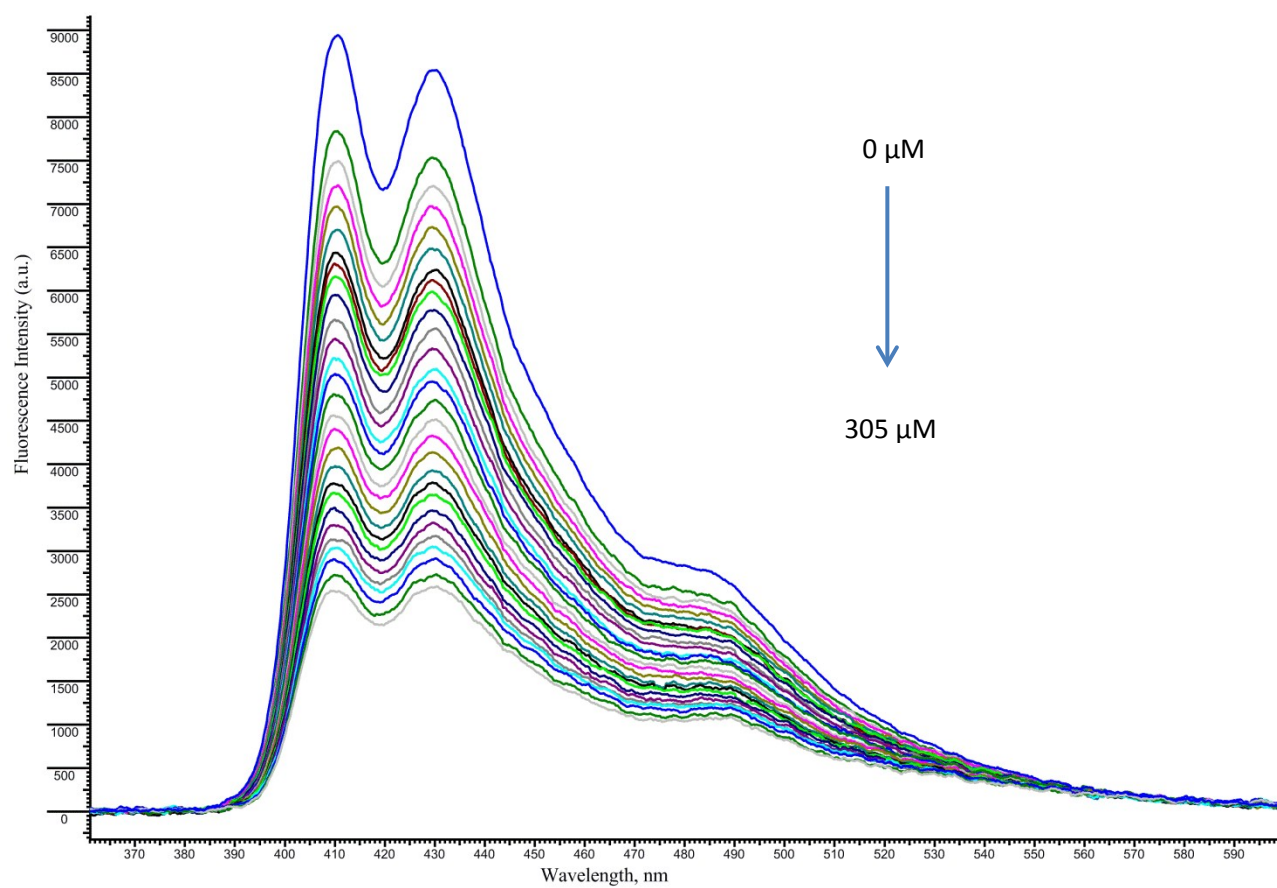
### Fluorescence quenching with trinitrotoluene in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4c** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with trinitrotoluene ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in THF.



**Fig.S51** Stern-Volmer plot

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**Fig.S52** Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4c** with TNT in THF



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### Fluorescence quenching with picric acid in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4c** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with picric acid ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was carried out in THF.

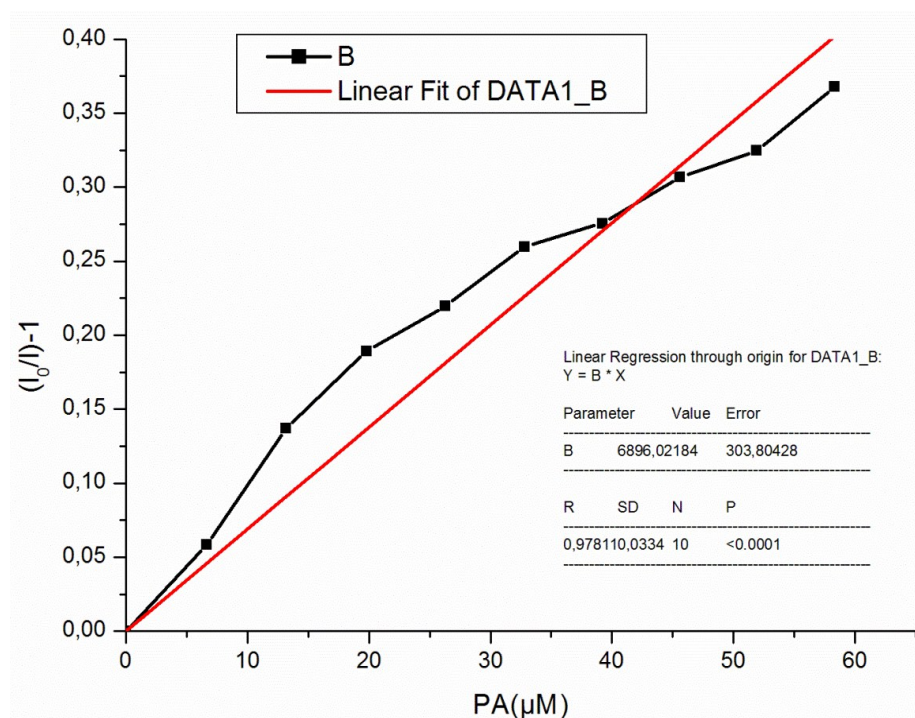


Fig.S53 Stern-Volmer plot

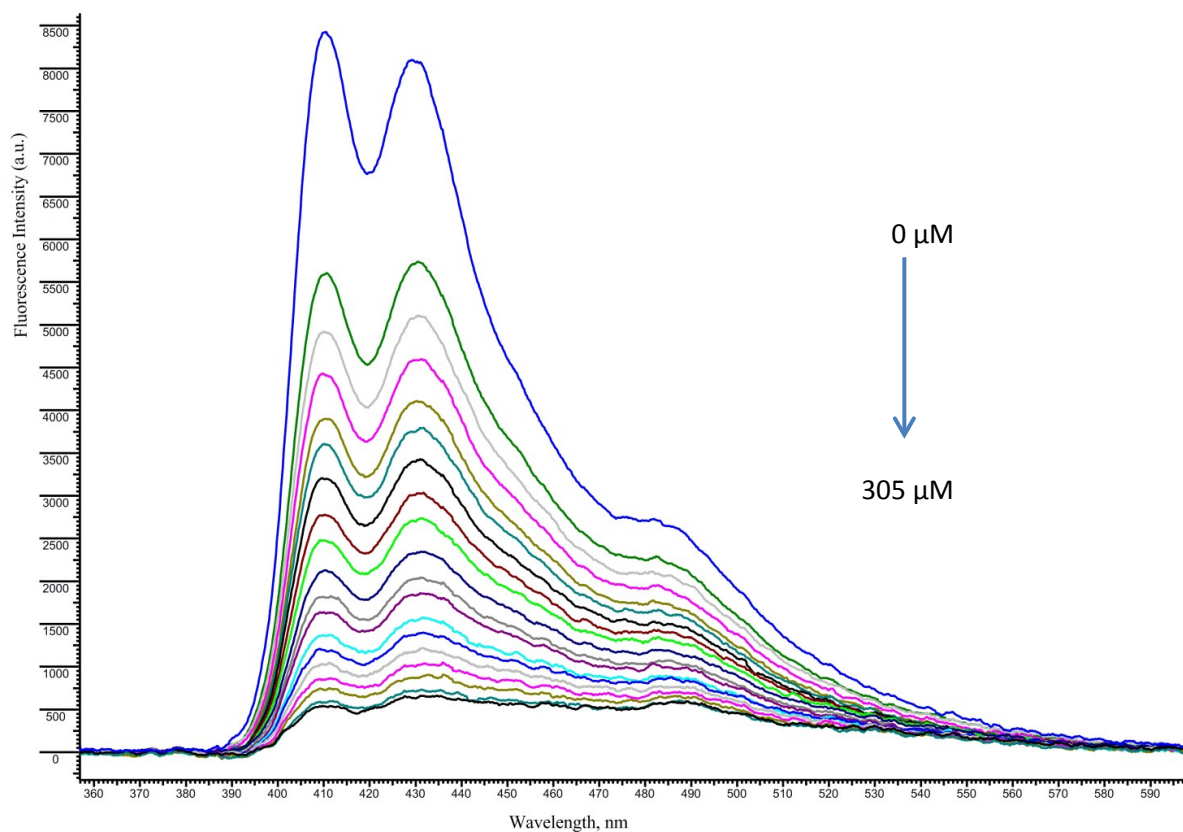


Fig.S54 Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4c** with PA in THF

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	K <sub>sv</sub> (R) in THF
DNT	665 (R=0.9528)
TNT	1013 (R=0.9560)
PA	6896 (R=0.9781)

### Estimation of the detection limit for sensor 4c

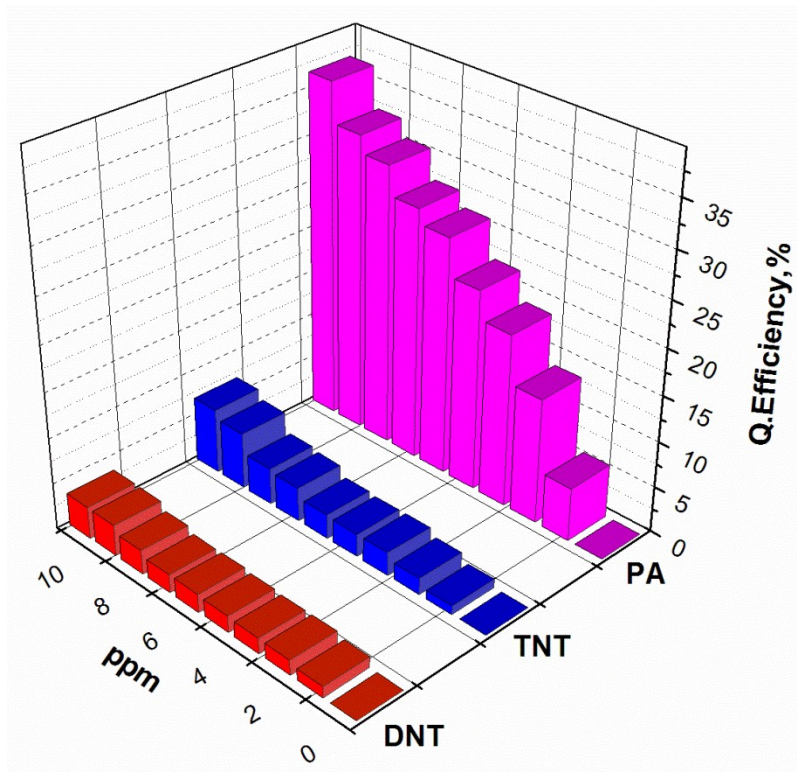


Fig.S55 Estimation of the detection limit for sensor 4c

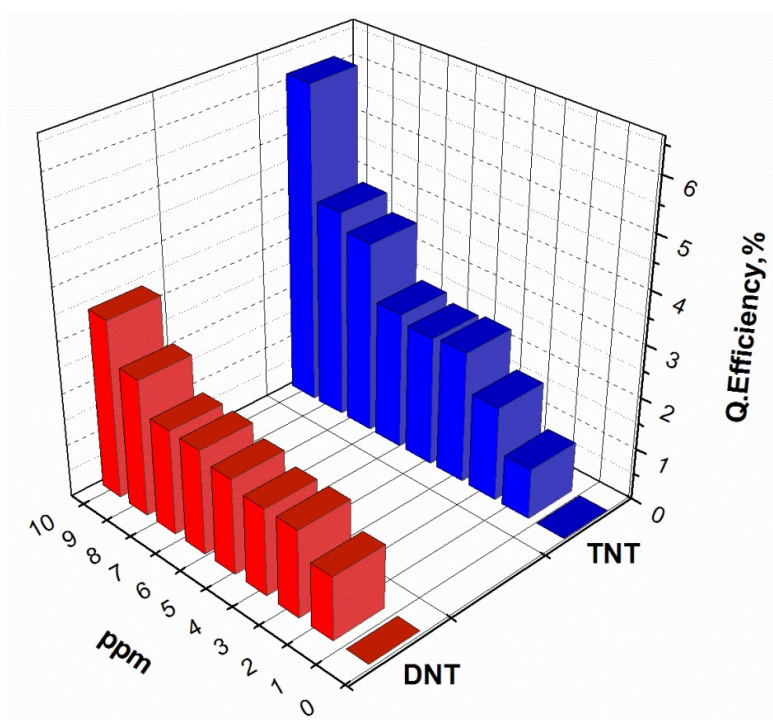
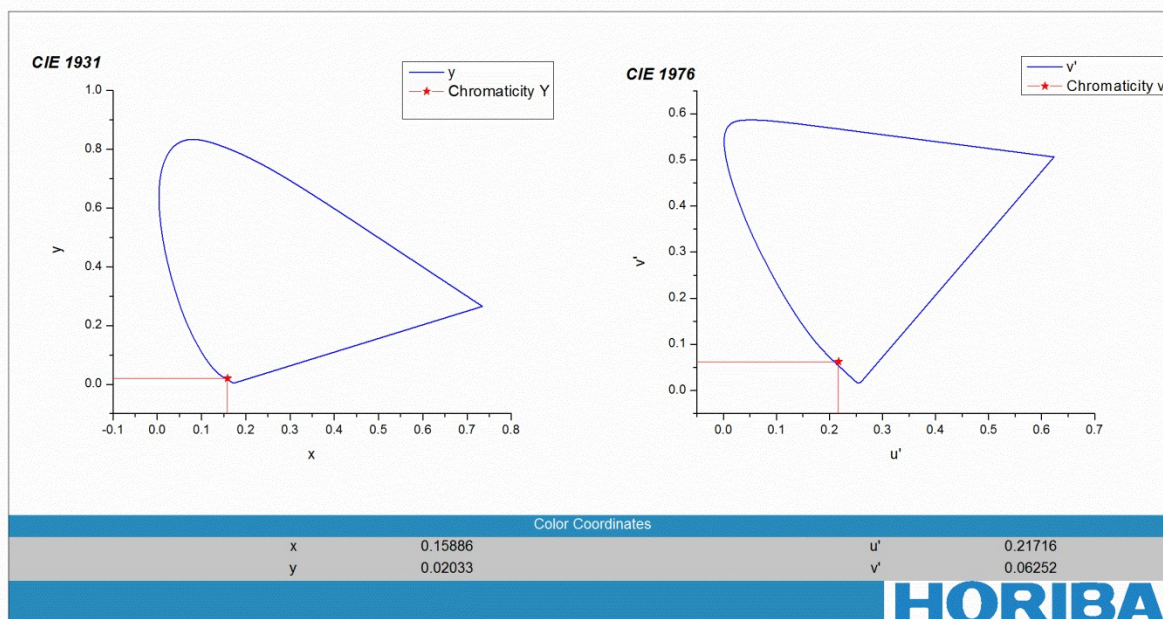
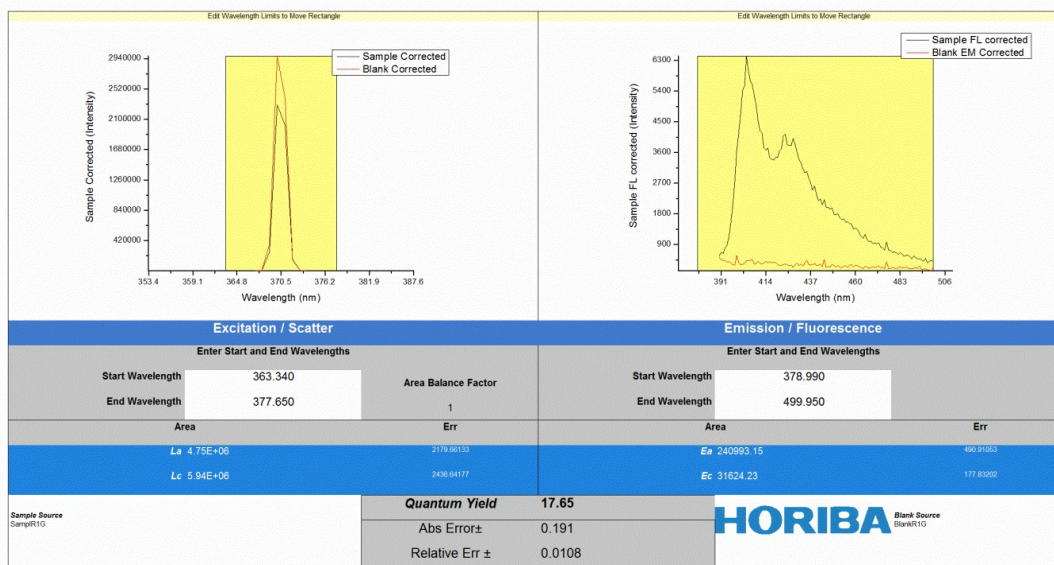


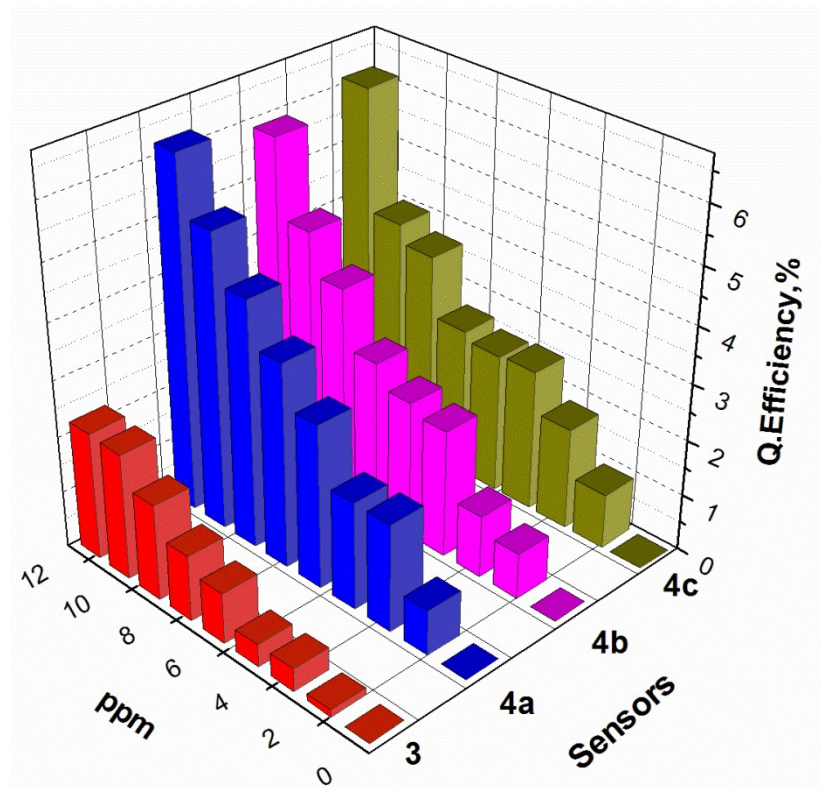
Fig.S56 Estimation of the detection limit for sensor 4c

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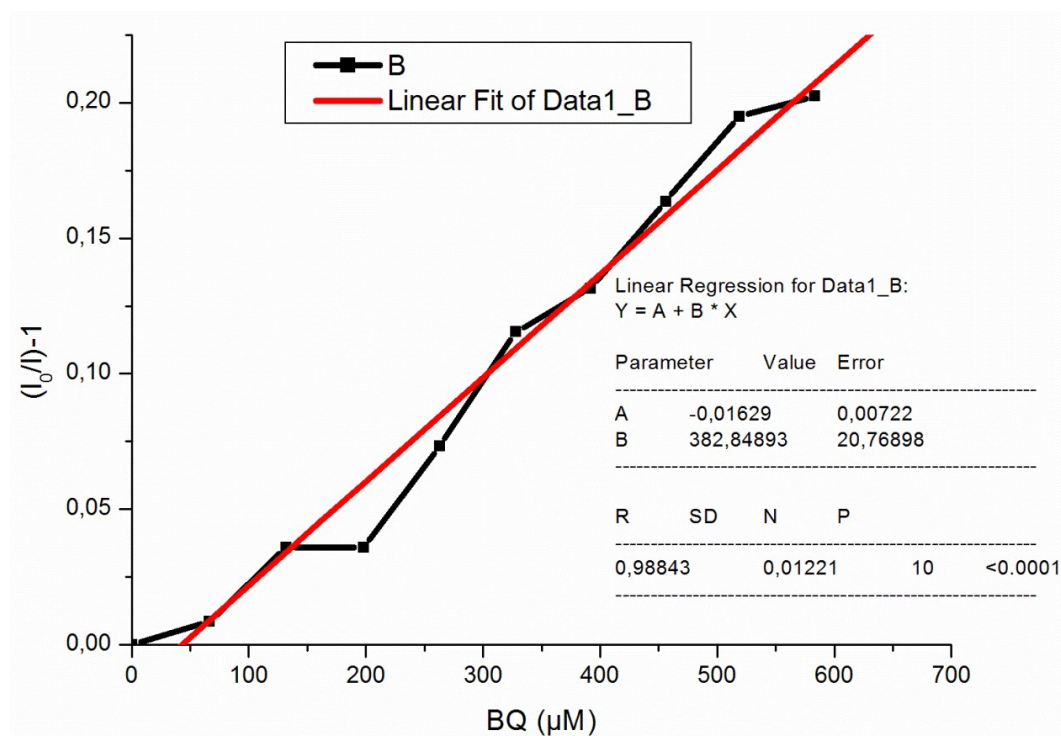


**Fig.S57** Estimation of the detection limit presented in terms of the fluorescence quenching efficiency (%) after addition of TNT in THF with different concentrations

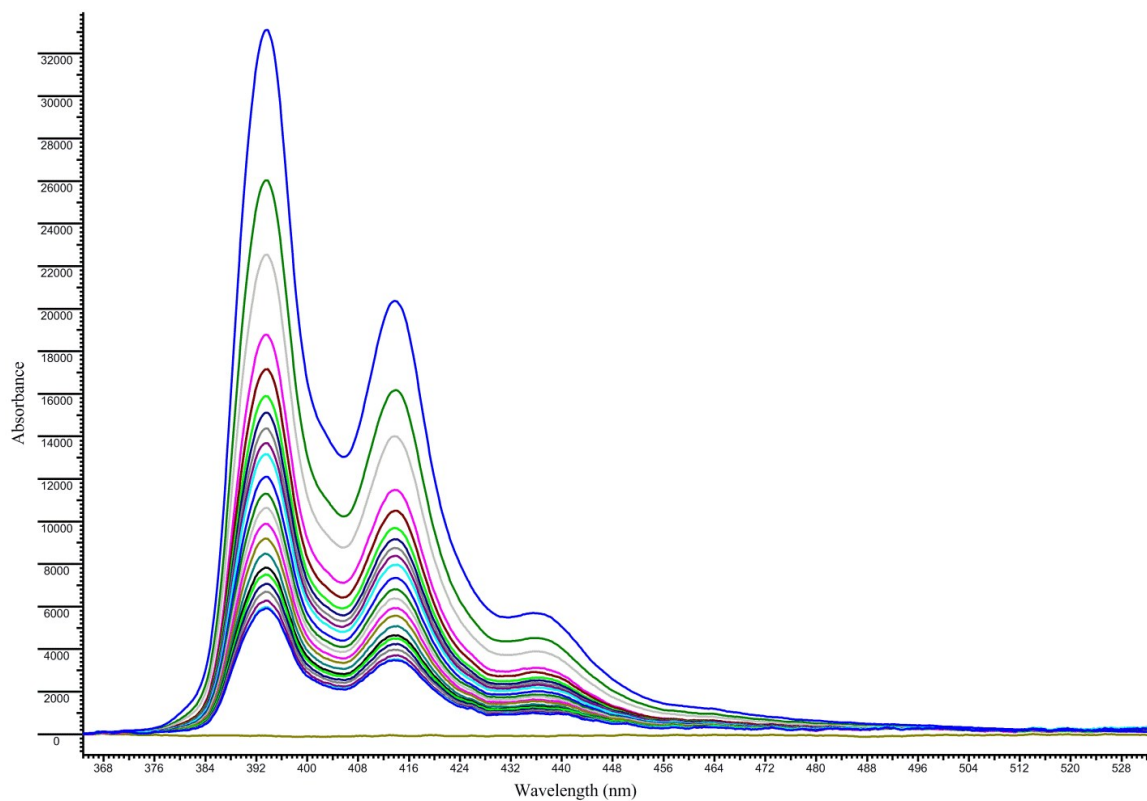
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### Fluorescence quenching with benzoquinone in THF

The fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4a** ( $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M) with benzoquinone ( $2.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M) was carried out in THF.



**Fig.58** Stern-Volmer plot



**Fig.59** Fluorescence quenching of the fluorophore **4a** with benzoquinone in THF

### The detection of lifetime of 4a fluorophore at different mole ratios of TNT and RDX

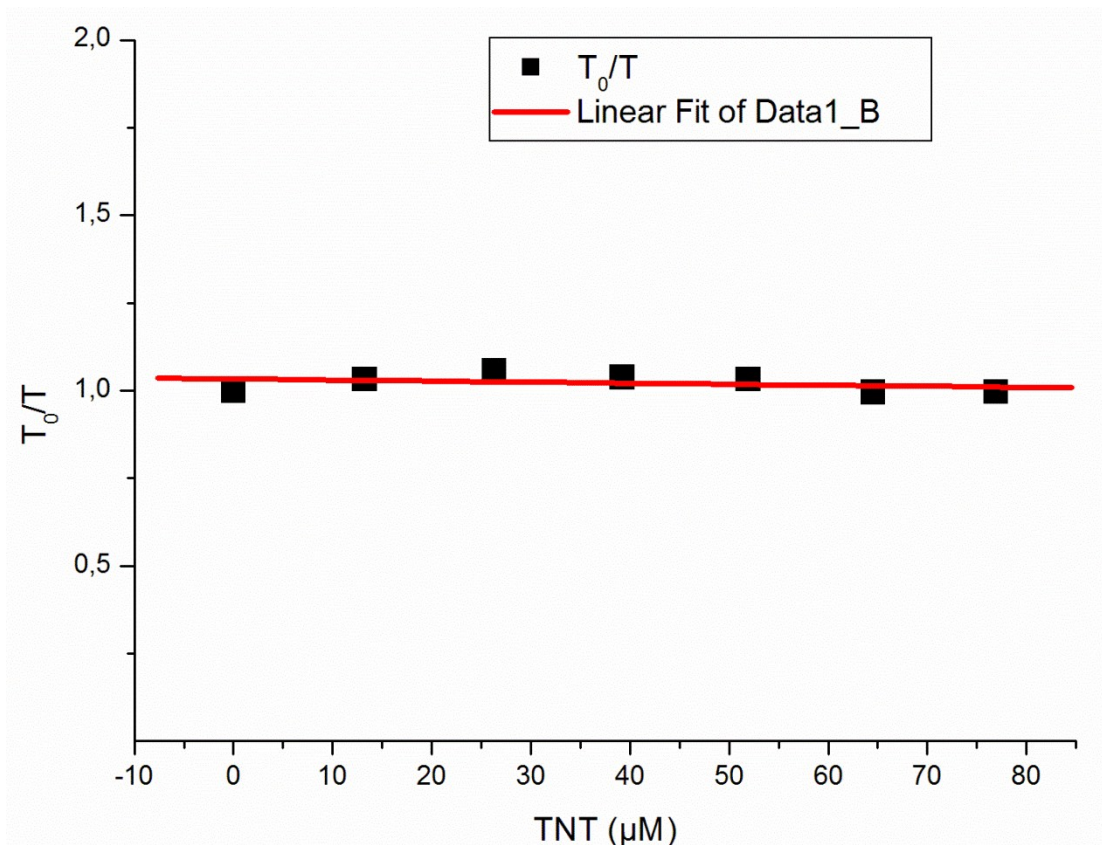
**Table S1** Fluorescence lifetime data of pure 4a fluorophore at different mole ratios of TNT

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0,0	4,780
1:0,2	4,629
1:0,4	4,521
1:0,6	4,606
1:0,8	4,631
1:1,0	4,804
1:1,2	4,794

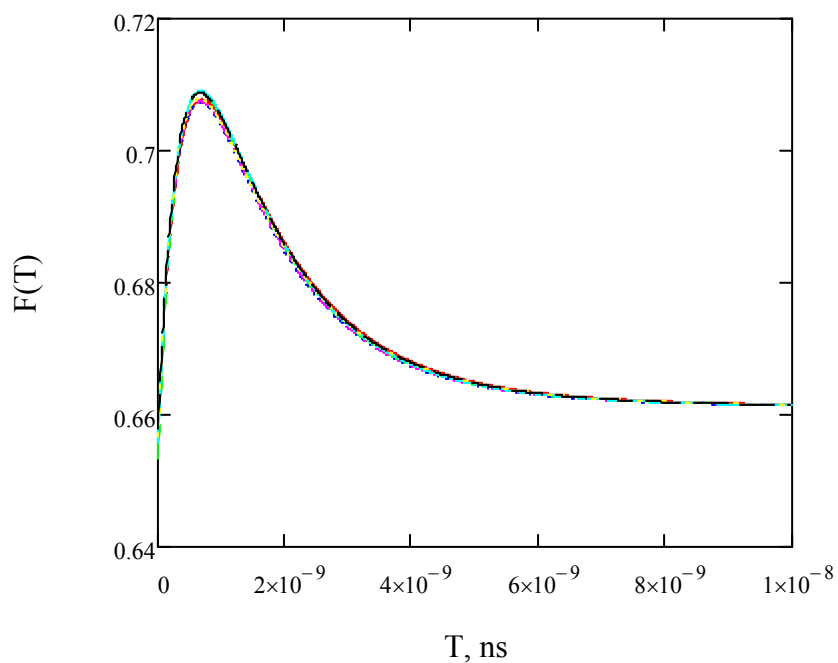
	0 eq	0.2 eq	0.4 eq	0.6 eq	0.8 eq	1.0 eq	1.2 eq
A	7,7861E-01	6,7935E-01	7,1202E-01	6,6055E-01	6,6179E-01	7,0080E-01	6,6318E-01
B1	-1,0671E-01	-1,0358E-01	-1,1102E-01	-1,0412E-01	-1,1007E-01	-1,0086E-01	1,0393E-01
B2	9,8272E-02	9,6092E-02	9,9563E-02	9,7781E-02	1,0121E-01	9,2815E-02	9,7432E-02
B3	3,9659E-03	3,2914E-03	3,6824E-03	3,3812E-03	3,5095E-03	3,5837E-03	3,4578E-03
T1	3,6578E-10	3,4803E-10	3,4328E-10	3,5607E-10	3,5237E-10	3,3519E-10	3,4863E-10
T2	1,3749E-09	1,3514E-09	1,3393E-09	1,3443E-09	1,3428E-09	1,3965E-09	1,3801E-09
T3	4,7803E-09	4,6295E-09	4,5212E-09	4,6065E-09	4,6307E-09	4,8045E-09	4,7937E-09

$$F(x) = A + B1 * \exp\left(-\frac{x}{T1}\right) + B2 * \exp\left(-\frac{x}{T2}\right) + B3 * \exp\left(-\frac{x}{T3}\right)$$

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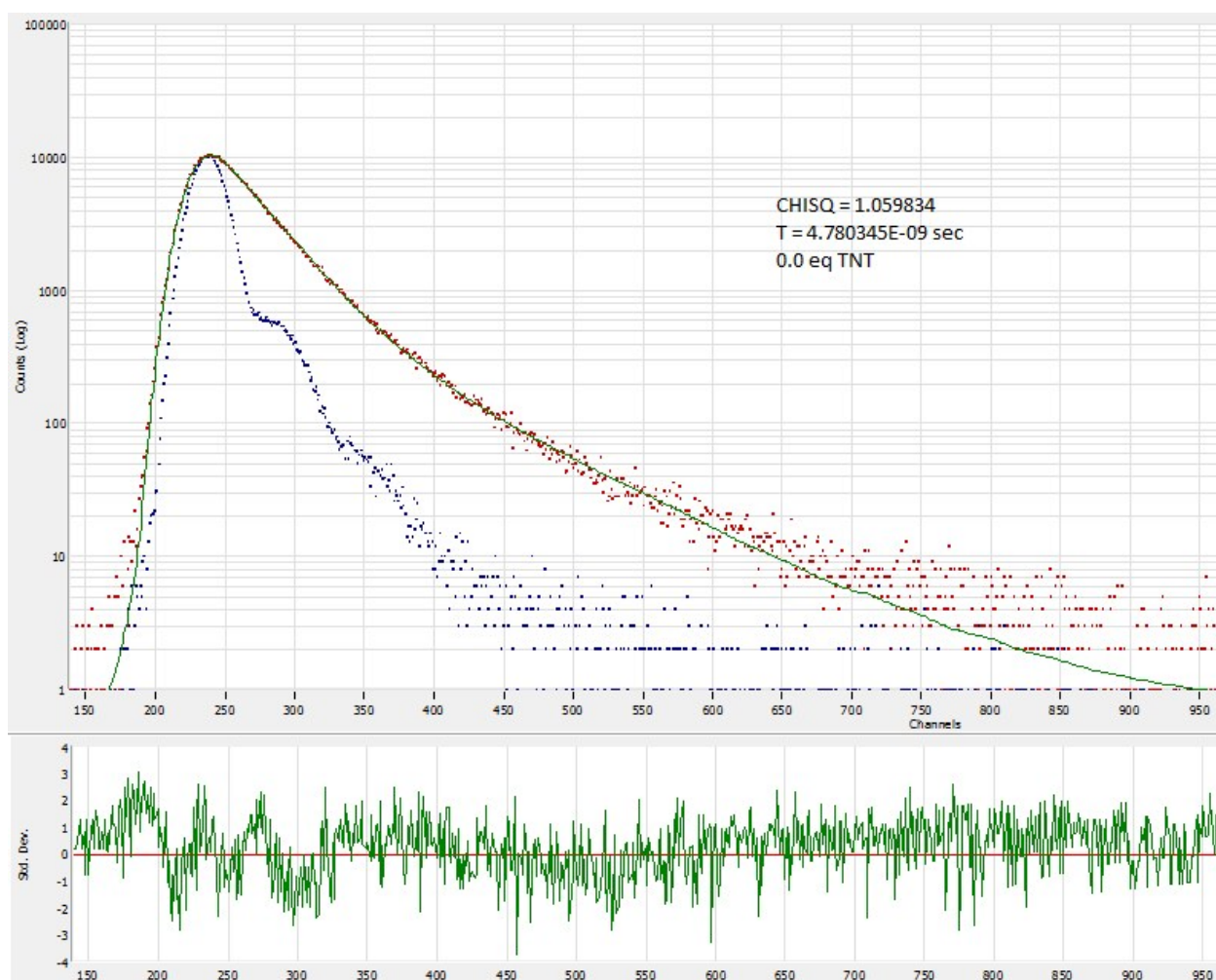


**Fig.S60**  $T_0/T$  at 410 nm ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=375$  nm) of **4a** as a function of the concentration of the quencher (TNT)



**Fig.S61**  $F(T)$  of **4a** as a function of the concentration of the lifetime ( $T$ )

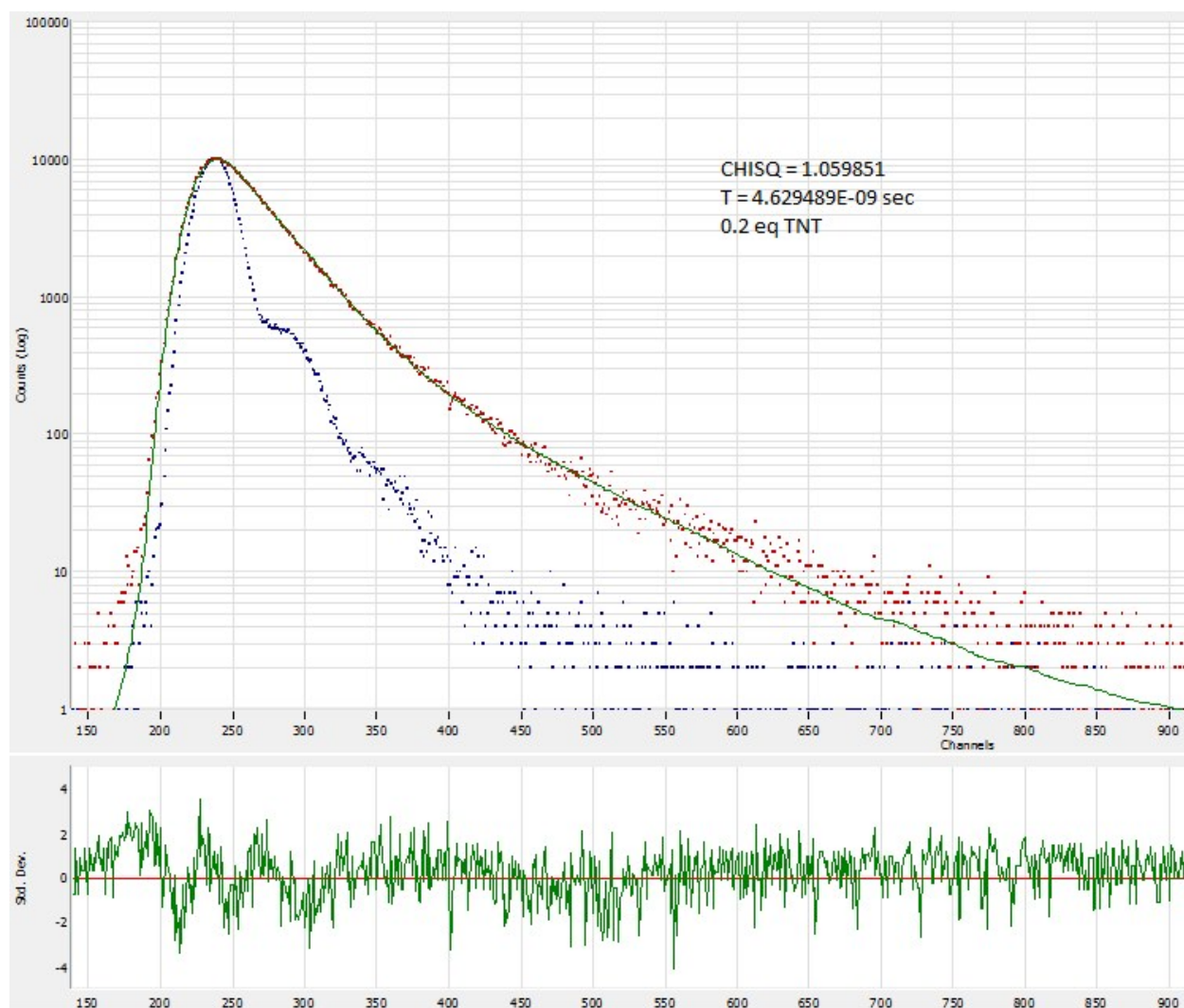
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**Fig. S62** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with TNT

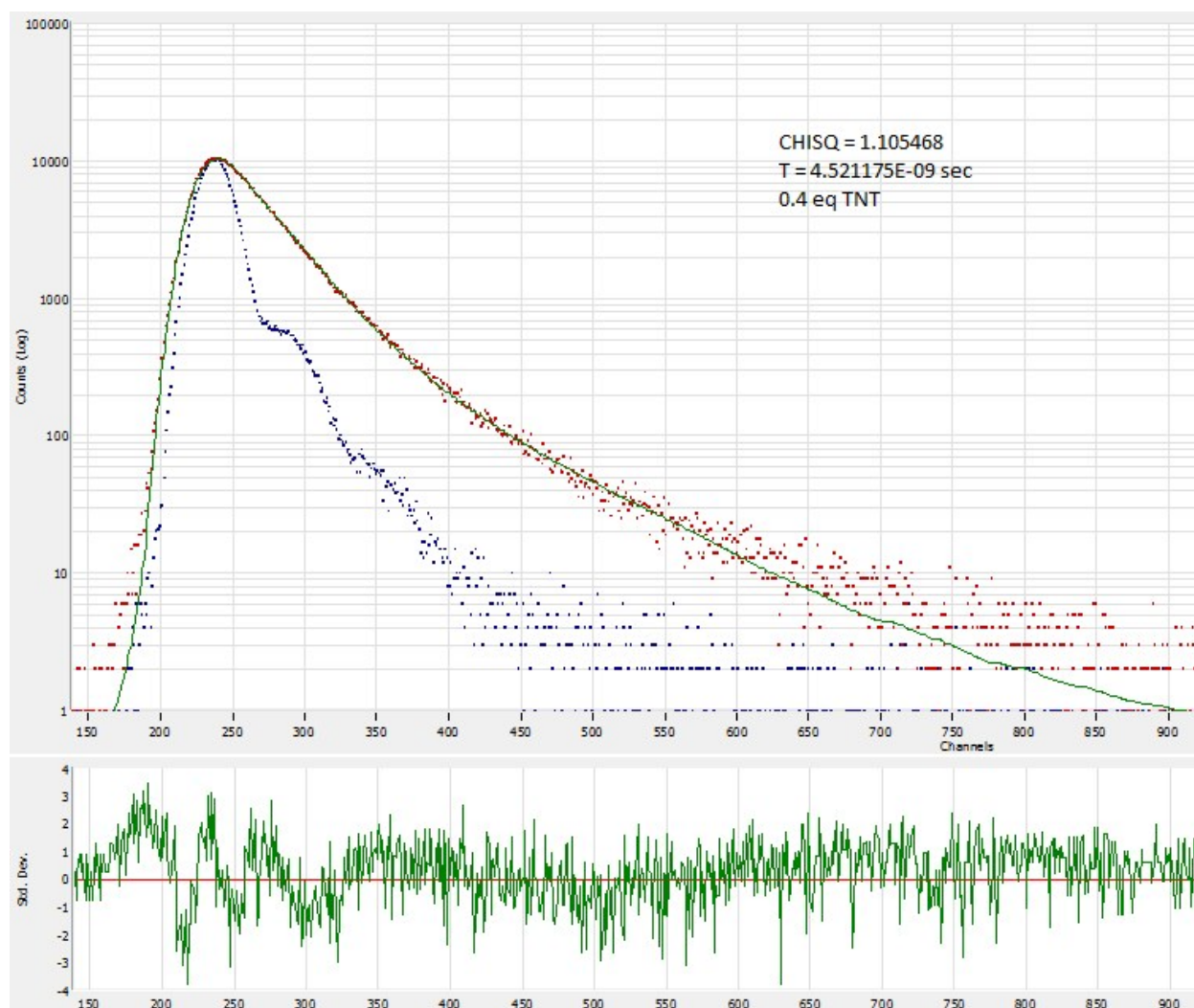


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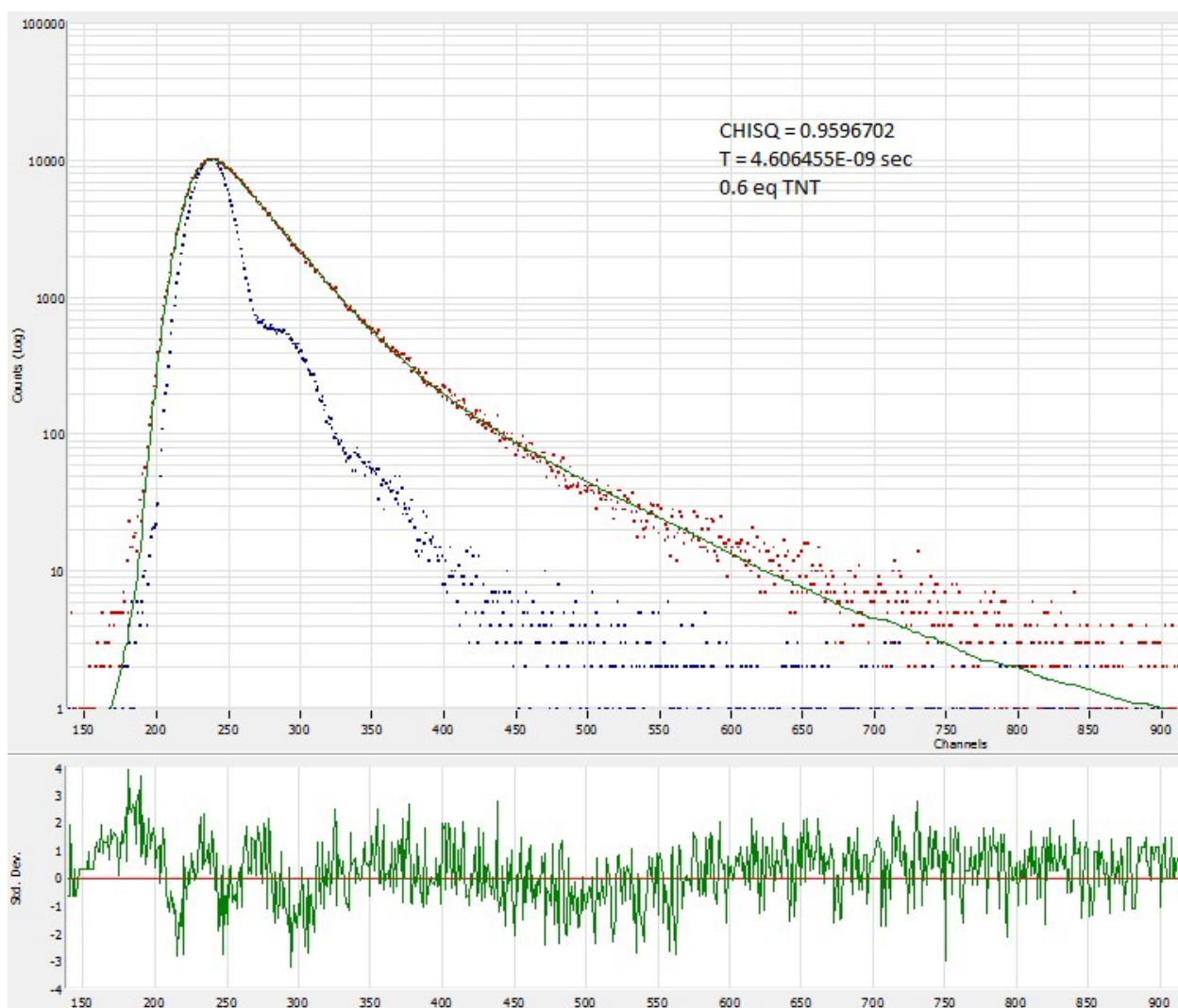
**Fig.S63** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with TNT

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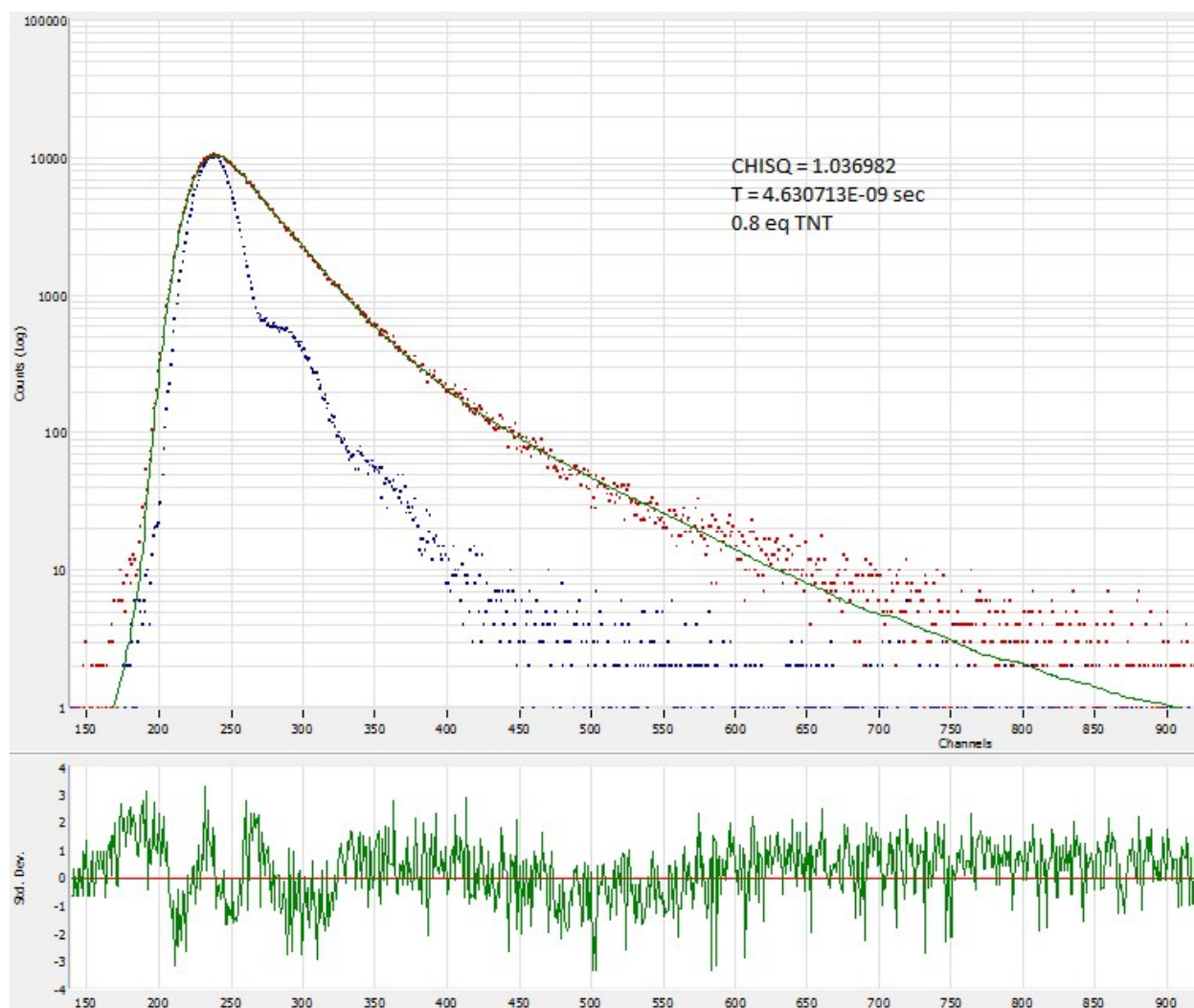
**Fig.S64** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with TNT

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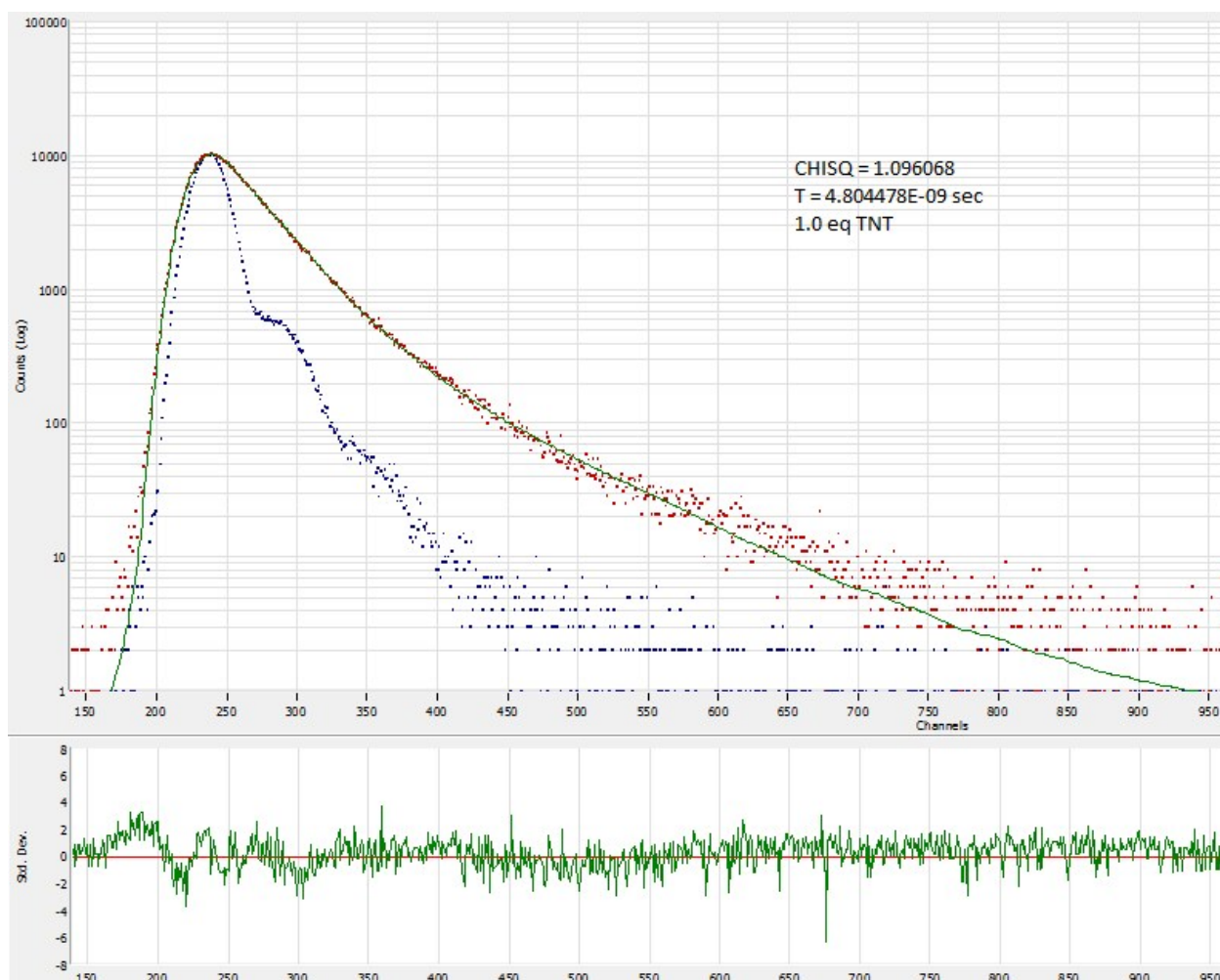
**Fig.S65** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with TNT

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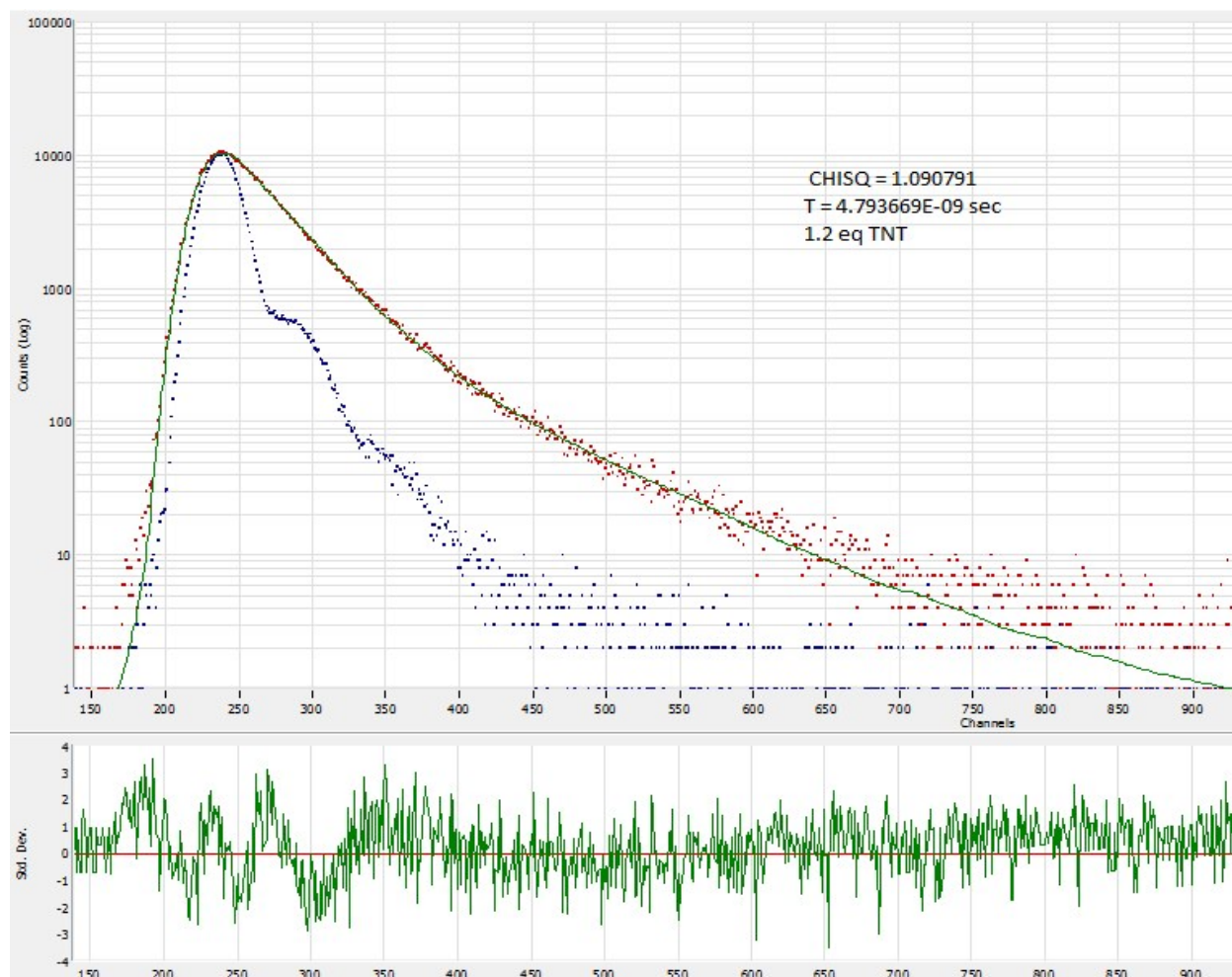
**Fig.S66** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with TNT

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**Fig.S67** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with TNT

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**Fig. S68** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with TNT

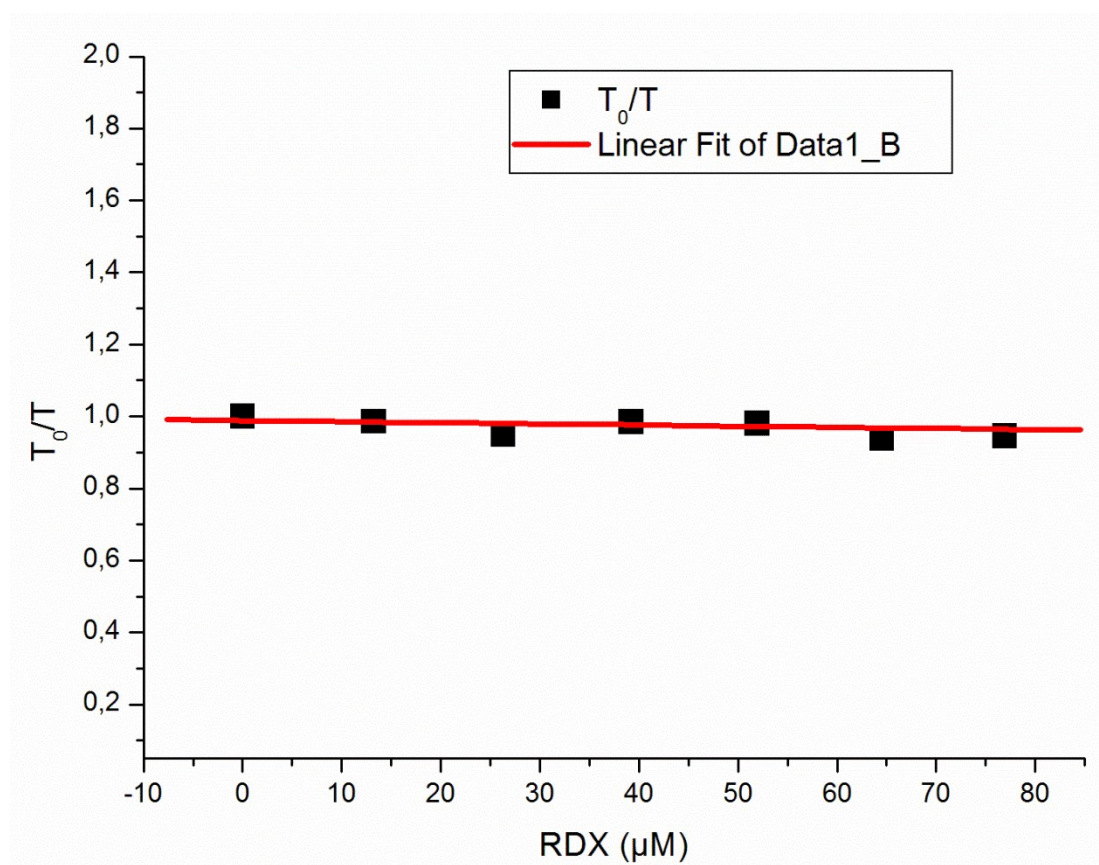
**Table S2** Fluorescence lifetime data of pure **4a** fluorophore at different mole ratios of RDX

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	$\tau$
0,0	4,780
1:0,2	4,848
1:0,4	5,030
1:0,6	4,853
1:0,8	4,873
1:1,0	5,096
1:1,2	5,055

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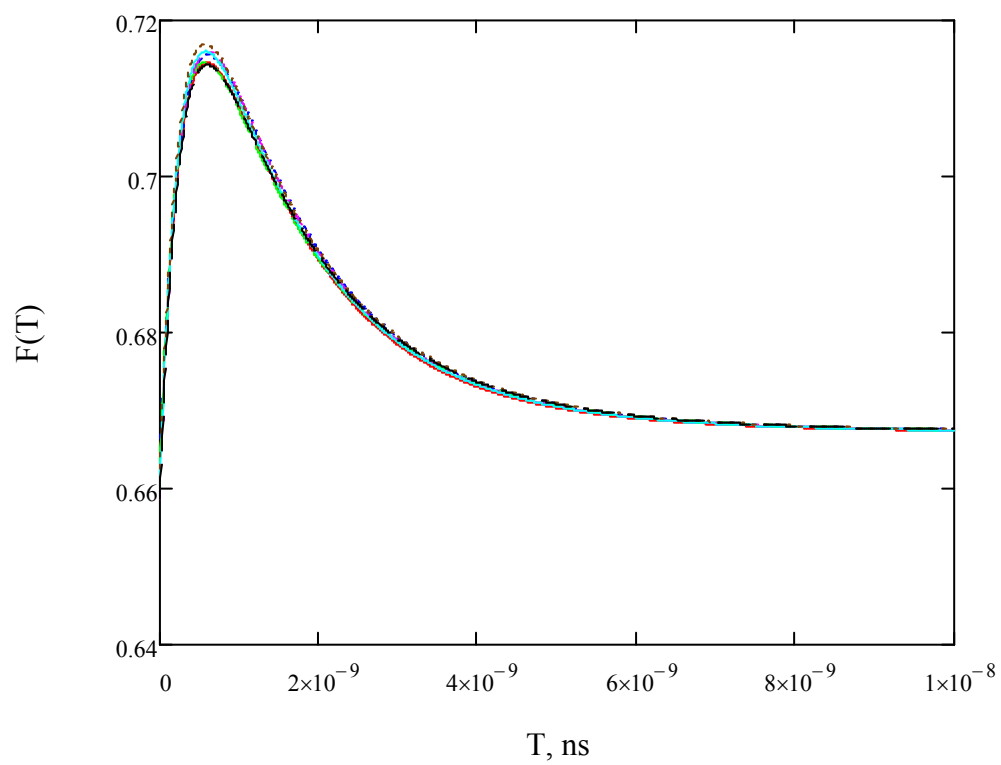
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A	7,1327E-01	7,5777E-01	7,2002E-01	7,0253E-01	6,6691E-01	7,5615E-01	7,4626E-01
B1	-9,6570E-02	-9,7154E-02	-8,9702E-02	-1,0262E-01	-9,7272E-02	-9,4523E-02	-9,4775E-02
B2	8,8529E-02	8,9827E-02	8,2111E-02	9,0933E-02	8,6985E-02	8,5049E-02	8,3076E-02
B3	3,2474E-03	3,7888E-03	3,3031E-03	3,3421E-03	3,2048E-03	3,5147E-03	3,5206E-03
T1	2,9035E-10	2,9863E-10	2,6329E-10	2,8621E-10	2,6715E-10	2,5702E-10	2,7255E-10
T2	1,3568E-09	1,3839E-09	1,4260E-09	1,3688E-09	1,3886E-09	1,4338E-09	1,4317E-09
T3	4,7803E-09	4,8476E-09	5,0301E-09	4,8532E-09	4,8727E-09	5,0957E-09	5,0551E-09

$$F(x) = A + B1 * \exp\left(-\frac{x}{T1}\right) + B2 * \exp\left(-\frac{x}{T2}\right) + B3 * \exp\left(-\frac{x}{T3}\right)$$



**Fig.S69**  $T_0/T$  at 410 nm ( $\lambda_{ex}=375$  nm) of **4a** as a function of the concentration of the quencher (RDX)

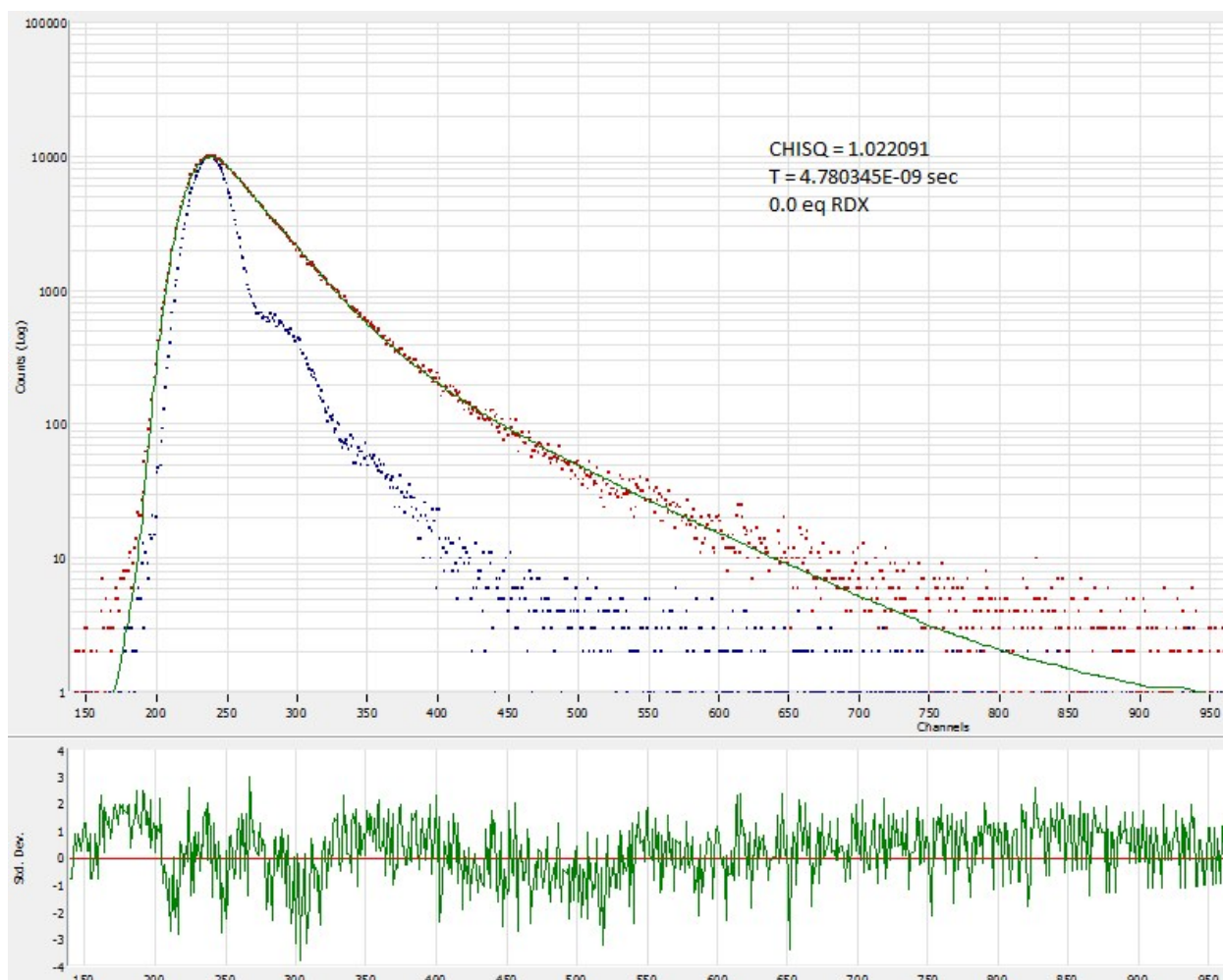
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**Fig.S70**  $F(T)$  of **4a** as a function of the concentration of the lifetime ( $T$ )

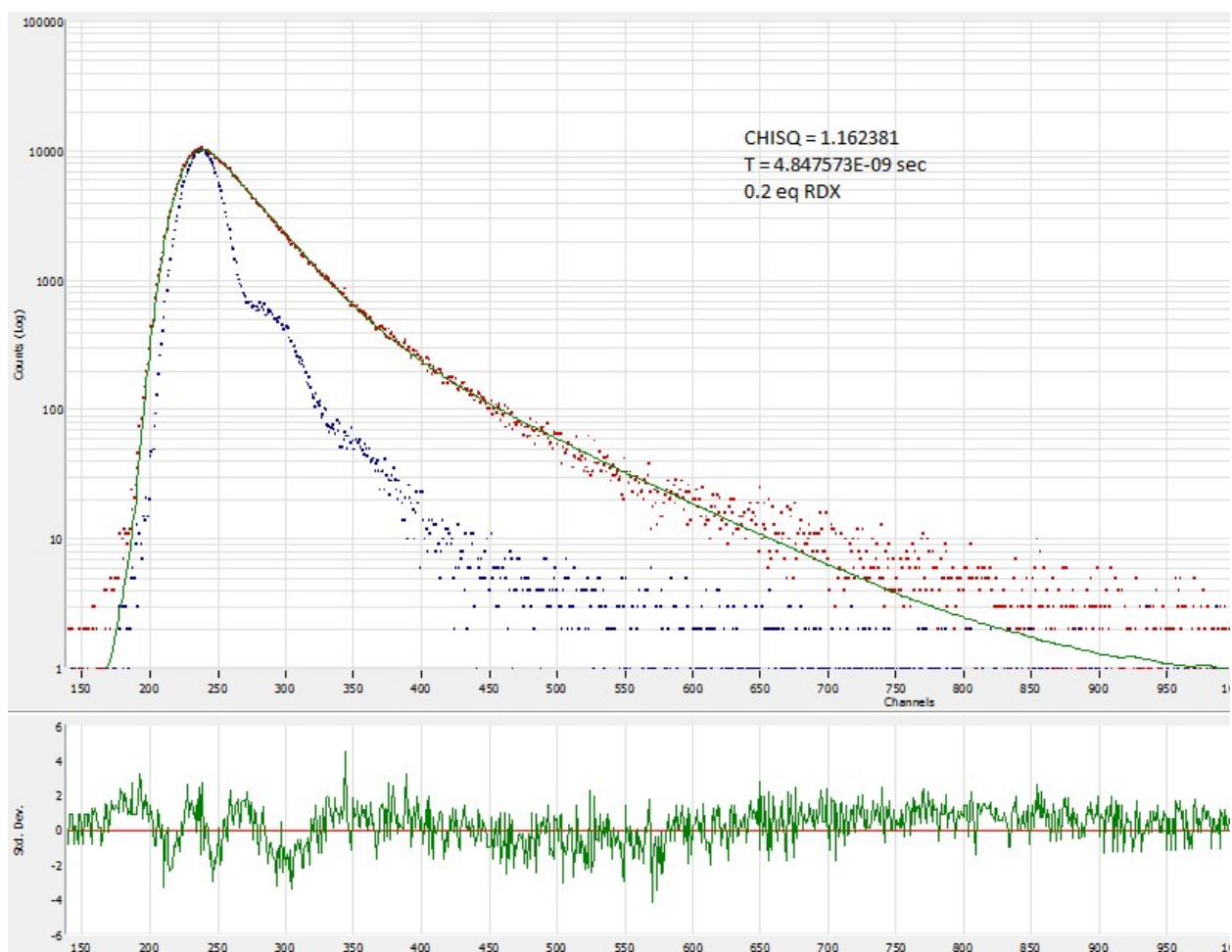


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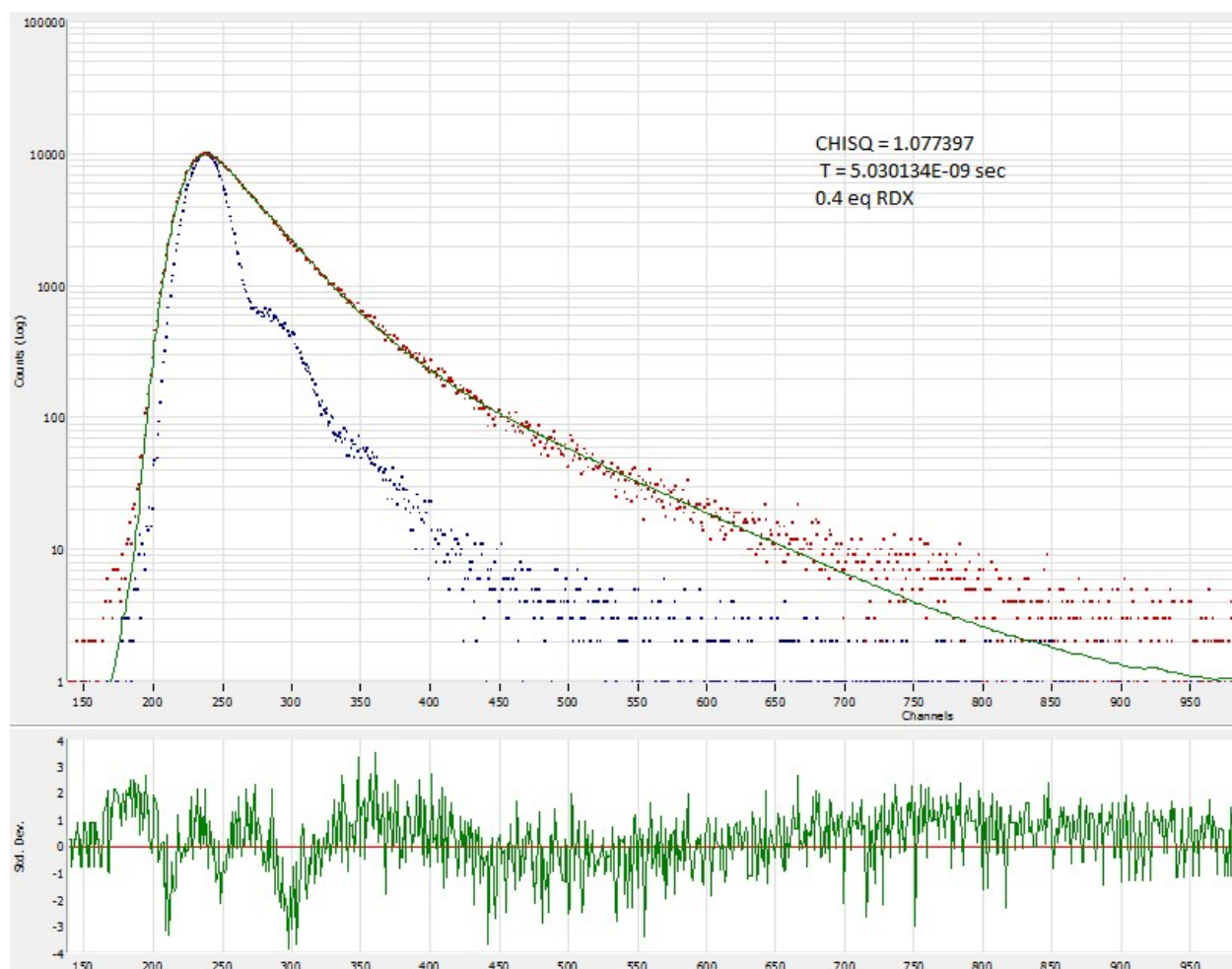
**Fig.S71** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with RDX

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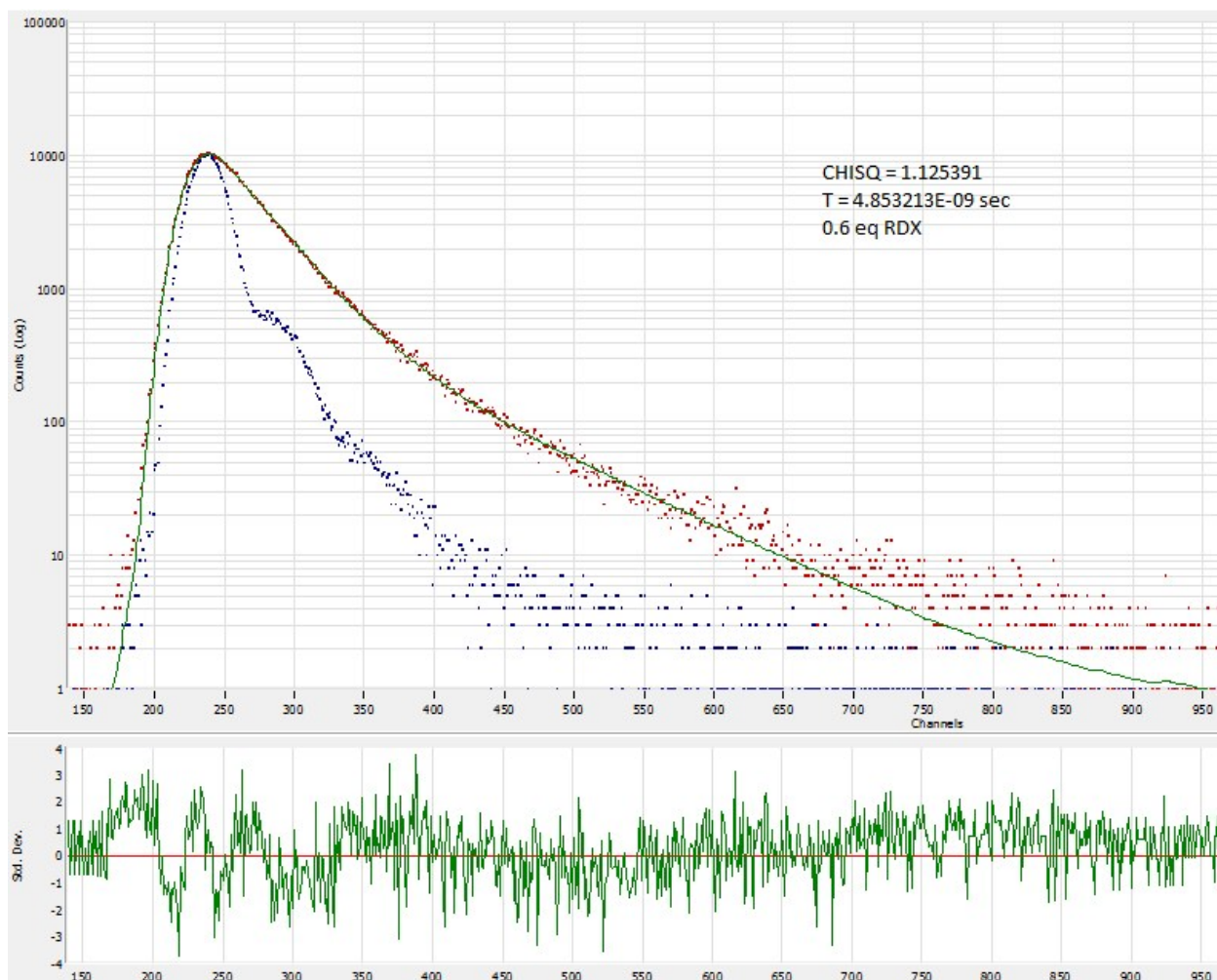
**Fig.S72** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with RDX

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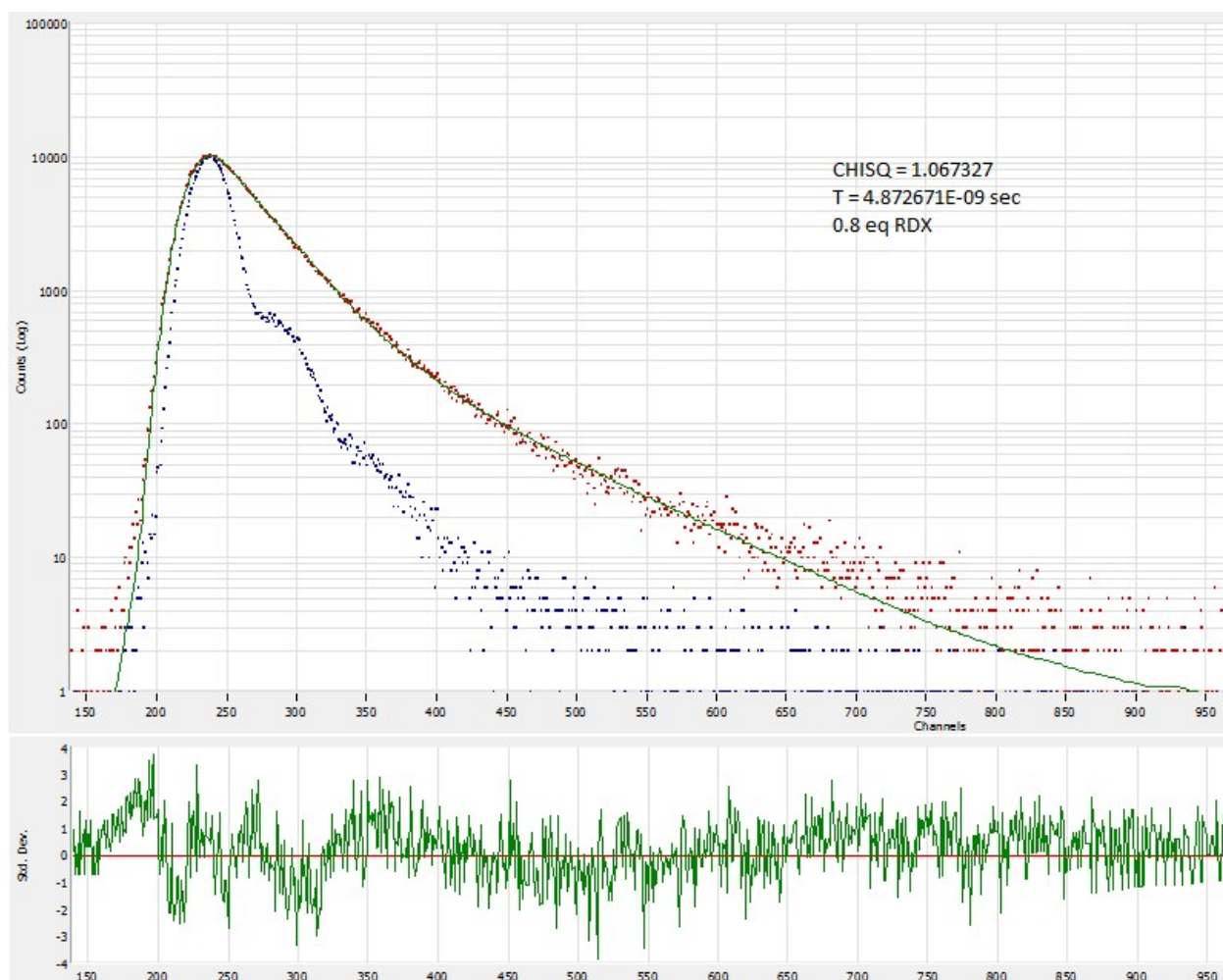
**Fig.S73** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with RDX

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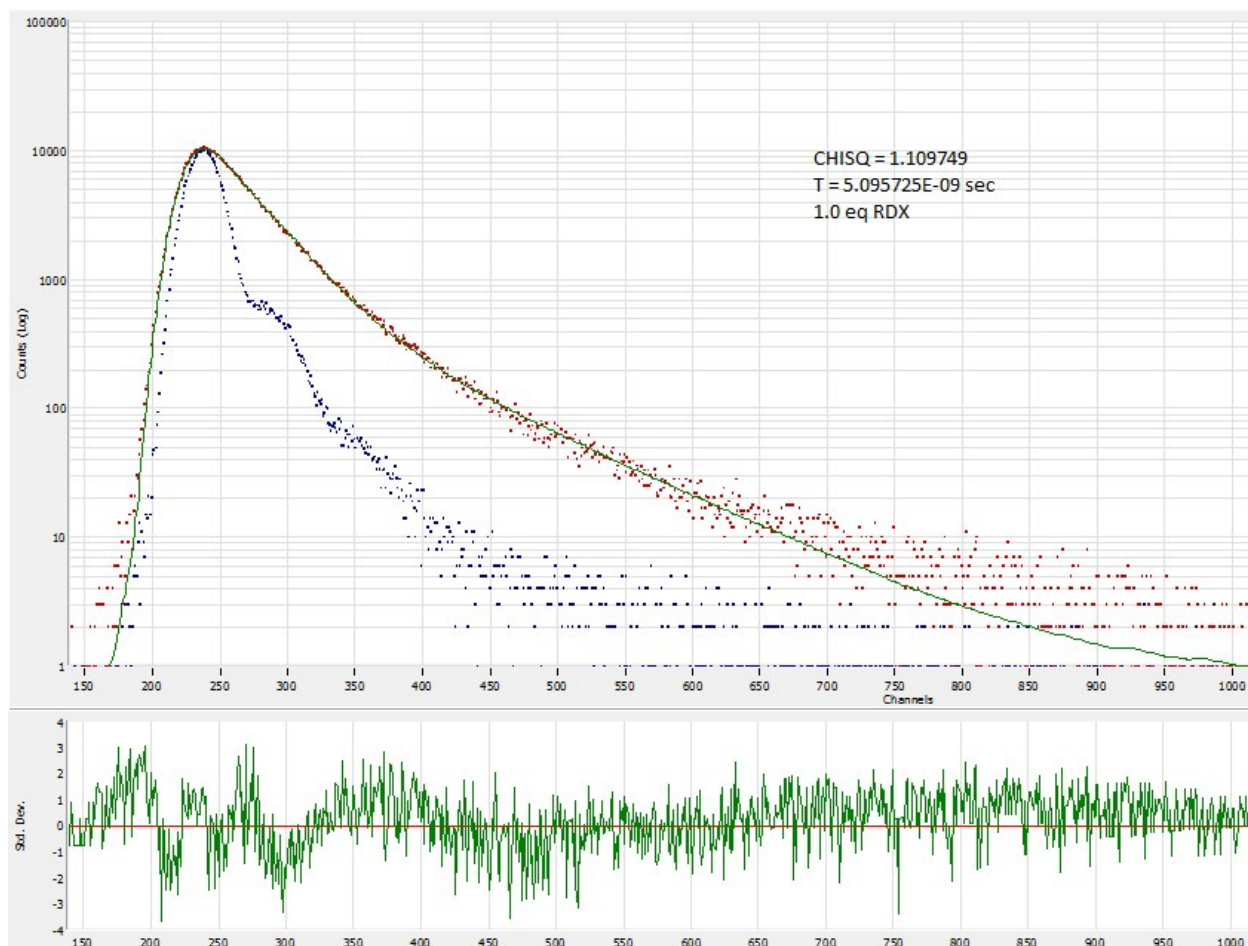
**Fig.S74** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with RDX

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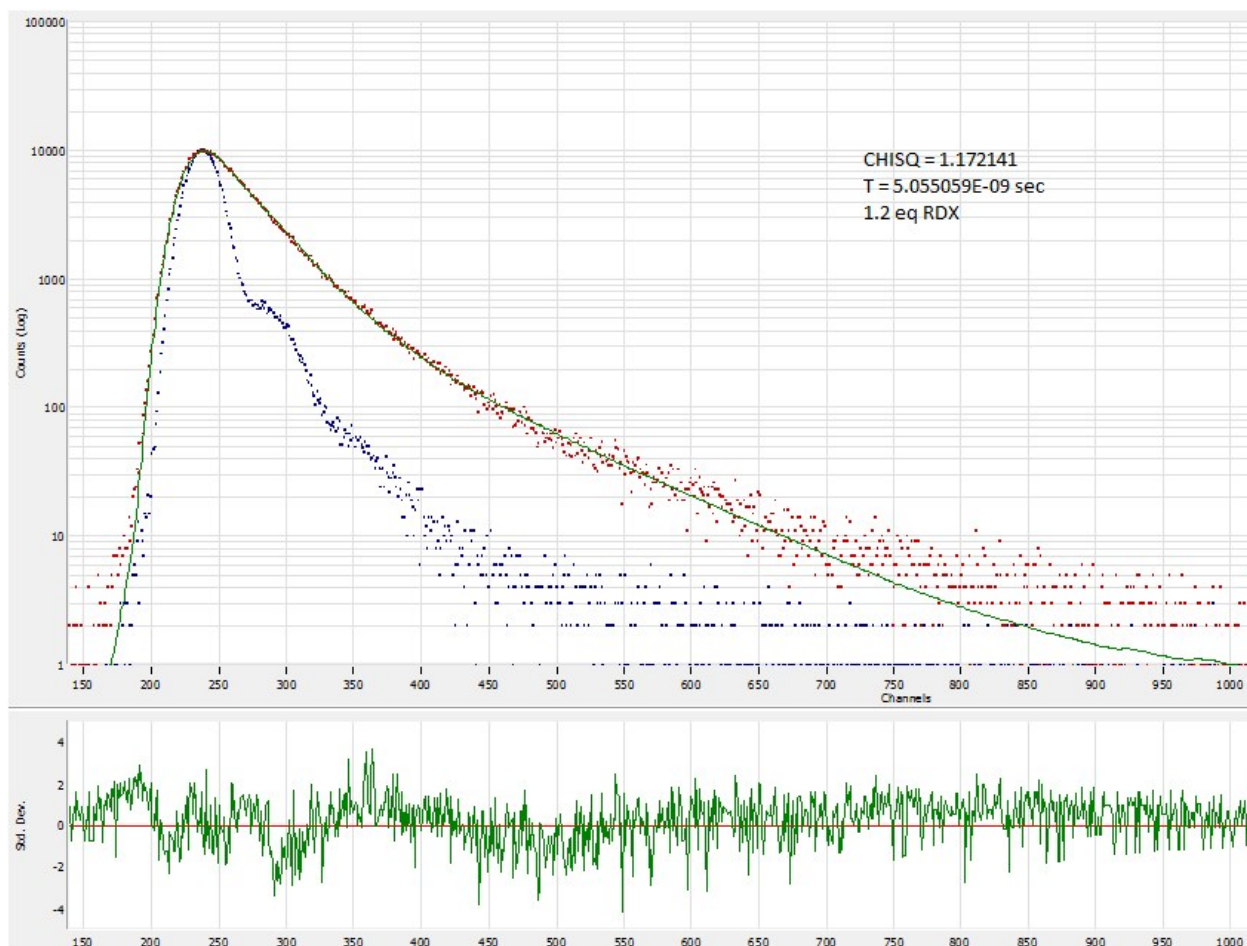
**Fig.S75** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with RDX

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**Fig.S76** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with RDX

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**Fig.S77** Time-resolved fluorescence emission of **4a** adduct with RDX

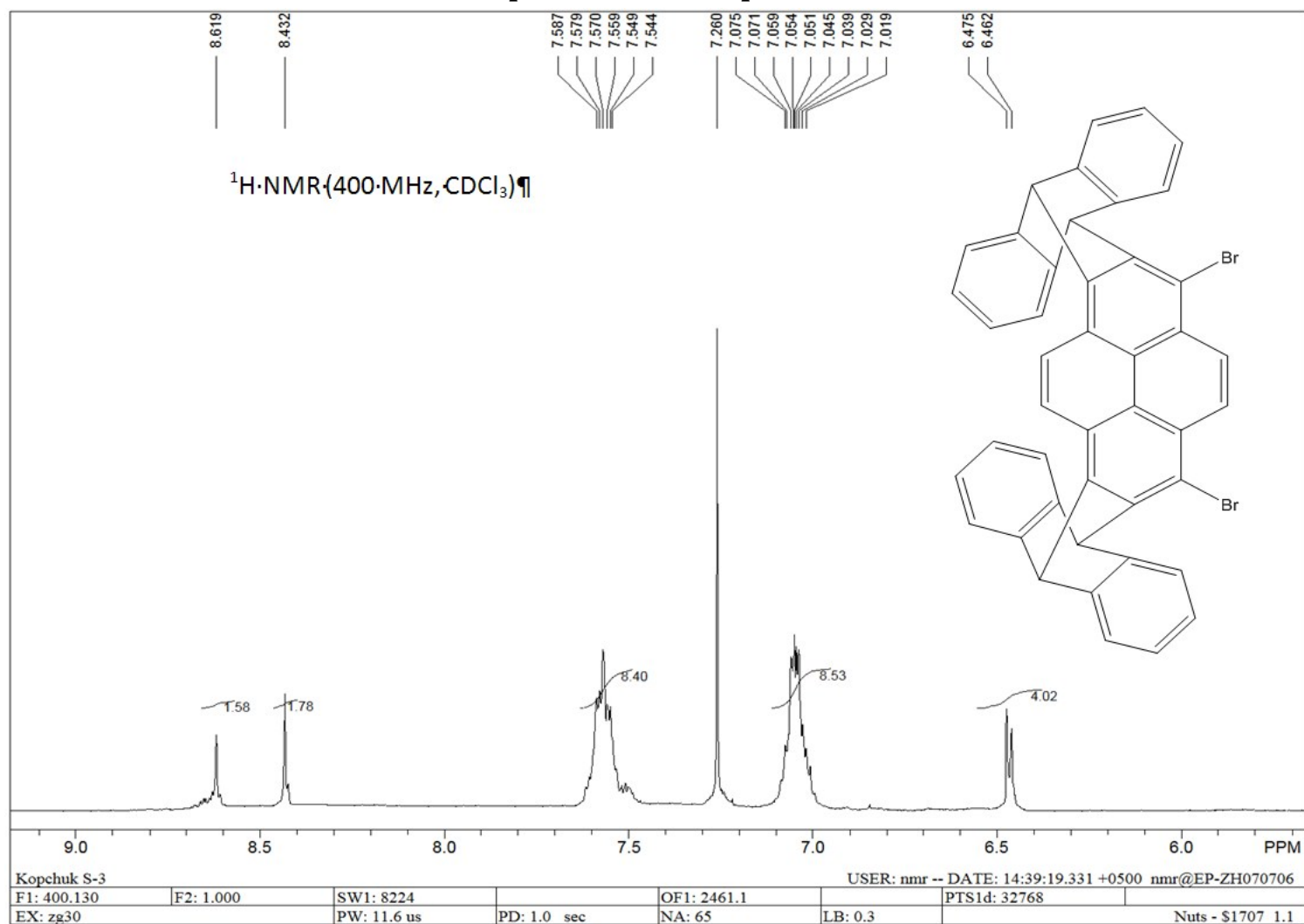
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### Fluorescence quenching in polymer matrices

The THF solutions of sensors **3,4a-c** in polyurethane (*c.a.* 5 % w/w) were solution-casted in wells of aluminium chips to form sensor films. After evaporation of the solvent these chips were exposed to vapours of components of nitro-explosives (TNT, 2,4-DNT and RDX) at equilibrium.

The blank samples were prepared by placing the scotch-tape film over the wells to prevent the penetration of the vapors of nitro-explosives.



**$^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra of fluorophores 2,3,4a,4b,4c****Fig. S78**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) of iptycene **2**

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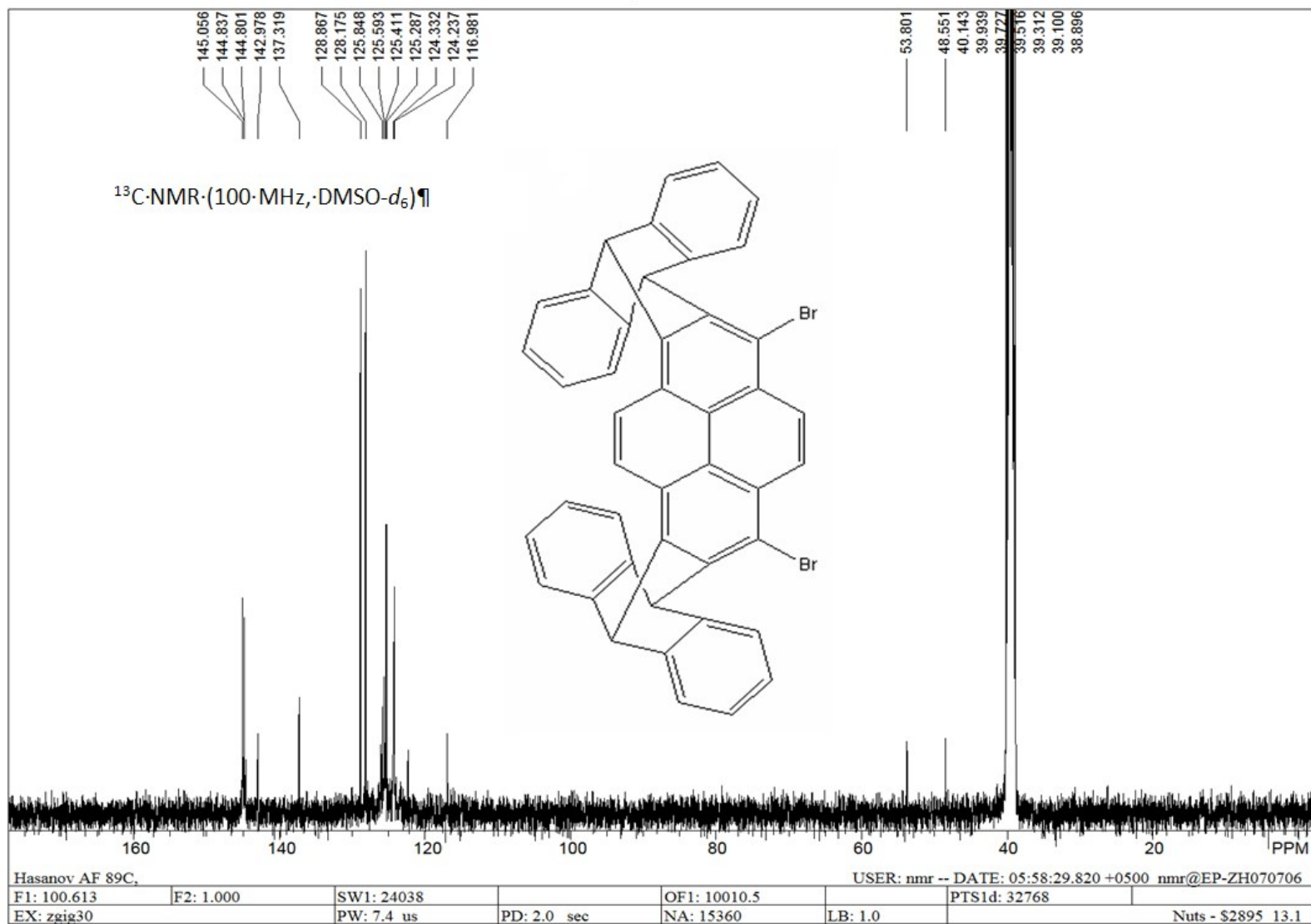


Fig. S79  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz) of iptycene 2

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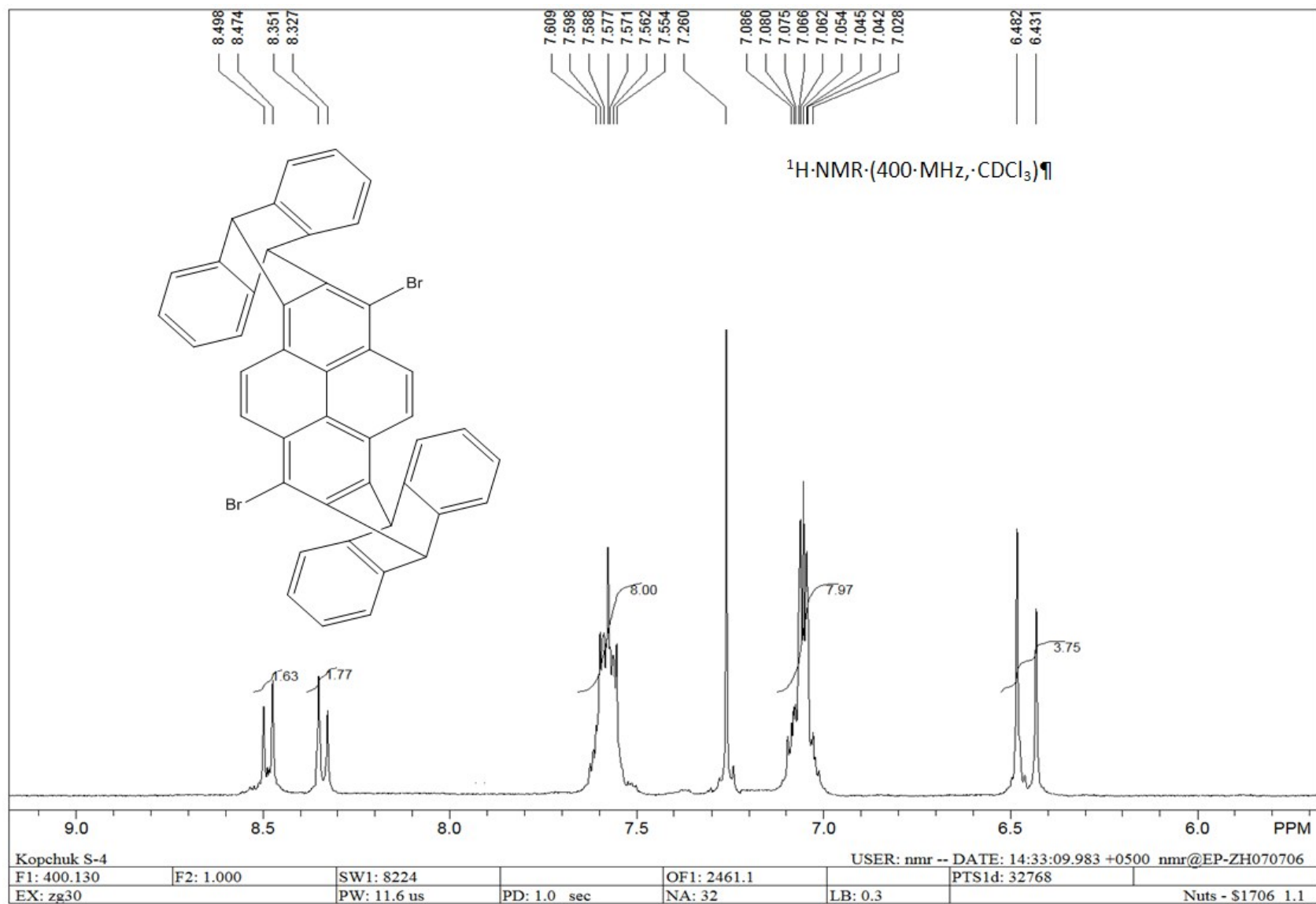


Fig. S80 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) of iptycene 3

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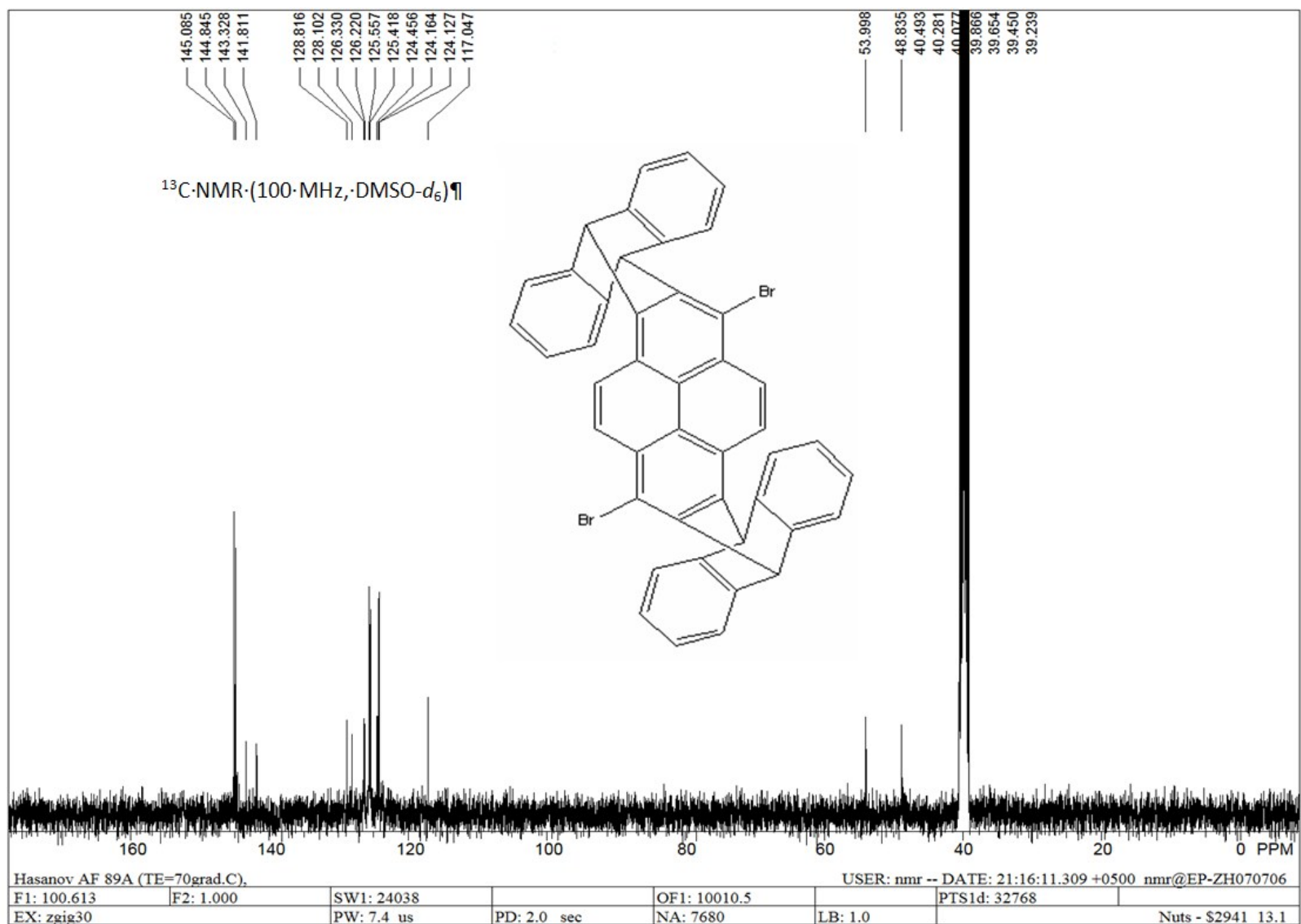


Fig. S81 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of fluorophore **3**

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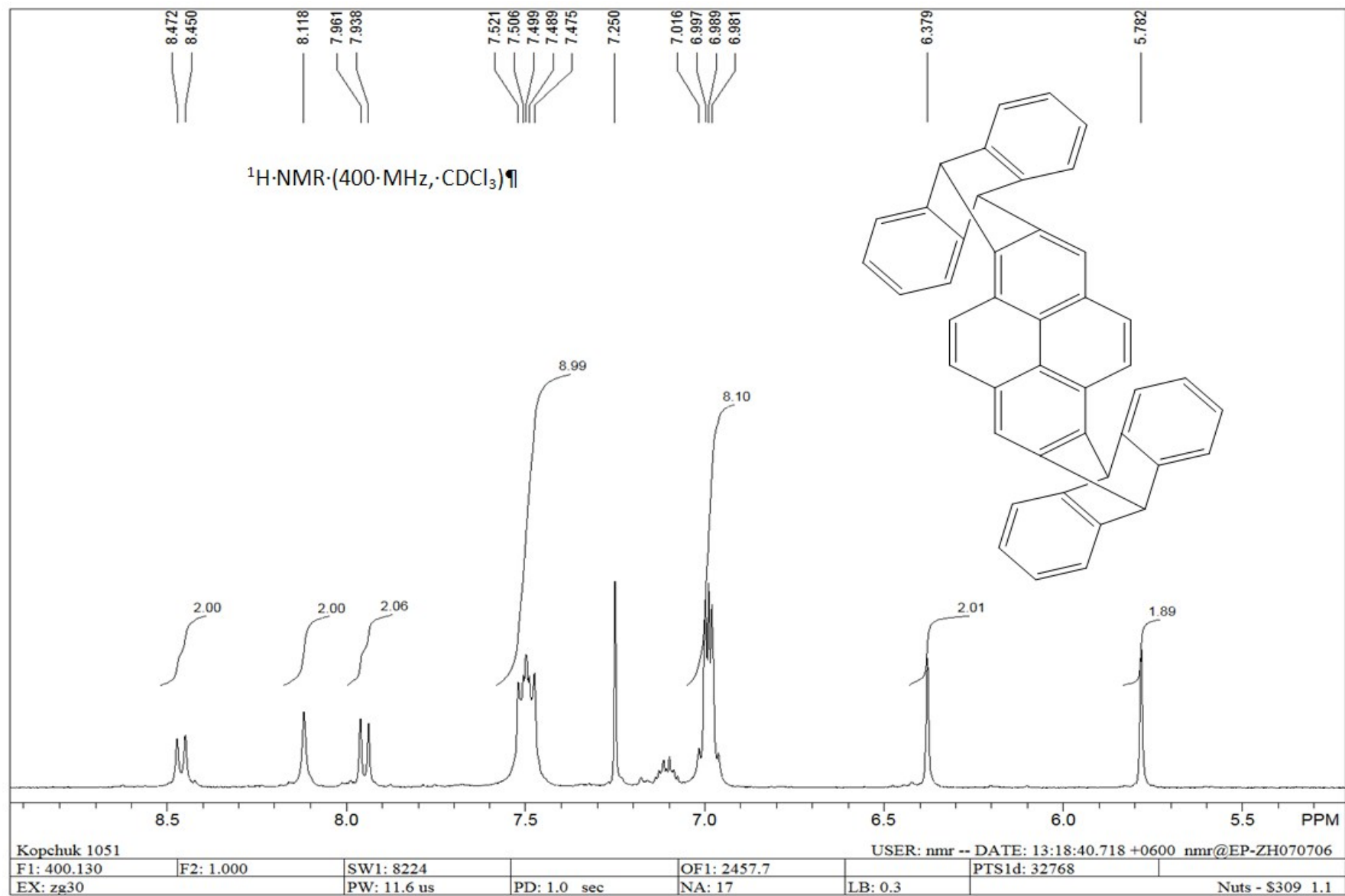


Fig. S82 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) of iptycene 4a

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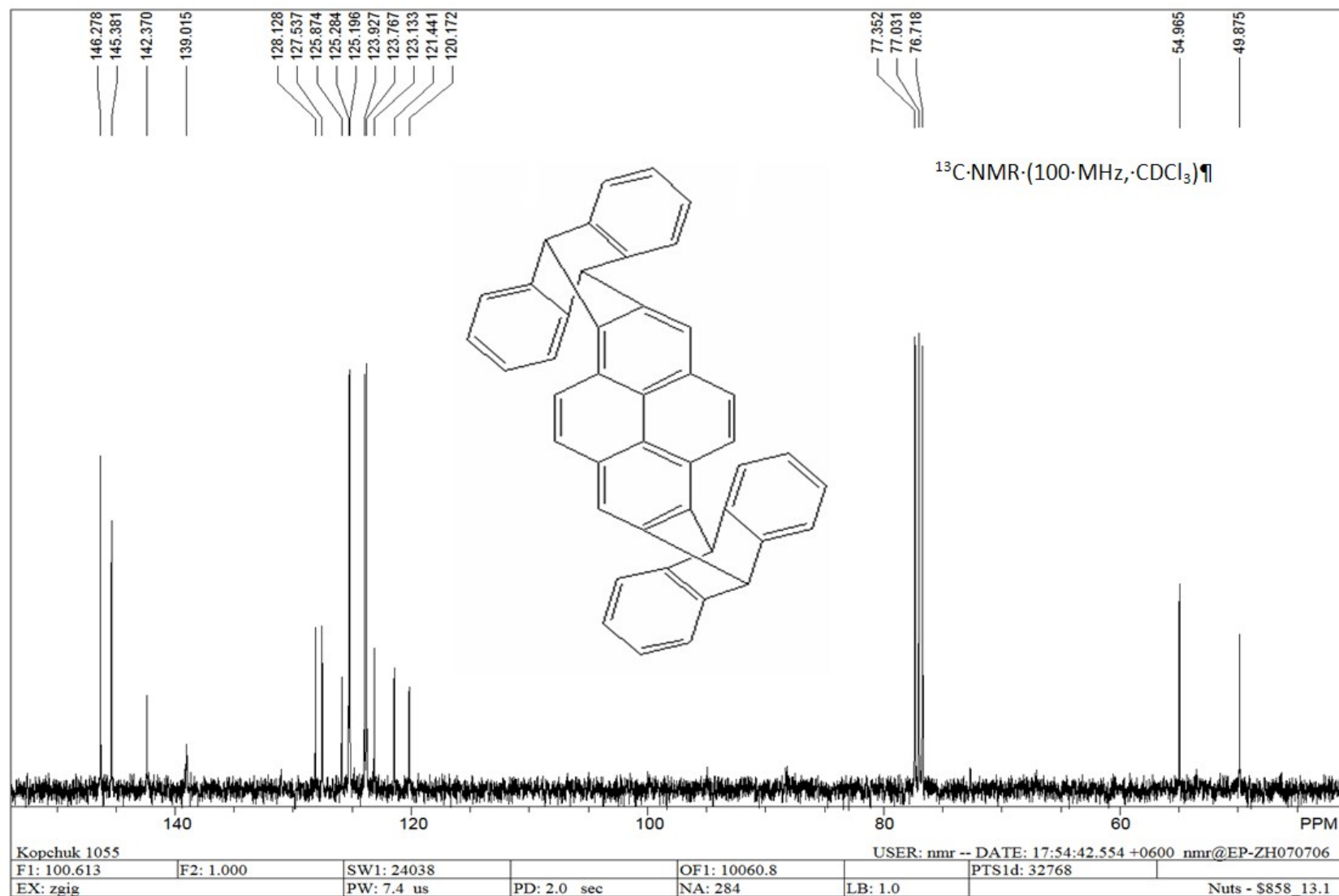


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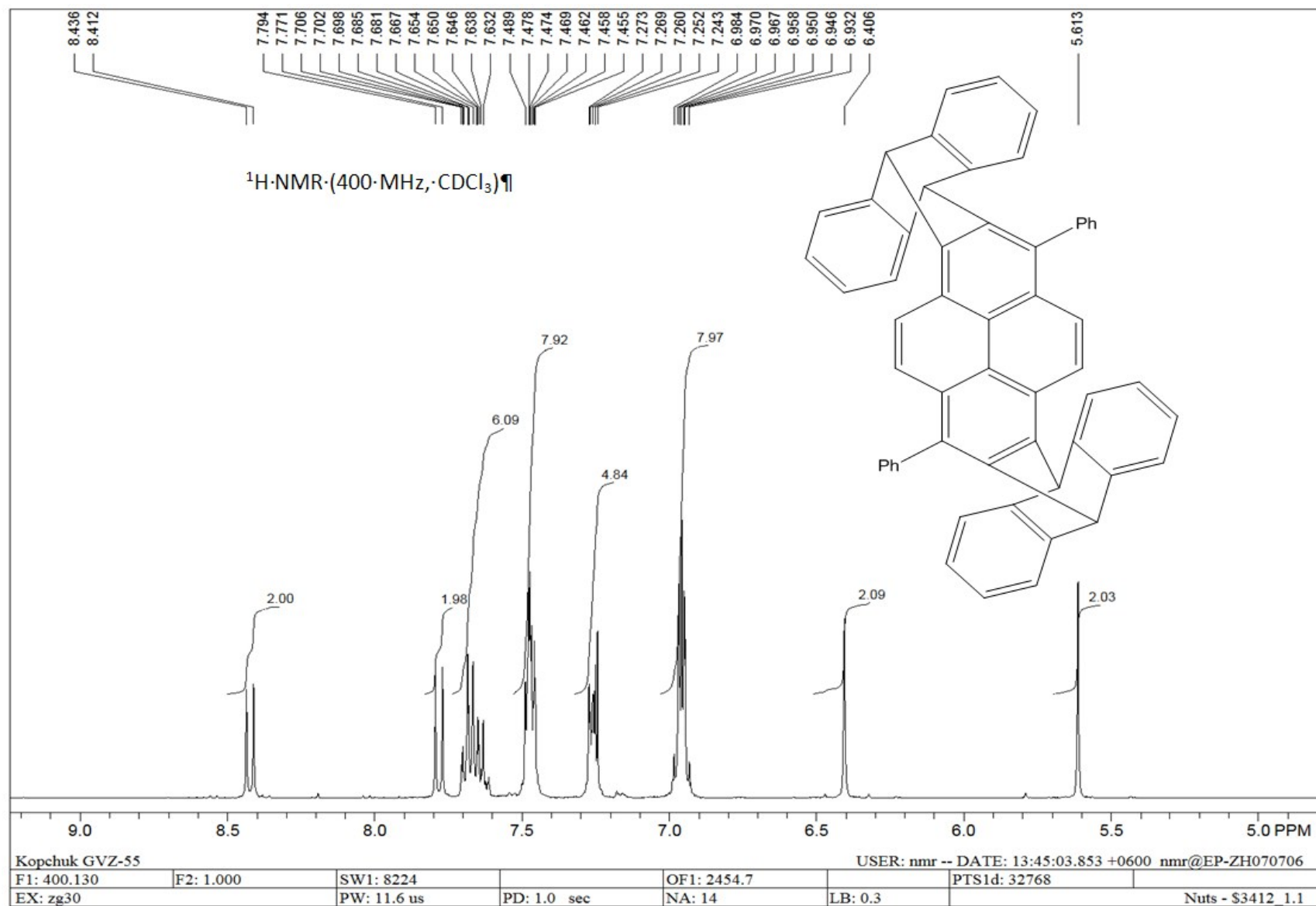


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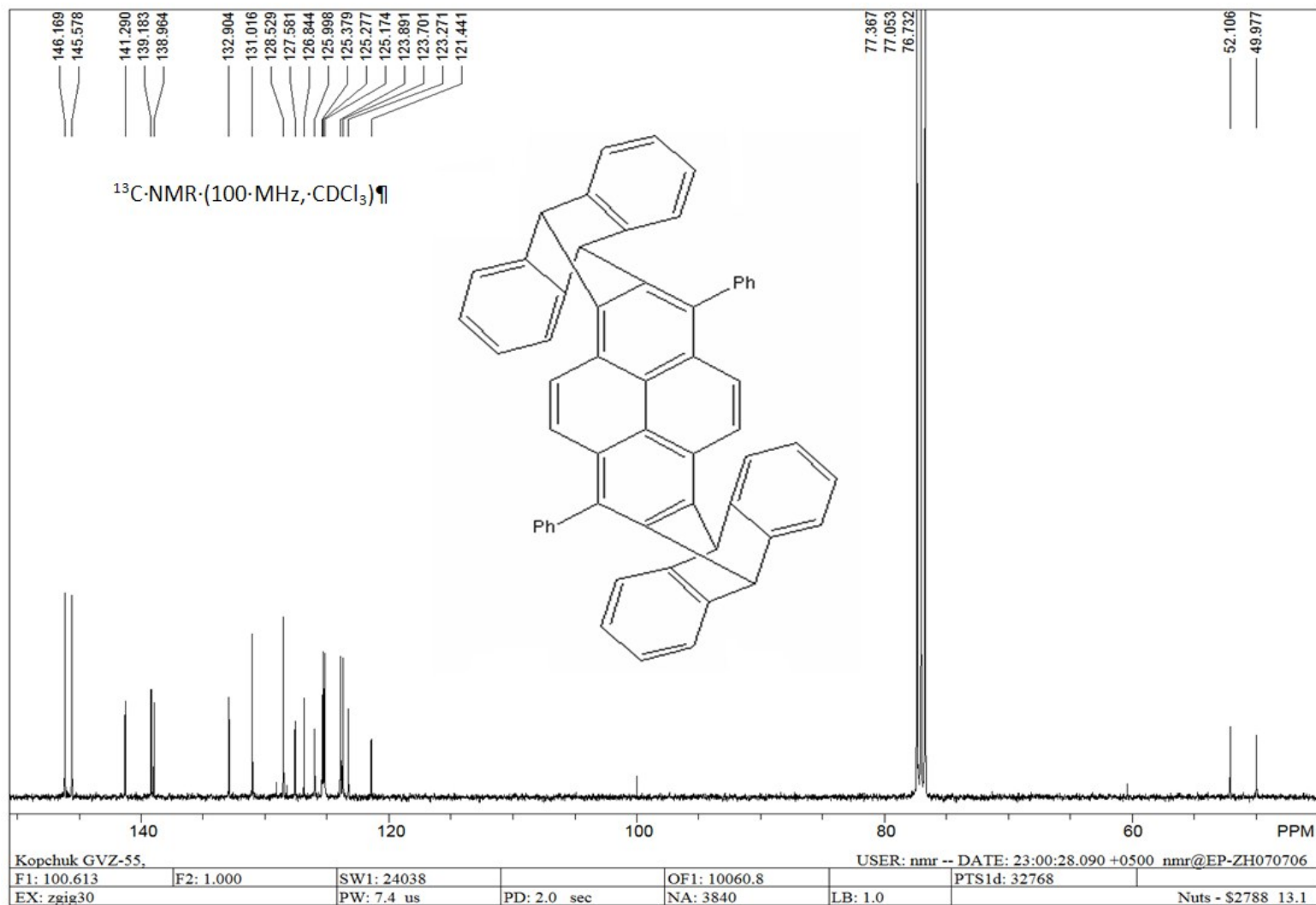


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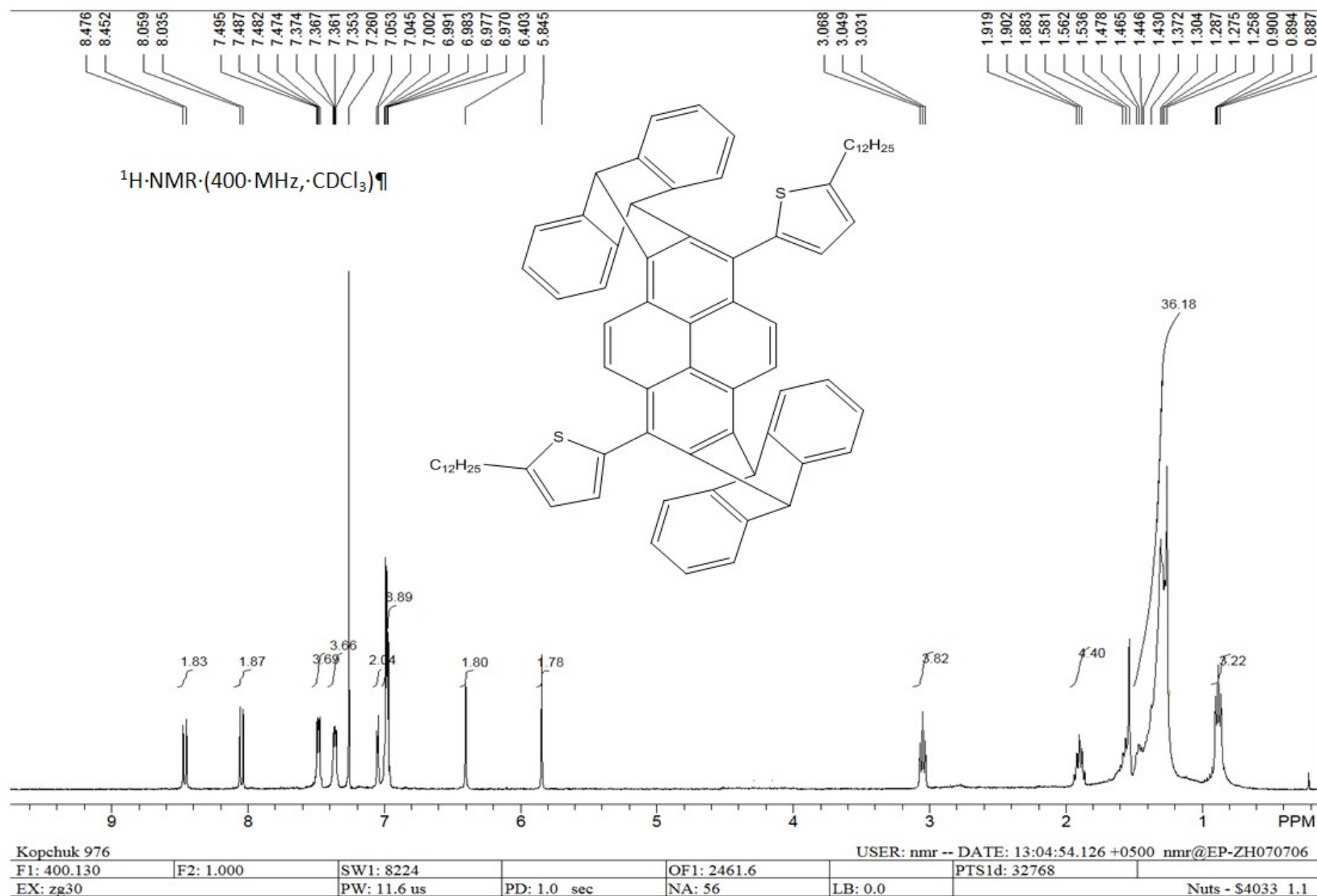


Fig. S86  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) of iptycene 4c

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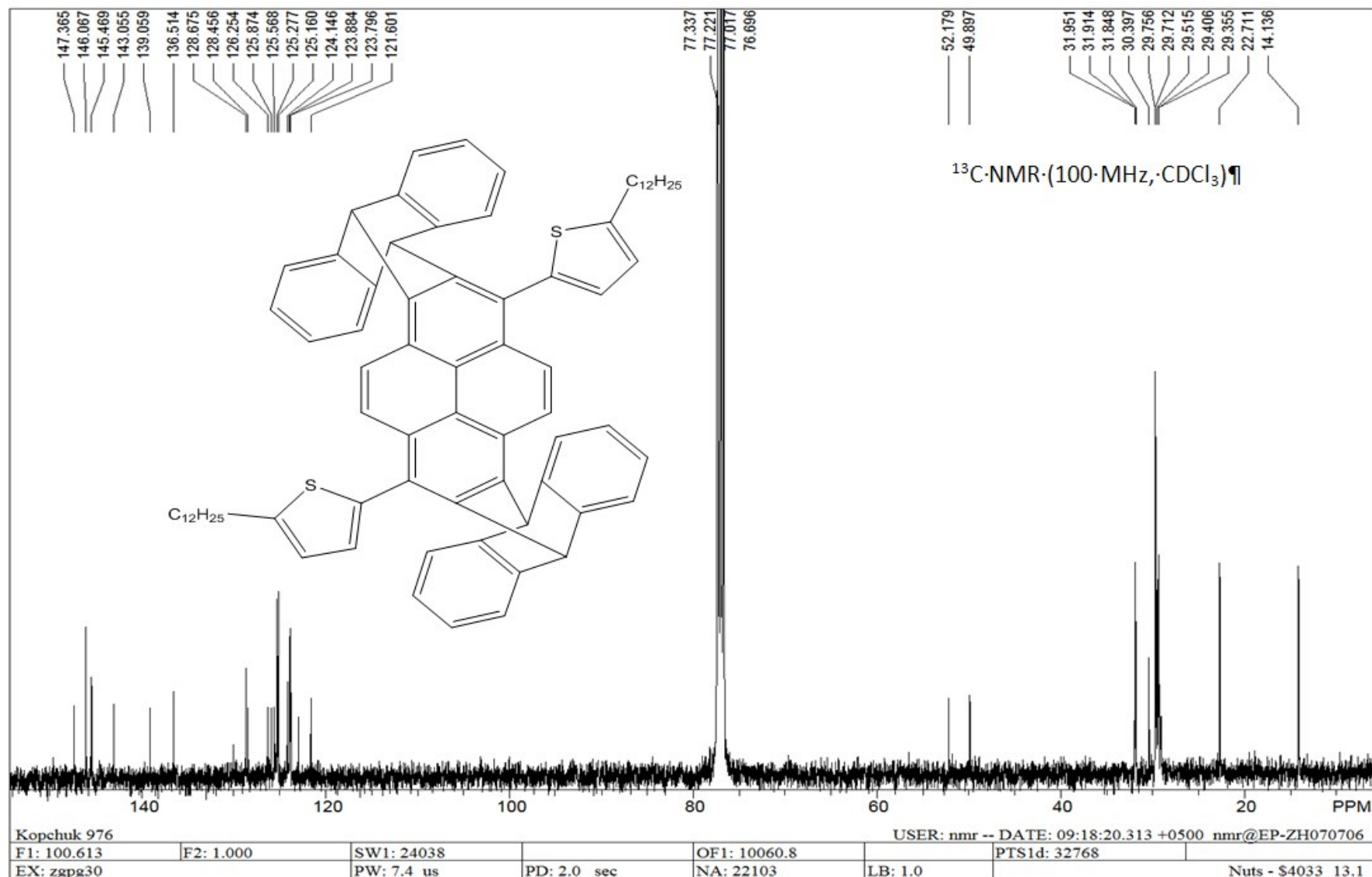
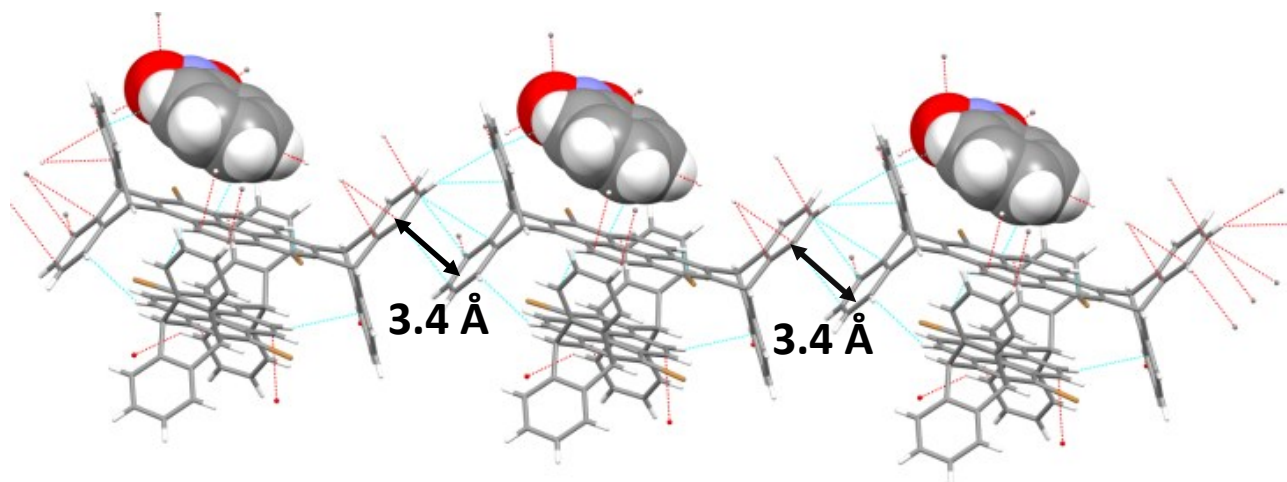
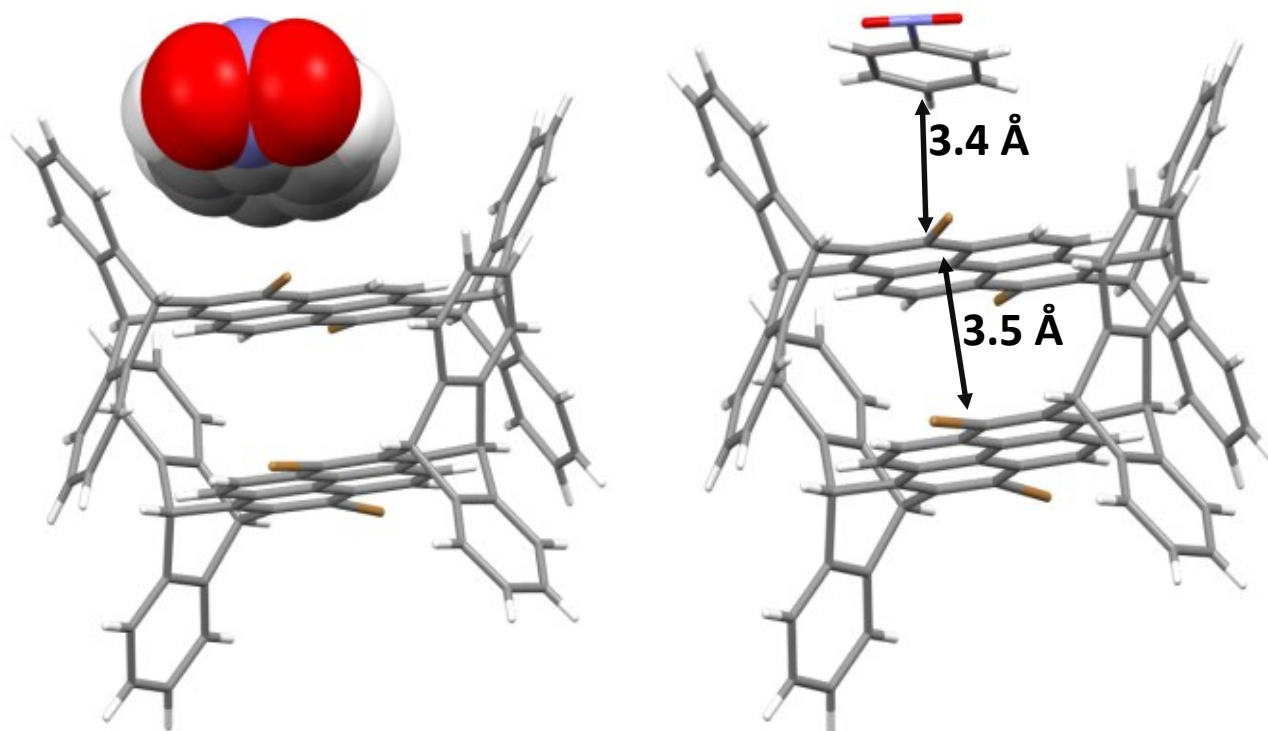


Fig. S87 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) iptycene 4c

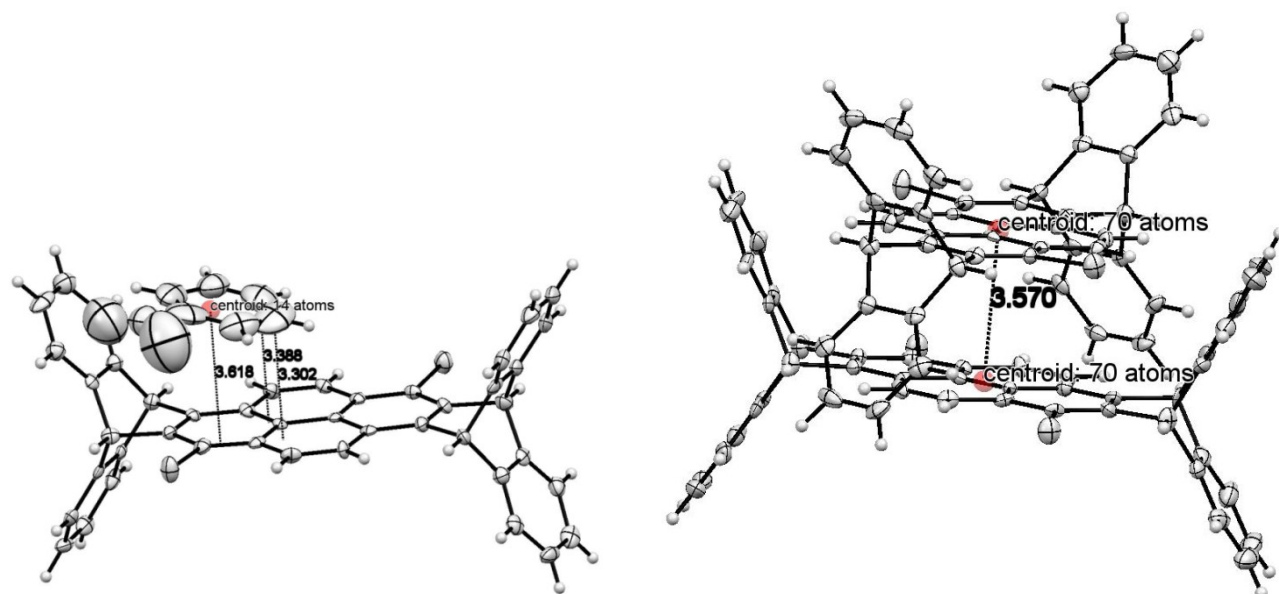
X-ray data for the complex “iptycene 3·nitrobenzene”



**Fig. S88.** The crystal packing of compound **3** crystallized from toluene-nitrobenzene solution. The interlunar distances between phenylene moieties are indicated.



**Fig. S89.** Molecular structure of “iptycene **3** nitrobenzene” complex. The interplanar distances between the pyrene moiety and nitrobenzene molecule are indicated.



**Fig. S90.** Molecular structure of “iptycene **3** nitrobenzene” complex. The interplanar distances between the pyrene moiety and nitrobenzene molecule are indicated.

The XRD analysis of complex «**3**\*PhNO<sub>2</sub>» was performed on a Xcalibur 3 diffractometer on standard procedure (MoK-irradiation, graphite monochromator,  $\omega$ -scans, step 1°). The crystal was kept at 150(2) K during data collection. Using SHELXTL2 [1], the structure was solved with the ShelXS [1] structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the ShelXL [1] refinement package using Least Squares minimization in anisotropic approximation for non-hydrogen atoms. H-atoms were added in the calculated positions and were included in the refinement in the “rider” model.

**Crystal Data.** Crystal size 0.167x0.086x0.023 mm<sup>-1</sup>, system is triclinic, space group P-1,  $a$ = 13.0874(6) Å,  $b$ = 15.5471(12) Å,  $c$ = 22.686(2) Å,  $\alpha$ = 70.666(7)°,  $\beta$ = 88.978(8)°,  $\gamma$ = 67.069(6)°,  $V$ = 3978.5(5) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z$ = 1,  $\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ )= 2.085 mm<sup>-1</sup>. On the angles 2.61 <  $\Theta$  < 26.37° 33893 reflections measured, 15642 unique ( $R_{\text{int}}$  = 0.0535) and 7584 with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$ = 0.1166,  $wR_2$ = 0.1024 (all data) and  $R_1$ = 0.0479,  $wR_2$ = 0.0963 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ). Goodness-of-fit on  $F^2$  1.019, largest diff. peak/hole /  $\bar{e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  0.984/-0.589.

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**Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for 3•C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>**

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Cell_length_c	22.686(2)
Cell_angle_alpha	70.666(7)
Cell_angle_beta	88.978(8)
Cell_angle_gamma	67.069(6)
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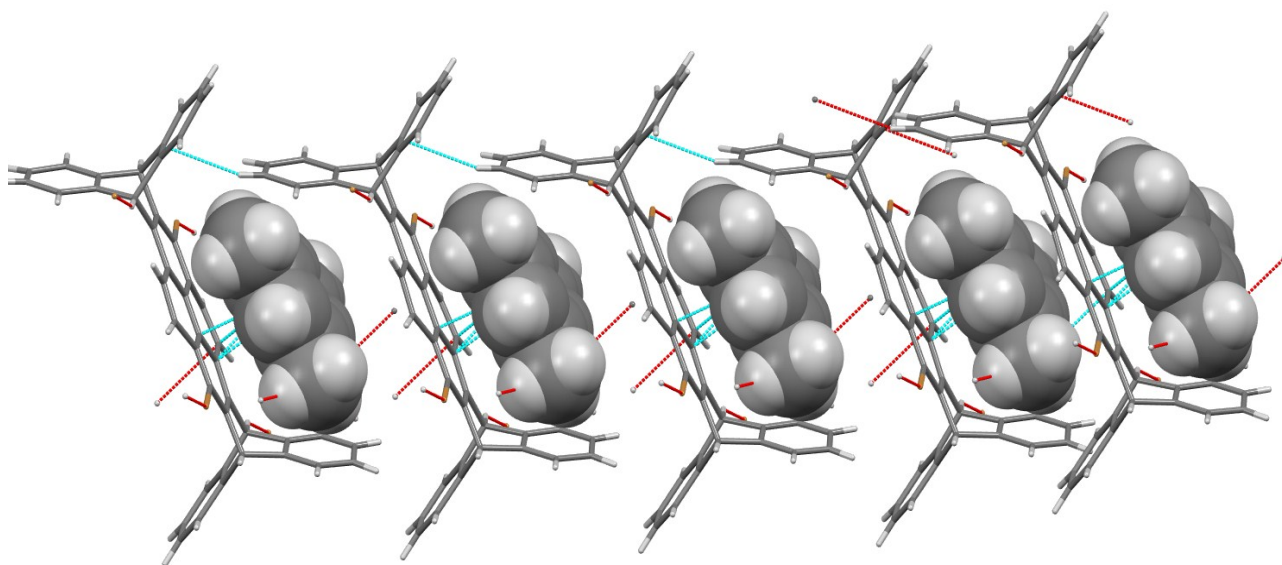
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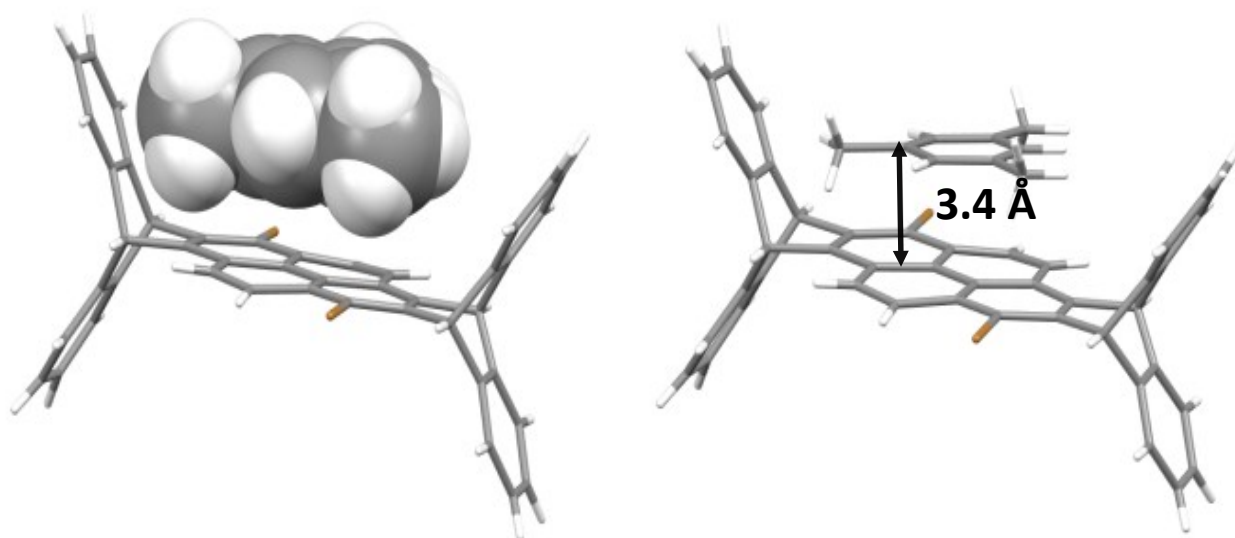
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Analytical numeric absorption correction using a multifaceted crystal model based on expressions derived by R.C. Clark & J.S. Reid.<sup>1</sup>

X-ray data for the complex “iptycene 3·mesitylene”



**Fig. S91.** The crystal packing of compound **3** crystallized from mesitylene solution.



**Fig. S92.** Molecular structure of “iptycene **3** mesitylene” complex. The interplanar distance between the pyrene moiety and mesitylene molecule is indicated.

**Experimental.**

Single crystals of  $C_{53}H_{36}Br_2$  were crystallized from 2,4,6-trimethylbenzene. The XRD experiment was accomplished on an “Xcalibur 3” diffractometer on standard procedure (MoK irradiation, graphite monochromator,  $\omega$ -scans with  $1^\circ$  step). The crystal was kept at 295(2) K during data collection. Empirical absorption correction was applied. Using Olex2,<sup>2</sup> the structure was solved with the olex2.solve<sup>3</sup> structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the ShelXL<sup>4</sup> refinement package using Least Squares minimization in anisotropic approximation for non-hydrogen atoms. The H-atoms were added in

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the calculated positions and were included in the refinement in the “rider” model. Results of the XRD analysis are presented below.

**Crystal Data.**  $C_{53}H_{36}Br_2$ ,  $M=832.64$ , triclinic,  $a = 8.3886(7) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 9.0069(8) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 14.5283(13) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 76.634(8)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 89.729(7)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 64.661(8)^\circ$ ,  $V = 959.66(14) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $T = 295(2)$ , space group P1 (no. 1),  $Z = 1$ ,  $\mu(\text{Mo K}\alpha) = 2.150 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ , 7107 reflections measured, 5001 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0306$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $wR_2$  was 0.1536 (all data) and  $R_1$  was 0.0509 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ).

**Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement.**

Empirical formula	$C_{53}H_{36}Br_2$
Formula weight	832.64
Temperature/K	295(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P1
$a/\text{\AA}$	8.3886(7)
$b/\text{\AA}$	9.0069(8)
$c/\text{\AA}$	14.5283(13)
$\alpha/^\circ$	76.634(8)
$\beta/^\circ$	89.729(7)
$\gamma/^\circ$	64.661(8)
Volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$	959.66(14)
$Z$	1
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{mg}/\text{mm}^3$	1.441
$m/\text{mm}^{-1}$	2.150
$F(000)$	424.0
Crystal size/ $\text{mm}^3$	$0.25 \times 0.2 \times 0.15$
$2\Theta$ range for data collection	5.18 to $52.74^\circ$
Index ranges	$-9 \leq h \leq 10$ , $-11 \leq k \leq 11$ , $-18 \leq l \leq 13$
Reflections collected	7107
Independent reflections	5001 [ $R(\text{int}) = 0.0306$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	5001/330/497
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.006
Final R indexes [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1 = 0.0509$ , $wR_2 = 0.1305$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0751$ , $wR_2 = 0.1536$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$	0.55/-0.46



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**Table S5. Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ).  $U_{\text{eq}}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{\text{IJ}}$  tensor.**

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U(\text{eq})$
Br1	5456.3 (8)	7454.0 (8)	9322.8 (6)	55.9 (4)
Br2	7444.1 (8)	1496.9 (7)	4494.5 (6)	54.0 (4)
C1	6528 (15)	6655 (17)	2972 (9)	32 (3)
C2	6382 (15)	7915 (15)	3425 (10)	35 (3)
C3	5095 (16)	9568 (17)	3011 (10)	38 (3)
C4	3954 (18)	9834 (19)	2225 (11)	48 (4)
C5	4038 (18)	8590 (20)	1776 (12)	56 (4)
C6	5324 (18)	6961 (19)	2160 (12)	50 (4)
C7	7943 (17)	4846 (18)	3551 (11)	47 (4)
C8	9628 (17)	5175 (19)	3525 (11)	47 (4)
C9	11242 (19)	4210 (20)	3187 (12)	59 (4)
C10	12601 (18)	4680 (20)	3273 (13)	64 (4)
C11	12400 (20)	5930 (30)	3742 (15)	84 (6)
C12	10813 (17)	6905 (18)	4074 (10)	51 (3)
C13	9470 (17)	6502 (17)	3958 (10)	43 (3)
C14	7588 (17)	7304 (18)	4241 (11)	43 (4)
C15	7314 (15)	5876 (14)	4955 (10)	28 (3)
C16	7472 (14)	4677 (15)	4546 (9)	31 (3)
C17	7254 (16)	3271 (16)	5092 (11)	36 (3)
C18	6862 (16)	3145 (16)	6001 (11)	37 (3)
C19	6378 (16)	1885 (15)	6577 (10)	38 (3)
C20	6098 (17)	1724 (15)	7497 (9)	34 (3)
C21	5997 (16)	3051 (17)	7919 (10)	37 (3)
C22	6276 (15)	4444 (15)	7364 (11)	35 (3)
C23	6688 (15)	4509 (15)	6411 (10)	31 (3)
C24	6956 (16)	5882 (15)	5877 (11)	35 (3)
C25	6790 (20)	7170 (20)	6367 (13)	57 (4)
C26	6276 (18)	7227 (18)	7245 (10)	43 (3)
C27	6160 (16)	5787 (16)	7788 (10)	33 (3)
C28	5723 (17)	5683 (17)	8758 (11)	38 (3)
C29	5397 (16)	4418 (16)	9281 (10)	34 (3)
C30	5600 (15)	2920 (17)	8890 (11)	38 (3)
C31	5244 (15)	1619 (14)	9545 (10)	30 (3)
C32	6637 (15)	1078 (16)	10469 (9)	34 (3)
C33	7931 (18)	-530 (20)	10846 (12)	49 (4)
C34	8990 (20)	-910 (20)	11659 (13)	59 (5)
C35	8742 (19)	450 (20)	12009 (12)	55 (4)
C36	7418 (17)	2106 (18)	11625 (11)	47 (3)
C37	6438 (17)	2429 (17)	10836 (11)	37 (3)
C38	4965 (15)	4039 (15)	10330 (9)	35 (3)
C39	3262 (17)	3887 (17)	10247 (10)	40 (3)
C40	1690 (20)	4790 (20)	10570 (13)	64 (5)

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C41	230 (20)	4460 (20)	10441 (15)	76 (5)
C42	382 (17)	3140 (20)	10112 (12)	67 (4)
C43	1955 (17)	2268 (19)	9773 (12)	60 (4)
C44	3436 (15)	2610 (17)	9866 (10)	42 (3)
C1S	11620 (20)	-940 (30)	6483 (15)	123 (7)
C2S	11988 (18)	272 (18)	5863 (11)	89 (4)
C3S	11849 (18)	1776 (19)	6071 (12)	105 (5)
C4S	11259 (15)	2205 (17)	6927 (11)	97 (4)
C5S	10835 (16)	1023 (19)	7553 (11)	106 (4)
C6S	11090 (20)	-530 (20)	7346 (15)	95 (5)
C7S	10650 (30)	-1860 (30)	8010 (17)	191 (11)
C8S	12519 (14)	-139 (17)	4974 (9)	86 (4)
C9S	11038 (17)	3854 (18)	7110 (13)	123 (6)

**Table S6. Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ). The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2[h^2a^*^2U_{11}+\dots+2hka \times b \times U_{12}]$ .**

Atom	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{23}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{12}$
Br1	91.1 (10)	42.4 (8)	43.4 (10)	-21.0 (8)	14.1 (8)	-32.7 (7)
Br2	92.1 (10)	38.1 (8)	43.3 (10)	-18.6 (7)	12.8 (7)	-34.9 (7)
C1	38 (5)	36 (5)	20 (5)	-5 (4)	3 (4)	-15 (4)
C2	46 (5)	28 (5)	36 (6)	-9 (4)	19 (4)	-20 (4)
C3	51 (5)	31 (5)	31 (5)	-7 (4)	13 (4)	-18 (4)
C4	47 (6)	35 (6)	38 (6)	7 (5)	-1 (5)	-5 (4)
C5	43 (5)	57 (7)	44 (7)	5 (6)	-8 (5)	-8 (5)
C6	58 (6)	53 (7)	49 (7)	-16 (6)	0 (5)	-33 (5)
C7	58 (6)	43 (6)	41 (7)	-7 (5)	-11 (5)	-25 (5)
C8	43 (6)	45 (6)	42 (7)	-3 (5)	6 (5)	-13 (5)
C9	54 (6)	54 (7)	48 (7)	-6 (6)	10 (5)	-9 (5)
C10	45 (6)	65 (7)	58 (7)	0 (6)	14 (5)	-10 (5)
C11	50 (7)	98 (9)	93 (10)	10 (7)	-6 (6)	-41 (6)
C12	59 (6)	56 (6)	36 (6)	0 (5)	10 (5)	-30 (5)
C13	49 (6)	41 (6)	33 (6)	-10 (5)	3 (4)	-15 (4)
C14	54 (6)	44 (7)	38 (7)	-23 (5)	12 (5)	-24 (5)
C15	47 (5)	16 (4)	25 (5)	3 (4)	7 (4)	-21 (4)
C16	34 (5)	26 (5)	27 (6)	-3 (4)	6 (4)	-11 (4)
C17	53 (6)	24 (5)	31 (6)	-15 (5)	8 (5)	-13 (4)
C18	46 (5)	21 (5)	46 (7)	-4 (5)	7 (5)	-18 (4)
C19	64 (5)	24 (5)	40 (6)	-17 (4)	12 (4)	-26 (4)
C20	67 (6)	20 (5)	18 (5)	3 (4)	9 (4)	-26 (4)
C21	42 (5)	37 (6)	27 (6)	-10 (5)	-2 (4)	-12 (4)
C22	46 (5)	24 (6)	35 (6)	-12 (5)	1 (5)	-15 (4)
C23	49 (6)	21 (5)	25 (6)	2 (4)	7 (4)	-20 (4)
C24	53 (6)	20 (5)	42 (7)	-10 (5)	11 (5)	-25 (4)

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C25	79 (7)	46 (7)	63 (9)	-25 (6)	9 (6)	-39 (6)
C26	70 (6)	36 (5)	28 (6)	-14 (5)	8 (4)	-25 (4)
C27	47 (5)	28 (5)	26 (6)	-10 (5)	3 (4)	-19 (4)
C28	50 (6)	37 (6)	35 (7)	-13 (5)	-2 (5)	-24 (5)
C29	54 (6)	24 (5)	29 (6)	-8 (4)	1 (4)	-20 (4)
C30	36 (5)	40 (6)	36 (7)	-11 (5)	2 (4)	-14 (4)
C31	43 (5)	22 (5)	28 (6)	3 (4)	2 (4)	-22 (4)
C32	37 (5)	38 (5)	25 (5)	-1 (4)	-2 (4)	-20 (4)
C33	53 (6)	42 (6)	52 (7)	-5 (5)	4 (5)	-23 (5)
C34	54 (6)	57 (8)	50 (8)	2 (6)	2 (5)	-17 (6)
C35	59 (6)	65 (8)	42 (7)	-3 (6)	-11 (5)	-35 (6)
C36	55 (6)	47 (6)	32 (6)	-7 (5)	8 (5)	-19 (5)
C37	49 (5)	34 (5)	35 (6)	-10 (4)	14 (4)	-25 (4)
C38	52 (5)	21 (5)	27 (5)	-7 (4)	21 (4)	-12 (4)
C39	49 (6)	32 (5)	28 (6)	3 (4)	9 (4)	-13 (4)
C40	68 (7)	52 (7)	53 (8)	-1 (6)	23 (6)	-15 (5)
C41	48 (6)	78 (8)	76 (8)	5 (6)	20 (6)	-16 (6)
C42	40 (6)	85 (8)	56 (7)	9 (6)	0 (5)	-22 (5)
C43	51 (6)	68 (7)	62 (8)	-2 (6)	-13 (5)	-35 (5)
C44	40 (5)	45 (6)	40 (6)	10 (5)	3 (4)	-27 (4)
C1S	111 (10)	125 (11)	117 (11)	-8 (8)	-21 (7)	-47 (8)
C2S	79 (7)	74 (7)	94 (8)	-18 (7)	-16 (6)	-18 (5)
C3S	83 (7)	109 (8)	111 (9)	-16 (7)	-10 (6)	-37 (6)
C4S	70 (6)	112 (8)	95 (8)	-17 (7)	-17 (5)	-30 (6)
C5S	77 (6)	138 (9)	86 (8)	-23 (7)	-12 (5)	-34 (6)
C6S	82 (7)	81 (8)	103 (9)	-17 (7)	-26 (6)	-21 (6)
C7S	113 (13)	230 (20)	168 (18)	56 (15)	-58 (12)	-74 (14)
C8S	64 (6)	97 (8)	86 (9)	-24 (7)	7 (5)	-24 (5)
C9S	87 (8)	121 (12)	141 (13)	-49 (10)	-24 (8)	-19 (7)

**Table S7. Bond Lengths.**

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
Br1	C28	1.888 (13)	C24	C25	1.450 (17)
Br2	C17	1.937 (12)	C25	C26	1.35 (2)
C1	C2	1.400 (17)	C26	C27	1.396 (18)
C1	C6	1.452 (17)	C27	C28	1.45 (2)
C1	C7	1.578 (18)	C28	C29	1.347 (19)
C2	C3	1.400 (17)	C29	C30	1.526 (17)
C2	C14	1.403 (18)	C29	C38	1.559 (18)
C3	C4	1.402 (18)	C30	C31	1.466 (17)
C4	C5	1.40 (2)	C31	C32	1.622 (16)
C5	C6	1.38 (2)	C31	C44	1.530 (17)
C7	C8	1.562 (19)	C32	C33	1.366 (18)

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C7	C16	1.49(2)	C32	C37	1.385(17)
C8	C9	1.420(19)	C33	C34	1.36(2)
C8	C13	1.433(19)	C34	C35	1.36(2)
C9	C10	1.40(2)	C35	C36	1.41(2)
C10	C11	1.40(2)	C36	C37	1.313(18)
C11	C12	1.40(2)	C37	C38	1.467(18)
C12	C13	1.345(19)	C38	C39	1.500(18)
C13	C14	1.529(18)	C39	C40	1.369(19)
C14	C15	1.555(18)	C39	C44	1.342(18)
C15	C16	1.308(17)	C40	C41	1.40(2)
C15	C24	1.372(19)	C41	C42	1.34(2)
C16	C17	1.414(19)	C42	C43	1.374(19)
C17	C18	1.35(2)	C43	C44	1.416(17)
C18	C19	1.451(17)	C1S	C2S	1.391(17)
C18	C23	1.438(17)	C1S	C6S	1.404(15)
C19	C20	1.341(18)	C2S	C3S	1.412(15)
C20	C21	1.437(17)	C2S	C8S	1.442(15)
C21	C22	1.435(19)	C3S	C4S	1.411(15)
C21	C30	1.437(19)	C4S	C5S	1.401(15)
C22	C23	1.419(8)	C4S	C9S	1.502(14)
C22	C27	1.448(16)	C5S	C6S	1.425(16)
C23	C24	1.406(17)	C6S	C7S	1.524(18)

**Table S8. Bond Angles.**

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C2	C1	C6	123.2(12)	C26	C25	C24	126.6(16)
C2	C1	C7	111.3(11)	C25	C26	C27	116.4(13)
C6	C1	C7	124.8(12)	C26	C27	C22	120.8(13)
C1	C2	C3	117.0(12)	C26	C27	C28	120.8(12)
C1	C2	C14	113.5(12)	C28	C27	C22	118.0(13)
C3	C2	C14	129.5(12)	C27	C28	Br1	119.5(11)
C2	C3	C4	118.5(12)	C29	C28	Br1	116.8(11)
C5	C4	C3	125.4(13)	C29	C28	C27	123.5(12)
C6	C5	C4	116.8(13)	C28	C29	C30	120.6(13)
C5	C6	C1	118.7(14)	C28	C29	C38	131.7(12)
C8	C7	C1	99.4(11)	C30	C29	C38	107.4(11)
C16	C7	C1	105.5(11)	C21	C30	C29	115.3(13)
C16	C7	C8	107.3(11)	C21	C30	C31	129.9(13)
C9	C8	C7	125.5(15)	C31	C30	C29	114.7(12)
C9	C8	C13	121.0(14)	C30	C31	C32	102.4(10)
C13	C8	C7	113.3(12)	C30	C31	C44	104.5(10)
C10	C9	C8	115.5(16)	C44	C31	C32	104.0(11)
C9	C10	C11	121.0(14)	C33	C32	C31	124.6(11)

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C10	C11	C12	123.7 (15)	C33	C32	C37	122.0 (12)
C13	C12	C11	115.5 (15)	C37	C32	C31	113.4 (11)
C8	C13	C14	108.6 (12)	C34	C33	C32	121.1 (14)
C12	C13	C8	123.0 (13)	C35	C34	C33	115.2 (16)
C12	C13	C14	128.5 (14)	C34	C35	C36	124.0 (14)
C2	C14	C13	108.6 (12)	C37	C36	C35	119.0 (15)
C2	C14	C15	109.3 (11)	C32	C37	C38	113.2 (12)
C13	C14	C15	107.2 (11)	C36	C37	C32	118.1 (14)
C16	C15	C14	110.0 (12)	C36	C37	C38	128.2 (13)
C16	C15	C24	125.3 (12)	C37	C38	C29	106.5 (10)
C24	C15	C14	124.7 (11)	C37	C38	C39	112.2 (11)
C15	C16	C7	118.0 (12)	C39	C38	C29	103.9 (11)
C15	C16	C17	117.7 (12)	C40	C39	C38	127.8 (14)
C17	C16	C7	124.2 (11)	C44	C39	C38	112.3 (11)
C16	C17	Br2	118.5 (10)	C44	C39	C40	119.7 (14)
C18	C17	Br2	118.9 (11)	C39	C40	C41	120.3 (18)
C18	C17	C16	122.6 (12)	C42	C41	C40	121.2 (16)
C17	C18	C19	126.8 (12)	C41	C42	C43	117.5 (15)
C17	C18	C23	117.2 (13)	C42	C43	C44	121.7 (15)
C23	C18	C19	115.5 (13)	C39	C44	C31	117.1 (11)
C20	C19	C18	125.7 (12)	C39	C44	C43	118.9 (13)
C19	C20	C21	117.8 (12)	C43	C44	C31	123.9 (13)
C22	C21	C20	119.5 (12)	C2S	C1S	C6S	114 (2)
C22	C21	C30	122.9 (13)	C1S	C2S	C3S	123.7 (18)
C30	C21	C20	117.6 (13)	C1S	C2S	C8S	113.7 (14)
C21	C22	C27	119.4 (14)	C3S	C2S	C8S	122.6 (16)
C23	C22	C21	121.0 (8)	C4S	C3S	C2S	122.3 (15)
C23	C22	C27	119.6 (10)	C3S	C4S	C9S	121.3 (15)
C22	C23	C18	119.6 (9)	C5S	C4S	C3S	114.9 (13)
C24	C23	C18	120.2 (14)	C5S	C4S	C9S	123.7 (15)
C24	C23	C22	120.3 (9)	C4S	C5S	C6S	121.3 (16)
C15	C24	C23	116.9 (12)	C1S	C6S	C5S	124 (2)
C15	C24	C25	127.5 (13)	C1S	C6S	C7S	112.8 (17)
C23	C24	C25	115.5 (14)	C5S	C6S	C7S	123 (2)

**Table S9. Torsion Angles.**

A	B	C	D	Angle/°
Br1	C28	C29	C30	-179.2 (8)
Br1	C28	C29	C38	-6 (2)
Br2	C17	C18	C19	-6.7 (18)
Br2	C17	C18	C23	-178.4 (8)
C1	C2	C3	C4	5.0 (18)
C1	C2	C14	C13	58.8 (15)

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C1	C2	C14	C15	-57.8	(14)
C1	C7	C8	C9	-125.0	(15)
C1	C7	C8	C13	60.0	(15)
C1	C7	C16	C15	-53.5	(14)
C1	C7	C16	C17	129.1	(12)
C2	C1	C6	C5	4	(2)
C2	C1	C7	C8	-60.9	(14)
C2	C1	C7	C16	50.1	(14)
C2	C3	C4	C5	-3	(2)
C2	C14	C15	C16	56.2	(13)
C2	C14	C15	C24	-123.7	(14)
C3	C2	C14	C13	-120.8	(16)
C3	C2	C14	C15	122.6	(15)
C3	C4	C5	C6	2	(3)
C4	C5	C6	C1	-2	(3)
C6	C1	C2	C3	-5.5	(19)
C6	C1	C2	C14	174.8	(13)
C6	C1	C7	C8	128.4	(14)
C6	C1	C7	C16	-120.6	(14)
C7	C1	C2	C3	-176.5	(12)
C7	C1	C2	C14	3.9	(16)
C7	C1	C6	C5	173.8	(15)
C7	C8	C9	C10	-177.1	(15)
C7	C8	C13	C12	175.0	(14)
C7	C8	C13	C14	-5.0	(18)
C7	C16	C17	Br2	-3.6	(17)
C7	C16	C17	C18	178.6	(12)
C8	C7	C16	C15	51.8	(15)
C8	C7	C16	C17	-125.5	(13)
C8	C9	C10	C11	5	(3)
C8	C13	C14	C2	-58.0	(16)
C8	C13	C14	C15	60.0	(15)
C9	C8	C13	C12	0	(2)
C9	C8	C13	C14	179.8	(14)
C9	C10	C11	C12	-6	(3)
C10	C11	C12	C13	3	(3)
C11	C12	C13	C8	0	(2)
C11	C12	C13	C14	179.9	(14)
C12	C13	C14	C2	122.1	(16)
C12	C13	C14	C15	-120.0	(17)
C13	C8	C9	C10	-2	(2)
C13	C14	C15	C16	-61.3	(14)
C13	C14	C15	C24	118.8	(13)
C14	C2	C3	C4	-175.4	(15)
C14	C15	C16	C7	2.7	(15)

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C14 C15 C16 C17	-179.7 (10)
C14 C15 C24 C23	177.9 (11)
C14 C15 C24 C25	-1 (2)
C15 C16 C17 Br2	179.0 (9)
C15 C16 C17 C18	1.2 (19)
C15 C24 C25 C26	173.5 (15)
C16 C7 C8 C9	125.4 (15)
C16 C7 C8 C13	-49.5 (16)
C16 C15 C24 C23	-2 (2)
C16 C15 C24 C25	179.3 (13)
C16 C17 C18 C19	171.0 (12)
C16 C17 C18 C23	-0.7 (19)
C17 C18 C19 C20	175.8 (14)
C17 C18 C23 C22	179.9 (9)
C17 C18 C23 C24	-1.2 (19)
C18 C19 C20 C21	10 (2)
C18 C23 C24 C15	2.4 (19)
C18 C23 C24 C25	-178.7 (11)
C19 C18 C23 C22	7.3 (13)
C19 C18 C23 C24	-173.8 (12)
C19 C20 C21 C22	-2.8 (18)
C19 C20 C21 C30	176.7 (12)
C20 C21 C22 C23	-1.5 (15)
C20 C21 C22 C27	179.5 (10)
C20 C21 C30 C29	-176.4 (10)
C20 C21 C30 C31	-0.9 (19)
C21 C22 C23 C18	-1.1 (10)
C21 C22 C23 C24	180.0 (16)
C21 C22 C27 C26	-174.6 (12)
C21 C22 C27 C28	-1.4 (18)
C21 C30 C31 C32	127.4 (14)
C21 C30 C31 C44	-124.4 (14)
C22 C21 C30 C29	3.0 (18)
C22 C21 C30 C31	178.5 (11)
C22 C23 C24 C15	-178.7 (9)
C22 C23 C24 C25	0.2 (15)
C22 C27 C28 Br1	-177.3 (8)
C22 C27 C28 C29	-1 (2)
C23 C18 C19 C20	-12.4 (19)
C23 C22 C27 C26	6.4 (14)
C23 C22 C27 C28	179.6 (9)
C23 C24 C25 C26	-5 (2)
C24 C15 C16 C7	-177.3 (13)
C24 C15 C16 C17	0.2 (19)
C24 C25 C26 C27	10 (2)

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C25 C26 C27 C22	-10.5 (19)
C25 C26 C27 C28	176.5 (13)
C26 C27 C28 Br1	-4.1 (16)
C26 C27 C28 C29	172.3 (13)
C27 C22 C23 C18	177.9 (14)
C27 C22 C23 C24	-1.0 (10)
C27 C28 C29 C30	4 (2)
C27 C28 C29 C38	178.0 (12)
C28 C29 C30 C21	-5.2 (18)
C28 C29 C30 C31	178.6 (11)
C28 C29 C38 C37	-116.1 (16)
C28 C29 C38 C39	125.4 (15)
C29 C30 C31 C32	-57.0 (11)
C29 C30 C31 C44	51.2 (13)
C29 C38 C39 C40	-123.7 (15)
C29 C38 C39 C44	61.5 (15)
C30 C21 C22 C23	179.1 (9)
C30 C21 C22 C27	0.1 (19)
C30 C29 C38 C37	58.2 (13)
C30 C29 C38 C39	-60.3 (12)
C30 C31 C32 C33	-120.9 (15)
C30 C31 C32 C37	57.0 (13)
C30 C31 C44 C39	-54.9 (16)
C30 C31 C44 C43	124.3 (15)
C31 C32 C33 C34	-176.0 (14)
C31 C32 C37 C36	175.3 (12)
C31 C32 C37 C38	2.3 (16)
C32 C31 C44 C39	52.0 (15)
C32 C31 C44 C43	-128.7 (14)
C32 C33 C34 C35	-5 (2)
C32 C37 C38 C29	-61.1 (14)
C32 C37 C38 C39	51.9 (16)
C33 C32 C37 C36	-7 (2)
C33 C32 C37 C38	-179.8 (14)
C33 C34 C35 C36	5 (3)
C34 C35 C36 C37	-6 (3)
C35 C36 C37 C32	6 (2)
C35 C36 C37 C38	178.1 (15)
C36 C37 C38 C29	126.8 (15)
C36 C37 C38 C39	-120.2 (16)
C37 C32 C33 C34	6 (2)
C37 C38 C39 C40	121.6 (16)
C37 C38 C39 C44	-53.2 (17)
C38 C29 C30 C21	179.7 (11)
C38 C29 C30 C31	3.5 (14)



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C38 C39 C40 C41	-179.1 (16)
C38 C39 C44 C31	-3.0 (18)
C38 C39 C44 C43	177.7 (13)
C39 C40 C41 C42	8 (3)
C40 C39 C44 C31	-178.2 (12)
C40 C39 C44 C43	2 (2)
C40 C41 C42 C43	-9 (3)
C41 C42 C43 C44	7 (2)
C42 C43 C44 C31	177.0 (13)
C42 C43 C44 C39	-4 (2)
C44 C31 C32 C33	130.6 (15)
C44 C31 C32 C37	-51.5 (13)
C44 C39 C40 C41	-5 (2)
C1S C2S C3S C4S	-2 (2)
C2S C1S C6S C5S	4 (2)
C2S C1S C6S C7S	179.1 (19)
C2S C3S C4S C5S	0.4 (18)
C2S C3S C4S C9S	-177.0 (12)
C3S C4S C5S C6S	3.3 (17)
C4S C5S C6S C1S	-5.8 (19)
C4S C5S C6S C7S	179.6 (14)
C6S C1S C2S C3S	0 (2)
C6S C1S C2S C8S	-179.5 (10)
C8S C2S C3S C4S	177.3 (12)
C9S C4S C5S C6S	-179.5 (11)

**Table S10. Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ( $\text{\AA}\times 10^4$ ) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2\times 10^3$ ).**

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	U(eq)
H3	5000	10470	3252	45
H4	3066	10929	1981	57
H5	3264	8851	1244	67
H6	5419	6075	1904	60
H7	8046	3911	3281	57
H9	11383	3312	2925	71
H10	13655	4162	3015	77
H11	13381	6135	3839	100
H12	10695	7770	4356	61
H14	7434	8226	4535	51
H19	6252	1123	6282	46
H20	5973	784	7849	41
H25	7054	8036	6044	68
H26	6015	8177	7475	52
H31	5330	677	9286	36

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H33	8096	-1378	10542	59
H34	9811	-2006	11953	71
H35	9496	259	12534	65
H36	7241	2963	11926	56
H38	4823	4959	10624	42
H40	1591	5618	10876	77
H41	-874	5178	10588	91
H42	-540	2830	10111	80
H43	2050	1428	9476	72
H1S	11708	-1926	6340	148
H3S	12157	2510	5629	126
H5S	10380	1255	8116	127
H7SA	10301	-1516	8586	287
H7SB	11686	-2932	8157	287
H7SC	9706	-1955	7704	287
H8SA	12740	751	4577	129
H8SB	11590	-253	4658	129
H8SC	13580	-1189	5094	129
H9SA	11411	4460	6589	184

**Table S11. Crystal data and structure refinement for  $3 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{CH}_3)_3$**

$\text{C}_{44} \text{H}_{24} \text{Br}_2, \text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}$	$\text{C}_{53} \text{H}_{36} \text{Br}$
Chemical_formula_sum	
Chemical_formula_weight	832.64
Chemical_absolute_configuration	unk
Space_group_crystal_system	triclinic
Space_group_IT_number	1
Space_group_name	P 1
Space_group_symop_operation_xyz	1 'x, y, z'
Cell_length_a	8.3886(7)
Cell_length_b	9.0069(8)
Cell_length_c	14.5283(13)
Cell_angle_alpha	76.634(8)
Cell_angle_beta	89.729(7)

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Cell_angle_gamma	64.661(8)
Cell_volume	959.66(14)
Cell_formula_units_Z	1
Cell_measurement_reflns_used	2053
Cell_measurement_temperature	295(2)
Cell_measurement_theta_max	25.6900
Cell_measurement_theta_min	2.5810
Exptl_absorpt_coefficient_mu	2.150
Exptl_absorpt_correction_T_max	1.00000
Exptl_absorpt_correction_T_min	0.74231
Exptl_absorpt_correction_type	multi-scan
Exptl_crystal_colour	light yellow
Exptl_crystal_colour_modifier	light
Exptl_crystal_colour_primary	yellow
Exptl_crystal_density_diffn	1.441
Exptl_crystal_description	prism
Exptl_crystal_F_000	424
Crystallisation from 2,4,6-trimethylbenzene	
Exptl_crystal_size_max	0.25
Exptl_crystal_size_mid	0.2
Exptl_crystal_size_min	0.15

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**Table S12. Crystal data and structure refinement for 3• C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>**

Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0207 Å	Wavelength=0.71070
Cell:	a=8.3886(7) b=9.0069(8) c=14.5283(13)	
	alpha=76.634(8) beta=89.729(7) gamma=64.661(8)	
Temperature:	295 K	
Calculated	Reported	
Volume	959.66(17) 959.66(14)	
Space group	P 1 P 1	
Hall group	P 1 P 1	
Moiety formula	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>24</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>12</sub> C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>24</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	
Sum formula	C <sub>53</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> C <sub>53</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Br <sub>2</sub>	
Mr	832.62 832.64	
D <sub>x</sub> ,g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.441 1.441	
Z	1 1	
Mu (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.150 2.150	
F <sub>000</sub>	424.0 424.0	
F <sub>000</sub> '	423.57	
h,k,l <sub>max</sub>	10,11,18 10,11,18	
N <sub>ref</sub>	7864[ 3932] 5001	
T <sub>min</sub> ,T <sub>max</sub>	0.603,0.724 0.742,1.000	
T <sub>min</sub> '	0.578	
Correction method=	# Reported T Limits: T <sub>min</sub> =0.742 T <sub>max</sub> =1.000 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN	
Data completeness=	1.27/0.64 Theta(max)= 26.370	
R(reflections)=	0.0509( 3714) wR <sub>2</sub> (reflections)= 0.1536( 5001)	
S =	1.006 N <sub>par</sub> = 497	

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