

## Supporting Information

### Amphiphilic BODIPY Derivatives: the Solvophobic Effect on Their Photophysical Properties and Bioimaging in Living Cells

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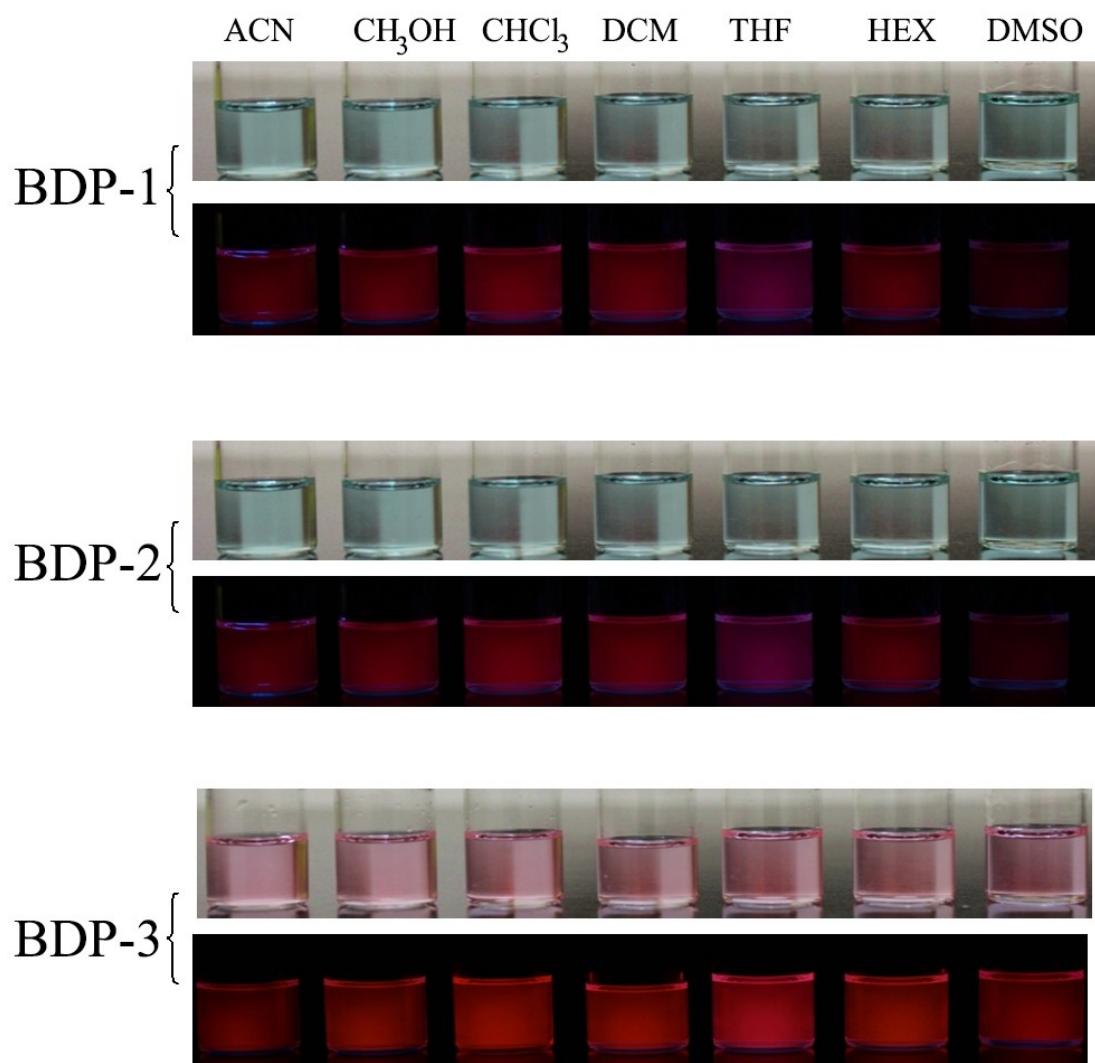
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### 1. Photographs of BODIPY derivatives in organic solvents



**Fig. S1.** Photographs of BODIPY derivatives ( $c = 2 \mu\text{M}$ ) in various solvents under illumination with visible light (upper) and UV 365 nm (down).

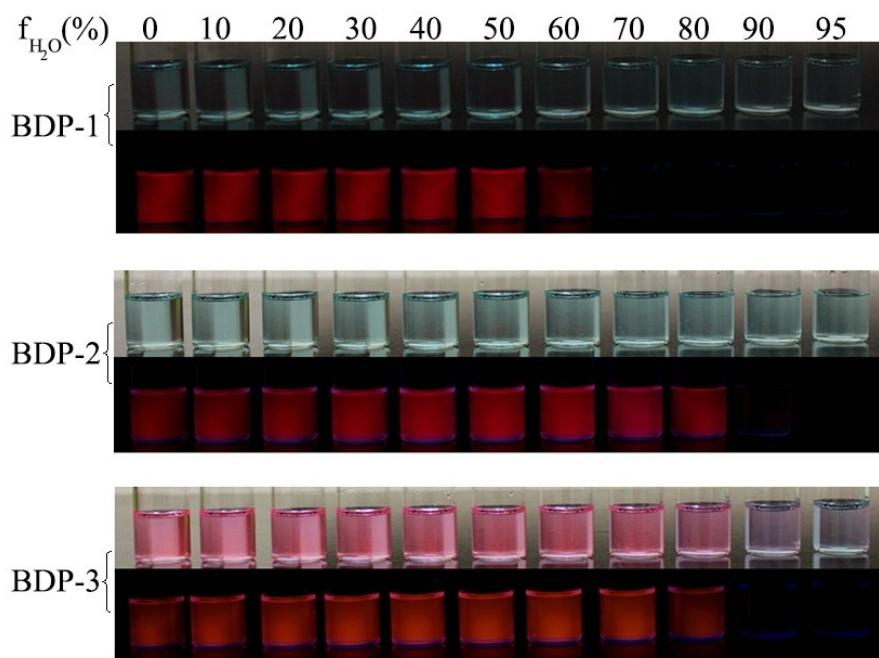
## 2. Summary of photophysical data of BODIPY derivatives

**Table S1.** Spectra data for BODIPY derivatives studied in present work<sup>a</sup>

comp.	solvent	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)	$\varphi_{\text{fl}}$
<b>BDP-1</b>	DMSO	650	668	0.007
	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	640	657	0.009
	ACN	640	657	0.011
	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	648	664	0.009
	THF	642	657	0.009
	DCM	646	663	0.009
	Hexane	640	652	0.010
<b>BDP-2</b>	DMSO	654	672	0.006
	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	644	660	0.008
	ACN	644	662	0.009
	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	646	663	0.010
	THF	650	665	0.008
	DCM	646	664	0.009
	Hexane	648	662	0.009
<b>BDP-3</b>	DMSO	578	596	0.048
	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	570	589	0.101
	ACN	570	587	0.100
	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	574	590	0.075
	THF	574	589	0.080
	DCM	574	587	0.090
	Hexane	574	588	0.083

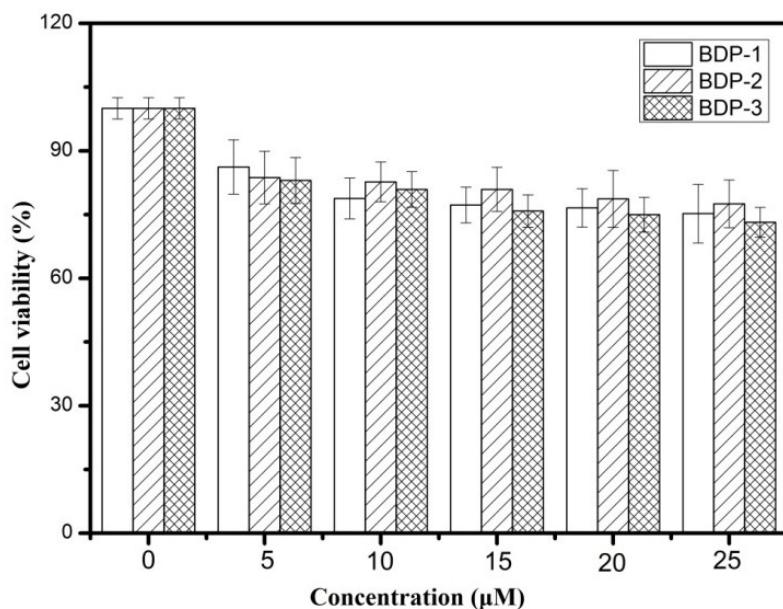
<sup>a</sup>Quantum yields ( $\varphi_{\text{fl}}$ ) were determined by using fluorescein as a reference ( $\varphi_{\text{fl}} = 0.79$ ) in 0.1 M NaOH

### 3. Photographs of BODPY derivatives in THF and water solution



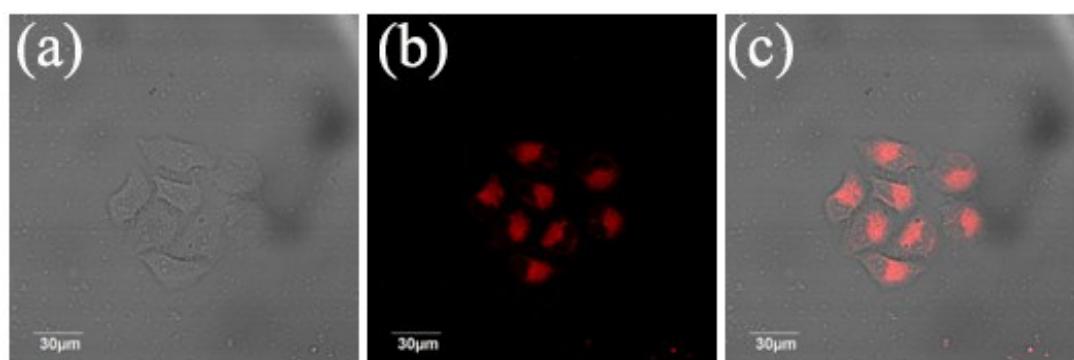
**Fig. S2.** Photographs of BODIPY derivatives **BDP-1**, **BDP-2** and **BDP-3** ( $c = 2 \mu\text{M}$ ) in THF/water mixture solvents under illumination with visible light (upper) and UV 365 nm (down).

### 4. Cell toxicity tests



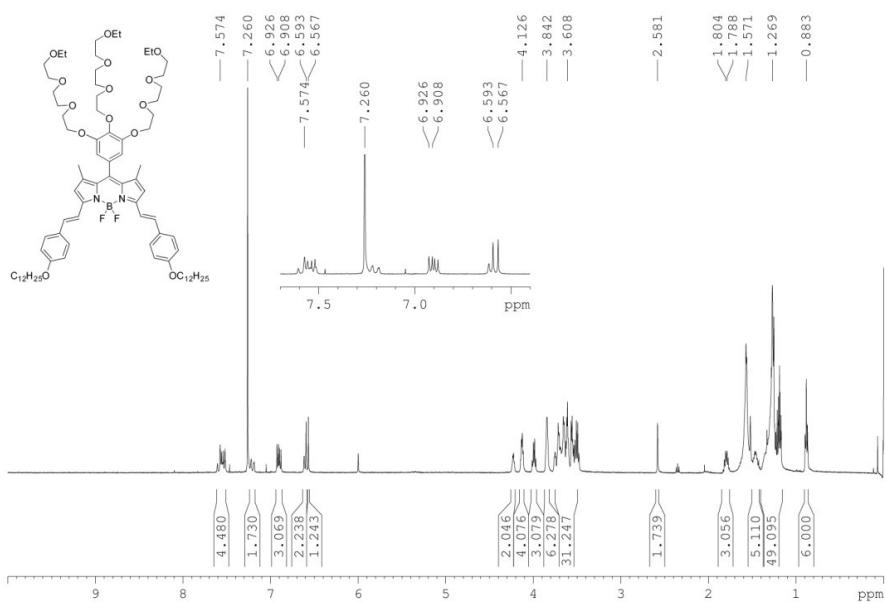
**Fig. S3.** Cell viability values (%) estimated by an MTT proliferation test versus incubation concentrations of BDP derivatives. HeLa cells were cultured in the presence of BDP derivatives (0-25  $\mu\text{M}$ ) at 37 °C for 24 h.

## 5. CLSF images of BDP-3

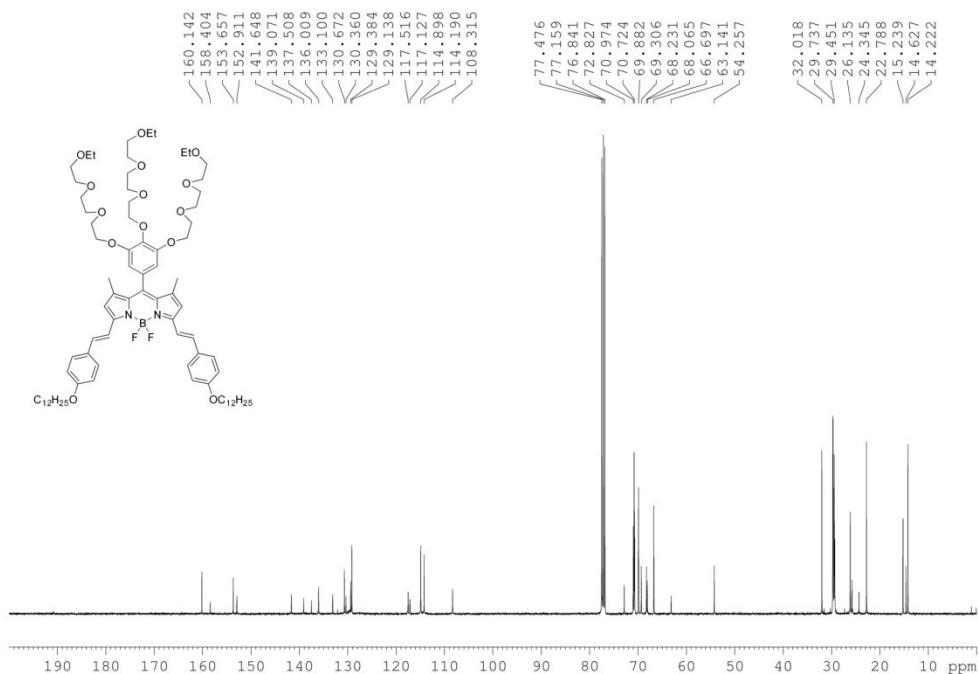


**Fig. S4.** CLSF images of **BDP-3** after 2 h incubation

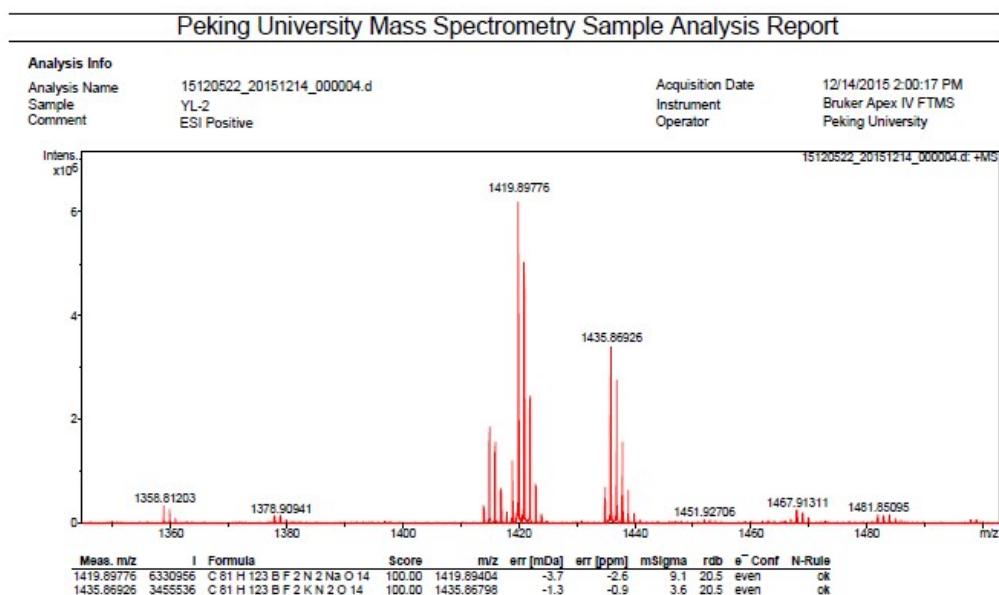
## 6. NMR and HRMS spectra of BODIPY derivatives



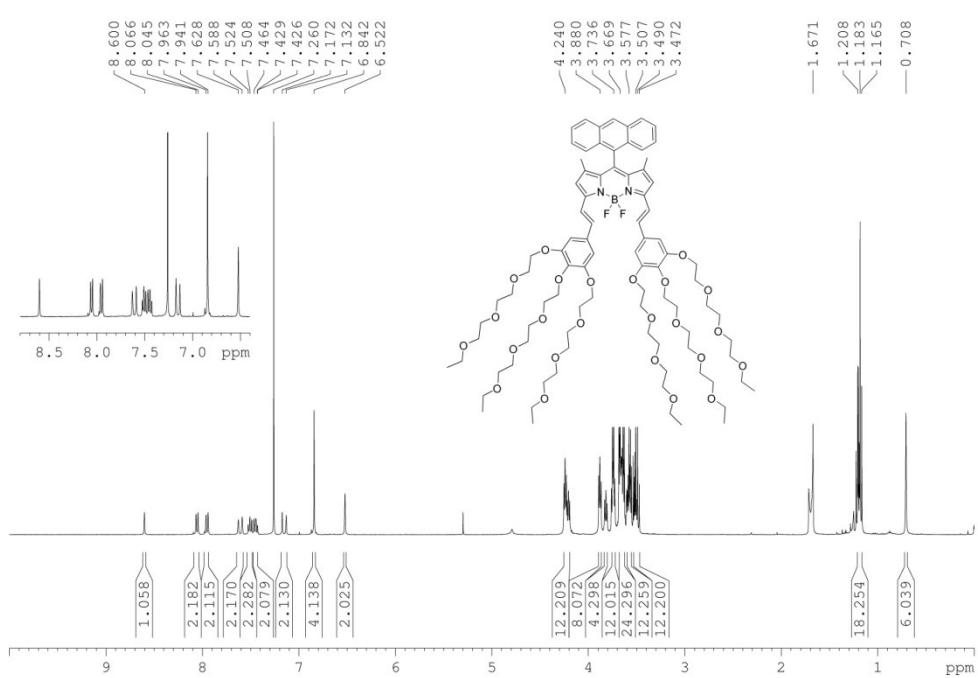
**Fig. S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of BDP-1 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



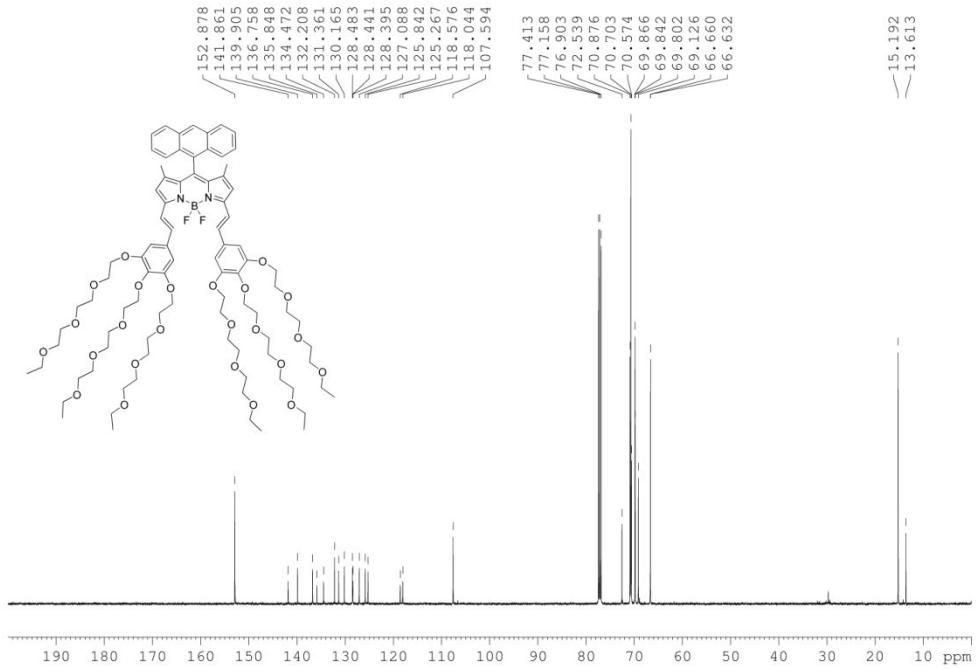
**Fig. S6.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of BDP-1 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Fig. S7.** HR ESI MS spectrum of BDP-1



**Fig. S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **BDP-2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Fig. S9.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **BDP-2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

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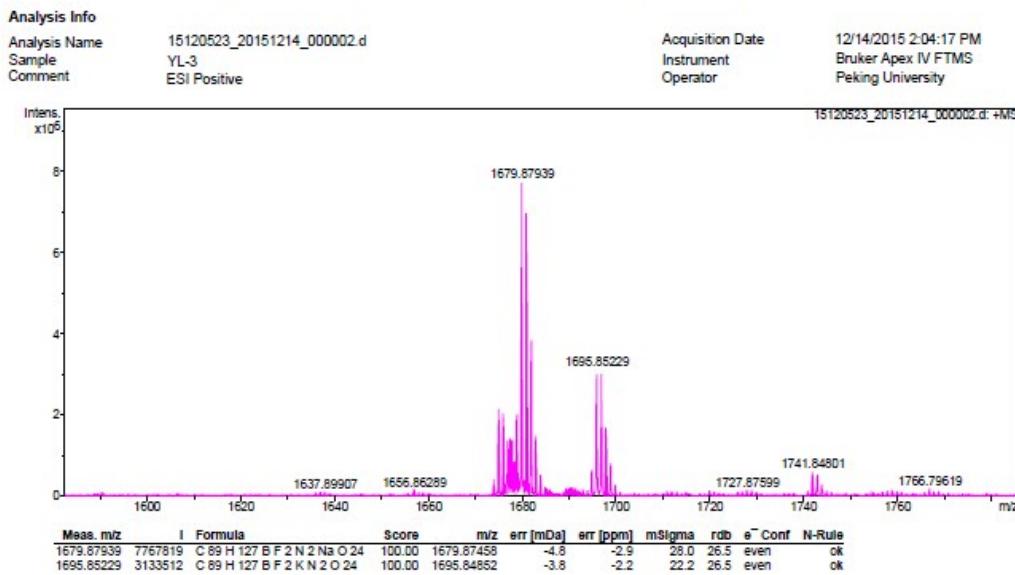


Fig. S10. HR ESI MS spectrum of BDP-2

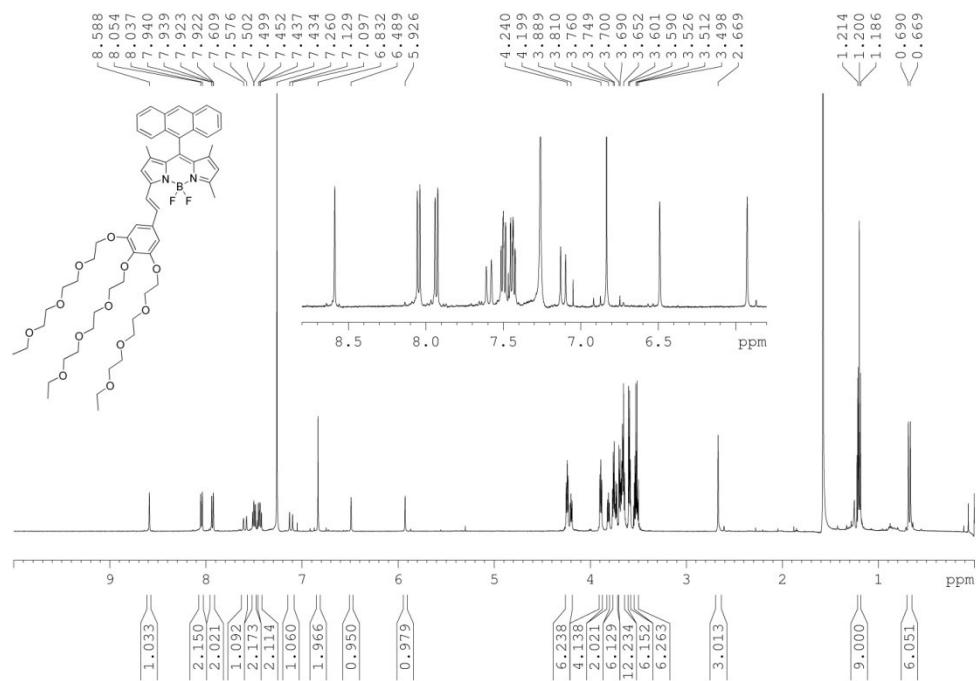
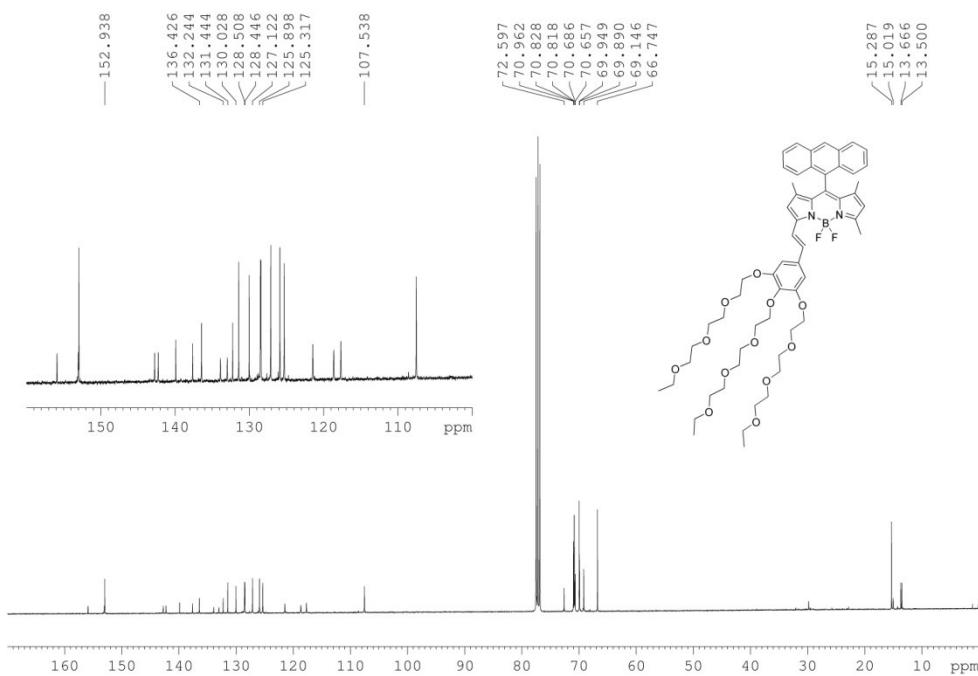
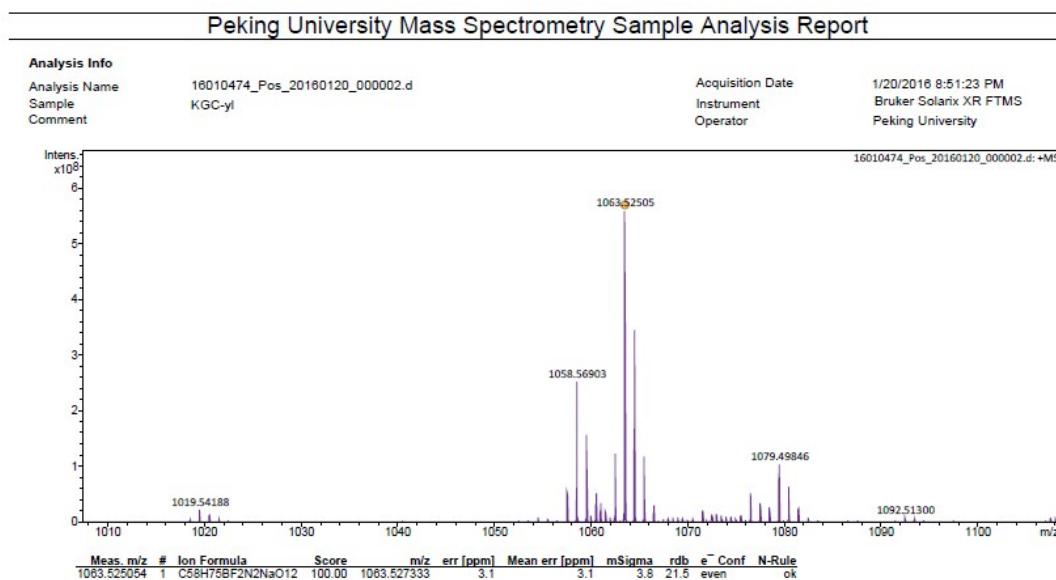


Fig. S11.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of BDP-3 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Fig. S12.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of BDP-3 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Fig. S13.** HR ESI MS spectrum of BDP-3