

# A combined experimental and computational study of the substituent effect on photodynamic efficacy of amphiphilic Zn(II)phthalocyanines

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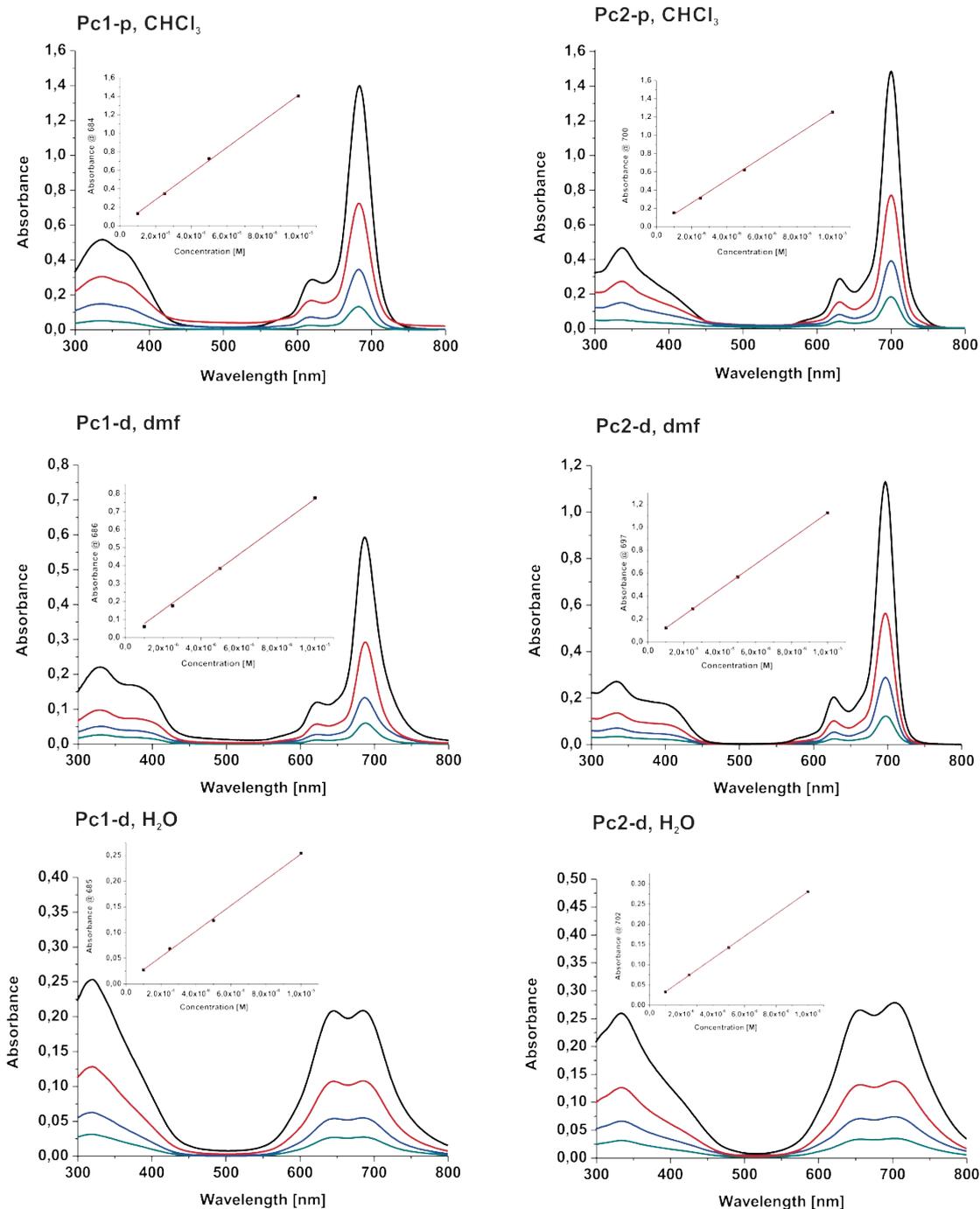
## Supporting Information

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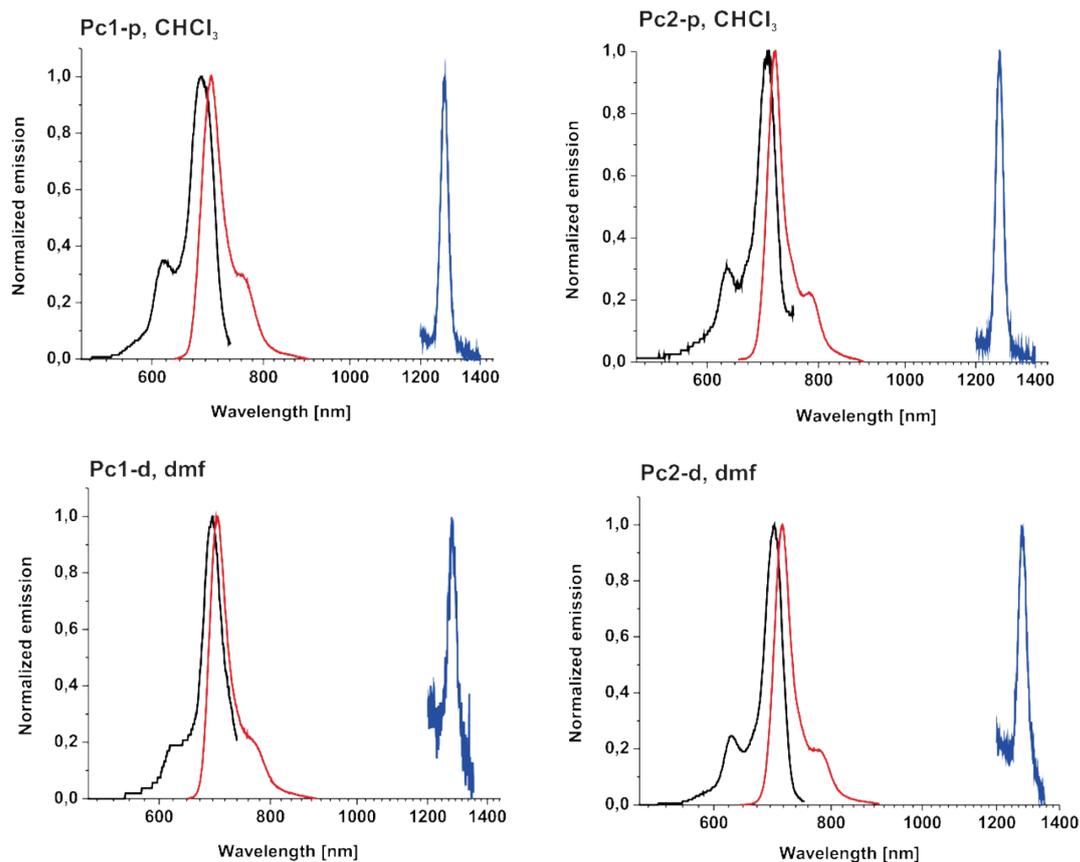
# 1. Photophysical Data

## 1.1. Absorption spectra



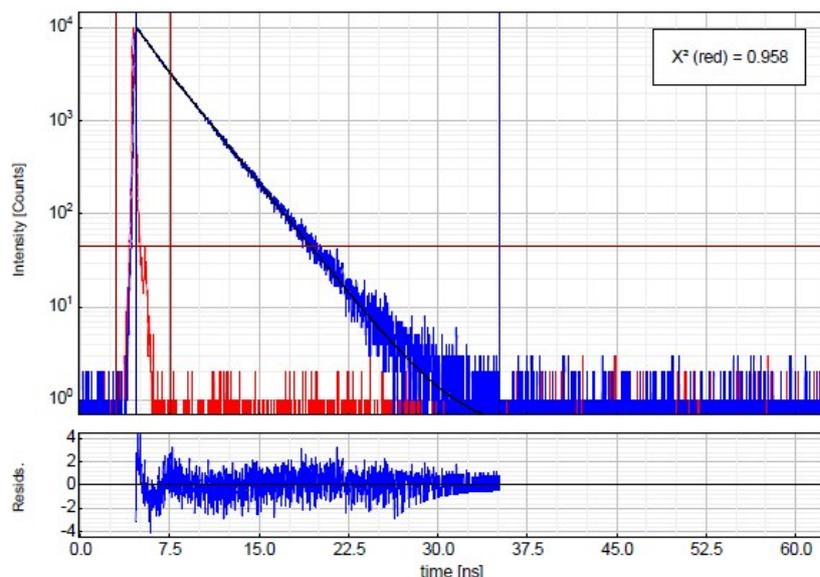
**Figure S1.** UV-Visible spectra of **Pc1-p**, **Pc2-p**, **Pc1-d** and **Pc2-d** in different solvents (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, DMF and H<sub>2</sub>O) at different concentrations (1 to 10 μM). The inset of each spectrum plots the Q-band absorbance vs the concentration of the Zn(II)phthalocyanine and the line represents the best-fitted straight line.

## 1.2. Excitation and emission spectra



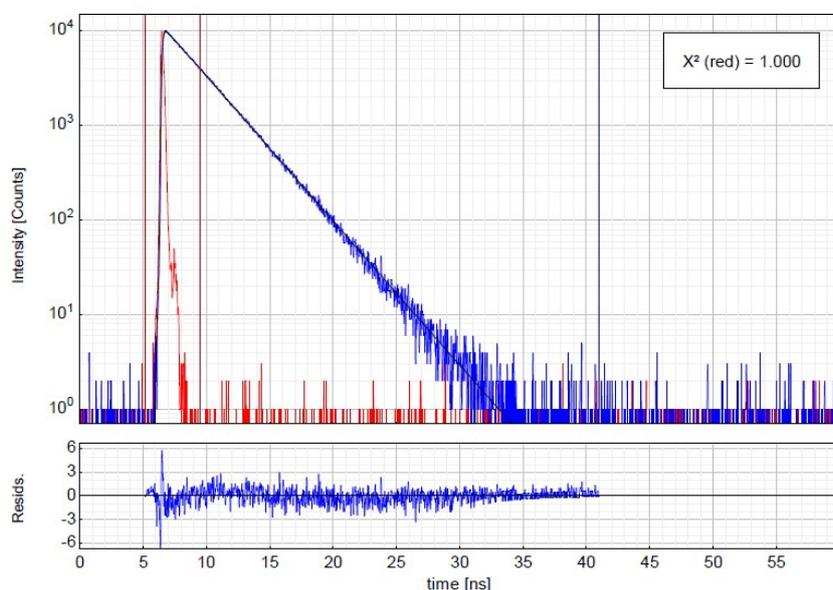
**Figure S2.** Excitation, fluorescence and singlet oxygen emission spectra of **Pc1-p** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=610\text{nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}}=760\text{nm}$ ) and **Pc2-p** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=625\text{nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}}=784\text{nm}$ ) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and **Pc1-d** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=610\text{nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}}=760\text{nm}$ ) and **Pc2-d** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=625\text{nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}}=785\text{nm}$ ) in DMF.

### 1.3. Time resolved luminescence decays



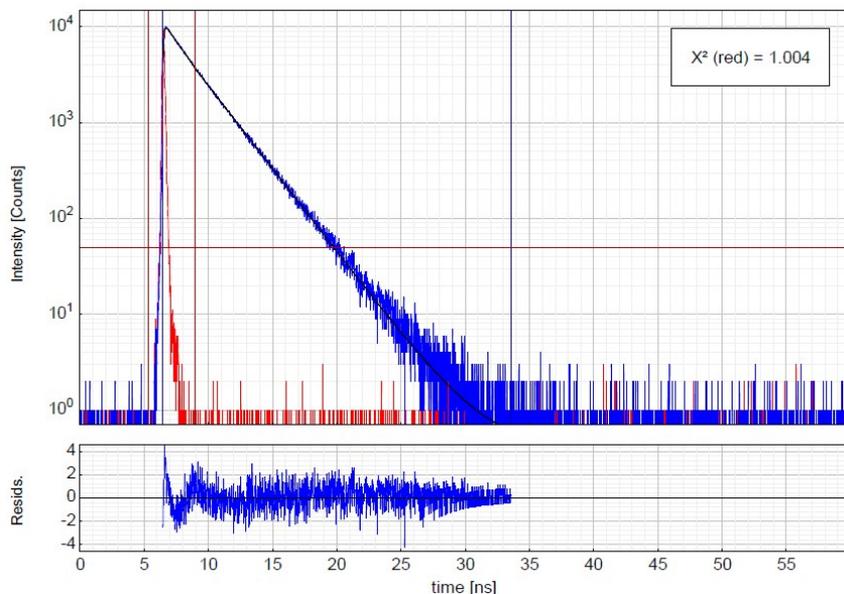
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$A_1$ [Cnts]	11470.9	-59.9	+59.9	Fitting
$\tau_1$ [ns]	2.75108	-0.00987	+0.00987	Fitting
Bkgr. Dec [Cnts]	0.477	-0.431	+0.431	Fitting
Bkgr. IRF [Cnts]	45.49	-2.10	+2.10	Fitting
Shift IRF [ns]	-0.1187	-0.0134	+0.0134	Fitting

**Figure S3.** Time-resolved luminescence decay of **ZnPc1-p** in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  including the instrument response function and the residuals ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=635$  nm) and fitting parameters including pre-exponential factors and confidence limits.



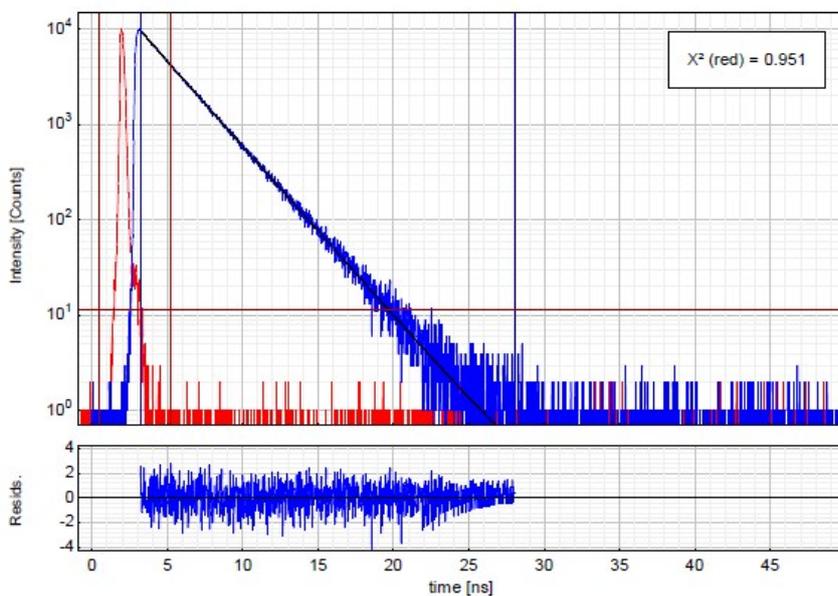
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$\tau_1$ [ns]	2.8378	-0.0106	+0.0106	Fitting
Bkgr. Dec [Cnts]	0.0357	-0.381	+0.381	Fitting
Bkgr. IRF [Cnts]	0.496	-0.662	+0.662	Fitting
Shift IRF [ns]	0.01966	-0.00265	+0.00265	Fitting

**Figure S4.** Time-resolved luminescence decay of **ZnPc2-p** in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  including the instrument response function and the residuals ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=635$  nm) and fitting parameters including pre-exponential factors and confidence limits.



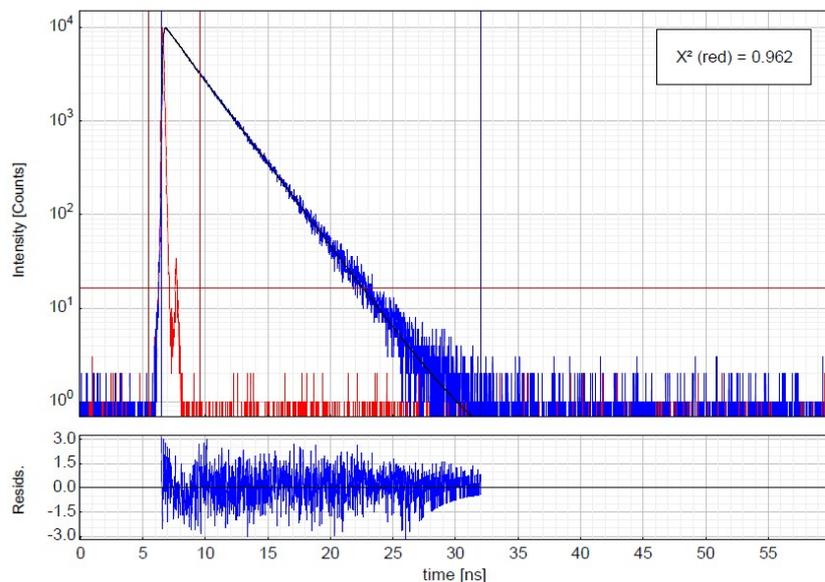
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Bkgr. Dec [Cnts]	0.415	-0.459	+0.459	Fitting
Bkgr. IRF [Cnts]	49.09	-2.36	+2.36	Fitting
Shift IRF [ns]	-0.02066	-0.00300	+0.00300	Fitting

**Figure S5.** Time-resolved luminescence decay of **ZnPc1-d** in DMF including the instrument response function and the residuals ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=635$  nm) and fitting parameters including pre-exponential factors and confidence limits.



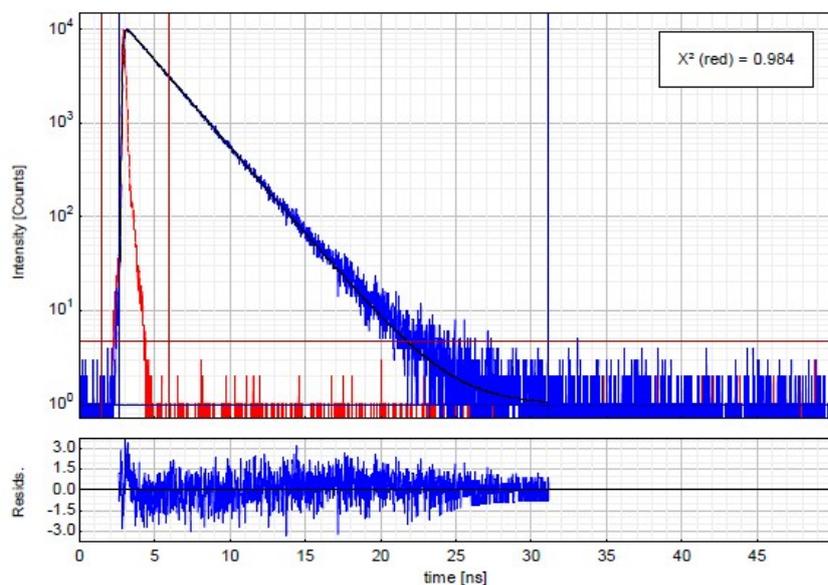
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Bkgr. Dec [Cnts]	0.087	-0.479	+0.479	Fitting
Bkgr. IRF [Cnts]	11.44	-2.15	+2.15	Fitting
Shift IRF [ns]	-0.9254	-0.0120	+0.0120	Fitting

**Figure S6.** Time-resolved luminescence decay of **ZnPc2-d** in DMF including the instrument response function and the residuals ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=635$  nm) and fitting parameters including pre-exponential factors and confidence limits.



Parameter	Value	Conf. Lower	Conf. Upper	Conf. Estimation
A <sub>1</sub> [Cnts]	11208.7	-53.9	+53.9	Fitting
τ <sub>1</sub> [ns]	2.46851	-0.00846	+0.00846	Fitting
Bkgr. Dec [Cnts]	0.230	-0.484	+0.484	Fitting
Bkgr. IRF [Cnts]	16.31	-1.95	+1.95	Fitting
Shift <sub>IRF</sub> [ns]	-0.05793	-0.00221	+0.00221	Fitting
A <sub>Scat</sub> [Cnts]	-4080	-1520	+1520	Fitting

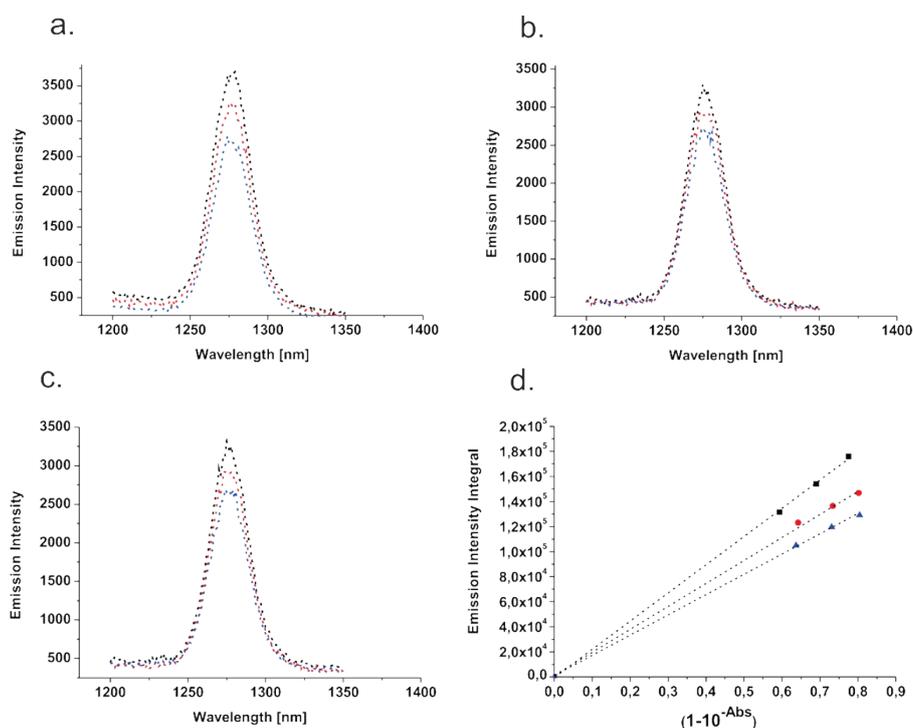
**Figure S7.** Time-resolved luminescence decay of **ZnPc1-d** in H<sub>2</sub>O including the instrument response function and the residuals ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=635$  nm) and fitting parameters including pre-exponential factors and confidence limits.



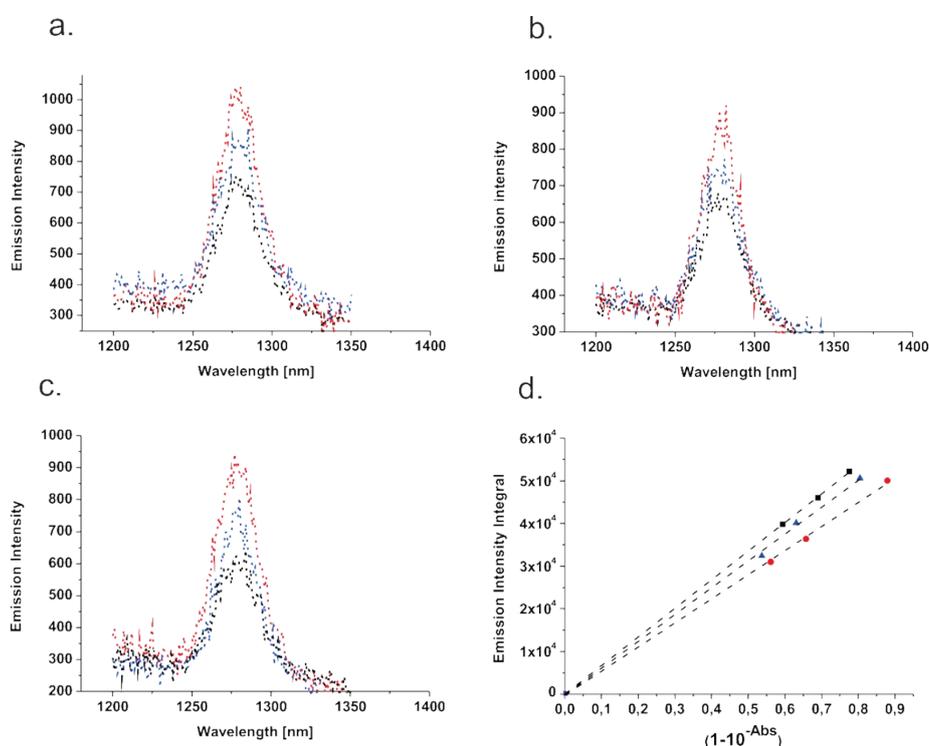
Parameter	Value	Conf. Lower	Conf. Upper	Conf. Estimation
A <sub>1</sub> [Cnts]	11325.3	-59.1	+59.1	Fitting
τ <sub>1</sub> [ns]	2.34455	-0.00873	+0.00873	Fitting
Bkgr. Dec [Cnts]	0.985	-0.435	+0.435	Fitting
Bkgr. IRF [Cnts]	4.73	-1.64	+1.64	Fitting
Shift <sub>IRF</sub> [ns]	0.13918	-0.00219	+0.00219	Fitting
A <sub>Scat</sub> [Cnts]	25250	-2210	+2210	Fitting

**Figure S8.** Time-resolved luminescence decay of **ZnPc2-d** in H<sub>2</sub>O including the instrument response function and the residuals ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=635$  nm) and fitting parameters including pre-exponential factors and confidence limits.

#### 1.4. Determination of singlet molecular oxygen quantum yields

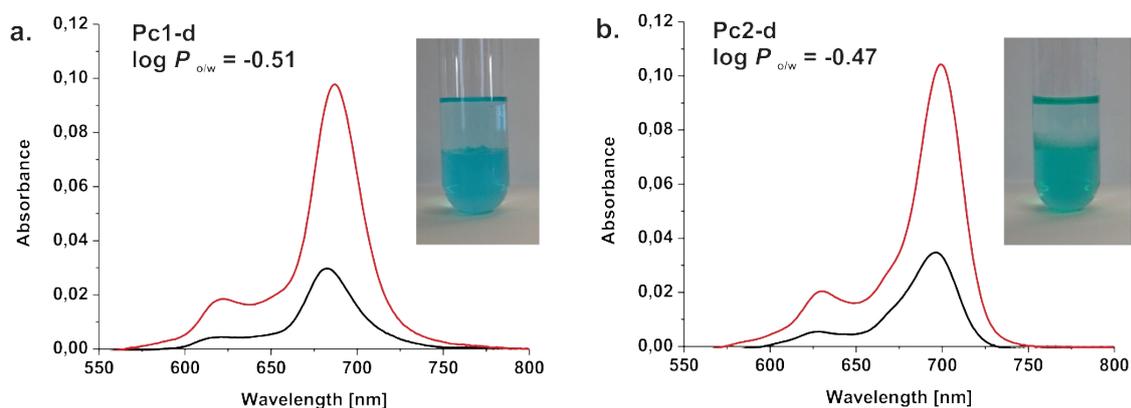


**Figure S9.** Phosphorescence spectrum of the photogenerated singlet oxygen for tetra-*t*-butylphthalocyaninato zinc(II) (a), **Pc1-p** (b) and **Pc2-p** (c) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> for three concentrations. Plots of the emission intensity against the fraction of absorbed light tetra-*t*-butylphthalocyaninato zinc(II) (black), **Pc1-p** (blue) and **Pc2-p** (red). The line represents the best-fitted straight line.



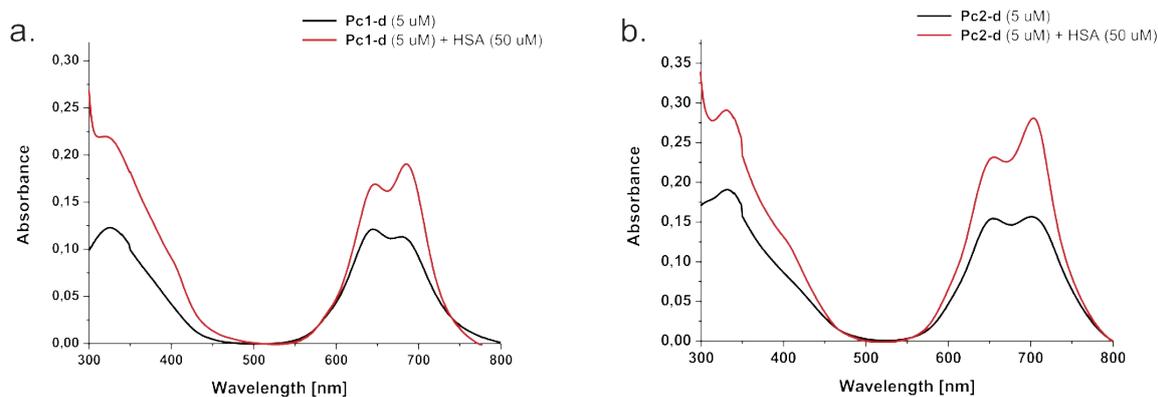
**Figure S10.** Phosphorescence spectrum of the photogenerated singlet oxygen for tetra-*t*-butylphthalocyaninato zinc(II) (a), **Pc1-d** (b) and **Pc2-d** (c) in DMF for three concentrations. Plots of the emission intensity against the fraction of absorbed light tetra-*t*-butylphthalocyaninato zinc(II) (black), **Pc1-d** (red) and **Pc2-d** (blue). The line represents the best-fitted straight line.

## 2. Partition coefficients



**Figure S11.** Absorption spectra of **Pc1-d** (a) and **Pc2-d** (b) from water phase – red line and 1-octanol phase – black line.

## 3. Binding to Human Serum Albumin



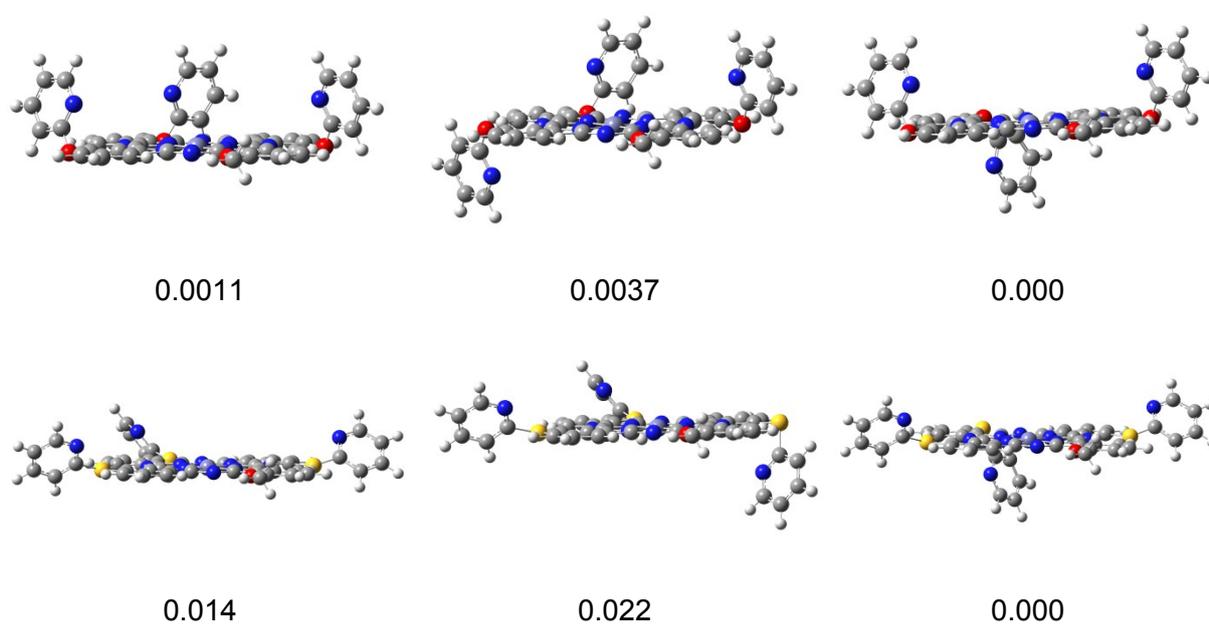
**Figure S12.** Absorption spectra of **Pc1-d** (a) and **Pc2-d** (b) in the absence (black line) and presence of HSA (red line).

## 4. Theoretical calculations

**Table S1.** List of selected molecular orbital energies and HOMO–LUMO energy gaps [eV] for the model system **Pc1-m** and **Pc2-m**.

Orbital	Pc1-m	Pc2-m
LUMO + 5	-0.7878	-1.0928
LUMO + 4	-0.8014	-1.2267
LUMO + 3	-0.8931	-1.2278
LUMO + 2	-1.1886	-1.2498
LUMO + 1	-2.8107	-2.7239

LUMO	-2.8216	-2.7451
HOMO	-4.9498	-4.7971
HOMO – 1	-6.3645	-5.8145
HOMO – 2	-6.4959	-5.8456
HOMO – 3	-6.5095	-6.1650
HOMO – 4	-6.5490	-6.4252
HOMO – 5	-6,8113	-6.7204
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HOMO-LUMO		
gap	2.1282	2.0520
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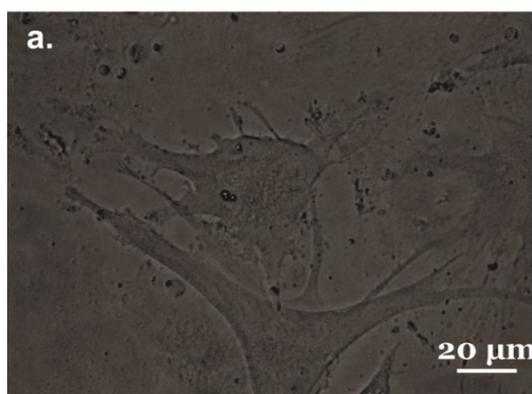
**Figure S13.** Optimized structures of different conformers of the model system **Pc1-m** and **Pc2-m** and the calculated relative energies ( $\text{kcal mol}^{-1}$ ) using B3LYP/6-311G(d,p).

## 5. *In vitro* studies

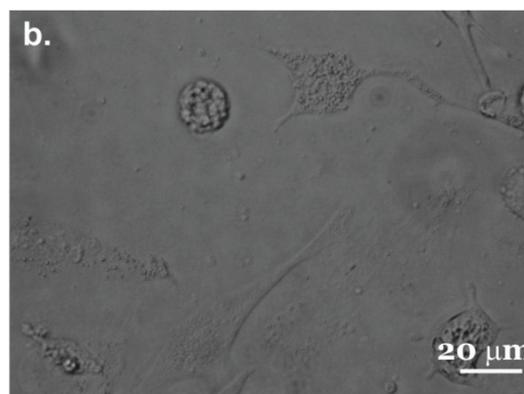
**Table S2.** Summary of the irradiation experiments.

Compound	Pos. Control	H <sub>2</sub> O Control	Neg. Control	10µg/ml	5µg/ml	1µg/ml	
<b>Pc1-d</b>	irradiated	0.00 (±0.16)	99.31 (±2.88 )	100.00 (±1.86)	17.28 (±3.60)	57.92 (±12.74)	93.97 (±4.06)
	dark	0.00 (±0.04)	106.15 (±9.11)	100.00 (±7.65)	97.92 (±8.63)	104.87 (±9.38)	108.98 (±14.78)
<b>Pc2-d</b>	irradiated	0.00 (±0.24)	104.56(±6.28)	100.00(±8.92)	2.43 (±1.95)	16.38 (±5.21)	77.98 (±7.39)
	dark	0.00 (±0.15)	111.61(±15.73)	100.00(±9.16)	88.86 (±7.89)	95.80(±11.20)	100.68(±3.90)

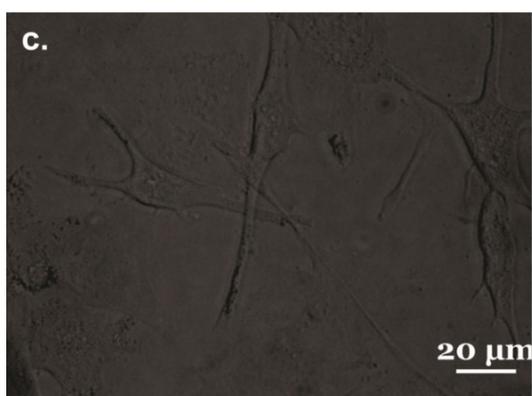
**Pc1-d** 0mg/ml 24h after irradiation



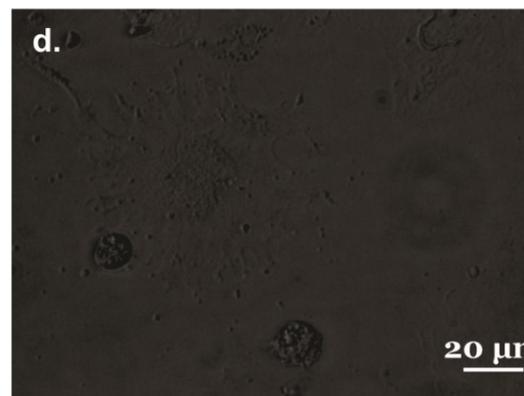
**Pc1-d** 10mg/ml 24h after irradiation



**Pc2-d** 0mg/ml 24h after irradiation

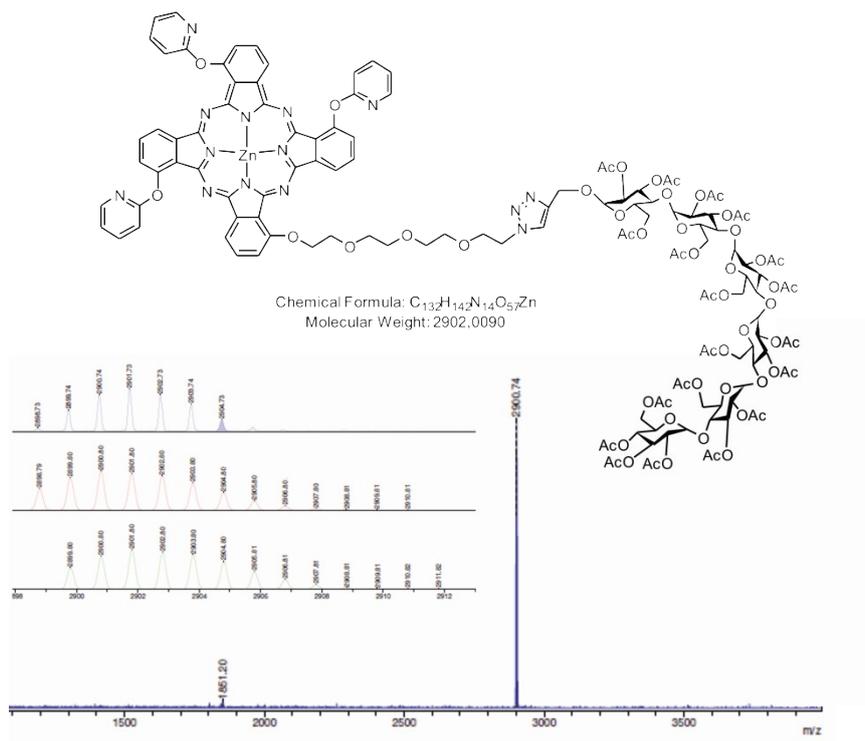


**Pc2-d** 10mg/ml 24h after irradiation

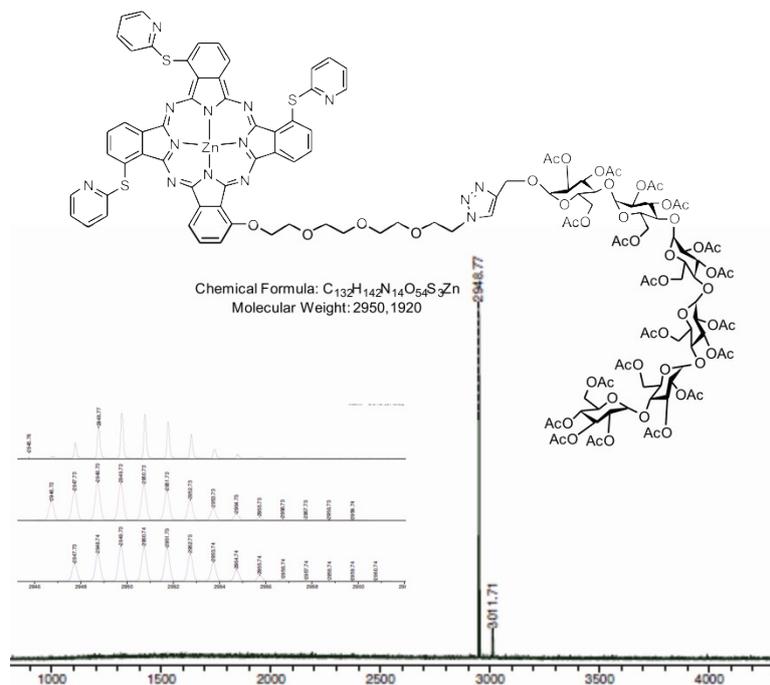


**Figure S14.** Morphological changes after PDT for COLO-818 cell line incubated with 10 mg/ml **Pc1-d** (b) and **Pc2-d** (d) 24h after irradiation. Negative controls for **Pc1-d** (a) and **Pc2-d** (c).

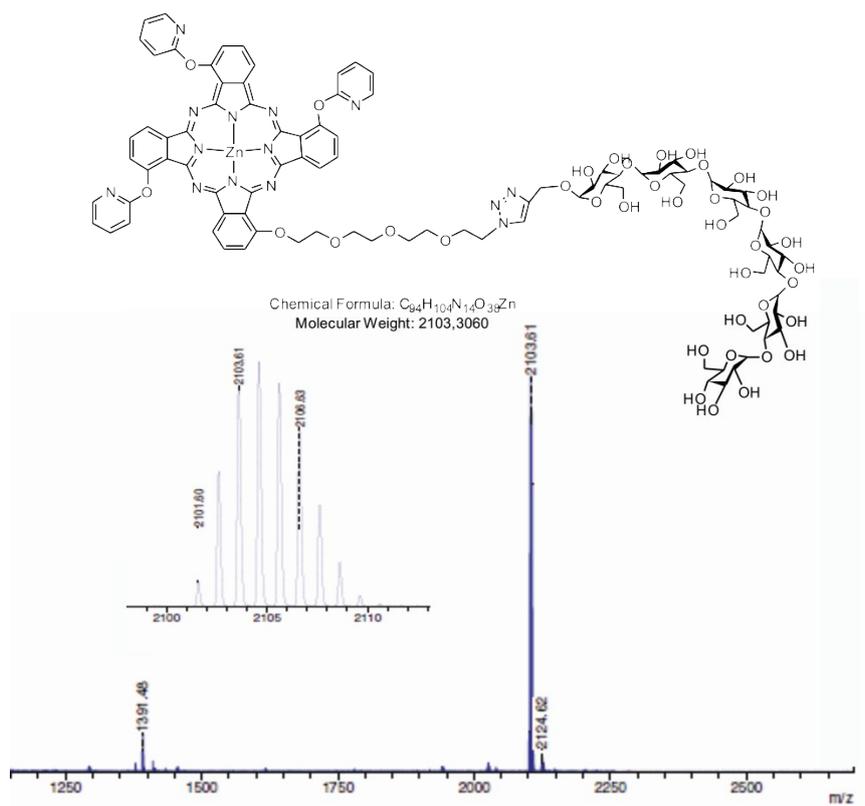
## 6. Analytical Data



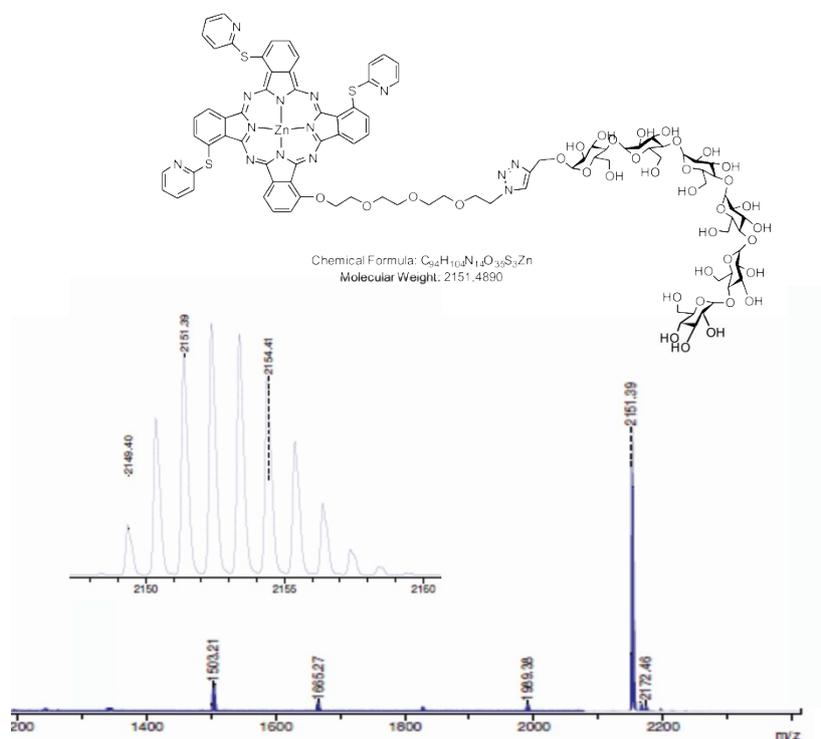
**Figure S15.** MALDI-MS spectra of **Pc1-p** measured in trans-2-[3-(4-tert-Butylphenyl)-2-methyl-2-propenylidene]malononitrile DCTB matrix ( $CHCl_3$ ). Insert: measured and calculated isotope pattern.



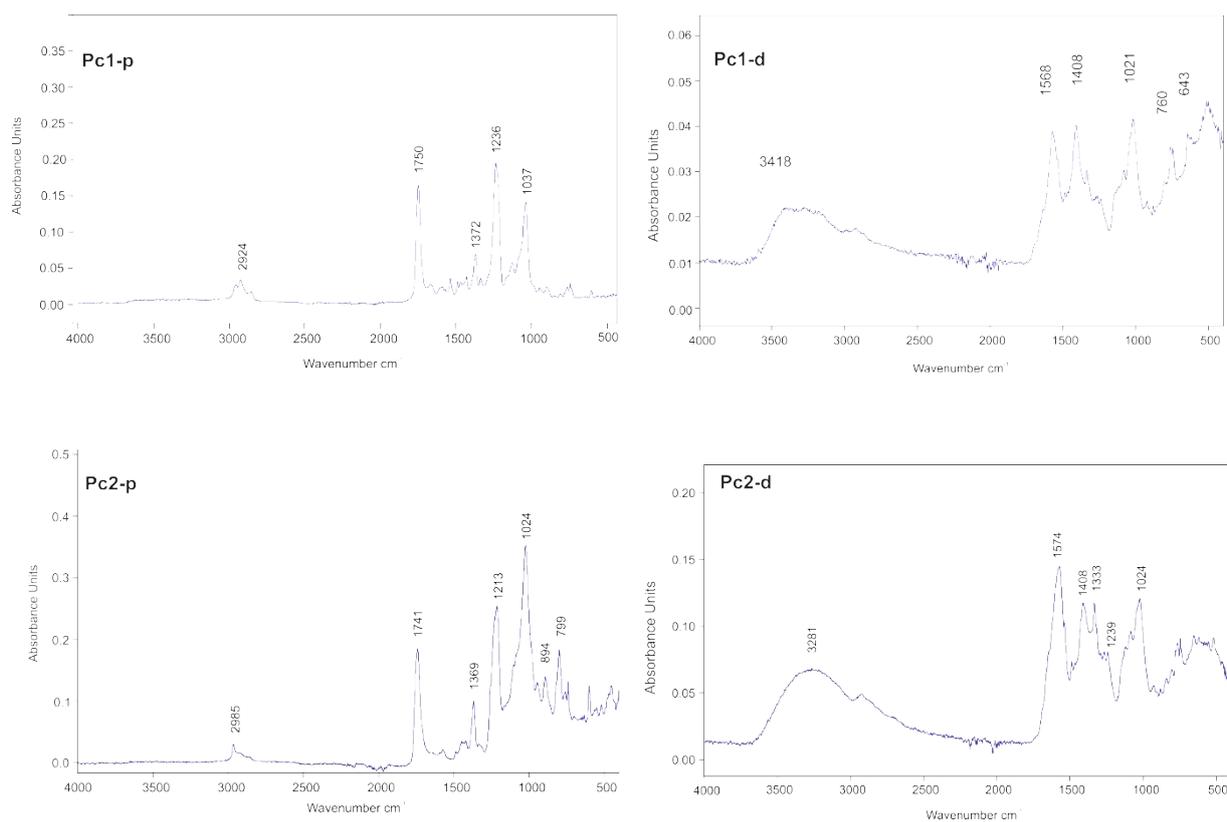
**Figure S16.** MALDI-MS spectra of **Pc2-p** measured in trans-2-[3-(4-tert-Butylphenyl)-2-methyl-2-propenylidene]malononitrile DCTB matrix ( $CHCl_3$ ). Insert: measured and calculated isotope pattern.



**Figure S17.** MALDI-MS spectra of **Pc1-d** measured in 2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid DHB matrix ( $H_2O/ACN$ ). Insert: measured isotope pattern.



**Figure S18.** MALDI-MS spectra of **Pc2-d** measured in 2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid DHB matrix ( $H_2O/ACN$ ). Insert: measured isotope pattern.



**Figure S19.** FT-IR spectra of **Pc1-p**, **Pc1-d**, **Pc2-p** and **Pc2-d**.

*1H NMR spectra show broad chemical shifts likely due to the self-aggregation at NMR concentration as well as presence of four positional isomers.*